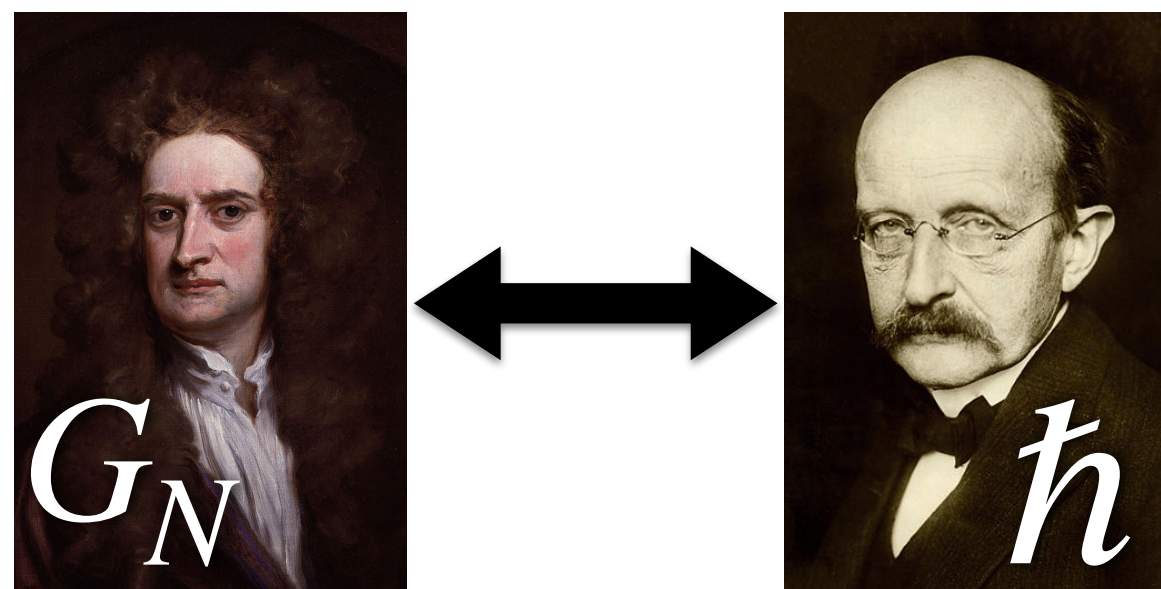


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# Global Dynamics for



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# Losing the trace to find dynamical Newton or Planck constants

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# Message to take home

- There are *local, general-covariant field theories* where the dynamical degrees of freedom are *global*, e.g. given by integrals over the whole Cauchy hypersurface. This is a field theory cover-up of the usual “high school” mechanics.
- These global degrees of freedom can mimic free parameters or “fundamental constants”.
- $\Lambda$ ,  $G_N$  and even  $\hbar$  can be such global degrees of freedom. Now they are subject to quantum fluctuations!
- Uncertainty relations for global degrees of freedom (e.g.  $\Lambda$ ) can be the way to avoid classical “end of time” singularities of GR.
- $\Lambda$ ,  $G_N$  and even  $\hbar$  as global degrees of freedom can be *frozen* axioms for a confined Yang-Mills / QCD.
- The origin of the values of these global degrees of freedom should be in quantum cosmology - they are remnants of the BIG BANG - ideal “Landscape” for poor people

# What a Strange Theory!

$$S = \frac{1}{8\pi G_N} \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \left( -\frac{R}{2} + \Lambda \right)$$

$$\Lambda = 1.7 \times 10^{-66} \text{ eV}^2$$

$$G_N = \frac{1}{M_{pl}^2} = 0.7 \times 10^{-56} \text{ eV}^{-2}$$

$$G_N \Lambda \sim 10^{-122}$$



# The Enigma of Gravity

Which mechanism is behind  $\Lambda$ ?

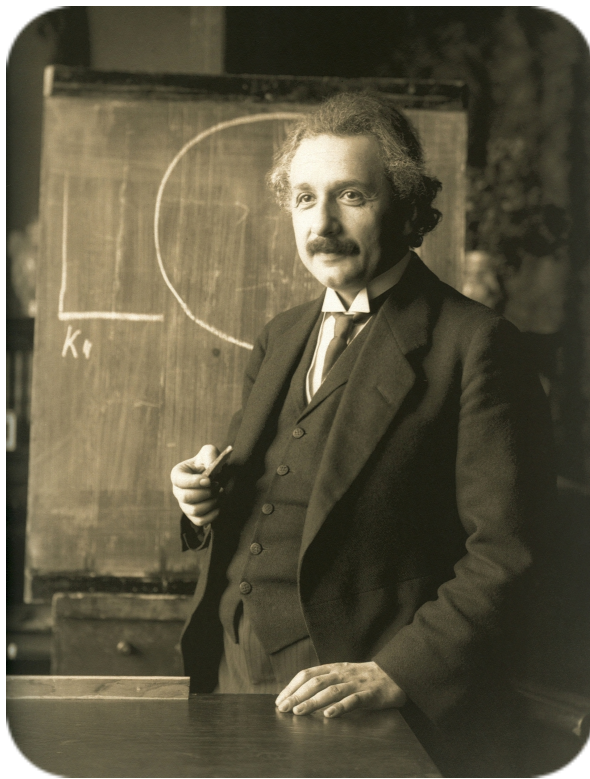


$$G_N \Lambda \sim 10^{-122}$$

Which mechanism is behind  $G_N$ ?

**$\Lambda$  as global  
dynamical degree of freedom**

*first way to lose the trace*



# Traceless Einstein Equations?

~~$$G_{\mu\nu} - T_{\mu\nu} = 0$$~~



$$G_{\mu\nu} - T_{\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{4}g_{\mu\nu}(G - T) = 0$$



## Bianchi identity + energy-momentum conservation

$$\nabla_{\mu} G^{\mu\nu} = 0 \quad + \quad \nabla_{\mu} T^{\mu\nu} = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad \partial_{\mu} (G - T) = 0$$



$$G_{\mu\nu} - T_{\mu\nu} - \Lambda g_{\mu\nu} = 0$$

$\Lambda$  is merely an integration constant!

## Decoupling vacuum energy from spacetime curvature

$$G_{\mu\nu} - T_{\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{4}g_{\mu\nu}(G - T) = 0$$

invariant under *vacuum shifts* of  
energy-momentum tensor

$$T_{\mu\nu} \rightarrow T_{\mu\nu} + \Lambda g_{\mu\nu}$$

known under the name “unimodular” gravity



One can obtain  $\Lambda$  as an integration constant by making a constraint in the action

$$\sqrt{-g} = f(x)$$

i.e. partially fixing a gauge *before* variation

where  $f(x)$  is *arbitrary* unspecified / external non-dynamical function which is often taken  $f(x) = 1$



Let's make  $f(x)$  internal / dynamical function,  
which would still be irrelevant, but  
save general covariance!

# Theory of *all* (a)dS

$$S_{dS} [g, W, \Lambda] = \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \Lambda \left[ \nabla_\mu W^\mu - 1 \right]$$

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

Henneaux, Teitelboim (Bunster) (1989)

- Gauge degeneracy  $W^\mu \rightarrow W^\mu + \epsilon^\mu$  where  $\nabla_\mu \epsilon^\mu = 0$
- Fake violation of the Lorenz-symmetry,  $\langle W^\mu \rangle \neq 0$
- DE / CC energy density as a Lagrange multiplier to make  $\sqrt{-g} = \partial_\mu \left( \sqrt{-g} W^\mu \right)$
- Similarly to the Ostrogradsky Hamiltonian, the system is *linear* in canonical momentum  $\pi$ , i.e. in energy density of DE,  $\Lambda$

$$\pi = \frac{\delta L}{\delta \dot{W}^t} = \sqrt{-g} \Lambda \quad \text{However,} \quad \partial_\mu \Lambda = 0$$

- Scale invariance, as there is no fixed scale in the action

# Henneaux–Teitelboim “unimodular” gravity (1989)

$$S_{dS} [g, W, \Lambda] = \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \Lambda \left[ \nabla_\mu W^\mu - 1 \right]$$

cf. with  $S = \int dt (p\dot{q} - H)$ , mind constraint  $\partial_i \Lambda = 0$ , use it in the action following Faddeev-Jackiw

$$S = \int dt \Lambda \partial_t \int d^3\mathbf{x} \sqrt{-g} W^t + \dots$$



*global* degree of freedom canonically conjugated to the CC

$$\mathcal{T}(t) = \int d^3\mathbf{x} \sqrt{-g} W^t(t, \mathbf{x})$$

gauge invariance  $W^\mu \rightarrow W^\mu + \epsilon^\mu$  generates global shift-symmetry  $\mathcal{T} \rightarrow \mathcal{T} + c$

$$\dot{\mathcal{T}} = \int_\Sigma d^3\mathbf{x} \partial_t \left( \sqrt{-g} W^t(t, \mathbf{x}) \right) = \int_\Sigma d^3\mathbf{x} \left[ \sqrt{-g} - \partial_i \left( \sqrt{-g} W^i(t, \mathbf{x}) \right) \right]$$

invariant - four volume of space time  $\mathcal{T}(t_2) - \mathcal{T}(t_1) = \int_{t_1}^{t_2} dt \int d^3\mathbf{x} \sqrt{-g}$

Four-volume of spacetime is  
canonically conjugated  
to the cosmological constant



Heisenberg uncertainty relation


$$\delta\Lambda \times \delta \int_{\Omega} d^4x \sqrt{-g} \geq 4\pi \ell_{Pl}^2$$



# Energy-Time Uncertainty Relation

$$\delta\varepsilon_\lambda \times \delta\mathcal{V} \geq \frac{\hbar}{2}$$
$$\varepsilon_\lambda = \frac{\Lambda}{8\pi G_N}$$

for collapsing radiation dominated closed universe

The total four volume  $\mathcal{V}_{tot} = \frac{3}{4}\pi^3 a_m^4$  at least  $\delta\mathcal{V} \leq \mathcal{V}_{tot}$    $\varepsilon_\Lambda \geq \frac{\hbar}{2\mathcal{V}_{tot}}$

Global Solution to Global Problem!

actually  $\delta\varepsilon_\lambda \simeq \varepsilon_r$  close to final singularity,  
dS avoids “end of time”!

$W^\mu$  is a rather unusual field,  
is there something more familiar,  
e.g. a gauge potential / connection  $A_\mu$   
(e.g. for SU(N))?

Use Chern-Simons Current  $C^\mu$  instead of  $W^\mu$  !



## Axionic Cosmological Constant

$$S [g, A, \Lambda] = \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \left[ -\frac{1}{2} R (g) + \Lambda \left( F_{\alpha\beta} \widetilde{F}^{\alpha\beta} - 1 \right) \right]$$

Hammer, Jiroušek, Vikman arXiv:2001.03169

# Chern-Simons Current

$$C^\alpha = \text{Tr} \frac{\epsilon^{\alpha\beta\gamma\delta}}{\sqrt{-g}} \left( F_{\beta\gamma} A_\delta - \frac{2}{3} i g A_\beta A_\gamma A_\delta \right)$$

composite vector variable, yet  $C^t$  does not depend on  $\partial_t A_\mu$  !

$$\nabla_\alpha C^\alpha = F_{\alpha\beta} \widetilde{F}^{\alpha\beta} \qquad \widetilde{F}^{\alpha\beta} = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{\epsilon^{\alpha\beta\mu\nu}}{\sqrt{-h}} \cdot F_{\mu\nu}$$

gauge transformations

$$A_\mu \rightarrow U A_\mu U^{-1} + \frac{i}{g} \left( \partial_\mu U \right) U^{-1}$$

introduce the shifts

$$C^\mu \rightarrow C^\mu + \epsilon^\mu \qquad \nabla_\mu \epsilon^\mu = 0$$



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# Axionic Cosmological Constant, Comment I

## Cosmological Constant and Fundamental Length

*In usual formulations of general relativity, the cosmological constant  $\Lambda$  appears as an inelegant ambiguity in the fundamental action principle. With a slight reformulation,  $\Lambda$  appears as an unavoidable Lagrange multiplier, belonging to a constraint. The constraint expresses the existence of a fundamental element of space-time hypervolume at every point. The fundamental scale of length in atomic physics provides such a hypervolume element. In this sense, the presence in relativity of an undetermined cosmological length is a direct consequence of the existence of a fundamental atomic length.*

Maybe this fundamental scale is a confinement  
scale of a Yang-Mills theory/QCD?

$$S [g, A, \Lambda] = \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \left[ -\frac{1}{2} R(g) + \Lambda \left( F_{\alpha\beta} \widetilde{F}^{\alpha\beta} - 1 \right) \right]$$

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cf. Zhitnisky talk at this workshop

# Frozen Axion for $\Lambda$

Canonically normalised  $\theta$  instead of  $\Lambda$

$$S[g, A, \theta] = \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \left( -\frac{R}{2\kappa} + \frac{1}{2} (\partial\theta)^2 + \frac{\theta}{f_\Lambda} F_{\alpha\beta} F^{\star\alpha\beta} - V_\lambda(\theta) - \frac{1}{4\mathbf{g}^2} F_{\alpha\beta} F^{\alpha\beta} \right)$$

formal limit / “confinement”  $\mathbf{g} \rightarrow \infty$

$$\kappa = 8\pi G_N$$

New vacuum energy density  $V_\lambda(\theta)$

**$G_N$  as global  
dynamical degree of freedom**

*Second way to lose the trace*

**Side product:  $\hbar$  as global  
dynamical degree of freedom**

# 1=1 instead of 0=0!

$$\frac{G_{\mu\nu}}{G} = \frac{T_{\mu\nu}}{T}$$

Jiroušek, Shimada, Vikman, Yamaguchi (2020)

Bianchi identity

+energy-momentum conservation

+non-degeneracy of  $T_{\mu\nu}$  (say it contains a small  $\Lambda$ )



$$\partial_\mu \log G/T = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad G = 8\pi \bar{G}_N T$$

$\bar{G}_N$  is merely an integration constant!



$$\frac{G_{\mu\nu}}{G} = \frac{T_{\mu\nu}}{T}$$

Jiroušek, Shimada, Vikman, Yamaguchi (2020)

invariant under *rescaling* of the  
energy-momentum tensor

$$T_{\mu\nu} \rightarrow \beta T_{\mu\nu}$$

invariant under *rescaling* of the  
Einstein tensor

$$G_{\mu\nu} \rightarrow \alpha G_{\mu\nu}$$



two distinct ways to  
write an action

# Changing Gravity: Henneaux–Teitelboim analogy for $G_N$

$$S_{G_N} [g, C, \alpha] = \frac{1}{2} \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \left( \nabla_\mu C^\mu - R \right) \alpha$$

cf. Kaloper, Padilla, Stefanyszyn, Zahariade (2016)

*global* shift-symmetric degree of freedom

canonically conjugated to  $\alpha = M_{pl}^2$

$$\mathcal{R}(t) = \frac{1}{2} \int_\Sigma d^3\mathbf{x} \sqrt{-g} C^t(t, \mathbf{x})$$

$$\dot{\mathcal{R}} = \frac{1}{2} \int_\Sigma d^3\mathbf{x} \partial_t \left( \sqrt{-g} C^t(t, \mathbf{x}) \right) = \frac{1}{2} \int_\Sigma d^3\mathbf{x} \left[ \sqrt{-g} R - \cancel{\partial_i \left( \sqrt{-g} C^i(t, \mathbf{x}) \right)} \right]$$

$$\mathcal{R}(t_2) - \mathcal{R}(t_1) = \frac{1}{2} \int_{\mathcal{V}} d^4x \sqrt{-g} R \quad \text{integrated Ricci scalar}$$

Heisenberg uncertainty relation

$$\frac{\delta \ell_{Pl}}{\ell_{Pl}} \times \frac{\delta \int_{\mathcal{V}} d^4x \sqrt{-g} R}{\ell_{Pl}^2} \geq 4\pi$$

# Frozen Axion for $G_N$

Canonically normalised  $\nu$  instead of  $\alpha$

$$S[g, \mathcal{A}, \nu] = \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \left[ -\frac{1}{2} \nu^2 R + \frac{1}{2} (\partial \nu)^2 + \frac{\nu}{f_\alpha} \mathcal{F}_{\gamma\sigma} \mathcal{F}^{\star\gamma\sigma} - V_\alpha(\nu) - \frac{1}{4\mathbf{g}^2} \mathcal{F}_{\gamma\sigma} \mathcal{F}^{\gamma\sigma} \right]$$

Again formal limit / “confinement”  $\mathbf{g} \rightarrow \infty$



# Changing Matter via Henneaux–Teitelboim

$$S[g, \beta, L, \Phi_m] = \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \beta (\mathcal{L}_m - \nabla_\lambda L^\lambda)$$

Momentum rescaling

$$\pi = \beta \pi^{(m)} = \beta \sqrt{-g} \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}_m}{\partial \dot{\phi}} \quad \longrightarrow \quad [\phi(\mathbf{x}), \pi^{(m)}(\mathbf{y})] = \frac{i\hbar}{\beta} \delta(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y})$$

Effective Planck Quanta

$$\bar{\hbar} = \frac{\hbar}{\beta}$$

Effective Newton Constant

$$\bar{G}_N = \beta G_N$$

Planck length  $\ell_{Pl} = \sqrt{\bar{\hbar} \bar{G}_N}$  remains invariant

## Heisenberg uncertainty relation

$$\delta \bar{\hbar} \times \delta \int_{\mathcal{V}} d^4x \sqrt{-g} \mathcal{L}_m \geq \frac{1}{2} \bar{\hbar}^2$$

# Frozen Axion for $\hbar$ and $G_N$

Canonically normalised  $\eta$  instead of  $\beta$

$$S[g, \eta, A, \Phi_m] = \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \left[ -\frac{R}{2\kappa} + \frac{1}{2} (\partial\eta)^2 - V_\beta(\eta) + \frac{\eta^2}{M_m^2} \mathcal{L}_m - \frac{\eta}{f_\beta} F_{\mu\nu} F^{\star\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{4\mathbf{g}^2} F_{\alpha\beta} F^{\alpha\beta} \right]$$

formal limit / “confinement”

$$\kappa = 8\pi G_N$$

# Unimodular, Unicurvature and Unimatter

for the globally dynamical  $\Lambda$

Unimodular  $S[g, \Lambda] = \int d^4x \Lambda \left( 1 - \sqrt{-g} \right)$

Henneaux-Teitelboim construction with fixed

$$W^\mu = \delta_t^\mu \frac{t}{\sqrt{-g}}$$

similarly one can write for the globally dynamical  $\hbar$  and  $G_N$

Unimatter  $S[g, \beta, \Phi_m] = \int d^4x \beta \left( \sqrt{-g} \mathcal{L}_m - 1 \right)$

Can be changed to  $\pm$  as in cosmology  $R = 3p - \varepsilon$

Unicurvature  $S[g, \alpha] = \frac{1}{2} \int d^4x \left( 1 - \sqrt{-g} R \right) \alpha$

each of these three constraints could be a gauge condition... but they yield dynamics!

*Thanks a lot for attention!*