

Particle Dynamics on the Quantum Spacetime

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Prologue : Quantum Gravity

(Geometro-)

Dynamics of Quantum Spacetime

rather than

Quantum Dynamics of (Classical)

Spacetime

Prologue : Geometrodynamics

Spacetime Geometry

Noncommutative G. \Leftrightarrow Quantum Gravity

Non-Euclidean G. \Leftrightarrow Classical Gravity

Real Space central to Classical Mechanics :

— the ‘Why Particle ?’ question

- 3D Euclidean space is *only* the Newtonian *model*

- Newton’s Laws are only definitions

- **Galilean Relativity** is the premises

— *the Physical Space as a representation*

— also phase space, observable algebra, ...

★ mathematics : vector space, topological space,
algebraic (noncommutative) geometry, ...

Relativity Symmetry :

- central to fundamental physics – examples ...
- symmetry of reference frame transformations
- symmetry of physical space(-time) model
- symmetry of (free particle) configuration space
— which is the physical space
- symmetry of (free particle) phase space
- ★ (center of mass for) any system behaves as a free particle

Coset Spaces as Homogeneous Spaces :

— Lie group and Lie algebra

- coset space = **group/subgroup** as a representation
- Lie group \Rightarrow homogeneous spaces, symplectic manifolds

- **Einstein/Poincaré \rightarrow Galilei/Newton ($c \rightarrow \infty$)**

- Minkowski spacetime = $ISO(1, 3)/SO(1, 3)$

$$\{L_{\mu,\nu}, P_{\mu}\}/\{L_{\mu,\nu}\}, \quad [K_i, K_j] \sim \frac{1}{c^2} L_{ij}$$

- Newtonian **space-time** = $G(0, 3)/ISO(0, 3)$, $L_{0,i} \rightarrow K_i$

- Newtonian **phase space** = $G(0, 3)/[SO(0, 3) \times \{T\}]$

$$K_i = mX_i$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} t' \\ x'^i \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & B \\ V^i & R^i_j & A^i \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} t \\ x^j \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} t + B \\ V^i t + R^i_j x^j + A^i \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} dt \\ dx^i \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & b \\ v^i & \omega^i_j & a^i \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} t \\ x^j \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} b \\ v^i t + \omega^i_j x^j + a^i \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

- (3D) physical space : $dx^i = \omega^i_j x^j + \bar{x}^i$
- (3 × 2 D) phase space : also $dp^i = \omega^i_j p^j + \bar{p}^i$
 — displacement in p^i generated by X_i (boosts)

SO(2,4) Noncommutative Geometry :-

cf. Kowalski-Glikman & Smolin ;
Chryssomalakos & Okon ; O.K.

- spacetime position operators $\hat{X}_\mu = \frac{i}{\kappa c} (x_\mu \partial_4 - x_4 \partial_\mu)$

$$[\hat{X}_\mu, \hat{X}_\nu] = \frac{i}{\kappa^2 c^2} M_{\mu\nu}$$

- energy-momentum operators $\hat{P}_\mu = \frac{i}{\ell} (x_\mu \partial_5 - x_5 \partial_\mu)$

$$[\hat{P}_\mu, \hat{P}_\nu] = -\frac{i}{\ell^2} M_{\mu\nu}$$

$$[\hat{X}_\mu, \hat{P}_\nu] = i \eta_{\mu\nu} \hat{F}, \quad [\hat{X}_\mu, \hat{F}] = -\frac{i}{\kappa^2 c^2} \hat{P}_\mu, \quad [\hat{P}_\mu, \hat{F}] = -\frac{i}{\ell^2} \hat{X}_\mu$$

- $i \partial_\mu \ll \kappa c$ and $i \partial_4 = p_4 = \kappa c$: $\hat{X}_\mu \longrightarrow x_\mu$
- $x_\mu \ll \ell$ and $x_5 = -\ell$ ($\rho = 1$) : $\hat{P}_\mu \longrightarrow i \partial_\mu = p_\mu$

Fundamental (Special) Quantum Relativity:

$SO(2, 4)$

- contains **noncommuting** X_μ and P_μ
- contains Lorentz symmetry
- **stable symmetry**, no deformation
- G, \hbar, c in structural constants
- **contractions** as approximations

$$SO(2, 4) \longrightarrow ISO(1, 4) \longrightarrow H_R(1, 3)$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} H_R(1, 3) & \longrightarrow & H_R(3) + \\ (\hbar \downarrow 0) & \downarrow & \downarrow \\ & \left(\frac{1}{c^2} \rightarrow 0 \right) & \\ \text{Einstein(S.R.)} + & \longrightarrow & \text{Newtonian} \end{array}$$

- deformation is ‘inverse’ of **contraction**

Mathematical Scheme :-

relativity symmetry G

group C^* -algebra

unitary irrep. (on \mathcal{H})

topo. cyclic irr. $*$ -rep

– coherent states from G/H – $\alpha(p, x)$ with \star -product

$\mathcal{P}(\mathcal{H})$ as space(time)

algebra of observables

Hamiltonian flows

‘Heisenberg’ flows

$\phi(p, x) \leftrightarrow$ (Wigner) $\rho(p, x) \Leftarrow$ GNS construction

∞ Kähler z_n

NC $\hat{X} = x\star, \hat{P} = p\star$

G/H commutative : $\phi(p, x) \rightarrow \delta(p, x), \hat{X} = x, \hat{P} = p$

‘Heisenberg’ \rightarrow Poisson

Observables, Dynamics, Phase Space, all from Symmetry :

i.e. $H(3) \rtimes (SO(3) \times T) = \tilde{G}(3)$

- algebraic formulation from observables
- Connes' noncommutative geometry $(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{H}, \mathcal{D})$
- $C^*(H(3)) \longrightarrow \mathcal{A}$ left regular rep.
 $\alpha(p^i, x^i) \longrightarrow \alpha(p^i, x^i)_\star = \alpha(p^{i_\star}, x^{i_\star})$
- group C^* -algebra $C^*(H(3)) \longleftarrow C^*(\tilde{G}(3))$
- topological irreducible rep. from $H(3)$ on \mathcal{H}
- unitary flows \leftrightarrow automorphisms $U_{\star} \alpha_\star \bar{U}_\star$
 $H(3) \rtimes (SO(3) \times T) = \tilde{G}(3)$ — spin 0 rep.
- $\frac{d}{ds} \alpha = \frac{1}{i\hbar} \{ \alpha, G_s \}_\star \iff \frac{d}{ds} \alpha_\star = [\alpha_\star, G_{s_\star}]$

- Weyl-Wigner (WWGM) from coherent state basis
 - $C^*(H(\mathfrak{3})) \longrightarrow \mathcal{H}$ from $\text{Tr}[\rho_o \cdot]$
 - $\rho \sim \phi \star \bar{\phi}$ ($\rho_o \sim \phi_o$); $\text{Tr} \longrightarrow \int d\mu$ (\leftarrow group metric)
 - $\alpha(p^i, x^i) \star$ on $\mathcal{H} = \{\alpha \star \phi_o(p^i, x^i); \alpha \in L^2(p^i, x^i)\}$
- $C(p^{i\star}, x^{i\star})$: operators as **nc coordinates** (?)
- **Geometry** : (?) Dirac operator $\mathcal{D} \sim (ds)^{-1}$ on \mathcal{H}
 - typical example : sections of spin bundle on manifold
 - $(p^{i\star}, x^{i\star})$ **metric**(?) Vs **Kähler metric** on “ \mathcal{H} ” ($\subset \mathcal{A}$)
- \mathcal{A} as $C(X)$ — X : unit ball in \mathcal{H}^* , compact Hausdorff
- \mathcal{A} as $C(H(\mathfrak{3}))^*$ — space of irrep. , not Hausdorff

Relativity Contraction as Dequantization :

→ Newtonian limit (**Poisson algebra**; **KvN Hilbert space**)

• $\mathcal{H} \rightarrow \mathcal{H}_{KvN} \sim (p^i, x^i)$ reduces to **1-D reps.**

• $\alpha(p^i, x^i)_\star \rightarrow \alpha(p^i, x^i)$; $C^*(H(\mathbb{3})) \rightarrow C(p^i, x^i)$

• **Tomita rep. $L^2(p^i, x^i)$ of mixed states +**

— $\rho(p^i, x^i)$ as wavefunctions (self-dual real cone)

extra operators — $\tilde{G}_s = G_s \star - \star G_s$

→ all $G_s(p^i, x^i)$ diagonal

but $\tilde{G}_s \rho = \{\tilde{G}_s, \rho\}_\star \rightarrow$ **Hamiltonian vector field**

→ **correct limit under Heisenberg picture dynamics**

Relativity for Simple Quantum Mechanics :

- need $[X_i, P_j] = i(\hbar) \delta_{ij} I$

— I as central charge, commutes with all

- Heisenberg-Weyl \subset extended Galileo

- (configuration) space coset : $\tilde{G}(3)/[ISO(3) \times \{T\}]$

$$\begin{pmatrix} dx^i \\ d\theta \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \omega_j^i & 0 & \bar{x}^i \\ \bar{p}_j & 0 & \bar{\theta} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x^j \\ \theta \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \omega_j^i x^j + \bar{x}^i \\ \bar{p}_j x^j + \bar{\theta} \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

★ θ as coordinates ?!

Quantum Phase Space from Coherent States :

$$|p^i, x^i\rangle \equiv e^{-i\theta} U(p^i, x^i, \theta) |0, 0\rangle$$

— $U(p^i, x^i, \theta) \equiv e^{i(p^i \hat{X}_i - x^i \hat{P}_i + \theta \hat{I})}$ as unitary rep. of HW group

- \hat{X}_i translates p^i and \hat{P}_i translates x^i
- overcomplete basis \longrightarrow (abstract) Hilbert space \mathcal{H}
- wavefunctions $\phi(p^i, x^i)$: — not delta function
- Gaussian centered on (p^i, x^i) , minimal uncertainty
- x^i and p^i are *only* expectation values
- $|0, 0\rangle$ explicit — ground state of SHO
- the ‘classical states’ described in QM

Coset to Coherent States :

- point on coset space $(p^i, x^i, \theta) \leftrightarrow e^{i\theta} |p^i, x^i\rangle$
 - transformations of coset \longrightarrow unitary rep. on \mathcal{H}

- works also for (configuration) space

$$|x^i\rangle \equiv e^{-i\theta} U'(x^i, \theta) |0\rangle$$

- $U'(x^i, \theta) \equiv e^{i(-x^i \hat{P}_i + \theta \hat{I})}$ from subgroup generated by $\{P_i, I\}$
- results on coset $\Rightarrow |x^i\rangle$ as eigenstate of \hat{X}_i
- the Hilbert space as physical space for QM

Classical Limit — $\hbar \rightarrow 0$ approximation :

- classical symmetry as approximation

— symmetry (algebra) contraction, rep. contracts

- on cosets I decouples : $[X_i, P_j] \rightarrow 0$

— $d\theta = \bar{\theta}$, dx^i and dp^i θ -independent

- Hilbert space \rightarrow sum of 1-D subspaces

— *i.e.* only coherent states, no superpositions

— but set of coherent states \leftrightarrow coset space

$$X_i^c = \frac{1}{k} X_i \text{ and } P_i^c = \frac{1}{k} P_i \text{ with } k \rightarrow \infty \left(\frac{1}{k^2} \sim \hbar \right)$$

$$[X_i^c, P_j^c] = \frac{i}{k^2} \delta_{ij} I \rightarrow 0$$

— group parameters (also cosets) : $p_c^i = k p^i$ and $x_c^i = k x^i$

$$\begin{pmatrix} dp_c^i \\ dx_c^i \\ d\theta \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \omega_j^i & 0 & 0 & \bar{p}_c^i \\ 0 & \omega_j^i & 0 & \bar{x}_c^i \\ -\frac{1}{2k^2} \bar{x}_{cj} & \frac{1}{2k^2} \bar{p}_{cj} & 0 & \bar{\theta} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} p_c^j \\ x_c^j \\ \theta \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} dx_c^i \\ d\theta \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \omega_j^i & 0 & \bar{x}_c^i \\ \frac{1}{k^2} \bar{p}_{cj} & 0 & \bar{\theta} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_c^j \\ \theta \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

— only $d\theta = \bar{\theta}$, $dx_c^i = \omega_j^i x_c^j + \bar{x}_c^i$, $dp_c^i = \omega_j^i p_c^j + \bar{p}_c^i$ (Newtonian)

for the coherent states : $\tilde{p}_i^c = \sqrt{\hbar}p_i$ and $\tilde{x}_i^c = \sqrt{\hbar}x_i$

$$\langle \tilde{p}_i'^c, \tilde{x}_i'^c | \hat{X}_i^c | \tilde{p}_i^c, \tilde{x}_i^c \rangle = \frac{(\tilde{x}_i'^c + \tilde{x}_i^c) - i(\tilde{p}_i'^c - \tilde{p}_i^c)}{2} \langle \tilde{p}_i'^c, \tilde{x}_i'^c | \tilde{p}_i^c, \tilde{x}_i^c \rangle$$

$$\langle \tilde{p}_i'^c, \tilde{x}_i'^c | \hat{P}_i^c | \tilde{p}_i^c, \tilde{x}_i^c \rangle = \frac{(\tilde{p}_i'^c + \tilde{p}_i^c) + i(\tilde{x}_i'^c - \tilde{x}_i^c)}{2} \langle \tilde{p}_i'^c, \tilde{x}_i'^c | \tilde{p}_i^c, \tilde{x}_i^c \rangle$$

$$\langle \tilde{p}_i'^c, \tilde{x}_i'^c | \tilde{p}_i^c, \tilde{x}_i^c \rangle = \exp \left[i \frac{\tilde{x}_i'^c \tilde{p}_i^c - \tilde{p}_i'^c \tilde{x}_i^c}{2\hbar} \right] \exp \left[-\frac{(\tilde{x}_i'^c - \tilde{x}_i^c)^2 + (\tilde{p}_i'^c - \tilde{p}_i^c)^2}{4\hbar} \right]$$

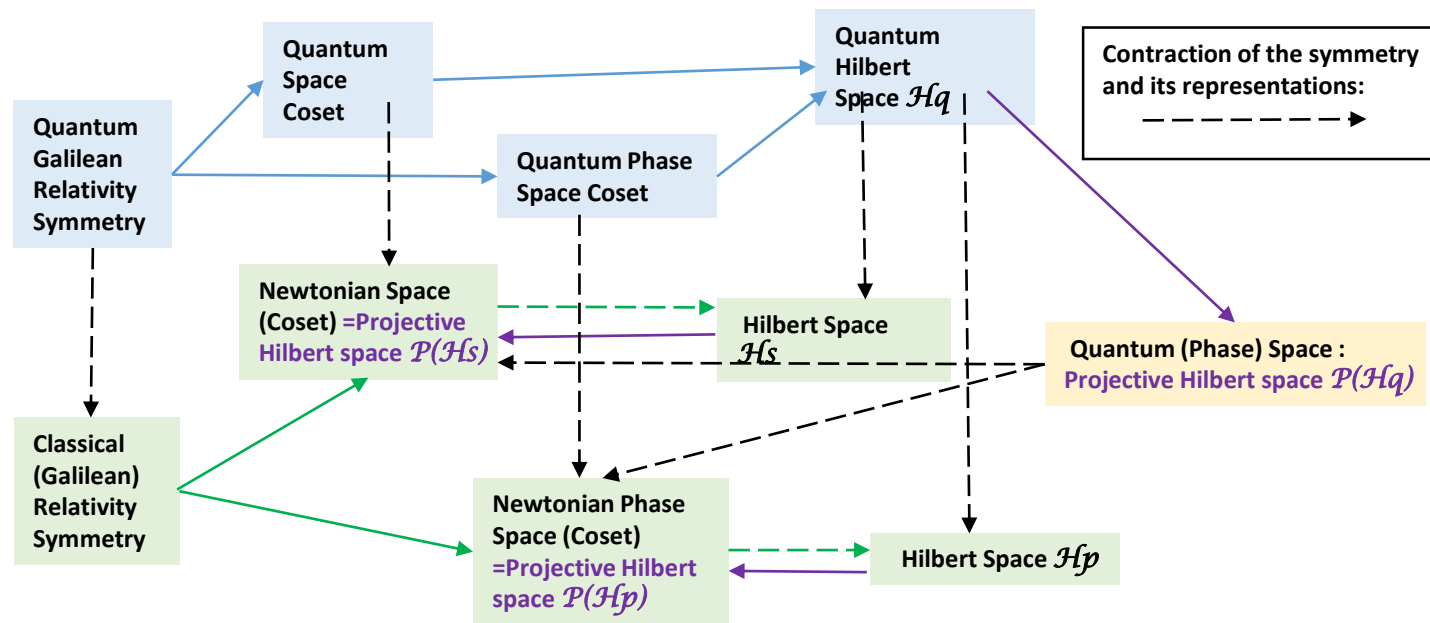
$$\langle \tilde{p}_i^c, \tilde{x}_i^c | \tilde{p}_i^c, \tilde{x}_i^c \rangle = 1$$

$\exp [\cdot] \rightarrow e^{-\infty} = 0 \quad \implies \hat{X}_i^c$ and \hat{P}_i^c diagonal on $|\tilde{p}_i^c, \tilde{x}_i^c\rangle$

— eigenstates of all observables (rep. reducible)

$|x_i\rangle \rightarrow |\tilde{x}_i^c\rangle$ also eigenstates of all observables

Quantum Model of the Physical Space



Quantum Mechanics is Particle Dynamics on the Quantum Space

Newtonian Space is only a model of our physical space, the model behind Newtonian mechanics. Our quantum relativity approach gives a quantum model of the physical space as behind quantum mechanics which allows as intuitive a description for quantum theory as the classical theory.

A Quantum Space behind Simple Quantum Mechanics

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Quantum Mechanics

can and should be seen as

Particle Dynamics on the Quantum Space

rather than

Quantized Dynamics on the Newtonian space

Phase Space as Physical Spacetime :-

- Quantum : **NC coordinates** *or* **∞ -real numbers**
- **metric** : $dx^2 + dp^2$ — proper **units (Planck ?)**
familiar — $x \gg 1$ and $p \ll 1$

‘spacetime’ & energy-momentum

→ SPACETIME

(Einstein : space & time → ‘spacetime’)

Another Look at the ∞ -D Space :

— quantum phase space is ∞ -D symplectic manifold

- with an orthonormal basis

$$|\phi\rangle = \sum (q_n + ip_n)|n\rangle = \sum q_n|n\rangle + \sum p_n|(i)n\rangle$$

— (q_n, p_n) gives a set of $2n$ real coordinates

- **Schrödinger equation** $i\hbar \frac{d}{dt}|\phi\rangle = \hat{H}|\phi\rangle$ is equivalent to

$$\frac{d}{dt}q_n = \frac{\partial}{\partial p_n}H(p_n, q_n), \quad \frac{d}{dt}p_n = -\frac{\partial}{\partial q_n}H(p_n, q_n)$$

$$\text{with } H(p_n, q_n) = \frac{2}{\hbar} \langle \phi | \hat{H} | \phi \rangle$$

- q_n gives a set of ∞ coordinates for the physical space ??
- **BUT rep. irreducible** – unlike classical case

Geometry — metric and curvature :

— story of projective Hilbert space (CP^∞)

- a **Kähler manifold** with hol. sect. curvature of $\frac{2}{\hbar}$
- symplectic Vs (FS) metric — $\omega = g(JX, Y)$; $J^2 = -1$
- $g \rightarrow$ dispersion structure for **uncertainty**
- **Kählerian function as observables**
— **Hamiltonian flows** that preserve Kähler structure
- $\cos D_{FS} = |\langle \psi | \phi \rangle| \rightarrow$ coherent states : $ds^2 = dp^2 + dx^2$
- caution : $\mathcal{H} \rightarrow$ sections of $U(1)$ bundle

The Physical World is *Quantum* !

we (still) describe Quantum Mechanics
with *Classical Concepts*

Intuitive Concepts *are not* Classical !

- Quantum Concepts *no less Intuitive*
- the Classical ones *only more familiar*

the main culprit : ‘Quine’s *convenient fiction*’ – real numbers

NEW PICTURE OF QUANTUM PHYSICS :

- Newtonian space (**3D Euclidean space**) model is the **classical approximation** of the quantum space model, **as the contraction limit** of the quantum relativity symmetry
- the **quantum physical space** can be described as **∞ -D Kähler manifold** or a **6 ‘dimensional’ noncommutative geometry**
- a quantum **particle has a location** given by a **point** in the quantum physical space, coordinates of which can be **determined (in principle) with arbitrary precision**

- fixing a state fixed values of all observables **without uncertainty**
- **value** of an observable should be seen as **an infinite set of real numbers, or a noncommutative number, a piece of quantum information** about the system
- **uncertainties** as in the Heisenberg uncertainty principle **apply only to the best single real number value description** of an observable
- **Born probability is only** a statement **about results of von Neumann (eigenvalue-answered) measurement, a consequence of decoherence** induced by the measuring process

More Concluding Remarks :

- **understanding the spacetime** — key issue in physics
- need to go **beyond classical models**
 - **Lie group for relativity symmetry** amazingly powerful
- quantum geometry = noncommutative geometry
 - starting from the simplest and most solid** — Q.M.
- **? quantum field theory** says about spacetime
 - one system, quantum fields as degrees of freedom
- ★ **quantum measurement deals with quantum information**
 - a change of perspective similar to Copernicus' ?

THANK YOU !