

# Journey to the un-world

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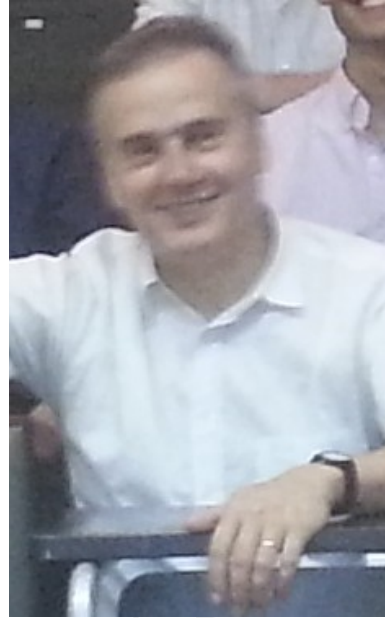
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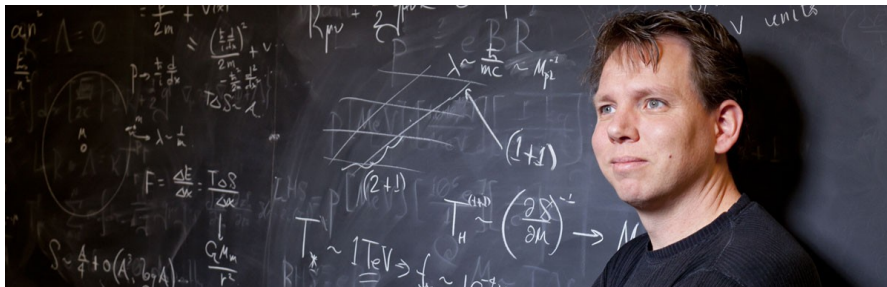
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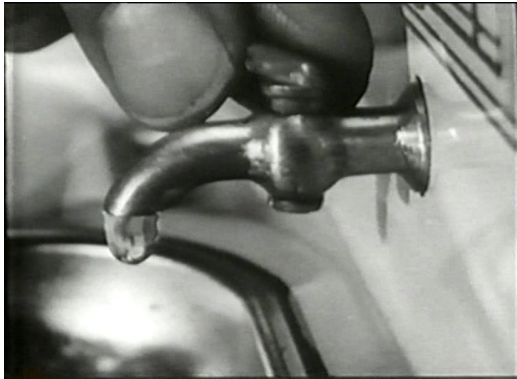
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# Un-world





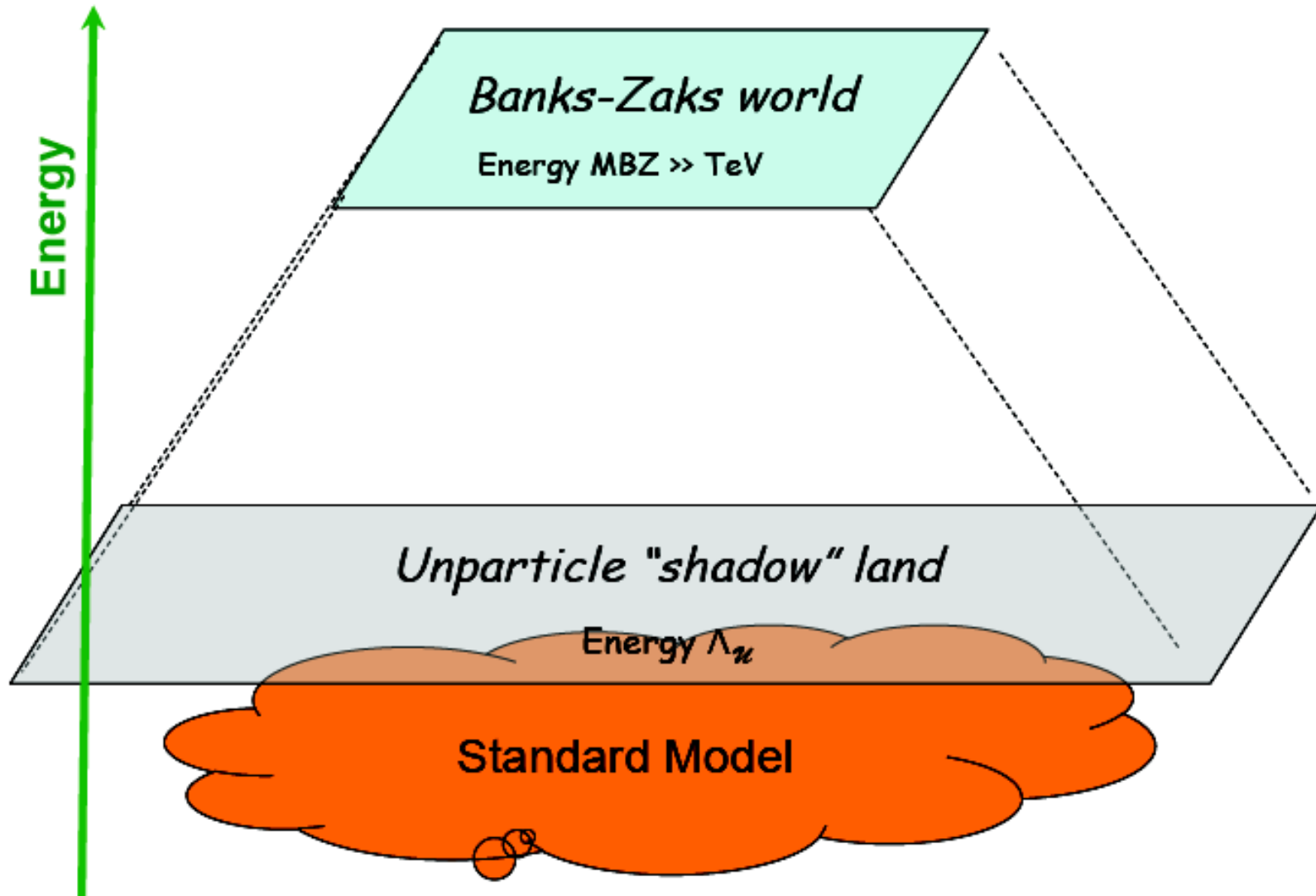
# Scale invariance?



# What will the LHC find?

- The Higgs Boson: 95%.
- Supersymmetry: 60%.
- Something that has never been predicted: 50%.
- Dark Matter: 15%.
- Warped Extra Dimensions: 10%.
- Absolutely Nothing: 3%.
- Large Extra Dimensions: 1%.
- **Unparticles: 0.5%.**
- Evidence for or against String Theory: 0.5%.
- Black Holes: 0.1%.
- Dark Energy: 0.1%.
- Stable Black Holes that eat up the Earth, destroying all living organisms in the process:  $10^{-25}$  %.

[S. Carroll, Discover, Aug 4th, 2008]



# Unparticle physics primer

[H. Georgi, PRL 98 (2007) 221601]

- **Scale-invariant** high energy particle sector, weakly interacting with standard model:

$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{1}{(M_U)^k} \mathcal{O}_{SM} \mathcal{O}_{BZ} \quad k = d_{SM} + d_{BZ} - 4$$

- Below some scale, undergoes dimensional transmutation  $\mathcal{O}_{BZ} \rightarrow C_U \lambda^{d_{BZ} - d_U} \mathcal{O}_U$  to become an “unparticle” field  $\mathcal{O}_U$  (scalar, vector, tensor, spinor) at energy scale  $\Lambda_U$ :

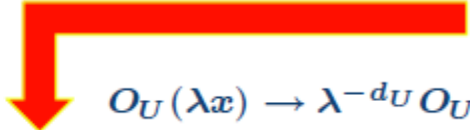
$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{\kappa}{M_U^{k_U}} \mathcal{O}_{SM} \mathcal{O}_U \quad , \quad k_U = d_{SM} + d_U - 4$$
$$\lambda = (\Lambda_U / M_U)^k$$



# Unparticle physics primer

- Consider the vacuum matrix element

$$\langle 0 | \mathcal{O}_U(x) \mathcal{O}_U^\dagger(0) | 0 \rangle = \int \frac{d^4 p}{(4\pi)^4} e^{iPx} |\langle 0 | \mathcal{O}_U(0) | P \rangle|^2 \rho(P^2)$$

- Unparticle Phase Space:  $x \rightarrow \lambda x$    $\mathcal{O}_U(\lambda x) \rightarrow \lambda^{-d_U} \mathcal{O}_U(x)$

$$A_{d_U} \theta(P^0) \theta(P^2) (P^2)^{d_U-2} \quad d_U > 1$$

$$d_U = 1 + \epsilon \quad \rightarrow 2\pi \theta(P^0) \delta(P^2)$$

- SM Particle Phase Space:

$$A_n \theta(P^0) \theta(P^2) (P^2)^{n-2} \quad n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$$

# The unparticle interpretation

$$\mathbf{D}_{d_U}(x, x') = \frac{A_{d_U}}{2\pi(\Lambda_U^2)^{d_U-1}} \int_0^\infty dm^2 (m^2)^{d_U-2} \mathbf{D}(x, x'; m^2)$$
$$A_{d_U} = \frac{16 \pi^{5/2}}{(2\pi)^{2d_U}} \frac{\Gamma(d_U + 1/2)}{\Gamma(d_U - 1) \Gamma(2d_U)}$$

- It is a linear continuous superposition of Feynman propagators of fixed mass  $m$
- When the conformal dimension  $d_U \rightarrow 1$  then the un-particle propagator reduces to that of an ordinary massless field.

**Unparticle stuff is a composite particle with a  
*continuous mass spectrum***

# Newton's law corrections

- Static limit potential (from QFT amplitudes):

$$\Phi(r) = \frac{GM}{r} \left[ 1 \pm \Gamma_U \left( \frac{R_*}{r} \right)^{2d_U - 2} \right]$$

“Ungravity”  
interaction scale

$$R_* = \Lambda_U^{-1} \left( \frac{M_{Pl}}{\Lambda_U} \right)^{\frac{1}{d_U - 1}} \left( \frac{\Lambda_U}{M_U} \right)^{\frac{d_{BZ}}{d_U - 1}}$$

- Interactions will depend on mass scales  $M_U > \Lambda_U$  and mass dimensions  $d_{BZ}$ ,  $d_U$

*Goldberg and Nath, PRL 100, 031803 (2008); Das et al., PRD 076001 (2008);  
Deshpande et al., PLB 659, 888 (2008) Nicolini, PRD 82 (2010) 044030*

# Exact solutions in GR

Given a non-local action  $S \sim \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} G^{\mu\nu} \frac{\mathcal{A}^{-1}(\square)}{\square} R_{\mu\nu}$

[Biswas et al. PRL **108**, 031101 (2012); Barvinski, PLB**710**, 12 (2012); Modesto, PRD**86**:044005 (2012) ]

$$R_{\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{2}g_{\mu\nu}R = 8\pi G\mathcal{T}_{\mu\nu} \quad \mathcal{T}_{\mu\nu} \equiv \mathcal{A}^{-2}(\square)T_{\mu\nu}$$

[ Modesto, Moffat, PN, PLB**695**, 397 (2011) ]

$$R_{\nu}^{\mu} - \frac{1}{2}\delta_{\nu}^{\mu}R = \kappa^2 \left[ 1 + \frac{A_{d_U} \Lambda_U^{2-2d_U}}{(2d_U - 1) \sin(\pi d_U)} \frac{\kappa_*^2}{\kappa^2} (-\square)^{d_U-1} \right] T_{\nu}^{\mu}$$

$$\equiv \kappa^2 T_{\nu}^{\mu} + \kappa_*^2 \frac{A_{d_U}}{\sin(\pi d_U)} T_{U\nu}^{\mu}$$

Gaete, Helayel-Neto, Spallucci, PLB**693** (2010) 155

# Unparticle enhanced Schwarzschild metric

- **General solutions**

- **Scalar and tensor unparticle:**

$$ds^2 = \left[ 1 - \frac{2GM}{r} \left( 1 + \Gamma_{d_U} \left( \frac{R_*}{r} \right)^{2d_U-2} \right) \right] dt^2 + \frac{dr^2}{1 - \frac{2GM}{r} \left( 1 + \Gamma_{d_U} \left( \frac{R_*}{r} \right)^{2d_U-2} \right)} + r^2 d\Omega^2$$

- **Vector unparticle:**

$$g_{00} = 1 - \frac{2GM_{\text{BH}}}{r} \left( 1 - \left( \frac{R_*}{r} \right)^{2d_U-2} \right) \quad , \quad g_{rr} = -g_{00}^{-1}$$

- **Black hole solutions!**

*Mureika, PLB 660 (2008) 561-566*

*Gaete, Helayel-Neto, Spallucci, PLB693 (2010) 155*

*Mureika and Spallucci, PLB693 (2010) 129*

# Continuous extradimensions

Mureika, PLB 660 (2008) 561-566

- Metric:

Gaete, Helayel-Neto, Spallucci, PLB693 (2010) 155

$$ds^2 = \left[ 1 - \frac{2GM}{r} \left( 1 + \Gamma_{d_U} \left( \frac{R_*}{r} \right)^{2d_U-2} \right) \right] dt^2 + \frac{dr^2}{1 - \frac{2GM}{r} \left( 1 + \Gamma_{d_U} \left( \frac{R_*}{r} \right)^{2d_U-2} \right)} + r^2 d\Omega^2$$

- When  $r \ll R_U$ :

$$ds^2 \sim - \left( 1 - \left( \frac{R_U}{r} \right)^{2d_U-1} \right) dt^2 + \frac{dr^2}{1 - \left( \frac{R_U}{r} \right)^{2d_U-1}} + d\Omega^2$$

- Looks like spacetime of  $(2d_U - 2)$  extra dimensions!

$$ds^2 = - \left( 1 - \left( \frac{R_S}{r} \right)^{n+1} \right) dt^2 + \frac{dr^2}{1 - \left( \frac{R_S}{r} \right)^{n+1}} + d\Omega^2$$

**If  $\Lambda_U \sim 1$  TeV, new EW physics without extra dimensions!**

- Horizon ( $M_{Pl}$  independent):

$$r_H \approx \left( \frac{2M_{BH}\Gamma_{d_U}}{M_U^2 \Lambda_U^{-1}} \right)^{\frac{1}{2d_U-1}} \Lambda_U^{-1}$$

# Unparticle BH thermodynamics

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- **Hawking temperature:**

$$T_{d_U} = \frac{1}{4\pi \left[ 1 \pm \left( \frac{R_U}{r} \right)^{2d_U-2} \right]} \cdot \left[ 1 \pm (2d_U - 1) \left( \frac{R_U}{r} \right)^{2d_U-2} \right]$$

- **Thermal limits:**

$$T_{d_U} \simeq T_H = \frac{1}{4\pi r_H}$$

Weak coupling  
 $(r \gg R_U)$

$$T_{d_U} \simeq \frac{2d_U - 1}{4\pi r_H}$$

Strong coupling  
 $(r \ll R_U)$

$$T_H = \frac{D - 3}{4\pi r_H} = \frac{1 + 1 + [d]_{\text{area}} - 3}{4\pi r_H} = \frac{[d]_{\text{area}} - 1}{4\pi r_H}$$

# BH entropy

- First law:

$$dM = T_{d\mathcal{U}} dS \quad \Longrightarrow \quad \frac{\partial M}{\partial r} dr = T_{d\mathcal{U}} dS$$

- Thermal limits:

Weak coupling  
( $r \gg R$ )

$$dS \sim 2\pi r dr \quad \Longrightarrow \quad S = \pi r^2 = \frac{A}{4}$$

Strong coupling  
( $r \ll R$ )

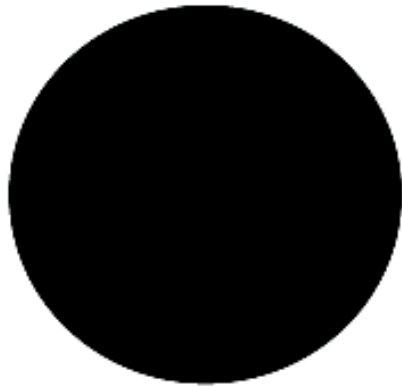
$$dS \simeq \frac{2\pi}{R_{\mathcal{U}}^{2d_{\mathcal{U}}-2}} r^{2d_{\mathcal{U}}-1} dr$$

$$S \sim \boxed{r_H^{2d_{\mathcal{U}}}} \quad \text{“Fractal Area”}$$

Unparticle black hole horizon is a *fractal surface of area  $2d_{\mathcal{U}}$*



**Unparticle black hole horizon is a  
*fractal surface of area  $2d_U$***



$$d_U = 1 \quad \longrightarrow \quad A_H = \pi r^2$$



$$d_U > 1 \quad \longrightarrow \quad A_H = \pi r^{2d_U}$$

# Fractal dimensions

- Hausdorff



- Spectral



- QM, string theory, NC geometry

Abbott and Wise, *Am.J.Phys.* 49 (1981) 37-39

Ansoldi, Aurilia and Spallucci, *PRD* 56, 2352 (1997)

Nicolini and Niedner, *PRD* 83, 024017 (2011)

- CDT, LQG, ASG, NC geometry

Ambjorn et al. *PRL* 95 (2005) 171301

Lauscher and Reuter, *JHEP* 0510 (2005) 050

Modesto, *CQG* 26 (2009) 242002

Benedetti *PRL* 102 (2009) 111303

Modesto and Nicolini, *PRD* (2010)

# Spectral vs Unspectral

[Nicolini & Spallucci, PLB (2011) ]

$$\Delta K(x, y; s) = \frac{\partial}{\partial s} K(x, y; s)$$

$$K(x, y; 0) = \frac{\delta^d(x-y)}{\sqrt{\det g_{ab}}}$$

$$P(s) = \frac{\int d^d x \sqrt{\det g_{ab}} K(x, x; s)}{\int d^d x \sqrt{\det g_{ab}}}$$

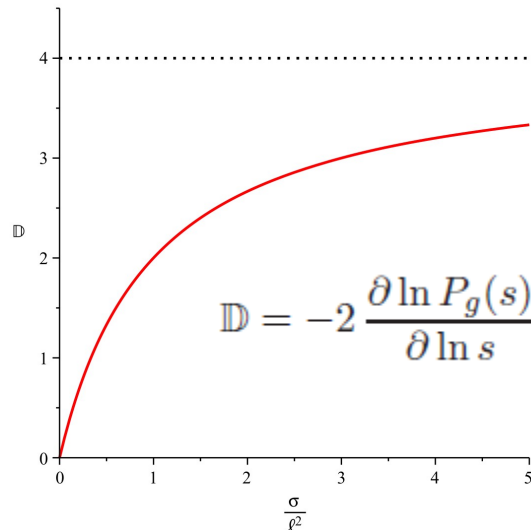
$$\Delta_U K_U(x, y; s) = \frac{\partial}{\partial s} K_U(x, y; s)$$

$$\Delta_U = \Delta - (d_U - 1)/s$$

time dependent “heat source”  $(d_U - 1)/s$ .

$$\mathbb{D}_U = -2s \frac{\int d^d x \sqrt{\det g_{ab}} \Delta K_U(x, x; s)}{\int d^d x \sqrt{\det g_{ab}} K_U(x, x; s)} + \frac{2\Gamma(d_U)}{\Gamma(d_U - 1)}$$

$$= \mathbb{D} + 2d_U - 2$$



$$s \gg \ell \implies \mathbb{D}_U = d - 2 + 2d_U$$

Classical  
geometry

$$s \sim \ell^2 \implies \mathbb{D}_U = 2d_U - 2 + \frac{d}{2}$$

Planck-scale  
geometry

$$s \ll \ell^2 \implies \mathbb{D}_U = 2d_U - 2$$

Post-Planck  
regime



# Entropic ungravity

Nicolini, PRD 82 (2010) 044030

- Entropy gravity: [Verlinde JHEP (2011) 1104:029; Padmanabhan, MPLA 25 (2010) 1129]

$$E = F\Delta x = T\Delta S \Rightarrow F_{entropic} = T \frac{\Delta S}{\Delta x} \longrightarrow F = T \cdot \frac{\Delta S}{\Delta x} = \frac{mc}{\hbar} \left( \frac{2\pi MG\hbar}{2\pi R^2 c} \right) = \frac{GmM}{R^2}$$

- Holographic corrections

$$\Delta S_{\Omega} = k_B \Delta A \left( \frac{c^3}{4\hbar G} + \frac{\partial s}{\partial A} \right) \longrightarrow F = \frac{GMm}{r^2} \left[ 1 + 4\ell_P^2 \frac{\partial s}{\partial A} \right]$$

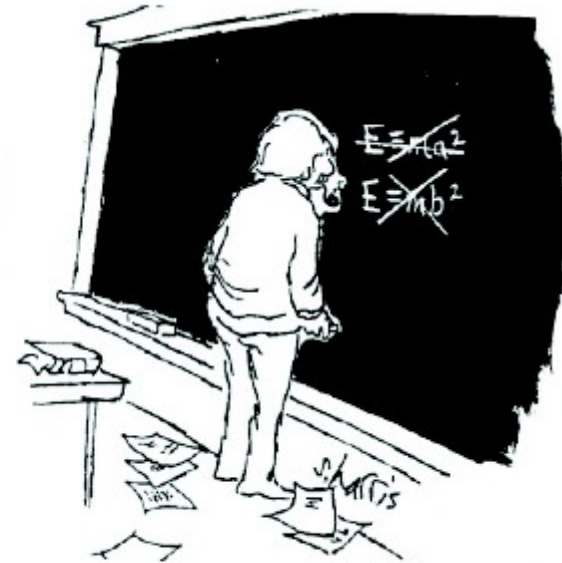
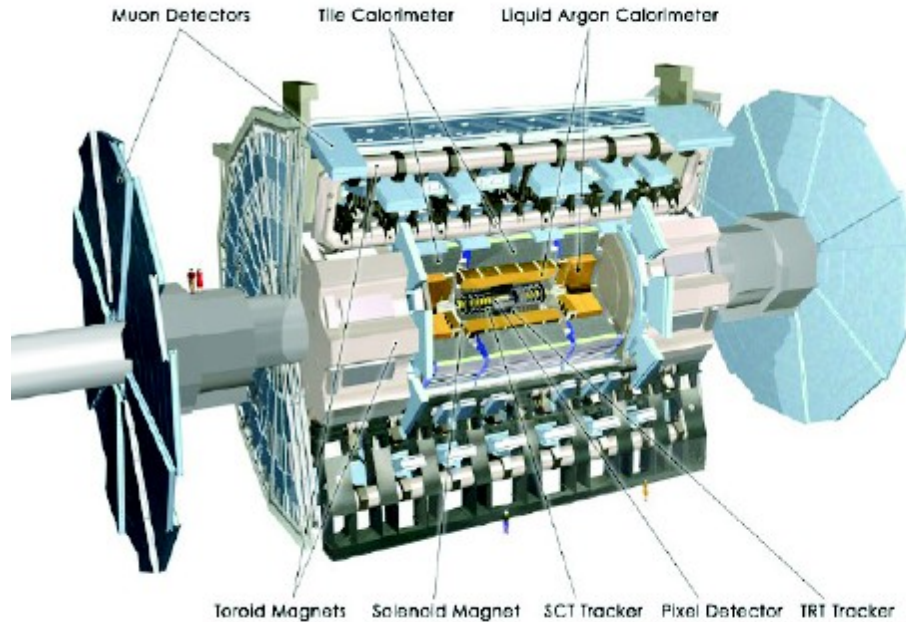
- Ungravity corrections:

$$S = \frac{k_B c^3}{\hbar G} \frac{\pi R^{2-2d_U}}{d_U \Gamma_U} r_H^{2d_U}$$

$$F = \frac{GMm}{r^2} \left[ 1 - \frac{\Gamma_U \left( \frac{R}{r_H} \right)^{2d_U - 2}}{1 + \Gamma_U \left( \frac{R}{r_H} \right)^{2d_U - 2}} \right]$$

**Experimentally testable!**

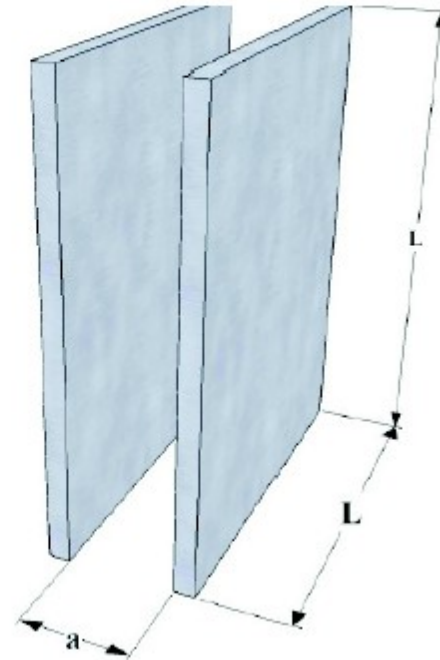
# Un-particle physics tests



- The interaction term depends on a dimensionless coupling constant  $\lambda = (\Lambda_U/M_U)^k$

# Un-particle Casimir effect

We will discuss the Casimir effect assuming the existence of a scalar unparticle sector weakly coupled to the standard model fields



# Scalar case scenario

Working in Euclidean space one can use a Schwinger representation for  $\mathbf{D}(p; m^2)$  to get:

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{D}_U(p^2) &= \frac{A_{d_U}}{2\pi(\Lambda_U^2)^{d_U-1}} \int_0^\infty dm^2 (m^2)^{d_U-2} \int_0^\infty ds e^{-s(p^2+m^2)} \\ &= \frac{16\pi^{5/2}\Gamma(d_U + 1/2)\Gamma(2 - d_U)}{(2\pi)^{2d_U+1}(\Lambda_U^2)^{d_U-1}\Gamma(2d_U)} (p^2)^{d_U-2}\end{aligned}$$

we can relate the unparticle Casimir energy  $\mathcal{E}_U^C$  with the standard Casimir energy of a particle field of fixed mass  $\mathcal{E}^C(m^2)$ :

$$\mathcal{E}_U^C = \frac{A_{d_U}}{2\pi(\Lambda_U^2)^{d_U-1}} \int_0^\infty dm^2 (m^2)^{d_U-2} \mathcal{E}^C(m^2)$$

# Un-Casimir effect

[Frassino, Nicolini & Panella (2013) ]

$$\mathcal{E}_{\mathcal{U}}^{\mathcal{C}} = -\frac{1}{8\pi^2} \frac{1}{a} \frac{A_{d_{\mathcal{U}}}}{\pi(\Lambda_{\mathcal{U}}^2)^{d_{\mathcal{U}}-1}} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^2} \int_0^{\infty} dm m^{2d_{\mathcal{U}}-1} K_2(2amn)$$

$$\mathcal{E}_{\mathcal{U}}^{\mathcal{C}}(a) = -\frac{1}{a^3} \frac{d_{\mathcal{U}} \zeta(2 + 2d_{\mathcal{U}})}{(4\pi)^{2d_{\mathcal{U}}}} \frac{1}{(a\Lambda_{\mathcal{U}})^{2d_{\mathcal{U}}-2}}$$

The total attractive energy reads

$$\mathcal{E}^{\mathcal{C}}(a) = -\frac{\pi^2}{720a^3} \left[ 1 + \frac{720 d_{\mathcal{U}} \zeta(2 + 2d_{\mathcal{U}})}{\pi^2 (4\pi)^{2d_{\mathcal{U}}}} \frac{1}{(a\Lambda_{\mathcal{U}})^{2d_{\mathcal{U}}-2}} \right]$$



# Plate fractalization

$$\mathbb{D} = -\frac{\partial \log(\mathcal{E}^C(a))}{\partial \log a} - 1$$



$$\mathbb{D} = \frac{2 + (2d_U)L}{1 + L}, \quad L = \frac{720 d_U \zeta(2+2d_U)}{\pi^2 (4\pi)^{2d_U}} \frac{1}{(a\Lambda_U)^{2d_U-2}}$$

$\mathbb{D} \rightarrow 2$ : For large plate separation  $a \gg 1/\Lambda_U$  or  $d_U \rightarrow 1$

$\mathbb{D} \rightarrow 2d_U$  in the unparticle dominated case  $a \ll 1/\Lambda_U$

# Estimate of un-particle scale

If  $\Delta_{\text{Cas}}$  is the relative error of the experimental measurement we obtain

$$\frac{720 d_U \zeta(2 + 2d_U)}{\pi^2 (4\pi)^{2d_U}} \frac{1}{(a\Lambda_U)^{2d_U-2}} \leq \Delta_{\text{Cas}}.$$

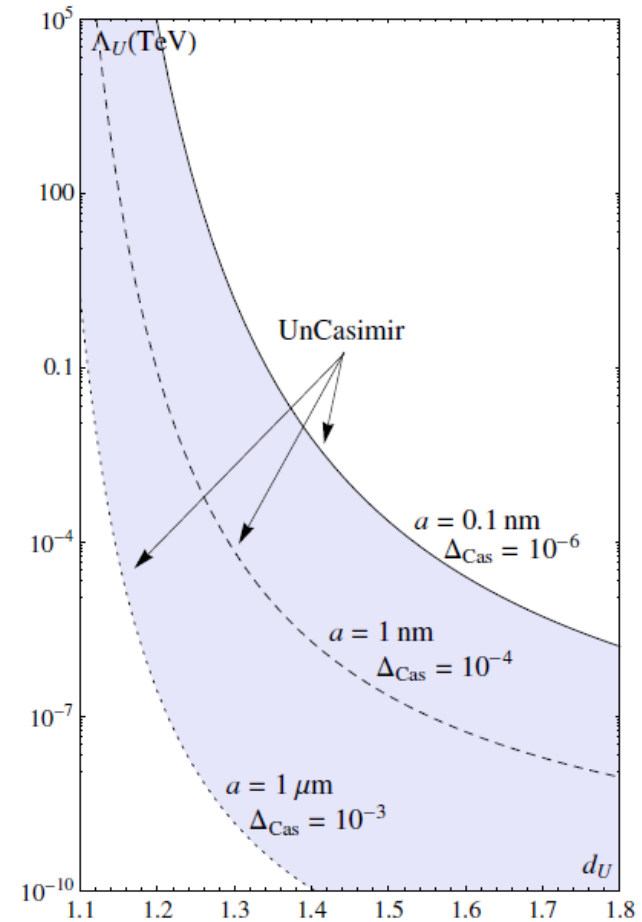
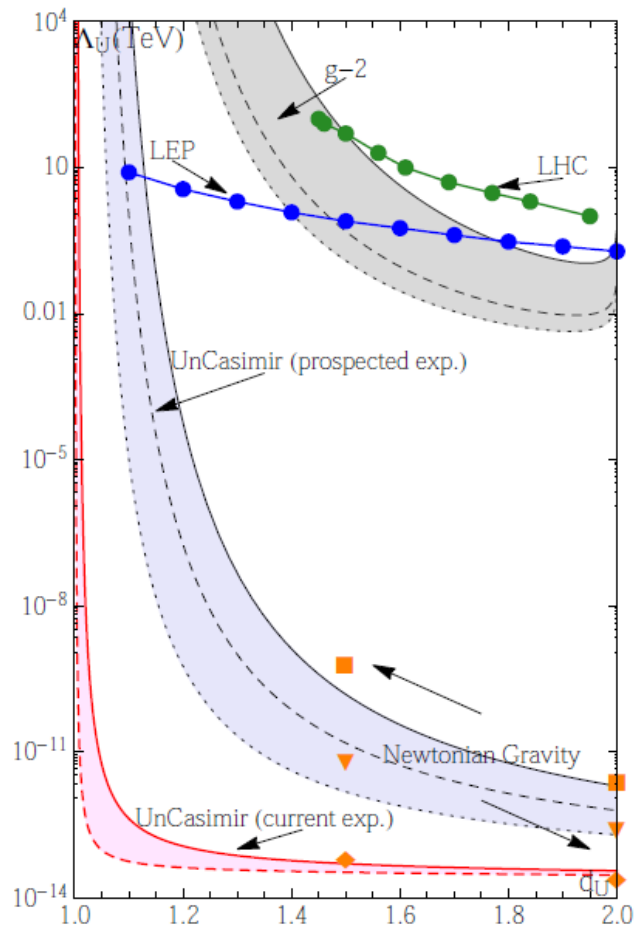
Therefore we get (for  $d_U \neq 1$ )

$$\Lambda_U \geq \frac{1}{a} \left[ \frac{720 d_U \zeta(2 + 2d_U)}{\pi^2 (4\pi)^{2d_U}} \frac{1}{\Delta_{\text{Cas}}} \right]^{\frac{1}{2d_U-2}}$$

strong dependence on the parameter  $d_U$ :

- $d_U$  slightly above 1  $\Rightarrow$  the bound on  $\Lambda_U$  is very strong
- $d_U$  increases  $\Rightarrow$  the bound exponentially decreases

# Exclusion curves



# The coupling is hidden!

- It disappears only in the perfect conductor limit

$$\gamma \equiv \frac{1}{\omega_{\text{pl}}^2} \frac{e^2 c}{\hbar} \frac{1}{a^2} \sim 10^{-5}$$

$$\alpha_{\text{EM}} \approx 1/137 \gg \gamma = 10^{-5}$$

- Three scenarios

$$\lambda \gg 10^{-5}$$

:  $\lambda \sim \gamma$  one has the critical case.

$$\lambda \ll \gamma$$

# Conclusions

- Un particles offer new intriguing scenarios
- The Casimir effect offers a reliable testbed
- Vector case Casimir calculation (in preparation)



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