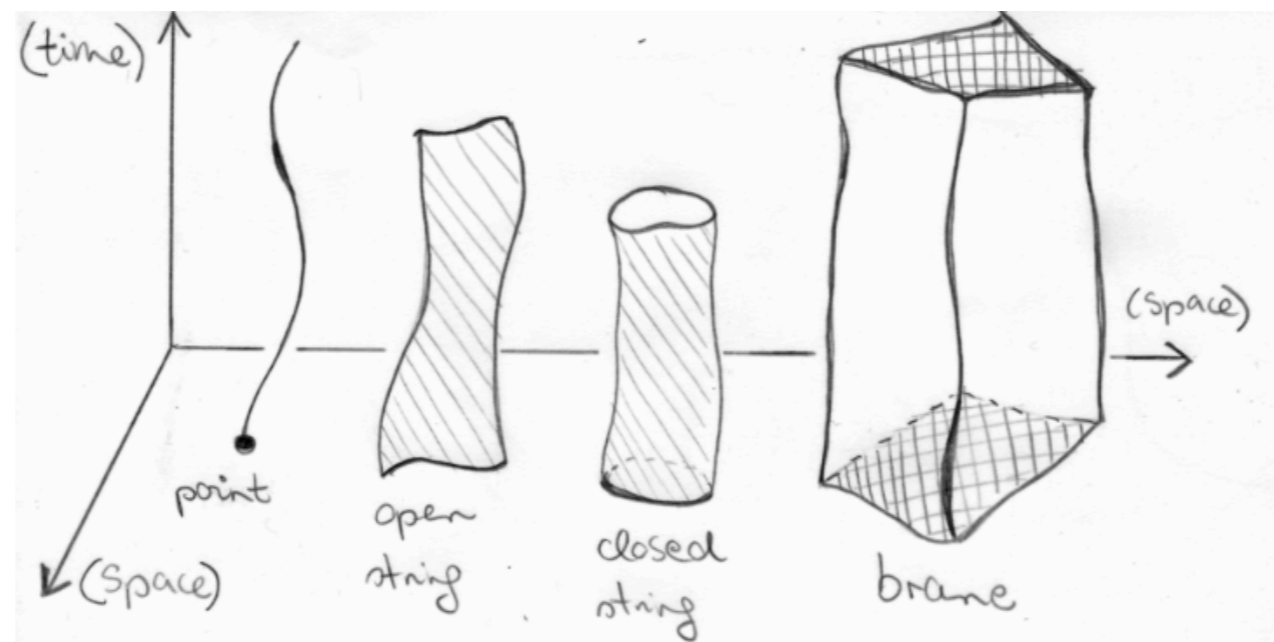


Infinite Derivative Gravity & Resolution of Curvature Singularities

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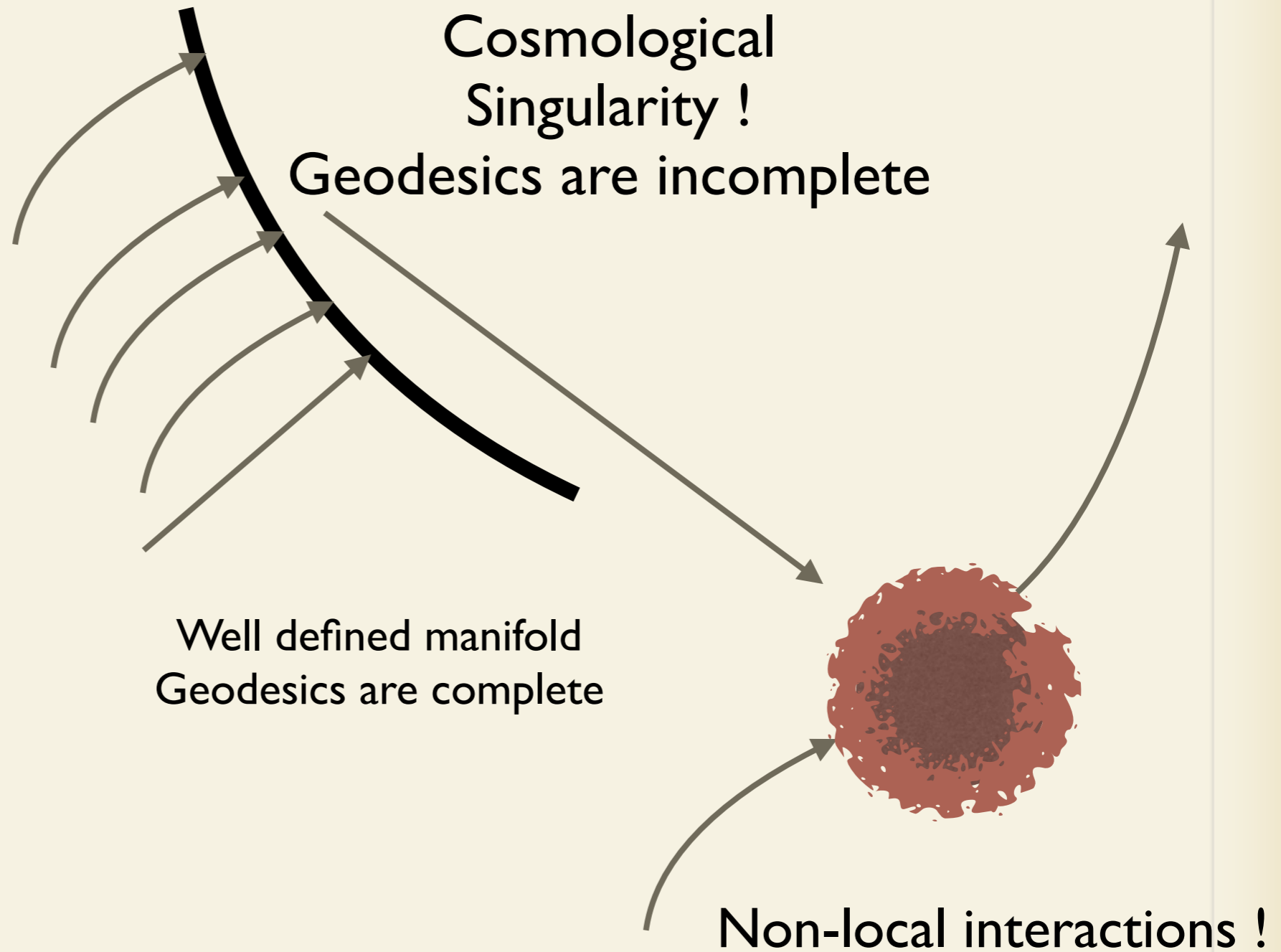
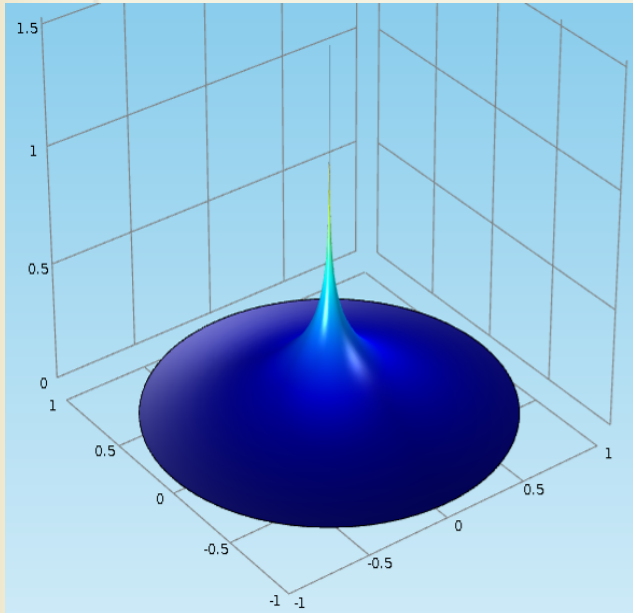


Aim: How do we mimic stringy features in Non-local gravity?

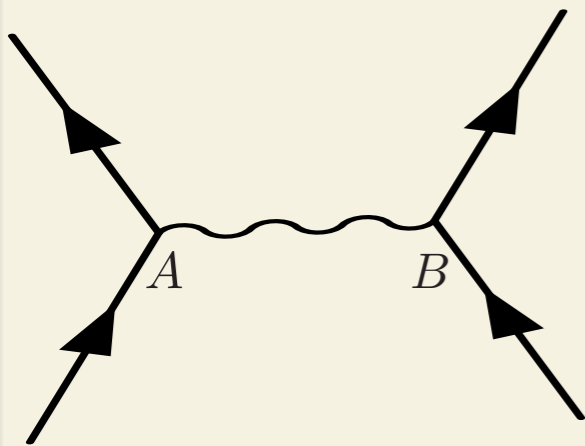
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Locality in space & time : Blackhole to Cosmological Singularities



$$V \sim \frac{1}{r}$$



**Graviton or Photon
(mediator is massless)**

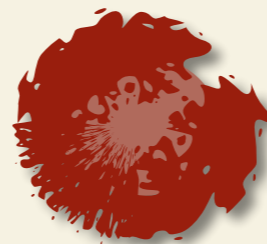
Motivation

Finite derivatives always have a point support

$$x^n \delta^n(x) = (-1)^n n! \delta(x)$$

Infinite derivatives acting on a delta source do not have any point support

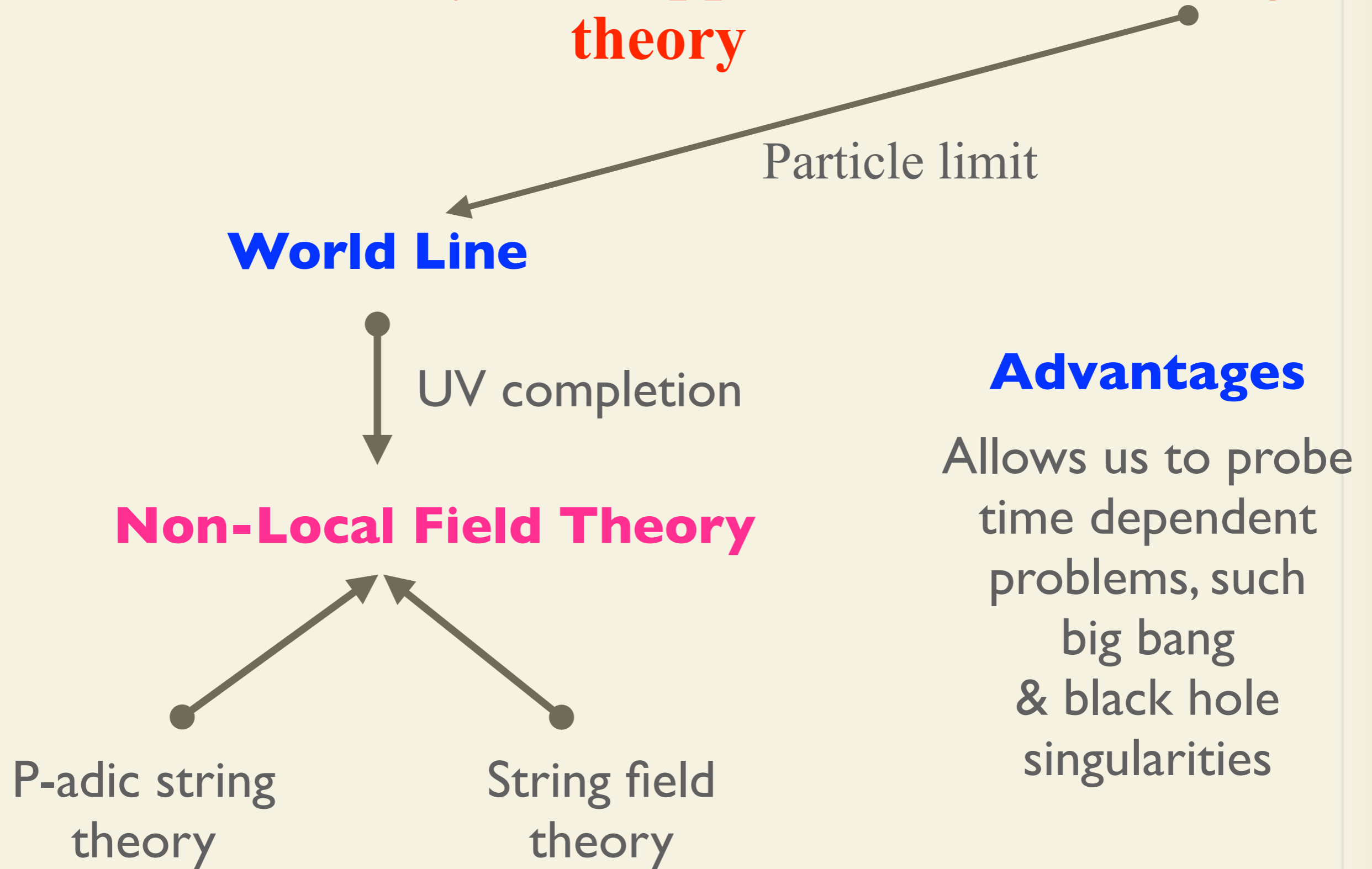
$$e^{\alpha \nabla_x^2} \delta(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int dk e^{-\alpha k^2} e^{ik \cdot x} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\alpha}} e^{-x^2/4\alpha}$$



A point becomes a blob

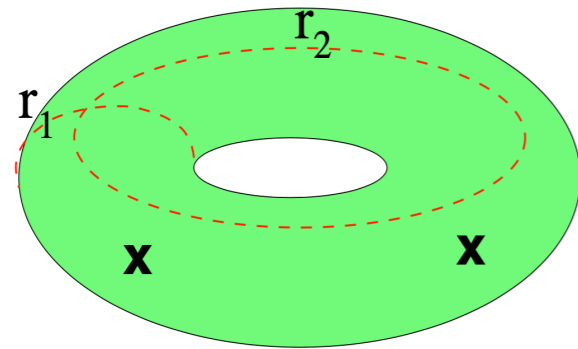
Non-locality is one possible way for resolving singularities

Non-local theory is an approximation of a String theory



What softens the UV behaviour?

Kaplunovsky, Dixon, Louis et al .



$$\mathcal{A} \sim \int_0^1 dx dy \int_0^1 d\tau_1 \int_{\sim 1}^{\infty} \frac{d\tau_2}{\tau_2^2} \mathcal{Z}(\tau) e^{-sx(1-x)\pi\alpha'\tau_2 + \dots}$$

Partition function

External momenta is low
Minimal-length uncertainty

World sheet green function

External momenta is large

Gross-Mende (1988)

Particle limit

$$\mathcal{A} \sim \sum_{i=\text{physical}} \int_0^1 dx \int_{\sim \alpha'}^{\infty} \frac{dt}{t} e^{-(sx(1-x) + m_i^2)t + \dots}$$

Original action had a modular invariance

$$\mathcal{A} \sim \sum_{i=\text{physical}} \int_0^1 dy \int_0^{\sim \alpha'} \frac{dt}{t} e^{-(sy(1-y) + m_i^2) \frac{1}{\mathcal{M}^4 t} + \dots}$$

$$\tau \rightarrow -\frac{1}{\tau}$$

Scalar propagator: Resembling SFT

$$S = \frac{1}{2} \int d^4x \phi(x) \Pi^{-1}(-\square) \phi(x) \quad \Pi(p^2) = \int_0^\infty dt e^{-T(t)(p^2+m^2)}$$

Schwinger's proper time

$$T(t) = t + 1 \implies \Pi(p^2) = \frac{e^{-(p^2+m^2)/M_s^2}}{p^2 + m^2}$$

$$T(t) = t + 1 + \frac{1}{t} \implies \Pi(p^2) = \frac{2}{M_s^2} K_1\left(\frac{2(p^2+m^2)}{M_s^2}\right) \xrightarrow{\text{UV}} \frac{\sqrt{\pi} e^{-(p^2+m^2)}}{\sqrt{(p^2+m^2)}}$$

Infrared
 $\frac{1}{p^2 + m^2}$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \Pi(x) = \int \frac{dp^4}{(2\pi)^4} \Pi(p) e^{ip \cdot x} = \frac{M_s^2}{64\pi}$$

Aim: How do we mimic this feature in a non-local gravity?

Higher Curvature Construction in Gravity

$$S_q = \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} R_{\mu_1 \nu_1 \lambda_1 \sigma_1} \mathcal{O}_{\mu_2 \nu_2 \lambda_2 \sigma_2}^{\mu_1 \nu_1 \lambda_1 \sigma_1} R^{\mu_2 \nu_2 \lambda_2 \sigma_2}$$

All possible terms allowed by symmetry

Unknown Infinite Functions
of Covariant Derivatives

$$\begin{aligned} S_q = & \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} [R F_1(\square) R + R F_2(\square) \nabla_\mu \nabla_\nu R^{\mu\nu} + R_{\mu\nu} F_3(\square) R^{\mu\nu} + R_\mu^\nu F_4(\square) \nabla_\nu \nabla_\lambda R^{\mu\lambda} \\ & + R^{\lambda\sigma} F_5(\square) \nabla_\mu \nabla_\sigma \nabla_\nu \nabla_\lambda R^{\mu\nu} + R F_6(\square) \nabla_\mu \nabla_\nu \nabla_\lambda \nabla_\sigma R^{\mu\nu\lambda\sigma} + R_{\mu\lambda} F_7(\square) \nabla_\nu \nabla_\sigma R^{\mu\nu\lambda\sigma} \\ & + R_\lambda^\rho F_8(\square) \nabla_\mu \nabla_\sigma \nabla_\nu \nabla_\rho R^{\mu\nu\lambda\sigma} + R^{\mu_1 \nu_1} F_9(\square) \nabla_{\mu_1} \nabla_{\nu_1} \nabla_\mu \nabla_\nu \nabla_\lambda \nabla_\sigma R^{\mu\nu\lambda\sigma} \\ & + R_{\mu\nu\lambda\sigma} F_{10}(\square) R^{\mu\nu\lambda\sigma} + R_{\mu\nu\lambda}^\rho F_{11}(\square) \nabla_\rho \nabla_\sigma R^{\mu\nu\lambda\sigma} + R_{\mu\rho_1\nu\sigma_1} F_{12}(\square) \nabla^{\rho_1} \nabla^{\sigma_1} \nabla_\rho \nabla_\sigma R^{\mu\rho\nu\sigma} \\ & + R_{\mu}^{\nu_1\rho_1\sigma_1} F_{13}(\square) \nabla_{\rho_1} \nabla_{\sigma_1} \nabla_{\nu_1} \nabla_\nu \nabla_\rho \nabla_\sigma R^{\mu\nu\lambda\sigma} + R^{\mu_1\nu_1\rho_1\sigma_1} F_{14}(\square) \nabla_{\rho_1} \nabla_{\sigma_1} \nabla_{\nu_1} \nabla_{\mu_1} \nabla_\mu \nabla_\nu \nabla_\rho \nabla_\sigma R^{\mu\nu\lambda\sigma}] \end{aligned}$$

Higher Curvature Action & Gravitational Form Factors

$$S = \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \left[\frac{R}{16\pi G} + R \mathcal{F}_1 \left(\frac{\square}{M^2} \right) R + R_{\mu\nu} \mathcal{F}_2 \left(\frac{\square}{M^2} \right) R^{\mu\nu} + R_{\mu\nu\lambda\sigma} \mathcal{F}_3 \left(\frac{\square}{M^2} \right) R^{\mu\nu\lambda\sigma} \right]$$

Einstein-Hilbert
Recovers IR

Ultra-violet modifications

$$\frac{\square}{M^2}$$

$M \rightarrow \infty$ (Theory reduces to GR)

Infinite Derivative Gravity (IDG)

Biswas, AM, Siegel, [hep-th/0508194](#)

Biswas, Gerwick, Koivisto, AM, [gr-qc/1110.5249](#)

Biswas, Koshelev, AM, (extension for de Sitter & Anti-deSitter),

[arXiv:1602.08475](#), [arXiv:1606.01250](#)

Non-linear, Non-local Equations of Motion

$$\begin{aligned}
 P^{\alpha\beta} = & G^{\alpha\beta} + 4G^{\alpha\beta} \mathcal{F}_1(\square)R + g^{\alpha\beta} R \mathcal{F}_1(\square)R - 4(\nabla^\alpha \nabla^\beta - g^{\alpha\beta} \square) \mathcal{F}_1(\square)R \\
 & - 2\Omega_1^{\alpha\beta} + g^{\alpha\beta} (\Omega_{1\sigma}^\sigma + \bar{\Omega}_1) + 4R_\mu^\alpha \mathcal{F}_2(\square)R^{\mu\beta} \\
 & - g^{\alpha\beta} R_\nu^\mu \mathcal{F}_2(\square)R_\mu^\nu - 4\nabla_\mu \nabla^\beta (\mathcal{F}_2(\square)R^{\mu\alpha}) + 2\square(\mathcal{F}_2(\square)R^{\alpha\beta}) \\
 & + 2g^{\alpha\beta} \nabla_\mu \nabla_\nu (\mathcal{F}_2(\square)R^{\mu\nu}) - 2\Omega_2^{\alpha\beta} + g^{\alpha\beta} (\Omega_{2\sigma}^\sigma + \bar{\Omega}_2) - 4\Delta_2^{\alpha\beta} \\
 & - g^{\alpha\beta} C^{\mu\nu\lambda\sigma} \mathcal{F}_3(\square)C_{\mu\nu\lambda\sigma} + 4C_{\mu\nu\sigma}^\alpha \mathcal{F}_3(\square)C^{\beta\mu\nu\sigma} \\
 & - 4(R_{\mu\nu} + 2\nabla_\mu \nabla_\nu)(\mathcal{F}_3(\square)C^{\beta\mu\nu\alpha}) - 2\Omega_3^{\alpha\beta} + g^{\alpha\beta} (\Omega_{3\gamma}^\gamma + \bar{\Omega}_3) - 8\Delta_3^{\alpha\beta} \\
 = & T^{\alpha\beta},
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \Omega_1^{\alpha\beta} &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} f_{1n} \sum_{l=0}^{n-1} \nabla^\alpha R^{(l)} \nabla^\beta R^{(n-l-1)}, & \bar{\Omega}_1 &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} f_{1n} \sum_{l=0}^{n-1} R^{(l)} R^{(n-l)}, & \Omega_3^{\alpha\beta} &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} f_{3n} \sum_{l=0}^{n-1} C_{\nu\lambda\sigma}^{\mu;\alpha(l)} C_\mu^{\nu\lambda\sigma;\beta(n-l-1)}, & \bar{\Omega}_3 &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} f_{3n} \sum_{l=0}^{n-1} C_{\nu\lambda\sigma}^{\mu(l)} C_\mu^{\nu\lambda\sigma(n-l)}, \\
 \Omega_2^{\alpha\beta} &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} f_{2n} \sum_{l=0}^{n-1} R_\nu^{\mu;\alpha(l)} R_\mu^{\nu;\beta(n-l-1)}, & \bar{\Omega}_2 &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} f_{2n} \sum_{l=0}^{n-1} R_\nu^{\mu(l)} R_\mu^{\nu(n-l)}, & \Delta_3^{\alpha\beta} &= \frac{1}{2} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} f_{3n} \sum_{l=0}^{n-1} [C_{\sigma\mu}^{\lambda\nu(l)} C_\lambda^{(\beta|\sigma\mu|\alpha)(n-l-1)} - C_{\sigma\mu}^{\lambda\nu;\alpha(l)} C_\lambda^{\beta)\sigma\mu(n-l-1)]_{;\nu}, \\
 \Delta_2^{\alpha\beta} &= \frac{1}{2} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} f_{2n} \sum_{l=0}^{n-1} [R_\sigma^{\nu(l)} R^{(\beta|\sigma|\alpha)(n-l-1)} - R_\sigma^{\nu;\alpha(l)} R^{\beta)\sigma(n-l-1)]_{;\nu},
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 P &= -R + 12\square \mathcal{F}_1(\square)R + 2\square(\mathcal{F}_2(\square)R) + 4\nabla_\mu \nabla_\nu (\mathcal{F}_2(\square)R^{\mu\nu}) \\
 &+ 2(\Omega_{1\sigma}^\sigma + 2\bar{\Omega}_1) + 2(\Omega_{2\sigma}^\sigma + 2\bar{\Omega}_2) + 2(\Omega_{3\sigma}^\sigma + 2\bar{\Omega}_3) - 4\Delta_{2\sigma}^\sigma - 8\Delta_{3\sigma}^\sigma \\
 &= T \equiv g_{\alpha\beta} T^{\alpha\beta}.
 \end{aligned}$$

First solution of non-linear, non-local equations of motion: non-singular universe

$$S = \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \left[\frac{R}{2} + R \mathcal{F}_1(\square) R - \Lambda \right]$$

$$\square R = r_1 R + r_2 \quad \square^n R = r_1^n \left(R + \frac{r_2}{r_1} \right)$$

deSitter

No-Ghost criteria

$$\mathcal{F}(\square) = \frac{1}{M_s^6} (\square - m^2) (\square - r_1)^2 e^{r(\square)}$$

$$a(t) = a_0 \cosh(\sqrt{r_1/2}t), a_0 e^{\lambda t^2}$$

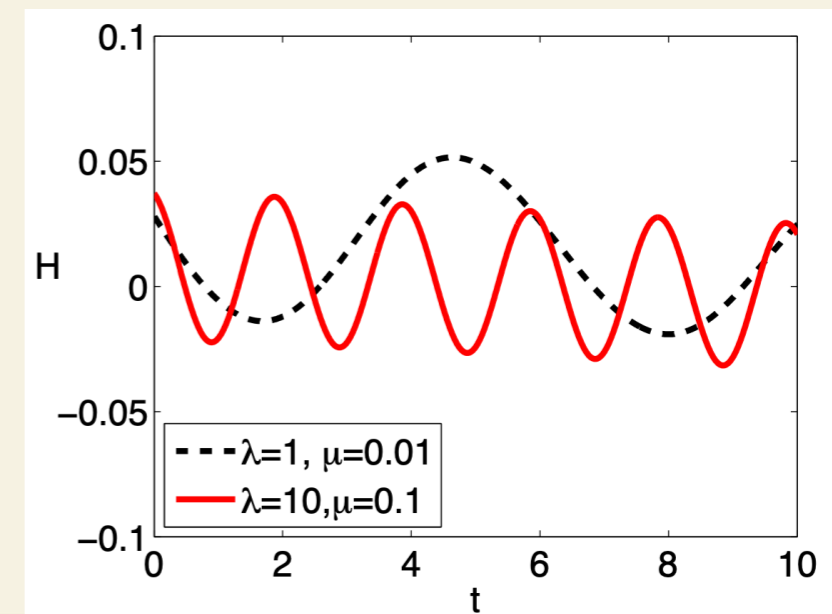
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Sravan-Kumar, Maheshwari, AM, Peng, 2005.01762

Anti deSitter

No-Ghost criteria

$$\mathcal{F}(\square) = \frac{1}{M_s^4} (\square - r_1)^2 e^{r(\square)}$$



Biswas, Koivisto, AM, 1005.0590

Perturbative unitarity around minkowski

$$S = \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \left[\frac{R}{16\pi G} + R \mathcal{F}_1 \left(\frac{\square}{M^2} \right) R + R_{\mu\nu} \mathcal{F}_2 \left(\frac{\square}{M^2} \right) R^{\mu\nu} + R_{\mu\nu\lambda\sigma} \mathcal{F}_3 \left(\frac{\square}{M^2} \right) R^{\mu\nu\lambda\sigma} \right]$$

$$2\mathcal{F}_1 + \mathcal{F}_2 + 2\mathcal{F}_3 = 0 \quad a(\square) = 1 - \frac{1}{2} \mathcal{F}_2(\square) \frac{\square}{M_s^2} - 2\mathcal{F}_3(\square) \frac{\square}{M_s^2}$$

$$\Pi(k^2) = \frac{1}{a(k^2)} \left[\frac{P^{(2)}}{k^2} - \frac{P^0}{2k^2} \right]$$

Demand no extra poles other than massless graviton's, means:

$$a(k^2) = e^{\gamma(k^2)}$$

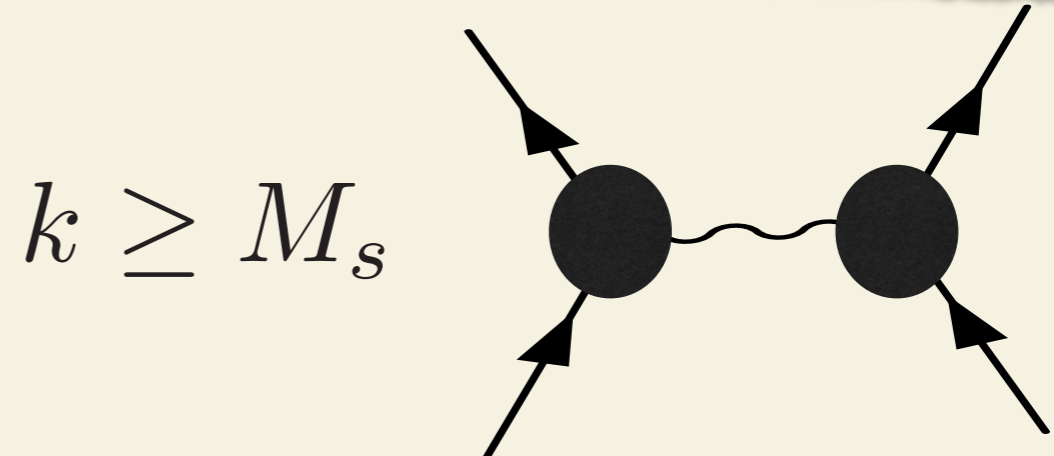
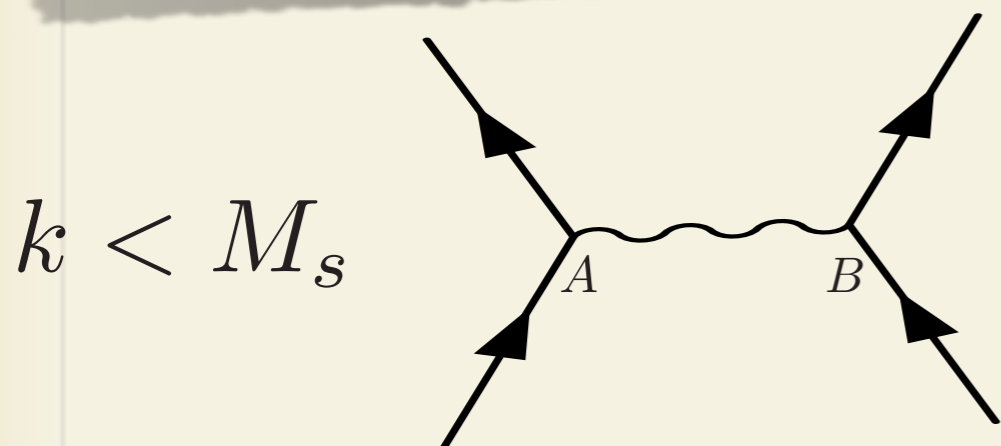
Entire Function

Simplest choice: $a(k^2) = e^{k^2/M_s^2}$

Infinite derivative Gravity action around Minkowski

With the help of the earlier constraints:

$$S = \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \left[M_p^2 \frac{R}{2} + R \left[\frac{e^{-\square/M_s^2} - 1}{\square} \right] R - 2R_{\mu\nu} \left[\frac{e^{-\square/M_s^2} - 1}{\square} \right] R^{\mu\nu} \right]$$



$$\Pi(k^2) = \frac{1}{a(k^2)} \left[\frac{P^{(2)}}{k^2} - \frac{P^0}{2k^2} \right] \quad a(k^2) = e^{k^2/M_s^2}$$

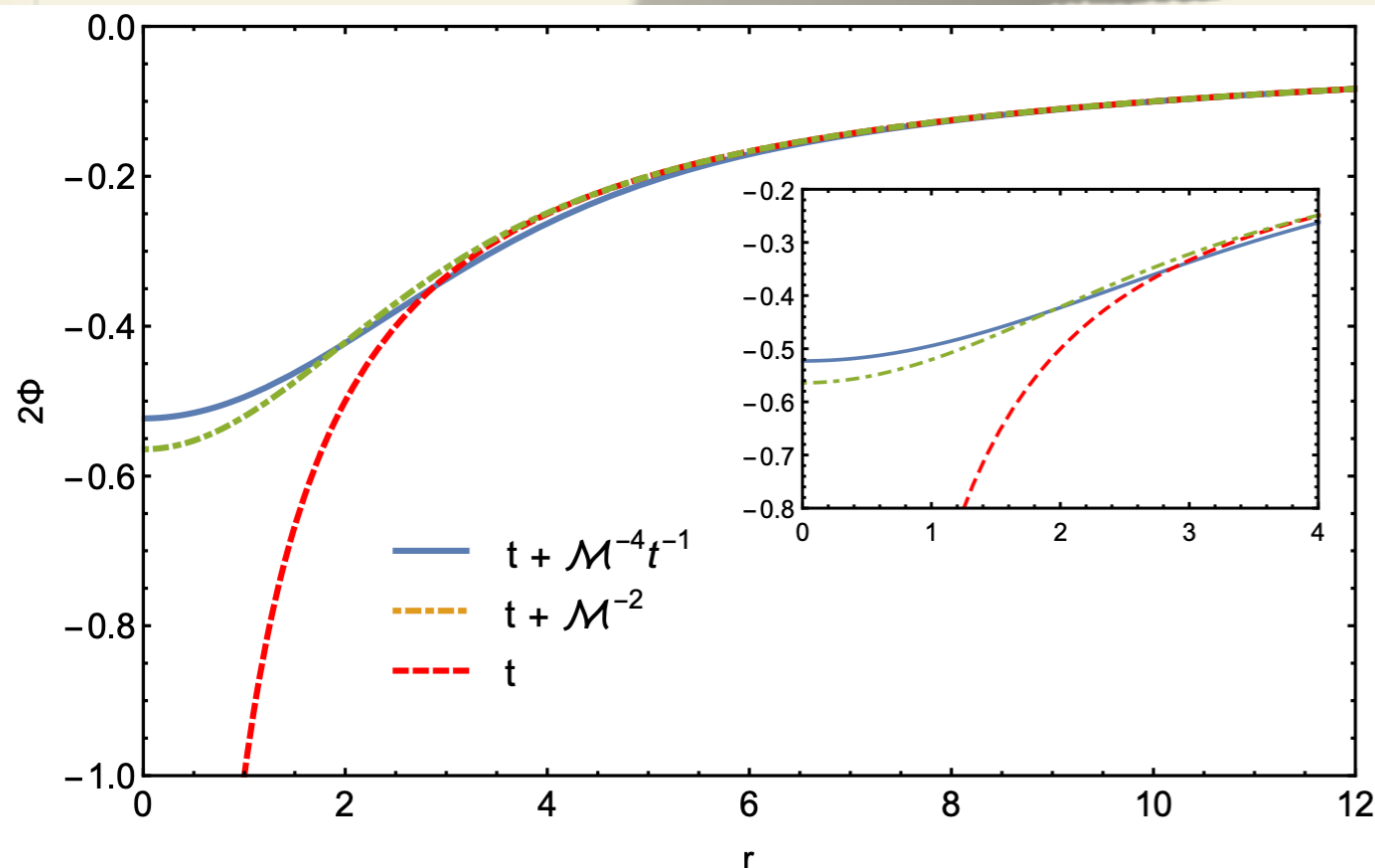
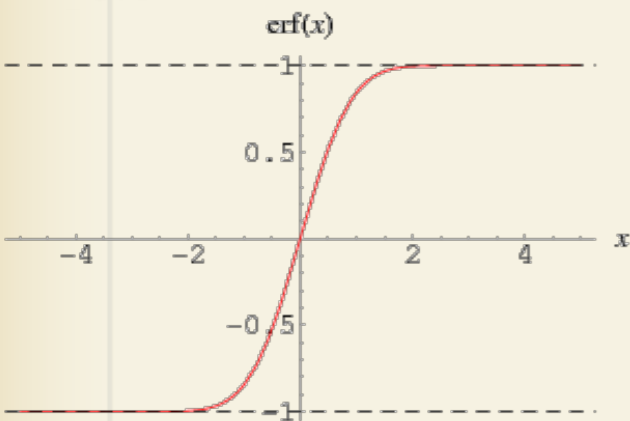
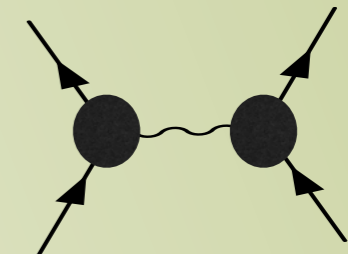
Massless Graviton, massless spin-2 and spin-0 components propagate

Non-Local Gravitational Potential

$$S = \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \left[\frac{R}{2} + R \left[\frac{e^{-\frac{r^2}{M^2}} - 1}{\frac{r^2}{M^2}} \right] R - 2R_{\mu\nu} \left[\frac{e^{-\frac{r^2}{M^2}} - 1}{\frac{r^2}{M^2}} \right] R^{\mu\nu} \right]$$

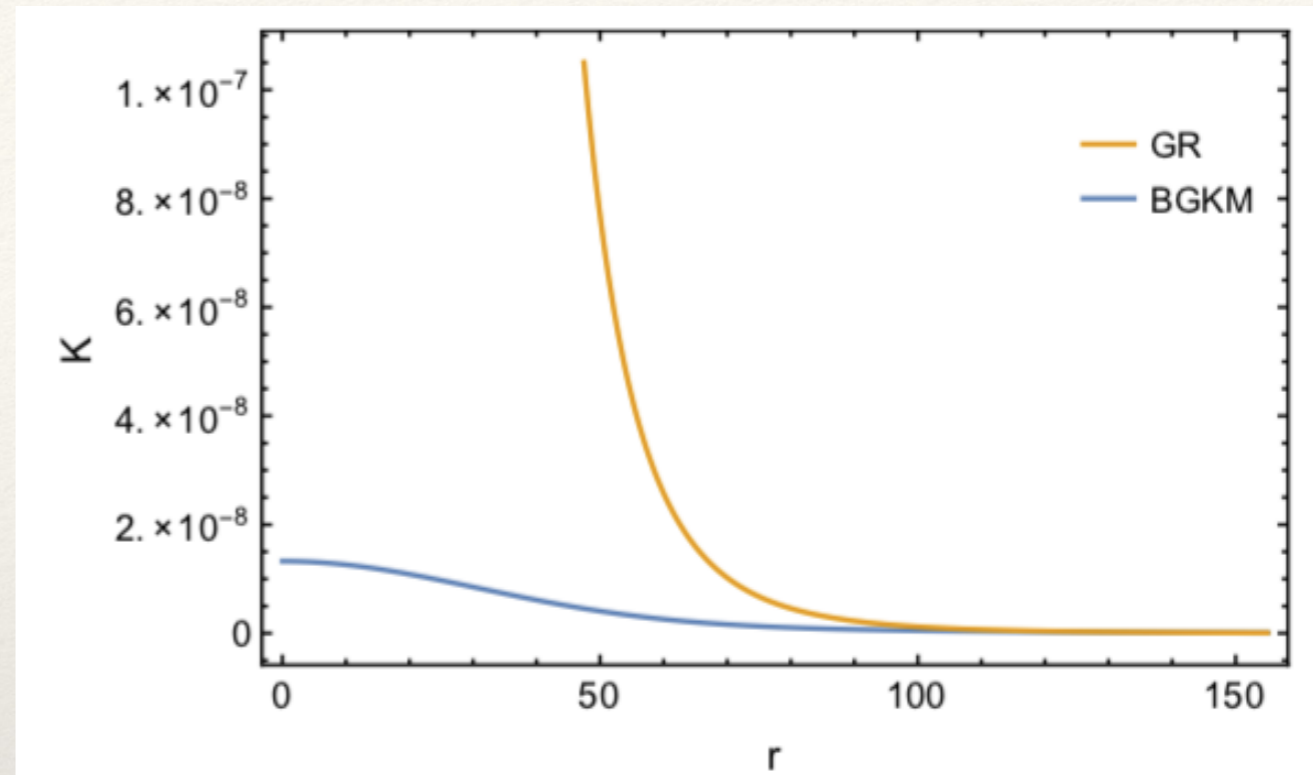
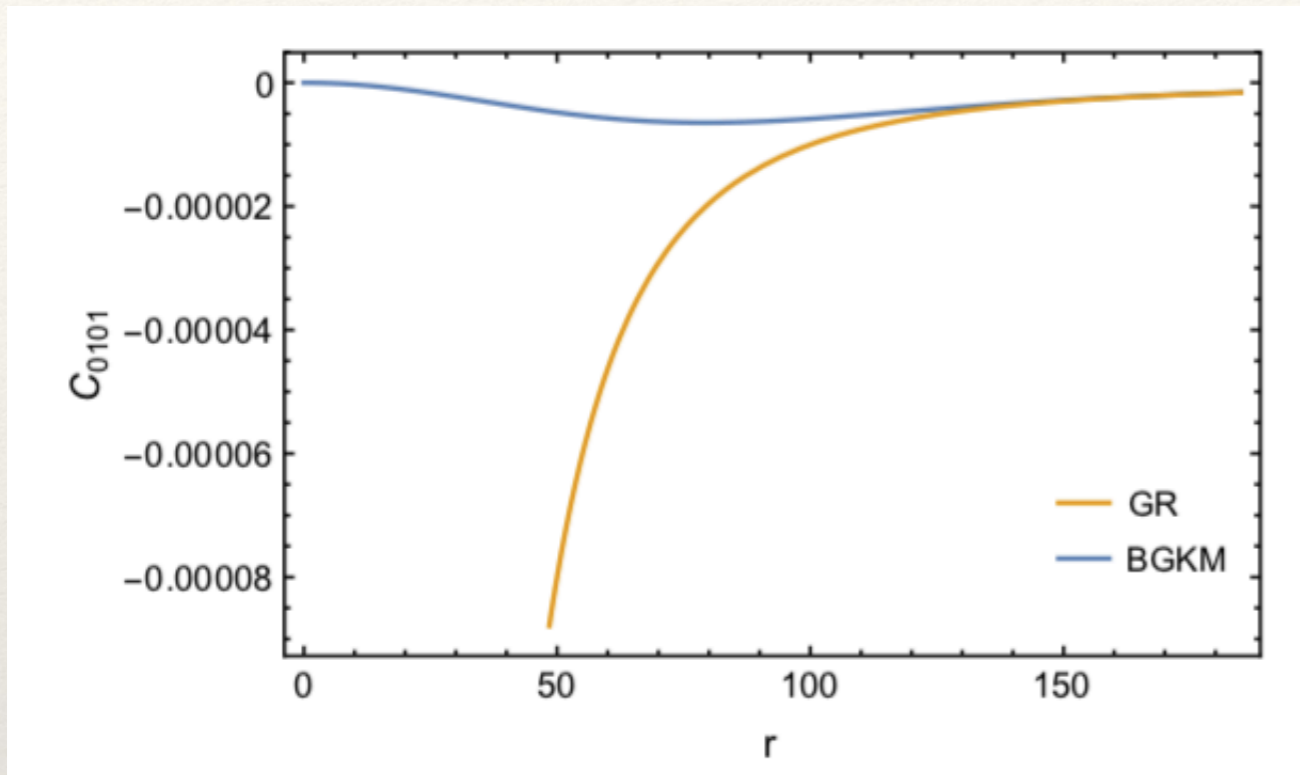
$$ds^2 = -(1 - 2\Phi)dt^2 + (1 + 2\Psi)dr^2$$

$$\Phi = \Psi = \frac{Gm}{r} \operatorname{erf} \left(\frac{rM}{2} \right)$$

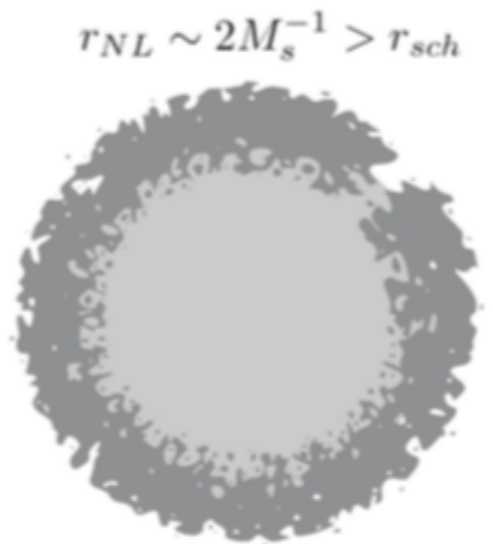


**Interaction
becomes Non-
Local**

Conformally flat solution



Schwarzschild's blackhole



Non-local, compact object
in infinite derivative gravity

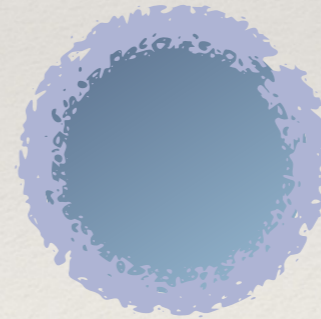
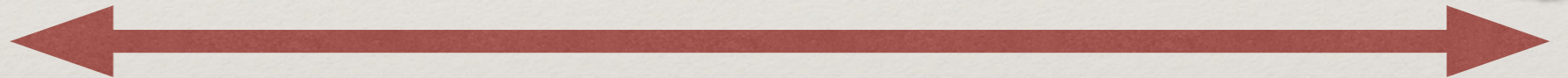
Such non-local objects could be BHs provided linear solution is promoted all the way to non-linear level.

Spherically symmetric non-linear, non-local metric

$$\begin{aligned}
 P^{\alpha\beta} \approx & \frac{\alpha_c}{8\pi G} \left(4G^{\alpha\beta} \mathcal{F}_1(\square_s) \mathcal{R} + g^{\alpha\beta} \mathcal{R} \mathcal{F}_1(\square_s) \mathcal{R} - 4 \left(\nabla^\alpha \nabla^\beta - g^{\alpha\beta} \square \right) \mathcal{F}_1(\square_s) \mathcal{R} \right. \\
 & - 2\Omega_1^{\alpha\beta} + g^{\alpha\beta} (\Omega_{1\sigma}^\sigma + \bar{\Omega}_1) + 4\mathcal{R}_\mu^\alpha \mathcal{F}_2(\square_s) \mathcal{R}^{\mu\beta} \\
 & - g^{\alpha\beta} \mathcal{R}_\nu^\mu \mathcal{F}_2(\square_s) \mathcal{R}_\mu^\nu - 4\nabla_\mu \nabla^\beta (\mathcal{F}_2(\square_s) \mathcal{R}^{\mu\alpha}) + 2\square (\mathcal{F}_2(\square_s) \mathcal{R}^{\alpha\beta}) \\
 & \left. + 2g^{\alpha\beta} \nabla_\mu \nabla_\nu (\mathcal{F}_2(\square_s) \mathcal{R}^{\mu\nu}) - 2\Omega_2^{\alpha\beta} + g^{\alpha\beta} (\Omega_{2\sigma}^\sigma + \bar{\Omega}_2) - 4\Delta_2^{\alpha\beta} \right) \\
 = & T^{\alpha\beta} = 0,
 \end{aligned}$$

[arXiv:1308.2319 [hep-th]]

$$S = \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \left[\frac{R}{16\pi G} + R \mathcal{F}_1 \left(\frac{\square}{M^2} \right) R + R_{\mu\nu} \mathcal{F}_2 \left(\frac{\square}{M^2} \right) R^{\mu\nu} + R_{\mu\nu\lambda\sigma} \mathcal{F}_3 \left(\frac{\square}{M^2} \right) R^{\mu\nu\lambda\sigma} \right]$$



$$ds^2 = \left(\frac{2}{M_s r} \right)^2 \left[-dt^2 + dr^2 + r^2 d\Omega^2 \right]$$

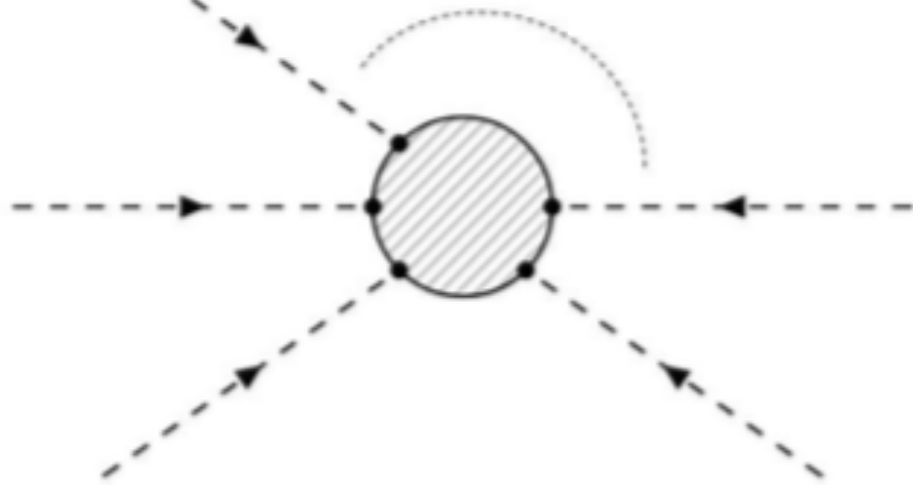
Collective behavior : N scalar-gravitons interacting with non-local interaction

$$S = \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \left[\frac{R}{2} + R \left[\frac{e^{-\frac{\square}{M^2}} - 1}{\square} \right] R - 2R_{\mu\nu} \left[\frac{e^{-\frac{\square}{M^2}} - 1}{\square} \right] R^{\mu\nu} \right]$$

$$S_{\text{free}} = \frac{1}{2} \int d^4x (\phi \square a(\square) \phi) \quad a(\square) = e^{-\square/M^2}$$

$$S_{\text{int}} = \frac{1}{M_p} \int d^4x \left(\frac{1}{4} \phi \partial_\mu \phi \partial^\mu \phi + \frac{1}{4} \phi \square \phi a(\square) \phi - \frac{1}{4} \phi \partial_\mu \phi a(\square) \partial^\mu \phi \right)$$

$$\mathcal{M}_N \xrightarrow{N \gg 1} \lambda^{3(N-2)} e^{-Np^2/M_s^2} = \lambda^{3(N-2)} e^{-p^2/M_{\text{eff}}^2}$$



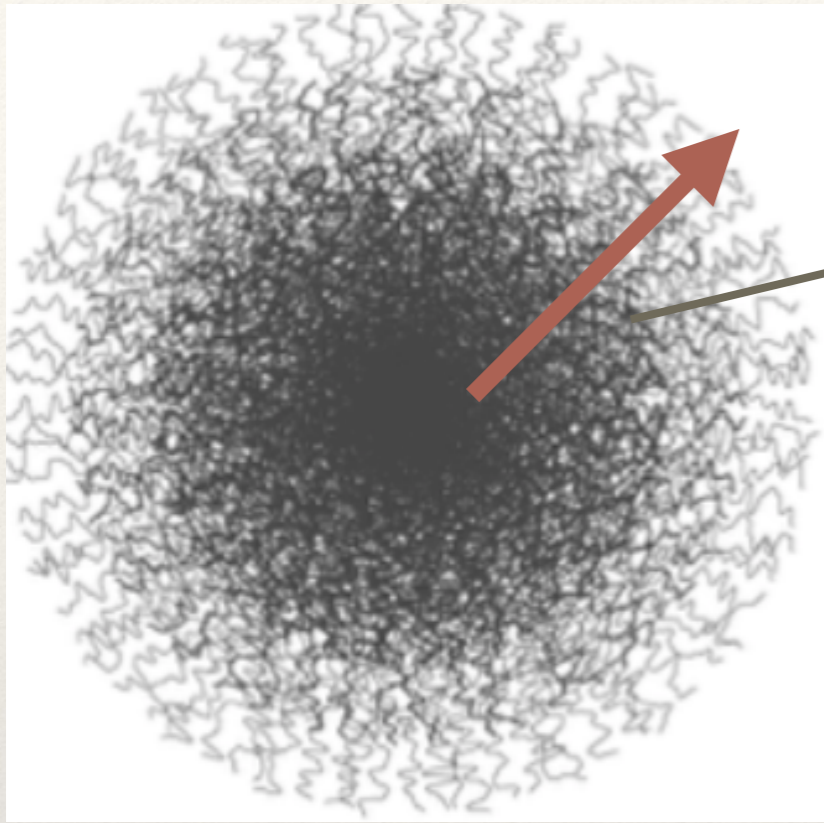
$$M_{\text{eff}} \sim \frac{M_s}{\sqrt{N}}$$

Persists with zero external momenta

N - gravitons behave like a condensate

Non-local star:

Coherent State of N Gravitons & a Black hole Mimicker



$$\lambda \sim M_{\text{eff}}^{-1} = \sqrt{N} M_s^{-1}$$

$$E_g \sim M_{\text{eff}} = M_s / \sqrt{N}$$

Individual graviton feels
Collective behavior

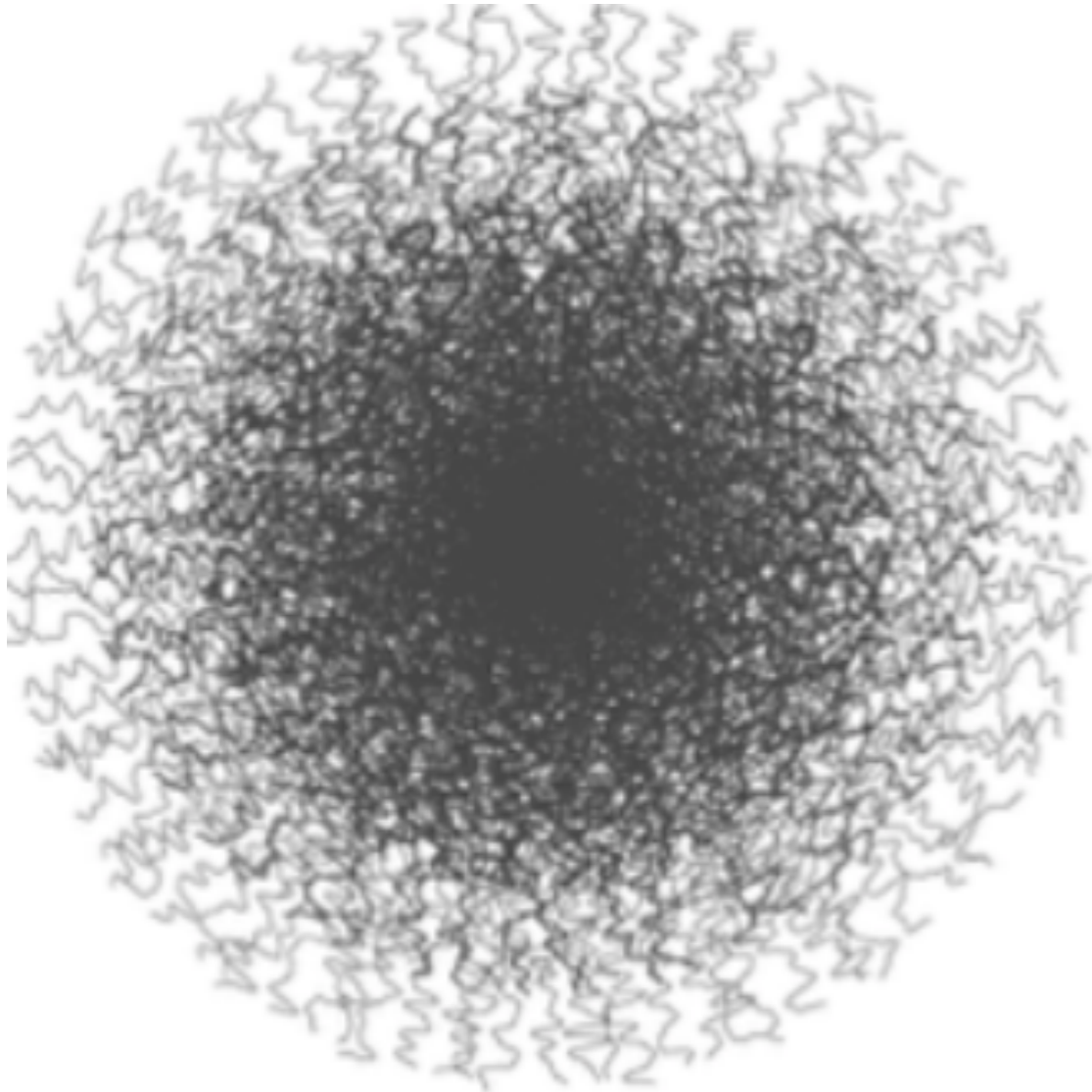
Mass of N gravitons interacting non – locally

$$E_{\text{tot}} = m_o = N M_{\text{eff}} = N \frac{M_s}{\sqrt{N}} = \sqrt{N} M_s$$

For a solar mass object : $N \sim 10^{82}$

Forms a gravitationally bound system: a Non-local star!

Number of Bekenstein states



$$S \sim \hbar \left(\frac{4G^2 m_o^2}{L_p^2} + \frac{L_{\text{eff}}^2}{L_p^2} \right) \equiv \hbar s,$$

$$s \sim \frac{L_{\text{eff}}^2}{L_p^2} = N \frac{L_s^2}{L_p^2} = N \frac{M_p^2}{M_s^2}$$

$$\mathcal{N} \sim e^{N(L_s/L_p)^2} = e^{N(M_p/M_s)^2}$$

Bekenstein State

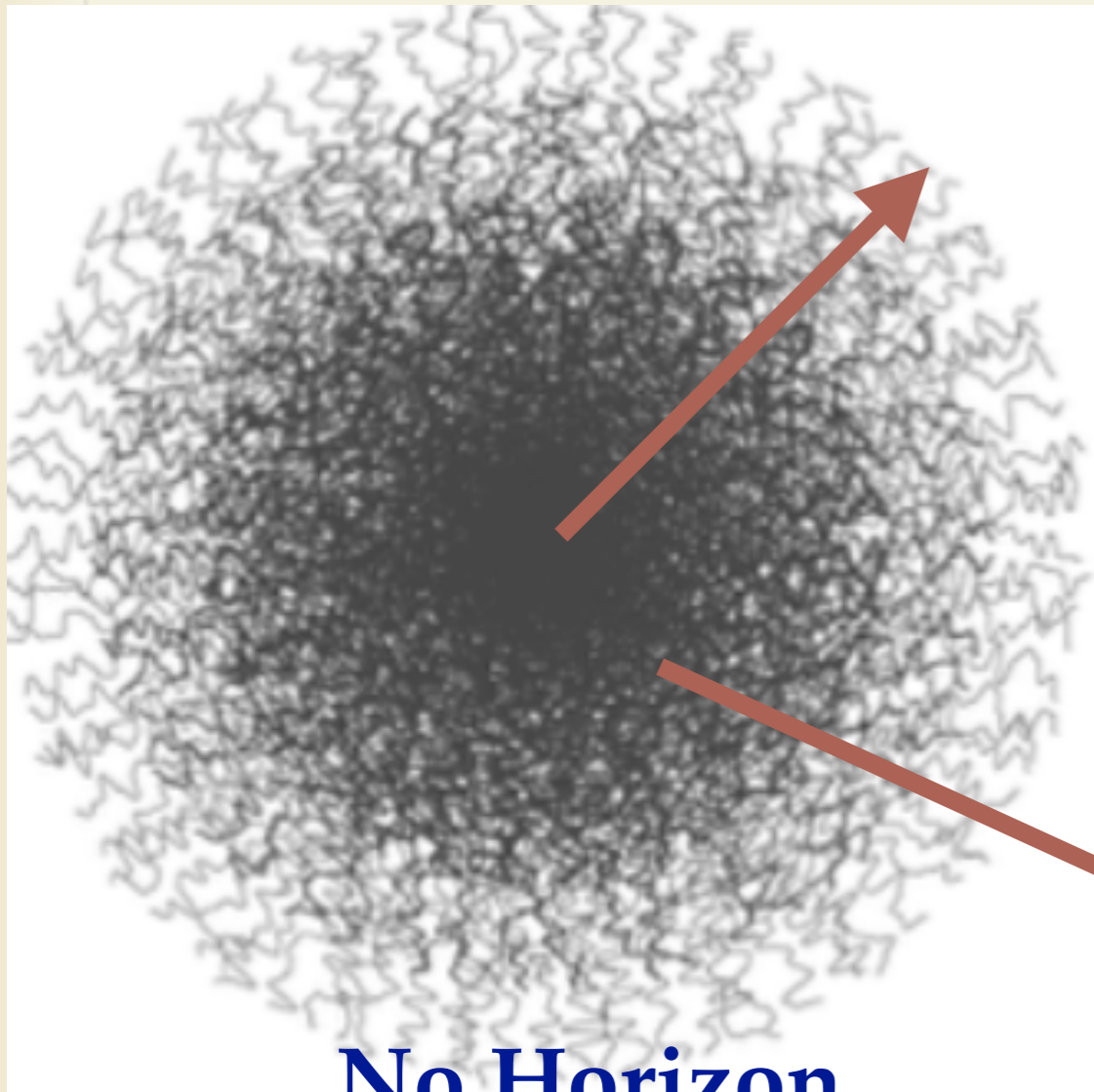
For a solar mass object : $\mathcal{N} = e^{10^{82} (M_p/M_s)^2}$

What happens when I throw a chalk, neutrino,, anything.... inside?

$$\tau = \left(\frac{L_s}{L_p} \right)^9 \tau_{bh} = \left(\frac{M_p}{M_s} \right)^9 \tau_{bh} \quad \text{Longer life time}$$

The Non-local star absorbs everything, even better than a Blackhole!!!

Metric of a Non-Local Star with No-Horizon



No Horizon

$$r \sim \frac{2}{M_{\text{eff}}} + \mathcal{O}(1/M_s)$$

$$r \sim 2.2Gm_{\odot} + \mathcal{O}(1/M_s)$$

$$\phi(r) \sim \frac{GmM_s}{\sqrt{\pi}} < 1$$

$$\mathcal{R} \sim \frac{GmM_s^3}{\sqrt{\pi}}$$

$$\mathcal{R}_{00} = \mathcal{R}_{11} \sim \frac{GmM_s^3}{2\sqrt{\pi}}, \quad \mathcal{R}_{22} = \mathcal{R}_{33} \sim 0$$

$$ds^2 = (1 + 2A) (-d\tau^2 + dr^2 + r^2 d\Omega^2) = F\eta,$$

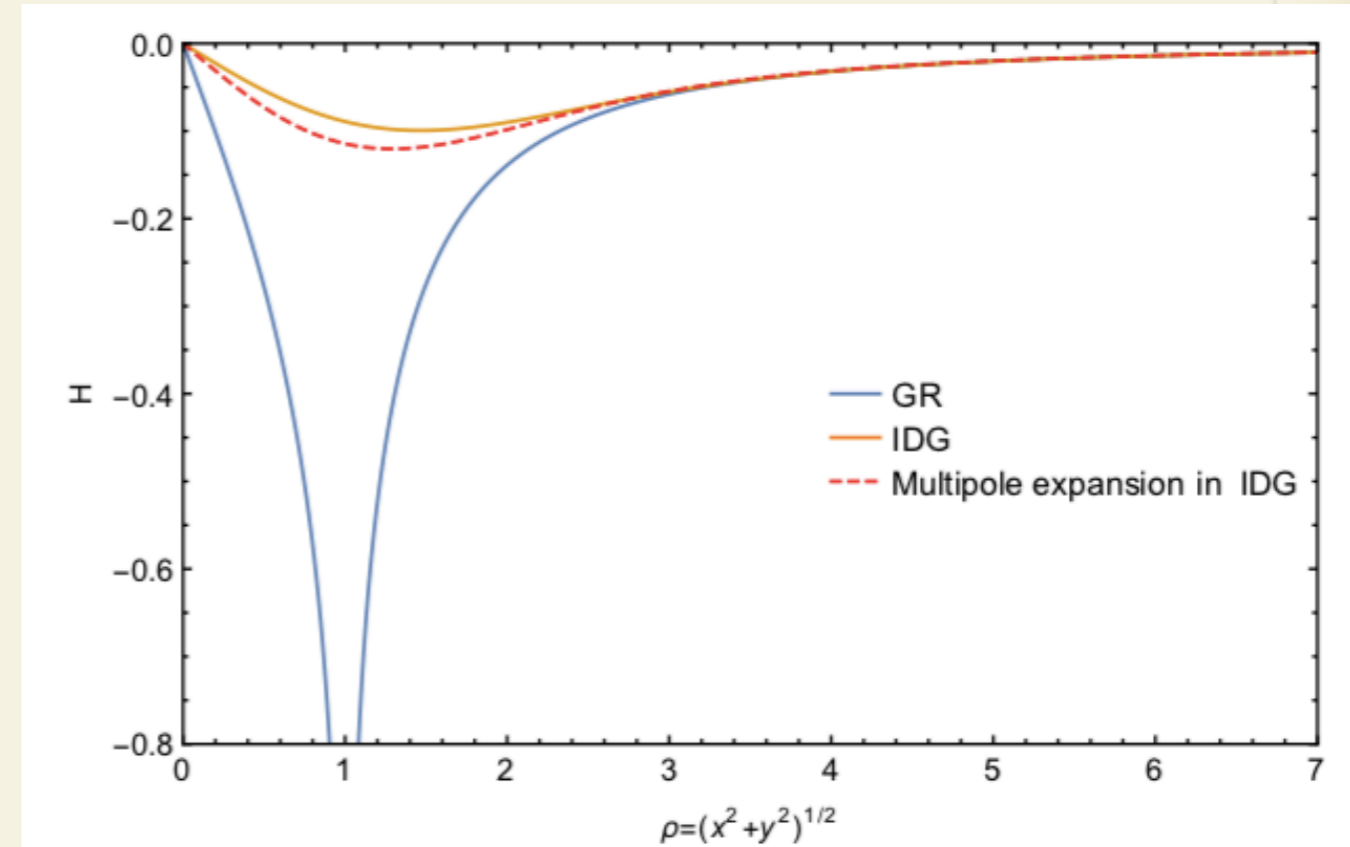
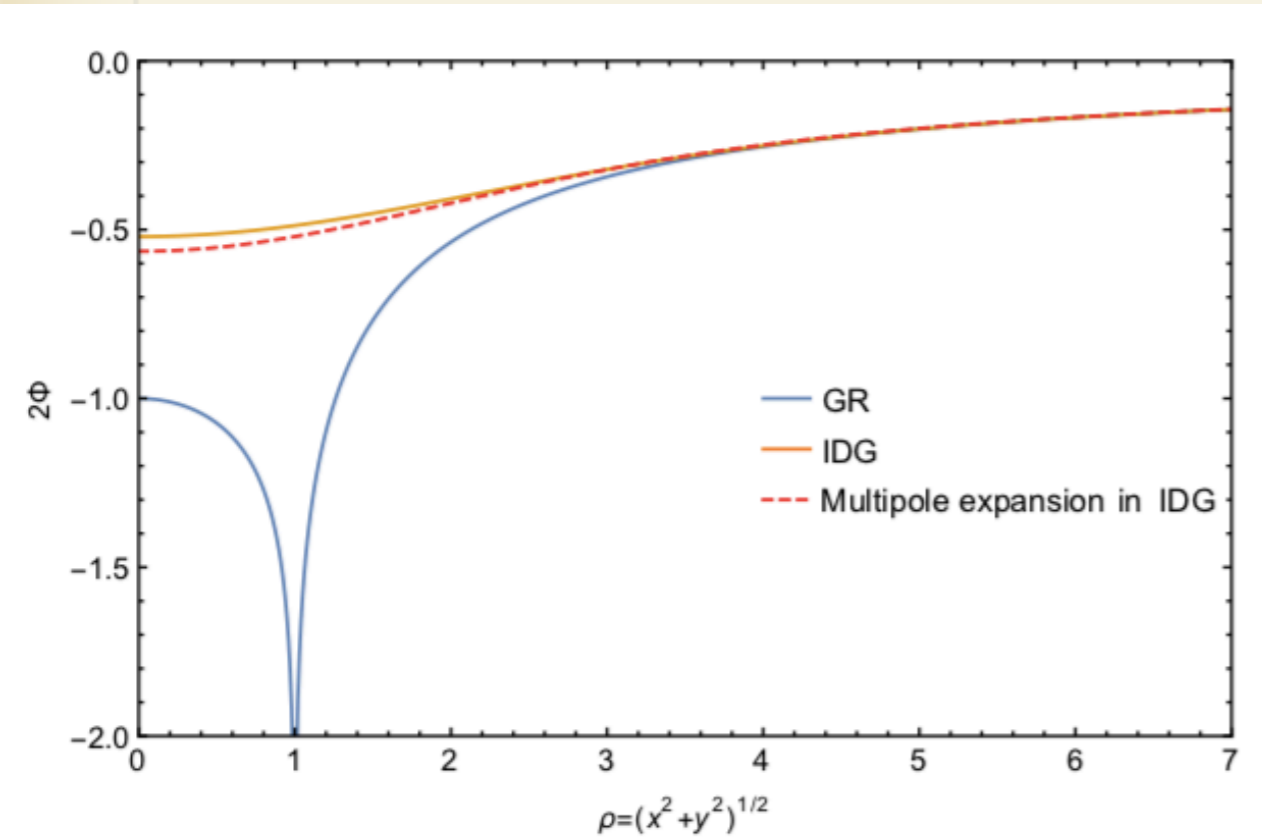
$$A \equiv \frac{GmM_s}{\sqrt{\pi}} < 1.$$

Inside Non-local Star

$$ds^2 = -(1 - [2.2Gm_{\odot} + \mathcal{O}(1/M_s)]/r)dt^2 + \frac{dr^2}{1 - [2.2Gm_{\odot} + \mathcal{O}(1/M_s)]/r} + r^2 d\Omega^2$$

Outside Non-local Star

Rotating solution with no ring singularity



$$ds^2 = -(1 + 2\Phi)dt^2 + 2\vec{h} \cdot d\vec{x}dt + (1 - 2\Psi)d\vec{x}^2,$$

$$\Phi(0) = -\frac{Gm}{a} \text{Erf} \left(\frac{M_s a}{2} \right)$$

$$ds^2 = -\left(1 - \frac{2Gm}{r} \text{Erf} \left(\frac{M_s r}{2} \right)\right) dt^2 + \left(1 + \frac{2Gm}{r} \text{Erf} \left(\frac{M_s r}{2} \right)\right) (dr^2 + r^2 d\Omega^2) - 4GJ \left[\frac{1}{r} \text{Erf} \left(\frac{M_s r}{2} \right) - \frac{M_s}{\sqrt{\pi}} e^{-\frac{M_s^2 r^2}{4}} \right] \sin^2 \theta d\varphi dt.$$

$$a < \frac{2}{M_s} \quad (\text{radius of the ring} < \text{scale of non-locality})$$

At non-linear level only solution survives is a conformally flat metric

Non-Local, Infinite Derivative Gravity

- ~ Non-local graviton propagator motivated from the UV properties of string amplitude.
- ~ Non-locality resolves Curvature Singularities
- ~ Non-singular cosmology with no ghosts.
- ~ Non-local stars can mimic black hole without event horizon
- ~ Non-singular rotating compact objects & NUT-charge in linearised non-local gravity resolve curvature singularities

(see: Buoninfante, et,al. 1807.08896, Frolov, et,al. (2020), Kolar, AM [2004.07613](#))

Extra Slides

Extra degrees of freedom & Ghosts

$$\Pi(k^2) = \frac{1}{k^2} \left[P^{(2)} - \frac{P^{(0)}}{2} \right] - \frac{P^{(2)}}{k^2 - m_2^2} + \frac{P^{(0)}}{2(k^2 - m_0^2)}$$

$$m_2 = -(\beta/2)^{-1/2}, \quad m_0 = (\alpha + \beta)^{-1/2}$$

Massive Spin-0 & Massive Spin-2 (Ghost) Stelle (1977)

Utiyama (1960), De Witt (1961), Stelle (1977)

Modification of Einstein's GR

*Modification of
Graviton Propagator*

*Extra propagating
degree of freedom*

Challenge: How to get rid of the extra dof ?

Einstein & Weyl Gravity: Finite Derivative Theories

$$S = \int \sqrt{-g} d^4x \left(\frac{R}{16\pi G} \right)$$

One loop pure gravitational action is renormalizable.

But it has a scale. The theory is not scale invariant

$$S = \int \sqrt{-g} d^4x [M_p^2 R + \alpha C^2]$$

Weyl term does not introduce singularities

$$S = \int \sqrt{-g} d^4x [M_p^2 R + \alpha R^2 + \beta R_{\mu\nu} R^{\mu\nu}]$$

Quadratic Curvature Gravity is renormalizable, but contains

“Ghosts”: Vacuum is Unstable

Utiyama (1961), De Witt (1961), Stelle (1977)

t'Hooft, Veltman (1974)

Potential resolution of Ghosts & Classical Instabilities

Higher derivative theories generically carry Ghosts (-ve Residue)

$$S = \int d^4x \phi \square (\square + m^2) \phi \Rightarrow \square (\square + m^2) \phi = 0$$
$$\Delta(p^2) \sim \frac{1}{p^2} - \frac{1}{p^2 - m^2}$$

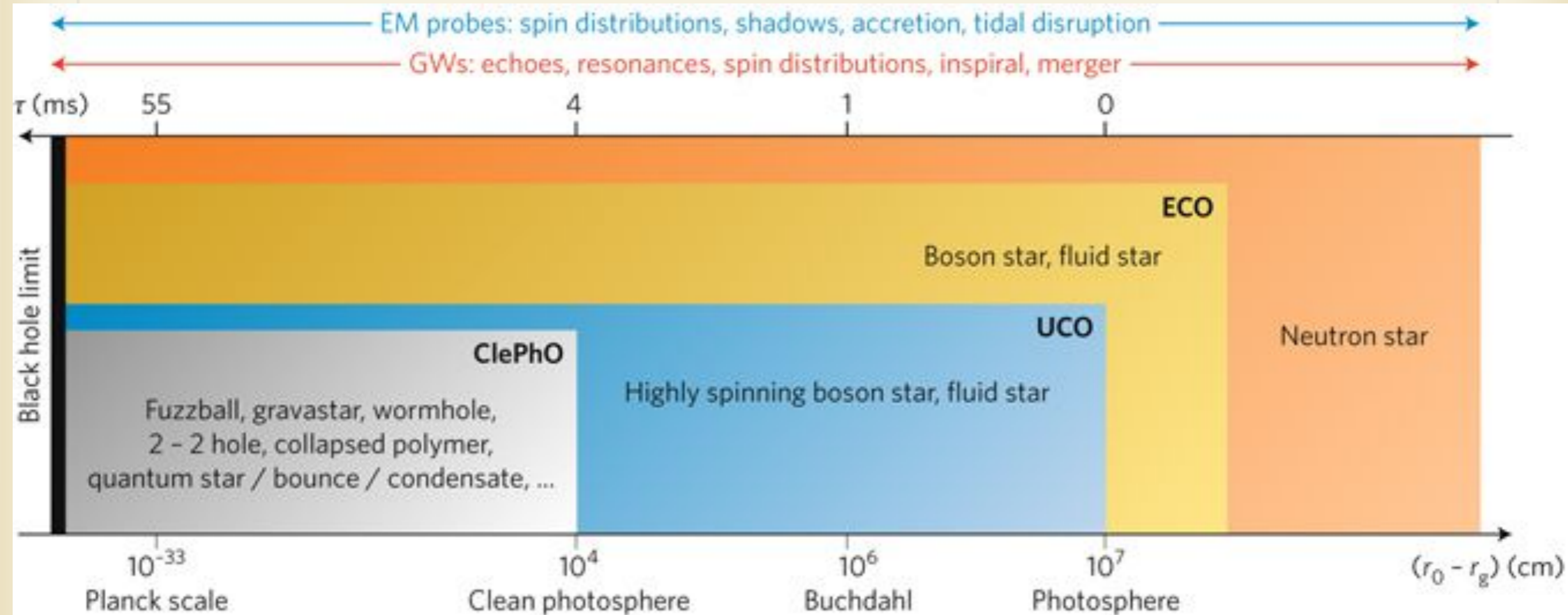
Propagator with first order poles

Ghosts cannot be cured order by order, finite terms in perturbative expansion will always lead to Ghosts !!

$$S = \int d^4x \phi e^{-\square/M^2} (\square + m^2) \phi \Rightarrow e^{-\square/M^2} (\square + m^2) \phi = 0$$
$$\Delta(p^2) = \frac{e^{-p^2/M^2}}{p^2 - m^2}$$

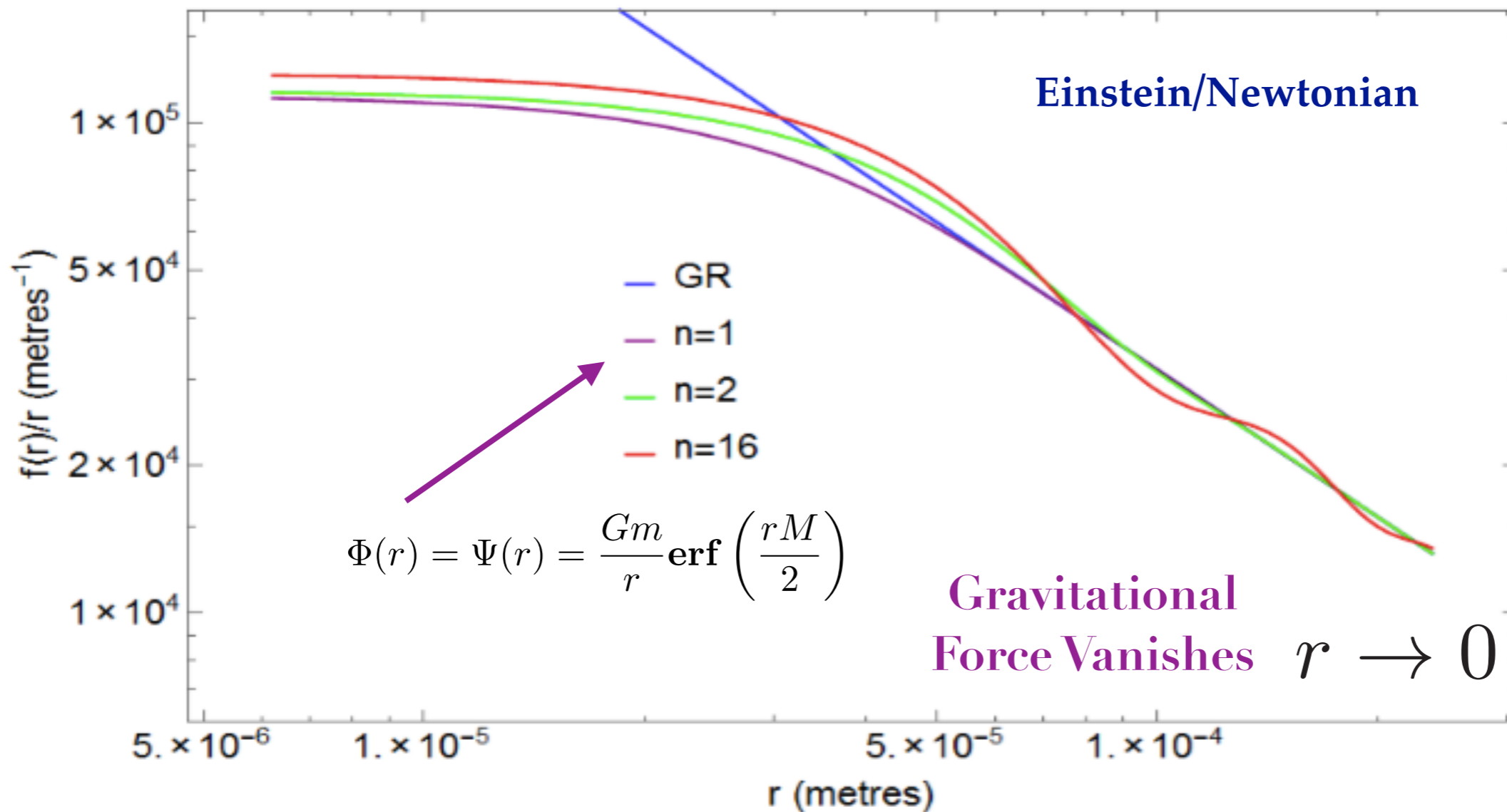
No extra states other than the original dof.

Non-Local Star as a ClePho



Resolution of Singularity at short distances

$$a(\square) = e^{\gamma(\square)} \quad \text{Any Entire Function: } \gamma(\square) = -\frac{\square}{M^2} - \sum_N a_N \left(\frac{\square}{M^2}\right)^N$$



$$mM \ll M_p^2 \implies m \ll M_p$$

Current Bound : $M > 0.01 \text{ eV}$ $m \leq 10^{25} \text{ grams}$

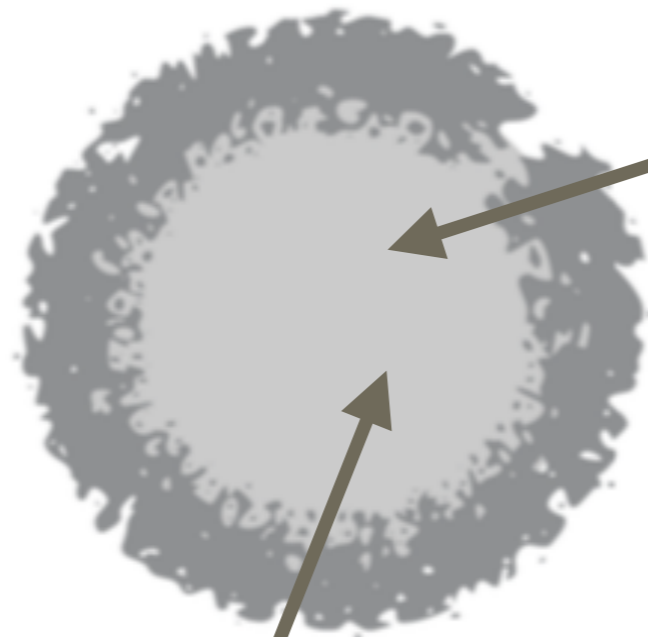
Conformally Flat metric, Non-Vacuum Solution, with no event horizon

$$r_{sch} = 2Gm$$



Schwarzschild's blackhole

$$r_{NL} \sim 2M_s^{-1} > r_{sch}$$



Non-local, compact object
in infinite derivative gravity

$$\phi(r) \sim \frac{GmM_s}{\sqrt{\pi}} < 1$$

$$\mathcal{R}_{00} = \mathcal{R}_{11} \sim \frac{GmM_s^3}{2\sqrt{\pi}}, \quad \mathcal{R}_{22} = \mathcal{R}_{33} \sim 0$$

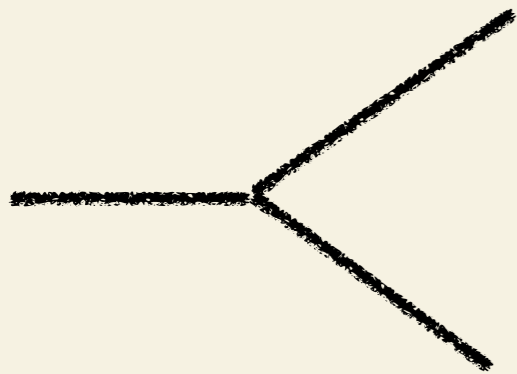
$$\mathcal{R} \sim \frac{GmM_s^3}{\sqrt{\pi}}$$

$$\phi(r) \sim \frac{Gm}{r} < 1$$

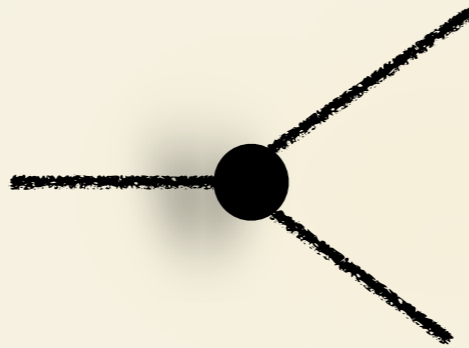
$$ds^2 = (1 + 2A) (-d\tau^2 + dr^2 + r^2 d\Omega^2) = F\eta, \quad A \equiv \frac{GmM_s}{\sqrt{\pi}} < 1.$$

Local vs Non-Local Field Theory

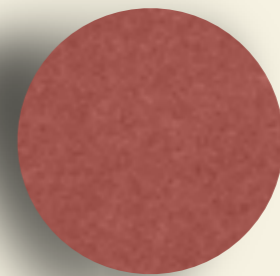
$$S = \int d^4x \left[-\frac{1}{2} \phi e^{\frac{\square+m^2}{M^2}} (\square + m^2) \phi - \frac{\lambda}{4!} \phi^4 \right] \quad \Pi(p^2) = -\frac{ie^{-\frac{p^2+m^2}{M^2}}}{p^2 + m^2}$$



$$P^2 < M^2$$



$$P^2 \geq M^2$$



$$r \sim M^{-1}$$

Scale of Non-Locality

$$\delta m^2 \sim \lambda M^2 \quad \Gamma_4 \sim -\lambda^2 e^{-2m^2/M^2} [1 + \mathcal{O}(m^2/M^2)]$$

$$\sigma_{NL}(f\bar{f} \rightarrow f'\bar{f}') = e^{-s/M^2} \sigma_L(f\bar{f} \rightarrow f'\bar{f}')$$

Scale-Free Abelian Higgs Interactions

$$\mathcal{L} = -\frac{1}{2}\phi e^{\frac{\square+m_\phi^2}{M^2}}(\square+m_\phi^2)\phi + i\bar{\psi}e^{\frac{\square+m_\psi^2}{M^2}}(\gamma^\mu\partial_\mu - m_\psi)\psi - \lambda\phi^4 - y\phi\bar{\psi}\psi + h.c. \quad \text{Abelian Higgs} \quad (1)$$

$$\mathcal{L} = -\frac{1}{4}F^{\mu\nu}e^{\frac{\square}{M^2}}F_{\mu\nu} + i\bar{\psi}e^{\frac{\square}{M^2}}\gamma^\mu D_\mu\psi + h.c.$$

