

Vacuum Solutions to Einstein Double Field Equation: Traversable Wormhole and Alternative to de Sitter

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- In electrodynamics, the electric field is denoted by E for obvious reason.

But, the magnetic field is denoted by B or H instead of M . Why?

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- Similar simplification has been made for the gravitational sector in string theory.

The vanishings of the three β -functions on string worldsheet,

$$R_{\mu\nu} + 2\nabla_\mu(\partial_\nu\phi) - \frac{1}{4}H_{\mu\rho\sigma}H_\nu{}^{\rho\sigma} = 0$$

$$\frac{1}{2}e^{2\phi}\nabla^\rho(e^{-2\phi}H_{\rho\mu\nu}) = 0$$

$$R + 4\Box\phi - 4\partial_\mu\phi\partial^\mu\phi - \frac{1}{12}H_{\lambda\mu\nu}H^{\lambda\mu\nu} = 0$$

have been unified, thanks to $\mathbf{O}(D, D)$, into a single formula, w/ S. Rey, W. Rim, Y. Sakatani 2015

$$G_{AB} = 0.$$

which is the vacuum case of more general, **Einstein Double Field Equation**,

$$G_{AB} = T_{AB}$$

where A, B are $\mathbf{O}(D, D)$ vector indices.

w/ S. Angus and K. Cho 2018

In contrast to electrodynamics, this simplification turns out to be more than just rewriting,
which I will explain.

What is the gravitational theory that string theory predicts?

- A conventional answer is General Relativity (GR), in view of $g_{\mu\nu}$ appearing in the quantization of closed string. Needless to say, ever since the formulation of GR, Riemannian geometry has been the mathematical paradigm for theoretical physics where $g_{\mu\nu}$ is privileged to be the only fundamental variable that defines the concept of 'spacetime'.
- However, $g_{\mu\nu}$ is only one segment of the closed string massless sector that includes two additional fields: a two-form potential $B_{\mu\nu}$ and a scalar dilaton ϕ . A better answer is

$$S_{\text{SUGRA}} = \int d^D x \underbrace{\sqrt{-g} e^{-2\phi} \left(R + 4\partial_\mu \phi \partial^\mu \phi - \frac{1}{12} H_{\lambda\mu\nu} H^{\lambda\mu\nu} \right)}_{\text{closed string massless sector as gravity}} + \underbrace{\mathcal{L}_{\text{matter}}}_{\text{other sectors as matter}}$$

This action secretly keeps $\mathbf{O}(D, D)$ symmetry which transforms the trio $\{g, B, \phi\}$ to one another, and may suggest to regard the whole sector as gravitational and also geometric.

- This idea has come true through the developments in Double Field Theory (DFT) Siegel 1993; Hull-Zwiebach 2009 (c.f. Generalised Geometry à la Hitchin-Gualtieri) which reformulated the above action in an $\mathbf{O}(D, D)$ manifest way and further evolved into an autonomous gravitational theory.

Our answer: DFT = $\mathbf{O}(D, D)$ completion of GR.



Plan of the Talk

- I. Review of the $\mathbf{O}(D, D)$ -symmetric differential geometry underlying the central formula,

$$G_{AB} = T_{AB} \quad : \quad \mathbf{EDFE}$$

where A, B are $\mathbf{O}(D, D)$ vector indices running from 1 to $D+D$.

- II. Two vacuum solutions to EDFE, $T_{AB} = 0$:

- Traversable Wormhole for String but not for Particle 2412.04128 w/ H. Jang, H. Lee, & M. Kim
 - Accelerating Open Universe as a realistic alternative to de Sitter
2308.07149 w/ H. Lee, L. Velasco-Sevilla, & L. Yin
- ▶ Essentially, the negative kinetic term of ϕ realises these solutions in the string frame.

DFT as Gravity of String Theory

– Its Autonomous Structure –

DFT = $\mathbf{O}(D, D)$ completion of GR

- GR is characterised by

$$\mathcal{L}_\xi, \quad g_{\mu\nu}, \quad \nabla_\lambda g_{\mu\nu} = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad \gamma_{\mu\nu}^\lambda = \frac{1}{2} g^{\lambda\rho} (\partial_\mu g_{\rho\nu} + \partial_\nu g_{\mu\rho} - \partial_\rho g_{\mu\nu}), \quad G_{\mu\nu} = \kappa T_{\mu\nu}$$

- Dictated by $\mathbf{O}(D, D)$ Symmetry Principle, DFT has its own version of each item above.
- *A priori*, DFT should be formulated in terms of $\mathbf{O}(D, D)$ covariant fields, rather than $\{g, B, \phi\}$.
DFT describes then not only Riemannian but also **non-Riemannian geometries** ($\nexists g_{\mu\nu}$).
 - ▶ DFT becomes a universal framework for (Riemannian) SUGRA as well as (exotic) non-relativistic Newton–Cartan, ultra-relativistic Carroll gravities and fracton physics which are all non-Riemannian.
 - ▶ DFT enlarges the concept of spacetime geometries, redefining the notion of spacetime singularity, and provides novel string vacua.

Notation

Index	Representation	Metric (raising/lowering indices)
A, B, \dots, M, N, \dots	$\mathbf{O}(D, D)$ vector	$\mathcal{J}_{AB} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$
ρ, q, \dots	$\mathbf{Spin}(1, D-1)$ vector	$\eta_{pq} = \text{diag}(- + + \dots +)$
α, β, \dots	$\mathbf{Spin}(1, D-1)$ spinor	$C_{\alpha\beta}, \quad (\gamma^\rho)^T = C\gamma^\rho C^{-1}$
$\bar{\rho}, \bar{q}, \dots$	$\mathbf{Spin}(D-1, 1)$ vector	$\bar{\eta}_{\bar{p}\bar{q}} = \text{diag}(+ - - \dots -)$
$\bar{\alpha}, \bar{\beta}, \dots$	$\mathbf{Spin}(D-1, 1)$ spinor	$\bar{C}_{\bar{\alpha}\bar{\beta}}, \quad (\bar{\gamma}^{\bar{\rho}})^T = \bar{C}\bar{\gamma}^{\bar{\rho}}\bar{C}^{-1}$

- DFT employs 'doubled' coordinates which the $\mathbf{O}(D, D)$ metric \mathcal{J}_{AB} splits into two parts,

$$x^A = (\tilde{x}_\mu, x^\nu), \quad \partial_A = (\tilde{\partial}^\mu, \partial_\nu), \quad \partial^A = \mathcal{J}^{AB}\partial_B = (\partial_\mu, \tilde{\partial}^\nu).$$

- The existence of two separate local Lorentz symmetries, $\mathbf{Spin}(1, D-1) \times \mathbf{Spin}(D-1, 1)$, indicates the twofold locally inertial frames of the closed-string left and right movers. [Duff 1986](#)

Doubled-yet-Gauged Coordinates & Generalised Lie Derivative

- All the functions in DFT $\{\Phi_i, \Phi_j, \dots\}$ are required to satisfy **section condition**, $\partial_A \partial^A = 0$:

$$\partial_A \partial^A \Phi_i = 0 \quad \& \quad \partial_A \partial^A (\Phi_i \Phi_j) = 0 \quad \implies \quad \partial_A \Phi_i \partial^A \Phi_j = 0,$$

which can be generically solved by setting $\tilde{\delta}^\mu = 0$ up to $\mathbf{O}(D, D)$ rotations \implies choice of section.

- DFT-diffeomorphisms are then given by generalised Lie derivative: Siegel 1993

$$\hat{\mathcal{L}}_\xi T_{M_1 \dots M_n} = \underbrace{\xi^N \partial_N T_{M_1 \dots M_n}}_{\text{transport}} + \underbrace{\omega_T \partial_N \xi^N T_{M_1 \dots M_n}}_{\text{weight}} + \sum_{i=1}^n \underbrace{(\partial_{M_i} \xi_N - \partial_N \xi_{M_i})}_{\text{so}(D, D) \text{ rotation}} T_{M_1 \dots M_{i-1} \quad \quad \quad}^N T_{M_{i+1} \dots M_n},$$

whose commutators are only closed under the section condition.

With $\xi^M = (\lambda_\mu, \zeta^\nu)$, it unifies B -field gauge symmetry $\delta B = d\lambda$ and ordinary Lie derivative \mathcal{L}_ζ .

- The section condition is mathematically equivalent to a certain translational invariance:

$$\Phi_i(x) = \Phi_i(x + \Delta), \quad \Delta^M = \Phi_j \partial^M \Phi_k,$$

where Δ^M is said to be 'derivative-index-valued'. JHP 2013

- ▶ Physics should be invariant under such a shift of the doubled coordinates, suggesting

The doubled coordinates are gauged by derivative-index-valued shifts, satisfying $\Delta^M \partial_M = 0$,

$$x^M \sim x^M + \Delta^M(x) \quad : \quad \text{Coordinate Gauge Symmetry}$$

Each equivalence class or gauge orbit in \mathbb{R}^{D+D} corresponds to a single physical point.

Fundamental Fields: \mathcal{H}_{MN} , d

- DFT has its own dynamical metric \mathcal{H}_{MN} ("generalised metric") satisfying two defining properties,

$$\mathcal{H}_{MN} = \mathcal{H}_{NM}, \quad \mathcal{H}_M^K \mathcal{H}_N^L \mathcal{J}_{KL} = \mathcal{J}_{MN}$$

Combined with $\mathcal{J}_{MN} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$, it generates a pair of projectors (orthogonal and complete),

$$P_{MN} = \frac{1}{2}(\mathcal{J}_{MN} + \mathcal{H}_{MN}), \quad \bar{P}_{MN} = \frac{1}{2}(\mathcal{J}_{MN} - \mathcal{H}_{MN}); \quad \begin{aligned} P_L^M P_M^N &= P_L^N, & \bar{P}_L^M \bar{P}_M^N &= \bar{P}_L^N \\ P_L^M \bar{P}_M^N &= 0, & P_M^N + \bar{P}_M^N &= \delta_M^N \end{aligned}$$

- Further, taking the 'square root' of each projector,

$$P_{MN} = V_M^p V_N^q \eta_{pq}, \quad \bar{P}_{MN} = \bar{V}_M^{\bar{p}} \bar{V}_N^{\bar{q}} \bar{\eta}_{\bar{p}\bar{q}},$$

we obtain a pair of DFT-vielbeins for $\mathbf{Spin}(1, D-1) \times \mathbf{Spin}(D-1, 1)$,

$$V_{Mp} V^M{}_q = \eta_{pq}, \quad \bar{V}_{M\bar{p}} \bar{V}^M{}_{\bar{q}} = \bar{\eta}_{\bar{p}\bar{q}}, \quad V_{Mp} \bar{V}^M{}_{\bar{q}} = 0.$$

Namely, \mathcal{J}_{MN} and \mathcal{H}_{MN} are simultaneously diagonalisable as **diag**(η , $\bar{\eta}$) and **diag**(η , $-\bar{\eta}$).

- The $\mathbf{O}(D, D)$ singlet dilaton d sets the DFT-integral measure e^{-2d} (unit diffeomorphic weight).

We shall see \exists various ways of parametrising the fundamental fields: Riemannian vs. non-Riemannian.

- In GR, the Christoffel symbol is the unique metric-compatible connection, $\nabla_\lambda g_{\mu\nu} = 0$, which satisfies either a torsionless condition, or an alternative condition that the metric is the only ingredient to form the connection.
- Similarly, the DFT-Christoffel connection can be uniquely fixed,

$$\Gamma_{LMN} = 2(P\partial_L P\bar{P})_{[MN]} + 2(\bar{P}_{[M}{}^J \bar{P}_N]{}^K - P_{[M}{}^J P_N]{}^K) \partial_J P_{KL} - \frac{4}{D-1} (\bar{P}_{L[M} \bar{P}_N]{}^K + P_{L[M} P_N]{}^K) (\partial_K d + (P\partial^J P\bar{P})_{[JK]})$$

satisfying, in particular, the compatibility

$$\nabla_L \mathcal{J}_{MN} = 0, \quad \nabla_L \mathcal{H}_{MN} = 0, \quad \nabla_L d = -\frac{1}{2} e^{2d} \nabla_L (e^{-2d}) = 0$$

where $\nabla_L = \partial_L + \Gamma_L$ is defined by

$$\nabla_L T_{M_1 \dots M_n} := \partial_L T_{M_1 \dots M_n} - \omega_T \Gamma^K{}_{KL} T_{M_1 \dots M_n} + \sum_{i=1}^n \Gamma_{LM_i}{}^N T_{M_1 \dots M_{i-1} N M_{i+1} \dots M_n}.$$

- One can further obtain the twofold spin connections,

$$\Phi_{Mpq} = V^N{}_p \nabla_M V_{Nq}, \quad \bar{\Phi}_{M\bar{p}\bar{q}} = \bar{V}^N{}_{\bar{p}} \nabla_M \bar{V}_{N\bar{q}}$$

from the requirement that the 'master' covariant derivative

$$\mathcal{D}_M = \partial_M + \Gamma_M + \Phi_M + \bar{\Phi}_M = \nabla_M + \Phi_M + \bar{\Phi}_M$$

should be compatible with the DFT-vielbeins,

$$\mathcal{D}_M V_{Np} = \nabla_M V_{Np} + \Phi_{Mp}{}^q V_{Nq} = 0, \quad \mathcal{D}_M \bar{V}_{N\bar{p}} = \nabla_M \bar{V}_{N\bar{p}} + \bar{\Phi}_{M\bar{p}}{}^{\bar{q}} \bar{V}_{N\bar{q}} = 0.$$

- Semi-covariant Riemann curvature :

$$S_{KLMN} = S_{[KL][MN]} = S_{MKNL} := \frac{1}{2} (R_{KLMN} + R_{MKNL} - \Gamma^J_{KL} \Gamma_{JMN}) , \quad S_{[KLM]N} = 0 ,$$

where R_{ABCD} denotes the ordinary "field strength",

$$R_{CDAB} = \partial_A \Gamma_{BCD} - \partial_B \Gamma_{ACD} + \Gamma_{AC}^E \Gamma_{BED} - \Gamma_{BC}^E \Gamma_{AED} .$$

By construction, like in GR, it varies as 'total derivative':

$$\delta S_{ABCD} = \nabla_{[A} \delta \Gamma_{B]CD} + \nabla_{[C} \delta \Gamma_{D]AB} \implies \text{hence good for } \underline{\text{variational principle}} .$$

- Our formalism is 'semi-covariant', meaning

$$\delta_\xi (\nabla_L T_{M_1 \dots M_n}) = \hat{\mathcal{L}}_\xi (\nabla_L T_{M_1 \dots M_n}) + \sum_{i=1}^n 2(P + \bar{P})_{LM_i}{}^{NEFG} \partial_E \partial_F \xi_G T_{M_1 \dots M_{i-1} N M_{i+1} \dots M_n}$$

$$\delta_\xi S_{KLMN} = \hat{\mathcal{L}}_\xi S_{KLMN} + 2 \nabla_{[K} [(P + \bar{P})_{L][MN}]{}^{EFG} \partial_E \partial_F \xi_G] + 2 \nabla_{[M} [(P + \bar{P})_{N][KL}]{}^{EFG} \partial_E \partial_F \xi_G]$$

$$\delta_\xi \Gamma_{CAB} = \hat{\mathcal{L}}_\xi \Gamma_{CAB} + 2 [(P + \bar{P})_{CAB}{}^{FDE} - \delta_C^F \delta_A^D \delta_B^E] \partial_F \partial_D \xi_E$$

where $\mathcal{P}_{LMN}{}^{EFG} = P_L^E P_{[M}{}^{[F} P_{N]}{}^{G]}$ + $\frac{2}{P_K{}^{K-1}} P_{L[M} P_{N]}{}^{[F} P^{G]E}$ and similarly $\bar{\mathcal{P}}_{LMN}{}^{EFG}$ is set with $\bar{P}_M{}^N$.

- **The red-colored anomalies** can be easily projected out to give fully covariant objects, e.g.

$$\mathcal{D}_\rho T_{\bar{q}} = \nabla_L T_M V^L{}_\rho \bar{V}^M{}_{\bar{q}} , \quad S_{\rho\bar{q}} = S^L{}_{MLN} V^M{}_\rho \bar{V}^N{}_{\bar{q}} \quad (\text{Ricci}) , \quad S_{(0)} = S_{\rho q}{}^{\rho q} - S_{\bar{\rho}\bar{q}}{}^{\bar{\rho}\bar{q}} \quad (\text{scalar})$$

$$\gamma^\rho \mathcal{D}_{\rho\rho} , \mathcal{D}_{\bar{\rho}\bar{\rho}} \quad (\text{Dirac}) , \quad \mathcal{D}_\pm C = \gamma^\rho \mathcal{D}_\rho C \pm \gamma^{(D+1)} \mathcal{D}_{\bar{\rho}} C \bar{\gamma}^{\bar{\rho}} , \quad (\mathcal{D}_\pm)^2 = 0 \implies \mathcal{F} = \mathcal{D}_+ C \quad (\text{bispinorial RR})$$

$\mathbf{O}(D, D)$ symmetric ‘minimal’ coupling

The pure DFT action is then given by $e^{-2d} S_{(0)}$ and can further ‘minimally’ couple to ‘matter’:

- $D = 10$, Type II SDFT (full order 32 SUSY, pseudo action) w/ I. Jeon, K. Lee & Y. Suh 2012

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}_{\text{type II}} = e^{-2d} & \left[\frac{1}{8} S_{(0)} + \frac{1}{2} \text{Tr}(\mathcal{F}\bar{\mathcal{F}}) + i\bar{\rho}\mathcal{F}\rho' + i\bar{\psi}_{\bar{p}}\gamma_q\mathcal{F}\bar{\gamma}^{\bar{p}}\psi'^q + i\frac{1}{2}\bar{\rho}\gamma^{\rho}\mathcal{D}_{\rho}\rho - i\frac{1}{2}\bar{\rho}'\bar{\gamma}^{\bar{p}}\mathcal{D}_{\bar{p}}\rho' \right. \\ & \left. - i\bar{\psi}^{\bar{p}}\mathcal{D}_{\bar{p}}\rho - i\frac{1}{2}\bar{\psi}^{\bar{p}}\gamma^q\mathcal{D}_q\psi_{\bar{p}} + i\bar{\psi}'^{\rho}\mathcal{D}_{\rho}\rho' + i\frac{1}{2}\bar{\psi}'^{\rho}\bar{\gamma}^{\bar{q}}\mathcal{D}_{\bar{q}}\psi'_{\rho} \right] \end{aligned}$$

which unifies IIA and IIB SUGRAs as different solution sectors.

The full order SUSY, *i.e.* quartic order in fermions, has been recently verified by [D. Butter 2022](#).

- $D = 4$ DFT minimally coupled to the Standard Model w/ K. Choi 2015 PRL

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}_{\text{SM}} = e^{-2d} & \left[\frac{1}{16\pi G_N} S_{(0)} + \sum_A \text{Tr}(F_{\rho\bar{q}}F^{\rho\bar{q}}) - \mathcal{H}^{MN}(\mathcal{D}_M\phi)^\dagger\mathcal{D}_N\phi - V(\phi) \right] \\ & + \sum_{\psi} \bar{\psi}\gamma^{\rho}\mathcal{D}_{\rho}\psi + \sum_{\psi'} \bar{\psi}'\bar{\gamma}^{\bar{p}}\mathcal{D}_{\bar{p}}\psi' + y_d \bar{q}\cdot\phi d + y_u \bar{q}\cdot\tilde{\phi} u + y_e \bar{l}'\cdot\phi e' \end{aligned}$$

Conjecture: quarks and leptons are distinct kinds of spinors, one for **Spin**(1, 3) and the other for **Spin**(3, 1).

- Every single term in the above Lagrangians is completely covariant, w.r.t. $\mathbf{O}(D, D)$ rotations, DFT-diffeomorphisms, and twofold local Lorentz symmetries.

- Now we consider a general DFT action coupled to generic matter, say Υ 's,

$$\text{Action} = \int_{\Sigma} e^{-2d} \left[\frac{1}{2\kappa} S_{(0)} + L_{\text{matter}}(\Upsilon, \mathcal{D}_M \Upsilon) \right].$$

The variational principle,

$$\delta \text{Action} = \int_{\Sigma} e^{-2d} \left[2\bar{V}^{M\bar{q}} \delta V_{M^{\rho}} \left(\frac{1}{\kappa} S_{\rho\bar{q}} - K_{\rho\bar{q}} \right) - \delta d \left(\frac{1}{\kappa} S_{(0)} - T_{(0)} \right) + \delta \Upsilon \frac{\delta L_{\text{matter}}}{\delta \Upsilon} \right]$$

leads us to define out of L_{matter} ,

$$K_{\rho\bar{q}} := \frac{1}{2} \left(V_{M\rho} \frac{\delta L_{\text{matter}}}{\delta V_{M^{\bar{q}}}} - \bar{V}_{M\bar{q}} \frac{\delta L_{\text{matter}}}{\delta V_{M^{\rho}}} \right) = -2V_{M\rho} \bar{V}_{N\bar{q}} \frac{\delta L_{\text{matter}}}{\delta \mathcal{H}_{MN}}, \quad T_{(0)} := e^{2d} \times \frac{\delta (e^{-2d} L_{\text{matter}})}{\delta d}$$

- Subsequently, the 'General Covariance',

$$0 = \int_{\Sigma} e^{-2d} \left[\frac{1}{\kappa} \xi^N \mathcal{D}^M \left\{ 4V_{[M^{\rho}} \bar{V}_{N]} \bar{q} (S_{\rho\bar{q}} - \kappa K_{\rho\bar{q}}) - \frac{1}{2} \mathcal{J}_{MN} (S_{(0)} - \kappa T_{(0)}) \right\} + \hat{\mathcal{L}}_{\xi} \Upsilon \frac{\delta L_{\text{matter}}}{\delta \Upsilon} \right]$$

guides us to identify the Einstein curvature,

w/ S. Rey, W. Rim, Y. Sakatani 2015

$$G_{MN} := 4V_{[M^{\rho}} \bar{V}_{N]} \bar{q} S_{\rho\bar{q}} - \frac{1}{2} \mathcal{J}_{MN} S_{(0)}, \quad \nabla_M G^{MN} = 0 \quad (\text{off-shell})$$

and the Energy-Momentum tensor,

$$T_{MN} := 4V_{[M^{\rho}} \bar{V}_{N]} \bar{q} K_{\rho\bar{q}} - \frac{1}{2} \mathcal{J}_{MN} T_{(0)}, \quad \nabla_M T^{MN} = 0 \quad (\text{on-shell})$$

- Equating them, we obtain the Einstein equation of DFT, or EDFEs: $G_{MN} = \kappa T_{MN}$

Question: Is DFT a mere reformulation of SUGRA in an $\mathcal{O}(D, D)$ manifest manner?

The answer would be (and had been) yes, if we assume

$$\mathcal{H}_{MN} = \begin{pmatrix} g^{-1} & -g^{-1}B \\ Bg^{-1} & g - Bg^{-1}B \end{pmatrix}, \quad e^{-2d} = \sqrt{|g|}e^{-2\phi}$$

Giveon, Rabinovici, Veneziano '89, Duff '90

Upon this parametrisation, EDFE, $G_{MN} = T_{MN}$, reduces to

$$R_{\mu\nu} + 2\nabla_{\mu}(\partial_{\nu}\phi) - \frac{1}{4}H_{\mu\rho\sigma}H_{\nu}{}^{\rho\sigma} = K_{(\mu\nu)} \Leftrightarrow \delta g_{\mu\nu}$$

$$\frac{1}{2}e^{2\phi}\nabla^{\rho}\left(e^{-2\phi}H_{\rho\mu\nu}\right) = K_{[\mu\nu]} \Leftrightarrow \delta B_{\mu\nu}$$

$$R + 4\Box\phi - 4\partial_{\mu}\phi\partial^{\mu}\phi - \frac{1}{12}H_{\lambda\mu\nu}H^{\lambda\mu\nu} = T_{(0)} \Leftrightarrow \delta d$$

And the 'pure' DFT action reduces

$$\int d^Dx e^{-2d}S_{(0)} = \int d^Dx \sqrt{-g}e^{-2\phi}\left(R + 4\partial_{\mu}\phi\partial^{\mu}\phi - \frac{1}{12}H_{\lambda\mu\nu}H^{\lambda\mu\nu}\right).$$

- However, DFT works perfectly fine, with any generalised metric that satisfies the defining properties: $\mathcal{H}_{MN} = \mathcal{H}_{NM}$, $\mathcal{H}_M{}^K\mathcal{H}_N{}^L\mathcal{J}_{KL} = \mathcal{J}_{MN}$. And the above parametrisation is not the most general solution to them. Hence the answer to the question is **No**.
- In fact, the most or perfectly symmetric vacua of DFT are given by

$$\mathcal{H}_{MN} = \pm\mathcal{J}_{MN} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \pm 1 \\ \pm 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \text{ which do not admit any Riemannian interpretation.}$$



Non-Riemannian Geometry

- **First example** w/ Kanghoon Lee 2013
- **Non-Relativistic String** w/ Sung Moon Ko, Charles Melby-Thompson, Rene Meyer 2015
- **Classification** w/ Kevin Morand 2017
- **Moduli-free Kaluza–Klein reduction** w/ Kyoungcho Cho and Kevin Morand 2018
- **-Dynamics through EDFE** w/ Kyoungcho Cho 2019
- **Quantum Consistency on Worldsheet** w/ Shigeki Sugimoto 2020 PRL
- **∞ -dimensional Isometries** w/ Chris Blair and Gerben Oling 2020
- **Some Riemannian Singularities = Non-Riemannian Regularity**
w/ Kevin Morand and Miok Park 2021 PRL
- **Fracton Physics** w/ Stephen Angus and Minkyoo Kim 2021

The most general parametrisations of the DFT-metric, $\mathcal{H}_{MN} = \mathcal{H}_{NM}$, $\mathcal{H}_M^K \mathcal{H}_N^L \mathcal{J}_{KL} = \mathcal{J}_{MN}$, can be classified by two non-negative integers, (n, \bar{n}) , $0 \leq n + \bar{n} \leq D$:

$$\mathcal{H}_{MN} = \begin{pmatrix} H^{\mu\nu} & -H^{\mu\sigma} B_{\sigma\lambda} + Y_i^\mu X_\lambda^i - \bar{Y}_{\bar{i}}^\mu \bar{X}_{\bar{\lambda}}^{\bar{i}} \\ B_{\kappa\rho} H^{\rho\nu} + X_{\kappa}^i Y_i^\nu - \bar{X}_{\bar{\kappa}}^{\bar{i}} \bar{Y}_{\bar{i}}^\nu & K_{\kappa\lambda} - B_{\kappa\rho} H^{\rho\sigma} B_{\sigma\lambda} + 2X_{(\kappa}^i B_{\lambda)\rho} Y_i^\rho - 2\bar{X}_{(\bar{\kappa}}^{\bar{i}} B_{\bar{\lambda})\rho} \bar{Y}_{\bar{i}}^\rho \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ B & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} H & Y_i(X^i)^T - \bar{Y}_{\bar{i}}(\bar{X}^{\bar{i}})^T \\ X^i(Y_i)^T - \bar{X}^{\bar{i}}(\bar{Y}_{\bar{i}})^T & K \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -B \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

where

$$H^{\mu\nu} = H^{\nu\mu}, \quad K_{\mu\nu} = K_{\nu\mu}, \quad B_{\mu\nu} = -B_{\nu\mu}$$

$$H^{\mu\nu} X_\nu^i = 0 = H^{\mu\nu} \bar{X}_\nu^{\bar{i}}, \quad K_{\mu\nu} Y_j^\nu = 0 = K_{\mu\nu} \bar{Y}_j^{\bar{\nu}} \quad : \quad i, j = 1, 2, \dots, n; \quad \bar{i}, \bar{j} = 1, 2, \dots, \bar{n}$$

$$H^{\mu\rho} K_{\rho\nu} + Y_i^\mu X_\nu^i + \bar{Y}_{\bar{i}}^\mu \bar{X}_\nu^{\bar{i}} = \delta^\mu_\nu \quad : \quad \text{completeness relation}$$

► It follows that $Y_i^\mu X_\mu^j = \delta_i^j$, $\bar{Y}_{\bar{i}}^\mu \bar{X}_\mu^{\bar{j}} = \delta_{\bar{i}}^{\bar{j}}$, $Y_i^\mu \bar{X}_\mu^{\bar{j}} = 0 = \bar{Y}_{\bar{i}}^\mu X_\mu^j$, etc.

► Obviously, only $(0, 0)$ is Riemannian but all others are non-Riemannian.

Examples of Non-Riemannian Geometries, $(n, \bar{n}) \neq (0, 0)$

- i) $(1, 0)$ Newton–Cartan gravity, $ds^2 = -c^2 dt^2 + d\mathbf{x}^2$, $\lim_{c \rightarrow \infty} g^{-1}$ is finite & degenerate
 - ii) $(D-1, 0)$ ultra-relativistic Carroll gravity, $d\tau^2 = dt^2 - c^{-2} d\mathbf{x}^2$, $\lim_{c \rightarrow 0} g^{-1}$ is finite & degenerate
 - iii) $(1, 1)$ Stringy/torsional Newton–Cartan gravity, Gomis–Ooguri non-relativistic string theory
w/ Ko, Melby-Thompson and Meyer 2015; Blair 2019
 - iv) $(D, 0)$ and $(0, D)$ are the two perfectly symmetric vacua, $\mathcal{H} = \pm \mathcal{J}$ with the trivial coset $\frac{\mathbf{O}(D, D)}{\mathbf{O}(D, D)}$.
Taken as an internal space, K-K reductions on them are moduli-free. w/ Cho and Morand 2018
“Riemannian spacetime emerges after SSB of $\mathbf{O}(D, D)$, identifying $\{g, B\}$ as Nambu–Goldstone boson moduli.” Berman, Blair and Otsuki 2019
- ▶ EDFEs, $G_{MN} = T_{MN}$, govern all the dynamics of various non-Riemannian geometries.
One needs to insert the (n, \bar{n}) parametrisations and organise the expressions. w/ K. Cho 2019
- ▶ Besides, a class of singular geometries known in GR/SUGRA can be identified as regular $(1, 1)$ non-Riemannian geometries of DFT. w/ K. Morand and M. Park 2021 PRL

Properties of Non-Riemannian Geometries

- The trace is given by $\mathcal{H}_M{}^M = 2(n - \bar{n})$ which $\mathbf{O}(D, D)$ rotations cannot alter.
- One can identify the underlying coset $\frac{\mathbf{O}(D, D)}{\mathbf{O}(t+n, s+n) \times \mathbf{O}(s+\bar{n}, t+\bar{n})}$ with dimensions $D^2 - (n - \bar{n})^2$.
- Analysing DFT Killing eqns, $\hat{\mathcal{L}}_\xi \mathcal{H}_{MN} = 8\bar{P}_{(M}{}^{[K} P_{N)}{}^{L]} \nabla_K \xi_L = 0$, one can address the notion of non-Riemannian isometries. Constant non-Riemannian backgrounds turn out to admit ‘super-translational’, (*i.e.* infinitely many) isometries. Further, within SDFT, they imply infinitely many Killing spinors or ‘super-supersymmetries’. w/ C. Blair and G. Oling 2020

- In fact, strings become chiral and anti-chiral over the n and \bar{n} non-Riemannian directions:

$$X_\mu^i \partial_+ X^\mu(\tau, \sigma) = 0, \quad \bar{X}_\mu^{\bar{i}} \partial_- X^\mu(\tau, \sigma) = 0$$

such that the central charges read

$$\mathbf{c}_{L/R} = D \pm (n - \bar{n}) - 26 \quad (\text{bosonic string}); \quad \mathbf{c}_{L/R} = D \pm (n - \bar{n}) - 10 \quad (\text{superstring})$$

Thus, necessarily we require $n = \bar{n}$ and $D = 26$ or 10 . w/ Shigeki Sugimoto 2020 PRL

- On the other hand, particles ‘freeze’ over the $n + \bar{n}$ non-Riemannian directions:

$$X_\mu^i \frac{dx^\mu(\tau)}{d\tau} = 0 = \bar{X}_\mu^{\bar{i}} \frac{dx^\mu(\tau)}{d\tau}.$$

Spherical Vacuum Solution to EDFE

Traversable wormhole for string, but not for particle

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- The wormhole geometry we propose is a two-parameter family of solutions and is traceable to [the work \(1994\) by Burgess, Myers, and Quevedo](#) who obtained more general three-parameter family of solutions by performing $\mathbf{SL}(2, \mathbb{R})$ S-duality rotations of a dilaton–metric solution in Einstein frame.
- The three-parameter solutions were later re-derived as the most general spherically symmetric vacuum solutions to EDFE, by analogy with Schwarzschild geometry of GR.
[w/ S. Ko and M. Suh 2016.](#)
- The two-parameter family of solutions were further singled out as an example of Riemann-wise singular but DFT-wise regular non-Riemannian geometry.
[w/ K. Morand and M. Park 2021 PRL.](#)
- Without further ado, let me spell the solution in a convenient coordinate system.

NS-NS Wormhole

$$ds^2 = \frac{-dt^2 + dy^2}{\mathcal{F}(y)} + \mathcal{R}(y)^2 (d\vartheta^2 + \sin^2\vartheta d\varphi^2),$$

$$H_{(3)} = h \sin\vartheta dt \wedge d\vartheta \wedge d\varphi,$$

$$e^{2\phi(y)} = \frac{1}{|\mathcal{F}(y)|}$$

where

$$\mathcal{F}(y) = \frac{(y - b_-)(y - b_+)}{y^2 + \frac{1}{4}h^2}, \quad \mathcal{R}(y) = \sqrt{y^2 + \frac{1}{4}h^2} \geq \frac{1}{2}|h|.$$

- The geometry has two free parameters, $b \neq 0$ and electric H -flux h , in terms of which we set

$$\gamma_{\pm} = \frac{1 \pm \sqrt{1 - h^2/b^2}}{2}, \quad b_+ = -b\gamma_+, \quad b_- = b\gamma_-.$$

- For the solution to be real, we require $h^2 \leq b^2$.
- While $\mathcal{R}(y) = \mathcal{R}(-y)$, $\mathcal{F}(y)$ is not parity symmetric, except the case of saturation, $h^2 = b^2$. Therefore, in general one cannot identify y with $-y$ to perform a Z_2 -orbifolding. We should then set the range of the y -coordinate to be all real numbers, $y \in \mathbb{R}$.

Wormhole Metric

$$ds^2 = \frac{-dt^2 + dy^2}{\mathcal{F}(y)} + \mathcal{R}(y)^2 (d\vartheta^2 + \sin^2\vartheta d\varphi^2),$$

$$\begin{cases} \mathcal{F}(y) = \frac{(y - b_-)(y - b_+)}{y^2 + \frac{1}{4}h^2} \\ \mathcal{R}(y) = \sqrt{y^2 + \frac{1}{4}h^2} \geq \frac{1}{2}|h|. \end{cases}$$

- The geometry consists of two separate, asymptotically flat spacetime letting $\mathcal{F}(y) \rightarrow 1$, one by $y \rightarrow \infty$ and the other by $y \rightarrow -\infty$, which are to be connected by a wormhole.
- The minimum of the areal radius is at $y = 0$ which we identify as the throat of the wormhole.
- With nontrivial H -flux, $h \neq 0$, a **flare-out condition** is satisfied in terms of the y -coordinate,

$$\left. \frac{d\mathcal{R}}{dy} \right|_{y=0} = 0, \quad \left. \frac{d^2\mathcal{R}}{dy^2} \right|_{y=0} = \frac{2}{|h|} > 0.$$

Riemann-wise Singular but DFT-wise Regular Non-Riemannian

w/ Kevin Morand and Miok Park 2021 PRL

- The curvatures defined in Riemannian geometry are singular at the points of $y = b_{\pm}$, such as

$$R = - \frac{2b^2(y^2 + \frac{1}{4}h^2)^2 + 3h^2(y - b_+)^2(y - b_-)^2}{2(y - b_+)(y - b_-)(y^2 + \frac{1}{4}h^2)^3}.$$

- However, the geometry sets the G_{AB} hence DFT-curvatures, $S_{(0)}$ & $(PS\bar{P})_{AB}$, all trivial.
- In fact, by choosing the B -field appropriately to include a **pure-gauge** term,

$$B_{(2)} = h \cos \vartheta dt \wedge d\varphi + \frac{dt \wedge dy}{\mathcal{F}(y)}, \quad dB_{(2)} = H_{(3)},$$

both \mathcal{H}_{AB} and e^{-2d} can be made everywhere non-singular, such as $e^{-2d} = \mathcal{R}(y)^2 \sin \vartheta$.

As the B -field gauge transformation is a part of doubled diffeomorphisms, the curvature singularity characterised within Riemannian geometry is to be identified as a coordinate singularity within DFT.

- From the perspective of DFT, the geometry is regular everywhere: it is Riemannian away from $y = b_{\pm}$ and non-Riemannian at the points.
- It is of the same $(1, 1)$ type of non-Riemannian geometry as to the non-relativistic string.

Null Convergence Condition (NCC)

- In terms of (ordinary) Ricci curvature, the NCC stipulates $R_{\mu\nu}k^\mu k^\nu \geq 0$ for \forall null vector k^μ .
- Any vacuum solution to EDFE decomposes the Ricci curvature into dilaton and H -flux terms,

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

- Our wormhole geometry gives, with a null radial vector in a simple form $k^\mu = (1, 1, 0, 0)$,

$$\begin{aligned}R_{\mu\nu}k^\mu k^\nu &= -\frac{4(b_++b_-)y(y^2-\frac{1}{2}h^2)+5h^2(y^2-\frac{1}{20}h^2)}{2\mathcal{R}(y)^4(y-b_+)(y-b_-)}, \\-2\nabla_\mu(\partial_\nu\phi)k^\mu k^\nu &= -\frac{2(b_++b_-)y(y^2-\frac{3}{4}h^2)+3h^2(y^2-\frac{1}{12}h^2)}{\mathcal{R}(y)^4(y-b_+)(y-b_-)}, \\ \frac{1}{4}H_{\mu\rho\sigma}H_\nu{}^{\rho\sigma}k^\mu k^\nu &= \frac{h^2}{2\mathcal{R}(y)^4} > 0.\end{aligned}$$

This shows that the H -flux always respects the NCC but the dilaton exhibiting the negative kinetic term in the string framed action does not. The NCC can be broken.

- Nonetheless, from the DFT perspective, $\{g, B, \phi\}$ are all gravitational fields which constitute the LHS of the EDFE, *i.e.* G_{AB} .

The matter part is on the RHS, *i.e.* T_{AB} , which has its own energy conditions.

There is no need to care about the energy condition for the vacuum in DFT, including the present wormhole solution.

Asymmetric 'Wine-Glass' Wormhole embedded in Ambient space

- Embedding of the wormhole into an ambient spacetime:

$$d\hat{s}^2 = \frac{-dt^2}{\mathcal{F}} \pm dz^2 + d\mathcal{R}^2 + \mathcal{R}^2(d\vartheta^2 + \sin^2\vartheta d\varphi^2),$$

by $\mathcal{R}(y) = \sqrt{y^2 + \frac{1}{4}h^2}$ and $z(y)$ satisfying

$$\frac{dz}{dy} = \sqrt{\pm \left[\frac{1}{\mathcal{F}} - \left(\frac{d\mathcal{R}}{dy} \right)^2 \right]} = \sqrt{\pm \left[\frac{-b\sqrt{1-h^2/b^2}y^3 + \frac{3}{4}h^2y^2 + \frac{1}{16}h^4}{(y-b_+)(y-b_-)(y^2 + \frac{1}{4}h^2)} \right]}$$

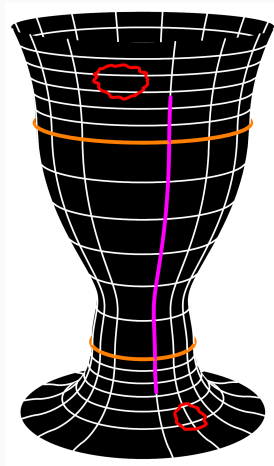
where the sign must be chosen to ensure the realness of the square roots: the embedding is inevitably piecewise.

- i) For $b^2 > h^2 > 0$ and large \mathcal{R} as $y \rightarrow \pm\infty$,

$$z \sim \pm 2(b^2 - h^2)^{1/4} \sqrt{\mathcal{R}}$$

This supplements the throat region depicted on the RHS.

- ii) When $b^2 = h^2 > 0$, we get instead $z \sim \pm \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} |b| \ln \mathcal{R}$.



Strings either traversing or non-traversing are colored in pink or red respectively. The Riemann-wise singular but DFT-wise regular non-Riemannian points at $y = b_{\pm}$ are colored in orange.

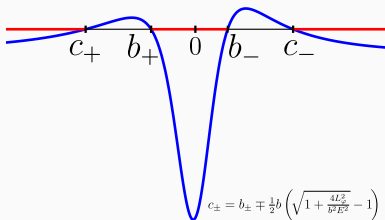
Traversable by String, but Not by Particle

- The massless particles' null geodesics reduce, with conserved energy $E \neq 0$ and angular momentum L_φ to $\dot{t} = E\mathcal{F}(y)$, $\dot{\varphi} = L_\varphi \mathcal{R}(y)^{-2}$, and pivotally for the y -coordinate,

$$0 = \dot{y}^2 + V(y), \quad V(y) = \left[-E^2 \mathcal{F}(y) + L_\varphi^2 / \mathcal{R}(y)^2 \right] \mathcal{F}(y)$$

w/ K. Morand and M. Park 2021 PRL.

- i) When $L_\varphi \neq 0$, the effective potential $V(y)$ features two positive peak, such that a massless particle cannot traverse $y = b_+$ nor $y = b_-$, as depicted on the RHS.



Effective potential $V(y)$ for $b > 0$ and $L_\varphi \neq 0$.

Geodesics are confined in each of the three regions

(red colored) divided by the points of $y = b_\pm$.

$$\int d\lambda = \int \frac{dy}{E\mathcal{F}(y)}$$

is logarithmically divergent.

- \Rightarrow **Each of the three regions divided by $y = b_+$ and $y = b_-$ is geodesically complete and the wormhole is non-traversable by particles.**

Traversable by String, but Not by Particle

- We now turn to strings,

$$\frac{1}{2\pi\alpha'} \int d^2\sigma - \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{-h} h^{\alpha\beta} \partial_\alpha x^\mu \partial_\beta x^\nu g_{\mu\nu} + \frac{1}{2} \epsilon^{ab} \partial_\alpha x^\mu \partial_\beta x^\nu B_{\mu\nu} .$$

With $\sigma^\pm = \sigma \pm \tau$ and conformal gauge, the propagation of a string is dictated by

$$\partial_+ \partial_- x^\mu + \left(\Gamma_{\rho\sigma}^\mu + \frac{1}{2} H^\mu{}_{\rho\sigma} \right) \partial_+ x^\rho \partial_- x^\sigma = 0 ,$$

subject to Virasoro constraints,

$$\partial_+ x^\mu \partial_+ x^\nu g_{\mu\nu} = 0 , \quad \partial_- x^\mu \partial_- x^\nu g_{\mu\nu} = 0 .$$

- As mentioned earlier, if the string ever approaches the non-Riemannian points of $y = b_\pm$, the string must be chiral or anti-chiral there.
- Rather than pursuing general solutions, we focus on the radial propagation of the string, by letting the two angular variables, ϑ, φ constant, and present solutions:
 - i)* non-traversing and *ii)* traversing.
- With constant ϑ and φ , the Virasoro constraints imply either *i)* $\partial_+ y \partial_- y = \partial_+ t \partial_- t$ (non-traversing) or *ii)* $\partial_+ y \partial_- y = -\partial_+ t \partial_- t$ (traversing).

Traversable by String, but Not by Particle

- i) When $\partial_+ y \partial_- y = \partial_+ t \partial_- t$, our non-traversing solution assumes either $y = t$ (forward-moving) or $y = -t$ (backward-moving). All the equations of the string dynamics boil down to

$$\partial_+ \partial_- \mathcal{G}(y) = 0$$

where

$$\mathcal{G}(y) = \int \frac{dy}{\mathcal{F}(y)} = y + \left(\frac{b_-^2 + h^2/4}{b} \right) \ln |y - b_-| - \left(\frac{b_+^2 + h^2/4}{b} \right) \ln |y - b_+|$$

Naturally, $\mathcal{G}(y)$ decomposes into left- and right-movers,

$$\mathcal{G}(y) = y_0 + 2\alpha' p \tau + f_+(\sigma^+) + f_-(\sigma^-)$$

where for a closed string, $f_{\pm}(\sigma^{\pm})$ are arbitrary periodic functions, leading to vibrational mode expansions, while an open string needs to meet Neumann or Dirichlet boundary conditions.

- In any case, $\mathcal{G}(y)$ determines $y = \pm t$ completely, at least locally.
- In particular, far away from $y = b_{\pm}$, we have $\mathcal{G}(y) \simeq y$ and thus, not surprisingly, the string propagates like a free string on a flat background.
- However, such a string cannot approach nor cross the points of $y = b_{\pm}$ with finite amount of τ (logarithmic divergence). Only in the limit, $\tau \rightarrow \pm\infty$, the string may arrive at $y = b_{\pm}$.
- **These are all consistent with the non-traversing particle geodesics.**
- In fact, from the target spacetime perspective, the string setting $y = \pm t$ appears as if a point particle, without any spatial extension.

Traversable by String, but Not by Particle

ii) When $\partial_+ y \partial_- y = -\partial_+ t \partial_- t$, our traversing closed-string solution is given by

$$y = f_+(\sigma^+) + f_-(\sigma^-), \quad t = f_+(\sigma^+) - f_-(\sigma^-),$$

such that $y + t$ is chiral and $y - t$ is anti-chiral, like the Gomis–Ooguri non-relativistic string.

- If the amplitudes of f_{\pm} , are large enough, this chiral string traverses the wormhole.
- One such example forms an ellipsoid in the target spacetime encompassing the wormhole,

$$\left(\begin{array}{l} f_+(\sigma^+) = b \sin \sigma^+ \\ f_-(\sigma^-) = b \sin \sigma^- \end{array} \right), \quad \left(\begin{array}{l} y = 2b \cos \tau \sin \sigma \\ t = 2b \sin \tau \cos \sigma \end{array} \right), \quad \left(\frac{t}{\cos \sigma} \right)^2 + \left(\frac{y}{\sin \sigma} \right)^2 = 4b^2.$$

- Although this traversing solution seems ignorant about the details of the wormhole geometry, it is H -flux that enables the chiral string to traverse: $\partial_+ \partial_- x^\mu + \left(\Gamma_{\rho\sigma}^\mu + \frac{1}{2} H^\mu{}_{\rho\sigma} \right) \partial_+ x^\rho \partial_- x^\sigma = 0$.
- The periodic B.C. lets the traversing closed string localised not only in space but also in time.
- The $\mathbf{O}(D, D)$ -symmetric volume of the middle throat region is independent of the H -flux:

$$\int_{\Sigma_t} e^{-2d} = \int_{b_+}^{b_-} dy \int_0^\pi d\vartheta \int_0^{2\pi} d\varphi \mathcal{R}(y)^2 \sin \vartheta = \frac{4\pi}{3} b^3.$$

Given that the throat has the minimal area $4\pi \mathcal{R}(0)^2 = \pi h^2$, the (averaged) height of the throat region is, roughly speaking, inversely proportional to the H -flux squared, $\propto b^3/3h^2$.

It remains to be seen what would be the holographic interpretation, if any. Raamsdonk 2010.

Cosmological Vacuum Solution to EDFE

**Late-Time Cosmology without Dark Sector
but with Closed String Massless Sector**

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Cosmological Exact Vacuum

- In GR, de Sitter is the simplest cosmological solution: $\Omega_\Lambda = 0.73$ for Λ CDM.
Yet, the Hubble tension is getting worse by James Webb telescope: 67 vs. 73 km/s/Mpc.
Besides, there is swampland no-go argument for the existence of de Sitter. *Vafa et al.*
- What would be the cosmological vacuum solution to EDFE?
The answer is traceable to *the work (1994) by Copeland, Lahiri, and Wands.*

Here we elaborate their solution further to feature three free parameters,

$\{H_0, \eta, l \equiv 1/\sqrt{-k}\}$ as for an open Universe which turns out to fit observational data.

Dilaton ϕ which does not run away because $k < 0$,

$$e^{2\phi(\eta)} = \frac{1 - \sqrt{1 - \frac{1}{12}(\eta/\sinh \zeta)^2}}{2} \left(\frac{\tanh\left(\frac{\eta}{l} + \frac{\zeta}{2}\right)}{\tanh \frac{\zeta}{2}} \right)^{\sqrt{3}} + \frac{1 + \sqrt{1 - \frac{1}{12}(\eta/\sinh \zeta)^2}}{2} \left(\frac{\tanh\left(\frac{\eta}{l} + \frac{\zeta}{2}\right)}{\tanh \frac{\zeta}{2}} \right)^{-\sqrt{3}}$$

Magnetic H -flux and FLRW metric (homogeneous & isotropic),

$$H_{(3)} = \frac{\eta r^2 \sin \vartheta}{\sqrt{1+r^2/l^2}} dr \wedge d\vartheta \wedge d\varphi, \quad ds^2 = a^2(\eta) \left[-d\eta^2 + \frac{dr^2}{1+r^2/l^2} + r^2(d\vartheta^2 + \sin^2\vartheta d\varphi^2) \right]$$

with the scale factor and the Hubble constant,

$$a^2(\eta) = e^{2\phi(\eta)} \frac{\sinh(2\eta/l + \zeta)}{\sinh \zeta}, \quad H_0 = \frac{1}{2l \sinh \zeta} \left[2 \cosh \zeta + \sigma \sqrt{12 - (\eta/\sinh \zeta)^2} \right].$$

Bayesian Inference of Observational Data

- **Type Ia Supernovae by Pantheon+**: Distance Modulus $\mu(z)$ & Luminosity Distance $d_L(z)$,

$$\mu(z) = 5 \text{Log}_{10} \left[\frac{d_L(z)}{10 \text{ pc}} \right], \quad d_L(z) = \frac{1+z}{\sqrt{-k}} \sinh \left[\sqrt{-k} \int_0^z \frac{dz'}{H(z')} \right]$$

⇒ 1583 data points over $0.01 \leq z \leq 2.26$

Riess *et al.* 2021

- **Quasar Absorption Spectrum**: Temporal Variation of the Fine Structure Constant,

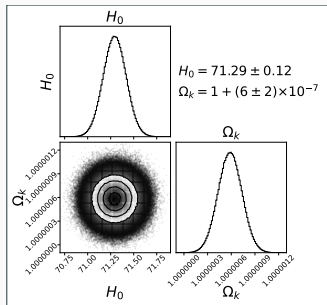
$$\frac{e^{-2\phi(t)}}{\alpha} F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu} = \frac{1}{\alpha_{\text{eff.}}(t)} F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu}$$

⇒ 199 data points over $0.22 \leq z \leq 7.06$

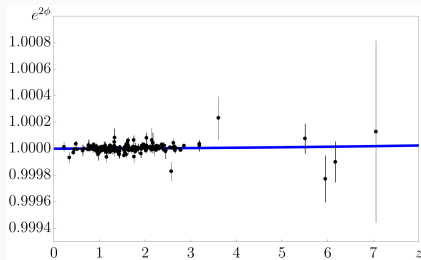
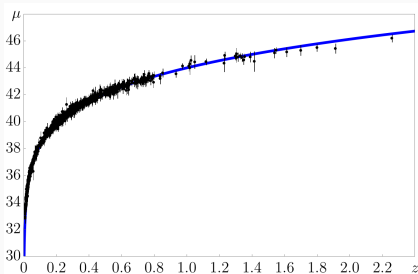
King *et al.* 2012; Wilczynska *et al.* 2015 & 2020; Martins *et al.* 2017

- We perform analyses of **Bayesian Inference (BI)** against these observational data. We use Markov Chain Monte Carlo (MCMC) ensemble sampler called 'emcee'. With 100 walkers, we run the samplers on a supercomputer (KiSTi) for 10^6 steps.

Two Parameter Fitting by the Exact Vacuum (trivial H -flux)



- BI: very well converged, $\Omega_k = 1/(IH_0)^2$
- Distance Modulus μ : Complete agreement with the type Ia supernova data.
- Suppressed time-evolution of $e^{2\phi}$ or the fine-structure constant: Consistency with the quasar data.
- * Admirable agreement, without DE or DM.



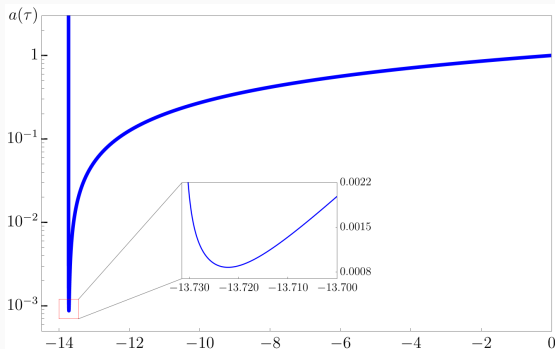
Extrapolations to Future and Past

- The exact vacuum solution predicts that, at future infinity the dilaton converges to constant, and the Universe expands forever as $a(\eta) \propto e^{\eta/l}$, with vanishing H such that

$$\lim_{\eta \rightarrow \infty} \Omega_k = 1$$

which agrees with our BI fitting. Thus, there is **No Coincidence Problem** in our scenario.

- Extrapolated to the past, **the Universe bounces without big bang about 13.72 gigayears ago** which is intriguingly close to the estimated “age” of the flat Universe in Λ CDM.

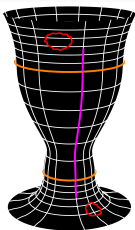


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Cheers!

APPENDIX

Fracton Physics on non-Riemannian backgrounds

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- 'Fracton Physics' is naturally realised on non-Riemannian backgrounds:
 - Particle freezes with vanishing velocities → Fracton's immobility
 - Infinitely many isometries and hence Noether charges → Fracton's large degeneracy
- Easy to produce fracton models, e.g. doubled YM on non-Riemannian backgrounds:

$$\text{Tr} \left(P^{AC} \bar{P}^{BD} F_{AB} F_{CD} \right) \Big|_{(n, \bar{n})} = \text{Tr} \left[\begin{array}{l} -\frac{1}{4} (f_{ab} + i[\varphi_a, \varphi_b]) (f^{ab} + i[\varphi^a, \varphi^b]) \\ -\frac{1}{4} U_{ab} U^{ab} - f_{ai}^- D^{-a} \varphi^i + f_{a\bar{i}}^+ D^{+a} \varphi^{\bar{i}} \\ -2D_i \varphi^{\bar{i}} D_{\bar{i}} \varphi^i - 2if_{i\bar{i}} [\varphi^i, \varphi^{\bar{i}}] \end{array} \right]$$

which contains a symmetric strain tensor

$$U_{ab} = D_a \varphi_b + D_b \varphi_a$$

and features infinitely many multi-pole conservations. Note the decomposition, $\mu = a, i, \bar{i}$.

Riemannian Singularity? or Non-Riemannian Regularity!

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- A class of known “singular” geometries in SUGRA assumes an ansatz: with $x^\mu = (t, y, z^i)$,

$$ds^2 = \frac{1}{F(x)} (-dt^2 + dy^2) + G_{ij}(x) dz^i dz^j$$

$$B_{(2)} = \frac{1}{F(x)} dt \wedge dy + \frac{1}{2} \beta_{\mu\nu}(x) dx^\mu \wedge dx^\nu$$

$$e^{-2\phi} = F(x)\Psi(x)$$

where G_{ij} , $\beta_{\mu\nu}$ and Ψ are all regular.

- They solve the EOMs of

$$\int d^D x \sqrt{-g} e^{-2\phi} \left(R + 4\partial_\mu \phi \partial^\mu \phi - \frac{1}{12} H_{\lambda\mu\nu} H^{\lambda\mu\nu} - 2\Lambda \right)$$

or equivalently EDFEs,

$$G_{MN} = -\Lambda \mathcal{J}_{MN}.$$

- Examples include

- $D = 10$ black 5-brane *à la* Horowitz-Strominger ($\Lambda = 0$);
- $D = 4$ spherical solution *à la* Burges-Meyers-Quevedo ($\Lambda = 0$);
- $D = 2$ black hole *à la* Witten ($\Lambda \neq 0$).

- When $F = 0$, the ansatz features coordinate singularity and further curvature singularity,

$$R \rightarrow \infty, \quad R_{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} R^{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} \rightarrow \infty \quad \text{as } F \rightarrow 0.$$

- However, DFT-curvatures should be all finite (if not vanishing for $\Lambda = 0$).

- Substitution into the DFT-dilaton and DFT-metric removes the coordinate singularity:

$$e^{-2d} = \sqrt{-g}e^{-2\phi} = \Psi\sqrt{G}, \quad \mathcal{H}_{AB} = \begin{pmatrix} g^{-1} & -g^{-1}B \\ Bg^{-1} & g - Bg^{-1}B \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{1} & \mathbf{0} \\ \beta & \mathbf{1} \end{pmatrix} \mathring{\mathcal{H}} \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{1} & -\beta \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{1} \end{pmatrix}$$

where no negative power of F appears:

$$\mathring{\mathcal{H}}_{AB} = \begin{pmatrix} -F\sigma_3 & 0 & \sigma_1 & 0 \\ 0 & G^{-1} & 0 & 0 \\ \sigma_1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & G \end{pmatrix}$$

- In fact, it corresponds to $(1, 1)$ non-Riemannian geometry when $F \rightarrow 0$.
- In the case of $D = 2$, the B -field is a pure gauge hence removable by DFT-diffeomorphisms.
 - ▶ The curvature singularity in GR becomes, at worst, a coordinate singularity in DFT.

- Depending on the choice of the framework, *i.e.* Riemannian GR vs. non-Riemannian DFT, the backgrounds appear either singular or regular.
- To determine if the singularity is physical or not, we have examined the geodesic motions.
 - In all the examples, the geodesics turn out to be **complete**.
 - Further, the tidal force of geodesic deviation is all **finite**:

$$\frac{D^2 \xi^\mu}{D\lambda^2} = R^\mu{}_{\nu\rho\sigma} \dot{x}^\nu \dot{x}^\rho \dot{\xi}^\sigma, \quad g_{\mu\nu} \frac{D^2 \xi^\mu}{D\lambda^2} \frac{D^2 \xi^\nu}{D\lambda^2} \ll \infty.$$

- In fact, approaching the “singular” points of $F = 0$, particle freezes:

$$\dot{t} \rightarrow 0 \quad \& \quad \dot{y} \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{as} \quad F \rightarrow 0$$

and string becomes chiral/anti-chiral: with $y^\pm = y \pm t$,

$$\partial_- y^+ \rightarrow 0 \quad \& \quad \partial_+ y^- \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{as} \quad F \rightarrow 0,$$

which are expected features from the doubled-yet-gauged particle and string actions on generic non-Riemannian backgrounds.

Solar System Test: $D = 4$

Post-Newtonian Feasibility of the Closed String Massless Sector

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$$G_{AB} = T_{AB}$$



Riemannian Reduction

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

$$\frac{1}{2}e^{2\phi}\nabla^{\rho}(e^{-2\phi}H_{\rho\mu\nu}) = K_{[\mu\nu]}$$

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

Parametrised Post Newtonian (PPN) formalism

- Two dimensionless PPN parameters $\beta_{PPN}, \gamma_{PPN}$ à la Eddington-Robertson-Schiff are defined in an asymptotically flat isotropic coordinate system: with $r = \sqrt{x^i x^j \delta_{ij}}$,

$$ds^2 = - \left(1 - \frac{2MG_N}{r} + \frac{2\beta_{PPN}(MG_N)^2}{r^2} + \dots \right) dt^2 + \left(1 + \frac{2\gamma_{PPN}MG_N}{r} + \dots \right) dx^i dx^j \delta_{ij}$$

- **Observational values** Will 2014

- Shapiro Time Delay:

$$\gamma_{PPN} - 1 = (2.1 \pm 2.3) \times 10^{-5}$$

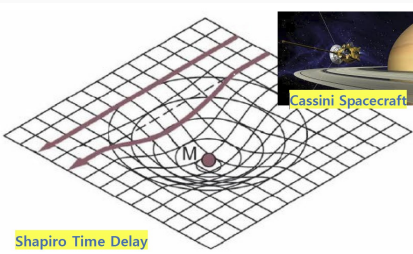
- Perihelion shifts of Mercury:

$$\beta_{PPN} - 1 = (-4.1 \pm 7.8) \times 10^{-5}$$

- Earth Gravity:

$$4\beta_{PPN} - \gamma_{PPN} - 3 = (4.44 \pm 4.5) \times 10^{-4}$$

- Galactic size scale: $\gamma_{PPN} = 0.98 \pm 0.07$



GR predicts $\beta_{PPN} = \gamma_{PPN} = 1$

- In GR, the geometry of a spherical object, or “star”, is in general

$$ds^2 = -e^{-2\Delta(r)} \left(1 - \frac{2G_N M(r)}{r} \right) dt^2 + \frac{dr^2}{1 - \frac{2G_N M(r)}{r}} + r^2 d\Omega^2,$$

where r denotes areal radius and

$$M(r) := - \int_0^r dr' 4\pi r'^2 T_t^t(r'), \quad \Delta(r) := 4\pi G_N \int_r^\infty dr' \frac{\{T_r^r(r') - T_t^t(r')\} r'}{1 - \frac{2G_N M(r')}{r'}}.$$

- Outside the star $r > r_*$ (star radius), $T_{\mu\nu} = 0$ hence $\Delta(r) = 0$. The outer geometry is given by Schwarzschild metric having the only one parameter $M = M(r_*)$: **Birkhoff's theorem**
- Mapped to the isotropic coordinate system, one gets rather exactly $\beta_{PPN} = \gamma_{PPN} = 1$. This has been viewed as the “success” of GR.

- The spherical vacuum solution to $G_{AB} = 0$ in DFT has three “free” parameters $\{a, b, h\}$,

$$e^{2\phi} = \gamma_+ \left(\frac{4r - \sqrt{a^2 + b^2}}{4r + \sqrt{a^2 + b^2}} \right)^{\frac{2b}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2}}} + \gamma_- \left(\frac{4r + \sqrt{a^2 + b^2}}{4r - \sqrt{a^2 + b^2}} \right)^{\frac{2b}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2}}},$$

$$H_{(3)} = h dt \wedge d\varphi \wedge d\cos\vartheta, \quad ds^2 = g_{tt}(r) dt^2 + g_{rr}(r) [dr^2 + r^2 (d\vartheta^2 + \sin^2\vartheta d\varphi^2)],$$

where $\gamma_{\pm} = \frac{1}{2}(1 \pm \sqrt{1 - h^2/b^2})$, $g_{tt}(r) = -e^{2\phi(r)} \left(\frac{4r - \sqrt{a^2 + b^2}}{4r + \sqrt{a^2 + b^2}} \right)^{\frac{2a}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2}}}$ and

$$g_{rr}(r) = e^{2\phi(r)} \left(\frac{4r + \sqrt{a^2 + b^2}}{4r - \sqrt{a^2 + b^2}} \right)^{\frac{2a}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2}}} \left(1 - \frac{a^2 + b^2}{16r^2} \right)^2.$$

- One can read off the mass and the two PPN parameters,

$$MG_N = \frac{1}{2}(a + b\sqrt{1 - h^2/b^2}), \quad (\beta_{PPN} - 1)(MG_N)^2 = \frac{h^2}{4}, \quad (\gamma_{PPN} - 1)MG_N = -b\sqrt{1 - \frac{h^2}{b^2}},$$

and further take $\{MG_N, \beta_{PPN}, \gamma_{PPN}\}$ as alternative three parameters, such that

$$\phi \simeq \frac{(\gamma_{PPN} - 1)MG_N}{2r} + \frac{(\beta_{PPN} - 1)(MG_N)^2}{r^2}, \quad H_{(3)} = \pm 2\sqrt{\beta_{PPN} - 1} MG_N dt \wedge d\varphi \wedge d\cos\vartheta$$

Namely, the deviations $\gamma_{PPN} - 1$ and $\sqrt{\beta_{PPN} - 1}$ correspond to the dilaton and H -flux charges.

String Star has $\beta_{PPN} = 1$ due to weak energy condition:

- In a similar fashion to GR, the vacuum solution in the previous page can be identified as the outer geometry of a stringy star (non-singular), while it becomes possible to relate the three parameters to the stress-energy tensor of the star: [Angus-Cho-JHP 2018]

$$MG_N = \frac{1}{4\pi} \int d^3x e^{-2d} \left(-K_t^t - H_{t\vartheta\varphi} H^{t\vartheta\varphi} \right), \quad \sqrt{\beta_{PPN}-1} MG_N = \left| \frac{K_{(tr)} g^{rr} (e^{-2d}/\sin\vartheta)}{2 \int_r^{r_*} dr' (e^{-2d} K^{[\vartheta\varphi]})} \right|,$$

$$(\gamma_{PPN}-1) MG_N = \frac{1}{4\pi} \int d^3x e^{-2d} \left(K_\mu^\mu - T_{(0)} + \frac{1}{6} H_{\lambda\mu\nu} H^{\lambda\mu\nu} \right)$$

- Inside the star, while the magnetic flux can be nontrivial, the electric H -flux is persistently of the same rigid form as outside:

$$H^{r\vartheta\varphi} = -2e^{2d} \int_r^{r_*} dr' e^{-2d} K^{[\vartheta\varphi]}, \quad H_{t\vartheta\varphi} = h \sin\vartheta.$$

- If $h \neq 0$, the electric H -flux contribution to the mass MG_N diverges at $r = 0$,

$$\frac{1}{4\pi} \int d^3x e^{-2d} \left(-H_{t\vartheta\varphi} H^{t\vartheta\varphi} \right) = h^2 \int_0^\infty \frac{dr e^{-2\phi}}{\sqrt{-g_{tt}g_{rr}} r^2} \sim h^2 \int_0^\infty \frac{dr}{r^2} \rightarrow \infty$$

In order to have the mass finite, the energy density $-K_t^t$ should be negative. This violates weak energy condition. Thus, we conclude $h = 0 = H_{t\vartheta\varphi}$ and hence $\beta_{PPN} = 1$.

PPN parameter γ_{PPN} is an equation-of-state parameter:

- With the vanishing electric H -flux ($h = 0$), the volume integrals of the mass and γ_{PPN} are now all restricted to the star's interior,

$$MG_N = \frac{1}{4\pi} \int_{star} d^3x e^{-2d} (-K_t^t), \quad \gamma_{PPN} = 1 + \frac{\int_{star} d^3x e^{-2d} (K_\mu^\mu - T_{(0)} + H_{r\vartheta\varphi} H^{r\vartheta\varphi})}{\int_{star} d^3x e^{-2d} (-K_t^t)}$$

where the magnetic H -flux is set by $K^{[\vartheta\varphi]}$.

- The PPN parameter γ_{PPN} is then a sum of (volume-averaged) equation-of-state parameters,

$$\gamma_{PPN} = 3w_K - w_T + \delta_{H-flux}$$

where we let

$$w_K = \frac{\int_{star} d^3x e^{-2d} \frac{1}{3} K_i^i}{\int_{star} d^3x e^{-2d} (-K_t^t)}, \quad w_T = \frac{\int_{star} d^3x e^{-2d} T_{(0)}}{\int_{star} d^3x e^{-2d} (-K_t^t)}, \quad \delta_{H-flux} = \frac{16\pi \int_0^{r_*} dr r^2 e^{2\phi} \sqrt{-g_{rr}^3/g_{tt}} \left(\int_r^{r_*} dr' e^{-2d} K^{[\vartheta\varphi]} \right)^2}{\int_{star} d^3x e^{-2d} (-K_t^t)}$$

- As δ_{H-flux} is suppressed by G_N , the experimental bound implies

$$|\gamma_{PPN} - 1| \simeq |3w_K - w_T - 1| = \left| \frac{\int_{SUN} d^3x e^{-2d} (K_\mu^\mu - T_{(0)})}{\int_{SUN} d^3x e^{-2d} (-K_t^t)} \right| \lesssim 10^{-5}$$

Failure or NOT? \Rightarrow the choice of right degrees-of-freedom Weinberg

- If a star were modeled as an ideal gas of particles, we have $w_T = \delta_{H-flux} = 0$ and simply

$$\gamma_{PPN} = 3\langle p/\rho \rangle \simeq \langle v^2 \rangle.$$

To be consistent with the observation, the average speed v should be close to $1 = c$, meaning that the constituting particles should be ultrarelativistic rather than being “pressureless dusts”.

- The pressure outside an atom may be negligible, but this is also true for the energy density.

Both ρ and p should be confined inside baryons.

Recent experiment reveals $\rho \sim p$ inside proton.

Burkert-Elouadrhiri-Girod 2018 Nature

- Instead, chiral effective theory of nuclear physics,

$$S_{\text{eff.}} = - \int d^4x e^{-2d} g^{\mu\nu} \partial_\mu \Phi^I \partial_\nu \Phi^J \mathcal{G}_{IJ}(\Phi)$$

sets $K_{\mu}{}^{\mu} = T_{(0)}$, $K^{[\vartheta\varphi]} = 0$, and thus rather precisely $\gamma_{PPN} = 1$.

- Applied to QCD, $\gamma_{PPN} - 1$ essentially amounts to the gluon and quark condensates,

$$\gamma_{PPN} - 1 \simeq \frac{1}{4\pi MG_N} \int_{\text{star}} d^3x \left[\frac{1}{4} e^{-2d} \text{Tr}(F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu}) - \frac{1}{2} m \bar{\psi} \psi \right] = \frac{\int_{\text{star}} d^3x \left[e^{-2d} \text{Tr}(B^2 - E^2) - m \bar{\psi} \psi \right]}{\int_{\text{star}} d^3x \left[e^{-2d} \text{Tr}(E^2) + i \bar{\psi} \gamma^t D_t \psi \right]}$$

which may vanish, as suggested by some empirical measurements Barate *et al.* 1998 Phys. Rept. and theoretical ‘pseudo-conformal’ scenarios Del Debbio-Zwicky, Hyun Kyu Lee, Mannque Rho 2022.

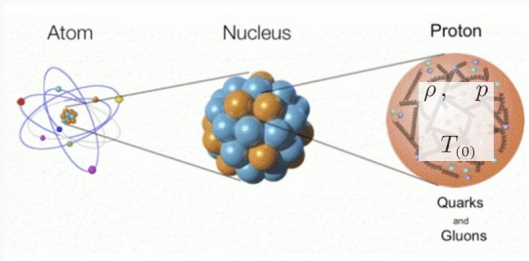
The electric and magnetic fields may cancel each other, while the quarks get negligible.

Solar System Test: Gravitational Probe into the Inside of Hadrons

- In summary, DFT sets $\beta_{PPN} = 1$ and lets γ_{PPN} be the equation-of-state parameters.
- Rather than ruling out the theory, applied to baryons' interior where the energy and pressure are both confined, the apparently universal observations $\gamma_{PPN} \simeq 1$ including the Sun and the Earth may signify pseud-conformal equation of state inside baryons,

$$E = mc^2 + \frac{1}{2}mv^2 + \dots \implies \rho = \rho_{intrinsic} + \rho_{thermal}$$

$$\rho \simeq 3p \implies p = p_{intrinsic} + p_{thermal} \quad \text{where} \quad p_{intrinsic} \simeq \frac{1}{3}\rho_{intrinsic} \neq 0.$$



An open problem in Nuclear Physics.