

Dark Energy from Coupled p -forms

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**COSMOLOGICAL CONSTANT, INHOMOGENEOUS MODELS,
DYNAMICAL DARK ENERGY, QUINTESSENCE, GAUSS-BONNET GRAVITY,
BI-GRAVITY, GALILEONS, P-FORMS, STRING COMPACTIFICATIONS, ...**

The idea

To build the most general Lagrangian allowing couplings between different p -forms, and also couplings with a scalar field (a 0-form)

- Juan P. Beltrán-Almeida, AG and César A. Valenzuela Toledo, *Class. Quantum Grav.* 37 (2020) 035001
The construction and some applications at background level
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Anisotropic inflation: the coupled system of 1- and 2-forms sustaining inflation
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Anisotropic dark energy from a 2-form field: cosmologically viable

We want to apply the whole coupled system as a source of dark energy

The model

We start from the action

$$S = \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \left[\frac{M_{\text{pl}}^2}{2} R + \underbrace{P(\phi, X)}_{3\text{-form}} - \underbrace{\frac{f_1(\phi)F^2}{4}}_{1\text{-form}} - \underbrace{\frac{f_2(\phi)H^2}{12}}_{2\text{-form}} - \underbrace{\frac{m_\nu B \tilde{F}}{2}}_{\text{coupled}} + \underbrace{P_f(Z)}_{k\text{-essence}} \right]$$

with

$$F_{\alpha\beta} = \partial_{[\alpha} A_{\beta]}, \quad H_{\alpha\beta\gamma} = \partial_{[\alpha} B_{\beta\gamma]},$$

$$F^2 \equiv F_{\alpha\beta} F^{\alpha\beta}, \quad H^2 \equiv H_{\alpha\beta\gamma} H^{\alpha\beta\gamma}, \quad B \tilde{F} \equiv B_{\alpha\beta} \tilde{F}^{\alpha\beta}.$$

$$X = -\partial_\mu \phi \partial^\mu \phi / 2, \quad Z = -\partial_\mu \chi \partial^\mu \chi / 2$$

Background equations

A_μ in the x direction $A_\mu = (0, v_A(t), 0, 0)$.

$B_{\mu\nu}$ orthogonal to the 1-form field $B_{\mu\nu} dx^\mu \wedge dx^\nu = 2v_B(t) dy \wedge dz$.

The line element corresponds to a Bianchi I type with lapse function N

$$ds^2 = -N(t)^2 dt^2 + e^{2\alpha(t)} \left[e^{-4\sigma(t)} dx^2 + e^{2\sigma(t)} (dy^2 + dz^2) \right],$$

$a \equiv e^{\alpha(t)}$ is an isotropic scale factor, $\sigma(t)$ is a spatial shear. In the Background

$$S = \int d^4x \left[\frac{3M_{\text{pl}}^2 e^{3\alpha}}{N} (\dot{\sigma}^2 - \dot{\alpha}^2) + Ne^{3\alpha} P(\phi, X) + \frac{f_1(\phi)}{2N} e^{\alpha+4\sigma} \dot{v}_A^2 + \frac{f_2(\phi)}{2N} e^{-\alpha-4\sigma} \dot{v}_B^2 + m_v \dot{v}_A v_B + Ne^{3\alpha} P_f(Z) \right]$$

varying w.r.t $N, \alpha, \sigma, \phi, Z$

$$3M_{\text{pl}}^2 H^2 (1 - \Sigma^2) = \dot{\phi}^2 P_{,X} - P + \rho_A + \rho_B + \rho_f,$$

$$M_{\text{pl}}^2 \left(\dot{H} + 3H^2 \Sigma^2 \right) = -\frac{1}{2} \dot{\phi}^2 P_{,X} - \frac{2}{3} \rho_A - \frac{1}{3} \rho_B - \frac{1}{2} (\rho_f + P_f),$$

$$M_{\text{pl}}^2 \left[H \dot{\Sigma} + \left(\dot{H} + 3H^3 \right) \Sigma \right] = \frac{2}{3} (\rho_A - \rho_B),$$

$$(P_{,X} + 2XP_{,XX}) \ddot{\phi} + 3P_{,X} H \dot{\phi} + P_{,X\phi} \dot{\phi}^2 - P_{,\phi} - \frac{f_{1,\phi}}{f_1} \rho_A - \frac{f_{2,\phi}}{f_2} \rho_B = 0,$$

$$\dot{\rho}_f + 3H(\rho_f + P_f) = 0,$$

where $P_{,X} \equiv \partial P / \partial X$, $P_{,XX} \equiv \partial^2 P / \partial X^2$, and

$$H \equiv \dot{\alpha}, \quad \Sigma \equiv \dot{\sigma} / H.$$

and the energy densities

$$\rho_A = \frac{f_1(\phi)}{2} e^{-2\alpha + 4\sigma} \dot{v}_A^2, \quad \rho_B = \frac{f_2(\phi)}{2} e^{-4\alpha - 4\sigma} \dot{v}_B^2, \quad \rho_f = \dot{\chi}^2 P_{f,Z} - P_f.$$

The energy densities obey

$$\dot{\rho}_A = -4\rho_A H \left(1 + \Sigma + \frac{\dot{f}_1}{4f_1} \right) - 2m_\nu \sqrt{\frac{\rho_A \rho_B}{f_1 f_2}},$$

$$\dot{\rho}_B = -2\rho_B H \left(1 - 2\Sigma + \frac{\dot{f}_2}{2f_2} \right) + 2m_\nu \sqrt{\frac{\rho_A \rho_B}{f_1 f_2}}.$$

For the couplings $f_1(\phi)$ and $f_2(\phi)$, we consider the exponential functions:

$$f_1(\phi) = \bar{f}_1 e^{-\mu_1 \phi / M_{\text{pl}}}, \quad f_2(\phi) = \bar{f}_2 e^{-\mu_2 \phi / M_{\text{pl}}},$$

where $\bar{f}_1, \bar{f}_2, \mu_1, \mu_2$ are constants.

We are extending the analysis to the dynamics of dark energy in the presence of coupled 1- and 2-forms with matter, i.e., $\bar{f}_1 \neq 0, \bar{f}_2 \neq 0, m_\nu \neq 0$, and $P_f \neq 0$.

Dynamical System

We introduce the following dimensionless quantities

$$x_1 = \frac{\dot{\phi}}{\sqrt{6}HM_{\text{pl}}}, \quad x_2 = \frac{M_{\text{pl}}e^{-\lambda\phi/(2M_{\text{pl}})}}{\sqrt{3}H}, \quad \Sigma = \dot{\sigma}/H,$$
$$\Omega_A = \frac{\rho_A}{3H^2M_{\text{pl}}^2}, \quad \Omega_B = \frac{\rho_B}{3H^2M_{\text{pl}}^2}, \quad \Omega_r = \frac{\rho_r}{3H^2M_{\text{pl}}^2}, \quad \Omega_m = \frac{\rho_m}{3H^2M_{\text{pl}}^2}.$$

Also

$$\frac{Y}{M_{\text{pl}}^4} = \frac{x_1^2}{x_2^2}.$$

and the constraint

$$\Omega_m = 1 - (g + 2g_1)x_1^2 - \Sigma^2 - \Omega_A - \Omega_B - \Omega_r,$$

where we adopt the notation

$$g_n(Y) \equiv Y^n \frac{d^n g(Y)}{dY^n}.$$

The dynamical system reads

$$x_1' = -\frac{x_1}{2} \left(\sqrt{6}\lambda x_1 - 3gx_1^2 - 3\Sigma^2 - \Omega_A + \Omega_B - \Omega_r - 3 \right) \\ + A \left[\frac{\sqrt{6}}{2} \{ (g + 2g_1)\lambda x_1^2 - \mu_1\Omega_A - \mu_2\Omega_B \} - 3(g + g_1)x_1 \right],$$

$$x_2' = -\frac{x_2}{2} \left(\sqrt{6}\lambda x_1 - 3gx_1^2 - 3\Sigma^2 - \Omega_A + \Omega_B - \Omega_r - 3 \right),$$

$$\Sigma' = \frac{3}{2}\Sigma^3 + \frac{\Sigma}{2} (3gx_1^2 + \Omega_A - \Omega_B + \Omega_r - 3) + 2\Omega_A - 2\Omega_B,$$

$$\Omega_A' = \Omega_A \left(3gx_1^2 + \sqrt{6}\mu_1 x_1 + 3\Sigma^2 - 4\Sigma + \Omega_A - \Omega_B + \Omega_r - 1 \right) - 2\mathcal{M}\mathcal{F}\sqrt{\Omega_A\Omega_B},$$

$$\Omega_B' = \Omega_B \left(3gx_1^2 + \sqrt{6}\mu_2 x_1 + 3\Sigma^2 + 4\Sigma + \Omega_A - \Omega_B + \Omega_r + 1 \right) + 2\mathcal{M}\mathcal{F}\sqrt{\Omega_A\Omega_B},$$

$$\Omega_r' = \Omega_r \left(3gx_1^2 + 3\Sigma^2 + \Omega_A - \Omega_B + \Omega_r - 1 \right),$$

with

$$\mathcal{M} = \frac{m_v}{H}, \quad \mathcal{F} = \frac{e^{(\mu_1 + \mu_2)\phi/(2M_{\text{pl}})}}{\sqrt{\bar{f}_1 \bar{f}_2}}.$$

The dimensional quantities \mathcal{M} and \mathcal{F} obey

$$\mathcal{M}' = \frac{1}{2}\mathcal{M} (3 + 3gx_1^2 + 3\Sigma^2 + \Omega_A - \Omega_B + \Omega_r) \quad \mathcal{F}' = \frac{\sqrt{6}}{2}\mathcal{F}(\mu_1 + \mu_2)x_1.$$

Provided that the function $g(Y)$ is specified, the cosmological dynamics is known by solving the previous set of equations with given initial values of $x_1, x_2, \Sigma, \Omega_A, \Omega_B, \Omega_r, M, \mathcal{F}$.

To characterize the evolution of the system, we define

$$\omega_{\text{eff}} = gx_1^2 + \Sigma^2 + \frac{1}{3}(\Omega_A - \Omega_B + \Omega_r).$$

$$\Omega_{DE} = \frac{\rho_{DE}}{3H^2 M_{\text{pl}}^2} = (g + 2g_1)x_1^2 + \Sigma^2 + \Omega_A + \Omega_B = 1 - \Omega_m - \Omega_r$$

$$\omega_{DE} = \frac{P_{DE}}{\rho_{DE}} = \frac{3(gx_1^2 + \Sigma^2) + \Omega_A - \Omega_B}{3(x_1^2(g + 2g_1) + \Omega_A + \Omega_B + \Sigma^2)}.$$

with

$$\rho_{DE} = \dot{\phi}^2 P_{,X} - P + \rho_A + \rho_B + 3M_{\text{pl}}^2 H^2 \Sigma^2,$$

$$P_{DE} = P + \frac{1}{3}(\rho_A - \rho_B) + 3M_{\text{pl}}^2 H^2 \Sigma^2.$$

Fixed points (uncoupled case $m_v = 0$)

- Isotropic point (A1): The isotropic point, which corresponds to the vanishing shear ($\Sigma = 0$), obeys

$$P_{,X} = \frac{\lambda}{\sqrt{6}x_1}, \quad g_1 = \frac{6 - \sqrt{6}\lambda x_1}{6x_1^2} \quad \Sigma = 0, \quad \Omega_A = 0, \quad \Omega_B = 0,$$

- 1-form dominated point (A2)

$$P_{,X} = \frac{(\lambda + \mu_1)[2\sqrt{6} - (\lambda + 3\mu_1)x_1]}{8x_1},$$

$$g_1 = \frac{[2\sqrt{6} - (\lambda + \mu_1)x_1](\sqrt{6} - \lambda x_1)}{8x_1^2},$$

$$\Sigma = \frac{\sqrt{6}}{4}(\lambda + \mu_1)x_1 - 1,$$

$$\Omega_A = \frac{1}{8} \left[3(\lambda + \mu_1)x_1 - 2\sqrt{6} \right] (\sqrt{6} - \lambda x_1), \quad \Omega_B = 0.$$

Fixed points (uncoupled case $m_v = 0$)

- 2-form dominated point (A3)

$$P_{,X} = \frac{(2\lambda + \mu_2)\sqrt{6} - (2\lambda + 3\mu_2)(\lambda + \mu_2)x_1}{8x_1},$$

$$g_1 = \frac{[\sqrt{6} - (\lambda + \mu_2)x_1](\sqrt{6} - \lambda x_1)}{4x_1^2}, \quad \Sigma = \frac{1}{2} - \frac{\sqrt{6}}{4}(\lambda + \mu_2)x_1,$$

$$\Omega_A = 0, \quad \Omega_B = \frac{1}{8} \left[3(\lambda + \mu_2)x_1 - \sqrt{6} \right] (\sqrt{6} - \lambda x_1).$$

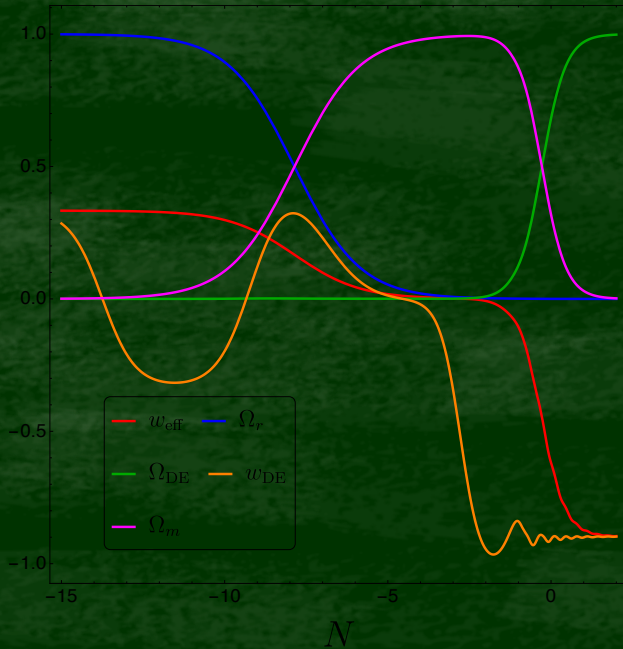
- Fixed point (A4) supported by 1- and 2-forms

$$x_1 = \frac{\sqrt{6}}{2\lambda + \mu_1 + \mu_2}, \quad g = -\frac{1}{4}(\mu_1^2 + \mu_2^2) - \frac{\lambda}{8}(2\mu_1 + 3\mu_2) - \frac{1}{8}\mu_1\mu_2,$$

$$\Sigma = -\frac{\lambda - \mu_1 + 2\mu_2}{2(2\lambda + \mu_1 + \mu_2)}, \quad \Omega_A = \frac{3(\lambda + \mu_1 + \mu_2)(\lambda + \mu_1) - 12g_1}{2(2\lambda + \mu_1 + \mu_2)^2},$$

$$\Omega_B = \frac{3(\lambda + \mu_1 + \mu_2)(3\lambda + \mu_1 + 2\mu_2) - 24g_1}{4(2\lambda + \mu_1 + \mu_2)^2}.$$

Numerical solutions



Conclusions

1. p -forms could generate signals of anisotropic dark energy (in the decoupled case)
2. To do: if possible, a stability analysis of the coupled case. If not, a "rigorous numerical treatment"
3. Coupled p -forms joins the vast family of modified gravity theories
4. Dark energy problem is still unsolved