

# Consistent Metric Combinations in Cosmology of Massive Bigravity

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# Motivation

- *Can we construct a consistent (ghost free) theory of interacting spin 2 fields?*
- *Can we construct a consistent theory for massive graviton?*
- *Can we explain the late time acceleration of the universe through this modification of GR?*

# Massive generalization of GR

Fierz & Pauli (1939):

$$h_{\mu\nu} = g_{\mu\nu} - \eta_{\mu\nu}$$

(linearized metric fluctuations around flat space-time)

**The only ghost-free mass term:**

$$\frac{m^2}{4} (h_{\mu\nu}h^{\mu\nu} - a h^\mu{}_\mu h^\nu{}_\nu), \quad \text{with } a = 1$$

*There is a vDVZ discontinuity and there is a need of the Vainshtein mechanism.*

## Non linear theory of massive gravity

*Non-linear theories of massive gravity were conjectured to suffer from ghosts.*

2010-11: breakthrough

de Rham & Gabadadze  
de Rham, Gabadadze & Tolley

[arXiv:1007.0443]  
[arXiv:1011.1232]

Hassan & Rosen

[arXiv:1103.6055]  
[arXiv:1106.3344]  
[arXiv:1109.3515]  
[arXiv:1111.2070]

Hassan, Rosen & Schmidt-May

[arXiv:1109.3230]

- The only ghost-free, massive gravity
- The only ghost-free, bimetric gravity

# Massive Gravity

*In general it is impossible to construct non trivial interaction terms with only one metric, one has to introduce a second metric*

$$g^{\mu\alpha} g_{\alpha\nu} = \delta_{\nu}^{\mu}$$

■ *The only ghost-free action for a single massive graviton*

$$S = -M_p^2 \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} R(g) + 2M_p^2 m^2 \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \sum_{n=0}^3 \beta_n e_n(\sqrt{g^{-1}f})$$

● Where  $f$  is called reference metric and is not dynamical.

Here  $e_n(\mathbb{X})$  are the elementary symmetric polynomials of the matrix  $\mathbb{X} \equiv \sqrt{g^{-1}f}$

$$e_0(\mathbb{X}) \equiv 1,$$

$$e_1(\mathbb{X}) \equiv [\mathbb{X}],$$

$$e_2(\mathbb{X}) \equiv \frac{1}{2} \left( [\mathbb{X}]^2 - [\mathbb{X}^2] \right),$$

$$e_3(\mathbb{X}) \equiv \frac{1}{6} \left( [\mathbb{X}]^3 - 3 [\mathbb{X}] [\mathbb{X}^2] + 2 [\mathbb{X}^3] \right),$$

$$e_4(\mathbb{X}) \equiv \det(\mathbb{X}),$$

# Massive Bigravity

- *The action of the theory:*

$$\mathcal{L} = -\frac{M_{\text{Pl}}^2}{2}\sqrt{-g}R(g) - \frac{M_f^2}{2}\sqrt{-f}R(f) \\ + m^2 M_{\text{Pl}}^2 \sqrt{-g} V(\sqrt{g^{-1}f}) + \sqrt{-g}\mathcal{L}_m(g, \Phi_i)$$



*Gives dynamics to the reference metric*

*Admits FLRW backgrounds*

- **V**: interaction potential built out of the matrix
- m**: interaction scale/graviton mass
- M<sub>pl</sub>, M<sub>f</sub>**: Planck masses for  $g_{\mu\nu}$  and  $f_{\mu\nu}$
- $\beta_{0...4}$** : free parameters of the theory

# Viabie models on background level

Model	$B_0$	$B_1$	$B_2$	$B_3$	$B_4$	$\Omega_m$	$\chi^2_{\min}$	p-value	log-evidence
$\Lambda$ CDM	free	0	0	0	0	free	546.54	0.8709	-278.50
$(B_1, \Omega_m^0)$	0	free	0	0	0	free	551.60	0.8355	-281.73
<del><math>(B_2, \Omega_m^0)</math></del>	<del>0</del>	<del>0</del>	<del>free</del>	<del>0</del>	<del>0</del>	<del>free</del>	<del>894.00</del>	<del><math>&lt; 0.0001</math></del>	<del>-450.25</del>
<del><math>(B_3, \Omega_m^0)</math></del>	<del>0</del>	<del>0</del>	<del>0</del>	<del>free</del>	<del>0</del>	<del>free</del>	<del>1700.50</del>	<del><math>&lt; 0.0001</math></del>	<del>-850.26</del>
$(B_1, B_2, \Omega_m^0)$	0	free	free	0	0	free	546.52	0.8646	-279.77
<del><math>(B_1, B_3, \Omega_m^0)</math></del>	<del>0</del>	<del>free</del>	<del>0</del>	<del>free</del>	<del>0</del>	<del>free</del>	<del>542.82</del>	<del>0.8878</del>	<del>-280.10</del>
<del><math>(B_2, B_3, \Omega_m^0)</math></del>	<del>0</del>	<del>0</del>	<del>free</del>	<del>free</del>	<del>0</del>	<del>free</del>	<del>548.04</del>	<del>0.8543</del>	<del>-280.91</del>
$(B_1, B_4, \Omega_m^0)$	0	free	0	0	free	free	548.86	0.8485	-281.42
<del><math>(B_2, B_4, \Omega_m^0)</math></del>	<del>0</del>	<del>0</del>	<del>free</del>	<del>0</del>	<del>free</del>	<del>free</del>	<del>806.82</del>	<del><math>&lt; 0.0001</math></del>	<del>-420.87</del>
<del><math>(B_3, B_4, \Omega_m^0)</math></del>	<del>0</del>	<del>0</del>	<del>0</del>	<del>free</del>	<del>free</del>	<del>free</del>	<del>685.30</del>	<del>0.0023</del>	<del>-351.14</del>
$(B_1, B_2, B_3, \Omega_m^0)$	0	free	free	free	0	free	546.50	0.8582	-279.61
<del><math>(B_1, B_2, B_4, \Omega_m^0)</math></del>	<del>0</del>	<del>free</del>	<del>free</del>	<del>0</del>	<del>free</del>	<del>free</del>	<del>546.52</del>	<del>0.8581</del>	<del>-279.50</del>
<del><math>(B_1, B_3, B_4, \Omega_m^0)</math></del>	<del>0</del>	<del>free</del>	<del>0</del>	<del>free</del>	<del>free</del>	<del>free</del>	<del>546.78</del>	<del>0.8503</del>	<del>-280.00</del>
<del><math>(B_2, B_3, B_4, \Omega_m^0)</math></del>	<del>0</del>	<del>0</del>	<del>free</del>	<del>free</del>	<del>free</del>	<del>free</del>	<del>549.68</del>	<del>0.8353</del>	<del>-282.89</del>
$(B_1, B_2, B_3, B_4, \Omega_m^0)$	0	free	free	free	free	free	546.50	0.8515	-279.60
full bigravity model	free	free	free	free	free	free	546.50	0.8445	-279.82

● Where  $B_i \equiv \frac{m^2}{H_0^2} \beta_i$

Y. Akrami, T. Koivisto, M. Sandstad [arXiv:1209.0457]

F. Könnig, A. Patil, L. Amendola [arXiv:1312.3208]

# Features and Achievements

- *Gives a dynamical dark energy model.*
- *Phantom behaviour is common ( $w < -1$ ).*
- *Possible non-GR signatures at background level and in structure formation.*
- *Technically natural dark energy candidate .*

# Problems

- *Single Coupling:*  
*Only one metric describes space-time (directly couples to matter)*
  - *Finite Branch: Scalar perturbations are plugged by early-time gradient instabilities.*
  - *Infinite Branch: Vacuum decays immediately because of ghosts.*



# Ways Out

## ■ *Cure gradient instabilities nonlinearly (Vainshtein mechanism)*

E.Mörtsell, J. Enander arXiv:1506.04977

K. Aoki, K. Maeda, R. Namba arXiv:1506.04543

## ■ *Non-FRLW backgrounds*

HN, Y. Akrami, L. Amendola arXiv:1502.03988

## ■ *Doubly coupled bigravity, but there are problems*

Y. Akrami, T. Koivisto, D. Mota, M. Sandstad arXiv:1306.0004

Y. Akrami, T. Koivisto, A. Solomon arXiv:1404.0006

## ■ *Plank mass hierarchy for two metrics*

Y. Akrami, S.F. Hassan, F. Könnig, A. Schmidt-May, A. Solomon arXiv:1503.07521

## ■ *Other modifications of the theory*

*(Quasidilaton, Varying mass, Lorentz violation,  $F(R)$ -bigravity, trigravity ...)*

# Possible metric combinations

**FRLW-FRLW:**

*(homogenous-homogenous)*

$$g_{\mu\nu} dx^\mu dx^\nu = -dt^2 + a^2(t) d\vec{x}_g^2,$$

$$f_{\mu\nu} dx^\mu dx^\nu = -X^2(t) dt^2 + b^2(t) d\vec{x}_f^2,$$

● Where  $d\vec{x}_g^2 = \frac{dr^2}{1 - k_g r^2} + r^2 (d\theta^2 + \sin^2(\theta) d\phi^2),$

$$d\vec{x}_f^2 = \frac{dr^2}{1 - k_f r^2} + r^2 (d\theta^2 + \sin^2(\theta) d\phi^2),$$

**FRLW- Lemaître:**

*(homogenous-inhomogenous)*

$$g_{\mu\nu} dx^\mu dx^\nu = -dt^2 + a^2(t) d\vec{x}_g^2,$$

$$f_{\mu\nu} dx^\mu dx^\nu = -X^2(t, r) dt^2 + Y^2(t, r) dr^2 + Z^2(t, r) r^2 d\Omega^2,$$

**LTB-LTB:**

*(inhomogenous-inhomogenous)*

$$g_{\mu\nu} dx^\mu dx^\nu = -dt^2 + A^2(t, r) dr^2 + B^2(t, r) d\Omega^2,$$

$$f_{\mu\nu} dx^\mu dx^\nu = -X^2(t) dt^2 + Y^2(t, r) dr^2 + Z^2(t, r) d\Omega^2.$$

**Bianchi I-FRLW:**

*(anisotropic-isotropic)*

$$g_{\mu\nu} dx^\mu dx^\nu = -dt^2 + a_1^2(t) dx^2 + a_2^2(t) dy^2 + a_3^2(t) dz^2,$$

$$f_{\mu\nu} dx^\mu dx^\nu = -X^2(t) dt^2 + b^2(t) d\vec{x}^2,$$

# Possible combinations

HN, Y. Akrami, L. Amendola arXiv:1502.03988

Metric combinations				
$g_{\mu\nu}$ (physical metric)	$f_{\mu\nu}$ (reference metric)	$T_{\mu\nu}^g$	Possibility	Reference
FLRW ( $k$ )	FLRW ( $k$ )	PF	✓	Standard
<del>FLRW (<math>k_g</math>)</del>	<del>FLRW (<math>k_f</math>)</del>	<del>PF</del>	<del>×</del>	<del>Present work</del>
<del>FLRW</del>	<del>LEMAÎTRE</del>	<del>PF</del>	<del>×</del>	<del>Present work</del>
FLRW	LEMAÎTRE	Inhom.	✓	Present work & Ref. [26]
<del>LEMAÎTRE</del>	<del>FLRW</del>	<del>Any</del>	<del>×</del>	<del>Present work</del>
<del>FLRW</del>	<del>LTB</del>	<del>Any</del>	<del>×</del>	<del>Present work</del>
<del>LTB</del>	<del>FLRW</del>	<del>Any</del>	<del>×</del>	<del>Present work</del>
LTB	LTB	PF	✓ <sup>a</sup>	Present work
<del>Bianchi I</del>	<del>FLRW</del>	<del>Any</del>	<del>×</del>	<del>Present work</del>
<del>FLRW</del>	<del>Bianchi I</del>	<del>PF</del>	<del>×</del>	<del>Present work</del>
FLRW	Bianchi I	Aniso.	✓	Present work
Bianchi Class A	Bianchi Class A	PF	✓	Refs. [30, 74]
Perturbed FLRW	Perturbed FLRW	Perturbed PF	✓	Standard
<del>Perturbed FLRW (scalars)</del>	<del>Unperturbed FLRW (scalars)</del>	<del>Perturbed PF</del>	<del>×</del> <sup>b</sup>	<del>Present work</del>
<del>Unperturbed FLRW (scalars)</del>	<del>Perturbed FLRW (scalars)</del>	<del>Perturbed PF</del>	<del>×</del> <sup>b</sup>	<del>Present work</del>
<del>Perturbed FLRW (tensors)</del>	<del>Unperturbed FLRW (tensors)</del>	<del>Perturbed PF</del>	<del>×</del> <sup>c</sup>	<del>Present work</del>
<del>Unperturbed FLRW (tensors)</del>	<del>Perturbed FLRW (tensors)</del>	<del>Perturbed PF</del>	<del>×</del> <sup>c</sup>	<del>Present work</del>

# Cosmological implementation of a viable combinations

**FRLW-FRLW':**

$$g_{\mu\nu}dx^\mu dx^\nu = -dt^2 + a^2(t) \left[ \frac{dr^2}{1 - k_g r^2} + r^2 (d\theta^2 + \sin^2(\theta) d\phi^2) \right],$$

$$f_{\mu\nu}dx^\mu dx^\nu = -\tilde{X}^2(\tilde{t}) d\tilde{t}^2 + \tilde{b}^2(\tilde{t}) \left[ \frac{d\tilde{r}^2}{1 - k_f \tilde{r}^2} + \tilde{r}^2 (d\tilde{\theta}^2 + \sin^2(\tilde{\theta}) d\tilde{\phi}^2) \right]$$

$$\tilde{t} = f(t, r)$$

$$\tilde{r} = g(t, r)$$

$$d\tilde{s}_a^2 = -d\tilde{t}^2 + a^2 d\tilde{r}^2 + a^2 \tilde{r}^2 d\tilde{\Omega}^2$$

$$d\tilde{s}_f^2 = -\left(X^2 \dot{f}^2 - b^2 \dot{g}^2\right) dt^2 + 2\left(b^2 g' \dot{g} - X^2 f' \dot{f}\right) dt dr + \left(b^2 g'^2 - X^2 f'^2\right) dr^2 + b^2 g^2 d\Omega^2.$$

**Attractor solution:**

■ *At the late times of cosmological evolution, the transformation functions will be*

$$f = \sqrt{\frac{\Lambda_g}{\Lambda_f}} t$$

$$g = Q_{1,2} r.$$

**FRLW-FRLW**

**Attractor solution**

**In preparation**

# Summary

- *No viable and linear stable model found*
- *Option 1: cure gradient instability nonlinearly?*
- *Option 2: other backgrounds*
- *Option 3: can couple both metrics to matter*
- *Option 4: take small  $f$ -metric Planck mass*
- *Option 5: other theories (modifications/generalizations)*

***Thank You !***

# The possibility of different metric combinations

## Equations of Motion:

$$G_{\mu\nu}(g) + m^2 V_{\mu\nu}^g = \frac{1}{M_{\text{Pl}}^2} T_{\mu\nu},$$

$$\alpha^2 G_{\mu\nu}(f) + m^2 V_{\mu\nu}^f = 0,$$

• Where  $\alpha \equiv \frac{M_f}{M_{\text{Pl}}}$

## Ricci identities + energy-momentum conservation:

$$\nabla^\mu V_{\mu\nu}^g = 0 \iff \nabla^\mu V_{\mu\nu}^f = 0$$



Consistent branches of the theory