

# Constraining 3-form dark energy models

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# Introduction

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# Introduction-1-: A brief sketch of the universe

- The universe is homogeneous and isotropic on large scales (cosmological principle)
- The matter content of the universe:
  - Standard matter
  - Dark matter
  - Something that induce the late-time acceleration of the Universe
- The acceleration of the universe is backed by several measurments:  $H(z)$ , Snela, BAO, CMB, LSS (matter power spectrum, growth function)...

- The **effective** equation of state of whatever is driving the current speed up of the universe is roughly  $-1$ . For example, for a  $w$ CDM model with  $w$  constant and  $k = 0$ .
- Such an acceleration could be due
  - A new component of the energy budget of the universe: dark energy; i.e. it could be  $\Lambda$ , quintessence or of a phantom(-like/effective) nature
  - A change on the behaviour of gravity on the largest scale. No new component on the budget of the universe but rather simply GR modifies its behaviour, within a metric, Palatini (affine metric) ....
- Cosmological tensions  $H_0$  and  $\sigma_8$

**Late-time acceleration of the Universe within  
GR: dark energy with a constant EoS**

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## Constant equation of state for DE: background-1-

- Cosmic acceleration:

$$\frac{\ddot{a}}{a} = -\frac{4\pi G}{3}(\rho_m + \rho_{de} + 3p_{de})$$

- Observation indicates that for  $w_{de} \sim -1$  where  $w_{de} = p_{de}/\rho_{de}$ .
- Therefore, as soon as DE starts dominating the Universe starts accelerating, i.e.  $\ddot{a} > 0$ .
- Simplest cases  $\Lambda$ CDM or  $w$ CDM.

# Constant equation of state for DE: background-2-

- State finders approach (Sahni, Saini

and Starobinsky JETP Lett. [arXiv:astro-ph/0201498])

- Scale factor:  $\frac{a(t)}{a_0} =$

$$1 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{A_n(t_0)}{n!} [H_0(t - t_0)]^n,$$

where  $A_n := a^{(n)} / (a H^n)$ ,  
 $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

- State finders parameters:

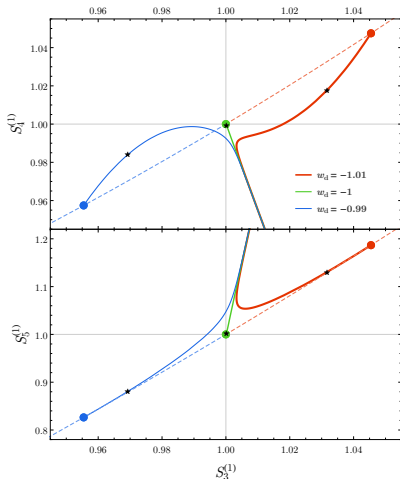
$$S_3^{(1)} = A_3,$$

$$S_4^{(1)} = A_4 + 3(1 - A_2),$$

$$S_5^{(1)} = A_5 -$$

$$2(4 - 3A_2)(1 - A_2)$$

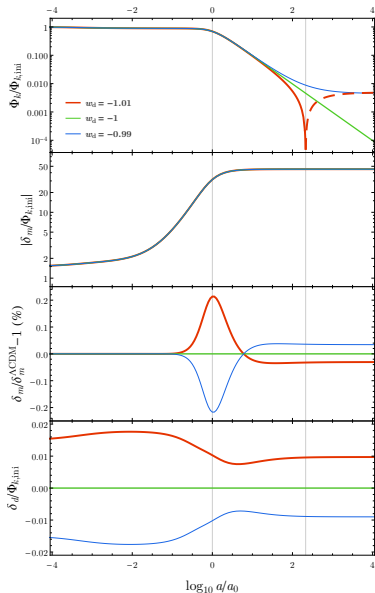
- $\Omega_m = 0.309$ ,  $\Omega_d = 0.691$  and  
 $H_0 = 67.74 \text{ km s}^{-1} \text{ Mpc}^{-1}$   
(according to Planck).



Albarran, B.L. and Morais, EPJC 2018 [arXiv:1706.01484]



# Constant equation of state for DE: perturbations-1-



- Example of the evolution of the perturbations:  $k = 10^{-3} \text{ Mpc}^{-1}$
- $\Lambda$ CDM model:  $\Phi_k$  **vanishes asymptotically**
- Phantom model:  $\Phi_k$  also evolves towards **a constant in the far future** but **a change of sign occurs** roughly at  $\log_{10} a/a_0 \simeq 2.33$ , corresponding to  $8.84 \times 10^{10}$  years in the future. A dashed line indicates negative values of  $\Phi_k$
- Quintessence model:  $\Phi_k$  evolves towards **a constant in the far future** **without changing sign**

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# Constant equation of state for DE: perturbations-2-

- What about  $f\sigma_8$  for the three different DE models?

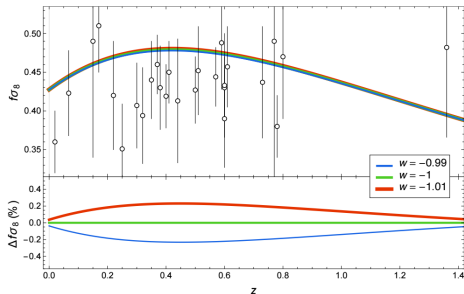


Figure 2: (Top panel) evolution of  $f\sigma_8$  for low red-shift  $z \in (0, 1.4)$  for three dark energy models: (blue)  $w = -0.99$ , (green)  $w = -1$  and (red)  $w = -1.01$ . White circles and vertical bars indicate the available data points and corresponding error bars (cf. Table 1 of [13]). (Bottom panel) evolution of the relative differences of  $f\sigma_8$  for each model with regard to  $\Lambda$ CDM ( $w = -1$ ).  $\Delta f\sigma_8$  is positive in the phantom case and negative in the quintessence case. For all the models, it was considered that  $\sigma_8$  evolves linearly with  $\delta_m$  and that  $\sigma_8 = 0.816$  at the present time [7].

$$f \equiv \frac{d(\ln \delta_m)}{d(\ln a)}, \quad \sigma_8(z, k_{\sigma_8}) = \sigma_8(0, k_{\sigma_8}) \frac{\delta_m(z, k_{\sigma_8})}{\delta_m(0, k_{\sigma_8})}$$

$$k_{\sigma_8} = 0.125 \text{ hMpc}^{-1}, \quad \sigma_8(0, k_{\sigma_8}) = 0.820 \text{ (Planck)}$$

## Late-time acceleration through a 3-form field

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# Can we have something more fundamental to describe DE?

- Can we have something more fundamental to describe (phantom) DE models?
  - A possibility come in the form of 3-forms.
  - Inspired in string theory: Copeland, Lahiri, Wands (1995)
  - Massless 3-form as Cosmological Constant (solving CC problem): Turok, Hawking (1998)
  - Inflation or late time acceleration driven by self-interacting 3-forms: Germani and Kehagias (2009), Koivisto, Nunes (2009) and (2010)
  - Non-Gaussianity: Kumar, Mulryne, Nunes, Marto, Moniz (2016)
  - Quantum cosmology with 3-forms: Bouhmadi-López, Brizuela, Garay (2018)
- The answer as we will see in a moment is yes:

Phantom DE models (LSBR): Morais, Bouhmadi-López, Kumar, Marto, Tavakoli (2017), Bouhmadi-López, Marto, Morais and Silva (2018), C.G. Boiza, M.B.-L, H.-W. Chiang and P. Chen work in progress (2024)

# What are $p$ -forms?

A  $p$ -form is a **totally anti-symmetric** covariant tensor:

$$\omega_{\mu_1 \dots \mu_p} = \omega_{[\mu_1 \dots \mu_p]} .$$

In  $D$ -dimensions, the number of degrees of freedom of a **massive  $p$ -form** is

$$\text{degrees of freedom} = \frac{(D-1)!}{(D-1-p)!p!} .$$

C. Germani and A. Kehagias, J. Cosmol. Astropart. Phys. 2009, 28 (2009)

Section based on Morais, B.L, Kumar, Marto and Tavakoli, Phys. Dark Univ. 15, 7 (2017) [arXiv:1608.01679 [gr-qc]]

In a 4-dimensional space-time:

- $p = 0$  (scalar field)  $\Rightarrow$  1 degree of freedom
- $p = 1$  (vector field)  $\Rightarrow$  3 degrees of freedom
- $p = 2 \Rightarrow$  3 degrees of freedom
- $p = 3 \Rightarrow$  1 degree of freedom

$\Rightarrow$  The scalar field and the 3-form are the only ones compatible with a homogeneous and isotropic universe (in an easy way).

# The 3-form action

- We will consider the following action for a **massive 3-form**,  $A_{\mu\nu\rho}$ , **minimally coupled** to gravity

$$S^A = \int d^4\mathbf{x} \sqrt{|\det g_{\mu\nu}|} \left[ -\frac{1}{48} F^{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} F_{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} - V(A^{\mu\nu\rho} A_{\mu\nu\rho}) \right].$$

- The strength tensor, a 4-form, is defined through the exterior derivative:  $F_{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} \equiv 4\nabla_{[\mu} A_{\nu\rho\sigma]}$
- The **equation of motion**, obtained from variation of  $S^A$ , is

$$\nabla_\sigma F^\sigma{}_{\mu\nu\rho} - 12 \frac{\partial V}{\partial (A^2)} A_{\mu\nu\rho} = 0$$

- $\Rightarrow$  a massless 3-form is equivalent to a **cosmological constant**

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T. S. Koivisto, D. F. Mota, and C. Pitrou, J. High Energy Phys. 2009, 92 (2009)  
M. Duff and P. Van Nieuwenhuizen, Phys. Lett. B 94, 179 (1980)

# 3-form Cosmology

We consider a **homogeneous and isotropic universe** described by the Friedmann-Lemaître-Robertson-Walker line element

$$ds^2 = -dt^2 + a^2(t)\gamma_{ij}dx^i dx^j .$$

$t$  - cosmic time,  $\{\dot{\phantom{x}}\} = d\{\phantom{x}\}/dt$

$a$  - scale factor

$x^i$  - comoving spatial coordinates (roman indices run from 1 to 3).

Only the **purely spatial components** of the 3-form are dynamical:

$$A_{0ij} = 0 , \quad A_{ijk} = a^3(t)\chi(t)\epsilon_{ijk} .$$



## 3-form Cosmology: background equations

⇒ Friedmann Equation

$$3H^2 = \kappa^2 \rho_\chi = \kappa^2 \left[ \frac{1}{2} (\dot{\chi} + 3H\chi)^2 + V(\chi^2) \right].$$

⇒ Raychaudhuri equation

$$\dot{H} = -\frac{\kappa^2}{2} (\rho_\chi + P_\chi) = -\frac{\kappa^2}{2} \chi \frac{\partial V}{\partial \chi}.$$

A 3-form can show **phantom-like behavior** if  $\partial V / \partial \chi^2 < 0$ .

⇒ Equation of motion

$$\ddot{\chi} + 3H\dot{\chi} + 3\dot{H}\chi + \frac{\partial V}{\partial \chi} = 0.$$

### 3-form Cosmology: evolution of $\chi$ -1-

Combining the Raychaudhuri equation and the equation of motion for  $\chi$ :

$$\ddot{\chi} + 3H\dot{\chi} + \left(1 - \frac{\chi^2}{\chi_c^2}\right) \frac{\partial V}{\partial \chi} = 0.$$

The **static solutions** are:

- the **critical points** of the potential:  $\frac{\partial V}{\partial \chi} = 0$ ,
- the limiting points:  $\chi = \pm\chi_c$ .

Once inside the interval  $[-\chi_c, \chi_c]$ , the field  $\chi$  evolves towards a **local minimum of  $V$** . However...

## 3-form Cosmology: evolution of $\chi$ -2-

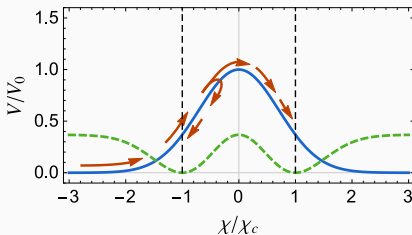
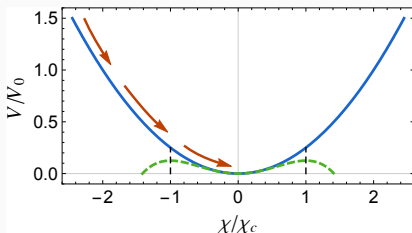
- Independently of the shape of a regular potential, in absence of DM interaction, the 3-form decays rapidly towards the interval

$[-\chi_c, \chi_c]$  Koivisto and Nunes PLB [arXiv:0907.3883], idem PRD [arXiv:0908.0920]

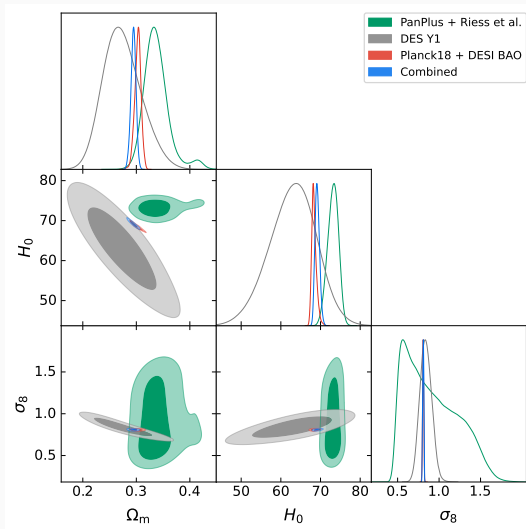
- In an expanding Universe, once inside the interval  $[-\chi_c, \chi_c]$ , the 3-form will end up in one of the minima of the potential (notice  $V_{\text{eff}} \neq V$ ).
- If the 3-form stops at the limits of this interval:

$$\chi = \pm\chi_c \quad \text{and} \quad \dot{\chi} = 0$$

- $\rightarrow$  Universe heads towards a LSBR event ( $\chi_c = \sqrt{2/3\kappa^2}$ )

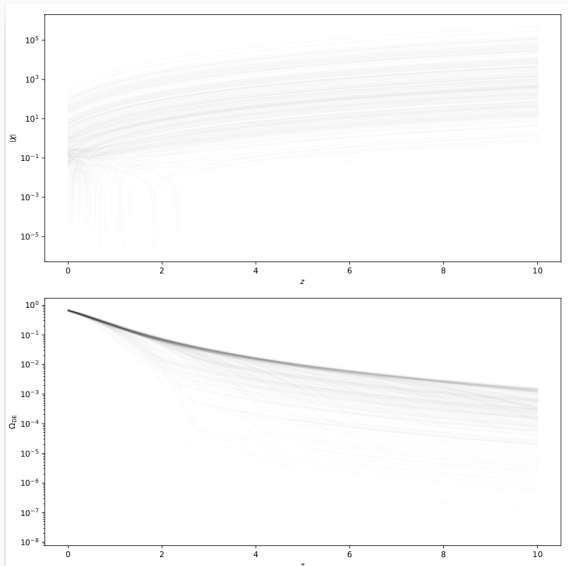


# Fitting the model-1-

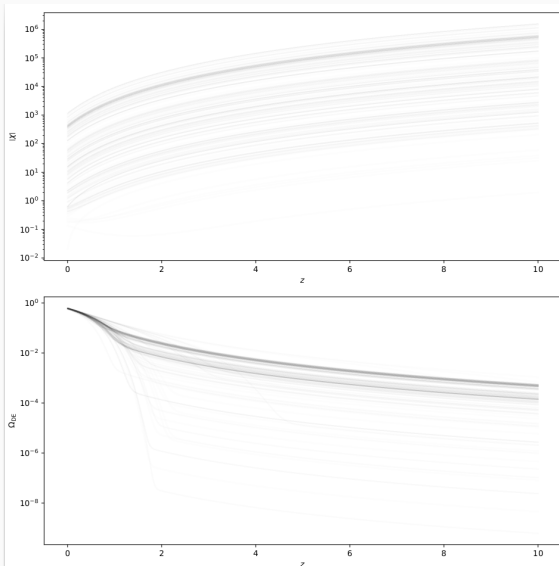


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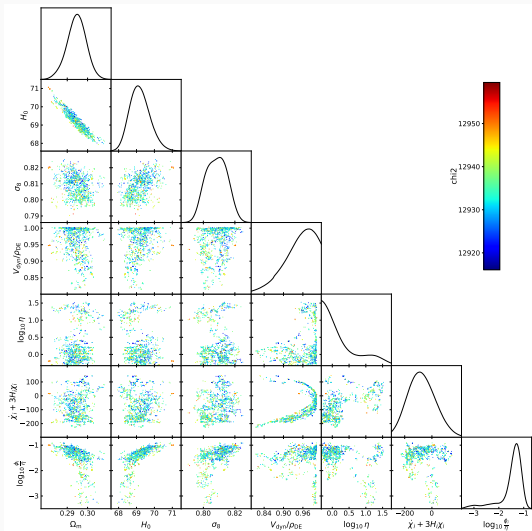
# Constraining the evolution of 3-forms from SNIa (smaller $\Omega_m$ )



# Constraining the evolution of 3-forms from SNIa (larger $\Omega_m$ )

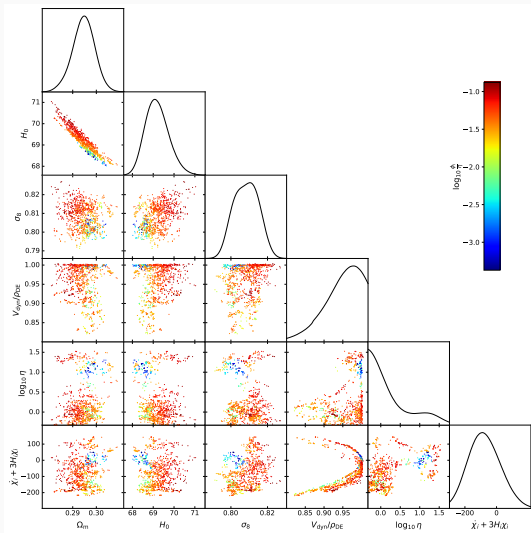


## Fitting the model-2-



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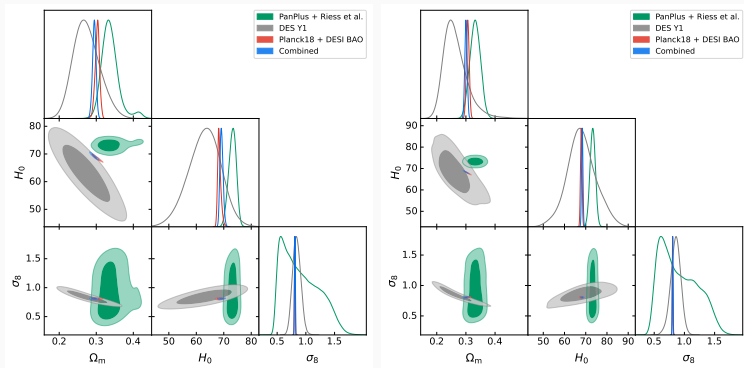
# Fitting the model-3-



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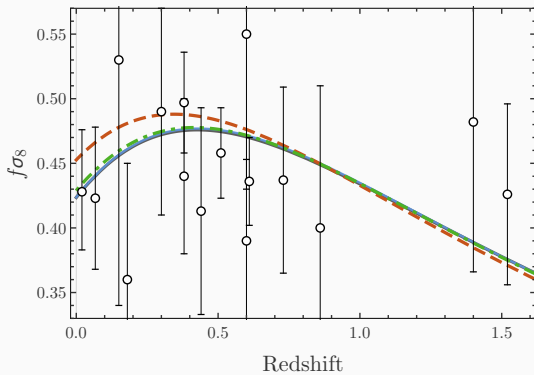


# Comparing the model to LCDM



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# Behaviour of $f\sigma_8$



# Further consideration with 3-forms from a gravitational point of view

Let me add that 3-forms can be quite interesting for further reasons as:

- They allow naturally for regular BHs ( [Bouhmadi-López, Chen, Chew, Ong and Yeom, arXiv: 2005.13260 \[gr-qc\]. Published in EPJC 2021](#) )
- They naturally support wormholes without changing the sign of the kinetic energy ( [Bouhmadi-López, Chen, Chew, Ong and Yeom, arXiv: 2108.07302 \[gr-qc\]. Published in JCAP 2021](#) ).

## Conclusions

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- We started reviewing the late-time acceleration of the universe through a *wcdm* phenomenological approach component
- We have then described DE through a more fundamental field encoded in a 3-form which mimics a phantom-like behaviour.
- We have discussed if such a DE model could help to release the  $H_0$  and/or  $\sigma_8$  tensions
- It can be shown that Bhs free of singularities and also Whs can be supported by 3-forms (slides afterwards).

Thank you for your attention !!! Gratissima!!!

## Former study and our main goal

- Black holes (exterior) and naked singularity has been analysed in: Barros, Danila, Harko, Lobo (2020)
- We are rather interested in getting regular BHs; i.e. keeping the essence and avoiding the singularity

# BHs interior and KS space-time

- Inside the event horizon, the space-time of a static and spherically symmetric black hole can be described by the Kantowski-Sachs anisotropic metric
- The geometry is characterised by 2 scale factors  $a(t)$  and  $b(t)$
- The matter sector will be described by the 3-form (incoded in  $\chi$ ) and its potential (incoded in  $V(\chi)$ )
- We assume that close to the event horizon we recover Schwarzschild solution.
- We assume a functional form for  $b(t)$

# Regular BHs supported by 3-forms: geometry and matter content

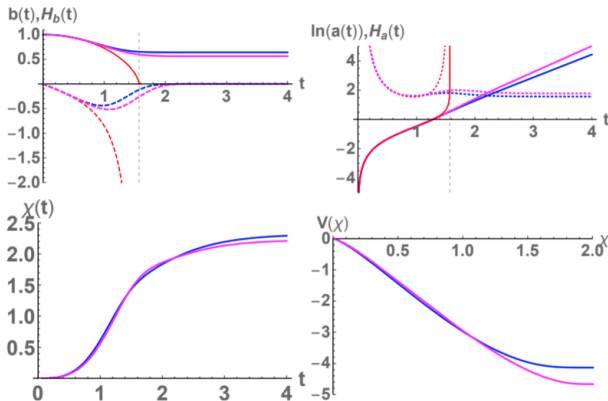
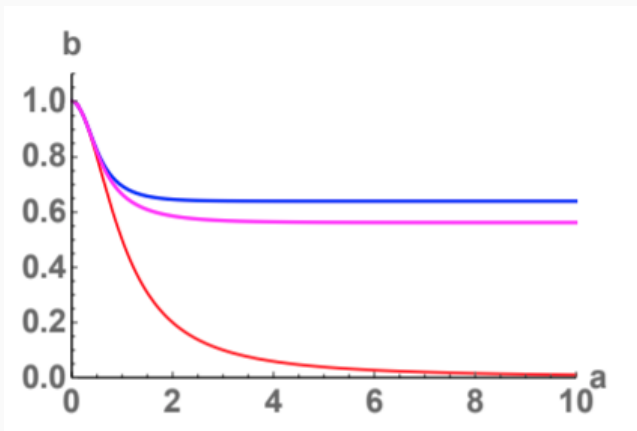


FIG. 1: The results of the regular black hole model given by Eq. (19) for  $x = 4$  (blue) and  $x = 3$  (magenta), respectively. The red curves are the results of the Schwarzschild spacetime. Top-left:  $b(t)$  (solid) and  $H_b(t)$  (dashed). Top-right:  $\ln a(t)$  (solid) and  $H_a(t)$  (dotted). The 3-form field  $\chi(t)$  and the potential  $V(\chi)$  are shown in the bottom-left and bottom-right panels, respectively. The vertical dashed line ( $t = \pi/2$ ) stands for the singularity in the Schwarzschild black hole. Note that we have rescaled  $t/r_s \rightarrow t$ . In addition, the gravitational constant is set to  $\kappa = 1$  in these plots. Likewise for the plots below.



# Regular BHs supported by 3-forms: a closer look at the geometry



Bouhmedi-López, Chen, Chew, Ong and Yeom, arXiv: 2005.13260 [gr-qc]. Published in EPJC

# Regular BHs supported by 3-forms: The curvature(s)

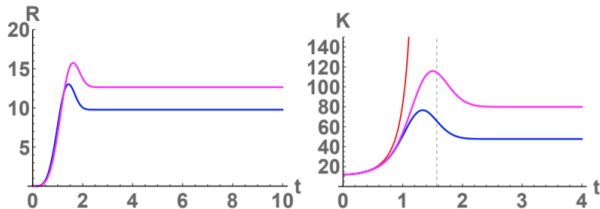


FIG. 3: The Ricci scalar  $R$  and the Kretschmann scalar  $K$  of the regular black hole model (the magenta and blue curves correspond to  $x = 3$  and  $x = 4$  respectively), compared to the Schwarzschild case in red. The Ricci scalar is of course identically zero in the Schwarzschild case, hence not shown in the plot.

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# Regular BHs supported by 3-forms: The null energy condition

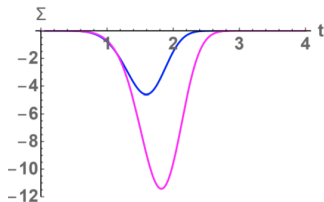


FIG. 5: The null energy condition is violated in the regular black hole model ( $\Sigma := T_{\mu\nu}k^\mu k^\nu < 0$ ). The blue and the magenta curves correspond to  $x = 4$  and  $x = 3$ , respectively.

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# Regular BHs supported by 3-forms: The Penrose diagram

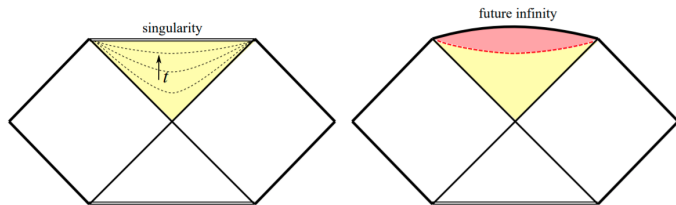


FIG. 4: Left: The causal structure of a maximally extended Schwarzschild black hole, where our coordinate covers inside the event horizon (yellow colored region), where the time coordinate varies from  $t = 0$  (horizon) to  $t = \pi/2$  (singularity). Right: The effects of the 3-form field is to modify the solution near the putative singularity. The areal radius approaches a constant and the singularity is replaced by the topology  $dS_2 \times S^2$  (red colored region). Therefore, one can interpret that the internal structure will evolve to a spacelike future infinity rather than a spacelike singularity.

$$ds^2 = -dt^2 + \cosh^2 \frac{t}{a} dy^2 + b^2 d\Omega_2^2,$$

- Instead of a singularity a Nariai space-time is reached asymptotically
- Geodesic completeness: One takes infinite proper time to reach the minimum value of  $b(t)$ ; i.e.  $b_m \neq 0$
- Notice that we are reaching an effective positive cosmological constant (de Sitter) for a negative potential (!!!!)

# Wormholes supported by 3-forms A: Model building

- We assume a **quartic potential**

$$V(\mathbf{A}^2) = \mu^2 \mathbf{A}^2 + \lambda \mathbf{A}^4$$

- The **3-form A** gives rise to the d.o.f.  $\chi$
- Our geometry is described by a **static, spherically symmetric metric**:

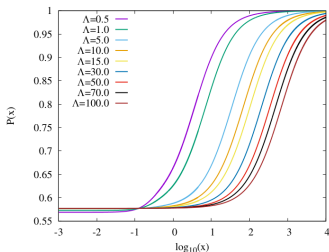
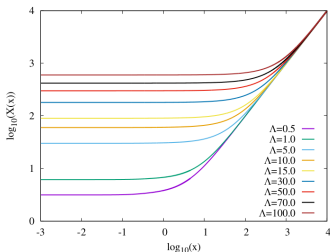
$$ds^2 = -P(r)^2 dt^2 + dr^2 + R(r)^2 d\Omega_2^2$$

- It is useful to introduce a **dimensionless representation** to numerically solve the equations from the throat outward:

$$r = \frac{x}{\mu}, \quad R = \frac{X}{\mu}, \quad \lambda = \kappa \mu^2 \Lambda, \quad \chi = \frac{\Psi}{\sqrt{\kappa}}.$$

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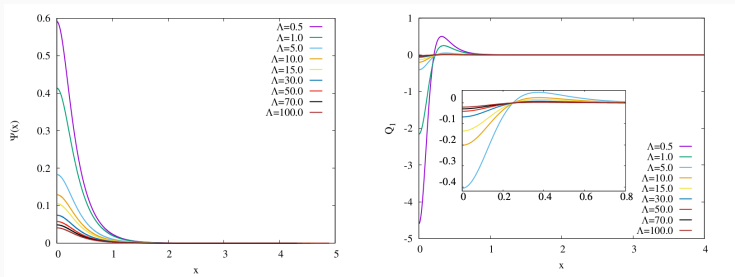
# 3-form wormholes: The geometry



At the throat: ( $x = 0$ ), the 2-sphere radius  $X$  is minimum and satisfies the flaring-out condition

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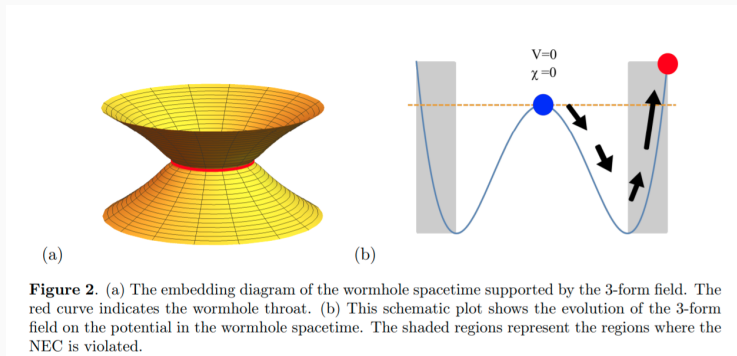
## 3-form wormholes: The matter content



3-form field evolution + the violation of NEC is concentrated at the throat.

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# 3-form wormholes: A geometrical approach

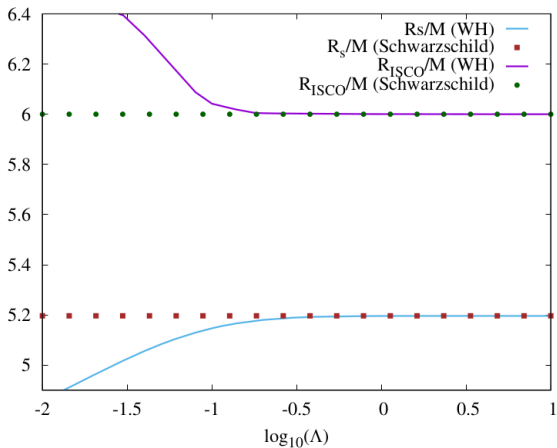


## 3-form field evolution

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## 3-form wormhole as a Black hole mimicker



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