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Abstract

In 2014, NASA measured that the universe has a Euclidean shape. This discovery suggests that the curvature of space is merely a mathematical description of some more basic physical property of space. By extending the principle of equality of mass and energy to the space occupied by dark energy, a model of gravity was developed, where the gravitational force is due to the variable energy density of dark energy. The more curved the space, the lower the energy density of dark energy. A black hole, like any other stellar object, reduces the energy density of dark energy at its center in proportion to its mass and energy. In the centre of a black hole, the gravitational force is zero, as it is in all stellar objects. There are no wormholes in space, and there is no gravitational singularity at the center of a black hole. Gravity inside black holes follows Newton's physics. Reduced energy density of dark energy inside black holes diminishes the value of the Planck constant, which causes atoms and nuclei to decay. Gravitational collapse is replaced by electric collapse.

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1. Introduction

In the *Introduction* section, a novel view on gravity is presented, based on the variable energy of dark energy. In the second section, titled *Critique of Gravitational Singularities and of Geometrization of Gravity*, the weaknesses of the gravitational singularity model and the curvature of space model are highlighted. In the third section, named *Mathematics of black holes in Newtonian physics*, the mathematical model of gravity inside a black hole is presented. The fourth section, named *Mini black holes and Schwinger effect*, presents the use of the mathematical model of the variable energy density of dark energy for the mini black holes and the novel explanation of the Schwinger effect. The fifth section, is named *Post-Newtonian physics replaces gravitational collapse with electric collapse and explains the physical origin of astrophysical jets*. This section presents how the diminished energy density of the dark energy in the centre of neutron stars and black holes causes the increase of electric permittivity, consequently the decrease of the electromagnetic forces between the electrons and the nucleus of the atoms, and their collapse, which generates astrophysical jets. Electric collapse presents the final result of this research. The sixth section, named *A brief historical overview of gravitational physics since Newton*, discusses the development of gravitational models from Newton to the present day is discussed. The idea of integrating relativity theory and quantum mechanics into a model of post-Newtonian physics is proposed.

A recent article published in Physical Review Letters suggests, based on astronomical observation, that in black holes, matter decays into dark energy [1]. This discovery requires the revision of black hole physics, which will give a physical explanation of the decay of matter into dark energy. In this article, the mass-energy equivalence principle will be extended to dark energy. This allows us to describe the energy relation of mass between black holes and diminished energy density of dark energy in the centre of black holes, which causes atoms to become unstable and decay into elementary particles and further into dark energy.

The dark energy model has several similarities with the superfluid quantum space model [2], ether model [3], and the quantum vacuum model [4]. Ather, superfluid space, quantum vacuum, and dark energy are different terms that presumably describe the same energy substrate of space. Dark energy is 67% of the energy of the universe. 28% of energy represents hypothetical dark matter, and 5% ordinary matter.

Einstein's idea that the stellar object curves space is questionable because it was never explained how matter interacts with universal space and changes its geometry. In this article, a model is developed where stellar objects diminish the energy density of dark energy, and this generates gravity. Curvature of space is replaced by the variable energy density of dark energy. The more curved the space, the lower the energy density of dark energy.

Dark energy in intergalactic space can be expressed with Planck units. Planck density ρ_P is a Planck mass in a Planck volume. Multiplying Planck energy by c^2 , we get Planck Energy Density ρ_{PE} , see Eq. (1).

$$\frac{m_P}{V_P} = \rho_P$$

$$\rho_P c^2 = \rho_{PE} = 4,641266 \cdot 10^{113} Jm^{-3} \quad (1) [4].$$

In intergalactic space, the energy density of dark energy is at its maximum ρ_{PE} ; in the centre of a black hole, the energy density of dark energy diminishes accordingly to the mass of a black hole ρ_{cE} , see Eq. (2).

$$\rho_{PE} = \rho_{cE} + \frac{mc^2}{V}$$

$$E = mc^2 = (\rho_{PE} - \rho_{cE})V \quad (2),$$

where m is the mass of the black hole and V is its volume. Mass m of a given stellar object can be expressed by the diminished energy density of dark energy in its center, see Eq. (3).

$$m = \frac{(\rho_{PE} - \rho_{cE})V}{c^2} \quad (3),$$

where m is the mass of a black hole, V is the volume of the black hole, and ρ_{cE} is the energy density of dark energy in the centre of a black hole, black hole [5].

Two stellar objects diminish the energy density of dark energy, and the gravitational force is a pushing force of the outer area of dark energy towards the area with lower energy density. French physicist Mayeul Arminjon also suggested in 2011 that gravity acts as a pressure force of the ether-dark energy-superfluid space [6], see Figure 1.

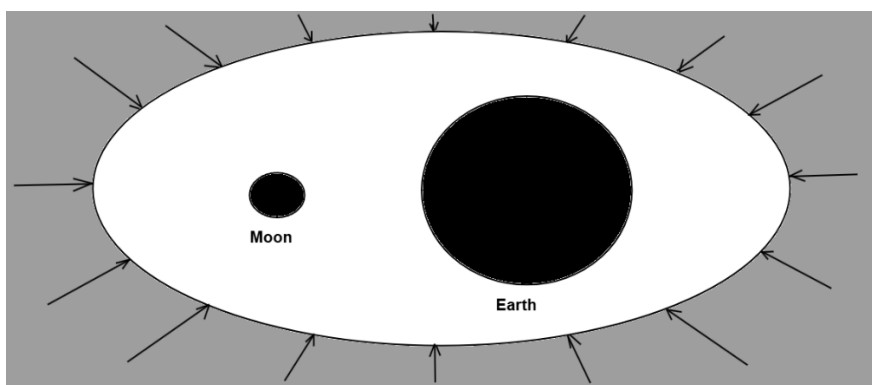


Figure 1. Gravitational force is pushing force of dark energy.

Black holes are stars with extremely huge masses and extremely dense mass. Diminished energy density of dark energy in the center of a black hole changes its electromagnetic properties to the extent that atoms become unstable; they fall apart into elementary particles, and elementary particles decay

into dark energy. This is the explanation for the astronomical observations presented in the recent article published in Physical Review Letters [1]. Several astronomical data confirm that black holes are rejuvenating systems of the universe:

- Astrophysical jets out of AGNs are the result of matter transformation into elementary particles in supermassive black holes (SMBH) [7].
- Black holes produce dark energy [1], which is also the outcome of matter disintegration that occurs in the centre of black holes

2. Critique of Gravitational Singularities and of Geometrization of Gravity

Roger Penrose predicted that the mass density in the centre of the black hole is infinite [8]. The mass density of the proton is $2,31 \cdot 10^{17} \text{kgm}^{-3}$. In the centre of a black hole, matter decays into protons. If we imagine that in a cubic meter of volume there are only protons, then in a cubic meter, there are $2,31 \cdot 10^{17} \text{kg}$ of protons. Penrose's proposal about infinite mass density at the center of a black hole contradicts the fact that a proton has a maximum mass density, and a higher mass density cannot exist. His idea of a black hole where the gravitational force towards the center increases because the density of matter there is infinite should be re-examined. It is shown in this article that when going towards the center of a black hole, the energy density of dark energy diminishes in the same way as in all other stellar objects. This means that, also, inside black holes, gravity obeys the Newtonian Shell Theorem. The gravitational force in the centre of a black hole is zero. There is no gravitational collapse of the black hole as Penrose predicted. The black hole is eating itself because atoms in its center become unstable [2].

Schwarzschild metrics suggest that a black hole has a singularity in the center where physical laws break down. These singularities have been debated for more than 100 years, and no final solution has been found [9]. This article proposes that the Schwarzschild singularity is only a mathematical model that has no physical existence; the energy density of the dark energy in the centre of a black hole is so low that atoms become unstable. A black hole eats itself not because of infinite gravity in the center but because of the extremely low energy density of the dark energy in its center.

Schwarzschild radius r_s of a black hole marks the area in the black hole, where low energy density of dark energy causes matter to decay into elementary particles and dark energy, see Eq. (4)

$$r_s = \frac{2GM}{c^2} = \frac{2G(\rho_{PE} - \rho_{cE})V}{c^4} \quad (4).$$

Transformation of matter into elementary particles creates in the center of a black hole fresh energy and enormous pressure. A supernova is the explosion of a black hole. When a black hole is too big to explode, as is the case with SMBHs, the fresh energy pressure opens the hole in the direction of the black hole's axis of rotation [5], see Figure 2.

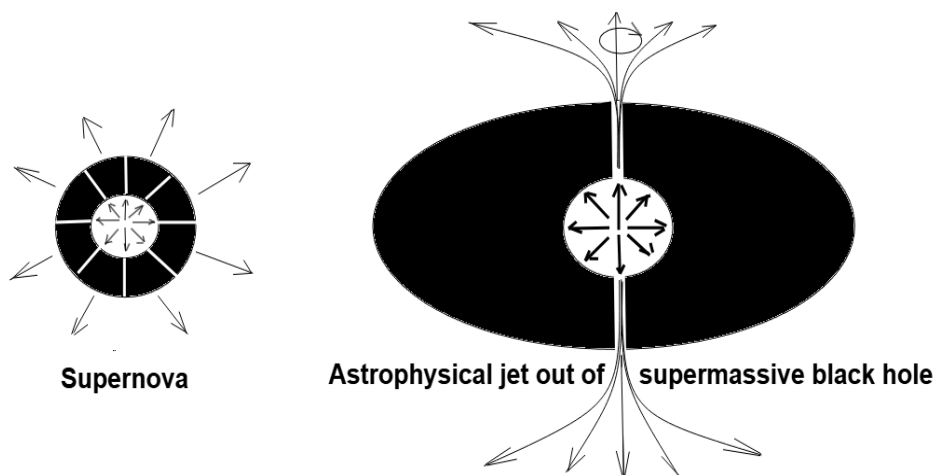


Figure 2. Explosion of supernova and astrophysical jet from SMBH.

Removing the singularity from black hole physics eliminates all the mysterious aspects of black holes, which are essentially high-density stars with extremely high mass. There are no holes in space, because there is no curvature of space, see section 5.

The introduction of the singularity into physics, where the laws of physics break down, is, according to the author, a reckless historical mistake that has led physics in the wrong direction. A physical model that shows matter decaying into dark energy in a black hole challenges the physical existence of the Schwarzschild singularity, which is just a mathematical concept that has led physics in the wrong direction for more than 100 years. Also, the initial singularities of the Big Bang cosmology are more a philosophical debate than real physics. Categorically eliminating the singularity from physics seems to be the best way to progress black hole physics and cosmology [10]. The idea that singularities belong more to philosophy and religion than to physics is entering mainstream physics: “Perhaps surprisingly, both event horizons and spacetime singularities are generally considered to be mathematical idealizations that, while useful approximations to reality, fall short of fully capturing the underlying physics. Specifically, the teleological nature of event horizons makes them inherently undetectable in any finite time experiment. Similarly, spacetime singularities are generally thought to reflect our incomplete understanding of the behavior of spacetime and matter under extreme conditions. Fundamentally, both concepts hinge on the notion of infinity: event horizons involve infinite time, while spacetime singularities correspond to infinite curvature, or equivalently, infinite energy and matter density. It is generally anticipated that these idealizations will be replaced by more appropriate concepts as the infinities are resolved into finite quantities” [11].

The geometrization of gravity lacks the empiricism of how matter interacts with empty space, which has no physical properties, and bends it. It is more than 100 years since GR was born, and nobody has explained in physical terms how matter bends space. The idea of bending space leads to the gravitational singularities that we see today are problematic. It is time to turn the page and find other solutions for gravity. The core problem of the gravitational singularities is expressed in the so-called “Penrose’s Singularity Conundrum”, see Figure 3 below.

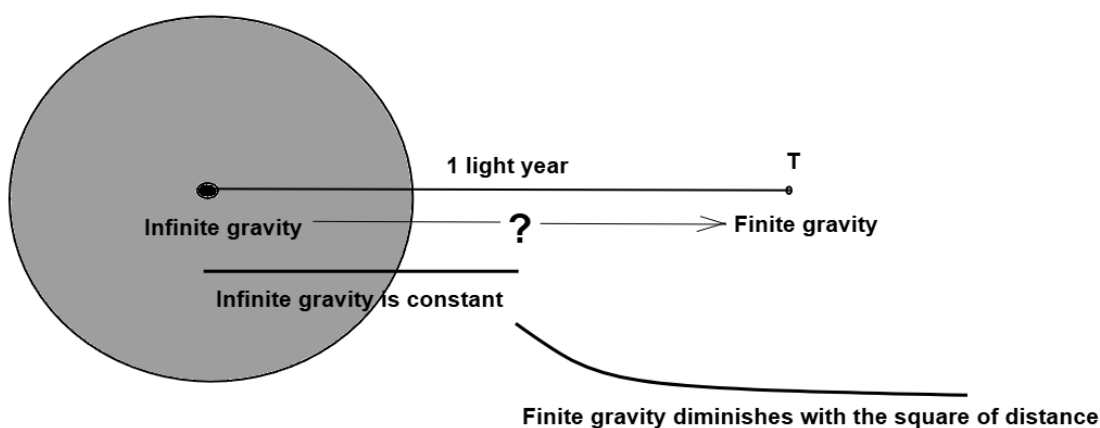


Figure 3. Penrose’s Singularity Conundrum.

We have a black hole with a gravitational singularity. One light year from the centre of a black hole, gravity at the point T is finite. How does infinite gravity in the centre of a black hole diminish into finite gravity at the point T? Where does the continuous function of infinite gravity jump to the continuous function of gravity decreasing with the square of the distance? On the first side,

conundrum seems unsolvable simply because gravity we know in physics is a function of mass that diminishes by the square of distance. Therefore, it would make sense to eliminate gravitational singularities from physics.

Light bends when passing near stellar objects because the variable energy density of the dark energy changes the refractive index of light. When light moves towards the stellar object, the energy density of dark energy decreases; when light moves away from the object, the energy density of dark energy increases, causing light to bend. The angle of light bending based on the variable energy density of dark energy, see Figure 4.

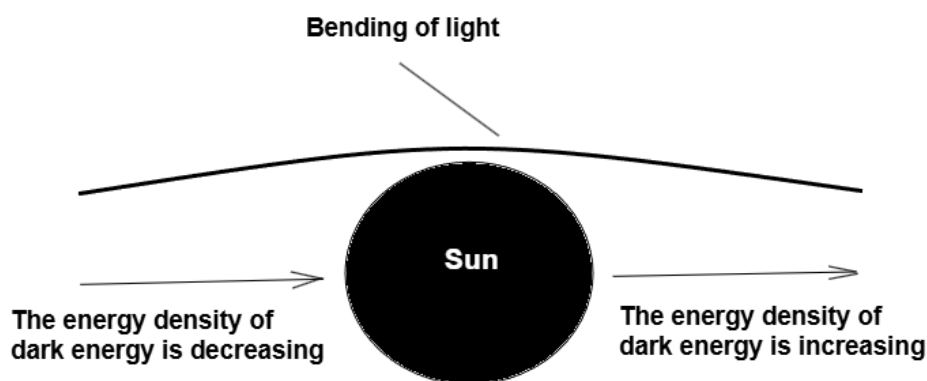


Figure 4. Bending of light is caused by decrease and increase of energy density of dark energy.

Mass m in the classical equation for light bending can be replaced by the variable energy density of dark energy, see Eq. (5).

$$\Delta\theta \approx \frac{4GM}{Rc^2} \quad \Delta\theta \approx \frac{4G}{Rc^2} \frac{(\rho_{PE}-\rho_{CE})V}{c^2} \quad (5),$$

where ρ_{PE} is Planck energy density of dark energy in intergalactic space = $4.641266 \times 10^{113} \text{ Jm}^{-3}$,

ρ_{CE} is the energy density of dark energy in the center of the Sun, $\rho_{CE} = 1.27 \times 10^{20} \text{ Jm}^{-3}$,
 c : Speed of light, R is Sun's radius.

$$\Delta\theta \approx \frac{4G}{Rc^2} \frac{(\rho_{EP}-\rho_{CE})V}{c^2} = \frac{4 \times 6.67 \times 10^{-11}}{6.96 \times 10^8 \times 9 \times 10^{16}} \times \frac{1.27 \times 10^{20} \times 1.412 \times 10^{27}}{9 \times 10^{16}} = 8.496 \times 10^{-6} \times$$

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$$\Delta\theta \approx 1.75 \text{ arc seconds}$$

According to Einstein's General Relativity (1915), gravity causes light to bend near massive bodies like the Sun, with the bending angle given by $\Delta\theta = \frac{4GM}{Rc^2}$ where M is the Sun's mass and R is the impact parameter (Sun's radius). In his equation, we replaced mass m with the variable energy density of dark energy. With the Eq. (5) we show that it is not mass that bends the light, it is the diminished energy density of dark energy in the centre of the Sun ρ_{CE} that changes the refraction index of light which bends light. Gravitational constant G we can express with the energy density of dark energy, see Eq. (6):

$$G = \frac{c^2}{\rho_{PE} t_p^2} \quad (6) \quad [3].$$

We combine Eq. (5) and Eq. (6) and we get:

$$\Delta\theta \approx \frac{4c^2 V(\rho_{EP}-\rho_{CE})}{\rho_{PE} t_p^2 R c^4}$$

$$\Delta\theta \approx \frac{4V(\rho_{EP}-\rho_{CE})}{\rho_{PE}t_P^2c^2} \quad (7).$$

Velocity of light we can change with Planck units $c = \frac{l_P}{t_P}$

$$\Delta\theta \approx \frac{4V(\rho_{EP}-\rho_{CE})}{\rho_{PE}l_P^2} \quad (8) [12].$$

Eq. (8) confirms that the bending of light depends on the volume of the Sun and on the energy density of dark energy ρ_{CE} in the centre of the Sun. If the Sun had a smaller volume and the same mass, the energy density of dark energy in the center would be lower, and the bending of light would be greater [12].

Geometrization of gravity needs rigorous re-examination by the international scientific community. Insisting on the validity of the idea that curved space carries gravity which was experimentally never-proven models is the main cause of today's gravitational physics stagnation. NASA measured in 2014 that the universal space has a shape of Euclidean geometry: "Recent measurements (c. 2001) by a number of ground-based and balloon-based experiments, including MAT/TOCO, Boomerang, Maxima, and DASI, have shown that the brightest spots are about 1 degree across. Thus, the universe was known to be flat to within about 15% accuracy prior to the WMAP results. WMAP has confirmed this result with very high accuracy and precision. We now know (as of 2013) that the universe is flat with only a 0.4% margin of error. This suggests that the Universe is infinite in extent; however, since the Universe has a finite age, we can only observe a finite volume of the Universe" [13]. Einstein's geometrization of gravity has a weak point, namely, we cannot calculate the gravitational force between two stellar objects. Even more than 100 years after its creation, it is still unclear what the units of Einstein's gravitational tensor are [14]. With the variable energy density of dark energy, we elegantly describe gravitational force and all relativistic phenomena, including the Pioneer anomaly [3]. Keeping the geometrization of gravity as the leading model of gravity seems unfair and represents a major obstacle to the development of gravitational physics, which did not stop with Einstein; its development goes on. Einstein's gravitational model, where gravity is the result of the geometry of space, led to the idea that gravity is not the primordial force of the universe and is related to entropy [15]. The idea that entropy created at the atomic level of a given stellar object could create a gravitational force is questionable because we know that gravity exists between atoms [16–18]. Atoms have a mass, and every mass diminishes the energy density of dark energy, which generates gravitational mass of an atom and consequently gravitational force between two atoms, see Figure 5.

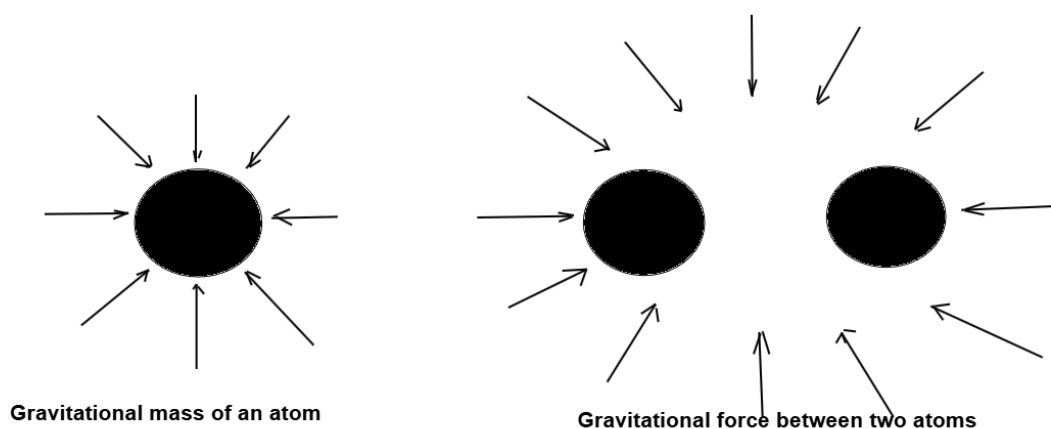


Figure 5. Gravitational mass and gravitational force.

Gravitational mass m_g is a pushing force of dark energy toward the centre of a physical object. Also, the inertial mass m_g is a pushing force of dark energy toward the centre of a physical object. Einstein discovered that gravitational and inertial mass are equal; this is because they have the same origin. Rest mass m_0 is not inertial mass m_i . Rest mass interaction with dark energy generates inertial mass and gravitational mass [19], see Eq. (9).

$$m_i = m_g \approx m_0 = \frac{(\rho_{PE} - \rho_{cE})V}{c^2} \quad (9).$$

When a proton is accelerated in a cyclotron, it interacts with the dark energy and absorbs it. This increases its mass. Relativistic mass of proton m_R is a real phenomenon and has nothing to do with the position of the observer; it is a pure technicality of proton interaction with dark energy [2], see Eq. (10).

$$m_R = \gamma m_0 \quad (10).$$

With the increase in velocity, Lorentz factor γ increases, and the proton's relativistic mass also increases. Also, AGNs that rotate around their axis in the centre of galaxies interact with the dark energy. They absorb dark energy which increases their relativistic mass, and they rotate local dark energy inside the galaxy, which causes galaxies' rotational curves [3]. The weak point of the geometrization of gravity is that no direct energy relation between mass of a given physical object and curvature of space is mathematically defined. The model of gravity, based on variable energy density of dark energy, has a mathematically well-defined relation between the mass of a given physical object with the variable energy density of the medium of dark energy in which this object exists. This model works from the scale of an atom to the scale of a supermassive black hole. We can calculate the energy density of dark energy in a given physical object center and at any point T at a distance d from the center, see Eq. (11) [5].

$$\rho_{TE} = \rho_{PE} - \frac{3mc^2}{4\pi(r+d)^3} \quad (11),$$

where ρ_{TE} is the energy density of dark energy at point T, ρ_{PE} is the energy density of dark energy in intergalactic space, m is the mass of the physical object, r is the radius of the object, and d is the distance of point T from the centre of the physical object. When d tends to the infinite, ρ_{TE} tends to ρ_{PE} , see Figure 6.

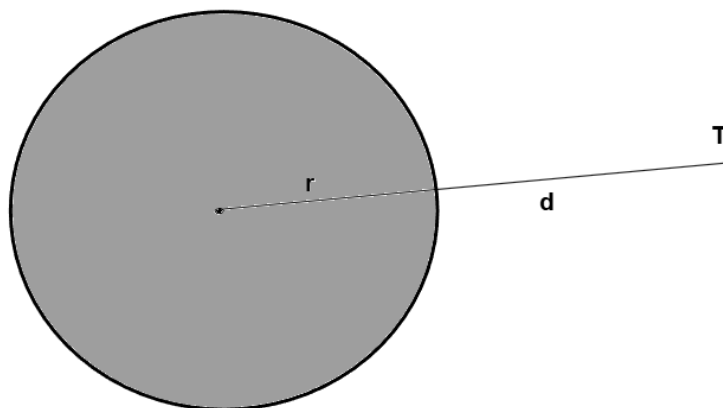


Figure 6. Energy density of dark energy at the point T.

By extending the principle of mass-energy equivalence to dark energy, the curvature of space is replaced by the variable energy density of dark energy. More space is curved and the energy density of dark energy. The energy density of dark energy changes the electromagnetic properties of the local

space at the center of the black hole, making the atoms unstable. In this model, the first law of thermodynamics at the center of a black hole is preserved, and the mysterious singular properties of black holes are eliminated.

3. Mathematics of Black Holes in Newtonian Physics

In Newtonian physics, a black hole is a particular type star with high mass density. Imagine we have two black holes with the same mass. The first one has radius r and the second has radius $2r$, see Figure 7.

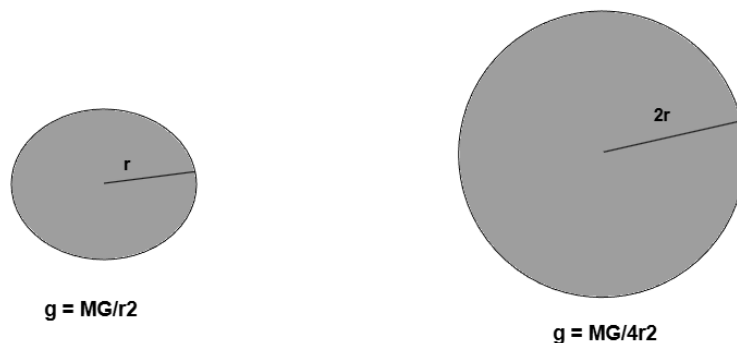


Figure 7. Two black holes with the same mass m and different radii.

Gravitational acceleration g on the surface of a smaller black star is bigger than on the surface of the bigger black star, see Eq. (12).

$$\frac{mG}{r^2} > \frac{mG}{4r^2} \quad (12).$$

The energy density of dark energy in the center of a smaller star is lower than in the centre of the bigger star. That's why gravitational acceleration g on the surface of a smaller star is bigger than on the surface of a bigger star. Gravitational acceleration g depends on the difference between the energy density of dark energy on the surface of the star and in the centre of the star. We calculate the energy density of dark energy on the surface ρ_{SE} and in the center ρ_{CE} of the star with Eq. (11). Moving towards the centre of the black star, the energy density of dark energy is decreasing, the difference between energy density at the given point T ρ_{TE} and the centre ρ_{CE} is getting smaller and, consequently, gravitational acceleration is decreasing. In the centre, ρ_{TE} becomes equal to ρ_{CE} , and gravitational acceleration there is zero. This is the Newton's shell theorem inside black stars, expressed by the energy density of dark energy, see Figure 8.

At the point T gravitational acceleration g is calculated by Eq. (13).

$$g = \frac{MG}{d^2} = \frac{(\rho_{PE} - \rho_{CE})4\pi d^3}{3d^2 c^2} = \frac{(\rho_{PE} - \rho_{CE})4\pi d G}{3c^2} = 4.188 G d c^2 (\rho_{PE} - \rho_{CE}) \quad (13),$$

where M is the mass of the star without outer shell, G is the gravitational constant, d is the radius of the mass M , ρ_{PE} is the Planck energy density of dark energy in intergalactic space, ρ_{CE} is the energy density in the centre of the black star, and ρ_{CT} is the energy density of dark energy at the point T . Gravitational acceleration on the surface is bigger than at the point T because the difference in the energy density on the surface and in the center is bigger than the difference in the energy density between the point T and the center, see Eq. (14).

$$(\rho_{SE} - \rho_{CE}) > (\rho_{TE} - \rho_{CE}) \rightarrow g_s > g_T \quad (14).$$

Eq. (13) and Eq. (14) confirm that the difference of energy density of dark energy and distance d from the centre are two parameters that define the magnitude of gravitational acceleration g .

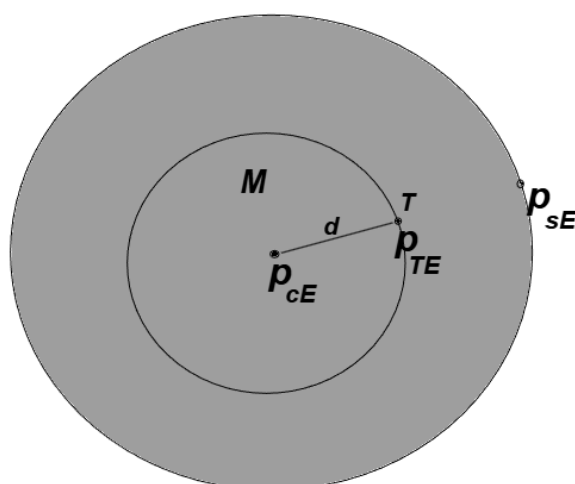


Figure 8. Newton's Shell Theorem inside black star.

Imagine there is a black star with a constant mass. The star is extremely dense and has a small radius. The difference between the energy density in the centre and on the surface is extremely high. With the increase of the radius, the difference of energy density is decreasing, and gravitational acceleration on the surface is also decreasing, see Figure 9.

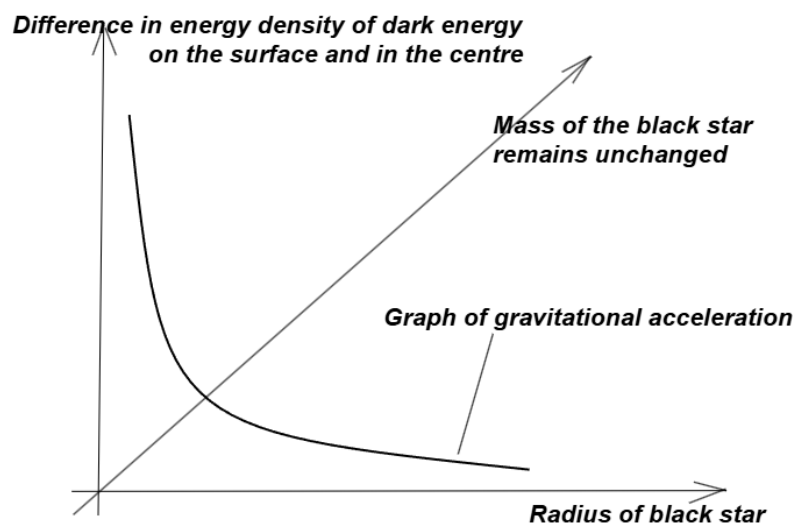


Figure 9. Relations between energy density of dark energy, radius and gravitational acceleration of a black star.

Figure 9 illustrates the basic dynamics between the gravitational acceleration of a black star, its radius, and the difference in energy density of dark energy in the center and on the surface of a black star.

In the model of dark energy presented in this article, dark energy has no antigravitational properties. The idea of how dark energy could generate the repulsion force and cause the accelerated expansion of universal space was never theoretically well defined: "Dark energy is an unpredicted, fictitious form of energy with anti-gravitational properties. It is an embodiment of the cosmological

constant Λ , which Einstein introduced as a fudge factor (in the form of an integration constant) when he still believed that the universe ought to be static. This Λ was reintroduced in order to make the observed magnitude versus redshift relation of distant type Ia supernovae compatible with the BB paradigm [20]. In the model described in this article, the variable energy density of dark energy functions as the carrier of gravity. Dark energy is the energy foundation of space.

4. Mini Black Holes and Schwinger Effect

When a star is of the mass bigger than 2,9 mass of the Sun it will collapse into a black hole [21]. We will calculate energy density of dark energy in the centre of such a black star ρ_{cE} by the Eq. (15) taking that star with 2,9 masses of the Sun has a radius of the Sun.

$$\rho_{cE} = \rho_{PE} - \frac{mc^2}{V}$$

$$\rho_{cE} = 4,641266 \cdot 10^{113} Jm^{-3} - \frac{2,9M_{\odot}c^2}{V_{Sch}}$$

where Schwarzschild volume V_{Sch} is calculated with the Sch. Radius of such a black star. We use Eq. (4) and calculate the Schwarzschild radius of a star with 2,9 masses of the Sun and radius of the Sun. We get $r_{Sch} = 8555 m$. We calculate Schwarzschild volume and we get $V_{Sch} = 35834 m^3$. We calculate the energy density of dark energy in such a black hole, and we get the following numbers below.

$$\rho_{cE} = 4,641266 \cdot 10^{113} Jm^{-3} - \frac{2,9M_{\odot}c^2}{35834 m^3}$$

$$\rho_{cE} = 4,641266 \cdot 10^{113} Jm^{-3} - 1,62 \cdot 10^{26} Jm^{-3} \quad (15).$$

We use the same Eq. (15) and we calculate the energy density of dark energy in the centre of a proton, see below.

$$\rho_{cE} = 4,641266 \cdot 10^{113} Jm^{-3} - \frac{1,6726 \cdot 10^{-27} kg c^2}{4,19 \cdot 10^{-30} m^3}$$

$$\rho_{cE} = 4,641266 \cdot 10^{113} Jm^{-3} - 3,59 \cdot 10^{19} Jm^{-3}.$$

We see that the energy density of dark energy at the center of a black hole with 2,9 masses of the Sun is far lower than the energy density in the center of a proton. The energy density of dark energy in the centre of a proton is much higher than the energy density in the center of a black hole with 2,9 masses of the Sun. The difference is on the scale of 10^7 . This confirms that a proton cannot be a black hole.

In 1971, Hawking predicted existence of mini black holes: "Since gravitational collapse it is essentially a classical process, it is probable that black holes could not form with radii less than the Planck length $(Ghc^{-3})^{\frac{1}{2}} \sim 10^{-33} cm$, the length in which quantum fluctuations of the metrics are expected to be of order unity. A Schwarzschild radius of this length would correspond to a mass of about $10^{-5} g$. For lengths larger than $10^{-33} cm$ it could be a good approximation to ignore quantum gravitational effects and treat the metrics classically. One might therefore expect collapsed objects to exist with masses from $10^{-5} g$ upwards [22]. We will calculate the energy density of a mini black hole with radius of $10^{-31} m$, and mass $10^{-2} kg$.

$$\rho_{cE} = 4,641266 \cdot 10^{113} Jm^{-3} - \frac{3(10^{-2} kg)c^2}{4\pi(10^{-31} m)^3}$$

$$\rho_{cE} = 4,641266 \cdot 10^{113} Jm^{-3} - 2,12 \cdot 10^{108} Jm^{-3}.$$

The energy density of dark energy in the centre of such a mini black hole is much lower than the energy density in the center of a black hole with 2,9 masses of the Sun. The difference is on the scale of 10^{82} . This calculation confirms that, theoretically, Hawking's mini black hole could exist. In such

a mini black hole, the energy density of dark energy would be at the scale -10^{108} , which is close to the absolute absence of dark energy at the scale of -10^{113} . This opens up interdisciplinary theoretical speculations about the existence of the absolute void, including consciousness, which will not be discussed in this article. More tangible is the idea of the unification of different concepts in physics:

- superfluid vacuum [2]
- time-invariant superfluid quantum space [3]
- ether [4]
- dark energy
- electromagnetic vacuum of QED,

where the electron is a photon with toroidal topology [23]. By itself, the idea arises that the positron could also be a photon with a toroidal topology, where the photon has the opposite direction of motion to the photon in the electron. At low energies, the result of the electron–positron collision is the annihilation of the electron and positron, and the creation of two energetic photons. This supports the model of the electron as a photon with a toroidal topology. The idea that photons are conserved in the electrons and when electrons move to a higher orbit, they emit a photon is outdated. When we heat the piece of iron for 1000 years, it will radiate photons for 1000 years. The heated iron heats the electromagnetic vacuum, which gives virtual photons energy, and they become real photons. Electromagnetic vacuum (superfluid space, dark energy) is the cosmic reservoir of virtual photons [24]. The presented model offers a plausible explanation of Schwinger's effect [25]. A strong electric field gives energy to the two virtual photons, which are transformed into an electron and a positron.

5. Post-Newtonian Physics Replaces Gravitational Collapse with Electric Collapse and Explains the Physical Origin of Astrophysical Jets

Post-Newtonian physics integrates quantum mechanics into Newtonian physics with the introduction of the variable energy density of the medium (superfluid space, quantum vacuum, ether, dark energy) that is based on Planck units. This model elevates the physics of black holes from spatial geometry to the level of a physical model based on the variable energy density of the medium. Gravitational collapse as a result of the geometry of space is replaced by electrical collapse, which is a quantum mechanical phenomenon.

In the post-Newtonian description of black hole gravitational collapse is replaced by the electric collapse of atoms in the inner core of black holes and neutron stars. Extremely diminished energy density of superfluid space diminishes the value of reduced Planck constant, this changes electromagnetic properties of space, and atoms become unstable, see Eq. (19).

$$\hbar = m_p l_p c \quad (16) [26].$$

Out of Eq. (4), we derive Eq. (17), and we get:

$$m_p = \frac{\rho_{PE} l_p^3}{c^2}.$$

We combine Eq. (16) and Eq. (17), and we get Eq. (18).

$$\hbar = \frac{\rho_{PE} l_p^4}{c} \quad (19).$$

Eq. (19) is valid for intergalactic space where the energy density of dark energy has the Planck energy density. It is also valid in our solar system, where the diminishment of the dark energy density is minimal. In the centre of black holes, the Planck energy density is hugely diminished. Eq. (15) confirms, in the centre of a black hole with $2,9_{\odot}$, the Planck energy density of dark energy diminishes by $-1,62 \cdot 10^{26} Jm^{-3}$. This diminishes the value of the reduced Planck constant in the centre of a black hole \hbar_{bh} , see Eq. (20).

$$\hbar_{bh} = \frac{(\rho_{PE} - 1,62 \cdot 10^{26} Jm^{-3}) l_p^4}{c} \quad (20).$$

Diminished reduced Planck constant in the centre of a black hole \hbar_{bh} increases electric permittivity ϵ_0 , see Eq. (21).

$$\epsilon_0 = \frac{1}{\mu_0 c^2} = \frac{e^2}{4\pi\alpha\hbar_{bh}c} \quad (21),$$

where e is the elementary charge, α is the fine structure constant, c is the speed of light, and \hbar_{bh} is the reduced Planck constant in the center of a black hole. A lower value of the reduced Planck constant increases the electric permittivity, and this decreases the electric forces between electrons and the nucleus, which causes, according to the Columb law, the electric collapse of the atoms, see Eq. (22)

$$F = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{q_1 q_2}{r^2} \quad (22).$$

In the black star, the increased electric permittivity ϵ_0 causes the forces between the orbiting electrons and protons in the nucleus to diminish, and the atoms decay. Diminished Planck constant \hbar in the black holes and neutron stars changes the Cornell potential, see equation (1) in the recently published article [27], and this causes nuclei to decay. In black holes, atoms decay into electrons, protons, and neutrons. That's why astrophysical jets generated in SMBHs also contain protons [5]. Electric decay in black holes as the origin of astrophysical jets is more convenient than the Blandford–Znajek process [28] and the Penrose process: “We now consider the extraction of rotational energy from a black hole, not least because the rotational energy (defined appropriately) of a black hole should, in general, be comparable with its total mass-energy” [29]. It isn't easy to imagine how protons could be created from the rotational energy of a black hole. The electric decay of matter proposed in this article is more convenient because it explains the physical origin of jets.

Planck mass and Planck volume can be expressed by the reduced Planck constant, see Eq. (23).

$$m_p = \sqrt{\frac{\hbar c}{G}}, \quad l_p^3 = \sqrt{\frac{(\hbar G)^3}{c^9}} \quad (23).$$

The energy density of a medium in interstellar space has a Planck energy density value. Inside a black hole and any other physical object with a given mass m , the Planck energy density decreases because the reduced Planck constant becomes smaller. That is, the Planck mass and Planck volumes decrease, see Eq. (24).

$$\hbar > \hbar_{bh} \rightarrow \rho_{PE} > \rho_{cE} \quad (24).$$

In intergalactic space, one cubic meter of space contains approximately $2,368 \cdot 10^{103}$ Planck volumes. In the centre of a black hole, this number remains the same, but the Planck mass and Planck volume diminish. The relation of a given physical object's mass with the energy density of the medium is defined by the extension of the mass-energy equivalence principle to the medium. The medium adjusts its granular structure according to the mass m so that the amount of energy in a given volume of the medium remains constant, see Eq. (2). The variable energy density of the medium is based on the relative values of Planck units. Even on the Planck scale, this world is relative. The relativity of the world has nothing to do with the position of the observer; it is a law defined by an extension of the principle of equivalence of mass and energy to the medium [4].

Gravitational collapse in the core of black holes and neutron stars [30] is replaced by electric collapse. In stars that exceed the Chandrasekhar limit of 1.4 solar masses and form neutron stars or black holes, atoms become unstable not because of gravitational pressure in the star's core, but because of stronger electromagnetic forces between electrons and the nucleus caused by increased electric permittivity, see Eq. (19). The idea that the gravitational force at the core of neutron stars and black holes could break atoms has no convenient theoretical model. There is no precise mathematical model developed with required calculations on how gravity could break atoms. Gravitational collapse is only a speculation similar to the gravitational singularity.

6. A Brief Historical Overview of Gravitational Physics Since Newton

Newton's contribution to gravitational physics is the equation for the gravitational force between two physical objects. In his model, the action of the gravitational force remains unclear. Einstein attempted to explain how gravity operates between two physical objects by considering that the curvature of space generates gravitational force. His model is of a mathematical nature and does not explain the physical origin of the gravitational force. There have been several attempts to unify general relativity and quantum physics. In a recent article, authors explored the relationships between photon, electron, and graviton, which is believed to carry the gravitational force [31]. The idea that gravitational force is similar to electromagnetic force has persisted in physics for the past 100 years. However, it has never been theoretically explained how atoms that comprise stellar objects emit gravitons and how they receive them. Also, it is not imaginable how a graviton that is halfway from the Sun to the Earth could keep them together. Gravitational force is carried by the variable energy density of superfluid space (dark energy, quantum vacuum, electromagnetic vacuum) and electromagnetism is the excitation of superfluid space [3].

A model of curved space cannot explain in physical terms how the gravitational force works. Replacement of the curvature of space with the variable energy density of dark energy provides the physical model of gravity where gravitational force is a pushing force of space, see Figures 1 and 5. The given mass deforms the space; It reduces the energy density of dark energy, which creates gravity. The basic idea is the same as in Einstein's model; its advantage is that it can explain the physical origin of the gravitational force. Newtonian gravity, which is based on the ether [19], which is the old name for dark energy, is superior to Einsteinian gravity because it keeps gravity as a force. Gravity is the fundamental force of the dynamics of the universe that governs the motion of entire galaxy clusters, including the local supercluster Laniakea, towards the Great Attractor [32,33]. In 2014, NASA confirmed that universal space has Euclidean shape [13]. It is time, and fair, that the curvature of space as a carrier of gravity is recognized as a model that belongs to the history of physics.

In 2023, Allain Haraux presented his research on black hole physics from the perspective of Newtonian physics [34]. The study of black holes in the context of Newtonian physics without hypothetical singularities has a future because it clarifies the currently problematic picture of black holes, where in singularities the laws of physics no longer apply. John Wheeler was criticizing the singularity of a black hole and suggested it should be replaced by the "fiery marriage" of general relativity and quantum physics: "General relativity must fail at the central singularity and be replaced by a "fiery marriage", as he called it, of general relativity and quantum physics, by the new laws of quantum gravity that he, Misner, DeWitt, and others were beginning to seek" [35]. It is shown in this article that when we replace the curvature of space with the variable energy density of dark energy, the newborn of this "fiery marriage" is the extension of the mass-energy equivalence principle of a black hole on dark energy, and understanding that Newton's Shell Theorem works well inside black holes, which are stars with extremely high mass density. In general, no singularity contributes to the progress of cosmology, including the initial singularity of the Big Bang model, which does not conform to the basic principles of empirical science [10].

Newton had already considered the idea that stellar objects reduce the density of the gravity-bearing medium: "Doth not this aethereal medium in passing out of water, glass, crystal, and other compact and dense bodies in empty spaces, grow denser and denser by degrees, and by that means refract the rays of light not in a point, but by bending them gradually in curve lines? . . . Is not this medium much rarer within the dense bodies of the Sun, stars, planets and comets, than in the empty celestial space between them? And in passing from them to great distances, doth it not grow denser and denser perpetually, and thereby cause the gravity of those great bodies towards one another, and of their parts towards the bodies; everybody endeavoring to go from the denser parts of the medium towards the rarer?" [36]. In post-Newtonian physics, his idea got the exact mathematical description with the extension of the mass-energy equivalence principle to the medium in which stellar objects exist, see Figure 10.

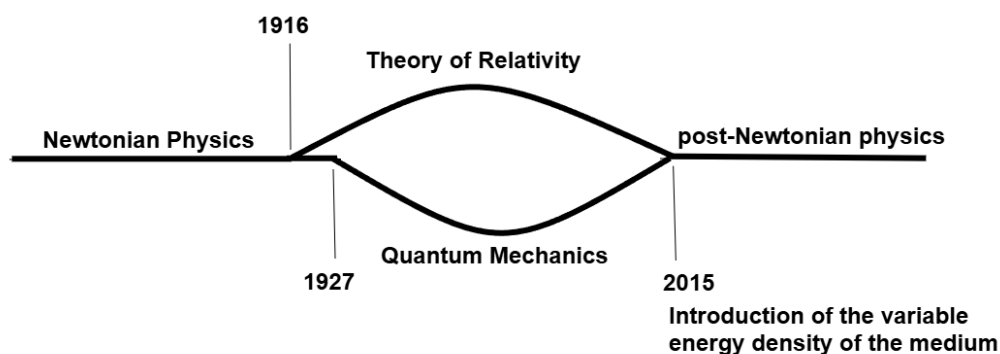


Figure 10. Development of physics in last 100 years.

The introduction of variable energy density of the medium is a new attempt to combine general relativity and quantum mechanics. Some of the results have been presented in this article. This research has potential and will be developed by rigorous scientific research methodology, in which models of the world are an accurate bijective mathematical representation of the real world, where each element in the model describes exactly one corresponding model in the physical reality. Historical experience has shown us that the model of curved space and the model of gravitational collapse were introduced by the mathematical scientific mind, which in the 20th century prevailed scientific physical mind. At the beginning of the 21st century scientific physical mind is back in power and should remain forever. Mathematics is an excellent tool of physics, but history teaches us it cannot rule physics. In 2025, the theory of relativity was fully integrated into post-Newtonian physics. With the variable energy density model of the medium, all relativistic models are described. [4]. In the coming years, the integration of quantum physics is planned. According to the author's vision, the unification of the theory of relativity and quantum physics is possible through their integration into post-Newtonian physics, the core of which is Newtonian physics.

7. Conclusions

The fundamental law of physics is the conservation of energy, which cannot be created or destroyed, but it can transform into another type of energy. With the extension of the mass-energy equivalence to dark energy, we integrated dark energy into the energy conservation law and got a new model of black hole as a rejuvenating system of the universe. In the center of a black hole, old matter with high entropy decays into elementary particles and dark energy, which have a low entropy. Black holes keep the universe young; they reverse the process of entropy increase of matter, where atoms with low atomic number are transformed into atoms with high atomic number. The energy of astrophysical jets that AGNs throw into intergalactic space is the fresh energy for the formation of new stars.

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