

Testing Theories of Gravity by GINGER Experiment



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General Relativity

- Describes the gravitational interaction by spacetime curvature. The foundation is the Equivalence Principle.
- Successfully passes the Solar System Tests
- In a static and spherically Symmetric background

Schwarzschild Metric

$$ds^2 = \left(1 - \frac{2GM}{c^2 r}\right) c^2 dt^2 - \left(1 - \frac{2GM}{c^2 r}\right)^{-1} dr^2 - r^2 d\theta^2 - r^2 \sin^2 \theta d\phi^2$$

Shortcomings of GR

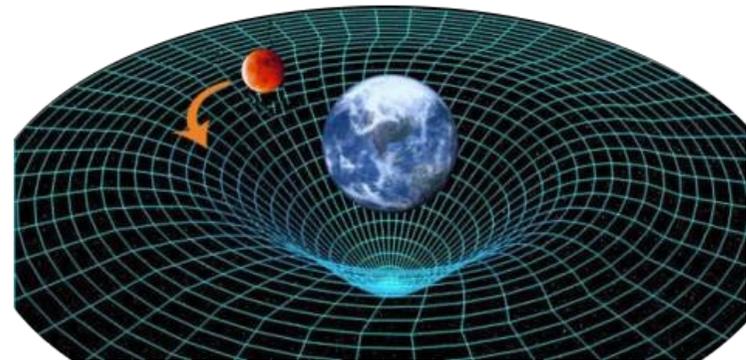
Large Scales (IR)

- Universe accelerated expansion
- Galaxy Rotation Curve
- Dark Energy
- Dark Matter
- Tensions of cosmological parameters
- H_0 tension

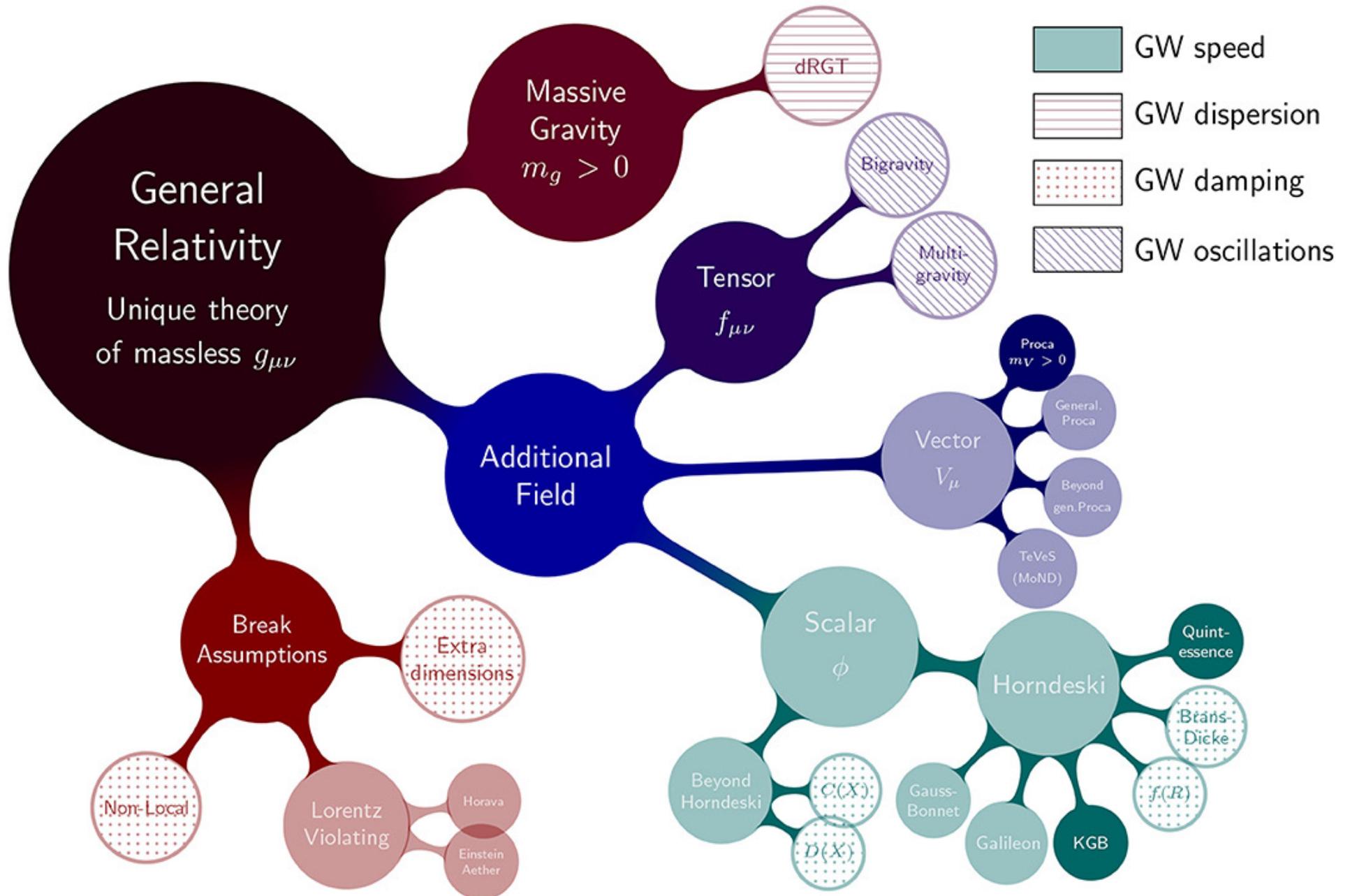
Small Scales (UV)

- Renormalizability
- GR cannot be quantized
- GR cannot be treated under the same standard of other gauge theories
- Discrepancy between theoretical and experimental value of Λ
- Spacetime singularities
- No quantum description of spacetime

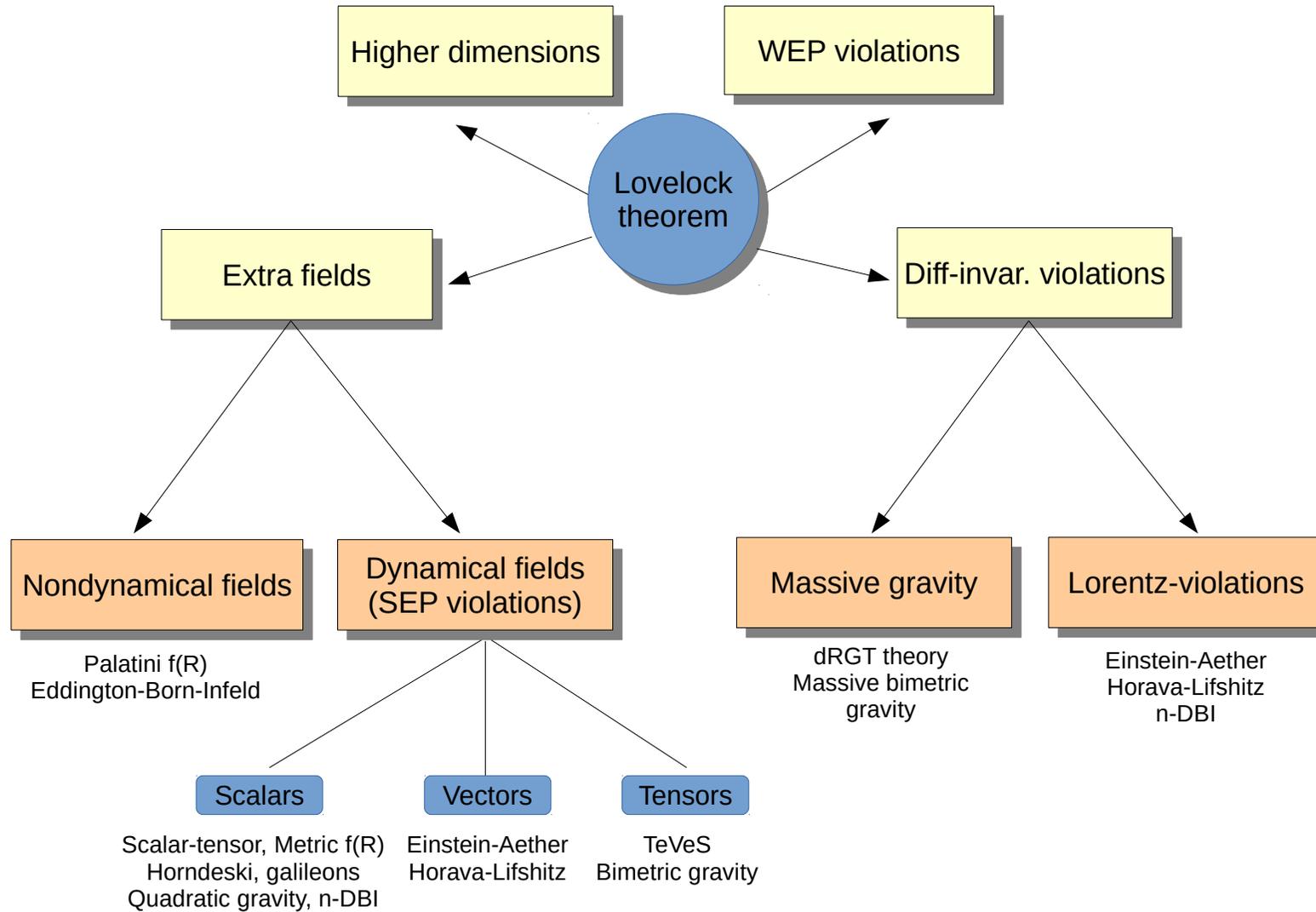
No theory is capable of solving these problems at once so far



Modified gravity roadmap



Most theories can be reduced to GR + scalar fields by the Lovelock Theorem



Most theories can be reduced to the following classes

Horava-Lifshits Gravity

$$S = \int d^3x dt \sqrt{-g} \left\{ \frac{2}{\kappa^2} (K_{ij}K^{ij} - \lambda K^2) - \frac{\kappa^2}{2w^4} \left(\nabla_i R_{jk} \nabla^i R^{jk} - \nabla_i R_{jk} \nabla^j R^{ik} - \frac{1}{8} \nabla_i R \nabla^i R \right) \right\}$$

$$ds^2 = N^2 dt^2 - g_{ij} (dx^i + N^i dt) (dx^j + N^j dt)$$

$$K_{ij} = \frac{1}{2N} (\dot{g}_{ij} - \nabla_i N_j - \nabla_j N_i) \quad K^2 = g_{ij} K^{ij}$$

Scalar-Tensor Gravity

$$S = \int \sqrt{-g} [f(R, R_{\alpha\beta}R^{\alpha\beta}, \phi) + \omega(\phi) \nabla_\alpha \phi \nabla^\alpha \phi] d^4x,$$

$$Y \equiv R^{\mu\nu} R_{\mu\nu}$$

$\omega(\phi) \longrightarrow$ Kinetic term: general function of ϕ

Both provide the Schwarzschild solution as a particular limit

$$ds^2 = \left(1 - \frac{2GM}{c^2 r}\right) c^2 dt^2 - \left(1 - \frac{2GM}{c^2 r}\right)^{-1} dr^2 - r^2 d\theta^2 - r^2 \sin^2 \theta d\phi^2$$

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Field equations

$$f_R R_{\mu\nu} - \frac{f + \omega(\phi)\nabla^{\alpha}\phi\nabla_{\alpha}\phi}{2} g_{\mu\nu} - \nabla_{\mu}\nabla_{\nu}f_R + g_{\mu\nu}\square f_R + 2f_Y R_{\mu}^{\alpha}R_{\alpha\nu}$$
$$- 2f_Y(\nabla_{\alpha}\nabla_{\nu}R_{\mu}^{\alpha} + \nabla_{\alpha}\nabla_{\mu}R_{\nu}^{\alpha}) + \square(f_Y R_{\mu\nu}) + g_{\mu\nu}\nabla_{\beta}\nabla_{\alpha}(f_Y R^{\alpha\beta}) + \omega(\phi)\nabla_{\mu}\phi\nabla_{\nu}\phi = 0.$$

Klein-Gordon equation

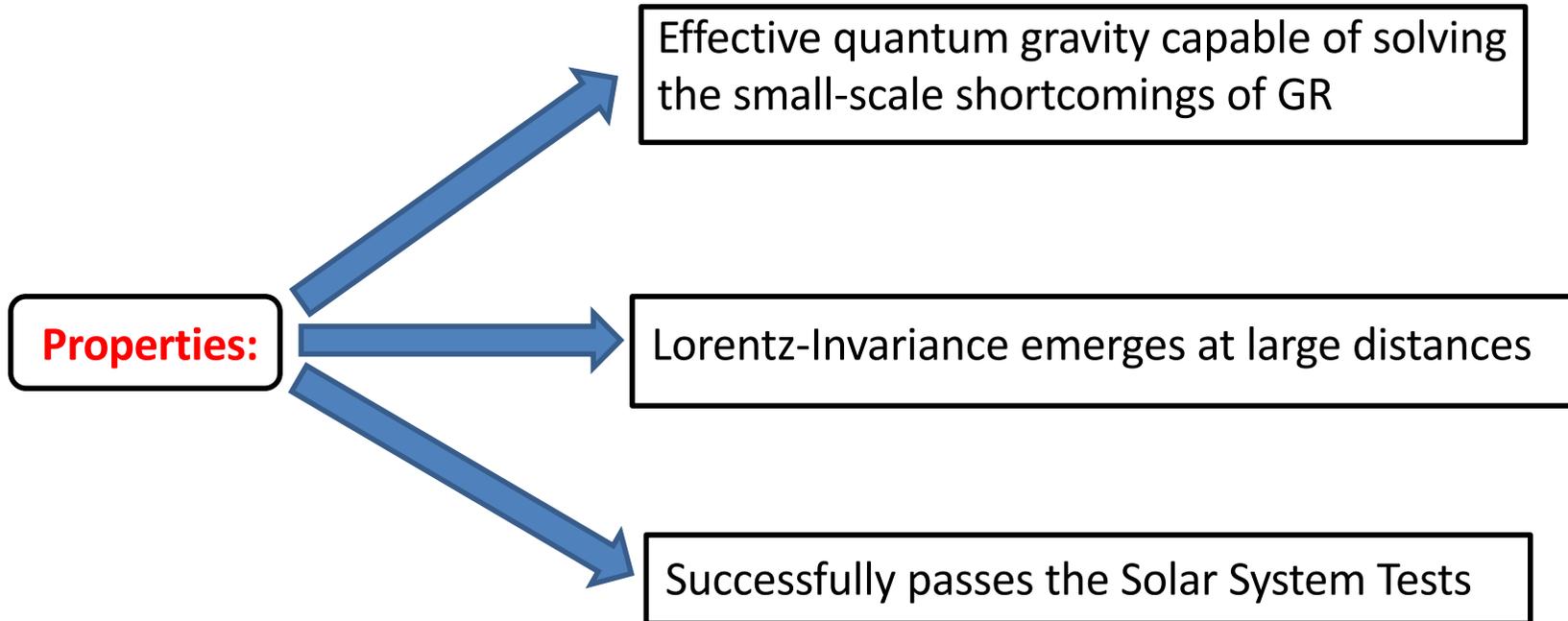
$$2\omega(\phi)\square\phi + \omega_{\phi}(\phi)\nabla_{\alpha}\phi\nabla^{\alpha}\phi - f_{\phi} = 0.$$

Properties:

Explain late and early time evolution without DM and DE

Fit the experimental observations at the astrophysical level

Horava-Lifshitz Theory



spherically symmetric solution:

$$g_{00} = (g_{11})^{-1} = 1 + \omega r^2 - \omega r^2 \sqrt{1 + \frac{4M}{\omega r^3}}$$

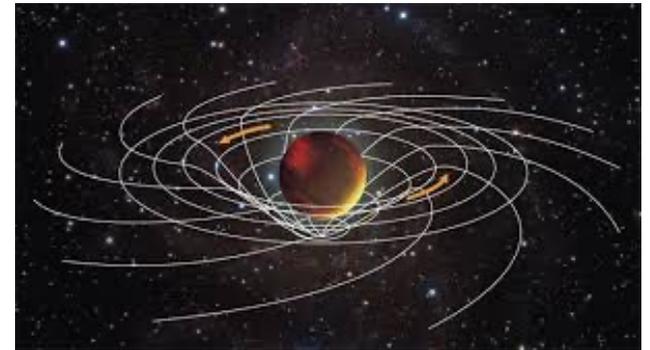
$\omega \longrightarrow$ Constant

Schwarzschild solution:

$$\frac{4M}{\omega r^3} \ll 1$$

Is it possible to find out probes and test-beds for Theories of Gravity?

- *Geodesic motions around compact objects (e.g- SgrA*)*
- **Lense-Thirring effect**
- *Torsion-balance experiments*
- *Microgravity experiments*
- *Free-fall in atomic physics*
- *Violation of Equivalence Principle*
- *effective masses related to further gravitational degrees of freedom*



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Lense Thirring Effect

This effect can be obtained starting from a Kerr-like metric

$$ds^2 = \mathcal{A}(t, r, \theta)dt^2 + \mathcal{B}(t, r, \theta)dr^2 + \mathcal{C}(t, r, \theta)d\theta^2 + \mathcal{D}(t, r, \theta)\sin^2\theta d\phi^2 + \mathcal{E}(t, r, \theta)dt d\phi$$

$$R_{\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{2}g_{\mu\nu}R = \frac{8\pi G}{c^4}T_{\mu\nu}$$

Angular
Momentum

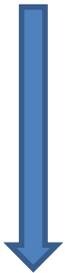
$$ds^2 = \left(1 - \frac{r_S}{r}\right) dt^2 - \frac{1}{1 - \frac{r_S}{r} \frac{J^2}{M^2 r^2}} dr^2 - r^2 d\theta^2 - \left(r^2 + \frac{J^2}{M^2} + \frac{r_S J^2}{M^2 r}\right) d\phi^2 - \frac{2r_S J}{Mr} dt d\phi.$$

Correction to the precession of a gyroscope near a large rotating mass, due to the dragging of the spacetime

$$\Omega_{LT}^{(GR)} = \frac{r_S}{4Mr^3} J$$

Weak-Field limit

Motivations:



Often exact solutions in TGs cannot be found analytically

The typical values of the Newtonian gravitational potential Φ are larger than 10^{-5} in the Solar System (in geometrized units, Φ is dimensionless).

Scheme:

Linearization of the metric tensor

$$g_{\mu\nu} \sim \begin{pmatrix} 1 + g_{00}^{(2)} + g_{00}^{(4)} + \dots & g_{0i}^{(3)} + \dots \\ g_{0i}^{(3)} + \dots & -\delta_{ij} + g_{ij}^{(2)} + \dots \end{pmatrix}$$

$$R_{\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{2}Rg_{\mu\nu} = 8\pi GT_{\mu\nu}$$

$$g_{\mu\nu} = \eta_{\mu\nu} + h_{\mu\nu}, \quad |h_{\mu\nu}| \ll 1.$$

$$R_{\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{2}Rg_{\mu\nu} = \frac{1}{2}(\partial_\sigma \partial_\mu h_\nu^\sigma + \partial_\sigma \partial_\nu h_\mu^\sigma - \partial_\mu \partial_\nu h - \square h_{\mu\nu} - \eta_{\mu\nu} \partial_\rho \partial_\lambda h^{\rho\lambda} + \eta_{\mu\nu} \square h)$$

Weak field in Scalar-Tensor Gravity

Linearization of the metric tensor

$$g_{\mu\nu} \sim \begin{pmatrix} 1 + g_{00}^{(2)} + g_{00}^{(4)} + \dots & g_{0i}^{(3)} + \dots \\ g_{0i}^{(3)} + \dots & -\delta_{ij} + g_{ij}^{(2)} + \dots \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 + 2\phi + 2\Xi & 2A_i \\ 2A_i & -\delta_{ij} + 2\Psi\delta_{ij} \end{pmatrix}$$

- *Three potentials arise: two scalar potentials and one vector potential*
- *Φ, Ψ are proportional to the power c^{-2} (Newtonian limit) while A_i is proportional to c^{-3} and Ξ to c^{-4} (post-Newtonian limit)*

$$ds^2 = \mathcal{A}(t, r, \theta)dt^2 + \mathcal{B}(t, r, \theta)dr^2 + \mathcal{C}(t, r, \theta)d\theta^2 + \mathcal{D}(t, r, \theta)\sin^2\theta d\phi^2 + \mathcal{E}(t, r, \theta)dt d\phi$$

$$g_{00} \equiv \mathcal{A}(t, r, \theta)$$

$$g_{0i} = \mathcal{E}(t, r, \theta)$$

$$g_{ij}\delta^{ij} = \mathcal{B}(t, r, \theta) + \mathcal{C}(t, r, \theta) + \mathcal{D}(t, r, \theta)$$

Kerr spacetime

Weak field in Scalar-Tensor Gravity

By means of the decomposition of the metric

$$g_{\mu\nu} = \eta_{\mu\nu} + h_{\mu\nu}, \quad |h_{\mu\nu}| \ll 1.$$

$$\begin{aligned} h_{00} &\sim \mathcal{O}(2) \\ h_{0i} &\sim \mathcal{O}(3) \\ h_{ij} &\sim \mathcal{O}(2), \end{aligned}$$

The function f , up to the c^{-4} order, can be developed as:

$$\begin{aligned} f(R, R_{\alpha\beta}R^{\alpha\beta}, \phi) = & f_R(0, 0, \phi^{(0)})R + \frac{f_{RR}(0, 0, \phi^{(0)})}{2}R^2 + \frac{f_{\phi\phi}(0, 0, \phi^{(0)})}{2}(\phi - \phi^{(0)})^2 \\ & + f_{R\phi}(0, 0, \phi^{(0)})R\phi + f_Y(0, 0, \phi^{(0)})R_{\alpha\beta}R^{\alpha\beta}, \end{aligned}$$

Weak field in Scalar-Tensor Gravity

Vector potential

$$\mathbf{A}(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{G}{|\mathbf{x}|^2} \left[1 - (1 + m_Y |\mathbf{x}|) e^{-m_Y |\mathbf{x}|} \right] \hat{\mathbf{x}} \times \mathbf{J}$$

Scalar potential

$$\begin{aligned} \phi(r) = & -\frac{GM}{r} \left[1 + g(\xi, \eta) e^{-m_R \tilde{k}_{RR} r} \right. \\ & \left. + [1/3 - g(\xi, \eta)] e^{-m_R \tilde{k}_{\phi} r} - \frac{4}{3} e^{-m_Y r} \right] \end{aligned}$$

with the definitions:

$$\begin{aligned} m_R^2 &= -\frac{1}{3f_{RR}(0, 0, \phi^{(0)}) + 2f_Y(0, 0, \phi^{(0)})} \\ m_Y^2 &= \frac{1}{f_Y(0, 0, \phi^{(0)})} & \eta &= \frac{m_\phi}{m_R} \\ m_\phi^2 &= -\frac{f_{\phi\phi}(0, 0, \phi^{(0)})}{2\omega(\phi^{(0)})} & g(\xi, \eta) &= \frac{1 - \eta^2 + \xi + \sqrt{\eta^4 + (\xi - 1)^2 - 2\eta^2(\xi + 1)}}{6\sqrt{\eta^4 + (\xi - 1)^2 - 2\eta^2(\xi + 1)}} \\ \xi &= \frac{3f_{R\phi}(0, 0, \phi^{(0)})^2}{2\omega(\phi^{(0)})} & \tilde{k}_{R,\phi}^2 &= \frac{1 - \xi + \eta^2 \pm \sqrt{(1 - \xi + \eta^2)^2 - 4\eta^2}}{2} \end{aligned}$$

Lense-Thirring precession in Scalar-Tensor Gravity

$$\Omega_{LT}^{(EG)} = \frac{1}{2} (\epsilon^{ijk} \partial_i A_k) (\epsilon_{lnk} \partial^l A^k) = \frac{G}{r^3} \sqrt{(\epsilon_{lkm} \partial^m \epsilon^{ijk} J_i x_j)^2} = -e^{-m_Y r} (1 + m_Y r + m_Y^2 r^2) \Omega_{LT}^{(GR)}$$

$$\mathbf{A}(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{G}{|\mathbf{x}|^2} \left[1 - (1 + m_Y |\mathbf{x}|) e^{-m_Y |\mathbf{x}|} \right] \hat{\mathbf{x}} \times \mathbf{J} \quad Y \equiv R^{\mu\nu} R_{\mu\nu}$$

$$\Omega_{LT}^{(GR)} = \frac{r_S}{4Mr^3} \mathbf{J} \quad m_Y^2 = \frac{1}{f_Y(0, 0, \phi^{(0)})}$$

For $f_Y \rightarrow 0$ i.e. $m_Y \rightarrow \infty$, we obtain the same outcome for the gravitational potential of $f(R, \phi)$ -theory

Experimental constraints



Experimental constraints by GP-B

$$\Omega_{LT}^{(EG)} = -e^{-m_Y r} (1 + m_Y r + m_Y^2 r^2) \Omega_{LT}^{(GR)} \quad \text{and} \quad \Omega_{LT}^{(GR)} = \frac{G}{2r^3} \mathbf{J}$$

$$\Omega_{LT} = \Omega_{LT}^{(GR)} + \Omega_{LT}^{(EG)}$$

GR=general relativity
EG= extended gravity

The Gravity Probe B (GP-B) four gyroscopes aboard an Earth-orbiting satellite allowed to measure the **frame-dragging effect** with an error of about 19%

Effect	Measured (mas/y)	Predicted (mas/y)
Geodesic precession	6602 ± 18	6606
Lense-Thirring precession	37.2 ± 7.2	39.2

$$\left| \frac{\Omega_{obs}^{LT} - \Omega_{GR}^{LT}}{\Omega_{GR}^{LT}} \right| = 0.05$$

The changes in the direction of spin gyroscopes, contained in the satellite orbiting at $h = 650$ km of altitude and crossing directly over the poles, have been measured with extreme precision

Experimental constraints: GP-B

Results

$$1) (1 + m_Y r^* + m_Y^2 r^{*2}) e^{-m_Y r^*} \lesssim \frac{\delta |\Omega_{LT}|}{|\Omega_{LT}^{(GR)}|} \simeq 0.19$$

$$2) \dot{m}_Y \geq 7.3 \times 10^{-7} m^{-1}$$

$$m_Y^2 = \frac{1}{f_Y(0, 0, \phi^{(0)})}$$

$$\Omega_{LT} = \Omega_{LT}^{(GR)} + \Omega_{LT}^{(EG)}$$

$$\Omega_{LT}^{(EG)} = -e^{-m_Y r} (1 + m_Y r + m_Y^2 r^2) \Omega_{LT}^{(GR)}$$



Experimental constraints by LARES

The Laser Relativity Satellite (LARES) mission of the Italian Space Agency is designed to test the frame dragging and the Lense-Thirring effect, to within 1% of the value predicted in the framework of GR

The body of this satellite has a diameter of about 36.4 cm and weights about 400 kg

It was inserted in an orbit with 1450 km of perigee, an inclination of 69.5 ± 1 degrees and eccentricity 9.54×10^{-4}

It allows to obtain a **stronger constraint** for m_γ :



$$(1 + m_\gamma r^* + m_\gamma^2 r^{*2}) e^{-m_\gamma r^*} \lesssim \frac{\delta |\Omega_{\text{LT}}|}{|\Omega_{\text{LT}}^{(\text{GR})}|} \approx 0.01$$

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From which we obtain $m_\gamma \geq 1.2 \times 10^{-6} \text{m}^{-1}$

LARES and GP-B

Summing up, using data from the Gravity Probe B and LARES missions, we obtain constraints on m_Y

$$\Omega_{\text{LT}} = \Omega_{\text{LT}}^{(\text{GR})} + \Omega_{\text{LT}}^{(\text{EG})} \quad \Omega_{\text{LT}}^{(\text{EG})} = -e^{-m_Y r} (1 + m_Y r + m_Y^2 r^2) \Omega_{\text{LT}}^{(\text{GR})} \quad m_Y^2 = \frac{1}{f_Y(0, 0, \phi^{(0)})}$$

GP-B

$$\dot{m}_Y \geq 7.3 \times 10^{-7} \text{m}^{-1}$$

LARES

$$m_Y > 1.2 \times 10^{-6} \text{m}^{-1}$$

These results show that space-based experiments can be used to test extensively parameters of fundamental theories

Further limits by GINGER

GINGER: the case of Horava-Lifshitz Gravity



Weak field limit in Horava-Lifshitz Gravity

$$S = \int d^3x dt \sqrt{-g} \left\{ \frac{2}{\kappa^2} (K_{ij}K^{ij} - \lambda K^2) - \frac{\kappa^2}{2w^4} \left(\nabla_i R_{jk} \nabla^i R^{jk} - \nabla_i R_{jk} \nabla^j R^{ik} - \frac{1}{8} \nabla_i R \nabla^i R \right) \right\}$$

$$K_{ij} = \frac{1}{2N} (\dot{g}_{ij} - \nabla_i N_j - \nabla_j N_i) \quad K^2 = g_{ij} K^{ij}$$

Linearization of the metric tensor

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With similar computations as in the previous case, the ratio between the Horava-Lifshitz and General Relativity Gyroscopic precession is

$$\frac{\Omega_{HL}^G}{\Omega_{GR}^G} = \frac{1}{3} \left(1 + 2 \frac{G}{G_N} a_1 - 2 \frac{a_2}{a_1} \right)$$

a_1, a_2 constants *to be constrained*

$\Omega_{HL}^G \longrightarrow$ Gyroscopic precession

G is the effective gravitational constant

Constraining a_1, a_2

Motivations: It has been shown that, in order for the matter coupling to be consistent with solar system tests, the gauge field and the Newtonian potential must be coupled to matter in a specific way, but there are no indication on how to obtain the precise prescription from the action principle. Recently such a prescription has been generalised and a scalar-tensor extension of the theory has been developed to allow the needed coupling to emerge in the IR regime without spoiling the power-counting renormalizability of the theory.

Matter action

$$S_M = \int dt d^3x \tilde{N} \sqrt{\tilde{g}} \mathcal{L}_M (\tilde{N}, \tilde{N}_i, \tilde{g}_{ij}; \psi_n)$$

Lapse function

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{N} &= (1 - a_1 \sigma) N, \\ \tilde{N}^i &= N^i + N g^{ij} \nabla_j \phi, \\ \tilde{g}_{ij} &= (1 - a_2 \sigma)^2 g_{ij}, \end{aligned}$$

Scalar Potential

Vector

$$\sigma = \frac{A - \mathcal{A}}{N}, \quad \text{with} \quad \mathcal{A} = -\dot{\phi} + N^i \nabla_i \phi + \frac{1}{2} N \nabla^i \phi \nabla_i \phi.$$

a_1, a_2 are then related to the potentials and can be constrained by GINGER

GINGER measures the difference in frequency of light of two beams circulating in a laser cavity in opposite directions. This translates into a time difference between the right-handed beam propagation time and the left-handed one

$$\delta\tau = -2\sqrt{g_{00}} \oint \frac{g_{0i}}{g_{00}} ds^i$$

The difference in time can be linked to the Sagnac frequency Ω_S , measured by GINGER

$$c\delta\tau = N(\lambda_+ - \lambda_-) = Nc \left(\frac{f_- - f_+}{f^2} \right) = \frac{P\lambda}{c} \delta f \equiv \frac{P\lambda}{c} \Omega_S$$

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Wavelength difference
Splitting in terms of frequency
between the two beams

P= 20-24 m, wave length = 632 nm

GINGER in Horava-Lifshitz Gravity

$$\delta\tau = -2\sqrt{g_{00}} \oint \frac{g_{0i}}{g_{00}} ds^i \quad \Omega_S = -\frac{2c^2\sqrt{g_{00}}}{P\lambda} \oint \frac{g_{0i}}{g_{00}} ds^i$$

In Horava-Lifshitz, it is

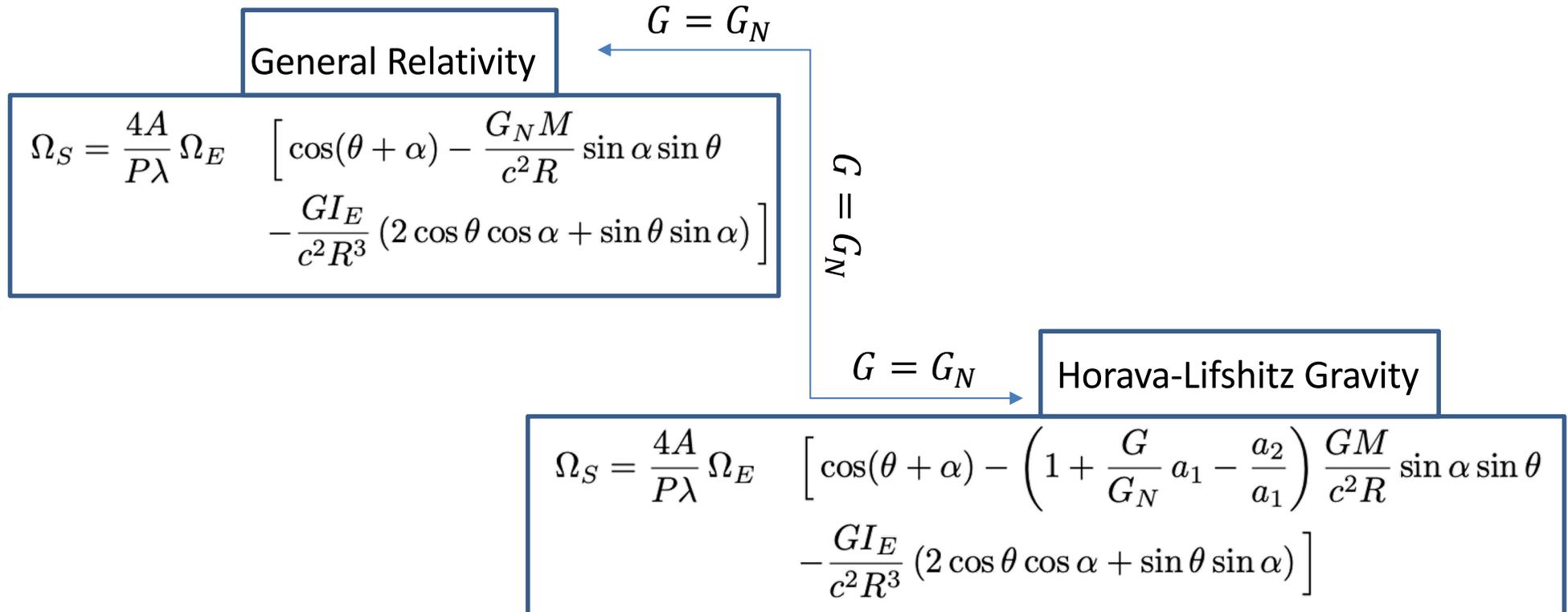
$$\Omega_S = \frac{4A}{P\lambda} \Omega_E \left[\cos(\theta + \alpha) - \left(1 + \frac{G}{G_N} a_1 - \frac{a_2}{a_1} \right) \frac{GM}{c^2 R} \sin \alpha \sin \theta - \frac{GI_E}{c^2 R^3} (2 \cos \theta \cos \alpha + \sin \theta \sin \alpha) \right]$$

Sagnac term

Lense-Thirring term

- A → Area encircled by the light beams
- α → Angle between the local radial direction and the normal to the plane of the array-laser ring
- θ → Colatitude of the laboratory
- Ω_E → Rotation rate of the Earth as measured in the local reference frame
- I_E → Momentum of Inertia
- P → Perimeter
- λ → Laser wavelength

Horava-Lifshitz vs General Relativity



Advantages of using GINGER

- The precision of GINGERINO is 1/1000 in the geodesic term, 1/100 in the LT term
- GINGER experiment should overcome such uncertainty providing a precision of 1/1000 in the LT term
- The presence of two rings yields a dynamical measurement of the angle α

$$\Omega_S = \frac{4A}{P\lambda} \Omega_E \left[\cos(\theta + \alpha) - \underbrace{\left(1 + \frac{G}{G_N} a_1 - \frac{a_2}{a_1} \right) \frac{GM}{c^2 R} \sin \alpha \sin \theta}_{\text{Geodesic Term}} - \underbrace{\frac{GI_E}{c^2 R^3} (2 \cos \theta \cos \alpha + \sin \theta \sin \alpha)}_{\text{LT Term}} \right]$$

- Measurement of LT term constrains the value of G, measurement of geodesic term constrains a_1 and a_2
- The precision of GINGERINO close to 10^{-15} rad/s corresponds to a precision of $1.4 \cdot 10^{-9}$ with respect to the dominant term.

Perspectives

In $f(R, R^{\mu\nu}R_{\mu\nu}, \varphi)$ gravity, GP-B and LARES satellites provide

$$\dot{m}_Y \geq 7.3 \times 10^{-7} m^{-1}$$

$$m_Y > 1.2 \times 10^{-6} m^{-1}$$

constraint on m_y by GINGER

constraints on a_1, a_2 by GINGER

In Horava-Lifshitz gravity, the weak-field limit provide

$$c \delta\tau = \frac{4A\Omega_E}{c} \left[\cos(\theta + \alpha) - \left(1 + \frac{G}{G_N} a_1 - \frac{a_2}{a_1} \right) \frac{GM}{c^2 R} \sin \theta \sin \alpha \right. \\ \left. - \frac{GI_E}{c^2 R^3} (2 \cos \theta \cos \alpha + \sin \theta \sin \alpha) \right]$$

Perspectives

$$\Omega_S = \frac{4A}{P\lambda} \Omega_E \left[\cos(\theta + \alpha) - \left(1 + \frac{G}{G_N} a_1 - \frac{a_2}{a_1} \right) \frac{GM}{c^2 R} \sin \alpha \sin \theta - \frac{GI_E}{c^2 R^3} (2 \cos \theta \cos \alpha + \sin \theta \sin \alpha) \right]$$

- Fixing a_1 and a_2 by GINGER allows to retain or reject viable theories
- GINGER could select effective models for Quantum Gravity in the weak field limit
- With respect to satellite experiments, results can be tuned and reproduced.

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