

LORENTZIAN AND GALILEAN SNYDER SPACETIMES FROM PROJECTIVE GEOMETRY

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with a few collaborators, he developed the technique of strong-focussing (1952), which allows to focus particles in accelerators by alternating the gradient of the magnetic field



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At the end of last month the very sad news reached us that Dr. Hartland Snyder had died. To us in CERN, Snyder's name is for ever tied to the discovery of the alternating-gradient focusing principle. He shared the honour of this discovery with his colleagues Dr. E.D. Courant and Dr. M.S. Livingston, and with Dr. N.C. Christofilos. Everybody knows what this has meant to CERN. We can only remind ourselves that we were planning a 10-GeV weak-focused synchrotron, a machine at least as expensive and more difficult to make than the PS, when in 1952 we learnt about the elegant new ideas from Brookhaven. This changed the CERN plans entirely, and perhaps also the CERN spirit, as we got a very much more exciting project to concentrate on.

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Minimal length uncertainty relation and ultraviolet regularization

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Studies in string theory and quantum gravity suggest the existence of a finite lower limit Δx_0 to the possible resolution of distances, at the latest on the scale of the Planck length of 10^{-35} m. Within the framework of the Euclidean path integral we explicitly show ultraviolet regularization in field theory through this short distance structure. Both rotation and translation invariance can be preserved. An example is studied in detail.

String theory and noncommutative geometry

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+ The main focus is on not spoiling special-relativistic Lorentz invariance

$$[J_i, J_j] = \epsilon_{ijk} J_k, \qquad [J_i, K_j] = \epsilon_{ijk} K_k, \qquad [K_i, K_j] = -\epsilon_{ijk} J_k$$

assume Lorentz-invariant commutators between spacetime coordinates

$$[x_0, x_i] = ia^2 K_i, \qquad [x_i, x_j] = ia^2 \epsilon_{ijk} J_k$$

[*a* is a length scale, $a \sim L_P$, and we use $c = \hbar = 1$]

 Momenta are defined as objects that transform as vectors under Lorentz transformations

$$\begin{bmatrix} p_{\alpha}, p_{\beta} \end{bmatrix} = 0 \\ \begin{bmatrix} p_{0}, K_{i} \end{bmatrix} = -ip_{i} \\ \begin{bmatrix} p_{i}, K_{j} \end{bmatrix} = -i\delta_{ij}p_{0} \\ \begin{bmatrix} p_{0}, J_{i} \end{bmatrix} = 0 \\ \begin{bmatrix} p_{j}, J_{i} \end{bmatrix} = -i\epsilon^{ijk}p_{k} .$$
 • Snyder, Phys. Rev. 1947

Snyder deformed phase space

 Noncommutative coordinates and momenta close a deformed phase space algebra

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_i, p_j \end{bmatrix} = i(\delta_{ij} + a^2 p_i p_j) \\ \begin{bmatrix} x_0, p_0 \end{bmatrix} = i(1 - a^2 p_0^2) \\ \begin{bmatrix} x_i, p_0 \end{bmatrix} = ia^2 p_0 p_i \\ = -ia^2 p_0 p_i .$$

• Snyder, Phys. Rev. 1947

such that the representation of Lorentz generators in undeformed

$$K_i = x_i p_0 + x_0 p_i, \qquad J_i = \epsilon_{ijk} x_j p_k$$

+ This model has been largely studied

noncommutative geometry, generalised uncertainty principle, deformed special relativity, hydrogen atom, harmonic oscillator, path integral, ...

Snyder deformed phase space and GUP

• One of the most relevant implications is a deformed Heisenberg uncertainty principle and a minimum length uncertainty

$$\Delta x \Delta p \ge \frac{1}{2} |\langle [x, p] \rangle|$$

in 1+1 dimensions:

$$\Delta x \Delta p \ge \frac{1}{2} \left(1 + a^2 \langle p^2 \rangle \right) = \frac{1}{2} \left(1 + a^2 (\Delta p)^2 - a^2 \langle p \rangle^2 \right)$$

$$\Delta x \ge \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{1 - a^2 \langle p \rangle^2}{\Delta p} + a^2 \Delta p \right)$$

absolute minimum, independent of :

$$\Delta x_{\min} = a$$

- Snyder, Phys. Rev. 1947
- Kempf, Mangano, PRD 1997

Euclidean maximally symmetric spaces

+ Euclidean sphere ($\omega>0$) and hyperbolic plane ($\omega<0$) in embedding coordinates $_{s_3}$





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$$[J, P_1] = P_2, \qquad [J, P_2] = -P_1, \qquad [P_1, P_2] = \omega J$$

• It generates the spaces via $\mathbf{S}_{\omega}^2 = \mathrm{SO}_{\omega}(3)/H$, $H = \mathrm{SO}(2) = \langle J \rangle$.

+ Action on embedding coordinates $P_{1} = s_{3}\frac{\partial}{\partial s_{1}} - \omega s_{1}\frac{\partial}{\partial s_{3}}$ $P_{2} = s_{3}\frac{\partial}{\partial s_{2}} - \omega s_{2}\frac{\partial}{\partial s_{3}}$ $J = s_{1}\frac{\partial}{\partial s_{2}} - s_{2}\frac{\partial}{\partial s_{1}}$

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Projective geometry of Euclidean spaces

• Beltrami projective coordinates are obtained via a central stereographic projection with pole (0,0,0) to the plane $s_3=1$



+ The relation between Beltrami coordinates and embedding coordinates is

$$q_i = \frac{s_i}{s_3}$$
$$s_3 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 + \omega(q_1^2 + q_2^2)}}, \qquad s_i = \frac{q_i}{\sqrt{1 + \omega(q_1^2 + q_2^2)}}$$

Projective geometry of Euclidean spaces

+ The domain of Beltrami coordinates depends on the sign of ω



+ A curved metric is induced on the Beltrami plane

$$d\sigma_{\omega}^{2} = \frac{1}{\omega} \left(ds_{3}^{2} + \omega \left(ds_{1}^{2} + ds_{2}^{2} \right) \right) \Big|_{\Sigma_{\omega}} = \frac{\omega (s_{1} ds_{1} + s_{2} ds_{2})^{2}}{1 - \omega \left(s_{1}^{2} + s_{2}^{2} \right)} + ds_{1}^{2} + ds_{2}^{2}$$
$$= \frac{(1 + \omega q^{2}) dq^{2} - \omega (q \cdot dq)^{2}}{(1 + \omega q^{2})^{2}}$$

Euclidean Snyder phase spaces

+ The goal is to define a non commutative 2-dimensional space with rotational invariance

we can take the sphere/hyperbolic plane as a 'pregeometric' manifold and identify space coordinates with the generators of translations

$$x_1 := P_1, \qquad x_2 := P_2$$

their commutator is naturally consistent with the required symmetry

$$[x_1, x_2] = \omega J$$

* Momenta are defined by asking that they transform as vectors under (hyperbolic) rotations — condition satisfied by the Beltrami coordinates!

$$p_1 := q_1 = \frac{s_1}{s_3}, \qquad p_2 := q_2 = \frac{s_2}{s_3}$$

Euclidean Snyder phase spaces

+ The full phase space relations are

$$[x_1, x_2] = \omega J, \qquad [p_x, p_y] = 0,$$

$$[x_1, p_1] = 1 + \omega p_1^2, \qquad [x_1, p_2] = \omega p_1 p_2,$$

$$[x_2, p_2] = 1 + \omega p_2^2, \qquad [x_2, p_1] = \omega p_1 p_2,$$

consistent with a standard representation of the (hyperbolic) rotation generator

$$J = x_1 p_2 - x_2 p_1$$

the 'pregeometric' manifold (in Beltrami coordinates) is actually the momentum space and space coordinates are translations over the manifold

+ The phase space is consistent with the spatial restriction of the original Snyder model with $\omega = a^2 > 0$

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_i, p_j \end{bmatrix} = i(\delta_{ij} + a^2 p_i p_j) \quad \begin{bmatrix} x_i, p_0 \end{bmatrix} = ia^2 p_0 p_i \\ \begin{bmatrix} x_0, p_0 \end{bmatrix} = i(1 - a^2 p_0^2) \quad \begin{bmatrix} x_0, p_i \end{bmatrix} = -ia^2 p_0 p_i .$$

Projective geometry of Lorentzian spaces

+ The starting point are 3+1 dimensional maximally symmetric Lorentzian manifolds, (A-)dS

In embedding coordinates they are defined by the constraint

$$s_4^2 - \Lambda s_0^2 + \frac{\Lambda}{c^2} \left(s_1^2 + s_2^2 + s_3^2 \right) = 1$$

we now keep c explicit to track its effects

+ Algebra of symmetries $SO_{\Lambda}(4, 1)$

$$\begin{split} & [J_i, J_j] = \epsilon_{ijk} J_k, & [J_i, P_j] = \epsilon_{ijk} P_k, & [J_i, K_j] = \epsilon_{ijk} K_k, \\ & [P_0, K_i] = P_i, & [P_j, K_i] = \frac{1}{c^2} \, \delta_{ij} P_0, & [K_i, K_j] = -\frac{1}{c^2} \, \epsilon_{ijk} J_k, \\ & [P_0, P_i] = \Lambda K_i, & [P_i, P_j] = \Lambda \, \frac{1}{c^2} \, \epsilon_{ijk} J_k, & [P_0, J_i] = 0, \end{split}$$

+ It generates de Sitter ($\Lambda > 0$) and anti-de Sitter ($\Lambda < 0$) space via

$$\mathbf{dS}_{\Lambda}^{3+1} = \mathrm{SO}_{\Lambda}(4,1)/\mathrm{SO}(3,1)$$

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$$q_{\alpha} = \frac{s_{\alpha}}{s_4}$$
$$s_4 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - \Lambda q_0^2 + \frac{\Lambda}{c^2} \mathbf{q}^2}}, \qquad s_{\alpha} = \frac{q_{\alpha}}{\sqrt{1 - \Lambda q_0^2 + \frac{\Lambda}{c^2} \mathbf{q}^2}}$$

+ The domain of Beltrami coordinates depends on the sign of Λ :

$$1 - \Lambda q_0^2 + \frac{\Lambda}{c^2} \mathbf{q}^2 > 0 \quad \Rightarrow \begin{cases} q_0^2 - \frac{\mathbf{q}^2}{c_2^2} & < \frac{1}{\Lambda} & \text{if } \Lambda > 0 \\ q_0^2 - \frac{\mathbf{q}^2}{c^2} & > \frac{1}{|\Lambda|} & \text{if } \Lambda < 0 \end{cases}$$

+ A curved metric is induced on the Beltrami plane

$$d\sigma_{\Lambda}^{2} = \frac{1}{-\Lambda} \left(ds_{4}^{2} - \Lambda ds_{0}^{2} + \frac{\Lambda}{c^{2}} d\mathbf{s}^{2} \right) \Big|_{\Sigma_{\Lambda}} = \frac{-\Lambda \left(s_{0} ds_{0} - \frac{1}{c^{2}} \mathbf{s} \cdot d\mathbf{s} \right)^{2}}{1 + \Lambda s_{0}^{2} - \frac{\Lambda}{c^{2}} \mathbf{s}^{2}} + ds_{0}^{2} - \frac{1}{c^{2}} d\mathbf{s}^{2}$$
$$= \frac{\left(1 - \Lambda q_{0}^{2} + \frac{\Lambda}{c^{2}} \mathbf{q}^{2} \right) \left(dq_{0}^{2} - \frac{1}{c^{2}} d\mathbf{q}^{2} \right) + \Lambda \left(q_{0} dq_{0} - \frac{1}{c^{2}} \mathbf{q} \cdot d\mathbf{q} \right)^{2}}{\left(1 - \Lambda q_{0}^{2} + \frac{\Lambda}{c^{2}} \mathbf{q}^{2} \right)^{2}}$$

(anti-)Snyder model from projective geometry

+ A non commutative Lorentz-invariant spacetime can be constructed by using the (anti-)de Sitter manifold as a 'pregeometric' manifold and identifying the spacetime coordinates with the generators of translations

$$x_0 := \frac{1}{c} P_0, \qquad x_i := c P_i$$

their commutator is naturally consistent with the required symmetry

$$[x_0, x_i] = \Lambda K_i, \quad [x_i, x_j] = \Lambda \epsilon_{ijk} J_k$$

• For $\Lambda > 0$ these are the commutators used by Snyder, with $\Lambda \equiv a^2 > 0$ and the Beltrami coordinates correspond to Snyder's choice of momenta

$$p_0 := c q_0 = c \frac{s_0}{s_4}, \qquad p_i := \frac{1}{c} q_i = \frac{1}{c} \frac{s_i}{s_4}$$

The Snyder model is a 'curved momentum space' model, where the momentum space is the projection of a de Sitter manifold and spacetime coordinates are translations over the de Sitter manifold. A curved metric is induced on the Beltrami plane: c^4

$$d\mu(p) = \frac{c^4}{(c^2(1+\Lambda|\mathbf{p}^2|) - \Lambda p_0^2)^{5/2}} d^4p,$$

(anti-)Snyder phase space

+ The noncommutative coordinates and the momenta close a deformed phase space algebra

$$\begin{aligned} [x_0, x_i] &= \Lambda K_i, & [x_i, x_j] &= \Lambda \epsilon_{ijk} J_k, \\ [x_0, p_\alpha] &= \delta_{0\alpha} - \frac{\Lambda}{c^2} p_0 p_\alpha, & [x_i, p_j] &= \delta_{ij} + \Lambda p_i p_j, \\ [x_i, p_0] &= \Lambda p_0 p_i, & [p_\alpha, p_\beta] &= 0, \end{aligned}$$

which reproduces the original Snyder phase space for $\Lambda \equiv a^2 > 0$ The case $\Lambda \equiv -a^2 < 0$ defines the so-called anti-Snyder model

• Mignemi PRD 2011

+ In terms of coordinates and momenta the symmetry generators are

$$K_i = x_0 p_i + \frac{1}{c^2} x_i p_0, \qquad J_i = \epsilon_{ijk} x_j p_k$$

+ The spatial components of the phase space reproduce the Euclidean Snyder model, so it could be natural to suppose that in the corresponding Galilean model, where time is absolute, only these relations survive

The non-relativistic limit of the (anti-)Snyder model

The nonrelativistic limit is usually realised by reducing to the spatial coordinates and momenta
 Lu, Stern NPB 2012

•Lu, Stern NPB 2012
•Mignemi CQG 2012
•Ching, Yeo, Ng, IJMPA 2017

$$\begin{aligned} [x_0, x_i] &= \Lambda \left(x_0 p_i + \frac{1}{c^2} x_i p_0 \right) \\ [x_i, x_j] &= \Lambda \epsilon_{ijk} J_k \\ [x_0, p_\alpha] &= \delta_{0\alpha} - \frac{\Lambda}{c^2} p_0 p_\alpha \\ [x_i, p_j] &= \delta_{ij} + \Lambda p_i p_j \\ [x_i, p_0] &= \Lambda p_0 p_i \\ [p_\alpha, p_\beta] &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} [x_i, x_j] &= \omega \epsilon_{ijk} J_k \\ [p_i, p_j] &= 0, \\ [x_i, p_j] &= 0, \\ [x_i, p_j] &= \delta_{ij} + \omega p_i p_j \end{aligned}$$

thus one obtains the Euclidean (anti-)Snyder model dS^{3+1}_{Λ}

 1 \longrightarrow \mathbf{S}_{ω}^{3}

+ However the Euclidean sphere/hyperbolic plane are not the $c \to \infty$ limit of the de Sitter/anti-de Sitter spaces, thus is not compatible with the symmetries of the Galilei algebra

The actual Galilean limit of the Snyder model is best exposed by using the momentum space construction

Galilean limit of (anti-)de Sitter

+ Take the $c \rightarrow \infty$ limit of the (anti-)de Sitter algebra of symmetries

+ This defines the Newton-Hooke algebra (expanding $\Lambda > 0$, oscillating $\Lambda < 0$) whose associated homogeneous manifold is

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$[K_i, K_j]$	=	$-\frac{1}{c^2}\epsilon_{ijk}J_k$		$[K_i, K_j]$	=	0
$[P_0, P_i]$	=	$\Lambda \check{K}_i$		$[P_0, P_i]$	=	ΛK_i
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the constraint defining the manifold in terms of embedding coordinates and the metric on this manifold are degenerate, because of the appearance of an "absolute time", which induces a constant-time foliation (invariant under the action of the NH group)

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Galilean (anti-)Snyder model

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There is a remnant spacetime mixing in the Galilean limit of the relativistic model due to spacetime noncommutativity

Conclusions & outlook

+ The Snyder model for noncommutative spacetime introduces a minimum length without violating Lorentz invariance

* This is achieved by defining spacetime coordinates as translations over a curved maximally symmetric manifold [(A-)dS] and physical momenta as the projective coordinate on a plane of such curved manifold — the momentum space inherits a curved metric

+ The non relativistic limit of the Snyder model is found by performing a similar construction of the manifold that is the Galilean limit of (A-)dS, i.e. the Newton-Hooke manifold.

* The time foliation of the NH manifold is reminiscent of the "absolute time" of Galilean physics. However, spatial and time translations on these manifold do not commute, so the resulting Galilean Snyder space and time coordinates are not independent

+ This provides an example of QG model where the nonrelativistic limit is qualitatively different from that of standard physics, and time does not completely decouple from space





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