

# Minimal Theory of Massive gravity

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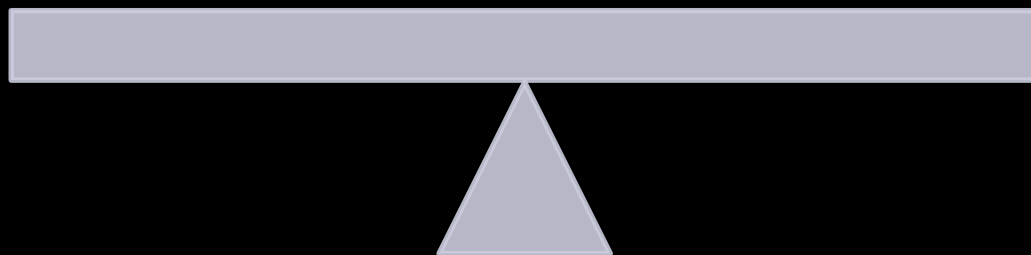
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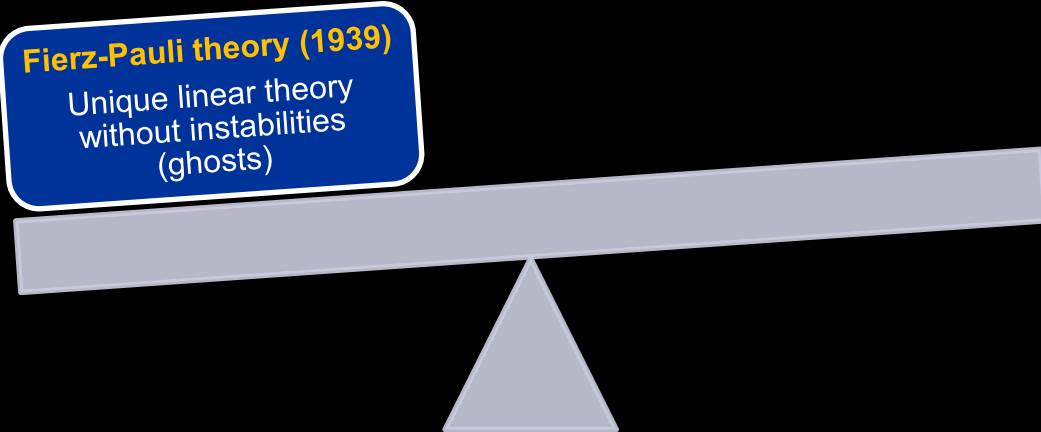
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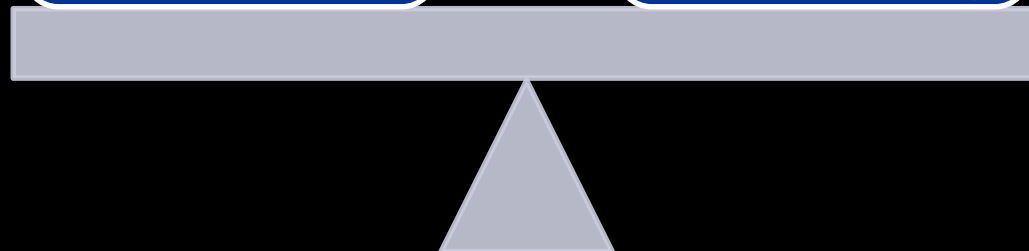
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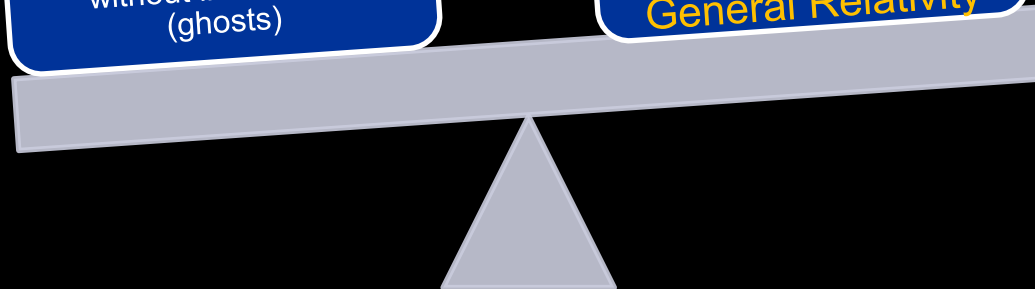
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# Nonlinear massive gravity

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- First example of fully nonlinear massive gravity without BD ghost since 1972!
- Purely classical (but technically natural)
- Properties of 5 d.o.f. depend on background

- **4 scalar fields  $\phi^a$  ( $a=0,1,2,3$ )**

- **Poincare symmetry in the field space:**

$$\phi^a \rightarrow \phi^a + c^a, \quad \phi^a \rightarrow \Lambda_b^a \phi^b$$



$$f_{\mu\nu} \equiv \eta_{ab} \partial_\mu \phi^a \partial_\nu \phi^b$$

fiducial metric

Pullback of  
Minkowski metric in field space  
to spacetime

# Systematic resummation

de Rham, Gabadadze & Tolley 2010

$$I_{mass}[g_{\mu\nu}, f_{\mu\nu}] = M_{Pl}^2 m_g^2 \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} (\mathcal{L}_2 + \alpha_3 \mathcal{L}_3 + \alpha_4 \mathcal{L}_4)$$

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$$\mathcal{K}_\nu^\mu = \delta_\nu^\mu - \left( \sqrt{g^{-1} f} \right)^\mu_\nu$$

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

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

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

**No helicity-0 ghost, i.e. no BD ghost, in decoupling limit**

$$\mathcal{K}_{\mu\nu} = \partial_\mu \partial_\nu \pi \quad \longrightarrow \quad \mathcal{L}_{2,3,4} = (\text{total derivative})$$

**No BD ghost away from decoupling limit (Hassan&Rosen)**



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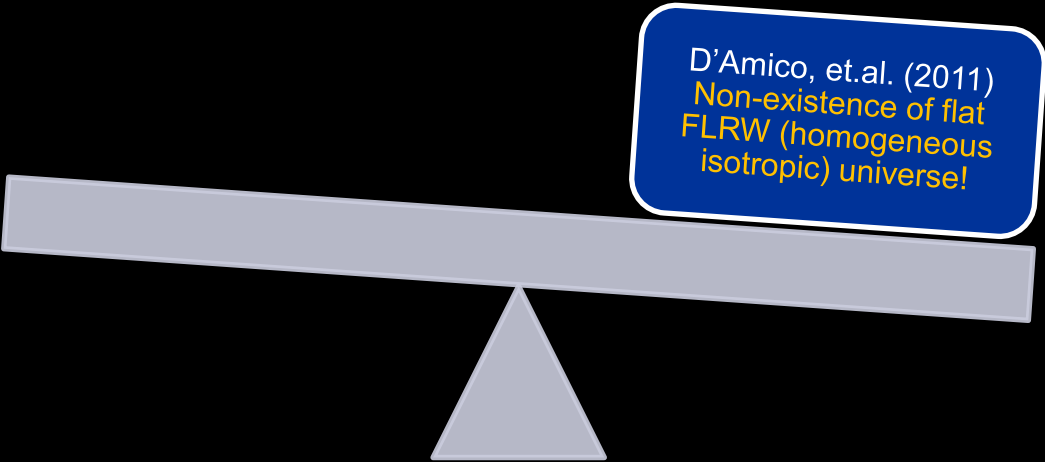
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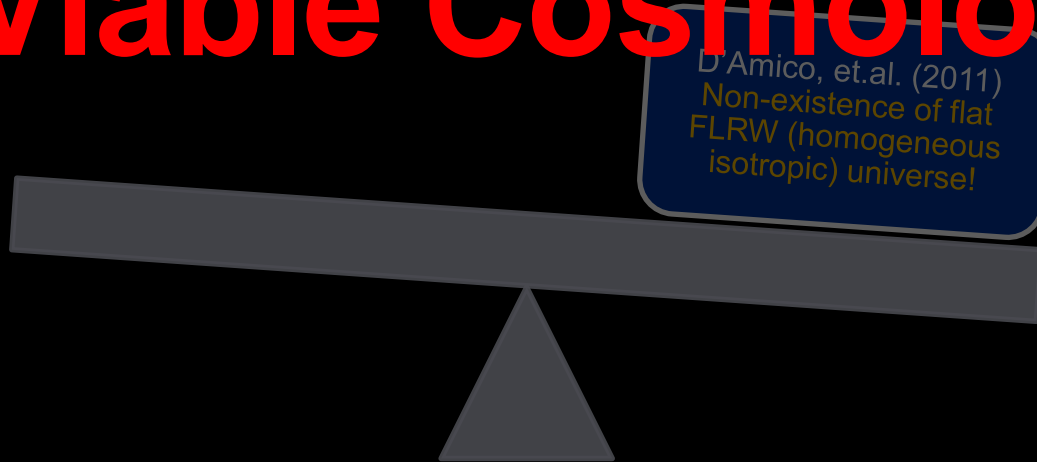
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**Consistent Theory  
found in 2010 but**

**No Viable Cosmology?**



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# Open FLRW solutions

Gumrukcuoglu, Lin, Mukohyama, arXiv: 1109.3845 [hep-th]

- $f_{\mu\nu}$  spontaneously breaks diffeo.
- Both  $g_{\mu\nu}$  and  $f_{\mu\nu}$  must respect FLRW symmetry
- Need FLRW coordinates of Minkowski  $f_{\mu\nu}$

- No closed FLRW chart

$$\phi^0 = f(t)\sqrt{1 + |K|(x^2 + y^2 + z^2)},$$

$$\phi^1 = \sqrt{|K|}f(t)x,$$

$$\phi^2 = \sqrt{|K|}f(t)y,$$

$$\phi^3 = \sqrt{|K|}f(t)z.$$

- Open FLRW ansatz

$$f_{\mu\nu}dx^\mu dx^\nu = -(\dot{f}(t))^2 dt^2 + |K| (f(t))^2 \Omega_{ij}(x^k) dx^i dx^j$$

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

$$\Omega_{ij} dx^i dx^j = dx^2 + dy^2 + dz^2 - \frac{|K|(x dx + y dy + z dz)^2}{1 + |K|(x^2 + y^2 + z^2)},$$

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- EOM for  $\phi^a$  ( $a=0,1,2,3$ )

$$(\dot{a} - \sqrt{|K|}N) \left[ \left( 3 - \frac{2\sqrt{|K|}f}{a} \right) + \alpha_3 \left( 3 - \frac{\sqrt{|K|}f}{a} \right) \left( 1 - \frac{\sqrt{|K|}f}{a} \right) + \alpha_4 \left( 1 - \frac{\sqrt{|K|}f}{a} \right)^2 \right] = 0$$

- The first sol  $\dot{a} = \sqrt{|K|}N$  implies  $g_{\mu\nu}$  is Minkowski

→ we consider other solutions

$$f = \frac{a}{\sqrt{|K|}} X_{\pm}, \quad X_{\pm} \equiv \frac{1 + 2\alpha_3 + \alpha_4 \pm \sqrt{1 + \alpha_3 + \alpha_3^2 - \alpha_4}}{\alpha_3 + \alpha_4}$$

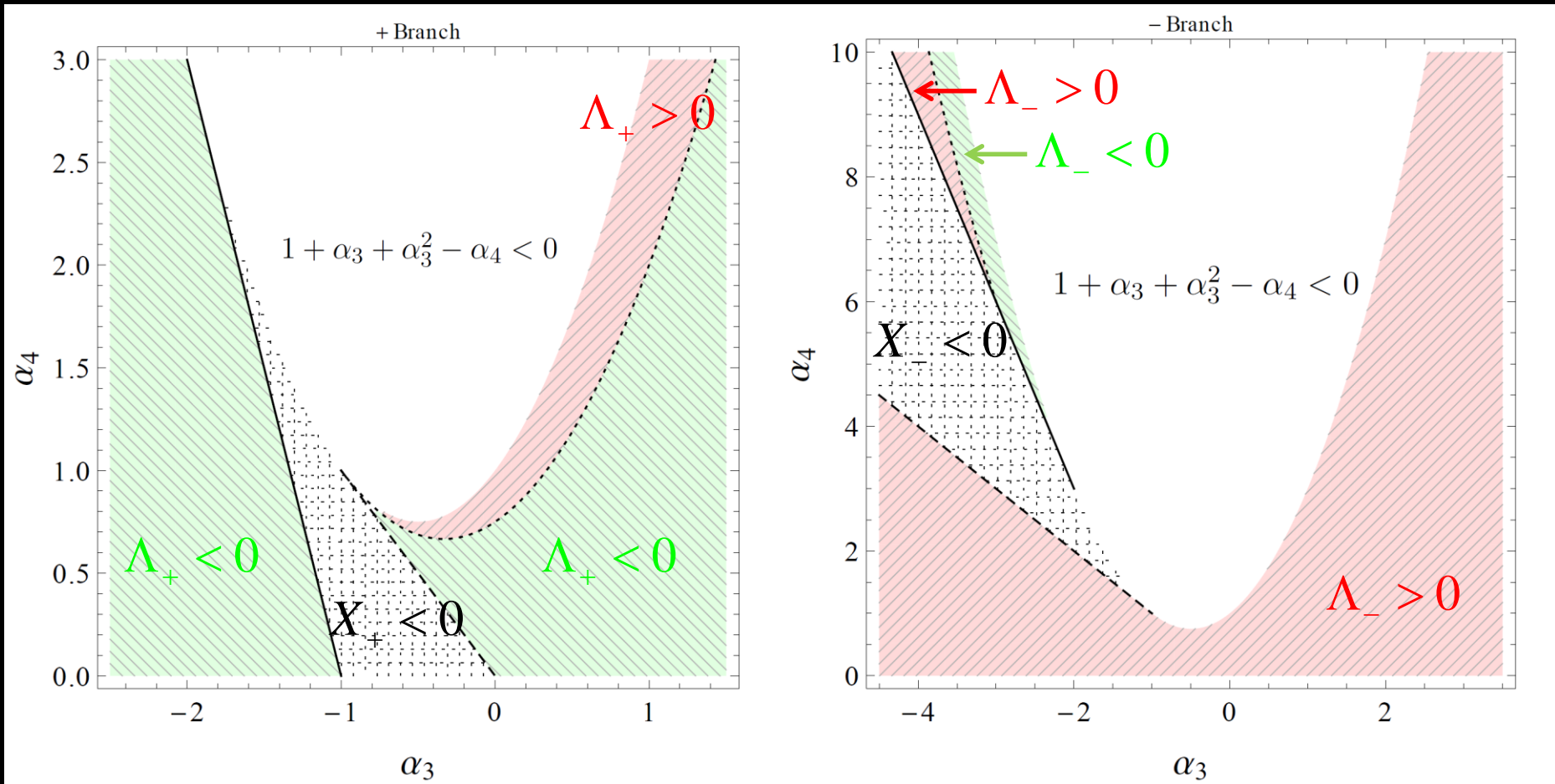
- Latter solutions do not exist if  $K=0$

- Metric EOM → self-acceleration

$$3H^2 + \frac{3K}{a^2} = \Lambda_{\pm} + \frac{1}{M_{Pl}^2} \rho$$

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

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# Nonlinear instability

DeFelice, Gumrukcuoglu, Mukohyama, arXiv: 1206.2080 [hep-th]

- de Sitter or FLRW fiducial metric
- Pure gravity + bare cc  $\rightarrow$  FLRW sol = de Sitter
- Bianchi I universe with axisymmetry + linear perturbation (without decoupling limit)
- Small anisotropy expansion of Bianchi I + linear perturbation  
 $\rightarrow$  nonlinear perturbation around flat FLRW
- **Odd-sector:**  
1 healthy mode + 1 healthy or ghosty mode
- **Even-sector:**  
2 healthy modes + 1 ghosty mode
- This is not BD ghost nor Higuchi ghost.

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- Healthy regions with (relatively) large anisotropy
- Are there attractors in healthy region?
- Classification of fixed points
- Local stability analysis
- Global stability analysis

At attractors, physical metric is isotropic but fiducial metric is anisotropic.

→ Anisotropic FLRW universe!

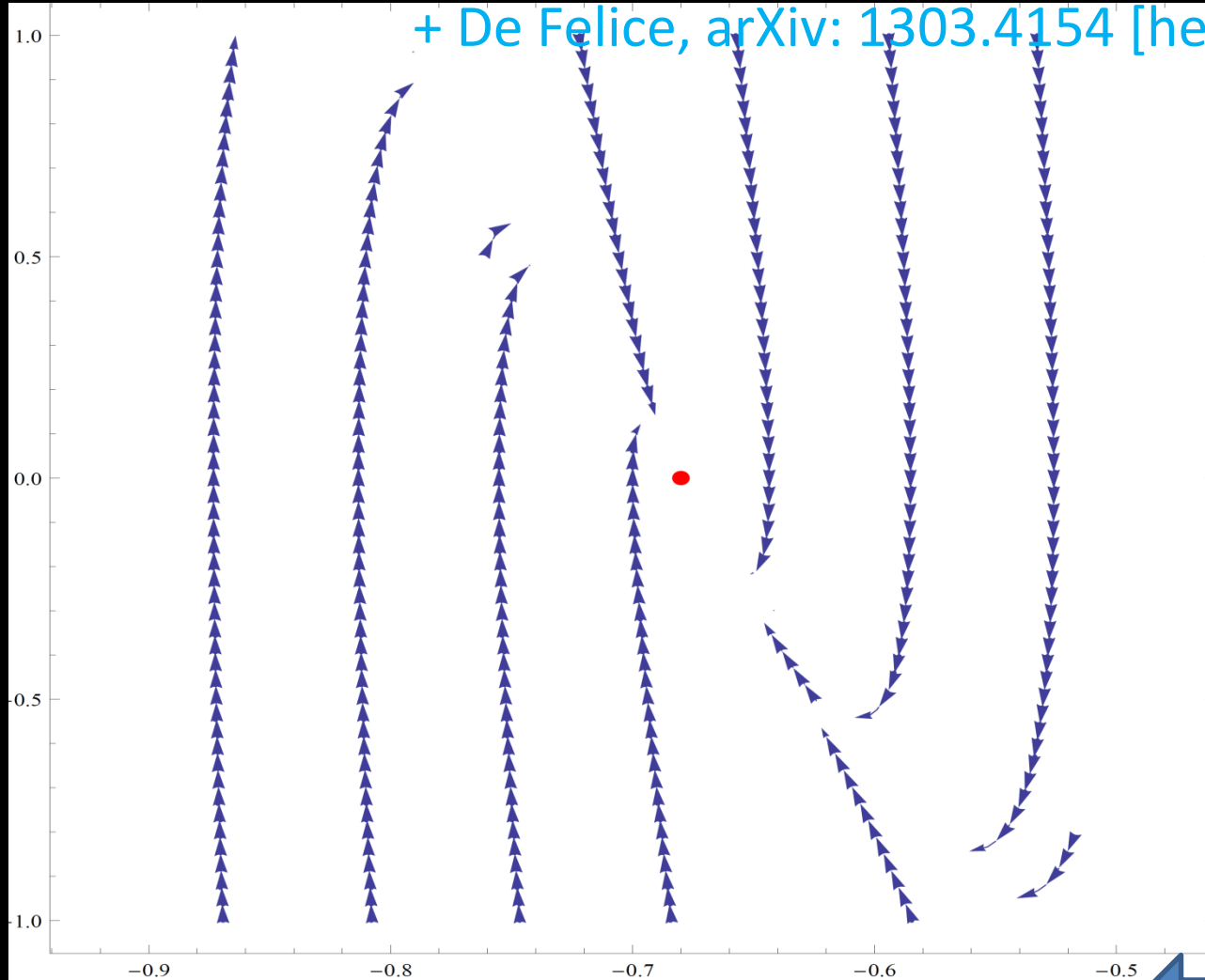
statistical anisotropy expected  
(suppressed by small  $m_g^2$ )

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More recent development

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- 2 physical dof only = massive gravitational waves
- exactly same FLRW background as in dRGT
- no BD ghost, no Higuchi ghost, no nonlinear ghost

## Three steps to the Minimal Theory

1. Fix local Lorentz to realize ADM vielbein in dRGT
2. Switch to Hamiltonian
3. Add 2 additional constraints

(It is easy to go back to Lagrangian after 3.)

# Cosmology of MTMG

- Constraint  $C_0 \approx 0$   $X \doteq \tilde{a}/a$   
 $(c_3 + 2c_2X + c_1X^2)(\dot{X} + NHX - MH) = 0$

- **Self-accelerating branch**

$$X = X_{\pm} \doteq \frac{-c_2 \pm \sqrt{c_2^2 - c_1c_3}}{c_1} \quad \lambda = 0$$

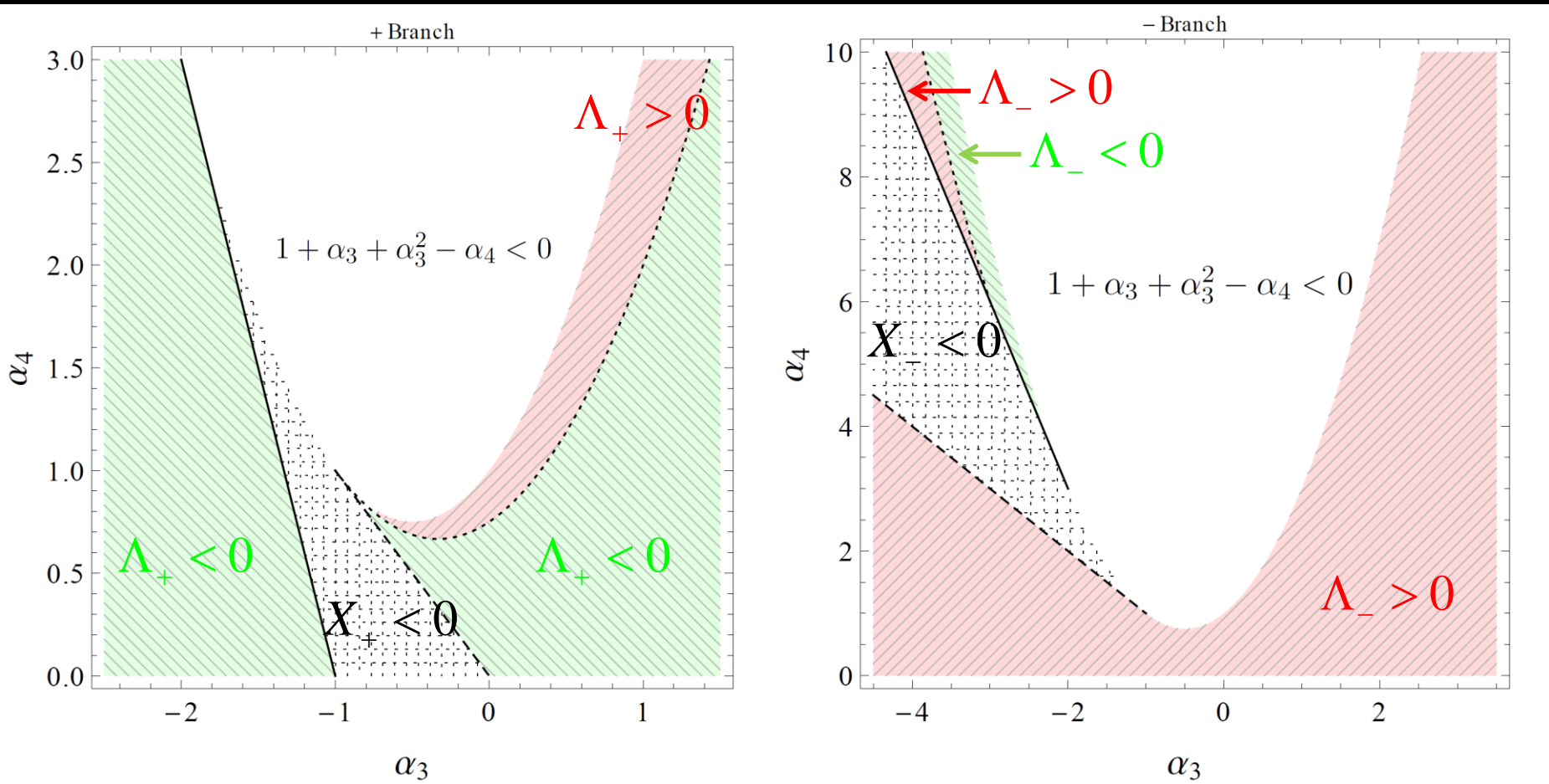
$$3M_{\text{P}}^2H^2 = \frac{m^2M_{\text{P}}^2}{2} (c_4 + 3c_3X + 3c_2X^2 + c_1X^3) + \rho$$

**$\Lambda_{\text{eff}}$  from graviton mass term** (even with  $c_4=0$ )

Scalar/vector parts are the same as  $\Lambda$ CDM

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Dark component with  $w \neq -1$  without extra dof

Scalar part recovers GR in UV ( $L \ll m^{-1}$ ) but  
 deviates from GR in IR ( $L \gg m^{-1}$ )

Vector part is the same as GR

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- All homogeneous and isotropic FLRW solutions in the original dRGT theory have infinitely strong coupling and ghost instability
- Stable cosmology realized in (i) new class of cosmological solution or (ii) extended theories
- Minimal theory of massive gravity with 2dof provides a nonlinear completion of dRGT self-accelerating cosmology