

Nonminimal derivative coupling scalar-tensor theories: odd-parity perturbations and black hole stability

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- 1 Horndeski theories
- 2 The model
- 3 Application to BHs

Horndeski theory

Inputs

- Modify gravity theory.
- Scalar-tensor theory.
- Non-minimal kinetic scalar field.

Modify gravity theory

As we know GR enjoys the following main properties

Einstein equations

$$G_{\mu\nu} = \kappa T_{\mu\nu}.$$

- Is invariant under diffeomorphisms

$$\nabla_{\mu} G^{\mu\nu} = 0$$

- Possesses second order and symmetric EOM

$$\frac{\partial^2 g_{\mu\nu}(x)}{\partial x^2}$$

- The spacetime is four-dimensional
- Only one field enters in the purely gravitational description of the theory, the metric field, $g_{\mu\nu}(x)$

In order to describe *new* gravitational phenomena through *modifications* of GR, we need to relax at least one of the previous features. Many examples of modified theories are known today:

- Higher dimensional theories as Lovelock
- Higher derivative theories
- Massive gravity theories, bigravity, $f(R)$ -gravity...
- Brans-Dicke theory

Let us describe gravity with one extra degree of freedom

$$S[g_{\mu\nu}, \phi, \psi] = \int \left(\phi R - \frac{\omega(\phi)}{\phi} \nabla_\mu \phi \nabla^\mu \phi - V(\phi) \right) d^4x + S_m[g, \psi],$$

Here the gravity sector is described by $g_{\mu\nu}$ and $\phi(x)$. The matter field are coupled only with the metric tensor.

Now we can ask ourself, which is the most general scalar-tensor theory which yields second order equations of motion, for both, the metric and the scalar field?

This question was answered by Horndeski 40 years ago.

$$\begin{aligned} L_H &= k_1(\rho, \phi) \delta_{\alpha\beta\gamma}^{\mu\nu\rho} \nabla^\mu \nabla_\alpha \phi R_{\beta\gamma}^{\nu\sigma} - \frac{4}{3} k_{1,\rho}(\phi, \rho) \delta_{\alpha\beta\gamma}^{\mu\nu\rho} \nabla^\mu \nabla_\alpha \phi \nabla^\nu \nabla_\beta \phi \nabla^\sigma \nabla_\gamma \phi \\ &+ k_3(\phi, \rho) \delta_{\alpha\beta\gamma}^{\mu\nu\rho} \nabla_\alpha \phi \nabla^\mu \phi R_{\beta\gamma}^{\nu\sigma} + \dots \end{aligned}$$

- Here $\rho = \nabla_\mu \phi \nabla^\mu \phi$ is the standard kinetic term of the scalar field.

Was proven that this Lagrangian is equivalent to the Lagrangian coming from covariantized Galileons

$$L = K(\phi, \rho) - G_3(\phi, \rho)\square\phi + G_4(\phi, \rho)R + G_{4,\rho}(\phi, \rho)[(\square\phi)^2 - (\nabla_\mu\nabla_\nu\phi)^2] \\ + G_5(\phi, \rho)G_{\mu\nu}\nabla^\mu\nabla^\nu\phi - \frac{G_{5,\rho}}{6}[(\square\phi)^3 - 3\square\phi(\nabla_\mu\nabla_\nu\phi)^2 + (\nabla_\mu\nabla_\nu\phi)^3],$$

- Now common sectors of the theory can be recognized easily, Brans-Dicke theory, K-essence, GR, etc.

In particular our interest is focused on the theory described by the following term

$$G_5(\phi, \rho)G_{\mu\nu}\nabla^\mu\nabla^\nu\phi$$

which gives us non minimally kinetic coupled scalar fields

$$G_{\mu\nu}\nabla^\mu\phi\nabla^\nu\phi$$

Why second order theories?

For the *free particle* we have:

$$L_{fp} = \frac{1}{2}m\dot{x}^2 - V \quad \xRightarrow{\text{Legendre transform}} \quad H_{fp} = \frac{p^2}{2m} + V.$$

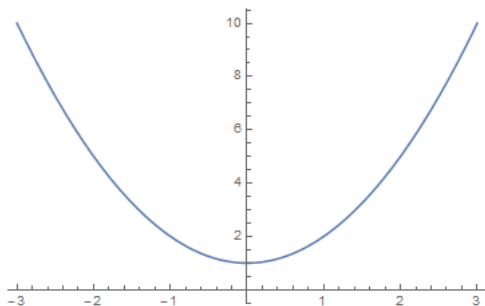


Figure: Energy of particle

Ghost states...

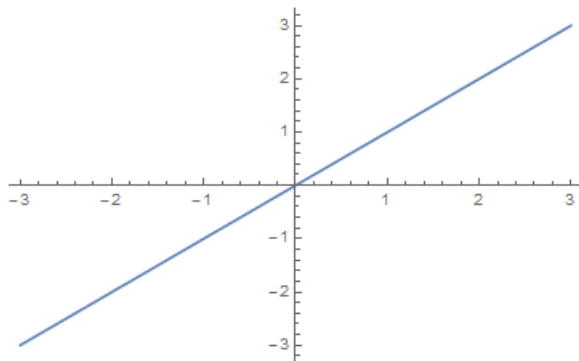


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Towards odd parity perturbations

- The model
- Equations of motion
- Odd-parity perturbations

The model

The action we are working with take the form

$$S[g_{\mu\nu}, \phi] = \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \left[\frac{1}{2\kappa} (R - 2\Lambda) - \frac{1}{2} (\alpha g^{\mu\nu} - \beta G^{\mu\nu}) \nabla_\mu \phi \nabla_\nu \phi - V(\phi) \right]$$

We have:

$$E_{\mu\nu} = G_{\mu\nu} + \Lambda g_{\mu\nu} - \kappa [\alpha T_{\mu\nu} + \beta \Theta_{\mu\nu}] = 0,$$

and

$$\nabla_\mu (\alpha g^{\mu\nu} \nabla_\nu \phi - \beta G^{\mu\nu} \nabla_\nu \phi) - \frac{dV(\phi)}{d\phi} = 0,$$

For simplicity

$$\begin{aligned}
 T_{\mu\nu} &= \nabla_\mu \phi \nabla_\nu \phi - \frac{1}{2} g_{\mu\nu} \nabla_\alpha \phi \nabla^\alpha \phi - \frac{1}{\alpha} g_{\mu\nu} V(\phi), \\
 \Theta_{\mu\nu} &= \frac{1}{2} \nabla_\mu \phi \nabla_\nu \phi R - 2 \nabla_\alpha \phi \nabla_{(\mu} \phi R_{\nu)}^\alpha - \nabla^\alpha \phi \nabla^\beta \phi R_{\mu\alpha\nu\beta} + \frac{1}{2} G_{\mu\nu} \nabla_\alpha \phi \nabla^\alpha \phi \\
 &\quad - (\nabla_\mu \nabla^\alpha \phi)(\nabla_\nu \nabla_\alpha \phi) + (\nabla_\mu \nabla_\nu \phi) \square \phi \\
 &\quad + g_{\mu\nu} \left[-\frac{1}{2} (\square \phi)^2 + \nabla_\alpha \phi \nabla_\beta \phi R^{\alpha\beta} + \frac{1}{2} (\nabla^\alpha \nabla^\beta \phi)(\nabla_\alpha \nabla_\beta \phi) \right].
 \end{aligned}$$

The perturbed metric

$$ds^2 = -A(r)dt^2 + B(r)dr^2 + C(r) \left[\frac{dz^2}{1 - kz^2} + (1 - kz^2)(d\varphi + k_1 dt + k_2 dr + k_3 dz)^2 \right],$$

- $\phi = \phi_0(r) + \epsilon\Phi(t, r, z)$

Considering the Einstein field equations only at first order in ϵ , we find that

$$E_r^t = \epsilon\kappa \frac{d\phi_0}{dr} \left[\alpha \frac{\partial_t \Phi}{A} - \frac{\beta}{ABC} \left(\frac{1}{2} \frac{A_r C_r}{A} + \frac{1}{4} \frac{C_r^2}{C} - kB - C_r \partial_r \right) \partial_t \Phi \right] + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon^2) = 0,$$

$$E_z^r = -\epsilon\kappa \frac{d\phi_0}{dr} \left[\alpha \frac{\partial_z \Phi}{B} - \frac{\beta}{B^2 C} \left(\frac{1}{2} \frac{A_r C_r}{A} + \frac{1}{4} \frac{C_r^2}{C} - \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{AC_r + CA_r}{A} \right) \partial_r \right) \partial_z \Phi \right] + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon^2) = 0,$$

- $\Phi = 0$

BUT!

$$\begin{aligned}
 E_r^\varphi &= \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \left[\frac{A}{C} \left\{ 1 + \frac{\beta\kappa}{2B} \left(\frac{d\phi_0}{dr} \right)^2 \right\} (1 - kz^2)^2 (\partial_z k_2 - \partial_r k_3) \right] \\
 &+ \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left[\left\{ 1 + \frac{\beta\kappa}{2B} \left(\frac{d\phi_0}{dr} \right)^2 \right\} (1 - kz^2) (\partial_r k_1 - \partial_t k_2) \right] = 0, \\
 E_\varphi^t &= \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \left[C \sqrt{\frac{B}{A}} \left\{ 1 - \frac{\beta\kappa}{2B} \left(\frac{d\phi_0}{dr} \right)^2 \right\} (1 - kz^2)^2 (\partial_z k_1 - \partial_t k_3) \right] \\
 &+ \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left[\frac{C^2}{\sqrt{AB}} \left\{ 1 + \frac{\beta\kappa}{2B} \left(\frac{d\phi_0}{dr} \right)^2 \right\} (1 - kz^2) (\partial_r k_1 - \partial_t k_2) \right] = 0, \\
 E_\varphi^z &= \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left[C \sqrt{\frac{A}{B}} \left\{ 1 + \frac{\beta\kappa}{2B} \left(\frac{d\phi_0}{dr} \right)^2 \right\} (\partial_z k_2 - \partial_r k_3) \right] \\
 &+ \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left[C \sqrt{\frac{B}{A}} \left\{ 1 - \frac{\beta\kappa}{2B} \left(\frac{d\phi_0}{dr} \right)^2 \right\} (\partial_t k_3 - \partial_z k_1) \right] = 0.
 \end{aligned}$$

The important thing is...

$$\frac{C^2}{\sqrt{AB}} \mathcal{P}_{(+)} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left[\frac{1}{C} \sqrt{\frac{A}{B}} \frac{1}{\mathcal{P}_{(-)}} \frac{\partial Q}{\partial r} \right] + (1 - kz^2)^2 \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \left[\frac{1}{(1 - kz^2)} \frac{\partial Q}{\partial z} \right] = \frac{C}{A} \partial_t^2 Q. \quad (1)$$

- $Q = C \sqrt{\frac{A}{B}} \mathcal{P}_{(+)} (1 - kz^2)^2 (\partial_z k_2 - \partial_r k_3),$
- $\mathcal{P}(r)_{(\pm)} = 1 \pm \frac{\beta \kappa}{2B} \left(\frac{d\phi_0}{dr} \right)^2.$

The mathematical methods courses are useful!

$$\rightarrow Q = Q(r, t) D(z)$$

The master equation

$$\Psi(r^*, t) = [\mathcal{C}\mathcal{P}_{(-)}]^{-1/2} Q(r, t)$$

- Fourier decomposition: $\Psi = \int \Psi_\omega e^{i\omega t} dt$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{H}\Psi_\omega &:= -\frac{\partial^2 \Psi_\omega}{\partial r^{*2}} + \left(\gamma \frac{A}{\mathcal{C}\mathcal{P}_{(+)}} + \frac{3}{4\mathcal{C}^2} \left(\frac{d\mathcal{C}}{dr^*} \right)^2 - \frac{1}{2\mathcal{C}} \frac{d^2 \mathcal{C}}{dr^{*2}} + \frac{3}{4\mathcal{P}_{(-)}^2} \left(\frac{d\mathcal{P}_{(-)}}{dr^*} \right)^2 \right. \\ &\quad \left. - \frac{1}{2\mathcal{P}_{(-)}} \frac{d^2 \mathcal{P}_{(-)}}{dr^{*2}} + \frac{1}{2\mathcal{C}\mathcal{P}_{(-)}} \frac{d\mathcal{C}}{dr^*} \frac{d\mathcal{P}_{(-)}}{dr^*} \right) \Psi_\omega = \omega_{\text{eff}}^2 \Psi_\omega, \\ &= -\frac{\partial^2 \Psi_\omega}{\partial r^{*2}} + V \Psi_\omega = \omega_{\text{eff}}^2 \Psi_\omega, \end{aligned}$$

- $\omega_{\text{eff}}^2 = \frac{\mathcal{P}_{(-)}}{\mathcal{P}_{(+)}} \omega^2.$

The spectrum

$$\int dr^* (\Psi_\omega)^* \mathcal{H} \Psi_\omega = \int dr^* [|D\Psi_\omega|^2 + V_S |\Psi_\omega|^2] - (\Psi_\omega D\Psi_\omega) |_{Boundary},$$

where $D = \frac{\partial}{\partial r^*} + S$ and

$$V_S = V + \frac{dS}{dr^*} - S^2. \quad (2)$$

If we choose $S = \frac{1}{2C} \frac{dC}{dr^*} + \frac{1}{2\mathcal{P}_{(-)}} \frac{d\mathcal{P}_{(-)}}{dr^*}$, we find

$$V_S = \gamma \frac{A}{C\mathcal{P}_{(+)}}. \quad (3)$$

The solution

For spherically symmetric spacetimes

$$A(r) = \frac{r^2}{L^2} + \frac{k}{\alpha} \sqrt{\alpha\beta k} \left(\frac{\alpha + \beta\Lambda}{\alpha - \beta\Lambda} \right)^2 \frac{\arctan\left(\frac{\sqrt{\alpha\beta k}}{\beta k} r\right)}{r} - \frac{\mu}{r} + \frac{3\alpha + \beta\Lambda}{\alpha - \beta\Lambda} k,$$

and

$$B(r) = \frac{\alpha^2((\alpha - \beta\Lambda)r^2 + 2\beta k)^2}{(\alpha - \beta\Lambda)^2(\alpha r^2 + \beta k)^2 A(r)},$$

- $C(r) = r,$
- $\alpha + \beta\Lambda < 0.$

Slowly-rotating objects

- $k_1 = \omega(r)$.

Then the frame dragging function satisfies

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left[\frac{C^2}{\sqrt{AB}} \left\{ 1 + \frac{\beta\kappa}{2B} \left(\frac{d\phi_0}{dr} \right)^2 \right\} (1 - kz^2) \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \omega(r) \right] = 0.$$

Solving we have

The GR case

$$\omega(r) = c_1 + \frac{c_2}{r}.$$

Thank you for your attention!