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Hawking-Moss instantons in non-linear Massive Gravity

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In Massive Gravity (MG), the mass of graviton is **non-vanishing**, which breaks the **gauge invariance**

Generally speaking, the dof is

$$10 - 4 = 6$$

Constraint equations Helicity $\pm 2, \pm 1, 0,$



Recently, a non-linear construction of massive gravity theory (dRGT) is proposed, where the BD ghost is removed by **specially designed non-linear terms**, so that the **lapse function** N becomes a **Lagrangian Multiplier**, which removes the ghost degree of freedom.

Non-linear Massive Gravity (dRGT)

C. de Rham, G. Gabadadze, Phys. Rev. D 82, 044020 (2010);
C. de Rham, G. Gabadadze and A. J. Tolley, Phys. Rev. Lett 106,
231101 (2011);
S. F. Hassan and R. A. Rosen, JHEP 1107, 009 (2011)

$$S_{MG} = \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \left[\frac{R}{2} + m_g^2 (\mathcal{L}_2 + \alpha_3 \mathcal{L}_3 + \alpha_4 \mathcal{L}_4) \right],$$

where

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

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

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

$$\mathcal{K}_\nu^\mu \equiv \delta_\nu^\mu - \sqrt{g^{\mu\sigma} G_{ab}(\phi) \partial_\nu \phi^a \partial_\sigma \phi^b}.$$

fiducial metric



Stuckelberg field

Self-accelerating solution is found in context of **non-linear massive gravity**, where two branches exist with effective cosmological constant consists of a contribution from mass of graviton. [A. E. Gumrukcuoglu et. al. JCAP 106, 231101\(2011\);](#)

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

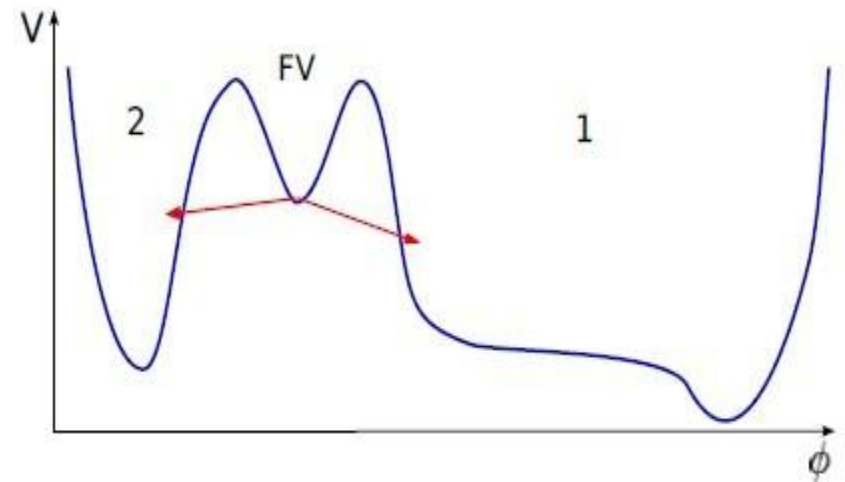
There seems to be some hope to explain **the current acceleration**, but...

still there exists the **Cosmological Constant Problem**

A possible resolution: **Anthropic Landscape of Vacua**

[S. Weinberg, Rev. Mod. Phys. 61, 1 \(1989\)](#)

- The Landscape has several **local minima**;
- the fields can (and will) tunnel from a metastable minimum to a lower one;
- this process is driven by **instanton**.



S. Coleman and F. de Luccia, Phys.Rev. D21, 3305, (1980)

→ it is interesting to investigate how the stability of a vacuum is determined in the context of non-linear Massive Gravity

Setup of model

$$S = S_{MG} + S_m,$$

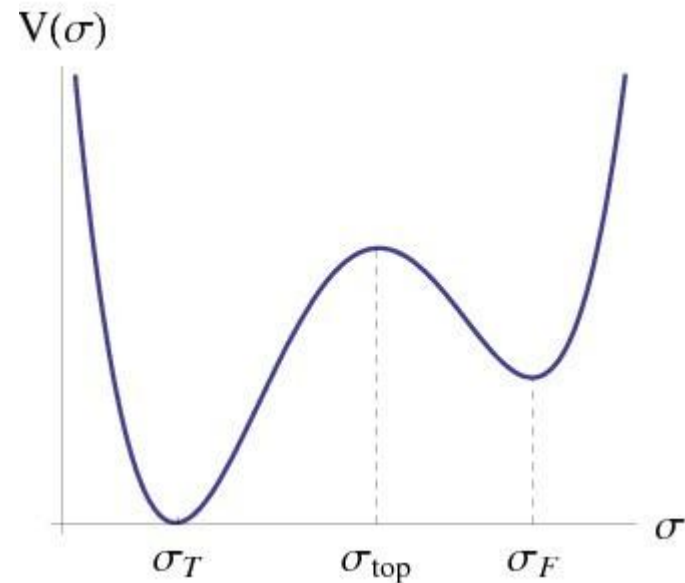
$$S_m \equiv - \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \left[\frac{1}{2} (\partial\sigma)^2 + V(\sigma) \right],$$

- potential $V(\sigma)$

local minima: σ_F

global minima: σ_T

local max: σ_{top}



- tunneling probability per unit time per unit volume

$$\Gamma/V = Ae^{-B},$$

$$B = S_E[g_{\mu\nu,B}, \phi_B] - S_E[g_{\mu\nu,F}, \phi_F],$$

↑
bounce solution

↑
'false vacuum'

Lowest action



usually, bounce solutions are explored by assuming an O(4) symmetry

➤ spacetime metric: Euclidean

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

$$\Omega_{ij} \equiv \delta_{ij} + \frac{K \delta_{il} \delta_{jm} x^l x^m}{1 - K \delta_{lm} x^l x^m}, \quad K > 0$$

Note: the fiducial metric may **not** respect the symmetry

➤ fiducial metric: deSitter

$$G_{ab}(\phi)d\phi^a d\phi^b \equiv -(d\phi^0)^2 + b(\phi^0)^2 \Omega_{ij} d\phi^i d\phi^j,$$

$$b(\phi^0) \equiv F^{-1} \sqrt{K} \cosh(F\phi^0).$$



fiducial Hubble parameter

→ the O(4)-symmetric solutions are obtained by setting

$$\phi^0 = f(\xi), \quad \phi^i = x^i.$$

Inserting these ansatz into the action, we obtain the **constraint equation** by varying with respect with f

$$(i\dot{a} + Nb_{,f}) \left[\left(3 - \frac{2b}{a}\right) + \alpha_3 \left(1 - \frac{b}{a}\right) \left(3 - \frac{b}{a}\right) + \alpha_4 \left(1 - \frac{b}{a}\right)^2 \right] = 0,$$

$\dot{a} \equiv \frac{da}{d\xi}$
 $b_{,f} \equiv \frac{db}{df} = \sqrt{K} \sinh(Ff)$

$$\rightarrow \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Branch I} \quad Nb_{,f} = -i\dot{a}, \quad (\text{equivalent to branch II}) \\ \text{Branch II} \quad \left(3 - \frac{2b}{a}\right) + \alpha_3 \left(1 - \frac{b}{a}\right) \left(3 - \frac{b}{a}\right) + \alpha_4 \left(1 - \frac{b}{a}\right)^2 = 0. \end{array} \right.$$

$$\rightarrow b = X_{\pm} a, \quad X_{\pm} \equiv \frac{1 + 2\alpha_3 + \alpha_4 \pm \sqrt{1 + \alpha_3 + \alpha_3^2 - \alpha_4}}{\alpha_3 + \alpha_4}.$$

Friedmann equation & EOM for tunneling field

$$\left[\begin{array}{l} \frac{3}{a^2} \left(\frac{da}{d\tau} \right)^2 - \frac{3K}{a^2} = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{d\sigma}{d\tau} \right)^2 - V(\sigma) - \Lambda_{\pm}, \\ \frac{d^2\sigma}{d\tau^2} + 3 \left(\frac{da}{d\tau} \right) \frac{d\sigma}{d\tau} - V_{,\sigma}(\sigma) = 0 \end{array} \right.$$

where $d\tau \equiv Ndt$,

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

Hawking-Moss(HM) solution

- **HM** solution can be found at the **local maximum** of the potential $\sigma = \sigma_{\text{top}}$ under boundary condition $a_{\text{HM}}(H_{\text{HM}}\tau = \pm\pi/2) = 0$,

$$a_{\text{HM}}(\tau) = H_{\text{HM}}^{-1} \sqrt{K} \cos(H_{\text{HM}}\tau) ,$$

$$d\tau \equiv N d\xi$$

$$H_{\text{HM}} \equiv \sqrt{\frac{\Lambda_{\pm} + V(\sigma_{\text{top}})}{3}}$$

- inserting this result into the Euclidean action and evaluate by integrating in the range $H_{\text{HM}}\tau = -\pi/2 \rightarrow \pi/2$, we finally express the HM action

$$Y_{\pm} \equiv 3(1 - X_{\pm}) + 3\alpha_3(1 - X_{\pm})^2 + \alpha_4(1 - X_{\pm})^3$$

$$S_E[a_{\text{HM}}, \sigma_{\text{top}}] = -\frac{8\pi^2}{H_{\text{HM}}^2} \left[1 - \frac{Y_{\pm} X_{\pm}}{6\alpha^4} \left(\frac{m_g}{H_{\text{HM}}} \right)^2 \left(2 - \sqrt{1 - \alpha^2(2 + \alpha^2)} \right) \right]$$

standard HM solution Correction due to the mass of graviton $\alpha \equiv X_{\pm} \frac{F}{H_{\text{HM}}} \in [0, 1]$

Comparing with GR case, recalling the tunneling probability $\Gamma/V = Ae^{-B}$, we obtains:

$$\Delta B \equiv B^{(\text{MG})} - B^{(\text{GR})} = CY_{\pm}, \quad C < 0$$

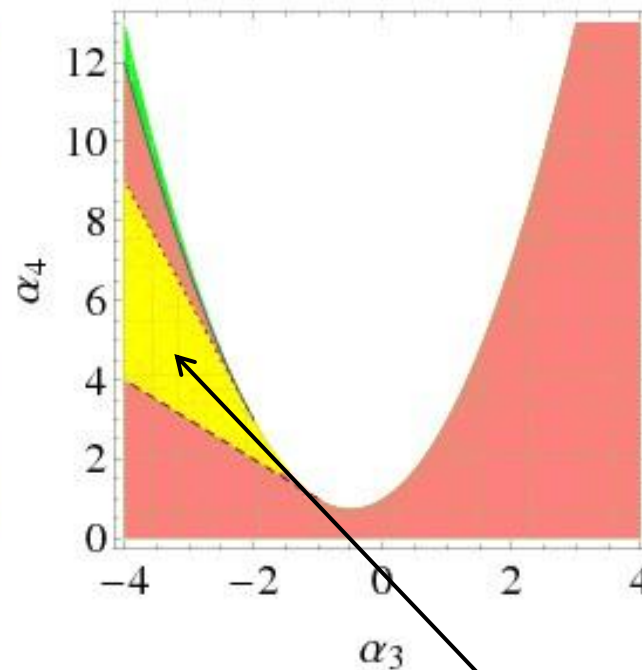
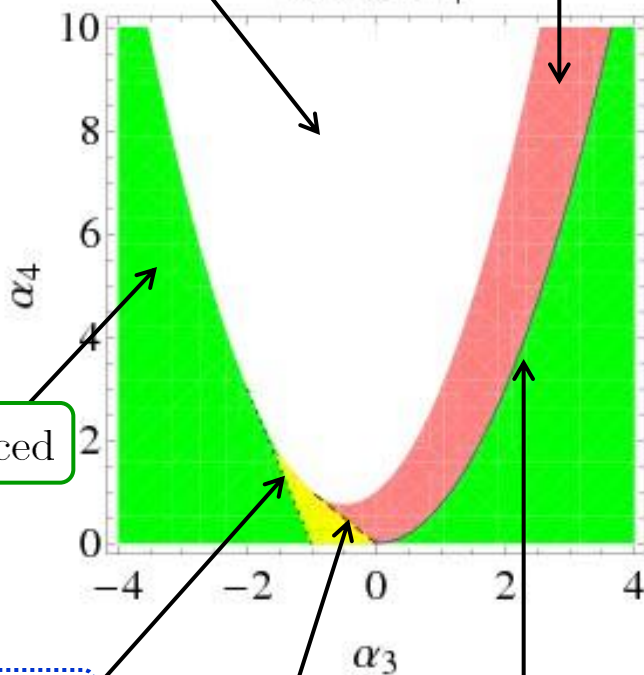
Tunneling rate is **enhanced** for $Y_{\pm} > 0$,
suppressed for $Y_{\pm} < 0$.

$Y_{\pm} < 0$ suppressed

$1 + \alpha_3 + \alpha_3^2 - \alpha_4 < 0$, forbidden

Branch II₊

Branch II₋



$Y_{\pm} > 0$, enhanced

$X_{\pm} = 0$, no solution

$X_{\pm} = \infty$, no solution

$X_{\pm} = 1, Y_{\pm} = 0$, GR

$X_{\pm} < 0$, forbidden

Summary and future work

- We constructed a model in which the tunneling field minimally couples to the non-linear massive gravity;
- corrections of HM solution from mass term is found, which implies suppression or enhancement of tunneling rate, depending on the choices of parameters;
- analysis of Coleman-DeLuccia solutions is under work;
- it would be interesting to investigate the case where the tunneling field couples to the non-linear massive gravity non-minimally.

- Appendix

$$Y_{\pm} \equiv 3(1 - X_{\pm}) + 3\alpha_3(1 - X_{\pm})^2 + \alpha_4(1 - X_{\pm})^3$$

$$S_E[a_{\text{HM}}, \sigma_{\text{top}}] = \int d^3x \sqrt{\Omega} \int_{-\pi/2H_{\text{HM}}}^{\pi/2H_{\text{HM}}} d\tau a_{\text{HM}}^3 \left(2\Lambda_{\pm, \text{eff}} - \frac{6K}{a_{\text{HM}}^2} + m_g^2 Y_{\pm} \sqrt{-\left(\frac{df_{\text{HM}}}{d\tau}\right)^2} \right)$$

$$\Lambda_{\pm, \text{eff}} \equiv \Lambda_{\pm} + V(\sigma_{\text{top}})$$

$$b_{\text{HM}} = F^{-1} \sqrt{K} \cosh(F f_{\text{HM}}) = X_{\pm} a_{\text{HM}} \implies$$

$$\left(\frac{df_{\text{HM}}}{d\tau}\right)^2 = \frac{X_{\pm}^2 \sin^2(H_{\text{HM}}\tau)}{\alpha_{\text{HM}}^2 \cos^2(H_{\text{HM}}\tau) - 1}$$

$$\alpha_{\text{HM}} \equiv X_{\pm} \frac{F}{H_{\text{HM}}} \in [0, 1]$$

- Note: for the Minkowski fiducial metric, $b_{\text{HM}} = \sqrt{K} f_E$, by setting $f_E = -if$

$$\frac{df_{E, \text{HM}}}{d\tau} = -X_{\pm} \sin(H_{\text{HM}}\tau)$$

so we recover the Minkowski one by setting $\alpha_{\text{HM}} = 0$.