Tools in Effective Field Theories of (Massive) Gravity



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High-energy completion





Constraints from UV Completion

Starting with the assumption of a healthy Wilsonian UV completion (string theory or other)



Set up classes of IR constraints

Precise statements at the level of $2 \rightarrow 2$ scattering amplitude (complement S-matrix bootstrap program)























Alberte

Carrillo-Gonzalez

Chen

Franckfort

Heisenberg

Held



Klapanek

Kozuszek

Margalit

Melville



Momeni







Wiseman

Causality Bounds

Unresolvable support outside

front velocity light cone



Pozsgay

Rumbutis

Tokareva

Tolley

Zhang

Zhou

CoM Energy

Low-energy EFT



- Unitary (optical theorem)
 Lorentz invariant (crossing symmetry)
 CALISAL (analyticita)
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- ✓ Local (Froissart Bound)

 $\mathcal{A} : 2 - 2 \text{ elastic amplitude}$ $2 \operatorname{Im} = \sum_{X} \left| \sum_{X} x \right|^{2} \ge \left| \sum_{X} \right|^{2}$

Positivity bounds (applied to low-energy scattering amplitude)



$$\left. \frac{\mathrm{d}^2 \mathcal{A}(s,t)}{\mathrm{d}s^2} \right|_{t=0} > 0$$

 $s < 4m^2$

Pham and Truong 1985 Ananthanarayan, Toublan and Wanders, 1994 Adams et. al. 2006

Applications to **SMEFT**

New Physics Beyond the Standard Model

 $\mathcal{L}_{BSM} = \mathcal{L}_{SM}^{(4)} + New Physics \equiv new modes with mass <math>M \gtrsim \Lambda \gtrsim TeV$



Quickly leads to a huge parameter space

e.g. SMEFT up to dim-6 operators given in 1008.4884 includes 59 operators+ B-violating

Becomes even more challenging at higher order (44,807 dim-8 operators...)

From Grzadkowski, Iskrzyński, Misiak&Rosiek 1008.4884

SMEFT



Zhang & Zhou, 2020

Adding Gravity

Causality \longleftrightarrow analyticity Locality, Froissart Bound with Gravity??? Unitary (optical theorem)
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positivity bounds



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Directions in progress:

 Cosmological bootstrap on correlators (only perturbative)
 No constraints from UV completion (analyticity, non-perturbative UV unitarity still need to be formulated)
 Arkani-Hamed, Baumann, Lee & Pimentel, 1811.00024 Baumann, Duaso Pueyo, Joyce, Lee & Pimentel, 1910.14051, 2005.04234

see Sleight & Taronna for Bootstrapping Inflationary Correlators in Mellin Space, 1907.01143, 2007.09993

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- Alternative approach is to focus on approximate S-matrix with broken boosts
 Full formalism still under development

CdR & Melville 1703.00025 Grall & Melville 2102.05683+2022+

See also recent work by Creminelli, Janssen & Senatore, 2207.14224 assuming conformal invariance in 3d

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 Constrain Wilson coefficients defined around Minkowski vacuum and translate into constraints around cosmological backgrounds (requires adiabatic assumptions)

 $1904.05874,\,1905.08816,\,1906.11840,\,1908.08644,\,2103.06855,\,2103.11195,\,\ldots$

Will show a quick example

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Use Infrared causality as a proxy for positivity

Worked developed with Carrillo Gonzalez, Chen, Jaitly, Margalit, Pozsgay, Tolley & Zhang



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Example of DE/MG: quartic Horndeski with parameters $C_{B,M,T}$

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Note: To be taken with a pinch of salt



Only makes sense if assume can connect back to Minkowski

with Melville and Noller, 2103.06855

Applications to EFT of Cosmology

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 $\Delta T = \Delta T^g + \Delta T^{\rm EFT}$

CoM Energy

Gravitational EFTs

✓ Unitary (optical theorem) ✓ Lorentz invariant (crossing symmetry) ✓ CAUSAL (analyticity) ✓ Local (Froissart Bound) positivity bounds (sub)luminal sound speed



Small Superluminality – without gravity

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No Gravity

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With Gravity

Anything living on the spacetime *inexorably* curves the geometry. There is a limit to "stacking"



Not always meaningful violation of causality

Goldstone Boson without Gravity



Goldstone Boson with Gravity



Positivity vs Causality



Carrillo Gonzalez, CdR, Pozsgay, Tolley, 2207.03491

c = 1

Tools for EFT of (massive) Gravity



- Positivity bounds applied on low-energy EFTs can probe unknown UV contributions. Connection between UV and IR is made thanks to analyticity demanded from causality & non-perturbative unitarity.
- Application to SMEFT already proven powerful.
 Generalization to bounds beyond 2-2 would be instrumental
- Applications to gravitational EFTs & EFT of Cosmology is more subtle
- **Causality bounds** applied directly at the level of the low-energy EFT can provide powerful complementary bounds
- Applicable to EFT of Gravity, Cosmology and generalizable beyond 2-2

Causality: Towards new Opportunities

While powerful, current positivity bounds have not yet reached their full potential



EFT of photons



4-point tree-level scattering amplitude arising from this theory can be parame

$$egin{aligned} \mathcal{A}_{++++} &= f_2 \left(s^2 + t^2 + u^2
ight) + f_3 stu + f_4 \left(s^2 + t^2 + u^2
ight)^2 \ \mathcal{A}_{++--} &= g_2 s^2 + g_3 s^3 + g_4 s^4 + g_4' s^2 tu \ \mathcal{A}_{+++-} &= h_3 stu \ f_2 &= 2 \left(4 c_1 + c_2
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Positivity vs Causality in EFT of photons



With Carrillo Gonzalez, Jaitly, Pozsgay, Tokareva, 2208.12631

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Constrained performing a Markov chain Monte Carlo analysis, using:

- Planck 2015,
- CMB lensing and low- ℓ polarisation data,
- SDSS/BOSS BAO
- SDSS DR4 LRG matter power spectrum shape
- redshift space distortion constraints from BOSS and 6dF

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In addition, these parameters can be bounded using positivity bounds

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Positivity Bounds from $\varphi \varphi \to \varphi \varphi$



$$\mathcal{A}^{\varphi\varphi\to\varphi\varphi} = \frac{\bar{G}_{2,XX}}{\Lambda^4} \left(s^2 + t^2 + u^2 \right) - \frac{\bar{G}_{4,X}}{\bar{G}_4\Lambda^4} \left(su + st + ut \right) + 3! \frac{\bar{G}_{4,XX} + \bar{G}_{4,X}^2 / \bar{G}_4}{H_0^2 \Lambda^4} stu$$

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