

# Stable Nonsingular cosmologies in Galileons with curvature and torsion

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# Outline

1. Introduction: Galileons (Horndeski) on a curved spacetime (without Torsion)
2. Galileons on a spacetime with both, curvature and torsion
  - **why is this interesting?** -> besides NEC violation, **break the No-Go theorems**  
**... The No-Go theorems are accidental to the assumptions (e.g. torsionless)**  
  
**-> Can obtain „Healthy“ modes (at linear order)**
3. Perturbations
4. Status of the No-Go Theorems: How to break them
  - a. Example, a healthy bounce (at least at linear order)

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1. Introduction:

Galileons on a spacetime

without Torsion

# 1. Introduction: Galileons on a spacetime without Torsion

On top of GR,  $\int d^4x \sqrt{-g} R$

consider four general functions  $G_2(\phi, X)$ ,  $G_3(\phi, X)$ ,  $G_4(\phi, X)$ ,  $G_5(\phi, X)$

with  $X = -\frac{1}{2}g^{\mu\nu}\partial_\mu\phi\partial_\nu\phi$

**Horndeski/ Generalized Galileons:** Lorentz invariant combinations

of  $R$   $\left(\nabla_\mu\nabla_\nu\phi\right)^p$   $p \leq 3$

With coefficients  $G_2(\phi, X)$ ,  $G_3(\phi, X)$ ,  $G_4(\phi, X)$ ,  $G_5(\phi, X)$

# 1. Introduction: Galileons on a spacetime without Torsion

## Horndeski/ Generalized Galileons:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{S} = \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} & \left( G_2 - G_3 \nabla_\mu \nabla^\mu \phi + \underline{G_4(\phi, X) R} + G_{4,X} \left( (\nabla_\mu \nabla^\mu \phi)^2 - (\nabla_\mu \nabla_\nu \phi)^2 \right) \right. \\ & + G_5 G^{\mu\nu} \nabla_\mu \nabla_\nu \phi - \frac{G_{5X}}{6} \left( (\nabla_\mu \nabla^\mu \phi)^3 - 3(\nabla_\mu \nabla^\mu \phi) (\nabla_\nu \nabla_\rho \phi) \nabla^\nu \nabla^\rho \phi \right. \\ & \left. \left. + 2(\nabla_\mu \nabla_\nu \phi) (\nabla^\nu \nabla^\rho \phi) \nabla^\mu \nabla_\rho \phi \right) \right) \end{aligned}$$

Notation:  $G_{4,X} = \partial G_4 / \partial X$ ,  $(-, +, +, +)$ .

# 1. Introduction: Galileons on a curved spacetime without Torsion

## Horndeski/ Generalized Galileons:

- No Ostrogradsky-Ghost (Horndeski, 1974)
- *(No) NEC (See e.g. Rubakov, 2014) - (No P-H. Non-singular cosmologies)*
- Generality
- Inspired by the low energy effective theory of DGP model (A. Nicolis, R. Rattazzi, and E. Trincherini, 2009).
- **NO-GO** (Libanov, Mironov and Rubakov, 2016): **No nonsingular, non-ghosty, stable cosmological solution** (provided the general case, with no specific asymptotics)

There are **Global stability issues**

## 2. Galileons on a spacetime with Curvature and Torsion

Why? -> to obtain „Healthy“ modes (at linear order)



## 2. Galileons on a spacetime with Torsion

$$\Gamma_{\mu\nu}^{\rho} = \frac{1}{2}g^{\rho\sigma} (\partial_{\mu}g_{\nu\sigma} + \partial_{\nu}g_{\mu\sigma} - \partial_{\sigma}g_{\mu\nu}) \quad \nabla \rightarrow \tilde{\nabla}, \quad \tilde{\Gamma}_{\mu\lambda}^{\nu} \neq \tilde{\Gamma}_{\lambda\mu}^{\nu}$$

**Horndeski/ Generalized Galileons with Torsion:** Lorentz invariant combinations of

$$\tilde{R} \quad (\tilde{\nabla}_{\mu}\tilde{\nabla}_{\nu}\phi)^p \quad p \leq 3 \quad [\tilde{\nabla}_{\mu}, \tilde{\nabla}_{\nu}]\phi \neq 0$$

With coefficients

$$G_2(\phi, X), \quad G_3(\phi, X), \quad G_4(\phi, X), \quad G_5(\phi, X)$$

## 2. Galileons on a spacetime with Torsion.

### - Example: **Quartic Galileons with Torsion**

$$\mathcal{S}_4 = \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \left( G_4(\phi, X) R + G_{4,X} \left( (\nabla_\mu \nabla^\mu \phi)^2 - (\nabla_\mu \nabla_\nu \phi)^2 \right) \right)$$

$$\nabla \rightarrow \tilde{\nabla},$$

$$G_{4,X} (\tilde{\nabla}_\mu \tilde{\nabla}_\nu \phi)^2 \quad ?$$

$$G_{4,X} \left( (\tilde{\nabla}_\mu \tilde{\nabla}^\mu \phi)^2 + c (\tilde{\nabla}_\mu \tilde{\nabla}_\nu \phi) \tilde{\nabla}^\mu \tilde{\nabla}^\nu \phi + s (\tilde{\nabla}_\mu \tilde{\nabla}_\nu \phi) \tilde{\nabla}^\nu \tilde{\nabla}^\mu \phi \right), \quad c + s = -1$$

$c$  parameterises a family of theories with different dynamics.

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## 2. Galileons on a spacetime with Torsion.

- **The Lagrangian for this talk:**

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{S} &= \int d^4x (\mathcal{L}_2 + \mathcal{L}_3 + \mathcal{L}_4 + \mathcal{L}_5) , \\ \mathcal{L}_2 &= G_2 , \\ \mathcal{L}_3 &= -G_3 \tilde{\nabla}_\mu \tilde{\nabla}^\mu \phi , \\ \mathcal{L}_4 &= G_4 \tilde{R} + G_{4,X} \left( \left( \tilde{\nabla}_\mu \tilde{\nabla}^\mu \phi \right)^2 - \left( \tilde{\nabla}_\mu \tilde{\nabla}_\nu \phi \right) \tilde{\nabla}^\nu \tilde{\nabla}^\mu \phi \right) \\ \mathcal{L}_5 &= G_5 \tilde{G}^{\mu\nu} \tilde{\nabla}_\mu \tilde{\nabla}_\nu \phi - \frac{1}{6} G_{5,X} \left( \left( \tilde{\nabla}_\mu \tilde{\nabla}^\mu \phi \right)^3 \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \left( \tilde{\nabla}_\nu \tilde{\nabla}_\rho \phi \right) \left( 2 \left( \tilde{\nabla}^\mu \tilde{\nabla}^\nu \phi \right) \tilde{\nabla}^\rho \tilde{\nabla}_\mu \phi - 3 \left( \tilde{\nabla}_\mu \tilde{\nabla}^\mu \phi \right) \tilde{\nabla}^\rho \tilde{\nabla}^\nu \phi \right) \right)\end{aligned}$$

**Why is this Action interesting?...** besides NEC violation

1. **Break the No-Go: More Mixing with torsion**  
**perturbations breaks the link between the scalar**  
**and tensor sectors**

## 2. Galileons on a spacetime with Torsion.

- **Torsion in the metric (second order) formalism:**

$$T^\rho{}_{\mu\nu} = \tilde{\Gamma}^\rho{}_{\mu\nu} - \tilde{\Gamma}^\rho{}_{\nu\mu}, \quad K^\rho{}_{\mu\nu} = -\frac{1}{2} (T_\nu{}^\rho{}_\mu + T_\mu{}^\rho{}_\nu + T^\rho{}_{\mu\nu}),$$

- Assume: connection is not an independent field:

$$\tilde{\Gamma}^\rho{}_{\mu\nu} = \Gamma^\rho{}_{\mu\nu} - K^\rho{}_{\mu\nu} \quad \Gamma^\rho{}_{\mu\nu} = \frac{1}{2} g^{\rho\sigma} (\partial_\mu g_{\nu\sigma} + \partial_\nu g_{\mu\sigma} - \partial_\sigma g_{\mu\nu})$$

$$\tilde{\nabla}_\mu V^\nu = \nabla_\mu V^\nu - K^\nu{}_{\mu\lambda} V^\lambda \quad \nabla_\rho g_{\mu\nu} = 0$$

# 3. Torsionful Galileons about the FLRW background

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- **Linearization: Spatially flat FLRW background (conformal time)**

$$\eta_{\mu\nu} dx^\mu dx^\nu = a^2(\eta) (-d\eta^2 + \delta_{ij} dx^i dx^j)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \delta g_{\mu\nu} dx^\mu dx^\nu = & a^2(\eta) (-2\alpha d\eta^2 \\ & + 2(\partial_i B + S_i) d\eta dx^i + (-2\psi \delta_{ij} \\ & + 2\partial_i \partial_j E + \partial_i F_j + \partial_j F_i + \boxed{2h_{ij}}) dx^i dx^j) \end{aligned}$$

- Perturbation of contortion:

24 independent components, 8 scalars, 6 vectors, 2 (2-component)

tensors

$$\begin{aligned} \delta K_{ij0}^{\text{tensor}} &= T_{ij}^{(1)} \\ \delta K_{ijk}^{\text{tensor}} &= \partial_i T_{jk}^{(2)} - \partial_k T_{ji}^{(2)} \end{aligned}$$

### 3. Torsionful Galileons about the FLRW background

#### - Linearization: Notation

**The perturbed Horndeski scalar:**  $\phi = \varphi(\eta) + \Pi$

**The perturbed contortion tensor:**  $K_{\mu\nu\sigma} = {}^0K_{\mu\nu\sigma} + \delta K_{\mu\nu\sigma}$

- Background contortion: with  $K_{\mu\nu\sigma} = -K_{\sigma\nu\mu}$  on an isotropic and homogeneous spacetime

$${}^0K_{0jk} = x(\eta)\delta_{jk} \quad {}^0K_{ijk} = y(\eta)\epsilon_{ijk}$$



## 4. Stability:

- A. No-Go theorem in up to quartic Theory (L4)
- B. Breaking the No-Go with L5

# 4. Stability of L4

## A. No-Go theorem in up to quartic Theory (L4)

$$\mathcal{S} = \int d^4x (\mathcal{L}_2 + \mathcal{L}_3 + \mathcal{L}_4 + \mathcal{L}_5),$$

$$\mathcal{L}_2 = G_2,$$

$$\mathcal{L}_3 = -G_3 \tilde{\nabla}_\mu \tilde{\nabla}^\mu \phi,$$

$$\mathcal{L}_4 = G_4 \tilde{R} + G_{4,X} \left( \left( \tilde{\nabla}_\mu \tilde{\nabla}^\mu \phi \right)^2 - \left( \tilde{\nabla}_\mu \tilde{\nabla}_\nu \phi \right) \tilde{\nabla}^\nu \tilde{\nabla}^\mu \phi \right)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}_5 = & G_5 \tilde{G}^{\mu\nu} \tilde{\nabla}_\mu \tilde{\nabla}_\nu \phi - \frac{1}{6} G_{5,X} \left( \left( \tilde{\nabla}_\mu \tilde{\nabla}^\mu \phi \right)^3 \right. \\ & \left. + \left( \tilde{\nabla}_\nu \tilde{\nabla}_\rho \phi \right) \left( 2 \left( \tilde{\nabla}^\mu \tilde{\nabla}^\nu \phi \right) \tilde{\nabla}^\rho \tilde{\nabla}_\mu \phi - 3 \left( \tilde{\nabla}_\mu \tilde{\nabla}^\mu \phi \right) \tilde{\nabla}^\rho \tilde{\nabla}^\nu \phi \right) \right) \end{aligned}$$

## 4. Torsionful Galileons about the FLRW background

- **Quadratic Action for tensor sector:** Torsionless ( $c=0$ ) vs Torsionful

$$\mathcal{S}_\tau = \int d\eta d^3p \left( b_1 (\dot{h}_{ij})^2 + b_2 \vec{p}^2 (h_{ij})^2 + b_3 (h_{ij})^2 \right. \\ \left. + \left( c_1 \vec{p}^2 (T_{ij}^{(2)})^2 + c_2 h_{ij} T_{ij}^{(1)} + c_3 \dot{h}_{ij} T_{ij}^{(1)} + c_4 (T_{ij}^{(1)})^2 \right) \right)$$

$$c_1 T_{ij}^{(2)} \equiv 0$$

# 4. Torsionful Galileons about the FLRW background

## - Final Quadratic Action:

$$\mathcal{S}_\tau = \int d\eta d^3x a^4 \left[ \frac{1}{2a^2} \left( \mathcal{G}_\tau (\dot{h}_{ij})^2 - \mathcal{F}_\tau (\partial_k h_{ij})^2 \right) \right]$$

$$\mathcal{S}_s = \int d\eta d^3x a^4 \left( \frac{1}{a^2} \mathcal{G}_s \dot{\psi}^2 - \frac{1}{a^2} \mathcal{F}_s (\partial_i \psi)^2 \right)$$

- One tensor perturbation
- No dynamical vector perturbation
- One scalar perturbation

$$\mathcal{G}_\tau = 2 \frac{G_4^2}{G_4 + 2X G_{4,X}},$$
$$\mathcal{F}_\tau = 2G_4,$$

$$\mathcal{G}_s = 3\mathcal{G}_\tau + \frac{\mathcal{G}_\tau^2 \Sigma}{\Theta^2}, \quad \mathcal{F}_s = \frac{1}{a^2} \frac{d}{d\eta} \left( \frac{a \mathcal{G}_\tau T}{\Theta} \right) - \mathcal{F}_\tau$$

$$T = \mathcal{F}_\tau (c_g^2 - 2)$$

$$c_g^2 = \mathcal{F}_\tau / \mathcal{G}_\tau$$

**Key part,**

Follow a similar reasoning as initially proved for a subclass of generalized Galileons in (Libanov, Mironov and Rubakov, 2016) and then extended to the full Horndeski action in (Kobayashi, 2016)...

## 4. No-Go theorem:

*For L4 Galileons on a spacetime with torsion the following assumptions for a first order perturbative expansion about FLRW are mutually inconsistent:*

I) *Nonsingular cosmology: namely, there is a lower bound on the scale factor  $a(\eta) > b_1 > 0$ .*

II) *The graviton and the scalar mode are not ghosts and they suffer no gradient instabilities:  $\mathcal{G}_\tau > 0, \mathcal{F}_\tau > 0, \mathcal{F}_S > 0, \mathcal{G}_S > 0$ .*

III) **The graviton is always sub/ luminal:**  $\boxed{(c_g)^2 \leq 1}$

IV) ...

## 4. No-Go theorem:

...

- IV) *There is a lower bound  $\mathcal{F}_\tau(\eta) > b_2 > 0$  as  $\eta \rightarrow \pm\infty$  (no „Strong gravity“ at linear order (Ageeva, Petrov and Rubakov, 2021)).*
- V)  $\ominus$  *Vanishes at most a finite amount of times (To cover generic theories not defined by the equation  $\ominus \equiv 0$  (Mironov and Shtennikova, 2023. Also, talk))*

# 4. Stability:

The argument: take  $\mathcal{F}_S = \frac{1}{a^2} \frac{dN}{d\eta} - \mathcal{F}_\tau > 0$

$$N = \frac{a \mathcal{G}_\tau T}{\Theta}$$

With Torsion, L4

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(without Torsion)

$$T = \mathcal{F}_\tau (c_g^2 - 2) < 0$$

$$T = \mathcal{G}_\tau > 0$$

Argument With Torsion: (I)-(III) imply

$$N \neq 0$$

Because  $\Theta$  is a regular function of  $H$  and  $\phi$



## 4. Stability:

$$N \neq 0$$

On the other hand  $\mathcal{F}_\tau > 0$        $\mathcal{F}_S = \frac{1}{a^2} \frac{dN}{d\eta} - \mathcal{F}_\tau > 0$

$$N = \frac{a \mathcal{G}_\tau T}{\Theta}$$

$$\frac{dN}{d\eta} > a^2 \mathcal{F}_\tau > 0$$

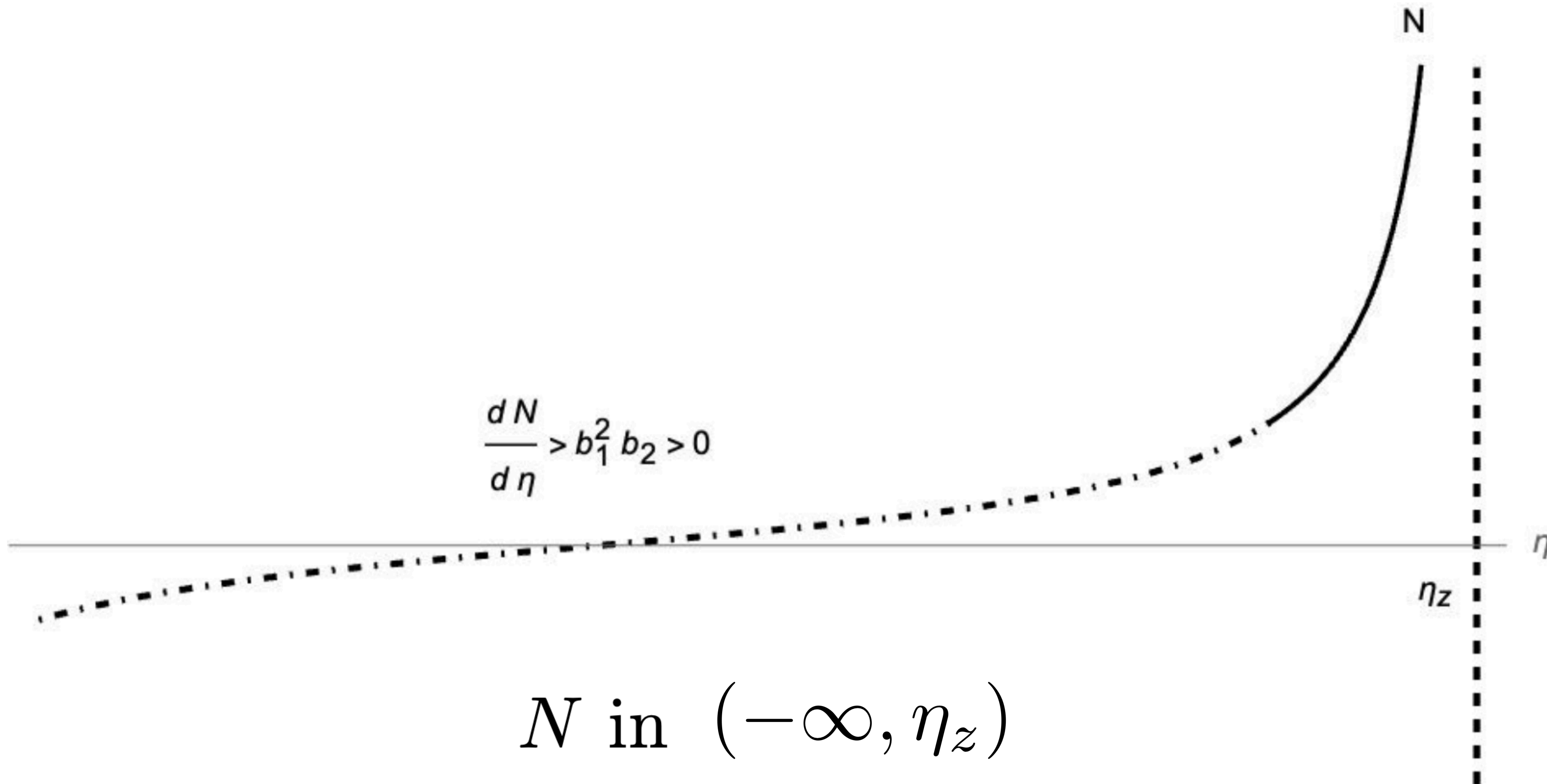
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$$N \neq 0?$$

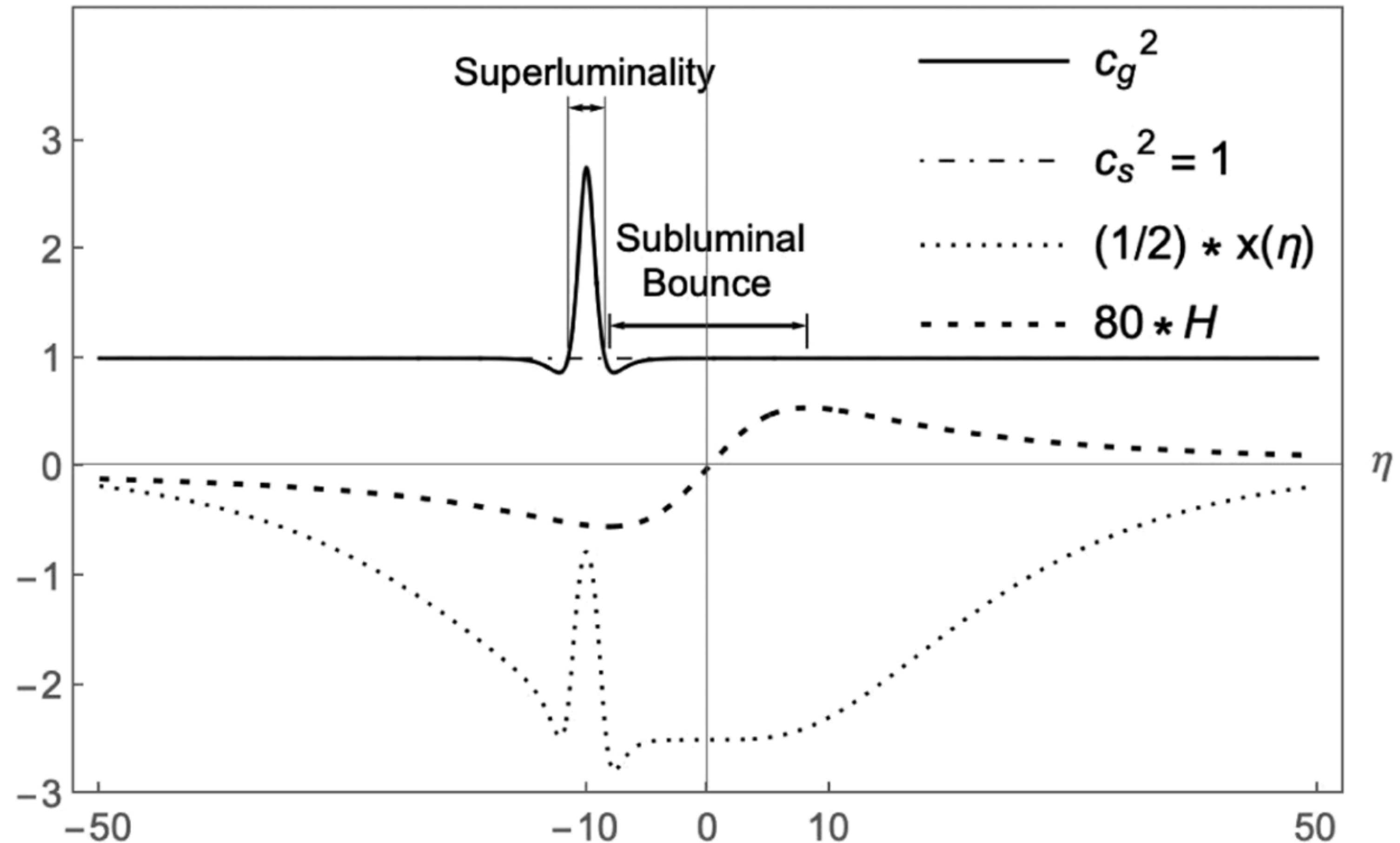
# 4. Stability of L4

**No-Go for nonsingular, all-time stable and sub/ luminal solutions**

(In torsionful L4 G. stability -sub/luminality)

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# 4. Stability of L4

## Why a No-Go?

There is a tight relation between the

action for the graviton  $\leftrightarrow$  action for the scalar

$$\mathcal{G}_S = 3\mathcal{G}_\tau + \frac{\mathcal{G}_\tau^2 \Sigma}{\Theta^2}, \quad \mathcal{F}_S = \frac{1}{a^2} \frac{d}{d\eta} \left( \frac{a \mathcal{G}_\tau T}{\Theta} \right) - \underline{\mathcal{F}_\tau}$$

$$T = \mathcal{F}_\tau (c_g^2 - 2)$$

$$c_g^2 = \mathcal{F}_\tau / \mathcal{G}_\tau$$

$$\mathcal{G}_\tau > 0, \mathcal{F}_\tau > 0, \mathcal{F}_S > 0, \mathcal{G}_S > 0.$$

## 4. Stability:

### B. Breaking the No-Go with L5

- Modified graviton

## 4. Stability of L5

- The Lagrangian to break the No-Go:

$$\mathcal{S} = \int d^4x (\mathcal{L}_2 + \mathcal{L}_3 + \mathcal{L}_4 + \mathcal{L}_5),$$

$$\mathcal{L}_2 = G_2,$$

$$\mathcal{L}_3 = -G_3 \tilde{\nabla}_\mu \tilde{\nabla}^\mu \phi,$$

$$\mathcal{L}_4 = G_4 \tilde{R} + G_{4,X} \left( \left( \tilde{\nabla}_\mu \tilde{\nabla}^\mu \phi \right)^2 - \left( \tilde{\nabla}_\mu \tilde{\nabla}_\nu \phi \right) \tilde{\nabla}^\nu \tilde{\nabla}^\mu \phi \right)$$

$$\mathcal{L}_5 = G_5 \tilde{G}^{\mu\nu} \tilde{\nabla}_\mu \tilde{\nabla}_\nu \phi - \frac{1}{6} G_{5,X} \left( \left( \tilde{\nabla}_\mu \tilde{\nabla}^\mu \phi \right)^3 \right. \\ \left. + \left( \tilde{\nabla}_\nu \tilde{\nabla}_\rho \phi \right) \left( 2 \left( \tilde{\nabla}^\mu \tilde{\nabla}^\nu \phi \right) \tilde{\nabla}^\rho \tilde{\nabla}_\mu \phi - 3 \left( \tilde{\nabla}_\mu \tilde{\nabla}^\mu \phi \right) \tilde{\nabla}^\rho \tilde{\nabla}^\nu \phi \right) \right)$$

# 4. Stability of L5

## - Quadratic action for the Tensor sector with L5:

more mixing of perturbations of torsion with perturbations of the metric

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{S}_\tau = & \int d\eta d^3p \left( b_1 (\dot{h}_{ij})^2 + b_2 \vec{p}^2 (h_{ij})^2 + b_3 (h_{ij})^2 \right. \\ & \left. + \left( c_1 \vec{p}^2 (T_{ij}^{(2)})^2 + c_2 h_{ij} T_{ij}^{(1)} + c_3 \dot{h}_{ij} T_{ij}^{(1)} + c_4 (T_{ij}^{(1)})^2 \right) \right. \\ & \left. + \vec{p}^2 \left( d_1 T_{ij}^{(1)} + d_2 \dot{h}_{ij} + d_3 h_{ij} \right) T_{ij}^{(2)} + d_4 \vec{p}^2 h_{ij} T_{ij}^{(1)} \right) \end{aligned}$$

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~~$$c_1 T_{ij}^{(2)} \equiv 0$$~~

$$T_{ij}^{(2)} = -\frac{1}{2c_1} \left( d_1 T_{ij}^{(1)} + d_2 \dot{h}_{ij} + d_3 h_{ij} \right) \rightarrow -\frac{1}{4c_1} \left( -4c_1 c_4 + \underline{\vec{p}^2 d_1^2} \right) (T_{ij}^{(1)})^2$$

$$T_{ij}^{(1)} = \frac{1}{\underline{f_2 + \vec{p}^2 f_3}} \left( (2c_1 c_3 - \vec{p}^2 d_1 d_2) \dot{h}_{ij} + (2c_1 c_2 - \vec{p}^2 (d_1 d_3 - 2c_1 d_4)) h_{ij} \right)$$



# 4. Stability of L5

- **Modified graviton:**

$$\mathcal{G}_\tau = \frac{\bar{\mathcal{G}}_\tau}{f_2 + \vec{p}^2} f_3 \quad \mathcal{F}_\tau = \mathcal{F}_\tau(p^2)$$

- **Modified Scalar Sector:**

~~$$N = \frac{a \mathcal{G}_\tau T}{\Theta}$$~~



$$N =: \frac{a \bar{\mathcal{G}}_S T}{\Theta}$$

~~$$\mathcal{F}_S = \frac{1}{a^2} \frac{dN}{d\eta} - \mathcal{F}_\tau > 0$$~~



$$\mathcal{F}_S = \frac{1}{a^2} \frac{dN}{d\eta} - \bar{\mathcal{F}}_S$$

~~$$T = \mathcal{F}_\tau (c_g^2 - 2) < 0$$~~

$$\bar{\mathcal{G}}_S \neq \mathcal{G}_\tau(p^2)$$

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$$\mathcal{G}_\tau(\vec{p}^2 = 0) = \bar{\mathcal{G}}_S, \quad \mathcal{F}_\tau(\vec{p}^2 = 0) = \bar{\mathcal{F}}_S$$

# 4. Stability:

$$N =: \frac{a \bar{\mathcal{G}}_S T}{\Theta}$$

**With Torsion, L4**

$$\bar{\mathcal{G}}_S = \mathcal{G}_\tau > 0$$

$$T = \mathcal{F}_\tau (c_g^2 - 2) < 0$$

$$N \neq 0$$

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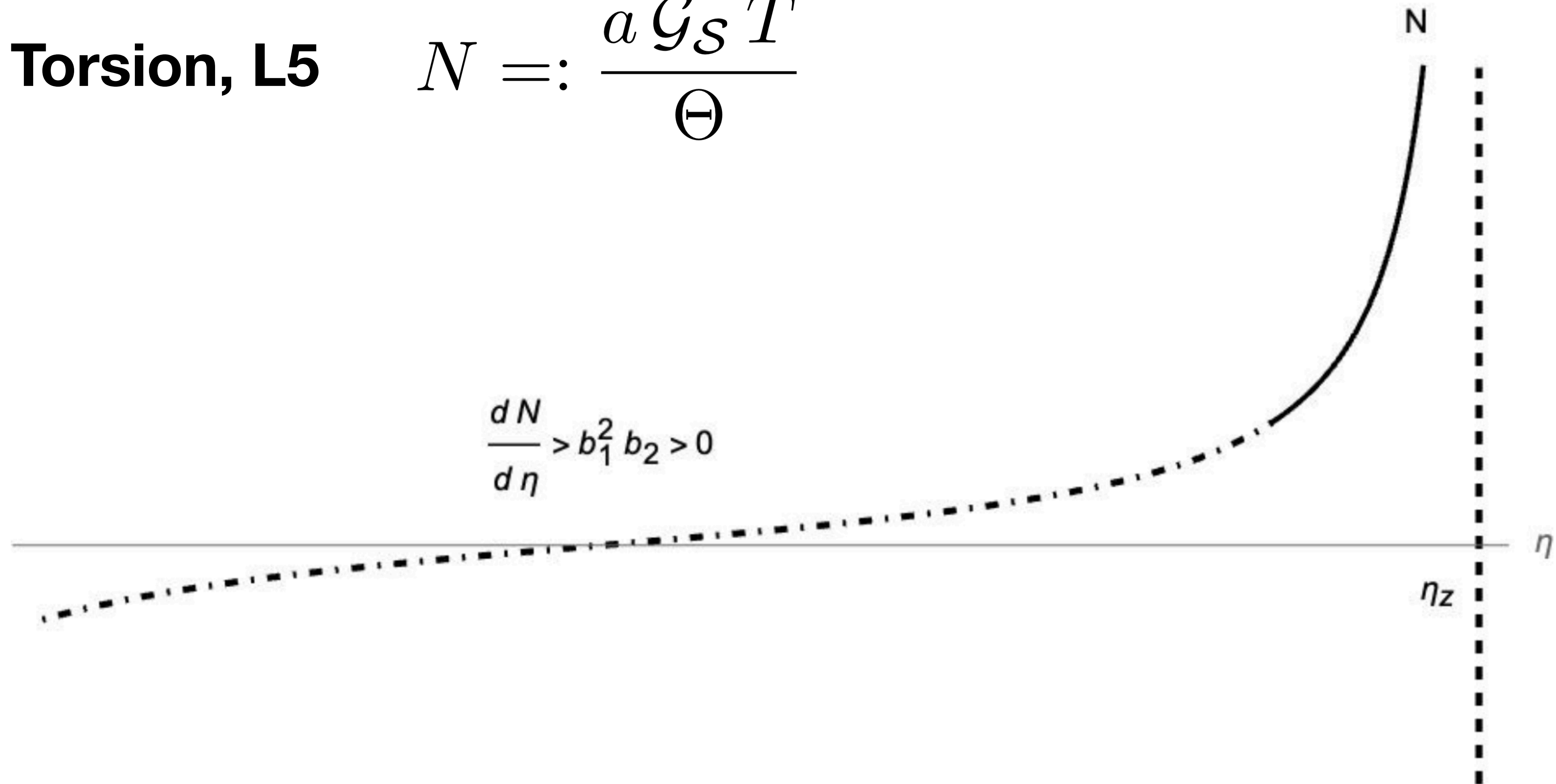
**With Torsion, L5**

$$\bar{\mathcal{G}}_S \neq \mathcal{G}_\tau (\vec{p}^2)$$

$$T = \dots$$

4. Stability:  $\mathcal{G}_\tau > 0, \mathcal{F}_\tau > 0, \mathcal{F}_S > 0, \mathcal{G}_S > 0.$

**With Torsion, L5**  $N =: \frac{a \bar{\mathcal{G}}_S T}{\Theta}$



# 4. Stability of L5

Mixing with Torsion perturbations has broken the link between the

action for the graviton  $\leftrightarrow$  action for the scalar

$$\mathcal{G}_\tau > 0, \mathcal{F}_\tau > 0, \mathcal{F}_S > 0, \mathcal{G}_S > 0.$$

**(And other "healthy criteria") Do not meet contradictions**

**Which theories avoid the No-Go?**

**With Torsion L5, that at some time satisfy**

$$\boxed{T(\eta^*) = 0}$$

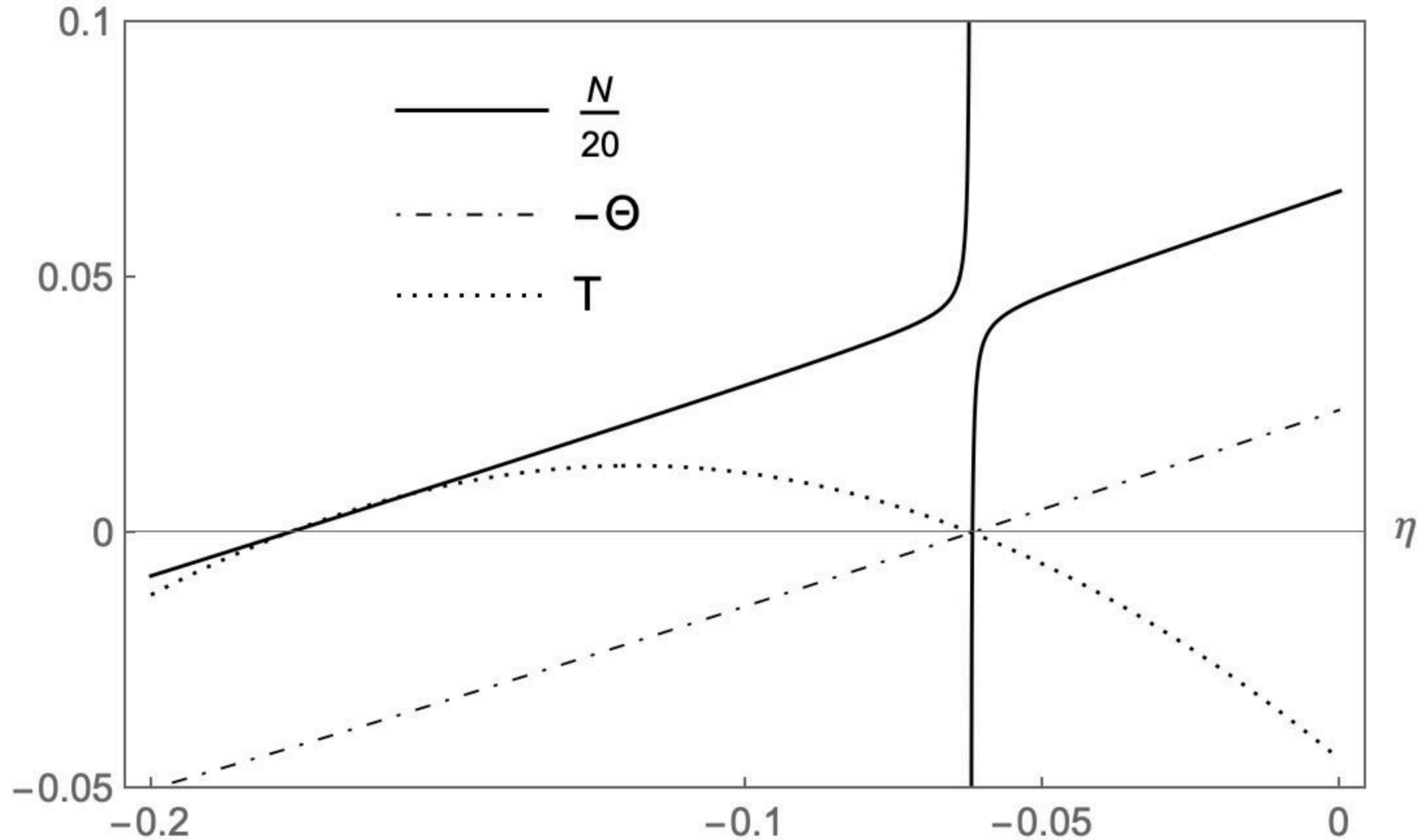
# 4. Stability: There are healthy cosmologies with L5

- example. A proof of principle

# 4. Stability:

By-pass the no-go? L5 and

$$T(\eta^*) = 0$$



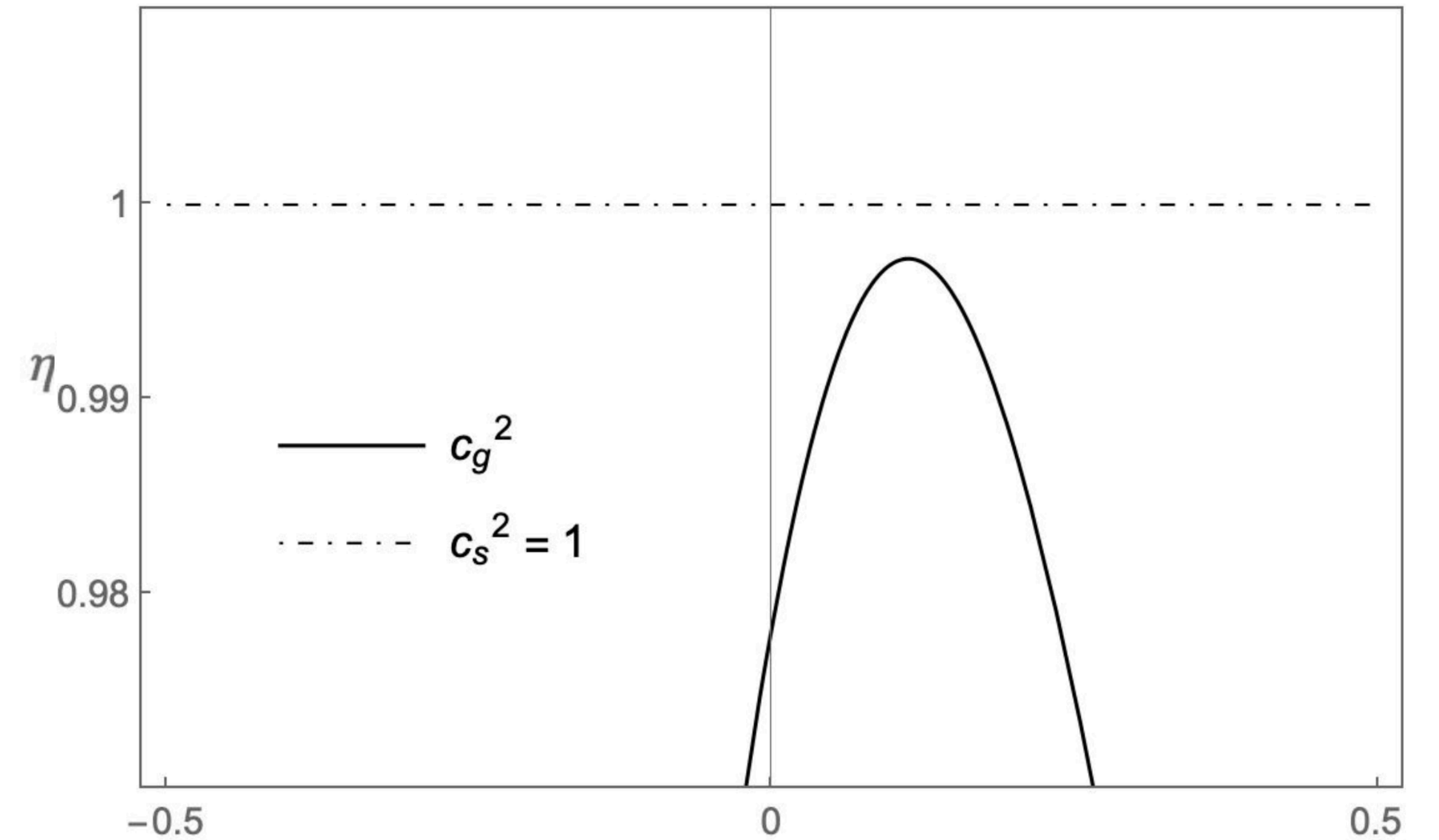
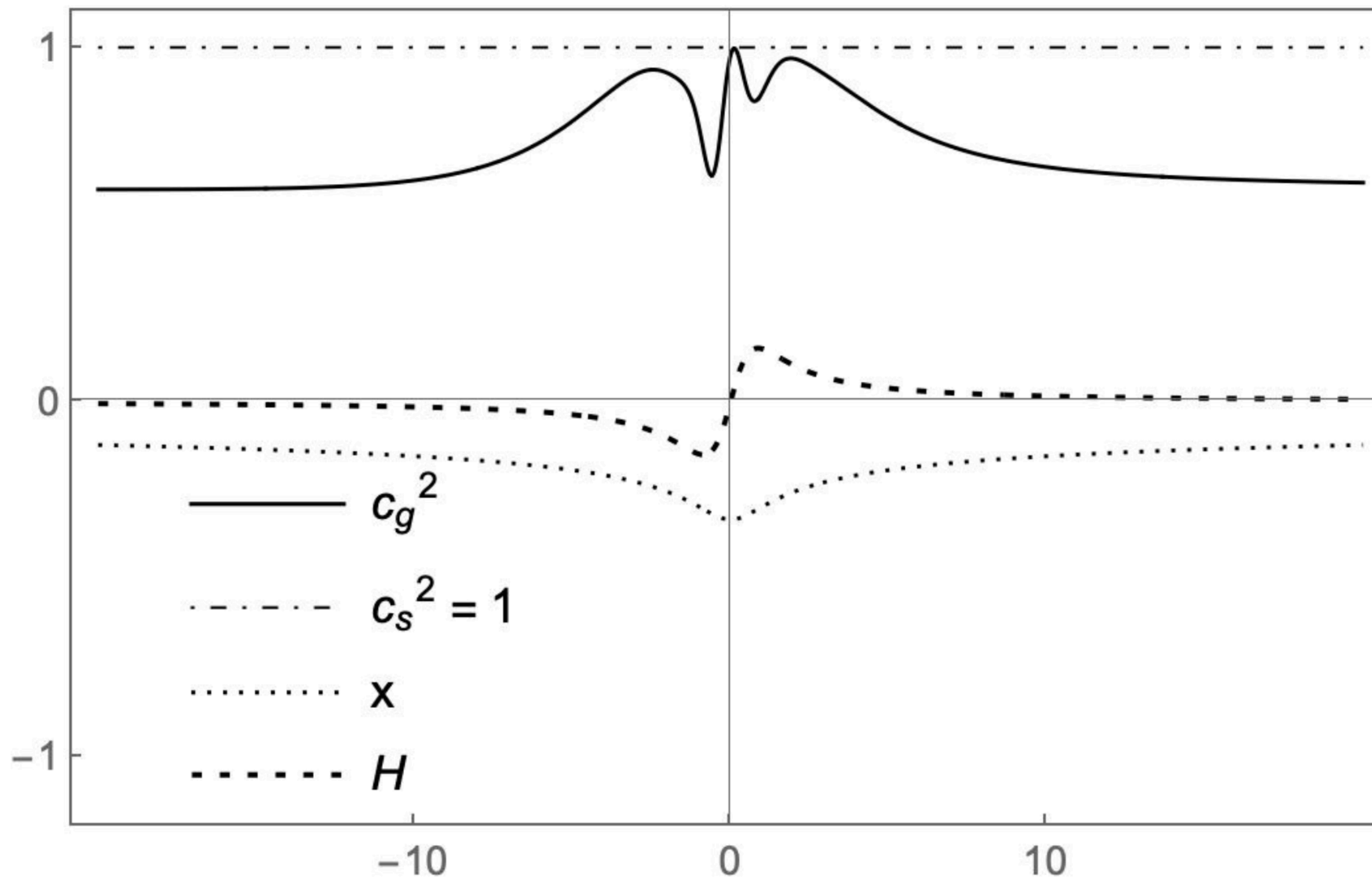
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# 4. Stability:

With L5

$$\mathcal{G}_\tau > 0, \mathcal{F}_\tau > 0, \mathcal{F}_S > 0, \mathcal{G}_S > 0.$$

$$a = (\tau^2 + \eta^2)^{\frac{1}{6}}, \quad H = \frac{\dot{a}}{a^2} = \frac{\eta}{3(\tau^2 + \eta^2)^{\frac{7}{6}}}, \quad \phi = \eta, \quad x = -\frac{1}{3(1 + \eta^2)^{\frac{1}{6}}},$$



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# Conclusions

- The mathematically and physically unjustified assumption of a torsionless spacetime leads to accidental relations at linear order, which restrict the healthiness of the solutions.  
**Simplifications enable the global instability issues.**
- The full Horndeski theory (with L5) with both curvature and torsion can support nonsingular, stable and subluminal cosmological solutions at all times. The usual No-Go theorem that holds in a curved spacetime is avoided.
- No-Go theorem in L4 Galileons with torsion.



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# Additional Material

## **Background Equations**

### 3. Torsionful Galileons about the FLRW background

- **Linearization: structure of the background equations**

- Example: In up to Quartic S4, We can solve for  $H$ ,  $\ddot{\phi}(\eta)$  and  $y$ ,  $x$ .

*e.g.*

$$\mathcal{E}_{K_{ijk}} = \epsilon_{ijk} \frac{2}{a^6} G_4 y = 0, \quad y(\eta) \equiv 0$$

$$\mathcal{E}_{K_{ij0}} = 0, \quad x(\eta) = -\frac{a^3 \mathcal{G}_\tau (8 H X G_{4,X} + a \dot{\phi} (G_3 - 2 G_{4,\phi}))}{8 G_4^2}$$

# Additional Material

## Linearization

# 3. Torsionful Galileons about the FLRW background

- **Linearization: Notation. The perturbed metric**

$$ds^2 = (\eta_{\mu\nu} + \delta g_{\mu\nu}) dx^\mu dx^\nu$$

Spatially flat FLRW background in conformal time

$$\eta_{\mu\nu} dx^\mu dx^\nu = a^2(\eta) (-d\eta^2 + \delta_{ij} dx^i dx^j)$$

4 scalars, 2 (2-component) vectors and a (2-component) tensor perturbation (graviton)

$$\begin{aligned} \delta g_{\mu\nu} dx^\mu dx^\nu = & a^2(\eta) (-2\alpha d\eta^2 \\ & + 2(\partial_i B + S_i) d\eta dx^i + (-2\psi \delta_{ij} \\ & + 2\partial_i \partial_j E + \partial_i F_j + \partial_j F_i + \underline{2h_{ij}}) dx^i dx^j) \end{aligned}$$

# 3. Torsionful Galileons about the FLRW background

## - Linearization: Notation

- Perturbation of contortion: with  $K_{\mu\nu\sigma} = -K_{\sigma\nu\mu}$ ,

24 independent components

8 scalars,

$$\delta K_{i00}^{\text{scalar}} = \partial_i C^{(1)}$$

$$\delta K_{ij0}^{\text{scalar}} = \partial_i \partial_j C^{(2)} + \delta_{ij} C^{(3)} + \epsilon_{ijk} \partial_k C^{(4)}$$

$$\delta K_{i0k}^{\text{scalar}} = \epsilon_{ikj} \partial_j C^{(5)}$$

$$\delta K_{ijk}^{\text{scalar}} = (\delta_{ij} \partial_k - \delta_{kj} \partial_i) C^{(6)} + \epsilon_{ikl} \partial_l \partial_j C^{(7)} + (\epsilon_{ijl} \partial_l \partial_k - \epsilon_{kjl} \partial_l \partial_i) C^{(8)}$$



# 3. Torsionful Galileons about the FLRW background

## - Linearization: Notation

6 (2-component) vectors

$$\delta K_{i00}^{\text{vector}} = V_i^{(1)}$$

$$\delta K_{ij0}^{\text{vector}} = \partial_i V_j^{(2)} + \partial_j V_i^{(3)}$$

$$\delta K_{i0k}^{\text{vector}} = \partial_i V_k^{(4)} - \partial_k V_i^{(4)}$$

$$\delta K_{ijk}^{\text{vector}} = \delta_{ij} V_k^{(5)} - \delta_{kj} V_i^{(5)} + \partial_j \partial_i V_k^{(6)} - \partial_j \partial_k V_i^{(6)}$$

and 2 (2-component) tensors

$$\delta K_{ij0}^{\text{tensor}} = T_{ij}^{(1)}$$

$$\delta K_{ijk}^{\text{tensor}} = \partial_i T_{jk}^{(2)} - \partial_k T_{ji}^{(2)}$$

# Additional Material

**Details No-Go**

# 4. Stability:

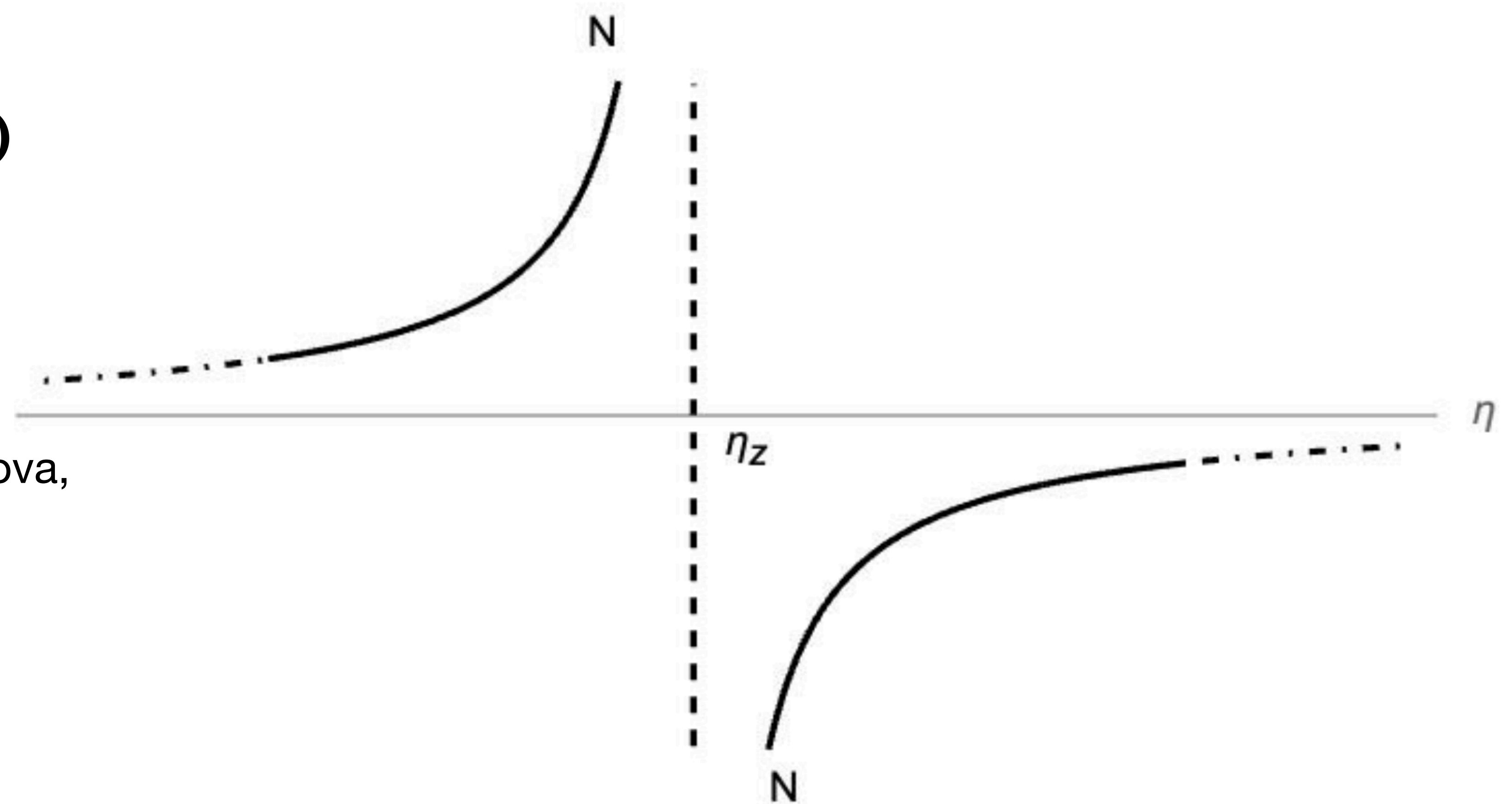
$$N = \frac{a \mathcal{G}_\tau T}{\Theta}$$

Even with Zeros of  $\Theta$

$$\frac{dN}{d\eta} > a^2 \mathcal{F}_\tau > 0$$

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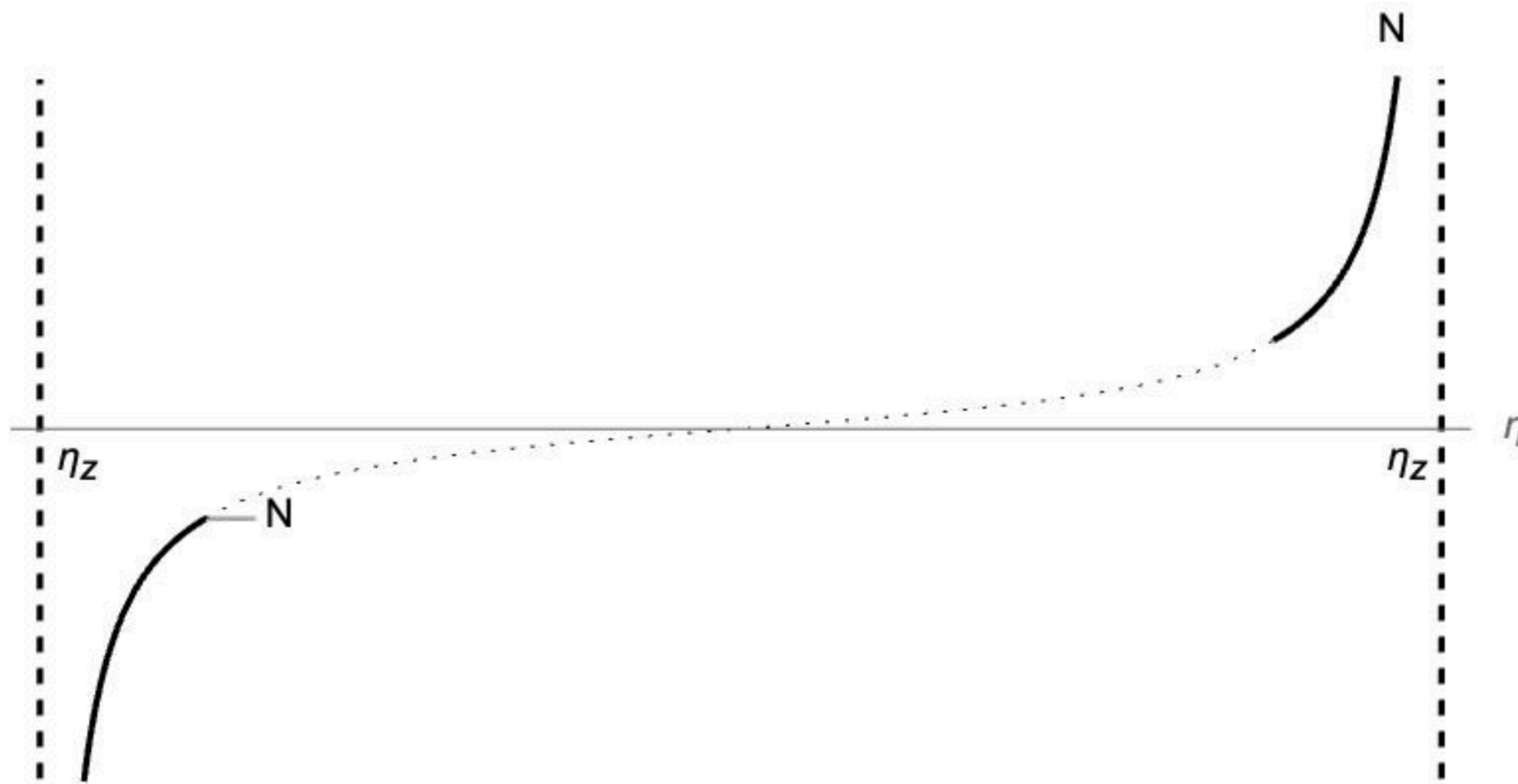


Behavior of  $N(\eta)$  around zeros of  $\Theta$  (denoted as  $\eta_z$ )

# 4. Stability:

$$\frac{dN}{d\eta} > a^2 \mathcal{F}_\tau > 0$$

Thus



$$N \neq 0?$$

$N$  in between any two zeros  $\eta_z$