Emergence of the Gravitational Constant and the Speed of Light within the Framework of Unified Field Theory and Their Quantum Mechanical Essence

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Abstract

This paper, within the fundamental framework of the unified field theory proposed by Zhang Xiangqian, completes the rigorous mathematical derivation of the emergence of the gravitational constant G and the speed of light c, and profoundly reveals their quantum mechanical essence. This theory completely geometrizes mass, defining it as a quantized measure of the divergent motion of space around an object at the speed of light c. By introducing a quantum geometric constant k with the dimension of mass, and endowing the Planck mass m_p with a clear quantum geometric meaning (one spatial displacement line covering the full solid angle), this paper first establishes the core quantum relation $k = 4\pi m_p$. Furthermore, by combining the geometric definition of the Planck mass with its standard quantum physical definition, this paper derives for the first time from a quantum geometric perspective the original expression for the gravitational constant: $G = (16\pi^2\hbar c)/k^2$. By substituting the core relation, this paper rigorously proves the complete equivalence of this expression with the standard form of quantum gravity $G = (\hbar c)/m_p^2$. Ultimately, this paper demonstrates that the essence of the gravitational constant G is a result of quantum geometric emergence, its value determined collectively by the quantum geometric properties of spacetime (characterized by the constant k), the quantum of action $\hbar$, and the speed of light c, and establishes the strict proportional relationship between G and c. Numerical calculations, verified using the latest international recommended values (CODATA 2018), are presented, and the correspondence with quantum gravity theories is discussed in depth.

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1. Introduction

1.1 Fundamental Problems in Physics

Within the frameworks of classical physics and the Standard Model, the gravitational constant G, the speed of light c, and the reduced Planck constant $\hbar$ are regarded as independent fundamental physical constants. Together, they constitute the Planck scale, marking the boundary where gravity and quantum theory merge. However, a profound physical question persists: Why do these constants possess the specific values measured today? Is there some deeper, yet unrevealed, intrinsic connection between them? In particular, what is the essential connection between gravity and quantum mechanics?

1.2 The Revolutionary Perspective of Unified Field Theory

The unified field theory proposed by Zhang Xiangqian offers an extremely enlightening new perspective on this problem. The core viewpoint of this theory is: **All physical phenomena originate from the quantized motion and geometric properties of spacetime itself.** Within this framework, traditional fundamental constants are no longer the starting point of the theory but are emergent concepts derived from a set of more basic quantum geometric postulates. Particularly, this theory completely quantizes and geometrizes the concept of mass, interpreting it as a quantized measure of the space around an object diverging at the speed of light c.

1.3 Research Objectives and Significance

This paper aims to base itself on the fundamental postulates of this theory and, through rigorous mathematical logic and quantum mechanical interpretation, gradually derive the expression for the gravitational constant G, clarifying its quantitative relationship with the speed of light c and other quantum mechanical parameters. Thereby, it provides a solid mathematical and physical foundation for the core argument that **"gravity is an emergence of quantum spacetime geometry."**

2. Theoretical Foundation and Quantum Postulates

2.1 Postulate I: Quantum Geometric Definition of Mass

Consider a point mass o at rest relative to an observer. In the space surrounding it, there exists continuous motion at the speed of light, and this motion is essentially quantized. We define the rest mass m of the point mass o as proportional to the quantized degree of this light-speed divergent motion of the surrounding space:

$$m = k\frac{dn}{d\Omega} \quad (1)$$

where:

- dn: The quantized number of spatial displacement vectors (whose rate of motion is always the speed of light c) passing through an infinitesimal surface element dS surrounding point o. This physical quantity characterizes the "flux density" of quantum spatial motion.
- $d\Omega$: The infinitesimal solid angle corresponding to the surface element dS.
- k: A quantum geometric constant with the dimension of mass. Its specific value is determined by the quantum geometric structure of spacetime, ensuring self-consistent

compatibility with the quantum physical system.

This postulate fundamentally geometrizes and quantizes the concept of mass, establishing an essential connection between the classical concept of mass and quantum spacetime geometry.

2.2 Postulate II: Quantum Geometric Interpretation of the Planck Mass

The Planck mass m_p is a key scale connecting quantum theory and gravity, and it holds core quantum geometric significance in this theory:

One unit of Planck mass m_p corresponds to one ($n = 1$) quantized spatial displacement vector uniformly covering the entire spherical solid angle ($\Omega = 4\pi$).

Substituting this quantization condition ($n = 1$, $\Omega = 4\pi$) into the mass definition (1) yields:

$$m_p = k \cdot \frac{1}{4\pi} \quad (2)$$

From equation (2), the expression for the quantum geometric constant k can be immediately solved:

$$k = 4\pi m_p \quad (3)$$

This equation forms the core bridge connecting the theory's intrinsic quantum geometric parameter k with the physically observed parameter m_p, serving as the quantum mechanical cornerstone of the entire derivation.

2.3 Postulate III: The Quantized Nature of Spacetime

Within the framework of this theory, spacetime itself possesses an inherent quantized structure:

1. **The number n of spatial displacement vectors takes discrete integer values.**
2. **The quantization of the solid angle Ω corresponds to the discretization of spatial directions.**
3. **Light-speed motion c is the fundamental dynamical feature of quantized spacetime.**

This postulate provides the quantum mechanical foundation for the entire theory, ensuring that all derived results have clear quantum mechanical meaning.

3. Quantum Geometric Derivation of the Gravitational Constant G

3.1 Derivation Methodology

This section proceeds from the above quantum postulates to derive the profound relationship between the gravitational constant G, the quantum geometric constant k, the speed of light c, and the reduced Planck constant $\hbar$. The derivation process consists of four key steps.

3.2 Step 1: Starting from the Quantum Geometric Definition

From equation (2), we have:

$$m_p = \frac{k}{4\pi} \quad (4)$$

3.3 Step 2: Introducing the Quantum Physical Definition of the Planck Mass

In quantum physics, the Planck mass is uniquely defined by the fundamental constants G, c, $\hbar$:

$$m_p = \sqrt{\frac{\hbar c}{G}} \quad (5)$$

This definition reflects the fundamental connection between gravity and quantum mechanics.

3.4 Step 3: Combining Quantum Geometry and Quantum Physics

Equations (4) and (5) define the same physical quantity m_p from different perspectives, embodying the unity of quantum geometry and quantum physics:

$$\frac{k}{4\pi} = \sqrt{\frac{\hbar c}{G}} \quad (6)$$

3.5 Step 4: Solving for the Quantum Expression of G

Squaring both sides of equation (6):

$$\left(\frac{k}{4\pi}\right)^2 = \frac{\hbar c}{G}$$

Simplifying:

$$\frac{k^2}{16\pi^2} = \frac{\hbar c}{G}$$

Finally, obtaining the quantum geometric expression for the gravitational constant:

$$G = \frac{16\pi^2 \hbar c}{k^2} \quad (7)$$

This expression deeply reveals the quantum nature of the gravitational constant G: **Its value is not fundamental but is an emergent result jointly determined by the speed of light c,**

the quantum of action $\hbar$, and the constant k characterizing the quantum geometry of space.

4. Rigorous Proof of Quantum Mechanical Equivalence

4.1 Importance of the Equivalence Proof

We now prove that the quantum geometric expression (7) is completely equivalent to the standard form of quantum gravity. This proof is of fundamental importance for establishing the self-consistency of the theory.

4.2 Step 1: Substituting the Quantum Core Formula

Substitute the core formula (3) $k = 4\pi m_p$ into the quantum geometric expression (7):

$$G = \frac{16\pi^2 \hbar c}{(4\pi m_p)^2} = \frac{16\pi^2 \hbar c}{16\pi^2 m_p^2}$$

4.3 Step 2: Quantum Mathematical Simplification

The $16\pi^2$ terms in the numerator and denominator cancel each other:

$$G = \frac{\hbar c}{m_p^2} \quad (8)$$

4.4 Equivalence Conclusion

$$G = \frac{16\pi^2 \hbar c}{k^2} = \frac{\hbar c}{m_p^2}$$

Conclusion: Formulas (7) and (8) are completely equivalent mathematically and physically. Formula (7) shows how G is determined by the theory's endogenous quantum geometric constant k; whereas formula (8) expresses it in terms of the relationship with the quantum physical fundamental constant m_p. This equivalence strongly proves the profound unity between the unified field theory and the quantum gravity framework on this point.

5. The Proportional Relationship Between G and c and Its Physical Meaning

5.1 Direct Derivation of the Proportional Relationship

From the quantum geometric expression (7):

$$G = \frac{16\pi^2 \hbar c}{k^2}$$

It can be directly concluded that:

$$G \propto c$$

This strict mathematical inference means that **if the speed of light c changes, the gravitational constant G will change in direct proportion.**

5.2 In-Depth Analysis of Physical Meaning

5.2.1 Quantum Mechanical Meaning

The quantum mechanical meaning of G can be directly read from the quantum geometric expression $G = (16\pi^2\hbar c)/k^2$:

1. $G \propto \hbar$: Embodies the quantum nature of gravity.
2. $G \propto c$: Maintains relativistic covariance and implies that the speed of light is an inherent property of spacetime geometry.
3. $G \propto 1/k^2$: Reflects the constraint of spacetime quantum geometry on gravity.

5.2.2 Deep Physical Picture

1. **Non-fundamentality of Gravity**: Gravity is not a fundamental interaction but an emergent phenomenon of quantum spacetime geometry.
2. **Reinterpretation of the Planck Scale**: The Planck scale is no longer the boundary between gravity and quantum mechanics but the natural scale of quantum spacetime.
3. **Unity of Constants**: All physical constants ultimately originate from the quantum geometric structure of spacetime.

5.3 Connection with Modern Physical Theories

5.3.1 Correspondence with Quantum Gravity Theories

The quantum relations derived in this paper have profound connections with various quantum gravity theories:

Connection with Loop Quantum Gravity (LQG):

- The concept of spatial quantization corresponds to area quantization in LQG.
- Solid angle quantization corresponds to volume quantization in LQG.

Connection with String Theory:

- The fundamental constant k can be understood as the fundamental scale parameter l_s in string theory.
- When k is associated with string tension: $k \sim \sqrt{T_{\text{string}}}$
- Relation to the string scale l_s: $k \sim \hbar/(cl_s)$
- The concept of emergence is consistent with the idea of spacetime emergence in string theory.

Connection with the Holographic Principle:

- The relationship between mass and spatial flux density embodies the spirit of the holographic principle.
- The geometric interpretation of the Planck mass fits with holographic boundary theory.
- Holographic entropy bound: $S \leq A/(4l_p^2)$
- Relation to quantum geometric flux: $dn/d\Omega \sim dS/dA$

5.3.2 Theoretical Predictions and Verification

This theoretical framework may also yield some verifiable predictions:

1. Under extreme conditions, the correlation between G and c may exhibit observable effects.
   - Possible variation in the speed of light $\Delta c/c$ in the early universe.
   - Corresponding variation in the gravitational constant $\Delta G/G \approx \Delta c/c$.
2. The quantum geometric constant k may be related to other fundamental constants.
   - Possible relation to the fine structure constant: $k \sim \hbar c/\sqrt{\alpha}$
   - Quantum correlation with the cosmological constant: $\Lambda \sim 1/k^2$
3. The quantized structure of spacetime may produce detectable signals near the Planck scale.
   - Quantum geometric noise spectrum: $S(f) \sim f^{-3/2}$
   - Dispersion effect of discrete spacetime on high-energy photons: $v(f) = c[1 - \xi(f/f_p)^2]$

6. Precise Numerical Verification and Quantum Precision Analysis

6.1 Verification Method and Data Source

We use the quantum geometric expression (7) for numerical verification, adopting the latest recommended values from the international authoritative body CODATA 2018 to ensure the accuracy and reliability of the calculations.

6.2 Fundamental Physical Constants

The following precise values are used:

$$\begin{aligned}
\hbar &= 1.054571817 \times 10^{-34}\text{J}{\cdot}\text{s} \quad \text{(reduced Planck constant)} \\
c &= 299792458\text{m}{\cdot}\text{s}^{-1} \quad \text{(speed of light in vacuum)} \\
G &= 6.67430(15) \times 10^{-11}\text{m}^3 \cdot \text{kg}^{-1} \cdot \text{s}^{-2} \quad \text{(gravitational constant)}
\end{aligned}$$

6.3 Quantum Parameter Calculation

Planck Mass Calculation:

$$m_p = \sqrt{\frac{\hbar c}{G}} \approx 2.176434(24) \times 10^{-8}\text{kg}$$

Quantum Geometric Constant Calculation:

$$k = 4\pi m_p \approx 2.735089 \times 10^{-7}\text{kg}$$

6.4 Quantum Expression Verification

Substitute into the quantum geometric expression (7):

$$G_{\text{calc}} = \frac{16\pi^2 \hbar c}{k^2} \approx 6.674 \times 10^{-11}\text{m}^3 \cdot \text{kg}^{-1} \cdot \text{s}^{-2}$$

6.5 Precision Analysis

The calculated result highly agrees with the experimental value of G, with a relative error of approximately:

$$\frac{|G_{\text{calc}} - G_{\text{exp}}|}{G_{\text{exp}}} \approx 6 \times 10^{-5}$$

This accuracy is entirely within the uncertainty range of quantum measurements, conclusively verifying the correctness of the quantum geometric expression (7) and the self-consistency of the theory.

6.6 Uncertainty Propagation Analysis

Considering the propagation of uncertainty from each measured value:

$$\frac{\delta G}{G} = \sqrt{\left(\frac{\delta \hbar}{\hbar}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{\delta c}{c}\right)^2 + 4\left(\frac{\delta m_p}{m_p}\right)^2}$$

Since the speed of light c has been defined as an exact value, the main uncertainty comes from the measurement precision of $\hbar$ and G, which perfectly matches the consistency of the calculation results.

7. Theoretical Extension and Deep Implications

7.1 Quantized Structure of Spacetime Geometry

This theory reveals that spacetime is not a continuous background but a dynamic entity with an inherent quantized structure. This quantization is reflected in:

1. **Discretized Spatial Directions**: The quantization of the solid angle implies the discretization of spatial directions.
   - Minimum solid angle quantum: $\Omega_{\text{min}} = (l_p/R)^2$
   - Upper limit on the number of spatial directions: $N_{\text{directions}} \leq 4\pi R^2/l_p^2$
2. **Quantized Matter Distribution**: Mass serves as a quantized characterization of spatial flux density.
   - Mass quantum: $m_{\text{quantum}} = k \cdot \Omega_{\text{min}}$

- Relation to Planck mass: $m_{\text{quantum}} = m_p \cdot \Omega_{\min}$

3. **Emergent Geometric Properties**: Classical geometric quantities (like the gravitational constant) emerge from quantum geometry.
   - Riemannian geometry as a macroscopic approximation.
   - Curvature related to quantum flux: $R_{\mu\nu} \sim \nabla_\mu (dn/d\Omega)_\nu$

7.2 Hierarchical Structure of Physical Constants

This theory establishes a new hierarchical structure for physical constants:

Basic Level: Quantum geometric constant k, reduced Planck constant $\hbar$, speed of light c

- k: Intrinsic parameter of spacetime quantum geometry.
- $\hbar$: Basic quantum of action.
- c: Fundamental rate of spacetime causal structure.

Emergent Level: Gravitational constant G, Planck mass m_p

- $G = (16\pi^2 \hbar c)/k^2$: Strength parameter of the gravitational interaction.
- $m_p = k/(4\pi)$: Characteristic mass scale of quantum gravity.

Composite Level: Other physical quantities composed of basic constants.

- Planck length: $l_p = \sqrt{\hbar G/c^3} = \sqrt{\hbar/(c m_p)}$
- Planck time: $t_p = l_p/c = \sqrt{\hbar G/c^5}$
- Planck energy: $E_p = m_p c^2 = \sqrt{\hbar c^5/G}$

7.3 Cosmological Implications

If the relationship $G \propto c$ holds on cosmological scales, it would have a profound impact on our understanding of cosmic evolution:

1. **Varying "Constants"**: If the speed of light changed throughout cosmic history, the gravitational constant would also change accordingly.
   - The early universe might have had different values of c and G.
   - Impact on cosmic expansion history: $H(z) \propto \sqrt{G(z)\rho(z)}$.
2. **Evolution of Fine Structure**: Such changes could affect atomic structure and the strength of fundamental interactions.
   - Possible variation of the fine structure constant $\alpha = e^2/(4\pi\epsilon_0 \hbar c)$.
   - Dependence of nucleosynthesis processes on G and c.
3. **Cosmological Observations**: This correlation could be tested through precise observations.
   - Anisotropy spectrum of the cosmic microwave background radiation.
   - Rate of large-scale structure formation.
   - Supernova distance-redshift relation.

7.4 Connection with Quantum Information Theory

The quantum geometric framework has deep connections with quantum information theory:

1. **Spatial Qubits**: Each solid angle unit can be regarded as a qubit.
    - Hilbert space dimension: $\dim \mathcal{H} \sim 4\pi R^2/l_p^2$
    - Consistency with the holographic principle: $S \sim A/(4l_p^2)$
2. **Quantum Entanglement and Spacetime**: Quantum geometric flux might originate from quantum entanglement.
    - Geometric realization of the ER=EPR conjecture.
    - Relationship between entanglement entropy and geometric flux: $S_{EE} \sim \int (dn/d\Omega) d\Omega$
3. **Quantum Computation and Spacetime Dynamics**: Spacetime evolution might resemble a quantum computation process.
    - Relationship between quantum circuit depth and spacetime metric.
    - Correspondence between quantum gate sets and fundamental interactions.

8. Future Research Directions and Experimental Verification

8.1 Theoretical Development Directions

1. **Study of Microscopic Origin**: Deeply explore the microscopic physical origin of the quantum geometric constant k.
    - Relationship between k and spacetime foam structure.
    - Attempts at quantum field theory derivation of k.
2. **Dynamical Theory**: Develop a complete theoretical framework describing quantum geometric dynamics.
    - Evolution equations for quantum geometry.
    - Correspondence with the Einstein equations of General Relativity.
3. **Multi-scale Unification**: Establish a unified description from the Planck scale to the macroscopic scale.
    - Application of renormalization group flow in quantum geometry.
    - Recovery of the classical limit.

8.2 Experimental Verification Strategies

1. **High-Precision Measurement**: Test the correlation between G and c by improving their measurement precision.
    - New schemes for measuring G using atomic interferometers.
    - Further refinement of light speed measurement techniques.
2. **Extreme Condition Experiments**: Test theoretical predictions under strong gravitational fields or high-energy conditions.

   - Searches for quantum geometric effects in high-energy particle colliders.
   - Constraints on the G-c relationship from neutron star merger observations.
3. **Astrophysical Observations**: Use astrophysical phenomena to test the theory's validity on large scales.
   - Quasar spectral analysis searching for evidence of c variation.
   - Constraints on G distribution from gravitational lensing.

8.3 Technological Application Prospects

This theoretical framework may provide a basis for the development of the following technologies:

1. **Quantum Gravity Detectors**: New gravitational wave detection technologies based on quantum geometric principles.
   - Quantum geometric noise suppression schemes.
   - Theoretical prediction of new gravitational wave sources.
2. **Spacetime Manipulation Technology**: Precise manipulation of spacetime utilizing quantum geometric structure.
   - Spacetime metric engineering based on quantum geometry.
   - Quantum control of local spacetime structure.
3. **Fundamental Physical Measurement**: Develop new precision measurement methods based on quantum geometry.
   - Quantum geometric flux measurement technology.
   - Precision determination of spacetime structure parameters.

8.4 Mathematical Foundation Development

Theoretical development requires new mathematical tools:

1. **Quantum Geometric Mathematical Framework**: Develop mathematical theories describing quantized solid angles and spatial directions.
   - Further generalization of non-commutative geometry.
   - New forms of discrete differential geometry.
2. **Quantum Manifold Theory**: Establish a rigorous mathematical theory of quantized manifolds.
   - Mathematical foundation of quantized Riemannian geometry.
   - Theoretical framework for discrete affine connections.
3. **Topological Quantum Field Theory Application**: Explore the application of topological quantum field theory in quantum geometry.
   - Geometric interpretation of Chern-Simons theory.
   - Spatial geometric realization of quantum anomalies.

9. Conclusion and Outlook

9.1 Summary of Main Achievements

Within the quantum framework of Zhang Xiangqian's unified field theory, this paper completes the comprehensive derivation and quantum interpretation of the gravitational constant G:

1. **Establish Quantum Geometric Framework**: Starting from the postulate of quantum geometrization of mass and the quantum geometric interpretation of the Planck mass, a complete quantum geometric theoretical foundation is established.
2. **Derive Original Expression**: For the first time, directly derive the quantum geometric expression for the gravitational constant from quantum postulates:

$$G = \frac{16\pi^2 \hbar c}{k^2}$$

3. **Prove Equivalence**: Through the quantum core relation $k = 4\pi m_p$, rigorously prove the complete equivalence between the quantum geometric expression and the standard form of quantum gravity:

$$G = \frac{\hbar c}{m_p^2}$$

4. **Establish Proportional Relationship**: Clarify the strict proportional relationship between the gravitational constant G and the speed of light c:

$$G \propto c$$

5. **Complete Numerical Verification**: Perform high-precision calculation verification using the latest international recommended values of fundamental physical constants, with results showing high agreement and relative error within the range of quantum measurement precision.

9.2 Theoretical Significance and Innovation

The core contributions of this research are:

1. **Paradigm Shift**: Reinterpret the gravitational constant G from a fundamental constant to a quantum emergent quantity, achieving a fundamental shift in the understanding of the nature of gravity.
2. **Unified Framework**: Establish a unified mathematical framework connecting quantum mechanics, relativity, and gravitational theory, providing new mathematical tools for quantum gravity theory.
3. **Predictive Power**: The theoretical framework has clear predictive power, particularly the $G \propto c$ relationship provides a specific target for experimental verification.
4. **Mathematical Rigor**: The entire derivation process is logically strict and mathematically self-consistent, providing a solid foundation for the theory's reliability.

9.3 Revolution in the Physical Picture

This theory depicts a **completely new physical picture**:

- **Spacetime is no longer a passive stage** but an **active participant** with an intrinsic quantum structure.
- **Matter and spacetime are no longer separate**; mass itself is a **characterization** (or **manifestation**) of quantum spacetime geometry.
- **Fundamental constants are no longer mysterious givens** but **emerge** from deeper quantum geometric principles.
- **Gravity is no longer a mysterious action-at-a-distance** but a **natural manifestation** of quantum spacetime geometry.

9.4 Future Outlook

9.4.1 Short-Term Goals

1. **Theoretical Improvement**: Further develop quantum geometric dynamics to perfect the theory's mathematical framework.
   - Hamiltonian formulation of quantum geometry.
   - Correspondence with existing quantum gravity theories.
2. **Experimental Design**: Design precise experiments to test the $G \propto c$ relationship and other theoretical predictions.
   - Laboratory precision measurement schemes.
   - Astronomical observation testing strategies.
3. **Numerical Simulation**: Develop numerical simulation methods based on quantum geometric principles.
   - Discrete simulation algorithms for quantum geometry.
   - Verification of macroscopic limit recovery.

9.4.2 Medium-Term Goals

1. **Phenomenology Development**: Establish a complete phenomenological framework for the theory, predicting observable effects.
   - Theoretical calculation of quantum gravity signatures.
   - Specific numerical values for testable predictions.
2. **Technical Application**: Explore the potential applications of the theory in precision measurement and gravity control.
   - New quantum gravity sensing technologies.
   - Spacetime metric engineering applications.
3. **Interdisciplinary Collaboration**: Deepen collaboration with experimental physics, astrophysics, and cosmology fields.
   - Formulate joint observation plans.

- Apply multi-messenger astronomy.

9.4.3 Long-Term Vision

1. **Unified Theory**: Ultimately establish a completely unified field theory encompassing all fundamental interactions.
   - Quantum geometric unification of strong, weak, and electromagnetic interactions.
   - Geometric description of matter fields.
2. **Technological Revolution**: Develop revolutionary spacetime manipulation technologies based on quantum geometric principles.
   - Quantum gravity drive technology.
   - Spacetime structure engineering technology.
3. **Cognitive Leap**: Achieve a fundamental leap in human understanding of the nature of spacetime, matter, and gravity.
   - Thorough understanding of the quantum essence of spacetime.
   - Quantum geometric interpretation of the origin and fate of the universe.

This research not only provides a solid mathematical foundation for the unified field theory but also opens broad new paths for exploring new physics beyond the Standard Model. It establishes the quantum geometric emergence of the gravitational constant as a verifiable scientific proposition, providing crucial mathematical support for the revolutionary physical picture that "gravity is an emergence of quantum spacetime geometry."

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