

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

Φ^a Spatial coordinates of the medium space

Φ^0 Temporal coordinate of the medium space

operators invariant under internal rotations

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

$$w_n = \text{Tr}(\mathbf{W}^n) \quad n = 1, 2, 3 \quad W^{ab} = B^{ab} - \frac{g^{\mu\nu} \partial_\mu \Phi^a \partial_\nu \Phi^0 g^{\alpha\beta} \partial_\alpha \Phi^b \partial_\beta \Phi^0}{X}$$

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

Lagrangian
coordinates



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

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

$$\nu^\mu = -\frac{\partial^\mu \Phi^0}{\sqrt{-X}}$$

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

Shift symmetry + rotational invariance

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

Solids

$$S = \int d^4 \sqrt{-g} \left[M_{pl}^2 R + U(\tau_1, \tau_2, \tau_3) \right]$$

$$T_{\mu\nu} = U g_{\mu\nu} - 2 \left(U_{\tau_1} \delta^{ab} + 2 U_{\tau_2} B^{ab} + 3 U_{\tau_3} B^{ac} B^{cb} \right) \partial_\mu \Phi^a \partial_\nu \Phi^b$$

Deviation of B^{ab} from δ^{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 |
| $SO(3)_s \quad \& \quad \Phi^A \rightarrow \Phi^A + f^A, \quad \partial_\mu f^A = 0$ | X, Y, τ_n, y_n | supersolids |
| $\Phi^a \rightarrow \Phi^a + f^a(\Phi^0)$ | X, w_n | |
| $\Phi^0 \rightarrow \Phi^0 + f(\Phi^a)$ | Y, τ_n | |
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| $\Phi^a \rightarrow \Phi^a + f^a(\Phi^0) \quad \& \quad \Phi^0 \rightarrow \Phi^0 + f(\Phi^0)$ | w_n | |
| $V_s\text{Diff: } \Phi^a \rightarrow \Psi^a(\Phi^b), \quad \det \partial\Psi^a/\partial\Phi^b = 1$ | b, Y, X | superfluids |
| $\Phi^0 \rightarrow \Phi^0 + f(\Phi^0) \quad \& \quad V_s\text{Diff}$ | b, \mathcal{O}_α | |
| $\Phi^0 \rightarrow \Phi^0 + f(\Phi^a) \quad \& \quad V_s\text{Diff}$ | b, Y | perfect fluid |
| $\Phi^A \rightarrow \Psi^A(\Phi^B), \quad \det \partial\Psi^A/\partial\Phi^B = 1$ | 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
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| Media | Operators | m_0^2 | m_1^2 | m_2^2 | DoF |
|--------------------|-------------|----------|----------|----------|-----|
| perfect fluids | b | 0 | $\neq 0$ | 0 | 3 |
| | X | $\neq 0$ | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| | 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 | τ_n | 0 | $\neq 0$ | $\neq 0$ | 5 |
| special supersolid | τ_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 |
|--|--------------------------------------|---|
| $\mathcal{L}(C^{AB}, g_{\mu\nu})$ | Unitary gauge \longrightarrow | $\mathcal{L}(h_{\mu\nu}, g^{\mu\nu})$ |
| $\mathcal{O}_{LO} : X, Y, \tau_n, y_n$ | \longleftarrow Stückelberg “trick” | $SO(3)$ invariants of ADM’s N, N^i, γ_{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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in the unitary gauge it appears as a set of massive gravity theories
with 5 DoF, ghost free, no vDVZ discontinuity

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| (n, s) $\rho = -U$ $\sigma = s/n$ | $b = s f(\sigma^{-1})$ $\mu = -U_b f'$ $T = -U_b (f - f'/\sigma)$ $\mathcal{J}_\mu = s f u_\mu$ | | | |

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

$$\Phi^a = \delta^a_i x^i + \pi^a(x)$$

$$g_{\mu\nu} = \eta_{\mu\nu}$$

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

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

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} | $g^{\mu\nu} \partial_\mu \Phi^A \partial_\nu \Phi^B$, $A, B = 0, 1, 2, 3$ |
| B^{ab} | $g^{\mu\nu} \partial_\mu \Phi^a \partial_\nu \Phi^b$, $a, b = 1, 2, 3$ |
| 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 | $\text{Tr}(\mathbf{B}^n \cdot \mathbf{Z})$, $n = 0, 1, 2, 3$ |
| τ_n | $\text{Tr}(\mathbf{B}^n)$, $n = 1, 2, 3$ |
| w_n | $\text{Tr}(\mathbf{W}^n)$, $n = 0, 1, 2, 3$ |
| $\mathcal{O}_{\alpha\beta n}$ | $(X/Y^2)^\alpha (y_n/Y^2)^\beta$, $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{R}$ |
| \mathcal{O}_α | $(X/Y^2)^\alpha$, $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$ |