



Coleman-de Luccia instantons in nonlinear Massive Gravity

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Outline

- 1. Massive Gravity Theory and Motivation of work
- 2. Setup of model
- 3. Coleman-de Luccia solutions
- 4. Conclusion and Future Prospects

Massive Gravity theory

General Relativity (GR):
$$S = \frac{1}{16\pi G} \int d^4x \sqrt{-g}R$$
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In 3+1 dim, for symmetric tensor $g_{\mu\nu}$, the propagating degrees of freedom (dof) can be counted as:



Such situation changes in the Massive Gravity Theory.

In Massive Gravity (MG), the mass of graviton is non-vanishing, which breaks the gauge invariance

$$S = \frac{1}{16\pi G} \int d^4x \ \sqrt{-g} [R(g) - m^2 V(g)]$$
$$\supset -\frac{m^2}{16\pi G} \int d^4x \sqrt{\gamma} N V(\gamma, N, N^i)$$

Generally speaking, the dof is





(Boulware & Deser '72)

A non-linear construction of massive gravity theory (dRGT) was proposed in 2010, where the BD ghost is removed by specially designed non-linear terms, so that the lapse function N becomes a Lagrangian Multiplier, which removes the ghost degree of freedom.

Non-linear Massive Gravity (dRGT)

C. de Rham, G. Gabadadze, Phys. Rev. D 82, 044020 (2010);
C. de Rham, G. Gabadadze and A. J. Tolley, Phys. Rev. Lett 106, 231101 (2011);
S. F. Hassan and R. A. Rosen, JHEP 1107, 009 (2011)

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



Self-accelerating solution is found in context of non-linear massive gravity, where two branches exist with effective cosmological constant consists of a contribution from mass of graviton. A. E. Gumrukcuoglu, C. Lin and S. Mukohyama. JCAP 106, 231101(2011);

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

There seems to be some hope to explain the current acceleration, but...

Cosmological Constant Problem is not solved in this theory

A possible resolution: Landscape of Vacua

S. Weinberg, Rev. Mod. Phys. 61, 1 (1989)

- the field can (and will) tunnel from a metastable minimum to a lower one;
- this process is driven by instanton.



S. Coleman and F. de Luccia, Phys.Rev. D21, 3305, (1980)

As a first step, we study the stability of a vacuum in the context of dRGT Massive Gravity Theory with constant graviton mass

2. Setup of model

$$S = S_{MG} + S_m,$$

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

• potential $V(\sigma)$

local minima: σ_F

global minima: σ_T

local max: $\sigma_{\rm HM}$



• tunneling probability per unit time per unit volume

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

$$B = S_E[g_{\mu\nu,B}, \phi_B] - S_E[g_{\mu\nu,F}, \phi_F],$$

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bounce solution 'false vacuum'
$$\downarrow$$
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> spacetime metric: Euclidean

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

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

Note: the fiducial metric may not respect the symmetry

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

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

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

Inserting these ansatz into the action, we obtain the constraint equation by varying with respect with f

 $\rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} \text{Branch I} & Nb_{,f} = -i\dot{a}, \text{ Not considered below} \\ \text{Branch II} & \left(3 - \frac{2b}{a}\right) + \alpha_3 \left(1 - \frac{b}{a}\right) \left(3 - \frac{b}{a}\right) + \alpha_4 \left(1 - \frac{b}{a}\right)^2 = 0. \\ \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} b = X_{\pm}a, & X_{\pm} \equiv \frac{1 + 2\alpha_3 + \alpha_4 \pm \sqrt{1 + \alpha_3 + \alpha_3^2 - \alpha_4}}{\alpha_3 + \alpha_4}. \end{bmatrix}$

Friedmann equation & EOM for tunneling field

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

where $d\tau \equiv N d\xi$,

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

3. Coleman-de Luccia(CDL) solutions

 $V (1)^2$

• CDL solutions can be found when $\sigma(0) = \sigma_{\rm T}$, $\sigma(\tau_f) = \sigma_{\rm F}$

$$a(\tau) \begin{cases} = a_{\rm T}(\tau) \equiv H_{\rm T}^{-1} \sqrt{K} \cos\left(H_{\rm T}\tau\right), & \tau < \tau_0 \\ = a_{\rm F}(\tau) \equiv H_{\rm F}^{-1} \sqrt{K} \cos\left(H_{\rm F}\tau + \theta_{\rm F}\right), & \tau > \tau_0 \end{cases}$$

$$\tau < \tau_0$$

$$b(\tau) = X_{\pm}a(\tau) \implies -\left(f'(\tau)\right)^2 = \begin{cases} X_{\pm}^2 \frac{K - (a_{\rm T}H_{\rm T})}{K - (a_{\rm T}FX_{\pm})^2}, & \tau < \tau_0 \\ X_{\pm}^2 \frac{K - (a_{\rm T}H_{\rm F})^2}{K - (a_{\rm F}FX_{\pm})^2}, & \tau > \tau_0 \end{cases}$$

difference from GR in action is the mass term

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$$\begin{cases} S^{\text{mass}} \equiv -m_g^2 \int d^4 x_E \ \sqrt{\Omega} \left(\mathcal{L}_{2E} + \alpha_3 \mathcal{L}_{3E} + \alpha_4 \mathcal{L}_{4E} \right) \\ = 2\pi^2 K^{-\frac{3}{2}} m_g^2 Y_{\pm} \int d\tau \ a^3(\tau) \sqrt{-(f')^2} , \end{cases}$$
$$Y_{\pm} \equiv 3(1 - X_{\pm}) + 3\alpha_3 (1 - X_{\pm})^2 + \alpha_4 (1 - X_{\pm})^3 , \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{split} B &= B_{\text{inside}} + B_{\text{outside}} + B_{\text{wall}}, \\ \begin{cases} B_{\text{inside}} &\equiv S_{\text{inside}} - S_{\text{F}}|_{\tau < \tau_{0}}, \\ B_{\text{outside}} &\equiv S_{\text{outside}} - S_{\text{F}}|_{\tau > \tau_{0}}, \\ B_{\text{wall}} &\equiv S_{\text{wall}} - S_{\text{F}}|_{\tau = \tau_{0}}, \end{cases} \\ \end{cases} \\ s_{\text{inside}} &= m_{g}^{2} Y_{\pm} X_{\pm} \int \mathrm{d}^{3} x \sqrt{\Omega} \int_{-\pi/(2H_{\text{T}})}^{\tau_{0}(1-\delta)} \mathrm{d}\tau \ a_{\text{T}}^{3} \sqrt{\frac{K - (a_{\text{T}}H_{\text{T}})^{2}}{K - (a_{\text{T}}FX_{\pm})^{2}}}, \\ s_{\text{outside}} &= m_{g}^{2} Y_{\pm} X_{\pm} \int \mathrm{d}^{3} x \sqrt{\Omega} \int_{\tau_{0}(1+\delta)}^{\pi/(2H_{\text{F}})} \mathrm{d}\tau \ a_{\text{F}}^{3} \sqrt{\frac{K - (a_{\text{F}}H_{\text{F}})^{2}}{K - (a_{\text{F}}FX_{\pm})^{2}}}, \\ s_{\text{wall}} &= m_{g}^{2} Y_{\pm} \int \mathrm{d}^{3} x \sqrt{\Omega} \int_{\tau_{0}(1+\delta)}^{\tau_{0}(1+\delta)} \mathrm{d}\tau \ a^{3}(\tau) \sqrt{-(f')^{2}} \\ \end{split}$$
 where $\delta \ll 1$

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$$a' = \sqrt{K + \frac{a^2}{3} \left[\frac{\sigma'^2}{2} - V(\sigma) - \Lambda_{\pm}\right]} \\ \downarrow \\ \int_{0}^{\tau_0(1-\delta)} \mathrm{d}\tau = \int_{0}^{a_0} \left(\frac{da}{d\tau}\right)^{-1} \mathrm{d}a \end{cases}$$

$$B_{\text{inside}} = 2\pi^2 K^{-\frac{3}{2}} m_g^2 Y_{\pm} X_{\pm} \int_{0}^{a_0} a^3 \mathrm{d}a \left\{\frac{1}{\sqrt{K - a^2 \Lambda_{\pm,\mathrm{T}}/3}} \sqrt{\frac{K - (aH_{\mathrm{T}})^2}{K - (aFX_{\pm})^2}} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{K - a^2 \Lambda_{\pm,\mathrm{F}}/3}} \sqrt{\frac{K - (aH_{\mathrm{F}})^2}{K - (aFX_{\pm})^2}}\right\}$$

$$B = B_{\text{inside}} + B_{\text{outside}} + B_{\text{wall}},$$

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B_{\text{inside}} \equiv S_{\text{inside}} - S_{\text{F}}|_{\tau < \tau_0}, \\
B_{\text{outside}} \equiv S_{\text{outside}} - S_{\text{F}}|_{\tau > \tau_0}, \\
B_{\text{wall}} \equiv S_{\text{wall}} - S_{\text{F}}|_{\tau = \tau_0},
\end{cases}$$

$$\frac{d^2\sigma}{d\tau^2} + \frac{3}{a} \left(\frac{da}{d\tau}\right) \frac{d\sigma}{d\tau} - V_{,\sigma}(\sigma) = 0$$

$$\downarrow \qquad \frac{1}{a} \left(\frac{da}{d\tau}\right) \frac{d\sigma}{d\tau} \ll 1$$

$$\sigma' \simeq \sqrt{2[V(\sigma) - V(\sigma_{\text{T}})]}$$

$$\downarrow \qquad d\tau = \left(\frac{d\sigma}{d\tau}\right)^{-1} d\sigma$$

$$B_{\text{wall}} \simeq 2\pi^2 K^{-\frac{3}{2}} a_0^3 m_g^2 Y_{\pm} \int_{\sigma_{\text{T}}}^{\sigma_{\text{F}}} \frac{\mathrm{d}\sigma}{\sqrt{2 \left[V(\sigma) - V(\sigma_{\text{T}}) \right]}} \left[\sqrt{-(f')^2} \Big|_{\tau < \tau_0} - \sqrt{-(f')^2} \Big|_{\tau > \tau_0} \right]$$

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\end{cases}$$

$$No \ difference \ from \ GR \ ?$$

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• CDL as perturbations around Hawking-Moss (HM) solutions

Expand the potential $V(\sigma)$ around $\sigma = \sigma_{\text{HM}}$ as follows:

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

near the HM limit where $M^2 \equiv 4H_{\rm HM}^2(1+\chi^2)$ with $\chi^2 \ll 1$, the regular solutions are perturbatively found to be

$$a(\tau) = \tilde{H}_{\rm HM}^{-1} \cos\left(\tilde{H}_{\rm HM}\tau\right) \left[1 + \frac{\varepsilon_M^2 H_{\rm HM}^2}{8} \cos^2\left(\tilde{H}_{\rm HM}\tau\right)\right] + \mathcal{O}(\varepsilon_M^3)$$

$$\sigma(\tau) = \sigma_{\rm HM} + \varepsilon_M H_{\rm HM} \sin\left(\tilde{H}_{\rm HM}\tau\right) + \frac{\varepsilon_M^2 m}{12} \left[1 - 2\sin^2\left(\tilde{H}_{\rm HM}\tau\right)\right]$$

$$-\varepsilon_M^3 H_{\rm HM} \sin\left(\tilde{H}_{\rm HM}\tau\right) \left[\frac{3H_{\rm HM}^2 - 4\mu}{56} \cos^2\left(\tilde{H}_{\rm HM}\tau\right) - \frac{m^2}{36H_{\rm HM}^2} \sin^2\left(\tilde{H}_{\rm HM}\tau\right)\right] + \mathcal{O}(\varepsilon_M^4)$$

$$\mu \equiv \nu + m^2/18H_{\rm HM}^2$$

$$\varepsilon_M^2 \equiv 84\chi^2/(16H_{\rm HM}^2 + 9\mu)$$

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

$$\delta^{(2)}S = \frac{\pi^2 m_g^2 X_{\pm} Y_{\pm} H_{\rm HM}^2 \varepsilon_M^2}{2\tilde{H}_{\rm HM}^4 \sqrt{1 - \tilde{\alpha}^2}}$$

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Hence, if $Y_{\pm} > 0$, HM dominates over CDL, vise versa.

In GR, perturbations in action vanish until $\mathcal{O}(\varepsilon_M^4)$, and CDL always dominate over HM.

Reconsideration of thin-wall result



$$S^{\text{mass}} = 4\pi^2 K^{-\frac{3}{2}} m_g^2 X_{\pm} Y_{\pm} \int_0^{a_{\text{max}}} \frac{a^3 \mathrm{d}a}{\sqrt{K - (FX_{\pm}a)^2}}$$
$$= -\frac{4\pi^2 K^{-\frac{3}{2}} m_g^2 X_{\pm} Y_{\pm}}{3(FX_{\pm})^4} \left[\sqrt{K - (FX_{\pm}a)^2} \left(2K + (FX_{\pm}a)^2 \right) \right]_0^{a_{\text{max}}}$$

$$B_{\rm thin-wall}^{\rm mass} \equiv S^{\rm mass} - S_{\rm F}^{\rm mass} \propto \left[\sqrt{K - \left(FX_{\pm}a\right)^2} \left(2K + \left(FX_{\pm}a\right)^2\right) \right]_{a_{\rm F,max}}^{a_{\rm max}} = 0 \,,$$

This explains the reason why no contribution in thin-wall limit. However, in HM case, $a_{\text{max}} = a_{\text{HM},\text{max}} \equiv H_{\text{HM}}^{-1}$

$$B_{\rm HM}^{\rm mass} = -\frac{4\pi^2 K^{-\frac{3}{2}} m_g^2 X_{\pm} Y_{\pm}}{3(FX_{\pm})^4} \left[\sqrt{K - (FX_{\pm}a)^2} \left(2K + (FX_{\pm}a)^2 \right) \right]_{H_{\rm F}^{-1}}^{H_{\rm HM}^{-1}} \neq 0$$



Defining

$$\mathfrak{B}^{\mathrm{mass}} \equiv -\frac{3(FX_{\pm})^4 B^{\mathrm{mass}}}{4\pi^2 m_g^2 X_{\pm} Y_{\pm}} = \left[\sqrt{1 - (FX_{\pm}a)^2} \left(2 + (FX_{\pm}a)^2\right)\right]_{H_{\mathrm{F}}^{-1}}^{a_{\mathrm{max}}},$$
$$\equiv h(\alpha_{max}) - h(\alpha_F) > 0$$
$$\Delta\Gamma \equiv \frac{\Gamma_{\mathrm{MG}}}{\Gamma_{\mathrm{GR}}} \simeq \exp\left(\frac{4\pi^2 m_g^2 Y_{\pm} \mathfrak{B}^{\mathrm{mass}}}{3F^4 X_{\pm}^3}\right).$$

• HM solution gives largest correction term where a_{max} is smallest;

• when a_{max} increases, correction shrinks gradually;

• at thin-wall limit, the behavior of CDL solution is the same as GR.



CDL V.S. HM



Under the thin-wall approximation, one can compare the probability of CDL process to HM process as follows

In GR, $m_g = 0$, CDL process dominates over HM one.

However, provided that parameters and their combinations are of order unity, if $m_g > O(M_{\rm Pl}^2 H_{\rm F}^2 \Sigma^{-1}) \sim O(a_0^{-1})$, HM process dominates over CDL.

Parameter X_{\pm} is constrained by the mass of tensor mode for selfaccelerating branch: A. E. Gumrukcuoglu, C. Lin and S. Mukohyama. JCAP 03, 006(2012);

$$M_{\rm GW}^2 = \begin{cases} m_g^2 X_+ (1 - X_+) \sqrt{1 + \alpha_3 + \alpha_3^2 - \alpha_4} , & \text{for } X_+ \\ m_g^2 X_- (X_- - 1) \sqrt{1 + \alpha_3 + \alpha_3^2 - \alpha_4} , & \text{for } X_- \end{cases} \xrightarrow{1 > X_+ > 0} \\ X_- > 1 \end{cases}$$



possible region for HM domination

Summary and future work

- We constructed a model in which the tunneling field minimally couples to the dRGT massive gravity;
- corrections to CDL tunneling change monotonically when one goes beyond thin-wall approximation until HM case;
- under the thin-wall approximation, the HM process may dominate over CDL one, it is interesting to investigate its implications;
- it would be a further work to generalize our analysis to extended massive gravity theories and bigravity theory.