

In this chapter the recent view about TGD as Poincare invariant theory of gravitation is discussed. Radically new views about ontology were necessary before it was possible to see what had been there all the time. Zero energy ontology states that all physical states have vanishing net quantum numbers. The hierarchy of dark matter identified as macroscopic quantum phases labeled by arbitrarily large values of Planck constant is second aspect of the new ontology.

\vm{\it 1. Equivalence Principle and GRT limit of TGD}\vm

The views about Equivalence Principle (EP) and GRT limit of TGD have changed quite a lot since 2007 and here the updated view is summarized. Before saying anything about evolution of gravitational constant one must understand whether it is a fundamental constant or prediction of quantum TGD. Also one should understand whether Equivalence Principle holds true and if so, in what sense. Also the identification of gravitational and inertial masses seems to be necessary.

At classical level EP follows from the interpretation of GRT space-time as effective space-time obtained by replacing many-sheeted space-time with Minkowski space with effective metric determined as a sum of Minkowski metric and sum over the deviations of the induced metrics of space-time sheets from Minkowski metric. Poincare invariance suggests strongly classical EP for the GRT limit in long length scales at least. One can consider also other kinds of limits such as the analog of GRT limit for Euclidian space-time regions assignable to elementary particles. In this case deformations of CP_2 metric define a natural starting point and CP_2 indeed defines a gravitational instanton with very large cosmological constant in Einstein-Maxwell theory. Also gauge potentials of standard model correspond classically to superpositions of induced gauge

potentials over space-time sheets.

\vm{\it 2. The problem of cosmological constant}\vm

A further implication of dark matter hierarchy is that astrophysical systems correspond to stationary states analogous to atoms and do not participate to cosmic expansion in a continuous manner but via discrete quantum phase transitions in which gravitational Planck constant increases. By quantum criticality of these phase transitions critical cosmologies are excellent candidates for the modeling of these transitions. Imbeddable critical (and also over-critical) cosmologies are unique apart from a parameter determining their duration and represent accelerating cosmic expansion so that there is no need to introduce cosmological constant.

It indeed turns out possible to understand these critical phases in terms of quantum phase transition increasing the size of large modeled in terms of cosmic strings. A possible mechanism driving the strings to the boundaries of large voids could be repulsive interaction due to net charges of strings. Also repulsive gravitational acceleration could do this. In this framework cosmological constant like parameter does not characterize the density of dark energy but that of dark matter identifiable as quantum phases with large Planck constant.

A concrete interpretation for the dark matter is as Kähler magnetic energy of Kähler magnetic flux tubes, which are outcome of the expansion of primordial cosmic strings. Dark matter in turn corresponds to particles with non-standard value of Planck constant given by $h_{\text{eff}} = n \times h$ residing at the Kähler magnetic flux tubes. The GRT limit of TGD allows a description of dark energy in terms of cosmological constant in Einstein's equations.

A further problem is that the naive estimate for the cosmological constant is predicted to be by a factor 10^{120} larger than its value deduced from the accelerated expansion of the Universe. In TGD framework the resolution of the problem comes naturally from the fact that large voids are quantum systems which follow the cosmic expansion only during the quantum critical phases.

p-Adic fractality predicting that cosmological constant is reduced by a power of 2 in phase transitions occurring at times $T(k) \propto 2^{k/2}$, which correspond to p-adic time scales. These phase transitions would naturally correspond to quantum phase transitions increasing the size of the large voids during which critical cosmology predicting accelerated expansion naturally applies. On the average $\Lambda(k)$ behaves as $1/a^2$, where a is the light-cone proper time. This predicts correctly the order of magnitude for observed value of Λ .

\vm{\it 3. Topics of the chapter}\vm

The topics discussed in the chapter are following.

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\item The basic principles of GRT (General Coordinate Invariance, Equivalence Principle, and Machian Principle) are discussed from TGD point of view.

\item The theory assuming that the most important solution is applied to the vacuum extremal embeddings of Reissner-Nordström and Schwarzschild metric.

\item A model for the final state of star indicates that Z^0 force, presumably created by dark matter, might have an important role in the dynamics of the compact objects. During year 2003, more than decade after the formulation of the model, the discovery of the connection between supernovas and gamma ray bursts provided strong support for the predicted axial magnetic and Z^0 magnetic flux tube structures predicted by

the
model for the final state of a rotating star. Two years later the
interpretation of the predicted long range weak forces as being
caused by
dark matter emerged.

The progress in understanding of hadronic mass calculations has led
to the
identification of what I call super-symplectic bosons and their
super-counterparts as basic building blocks of hadrons. This notion
leads
also to a microscopic description of neutron stars and black-holes
in terms
of highly entangled string like objects in Hagedorn temperature and
in very
precise sense analogous to gigantic hadrons.

\item There is a brief summary about cosmic strings, which form a
corner stone of
TGD inspired cosmology.

\item The idea of entropic gravity is not consistent with what is
already known about the quantal behavior of neutrons in the Earth's
gravitational field. The discussion of entropic gravity in TGD
framework
however leads to fresh ideas about GRT limit of TGD and is therefore
included.
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