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Why *Quantum* Gravity?

1. All the other fundamental interactions are quantized.
2. The Einstein Field Equation has matter in it.

**Spacetime Curvature = Matter**

3. Singularities of Black Holes and the Big Bang
   (Compare to UV divergence of Rayleigh-Jeans)
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Dark Matter and Dark Energy

- Unexplained gravitational phenomena
  - Dark Energy
  - Dark Matter
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So what is needed?

- Phase Space
- Canonically Conjugate Fields
- Relativistic geometry
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Biconformal Space: A space, formed from the symmetries of the light cone, that contains General Relativity and is special because:

- Derive the structures that make it a relativistic phase space.
- Symplectic form $\rightarrow$ Poisson Bracket
- Time is an emergent property!
- Allows direct characterization of canonically conjugate variables.
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We have general relativity set in a broader framework.
Biconformal Space
Curved Phase Space

Curved Momentum space

- Principle of Relative Locality
- 2+1 Quantum Gravity (regularization)
Thank You