

# Very Special Linear Gravity: A Gauge invariant Graviton mass

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# Very Special Relativity (VSR)

Original idea from Cohen and Glashow (2006)<sup>1</sup>

- New Space-time fundamental symmetry:  
**Translations + Special Lorentz's Subgroups**
- Same classical consequences of Special Relativity
- The addition of the discrete symmetries P, CP or T enlarges the symmetry group to the full Poincarè group

**Small CP VIOLATIONS  $\iff$  Small VSR EFFECTS** <sup>2</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Andrew G Cohen and Sheldon L Glashow. "Very special relativity". Physical review letters, 97(2):021601, 2006.

<sup>2</sup> Andrew G Cohen and Sheldon L Glashow. "A lorentz-violating origin of neutrino mass?" ArXiv, hep-ph/0605036, 2006.

Four parameter  $SIM(2)$  Subgroup:

$$T_1 = K_1 + J_2 ; \quad T_2 = K_2 - J_1 ; \quad J_3 ; \quad K_3 ,$$

where  $\vec{J}$  and  $\vec{K}$  are the usual rotations and boosts generators.

### $SIM(2)$ Advantages

- Only 1 invariant Tensor:  $\eta_{\mu\nu}$
- Directly implies CPT invariance in Quantum Theories

There exists a **preferred spacetime direction**, the light-like vector  $n_\mu$ , left invariant by  $SIM(2)$  transformations

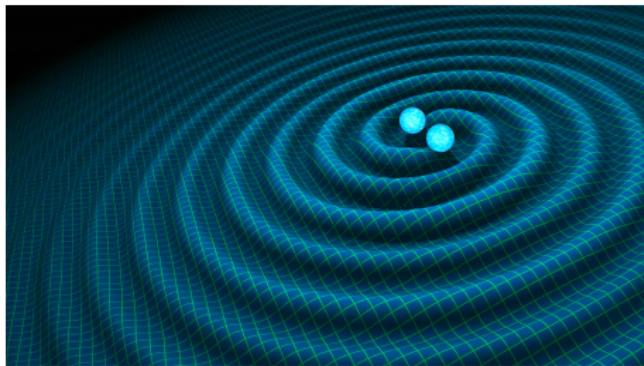
$$n_\mu \xrightarrow{SIM(2)} e^\phi n_\mu , \tag{1}$$

New possibilities for **Lorentz-violating** Lagrangian terms!

# Why VSR in Linearized Gravity

Due to Sakharov Conditions<sup>3</sup>, the **Discrete Transformations**  $T$  and  $CP$  are **violated** in cosmology.

Therefore, VSR may become relevant in the propagation of **gravitational waves** from faraway sources.



⇒ VSR theory of the  $h_{\mu\nu}$  spin-2 field,  $|h_{\mu\nu}| \ll \eta_{\mu\nu}$ .

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<sup>3</sup>A. D. Sakharov, Violation of CP Invariance, C asymmetry, and baryon asymmetry of the universe, Pisma Zh. Eksp. Teor. Fiz. 5, 32 (1967).

# Very Special Linear Gravity (VSLG)

Lagrangian in the form:

$$L = h^{\mu\nu} O_{\mu\nu\alpha\beta} h^{\alpha\beta} \quad (2)$$

## Ingredients:

- Metric  $\eta_{\mu\nu}$
- Momentum  $p_\mu$
- VSR vector  $N^\mu = n^\mu / (n \cdot p)$

$$O = 3\eta\eta + 9pp\eta + 12pN\eta + 12ppNN , \quad (3)$$

## Rules:

- Indices Symmetries:  $\mu \iff \nu, \alpha \iff \beta, \mu\nu \iff \alpha\beta$
- Gauge Invariance:  $O_{\mu\nu\alpha\beta} p^\alpha = 0$

# Very Special Linear Gravity (VSLG)

**Equations of Motion (E.o.M.):**  $O_{\mu\nu\alpha\beta} h^{\alpha\beta} = 0$ , where<sup>4</sup>

$$\begin{aligned} O_{\mu\nu\alpha\beta} = & \chi \left( p_\mu p_\nu \eta_{\alpha\beta} - \frac{1}{2} p_\mu p_\alpha \eta_{\nu\beta} - \frac{1}{2} p_\mu p_\beta \eta_{\nu\alpha} + p_\alpha p_\beta \eta_{\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{2} p_\nu p_\beta \eta_{\mu\alpha} - \frac{1}{2} p_\nu p_\alpha \eta_{\mu\beta} \right. \\ & - p^2 \eta_{\mu\nu} \eta_{\alpha\beta} + \frac{1}{2} p^2 \eta_{\mu\alpha} \eta_{\nu\beta} + \frac{1}{2} p^2 \eta_{\mu\beta} \eta_{\nu\alpha} - m_g^2 \eta_{\mu\nu} \eta_{\alpha\beta} + \frac{m_g^2}{2} \eta_{\mu\alpha} \eta_{\nu\beta} + \frac{m_g^2}{2} \eta_{\mu\beta} \eta_{\nu\alpha} \\ & + m_g^2 N_\mu N_\nu p_\alpha p_\beta - \frac{m_g^2}{2} N_\mu N_\alpha p_\nu p_\beta + - \frac{m_g^2}{2} N_\mu N_\beta p_\nu p_\alpha - \frac{m_g^2}{2} N_\nu N_\alpha p_\mu p_\beta - \frac{m_g^2}{2} N_\nu N_\beta p_\mu p_\alpha + m_g^2 N_\alpha N_\beta p_\mu p_\nu \\ & - m_g^2 p^2 N_\mu N_\nu g_{\alpha\beta} + \frac{m_g^2}{2} p^2 N_\mu N_\alpha g_{\nu\beta} + \frac{m_g^2}{2} p^2 N_\mu N_\beta g_{\nu\alpha} + \frac{m_g^2}{2} p^2 N_\nu N_\beta \eta_{\mu\alpha} + \frac{m_g^2}{2} p^2 \eta_{\mu\beta} N_\nu N_\alpha - m_g^2 p^2 N_\alpha N_\beta \eta_{\mu\nu} \\ & + m_g^2 \eta_{\mu\nu} N_\alpha p_\beta + m_g^2 \eta_{\mu\nu} p_\alpha N_\beta - \frac{m_g^2}{2} \eta_{\mu\alpha} N_\nu p_\beta - \frac{m_g^2}{2} \eta_{\mu\alpha} p_\nu N_\beta - \frac{m_g^2}{2} \eta_{\mu\beta} N_\nu p_\alpha - \frac{m_g^2}{2} \eta_{\mu\beta} p_\nu N_\alpha \\ & \left. - \frac{m_g^2}{2} \eta_{\nu\alpha} N_\mu p_\beta - \frac{m_g^2}{2} \eta_{\nu\alpha} p_\mu N_\beta - \frac{m_g^2}{2} \eta_{\nu\beta} N_\mu p_\alpha - \frac{m_g^2}{2} \eta_{\nu\beta} p_\mu N_\alpha + m_g^2 \eta_{\alpha\beta} N_\mu p_\nu + m_g^2 \eta_{\alpha\beta} p_\mu N_\nu \right). \end{aligned}$$

Quite messy!

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<sup>4</sup>Alfaro, J., Santoni, A. (2022). Very special linear gravity: A gauge-invariant graviton mass. Physics Letters B, 829, 137080.

# Gauge Invariance and Graviton mass

Compatible **Gauge Choices**  $\partial_\mu h^{\mu\nu} = 0$ ;  $N_\mu h^{\mu\nu} = 0$ ;  $h = h_\mu^\mu = 0$ .

New E.o.M. is Klein-Gordon like

$$(p^2 - m_g^2)h_{\mu\nu} = 0 \quad (4)$$

$m_g$  is a **graviton mass!** That could be of interest for

- Universe's Accelerated Expansion<sup>5</sup>
- Dark Matter<sup>6</sup>

**Gauge Invariance  $\iff$  only 2 Physical Degrees of Freedom .**

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<sup>5</sup>De Felice, A., Gümrukçüoğlu, A. E., Lin, C., Mukohyama, S. (2013). On the cosmology of massive gravity. *Classical and Quantum Gravity*, 30(18), 184004.

<sup>6</sup>K. Aoki and S. Mukohyama, Massive gravitons as darkmatter and gravitational waves, *Physical Review D*94,024001 (2016).

# The Geodesic Deviation Example

In linearized General Relativity we have:

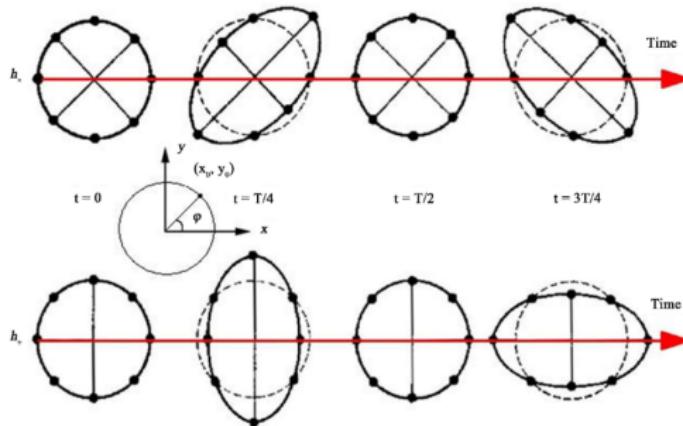


Figure: Lukanenkov, A. V. (2016). Gravitational Telescope. Journal of High Energy Physics, Gravitation and Cosmology, 2(2), 209-225.

In VSLG we have motion also in the **propagation direction!**

$$\delta\xi^z = \delta\xi_0^z + \frac{1}{2} \frac{m_g^2}{E^2} h_{13} \delta\xi_0^x + \frac{1}{2} \frac{m_g^2}{E^2} h_{23} \delta\xi_0^y + \frac{1}{2} \frac{m_g^4}{E^4} h_{33} \delta\xi_0^z. \quad (5)$$

# Magnitude of the VSR Effects

Averaged **Graviton Mass bound**:<sup>7</sup>

$$m_g < 10^{-24} \text{ eV} \quad (6)$$

VSR effects are proportional to  $m_g^2/E^2$  so roughly<sup>8</sup>...

LIGO/VIRGO [10Hz, 10kHz]

$$\frac{m_g^2}{E^2} \sim 10^{-20}$$

LISA [0.1mHz, 1Hz]

$$\frac{m_g^2}{E^2} \sim 10^{-10}$$

Still very small but hopefully detectable!

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<sup>7</sup>de Rham, C., Deskins, J. T., Tolley, A. J., Zhou, S. Y. (2017). Graviton mass bounds. *Reviews of Modern Physics*, 89(2), 025004.

<sup>8</sup> $E$  = Energy of a graviton in a monochromatic gravitational wave

**VSLG** can represent a gauge invariant theory of a massive graviton.

Presence of mass implies new effects proportional to the **small parameter**  $m_g^2/E^2$ .

## Upcoming Work

Further work to give more precise **numerical predictions** and confront them with the classic ones,  
in particular for:

- Early Universe Gravitational Waves
- Non Linear Extension

Thanks for your attention!