

Constraints on Bi-Metric Gravity

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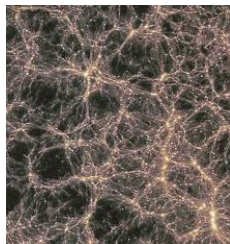
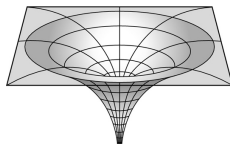
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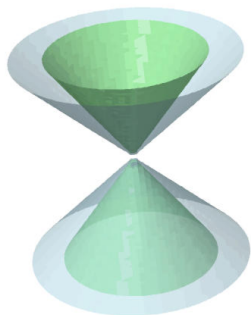


A PHENOMENOLOGICAL APPROACH: SCALAR-TENSOR THEORIES

- ▶ Already have useful solutions in GR:
 - ▶ for black holes, stars. . . (e.g. Schwarzschild)
 - ▶ for cosmology (FRW)
- ▶ Useful to construct 2nd metric for matter to propagate through
- ▶ Then relate to GR metric through some specified transformation
- ▶ How general can this transformation then be?



BI-METRIC GRAVITY & THE DISFORMAL COUPLING



Considering 1 added DOF, ϕ , the most general matter geometry is:

Disformal Metric

$$\tilde{g}_{\mu\nu} = C(\phi, X)g_{\mu\nu} + D(\phi, X)\partial_\mu\phi\partial_\nu\phi,$$

where $X = -\frac{1}{2}(\nabla\phi)^2$,
to 1st order derivatives of ϕ .
(Bekenstein, 1993)

OUR SIMPLE CASE

- ▶ We consider a disformal metric in the context of Dark Energy
- ▶ ϕ is Dark Energy field that drives inflation
- ▶ Einstein metric is an isotropic expanding universe:

$$ds^2 = g_{\mu\nu} dx^\mu dx^\nu = -dt^2 + a(t)^2 \delta_{ij} dx^i dx^j$$

- ▶ Only Radiation feels the disformal metric. The action is:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{S} &= \int \sqrt{-g} d^4x \left[\frac{\mathcal{R}}{16\pi G} - \frac{1}{2} g^{\mu\nu} (\partial_\mu \phi)(\partial_\nu \phi) - V(\phi) \right] \\ &+ S_\gamma(\tilde{g}_{\mu\nu}) + S_{\text{mat}}(g_{\mu\nu}), \end{aligned}$$

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- ▶ $\tilde{g}_{\mu\nu}$ is a simplified disformal metric:

$$\tilde{g}_{\mu\nu} = g_{\mu\nu} + \frac{1}{M^4} \partial_\mu \phi \partial_\nu \phi .$$

- ▶ And the potential is: $V = V_0 e^{-\phi}$.
- ▶ Our universe is spatially isotropic, so $\partial_i \phi = 0_i$, and so the disformal line element becomes:

$$d\tilde{s}^2 = \tilde{g}_{\mu\nu} dx^\mu dx^\nu = -\left(1 - \frac{\dot{\phi}^2}{M^4}\right) dt^2 + a(t)^2 \delta_{ij} dx^i dx^j .$$

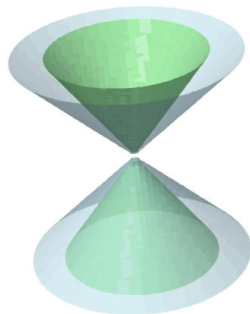
where 'dot' derivative is w.r.t. cosmic time, t

Note, disformal geometry becomes ill defined as $\dot{\phi}^2 \rightarrow M^4$.

MODIFIED REDSHIFT

Light now follows disformal geodesics:

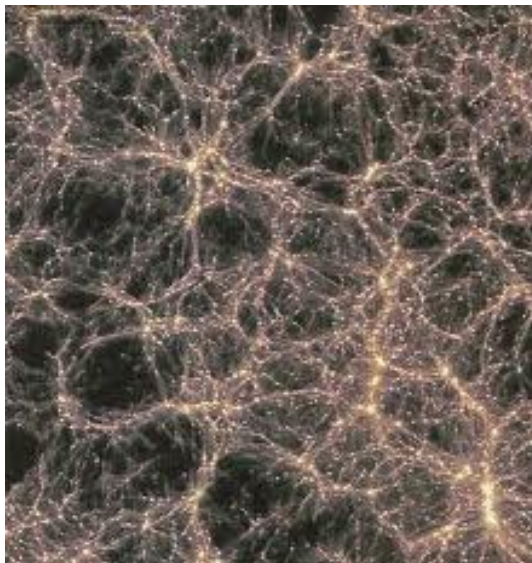
$$d\tilde{s}^2 = 0$$



$$1 + z := \frac{\omega_{emitted}}{\omega_{received}} = \frac{a_0}{a} \sqrt{\frac{M^4 - \dot{\phi}^2}{M^4 - \dot{\phi}_0^2}},$$

As $\dot{\phi}^2 \rightarrow M^4$, light becomes infinitely redshifted

PERFECT FLUID & BLACKBODY ASSUMPTIONS



$$\dot{\rho}_\gamma + 4H\rho_\gamma = -\Gamma\rho_\gamma\dot{\phi}$$

Where:

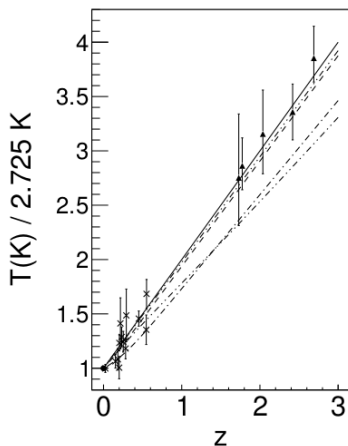
$$\Gamma = \frac{4H\dot{\phi} + V'}{M^4 + \rho_\gamma - \dot{\phi}^2}$$

And we expect the CMB blackbody keeps its shape in our disformal geometry:

$$\rho_\gamma \propto T_\gamma^4$$

CMB TEMPERATURE EVOLUTION: DISFORMAL MODELS *vs* DATA

MEASUREMENTS: (NOTERDAEME *et al.* 2010), (LUZZI *et al.* 2009), (MATHER *et al.* 1999),



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Range of M excluded at 68% confidence from T_{CMB} evolution:

$$1.53 \times 10^{-5} \text{ eV} \leq M \leq 3.07 \times 10^{-3} \text{ eV}$$

WHAT NEXT?

- ▶ Investigate all matter forms in disformal metric
- ▶ What is going on on a quantum level?
 - ▶ Specifically, does our blackbody relation really hold?
- ▶ What can Planck tell us?
- ▶ How do cosmic perturbations evolve in this theory?

CONCLUSIONS

- ▶ Radiation can be affected by a disformal metric in an observable way
- ▶ Geometry unstable for certain energy scales (certain values of M)
- ▶ Disformal effects could provide a means to constrain exotic gravity theories

QUESTIONS

