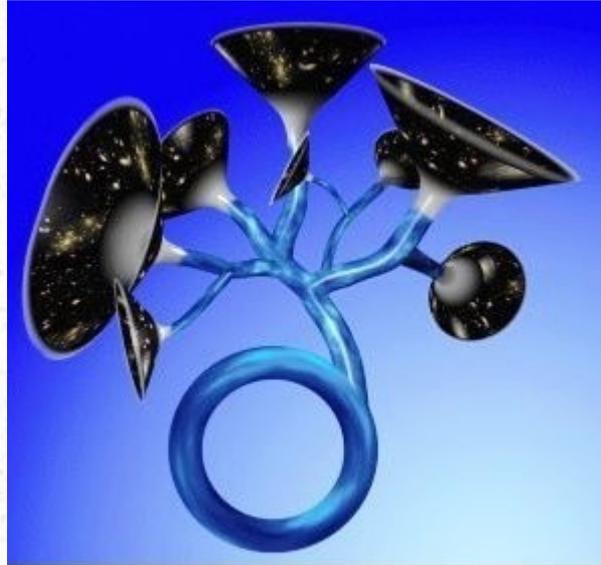


# *Particles in spacetimes in expansion*



Richard Gott's self-creating universe

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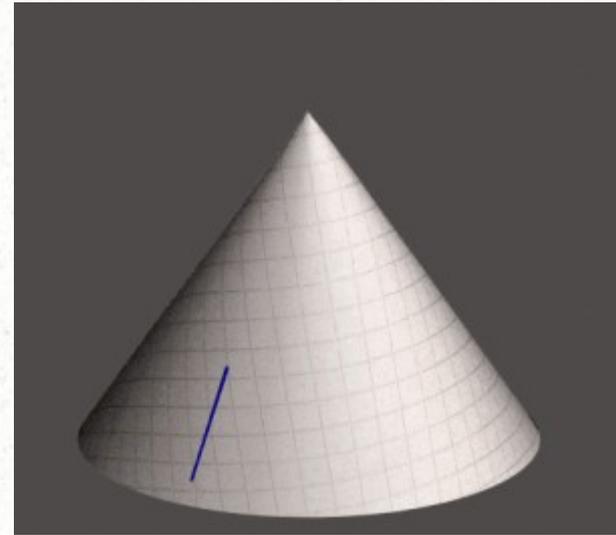
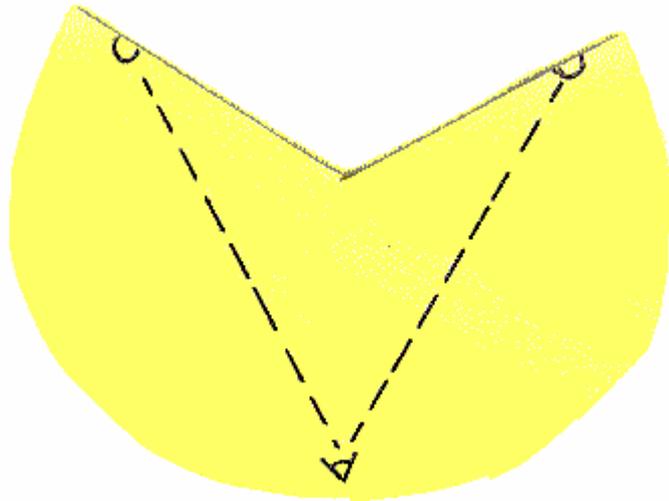
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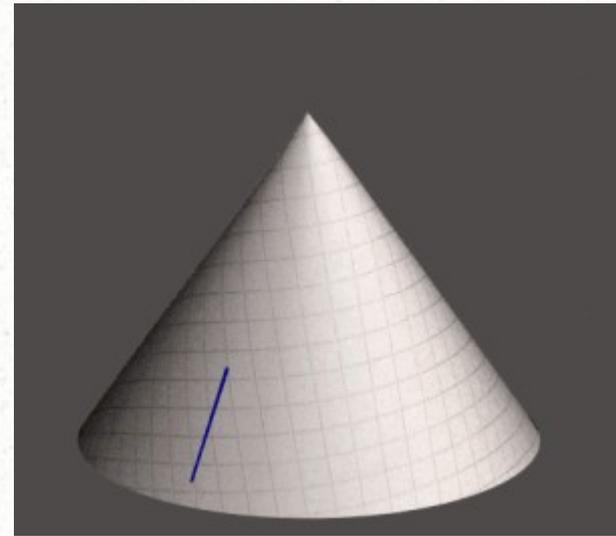
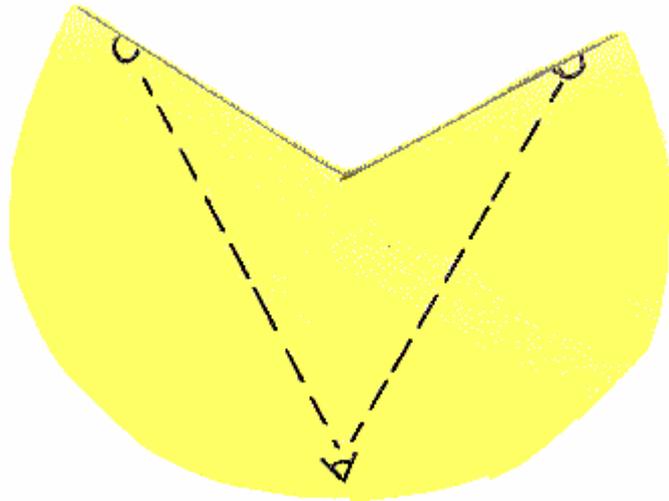
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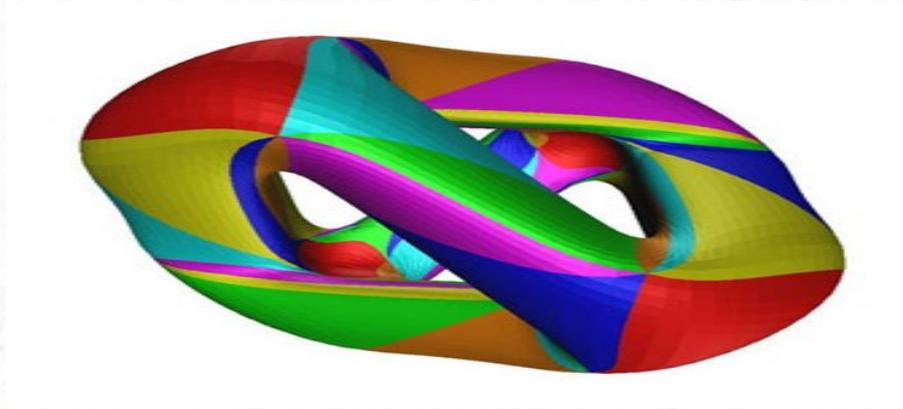
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*Let  $S$  be a closed Riemann surface. Let  $p_1, p_2, \dots, p_n$  be points in  $S$  and  $\theta_1, \theta_2, \dots, \theta_n$  positive real numbers such that:*

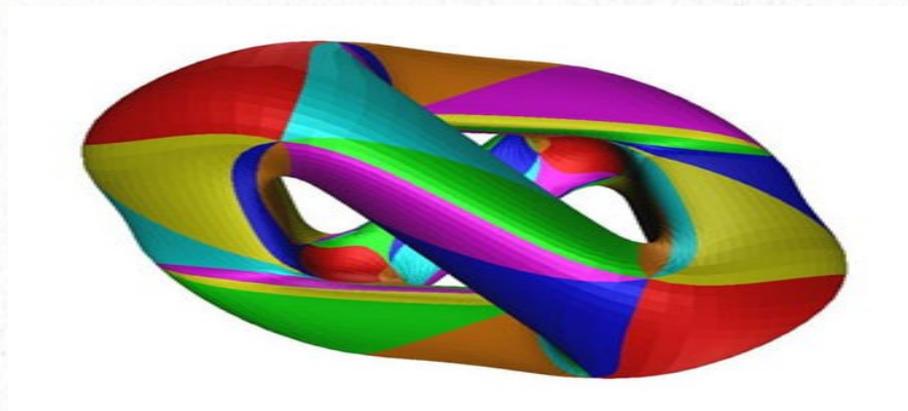
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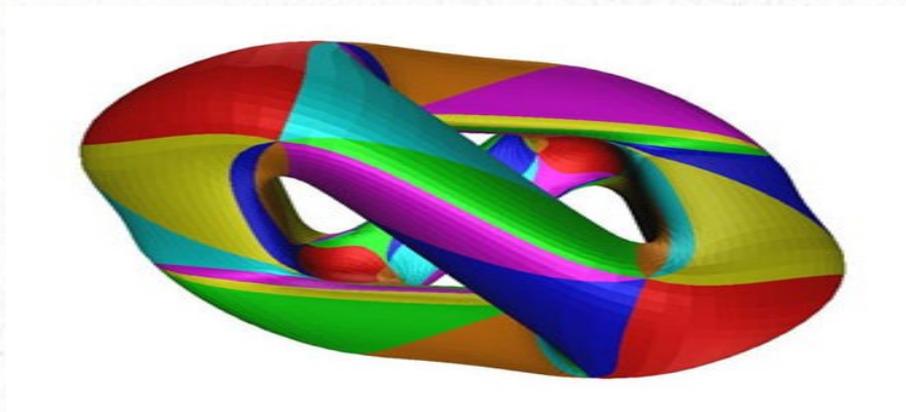


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**One massive particle**

**One lightlike singularity (graviton)**

**Gott's pair spacetime**

**(+ distance between particles)**

**(J.R. Gott, Phys. Rev. Lett. **66**, 1991)**

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## **Additional difficulties:**

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Other singularities:

**Tachyon**

**Misner line** (Big-Bang)

Misner line of second type (surrounded by CTC's)

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# **The anti-de Sitter Gott Universe**

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**Anti-de Sitter space**

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## **Description of the domain filled by CTCs**

### **A schematic view**

More precisely: this is a region, avoiding the gravitons, admitting as frontier (the chronology horizon) the union of two null half-planes, both supported by the closed spacelike geodesic in the spacetime.

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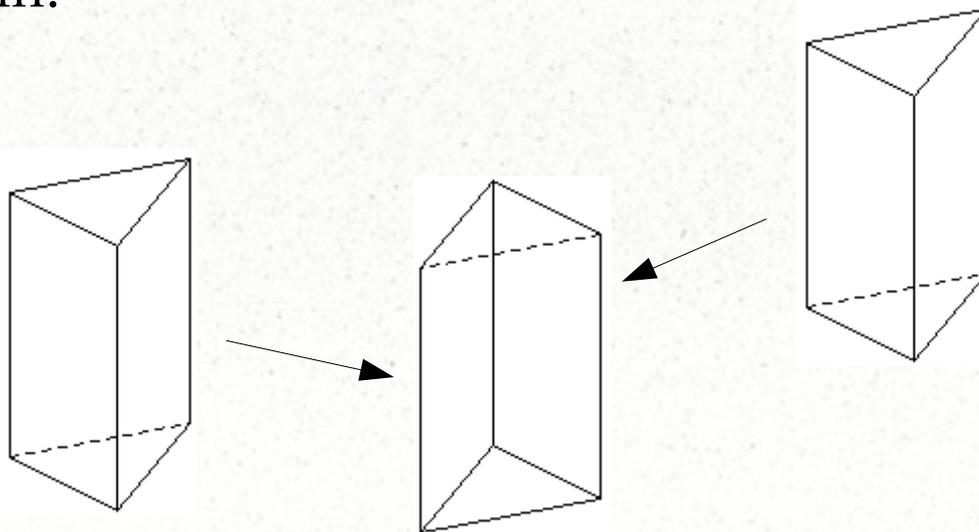
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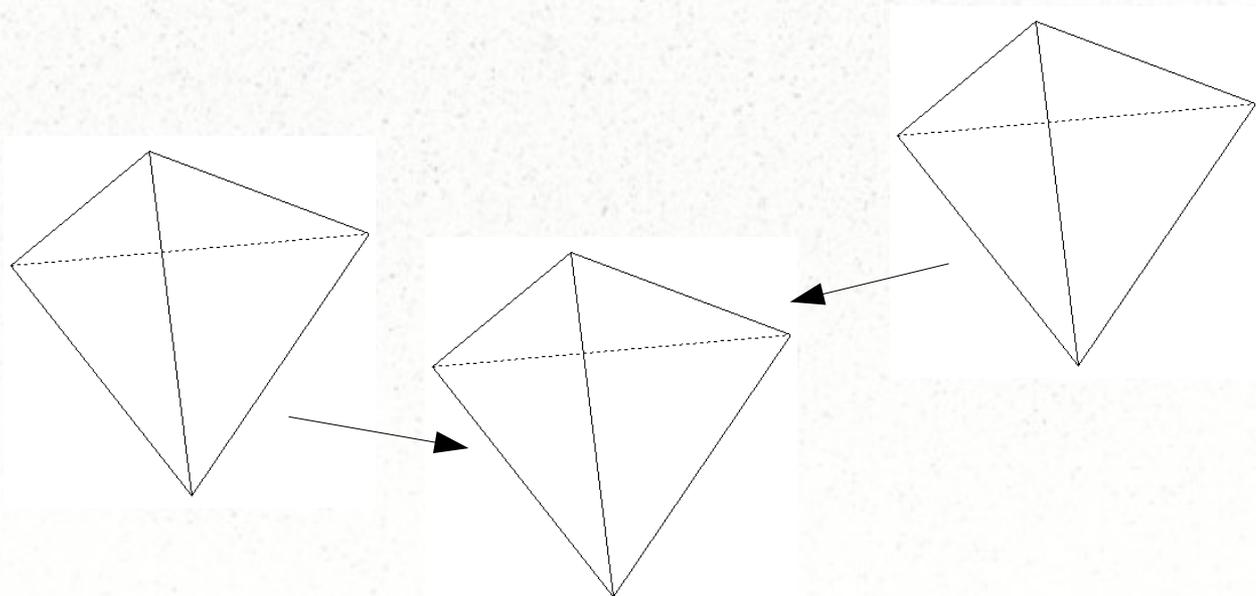
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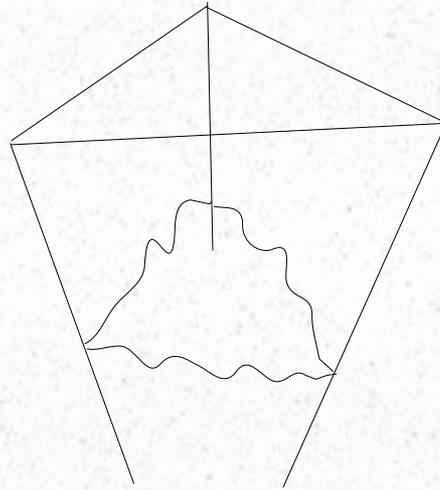
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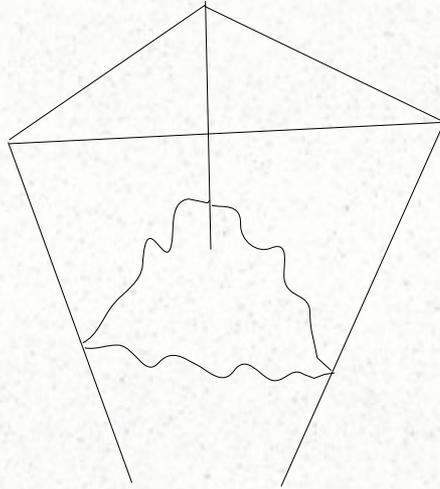
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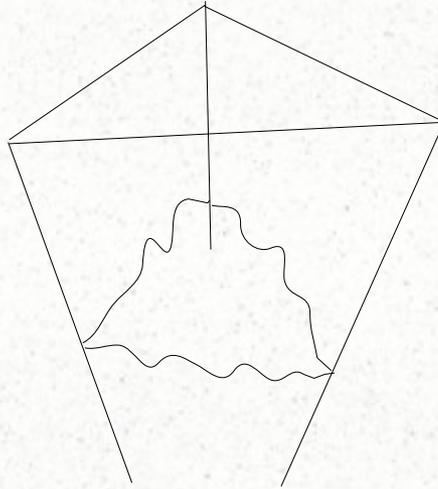
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