#### Constructing general scalar-tensor theories of gravity: Are they viable?

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- Direct detection of GWs







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- Singularities and Quantization
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...in fact theories with only massless spin-2 particles are fixed to follow linearized GR in the IR (Diff) [Lectures by Arkani-Hamed at IAS]

\*Also Unimodular Gravity (TDiff) [Van der Bij et al. 1982]

$$\frac{i}{p^2 + i\epsilon} T^{\mu\nu} N_{\mu\nu,\alpha\beta} T^{\alpha\beta}$$

$$N_{\mu\nu,\alpha\beta} \sim \eta_{\mu\alpha} \eta_{\nu\beta} + \eta_{\mu\beta} \eta_{\nu\alpha} - \frac{2}{D-2} \eta_{\mu\nu} \eta_{\alpha\beta}$$
[deWitt 1967]

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• Moreover, scalar field can be seen as an EFT

Example: Pion in Particle Physics



**Example**: Scalaron in Gravity



• Today, we will focus on adding a scalar field, but...

Vector-Tensor Theories[Will and Nordtvedt 1972]Multi-scalar-tensor[Damour and Esposito-Farese 1992]Scalar-Vector-Tensor Theories[Bekenstein 2004]Massive Gravity[de Rham, Gabadadze and Tolley 2011]Bi-gravity[Hassan and Rosen 2011]Multi-gravity[Hinterbichler and Rosen 2012]

Alternatively, one could break first principles (locality, Lorentz inv.)
 Horava-Lifshitz Gravity
 [Horava 2009]

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• Useful for testing our current models (GR and  $\Lambda$  CDM)



[Solar System Tests]



[LSS observations]





[Gravitational Waves]

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→ There are 4 free functions of  $\phi$  and  $X \equiv -\frac{1}{2} \nabla_{\mu} \phi \nabla^{\mu} \phi$ 

→ There are non-minimal couplings (with derivatives)

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• Full Horndeski's theory (modern notation):  $\mathcal{L}^H = \sum_{i=2}^5 \mathcal{L}_i^H$ 

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- Incorporates most inflationary and dark energy models!
- Simplest subcases:

Einstein-Hilbert+A: 
$$G_2 = \frac{-\Lambda}{8\pi G}, \ G_4 = \frac{1}{16\pi G}, \ G_3 = G_5 = 0$$
  
Jordan-Brans-Dicke:  $G_2 = \frac{1}{w(\phi)}X - V(\phi), \ G_4 = \frac{\phi}{16\pi G}, \ G_3 = G_5 = 0$ 

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[Reminder] The mathematical objects that describes antisymmetric quantities are the differential forms

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- Example: Lovelock's Theory

[Lovelock 1971, Zumino 1986]

$$\left| \begin{array}{c} \bigwedge_{=0} \mathcal{R}^{a_i b_i} \wedge \theta^{\star}_{a_1 b_1 \cdots a_l b_l} \\ \theta^{\star}_{a_1 \cdots a_k} \end{array} \right| \qquad \text{where } 2l \leq D \qquad \text{and} \\ \theta^{\star}_{a_1 \cdots a_k} = \frac{1}{(D-k)!} \epsilon_{a_1 \cdots a_k a_{k+1} \cdots a_D} \theta^{a_{k+1}} \wedge \cdots \wedge \theta^{a_D}$$

 $\mathcal{L}_{(l)} = \int$ 



#### **Differential Forms Dictionary**

$$\mathfrak{g} = g_{\mu\nu} dx^{\mu} \otimes dx^{\nu} = \eta_{ab} \theta^a \otimes \theta^b$$



- Invariant objects:  $\eta_{ab}$  and  $\epsilon_{a_1a_2\cdots a_D}$
- Basic operations: wedge product, exterior differential, integration...
- Basic identities: Cartan's structure equations and Bianchi's identities

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→ Clear structure in terms of the number of fields: p ≡ 2l + m + n ≤ D
 → Finite basis due to antisymmetry

Contains well-known theories, e.g. Horndeski and Beyond Horndeski

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- The basis is *closed* under exterior derivatives if contractions with the gradient field are included
  - Notation: over bar indicates contractions with  $\nabla^a \phi$

e.g. 
$$\mathcal{L}_{(0\bar{1}0)} = \nabla_a \phi \Phi^a \wedge \theta^*_{\ b} \nabla^b \phi$$

• Additional Lagrangians:  $\mathcal{L}_{(\bar{l}mn)}$  and  $\mathcal{L}_{(l\bar{m}n)}$ 

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Results: 
 — There are 10 independent elements in the basis of Lagrangians
 (4D) 
 — Only 4 independent linear combinations give rise to 2nd order EoM
 –This set can be associated with Horndeski's theory

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[Review by P. Brax 2013]



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Specific signatures in alternatives to GR, e.g. scalar radiation [Eardley 1974]  $\bullet$ 



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• Constraints on Horndeski: Present  $\mathcal{O}(1-0.5)$  and Future  $\mathcal{O}(0.1-0.01)$ 



[Alonso et al. 2016]



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i) Disformal effective gravitational metric  $\mathcal{G}_{\mu\nu} \neq \Omega(x)g_{\mu\nu}$ -Captured by a Weyl tensor in the EoM ii) Vacuum expectation value for the scalar  $\phi(x)$ -Derivative coupling to the Weyl  $\mathcal{W} \supset \partial \phi, \nabla \nabla \phi \cdots$ 

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#### Thank you

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# Back slides

# 2 Ostrogradski's Theorem



#### [Ostrogradski 1850]

• Hamilton's construction:

$$L = L(q, \dot{q}) \Rightarrow \frac{\partial L}{\partial q} - \frac{d}{dt} \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{q}} = 0 \Longrightarrow \ddot{q} = F(q, \dot{q})$$

$$(2 \text{ initial value data})$$

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• Ostrogradski's construction:

[See review by Woodard 2015]

$$L = L(q, \dot{q}, \ddot{q}) \Rightarrow \frac{\partial L}{\partial q} - \frac{d}{dt} \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{q}} + \frac{d^2}{dt^2} \frac{\partial L}{\partial \ddot{q}} = 0 \Longrightarrow \ddot{q} = F(q, \dot{q}, \ddot{q}, \ddot{q})$$

$$4 \text{ initial}$$

$$\underline{\text{Non-degeneracy:}} \quad \frac{\partial^2 L}{\partial \ddot{q}^2} \neq 0 \quad \text{Value data}$$

• Canonical variables (4D phase space)

$$Q_1 \equiv q$$
  $Q_2 \equiv \dot{q}$   $P_2 \equiv \frac{\partial L}{\partial \ddot{q}}$   $P_1 \equiv \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{q}} - \frac{d}{dt} \frac{\partial L}{\partial \ddot{q}}$ 

• Phase space can be inverted (non-degeneracy)

$$H(Q_1, Q_2, P_1, P_2) \equiv \sum_{i=1}^{2} P_i q^{(i)} - L = P_1 Q_2 + P_2 A(Q_1, Q_2, P_2) - L(Q_1, Q_2, A)$$
  
Linear in momentum: INSTABILITY!

• There can be arbitrarily high positive and negative energy states!

• Healthy theories with higher derivatives EoM (*Beyond Horndeski*)

**Disformal transformations:**  $\tilde{g}_{\mu\nu} = C(\phi, X)g_{\mu\nu} + D(\phi, X)\nabla_{\mu}\phi\nabla_{\nu}\phi$ 

Hidden Constraints [Zumalacárregui and García-Bellido 2013]

ADM and Unitary Gauge: Generalized Generalized Galileons

Two new Lagrangians[Gleyzes, Langlois, Piazza and Vernizzi 2014]Not healthy with full Horndeski [Crisostomi, Hull, Koyama, and Tasinato 2016]

 Degenerate Theories: Extended Scalar-Tensor Theories

 Hamiltonian Analysis
 [Langlois and Noui 2015]

 Full Classification
 [Crisostomi, Koyama, and Tasinato 2016]

- Key Point: Ostrogradski's Th. only limits time derivatives (Horndeski's theory was derived covariantly)
  - There can be higher order spatial derivatives
     (inducing Lorentz breaking)
     [de Rham and Matas 2016]

• More on differential geometry:

<u>Metric Formalism</u>

$$g_{\mu\nu} = \eta_{ab} e^{a}_{\ \mu} e^{b}_{\ \nu}$$
  

$$\Gamma^{\lambda}_{\ \mu\nu} = \frac{1}{2} g^{\lambda\alpha} (\partial_{\mu} g_{\alpha\nu} + \partial_{\nu} g_{\mu\alpha} - \partial_{\alpha} g_{\mu\nu})$$
  

$$R^{\lambda}_{\ \mu\nu\rho} = \partial_{\nu} \Gamma^{\lambda}_{\ \mu\rho} - \partial_{\rho} \Gamma^{\lambda}_{\ \mu\nu} + \Gamma^{\gamma}_{\ \mu\rho} \Gamma^{\lambda}_{\ \gamma\nu} - \Gamma^{\gamma}_{\ \mu\nu} \Gamma^{\lambda}_{\ \gamma\rho}$$
  

$$\nabla_{\mu} g_{\alpha\beta} = 0$$
  

$$\Gamma^{\lambda}_{\ \mu\nu} = \Gamma^{\lambda}_{\ \nu\mu}$$

#### <u>Vielbein Formalism</u>

$$\begin{aligned} \theta^{a} &= e^{a}_{\ \mu} dx^{\mu} \\ \omega^{ab} &= \frac{1}{2} \left( \mathfrak{i}_{e^{b}} (d\theta^{a}) - \mathfrak{i}_{e^{a}} (d\theta^{b}) + \mathfrak{i}_{e^{a}} (\mathfrak{i}_{e^{b}} (d\theta_{c})) \theta^{c} \right) \\ \mathcal{R}^{a}_{\ b} &= \mathcal{D} \omega^{a}_{\ b} = d\omega^{a}_{\ b} + \omega^{a}_{\ c} \wedge \omega^{c}_{\ b} \\ \omega_{ab} &= -\omega_{ba} \\ T^{a} &= \mathcal{D} \theta^{a} = 0 \end{aligned}$$

• How to compute the EoM?

(i) Take perturbations:

 $\delta \Phi^a = \mathcal{D} \nabla^a \delta \phi, \ \delta \mathcal{R}^{ab} = 0, \ \delta G_i(\phi, X) = G_{i,\phi} \delta \phi - G_{i,X} \nabla_z \phi \nabla^z \delta \phi$ 

(ii) Use (simple) relations between building blocks:

$$\mathcal{D}\Psi^{a} = \Phi^{a} \wedge \mathcal{D}\phi, \ \mathcal{D}\Phi^{a} = \mathcal{R}^{a}_{\ z}\nabla^{z}\phi, \ \mathcal{D}\mathcal{R}^{ab} = 0$$

(iii) Identify higher order terms:

$$\nabla^{z} \Phi^{a} = \nabla^{a} \Phi^{z} + \mathfrak{i}_{\nabla \phi} \mathcal{R}^{az}$$
$$\nabla^{z} \mathcal{R}^{ab} \wedge \theta^{\star}_{\ ab} = -2 \nabla^{a} \mathcal{R}^{bz} \wedge \theta^{\star}_{\ ab}$$

(iv) Choose appropriate coefficients:

$$\delta(G_i \mathcal{L}_{(lmn)}) \to \text{ higher order } \sim \nabla^z \mathcal{R}^{ab}$$
  
 $\delta(F_i \mathcal{L}_{(l'm'n')}) \to \text{ higher order } \sim \nabla^a \mathcal{R}^{bz}$ 

 $F_i(G_i)$ 

Example: EoM for quartic Horndeski  $\begin{cases} G_4(\phi, X)\mathcal{L}_{(100)} \\ F_4(\phi, X)\mathcal{L}_{(020)} \end{cases}$ 

$$\delta(G_4\mathcal{L}_{(100)}) = \delta G_4 \wedge \mathcal{R}^{ab} \wedge \theta^*_{ab}$$
  
=  $\delta \phi \wedge (G_{4,\phi} \wedge \mathcal{R}^{ab} + \nabla^z (G_{4,X} \nabla_z \phi) \wedge \mathcal{R}^{ab} + G_{4,X} \nabla_z \phi \wedge \nabla^z \mathcal{R}^{ab}) \wedge \theta^*_{ab}$ 

$$\delta(F_4\mathcal{L}_{(020)}) = \delta F_4 \wedge \Phi^a \wedge \Phi^b \wedge \theta^*_{ab} + 2F_4 \wedge \delta \Phi^a \wedge \Phi^b \wedge \theta^*_{ab}$$

$$= \delta \phi \wedge (F_{4,\phi} \wedge \Phi^a + \nabla^z (F_{4,X} \nabla_z \phi) \wedge \Phi^a + 2F_{4,X} \nabla_z \phi \wedge \nabla^z \Phi^a) \wedge \Phi^b \wedge \theta^*_{ab}$$

$$+ 2\delta \phi \wedge (\nabla^a (F_{4,\phi} \mathcal{D}\phi) - \nabla^a (F_{4,X} \nabla_z \phi) \wedge \Phi^z) \wedge \Phi^b \wedge \theta^*_{ab}$$

$$+ 2\delta \phi \wedge (-F_{4,X} \nabla_z \phi \wedge \nabla^a \Phi^z) \wedge \Phi^b \wedge \theta^*_{ab} + \mathcal{D} (F_4) \wedge \nabla^a \Phi^b \wedge \theta^*_{ab})$$

$$+ 2\delta \phi \wedge (\nabla^a (F_4 \nabla_z \phi) \wedge \mathcal{R}^{bz} \wedge \theta^*_{ab} + F_4 \nabla_z \phi \wedge \nabla^a \mathcal{R}^{bz} \wedge \theta^*_{ab})$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{4}^{H} = G_{4} \wedge \mathcal{R}^{ab} \wedge \theta^{\star}_{ab} + G_{4,X} \wedge \Phi^{a} \wedge \Phi^{b} \wedge \theta^{\star}_{ab}$$
$$= \left(G_{4}R + G_{4,X}([\Phi]^{2} - [\Phi^{2}])\right)\eta$$

#### • Example: EoM for arbitrary $\alpha_{lmn}(\phi, X)\mathcal{L}_{(lmn)}$

$$\begin{split} \delta(\alpha_{lmn}\mathcal{L}_{(lmn)}) &= \delta\alpha_{lmn} \wedge \mathcal{L}_{(lmn)} + \alpha_{lmn} \wedge \delta\mathcal{L}_{(lmn)} \\ &= \delta\alpha_{lmn} \wedge \mathcal{L}_{(lmn)} + m\alpha_{lmn} \wedge \delta\Phi^{a} \wedge [\mathcal{L}_{(l(m-1)n)}]_{a} + n\alpha_{lmn} \wedge \delta\Psi^{a} \wedge [\mathcal{L}_{(lm(n-1))}]_{a} \\ &= \delta\phi \wedge \left( \left( \alpha_{lmn,\phi} + \nabla^{z}(\alpha_{lmn,X}\nabla_{z}\phi) \right) \wedge \mathcal{L}_{(lmn)} + \alpha_{lmn,X}\nabla_{z}\phi (l \nabla^{z}\mathcal{R}^{ab}) \wedge [\mathcal{L}_{((l-1)mn)}]_{ab} \\ &+ m \nabla^{z}\Phi^{a} \wedge [\mathcal{L}_{(l(m-1)n)}]_{a} + n\nabla^{z}\Psi^{a} \wedge [\mathcal{L}_{(lm(n-1))}]_{a} \right) + m \left( \nabla^{a}(\alpha_{lmn,\phi}\mathcal{D}\phi \wedge [\mathcal{L}_{(l(m-1)n)}]_{a} \right) \\ &- \alpha_{lmn,X}\nabla_{z}\phi \nabla^{a}\Phi^{z} \wedge [\mathcal{L}_{(l(m-1)n)}]_{a} - \Phi^{z} \wedge \nabla^{a}(\alpha_{lmn,X}\nabla_{z}\phi[\mathcal{L}_{(l(m-1)n)}]_{a}) \right) \\ &+ m (m-1) \left( \alpha_{lmn}\nabla_{z}\phi \nabla^{a}\mathcal{R}^{bz} \wedge [\mathcal{L}_{(l(m-2)n)}]_{ab} + \mathcal{R}^{bz} \wedge \nabla^{a}(\alpha_{lmn}\nabla_{z}\phi[\mathcal{L}_{(l(m-2)n)}]_{ab}) \right) \\ &+ m n \nabla^{a}(\alpha_{lmn}\mathcal{D}\Psi^{b} \wedge [\mathcal{L}_{(l(m-1)(n-1))}]_{ab}) + n\alpha_{lmn} \wedge \delta\Psi^{a} \wedge [\mathcal{L}_{(lm(n-1))}]_{a} \right) \end{split}$$

$$\mathcal{L}^{2^{nd}}(\alpha_{lmn}) = \alpha_{lmn}\mathcal{L}_{(lmn)} + \sum_{j=1}^{l} \alpha_{(l-j)(m+2j)n}\mathcal{L}_{((l-j)(m+2j)n)} + \sum_{k=1}^{m/2} \alpha_{(l+k)(m-2k)n}\mathcal{L}_{((l+k)(m-2k)n)}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha_{(l-j)(m+2j)n} &= \frac{2(l-(j+1))}{(m+2j)(m+2j-1)} \frac{\partial(\alpha_{(l-(j-1))(m+2(j-1))n})}{\partial X}, \\ \alpha_{(l+k)(m-2k)n} &= \frac{(m-2(k-1))(m-1-2(k-1))}{2(l+k)} \int \alpha_{(l+(k-1))(m-2(k-1))n} dX \end{aligned}$$

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