

Towards resolving gravitational singularities problem

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Quantum dynamics near singularity

Near the **gravitational singularity**, the classical Hamiltonian simplifies so that the **Schrödinger equation** takes the form:

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