

# Hubble tension and quantum gravity effects

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# Main message

**Looking for a solution of the Hubble tension  
that involves a geometric RG flow**

**Running of the Hubble parameter in a stochastic thermal time**

**Strategy: from an empty Universe to a Universe filled with matter**

**First principle discussion and running of the cosmological constant**

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**Analysis for the Hubble parameter in the realistic case**

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# Plan of the seminar

**Symmetries and the path integral approach**

**The Ricci flow from the RG perspective**

**The Ricci flow and the Stochastic Quantization**

**Thermal time and conformal transformation**

**The Hamiltonian version of the Ricci flow and its interpretation**

**QG macroscopic effect: a way out from Hubble tension?**

**Can the Ricci flow matter for matter?**

**Gravitational back-reaction to YM fields**

**Topological features of vacua**

# Searching over 100 years...

## Summing over quantum histories

Imposition of the constraints at the quantum level vs fluctuations

## The fate of the symmetries

Spontaneous vs dynamical symmetry breaking

Frisch, Rumpf...

## Emergence of conformal symmetry in the UV

Finite gravity vs Convergence to zero of all coupling constants

Stelle, Toumbolis, Modesto...

# Searching over 100 years...

**Conformal anomaly and dimensional transmutation**

**Emergence of scale and new degrees of freedom**

**Renormalization group flow**

**Searching for a non-trivial fixed point and control of UV behaviour**

# Ricci flow

Developing a geometric intuition on the RG flow

$$S = \alpha' \int_{\mathcal{M}} d^2\sigma \sqrt{-h} h^{ab}(\sigma) g_{ij}(X) \frac{\partial X^i}{\partial \sigma^a} \frac{\partial X^j}{\partial \sigma^b}$$

The case of the non-linear sigma models

$$\frac{\partial g_{ij}}{\partial \lambda} = -\alpha' R_{ij} - \frac{\alpha'^2}{2} R_{iklm} R_j{}^{klm} + \dots$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \lambda} g_{\mu\nu} = -2R_{\mu\nu}$$

Hamilton

# Complementing with randomness

## Ricci flow and the variational principle

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\partial}{\partial \lambda} g_{\mu\nu} &= -2R_{\mu\nu} \\ &= -2 \left[ R_{\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{2} g_{\mu\nu} R \right] - g_{\mu\nu} R \\ &= -2 \frac{\delta S_G}{\delta g^{\mu\nu}} - \underbrace{g_{\mu\nu} R}_{\text{substitute with noise}}\end{aligned}$$

## Langevin equation and random noise

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \lambda} \phi_A(x^\mu, \lambda) = -\frac{\delta S[\phi]}{\delta \phi_A} + \eta(x^\mu, \lambda)$$

Parisi & Wu

# Stochastic quantization

**Describe approach to equilibrium**

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \lambda} \phi_A (x^\mu, \lambda) = - \frac{\delta S [\phi]}{\delta \phi_A} + \eta_A (x^\mu, \lambda)$$

**Additive noise associated**

$$\langle \eta_A (x, \lambda) \eta_B (x', \lambda') \rangle = \alpha_\eta \delta_{AB} \delta (x - x') \delta (\lambda - \lambda')$$

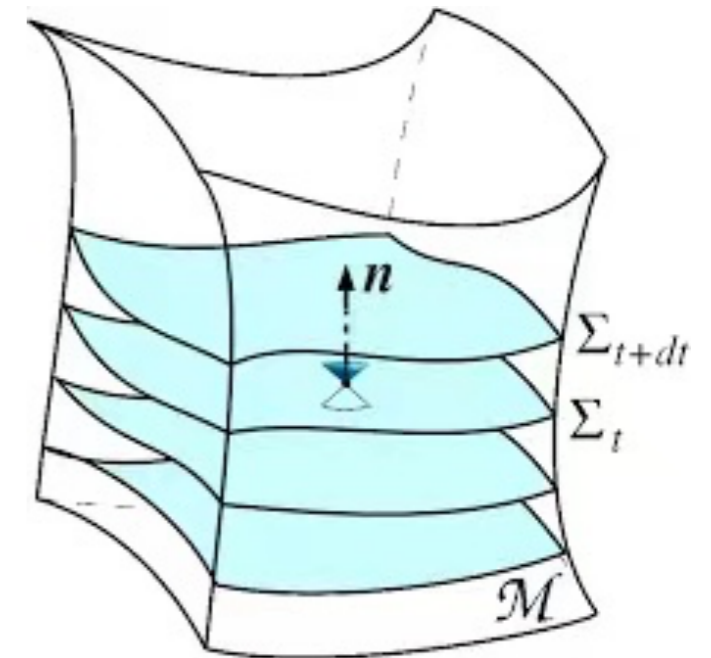
**Compute gauge invariant quantities without fixing the gauge**



# Thermal time and conformal transformation

$$\varepsilon^2(\lambda) = \exp \left[ 2 \int_{\tau_0}^{\tau} d\bar{\tau} \varphi(\bar{\tau}, \lambda) \right]$$

The norm of the metric is not constant



$$\lambda \rightarrow \tau$$

From having introduced a projective term in the connection

$$\frac{dg_{\mu\nu}(\tau, \lambda)}{d\tau} = -2\varphi(\tau, \lambda)g_{\mu\nu}(\tau, \lambda).$$

# Projective connection

$$\bar{\Gamma}_{\alpha\beta}^{\gamma} = \Gamma_{\alpha\beta}^{\gamma} + \mathcal{C}_{\alpha\beta}^{\gamma}$$

$$\mathcal{C}_{\alpha\beta}^{\gamma} = \lambda_1 \delta_{\alpha}^{\gamma} u_{\beta} + \lambda_2 u_{\alpha} \delta_{\beta}^{\gamma} + \lambda_3 w_{\alpha\beta} u^{\gamma} + \lambda_4 u_{\alpha} u_{\beta} u^{\gamma}$$

$$\sqrt{-g} \bar{R} = \sqrt{-g} R + \sqrt{-g} g^{\beta\delta} \left( \mathcal{C}_{\beta\delta}^{\mu} \mathcal{C}_{\mu\alpha}^{\alpha} - \mathcal{C}_{\beta\alpha}^{\mu} \mathcal{C}_{\mu\delta}^{\alpha} \right)$$

**Cosmological term induced in the action**

$$\begin{aligned} & \sqrt{-g} g^{\beta\delta} \left( \mathcal{C}_{\beta\delta}^{\mu} \mathcal{C}_{\mu\alpha}^{\alpha} - \mathcal{C}_{\beta\alpha}^{\mu} \mathcal{C}_{\mu\delta}^{\alpha} \right) \\ &= \sqrt{-g} \left[ (\lambda_2^2 + \lambda_3^2) (D - 1) u_{\mu} u^{\mu} \right] \end{aligned}$$

# Breakdown of the conformal symmetry

$$h_{\mu\nu} = h_{\mu\nu}^{\perp} + \partial_{\mu}a_{\nu}^{\perp} + \partial_{\nu}a_{\mu}^{\perp} \\ + \left( \partial_{\mu}\partial_{\nu} - \frac{1}{4}\eta_{\mu\nu}\square \right) a + \frac{1}{4}\eta_{\mu\nu}\varphi \\ \Phi = \varphi - \bar{\square}a$$

Einstein-Hilbert expanded on dS or AdS backgrounds

$$\mathcal{S}_{\text{EH}}^{(2)} = \frac{c^3}{16\pi G} \int d^4x \sqrt{-\bar{g}} \left[ \frac{1}{4} h_{\perp}^{\mu\nu} \left( \bar{\square} - \frac{\bar{R}}{6} \right) h_{\mu\nu}^{\perp} - \frac{3}{32} \Phi \left( \bar{\square} + \frac{\bar{R}}{3} \right) \Phi \right]$$

**Residual gauge transformation: conformal Killing vector and disappearance of the ghost**

$$h_{\mu\nu}^{\perp} \rightarrow h_{\mu\nu}^{\perp} + \nabla_{\mu}\xi_{\nu} + \nabla_{\nu}\xi_{\mu}, \quad \Phi \rightarrow \Phi + 2\nabla^{\mu}k_{\mu}$$

# Spectral dimension & Heat flow equation

$$\partial_s K(x, y; s) + \Delta_x K(x, y; s) = 0$$

$$d_s \equiv -2 \frac{\partial \text{Tr} K}{\partial \log s}$$

**Schwinger time as the Wick rotation of the thermal time**

$$D_F(x, y) = \int_0^\infty ds e^{-s\epsilon} e^{-ism^2} K_\eta(x, y; -is)$$

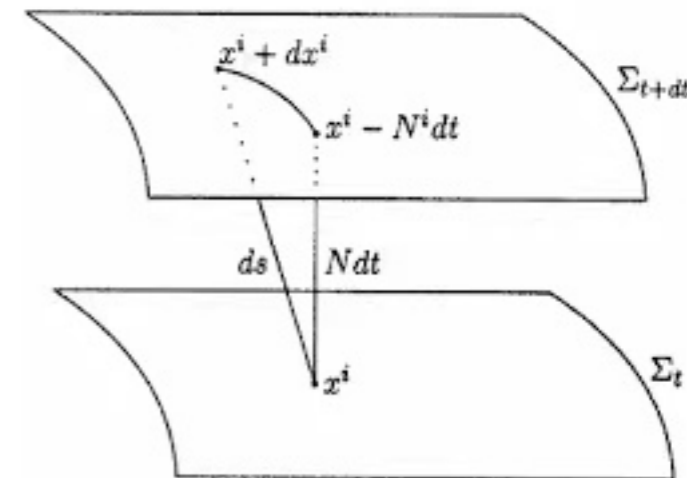
$$\frac{dg_{\mu\nu}}{ds} = -2R_{\mu\nu}$$

**Ricci flow precisely as a heat equation of either Riemannian or pseudo-Riemannian space**

# ADM decomposition

$$\begin{aligned}
 ds^2 &= g_{\mu\nu} dx^\mu dx^\nu \\
 &= -N^2 dt^2 + h_{ij} (dx^i + N^i dt) (dx^j + N^j dt)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$n_\mu = (-N, 0), \quad n^\mu = \left( \frac{1}{N}, -\frac{N^i}{N} \right)$$



$$\begin{aligned}
 K_{ij} &= -\nabla_{(j} n_{i)} = \\
 &= \frac{1}{2N} \left( -\partial_t h_{ij} + {}^{(3)}\nabla_{(i} N_{j)} + {}^{(3)}\nabla_{(j} N_{i)} \right)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \bar{\nabla}_{(\alpha} n_{\beta)} &= \nabla_{(\alpha} n_{\beta)} - \mathcal{C}_{(\alpha\beta)}^\gamma n_\gamma \\
 &= \nabla_{(\alpha} n_{\beta)} - (\lambda_1 + \lambda_2) n_\alpha n_\beta \\
 &\quad + \varepsilon(\lambda) [\lambda_3 w_{\alpha\beta} + \lambda_4 n_\alpha n_\beta]
 \end{aligned}$$

# Fokker-Planck and cosmological constant

Langevin equation with complex additive noise

$$\frac{\partial g_{\mu\nu}}{\partial s} = i\mathcal{G}_{\alpha\beta\mu\nu} \frac{\delta S}{\delta g_{\alpha\beta}} + g_{\mu\nu} \eta \quad \eta = \sigma_{\tilde{\eta}} \tilde{\eta}$$

Related Fokker-Planck within the Ito differential calculus

$$\frac{\partial p}{\partial s} = -\frac{\delta}{\delta g_{\mu\nu}} \left[ \mathcal{G}_{\alpha\beta\mu\nu} \frac{\delta S}{\delta g_{\alpha\beta}} p \right] + \frac{\delta^2}{\delta g_{\mu\nu} \delta g_{\rho\sigma}} [g_{\mu\nu}^2 p]$$

$$p \simeq \frac{D}{g_{\mu\nu}^2} \exp \left[ 2 \int^{g_{\mu\nu}} \mathcal{D}g_{\alpha\beta} \frac{\mathcal{G}_{\rho\sigma\alpha\beta} \frac{\delta S}{\delta g_{\rho\sigma}}}{\Lambda_0 g_{\alpha\beta}^2} \right] \longrightarrow \mathcal{G}_{\rho\sigma\mu\nu} \frac{\delta S}{\delta g_{\rho\sigma}} - i\Lambda_0 g_{\mu\nu} = 0$$

$$\sigma_{\tilde{\eta}} = \sqrt{\Lambda_0} \rightarrow e^{-i\frac{\pi}{4}} \sqrt{\Lambda_0}$$

# Hamiltonian analysis of the Ricci flow

$$\eta_{\mu\nu} = \eta g_{\mu\nu}$$

Multiplicative choice of the noise source entails additivity in the Hamiltonian ADM picture

$$\frac{\partial N}{\partial \lambda} = -\frac{N}{2} \left[ \frac{\mathcal{H}}{\sqrt{h}} + \eta \right]$$

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$$\frac{\partial N^k}{\partial \lambda} = \frac{N \mathcal{H}^k}{\sqrt{h}}$$

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$$\frac{\partial h_{ij}}{\partial \lambda} = \frac{1}{N} \mathcal{L}_m [\mathcal{H}, h_{ij}] + [\mathcal{H}, [\mathcal{H}, h_{ij}]] + \frac{h_{ij} \mathcal{H}}{2\sqrt{h}} - h_{ij} \eta$$

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# Physical interpretation

**Thermal time and time de-parametrization**

**Measurement problem and collapse of the wavefunction**

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**Navier-Stokes at equilibrium**

$$r_c^{3/2} \partial^k T_{ki} = \partial_t v_i - \zeta \partial^2 v_i + \partial_i P + v^k \partial_k v_i = 0$$

**Turbulence away from equilibrium**

$$r_c^{3/2} \partial_k T^{ki} = \frac{1}{N} \frac{\partial N^i}{\partial \lambda}$$

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$$\frac{\partial \nu}{\partial \lambda} = -4\pi e^{-\nu} r^2 \left[ 2 \left( \frac{\partial^2 \nu}{\partial r^2} + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial \nu}{\partial r} \right) + \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{\partial \nu}{\partial r} \right)^2 + \frac{2}{r^2} (1 - e^{-\nu}) \right] + \eta$$

**Kardar-Parisi-Zhang Equation**

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# Ricci RG flow of $\Lambda$

$$ds^2 = -N^2 dt^2 + a^2(t) \left[ \frac{(dr)^2}{1 - kr^2} + r^2(d\theta^2 + \sin^2 \theta d\phi^2) \right]$$

FLRW background

$$S = 6 \int d^4x N a^3 R + \int d^4x N a^3 (D-1) \lambda_2^2 \epsilon(\lambda) \quad R = 6 \left( \frac{\ddot{a}}{a} + \left( \frac{\dot{a}^2}{a^2} \right) + \frac{k}{a^2} \right)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial a}{\partial s} &= -\frac{2i}{N^2} \left( a\dot{H} + 3aH^2 + \varepsilon N^2 \lambda_2^2 \right) + a\eta, \\ \frac{\partial N}{\partial s} &= -2i \left( \frac{3}{2N} (\dot{H} + H^2) + \frac{1}{16} N (\Lambda_0 + 8\lambda_2^2) \right) \\ &\quad - N\eta, \\ \frac{\partial \lambda_2}{\partial s} &= i(-2\varepsilon - \eta) \lambda_2, \end{aligned}$$

**Ricci flow equations**

# Hubble tension: a macroscopic QG effect?

$$\langle \lambda_2^k(s) \rangle = \exp \left[ \left( i(-2\varepsilon) + \frac{\Lambda_0}{2} \right) s \right] \langle \lambda_2^k(0) \rangle$$

Thermal time oriented as the proper time implies mild increase of  $\Lambda$

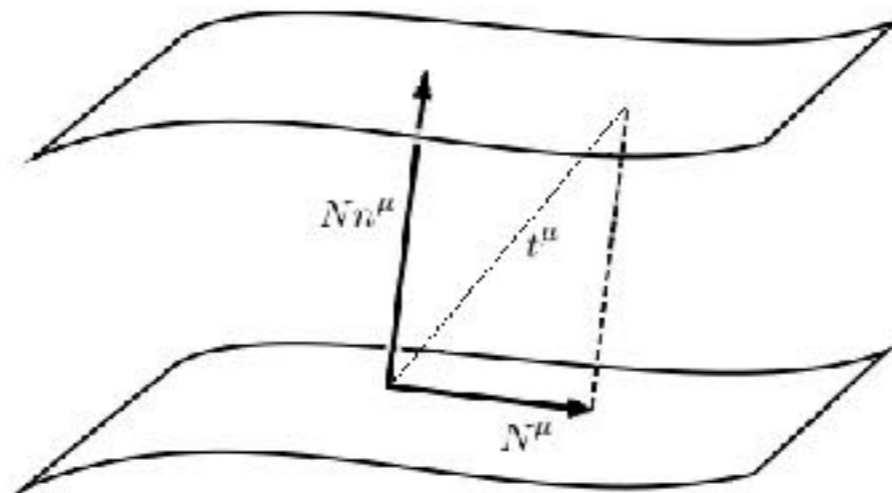
**Cosmological measurements**  $67.4 \pm 1.4 \text{ (km/s)/Mpc}$

**Astronomical measurements**  $74.03 \pm 1.42 \text{ (km/s)/Mpc}$

# Can the Ricci flow matter for matter?

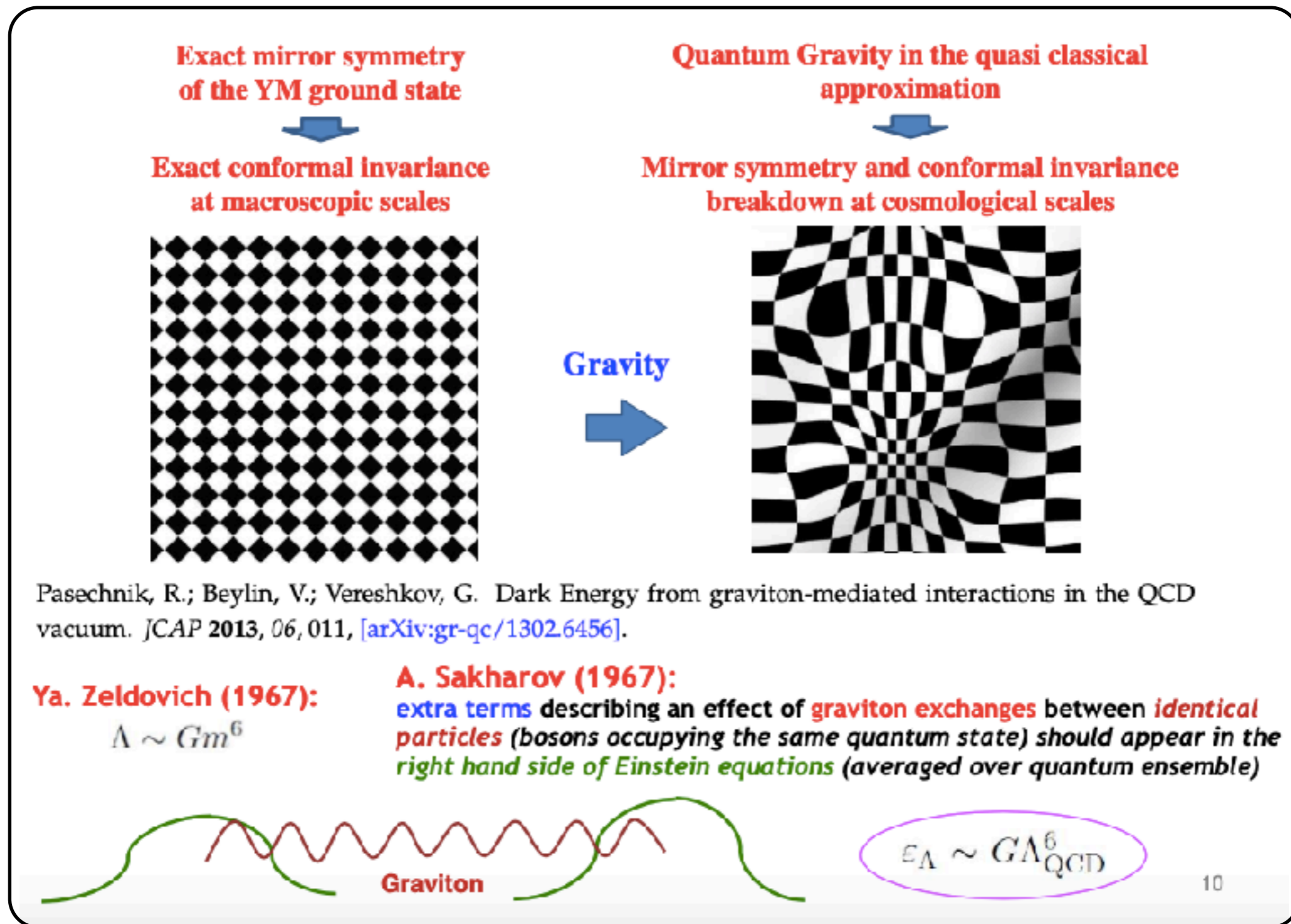
$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\partial}{\partial s} g_{\mu\nu} &= -2 \left[ R_{\mu\nu} - R_{\mu\nu}^T \right] \\ &= -2 \left[ R_{\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{2} g_{\mu\nu} R - \frac{8\pi G}{c^4} T_{\mu\nu} \right] - g_{\mu\nu} (R - T)\end{aligned}$$
$$R_{\mu\nu}^T = \frac{8\pi G}{c^4} \left[ T_{\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{2} g_{\mu\nu} T \right]$$

Changes of topologies through defects are induced by singularities in the Ricci flow



Changes of topologies in the manifolds  $\rightarrow$  change of topologies of the ground state structure

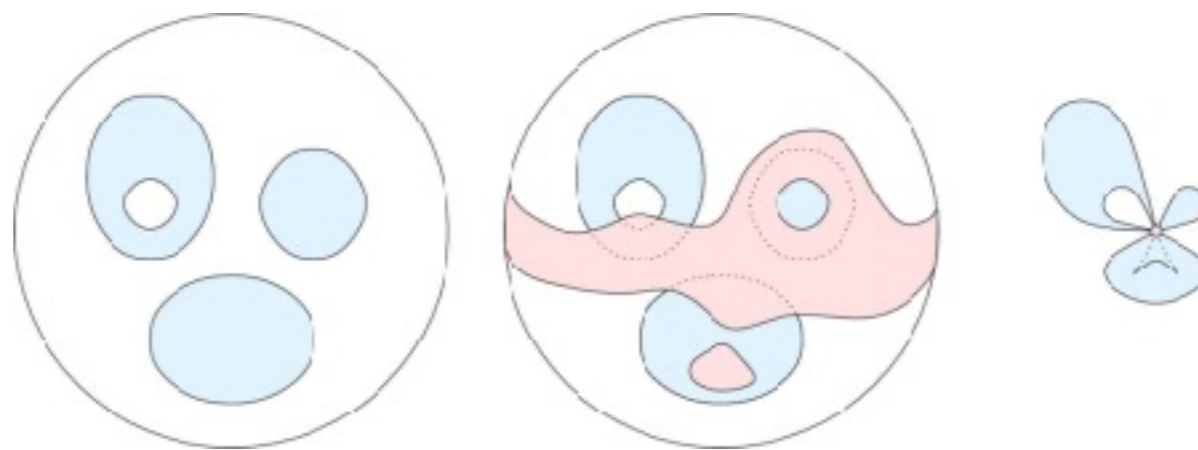
# Gravitational back-reaction to YM



[Credit to R. Pasechnik](#)

# Topological features of vacua

The Ricci flow allows for topology changes from equilibrium



**Geometrical interpretation of ground-states**

**Topological charges label ground-states structures and are related to the characterization of the matter content — e.g. Atiyah-Singer Index theorem**

# Stochastic dynamics and the Ricci RG flow

**Holography in 4+1D and dynamics in the stochastic time parameter**

**The Ricci flow amounts to a conformal transformation of the  
3D-hypersurfaces**

**The Langevin equation and the probability distributions for manifolds  
with Lorentzian signature and complex structure**

**Manifolds with Lorentzian signature enable to fully take into account  
dynamics of out-of-equilibrium systems and relaxations features**

**Chromo-magnetic vortices and turbulences can be addressed as a by-  
product of the Ricci flow driven relaxation processes**

# Outlooks

**RG flow for matter fields with gravitational back-reaction**

**Binary systems and growth of instabilities**

**Inflationary scenario from conformal symmetry breaking**

**Gravitational collapse of the wave-functions and its dynamics**

**Emergent gravity and topological phase**

**Thank you!**

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**Grazie!**

**谢谢!**