

# Exploring the Dark Side of the Universe

The dark side of  
gravity and the  
acceleration of the  
Universe

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# Dark Gravity theories are extensions of General Relativity aiming at a stable anti-gravitational sector

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# From background dependence to Dark Gravity (DG)

How far can we go ?

GR :  $g_{\mu\nu}$

DG :  $g_{\mu\nu}$  and  $\eta_{\mu\nu}$

$$\text{Riem}(\eta_{\mu\nu}) = 0$$

$\Rightarrow$   $g_{\mu\nu}$  has a twin, « the inverse metric »  $\tilde{g}_{\mu\nu}$

$$\tilde{g}_{\mu\nu} = \eta_{\mu\rho}\eta_{\nu\sigma} [g^{-1}]^{\rho\sigma}$$

$\Rightarrow$   $(g_{\mu\nu}, \tilde{g}_{\mu\nu})$  is a Janus field

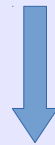


# From the Action to DG field equations

The Action must respect the **permutation symmetry** between  $g_{\mu\nu}$  and  $\tilde{g}_{\mu\nu}$  :

$$\int d^4x (\sqrt{g}R + \sqrt{\tilde{g}}\tilde{R}) + \int d^4x (\sqrt{g}L + \sqrt{\tilde{g}}\tilde{L})$$

$$\delta g_{\mu\nu} \Rightarrow \delta S = 0$$



$$\sqrt{g}\eta^{\mu\sigma}g_{\sigma\rho}G^{\rho\nu} - \sqrt{\tilde{g}}\eta^{\nu\sigma}\tilde{g}_{\sigma\rho}\tilde{G}^{\rho\mu} + \mu \leftrightarrow \nu = -8\pi G(\sqrt{g}\eta^{\mu\sigma}g_{\sigma\rho}T^{\rho\nu} - \sqrt{\tilde{g}}\eta^{\nu\sigma}\tilde{g}_{\sigma\rho}\tilde{T}^{\rho\mu} + \mu \leftrightarrow \nu)$$

Contracted form

$$\sqrt{g}R - \sqrt{\tilde{g}}\tilde{R} = 8\pi G(\sqrt{g}T - \sqrt{\tilde{g}}\tilde{T})$$

# Implications of DG equations

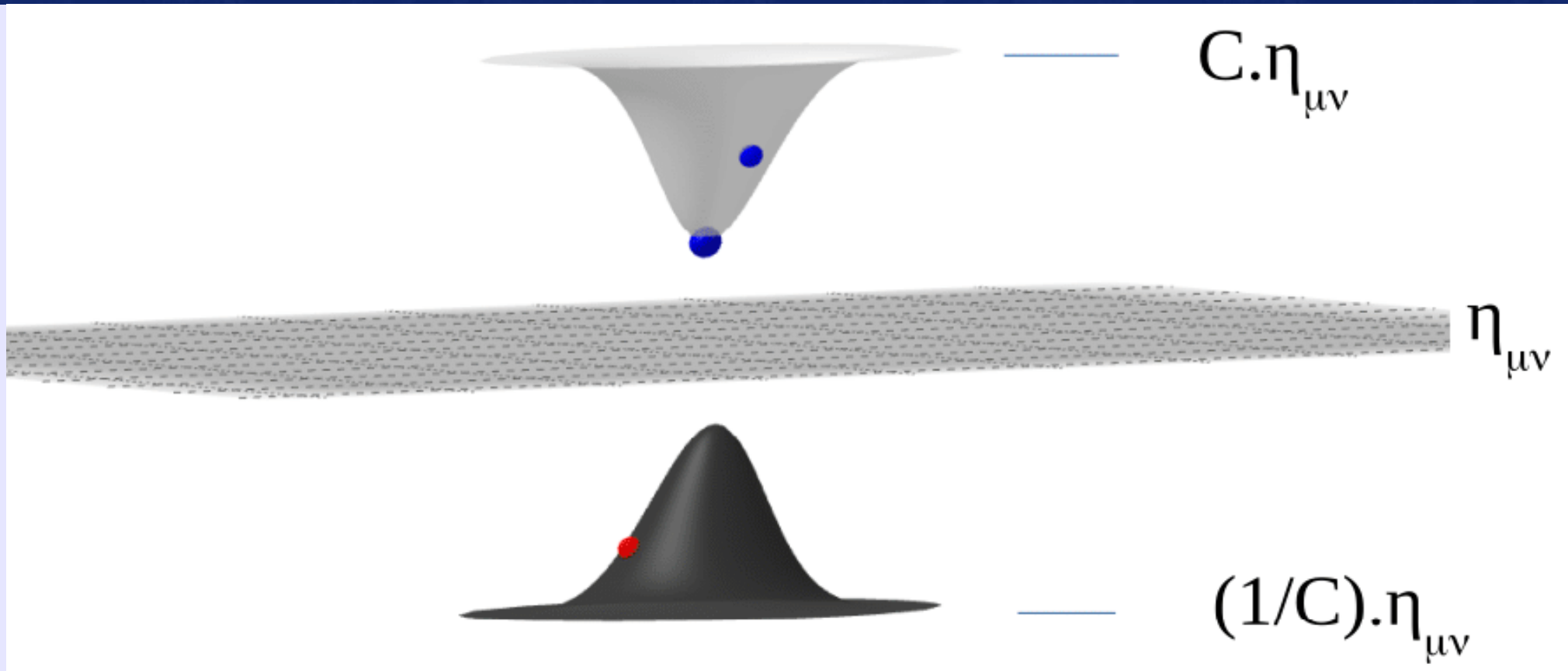
- DG is background dependent yet deviations from GR can remain arbitrarily small provided one side of the Janus Field dominates the other.
- Ghost interaction between Janus and source fields but Janus field not understood to be a quantum field !
  - DG more natural than GR as a semiclassical\* theory of gravity
  - Semiclassical DG stability : OK\*\*
- New discrete (permutation) symmetry is very fundamental : will be interpreted as a global time reversal symmetry.

\* <https://arxiv.org/abs/0802.1978> Mark Albers, Claus Kiefer, Marcel Reginatto, Measurement Analysis and Quantum Gravity : « Despite the many physical arguments which speak in favor of a quantum theory of gravity, it appears that the justification for such a theory must be based on empirical tests and does not follow from logical arguments alone »

\*\* <https://arxiv.org/pdf/1401.4024.pdf> V. A. Rubakov, page 8 : Gradient, tachyonic and ghost instabilities in scalar-tensor theories : « for ghosts, background is QM unstable but classically stable »

# The static isotropic solution

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- Antigravity without run away !
- Asymptotic C matters : GR corresponds to C infinite

# The static isotropic solution

**C=1**

**DG:**

$$g_{ii}(r) = A = e^{2MG/r} \approx 1 + 2\frac{MG}{r} + 2\frac{M^2G^2}{r^2}$$

$$-g_{00}(r) = \frac{1}{A} = e^{-2MG/r} \approx 1 - 2\frac{MG}{r} + 2\frac{M^2G^2}{r^2} - \frac{4}{3}\frac{M^3G^3}{r^3}$$

**C=∞**

**RG (Schwarzschild) :**

$$g_{ii}(r) = \left(1 + \frac{MG}{2r}\right)^4 \approx 1 + 2\frac{MG}{r} + \frac{3}{2}\frac{M^2G^2}{r^2}$$

$$g_{00}(r) = \frac{\left(1 - \frac{MG}{2r}\right)^2}{\left(1 + \frac{MG}{2r}\right)^2} \approx 1 - 2\frac{MG}{r} + 2\frac{M^2G^2}{r^2} - \frac{3}{2}\frac{M^3G^3}{r^3}$$

- No Horizon
- Zero Gravitational Waves

$$\tilde{h}_{\mu\nu} = -h_{\mu\nu} + O(h^2)$$

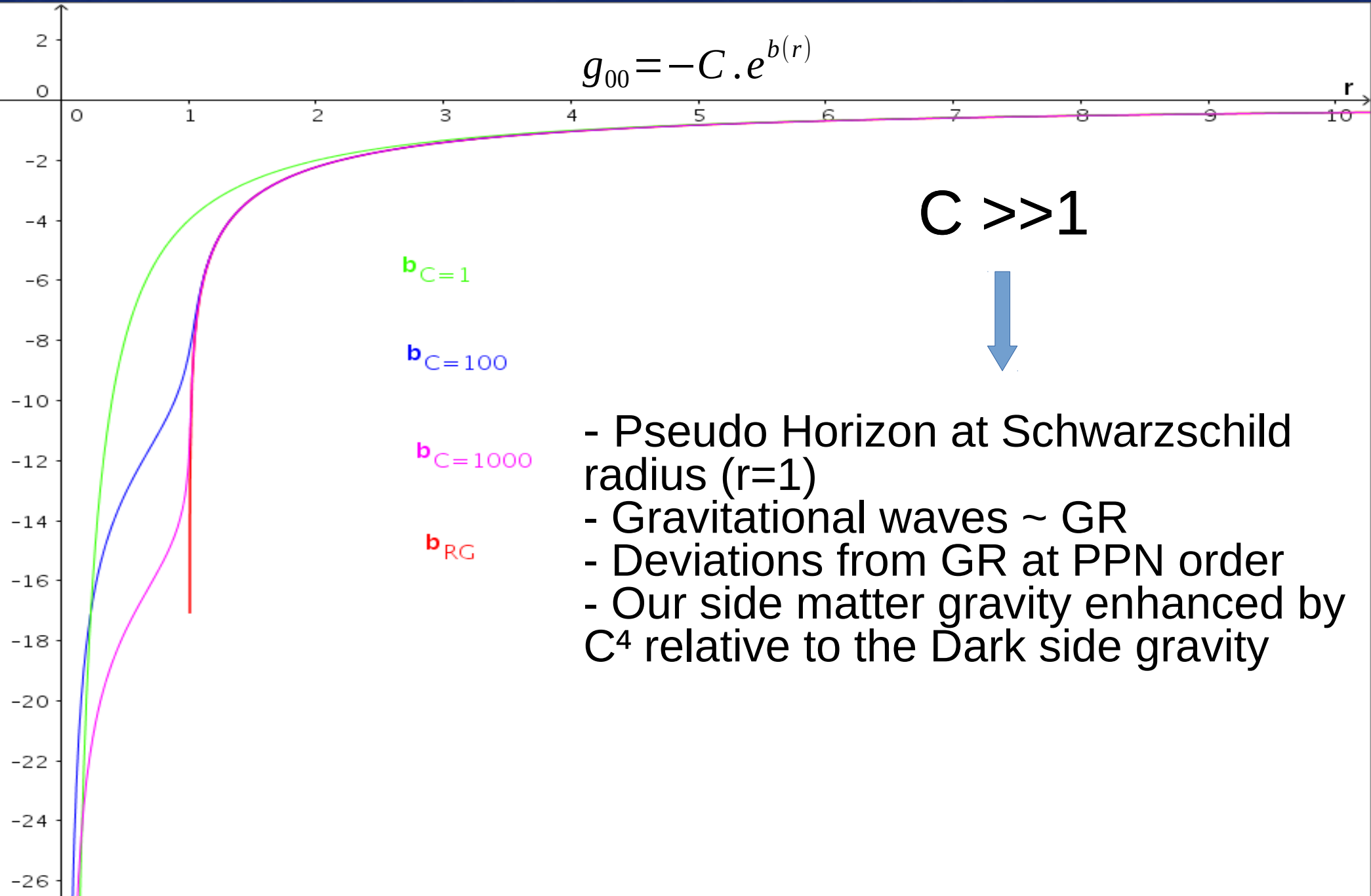
$$2\left(R_{\mu\nu}^{(1)} - \frac{1}{2}\eta_{\mu\nu}R_{\lambda}^{(1)\lambda}\right) = -8\pi G\left(T_{\mu\nu} - \tilde{T}_{\mu\nu} + t_{\mu\nu} - \tilde{t}_{\mu\nu}\right)$$

→ 0

- Deviations from GR at PPN order only



# The static isotropic solution





# Cosmological equation

- Homogeneous & isotropic Janus solution is flat and static :  $C$  was indeed a constant !  
⇒ We need to introduce a separate scalar- $\eta$  Janus field for cosmology :

$$g_{\mu\nu} = \Phi \eta_{\mu\nu} \text{ and } \tilde{g}_{\mu\nu} = \frac{1}{\Phi} \eta_{\mu\nu} \quad \Phi(t) = a^2(t)$$

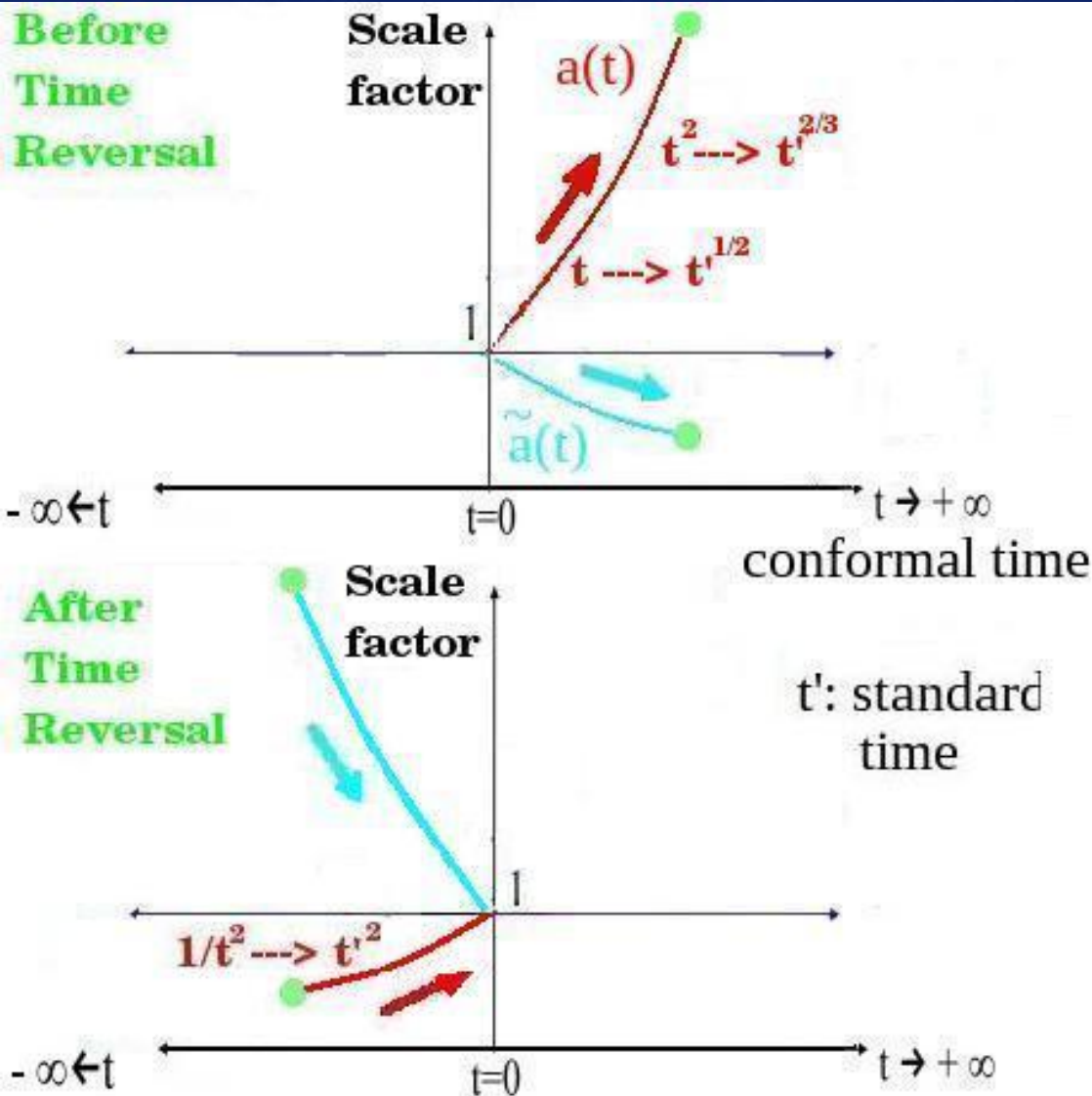
- Single scale factor equation :

$$a\ddot{a} - \tilde{a}\ddot{\tilde{a}} = \frac{4\pi G}{3} (a^4(\rho - 3p) - \tilde{a}^4(\tilde{\rho} - 3\tilde{p}))$$

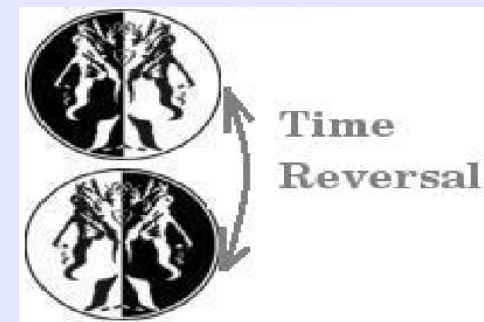
$$\tilde{a}(t) = \frac{1}{a(t)}$$

# Cosmological solutions

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- Janus scale factors are related by a **global conformal time reversal symmetry  $T$**  :  $\tilde{a}(t) = \frac{1}{a(t)} = a(-t)$
- Both continuous evolution and **discontinuous permutation  $T$**  allowed when  $\rho - 3p = \tilde{\rho} - 3\tilde{p}$

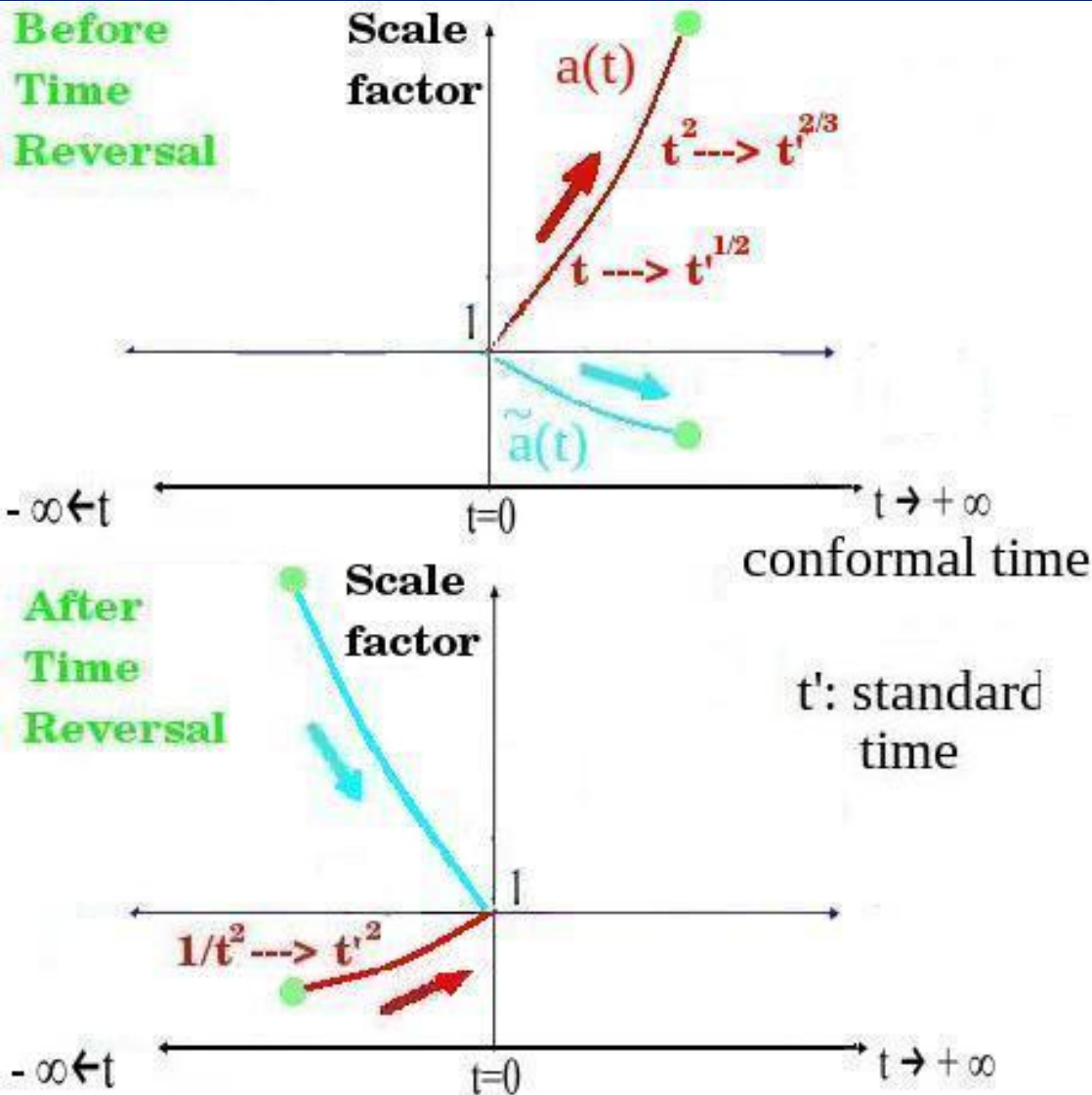


Global time reversal : not going backward in time, but jumping to the opposite time !

A cyclic Universe ?

# DG Cosmology

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Hyp :  $\rho \simeq \rho - 3p = \tilde{\rho} - 3\tilde{p} \simeq \tilde{\rho}$  occurred at transition redshift triggering T and  $a'(t') \sim t'^2$

With  $H(t) \sim$  continuous at the transition and assuming same universe age as in LCDM:

$$a'(t') \sim t'^\alpha \Rightarrow z_{\text{tr}} = \left( \frac{2/3 - \alpha}{1 - \alpha} \right)^\alpha - 1$$

$\Rightarrow z_{\text{tr}} = 0.78$  vs observed  $z_{\text{tr}} = 0.67 \pm 0.1$



- ~ Same scale factor evolution as in LCDM
- Without DE
- Inflation not needed to get  $k=0$
- Without Big Bang singularity
- Cosmological DM still needed
- Dark side effects only since  $t_{\text{tr}}$  or near  $t=0$





# Problem statement

- We have two separate theories :
  - Asymptotically static DG correctly describes all aspects of gravity except expansion
  - Scalar- $\eta$  Janus field only correctly describes expansion
- How to get expansion effects on the largest scales and differential eoms non trivially mixing background and perturbations (GR like) as needed to reproduce CMB phenomenology ?

# Conclusion and outlooks

- DG avoids Big-Bang singularity and BH horizon very naturally
- Acceleration,  $k=0$ , large scale homogeneity, matter/antimatter asym
- Likely to cancel the gravity of vacuum energy
- Outlook :
  - Unification  $\Rightarrow$  New rich and effective phenomenology  
(DM candidate, ...)
  - [www.darksideofgravity.com/DG.pdf](http://www.darksideofgravity.com/DG.pdf)

# How far could we go ?

- Background dependent  $\Rightarrow$   EEP violating
- + Ghost  $\Rightarrow$  OK  $\Rightarrow$   Quantum unstable
- + Semiclassical  $\Rightarrow$  OK  $\Rightarrow$  OK  $\Rightarrow$   Unbounded
- + Discontinuous  $\Rightarrow$  OK  $\Rightarrow$  OK  $\Rightarrow$  OK  $\Rightarrow$   Incomplete
- + Emerging dynamics  $\Rightarrow$  OK  $\Rightarrow$  OK  $\Rightarrow$  OK  $\Rightarrow$  OK

$\Rightarrow$  Fascinating phenomenological and theoretical implications !

# Dynamical discrete symmetries

- Standard view :

Symmetries (cont & disc)  $\Rightarrow$  Action

Extreme action principle  $\Rightarrow$  Eoms & conservation equations

No dynamical processes associate with discrete symmetries

- Extended view :

Symmetries (cont & disc)  $\Rightarrow$  Action

Extreme action principle  $\Rightarrow$  Eoms & conservation equations

Discrete symmetries  $\Rightarrow$  Discontinuous processes



# Dynamical discrete symmetries

- 1) Discrete (permutation) symmetries and continuous symmetries already unified in DG framework
  - 2) Just as discrete (T&P) and continuous spacetime symmetries already unified in the Lorentz group
- 1) and 2) turn out to be related : global T symmetry is permutation symmetry !

Dynamical discrete symmetries  $\Rightarrow$  discontinuous transitions in addition to usual continuous evolution processes deduced from differential eoms.

$\Rightarrow$  Fills the gap between the discrete and the continuous

$\Rightarrow$  Hopefully opens the way to a genuine unification (understanding) of QM discrete and non local laws to the rest of physics !

# Vacuum energy terms in DG equations

DG vacuum source term :

$$(\sqrt{g}\Lambda - \sqrt{\tilde{g}}\tilde{\Lambda}) g^{\mu\nu}$$

Cancels for  $g_{\mu\nu} = \tilde{g}_{\mu\nu} = \eta_{\mu\nu}$  and  $\Lambda = \tilde{\Lambda}$  (natural)

⇒ Might remain zero when Janus field starts to evolve, may be through the auto-adjustment of cut-offs to preserve compensation.

# A conservative way towards DG unification ?

- Hyp : Matter and radiation fields conservation equations are only approximate because our action does not account for possible transfers occurring between the two metrics :

$$\nabla_{\nu} T^{\nu}_{\mu} \simeq 0$$

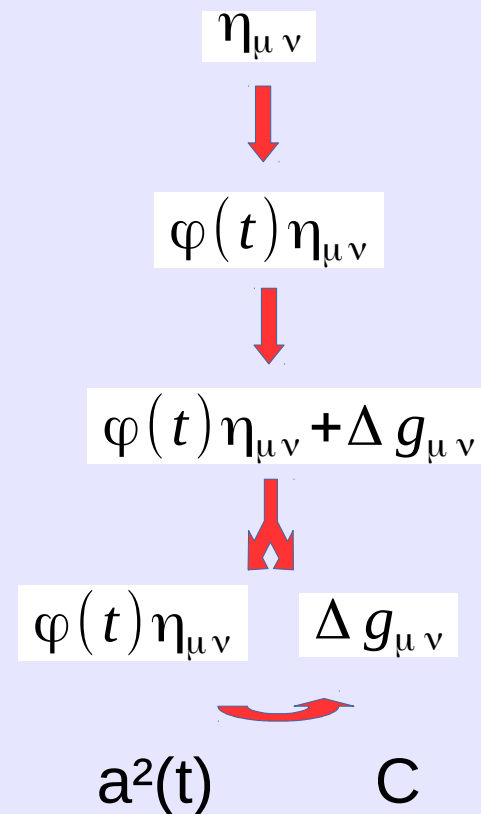
$$\tilde{\nabla}_{\nu} \tilde{T}^{\nu}_{\mu} \simeq 0$$

- Then cosmological equations might admit non stationary solutions.  
⇒ no need for separate scalar- $\eta$  field ?
- Not obvious which (not unic) way to do that and not exciting ...

# Emerging dynamics

As the universe evolves new dynamical dofs are released :

- Non dynamical
- Homogenous scalar-eta
- Scalar-eta + non dynamical fluctuation
- Separate dynamics



# Early DG unification

- For  $a^2(t) < \text{Fundamental Threshold}$ ,

$$g_{\mu\nu} = \varphi(t) \eta_{\mu\nu} + \Delta g_{\mu\nu}$$

but only the scalar  $\varphi(t)$  is dynamical  $\Rightarrow$  we again get a single equation

- Symmetries related to our privileged coordinate system (rather than isometries related to the sources) force the primordial metrics in the Newtonian Gauge form :

$$d\tau^2 = a^2(t)((1 + 2\Psi)dt^2 - (1 - 2\Psi)d\sigma^2)$$

- $\Rightarrow$  We get the same scale factor (order 0) and potential (order 1) eoms as in GR but rotational and radiative modes should be absent from the CMB.

# Late DG unification

- $a^2(t) > \text{Fundamental Threshold}$  breaks the primordial symmetries
  - ⇒  $\varphi(t)\eta_{\mu\nu}$  and  $\Delta g_{\mu\nu}$  start to play their dynamics independently
  - ⇒ Late DG unification required to account for expansion effects
- In the Linear domain, C (integration constant of  $\Delta g_{\mu\nu}$ ) is driven step by step by the scale factor from  $\varphi(t)\eta_{\mu\nu}$  :
  - ⇒ expansion effects through discrete rules
  - ⇒ rich new and effective phenomenology related to field discontinuities
- In the Non Linear domain (solar system), we are asymptotically Minkowskian: C strictly constant !

# Classical stability issues

- Background remains bounded thanks to global time reversal
- Linear inhomogeneous perturbations unstable in contracting phase but gravity from these is negligible : suppressed by  $C^4$  factor ( $\sim \text{scale\_factor}^8$ ) before transition to acceleration.
- Linear inhomogeneous perturbations from the dark sector can start to grow under their own gravity after transition
- Strong gravity inhomogeneous perturbations presumably always stable on both sides thanks to  $C > 1$  at our side structures while  $C < 1$  at dark side structures



# Problems with semiclassical Gravity

- Case 1 : Classical gravity triggers quantum collapses  $\Rightarrow$  no Energy-momentum conservation violation, nor violation of uncertainty relations contrary to popular argument by Eppley & Hannah ...

<https://arxiv.org/pdf/0802.1978.pdf>

otherwise :

- Case 2A : No collapse interpretation of QM (MWI, decoherence ...) ruled out because classical gravity would see the uncollapsed superpositions
- Case 2B : Realistic collapse interpretation of QM leads to possible faster than light signaling. Either specific more local model of quantum collapse can solve this or ... DG : instantaneous signaling is not anymore a menace to causality as soon as there exists a unic privileged instantaneity frame for any collapse !