

Title: Quantum fields and Noether charges for kappa-Minkowski

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Abstract: There has been much interest, in the past few years, in the kappa-Poincare'/kappa-Minkowski framework as a possible scenario for a deformation of Poincare' symmetries at Planck scale. I will show how it is possible to give a physical characterization of the concept of quantum symmetries described by a nontrivial Hopf algebra. In particular, I will discuss the generalization of the Noether analysis for a scalar field in kappa-Minkowski space-time and derive conserved charges associated with each generator of the kappa-Poincare' Hopf-algebra. Then I will report on a recent proposal for the quantization of a scalar field enjoying kappa-Poincare' symmetries, which consists in a construction of the Fock-space of the theory consistent with the structure of deformed symmetries. Finally I will comment on possible applications of deformed symmetries scenarios in cosmology.

# Outline

- **Motivations:**
  - quantum  $\kappa$ -Minkowski space-time and modification or breakdown of Poincaré symmetries
  - the fate of Poincaré symmetries at Planck scale and q-dS space-time from a cosmological perspective
- **Translation and Lorentz sector symmetries of  $\kappa$ -Minkowski NCST and Noether charges (classical fields)**
- **Quantum fields in  $\kappa$ -Minkowski**
  - quantization and compatibility with quantum symmetries
  - Noether charges
- **Outlook:**
  - theory
  - phenomenology

# Quantum space-time and relativistic symmetries

- Planck length  $L_p$  and **quantum space-time** — **S-T symmetries** broken or deformed?  
(lengths transform non-trivially under **boosts** in Minkowski spacetime. About  $L_p$ ?)
- Various studies support the idea of  $L_p$  as a **lower bound** to any distance measurement. Various pictures of space-time at the Planck-scale:

**NON-COMMUTATIVE, "FOAMY", DISCRETE...**



**Modification of classical symmetries could appear in the space-time quantization**  
**Deformation of the Poincaré algebra in one parameter proportional to the Planck scale**



*some arguments within LQG*



*N.C. S-T*



*Some strings scenarios*

**NOT MERELY ACADEMIC**

Low energy limit and first order correction to the symmetries (zero order test).  
Phenomenology at the Planck scale (UHECR and GRB)

# NCST and algebraic deformation: from Lie to Hopf algebras

## An intuitive characterization

### Algebra of functions on commutative S-T

- $f(x) \cdot g(x) = g(x) \cdot f(x)$
- $T[f(x) \cdot g(x)] = T[f(x)] \cdot g(x) + f(x) \cdot T[g(x)]$

### NC algebra of functions on NC S-T

$$f(x) \cdot g(x) \neq g(x) \cdot f(x)$$

$$T[f(x) \cdot g(x)] = \sum_i [T_i^{(1)} f(x)] \cdot [T_i^{(2)} g(x)]$$

*Deformed Lie algebras of S-T coordinates are linked to Hopf algebras of symmetries (deformed Lie algebras).*

S-T (deformed Lie algebra)



(deformed) Hopf algebra  
of symmetries

- Early 90's (Lukierski et al): use "quantum groups" (non-co-commutative Hopf algebra) to describe "quantization" of standard relativistic symmetries (analogous to Moyal quantization of Poisson manifolds: CM → QM)
- 1994 (Majid and Ruegg):  $\kappa$ -Poincaré and its relation to  $\kappa$ -Minkowski NCST

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- Field on  $\kappa$ -Minkowski

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- Insisting on the **Leibnitz rule**

$$df = i dx_\mu P_\mu f(x)$$

Different  $P_\mu$  bases leads<sup>2</sup> to the same  $df$ !

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# Symmetries and symplectic geometry of $\kappa$ -fields

As an alternative strategy [ M. Arzano and A.M., Phys. Rev. D 75, 081701 (2007)]

- Key point:  $\{\phi(x); \pi(x)\} \in \Gamma \longleftrightarrow \Phi \in \mathcal{S}$  identify the phase space  $\Gamma$  with the space of solutions of the equation of motion  $\mathcal{S}$
- On  $\mathcal{S}$  is defined a symplectic 2-form  $\omega$

Our strategy:

- use a map  $m$  between  $\mathcal{S}$  and  $\mathcal{S}_\kappa$  to define a symplectic structure on  $\mathcal{S}_\kappa$
- express the conserved charges associated with  $\kappa$ -symmetries through the symplectic structure

Noether charges associated with translations can be written as

$$Q_{\nu\mu}^\kappa = \frac{1}{2}(\Phi, P_{\nu\mu} \triangleright \Phi)$$

One gets the same  $\kappa$ -Noether charges  $Q_{\nu\mu}^\kappa$  ! **with a bonus...** an inner product<sup>3</sup>

$$(\Phi_1, \Phi_2)_\kappa = \int \frac{d^4 p}{(2\pi)^3} \delta(\mathcal{C}_\kappa(p)) \text{sign}\left(e^{\frac{p_0}{\kappa}} - 1\right) e^{\frac{3p_0}{\kappa}} \tilde{\Phi}_1^*(-p) \tilde{\Phi}_2(p).$$

# Lorentz sector and Noether charges for classical fields

- **Rotation** transformations act as classically (trivial co-algebraic structure)
  - Infinitesimal parameters  $\sigma_j$  **commute** with  $x_\mu$
  - None ambiguity in the definition of infinitesimal rotations
  - Noether analysis  $\Rightarrow$  3 **independent conserved charges**<sup>4</sup>

$$Q_j^R = \frac{i}{2} \int d^4k \frac{\vec{k}_0}{|\vec{k}_0|} e^{2\lambda k_0} \tilde{\Phi}(-k_0, -e^{\lambda k_0} \vec{k}) \epsilon_{jlm} k_m \frac{\partial \tilde{\Phi}(k)}{\partial k_l} \delta(\vec{k}^2)$$

- **Boosts** transformations are highly non-trivial (action and co-algebra “deformed”)
  - No infinitesimal parameters  $\tau_j$ 's acting by associative multiplication on the  $x_\mu$ 's. No pure boost
  - Consider whole Lorentz sector ( $\tau_j$  and  $\sigma_j$  noncommutative)
  - Noether analysis  $\Rightarrow$  3 **independent conserved charges**

$$Q_j^N = \frac{i}{2} \int d^4k \frac{\vec{k}_0 e^{\lambda k_0}}{|\vec{k}_0|} \tilde{\Phi}(-k_0, -e^{\lambda k_0} \vec{k}) \left\{ k_j \frac{\partial \tilde{\Phi}(k)}{\partial k_0} + \frac{\partial}{\partial k_j} \left[ \left( \frac{1 - e^{-2\lambda k_0}}{2\lambda} - \frac{\lambda}{2} |\vec{k}|^2 \right) \tilde{\Phi}(k) \right] - \lambda k_j \tilde{\Phi}(k) \right\}$$

# Intermission

- Most interest in  $\kappa$ -Minkowski/ $\kappa$ -Poincaré scenarios from the “phenomenological” side: **deformations** of energy-momentum **dispersion relation** and **deformed Casimir**

$$C_\kappa = \left( 2\kappa \sinh \left( \frac{P_0}{2\kappa} \right) \right)^2 - \vec{P}^2 e^{\frac{P_0}{\kappa}}$$

**testable predictions** (e.g. time-of-flight tests using GRB..)

- HOWEVER ambiguity in defining the action for generators of translations has been cause for **concern** in the recent past...
- First results in defining translations **un-ambiguously** and the Noether charges obeying deformed dispersion relation<sup>5</sup>
- At least two different choices: 4D and 5D differential calculus. **Discussion on still vivid**. Key point: covariance under Hopf-algebras of symmetries: bi-covariance
- All this was done with *classical fields*...need **quantum fields**...



# Quantization: $\kappa$ -Fock space and $\kappa$ -Poincaré-symmetries I

Based on [M. Arzano and AM, Phys. Rev. D 76, 125005 (2007)]

Assume the physical Hilbert space to be a deformation of the standard bosonic  $\mathcal{F}(\mathcal{H})$

"One-particle"  $\kappa$ -Hilbert space of a free quantum (scalar) field theory:

- Complexification of the solutions' space of the  $\kappa$ -deformed EOM  $S_{\kappa}^{\mathbb{C}}$
- Turn  $S_{\kappa}^{\mathbb{C}}$  into a Hilbert Space by " $\kappa$ -deformed" inner product
- For modes on the "positive energy" mass-shell ( $\omega^+(\vec{k})$ ) with  $|\vec{k}| > \kappa$  the inner product is **no longer positive definite!** Restrict to the subspace  $S_{|\vec{k}| \leq \kappa}^{\kappa+} \subset S^{\kappa}$ .

Mode components are truncated at the Planck scale  $\kappa$ . Our  $\kappa$ -one particle Hilbert space  $\mathcal{H}_{\kappa}$  will be defined by the completion of  $S_{|\vec{k}| \leq \kappa}^{\kappa+} \subset S^{\kappa}$  in the inner product.

- Consider the (normalized) plane wave basis  $\{\phi_{\vec{p}}^{\pm}\}$  of  $S_{|\vec{k}| \leq \kappa}^{\kappa+} \subset S^{\kappa}$ .
- Characterize  $b^{\dagger}$  and  $b$  relative to this specific basis in terms of their action on the vacuum state they single out in  $\mathcal{F}_{\kappa}(\mathcal{H})$ .

# Quantization: $\kappa$ -Fock space and $\kappa$ -Poincaré-symmetries II

$\kappa$ -bosonic Fock space: consider first the two-mode tensor product states

**Compatibility with symmetries:**

$$Y \triangleright (a \circ b) = \circ[\Delta Y \triangleright (a \otimes b)] = \sum (Y_{(1)} \triangleright a) \circ (Y_{(2)} \triangleright b)$$

- $P_\mu \triangleright \phi_{\vec{p}} \otimes \phi_{\vec{q}} = (p^+q)_\mu \phi_{\vec{p}} \otimes \phi_{\vec{q}}$

- Look for momentum labels  $\sigma_{12}^\kappa(\vec{p})$  and  $\sigma_{12}^\kappa(\vec{q})$  such that

$$P_\mu \triangleright [\phi_{\sigma_{12}^\kappa(\vec{q})} \otimes \phi_{\sigma_{12}^\kappa(\vec{p})}] = (p^+q)_\mu [\phi_{\sigma_{12}^\kappa(\vec{q})} \otimes \phi_{\sigma_{12}^\kappa(\vec{p})}]$$

No standard “flip” of momentum labels

- Verify that is unique!**

$$\sigma_{12}^\kappa(\vec{q}) = \tilde{q} = (\tilde{q}_0; \vec{q} e^{-p_0/\kappa}) \quad \sigma_{12}^\kappa(\vec{p}) = \tilde{p} = (\tilde{p}_0; \vec{p} e^{\tilde{q}_0/\kappa})$$

with  $\tilde{q}_0 = \omega^+(\vec{q} e^{-\omega^+(\vec{p})/\kappa})$  and  $\tilde{p}_0 = \omega^+(\vec{p} e^{\tilde{q}_0/\kappa})$  and  $\omega^+(\vec{p}) = -\kappa \log(1 - |\vec{p}|/\kappa)$ .

Action of two creation operators on the vacuum:  $\kappa$ -symmetrized two-particle state

$$b_p^\dagger \star b_q^\dagger |0\rangle = (0, 0, 1/\sqrt{2}(\phi_p \otimes \phi_q + \phi_{\tilde{q}} \otimes \phi_{\tilde{p}}), 0, \dots) = b_{\tilde{q}}^\dagger \star b_{\tilde{p}}^\dagger |0\rangle$$

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space-time



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dependence of speed of light

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Classical curved space-time  
+ Planck-scale noncommutativity



no-interplay between Planck scale  
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# Inönü-Wigner contraction of q-dS in 2+1D

- 1 Assuming the relation between deformation parameter  $z$ , Planck-scale  $L_p$  and dS constant of curvature  $H$

$$z = (L_p H)^\alpha, \quad \alpha \in \mathbb{R}$$

$H \rightarrow 0$  limit

- $\alpha < 1 \Rightarrow$  singular limit
- $\alpha = 1 \Rightarrow$  in the zeroth order in  $H$  one obtains the  $\kappa$ -Poincaré algebra in bicrossproduct basis<sup>7</sup>
- $1 < \alpha < 3 \Rightarrow$  Poincaré algebra in the zeroth order in  $H$
- $\alpha > 3 \Rightarrow$  Classical de Sitter algebra up to second order in  $H$

- 2 Assuming the relation<sup>8</sup>

$$z_{LQG} = \frac{2\pi}{2 + \frac{1}{L_p H}}$$

the  $\kappa$ -Poincaré algebra is recovered in the limit of "flat space-time"  $H \rightarrow 0$ .

<sup>7</sup> J. Lukierski, A. Nowicki, H. Ruegg hep-th/9108018; S. Majid, H. Ruegg PLB 334, 1994

<sup>8</sup> G. Amelino-Camelia, L. Smolin, A. Starodubtsev, Class. Quant. Grav. 21, 3095-3110, 2004

# Conclusions

- Physical characterization of  $\kappa$ -Poincaré transformations in terms of Noether charges for classical fields.
- Fock space constructed. Next step: interacting theory. (See recent quantum gravity models...)
- Further developments of the quantization scheme...
- Developing applications to cosmology...