

Tunneling Field in Massive Gravity

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Motivation of our work

Question in **GR**: why cosmological constant is so small?

In context of **massive gravity(MG)**, the effective cosmological constant consists of a contribution from mass of graviton.

A. E. Gumrukcuoglu, C. Lin and S. Mukohyama JCAP 106, 231101(2011);

→ it is interesting to study the landscape in the context of MG

→ our work

- setup the model and find the tunneling solutions;
- estimation of Hawking-Moss solution;
- evaluate the Coleman-De Luccia solution.

I. Setup of model

● Action

$$S = I_g + I_m,$$

$$I_g \equiv \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \left[\frac{R}{2} + m_g^2 (\mathcal{L}_2 + \alpha_3 \mathcal{L}_3 + \alpha_4 \mathcal{L}_4) \right],$$

$$I_m \equiv - \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \left[\frac{1}{2} (\partial\sigma)^2 + V(\sigma) \right],$$

where

$$\mathcal{L}_2 = \frac{1}{2} ([\mathcal{K}]^2 - [\mathcal{K}^2]),$$

$$\mathcal{L}_3 = \frac{1}{6} ([\mathcal{K}]^3 - 3 [\mathcal{K}] [\mathcal{K}^2] + 2 [\mathcal{K}^3]),$$

$$\mathcal{L}_4 = \frac{1}{24} ([\mathcal{K}]^4 - 6 [\mathcal{K}]^2 [\mathcal{K}^2] + 3 [\mathcal{K}^2]^2 + 8 [\mathcal{K}] [\mathcal{K}^3] - 6 [\mathcal{K}^4]),$$

$$\mathcal{K}_\nu^\mu \equiv \delta_\nu^\mu - \sqrt{g^{\mu\sigma} G_{ab}(\phi) \partial_\nu \phi^a \partial_\sigma \phi^b}.$$

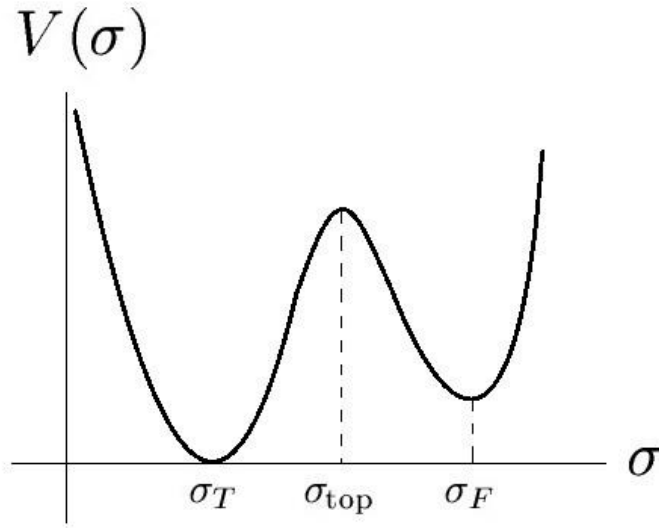
fiducial metric 

- potential $V(\sigma)$

local minima: σ_F

global minima: σ_T

local max: σ_{top}



- tunneling probability per unit time per unit volume

$$\Gamma/V = Ae^{-B},$$

$$B = S_E[\bar{g}_{\mu\nu,B}, \bar{\phi}_B] - S_E[\bar{g}_{\mu\nu,F}, \bar{\phi}_F],$$

↑ bounce solution ↑ 'false vacuum'

usually, bounce solutions are explored by assuming an O(4) symmetry

↑
 Lowest action

➤ spacetime metric: FLRW

$$g_{\mu\nu}dx^\mu dx^\nu = -N(t)^2 dt^2 + a(t)^2 \Omega_{ij} dx^i dx^j,$$

$$\Omega_{ij} \equiv \delta_{ij} + \frac{K \delta_{il} \delta_{jm} x^l x^m}{1 - K \delta_{lm} x^l x^m}, \quad K > 0$$

➤ fiducial metric: deSitter

$$G_{ab}(\phi) d\phi^a d\phi^b \equiv -(d\phi^0)^2 + b(\phi^0)^2 \Omega_{ij} d\phi^i d\phi^j,$$

$$b(\phi^0) \equiv F^{-1} \sqrt{K} \cosh(F\phi^0).$$



fiducial Hubble parameter

→ the O(4)-symmetric solutions are obtained by setting

$$\phi^0 = f(t), \quad \phi^i = x^i.$$

Euclidean action

$$S_E = iS[x^0 \rightarrow ix_E^0]$$

Inserting the ansatz, the Euclidean action can be written as

$$I_{gE} = \int d^4x_E \sqrt{\Omega} \left[-3KNa - \frac{3\dot{a}^2 a}{N} - m_g^2 (L_{2E} + \alpha_3 L_{3E} + \alpha_4 L_{4E}) \right],$$

$$I_{mE} = \int d^4x_E a^3 \sqrt{\Omega} \left[\frac{1}{2N} \dot{\sigma}^2 + NV(\sigma) \right],$$

where $\dot{} \equiv d/dt_E$

$$L_{2E} = 3a(a-b)(2Na + if\dot{a} - Nb),$$

$$L_{3E} = (a-b)^2(4Na + 3if\dot{a} - Nb),$$

$$L_{4E} = (a-b)^3(N + if\dot{a}).$$

II. Equations of motion

- Constraint equation

$$(i\dot{a} + Nb_{,f}) \left[\left(3 - \frac{2b}{a} \right) + \alpha_3 \left(1 - \frac{b}{a} \right) \left(3 - \frac{b}{a} \right) + \alpha_4 \left(1 - \frac{b}{a} \right)^2 \right] = 0,$$

↑

$$b_{,f} \equiv \frac{db}{df} = \sqrt{K} \sinh(Ff)$$

→ $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Branch I} \quad Nb_{,f} = -i\dot{a}, \quad (\text{similar to branch II}) \\ \text{Branch II} \quad \left(3 - \frac{2b}{a} \right) + \alpha_3 \left(1 - \frac{b}{a} \right) \left(3 - \frac{b}{a} \right) + \alpha_4 \left(1 - \frac{b}{a} \right)^2 = 0. \end{array} \right.$

→ $b = X_{\pm}a, \quad X_{\pm} \equiv \frac{1 + 2\alpha_3 + \alpha_4 \pm \sqrt{1 + \alpha_3 + \alpha_3^2 - \alpha_4}}{\alpha_3 + \alpha_4}.$

- Friedmann equation & EOM for tunneling field

$$\left[\begin{array}{l} \frac{3}{a^2} \left(\frac{da}{d\tau} \right)^2 - \frac{3K}{a^2} = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{d\sigma}{d\tau} \right)^2 - V(\sigma) - \Lambda_{\pm}, \\ \frac{d^2\sigma}{d\tau^2} + 3\mathcal{H} \frac{d\sigma}{d\tau} - V_{,\sigma}(\sigma) = 0 \end{array} \right.$$

where $d\tau \equiv N dt$,

$$\Lambda_{\pm} \equiv -\frac{m_g^2}{(\alpha_3 + \alpha_4)^2} \left[(1 + \alpha_3) (2 + \alpha_3 + 2\alpha_3^2 - 3\alpha_4) \pm 2 (1 + \alpha_3 + \alpha_3^2 - \alpha_4)^{3/2} \right],$$

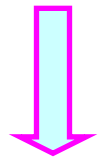
III. Hawking-Moss(HM) solutions

- **HM** solutions can be found at the **local maximum** of the potential

$$\sigma = \sigma_{\text{top}}$$

$$\rightarrow \frac{3}{a^2} \left(\frac{da}{d\tau} \right)^2 - \frac{3K}{a^2} = -\Lambda_{\pm, \text{eff}} \equiv -V(\sigma_{\text{top}}) - \Lambda_{\pm},$$

$$\rightarrow a_{\text{HM}}(\tau) = H_{\text{HM}}^{-1} \sqrt{K} \cos(H_{\text{HM}}\tau) \quad H_{\text{HM}} \equiv \sqrt{\frac{\Lambda_{\pm, \text{eff}}}{3}}$$



$$b_{\text{HM}} = F^{-1} \sqrt{K} \cosh(F f_{\text{HM}}) = X_{\pm} a_{\text{HM}}$$

$$f_{\text{HM}}(\tau) = \frac{1}{F} \ln \left[\alpha \cos(H_{\text{HM}}\tau) \pm \sqrt{\alpha^2 \cos^2(H_{\text{HM}}\tau) - 1} \right],$$

$$\alpha \equiv X_{\pm} \frac{F}{H_{\text{HM}}}$$

- inserting these solutions into the Euclidean action and evaluate by integrating in the range $H_{\text{HM}}\tau = -\pi/2 \rightarrow \pi/2$, we find when $|\alpha| > 1$ the action becomes **complex** which is uninteresting here.

→ Let

$$|\alpha| \leq 1$$

$$Y_{\pm} \equiv 3(1 - X_{\pm}) + 3\alpha_3(1 - X_{\pm})^2 + \alpha_4(1 - X_{\pm})^3,$$

$$S_E[a_{\text{HM}}, \sigma_{\text{top}}] = -\frac{8\pi^2}{H_{\text{HM}}^2} \left[1 - \frac{Y_{\pm}}{6\alpha^2 X_{\pm}} \left(\frac{m_g}{F} \right)^2 \left[2 - \sqrt{1 - \alpha^2} (2 + \alpha^2) \right] \right],$$

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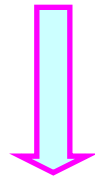
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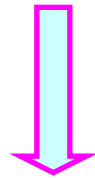
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determines HM
action suppressed
or enhanced

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Case 1. $\alpha_3 = \alpha_4 = 0$

$$\Lambda_{\pm} = \begin{cases} -\infty, & \text{for } \Lambda_+ \\ \frac{3}{4}m_g^2, & \text{for } \Lambda_- \end{cases}$$

• so we just have the minus branch;

$$X_- = \frac{3}{2}, \quad Y_- = -\frac{3}{2}, \quad \implies \quad \frac{Y_-}{X_-} = -1 < 0$$

• HM action is **smaller** than the standard one.



• the corresponding tunneling rate is **suppressed**.

Case 2. $\alpha_3 = 0$

(a). X_+ branch

$$X_+ = \frac{1}{\alpha_4} (1 + \alpha_4 + \sqrt{1 - \alpha_4}) , \quad Y_+ = -\frac{2}{\alpha_4^2} (1 + \sqrt{1 - \alpha_4})(1 + \alpha_4 + \sqrt{1 - \alpha_4})$$



$$\frac{Y_+}{X_+} = \frac{2}{\sqrt{1 - \alpha_4} - 1}$$

- When $\alpha_4 < 0$ HM action is **larger** than the standard one, so the tunneling rate is **enhanced**;
- When $0 < \alpha_4 \leq 1$ HM action is **smaller** than the standard one, so the tunneling rate is **suppressed**;
- $\alpha_4 \leq 1$ and $\alpha_4 = 0$ is **singular**.

(b). X_- branch

$$X_- = \frac{1}{\alpha_4} (1 + \alpha_4 - \sqrt{1 - \alpha_4}) , \quad Y_- = -\frac{2}{\alpha_4^2} (1 - \sqrt{1 - \alpha_4})(1 + \alpha_4 - \sqrt{1 - \alpha_4})$$



$$\frac{Y_-}{X_-} = -\frac{2}{\sqrt{1 - \alpha_4} + 1}$$

- $\alpha_4 \leq 1$ and HM action is **smaller** than the standard one,
so the tunneling rate is **suppressed**.

Case 3. $m_g \longrightarrow 0$, $m_g^2 \alpha_3 = A_3 \neq 0$, $m_g^2 \alpha_4 = A_4 \neq 0$

$$X_{\pm} = 1 + \frac{A_3}{A_3 + A_4} (1 \pm \text{sgn}(A_3)) , \quad \text{sgn}(A_3) \equiv |A_3|/A_3$$

** without loss of generality, we assume $A_3 > 0$ in the analysis.

(a). X_+ branch

$$m_g^2 \frac{Y_+}{X_+} = (1 - X_+)^2 A_3 > 0 ,$$

● HM action is **larger** than the standard one,

so the tunneling rate is **enhanced**;

(b). X_- branch

$$\Lambda_- = 0, \quad X_- = 1, \quad m_g^2 Y_- = 0,$$



reduces to the standard GR case, **no contribution**

** for $A_3 < 0$, conclusion is inverse, i.e.

X_+ branch reduces to the GR case;

X_- gives rise to a **smaller** HM action,
so the tunneling rate is **suppressed**.

IV. Coleman-De Luccia(CDL) solutions

Strategy: Consider the CDL solution **near the HM limit**

T. Tanaka and M. Sasaki, Prog. Theor. Phys. 88 (3) 1992

Expand the potential $V(\sigma)$ around $\sigma = \sigma_{\text{top}}$ to the **4th** order:

$$V(\sigma) = V(\sigma_{\text{top}}) - \frac{M^2}{2}(\sigma_{\text{top}} - \sigma)^2 + \frac{m}{3}(\sigma_{\text{top}} - \sigma)^3 + \frac{\nu}{4}(\sigma_{\text{top}} - \sigma)^4,$$

$$M^2 \equiv 4H_{\text{HM}}^2(1 + \chi^2), \quad \chi^2 \ll 1$$

Inserting this into EOM and expand the action to **4th** order in χ

$$a(\tau) = \frac{\cos(\tilde{H}_{\text{HM}}\tau)}{\tilde{H}_{\text{HM}}} \left[1 + \frac{\epsilon^2 H_{\text{HM}}^2}{8} \cos^2(\tilde{H}_{\text{HM}}\tau) \right] + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon^3), \quad \tilde{H}_{\text{HM}} \equiv H_{\text{HM}}(1 + H_{\text{HM}}^2 \epsilon^2 / 24)$$

$$\sigma(\tau) = \sigma_{\text{top}} + \epsilon H_{\text{HM}} \sin(\tilde{H}_{\text{HM}}\tau) + \frac{\epsilon^2 m}{12} \left[1 - 2 \sin^2(\tilde{H}_{\text{HM}}\tau) \right] \\ - \epsilon^3 H_{\text{HM}} \sin(\tilde{H}_{\text{HM}}\tau) \left[\frac{3H_{\text{HM}}^2 - 4\nu'}{56} \cos^2(\tilde{H}_{\text{HM}}\tau) - \frac{m^2}{36H_{\text{HM}}^2} \sin^2(\tilde{H}_{\text{HM}}\tau) \right] + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon^4),$$

$$\epsilon^2 \equiv 84\chi^2 / (16H_{\text{HM}}^2 + 9\nu')$$

$$\nu' \equiv \nu + m^2 / 18H_{\text{HM}}^2$$

Inserting this result into the action and evaluate it on the sphere, we obtain the derivation from HM solution:

$$\delta S_E^{(4)} = -\frac{\pi^2 \epsilon^4}{40} (11H_{\text{HM}}^2 + 4\nu') < 0$$

$$\epsilon^2 \equiv 84\chi^2 / (16H_{\text{HM}}^2 + 9\nu') > 0$$

which shows a smaller value of action when compared with the HW one.



CDL mode dominates the process of tunneling

Conclusion

- We set up a massive gravity model with tunneling field;
- corrections of HW solution from mass term is found, which implies suppression or enhancement of tunneling rate, depending on the choices of parameters;
- we evaluate CDL action and found that it is smaller than the HW one.