

De Sitter, Lorentzian, and  
Noncommutative Geometries  
*in Quantum Relativity*

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## Symmetry of “Space-Time” : -

Galilean Relativity

**Einstein Relativity** — special and general

**Special Quantum Relativity**

*or* Doubly (Triply) / Deformed Special Relativity

..... General Quantum Relativity  $\implies$  Quantum Gravity +

## Fundamental Constants —

$$c, \quad \hbar, \quad G \text{ (} \ell_{\text{Pl}} \text{ or } M_{\text{Pl}} \text{)}, \quad \Lambda \text{ (} \ell_c \text{)}.$$

What is the **Planck Scale** ?

$$\Delta M(L) = \frac{\hbar}{cL}$$

— there is a maximum (Schwarzschild) mass for  $L$ ,  $\frac{c^2 L}{G}$

Set the two equal  $\longrightarrow \ell_{\text{Pl}}$

..... when measured in different reference frames ?

**special (Einstein) relativity** makes  $c$  frame independent  
**quantum relativity** makes  $\ell_{\text{Pl}}$  or  $M_{\text{Pl}}$ , (also  $\ell_c$ ) frame independent

## Bibliographical Background :-

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*also* C.N. Yang — PR 72 (1947), 874

G. Amelino-Camelia — *since* PL B510 (2001), 255

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J. Kowalski-Glikman — LNP 669 (2004), 131 + .....

Girelli & Livine — [gr-qc/0412004](#), [gr-qc/0407098](#)

E. Witten / A. Strominger — quantum de-Sitter gravity/duality

H.Y. Guo *et.al.* — de Sitter special relativity

## My Basic Perspectives :-

— on issues related to Quantum Space-Time

- need new understanding of “Space-Time” (relativity principle)
- within Space-Time Geometry

Non-Commutative Geometry *is to* Quantum Gravity  
*as* Non-Euclidean Geometry *is to* (Einstein) Gravity

- I don't share the *faith* (Penrose) — Quantum Field Theory, on (Minkowski/Einstein) Space-Time, perspective would be valid way beyond the experimentally probed energy/length scale

— **Linear** (Vs Nonlinear) **Realization**

- **an exploration into new ways to think about fundamental physics**
- withhold phenomenological discussions

## A Stable Symmetry :-

R.V. Mendes (1994)

Chryssomalakos & Okon (2004)

- perturbations (deformations) of a symmetry algebra
- stable if deformed algebras isomorphic to original
- structure constants perturbations (experimental errors)

- Examples —

1/ Galilean to Einstein Relativity ( $1/c^2 \neq 0$ )

2/ classical to quantum mechanics ( $\hbar \neq 0$ )

Poisson bracket  $\implies$  Moyal bracket

- deformation parameters  $\longrightarrow$  fundamental constants

## Space-Time + Quantum Symmetry

'Poincaré + Heisenberg' algebra  $\implies$   $SO(1,5)$

## Quantum Relativity $SO(1, 5)$ :-

$$[J_{AB}, J_{LN}] = i (\eta_{BL} J_{AN} - \eta_{AL} J_{BN} + \eta_{AN} J_{BL} - \eta_{BN} J_{AL})$$

with  $\eta^{AB} = (1, -1, -1, -1, -1, -1)$ .

- linear realization on 6-geometry —  $J_{AB} = i (x_A \partial_B - x_B \partial_A)$
- $J_{AB}$  for  $0 \rightarrow 3$  are the 10 generator for Lorentz symmetry  $M_{\mu\nu}$
- NOT necessarily means extra space-time dimensions
- 3 deformations —  $ISO(3) \rightarrow SO(1, 3) \hookrightarrow ISO(1, 3)$   
 $\rightarrow SO(1, 4) \hookrightarrow ISO(1, 4) \rightarrow SO(1, 5)$
- 3 invariant quantities :  $c \quad \kappa \quad \ell$  (triply SR)
- curved momentum space  $\implies$  non-commutative space-time  
 + curved space-time  $\implies$  non-commutative momentum space

## The Three Deformations :-

$\Delta x^i(t) = v^i \cdot t$	$\Delta x^\mu(\sigma) = p^\mu \cdot \sigma$	$\Delta x^A(\rho) = z^A \cdot \rho$
$ v^i  \leq c$	$ p^\mu  \leq \kappa c$	$ z^A  \leq \ell$
$-\eta_{ij} v^i v^j = c^2 \left(1 - \frac{1}{\gamma^2}\right)$	$\eta_{\mu\nu} p^\mu p^\nu = \kappa^2 c^2 \left(1 - \frac{1}{\Gamma^2}\right)$	$\eta_{AB} z^A z^B = \ell^2 \left(1 - \frac{1}{G^2}\right)$
$M_{0i} \equiv N_i \sim P_i$ $[N_i, N_j] \longrightarrow -i M_{ij}$	$J_{\mu 4} \equiv O_\mu \sim P_\mu$ $[O_\mu, O_\nu] \longrightarrow i M_{\mu\nu}$	$J_{A5} \equiv O'_A \sim P_A$ $[O'_A, O'_B] \longrightarrow i J_{AB}$
$\vec{u}^4 = \frac{\gamma}{c}(c, v^i)$ $\eta_{\mu\nu} u^\mu u^\nu = 1$ $\mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow SO(1, 3)/SO(3)$	$\vec{\pi}^5 = \frac{\Gamma}{\kappa c}(p^\mu, \kappa c)$ $\eta_{AB} \pi^A \pi^B = -1$ $\mathbb{R}^4 \rightarrow SO(1, 4)/SO(1, 3)$	$\vec{X}^6 = \frac{G}{\ell}(z^A, \ell)$ $\eta_{MN} X^M X^N = -1$ $\mathbb{R}^5 \rightarrow SO(1, 5)/SO(1, 4)$

- 4-momentum is defined by  $p^\mu = \frac{dx^\mu}{d\sigma}$
- $z^A = \frac{dx^A}{d\rho}$  is chosen as a length
- without the  $p^\mu$  deformation,  $X^M$  are just alternative coordinates of a de-Sitter space-time
- no  $\hookrightarrow ISO(1, 5)$  : naive translations no longer symmetries



## $dS_5$ as Hypersurface in Minkowski 6-Geometry :-

$$x^{\mathcal{M}} \quad (\mathcal{M} = 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5)$$

$$\bullet x^0 = ct$$

$$\bullet x^4 = \kappa c \sigma \quad \text{---} \sigma \sim \frac{[\text{time}]}{[\text{mass}]}$$

$$\bullet x^5 = \ell \rho \quad \text{---} \rho \text{ is a pure number}$$

$$dS_5 : \quad \eta_{\mathcal{M}\mathcal{N}} x^{\mathcal{M}} x^{\mathcal{N}} = -\ell^2$$

$$x^A = \ell \omega^A \sinh \zeta, \quad x^5 = \ell \cosh \zeta, \quad \eta_{AB} \omega^A \omega^B = 1$$

$$\bullet \quad G = \cosh \zeta, \quad z^A = \ell \omega^A \tanh \zeta, \quad \gamma^A = \frac{z^A}{\ell} = \omega^A \tanh \zeta$$

$$\bullet \text{ Beltrami (5-)coordinates} \quad \text{---} \quad z^A = \ell \frac{x^A}{x^5}$$

on the Beltrami patch  $x^5 = \ell G > 0$   $G^2(1 - \gamma^2) = 1$

## Lorentzian 5-vectors :-

- the 5D metric  $g_{AB} = G^2 \eta_{AB} + \frac{G^4}{\ell^2} \eta_{AC} \eta_{BD} z^C z^D$

- Lorentzian 5-coordinate  $Z_A^{(\mathcal{L})} = G^{-4} z_A = \eta_{AB} z^B$

- Lorentzian 5-momentum  $[Z_A^{(\mathcal{L})}, q_B] = -i \eta_{AB}, \quad (q_A \equiv i \frac{\partial}{\partial z^A})$

$$P_A^{(\mathcal{L})} = q_A - Z_A^{(\mathcal{L})} \frac{1}{\ell^2} (\eta^{BC} Z_B^{(\mathcal{L})} q_C)$$

- quantum relativity algebra —

$$J_{MN} = Z_M^{(\mathcal{L})} P_N^{(\mathcal{L})} - Z_N^{(\mathcal{L})} P_M^{(\mathcal{L})}$$

$$(P_5^{(\mathcal{L})} \equiv 0) \quad \longrightarrow \quad J_{A5} = \ell P_A^{(\mathcal{L})} \quad \text{noncommutative !}$$

$$\longrightarrow \quad q_5 = -\frac{1}{\ell} (\eta^{BC} Z_B^{(\mathcal{L})} q_C) \quad \text{— scale transformation generator}$$

## Non-commutative (Space-Time) Geometry :-

cf. Kowalski-Glikman & Smolin  
Chryssomalakos & Okon

- (four) space-time position operators  $\hat{X}_\mu = -\frac{1}{\kappa c} i (x_\mu \partial_4 - x_4 \partial_\mu)$

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

- (four) energy-momentum operators  $\hat{P}_\mu = \frac{1}{\ell} i (x_\mu \partial_5 - x_5 \partial_\mu)$

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

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

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

## De Sitter Momentum Boosts ( with $\hat{X}_\mu$ ) :-

$$J_{\mu 4} = i (x_\mu \partial_4 - x_4 \partial_\mu)$$

— rotations among  $x_\mu$ 's and  $x_4 = -\kappa c \sigma$

★  $\sigma$  is peculiar — (*doubt* space-time interpretation !)

• boost characterized by  $p^\mu$ , hence  $\sim$  mass (**quantum frames**)

•  $p^\mu = \frac{dx^\mu}{d\sigma}$  Vs  $m c u^\mu = \gamma m c \frac{dx^\mu}{dx^0}$  ( as Einstein/classical limit )  
 $\sigma \longrightarrow \frac{\tau}{m}$  for an Einstein particle

• general transformation — **on-shell** condition not preserved  
 classical to quantum frame, **uncertainty** : observer to observed

• preferred frame for a quantum state :  $\vec{\pi}^5 = (0, 0, 0, 0, 1)$

**the reference frame does not see its own 4-momentum/mass**

## Quantum Frame of Reference :-

Aharonov & Kaufherr, PR 30, 368  
C. Rovelli, Class.Quantum.Grav. 8, 317

- context: nonrelativistic QM / gravitation
- characterized by *mass* (together with  $v + \dots$ )
- interaction of frame (observer/device) with observed  
— observation has nontrivial effect on observer
- uncertainty principle on frame (observer/device)  
→ uncertainty on observed
- grav. — local gauge inv. observables obtained after dynamic properties of frame (observer/device) taken into consideration

★ *Is there such a thing as a practical quantum measurement ?*

## De Sitter Translational Boosts ( with $P_a^{(\mathcal{L})}$ ) :-

$$J_{A5} = i (x_A \partial_5 - x_5 \partial_A)$$

— rotations among  $x_A$ 's and  $x_5 = -\ell \rho$

- $\rho$  may characterize the scale
- boost characterized by  $z^A$ , a location vector  
sort of a translation
- preferred frame for a state :  $\vec{X}^6 = (0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 1)$   
the reference frame does not see its own location  
—  $(0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 1)$  characterizes the coordinate origin  $z^A = 0$
- ★ a reference frame does not observe itself (no  $v^i, p^\mu, z^A = 0$ )
- Beltrami description *preserves* physics of 5-momentum constraint

## De Sitter, Lorentzian, Noncommutative, .....

- Beltrami (5-)coordinates give geodesic as inertial motion

- equivalent to  $\frac{dP_{(\mathcal{L})}^A}{ds} = 0$  or  $G^2 \frac{dz^A}{ds} = 0$

- $P_A^{(\mathcal{L})} = q_A - Z_A^{(\mathcal{L})} \frac{1}{\ell^2} (\eta^{BC} Z_B^{(\mathcal{L})} q_C) = \frac{1}{\ell} (x_A p_5 - x_5 p_A)$

$$\implies \hat{P}_\mu = P_\mu^{(\mathcal{L})} \quad \text{and} \quad \hat{F} = -i \eta_{\mu\nu} \left( -\frac{1}{\kappa c} P_4^{(\mathcal{L})} \right)$$

### ★ dS<sub>5</sub> in 6D — linear realization of quantum relativity

- the 6th coordinate like a scale
- Beltrami 5-coordinate having some Lorentzian structure
- noncommutative “4D” description

## Remarks :-

- (*bottom line*) an interesting, radical but sensible, approach
- primitive stage — difficult to make (and identify) progress
- need creative but careful thinking about ‘physics’ *beyond* usual framework (e.g. new causality-like conditions)
- job for Einstein — hope we can make minor steps

“ The chief cause of my failure was my clinging to the idea that the variable  $t$  only can be considered as the true time and my local  $t'$  must . . . . . In Einstein’s theory, . . . . .  $t'$  plays the same part as  $t$  . . . . .”

*The Theory of Electrons* (1916 ed.) — Lorentz ( from A.I. Miller)



**THANK YOU !**