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# Renormalization of Horava gravity

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# Plan

## *Horava gravity:*

- 1) Renormalizability and regular gauges: projectable models*
- 2) BRST structure of renormalization and background formalism*
- 3) Asymptotic freedom in (2+1)-dimensional model*
- 4) Method of universal functional traces in background field formalism*
- 5) Beta functions and RG fixed points in (3+1)-dimensions*

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# Renormalizability of Horava gravity vs quantum GR

## Saving unitarity in renormalizable QG

**Einstein GR**  $S_{EH} = \frac{M_P^2}{2} \int dt d^d x R$  **nonrenormalizable**

$\Rightarrow \frac{M_P^2}{2} \int dt d^d x (h_{ij} \square h_{ij} + h^2 \square h + \dots)$



## Higher derivative gravity

**Stelle (1977)**

$\int (M_P^2 R + R_{\mu\nu} R^{\mu\nu} + R^2)$

$\Rightarrow \int (M_P^2 h_{ij} \square h_{ij} + h_{ij} \square^2 h_{ij} + \dots)$

**dominates at**  $k \gg M_P$



The theory is renormalizable and asymptotically free !

*Fradkin, Tseytlin (1981)*

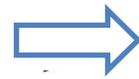
*Avramidy & A.B. (1985)*

But has ghost poles  $\Rightarrow$  no unitary interpretation

Horava (2009)

$$\int dt d^d x (\dot{h}_{ij} \dot{h}_{ij} - h_{ij} (-\Delta)^z h_{ij} + \dots)$$

$$\propto b^{-(z+d)}$$



$$h_{ij} \mapsto b^{(d-z)/2} h_{ij}$$

$$\mathbf{x} \mapsto b^{-1} \mathbf{x}, \quad t \mapsto b^{-z} t$$

Critical theory in  $z = d$

LI is necessarily broken. We want to preserve as many symmetries, as possible

$$x^i \mapsto \tilde{x}^i(\mathbf{x}, t) \quad \Rightarrow \quad \gamma_{ij} \quad N^i, \quad i = 1, \dots, d$$

$$t \mapsto \tilde{t}(t) \quad \Rightarrow \quad N$$

## Foliation preserving diffeomorphisms

$$x^i \mapsto \tilde{x}^i(\mathbf{x}, t), \quad t \mapsto \tilde{t}(t)$$

## ADM metric decomposition

$$ds^2 = N^2 dt^2 + \gamma_{ij}(dx^i + N^i dt)(dx^j + N^j dt), \quad i, j = 1, \dots, d$$

space  
dimensionality

## Anisotropic scaling transformations and scaling dimensions

$$x^i \rightarrow \lambda^{-1} x^i, \quad t \rightarrow \lambda^{-z} t, \quad N^i \rightarrow \lambda^{z-1} N^i, \quad \gamma_{ij} \rightarrow \gamma_{ij},$$

$$[x] = -1, \quad [t] = -z, \quad [N^i] = z - 1, \quad [\gamma_{ij}] = 0, \quad [K_{ij}] = z.$$

extrinsic  
curvature

$$K_{ij} = \frac{1}{2N}(\dot{\gamma}_{ij} - \nabla_i N_j - \nabla_j N_i)$$

**“Projectable” theory**  $N = \text{const} = 1$

**kinetic term -- unitarity**

**Horava gravity  
action**

$$S = \frac{1}{2G} \int dt d^d x \sqrt{\gamma} N \left( \overbrace{K_{ij} K^{ij} - \lambda K^2} - \mathcal{V}(\gamma) \right)$$

$$K_{ij} = \frac{1}{2N} (\dot{\gamma}_{ij} - \nabla_i N_j - \nabla_j N_i)$$

**Potential  
term**

$$\mathcal{V}(\gamma) = 2\Lambda - \eta R + \mu_1 R^2 + \mu_2 R_{ij} R^{ij} + \nu_1 R^3 + \nu_2 R R_{ij} R^{ij}$$

$$+ \nu_3 R_j^i R_k^j R_i^k + \nu_4 \nabla_i R \nabla^i R + \nu_5 \nabla_i R_{jk} \nabla^i R^{jk} + \dots$$

*Many more versions: extra  
structures in non-projectable theory,  
reduction of structures for  
detailed balance case . . .*

$$N \neq \text{const}, \quad a_i = \nabla_i \ln N, \dots$$

$d + 1 = 4$     **DoF:  $tt$ -graviton and scalar**

**Unitarity domain (no ghosts)**     $\frac{1 - \lambda}{1 - 3\lambda} > 0$

$$\omega_{tt}^2 = \eta k^2 + \mu_2 k^4 + \nu_5 k^6,$$

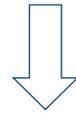
$$\omega_s^2 = \frac{1 - \lambda}{1 - 3\lambda} \left( -\eta k^2 + (8\mu_1 + 3\mu_2)k^4 + (8\nu_4 + 3\nu_5)k^6 \right)$$



**tachyon in IR**

## Divergences power counting

$$\text{Deg of div} \int \frac{d^{d+1}p}{(p^2)^N} = d + 1 - 2N = \text{physical dimensionality}$$



$$p = (\omega, \mathbf{k}), \quad p^2 \rightarrow \omega^2 + \mathbf{k}^2$$

$$\text{Deg of div} \int \frac{d\omega d^d k}{(\omega^2 + \mathbf{k}^2)^N} = z + d - 2zN = \text{scaling dimensionality}$$

physical dimensionality  $\neq$  scaling dimensionality

$$z = d$$

*critical value*

$$\mathcal{V}^{(d=2)}(\gamma) = 2\Lambda - \eta R + \mu_1 R^2$$

$$\mathcal{V}^{(d=3)}(\gamma) = 2\Lambda - \eta R + \mu_1 R^2 + \mu_2 R_{ij}^2 + O(R^3, R\nabla^2 R)$$

## Things are not so simple: power counting is not enough:

$$\int \prod_{l=1}^L d^{d+1}k^{(l)} \mathcal{F}(k) \prod_{m=1}^M \frac{1}{(P^{(m)}(k))^2} \Rightarrow$$

$$\int \prod_{l=1}^L d\omega^{(l)} d^d k^{(l)} \mathcal{F}(\omega, \mathbf{k}) \prod_{m=1}^M \frac{1}{A_m (\Omega^{(m)}(\omega))^2 + B_m (\mathbf{K}^{(m)}(\mathbf{k}))^{2z}}$$

Generalization of BPHZ renormalization theory (subtraction of subdivergences)

works only for  $A_m > 0$  and  $B_m > 0$

  
depends on gauge fixing

Invention of **regular gauges** for **projectable HG**

$$F^\mu \equiv \partial_\nu h^{\nu\mu} + \dots \Rightarrow F^i = \dot{N}^i + c \partial_j \Delta^{d-1} h^{ji} + \dots$$

$$[F^i] = 2d - 1 \Rightarrow \mathcal{O}_{ij} = \Delta^{2-d} (\Delta \delta_{ij} + \xi \partial_i \partial_j)^{-1}$$

extra derivatives to  
have **homogeneity**  
in scaling

**Gauge fixing term**  $S_{\text{gf}} = \frac{\sigma}{2G} \int dt d^d x \sqrt{\gamma} F_i \mathcal{O}^{ij} F_j$

$\sigma, \xi$  free gauge  
fixing parameters



**Projectable HG is renormalizable in any  $d$**

# Gauge invariance of counterterms

**Background covariant gauge conditions + BRST structure of renormalization**

**Background field method:**

$$\gamma_{ij} = \bar{\gamma}_{ij} + h_{ij}, \quad \partial_i \rightarrow \bar{\nabla}_i, \quad \mathcal{O}^{-1 ij} = \bar{\Delta}^{d-1} \bar{\gamma}^{ij} + \xi \bar{\nabla}^i \Delta^{d-2} \bar{\nabla}^j, \dots$$

*DeWitt, Tyutin, Voronov, Stelle, Batalin, Vilkovisky, Slavnov, Arefieva, Abbott...*

*Barnich, Henneaux, Grassi, Anselmi,...*

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# Background field extension of the BRST operator + inclusion of generating functional sources into it and the associated gauge fermion



1. BRST structure of renormalization via **decoupling of the background field**
2. **No power counting or use of field dimensionalities**
3. Extension to **Lorentz symmetry violating theories**
4. Extension to (nonrenormalizable) **effective field theories**

**Extended BRS operator and gauge fermion**  $Q \rightarrow Q_{\text{ext}}, \quad \Psi \rightarrow \Psi_{\text{ext}}[\Phi, J]$

$$e^{-W/\hbar} = \int D\Phi e^{-(S+Q\Psi+J\Phi)/\hbar} \Rightarrow e^{-W/\hbar} = \int D\Phi e^{-(S+Q_{\text{ext}}\Psi_{\text{ext}})/\hbar}$$

**Gauge independence on shell**

$$\delta_{\Psi} W[J] \Big|_{J=0} = 0$$

*physical gauge invariant local counterterm*

**Renormalization:**

$$S[\varphi] \rightarrow S[\varphi] + \Delta_{\infty} S[\varphi]$$

$$\Psi_{\text{ext}}[\Phi] \rightarrow \Psi_{\text{ext}}[\Phi] + \Delta_{\infty} \Psi_{\text{ext}}[\Phi]$$

*local counterterm to gauge fermion (irrelevant)*

# Asymptotic freedom in (2+1)-dimensions

$$S = \frac{1}{2G} \int dt d^2x N \sqrt{\gamma} \left( K_{ij} K^{ij} - \lambda K^2 + \mu R^2 \right)$$

**Off-shell extension  
is not unique:**

$$\Gamma_{1\text{-loop}} \rightarrow \Gamma_{1\text{-loop}} + \int dt d^d x \Omega_{ij} \frac{\delta S}{\delta \gamma_{ij}}$$

**Essential coupling constants:**

$$\lambda, \quad \mathcal{G} \equiv \frac{G}{\sqrt{\mu}}$$

**background covariant  
gauge-fixing term**

$\sigma, \xi$  – free gauge parameters

$$S_{\text{gf}} = \frac{\sigma}{2G} \int dt d^2x \sqrt{\gamma} F_i \mathcal{O}^{ij} F_i$$

$$F_i = \partial_t n_i + \frac{1}{2\sigma} \mathcal{O}_{ij}^{-1} (\nabla^k h_k^j - \lambda \nabla^j h)$$

$$\mathcal{O}^{ij} = -[\gamma_{ij} \Delta + \xi \nabla_i \nabla_j]^{-1}$$



**Mathematica package xAct**

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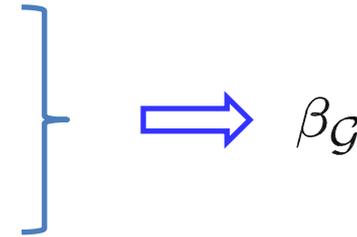
$$\beta_\lambda = \frac{15 - 14\lambda}{64\pi} \sqrt{\frac{1 - 2\lambda}{1 - \lambda}} \mathcal{G}$$

$$\beta_{\mathcal{G}} = -\frac{(16 - 33\lambda + 18\lambda^2)}{64\pi(1 - \lambda)^2} \sqrt{\frac{1 - \lambda}{1 - 2\lambda}} \mathcal{G}^2$$

**Powerful check – gauge independence of essential couplings**

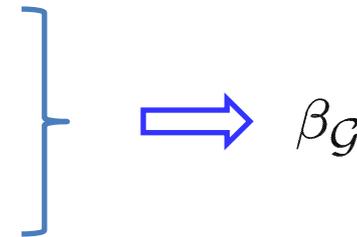
**Check in conformal gauge**  $h_{ij} = e^{2\phi}\gamma_{ij}$

$$\beta_\mu = \frac{2 - 7\lambda + 6\lambda^2}{32\pi(1 - \lambda)^{3/2}\sqrt{1 - 2\lambda}} G\sqrt{\mu}$$
$$\beta_G = -\frac{6\lambda - 7}{32\pi\sqrt{(1 - 2\lambda)(1 - \lambda)}} \frac{G^2}{\mu}$$



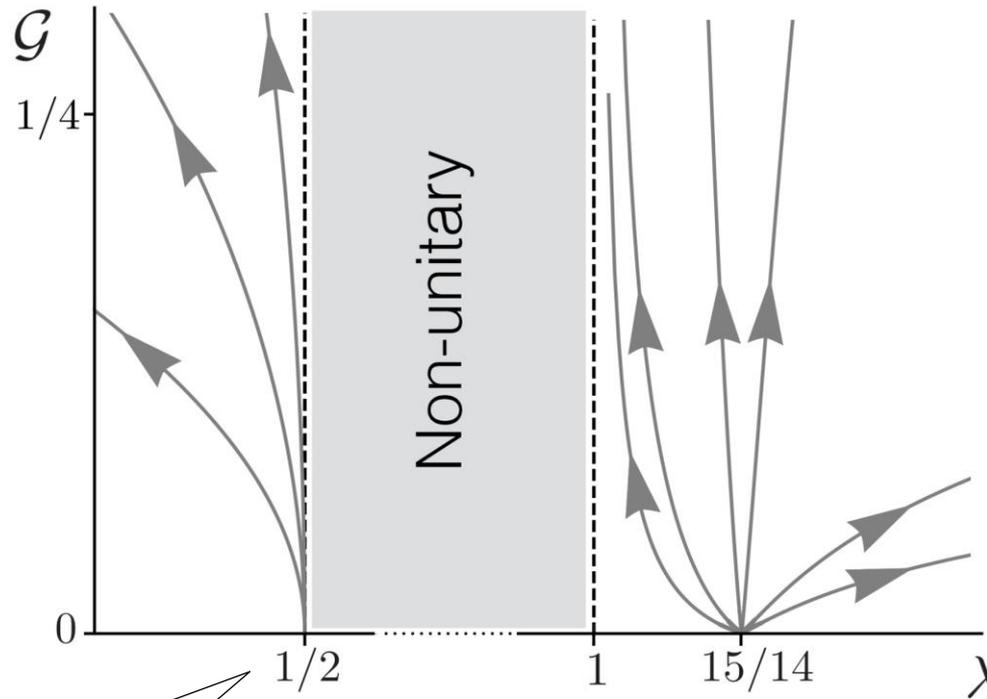
**Compare to regular “relativistic” gauge**

$$\beta_\mu = \frac{30 - 73\lambda + 42\lambda^2}{32\pi(1 - \lambda)^{3/2}\sqrt{1 - 2\lambda}} G\sqrt{\mu}$$
$$\beta_G = -\frac{30\lambda - 23}{32\pi\sqrt{(1 - 2\lambda)(1 - \lambda)}} \frac{G^2}{\mu}$$



**same**

## Renormalization flows:



**strongly coupled fixed point**

$$\mathcal{G} \rightarrow \tilde{\mathcal{G}} = \frac{\mathcal{G}}{\sqrt{1-2\lambda}}$$

$$\beta_{\tilde{\mathcal{G}}} = -\frac{(1-2\lambda)^2}{64\pi(1-\lambda)^{3/2}} \tilde{\mathcal{G}}^2$$

**AF UV fixed point**

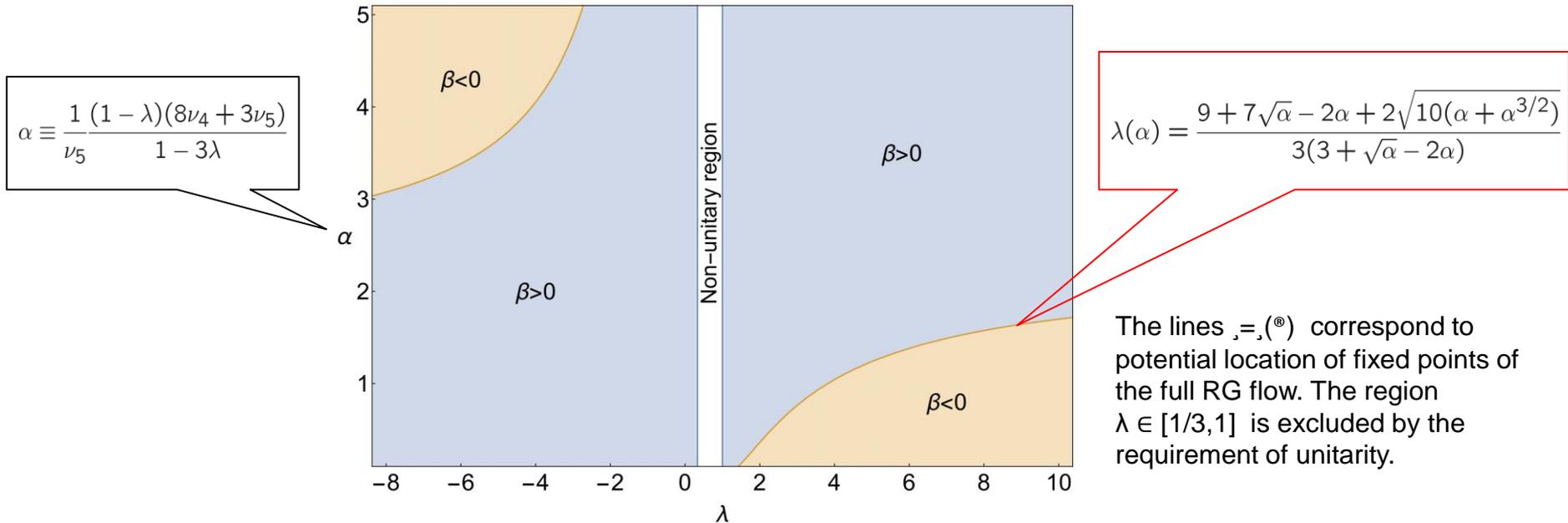
# Towards RG flows of (3+1)-dimensional Horava gravity

$$S = \frac{1}{2G} \int dt d^d x \sqrt{\gamma} (K_{ij} K^{ij} - \lambda K^2 - \mathcal{V}(\gamma))$$

$$\mathcal{V}(\gamma) = \nu_1 R^3 + \nu_2 R R_{ij} R^{ij} + \nu_3 R_j^i R_k^j R_i^k + \nu_4 \nabla_i R \nabla^i R + \nu_5 \nabla_i R_{jk} \nabla^i R^{jk} + \dots$$

$$\beta_G, \quad \beta_\lambda$$

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## Background field method

**One-loop effective action**

$$\Gamma_{\text{one-loop}} = \frac{1}{2} \text{Tr}_4 \ln \hat{F}(\nabla) = -\frac{1}{2} \int_0^\infty \frac{ds}{s} e^{-s\hat{F}(\nabla)}$$

**Action Hessian**  $\hat{F}(\nabla) = F_B^A(\nabla)$  **acting in the space of fields**  $\varphi = \varphi^A(x)$

$$\hat{F}(\nabla) = \square + \hat{P} - \frac{\hat{1}}{6} R, \quad \square = g^{\mu\nu} \nabla_\mu \nabla_\nu$$

$$[\nabla_\mu, \nabla_\nu] V^\lambda = R^\lambda_{\rho\mu\nu} V^\rho, \quad [\nabla_\mu, \nabla_\nu] \phi = \hat{R}_{\mu\nu} \phi, \quad [\nabla_\mu, \nabla_\nu] \hat{X} = [\hat{R}_{\mu\nu}, \hat{X}]$$

**Heat kernel (Schwinger-DeWitt) expansion**

$$e^{-s\hat{F}(\nabla)} \delta(x, y) = \frac{\mathcal{D}^{1/2}(x, y)}{(4\pi s)^{d/2}} g^{1/2}(y) e^{-\frac{\sigma(x, y)}{2s}} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} s^n \hat{a}_n(x, y)$$

**Schwinger-DeWitt (Gilkey-Seely) coefficients**

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{a}_0 \Big|_{y=x} &= \hat{1}, & \hat{a}_1 \Big|_{y=x} &= \hat{P}, \\ \hat{a}_2 \Big|_{y=x} &= \frac{1}{180} (R_{\alpha\beta\gamma\delta}^2 - R_{\mu\nu}^2 + \square R) \hat{1} + \frac{1}{12} \hat{R}_{\mu\nu}^2 + \frac{1}{2} \hat{P}^2 + \frac{1}{6} \square \hat{P}, \dots \end{aligned}$$

**One-loop divergences**

$$\Gamma_{\text{one-loop}}^{\text{div}} = -\frac{1}{32\pi^2 \varepsilon} \int dx g^{1/2} \text{tr} \hat{a}_2(x, x), \quad \varepsilon = 2 - \frac{d}{2} \rightarrow 0$$

*Extension to non-minimal and higher-derivative operators*

The method of **universal functional traces** (I. Jack and H. Osborn (1984), G.A.Vilkovisky & A.B., Phys. Rept. 119 (1985) 1)

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Tr} \ln \left( \square^N + P(\nabla) \right) &= N \text{Tr} \ln \square + \text{Tr} \ln \left( 1 + P(\nabla) \frac{1}{\square^N} \right) \\ &= N \text{Tr} \ln \square + \text{Tr} P(\nabla) \frac{1}{\square^N} + \dots \end{aligned}$$

$$\Gamma^{\text{div}} = \sum_{m,n} \int d^4x \mathcal{R}_n^{\mu_1 \dots \mu_m} \nabla_{\mu_1} \dots \nabla_{\mu_m} \frac{\hat{1}}{\square^n} \delta(x, y) \Big|_{y=x}^{\text{div}}$$

↑  
*universal functional traces*

$$\nabla \dots \nabla \frac{\hat{1}}{\square^n} \delta(x, y) \Big|_{y=x}^{\text{div}} = \frac{(-1)^n}{\Gamma(n)} \nabla \dots \nabla \int_0^\infty ds s^{\alpha-1} e^{s\square} \hat{\delta}(x, y) \Big|_{y=x}^{\text{div}}$$

↑  
*Schwinger-DeWitt expansion*

## Horava gravity:

$$\varphi^A(x) = h_{ij}(x), n^i(x) + \text{FP ghosts}$$

**Static 3-metric background with generic 3-metric**  $\bar{\gamma}_{ij}(\mathbf{x})$

$$\gamma_{ij}(x) = \bar{\gamma}_{ij}(\mathbf{x}) + h_{ij}(\tau, \mathbf{x}), \quad N^i(x) = 0 + n^i(\tau, \mathbf{x})$$

**Hessian structure**  $\hat{F}(\nabla) = -\hat{1} \partial_\tau^2 + \hat{\mathbb{F}}(\nabla_{\mathbf{x}})$

**Space parts of metric and vector (shifts and ghosts) operators:**

$$\hat{\mathbb{F}} = \mathbb{F}_B^A = \left\{ \mathbb{F}_{ij}^{kl}, \mathbb{F}_i^k \right\} \sim \nabla^6 + \dots$$

**Example – for the ghost operator in  $\sigma, \xi$  -family of gauges:**

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{F}_j^i(\nabla) = & -\frac{1}{2\sigma} \delta_j^i \Delta^3 - \frac{1}{2\sigma} \Delta^2 \nabla_j \nabla^i - \frac{\xi}{2\sigma} \nabla^i \Delta \nabla^k \nabla_j \nabla_k \\ & - \frac{\xi}{2\sigma} \nabla^i \Delta \nabla_j \Delta + \frac{\lambda}{\sigma} \Delta^2 \nabla^i \nabla_j + \frac{\lambda \xi}{\sigma} \nabla^i \Delta^2 \nabla_j, \quad \Delta = \gamma^{ij} \nabla_i \nabla_j \end{aligned}$$

**Dimensional reduction method on a *static* background with *generic 3-metric***

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Tr}_4 \ln(-\partial_\tau^2 + \mathbb{F}) &= - \int_0^\infty \frac{ds}{s} \text{Tr}_4 e^{-s(-\partial_\tau^2 + \mathbb{F})} \\
 &= \int d\tau d^3x \int \frac{ds}{s} \text{tr} e^{-s(-\partial_\tau^2 + \mathbb{F})} \delta(\tau - \tau') \delta(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}') \Big|_{\tau=\tau', \mathbf{x}=\mathbf{x}'} \\
 &= - \int d\tau \text{Tr}_3 \sqrt{\mathbb{F}}
 \end{aligned}$$

**How to proceed with the square root of the 6-th order differential operator?**

$$\mathbb{F} = \sum_{a=0}^6 \mathcal{R}_{(a)} \sum_{6 \geq 2k \geq a} \alpha_{a,k} \nabla_1 \dots \nabla_{2k-a} (-\Delta)^{3-k}, \quad \mathcal{R}_{(a)} = O\left(\frac{1}{l^a}\right)$$

**Pseudodifferential operator – infinite series in curvature invariants  $\mathcal{R}_{(a)}$**

$$\sqrt{\mathbb{F}} = \sum_{a=0}^{\infty} \mathcal{R}_{(a)} \sum_{k \geq a/2}^{K_a} \tilde{\alpha}_{a,k} \nabla_1 \dots \nabla_{2k-a} \frac{1}{(-\Delta)^{k-3/2}}$$

**How to find the coefficients  $\tilde{\alpha}_{a,k}$  ?**

$$\sqrt{\mathbb{F}} = \mathbb{Q}^{(0)} + \mathbb{X}$$

$$\textit{principal symbol of } \mathbb{F} \equiv \mathbb{F}(\nabla) \Big|_{\nabla \rightarrow p, \mathcal{R} \rightarrow 0}$$

$$\mathbb{Q}^{(0)} = \left( \textit{principal symbol of } \mathbb{F} \right)^{1/2} \Big|_{p \rightarrow \nabla}$$

**Solving by iterations the linear equation for  $\mathbb{X}$  as expansion in the curvature**

$$\mathbb{Q}^{(0)}\mathbb{X} + \mathbb{X}\mathbb{Q}^{(0)} = \mathbb{F} - \left(\mathbb{Q}^{(0)}\right)^2 - \mathbb{X}^2 \propto \mathcal{R} \sim [\nabla, \nabla]$$

$$\text{Tr}_3 \sqrt{\mathbb{F}} \Big|_{\text{div}}^{\text{div}} = \sum_{a=2}^6 \sum_k \tilde{\alpha}_{a,k} \int d^3x \mathcal{R}_{(a)}(\mathbf{x}) \nabla_1 \dots \nabla_{2k-a} \frac{1}{(-\Delta)^{k-3/2}} \delta(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}') \Big|_{\mathbf{x}=\mathbf{x}'}$$

## Divergences of universal functional traces

$$\nabla \dots \nabla \frac{\hat{1}}{(-\Delta)^\alpha} \delta(x, y) \Big|_{y=x}^{\text{div}} = \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \nabla \dots \nabla \int_0^\infty ds s^{\alpha-1} e^{s\Delta} \hat{\delta}(x, y) \Big|_{y=x}^{\text{div}}$$



Schwinger-DeWitt expansion

### Examples:

$$g^{ij} (-\Delta)^{1/2} \delta_{ij}{}^{kl}(x, y) \Big|_{y=x}^{\text{div}} = -\frac{1}{16\pi^2 \varepsilon} \sqrt{g} g^{kl} \frac{1}{30} \left( \frac{1}{2} R_{ij}^2 + \frac{1}{4} R^2 + \Delta R \right)$$

$$\int d^3x \delta_{kl}{}^{ij} (-\Delta)^{3/2} \delta_{ij}{}^{kl}(x, y) \Big|_{y=x}^{\text{div}} = \frac{3}{32\pi^2 \varepsilon} \int d^3x \sqrt{g} \delta_{kl}{}^{ij} a_{3ij}{}^{kl}(x, x)$$

$$= \frac{3}{32\pi^2 \varepsilon} \int d^3x \sqrt{g} \left( \frac{31}{45} R_j^i R_k^j R_i^k - \frac{233}{210} R_{ij}^2 R + \frac{673}{2520} R^3 + \frac{5}{84} R \Delta R - \frac{67}{420} R_{ij} \Delta R^{ij} \right)$$

## Results for beta functions of (3+1)-dimensional Horava gravity

$$S = \frac{1}{2G} \int dt d^d x \sqrt{\gamma} N \left( K_{ij} K^{ij} - \lambda K^2 - \mathcal{V}(\gamma) \right)$$

$$\mathcal{V}(\gamma) = \nu_1 R^3 + \nu_2 R R_{ij} R^{ij} + \nu_3 R_j^i R_k^j R_i^k + \nu_4 \nabla_i R \nabla^i R + \nu_5 \nabla_i R_{jk} \nabla^i R^{jk}$$

**Six essential coupling constants**  $\mathcal{G}$ ,  $\lambda$  and  $\chi = (u_s, v_1, v_2, v_3)$

$$\mathcal{G} = \frac{G}{\sqrt{\nu_5}}, \quad \lambda, \quad u_s = \sqrt{\frac{(1-\lambda)(8\nu_4 + 3\nu_5)}{(1-3\lambda)\nu_5}}, \quad v_a = \frac{\nu_a}{\nu_5}, \quad a = 1, 2, 3$$

$$\beta_{\mathcal{G}} = \frac{\mathcal{G}^2}{26880\pi^2(1-\lambda)^2(1-3\lambda)^2(1+u_s)^3 u_s^3} \sum_{n=0}^7 u_s^n \mathcal{P}_n^{\mathcal{G}}[l, v_1, v_2, v_3]$$

$$\beta_{\lambda} = \frac{\mathcal{G}}{120\pi^2(1-\lambda)(1+u_s)u_s} \left[ 27(1-\lambda)^2 + 3u_s(11-3\lambda)(1-\lambda) - 2u_s^2(1-3\lambda)^2 \right]$$

$$\beta_{\chi} = \frac{A_{\chi} \mathcal{G}}{26880\pi^2(1-\lambda)^3(1-3\lambda)^3(1+u_s)^3 u_s^5} \sum_{n=0}^9 u_s^n \mathcal{P}_n^{\chi}[l, v_1, v_2, v_3]$$

$$A_{u_s} = u_s(1-\lambda), \quad A_{v_1} = 1, \quad A_{v_2} = A_{v_3} = 2$$

$\mathcal{P}_n^{\chi}[l, v_1, v_2, v_3, ]$  are polynomials in  $\lambda$  and  $v_a$ ,

## Use of *Mathematica* package *xAct*

*Example (one of the longest ones):*

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{P}_5^{v_1} = & -2(1-\lambda)^2(1-3\lambda) \left\{ 168v_2^3(51\lambda^3 - 149\lambda^2 + 125\lambda - 27) - 108v_3^3(9\lambda^3 + 9\lambda^2 \right. \\ & - 25\lambda + 7) - 4v_2^2(1-\lambda) [18v_3(117\lambda^2 - 366\lambda + 109) - 284\lambda^2 - 7265\lambda + 5425] \\ & + 40320v_1^2(1-\lambda)^2(\lambda+1) - 9v_3^2(3467\lambda^3 - 8839\lambda^2 + 6237\lambda - 865) \\ & + v_1 [64v_2^2(1-\lambda)^2(1717\lambda - 581) - 16v_2(1-\lambda)(3v_3(2741\lambda^2 - 3690\lambda + 949) \\ & + 25940\lambda^2 - 40662\lambda + 12022) + 27v_3^2(961\lambda^3 - 2395\lambda^2 + 1835\lambda - 401) \\ & + 6v_3(52267\lambda^3 - 148963\lambda^2 + 129881\lambda - 33185) - 288353\lambda^3 + 542255\lambda^2 \\ & - 333355\lambda + 83485] - 2v_2 [162v_3^2(3\lambda^3 + 35\lambda^2 - 51\lambda + 13) + 24v_3(1265\lambda^3 \\ & - 2191\lambda^2 + 691\lambda + 235) + 30971\lambda^3 - 40323\lambda^2 + 13167\lambda - 4451] - 12v_3(6551\lambda^3 \\ & \left. - 11593\lambda^2 + 6124\lambda - 1112) + 109519\lambda^3 - 252396\lambda^2 + 177357\lambda - 34396 \right\} \end{aligned}$$

**Check of the results: independence of essential beta functions on the choice of gauge ( $\sigma, \xi$  - family of gauge conditions) and spectral sum method in dimensional and zeta-functional regularization.**

## Discussion: detailed balance and asymptotic freedom

**Special (not fully fixed) point:**  $\{v^*\} : v_1 = 1/2, \quad v_2 = -5/2, \quad v_3 = 3$

$\beta_{v_a} \Big|_{\{v^*\}, u_s \rightarrow 0} = 0, a = 1, 2, 3, \quad \beta_{u_s} \Big|_{\{v^*\}, u_s \rightarrow 0}, \beta_{\mathcal{G}} \Big|_{\{v^*\}, u_s \rightarrow 0}$  are regular

**Detailed balance  
version of HG**

$$\begin{aligned} S_{v^*, u_s \rightarrow 0} &= \frac{1}{2G} \int d\tau d^3x \sqrt{\gamma} (K_{ij} K^{ij} - \lambda K^2 + \nu_5 C^{ij} C_{ij}) \\ &= \frac{2}{G} \int d\tau d^3x \sqrt{\gamma} (K_{ij} + \sqrt{\nu_5} C_{ij}) \mathbb{G}^{ij,kl} (K_{kl} + \sqrt{\nu_5} C_{kl}), \end{aligned}$$

**Cotton tensor**

$$C^{ij} = \varepsilon^{ikl} \nabla_k \left( R_l^j - \frac{1}{4} R \delta_l^j \right) = \varepsilon^{kl(i} \nabla_k R_l^{j)}$$

**Connection to  
gravitational  
Chern-Simons theory**

$$C^{ij} = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{g}} \frac{\delta W_{\text{CS}}[g]}{\delta g_{ij}(x)}, \quad W_{\text{CS}}[g] = \frac{1}{2} \int d^3x \varepsilon^{ijk} \left( \Gamma_{il}^m \partial_j \Gamma_{km}^l + \frac{2}{3} \Gamma_{il}^n \Gamma_{jm}^l \Gamma_{kn}^m \right)$$

**Covariant Langevin  
equation – stochastic  
quantization of CS theory**

$$K_{ij} - \frac{\sqrt{\nu_5}}{\sqrt{g}} \frac{\delta W_{\text{CS}}[g]}{\delta g_{ij}(x)} = J^{ij}$$

$\mathcal{G} \rightarrow 0$     *asymptotic freedom*

$\mathcal{G} \rightarrow \infty$     *Landau pole*

**Fixed points equations:**

$$\beta_\lambda/\mathcal{G} = 0 ,$$

$$\beta_\chi/\mathcal{G} = 0 , \quad \chi = u_s, v_1, v_2, v_3$$

$\lambda$	$u_s$	$v_1$	$v_2$	$v_3$	$\beta_{\mathcal{G}}/\mathcal{G}^2$	AF?	UV attractive along $\lambda$ ?
0.1787	60.57	-928.4	-6.206	-1.711	-0.1416	yes	no
0.2773	390.6	-19.88	-12.45	2.341	-0.2180	yes	no
0.3288	54533	$3.798 \times 10^8$	-48.66	4.736	-0.8484	yes	no
0.3289	57317	$-4.125 \times 10^8$	-49.17	4.734	-0.8784	yes	no

**Special limit:**  $\lambda \rightarrow \infty$  (non-relativistic gravity vs Perelman-Ricci flow, A. Frenkel, P. Horava and S. Randall, 2011.1914; cosmology implication, [A.E. Gumrukcuoglu](#), [S. Mukohyama](#), 1104.2087)

$u_s$	$v_1$	$v_2$	$v_3$	$\beta_G/G^2$	asymptotically free?	UV attractive along $\lambda$ ?
0.01950	0.4994	-2.498	2.999	-0.2004	yes	no
0.04180	-0.01237	-0.4204	1.321	-1.144	yes	no
0.05530	-0.2266	0.4136	0.7177	-1.079	yes	no
12.28	-215.1	-6.007	-2.210	-0.1267	yes	yes
21.60	-17.22	-11.43	1.855	-0.1936	yes	yes
440.4	-13566	-2.467	2.967	0.05822	no	yes
571.9	-9.401	13.50	-18.25	-0.07454	yes	yes
950.6	-61.35	11.86	3.064	0.4237	no	yes

# Conclusions

## *Renormalization of Horava-Lifshitz gravity*

*Salvation of unitarity in **local renormalizable** QG via LI violation*

*BPHZ renormalization and “**regularity**” of propagators*

*Gauge invariance of UV counterterms*

***Asymptotic freedom** in (2+1)-dimensional theory*

*Method of universal functional traces*

*Beta functions of (3+1)-dimensional theory and fixed points  
**candidates for AF***

**THANK YOU!**