

Quantum-induced non-local actions for general relativity

- 1) Non-local actions in general
- 2) Quantum corrections in GR
- 3) Cosmology – singularity avoidance?
- 4) Black hole structure

Past work with Basem El-Menoufi

Ongoing work with Basem, Leandro Beviláqua and Russell Phelan

(see also Basem's talk for his independent work)



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Physics at the interface: Energy, Intensity, and Cosmic frontiers

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Basic message:

We are used to the local derivative/energy expansion in GR

$$S_{grav} = \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \left\{ \Lambda + \frac{2}{\kappa^2} R + c_1 R^2 + c_2 R_{\mu\nu} R^{\mu\nu} + \dots \right\}$$

and we know that quantum corrections generate R^2 terms

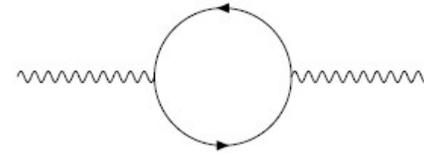
$$\Delta\mathcal{L}_0^{(1)} = \frac{1}{8\pi^2} \frac{1}{\epsilon} \left\{ \frac{1}{120} R^2 + \frac{7}{20} R_{\mu\nu} R^{\mu\nu} \right\}$$

but **real** quantum content of GR is a non-local action:

$$\begin{aligned} S_{tot} = \int d^4x \sqrt{g} & \frac{2}{\kappa^2} R \\ & + [\bar{\alpha} R \log(\nabla^2/\Lambda_1^2) R + \bar{\beta} C_{\mu\nu\alpha\beta} \log(\nabla^2/\Lambda_2^2) C^{\mu\nu\alpha\beta} \\ & + \bar{\gamma} (R_{\mu\nu\alpha\beta} \log(\nabla^2) R^{\mu\nu\alpha\beta} - 4R_{\mu\nu} \log(\nabla^2) R^{\mu\nu} + R \log(\nabla^2) R)] + \dots \end{aligned}$$

What is impact/role of non-local action?

Example: Non local action for massless QED:



Vacuum polarization contains divergences but also $\log q^2$
Integrate out massless matter field and write effective action:

$$S = \int d^4x -\frac{1}{4}F_{\mu\nu} \left[\frac{1}{e^2(\mu)} - b_i \ln(\square/\mu^2) \right] F^{\mu\nu} + \mathcal{O}(F^4)$$

Displays running of charge

$$b = \frac{1}{12\pi}$$

Really implies a non-local effective action:

$$\langle x | \ln \left(\frac{\square}{\mu^2} \right) | y \rangle \equiv L(x-y) = \int \frac{d^4q}{(2\pi)^4} e^{-iq \cdot (x-y)} \ln \left(\frac{-q^2}{\mu^2} \right)$$

Connection: Running and non-local effects

As usual, μ can be removed from

$$\frac{1}{e^2(\mu)} = b \log \Lambda^2 / \mu^2$$

The running is kinematic:

$$S = \int d^4x - \frac{1}{4} F_{\mu\nu} [-b_i \ln(\square/\Lambda^2)] F^{\mu\nu}$$

Aside: QED Trace anomaly:

Tree Lagrangian has no scale

$$A_\mu(x) \rightarrow \lambda A_\mu(\lambda x), \quad \psi(x) \rightarrow \lambda^{3/2} \psi(\lambda x), \quad \phi(x) \rightarrow \lambda \phi(\lambda x)$$

Such that $J_{\text{scale}}^\mu = x_\nu \theta^{\mu\nu}$, $\partial_\mu J_{\text{scale}}^\mu = \theta^\nu{}_\nu = 0$

But loops introduce scale dependence in the derivatives

$$S = \int d^4x -\frac{1}{4} F_{\mu\nu} \left[\frac{1}{e^2(\mu)} - b_i \ln(\square/\mu^2) \right] F^{\mu\nu}$$

Now $L(x-y) \rightarrow \lambda^{-4} (L(x-y) - \ln \lambda^2 \delta^4(x-y))$

$$\partial_\mu J_{\text{scale}}^\mu = \theta^\nu{}_\nu = \frac{\partial \hat{\mathcal{L}}_\lambda}{\partial \lambda} \Big|_{\lambda=1} = \frac{b}{4} F_{\rho\sigma} F^{\rho\sigma} \quad \hat{\mathcal{L}}_\lambda = \lambda^{-4} \mathcal{L}[\lambda A(\lambda x)]$$

Anomaly not derivable from any local Lagrangian,

-but does come from a non-local action

- IR property, independent of any renormalization scheme

Another example: Chiral perturbation theory

Calculate all one-loop processes at once:

(Gasser, Leutwyler)

$$D = D_0 + \delta,$$

$$\delta = \{\hat{\Gamma}^\mu, \partial_\mu\} + \hat{\Gamma}^\mu \hat{\Gamma}_\mu + \bar{\sigma},$$

$$Z_{\text{one loop}} = \frac{1}{2}i \ln \det D_0 + \frac{1}{4}i \text{Tr} (D_0^{-1} \delta) - \frac{1}{4}i \text{Tr} (D_0^{-1} \delta D_0^{-1} \delta) + \dots,$$

Nonlocal action:

$$Z_u = \sum_{P,Q} \int dx dy \left[\{\partial_{\mu\nu} - g_{\mu\nu} \square\} M^r(x-y) - g_{\mu\nu} L(x-y) \right] \hat{\Gamma}_{PQ}^\mu(x) \hat{\Gamma}_{QP}^\nu(y) \\ - \partial_\mu K(x-y) \hat{\Gamma}_{PQ}^\mu(x) \bar{\sigma}_{QP}(y) + \frac{1}{4} J^r(x-y) \bar{\sigma}_{PQ}(x) \bar{\sigma}_{QP}(y) \Big]. \quad (8.13)$$

$$\bar{J}(s) = (32\pi^2)^{-1} \left\{ 2 + \frac{\Delta}{s} \ln \frac{M_Q^2}{M_P^2} - \frac{\Sigma}{\Delta} \ln \frac{M_Q^2}{M_P^2} - \frac{\nu}{s} \ln \frac{(s+\nu)^2 - \Delta^2}{(s-\nu)^2 - \Delta^2} \right\},$$

$$\nu^2 = s^2 + M_P^4 + M_Q^4 - 2s(M_P^2 + M_Q^2) - 2M_P^2 M_Q^2,$$

$$\Sigma = M_P^2 + M_Q^2, \quad \Delta = M_P^2 - M_Q^2.$$

Expand in powers of the field

- get all the one-loop predictions (up to ϕ^6)

Now, back to QED example – lets add gravity:

Perturbatively:

$$\Gamma^{(1)}[A, h] = -\frac{1}{2} \int d^4x h^{\mu\nu} \left[b_f \log \left(\frac{\square}{\mu^2} \right) T_{\mu\nu}^{cl} - \frac{b_f}{2} \frac{1}{\square} \tilde{T}_{\mu\nu}^f \right]$$

with the classical term

$$T_{\mu\nu} = -F_{\mu\sigma} F_{\nu}^{\sigma} + \frac{1}{4} g_{\mu\nu} F_{\alpha\beta} F^{\alpha\beta}$$

and

$$\tilde{T}_{\mu\nu}^f = -F_{\alpha\beta} \partial_{\mu} \partial_{\nu} F^{\alpha\beta} - \frac{1}{2} \eta_{\mu\nu} \partial_{\lambda} F_{\alpha\beta} \partial^{\lambda} F^{\alpha\beta}$$

Consistent with scale and conformal anomalies

Lets make this covariant

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The problem of covariant $\ln \nabla^2$

Expect

$$\frac{b_i}{4} \int d^4x \eta^{\mu\alpha} \eta^{\nu\beta} F_{\mu\nu} \ln(\square/\mu^2) F_{\alpha\beta} \rightarrow \frac{b_i}{4} \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} g^{\mu\alpha} g^{\nu\beta} F_{\mu\nu} \ln(\nabla^2/\mu^2) F_{\alpha\beta}$$

But $\ln \nabla^2$ is not uniquely defined!

1) Single propagator version:

$$\ln(\nabla^2/\mu^2) = - \int_0^\infty dm^2 \left[\frac{1}{\nabla^2 + m^2} - \frac{1}{\mu^2 + m^2} \right]$$

2) Double propagator version:

Osborn-Erdmenger

$$\frac{i}{16\pi^2} \langle x | \log \nabla^2 | y \rangle = \Delta_F^2(x-y) - \frac{i}{16\pi^2} \left[\frac{1}{\epsilon} - \gamma - \log 4\pi \right] \delta^4(x-y)$$

Both versions have IR singularities not found in direct calculation

#1 is $1/\lambda^2$ and #2 is $\ln \lambda$

For example, with single propagator version:

$$\int d^4x \sqrt{g} F^{\alpha\beta} \ln\left(\frac{\nabla^2}{\mu^2}\right) F_{\alpha\beta} = \int d^4x \left[F^{\alpha\beta} \ln(\square/\mu^2) F_{\alpha\beta} + h_{\mu\nu} (\mathcal{O}_1^{\mu\nu} + \mathcal{O}_2^{\mu\nu}) \right]$$

where

$$\mathcal{O}_1^{\mu\nu} = \frac{1}{2} \eta^{\mu\nu} F^{\alpha\beta} \ln(\square/\mu^2) F_{\alpha\beta} - 2 F^\mu{}_\alpha \log(\square/\mu^2) F^{\nu\alpha}$$

$$\mathcal{O}_2^{\mu\nu} = \partial^\mu \partial^\nu F_{\alpha\beta} \frac{1}{\square} F^{\alpha\beta} + \partial^\mu \partial^\nu F^{\alpha\beta} \frac{1}{\square} F_{\alpha\beta} - \eta^{\mu\nu} \partial_\lambda F_{\alpha\beta} \frac{1}{\square} \partial^\lambda F^{\alpha\beta}$$



Unphysical

- 1/(photon mass/momentum) !!

These terms show no relation to what was found by calculation!

Covariant action (for specific $\ln \nabla^2$):

$$\Gamma_{log} = \frac{b_i}{4} \int d^4x \sqrt{g} \left\{ F_{\alpha\beta} \ln(\nabla^2/\mu^2) F^{\alpha\beta} - \frac{1}{3} F_{\alpha\beta} F^{\alpha\beta} \frac{1}{\nabla^2} R \right. \\ \left. + 4R^{\mu\nu} \frac{1}{\nabla^2} \left[\log(\nabla^2) \left(-F_{\mu\sigma} F_{\nu}^{\sigma} + \frac{1}{4} g_{\mu\nu} F_{\alpha\beta} F^{\alpha\beta} \right) \right. \right. \\ \left. \left. + F_{\mu\sigma} \log(\nabla^2) F_{\nu}^{\sigma} - \frac{1}{4} g_{\mu\nu} F_{\alpha\beta} \log(\nabla^2) F^{\alpha\beta} \right] \right. \\ \left. + \frac{1}{3} R F_{\alpha\beta} \frac{1}{\nabla^2} F^{\alpha\beta} - C^{\alpha}_{\beta\mu\nu} F_{\alpha}^{\beta} \frac{1}{\nabla^2} F^{\mu\nu} \right\}$$

Real
(Riegert)

Compensation

Matching procedure used here:

- nonlinear completion
- matching general covariant form to perturbative result

Now on to General Relativity:

Important for quantum GR to get beyond scattering amplitudes

Pioneered by Barvinsky, Vilkovisky and collaborators

Non-local curvature expansion:

Second order in the curvature $R \ln \nabla^2 R$

Third order in the curvature $R^2 \frac{1}{\nabla^2} R$

This is very different from the local derivative expansion, but is required to capture known quantum effects

Calculable by non-local heat kernel or by matching to PT

Second order is simple – tied to renormalization:

Barvinsky, Vilkovisky, Avrimidi

Perturbative running is contained in the R^2 terms

$$\begin{aligned}
 S_4 = \int d^4x \sqrt{g} [& c_1(\mu)R^2 + c_2(\mu)R_{\mu\nu}R^{\mu\nu}] \\
 & + [\bar{\alpha}R \log(\nabla^2/\mu^2)R + \bar{\beta}C_{\mu\nu\alpha\beta} \log(\nabla^2/\mu^2)C^{\mu\nu\alpha\beta} \\
 & + \bar{\gamma}(R_{\mu\nu\alpha\beta} \log(\nabla^2)R^{\mu\nu\alpha\beta} - 4R_{\mu\nu} \log(\nabla^2)R^{\mu\nu} + R \log(\nabla^2)R)] + \mathcal{O}(R^3)
 \end{aligned}$$

Again running can all be packaged in non-local terms:

$$\begin{aligned}
 S_{tot} = \int d^4x \sqrt{g} \frac{2}{\kappa^2} R \\
 + [\bar{\alpha}R \log(\nabla^2/\Lambda_1^2)R + \bar{\beta}C_{\mu\nu\alpha\beta} \log(\nabla^2/\Lambda_2^2)C^{\mu\nu\alpha\beta} \\
 + \bar{\gamma}(R_{\mu\nu\alpha\beta} \log(\nabla^2)R^{\mu\nu\alpha\beta} - 4R_{\mu\nu} \log(\nabla^2)R^{\mu\nu} + R \log(\nabla^2)R)] + \dots
 \end{aligned}$$

	α	β	γ	$\bar{\alpha}$	$\bar{\beta}$	$\bar{\gamma}$
Scalar	$5(6\xi - 1)^2$	-2	2	$5(6\xi - 1)^2$	3	-1
Fermion	-5	8	7	0	18	-11
Vector	-50	176	-26	0	36	-62
Graviton	430	-1444	424	90	126	298

Coefficients of different fields. All numbers should be divided by $11520\pi^2$

Comment on non-local basis:

need three terms

$$(R_{\mu\nu\alpha\beta}R^{\mu\nu\alpha\beta} - 4R_{\mu\nu}R^{\mu\nu} + RR) \quad \text{is a total derivative}$$

$$(R_{\mu\nu\alpha\beta} \log(\square) R^{\mu\nu\alpha\beta} - 4R_{\mu\nu} \log(\square) R^{\mu\nu} + R \log(\square) R) \quad \text{is not}$$

Computationally simplest basis:

$$S_{QL} = \int d^4x \sqrt{g} \left(\alpha R \log\left(\frac{\square}{\mu_\alpha^2}\right) R + \beta R_{\mu\nu} \log\left(\frac{\square}{\mu_\beta^2}\right) R^{\mu\nu} + \gamma R_{\mu\nu\alpha\beta} \log\left(\frac{\square}{\mu_\gamma^2}\right) R^{\mu\nu\alpha\beta} \right)$$

Conceptually better basis:

$$S_{QL} = \int d^4x \sqrt{g} \left[\bar{\alpha} R \log\left(\frac{\square}{\mu_1^2}\right) R + \bar{\beta} C_{\mu\nu\alpha\beta} \log\left(\frac{\square}{\mu_2^2}\right) C^{\mu\nu\alpha\beta} + \bar{\gamma} (R_{\mu\nu\alpha\beta} \log(\square) R^{\mu\nu\alpha\beta} - 4R_{\mu\nu} \log(\square) R^{\mu\nu} + R \log(\square) R) \right].$$

$$C_{\mu\nu\alpha\beta} = R_{\mu\nu\alpha\beta} - \frac{1}{2} (g_{\mu\alpha} R_{\nu\beta} - g_{\mu\beta} R_{\nu\alpha} + g_{\nu\alpha} R_{\mu\beta} - g_{\nu\beta} R_{\mu\alpha}) + \frac{1}{6} R (g_{\mu\alpha} g_{\nu\beta} - g_{\mu\beta} g_{\nu\alpha})$$

Last term has no scale dependence

Second term (Weyl tensor) vanishes in FLRW

First term vanishes for conformal fields

Third order in curvature is a mess:

BV+

Tied to definition of $\ln \nabla^2$

- BV use the “single propagator” version
- lots of spurious compensation terms

But many different “real” terms also

- arises from massless triangle diagram
- permutations of $\frac{1}{\nabla^2}$ and $\frac{(\ln \nabla^2)}{\nabla^2}$

Real IR singularities in general

- recall Passarino-Veltman reduction
- Fourth order in curvature is the box diagram (worse)

194 pages of dense results, such as these:

$$\begin{aligned}
& \int dx g^{1/2} \text{tr} \hat{a}_4(x, x) = \int dx g^{1/2} \text{tr} \left\{ \frac{\square_2^2}{120} \hat{P}_1 \hat{P}_2 + \frac{\square_2^2}{1260} \hat{P}_1 R_2 + \frac{\square_2^2}{1680} \hat{R}_{1\mu\nu} \hat{R}_2^{\mu\nu} \right. \\
& + \frac{\square_2^2}{15120} R_{1\mu\nu} R_2^{\mu\nu} \hat{1} + \frac{\square_3}{24} \hat{P}_1 \hat{P}_2 \hat{P}_3 - \frac{\square_3}{630} \hat{R}_{1\alpha}^{\mu} \hat{R}_{2\beta}^{\alpha} \hat{R}_{3\mu}^{\beta} \\
& + \left(\frac{\square_1}{180} + \frac{\square_2}{180} + \frac{\square_3}{90} \right) \hat{R}_{1\mu\nu} \hat{R}_{2\mu\nu} \hat{P}_3 + \left(\frac{\square_1}{7560} - \frac{\square_3}{15120} \right) R_1 R_2 \hat{P}_3 \\
& + \left(\frac{\square_1}{1680} + \frac{\square_1^2}{1680\square_2} + \frac{\square_3}{2520} + \frac{\square_1\square_3}{1680\square_2} - \frac{\square_3^2}{336\square_2} + \frac{\square_3^3}{1120\square_1\square_2} \right) R_1^{\mu\nu} R_{2\mu\nu} \hat{P}_3 \\
& + \frac{\square_3}{720} \hat{P}_1 \hat{P}_2 R_3 + \left(\frac{13\square_1}{30240} - \frac{\square_3}{15120} \right) R_1 \hat{R}_2^{\mu\nu} \hat{R}_{3\mu\nu} \\
& + \left(\frac{\square_1}{840} + \frac{\square_3}{210} + \frac{\square_2\square_3}{210\square_1} + \frac{\square_3^2}{210\square_1} \right) R_1^{\alpha\beta} \hat{R}_{2\alpha}^{\mu} \hat{R}_{3\beta\mu} \\
& + \left(\frac{\square_1^2}{25200\square_3} + \frac{\square_1\square_2}{50400\square_3} - \frac{\square_3}{25200} + \frac{\square_3^3}{50400\square_1\square_2} \right) R_1 R_2 R_3 \hat{1} \\
& + \left(-\frac{\square_1^2}{9450\square_3} - \frac{\square_1\square_2}{18900\square_3} - \frac{\square_3}{12600} + \frac{\square_3^3}{12600\square_1\square_2} \right) R_{1\alpha}^{\mu} R_{2\beta}^{\alpha} R_{3\mu}^{\beta} \hat{1} \\
& + \left(\frac{\square_1}{151200} - \frac{\square_1^2}{151200\square_2} + \frac{\square_3}{25200} + \frac{\square_1\square_3}{18900\square_2} - \frac{13\square_3^2}{151200\square_2} \right. \\
& \left. + \frac{\square_3^3}{50400\square_1\square_2} \right) R_1^{\mu\nu} R_{2\mu\nu} R_3 \hat{1} + \frac{1}{252} \hat{R}_{1\alpha}^{\beta} \nabla^{\mu} \hat{R}_{2\mu\alpha} \nabla^{\nu} \hat{R}_{3\nu\beta} \\
& + \frac{1}{60} \hat{R}_{1\mu\nu} \nabla_{\mu} \hat{P}_2 \nabla_{\nu} \hat{P}_3 + \frac{1}{180} \nabla_{\mu} \hat{R}_{1\alpha}^{\mu\alpha} \nabla^{\nu} \hat{R}_{2\nu\alpha} \hat{P}_3 - \frac{1}{1890} R_1^{\mu\nu} \nabla_{\mu} R_2 \nabla_{\nu} \hat{P}_3 \\
& + \left(\frac{1}{630} + \frac{\square_1}{420\square_2} + \frac{\square_3}{210\square_2} - \frac{\square_3^2}{280\square_1\square_2} \right) \nabla^{\mu} R_1^{\alpha\nu} \nabla_{\nu} R_{2\mu\alpha} \hat{P}_3 \\
& + \frac{1}{180} R_1^{\mu\nu} \nabla_{\mu} \nabla_{\nu} \hat{P}_2 \hat{P}_3 + \left(\frac{1}{1260} + \frac{\square_3}{105\square_1} \right) R_{1\alpha\beta} \nabla_{\mu} \hat{R}_{2\alpha}^{\mu\alpha} \nabla_{\nu} \hat{R}_{3\beta}^{\nu\beta} \\
& + \left(-\frac{1}{1260} - \frac{\square_3}{210\square_1} \right) R_1^{\alpha\beta} \nabla_{\alpha} \hat{R}_{2\beta}^{\mu\nu} \nabla_{\beta} \hat{R}_{3\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{7560} R_1 \nabla_{\alpha} \hat{R}_{2\alpha}^{\mu\nu} \nabla^{\beta} \hat{R}_{3\beta\mu} \\
& + \left(\frac{1}{630} + \frac{\square_2}{105\square_1} + \frac{\square_3}{105\square_1} \right) R_1^{\mu\nu} \nabla_{\mu} \nabla_{\lambda} \hat{R}_{2\lambda}^{\alpha} \hat{R}_{3\alpha\nu} + \left(\frac{1}{226800} - \frac{\square_1}{8400\square_2} \right. \\
& \left. - \frac{\square_1^2}{10080\square_2\square_3} + \frac{\square_3}{25200\square_1} - \frac{\square_3}{25200\square_2} - \frac{\square_3^2}{25200\square_1\square_2} \right) R_1^{\alpha\beta} \nabla_{\alpha} R_2 \nabla_{\beta} R_3 \hat{1} \\
& + \left(-\frac{\square_1}{37800\square_2} + \frac{\square_3}{5400\square_2} - \frac{\square_3^2}{12600\square_1\square_2} \right) \nabla^{\mu} R_1^{\alpha\nu} \nabla_{\nu} R_{2\mu\alpha} R_3 \hat{1} \\
& + \left(-\frac{1}{9450} - \frac{\square_1}{12600\square_2} + \frac{\square_1^2}{8400\square_2\square_3} - \frac{\square_3}{6300\square_2} \right) R_1^{\mu\nu} \nabla_{\mu} R_2^{\alpha\beta} \nabla_{\nu} R_{3\alpha\beta} \hat{1} \\
& + \left(-\frac{1}{3150} - \frac{\square_1}{9450\square_2} - \frac{\square_1^2}{6300\square_2\square_3} - \frac{\square_3}{3150\square_1} + \frac{\square_3}{9450\square_2} + \frac{\square_3^2}{3150\square_1\square_2} \right) \\
& \times R_1^{\mu\nu} \nabla_{\alpha} R_{2\beta\mu} \nabla^{\beta} R_{3\nu}^{\alpha} \hat{1} + \left(\frac{1}{420\square_2} + \frac{\square_3}{280\square_1\square_2} \right) \nabla_{\alpha} \nabla_{\beta} R_1^{\mu\nu} \nabla_{\mu} \nabla_{\nu} R_2^{\alpha\beta} \hat{P}_3 \\
& + \left(-\frac{1}{3780\square_2} - \frac{1}{6300\square_3} - \frac{\square_1}{4200\square_2\square_3} + \frac{\square_3}{25200\square_1\square_2} \right) \nabla_{\alpha} \nabla_{\beta} R_1^{\mu\nu} \nabla_{\mu} \nabla_{\nu} R_2^{\alpha\beta} R_3 \hat{1}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\Gamma_{12}(-\square_1, -\square_2, -\square_3) &= \Gamma(-\square_1, -\square_2, -\square_3) \frac{1}{D^3} \left(-2\square_1^5 \right. \\
& + 4\square_1^4\square_2 - 4\square_1^2\square_2^3 + 2\square_1\square_2^4 + 4\square_1^4\square_3 \\
& - 24\square_1^3\square_2\square_3 + 12\square_1^2\square_2^2\square_3 + 8\square_1\square_2^3\square_3 + 12\square_1^2\square_2\square_3^2 \\
& - 20\square_1\square_2^2\square_3^2 - 4\square_1^2\square_3^3 + 8\square_1\square_2\square_3^3 + 2\square_1\square_3^4 \left. \right) \\
& + \frac{\ln(\square_1/\square_2)}{9D^3\square_2\square_3} \left(-2\square_1^5\square_2 + 10\square_1^4\square_2^2 - 20\square_1^3\square_2^3 \right. \\
& + 20\square_1^2\square_2^4 - 10\square_1\square_2^5 + 2\square_2^6 - \square_1^5\square_3 - 21\square_1^4\square_2\square_3 \\
& - 6\square_1^3\square_2^2\square_3 + 66\square_1^2\square_2^2\square_3 - 25\square_1\square_2^4\square_3 - 13\square_2^5\square_3 \\
& \left. + 5\square_1^4\square_3^2 + 36\square_1^3\square_2\square_3^2 - 162\square_1^2\square_2^2\square_3^2 - 36\square_1\square_2^3\square_3^2 \right)
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& + 29\square_2^4\square_3^2 - 10\square_1^3\square_3^3 - 6\square_1^2\square_2\square_3^3 + 78\square_1\square_2^2\square_3^3 \\
& - 30\square_2^3\square_3^3 + 10\square_1^2\square_3^4 - 2\square_1\square_2\square_3^4 + 16\square_2^2\square_3^4 \\
& - 5\square_1\square_3^5 - 5\square_2\square_3^5 + \square_3^6 \left. \right) \\
& + \frac{\ln(\square_1/\square_3)}{9D^3\square_2\square_3} \left(-\square_1^5\square_2 + 5\square_1^4\square_2^2 - 10\square_1^3\square_2^3 \right. \\
& + 10\square_1^2\square_2^4 - 5\square_1\square_2^5 + \square_2^6 - 2\square_1^5\square_3 \\
& - 21\square_1^4\square_2\square_3 + 36\square_1^3\square_2^2\square_3 - 6\square_1^2\square_2^3\square_3 - 2\square_1\square_2^4\square_3 \\
& - 5\square_2^5\square_3 + 10\square_1^4\square_3^2 - 6\square_1^3\square_2\square_3^2 - 162\square_1^2\square_2^2\square_3^2 \\
& + 78\square_1\square_2^3\square_3^2 + 16\square_2^4\square_3^2 - 20\square_1^3\square_3^3 + 66\square_1^2\square_2\square_3^3 \\
& - 36\square_1\square_2^2\square_3^3 - 30\square_2^3\square_3^3 + 20\square_1^2\square_3^4 - 25\square_1\square_2\square_3^4 \\
& \left. + 29\square_2^2\square_3^4 - 10\square_1\square_3^5 - 13\square_2\square_3^5 + 2\square_3^6 \right) \\
& + \frac{\ln(\square_2/\square_3)}{9D^3\square_2\square_3} \left(\square_1^5\square_2 - 5\square_1^4\square_2^2 + 10\square_1^3\square_2^3 \right. \\
& - 10\square_1^2\square_2^4 + 5\square_1\square_2^5 - \square_2^6 - \square_1^5\square_3 \\
& + 42\square_1^3\square_2^2\square_3 - 72\square_1^2\square_2^3\square_3 + 23\square_1\square_2^4\square_3 + 8\square_2^5\square_3 \\
& + 5\square_1^4\square_3^2 - 42\square_1^3\square_2\square_3^2 + 114\square_1\square_2^3\square_3^2 - 13\square_2^4\square_3^2 \\
& - 10\square_1^3\square_3^3 + 72\square_1^2\square_2\square_3^3 - 114\square_1\square_2^2\square_3^3 + 10\square_1^2\square_3^4 \\
& \left. - 23\square_1\square_2\square_3^4 + 13\square_2^2\square_3^4 - 5\square_1\square_3^5 - 8\square_2\square_3^5 + \square_3^6 \right) \\
& + \frac{\ln(\square_1/\square_2)}{(\square_1 - \square_2) 3\square_3} \\
& + \frac{\ln(\square_1/\square_3)}{(\square_1 - \square_3) 3\square_2} \\
& + \frac{1}{3D^2} (16\square_1^2 - 12\square_1\square_2 - 4\square_2^2 - 12\square_1\square_3 + 8\square_2\square_3 - 4\square_3^2),
\end{aligned}$$

The physics of the second order non-local action

1) Hints of singularity avoidance

- FLRW equations become non-local in time
- perturbative treatment indicates singularity avoidance
- can be made more theoretically controlled by large N

2) Black hole structure

- Schwd. solution no longer solves non-local vacuum equations
- dimensional analysis reveals nature of non-local curvature expansion

Cosmology

FLRW equations become non-local in time

- use Schwinger-Keldish for correct BC

Hawking Penrose assumptions no longer valid

- seem to avoid *some* singularities

Key points/caveats:

- working to second order in curvature
- Use flat ln ∇^2 - difference is higher order in curvature
- Perturbative treatment – classical behavior as source
 - this approximation is being explored now
- Effects near but below Planck scale – control by N
 - $E \sim \frac{M_P}{\sqrt{N}}$

Non-local FLRW equations:

Quantum memory

$$\frac{3a\dot{a}^2}{8\pi} + N_s \left[6(\sqrt{a}\ddot{a})_t \int dt' L(t-t')\mathcal{R}_1 + 6\left(\frac{\dot{a}^2}{\sqrt{a}}\right) \int dt' L(t-t')\mathcal{R}_2 + 12(\sqrt{a}\dot{a})_t \int dt' L(t-t')\frac{d\mathcal{R}_3}{dt'} \right] = a^3\rho$$

with

$$\mathcal{R}_1 = -\sqrt{a}\ddot{a}(6\alpha + 2\beta + 2\gamma) - \frac{\dot{a}^2}{\sqrt{a}}(6\alpha + \beta)$$

$$\mathcal{R}_2 = -\sqrt{a}\ddot{a}(12\alpha + \beta - 2\gamma) - \frac{\dot{a}^2}{\sqrt{a}}(12\alpha + 5\beta - 6\gamma)$$

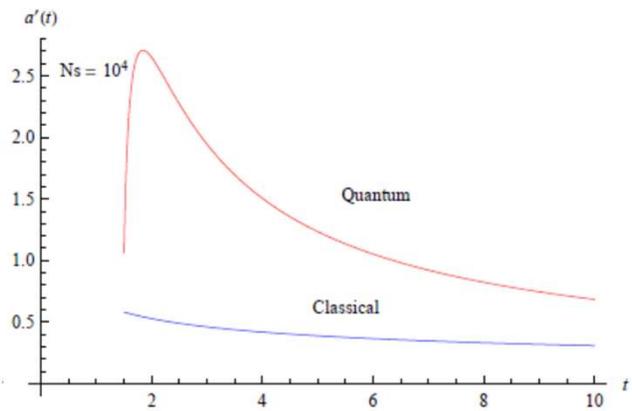
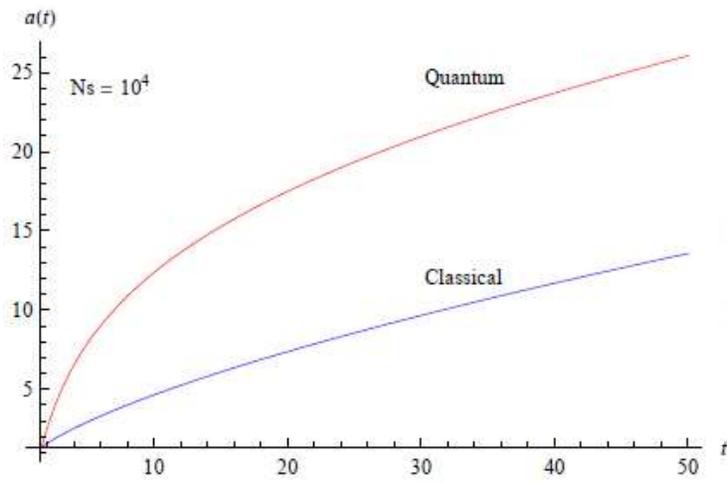
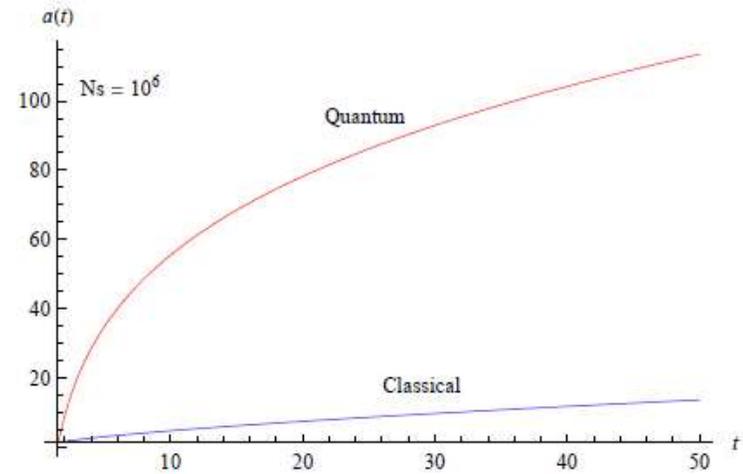
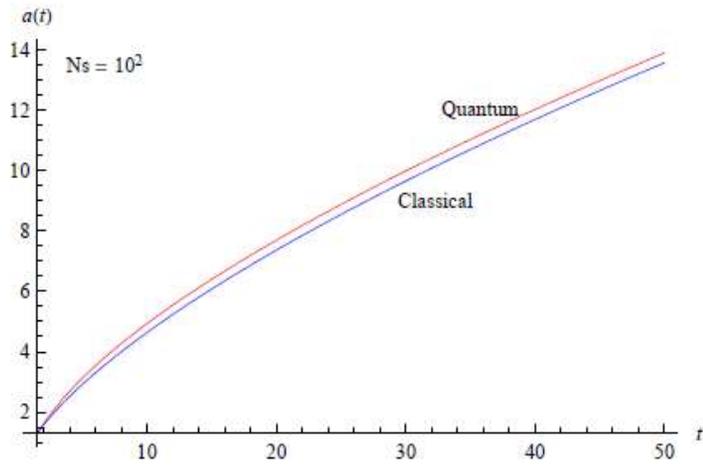
$$\mathcal{R}_3 = \sqrt{a}\ddot{a}(6\alpha + 2\beta + 2\gamma) + \frac{\dot{a}^2}{\sqrt{a}}(6\alpha + \beta)$$

and the time-dependent weight:

$$L(t-t') = \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0} \left[\frac{\theta(t-t'-\epsilon)}{t-t'} + \delta(t-t') \log(\mu_R \epsilon) \right]$$

For scalars: $\alpha = \frac{1}{2304\pi^2}$ $\beta = \frac{-1}{5760\pi^2}$, $\gamma = \frac{1}{5760\pi^2}$

Emergence of classical behavior:



Collapsing universe – singularity avoidance

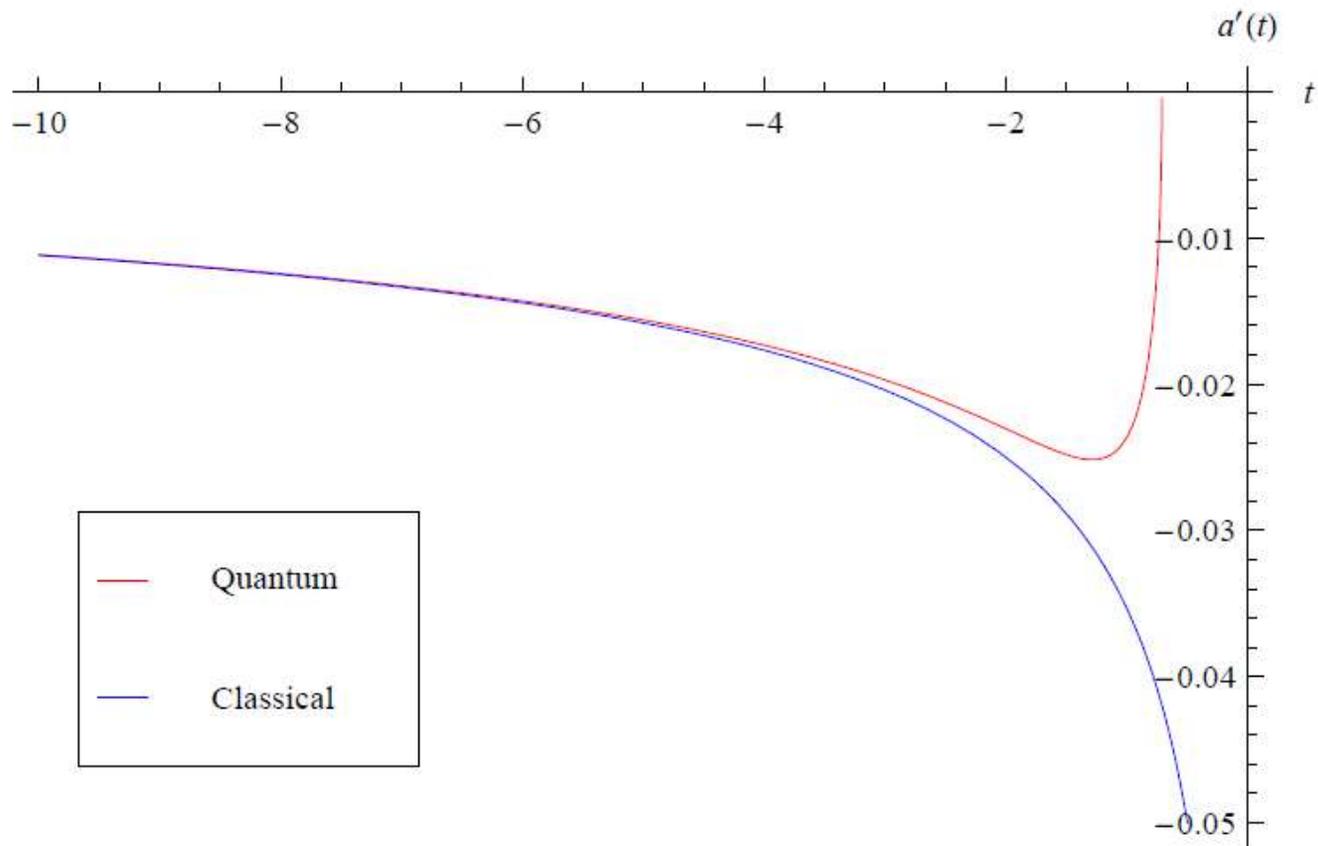


FIG. 12: Collapsing radiation-filled universe with gravitons only considered.

No free parameters in this result

With all the standard model fields:

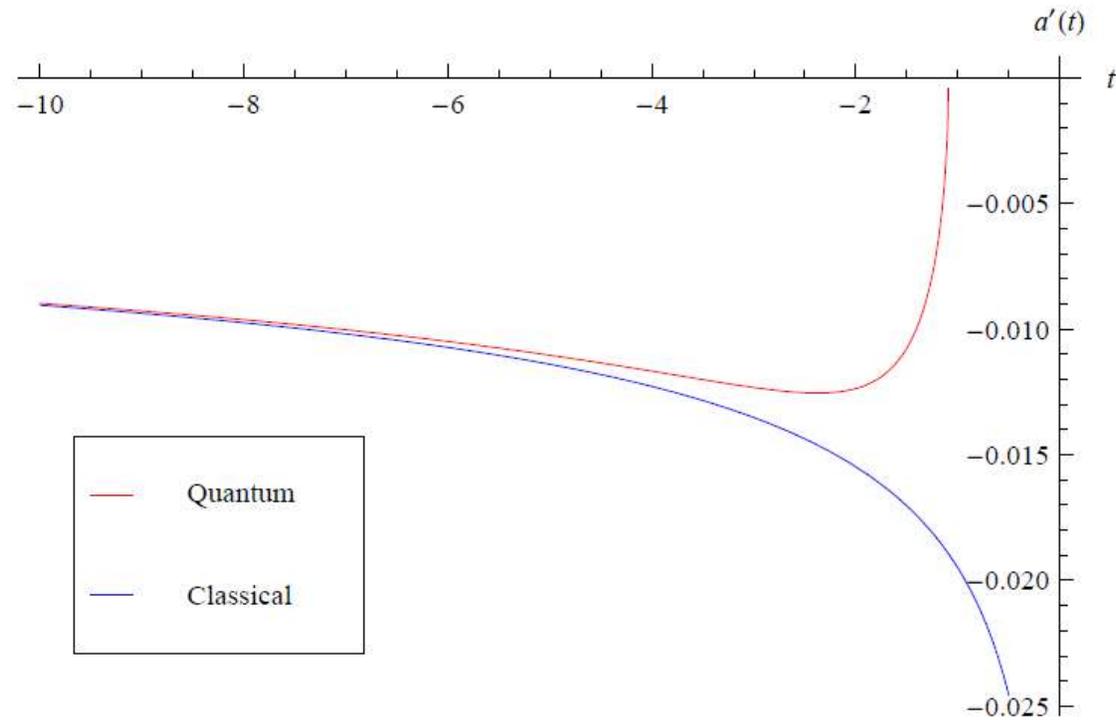
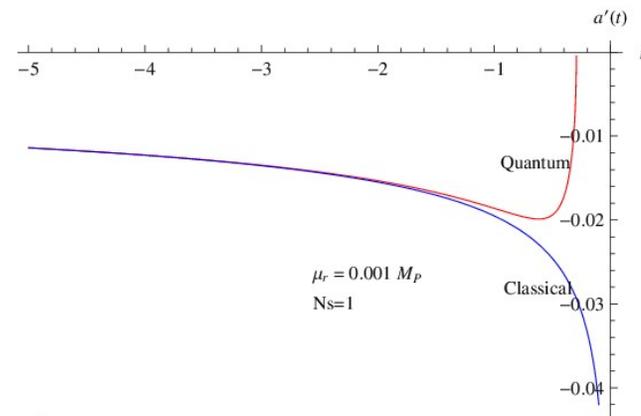
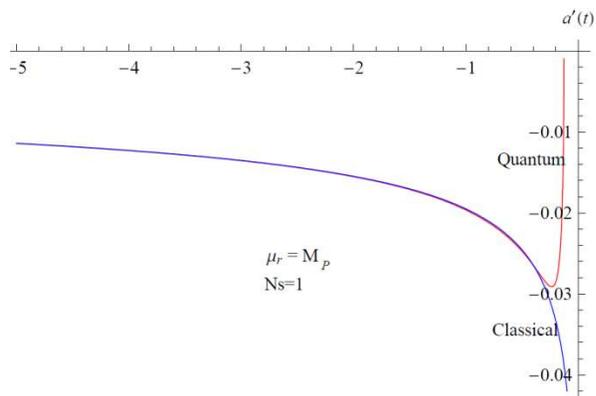
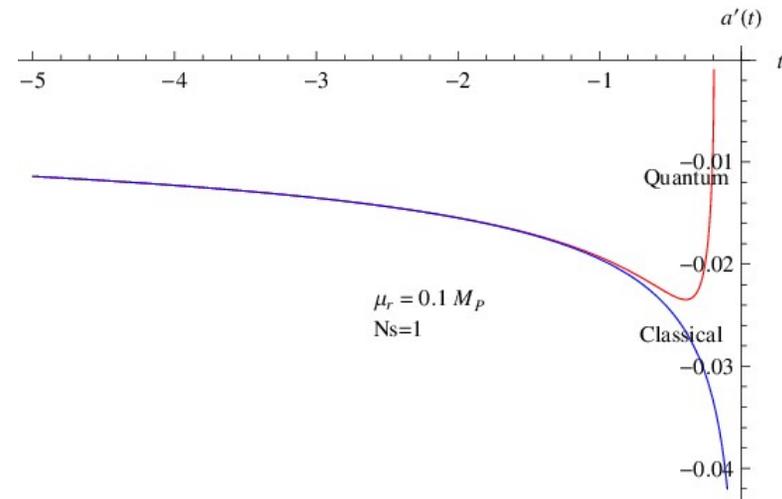
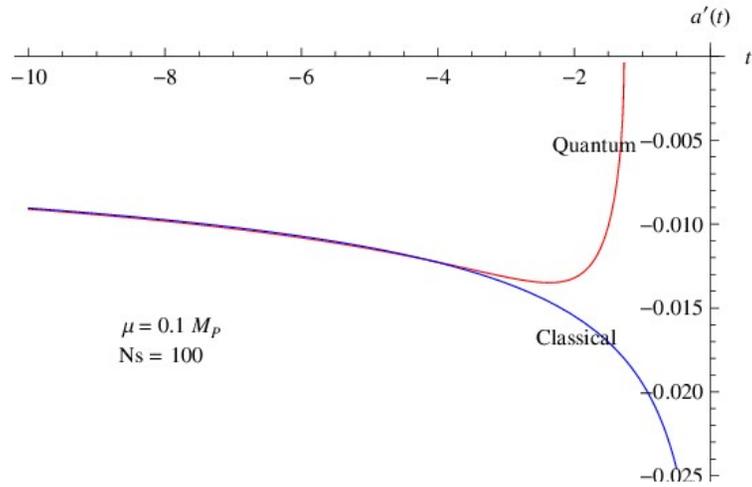
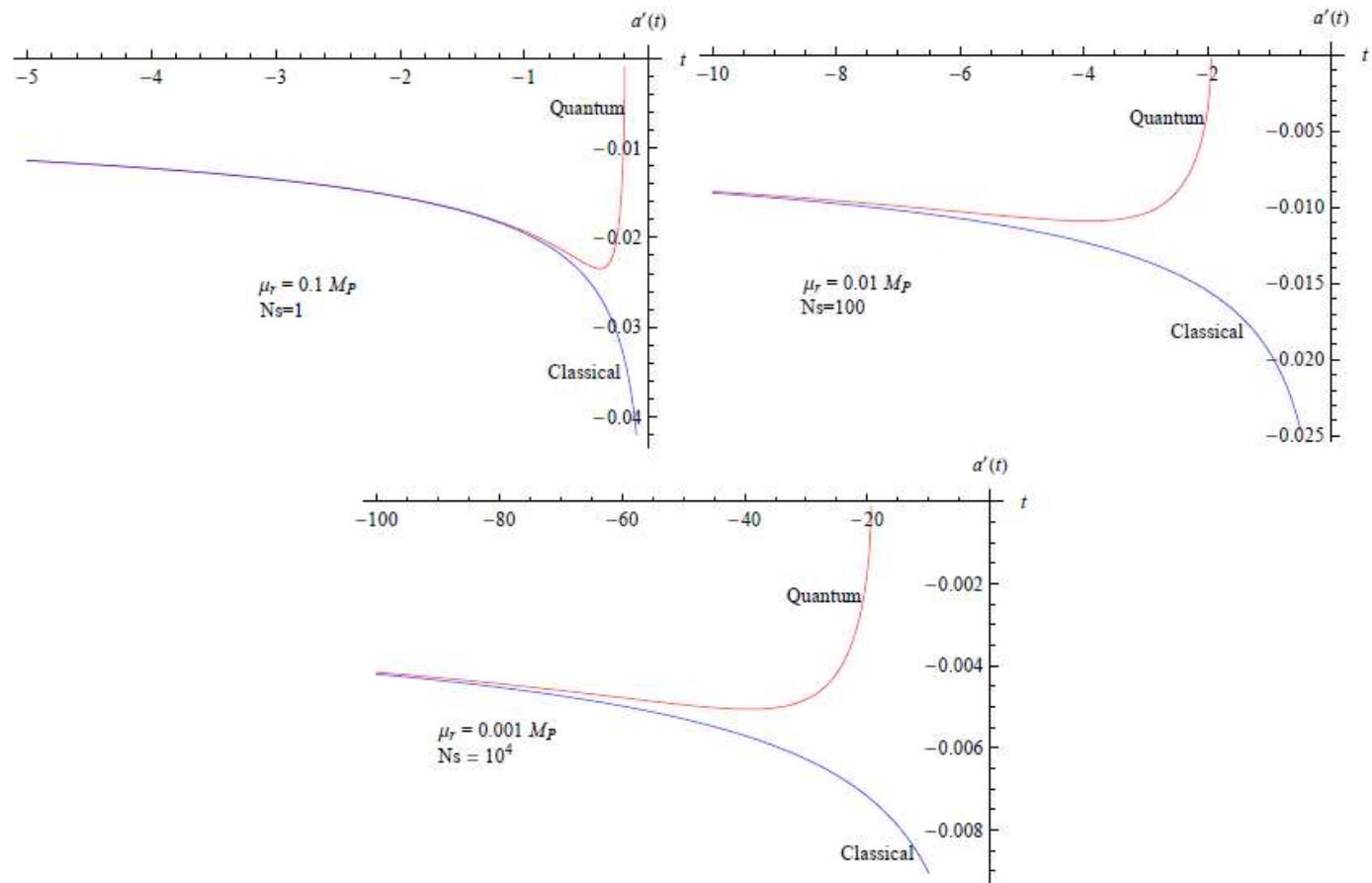


FIG. 11: Collapsing dust-filled universe with the Standard Model particles and a conformally coupled Higgs. The result is purely non-local and hence independent of any scale μ_R .

Collapsing phase – singularity avoidance

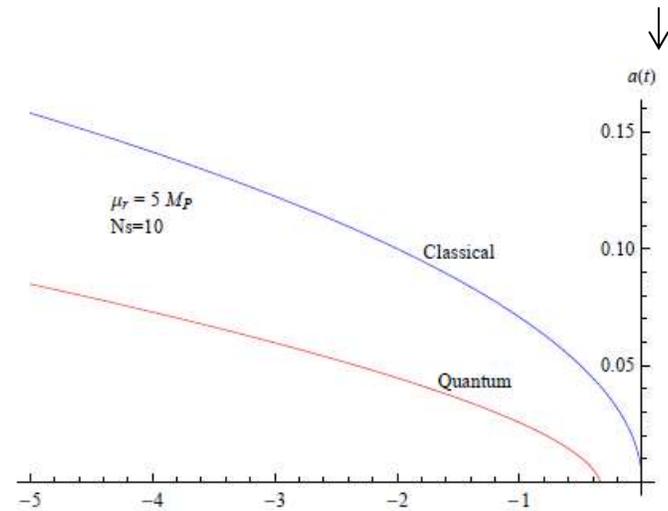
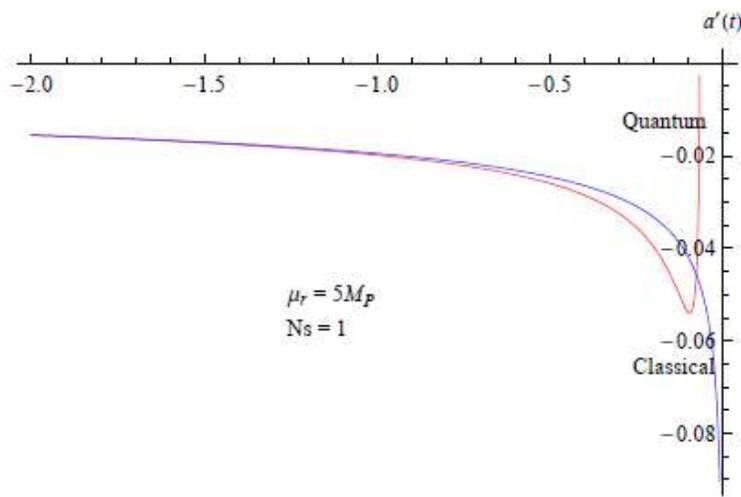


Physics does scale like M_P/\sqrt{N}



But there are some cases where singularity is not overcome:

Note: $a(t)$, not $a'(t)$



Local terms overwhelm non-local effect:

Comments:

We have not followed bounce (yet)

Updated evolution study underway
- should be more reliable than P.T.

Large N can be used to argue for control

In progress

Black holes:

For local effective action, Schwd. is still solution at R^2

- all changes to local EoM are proportional to R or $R_{\mu\nu}$
- new solutions also (Holdom, Stelle Lu Pope)
 - finite at origin, no horizon, double horizon....

But Schwd is no longer a solution to the quantum action

First correction due uniquely to $R_{\mu\nu\alpha\beta} \ln \nabla^2 R^{\mu\nu\alpha\beta}$

Will be independent of the local terms in the action

-scale independent

Treating non-local terms as a perturbation

Correction to Schld.

Easy to illustrate difference between local and non-local curvature expansion

Appear to be well defined so far

Perhaps preparation for more ambitious calculation

Dimensional analysis:

$$Riem. \sim \frac{GM}{r^3}$$

Non-local curvature expansion breaks down near horizon

- compare $R \ln \nabla^2 R$ to $R^2 \frac{1}{\nabla^2} R$

$$\log \square Riem. \sim \frac{GM}{r^3}$$

$$\frac{1}{\square} R = \int d^4 y D(x-y) R(y) \sim \int d^3 y \frac{1}{4\pi|\mathbf{x}-\mathbf{y}|} R(y) \sim \frac{GM}{r}$$

- “third order in curvature” is subdominant at large distance
but not near horizon

Local curvature expansion can be well defined there

$$R \sim \frac{1}{(GM)^2}$$

Nature of quantum correction to vacuum solution:

In Kerr-Schild coordinates

$$g_{\mu\nu} = \eta_{\mu\nu} - \phi(r)r_{\mu}r_{\nu} = \eta_{\mu\nu} - \frac{GM}{r}r_{\mu}r_{\nu} \quad \text{with} \quad r_{\mu} = (1, \hat{r})$$

Modified vacuum equations:

$$R_{\mu\nu} + G(\alpha \square \log \square R + \beta R \log \square R)_{\mu\nu} = 0$$

Pert. Treatment:

$$\nabla^2 \phi + \alpha \frac{G^2 M}{r^5} + \beta \frac{G^3 M^2}{r^6}$$
$$\phi = \frac{GM}{r} + \delta\phi \quad \delta\phi = \frac{GM}{r} \left[\alpha \frac{G}{r^2} + \beta \frac{G}{r^2} \frac{GM}{r} \right]$$

Again, ordering breaks down at horizon but correction behaves

$$\lim_{r \rightarrow r_h} \delta\phi \sim \frac{\alpha + \beta}{GM^2}$$

Comments

These corrections are not optional

Perhaps can use large N for more control

- but low curvature region only gravitons and photons

Can we use this non-perturbatively?

- self consistent solutions

Signs will be interesting/extrapolation to small mass

Summary:

Non-local actions capture the quantum impact of massless particles in GR

These are very poorly understood

Even useful representation of $\log \nabla^2$ for general coordinates is not known (see Basem for K-S)

Cosmology application hints at singularity avoidance

Black hole structure will be modified.