### On Localization Of Infinite Spin Particles

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# What is a particle?

- The classical notion of particle as pointlike object is meaningless in a quantum theory (Heisenberg uncertainty relation).
- In Relativistic Quantum Mechanics, particles are associated to positive energy unitary representations of the Poincaré group (Wigner 1939). Representations should yield the states spaces of the simplest physical system - particles.

What are localized states of U?

- The language of standard subspace nets is useful to describe localization properties of one particle states.
- Brunetti, Guido and Longo in 2002 give a natural and canonical way to localize particles - modular localization

# Wedge regions

A wedge region is a Poincaré transformed of  $W_3$ :

$$W_3 = \{ p \in \mathbb{R}^{1+3} : |p_0| < p_3 \},$$



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# Wedge regions

To  $W_3$  corresponds a pure Lorentz transformation, the **boost** fixing  $W_3$ :

 $\Lambda_3(t)(p_0, p_1, p_2, p_3) = (\cosh(t)p_0 + \sinh(t)p_3, p_1, p_2, \sinh(t)p_0 + \cosh(t)p_3)$ 



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 $\Lambda_W$  is the boost associated to  $W \in \mathcal{W}$ .

Starting point is the **Bisognano and Wichmann property**: pure Lorentz transformation implemented by modular groups of standard subspaces associated to wedge subregions of the Minkowskii spacetime. It always hold in **Wightman fields**.

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canonical net of standard subspaces  $\mathcal{W} \ni \mathcal{W} \mapsto \mathcal{H}(\mathcal{W}) \subset \mathcal{H}$ with B-W on wedges

It is possible to define the subspace associated to a region  $X \subset \mathbb{R}^{1+3}$  as

$$H(X) \doteq \bigcap_{W: W \supset X} H(W).$$

Second quantization of such nets give free fields. The construction is coordinate free (Wightman fields).

There are three families of particles (unitary Poincaré rep's). Infinite spin particles are usually considered unphysical. Main results:

- It is no possible to associate a Wightman field to such infinite spin particles (Yngvason 1969).
- Modular localization: it is possible to define the canonical net of standard subspaces on wedges (and its second quantization) for infinite spin particles. It can be restricted to spacelike cone, but on double-cones the questions was still open. (BGL 2002)
- Infinite spin free fields are generated by fields localized on semi-infinite strings - spacelike cone (Mund, Schroer, Yngvason 2005)

Question: are infinite spin particles localizable in some bounded regions?

### Double cone

A **double cone region** is a causally closed region obtained as intersecting translations of a forward and a backward light cones:

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It can be equivalently obtained as intersection of wedges.

- **1** Preliminaries (one particle structure)
- 2 Main Result: Where Infinite Spin Particles are localizable

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**3** Generalization and counterexample

Part 1: one particle structure

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## Standard Subspaces

(Araki, Brunetti, Eckmann, Guido, Longo, Osterwalder, Rieffel, van Daele, ...)

#### Definition

We recall that a real linear closed subspace of an Hilbert space  $H \subset \mathcal{H}$  is called **standard** if it is *cyclic*  $(\overline{H + iH} = \mathcal{H})$  and *separating*  $(H \cap iH = \{0\})$ . **Symplectic complement** of H:  $H' \equiv \{\xi \in \mathcal{H} : \Im\langle \xi, \eta \rangle = 0, \forall \eta \in H\} = (iH)^{\perp_{\mathbb{R}}}$ 

It can be stated the analogue of Tomita theory of standard subspace.

$$\left\{\begin{array}{c} \mathsf{Standard} \\ \mathsf{subspace} \\ \mathcal{H} \subset \mathcal{H} \end{array}\right\} \xleftarrow{1:1} \left\{\begin{array}{c} (J, \Delta) \mathsf{anti-unitary} \\ \mathsf{and self-adjoint} \\ \mathsf{operators on } \mathcal{H} \mathsf{ s.t.} \\ J\Delta J = \Delta^{-1} \end{array}\right\} \xleftarrow{1:1} \left\{\begin{array}{c} \mathsf{closed, densely def.} \\ \mathsf{anti-linear inv.} \\ S = J\Delta^{1/2} \end{array}\right\}$$

#### Remark

Let  $A \subset B(\mathcal{H})$  be v.N.a. with a cyclic and separating vector  $\Omega$  and  $H = \overline{A_{sa}\Omega}$ . Then the Tomita operators  $S_{A,\Omega} = S_H$  coincide.

### Unitary representations of the Poincaré group Wigner 1939

- The Poincaré group is the group of the Minkowski spacetime isometries. First, we will consider its connected component of the identity P<sup>+</sup><sub>+</sub> = ℝ<sup>4</sup> ⋊ L<sup>↑</sup><sub>+</sub> on the 1+3 dimensional spacetime.
- Irreducible unitary representations of (the double covering of) the Poincaré group P˜<sup>↑</sup><sub>+</sub> = ℝ<sup>4</sup> × SL(2, ℂ) are all obtained induction.
- Fixed a point  $q \in \mathbb{R}^{1+3}$  in the joint spectrum of translations, one induces from unitary representations of the **stabilizer subgroup**, namely  $\overline{\operatorname{Stab}}_q$ , of  $\widetilde{\mathcal{P}}_+^{\uparrow}$  w.r.t. q:  $U = \operatorname{Ind}_{\operatorname{Stab}_q \uparrow \widetilde{\mathcal{P}}_+^{\uparrow}} V$ . Actually it is enough to start with a representation of the little group  $\operatorname{Stab}_q = \overline{\operatorname{Stab}}_q \cap \operatorname{SL}(2, \mathbb{C})$
- Positivity of the energy: translations joint spectrum in V<sub>+</sub>

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### Massive representations:

- Choosing q = (m, 0, 0, 0) the little group is SU(2)
- $U_{m,s}$  representations of mass m > 0 and spin  $s \in \frac{\mathbb{N}}{2}$ .

### Massless representation:

- Choosing q = (1, 0, 0, 1), the little group is the double cover of E(2)
- *Ẽ*(2) = ℝ<sup>2</sup> ⋊ S̃O(2) representations are obtained by induction again.

   Starting the induction with a positive or zero radius in (the dual of) ℝ<sup>2</sup>, we obtain two families of unit. rep's:
  - V<sub>κ,ε</sub> κ > 0, ε = {0, <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>} if V<sub>κ,ε</sub> is faithful (continuous family)
     V<sub>h</sub>, h ∈ <sup>N</sup>/<sub>2</sub> if translation rep. is trivial (discrete family)

 $\begin{array}{l} U_{0,\kappa,\epsilon} = \mathit{Ind}_{\widetilde{E}(2)\uparrow \widetilde{\mathcal{P}_+}^{\uparrow}} V_{\rho,\epsilon} & \text{Infinite Spin} \\ U_{0,h} = \mathit{Ind}_{\widetilde{E}(2)\uparrow \widetilde{\mathcal{P}_+}^{\uparrow}} V_n & \text{Finite Helicity} \end{array}$ 

A Poincaré covariant "net" of standard subspace is a map  $\mathcal{W} \ni \mathcal{W} \longmapsto \mathcal{H}(\mathcal{W}) \subset \mathcal{H}$  associating to any wedge region  $\mathcal{W}$ , a real linear subspaces of a Hilbert subspace of  $\mathcal{H}$  s.t.

**1** Isotony: if  $W_1, W_2 \in W$ ,  $W_1 \subset W_2$  then  $H(W_1) \subset H(W_2)$ 

2 Poincaré Covariance and Positivity of the energy: ∃ U positive energy representation of the proper orthochronous Poincaré group P<sup>↑</sup><sub>+</sub>.

$$U(g)H(W) = H(gW), \qquad \forall W \in \mathcal{W}, \forall g \in \tilde{\mathcal{P}}_+^\uparrow.$$

**3** Reeh - Schlieder:  $\forall W \in W$ , H(W) is a cyclic subspace of  $\mathcal{H}$ .

**4 Bisognano-Wichmann:** for every wedge  $W \in W$ 

$$\Delta_{H(W)}^{it} = U(\Lambda_W(-2\pi t))$$

**5** Wedge twisted locality: For every wedge  $W \in W$ , we have

$$ZH(W') \subset H(W)', \quad \text{with } Z = \frac{1+i\Gamma}{1+i}$$

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where  $\Gamma = U(2\pi)$ 

Part 2: Where Infinite Spin Particles are localizable

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Our main result:

#### Theorem

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$$\mathcal{W} \ni W \longmapsto H(W) \subset \mathcal{H}$$

be a U-covariant net of standard subspaces, satisfying 1-5.

Then

$$H(\mathcal{O}) \doteq \bigcap_{W \supset \mathcal{O}} H(W) = \{0\}$$

for any double cone  $\mathcal{O}$ .

## First and Second quantization

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### The interacting case

In an interacting theory:

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$$\mathcal{W} 
i \mathcal{O} \longmapsto \mathcal{A}(\mathcal{O}) \subset \mathsf{B}(\mathcal{H}),$$

with a unique vacuum vector  $\Omega\in\mathcal{H},$  s.t.

- Bisognano and Wichmann property hold
- Reeh-Schlieder property holds for double cones

Then U has no infinite spin in its direct integral disintegration (up to a null measure set).

The proof relies on the fact that the associated standard subspace net

$$\mathcal{W} \ni \mathcal{W} \longmapsto \mathcal{H}(\mathcal{W}) = \overline{\mathcal{A}(\mathcal{O})_{sa}\Omega}$$

decomposes accordingly to the U direct integral disintegration (by B-W) and we conclude using the result for standard subspaces (by R-S).

Part 3: Generalization and counterexample

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# s+1 dimensional case ( $s \ge 2$ )

- Infinite spin representations in ℝ<sup>s+1</sup> are massless representation induced by (unitary) faithful representation of the little group.
- They are a continuous family: fixing  $q = (1, 1, 0, \dots, 0) \in \mathbb{R}^{s+1}$

$$\mathsf{Stab}_q = ilde{\mathcal{E}}(s-1) \subset ilde{\mathcal{P}}_+^\uparrow$$

where  $\tilde{\mathcal{P}}^{\uparrow}_{+}$  is the universal covering of  $\mathcal{P}^{\uparrow}_{+}$  in s + 1 spacetime dimensions and  $\tilde{\mathcal{E}}(s-1)$  is the double cover of the s-1 dimensional Euclidean group (we just consider bose/fermi alternative in 2 space dimensions.)

 In even space dimensions Huygens principle does not hold but one can show that spacelike (twisted) locality implies

$$H(O_1) \subset iZH(O_2), \qquad O_1 \subset O_2^t.$$

In these cases any net of standard subspaces satisfying 1-5, undergoing an infinite spin representation have trivial double cones subspaces.

#### Bisognano and Wichmann is an essential assumption:

Let V be a real, bosonic, unitary representation of  $SL(2,\mathbb{C})$  on an Hilbert space  $\mathcal{K}$ : there exists a real vector space  $K \subset \mathcal{K}$  s.t.  $K + iK = \mathcal{K}$ , JK = K,  $V(SL(2,\mathbb{C}))K = K$ .

Let  $U_0$  be the scalar, zero mass, unitary irreducible representation of  $\tilde{\mathcal{P}}_+$ . Let

$$\mathcal{W} \ni W \mapsto H(W) \in \mathcal{H}$$

the canonical BGL-net associated to  $U_0$ .

We can define the new standard subspaces net

$$\tilde{H}: \mathcal{W} \ni W \longmapsto K \otimes H(W) \subset \tilde{\mathcal{H}} \doteq \mathcal{K} \otimes \mathcal{H}$$

### Counter-example B-W property is necessary

There are **two representations** acting on  $\tilde{H}$ :

$$U_I: \mathcal{P}^{\uparrow}_+ \ni (a, A) \longmapsto 1_{\mathcal{K}} \otimes U_0(a, A) \in \mathcal{U}(\tilde{\mathcal{H}})$$

$$U_V: \widetilde{\mathcal{P}_+^\uparrow} 
i (a, A) \longmapsto V(A) \otimes U_0(a, A) \in \mathcal{U}( ilde{\mathcal{H}})$$

Double cones subspaces

$$\tilde{H}(\mathcal{O}) \doteq \bigcap_{W \supset \mathcal{O}} \tilde{H}(W) = K \cap (\cap_{W \supset \mathcal{O}} H(W))$$

are cyclic and separating.

• If V does not contain the trivial representation then  $U_V$  is purely infinite spin.

Bisognano and Wichmann property holds for  $U_I$  (not for  $U_V$ ).

Thanks for your attention

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