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Abstract: I shall describe Relationalism, especially in the Leibniz-Mach-Barbour sense of the word and my variations on that theme. My presentation shall give five extensions to Barbour's work: (more or less) phase space, categorization, subsystems analysis, quantization, and physics as a propositional logic ('questions about physical systems'). I shall also briefly explain how some of Crane and Rovelli's ideas do fit within this scheme, whilst others are at odds with the LMB scheme, leaving one choosing options rather thanjust considering unions. \  I shall also present how scale-invariant and scaled relational particle models (the latter originally discovered by Barbour and Bertotti in 1982) can, in dimension 1 and 2 , which suffice to toy-model many midisuperspace aspects of GR, be very generally solved at the following levels. 1) configuration space geometry following my fortuitous connection with Kendall's work in the statistical theory of shape involving the self-same space of shapes, and then the cone over this in the scaled case. 2) Conserved quantities and classical equations of motion. 3) Quantum equations of motion and their solutions. 4) Parallels of many Problem of Time strategies. I view this second paragraph as relevant not only by 4) but more widely by how it is a model of quantum background independence (BI), with BI being argued to be the other half to 'relativistic gravitation' in that gestalt entity known as General Relativity.

## Relationalism

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Chapters

caveat: I've $\sim 3000$ changes.

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(2) Quantum is bia sed to ward

Gravity. 1 st aspect
(3) Background Independent implies splitting Quantum Gravity
the 2 dspects.
(4) Quantum $\qquad$ 2 Toy models Quantum Gravity Gestalt 2 Toy models $\qquad$
-(2) $\gg$ (5) [ though QGdyn, LQG, Mi'Theory , are (4)'s.BB82 RPM isa(5)]

- Quantum in Bold Indef $\Rightarrow$ kR ?
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- Relationalism: 1 word, many meanings "relative to " (but don't confuse w. relativity) "relations 1.1 things"
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"physical things" things")
- Libwe-Mach-Barbour sense - act but cant be actuary yon.
v. different Ravelli-Crane sense . identity of indiscernillas
- LMB-A sense
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but in fact LMB-(A) holds $V$.widely in Theoretical physics.

LMB approach

- Time and Configuration (space + in gauge theory are heterogeneous - each has its own relationalism.
- Temporal reletionalism

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2) Mach: Time is to Primary Notracted from Chance.

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$d q / d$ (other $q$ )
Then JBB time emerges as simplifier. " "all change" in LMB.

Configurational Relationalism

- Configuration space 9
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relational|spacich approach

Composing temporal \& configurational relationalisms (5)
-TR ,CR are logically independent. Dynamical tradition.
- want both, need to be slightly careful.
$\begin{array}{ll}\dot{g} & \underline{q}-\frac{\Omega}{q} \times q \text { breaks MRI } \\ \text { unI }\end{array}$
- Free end point variation ensures of's unaffected.

This mans electric potential $\Phi$ is really a $\dot{\Psi}$
and the GR shift $\quad \beta^{\mu}$ is really a $\underset{\text { velocity of the frame }}{\stackrel{\rightharpoonup}{F} \mu}$

-     + generally relationalism han a colourfure'g grid, set of principles of dynamics
- append by colic vels, al most-Hamitfonian
almost-Dirac procedure
almost - phase space ...

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> Baierlein-Sharp-Wheder type
> CBFO-A) altion.
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> $H_{\mu}=0$ GR momontum
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> - $y=$ Excl or Sim
> Tr, Rot Dol
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> inhomogeneity, structure
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82 Relationalism Further Developed
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* need stunctural compatibility
- Riem( $\Sigma_{1}$ ), Diff( $\Sigma$ )
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* Dirac proceduve's in put:

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but there's still some ambiguity in 9 giveral?

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Barbour: $q$ primality
at classical level.
Sub' Q's Quantize
And these are combinealle (Phase, Can) $\xrightarrow[\text { Quantize, }]{\longrightarrow} \operatorname{Prop}($ Sub )


Relational Theories
Frozen GM's. \&l $|\Psi\rangle=0$
rather than

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Problem of Time Facets

- Frozen Formalism $C$ ip. problem.
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- Foliation dependence Problem
- Functional Evolution problem $\left\{e, e^{1}\right\} \approx 0 \nRightarrow[\hat{\varepsilon}, \hat{\varphi}$ ono
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- Problem of Beables (usually of obsemables)

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- Spacetime Reconstruction $\{\therefore i n-0\}=0-2$
(or Replacement) Problem.

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Key 4)
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both at metric and at topological levels.
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but $C\left(\mathbb{C} \mathbb{P}^{N-2}\right)_{N>3}$
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Key 5) Coords for scaled RPM's

- $N$-stop: Pi magnitudes as coors
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$\rho_{3}$
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Problem of Time Facets in RPM's

- Frozen formalism $\sqrt{ }$ ip $X$ ivs iv) solved $(1,-2-\alpha)$
- Foliation Dependence problem $x$
- Functional EVolution problem $x$
- Spacetime reconstruction problem x
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- Multiple Choice problem $\sqrt{ }$ - tribal Problem of time $\checkmark$ at lat some of this com leal out by patching?



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