

# Effective Dynamics of Bianchi-I spacetime in LQC: Kasner transitions and inflationary scenario

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# Why study Bianchi models?

- Anisotropic spacetime introduces more degrees of freedom compared to isotropic spacetime
- Much richer physics due to non-vanishing Weyl scalar
- Classically the anisotropic shear scalar in Bianchi-I model varies as  $\sigma^2 \propto a^{-6}$ . Singularity can also take place due to diverging anisotropic shear as  $a \rightarrow 0$
- According to Belinskii-Khalatnikov-Lifshitz (BKL) behavior, during a generic approach to a spacelike singularity, each point transits from one Bianchi-I type universe to another Bianchi-I type (Kasner transition), giving rise to Mixmaster behavior

# Loop quantum cosmology of Bianchi-I spacetime

$$ds^2 = -dt^2 + a_1^2 dx^2 + a_2^2 dy^2 + a_3^2 dz^2$$

In the classical theory, approach to singularity can be classified as (Doroshkevich, Ellis, Jacobs, MacCallum, Thorne ...)

- **Point or Isotropic singularity:**  $a_1, a_2, a_3 \rightarrow 0$ .
- **Barrel:**  $a_1 \rightarrow \text{const}, a_2, a_3 \rightarrow 0$
- **Pancake:**  $a_1 \rightarrow 0, a_2, a_3 \rightarrow \text{const}$
- **Cigar:**  $a_1 \rightarrow \infty, a_2, a_3 \rightarrow 0$

Quantization performed by (Ashtekar, Wilson-Ewing(09)). Earlier approaches to quantization developed by Bojowald, Chiou, Date, Martin-Benito, Mena Marugan, Pawłowski, Szulc, Vandersloot

- Classical singularity resolved
- Resolution of all physical singularities studied in the effective dynamics (Singh (11))
- Physics of effective dynamics studied: big bang is replaced by bounce (Artymowski, Cailleteau, Chiou, Lalak, Maartens, Singh, Vandersloot)

# Questions:

## Kasner Transitions:

- What is the relation between the geometrical nature of spacetime in pre and post bounce regime?
- Are there transitions from one type to other?
- Are some transitions favored over others? If yes, depending on what?

## Inflation:

- Does anisotropy prevent inflation?
- How does LQC modify the dynamics and the amount of inflation?
- How is the amount of inflation affected as compared to the isotropic spacetime?

# Main results:

## Kasner Transitions:

- Kasner transitions are seen in Bianchi-I spacetime for the first time, a feature not present in classical theory
- Transitions are not random, there turns out to be a “selection rule”
- Depending on the anisotropy and matter content some transitions are favored over others

## Inflation:

- Inflation takes place irrespective of the initial anisotropic shear
- Non-trivial dependence of amount of inflation on the initial shear scalar
- Modification in the initial value of inflaton field as compared to isotropic spacetime to generate a given amount of inflation

# Plan of the talk:

- Review of Kasner solution
- Review of effective dynamics of Bianchi-I
- Kasner transitions with perfect fluid with  $P = \rho$
- Inflation in Bianchi-I spacetime with quadratic potential  
 $V(\phi) = m^2\phi^2/2$

# Kasner solution: classical theory

## Vacuum:

$$a_i \propto t^{k_i} \quad \text{such that} \quad k_1 + k_2 + k_3 = 1; \quad k_1^2 + k_2^2 + k_3^2 = 1 \quad (1)$$

## Stiff matter, $w = P/\rho = 1$ :

$$a_i \propto t^{k_i} \quad \text{such that} \quad k_1 + k_2 + k_3 = 1; \quad k_1^2 + k_2^2 + k_3^2 = 1 - k^2 \quad (2)$$

where  $k_i$  are Kasner exponents and  $k$  is a constant.

Point	$k_1, k_2, k_3 > 0$
Barrel	$k_1 = 0, k_2, k_3 > 0$
Pancake	$k_1, k_2 = 0, k_3 > 0$
Cigar	$k_1 < 0, k_2, k_3 > 0$

## $0 \leq w < 1$ :

- Close to singularity, behaves like vacuum for all  $0 \leq w < 1$
- In the future asymptotic limit
  - $a_i \propto t^{2/3}$  for Dust ( $w = 0$ )
  - $a_i \propto t^{1/2}$  for Radiation ( $w = 1/3$ )

# Bianchi-I: Effective dynamics

**Effective Hamiltonian:** (Chiou, Vandersloot; Ashtekar, Wilson-Ewing)

$$\mathcal{H}_{\text{eff}} = -\frac{1}{8\pi\gamma^2 V} \left( \frac{\sin(\bar{\mu}_1 c_1)}{\bar{\mu}_1} \frac{\sin(\bar{\mu}_2 c_2)}{\bar{\mu}_2} p_1 p_2 + \text{cyclic terms} \right) + \mathcal{H}_{\text{matt}}, \quad (1)$$

where

$$\bar{\mu}_1 = \lambda \sqrt{\frac{p_2 p_3}{p_1}}, \quad \bar{\mu}_2 = \lambda \sqrt{\frac{p_1 p_3}{p_2}}, \quad \bar{\mu}_3 = \lambda \sqrt{\frac{p_2 p_1}{p_3}} \quad \text{and} \quad \lambda^2 = 4\sqrt{3}\pi\gamma\ell_{\text{Pl}}^2$$

triad and connection:  $p_1 = a_2 a_3$  & classically,  $c_1 = \gamma \dot{a}_1$  (2)

Hamilton's equation of motion:  $\frac{\dot{p}_1}{p_1} = \frac{1}{\gamma\lambda} \left[ \sin(\bar{\mu}_2 c_2) + \sin(\bar{\mu}_3 c_3) \right] \cos(\bar{\mu}_1 c_1)$  (3)

**Energy Density:** vanishing of the Hamiltonian constraint gives:

$$\rho = \frac{1}{8\pi G \gamma^2 \lambda^2} \left[ \sin(\bar{\mu}_1 c_1) \sin(\bar{\mu}_2 c_2) + \text{cyclic terms} \right] \leq \rho_{\text{crit}} = 0.41 \rho_{\text{Pl}} \quad (4)$$

**Expansion scalar:**

$$\theta = \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{\dot{p}_1}{p_1} + \frac{\dot{p}_2}{p_2} + \frac{\dot{p}_3}{p_3} \right) \leq \theta_{\text{max}} = \frac{3}{2\gamma\lambda} \quad (5)$$

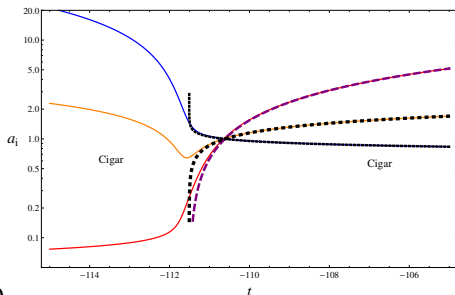
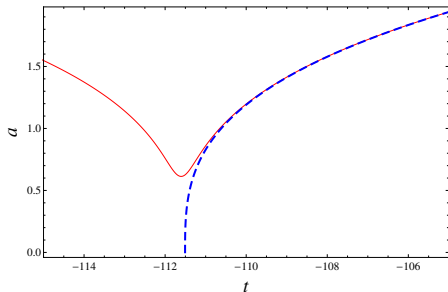
**Shear scalar:**

$$\sigma_{\text{max}}^2 = \frac{10.125}{\gamma^2 \lambda^2} = \frac{11.57}{\ell_{\text{Pl}}^2} \quad (6)$$

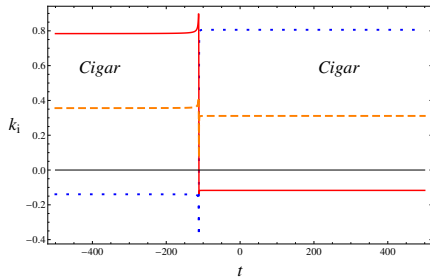
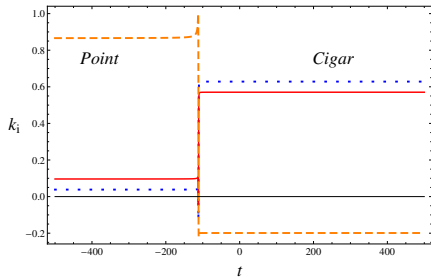
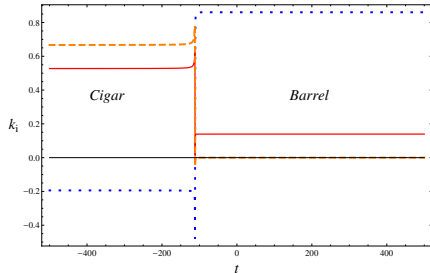
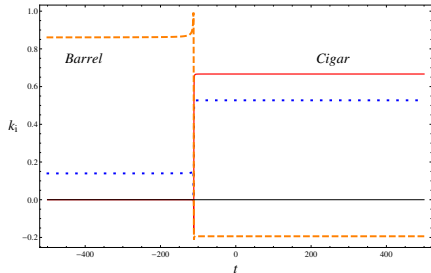


# Kasner transition: Stiff matter, $P = \rho$

- Classical trajectory undergoes singularity
- The mean scale factor  $a = (a_1 a_2 a_3)^{1/3}$  in LQC bounces.
- The directional scale factors undergo Kasner transition across the bounce
- Transitions depend on anisotropy present in the spacetime



# Stiff matter, $w = 1$



### Kasner transition for $w = 1$

$0 <  \delta  < \frac{1}{2}$	$ \delta  = \frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2} <  \delta  < \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$	$ \delta  = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$	$\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} <  \delta  < 1$
P ↔ P	P ↔ P	P ↔ P	P ↔ P	P ↔ P
B ↔ P	B ↔ P	B ↔ P	B ↔ P	B ↔ P
C ↔ P	C ↔ P	C ↔ P	C ↔ P	C ↔ P
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where  $|\delta| = \sqrt{\frac{3\sigma^2}{2\theta^2}}$ .

- Depending on the value of  $\delta$  some transitions are favored over others.
- In the low anisotropy regime only Point-Point transition takes place
- Cigar-Cigar transition only happens in the large anisotropy regime.

# Inflation

- **Inflation:** a phase of accelerated expansion in the early universe  
Widely studied and explored in the classical theory. (Albrecht, Barrow, Guth, Linde, Rothman, Steinhardt, Steigman, Turner...)
- Does anisotropy prevent inflation? Barrow and Turner (81); Steigman and Turner (83)
- Quantum theory of gravity is required (Rothman & Madsen (85), Rothman & Ellis(86)); Anisotropy helps attain more inflation (Maartens, Sahni and Saini (01))
- Inflation in LQC in isotropic spacetime...(Ashtekar, Pawłowski, Singh to appear)  
Isotropic inflation in effective theory studied in detail by Ashtekar & Sloan (09) establishing its inevitability (99.99%); other aspects also studied by Corichi & Karami (10)

# Inflation in Bianchi-I spacetime

Generalized Friedmann equation:  $H^2 = \left(\frac{\dot{a}}{a}\right)^2 = \frac{8\pi G}{3}\rho + \frac{1}{6}\sigma^2$  (1)

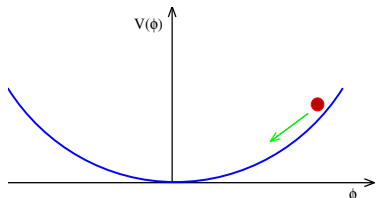
Raychaudhuri equation:  $\frac{\ddot{a}}{a} = -\frac{4\pi G}{3}(\rho + 3P) - \frac{1}{3}\sigma^2$  (2)

where  $a$  is the mean scale factor.

Conservation equation:  $\ddot{\phi} + 3H\dot{\phi} = -V'(\phi)$  (3)

$$\rho = \dot{\phi}^2/2 + V, \quad P = \dot{\phi}^2/2 - V, \quad V = m^2\phi^2/2 \quad (4)$$

$$\frac{\ddot{a}}{a} = -\frac{8\pi G}{3} \left( \dot{\phi}^2 - V(\phi) \right) - \frac{1}{3}\sigma^2 \quad (5)$$



**Slow-roll:**  $V(\phi) \gg \dot{\phi}^2$

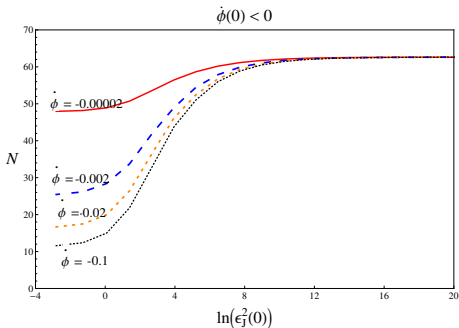
$$\ddot{a} > 0$$

Anisotropy  $\Rightarrow$  Enhanced Hubble friction  $\Rightarrow$  Fast KE decay  $\Rightarrow$  Arrival of slow roll

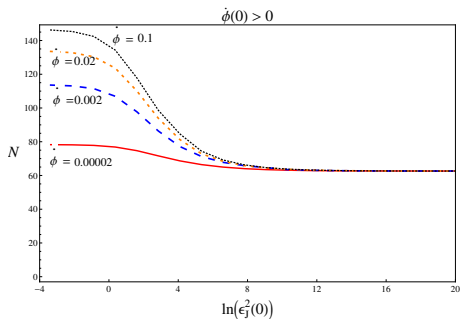
# Amount of inflation: Classical theory

Number of efoldings:  $N = \ln \left( \frac{a_{t_{\text{off}}}}{a_{t_{\text{on}}}} \right) \propto \phi^2$

$|\dot{\phi}(0)| = (2 \cdot 10^{-5}, 2 \cdot 10^{-3}, 2 \cdot 10^{-2}, 0.1) m_{\text{Pl}}^2$ ,  $\phi(0) = 3.14 m_{\text{Pl}}$  and  $\epsilon_J^2 = \sigma^2/4\pi G\rho$



**Figure:** slow-roll starts at a higher value of  $\phi$  as  $\sigma^2(0)$  increases

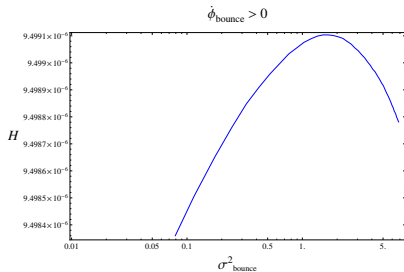
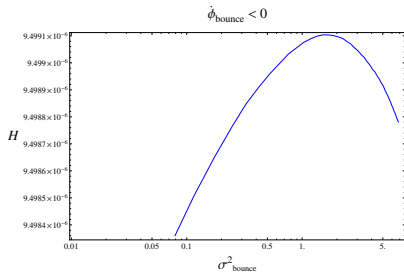


**Figure:** slow-roll starts at a lower value of  $\phi$  as  $\sigma^2(0)$  increases

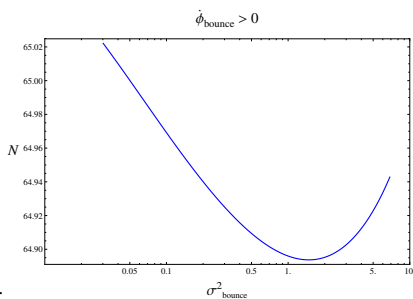
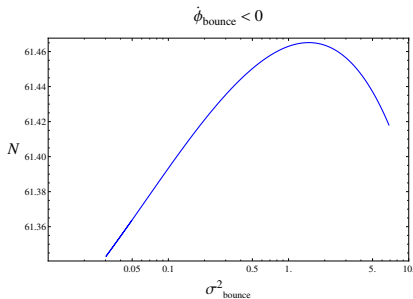
Depending on the initial condition on  $\dot{\phi}$  non-zero anisotropy, monotonically, either enhances or reduces  $N$  in the classical theory.

# Bianchi-I inflation in LQC: amount of inflation

Hubble rate:



Number of e-foldings:



**Maximum number of e-foldings ( $N$ ) for  $\phi(0) = 3.14 m_{\text{Pl}}$  various  $\dot{\phi}(0)$**

$\dot{\phi}(0)$	-0.2	-0.02	-0.002
$N$	42.7503	60.3810	62.3939

$\dot{\phi}(0)$	0.2	0.02	0.002
$N$	71.8433	65.0221	62.8843

Isotropic LQC:

$$\rho_{\text{bounce}} = \rho_{\text{crit}} \Rightarrow \dot{\phi}(0) = -0.905 m_{\text{Pl}}^2$$

$$N_{\text{iso}} = 3.12 \quad \text{for} \quad \phi(0) = 3.14 m_{\text{Pl}} \quad (1)$$

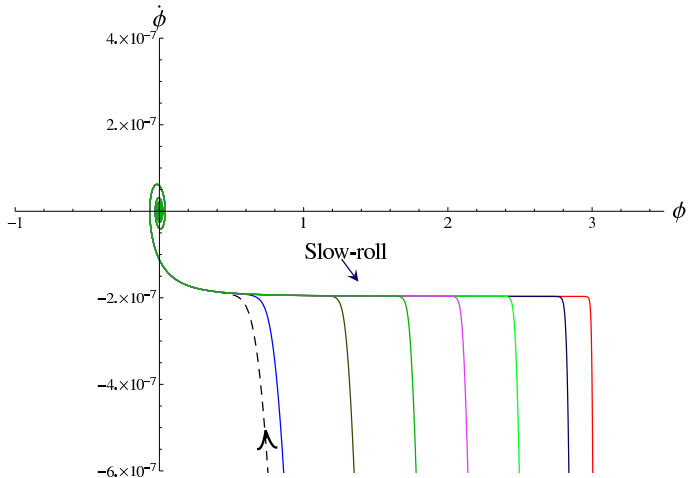
In comparison to the isotropic spacetime, Bianchi-I spacetime generates more e-foldings for the same initial value of the inflaton at the bounce.

In the isotropic spacetime, for  $N \approx 60$ ,  $\phi(0) \approx 5.50 m_{\text{Pl}}$  for an inflaton which is rolling down.

Bianchi-I spacetime widens the window of value of  $\phi(0)$  to generate a given number of e-foldings.



# Phase portrait: LQC



All trajectories meet the slow roll curve in their future evolution.

Slow-roll is an attractor for all these solutions in Bianchi-I spacetime.

# Summary

- There are Kasner transitions across the bounce in Bianchi-I spacetime
- These transitions follow a pattern and depending on anisotropy and matter content some of them are favored- “*selection rule*”
- Inflation takes place irrespective of the initial anisotropic shear
- Anisotropy may enhance or reduce the amount of inflation depending on the initial conditions on the inflaton velocity
- Bianchi-I spacetime widens the window of the value of inflaton at the bounce, for a given number of e-foldings