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# **Equivalence Principle and A new phase of GR test**

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# EP $\hat{U}$ GR mutual relation

EP – “free fall universality”



Geometrization of Gravity

$$j \rightarrow g_{ik} ; \quad c \neq \infty$$



$$R_{ik} - \frac{1}{2} g_{ik} R = \frac{8pG}{c^2} T_{ik}$$

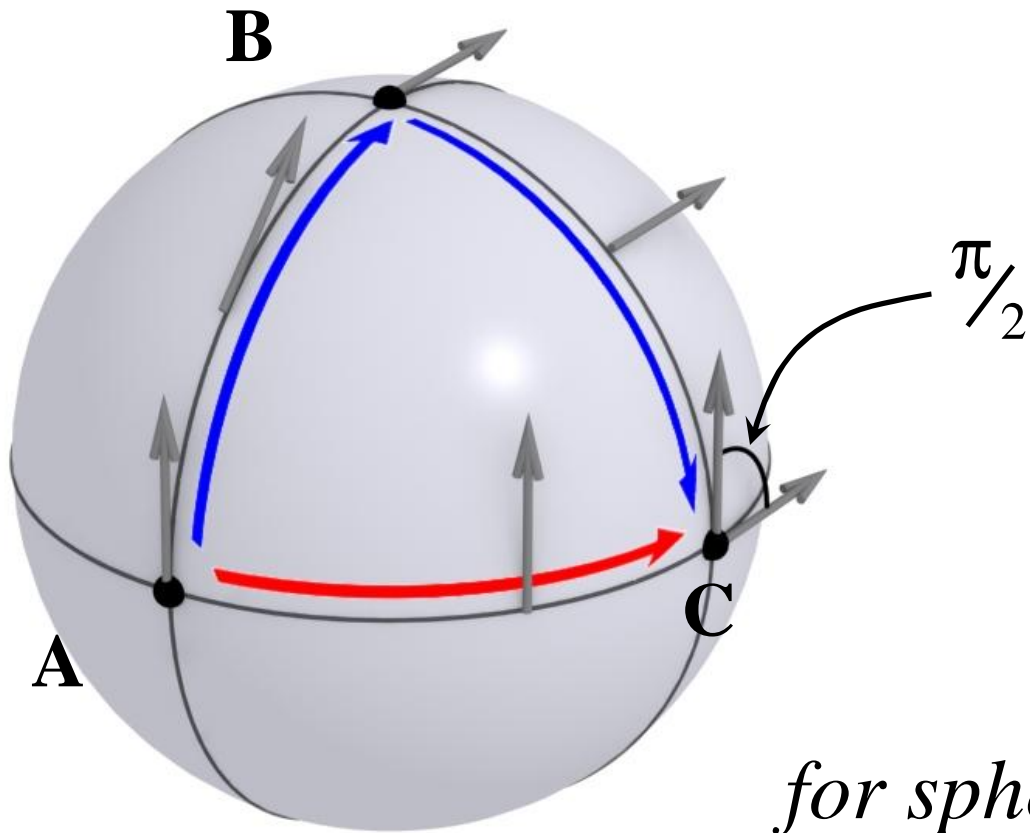


$$\Lambda g_{ik}$$

# Experimental Proves of GR

- gravitational red shift + 0.01% GP-A
- light beam deflection +
- planet orbit precession +
- EM-signals delay +
- relativistic precession of gyro ?
  
- gravitational waves .....?
- black holes (+) ! ?-
- cosmological expansion (+) ! ?

$$dS^2 = (1 - (r_g/r) + \gamma(r_g/r)^2 + \dots) dt^2 - (1 + (r_g/r) + \beta (r_g/r)^2 + \dots) dl^2$$



*for closed loop:*

$$dj = \int_S k(p) ds$$

*for sphere  $k(p) \equiv k$  then:*

$$dj = kS = \frac{p}{2}$$

$$S = \frac{4pR^2}{8} \equiv \frac{1}{2}pR^2$$

$$k = \frac{1}{R^2}$$

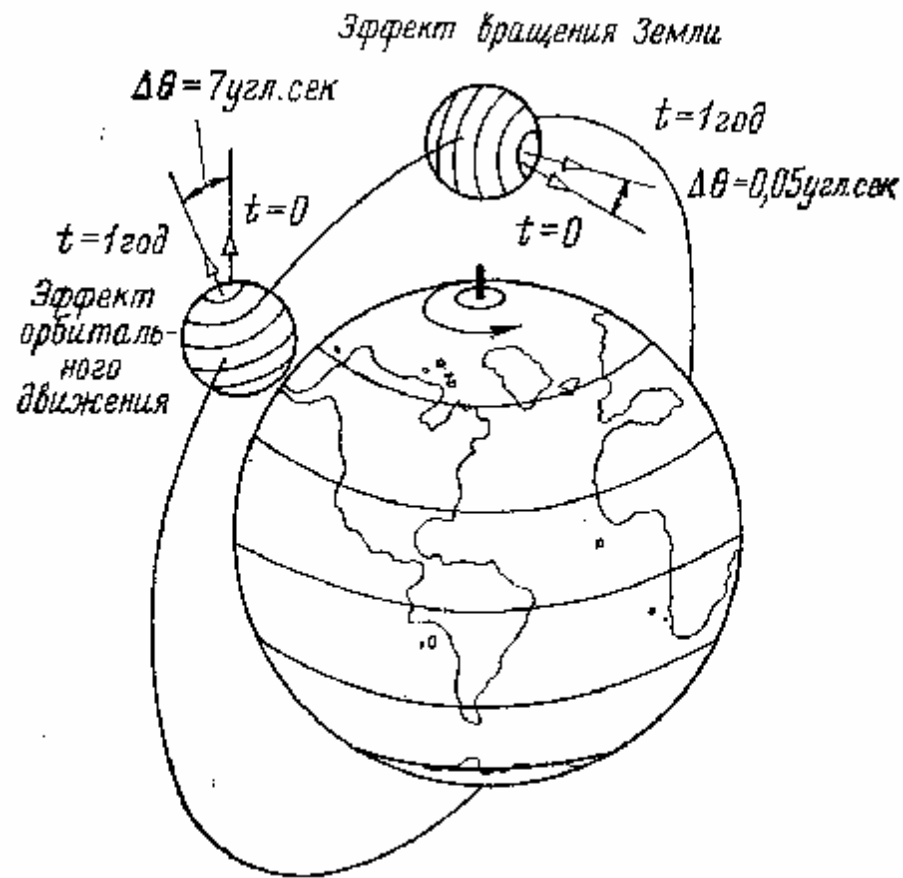
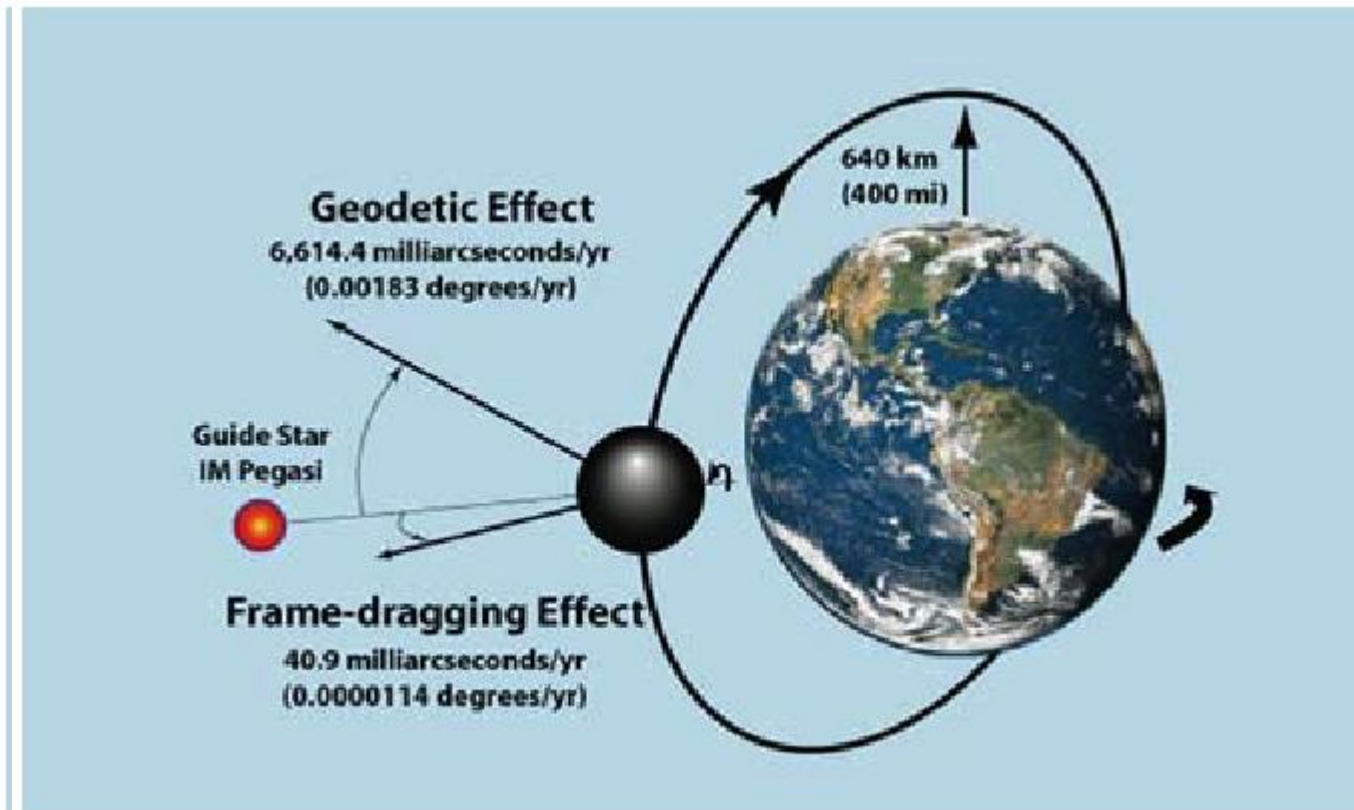


Рис. 6.

УФН, 1970, т.100, в.3, с.395. «Релятивистские гравитационные эксперименты»

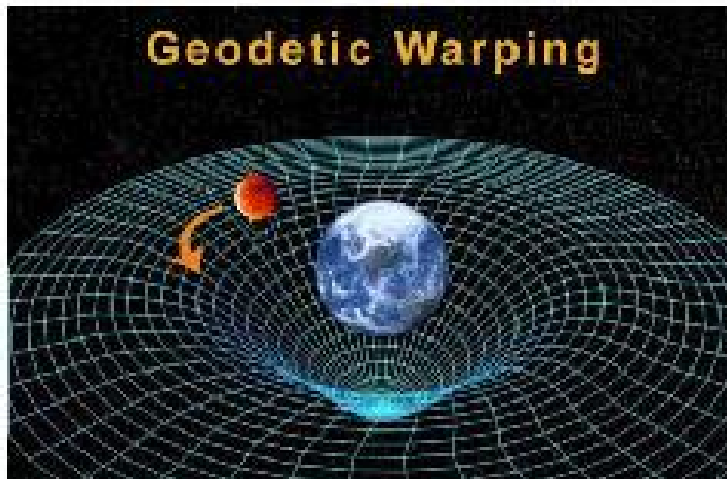
В.Брагинский, В.Руденко

# Gyroscope at the Earth's orbit



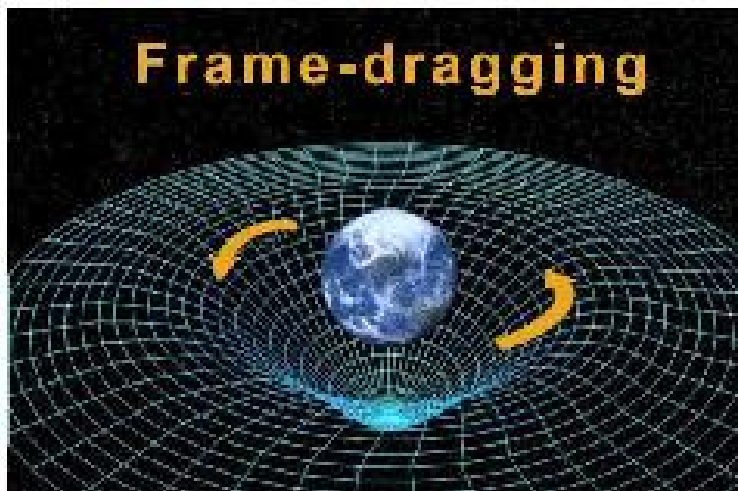
L.Schiff , 1960 (just NASA was launched its 1st satellite)

W.Fairbank, L.Schiff , 1961, first conceptual proposal  
for NASA gyroscope experiment



Geodesic precession

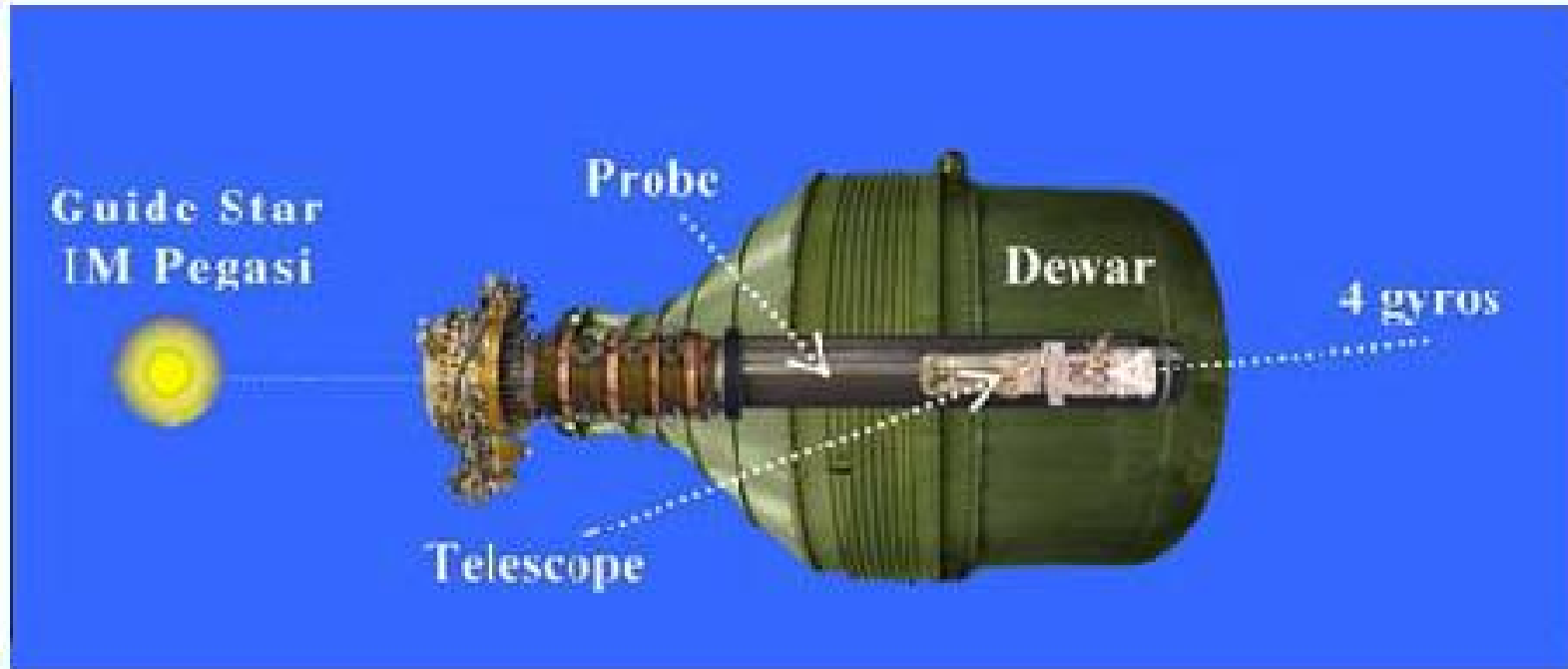
6.6 arcsec/y;  
m.accuracy (+-) 0.01%



LT-precession

0.04 arcsec/y;  
m.accuracy (+-) 1 %

## GP-B spacecraft design



Polar-orbiting satellite with four ultra-precise spherical gyroscopes and a telescope aligned with a distant «guide» star; all instruments are located inside the helium dewar along its main axis



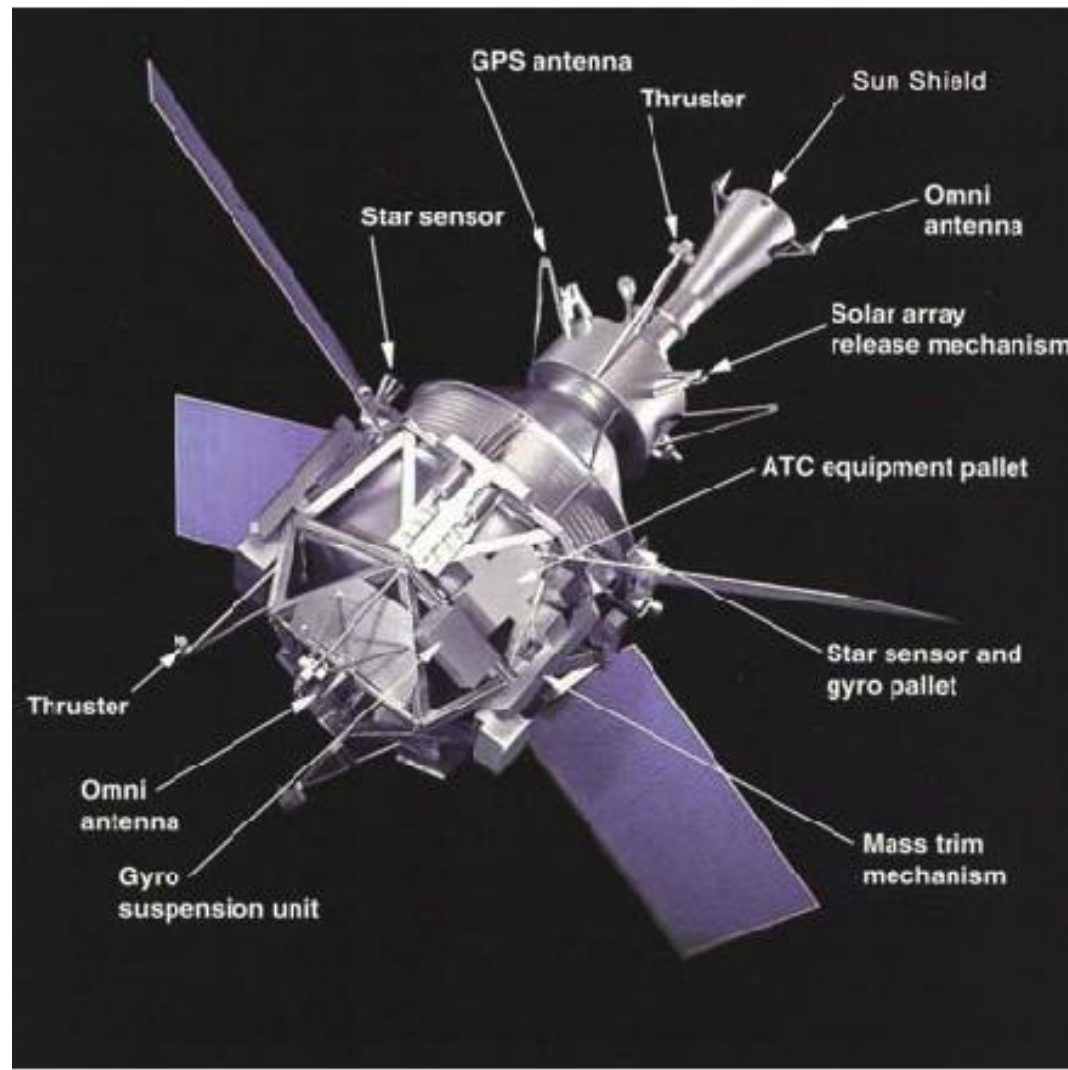
Launch, Monday 20 April, 2004, Vandenberg Air Force Base, CA.



Photos: (Left) Russ Underwood, Lockheed Martin Corporation; (Right) Boeing Corporation

**Delta II 7920-10 Launch Vehicle, 38.6 m, 250 tons; Spacecraft 6.3 m, 3.1 tons, 2.64 d**

# General GP-B layout

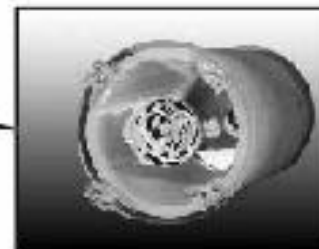
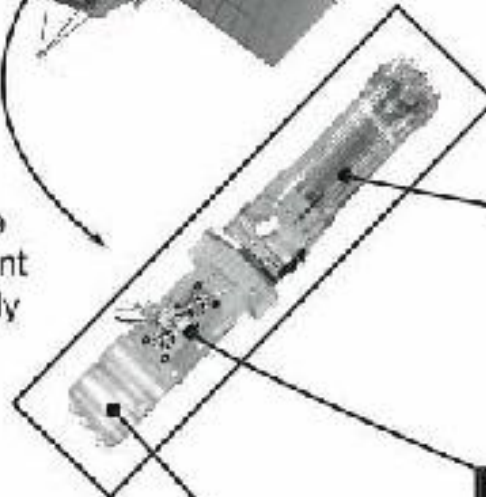


# The Gravity Probe B Space Vehicle



The 645-Gallon  
Dewar

Science  
Instrument  
Assembly



5.6-inch Aperture  
Telescope



World's Roundest  
Gyroscope  
with Quartz Housing



The SQUID Monitors  
the London Moment

L.C.

## Gravity Probe-B in a Nutshell

Quartz giro

Size 3.81 cm

Composition:  
homogenous  
fused quartz  
~2 ppm

$\Delta r/r \sim 3 \cdot 10^{-7}$

in 100 times  
smaller than  
CD  $\rightarrow$  1 ppm



Gravity Probe B gyroscope (rotor), with quartz housing halves.

Nutshell gap

~25 mkm

niobium film

~ 12 Å

$B \sim 10^{-13}$

Earth field

$\Delta\alpha \sim 0.1$  miliarcsec

$\tau \sim$  two days

## The Probe,- central cigar-shaped canister

Class-10 clean room; speck of dust  $< 1 \text{ mkm}$

8 pairs of micro thrusters driven by the helium gas: at the rate 1/100th of a human «puff» to clean eyeglasses

Flow of helium keeps center-mass position ballanced around one of the gyroscopes- a proof mass of the dragg-free mechanics



GPS-position control  
1 cm (commercial 1 m)

Lockheed Martin Space System



## Cement Mixer-sized Thermos Bottle

2 441 litre of  
liquid helium



# **Amaizing Technology of GP-B**

*nine new technologies had to be invented to carry out GP-B exp.*

1. GP-B gyro has a stability more then a million times better the inertial navigation gyros
2. SQUID magnetomers can detect - 1/ 40 000 000 th part of a degree an axis deflection
3. Dragg-free compensation of acceleration less 1/ billion part of the Gal
4. Space Dewar keeps 1.8 K during of 18 months (2.5 000 lit.) ;T-variations ~ 1p.p.m. K
5. Board Telescope keeps the orientation ~ 1 miliarcsec with aperture 1 arcmin
6. ....etc.

## **Scientific influence of GP-B project:**

more then 100 PhD have been written on various aspects of the program; carees were made by numerous graduated and high school students, members of aerospace companies (including the first women astronaut), professors of Harvard, Princeton, Stanford, and others.... and a recent Nobel Laureate in Physics

# Telescope & Guide Star

36 cm long Cassegrain reflector,  $f= 3.8$  m, optically bonded to the end of quartz block that houses the gyroscopes (no any «glue»);

focussing  $\sim (+-)$  20 miliarcsec for a very distant star.

## Chossing and Mapping a Guide Star with VLBI

splitting the guide star image to keep a center  $(+-)$  0.1 miliarcsec.  
control of local movements with respect to a reference quasar  
VLBI monitoring the quasar coordinates

1 400 stars were studied;

IM Pegasi - HR8703, 300 light years, magnitude 5.85-5.6



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Subject: Rokot and Plesetsk

Dear Valentin,

Happy New Year to you also!

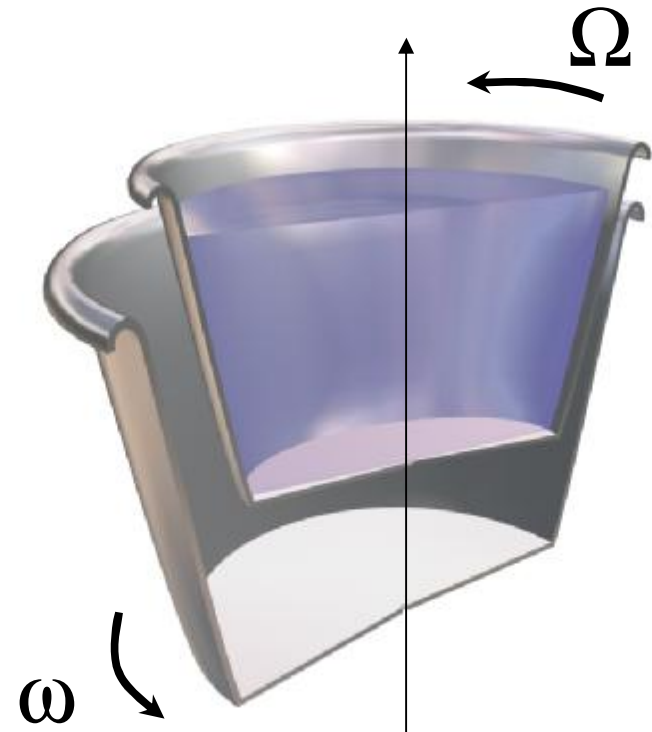
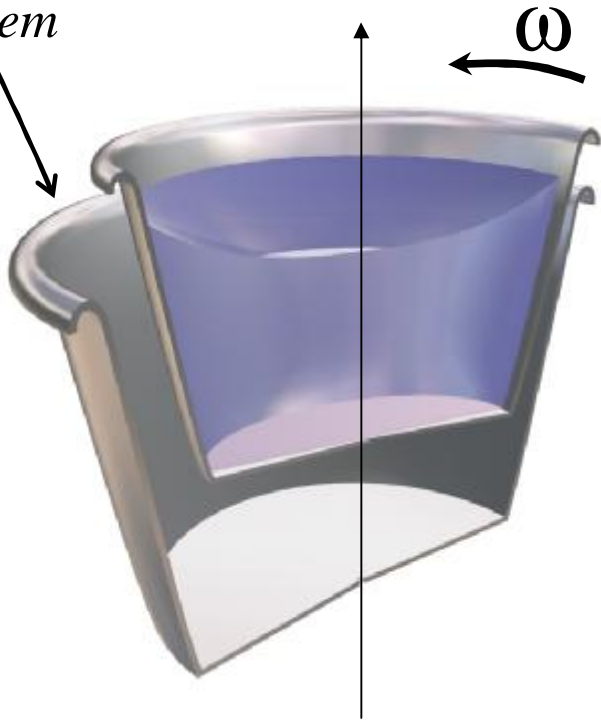
Our person at Stanford responsible for contacts with Eurockot and, therefore, the hoped-for use of a Rokot launch vehicle is Dr. John Mester. I forwarded your email to him and suggested that he and you be in touch.

**Today, GP-B is in Day 124 of science data collection.**

Yours,  
Francis

# Newton's bucket “*absolute rotation proof*”

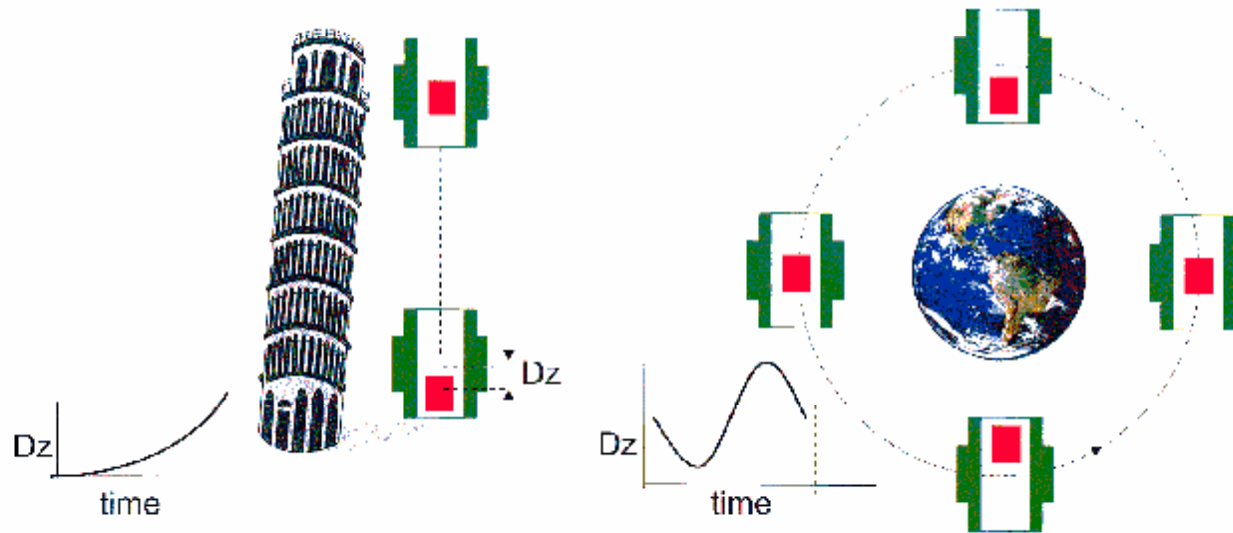
*outside reference  
system*



*but in GR:  $\Omega \approx \frac{r_g}{R} \omega$*   
*frame dragging*

# STEP (Satellite Test of Equivalence Principle)

## Equivalence & History, Experimental V



Orbiting drop tower experiment { \* More time for separation to build  
\* Periodic signal

# Equivalence & History




Pescara Meeting, *20 - 23 September, 2004*

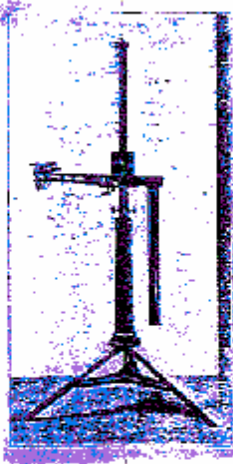
Francis Everitt

# Equivalence & History, Experimental - II

## A Little about Eötvös....



**EÖTVÖS AND EQUIVALENCE**



Vásárosnaményi Báro Eötvös Loránd (1848-1919), whose name is usually Germanized as Roland von Eötvös, was fourth baron of that name, the son of a distinguished Hungarian statesman who was also Hungary's leading 19th-century novelist and political philosopher. After studying law, Eötvös went to Germany to learn physics and obtained a doctorate from Heidelberg on theoretical optics. Appointed professor in Budapest at 24, he soon turned to experiment, discovering the important law concerning surface tension of liquids that bears his name. Then in 1886 he invented the 'curvature variometer' for mapping local variations in the Earth's gravity which was to become the leading instrument of geophysical research for the next fifty years. It was in response to a prize announcement in 1890 from the University of Göttingen that Eötvös realized that he could adapt this instrument to test equivalence.

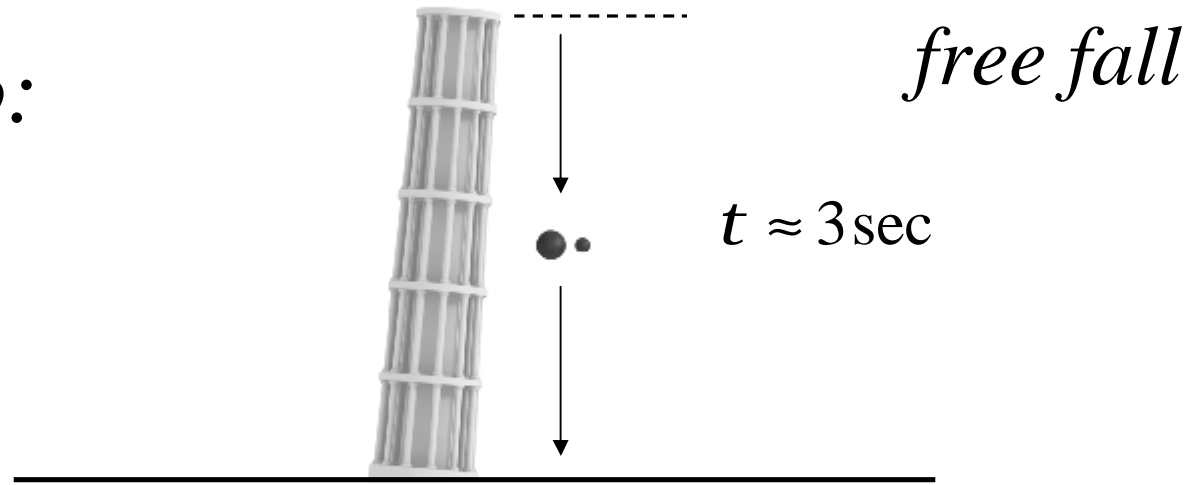
Like his father, Eötvös served briefly as Hungary's minister of public worship and education, introducing reforms that directly contributed to the rapid rise of Hungarian science after World War I. He and his two daughters were also renowned mountaineers. A peak in the Dolomites is named after him.

# Equivalence & History, Conceptual - IV

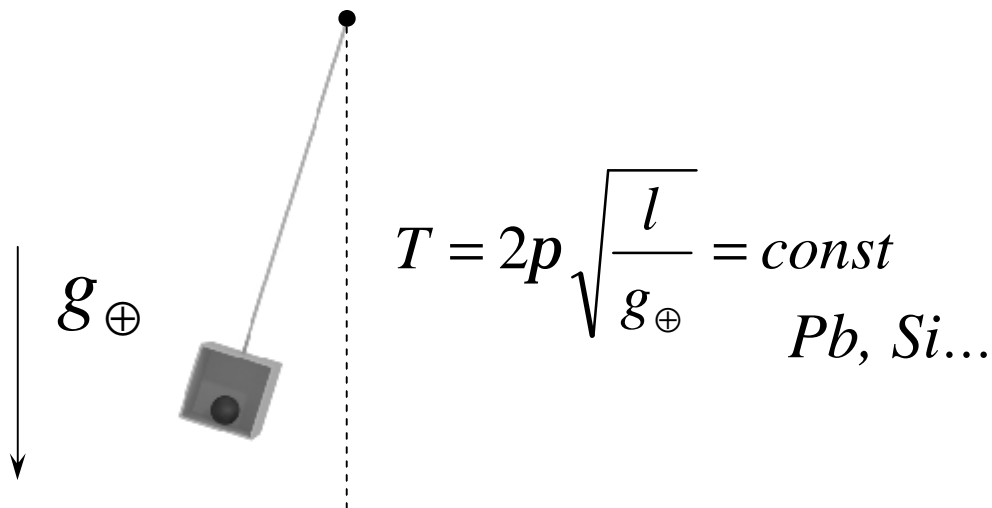
- Eötvös on Einstein, a *psychological* impact
- Einstein
  - (a) *Equivalence, a 'principle'* \* 1907, 1911
  - (b) *redshift, a gravitational deflection of light*
- \* *Principle* = something physicists believe but don't understand
- 'Weak' & 'Strong' Equivalence
  - (a) *Schiff vs. Dicke (Am. J. Phys., 1960)*
  - (b) *the evil influence of loaded language*

"When I am weak, then I am strong." – St. Paul

1. Galileo:



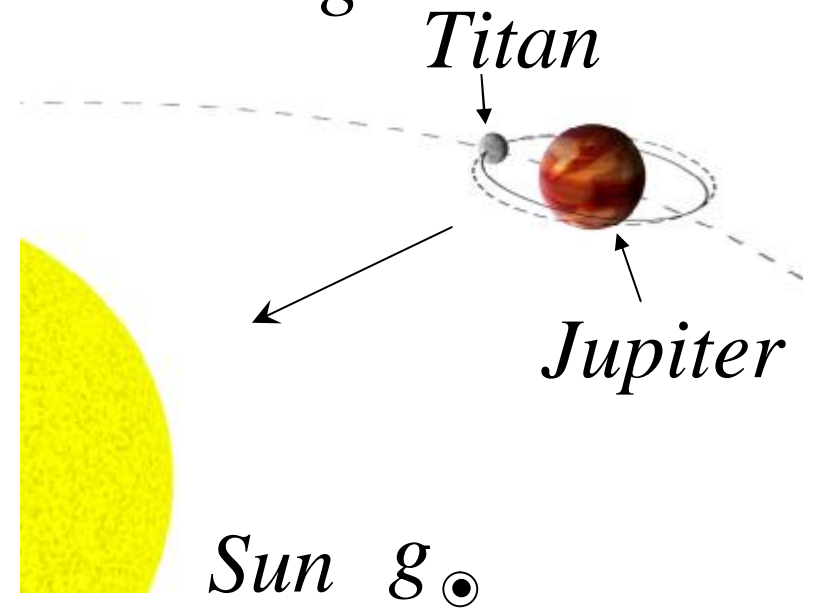
2. Newton: pendulum



$$T = 2\pi \sqrt{\frac{l}{g_{\oplus}}} = \text{const}$$

*Pb, Si...*

orbiting



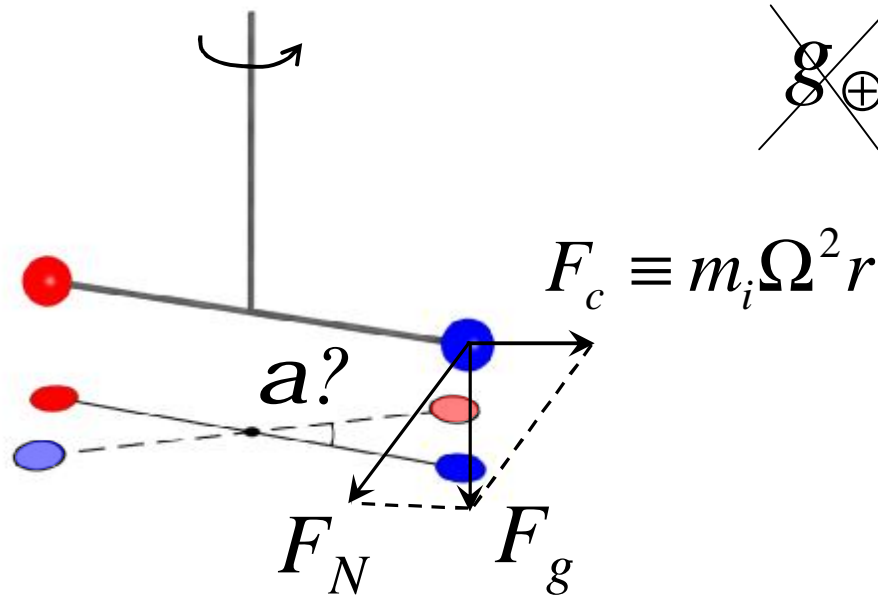
### 3. Eötvös

torsion balance

static

$$N_N \sim \frac{1}{f^g}$$

~~$g_{\oplus}$~~  compensated



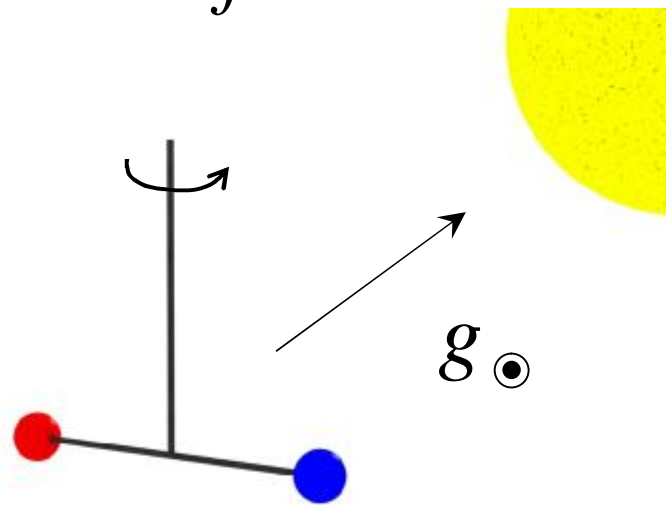
### 4. Dikki et al.

Sun's field

$$g_{\odot} \sim 10^{-3} g_{\oplus}$$

~~$g_{\oplus}$~~

compensated



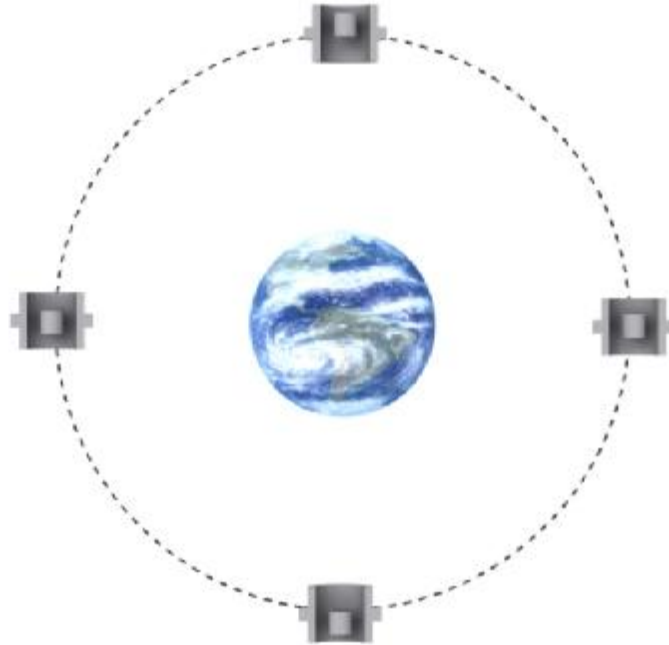
period  
 $t_0 = 24h$



5. *Stanford University*

*unlimited “free fall”*

*P. Worden, F. Everitt, 1976*



$$\underline{\underline{g_{\oplus}}}$$

$$t_0 \sim 1h$$

~~*seismics*~~

$$T \sim 2K$$

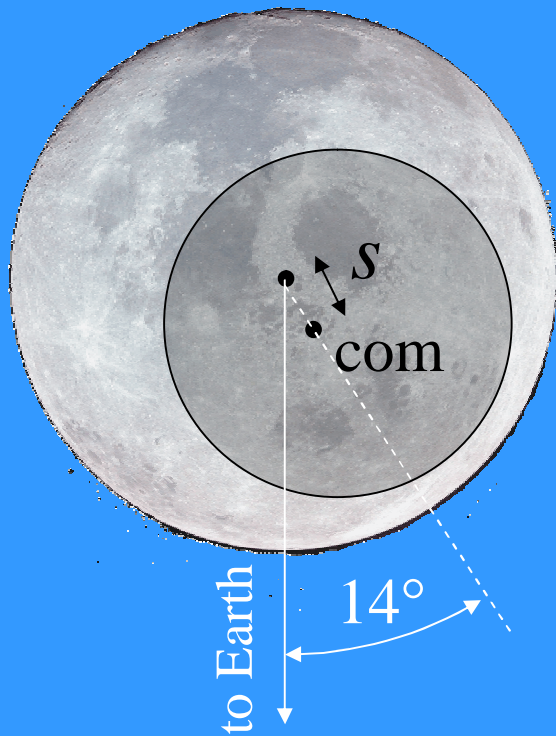
# Equivalence & History, Experimental - I

## The 4 approaches

	Original	Later Limits
Galileo 1592, <i>Free Fall</i>	$10^{-2?}$	$\sim 3 \times 10^{-10}$ (Polacco, 1996)
Newton I, 1686 <i>Pendulum</i>	$<10^{-3}$	$\sim 2 \times 10^{-6}$ (Potter, 1923)
Newton II, 1687 <i>Earth-Moon system</i> <i>Jupiter's moons</i>	$\sim 10^{-3}$	$5 \times 10^{-13}$ (LLR, 2000)
Eötövos 1890 <i>Torsion Balance</i>	$5 \times 10^{-8}$	$2 \times 10^{-12}$ (Adelberger, et al. 2000)

# Equivalence of passive and active Gravitational Mass

## Observation of Moon-orbit (Bartlett and van Buren 1986)



$$\frac{\dot{F}_{self}}{F_{EM}} = C_{ab} \frac{M_M}{M_E} \frac{r_{EM}^2}{r_M^2} \frac{s}{r_M} \frac{r}{\Delta r} \hat{s} \approx 5C_{ab} \hat{s}$$

Effect of tangential force is dominant:  
increase of orbital angular velocity

$$\frac{\Delta w}{w} = 6p \frac{F_{self} \sin 14^\circ}{F_{EM}} \quad \text{per month}$$

$$\frac{\Delta w}{w} \leq 10^{-12} / \text{month} \quad \Rightarrow \quad C_{Al-Fe} \leq 7 \cdot 10^{-13}$$



# Equivalence & History, Experimental - III

## Some Limitations of 4 Methods

- Free Fall on Earth
  - (a) release (b) short (3 - 4 sec) time [readout accuracy]*
- Pendulum,  $T = 2\pi \sqrt{l/g}$ 
  - (a)  $l$ , temperature dependent (b)  $g$ , seismic effects*
- Torsion Balance on Earth
  - (a) gravity gradient (b) seismic effects [dominant]*
- Earth-Moon System
  - (a) ranging (b) 150-km Newtonian effect of same signature*

Space brings one full circle back to free fall method....

# Equivalence & History, Experimental - IV

- Two Initial Merits of Space Test
  - Larger 'driving acceleration'  
*[850 cm/s<sup>2</sup> vs. two ground-based options, 0.6 cm/s<sup>2</sup> (Sun), 1.3 cm/s<sup>2</sup> (Eötvös)]*
  - Quieter, seismic environmental (drag-free)
- Initial Difficulty
  - EP effect varies as  $GM/r^2$ , and gravity gradient effect as  $GM \delta r/r^3$
  - In space with torsion balance, gg effect  $\sim 10^8 >$  EP effect
- Solution: Back Full Circle to Free Fall Method!
  - Gravity gradient, being doubly-periodic, allows centering adjustment

Chapman-Hanson:	1970
Worden-Everitt:	1973 - on
STEP:	$10^{-17}$ , $10^{-18}$ (NASA, ESA)
MICROSCOPE:	$10^{-15}$ (CNES, ESA)

$10^3$  greater driving acceleration x  $10^3$  'seismically' quieter  
→  $10^6$  advance in accuracy

# Layout of the STEP probe

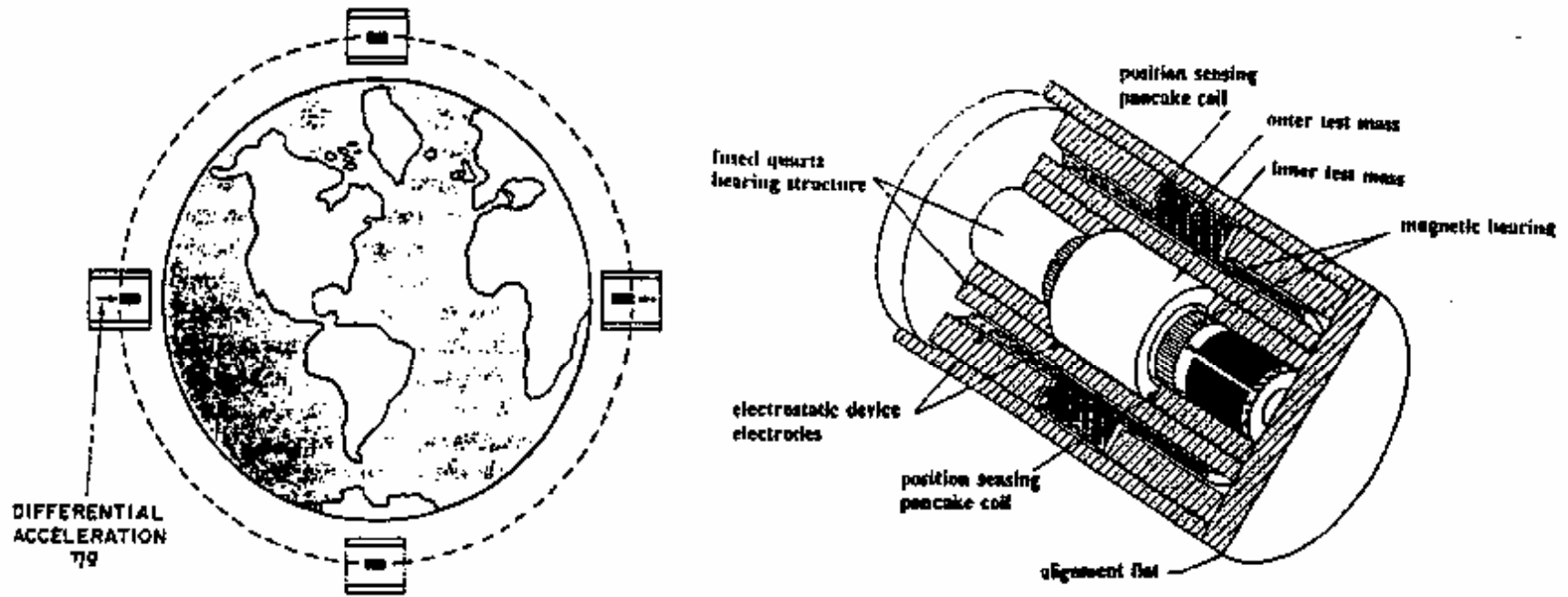
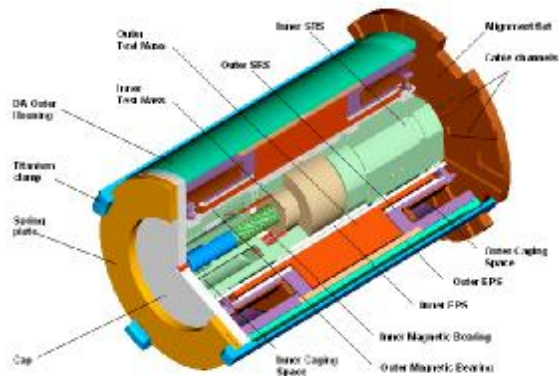


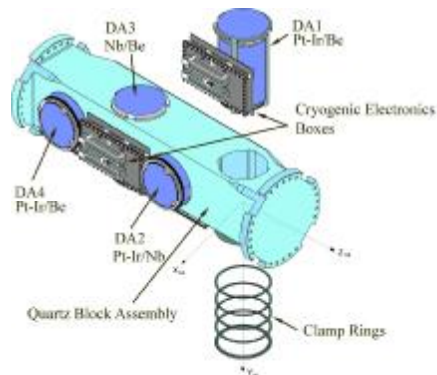
Fig. 3.1. MiniSTEP mission concept (left); and accelerometer cross-section (right)

# Main STEP Systems

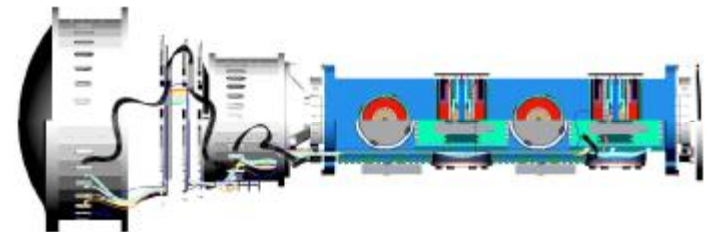
## Significant technology advances from SCR/RDR 1999 to SMEX 2002



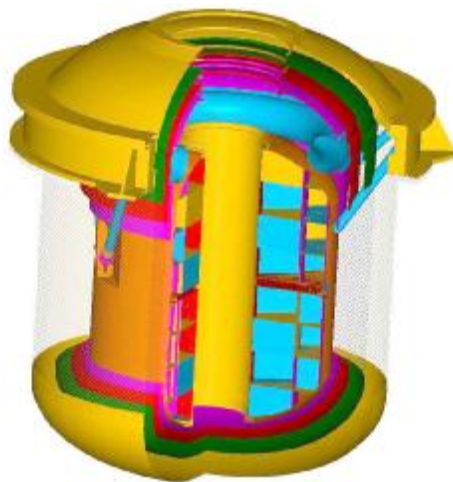
*Differential Accelerometer*



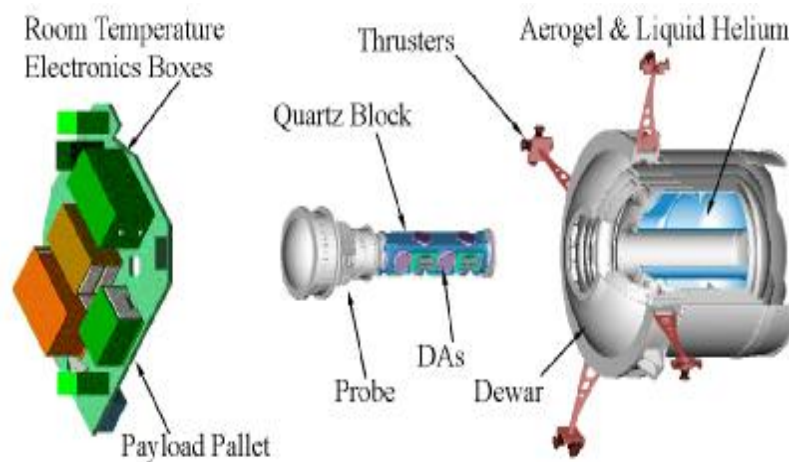
*DA Package*



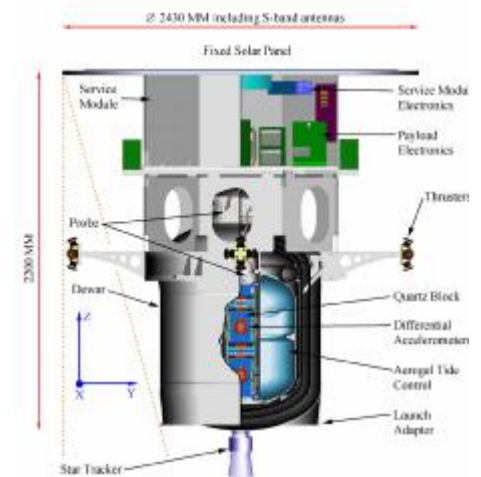
*Science Instrument*



*Dewar*



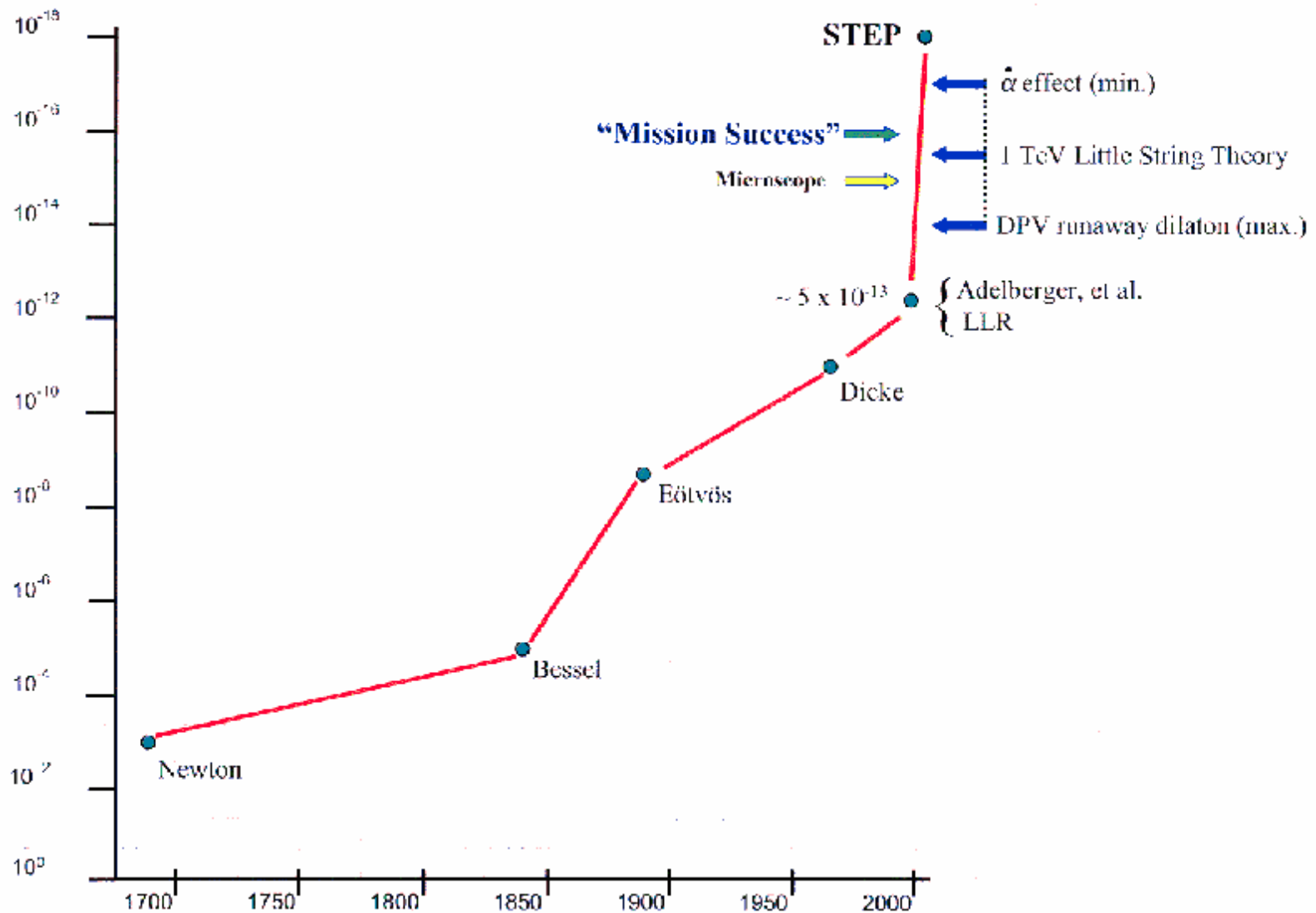
*Payload*



*Space Vehicle*



# Equivalence & History, Experimental VI





## A «new field» phenomenology

$$V(r) = -G \frac{m_1 m_2}{r} [1 + a e^{-(r/l)}]$$

*strength*  $\rightarrow a \propto |k_p|^2$  ; *range*  $\propto l$  ; *boson..fields..m* =  $(\mathbf{h} / cl)$

extra dimensions:  $n \rightarrow 1, 2, 3..$   $F.. \propto .. \frac{1}{r^2} \rightarrow \frac{1}{r^{2+n}}$  ; ...  $n = 2, .. R_* = l \approx 0.3 \text{ mm}$

$$R_* = (M_p / M_*)^{2/n} (\mathbf{h} / 2pcM_*) \quad M_* \approx 1 \text{ Tev}$$

$$V(r) = -G \frac{m_1 m_2}{r} [1 + b_n \left(\frac{1_{mm}}{r}\right)^{n-1}]$$

exchange by two massless particles:  $\beta$  - strength,  $n = 2, 3, 4, 5$

# ISL-test (recent results)

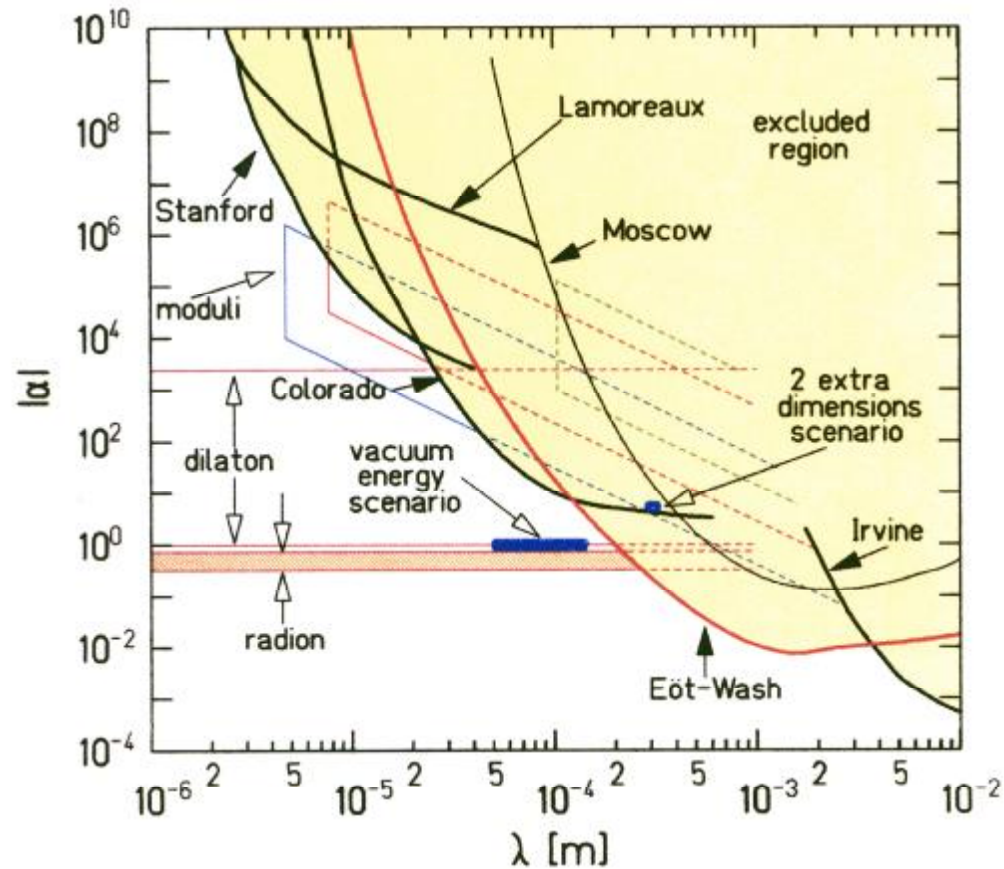
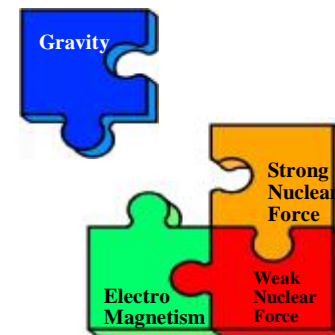


FIG. 34: [color online] Yukawa constraints from our combined data set as well as from other work[9–12, 32, 33]. The area above the heavy curves is excluded at the 95% confidence level. Predicted ISL violating effects from “extra dimensions”[1], from dilaton[15], moduli[16] and radion[18] exchange, and from a conjectured solution[4] of the cosmological constant (vacuum energy) problem are shown as fainter lines.

# Can Gravity Be Made to Fit?

- Unification in physics – through fields (Maxwell), geometry (Einstein), symmetries and new particles (electroweak theory)....and now (?) supersymmetry and strings
- The problems of gravity – quantization;  $10^{-42}$ ; cosmological constant  $\Lambda$  ( $10^{-120}$ !); equivalence
- Partial steps toward Grand Unification
  - Strings/supersymmetry in early Universe  $\Rightarrow$  scalar-tensor theory, not Einstein's
  - Damour - Polyakov: small  $\Lambda \Rightarrow$  long range equivalence-violating dilaton
- EP violations inherent in all known GU theories
  - Runaway dilaton theories  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{(Witten)} \\ \text{(Damour, Piazza, Veneziano)} \end{array} \right. \eta \left\{ \begin{array}{l} >> 10^{-18} \\ \text{up to } 10^{-14} \end{array} \right.$
  - 1 TeV Little String Theory (Antoniadis, Dimopoulos, Giveon)  $\eta \sim 10^{-15}$



STEP's 5 orders of magnitude take physics into new theoretical territory

# Equivalence & History, In Summary

## The Mystery Remains; the History Continues....

The **power of gravity** is of a different nature from the **power of magnetism**; for the magnetic attraction is not as the matter attracted. Some bodies are attracted more by the magnet; others less; most bodies not at all. The power of magnetism in one and the same body may be increased and diminished; and is sometimes far stronger, for the quantity of matter, than the power of gravity..." – *Newton, 1687*

"Mass is defined by the resistance that a body opposes to its acceleration (inert mass). It is also measured by the weight of the body (heavy mass). That these two radically different definitions lead to the same value for the mass of a body is, in itself, ***an astonishing fact.***" – *Einstein, 1950*

"...the existence of weak... long-range dilaton or moduli fields is an essential part of [string] theory and a **test of EP five-orders-of magnitude beyond the existing limit would be fantastically important.**" – *David Gross, 2002*