



DEGRAVITATION

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The standard question:

Why is the vacuum energy
so small?

However, since nobody has
ever measured the energy
of the vacuum by any means
other than gravity,

the right question to ask is:

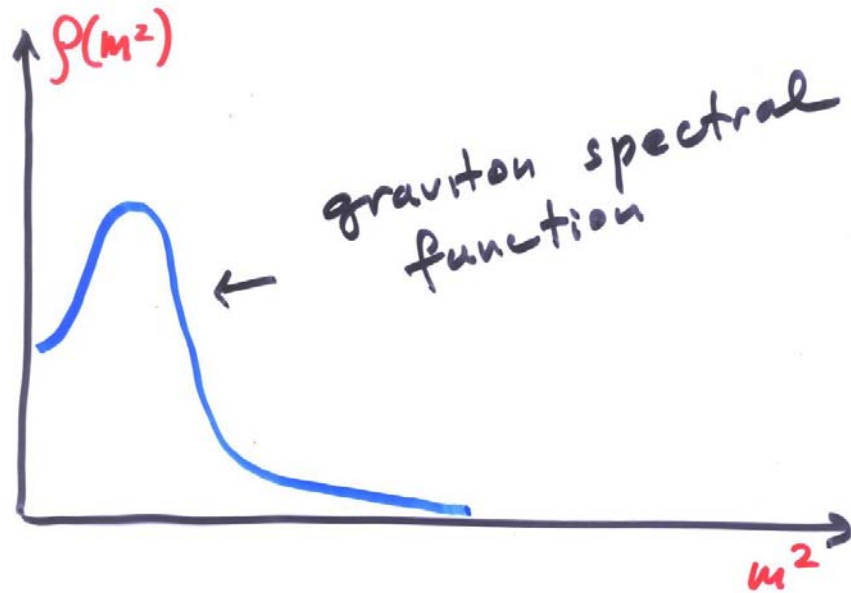
Why does the vacuum energy
gravitate so little?



In General Relativity,
graviton, $h_{\mu\nu}$, is a massless spin-2
particle, and the two questions
are equivalent.

However, the story is different
if graviton is effectively massive
or is a resonance!

If graviton has a mass or is a resonance, then gravity is modified at large distances, and vice versa!



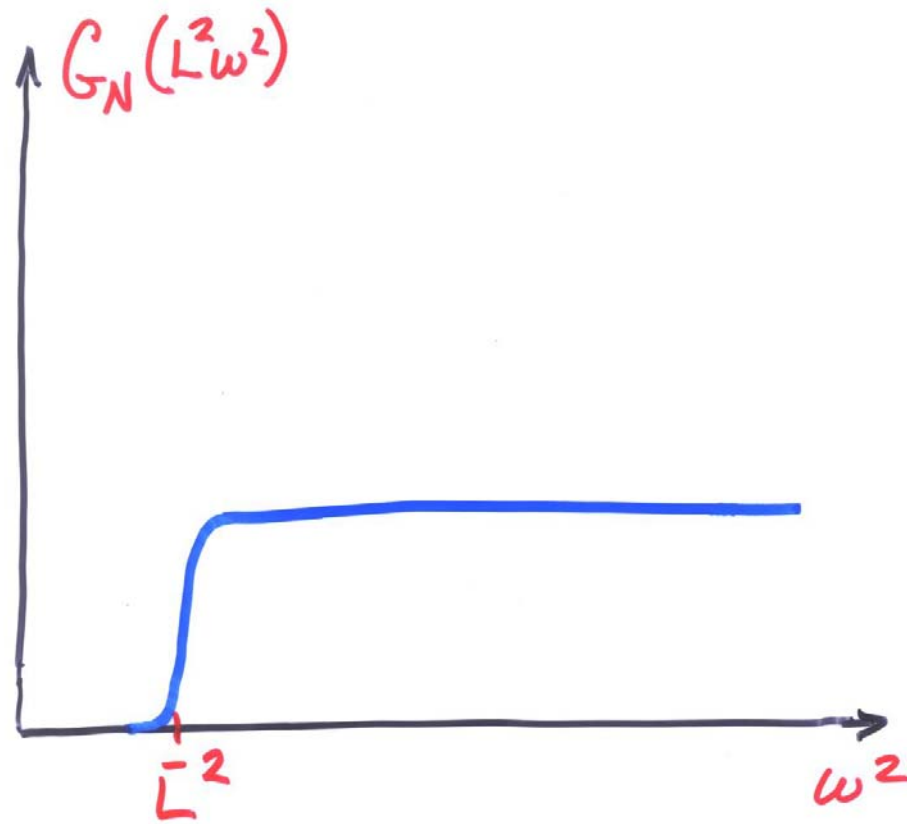
Thus, in ~~the~~ large-distance-modified gravity theories one can ask, whether ~~the~~ the vacuum energy appears to be small because it is effectively degravitated?

An effective phenomenological equation:

$$G_N^{-1}(L^2 \square) G_{\mu\nu} = 8\pi T_{\mu\nu}$$

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Newton's constant is promoted into a high-pass filter.

G_N as a high-pass filter:



★ puzzle:

Take the linearized theory:

$$\left(1 - \frac{m^2(\square)}{\square}\right) \mathcal{E} \tilde{h}_{\mu\nu} = -T_{\mu\nu}$$

where

$$\mathcal{E} \tilde{h}_{\mu\nu} \equiv \text{Linearized Einstein tensor}$$

and

$$16\pi G_N(\square) \equiv \left[1 - \frac{m^2(\square)}{\square}\right]^{-1}$$

The gauge-invariant action:

$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{1}{2} \tilde{h}^{\mu\nu} \left[1 - \frac{m^2(\square)}{\square} \right] \mathcal{E} \tilde{h}_{\mu\nu} + \tilde{h}^{\mu\nu} T_{\mu\nu}$$

The puzzle:

Take $m^2 \equiv \text{constant}$. Then $\tilde{h}_{\mu\nu}$ describes a massive spin-2 particle.

Nevertheless, it propagates 2 degrees of freedom.

This is impossible!

The only ghost-free theory
of linearized massive gravity
Pauli-Fierz mass

$$m_g^2 (h_{\mu\nu} h^{\mu\nu} - (h^\mu{}_\mu)^2)$$

$h_{\mu\nu}$ contains 5 polarizations.

$$5 = 2 + 2 + 1$$

↑
massless graviton contains 2.

The only consistent linear theory of massive spin-2 (Pauli-Fierz theory) propagates 5 states:

$$5 = 2 + 2 + 1$$

helicity: $\begin{matrix} \uparrow \\ \downarrow \end{matrix} 2 + \begin{matrix} \uparrow \\ \downarrow \end{matrix} 1 + \begin{matrix} \uparrow \\ \downarrow \end{matrix} 0$

leading to van Dam-Veltman-Zakharov discontinuity

$$A_{2+0} = \frac{T_{\mu\nu} \tilde{T}^{\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{3} T_{\mu}{}^{\mu} T_{\nu}{}^{\nu}}{\square - m^2}$$

v DVZ - discontinuity

Metric produced by a static
gravitating source



$$g_{\mu\nu} = \eta_{\mu\nu} + h_{\mu\nu}$$

Massive $\rightarrow h_{00} = 2G_N M \frac{1}{r} \frac{2}{3}$

Massless $\rightarrow h_{00} = 2G_N M \frac{1}{r}$

$$T_{\mu\nu} \left(\tilde{h}_{\mu\nu} \right) \left(\tilde{T}_{\mu\nu} \right)$$

One graviton exchange amplitude:

$$A_2 = \frac{T_{\mu\nu} \tilde{T}^{\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{2} T_{\mu}^{\mu} \tilde{T}_{\nu}^{\nu}}{\square - m^2}$$

has a missing helicity-0 piece!

$$A_0 = \frac{1}{6} \frac{T_{\mu}^{\mu} \tilde{T}_{\nu}^{\nu}}{\square - m^2}$$

So our starting action cannot possibly describe a consistent theory of a spin-2 field!

Promoting $m^2 \rightarrow m^2(\square)$ does not help.

The amplitude can be spectrally expanded:

$$\frac{1}{\square - m^2(\square)} = \int_0^{\infty} ds \frac{\rho(s)}{\square - s}$$

and to each s the same objection applies!

Goldstone - Stückelberg Story.

The most general ghost-free
theory of a massive/resonance
spin-2

$$E h_{\mu\nu} - m^2(\square)(h_{\mu\nu} - \zeta_{\mu\nu} h) = -T_{\mu\nu}$$

Stückelberg vector A_μ

$$h_{\mu\nu} \equiv \hat{h}_{\mu\nu} + \partial_\mu A_\nu + \partial_\nu A_\mu$$

gauge symmetry:

$$\hat{h}_{\mu\nu} \rightarrow \hat{h}_{\mu\nu} + \partial_\mu \xi_\nu + \partial_\nu \xi_\mu$$

$$A_\mu \rightarrow A_\mu - \xi_\mu$$

Integrating out A_μ

this is what we get
for helicity - 2 part

$$\left[1 - \frac{m^2(\sigma)}{\square}\right] \mathcal{E} \bar{h}_{\mu\nu} = -T_{\mu\nu}!$$

$$\left[1 - \frac{m^2(0)}{\square}\right] \mathcal{E} \tilde{h}_{\mu\nu} = -T_{\mu\nu}$$

Thus, $\tilde{h}_{\mu\nu}$ describes the
Einsteinian (helicity-2) part
of a massive/resonance graviton!

Degravitation \equiv Graviton mass/width!

Gravitational analog of the
background charge-screening in
superconductors.

Cosmological Constant problem
in theory of linear maxwell
spin-2.

$$E \tilde{h}_{\mu\nu} = \Lambda \zeta_{\mu\nu}$$

de Sitter space-times:

① Closed FRW slicing

$$\tilde{h}_{00} = 0, \quad \tilde{h}_{0j} = 0, \quad \tilde{h}_{ij} = \frac{\Lambda}{6} (t^2 \delta_{ij} + x_i x_j)$$

② Static patch of de Sitter

$$\tilde{h}_{00} = \frac{\Lambda}{6} x_i x^i, \quad \tilde{h}_{0i} = 0, \quad \tilde{h}_{ij} = \frac{\Lambda}{6} x_i x_j$$

De-gravitation by graviton

mass:

$$-\mathcal{E} h_{\mu\nu} + m^2 (h_{\mu\nu} - \eta_{\mu\nu} h) = -\Lambda \eta_{\mu\nu}$$



Flat space

$$h_{\mu\nu} = \frac{\Lambda}{3m^2} \eta_{\mu\nu} !$$

Understanding degravitation
in the language of different
helicities

$$h_{\mu\nu} = \tilde{h}_{\mu\nu} - \eta_{\mu\nu} \frac{1}{3} \Pi_{\alpha\beta} \tilde{h}^{\alpha\beta} + \partial_\mu A_\nu + \partial_\nu A_\mu$$

In terms of helicity-2 ($\tilde{h}_{\mu\nu}$)
and helicity-0 (χ),

$h_{\mu\nu}$ can be written as:

$$h_{\mu\nu} = \tilde{h}_{\mu\nu} + \frac{1}{6} \eta_{\mu\nu} \chi + \frac{1}{3} \frac{\partial_\mu \partial_\nu}{m^2} \chi$$

We wish to understand
degravitation in terms of
 $\tilde{h}_{\mu\nu}$ and χ .

First, as said before,
integrating out extra helicities
equation for $\tilde{h}_{\mu\nu}$ is:

$$\left(1 - \frac{m^2}{D}\right) \Sigma \tilde{h}_{\mu\nu} = \Lambda \eta_{\mu\nu}$$



$$\tilde{h}_{00} = -\frac{\Lambda}{m^2} (1 - \omega mt)$$

$$\tilde{h}_{0j} = x_j \frac{\Lambda}{3m} \sin mt$$

$$\tilde{h}_{ij} = \frac{\Lambda}{m^2} (1 - \omega mt) \delta_{ij} + \frac{\Lambda}{6} \omega(mt) x_i x_j \quad i \neq j$$

For $mt \ll 1$ this is de Sitter:

$$\tilde{h}_{00} \approx -\frac{\Lambda}{2} t^2, \quad \tilde{h}_{0j} \approx \frac{\Lambda}{3} t x_j,$$

$$\tilde{h}_{ij} \approx \frac{\Lambda}{2} t^2 \delta_{ij} + \frac{\Lambda}{6} x_i x_j \quad i \neq j$$

Can be recast:

$$ds^2 = -dt^2 + \left(1 + \frac{\Lambda t^2}{3}\right) \delta_{ij} dz^i dz^j \\ + \frac{\Lambda}{3} x_i x_j dz^i dz^j \approx$$

$$\approx -dt^2 + \cosh \sqrt{\frac{\Lambda}{3}} t \left(\frac{dr^2}{1 - \frac{\Lambda r^2}{3}} + r^2 d\Omega^2 \right)$$



de Sitter in closed FRW slicing.

In the same time,
the helicity-0 behaves as

$$\chi = \frac{41}{m^2} (\omega_0 m t - 1)$$

and compensates the effect of $\tilde{h}_{\mu\nu}$!

In fact degravitation
persists also in the limit

$$m^2 \rightarrow 0$$

In the limit $m^2 \rightarrow 0$
the equations for $\tilde{h}_{\mu\nu}$ and χ
split

$$\mathcal{E} \tilde{h}_{\mu\nu} = -T_{\mu\nu}$$

$$\square \chi = -T$$

solutions:

$$\tilde{h}_{\mu\nu} = -\frac{1}{12} \eta_{\mu\nu} x_\alpha x^\alpha$$

$$\chi = \frac{1}{2} x_\alpha x^\alpha$$

Thus,

$$h_{\mu\nu} = \tilde{h}_{\mu\nu} + \eta_{\mu\nu} \frac{\chi}{6} = \text{flat metric!}$$

Constraints on $m^2(\square)$

$$E h_{\mu\nu} + m^2(\square) (h_{\mu\nu} - \eta_{\mu\nu} h) = -T_{\mu\nu}$$

For $\square \rightarrow 0$, we must have

$$m^2(\square) \approx L^{2(\alpha-1)} \square^\alpha$$

with $\alpha < 1$.

From absence of ghosts
we have a constraint

$$\alpha > 0$$

Thus,

$$0 < \alpha < 1$$

v DVZ - discontinuity

Metric produced by a static
gravitating source



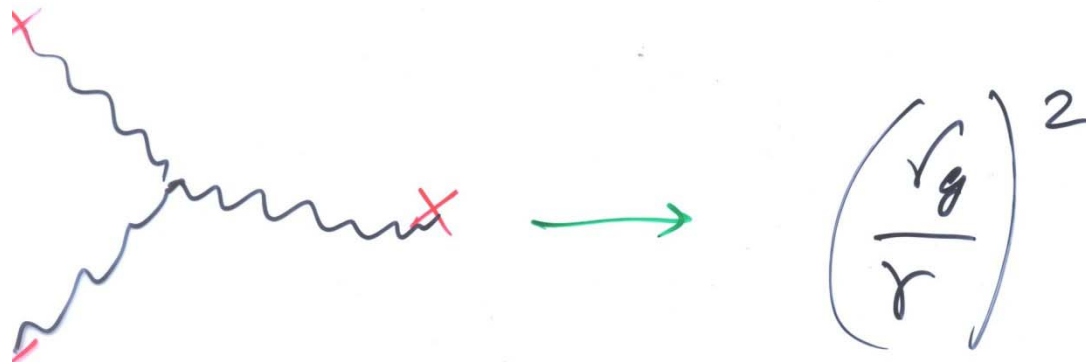
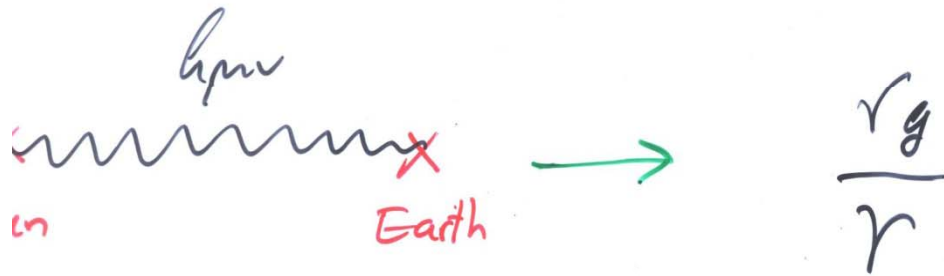
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In GR metric produced
by a source can be found
in $\frac{r_g}{r}$ expansion.

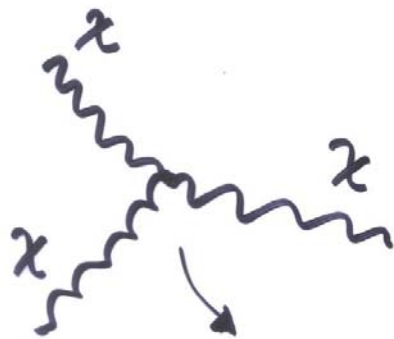
$$r_g \equiv 2G_N M$$



Ignoring helicity-1, we
then get

$$h_{\mu\nu} = \tilde{h}_{\mu\nu} + \eta_{\mu\nu} \frac{\chi}{\delta} + \frac{L}{3} \frac{\partial^2 \chi}{\square^\alpha} \chi$$

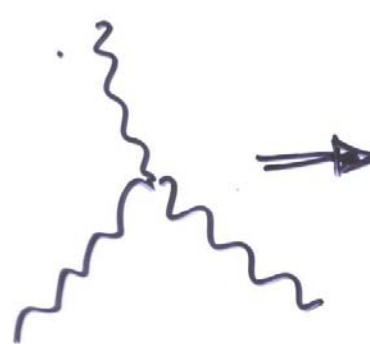
At non-linear level χ
is strongly coupled



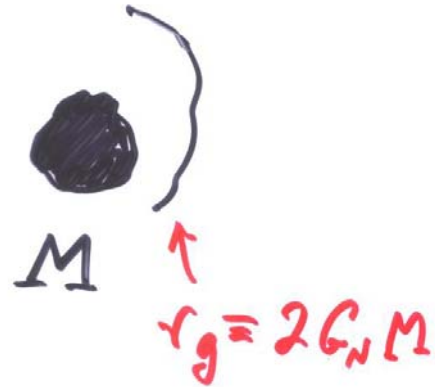
$$\frac{\chi \square (\square^{1-\alpha} \chi)^2}{\Lambda_s^{5-4\alpha}}$$

Strong coupling scale
of helicity-0 graviton

$$\Lambda_s \equiv \left(L^{4(d-1)} M_{pl} \right)^{\frac{1}{5-4d}}$$


$$\frac{1}{\Lambda_s^{5-4d}} \mathcal{L} \propto (p^{1-d} \mathcal{L})^2$$

v_* - effect



$$v_* \equiv \left(L^{4(1-\alpha)} v_g \right)^{\frac{1}{5-4\alpha}}$$

$$r \ll r_* \rightarrow \chi \sim \frac{v_g}{v_*} \left(\frac{r}{r_*} \right)^{\frac{3}{2} - 2\alpha}$$

$$r \gg r_* \rightarrow \chi \sim \text{linear regime}$$

Deviation from Einsteinian
potential near gravitating
objects ($r \ll r_*$)

$$\delta \approx \left(\frac{r}{10^{28} \text{ cm}} \right)^{2-2\alpha} \sqrt{\frac{r}{r_g}}$$

where $0 \leq \alpha \leq 1$



$$r_g \equiv 2G_N M$$

Degravitation in the
decoupling limit

$$L \rightarrow \infty, M_{\text{pl}} \rightarrow \infty, \Lambda_5 = \text{fixed}$$

$$\Lambda_5 \equiv (L^{4(\alpha-1)} M_{\text{pl}})^{\frac{1}{5-4\alpha}}$$

$$\mathcal{E} \tilde{h}_{\mu\nu} = - \frac{T_{\mu\nu}}{M_{\text{pl}}}$$

$$\square \chi - \frac{1}{\Lambda_5^{5-4\alpha}} \left[3 \square (\square^{1-\alpha} \chi)^2 - \square \left(\frac{\partial_\mu \partial_\nu \chi}{\square^\alpha} \right)^2 \right. \\ \left. - 2 \partial_\mu \partial_\nu \left(\frac{\partial^\mu \chi}{\square^\alpha} \square^{1-\alpha} \chi \right) \right] = - \frac{T_{\mu\nu}}{M_{\text{pl}}}$$

$$T_{\mu\nu} = \Lambda \eta_{\mu\nu}$$

Degravitated solution:

$$\tilde{h}_{\mu\nu} = -\frac{\Lambda}{12M_{\text{pl}}^2} \eta_{\mu\nu} x^\rho x^\rho$$

$$\chi = \frac{\Lambda}{2M_{\text{pl}}^2} x^\rho x^\rho$$

This will be the case if

$$\frac{\partial_\mu \partial_\nu \partial_\rho}{\square^\alpha} x^2 = 0$$



$$\alpha < \frac{1}{2}$$

The relation between the graviton mass and quantum gravity scale $\equiv M_*$

$$L = \left(\frac{M_*^{2-\alpha}}{M_p} \right)^{\frac{1}{\alpha-1}}$$

For $\alpha = 0$ (massive graviton) we have:

$$L^{-1} \equiv m_g = \frac{M_*^2}{M_p} \quad !$$

The two immediate predictions are:

$$m_g = H_0 \sim 10^{-33} \text{ eV}$$

and

$$M_* \sim 10^{-3} \text{ eV}$$

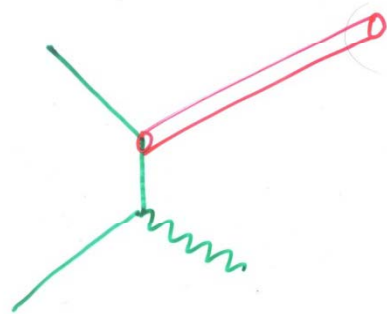
Modeling QG with a closed string spectrum, with $M_* \sim 10^{-3} \text{ eV}$, coupled to the Standard Model as they should.

(G.D., Gabadadze, Kolanovic, Nitti)

This sounds crazy, because we would see production of $\sim 10^{1000}$ string states already in a scattering of the visible light!

But, this intuition is false.

In fact, most of the string states are extremely weakly coupled.



The rate of production at energies E is:

$$\Gamma = \sum_n E \left(\frac{E^2}{M_p M_*} \right)^{2h-2}$$

The critical scale is

$$M_{\text{crit}} \sim T_{\text{cl}} \quad \text{not} \quad M_{\text{cl}} \sim 10^{-3}$$

So if graviton has a mass, then LHC should hit a "Hagedorn wall"?

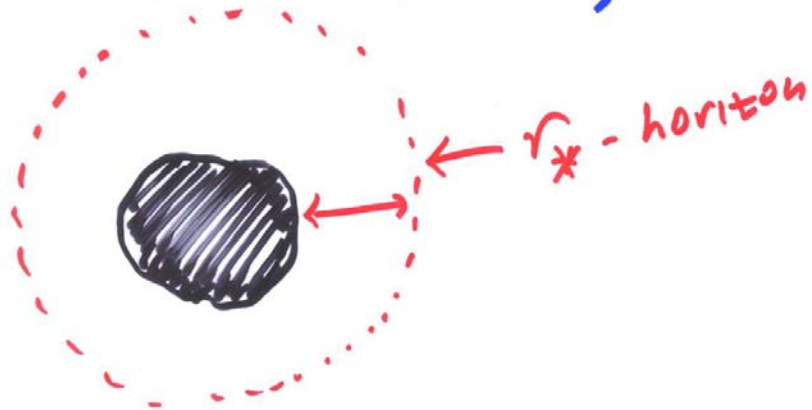
$$\frac{d\sigma}{dt} \sim \sum_h \frac{1}{s^2} \left(\frac{s}{M_p M_*} \right)^{2h-2}$$

The model building issue for embedding in string theory is SM not gravity sector.

See however constructions

The rule:

For a source that is localized within its own r_* , gravity is almost Einsteinian,

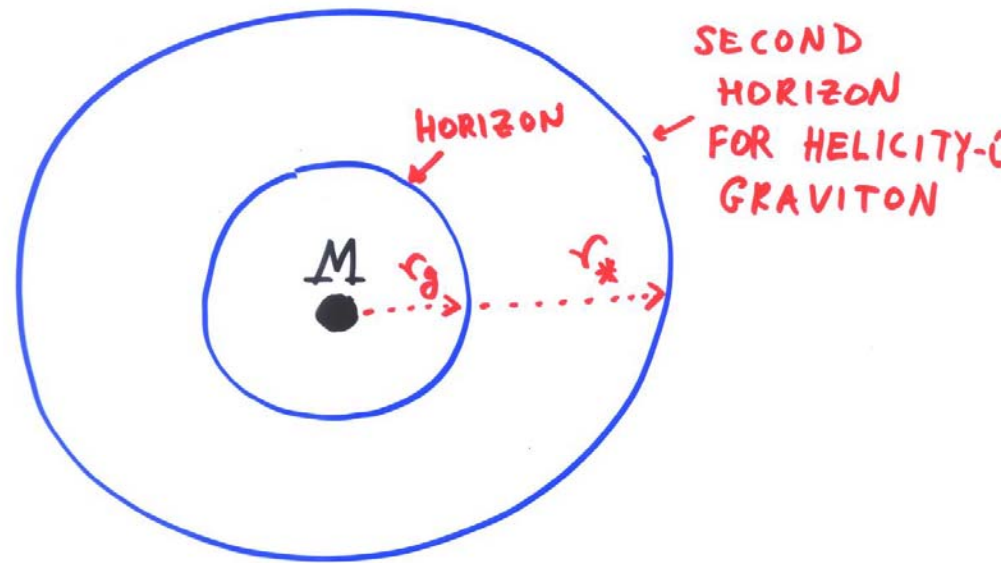


with small corrections given by:

$$\delta \approx \left(\frac{r}{10^{29} \text{ cm}} \right)^{2-2\alpha} \sqrt{\frac{r}{r_g}}$$

THE CONCEPT OF r_*

FOR A SOURCE OF GRAVITATIONAL
RADIUS $r_g \equiv 2 G_N M$



$$r_* \equiv \left(10^{56} \text{ cm}^2 r_g \right)^{\frac{1}{3}}$$



Currently the only known theory is $\alpha = \frac{1}{2}$ (DGP)

The predicted correction

$$\delta \approx \frac{r}{10^{28} \text{ cm}} \sqrt{\frac{r}{r_g}}$$

will (probably) be tested by APOLLO

Adelberger, Stubbs, Murphy...

see, Murphy, Adelberger, Strasburg, Stubbs

LUNAR RANGING TEST

G.D., Gruzinov, Zaldarriaga;
Lue, Starkman.

PREDICTED ANOMALOUS PERIHELION
PRECESSION:

$$\delta\phi = \frac{3\pi}{4} \frac{r}{10^{28} \text{ cm}} \sqrt{\frac{r}{r_g}}$$

FOR THE MOON:

$$\delta\phi = 1.4 \times 10^{-12}$$

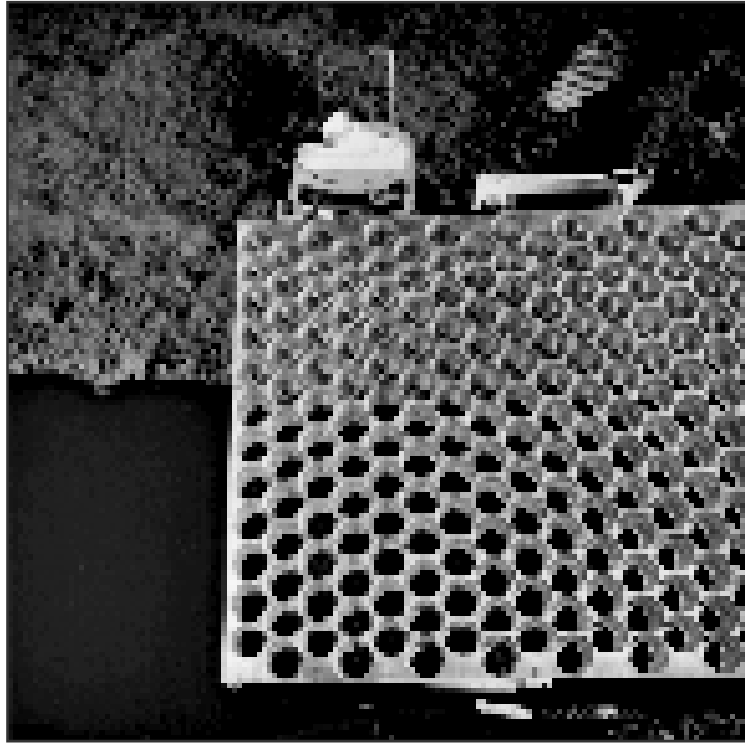
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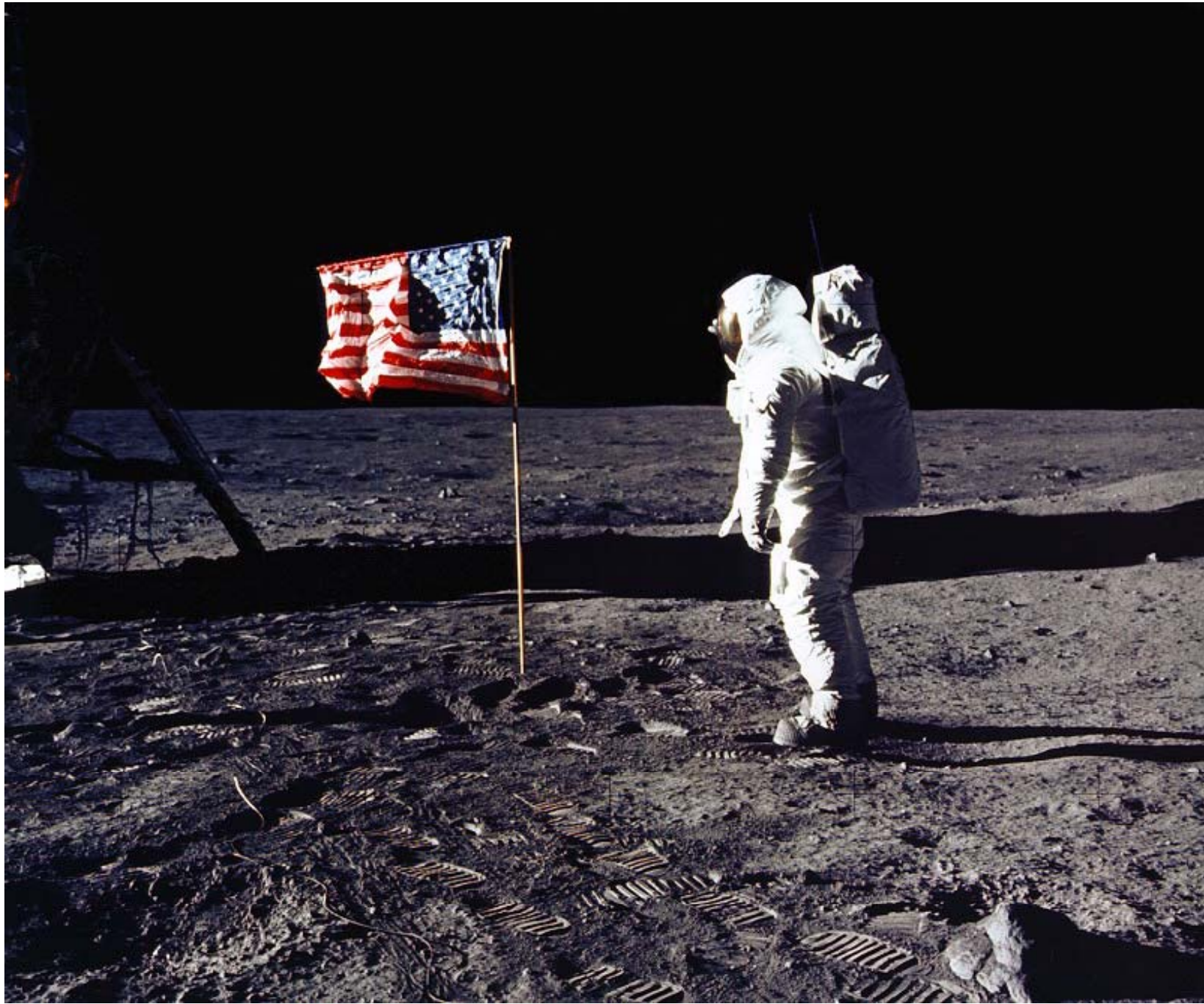
$$\sigma_\phi = 2.4 \times 10^{-11}$$

10-FOLD IMPROVEMENT IS EXPECTED:

Adelberger, Stubbs, Murphy.....









Cosmological tests:

For $L \approx H_0^{-1}$ Universe
is at its r_* !

$$a(t) \propto t^2 \left[1 \pm (t H_0)^{2-2\alpha} \right]$$