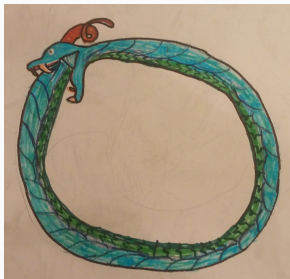


# Solving the dark problem at 'short' distance via Stringy Gravity



*Uroboros : An ancient Egyptian symbol for a serpent which eats its own tail*

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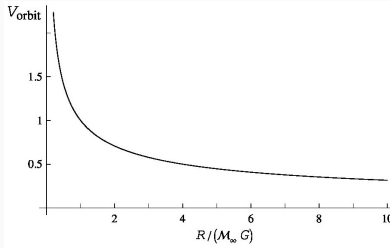
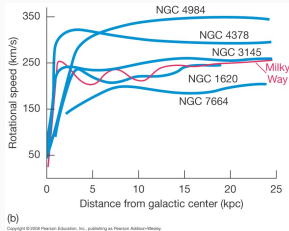
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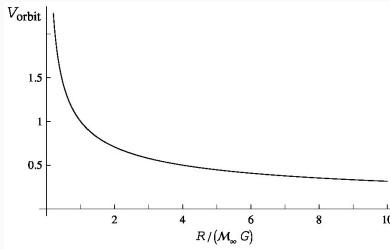
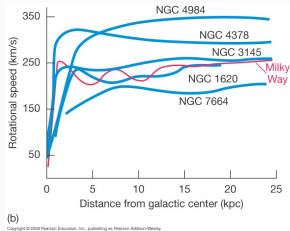
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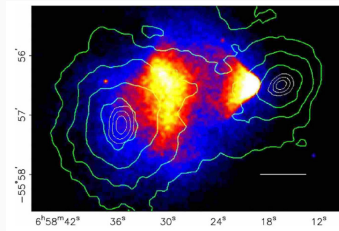
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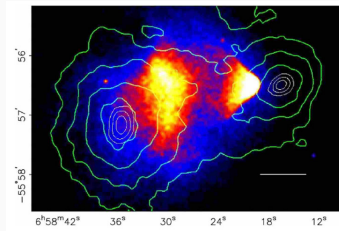


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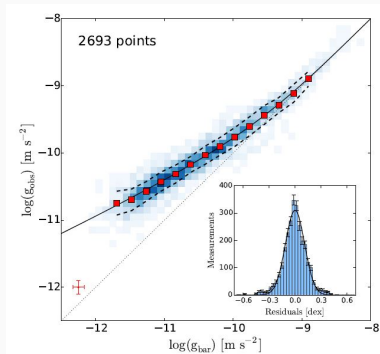


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$$g_{\text{obs}} = \mathcal{F}(g_{\text{bar}}) = \frac{g_{\text{bar}}}{1 - e^{-\sqrt{g_{\text{bar}}/g_{\dagger}}}}$$

McGaugh, Lelli and Schombert  
arXiv:1609.05917



## The Nobel Prize in Physics 2011



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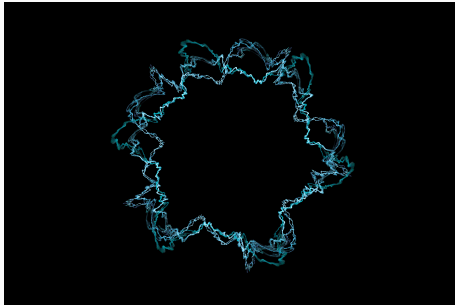
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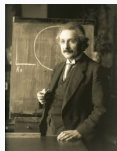
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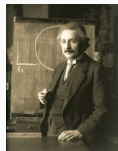
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- On the other hand, string theory suggests us to put a skew-symmetric two-form gauge potential,  $B_{\mu\nu}$ , and a scalar dilaton,  $\phi$ , on an equal footing along with the metric,

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- Forming the massless sector of closed strings, they are ubiquitous in all string theories.
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\* The formalism has been successfully applied to Superstring Theory to construct

- *D = 10 Maximally Supersymmetric Stringy Gravity*

Jeon-Lee-JHP-Suh 2012

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- *Doubled-yet-gauged Green-Schwarz superstring*

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$$\mathcal{S} = \frac{1}{4\pi\alpha'} \int d^2\sigma - \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{-h} h^{ij} \Pi_i^M \Pi_j^N \mathcal{H}_{MN} - \epsilon^{ij} D_i X^M (\mathcal{A}_{jM} - i\Sigma_{jM}),$$

where with  $i, j = 0, 1$ , we set  $\Pi_i^M := D_i X^M - i\Sigma_i^M$  and  $\Sigma_i^M := \bar{\theta}\gamma^M\partial_i\theta + \bar{\theta}'\bar{\gamma}^M\partial_i\theta'$ .

They enjoy all the desired symmetries:

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- Doubled-yet-gauged diffeomorphisms
- twofold Lorentz symmetry,  $\text{Spin}(1, 9)_L \times \text{Spin}(9, 1)_R \Rightarrow$  **Unification of IIA & IIB**
- Maximal 16+16 SUSY & kappa symmetries (full order)
- Worldsheet diffeomorphisms plus Weyl symmetry
- Coordinate gauge symmetry :  $X^M \sim X^M + \Delta^A, \Delta^A\partial_A = 0$

\* String theory is better formulated on doubled-yet-gauged spacetime.



$D = 4$  Stringy Gravity naturally, or minimally, couples to the Standard Model in particle physics, dictated by Symmetry Principle:

- $O(4, 4)$  T-duality
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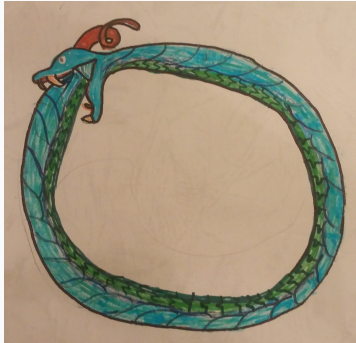
$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{SM}} = e^{-2d} \left[ \begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{16\pi G_N} S_0 \\ & + \sum_{\psi} P^{AB} \bar{P}^{CD} \text{Tr}(\mathcal{F}_{AC} \mathcal{F}_{BD}) + \sum_{\psi} \bar{\psi} \gamma^a \mathcal{D}_a \psi + \sum_{\psi'} \bar{\psi}' \tilde{\gamma}^{\bar{a}} \mathcal{D}_{\bar{a}} \psi' \\ & - \mathcal{H}^{AB} (\mathcal{D}_A \phi)^\dagger \mathcal{D}_B \phi - V(\phi) + y_d \bar{q} \cdot \phi d + y_u \bar{q} \cdot \tilde{\phi} u + y_e \bar{l}' \cdot \phi e' \end{aligned} \right]$$

While coupling to SM, one has to decide the spin group for each fermion, as it a prediction of Stringy Gravity that **the spin group is intrinsically twofold**:

$\mathbf{Spin}(1, 3)_L$  vs.  $\mathbf{Spin}(3, 1)_R$ .

**Conjecture:** the quarks and the leptons may belong to the distinct spin groups.

# Gravitational Implication



**Stringy Gravity modifies GR at 'short' distance in terms of  $x = R/(MG)$ , and may solve the DM/DE problems in Uroboros manner.**

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- Partial darkness of Stringy Gravity

i) Point-like particles couple to the string metric only,

$$\int d\tau \left[ e^{-1} D_\tau x^A D_\tau x^B \mathcal{H}_{AB}(x) - \frac{1}{4} m^2 e \right] \implies \int d\tau - m \sqrt{-\dot{x}^\mu \dot{x}^\nu g_{\mu\nu}}.$$

ii) Each SM fermion couples to Stringy Gravity as

$$e^{-2d} \bar{\psi} \gamma^A \mathcal{D}_A \psi \equiv \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \sqrt{-g} \bar{\chi} \gamma^\mu \left( \partial_\mu \chi + \frac{1}{4} \omega_{\mu pq} \gamma^{pq} \chi + \frac{1}{24} H_{\mu pq} \gamma^{pq} \chi \right)$$

where  $\chi \equiv e^{-\phi} \psi$ . This field redefinition removes the string dilaton,  $\phi$ , completely.

– Like F1,  $\chi$  can source the  $H$ -flux, and seems to remember its stringy origin!

iii) Each SM gauge boson couples to Stringy Gravity as

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- While  $\phi$  and  $B$ -field are ‘dark’ to point particles, the self-interaction of the massless closed string sector, together with its coupling to the Standard Model, should let Stringy Gravity modify General Relativity.

This motivates us to look for the most general spherically symmetric vacua of Stringy Gravity, especially  $D = 4$ , in analogy with the Schwarzschild solution in GR.





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Thus, within the framework of Stringy Gravity, it should be identified as **the vacuum solution**, in analogy with the Schwarzschild solution in GR.



- Orbital velocity

Given the exact spherical solution, we define ‘proper’ radius,  $R := \sqrt{g_{\vartheta\vartheta}(r)}$ , which converts the string metric into a canonical form,

$$ds^2 = g_{tt}dt^2 + g_{RR}dR^2 + R^2(d\vartheta^2 + \sin^2\vartheta d\varphi^2).$$

We then compute the ‘orbital velocity’ of circular geodesics,

$$V_{\text{orbit}} = \left| R \frac{d\varphi}{dt} \right| = \left[ -\frac{1}{2} R \frac{dg_{tt}}{dR} \right]^{\frac{1}{2}},$$

as a function of  $R/(MG)$  which is a dimensionless radial variable normalized by ‘asymptotic’ mass (Komar mass<sup>1</sup>),

$$MG := \lim_{R \rightarrow \infty} (RV_{\text{orbit}}^2) = \frac{1}{2} \left( a + b\sqrt{1 - h^2/b^2} \right).$$

★ **Stringy Gravity reduces to Newton Gravity at spatial infinity,**

$$g_{tt} \rightarrow -1 + \frac{2MG}{R}, \quad V_{\text{orbit}} \rightarrow \sqrt{\frac{MG}{R}} \quad \text{as } R \rightarrow \infty.$$

★ Yet, **Stringy Gravity modifies GR at ‘short’ distance, in terms of  $R/(MG)$ .**

Generically ( $b \neq 0$ ), the orbital velocity is not monotonic: it features a maximum.

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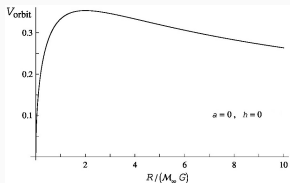
<sup>1</sup> c.f. ADM mass *a la* Wald,  $\mathcal{Q}[\partial_t] = \frac{1}{4} \left[ a + \left( \frac{a-b}{a+b} \right) \sqrt{a^2 + b^2} \right]$  JHP-Rey-Rim-Sakatani, Blair 2015



- Rotation curves

- Specifically, if  $b = 0$  (and hence  $h = 0$ ), the solution reduces to the Schwarzschild metric, resulting in the Keplerian orbital velocity,  $V_{\text{orbit}} = \sqrt{\frac{MG}{R}}$ .
- As long as  $b \neq 0$ , **rotation curves feature a maximum** and thus non-Keplerian over a finite range, while becoming asymptotically Keplerian at infinity.

For example, if  $a = h = 0$  and  $b = 2MG$ , we reproduce the renowned orbital velocity formula,  $V_{\text{orbit}} = \sqrt{\frac{MGR}{(R+2MG)^2}}$ , by **Hernquist**:



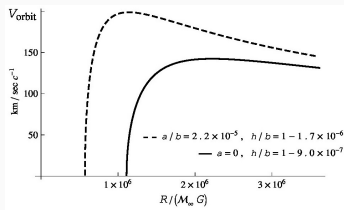
The orbital velocity in Hernquist model assumes its maximum,  $\frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}}$ , about 35% of the speed of light, at  $R = 2MG$ .

However, this value seems too high compared to observations of galaxies.

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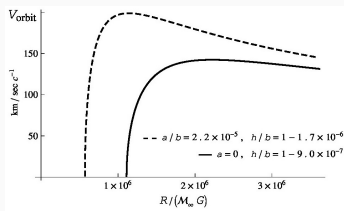


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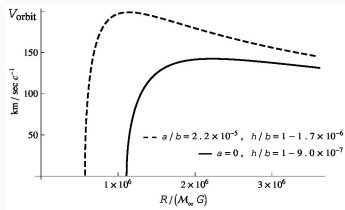
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