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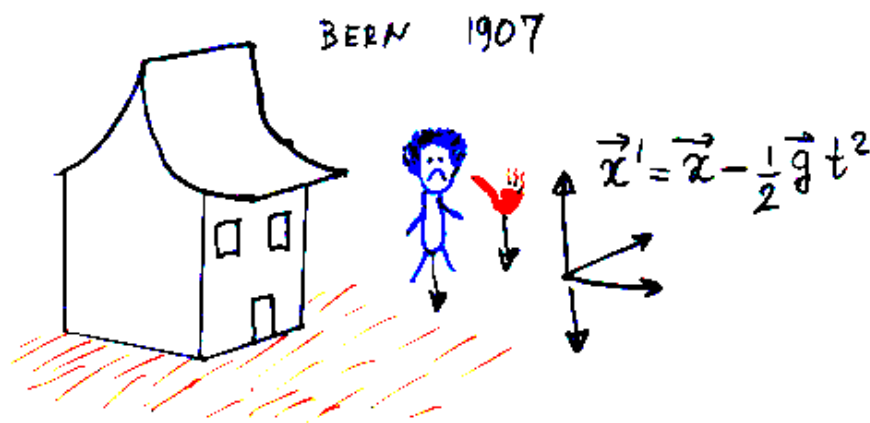
GENERAL RELATIVITY,
EXPERIMENT
AND

GRAVITATIONAL WAVES

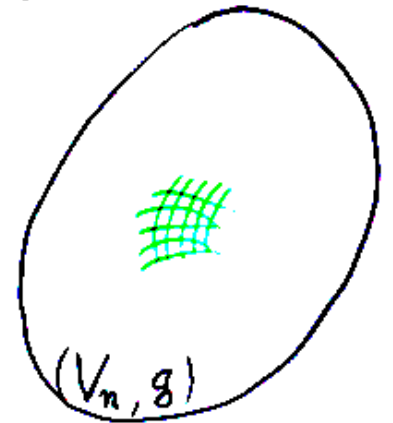
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EINSTEIN'S VISION



RIEMANN ~ 1856



LOCAL EFFACEMENT OF \vec{g}

$$\exists x'^{\mu}, g'_{\mu\nu}(x'^{\lambda}) = \eta_{\mu\nu} + O[(x' - x'_0)^2]$$

LOCAL EFFACEMENT OF $\Gamma^{\lambda}_{\mu\nu} \sim \partial g$

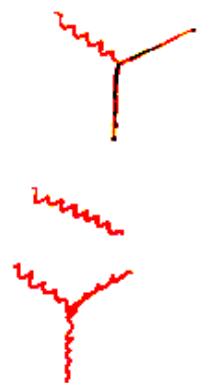
UNIVERSALITY OF FREE FALL \longleftrightarrow UNIVERSAL COUPLING OF MATTER
 TO ONE $g_{\mu\nu}(x^{\lambda})$
 ('HYPOTHESIS OF EQUIVALENCE'
 ['EQUIVALENCE PRINCIPLE'])

$$S_{\text{TOT}} = \frac{c^4}{16\pi G} \int \sqrt{|g|} \frac{d^4x}{c} R(g) + S_{\text{MATTER}}[\psi, A, H; g_{\mu\nu}]$$

TWO SORTS OF EXPERIMENTAL TESTS

• MATTER-COUPLING TESTS (RHS)

• TESTS OF THE DYNAMICS OF $g_{\mu\nu}$ (LHS)



TESTS OF THE COUPLING MATTER & GRAVITY

"EQUIVALENCE PRINCIPLE" $S_{\text{MATTER}}[\psi, A, H; g_{\mu\nu}]$

• UNIVERSALITY OF FREE FALL



Adelberger's group $\left(\frac{\Delta a}{a}\right)_{\text{Fe-Si}} = (3.6 \pm 5.0_{\text{STAT}} \pm 0.7_{\text{SYST}}) \times 10^{-13}$

Lunar Laser Ranging's group $\left(\frac{\Delta a}{a}\right)_{\oplus \text{M}} = (-1.0 \pm 1.4) \times 10^{-13}$

• CONSTANCY OF "CONSTANTS" $\alpha_{\text{EM}} \equiv \frac{e^2}{\hbar c}$

Atomic Clock Tests

Marion '03; Bize '03; Fischer '05

$$\frac{\dot{\alpha}_{\text{EM}}}{\alpha_{\text{EM}}} = (-0.9 \pm 2.9) \times 10^{-15} \text{ yr}^{-1}$$

Oklo's natural fission reactor

Shlyakhter '76, Jamouh-Dyson '96, Fujii '00

$$\left\langle \frac{\dot{\alpha}_{\text{EM}}}{\alpha_{\text{EM}}} \right\rangle = (-0.9 \pm 5.9) \times 10^{-17} \text{ yr}^{-1}$$

Quasar absorption lines

Quast '04; Srianand '04

$$\left\langle \frac{\dot{\alpha}_{\text{EM}}}{\alpha_{\text{EM}}} \right\rangle = (-0.7 \pm 1.9) \times 10^{-16} \text{ yr}^{-1}$$

• GRAVITATIONAL REDSHIFT

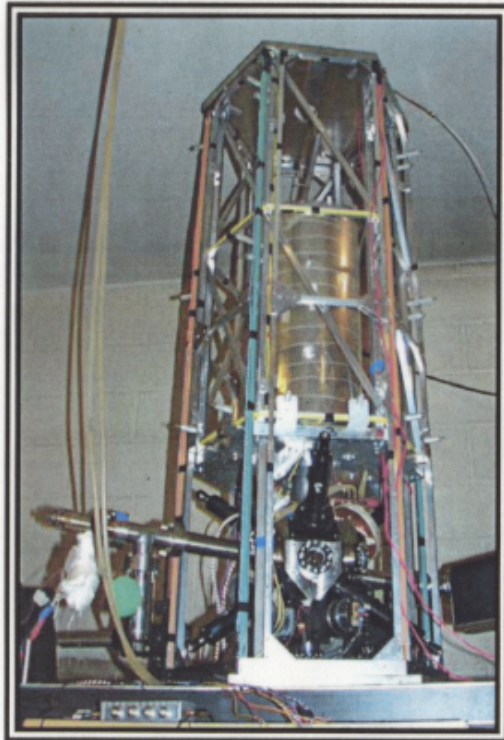
Vessot, Levine '79



$$\frac{\Delta\nu}{\nu} = (1 \pm 10^{-4}) \frac{\Delta U}{c^2}$$

Fontaines Atomiques

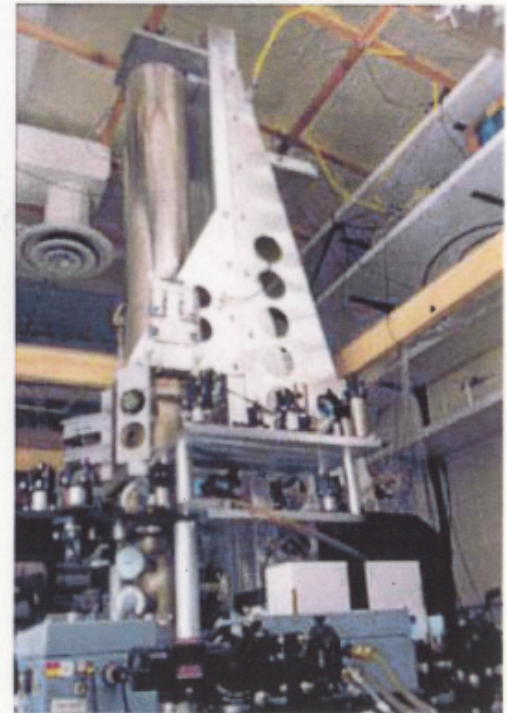
8 fountains in operation at SYRTE, PTB, NIST, USNO, Penn St, IEN. 5 with accuracy at $1 \cdot 10^{-15}$. More than 10 under construction.



BNM-SYRTE, FR

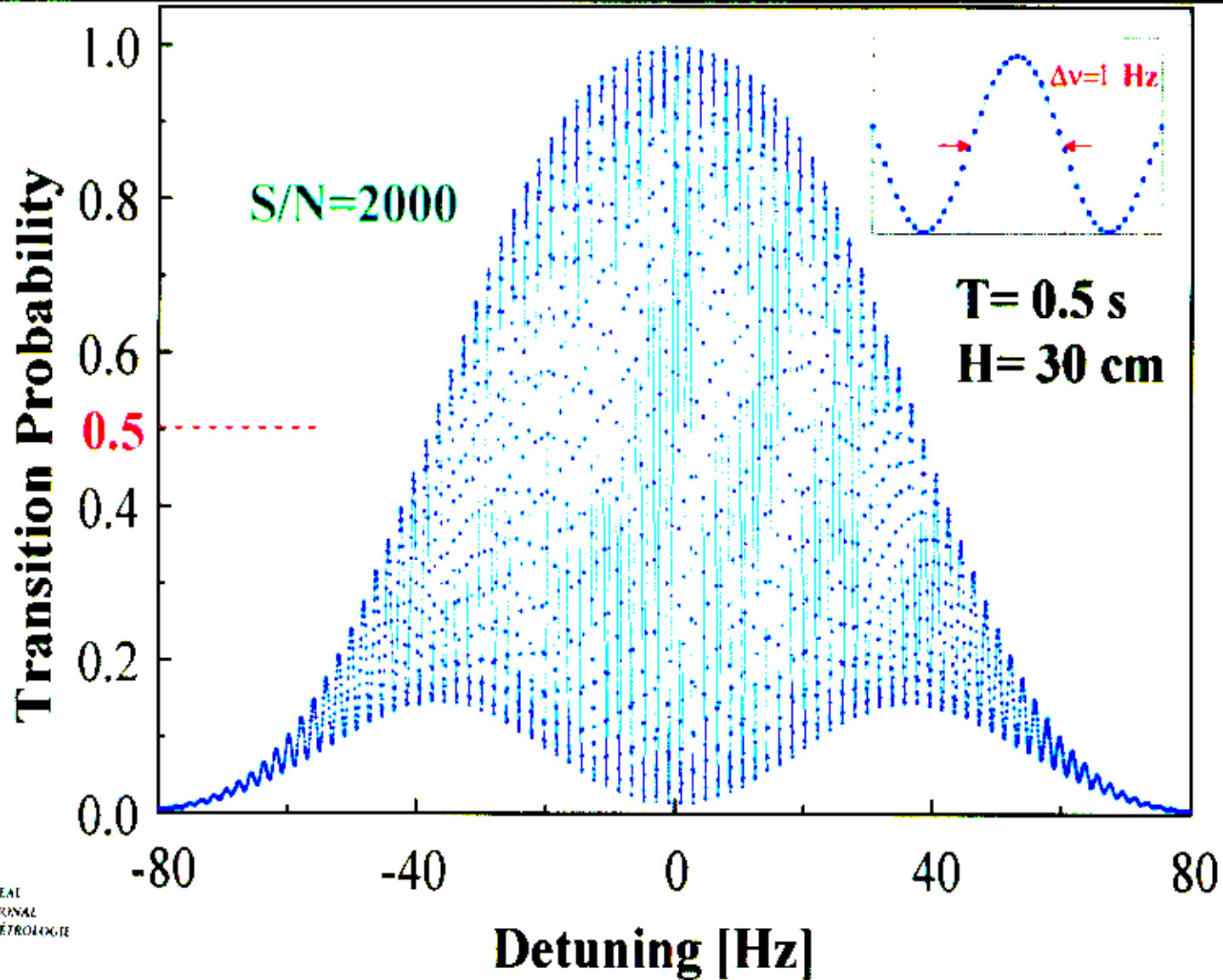


PTB, D

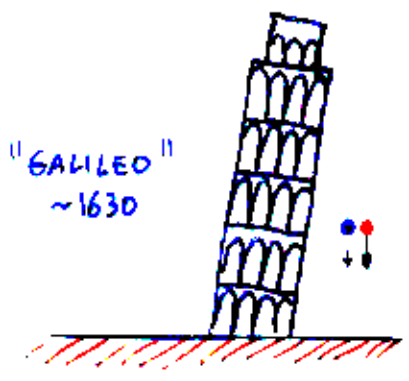


NIST, USA

Franges de Ramsey dans une fontaine atomique



UNIVERSALITY OF FREE FALL



NEWTON <1686



10^{-3}



$\sim 10^{-7}$

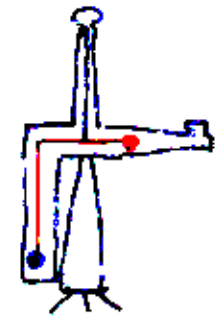
LAPLACE <1805



[POINCARÉ 1906

$\sim 10^{-8}$]

EÖTVÖS 1896



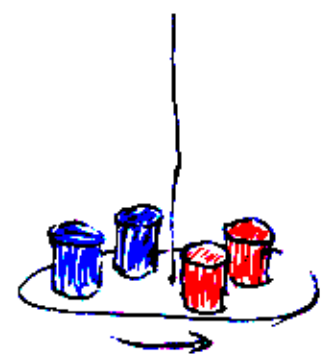
$\sim 10^{-8}$

DICKE ET AL. 1962



$\sim 3 \times 10^{-11}$

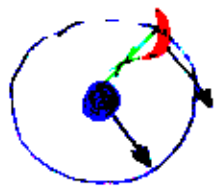
BRAGINSKY AND PANOV 1972



$\sim 10^{-12}$

ADELBERGER ET AL. 1989-1994, 2001-

LUNAR LASER RANGING



$\sim 10^{-13}$

1969 - NOW

DICKBY ET AL. '94

WILLIAMS ET AL. '96

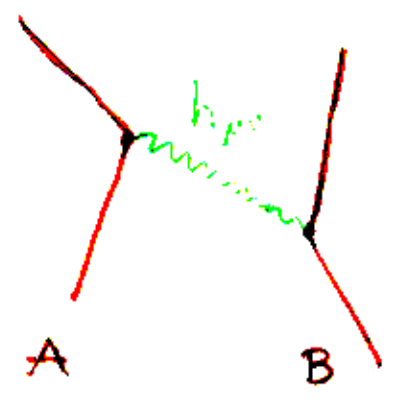


SPACE TESTS OF THE EQUIVALENCE PRINCIPLE



MICROSCOPE 2009 $\sim 10^{-15}?$
STEP 200? $\sim 10^{-18}?$

DYNAMICS OF THE GRAVITATIONAL FIELD: WEAK FIELD REGIME



'ONE - GRAVITON EXCHANGE'

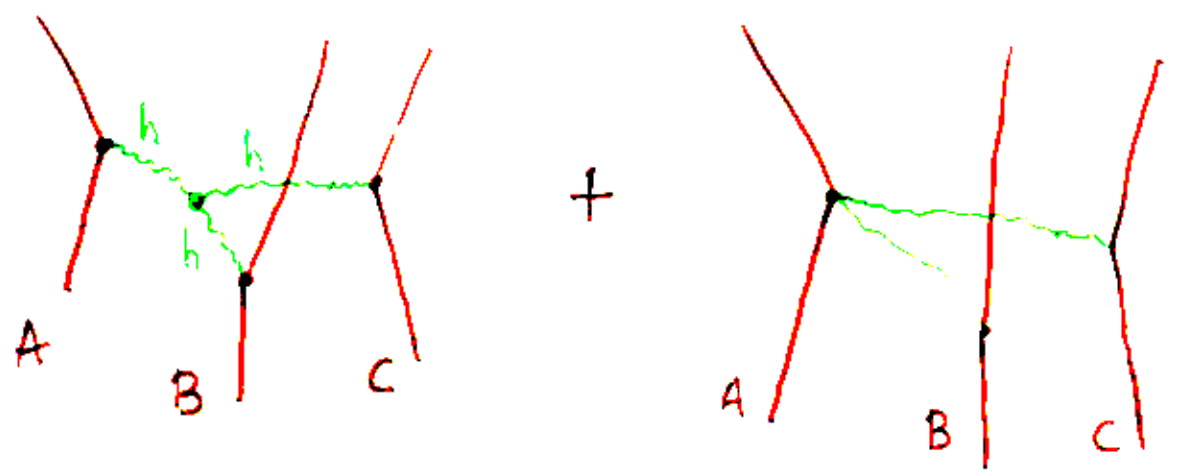


LINEARIZED EINSTEIN'S EQUATIONS

$$\square h_{\mu\nu} = -\frac{16\pi G}{c^4} \left(T_{\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{2} T \eta_{\mu\nu} \right)$$

$$S_{INT} = 2G \iint ds_A ds_B m_A u_A^\mu u_A^\nu P_{2\mu\nu}^{\rho\sigma} D[\alpha_{AB} - \alpha_{BA}] m_B u_B^\rho u_B^\sigma$$

$$\left[\begin{array}{l} \text{2-body} \\ A \neq B \end{array} \right] = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{A \neq B} \frac{G m_A m_B}{r_{AB}} \left[1 + \frac{3}{2c^2} (\vec{v}_A^2 + \vec{v}_B^2) - \frac{7}{2c^2} \vec{v}_A \cdot \vec{v}_B - \frac{1}{2c^2} (\vec{n}_{AB} \cdot \vec{v}_A)(\vec{n}_{AB} \cdot \vec{v}_B) + O\left(\frac{1}{c^4}\right) \right]$$



$$\left[\begin{array}{l} \text{3-body} \end{array} \right] = -\frac{1}{2} \sum_{3 \neq A \neq C} \frac{G^2 m_A m_B m_C}{r_{AB} r_{AC} c^2} + O\left(\frac{1}{c^4}\right)$$

TESTS OF THE DYNAMICS OF THE GRAV. FIELD

SOLAR-SYSTEM TESTS :

WEAK ($h_{\mu\nu} < 10^{-6}$) AND QUASI-STATIC ($\frac{\partial h}{c \partial x} \sim \frac{v}{c} \lesssim 10^{-4}$) FIELDS

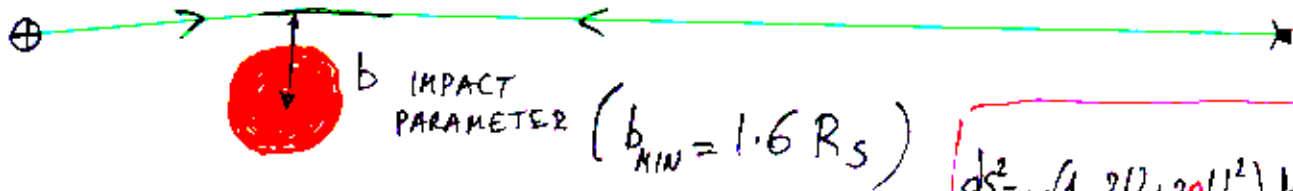
- PERIHELION ADVANCE OF MERCURY
I. Shapiro '90, assuming $J_{2\oplus} \sim 2 \times 10^{-7}$
$$\Delta \dot{\omega} = 42.98'' (1.000 \pm 0.001)$$
- LIGHT DEFLECTION (VLBI)
S. S. Shapiro... '04
$$\Delta \theta = \Delta \theta^{\text{GR}} (1 + (-0.9 \pm 2.2) \times 10^{-4})$$
- ORBITAL MOTION OF THE MOON
(Nordtvedt '68) LUNAR LASER RANGING
Williams... '04
$$(\Delta r_{\oplus\text{D}})_{\text{SYNODIC}} = (3 \pm 4) \text{ mm } \cos D$$
- VARYING FREQUENCY SHIFT OF
RADIO LINKS: CASSINI SPACECRAFT
(Bertotti, Iess, Tortora '03)
$$\frac{\Delta \nu/\nu}{(\Delta \nu/\nu)^{\text{GR}}} = 1 + (1.0 \pm 1.1) \times 10^{-5}$$

QUASI-STATIC, WEAK-FIELD EINSTEIN GRAVITY OK AT

10^{-5} LEVEL

VARYING FREQUENCY SHIFT OF RADIO LINKS WITH THE CASSINI SPACECRAFT

(Bertotti, Iess, Tortora '03)



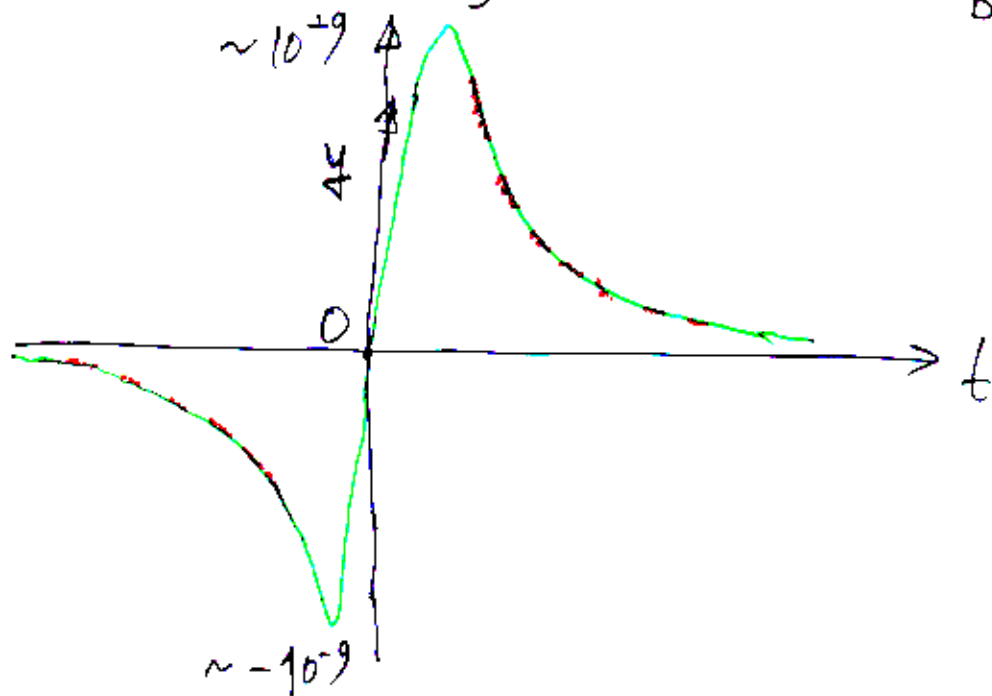
TWO-WAY RELATIVISTIC FREQUENCY SHIFT

$$ds^2 = -\left(1 - \frac{2U}{c^2} + 2\beta\frac{U^2}{c^4}\right) dt^2 + \left(1 + 2\gamma\frac{U}{c^2}\right) d\vec{x}^2$$

$$\gamma_{GR} = 1$$

$$\gamma \equiv \left(\frac{\Delta\nu}{\nu}\right)_{TWO-WAY}^{GRAV.} = -4(1 + \gamma) \frac{GM_{SUN}}{c^3 b} \frac{db}{dt} = -0.2 \mu\text{sec} (1 + \gamma) \frac{1}{b} \frac{db}{dt}$$

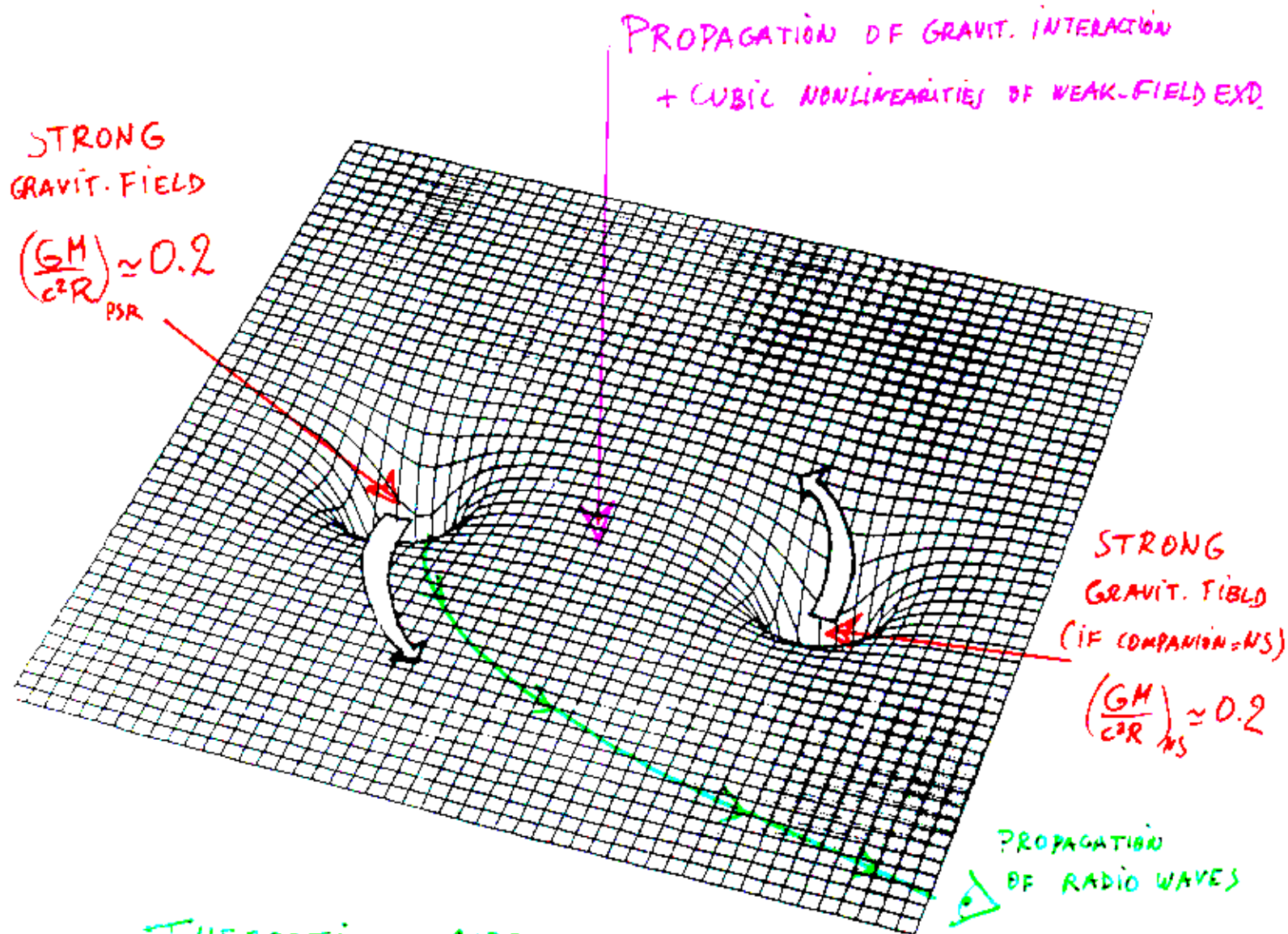
AS EARTH MOVES



$$\gamma - 1 = (2.1 \pm 2.3) \times 10^{-5}$$

BINARY PULSARS: FIRST POSSIBILITY OF PROBING THE FULL STRUCTURE OF RELATIVISTIC GRAVITY

- RADIATIVE EFFECTS [FIELD PROPAGATION]
- HIGHLY NON-LINEAR EFFECTS [STRONG FIELDS]



THEORETICAL ASPECTS OF BINARY PULSARS:

- ① MOTION OF TWO STRONGLY SELF-GRAVITATING BODIES
(T.D. & DERUELLE '81, T.D. '82, '83)
- ② RELATIVISTIC TIMING OF A BINARY PULSAR
(BLANDFORD, TEUKOLSKY '76, T.D. & DERUELLE '85, '86)
- ③ USE OF BINARY PULSARS AS PROBES OF RELATIVISTIC GRAVITY
(EARDLEY '75, WILL, EARDLEY '77, T.D. '88, T.D. & TAYLOR '92)

TESTING RELATIVISTIC GRAVITY WITH BINARY PULSAR DATA

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TWO APPROACHES

- "THEORY-INDEPENDENT" OR "PHENOMENOLOGICAL"
PARAMETRIZED POST-KEPLERIAN

- "THEORY-DEPENDENT"

- BEYOND USUAL POST-NEWTONIAN PARAMETERS

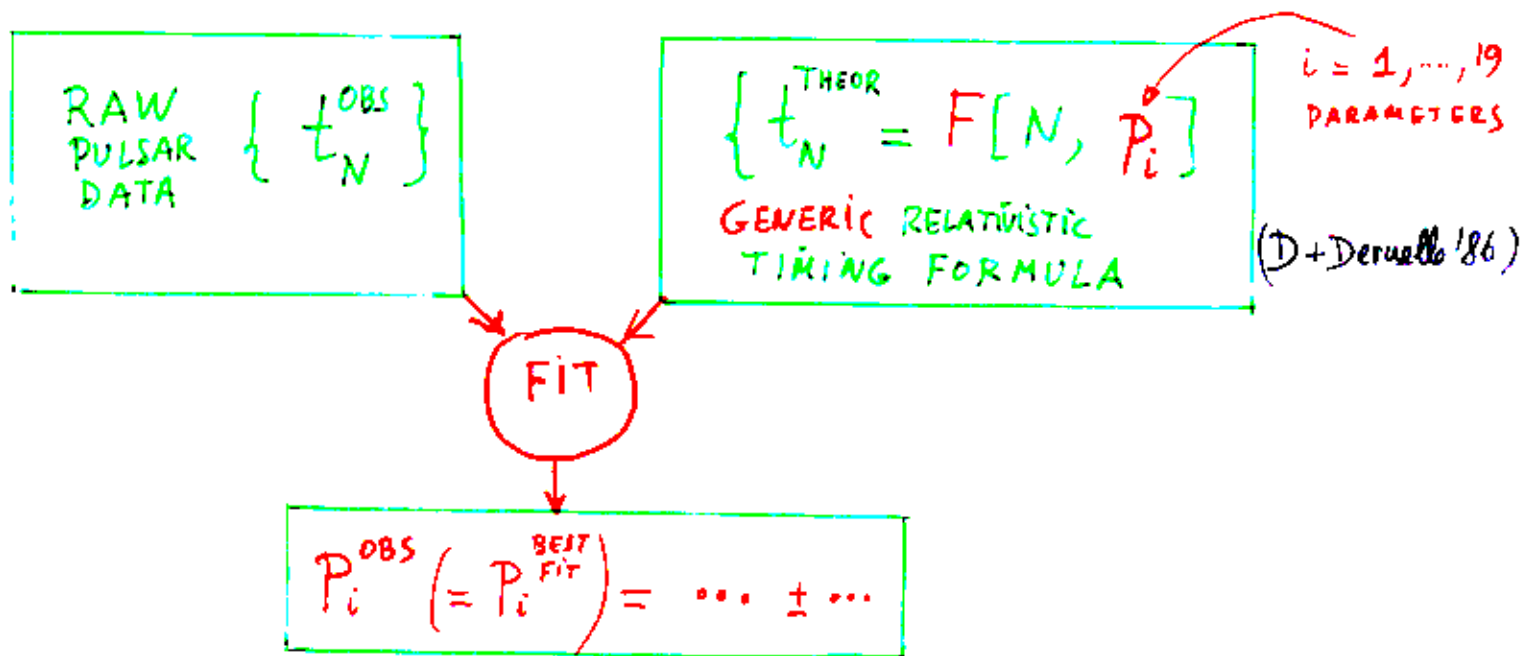
- CLASSES OF TENSOR-SCALAR THEORIES

USING BINARY PULSAR MEASUREMENTS TO PROBE RELATIVISTIC GRAVITY

TWO COMPLEMENTARY APPROACHES

① PHENOMENOLOGICAL ANALYSIS OF BINARY PULSAR DATA "PARAMETRIZED POST-KEPLERIAN FORMALISM" (PPK)

(Blandford + Teukolsky '76, D + Deruelle '86, D '88, D + Taylor '92)



EACH RELATIVISTIC THEORY OF GRAVITY PREDICTS

$$P_i^{\text{THEOR}} = f_i^{\text{THEORY}}(m_1, m_2, (\lambda, \eta))$$

REDUNDANCY : $19 - 2(-2) = 15$ TESTS OF RELATIVISTIC GRAVITY

MOST PROBE STRONG-FIELD ASPECTS OF GRAVITY

N.B. EACH SUCH TEST IS A POTENTIAL KILLER OF G.R.

RELATIVISTIC TIMING FORMULA

Damour and Deruelle [36, 47] proved that it is possible to describe all of the independent $O(v^2/c^2)$ timing effects in a simple mathematical way common to a wide class of alternative theories. This made it possible to revert to a theory-independent analysis of timing data, and led to the possibility of working within a strong-field analog of the PPN formalism, the so-called [37] "parametrized post-Keplerian" approach. The part of the Damour-Deruelle phenomenological timing model describing orbital effects reads

$$t_b - t_0 = F(T; \{p^K\}; \{p^{PK}\}; \{q^{PK}\}) , \quad (2.1a)$$

where t_b denotes the solar-system barycentric (infinite frequency) arrival time, T the pulsar proper time (corrected for aberration, see below),

$$\{p^K\} = \{P_b, T_0, e_0, \omega_0, x_0\} \quad (2.1b)$$

is the set of Keplerian parameters,

$$\{p^{PK}\} = \{k, \gamma, \dot{P}_b, r, s, \delta_\theta, \dot{e}, \dot{x}\} \quad (2.1c)$$

the set of separately measurable post-Keplerian parameters, and

$$\{q^{PK}\} = \{\delta_r, A, B, D\} \quad (2.1d)$$

the set of not separately measurable post-Keplerian parameters. The right hand side of Eq. (2.1a) is given by

$$F(T) = D^{-1} [T + \Delta_R(T) + \Delta_E(T) + \Delta_S(T) + \Delta_A(T)] , \quad (2.2a)$$

$$\Delta_R = x \sin \omega [\cos u - e(1 + \delta_r)] + x [1 - e^2(1 + \delta_\theta)^2]^{1/2} \cos \omega \sin u , \quad (2.2b)$$

$$\Delta_E = \gamma \sin u , \quad (2.2c)$$

$$\Delta_S = -2r \ln \{1 - e \cos u - s [\sin \omega (\cos u - e) + (1 - e^2)^{1/2} \cos \omega \sin u]\} , \quad (2.2d)$$

$$\Delta_A = A \{ \sin[\omega + A_e(u)] + e \sin \omega \} + B \{ \cos[\omega + A_e(u)] + e \cos \omega \} , \quad (2.2e)$$

where

$$x = x_0 + \dot{x}(T - T_0) , \quad (2.3a)$$

$$e = e_0 + \dot{e}(T - T_0) , \quad (2.3b)$$

and where $A_e(u)$ and ω are the following functions of u ,

$$A_e(u) = 2 \arctan \left[\left(\frac{1+e}{1-e} \right)^{1/2} \tan \frac{u}{2} \right] , \quad (2.3c)$$

$$\omega = \omega_0 + k A_e(u) , \quad (2.3d)$$

and u is the function of T defined by solving the Kepler equation

$$u - e \sin u = 2\pi \left[\left(\frac{T - T_0}{P_b} \right) - \frac{1}{2} \dot{P}_b \left(\frac{T - T_0}{P_b} \right)^2 \right] . \quad (2.3e)$$

BINARY PULSAR TESTS OF STRONG FIELD/RADIATIVE

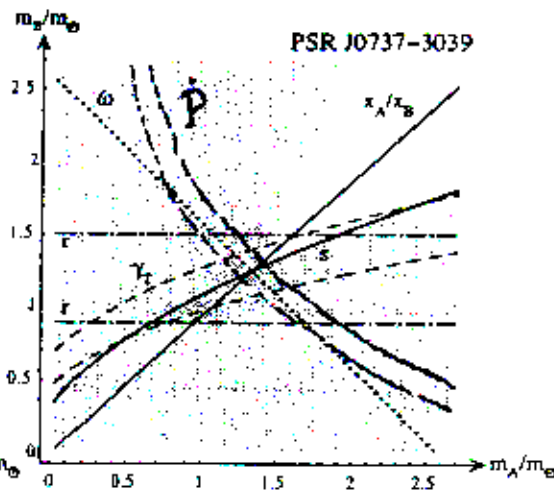
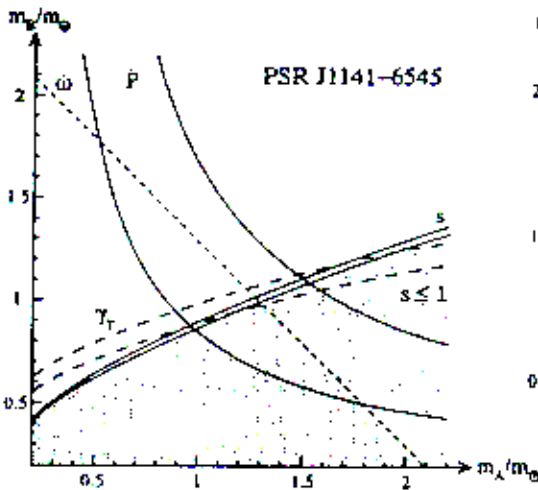
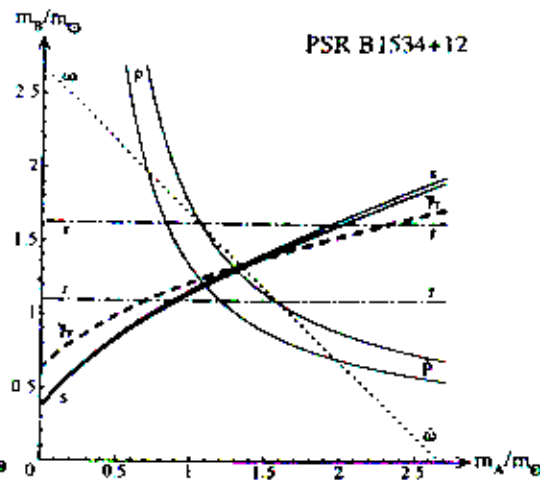
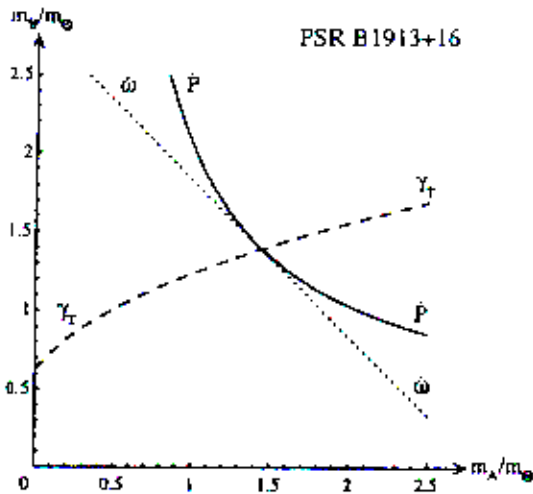
$$3 - 2 = 1$$

1 RADIATIVE + STRONG-FIELD $\sim 10^{-3}$ TEST

$$5 - 2 = 3$$

1 RAD. + STRONG FIELD

2 PURE STRONG-FIELD TESTS $\sim 10^{-2}$



$$4 - 2 = 2$$

1 RAD. + STRONG F

1 STRONG FIELD

$$6 - 2 = 4$$

3 STRONG FIELD TESTS

1 RAD. + STRONG FIELD

SOME HIGH-PRECISION BINARY-PULSAR TESTS

1913+16:

Weisberg, Taylor '04

Damour Taylor 191 14 σ OBS CORRECTION

$$\frac{\dot{P}_b^{\text{OBS}} - \dot{P}_b^{\text{GALACTIC}}}{\dot{P}_b^{\text{GR}} [k^{\text{OBS}}, \gamma_{\text{Timing}}^{\text{OBS}}]} = 1.0013 \pm 0.0021$$

1534+12:

Taylor, Woźniak, Damour, Weisberg '92
Stairs et al. '02

$$\frac{s^{\text{OBS}}}{s^{\text{GR}} [k^{\text{OBS}}, \gamma_{\text{Timing}}^{\text{OBS}}]} = 1.000 \pm 0.007$$

0737-3039

Lyme et al. '04, Kramer et al '04

$$\frac{s^{\text{OBS}}}{s^{\text{GR}} [k^{\text{OBS}}, R^{\text{OBS}}]} = 0.9998 + 0.0006 - 0.0011$$

RADIATIVE AND STRONG-FIELD EINSTEIN GRAVITY OK_{AT}

10^{-3} LEVEL

FIRST APPROACH TO THEORY-DEPENDENT ANALYSIS

IDEA: GENERALIZE PARAMETRIZED POST NEWTONIAN FRAMEWORK
 (Eddington '24, Schiff '60, Baierlein '67, Nordtvedt '68, Will '71)

SOLAR SYSTEM \Rightarrow WEAK FIELD $\frac{GM}{c^2 r} \approx 10^{-6} \ll 1$

MAIN FIRST-ORDER CORRECTIONS
 PARAMETRIZED BY

$$\bar{\gamma} \equiv \gamma^{PPN} - 1 \quad : \text{LIGHT DEFLEXION}$$

$$\bar{\beta} \equiv \beta^{PPN} - 1 \quad : \text{PERIASTRON PRECESSION}$$

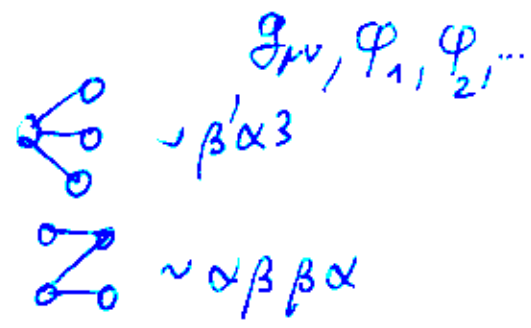
? GENERALIZATION OF $\bar{\beta}$ AND $\bar{\gamma}$ TO SECOND-ORDER CORRECTIONS $\propto \left(\frac{GM}{c^2 r}\right)^2$?

SEEK INSPIRATION FROM SIMPLEST CLASS OF THEORIES: TENSOR-SCALAR

SECOND-ORDER (2PN)
 CORRECTIONS PARAMETRIZED
 BY ONLY TWO PARAMETERS

$$\epsilon$$

$$\zeta$$



(Damour, Esposito-Farese '96)

E.G.

EFFECTIVE GRAVITATIONAL
 COUPLING BETWEEN
 A and B

1PN (Nordtvedt '68)

$$\frac{G_{AB}}{G} = 1 + (4\bar{\beta} - \bar{\gamma}) \left(\frac{E_A^{grav}}{m_A c^2} + \frac{E_B^{grav}}{m_B c^2} \right)$$

$$+ 4\zeta \left(\frac{E_A^{grav}}{m_A c^2} \right) \left(\frac{E_B^{grav}}{m_B c^2} \right) + \left(\frac{\epsilon}{2} + \zeta \right) \frac{\langle U^2 \rangle_A + \langle U^2 \rangle_B}{c^4} + \dots$$

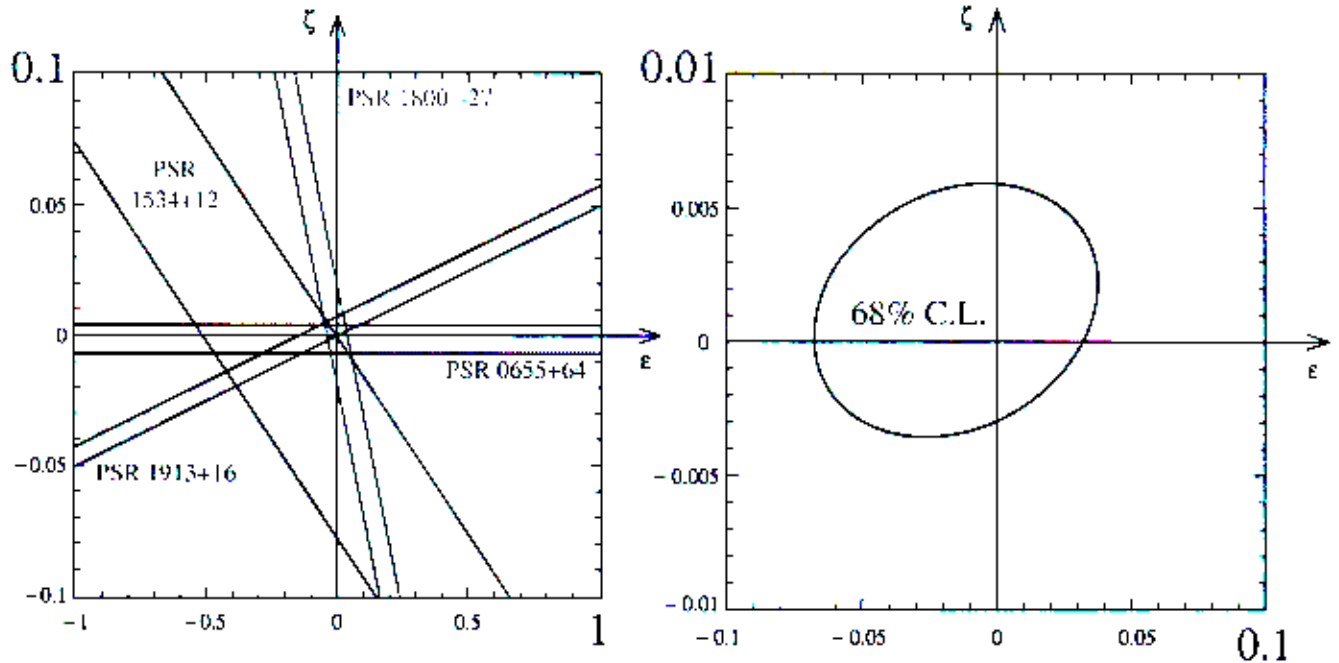
2PN
 (Damour, Esposito-Farese)

• 2PN TERMS, $\propto \epsilon, \zeta$, ARE TOO SMALL TO BE MEASURABLE IN SOLAR SYSTEM
 [THEY DO NOT ENTER LIGHT DEFLECTION!]

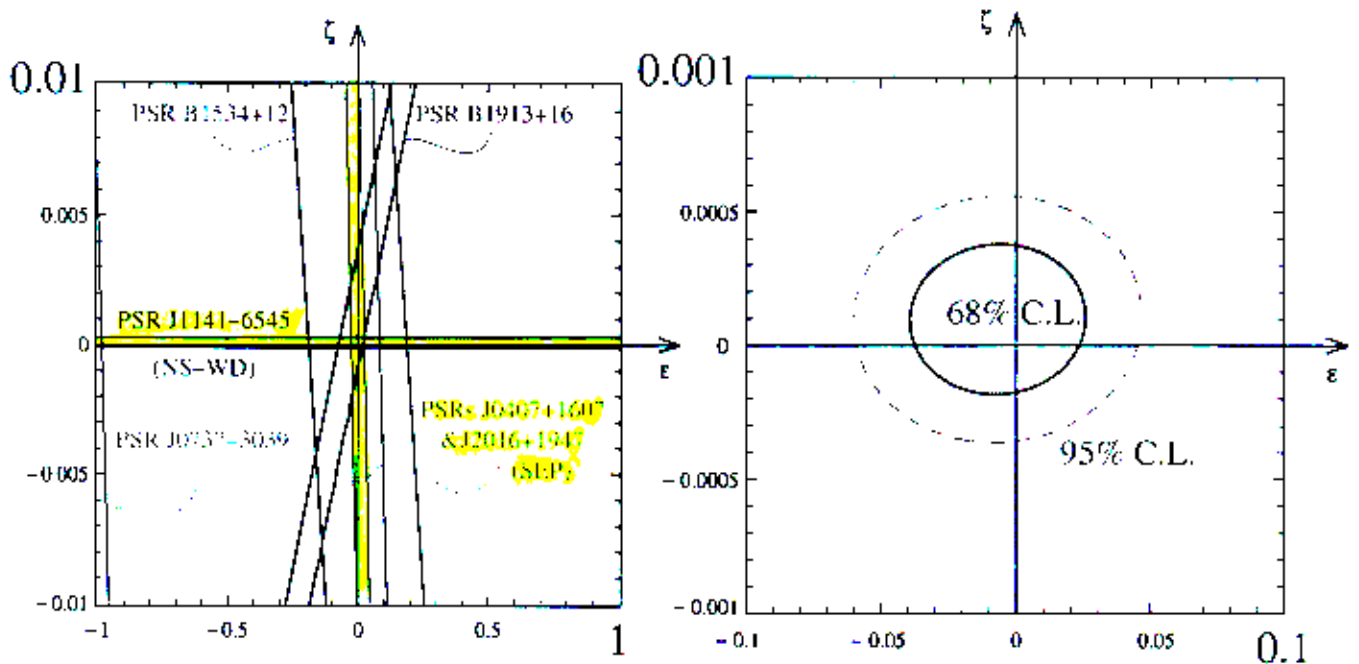
• BINARY PULSARS: $\frac{E_A^{grav}}{m_A c^2} \approx 0.15 \Rightarrow$ ANALYZE DATA AS CONSTRAINTS ON ϵ, ζ

Binary pulsar constraints on the 2PN parameters

$$\varepsilon \left(\infty \begin{array}{c} \circ \\ \diagup \quad \diagdown \\ \circ \end{array} \right) \text{ and } \zeta \left(\infty \begin{array}{c} \circ \quad \circ \\ \diagdown \quad \diagup \\ \circ \end{array} \right)$$



[Damour & Esposito-Farèse, PRD 53 (1996) 5541]



situation in 2004 [T.D. & G.E-F, in preparation]

$\Rightarrow 2\times$ tighter constraints on ε ; $15\times$ tighter constraints on ζ

$$-4 \times 10^{-2} < \varepsilon < 3 \times 10^{-2} \quad -2 \times 10^{-4} < \zeta < +4 \times 10^{-4}$$

SECOND APPROACH TO PROBING GRAVITY WITH BINARY PULSAR DATA:

② THEORY-DEPENDENT ANALYSIS OF PSR DATA

CHOOSE A CLASS OF SIMPLE ALTERNATIVES TO GR CONTAINING A SMALL NUMBER OF PARAMETERS, BUT SUFFICIENTLY MANY TO EXHIBIT INTERESTING EFFECTS

TENSOR-SCALAR GRAVITY:

$$S = \frac{1}{16\pi G} \int d^4x \sqrt{g} [R(g) - 2(\partial_\mu \varphi)^2] + \int d^4x \sqrt{g} [T_{\mu\nu}^{\text{MATTER}}] - \int d^4x \sqrt{g} V(\varphi)$$

SCALAR FIELD φ
COUPLING FUNCTION $\alpha(\varphi)$
POTENTIAL: FIXES φ_0

TWO-PARAMETER COUPLING FUNCTION

$$\alpha(\varphi) = \alpha_0 (\varphi - \varphi_0) + \frac{1}{2} \beta_0 (\varphi - \varphi_0)^2$$

• SIMPLE GENERALIZATION OF JORDAN-FIGRZ-BRAUNS-DICKE

$$\alpha^{\text{JFB}}(\varphi) = \alpha_0 (\varphi - \varphi_0) \quad ; \quad \alpha_0^2 \equiv \frac{1}{2\omega + 3}$$

• MINIMAL THEORY LEADING TO PPN PARAMETERS

(Eddington, Nordtvedt, Will...)

$$\gamma^{\text{PPN}} - 1 = -\frac{2\alpha_0^2}{1 + \alpha_0^2}$$

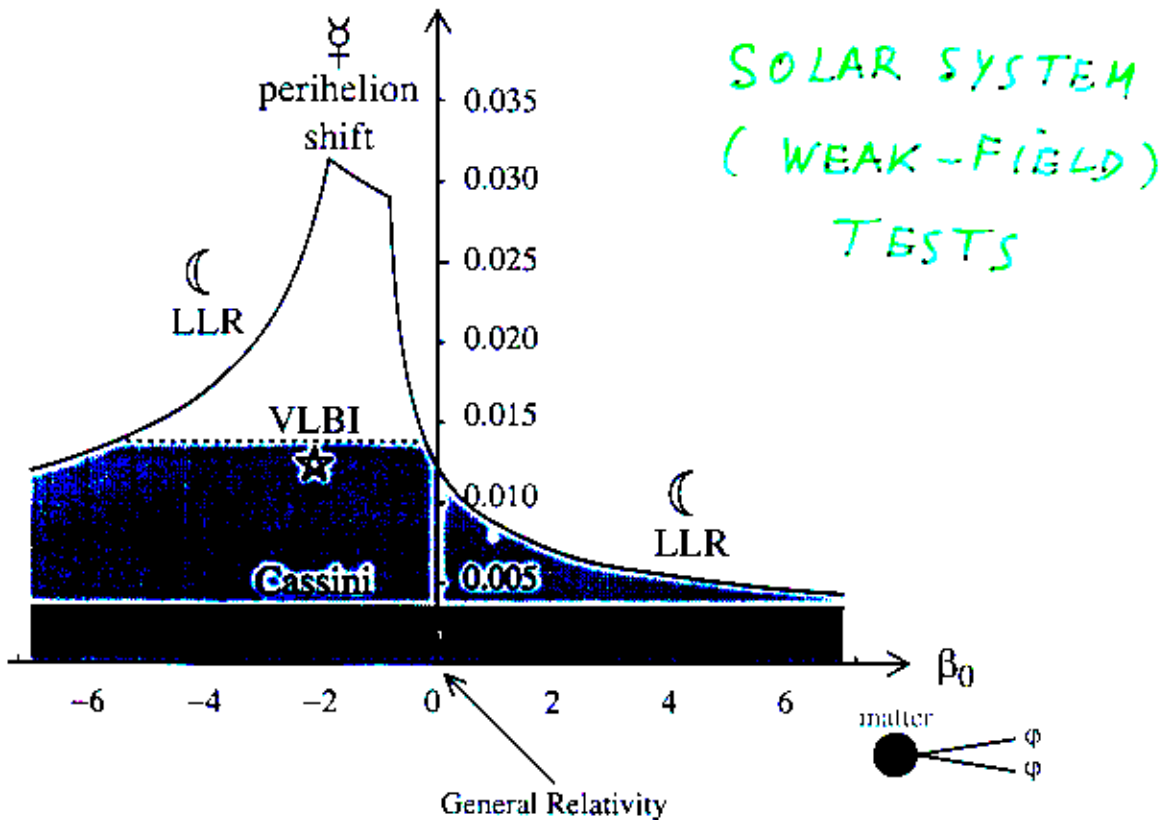
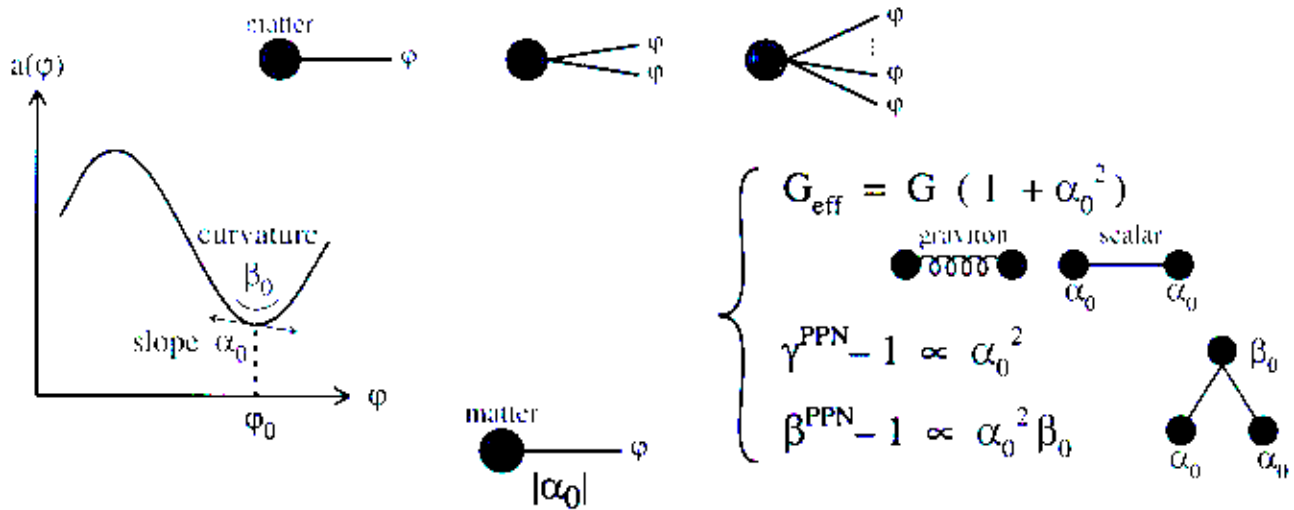
$$\beta^{\text{PPN}} - 1 = \frac{1}{2} \frac{\beta_0 \alpha_0^2}{(1 + \alpha_0^2)^2}$$

• FEATURES INTERESTING NON-PERTURBATIVE STRONG-FIELD EFFECTS

Tensor-scalar theories

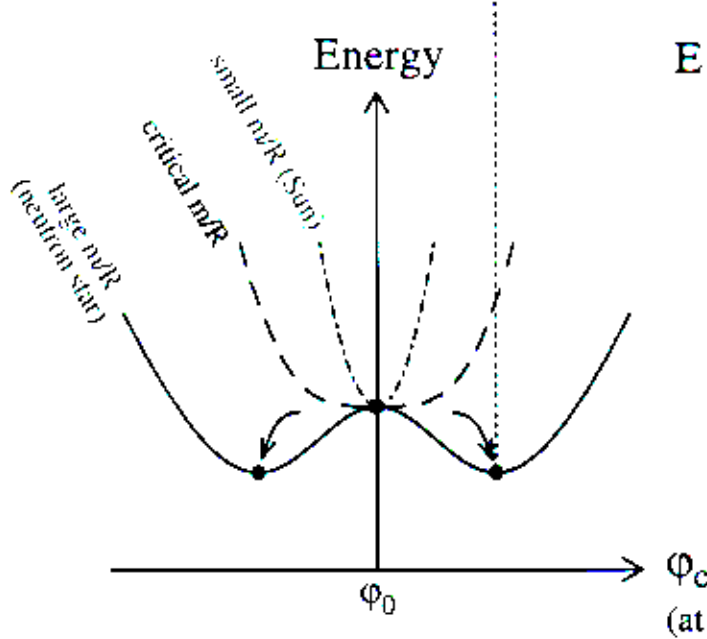
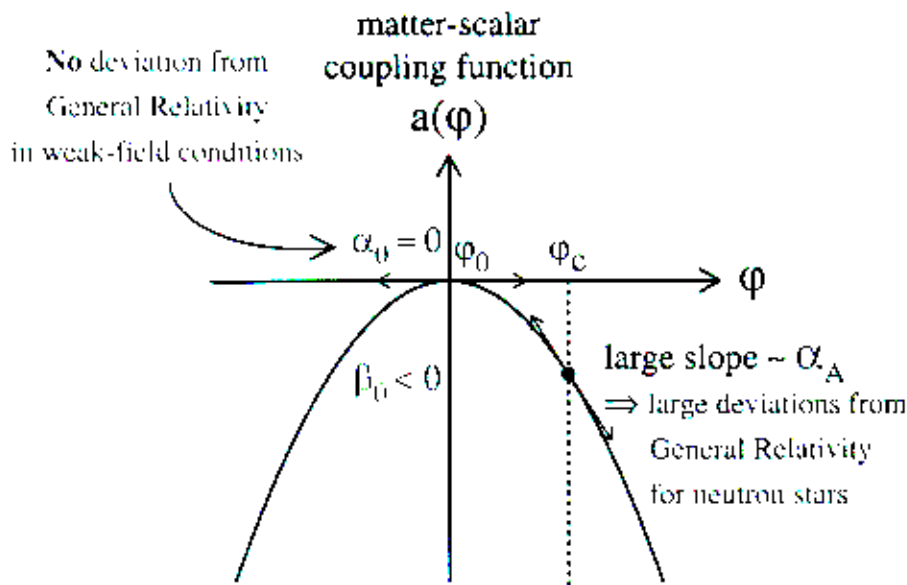
$$S = \frac{1}{16\pi G} \int \sqrt{-g} \left\{ \underset{\substack{\uparrow \\ \text{spin 2}}}{R} - 2 \left(\underset{\substack{\uparrow \\ \text{spin 0}}}{\partial_\mu \phi} \right)^2 \right\} + S_{\text{matter}} \left[\text{matter}; \underset{\substack{\uparrow \\ \text{physical metric}}}{\tilde{g}_{\mu\nu}} \equiv e^{2a(\phi)} g_{\mu\nu} \right]$$

$$a(\phi) = \alpha_0 (\phi - \phi_0) + \frac{1}{2} \beta_0 (\phi - \phi_0)^2 + \dots$$



Vertical axis ($\beta_0 = 0$): Jordan-Fierz-Brans-Dicke theory $\alpha_0^2 = \frac{1}{2\omega_{\text{JBD}} + 3}$

NON-PERTURBATIVE STRONG-FIELD EFFECTS 712

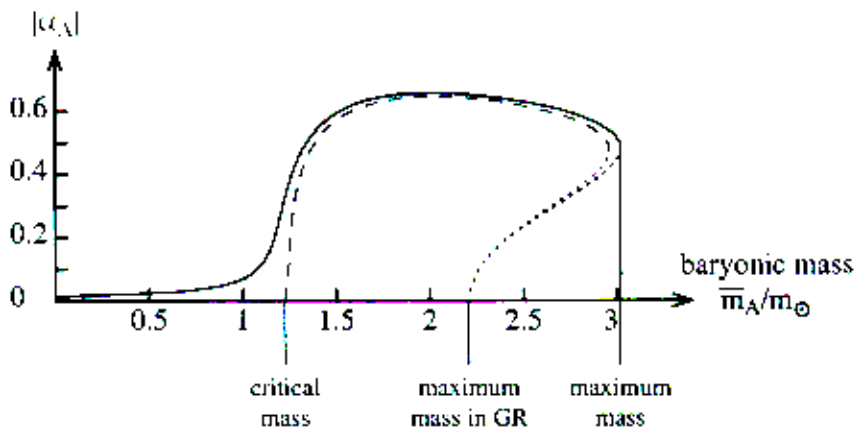


$$E \approx \int \left[\frac{1}{2} (\vec{\nabla}\varphi)^2 + \rho e^{\beta_0 \varphi^2/2} \right]$$

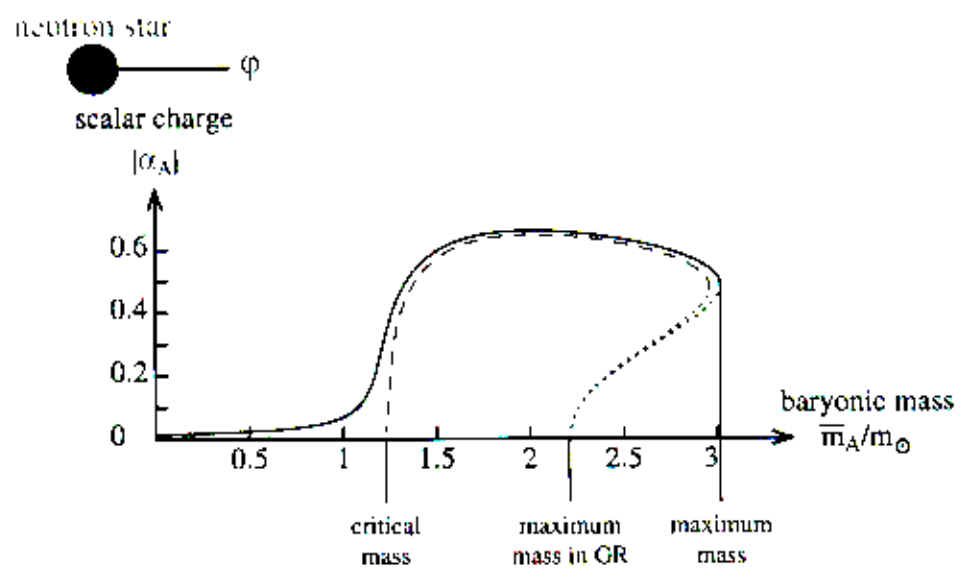
\downarrow \downarrow
 $\frac{1}{2} R \varphi_c^2 + m e^{\beta_0 \varphi_c^2/2}$
 parabola Gaussian
 if $\beta_U < 0$

“spontaneous scalarization” [T. Damour & G.E. ~~1993~~ *Spiros & Fares*]

neutron star φ
scalar charge

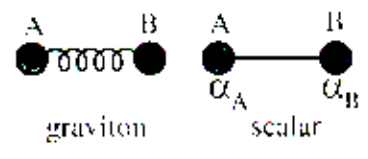


Strong-field effects

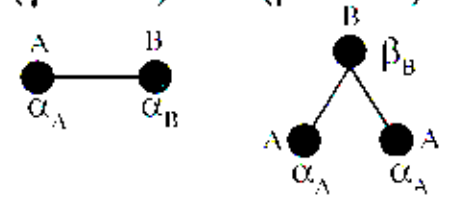


$$G_{AB}^{eff} = G (1 + \alpha_A \alpha_B)$$

depends on internal structure of bodies A & B

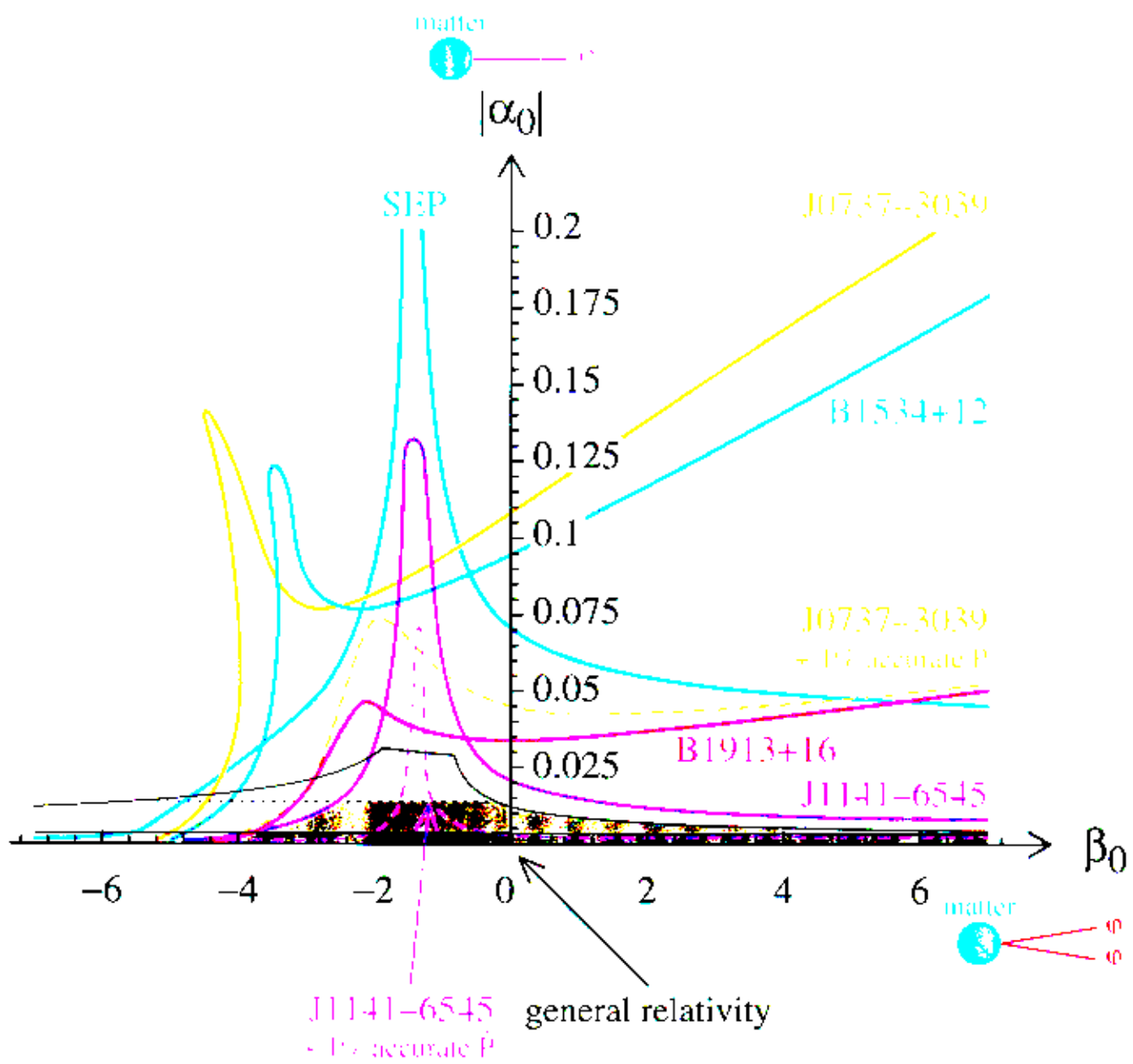


similarly for $(\gamma^{PPN} - 1)$ and $(\beta^{PPN} - 1) \Rightarrow$ all post-Newtonian effects



$$\begin{aligned} \text{Energy flux} = & \frac{\text{Quadrupole}}{c^5} + O\left(\frac{1}{c^7}\right) \quad \text{spin 2} \\ & + \frac{\text{Monopole}}{c} \left(0 + \frac{1}{c^2}\right)^2 + \frac{\text{Dipole}}{c^3} + \frac{\text{Quadrupole}}{c^5} + O\left(\frac{1}{c^7}\right) \quad \text{spin 0} \\ & \qquad \qquad \qquad \uparrow \\ & \qquad \qquad \qquad \propto (\alpha_A - \alpha_B)^2 \end{aligned}$$

Solar-system and best binary pulsar constraints on tensor-scalar theories
 (updated April 2005)



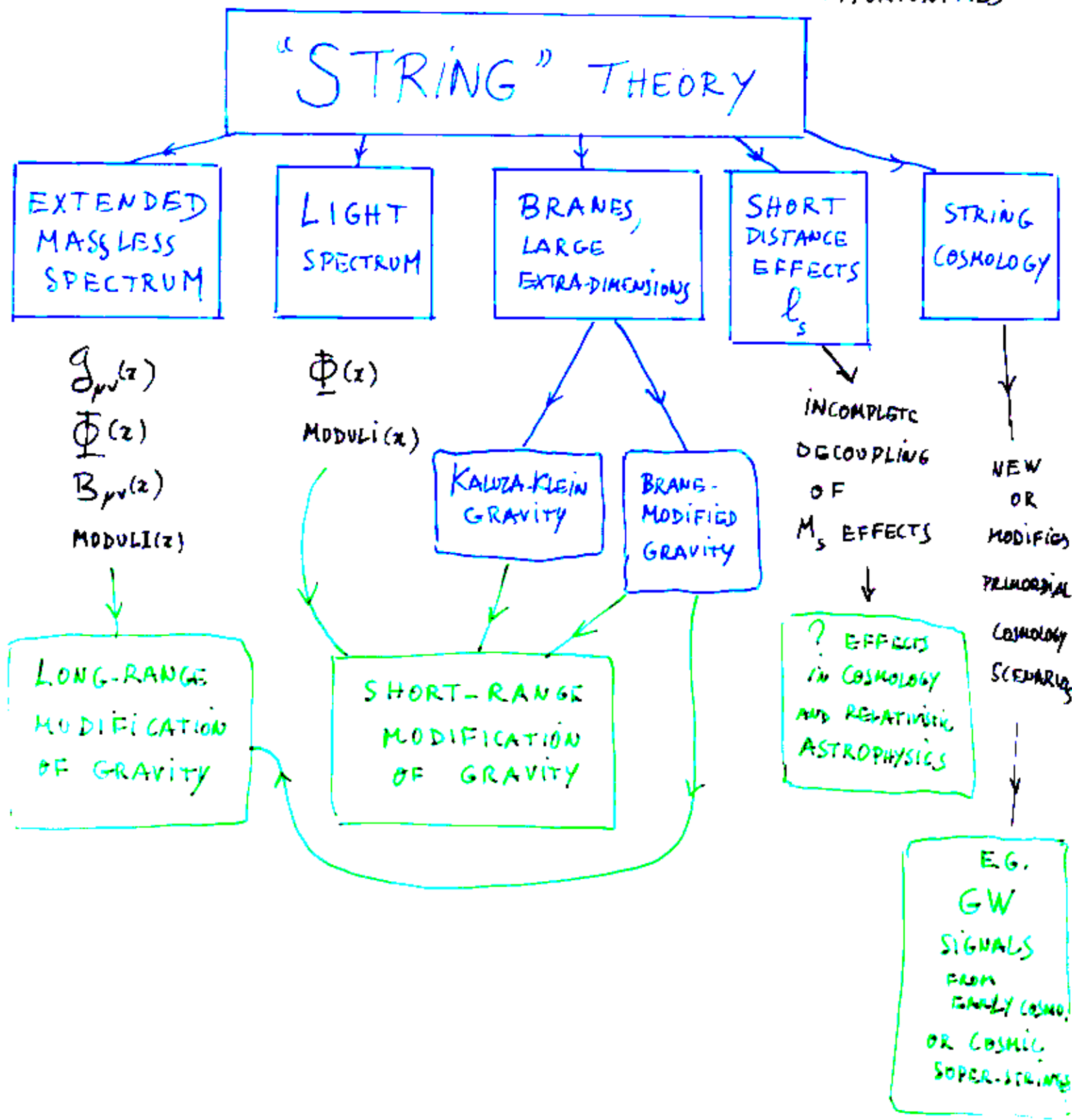
WAS EINSTEIN 100% RIGHT?

SHOULD WE STOP TESTING

SPECIAL AND GENERAL RELATIVITY?

STRING-INSPIRED PHENOMENOLOGY CV4

- NO CLEAR UNDERSTANDING OF HOW TO FIT OUR WORLD WITHIN STRING THEORY
- ⇒ DISCUSS PHENOMENOLOGICAL POSSIBILITIES; OPEN NEW EXPERIMENTAL OPPORTUNITIES



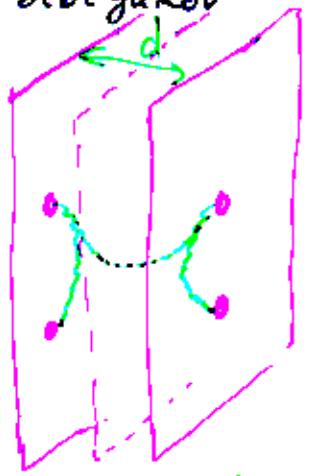
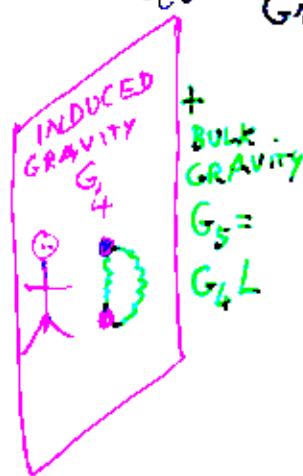
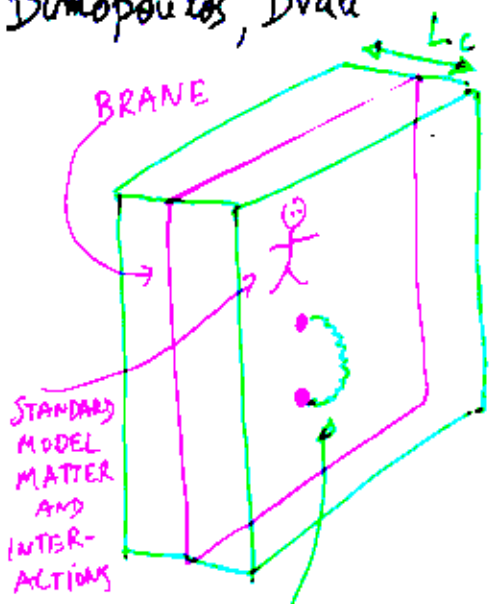
BRANES AND GRAVITY

"LARGE" BUT COMPACT EXTRA-DIMENSIONS
 Antoniadis, Arkani-Hamed, Dimopoulos, Dvali

INFINITE EXTRA-DIMENSIONS BUT "MISMATCHED" GRAVITY
 Randall, Sundrum

Dvali, Gabadadze, Porrati

MULTI-BRANES
 Kogan, Mouslopoulas, Papazoglou, Ross, Santiago, Gregory, Rubakov, Sibiryakov



BULK GRAVITY
 ↓
 HIGHER-DIMENSIONAL GRAVITY WHEN

GRAVITY = SURFACE WAVE
 ↓
 MODIFICATION OF GRAVITY WHEN

GRAVITY = SURFACE + BULK PROPAGATION
 ↓
 MODIFICATION OF GRAVITY WHEN

TUNNELLING (EVANESCENT WAVES) BETWEEN SEVERAL GRAVITON WAVES
 ↓
 MULTI-GRAVITY

$$r < L_c$$

$$r \lesssim \text{BULK CURVATURE RADIUS} \equiv r_c$$

$$r \gtrsim L \equiv \frac{G_5}{G_4}$$

MODIFICATION OF GRAVITY BOTH WHEN

AND (if $l_s \sim \text{TeV}$) INTERESTING OBSERVABLE EFFECTS IN LHC

AND SMALL MODIFICATIONS FOR $r < L$

$$r \lesssim r_c$$

Dvali, Gruzinov, Zaldarriaga

AND

$$U' = \frac{GM}{r} \left[1 - \frac{1}{L} \sqrt{\frac{r^3 c^2}{GM}} \right]$$

$$r \gtrsim r_c e^{d/r_c}$$

EFFECTS IN SOLAR SYSTEM, LUNAR RANGING...

BUT PROBLEMS WITH "PAULI-FIERZ" TYPE MASSIVE GRAVITY

$$V(r) = -\frac{Gm_1m_2}{r} \left[1 + \alpha e^{-\frac{r}{\lambda}} \right]$$

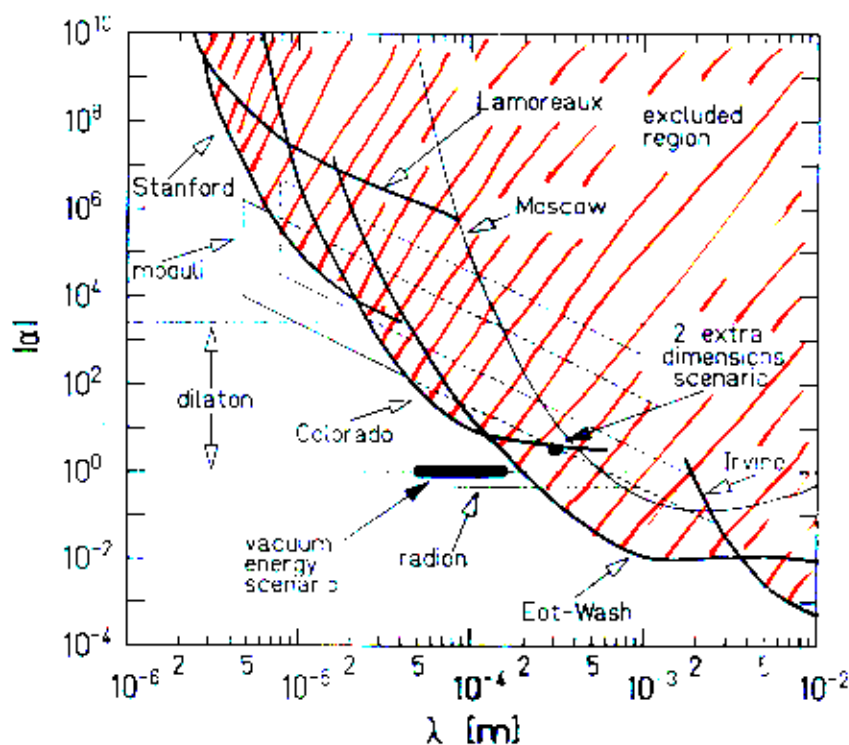


Figure 5: 95% confidence-level constraints on ISL violating Yukawa interactions with $1 \mu\text{m} \leq \lambda \leq 1 \text{ cm}$. The lower curves give experimental upper limits (the Lamoreaux constraint was computed in Reference (151)). Theoretical expectations for extra dimensions (56), moduli (101), dilaton (102), and radion (83) are shown, as well.

INTUITIVE MEANING OF $g_{\mu\nu}(z) + \Phi(z) + \dots$

	GEOMETRY	COUPLING CONSTANTS	
NEWTON	RIGID	RIGID	
EINSTEIN	SOFT	RIGID	} EINSTEIN EQUIVALENCE PRINCIPLE
STRING THEORY	SOFT	SOFT	

g geometry \sim g gravitation \sim g gauge coupling constant \sim G gravitational coupling constant

$$g_{\mu\nu}(z) \sim g^2(z) \sim G(z)$$

BUT THEN ONE WOULD EXPECT:

- NON-UNIVERSALITY OF FREE FALL $\frac{\Delta a}{a} \sim 10^{-5}$

- COSMOLOGICAL VARIATION OF COUPLING CONSTANTS

$$\frac{\dot{\alpha}}{\alpha} \sim \frac{\dot{\mu}}{\mu} \sim H_0 \sim 10^{-10} \text{ yr}^{-1}$$

- MODIFICATION OF POST-NEWTONIAN GRAVITY

$$\gamma - 1 \sim \mathcal{O}(1)$$

CONSISTENCY OF DILATON+MODULI $\Phi(z)$ WITH PRESENT EXPERIMENTAL DATA? CV9

① $m_\Phi \neq 0, V(\Phi) \neq 0$ IN LOW-ENERGY WORLD \Rightarrow ONLY SHORT-RANGE EFFECTS $\propto \frac{e^{-m_\Phi r}}{r}$

RECENT EXPERIMENTS $\Rightarrow \lambda_\Phi = \frac{1}{m_\Phi} \leq 0.1 \text{ mm} \Rightarrow m_\Phi \geq 10^{-3} \text{ eV}$
 Hoyle...2001
 Chiaverini...2003
 Long...2003

THE VALUE OF m_Φ IS MODEL-DEPENDENT. SOME MODELS NEED TO FIX Φ EARLY ON (BEFORE INFLATION) $\Rightarrow m_\Phi \sim M_s \gg H_{\text{INF}}$

IN SOME MODELS m_Φ IS LINKED TO SUSY BREAKING: $V(\Phi) \sim M_{\text{susy}}^4 \mathcal{V}\left(\frac{\Phi}{M_P}\right)$

$\Rightarrow m_\Phi \sim \frac{M_{\text{susy}}^2}{M_P} \sim \frac{(1 \text{ TeV})^2}{2.4 \times 10^{18} \text{ GeV}} \sim 10^{-3} \text{ eV}$

Taylor, Veneziano '88
 Ferrara et al 1984
 Antoniadis et al 1997

\Rightarrow POSSIBLE MODIFICATIONS OF CAVENDIŠH EXPERIMENTS JUST BELOW 0.1 mm CURRENT DATA

② $m_\Phi = 0, V(\Phi) \approx 0$, BUT \exists NON-TRIVIAL COUPLING FUNCTIONS $B_i(\Phi)$

$\mathcal{L}_{\text{EFF}} = B_R(\Phi) R(g) + B_\Phi(\Phi) (\nabla\Phi)^2 + B_F(\Phi) F_{\mu\nu}^2 + \dots$

$V_{\text{EFF}}(\Phi)$ THROUGH PRESENCE OF MATTER
 Damour, Nordtvedt; Damour, Polyakov

IF $\exists \Phi_m; \partial B_i(\Phi_m) / \partial \Phi_m = 0$

\exists MECHANISM OF NATURAL COSMOLOGICAL ATTRACTION: $\Phi \rightarrow \Phi_m$

AND Φ NEARLY DECOUPLES FROM MATTER WHEN $\Phi \approx \Phi_m$

\Rightarrow NATURALLY SUPPRESSED MODIFICATIONS OF LONG-RANGE GRAVITY

③ BOTH A QUINTESSENCE-LIKE $V(\Phi) \neq 0$ AND COUPLING TO MATTER $B(\Phi)$

$\Rightarrow m_\Phi$ DEPENDS ON SURROUNDING MATTER DENSITY, SO THAT Φ IS SHORT-RANGED IN EARTH-BOUND EXPTS Khoury, Willman, Brax, ...

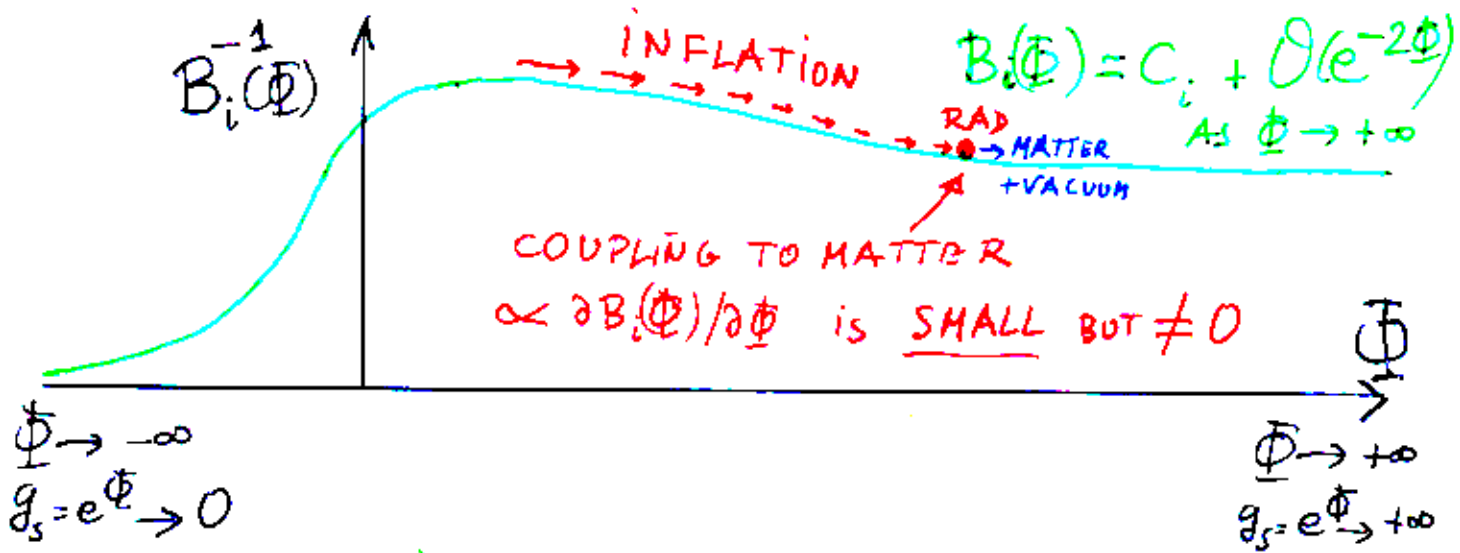
ATTRACTOR SCENARIO, WITH RUN-AWAY

Damour, Polychou

; Damour, Piazza, Veneziano

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{EFF}} = B_R(\Phi) R(g) + B_\Phi(\Phi) (\nabla\Phi)^2 + B_F(\Phi) F_{\mu\nu}^2 + B_\chi(\Phi) (\nabla\chi)^2 + B_V(\Phi) \chi^n$$

↑ DILATON COUPLING FUNCTIONS



OBSERVATIONAL CONSEQUENCES TODAY

RESIDUAL COUPLING

$$\alpha_{\text{had}}^2(\Phi_{\text{end}}) \sim 10 \left(\frac{b_F}{b_i C} \right)^2 \left(\frac{\delta p}{p} \right)^{\frac{8}{n+2}} \sim 2.5 \times 10^{-8} \quad \text{IF } n=2 \quad V(\chi) \sim \chi^n$$

$$\Rightarrow \gamma_{\text{PPN}} - 1 \simeq -2\alpha_{\text{had}}^2 \sim -5 \times 10^{-8}$$

$$\frac{\Delta a}{a} \sim 5 \times 10^{-5} \alpha_{\text{had}}^2 \sim 10^{-12}$$

$$\frac{\dot{\alpha}_{\text{EM}}}{\alpha_{\text{EM}}} \sim \pm \sqrt{1 + q_0 - \frac{3\Omega_m}{2}} \sqrt{10^{12} \frac{\Delta a}{a}} \quad 10^{-16} \text{ yr}^{-1}$$

FUTURE EXPERIMENTS ON GRAVITY

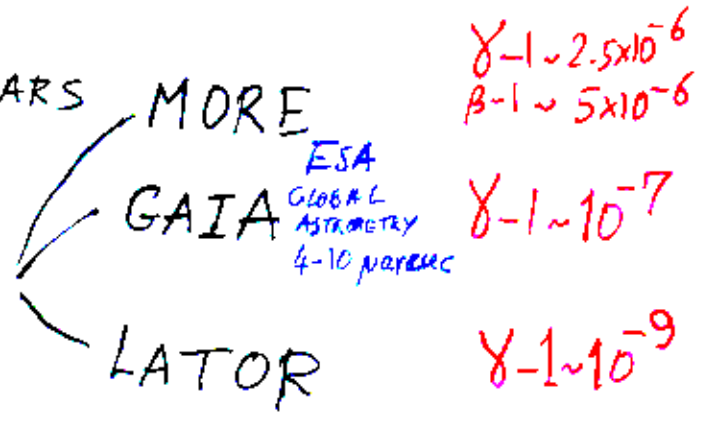
- GRAVITY PROBE B

- COMPARISON OF ATOMIC CLOCKS

- EXPLORING SUB-MICRON DEVIATIONS FROM NEWTON'S LAW

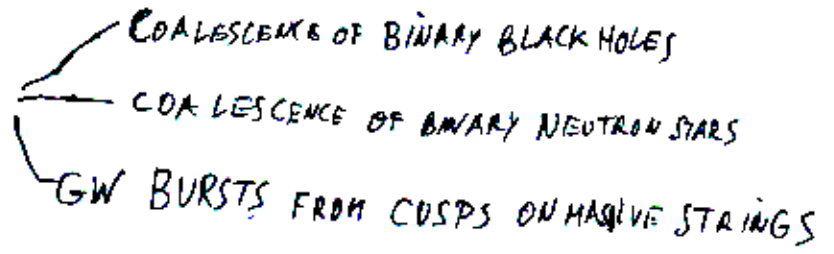
- OLD AND NEW BINARY PULSARS

- IMPROVED SOLAR-SYSTEM TESTS

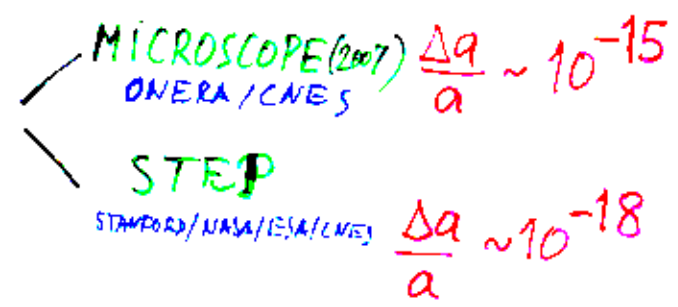


- GRAVITATIONAL WAVES

LIGO/VIRGO/GEO
LISA



- IMPROVED (SATELLITE) TESTS OF THE EQUIVALENCE PRINCIPLE



- IMPROVED CMB MEASUREMENTS

PLANCK

MICROSCOPE (CNES) STEP (NASA/ESA/CNES)

SATELLITE TESTS OF THE EQUIVALENCE PRINCIPLE

ESA/NASA/CNES

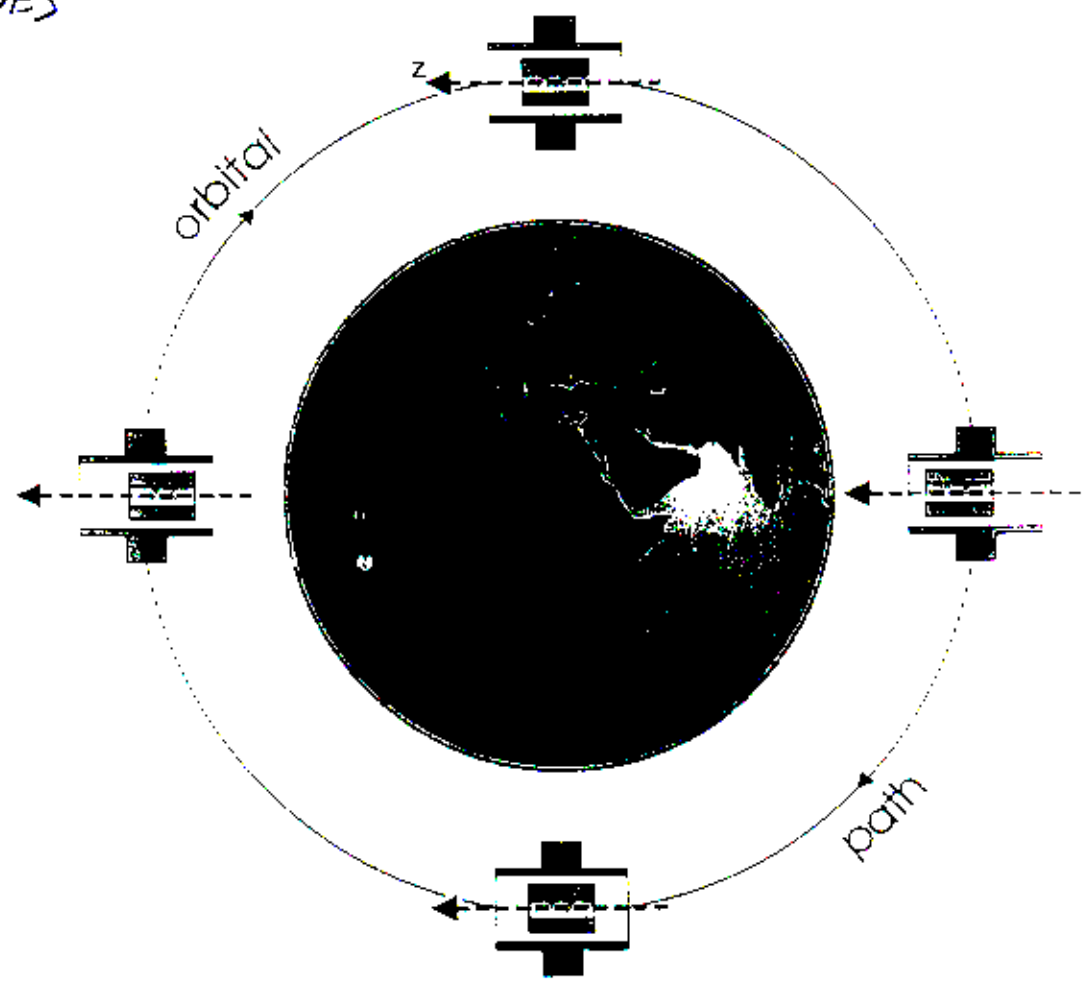


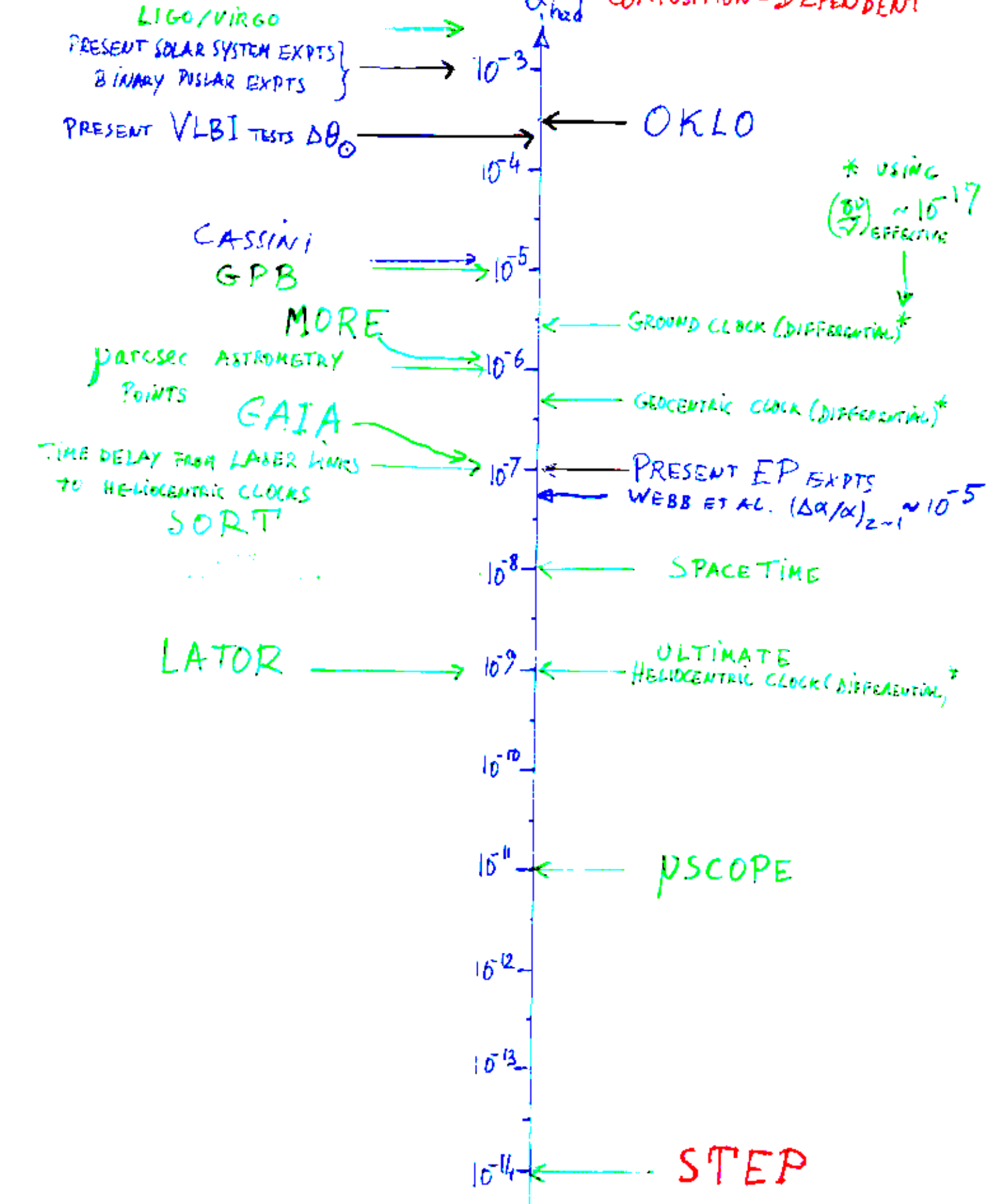
Fig. 3.2: Equivalence principle violation: The Figure shows the relative motion of free masses where the ratio of inertial mass to gravitational mass depends on the composition of the masses. These test masses are constrained by linear magnetic bearings and sensing circuits. Here, the Equivalence Principle violation signal appears at the orbital frequency. In the normal mode of operation the spacecraft would be spun about an axis perpendicular to the orbital plane at a non-integral multiple of the orbital frequency, shifting the EP signal frequency to the spin-frequency \pm the orbital frequency (depending on the spin sense).

CONSTRAINTS ON $\alpha_0^2 \equiv \alpha_{\text{hadron}}^2$ FROM PRESENT AND FUTURE EXPERIMENTS [LONG-RANGE DEVIATIONS]

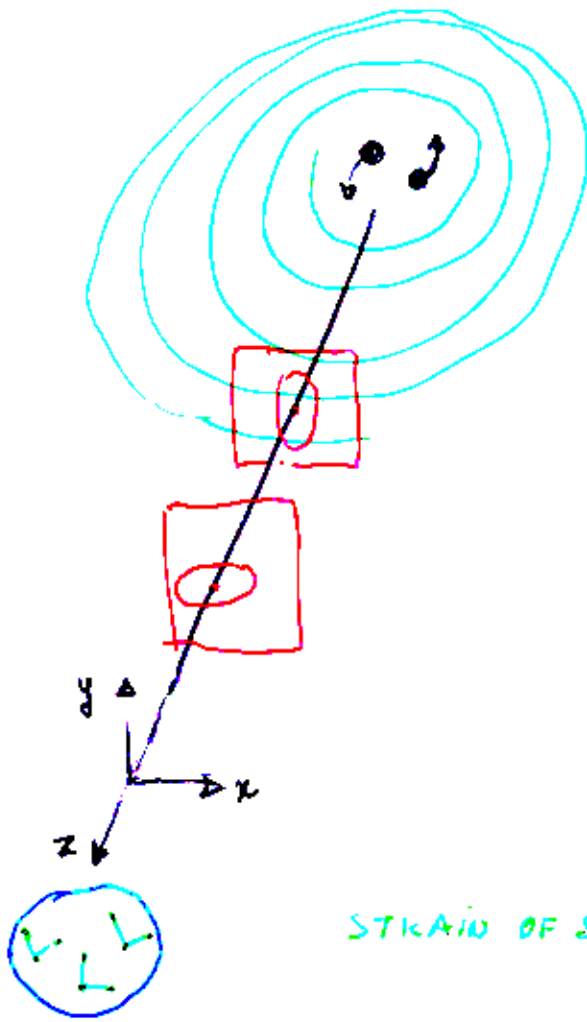
NEWTON

COMPOSITION-INDEPENDENT

COMPOSITION-DEPENDENT



GRAVITATIONAL RADIATION



EXCITATION OF SPACETIME GEOMETRY

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

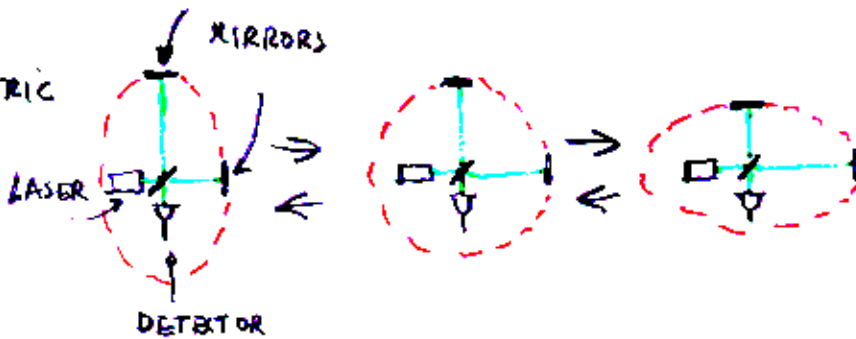
$$h_{\mu\nu} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & h_+ & h_x & 0 \\ 0 & h_x & -h_+ & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

TWO TRANSVERSE POLARIZATIONS

STRAIN OF SPACE DISTANCES :

$$\frac{\delta L}{L} \sim h$$

INTERFEROMETRIC DETECTOR



SEVERAL INDEPENDENT OBSERVATIONAL PROOFS OF REALITY OF GRAV. RADIATION

PSR 1913+16 0.3% PROOF THAT $c_g = c$ $t = d/c_g$
 + PSR 1534+12, PSR J1141-6545, PSR J0737-3039

+ PSR 1913+16 $\frac{2GM}{c^2 R} = 0.4 \Rightarrow 1\%$ TEST OF STRONG-FIELD REGIME OF GENERAL RELATIVITY

$(V/c)^5$

EQUATIONS OF MOTION IN GENERAL RELATIVITY

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0L16

The problem of motion in Newtonian and Einsteinian gravity 183

accelerations. Then each body must satisfy the following equation of motion (Damour and Deruelle, 1981a; Damour, 1982):

$$a^i = A_0^i(\dot{z} - \dot{z}') + c^{-2} A_2^i(\dot{z} - \dot{z}', \ddot{z}, \ddot{z}') - c^{-4} A_4^i(\dot{z} - \dot{z}', \ddot{z}, \ddot{z}', \dot{S}, \dot{S}') + c^{-5} A_5^i(\dot{z} - \dot{z}', \ddot{z}, \ddot{z}') + O(c^{-6}), \quad (154)$$

with

$$A_0^i = -Gm'R^{-2}N^i, \quad (155)$$

$$A_2^i = Gm'R^{-2} \{ N^i [-v^2 - 2v'^2 + 4(vv') + \frac{3}{2}(Nv')^2 + 5(Gm'R) + 4(Gm'R) + (v' - v'')[4(Nv) - 3(Nv')]] \}, \quad (156)$$

$$A_4^i = B_4^i - C_4^i - D_4^i, \quad (157)$$

$$B_4^i = Gm'R^{-2} \{ N^i [-2v'^2 + 4v'^2(vv') - 2(vv')^2 + \frac{3}{2}v'^2(Nv')^2 + \frac{49}{2}v'^2(Nv')^2 - 6(vv')(Nv')^2 - \frac{15}{8}(Nv')^4 + (Gm'R) [-\frac{15}{2}v^2 + \frac{5}{2}v'^2 - \frac{49}{2}(vv') + \frac{49}{2}(Nv')^2 - 39(Nv)(Nv') + \frac{1}{2}(Nv')^2] + (Gm'R) [4v'^2 - 8(vv') + 2(Nv)^2 - 4(Nv)(Nv') - 6(Nv')^2] + (v' - v'')[v^2(Nv') - 4v'^2(Nv) - 5v'^2(Nv') - 4(vv')(Nv) + 4(vv')(Nv') - 6(Nv)(Nv')^2 + \frac{3}{2}(Nv')^3 + (Gm'R) [-\frac{63}{4}(Nv) + \frac{5}{2}(Nv')] + (Gm'R) [-2(Nv) - 2(Nv')] \}, \quad (158)$$

$$C_4^i = G^3 m' R^{-4} N^i [-\frac{5}{4}m^2 - 9m'^2 - \frac{9}{2}mm'], \quad (159)$$

$$D_4^i = \left(\frac{S^{ik}}{m} + 2 \frac{S'^{ik}}{m'} \right) (v^i - v'^i) \left(\frac{Gm'}{R} \right)_{,ki} + \left(2 \frac{S^{ki}}{m} + 2 \frac{S'^{ki}}{m'} \right) (v^i - v'^i) \left(\frac{Gm'}{R} \right)_{,ik}, \quad (160)$$

and

$$A_5^i = \frac{4}{3} G^2 m m' R^{-3} \{ V^i [-V^2 + 2(Gm'R) - 8(Gm'R)] + N^i (NV) [3V^2 - 6(Gm'R) - \frac{5}{2}(Gm'R)] \}. \quad (161)$$

The two parameters m and m' appearing in eqs. (154)–(161) are the 'Schwarzschild masses' of the condensed bodies. They are two constants which appear in the external gravitational field, in which are hidden many internal structure effects (see the discussion of the 'effacement of internal structure' in Section 6.14). On the other hand, the spin tensors undergo a slow evolution (on the post-Newtonian time scale, i.e. β_p^{-2} times the orbital period) which is also obtained in the Einstein-Infeld-Hoffmann Kerr-type approach (Damour, 1982, and references therein). Introducing, à la Schiff, a suitable spin-vector, \dot{S} , associated with S_{ab} , the law of evolution ('spin precession') reads for the first body (see also references in Section 6.13.2)

$$\frac{d\dot{S}}{dt} = \left[\frac{Gm'}{c^2 R^3} \dot{N} \times \left(\frac{3}{2} \dot{z} - 2\dot{z}' \right) \right] \times \dot{S} - O\left(\frac{1}{c^2}\right), \quad (162)$$

"DRESSED MASSES" IN INCORPORATING STRONG-SELF-FIELD EFFECTS

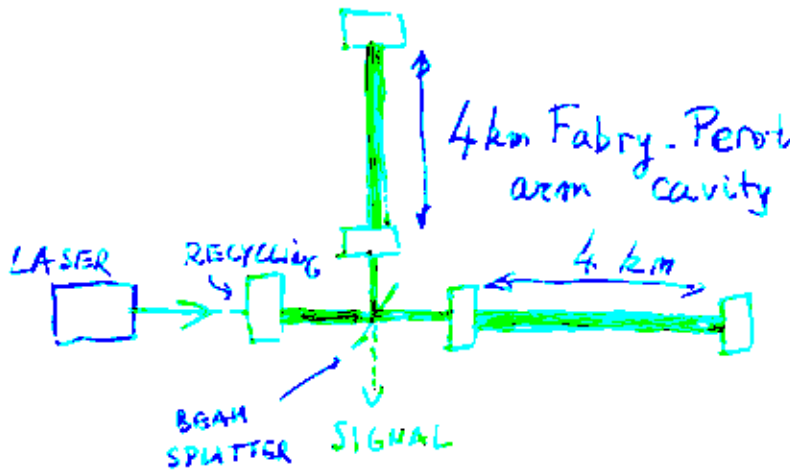
GRAVITATIONAL RADIATION DAMPING

DIRECT EFFECT OF PROPAGATION OF GRAVITY AT SPEED C

GROUND-BASED NETWORK OF INTERFEROMETRIC DETECTORS

LIGO	VIRGO	GEO	TAMA/...
↑	↑	↑	↑
2 SITES (Hanford, Livingston)	1 SITE	1 SITE	1 SITE
3 INTERFEROMETERS	1 INTERFEROMETER	1 INTERFEROMETER	1 INTERFEROMETER
4 km + 2 km, 4 km	3 km	600 m	300 m

NEED 3 SITES FOR LOCALIZING THE SOURCE

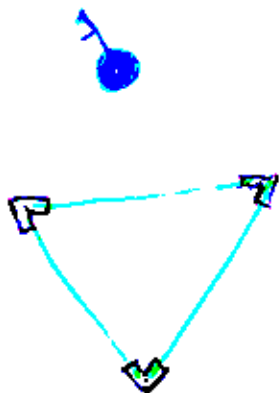


$$\frac{\delta L}{L} \sim h < 10^{-21}$$

$$\delta L < 4 \times 10^{-16} \text{ cm}$$

SPACE-BASED INTERFEROMETRIC DETECTOR

LISA (ESA/NASA)



2 INTERFEROMETERS
(ONE COMMON ARM)
~ 5×10^6 km arms

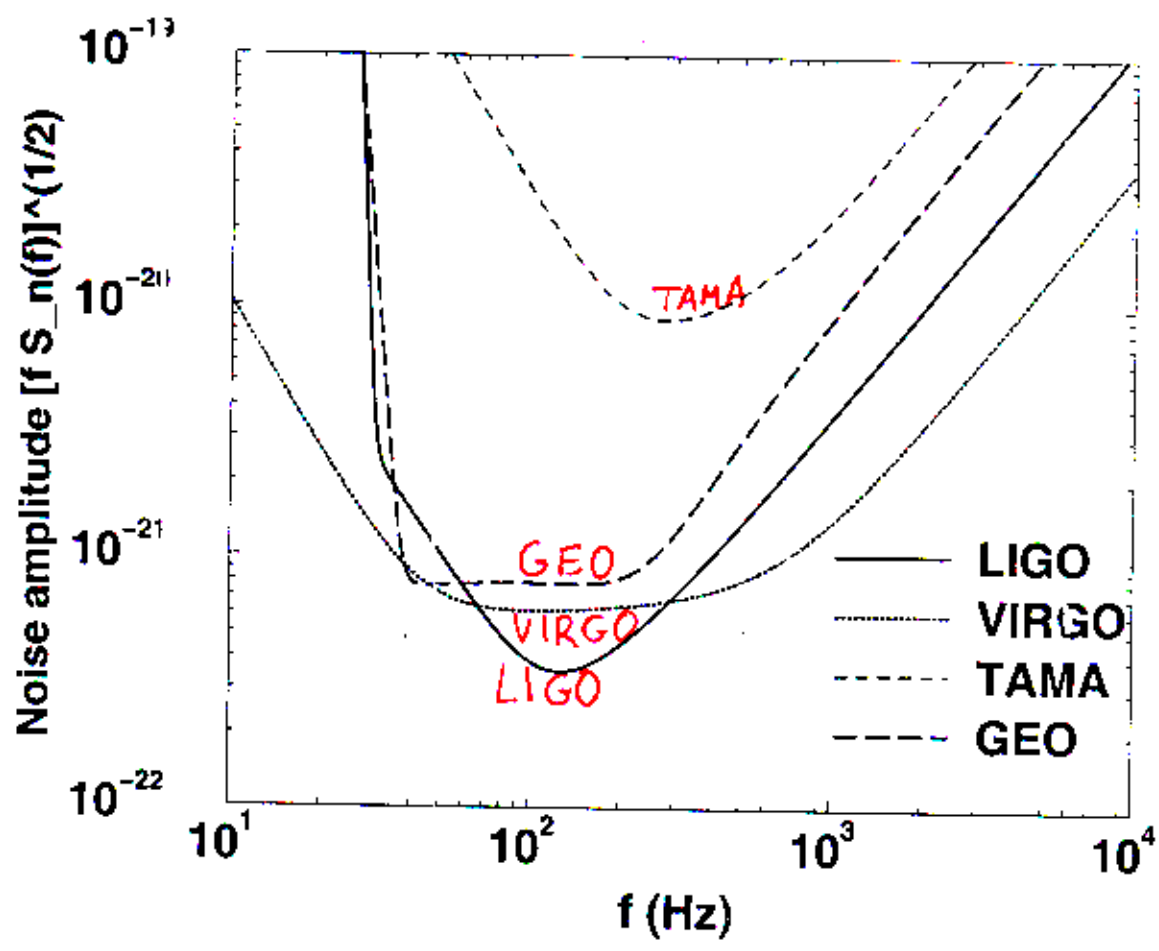
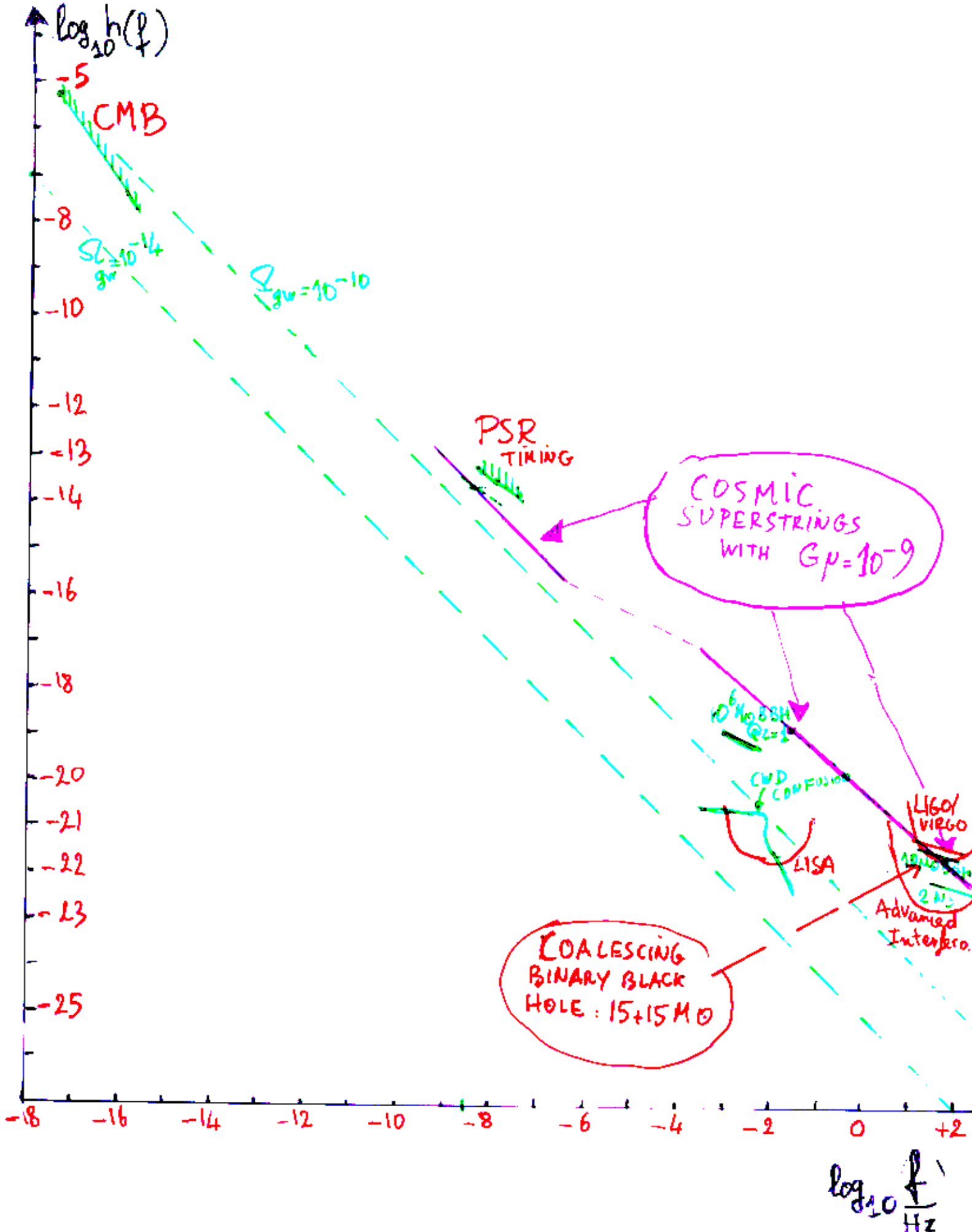
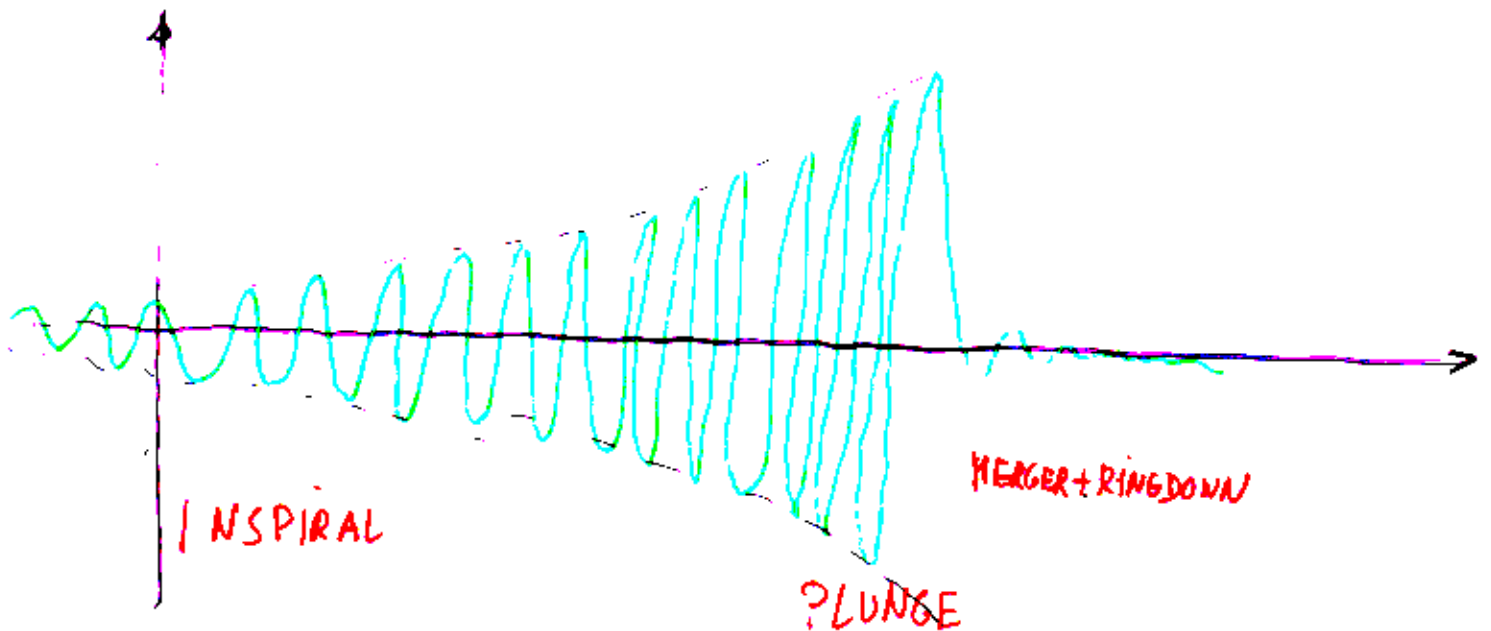
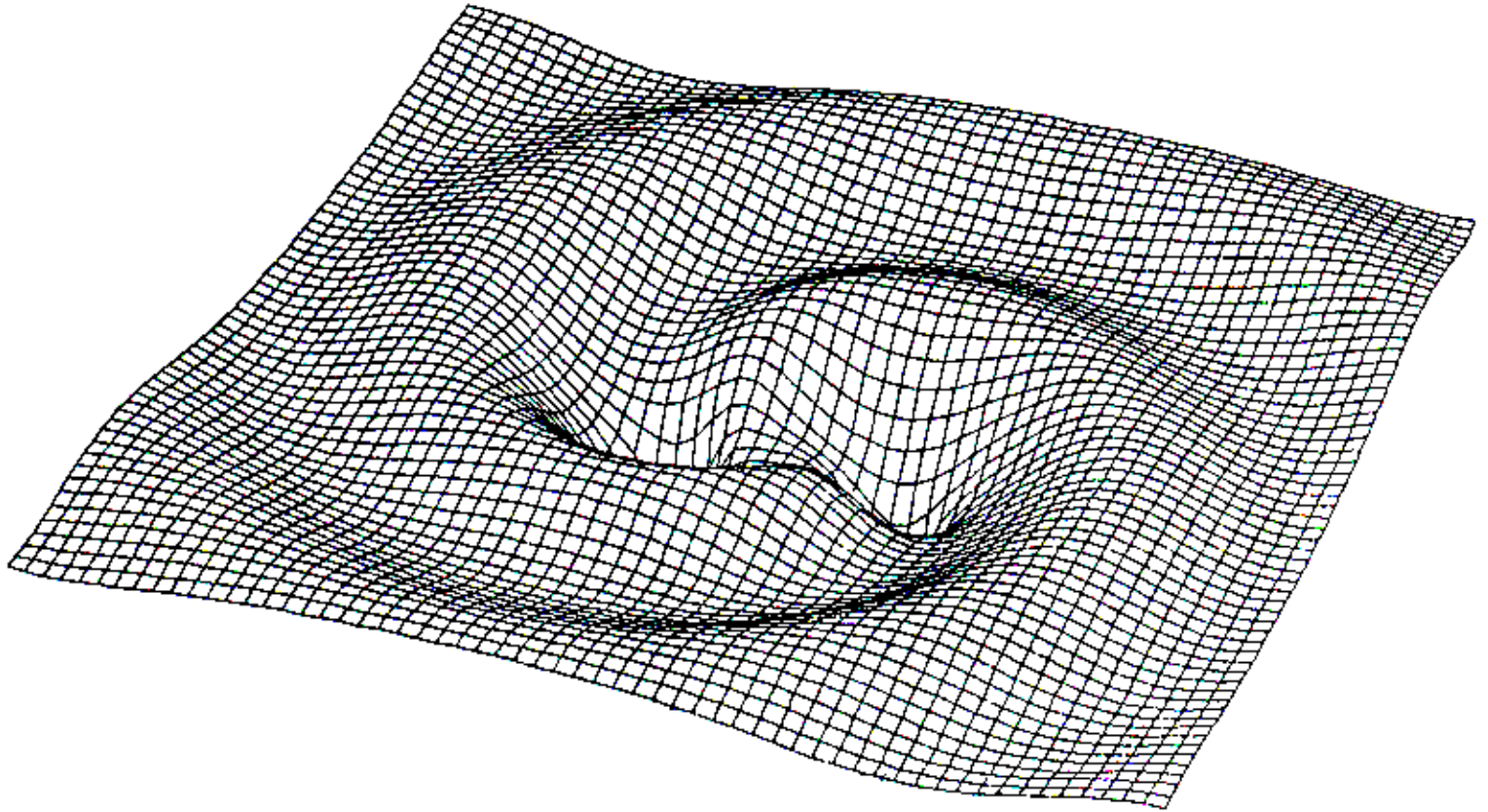


FIG. 3. The effective noise $h_n = \sqrt{f S_n(f)}$ in various ground-based interferometers.

GW SPECTRUM



COALESCING BINARY



COALESCING BINARY BLACK HOLE

$$m_1 + m_2 \sim 20 \text{ to } 30 M_\odot$$

- EVENT RATE : ? $\sim 1/\text{yr}$ @ 200 Mpc (Lipunov, Postnov, Prokhorov '97, McMillan, Portegies, Zwart '00, ...)

THEORETICAL CHALLENGES

USEFUL SIGNAL COMES FROM LAST FEW ORBITS + PLUNGE
(Flanagan, Hughes '97, Damour, Iyer, Sathyaprakash '01)

$$f_{\text{LSO}}^{\text{GW}} = 2 f_{\text{LSO}}^{\text{ORBIT}} \sim 5000 \frac{M_\odot}{m_1 + m_2} \text{ Hz} \approx 167 \left(\frac{30 M_\odot}{m_1 + m_2} \right) \text{ Hz}$$

NEW ANALYTICAL METHODS:

- VERY HIGH-ORDER PERTURBATION CALCULATIONS OF DYNAMICS AND RADIATION : "3-LOOP"

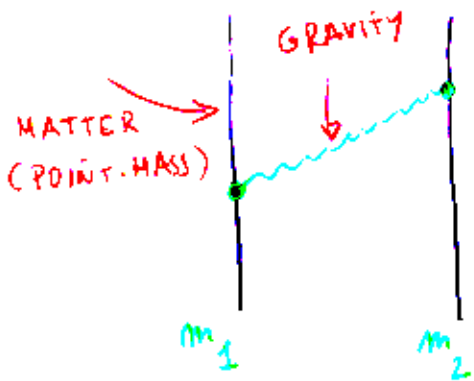
WITH DIMENSIONAL REGULARIZATION (Damour Janowski, Schäfer '01, Blanchet, Damour, Espasib, Fardis '04, Blanchet, Damour, Espasib, Fardis, Iyer, '05)

- RESUMMATION OF PERTURBATIVE EXPANSIONS : PADE' APPROXIMANTS (Damour, Iyer, Sathyaprakash)

- "EFFECTIVE ONE BODY" APPROACH (Buonanno, Damour)

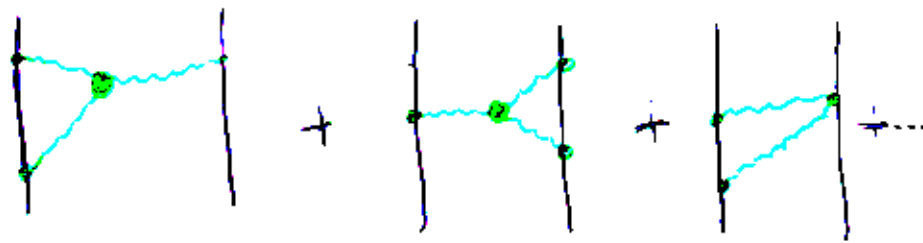
[SIMILAR TO : QED α^2 (Briozzi, Izykson, Zinn-Justin, Todorov ...)]

"3-LOOP" CALCULATION OF 2 POINT-MASS GRAVIT. INTERACTION

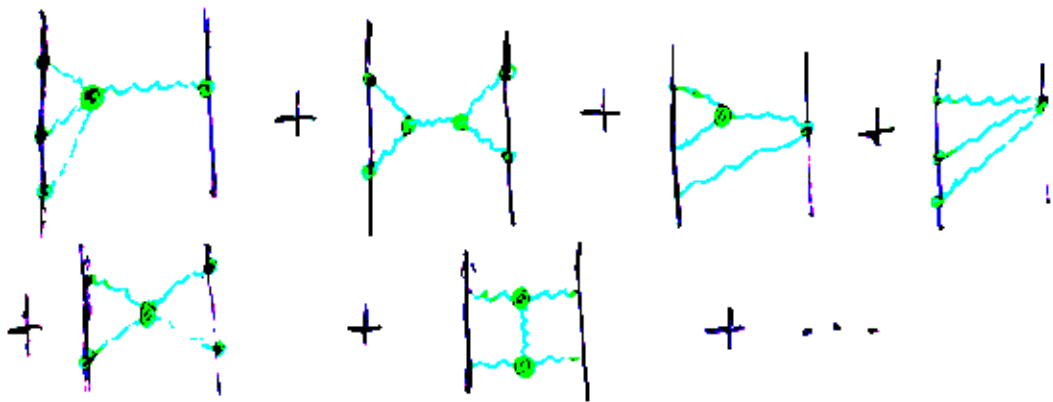


'ZERO-LOOP' = ONE-GRAVITON EXCHANGE

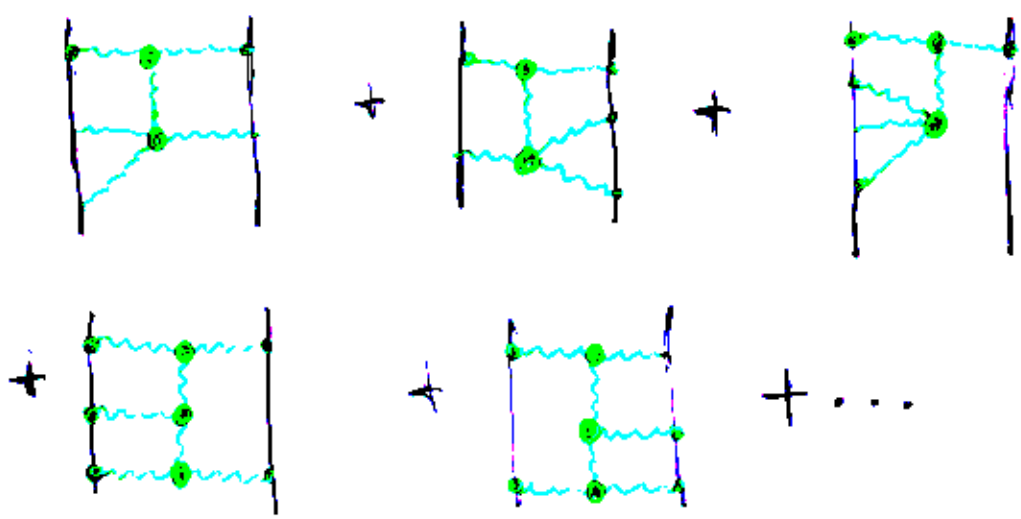
$$= - \frac{G m_1 m_2}{r_{12}} \left[1 + \frac{v^2}{c^2} + \frac{v^4}{c^4} + \dots \right]$$



'1-LOOP'



'2-LOOP'



'3-LOOP'

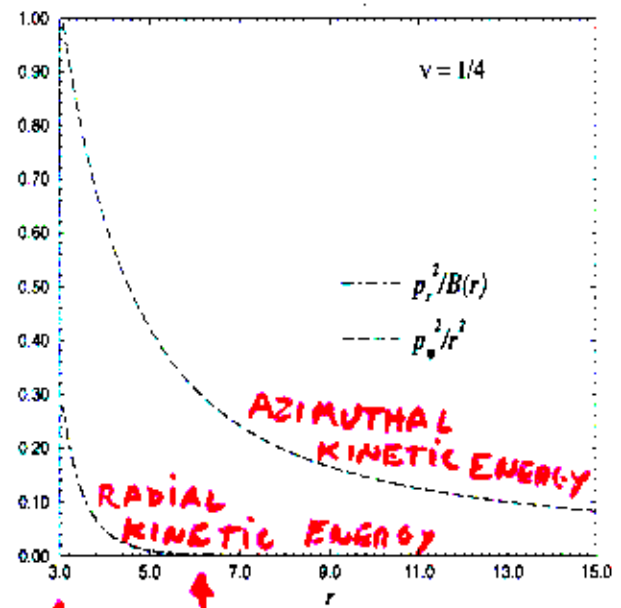
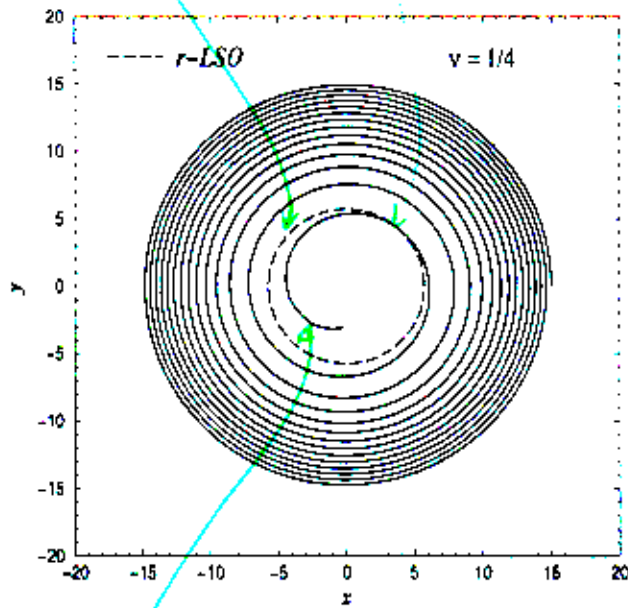
FINITE (UNAMBIGUOUS) RESULT IN DIMENSIONAL REGULARIZATION
 (Damour, Jaramowski, Schäfer '01)

(RESUMMED) EFFECTIVE ONE BODY DYNAMICS T815

+ RESUMMED RADIATION REACTION (QUASI-CIRCULAR ORBIT

TRANSITION
INSPIRAL \rightarrow PLUNGE
WITH ARBITRARY
MASS RATIO

① YIELDS INITIAL DYNAMICAL DATA (q_1, q_2, p_1, p_2)
AT BEGINNING OF PLUNGE: 0.6 ORBIT LEFT



LIGHT-RING \uparrow

LSO \uparrow

REMAINS QUASI-CIRCULAR
DURING THE WHOLE PLUNGE

② FIRST ESTIMATE OF FULL WAVEFORM:
"6M" \rightarrow "3M" \approx MERGER

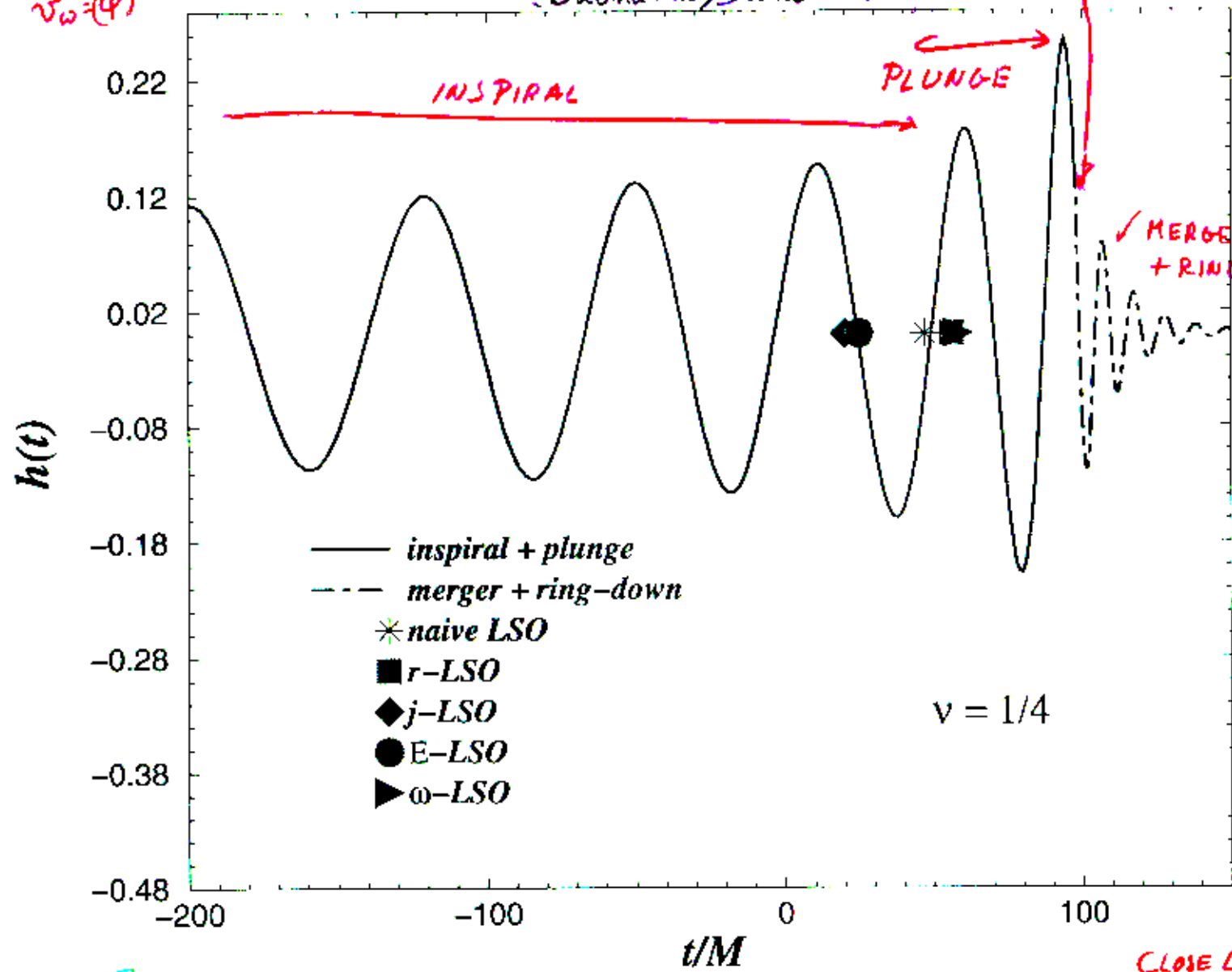
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'RESTRICTED' WAVE FORM

$$h(t) \equiv v_{\omega}^2 \cos 2\phi(t)$$

$$v_{\omega} = (\dot{\phi})^{1/3}$$

Buonanno, Damour '00



MATCHING TO LEAST-DAMPED QUASI-NORMAL-MODE OF

A KERR BH
(WITH $M = \frac{E_{light-ring}}{c^2}$
 $J = \frac{J_{light-ring}}{c}$)

AT THE (V-DEFORMED) LIGHT-RING

POSSIBLE FUTURE IMPROVEMENTS

HIGHER PERTURBATIVE ORDER IN H AND F_1

CLOSE LIMIT APPROXIMATION

Smarr, Price, Pullin, ...
 recently: Baker et al '01

NUMERICAL CALC.

BH initial data: Cook; Baumgarte, Gundlach et al

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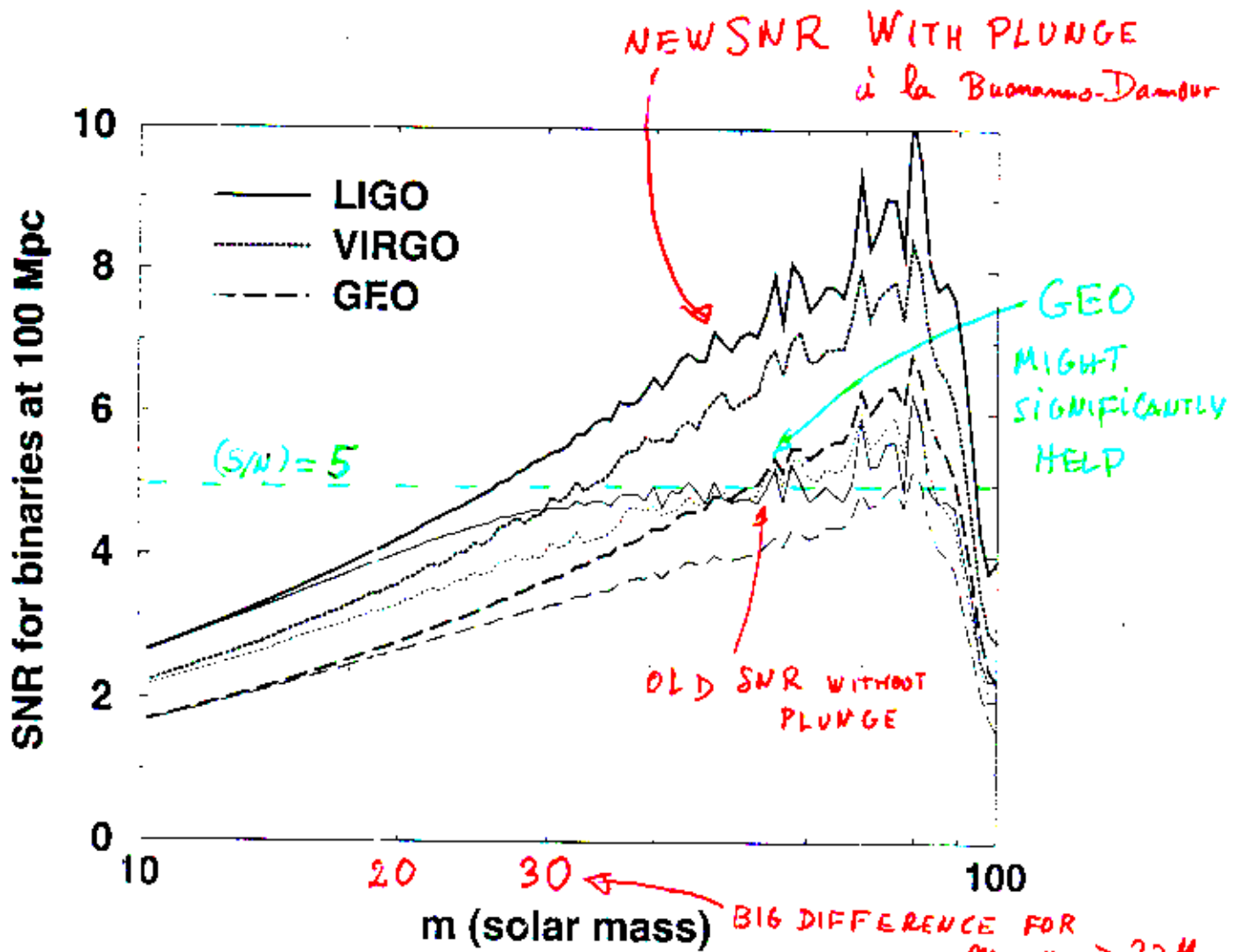


FIG. 1. Signal-to-noise ratios in GEO, LIGO-I and VIRGO when using as Fourier-domain template the post-Newtonian model Eq. (3.6) (T^{j2}), truncated at the test-mass $F_{130} = 4400 M_{\odot}/m$ Hz (in thin lines), compared to the optimal one obtained when the template coincides with the fiducial "exact" (effective one-body) signal (thick lines). As usual, we averaged over all the angles. The overlaps are maximised over the time lags, the phases, and the two individual masses m_1 and m_2 . The plots are jagged because we have computed the SNR numerically by first generating the fiducial "exact" waveform in the time-domain and then using its discrete Fourier transform in Eq.(5.3). The greater SNR achieved by effective one-body waveforms for higher masses, as compared to Fig 1 of DIS2, is due to the plunge phase present in these waveforms. Observe that the presence of the plunge phase in the latter significantly (up to a factor of 1.5) increases the SNR for masses $m > 35 M_{\odot}$. Using the effective one-body templates will, therefore, enhance the search volume of the interferometric network by a factor of 3 or 4.

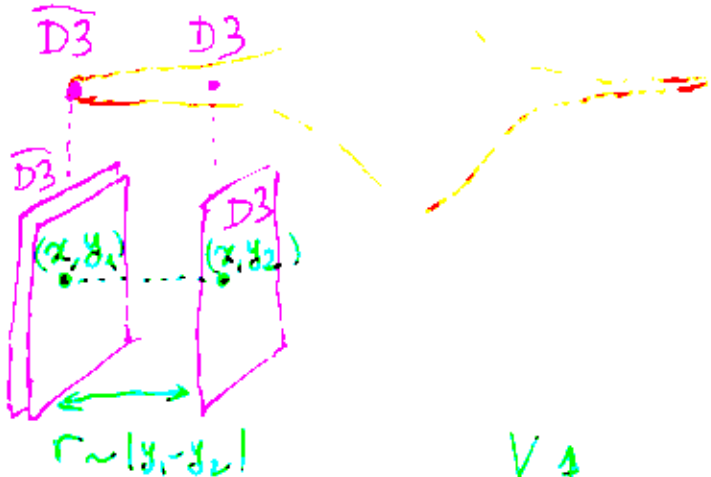
COSMIC SUPERSTRINGS!

Witten '85; ... Dvali, Tye; Tye, ...; KKLMNT; Copeland, Myers, Polchinski; Dvali, Vilenkin

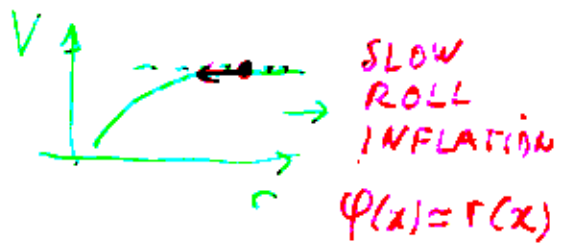
10 dim spacetime:

$$X^M = (x^\mu, y^a)$$

4 ↑ 6 COMPACT ↑



$$V(r) = A - \frac{B}{r^4}$$



HEAT OF HOT BIG BANG



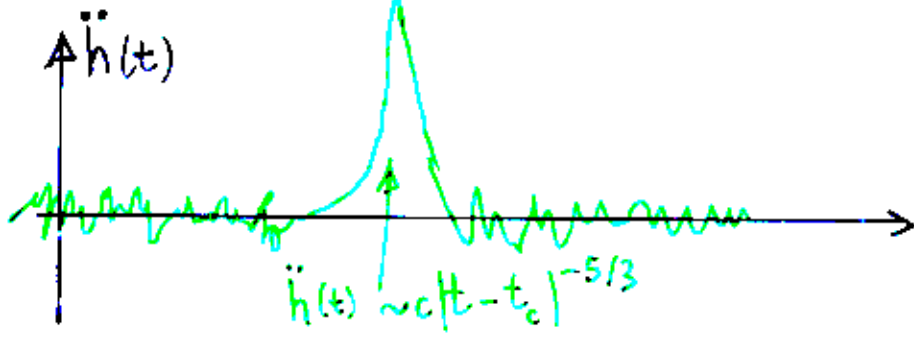
OUR WORLD

COSMOLOGICAL NETWORK OF MASSIVE (F OR D) STRINGS WITH STRING TENSION

$$10^{-11} \lesssim G\mu \lesssim 10^{-6} \text{ Tye}$$

$$G\mu \sim 10^{-8} - 10^{-9} \text{ KKLMNT Copeland MP}$$

GRAVITATIONAL WAVE BURSTS



RECURRENT CUSPS



POTENTIALLY DETECTABLE IN LIGO/VIRGO/...; LISA; PULSAR TIMING Darron, Vilenkin

GRAVITATIONAL WAVE BURSTS FROM MASSIVE STRINGS

(Damour, Vilenkin '00)

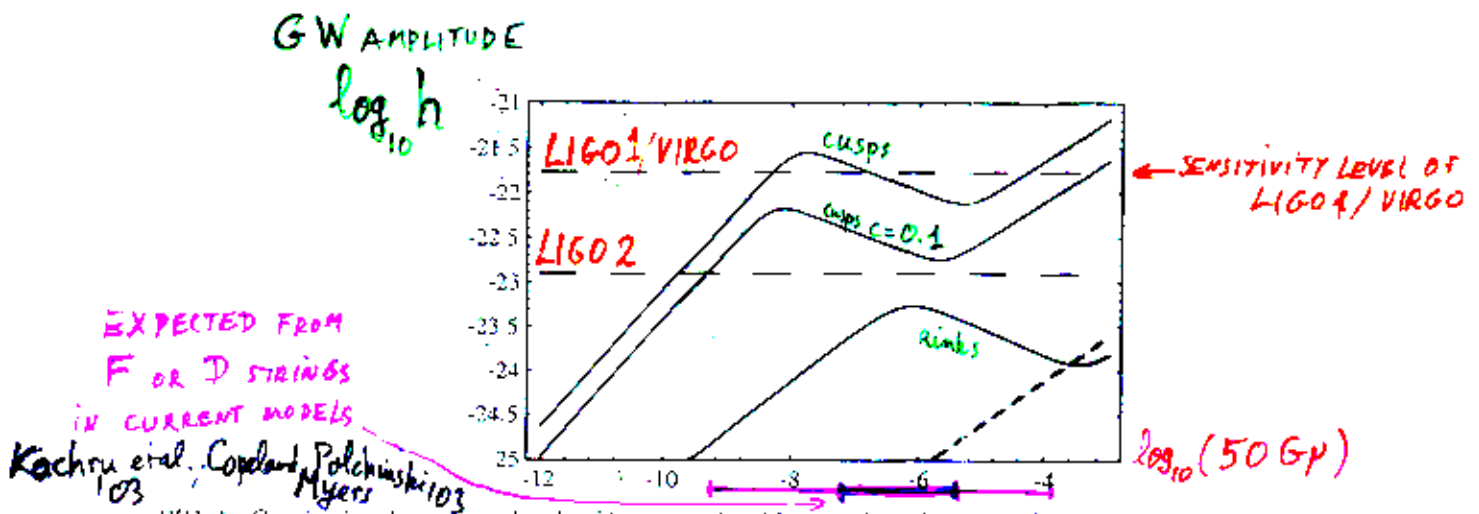
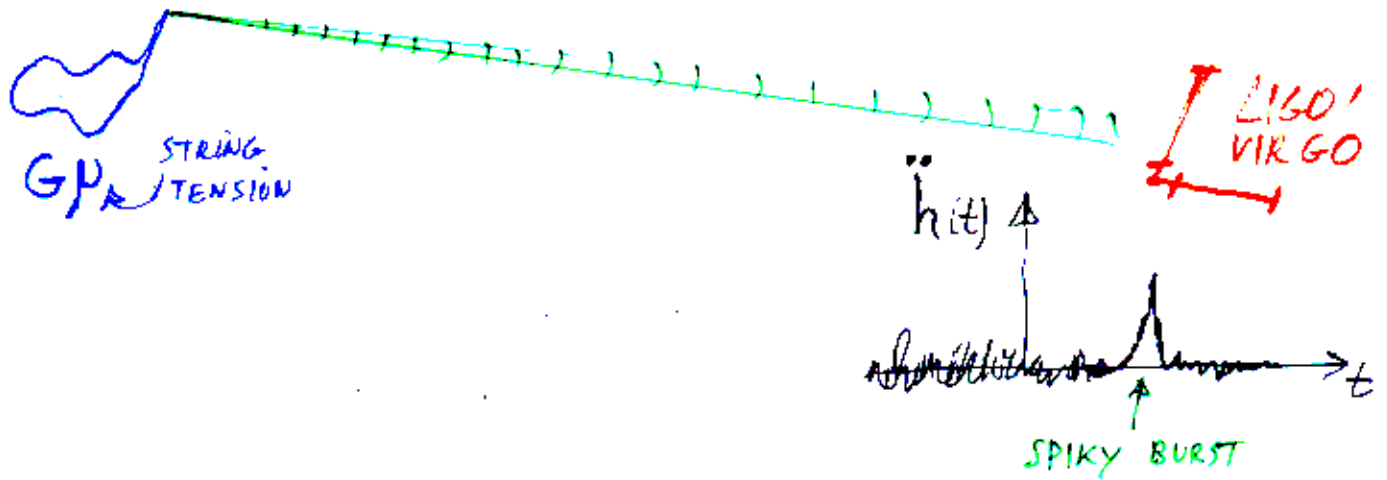


FIG. 1. Gravitational wave amplitude of bursts emitted by cosmic string cusps (upper curves) and kinks (lower curve) in the LIGO/VIRGO frequency band, as a function of the parameter $\alpha = 50 G\mu$ (in a base-10 log-log plot). The upper curve assumes that the average number of cusps per loop oscillation is $c = 1$. The middle curve assumes $c = 0.1$. The lower curve gives the kink signal (assuming only one kink per loop). The horizontal dashed lines indicate the one sigma noise levels (after optimal filtering) of LIGO 1 (initial detector) and LIGO 2 (advanced configuration). The short-dashed line indicates the "confusion" amplitude noise of the stochastic GW background.

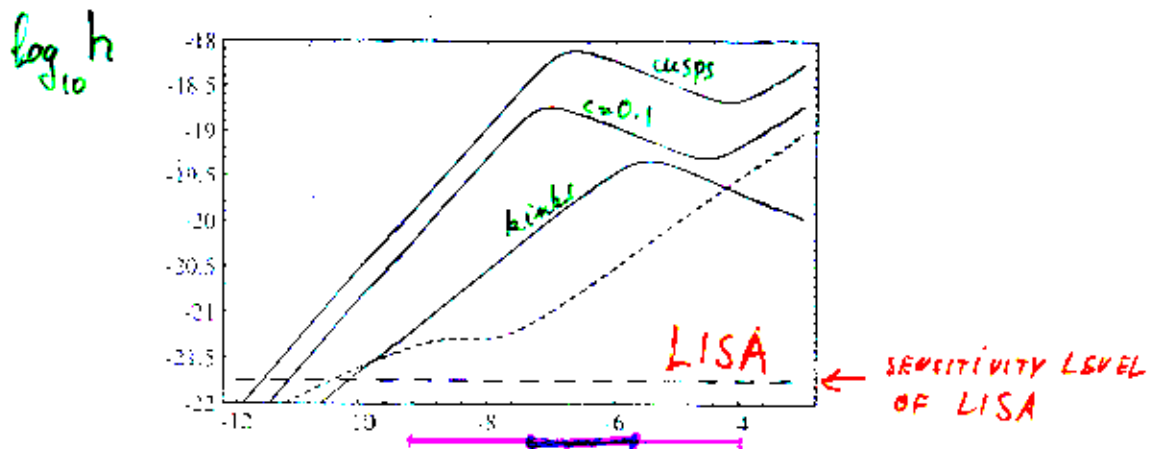
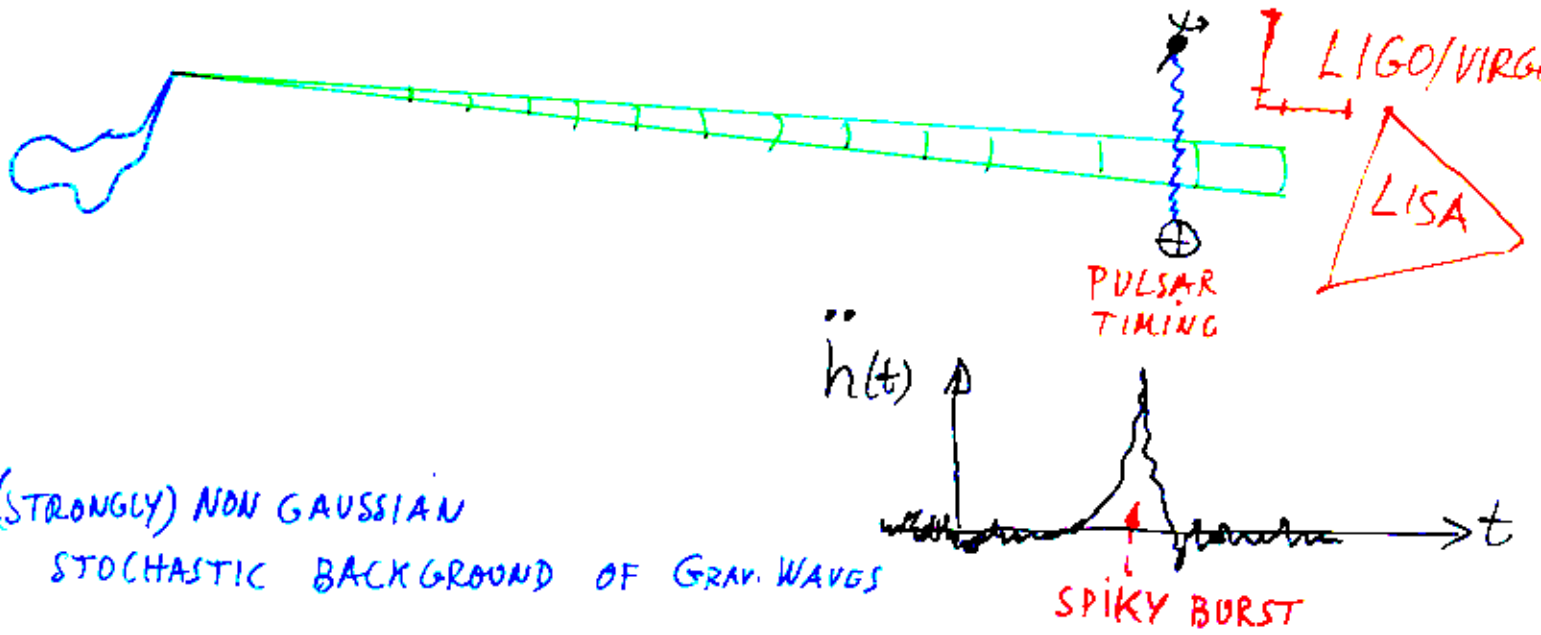


FIG. 2. Gravitational wave amplitude of bursts emitted by cosmic string cusps (upper curves) and kinks (lower curve) in the LISA frequency band, as a function of the parameter $\alpha = 50 G\mu$ (in a base-10 log-log plot). The meaning of the three solid curves is as in Fig. 1. The short-dashed line of curve indicates the "confusion" noise. The lower long dashed line indicates the one sigma noise level (after optimal filtering) of LISA.

GRAVITATIONAL WAVE BURSTS FROM COSMIC (SUPER)STRINGS 120



(STRONGLY) NON GAUSSIAN
STOCHASTIC BACKGROUND OF GRAV. WAVES

UNKNOWN PARAMETERS: μ, p, ϵ

- STRING TENSION μ RECENT SCENARIOS $\rightarrow 10^{-11} \lesssim G\mu \lesssim 10^{-6}$
Tye et al.
- RECONNECTION PROBABILITY $0 < p \leq 1$ RECENT SCENARIOS $10^{-3} \lesssim p \lesssim 1$
Polchinski et al.
- TYPICAL LENGTH OF NEWLY FORMED LOOPS $l = \epsilon 50 G\mu t$ RECENT SCENARIOS $\epsilon \ll 1$
Siemens et al.

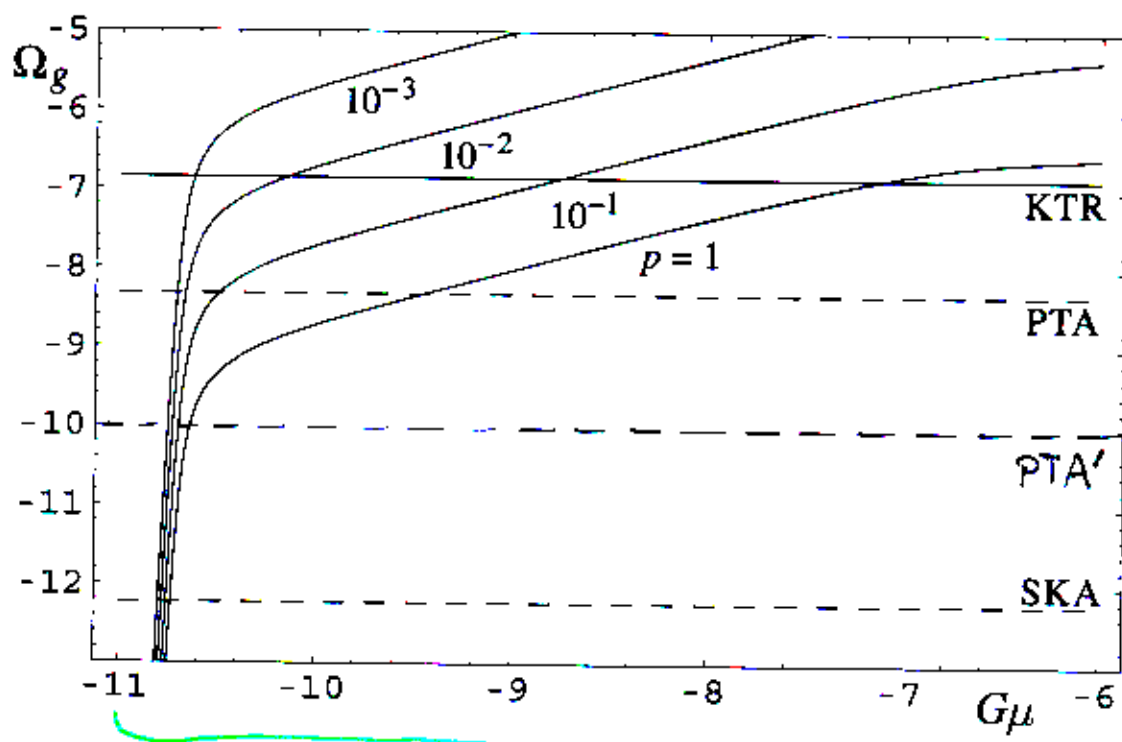
POSSIBILITY OF DETECTING SUCH GW BURSTS
IN LIGO 1, LIGO 2, LISA AND PTA

$$\Omega_g(f) h^2 \sim 10^{-9.13} c \left(\frac{G\mu}{10^{-10}} \right)^{2/3} p^{-1} \epsilon^{-1/3} \left(\frac{f}{(10 \text{yr})^{-1}} \right)^{-1/3}$$

Damour, Vilenkin '04

OF CUSPS $c \leq 1$

TEND TO INCREASE THE SIGNAL!



SUGGESTED (ALLOWED) RANGE

CONCLUSION: GRAVITY: A NEW FRONTIER

- FOR A LONG TIME, GRAVITY AND GENERAL RELATIVITY ^{WERE}
 - EXPERIMENTALLY BADLY TESTED
 - ASTROPHYSICALLY NEARLY USELESS ($\frac{v^2}{c^2} \sim \frac{GM}{c^2 R} \ll 1$)
 - COSMOLOGICALLY USEFUL, BUT POOR DATA
 - THEORETICALLY ISOLATED FROM REST OF PHYSICS

- TODAY, THE SITUATION IS QUITE DIFFERENT

- EXPERIMENTALLY
 - HIGH-PRECISION CONFIRMATIONS $\begin{cases} 10^{-5} \text{ WEAK-FIELD} \\ 10^{-3} \text{ STRONG-FIELD} \end{cases}$
 - GRAV. WAVES: A NEW WINDOW ON THE UNIVERSE

- ASTROPHYSICALLY: CRUCIALLY USEFUL: NS, BH, GW, ...

- COSMOLOGICAL DATA: NOW HIGH-PRECISION (FEW%) \rightarrow DARK ENERGY, ...

- THEORETICALLY: GR IS CENTRAL IN STRING THEORY:

$g_{\mu\nu}$ AS MASSLESS EXCITATION OF CLOSED STRINGS

BUT "GRAVITY SECTOR" OF STRING THEORY IS POTENTIALLY MUCH RICHER THAN GR

\Rightarrow ? BEYOND EINSTEIN'S GR ?

NEW EXPERIMENTAL OPPORTUNITIES: EG. SHORT-RANGE DEVIATION, ~~EP~~, ...

AT THE SAME TIME, HIGH-PRECISION TESTS

+ THEIR THEORET. INTERPRET \Rightarrow

CAN TRUST GR PREDICTIONS