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Abstract: The physical history of the Universe is completed by including the quantum planckian and super-planckian phase before Inflation in the Standard Model of the Universe in agreement with observations. In the absence of a complete quantum theory of gravity, we start from quantum physics and its foundational milestone: The *universal* classical-quantum (or wave-particle) duality, which we extend to gravity and the Planck domain. As a consequence, classical, quantum planckian and superplanckian regimes are covered, and the usual quantum domain as well. A new quantum precursor phase of the Universe appears beyond the Planck scale (t_P): $10^{-61}t_P \leq t \leq t_P$. The known classical/semiclassical Universe is in the range: $t_P \leq t \leq 10^{+61}t_P$. We extend in this way de Sitter universe to the quantum domain: *classical-quantum de Sitter duality*. As a result: (i) The classical and quantum dual de Sitter Temperatures and Entropies are naturally included, and the different (classical, semiclassical, quantum planckian and super-planckian) de Sitter regimes characterized in a precise and unifying way. (ii) We apply it to relevant cosmological examples as the CMB, Inflation and Dark Energy. This allows to find in a simple and consistent way: (iii) Full quantum Inflationary spectra and their CMB observables, including in particular the classical known Inflation spectra and the quantum corrections to them. (iv) A whole unifying picture for the Universe epochs and their quantum precursors emerges with the cosmological constant as the vacuum energy, entropy and temperature of the Universe, clarifying the so called cosmological constant problem which once more in its rich history needed to be revised.

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I. INTRODUCTION AND RESULTS

The set of robust cosmological data (cosmic microwave background, large scale structure and deep galaxy surveys, supernovae observations, measurements of the Hubble-Lemaitre constant and other data) support the Standard (concordance) Model of the Universe and place de Sitter (and quasi-de Sitter) stages as a real part of it [1],[2],[3],[4],[5][6],[7]. Moreover, the physical classical, semiclassical and quantum planckian and super-planckian de Sitter regimes are particularly important for several reasons:

(i) The classical, present time accelerated expansion of the Universe and its associated dark energy or cosmological constant in the today era: classical cosmological de Sitter regime.

(ii) The semiclassical early accelerated expansion of the Universe and its associated Inflation era: semiclassical cosmological de Sitter (or quasi de Sitter) regime (classical general relativity plus quantum field fluctuations.)

(iii) The quantum, very early stage preceeding the Inflation era: Planckian and super-Planckian quantum era. Besides its high conceptual and fundamental physics interest, this era could be of realistic cosmological interest for the test of quantum theory itself at such extreme scales, as well as for the search of gravitational wave signals from quantum gravity for e-LISA [8] for instance, after the success of LIGO [9],[10]. In addition, this quantum stage should be relevant in providing quantum precursors and consistent initial states for the semiclassical (fast-roll and slow roll) inflation, and their imprint on the observable primordial fluctuation spectra for instance. Moreover, and as a novel result of this paper, this quantum era allows to clarify the issue of dark energy as the vacuum energy or cosmological constant of the Universe.

(iv) de Sitter is a simple and smooth constant curvature vacuum background without any physical singularity, it is maximally symmetric and can be described as a hyperboloid embedded in Minkowski space- time with one more spatial dimension. Its radius, curvature and equivalent density are described in terms of only one physical parameter: the cosmological constant.

In despite of the simplicity of de Sitter background, the generic nature of inflation, and the relevance of dark energy, there is no satisfactory description of de Sitter background, nor of inflation in string theory, - it is fair to recall here that this was pointed out 25 years ago [11]. [Contrary to Anti-de Sitter, de Sitter background does not appear as a solution of the effective string equations. The lack of a full conformal invariant string de Sitter description is not an handicap for de Sitter background, but to the current formulation or understanding of string theory, [12] (by satisfactory description we mean in particular, one not based in tailored constructions, nor in conjectures)].

The lack of a complete theory of quantum gravity (in field theory and in strings) does not preclude to explore and describe planckian and superplanckian gravity regimes. Instead of going from classical gravity to quantum gravity by quantizing general relativity (as it

was tried with its well known developpements and shortcomings, (is not our aim here to review it), we start from Quantum physics and its foundational milestone: the classical-quantum (wave-particle) duality, and extend it to include gravity and the Planck scale domain, namely, wave-particle-gravity duality, (or classical-quantum gravity duality), [13], [14]. As a consequence, the different gravity regimes are covered: classical, semiclassical and quantum, together with the Planck domain and the elementary particle domain as well. This duality is *universal*, it includes the known classical-quantum duality as a special case and allows a general clarification from which physical understanding and cosmological results can be extracted as shown in this paper. This is not an assumed or conjectured duality. As the wave-particle duality, this does not rely on the number of space-time dimensions (compactified or not), nor on any symmetry or isometry nor on any other *at priori* condition.

In this paper, we link the Standard Model of the Universe to the classical-quantum duality. We complete in this way the history of the Universe beyond the Inflation era and the current picture by including the quantum precursor phase within the Standard Model of the Universe in agreement with observations. Quantum physics is more complete than classical physics and contains it as a particular case: It adds a new quantum planckian and superplanckian phase of the Universe from the Planck time t_P untill the extreme past $10^{-61}t_P$ which is an upper bound for the origin of the Universe, with energy $H = 10^{61}h_P$. Besides the arguments given above, the reasons supporting such a phase are many: (i) The generic and physical existence of classical-quantum duality in Nature. (ii) The universality of it. (iii) The consistent and concordant physical results and coherent whole picture obtained from it supported by observations. We provide an unifying description of the classical, semiclassical, quantum, planckian and superplanckian stages of the Universe, their relevant physical magnitudes: size, mass, vacuum energy density, cosmological constant, gravitational entropy and temperature and the relations between them.

The main results of this paper: 1. The classical dilute Universe today and the highly dense very early quantum superplanckian Universe are classical-quantum duals of each other in the precise meaning of the classical-quantum duality. This means the following: The classical Universe today U_Λ is clearly characterized by the set of physical gravitational magnitudes or observables (age or size, mass, density, temperature, entropy) $\equiv (L_\Lambda, M_\Lambda, \rho_\Lambda, T_\Lambda, S_\Lambda)$

$$U_\Lambda = (L_\Lambda, M_\Lambda, \rho_\Lambda, T_\Lambda, S_\Lambda) \tag{1.1}$$

The highly dense very early quantum Universe U_Q is characterized by the corresponding set of quantum dual physical quantities $(L_Q, M_Q, \rho_Q, T_Q, S_Q)$ in the precise meaning of the classical-quantum duality:

$$U_Q = (L_Q, M_Q, \rho_Q, T_Q, S_Q) \quad (1.2)$$

$$U_Q = \frac{u_P^2}{U_\Lambda}, \quad u_P = (l_P, m_P, \rho_P, t_P, s_P) \quad (1.3)$$

u_P standing for the corresponding quantities at the fundamental constant Planck scale, the *crossing scale* between the two main (classical and quantum) gravity domains. The classical U_Λ and quantum U_Q Universe eras or regimes (classical/semiclassical eras of the known Universe and its quantum planckian and superplanckian very early phases), satisfy Eqs.(1.1)-(1.3). The *total* Universe $U_{Q\Lambda}$ is composed by their classical/semiclassical and quantum phases:

$$U_{Q\Lambda} = (U_Q + U_\Lambda + u_P) \quad (1.4)$$

Q stands for Quantum, Λ for classical, and P for the fundamental Planck scale constant values.

In particular, the quantum dual de Sitter universe U_Q is generated from the classical de Sitter universe U_Λ through Eqs.(1.1)-(1.4): *classical-quantum de Sitter duality*, as we done in Section III. The *total* (classical plus quantum dual) de Sitter universe $U_{Q\Lambda}$ is obtained in Section IV: *classical-quantum de Sitter symmetry*. This includes in particular the classical, quantum and total de Sitter Temperatures and Entropies (Sections V and VI). This allows to characterize in a complete and precise way the different classical, semiclassical, quantum planckian and superplanckian de Sitter regimes (Section VII). H stands for the classical Hubble-Lemaitre constant, or its equivalent $\Lambda = 3 (H/c)^2$. Q stands for quantum dual, and QH (or $Q\Lambda$) for the total or complete quantities.

For instance, the size of the Universe is the gravitational length $L_\Lambda = \sqrt{3/\Lambda}$ in the classical regime, it is the quantum Compton length L_Q in the quantum dual regime (which is the full quantum planckian and superplanckian regime), and it is the Planck length l_P at the fundamental Planck scale: the *crossing scale*. The *total* (or complete) size $L_{Q\Lambda}$ is the sum of the two components. Similarly, the horizon acceleration (surface gravity) K_Λ of the Universe in its classical gravity regime becomes the quantum acceleration K_Q in the quantum dual gravity regime. The temperature T_Λ , measure of the classical gravitational length or mass becomes the quantum Temperature T_Q (measure of the quantum size or

Compton length) in the quantum regime. Consistently, the Gibbons-Hawking temperature is *precisely* the quantum temperature T_Q . Similarly, the classical/semiclassical gravitational area or entropy S_Λ (Gibbons-Hawking entropy) has its quantum dual S_Q in the quantum gravity (Planckian and super-Planckian) regime. The concept of gravitational entropy is *the same* for any of the gravity regimes: $Area/4l_P^2$ in units of k_B . (For a classical object of size L_Λ , this is the classical area A_Λ , for a quantum object, of size L_Q , this is the area A_Q .)

2. Results for Inflation. We apply these results to Inflation, Dark Energy and the cosmological constant in the framework of the Standard Model of the Universe, (Sections VIII-XI). The precursor quantum phase of the known classical/semiclassical Inflation does appear, as well as the precursors for the classical standard eras and today Dark Energy era. H-inflation means the classical known Inflation (classical H) era, Q-inflation is its quantum dual precursor, QH stands for the total Inflation era including the known classical/semiclassical Inflation and its precursor: the quantum Inflation era (in the planckian and superplanckian) phase. The *total* or complete QH inflationary spectra turn out expressed as

$$[\Delta_{k, QH}^S] = [\Delta_{k, H}^S] \left(\frac{1}{[1 + (H/h_P)^2]} \right) \frac{1}{(1 - \delta\epsilon_{QH})^{1/2}} \quad (1.5)$$

$$[\Delta_{k, QH}^T] = [\Delta_{k, H}^T] \left(\frac{1}{[1 + (H/h_P)^2]} \right) \quad (1.6)$$

where $[\Delta_{k, H}^S]$ and $[\Delta_{k, H}^T]$ are the known standard spectra of scalar curvature and tensor perturbations in classical H Inflation Eqs.(9.1). Here $\delta\epsilon_{QH}$ is the first order QH slow-roll parameter (computed in Section IX) which contain in particular the classical known slow-roll ϵ parameter, and h_P is the value of the Hubble constant at the Planck scale (or mass Planck value m_P). The total QH spectra contain both: the standard known spectra of the classical/semiclassical Inflation including its quantum corrections of order $(H/h_P)^2 = 10^{-12}$ in the classical/semiclassical gravity phase $H = 10^{-6}h_P$, at $t = 10^6 t_P$, (or $10^{-5}M_P$ for the reduced Planck mass $M_P = m_P/\sqrt{8\pi}$), and their quantum dual spectra in the quantum precursor Inflation era $H_Q = 10^6 h_P$, at $t = 10^{-6} t_P$.

The CMB observables: scalar spectral index n_S , ratio r and departure from scalar invariance Δ are computed (in the two Inflation phases, classical H, quantum Q, and the total QH): In the classical H known phase, it yields in a simple and direct way the same quantum corrections to the spectra, sign and magnitude, as the quantum inflaton corrections [15], [16]

in the Ginsburg-Landau effective approach to Inflation [17],[18]. The *departure from scale invariance* $\Delta_{QH} = (n_s_{QH} - 1)/2 + r_{QH}/8$, gets corrected as [Eq.(9.19)]:

$$\Delta_{QH} = \Delta [1 - 2 (H/h_P)^2] + \sqrt{\epsilon} (H/h_P)^2 [2\sqrt{\epsilon} - \frac{m_P}{\sqrt{\pi}}] + O (H/h_P)^4,$$

where ϵ and $\Delta = (n_s - 1)/2 + r/8$ are the slow roll parameter and the *departure from scale invariance* of the known classical H Inflation respectively. The QH corrections to the known scalar index n_s and ratio r of classical/semiclassical Inflation $(H/h_P) = 10^{-6}$ are:

$$\frac{r_{QH}}{r} - 1 = -2 \cdot 10^{-12}, \quad \frac{n_s_{QH}}{n_s} - 1 = 2 \cdot 10^{-12} [1 - \frac{1}{n_s} (1 - \frac{m_P}{2} \sqrt{\frac{\epsilon}{\pi}})].$$

The QH factor modifying the Hubble constant and the complete QH inflation spectra:

$$Q^H \equiv \frac{H}{[1 + (H/h_P)^2]} = \frac{H_Q}{[1 + (H_Q/h_P)^2]} = H \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n \left(\frac{H}{h_P} \right)^{2n}, \quad (1.7)$$

covers the *full classical and quantum range* $H \leq h_P$ and $H \geq h_P$. If $H < h_P$, it covers the known classical/semiclassical range. If $H > h_P$, it changes consistently to the quantum Hubble rate $H_Q = h_P^2/H$ in the quantum domain.

3. Results for Dark Energy. This framework reveals enlightening for the issue of *Dark Energy* as discussed in Section X, and allows clarification into the cosmological constant problem as discussed in Section XI. The classical Universe today U_Λ is precisely a *classical dilute gravity vacuum dominated by voids and supervoids* as shown by observations [19], [20], [21] whose observed ρ_Λ or Λ value today [3],[4],[5],[6],[7] is *precisely* the classical dual of its quantum precursor values ρ_Q, Λ_Q in the quantum very early precursor vacuum U_Q as determined by Eqs.(1.1)-(1.2). The high density ρ_Q and cosmological constant Λ_Q are precisely the quantum particle physics superplanckian value 10^{122} . This is precisely expressed by Eqs.(1.1)-(1.2) applied to this case, Section X [Eqs.(10.6)-(10.8)]:

$$\Lambda = 3H^2 = \lambda_P \left(\frac{H}{h_P} \right)^2 = \lambda_P \left(\frac{l_P}{L_H} \right)^2 = (2.846 \pm 0.076) 10^{-122} m_P^2 \quad (1.8)$$

$$\Lambda_Q = 3H_Q^2 = \lambda_P \left(\frac{h_P}{H} \right)^2 = \lambda_P \left(\frac{L_H}{l_P} \right)^2 = (0.3516 \pm 0.094) 10^{122} h_P^2 \quad (1.9)$$

$$\Lambda_Q = \frac{\lambda_P^2}{\Lambda}, \quad \lambda_P = 3h_P^2 \quad (1.10)$$

The quantum dual value Λ_Q is precisely the quantum vacuum value $\rho_Q = 10^{122} \rho_P$ obtained from particle physics:

$$\rho_Q = \rho_P \left(\frac{\Lambda_Q}{\lambda_P} \right) = \frac{\rho_P^2}{\rho_\Lambda} = 10^{122} \rho_P \quad (1.11)$$

Eqs.(1.8)-(1.11) are consistently supported by the data [3],[4],[5],[6],[7] which we also *link to the gravitational entropy and temperature of the Universe*, as we done in Section XI and summarized by Eqs.(11.27) - (11.29). The *complete* cosmological constant $\Lambda_{Q\Lambda}$ or total vacuum energy density $\rho_{Q\Lambda}$ is the sum of its classical and quantum components (corresponding to the classical today era and its quantum planckian and super-planckian precursor):

$$\Lambda_{Q\Lambda} = \lambda_P \left(\frac{\Lambda}{\lambda_P} + \frac{\lambda_P}{\Lambda} + 1 \right) = \lambda_P (10^{-122} + 10^{+122} + 1) \quad (1.12)$$

The observed Λ or ρ_Λ today is the *classical gravity vacuum* value of the classical Universe U_Λ today. Such observed value must be consistently in such way because of the *large classical* size of the Universe today $L_\Lambda = \sqrt{3/\Lambda}$, and of the empty or vacuum dilute state today dominated by *voids and supervoids* as shown by the set of large structure observations [19], [20], [21]. This is one main physical reason for such a *low* Λ value at the present age today $10^{61}t_P$. Its precursor value and density Λ_Q, ρ_Q is a high superplanckian value precisely because this is a high density very early *quantum cosmological vacuum* in the extreme past $10^{-61}t_P$ of the quantum superplanckian precursor phase U_Q .

The quantum cosmological constant and associated density $\Lambda_Q = \rho_Q = 10^{122}$ (in Planck units) in the quantum precursor superplanckian phase U_Q at $10^{-61}t_P$, (the extreme past), became the classical cosmological constant and density $\Lambda = \rho_\Lambda = 10^{-122}$ in the classical Universe U_Λ today at $10^{61}t_P$. The superplanckian value is consistently in such way because is a extreme quantum gravity vacuum in the extreme quantum past $10^{-61}t_P$ with minimal entropy $S_Q = 10^{-122} = \Lambda = \rho_\Lambda$. All physical quantities: the vacuum energy density, the cosmological constant, the gravitational entropy and gravitational temperature, both classical and quantum are consistently linked by the *classical-quantum (or wave-particle) duality through the Planck scale* in agreement with observations Eqs.(1.1)-(1.3), (Sections X-XI).

Eqs.(1.8) to (1.11),(1.12), [Eqs.(11.27)-(11.29)] concisely and synthetically express such complete set of classical-quantum dual relations and *explain why* the classical gravitational vacuum: cosmological constant Λ or density ρ_Λ *coincides* with such observed *low value* 10^{-122} in Planck units, and *why* their corresponding quantum gravity precursor vacuum has such extremely *high* superplanckian density *value* 10^{122} in Planck units. This is *not* trivial, this is simple, deep and robust, (Section X). This is *not* a tailored argument or construction to

the dark energy /cosmological constant problem. This is a consequence of a whole general picture, (Section XI), within the Standard Model of the Universe.

4. A Whole picture. Overall, a consistent unifying clear picture of the history of the Universe does emerge in terms of the gravitational classical, semiclassical and quantum phases and their relevant characterizing physical magnitudes as the size, age, vacuum density, gravitational entropy and temperature, all in terms of the cosmological constant. This sheds light in the Inflation and Dark energy eras and in the cosmological constant problem. This is summarized in the end of Section XI (the whole history), and depicted in Fig.(1).

The evolution of the Universe can be described by two big phases: Classical and Quantum, that is to say, after and before the Planck time $t_P = 10^{-44}$ sec respectively. Each cosmological stage in the classical known Universe $t_P \leq t \leq 10^{61} t_P$ has a dual quantum stage in the preceding quantum phase before the Planck time: $10^{-61} t_P \leq t \leq t_P$.

The whole duration (of the classical plus quantum phases) is precisely $10^{-61} t_P \leq t \leq 10^{+61} t_P$. That is to say, *each* component *naturally* dominates in each phase: classical time component $10^{+61} t_P$ in the classical era, quantum Planck value t_P in the quantum preceding era.

The present time of the Universe at $10^{+61} t_P$, which is a *lower bound* for the future (if any) age of the Universe, has a remote past quantum precursor equal to $10^{-61} t_P$, which is an *upper bound* for the origin of the Universe. The classical/semi-classical known inflation era which occurred at about $10^{+6} t_P, H = 10^{-6} h_P$ has a preceding quantum dual era at $10^{-6} t_P, H = 10^6 h_P$ which is a semi-quantum era ('low H ' with respect to the extreme past quantum state $H = 10^{61} h_P$), and similarly, for any of the other known eras in the Classical post-planckian Universe. This appears to be the way in which the Universe has evolved. A complete picture is discussed in Section XI including the gravitational entropy and temperatures, and summarized in Fig.(1).

In Planck units, is the same to express the age of the Universe 10^{61} in terms of time, length, mass, temperature or square root of entropy (arrow of time) to describe the complete Universe. Similarly, the vacuum energy density is the dual to the gravitational entropy. The complete quantum theory is a theory of *pure numbers*.

The *total or complete* physical quantities are invariant under the classical-quantum duality: $H \leftrightarrow Q$, as it must be: This means physically that: (i) what occurred in the quantum

phase before t_P *determines* through quantum duality Eqs.(1.1)-(1.4) what occurred in the classical phase after t_P . And: (ii) what occurred in the quantum phase before t_P is the *same physical observable*, or event which occurred after t_P in the precise meaning of the classical-quantum dual relations Eqs.(1.1)-(1.3). That is to say: The quantum dual quantities in the quantum phase before t_P , are the *quantum precursors* of the classical/semiclassical quantities after t_P . As the wave-particle duality at the basis of quantum mechanics, the wave-particle-gravity duality, is reflected in all cosmological eras and its associated quantities, temperatures and entropies as well.

Cosmological evolution goes from a quantum planckian and superplanckian phase to a semiclassical accelerated era (de Sitter inflation), then to the classical eras until the present classical de Sitter phase. The classical-quantum or wave-particle-gravity duality specifically manifests in this evolution, between the different gravity regimes, and could be viewed as a mapping between asymptotic (in and out) states characterized by sets U_Q and U_Λ and thus as a Scattering-matrix description.

This paper is organized as follows: In Section II we describe the classical - quantum duality including gravity together with its properties covering the different gravity regimes: (classical, semiclassical and quantum gravity domains) passing through the Planck scale and the elementary particle domain as well. In Sections III and IV we describe the classical, quantum dual and complete de Sitter universe, its physical duality symmetry and its properties. Sections V and VI deal with the classical, quantum dual and complete de Sitter Temperature and Entropy. In Section VII we characterize in a precise and unifying way the different (classical, semiclassical, Planckian and super-Planckian) de Sitter regimes. Sections VIII-X illustrate the results with relevant cosmological examples and their implications for the CMB fluctuations, Inflation and Dark Energy. In Section XI we provide a clarifying unifying picture with the cosmological constant as the vacuum energy, entropy and temperature of the Universe. Section XII summarizes outlook and conclusions.

II. CLASSICAL - QUANTUM DUALITY THROUGH THE PLANCK SCALE

Let us stand by O_G the set of relevant physical variables or observables characteristic of the classical gravity regime, (as size, mass, surface gravity (or gravity acceleration), and usual temperature for instance), and by O_Q the corresponding set of quantities in the **quantum**

dual regime in the precise sense of the wave-particle or classical-quantum duality: The magnitudes O_G and O_Q are classical-quantum gravity duals of each other, (in the precise meaning of the classical-quantum duality) here through the Planck scale, [13]:

$$O_G = o_P^2 O_Q^{-1} \quad (2.1)$$

This relation holds in general for any quantity in the set. O_G and O_Q are the same conceptual physical quantities in the different (classical/semiclassical and quantum) gravity regimes respectively. The constant o_P stands for the corresponding quantity at the Planck scale, ie purely depending of the fundamental constants (\hbar , c , G). O_Q stands for relevant quantum concepts as quantum size L_Q , quantum mass M_Q , quantum acceleration $K_Q = c^2/L_Q$, quantum temperature T_Q and other physical magnitudes associated to them .

This is not an assumed or conjectured duality. This duality is *universal*. As the wave-particle duality, this classical/semiclassical-quantum gravity duality does not relate to the number of dimensions, nor to any particular or imposed symmetry of the background manifold or space- time, nor to any other condition.

Each of the sides of Eq.(2.1) accounts for each domain separately: classical *or* quantum, ie O_G *or* O_Q , and their respective associated set of magnitudes. The *total or complete* or QG magnitudes take into account the different gravity domains: classical and quantum, and their duality properties, passing through the Planck scale and including the elementary particle domain as well [13]:

$$O_{QG} = (O_Q + O_G) \quad (2.2)$$

In Planck units, the complete QG magnitudes simply read

$$O_{QG} = o_P \left(o + \frac{1}{o} \right), \quad o \equiv \frac{O_G}{o_P} = \frac{o_P}{O_Q} \quad (2.3)$$

The two domains ($O \geq o_P$) and ($O \leq o_P$) being the classical and quantum domains respectively, with the two ways of reaching the Planck scale.

The QG magnitudes cover all the classical and quantum domains, with and without gravity. The two domains precisely account for the elementary particle domain: $0 \leq O \leq o_P$, and for the macroscopic gravity domain: $o_P \leq O \leq \infty$. These two domains are duals of each other in the precise sense of the classical-quantum duality through the Planck scale: we call it "Planck scale duality". For instance: Quantum particle theory has $L_Q \gg l_P$ and

$L_G \ll l_P$. Classical gravity has $L_Q \ll l_P$ and $L_G \gg l_P$. Quantum Gravity has L_{QG} and any value of L_G and L_Q , and includes the Planck domain as well. We implement the classical-quantum duality in de Sitter universe in the next section.

III. CLASSICAL AND QUANTUM DUAL DE SITTER UNIVERSES

de Sitter space-time in D space-time dimensions is the hyperboloid embedded in Minkowski space-time of $(D + 1)$ dimensions:

$$X^2 - T^2 + X_j X^j + Z^2 = L_H^2, \quad j = 2, 3, \dots, (D - 2) \quad (3.1)$$

L_H is the radius or characteristic length of the de Sitter universe. The scalar curvature R is constant. Classically:

$$L_H = c/H, \quad R = H^2 D(D - 1) = \frac{2D}{(D - 2)} \Lambda, \quad \Lambda = \frac{H^2}{2} (D - 1)(D - 2)$$

Moreover, a mass M_H can be associated to L_H or H , such that (we take $D = 4$ here for simplicity):

$$L_H = \frac{GM_H}{c^2} \equiv L_G, \quad M_H = \frac{c^3}{GH} \quad (3.2)$$

The corresponding quantum magnitudes L_Q , M_Q are the quantum duals of L_H , M_H respectively in the precise meaning of the classical-quantum (de Broglie or Compton) duality:

$$L_Q = \frac{\hbar}{M_H c} = \frac{\hbar GH}{c^3}, \quad M_Q = \frac{\hbar H}{c^2} \quad (3.3)$$

$$\text{ie, } L_Q = \frac{l_P^2}{L_H}, \quad M_Q = \frac{m_P^2}{M_H} \quad (3.4)$$

where l_P and m_P are the Planck length and Planck mass respectively:

$$l_P = \sqrt{\frac{\hbar G}{c^3}}, \quad m_P = \sqrt{\frac{c \hbar}{G}} \quad (3.5)$$

Similarly, for the quantum dual Hubble constant H_Q and the quantum curvature R_Q :

$$H_Q = \frac{h_P^2}{H}, \quad R_Q = \frac{r_P^2}{R}, \quad \Lambda_Q = \frac{\lambda_P^2}{\Lambda} \quad (3.6)$$

where h_P , r_P , λ_P are the Planck scale values of the Hubble constant, scalar curvature and cosmological constant respectively:

$$h_P = \frac{c}{l_P}, \quad r_P = h_P^2 D(D - 1), \quad \lambda_P = \frac{h_P^2}{2} (D - 1)(D - 2) \quad (3.7)$$

$$h_P = c^2 \sqrt{\frac{c}{\hbar G}}, \quad r_P = 12 h_P^2 = 4 \lambda_P, \quad \lambda_P = 3 \left(\frac{c^5}{\hbar G} \right), \quad (D = 4) \quad (3.8)$$

IV. TOTAL DE SITTER UNIVERSE AND ITS DUALITY SYMMETRY

The classical $L_H \equiv L_G$ length and the quantum length L_Q can be extended to a more complete length L_{QH} which includes both: (we call it *complete* or Quantum Gravity (here QH) length since it contains both: Q and H lengths):

$$L_{QH} = (L_H + L_Q) = l_P \left(\frac{L_H}{l_P} + \frac{l_P}{L_H} \right). \quad (4.1)$$

and we have then :

$$X^2 - T^2 + X_j X^j + Z^2 = L_{QH}^2 = 2 l_P^2 \left[1 + \frac{1}{2} \left[\left(\frac{L_H}{l_P} \right)^2 + \left(\frac{l_P}{L_H} \right)^2 \right] \right] \quad (4.2)$$

with $j = 2, 3, \dots, (D - 3)$.

Eq.(4.2) quantum generalize de Sitter space-time including the classical, semiclassical and quantum de Sitter regimes and the Planck scale de Sitter regimes as well. It contains two non-zero lengths (L_H, L_Q) or two relevant scales (H, l_P) enlarging the possibilities for the space-time regimes or phases: Quantum, semiclassical and classical de Sitter regimes. Thus,

- For $L_H \gg l_P$, ie $L_Q \ll L_H$, Eq.(4.2) yields the classical de Sitter space-time. For intermediate L_H values between l_P and L_Q it yields the semiclassical de Sitter space-time.
- For $L_H = l_P$ ie $L_Q = l_P = L_{QH}$, Eq.(4.2) yields the Planck scale de Sitter hyperboloid.
- For $L_H \ll l_P$, ie $L_Q \gg L_H$ it yields the highly quantum de Sitter regime, deep inside the Planck domain.

$H = c/L_H$ is (c^{-1}) times the surface gravity (or gravity acceleration) of the classical de Sitter space-time. Similarly, $H_Q = c/L_Q$ and $H_{QH} = c/L_{QH}$ are the surface gravity in the quantum and whole QH de Sitter phases respectively.

Similarly, from Eq. (4.1) and Eqs (3.2)-(3.4), we have for the mass:

$$M_{QH} = (M_H + M_Q) = m_P \left(\frac{M_H}{m_P} + \frac{m_P}{M_H} \right) \quad (4.3)$$

$$\frac{M_{QH}}{m_P} = m_P \left(\frac{L_H}{l_P} + \frac{l_P}{L_H} \right) = \frac{L_{QH}}{l_P} \quad (4.4)$$

M_{QH}/m_P and L_{QH}/l_P both have the same expression with respect to their respective Planck values.

The complete QH Hubble constant H_{QH} , curvature R_{QH} and Λ_{QH} . The fully quantum QH Hubble H_{QH} constant, curvature R_{QH} and Λ_{QH} constant follow from the QH de Sitter length L_{QH} Eq.(4.1):

$$H_{QH} = \frac{c}{L_{QH}}, \quad R_{QH} = H_{QH}^2 D (D - 1), \quad \Lambda_{QH} = \frac{H_{QH}^2}{2} (D - 1)(D - 2) \quad (4.5)$$

where from Eqs.(4.1) and (3.6):

$$H_{QH} = \frac{H}{[1 + (l_P H/c)^2]}, \quad H_{QH}/h_P = \frac{(H/h_P)}{[1 + (H/h_P)^2]}, \quad h_P = c/l_P \quad (4.6)$$

We see the *symmetry* of H_{QH} under $(H/h_P) \rightarrow (h_P/H)$, ie under $H \rightarrow H_Q = (h_P^2/H)$:

$$H_{QH}(H/h_P) = H_{QH}(h_P/H) \quad (4.7)$$

That is, the classical H and quantum H_Q are classical-quantum duals of each other through the Planck scale h_P , but the complete or total H_{QH} which contain both of them is *invariant*. And similarly, for the quantum curvature R_{QH} and cosmological constant Λ_{QH} Eq.(4.5) derived from them :

$$R_{QH}(H/h_P) = R_{QH}(h_P/H), \quad \Lambda_{QH}(H/h_P) = \Lambda_{QH}(h_P/H) \quad (4.8)$$

where:

$$R_{QH} = \frac{R_H}{[1 + R_H/r_P]^2} = \frac{R_Q}{[1 + R_Q/r_P]^2}, \quad r_P = 12 h_P^2 \quad (4.9)$$

$$\Lambda_{QH} = \frac{\Lambda_H}{[1 + \Lambda_H/\lambda_P]^2} = \frac{\Lambda_Q}{[1 + \Lambda_Q/\lambda_P]^2}, \quad \lambda_P = 3 h_P^2 \quad (4.10)$$

The classical $H/h_P \ll 1$, quantum $H/h_P \gg 1$ and Planck $H/h_P = 1$ regimes are clearly exhibited in the QH expressions Eqs (4.5), Eq.(4.6):

$$H_{QH} (H \ll h_P) = H [1 - (H/h_P)^2] + O (H/h_P)^4 = \frac{c}{L_H} [1 - (\frac{l_P}{L_H})^2] + O (\frac{l_P}{L_H})^4 \quad (4.11)$$

$$H_{QH} (H = h_P) = \frac{h_P}{2}, \quad h_P = c/l_P \quad (4.12)$$

$$H_{QH} (H \gg h_P) = (h_P^2/H) [1 - (h_P/H)^2] + O(h_P/H)^4 = \frac{c L_H}{l_P^2} [1 - (\frac{L_H}{l_P})^2] + O (\frac{L_H}{l_P})^4 \quad (4.13)$$

The three above equations show respectively the three different de Sitter phases:

- The classical gravity de Sitter universe (with lower curvature than the Planck scale r_P) *outside* the Planck domain ($l_P < L_H < \infty$).
- The Planck curvature de Sitter state ($R_H = r_P$, $L_H = l_P$)
- The highly quantum or high curvature ($R_H \gg r_P$) de Sitter phase *inside* the quantum gravity Planck domain ($0 < L_H \leq l_P$).

Eqs (4.11)-(4.13) show the classical-quantum duality through the Planck scale: The highly quantum gravity regime H_{QH} ($H \gg h_P$) entirely expresses in terms of the quantum Hubble constant H_Q , dual through the Planck scale value h_P to the classical/semiclassical Hubble constant H , Eq.(3.6). Is natural to define here the dimensionless magnitudes:

$$\mathcal{L} \equiv \frac{L_{QH}}{l_P}, \quad \mathcal{M} \equiv \frac{M_{QH}}{m_P}, \quad \mathcal{H} \equiv \frac{H_{QG}}{h_P}, \quad l \equiv \frac{L_H}{l_P}, \quad h \equiv \frac{H}{h_P} = l^{-1} \quad (4.14)$$

Then, Eqs (4.1),(4.3) and (4.6) simply reads:

$$\mathcal{L} = (l + \frac{1}{l}) = \mathcal{M}, \quad \mathcal{H} = \frac{1}{(l + \frac{1}{l})} = \mathcal{L}^{-1} \quad (4.15)$$

Similarly, for R_{QH}/r_P and Λ_{QH}/λ_P :

$$\frac{R_{QH}}{R_P} = \frac{\Lambda_{QH}}{\Lambda_P} = \left(\frac{H_{QH}}{h_P} \right)^2 \equiv \mathcal{H}^2 = \frac{1}{(h + h^{-1})^2} \quad (4.16)$$

In dimensionless variables, the duality symmetry endowed by L_{QH}, M_{QH} and Eqs (4.7), (4.8), simply reads:

$$\mathcal{L}(l^{-1}) = \mathcal{L}(l), \quad \mathcal{M}(l^{-1}) = \mathcal{M}(l) \quad (4.17)$$

$$\mathcal{H}(l^{-1}) = \mathcal{H}(l), \quad \mathcal{R}(l^{-1}) = \mathcal{R}(l), \quad \mathbf{\Lambda}(l^{-1}) = \mathbf{\Lambda}(l) \quad (4.18)$$

The QH magnitudes are complete variables covering both classical and quantum, Planckian and super Planckian domains. They are more complete magnitudes than the Q or H magnitudes alone which cover only one phase or domain: classical gravity or quantum/semiclassical domain.

The complete (QH) de Sitter density. Let us complete the set of physical de Sitter magnitudes with the classical, quantum and QH de Sitter densities respectively, (ρ_P being the Planck density scale): ($\rho_H, \rho_Q, \rho_{QH}$):

$$\rho_H = \rho_P \left(\frac{H}{h_P} \right)^2 = \rho_P \left(\frac{\Lambda}{\lambda_P} \right), \quad \rho_P = \frac{3 h_P^2}{8\pi G}, \quad \lambda_P = \frac{3 h_P^2}{c^4} \quad (4.19)$$

$$\rho_Q = \rho_P \left(\frac{H_Q}{h_P} \right)^2 = \rho_P \frac{\Lambda_Q}{\lambda_P} = \frac{\rho_P^2}{\rho_H} = \rho_P \left(\frac{h_P}{H} \right)^2 = \rho_P \left(\frac{\lambda_P}{\Lambda} \right) \quad (4.20)$$

$$\rho_{HQ} = \rho_H + \rho_Q = \rho_P \left(\frac{H_{HQ}}{h_P} \right)^2 = \rho_P \frac{\Lambda_{HQ}}{\lambda_P} \quad (4.21)$$

From Eqs. (4.6), (4.20) it follows that:

$$\rho_{HQ} = \frac{\rho_H}{[1 + \rho_H/\rho_P]^2} = \frac{\rho_Q}{[1 + \rho_Q/\rho_P]^2}, \quad (4.22)$$

which satisfies

$$\rho_{HQ}(\rho_H) = \rho_{HQ}(\rho_Q) = \rho_{HQ}(\rho_P^2/\rho_H),$$

For small and high densities with respect to the Planck density ρ_P , the QH de Sitter density ρ_{QH} behaves as:

$$\rho_{QH}(\rho_H \ll \rho_P) = \rho_H [1 - 2(\rho_H/\rho_P)] + O(\rho_H/\rho_P)^2 \quad (4.23)$$

$$\rho_{QH}(\rho_H = \rho_Q = \rho_P) = \frac{1}{4}\rho_P : \text{ (Planck regime)} \quad (4.24)$$

$$\rho_{QH}(\rho_H \gg \rho_P) = \rho_Q [1 - 2(\rho_Q/\rho_P)] + O(\rho_Q/\rho_P)^2, \quad (4.25)$$

corresponding to the classical/semiclassical de Sitter regime (and its quantum corrections) Eq.(4.23), to the Planck scale de Sitter state Eq.(4.24), and to the highly quantum, super Planckian, de Sitter phase Eq.(4.25). In the very classical regime, ρ_{QH} is proportional to the classical density ρ_H , as it must be. In the highly quantum regime, ρ_{QH} is proportional to ρ_Q , as it must be too.

V. CLASSICAL AND QUANTUM DUAL DE SITTER TEMPERATURES AND ENTROPIES

We complete now the set of relevant intrinsic de Sitter magnitudes, by including the Temperature and the Hubble horizon area. The temperature T_H of the classical de Sitter Universe and the temperature T_Q of the quantum de Sitter Universe are consistently defined as (κ_B is the Boltzmann constant) :

$$T_H = \frac{M_H c^2}{2\pi\kappa_B}, \quad T_Q = \frac{M_Q c^2}{2\pi\kappa_B}, \quad (5.1)$$

which from Eqs. (3.2),(3.3),(3.4) yield:

$$T_H = t_P \left(\frac{M_H}{m_P} \right) = t_P \left(\frac{L_H}{l_P} \right) = t_P \left(\frac{h_P}{H} \right) = t_P \sqrt{\frac{\lambda_P}{\Lambda}} \quad (5.2)$$

$$T_Q = t_P \left(\frac{m_P}{M_H} \right) = t_P \left(\frac{l_P}{L_H} \right) = t_P \left(\frac{H}{h_P} \right) = t_P \sqrt{\frac{\Lambda}{\lambda_P}} \quad (5.3)$$

t_P being the Planck temperature, T_Q and T_H satisfy:

$$T_Q = \frac{t_P^2}{T_H}, \quad t_P = \frac{m_P c^2}{2\pi\kappa_B} \quad (5.4)$$

We see that the Quantum de Sitter Temperature T_Q is the Hawking-Gibbons de Sitter temperature [22]. This is the Quantum dual of the Classical de Sitter temperature T_H .

The classical and quantum de Sitter areas A_H, A_Q are defined as:

$$A_H = 4\pi L_H^2, \quad A_Q = 4\pi L_Q^2, \quad (5.5)$$

which, from Eqs. (3.2),(3.3), (3.4), (5.2),(5.3) yield:

$$A_H = a_P \left(\frac{L_H}{l_P} \right)^2 = a_P \left(\frac{M_H}{m_P} \right)^2 = a_P \left(\frac{T_H}{t_P} \right)^2 = a_P \left(\frac{h_P}{H} \right)^2 \quad (5.6)$$

$$A_Q = a_P \left(\frac{l_P}{L_H} \right)^2 = a_P \left(\frac{m_P}{M_H} \right)^2 = a_P \left(\frac{t_P}{T_H} \right)^2 = a_P \left(\frac{H}{h_P} \right)^2 \quad (5.7)$$

a_P being the Planck area. A_Q and A_H satisfy

$$A_Q = \frac{a_P^2}{A_H}, \quad a_P = 4\pi l_P^2 \quad (5.8)$$

The classical and quantum areas are dual to each other through the Planck scale area a_P , and have the expressions:

$$\frac{A_H}{a_P} = \frac{a_P}{A_Q} = \frac{T_H}{T_Q} = \frac{1}{2\pi\kappa_B} \frac{M_H c^2}{T_Q} \quad (5.9)$$

$$\frac{A_Q}{a_P} = \frac{a_P}{A_H} = \frac{T_Q}{T_H} = \frac{1}{2\pi\kappa_B} \frac{M_Q c^2}{T_H}, \quad (5.10)$$

which are entirely *symmetric* under the change $H \leftrightarrow Q$. Interestingly enough, the areas can be expressed as (one half) the ratio of the energy over the temperature, Eqs.(5.9),(5.10), which is a typical *entropy* expression. The corresponding gravitational entropies S_H, S_Q are:

$$S_H = \frac{\kappa_B}{4} \frac{A_H}{l_P^2}, \quad S_Q = \frac{\kappa_B}{4} \frac{A_Q}{l_P^2} \quad (5.11)$$

Eq.(5.9) is the Gibbons-Hawking or classical/semiclassical gravity de Sitter entropy. Eq.(5.10) is its quantum dual gravity de Sitter entropy. From Eqs.(5.9),(5.10):

$$S_Q = \frac{s_P^2}{S_H}, \quad s_P = \frac{\kappa_B}{4} \frac{a_P}{l_P^2} = \pi\kappa_B \quad (5.12)$$

s_P being the Planck entropy. S_H and S_Q read:

$$S_H = s_P \left(\frac{L_H}{l_P} \right)^2 = s_P \left(\frac{h_P}{H} \right)^2 = s_P \left(\frac{\lambda_P}{\Lambda} \right) \quad (5.13)$$

$$S_Q = s_P \left(\frac{l_P}{L_H} \right)^2 = s_P \left(\frac{H}{h_P} \right)^2 = s_P \left(\frac{\Lambda}{\lambda_P} \right) \quad (5.14)$$

The classical and quantum entropies S_H, S_Q satisfy the classical-quantum duality through the Planck scale entropy s_P , and have the expression:

$$\frac{S_H}{s_P} = \frac{1}{4\pi\kappa_B} \frac{M_H}{T_Q} c^2, \quad \frac{S_Q}{s_P} = \frac{1}{4\pi\kappa_B} \frac{M_Q}{T_H} c^2, \quad (5.15)$$

which is a typical entropy expression in terms of Mass and Temperature.

VI. TOTAL DE SITTER TEMPERATURE AND ENTROPY

From the total (QH) de Sitter magnitudes above discussed as the whole QH radius L_{QH} and associated mass M_{QH} , we define the corresponding total de Sitter temperature T_{QH} , area A_{QH} of the QH Hubble radius and entropy S_{QH} .

The QH temperature is defined as:

$$T_{QH} = \frac{M_{QH} c^2}{2\pi\kappa_B}, \quad (6.1)$$

which from Eqs (4.3),(5.2),(5.3), read

$$T_{QH} = \frac{m_P c^2}{2\pi\kappa_B} \left(\frac{M_H}{m_P} + \frac{m_P}{M_H} \right) = t_P \left(\frac{T_H}{t_P} + \frac{t_P}{T_H} \right), \quad (6.2)$$

$$T_{QH} = (T_H + T_Q) \text{ invariant under } H \leftrightarrow Q \quad (6.3)$$

Consistently, the QH de Sitter Temperature is the sum of the classical gravity de Sitter temperature T_H plus the quantum (or semiclassical) Gibbons-Hawking de Sitter temperature T_Q . In terms of H_{QH} , the QH temperature T_{QH} simply reads:

$$T_{QH} = t_P \left(\frac{h_P}{H_{QH}} \right), \quad \text{or} \quad \frac{T_{QH}}{t_P} \equiv \mathcal{T} = \mathcal{H}^{-1} \quad (6.4)$$

Explicitely:

$$T_{QH} = t_P \left(\frac{h_P}{H} \right) \left[1 + \left(\frac{H}{h_P} \right)^2 \right] = t_P \left(\frac{H}{h_P} \right) \left[1 + \left(\frac{h_P}{H} \right)^2 \right], \quad (6.5)$$

which is entirely invariant under the interchange $H \leftrightarrow h_P$.

The QH Area of the Hubble horizon follows from the QH Hubble radius L_{QH}^2 Eq.(4.1):

$$A_{QH} = 4\pi L_{QH}^2 = 2 (4\pi l_P^2) \left[1 + \frac{1}{2} \left[\left(\frac{L_H}{l_P} \right)^2 + \left(\frac{l_P}{L_H} \right)^2 \right] \right], \quad (6.6)$$

which from Eqs.(5.5),(5.6),(5.7) expresses as:

$$A_{QH} = 2 a_P \left[1 + \frac{1}{2} \left[\frac{A_H}{a_P} + \frac{a_P}{A_H} \right] \right], \quad a_P = 4\pi l_P^2 \quad (6.7)$$

The QH area A_{QH} is thus the sum of the Planck area a_P , the classical area A_H and the quantum area A_Q :

$$A_{QH} = 2a_P + A_H + A_Q \quad (6.8)$$

$$A_{QH}(A_H = a_P = A_Q) = 4 a_P$$

In units of the Planck area a_P , each of the areas can be in turn expressed as a energy over the temperature ratio Eqs.(5.10),(5.9), which yields:

$$\frac{A_{QH}}{a_P} = 2 \left[1 + \frac{1}{4\pi\kappa_B} \left[\frac{M_H c^2}{T_Q} + \frac{M_Q c^2}{T_H} \right] \right] \quad (6.9)$$

The corresponding QH gravitational entropy S_{QH} is given by

$$S_{QH} = \frac{\kappa_B A_{QH}}{4 l_P^2} = 2\kappa_B \left[\frac{a_P}{4l_P^2} + \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{A_H}{4l_P^2} + \frac{A_Q}{4l_P^2} \right) \right] \quad (6.10)$$

Thus,

$$S_{QH} = 2 \left[s_P + \frac{1}{2} (S_H + S_Q) \right], \quad s_P = \frac{\kappa_B a_P}{4 l_P^2} = \pi\kappa_B \quad (6.11)$$

$$S_{QH} (S_H = s_P = S_Q) = 4s_P = 4\pi\kappa_B$$

The whole entropy S_{QH} turns out to be the sum of the Planck entropy s_P , the classical entropy S_H and the quantum entropy S_Q Eqs.(5.11),(5.12),(5.15), and have the expression:

$$\frac{S_{QH}}{s_P} = 2 \left[1 + \frac{1}{4\pi\kappa_B} \left(\frac{1}{8} \frac{M_H c^2}{T_Q} + \frac{1}{8} \frac{M_Q c^2}{T_H} \right) \right] \quad (6.12)$$

- We see how the concept of classical-quantum duality and the QH variables naturally accompass, unify and simplify the relationship between the classical and quantum gravity magnitudes and regimes, in particular this is well appropriated to discuss the gravitational temperature and entropy in the different, classical and quantum, gravity regimes.

- The concept of gravitational entropy is the same for any of the gravity regimes: classical, quantum, Planck scale and quantum gravity or super-Planckian regimes: S_H, S_Q, s_P or S_{QH} , namely: $Area/4l_P^2$ in units of κ_B .
- For a classical size, ie a large macroscopic gravitational object, or our universe of radius L_H , this is the classical/semiclassical area A_H and so the classical/semiclassical gravitational entropy S_H , which is the known Gibbons-Hawking de Sitter entropy [23].
- For a quantum size, ie a quantum microscopic object or quantum universe, ie of size equal to the Compton length L_Q , this is the quantum dual area A_Q and so the quantum dual entropy S_Q . For a Planck length object or universe this is the Planck entropy s_P . The whole or complete QH entropy S_{QH} turns to be the sum of the three components, as it must be.

In dimensionless variables:

$$\mathcal{T} \equiv \frac{T_{QH}}{t_P}, \quad \mathcal{A} \equiv \frac{A_{QH}}{a_P}, \quad \mathcal{S} \equiv \frac{S_{QH}}{s_P}, \quad (6.13)$$

$$t \equiv \frac{T_H}{t_P}, \quad a \equiv \frac{A_H}{a_P}, \quad s \equiv \frac{S_H}{s_P}, \quad (6.14)$$

Eqs.(6.1),(6.7),(6.10), simply read:

$$\mathcal{T} = (t + \frac{1}{t}), \quad \mathcal{A} = 2 [1 + \frac{1}{2} (a + \frac{1}{a})], \quad \mathcal{S} = 2 [1 + \frac{1}{2} (s + \frac{1}{s})] \quad (6.15)$$

$$\mathcal{T}(t = 1) = 2, \quad \mathcal{A}(a = 1) = 4, \quad \mathcal{S}(s = 1) = 4$$

And their duality symmetry simply stands:

$$\mathcal{T}(t) = \mathcal{T}(t^{-1}), \quad \mathcal{A}(a) = \mathcal{A}(a^{-1}), \quad \mathcal{S}(s) = \mathcal{S}(s^{-1}), \quad (6.16)$$

which show the simplification in terms of the Planck units, natural to the problem.

VII. CLASSICAL, SEMICLASSICAL, PLANCKIAN AND SUPER-PLANCKIAN DE SITTER REGIMES

The complete QH radius $L_{QH} = L_{QH}(L_H, L_Q) = L_{QH}(L_H, l_P)$ and their corresponding QH Hubble constant H_{QH} , QH mass M_{QH} , and their constant Planck scale values (l_P, h_P, m_P) only depending on (c, \hbar, G) , allow to characterize in a precise way the classical, semiclassical, Planckian and quantum (super-Planckian) de Sitter regimes:

- $L_{QH} = L_{QH}(L_H, L_Q) \equiv L_{QH}(H, \hbar)$ yields the *whole* (classical/semiclassical, Planck scale and quantum (super-Planckian) de Sitter universe.
- $L_{QH} = L_H = L_Q$ yields the Planckian de Sitter state, (Planck length de Sitter radius, Planckian vacuum density and Planckian scalar curvature):

$$L_H = l_P, \quad H = h_P, \quad \lambda_P = 3 h_P^2, \quad R = r_P = 4 \lambda_P, \quad l_P = \sqrt{(\hbar G/c^3)} \quad (7.1)$$

- $L_{QH} = L_H \gg L_Q$, ie $L_H \gg l_P$, $H \ll h_P$, yields the classical de Sitter space-time.
- $L_{QH} = L_Q \gg L_H$, ie $L_H \ll l_P$, $H \gg h_P$, (high curvature $R \gg r_P = 4\lambda_P$.) yields a full quantum gravity super Planckian (inside the Planck domain $0 < L_H \leq l_P$) de Sitter phase.
- $L_{QH} \gg L_Q$ ie $L_{QH} \rightarrow \infty$ for $L_H \rightarrow \infty$, ie $H \rightarrow 0$ ie $\Lambda \rightarrow 0$, (zero curvature) yields consistently the classical Minkowski space-time, equivalent to the limit $L_Q \rightarrow 0$ ie $l_P \rightarrow 0$ ($\hbar \rightarrow 0$).

The three de Sitter regimes are characterized in a complete and precise way:

- (i) *Classical and Semiclassical de Sitter Regimes*: (Inflation and more generally the whole known -classical and semiclassical- Universe is within this regime): $l_p < L_H < \infty$, ie $0 < L_Q < l_P$, $0 < H < h_P$, $m_P < M_H < \infty$.
- (ii) *Planck Scale de Sitter state with Planck curvature and Planck radius*: $L_H = l_P$, $L_Q = l_P$, $H = h_P = c/l_P$, $M_H = m_P$.
- (iii) *Quantum Planckian and super-Planckian Regimes*: $0 < L_H \leq l_P$, ie $\infty < L_Q \leq l_P$, $h_P \leq H < \infty$, $0 < M_H < m_P$.

The two above classical and quantum de Sitter regimes (i) and (iii) are duals of each other in the precise meaning of the classical-quantum or wave-particle duality through the Planck scale de Sitter state (ii). This is the Planck scale duality or classical-quantum gravity duality Eqs.(2.1),(2.2),(2.3) at work.

VIII. NUMBERS AND COSMOLOGICAL IMPLICATIONS

Let us see now some illustrative cosmological values for the relevant classical, quantum and Planck scale magnitudes above referred. Typical cosmological values are:

- **For the Universe Today:**

$$H = 100 h \frac{Km}{sec Mpc}, \quad h = 0.7, \quad \rho_{crit} = 2.77 \cdot 10^{11} h^2 \frac{M_{sun}}{(Mpc)^3}, \quad \rho_{\Lambda} = 0.7 \rho_{crit}$$

Classical, Planck and Quantum Dual values of the Hubble Radius, Mass and Age of the Universe Today, are typically:

$$\begin{aligned} L_H &= 1.2 \cdot 10^{28} cm = 1.2 \cdot 10^{61} l_P, & l_P &= 10^{-33} cm, & L_Q &= 0.8 \cdot 10^{-61} l_P \\ M_H &= 1.5 \cdot 10^{48} gr = 1.5 \cdot 10^{53} m_P, & m_P &= 10^{-5} gr, & M_Q &= 0.67 \cdot 10^{-53} m_P \\ T_H &= 0.4 \cdot 10^{18} sec = 4 \cdot 10^{61} t_P, & t_P &= 10^{-44} sec, & T_Q &= 0.2 \cdot 10^{-61} t_P \end{aligned}$$

Classical, Planck and Quantum Dual values of the Hubble Constant, Cosmological Constant and Density of the Universe Today are typically:

$$\begin{aligned} H &= 2.5 \cdot 10^{-17} sec^{-1} = 2.5 \cdot 10^{-61} h_P, & h_P &= 10^{44} sec^{-1}, & H_Q &= 10^{61} h_P \\ \Lambda &= 3 \cdot 10^{-34} sec^{-2} = 10^{-122} \lambda_P, & \lambda_P &= 3 \cdot 10^{88} sec^{-2}, & \Lambda_Q &= 10^{122} \lambda_P \\ \rho_H &= 10^{-29} \frac{gr}{cm^3} = 10^{-122} \rho_P, & \rho_P &= 10^{93} \frac{gr}{cm^3}, & \rho_Q &= 10^{122} \rho_P \end{aligned}$$

The values above correspond to the classical Universe today (subscript H), the Planck values (subscript P) and the Quantum dual values (subscript Q).

- **For the CMB era, Classical and Quantum values of the Age, Hubble constant, Size and Density of the Universe are typically:**

$$\begin{aligned} L_H &= 10^{24} cm = 10^{57} l_P, & T_H &= 10^{13} sec = 10^{57} t_P, & H &= 10^{-57} h_P, & \rho_H &= 10^{-114} \rho_P \\ L_Q &= 10^{-57} l_P, & T_Q &= 10^{-57} t_P, & H_Q &= 10^{57} h_P, & \rho_Q &= 10^{114} \rho_P \end{aligned}$$

- **For the Inflation era, Classical/semiclassical and Quantum dual values of the Hubble Constant, Horizon size and Inflaton Mass are typically:**

$$\begin{aligned} L_H &= 10^{-27} cm = 10^6 l_P, & T_H &= 10^6 t_P, & H &= 10^{-6} h_P, & M_H &= 10^{-6} m_P \\ L_Q &= 10^{-6} l_P, & T_Q &= 10^{-6} t_P, & H_Q &= 10^6 h_P, & M_Q &= 10^6 m_P, \end{aligned}$$

- **For the Solar system:** $M_{sun} = 10^{33} gr = 10^{38} m_P$, $M_{Q\ sun} = 10^{-38} m_P$

$$M_{moon} = 7 \cdot 10^{25} gr = 7 \cdot 10^{30} m_P, \quad M_{Q\ moon} = 0.14 \cdot 10^{-30} m_P$$

$$M_{asteroid, comet} = 10^{15} gr = 10^{20} m_P, \quad M_{Q\ asteroid, comet} = 10^{-20} m_P$$

- **For Human scales:** $M_{human} = 10^5 gr = 10^{10} m_P$, $M_{Q\ human} = 10^{-15} gr = 10^{-10} m_P$

$$L_{human} = 1.7 \cdot 10^2 cm = 1.7 \cdot 10^{35} l_P, \quad L_{Q\ human} = 10^{-68} cm = 10^{-35} l_P$$

- **For atomic scales:** $L_{atom} = 10^{20} l_P$, $T_{atom} = 10^{20} t_P$, $M_{atom} = 10^{-20} m_P$

$$L_{Q\ atom} = 10^{-20} l_P, \quad T_{Q\ atom} = 10^{-20} t_P, \quad M_{Q\ atom} = 10^{20} m_P$$

- **For elementary particles (ex. the electron mass):** $M(eV/c^2) = 10^{-33} gr = 10^{-28} m_P$, $M_{Q}(eV/c^2) = 10^{23} gr = 10^{28} m_P$

- We see that the elementary particle masses do appear as the *quantum duals through the Planck scale* of the typical solar system objects. For instance, the quantum dual of a typical comet or asteroid mass say is a typical atomic mass. The quantum dual of the electron mass $M_Q(eV/c^2)$ is a typical moon mass of 10^{22} kgr.

- That is to say, there is a *physical classical-quantum duality* through the Planck mass or correspondence between the *macroscopic or astronomical gravitational masses/sizes* and the *elementary particle and quantum masses/sizes*, the Planck scale being the *crossing or inversion scale* of the two mass/size domains: $M_Q = m_P^2/M$. These two domains are *precisely* connected through the classical-quantum (ie wave-particle, Compton, de Broglie) duality including gravity Eqs. (2.1),(3.3),(3.4): namely, a Planck scale duality or classical-quantum gravity duality Eqs.(2.1)-(2.3).

- Notice that in the **classical CMB era** (at about $3.8 \cdot 10^5 yr = 10^{13} sec$), the gravitational size L_H , age and temperature T_H of the Universe are, as reported above, equal to 10^{57} (in Planck units), while their quantum duals in the quantum precursor era are 10^{-57} . The classical gravitational entropy S_H and the H -associated density ρ_H in the classical CMB era are respectively:

$$S_H = 10^{114} s_P, \quad \rho_H = 10^{-114}, \quad s_P = \pi \kappa_B$$

Their quantum dual values in the quantum CMB precursor era $10^{-57}t_P$ being respectively $S_Q = 10^{-144}s_P$ and $\rho_Q = 10^{144}$. The quantum entropy S_Q in the quantum CMB precursor era is extremely low as it must be, because it will increase along the Universe evolves and classicalizes, reaching its classical gravitational value $S_H = 10^{114}$ in the classical known CMB era (arrow of time).

- Let us recall the classical entropy S_{cmb} of the CMB black body radiation contained in the classical Hubble volume: $S_{cmb} = (4/3)\pi s_\gamma H^{-3}$, the total number of the CMB photons being $1.5 \cdot 10^{89}$, the average entropy per photon $3.6 \kappa_B$, hence:

$$S_{cmb} = 1.72 \cdot 10^{89} s_P, \quad S_{Q \text{ cmb}} = \frac{s_P^2}{S_{cmb}} = 0.58 \cdot 10^{-89} s_P,$$

The gravitational entropy S_H is the dominant component in the classical CMB era, and represents an *upper bound* for the CMB photon radiation entropy S_{cmb} in it. The quantum gravitation entropy S_Q is the smaller component and is a lower bound for the $S_{Q \text{ cmb}}$ value in the quantum precursor era. Similarly, for the respective Temperatures: The classical and quantum dual gravitational temperatures T_H and T_Q at the CMB age are

$$T_H = 10^{57} t_P, \quad T_Q = 10^{-57} t_P, \quad t_P = 10^{32} K$$

The classical and quantum dual Temperatures of the CMB radiation are:

$$T_{cmb} = 2.73K = 2.73 \cdot 10^{-32} t_P \quad T_{Q \text{ cmb}} = 0.37 \cdot 10^{32} t_P$$

The temperature T_H is the dominant component in the classical CMB era, and represents an *upper bound* for the CMB photon radiation Temperature T_{cmb} in it. The quantum gravitation entropy T_Q is the smaller component and is a lower bound for the $T_{Q \text{ cmb}}$ value in the precursor era.

Relevant implications for Inflation and Dark Energy, are discussed in detail in Sections IX and X below.

Quantum Inflationary Fluctuations, the Gibbons-Hawking Temperature and CMB anisotropies: Interestingly enough, the power spectra of quantum primordial fluctuations of Inflation can be expressed in terms of the Quantum and Planck temperatures

T_Q , t_P . As is known, the spectra of inflationary scalar curvature and tensor perturbations are given by:

$$\Delta_{k,H}^S = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi\epsilon}} \frac{H}{m_P}, \quad \Delta_{k,H}^T = \frac{4}{\sqrt{\pi}} \frac{H}{m_P}, \quad (8.1)$$

ϵ being the slow-roll parameter. From Eq.(5.3) they can be expressed in terms of T_Q/t_P as:

$$\Delta_{k,H}^S = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi\epsilon}} \frac{T_Q}{t_P}, \quad \Delta_{k,H}^T = \frac{4}{\sqrt{\pi}} \frac{T_Q}{t_P} \quad (8.2)$$

Thus:

$$T_Q = t_P \sqrt{\pi\epsilon} \Delta_{k,H}^S = t_P \frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{4} \Delta_{k,H}^T \quad (8.3)$$

Or, in terms of the ratio r :

$$T_Q = t_P \frac{\sqrt{\pi r}}{4} \Delta_{k,H}^S, \quad r = \frac{[\Delta_{k,H}^T]^2}{[\Delta_{k,H}^S]^2}$$

Therefore, for the amplitude value $\Delta_{k,H}^S$ from the CMB data [1],[7], we get for T_Q :

$$T_Q = \sqrt{\pi\epsilon} 10^{28} K = \sqrt{\pi\epsilon} 10^{-4} t_P \quad \text{and} \quad T_Q = \frac{\sqrt{\pi r}}{4} 10^{-4} t_P$$

From the last recent bound $r < 0.07$ [7]:

$$T_Q < 1.169 10^{-5} t_P = 1.169 10^{27} K \quad (8.4)$$

We see that T_Q for classical/semiclassical Inflation is constrained to be less than $10^{-5}t_P$, *consistent* with the semiclassical gravity character of Inflation. Interestingly, the Quantum Temperature T_Q , which is here precisely the *Hawking-Gibbons de Sitter temperature*, can be measured or constrained through the real CMB data which constrain Inflation. This is important because: **(a)** The conceptual quantum/semiclassical gravity nature of the Hawking-Gibbons de Sitter temperature, and **(b)** Contrary to the Inflation case, the equivalent Hawking temperature for astrophysical black holes cannot be experimentally measured since it is extremely low: lower than the CMB temperature. T_Q could be higher for small or primordial black holes but these have not been detected.

IX. IMPLICATIONS FOR INFLATION

We discuss here in more detail the consequences of the Q and QH observables for Inflation. Recall that in Classical Inflation, at first order in the slow-roll expansion, the scalar curvature

and tensor perturbation spectra are given by:

$$[\Delta_{k,H}^S]^2 = \frac{1}{\pi\epsilon} \left(\frac{H}{m_P} \right)^2, \quad [\Delta_{k,H}^T]^2 = \frac{16}{\pi} \left(\frac{H}{m_P} \right)^2 \quad (9.1)$$

($\Delta_{k,H}^S, \Delta_{k,H}^T$ stand here for the scalar and tensor fluctuations respectively). The slow roll parameters are given by:

$$\epsilon = \frac{m_P^2}{4\pi} \left(\frac{H'}{H} \right)^2, \quad \eta = \frac{m_P^2}{4\pi} \left(\frac{H''}{H} \right), \quad \xi = \frac{m_P^2}{2\pi} \left(\frac{H' H'''}{H^2} \right) \quad (9.2)$$

H' and H'' stand for the first and second derivatives with respect to the inflaton field. $\epsilon \approx \eta \ll 1$ are first order in slow roll, ξ second order slow roll parameter, with the hierarchy $\xi = O(\epsilon^2)$, and following so on in the slow roll expansion.

The slow roll parameters are related to the observables ratio r and spectral scalar index n_s by:

$$\epsilon = \frac{r}{16}, \quad \eta = \frac{1}{2} \left(n_s - 1 + \frac{3}{8} r \right), \quad \xi = \frac{r}{4} \left(n_s - 1 + \frac{3}{16} r - \frac{1}{2} \frac{dn_s}{d \ln k} \right) \quad (9.3)$$

The difference ($\epsilon - \eta$) is a measure of the *departure from scale invariance* at first order in slow roll:

$$\Delta \equiv (\epsilon - \eta) = \frac{1}{2} (n_s - 1) + \frac{r}{8} \quad (9.4)$$

From Eqs. (9.1),(4.6) the Quantum (QH) generalization of the power spectrum of scalar curvature and tensor perturbations is given by:

$$[\Delta_{k,QH}^S]^2 = \frac{1}{\pi\epsilon_{QH}} \left(\frac{H_{QH}}{m_P} \right)^2 = \frac{1}{\pi\epsilon_{QH}} \left(\frac{H}{m_P [1 + (H/h_P)^2]} \right)^2 \quad (9.5)$$

$$[\Delta_{k,QH}^T]^2 = \frac{16}{\pi} \left(\frac{H_{QH}}{m_P} \right)^2 = \frac{16}{\pi} \left(\frac{H}{m_P [1 + (H/h_P)^2]} \right)^2 \quad (9.6)$$

Here $\epsilon_{QH} \ll 1$ is the first order QH slow roll parameter, we compute it below, and h_P is the Planck Hubble constant value. Thus, the QH inflationary spectra get expressed as:

$$[\Delta_{k,QH}^S]^2 = [\Delta_{k,H}^S]^2 \left(\frac{1}{[1 + (H/h_P)^2]^2} \right) \frac{1}{(1 - \delta\epsilon_{QH})} \quad (9.7)$$

$$[\Delta_{k,QH}^T]^2 = [\Delta_{k,H}^T]^2 \left(\frac{1}{[1 + (H/h_P)^2]^2} \right) \quad (9.8)$$

where $[\Delta_{k,H}^S]^2$ and $[\Delta_{k,H}^T]^2$ are the standard spectra of scalar curvature and tensor perturbations in Classical H Inflation Eqs.(9.1).

Each QH power spectrum $[\Delta_{k, QH}^{S,T}]$ is expressed in terms of each Classical H Inflation spectrum $[\Delta_{k, H}^{S,T}]$ and it is modified by a factor $[1 + (H/h_P)^2]^{-2}$ arising from H_{HQ} . In addition, $[\Delta_{k, QH}^S]^2$ gets also modified by the QH factor $(1 - \delta\epsilon_{QH})^{-1}$ arising from the QH slow parameter ϵ_{QH} :

$$\epsilon_{QH} = \frac{m_P^2}{4\pi} \left(\frac{H'_{QH}}{H_{QH}} \right)^2 \equiv \epsilon (1 - \delta\epsilon_{QH}), \quad (9.9)$$

where ϵ is the standard slow-roll parameter Eq.(9.2) and $\delta\epsilon_{QH}$ is its QH modification given by:

$$\delta\epsilon_{QH} = 2 \frac{HH_{QH}}{h_P^2} \left[1 - \frac{HH_{HQ}}{2h_P^2} \right] = \frac{4(H/h_P)^2}{[1 + (H/h_P)^2]} \left[1 - \frac{(H/h_P)^2}{[1 + (H/h_P)^2]} \right] \quad (9.10)$$

The ratio r_{QH} turns out precisely modified by this $\delta\epsilon_{QH}$ factor:

$$r_{QH} = \frac{[\Delta_{k, QH}^T]^2}{[\Delta_{k, QH}^S]^2} = \frac{[\Delta_{k, H}^T]^2}{[\Delta_{k, H}^S]^2} (1 - \delta\epsilon_{QH}) \quad (9.11)$$

Thus,

$$r_{QH} = r (1 - \delta\epsilon_{QH}), \quad r_{QH} = 16 \epsilon_{QH}, \quad r = 16 \epsilon$$

with $\delta\epsilon_{QH}$ given by Eq.(9.10). The QH slow roll parameter η_{QH} is given by:

$$\eta_{QH} = \frac{m_P^2}{4\pi} \left(\frac{H''_{QH}}{H_{QH}} \right), \quad (9.12)$$

which from Eq.(4.6) can be recasted as:

$$\eta_{QH} = \left[\eta - \frac{1}{2} m_P \sqrt{\frac{\epsilon}{\pi}} \frac{HH_{QH}}{h_P^2} \right] \left[1 - \frac{HH_{QH}}{h_P^2} \right] \quad (9.13)$$

$$\eta_{QH} = \left[\eta - \frac{1}{2} m_P \sqrt{\frac{\epsilon}{\pi}} \frac{(H/h_P)^2}{[1 - (H/h_P)^2]} \right] \left[1 - \frac{(H/h_P)^2}{[1 - (H/h_P)^2]} \right] \quad (9.14)$$

where ϵ is the standard slow roll parameter of classical H inflation Eq.(9.2). The QH modifications express themselves in terms of $(H/h_P)^2 = (l_P H/c)^2$ and powers of it.

Is also of interest to compute the QH departure from scale invariance which is given by

$$\Delta_{QH} \equiv (\eta_{QH} - \epsilon_{QH}) = \frac{1}{2} (n_s{}_{QH} - 1) + \frac{r_{QH}}{8} \quad (9.15)$$

Typically, for (classical) Inflation: $H = 10^{-6} h_P$, ie $H \ll h_P$ and we can safely expand the above QH Inflation expressions in powers of $(H/h_P)^2$, namely:

$$\epsilon_{QH}(H \ll h_P) = \epsilon [1 - 4 (l_P H)^2 + O(l_P H)^4]$$

$$\eta_{QH} (H \ll h_P) = \eta [1 - 2 (l_P H)^2] - m_P \sqrt{\frac{\epsilon}{\pi}} (l_P H)^2 + O(l_P H)^4]$$

Thus, at first order in $(H/h_P)^2$:

$$[\Delta_{k, QH}^S]^2 = [\Delta_{k, H}^S]^2 [1 + 2 (l_P H)^2 + O(l_P H)^4] \quad (9.16)$$

$$[\Delta_{k, QH}^T]^2 = [\Delta_{k, H}^T]^2 [1 - 2 (l_P H)^2 + O(l_P H)^4] \quad (9.17)$$

$$r_{QH} = r [1 - 2 (l_P H)^2 + O(l_P H)^4] \quad (9.18)$$

And the **QH departure from scale invariance** Eq.(9.15) gets corrected as:

$$\Delta_{QH} = \Delta [1 - 2 (l_P H)^2] + \sqrt{\epsilon} (l_P H)^2 [2\sqrt{\epsilon} - \frac{m_P}{\sqrt{\pi}}] + O(l_P H)^4 \quad (9.19)$$

where ϵ is the standard slow roll parameter of classical H inflation Eqs.(9.2)-(9.3), and Δ is the *departure from scale invariance* of the classical H Inflation Eq.(9.4) meaning that $(n_s - 1)$ and r are not zero. In terms of the observables (n_s, r) and (n_s, r_{QH}) , Eq.(9.19) yields for n_s, r_{QH} :

$$n_s, r_{QH} = n_s [1 + 2 (l_P H)^2] - 2 (l_P H)^2 [1 + m_P \sqrt{\frac{\epsilon}{\pi}}] + O(l_P H)^4 \quad (9.20)$$

where Eqs.(9.18),(9.15) and (9.4) have been used. Typically, for classical Inflation: $L_H = 10^6 l_P$, the total QH corrections are thus:

$$\frac{r_{QH}}{r} - 1 = -2 \cdot 10^{-12}$$

$$\frac{n_s, r_{QH}}{n_s} - 1 = 2 \cdot 10^{-12} [1 - \frac{1}{n_s} (1 - \frac{m_P}{2} \sqrt{\frac{\epsilon}{\pi}})]$$

- We see that the complete QH quantities allow to get *quantum corrections to Inflation and its observables in a direct, simple and consistent way.*
- Notice the *sign* of the corrections: The quantum gravity QH corrections *enhance* the scalar curvature spectrum and *reduce* the tensor perturbations. The QH corrections are of the same order of magnitude and *sign* as the *quantum inflaton* corrections computed in the Effective Theory of Inflation within the Ginsburg-Landau approach [15], [16], [18]. This also shows the *robustness and reliability* of the slow roll approximation and the Effective Theory of inflation. [If the reduced Planck mass M_P is used, $m_P = \sqrt{8\pi} M_P$: $(H/M_P)_{Inflation} = 10^{-5} = 10 (H/m_P)$ here].

- Notice that the QH factor modifying the Hubble constant and the inflationary spectra can be written as the summation of the series:

$$QH \equiv \frac{H}{[1 + (H/h_P)^2]} = H \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n \left(\frac{H}{h_P}\right)^{2n} \quad (9.21)$$

The QH factor covers the *full classical and quantum range*, namely: If $H < h_P$, Eq.(9.21) yields the usual corrections in $(l_P H)^2$. If $H \gg h_P$, Eq.(9.21) precisely *changes to the quantum regime*, ie to the quantum Hubble rate H_Q , which is the *super-Planckian domain*:

$$HQ \equiv \frac{H_Q}{[1 + (H_Q/h_P)^2]} \quad (9.22)$$

- In the case of classical Inflation: H is about $10^{-6} h_P$, as we have seen. In the case of the quantum precursor Inflation era at about $10^{-6} t_P$: H_Q is about $10^6 h_P$, Whatever it be: in the classical phase (after t_P) or in the quantum precursor phase (before t_P), Inflation occurs not too far from the Planck scale: $10^{\pm 6} t_P$ or $10^{\mp 6} h_P$.

X. IMPLICATIONS FOR DARK ENERGY

Dark energy and its more direct candidate, the cosmological constant, [3],[4],[5],[1],[2],[6],[7] is relevant to both modern cosmology and particle physics. Let us recall the value of the observed dark energy density today $\rho_H \equiv \rho_\Lambda$:

$$\rho_\Lambda = \Omega_\Lambda \rho_c = 3.28 \cdot 10^{-11} (eV)^4 = (2.39 \text{ meV})^4, \quad \text{meV} = 10^{-3} eV \quad (10.1)$$

corresponding to $h = 0.73$, $\Omega_\Lambda = 0.76$, $H = 1.558 \cdot 10^{-33} eV$.

The last Planck satellite data yield the values [7]:

$$H = 67.4 \pm 0.5 \text{ Km sec}^{-1} \text{ Mpc}^{-1}, \quad \Omega_\Lambda h^2 = 0.0224 \pm 10^{-4} \quad (10.2)$$

and

$$\Omega_\Lambda = 0.6847 \pm 0.0073, \quad \Omega_\Lambda h^2 = 0.3107 \pm 0.0082, \quad (10.3)$$

which implies for the cosmological constant **today**:

$$\Lambda = (4.24 \pm 0.11) \cdot 10^{-66} (eV)^2 = (2.846 \pm 0.076) \cdot 10^{-122} m_P^2 \quad (10.4)$$

The density ρ_Λ associated to Λ Eq.(10.1) is precisely:

$$\rho_\Lambda = \frac{\Lambda}{8\pi G} = \rho_P \left(\frac{\Lambda}{\lambda_P} \right), \quad (10.5)$$

where the Planck scale values ρ_P, λ_P are:

$$\rho_P = \frac{\lambda_P}{8\pi G} \quad \lambda_P = 3h_P^2$$

The enormous discrepancy between the large theoretical value expected from microscopic particle physics for the vacuum energy density $\approx 10^{122}$ and the small cosmological value observed today $\rho_\Lambda \approx 10^{-122}$ is largely known as the cosmological constant problem. **However, several clarifications are in order here:**

(i) The classical gravity vacuum. The Λ value Eq. (10.1), (10.2), (10.4) observed at the present era today corresponds to the *classical* (non quantum) value of the vacuum energy density of the *classical large Universe today*: large radius L_Λ or large Age, large mass M_Λ and large classical/semiclassical entropy S_H , and thus small rate H , low temperature T_Λ , small Λ , *small and dilute classical vacuum density* ρ_Λ described here in the above sections.

(ii) The quantum gravity vacuum. The Λ density ρ_Λ observed today is the *classical* vacuum density of the Universe today which is a gravitationally *classical, large and dilute* Universe. The value of ρ_Λ and Λ Eqs.(10.1), (10.5) is precisely the *classical dual value* of the *quantum* cosmological constant value Λ_Q Eq.(3.6), and therefore the classical dual value of the *quantum vacuum energy* ρ_Q Eq.(4.20): This is precisely and clearly expressed in the following Eqs:

$$\Lambda = 3H^2 = \lambda_P \left(\frac{H}{h_P} \right)^2 = \lambda_P \left(\frac{l_P}{L_H} \right)^2 = (2.846 \pm 0.076) 10^{-122} m_P^2 \quad (10.6)$$

$$\Lambda_Q = 3H_Q^2 = \lambda_P \left(\frac{h_P}{H} \right)^2 = \lambda_P \left(\frac{L_H}{l_P} \right)^2 = (0.3516 \pm 0.094) 10^{122} m_P^2 \quad (10.7)$$

$$\Lambda_Q = \frac{\lambda_P^2}{\Lambda}, \quad \lambda_P = 3h_P^2 = 3m_P^2 \quad (10.8)$$

The quantum dual value Λ_Q is precisely the quantum vacuum value obtained from particle physics.

$$\rho_Q = \rho_P \left(\frac{\Lambda_Q}{\lambda_P} \right) = \frac{\rho_P^2}{\rho_\Lambda} = 10^{122} \rho_P \quad (10.9)$$

(iii) The classical and quantum dual values. That is to say, the two huge different values: 10^{-122} and 10^{122} (in Planck units) refer to *two huge physically different* vacuum energies of the Universe corresponding to two huge different eras, to two huge different physical cosmological conditions (present time and very early eras), to two different vacuum states or regimes of the Universe, and consistently, they *must be different*. Such enormous difference must be in such way and is **not** a problem or inconsistency: Moreover and consistently, one value is the *quantum physics dual* of the other -or the quantum precursor of the other- as expressed by Eqs.(10.6),(10.7),(10.8),(10.9).

(iv). This is **not fortuitous**, that is to say, this is not pure chance or unexplained coincidence. **(v).** This is **not trivial**, that is to say, this is simple, deep and robust.

There is no problem between the two extremely different values Λ and Λ_Q or equivalently between ρ_Λ and ρ_Q , because the two values *do not* refer to the same vacuum or eras: one is exactly the *classical* physics today vacuum energy density ρ_Λ , the other is *its quantum dual* value in the planckian and superplanckian very early phase $10^{-61} t_P \leq t \leq t_P$: This early phase of the Universe is exactly the *quantum precursor* of the today classical era in the precise meaning of the wave-particle (or classical-quantum) duality including gravity, Eqs.(10.6) to (10.9).

The two different values are explained by the fact that they are exactly, mathematically and physically, the classical-quantum dual of each other: *The Λ_Q value Eq.(10.7)-(10.8), that is to say, the vacuum value computed from particle physics is exactly the quantum dual value of the classical Λ value observed today Eq.(10.6).*

(vi) Crossing the Planck scale. The two values: Λ and Λ_Q , (or equivalently ρ_Λ and ρ_Q) refer to the same concept or nature of Λ or ρ_Λ as a vacuum energy density or cosmological constant but they are in two huge different vacuum states or two huge different cosmological epochs: Classical state and classical epoch today for Λ observed today, and quantum state and quantum super-Planckian very early universe epoch for the quantum mechanical super-Planckian value Λ_Q .

The classical value today $\Lambda = 3H^2$ corresponds to the classical Universe today of classical rate H and classical cosmological radius $L_H = c/H$. The quantum mechanical value $\Lambda_Q = 3H_Q^2$ corresponds to the early quantum Universe of quantum rate H_Q and quantum radius $L_Q = l_P^2/L_H = \hbar/M_H c$ which is *exactly* the quantum dual of the classical horizon radius L_H :

L_Q is *precisely* the quantum (Compton) length of the Universe for the gravitational mass $M_H = L_H c^2 / G$.

(vii) Two extremely different physical conditions and gravity regimes. This is a realistic, clear and precise illustration of the *physical classical-quantum duality between the two extreme Universe scales and gravity regimes*: the dilute state and Horizon size of the Universe today on the one largest known side, and the super-Planckian scale and highest density state on the smallest side: Length, Mass, and their associated time (Hubble rate) and vacuum energy density (Λ, ρ_Λ) of the Universe *today* are truly *classical*, while its extreme past at $10^{-61} t_P = 10^{-105}$ sec deep inside the Planck domain of extremely small size and high vacuum density value (Λ_Q, ρ_Q) are truly *quantum and super-Planckian*.

This is the *classical-quantum or wave-particle duality* between the classical macroscopic (cosmological) gravity physical domain and the quantum microscopic particle physics and super-Planckian domain through the *crossing* of the Planck scale, *Planck scale duality* in short.

(viii) The true problem. The huge difference between the two values $\Lambda = \rho_\Lambda = 10^{-122}$ and $\Lambda_Q = \rho_Q = 10^{122}$ is indeed *correct* and must be such way, precisely because the two values refer to huge different physical conditions, regimes and states which are classical-quantum duals of each other.

The two values refer to two different gravitational vacua: classical, on one side (present time era), and full quantum super-Planckian energy on the opposite physical side (past remote era), and these are *two extreme different and dual energy density components*, ρ_Λ and ρ_Q , contributing to the *same total* vacuum energy of the Universe $\rho_{\Lambda Q}$.

Namely, there is indeed a cosmological constant problem but the true problem is **not** the huge discrepancy between the observed value today and the computed particle physics value. The true problem is to know the origin and the nature (the type) of the predominant particle(s) associated to the vacuum energy density and how to identify and detect them.

(ix) A General framework. This is not a tailored argument in order to explain solely one problem (dark energy) or one cosmological constant value. This is just one of the consequences or applications of a general clarifying simplifying framework which completes at the level of the classical and quantum observables, the classical/semiclassical gravity observables on the one hand, and the microscopic quantum particle physics, planckian and

super-planckian magnitudes in the early quantum eras on the other hand, and connects them through the classical-quantum (wave-particle) duality, (and one of such observables is just the vacuum energy density).

In Summary: There is a *deep concept* behind the cosmological vacuum energy density or cosmological constant: the classical-quantum (or wave- particle) duality through the Planck scale, or Planck scale duality. This extends to the Planckian and super-Planckian domain the classical-quantum duality of quantum theory and includes gravity in it: classical-quantum gravity duality or wave-particle-gravity duality.

Interestingly enough, including the Temperature and gravitationnal Entropy of the Universe in the description *consistently* supports the cosmic classical-quantum duality and shed more insight in the cosmological constant/vacuum energy nature of the dark energy. We discuss it in the next section.

XI. THE COSMOLOGICAL CONSTANT: VACUUM ENERGY, ENTROPY AND TEMPERATURE OF THE UNIVERSE

As we have seen, a key concept in order to understand the present value of the cosmological constant value and the so-called cosmological constant problem is the *classical-quantum duality*, precisely when applied to gravitational masses or objects, namely the classical-quantum duality through the Planck scale, or shortly Planck scale duality. The second important concept is the gravitational entropy S_Λ , namely the area of gravitational objects in units of κ_B which is the Hawking-Gibbons de Sitter entropy, and its quantum dual entropy S_Q , as we will see below.

The classical/semiclassical gravitational entropy S_Λ of the Universe today is given by Eq.(5.13). The Gibbons-Hawking de Sitter entropy is exactly S_Λ , while its quantum dual entropy S_Q is given by Eq.(5.14). The classical Λ -temperature T_Λ of the Universe today is given by Eq.(5.2). The quantum temperature T_Q Eq.(5.3) is precisely the quantum dual temperature of T_Λ . The Gibbons-Hawking de Sitter Temperature is exactly T_Q .

Moreover, let us recall that the cosmic (de Sitter) gravitational entropy and temperature were first derived in the context of the euclidean (imaginary time) quantum gravity [23]: That is to say, the Wick rotated path integral or partition function of gravitation and matter

fields which in the saddle point approximation yields the classical action as the gravitational (Bekenstein-Hawking-Gibbons) entropy [22],[23]. Notice too that the semiclassical regime yields as saddle point of the euclidean path integral of gravity the inverse value of Λ [24]:

$$3m_P^2/\Lambda : \quad \text{saddle point of quantum gravity path integral} \quad (11.1)$$

This expression is precisely our quantum dual cosmological constant Λ_Q :

$$\Lambda_Q = \lambda_P/\Lambda = 3h_P^2/\Lambda \quad (11.2)$$

The reason why the saddle point of the Euclidean path integral of gravity is the inverse of Λ is simply because the cosmological constant acts in the gravitational action as a Lagrange multiplier as it is only coupled to the space-time volume of the Universe, implying the term ΛL_Λ^4 . The quantum gravity context and the semiclassical regime in which Eq.(11.1) does appear show that the classical/semiclassical gravitational entropy S_Λ and the classical and quantum temperatures T_Λ , T_Q are completely in agreement with the physical context of the classical-quantum duality including gravity in which we describe it.

- The Universe at its present age H , is in a *classical gravitational state or regime* of classical radius $L_H = c/H$ and classical cosmological constant $\Lambda = 3H^2$. In Planck units, the gravitational entropy S_Λ of the Universe today, and thus the *classical gravitational entropy*, is *precisely* the inverse of the today cosmological constant value, ie

$$S_\Lambda/s_P = (L_H/l_P)^2 = (h_P/H)^2 = (\lambda_P/\Lambda) = 10^{122} \quad (11.3)$$

This is precisely the inverse of the today classical Λ density ρ_Λ in Planck units ρ_P : $\rho_P/\rho_\Lambda = 10^{122}$.

- **The Λ density** $\rho_\Lambda/\rho_P = 10^{-122} = \Lambda/\lambda_P$ observed today is **precisely the quantum entropy** $S_Q/s_P = \rho_\Lambda/\rho_P$, namely the area of the Universe of quantum radius $L_Q = l_p^2/L_H$, ie the quantum dual radius of L_H , which is the Compton radius $L_Q = \hbar/(cM_H)$ of the Universe of mass $M_H = L_H c^2/G$. That is to say:

$$S_Q/s_P = s_P/S_H = (\Lambda/\lambda_P) = 10^{-122}. \quad (11.4)$$

The quantum gravitational entropy S_Q is *precisely* the quantum dual of the classical gravitational entropy S_Λ through its Planck scale value s_P :

$$S_\Lambda = s_P \left(\frac{\rho_Q}{\rho_P} \right) = s_P \left(\frac{\lambda_P}{\Lambda} \right) = s_P 10^{+122} \quad (11.5)$$

$$S_Q = s_P \left(\frac{\rho_\Lambda}{\rho_P} \right) = s_P \left(\frac{\Lambda}{\lambda_P} \right) = s_P 10^{-122} \quad (11.6)$$

The *total* $Q\Lambda$ gravitational entropy turns out the sum of the three components as it must be: classical (subscript Λ), quantum dual (subscript Q) and Planck value (subscript P) corresponding to the tree gravity regimes:

$$S_{Q\Lambda} = 2 [s_P + \frac{1}{2}(S_\Lambda + S_Q)] = 2 s_P [1 + \frac{1}{2}(10^{+122} + 10^{-122})] \quad (11.7)$$

- The gravitational entropy S_Λ of the present time large *classical Universe* is a very *huge number*, consistent with the fact that the Universe today contains a very huge amount of information. In order for S_Λ to be associated with a *vacuum* energy density this must be a *very high density*: This is precisely the *quantum vacuum density* ρ_Q or *quantum cosmological constant* Λ_Q , which are the *quantum duals* -*quantum precursors*- of the *classical density* ρ_Λ and *classical cosmological constant* Λ respectively.
- The value of Λ today, that is the *classical* cosmological constant value, as a classical vacuum energy density ρ_Λ is *naturally* a very small value because the accelerated Universe *today* is a *classical* and *dilute vacuum* Universe (in contrast to the quantum and highly dense super-Planckian very early state of the Universe). This is consistent with the well established set of observational results (refs [19],[20] and refs therein) showing that the Universe today is an *empty* Universe dominated by *voids and supervoids*: Observations, numerical simulations and analytic results agree in the distribution of voids and supervoids which are the large scale vacuum sites of dominance of dark energy, (see for ex refs [19],[20],[21] and refs therein).
- On the contrary, the quantum particle physics vacuum energy is the *quantum* dual density ρ_Q which is a huge value $10^{122} m_P$ deep inside in the quantum super-Planckian precursor era within a extremely small quantum radius L_Q . The density ρ_Q is the quantum dual of ρ_Λ through its Planck scale value ρ_P :

$$\rho_Q = \frac{\rho_P^2}{\rho_\Lambda} = \rho_P \left(\frac{L_\Lambda}{l_P} \right)^2 = \rho_P \left(\frac{\lambda_P}{\Lambda} \right) \quad (11.8)$$

The two densities, ρ_Λ , and ρ_Q , are *the same concept*: the vacuum energy density, *in two different states* (early superplanckian quantum phase and present time classical stage) of the Universe. The two densities are components of *complete* $\rho_{Q\Lambda}$ density.

- The *complete* $Q\Lambda$ density (classical plus quantum density) is :

$$\rho_{Q\Lambda} = \rho_\Lambda + \rho_Q + \rho_P = \rho_P \left(\frac{\rho_\Lambda}{\rho_P} + \frac{\rho_P}{\rho_\Lambda} + 1 \right) = \lambda_P \left(\frac{\Lambda}{\lambda_P} + \frac{\lambda_P}{\Lambda} + 1 \right) \quad (11.9)$$

In the case of the Universe till *today*, these values are:

$$\rho_{Q\Lambda} = \rho_P (10^{-122} + 10^{122} + 1) \quad (11.10)$$

Summing up: The present Universe today of large classical horizon radius L_Λ and very low density ρ_Λ is a empty or dilute vacuum Universe (dominated by voids and supervoids) and *not* a dense quantum Universe. The very early Universe is a highly quantum dense Universe. The classical dilute Universe today and the highly dense very early quantum super-Planckian Universe are classical-quantum duals of each other in the precise meaning of the classical-quantum duality including gravity:

The classical Universe today U_Λ is clearly characterized by the set of physical magnitudes or observables (size/age, mass, density, temperature, entropy): $U_\Lambda \equiv (L_\Lambda, M_\Lambda, \rho_\Lambda, T_\Lambda, S_\Lambda)$. The highly dense very early quantum Universe U_Q is characterized by the corresponding set of quantum dual physical magnitudes $U_Q \equiv (L_Q, M_Q, \rho_Q, T_Q, S_Q)$ in the precise meaning of the classical-quantum duality:

$$U_Q = \frac{u_P^2}{U_\Lambda}, \quad u_P \equiv (l_P, m_P, \rho_P, t_P, s_P) \quad (11.11)$$

The *total* Universe is composed by their classical/semiclassical and quantum phases:

$$U_{Q\Lambda} = (U_Q + U_\Lambda + u_P) \quad (11.12)$$

The Universe at its *present age* is a *classical* Universe of huge classical radius L_Λ and thus a huge *classical horizon area* A_Λ and so a huge value for the classical/semiclassical gravitational entropy $S_\Lambda = 10^{+122} \pi \kappa_B$. The entropy S_Λ is related to the *classical* area $A_\Lambda \approx L_\Lambda^2 \approx 1/\Lambda$ and thus to the inverse of the classical Λ . This explains *why* the cosmological constant has such a small value and S_Λ a so high one. S_Λ today is *not* proportional to ρ_Λ which is a extremely small value, but to the *quantum dual* of ρ_Λ , ie the quantum density ρ_Q which is its precursor: a extremely high (superplanckian) value in the extreme past. This is clearly seen from Eqs.(11.3),(11.5),(11.6) simply summarized as:

$$\frac{S_\Lambda}{s_P} = \left(\frac{L_\Lambda}{l_P} \right)^2 = \frac{\rho_Q}{\rho_P} = \frac{\rho_P}{\rho_\Lambda} = \frac{\lambda_P}{\Lambda} = \frac{s_P}{S_Q} = 10^{122} \quad (11.13)$$

By going back in time along the Universe evolution, from the present era today to the early Universe stages, the gravitational entropy of the Universe is decreasing from its present huge value $S_\Lambda = 10^{122}\pi\kappa_B$ today at the age $10^{61}t_P$ to its inflationary value $S_\Lambda = 10^{12}\pi\kappa_B$ during inflation at the time $10^{-6}t_P$, then falling to its Planck value $s_P = \pi\kappa_B$ at the Planck time t_P and then following decreasing till reaching its extreme lowest known value $S_Q = 10^{-122}\pi\kappa_B$ in the earliest quantum era at $10^{-61}t_P$.

The extreme smallest value of the entropy is the quantum dual of the largest known classical entropy at the horizon today:

$$\frac{S_\Lambda}{s_P} = \frac{s_P}{S_Q} = 10^{+122}. \quad (11.14)$$

The largest time and length in the Universe are its present age and horizon size: $10^{+61} t_P$ and $L_\Lambda = 10^{+61} l_P$. The smallest time and length in the Universe are the quantum duals of them: $10^{-61} t_P$ and $L_Q = 10^{-61} l_P$

The classical and quantum Λ Temperatures. The above results can be also seen in terms of the classical and quantum temperatures of the Universe T_Λ and T_Q . Eqs (5.2),(5.3) and Eq.(11.11) for the classical today Universe U_Λ and its quantum earlier dual U_Q yield the following enlighting summary :

$$\frac{T_\Lambda}{t_P} = \left(\frac{L_\Lambda}{l_P} \right) = \frac{h_P}{H} = \sqrt{\frac{\lambda_P}{\Lambda}} = \sqrt{\frac{S_\Lambda}{s_P}} = \sqrt{\frac{s_P}{S_Q}} = 10^{61} \quad (11.15)$$

$$\frac{T_Q}{t_P} = \left(\frac{l_P}{L_\Lambda} \right) = \frac{H}{h_P} = \sqrt{\frac{\Lambda}{\lambda_P}} = \sqrt{\frac{S_Q}{s_P}} = \sqrt{\frac{s_P}{S_\Lambda}} = 10^{-61} \quad (11.16)$$

From the above results and the observed value of Λ today Eq.(10.4), the values of the classical temperature T_Λ of the Universe *today*, and the temperature T_Q of its quantum precursor are:

$$T_{\Lambda \text{ today}} = t_P \sqrt{\frac{\lambda_P}{\Lambda}} = (0.5875 \pm 0.0800) 10^{61} t_P \quad (11.17)$$

$$T_{Q \text{ today}} = t_P \sqrt{\frac{\Lambda}{\lambda_P}} = (1.6865 \pm 0.0229) 10^{-61} t_P \quad (11.18)$$

That is:

$$T_{\Lambda \text{ today}} = (0.5875 \pm 0.0800) 10^{93} K \quad (11.19)$$

$$T_{Q \text{ today}} = (1.6865 \pm 0.0229) 10^{-29} K \quad (11.20)$$

The *total or complete* $Q\Lambda$ Temperature $T_{Q\Lambda}$ Eq.(6.2) is precisely *the sum* of the different components (classical plus quantum):

$$T_{Q\Lambda \text{ today}} = [T_\Lambda + T_Q + t_P]_{\text{today}} = (10^{61} + 10^{-61} + 1) t_P \quad (11.21)$$

In the classical large Universe today, the classical *today* component T_Λ dominates, as it must be. In its quantum precursor, the quantum Planck component t_P dominates, as it must be.

Comparison to the Inflation Λ Temperatures and Entropies: For comparison, the temperatures T_Λ and T_Q for the Inflation era are:

$$T_{\Lambda \text{ inflation}} = t_P \sqrt{\frac{\lambda_P}{\Lambda \text{ inflation}}} = 10^{38} K = 10^6 t_P \quad (11.22)$$

$$T_{Q \text{ inflation}} = t_P \sqrt{\frac{\Lambda}{\lambda_P \text{ inflation}}} = 10^{26} K = 10^{-6} t_P \quad (11.23)$$

In the classical inflation era, the classical T_{Λ} component dominates as it must be, while in its quantum precursor era, t_P dominates as it must be. The complete $T_{Q\Lambda \text{ inflation}}$ is the sum of its components,

$$T_{Q\Lambda \text{ inflation}} = [T_\Lambda + T_Q + t_P]_{\text{inflation}} = (10^6 + 10^{-6} + 1) t_P \quad (11.24)$$

Eqs.(11.21) and (11.24) show consistently that the difference between the classical and quantum temperatures (which is huge in the today classical Universe highly dominated by the classical T_Λ) diminishes in the early and more quantum stages as in Inflation where the difference between the two values $T_\Lambda = 10^6 t_P$ and $T_Q = 10^{-6} t_P$ is considerably smaller than in the present time.

In addition, Eq (11.24) *consistently* reflects the *semi-classical or semi-quantum gravity* character of Inflation. In other words, as well as the Planck scale m_P is from the classical side the crossing to the quantum gravity regime, the *Inflation scale* $10^{-6}m_P$ *in the classical phase is the typical scale for the semi-classical gravity* regime. And the quantum dual Inflation scale in the quantum precursor phase is consistently 10^6m_P . (This last could be viewed as a "semi-quantum gravity" scale, "low" with respect to the higher superplanckian scales of the earlier quantum stages, the highest $H = 10^{61}h_P$ being at the extreme quantum past.

Whatever be, classical or quantum, Inflation is at $10^{\pm 6}$ from the Planck scale). Consistently, this can be also seen in terms of the classical and quantum entropies S_Λ and S_Q of Inflation:

$$S_{\Lambda \text{ Inflation}} = s_P \left(\frac{\lambda_P}{\Lambda} \right) = 10^{+12} s_P = 10^{+12} \pi \kappa_B \quad (11.25)$$

$$S_{Q \text{ Inflation}} = s_P \left(\frac{\Lambda}{\lambda_P} \right) = 10^{-12} s_P = 10^{-12} \pi \kappa_B \quad (11.26)$$

$S_{\Lambda \text{ Inflation}}$ in the classical Inflation stage at $10^6 t_P$ is larger than its precursor value $S_{Q \text{ Inflation}}$ in the quantum Inflation precursor stage, (arrow of time), as it must be.

Cosmological Constant Summary: Summing up, the solution to the cosmological constant can be explicitly summarized in the following simple equations:

$$\frac{\lambda_P}{\Lambda_Q} = \frac{\Lambda}{\lambda_P} = \frac{\rho_\Lambda}{\rho_P} = \frac{S_Q}{s_P} = \left(\frac{T_Q}{t_P} \right)^2 = 10^{-122} \quad (11.27)$$

and

$$\frac{\Lambda_Q}{\lambda_P} = \frac{\lambda_P}{\Lambda} = \frac{\rho_Q}{\rho_P} = \frac{S_\Lambda}{s_P} = \left(\frac{T_\Lambda}{t_P} \right)^2 = 10^{+122} \quad (11.28)$$

The *complete* $Q\Lambda$ cosmological constant $\Lambda_{Q\Lambda}$ or complete vacuum energy density $\rho_{Q\Lambda}$ is given by:

$$\Lambda_{Q\Lambda} = \Lambda + \Lambda_Q + \lambda_P = \lambda_P \left(\frac{\Lambda}{\lambda_P} + \frac{\lambda_P}{\Lambda} + 1 \right) = \lambda_P (10^{-122} + 10^{+122} + 1) \quad (11.29)$$

which is the sum of its classical and quantum *components*.

The observed value today is the classical Λ vacuum value 10^{-122} corresponding to the classical Universe today which is a large, classical and empty or vacuum dilute Universe. This is the main physical reason for such low value. The computed particle physics quantum Λ_Q value 10^{+122} is the vacuum value corresponding to the very early Universe which is a extremely small, quantum and high density (superplanckian) vacuum. This is the main physical reason for such high value.

All physical magnitudes: the vacuum energy density, the cosmological constant, the gravitational entropy and gravitational temperature, both classical and quantum are linked by the classical-quantum (or wave-particle) duality through the Planck scale.

Eqs. (11.27),(11.28),(11.29) concisely and synthetically express such classical-quantum dual relations and *explain why* the classical vacuum cosmological constant Λ or classical

density ρ_Λ coincides with such observed *low value* 10^{-122} in Planck units. The vacuum computed density from particle physics 10^{+122} is a quantum extreme vacuum value, it is precisely the *quantum dual* density ρ_Q to the classical density ρ_Λ today.

Cosmological Constant Conclusion: The quantum vacuum density or quantum $\Lambda_Q = \rho_Q = 10^{+122}$ (in Planck units) *is not* what is observed today and must be consistently such way because the Universe today *is not* in a quantum super-planckian gravitational state. The Universe today is in a classical gravitational regime and dilute classical state. And what is observed today is consistently and correctly the classical low dilute value $\rho_\Lambda = 10^{-122}$ or classical vacuum Λ corresponding to the classical Universe today. The quantum vacuum density $\rho_Q = 10^{+122}$ *is* a quantum super-planckian value and must be consistently such way because it is the quantum precursor in a quantum gravitational super-planckian very early past state. The past Universe before the Planck time is in a quantum gravitational super-planckian regime and highly quantum superplanckian state, precursor of the observed era today of the Universe.

The Whole History. An Unifying Picture: We see that going back in time along the Universe evolution from the present era to the early stages where the Universe becomes more and more quantum, the classical temperature T_Λ decreases, as it must be, the quantum temperature T_Q becomes higher and the values of the Classical and Quantum temperatures T_Λ and T_Q Eqs.(5.2),(5.3) become closer of each other, the difference disappearing at the *Planck scale*: $T_\Lambda = T_Q = t_P$, which is the *crossing scale* between the classical/semiclassical and quantum gravity regimes or eras.

Similarly, going back in time, from the present era to the early quantum eras of the Universe, the classical gravitational entropy S_Λ decreases from its huge value today $S_{\Lambda \text{ today}} = 10^{122} s_P$ at $10^{61}t_P$ to the inflationary value $S_{\Lambda \text{ inflation}} = 10^{12} s_P$ in the Inflation era (semi-classical gravity era) at $10^6 t_P$, then after descending to its small Planckian value $s_P = \pi \kappa_B$ at the Planck time t_P , in which it enters the quantum and super-Planckian regime, decreasing for instance to $S_{Q \text{ inflation}} = 10^{-12} s_P$ (the quantum dual phase of Inflation) at the time $10^{-6}t_P$, until reaching its smallest extreme value $s_P 10^{-122}$ at $10^{-61} t_P$.

Conversely, starting from the earliest past quantum era from $10^{-61} t_P$ to t_P , the quantum entropy S_Q increases from its extreme small value $S_Q = 10^{-122} s_P$ at the earliest time $10^{-61} t_P$ till for instance its quantum inflation value $10^{-12} s_P$ at the time $10^{-6} t_P$, to its

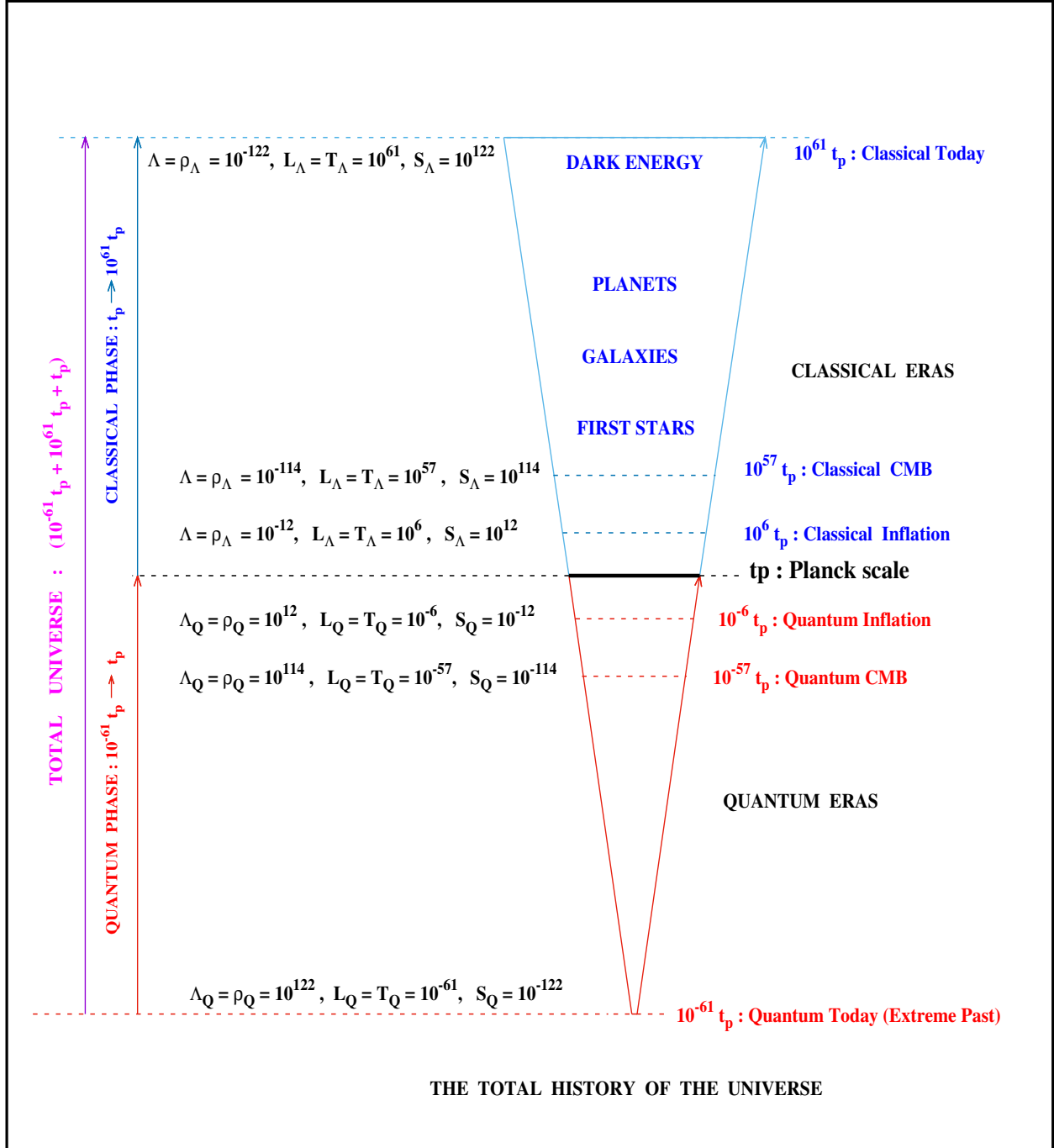


FIG. 1. **The Standard Model of the Universe completed by Quantum physics in terms of its Gravity history.** The Universe is composed of two big phases after and before the Planck scale t_P (the *crossing scale*). The post-planckian classical gravitation phase is the Universe from t_P to the present age $10^{61}t_P$. The quantum (planckian and super-planckian) phase from the extreme past $10^{-61}t_P$ to t_P is its precursor. The complete history goes from $10^{-61}t_P$ to $10^{61}t_P$. Quantum physics, Planck scale, natural to the system, and gravitation unify and clarify the whole history. See the text at the end of Section XI and the complete figure caption there.

Planck value $S_Q = s_P = \pi\kappa_B$ at the Planck time t_P , the *crossing scale*, after which it goes to its semi-classical inflationary value $S_{\Lambda \text{ inflation}} = 10^{12} s_P$ at the classical inflationary stage at $10^6 t_P$ and it follows *increasing and classicalizes* till the extreme maximal classical value today $S_{\Lambda} = 10^{122} s_P$ at the present Universe time $10^{61} t_P$. And S_{Λ} will continue increasing to higher values in the future as far as the Universe will continue expanding its horizon.

The *total Q Λ* gravitational entropy (for the whole history) is the sum of the three values above discussed corresponding to the three regimes: classical Λ , quantum dual Q and Planck values (subscript P), Eq.(11.29). In the past remote and more quantum (Q) eras: $10^{-61} t_P \leq t \leq t_P$, the Planck entropy value $s_P = \pi\kappa_B$ dominates S_Q . In the classical eras: $t_P \leq t \leq 10^{61} t_P$, the today entropy value $S_{\Lambda} = 10^{122} s_P$ dominates.

The whole picture is depicted in Figure (1), where: Λ refers to the cosmological constant (or associated Hubble-Lemaitre constant H) in the Classical gravity phase. Q means quantum. P means Planck scale. Planck's units, natural to the system, greatly simplify the history. (The complete history is a theory of pure numbers). Each stage is characterized by the set of main physical gravitational quantities: (Λ , density ρ_{Λ} , size L_{Λ} , gravitational temperature T_{Λ} and entropy S_{Λ}). In the Quantum phase, their corresponding quantum precursors are labeled with the subscript Q . Classical and quantum precursor stages and their associated physical quantities are classical-quantum duals of each other in the precise meaning of the classical-quantum or wave-particle duality including gravity Eq.(11.11). Total means the whole history including the two phases or regimes. The present age of the Universe 10^{61} , (with $\Lambda = \rho_{\Lambda} = 10^{-122} = 1/S_{\Lambda}$) is a *lower bound* to the future Universe age and similarly for the present entropy value S_{Λ} . While 10^{-61} , (with $\Lambda_Q = 10^{122} = \rho_Q = 1/S_Q$) is an *upper bound* to the extreme past (origin) of the Universe and quantum initial entropy, (arrow of time). [Similarly, the values given in Fig.1 (in Planck units) for the CMB are the classical CMB age ($3.8 \cdot 10^5 \text{ yr} = 10^{57} t_P$) and the set of characteristic gravitational properties of the Universe at this age, and their corresponding quantum precursors in the quantum preceding era at $10^{-57} t_P$. T_{Λ} and S_{Λ} are also an upper bound to the temperature and entropy of the CMB photon radiation.]

XII. CONCLUSIONS

We have accounted in the Introduction and along the paper the main new features of the paper and will not include all of them here. We refer to Section I for a summary of the main results and the end of previous Section XI for the whole picture.

- We described classical, semiclassical and quantum de Sitter regimes. A clear picture for the de Sitter background and the whole Universe epochs emerges, going beyond the current picture, both for its classical and quantum regimes, depicted in Fig (1).

This is achieved by recognizing the relevant scales of the classical and quantum regimes of gravity. They turn out to be the classical-quantum duals of each other, in the precise sense of the wave-particle (de Broglie, Compton) duality extended to the quantum gravity (Planck and super-Planck) domain: wave-particle-gravity duality.

- Concepts as the Hawking temperature and the usual (mass) temperature are shown to be precisely the same concept in the different classical and quantum gravity regimes respectively. Similarly, it holds for the Bekenstein-Gibbons and Hawking entropy.
- An unifying clarifying picture has been provided including the main physical gravitational intrinsic magnitudes of the Universe: age, size, mass, vacuum density, temperature, entropy, in terms of the cosmological constant covering the relevant gravity regimes or cosmological stages: classical, semiclassical and quantum -planckian and superplanckian- eras.
- Cosmological evolution goes from a super-planckian and planckian quantum phase to a semiclassical accelerated de Sitter phase (field theory inflation), then to the classical phase until the present de Sitter era. The wave-particle-gravity duality precisely manifests in this evolution, between the different gravity regimes, and could be viewed as a mapping between asymptotic (in and out) states characterized by the sets U_Λ (or U_H) and U_Q , and thus as a Scattering-matrix description: The most early quantum super-Planckian state in the remote past being the in-state, and the very late classical dilute state being the far future or today out-state.
- Along its physical history, from the very early stages to the present time, the Universe evolved from quantum stages to classical physics stages: that is to say, the Universe

classicalized. And conversely, from the present time to the earlier stages, the Universe becomes *quantized*. Inflation is part of the standard cosmological model and is supported by the CMB data of temperature and temperature-E polarisation anisotropies. This points to $10^{-6}m_P$, (or $10^{-5}M_P$ for the reduced mass $M_P = m_P/\sqrt{8\pi}$) as the energy scale of Inflation [17],[18], safely below the Planck energy scale m_P of the onset of quantum gravity. This implies that Inflation is consistently in the *semiclassical gravity regime*. This in turn implies that the preceding phase of Inflation corresponds to a quantum gravity phase in the Planckian and super-Planckian quantum gravity domain. Inflation being a de Sitter, (or quasi de Sitter) stage, it has a smooth space-time curvature *without any physical space-time singularity*.

- Integrating the above different pieces of knowledge, and because the more earlier known stages of the Universe are de Sitter (or quasi de Sitter) eras, it appears as a consequence of our results that there is **no singularity** at the Universe's origin. First: the so called $t = 0$ Friedman-Robertson Walker mathematical singularity is **not** physical: it is the result of the extrapolation without any quantum physics of the purely classical (non quantum) General Relativity theory, out of its domain of physical validity. The Planck scale is not merely a useful system of units but a physically meaningful scale: quantum gravity. The Planck scale precludes the extrapolation to zero time or length. This is precisely what is expected from quantum physics in gravity: the smoothness of the classical gravitational singularities. Second: Inflation (classical or quantum) in the very past ($10^6 t_P$ or $10^{-6} t_P$ is mainly a de Sitter (or quasi de Sitter) smooth constant curvature era *without any curvature singularity*. Third: the extreme past (at $10^{-61} t_P$) is a superplanckian de Sitter state of high *bounded* superplanckian constant curvature and therefore *without singularity*. Of course, this paper is not devoted to the singularity issue but this argument and the whole picture emerging from this paper indicate the trend and insight into the problem.
- The main property used here is the classical-quantum duality, which is a universal foundational milestone of quantum theory. Further couplings, interactions and background fields can be added. The conceptual results here will not change by adding further couplings or interactions, or further background fields to the background here. Of course, this is just a first input in the construction of a complete physical theory

and understanding *in agreement with observations*.

- The existence and present state of the Universe is physically explained because of the classical-quantum duality as a basic and universal property of Nature: Our known classical Universe does exist *precisely* because there existed a preceding phase or precursor: Such preceding phase is *exactly* the quantum dual phase of the existing known classical phase, the Planck time being precisely *the crossing* time between the two phases, as given by Eq.(11.11). The Planck time is the transition to the Classical/semiclassical gravity Universe from the "end" ("late" time or entropy) of the Quantum dual preceding phase.
- Besides its conceptual and fundamental physics interest, this framework revealed of deep and useful clarification for relevant cosmological eras and its quantum precursors and for problems as the cosmological constant. This could provide realist insights and science directions where to place the theoretical effort for cosmological missions and future surveys such as Euclid, DESI and WFIRST for instance, [25], [26], [27], and for the searching of cosmological quantum gravitational signals.
- The exhibit of (c, G, h) helps in recognizing the different relevant scales and physical regimes. Even if a hypothetical underlying "theory of everything" could only require pure numbers (option three in [29]), physical touch at some level asks for the use of fundamental constants [30],[28]. Here we used three fundamental constants, (tension being c^2/G). It appears from our study here and in ref [13], that a complete quantum theory of gravity would be a theory of pure numbers.

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