

# Stringy Gravity: $O(D, D)$ completion of General Relativity

Einstein Double Field Equations

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Hereafter  $A, B$  are  $O(D, D)$  indices

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## Philosophy

- To view DFT as Stringy Gravity, or the  $O(D, D)$  completion of GR, where the whole closed-string massless (NS-NS) sector is to be the fundamental gravitational multiplet.

The previous Lagrangian itself should be identified as a generalized scalar curvature,

$$R_g + 4\partial_\mu\phi\partial^\mu\phi - \frac{1}{12}H_{\lambda\mu\nu}H^{\lambda\mu\nu} \equiv S_{(0)} \quad : \quad \text{Pure Gravity}$$

- To employ novel stringy differential geometry, beyond Riemann.
- To formulate the theory in terms of  $O(D, D)$  covariant fields only, rather than conventional ones in SUGRAs such as  $g_{\mu\nu}$ ,  $B_{\mu\nu}$ ,  $\phi$ ,  $p$ -forms,...
- Consequently, DFT not only reformulates SUGRA but also unifies non-Riemannian or chiral gravities (Newton-Cartan, Carroll, Gomis-Ooguri,...).

Further, it implies, rather inevitably, **modifications to General Relativity.**



# Plan

- I. Review of covariant derivatives,  $\nabla_A$ , and curvatures,  $S_{AB}$ ,  $S_{(0)}$  in DFT.

: *classification of the most general DFT backgrounds.*

- II. Derivation of the Einstein Double Field Equations,  $G_{AB} = 8\pi GT_{AB}$ , as the unifying single expression for the closed-string massless NS-NS sector:

$$G_{AB} = 4P_{[A}{}^C \bar{P}_{B]}{}^D S_{CD} - \frac{1}{2} \mathcal{J}_{AB} S_{(0)}, \quad \nabla_A G^{AB} = 0,$$

$$T_{AB} = e^{2d} \left( 8\bar{P}_{C[A} P_{B]D} \frac{\delta \mathcal{L}_{\text{matter}}}{\delta \mathcal{H}_{CD}} - \frac{1}{2} \mathcal{J}^{AB} \frac{\delta \mathcal{L}_{\text{matter}}}{\delta d} \right), \quad \nabla_A T^{AB} = 0.$$

- III. *i)* Application to Cosmology,  $\mathbf{O}(D, D)$  completion of the Friedmann equations;

*ii)* Spherical (regular) solution to  $G_{AB} = 8\pi GT_{AB}$  for a 'stringy star'

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## Notation

Index	Representation	Metric (raising/lowering indices)
$A, B, \dots, M, N, \dots$	$\mathbf{O}(D, D)$ vector	$\mathcal{J}_{AB} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$
$p, q, \dots$	$\mathbf{Spin}(1, D-1)_L$ vector	$\eta_{pq} = \text{diag}(- + + \dots +)$
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- The twofold local Lorentz symmetries indicate two distinct locally inertial frames for the left-moving and the right-moving closed string sectors separately  $\Rightarrow$  **Unification of IIA and IIB.**

## Closed-string massless sector as ‘Stringy Graviton Fields’

The stringy graviton fields consist of the DFT dilaton,  $d$ , and DFT metric,  $\mathcal{H}_{MN}$  :

$$\mathcal{H}_{MN} = \mathcal{H}_{NM}, \quad \mathcal{H}_K{}^L \mathcal{H}_M{}^N \mathcal{J}_{LN} = \mathcal{J}_{KM}.$$

Combining  $\mathcal{J}_{MN}$  and  $\mathcal{H}_{MN}$ , we get a pair of symmetric projection matrices,

$$P_{MN} = P_{NM} = \frac{1}{2}(\mathcal{J}_{MN} + \mathcal{H}_{MN}), \quad P_L{}^M P_M{}^N = P_L{}^N, \\ \bar{P}_{MN} = \bar{P}_{NM} = \frac{1}{2}(\mathcal{J}_{MN} - \mathcal{H}_{MN}), \quad \bar{P}_L{}^M \bar{P}_M{}^N = \bar{P}_L{}^N,$$

which are orthogonal and complete,

$$P_L{}^M \bar{P}_M{}^N = 0, \quad P_M{}^N + \bar{P}_M{}^N = \delta_M{}^N.$$

Further, taking the “square roots” of the projectors,

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

we get a pair of DFT vielbeins satisfying their own defining properties,

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

or equivalently

$$V_M{}^p V_{Np} + \bar{V}_M{}^{\bar{p}} \bar{V}_{N\bar{p}} = \mathcal{J}_{MN}.$$

Solution to the defining relation,  $\mathcal{H}_{MN} = \mathcal{H}_{NM}$ ,  $\mathcal{H}_K{}^L \mathcal{H}_M{}^N \mathcal{J}_{LN} = \mathcal{J}_{KM}$  ?

$$\mathcal{H}_{MN} = \begin{pmatrix} g^{-1} & -g^{-1}B \\ Bg^{-1} & g - Bg^{-1}B \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{or} \quad \mathcal{H}_{MN} = \mathcal{J}_{MN} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

The left one is well-known: it contains a Riemannian metric and reduces DFT to SUGRA.

The right one admits no Riemannian nor SUGRA interpretation.

Thus, DFT describes not only Riemannian SUGRA but also non-Riemannian novel geometries.

The most general form of the DFT metric,  $\mathcal{H}_{MN} = \mathcal{H}_{NM}$ ,  $\mathcal{H}_K{}^L \mathcal{H}_M{}^N \mathcal{J}_{LN} = \mathcal{J}_{KM}$ , is characterized by two non-negative integers,  $(n, \bar{n})$ ,  $0 \leq n + \bar{n} \leq D$ :

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

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

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ii) Two kinds of zero eigenvectors: with  $i, j = 1, 2, \dots, n$  &  $\bar{i}, \bar{j} = 1, 2, \dots, \bar{n}$ ,

$$H^{\mu\nu} X_\nu^i = 0, \quad H^{\mu\nu} \bar{X}_\nu^{\bar{i}} = 0, \quad K_{\mu\nu} Y_j^\nu = 0, \quad K_{\mu\nu} \bar{Y}_j^{\bar{\nu}} = 0;$$

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– More examples include Yang-Mills, point particle, Green-Schwarz superstring, *etc.* [1804.00964](#)

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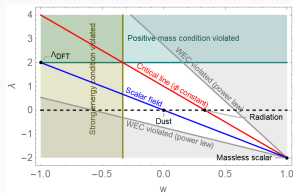
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Here most general homogeneous and isotropic cosmological ansatzes have been adopted:

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Most previous literatures assumed no dilaton coupling,  $\lambda = 0$ .



In remaining time,

I wish to discuss briefly the

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namely

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