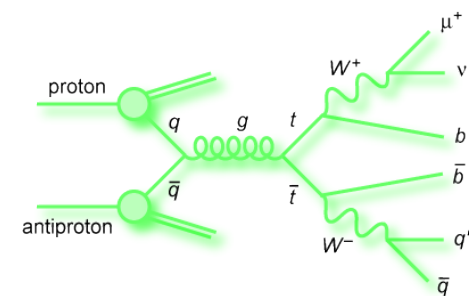


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CdR, Gabadadze, Heisenberg et Pirtskhalava,
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Pulsar tests of modified Gravity



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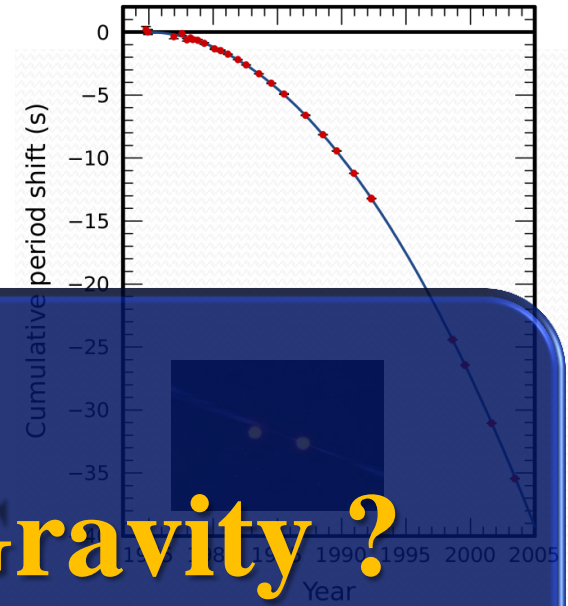
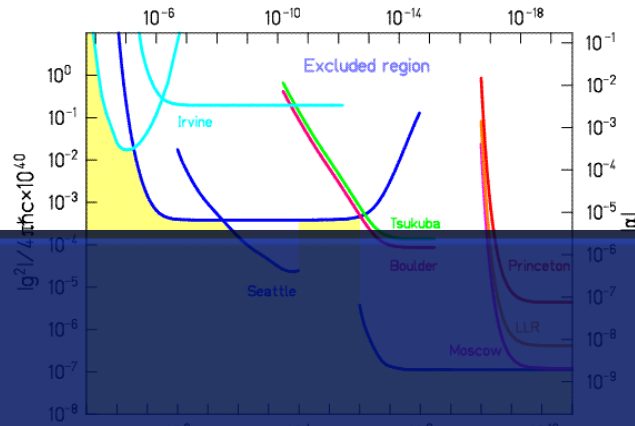
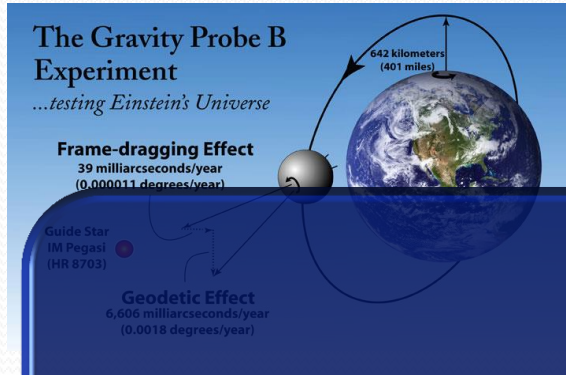
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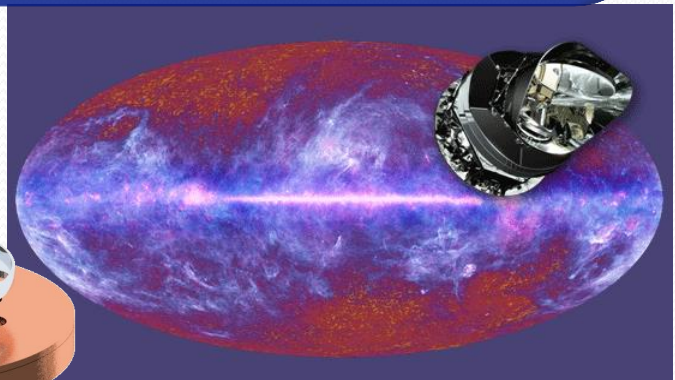
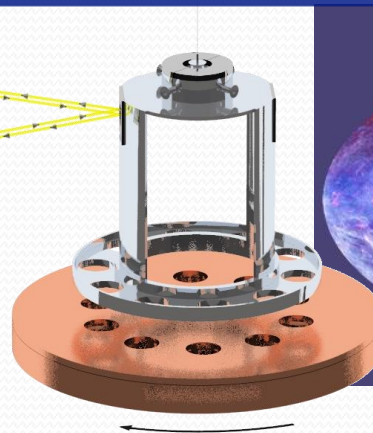
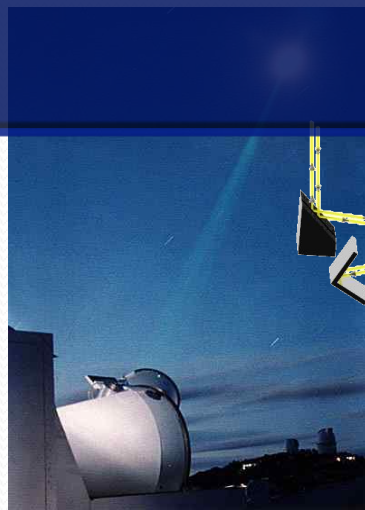
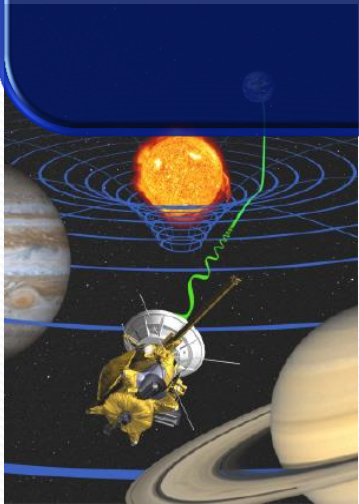


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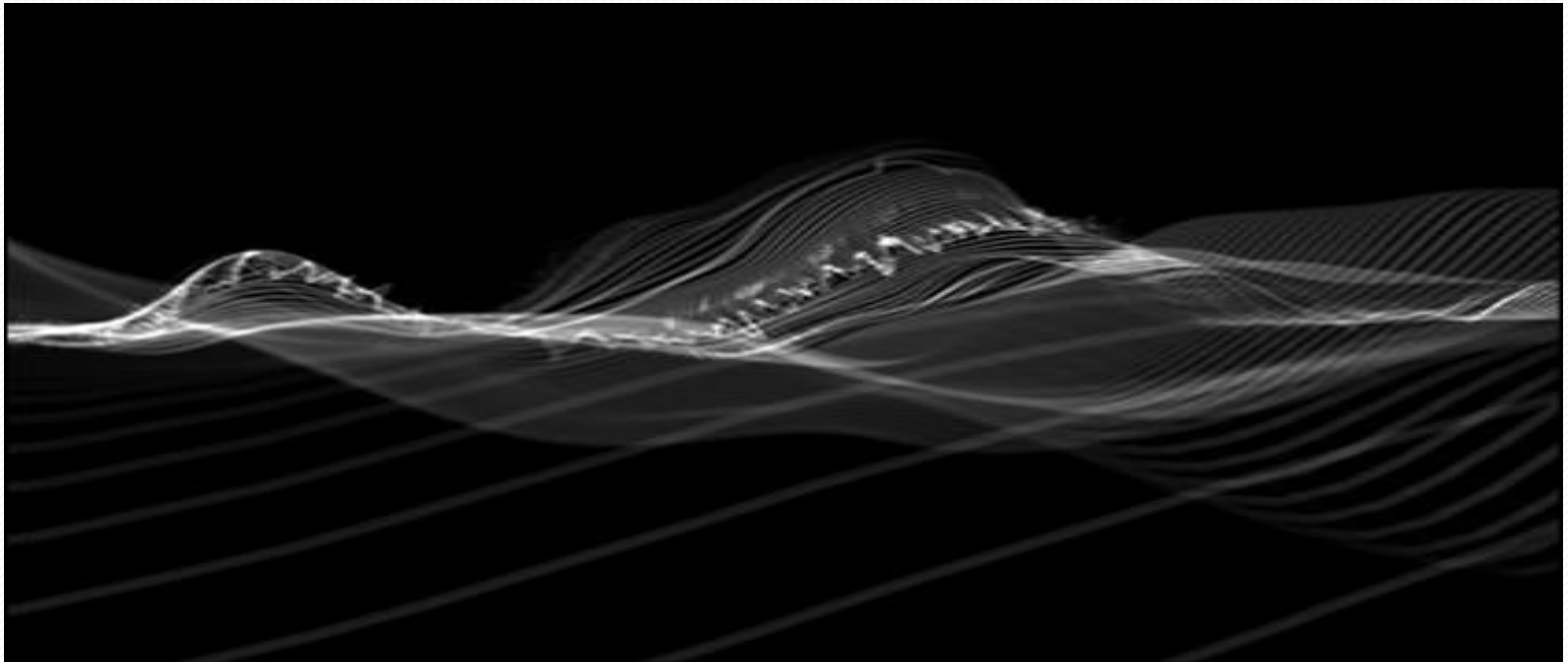


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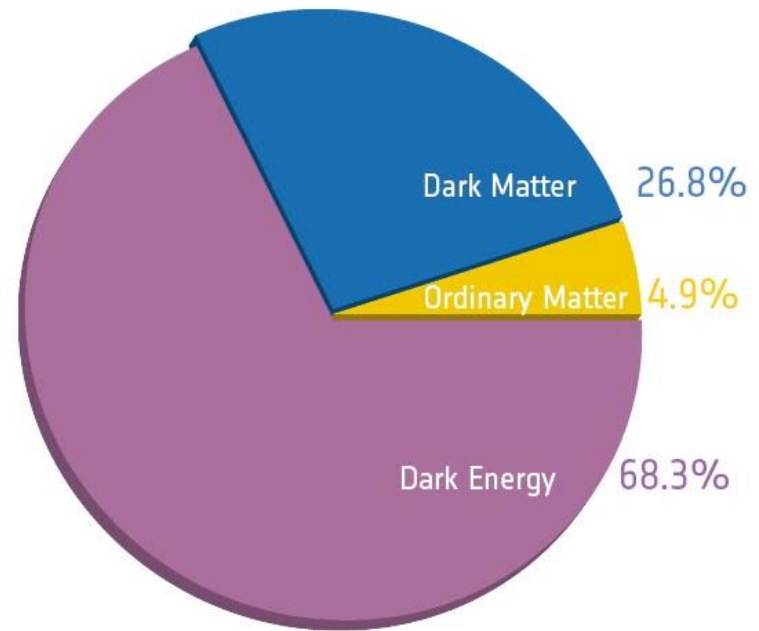
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Late time acceleration
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First signs of the
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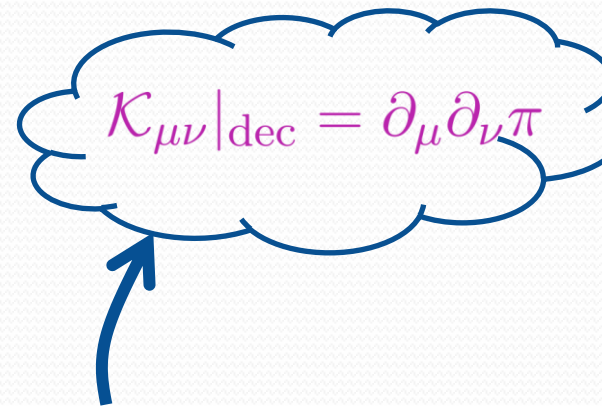
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$$\mathcal{U}_{\text{GF}} = [\Pi^2] - [\Pi]^2 + \frac{h_{\mu\nu}}{M_{\text{Pl}}} (\partial\partial\pi) + \dots$$

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Ghost-free decoupling limit

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CdR, Gabadadze, 1007.0443

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Hassan & Rosen, 1106.3344

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Hassan, Rosen & Schmidt-May, 1109.3230
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Ghost-free Massive Gravity

One can construct a consistent theory of massive gravity around any reference metric which

- propagates 5 dof in the graviton (free of the BD ghost)
- one of which is a **helicity-0** mode
which behaves as a scalar field
couples to matter πT
- “hides” itself via a **Vainshtein mechanism**

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Origin of the vDVZ discontinuity

van Dam & Veltman, Nucl.Phys.B 22, 397 (1970)

Zakharov, JETP Lett.12 (1970) 312

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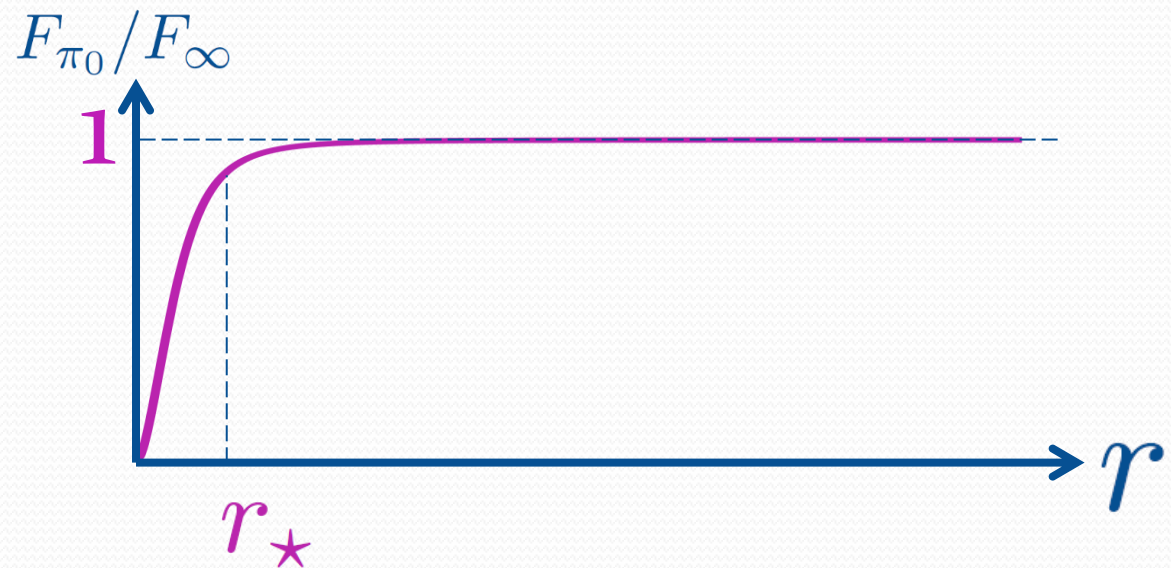
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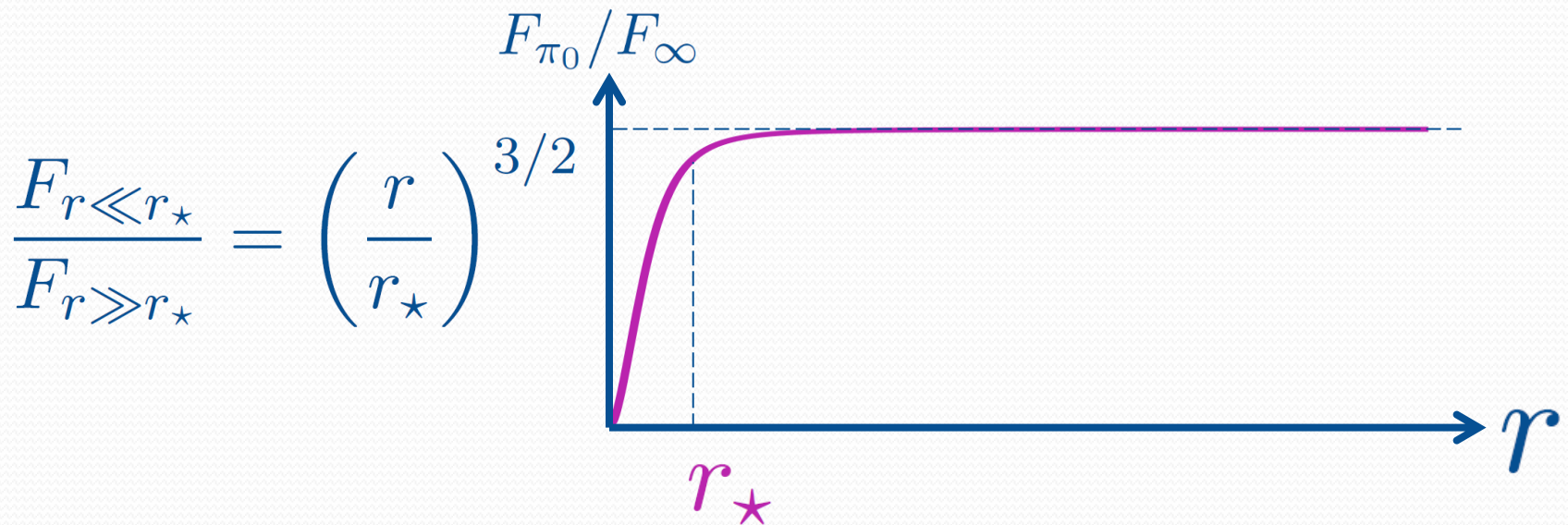
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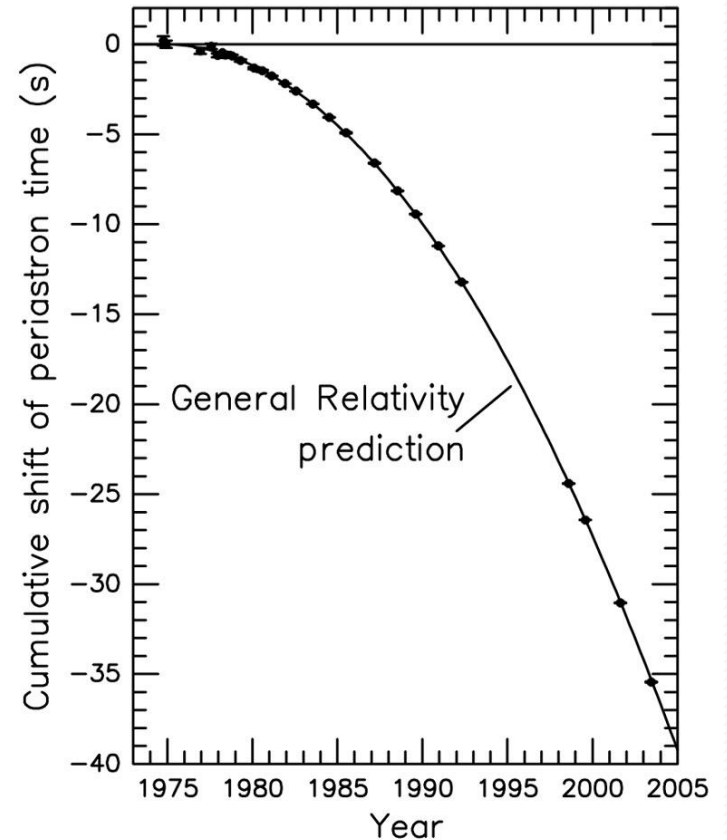
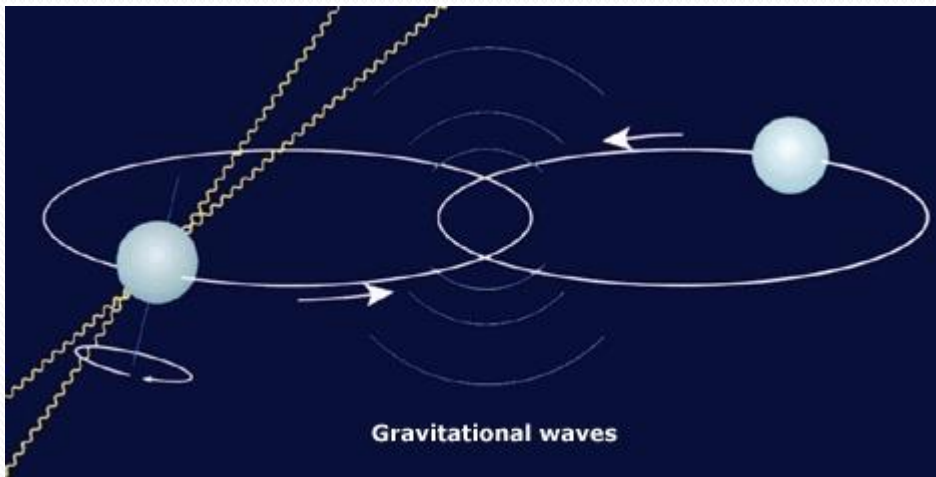
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described by Goldberger & Rothstein
hep-th/0409156 & subsequent literature

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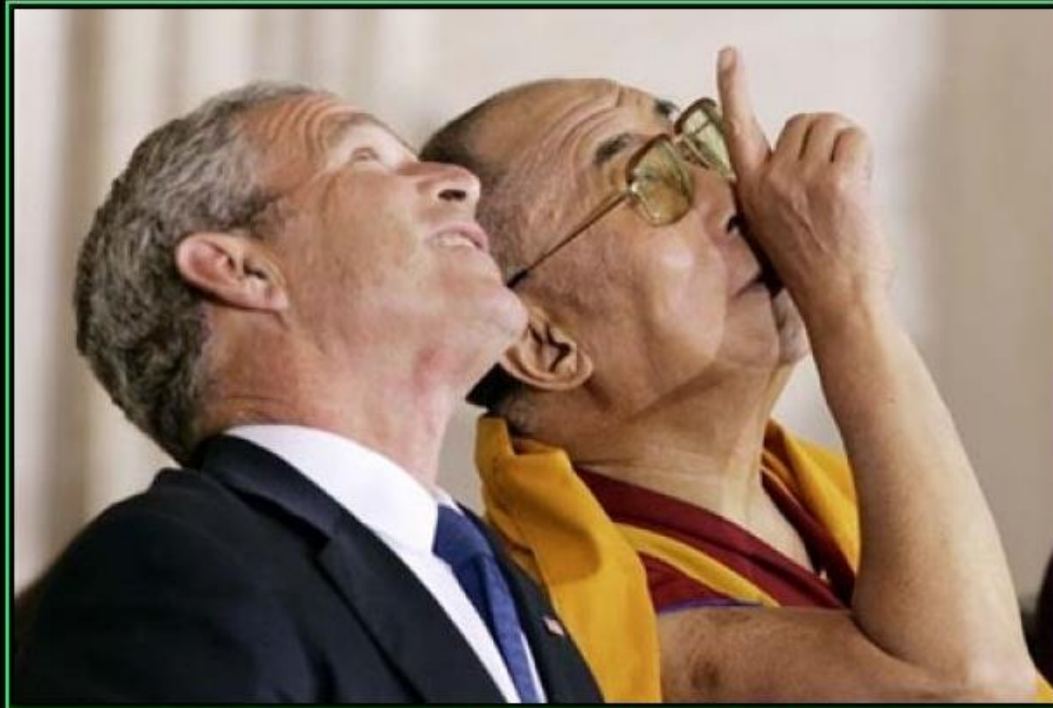
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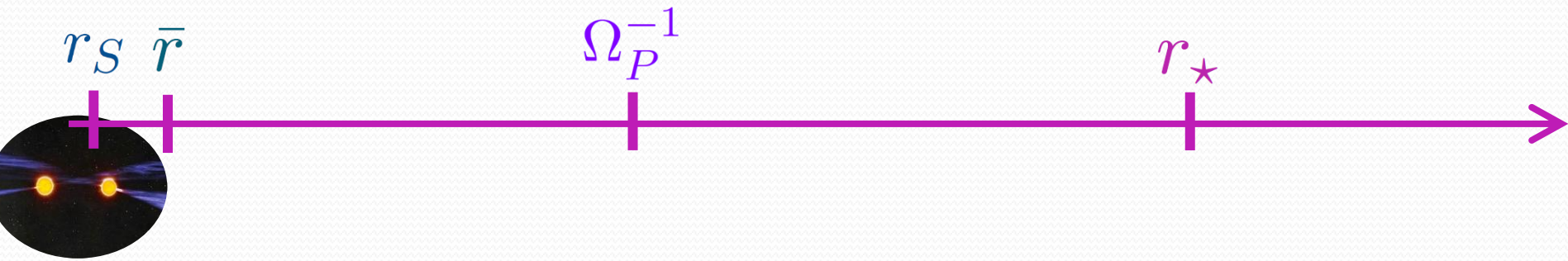
See those things way up there?
Those are standards

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- Instead of trying to solve the *full theory*, we **only include the most important contributions** in the Effective description
- This makes sense when there is **Hierarchy of scales.**



Hierarchy of Scales



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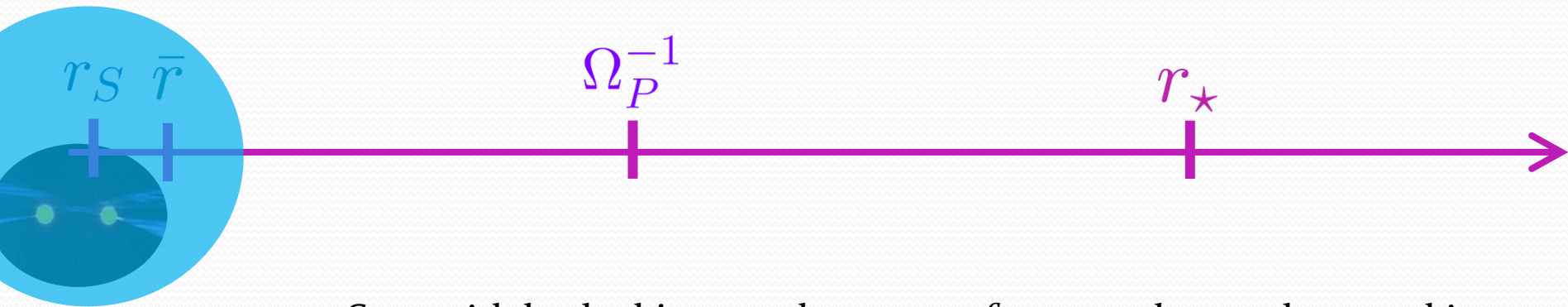
$$\bar{r} \sim 10^6 \text{ km}$$

$$\Omega_P^{-1} \sim 10^9 \text{ km}$$

$$r_\star \sim 10^{15} \text{ km}$$

$$r_S \ll \bar{r} \ll \Omega_P^{-1} \ll r_\star \ll m^{-1}$$

Hierarchy of Scales



Start with both objects at the center of mass and perturb around it

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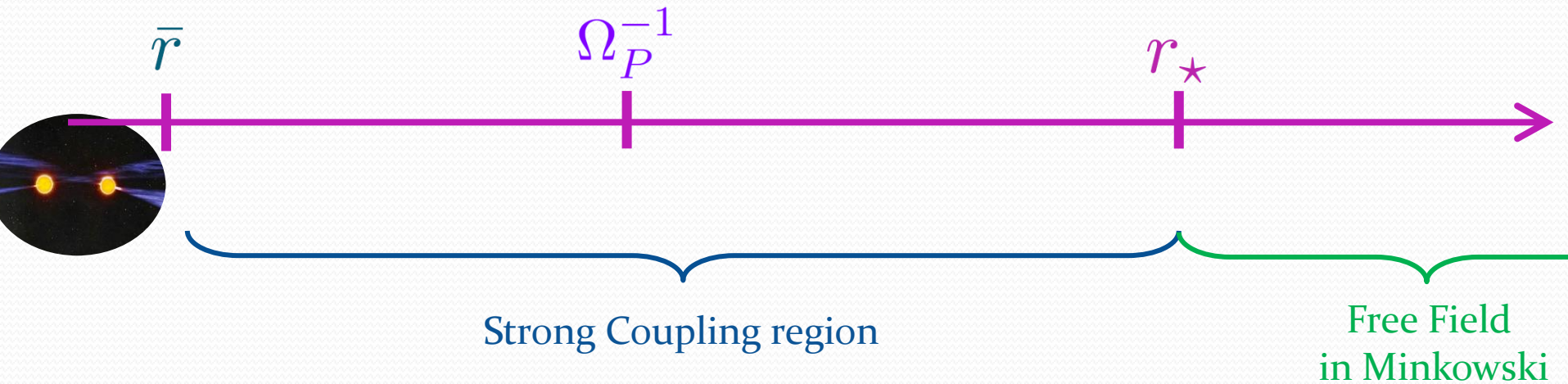
- In terms of the modes spherical harmonic space

$$Z \partial_x^2 [u_\ell(r) Y_{\ell m}(\Omega) e^{-i\omega t}] = 0$$

$$P \sim \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \sum_{\ell, m} (n\Omega_P) \left| \frac{1}{M_{\text{Pl}} T_P} \int_0^{T_P} dt d^3x u_\ell(r) Y_{\ell, m} e^{-in\Omega_P t} \delta T \right|^2$$

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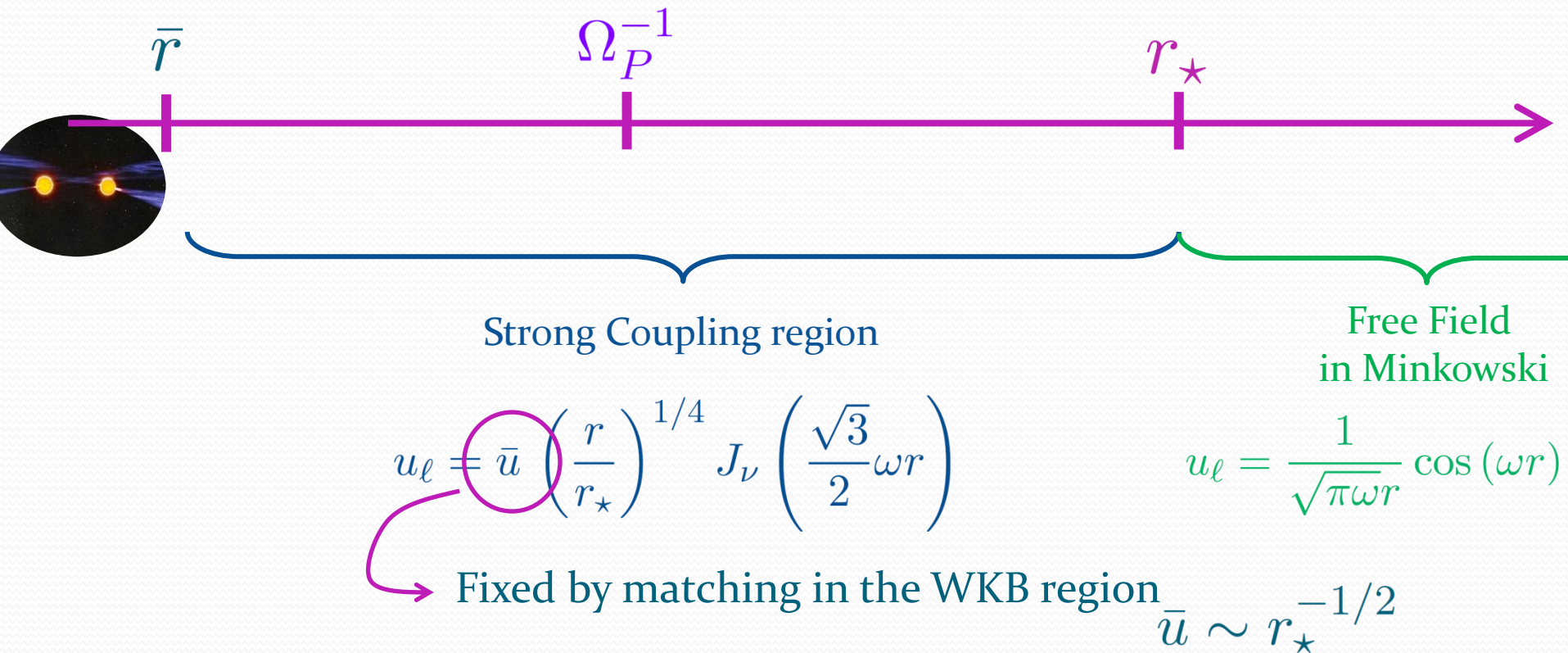
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$$\nu = \begin{cases} (2\ell + 1)/4 & \text{for } \ell > 0 \\ -1/4 & \text{for } \ell = 0 \end{cases}$$

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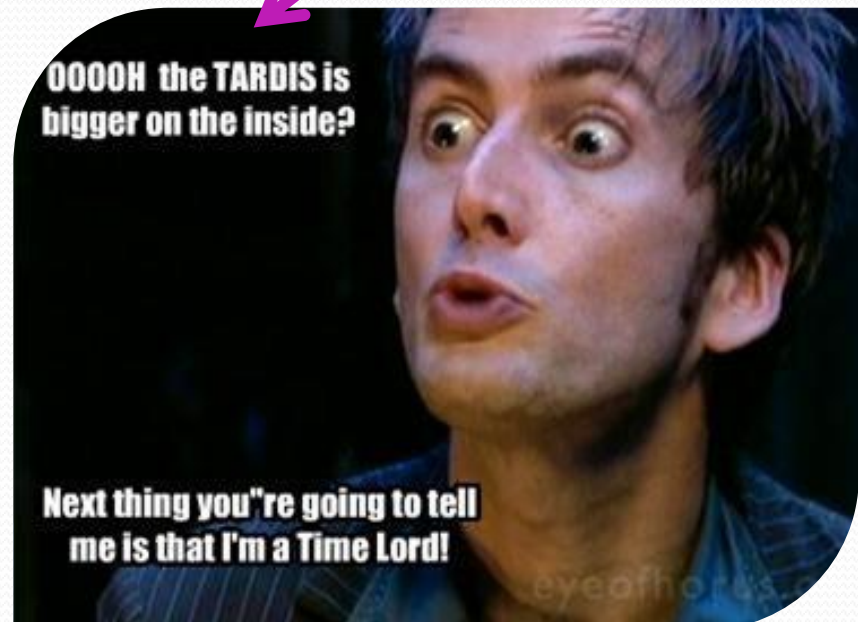
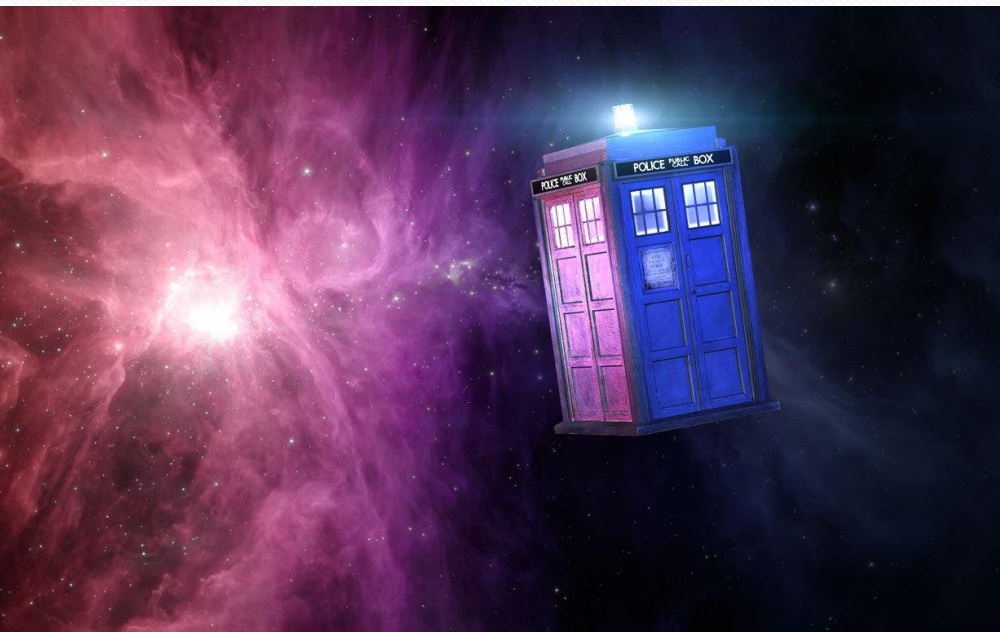
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- Perturbations are under control when there is another Hierarchy of scales
 - eg.* hierarchy of mass between the two objects
Solar System
- For a generic binary pulsar system, one needs to do perturbations about a different background...

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Outlook

- Massive Gravity is a specific framework to study IR modifications of Gravity
- It could play a role for
 - the late-time acceleration of the Universe
 - the cosmological constant problem
- We now have the theoretical formalism to describe a stable theory of massive gravity
- It behaves a scalar-tensor Galileon theory in some limit, hand in hand with a Vainshtein mechanism

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- The quadrupole is suppressed by $\frac{1}{(\Omega_p r_\star)^{3/2}} \frac{1}{\Omega_p \bar{r}}$
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