The Status of Quantum Reduced Loop Gravity

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Plan of the talk

_Quantum-reduced Loop Gravity

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Quantum Reduced Loop Gravity

Fixing the frame

QRLG can be seen as the gauge-fixed quantization of LQG, in the frame in which the metric tensor and the triads are both diagonal.

1) one can always fix a frame in which the three-metric tensor is diagonal

$$dl^2 = a_1^2 (dx^1)^2 + a_2^2 (dx^2)^2 + a_3^2 (dx^3)^2$$

2) one can always the gauge in which the triads is diagonal

additional terms

$$E_i^a = p^i \delta_i^a \qquad \qquad A_a^i = c_i \delta_a^i + \dots$$

Let us implement 1) and 2) **weakly** in the gauge-invariant kinematical Hilbert space of LQG:

A little bit of notation:

let us call i=1,2,3 the principal direction, I_i the associated links and Sⁱ the dual surfaces



1) gauge-fixing condition in terms of fluxes

x is a node for Γ

Let us consider the basis of Livine-Speziale coherent states

$$\langle h | \Gamma, \mathbf{j}_{\mathbf{l}}, \mathbf{\vec{u}}_{\mathbf{l}} \rangle = \sum_{\mathbf{x}_{\mathbf{n}}} \langle h | \Gamma, \mathbf{j}_{\mathbf{l}}, \mathbf{x}_{\mathbf{n}} \rangle \langle \mathbf{j}_{\mathbf{l}}, \mathbf{x}_{\mathbf{n}} | \mathbf{j}_{\mathbf{l}}, \mathbf{\vec{u}}_{\mathbf{l}} \rangle$$



In the large j limit one has

$$\langle \Gamma, \mathbf{j}_{\mathbf{l}}, \vec{\mathbf{u}}_{\mathbf{l}} | \vec{E}(S_n^k) \cdot \vec{E}(S_n^m) | \Gamma, \mathbf{j}_{\mathbf{l}}, \vec{\mathbf{u}}_{\mathbf{l}} \rangle \approx (8\pi\gamma l_P^2)^2 \sum_{l_k} j_{l_k} \vec{u}_k \cdot \sum_{l_m} j_{l_m} \vec{u}_m$$

Livine, Speziale, Bianchi, Magliaro, Perini

and it vanishes if the normals along k and m are orthogonal.

Without loss of generality we can take

$$\vec{u}_1 = (\pm 1, 0, 0)$$
 $\vec{u}_2 = (0, \pm 1, 0)$ $\vec{u}_3 = (0, 0, \pm 1)$

a generic quantum state can thus be written as

$$\langle \Gamma, \mathbf{j_l}, \mathbf{x_n} | \psi \rangle = \prod_{n \in \Gamma} \langle \mathbf{j_l}, \mathbf{\vec{u_l}} | \mathbf{j_l}, x_n \rangle \prod_l \psi_l^{j_l, \mathbf{\vec{u_l}}}$$

Reduced intertwiners

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2) gauge-fixing condition in terms of fluxes

$$\chi_i(S) = \epsilon_{ij}^{\ \ k} E_k(S^j) = 0$$

We mimic the imposition of simplicity constraints in EPRL model: we impose strongly

$$\chi^2 = \sum_i \chi_i^2$$

$$S_{x}^{k}$$

Engle, Livine, Pereira, Rovelli

$$\hat{\chi}^2(S_x)^i D^j_{mn}(h_l) = (8\pi\gamma l_P^2)(j(j+1) - m^2)^i D^j_{mn}(h_l)$$

In the basis in which **T** is diagonal (coherent states in the direction i)

A solution in the large j limit is obtained for

$$m = \pm j$$

We can define a projector to such subrepresentations

$$P_l^{\pm} = |j_l, \vec{u_l}^{\pm}\rangle\langle j_l, \vec{u_l}^{\pm}|$$

such that the solutions of $\chi^2=0$ are obtained by

$$P_{\chi}: D^{j_l}(h_l) \mapsto P_l D^{j_l}(h_l) P_l$$

and basis states in the gauge-invariant space are projected to

Fluxes acts diagonally

$${}^{R}\hat{E}_{i}(S^{i}){}^{l}D^{j_{l}}_{m_{l}m_{l}}(h_{l}) = 8\pi\gamma l_{P}^{2}m_{l}{}^{l}D^{j_{l}}_{m_{l}m_{l}}(h_{l}) \qquad \qquad l = l_{i} \cap S^{i} \neq \emptyset$$

To summarize: Quantum-reduced Hilbert space is obtained by



Fluxes E_i(Sⁱ) read the magnetic numbers of states based at links I_i

Scalar constraint

The scalar constraint can be defined by using the elements of the reduced Hilbert space:

ITS MATRIX ELEMENTS CAN BE EXPLICITLY COMPUTED, since the volume operator is diagonal

IT CAN BE <u>REGULARIZED</u>, thanks to reduced diffeo-invariance

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Semiclassical states

Semiclassical limit in LQG

Complexifier:
$$H' = h' \exp\left(\frac{\alpha}{8\pi\gamma l_P^2}E'_i\tau_i\right)$$
 parameter
Heat-Kernel:
$$K_{\alpha}(h_l, h') = e^{-\frac{\alpha}{2}\Delta_{h_l}}\delta(h_l, h')$$
 Laplace-Beltrami
operator
 δ -function on the group
$$K_{\alpha}(h_l, h') = \sum_{j_l} (2j_l+1)e^{-j_l(j_l+1)\frac{\alpha}{2}}Tr\{D^{j_l}(h_l^{-1}h')\}$$

Semiclassical state on the link:

$$\psi^{\alpha}_{H'}(h_l) = K_{\alpha}(h_l, H')$$

Peaked around the classical configuration (h', E'_i)

Semiclassical state on multi-link:

$$\Psi_{H',\Gamma}(\{h_l\}) = \prod_{l \in \Gamma} \psi^{\alpha}_{H'}(h_l)$$

under gauge transformation:

$$\Psi'_{H',\Gamma}(\{h_l\}) = \prod_{l \in \Gamma} \psi^{\alpha}_{H'}(g_{t_l} h_l g_{s_l}^{-1})$$



Projection on the the gauge invariant state (insertion invariant intertwiners)

Semiclassical state in the gauge-invariant Hilbert space

Thiemann, Winkler

Magliaro, Marcianò, Perini

Semiclassical limit in QRLG

Semiclassical state on the link:

$$\psi_{H'_i}^{\alpha}(h_l) = K_{\alpha}(h_l, H'_i) = \sum_{m_l = -\infty}^{\infty} \psi_{H'_i}^{\alpha}(m_l) \, {}^l D_{m_l m_l}^{j_l}(h_l^{-1})$$

$$\psi^{\alpha}_{H'_{i}}(m_{l}) = (2j_{l}+1) e^{-j_{l}(j_{l}+1)\frac{\alpha}{2}} e^{i\theta_{l}m_{l}} e^{\frac{\alpha}{8\pi\gamma l_{P}^{2}}E'_{i}m_{l}}$$

Semiclassical state on multi-link in the gauge-invariant space:

$$\psi^{\alpha}_{\Gamma \mathbf{H}'} = \sum_{\mathbf{m}_{\mathbf{l}}} \prod_{n \in \Gamma} \langle \mathbf{j}_{\mathbf{l}}, \mathbf{\vec{u}}_{l} | \mathbf{j}_{\mathbf{l}}, x_{n} \rangle \prod_{l \in \Gamma} \psi^{\alpha}_{H'_{l}}(m_{l}) \langle h | \Gamma, \mathbf{j}_{\mathbf{l}}, \mathbf{x}_{n} \rangle$$
reduced intertwiner reduced basis elements

Semiclassical dynamics

Inhomogeneous Bianchi I dynamics

Let us evaluate the expectation value of the following operator on proper states:

$${}^R\hat{H} = \frac{1}{\gamma^2} {}^R\hat{H}_E$$

which in the classical limit described the dynamics of a spacetime made of a collection of local Bianchi I patches (BKL conjecture)

$$H[N] = \frac{1}{\gamma^2} \sum_{x} V(x) N(x) \left[\sqrt{\frac{p^1 p^2}{p^3}} c_1 c_2 + \sqrt{\frac{p^2 p^3}{p^1}} c_2 c_3 + \sqrt{\frac{p^3 p^1}{p^2}} c_3 c_1 \right] (x)$$
Volume of local patch in x
homogeneous patch
$$dl^2 = a_1^2(x) (dx^1)^2 + a_2^2(x) (dx^2)^2 + a_3^2(x) (dx^3)^2$$

We describe each homogeneous patch via: states which already contains the loop added by one of the three terms into the Euclidean scalar constraint (dressed node):



Non-graph changing operator

Action of the Euclidean scalar constraint:

$${}^{iz+n}_{\substack{j_{z} + a_{z}^{(m)} \\ j_{z} +$$

Loop trick:

$$h_{\alpha_{[ij]}} = (h_{\alpha_{ij}} - h_{\alpha_{ji}}) = \sum_{\tilde{m} \in (2\mathbb{N}+1)} (-)^{2m} \underbrace{\xrightarrow{\tilde{m}}_{\tilde{m}}}_{m}^{\pm}$$

Alesci, Liegener, Ziepfel



$$= (8\pi\gamma l_P^2)^{3/2} \sum_{\vec{m}} \sum_{\mu=\pm m} \sqrt{j_x \, j_y \, (j_z + \mu)} \, s(\mu) C_{m\,m\,\vec{m}0}^{m\,m} \Big| \left| \begin{array}{c} \sum_{\substack{j_z \ j_z \$$





At other nodes the situation is similar:



The final result:



$$\begin{aligned} H_{\mu_x\mu'_x\mu_y\mu'_y}^{m\ j_xj'_xj_yj'_y}(j_z,j_l) &= (8\pi\gamma l_P^2)^{3/2} \sum_k \sum_{\tilde{m}} \sum_{\mu=\pm m} \sqrt{j_x\ j_y\ (j_z+\mu)} \\ s(\mu)\ C_{mm\ \tilde{m}0}^{mm} \left\{ \begin{cases} k & \tilde{m}\ j_z\\ j_y-\mu_y\ m\ j_y\\ j_x+\mu_x\ m\ j_x \end{cases} \right\} \left\{ \begin{cases} j'_x\ j_l+\mu'_y\ j_x+\mu_x\\ m\ j_x\ j_l \end{cases} \right\} \left\{ \begin{cases} j_l+\mu'_x\ j'_y\ j_y-\mu_y\\ j_y\ m\ j_l \end{cases} \right\} \end{aligned}$$

(Euclidean) scalar constraint matrix elements

Semiclassical dynamics



$$\langle \Psi_H \,\mathfrak{n} |^R \hat{H}^m_{E \,\square}[N] | \Psi_H \,\mathfrak{n} \rangle = \sum_k \langle \Psi_H \,\mathfrak{n}^k |^R \hat{H}^{m,k}_{E \,\square}[N] | \Psi_H \,\mathfrak{n}^k \rangle$$









$$\langle \Psi_H \, \mathfrak{n}^z |^R \hat{H}^m_{E \, \textcircled{m}} | \Psi_H \, \mathfrak{n}^z \rangle \approx -N(\mathfrak{n}) C(m) (8\pi\gamma l_P^2)^{3/2} \sum_{\tilde{m}} \sum_{\mu=\pm m} \sum_{\mu_x, \mu_y=\pm m} \sum_{\mu'_x, \mu'_y=\pm m} \sum$$

$$\Psi_{H_{l_{x}}}^{*}(j_{z})\Psi_{H_{l_{x}}}(j_{z})$$

$$\Psi_{H_{l_{x}}}^{*}(j_{x}+\mu_{x})\Psi_{H_{l_{x}}}(j_{x})$$

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$$\Psi_{H_{l_{x}}}^{*}(j_{y}-\mu_{y})\Psi_{H_{l_{y}}}(j_{y})$$

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$$\sum_{j_x, j_y, j_z, j_l} \sqrt{j_x \; j_y \; (j_z + \mu)} \; s(\mu) C_{mm \; \tilde{m}0}^{mm}$$

By an expansion around the centers of the Gaussians:

$$\alpha = 1/(\bar{j})^k \qquad k > 1$$

$$\langle \Psi_{H} \mathfrak{n}^{z} |^{R} \hat{H}_{E \boxplus}^{m} | \Psi_{H} \mathfrak{n}^{z} \rangle \approx -N(\mathfrak{n}) C(m) (8\pi\gamma l_{P}^{2})^{3/2}$$

$$\sum_{\tilde{m}} \sum_{\mu=\pm m} \sum_{\mu_{x}, \mu_{y}=\pm m} \sum_{\mu'_{x}, \mu'_{y}=\pm m} \sqrt{\bar{j}_{x} \bar{j}_{y} (\bar{j}_{z}+\mu)} s(\mu) C_{mm}^{mm} \tilde{m}_{0} \xrightarrow{R_{x}}^{\mu_{x}} \underbrace{e^{-i\theta_{l_{x}}\mu_{x}}}_{\mu'_{y}} \underbrace{e^{-i\theta_{l_{y}}\mu'_{y}}}_{e^{-i\theta_{l_{y}}\mu'_{y}}} \underbrace{e^{-i\theta_{l_{y}}\mu'_{y}}}_{R_{x}} \underbrace{e^{-i\theta_{l_{x}}\mu'_{x}}}_{\mu'_{x}} \underbrace{e^{-i\theta_{l_{x}}\mu'_{x}}}_{\mu'_{x}}} \underbrace{e^{-i\theta_{l_{x}}\mu'_{x}}}_{\mu'_{x}}} \underbrace{e^{-i\theta_{l_{x}}\mu'_{x}}}_{\mu'_{x}} \underbrace{e^{-i\theta_{l_{x}}\mu'_{x}}}_{\mu'_{x}} \underbrace{e^{-i\theta_{l_{x}}\mu'_{x}}}_{\mu'_{x}}} \underbrace{e^{-i\theta_{l_{x}}\mu'_{x}}}_{\mu'_{x}} \underbrace{e^{-i\theta_{l_{x}}\mu'_{x}}}_{\mu'_{x}}} \underbrace{e^{-i\theta_{l_{x}}\mu'_{x}}}_{\mu'_{x}$$

For m=1/2, we can rewrite the expectation value as a sum over SU(2) elements (in the fundamental representation):

$$\sum_{\mu=\pm 1/2} R_{i\mu'\mu} e^{-i\theta\mu} R_{i\mu\mu''}^{-1} = (e^{-\frac{i}{2}\theta\sigma_i})_{\mu'\mu''} \equiv h_{\mu'\mu''}(\theta_{l_i})$$
Pauli matrices

$$\langle \Psi_{H} \, \mathfrak{n}^{z} |^{R} \hat{H}_{E \boxdot}^{1/2} | \Psi_{H} \, \mathfrak{n}^{z} \rangle \approx -N(\mathfrak{n}) (8\pi\gamma l_{P}^{2})^{1/2}$$

$$\frac{2i}{3\sqrt{3}} \sum_{\mu=\pm 1/2} \sqrt{j_{x} \, \bar{j}_{y} \, (\bar{j}_{z}+\mu)} \, s(\mu) \quad \stackrel{_{1}_{2}}{\underset{_{h(\theta_{l_{y}})}}{}} \int_{_{h(\theta_{l_{y}})}} \int_{_{h(\theta_{l_{x}})}} \int_{_{h(\theta_{l_{x})}}} \int_{_{h(\theta_{l_{x})}}} \int_{_{h(\theta_{l_{x})}}} \int_{_{h(\theta_{l_{x})}}}$$

the explicit expression reads:

$$\begin{split} \langle \Psi_H \ \mathfrak{n}^z |^R \hat{H}_{E \boxdot}^{1/2} | \Psi_H \ \mathfrak{n}^z \rangle \approx -\frac{2i}{9} N(\mathfrak{n}) (8\pi\gamma l_P^2)^{1/2} \sum_{\mu=\pm 1/2} \sqrt{\bar{j}_x \ \bar{j}_y \ (\bar{j}_z + \mu)} \ s(\mu) \\ & Tr\{\sigma_3 h(\theta_{l_x}) h(\theta_{l_{l_y}}) h(\theta_{l_{l_x}}) h(\theta_{-l_y})\} \end{split}$$

$$\langle \Psi_H \, \mathfrak{n}^z |^R \hat{H}_{E \, \textcircled{G}}^{1/2} | \Psi_H \, \mathfrak{n}^z \rangle \approx -\frac{2i}{9} N(\mathfrak{n}) (8\pi\gamma l_P^2)^{1/2} \, \sqrt{\frac{\bar{j}_x \, \bar{j}_y}{\bar{j}_z}} \, \sin\left(\epsilon_{l_x} \bar{c}_x\right) \sin\left(\epsilon_{l_y} \bar{c}_y\right)$$

The expectation value of the scalar constraint is obtained by:

_ summing the analogous result for k=x,y

_ multiplying times $1/\gamma^2$

_ introducing reduced variables via the relation $E_i'=8\pi\gamma l_P^2\bar{j}_i\sim \bar{p}^i\delta_i^2$

Let us assume that ϵ 's and δ 's are equal, the resulting expression becomes for $\epsilon \rightarrow 0$:

$$\langle {}^{R}\hat{H}^{1/2}_{\Box} \rangle_{\mathfrak{n}} \to \frac{2}{9} \frac{1}{\gamma^{2}} N(\mathfrak{n}) \delta \epsilon^{2} \left(\sqrt{\frac{\bar{p}^{x} \ \bar{p}^{y}}{\bar{p}^{z}}} \ \bar{c}_{x} \bar{c}_{y} + \sqrt{\frac{\bar{p}^{y} \ \bar{p}^{z}}{\bar{p}^{x}}} \ \bar{c}_{y} \bar{c}_{z} + \sqrt{\frac{\bar{p}^{z} \ \bar{p}^{x}}{\bar{p}^{y}}} \ \bar{c}_{z} \bar{c}_{x} \right)$$

and it coincides with the classical limit by identifying

$$V(\mathfrak{n}) = \frac{2}{9} \, \delta \epsilon^2$$

Generically, we can have different values for ϵ 's, but we must assume:

$$\delta_x = \frac{9\,V(\mathfrak{n})}{2\epsilon_{l_x}\sqrt{\epsilon_{l_y}\epsilon_{l_z}}}, \quad \delta_y = \frac{9\,V(\mathfrak{n})}{2\epsilon_{l_y}\sqrt{\epsilon_{l_z}\epsilon_{l_x}}}, \quad \delta_z = \frac{9\,V(\mathfrak{n})}{2\epsilon_{l_z}\sqrt{\epsilon_{l_x}\epsilon_{l_y}}}$$

And if we do not take the limit $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0$ we get

$$\begin{split} \langle {}^{R}\hat{H}_{\Box}^{1/2} \rangle_{\mathfrak{n}} &\approx \frac{1}{\gamma^{2}} N(\mathfrak{n}) V(\mathfrak{n}) \quad \left(\sqrt{\frac{\bar{p}^{x} \ \bar{p}^{y}}{\bar{p}^{z}}} \frac{\sin\left(\epsilon_{l_{x}} \bar{c}_{x}\right) \sin\left(\epsilon_{l_{y}} \bar{c}_{y}\right)}{\epsilon_{l_{x}}} + \\ &+ \sqrt{\frac{\bar{p}^{y} \ \bar{p}^{z}}{\bar{p}^{x}}} \frac{\sin\left(\epsilon_{l_{y}} \bar{c}_{y}\right) \sin\left(\epsilon_{l_{z}} \bar{c}_{z}\right)}{\epsilon_{l_{y}}} + \sqrt{\frac{\bar{p}^{z} \ \bar{p}^{x}}{\bar{p}^{y}}} \frac{\sin\left(\epsilon_{l_{z}} \bar{c}_{z}\right) \sin\left(\epsilon_{l_{x}} \bar{c}_{x}\right)}{\epsilon_{l_{x}}}} \end{split}$$

This expression coincides with the analogous one found in LQC if

$$\epsilon_{l_i} = \mu_0, \bar{\mu}_i$$

Ashtekar, Wilson-Ewing, Martin-Benito, Mena-Marugan, Pawlowski

Perspectives

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

Inhomogeneous Bianchi I model:

_ study of corrections: new effects from next-to-the-leading-order term in the large spin expansion?

_ realistic description for the early Universe: 6 valence nodes.

_ quantum fields on a quantum space, loop quantization in action: role of the fundamental fields composing the thermal bath (phenomenological implications, comparison with LQC).

Full theory with a diagonal metric tensor:

_ proper characterization of the dynamics (computable matrix elements!)

_ test of BKL conjecture on a QUANTUM LEVEL (role of inhomogeneities).

Thank you!!!

Semiclassical limit