

Quantum Big Bounce

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- Loop Quantum Cosmology (LQC) := quantization method **inspired** by Loop Quantum Gravity, LQG, (field theory with infinitely many degrees of freedom) for quantization of simple models of the universe (with a few degrees of freedom).
- Both LQC and LQG are based on the **holonomy-flux** representation for the algebra of elementary variables, which is quite **different** from the Schrodinger representation.
- **Classical** Hamiltonian is expressed in terms of holonomy around **loop** with radius shrunk to **zero**.
- **Quantum** Hamiltonian includes quantum holonomy **loop** with **finite** value of length, determined from the energy gap of an area operator of **LQG** (not LQC).
- LQC calculations for flat FRW universes with scalar field strongly suggest that the evolution of these universes does not suffer from the classical singularity:
The initial **big-bang** singularity **turns into** quantum **big-bounce** owing to strong quantum effects.
- **Resolution** of the cosmological singularity is due to the **discreteness** of quantum geometry.
- Physical **justification** for such procedure is **doubtful**:
 1. LQC **is not** the cosmological sector of LQG. These are two **different** models of two **different** quantum systems. Insertion by **hand** from LQG into LQC of the corresponding physical quantities **does not** make sense.
 2. Geometrical operators of length, **area** or volume **has not** been defined in the **physical** Hilbert space (satisfying constraints), but on the **kinematical** one so they **are not** observables because they are gauge dependent.
- Possible **solution** to the problem:
If cosmic projects like PiSky, SWIFT, HESS, MAGIC, GLAST or others detect the **dispersion** of photons, the assumption on discreteness of quantum geometry may get substantial support. **Determination** of some measure of 'fundamental length' might be used to model a **size** of 'fundamental loop' used in LQC to calculate within LQC the critical **density** of matter at which the Big-Bounce occurs. The energy scale of the quantum phase may turn out to be **different** from the Planck scale.