

$O(D, D)$ completion of the Friedmann equations

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Introduction

General Relativity is a successful theory of gravity.

- **Geometry** \Leftrightarrow **Matter**; expressed via Einstein's equations

$$G_{\mu\nu} = 8\pi G_{\text{N}} T_{\mu\nu} .$$

- GR accurately describes astrophysical/cosmological phenomena: perihelion precession, gravitational lensing, Friedmann eqns...
- However, **some results cannot be explained by GR + visible matter** e.g. rotation curves, accelerating expansion, horizon problem, ...

Broadly, two types of solutions to such problems:

- ① GR is correct, but there is **dark matter, dark energy, inflation, ...**
- ② Theory of gravity should be **modified**...

Introduction

String theory predicts its own gravity, the ' $\mathbf{O}(D, D)$ -completion' of GR.

- In GR, the gravitational field is the **spacetime metric $g_{\mu\nu}$**
 $\Rightarrow \frac{1}{2}D(D+1)$ off-shell components (in D spacetime dimensions).
- In **Stringy Gravity**, \exists **more gravitational fields**: $\{g_{\mu\nu}, B_{\mu\nu}, \phi\}$
 $\Rightarrow (D^2 + 1)$ degrees of freedom coupled independently to matter
 \Rightarrow richer spectrum of gravitational solutions than GR.
- Traditionally in string theory: compactify to $D = 4$;
 fix antisymmetric tensor $B_{\mu\nu} = 0$; fix dilaton $\phi \sim \text{constant}$.
- However, in the most general case, **all gravitational components may be dynamical**.

Cosmology in Stringy Gravity

Goal of my talk:

To introduce a new framework for cosmology, based on the $\mathbf{O}(D, D)$ invariant formulation of Stringy Gravity (Double Field Theory).

A brief introduction to Double Field Theory

In **Double Field Theory (DFT)** we describe D -dim. physics using $D + D$ coords $x^A = (\tilde{x}_\mu, x^\nu)$, $A = 1, \dots, 2D$ (Siegel; '93) (Hull, Zwiebach; '09).

Symmetries of DFT:

- \exists an **$\mathbf{O}(D, D)$ T-duality gauge symmetry**;
doubled vector indices are raised and lowered using the $\mathbf{O}(D, D)$ -invariant metric:

$$\mathcal{J}_{AB} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$
- \exists doubled **diffeomorphisms** acting on vectors ξ^A , etc.
- \exists **twofold local Lorentz symmetry**: $\mathbf{Spin}(1, D-1) \times \mathbf{Spin}(D-1, 1)$,
with local metrics $\eta_{pq} = \text{diag}(- + + \dots +)$, $\bar{\eta}_{\bar{p}\bar{q}} = \text{diag}(+ - - \dots -)$.

DFT was originally motivated in $D = 10$ (Hull, Zwiebach; 2009).

However, other choices are also possible: later I will focus on $D = 4$.

Aside: DFT can also be defined on 'non-Riemannian' backgrounds
 \Rightarrow moduli-free compactification (Cho, Morand, Park; 2018).

Section condition

- The doubled coordinates satisfy an equivalence relation

$$x^A \sim x^A + \Delta^A(x),$$

where Δ^A is a **derivative-index-valued** $\mathbf{O}(D, D)$ vector; e.g. $\Delta^A(x) = \mathcal{J}^{AB} \partial_B \Phi(x)$ for some function $\Phi(x)$, where $\partial_A = (\tilde{\partial}^\mu, \partial_\nu)$.

- All fields and functions in DFT should be invariant under this, *i.e.*

$$\Phi(x + \Delta) = \Phi(x) \iff \Delta^A \partial_A = 0.$$

- This is equivalent to the **section condition**: $\partial_A \partial^A = 2 \partial_\mu \tilde{\partial}^\mu = 0$.
- Natural choice: $\tilde{\partial}^\nu = 0$. Thus D coordinates $\{\tilde{x}_\mu\}$ are gauged; gauge orbits \simeq points in D -dim. spacetime $\{x^\nu\}$ (Park; 2013).

Field content of Double Field Theory

- The basic fields of Double Field Theory are: $\{d, \mathcal{H}_{AB}\}$, the DFT dilaton and the symmetric $\mathbf{O}(D, D)$ metric, respectively.
- On Riemannian backgrounds, $\tilde{\partial}^\mu = 0$: $\{d, \mathcal{H}_{AB}\} \rightarrow \{g_{\mu\nu}, B_{\mu\nu}, \phi\}$, the closed-string massless sector, e.g. $e^{-2d} \simeq e^{-2\phi} \sqrt{-g}$.
- Define **projectors**: $P_{AB} = \frac{1}{2}(\mathcal{J}_{AB} + \mathcal{H}_{AB})$, $\bar{P}_{AB} = \frac{1}{2}(\mathcal{J}_{AB} - \mathcal{H}_{AB})$.
- Square root: **Spin**(1, $D-1$) \times **Spin**($D-1$, 1) vielbeins: $\{V_{Ap}, \bar{V}_{A\bar{p}}\}$, where $P_A{}^B = V_{Ap} V^{Bp}$ and $\bar{P}_A{}^B = \bar{V}_{A\bar{p}} \bar{V}^{B\bar{p}}$ (p and \bar{p} local indices).
- ‘Semi-covariant’ derivatives ∇_A and master derivatives \mathcal{D}_A ,

$$\nabla_A = \partial_A + \Gamma_A, \quad \mathcal{D}_A = \nabla_A + \Phi_A + \bar{\Phi}_A,$$

where Γ_{ABC} are **DFT Christoffel symbols** and $\{\Phi_{Apq}, \bar{\Phi}_{A\bar{p}\bar{q}}\}$ are **DFT spin connections**, defined by requiring full compatibility with the DFT fields and vielbeins, respectively.

Curvature

- Semi-covariant Riemann curvature (Jeon, Lee, Park; 2011),

$$S_{ABCD} := \frac{1}{2} \left(R_{ABCD} + R_{CDAB} - \Gamma^E{}_{AB} \Gamma_{ECD} \right) .$$

satisfies symmetry properties and an algebraic Bianchi identity.

- DFT diffeomorphisms generated by a **generalized Lie derivative**. However, not quite true for diffeomorphisms of objects constructed with ∇_A and \mathcal{D}_A (hence 'semi-covariant').
- The unwanted additional term can be cancelled by contracting with the projectors P and \bar{P} (or V and \bar{V}). Thus we can construct the **fully covariant** DFT Ricci tensor $S_{p\bar{q}}$ and scalar $S_{(0)}$:

$$S_{p\bar{q}} := V^A{}_p \bar{V}^B{}_{\bar{q}} S^C{}_{ACB} , \quad S_{(0)} := (P^{AC} P^{BD} - \bar{P}^{AC} \bar{P}^{CD}) S_{ABCD} .$$

- DFT Ricci scalar gives covariant Lagrangian for **Stringy Gravity**:

$$S_{(0)} = R + 4\Box\phi - 4\partial_\mu\phi\partial^\mu\phi - \frac{1}{12}H_{\lambda\mu\nu}H^{\lambda\mu\nu} , \quad \text{where } H_{\lambda\mu\nu} = \nabla_{[\lambda}B_{\mu\nu]} .$$

Einstein Double Field Equations

Consider Stringy Gravity coupled to matter fields $\{\Upsilon_a\}$. The $\mathbf{O}(D, D)$ -covariant action is given over a D -dimensional section Σ by

$$\int_{\Sigma} e^{-2d} \left[\frac{1}{16\pi G} \mathcal{S}_{(0)} + L_{\text{matter}}(\Upsilon_a) \right].$$

Note: $\mathbf{O}(D, D)$ -invariant coupling \Rightarrow proper distance, geodesic motion, etc. have a natural covariant definition in **string (Jordan) frame**.

The resulting equations of motion are

$$S_{p\bar{q}} = 8\pi G K_{p\bar{q}}, \quad S_{(0)} = 8\pi G T_{(0)}, \quad \frac{\delta L_{\text{matter}}}{\delta \Upsilon_a} \equiv 0.$$

Here the **stringy energy-momentum tensor** has $(D^2 + 1)$ components,

$$K_{p\bar{q}} := \frac{1}{2} \left(V_{A\rho} \frac{\delta L_{\text{matter}}}{\delta \bar{V}_A \bar{q}} - \bar{V}_{A\bar{q}} \frac{\delta L_{\text{matter}}}{\delta V_A \rho} \right), \quad T_{(0)} := e^{2d} \times \frac{\delta (e^{-2d} L_{\text{matter}})}{\delta d}.$$

Note: $T_{(0)}$ depends on the **Lagrangian density**, $\mathcal{L}_{\text{matter}} := e^{-2d} L_{\text{matter}}$.

Einstein Double Field Equations

Analogously to GR, we can define the stringy Einstein curvature tensor which is covariantly conserved,

$$G_{AB} = 4V_{[A}{}^{\rho}\bar{V}_{B]}{}^{\bar{q}}S_{\rho\bar{q}} - \frac{1}{2}\mathcal{J}_{AB}S_{(0)}, \quad \mathcal{D}_A G^{AB} = 0 \quad (\text{off-shell}).$$

This implies that the energy-momentum tensor can be written similarly,

$$T_{AB} := 4V_{[A}{}^{\rho}\bar{V}_{B]}{}^{\bar{q}}K_{\rho\bar{q}} - \frac{1}{2}\mathcal{J}_{AB}T_{(0)}, \quad \mathcal{D}_A T^{AB} \equiv 0 \quad (\text{on-shell}).$$

Hence the **Einstein Double Field Equations** can be summarized as

$$G_{AB} = 8\pi GT_{AB}.$$

Note: unlike in GR, the DFT Ricci tensor is traceless \Rightarrow the $S_{(0)} \propto T_{(0)}$ part is an essential and independent component of the equations.

Riemannian backgrounds

- **Riemannian backgrounds:** EDFEs reduce to usual closed-string equations, **plus source terms** from $K_{\mu\nu} = 2e_{\mu}{}^{\rho}\bar{e}_{\nu}{}^{\sigma}K_{\rho\sigma}$ and $T_{(0)}$:

$$R_{\mu\nu} + 2\nabla_{\mu}(\partial_{\nu}\phi) - \frac{1}{4}H_{\mu\rho\sigma}H_{\nu}{}^{\rho\sigma} = 8\pi GK_{(\mu\nu)} ;$$

$$\nabla^{\rho}\left(e^{-2\phi}H_{\rho\mu\nu}\right) = 16\pi Ge^{-2\phi}K_{[\mu\nu]} ;$$

$$R + 4\Box\phi - 4\partial_{\mu}\phi\partial^{\mu}\phi - \frac{1}{12}H_{\lambda\mu\nu}H^{\lambda\mu\nu} = 8\pi GT_{(0)} .$$

- **Asymmetric $K_{\mu\nu}$** possible (e.g. fermions, strings) \rightarrow source for H .
- In addition, the conservation law (**on-shell**) reduces to

$$\nabla^{\mu}K_{(\mu\nu)} - 2\partial^{\mu}\phi K_{(\mu\nu)} + \frac{1}{2}H_{\nu}{}^{\lambda\mu}K_{[\lambda\mu]} - \frac{1}{2}\partial_{\nu}T_{(0)} \equiv 0 ,$$

$$\nabla^{\mu}\left(e^{-2\phi}K_{[\mu\nu]}\right) \equiv 0 .$$

- **$D = 4$, spherically symmetric solution:** gravity modified at small radius-per-mass, $R/(MG)$ (SA, Cho, Park; 2018).

Homogeneous and isotropic backgrounds

- Consider $D = 4$ solutions which are **homogeneous** and **isotropic**.
- These are isometries parametrized by six DFT-Killing vectors: three for **rotations**, ξ_a^M ; three for **translations**, χ_a^N ($a = 1, 2, 3$).
- Imposing vanishing of DFT Lie derivatives of the gravitational fields with respect to $\zeta_a^M = (\xi_a^M, \chi_a^M)$ yields **DFT-Killing equations**.
- On **Riemannian backgrounds** with the section choice $\tilde{\delta}^\mu = 0$, these reduce to ordinary Lie derivatives acting on $\{g_{\mu\nu}, B_{\mu\nu}, \phi\}$:

$$\mathcal{L}_{\zeta_a} g_{\mu\nu} = 0, \quad \mathcal{L}_{\zeta_a} B_{(2)} + d\tilde{\zeta}_a = 0, \quad \mathcal{L}_{\zeta_a} \phi = 0.$$

Note: the condition on $B_{(2)} = \frac{1}{2} B_{\mu\nu} dx^\mu \wedge dx^\nu$ implies $\mathcal{L}_{\zeta_a} H_{(3)} = 0$.

- For the matter sector, we impose the cosmological principle on the **stringy energy-momentum tensor**, which similarly reduces to

$$\mathcal{L}_{\zeta_a} K_{\mu\nu} = 0, \quad \mathcal{L}_{\zeta_a} T_{(0)} = 0.$$

Metric ansatz

- Solving the DFT–Killing equations \Rightarrow **cosmological ansatz**

$$ds^2 = -N(t)^2 dt^2 + a(t)^2 \left[\frac{dr^2}{1 - kr^2} + r^2 d\Omega^2 \right],$$

$$B_{(2)} = \frac{hr^2}{\sqrt{1 - kr^2}} \cos \vartheta dr \wedge d\varphi, \quad \phi = \phi(t).$$

- Note:** can choose e.g. **cosmic gauge** where the function $N(t) = 1$; solutions characterized by $a(t)$, $\phi(t)$, and parameters h and k .
- Note:** corresponding H-flux is homogeneous and isotropic:

$$H_{(3)} \equiv dB_{(2)} = \frac{hr^2}{\sqrt{1 - kr^2}} \sin(\vartheta) dr \wedge d\vartheta \wedge d\varphi = h d\mathcal{V}_{(3)}.$$

- Homogeneous and isotropic **stringy energy-momentum tensor**:

$$K^\mu{}_\nu = \text{diag}(K^t{}_t(t), K^r{}_r(t), \dots, K^r{}_r(t)), \quad T_{(0)} = T_{(0)}(t).$$

Energy density and pressure

- Define **energy density** and **pressure** as

$$\rho := \left(-K^t_t + \frac{1}{2} T_{(0)} \right) e^{-2\phi}, \quad p := \left(K^r_r - \frac{1}{2} T_{(0)} \right) e^{-2\phi}.$$

- Matter action = $\int e^{-2\phi} \sqrt{-g} L_{\text{matter}}$; $K^t_t = -\pi^a \partial_0 \Upsilon_a$, $T_0 = -2L_{\text{matter}}$.
 $\rho \equiv \mathcal{H} \Rightarrow$ **Hamiltonian** $\equiv \int \sqrt{-g} \rho = \int e^{-2\phi} \sqrt{-g} (\pi^a \partial_0 \Upsilon_a - L_{\text{matter}})$.
- Stringy e-m tensor conserved \Rightarrow one non-trivial **conservation law**:

$$\dot{\rho} + 3H(\rho + p) + \dot{\phi} T_{(0)} e^{-2\phi} = 0,$$

where the **Hubble parameter** $H \equiv \frac{\dot{a}}{a}$ (in cosmic gauge); $\dot{\{ \}} \equiv \frac{d\{ \}}{dt}$.

O(D, D)-complete Friedmann Equations

In the homogeneous and isotropic case, EDFEs reduce to ($N = 1$)

$$\frac{8\pi G}{3} \rho e^{2\phi} + \frac{h^2}{12a^6} = H^2 - 2\dot{\phi}H + \frac{2}{3}\dot{\phi}^2 + \frac{k}{a^2},$$

$$\frac{4\pi G}{3} (\rho + 3p) e^{2\phi} + \frac{h^2}{6a^6} = -H^2 - \dot{H} + \dot{\phi}H - \frac{2}{3}\dot{\phi}^2 + \ddot{\phi},$$

$$\frac{4\pi G}{3} (2\rho e^{2\phi} - T_{(0)}) = -H^2 - \dot{H} + \frac{2}{3}\ddot{\phi}$$

→ “O(D, D)-complete Friedmann Equations” (OFEs).

- **Note:** 3 OFEs + 1 conservation law \Rightarrow **3 independent equations.**
- If $\dot{\phi} = \ddot{\phi} = 0$, $h = 0 \Rightarrow$ **standard GR cosmology**; $T_{(0)} e^{-2\phi} \equiv \rho - 3p$.
- When $h = k = 0$, covariance under **O(3, 3) spatial T-duality**:

Before	a	H	ϕ	ρ	p	$T_{(0)}$
After	a^{-1}	$-H$	$\phi - 3 \ln a$	$a^6 \rho$	$-a^6 (p + T_{(0)} e^{-2\phi})$	$T_{(0)}$

Energy conditions

In analogy with GR, we can define various relevant **energy conditions** (SA, Cho, Park; 2018). In the cosmological framework, these become:

- the *weak energy condition*:

$$\rho + \frac{h^2 e^{-2\phi}}{32\pi G a^6} \geq 0, \quad \rho + p + \frac{h^2 e^{-2\phi}}{16\pi G a^6} > 0;$$

- the *strong energy condition*:

$$\rho + 3p + \frac{h^2 e^{-2\phi}}{8\pi G a^6} \geq 0, \quad \rho + p + \frac{h^2 e^{-2\phi}}{16\pi G a^6} \geq 0;$$

- the *positive mass condition* and *pressure condition*, respectively:

$$2\rho - T_{(0)} e^{-2\phi} \geq 0; \quad p + \frac{h^2 e^{-2\phi}}{32\pi G a^6} \geq 0.$$

These energy conditions all correspond to terms appearing in the O(D, D)-complete Friedmann equations, and their linear combinations.

Generalized perfect fluid

- Consider the **conservation equation** (in cosmic gauge):

$$\dot{\rho} + 3H(\rho + p) + \dot{\phi} T_{(0)} e^{-2\phi} = 0 .$$

- It is useful to define **two equation-of-state parameters**,

$$w := \frac{p}{\rho} ; \quad \lambda := \frac{T_{(0)} e^{-2\phi}}{\rho} .$$

- w is the usual parameter corresponding to **pressure**, while λ is the **density rate**, at which **variation of the dilaton** changes the density.
- For constant w and λ (“**generalized perfect fluid**”), we can solve:

$$\rho = \rho_0 \frac{e^{-\lambda\phi}}{a^{3(1+w)}} .$$

Generalized perfect fluid

Consider a **power-law** ansatz, with $h = k = 0$:

$$a = \left(\frac{t}{t_0}\right)^n, \quad e^\phi = \left(\frac{t}{t_0}\right)^{-s} \quad \Rightarrow \quad H = \frac{n}{t}, \quad \dot{\phi} = -\frac{s}{t}.$$

Solving the OFEs for n and s with generic (constant) w and λ gives

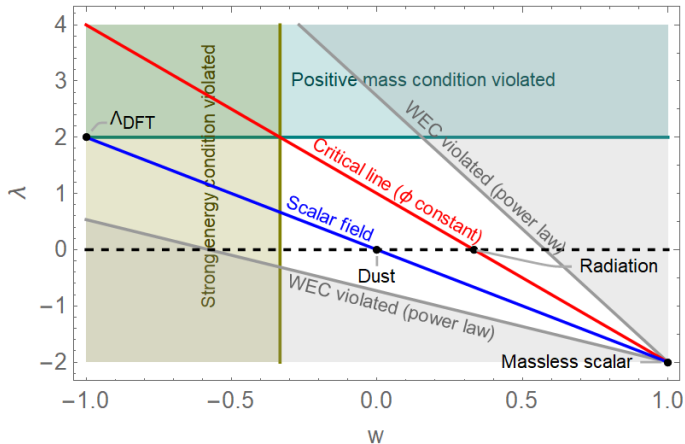
$$n = \frac{2(2w + \lambda)}{2 + 6w^2 + 6w\lambda + \lambda^2}, \quad s = \frac{2(1 - 3w - \lambda)}{2 + 6w^2 + 6w\lambda + \lambda^2},$$

Special cases:

- **Constant dilaton**, $s = 0$ on the '**critical line**', $\lambda = 1 - 3w$
 \Rightarrow recover standard GR cosmology on this line, $T_{(0)} e^{-2\phi} \equiv \rho - 3p$.
- **Static universe**, $n = 0$ on the line $\lambda = -2w$. **Scalar fields** also lie on this line (but can have varying w and λ).

Cosmological solutions

Identify various regions and types of matter in the (w, λ) -plane.



Also, **pure DFT vacuum**: $\rho = 0$ (Copeland, Lahiri, Wands; 1994)

Note: Usual supergravity case is $\lambda = 0 \Rightarrow$ **radiation critical**, **dust is not**.

Analytic solutions: critical line

We also wish to find analytic solutions to the OFEs, beyond power law.

- Useful parametrization: ‘Einstein-conformal’ gauge, $N = a =: be^\phi$ (Recall that the ‘lapse function’ $N(t)$ rescales the time coordinate.)
- (OFE2 – OFE3) in Einstein-conformal gauge:

$$4\pi Gb^2 e^{4\phi} \rho (3w + \lambda - 1) = \phi'' + \frac{2b'\phi'}{b} - \frac{h^2}{2b^4} e^{-4\phi},$$

where $'$ denotes differentiation w.r.t. ‘Einstein-conformal’ time η .

- Critical line, $\lambda = 1 - 3w$:** LHS = 0 \Rightarrow can integrate explicitly, giving

$$(b^2 \phi')^2 + \frac{h^2}{4} e^{-4\phi} \sim \text{constant} \geq 0.$$

- This resembles the **total energy** carried by the dilaton and H-flux: on the critical line it is **conserved**.
- Special case:** constant = 0 $\Rightarrow \phi' = h = 0 \Rightarrow$ **GR cosmology**.

Example: DFT scalar & cosmological constant

DFT action for a **canonical scalar** Φ ($D = 4$, Riemannian background):

$$S_\Phi = \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} e^{-2\phi} \left(-\frac{1}{2} g^{\mu\nu} \nabla_\mu \Phi \nabla_\nu \Phi - V(\Phi) \right).$$

Homogeneous and isotropic ansatz $\Rightarrow K_r{}^r = 0$, so

$$\rho e^{2\phi} = \frac{1}{2} \dot{\Phi}^2 + V(\Phi), \quad p e^{2\phi} = -\frac{1}{2} T_{(0)} = \frac{1}{2} \dot{\Phi}^2 - V(\Phi) \quad \Rightarrow \quad \lambda = -2w.$$

There are two special cases which are analytically solvable:

- ① **DFT cosmological constant**: $\dot{\Phi} = 0$, $V(\Phi) = \Lambda_{\text{DFT}}$; $(w, \lambda) = (-1, 2)$
 (Note: effective dilaton potential, $V_{\text{eff}}(\phi) = e^{-2\phi} \Lambda_{\text{DFT}}$). Solution:

$$e^{2\phi(t)} = C_\phi \frac{\tanh^{\pm\sqrt{3}}(m(t-t_0))}{\sinh(2m(t-t_0))}, \quad a^2(t) = a_0^2 \tanh^{\pm\sqrt{\frac{4}{3}}}(m(t-t_0)),$$

for $\pm(t-t_0) > 0$, where $m \equiv \sqrt{\Lambda_{\text{DFT}}/2}$ (+ sign: (Mueller; 1990)).

Example: DFT scalar & cosmological constant

- ② **Massless scalar** (vanishing potential): $V(\Phi) = 0$; $(w, \lambda) = (1, -2)$, the special point where the **scalar line** and **critical line** intersect. Solve in Einstein-conformal gauge \Rightarrow conformal scale factor

$$b^2 = \frac{C_1 \tau}{1 + k\tau^2}, \quad \text{where } \tau = \begin{cases} \tan(\eta - \eta_0) & \text{for } k = 1, \\ \eta - \eta_0 & \text{for } k = 0, \\ \tanh(\eta - \eta_0) & \text{for } k = -1. \end{cases}$$

with C_1 an integration constant. **Dilaton** and (cosmic) **scale factor**:

$$e^{2\phi} = \left(\frac{\tau}{\tau_*}\right)^{\pm \frac{h_0}{C_1}} + \frac{1}{4} \frac{h^2}{h_0^2} \left(\frac{\tau}{\tau_*}\right)^{\mp \frac{h_0}{C_1}}; \quad a^2 = b^2 e^{2\phi}.$$

Scalar:

$$\Phi = \Phi_0 \pm \sqrt{\frac{1}{16\pi G} \left(3 - \frac{h_0^2}{C_1^2}\right)} \ln \tau,$$

which is real for $|h_0/C_1| \leq \sqrt{3}$ (where equality \Rightarrow DFT vacuum).

Example: radiation with H-flux and freezing dilaton

Another example: \exists an analytic solution for **radiation** ($w = 1/3$, $\lambda = 0$), in the presence of **non-vanishing spatial curvature and H-flux**, in which the **dilaton is frozen at late times**.

- Conformal scale factor (**Note**: string frame scale factor, $a = e^\phi b$):

$$b^2 = \frac{\tau(C_1 + \Omega_{\text{rad}} H_0^2 \tau)}{1 + k\tau^2}; \quad \tau = \begin{cases} \tan(\eta - \eta_0) & \text{for } k = 1, \\ \eta - \eta_0 & \text{for } k = 0, \\ \tanh(\eta - \eta_0) & \text{for } k = -1. \end{cases}$$

- The dilaton profile is (c.f. $h = 0$: Copeland, Lahiri, Wands; 1994)

$$e^{2\phi} = \left(\frac{C_1 \tau}{\tau_* (C_1 + \Omega_{\text{rad}} H_0^2 \tau)} \right)^{\pm\sqrt{3}} + \frac{1}{12} \frac{h^2}{C_1^2} \left(\frac{C_1 \tau}{\tau_* (C_1 + \Omega_{\text{rad}} H_0^2 \tau)} \right)^{\mp\sqrt{3}},$$

which **converges to a constant as $\eta \rightarrow \infty$** (for $k \in \{0, -1\}$).

de Sitter solutions?

It is worthwhile to test whether de Sitter solutions are natural in $O(D, D)$ cosmology. Hence we considered the possibility of solutions with exponential scale factors, in both **string** and **Einstein** frames.

For simplicity, we focused on cases where $\lambda = -2w$, which includes both a DFT cosmological constant and scalar fields with arbitrary potential (e.g. $L_{\text{scalar}} = T - V = \rho_{\text{scalar}}$; $T_{(0),\text{scalar}} = -2L_{\text{scalar}}$). Also to make the connection with de Sitter we set $k = 0$.

String frame: $a = e^{Ht}$, $N = 1$, $\lambda = -2w$

- From the OFEs, the energy density is given by

$$8\pi G e^{2\phi} \rho + \frac{h^2}{4} e^{-6Ht} = -\frac{3}{2} H^2 + \frac{h^4}{8H^2} e^{-12Ht}$$

\Rightarrow **negative** at late times \Rightarrow **weak energy condition violated**.

de Sitter solutions?

Einstein frame: $b = e^{H_E t}$ (recall $a = e^\phi b$), $N = e^\phi$, $\lambda = -2w$

- Define Hubble parameter in Einstein frame: $H_E = \frac{\dot{b}}{b}$ (= constant).
- In this case we find, in particular (e.g. $k = 0$ case),

$$4\pi G(\rho_E + p_E) := 4\pi G e^{4\phi} (\rho + p) = -\dot{\phi}^2 - \frac{h^2}{4} e^{-6H_E t - 4\phi}.$$

- RHS $\leq 0 \Rightarrow$ **strong and weak energy conditions violated.**

In both cases, **weak energy condition violated; scalars tachyonic.**

More generally: $(w, \lambda) = (-1, 4) \Rightarrow$ **GR cosmological constant!?**

Hence de Sitter solves the OFEs... but this case does not correspond to any known $\mathbf{O}(D, D)$ -covariant Lagrangian. Would need $\rho = K_t^t e^{-2\phi}$, but this is minus the kinetic energy, so expect $\rho < 0 \Rightarrow$ **WEC violated.**

Summary

- Stringy Gravity (Double Field Theory) coupled to matter satisfies the **Einstein Double Field Equations**, $G_{AB} = 8\pi GT_{AB}$.
- From the Einstein Double Field Equations on homogeneous and isotropic Riemannian backgrounds, we derived the **$O(D, D)$ -complete Friedmann equations**.
- We found various solutions, including a radiation solution with non-vanishing H-flux and **frozen dilaton at late times**.
- **de Sitter solution** for a DFT Λ /scalar **violates the weak energy condition** in both **string** and **Einstein** frames. Another GR-like dS solution exists but no DFT origin: **is de Sitter an artefact of GR?**
- New **$O(D, D)$ -covariant framework for cosmology**.

Future directions

We have only scratched the surface of $\mathbf{O}(D, D)$ -complete cosmology. Many issues yet to be addressed, such as:

- **inflation**, or in general, generating (almost) scale-invariant curvature perturbations which match observations of the CMB;
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