

Stueckelberg formalism and phenomenology of non-relativistic gravity

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Plan

- Covariant form of non-relativistic gravity. Relation with Einstein-aether model
- Decoupling limit and self-interaction
- Coupling to matter. Phenomenological constraints
- Outlook

Input from Diego's talk

- In non-relativistic QG 4d Diffs are broken down to foliation preserving subgroup (FDiffs)

$$\mathbf{x} \mapsto \tilde{\mathbf{x}}(\mathbf{x}, t) , \quad t \mapsto \tilde{t}(t)$$

required for **renormalizability**

Horava (2009)

- This leads to a new degree of freedom -- “scalar graviton”

- A pathology-free model is given by the action

$$S = \frac{M_P^2}{2} \int d^3x dt \sqrt{\gamma} N \left(K_{ij} K^{ij} - \lambda K^2 - \mathcal{V} \right)$$

$$ds^2 = (N^2 - N_i N^i) dt^2 - 2N_i dx^i dt - \gamma_{ij} dx^i dx^j$$

$$K_{ij} = \frac{\dot{\gamma}_{ij} - \nabla_i N_j - \nabla_j N_i}{2N}$$

$$\mathcal{V} = -R - \alpha a_i a^i + \underbrace{\text{(higher order terms)}}_{\text{suppressed by UV scale } M_*}$$

$$a_i = N^{-1} \partial_i N$$

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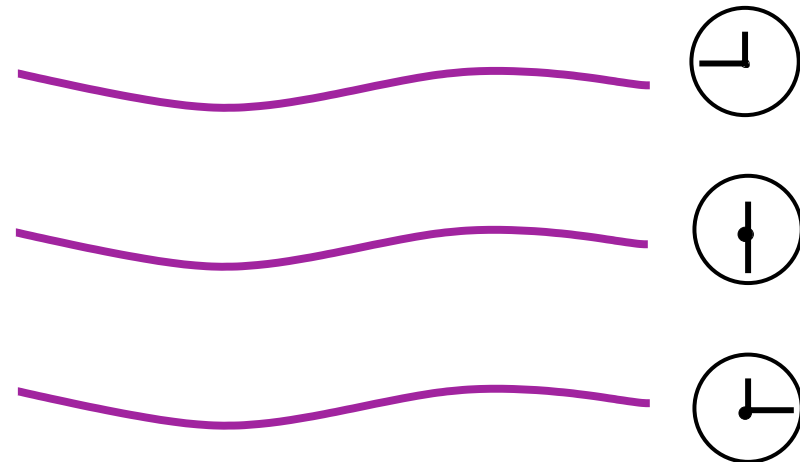
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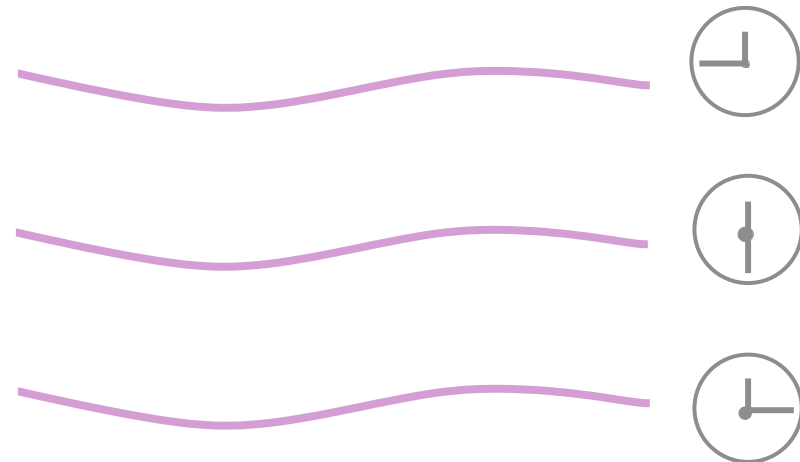
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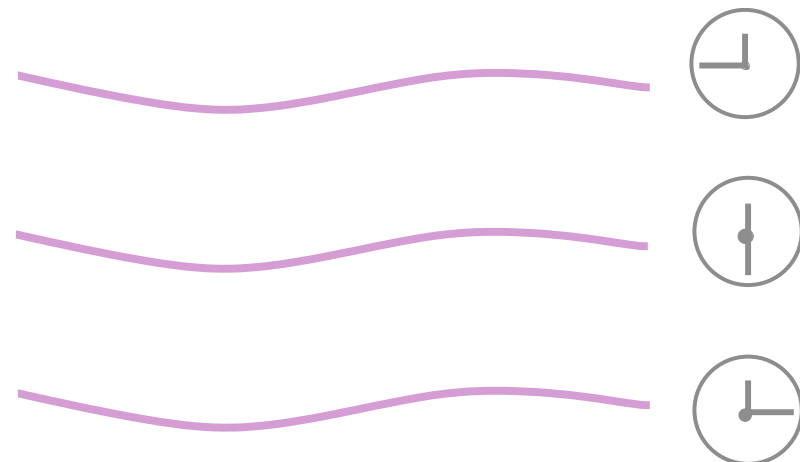
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Stueckelberg formalism II

- Time reparameterizations in ADM frame

➔ symmetry $\sigma \mapsto \tilde{\sigma} = f(\sigma)$

Invariant object -- unit normal to the foliation surfaces:

$$u_\mu = \frac{\partial_\mu \sigma}{\sqrt{(\partial\sigma)^2}}$$

- identify

$$\gamma_{ij} \mapsto P_{\mu\nu} = g_{\mu\nu} - u_\mu u_\nu, \quad K_{ij} \mapsto K_{\mu\nu} = P_\mu^\lambda \nabla_\lambda u_\nu$$

$$a_i \mapsto a_\mu = u^\nu \nabla_\nu u_\mu, \quad \text{etc.}$$

Stueckelberg formalism III

- obtain the covariant action:

$$S = -\frac{M_P^2}{2} \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \left\{ {}^{(4)}R + (\lambda - 1)(\nabla_\mu u^\mu)^2 + \alpha u^\mu u^\nu \nabla_\mu u^\rho \nabla_\nu u_\rho \right\}$$

compare with Einstein-aether model

Jacobson, Mattingly (2001)

$$S_{EA} = -\frac{M_P^2}{2} \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \left\{ {}^{(4)}R + c_1 \nabla_\mu u_\nu \nabla^\mu u^\nu + c_2 \nabla_\mu u_\nu \nabla^\nu u^\mu + c_3 (\nabla_\mu u^\mu)^2 + c_4 u^\mu u^\nu \nabla_\mu u^\rho \nabla_\nu u_\rho + \mu (u_\nu u^\nu - 1) \right\}$$

N.B. In our case there are no transverse vector modes

No-ghost theorem

Action contains higher derivatives

$$(\nabla_{\mu} u^{\mu})^2 = \frac{1}{(\partial\sigma)^2} \left[\square\sigma - \frac{\nabla^{\mu}\sigma\nabla^{\nu}\sigma}{(\partial\sigma)^2} \nabla_{\mu}\nabla_{\nu}\sigma \right]^2$$

Theorem Consider linear perturbations

$$\sigma = \bar{\sigma} + \chi$$

In the frame where background is in ADM gauge,

$$\bar{\sigma} = t$$

e.o.m. for χ is second order in time

Decoupling limit

$$M_P \rightarrow \infty$$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} M_\alpha &\equiv \sqrt{\alpha} M_P \\ M_\lambda &\equiv \sqrt{\lambda - 1} M_P \end{aligned} \right\} \text{fixed}$$

➡ chronon perturbations decouple from the metric

$$S_\chi = \int d^4x \left[\frac{M_\alpha^2}{2} (\partial_i \dot{\chi})^2 - \frac{M_\lambda^2}{2} (\Delta \chi)^2 \right] \quad \Rightarrow \quad \Delta(\ddot{\chi} - \Delta \chi) = 0$$

single propagating mode with linear dispersion relation

$$\omega^2 = \frac{M_\lambda^2}{M_\alpha^2} p^2$$

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- change variables: $\chi = \tilde{\chi} + \tilde{\chi} \dot{\tilde{\chi}}$

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- normalize canonically: $\tilde{\chi} = M_\alpha^{-1/2} M_\lambda^{-1/2} \hat{\chi}$, $t = M_\alpha M_\lambda^{-1} \hat{t}$

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$$M_* \lesssim M_\alpha, M_\lambda$$

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lead to violation of Lorentz symmetry **within the SM**

Coupling to matter II

operators of dim > 4 ($u^\mu u^\nu \bar{\psi} \partial_\mu \partial_\nu \psi$)

UV modification of dispersion relations

$$E^2 = m^2 + p^2 + \frac{p^4}{(M_*^{(mat)})^2} + \dots$$

timing of AGN's and GRB's

MAGIC (2008)

Fermi GMB/LAT (2009)

$$M_*^{(mat)} \gtrsim 10^{10} \div 10^{11} \text{ GeV}$$

N.B. $M_*^{(mat)}$ may be different from M_*

Coupling to matter III

operators of dim ≤ 4 $(u_\mu \bar{\psi} \gamma^\mu \psi, u^\mu u^\nu \bar{\psi} \gamma_\mu \partial_\nu \psi)$

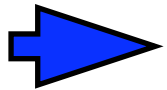
tightly constrained

e.g. dim 4 correct “speed of light” for different species

$$E^2 = m^2 + c^2 p^2$$

experimental bound:

$$|c_\gamma - c_{p,e}| \leq 6 \times 10^{-22} \quad !$$



A mechanism for suppression of Lorentz breaking at dim up to 4 is required

Universal coupling

Minimal coupling to effective metric

$$\tilde{g}_{\mu\nu} = g_{\mu\nu} + \beta u_\mu u_\nu$$

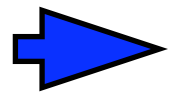
- trade $g_{\mu\nu}$ for $\tilde{g}_{\mu\nu}$

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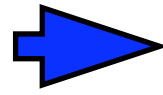
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- exploit connection to Einstein-aether

- Absence of gravitational Cherenkov losses by UHECR



$$c_g, c_\chi \geq 1$$



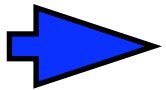
$$\beta \leq 1, \quad \frac{\lambda' - \beta}{\alpha} \geq 1$$

- Newton law vs Friedman equation

$$G_N = \frac{1}{8\pi M_P^2 (1 - \alpha/2)} \neq G_{cosm} = \frac{1}{8\pi M_P^2 (1 + 3\lambda'/2 - \beta)}$$

$$H^2 = \frac{8\pi}{3} G_{cosm} \rho$$


BBN bound: $|G_{cosm}/G_N - 1| \leq 0.13$



$$\alpha, \beta, \lambda' \lesssim 0.1$$

PPN parameters I

Spherically symmetric solutions the same as in Einstein-aether

→ all PPN parameters the same as in GR
except α_1^{PPN} , α_2^{PPN}

measure preferred
frame effects

PPN parameters II

Gravitational field of a compact object in its rest frame

$$h_{00} = -2G_N \frac{m}{r} \left(1 - \frac{\alpha_2^{PPN}}{2} \frac{(x^i v^i)^2}{r^2} \right)$$

$$h_{0i} = \frac{\alpha_1^{PPN}}{2} G_N \frac{m}{r} v^i$$

$$h_{ij} = -2G_N \frac{m}{r} \delta_{ij}$$

velocity with respect
to preferred frame



Solar system bounds:

$$|\alpha_1^{PPN}| \lesssim 10^{-4}, \quad |\alpha_2^{PPN}| \lesssim 10^{-7}$$

PPN parameters III

$$\alpha_1^{PPN} = -4(\alpha + 2\beta)$$

$$\alpha_2^{PPN} = \frac{(\alpha + 2\beta)(\alpha - \lambda' + 3\beta)}{2(\lambda' - \beta)}$$

- vanish if $\alpha + 2\beta = 0$
- α_2^{PPN} vanishes when $\beta = 0$, $\lambda' = \alpha$ ($c_\chi = 1$)
- barring cancellations

$$\alpha, \beta, \lambda' \lesssim 10^{-7} \div 10^{-6}$$

+ Absence of strong coupling  upper bound
on the scale of quantum gravity

$$M_* \lesssim 10^{15} \div 10^{16} \text{ GeV}$$

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SUSY breaking generates dim 4 LV operators suppressed by

$$\left(m_{soft}/M_*\right)^2$$

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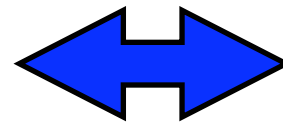
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- Implications for cosmology: CMB and LSS
- Inflation
- Phenomenology of instantaneous interaction



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