

The universe as a whole in teleparallel gravity

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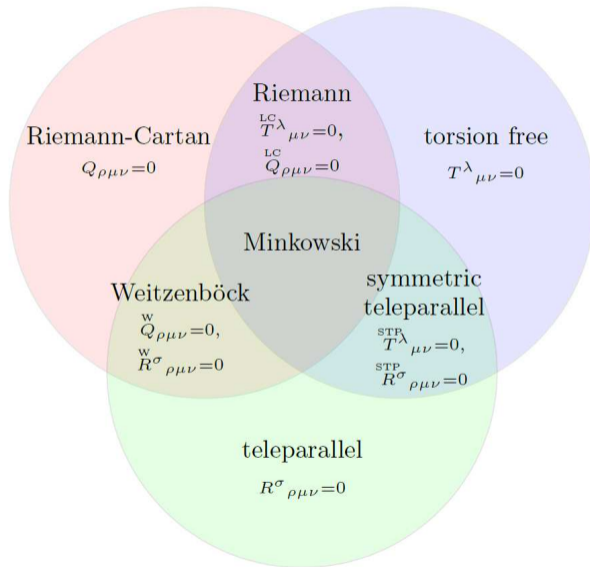
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- Teleparallel cosmology - how to describe the Universe as a whole:
 - Flat cosmology allows for de Sitter attractors [MH, Järv, Ualikhanova '17].
 - Make use of cosmological symmetry in order to find further solutions?
 - Modified Friedmann equations for non-flat models?
 - How to distinguish and exclude models based on cosmological observables?

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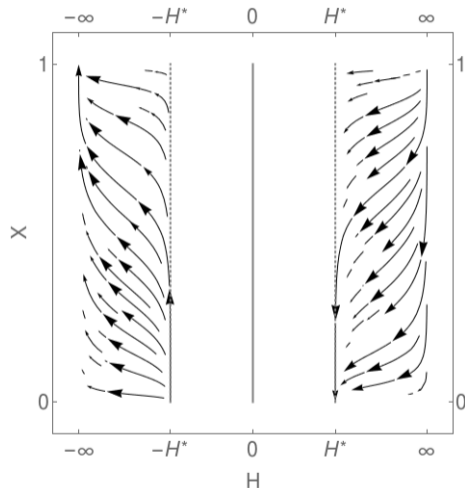
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 - Big bang at $H = \infty, X = 1$.
 - Transition from $\ddot{a} < 0$ to $\ddot{a} > 0$.
 - De Sitter attractor at $H = H^*, X = 0$.
 - Phantom or non-phantom, no crossing.



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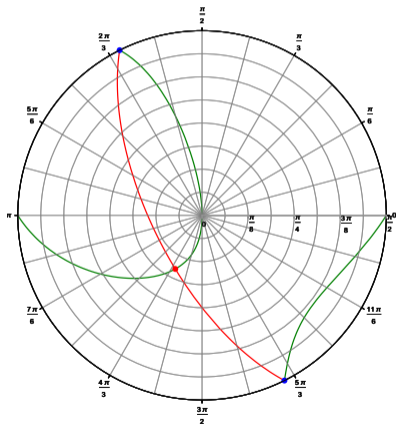
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Gravity in the symmetric teleparallel language

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Quantity mediating gravity	
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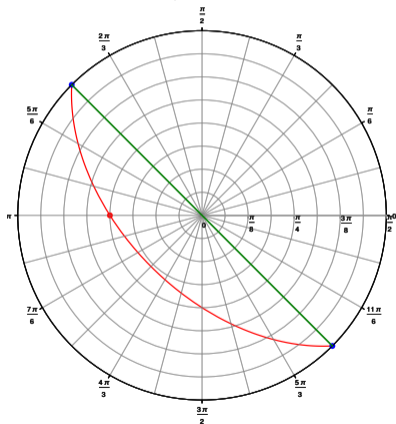
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