## Quantum Reduced Loop Gravity I

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## Plan of the talk

\_Inhomogeneous extension Bianchi I model

\_Reduced quantization

\_Quantum-reduced Loop Gravity

\_Perspectives

## Inhomogeneous extension Bianchi I model

### Proposal

Motivation: can we go over Loop Quantum Cosmology and preserve "more" of the full Loop Quantum Gravity structure??

We want to define a weaker reduction of gravity phase space which captures the relevant cosmological degrees of freedom such that

\_a residual diffeomorphisms invariance is retained and the scalar constraint can be regularized.

Inhomogeneous extension Bianchi I model

### Diagonal Bianchi line element

Only part which depends on x

$$ds^2 = N^2(t) dt^2 - e^{2\alpha(t)} (e^{2\beta(t)})_{ij} \, \omega^i \otimes \omega^j$$

Universe volume

diagonal and with vanishing trace Two independent components: Anisotropies

Fiducial 1-forms

$$d\omega^i = C^i_{jk}\omega^j \wedge \omega^k.$$

One considers only type A

$$C_{ij}^i = 0$$

Constant depending on the kind of Bianchi model

Most relevant cases: I,II, IX...

### Reduced phase-space

Momenta:

 $E_i^a = p^i(t)\omega\omega_i^a, \qquad p^i = e^{2\alpha}e^{-\beta_{ii}}$ 

Not summed

 $A_a^i = c_i(t)\omega_a^i,$ 

Connections:

 $c_i = \left(\frac{\gamma}{N}(\dot{\alpha} + \dot{\beta_{ii}}) + \alpha_i\right)e^{\alpha}e^{\beta_{ii}}$ 

It depends on the kind of Bianchi model adopted

Poisson brackets:

$$\{p^i(t), c_j(t)\}_{PP} = \frac{8\pi G}{V_0} \gamma \delta^i_j$$
 Fidule a variation 
$$h_{e_i} = e^{i\mu_i c_i\tau_i}$$

Fiducial volume (it can be avoided by rescaling variables)

edge along ω<sub>i</sub>

Holonomies:

## Bianchi I

The simplest case is Bianchi I model

$$C^i_{jk} = 0 \qquad \qquad \omega^i = \delta^i_a dx^a$$

$$ds^2 = N^2(t)dt^2 - a_1^2(t)(dx^1)^2 - a_2^2(t)(dx^2)^2 - a_3^2(t)(dx^3)^2 - a_3^2(t)(d$$

Three scale factors along Cartesian coordinates  $x^i = \delta^i_a x^a$ 

Phase-space variables

$$E_i^a = p^i(t)\delta_i^a \qquad \qquad A_a^i = c_i(t)\delta_a^i$$

If we retain a dependence on spatial coordinates in the reduced variables of a Bianchi I model....

$$E_i^a = p^i(t, x)\delta_i^a \qquad \qquad A_a^i = c_i(t, x)\delta_a^i$$

1) <u>Re-parametrized Bianchi I model:</u>

$$ds^2 = N^2(t,x) dt^2 - a_1^2(t,x^1) (dx^1)^2 - a_2^2(t,x^2) (dx^2)^2 - a_3^2(t,x^3) (dx^3)^2 - a_2^2(t,x^3) (dx^3)^2 - a_2^2$$

the three scale factors are functions of the associated Cartesian coordinate

2)Kasner epoch: it describes the behavior of the generic cosmological solution during each Kasner epoch.

$$ds^2 = N^2(t,x) dt^2 - a_1^2(t,x) (dx^1)^2 - a_2^2(t,x) (dx^2)^2 - a_3^2(t,x) (dx^3)^2 - a_2^2(t,x) (dx^3)^2$$

Spatial gradients negligible with respect to time derivatives.

### Reduced phase-space

Momenta:

$$E_i^a = p^i(t, x)\delta_i^a$$

Connections:

$$A_a^i = c_i(t, x)\delta_a^i$$

Given a metric tensor, all triads related by a rotation are equally admissible.

$$\widetilde{E}^a_i = R^k_{\ i} E^a_k$$

A unique choice implies a gaugefixing of the rotation group

$$R^k_{\ i} = \delta^k_i$$

Gauge fixing condition:

$$\chi_i = \sum_{l,k} \epsilon_{il}^{\ k} E_k^a \delta_a^l = 0$$

Poisson brackets:

$$\{p^i(t,x),c_j(t,y)\} = 8\pi G\gamma \delta^i_j \delta^3(x-y)$$

U(1), Gauss constraints: 
$$G_i = \partial_i p^i = 0$$

each integral curve  $\Gamma_i$  of the vector field  $\omega_i = \delta_i^a \partial_a$  is parametrized by the coordinates  $x^i = \delta_a^i x^a$ 

Hence we can see

$$G_i = \partial_i p^i = 0$$
 spatial index

as the generator of a U(1) gauge transformation.

 $c_i$  and  $p_i$  are the connection and the momentum of a U(1) gauge theory on each  $\Gamma_i$ .



By varying i one gets three independent U(1) gauge groups.

Reduced diffeomorphims:  $D_i = \sum_j [p^j \partial_i c_j - \partial_i (p^j c_j)]$  on each  $\Gamma_i$ 

$$x'^i = x^i + \xi^i \qquad \qquad \xi^i = \xi^i(x^i)$$

Given an edge e along  $\omega_i = \delta_i^a \partial_a$  a reduced diffeomorphisms acts as



A reduced diffeo maps an edge  $e_i$  into another edge  $e'_i$  which is still parallel to the vector field  $\partial_i$ 

## **Reduced Quantization**

## **Reduced** quantization

Let us quantize the algebra of holonomies along reduced graphs and fluxes along dual surfaces: edges e

U(1) holonomies along e

Fluxes across dual surfaces S<sup>1</sup> e.  $h_{e_i} = P\left(e^{i\int_{e_i}c_idx^i}\right)$  $p^i(S^i) = \int_{S^i} p^i n_i du dv$ Si U(1), group element

Kinematical Hilbert space:

 $H = \oplus_{\Gamma} H_{\widehat{\Gamma}}$ 

U(1) Haar measure

$$H_{\Gamma} = \otimes_i \otimes_{\{e_i \subset \Gamma\}} L^2(U(1)_i, d\mu^i)$$

graph structure!

A generic functional over a graph is given by



Momenta act as invariant vector fields of the  $U(1)_{i}$  groups

$$p^i(S^i)\psi_{e_i} = 8\pi\gamma l_P^2 \sum_{n_i} n_i e^{in_i\theta^i}\psi_{e_i}^{n_i}$$

#### Kinematical constraints:



#### 2) Reduced diffeomorphisms:



Invariant states via a sum over reduced s-Knots.

$$\psi_s^*(.) = \sum_{\Gamma \in s} \psi_{\Gamma}^*(.)$$

s: equivalence class of graphs under reduced diffeomorphisms Can we implement the dynamics (Thiemann prescription) ??? NO



The drawback is the absence of a real 3-dimensional vertex structure.

We need a nontrivial interplay between  $U(1)_i$  quantum numbers



## Quantum-reduced Loop Gravity

### Proposal

Truncation of LQG Hilbert space in order to get



1) Projection to reduced graphs (with edges e<sub>i</sub>)  $Ph_e = \begin{cases} h_e & e = e_i \\ 0 & otherwise \end{cases}$ Projector

Diffeo in reduced space

 ${}^{red}U_{\varphi}h_{e_i} = PU_{\varphi}Ph_{e_i} = PU_{\varphi}h_{e_i} = Ph_{\varphi(e_i)} = U_{red_{\varphi}}h_{e_i} \qquad {}^{red}U_{\varphi} = U_{red_{\varphi}}h_{e_i}$ 

diffeomorphisms  $U_{\varphi}h_e = h_{\varphi(e)}$ 

The truncation of admissible edges restricts the class of admissible diffeomorphisms to reduced ones.

 $^{red}U_{\varphi} = PU_{\varphi}P$ 

Invariant states as in reduced quantization by summing over reduced s-knots. 2) U(1) group elements: GAUGE-FIXING OF SU(2) GROUP

$$E_i^a = p^i(t, x)\delta_i^a \longrightarrow \chi_i = \epsilon_{ij}^k E_k^a \delta_a^j = 0 \longrightarrow \chi_i = \sum_{l,k} \epsilon_{il}^k E_k(S^l)$$

$$A_a^i = c_i(t, x)\delta_a^i \longrightarrow h_{e_i} = P\left(e^{i\int_{e_i} c_i dx^i \tau_i}\right)$$



Mimicking the imposition of simplicity constraints in spin-foam

Emanuele's talk.....

### PROJECTION TO U(1) REPRESENTATIONS WITH <u>MAXIMUM/MINIMUM</u> MAGNETIC NUMBER ALONG THE DIRECTION i

$$\tilde{\psi}(g)_{e_i} = \sum_{n_i = -\infty}^{+\infty} {}^{i} D_{n_i n_i}^{|n_i|}(g) \psi_{e_i}^{n_i}$$

coefficients of the expansion in U(1) characters

Basis elements after the reduction

$${}^{i}D_{mn}^{j}(g) = D_{m\alpha}^{j}(\vec{u_{i}})D_{\alpha\beta}^{j}(g)D_{\beta n}^{j-1}(\vec{u_{i}})$$

$$\begin{cases} \vec{u_{1}} = (1,0,0) \\ \vec{u_{2}} = (0,1,0) \\ \vec{u_{3}} = (0,0,1) \end{cases}$$

States are entirely determined by their restriction to  $U(1)_{i}$  subgroups:

$$\tilde{\psi}(g)_{e_i}|_{U(1)_i} = \sum_{n_i = -\infty}^{+\infty} e^{in_i\theta^i} \psi_{e_i}^{n_i}$$

as for momenta...

$$E_l(S^l)\tilde{\psi}(g)_{e_i} = \delta_i^l 8\pi\gamma l_P^2 \sum_{n_i=-\infty}^{+\infty} n_i \, {}^i\!D_{n_in_i}^{|n_i|}(g)\psi_{e_i}^{n_i}$$

By restricting g to the  $U(1)_{i}$  subgroup:

$$E_l(S^l)\tilde{\psi}(g)_{e_i}|_{U(1)_i} = \delta_i^l 8\pi\gamma l_P^2 \sum_{n_i=-\infty}^{+\infty} n_i e^{in_i\theta^i}\psi_{e_i}^{n_i}$$

Kinematical Hilbert space:

 $H = \bigoplus_{\Gamma} H_{\Gamma} \qquad \qquad H_{\Gamma} = \bigotimes_{i} \bigotimes_{\{e_i \subset \Gamma\}} L^2(U(1)_i, d\mu^i)$ 

**S**<sub>1</sub>

U(1), Haar measure

A generic functional over a graph is given by

 $\mathbf{q}_1$ 



#### THE SAME HILBERT SPACE AS IN REDUCED QUANTIZATION

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BUT kinematical constraints: reduced diffeo-invariance,.....

reduced s-knots

The substantial difference w.r.t. reduced quantization is that the U(1)<sub>i</sub> groups are obtained by stabilizing the SU(2) one along different internal directions, thus <u>THEY ARE NOT INDIPENDENT</u>.



Emanuele's talk.....

Some intertwiners arise by projecting from the SU(2) invariant kinematical Hilbert space.

#### For instance, for a 3-valence vertex



Reduced 3-valence intertwiner: determined by Clebsch-Gordan coefficients

Admissible values:  $|j_1 - j_2| \le j_3 \le j_1 + j_2$ (the intertwiners generically do not vanish by changing  $j_1$ ,  $j_2$  to  $j_1 + 1$ ,  $j_2 - 1$ )





The action of the curvature operator can be implemented in the reducedgauge invariant Hilbert space. Moreover we can reduce the area of the plaquette via reduced diffeomorphisms so...

the limit in which the area of the additional plaquette vanishes is welldefinite on reduced diffeo-invariant states.

### **Geometrical operators**

We are interested in the volume operator

$$V[\Omega] = \int_{\Omega} d^3x \sqrt{\left|\frac{1}{3!}\epsilon_{abc}\epsilon^{ijk}E^a_iE^b_kE^c_l\right|}$$

which can be regularized by writing in terms of  $E_i(S^i)$ 

$$E_l(S^l)e^{in_i\theta^i} = \delta_i^l 8\pi\gamma l_P^2 n_i \ e^{in_i\theta^i}$$

Each flux  $E_{I}(S^{I})$  acts only on elements based at  $e_{I}$ 



The VOLUME operator is DIAGONAL on basis elements

 $V\Pi_{e_i,e'_i}{}^iD^{j_i}_{j_ij_i}(h_{e_i}){}^iD^{j_i}_{j_ij_i}(h_{e'_i}) = (8\pi\gamma l_P^2)^{3/2}\sqrt{(j_1+j'_1)(j_2+j'_2)(j_3+j'_3)}\Pi_{e_i,e'_i}{}^iD^{j_i}_{j_ij_i}(h_{e_i}){}^iD^{j_i}_{j_ij_i}(h_{e'_i})$ 





Reduced diffeo invariance

# THE SUPERHAMILTONIAN CAN BE <u>REGULARIZED</u> and ITS MATRIX ELEMENTS CAN BE <u>EXPLICITLY COMPUTED</u>

Diagonal volume operator

## Perspectives

It's time to do physics.....

#### a new model for a quantum Universe:

\_ semiclassical limit: viability of QRLG.

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\_ what about the initial singularity?? bounce??

\_ inhomogeneous model: something new? Do spatial points decouple???

\_ quantum fields on a quantum space, loop quantization in action: role of the fundamental fields composing the thermal bath.

#### a simplified are for loop quantization:

 quantum fields on a quantum space, loop quantization in action: phenomenological implications.