

There Is No Need for Big G in Einstein's Field Equation! Newton Swapped with Max Planck

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Einstein's field equation [1] is given by

$$R_{\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{2}g_{\mu\nu}R = \frac{8\pi G}{c^4}T_{\mu\nu} \quad (1)$$

and this can be written as

$$R_{\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{2}g_{\mu\nu}R = \frac{8\pi l_p}{m_p c^2}T_{\mu\nu} \quad (2)$$

In other words, Einstein's field equation can also be transcribed independent of big G . Certainly, some physicists may protest, claiming that it is essential to know big G in order to find the Planck length, [2, 3, 4]. However, this is incorrect, as shown by [5]. See also [6].

Furthermore, if one knows the Planck length and the Planck constant, then one also knows the Planck mass. Newton's gravitational constant is a composite constant that consists of the more fundamental constants c , \hbar , and the Planck length, $G = \frac{l_p^2 c^3}{\hbar}$. See [7].

The big question is: Would Einstein prefer to rely more on Max Planck and less on Isaac Newton, or not? Well, to get the $E = mc^2$ formula embedded neatly in his field equation, I think he would be happy to swap Newton for Planck.

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