

Introduction to Loop Quantum Cosmology

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Einstein-Hilbert action



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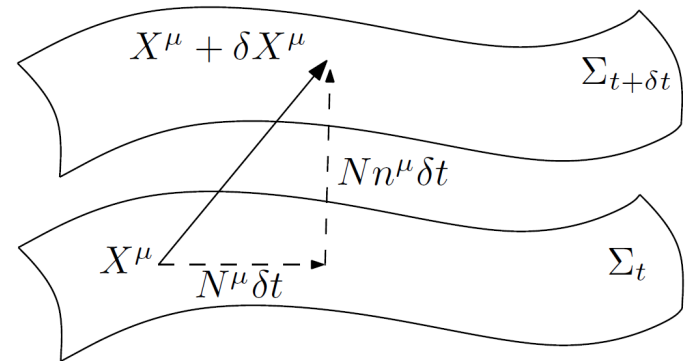
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ADM formalism: $ds^2 = (-N^2 + N_a N^a) dt^2 + 2 N_a dx^a dt + q_{ab} dx^a dx^b$

Ashtekar variables:

$$E^a_i E^b_j \delta^{ij} = \det(q) q^{ab}$$

$$A_a^i = \epsilon^{ijk} \Gamma_{ajk} + \gamma K_a^i$$



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$$ds^2 = -N^2 dt^2 + a(t) \delta_{ab} dx^a dx^b$$

$$N_a = 0 \quad A_a{}^i = c \delta_a{}^i \quad E^a{}_i = p \delta^a{}_i$$

$$H_G = -N \frac{3}{8\pi G \gamma^2} c^2 \sqrt{p} \quad p = a^2 \quad c = \dot{a}$$

Holonomy correction

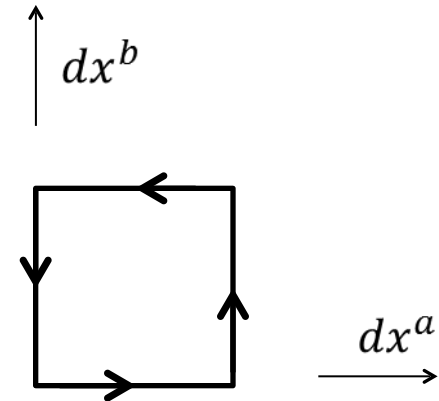
Holonomy: $h_l = e^{-i \oint_l dx^A}$

~~c^2~~

NO!

$e^{\pm i\lambda c}$, $\sin(\lambda c)$, $\cos(\lambda c)$ OK

$$c^2 \leftarrow F_{ab}{}^i(A) = -2 \lim_{\square \rightarrow 0} \text{Tr} \left[\frac{h_{\square ab} - 1}{\text{Area}_{\square}} \tau^i \right]$$



$$c^2 \rightarrow \frac{p}{\Delta} \sin^2 \left(\sqrt{\frac{\Delta}{p}} c \right) \Rightarrow H_G = -N \frac{3 p^{3/2}}{8\pi G \gamma^2 \Delta} \sin^2 \left(\sqrt{\frac{\Delta}{p}} c \right)$$

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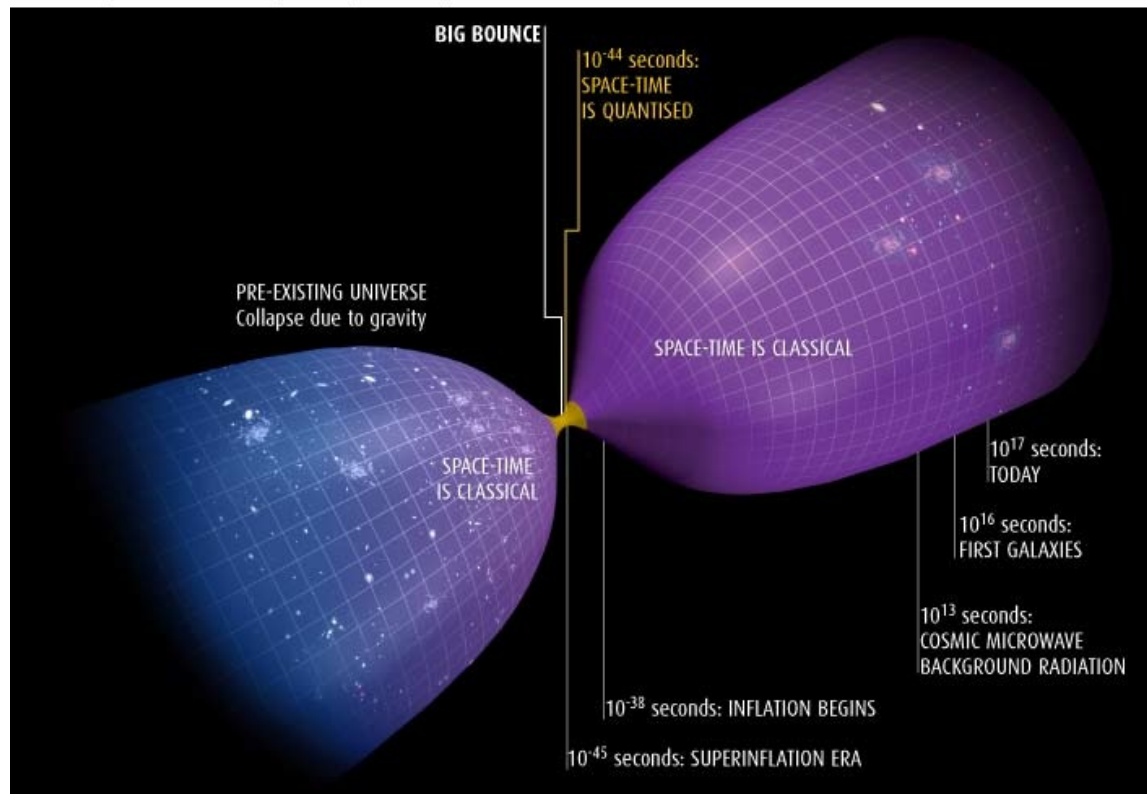
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$$H_{tot} = H_G + H_m = -N \frac{3 p^{\frac{3}{2}}}{8\pi G \gamma^2 \Delta} \sin^2 \left(\sqrt{\frac{\Delta}{p}} c \right) + N p^{\frac{3}{2}} \rho = N C_{tot}$$

$$C_{tot} = 0$$

THE BIG BOUNCE

Loop quantum cosmology predicts that the universe did not arise from nothing in a big bang. Instead it grew from the collapse of a pre-existing universe that bounced back from oblivion



Modified Friedman equation:

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Friedman equation:

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Generalize to anisotropic universe

Bianchi I: $ds^2 = -N^2 dt^2 + a_1(t)dx^2 + a_2(t)dy^2 + a_3(t)dz^2$

$$A_a{}^i = c_i \delta_a{}^i \quad E^a{}_i = p_i \delta^a{}_i$$

$$H_G = -N \frac{3\sqrt{p_1 p_2 p_3}}{8\pi G \gamma^2 \Delta} \left[\sin^2 \left(\sqrt{\frac{\Delta p_1}{p_2 p_3}} c_1 \right) \sin^2 \left(\sqrt{\frac{\Delta p_2}{p_1 p_3}} c_2 \right) + \right. \\ \left. + \sin^2 \left(\sqrt{\frac{\Delta p_2}{p_1 p_3}} c_2 \right) \sin^2 \left(\sqrt{\frac{\Delta p_3}{p_2 p_1}} c_3 \right) + \sin^2 \left(\sqrt{\frac{\Delta p_3}{p_2 p_1}} c_3 \right) \sin^2 \left(\sqrt{\frac{\Delta p_1}{p_2 p_3}} c_1 \right) \right]$$

$$\left(\frac{\dot{a}}{a} \right)^2 = \sigma_Q^2 + \frac{8\pi G}{3} \rho - \gamma^2 \Delta \left(\frac{3}{2} \sigma_Q^2 - \frac{8\pi G}{3} \rho \right)^2$$

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