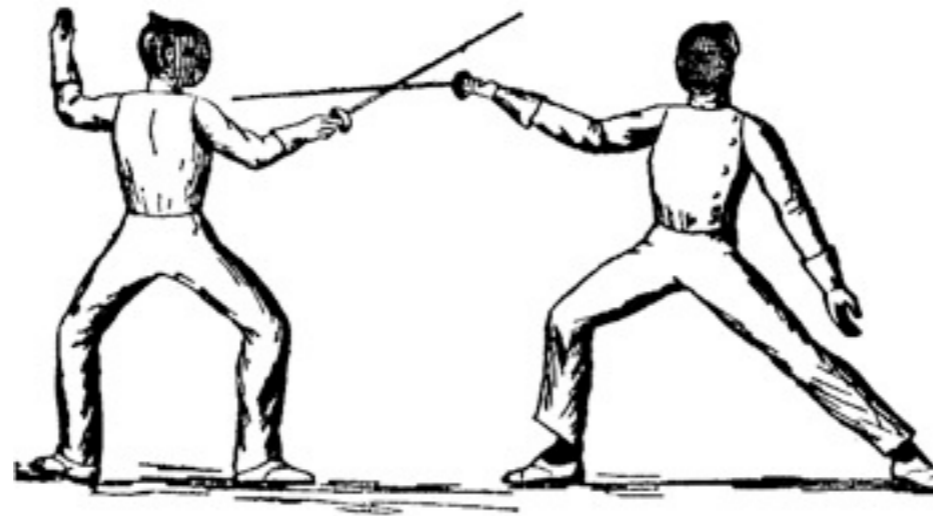


Higuchi **VS** Vainshtein



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The Higuchi bound is a condition that stems from requiring stability from the classical theory of linear Massive Gravity

$$\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{L}_{EH} + \mathcal{L}_m = \sum p^T \dot{q} - \left[\frac{1}{2} p^T \cdot P \cdot p + \frac{1}{2} q^T \cdot Q \cdot q + p^T \cdot P \bar{Q} \cdot q \right] \quad (1)$$

Roughly speaking: **stability \Leftrightarrow Q , P positive definite** (Higuchi + gradient instability)



Essential literature:

A. Higuchi
Nucl.Phys. B282 (1987) 397

S. Deser, A. Waldron
Phys.Lett. B508 (2001) 347-353
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(2)

Let's take a look

example: Fierz-Pauli

$$S = S_{EH} - \frac{m^2}{4} \int d^4x \sqrt{-\bar{g}^{(4)}} h_{\mu\nu} h_{\rho\sigma} \left[f^{\mu\rho} f^{\nu\sigma} - f^{\mu\nu} f^{\rho\sigma} \right]$$

where:

$$f^{\mu\nu} = \bar{g}_{EH}^{\mu\nu}$$

- usual tensor decomposition $T_{ij} = T_{ij}^{Tt} + 2\partial_{(i} T_{j)}^t + \frac{1}{2} (\delta_{ij} - \hat{\partial}_{ij}) T^t + \hat{\partial}_{ij} T^l$

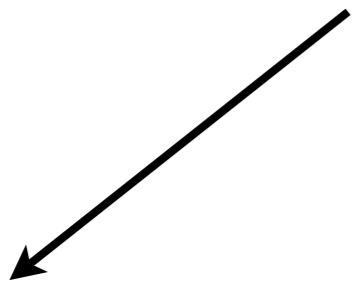
We are looking at the **scalar** here, the helicity 0 mode

- use ADM formalism

- solve constraint equations, solve for p^t, h^t

- canonical transformation: $p^l \rightarrow p_0 + h^t (m^2 - 2H^2) / 4H$; $h^l \rightarrow q_0 + h^t / 2$

$$I_0 = p_0 \dot{q}_0 - \left[\frac{1}{2} \left[\frac{3\nu^2 m^2}{12H^2} \right] p_0^2 + \frac{1}{2} \left[\frac{12H^2}{\nu^2 m^2} \right] q_0 \left(-\nabla^2 + m^2 - \frac{9H^2}{4} \right) q_0 \right]$$



$$\nu^2 = m^2 - 2H^2$$

Immediately then, stability dictates:

$$\nu^2 > 0$$

in this setup, the **Higuchi bound** reads:

$$m^2 > 2H^2$$



Vainshtein radius

a quick derivation:

$$R_{\mu\nu} + m^2 h_{\mu\nu} \sim T_{\mu\nu}$$

$$h_{\mu\nu} \sim 1$$

$$R \sim m^2$$

$$R \sim \nabla^2 \phi ; \quad \phi \sim \frac{GM}{r} \Rightarrow R \sim \frac{GM}{r^3} \sim m^2$$

therefore

$$r < r_V$$

$$r_V = \left(\frac{M}{M_P^2 m^2} \right)^{1/3}$$

$$r > r_V$$

Vainshtein screening mechanism at work here, remember previous talks



C. Deffayet, G. Dvali, G. Gabadadze, A. Vainshtein hep-th/0106001
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Vainshtein Mechanism



remember from above: inside the Vainshtein radius lies the region where one recovers GR,

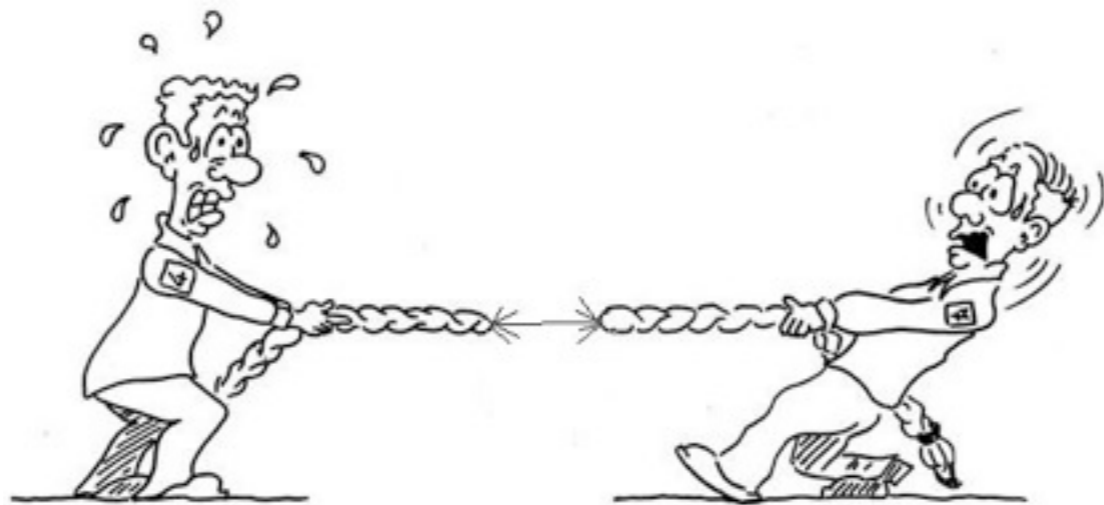
schematically, when presented, as we will be soon, with :

$$3H^2 = \Lambda + 3m^2 \times \Theta(1)$$

one must require

$$m^2 < H^2$$





want our theory to be stable

GR works all around us

$$m^2 > 2H^2$$

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Clearly, there's a **problem...**



But note that, in deriving the Higuchi bound before, **a number of assumptions** have been implicitly made:

*** Shall we add matter content?

*** Shall we use a different reference metric “f”?

*** F-P theory of MG has ghosts. How about a ghost free theory?

*** Something else?

Let's add **matter**:

$$S = S_{EH} + S_{m^2} - \int d^4x \sqrt{-g^{(4)}} \left[\frac{1}{2} g^{\mu\nu} \partial_\mu \Phi \partial_\nu \Phi + V(\Phi) \right]$$

keeping the assumption:

$$f^{\mu\nu} = \bar{g}^{\mu\nu}$$

The Higuchi bound now reads

$$m^2 > 2(H^2 + \dot{H})$$

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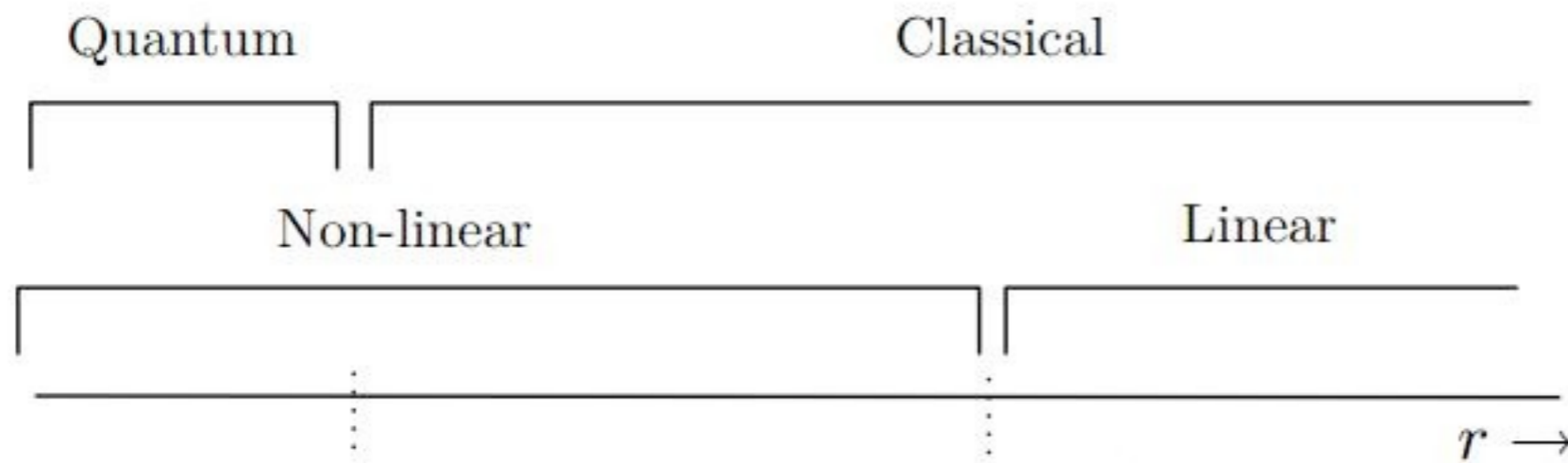
but remember, **Fierz-Pauli** theory has **ghosts** !



dRGT: Ghost-free m.g. theory at fully non-linear level

De Rham, Gabadadze, Tolley
Hassan, Rosen

- * No Boulware-Deser Ghost, at all orders
- * Screening mechanism in the non linear regime that restores continuity with G.R. as m approaches 0
- * High enough cutoff so that the theory different regimes can be described



$$S = S_{EH} + 2m^2 \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \left[\varepsilon_2 (\delta - \sqrt{g^{-1}f}) + \alpha_3 \varepsilon_3 (\delta - \sqrt{g^{-1}f}) + \alpha_4 \varepsilon_4 (\delta - \sqrt{g^{-1}f}) \right]$$



Our set up



* **dRGT** theory of massive gravity

$$S_{m^2} = 2m^2 \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \left[\varepsilon_2(\delta - \sqrt{g^{-1}f}) + \alpha_3 \varepsilon_3(..) + \alpha_4 \varepsilon_4(..) \right]$$

with

$$\varepsilon_2(X) = \frac{1}{2} (Tr^2[X] - Tr[X^2]) ;$$

$$\varepsilon_3(X) = \frac{1}{6} (Tr^3[X] - 3Tr[X^2]Tr[X] + 2Tr[X^3])$$

$$\varepsilon_4(X) = \frac{1}{24} (Tr^4[X] - 6Tr[X^2]Tr^2[X] + 3Tr^2[X^2] + 8Tr[X^3]Tr[X] - 6Tr[X^4])$$

** The reference metric “f” and “g₀” need **not** be **the same**,
parametrize this as:

$$f_{\mu\nu} = (1 + z) \bar{g}_{\mu\nu}^*$$

* in dS

dS on dS

* *alpha's set to 0 for simplicity*

Friedman equation:

$$3H^2 = m^2(3z - 3z^2) + \Lambda$$

therefore:

$$m^2(z - z^2) \lesssim H^2$$

modified Higuchi bound:

$$m^2(1 - z - 2z^2)(m^2(1 - z - 2z^2) - 2H^2) > 0$$

overall then:

$$\frac{1 - z - 2z^2}{3z - 3z^2} \gg 1$$

Higuchi bound:

$$m^2(1 - z - 2z^2)(m^2(1 - z - 2z^2) - 2H^2) > 0$$

in other words, the Higuchi bound has the generic form

$$\tilde{m}^2(\tilde{m}^2 - 2H^2) > 0$$

\tilde{m} is the dressed mass, we ask $\tilde{m}^2 > 0$ to avoid instabilities in the vector sector.

Two branches of solutions:

$$\left[\begin{array}{l} 0 < H < \frac{3}{2}H_0 \quad ; \\ m^2 > \frac{2HH_0^2}{3H_0 - 2H} \end{array} \right.$$

includes the $H_0 = H$ branch

$$\left[\begin{array}{l} H > \frac{3}{2}H_0 \quad ; \\ m^2 < -\frac{2HH_0^2}{2H - 3H_0} \end{array} \right. \quad * 1 + z = H/H_0$$

new branch

apparently, for $H \gg H_0$, $|m^2|/H_0^2 > 1$
this is a much weaker Higuchi bound, but Vainshtein
will require the opposite inequality to hold, a.k.a. :
back to square 1.

Let's switch on α_3, α_4

e.o.m.:

$$H^2 = \frac{1}{3}\Lambda + m^2(z - z^2) - \alpha_3 m^2\left(z^2 - \frac{z^3}{3}\right) + \frac{1}{3}\alpha_4 m^2 z^3$$

Higuchi bound:

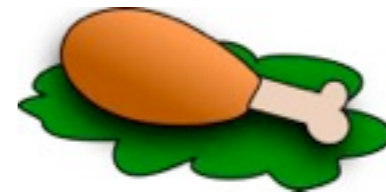
$$m^2(1+z)(1 - z(2 - \alpha_3(-2+z) - \alpha_4 z)) \geq 2H^2$$

The combined **requirement** now reads:

$$\frac{1 - z - 2z^2 - 2\alpha_3 z - \alpha_3 z^2 + \alpha_4 z^2 + \alpha_3 z^3 + \alpha_4 z^3}{3z - 3z^2 - 3\alpha_3 z^2 + \alpha_3 z^3 + \alpha_4 z^3} \gg 1$$

This inequality can in principle be satisfied, but for specifically tuned values of the parameters, which is somewhat unnatural.

Add matter:



$$L = L_{EH} + L_{dRGT} + \int d^3x \sqrt{-^{(4)}g} \left(-\frac{1}{2} g^{\mu\nu} \partial_\mu \Phi \partial_\nu \Phi + V(\Phi) \right)$$

Background eq:

$$H^2 = m^2(z - z^2) + \frac{\bar{\pi}^2}{12} + \frac{V_0}{6}$$

$$\dot{H} = -\frac{\bar{\pi}^2}{4} - \frac{m^2}{2} (1 - z - 2z^2 - M + 2Mz)$$

$$\dot{\bar{\pi}} + 3H\bar{\pi} + V_1 = 0 ; \quad V_1 = \frac{dV(\phi)}{d\phi}$$

$$\dot{z} = -\frac{H}{1 - 2z} (1 - z - 2z^2 - M + 2Mz)$$

$$* f_{\mu\nu} = \text{diag} \left[-M^2(t), (1 + z(t))^2 \right]$$




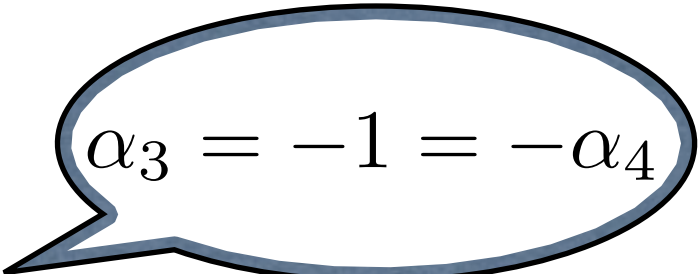
\dot{H} drops out of the Higuchi inequality !

The **bound is independent from the equation of state for matter**

$$\tilde{m}^2(H) = m^2 \frac{H}{H_0} \left((3 + 3\alpha_3 + \alpha_4) - 2(1 + 2\alpha_3 + \alpha_4) \frac{H}{H_0} + (\alpha_3 + \alpha_4) \frac{H^2}{H_0^2} \right) \geq 2H^2.$$



the problem is still there 


$$\alpha_3 = -1 = -\alpha_4$$

One might hope that getting playful with the alpha's could pay off:
it doesn't .Time evolution does not help either.

$$\frac{\text{poly}_1^{(k)}(z)}{\text{poly}_2^{(k)}(z)} \gg 1 \quad \text{structure also makes it hard.}$$



Message

Higuchi vs Vainshtein tension cannot be relaxed in this, quite generic, setup*,

- not by using two different FRW metrics
- not by adding matter

* *partially massless*

In this setup there is **no regime** which is **simultaneously observationally acceptable** and **ghost-free**.

What to do now?

Fully bi-metric theories



done !

In bigravity theories the H - V tension is relaxed for a condition as simple as $H \ll H_0$.

To appear very soon !

$$m_{\text{dressed}}^2(H) \left(H^2 + \frac{H_0^2 M_P^2}{M_f^2} \right) \geq 2H^4$$

new !

Inhomogeneities in the ϕ 's ?



work in progress...

Reasons to be **hopeful**: see D'Amico et al., "massive cosmologies".