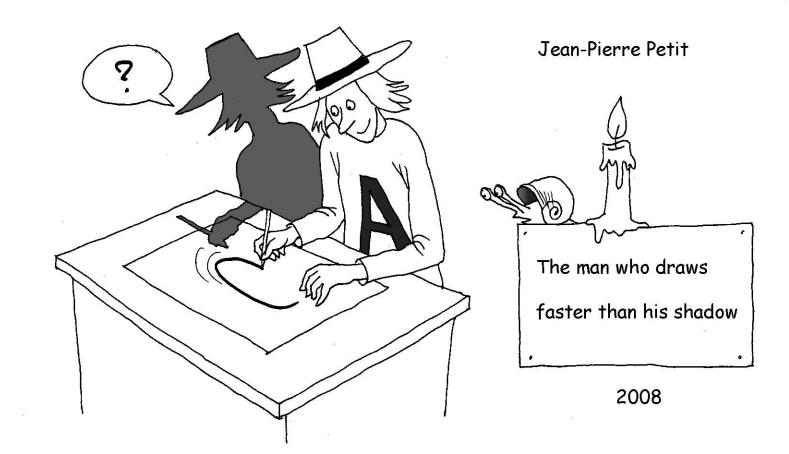
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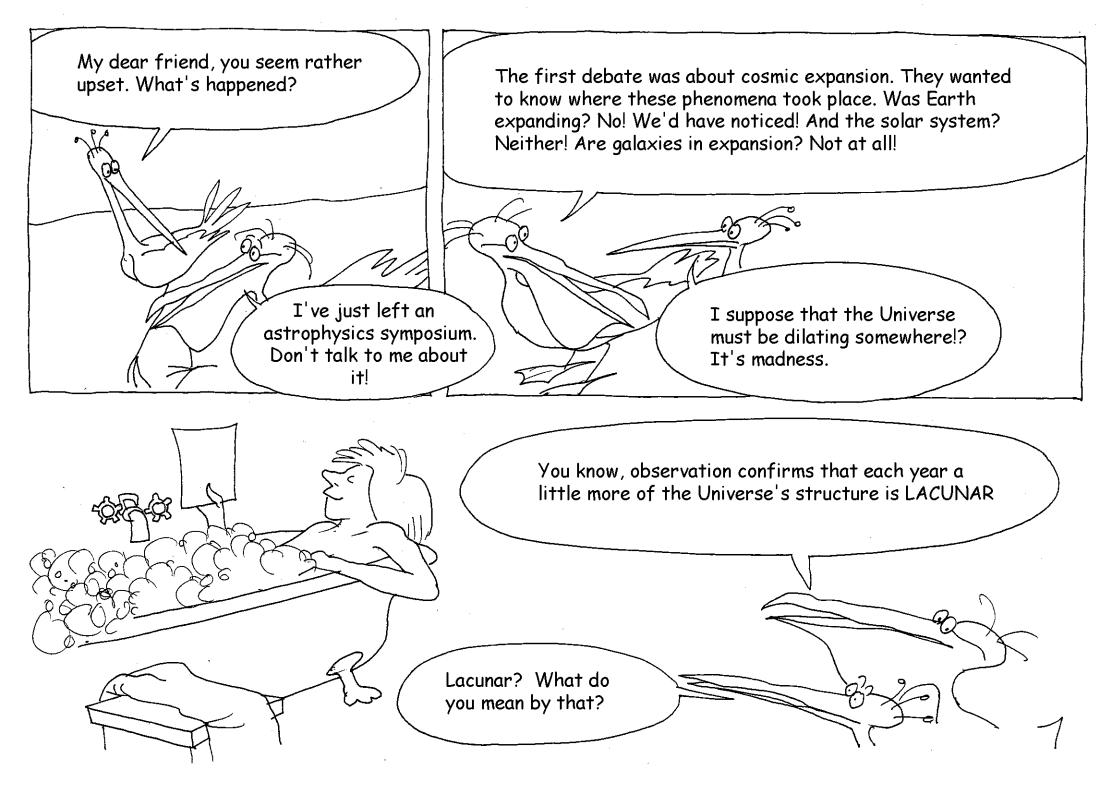
The Association Knowledge without Borders, founded and chaired by Professor Jean-Pierre Petit, astrophysicist, aims at spreading scientific and technical knowledge in as many countries as possible and in as many languages as possible. To this end, all his popular scientific works, which cover a period of thirty years, and more particularly the illustrated albums he has created, are now freely accessible. Anyone is now free to duplicate the present file, either in digital form or in the form of printed copies and circulate these copies to libraries , within the context of schools or universities or associations whose aims would be the same as the association , provided that they do not derive any profit from this circulation and that they do not have any political, sectarian or confessional connotations. These pdf files may also be put on line in the computer networks of school and university libraries.



Jean-Pierre Petit intends to create numerous other works which will be accessible to a larger audience. Even illiterate people will be able to read them because the written parts will "speak" when the readers click on them. Thus it will be possible to use these works to support literacy schemes. Other albums will be "bilingual" in so far as it will be possible to switch from one language to another selected language with a mere click. Hence another tool made available to develop language skills.

Jean-Pierre Petit was born in 1937. He made his career in French research. He worked as a plasma physicist, he directed a computer science centre, he has created softwares, he has published hundreds of articles in scientific magazines, dealing with subjects ranging from fluid mechanics to theoretical cosmology. He has published about thirty books which have been translated in numerous languages.

The association can be contacted on the following internet site:



After discovering that galaxies could assemble into CLUSTERS, like the Virgo cluster, or the Coma cluster, which contain a thousand galaxies, we thought that the universe might present a HIERARCHICAL structure.



What's amusing in the scientific world is the fact that words appear, inflate, and then pop like bubbles. There was a time when the word super-cluster never left their lips. Then, suddenly, pfft! It disappeared!



I suppose it is because they've never found them.

However astronomers did discover a place where galaxies were assembled according to a sort of plate, that they called THE GREAT WALL.



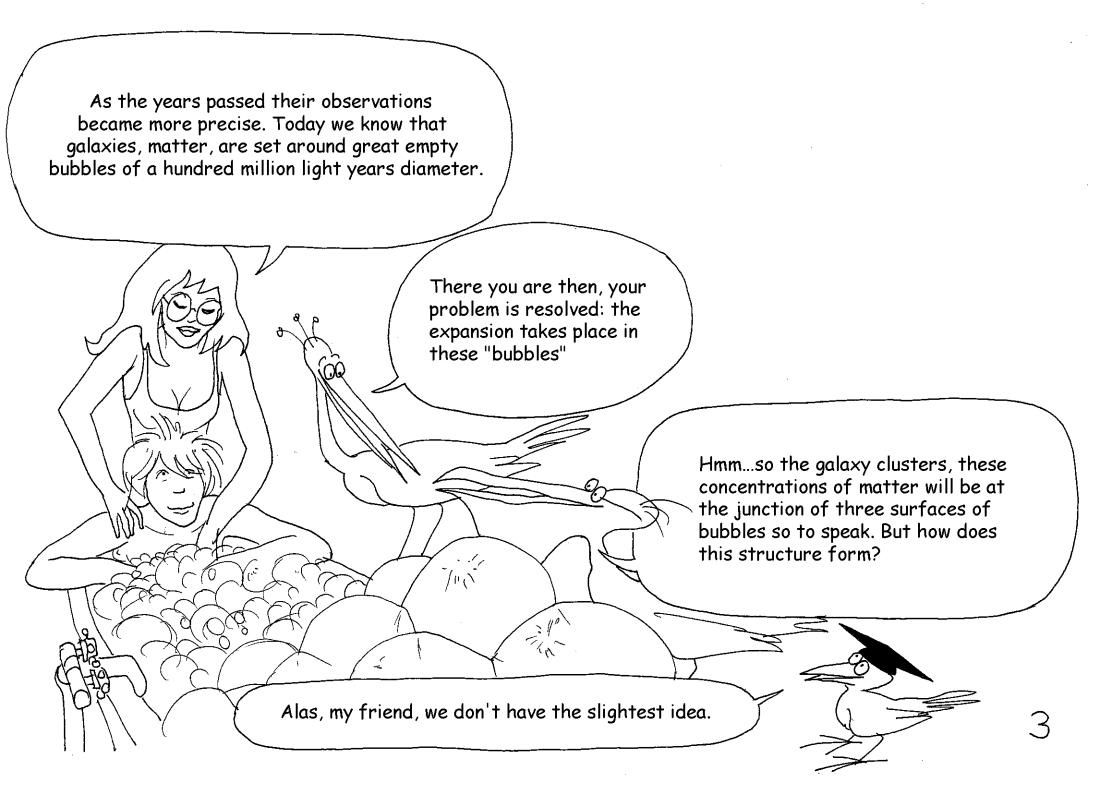
We started looking for SUPER-CLUSTERS, "clusters of clusters" etc.

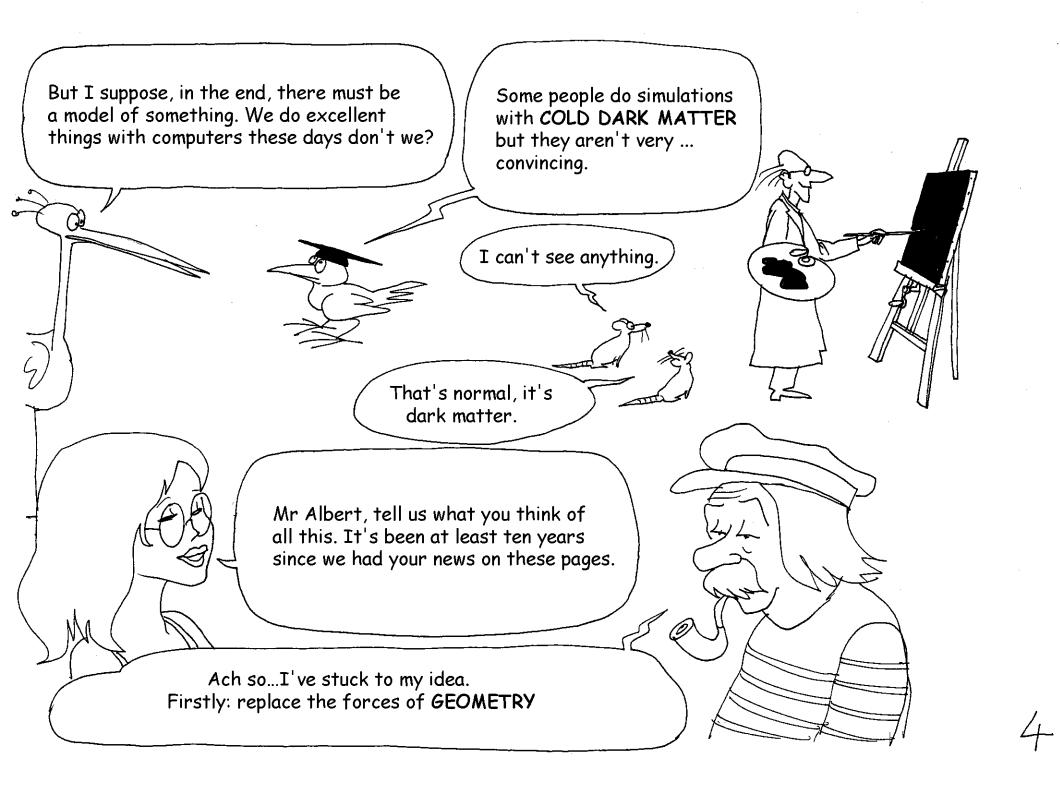
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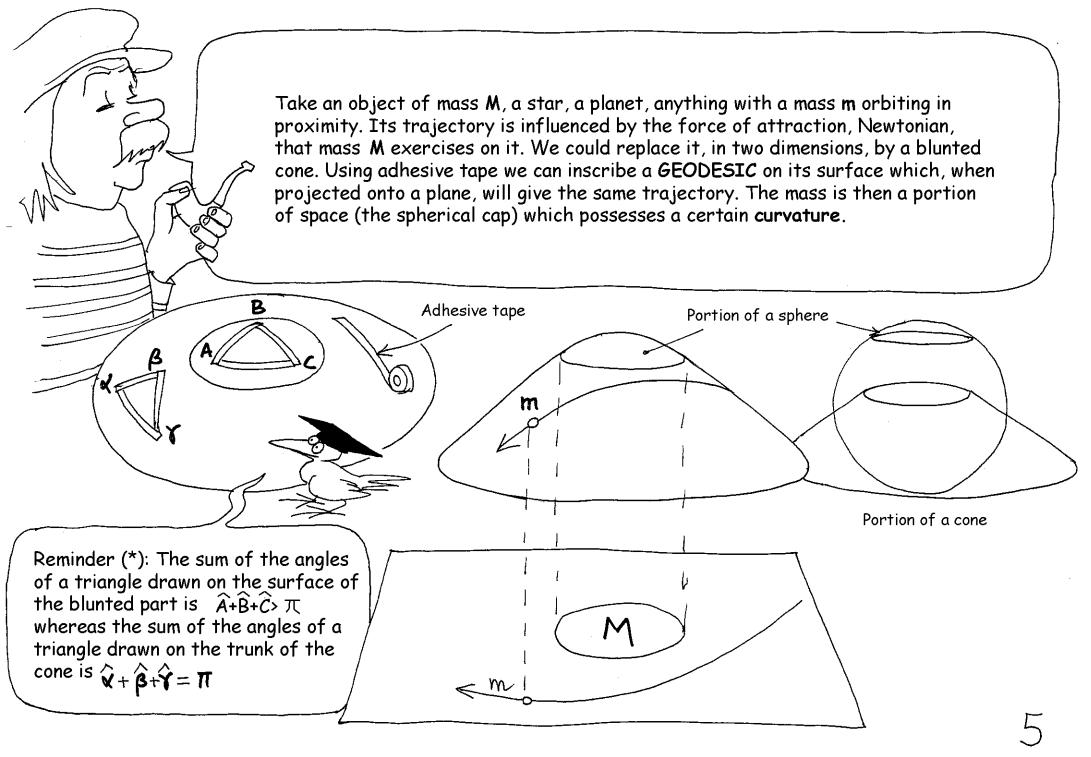


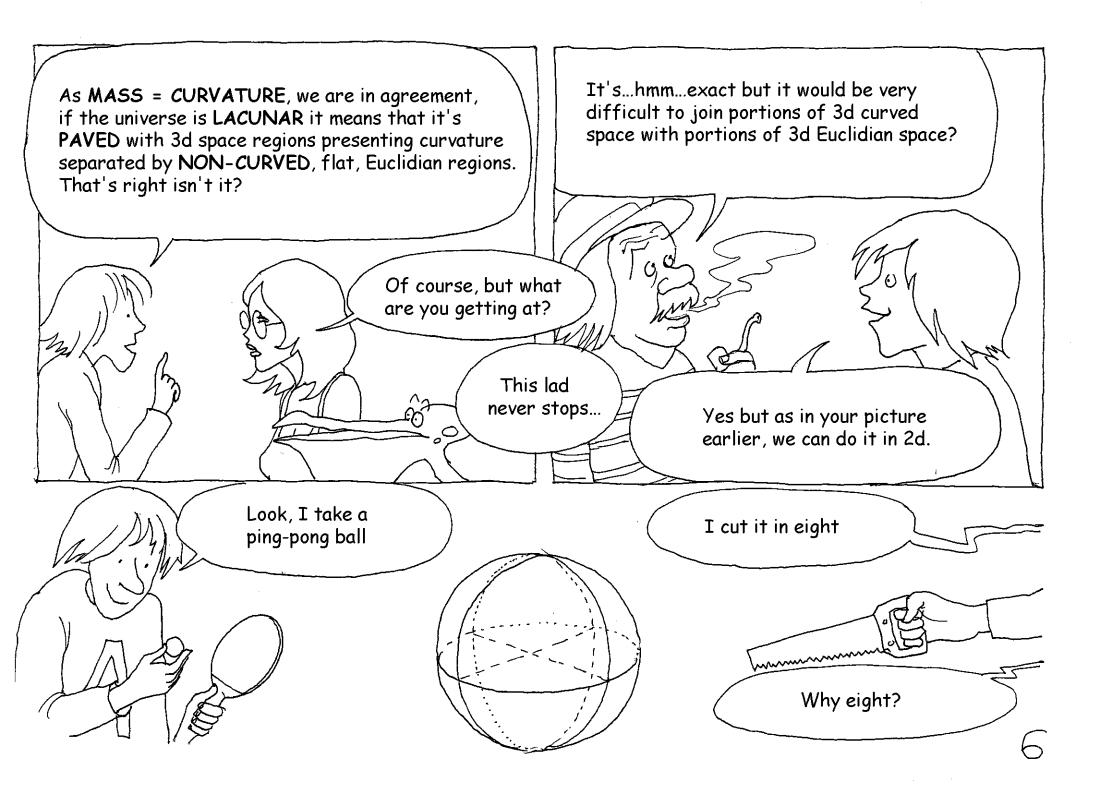
In other words, in this "plate" there were lots of galaxies and around it was empty?

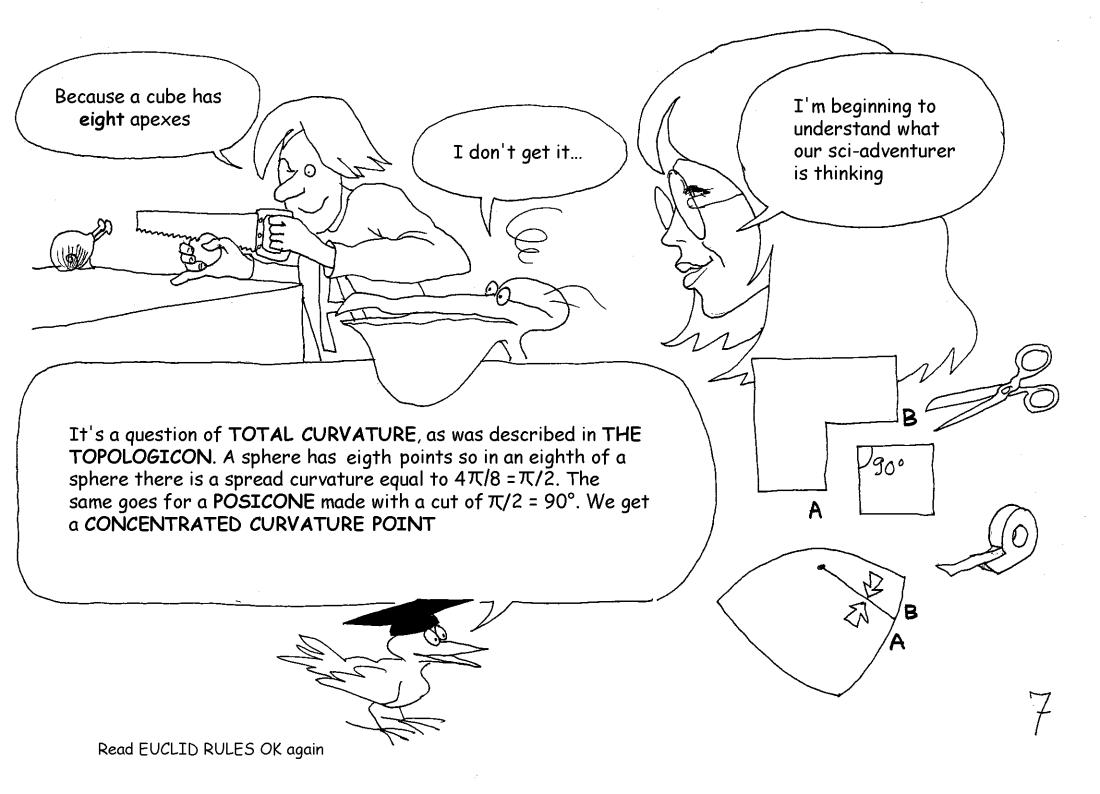




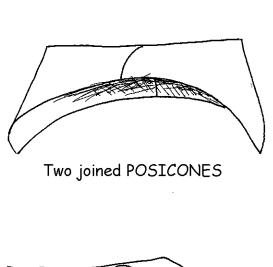


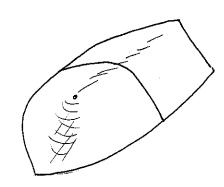




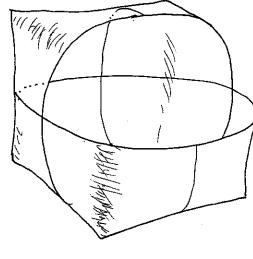


A CUBE WITHOUT EDGES



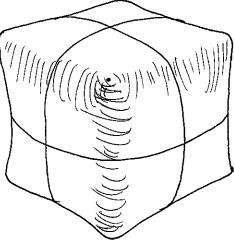




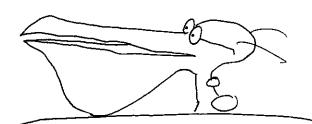


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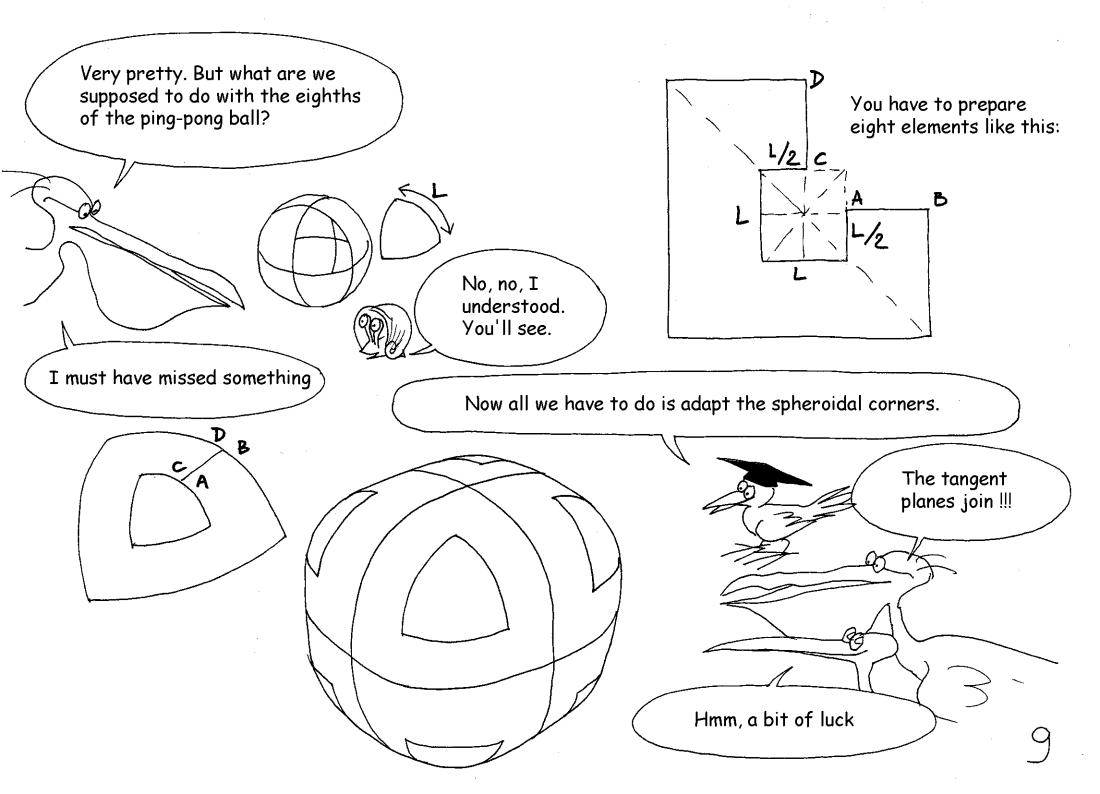


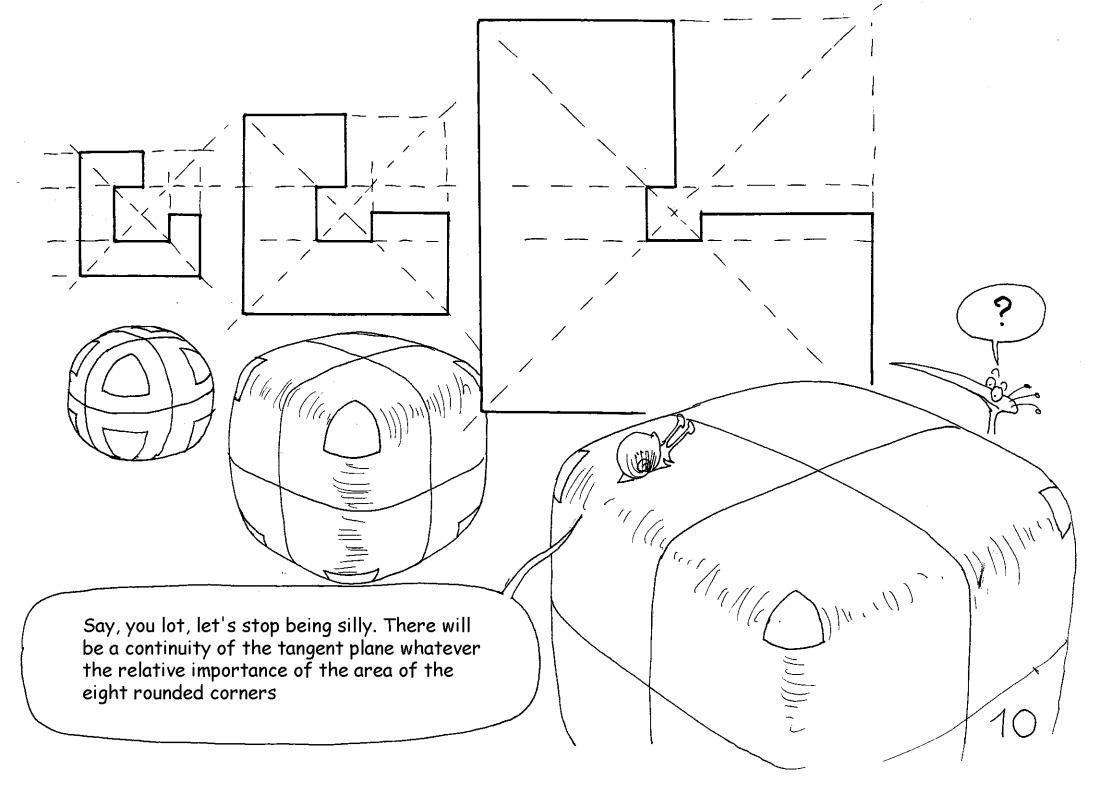


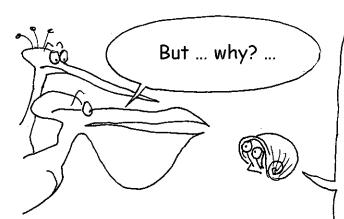
In this way Archibald can join 6 conical points, points containing a concentrated curvature with a value of $\pi/2$

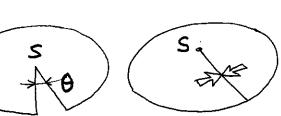


But where are the bones?!

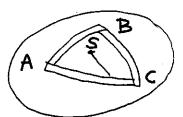




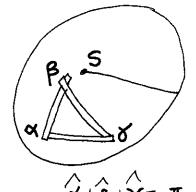


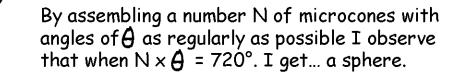


(*) Go back and re-read the comic books you've appeared in over thirty years (THE BLACK HOLE, page 8 onwards). You are creating a POSICONE by making a cut at and angle θ . If you draw a triangle with three geodesics there will be two possibilities. Either the triangle contains the sum S, in which case the sum of the angles is $\theta + \pi$, or it doesn't contain it and the sum of the angles at the apex is the EUCLIDIAN SUM which equals π If you stick together two posicones corresponding to cuts of θ 1 and θ 2, the sum of the angles of a triangle containing the two summits S1 and S2 will be the Euclidian sum increased by θ 1 + θ 2



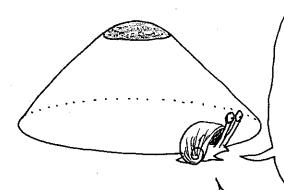
$$\hat{A} + \hat{B} + \hat{c} = \pi + \theta$$



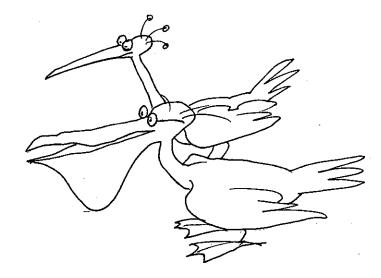


That's normal. The value of the TOTAL CURVATURE of a sphere is 720°.

Now come out of there my friend.



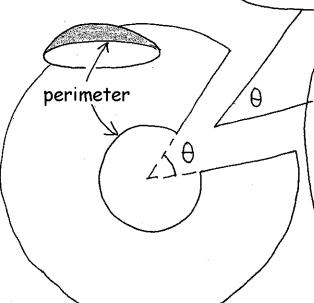
When you want to put a curved thing into the Euclidian you just have to make sure that the curvatures are compatible. For example, suppose that you wanted to make a blunted cone.



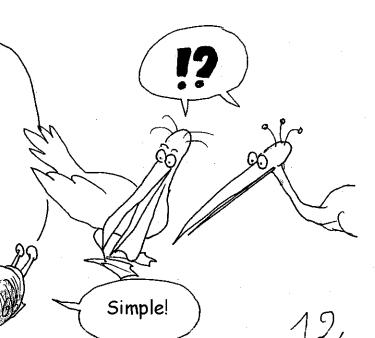


The quantity of curvature contained in the spherical cap is equal to:

$$\theta = 72 \text{°} \times \frac{3}{4\pi R^2}$$



The flank of the blunted cone is a part of a cone corresponding to a cut at this angle θ . You just have to cut the top of the cone in such a way that the perimeters adjust with each other and Bob's your uncle.



MATTER, VACUUM ...

So, If I understand it, in the Universe matter occupies sorts of islets with lots of emptiness around or between. But emptiness, the **VOID**, what is it?



For a physicist, the perfect void, full of **NOTHING**, cannot exist. For that the entire universe would need to be at absolute zero. This perfect emptiness would be impossible to isolate, even with a perfectly hermetic surround for this would radiate and the "void" would fill with photons emitted by its 'wall' (*).

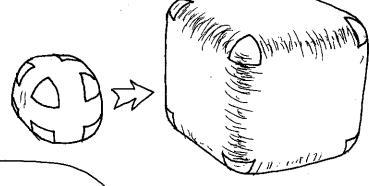
In other words, these great voids between galaxies are full of photons emitted by... the stars.



It is worth rereading BIG BANG. Observations made in 1967 have shown the presence of a great number of photons in the universe (a thousand million times more numerous that particles of matter) which form the COSMOLOGICAL BACKGROUND RADIATION at 3K. Bumping into each other, the photons constitute what we call the "cosmic void" and they are what populate these 100 million light year diameter bubbles.

(*) Corresponding to $kv = kc/\lambda = kT$ where T is the absolute temperature of the wall, c the speed of light, h Planck's constant and k, Boltzmann's constant.

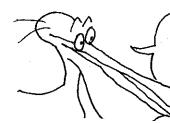
In sum, the image proposed by Archibald that of a cube with rounded corners of constant area made from eights of a sphere and joined by and extendable surface, a "void" made up of "joiner photons", is not such a bad one.





But photons move. I don't get this image of a "tissue of joiner photons".

You're right, waves also move. Perhaps it would be better to imagine a sort of "CLAPBOARD" constantly agitated by the waves and whose wavelength is five millimetres (*)



So, if this "CLAPBOARD" dilates, it means that new waves will appear.

$$\lambda = \frac{kc}{kT}; k = 6.63 10^{34}$$

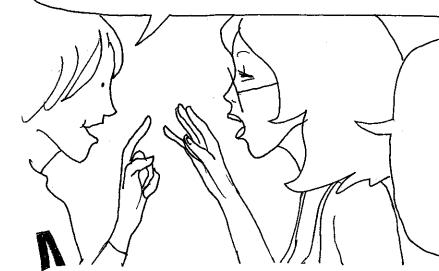
$$c = 310^{8} \text{m/s}; k = 1.38 10^{23}$$

$$T = 3^{\circ} \text{K} \Rightarrow \lambda = 510^{-3} \text{ m}$$

No, it's the "waves" which dilate. The λ wavelength of these "cosmological" photons increases with the dimension R of the Universe.

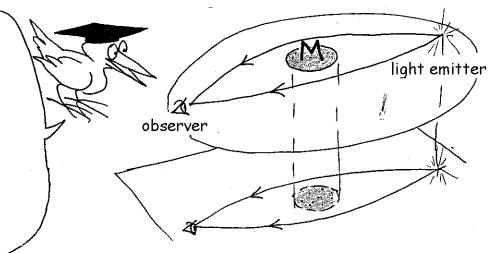


Sophie, the energy contained in the Universe is the sum of all the particles of mass m, so mc^2 , which doesn't vary if m and c are constants, and the energy $Rv = Rc/\lambda$ of the cosmological photons. If their number doesn't vary then their wavelength λ increases with the CHARACTERISTIC DIMENSION R of the universe which means that their energy decreases. Therefore THE COSMOS IS LOSING ENERGY



Don't imagine that everything is as simple and as good. Understood? The COSMOLOGICAL MODEL is a simple GEOMETRIC OBJECT, a solution of EINSTEIN'S EQUATION which is incapable of handling the existence of particles; those are dealt with by QUANTUM MECHANICS. And as you know, their marriage hasn't yet been consummated.

In other words, we take a HYPERSURFACE 4d and we put particles in it, in supposing that these follow geodesics. This HYPOTHESIS allows PREDICTIONS to be made. As for the photons: their deviation by a mass produces the GRAVITATIONAL LENSING EFFECT, as confirmed by observation in 1915 during a total solar eclipse.

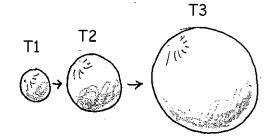


GRAVITATIONAL MIRAGE effect

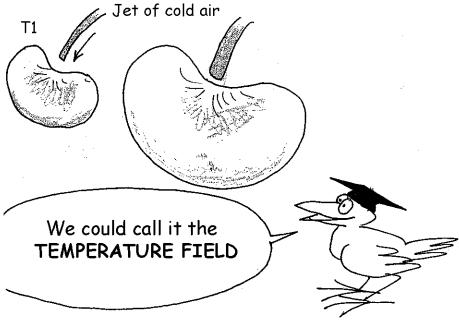
COSMOLOGICAL MODEL

A COSMOLOGICAL MODEL is a solution to a field equation such as EINSTEIN'S equation $S \leftarrow xT$ which should be read in the "direction of the arrow". T represents the Universe's CONTENT OF ENERGY-MATTER which DETERMINES THE GEOGRAPHY of a four dimensional HYPERSURFACE, which will be SPACE-TIME. Let us show how the distribution of energy in an object can determine its geometry. Imagine an enclosure in the shape of a sphere at ordinary temperature. Let us now heat it in a nonuniform manner, by putting it in a gaseous atmosphere that is becoming increasingly hotter for instance but at the same time cooling part of it with a jet of cold air. The object will dilate and its shape, its geometry, will depend on the value of the temperature at every point in the metal enclosure.

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A hollow sphere, in metal, placed in a gaseous atmosphere with increasing temperature will dilate while conserving its SPHERICAL SYMMETRY. But if, for example, locally part of this dilation is thwarted with a jet of cold air, it'll start to look like a peanut.



Archibald has built a 2d geometric model of an inhomogeneous universe with regions that don't dilate surrounded by immense expanding voids. This is one of the key aspects of the cosmos as we know it today. Before, cosmologists represented the universe a sort of gas, uniform, whose "molecules" were the galaxies (*). This model has had its day. But no one today is capable of building a solution to Einstein's equation which doesn't have the symmetry of the S3 sphere. People have therefore tried to describe a fundamentally inhomogeneous world, lacunar, by invoking perfectly "smooth", homogenous solutions. When we use Einstein's field equation to build a solution, it is a four dimensional hypersurface. We still need to MAP it, put a system of coordinates (x,y,z,t) on it. The first three refer to the **POSITION** of a point of the hypersurface and the 4th is supposed to represent TIME. That's when GEOMETRY passes the relay baton to the PHYSICIST.

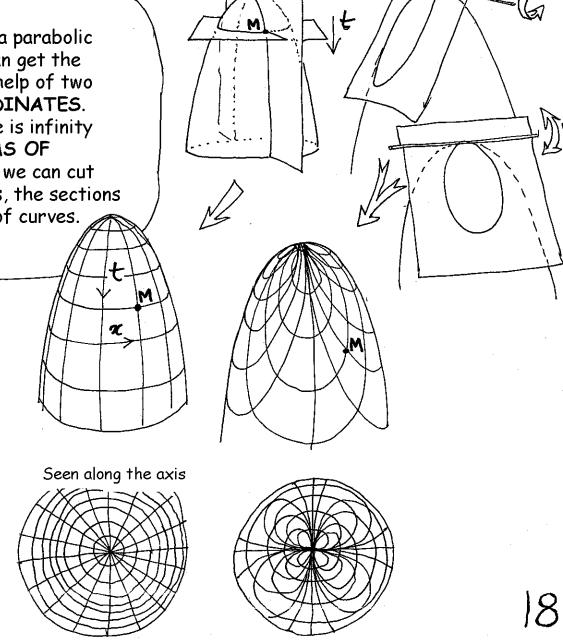


CARTOGRAPHER

Let us consider a surface with a parabolic shape, a "pat of butter". We can get the position of a point M with the help of two numbers, that we'll call COORDINATES. But for the same surface there is infinity of choices of possible SYSTEMS OF COORDINATES. For example, we can cut this with two families of planes, the sections being made up of two families of curves.

If this pat of butter is supposed to make an image of a 2d space-time then there has to be a particular choice of coordinates which unambiguously define SPACE and TIME, isn't it?

M·



DRAW ME A SHEEP (*)

One of the major paradigm changes to have taken place at the start of the century was the consideration that we do not live in a 3d SPACE TIME but in a 4d HYPERSURFACE. During the same period new equations completed those we already possessed, such as the equation of Maxwell, of electromagnetism. NEW PHENOMENA but a new collection of observables, such as the electric charge. The physicist had got himself a "toolkit" made up of a set of interdependent equations in which figure "constants"

G: Gravitational constant

c: Speed of light

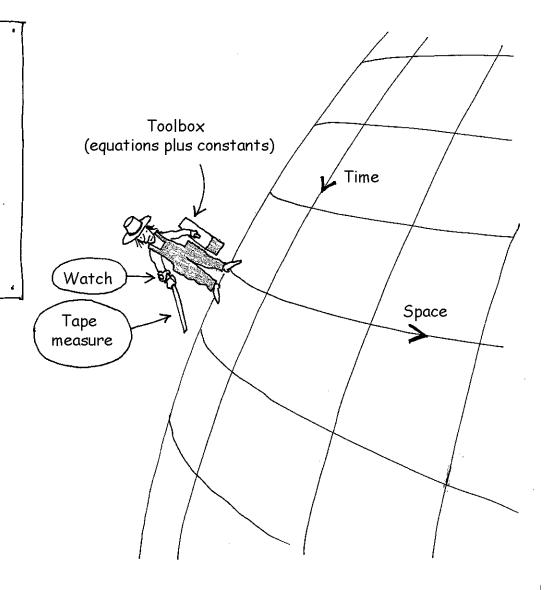
m: elementary masses (nucleons, electrons)

h: Planck's constant

e: elementary electric charge

"magnetic permeability of the void"

We discovered that there were the same atoms everywhere in the universe, that they evolved, had a past and a future, and that we live in a minuscule portion of space-time.



(*) "Le Petit Prince "
d'Antoine de Saint-Exupéry
France

We discovered that RADIATION and MATTER were simply two manifestations of the same entity, ENERGY-MATTER, according to the famous law of balance $E=mc^2$, and people quickly began to check through wonderful experiments undertaken outside in the fresh air.

It just remained to study the properties of our hypersurface-habitat LOCALLY.

Let us imagine that we live on a surface whose curvature varies little from one point to another. We could slide a stencil over this:

Now let's turn over the stencil. Its size is unchanged. If we turn it over again we refind its initial aspect. It's a mirror transform that keeps the size invariant.

But we would also discover that the stencil is **INVARIANT** if we turn it or move it (a little, not too much) (*)

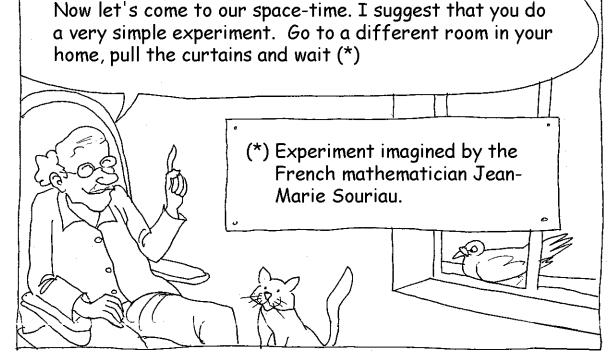


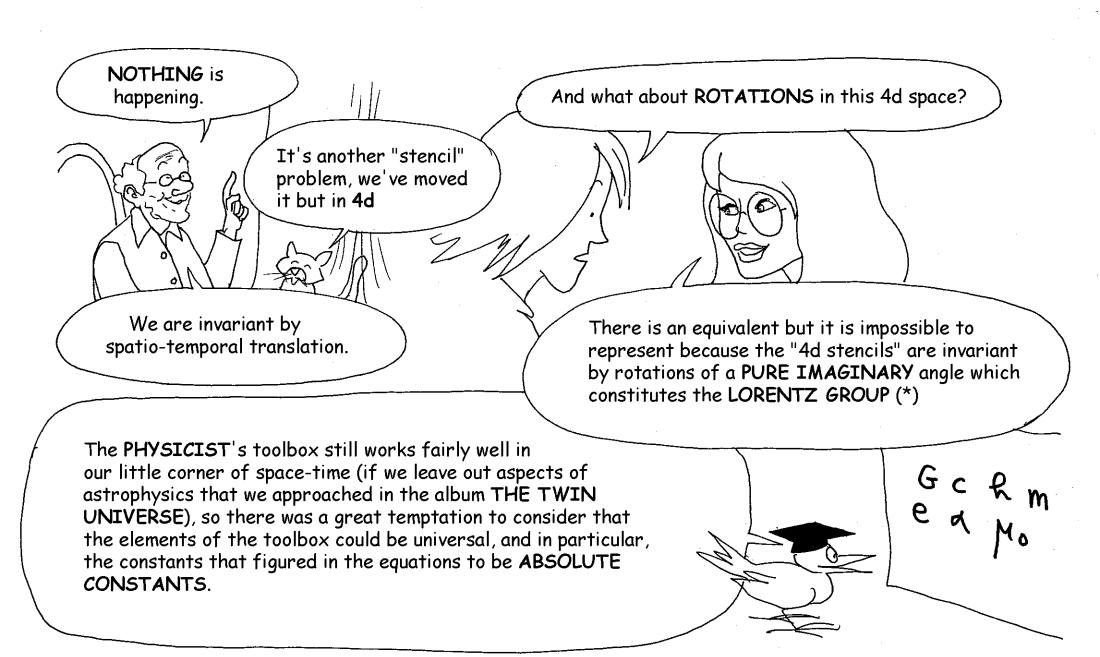


This symmetry brings to mind the MATTER-ANTIMATTER DUALITY (*), which inverses, in particular, the electric charge.

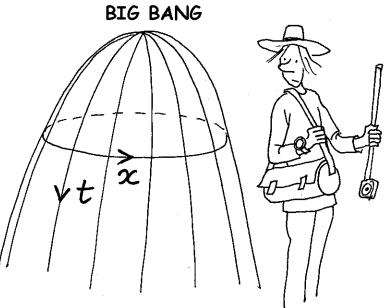
The fact that the character's size hasn't changed illustrates the fact that the mass of an antimatter particle is the same as that of the particle for which it constitutes its symmetric.

All particles: neutrons, mesons, quarks etc., possess their antiparticles, except the PHOTON which is its own antiparticle.





(*) By itself this property of "Lorentzian invariance by rotations" sums up all the very disconcerting aspects of the theory of SPECIAL RELATIVITY

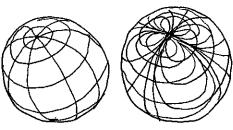


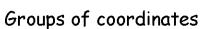
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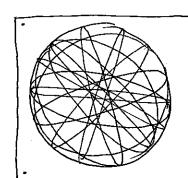
Universe

lines

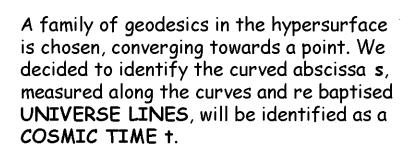
In the hypersurface that constitutes the solution to EINSTEIN'S equation there are particular curves which remain the same no matter what system of coordinates is chosen, they are GEODESICS. The same infinity of geodesics that can be inscribed on a sphere is independent if the coordinate system used to mark them on a surface.

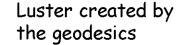


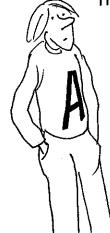




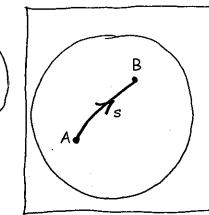
Geodesics:
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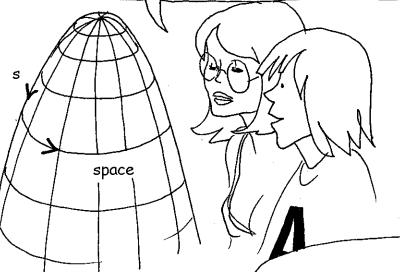




Perpendicular to these lines there is a three dimensional hypersurface, constituted by points situated at the same **EPOCH** s that we identify as PHYSICAL space. 2d image opposite.

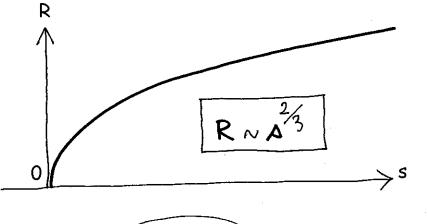


The quantity s has an INTRINSIC CHARACTER. Over any trajectory AB drawn on the sphere, the distance covered is s.



The cosmological model, also called the STANDARD MODEL is a solution

And all that with a set of equations populated with values of G, c, m, e, &, M, considered to be ABSOLUTE CONSTANTS. The identification of s with time worked just as well. This idea led to the BIG BANG model.

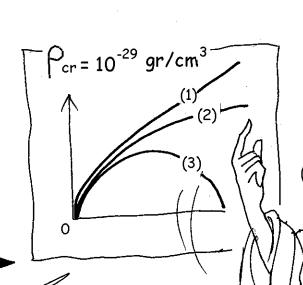




And so?

(*) This choice is also called that of GAUSSIAN COORDINATES

This Standard Model had its moment of glory, its supporters, and its high priests. It was even calculated that the distant future of the Universe depended on its current density and according to whether it was superior, equal, or inferior to 10^{-29} gr/cm (*). The discovery that on the contrary the Universe was accelerating, was the death knell for this model (see The Twin Universe).



So people looked towards the past.

QUANTUM MECHANICS declares itself incapable of describing the phenomena taking place in time inferior to:

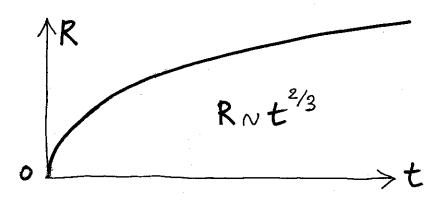
Planck's time
$$tp = \sqrt{\frac{hG}{C^3}} = 10^{-43} sec$$

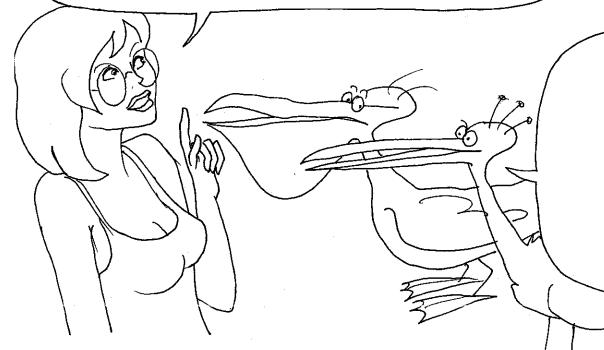
Or on distance inferior to:

Planck's length Lp =
$$\sqrt{\frac{hG}{C^5}}$$
 = 10^{-33} cm

PLANCK'S WALL

As no one doubted that what worked today would have had the same validity in the distant past, there was much speculation on the possible state of the Universe when t was inferior to Planck's length, without taking into account for a second that this fundamentally rested on the hypothesis that G, h and c are ABSOLUTE CONSTANTS unaffected by cosmic evolution.

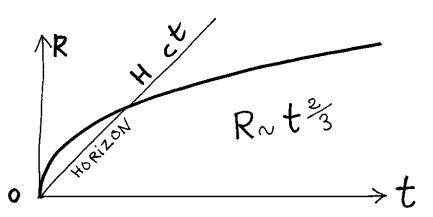




Wait, wait! I can cite lots of articles by more serious people who have shown that if we touch one of these constants, if we suppose the least variation during the course of evolution then that will bring about unsupportable contradictions concerning our observations!

MOVE ALONG PLEASE! THERE'S NOTHING TO SEE.





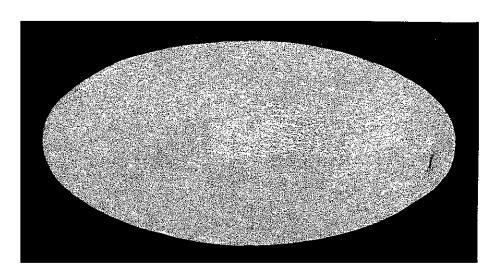
In 1992 the satellite COBE undertook the first precise measurements of the primordial radiation, the CMB, which gave an image of the universe during its first moments and showed that it was homogenous, give or take a hundred millionth.

Exclusive: the primitive Universe

I don't understand. In articles and on the Internet you can see loads of inhomogeneities with very pretty colours



That's because they increase the contrast with the computer. Otherwise the true picture would be like that on the side.



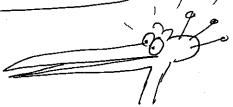
As it really is!

This fantastic homogeneity is an unavoidable paradox. If the speed of light is constant then an electromagnetic wave (*) emitted at an instant zero, will propagate in a bubble of radius ct, that we'll call the COSMOLOGICAL HORIZON. But, looking at the curve on the preceding page, the distance between particles becomes greater at a speed higher than c. They aren't aware of each other at all. It's an autistic universe. How do you explain that under these conditions a universe whose particles have never interacted with each other presents such a degree of homogeneity?

The Management

(*) Displacement at speed c

There could be a solution: that the speed of light was greater in the past (**)



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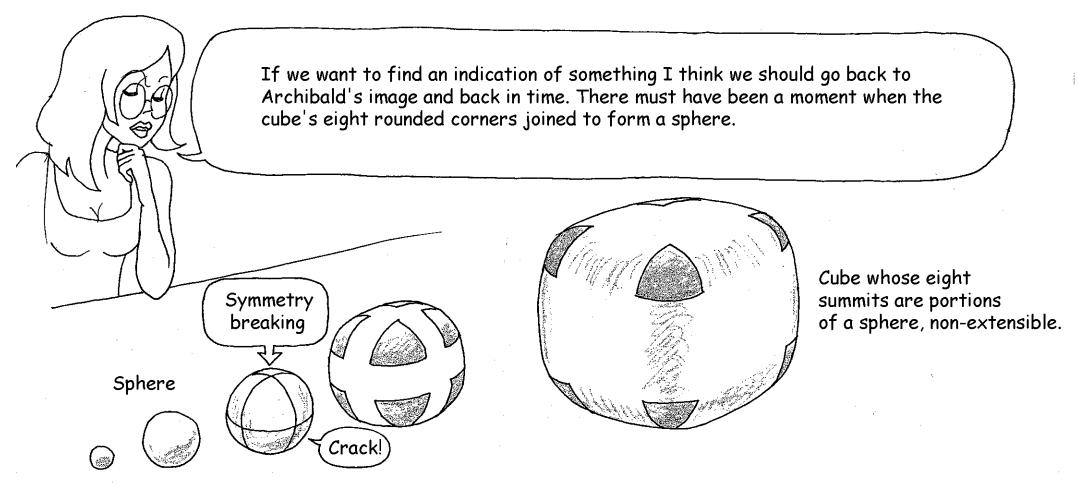
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SYMMETRY BREAKING



An object with the symmetry of the cube possesses a certain number of planes of symmetry and axes of discreet rotation symmetry of $\sqrt[3]{2}$, $\sqrt{3}$, $\sqrt[3]{2}$. A sphere has a degree of symmetry immeasurably higher (*) because every plane passing through its centre is a plane of symmetry and that the sphere remains invariant by rotation at an angle around any axis that also passes through its centre.

(*) O(2) symmetry.

But the cube with blunted corners wasn't there to concentrate minds, give an image of a universe containing eight "matter clusters" and arranged as a regular polyhedron. Still, in two dimensions we could imagine a sphere which breaks into a great number of rigid fragments linked by extensible Euclidian surface elements. It thus completely loses its initial symmetry and what we call a SYMMETRY BREAKING will occur. But in physics such an event is synonymous with major changes, for example the way that expansion of the Universe operates.

Inversely, when there is symmetry there is invariance of something. But what?

In his famous book "The First Three Minutes" (*), the Nobel Prize winner Steven Weinberg stated that when we go back sufficiently far in time, radiation constantly creates pairs of particles and antiparticles which annihilate each other and that the speeds of thermal agitation of all these objects attains the speed of light. From that we could consider that, to use his phrase, "THE UNIVERSE IS FULL OF ALL SORTS OF RADIATION".

So !?!

In following this idea, when material particles (*) become tangential to the speed of light they behave like ... RADIATION...

They become like "photon gas": COMPRESSIBLE.



Hang on, not so fast! The wavelength λ_ϕ of photons vary with R. If what you say is true then the COMPTON WAVELENGTH which gives the "size" of particles

$$\lambda_c = \frac{h}{mc}$$

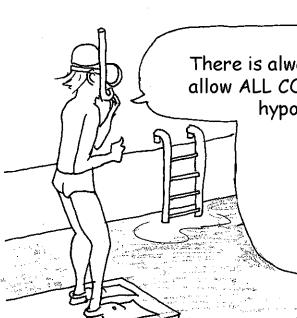
will vary un the same way! And for that, one of the constants, ${f c}$ for example, must vary in its turn.

Why A constant, why not all the constants at the same time while were at it?



This is becoming fascinating!

(*) Antimatter possesses positive mass m and energy mc².



There is always a moment when everything has to be thrown out. I shall therefore allow ALL CONSTANTS of physics to vary, together, by choosing the following four hypotheses

- All the equations of physics must be satisfied
- All characteristic lengths should vary with R
- All time characteristics should vary with t
- All energy, under all possible forms, will be conserved.



In GENERAL RELATIVITY we find a characteristic length which is the SCHWARTZCHILD RADIUS Rs

$$L_S = \frac{26m}{c^2}$$
 So let's go for $\frac{6m}{c} \sim R (*)$

 ${f G}$ is the "gravitational constant"

Still in the field of General Relativity, the famous equation of Einstein is written

$$S = -\frac{8\pi G}{C^2} T$$

Where the fraction represents EINSTEIN'S CONSTANT (*). For mathematical reasons it has to be invariant, which gives me:

I combine them and I get the first law:

In passing that gives me gravitation constant which varies according to

$$G \sim \frac{1}{R}$$

Now I add to the pot the fact that particles are compressible, that is to say

$$\lambda_c = \frac{R}{mc} \sim R$$

Mass m increases with the characteristic dimension R of the Universe. Indeed, why not, Let us combine it with my hypothesis of the conservation of energy mc² = constant



Look, here's a model with a variable speed of light! Let's carry on...



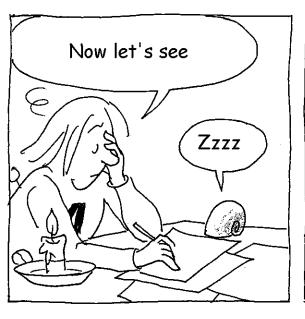
I obtain a Planck constant which evolves according to

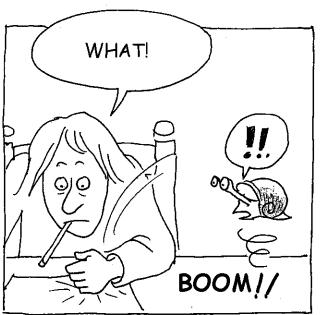
4~R3/2

ZZZ

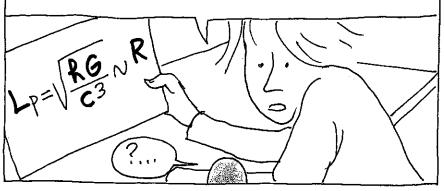
(*) Written in recent works as $\chi = -\frac{8\pi G}{c^4}$ but this difference results from the way the terms of the tensor T are written.

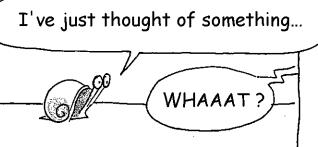
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Tiresias, Planck's length varies with R: Planck's wall has fallen. It no longer exists!

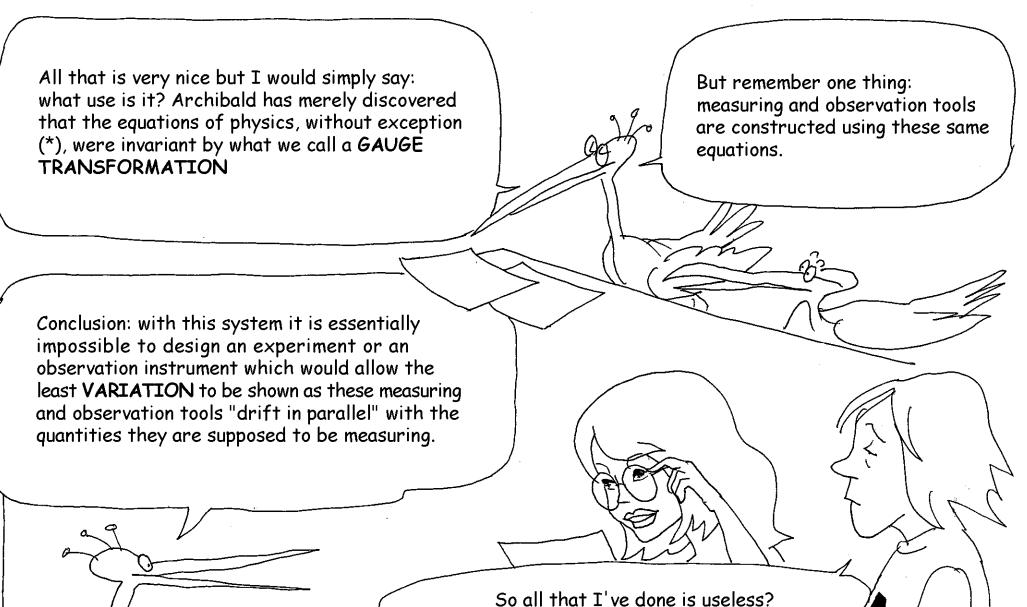




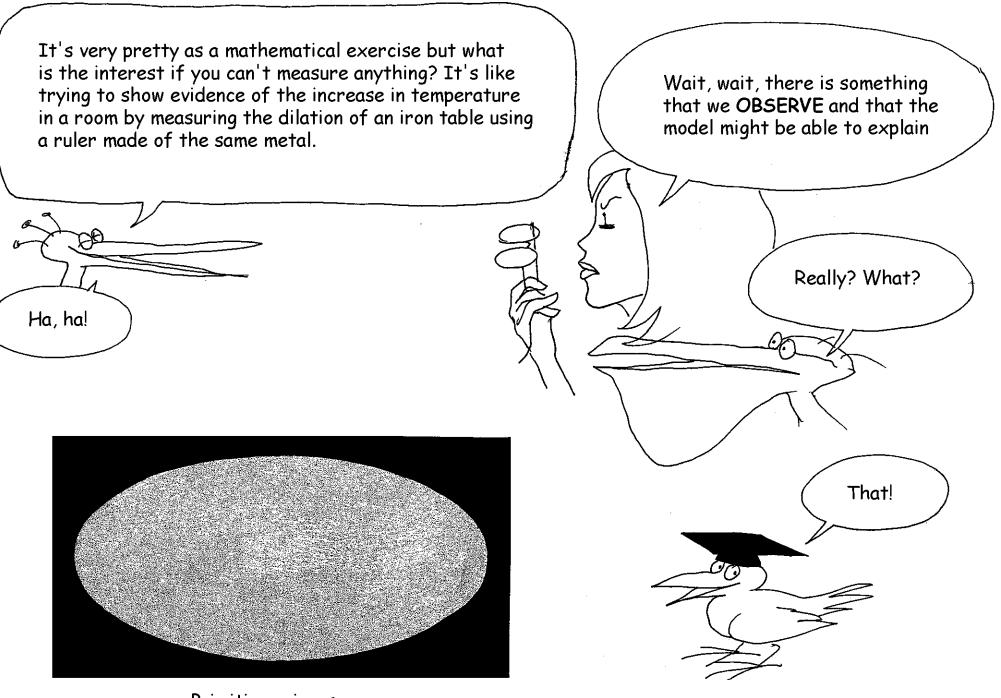


I was thinking about all the enemies you're making

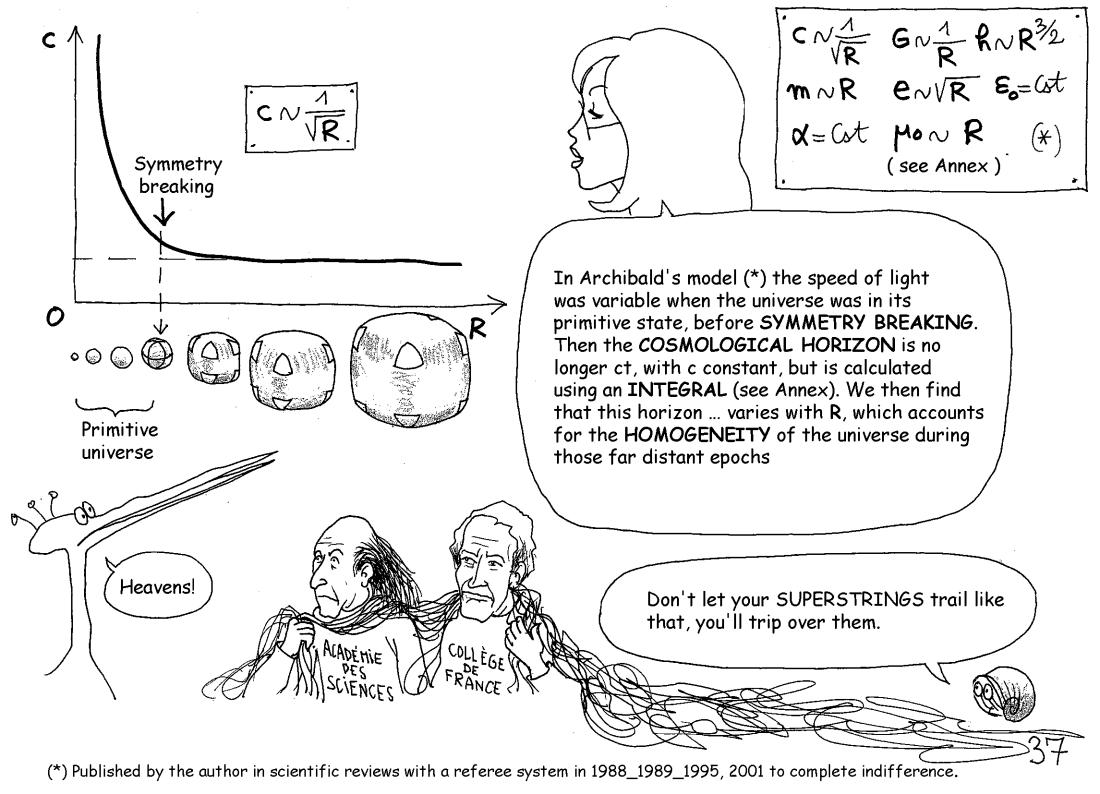
THE FOLLOWING MORNING



(*) For the invariance of the equations of Maxwell, Schrödinger etc, see the ANNEX



Primitive universe





END

ANNEX

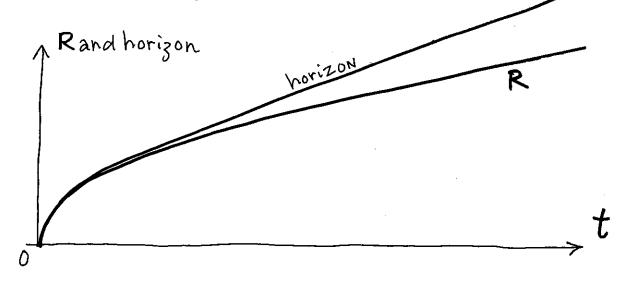
First let us calculate the COSMOLOGICAL HORIZON

when the speed of light can be considered as an absolute constant : horizon = ct

In the early universe
$$C_N = \int_0^t \int_0^t$$

but
$$t \sim R^{3/2} \Rightarrow dt \sim \sqrt{R} dR \Rightarrow \text{horizon } N \int_{0}^{R(\text{present})} dR = R$$
 [horizon $N R$]

To sum up, schematically:



FUNDAMENTAL GAUGE RELATIONSHIP

As an example, consider the Maxwell equations

$$\nabla \times B = -\frac{1}{c^2} \frac{\partial E}{\partial t} \qquad \nabla \times E = -\frac{\partial B}{\partial t} \qquad \nabla \cdot B = 0 \qquad \nabla \cdot E = \frac{\rho_e}{E_0}$$

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{B} = 0$$

Consider the two first equations. Put it in a generalized admensional form.

$$B=B\beta$$
; $E=E\varepsilon$; $c=c\varepsilon$; $t=t\tau$; $\frac{\partial}{\partial t}=\frac{1}{t}\frac{\partial}{\partial \tau}$

$$\nabla = \begin{cases} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_1} = \frac{1}{R} \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_1} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x_2} = \frac{1}{R} \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_2} \end{cases} \text{ write } \delta \begin{cases} \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_1} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_2} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x_3} = \frac{1}{R} \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_3} \end{cases}$$

$$\frac{B}{R}S \times B = -\frac{E}{c^2 t} \frac{\partial E}{E^2 \sigma c}$$

$$\frac{\mathbf{E}}{\mathbf{R}} S \times \mathbf{E} = -\frac{\mathbf{B}}{\mathbf{t}} \frac{\partial \beta}{\partial \tau}$$

combining the two
$$\Rightarrow$$
 $R = c t$

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which fits the former calculations

Introduce Bohr radius:

$$R_b = \frac{R^2}{m_e e^2} NR; m_e Nm NR; e N \frac{R}{R}; h N R^{3/2} \rightarrow e N \sqrt{R}$$

The fine structure constant & rules the geometry of the atoms. If we choose to keep it constant we get:

Eo and to are linked through
$$C = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\epsilon_0 \mu_0}}$$
 whence $\frac{1}{\sqrt{\epsilon_0 \mu_0}}$

We assumed that all kinds of energies are conserved. The pressure is a density of energy so that =

Emagnet =
$$R^3 \frac{B^2}{2 \mu_0} = cst \Rightarrow B \sim \frac{1}{R}$$

 $\Rightarrow \frac{E}{R} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{R}}$
Eelectr = $R^3 \varepsilon_0 E = \omega t \Rightarrow E \sim \frac{1}{R^{3/2}}$

From Maxwell equations we got:
$$\frac{E}{B} \sim \frac{R}{t} \sim \frac{1}{\sqrt{R}} \circ K$$

Thermal velocity V

The kinetic energy is $\pm mV^2$. If conserved

V~ TR ~ C

Mass density

p = n m

Assume the conservation of the number of species n R= Cst

 $P \sim \frac{1}{R^2}$ Have a look to the Teans length We find $L_J \sim R$ $L_{j} = \frac{V}{V4\pi GPm}$

Similarly t_j (Jeans time) = $\frac{1}{\sqrt{4\pi GP}} \sim t$

Everywhere the gauge transform hypothesis is consistent to our result in various fields We can check it for a lot of things, like cross sections $\sim R^2$ Debye length NR, and so on.

To finish the fob we have to examine the link with our bimetric model

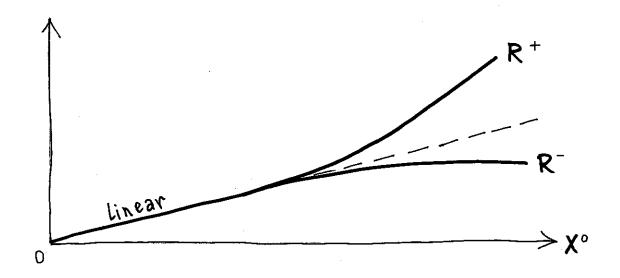
(See THE TWIN UNIVERSE)

In this model we have two space scale factor Rand R. The solution of the coupled field Equations provided the coupled differential equation system =

$$R^{+} = \frac{1}{R^{+2}} \left[\frac{R^{+3}}{R^{-3}} - 1 \right]$$

$$R^{-} = \frac{1}{R^{-2}} \left[\frac{R^{-3}}{R^{+3}} - 1 \right]$$

that explained the "black energy" effect =



LORENTZ INVARIANCE

In the early time the solution is linear $R^{\dagger} = R_N \times^{\circ}$

As pointed out in THE TWIN UNIVERSE this cosmological solution is based on homogeneity and isotropy, plus flatners (curvature index k=0) so that the metrics are Robertron Walker metrics.

 $ds^2 = dx^{o2} - R^2 \left[du^2 + u^2 d\theta^2 + sin^2\theta d\phi^2 \right]$

Back to cartesian coordinates: $dA^2 = dX^{02} - dz^2 - dy^2 - dz^2$

this space-time is locally LORENTZ INVARIANT

To make the link wi our variable speed of light model we write =

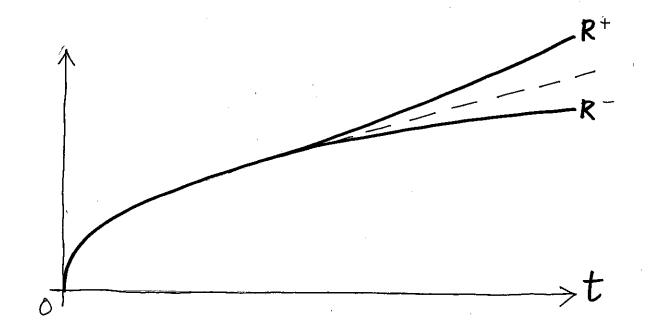
x° NR; dx° NdR Nt 3 dt Ndt NCHdt

This links with the classical identification X° = Ct when C becomes constant

Before the symmetry treaking = dx°Nt3dt > x°Nt2

EVOLUTION

We can draw the evolution versus the physical time t, as defined above



ZENO'S PARADOX

Consider a "clock" composed by two masses orbiting around their common center of gravity

1 ~ ~ t ~ R3/2

Calculate the number of turns N of this clock since the time t=0 to the present time

$$N = \int_{0}^{R_0} \frac{dR}{R^{3/2}} = \left[\frac{1}{\sqrt{R}}\right]_{0}^{R_0} = \text{in finite!}$$

