

# A Proxy for Massive Gravity

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# Universe is accelerating, $\Omega_\Lambda \approx 0.72 \pm 0.08$



Der Golf TDI. Unglaubliche Beschleunigung.



Aus Liebe zum Automobil

"The Universe never did make sense; I suspect it was built on government contract". ([Robert A. Heinlein](#))

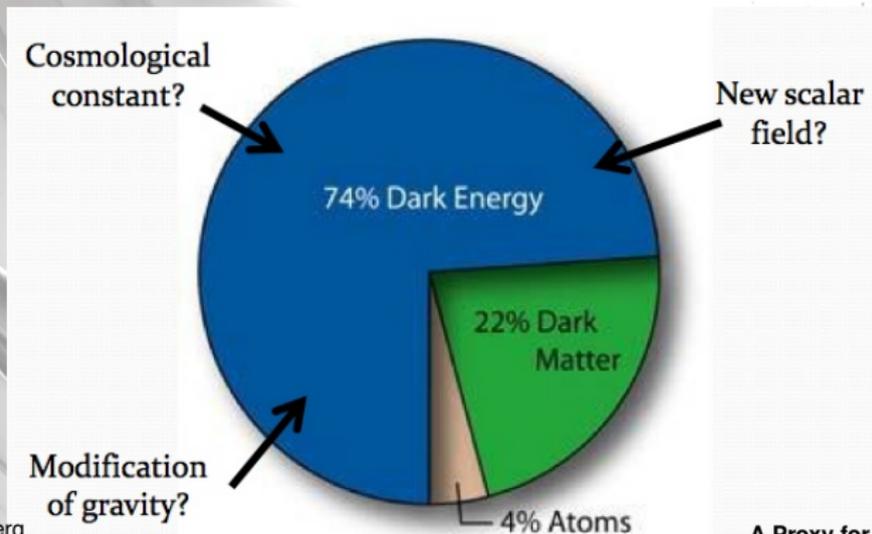
# An accelerating Universe

- Maybe this is more illustrative



# What is Dark Energy?

- **Cosmological Constant** (Why is it so small?)
- **Dark Energy** (Why don't we see them? Similar fine-tuning problem?)
- **Dark Gravity** (Is there any viable model?)



# Infra-red Modification of GR

## Motivations for IR Modification of GR

- a very nice alternative to the CC or dark energy for explaining the recent acceleration of the Hubble expansion
- a way of attacking the Cosmological Constant problem  
 $\Lambda_{\text{phys}} = \Lambda_{\text{bare}} + \Delta\Lambda \sim (10^{-3}\text{eV})^4$  with  $\Delta\Lambda \sim \text{TeV}^4$
- fun!

# Dark Gravity

Lets concentrate on the third option: **Modifying gravity**



Maybe not modifying that much! only close to the horizon scale ( $\sim 1\text{Gpc}/h$ ), corresponding to modifying gravity today.

# New degrees of freedom (dof) in the infra-red (IR)

Modifying gravity in the IR typically requires new dof usually: scalar field

$$\mathcal{L} = -\frac{1}{2}\mathcal{Z}_\phi(\partial\delta\phi)^2 - \frac{1}{2}m_\phi^2(\delta\phi)^2 - g_\phi\delta\phi T$$

where these quantities  $\mathcal{Z}_\phi, m_\phi, g_\phi$  depend on the field.

## Density dependent mass

- **Chameleon**  
 $m_\phi$  depends on the environment  
(Khoury, Weltman 2004)

## Density dependent coupling

- **Vainshtein**  
 $\mathcal{Z}_\phi$  depends on the environment
- **Symmetron**  
 $g_\phi$  depends on the environment  
(Hinterbichler, Khoury 2010)

# Vainshtein mechanism

$$\mathcal{L} = -\frac{1}{2}\mathcal{Z}_\phi(\partial\delta\phi)^2 - \frac{1}{2}m_\phi^2(\delta\phi)^2 - g_\phi\delta\phi T$$

**Screening** with

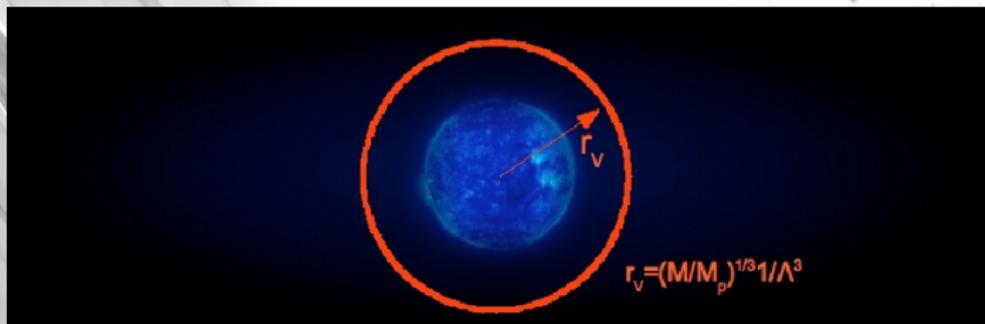
- effective coupling to matter depends on the self-interactions of these new dof

$$\square\delta\phi \sim \frac{1}{M_p} \frac{1}{\sqrt{\mathcal{Z}}} T$$

→ coupling small for properly canonically normalized field!

( $\mathcal{Z} \gg 1 \rightarrow$  coupling small)

- non-linearities dominate within Vainshtein radius



# Chameleon mechanism

**important ingredients:** a conformal coupling between the scalar and the matter fields  $\tilde{g}_{\mu\nu} = g_{\mu\nu}A^2(\phi)$ , and a potential for the scalar field  $V(\phi)$  which includes relevant self-interaction terms.

$$S = \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \left( \frac{M_p^2}{2} R - \frac{1}{2} (\partial\phi)^2 - V(\phi) \right) + S_{matter}[g_{\mu\nu}A^2(\phi)]$$

The equation of motion for  $\phi$ :

$$\nabla^2\phi = V_{,\phi} - A^3\phi A_{,\phi}\tilde{T} = V_{,\phi} + \rho A_{,\phi}$$

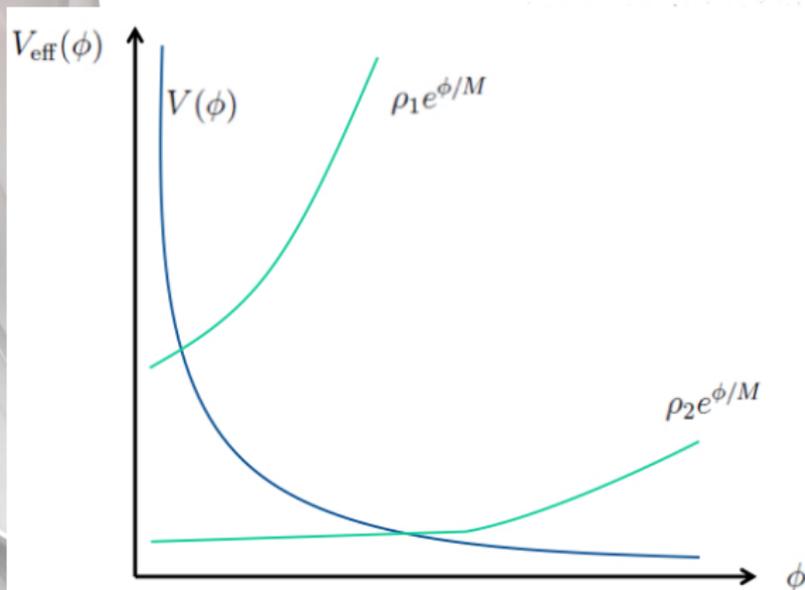
where  $\tilde{T} \sim \rho/A^3(\phi)$

**giving rise**

to an effective potential

$$V_{\text{eff}}(\phi) = V(\phi) + \rho A(\phi)$$

# Chameleon mechanism



- mass of the new dof depends on the local density ( $m_\phi$  large in regions of high density)

# Symmetron mechanism

**important ingredients:**

$$S = \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \left( \frac{M_p^2}{2} R - \frac{1}{2} (\partial\phi)^2 - V(\phi) \right) + S_{matter}[g_{\mu\nu} A^2(\phi)]$$

with a symmetry-breaking potential

$$V(\phi) = \frac{-1}{2} \mu^2 \phi^2 + \frac{1}{4} \lambda \phi^4$$

and a conformal coupling to matter of the form

$$A(\phi) = 1 + \frac{\phi^2}{2M^2} + \mathcal{O}(\phi^4/M^4)$$

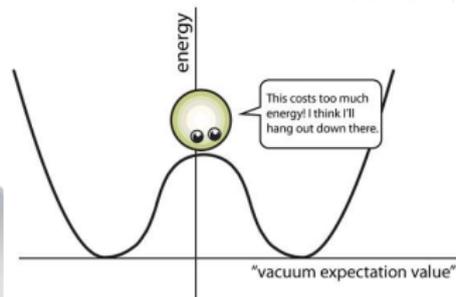
**giving rise**

to an effective potential

$$V_{\text{eff}} = \left( \frac{-\rho}{2M^2} + \frac{\mu^2}{2} \right) \phi^2 + \frac{1}{4} \lambda \phi^4$$

$\rho > \mu^2 M^2 \rightarrow$  the field sits in a minimum at the origin

# Symmetron mechanism



- perturbations couple as  $\frac{\bar{\phi}}{M^2} \delta\phi\rho$
- In high density symmetry-restoring environments, the scalar field  $\text{vev} \sim 0 \rightarrow$  fluctuations of the field do not couple to matter
- As the local density drops the symmetry of the field is spontaneously broken and the field falls into one of the two new minima with a non-zero vev.
- $\rightarrow$  coupling to matter depends on the environment ( $g$  small in regions of high density)

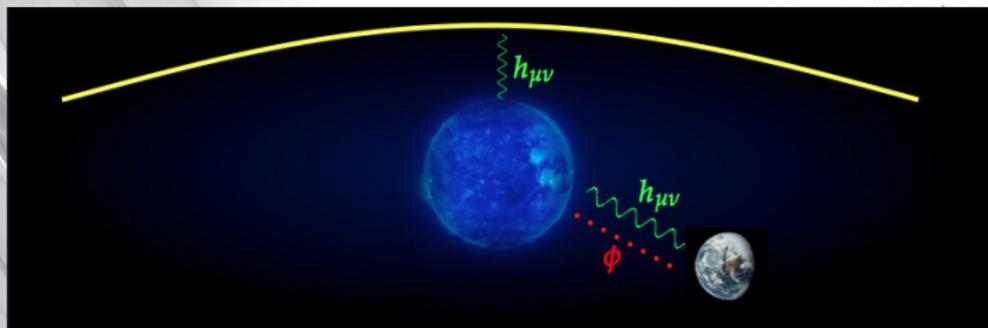
# Massive Gravity

A general linear mass term for the graviton is

$$\mathcal{L}_{mass} = -\frac{1}{2}M_p^2(m_1^2 h^{\mu\nu} h_{\mu\nu} + m_2^2 h^2)$$

The only **ghost-free**:  $m_1^2 = -m_2^2$  Fierz-Pauli tuning

→ **vDVZ discontinuity**



# Massive Gravity

## Artifact:

The vDVZ discontinuity is just an artifact of the linear approximation

→ non-linear extension

## Issue:

The ghost we have cured by Fierz-Pauli tuning seems to come back at non-linear level (the sixth degree of freedom is associated to higher derivative terms)

# Ghost

challenging task: non-linear extension of FP without ghost



# Massive Gravity



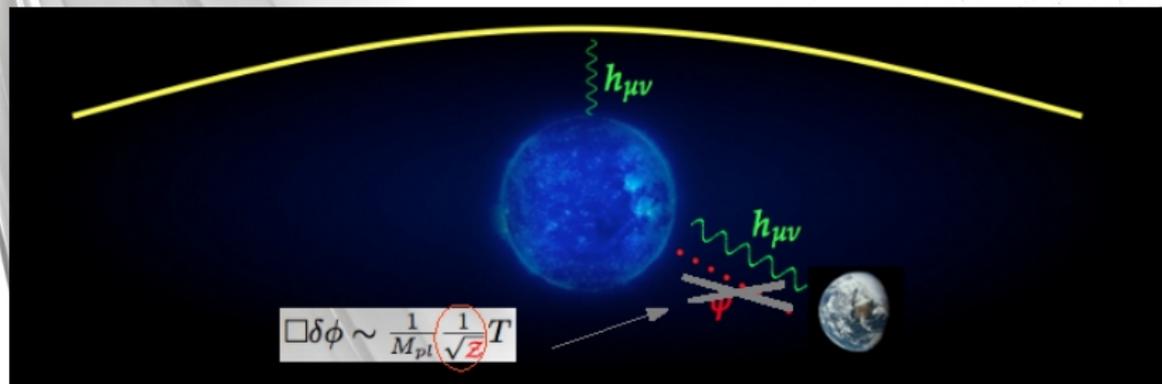
# dRGT

Vainshtein mechanism at work in dRGT:

The effective coupling to matter depends on the self-interactions of the helicity-0 mode  $\phi$

$$\square \delta \phi \sim \frac{1}{M_p} \frac{1}{\sqrt{\mathcal{Z}}} T$$

→ The non-linearities cure the vDVZ discontinuity



# Ghost-free extension of FP = dRGT

a 4D covariant theory of a massive spin-2 field

$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{M_p^2}{2} \sqrt{-g} \left( R - \frac{m^2}{4} \mathcal{U}(g, H) \right)$$

Defining the quantity  $\mathcal{K}_\nu^\mu(g, H) = \delta_\nu^\mu - \sqrt{\delta_\nu^\mu - H_\nu^\mu}$  the most generic potential that bears no ghosts is

$\mathcal{U}(g, H) = -4(\mathcal{U}_2 + \alpha_3 \mathcal{U}_3 + \alpha_4 \mathcal{U}_4)$  where the covariant tensor  $H_{\mu\nu} = h_{\mu\nu} + 2\Phi_{\mu\nu} - \eta^{\alpha\beta} \Phi_{\mu\alpha} \Phi_{\beta\nu}$  and the potentials:

$$\mathcal{U}_2 = [\mathcal{K}]^2 - [\mathcal{K}^2]$$

$$\mathcal{U}_3 = [\mathcal{K}]^3 - 3[\mathcal{K}][\mathcal{K}^2] + 2[\mathcal{K}^3]$$

$$\mathcal{U}_4 = [\mathcal{K}]^4 - 6[\mathcal{K}^2][\mathcal{K}]^2 + 8[\mathcal{K}^3][\mathcal{K}] + 3[\mathcal{K}^2]^2 - 6[\mathcal{K}^4]$$

where  $\Phi_{\mu\nu} = \partial_\mu \partial_\nu \phi$  and  $[..] = \text{trace}$ .

## Decoupling limit (DL)

Decoupling limit

( $M_p \rightarrow \infty$ ,  $m \rightarrow 0$  with  $\Lambda_3^3 = m^2 M_p \rightarrow \text{const}$ )

and decomposition of  $H_{\mu\nu}$  in terms of the canonically normalized helicity-2 and helicity-0 fields

$$H_{\mu\nu} = \frac{h_{\mu\nu}}{M_p} + \frac{2\partial_\mu\partial_\nu\phi}{\Lambda_3^3} - \frac{\partial_\mu\partial^\alpha\phi\partial_\nu\partial_\alpha\phi}{\Lambda_3^6}$$

gives the following scalar-tensor interactions

$$\mathcal{L} = -\frac{1}{2}h^{\mu\nu}\mathcal{E}_{\mu\nu}{}^{\alpha\beta}h_{\alpha\beta} + h^{\mu\nu}\sum_{n=1}^3\frac{a_n}{\Lambda_3^{3(n-1)}}X_{\mu\nu}^{(n)}[\Phi]$$

where  $a_1 = -\frac{1}{2}$  and  $a_{2,3}$  are two arbitrary constants and  $X_{\mu\nu}^{(1,2,3)}$  denote the interactions of the helicity-0 mode

$$X_{\mu\nu}^{(1)} = \square\phi\eta_{\mu\nu} - \Phi_{\mu\nu}$$

$$X_{\mu\nu}^{(2)} = \Phi_{\mu\nu}^2 - \square\phi\Phi_{\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{2}([\Phi^2] - [\Phi]^2)\eta_{\mu\nu}$$

$$X_{\mu\nu}^{(3)} = 6\Phi_{\mu\nu}^3 - 6[\Phi]\Phi_{\mu\nu}^2 + 3([\Phi]^2 - [\Phi^2])\Phi_{\mu\nu} - \eta_{\mu\nu}([\Phi]^3 - 3[\Phi^2][\Phi] + 2[\Phi^3])$$

# Diagonalized interactions

The transition to Einsteins frame is performed by the change of variable

$$h_{\mu\nu} = \bar{h}_{\mu\nu} - 2a_1\phi\eta_{\mu\nu} + \frac{2a_2}{\Lambda_3^3}\partial_\mu\phi\partial_\nu\phi$$

one recovers Galileon interactions for the helicity-0 mode of the graviton

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L} = & -\frac{1}{2}\bar{h}(\mathcal{E}\bar{h})_{\mu\nu} + 6a_1^2\phi\Box\phi - \frac{6a_2a_1}{\Lambda_3^3}(\partial\phi)^2[\Phi] \\ & + \frac{2a_2^2}{\Lambda_3^6}(\partial\phi)^2([\Phi^2] - [\Phi]^2) + \frac{a_3}{\Lambda_3^6}h^{\mu\nu}X_{\mu\nu}^{(3)} \end{aligned}$$

**with the coupling**

$$\frac{1}{M_p} \left( \bar{h}_{\mu\nu} - 2a_1\phi\eta_{\mu\nu} + \frac{2a_2}{\Lambda_3^3}\partial_\mu\phi\partial_\nu\phi \right) T^{\mu\nu}$$

# Differences to Galileon interactions

## Common

- IR modification of gravity as due to a light scalar field with non-linear derivative interactions
- respects the symmetry  $\phi(x) \rightarrow \phi(x) + c + b_\mu x^\mu$
- Second order equations of motion, containing at most two time derivatives

## Different

- undiagonizable interaction  $+ \frac{a_3}{\Lambda_3^6} h^{\mu\nu} X_{\mu\nu}^{(3)}$   
→ important for the self-accelerating solution
- extra coupling  $\partial_\mu \phi \partial_\nu \phi T^{\mu\nu}$   
→ important for the degravitating solution
- only 2 free-parameters
- **observational difference** due to  $\frac{a_3}{\Lambda_3^6} h^{\mu\nu} X_{\mu\nu}^{(3)}$  and  $\partial_\mu \phi \partial_\nu \phi T^{\mu\nu}$

## Two branches

The Lagrangian in the decoupling limit

$$\mathcal{L} = -\frac{1}{2}h^{\mu\nu}\mathcal{E}_{\mu\nu}^{\alpha\beta}h_{\alpha\beta} + h^{\mu\nu}\sum_{n=1}^3\frac{a_n}{\Lambda_3^{3(n-1)}}X_{\mu\nu}^{(n)}[\Phi] + \frac{1}{M_p}h^{\mu\nu}T_{\mu\nu}$$

### Self-accelerating solution

- $T_{\mu\nu} = 0$
- $H \neq 0$

### Degravitating solution

- $T_{\mu\nu} \neq 0$
- $H = 0$

# Equation of motions

The equations of motion for the helicity-2 mode

$$-\mathcal{E}_{\mu\nu}^{\alpha\beta} h_{\alpha\beta} + \sum_{n=1}^3 \frac{a_n}{\Lambda_3^{3(n-1)}} X_{\mu\nu}^{(n)}[\Phi] = -\frac{1}{M_p} T_{\mu\nu}$$

and for helicity-0 mode

$$\partial_\alpha \partial_\beta h^{\mu\nu} \left( a_1 \epsilon_\mu^{\alpha\rho\sigma} \epsilon_\nu^{\beta\rho\sigma} + 2 \frac{a_2}{\Lambda_3} \epsilon_\mu^{\alpha\rho\sigma} \epsilon_\nu^{\beta\gamma\sigma} \Pi_{\rho\gamma} + 3 \frac{a_3}{\Lambda_3^6} \epsilon_\mu^{\alpha\rho\sigma} \epsilon_\nu^{\beta\gamma\delta} \Pi_{\rho\gamma} \Pi_{\sigma\delta} \right) = 0$$

de Rham, Gabadadze, Heisenberg, Pirtskhalava  
([Phys.Rev.D 83,103516](#))

## Self-accelerating solution

de Sitter as a small perturbation over Minkowski space-time

$$ds^2 = \left[1 - \frac{1}{2}H^2 x^\alpha x_\alpha\right] \eta_{\mu\nu} dx^\mu dx^\nu$$

For the helicity-0 field we look for the solution of the following isotropic form

$$\phi = \frac{1}{2}q\Lambda_3^3 x^a x_a + b\Lambda_3^2 t + c\Lambda_3$$

The equations of motion for the helicity-0 and helicity-2 fields are then given by

$$H^2 \left( -\frac{1}{2} + 2a_2q + 3a_3q^2 \right) = 0 \quad H^2 \neq 0$$

$$M_p H^2 = 2q\Lambda_3^3 \left[ -\frac{1}{2} + a_2q + a_3q^2 \right]$$

## Self-accelerating solution

$$H^2 = m^2 (2a_2 q^2 + 2a_3 q^3 - q) \quad \text{and} \quad q = -\frac{a_2}{3a_3} + \frac{(2a_2^2 + 3a_3)^{1/2}}{3\sqrt{2}a_3}$$

Consider perturbations

$$h_{\mu\nu} = h_{\mu\nu}^b + \chi_{\mu\nu} \quad \text{and} \quad \phi = \phi^b + \pi$$

the Lagrangian for the perturbations

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L} = & -\frac{\chi^{\mu\nu} \mathcal{E}_{\mu\nu}^{\alpha\beta} \chi_{\alpha\beta}}{2} + 6(a_2 + 3a_3 q) \frac{H^2 M_p}{\Lambda_3^3} \pi \square \pi - 3a_3 \frac{H^2 M_p}{\Lambda_3^6} (\partial_\mu \pi)^2 \square \pi \\ & + \frac{a_2 + 3a_3 q}{\Lambda_3^3} \chi^{\mu\nu} X_{\mu\nu}^{(2)}[\text{II}] + \frac{a_3}{\Lambda_3^6} \chi^{\mu\nu} X_{\mu\nu}^{(3)}[\text{II}] + \frac{\chi^{\mu\nu} T_{\mu\nu}}{M_p} \end{aligned}$$

- absence of ghost implies  $a_2 + 3a_3 q > 0$
- the perturbation of the helicity-0 mode keeps a kinetic term in this decoupling limit  $\rightarrow$  no strong coupling issues

# Self-accelerating solution

$$H^2 = m^2 (2a_2 q^2 + 2a_3 q^3 - q) \quad \text{and} \quad q = -\frac{a_2}{3a_3} + \frac{(2a_2^2 + 3a_3)^{1/2}}{3\sqrt{2}a_3}$$

## stability

- $H^2 > 0$  and  $a_2 + 3a_3 q > 0$
- **stable** self-accelerating solution:  
 $a_2 < 0$  and  $\frac{-2a_2^2}{3} < a_3 < \frac{-a_2^2}{2}$
- **interaction  $h^{\mu\nu} X_{\mu\nu}^{(3)}$  plays a crucial role for the stability since  $a_3 = 0 \rightarrow$  ghost**
- there is no quadratic mixing term between  $\chi$  and  $\pi$
- cosmological evolution very similar to  $\Lambda$ CDM



## Degravitating solution

We now focus on a pure cosmological constant source

$T_{\mu\nu} = -\lambda\eta_{\mu\nu}$  and make the following ansatz

$$h_{\mu\nu} = -\frac{1}{2}H^2x^2M_p\eta_{\mu\nu}$$

$$\phi = \frac{1}{2}qx^2\Lambda_3^3$$

The equations of motion then simplify to

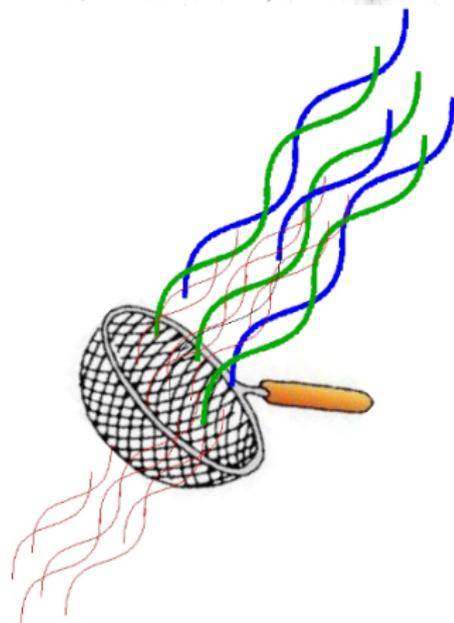
$$\left(-\frac{1}{2}M_pH^2 + \sum_{n=1}^3 a_nq^n\Lambda_3^3\right)\eta_{\mu\nu} = -\frac{\lambda}{6M_p}\eta_{\mu\nu}$$

$$H^2(a_1 + 2a_2q + 3a_3q^2) = 0$$

$$\rightarrow a_1q + a_2q^2 + a_3q^3 = \frac{-\lambda}{\Lambda_3^3M_p}$$

# Degravitating solution

- degravitating solution: high pass filter modifying the effect of long wavelength sources such as a CC  
→ vacuum energy gravitates very weakly
- $H = 0 \rightarrow g_{\mu\nu} = \eta_{\mu\nu}$
- $a_1 q + a_2 q^2 + a_3 q^3 = \frac{-\lambda}{\Lambda_3^3 M_p}$   
as long as the parameter  $a_3$  is present, this equation has always at least one real root
- this static solution is stable for any region of the parameter space for which  
 $2(a_1 + 2a_2 q + 3a_3 q^2) \neq 0$  and real



# Proxy theory

We had the following Lagrangian in the decoupling limit

$$\mathcal{L} = -\frac{1}{2}h^{\mu\nu}\mathcal{E}_{\mu\nu}^{\alpha\beta}h_{\alpha\beta} + h^{\mu\nu}X_{\mu\nu}^{(1)} + \frac{a_2}{\Lambda^3}h^{\mu\nu}X_{\mu\nu}^{(2)} + \frac{a_3}{\Lambda^6}h^{\mu\nu}X_{\mu\nu}^{(3)} + \frac{1}{2M_p}h^{\mu\nu}T_{\mu\nu}$$

lets integrate by part the first interaction  $h^{\mu\nu}X_{\mu\nu}^{(1)}$ :

$$\begin{aligned} h^{\mu\nu}X_{\mu\nu}^{(1)} &= h^{\mu\nu}(\square\phi\eta_{\mu\nu} - \partial_\mu\partial_\nu\phi) = h^{\mu\nu}(\partial_\alpha\partial^\alpha\phi\eta_{\mu\nu} - \partial_\mu\partial_\nu\phi) \\ &= (\square h - \partial_\mu\partial_\nu h^{\mu\nu})\phi \\ &= -R\phi \end{aligned}$$

so covariantization of the first interaction:  $h^{\mu\nu}X_{\mu\nu}^{(1)} \longleftrightarrow -R\phi$

# Proxy theory

Similarly, we can covariantize the other interaction terms. One finds the following correspondences:

$$h^{\mu\nu} X_{\mu\nu}^{(1)} \longleftrightarrow -\phi R$$

$$h^{\mu\nu} X_{\mu\nu}^{(2)} \longleftrightarrow -\partial_\mu \phi \partial_\nu \phi G^{\mu\nu}$$

$$h^{\mu\nu} X_{\mu\nu}^{(3)} \longleftrightarrow -\partial_\mu \phi \partial_\nu \phi \Phi_{\alpha\beta} L^{\mu\alpha\nu\beta}$$

such that the Lagrangian becomes

$$\mathcal{L}^\phi = M_p \left( -\phi R - \frac{a_2}{\Lambda^3} \partial_\mu \phi \partial_\nu \phi G^{\mu\nu} - \frac{a_3}{\Lambda^6} \partial_\mu \phi \partial_\nu \phi \Phi_{\alpha\beta} L^{\mu\alpha\nu\beta} \right).$$

with the dual Riemann tensor

$$L^{\mu\alpha\nu\beta} = 2R^{\mu\alpha\nu\beta} + 2(R^{\mu\beta} g^{\nu\alpha} + R^{\nu\alpha} g^{\mu\beta} - R^{\mu\nu} g^{\alpha\beta} - R^{\alpha\beta} g^{\mu\nu}) \\ + R(g^{\mu\nu} g^{\alpha\beta} - g^{\mu\beta} g^{\nu\alpha})$$

# Proxy theory

Instead of focusing on the entire complicated model, study a proxy theory:

$$\mathcal{L} = \sqrt{-g}M_p(M_p R + -\phi R - \frac{a_2}{\Lambda^3} \partial_\mu \phi \partial_\nu \phi G^{\mu\nu} - \frac{a_3}{\Lambda^6} \partial_\mu \phi \partial_\nu \phi \Phi_{\alpha\beta} L^{\mu\alpha\nu\beta})$$

- in 4D  $G_{\mu\nu}$  and  $L^{\mu\alpha\nu\beta}$  are the only divergenceless tensors  
 $\rightarrow \nabla_\mu G^{\mu\nu} = 0$  and  $\nabla_\mu L^{\mu\alpha\nu\beta} = 0$
- All eom are 2<sup>nd</sup> order  $\rightarrow$  No instabilities
- Reproduces the decoupling limit  $\rightarrow$  Exhibits the Vainshtein mechanism

de Rham, Heisenberg ([PRD84 \(2011\) 043503](#))

# Proxy theory

The Einstein equation is given by

$$G_{\mu\nu} = M_p T_{\mu\nu}^{\phi} + T_{\mu\nu}^{\text{matter}}$$

with

$$T_{\mu\nu}^{\phi} = T_{\mu\nu}^{\phi(1)} - \frac{a_2}{\Lambda^3} T_{\mu\nu}^{\phi(2)} - \frac{a_3}{\Lambda^6} T_{\mu\nu}^{\phi(3)}$$

with the shortcut stress-energy tensors

$$T_{\mu\nu}^{\phi(1)} = X_{\mu\nu}^{(1)} + \phi G_{\mu\nu}$$

$$T_{\mu\nu}^{\phi(2)} = X_{\mu\nu}^{(2)} + \frac{1}{2} L_{\mu\alpha\nu\beta} \partial^{\alpha} \phi \partial^{\beta} \phi + \frac{1}{2} G_{\mu\nu} (\partial\phi)^2$$

$$T_{\mu\nu}^{\phi(3)} = X_{\mu\nu}^{(3)} + \frac{3}{2} L_{\mu\alpha\nu\beta} \Phi^{\alpha\beta} (\partial\phi)^2$$

# Proxy theory

- In the Einstein frame  $D_\mu T_\nu^\mu = \partial_\nu \phi \mathcal{E}_\phi$  where  $\mathcal{E}_\phi$  is the equation of motion with respect to  $\phi$ .
- Since  $\nabla_\mu G^{\mu\nu} = 0$  and  $\nabla_\mu L^{\mu\nu\alpha\beta} = 0$ ,  $\mathcal{E}_\phi$  is also at most second order in derivative

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{E}_\phi &= \frac{\delta \mathcal{L}^\phi}{\delta \phi} \\ &= -R - \frac{2a_2}{\Lambda^3} G^{\mu\nu} \Phi_{\mu\nu} - \frac{3a_3}{\Lambda^6} L^{\mu\alpha\nu\beta} (\Phi_{\mu\nu} \Phi_{\alpha\beta} + R^\gamma_{\beta\alpha\nu} \partial_\gamma \phi \partial_\mu \phi) = 0 \end{aligned}$$

Equations of motion for both,  $\phi$  and  $g_{\mu\nu}$  are at most second order.

## Self-accelerating solution

- self-acceleration solution:  $H = \text{const}$  and  $\dot{H} = 0$ .
- make the ansatz  $\dot{\phi} = q \frac{\Lambda^3}{H}$ .
- assume that we are in a regime where  $H\phi \ll \dot{\phi}$

The Friedmann and field equations can be recast in

$$H^2 = \frac{m^2}{3} (6q - 9a_2q^2 - 30a_3q^3)$$

$$H^2(18a_2q + 54a_3q^2 - 12) = 0$$

Assuming  $H \neq 0$ , the field equation then imposes,

$$q = \frac{-a_2 \pm \sqrt{a_2^2 + 8a_3}}{6a_3}$$

→ similar to DL our proxy theory admits a self-accelerated solution, with the Hubble parameter set by the graviton mass.

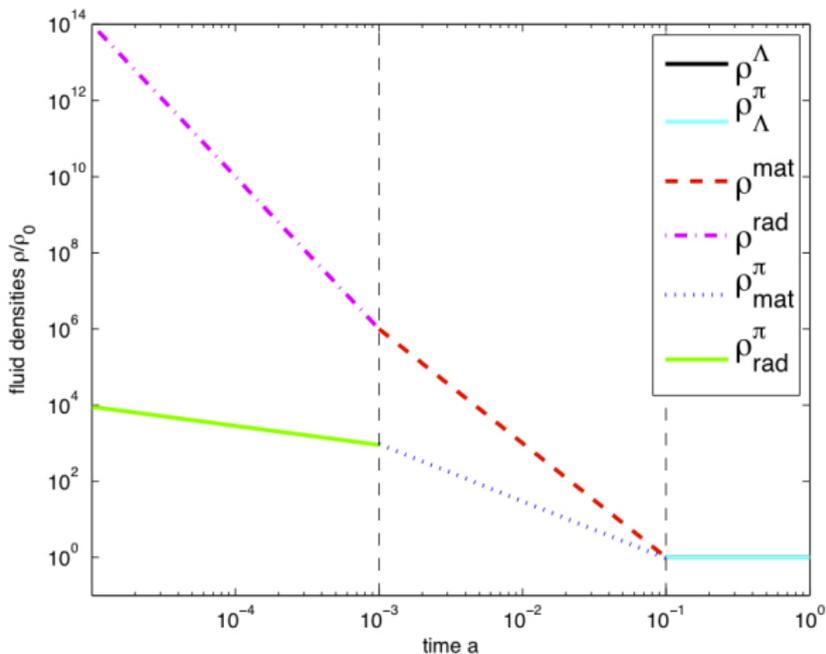
# Proxy theory

$$\mathcal{L}^\phi = M_p \left( -\phi R - \frac{a_2}{\Lambda^3} \partial_\mu \phi \partial_\nu \phi G^{\mu\nu} - \frac{a_3}{\Lambda^6} \partial_\mu \phi \partial_\nu \phi \Phi_{\alpha\beta} L^{\mu\alpha\nu\beta} \right)$$

- We recover some decoupling limit results:
  - stable self-accelerating solutions within the space parameter space
- During the radiation domination the energy density for  $\phi$  goes as  $\rho_{\text{rad}}^\phi \sim a^{-1/2}$  and during matter dominations as  $\rho_{\text{mat}}^\phi \sim a^{-3/2}$  and is constant for later times  $\rho_\Lambda^\phi = \text{const}$
- At early time, interactions for scalar mode are important  $\rightarrow$  cosmological screening effect
- Below a critical energy density, screening stop being efficient  $\rightarrow$  scalar contribute significantly to the cosmological evolution
- But still the cosmological evolution different than in  $\Lambda$ CDM

# Densities

$$\mathcal{L}^\phi = M_p \left( -\phi R - \frac{a_2}{\Lambda^3} \partial_\mu \phi \partial_\nu \phi G^{\mu\nu} - \frac{a_3}{\Lambda^6} \partial_\mu \phi \partial_\nu \phi \Phi_{\alpha\beta} L^{\mu\alpha\nu\beta} \right)$$



# Degravitation solution

The effective energy density of the field  $\phi$  is

$$\rho^\phi = M_p(6H\dot{\phi} + 6H^2\phi - \frac{9a_2}{\Lambda^3}H^2\dot{\phi}^2 - \frac{30a_3}{\Lambda^6}H^3\dot{\phi}^3)$$

- If one takes  $\phi = \phi(t)$  and  $H = 0 \rightarrow \rho^\phi = 0$   
→ so the field has absolutely no effect and cannot help the background to degravitate.
- Charmousis et al. has similar interactions, they find degravitation solution!  
BUT they rely strongly on spatial curvature
- in the absence of spatial curvature  $\kappa = 0$ , the contribution from the scalar field vanishes if  $H = 0$ .
- → BUT relying on spatial curvature brings concerns over instabilities

# Different frames

## Jordan frame

$$\mathcal{L}^\phi = M_p^2 R + M_p \left( -\phi R - \frac{a_2}{\Lambda^3} \partial_\mu \phi \partial_\nu \phi G^{\mu\nu} \right) \text{ with } a_3 = 0$$

Do conformal transformation

$$\tilde{g}_{\mu\nu} = \Omega^2 g_{\mu\nu} \text{ with } \Omega^2 = \left( 1 - \frac{\pi}{M_p} \right)$$

$$M_p^2 R - \frac{3}{2} \Omega^{-4} (\tilde{\partial}\pi)^2 -$$

$$\frac{a_2 M_p}{\Lambda^3} \left( \tilde{\partial}_\mu \phi \tilde{\partial}_\nu \phi \tilde{G}^{\mu\nu} + \frac{3\Omega^{-2}}{2M_p} (\tilde{\partial}\pi)^2 \tilde{\square}\pi + \frac{5\Omega^{-4}}{4M_p^2} (\tilde{\partial}\pi)^4 \right)$$

## Einstein frame

$$h_{\mu\nu} \rightarrow h_{\mu\nu} + \phi \eta_{\mu\nu}$$

covariantize

$$\rightarrow M_p^2 R + \frac{3}{2} \pi \square \pi - \frac{a_2 M_p}{\Lambda^3} \partial_\mu \phi \partial_\nu \phi G^{\mu\nu} - \frac{3}{2} \frac{a_2}{\Lambda^3} \square \pi (\partial\pi)^2$$

So within the regime of validity of our results  $\pi \ll M_p$ , our conclusions are independent of the choice of frame.

# Conclusion

- decoupling limit of dRGT
  - stable self-accelerating solution similar to  $\Lambda$ CDM
  - degravitating solution
- Proxy theory
  - stable self accelerating solution
  - no degravitating solution
  - the scalar mode does not decouple around the self-accelerating background
  - leads to an extra force during the history of the Universe
  - would influence the time sequence of gravitational clustering and the evolution of peculiar velocities, as well as the number density of collapsed objects.

# Future work

## Quantum corrections

- the mass needs to be tuned  $m \lesssim H_0$   
same tuning as Cosmological Constant

$$\frac{\Lambda}{M_p^4} \sim \frac{H_0^2}{M_p^2} \sim \frac{m^2}{M_p^2} \sim 10^{-120}$$

- But the graviton mass is expected to remain stable against quantum corrections
- Check quantum corrections beyond the decoupling limit  
 $\delta m^2 \sim m^2 \rightarrow$  the theory would be tuned but technically natural

## constraining dRGT through observations

- put observational constraint on the free parameters of dRGT and test it against  $\Lambda$ CDM.

# observations are always a challenging task!



# challenging task: observation!

we would like to study

- the distance-redshift relation of supernovae
- the angular diameter distance as a function of redshift
  - CMB
  - BAO
- Weak Lensing
- integrated Sachs-Wolfe Effect
- Gravitational Clustering and Number density of collapsed objects

for massive gravity!

# cosmological observations

two categories:

## geometrical probes

measurement of the Hubble function

- distance-redshift relation of supernovae
- measurements of the angular diameter distance as a function of redshift (CMB+BAO)

## structure formation probes

measurement of the Growth function

- homogeneous growth of the cosmic structure  
→ integrated Sachs-Wolfe effects
- non-linear growth  
→ gravitational lensing  
→ formation of galaxies  
→ clusters of galaxies by gravitational collapse

(e.g. Kimura et al.)  
Lavinia Heisenberg

# cosmological observations

In Proxy theory:

- modified Hubble function:

$$H^2 = \frac{m^2}{3} (6q - 9a_2 q^2 - 30a_3 q^3) \text{ with } q = \frac{-a_2 \pm \sqrt{a_2^2 + 8a_3}}{6a_3}$$

- The scalar mode does not decouple around the self-accelerating background (screened at high energy though)

→structure formation different

Growth function:

$$\ddot{\delta}_m + 2H\dot{\delta}_m = \frac{\rho_m \delta_m}{M_p^2} \left( 1 + \frac{1}{3Q} \right)$$

where  $Q$  stands for

$$Q \equiv 1 - \frac{2a_2}{\Lambda^3} (2H\dot{\pi}_0 + \ddot{\pi}_0 + M_p(2\dot{H} + 3H^2)) - \frac{a_3}{\Lambda^6} \dots$$

with  $\dot{\pi}_0 = q \frac{\Lambda^3}{H}$