

Massive and Partially Massless (PM) gravitons on curved space-times

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1. A short review on Massive Gravity

2. Massive graviton on arbitrary spacetimes.

L. Bernard, C.D., M. von Strauss + A. Schmidt-May
(2015-2016, PRD, JCAP)

3. PM graviton on non Einstein spacetimes.

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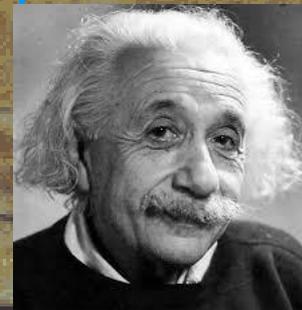
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Historical example the
success/failure of both
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- The discovery of Neptune
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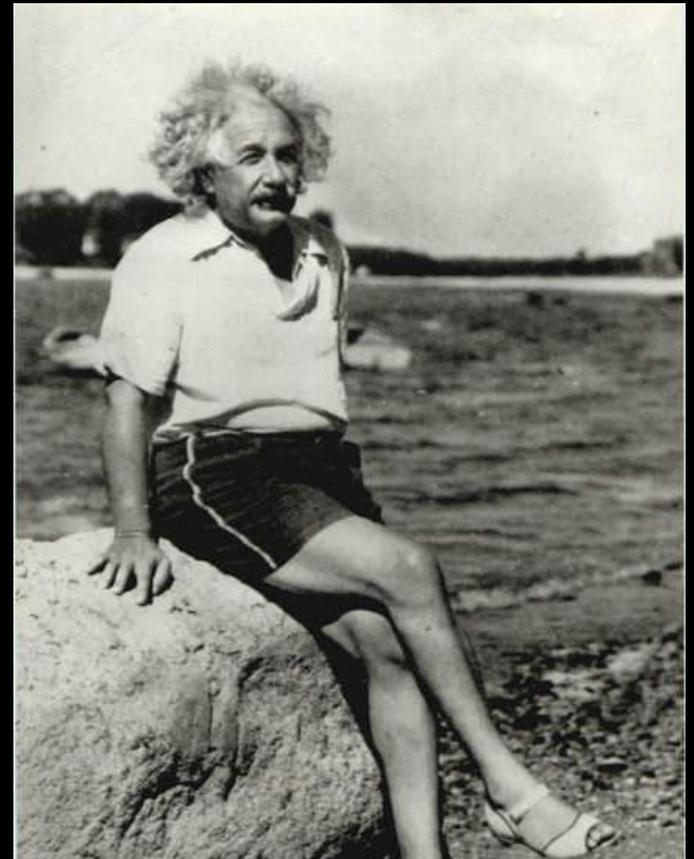
➔ One obviously needs a very light graviton (of Compton length of order of the size of the Universe)

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NB: It seems one of the Einstein's motivations to introduce the cosmological constant was to try to « give a mass to the graviton »

(see « Einstein's mistake and the cosmological constant »
by A. Harvey and E. Schucking,
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- ➔ Theoretical challenge to give a mass to the graviton

(here we will rather stay on this « abstract » side rather than discussing real world applications)

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Fierz-Pauli theory (1939)

is the (only correct) theory of a massive graviton $h_{\mu\nu}$ which propagates on this space-time

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Field equations $E_{\mu\nu} \simeq 0$

with

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Interest: Cosmology ?

The mass term leads to « self

acceleration » (C.D., Dvali, Gabadadze 2001)

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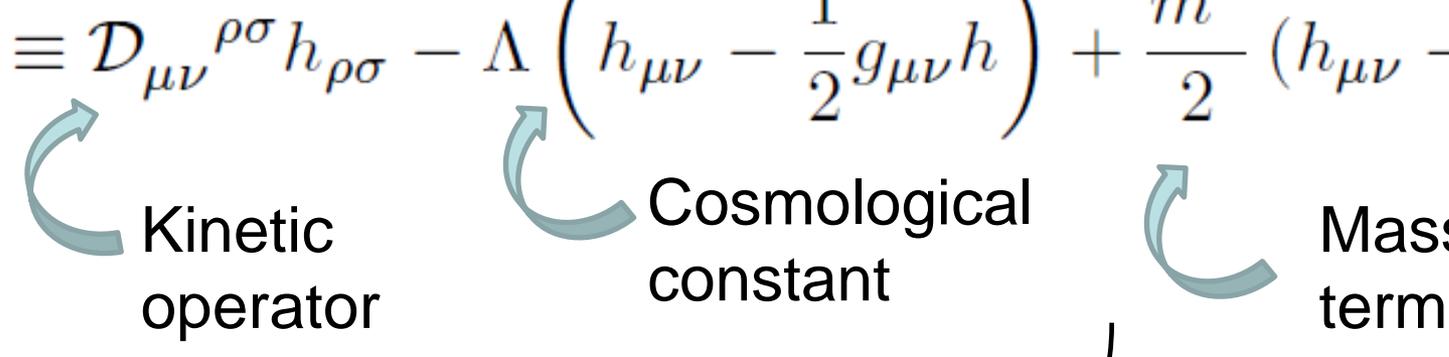
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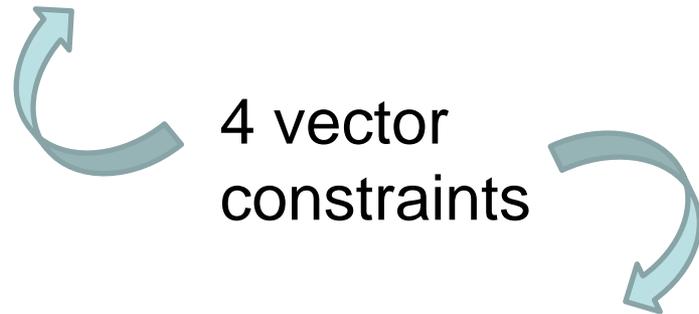
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Hence we have the identity

$$2\nabla^\mu \nabla^\nu E_{\mu\nu} + m^2 g^{\mu\nu} E_{\mu\nu} = \frac{m^2}{2} (2\Lambda - 3m^2) h$$

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Generically: yields $h \simeq 0$

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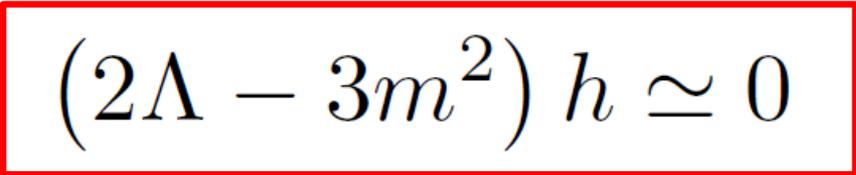
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Shows the existence of a gauge symmetry

$$\Delta h_{\mu\nu} = \left(\nabla_\mu \nabla_\nu + \frac{m^2}{2} g_{\mu\nu} \right) \xi(x) = \left(\nabla_\mu \nabla_\nu + \frac{\Lambda}{3} g_{\mu\nu} \right) \xi(x)$$

Hence, if $2\Lambda = 3m^2$

one has $6 - 2 = 4$ DOF



The massive graviton is
said to be
“Partially massless” (PM)

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This was overcome in 2010-2011 by de Rham, Gabadadze, Tolley (« dRGT theory »)

$$S_{g,m} = M_g^2 \int d^4x \sqrt{|g|} [R(g) - 2m^2 V(S; \beta_n)]$$

Where $V(S; \beta_n) = \sum_{n=0}^3 \beta_n e_n(S)$

with

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} e_1(\mathbf{S}) = \text{tr } \mathbf{S} \\ e_2(\mathbf{S}) = \frac{1}{2} ((\text{tr } \mathbf{S})^2 - \text{tr } \mathbf{S}^2) \\ e_3(\mathbf{S}) = \frac{1}{6} ((\text{tr } \mathbf{S})^3 - 3 \text{tr } \mathbf{S} \text{tr } \mathbf{S}^2 + 2 \text{tr } \mathbf{S}^3) \end{array} \right.$$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} S^\mu{}_\sigma S^\sigma{}_\nu = g^{\mu\sigma} f_{\sigma\nu} = \mathfrak{F}^\mu{}_\nu \end{array} \right.$$

Has been shown to propagate 5 (or less d.o.f.)
in a fully non linear way ...

... evading Boulware-Deser no-go « theorem »

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A related question: can a PM graviton exist on a non Einstein space-time ?

Addressed here...



First, we need to introduce the theory of a massive graviton on arbitrary backgrounds

2. Consistent massive graviton on arbitrary backgrounds

$$S^{(2)} = -\frac{1}{2}M_g^2 \int d^4x \sqrt{|g|} h_{\mu\nu} \left(\tilde{\mathcal{E}}^{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} + m^2 \mathcal{M}^{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} \right) h_{\rho\sigma}$$

Einstein-Hilbert
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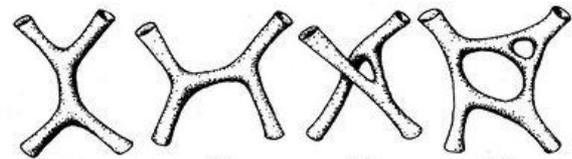
The theory has been obtained in

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1410.8302 + 1504.04382
+ 1512.03620 (with A. Schmidt-May)
(see also C. Mazuet, M. Volkov 2015)

out of the dRGT theory



Can be compared with Buchbinder, Gitman,
Krykhtin, Pershin (2000)



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1. A symmetric tensor $S_{\mu\nu}$ obtained from the background curvature solving

$$R^\mu{}_\nu = m^2 \left[\left(\beta_0 + \frac{1}{2} e_1 \beta_1 \right) \delta^\mu{}_\nu + (\beta_1 + \beta_2 e_1) S^\mu{}_\nu - \beta_2 (S^2)^\mu{}_\nu \right]$$

with β_0 , β_1 and β_2 dimensionless parameters

and m the graviton mass, e_i the symmetric polynomials

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} e_0 = 1, \\ e_1 = S^\rho{}_\rho, \\ e_2 = \frac{1}{2} (S^\rho{}_\rho S^\nu{}_\nu - S^\rho{}_\nu S^\nu{}_\rho), \\ e_3 = \frac{1}{6} (S^\rho{}_\rho S^\nu{}_\nu S^\mu{}_\mu - 3S^\mu{}_\mu S^\rho{}_\nu S^\nu{}_\rho + 2S^\rho{}_\nu S^\nu{}_\mu S^\mu{}_\rho), \\ e_4 = \det(S). \end{array} \right.$$

2. The following (linear) field equations

$$E_{\mu\nu} \equiv \mathcal{E}_{\mu\nu}{}^{\rho\sigma} h_{\rho\sigma} + \frac{m^2}{2} \left[2(\beta_0 + \beta_1 e_1 + \beta_2 e_2) h_{\mu\nu} - (\beta_1 + \beta_2 e_1) (h_{\mu\rho} S^\rho{}_\nu + h_{\nu\rho} S^\rho{}_\mu) \right. \\ \left. - (\beta_1 g_{\mu\nu} + \beta_2 e_1 g_{\mu\nu} - \beta_2 S_{\mu\nu}) h_{\rho\sigma} S^{\rho\sigma} + \beta_2 g_{\mu\nu} h_{\rho\sigma} (S^2)^{\rho\sigma} \right. \\ \left. - (\beta_1 + \beta_2 e_1) (g_{\mu\rho} \delta S^\rho{}_\nu + g_{\nu\rho} \delta S^\rho{}_\mu) \right] \simeq 0,$$

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Linearized Einstein operator

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3. PM graviton on non Einstein space-times ?

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Assume $\nabla_{\rho} S_{\mu\nu} = 0$

(i.e. $S_{\mu\nu}$ covariantly constant)

makes $\tilde{A}^{\beta\lambda}$ and $B_{\rho}^{\beta\lambda}$ vanish.

Space-times possessing a covariantly constant tensor $H_{\mu\nu}$ are severely restricted...

$$\nabla_{\rho} H_{\mu\nu} = 0$$

$$\underbrace{\nabla_{[\mu} \nabla_{\nu]} H_{\rho\lambda} = R_{\mu\nu\rho}{}^{\sigma} H_{\sigma\lambda} + R_{\mu\nu\lambda}{}^{\sigma} H_{\rho\sigma}}_{\downarrow}$$

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Non trivial integrability conditions

Space-times possessing a covariantly constant tensor $H_{\mu\nu}$ are classified as (provided $H_{\mu\nu}$ is not proportional to the metric)

1. Spacetime is $2 \otimes 2$ decomposable

$$g_{\mu\nu} dx^\mu dx^\nu = g_{ab}(x^c) dx^a dx^b + g_{ij}(x^k) dx^i dx^j$$

and $H_{\mu\rho} H^\rho{}_\nu = H_{\mu\nu}$

2. The spacetime admits a covariantly constant vector N^μ and $H_{\mu\nu} = N_\mu N_\nu$

Note further that the definition

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Imposes that $\nabla_\rho S_{\mu\nu} = 0 \implies \nabla_\rho R_{\mu\nu} = 0$

Hence the space-time must be “Ricci Symmetric”

...i.e. the covariantly constant tensor is the Ricci tensor...

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NB: this implies that the Ricci tensor obeys indeed the required relation

Explicit solutions (I)

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dimensionless dimensionful

$2 \otimes 2$ $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} g_{\mu\nu} dx^\mu dx^\nu = \frac{2dx^0 dx^1}{(1 + (R - E)x^0 x^1 / 8)^2} - \frac{2dx^2 dx^3}{(1 - (R + E)x^2 x^3 / 8)^2} \\ \text{type D : } r_1 = \frac{R}{2}, \quad r_2 = -\frac{1}{16} (R^2 - E^2) \\ u = \frac{E - 3R}{4(E - R)}, \quad v = \frac{(E - 3R)(E - R)}{8E} \\ u = \frac{E + 3R}{4(E + R)}, \quad v = -\frac{(E + 3R)(E + R)}{8E} \end{array} \right.$

Analogous to $2\Lambda = 3m^2$



For all these solutions one has

$$S^{\rho}_{\nu} = \frac{2\beta_1}{m^2 c} R^{\rho}_{\nu}$$



There also exist another set of Petrov type D solutions for which

$$S^{\mu}_{\nu} = -\frac{\beta_1}{\beta_2} \left(u - \frac{1}{2} \right) \delta^{\mu}_{\nu} + \frac{\beta_1}{\beta_2 R} (-3 + 4u) R^{\mu}_{\nu}$$

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Conclusions



PM exists on non Einstein spacetimes !

(in contrast with previous no-go claim by Deser, Joung, Waldron
In 1208.1307 [hep-th]...)



Solution for the vanishing

Of $A^{\beta\lambda} + \tilde{A}^{\beta\lambda}$ and $B_{\rho}^{\beta\lambda}$

are not known in full generality !