Atom-interferometers constraints on dark energy



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Basics

Light pulse atom interferometer

$$\Delta \varphi = -\frac{1}{\hbar} \oint L dt + \Delta \varphi_{\text{laser}}$$
$$= 2T^2 \vec{\Omega} \cdot [\vec{k} \times (\vec{v}_0 + \vec{a}T)] + \vec{k} \vec{a} T^2$$
$$+ O(1/c^4)$$





Each data point is from a single launch, determines g to 1.3ng =>11ng/sqrt(Hz)

HM *et al.*, PRL **100,** 031101 (2008); PRD **80,** 016002 (2009)

Testing gravity



Isotropy of gravity



Comp.	result	result
$C_{2\omega}$	-0.48(14)	$\bar{s}^{XX} - \bar{s}^{YY} = 6.1(1.8)$
$D_{2\omega}$	-0.24(16)	$\bar{s}^{XY} = 0.98(68)$
C_{ω}	-3.36(7.60)	$s^{XZ} = 14(32)$
D_{ω}	7.88(7.96)	$s^{YZ} = -33(33)$
$C_{2\omega+\Omega}$	-0.81(55)	$s^{TY} = 125(86)$
$D_{2\omega+\Omega}$	-0.46(58)	$s^{TX} = -71(90)$
$C_{2\omega-\Omega}$	-1.02(56)	$s^{TY} = -6.7(3.8)$
$D_{2\omega-\Omega}$	0.98(57)	$s^{TX} = -6.5(3.8)$
$C_{\omega+\Omega}$	-4.6(5.4)	$s^{TX} = 96(112)$
$D_{\omega+\Omega}$	-4.7(5.4)	
$C_{\omega-\Omega}$	5.4(5.5)	$s^{TX} = -113(115)$
$D_{\omega - \Omega}$	1.3(5.2)	

- GR valid at 10⁻⁹ level!
- Complemented by lunar laser ranging (Battat et al., PRL2007)

[HM et al., PRL 100, 031101 (2008); PRD 80, 016002 (2009)]

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Equivalence Principle and Bound Kinetic Energy

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Kostelecky & Russell, RMP (2011), arXiv:0801.0287.

Improving the technology

Large momentum transfer



=> Talk by Guglielmo Tino

H. M. et al., PRL 100 (2009): Chiow et al, PRL 2009

Atom-optics technology development



The fine structure constant: pushing to the 10⁻¹⁰ level of accuracy

Fine Structure Constant a



Relative Uncertainty $\delta \alpha / \alpha$ [ppb]



- All experiments and all theories have ppb accuracy
- Substantial parts of the Standard Model have to be right to yield α and g-2 at that level

Ramsey-Bordé Interferometer





Common-mode Bloch Oscillations

Increases total phase of interferometer

 $\Delta \phi = 16n(n+N)\omega_r T$

Increases frequency splitting of last two pulse



Diffrcation phase

Good agreement between theory and experiment



Dependence on Detuning

- Three parameters:
 - Amplitude of first two pulses,
 - Amplitude of last two pulses
 - Detuning



 Diffraction phase contribution to total signal is reduced with Bloch oscillations

Gradiometer Data



Atom interferometers at 10⁻¹⁰





- Bloch oscillations
- Active feedback
- Diffraction phase reduced
 >1000 fold
- 0.25 ppb/(12 h)^{1/2}

Estey et al, arXiv:1410:8486

• All uncertainties $y_{\text{parts-per-billions}} (2015)_{\text{N=4}, N=0, T=160 \text{ms}}$

	Correction	Uncertainty	2012
Diffraction Phase	~0	(*)	340(3*)
Wavefront Curvature	0.05-0.4	(*)	
Laser Frequency	0.6	0.056	
Beam Alignment	-0.085	0.049	-1.5(1.1)
Gouy Phase	-1.945	0.042	-1.9(1)
Zeeman Shift	-0.015	0.014	0(0.2)
Gravity Gradient	-1.66	0.04	-15(1)
Frequency Difference	4.20	0.03	
Statistics		$0.5/(25h)^{\frac{1}{2}}$	$1.8/(6h)^{\frac{1}{2}}$
Total (\hbar/m)		0.52*	3.9

* Depends on atom sample characterization

0.26 ppb in α

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Dark energy







Evidence



A Richer Dark Sector • Dark energy candidates: Λ , quintessence... Ratra & Peebles (1988); Wetterich (1988); Caldwell, Dave & Steinhardt (1998)



In anticipation of potential surprises, prudent to explore a broader scope of microphysics and associated phenomena. Axions...

 Tantalizing prospect: dark sector includes new light fields (e.g. quintessence) that couple to both dark and baryonic matter.

 \implies ruled out?

Not so fast. Scalar fields can "hide" themselves from local exp'ts through screening mechanisms

$$ho_{
m here} \sim 10^{30}
ho_{
m cosmos}$$

Experimental Program





Screening mechanisms have rich phenomenology for tests of GR:

- Forced us to rethink implications of existing data
- Inspired design of novel experimental tests

Chameleon Mechanism

Khoury & Weltman (2003); Gubser & Khoury (2004); Brax, van de Bruck, Davis, Khoury and Weltman (2004)



Fiducial pot.

includes DM, baryons...

Non-relativistic matter:

$$T^{\mu}_{\ \mu} = -\rho$$

$$\Longrightarrow$$

$$V_{
m eff}(\phi) = V(\phi) + rac{g\phi}{M_{
m Pl}}
ho$$

Depends on matter density



 $\implies m^2 = V_{,\phi\phi} \text{ is increasing function of } \rho$ Lab. constraint: $m^{-1}(\rho_{\text{local}}) \lesssim \text{mm}$ $\longrightarrow m^{-1}(\rho_{\text{cosmos}}) \lesssim \text{Mpc}$ Factor of 10^{26} ! $\longrightarrow m^{-1}(\rho_{\text{solar system}}) \lesssim 10^6 \text{ AU}$ $\therefore \text{ Long-range force in solar system} \longrightarrow \text{ruled out???}$



Chameleon screening







- Assumes coupling of photons and chameleons
- Laser beam on for ~1 hour
- Chameleons accumulate in bore
- Laser turned off
- Chameleons convert into photons => afterglow



GammeV Collaboration, PRL 105, 261803 (2010).





The idea



Probing Dark Energy with Atom Interferometry C. Burrage, E. J. Copeland, E. A. Hinds JCAP 1503 (2015) 03, 042

Realization: Single atom's small size in ultra high vacuum makes it ideal test mass which evades screening



$$F_{chameleon} = \frac{GM_AM_B}{r^2} \left[1 + 2 \lambda_A \lambda_B \left(\frac{M_{Pl}}{M}\right)^2 \right]$$



$$\lambda = \frac{Shell\ mass}{Test\ mass}$$

$$\lambda_{atom} = 1$$

 $M < M_{Pl}$

Can be extremely small («10⁻²⁰) for macroscopic objects

For most of parameter space

Unscreened force can be much stronger than gravity



Cavity-based atom interferometer

Features

- Intensity enhancement
- Well-defined optical mode
- High accuracy and resolution
- Goal: $\Delta p=100\hbar k$



P. Hamilton et al., PRL (2015)



Atom interferometry



- · Aluminum sphere source mass for scalar field
- Atoms act as test masses for force sensing
- Final state probability $\propto \vec{k} \cdot \vec{a} T^2$



Detection



- Optically push one state to side before imaging
- Fluorescence detection of two output states
- Sphere moved in and out with translation stage



Gravimetry fringes

Interferometer phase depends on acceleration \vec{a} and photon momentum \vec{k}



Lower state probability $\propto \cos^2(\vec{k} \cdot \vec{a} T^2)$



Results

Red = sphere near Difference between Blue = sphere far sphere near/far 80 400 Difference in a [μ m/s²] 60 *a-g* [μm/s²] 40 200 20 0 avera -20 -40 Near ĸ -400 В Far -60 10 06:00 5 03:00 09:00 15 00:00 0 Time (hours) Occurences $\Delta a = 2.3 \pm 3.3 \,\mu m/s^2$

P. Hamilton, M. Jaffe, P. Haslinger, Q. Simmons, H. Müller, J. Khoury arXiv:1502.03888

Results

	Average [μm/s ²]	Error [μm/s ²]
Statistics	2.7	3.3
Magnetic fields	-4.5	1.7
AC Stark effect	1.1	0.5
Surface Voltage	-	0.08
Total	-0.7	3.7

a< 5.5 µm/s² at 95% confidence level



Results



P. Brax, Physics Procedia 51, 73 (2014)



Photon coupling comparison



REPORTS

A Clock Directly Linking Time to a Particle's Mass

Lan et al., Science **339,** 554 (2013)



Key insight / innovation

- Feedback over atom interferometer using frequency comb
- Comb multiplies by N
- n-photon momentum transfer
- Clock frequency ~100 kHz= $(m\ell^2/\hbar)/(2nN^2)$, exactly

Application

- Mass standard in new SI where *h* and *c* are defined, kg measured
- With elementary (anti-) particles => equivalence principle with antimatter
- Light nanomechanical objects
- => mesoscopic mass standard

Technology impact

- A single particle is useful as a time/frequency reference
- Cesium atom used as
- approximation of a point mass
- 4 ppb accuracy demonstrated,< 1 ppb feasible



Watt balance

- •33 ppb for amu
- •33 ppb for kg
- •Moving parts, gravity,
- standard resistors...
- Americans and
- Europeans disagree



Atom interferometer+counting



•30 ppb for kg

•No moving parts, gravity, standard resistors...

- Agrees with European versions
 - <1 ppb in the future

Independent methods realize the same definition O

Antimatter Interferometry for Gravity Measurements

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We describe a light-pulse atom interferometer that is suitable for any species of atom and even for electrons and protons as well as their antiparticles, in particular, for testing the Einstein equivalence principle with antihydrogen. The design obviates the need for resonant lasers through far-off resonant Bragg beam splitters and makes efficient use of scarce atoms by magnetic confinement and atom recycling. We expect to reach an initial accuracy of better than 1% for the acceleration of the free fall of antihydrogen, which can be improved to the part-per million level.





Thanks



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Summary/ Outlook



- Symmetrons
- f(R) gravity
- Varying dilatons...

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Atom interferometry in space

Light pulse atom interferometer in space





Post-Newtonian gravity



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Fine structure constant,QED



Quantum mass standard



=> Talk by Jason Williams, Sheng-wey Chiow and Nan Yu