

# Self Gravitating Media and Modified Gravity

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which determine its mechanical and  
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Carter 1973, Carter, Langlois 1993

Andersson, Comer 06

many recent applications:

Endlich, Nicolis, Rattazzi, Wang

Dubovsky, Gregoire, Nicolis,

Rattazzi

...

## Geometrical Interpretation

$\Phi^a$  Spatial coordinates of the medium space

$\Phi^0$  Temporal coordinate of the medium space

# operators invariant under internal rotations

$$b \equiv \sqrt{\det \mathbf{B}} \quad \tau_n = \text{Tr}(\mathbf{B}^n) \quad n = 1, 2, 3 \quad B^{ab} = g^{\mu\nu} \partial_\mu \Phi^a \partial_\nu \Phi^b$$

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$$X = g^{\mu\nu} \partial_\mu \Phi^0 \partial_\nu \Phi^0$$

Lagrangian  
coordinates



$$u^\mu = -\frac{\epsilon^{\mu\nu\alpha\beta}}{6 b \sqrt{-g}} \epsilon_{abc} \partial_\nu \Phi^a \partial_\alpha \Phi^b \partial_\beta \Phi^c$$

$$u^\mu \partial_\mu \Phi^a = 0$$

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Shift symmetry + rotational invariance

$$U(\partial\Phi) \rightarrow U(b, X, Y, \tau_n, w_n)$$

# Solids

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Deviation of  $B^{ab}$  from  $\delta^{ab}$  measures solid's strain status

Anisotropic stress is present

$$B^{ab} = g^{\mu\nu} \partial_\mu \Phi^a \partial_\nu \Phi^b$$

# More internal symmetries

Four-dimensional media		
Symmetries of the action	LO scalar operators	Type of medium
$SO(3)_s \ \& \ \Phi^A \rightarrow \Phi^A + f^A, \ \partial_\mu f^A = 0$	$X, Y, \tau_n, y_n$	supersolids
$\Phi^a \rightarrow \Phi^a + f^a(\Phi^0)$	$X, w_n$	
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$V_s\text{Diff: } \Phi^a \rightarrow \Psi^a(\Phi^b), \ \det  \partial\Psi^a/\partial\Phi^b  = 1$	$b, Y, X$	superfluids
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$\Phi^A \rightarrow \Psi^A(\Phi^B), \ \det  \partial\Psi^A/\partial\Phi^B  = 1$	$bY$	perfect fluid with $\rho + p = 0$

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Restricting to just v-diff gives a superfluid  $U(b, X, Y)$

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In flat space dynamical stability is equivalent to thermodynamical stability + NEC:

$$\rho + p \geq 0$$



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	$Y$	$\neq 0$	$\neq 0$	0	3
	$b, Y$	$\neq 0$	$\neq 0$	0	3
superfluids	$b, X$	$\neq 0$	$\neq 0$	0	4
	$b, X, Y$	$\neq 0$	$\neq 0$	0	4
solid	$\tau_n$	0	$\neq 0$	$\neq 0$	5
special supersolid	$\tau_n, Y$	$\neq 0$	$\neq 0$	$\neq 0$	6
special supersolid	$w_n, X$	$\neq 0$	0	$\neq 0$	2

LO self-gravitating media	Map	Massive gravity
$\mathcal{L}(C^{AB}, g_{\mu\nu})$ $\mathcal{O}_{LO} : X, Y, \tau_n, y_n$	Unitary gauge $\rightarrow$ $\leftarrow$ Stückelberg “trick”	$\mathcal{L}(h_{\mu\nu}, g^{\mu\nu})$ $SO(3)$ invariants of ADM’s $N, N^i, \gamma_{ij}$

$$\Phi^A(x)$$

Stuckelberg fields

Similar treatment

Inflation EFT

Cheung-Creminelli-Fizpatrick-Kaplan-Senatore 2008

Einstein aether theory (low energy limit of Horava gravity)

Blas-Pujolas-Sibiryakov 2010  
Jacobson 2010

## Conclusions

- deviation from GR+CC      new DoFs
  - new DoFs interpreted as → medium's excitations
  - DE vs modified gravity: often a matter gauge choice
  - DE mechanical and thermodynamical properties determined by symmetries
  - the presence of a medium → preferred frame
- Lorentz violation is natural
- In progress:
    - observable signatures vs mechanical thermodynamical properties of DE
    - stability around FLRW

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with 5 DoF, ghost free, no vDVZ discontinuity

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# Thermodynamical Stability is equivalent to dynamical stability + null energy condition

For instance take  $U(b)$  Increase of entropy gives:  $U_{bb} = U'' \leq 0$

## Quadratic action around flat space

$$\Phi^a = \delta_i^a x^i + \pi^a(x) \qquad g_{\mu\nu} = \eta_{\mu\nu}$$

$$S^{(2)}[b] = \frac{1}{2}(\rho + p) \int d^4x [\dot{\pi}_T^i \dot{\pi}_T^i - \pi_L \Delta \dot{\pi}_L - c_s^2 (\Delta \pi_L)^2]$$

$$\pi^i = \pi_L^i + \pi_T^i, \quad \pi_L^i = \partial_i \pi_L, \quad \partial_i \pi_T^i = 0. \qquad c_s^2 = -\frac{U_{bb}}{\rho + p}$$

No ghost  $\rho + p > 0$

No gradient instabilities

$$c_s^2 > 0$$

# Media and symmetries

rotational invariant SGM

$$\Phi^a \rightarrow R^{ab} \Phi^b$$

$$R^{ab} \in SO(3)$$

operators: rotational inv. in medium space and spacetime scalars  
to be used in the medium action

Operator	Definition
$C^{AB}$	$g^{\mu\nu} \partial_\mu \Phi^A \partial_\nu \Phi^B, \quad A, B = 0, 1, 2, 3$
$B^{ab}$	$g^{\mu\nu} \partial_\mu \Phi^a \partial_\nu \Phi^b, \quad a, b = 1, 2, 3$
$Z^{ab}$	$C^{a0} C^{b0}$
$X$	$C^{00}$
$W^{ab}$	$B^{ab} - Z^{ab}/X$
$b$	$\sqrt{\det \mathbf{B}}$
$Y$	$u^\mu \partial_\mu \Phi^0$
$y_n$	$\text{Tr}(\mathbf{B}^n \cdot \mathbf{Z}), \quad n = 0, 1, 2, 3$
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$w_n$	$\text{Tr}(\mathbf{W}^n), \quad n = 0, 1, 2, 3$
$\mathcal{O}_{\alpha\beta n}$	$(X/Y^2)^\alpha (y_n/Y^2)^\beta, \quad \alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{R}$
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