

# Searches for Local Lorentz Violation



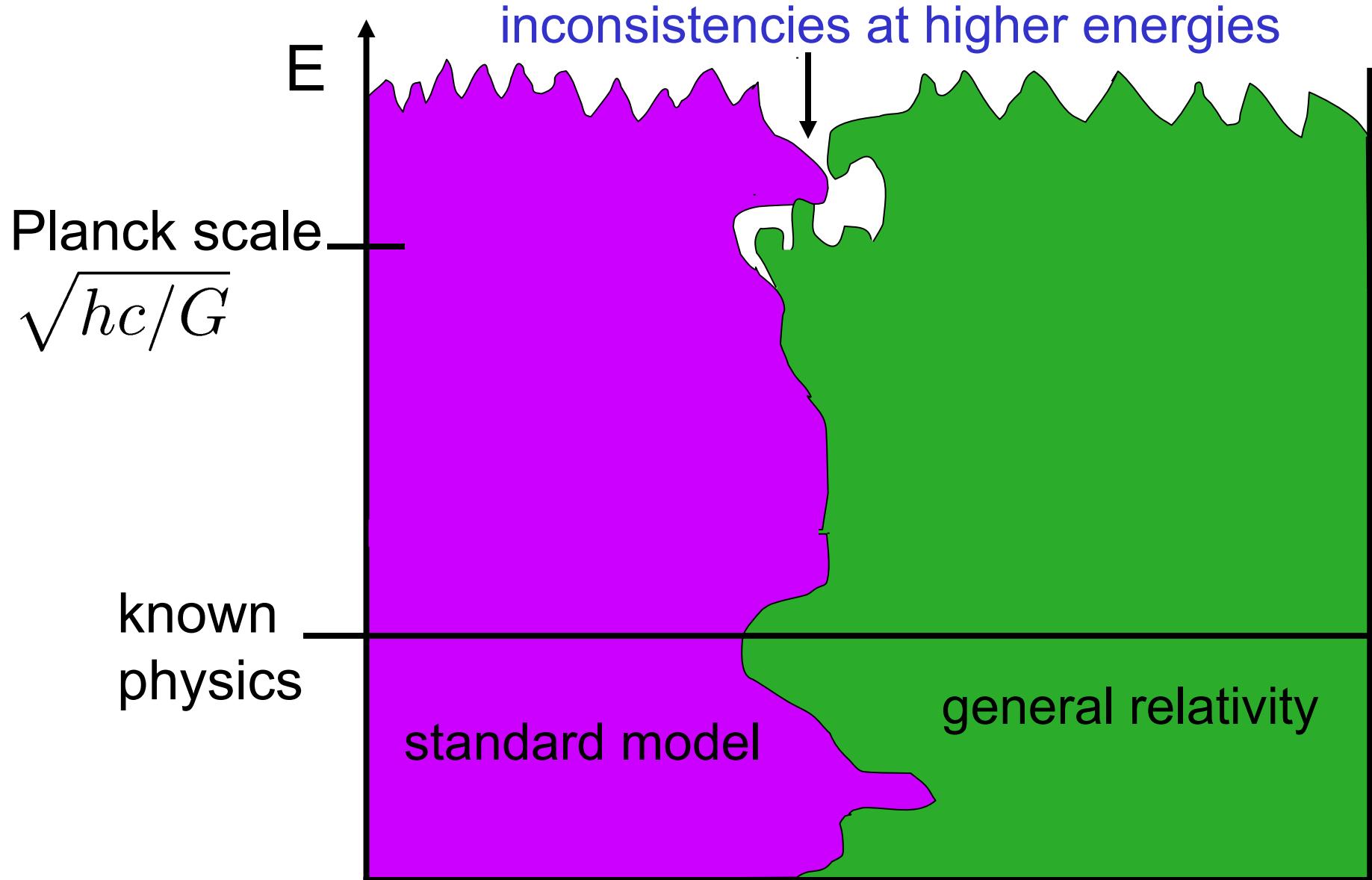
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# outline

- background
  - motivation
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- gravity theory
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  - matter-gravity couplings
- experiments & observations

# motivation



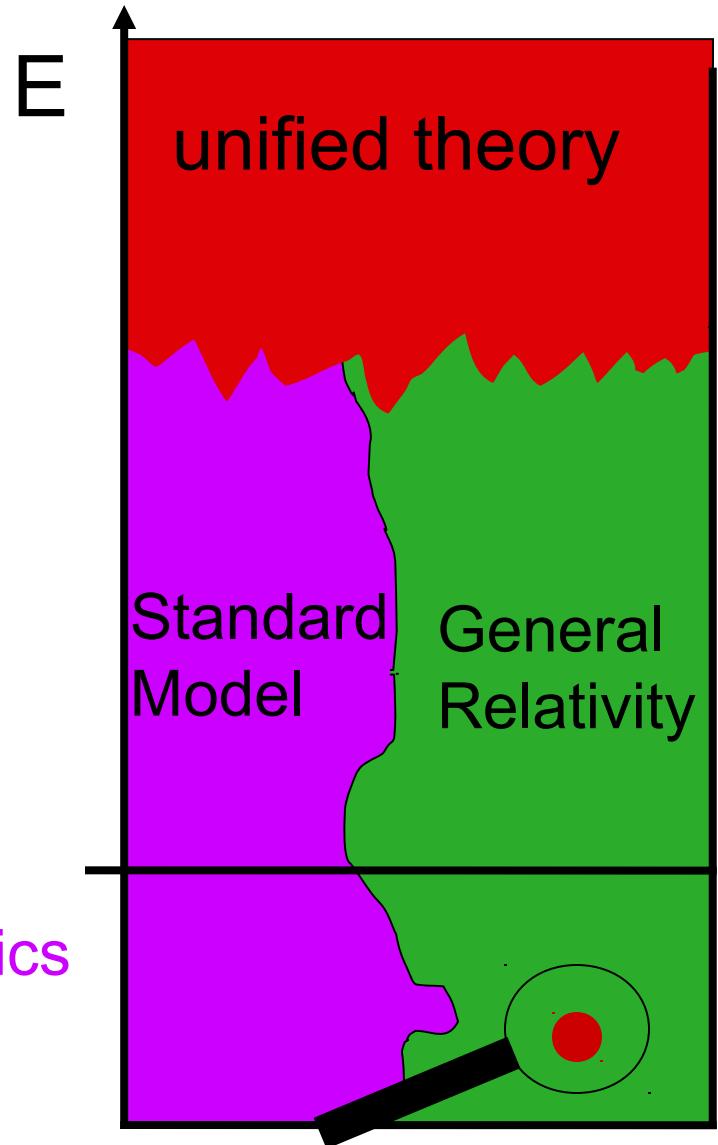
# underlying theory at Planck scale

options for probing experimentally

- galaxy-sized accelerator



- suppressed effects in sensitive experiments
- local Lorentz violation
  - can arise in theories of new physics
  - difficult to mimic with conventional effects



# Standard-Model Extension (SME)

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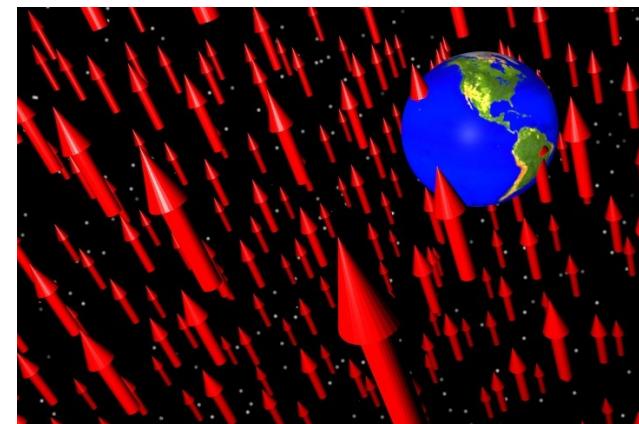
- General Relativity (GR)
- Standard Model (SM)
- arbitrary coordinate-independent Lorentz violation

$$L_{\text{SME}} = L_{\text{GR}} + L_{\text{SM}} + L_{\text{LV}}$$

## Lorentz-violating terms

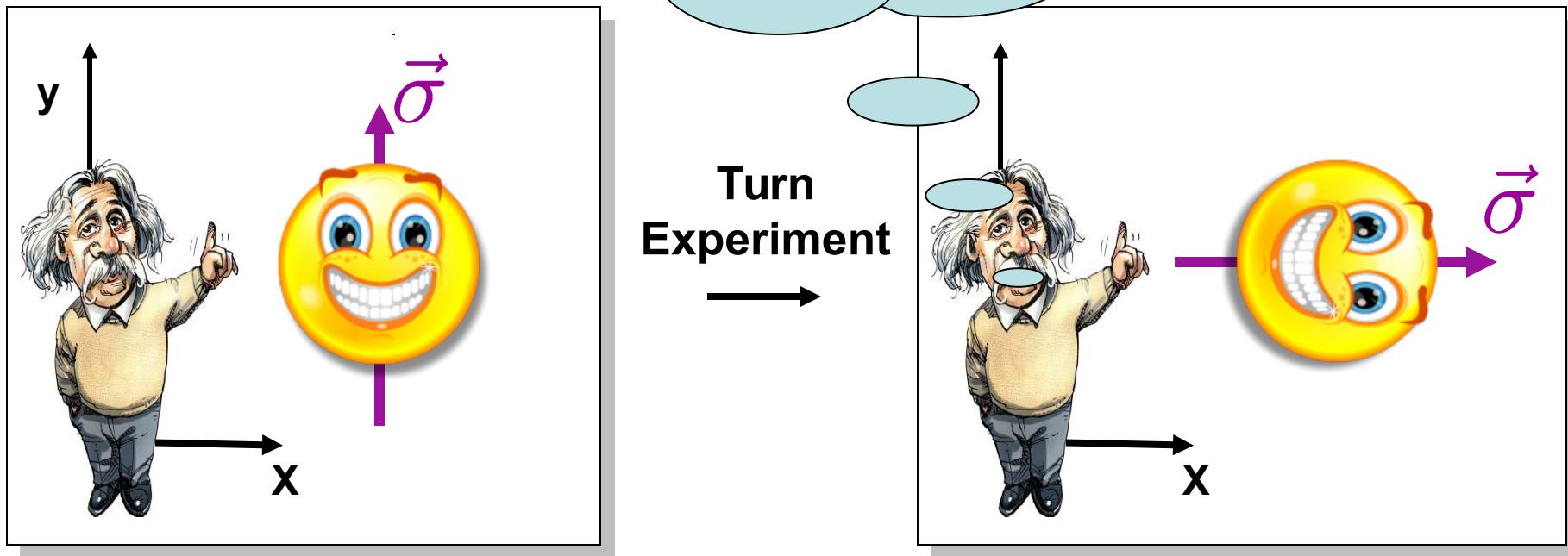
- constructed from GR and SM fields
- parameterized by coefficients for Lorentz violation
- samples

$$s^{\mu\nu} R_{\mu\nu} - \bar{\psi} a_\mu \gamma^\mu \psi$$



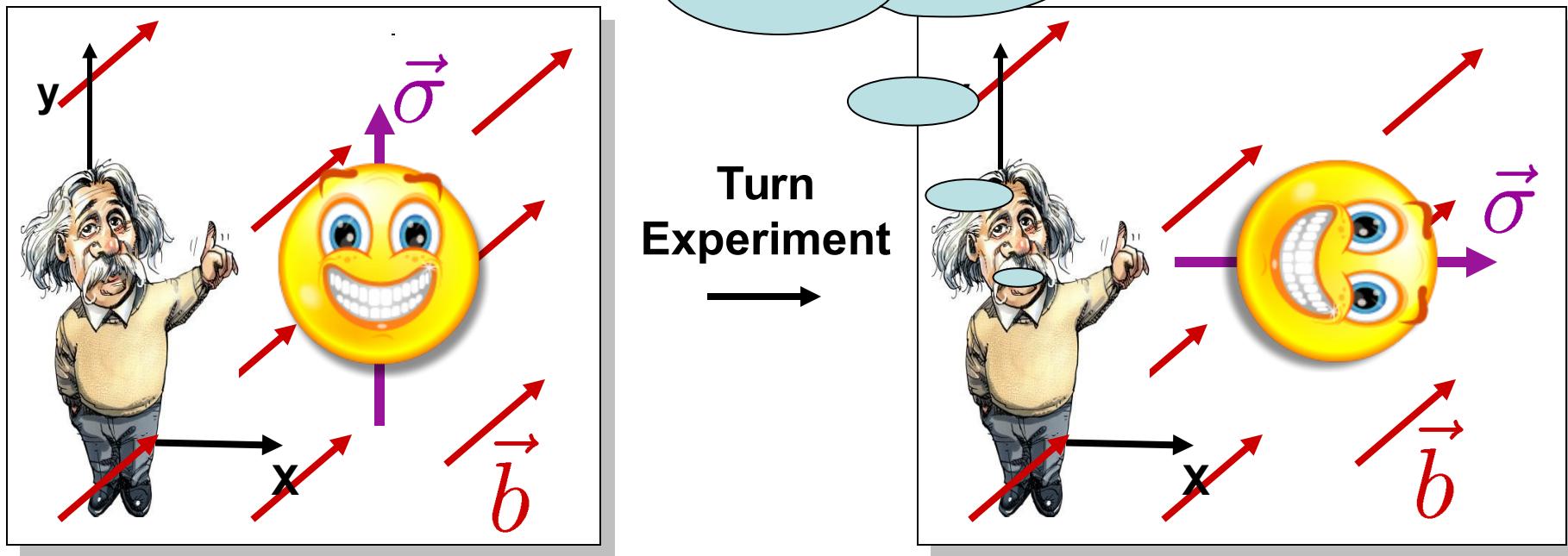
# What is Lorentz (rotation) violation?

If I turn my head, it's clear  
that nothing has changed  
and relativity is preserved.



# What is Lorentz (rotation) violation?

I can't fix this by rotating my coordinates. Relativity is violated



$$\vec{\tau} = \vec{\sigma} \times \vec{b}$$

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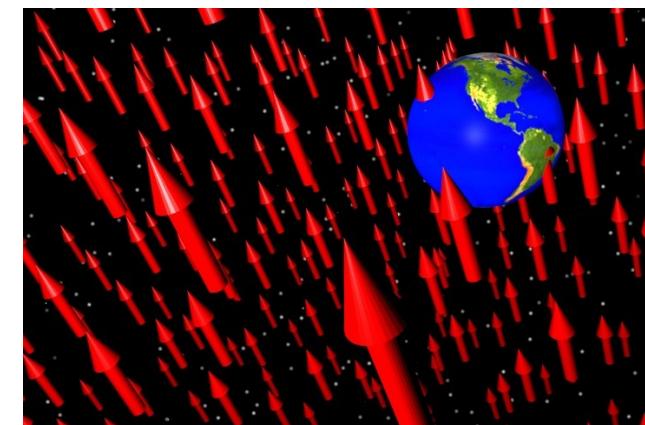
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$$S' \sim R_{\mu\nu} - \bar{\psi} a_\mu \gamma^\mu \psi$$



# PPN vs. SME

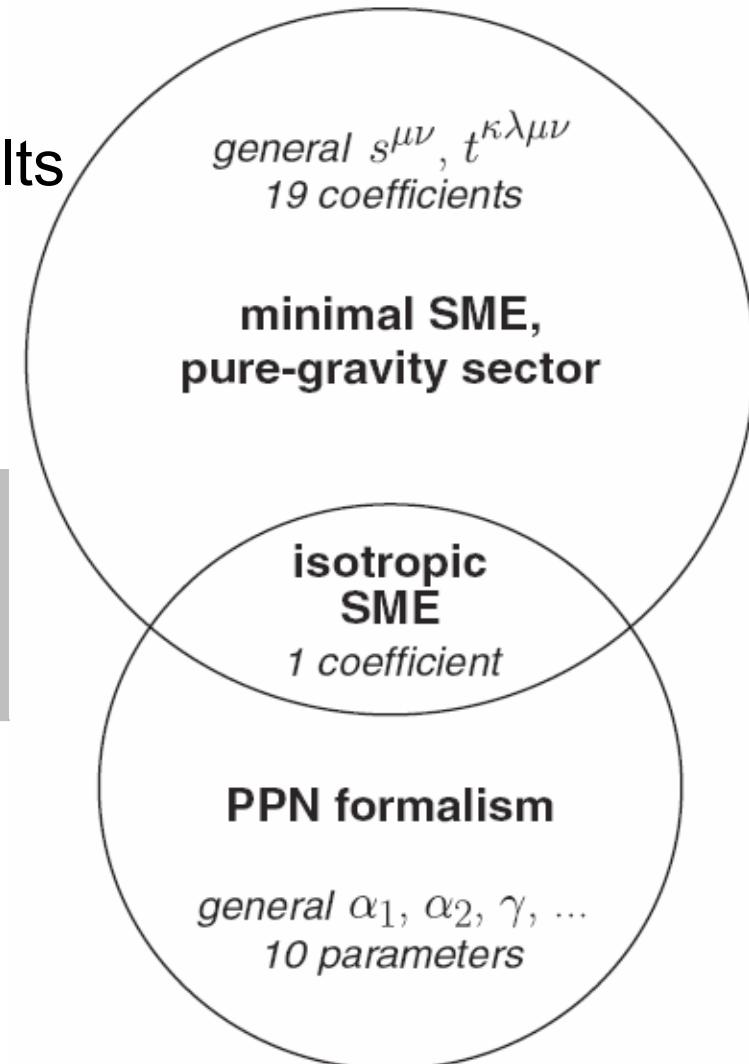
framework	PPN	SME
parameterizes deviations from:	General Relativity (including some LLV)	exact LLI (including some corrections to GR)
expansion about:	GR metric	GR + standard model lagrangian
GR corrections?	Yes	Yes, different ones!
matter sector /standard model corrections?	No	Yes
Lorentz invariant corrections?	Yes	(not primary interest)

# parameterized deviations from GR are different!

Example: pure-gravity sector of minimal SME vs. PPN

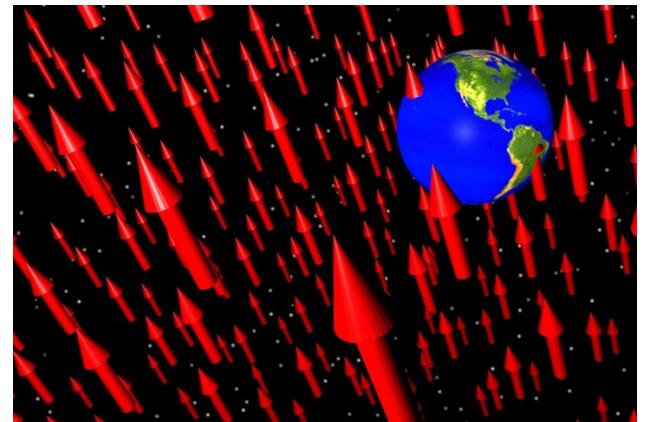
- different coefficients
- can lead to qualitatively different results

If you currently investigate the PPN,  
you may be able to test additional  
physics using the SME!



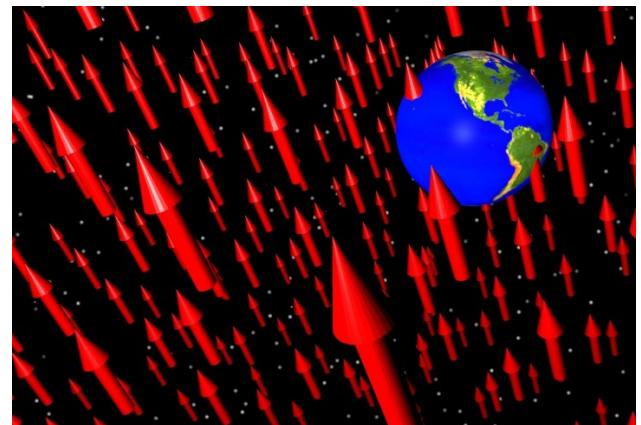
# background vectors and tensors are cute, but where could they come from?

- explicit Lorentz violation
  - the universe just looks that way
  - consistency problems with Riemann geometry can arise<sup>1</sup>
- spontaneous Lorentz violation
  - a vector or tensor field gets a vacuum-expectation value
  - nonzero VEV observed for a scalar particle, the Higgs (no Lorentz violation)
  - VEV for vector or tensor would be my red arrows
  - consistent with Riemann geometry



# tests

- compare experiments pointing in different directions
- compare experiments at different velocities
- compare particles and antiparticles
- SME
  - predictive
  - quantitative comparisons
- observe:
  - Lorentz violation
  - ‘conventional’ field associated with larger-scale source eg. spacetime torsion<sup>1</sup>, gravitomagnetism<sup>2</sup>



# SME experimental and observational searches

- atom-interferometer tests (Mueller, Chiow, Herrmann, Chu, Chung)
- lunar laser ranging (Battat, Chandler, Stubbs)
- pulsar-timing observations (Shao)
- short-range gravity tests (Speake, Long,...)
- trapped particle tests (Dehmelt,Gabrielse, ...)
- spin-polarized matter tests (Adelberger, Heckel, Hou, ...)
- clock-comparison tests (Gibble, Hunter, Romalis, Walsworth, ...)
- tests with resonant cavities (Lipa, Mueller, Peters, Schiller, Wolf, ...)
- neutrino oscillations (LSND, Minos, Super K, ...)
- muon tests (Hughes, BNL g-2)
- meson oscillations (BABAR, BELLE, DELPHI, FOCUS, KTeV, OPAL, ...)
- astrophysical photon decay
- cosmological birefringence
- CMB analysis
- .....

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Yet much remains unexplored

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# overview of Lorentz violation/SME

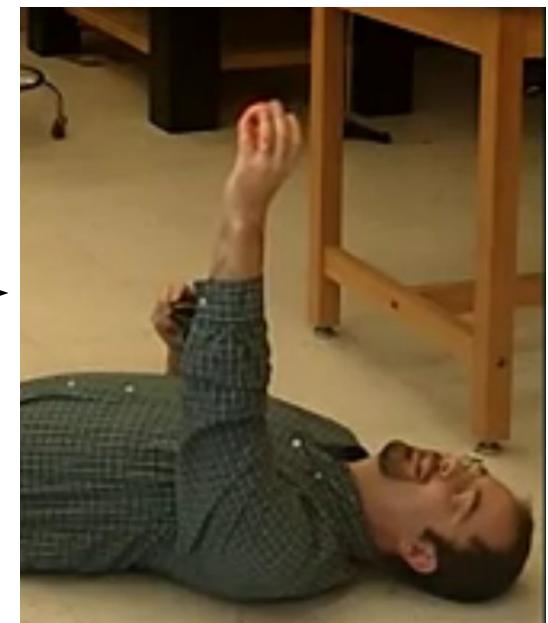
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## Key Issues Review

### What do we know about Lorentz invariance?

- simple examples
- general overview
- video abstract



# Lorentz violation in gravitational experiments

gravitational sector<sup>1</sup>:

- Lorentz violation in the gravitational field
- Einstein-Hilbert + corrections

gravitationally coupled matter sector<sup>2</sup>:

- Lorentz violation in matter gravity couplings
- species dependent couplings leads to WEP violation

1 Bailey Kostelecký PRD '06, Bailey Kostelecký Xu arXiv:1410.6162

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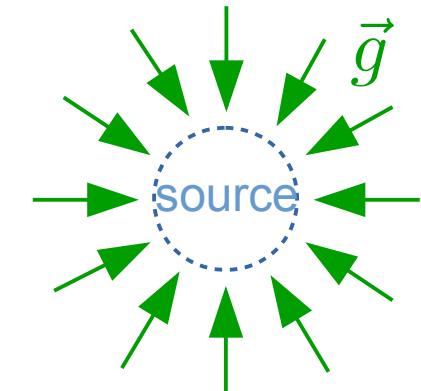
# gravity sector

gravity sector: dynamics of gravitational field alone

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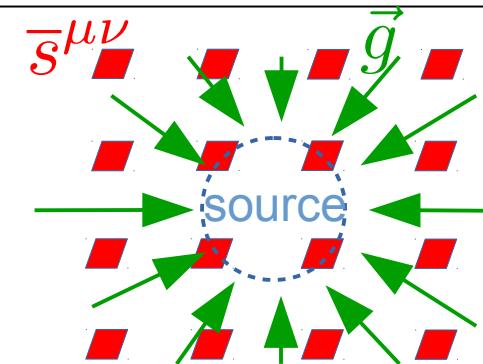
conventional  
pure-gravity

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{GR}} = eR$$



leading Lorentz  
violation

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{LV,grav}} = e\bar{s}^{\mu\nu}R_{\mu\nu} \dots$$
$$s^{\mu\nu} = \bar{s}^{\mu\nu} + \tilde{s}^{\mu\nu}$$



- minimal post-Newtonian effects originate from  $\bar{s}^{\mu\nu}$
- experiments that involve the gravitational field are relevant

# gravity sector

- minimal effects (mass dimension 4 operators) via post Newton metric<sup>1</sup>

$$g_{00} = -1 + 2U + 3\bar{s}^{00}U + \bar{s}^{jk}U^{jk} + \dots$$

$$g_{0j} = \bar{s}^{0j}U - \frac{7}{2}V^j + \frac{3}{4}\bar{s}^{jk}V^k + \dots$$

...

- dimension 6 operators<sup>2</sup>

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{LV,grav}}^{(6)} = \frac{1}{2}(k_1^{(6)})_{\alpha\beta\gamma\delta\kappa\lambda}\{D^\kappa, D^\lambda\}R^{\alpha\beta\lambda\delta} + \dots$$

- dimension 6 effects via modified 1/r behavior

$$U(r) = G_N \int d^3r' \frac{\rho(\vec{r}')}{|\vec{r} - \vec{r}'|} \left( 1 + \frac{\bar{k}(\hat{R})}{|\vec{r} - \vec{r}'|^2} \right)$$

anisotropic combination  
of dim 6 coefficients

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# gravitationally coupled matter sector

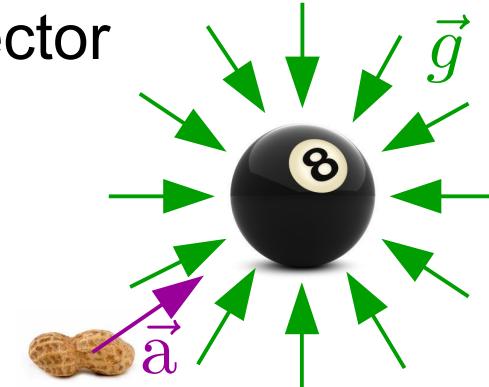
matter sector: kinematics and interactions of particles

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{matter}} = \mathcal{L}_{\text{SM}} + \mathcal{L}_{\text{LV,SM}}$$

conventional gravitationally coupled matter sector

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{SM}} = \frac{1}{2} i e^\mu_a \bar{\psi} \gamma^a \overleftrightarrow{D}_\mu \psi - \bar{\psi} m \psi$$

$$L_{\text{SM}} = -m \sqrt{-g_{\mu\nu} u^\mu u^\nu}$$
$$\approx \frac{1}{2} m \dot{x}^2 - U$$



Lorentz violation

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{LV,SM}} = -\frac{i}{2} e^\mu_a \bar{\psi} \left( c_{\nu\lambda} e^{\nu a} e^\lambda_b \gamma^b + e_\nu e^{\nu a} \dots \right) \overleftrightarrow{D}_\mu \psi - \bar{\psi} \left( a_\mu e^\mu_a \gamma^a \dots \right) \psi$$

$$L_{\text{LV,SM}} = -m \sqrt{-(g_{\mu\nu} u^\mu u^\nu + 2c_{\mu\nu})^\mu u^\nu + (a_{\text{eff}})_\mu u^\mu}$$

$$(a_{\text{eff}})_\mu = a_\mu - m e_\mu$$

- source-dependent field distortions
- test-particle dependent responses



# countershaded Lorentz violation

- upon investigating spontaneous breaking we find

$$a_\mu = \bar{a}_\mu + \frac{1}{2} \alpha \bar{a}^\nu h_{\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{4} \alpha \bar{a}_\mu h^\nu_\nu$$

Minkowski-spacetime coefficients

unobservable shift in fermion phase

observable effects via gravity coupling

The diagram illustrates the decomposition of the spacetime coefficient  $a_\mu$  into two components. A red arrow points from the term  $\bar{a}_\mu$  to a box labeled "unobservable shift in fermion phase". Another red arrow points from the term  $\frac{1}{2} \alpha \bar{a}^\nu h_{\mu\nu}$  to a box labeled "observable effects via gravity coupling". A third red arrow points from the term  $-\frac{1}{4} \alpha \bar{a}_\mu h^\nu_\nu$  to the same box. Above the equation, a box labeled "Minkowski-spacetime coefficients" contains the entire expression  $a_\mu = \bar{a}_\mu + \frac{1}{2} \alpha \bar{a}^\nu h_{\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{4} \alpha \bar{a}_\mu h^\nu_\nu$ .

- $\bar{a}_\mu$  for matter is unobservable in flat-spacetime tests
- observable  $\bar{a}_\mu$  effects are suppressed by the gravitational field
- $\bar{a}_\mu$  could be large ( $\sim 1\text{eV}$ ) relative to existing matter-sector bounds  $b_\mu < 10^{-30}$

# classical results

$$h_{00} = \frac{2Gm}{r} \left( 1 + (\bar{c}^S)_{00} + \frac{2}{m} (\bar{a}_{\text{eff}}^S)_0 \right) + \dots$$

$$\ddot{x}^j = -\frac{1}{2} \partial^j h_{00} + (\bar{c}^T)^j{}_k \partial^k h_{00} + \frac{1}{m^T} \alpha (\bar{a}_{\text{eff}}^T)_0 \partial^j h_{00} + \dots$$

S and T denote  
composite coefficients  
for source and test respectively

$$(a_{\text{eff}})_\mu = a_\mu - m e_\mu$$

- modified metric & particle equation of motion
- experimental hooks
  - particle-species dependence
  - time dependence

# experiments

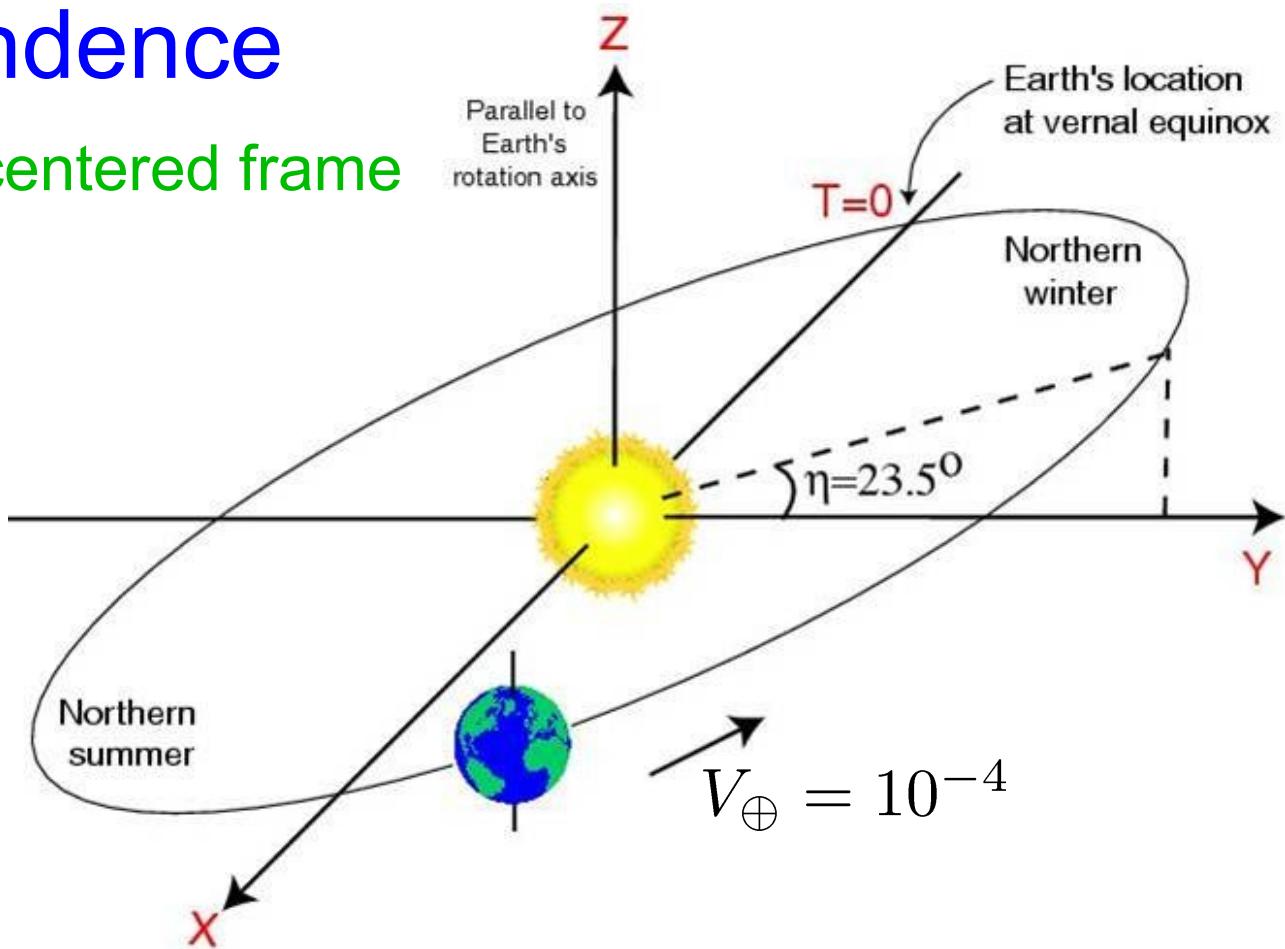
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# time dependence

- standard Sun-centered frame



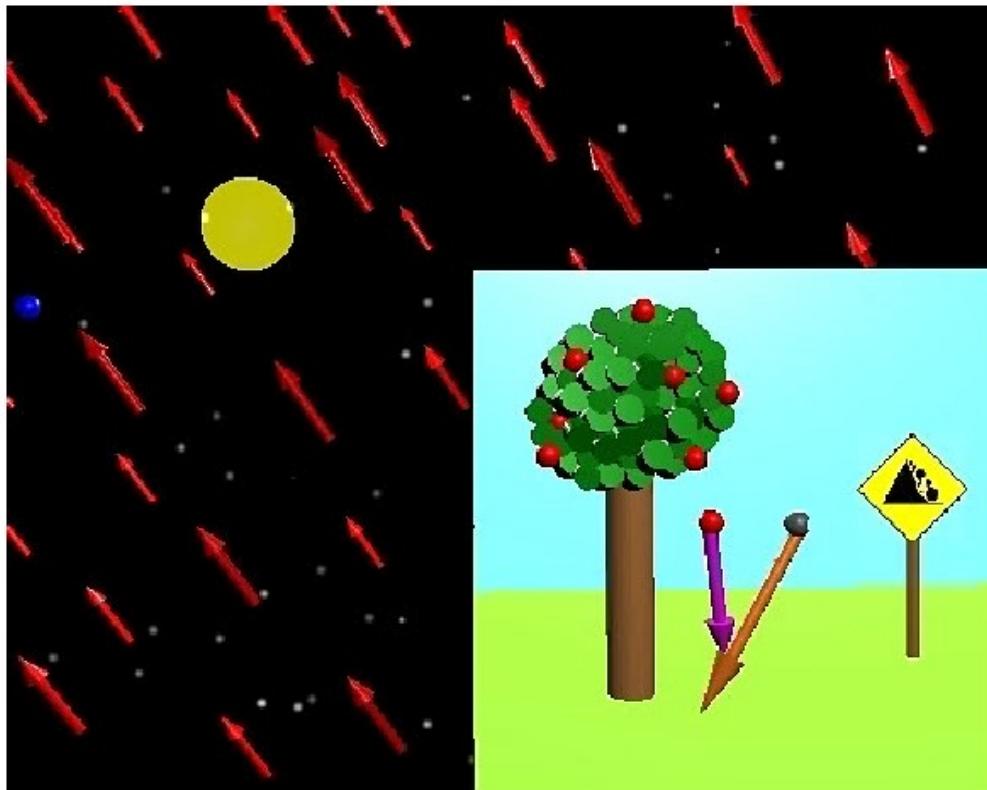
- boost and rotation of test → annual & sidereal variations

$$\begin{aligned}\ddot{\vec{x}} \supset -2g \alpha \bar{a}_T \hat{z} - 2g V_{\oplus} \alpha \bar{a}_X \sin(\Omega T) \hat{z} \\ - \frac{2}{5} g V_L \alpha \bar{a}_X \sin(\omega T + \psi) \hat{y}\end{aligned}$$

# lab tests

acceleration of a test particle T

$$\ddot{\vec{x}} \supset -2\frac{1}{m}gV_{\oplus} \alpha(\bar{a}_{\text{eff}}^T)_X \sin(\Omega T) \hat{z} + gV_{\oplus}(\bar{c}^T)_{TX} \sin 2\chi \sin (\Omega T) \hat{x}$$



annual variations

- monitor acceleration of one particle over time → gravimeter
- monitor relative behavior of particles → EP test
- frequency and phase distinguish from other effects

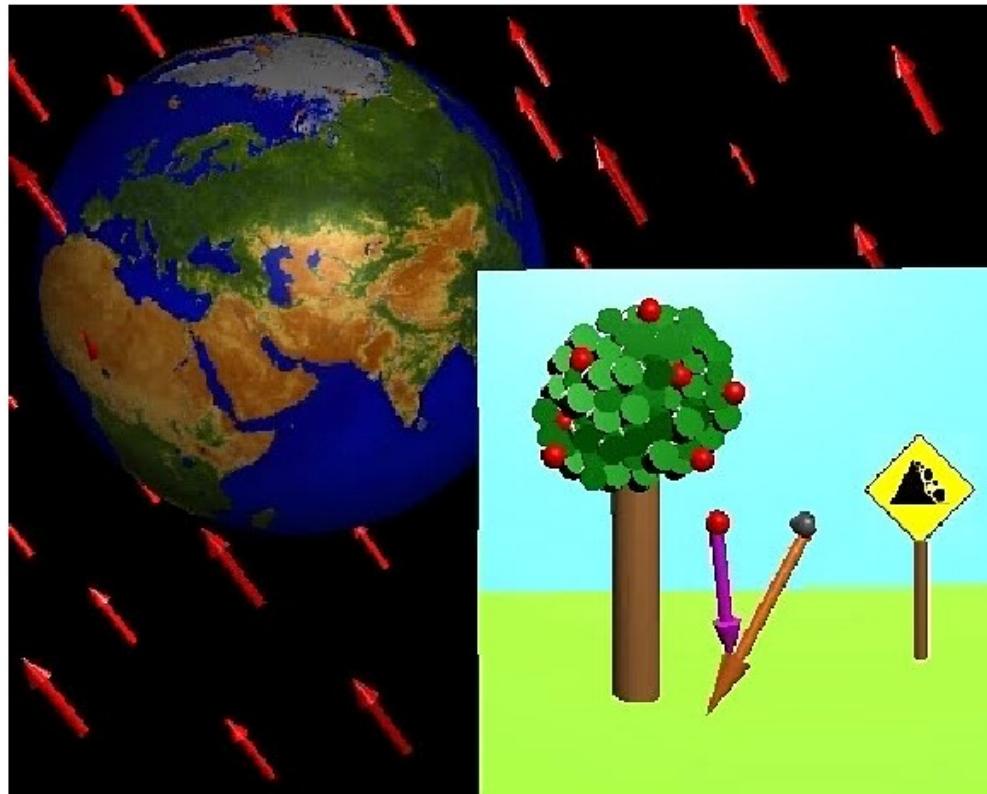
# lab tests

acceleration of a test particle T

$$\ddot{\vec{x}} \supset -\frac{2}{5m} g V_L \alpha (\bar{a}_{\text{eff}}^T)_X \sin(\omega T + \psi) \hat{y}$$

$$V_L \approx 10^{-2} V_{\oplus}$$

sidereal variations



unsuppressed in  
some tests having  
horizontal  
sensitivity

## B. Free-fall gravimeter tests

In this subsection, we consider laboratory tests that monitor the motion of a test body in free fall near the surface of the Earth. The equation of motion for the

## B. Free-fall gravimeter tests

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$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathbf{a}_{\hat{z}} = & -g + \omega^2 R_{\oplus} \sin^2 \chi \\
 & + \sum_{n,w} g \left[ \left( \frac{N^w}{m^T} E_n^w + \frac{N_{\oplus}^w}{m^S} E_n'^w + \frac{1}{3} E_n \right) \cos(\omega_n T + \psi_n) \right. \\
 & \quad \left. + \left( \frac{N^w}{m^T} F_n^w + \frac{N_{\oplus}^w}{m^S} F_n'^w + \frac{1}{3} F_n \right) \sin(\omega_n T + \psi_n) \right].
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Table IV. Amplitudes for the acceleration  $\mathbf{a}_{\hat{z}}$ .

Amplitude	Phase
$E_0^w = -2\alpha(\bar{a}_{\text{eff}}^w)_T + 2m^w(\bar{c}^w)_{ZZ} \cos^2 \chi$ $+ m^w ((\bar{c}^w)_{XX} + (\bar{c}^w)_{YY}) \sin^2 \chi$	0
$E'_0{}^w = -2\alpha(\bar{a}_{\text{eff}}^w)_T - m^w(\bar{c}^w)_{TT}$	0
$E_{\omega}^w = 2m^w(\bar{c}^w)_{(XZ)} \sin 2\chi - \frac{4}{5}V_L \alpha(\bar{a}_{\text{eff}}^w)_Y \sin \chi$	$\psi$
$E'_{\omega}{}^w = -\frac{4}{5}V_L (3\alpha(\bar{a}_{\text{eff}}^w)_Y + m^w(\bar{c}^w)_{(TY)}) \sin \chi$	$\psi$
$F_{\omega}^w = 2m^w(\bar{c}^w)_{(YZ)} \sin 2\chi + \frac{4}{5}V_L \alpha(\bar{a}_{\text{eff}}^w)_X \sin \chi$	$\psi$
$F'_{\omega}{}^w = \frac{4}{5}V_L (3\alpha(\bar{a}_{\text{eff}}^w)_X + m^w(\bar{c}^w)_{(TX)}) \sin \chi$	$\psi$

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improvement potential via atom interferometry:

- max reach 4 to 6 orders of magnitude improvement
- special linear combinations 10 orders of magnitude improvement

Dimopoulos et al. PRD 2008

$$F_{\omega}^w = \frac{4}{5} V_L \left( 3\alpha(\bar{a}_{\text{eff}}^w)_X + m^w(\bar{c}^w)_{(TX)} \right) \sin \chi$$

$\psi$

## D. Free-fall WEP tests

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## E. Force-comparison WEP tests

Typical force-comparison WEP tests can be viewed as comparing the motion of two or more bodies joined through electromagnetic forces with that predicted by

signals are qualitatively distinct from other sources of WEP violation due to characteristic periodicity

improvement potential:

- max reach 4 to 6 orders
- special combinations 10 orders

WEP tests considered  
atom interferometry  
torsion pendulum  
drop tower  
balloon drop  
tossed masses

*...and any WEP test can be used*

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# exotic tests

- variations of above tests involving experimentally challenging matter
- charged matter

- separate proton and electron coefficients
  - theoretically interesting -- bumblebee electrodynamics

improvement potential:

sensitivity to remaining 4 unconstrained  $(\bar{a}_{\text{eff}})_\mu$  coefficients

- higher-generation matter

improvement potential:

first sensitivity to  $(\bar{a}_{\text{eff}})_\mu$  for muons, for example

- antimatter

- separate CPT even and odd coefficients
  - differing gravitational response for matter and antimatter

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**short range**

$$U(r) = G_N \int d^3r' \frac{\rho(\vec{r}')}{|\vec{r} - \vec{r}'|} \left( 1 + \frac{\bar{k}(\hat{R})}{|\vec{r} - \vec{r}'|^2} \right)$$

anisotropic combination  
of dim 6 coefficients

Time & orientation dependence  $\Rightarrow$

- qualitatively different from other  $1/r$  deviations
- sensitivities require data analysis
- crude estimate of reach for given experiment

$$U_{\text{Yukawa}} = G_N M (1 + \alpha e^{-r/\lambda})/r \Rightarrow |\bar{k}(\hat{r}, T)| \approx \alpha \lambda^2/e$$

improvement:

- first dimension 6 sensitivities via Indiana cantilever experiment  
 $10^{-9} \text{ m}^2$  Long Kostelecký arXiv:1412:6362
- additional experiments offer improved sensitivity & additional coefficients

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  - laser ranging  
Battat Chandler Stubbs PRL '07
  - perihelion precession
- light-travel tests
  - time delay
  - Doppler shift
  - red shift
- clock tests
  - null redshift
  - comagnetometers
- short-range gravity
  - Long Kostelecký arXiv:1412:6362
  - Panjwani Carbone Speake in CPT'10
- gravity probe B
  - Bailey Everett Overduin PRD '13
- pulsar tests
  - Shao PRL '14
  - Shao arXiv:1412.2320

# pulsars

- minimal gravity sector implies  $\bar{s}^{\mu\nu}$  effects on orbits and timing<sup>1</sup>
- constraints on  $\bar{s}^{\mu\nu}$  coefficients achieved using observations of<sup>2</sup>: B1937+21, J1744–1134, B1913+16, B1534+12, J0737–3039A, B2127+11C, J1738+0333, J1012+5307, J0348+0432, J1802–2124, J0437–4715, B1855+09, J1909–3744
- “The null detection of any beyond-GR effects in binary pulsars constrains LV orbital dynamics.”

improvement:

- first consideration of strong gravity
- several orders of magnitude improvement
- further improvement via direct fit to SME, observation improvements, & additional SME phenomenology

# Summary

- Lorentz violation searches have potential to detect Planck-scale physics with existing technology
- The SME provides a field-theory based test framework
- Lorentz violation introduces qualitatively new signals in experiments
- Much work has been done but much remains unexplored