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journey through space, time,  
curiosity and universal structures**

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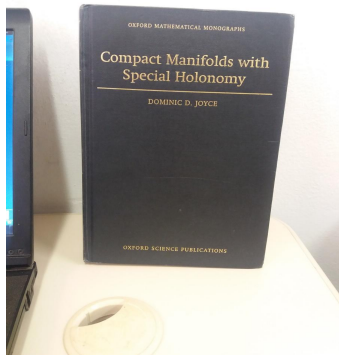
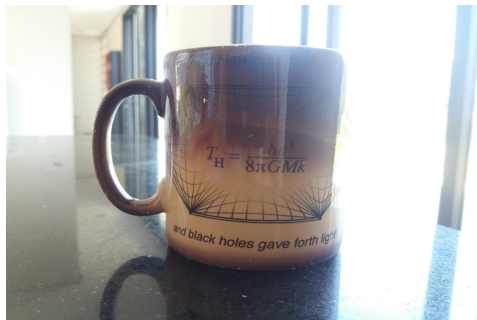
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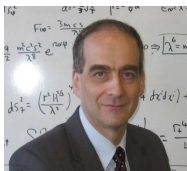
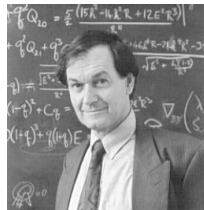
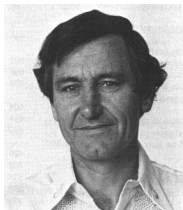




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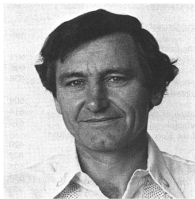


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Journey

# Kerr's solution

In 1963 Roy Kerr discovers the solution of Einstein equations describing a stationary rotating black hole.



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rate for different masses of the intermediate boson. The end point of the neutrino spectrum from the 184-in. cyclotron is ~250 MeV, and neutrinos with this energy in collision with a stationary proton would produce a boson of mass equal to  $2270 m_e$ . However, with the momentum distribution in the nucleus, higher boson masses may be attained, but only a small fraction of the protons can participate, so the rate of events falls off rapidly.

Because of the low energy of the neutrinos produced at the 184-in. cyclotron, only a rather conservative limit of  $2130 m_e$  can be placed on the mass of the intermediate boson.

We would like to thank Professor Luis Alvarez for suggesting this measurement and showing a keen interest in its progress, and also Professor Clyde Cowan for communicating his results before their publication. Our thanks are due

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## GRAVITATIONAL FIELD OF A SPINNING MASS AS AN EXAMPLE OF ALGEBRAICALLY SPECIAL METRICS

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Goldberg and Sachs<sup>1</sup> have proved that the algebraically special solutions of Einstein's empty-space field equations are characterized by the existence of a geodesic and shear-free ray congruence,  $k_{\alpha}$ . Among these spaces are the plane-

where  $\xi$  is a complex coordinate, a dot denotes differentiation with respect to  $u$ , and the operator  $D$  is defined by

$$D = \partial/\partial \zeta - \Omega \partial/\partial u.$$

$$ds^2 = -\frac{\Delta}{\Sigma} (dt - a \sin^2 \theta d\varphi)^2 + \frac{\sin^2 \theta}{\Sigma} [(r^2 + a^2)d\varphi - adt]^2 + \frac{\Sigma}{\Delta} dr^2 + \Sigma d\theta^2,$$

where  $\Sigma = r^2 + a^2 \cos^2 \theta$ ,  $\Delta = r^2 - 2Mr + a^2$ .

# Carter's constant

In 1968 Brandon Carter obtains the 'unexpected separation' of the Hamilton-Jacobi equations in Kerr-Newman and shows the existence of a fourth constant of motion



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## Global Structure of the Kerr Family of Gravitational Fields

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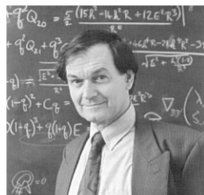
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(Received 29 March 1968)

The Kerr family of solutions of the Einstein and Einstein-Maxwell equations is the most general class of solutions known at present which could represent the field of a rotating neutral or electrically charged body in asymptotically flat space. When the charge and specific angular momentum are small compared with the mass, the part of the manifold which is stationary in the strict sense is incomplete at a Killing horizon. Analytically extended manifolds are constructed in order to remove this incompleteness. Some general methods for the analysis of causal behavior are described and applied. It is shown that in all except the spherically symmetric cases there is nontrivial causality violation, i.e., there are closed timelike lines which are not removable by taking a covering space; moreover, when the charge or angular momentum is so large that there are no Killing horizons, this causality violation is of the most flagrant possible kind in that it is possible to connect any event to any other by a future-directed timelike line. Although the symmetries provide only three constants of the motion, a fourth one turns out to be obtainable from the unexpected separability of the Hamilton-Jacobi equation, with the result that the equations, not only of geodesics but also of charged-particle orbits, can be integrated completely in terms of explicit quadratures. This makes it possible to prove that in the extended manifolds all geodesics which do not reach the central ring singularities are complete, and also that those timelike or null geodesics which do reach the singularities are entirely confined to the equator, with the further restriction, in the charged case, that they be null with a certain uniquely determined direction. The physical significance of these results is briefly discussed.

## Killing tensor

In 1970 Walker and Penrose show that Carter's constant arises from a symmetric Killing-Stäckel tensor  $\nabla_{(\lambda} K_{\mu\nu)} = 0$ :



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### On Quadratic First Integrals of the Geodesic Equations for Type {22} Spacetimes

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**Abstract.** It is shown that every type {22} vacuum solution of Einstein's equations admits a quadratic first integral of the null geodesic equations (conformal Killing tensor of valence 2), which is independent of the metric and of any Killing vectors arising from symmetries. In particular, the charged Kerr solution (with or without cosmological constant) is shown to admit a Killing tensor of valence 2. The Killing tensor, together with the metric and the two Killing vectors, provides a method of explicitly integrating the geodesics of the (charged) Kerr solution, thus shedding some light on a result due to Carter.

$$C = \frac{1}{2} K^{\mu\nu} p_{\mu} p_{\nu} ,$$

commutes with Hamiltonian  $H = \frac{1}{2} g^{\mu\nu} p_{\mu} p_{\nu}$ .



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Existence of the Killing-Yano tensor implies that spacetime must be of type D [Collinson 1974].

## Yano's tensor

What we now call a Killing-Yano tensor was introduced by Yano in 1951 to generalise Killing vector fields and some results on their existence.



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### SOME REMARKS ON TENSOR FIELDS AND CURVATURE

BY KENTARO YANO

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#### §1. Introduction

S. Bochner [1, 2, 3] has recently developed a beautiful theory on curvature and Betti numbers of an orientable compact Riemannian space  $V_n$  with positive definite metric. He starts from the lemma:

# Separation of variables for Klein-Gordon

Again Carter in 1977 separates variables for the Klein-Gordon equation using an operator built from the Killing-Stäckel tensor:

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## Killing tensor quantum numbers and conserved currents in curved space

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The relationship between relativistic quantum current conservation laws in a curved-space background and the corresponding "good quantum numbers," i.e., operators that commute with the fundamental wave operator in a first-quantized field theory, is considered. It is shown that under favorable circumstances (such as vanishing Ricci curvature) the existence of such an operator for scalar fields is automatically implied by the existence of the corresponding constant for particle trajectories in the classical limit, that is to say, by the existence of a Killing vector or a "Killing tensor" in the first- and second-order cases, respectively. Thus the fourth constant of the motion for a scalar quantum field in the Kerr metric background arises automatically from the Killing tensor defining the fourth constant of the classical motion. Another application is to the Runge-Lenz constants in the nonrelativistic hydrogen atom problem. The "Schiff conjecture" concerning the relationship between classical mechanics and first-quantized field theory in connection with the equivalence principle is discussed in passing.

$$\hat{K} = D_{\mu} K^{\mu\nu} D_{\nu} ,$$
$$R_{\mu\nu} = 0 \rightarrow [\hat{K}, D_{\mu} g^{\mu\nu} D_{\nu}] = 0 .$$

# Benenti's theory of separation of variables



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If spacetime is curved compatibility with Ricci tensor necessary. If a potential  $V$  is present then this must also be compatible.

# Total angular momentum operator for the Dirac equation

Found by Carter and McLenaghan in 1979

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## Generalized total angular momentum operator for the Dirac equation in curved space-time

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It is found that an operator of the form  $\{\gamma^s \gamma^{\mu\nu} f_{\mu\nu} \nabla_\nu - (1/6) \gamma^\nu \gamma^\mu f_{\mu\nu, \rho}\}$  commutes with the Dirac operator  $\gamma^\mu \nabla_\mu$ , whenever  $f_{\mu\nu}$  is an antisymmetric tensor satisfying the Penrose-Floyd equation  $f_{\mu(\nu;\rho)} = 0$ . Such a tensor exists notably in the Kerr solutions and in the flat-space limit wherein the operator can be interpreted as the square root of the ordinary total squared angular momentum Casimir operator of the rotation group.

Built using Floyd's tensor.

# Similar results for the spinning particle in the '90s

Gibbons, Rietdijk and van Holten show that the Killing-Yano tensor in Kerr also generates symmetries in the theory of the spinning particle.

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## SUSY in the sky

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Spinning particles in curved space-time can have fermionic symmetries generated by the square root of bosonic constants of motion other than the hamiltonian. We present a general analysis of the conditions under which such new supersymmetries appear, and discuss the Poisson-Dirac algebra of the resulting set of charges, including the conditions of closure of the new algebra. An example of a new non-trivial supersymmetry is found in black-hole solutions of the Kerr-Newman type and corresponds to the Killing-Yano tensor, which plays an important role in solving the Dirac equation in these black-hole metrics.

## Killing-Yano tensors of generic rank generate symmetries for the Dirac equation

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### Quantum mechanics of Yano tensors: Dirac equation in curved spacetime

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# The general form of supersymmetric solutions of $N = (1, 0)$ $U(1)$ and $SU(2)$ gauged supergravities in six dimensions

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## 5. Fluxes and intrinsic torsion

$$\delta\psi_{\mu}^A = \nabla_{\mu}^T \epsilon^A = \left[ \partial_{\mu} + \frac{1}{4} (\omega_{\mu\hat{\alpha}\hat{\beta}} + T_{\mu\hat{\alpha}\hat{\beta}}) \Gamma^{\hat{\alpha}\hat{\beta}} \right] \epsilon^A,$$

$$\mathcal{W}_2 = \frac{1}{4} (\Omega \lrcorner d\Omega + \overline{\Omega} \lrcorner d\overline{\Omega}),$$

$$\mathcal{W}_4 = J \lrcorner dJ,$$

$$\mathcal{W}_5 = \frac{1}{4} (\Omega \lrcorner d\overline{\Omega} + \overline{\Omega} \lrcorner d\Omega),$$

$$\mathcal{W}_2 = \frac{g}{2} (A^2 J^2 - A^3 J^3)$$

$$\mathcal{W}_4 = -g (A^2 J^2 + A^3 J^3) + H \partial_u (H^{-1} \beta),$$

$$\mathcal{W}_5 = -\frac{g}{2} (A^2 J^2 + A^3 J^3) - g A^1 J^1 + H \partial_u (H^{-1} \beta).$$











## Miraculous properties of Kerr persist in higher dimension



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- Generalisation to Killing-Yano tensors with fluxes [Kubizňák, Kunduri, Yasui 2009; Houri, Kubizňák, Warnick, Yasui 2010-2012]

# More on Kerr-NUT-(A)dS

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## Constants of geodesic motion in higher-dimensional black-hole spacetimes

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In [Phys. Rev. Lett. **98**, 061102 (2007)], we announced the complete integrability of geodesic motion in the general higher-dimensional rotating black-hole spacetimes. In the present paper we prove all the necessary steps leading to this conclusion. In particular, we demonstrate the independence of the constants of motion and the fact that they Poisson commute. The relation to a different set of constants of motion constructed in [J. High Energy Phys. 02 (2007) 004] is also briefly discussed.







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## Dirac equation in Kerr-NUT-(A)dS spacetimes: Intrinsic characterization of separability in all dimensions

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We intrinsically characterize **separability of the Dirac equation in Kerr-NUT-(A)dS spacetimes in all dimensions**. Namely, we explicitly demonstrate that, in such spacetimes, there exists a complete set of first-order mutually commuting operators, one of which is the Dirac operator, that allows for common eigenfunctions which can be found in a separated form and correspond precisely to the general solution of the Dirac equation found by Oota and Yasui [Phys. Lett. B **659**, 688 (2008)]. Since all the operators in the set can be generated from the **principal conformal Killing-Yano tensor**, this establishes the (up-to-now) missing link among the existence of **hidden symmetry**, presence of a complete set of commuting operators, and separability of the Dirac equation in these spacetimes.

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## Separability for Dirac in Kerr-NUT-(A)dS



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- Solutions  $t \mapsto q^i(t)$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, d$ , in 1 to 1 correspondence with *null geodesics* of Lorentzian metric in  $(D + 2)$ -dimensions

$$ds^2 = \hat{g}_{AB} dy^A dy^B = h_{ij} dq^i dq^j + 2du (dv - \Phi du + A_i dq^i) .$$

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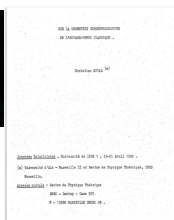
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Example: Ricc-flat spaces in  $(2, 2)$  signature with higher order Killing tensors using Drach systems [Cariglia and Galajinsky 2015].

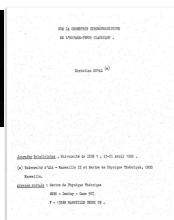
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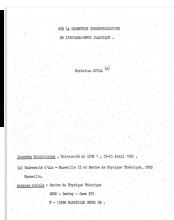


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- More work done: Schrödinger equation, non-relativistic electrodynamics [Duval, Gibbons, Horváthy 1991], pp-waves, non-relativistic holography [Balasubramanian, McGreevy 2008; Son 2008; Duval, Hassaïne, Horváthy 2009; Bekaert, Morand 2013], Lorentzian distance and minimal action [Minguzzi 2007], ...

# Bargmann structure and conformal symmetries



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## Celestial mechanics, conformal structures, and gravitational waves

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Newton's equations for the motion of  $N$  nonrelativistic point particles attracting according to the inverse square law may be cast in the form of equations for null geodesics in a  $(3N + 2)$ -dimensional Lorentzian spacetime which is Ricci flat and admits a covariantly constant null vector. Such a spacetime admits a Bargmann structure and corresponds physically to a plane-fronted gravitational wave (generalized pp wave). Bargmann electromagnetism in five dimensions actually comprises the two distinct Galilean electromagnetic theories pointed out by Le Bellac and Lévy-Leblond. At the quantum level, the  $N$ -body Schrödinger equation may be cast into the form of a massless wave equation. We exploit the conformal symmetries of such spacetimes to discuss some properties of the Newtonian  $N$ -body problem, in particular, (i) homographic solutions, (ii) the virial theorem, (iii) Kepler's third law, (iv) the Lagrange-Laplace-Runge-Lenz vector arising from three conformal Killing two-tensors, and (v) the motion



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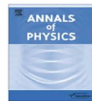
Exemples: Kepler problem with  $G(t)$ , quantum dots, spinning tops, susy, curved space [van Holten 2007; Horváthy, Ngome 2009; Ngome 2009; van Holten, Horváthy, Ngome 2010; Visinescu 2010 & 2011; Igata, Koike, Ishihara 2011; Gibbons, Houri, Kubizňák, Warnick 2011; Cariglia, Kubizňák 2012; Cariglia, Gibbons, van Holten, Horváthy, Zhang 2014]



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## The geometry of Schrödinger symmetry in non-relativistic CFT

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### ABSTRACT

The non-relativistic **conformal "Schrödinger" symmetry** of some gravity backgrounds proposed recently in the **AdS/CFT** context, is explained in the **"Bargmann framework"**. The formalism incorporates the Equivalence Principle. Newton–Hooke conformal symmetries, which are analogs of those of Schrödinger in the presence of a negative cosmological constant, are discussed in a similar way.

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Example 3: Eisenhart lift of Toda chain [\[Cariglia, Gibbons 2014\]](#)

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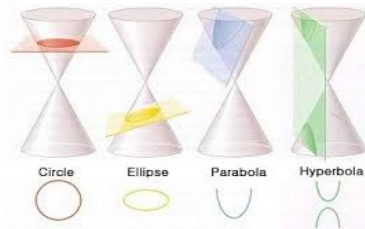
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Unifying perspective: coupling-constant metamorphosis, temporal reparameterisation, Schrödinger transformations are *all projective*.



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### Coupling-Constant Metamorphosis and Duality between Integrable Hamiltonian Systems

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We introduce a noncanonical ("new-time") transformation which exchanges the roles of a coupling constant and the energy in Hamiltonian systems while preserving integrability. In this way we can construct new integrable systems and, for example, explain the observed duality between the Hénon-Heiles and Holt models. It is shown that the transformation can sometimes connect weak- and full-Painlevé Hamiltonians. We also discuss quantum integrability and find the origin of the deformation  $-\frac{2}{\sqrt{7}}\hbar^2 x^{-2}$ .

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Example n.2: Kepler problem projectively equivalent to null geodesic motion in conformally-flat Minkowski space [Cariglia JGP 2016].

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## Recent work

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Curvatronics with bilayer graphene in an effective 4D spacetime

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New answer: electrons at the Dirac points feel the intrinsic curvature of the surface. Modulating this allows opening and closing a gap: key effect of curvatronics.

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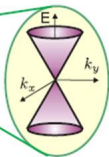
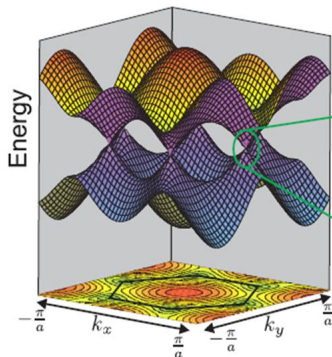
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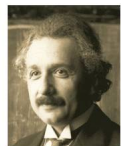
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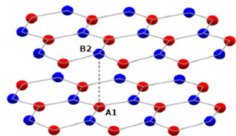
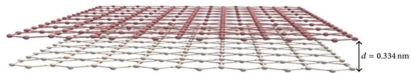
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# AB stacked bilayer graphene



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Low energy limit tight-binding model Hamiltonian of AB stacked bilayer graphene close to the  $K$  or  $K'$  points

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$\kappa = \tau k_x + i k_y$  wave number of the excitation.

$\tau = \pm 1$  denotes Hamiltonian relative to the  $K$  or  $K'$  point

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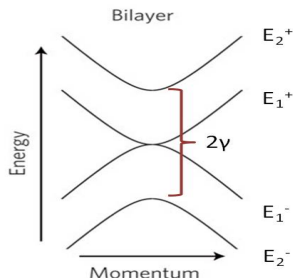
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$$E^2 - |\hbar v_F \kappa|^2 = \sigma \gamma E, \quad \sigma = \pm 1.$$

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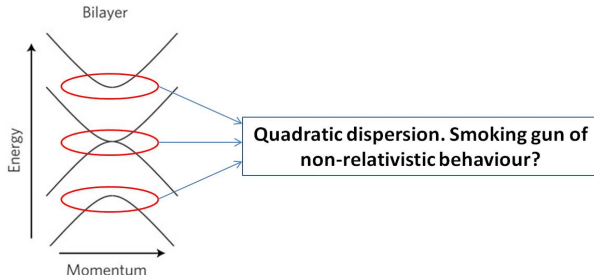
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where energy satisfies

$$E^2 - |\hbar v_F \kappa|^2 = \sigma \gamma E, \quad \sigma = \pm 1.$$

$$E_i^{(\pm)} = \pm \left[ (-1)^i \frac{\gamma}{2} + \sqrt{\frac{\gamma^2}{4} + |\hbar v_F \kappa|^2} \right], \quad i = 1, 2.$$



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Then for  $\tau = 1$

$$\chi_1(t) = e^{\mp i \frac{|\hbar v_F \kappa|^2}{\hbar \gamma} t} (\lambda_1, \sigma \lambda_4)^T,$$

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satisfy the Lévy-Leblond equations

$$i\hbar \partial_t \chi_2 + i\hbar v_F D \chi_1 = 0,$$

$$D \chi_2 - i \frac{2m v_F}{\hbar} \chi_1 = 0,$$

where  $m = \pm \frac{\gamma}{2v_F^2}$ ,  $D = i\sigma^j k_j$ ,  $\sigma^j$  Pauli matrices.

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## Nonrelativistic Particles and Wave Equations

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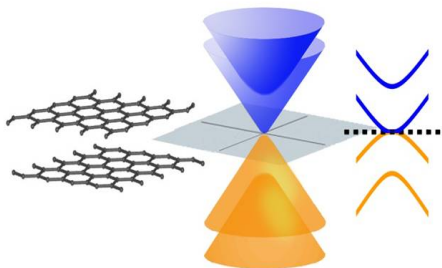
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**Abstract.** This paper is devoted to a detailed study of nonrelativistic particles and their properties, as described by Galilei invariant wave equations, in order to obtain a precise distinction between the specifically relativistic properties of elementary quantum mechanical systems and those which are also shared by nonrelativistic systems. After having emphasized that spin, for instance, is not such a specifically relativistic effect, we construct wave equations for nonrelativistic particles with any spin. Our derivation is based upon the theory of representations of the Galilei group, which define nonrelativistic particles. We particularly study the spin 1/2 case where we introduce a four-component wave equation, the non-relativistic analogue of the Dirac equation. It leads to the conclusion that the spin magnetic moment, with its Landé factor  $g = 2$ , is not a relativistic property. More

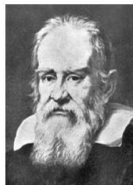


The wave function  $\Phi$  is thus a 4-component object, which we write as  $\Phi = \begin{pmatrix} \varphi \\ \chi \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $\varphi$  and  $\chi$  each being a 2-component function. Our wave equation finally reads:

$$\begin{cases} E\varphi + (\boldsymbol{\sigma} \cdot \mathbf{p})\chi = 0 \\ (\boldsymbol{\sigma} \cdot \mathbf{p})\varphi + 2m\chi = 0. \end{cases} \quad (25)$$



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Lévy-Leblond equations in curved 2D space:

$$(i\hbar \partial_t - V) \chi_2 + i\hbar v_F \left( \nabla_j - i \frac{e}{\hbar} A_j \right) \sigma^j \chi_1 = 0, \quad (*)$$

$$\left( \nabla_j - i \frac{e}{\hbar} A_j \right) \sigma^j \chi_2 - i \frac{2m v_F}{\hbar} \chi_1 = 0, \quad (**)$$

$$V = V(x, y), A_j = A_j(x, y).$$

Finding  $\chi_1$  in (\*\*) and plugging into (\*) gives a Schrödinger equation

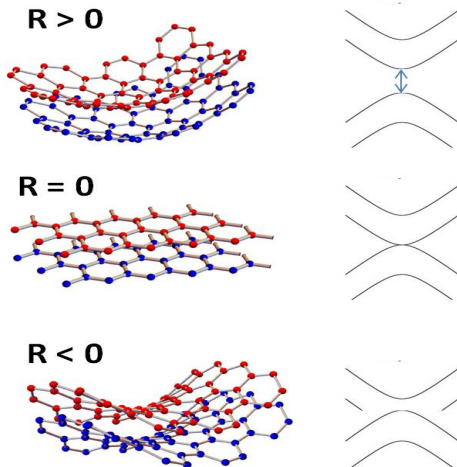
$$\left( \mathcal{E} - \frac{g^{ij}}{2m} \Pi_i \Pi_j - V + \frac{e\hbar}{2m} B - \frac{\hbar^2}{8m} R \right) \chi_2 = 0.$$

$\Pi_j = -i\hbar (\nabla_j - i\frac{e}{\hbar} A_j)$  momentum  
 $B = (\partial_i A_j - \partial_j A_i) \sigma^{ij}$  magnetic field  
 $R$  intrinsic curvature in 2D.

## Curvatronics

Positive curvature  $\leftrightarrow$  bands separate, insulating

Negative curvature  $\leftrightarrow$  bands overlap, metallic



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Model is valid for **small changes in energy**.

Curvature term contribution is small if  $R \ll \frac{\gamma^2}{\hbar^2 v_F^2}$ .

For constant curvature  $|R| = \frac{2}{l_R^2}$  this is  $l_R \gg 1.6nm$ . **Deformations are smooth on the scale of the hexagonal lattice.**

Experimental values can be measured for example with ARPES,  $E_A = 10^{-3}eV$ .  
 $E_{curv} \geq E_A \leftrightarrow l_R \leq 23nm$ , well within typical curvature scale in graphene systems.

Congratulations Gary!  
And thank you.

