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## Inflationary back-reaction effects from Relativistic Quantum Geometry

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#### 1. Introduction

The inflationary theory of the universe provides a physical mechanism to generate primordial energy density fluctuations on cosmological scales [1]. The primordial scalar perturbations drive the seeds of large scale structure which then had gradually formed today's galaxies, which is being tested in current observations of cosmic microwave background (CMB). These fluctuations are today larger than a thousand size of a typical galaxy, but during inflation were very much larger than the size of the causal horizon. According with this scenario, the almost constant potential depending of a minimally coupled to gravity inflation field  $\varphi$ , called the inflaton, caused the accelerated expansion of the very early universe. In particular, back-reaction effects have been subject of study. Quantum vacuum fluctuations are continuously generated on sub-Hubble scales. As the wavelengths of these fluctuation modes exit the Hubble radius, the vacuum oscillations the modes get squeezed and become the seeds for the observed inhomogeneities in the distribution of matter and anisotropies. In this framework, the evolution of scalar metric fluctuations has been studied in [2].

In this letter, I consider gauge-invariant fluctuations of the metric using a new variational method recently introduced named Relativistic Quantum Geometry (RQG). These fluctuations were

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#### ABSTRACT

We study the dynamics of scalar metric fluctuations in a non-perturbative variational formalism recently introduced, by which the dynamics of a geometrical scalar field  $\theta$ , describes the quantum geometrical effects on a Weylian-like manifold with respect to a background Riemannian space-time. In this letter we have examined an example in the framework of inflationary cosmology. The resulting spectral predictions are in very good agreement with observations and other models of inflation.

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extensively studied using linear perturbative corrections [3]. Nonlinear perturbative corrections were studied in [4]. The scalar metric perturbations of the metric are associated with the density perturbations. These are spin-zero projections of the graviton, which only exist in non-vacuum cosmology. The issue of gauge-invariance becomes critical when we attempt to analyse how the scalar metric perturbations produced in the very early universe influence the global flat, isotropic and homogeneous universe, described by a background FLRW metric.

#### 2. Geometrical quantum dynamics

The variation of the metric tensor must be done in a Weylianlike integrable manifold [5] using an auxiliary geometrical scalar field  $\theta$ , in order to the Einstein tensor (and the Einstein equations) can be represented on a Weylian-like manifold [6], in agreement with the gauge-invariant transformations obtained in [5]. If we consider a zero covariant derivative of the metric tensor in the Riemannian manifold (we denote with a semicolon the Riemannian-covariant derivative):  $\Delta g_{\alpha\beta} = g_{\alpha\beta;\gamma} dx^{\gamma} = 0$ , hence the Weylian-like covariant derivative  $g_{\alpha\beta|\gamma} = \theta_{\gamma} g_{\alpha\beta}$ , described with respect to the Weylian-like connections<sup>1</sup>

$$\Gamma^{\alpha}_{\beta\gamma} = \begin{cases} \alpha\\ \beta \gamma \end{cases} + \theta^{\alpha} \hat{g}_{\beta\gamma}, \tag{1}$$

will be nonzero

$$\delta \hat{g}_{\alpha\beta} = \hat{g}_{\alpha\beta|\gamma} \, dx^{\gamma} = -\left[\theta_{\beta} \hat{g}_{\alpha\gamma} + \theta_{\alpha} \hat{g}_{\beta\gamma}\right] \, dx^{\gamma}. \tag{2}$$







<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> To simplify the notation we shall denote  $\theta_{\alpha} \equiv \theta_{,\alpha}$ .

From the action's point of view, the scalar field  $\theta(x^{\alpha})$  is a generic geometrical transformation that leads invariant the action [7]

$$\mathcal{I} = \int d^{4}\hat{x} \sqrt{-\hat{g}} \left[ \frac{\hat{R}}{2\kappa} + \hat{\mathcal{L}} \right]$$
$$= \int d^{4}\hat{x} \left[ \sqrt{-\hat{g}} e^{-2\theta} \right] \left\{ \left[ \frac{\hat{R}}{2\kappa} + \hat{\mathcal{L}} \right] e^{2\theta} \right\},$$
(3)

where we denote with a *hat*, the quantities represented on the semi-Riemannian manifold. Hence, Weylian-like quantities will be varied over these quantities in a semi-Riemannian manifold so that the dynamics of the system preserves the action:  $\delta I = 0$ , and we obtain

$$-\frac{\delta V}{V} = \frac{\delta \left[\frac{\hat{R}}{2\kappa} + \hat{\mathcal{L}}\right]}{\left[\frac{\hat{R}}{2\kappa} + \hat{\mathcal{L}}\right]} = 2\,\delta\theta,\tag{4}$$

where  $\delta\theta = \theta_{\mu}dx^{\mu}$  is an exact differential and  $V = \sqrt{-\hat{g}}$  is the volume of the Riemannian manifold. Of course, all the variations are in the Weylian-like geometrical representation, and assure us gauge invariance because  $\delta I = 0$ . Using the fact that the tetralength is given by  $S = \frac{1}{2}x_{\nu}\hat{U}^{\nu}$  and the Weylian-like velocities are given by  $u^{\mu} = \hat{U}^{\mu} + 2\theta^{\mu}S$ , can be demonstrated that

$$u^{\mu}u_{\mu} = 1 + 4S \left(\theta_{\mu}\hat{U}^{\mu} - \frac{4}{3}\Lambda S\right).$$
 (5)

The components  $u^{\mu}$  are the relativistic quantum velocities, given by the geodesic equations

$$\frac{du^{\mu}}{dS} + \Gamma^{\mu}_{\alpha\beta} u^{\alpha} u^{\beta} = 0, \qquad (6)$$

such that the Weylian-like connections  $\Gamma^{\mu}_{\alpha\beta}$  are described by (1). In other words, the quantum velocities  $u^{\mu}$  are transported with parallelism on the Weylian-like manifold, meanwhile  $\hat{U}^{\mu}$  are transported with parallelism on the Riemann manifold. If we require that  $u^{\mu}u_{\mu} = 1$ , we obtain the gauge

$$\hat{\nabla}_{\mu}A^{\mu} = -2\frac{d\theta}{dS}.$$
(7)

Since was demonstrated in [5] the Einstein tensor can be written as

$$\bar{G}_{\alpha\beta} = \hat{G}_{\mu\nu} + \theta_{\alpha;\beta} + \theta_{\alpha}\theta_{\beta} + \frac{1}{2}g_{\alpha\beta}\left[(\theta^{\mu})_{;\mu} + \theta_{\mu}\theta^{\mu}\right],\tag{8}$$

and we can obtain the invariant cosmological constant  $\Lambda$ 

$$\Lambda = -\frac{3}{4} \left[ \theta_{\alpha} \theta^{\alpha} + \hat{\Box} \theta \right], \tag{9}$$

so that we can define a geometrical Weylian-like quantum action  $W = \int d^4x \sqrt{-\hat{g}} \Lambda$ , such that the dynamics of the geometrical field, after imposing  $\delta W = 0$ , is described by the Euler–Lagrange equations which take the form

$$\hat{\nabla}_{\alpha}\Pi^{\alpha} = 0, \quad \text{or} \quad \hat{\Box}\theta = 0,$$
 (10)

where the momentum components are  $\Pi^{\alpha} \equiv -\frac{3}{4}\theta^{\alpha}$  and the relativistic quantum algebra is given by [5]

$$\begin{aligned} \left[\theta(x), \theta^{\alpha}(y)\right] &= -i\Theta^{\alpha}\,\delta^{(4)}(x-y),\\ \left[\theta(x), \theta_{\alpha}(y)\right] &= i\Theta_{\alpha}\,\delta^{(4)}(x-y), \end{aligned}$$
(11)

with  $\Theta^{\alpha} = i\hbar \hat{U}^{\alpha}$  and  $\Theta^{2} = \Theta_{\alpha}\Theta^{\alpha} = \hbar^{2} \hat{U}_{\alpha} \hat{U}^{\alpha}$  for the Riemannian components of velocities  $\hat{U}^{\alpha}$ .

#### 3. Power-law inflation

In order to describe an example, we shall consider the case of an inflationary universe where the scale factor of the universe describes a power-law expansion, and the line element related with the background semi-Riemannian curvature, is

$$d\hat{S}^{2} = \hat{g}_{\mu\nu} d\hat{x}^{\mu} d\hat{x}^{\nu} = d\hat{t}^{2} - a^{2}(t)\hat{\eta}_{ij} d\hat{x}^{i} d\hat{x}^{j}, \qquad (12)$$

where the *hat* denotes that the metric tensor is defined over a semi-Riemannian manifold. We shall define the action  $\pounds$  on this manifold, so that the background action describes the expansion driven by a scalar field, which is minimally coupled to gravity

$$I = \int d^4x \sqrt{-\hat{g}} \left[ \frac{\hat{\mathcal{R}}}{16\pi G} + \left[ \frac{1}{2} \dot{\phi}^2 - V(\phi) \right] \right].$$
(13)

In power-law inflation the scale factor of the universe and the Hubble parameter, are given respectively by [8]

$$a(t) = \beta t^{p}, \qquad H(t) = \frac{p}{t}, \tag{14}$$

where  $\beta = \frac{a_0}{t_0^{\beta}}$ ,  $a_0$  is the initial value of the scale factor,  $t_0$  is the initial value of the cosmic time, and the background solution for the inflaton field dynamical equation

$$\ddot{\phi} + 3\frac{a}{a}\dot{\phi} + V'(\phi) = 0, \tag{15}$$

is

$$\phi(t) = \phi_0 \left[ 1 - \ln \left( \frac{\alpha}{4\pi \phi_0^2 G} t \right) \right], \tag{16}$$

where  $p = 4\pi G\phi_0^2$ ,  $\beta = \frac{a_0}{t_0^p}$  and  $\alpha = H_f$  is the value of the Hubble parameter at the end of inflation. The scalar potential can be written in terms of the scalar field

$$V(\phi) = \frac{3}{8\pi G H_f^2} \left( 1 - \frac{1}{12\pi G \phi_0^2} \right) e^{2(\phi/\phi_0)},$$
(17)

which decreases with  $\phi$ .

#### 3.1. Geometrical dynamics of space-time

The geometrical scalar field  $\theta$  can be expressed as a Fourier expansion

$$\theta(\vec{x},t) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{3/2}} \int d^3k \left[ A_k \, e^{i\vec{k}.\vec{x}} \xi_k(t) + A^{\dagger} \, e^{-i\vec{k}.\vec{x}} \xi_k^*(t) \right], \qquad (18)$$

where  $A^{\dagger}$  and  $A_k$  are the creation and annihilation operators. From the point of view of the metric tensor, an example in power-law inflation can be illustrated by

$$g_{\mu\nu} = \text{diag}\left[e^{2\theta}, -a^2(t)e^{-2\theta}, -a^2(t)e^{-2\theta}, -a^2(t)e^{-2\theta}\right],$$
(19)

such that the related quantum volume is  $V_q = a^3(t)e^{-2\theta} = \sqrt{-\hat{g}}e^{-2\theta}$ . The dynamics for  $\theta$  is governed by the equation

$$\ddot{\theta} + 3\frac{\dot{a}}{a}\dot{\theta} - \frac{1}{a^2}\nabla^2\theta = 0,$$
(20)

and the momentum components are  $\Pi^{\alpha} \equiv -\frac{3}{4}\theta^{\alpha}$ , so that the relativistic quantum algebra is [5]

$$\begin{aligned} & [\theta(x), \theta^{\alpha}(y)] = -i\Theta^{\alpha} \,\delta^{(4)}(x-y), \\ & [\theta(x), \theta_{\alpha}(y)] = i\Theta_{\alpha} \,\delta^{(4)}(x-y), \end{aligned}$$

$$(21)$$

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