

Extended Relativity in Clifford Spaces: An Alternative Approach to Unification Beyond GR and SM

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Abstract: Despite their undeniable experimental success, General Relativity (GR) and the Standard Model (SM) are still regarded as effective field theories (EFTs), only valid up to a certain energy scale or length threshold, beyond which new physics is anticipated. These foundational theories, while extremely precise within their respective domains^a gravitation for GR and quantum fields for the SM^a remain fundamentally incompatible and incomplete when attempting a unified description of nature. In this work, we present and review the framework of Extended Relativity (ER) within the mathematical setting of Clifford spaces (C-spaces), which generalize Minkowskian spacetime by incorporating multivectorial (polyvector) coordinates. This formalism offers a natural extension of spacetime geometry capable of encoding extended objects and higher-order geometric degrees of freedom. The ER approach aims to provide a geometric and algebraic platform potentially capable of bridging the divide between quantum theory and gravity. Beyond reviewing concepts, methods, and selected results from ER in C-spaces, we also highlight its theoretical connections with other generalized relativities (OR), including Born reciprocity, multitemporal relativity, and recent frameworks inspired by emergent spacetime and quantum entanglement (QE). These connections may shed light on phenomena such as the emergence of spacetime, dark energy, or the role of maximal acceleration and higher-derivative symmetries. Finally, we explore the compelling possibility that ER is only a step toward a more fundamental theory, which we term Beyond Extended Relativity (BER). This leads us to propose a broader framework, perhaps governed by new symmetry principles and limits, capable of addressing the unresolved challenges of unification, quantum gravity, and the ultimate structure of spacetime.

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1. Introduction and Motivation

Theoretical Physics at the beginning of the 21st century is coded into 2 big Effective Field Theories (EFT), at least up to energies tested in the colliders or the lab about $E \sim 100\text{GeV} - 1\text{TeV}$, and distances¹ in the range $10^{-18}\text{m} < \lambda < R_{Obs}$:

1. *General Relativity* (GR) or Standard theory of Gravity (SG). This theory can be condensed in a set of pure field theory equations derived from a lagrangian density, and it describes gravity as curvature in the space-

time geometry caused by fields of matter (energy-momentum) living on the space-time manifold, as follows

$$G_{\mu\nu} = \frac{8\pi G}{c^4} T_{\mu\nu} \text{ with } \mathcal{L}_{GR} = \mathcal{L}_{EH} + \mathcal{L}_M \quad (1)$$

2. *Quantum Field theory* (QFT), a gauge field theory based on the gauge group $G = SU(3) \times SU(2) \times U(1)$, and describing every fundamental force excepting gravity in a quantum way. This is called the *Standard Model*

¹ Excepting gravity at small distances, hard to handle with.

(SM) or sometimes the *Standard Theory* (ST). Despite its complexity, it can more or less be described by a lagrangian field theory as well, with some pieces and terms more mysterious and less tested than others:

$$L_{SM} = L_{\psi} + L_{gauge} + L_Y + L_{Higgs} \quad (2)$$

$$L_{\psi} = i\bar{\Psi}\not{D}\Psi + h.c. \quad L_{gauge} = -\frac{1}{4}F_{\mu\nu}F^{\mu\nu} \quad (3)$$

$$L_Y = Y_{ij}\phi\bar{\Psi}_i\Psi_j + h.c. \quad (4)$$

$$L_{Higgs} = |D_{\mu}\phi|^2 - V(\phi) \quad (5)$$

The impressive experimental success of these two big pictures and theories can only be confronted by their apparent incompatibility. To be more precise, more than incompatibility, some experimental and theoretical issues hint that they can not be the end of the history but only the current edge and limit of our physical knowledge. Current frontiers in our knowledge are triggered by certain (not complete) list of questions we can not answer in the framework of GR and the SM:

1. *Dark Matter (DM) and Dark Energy(DE)*. What are they? Particles and/or Modified Gravity?
2. *The Cosmological Constant* (dark energy?) problem.
3. *The origin of mass* (how to explain why the Yukawa couplings and masses are those we observe?).
4. *Black Hole (BH) physics*: where does BH entropy come from? The Black Hole information paradox problem and the fate of space-time singularities, ...
5. *Quantum Mechanics and its foundations*. Is it geometry? Is it (really) fundamental or emergent?
6. *The emergence of space-time*. Is space-time itself fundamental or emergent?
7. *Gravitational, strong and electroweak forces not unified*. What is the right Grand Unified Theory (GUT)? What is the right super-GUT theory or the theory of everything (TOE)?

To address part of some of these problems, standard theories are NOT enough. We need to go *beyond*. Thus, quantum gravity (QG) and unification (U), implies to build the so-called Beyond General Relativity (BGR) and Beyond Standard Model (BSM) theories. There are some popular candidates and well-known approaches to BGR and BSM. Let us write a brief selection of these ideas and models:

1. *Superstrings/M-theory*.
2. *Loop Quantum Gravity (LQG)*.
3. *CFT, GUT's, NC geometry, twistors*.
4. *Phenomenology of QG*.
5. *Higher Spin Theories, Generalized UP, analogue models, SME*.
6. *World crystals, holography, gauge/gravity*

correspondence, emergent spacetime, QIT (Quantum Information Theory) or "spacetime from entanglement", ...

7. Deformations and extensions of special relativity (SR), GR and Quantum Mechanics (QM). There are nontrivial extensions of relativity and other relativities (e.g., doubly/triply special relativity) out there and no one seems to pay attention to some of their ideas.

In this article², we approach mainly the path to unification of the so-called Extended Relativity (ER) in Clifford spaces (C-spaces), its "state of art" and its own "beyond", what could be called beyond Extended Relativity (BER).

2. Bits on Extended Relativity

Why to study a new approach? Why to learn Extended Relativity? Physics and Science are about ideas, models and theories passing experimental tests. There is nothing wrong to test new paths. Moreover, we can provide six good reasons to study Extended Relativity and Extended Relativity in C-spaces:

1. Not too many people out there doing it! No competitors! No matter if you don't like a model or not, not having too many competitors is a good reason.
2. New ways to enlarge relativity/gauge symmetries. We suspect unification requires a higher notion of symmetry and maybe a new relativity principle. Indeed, string theory/M-theory and other main approaches still lack a unifying principle (cf. equivalence principle, Lorentz invariance, diffeomorphism invariance, ...)
3. Derive relationships, equivalences and dualities with other known major/minor approaches.
4. An alternative tool to compactification, extra dimensiones (ED), and U.
5. Clifford algebras seem to be important too in QIT.
6. Create new predictions to be tested in experiments and explore new paths towards U. With the rise of neutrino and gravitational wave astronomy, and a new generation of experimental devices, we can reach the goal of testing the boundaries of our current theories, in order to find out how to supersede them all.

2.1. Polyvectors and the Rise of ER "Machines"

From [33, 34], the work [27, 37], we have a key principle: ER theory in C-spaces generalizes of the notion of the interval in Minkowski space to a manifold we call Clifford space (C-space) and naturally requires extended objects.³

ER requires polyvectors (polyforms). What is a polyvector? The Clifford valued polyvector $X = X^M E_M$ is defined as:

$$X = X^M E_M = \sigma_1 + x^\mu \gamma_\mu + x^{\mu\nu} \gamma_\mu \wedge \gamma_\nu + \dots + x^{\mu_1 \mu_2 \dots \mu_D} \gamma_{\mu_1} \wedge \gamma_{\mu_2} \dots \wedge \gamma_{\mu_D} \quad (6)$$

² It is a lightly enlarged version of a talk given by the author at IARD2016, Ljubljana (Slovenia), on June 6th, 2016.

³ Matej Pavšič (IARD 2002) introduced the idea of working in C-space: polydimensional relativity and C-space as the "arena" of physics.

Interpretation: a “point” in C -space has coordinates X^M and basis E_M . The series ends at a *finite* grade depending on the dimension D . A Clifford algebra $Cl(r, q)$ with $r + q = D$ has 2^D basis elements. Clifford algebra (CA) or geometric calculus (GC) use the product $ab = a \cdot b + a \wedge b$.

ER implies the transition from Minkowski to Clifford space-time

1. For simplicity, the gammas γ^μ correspond to a Clifford algebra associated with a flat spacetime $\{\gamma^\mu, \gamma^\nu\} = 2\eta^{\mu\nu}$. But we can use the construction with curved spacetimes as well. Introduce a metric

$$\{\gamma^\mu, \gamma^\nu\} = 2g^{\mu\nu}$$

We can see this with an alternative procedure:

1. Take the differential dX of X . Compute the scalar $\langle dX^\dagger dX \rangle_0 \equiv dX^\dagger * dX \equiv |dX|^2$ and obtain the C -space extension of the particles proper time in Minkowski space
2. The symbol X^\dagger denotes the *reversion* operation and involves reversing the order of all the basis γ^μ elements in the expansion of X . It is the analog of the transpose (Hermitian) conjugation
3. The C -space metric associated with a polyparticle motion is :

$$|dX|^2 = G_{MN} dX^M dX^N \quad (7)$$

where $G_{MN} = E_M^\dagger * E_N$ is the C -space metric.

$$|dX|^2 = d\sigma^2 + L^{-2} dx_\mu dx^\mu + L^{-4} dx_{\mu\nu} dx^{\mu\nu} + \dots + L^{-2D} dx_{\mu_1 \dots \mu_D} dx^{\mu_1 \dots \mu_D} \quad (8)$$

We need a new scale to match units. It seems to be something with dimensions of “length”. Planck length is the natural choice. Thus:

1. *Necessary* introduction: *Planck scale* L . It is *length* parameter is needed in order to tie objects of different dimensionality together: 0-loops, 1-loops, ..., p -loops.
2. This procedure can be carried to all closed p -branes (p -loops) where the values of p are $p = 0, 1, 2, 3, \dots$

2. Einstein introduced the speed of light as a universal *absolute* invariant in order to *unite* space with time (to match units) in the Minkowski space interval:

$$ds^2 = c^2 dt^2 + dx_i dx^i$$

3. Mimicking Einstein, the C -space interval merges objects with different dimensions, through the so-called C -space metric, a multi-index version of spacetime. Therefore, the C -space interval generalizes Minkowskian spacetime:

$$dX^2 = d\sigma^2 + dx_\mu dx^\mu + dx_{\mu\nu} dx^{\mu\nu} + \dots$$

The $p = 0$ value represents the center of mass and the coordinates $x^{\mu\nu}, x^{\mu\nu\rho}, \dots$

2.2. Motion in C-space

We can study motion in C -space as in usual space-time, plus extras degrees of freedom. The line element and polymomentum read

$$dX^A dX_A = d\sigma^2 + \left(\frac{dx^0}{L}\right)^2 - \left(\frac{dx^1}{L}\right)^2 - \left(\frac{dx^{01}}{L^2}\right)^2 \dots + \left(\frac{dx^{12}}{L^2}\right)^2 - \left(\frac{dx^{123}}{L^3}\right)^2 - \left(\frac{dx^{0123}}{L^4}\right)^2 + \dots = 0 \quad (9)$$

1. Vanishing of $\dot{X}^B \dot{X}_B$ is equivalent to vanishing of the above C -space line element and by “...” we mean the terms with the remaining components such as $x^2, x^{01}, x^{23}, \dots, x^{012}$, etc.
2. The C -space metric is $G_{MN} = E_M^\dagger * E_N$ and if the dimension of spacetime is 4, then x^{0123} is the highest grade coordinate. We can study the polyvelocity in C -space time:

$$V^2 = -\left(L \frac{d\sigma}{dt}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{dx^1}{dt}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{dx^{01}}{L^2}\right)^2 \dots - \left(\frac{1}{L} \frac{dx^{12}}{dt}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{1}{L^2} \frac{dx^{123}}{dt}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{1}{L^3} \frac{dx^{0123}}{dt}\right)^2 - \dots$$

We find that

1. The maximum speed $V^2 = c^2$ in C -space depends on extra r -vector quantities.
2. The maximum speed squared V^2 contains components of the 1-vector velocity dx^1/dt , but also the multivector

$dx^{12}/dt, dx^{123}/dt, \dots$. The following special cases in C -space are different from zero, are of particular interest:

Indeed, motion in C -space introduces some natural extra maxima, beyond the speed of light.

1. *Maximum 1-vector speed.*

$$\frac{dx^1}{dt} = c = 3.0 \times 10^8 m/s$$

2. *Maximum 3-vector speed.*

$$\frac{dx^{123}}{dt} = L^2 c = 7.7 \times 10^{-62} m^3/s$$

 3. *Maximum 3-vector diameter speed and Maximum 4-vector speed*

$$\frac{d\sqrt[3]{x^{123}}}{dt} = 4.3 \times 10^{-21} m/s \quad \frac{dx^{0123}}{dt} = L^3 c = 1.2 \times 10^{-96} m^4/s$$

Remark: it has not been noted before, to our knowledge, that you can also get maximal limits to n order derivatives given by

$$Max \left(\frac{d^{n+1}x}{dt^{n+1}} \right) \leq c \left(\frac{c}{L} \right)^n$$

Indeed, by duality, if valid as fundamental symmetry, minimal limits should be also considered.

$$Min \left(\frac{d^{n+1}x}{dt^{n+1}} \right) \geq C \left(\frac{C}{l} \right)^n$$

Remark (II): hint of a high derivative extension of relativity? Have you ever heard about tachyons and epitachyons?

2.3. C-space Maxwell Electrodynamics

We can study a C-space gauge field theory version of electromagnetism. Reasons:

1. C-space electrodynamics generalize Maxwell's theory:

$$F = dA, \quad dF = 0$$

2. Abelian C-space electrodynamics is based on the polyvector field

$$A = A_N E^N = \phi \underline{1} + A_\mu \gamma^\mu + A_{\mu\nu} \gamma^\mu \wedge \gamma^\nu + \dots = (\phi, A_\mu, A_{\mu\nu}, \dots) \quad (10)$$

3. Defining the C-space operator ($M, N = 1, 2, \dots, 2^D$)

$$d = E^M \partial_M = \underline{1} \partial_\sigma + \gamma^\mu \partial_{x_\mu} + \gamma^\mu \wedge \gamma^\nu \partial_{x_{\mu\nu}} + \dots$$

4. The generalized field strength in C-space is:

$$\begin{aligned} F = dA &= E^M \partial_M (E^N A_N) = E^M E^N \partial_M A_N = \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \{E^M, E^N\} \partial_M A_N + \frac{1}{2} [E^M, E^N] \partial_M A_N = \\ &= \frac{1}{2} F_{(MN)} \{E^M, E^N\} + \frac{1}{2} F_{[MN]} [E^M, E^N] \end{aligned}$$

C-space Maxwell Electrodynamics (CME) uses a decomposition in symmetric and antisymmetric parts of the strength field in C-space with the aid of geometric product

$$F_{(MN)} = \frac{1}{2} (\partial_M A_N + \partial_N A_M) \quad F_{[MN]} = \frac{1}{2} (\partial_M A_N - \partial_N A_M)$$

and also has a C-space Maxwell-like action

$$I[A] = \int [DX] F_{[MN]} F^{[MN]}$$

with measure

$$[DX] \equiv (d\sigma)(dx^0 dx^1 \dots)(dx^{01} dx^{02} \dots) \dots (dx^{012 \dots D})$$

CME action is invariant under C-space gauge transformations

$$A'_M = A_M + \partial_M \Lambda \quad (11)$$

and the minimal matter-field coupling interacting term after absorbing constants is similar to the coupling of p-branes to antisymmetric fields, as those arising in superstrings or M-theory:

$$\int A_M dX^M = \int [DX] J_M A^M$$

Naturally, we can build up CME actions, field equations and generalizations with non-abelian fields.

$$\partial_M F^{[MN]} = J^N \quad \partial_N \partial_M F^{[MN]} = 0 = \partial_N J^N = 0 \quad (12)$$

In fact, the C-space Maxwell action is only a piece of the more general C-space action

$$I[A] = \int [DX] F^\dagger * F = \int [DX] \langle F^\dagger F \rangle_{scalar} \quad (13)$$

and the non abelian equations should be written as

$$F = DA = (dA + A \bullet A) \quad E_M \bullet E_N = E_M E_N - (-1)^{s_M s_N} E_N E_M \quad (14)$$

The C-space gauge fields in general can be written as follows:

$$\mathbf{X} = \varphi \mathbf{1} + x_\mu \gamma^\mu + x_{\mu_1 \mu_2} \gamma^{\mu_1} \wedge \gamma^{\mu_2} + x_{\mu_1 \mu_2 \mu_3} \gamma^{\mu_1} \wedge \gamma^{\mu_2} \wedge \gamma^{\mu_3} + \dots$$

Example: Polyvector valued gauge field in $Cl(5, C)$ acquires the form $\mathcal{A}_M(\mathbf{X}) = A_M^I(\mathbf{X}) \Gamma_I$ and is spanned by 16 + 16 generators. The expansion of the poly-vector \mathcal{A}_M^I is also of the form

$$\mathcal{A}_M^I = \Phi^I \mathbf{1} + A_\mu^I \gamma^\mu + A_{\mu_1 \mu_2}^I \gamma^{\mu_1} \wedge \gamma^{\mu_2} + A_{\mu_1 \mu_2 \mu_3}^I \gamma^{\mu_1} \wedge \gamma^{\mu_2} \wedge \gamma^{\mu_3} + \dots$$

In order to match units, a *length scale* needs (again) to be introduced in the expansion. The Clifford-algebra-valued gauge field $\mathcal{A}_\mu^I(x^\mu) \Gamma_I$ in ordinary spacetime is naturally embedded into a far richer object $\mathcal{A}_M^I(\mathbf{X})$. The scalar Φ^I admits the

$2^5 = 32$ components $\phi, \phi^i, \phi^{[ij]}, \phi^{[ijk]}, \phi^{[ijkl]}, \phi^{[ijklm]}$ of $Cl(5, C)$ space.

Example (II): Field theory equations on C-space. C-space Klein-Gordon and Dirac Wave Equations can be derived from a sort of Polymomentum correspondence principle (POP)

$$P_A \rightarrow -i \frac{\partial}{\partial X^A} = -i \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial \sigma}, \frac{\partial}{\partial x^\mu}, \frac{\partial}{\partial x^{\mu\nu}}, \dots \right) \quad \Psi(x^\mu) \rightarrow \Psi(x^A)$$

The C-space Klein-Gordon wave equation reads

$$\left(\frac{\partial^2}{\partial \sigma^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^\mu \partial x_\mu} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^{\mu\nu} \partial x_{\mu\nu}} + \dots + M^2 \right) \Phi = 0 \quad (15)$$

and C-space Dirac wave equation is

$$-i \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial \sigma} + \gamma^\mu \frac{\partial}{\partial x_\mu} + \gamma^\mu \wedge \gamma^\nu \frac{\partial}{\partial x_{\mu\nu}} + \dots \right) \Psi = M \Psi \quad (16)$$

Note we used natural units in which $\hbar = 1, c = 1$.

3. Beyond ER: A “New” Path to QG and U

3.1. Hints and Links

The 1st link pointing out a new path is an old friend. The *maximal acceleration* (tension, power, ...) principle.

1. Caianiello’s QM [62] as induced geometry in phase-spacetime includes

$$a_C = 2 \frac{mc^3}{\hbar} = 2 \frac{Ec}{\hbar}$$

2. Born’s reciprocal relativity [64, 65].
3. Maximal Force implies a maximal power (e.g. Schiller 2006). The recent LIGO detection of GW is only about 10^{-2} the maximal power. *Hope:* we aspire to test maximal power (force?) with GW radiation in the future!
4. Maximal acceleration [94, 95], via EP, implies a maximal, critical, strong gravitational field and force [96, 97, 100–102]. The SM in strong fields (Schwinger effect [103]) remains as an experimental challenge yet.

The 2nd link is *emergence*. Emergent spacetime and complexity is being more and more important since the appearance of the entanglement-geometry connection.

1. Role of “emergence”: emergent spacetime from entanglement? *Is quantum entanglement the key?*
2. Complexity and gravity interplays. Indeed, Susskind et al. [93] recently related complexity with action and they got the rate:

$$\frac{d\text{Complexity}}{dt} \leq \frac{2M}{\pi \hbar}$$

It suggests a link with maximal acceleration as well after rescaling with π, c^3 .

The 3rd link is mostly unknown. Perhaps, forgotten. There are other Relativities (OR) going beyond SR and GR that have been postulated during the 20th and 21st centuries. Past works on (mostly forgotten or uncommon) OR should be a topic for further research⁴. A simple (non-exhaustive) list includes (choose one or many, as you wish):

1. Born seminal work on reciprocal relativity [64, 65].
2. Fantappie’s final relativity [67] and Arcidiacono’s projective relativity [68] (dS like).
3. Kalitzin’s multitemporal relativity [69] (see also the 1975 book [70]).
4. Barashenkov’s 6D relativity [71–73].
5. Cole’s 6D spacetime relativity and cellular spacetime [74–77].
6. Bogoslovski’s anisotropic relativity (Very Special Relativity). [78, 79, 81]
7. De Sitter relativity [82, 83] (doubly and even triply SR has been discussed [84]).
8. C. Nassif’s minimal velocity relativity [85, 86].
9. Gogberashvili’s octonionic relativity [87–90].
10. A.A. Ketsaris 7d and 10d extended relativities [98, 99].
11. Wilczek’s total relativity [91].
12. ...

⁴ Even the author has a little project about it, unpublished.

Are all wrong or some of their ideas could be right indeed some of them? Until now, as F. J. Dyson remarked [92], they are forgotten lost opportunities. Forever?

3.2. Beyond ER: Issues and Questions

Beyond ER: Hints of a new ER Everything so far sounds good, what is the problem with ER? A critical view:

1. No clear principle(s) but points into it(them) in a sense: why is fundamental scale $L = L_p$? What about a dual extension with MAXIMAL/dS length $L = L_\Lambda$?
2. Transitions between different signatures not understood yet(even worst, no observational signature seen, and we observe a 3+1 universe, if we neglect that dark matter and dark energy puzzles).
3. The Clifford group choice: we can not choose a reason of why to pick one instead any other.
4. Similar issues to theories of strings/branes: no hints of the emergence of multiple energy or mass scales.

However, ER (or BER) gives hints and extra suggestions of how to proceed. We are not claiming ER are the final theory. We are only saying that some ideas could help us in the path towards it.

Extra hints of a new ER are provided by Classical Mechanics and its generalizations. Classical Mechanics is based on the Poincare-Cartan two-form

$$\omega_2 = dx \wedge dp \quad (17)$$

There, $p = \dot{x}$. Quantum Mechanics is secretly a subtle modification of this. By the other hand, the so-called Born-reciprocal relativity is based on the “phase-space”-like metric

$$ds^2 = dx^2 - c^2 dt^2 + Adp^2 - BdE^2$$

and its full space-time+phase-space extension:

$$ds^2 = dX^2 + dP^2 = dx^\mu dx_\mu + \frac{1}{\lambda^2} dp^\nu dp_\nu$$

The extension of Born’s reciprocal relativity in C-spaces based on higher accelerations is an interesting open problem. E.g.: take $ds^2 = dx^2 + dp^2 + df^2$. We have an invariant and likely hidden Nambu dynamics

$$\omega_3 = dX \wedge dP \wedge dF \quad (18)$$

Question(not totally solved): What is the symmetry group or invariance of the above $(n+1)$ -form and whose intersection with the $SO(D(n+1))$ group gives the higher order metaplectic group?

$$\omega_{n+1} = dx \wedge dp \wedge \dot{p} \wedge \dots \wedge dp^{(n-1)}$$

where we include up to $(n-1)$ derivatives or equivalently

$$\omega_{n+1} = dx \wedge \dot{x} \wedge \ddot{x} \wedge \dots \wedge dx^{(n)}$$

Is this argument asking for some kind of unified framework for higher derivative theories? It is natural to consider higher derivative corrections to the EFT of gravity (GR) and the SM. There has been renewed interest in this field the last years. Moreover, higher derivative (even nonlocal infinite order theories) are thought to cure singularities, and maybe explain the mysteries of dark matter and dark energy as well.

3.3. The UR Conjecture

“New” relativities and some extensions of relativity do exist and they include several ingredients and hypothesis to be tested. Furthermore, I also propose that behind the BER is a new version of relativity and/or quantum field theory, transcending them all:

Ultimate Relativity conjecture

There is a beyond extended relativity (BER) principle with *min/max* values of any n -th derivative of C-space coordinates (also for any polyvector derivatives in C-spaces). The existence of this *ultimate relativity* (UR) principle is linked to the nature of the maximal and minimal symmetry of the degrees of freedom of the theory and the own Nature and “reality”. It claims a sort of polydimensional relativity and a polyvectorial relational Universe.

UR: german word, “original”. Also, in Geology, “the first (prime) supercontinent”.

Remark: This is not really “completely new” but a reboot and revival of an older idea, cf. “final relativity” (Fantappie, Arcidiacono) and more recently Wilczek’s “total relativity”.

Remark (II): BER implies UR.

Indeed, we could envision DM as minimal acceleration dynamics. Suppose there is a minimal acceleration a_0 (minimal force F_0). Then:

$$\frac{v^2}{R} = G \frac{M}{R^2} + a_0 \quad (19)$$

and from this, by simple squaring, you obtain

$$v^4 = G^2 M^2 R^{-2} + a_0^2 R^2 + 2GMa_0 \quad (20)$$

In the limit $G^2, a_0^2 \ll 1$, you get the phenomenological law

$$v^4 = 2GMa_0 \quad (21)$$

Idea: DM, even if real, could be hinting a minimal acceleration (MOND-like) dynamics.

This argument can be generalized to the presence of dark energy. DM plus DE could be minimal acceleration dynamics plus maximal length. Suppose (with $c = 1$) there is a minimal acceleration a_0 (minimal force F_0) and a cosmological constant (de Sitter radius) giving some class of maximal length. Then:

$$\frac{v^2}{R} = G \frac{M}{R^2} + a_0 + \Lambda R \quad (22)$$

and from this, by simple squaring, you obtain

$$v^4 = G^2 M^2 R^{-2} + a_0^2 R^2 + 2GMa_0 + 2GM\Lambda R + 2a_0\Lambda R^3 + \Lambda^2 R^4 \quad (23)$$

In the limit $G^2, a_0^2, \Lambda \ll 1$, you get the phenomenological law

$$v^4 = 2GMa_0 \quad (24)$$

Idea: DM, DE, even if real, could be hinting a (MOND-like) minimal acceleration and a maximal length dynamics. Does MOND fail (when it does) because we ignore extra terms?

4. Conclusions

Where do we stand with ER and BER? At current time, no experimental hints of them so far. However, we could stress some points to consider the study of these theories:

1. There are multiple advantages of recurring to C -spaces. Not covered here: gravity with torsion, YM fields and nonabelian EM with CS terms,...
2. Every physical quantity is a polyvector. ER implies the rise of “polyvector/polyform” machines. Polydimensional and signature relativity should be included as a part of the theory. Dualities between theories of different dimensionalities have a functorial origin.
3. C-space dynamics (motion and electrodynamics) is richer than ordinary Minkovskian dynamics.
4. Field equations (KG, Dirac,...) in C-space.
5. A maximal force (acceleration) principle and phase space duality are present in the theory.
6. Is Maximal acceleration related to maximal complexity?
7. Born's reciprocal relativity + Nambu dynamics and likely Finsler-like higher order geometries (sometimes referred as Kawaguchi geometry) seems to be relevant there.
8. A higher order M(inimal)-maximal n -order high derivative theory? We could formalate something like the UR conjecture to guide us in the search of the theory of everything(if it exists).
9. No closed fundamental description of (super)string theory and M-theory from and invariance principle is available yet. Almost 30 years ago, after the 2nd superstring theory revolution, dualities have challenged the way in which a theory is seen.
10. Emergent spacetime needs likely some discrete grains. It seems no evidence of what could the fundamental degrees of freedom of spacetime be. They could be branes, strings, or some type of quantum preonic entities we don't know yet. But what are the symmetry (if any) group of these particles? Discrete-continuous group are important in some mathematical branches of mathematics (and they are key in moonshine conjecture or similar structures).

Maybe, we need a radical reformulation of what (quantum) spacetime is. Even our notions of distance, time, energy and momentum could be changed and not easily described by

real or complex numbers but other stranger class of numbers [104]. Whatever the theory is behind QFT(QM) and GR as EFT, surely it has amazing mathematical structures yet to be discovered and found, and it certainly will change our actual preconceptions of what are space, time or fields, and it will be challenging and very hard to get hints of its origin and features. Physics is an experimental science, and we will require the full power of gravitational wave observatories, axion telescopes, and (if found) dark matter particle haloscopes to guess hints of the new fields, or, as well, to ask what is the new extended relativity principle of universal invariance, from which we could easily perform new verifications and tests of the nature of the dark matter and dark energy that arises, like the cosmological constant problem, and remains in the first quarter of the 21st century. Experiments are leading now, after years of theoretical dominion, the searches for a more fundamental (invariant) description of Nature. Nevertheless, we should also push forward the findings of a symmetry principle enlarging and enhancing our current EFT, even when it is not an easy task.

Abbreviations

BSM	Beyond Standard Model Standard Model
SM	Standard Model
GR	General Relativity
ER	Extended Relativity
QE	Quantum Entanglement
U	Unification
UR	Ultimate Relativity
EFT	Effective Field Theory
QFT	Quantum Field Theory
QG	Quantum Gravity
DM, DE	Dark Matter, Dark Energy

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Appendix: Beyond ER, A Higher Order M(in-Max)-theory of ER

Conjecture: What about a generalized relativistic dynamics for $E = \Gamma mc^2$, using “duality” and “symmetry”, such any derivative appears on equal footing? Say

$$\Gamma(X^2, V^2, A^2, \dots) = \frac{\sqrt{1 - \frac{l_0^2}{X^2}} \sqrt{1 - \frac{c_0^2}{V^2}} \sqrt{1 - \frac{a_0^2}{A^2}} \dots}{\sqrt{1 - \frac{X^2}{L_\Lambda^2}} \sqrt{1 - \frac{V^2}{C^2}} \sqrt{1 - \frac{A^2}{A_m^2}} \dots}$$

Can we test it? Is it crazy enough to be true or useful for high derivative theories? *Note that* Caianiello’s epitachyons are entities with $A > A_m$. Maybe too many constants? Not at all: likely, maximal and minimal acceleration, jerk,... are derived from fundamental maximal and minimal lengths l_0, L_Λ . Who knows?

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