

Quantum Relativity

*and*

*Quantum Spacetime*

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## Reference Frame Transformations :-

- $\longleftrightarrow$  **Relativity Symmetry**  
— spacetime symmetry/reference frame
- physical/**quantum frame** Vs absolute/classical frame  
— **relative ‘uncertainty’ / entanglement**
- example of **quantum spatial translation**  
$$\hat{x}_B^{(A)} \longrightarrow -\hat{x}_A^{(B)}, \quad \hat{x}_C^{(A)} \longrightarrow \hat{x}_C^{(B)} - \hat{x}_A^{(B)},$$
$$\hat{p}_B^{(A)} \longrightarrow -(\hat{p}_A^{(B)} + \hat{p}_C^{(B)}), \quad \hat{p}_C^{(A)} \longrightarrow \hat{p}_C^{(B)}.$$
- **quantum model of space**(time) — the phase space

## Unitary Q Spatial Translation :-

— generated by  $\hat{p}_C$

●  $e^{i\alpha_B \hat{p}_C} \rightarrow e^{i\hat{x}_B^{(A)} \hat{p}_C^{(A)}} \rightarrow \hat{S}_x = \hat{\mathcal{P}}_{AB} e^{i\hat{x}_B^{(A)} \hat{p}_C^{(A)}}$  *Giacomini et.al. 19*

—  $\hat{\mathcal{P}}_{AB} : |x\rangle_B \otimes |y\rangle_C \rightarrow |-x\rangle_A \otimes |y\rangle_C$  ,  $\hat{x}_B^{(A)} \rightarrow -\hat{x}_A^{(B)}$

$$\mathcal{H}_B^{(A)} \otimes \mathcal{H}_C^{(A)} \rightarrow \mathcal{H}_A^{(B)} \otimes \mathcal{H}_C^{(B)}$$

● but  $\hat{x}_B^{(A)}$  generates  $\hat{p}_B^{(A)}$  momentum translation

● Schrödinger picture : on  $\mathcal{H}_A \otimes \mathcal{H}_B \otimes \mathcal{H}_C$

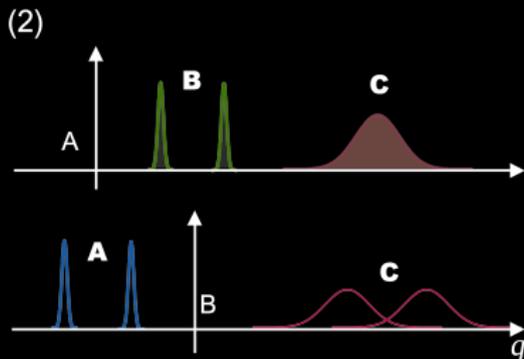
$$\hat{U}_x = \hat{\mathcal{S}}_{AB}^w \hat{I}_A \otimes \int dx' dy' |-x'\rangle\langle x'|_B \otimes |y' - x'\rangle\langle y'|_C$$

$$\hat{\mathcal{S}}_{AB}^w : |z\rangle_A \otimes |x\rangle_B \otimes |y\rangle_C \rightarrow |x\rangle_A \otimes |z\rangle_B \otimes |y\rangle_C$$

for  $|\psi\rangle = |\emptyset\rangle_A \otimes \int dx dy \psi(x, y) |x\rangle_B \otimes |y\rangle_C$

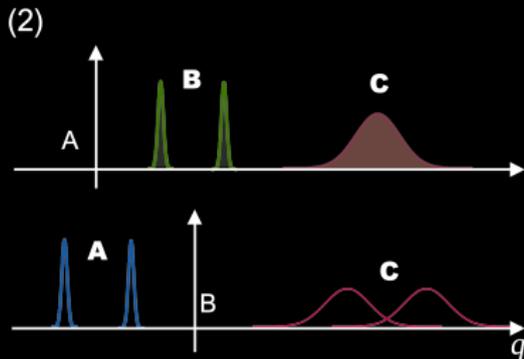
$$\hat{U}_x |\psi\rangle = \int dx dy \psi(x, y + x) |-x\rangle_A \otimes |\emptyset\rangle_B \otimes |y\rangle_C$$

## The 4 scenarios: Case 2



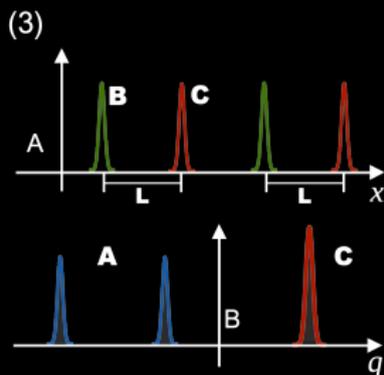
$$\begin{aligned}
 & |\emptyset\rangle_A \otimes \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|x_1\rangle + |x_2\rangle)_B \otimes \int dy \psi(y) |y\rangle_C \\
 & \rightarrow \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left( | -x_1 \rangle_A \otimes |\emptyset\rangle_B \otimes \int dy \psi(y) |y - x_1\rangle_C \right. \\
 & \quad \left. + | -x_2 \rangle_A \otimes |\emptyset\rangle_B \otimes \int dy \psi(y) |y - x_2\rangle_C \right)
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# The 4 scenarios: Case 3



$$\begin{aligned}
 &|\emptyset\rangle_A \otimes (c|x_1\rangle + s|x_2\rangle)_B \otimes (c|y_0 + x_1\rangle + s|y_0 + x_2\rangle)_C \\
 &\longrightarrow (c| -x_1\rangle + s| -x_2\rangle)_A \otimes |\emptyset\rangle_B \otimes |y_0\rangle_C
 \end{aligned}$$

## Distance Translated (A-frame to B-frame) ?

an *Noncommutative Value* :-

- classical  $e^{i\mathbf{x}_B \hat{p}_C}$ : translation by  $\mathbf{x}_B$

— say  $x_B^i = 2$ ,  $x_C^f = x_C^i - 2$ ,  $x_A^f = -2$

- quantum :  $[\hat{x}_B]_\phi^i$  as the value

$$[\hat{x}_C]_{\phi'}^f = [\hat{x}_C]_\phi^i - [\hat{x}_B]_\phi^i, \quad [\hat{x}_A]_{\phi'}^f = -[\hat{x}_B]_\phi^i$$

—  $[\hat{x}_B]_\phi^i$  contains full quantum information of position

- evaluation  $\hat{O} \rightarrow [\hat{O}]_\phi$  : *algebraic homomorphism*

## Quantum Relativity Principle :-

- Penrose : Relativity Principle  $\rightarrow \otimes \leftarrow$  Quantum
- Heisenberg picture –  $\hat{x}$  and  $\hat{p}$  as coordinates  
— Noncommutative Geometry for Spacetime
- Rel. Sym.  $\leftarrow$  Quantum Ref. Frame Transformations  
— *e.g.* translation by the NC value of  $\hat{x}_A - \hat{x}_B$  (ans. Penrose)
- Quantum Gravity as General Quantum Relativity

## Schrödinger Formulation :-

- ‘equivalent’ — only in Euclidean coordinates
- conceptually : old quantum theory thinking
- $\phi(x) \equiv \langle x|\phi\rangle$  :  $|\phi\rangle = \int dx |x\rangle\langle x|\phi\rangle = \sum_x \phi(x)|x\rangle$ 
  - a set of coordinates on Hilbert space
  - ??? configuration variables for a particle
- curvilinear  $\hat{x}^i$  as  $x^i$ , no momentum vector
  - metric loses its meaning in particle dynamics

## Heisenberg & Dirac 1925/26 :-

— classical to quantum

only needs a new kinematic

- **H** : physical quantities *not* real number variables
- Quine : real number as ‘convenient fiction’
- **D** : q-number as the new convenient fiction

## Concept of Numbers (in history) :

- $x + 2 = 0$  → negative numbers
- $2x - 1 = 0$  → rational numbers
- $x^2 - 2 = 0$  → real numbers
- $x^2 + 1 = 0$  → complex numbers
- $xy - x - i = 0$  →  $(i, 2), (\frac{1}{i-1}, -i), \dots$
- $xy - yx - 1 = 0$  → noncommutative numbers

★  $\hat{x}\hat{p} - \hat{p}\hat{x} - i\hbar = 0$

needs NC/q-number values for the variables

## Evaluation as an Algebra Homomorphism :-

— real number is *only* an algebraic system

- classical  $[\phi] : f(x_i, p_i) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  (observables have real values)

e.g.  $E = p^2 + x^2 = pp + xx$  (1-D SHO  $m = \frac{1}{2}, k = 2$ )

$$[\phi](x) = 2, [\phi](p) = 3 \quad \implies$$

$$[\phi](E) = [\phi](p^2) + [\phi](x^2) = [\phi](p)[\phi](p) + [\phi](x)[\phi](x) = 13$$

$$[\phi](x_i p_i) = [\phi](x_i)[\phi](p_i) = [\phi](p_i)[\phi](x_i) = [\phi](p_i x_i)$$

- quantum  $[\phi] : \beta(\hat{x}_i, \hat{p}_i) \rightarrow ?$

$$[\phi](\hat{x}_i)[\phi](\hat{p}_i) = [\phi](\hat{p}_i)[\phi](\hat{x}_i) + [\phi](i\hbar\hat{I})$$

$\implies [\phi](\beta(\hat{x}_i, \hat{p}_i))$  has to be a noncommutative algebra

## The Symplectic Geometry — NC Vs C :-

- Heisenberg —  $\frac{d}{ds} \alpha(\hat{P}_\mu, \hat{X}_\mu) = \frac{1}{i\hbar} [\alpha(\hat{P}_\mu, \hat{X}_\mu), \hat{H}_s]$

- Schrödinger —  $\frac{d}{ds} f_\alpha(z_n, \bar{z}_n) = \{f_\alpha(z_n, \bar{z}_n), f_{H_s(z_n, \bar{z}_n)}\}$

- $f_\alpha(z_n, \bar{z}_n) \equiv \frac{g\langle \phi | \alpha(\hat{P}_\mu, \hat{X}_\mu) | \phi \rangle}{g\langle \phi | \phi \rangle} \quad \left( | \phi \rangle = \sum_n z_n | n \rangle \right)$

— as the pull-back of  $\hat{\alpha}$  under  $(z_n, \bar{z}_n) \longrightarrow (\hat{P}_\mu, \hat{X}_\mu)$

- $\rightarrow$  bijective homomorphism between NC Poisson algebras

— NC Kähler product  $f_\alpha \star_\kappa f_{\alpha'} = f_{\alpha\alpha'}$

*Cirelli et.al 90*

## NC values of NC coordinates :-

— NC number as the new convenient fiction

- **state as evaluative homomorphism**

— mapping observable algebra to algebra of their NC values

$$[\hat{\alpha}]_{\phi} = \{f_{\alpha}|\phi, V_{\alpha n}|\phi\} \quad (V_{\alpha n} = \frac{\partial f_{\alpha}}{\partial z^n} = -f_{\beta} \bar{z}^n + \sum_m \bar{z}^m \langle m|\hat{\alpha}|n\rangle)$$

- **Kähler product** —  $[\hat{\alpha}\hat{\alpha}']_{\phi} = [\hat{\alpha}]_{\phi} \star_{\kappa} [\hat{\alpha}']_{\phi}$

$$f_{\alpha\alpha'} = f_{\alpha} f_{\alpha'} + \sum_n V_{\alpha n} V_{\alpha' \bar{n}}, \quad V_{\alpha\alpha'_n} = -f_{\alpha\alpha'} \bar{z}_n + \sum_{m,l} \bar{z}_m \langle m|\hat{\alpha}|l\rangle \langle l|\hat{\alpha}'|n\rangle$$

- **locality of quantum information** (*Deutsch & Hayden 00 ; Kong 23*) **(Heisenberg picture)**

*Galvão & Hardy 03*

- Substituting a **Qubit** for an Arbitrarily Large Number of Classical Bits'

## Noncommutative Number Systems :-

- **observables** are dynamical *variables*  
— a state is an evaluative **homomorphism**
- **matrices as Dirac's q-numbers**
- **convention** : **representation** of observables as  
— **DH-matrix value** for **a reference state**, *e.g.*

$$[\hat{s}^i]_\phi = U_\phi^\dagger \sigma^i U_\phi, \quad |\phi\rangle = U_\phi |0\rangle, \quad U_\phi = \begin{pmatrix} c & -\bar{s} \\ s & \bar{c} \end{pmatrix}$$

- need to fix a 'reference frame' for the states

Quantum Physics is simply  
a q-number version of classical physics  
*about the q-number reality*

Quantum geometry is then  
q-number geometry  
— *a true geometric picture of NCG*

## Quantum Spacetime Geometry :-

— *NC (number) geometry*

● simple free particle motion  $\hat{p}(t) = \hat{p}(0)$

$$\hat{x}(t) = \hat{p}(0) \frac{t}{m} + \hat{x}(0) \quad \Rightarrow \quad [\hat{x}(0), \hat{x}(t)] = \frac{i\hbar t}{m}$$

— NCNG : phase space  $\rightarrow$  configuration space

● ‘cotangent bundle’ (metric independent)

$$\text{—} \quad \{\hat{x}^a, \hat{p}_b\} = \delta_b^a, \quad \{\hat{x}^a, \hat{x}^b\} = 0 = \{\hat{p}_a, \hat{p}_b\}$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \hat{x}^a} \equiv \{\cdot, \hat{p}_a\}, \quad \frac{\partial}{\partial \hat{p}_a} \equiv -\{\cdot, \hat{x}^a\}$$

# Prologue : Geometrodynamics

Spacetime Geometry

Noncommutative G.  $\Leftrightarrow$  Quantum Gravity

Non-Euclidean G.  $\Leftrightarrow$  Classical Gravity

## Classical Geodesic from Hamiltonian: -

- $S_o = \int ds L_o(s) = \int ds \sqrt{-g_{\mu\nu}(x) \frac{dx^\mu}{ds} \frac{dx^\nu}{ds}}$

— manifold of any dimension and metric ( $\pm$ )

- **Lagrangian**  $L(s) = -\frac{m}{2} L_o^2$  **from free particle motion**

- **Hamiltonian** : phase space as cotangent bundle

— **symplectic structure independent of  $g_{\mu\nu}(x)$**

- Rindler frame: **particle at  $\rho(\tau) = 0$ , acceleration  $a$**

$$ds^2 = -c^2 dt^2 + dx^2 + dy^2 + dz^2 = -\frac{a^2 \rho^2}{c^2} d\tau^2 + d\rho^2 + \dots$$

## Goedesic from Free Particle Motion:-

- all positions coordinates Hermitian

- $\hat{H}_{\text{free}} = \frac{1}{2m} \hat{p}_A g^{Ab}(\hat{x}) \hat{p}_b$  ,  $\hat{p}^b = \hat{p}_A g^{Ab}(\hat{x})$

— four vectors :  $\hat{V}'^a = \hat{V}^i \frac{\partial \hat{x}'^a}{\partial \hat{x}^i}$  ,  $\hat{W}'_a = \frac{\partial \hat{x}^i}{\partial \hat{x}'^a} \hat{W}_i$  ,

$$\hat{V}'^A \equiv \hat{V}'^{a\dagger} = \left( \frac{\partial \hat{x}'^a}{\partial \hat{x}^i} \right)^\dagger \hat{V}^{i\dagger} \equiv \left( \frac{\partial \hat{x}^A}{\partial \hat{x}'^I} \right) \hat{V}^I , \quad \hat{W}'_A = \hat{W}_I \left( \frac{\partial \hat{x}^I}{\partial \hat{x}'^A} \right) .$$

— Schrödinger representation fails

- $\hat{x}^a$  and  $\hat{p}^a$  as  $\hat{g}$ -Hermitian within the ref. frame
- Hamilton's Eqs.  $\rightarrow$  mass-indep. E.O.M.

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● **Quantum Geodesic Equation :**  $\frac{d^2 \hat{x}^\mu}{ds^2} =$

$$\frac{d\hat{x}^\nu}{ds} \frac{\partial_\Lambda \hat{g}_{\nu\Omega}}{2} \frac{d\hat{x}^\Omega}{ds} \hat{g}^{\Lambda\mu} - \frac{d\hat{x}^\nu}{ds} \frac{\partial_\Omega \hat{g}_{\nu\Lambda}}{2} \hat{g}^{\Lambda\mu} \frac{d\hat{x}^\Omega}{ds} - \frac{d\hat{x}^\xi}{ds} \hat{g}_{\xi\Omega} \frac{d\hat{x}^\nu}{ds} \hat{g}^{\Omega\zeta} \frac{\partial_\zeta \hat{g}_{\nu\Lambda}}{2} \hat{g}^{\Lambda\mu}$$

- $s$  a real number Hamiltonian evolution parameter
- proper time a quantum observable
- $\hat{p}^\mu = m \frac{d\hat{x}^\mu}{ds}$ ,  $g(\hat{x}^\mu)$ -Hermitian (frame-dependent)

●  $\hat{g}_{\mu\nu} = \frac{\partial \hat{x}^a}{\partial \hat{x}^\mu} \eta_{ab} \frac{\partial \hat{x}^b}{\partial \hat{x}^\nu}$  — all  $\hat{x}$  commute and Hermitian

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \hat{x}^\mu} \equiv \{\cdot, \hat{p}_\mu\}, \quad \frac{\partial}{\partial \hat{p}_\mu} \equiv -\{\cdot, \hat{x}^\mu\}$$

—  $\{\hat{x}^\mu, \hat{p}^\nu\} = \{\hat{x}^\mu, \hat{g}^{\nu\lambda} \hat{p}_\lambda\} = \hat{g}^{\mu\nu}, \quad \{\hat{x}^\mu, \hat{p}_\nu\} = \delta_\nu^\mu$

$\{\hat{x}^\mu, \hat{x}^\nu\} = 0 = \{\hat{p}_\mu, \hat{p}_\nu\}$  invariant (with  $\hat{p}_\mu = \frac{\partial \hat{x}^a}{\partial \hat{x}^\mu} \hat{p}_a$ )

## Metric Operator $\hat{g}$ on Krein Space :-

- proper inner product with Minkowski Signature

— effectively, bra as  ${}_g\langle \cdot | = \langle \cdot | \hat{g}$

- observables (pseudo-)Hermitian  ${}_\eta\langle \cdot | \hat{A}^{\dagger \eta} \cdot \rangle = {}_\eta\langle \hat{A} \cdot | \cdot \rangle$

$$\text{— } \hat{X}_a = \hat{\eta} \hat{X}^a \hat{\eta}^{-1} \quad \text{and} \quad \hat{P}_a = \hat{\eta} \hat{P}^a \hat{\eta}^{-1}$$

metric operator  $\leftrightarrow$  metric tensor  $\hat{\eta} \leftrightarrow \hat{\eta}_{ab}$

- noncommutative geometric picture :  $g$ -Hermitian

—  $\hat{X}^\mu$  and  $\hat{P}^\mu$  as coordinates,  $\hat{A}^{\dagger g} = \hat{A}$

nontrivial  $\hat{g}_{\mu\nu} = g_{\mu\nu}(\hat{x}^\zeta) \longrightarrow \hat{g} \quad (?)$

## Lorentz Covariant Quantum Physics :-

- Schrödinger wavefunction  $\phi(x^a)$ 
  - basic operators  $x^a$  and  $-i\hbar\partial_a$
- abstract operators as Minkowski four-vectors
  - $\hat{X}_i \longrightarrow \hat{X}_a$  and  $\hat{P}_i \longrightarrow \hat{P}_a$
  - $[\hat{X}_a, \hat{P}_b] = i\hbar\eta_{ab}$
- Heisenberg-Weyl symmetry —  $[Y_a, E_b] = i\hbar c \eta_{ab} M$ 
  - $M$  is an effective Casimir element  $\rightarrow$  Newtonian mass  $m$
  - $m\hat{X}_a \longleftarrow Y_a$ , different  $m$  for different irr. representations
  - $\hat{P}_a \longleftarrow \frac{1}{c}E_a$ , constant  $c$  ( ...  $c \rightarrow \infty$  limit )

## Quantum Rindler Frame :-

$$\hat{x} = \hat{\rho} \cosh \frac{\hat{a}_N \hat{\tau}}{c}, \quad c\hat{t} = \hat{\rho} \sinh \frac{\hat{a}_N \hat{\tau}}{c}$$

- eigenstates :  $\hat{x}$  &  $\hat{t}$   $\rightarrow$   $\hat{\rho}$  &  $\hat{a}_N \hat{\tau}$   
entanglement between  $\hat{\tau}$  and  $\hat{a}_N$

- metric :  $\hat{g}_{c\hat{\tau},c\hat{\tau}} = \frac{\hat{a}_N^2 \hat{\rho}^2}{c^4}$

- quantum geodesic equations :

$$\frac{d^2 c\hat{\tau}}{ds^2} + \frac{dc\hat{\tau}}{ds} \frac{1}{\hat{\rho}} \frac{d\hat{\rho}}{ds} + \frac{d\hat{\rho}}{ds} \frac{1}{\hat{\rho}} \frac{dc\hat{\tau}}{ds} = 0 ,$$
$$\frac{d^2 \hat{\rho}}{ds^2} + \frac{dc\hat{\tau}}{ds} \frac{\hat{a}_N^2 \hat{\rho}}{c^4} \frac{dc\hat{\tau}}{ds} = 0 .$$

$\rightarrow$  maintaining (Weak) **Equivalence Principle**

## Future (H & D $\rightarrow$ ...) :-

- q-number physics – Q gravity as GQR  
more NC physics :  $[\hat{x}^i, \hat{x}^j] \neq 0$  ?
- q-number geometry – NC Geo. as symplectic coordinate picture : ‘Euclidean NC Geo.’
- q-number theory – algebra beyond algebra
- q-number technology – q-information

*Quine: To be is to be the (q-number) value of a (physical) variable.*

*THANK YOU !*