

# Classical and quantum parts in Madelung variables

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1. Non-relativistic quantum mechanics
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# Symmetries, relativity and quantum mechanics

Wigner Jenő Pál around 1939:

**ON UNITARY REPRESENTATIONS OF THE INHOMOGENEOUS  
LORENTZ GROUP\***

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1939, ..., 1990.

## **Space-time geometry of relativistic particles**

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Conformal symmetry: a stepson in the family of spacetime symmetries.  
(geometry, Weyl, ..., gravitation and string theories.)

## Schrödinger equation

$$i\hbar \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \psi = -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \Delta \psi + V(x) \psi$$

Madelung transformation

$$\psi = R e^{\frac{i}{\hbar} \alpha}$$

Classical action and momentum:

$$\frac{\partial \alpha}{\partial t} = -E, \quad \nabla \alpha = P$$

$$\frac{\partial \psi}{\partial t} = \left( \frac{1}{R} \frac{\partial R}{\partial t} - \frac{i}{\hbar} E \right) \psi, \quad \nabla \psi = \left( \frac{1}{R} \nabla R + \frac{i}{\hbar} P \right) \psi$$

## Quantum content of quantum mechanics

Real part

$$E = V + \frac{P^2}{2m} - \frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \frac{\Delta R}{R}$$

Bohm potential

Imaginary part

$$m \frac{\partial R^2}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot (R^2 P) = 0$$

continuity

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Formal hydrodynamics:

$$P = mv, \quad R^2 = \rho$$

energy equation (Bernoulli) – momentum balance (Korteweg)

# Variational principle of Schrödinger

Multiplicative separation\*:

*Action-density variables – Hamilton-Jacobi correction:*

$$\Sigma_{\text{Schrödinger}} = \int \left( \frac{\partial S}{\partial t} + \frac{|\nabla S|^2}{2m} + V \right) |\psi|^2 dx^3 dt$$

Complex - mixture

*Wave function variable – eikonal transformation:*

$$\Sigma_{\psi} = \int \left( \frac{\hbar}{i} \bar{\psi} \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial t} + \frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \nabla \bar{\psi} \cdot \nabla \psi + V \bar{\psi} \psi \right) dx^3 dt$$

Additive separation:

*Classical action-density variables – Madelung transformation:*

$$\Sigma_{\text{hydro}} = \int \left[ \left( \frac{\partial \alpha}{\partial t} + \frac{(\nabla \alpha)^2}{2m} + V \right) R^2 + \frac{\hbar^2}{2m} (\nabla R)^2 \right] dx^3 dt$$

$$S = \frac{\hbar}{i} \ln(\psi)$$

$$S = \alpha - i \hbar \ln(R)$$

$$\psi = R e^{\frac{i}{\hbar} \alpha}$$

## Quantum – classical

$$\Sigma = \int \left[ R^2 \left( \frac{\partial \alpha}{\partial t} + \frac{(\nabla \alpha)^2}{2m} + V \right) + \frac{\hbar^2}{2m} (\nabla R)^2 \right] dx^3 dt$$

Structure:

$$\Sigma = \int \left[ R^2 \left( \begin{array}{c} \text{classical} \\ \text{Hamilton – Jacobi} \end{array} \right) + \hbar^2 \left( \begin{array}{c} \text{quantum} \\ \text{kinetic} \end{array} \right) \right] dx^3 dt$$

## Klein-Gordon Lagrange density

$$L = \frac{1}{2} \partial_a \bar{\psi} \partial^a \psi - \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{mc}{\hbar} \right)^2 \psi \bar{\psi} \quad \left( \Sigma_{KG} = \int L d^4 x \right)$$

Here  $\text{diag } \eta_{ab} = (1, -1, -1, -1)$ , and  $[L] = \text{energy density}/c = mc/L^3$ .

Madelung transformation:

$$\psi = \frac{\hbar}{\sqrt{mc}} R e^{\frac{i}{\hbar} \alpha}$$

$$\left( \frac{mc}{\hbar} \right)^2 \psi \bar{\psi} = mc R^2 \quad \rightarrow \quad R^2 \text{ is a number density.}$$

Normalization:  $\int R^2 d^3 x = 2$

## Transformed Klein-Gordon

Wave function:

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Classical action – density:

$$\begin{aligned} L &= \frac{\hbar^2}{2mc} \left( \partial_a R \partial^a R + \frac{R^2}{\hbar^2} \left( \partial_a \alpha \partial^a \alpha - (mc)^2 \right) \right) = \\ &= \frac{mc}{2} R^2 (u_a u^a - 1) + \frac{\hbar^2}{2mc} \partial_a R \partial^a R \end{aligned}$$

Classical – quantum:

$$P_a = \partial_a \alpha, \quad u^a = \frac{P^a}{mc}$$



## Variations: U(1) Noether charge and mass shell

$$L = \frac{1}{2} \partial_a \bar{\psi} \partial^a \psi - \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{mc}{\hbar} \right)^2 \psi \bar{\psi} = \frac{\hbar^2}{2mc} \partial_a R \partial^a R + \frac{R^2}{2mc} \left( \partial_a \alpha \partial^a \alpha - (mc)^2 \right)$$

$$\delta_\alpha \Sigma = -\partial_a \left( \frac{R^2}{mc} \partial^a \alpha \right) = -\partial_a (R^2 u^a) = \partial_a J^a = 0$$

U(1) Noether charge

$$\delta_R \Sigma = -\frac{\hbar^2}{mc} \square R + \frac{R}{mc} \left( P^a P_a - (mc)^2 \right) = 0$$

Off mass shell:

$$P^a P_a - (mc)^2 = \hbar^2 \frac{\square R}{R}$$

Metric view:

$$g_{ab} u^a u^b = 1 + \left( \frac{\hbar}{mc} \right)^2 \frac{\square R}{R}$$

*Compton wavelength scaled and locally Lorentzian spacetime metric.*

## Energy-momentum tensor I – textbook construction

$$L = \frac{1}{2} \partial_a \bar{\psi} \partial^a \psi - \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{mc}{\hbar} \right)^2 \psi \bar{\psi} = \frac{\hbar^2}{2mc} \partial_a R \partial^a R + \frac{R^2}{2mc} (\partial_a \alpha \partial^a \alpha - (mc)^2)$$

Noether:

$$\begin{aligned} T_{KG}^{ab} &= \frac{1}{2} (\partial^a \bar{\psi} \partial^b \psi + \partial^a \psi \partial^b \bar{\psi}) - L g^{ab} = \\ &= mc R^2 u^a u^b + \frac{\hbar^2}{2mc} (2 \partial^a R \partial^b R - g^{ab} (\partial^c R \partial_c R + \partial_c^c R)) \end{aligned}$$

dust + quantum

## Energy-momentum tensor II – hydro construction

Fluid construction:

$$\frac{R^2}{2} \partial^b \left( u^a u_a - 1 - L_C^2 \frac{\square R}{R} \right) = \partial_a T^{ba}$$

Potential flow:

$$\partial^b u^a = \frac{1}{mc} \partial^{ab} \alpha = \partial^a u^b \quad R^2 u_a \partial^b u^a = \partial^a (R^2 u_a u^b) - u^b \partial^a (R^2 u_a)$$

Fluid (pressure – Takabayashi) – particle (potential – Bohm):

$$R^2 \partial^b \left( \frac{\square R}{R} \right) = \partial^a (R \partial_{ab} R - \partial_a R \partial_b R)$$

$$T_{BT}^{ab} = mc R^2 u^a u^b - \frac{\hbar^2}{2mc} (R \partial^{ab} R - \partial^a R \partial^b R)$$

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## Energy-momentum tensor III

The difference of Klein-Gordon and Bohm-Takabayashi e-m tensors

$$T_{diff}^{ab} = T_{KG}^{ab} - T_{BT}^{ab} = \dots = \frac{\hbar^2}{4mc} (g^{ab} \square - \partial^a \partial^b) R^2$$

Callan-Coleman-Jackiw term

Linear combination:

$$T^{ab} = T_{BT}^{ab} + \mu T_{diff}^{ab}$$

The trace:

$$T_a^a = \left[ 1 - L_C^2 \frac{1-3\mu}{4} \square \right] (mc R^2)$$

- $\mu=0$  Bohm-Takabayashi
- $\mu=1$  Klein-Gordon
- $\mu=1/3$  *classical: dust/quantum: traceless*

## Energy-momentum tensor: rescaled

$$R = \frac{e^\sigma}{\sqrt{V}} \quad \left( \psi = \frac{\hbar}{\sqrt{mcV}} e^{\sigma + \frac{i}{\hbar} \alpha} \right)$$

$V$  is a constant characteristic volume.

$$T^a_b = \frac{mc}{V} e^{2\sigma} u^a u_b + \frac{\hbar^2}{2mcV} \left( 2\mu \partial^a \sigma \partial_b \sigma + (\mu - 1) \partial_b^a - \mu \delta_b^a (2\partial^c \sigma \partial_c \sigma + \square \sigma) \sigma \right)$$

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## Idea:

quantum energy-momentum – conformally curved spacetime

$$g_{ab} = e^{2s} \eta_{ab}$$

$\hat{G}_{curved}^{ab} = \hat{T}_{classical}^{ab}$       transformed

$G_{plane}^{ab} = T_{quantum}^{ab}$       original

Remark:

scalar-tensor theories, Jordan vs. Einstein frames

## Einstein equations

$$\hat{G}_b^a + \underbrace{2\partial^a s \partial_b s}_{\text{red}} - \underbrace{2\partial_b^a s}_{\text{blue}} - \underbrace{\delta_b^a (2\partial^c s \partial_c s + \square s + \Lambda)}_{\text{green}} =$$

$$= \frac{8\pi G}{c^3} e^{-2\sigma} T_b^a =$$

$$L_s = \frac{Gm}{c^2}$$

$$= \frac{8\pi L_s}{V} u^a u_b + \frac{4\pi L_s L_C^2}{V} \left( \underbrace{2\mu \partial^a \sigma \partial_b \sigma}_{\text{red}} + \underbrace{(\mu - 1) \partial_b^a \sigma}_{\text{blue}} - \underbrace{\mu \delta_b^a (2\partial^c \sigma \partial_c \sigma + \square \sigma)}_{\text{green}} \right)$$

Solution:

$$\sigma = s$$

$$V = \frac{4\pi}{3} L_s L_C^2 = \frac{4\pi}{3} L_s^3 \left( \frac{M_P}{m} \right)^4$$

scaled Planck volume

$$\mu = \frac{1}{3}$$

conformal quantum part

$$\Lambda = -3(\square \sigma + \partial_c \sigma \partial^c \sigma) = -3 \frac{\square R}{R}$$



## Quantum Einstein equation

$$G_b^a - 3 \frac{\square R}{R} \delta_b^a = mc R^2 u^a u_b$$

Off mass shell cosmological term:

$$\Lambda = 3 \left( (mc)^2 - P_a P^a \right) = 3 (mc)^2 (1 - u_a u^a)$$

# Applications and ramifications

Cosmological constant (naturalness)

Thermodynamic background

beyond equilibrium, Fisher entropy, Korteweg fluids, ...

Hydrodynamics in field theory level

Jackiw et al., Kovtun, Dubovsky et al., ...

# Speculation about naturalness

Particle in a Coulomb potential

$$\Lambda_{onium}^{nonrel} = -3 \frac{\square |\psi|}{|\psi|} = \frac{3}{A^2} - \frac{6}{Ar}$$

Here  $A = L_c / \alpha$  is the Bohr radius.

$$\langle \Lambda \rangle = \frac{\int \Lambda(x) |\psi|^2 d^3 x}{\int |\psi|^2 d^3 x} = \frac{\sum_i \langle n_i \rangle V(A_i) \frac{3}{A_i^2}}{\sum_i \langle n_i \rangle V(A_i)} \quad V(A_i) \sim A_i^3$$

$\langle n_i \rangle \approx const.$       maximal  $A_i$  dominates  
 $V \langle n_i \rangle \approx const.$       minimal  $A_i$  dominates

Coupled Majorana neutrinos – *neutrionium*. Dark matter and dark energy.

Thank you for

**your attention!**

*“And they said one to another: Go to, let us build us a tower, whose top may reach unto heaven; and let us make us a name. And the Lord said: Go to, let us go down, and there confound their language, that they may not understand one another’s speech.”*

*Genesis 11: 3–7*

*Backup slides...*

# Field/continuum/fluid OR/AND particle?

Non-relativistic

Momentum balance

$$\underline{\rho \dot{v}^i + \partial_j P_{quantum}^{ij}} = \underline{\rho (\dot{v}^i + \partial^i U_{quantum})}$$

$$\partial_j P_{quantum}^{ij}(\rho, \nabla \rho, \nabla^2 \rho) = \rho \partial^i U_{quantum}(\rho, \nabla \rho, \nabla^2 \rho)$$

Korteweg fluid

Relativistic

Energy-momentum balance

$$\partial_b T^{ab} = \partial_b (\rho u^a u^b + P^{ab}) = \underline{\rho \dot{u}^a + \partial_\nu P_{quantum}^{ab}} = \underline{\rho (\dot{u}^a - \partial^a U_{quantum})}$$

E.g. 
$$\partial^a (R \partial_{ab} R - \partial_a R \partial_b R) = R^2 \partial^b \left( \frac{\square R}{R} \right)$$

## *Related ideas:*

- Scalar-tensor theories (Brans-Dicke, quintessence, etc...)  
Jordan and Einstein frames – physical equivalence*
- Delphenic, Sohail-Soahi, Weyl geometry*
- Sakharov – constitutive Einstein equation*
- Changing mass ideas by Bohmian term.*

*„If we have to go on with these damned quantum jumps, then I'm sorry that I ever got involved.”*

*E. Schrödinger*

*“I would like to make a confession which may seem immoral: I do not believe in Hilbert space anymore.”*

*J. von Neumann  
(in a letter to G.D. Birkhoff, 1935)*





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