

# Isotropization in Bianchi Type IX Vacuum Cosmology

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We find the most general Bianchi type IX solution in Brans–Dicke theory (BDT) for the vacuum case, with the local rotational symmetry. For BDT coupling parameter  $w > 500$  the universe becomes isotropic for any amount of initial anisotropy. In the extended inflation scenario, the Brans–Dicke scalar field  $\phi$  can avoid the inflation in one direction.

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

The concept of inflation in cosmology attempts to show that our present near-isotropic and near-flat universe could have been produced from arbitrary initial conditions. However, most inflationary calculations have assumed flatness and isotropy (Friedmann–Robertson–Walker, FRW, universe) to begin with; in the case of anisotropic cosmologies, most attempts have been made in the framework of general relativity theory (GRT) (for example, Futamatsue *et al.*, 1989; Jensen and Stein-Schabes, 1986). Extended inflation is a new variation of inflationary theory (La and Steinhardt, 1989), based on the Brans–Dicke theory (BDT) of gravity (Brans and Dicke, 1961). There are a few solutions of extended inflation, but only for the FRW case (Duncan and Jensen, 1990).

In this paper we find, for the locally rotationally symmetric (LRS) case ( $R_1 = R_2 \neq R_3$ ), the most general solution for the Bianchi type IX vacuum model in the BDT (there is no exact solution for the total anisotropy case,  $R_1 \neq R_2 \neq R_3$ ); we show that (1) for large value of the BDT coupling parameter  $w > 500$  [present limits based on time-delay experiments require  $w \geq 500$  (Reasenbergh *et al.*, 1979)] the universe will become isotropic for

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any amount of initial anisotropy; there is a singularity in  $R_1$  and  $R_3$  in the beginning, then a phase of maximal expansion, followed finally by a contraction. (2) For small values of the temporal parameter ( $\phi \ll 1$ ) we can find inflationary expansion only for one scale factor ( $R_3$ ); for the other scale factor ( $R_1$ ) the BDT scalar field  $\phi$  avoids the inflationary expansion, which is in accordance with the fact that only for the  $k = 0$  isotropic case is there inflation; Duncan and Jensen (1990) find inflation for  $k = \pm 1$ , but for radiation, not for the vacuum.

## 2. BIANCHI TYPE IX VACUUM FIELD EQUATIONS

The Bianchi type IX BDT vacuum field equations to be solved are

$$H_i + 3HH_i + (\ln \phi)'H_i = -\frac{1}{2}(R_i^4 - R_k^4 - R_l^4 + 2R_k^2R_l^2)R^{-6} \quad (1)$$

$$H_1H_2 + H_1H_3 + H_2H_3 - \frac{w}{2}(\ln \phi)'^2 + 3H(\ln \phi)' \\ = \frac{1}{4}[R_1^4 + R_2^4 + R_3^4 - 2(R_2^2R_3^2 + R_1^2R_3^2 + R_1^2R_2^2)]R^{-6} \quad (2)$$

$$(R^3\phi)' = 0, \quad (\cdot)' = d/dt \quad (3)$$

where  $H_i = \dot{R}_i/R_i$  ( $i = 1, 2, 3$ ) are the Hubble parameters,  $R^3 = R_1R_2R_3$ ,  $R_i$  are the scale factors,  $\phi = \phi(t)$  is the BDT scalar field,  $w$  is the coupling parameter from the BDT, and  $i, k, l$  are in cyclic order. We consider the locally rotationally symmetric case (LRS)  $R_1 = R_2$ . By rescaling the proper time with the scalar field  $d\phi = (1/R^3) dt$  we obtain equations (1)–(3) in the form

$$H'_1 + \frac{1}{\phi}H_1 = \frac{1}{2}R_3^4 - R_1^2R_3^2 \quad (4)$$

$$H'_3 + \frac{1}{\phi}H_3 = -\frac{1}{2}R_3^4 \quad (5)$$

$$H_1^2 + 2H_1H_3 - \frac{w}{2\phi^2} + \frac{1}{\phi}(2H_1 + H_3) = \frac{1}{4}(R_3^4 - 4R_1^2R_3^2) \quad (6)$$

where  $(\cdot)' = d/d\phi$  and now  $H_i = R'_i/R_i$ . From equation (5) we have

$$\phi \left[ \phi \frac{(\phi R_3^2)'}{\phi R_3^2} \right]' = -R_3^4 \phi^2 \tag{7}$$

By introducing the new variables  $r_3 = R_3^2 \phi$  and  $d\eta = d\phi/\phi$ , we obtain equation (7) as

$$(\ln r_3)^{**} = -r_3^2 \tag{8}$$

where  $(\cdot)^* = d/d\eta$ . Equation (8) can be integrated and we obtain

$$r_3 = 4c/(4c\phi^{\sqrt{c}} + \phi^{-\sqrt{c}}) \tag{9}$$

By defining  $r_{13} = R_1 R_3 \phi$  and following the same procedure, we obtain

$$r_{13} = 4\alpha/(4\alpha\phi^{\sqrt{\alpha}} + \phi^{-\sqrt{\alpha}}) \tag{10}$$

From the definitions of  $r_3$  and  $r_{13}$  finally we obtain the cosmic scale factors

$$R_3 = 2c^{1/2}/\{\phi^{1/2}[4c\phi^{\sqrt{c}} + \phi^{-\sqrt{c}}]^{1/2}\} \tag{11}$$

$$R_1 = (2\alpha/c^{1/2})[4c\phi^{\sqrt{c}-1} + \phi^{-\sqrt{c}-1}]^{1/2}/[4\alpha\phi^{\sqrt{\alpha}} + \phi^{-\sqrt{\alpha}}] \tag{12}$$

with the corresponding Hubble parameters

$$H_3 = -1/(2\phi) - \frac{1}{2} c^{1/2} [4c\phi^{\sqrt{c}-1} - \phi^{-\sqrt{c}-1}]/[4c\phi^{\sqrt{c}} + \phi^{-\sqrt{c}}] \tag{13}$$

$$H_1 = 1/(2\phi) + \frac{1}{2} c^{1/2} [4c\phi^{\sqrt{c}-1} - \phi^{-\sqrt{c}-1}]/[4c\phi^{\sqrt{c}} + \phi^{-\sqrt{c}}] \\ - \alpha^{1/2} [4\alpha\phi^{\sqrt{\alpha}-1} - \phi^{-\sqrt{\alpha}-1}]/[4\alpha\phi^{\sqrt{\alpha}} + \phi^{-\sqrt{\alpha}}] \tag{14}$$

By substitution of (11) and (12) into (6), we obtain  $\alpha$  and  $c$ ,

$$c = 4\alpha - (3 + 2w) \tag{15}$$

### 3. DISCUSSION AND CONCLUSIONS

In order to see the influence of the anisotropy on the dynamics of the universe we can define an anisotropy parameter  $B = (\alpha/c)^{1/2}$ .

#### 3.1. Anisotropy

The BDT is consistent with local observations in the solar system as long as the coupling parameter  $w$  is about equal to or greater than 500 (Reasenberg *et al.*, 1979). From equation (15) for  $c > 0$  this implies  $\alpha > 250$ . Plotting  $R_1$  and  $R_3$  [equations (11) and (12)] vs. the "temporal" parameter

$\phi$  (Fig. 1), we can see that for  $\phi \rightarrow 0$  we have an initial singularity followed by a phase maximal expansion for  $R_1$  and  $R_3$  and for large  $\phi$  ( $\phi \rightarrow \infty$ ) finally we have a final singularity in a closed universe from only one cycle, which is characteristic for closed universes.

For Hubble parameters  $H_1$  and  $H_3$  [equations (13) and (14) and Fig. 2] we can see that for any amount of initial anisotropy,  $\alpha \neq c$ , the universe tends to be isotropized very rapidly ( $H_1 = H_3$  when  $\phi \rightarrow \infty$ ), but, for example, for large  $w < 0$ , there is no isotropy when  $\phi \rightarrow \infty$  ( $H_1 \neq H_3$ ) and the anisotropy will be greater.

### 3.2. $B = 1$ . Isotropy

For this case  $\sqrt{c} = \sqrt{\alpha}$  and from equations (11) and (12) we can see that  $R_1 = R_3$ ; our Bianchi type IX solution reduces to the  $k = 1$  FRW isotropic solution obtained by Cerveró and Estévez (1983).

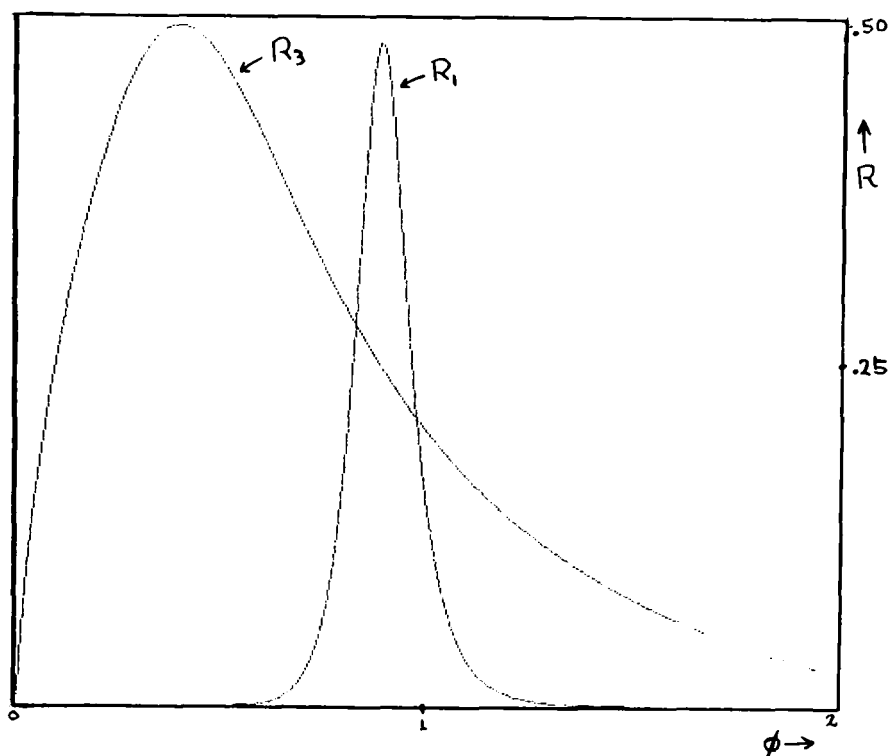


Fig. 1. "Time" dependence of the scale factors  $R_1$  and  $R_3$  vs. the scalar field  $\phi$ . Here  $R_1$  is in units of  $10/2\sqrt{c}$  and  $R_3$  in units of  $2\sqrt{c}$  ( $c = 2$ ,  $\alpha = 16$ ).

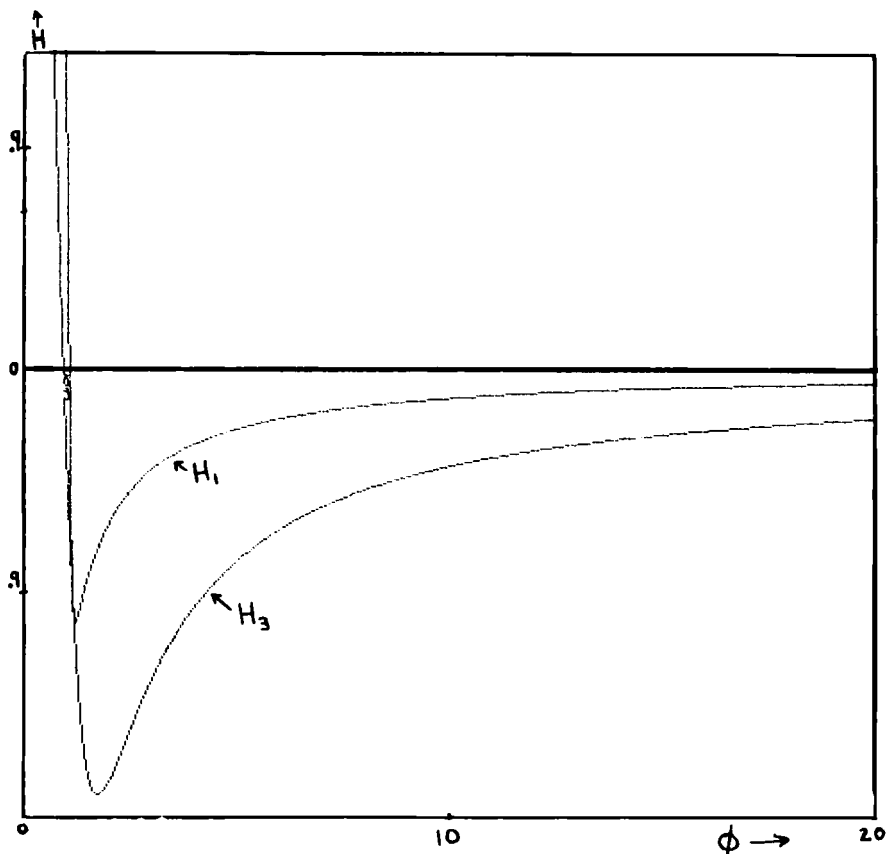


Fig. 2. "Time" dependence of the Hubble parameters  $H_1$  and  $H_3$  vs.  $\phi$ . For  $\phi > 20$  the universe tends to be isotropized,  $H_1 \sim H_3$  ( $H_1$  is not on the same scale as  $H_3$ ).

### 3.3. Inflation

In order to discuss inflation in this model, we take the relationship between the proper time and the BDT scalar field  $\phi$  given by  $dt = R^3 d\phi$  and from equations (11) and (12) for  $\phi \ll 1$  (near the initial singularity) we obtain

$$\phi \sim e^t \quad (16)$$

where the constants  $\alpha$  and  $c$  are given by  $\sqrt{c} + 1 = 4\sqrt{\alpha}$  and equation (15) for this case is valid, and we have for the scale factors of the universe in terms of the proper time  $t$

$$R_3 \approx e^{(\sqrt{c}/2)t}/\phi \quad (17)$$

$$R_1 \sim e^{t/2}/\phi \quad (18)$$

For  $\sqrt{c} > 2$  we find inflation only for  $R_3$ ; the condition for isotropization  $e^{60}$  (La and Steinhardt, 1989) is easily obtained; however, for  $R_1$  equation (16) for the BDT scalar field  $\phi$  avoids the inflationary expansion. For the isotropic case ( $B = 1$ ,  $\sqrt{\alpha} = \sqrt{c} = 1/3$ ) we have that  $R_{\text{isotropic}}^3 = R_1^2 R_3$ ,

$$R_{\text{isotropic}}^3 \sim \frac{e^{t/2}}{\phi^3} \quad (19)$$

We do not have inflationary expansion; this corresponds to the FRW  $k = +1$  closed universe.

In conclusion, we have found the general vacuum solution for Bianchi type IX cosmology in BDT for the LRS case, and have shown that for  $w > 500$  the universe tends to be isotropized and that only for one scale factor is there inflationary behavior. In future papers we will discuss other Bianchi models in BDT.

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