

Finite Action Principle and black holes in Horava-Lifszyc gravity

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- Selection principle for actions [2012.08570](#).

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- Possible resolutions: new degrees of freedom, infinitely many derivatives, non-perturbative unitarity, [break Lorentz invariance](#).

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- $V \supset {}^{(3)}R^3$, which gives the same conditions as R^2 for black holes.

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Conclusions

- Quantum gravity shall resolve the singularities issue.
- Finite action principle: selects what can be in the exponent of $\int \mathcal{D}g_{\mu\nu} e^{iS_g[g_{\mu\nu}]}$.
- Horava gravity satisfies this principle.
- No-regular solutions found for HL: wormhole - black hole tradeoff
- Interesting consequences for cosmology, see [1912.12926](#), [1909.01169](#), [2102.05550](#) and next talk