

*”Interacting String Multi-verses and  
holographic instabilities of  
Massive Gravity ”*

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# Introduction

- One of the great surprises of modern physics is the observation of the acceleration of the observable universe.
- It seems to require a vacuum/dark energy that today is dominating the energy balance of the universe (  $\sim 74\%$  )
- All models that have been proposed so far are **highly fine-tuned**: Cosmological constant, quintessence, IR modified gravity.
- It is not clear if in any of the above the fine tuning is at least "technically stable".
- ♠ The most conservative approach involves an attempt to modify gravity in the IR. There are two classes of modifications:
  - Introducing a mass (or potential) for the graviton.
  - **Brane-induced gravity, where the massive graviton is a resonance embedded in a (higher-d) continuum.** The best example in this class is the DGP model.

# Massive Gravitons

- Fierz and Pauli introduced them many decades ago. They found that a generic mass term contains a scalar ghost. A tuning at the quadratic level can get rid of it.

*Fierz+Pauli (1939)*

- Re-analyzed by Boulware and Deser. They confirmed Fierz+Pauli at linearized level but discovered that the ghost reappears at the non-linear level and cannot be avoided.

*Boulware+Deser (1972)*

- This sets gravity apart from any other IR QFT. In some sense gravity seems to react to the brutal breaking of diffeomorphism invariance (unlike standard gauge theories)

- Van Dam, Veltman and Zakharov pointed out that in the limit  $m_g \rightarrow 0$ , the effects of the scalar graviton mode, do not decouple and pose a real phenomenological threat.

*Van Dam+Veltman (1970), Zakharov (1970)*

- Vainshtein pointed out that at the non-linear level the story can be different as linearized expansion break down in general backgrounds.

*Vainstein, (1972)*

# Massive Gravitons and cosmology

Consider the cosmology of massive gravity:

*Babak+Grishuk (2002)*

$$L_{GR} = -\frac{M_P^2}{2}\sqrt{-g} R \quad , \quad L_{mass} = -\frac{1}{2\kappa^2}\sqrt{-\eta} [k_1 h^{\mu\nu} h_{\mu\nu} + k_2 (h^{\mu\nu} \eta_{\mu\nu})^2]$$

$$k_1 = \frac{m_g^2}{4} \quad , \quad k_2 = -\frac{m_g^2}{8} \frac{m_g^2 + 2m_0^2}{2m_g^2 + m_0^2} \quad , \quad \zeta = \frac{m_0^2}{m_g^2} \rightarrow \infty$$

We make the cosmological ansatz

$$ds^2 = b^2(t)dt^2 - a^2(t)dx^i dx_i$$

The Einstein equations determine  $b(t)$  in terms of  $a(t)$ :

$$4a^2 b^2 - 4a^4 + 8\frac{a^3}{b} - 8 = 0 \quad , \quad \left(\frac{\dot{a}}{a}\right)^2 = \frac{\rho}{3M_P^2} - \frac{m_g^2}{4} \left(2\frac{b}{a} + \frac{1}{b^2} - 3\frac{1}{a^2}\right) \simeq \frac{\rho}{3M_P^2} + \frac{m_g^2}{2} + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{1}{a^2}\right)$$

*Kiritsis (2003)*

- $\Lambda_{eff} \sim m_g^2$ . If the graviton has a horizon-size wavelength, then the cosmological constant has the correct order of magnitude today

$$m_g \sim \frac{1}{H_0} \sim 10^{-32} \text{ eV} \quad , \quad (\text{vacuum - energy})^4 \sim m_g^2 M_P^2 \sim (10^{-3} \text{ eV})^4$$

- But...., higher terms in the graviton potential give more important contributions unless they are fine-tuned away

# Massive Gravitons and strong coupling

- Introducing Stuckelberg Fields ( $A_\mu, \phi$ ) in order to reinstate the diffeomorphism invariance can provide a clearer view of the intricacies of massive gravity

*Arkani-Hamed+Georgi+Schwartz (2002)*

- The scalar mode becomes generically strongly coupled around flat space at

$$E \sim \Lambda_V = (m_g^4 M_P)^{\frac{1}{5}}, \quad m_g \ll \Lambda_V \ll M_P$$

- “Fine-Tuning” the graviton potential one can push the strong coupling to

$$E \sim \Lambda_{AGS} = (m_g^2 M_P)^{\frac{1}{3}}, \quad m_g \ll \Lambda_V \ll \Lambda_{AGS} \ll M_P$$

$$\text{For } m_g \sim H_0^{-1} \quad \frac{1}{\Lambda_V} \sim 10^{13} \text{ Km}, \quad \frac{1}{\Lambda_{AGS}} \sim 10^4 \text{ Km}$$

- A cutoff  $\Lambda_* \sim \sqrt{m_g M_P} \sim 10^{-3} \text{ eV}$  would put the strong coupling problem at the millimeter scale. This so far has been elusive.
- Strong coupling effects depend on the background: they also happen around masses giving rise to the Vainshtein radius

$$R_V \sim (M/(M_P^2 m_g^4))^{\frac{1}{5}}$$

*Vainshtein (1972)*

♠ Naive UV-IR decoupling fails in massive gravity.

# Simple examples of massive gravitons

- Stringy massive gravitons: at higher levels of flat space string theory. They **cannot** become arbitrarily light.

$$m_g \sim M_s \quad , \quad m_g \ll \Lambda_V \ll \Lambda_{AGS} \ll M_{10P}$$

No signal of strong coupling in string theory.

- Massive KK gravitons: they can become arbitrarily light, but they carry a whole KK tower along with them.

$$\frac{1}{R} \ll \Lambda_V \ll \Lambda_{AGS} \ll M_{d+1} \ll M_d$$

In the interesting regime, they are described by a "massless"  $d+1$ -graviton. No strong coupling problem is expected and indeed this is the case.

*Schwartz (2003)*

- Massive gravitons on a codimension-one subspace: They can be induced on a defect inside  $AdS_d$

*Karch-Randall (2001), Porrati (2003)*

# A Holographic approach to massive gravity

- Our goal will be to find models of massive gravity that have gauge-theory duals
- The existence of the gauge-theory dual provides a “definition” and a UV completion for the gravitational theory.
- As our best understood holographic examples are in asymptotically AdS spaces our massive graviton theories will be such.
- Although AdS is curved, such cases do not preclude subspaces with very weak curvature.
- We will study the relevant CFTs and their RG flows and we will translate our findings in the gravitational language



# Holographic String (Multi)verses

- A large-N CFT<sup>d</sup> is dual to a string theory on  $AdS_{d+1} \times X$ .
- The tensor product  $CFT_1^d \times CFT_2^d$  is dual to a product of string theories one in  $AdS_{d+1} \times X_1$  the other in  $AdS_{d+1} \times X_2$ .
- The two AdS-spaces share a common boundary.
- There are two non-interacting “massless”  $d + 1$ -dimensional gravitons.
- We now couple the two CFTs via a **marginal/relevant** coupling:  $\sim \mathcal{O}_1 \mathcal{O}_2$ . This is necessarily a **double-trace** coupling.

• We expect that from the two stress tensors  $T_1, T_2$  only one will remain conserved:  $T = T_1 + T_2$  as the theories can exchange energy via the boundary.

• The other will acquire an anomalous dimension at one-loop: the dual graviton  $h_1 - h_2$  will acquire a one-loop mass.

*Kiritsis (2006), Aharony+Clark+Karch (2006)*

• Corollary: Multiple massless gravitons are necessarily non-interacting

*Bachas+Petropoulos (1992)*

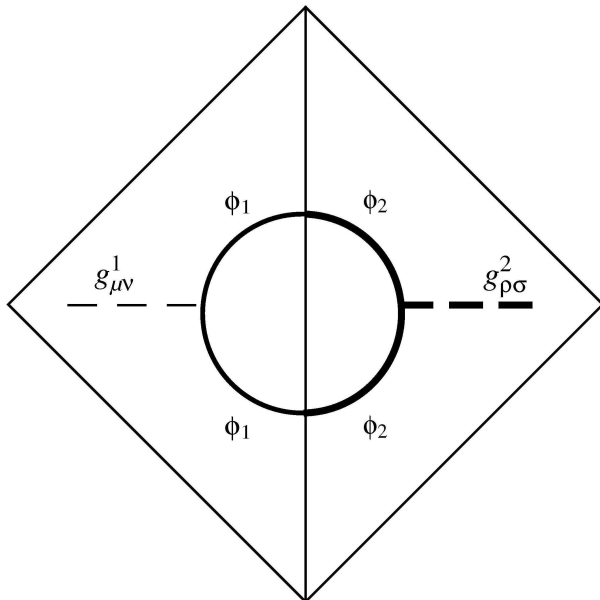
*Boulanger+Damour+Gualtieri+Henneaux, (2000)*

# The graviton mass

A direct calculation in the field theory  $CFT_1^d + CFT_2^d + h \int d^d x \mathcal{O}_1(x) \mathcal{O}_2(x)$  gives

$$\langle T_1(x) T_2(y) \rangle \sim h^2 \int d^d z_1 d^d z_2 \langle T_1(x) \mathcal{O}_1(z_1) \mathcal{O}_1(z_2) \rangle \langle T_2(y) \mathcal{O}_2(z_1) \mathcal{O}_2(z_2) \rangle$$

$$m_g^2 = \frac{d(\Delta_T - d)}{\ell^2} = \left( \frac{1}{c_1} + \frac{1}{c_2} \right) \frac{d\Delta(d - \Delta)}{(d + 2)(d - 1)} \frac{h^2}{\ell^2} \sim \mathcal{O} \left( \frac{h^2}{N^2} \right)$$



- In the bulk theory,  $\mathcal{O}_1 \sim \Phi_1$  and  $\mathcal{O}_2 \sim \Phi_2$ , with the same mass.

- The double trace deformation induces mixed boundary conditions for  $\Phi_1, \Phi_2$

*Witten (2001), Berkooz+Sever+Shomer (2001), Muck (2002)*

- This allows the one-loop diagram that provides a term  $g_1^{\mu\nu} g_{2,\mu\nu}$  mixing the two gravitons.

# The gravitational side

- Before coupling the two theories we have two non-interacting actions

$$S = S_1 + S_2 = M_1^{d-1} \int d^{d+1}x \sqrt{g_1} [R_1 + (\partial\Phi_1)^2 + \dots] + \\ + M_2^{d-1} \int d^{d+1}y \sqrt{g_2} [R_2 + (\partial\Phi_2)^2 + \dots]$$

- After coupling the theories we have also an interaction

$$S_{12} = (\ell_1\ell_2)^{d+1} \int d^{d+1}x \int d^{d+1}y I(g_1(x), g_2(y))$$

- This interaction is non-local at the AdS scale.
- At much larger distances there is a local expansion and the theory is of the bi-gravity type. Such classical theories have been studied extensively.

*Isham+Salam+Strandee, (1971)*

*Damour+Kogan+Papazoglou, (2002)*

- To study the phase space of solutions nearby and therefore the stability of these theories we will look at renormalization group flows in the dual FT language.

# Double-trace Renormalization Group flows

- Once we turn-on a double-trace coupling term between two distinct CFT's other operators turn-on too:

$$S = S_1 + S_2 + \int d^d x \left[ N(g_1 \mathcal{O}_1 + g_2 \mathcal{O}_2) + g_{11}(\mathcal{O}_1)^2 + g_{22}(\mathcal{O}_2)^2 + g_{12} \mathcal{O}_1 \mathcal{O}_2 + \right. \\ \left. + \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i,j,k=1,2} g_{ijk} \mathcal{O}_i \mathcal{O}_j \mathcal{O}_k + \dots \right]$$

- We will calculate the RG flow to leading order in  $N$  ( $\langle \mathcal{O}^{n+2} \rangle \sim \mathcal{O}(N^{-n})$ ) This can be done independent of the type of CFT.
- We can set the single-trace couplings  $g_1 = g_2 = 0$ .
- If there is a fixed point solution for  $g_{ij}$ , then all higher-trace couplings can be determined without extra conditions.
- The fixed-point conditions become:

$$(d - 2\Delta_1)g_{11} - 8g_{11}^2 - 8g_{12}^2 = 0 \quad , \quad (d - 2\Delta_2)g_{22} - 8g_{22}^2 - 8g_{12}^2 = 0$$

$$(d - \Delta_1 - \Delta_2)g_{12} - 8g_{12}(g_{11} + g_{22}) = 0$$

- There is no (non-trivial) solution with  $g_{11} = g_{22} = 0$ .
- There is no solution unless  $\Delta_1 + \Delta_2 = d$  or  $\Delta_1 = \Delta_2$  except  $\Delta_1 = \Delta_2 = \frac{d}{2}$  (asymptotically-free case).

## Double-trace RG flows, part II

- If  $\Delta_1 + \Delta_2 = d$  there is a one-parameter family (circle) of fixed points:

$$g_{11} = -g_{22} \quad , \quad 4g_{11}^2 - ag_{11} + 4g_{12}^2 = 0$$

with  $a \equiv \frac{d}{2} - \Delta_1$  as described in the [graph](#).

- Apart from the trivial solution  $g_{11} = g_{22} = g_{12} = 0$  all other points of the fixed circle have  $g_{12} \neq 0$  and represent a product of AdS spaces with a massive graviton.

- The one-loop approximation is valid for the whole circle, if  $a \ll 1$ . However at large  $N$ , our  $\beta$ -functions are all-loop exact.

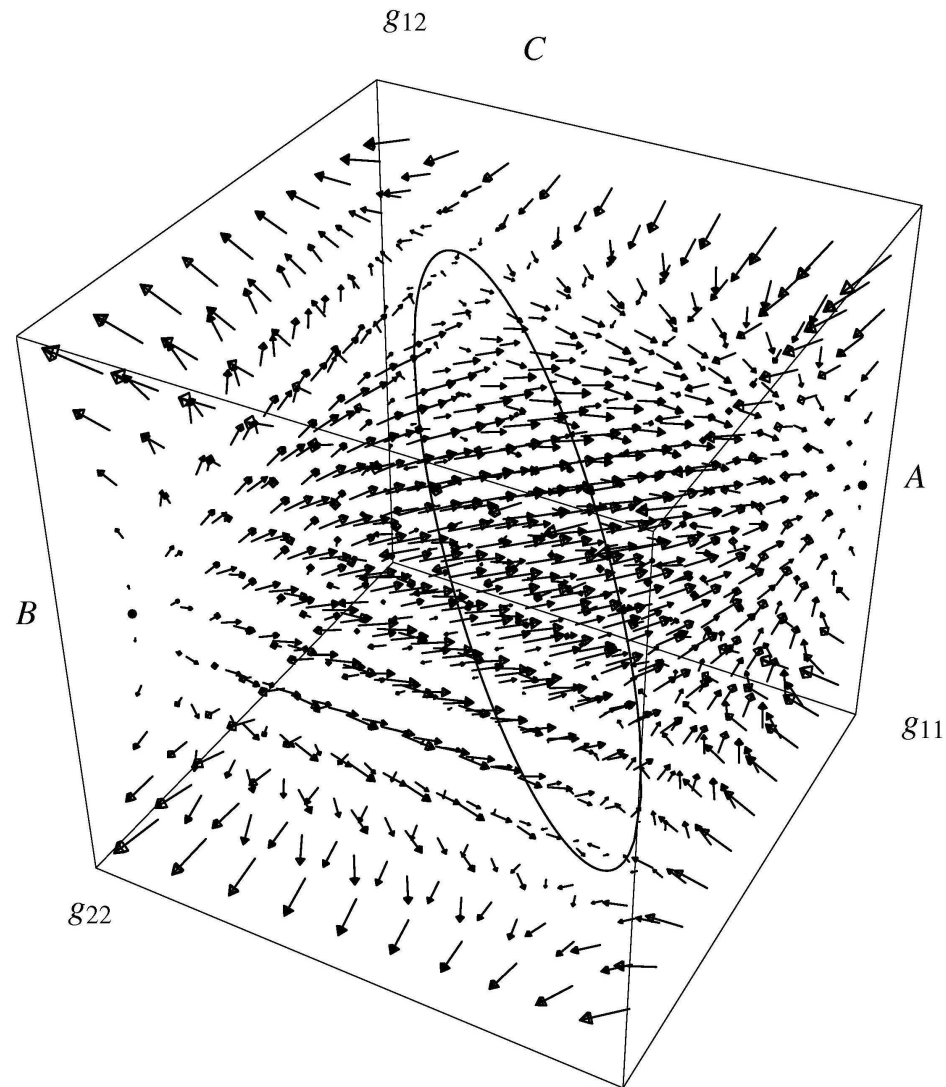
- For arbitrary  $a$  there is always a part of the circle that is perturbative (when  $g_{11} \ll 1$ )

♠ The fixed point theories at  $g_{12} = 0, g_{ii} \neq 0$  are dual to the "non-local" string theories of

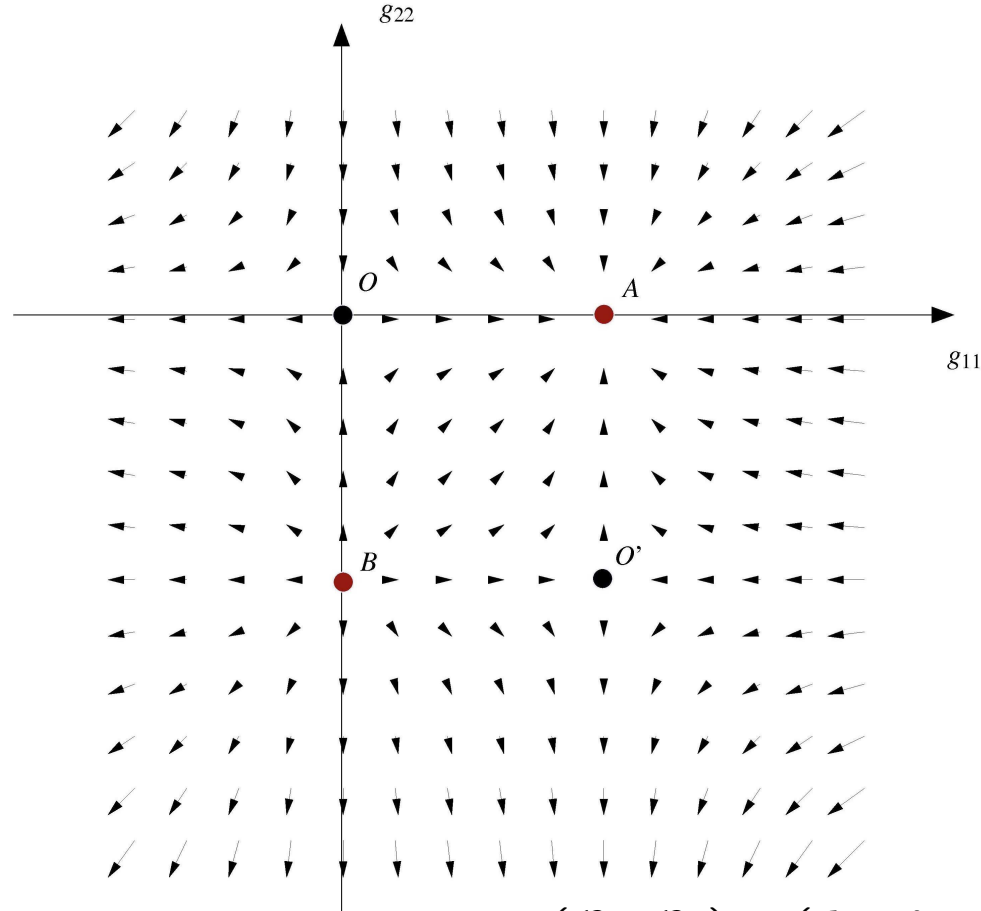
*Aharony+Berkooz+Silverstein (2001)*

♠ All fixed points except the trivial one are repellers of the RG flow!

# RG flows: the map



# RG flows: the $g_{12} = 0$ slice



Stable: A :  $g_{11} = \frac{a}{4}, g_{22} = 0, g_{12} = 0$

Unstable: B :  $g_{11} = 0, g_{22} = -\frac{a}{4}, g_{12} = 0$

Saddle:  $O = (0, 0, 0)$

Saddle:  $O' = (\frac{a}{4}, -\frac{a}{4}, 0)$

$(\mathcal{O}_1, \mathcal{O}_2) \sim (d - \Delta_1, d - \Delta_1)$

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## RG flow: Next to leading in $1/N$

- To next order, the fixed point values of  $g_i$  are non-zero

$$g_i^{(0)} = \mathcal{O} \left( \frac{(g_{ij}^{(0)})^2}{N^2} \right)$$

- This represents a source for the bulk scalars  $\Phi_{1,2}$  in the dual string theory.
- The fixed circle stays put but its shape is slightly deformed.
- The same applies to the pattern of the RG flows.

# Examples in 0 and 1 dimension (Matrix Models)

The simplest example

$$Z = \int D\Phi_1 D\Phi_2 e^{-N_1 \text{tr} \left[ \frac{1}{2} \Phi_1^2 + \lambda_1 \Phi_1^4 \right] - N_2 \left[ \frac{1}{2} \Phi_2^2 + \lambda_2 \Phi_2^4 \right] - \left[ g_{11} (\text{tr} \Phi_1^4)^2 + g_{22} (\text{tr} \Phi_2^4)^2 + 2g_{12} \text{tr} \Phi_1^4 \text{tr} \Phi_2^4 \right]}$$

- Analogue of conformal invariance  $\rightarrow$  continuum limit
- When the deforming operators have the same scaling dimension **there is a circle of fixed points**.
- When not on fixed circle the theory flows to:
  1. **Back to the decoupled theory (weak coupling)**
  2. **To a branched polymer phase ("strong coupling")**
- At leading order in  $1/N$  the theory on the fixed circle is a coupled Legendre transform of the decoupled theories, in agreement with the higher-d case. *Klebanov (1994)*
- Beyond the leading order the theory is genuinely non-local although in a computable way:

$$e^{\tilde{F}(\tilde{t})} = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dt e^{\tilde{t}t + F(t)} \quad (1)$$

- The old interpretation must be changed to agree with AdS-CFT: the fixed circle theories are Liouville theories **with the same action containing both cosmological constants** but with **different interpretation of sources**.
- Similar remarks apply to matrix QM.

# Examples in 2 and 4 dimensions

- In 2d we can find large- $N$  CFTs with single-trace scalar operators of arbitrary low dimension.
- The analogue of CS terms without  $F^2$  terms in 3d CFTs is here the WZW-gauging of a (chiral)  $SU(N)$  current algebra. Example:

$$\frac{SU(N)_{k_1} \times SU(N)_{k_2}}{SU(N)_{k_1+k_2}}, \quad N \rightarrow \infty, \quad \lambda_1 = \frac{N}{k_1}, \lambda_2 = \frac{N}{k_2} \quad \text{fixed}$$

- Operators associated to  $(\square, \bar{\square}, 1)$  are single-trace and have large- $N$  scaling dimension

$$\Delta_{\square, \bar{\square}, 1} = \frac{\lambda_1}{1 + \lambda_1} + \frac{\lambda_2}{1 + \lambda_2}$$

## IN FOUR DIMENSIONS:

- The Klebanov-Witten  $SU(N) \times SU(N)$  theory with  $\Delta_{tr[A_k B_l]} = \frac{3}{2}$ .
- SQCD  $N_c, N_f \rightarrow \infty$  with  $x = \frac{N_c}{N_f}$  fixed. In the conformal window  $\frac{1}{3} \leq x < \frac{2}{3}$  the meson operators have scaling dimension  $\Delta = 3 - 3x$  and therefore satisfy  $1 < \Delta \leq 2$ .
- SQCD with an extra adjoint chiral multiplet  $X$  in the conformal window. The relevant operators are  $tr[X^k]$ .

# Multiply coupled CFTs

In general we can consider  $M$  CFTs,  $CFT_i$ , and various multitrace interactions coupling at time two or more CFTs

$$\delta S = \sum_I \int d^d x \frac{h_I}{N^{m_I-2}} \prod_{i=1}^{m_I} \mathcal{O}_i^I(x)$$

- The general RG analysis remains valid.
- It is possible both in matrix models and in higher-d CFTs ( $d < 6$ ) to have fixed points with triple and higher interactions only.
- Can be used to deconstruct gravitational dimensions à la Arkani-Hamed and Schwartz.

## The bulk picture

- At string tree level single-trace couplings are unaffected. Therefore the scalar background solution remain trivial and the space  $AdS_d \times AdS_d$ .
- If the double-trace couplings are tuned, then we are at the fixed circle and the theory is unaffected. If they are not tuned then there is double-trace flow whose effects are visible in the correlation functions of the scalars.
- At one-loop one of the two gravitons gets a mass if  $g_{12} \neq 0$  at tree level. The single trace couplings change. This implies that the scalars have non-trivial  $\mathcal{O}(1/N^2)$  solutions
- On the (deformed) fixed circle they are constant and non-trivial. Otherwise they “run”.
- The Effective field theory at one-loop is an interacting bi-gravity theory à la Damour-Kogan.. We cannot decouple the massless graviton.

- To one-loop order the space remains  $AdS_d \times AdS_d$ , but if we are not on the fixed circle, at two loops even this is modified.
- In general a fine-tuning is needed to achieve a massive graviton. This fine-tuning is unstable under RG flow.
- Solutions close to AdS tend to “erase” the effects of the mass.

# Strong coupling, ghosts and non-locality

- Using  $m_g \sim \frac{1}{N\ell}$  we find

$$\Lambda_{min} \sim \Lambda_V \sim \Lambda_{AGS} \sim \frac{1}{\ell} \sim \left( m_g M_P^{\frac{d-2}{2}} \right)^{\frac{2}{d}}$$

The same is true in  $M2$  and  $M5$  CFTs

- In  $d = 4$   $\Lambda_{min} = \Lambda_* = \sqrt{m_g M_P}$
- There is no signal of strong coupling at  $E \sim \frac{1}{\ell}$  in the bulk theory. This is also visible from the boundary QFT.
- A similar mechanism should be at work as in the case of KK gravitons: The one-loop scalar diagram in AdS has (instead of a branch cut) an infinite sequence of poles, signalling bound states with masses  $\sim \frac{n}{\ell}$ .  
*Porrati (2003)*
- The lowest ones are the Stuckelberg degrees of freedom for the massive graviton.

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- The next massive ones combine with the massless graviton to cancel the strong interaction of the scalar graviton mode.
- The validity of the string effective field theory is extended to the string scale.
- In the absence of strong coupling we do not expect a ghost problem.  
*Deffayet+Rombouts (2005)*
- The poles induce a non-locality at the AdS length scale.
- The non-locality of the bulk theory beyond tree-level is clearly visible in matrix model examples.



# Conclusions

- Interacting product large- $N$  CFTs provide a holographic setup involving interacting distinct stringy universes.
- The interaction is via boundary conditions at tree level, and induce non-trivial communication at loop level.
- Such theories contain gravitons that acquire a non-zero mass at one-loop
- They provide UV completions of massive (multi)-gravity theories.
- Inducing a graviton mass requires fine tuning in the space of back-grounds/boundary conditions.
- This fine-tuning is unstable under RG flow.
- The theories are free of strong-coupling and ghost problems for small deformations (but may not be for large deformations)
- They are non-local at the AdS scale.

# Interacting Multi-verses vs Multi-throat backgrounds

- Multithroat backgrounds in a single string theory have effective field theories that contain several interacting (massive) gravitons.
- The prime example is  $U(2N) \rightarrow U(N) \times U(N)$  by a Higgs vev. Integrating out the massive vector multiplets we end up with an IR  $U(N) \times U(N)$  theory interacting via multitrace interactions.
- Taking  $|\Phi| \rightarrow \infty$  the two  $U(N)$  theories completely decouple.
- Can the interacting CFTs via UV marginal or relevant operators be considered as limits of multithroat compactifications?
- No, for relevant and marginally relevant perturbations.
- We do not know the answer for marginal perturbations.

# UV-complete gravitational deconstruction

- We consider  $\hat{N} \gg 1$  large-N CFTs in  $d - 1$  dimensions, coupled pairwise with couplings  $\sim h \int \mathcal{O}_i \mathcal{O}_{i+1}$  in order to form a discrete circle.
- The dual bulk theory consists of  $\hat{N}$  copies of string theory on  $AdS_d$  coupled pairwise at their common boundary.
- There is one overall massless graviton and  $\hat{N} - 1$  massive gravitons with masses that are multiples of  $\frac{h}{N\ell}$ .
- At large distance this is effectively the same as a single theory on  $AdS_d \times S^1$  with radius

$$R = \frac{\hat{N}}{m_g} \sim \frac{N\hat{N}}{h}\ell \geq \ell \quad , \quad (M_{d+1})^{d-1} = (M_d)^{d-2} m_g \sim \frac{hN}{\ell^{d-1}}$$

which establish the hierarchy

$$\frac{1}{R} \ll \frac{1}{\ell} \ll M_{d+1} \ll M_d$$

- In  $\frac{1}{R} \ll E \ll \frac{1}{\ell}$  the theory is  $(d+1)$ -dimensional and weakly coupled.
- In  $\frac{1}{\ell} \ll E \ll M_{d+1}$  the theory is non-local and weakly coupled. In analogy with KK compactification it may be made local by adding more than nearest neighbor interactions
- $M_{d+1} \ll E \ll M_d$  the higher dimensional (emergent) gravity seem strongly coupled. We do not understand yet if this is real.
- This setup may allow to describe higher-dimensional gravity theories in terms of lower dimensional theories that have better UV behavior.

# Open Problems

- Determine the effective multigravity theory of interacting multi-verses
- **Study "non-Lorentz invariant" situations:** Product CFTs in a  $R^d$  with lower-dimensional defects and multitrace couplings that involve also boundary operators.
- Investigate in more depth the relation to multi-throat geometries
- **In some cases there are non-perturbative instabilities in coupled CFTs:**  $\mathcal{N} = 4_4$  sYM is an example. Are such instabilities generic and what is their interpretation on the string theory side? This is difficult to address even in matrix model examples.
- Study the non-locality at the AdS scale and its removal via a judicious choice of inter-universe interactions.
- **Study the application of such ideas to (quasi)-realistic cosmologies.**
- Investigate multi-universe generalization of "designer gravity".
- **Consider similar couplings in asymptotically flat string theories.** They should correspond to universes that interact via boundary conditions in the infinite past and which generate quantum correlations among them during the cosmological evolution.

## Double-trace Renormalization Group flows for $n$ CFT copies

- Consider  $n$  not necessarily identical CFTs coupled with double trace interactions

$$S = \sum_{i=1}^n S_i + \sum_{i,j=1}^n g_{ij} O_i O_j$$

where  $g_{ij}$  are symmetric and real

- The fixed point equations read

$$(d - \Delta_i - \Delta_j)g_{ij} - 8 \sum_{k=1}^n g_{ik}g_{jk} = 0 \quad , \quad \forall i, j$$

- When the copies are identical,  $\Delta_i = \Delta_j$  then the general solution is  $g = O D O^T$  where  $O$  and arbitrary  $n \times n$  orthogonal matrix and  $D$  is a diagonal matrix whose diagonal entries are either 0 or  $\frac{d-2\Delta}{8}$ . There are  $n$  non-trivial solutions with moduli spaces isomorphic to  $O(n)/O(n-i)$ . A special one is the replica fixed-point

$$g_{ij} = \frac{d - 2\Delta}{8n} \quad , \quad \forall \quad i, j = 1, 2, \dots, n$$

- When we have  $n$  identical copies ( $\Delta$ ), and  $n$  conjugate identical copies ( $d - \Delta$ ) then the general solution is

$$g = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \mathbf{1} & x_2 O \\ x_2 O^T & -x_1 \mathbf{1} \end{pmatrix}, \quad x_1 = \frac{d - 2\Delta}{16} \cos \theta, \quad x_2 = \frac{d - 2\Delta}{16} (1 + \sin \theta) \quad (2)$$

where  $O$  is an arbitrary  $m \times m$  orthogonal matrix and  $\mathbf{1}$  is the unit  $m \times m$  matrix. The solution has continuous parameters isomorphic to  $O(m) \times O(2)$ .

- In the general case the general fixed point solution is obtained by discarding self-conjugate entries, and splitting the rest into groups that contain the same dimensions and their conjugates and then using the previous solutions.

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- Open Problems 45 minutes
  
- Double-trace Renormalization Group flows for  $n$  CFT copies 48 minutes