## On the weight of entanglement

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Einstein equations

$$G_{\mu\nu}=\tfrac{8\,\pi\,G}{c^4}\,R_{\mu\nu}.$$

These equations have been highly successful in providing many predictions.

### Successes

- Precession of orbits;
- Bending of light;
- Black Holes;
- Penrose process;
- Gravitational waves;
- Cosmology.

### Difficulties

- Rotation curves of galaxies;
- Nonlinearity of equations;
- Gravitation of quantum objects;

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- Quantum nature of gravity;
- Fundamental or emergent theory?

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## Einstein gravity extended

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Semiclassical gravity

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u}$ : stress-energy tensor for quantum field. :  $\cdot$  : is normal ordering.

### Successes

- Takes into account (somehow) backreaction;

### Problems

- Fluctuations of stress energy tensor big/huge;
- Curved spacetime: inconsistent renormalisation procedures;
- "Strange" predictions for gravitational fields of superpositions;

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### Experiments of interest

- Spontaneous WF collapse;
- Gravitational decoherence;
- Superposition of masses;
- Optomechanical systems;
- Space based tests;
- Atom Interferometry;
- More?

### One setup



## Figure: Micius satellite CAS

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### Applications

- Quantum chemistry;
- Quantum refrigerators;
- Fundamental physics;
- Connections to Information Theory;

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- Conclusion: Correlations must "carry energy".

## Role of correlations





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However:

- "Automatically renormalises" the vacuum energy;
- Provides physical mechanism to justify "renormalisation" of vacuum energy;
- Requires change in (possibly all) standard eq.s (i.e., Heisenberg eq.).

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Classical states: little/vanishing zero point energy compared to total one.

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... "correctly" predicts that these highly entangled (squeezed) states cannot gravitate/be detected beacuse the "change of observer" does not add energy to the observed system (which is in the vacuum state).

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- Note: 
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- Predictions are very different from the standard Heisenberg case;
- More advanced mathematical tools can be used to propose better models;
- Experiments can be potentially done with current technology;
- More work to come...

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