Non-commutative probability, conditional expectation values as weak values.

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Some Surprising Results.

1. von Neumann's 1931 approach is mathematically identical to Moyal's 1949

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[von Neumann, Math. Ann. 104 (1931) 570-87]
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[Moyal, Proc. Camb. Phil. Soc, 45, (1949), 99-123]

2. Moyal's conditional expectation values of momentum and energy are intimately related to the energy-momentum tensor $T^{\mu\nu}(\boldsymbol{x},t)$ of standard quantum field theory.

$$\rho(x,t)P_M^j(x,t) = T^{0j}(x,t) \text{ and } \rho(x,t)E_M(x,t) = T^{00}(x,t)$$

[Hiley, and Callaghan, arXiv: 1011.4031 and arXiv: 1011.4033.]

3. The Moyal momentum IS the Bohm momentum for the Schrödinger, Pauli and Dirac particles.

[Hiley, and Callaghan, Found. Phys. **42** (2012) 192-208]

4. The Moyal/Bohm approach is about non-commutative probability theory.

[Hiley, arXiv 1211.2098]

5. The Moyal/Bohm momentum is the weak value of the momentum operator,

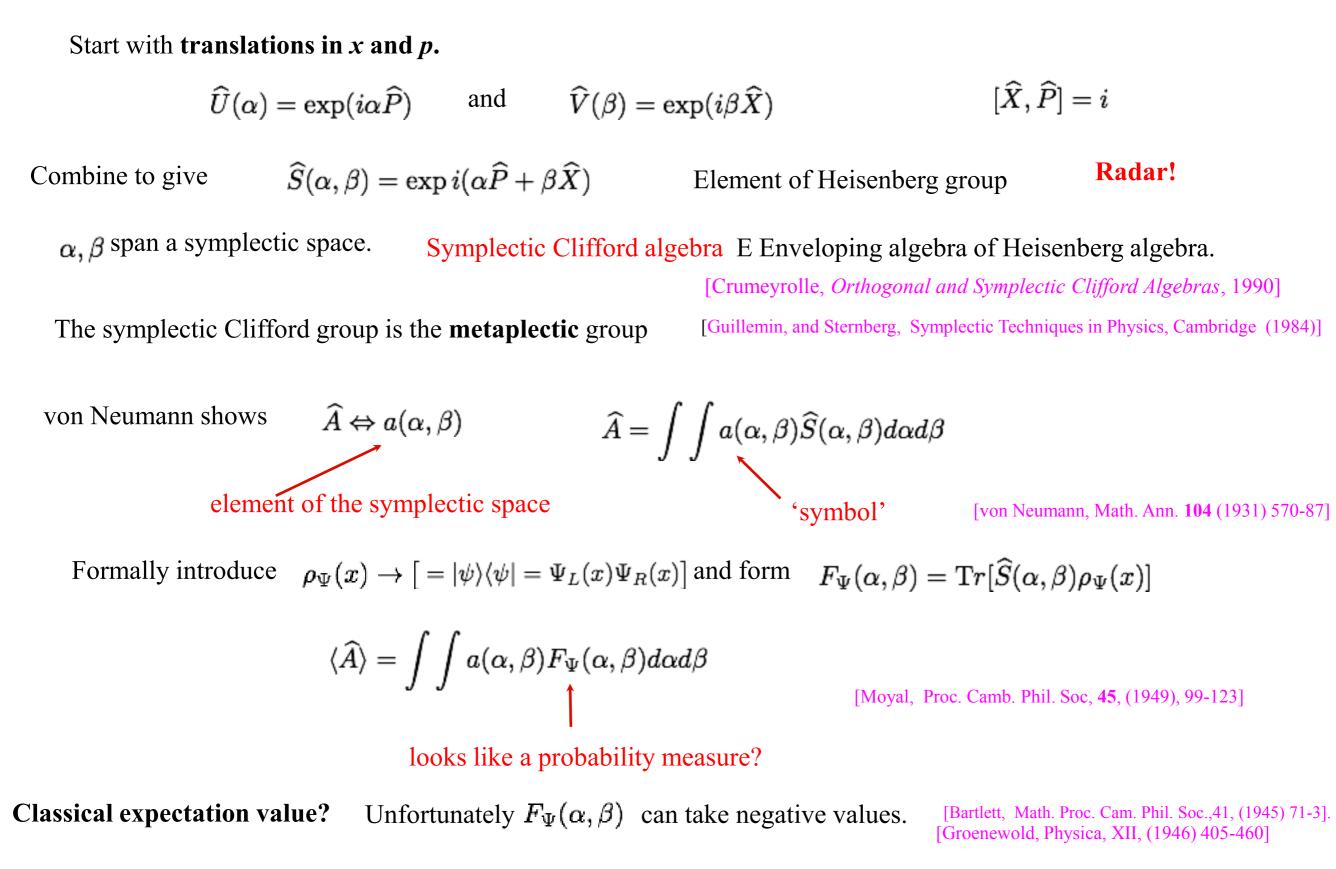
$$P^{\mu}_{\psi,B}(x,t) = \frac{\langle x | \hat{P} | \psi(x,t) \rangle}{\langle x | \psi(x,t) \rangle}$$
[Leavens, Found. Phys., **35** (2005) 469-91]
[Wiseman, New J. Phys., **9** (2007) 165-77.]
[Hiley J. Phys.: Conference Series, 361 (2012) 012014.]

6. Bohm momentum, energy, Bohm kinetic energy and hence the quantum potential can be measured using weak values. [Rob Flack next lecture]

7. Classical physics emerges from a non-commutative statistical (quantum) structure grounded in process.

[Hiley, Lecture Notes in Physics, vol. 813, pp. 705-750, Springer (2011).]

The von Neumann 1931 Algebra.



Don't worry we are in a non-commutative symplectic manifold.

Non-commutative Probability

Non-commutative Phase Space.

Products of symbols If
$$\widehat{C} = \widehat{A}\widehat{B}$$
 then $C(x, x') = \int A(x, x'')B(x'', x')dx''$

von Neumann shows

$$c(\alpha,\beta) = a(\alpha,\beta) \star b(\alpha,\beta) = \int \int e^{2i(\gamma\beta - \delta\alpha)} a(\gamma - \alpha, \delta - \beta) b(\alpha,\beta) d\alpha d\beta$$
[von Neumann, Math. Ann., **104** (1931) 570-87]

Moyal product

Special case:

$$\alpha \star \beta - \beta \star \alpha = i$$

Moyal chose new variables $\alpha \rightarrow x \quad \beta \rightarrow p$

[Moyal, Proc. Camb. Phil. Soc, 45, (1949), 99-123]

Non-commutative Phase Space

A Closer look at the Non-commutative Moyal Algebra.

With star product we can form two types of bracket

$$\{a,b\}_{MB} = \frac{a \star b - b \star a}{i\hbar} \qquad \{a,b\}_{BB} = \frac{a \star b + b \star a}{2}$$

Moyal bracket Baker bracket

Moyal showed the star product can also be written in the form

$$a(x,p) \star b(x,p) = a(x,p) \exp[i\hbar(\overleftarrow{\partial}_x \overrightarrow{\partial}_p - \overrightarrow{\partial}_x \overleftarrow{\partial}_p)/2]b(x,p)$$

Easy to show that

$$x \star p - p \star x = i\hbar$$

Then we have

$$\{a,b\}_{MB} = 2a(x,p)\sin[\hbar(\overleftarrow{\partial}_x \overrightarrow{\partial}_p - \overrightarrow{\partial}_x \overleftarrow{\partial}_p)/2]b(x,p)$$
$$\{a,b\}_{BB} = a(x,p)\cos[\hbar(\overleftarrow{\partial}_x \overrightarrow{\partial}_p - \overrightarrow{\partial}_x \overleftarrow{\partial}_p)/2]b(x,p)$$

The important property of these brackets is they contain the classical limit.

Moyal bracket becomes the Poisson bracket.

 $\{a,b\}_{MB} = \{a,b\}_{PB} + O(\hbar^2) = [\partial_x a \partial_p b - \partial_p a \partial_x a]$

Baker bracket becomes a simple product $\{a,b\}_{BB} = ab + O(\hbar^2)$

The Dynamics.

Because of non-commutativity

$$\begin{split} H(x,p) \star F_{\psi}(x,p,t) &= i(2\pi)^{-1} \int e^{-i\tau p} \psi^*(x-\tau/2) \overrightarrow{\partial}_t \psi(x+\tau/2) d\tau \\ F_{\psi}(x,p,t) \star H(x,p) &= -i \int e^{-i\tau p} \psi^*(x-\tau/2) \overleftarrow{\partial}_t \psi(x+\tau/2) \end{split}$$

Subtracting gives Moyal bracket equation

$$\partial_t F_{\psi} = (H \star F_{\psi} - F_{\psi} \star H)/2i = \{H, F_{\psi}\}_{MB}$$

Classical Liouville
equation to $O(\hbar^2)$
 $\tau \to \hbar \tau$

Adding gives **Baker bracket** equation $\{H, F_{\psi}\}_{BB} = (H \star F_{\psi} + F_{\psi} \star H)/2$

$$2\{H,F\}_{BB} = i(2\pi)^{-1} \int e^{-i\tau p} [\psi^*(x-\tau/2)\overrightarrow{\partial}_t \psi(x+\tau/2) - \psi^*(x-\tau/2)\overleftarrow{\partial}_t \psi(x+\tau/2)d\tau]$$

Writing $\psi = Re^{iS}$ we obtain

$$\frac{\psi^*\overleftrightarrow{\partial}_t\psi}{\psi^*\psi} = \frac{[\psi^*\overrightarrow{\partial}_t\psi - \psi^*\overleftarrow{\partial}_t\psi]}{\psi^*\psi} = \left[\frac{\partial_t R(x+\tau/2)}{R(x+\tau/2)} - \frac{\partial_t R(x-\tau/2)}{R(x-\tau/2)}\right] + i\left[\frac{\partial_t S(x+\tau/2)}{S(x+\tau/2)} + \frac{\partial_t S(x-\tau/2)}{S(x-\tau/2)}\right]$$

Go to the limit $O(\hbar^2)$

$$H \star F_{\psi} + F_{\psi} \star H = -2(\partial_t S)F_{\psi} + O(\hbar^2) \quad \Rightarrow \quad 2(\partial_t S)F_{\psi} + \{H, F_{\psi}\}_{BB} = 0$$
$$\frac{\partial S}{\partial t} + H = 0 \qquad \qquad \text{Classical H-J equation.}$$

No need for decoherence to reach the classical level

Time Development Equations.

X - P Phase Space	
$\frac{\partial F}{\partial t} + [F, H]_{MB} = 0$	
$2\frac{\partial S}{\partial t}F + [F,H]_{BB} = 0$	
von Neumann/Moyal algebra	

Surprise Number 2.

Moyal asked: if $F_{\psi}(x, p)$ is treated as a probability distribution

What is the conditional expectation value of the momentum?

$$\rho(x)\overline{p} = \int pF_{\psi}(x,p)dp = \left(\frac{1}{2i}\right) \left[(\partial_{x_1} - \partial_{x_2})\psi(x_1)\psi(x_2)\right]_{x_1 = x_2 = x}$$
Moyal momentum

With $\psi = Re^{iS}$, we find $\bar{p}(x) = \frac{1}{2i}[\psi^*\nabla\psi - (\nabla\psi^*)\psi] = \nabla S$ Moyal momentum = Bohm momentum.

Moyal's transport of \bar{p}

$$\partial_t (\rho \overline{p}_k) + \sum_i \partial_{x_i} (\rho p_k \partial_{x_i} H) + \rho \partial_{x_k} H = 0$$

Again with $\psi = Re^{iS}$, we find

 $\frac{\partial}{\partial x_{k}} \left[\frac{\partial S}{\partial t} + H - \frac{\nabla^{2} \rho}{8m\rho} \right] = 0$ Quantum potential. Or $\frac{\partial S}{\partial t} + H - \frac{\nabla^2 \rho}{8m\rho} = \frac{\partial S}{\partial t} + \frac{1}{2m} (\nabla S)^2 + V - \frac{1}{2m} \frac{\nabla^2 R}{R} = 0$

Quantum Hamilton-Jacobi equation.

For details see appendix of Moyal's paper.

[Moyal, Proc. Camb. Phil. Soc. 45, (1949), 99-123.]

[Hiley, Proc. Int. Conf. Quantum Theory: Reconsideration of Foundations 2, (2003) 267-86,]

Time Development Equations.

X - P Phase Space	Bohm Phase Space	Configuration Space.
$\frac{\partial F}{\partial t} + [F, H]_{MB} = 0$	$\frac{\partial P_x}{\partial t} + \nabla_x \cdot \left(P_x \frac{\nabla_x S_x}{m} \right) = 0$	
	$p_B = \nabla_x S_x$	
$2\frac{\partial S}{\partial t}F + [F,H]_{BB} = 0$	$\frac{\partial S_x}{\partial t} + \frac{1}{2m} \left(\frac{\partial S_x}{\partial x} \right)^2 + Q_x + V = 0$	
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von Neumann/Moyal algebra	Moyal/Bohm	

Time Development of $\rho_{\Psi}(x,t)$ in Configuration Space.

For a pure state $\rho_{\Psi}(x,t)$ is idempotent and of rank one.

In the symplectic non-commutative algebra we can form $\rho_{\Psi} = \Psi_L \Psi_R$; with Heuristic argument:-

$$|\psi\rangle\langle\psi| \Rightarrow \hat{\rho} = A\rangle\langle B \to A\epsilon B = \Psi_L \Psi_R = \rho_\Psi$$

Standard ket $A\rangle$ Idempotent $\rangle\langle$

with $\Psi_L \in \mathcal{I}_L$ and $\Psi_R \in \mathcal{I}_R$ Elements of a left and right ideal.

[Dirac, Math. Proc.Cam. Phil. Soc., B (1939) 416-418] [Dirac, Quantum Mechanics 3rd Edition p. 79 (1947)]

[Hiley Lecture Notes in Physics, vol. 813, pp. 705-750, Springer (2011)]

As before we have two time development equations

$$i\Psi_R(\overrightarrow{\partial}_t\Psi_L) = \Psi_R(\overrightarrow{H}\Psi_L) \quad \text{and} \quad -i(\Psi_R\overleftarrow{\partial}_t)\Psi_L = (\Psi_R\overleftarrow{H})\Psi_L$$

which we combine by adding and subtracting to find;-

$$i\left[(\overrightarrow{\partial}_{t}\Psi_{L})\Psi_{R} + \Psi_{L}(\Psi_{R}\overleftarrow{\partial}_{t})\right] = \left(\overrightarrow{H}\Psi_{L}\right)\Psi_{R} - \Psi_{L}\left(\Psi_{R}\overleftarrow{H}\right) = [H,\rho]_{-}$$
(A)
$$i\left[(\overrightarrow{\partial}_{t}\Psi_{L})\Psi_{R} - \Psi_{L}(\Psi_{R}\overleftarrow{\partial}_{t})\right] = \left(\overrightarrow{H}\Psi_{L}\right)\Psi_{R} + \Psi_{L}\left(\Psi_{R}\overleftarrow{H}\right) = [H,\rho]_{+}$$
(B)

From (A) we obtain $i\partial_t \rho = [H, \rho]_-$ Liouville equation

Conservation of Probability

From (B) we obtain

$$i \Psi_R \overleftrightarrow{\partial}_t \Psi_L = [H,
ho]_+$$

Conservation of Energy.

New equation?

[Brown, and Hiley, 2000, quant-ph/0005026.] [Brown, Ph.D. Thesis, University of London, 2004.]

Time Development Equations.

X - P Phase Space	Bohm Phase Space	Configuration Space
$\frac{\partial F}{\partial t} + [F, H]_{MB} = 0$	$\frac{\partial P_x}{\partial t} + \nabla_x \cdot \left(P_x \frac{\nabla_x S_x}{m} \right) = 0$	$irac{\partial ho}{\partial t}+[ho,H]_{-}=0$
	$p_B = abla_x S_x$	
$2\frac{\partial S}{\partial t}F + [F,H]_{BB} = 0$	$\frac{\partial S_x}{\partial t} + \frac{1}{2m} \left(\frac{\partial S_x}{\partial x} \right)^2 + Q_x + V = 0$	$2rac{\partial S}{\partial t} ho+[ho,H]_+=0$
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von Neumann/Moyal algebra	Bohm model	Quantum algebra

Project Quantum Algebraic Equations into a Representation.

Project into representation using $P_a = |a\rangle\langle a|$

$$i\frac{\partial P(a)}{\partial t} + \langle [\rho, H]_{-} \rangle_{a} = 0 \qquad 2P(a)\frac{\partial S}{\partial t} + \langle [\rho, H]_{+} \rangle_{a} = 0$$
Choose $P_{x} = |x\rangle\langle x| \qquad \hat{H} = \frac{\hat{p}^{2}}{2m} + \frac{K\hat{x}^{2}}{2} \qquad \text{Harmonic oscillator}$

$$\frac{\partial P_{x}}{\partial t} + \nabla_{x} \cdot \left(P_{x}\frac{\nabla_{x}S_{x}}{\partial t}\right) = 0 \qquad \frac{\partial S_{x}}{\partial t} + \frac{1}{2m}\left(\frac{\partial S_{x}}{\partial x}\right)^{2} + \frac{Kx^{2}}{2} - \frac{1}{2mR_{x}}\left(\frac{\partial^{2}R_{x}}{\partial x^{2}}\right) = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial P_x}{\partial t} + \nabla_x \cdot \left(P_x \frac{\nabla_x S_x}{m} \right) = 0$$

Conservation of probability

Quantum Hamilton-Jacobi equation.

[M. R. Brown & B. J. Hiley, quant-ph/0005026]

But there is more!

Choose
$$P_p = |p\rangle\langle p|$$

 $\hat{H} = \frac{\hat{p}^2}{2m} + \frac{K\hat{x}^2}{2}$
Quantum potential
 $\frac{\partial P_p}{\partial t} + \nabla_p \cdot \left(P_p \frac{\nabla_p S_p}{m}\right) = 0$
 $\frac{\partial S_p}{\partial t} + \frac{p^2}{2m} + \frac{K}{2} \left(\frac{\partial S_p}{\partial p}\right)^2 - \frac{K}{2R_p} \left(\frac{\partial^2 R_p}{\partial p^2}\right) = 0$

Possibility of Bohm model in momentum space.

But now $x = -\left(\frac{\partial S_p}{\partial p}\right)$

Trajectories from the streamlines of probability current.

 $j_{p} = -\langle p | \frac{\partial(\hat{\rho}V(\hat{x}))}{\partial x} | p \rangle$

What is called "Bohmian Mechanics" is but a fragment of the deeper non-commutative geometry.

Surprise Number 3:- Energy-Momentum Tensor.

$$T^{\mu\nu} = -\left\{\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial(\partial^{\mu}\psi)}\partial^{\nu}\psi + \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial(\partial^{\mu}\psi^{*})}\partial^{\nu}\psi^{*}\right\}$$

Take the Schrödinger Lagrangian: $\mathcal{L} = -\frac{1}{2m}\nabla\psi^*\cdot\nabla\psi + \frac{i}{2}[\psi^*(\partial_t\psi) - (\partial_t\psi^*)\psi] - V\psi^*\psi.$

and find

$$T^{0\mu} = -\frac{i}{2}[(\partial^{\mu}\psi^{*})\psi - \psi^{*}(\partial^{\mu}\psi)] = \frac{i}{2}[\psi^{*}\overleftarrow{\partial}^{\mu}\psi] = -\rho\partial^{\mu}S$$

Recalling that
$$P_M(x,t) = P_B(x,t) = \nabla S(x,t)$$
 and $E_M(x,t) = E_B(x,t) = -\partial_t S(x,t)$

Then explicitly:

$$\rho(x,t)P_M^j(x,t) = T^{0j}(x,t) \text{ and } \rho(x,t)E_M(x,t) = T^{00}(x,t)$$

These are the LOCAL expressions for the energy-momentum of the particle. Conservation of energy is maintained through the quantum Hamilton-Jacobi equation.

Similar relations hold for the Pauli and Dirac particles. Use orthogo

Use orthogonal Clifford algebra.

[Hiley, and Callaghan, arXiv: 1011.4031 and arXiv: 1011.4033.]

Standard QFT deals with the GLOBAL expression of energy-momentum

$$P^{j} = \int T^{0j}(x,t)d^{3}x \qquad \qquad E = \int T^{00}(x,t)d^{3}x$$

Surprise Number 4:-Weak Values.

We will show that these quantities are related to weak values through:

$$\rho P_{jB} = \rho \partial_j S = -T^{0j} = \Re[i\rho \langle P_j \rangle_W] \qquad \text{Moyal/Bohm momentum.}$$

$$\rho E_B = -\rho \partial_t S = -T^{00} = \Re[i\rho \langle P_t \rangle_W] \qquad \text{Moyal/Bohm energy.}$$

$$A_W = \frac{\langle \phi | A | \psi \rangle}{\langle \phi | \psi \rangle} \qquad \text{N.B.} \quad A_W \in \mathbb{C}$$

What is a weak value?

[Aharonov and Vaidman, Phys. Rev. 41, (1990) 11-19]

How do they appear in the formalism?

$$\langle \psi | A | \psi \rangle = \sum \langle \psi | \phi_j \rangle \langle \phi_j | A | \psi \rangle$$
 where $| \phi_j \rangle$ form a complete orthonormal set

Then

$$\langle \psi | A | \psi \rangle = \sum \langle \psi | \phi_j \rangle \left(\frac{\langle \phi_j | \psi \rangle}{\langle \phi_j | \psi \rangle} \right) \langle \phi_j | A | \psi \rangle = \sum \rho_j \frac{\langle \phi_j | A | \psi \rangle}{\langle \phi_j | \psi \rangle}$$

Weak value.

Remember $\frac{\langle \phi | A | \psi \rangle}{\langle \phi | \psi \rangle}$ is a complex number. It is clearly a transition probability amplitude.

But how is this related to the energy-momentum component $T^{0\mu}(x,t)$?

Weak values when \hat{P} is involved.

Weak value
$$\langle \boldsymbol{P} \rangle_W = \frac{\langle \boldsymbol{x} | \boldsymbol{P} | \psi(t) \rangle}{\langle \boldsymbol{x} | \psi(t) \rangle}$$

Form:

$$\langle oldsymbol{x}|\hat{oldsymbol{P}}|\psi(t)
angle = \int \langle oldsymbol{x}|\hat{oldsymbol{P}}|oldsymbol{x}'
angle \langle oldsymbol{x}'|\psi(t)
angle doldsymbol{x}' = -ioldsymbol{
abla}\psi(oldsymbol{x},t)$$

Write $\psi(\boldsymbol{x},t) = R(\boldsymbol{x},t)e^{iS(\boldsymbol{x},t)}$ then

$$\langle \boldsymbol{P} \rangle_W = \boldsymbol{\nabla} S(\boldsymbol{x},t) - i \boldsymbol{\nabla} \rho(\boldsymbol{x},t) / 2 \rho(\boldsymbol{x},t)$$
 with $\rho(\boldsymbol{x},t) = |\psi(\boldsymbol{x},t)|^2$

Moyal/Bohm momentum. osmotic momentum.

Real part of weak value:

$$\Re[i\rho\langle \boldsymbol{P}\rangle_W] = [\boldsymbol{\nabla}\psi^*(\boldsymbol{x})]\psi(\boldsymbol{x}) - \psi^*(\boldsymbol{x})[\boldsymbol{\nabla}\psi(\boldsymbol{x})] = \psi^*(\boldsymbol{x})\boldsymbol{\nabla}\psi(\boldsymbol{x}) = \rho \boldsymbol{P}_B \qquad \frac{\text{Moyal/Bohm momentum}}{T^{0j}(\boldsymbol{x},t)}$$

Imaginary part of weak value: $\Im[-i\rho\langle \boldsymbol{P}\rangle_W] = [\boldsymbol{\nabla}\psi^*(\boldsymbol{x})]\psi(\boldsymbol{x}) + \psi^*(\boldsymbol{x})[\boldsymbol{\nabla}\psi(\boldsymbol{x})] = \boldsymbol{\nabla}[\rho(\boldsymbol{x})].$

[Bohm and Hiley, Phys. Reps, 172, (1989) 92-122.]

The Bohm kinetic energy.

$$\Re[\langle \boldsymbol{P}^2 \rangle_W] = (\boldsymbol{\nabla} S(\boldsymbol{x}))^2 - \frac{\boldsymbol{\nabla}^2 R(\boldsymbol{x})}{R(\boldsymbol{x})} = P_B^2 + Q.$$

$$\Im[\langle \mathbf{P}^2 \rangle_W] = \nabla^2 S(\mathbf{x}) + \left(\frac{\nabla \rho(\mathbf{x})}{\rho(\mathbf{x})}\right) \nabla S(\mathbf{x}).$$

[Leavens, Found. Phys., 35 (2005) 469-91] [Wiseman, New J. Phys., 9 (2007) 165-77.]

[Hiley, J. Phys Conf. Series, 361, (2012), 012014]

Bohm Approach and Pauli spin.

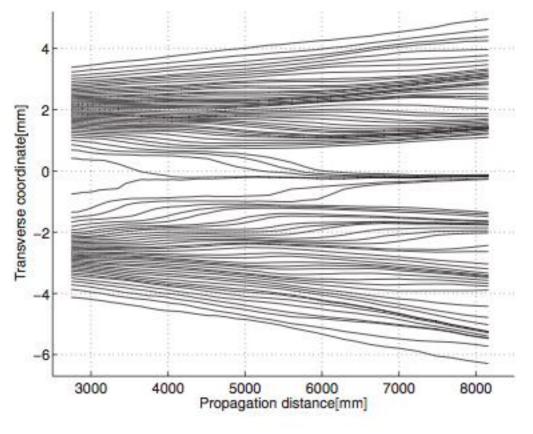
Density element
$$\rho(x) = \phi_L(x)\phi_R(x) \in \text{orthogonal Clifford algebra}$$

With $\Psi = \begin{pmatrix} R_1 e^{iS_1} \\ R_2 e^{iS_2} \end{pmatrix}$
The Bohm momentum and energy
 $\rho P_B(x) = \rho_1(x)\nabla_x S_1(x) + \rho_2(x)\nabla_x S_2(x) = \Re[i\rho\langle P_j \rangle_W]$
Bohm Momentum
 $\rho E_B(x) = \rho_1(x)\partial_t S_1(x) + \rho_2(x)\partial_t S_2(x) = \Re[i\rho\langle P_t \rangle_W]$
Bohm Energy
The Bohm kinetic energy is
 $\Re[\langle P^2 \rangle_W] = P_B^2(x) + [2(\nabla_x W(x) \cdot S(x)) + W^2(x)] = P_B^2 + Q.$
Spin of particle $S = i(\phi_L e_3 \tilde{\phi}_L)$ and $\rho W = \nabla_x(\rho S)$ with $\phi_R(x) = \tilde{\phi}_L$
[Hiley, and Callaghan, Found. Phys. 42, (2012) 192 and Maths-ph: 1011.4031]

This generalises to the Dirac particle

[Hiley and Callaghan, Fond. Phys 42 (2012) 192-208, math-ph:1011.4031 and 1011.4033]

Photon 'trajectories'.



Experimental--Photons.

Problems with concept of a photon trajectory

We measure $T^{0j}(x, t)$, Poynting's vector.

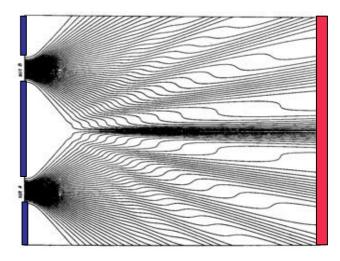
What is the meaning of the Poynting vector for a single photon?

What is the meaning of a photon at a point?

Must go to field theory

[Kocsis, Braverman, Ravets, Stevens, Mirin, Shalm, Steinberg,

Science 332, 1170 (2011)]



[Philippidis, Dewdney, and Hiley, Nuovo Cimento **52B** (1979) 15-28.]

[Prosser, IJTP, 15, (1976) 169]

[Bohm, Hiley, and Kaloyerou, Phys. Reports, 144, (1987) 349-375.]

These criticisms do not apply to non-relativistic particles with finite rest mass (Schrödinger particle)

Need new experiments using atoms.