

What is the gravitational theory that string theory predicts?

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Plan

- I. Classification of DFT-geometries in terms of two non-negative integers, (n, \bar{n}) .
- II. Doubled-yet-gauged spacetime and sigma models.
- III. Review of covariant derivatives, ∇_A , and curvatures, $S_{(0)}$, S_{AB} , G_{AB} in DFT.
- IV. Derivation of the Einstein Double Field Equations, $G_{AB} = 8\pi GT_{AB}$,

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V. Physical Implications

- $D = 4$ spherical solution : 'stringy star' c.f. Schwarzschild geometry
- $\mathcal{O}(D, D)$ completion of the Friedmann equations
- Stringy Newton Gravity (large c limit)

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Notation

Index	Representation	Metric (raising/lowering indices)
A, B, \dots, M, N, \dots	$\mathbf{O}(D, D)$ vector	$\mathcal{I}_{AB} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$
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- Further, the $\mathbf{O}(D, D)$ metric, \mathcal{I}_{AB} , decomposes the doubled coordinates into two parts,

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

where μ, ν are D -dimensional curved indices.

- The twofold local Lorentz symmetries, $\mathbf{Spin}(1, D-1)_L \times \mathbf{Spin}(D-1, 1)_R$, indicate two distinct locally inertial frames for the left and right moving sectors \Rightarrow **Unification of IIA and IIB.**

Closed-string massless sector as ‘Gravitational Fields’

The gravitational 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,

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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,

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or equivalently

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

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

The right one is a *flat* background which admits no Riemannian nor SUGRA interpretation.

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

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- This is due to

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

Ideally one might desire to cancel **these red-colored anomalies** by adding extra terms to Γ_{CAB} .

But, since

$$\delta \mathcal{H}_{AB} = (P \delta \mathcal{H} \bar{P})_{AB} + (\bar{P} \delta \mathcal{H} P)_{AB}, \quad \delta_\xi(\partial_C \mathcal{H}_{AB}) = \hat{\mathcal{L}}_\xi(\partial_C \mathcal{H}_{AB}) + 8\bar{P}_{(A}{}^D P_{B)}{}^E \partial_C \partial_{[D} \xi_{E]},$$

it is impossible to construct such compensating terms out of the derivatives of \mathcal{H}_{AB} .

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Jeon-Lee-JHP-Suh 2012 [Full order construction]

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

which unifies IIA & IIB SUGRAs, and Gomis-Ooguri gravity as different solution/parametrization sectors.

- $O(4, 4)$ coupling to the $D = 4$ Standard Model,

Kangsin Choi & JHP 2015

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{SM}} = e^{-2d} \left[\frac{1}{16\pi G_N} S_{(0)} + \sum_V \text{Tr}(\mathcal{F}_{p\bar{q}}\mathcal{F}^{p\bar{q}}) + \sum_\psi \bar{\psi}\gamma^a\mathcal{D}_a\psi + \sum_{\psi'} \bar{\psi}'\bar{\gamma}^{\bar{a}}\mathcal{D}_{\bar{a}}\psi' \right. \\ \left. - \mathcal{H}^{AB}(\mathcal{D}_A\phi)^\dagger\mathcal{D}_B\phi - V(\phi) + y_d \bar{q}\cdot\phi d + y_u \bar{q}\cdot\tilde{\phi} u + y_e \bar{l}'\cdot\phi e' \right]$$

- ★ Every single term above is completely covariant, w.r.t. $O(D, D)$, DFT-diffeomorphisms, and twofold local Lorentz symmetries. Leptons are for **Spin(1, 3)** and quarks are for **Spin(3, 1)** ?!!

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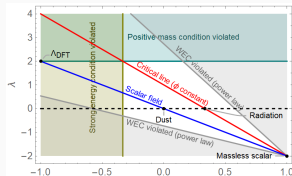
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c.f. Swampland a la Vafa



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