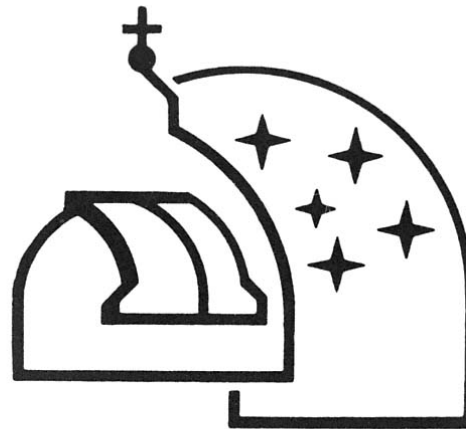


# ANALYSIS OF LORENTZIAN SUB- PLANCKIAN COSMOLOGY VIA ASYMPTOTIC SAFETY

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# Outline of the talk



- Quantum Gravity and Asymptotic Safety in Q.G.
- Brief description of Lorentian Asymptotic Safety
- ADM formalism with  $G$  and  $\Lambda$  variable.
- Cosmologies of the Sub-Planck era
- Bouncing and Emergent Universes.
- Conclusions.



# QUANTUM GRAVITY

- Einstein General Relativity works quite well for distances  $l \gg l_{\text{pl}}$  (=Planck length).
- Singularity problem and the quantum mechanical behaviour of matter-energy at small distance suggest a quantum mechanical behaviour of the gravitational field (Quantum Gravity) at small distances (High Energy).
- Many different approaches to Quantum Gravity: String Theory, Loop Quantum Gravity, Non-commutative Geometry, CDT, Asymptotic Safety etc.
- General Relativity is considered an effective theory. It is not perturbatively renormalizable (the Newton constant  $G$  has a  $(\text{length})^{-2}$  dimension)



# QUANTUM GRAVITY

- Fundamental theories (in Quantum Field Theory), in general, are believed to be perturbatively renormalizable. Their infinities can be absorbed by redefining their parameters (m,g,..etc).
- Perturbative non-renormalizability: the number of counter terms increase as the loops orders do, then there are infinitely many parameters and no-predictivity of the theory.
- There exist fundamental (=infinite cut off limit) theories which are not “perturbatively non renormalizable (along the line of Wilson theory of renormalization).
- They are constructed by taking the infinite-cut off limit (continuum limit) at a non-Gaussian fixed point ( $u_* \neq 0$ , pert. Theories have trivial Gaussian point  $u_* = 0$ ).

# ASYMPTOTIC SAFETY

- The “Asymptotic safety” conjecture of Weinberg (1979) suggest to run the coupling constants of the theory, find a non (NGFP)-Gaussian fixed point in this space of parameters, define the Quantum theory at this point.
- $d=2+\epsilon$ : F. P. exists (Weinberg);  $d=4$  NGFP in the Einstein-Hilbert truncation exists (Reuter and Sauressing 2002).

- The main idea is that if one has a classical action of Gravity with  $a_i$  constants coupled to operator  $O(x,g)$  as follow (Riemannian case of Quantum Gravity)

$$S(M, g) = \int_M \sqrt{g} d^4x \sum_0^\infty a_i O(x, g)$$

- The Renormalization Group (RG) equation is ( $\tilde{a}$  is the dimensionless coupling constant)

$$k \partial_k \tilde{a}_i(k) = \beta_i(\tilde{a}_1, \tilde{a}_2, \tilde{a}_3, \dots)$$

- $\tilde{a}_\star \neq 0$  is a NGFP if  $\beta_i(\tilde{a}_\star) = 0, \forall i$ .

# ASYMPTOTIC SAFETY

- Linearize the previous equations and get:

$$k\partial_k \tilde{a}_i(k) = \sum_j B_{ij}(\tilde{a}_j - \tilde{a}_{\star j}) \quad B_{ij} := \partial_j \beta_i(\tilde{a}_{\star}) \quad B = B_{ij}$$

- The solution of the previous equation is

$$\tilde{a}_i(k) = \tilde{a}_{i\star} + \sum_I C_I V_i^I \left(\frac{k_0}{k}\right)^{\Theta_I}$$

where

$$B V^I = -\Theta_I V^I$$

Right-eigen  
vectors

Critical exponents

$\tilde{a}(k) \mapsto \tilde{a}_{\star}, k \mapsto \infty$  implies  $C_I=0, \forall I$  when  $\text{Re } \Theta_I < 0$

- UV-critical hypersurface  $\mathcal{S}_{uv}$**

$\mathcal{S}_{uv} := \{ \text{RG trajectories hitting the FP as } k \text{ tend to } \infty \}$

$\Delta_{UV} = \dim \mathcal{S}_{uv}$  = number of attractive directions

= number of  $\Theta_I$  with  $\text{Re } \Theta_I > 0$ .

# ASYMPTOTIC SAFETY

- The dimension of the UV-critical surface is the number of independent trajectories that emanates from the fixed point.
- The quantum theory has  $\Delta_{UV}$  free parameters, if this number is finite the quantum theory exists.
- Up to now, one has considered a perturbative RG. In general, one starts from a (non-perturbative) Wilson-type (coarse grained) free energy functional

$$\Gamma_k[g_{\mu\nu}]$$

- $\Gamma_k[g_{\mu\nu}]$  has an IR cutoff at  $k$ ;  $\Gamma_k$  contains all the quantum fluctuations for  $p > k$ , and not yet those for  $p < k$ .

# ASYMPTOTIC SAFETY

- Modes with  $p < k$  are suppressed in the path integral by a  $(\text{mass})^2 = R_k(p^2)$ ,
- $\Gamma_k$  interpolates between :  $\Gamma_{k \rightarrow \infty} = S$ , classical (bare) action , and  $\Gamma_{k \rightarrow 0} = \Gamma$ , standard effective action.

- $\Gamma_k$  satisfies the RG equation, symbolically

$$k \partial_k \Gamma_k = \frac{1}{2} \text{Tr} \left[ (\delta^2 \Gamma_k + R_k)^{-1} k \partial_k R_k \right]$$

- Powerful nonperturbative approximation scheme: the space of the action functionals is “Truncate”

$$\Gamma_k[\cdot] = \sum_{i=0}^N g_i(k) k^{d_i} I_i[\cdot]$$

$I_i[\cdot]$  are given “local or non-local functionals” of the fields,  $g_i(k)$  numerical parameters that carry the scale dependence.



# ASYMPTOTIC SAFETY

- In the case of gravity the following truncation ansatz has been made

$$I_0[g] = \int dx \sqrt{g} \quad I_1[g] = \int dx \sqrt{g} R(g) \quad I_2[g] = \int dx \sqrt{g} R(g)^2$$

- The simplest truncation is the Einstein-Hilbert one

$$\Gamma_k = -\frac{1}{16\pi G_k} \int_M \sqrt{g} d^d x (R - 2\bar{\lambda}_k) + \text{gf.} + \text{gh.}$$

- One has two running parameters  $G_k$ , dimensionless  $g(k) = k^{d-2} G_k$ , and  $\bar{\lambda}_k$ , which dimensionless is  $\lambda(k) = \bar{\lambda}_k / k^2$ .

- One inserts the previous ansatz into flow equation and expands

$$\text{Tr}[\dots] = (\dots) \int \sqrt{g} + (\dots) \int \sqrt{g} R$$

- Then, one derives the following flow equations

$$k \frac{dg(k)}{dk} = \beta_g(g, \lambda) \quad k \frac{d\lambda(k)}{dk} = \beta_\lambda(g, \lambda)$$

# Asymptotic Safety/Lorentian Case

(Manrique et al. 2011)

- One starts from Lorentian Manifolds with ADM metric decomposition
- Define a Path-Integral, in which the integration variables are the Lapse  $N$  and the Shifts  $N^i$ , as well as the three spatial metrics  $g_{ij}$
- One define a regulator,  $R_k$ , which cuts all modes  $f$   $p < k$ . This regulator is function of the Laplacian on three dimensional surfaces.
- In case one consider, for example, an ADM decomposition in which the three-dimensional surface  $M=S^3$  in the case of FLRW metric, the cut-off identification is the eigenvalue of the Laplacian on  $S^3$ , which happens to be the scale factor “a” of the Universe.

# ADM FORMALISM WITH G AND $\Lambda$ VARIABLE

- On the ADM decomposition  $M = \mathcal{R} \times \Sigma$  the covariant metric tensor is

$$g = -(N^2 - N_i N^i) dt \otimes dt + N_i (dx^i \otimes dt + dt \otimes dx^i) + h_{ij} dx^i \otimes dx^j$$

- The extrinsic curvature  $K_{ij}$  and  ${}^4R$

$$K_{ij} = \frac{1}{2} \left( -\frac{\partial h_{ij}}{\partial t} + \bar{\nabla}_i N_j + \bar{\nabla}_j N_i \right), \quad \bar{\nabla} \text{ covariant derivative respect to } h_{ij}$$

$$\sqrt{-g} {}^4R = N\sqrt{h}(K_{ij}K^{ij} - K^2 + {}^{(3)}R) - 2(K\sqrt{h})_{,0} + 2f^i_{,i} \quad f^i \equiv \sqrt{h}(KN^i - h^{ij}N_{,j})$$

- The Einstein-Hilbert action with the York boundary term is:

$$S_{ADM}[h_{ij}, N, N^i] = \frac{1}{16\pi} \int_{\mathcal{R} \times \Sigma} dt d^3x \sqrt{h} N \frac{1}{G(t, x)} ({}^4R - 2\Lambda(t, x)) + \frac{1}{8\pi} \int_{\partial M} \frac{K\sqrt{h}}{G(t, x)} d^3x$$

the York term, as it is well known is added in order to have a “differentiable action”.

# ADM FORMALISM WITH G AND $\Lambda$ VARIABLE

- Assuming that  $\Sigma$  has no boundary, that is  $\partial\Sigma=0$ , the ADM action  $S_{ADM}$  becomes

$$S_{ADM}[h_{ij}, N, N^i] = \frac{1}{16\pi} \int_{R \times \Sigma} \left[ \underbrace{\frac{N\sqrt{h}}{G} (K_{ij}K^{ij} - K^2 + {}^{(3)}R - 2\Lambda) - 2\frac{G_{,0}}{G^2} K\sqrt{h} + 2\frac{G_{,i}f^i}{G^2}}_{\mathcal{L}_{ADM}} \right] dt d^3x$$

- The associated momenta  $\pi_{ij}$  to  $h^{ij}$  are:

$$\pi_{ij} = \frac{\delta \mathcal{L}_{ADM}}{\delta \dot{h}_{ij}} = -\frac{\sqrt{h}}{16\pi G} (K_{ij} - h_{ij}K) + \frac{\sqrt{h} h_{ij}}{16\pi N G^2} (G_{,0} - G_{,k}N^k)$$

- Their form suggests that one can define a new momentum variable  $\tilde{\pi}_{ij}$

$$\tilde{\pi}_{ij} = \pi_{ij} - \frac{\sqrt{h} h_{ij}}{16\pi N G^2} (G_{,0} - G_{,k}N^k) = -\frac{\sqrt{h}}{16\pi G} (K_{ij} - h_{ij}K)$$

# ADM FORMALISM WITH G AND $\Lambda$ VARIABLE

- At this point, one can ask if the following change of variables

$$(N, N^i, h^{ij}, \pi_N, \pi_{N^i}, \pi_{ij}) \mapsto (N, N^i, h^{ij}, \pi_N, \pi_{N^i}, \tilde{\pi}_{ij})$$

is canonical, in Hamiltonian sense, that is it preserves the symplectic two form  $\Omega = dq \wedge dp$ . The implementation of the previous condition becomes

$$F \equiv \frac{\partial(q_1, \dots, q_n, p_1, \dots, p_n)}{\partial(Q_1, \dots, Q_n, P_1, \dots, P_n)} \quad J \equiv \begin{pmatrix} 0 & I \\ -I & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$F^T J F = J$$

- It can be easily verified that the variable transformation above is canonical

# ADM FORMALISM WITH G AND $\Lambda$ VARIABLE

- The Hamiltonian density  $\mathcal{H}_{ADM}$  (relative to  $h_{ab}$ ) is

$$\mathcal{H}_{ADM} \equiv \pi^{ab} \dot{h}_{ab} - \mathcal{L}_{ADM}$$

- Implementing all substitutions, one gets

$$\mathcal{H}_{ADM} = N \left( (16\pi G) G_{abcd} \tilde{\pi}^{ab} \tilde{\pi}^{cd} - \frac{\sqrt{h}(^3R - 2\Lambda)}{16\pi G} \right) - 2\tilde{\pi}^{ab} \bar{\nabla}_a N_b + \frac{\sqrt{h}(G_{,0} - G_{,k} N^k) \bar{\nabla}_a N^a}{8\pi G^2 N} + \frac{G_{,i} \sqrt{h} h^{ij}}{8\pi G^2} N_{,j}$$

$G_{abcd} = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{h}} (h_{ac} h_{bd} + h_{ad} h_{bc} - h_{ab} h_{cd})$  is the DeWitt supermetric

- In order, at first stage, to make contact with standard Hamiltonian general Relativity, one imposes the following gauge on the lapse functions  $N^a$

$$\bar{\nabla}_a N^a = 0$$

# ADM FORMALISM WITH G AND $\Lambda$ VARIABLE

- Boundaries integrations, under the previous assumptions, allows to write

$$\mathcal{H} = (16\pi G)G_{abcd}\tilde{\pi}^{ab}\tilde{\pi}^{cd} - \frac{\sqrt{h}({}^3R - 2\Lambda)}{16\pi G} - \sqrt{h}\bar{\nabla}_j \left( \frac{G_{,i}h^{ij}}{8\pi G^2} \right) \text{ Hamiltonian Constraint}$$

$$\mathcal{H}^a = -2\bar{\nabla}_b\tilde{\pi}^{ba} \quad \text{Momentum constraint}$$

- Therefore the the ADM Hamiltonian density  $\mathcal{H}_{ADM}$  can be written

$$\mathcal{H}_{ADM} = N\mathcal{H} + N^a\mathcal{H}_a$$

as in ADM Hamiltonian General Relativity!

# ADM FORMALISM WITH G AND $\Lambda$ VARIABLE

- This is a system with Dirac's constraints, in fact the primary constraints are

$$\pi = \frac{\delta \mathcal{L}_{ADM}}{\delta \dot{N}} \approx 0 \quad \pi_i = \frac{\delta \mathcal{L}_{ADM}}{\delta \dot{N}^i} \approx 0$$

- The total Hamiltonian  $H_T$  is then

$$H_T = \int d^3x \lambda \pi + \int d^3x \lambda^i \pi_i + \int d^3x (N \mathcal{H} + N^i \mathcal{H}_i)$$

$\lambda$  and  $\lambda_i$  being, following Dirac's constraint theory, Lagrange multipliers.

- The Poisson brackets are so defined

$$\{A, B\} = \int d^3x \left( \frac{\delta A}{\delta h^{ij}} \frac{\delta B}{\delta \tilde{\pi}_{ij}} - \frac{\delta A}{\delta \tilde{\pi}_{ij}} \frac{\delta B}{\delta h^{ij}} \right)$$



# ADM FORMALISM WITH G AND $\Lambda$ VARIABLE

- Preserving primary constraints  $\pi \approx 0$   $\pi_i \approx 0$ , one gets the secondary constraints: the Hamiltonian constraint  $\mathcal{H}$  and the momenta constraints  $\mathcal{H}_i$

$$\dot{\pi} = \{\pi, H_T\} = \mathcal{H} \approx 0 \quad \dot{\pi}_i = \{\pi_i, H_T\} = \mathcal{H}_i \approx 0$$

- One can verify that there are no further constraints, and all the constraints are first class on the constraint manifold.
- Implementing the gauge condition  $\bar{\nabla}_i N^i \approx 0$  as further constraints, one gets

$$\{\bar{\nabla}_i N^i, H_T\} = \{\bar{\nabla}_i N^i, \int d^3x \lambda^k \pi_k\} = \bar{\nabla}_j \lambda^j \approx 0$$

- Therefore this gauge condition makes the primary constraints  $\pi_i \approx 0$  second class and fixes a condition on the Lagrange multipliers  $\lambda^i$

# COSMOLOGIES OF THE SUB-PLANCK ERA

- Consider the previous E-H action with matter

$$S = \int_M d^4x \sqrt{-g} \left\{ \frac{R - 2\Lambda(k)}{16\pi G(k)} + \mathcal{L}_m \right\} + \frac{1}{8\pi} \int_{\partial M} \frac{K\sqrt{h}}{G(k)} d^3x$$

- One starts from a FLRW metric, in which the shifts  $N^i = 0$

$$ds^2 = -N(t)^2 dt^2 + \frac{a(t)^2}{1 - Kr^2} dr^2 + a(t)^2 (r^2 d\theta^2 + r^2 \sin^2 \theta d\phi^2)$$

- Perfect fluid, with density  $\rho$  and pressure  $p$  and equation of state  $p = w\rho$ ,  $w$  is a constant. Imposing the conservation of matter stress energy tensor  $T^{\mu\nu}_{;\nu} = 0$  one get  $\rho(a) = ma^{-3-3w}$  with  $m$  and integration constant, and  $\mathcal{L}_m = -mNa^{-3w}$

- Following Manrique et al.,  $k \sim \frac{1}{a}$  so that the

$$\mathcal{L}_g = \frac{3a\dot{a}^2}{8\pi N(t)G(a)} + \frac{3a^2\dot{a}^2 G'(a)}{8\pi N G^2(a)} + \frac{3aNK}{8\pi G(a)} - \frac{a^3 N \Lambda(a)}{8\pi G(a)} - \frac{2Nm}{a^{3w}} + \frac{d}{dt} \left( \frac{3a^2\dot{a}^2}{8\pi N G(a)} \right)$$

where the total derivative is the York-term.

# COSMOLOGIES OF THE SUB-PLANCK ERA

- Repeating the Dirac's constraint analysis as above, one get, as constraints, the momentum  $\pi$  conjugated to the Lapse  $N(t)$  and the Hamiltonian constraint  $\mathcal{H}$

$$\mathcal{H} = -\frac{2\pi G^2(a)p_a^2}{3a(G(a) - aG'(a))} - \frac{3aK}{8\pi G(a)} + \frac{a^3\Lambda(a)N}{\pi G(a)} + \frac{2m}{a^{3w}}$$

- The total Hamiltonian  $H_T$  is

$$H_T = N\mathcal{H} + \lambda\pi$$

- Imposing the gauge  $N = 1$  as a constraint  $N - 1 \approx 0$ , one gets that  $\pi$  becomes second class constraint and  $\lambda = 0$

$$\{N - 1, \pi\} = 1 \quad \frac{d}{dt}(N - 1) = \{N - 1, H_T\} = \lambda = 0$$

# COSMOLOGIES OF THE SUB-PLANCK ERA

- From the Hamiltonian constraint, one gets the quantum-Friedman

$$\frac{K}{a^2 H^2} - \frac{8\pi G(a) \rho + \Lambda(a)}{3H^2} + \eta(a) + 1 = 0$$

in which  $\eta(a) = -\frac{\partial \log G(a)}{\partial \log a}$

- This implies an equation of evolution for  $a(t)$

$$\dot{a}^2 = -\tilde{V}_K(a) \equiv -\frac{K + V(a)}{\eta(a) + 1} \quad V(a) = \frac{a^2}{3}(8\pi G(a) \rho + \Lambda(a))$$

- Notice the allowed regions for the dynamical evolution are  $\tilde{V}_K(a) \leq 0$ .
- Close to NGFP, using cut off  $k \sim \frac{1}{a}$ , the following approximate solution for RG-equation are deduced (Biemans et al. 2017)

$$G(a) \approx G_0 (1 + G_0/g_* a^{-2})^{-1}$$

$$\Lambda(a) \approx \lambda_* a^{-2} + \lambda_0$$

$(\lambda_*, g_*)$  NGFP,

$\lambda_0$  fixes the IR trajectories of  $\Lambda(a)$

# COSMOLOGIES OF THE SUB-PLANCK ERA

- Regions for evolution, already noticed,  $\tilde{V}_K(a) \leq 0$ , and bouncing cosmological models have  $\tilde{V}_K(a) = 0$  for some  $a = a_b$

$$\tilde{V}_K(a) = \frac{\lambda_0 [(a^2 + a_0^2) (a^2 + l_k) + l_g a^{1-3w}]}{3 (a_0^2 - a^2)} = 0$$

where  $a_0 \equiv \sqrt{g_*/G_0}$  and  $l_g = \frac{m g_* a_0^2}{\lambda_0}$   $l_k = \frac{\lambda_* - 3K}{\lambda_0}$

- In the case  $w \geq -\frac{1}{3}$  and  $K = 0$ , the pervious equation has two accetable positive solutions and the bouncing cosmologies are determined by the existence of the solution

# BOUNCING COSMOLOGIES

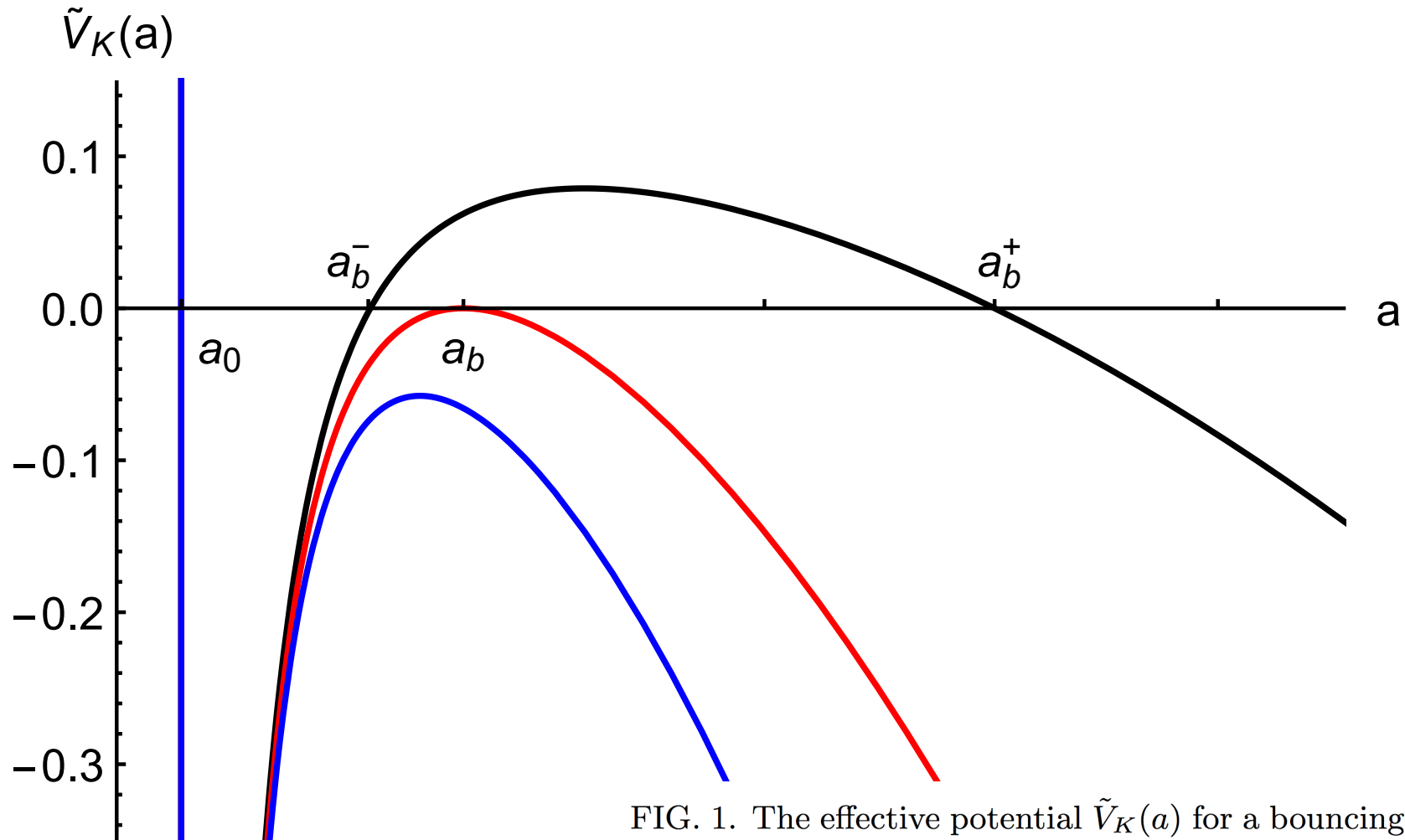


FIG. 1. The effective potential  $\tilde{V}_K(a)$  for a bouncing universe (black), emergent universe (red), singular universe (blue), for  $K = 0$ ,  $w = 1/3$ ,  $g_* = 0.1$ ,  $\lambda_* = -0.5$ ,  $\xi = 1$  and  $m = 3$ . Black, red and blue correspond to  $\lambda_0 = 2 \times 10^{-4}$ ,  $\lambda_0 = 8.3 \times 10^{-4}$  and  $\lambda_0 = 1.5 \times 10^{-3}$  respectively.

# EMERGENT UNIVERSES

- The most interesting case is when the two bouncing solutions coincide  $a_b^\pm = a_b = a_{max} > a_0$ . In this case, red line, this point is a point of maximum,  $a_{max}$  then one has  $\tilde{V}_K(a_{max}) = 0 \quad \dot{a} = \ddot{a} = 0$
- This is the condition for Emergent universe. A point at right of  $a_b$  will spend an infinite time to reach  $a_b$ . An Emergent Universe is an inflationary Universe without singularity which will emerge from a minimal radius universe (no singularity!).
- Asymptotic Safety predicts  $\lambda_* \neq 0$ . Some cases of Asymptotic Safety coupled with matter ((Biemans et al. 2017) show that  $\lambda_*$  is negative. This is sufficient in order to have wide ranges of  $\lambda_*$  for which there exists bounces for every kind of topology of spatial three-dimensional slices with  $K = -1, 0, 1$

# EMERGENT UNIVERSES

- Around the bounce one finds that the scale factor inflates

$$a(t) \sim a_b + \epsilon e^{\sqrt{\beta}t} \quad \beta \equiv \frac{4\lambda_0(a_0^2 + l_k)}{3(3a_0^2 + l_k)}$$

- It can be verified that there are ranges of  $\lambda_0$  such that  $\beta$  is positive.
- In classical GR, Ellis and Maartens (2003) have highlighted that Emerging Universes are possible only in the case  $K = 1$ . For example, there exists a simple model with  $w = \frac{1}{3}$  and  $K = 1$  such that

$$a(t) = a_i \left[ 1 + \exp\left(\frac{\sqrt{2}t}{a_i}\right) \right]^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

$a_i$  being the minimal radius.





# CONCLUSIONS

- An ADM analysis of Einstein General Relativity with Cosmological constant has been performed in the case in which  $G$  and  $\Lambda$  are variable. One finds analogies with the constraint analysis of Einstein Classical General Relativity.
- Sub-Planckian cosmological models derived by Asymptotic Safety techniques have been studied. They exhibit Emergent Universes also in the case  $K=0$  and  $K=-1$ , that are impossible to draw from Classical General Relativity.
- The ADM analysis has been performed choosing a special “gauge” in order to simplify the calculations. A future line of research could be to study this ADM formalism in the general case.
- The RG improved Einstein Equations has shown that there exists bouncing cosmologies and emergent universes. At the moment, this is still a preliminary analysis. Much work need to be done to study the dependence of these solutions from the the Asymptotic Safety parameters.