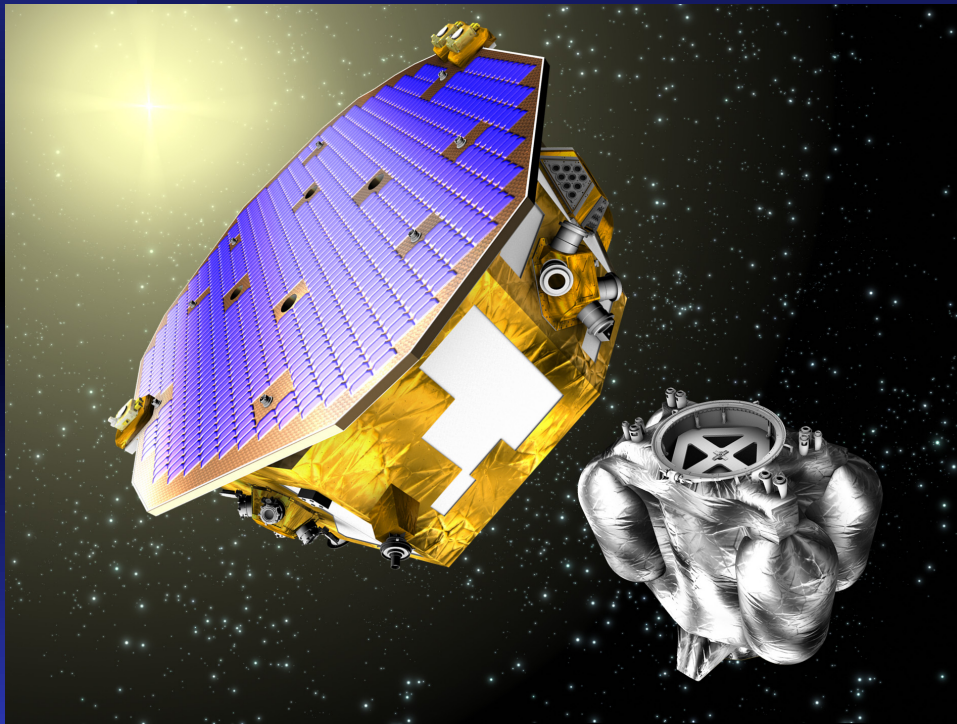


MATTERS OF GRAVITY:

The conflict “Dark Matter vs MOND” in the solar system



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Based on

Bekenstein & Magueijo, *PRD*73 (2006) 103513;
Bevis, Magueijo, Trenkel, Kembler, *CQG* 27 (2010) 215014
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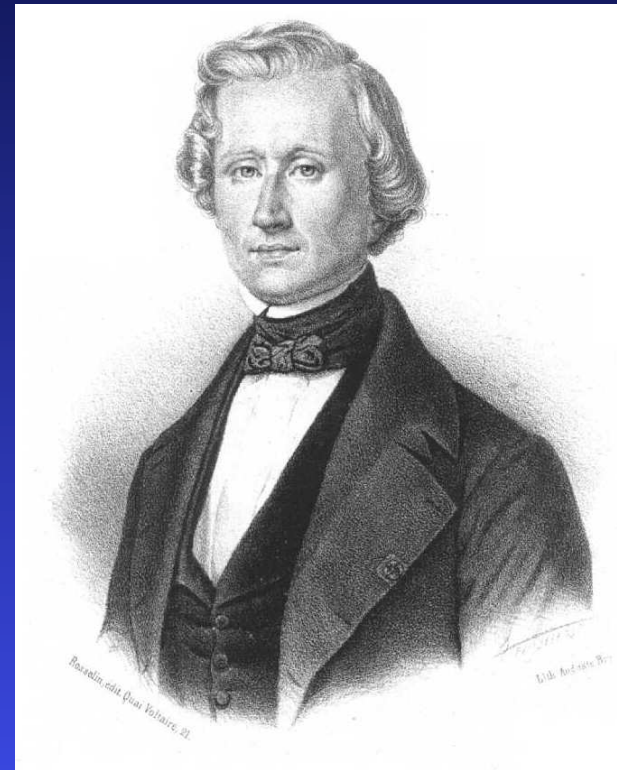
Magueijo & Mozaffari
*PRD*85 (2012) 043527;
and arXiv:1204.6663.

The schism “dark matter vs modified gravity” is an old story

- LeVerrier prediction of Neptune from Uranus orbital anomalies.

VERSUS

- Attempts to explain the anomalous precession of the perihelion of Mercury with “Vulcan”



The matter has become very topical

- Everything outside the Solar system refuses to follow the laws of General Relativity/ Newtonian gravity
- Either gravity is fine, but there is an extra source we can't see: the dark matter (dark energy).
- Or the observations are telling us to modify gravity: MOND.

We need a *direct* detection!

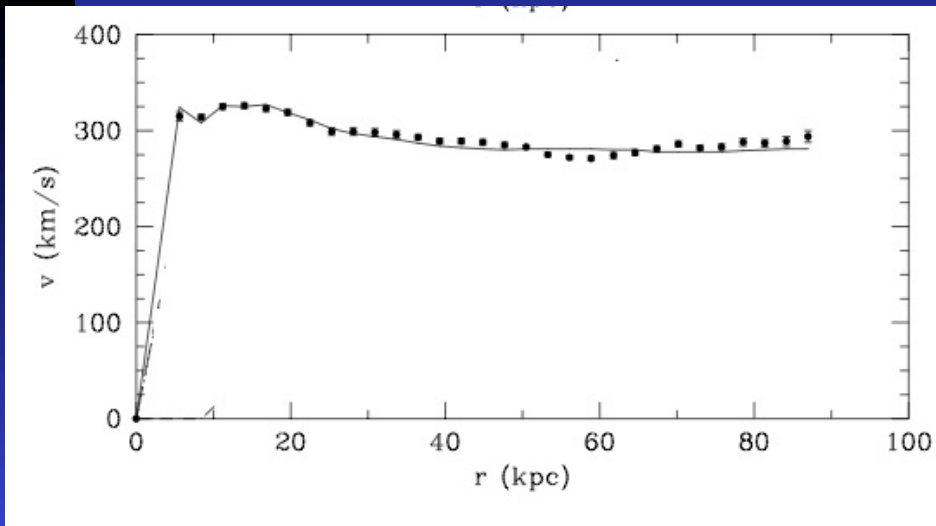
- Dark matter searches: the game is over if a dark matter particle is detected!
- The equivalent “backyard” detection for MOND is solar system gravity testing.

(Spiral) Galaxy rotation curves:

■ Flattening of rotation curves

$$v \rightarrow v_{\infty}$$

$$\frac{GM}{r^2} = \frac{v^2}{r} \Rightarrow v \propto \frac{1}{\sqrt{r}}$$



The dark matter solution:

- A DM halo:

$$M \propto r$$

$$\rho \propto \frac{1}{r^2}$$

$$\frac{GM}{r^2} = \frac{v^2}{r} \Rightarrow v \rightarrow \text{const}$$

- Mysteries remain

$$a_0 \approx 10^{-10} \text{ms}^{-2}$$

$$v_\infty^4 \propto L \propto M$$

- Halo not stable under its own gravity

Take these facts as “Kepler’s laws” for a new theory of gravity

- Milgrom’s insight:

$$a \leq a_0$$

$$F = m \frac{a^2}{a_0} \Rightarrow \frac{GM}{r^2} = \frac{v^4}{a_0 r^2}$$

- A better formulation:

$$F_N = |\nabla \varphi| \leq a_0 \Rightarrow F = \sqrt{F_N}$$

(often quoted as a rule of thumb)

In fact a consistent theory must be more complicated:

- A modified Poisson equation

$$\nabla \cdot [\tilde{\mu}(|\nabla\Phi|/a_0)\nabla\Phi] = 4\pi G\tilde{\rho},$$

$$\tilde{\mu}(x) = x(1+x)^{-1}$$

- (there are several relativistic, Lagrangian formulations leading to this)

$$\nabla \cdot [\mu(kl^2(\nabla\phi)^2)\nabla\phi] = kG\tilde{\rho}$$

Tensor Vector Scalar theory

Bekenstein, Phys. Rev. D 70, 083509 (2004); JHEP PoS (jhw2004) 012

Gravitation $S_g = (16\pi G)^{-1} \int g^{\alpha\beta} R_{\alpha\beta} (-g)^{1/2} d^4x$

Matter $S_m = \int \mathcal{L}(\tilde{g}_{\mu\nu}, f^\alpha, f^\alpha{}_{|\mu}, \dots) (-\tilde{g})^{1/2} d^4x$

Vector $S_v = -\frac{K}{32\pi G} \int (g^{\alpha\beta} g^{\mu\nu} U_{[\alpha,\mu]} U_{[\beta,\nu]}) (-g)^{1/2} d^4x$

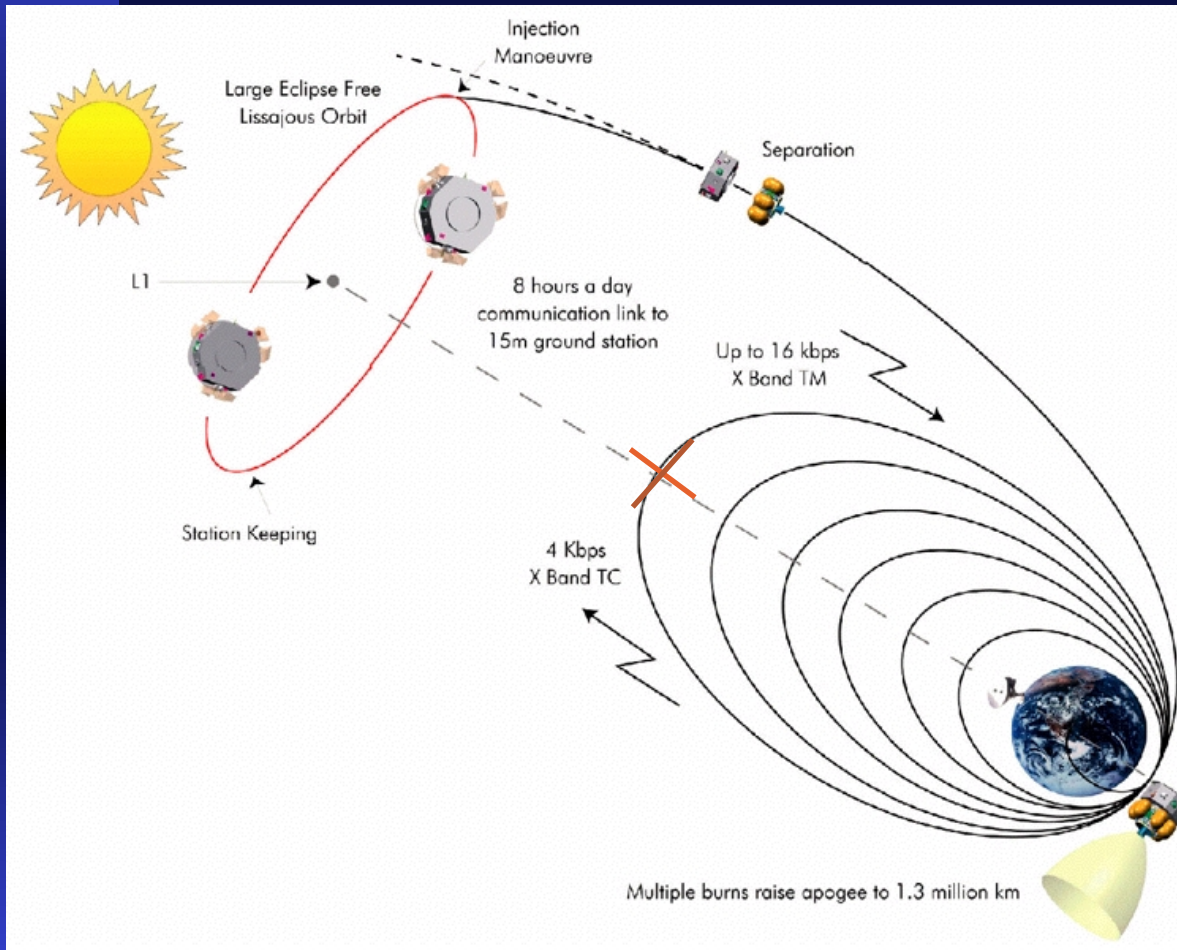
Constraint $S_c = \frac{1}{16\pi G} \int \lambda (g^{\mu\nu} U_\mu U_\nu + 1) (-g)^{1/2} d^4x$

Scalar $S_s = -\frac{1}{2} \int [\sigma^2 g^{\alpha\beta} \phi_{,\alpha} \phi_{,\beta} + \frac{G\sigma^4}{2\ell^2} F(kG\sigma^2)] (-g)^{1/2} d^4x$

Interaction $S_i = \frac{1}{2} \int \sigma^2 (g^{\mu\nu} U_\mu \phi_{,\nu})^2 (-g)^{1/2} d^4x$

Tensor

LISA Pathfinder mission



LISA Pathfinder as Gravitational Laboratory

- LISA Pathfinder and its Payload will offer the following (see ESA-SCI(2007)1):

- **Differential Force Measurement Sensitivity:**

$$\approx 1.3 \times 10^{-14} \text{N} / \sqrt{\text{Hz}} \text{ around } 1 \text{mHz}$$

- **Drag-Free Platform Stability:**

Platform Free-Fall Quality of

$$\approx 10^{-13} \text{ms}^{-2} / \sqrt{\text{Hz}} \text{ around } 1 \text{mHz}$$

$$\approx 10^{-9} \text{ms}^{-2} \text{ at DC}$$

- **Gravity Gradiometer Sensitivity:**

$$\approx 1.5 \times 10^{-14} \text{s}^{-2} / \sqrt{\text{Hz}} \text{ around } 1 \text{mHz}$$

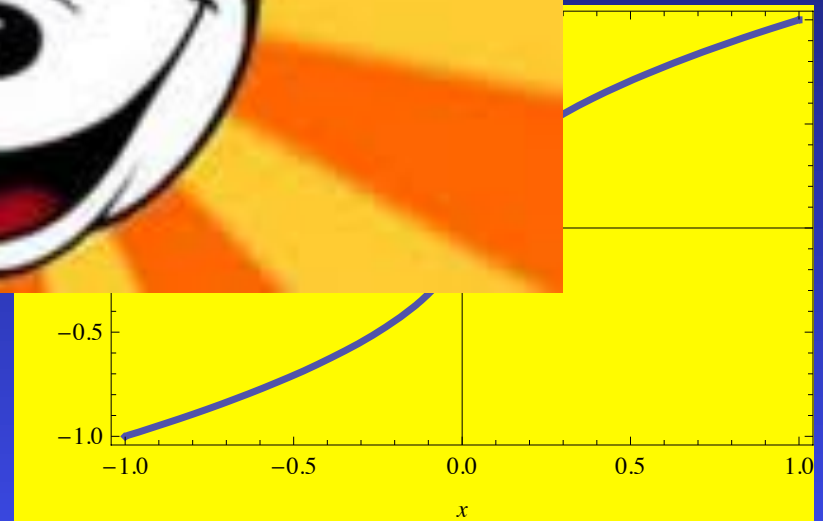
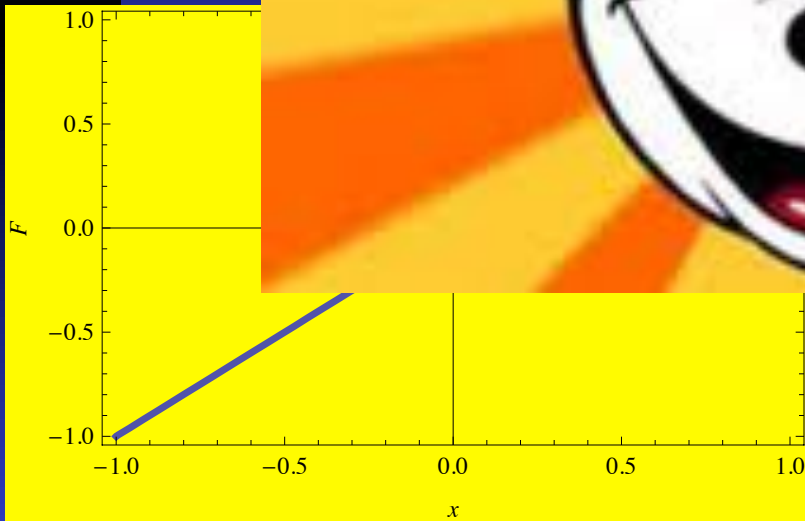
- ... and more...

We want to exploit this!

The intuition behind the basic

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$$F_N = Ar$$

$$A = 4.6 \times 10^{-11} \text{ s}^{-2}$$

$$\frac{\partial F_N}{\partial r} \rightarrow \infty$$

A target for LPF?

- Accelerometers have a sensitivity of

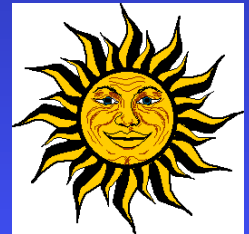
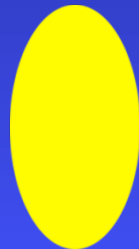
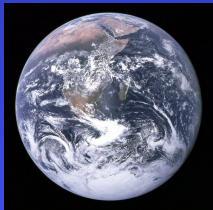
$$\frac{\Delta a}{\Delta r} \approx 10^{-14} \text{ s}^{-2}$$

- Target region for Sun/Earth saddle has size

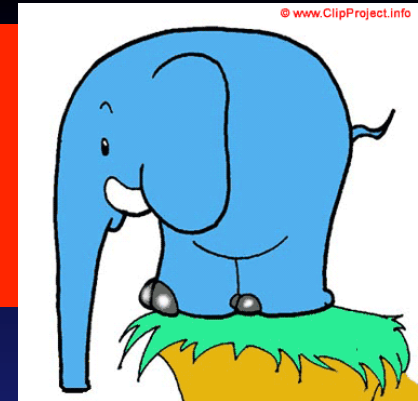
$$\Delta r \approx 400 - 600 \text{ Km}$$

The Big Picture: an ellipsoidal bubble where effects are large

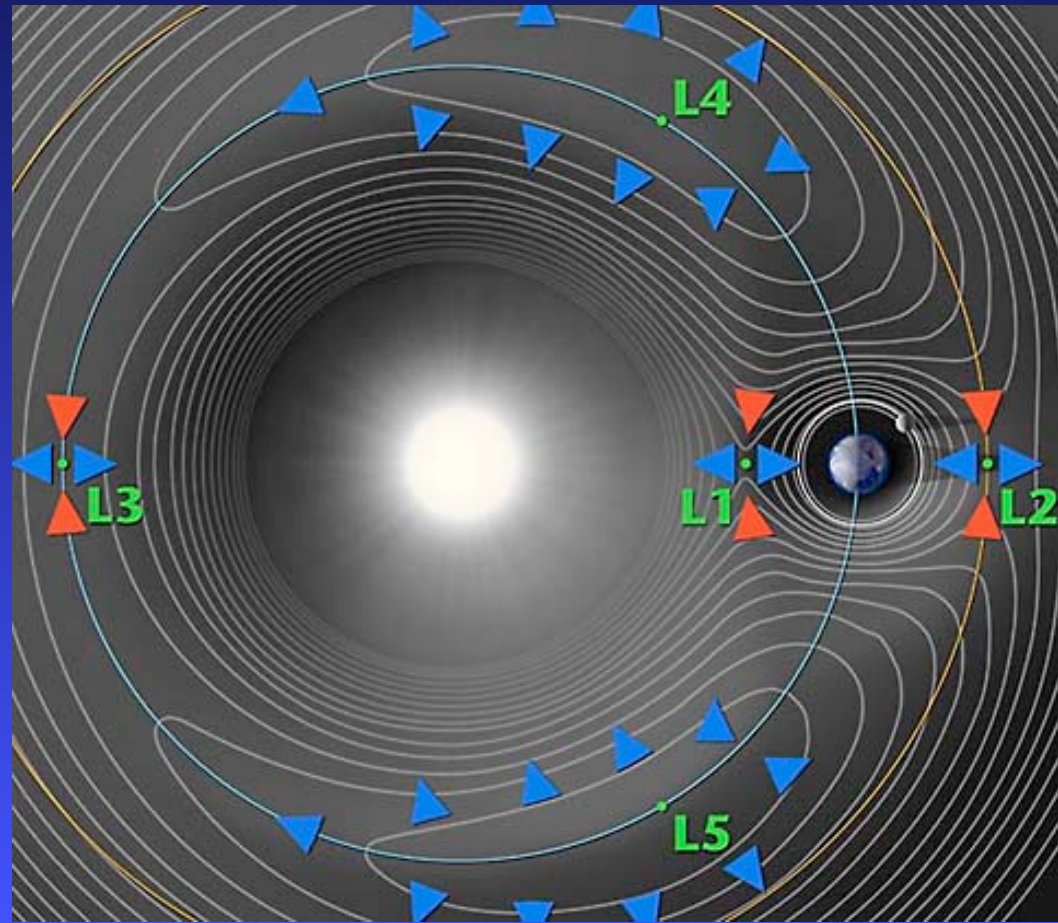
$$r_0 = 383\text{Km} \quad \text{Earth/Sun}$$
$$(r_0 = 9.6 \times 10^5\text{Km} \quad \text{Jupiter})$$



THE ELEPHANT IN THE ROOM

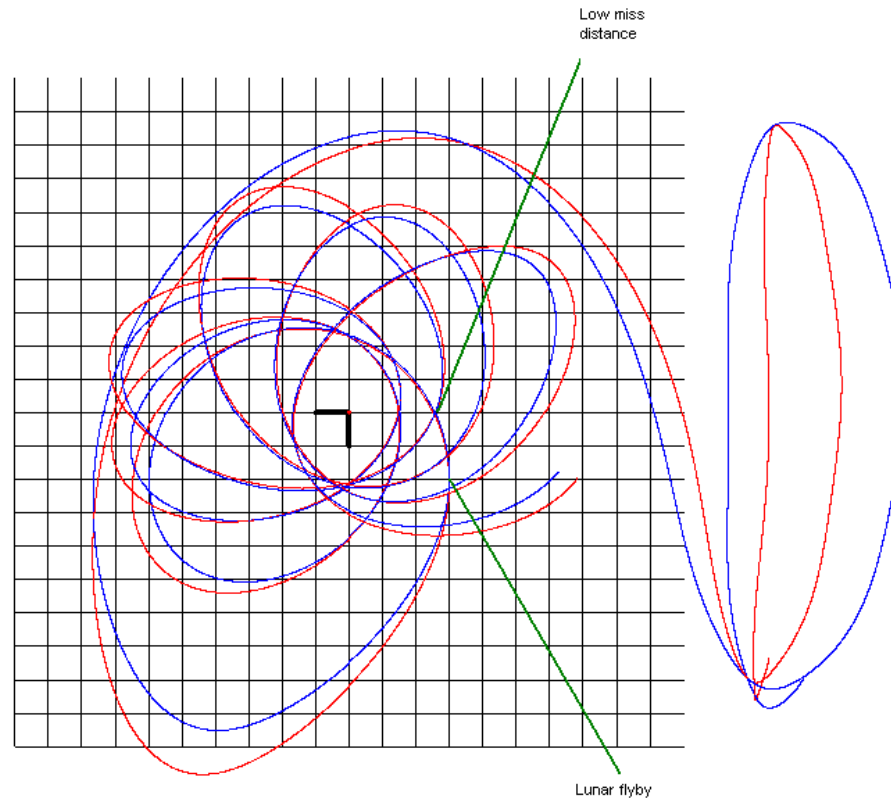


- Lagrange points
- VS.
- Saddle points.



Potential Trajectories for LISA Pathfinder

- Trajectory with lowest miss distance found:



- Miss distance **600km**
- Transfer time **from nominal orbit departure 410days**
- Lunar flyby (**60000km**) after **300days**

Beyond the cartoon, part I

- There are mathematical complications with this simplified calculation:
- MONDian magnetic field,
- Details of general “relativistic” MONDian theories

A taste of the complications



$$\nabla \cdot [\mu(|\nabla\phi|)\nabla\phi] = kG\rho$$

$$u = \frac{4\pi\mu}{k} \nabla\phi$$



$$\nabla \cdot u = 4\pi G\rho$$

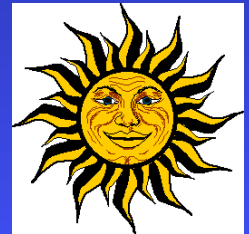
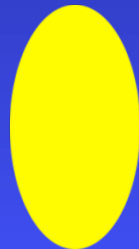
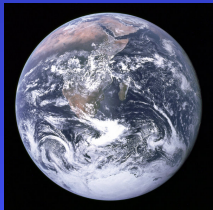
$$\nabla \wedge \frac{u}{\mu} = 0$$



$$u = F^{(N)} + \nabla \wedge h$$

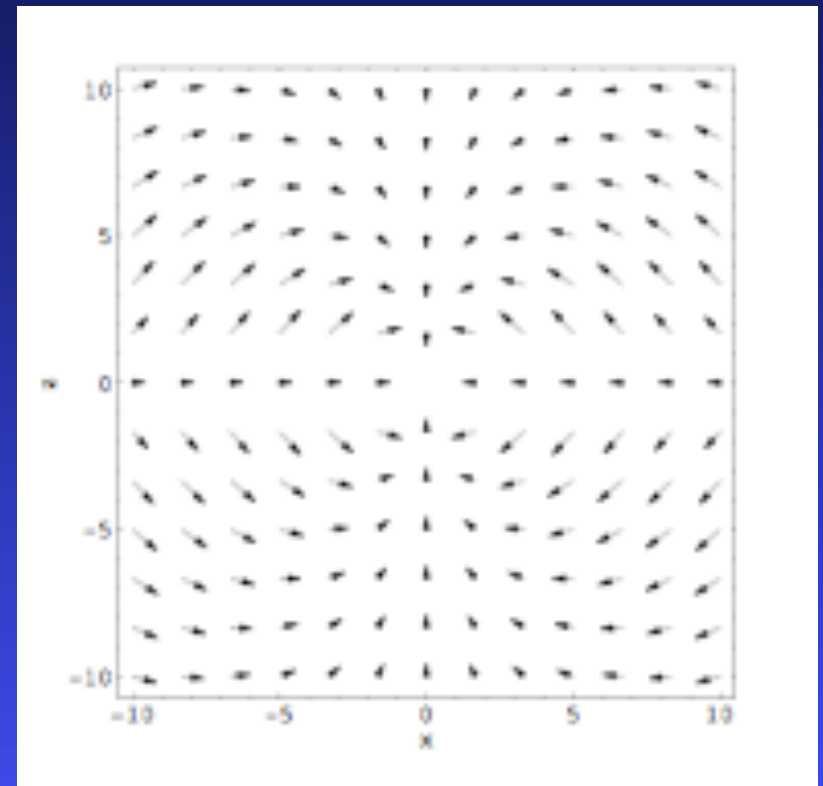
The basic picture: an ellipsoidal bubble where effects are large

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Outside (perturbative) region

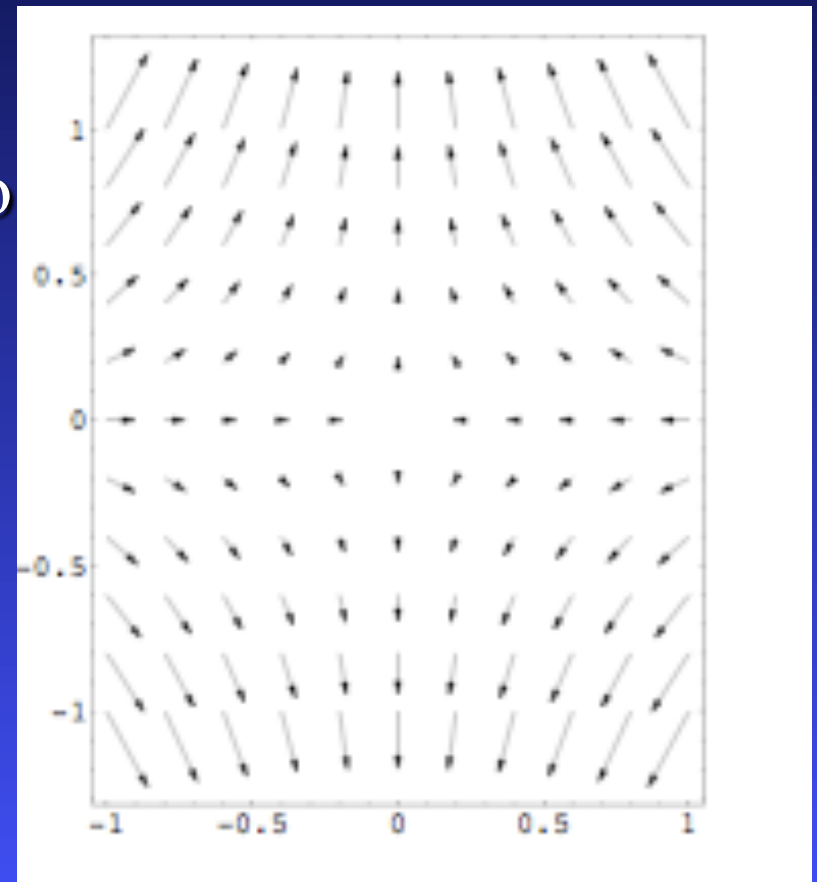
- Maximal fractional effect is at the border ellipsoid
- It then falls off as $1/r^2$



The inner region profile

- The tidal stress explosion is there but it's much softer due to the curl term


$$\frac{\delta F}{F} \propto \left(\frac{r}{r_0} \right)^{-0.24}$$



In relativistic theories MOND effects are due to an extra field

- Specifically:

$$\Phi = \Phi_N + \phi$$

g_{00} 

- The extra field has equation:

$$\nabla \left[\mu \left(\frac{\kappa}{4\pi a_0} |\nabla \phi| \right) \nabla \phi \right] = \kappa G \tilde{\rho}$$

The free function is heavily constrained by the following considerations:

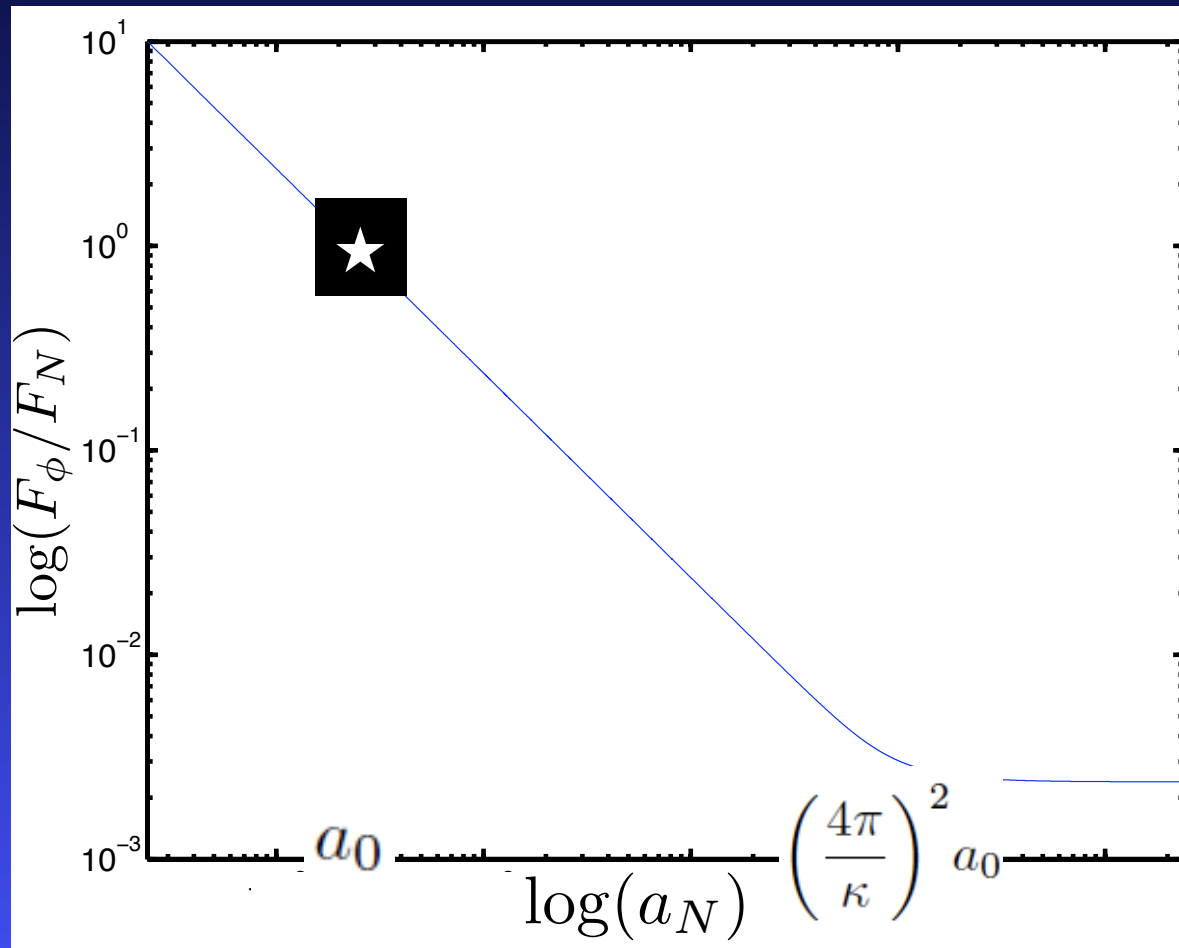
- In the Newtonian (non-relativistic, non-MONDian) limit:

$$\begin{aligned}\nabla^2 \Phi_N &= 4\pi G\rho \\ \nabla(\mu \nabla \phi) &= \kappa G\rho\end{aligned}$$

$$\tilde{G} = G \left(1 + \frac{\kappa}{4\pi} \right)$$

- ϕ must then be subdominant ($\kappa \sim 0.03$)

This places constraints on the free function:



$$\frac{\kappa}{4\pi}$$

Thus MONDian regime in ϕ must start at accelerations higher than a_0

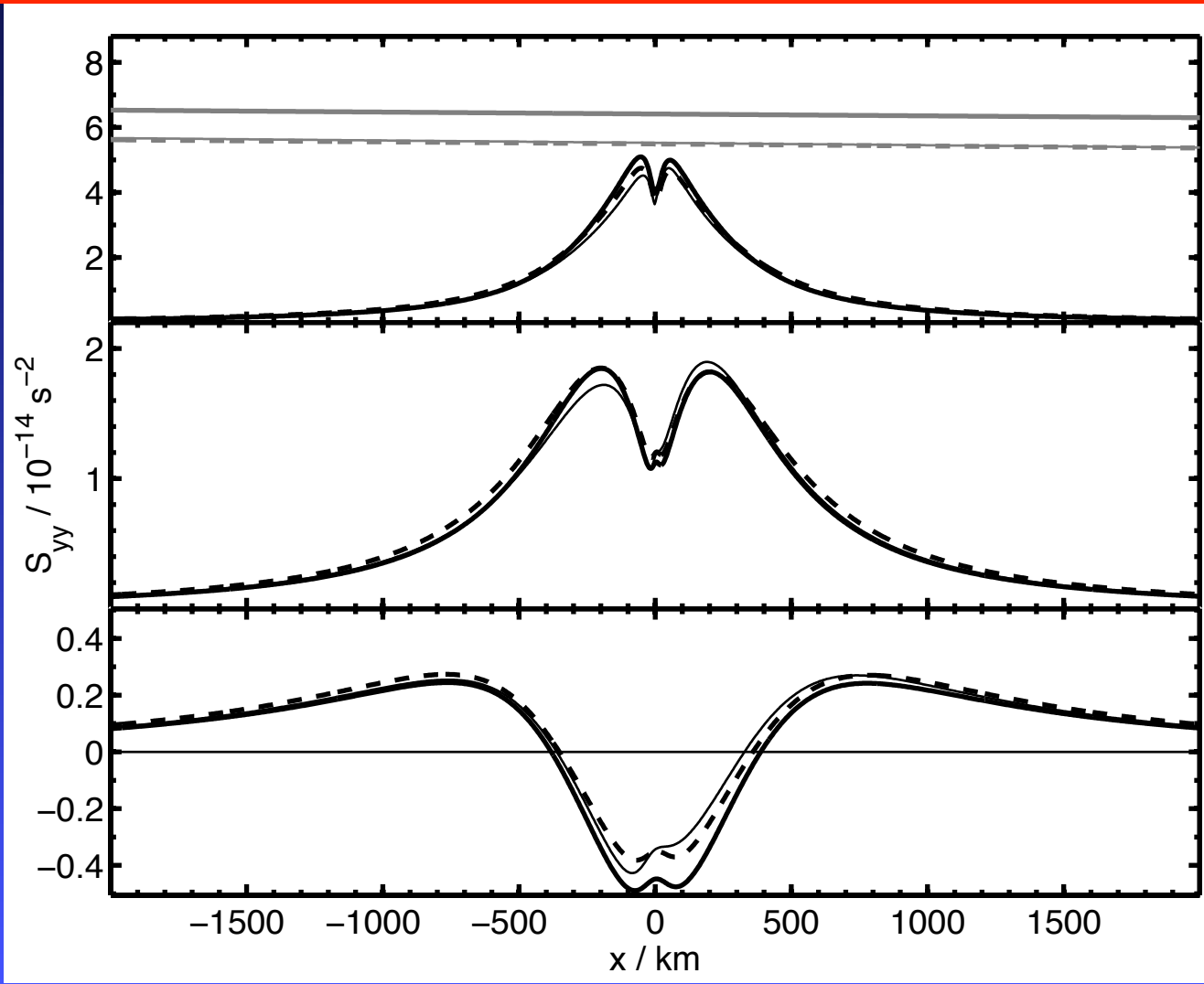
- In the Newtonian limit: $\tilde{G} = G \left(1 + \frac{\kappa}{4\pi} \right)$
- ϕ must then be subdominant ($\kappa \sim 0.03$)
- Must trigger MONDian behaviour in ϕ at much larger Newtonian accelerations:

$$a_N = \left(\frac{4\pi}{\kappa} \right)^2 a_0 \sim 1.75 \times 10^5 a_0 \sim 10^{-5} \text{ ms}^{-2}$$

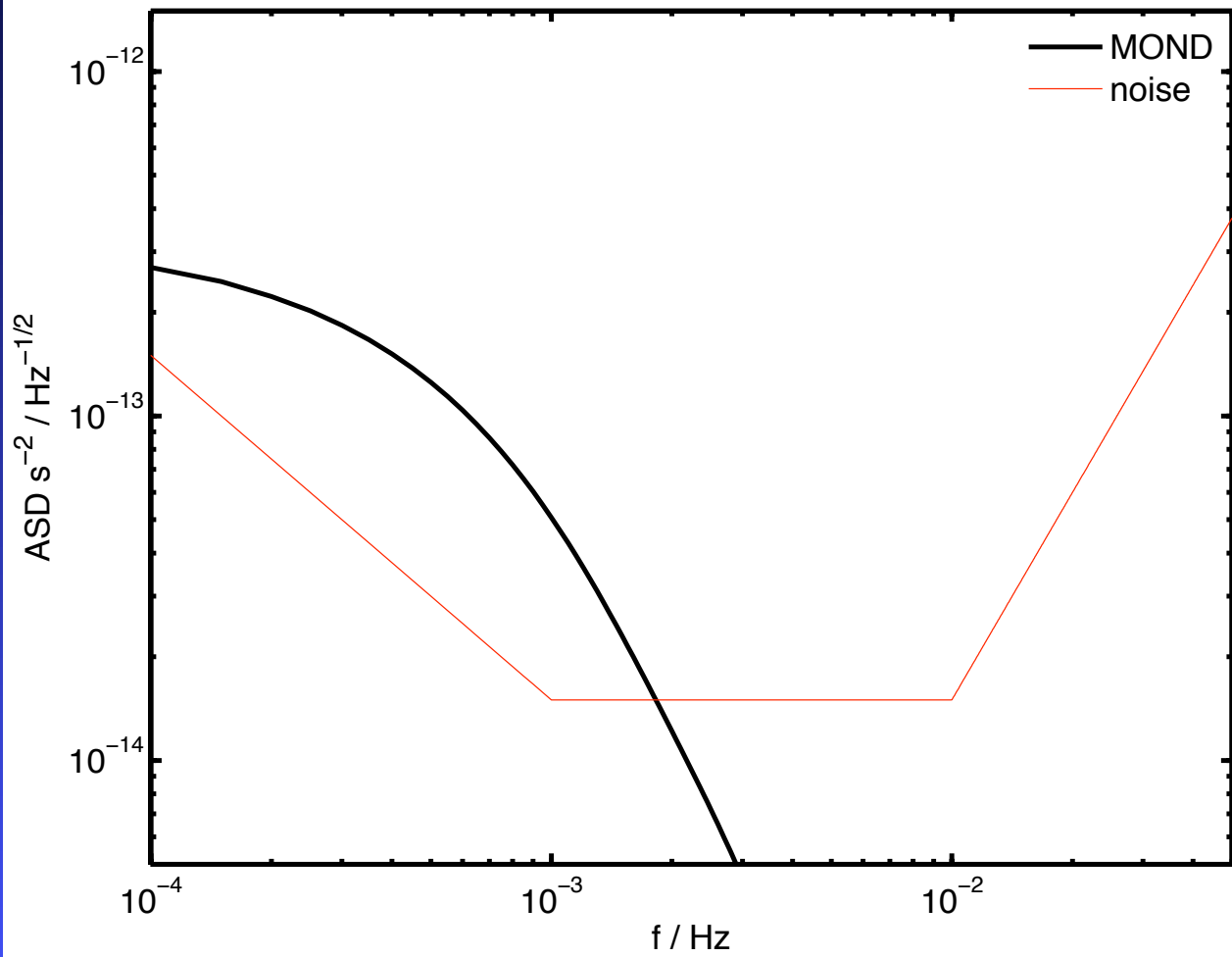
ANYWAY.....

What are the predictions?

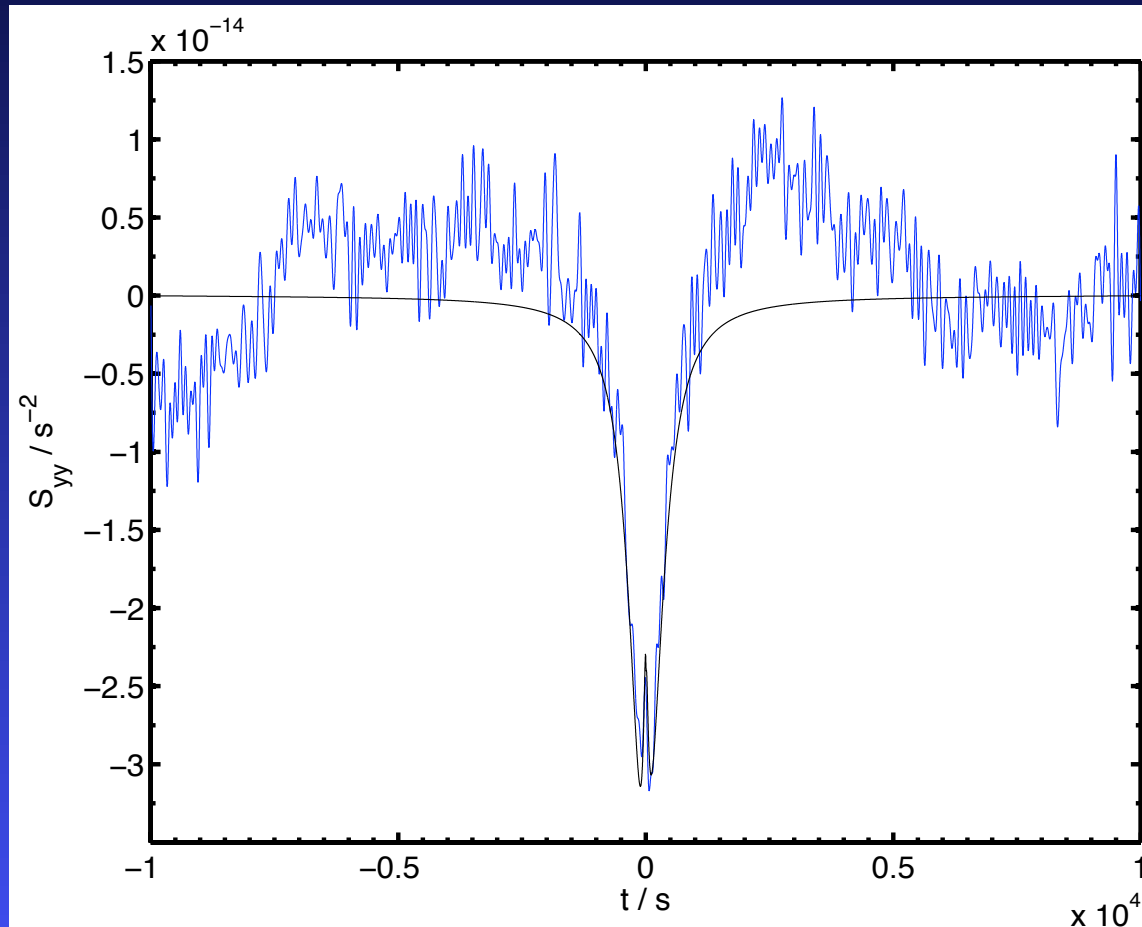
Transverse tidal stress at impact 25, 100, 400 Km of the Earth-Sun saddle



The coincidence of the century



Simulating the signal and noise



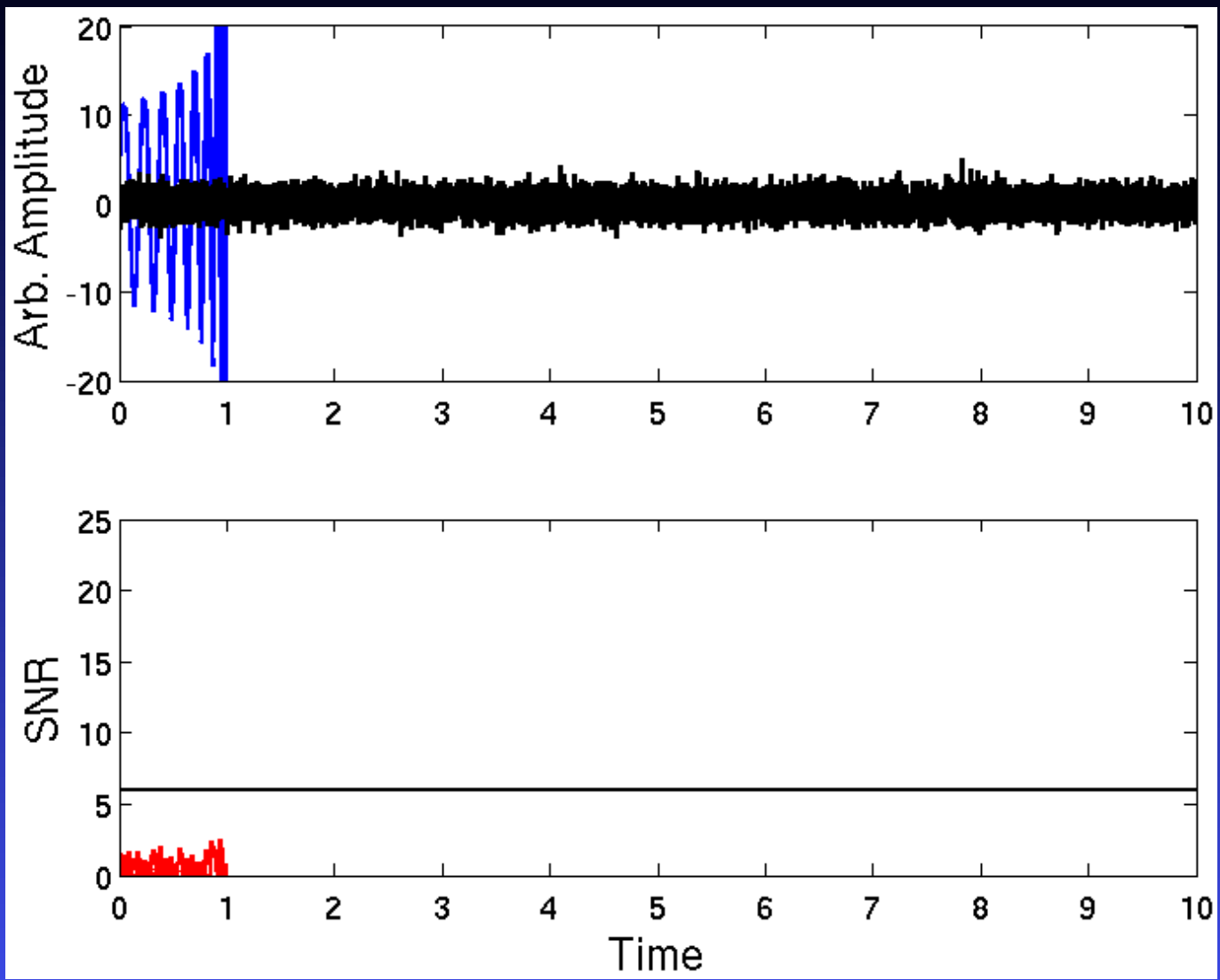
This can be quantified better:

- Borrow noise-matched filters from gravity wave detection (but with a significant simplification: we know where the template starts).
- The SNR is, as usual:

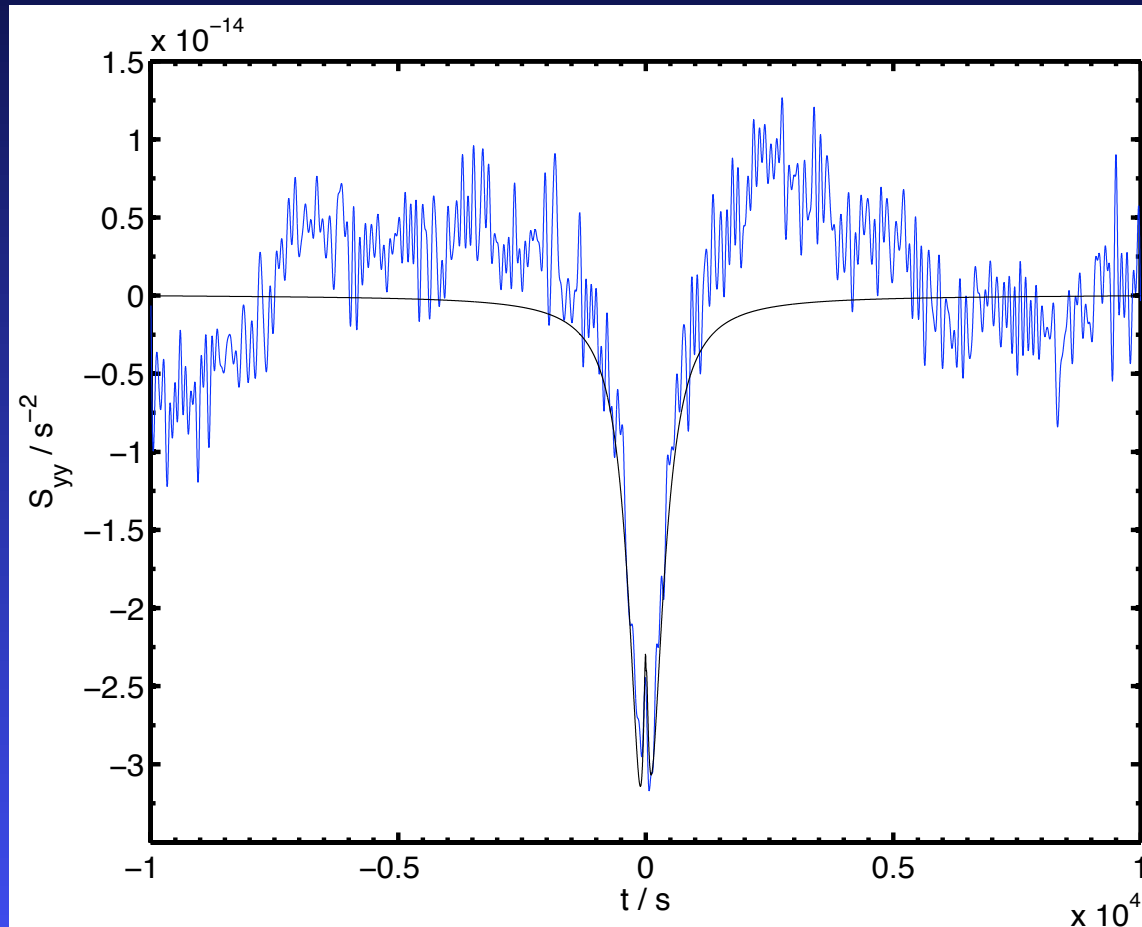
$$SNR = 2 \left[\int_0^{\infty} df \frac{|\tilde{h}(f)|^2}{N(f)} \right]^{1/2}$$

Fourier transform of
Template

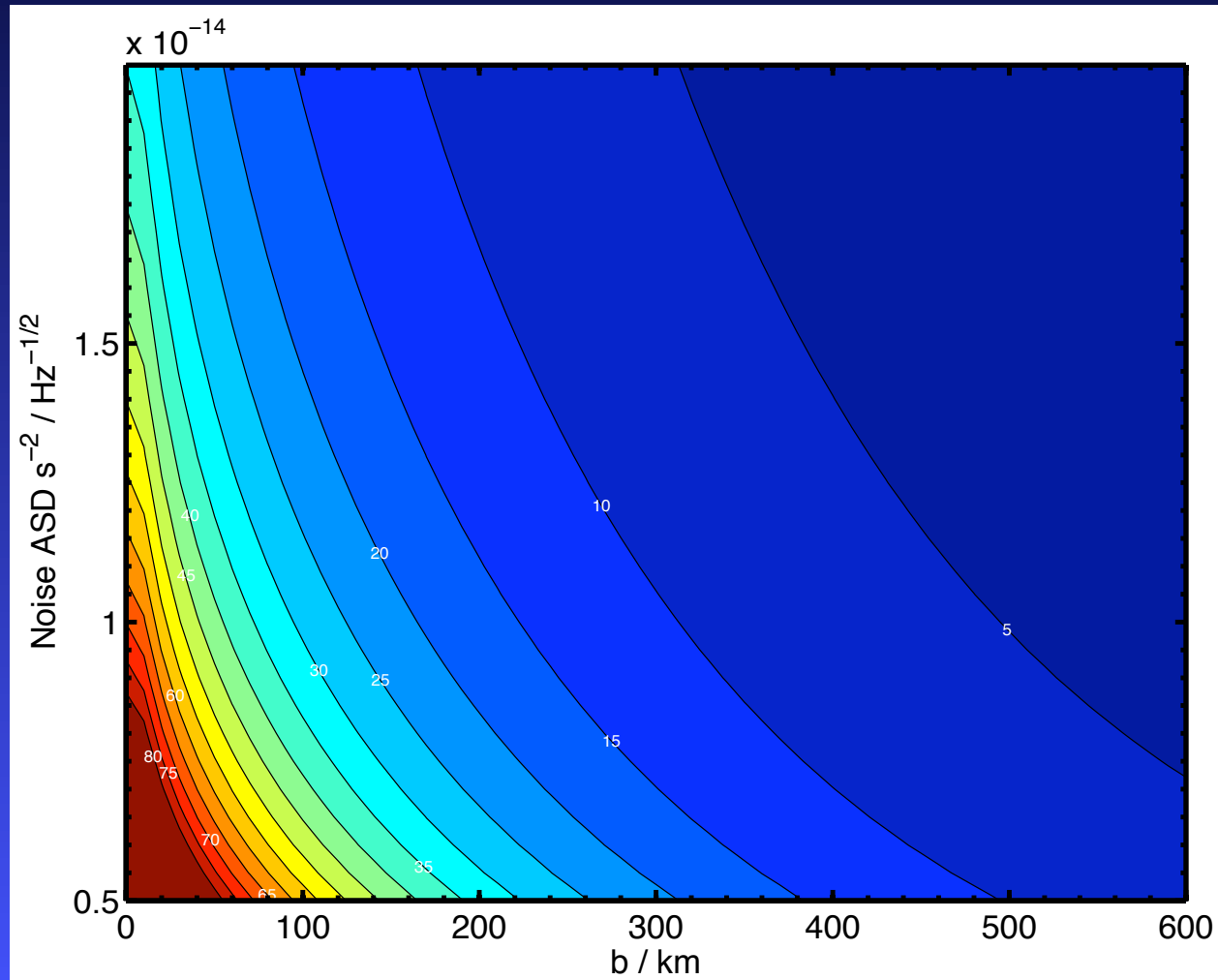
Noise power
spectrum



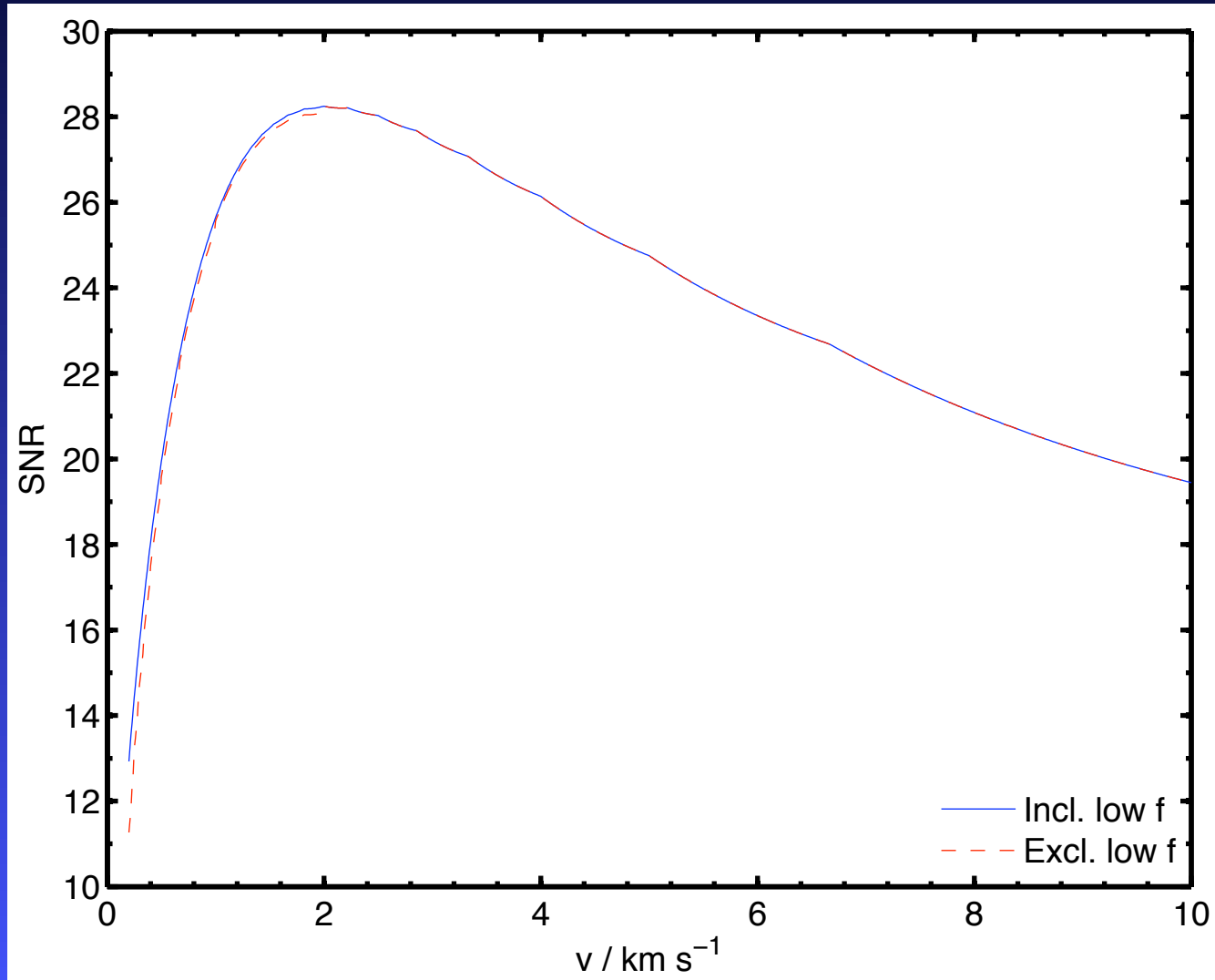
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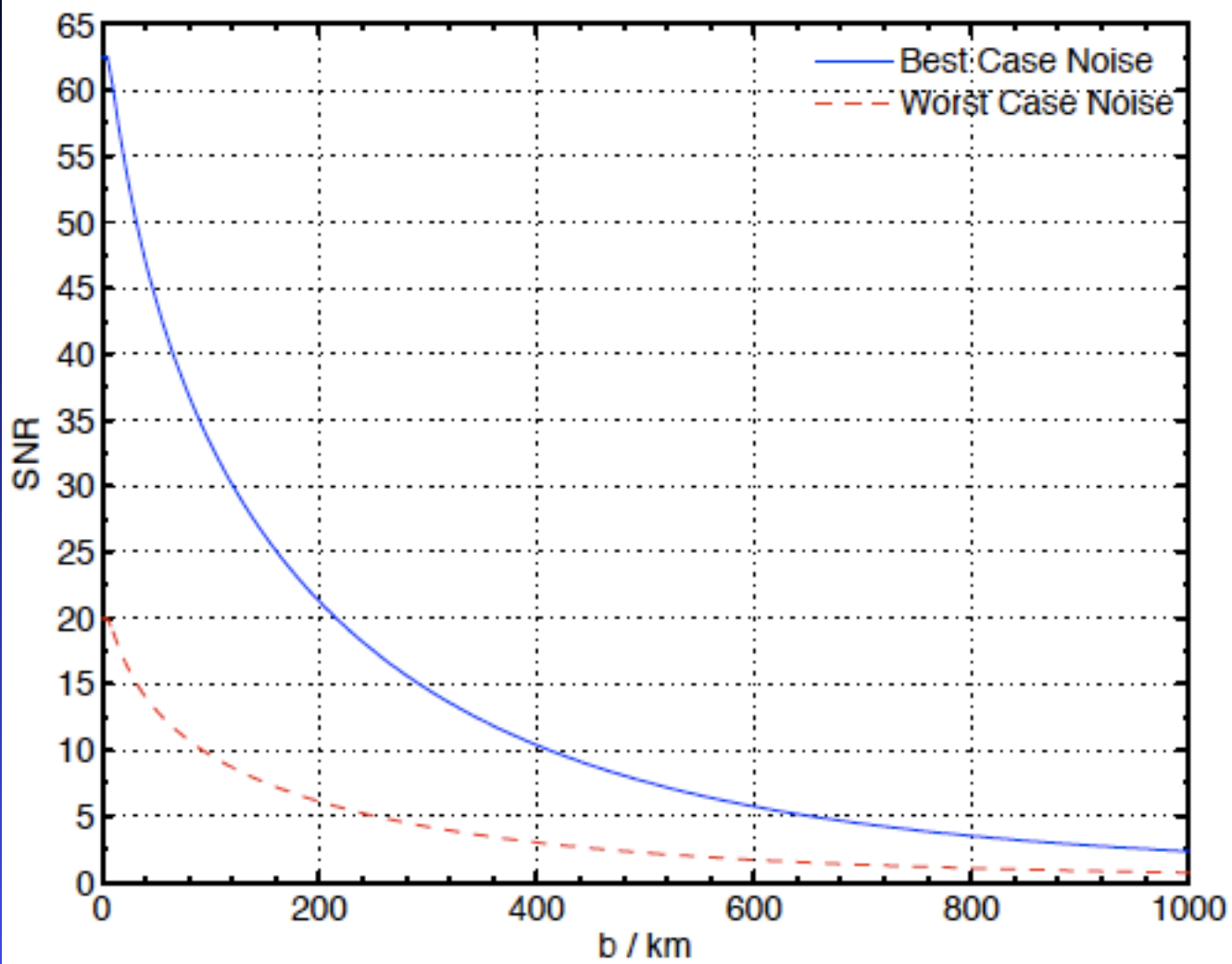


SNR for different b and noise at $v=1.5\text{Km/sec}$



The effect of the velocity at $b=50$ Km

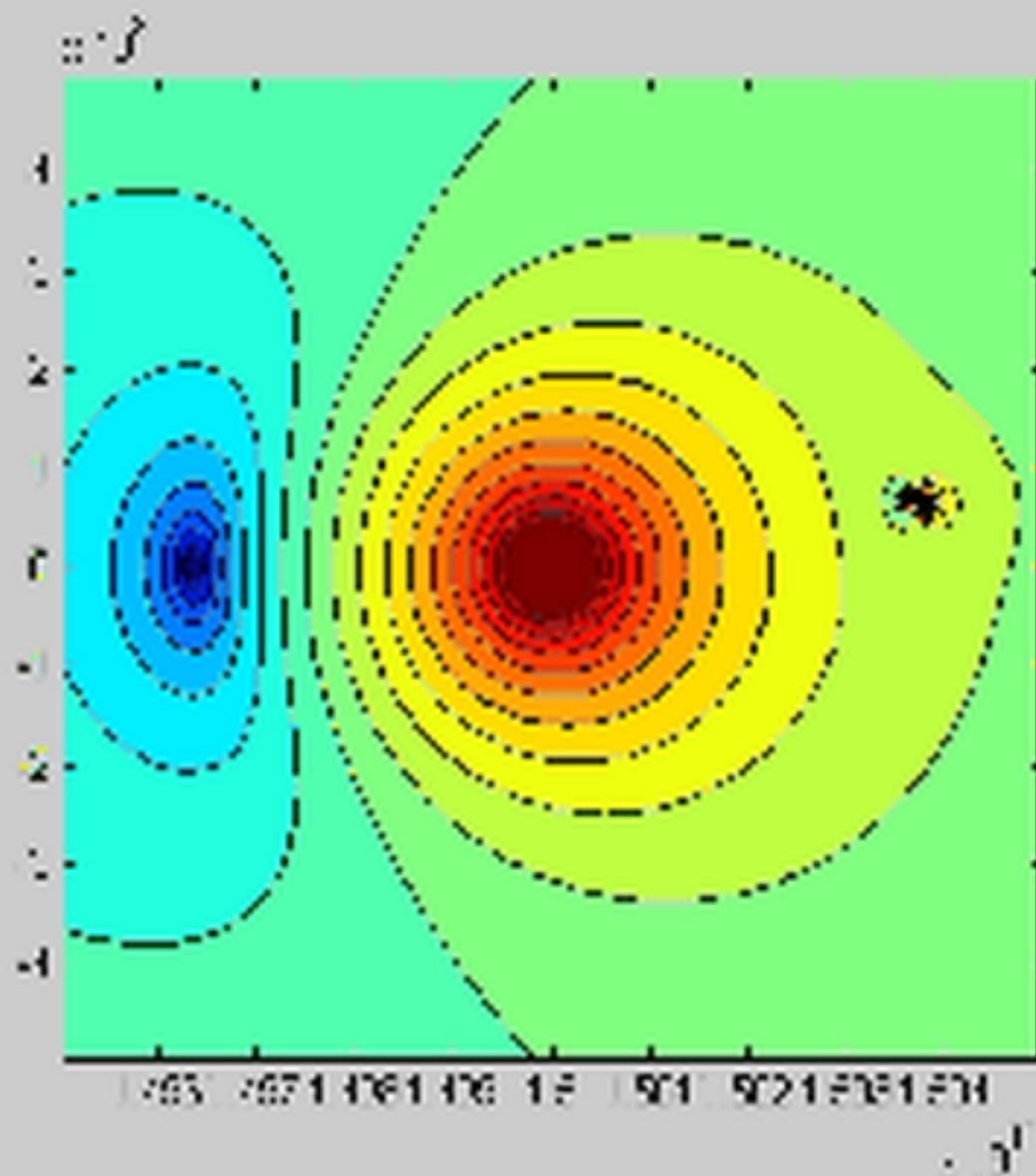




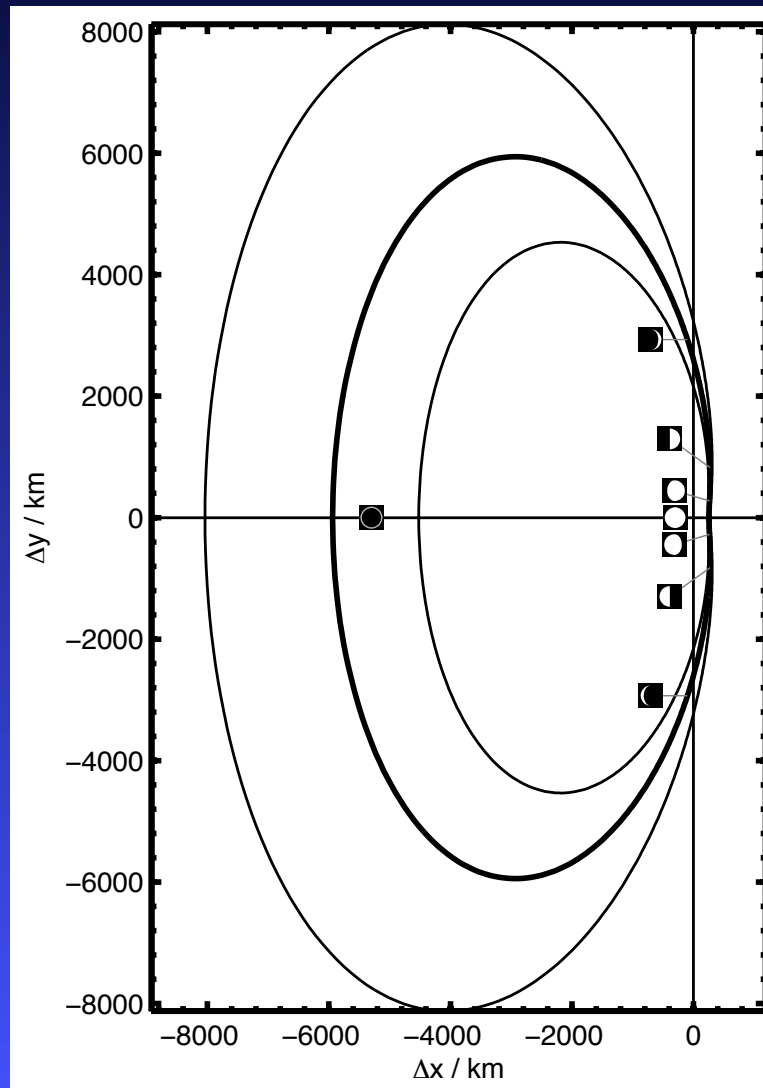
Beyond the cartoon, part II:

- A practical matter: the Moon is a clear perturbation. Is this going to be a pain?

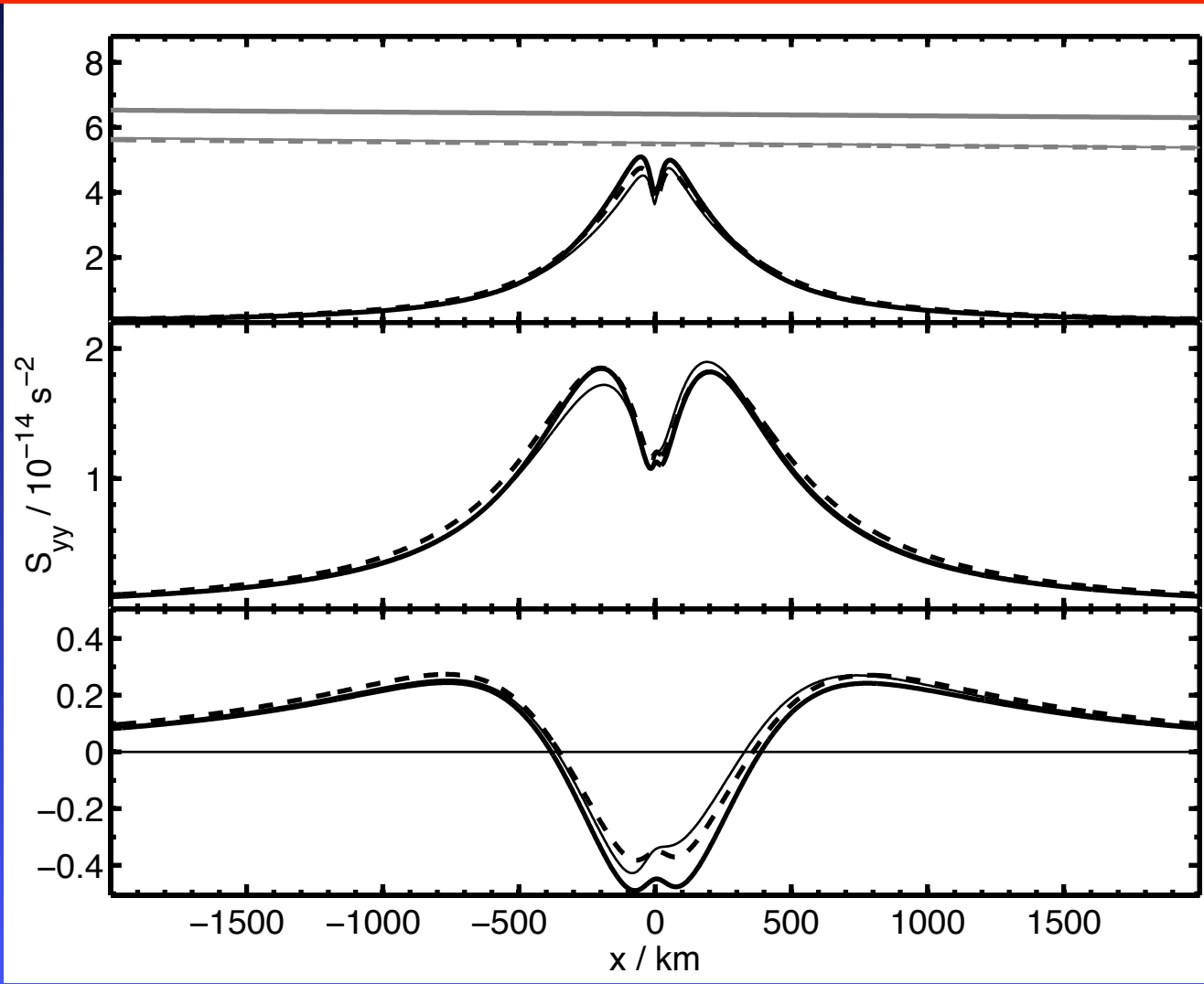
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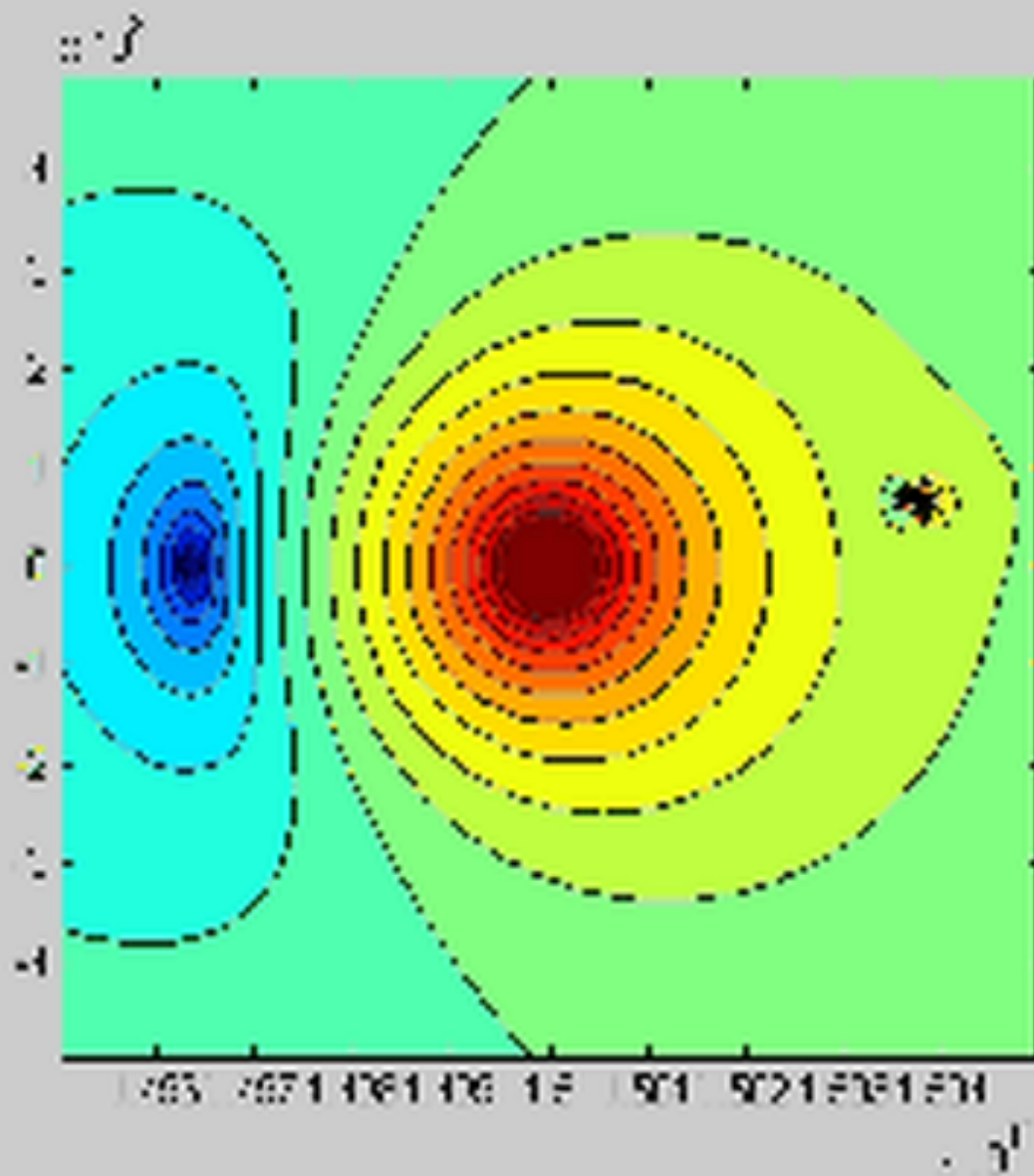


The Earth-Sun saddle is stable

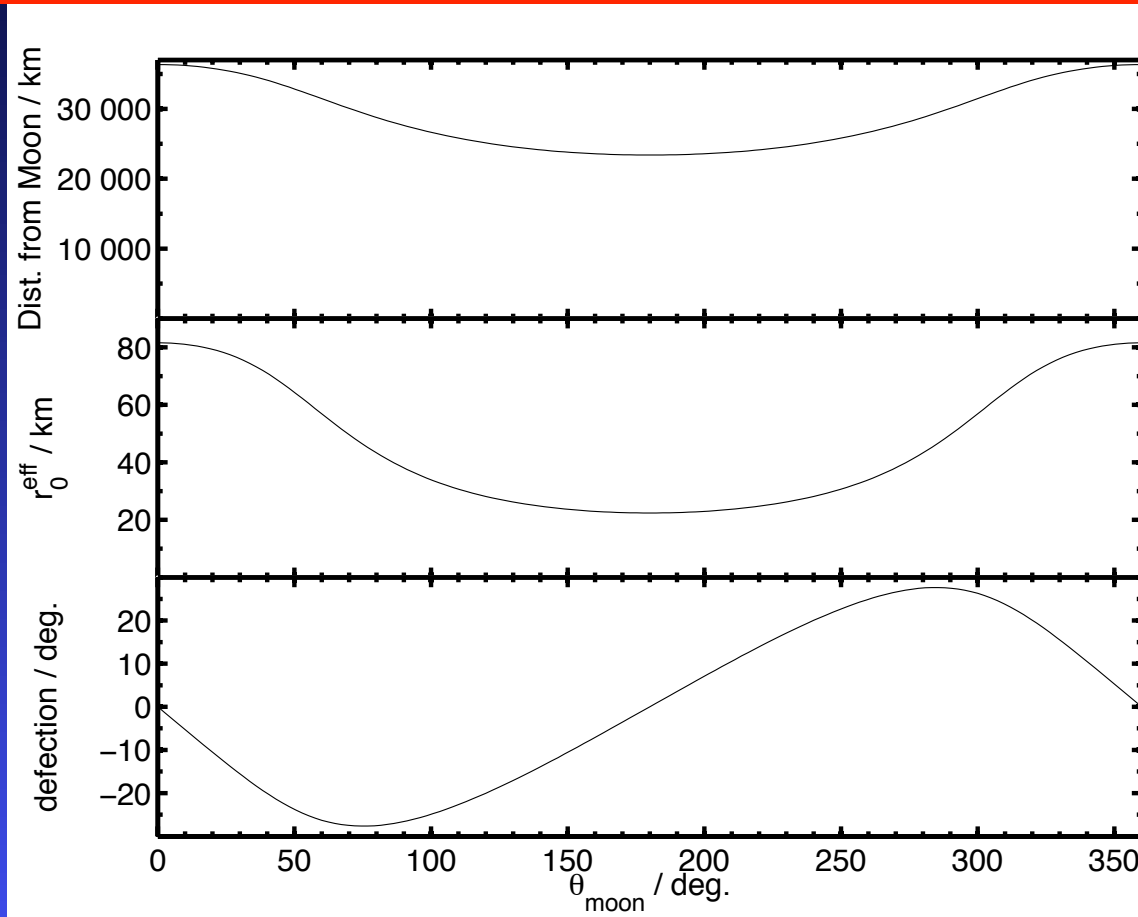


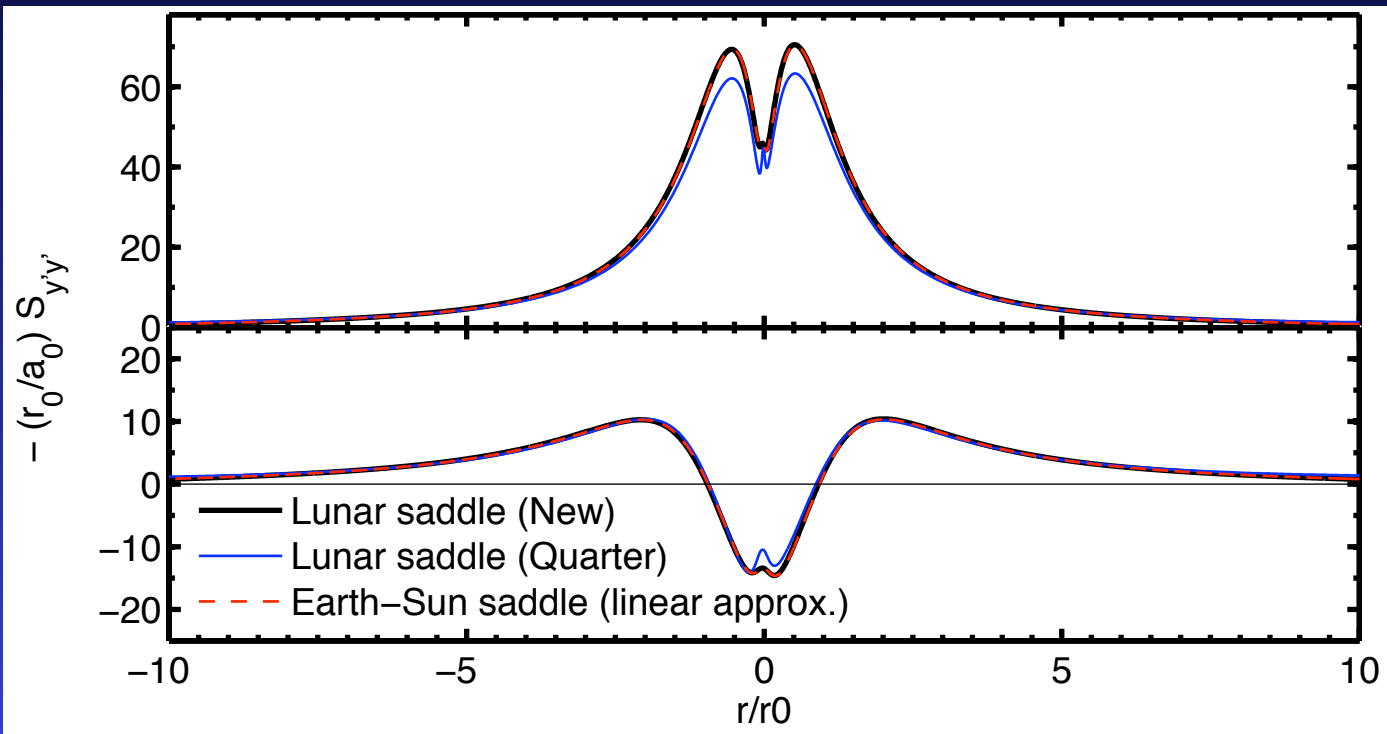
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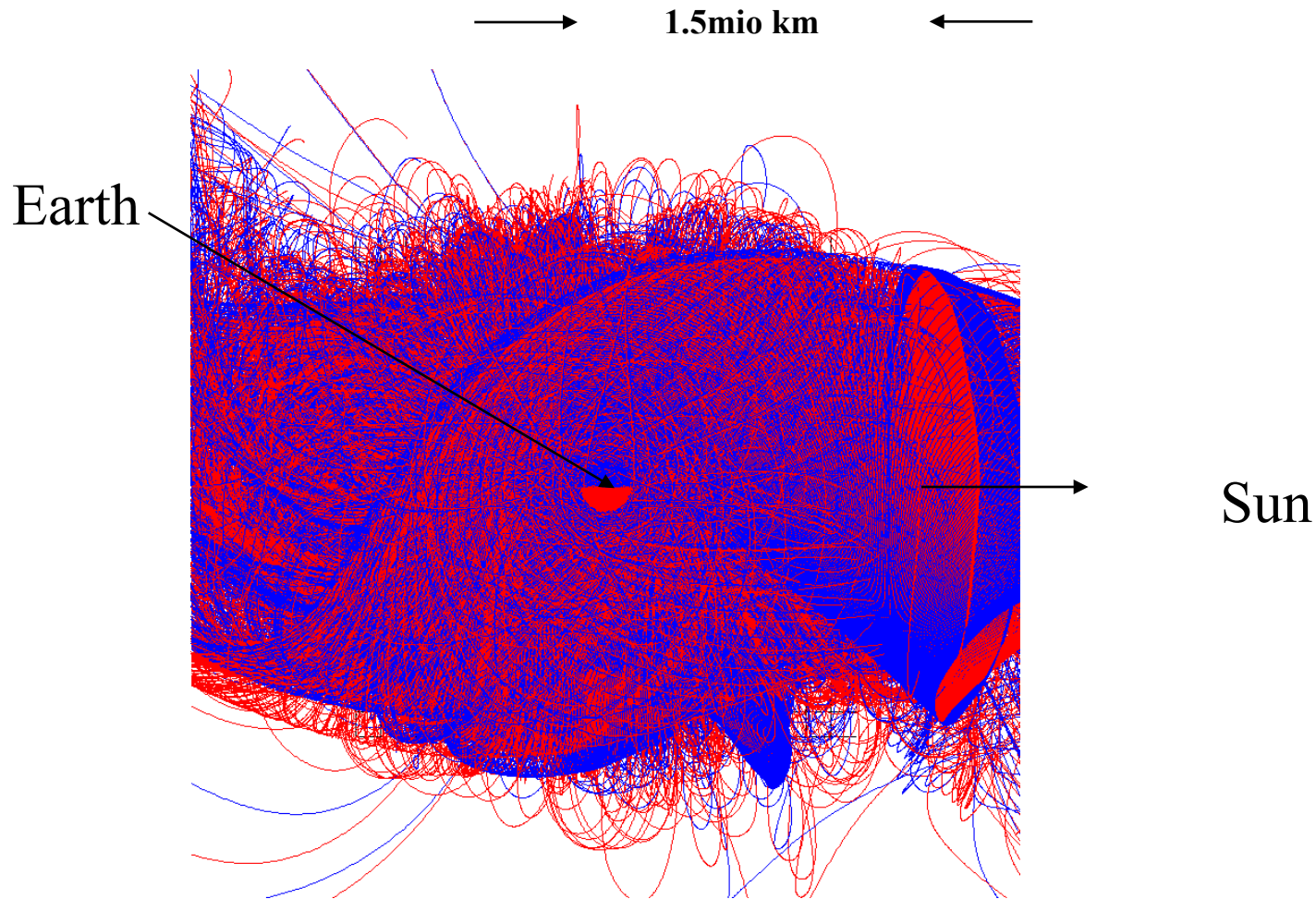
Is the lunar saddle any good?





Potential Trajectories for LISA Pathfinder

- Illustration of the chaotic nature of the problem:



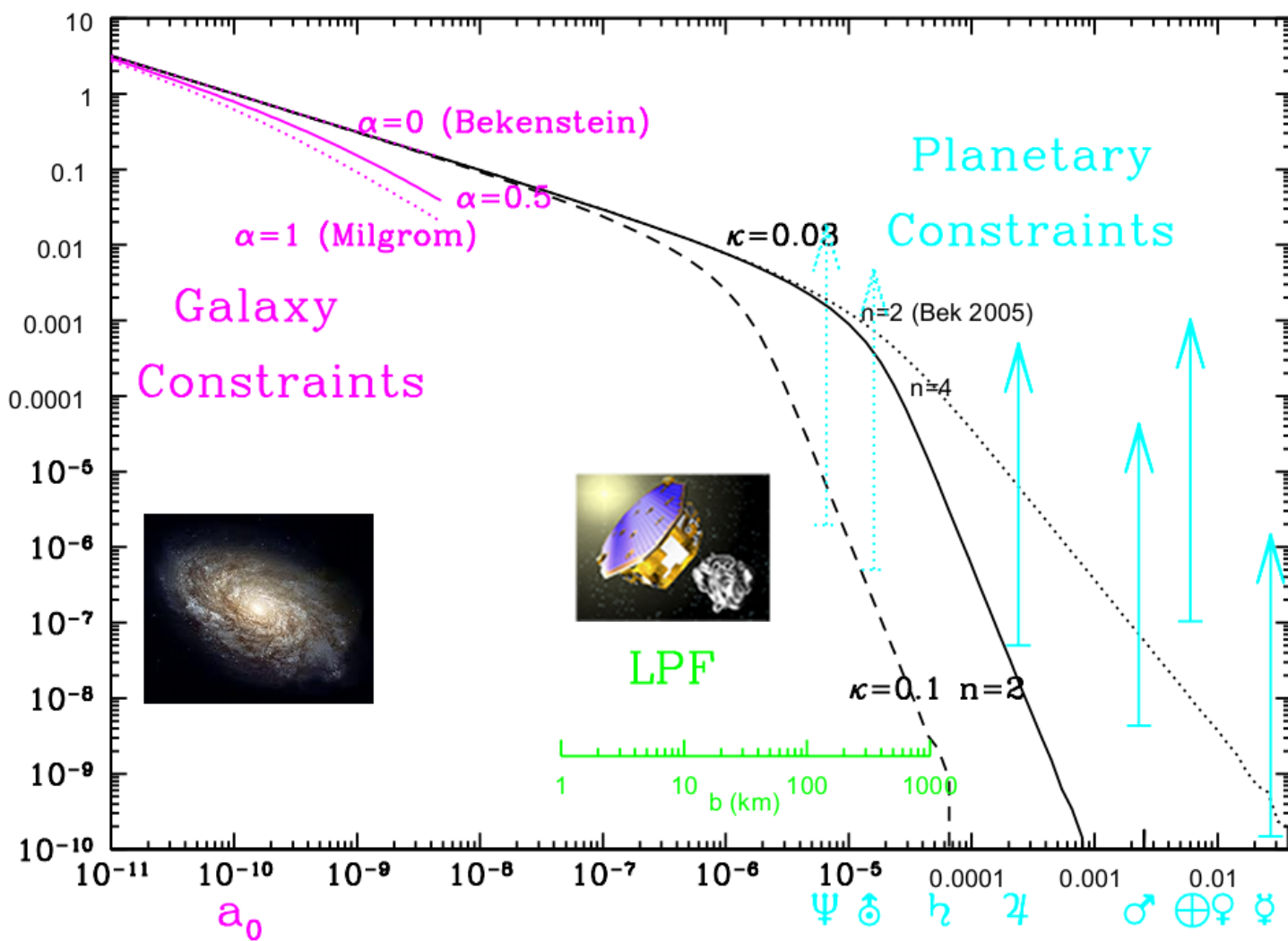
Single dV manoeuvres between 0.5m/s and 1m/s applied at 0.25 day intervals

How generic a test of MOND is this?

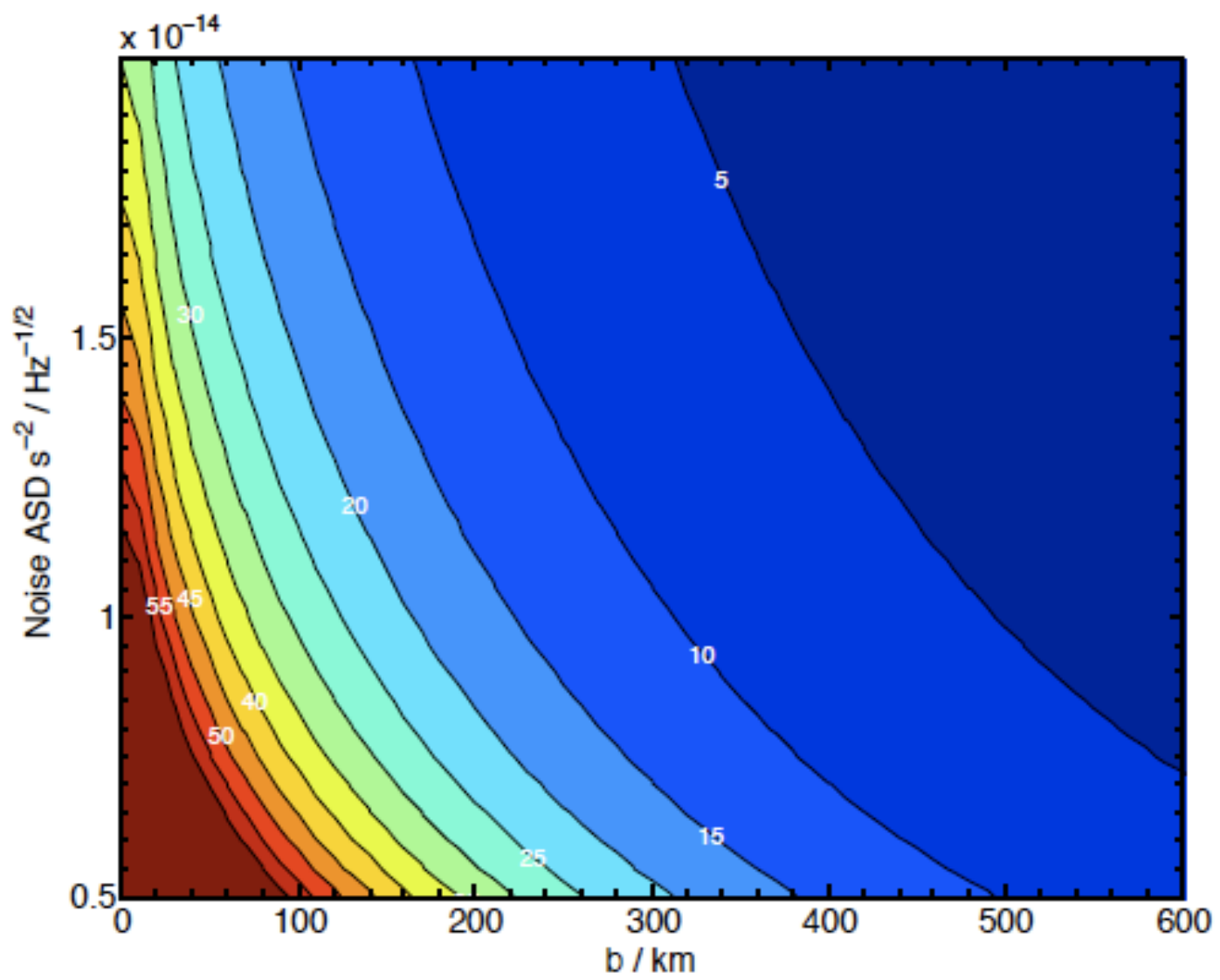
- Most of viable $\mu(y)$ in literature have essentially the same behaviour in the regime being tested
- They differ in the fall off
- They differ where ϕ takes over the Newtonian potential (not probed by LPF).



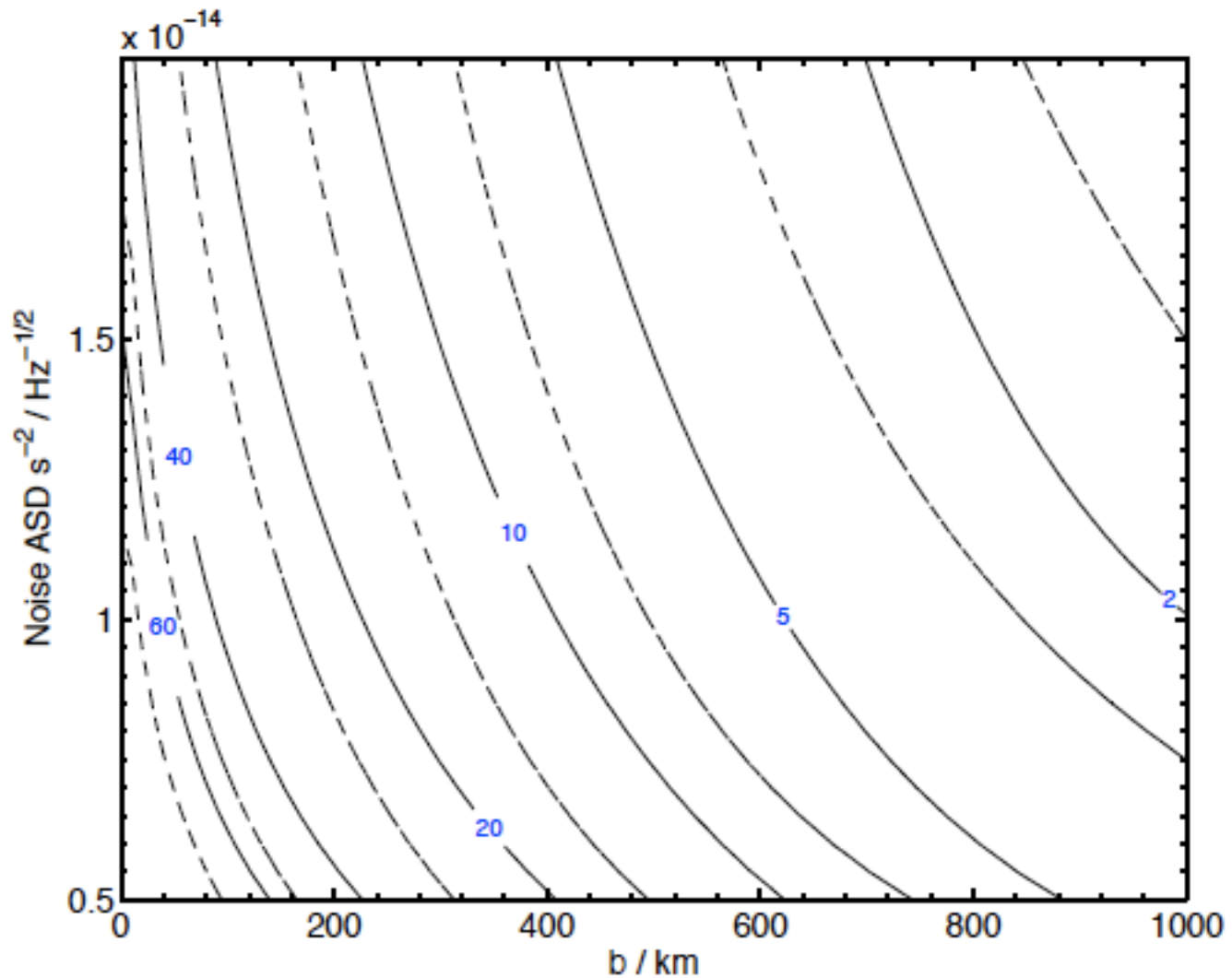
Fractional anomalous force ($\delta F/F_N$)



Newtonian force per unit mass F_N (ms^{-2})

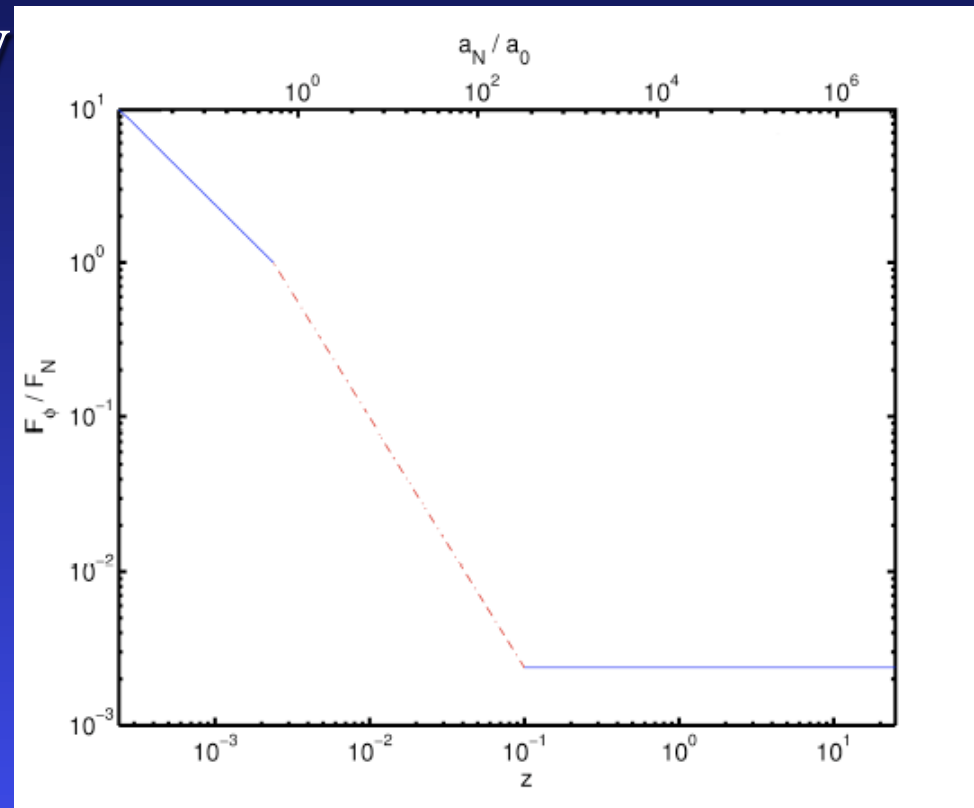


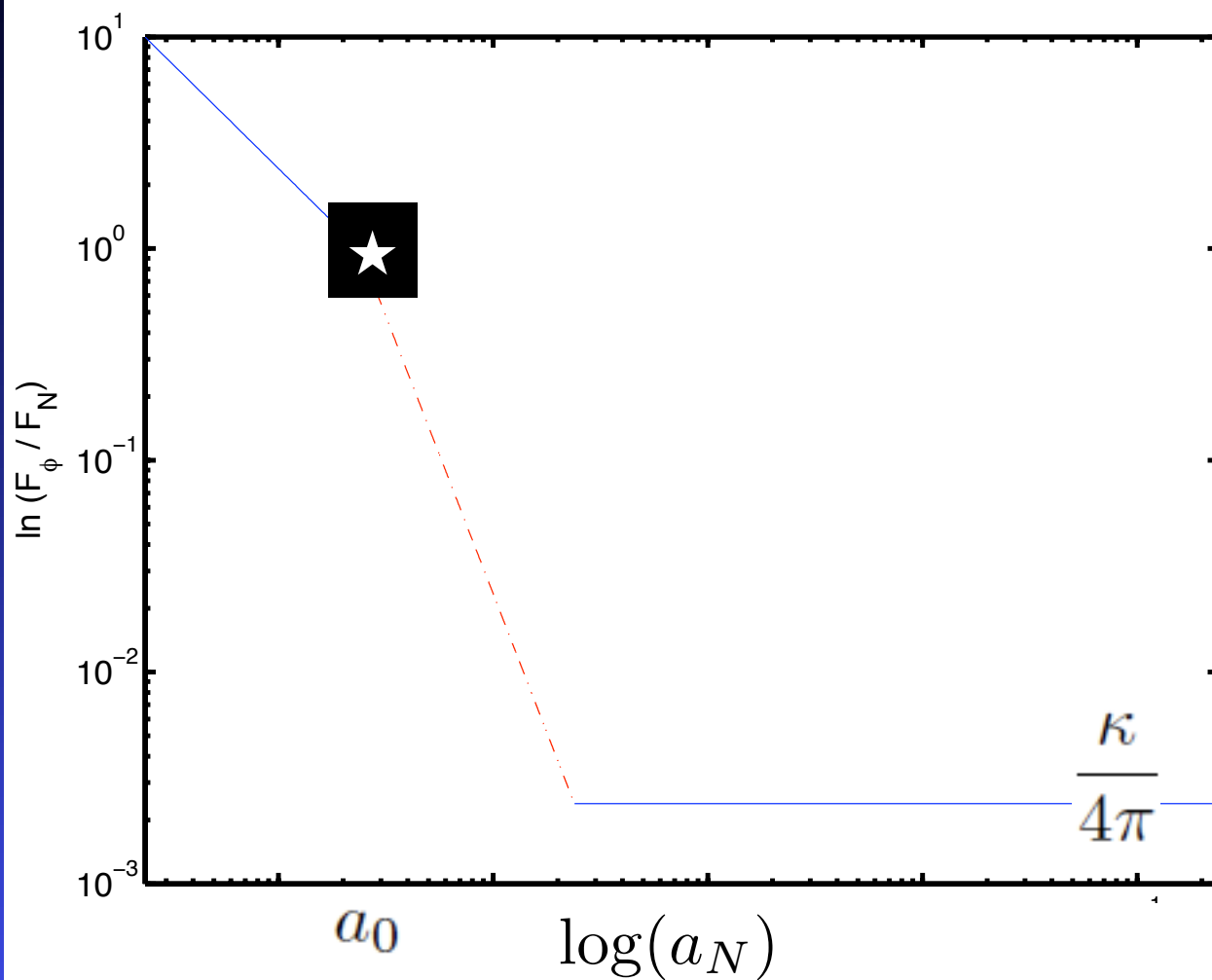
What about different types of theory?



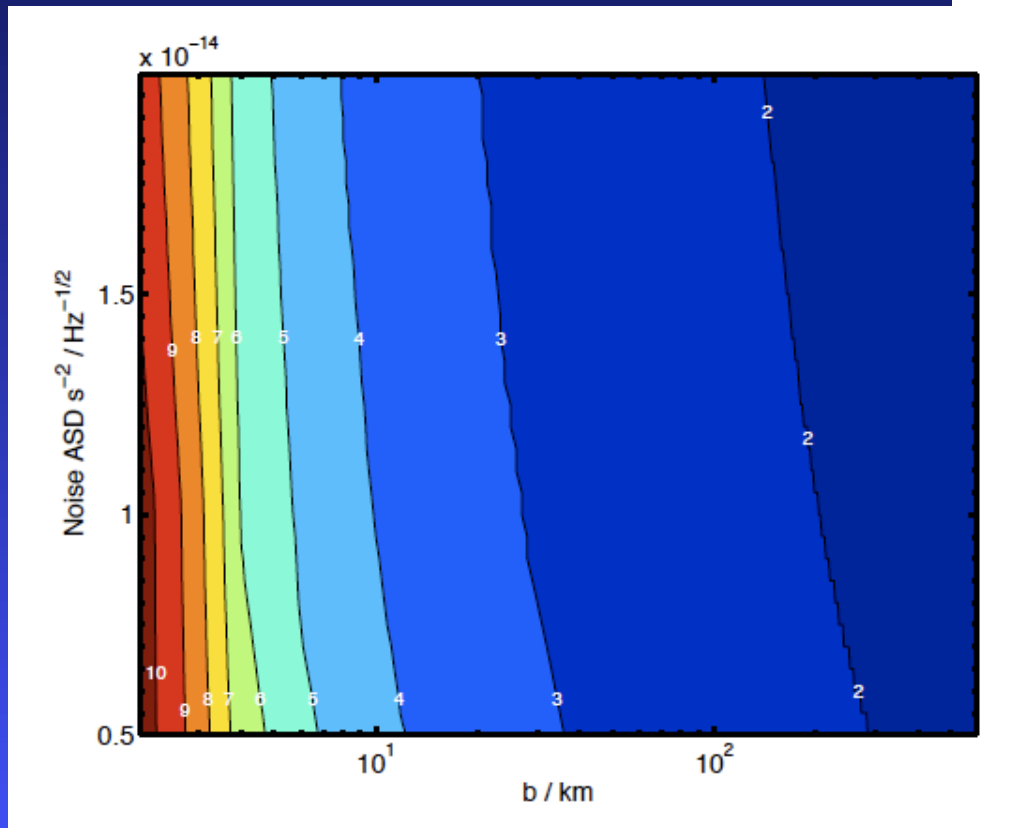
What kind of theory could survive a negative result?

- A double power law in $\mu(y)$ would bypass a negative result





A "Ridicule-O-meter"



A negative result would be pretty damning

- A double power law in $\mu(y)$ would bypass a negative result
- The intermediate power would have to be very large
- RIDICULOUS!



Conclusions:

- We have produced detailed predictions for a LPF signal for the Earth-Sun (and Moon) saddles
- SNR ratios hit double/triple figures even with modest assumptions on impact parameters and noise
- A negative result would kill MOND in most relativistic incarnations

Let's do the experiment!
It will answer many questions.

- Is dark matter a “Vulcan”?
- Is modifying gravity unwarranted lunacy?

