

# Signature change in loop quantum cosmology

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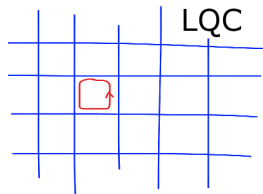
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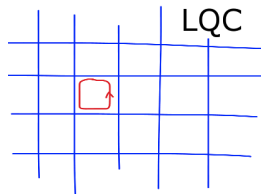


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- Physical area of a loop  $Ar_{\square} = \bar{p}\bar{\mu}^2$ , where  $\bar{p} = a^2$  and  $a$  is a scale factor. In general  $\bar{\mu} \propto \bar{p}^{\beta}$ , where  $-1/2 \leq \beta \leq 0$ . For the so-called  $\bar{\mu}$ -scheme:  $\bar{\mu} = \sqrt{\frac{\Delta}{\bar{p}}}$ , where  $\Delta = 2\sqrt{3}\pi\gamma l_{\text{Pl}}^2$  is the area gap derived from LQG.

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- The effects of discreteness of space can be studied at the effective level by introducing appropriate corrections to the classical constraints.

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Additionally, the conditions of anomaly-freedom are fulfilled if and only if  $\beta = -1/2$ , which corresponds to “new quantization scheme”.

[T. Cailleteau, J. Mielczarek, A. Barrau, J. Grain, Class. Quantum Grav. **29** (2012) 095010].

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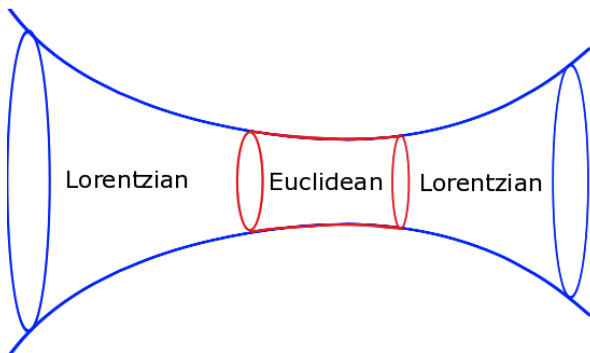
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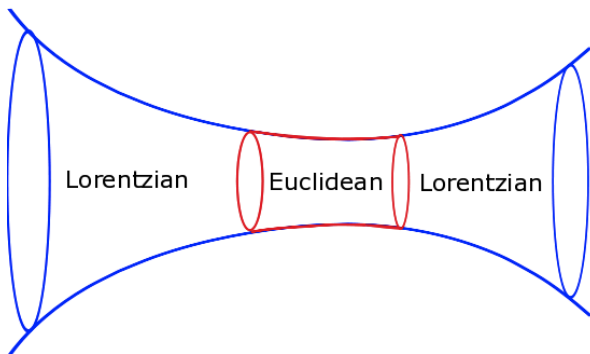
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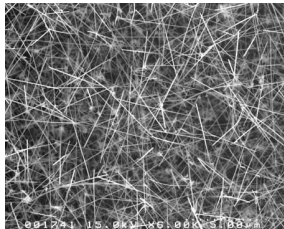


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- Suppression of spatial derivatives while  $\{H, H\} \rightarrow 0$ . Possible support for the BKL conjecture.

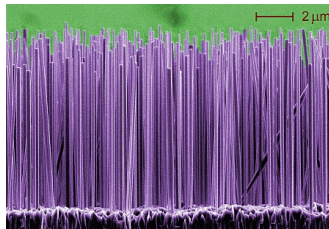
# Towards understanding the signature change

Can physics of metamaterials help us? Signature change is observed e.g. in “wired” metamaterials as a result of negative dielectric permittivity<sup>1</sup>.

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$$\epsilon_1 < 0 \text{ and } \epsilon_2 = \epsilon_3 > 0$$

Spontaneous symmetry breaking? Emergence of time coordinate while passing to low temperatures?

<sup>1</sup>I. I. Smolyaninov, E. E. Narimanov, PRL **105**, 067402 (2010)

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