

Massive Excited State of Quantum Gravity as a Dark Particle

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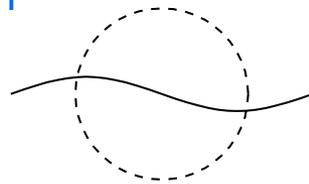
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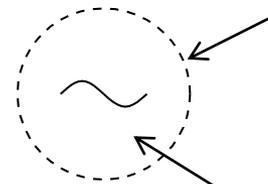
What Happen Beyond Planck Scale

In Einstein's theory of gravity,
particle with mass exceeding Planck mass is a black hole (BH)

Compton wavelength
= size of particle
 $\sim 1/m$



$$m < m_{\text{pl}}$$



Horizon created by itself
 $\sim m/m_{\text{pl}}^2$

Particle information is lost

$$m > m_{\text{pl}}$$

Describing particle as a point is not justified beyond Planck scale

This is the reason why Planck scale has been recognized
as a wall that cannot be exceeded

→ Beyond Planck scale, quantization of gravity is necessary
to remove such a classical obstruction

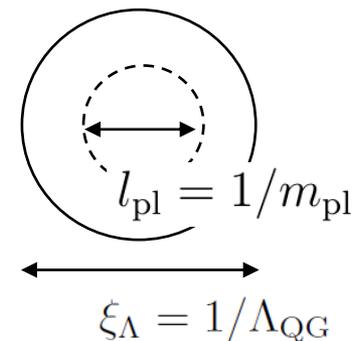
How To Exceed The Wall

Here, I argue that spacetime will transition to a “new phase” before reaching the wall of Planck scale, and a quantum world without singularities will come out

As a theory with such property, I proposed **renormalizable quantum theory of gravity formulated based on a certain conformal field theory**, which suggests **the existence of a dynamical scale Λ_{QG}** that clearly separates quantum spacetime from Einstein’s classical spacetime

In this talk, I will consider an excited state of quantum gravity with a mass near the Planck mass m_{pl}

If $m_{\text{pl}} \gg \Lambda_{\text{QG}}$, quantum gravity will be activated before reaching Planck scale, classical horizon disappears so that such a object can exist



Brief Summary of Renormalizable Quantum Gravity with Background Freedom

Significance of 4th-Derivative Gravity

In general, fourth derivative quantum gravity can resolve the problems existing in Einstein gravity :

- ◆ **Renormalizability**

Because coupling constant becomes dimensionless

- ◆ **Positive-definiteness**

Because curvature squared action is considered,
while Einstein-Hilbert action is not bounded from below

- ◆ **No singularities**

When considering an action involving positive-definite Riemann tensor squared, the action diverges for singularities such as Schwarzschild BH → BH is unphysical, unlike Einstein gravity

Nevertheless, simply applying perturbation theory to such a fourth derivative gravity causes the problem of ghosts

To make ghosts unphysical, need to apply a non-perturbative method developed in 2DQG → **BRST conformal invariance (=background freedom)**

Renormalizable Asymptotically Background-Free Quantum Gravity

The Action is

sgn. = (-1, 1, 1, 1)

$$I = \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \left[\underbrace{-\frac{1}{t^2} C_{\mu\nu\lambda\sigma}^2}_{\substack{\uparrow \\ \text{Weyl tensor}}} - \underbrace{bG_4}_{\substack{\uparrow \\ \text{Euler density (no } R^2)}} + \frac{1}{\hbar} \left(\frac{M^2}{2} R - \lambda + \underbrace{\mathcal{L}_M}_{\substack{\uparrow \\ \text{conformal inv. in UV}}} \right) \right]$$

“ t ” is a dimensionless coupling with $\beta_t < 0$ (while b is not a dynamical coupling)

Vacuum structure at UV limit ($t \rightarrow 0$) is given by

$$C_{\mu\nu\lambda\sigma} = 0 \implies g_{\mu\nu} = \underbrace{e^{2\phi} \bar{g}_{\mu\nu}}_{\substack{\uparrow \\ \text{treated exactly}}} = e^{2\phi} \hat{g}_{\mu\lambda} \left(\delta^\lambda_\nu + h^\lambda_\nu + \frac{1}{2} h^\lambda_\sigma h^\sigma_\nu + \dots \right)$$

when doing perturbation calcs., $h^\mu_\nu \rightarrow th^\mu_\nu$

Note that there is no Planck constant in fourth derivative action because gravitational field is exactly dimensionless \rightarrow purely quantum mechanical

Key Point of Quantization

The action I has no fourth-order dynamics of conformal-factor field ϕ

Dynamics (=kinetic term + interactions) of ϕ are induced from the measure:

$$\int [dg \cdots]_{\underline{g}} e^{iI} = \int [d\phi dh \cdots]_{\underline{\hat{g}}} e^{i(S+I)}$$

\uparrow
Nested structure

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Practical measure defined on a background

S (=Jacobian) = physical quantity to ensure diffeomorphism invariance
which is Wess-Zumino action for conformal anomaly

\nwarrow physical against the name

Even at $t = 0$, S exists, that is Riegert action (=kinetic term of ϕ)

$$S_R = -\frac{b_c}{(4\pi)^2} \int d^4x \sqrt{-\bar{g}} \left[2\phi \bar{\Delta}_4 \phi + \left(\bar{G}_4 - \frac{2}{3} \bar{\nabla}^2 \bar{R} \right) \phi \right]$$

The action has right sign :

\swarrow 4th-order conf. inv. op.

$$b_c = (N_S + 11N_F + 62N_A)/360 + 769/180$$

$$\sim 10 \quad \text{for typical particle models}$$

c.f. Liouville action in 2DQG

Asymptotic Background Freedom (=UV Dynamics)

This theory has conformal invariance as a “gauge symmetry” in the UV limit, that arises as subgroup of diffeomorphism invariance :

The theory =  + perturbation by t (= deviation from CFT)
Riegert + Linearized Weyl actions (both have no \hbar)

BRST conformal symmetry

$$\hat{g}_{\mu\nu} \underset{\substack{\cong \\ \uparrow \\ \text{gauge equivalent}}}{\simeq} e^{2\omega(x)} \hat{g}_{\mu\nu} \quad \text{while preserving the full metric } g_{\mu\nu} \text{ (= diff. inv.)}$$

Conformal change of background does not change physics
= *background-metric independence* = no classical spacetime

BRST conformal symmetry makes all ghost modes unphysical

Infrared Dynamics

Classical spacetime will be realized when conformal dynamics disappear at low energy or long distance

Running coupling constant
 (= deviation from conf. inv.)

WZ action of conformal anomaly,
 that is necessary to preserve diff. inv.

$$\Gamma_W = \left[\frac{1}{t^2} - \underline{2\beta_0\phi} + \beta_0 \log \left(\frac{k^2}{\mu^2} \right) \right] \sqrt{-g} \bar{C}_{\mu\nu\lambda\sigma}^2 \quad \left(\text{Here, } \phi \text{ is taken as a constant, for simplicity} \right)$$

$$= \frac{1}{\bar{t}^2(p)} \sqrt{-g} C_{\mu\nu\lambda\sigma}^2$$

k = momentum measured on background
 like comoving momentum

where

$$\bar{t}^2(p) = \frac{1}{\beta_0 \log(p^2 / \Lambda_{\text{QG}}^2)}$$

$$\Lambda_{\text{QG}} = \mu e^{-\frac{1}{2\beta_0 t^2}}$$

\uparrow
Physical momentum

New physical scale ($\mu \frac{d\Lambda_{\text{QG}}}{d\mu} = 0$)

$$p^2 = \frac{k^2}{a^2} \quad \text{with } a = e^\phi$$

diff. inv. in the full metric space

This indicates that WZ interactions can be incorporated by $t^2 \rightarrow \bar{t}^2(p)$

Value of Dynamical Scale

The value of Λ_{QG} has been determined from a scenario of inflation driven by quantum gravity dynamics only

Scale factor : $a(\tau) \propto e^{H_D \tau}$

$$H_D = M_P \sqrt{8\pi^2/b_c}$$

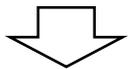
$$(M_P < H_D < m_{\text{pl}} \text{ for } b_c = 10)$$

Number of e-foldings :

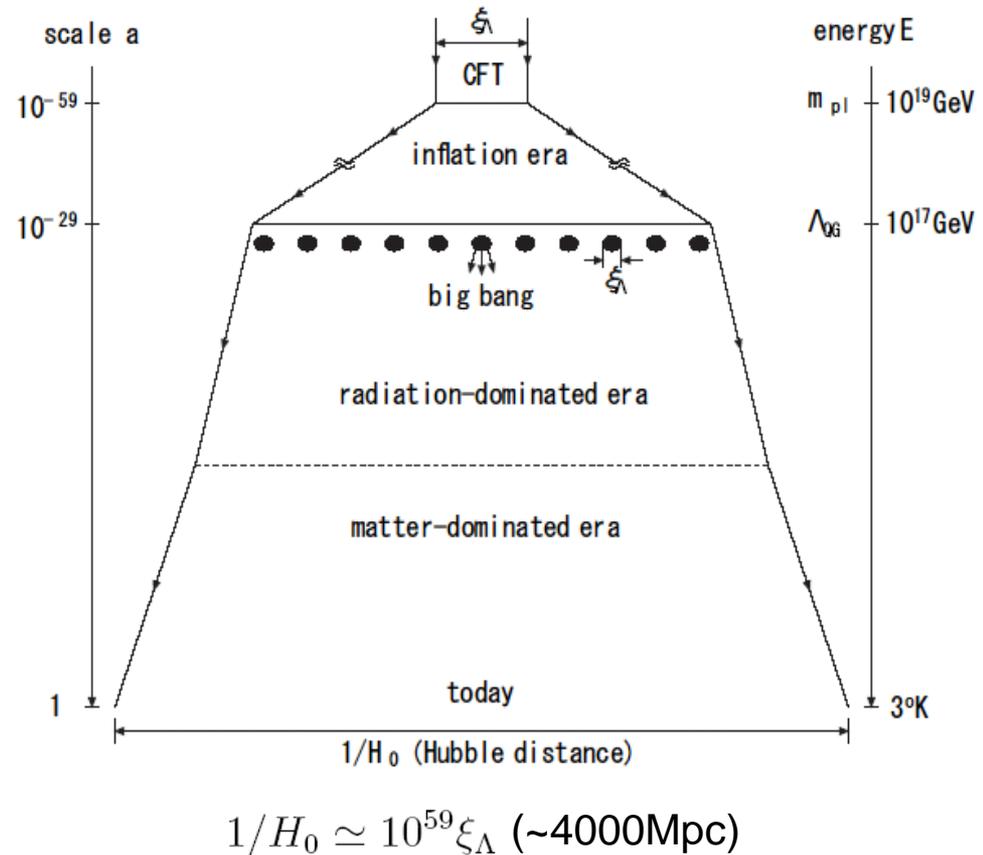
$$\mathcal{N}_e \simeq H_D / \Lambda_{\text{QG}} \sim 60$$

Amplitude of fluctuations :

$$\delta R / R \simeq \Lambda_{\text{QG}}^2 / 12 H_D^2 \sim 10^{-5}$$



$$\Lambda_{\text{QG}} \simeq 10^{17} \text{ GeV}$$



Correlation Length of QG

Correlation length of quantum gravity is given by

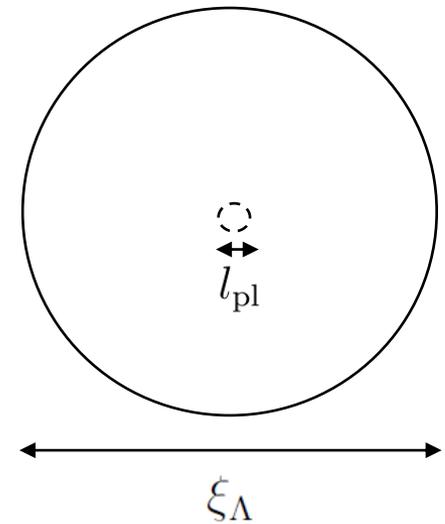
$$\xi_{\Lambda} = 1/\Lambda_{\text{QG}} \simeq 2 \times 10^{-31} \text{cm}$$

longer than the Planck length by two orders of magnitude

This will give a size of quantum gravity excitations

Inside, quantum gravity will be activated

Outside is ruled by Einstein gravity,
thus it has a Schwarzschild tail



Dynamical Equations of Motion for Spherical Excitations

How To Describe Excitations

Introduce gravitational potentials

$$ds^2 = -(1 + 2\Psi)d\eta^2 + (1 + 2\Phi)d\mathbf{x}^2$$

If $\Psi, \Phi \ll 1$ inside, linear approximation can be applied

Outside is described by Schwarzschild solution:

$$\Phi = -\Psi = \frac{r_g}{2r} \quad r_g = 2Gm : \text{Schwarzschild radius}$$

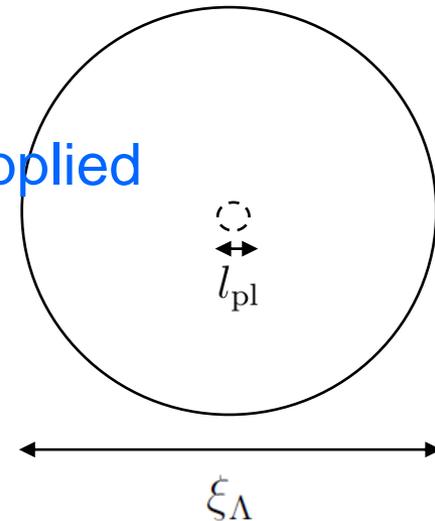
while the potentials do not monotonically increase inside

Necessary condition for linear approximation to be valid

Magnitude at edge must be small :

$$\text{Radius} = R_h = \frac{\xi_\Lambda}{2}, \text{ thus } 2\Phi(R_h) = \frac{r_g}{R_h} \ll 1$$

$$\Rightarrow m \ll \frac{m_{\text{pl}}^2}{4\Lambda_{\text{QG}}} \simeq 25m_{\text{pl}} \quad \text{from } m_{\text{pl}} \simeq 100\Lambda_{\text{QG}}$$



Strategy To Find Solutions

The condition $m_{\text{pl}} \gg \Lambda_{\text{QG}}$ suggests that if mass is not much larger than the Planck mass, there is an excitation satisfying the following situation:
“edge is in strong coupling, while the magnitude is still small everywhere”

Here, look for a solution satisfying such a situation

Actually, as shown below, I find

If the mass is several times the Planck mass, it can be obtained as a solution of linearized equations of motion for gravitational potentials incorporating strong coupling dynamics under the spirit of mean field approximation

How To Include Strong Coupling Dynamics

The coefficient of the Riegert action receive higher-order corrections as

$$b_c \rightarrow b_c(1 - a_1 t^2 + \dots) = b_c B(t)$$

Here, simply assume a summed-up form like

$$B(t) = \frac{1}{1 + a_1 t^2}$$

from a physical requirement that conformal dynamics disappear at $t \rightarrow \infty$

Further, incorporating running coupling effect

$$t^2 \rightarrow \bar{t}^2(p) = \frac{1}{\beta_0 \log(p^2 \xi_\Lambda^2)}$$

p is physical momentum : $p^2 = k^2 / e^{2\phi}$
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As shown in Weyl sector, nonlinear terms from WZ interactions are contained in this form preserving diffeomorphism invariance

Approximation For Strong Coupling Dynamics

Let replacing p with a r -dependent mean field:

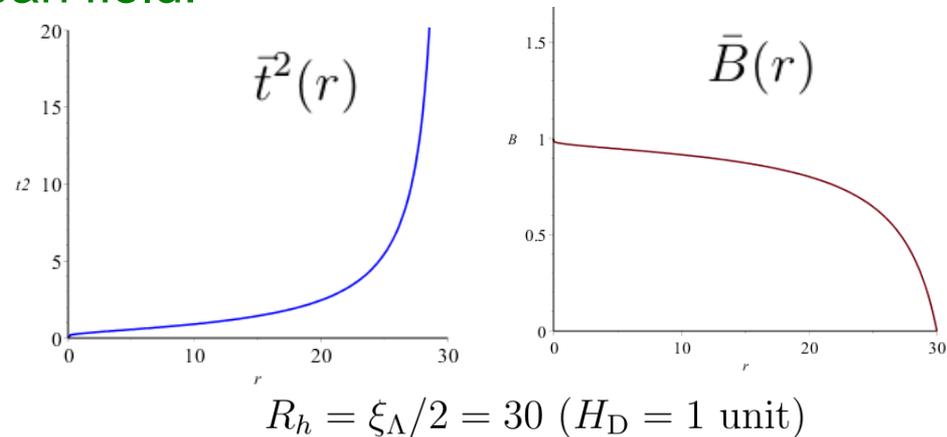
$$p \rightarrow \langle p \rangle = \frac{1}{2r}$$

then

$$\bar{t}^2(r) = [\beta_0 \log(R_h^2/r^2)]^{-1}$$

and

$$\bar{B}(\bar{t}) = [1 + a_1 \bar{t}^2(r)]^{-1}$$



Here, employ parameters adopted in the scenario of QG inflation

$$H_D \xi_\Lambda = 60$$

from e-foldings and amplitude of power spectrum

$$\leftrightarrow \Lambda_{\text{QG}} \simeq 10^{17} \text{ GeV}$$

$$\beta_0 = 0.5 \quad a_1 = 0.1$$

Unlike b_c , these parameters are rather vague because they are built in the model of strong coupling dynamics. So, these are determined phenomenologically

In this way, nonlinear and nonperturbative effects are incorporated as a function of radial coordinate while maintaining linearity of potentials

Linearized Equations of motion

$$T_{\mu\nu} = T_{\mu\nu}^{(4)} + T_{\mu\nu}^{\text{EH}} + T_{\mu\nu}^{\text{M}} = 0 \quad \text{matter part = traceless perfect fluid}$$

Coupled equations for potentials (without matter part) :

$$\partial^2 = \partial_r^2 + (2/r)\partial_r$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \left[\begin{array}{l} \frac{b_c}{8\pi^2} \bar{B}(\bar{t}) \left(-2\partial_\eta^4 \Phi + \frac{10}{3} \partial_\eta^2 \partial^2 \Phi - \frac{4}{3} \partial^4 \Phi + \frac{2}{3} \partial_\eta^2 \partial^2 \Psi \right. \\ \left. - \frac{2}{3} \partial^4 \Psi \right) + M_{\text{P}}^2 (6\partial_\eta^2 \Phi - 4\partial^2 \Phi - 2\partial^2 \Psi) = 0 \\ \frac{b_c}{8\pi^2} \bar{B}(\bar{t}) \left(\frac{4}{3} \partial_\eta^2 \partial^2 \Phi - \frac{8}{9} \partial^4 \Phi - \frac{4}{9} \partial^4 \Psi \right) + \frac{2}{\bar{t}^2} \left(4\partial_\eta^2 \partial^2 \Phi \right. \\ \left. - \frac{4}{3} \partial^4 \Phi - 4\partial_\eta^2 \partial^2 \Psi + \frac{4}{3} \partial^4 \Psi \right) - 2M_{\text{P}}^2 (\partial^2 \Phi + \partial^2 \Psi) = 0 \end{array} \right\} \end{array} \right\} \begin{array}{l} \text{Riegert} \\ \text{Einstein} \\ \text{Weyl} \\ \text{Einstein} \end{array}$$

trace eq.

specific combination
of spatial components

At the edge of excitation, running coupling constant diverges, so that $1/\bar{t}^2 \rightarrow 0$ and $\bar{B}(\bar{t}) \rightarrow 0$ at $r = R_h$

⇒ QG dynamics disappears at edge, leading to Einstein gravity

Energy Conservation Equation

Hamiltonian constraint ($H = 0$)

$$T_{00} = T_{00}^{(4)} + 2M_{\text{P}}^2 \partial^2 \Phi + \rho = 0$$

matter energy density

where

$$T_{00}^{(4)} = \frac{b_c}{8\pi^2} \bar{B}(\bar{t}) \left(-\frac{2}{3} \partial_\eta^2 \partial^2 \Phi + \frac{4}{9} \partial^4 \Phi + \frac{2}{9} \partial^4 \Psi \right) + \frac{2}{\bar{t}^2} \left(-\frac{4}{3} \partial^4 \Phi + \frac{4}{3} \partial^4 \Psi \right)$$

Note that all gravitational terms contain spatial Laplacian

Mass of excitation

$$m = \int_{|\mathbf{x}| \leq R_h} d^3 \mathbf{x} T_{00}^{(4)}(\mathbf{x})$$

Static Excitation of Quantum Gravity

Static Equations of Motion

Introduce new variables

$$X = 2\Phi + \Psi \qquad Y = \Phi - \Psi$$

then

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \bar{B}(\bar{t}) \partial^4 X + 3H_D^2 \partial^2 X = 0 \\ \frac{2}{\bar{t}^2} \partial^4 Y - \frac{1}{2} M_P^2 \partial^2 Y = 0 \end{array} \right. \qquad H_D = M_P \sqrt{\frac{8\pi^2}{b_c}}$$

($M_P < H_D < m_{\text{pl}}$ for $b_c = 10$)

completely decoupled, so can solve easily

From energy conservation equation, $\rho = 0$ is obtained

So, this excitation is a purely gravitational object

Boundary Conditions

Writing variables as

$$X(r) = \frac{r_g}{2r} f(r) \quad Y(r) = \frac{r_g}{r} g(r) \quad \text{then} \quad \partial^2 X = \frac{r_g}{2r} \partial_r^2 f \quad \partial^2 Y = \frac{r_g}{r} \partial_r^2 g$$

Then

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \partial_r^4 f(r) + 3H_D^2 [1 + a_1 \bar{t}^2(r)] \partial_r^2 f(r) = 0 \\ \partial_r^4 g(r) - \frac{1}{4} M_P^2 \bar{t}^2(r) \partial_r^2 g(r) = 0 \end{array} \right. \quad \bar{t}^2(r) = [\beta_0 \log(R_h^2/r^2)]^{-1}$$

◆ Potentials and energy density do not diverge at origin

$$f(0) = 0 \quad g(0) = 0 \quad \partial_r^2 f(0) = 0 \quad \partial_r^2 g(0) = 0$$

■ At edge, potentials are smoothly connected with Schwarzschild solution

$$f(R_h) = 1 \quad g(R_h) = 1 \quad \partial_r f(R_h) = 0 \quad \partial_r g(R_h) = 0$$

from $\Phi(R_h) = -\Psi(R_h)$
as Einstein eq. folds at edge

for smoothness

Behavior Around Origin

Near origin, $\bar{t}^2 \simeq 0$ and $\bar{B} \simeq 1$

writing $\zeta = \partial_r^2 f$ $\theta = \partial_r^2 g$ with b.c. $\zeta(0) = \theta(0) = 0$

Then

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \partial_r^2 \zeta + K^2 \zeta = 0 \\ \partial_r^2 \theta - L^2 \theta = 0 \end{array} \right. \quad \begin{array}{l} K = \sqrt{3(1 + a_1 t^2)} H_D \simeq \sqrt{3} H_D \\ L = M_{\text{Pl}} t / 2 (\ll 1) \end{array}$$

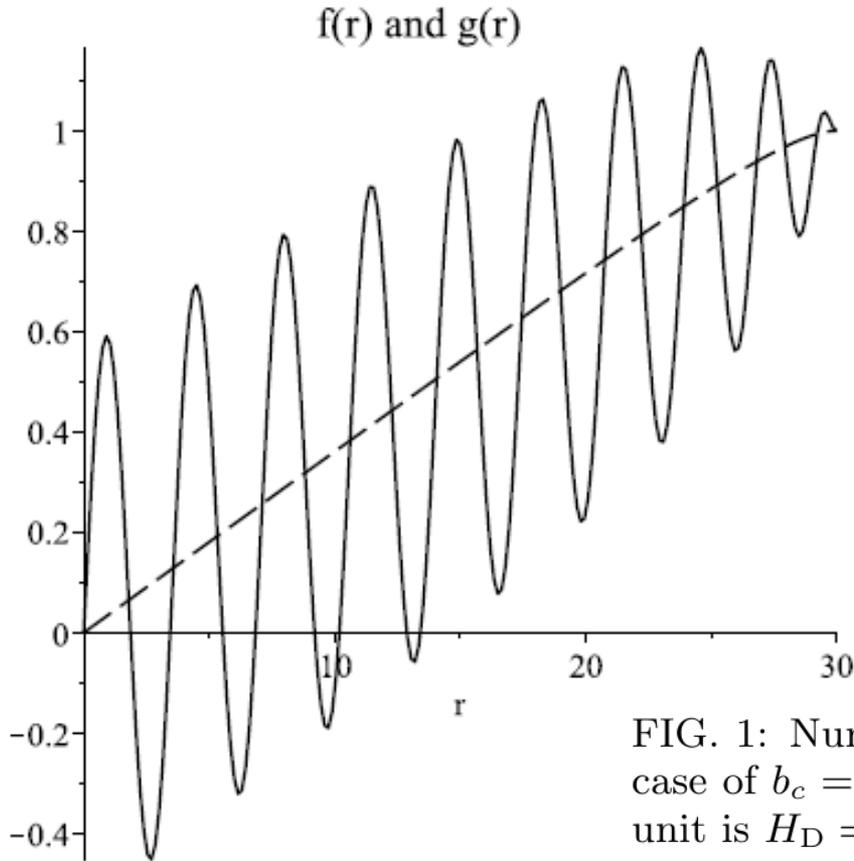
Solutions near origin :

$$\zeta \sim \sin(Kr) \quad \theta \sim \sinh(Lr)$$

$$\Rightarrow \left\{ \begin{array}{l} f(r) \simeq c \sin(\sqrt{3} H_D r) + dr \\ g(r) \simeq d' r \quad (\text{due to } L \ll 1) \end{array} \right.$$

The coefficients cannot be determined unless the equations are completely solved by imposing the boundary conditions at the edge \rightarrow solve numerically

Numerical Solution



Around origin ($r \lesssim 5$)

$$c = 0.543 \quad d = 0.037 \quad d' = 0.036$$

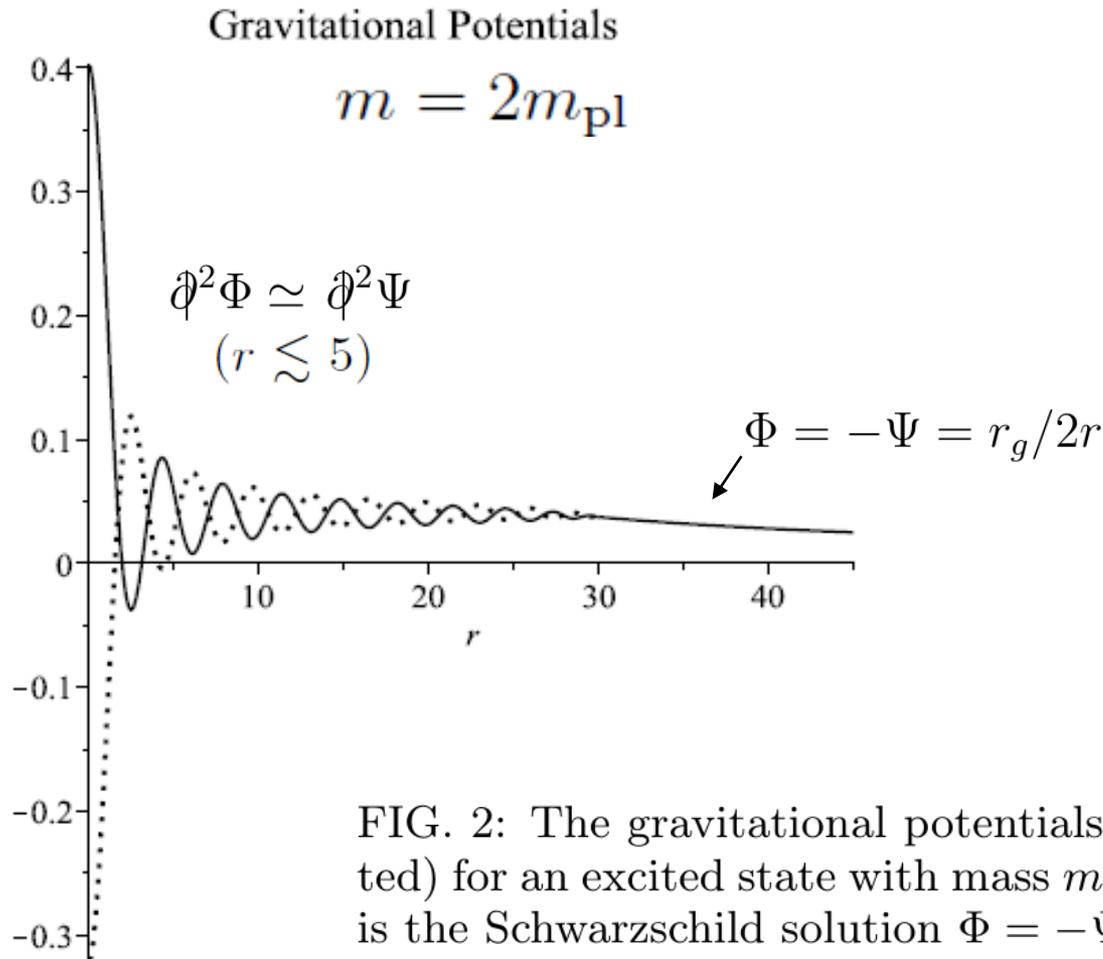
$$f(r) \simeq c \sin(\sqrt{3}H_D r) + dr$$

$$g(r) \simeq d'r$$

FIG. 1: Numerical results of f (solid) and g (dashed) in the case of $b_c = 10$, $\beta_0 = 0.5$, $a_1 = 0.1$, and $H_D/\Lambda_{\text{QG}} = 60$. The unit is $H_D = 1$, then $m_{\text{pl}} = 1.784$ and $M_P = 0.356$.

The calculation is practically performed by setting the boundary condition at $r = R_h - \epsilon$ right inside the edge, and ϵ is brought close to zero until the result no longer changes. Here, $\epsilon = 0.0001$.

Gravitational Potentials



On Time Evolution

Equations Around Origin

Writing variables as

$$X(\eta, r) = \frac{r_g}{2r} F(\eta, r) \quad Y(\eta, r) = \frac{r_g}{r} G(\eta, r)$$

Near origin, $\bar{t}^2 \simeq 0$ and $\bar{B} \simeq 1$

Coupled partial differential equations reduce to

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} (\partial_\eta^2 - \partial_r^2)^2 F(\eta, r) + 2\partial_\eta^2 (\partial_\eta^2 - \partial_r^2) G(\eta, r) \\ -3H_D^2 [(\partial_\eta^2 - \partial_r^2) F(\eta, r) + 2\partial_\eta^2 G(\eta, r)] = 0 \\ (3\partial_\eta^2 - \partial_r^2) \partial_r^2 G(\eta, r) = 0 \end{array} \right.$$

Initial conditions

$$F(0, r) = f(r) \quad G(0, r) = g(r) \quad \text{where } f \text{ and } g \text{ are static solutions}$$

Boundary conditions at origin

$$F(\eta, 0) = 0 \quad G(\eta, 0) = 0 \quad \partial_r^2 F(\eta, 0) = 0 \quad \partial_r^2 G(\eta, 0) = 0$$

Stability of Static Excitation Near Origin

General solution near origin

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} F(\eta, r) = \{c + b \sin(\sqrt{3}H_D\eta) + b'[\cos(\sqrt{3}H_D\eta) - 1]\} \sin(\sqrt{3}H_D r) \\ \quad + \tilde{e}(\eta)r - 2\tilde{d}(\eta)r \\ G(\eta, r) = \tilde{d}(\eta)r \end{array} \right.$$

c, d, d' are given as initial conditions

where $\tilde{d}(0) = d' \quad \tilde{e}(0) = d + 2d'$

b, b' are unknown constants

F and G are not monotonic functions of time,
except unknown time functions $\tilde{d}(\eta), \tilde{e}(\eta)$

because all gravitational terms
in H involve spatial Laplacian



However, these two do not affect changes in energy equation

Therefore, gravitational energy does not shift to matter density ρ monotonically



Excitation seems to be kept stable without energy changing into matters

Of course, there is a possibility that energy leaks from edge → future issue

Conclusion and Discussion

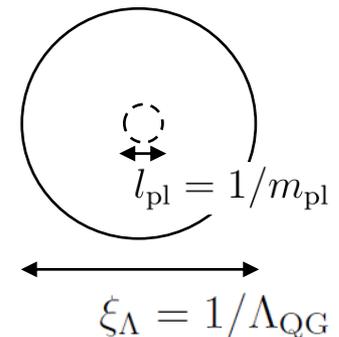
Conclusion

The dynamics of the asymptotically background-free quantum gravity begin to work at the energy scale $\Lambda_{\text{QG}} \simeq 10^{17} \text{ GeV}$ below the Planck scale.

The excited state examined here has several times Planck mass, sufficiently larger than Λ_{QG} , so that quantum gravity will be activated inside.

A static and spherical excitation with Schwarzschild tail was constructed as a solution of linearized equations-of-motion for gravitational potentials incorporating running coupling effects.

It can be regarded as a particle, not BH, when viewed from the outside because its diameter ξ_{Λ} is larger than the horizon size $2r_g$.



Discussion

If the mass is smaller than Λ_{QG} , quantum gravity will not be activated and no state will be excited. The coupling constant will remain large everywhere and the assumption that it is running will not be valid.

On the other hand, a macroscopic object with a semi-classical horizon whose size is larger than ξ_{Λ} looks like a black hole. It will undergo black hole evaporation, and may eventually leave the small excited state as a remnant.

It is thought that many excited states were generated in the early universe. Primordial black holes could be formed by using them as seeds. If the state is actually stable or long-lived, it can be a candidate for dark matter as a purely gravitational object.

Physical Minimal Length

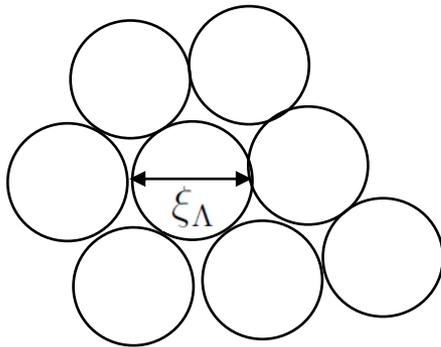
Correlation length can be regarded as minimal length

We cannot measure distance shorter than correlation length precisely because quantum gravity is activated and distance is greatly fluctuating as it was shown here

Distance is “practically” discretized by correlation length

$$\xi_{\Lambda} = 1/\Lambda_{\text{QG}} \simeq 0.2 \times 10^{-30} \text{cm}$$

without breaking diffeomorphism invariance, unlike lattice-type models



In initial universe before inflation, spacetime would have been filled densely with excitations like bubbles

Origin of Primordial Fluctuations

Quantum gravity Inflation indicates that the universe expand about 10^{59} ($= 10^{30} \times 10^{29}$) from the beginning to today, that is

$$10^{59} \times \xi_\Lambda \sim \frac{1}{H_0} \quad \text{Hubble distance } (\sim 4000\text{Mpc})$$

The universe we see today was originated from an excitation of quantum gravity with the size of correlation length ξ_Λ

Inside of the excitation is almost scale invariant

→ Origin of the scale invariance of primordial power spectrum

Edge has been observed as sharp-falling of low multipoles in CMB

Initial power spectrum is

$$P_\varphi(k) = \frac{1}{2b_c} \quad \text{where} \quad \langle (\varphi(\mathbf{x}) - \varphi(\mathbf{y}))^2 \rangle = 2 \int \frac{dk}{k} P_\varphi(k) \left(1 - \frac{\sin k|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y}|}{k|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y}|} \right)$$

fluctuation of conformal factor field

Revisit Meaning of Diffeomorphism Invariance

Hamiltonian and momentum constraints

= Wheeler-Dewitt equations

= Equations of motion for gravitational field (=Schwinger-Dyson eqs)

$$\langle T_{\mu\nu} \rangle = 0 \quad \text{involving quantum corrections}$$

This means that Hamiltonian is normal-ordered quantity and zero-point energy disappears !

This is a general property that correct theory of quantum gravity must satisfy

Hence ◆ **Origin of primordial fluctuations is not zero-point energy**

→ quantum gravity excitations

◆ **There is no original cause of cosmological constant problem**

→ cosmological constant is a physical scale, namely RG invariant

Evolution of the universe is described as process in which

energy state changes while preserving $H \stackrel{\uparrow}{=} 0$

The fact that E-H action is unbounded from below is crucial to meet non-trivial dynamics

Appendix

Hamiltonian and Momentum Constraints

The whole action of quantum gravity

$$\mathcal{I} = S + I$$

Schwinger-Dyson equations

$$\int [d\phi dh df]_{\hat{g}} \frac{\delta}{\delta\phi} e^{i\mathcal{I}} = i\sqrt{-\hat{g}} \langle \mathbf{T}^\lambda{}_\lambda \rangle = 0$$
$$\int [d\phi dh df]_{\hat{g}} \frac{\delta}{\delta h^\nu{}_\mu} e^{i\mathcal{I}} = \frac{i}{2} \sqrt{-\hat{g}} \langle (\mathbf{T}^\mu{}_\nu - \delta^\mu{}_\nu \mathbf{T}^\lambda{}_\lambda / 4) \rangle = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \langle \mathbf{T}_{\mu\nu} \rangle = 0$$

where

$$\delta\mathcal{I} = \frac{1}{2} \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} T^{\mu\nu} \delta g_{\mu\nu} = \int d^4x \sqrt{-\hat{g}} \left[\mathbf{T}^\lambda{}_\lambda \delta\phi + \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{T}^\mu{}_\nu \delta h^\nu{}_\mu \right]$$

This indicates that EM tensor is normal-ordered quantity and zero-point energy vanishes

Diffeomorphism Invariance

$$\delta_\xi g_{\mu\nu} = g_{\mu\lambda} \nabla_\nu \xi^\lambda + g_{\nu\lambda} \nabla_\mu \xi^\lambda \quad \xi^\mu : \text{gauge d.o.f.}$$

Metric field is expanded as

$$g_{\mu\nu} = e^{2\phi} \bar{g}_{\mu\nu} \quad \bar{g}_{\mu\nu} = (\hat{g} e^{th})_{\mu\nu} = \hat{g}_{\mu\lambda} \left(\delta^\lambda_\nu + th^\lambda_\nu + \frac{t^2}{2} (h^2)^\lambda_\nu + \dots \right)$$

↑ **conformal factor exactly**
 ↖ background
 ↑ **traceless tensor field perturbatively**

Diff. transf. is then decomposed as

$$\delta_\xi \phi = \xi^\lambda \partial_\lambda \phi + \frac{1}{4} \hat{\nabla}_\lambda \xi^\lambda$$

$$\delta_\xi h_{\mu\nu} = \frac{1}{t} \left(\hat{\nabla}_\mu \xi_\nu + \hat{\nabla}_\nu \xi_\mu - \frac{1}{2} \hat{g}_{\mu\nu} \hat{\nabla}_\lambda \xi^\lambda \right) + \xi^\lambda \hat{\nabla}_\lambda h_{\mu\nu} + \frac{1}{2} h_{\mu\lambda} \left(\hat{\nabla}_\nu \xi^\lambda - \hat{\nabla}^\lambda \xi_\nu \right) + \frac{1}{2} h_{\nu\lambda} \left(\hat{\nabla}_\mu \xi^\lambda - \hat{\nabla}^\lambda \xi_\mu \right) + o(t)$$

↑
gauge-fixed later

two modes completely decoupled!

Physical States and Positivity

Physical states are classified by imposing BRST conf. inv.

$$Q_{BRST}|\text{phys}\rangle = 0 \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \delta_B \phi = c^\mu \partial_\mu \phi + \frac{1}{4} \partial_\mu c^\mu \\ \delta_B h_{\mu\nu} = c^\lambda \partial_\lambda h_{\mu\nu} + \frac{1}{2} h_{\mu\lambda} (\partial_\nu c^\lambda - \partial^\lambda c_\nu) + \frac{1}{2} h_{\nu\lambda} (\partial_\mu c^\lambda - \partial^\lambda c_\mu) \end{array} \right.$$

The existence of this symmetry *in the UV limit* is a crucial difference from other HD QG models

All ghost modes are not gauge invariant !

Physical states are given by *real primary scalars* with conf. dim. 4 satisfying unitarity bound, when viewed as CFT on $\hat{g}_{\mu\nu}$

Furthermore, the action is bounded from below (unlike E-H action)
Therefore, the path integral is well-defined

→ the reality of physical states is guaranteed

Background-metric Independence

This QG model has background-metric indep. in UV limit ($t = 0$)

Outline of the proof

First, notice that the theory is invariant under a simultaneous shift: $\phi \rightarrow \phi - \omega$ and $\hat{g}_{\mu\nu} \rightarrow e^{2\omega} \hat{g}_{\mu\nu}$, because it preserves the full metric field $g_{\mu\nu} = e^{2\phi} \hat{g}_{\mu\nu}$

Further, conformal-factor field is an integral variable in QG, and now it is treated exactly without introducing its own coupling

Thus, the measure is invariant under the shift $\phi' = \phi - \omega$ as

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} [d\phi'] = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} [d\phi]$$

Consequently, the theory becomes invariant under the conformal change such as

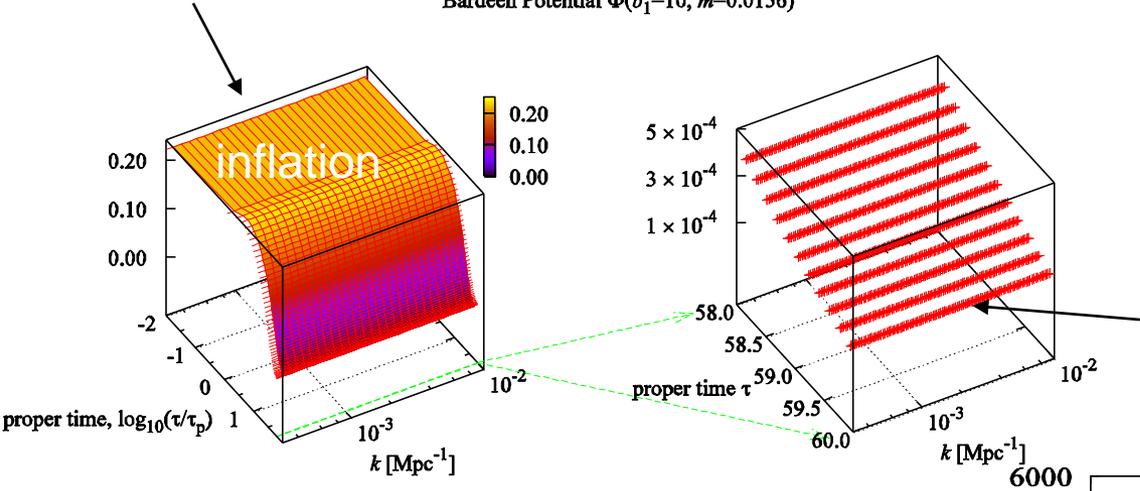
$$Z(e^{2\omega} \hat{g}) = Z(\hat{g})$$

Evolution of Fluctuations from CFT to CMB

Scale-inv. spectrum at Planck time
with amp. = $1/b \sim 10^{-2}$

From Planck length to
cosmological distance

Bardeen Potential $\Phi(b_1=10, m=0.0156)$



$$10^{59} = 10^{30} + 10^{29}$$

↑ inflation ↑ Friedmann

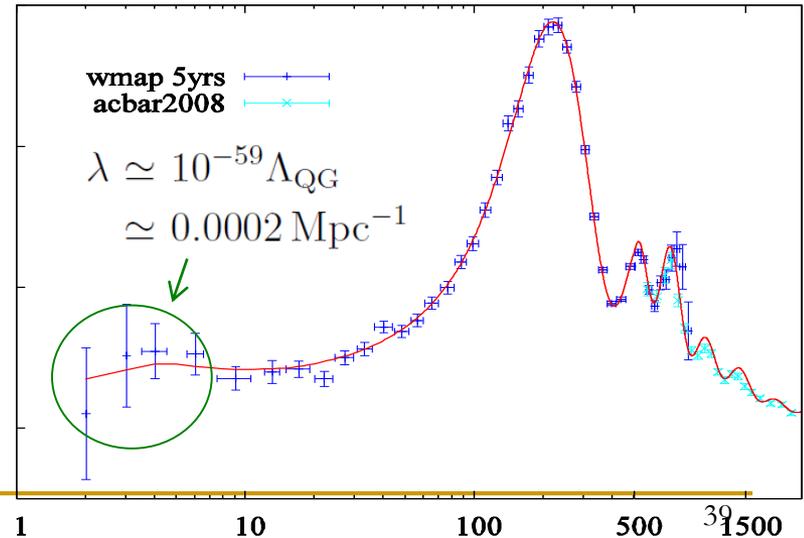
spectrum at transition point
= initial condition of Friedmann
universe

CMB spectrum is computed
using CMBFAST Fortran code

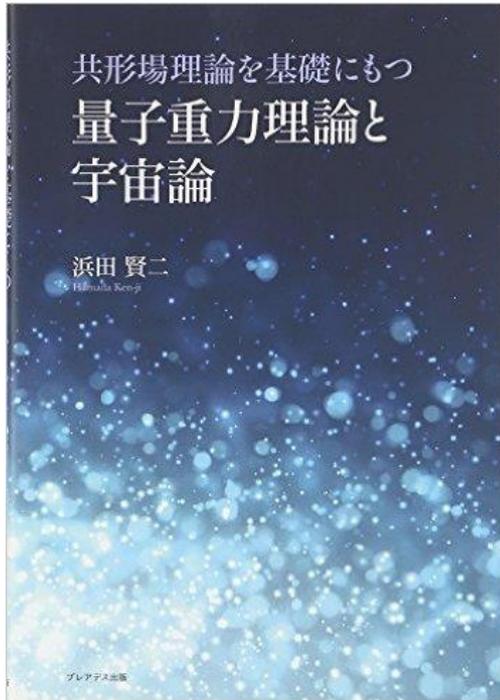
Initial condition is then set to
be almost scale invariant:

$$P_s(k) = A_s \left(\frac{k}{m} \right)^{n_s - 1 + v / \log(k^2 / \lambda^2)}$$

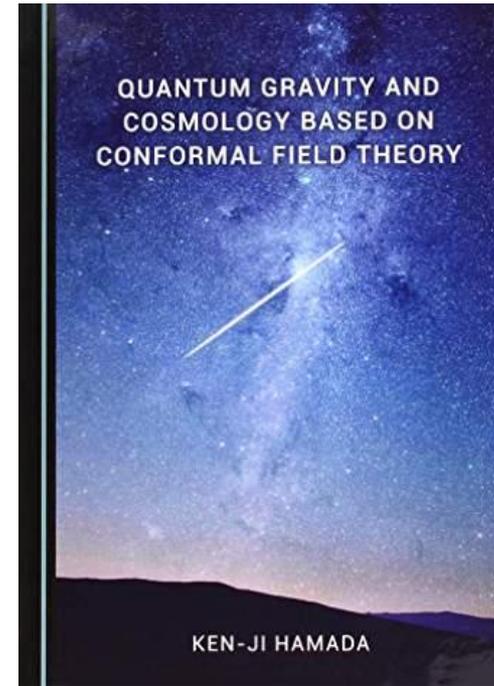
\uparrow $\sim 10^{-9}$ \uparrow $n_s = 1$
 scale invariant



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