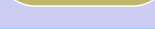
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宇宙学常数导致的狭义相对论改动

——(de-Sitter 不变狭义相对论)

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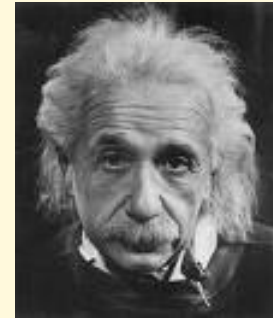


狭义相对论 还能改动吗？



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0, 一本2015出版的介绍dS-SR的书:



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作者写这本书的动机:

de Sitter 不变狭义相对论是Einstein宇宙学常数 Λ 不为零时空中的狭义相对论。当今, 尽管这样一个普适性常数 Λ 的存在的可能性已广泛接受, 然而与之相应的, 在40年前完成的de Sitter 不变狭义相对论却至今在物理界知知甚少, 在这种情况下, 一种教科书式地介绍de Sitter狭义相对论的读物看来是需要的, 这就是作者写这本书的动机。主要参考文献:

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1, 相对论理论的基本精神:

- 1, 狭义相对论: 时空几何确定物质运动。(度规是固定的; 该度规满足真空Einstein 方程; 自由粒子作惯性运动; 时间-空间具有最大对称性。)
- 2, 广义相对论: 物质运动确定时空几何 (Einstein 方程), 时空几何影响物质运动 (短程线方程、弯曲空间场论等)。

2, 一个问题:

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是满足**真空**Einstein 方程的: (且满足惯性运动定律; 满足最大对称性时空要求)

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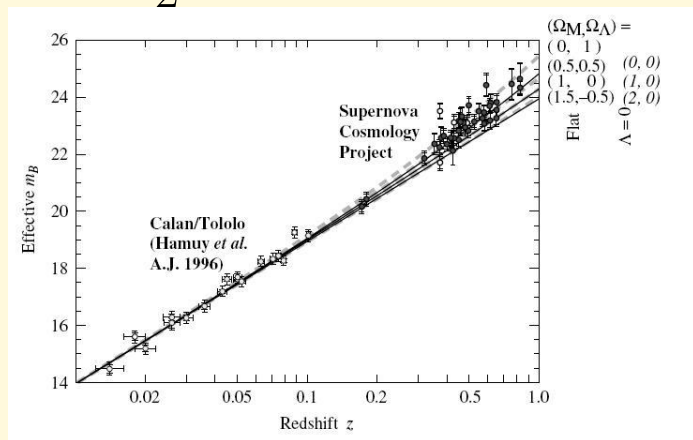
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iii, 宇宙加速膨胀的实验观测: 减速因子:

$$q_0 \equiv -a_0 \ddot{a}_0 / \dot{a}_0^2 \simeq \frac{1}{2} (\Omega_M - 2\Omega_\Lambda) \approx -0.64_{-0.12}^{+0.14} < 0, \quad (5)$$



$$\mathcal{R}_{\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{2} g_{\mu\nu} \mathcal{R} + \Lambda g_{\mu\nu} = -8\pi G T_{\mu\nu}^M - 8\pi G \rho_{\text{dark energy}} g_{\mu\nu}, \quad (6)$$

$$\Lambda_{\text{eff}} = \Lambda + 8\pi G \rho_{\text{dark energy}} = \Lambda + \Lambda_{\text{dark energy}} \simeq 1.26 \times 10^{-56} \text{cm}^{-2}. \quad (7)$$

注意: 实验测量的是 $\Lambda_{\text{eff}} = \Lambda + 8\pi G \rho_{\text{dark energy}} = \Lambda + \Lambda_{\text{dark energy}}$, 而非 Λ . 作为普适常数的 Λ , 可正可负, 还有待测定。 $\Lambda_{\text{dark energy}}$ 是模型相关的, 是时间函数, 人为假定 $\Lambda = 0$ 不可取。 (Yan, Hu, Huang, Mod Phys Lett, A27 1250041 (2012))

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iv, 狭义相对论的基本度规 $g_{\mu\nu}$ 由下述条件确定:

a, 真空Einstein 方程:

$$\mathcal{R}_{\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{2}g_{\mu\nu}\mathcal{R} + \Lambda g_{\mu\nu} = 0. \quad (8)$$

b, 惯性定律 (牛顿第一定律):

$$\delta S = -mc \delta \int ds = -mc \delta \int \sqrt{g_{\mu\nu}dx^\mu dx^\nu} = 0, \Rightarrow \ddot{x}^i = 0, \quad (9)$$

c, 最大对称空间(存在10个保度规 $g_{\mu\nu}$ 映射生成元(Killing 矢量) $\xi^\mu(1), \dots, \xi^\mu(10)$):

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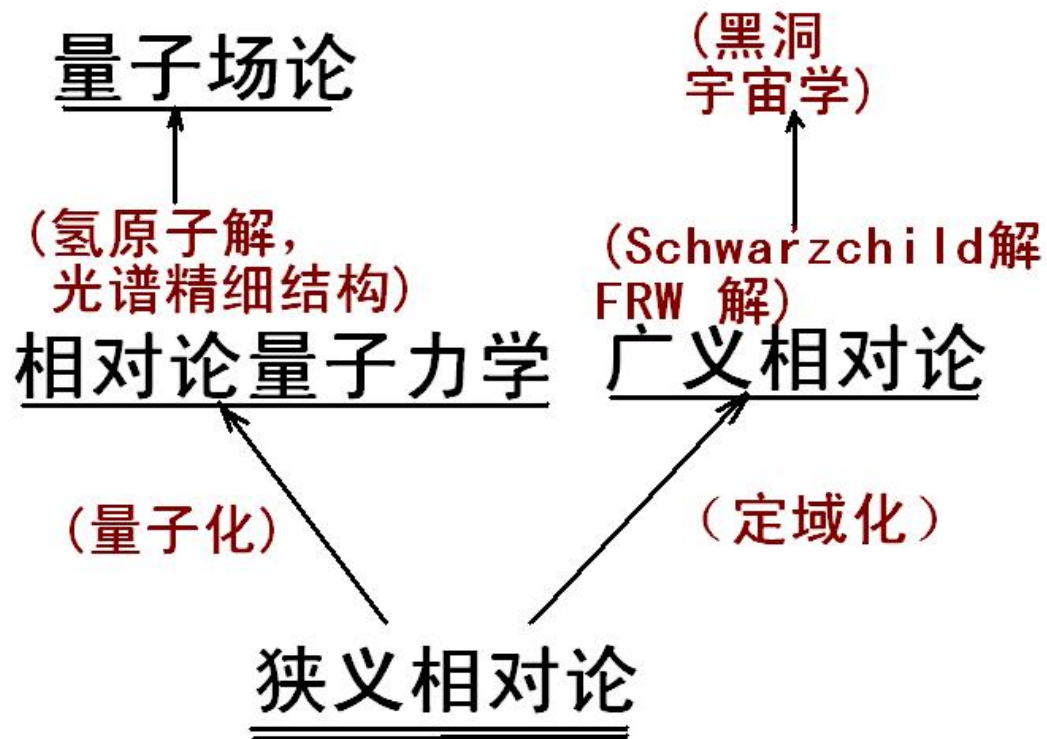
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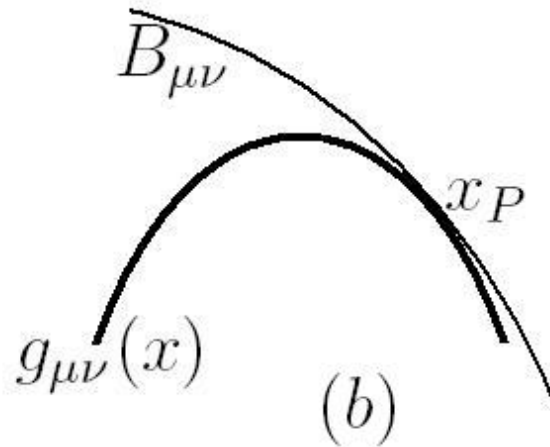
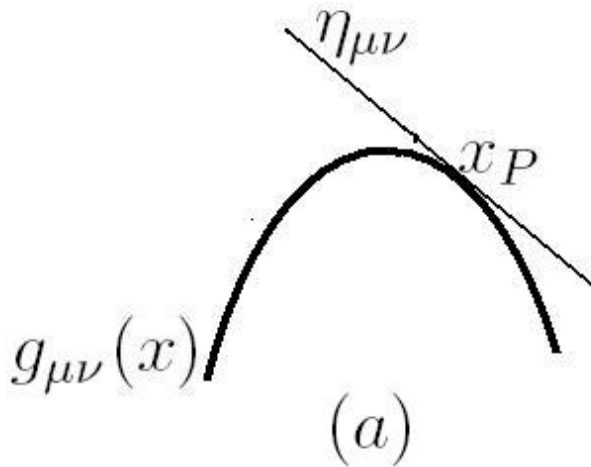
$$g_{\mu\nu}(x) : G_{\mu\nu} = \kappa T_{\mu\nu}$$

$$\eta_{\mu\nu} : G_{\mu\nu} = 0$$

dS – GR : $\Lambda \neq 0$

$$g_{\mu\nu}(x) : G_{\mu\nu} + \Lambda g_{\mu\nu} = \kappa T_{\mu\nu}$$

$$B_{\mu\nu}(x) : G_{\mu\nu} + \Lambda g_{\mu\nu} = 0$$



3, 伽利略相对论:

i) 自由粒子拉氏量: $L_{\text{Newton}} = \frac{1}{2}m_0v^2$, 拉氏方程: $\frac{d}{dt}\frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{\vec{x}}} - \frac{\partial L}{\partial \vec{x}} = 0$

ii) 惯性定律: $\vec{v} = \text{常数} \Rightarrow$ 惯性系

iii) 伽利略变换+平移变换+转动变换(惯性系间的变换):

$$x^1 \rightarrow \tilde{x}^1 = x^1 - v^1 t + a^1$$

$$x^2 \rightarrow \tilde{x}^2 = x^2 + a^2$$

$$x^3 \rightarrow \tilde{x}^3 = x^3 + a^3$$

$$t \rightarrow \tilde{t} = t + t_0$$

iv) 无普适常数.

v) 在伽利略变换+平移变换+转动变换下, L_{Newton} 不变, 即 $L_{\text{Newton}} \rightarrow \tilde{L}_{\text{Newton}} = L_{\text{Newton}} + \text{常数}$, 因此有能量守恒(E), 动量守恒(\mathbf{p}), 角动量守恒(Neother charge).

vi) 哈氏量(正则能量): $H = \dot{\mathbf{x}} \cdot \vec{\pi} - L$, 其中正则动量 $\vec{\pi} = \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{\mathbf{x}}}$.

vii) 正则方程:

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{x}^i &= \frac{\partial H}{\partial \pi_i} = \{H, x^i\}_{PB} \\ \dot{\pi}_i &= -\frac{\partial H}{\partial x^i} = \{H, \pi_i\}_{PB},\end{aligned}$$

where the Poisson bracket $\{x^i, \pi_j\}_{PB} = \delta_j^i$, $\{x^i, x^j\}_{PB} = 0$, $\{\pi_i, \pi_j\}_{PB} = 0$ are as usual. It is straightforward to check $\dot{x}^i = \text{constant}$ by using L_{Newton} .

viii) 量子化: $\{, \}_{PB} \Rightarrow \frac{1}{i\hbar} [,]$

ix) 正则量=Noether charge: 哈氏量=物理测量能量; 正则动量=物理测量动量.
(循环坐标, 拉氏量与时间无关)

4, Einstein 狭义相对论:

i) 自由粒子拉氏量:

$$L_c = -m_0 c \frac{ds}{dt} = -m_0 c \frac{\sqrt{\eta_{\mu\nu} dx^\mu dx^\nu}}{dt} = -m_0 c^2 \sqrt{1 + \frac{\eta_{ij} \dot{x}^i \dot{x}^j}{c^2}} = -m_0 c^2 \sqrt{1 - \frac{v^2}{c^2}},$$

where Lorentz metric $\eta_{\mu\nu} = \text{diag}\{+, -, -, -\}$, $dx^\mu = \{d(ct), dx^1, dx^2, dx^3\}$ and $i, j = 1, 2, 3$. 拉氏方程: $\frac{d}{dt} \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{x}^i} - \frac{\partial L}{\partial x^i} = 0$

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iii) Lorentz变换+平移变换+转动变换(惯性系间的变换, Poincare' 变换):

$$x^1 \rightarrow \tilde{x}^1 = \gamma [x^1 - v^1 t - a^1 + \beta a^0]$$

$$x^2 \rightarrow \tilde{x}^2 = x^2 - a^2$$

$$x^3 \rightarrow \tilde{x}^3 = x^3 - a^3$$

$$t \rightarrow \tilde{t} = \gamma [t - \beta x^1 / c - a^0 + \beta a^1]$$

where $\gamma = 1/\sqrt{1 - \beta^2}$ and $\beta = v^1/c$.

iv) 普适常数 c : 任何惯性系中测量到的光速相等.

v) 在Lorentz变换+平移变换+转动变换下, L_c 不变,即 $L_c \rightarrow \tilde{L}_c = L_c$, 因此有能量守恒(E),动量守恒(\mathbf{p}),角动量守恒, 及Boost荷守恒(Neother charge).

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其中正则动量 $\pi_i = \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{x}^i} = \frac{-m_0 \dot{x}^j \eta_{ij}}{\sqrt{1-\beta^2}}$.

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viii) 量子化: $\{, \}_{PB} \Rightarrow \frac{1}{i\hbar} [,]$. 这样, Poisson bracket 就变成了Heisenberg 代

数: $[x^i, \pi_j] = i\hbar \delta_j^i$, $[x^i, x^j] = 0$, $[\pi_i, \pi_j] = 0$. (14)

注意 $\pi_\mu = \eta_{\mu\nu} p^\nu$, $[\pi_i, \pi_j] = 0 \Rightarrow [p^\mu, p^\nu] = 0$, 与Poincaré群相容, 可见狭义相对论和量子理论相容, 自恰.

ix) Heisenberg 代数的解与Poincaré algebra: the 4-dimensional invariant commutation relations for x^μ and $\hat{\pi}_\nu$ (i.e., Heisenberg algebra):

$$[x^\mu, \pi_\nu] = i\hbar\delta_\nu^\mu, \quad [x^\mu, x^\nu] = 0, \quad [\pi_\mu, \pi_\nu] = 0. \quad (15)$$

The solution is

$$\pi_\mu = -i\hbar\partial_\mu, \quad \text{or} \quad p^\mu = -i\hbar\eta^{\mu\nu}\partial_\nu. \quad (16)$$

p^μ together with operator $L^{\mu\nu} = (x^\mu p^\nu - x^\nu p^\mu)/i\hbar$ form an algebra as follows

$$\begin{aligned} [p^\mu, p^\nu] &= 0 \\ [L^{\mu\nu}, p^\rho] &= \eta^{\nu\rho}p^\mu - \eta^{\mu\rho}p^\nu \\ [L^{\mu\nu}, L^{\rho\sigma}] &= \eta^{\nu\rho}L^{\mu\sigma} - \eta^{\nu\sigma}L^{\mu\rho} + \eta^{\mu\sigma}L^{\nu\rho} - \eta^{\mu\rho}L^{\nu\sigma} \end{aligned} \quad (17)$$

which is just the Poincaré algebra, (i.e., Poincaré Invariant 狭义相对论的时空对称性). 说明在正则量子化下的通常狭义相对论量子力学自治!

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x) 注意: 牛顿力学: $E = \frac{1}{2}mv^2$, $p = mv$, 所以 $m \rightarrow 0$ 时, 必有 $E \rightarrow 0$, $p \rightarrow 0$, 即真空. 而对于狭义相对论, 在 $m \rightarrow 0$ 以及 $v \rightarrow c$ 极限下, 除 $E = p = 0$ 的真空解外, 还有 $E \neq 0$, $p \neq 0$ 的光量子解:

$$E = \lim_{m \rightarrow 0, v \rightarrow c} \frac{mc^2}{\sqrt{1 - v^2/c^2}} \neq 0, \quad p = \lim_{m \rightarrow 0, v \rightarrow c} \frac{mv}{\sqrt{1 - v^2/c^2}} \neq 0.$$

而且 $E/p = c$. 与 $\lambda\nu = c$ 比较, 可有 $E = h\nu$ 和 $p = h/\lambda$, 其中 h 为Plank常数. 因此量子论"几乎"可以从狭义相对论推导出来.

xi) 几何: Minkowski 度规: $\eta_{\mu\nu} = \text{diag}(+1, -1, -1, -1)$. 在Poincaré变换下:
 $x^\mu \rightarrow \tilde{x}^\mu$, $\eta_{\mu\nu} \rightarrow \tilde{\eta}_{\mu\nu} = \frac{\partial x^\lambda}{\partial \tilde{x}^\mu} \frac{\partial x^\rho}{\partial \tilde{x}^\nu} \eta_{\lambda\rho} = \eta_{\mu\nu}$

5, de Sitter 不变狭义相对论:

o)问题的由来:

- 1, Einstein 1917年提出宇宙学常数 Λ , (量纲为 cm^{-1});
- 2, Dirac 1935年指出可以存在 $\Lambda \neq 0$ 的狭义相对论 (但他本人没有构造出来), 和讨论相关的原子物理;
- 3, 1974年陆启铿, 邹振隆, 郭汉英, 构造出了“典型时空”理论, 并讨论了宇宙学; “典型时空”理论就是 $\Lambda \neq 0$ 的狭义相对论, 即De Sitter 不变狭义相对论;
- 4, 1998年发现宇宙加速膨胀现象, 表明 $\Lambda_{eff} = \Lambda + \Lambda_{dark\ matter} \neq 0$; (这说明 Λ 可不为0, 可按物理要求任意取值)
- 5, 这以后, 讨论陆、邹、郭的“典型时空”理论 (即De Sitter 不变狭义相对论) 的物理就有必要了。2004年提出了De Sitter 不变狭义相对论力学的Lagrange-Hamiltonian理论, 实现了De Sitter 不变狭义相对论量子力学、De Sitter 不变广义相对论的构造, 基于新理论求解了氢原子问题和黑洞问题等(Yan et al, 2005, 2011, 2012, 2014, 2015).

i), de Sitter 时空对称性: **5-维dS伪球面的 $(ds)^2$ 在 $SO(4,1)$ 旋转变换下不变。**

映射 $x^\mu = R \frac{\xi^\mu}{\xi^5}$

5-维de Sitter空间的4-维球面
 $(\xi^0)^2 - (\xi^1)^2 - (\xi^2)^2 - (\xi^3)^2 - (\xi^5)^2 = R^2$
 $\eta_{AB}\xi^A\xi^B = R^2$
 $\{A, B\} = 0, 1, 2, 3, 5$
 $(ds)^2 = \eta_{AB}d\xi^A d\xi^B$

4-维时空
 $\mu = 0, 1, 2, 3$
 $(ds)^2 = B(x)_{\mu\nu}dx^\mu dx^\nu$

其中 $\eta_{AB} = \text{diag}\{+, -, -, -, -\}$, $\eta_{\mu\nu} = \text{diag}\{+, -, -, -\}$.

由 $(ds)^2 = \eta_{AB}d\xi^A d\xi^B |_{(\xi^{A,B} \in \{R\})} = B_{\mu\nu}(x)dx^\mu dx^\nu$ 可求得

$$B_{\mu\nu}(x) = \frac{\eta_{\mu\nu}}{\sigma(x)} + \frac{1}{R^2\sigma(x)^2}\eta_{\mu\lambda}\eta_{\nu\rho}x^\lambda x^\rho, \quad \text{with } \sigma(x) \equiv 1 - \frac{1}{R^2}\eta_{\mu\nu}x^\mu x^\nu,$$

ii) Beltrami metric and Lagrangian L_{dS} for free particle:

$$B_{\mu\nu}(x) = \frac{\eta_{\mu\nu}}{\sigma(x)} + \frac{1}{R^2\sigma(x)^2}\eta_{\mu\lambda}\eta_{\nu\rho}x^\lambda x^\rho, \quad \text{with } \sigma(x) \equiv 1 - \frac{1}{R^2}\eta_{\mu\nu}x^\mu x^\nu, \quad (18)$$

where the constant R is the radius of the pseudo-sphere in dS -space, and it can be related to cosmological constant via $R = \sqrt{3/\Lambda}$. Setting up the time $t = x^0/c$, $B_{\mu\nu}(x)$ can be rewritten as follows

$$\begin{aligned} ds^2 &= B_{\mu\nu}(x)dx^\mu dx^\nu = \tilde{g}_{00}d(ct)^2 + \tilde{g}_{ij} [(dx^i + N^i d(ct))(dx^j + N^j d(ct))] \\ &= c^2(dt)^2 \left[\tilde{g}_{00} + \tilde{g}_{ij} \left(\frac{1}{c}\dot{x}^i + N^i \right) \left(\frac{1}{c}\dot{x}^j + N^j \right) \right], \end{aligned} \quad (19)$$

The free particle in \mathcal{B}_Λ is described by the corresponding Landau-Lifshitz (L-L) action:

$$S_{dS} = -mc \int ds = -mc \int \sqrt{B_{\mu\nu}(x)dx^\mu dx^\nu} \equiv \int dt L_{dS}(t, x^i, \dot{x}^i), \quad (20)$$

$$L_{dS} = -mc \frac{ds}{dt} = -mc \frac{\sqrt{B_{\mu\nu}(x)dx^\mu dx^\nu}}{dt} = -mc \sqrt{B_{\mu\nu}(x)\dot{x}^\mu \dot{x}^\nu}, \quad (21)$$

And then 自由粒子拉氏量:(含时并无循环坐标L氏系统)

$$L_{dS} = -mc^2 R \sqrt{\frac{R^2(c^2 - \dot{\mathbf{x}}^2) - \mathbf{x}^2 \dot{\mathbf{x}}^2 + (\mathbf{x} \cdot \dot{\mathbf{x}})^2 + c^2(\mathbf{x} - \dot{\mathbf{x}}t)^2}{c^2(R^2 + \mathbf{x}^2 - c^2t^2)^2}}.$$

When $R \rightarrow \infty$,

$$L_{dS} \rightarrow L_{Eins} = -mc^2 \sqrt{1 - \frac{\dot{\mathbf{x}}^2}{c^2}}.$$

iii) 由拉氏方程: $\frac{d}{dt} \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{\mathbf{x}}} - \frac{\partial L}{\partial \mathbf{x}} = 0$, $\Rightarrow \ddot{x}^i = 0$, 惯性定律成立!: $\vec{v} = \text{常数} \Rightarrow$ 惯性系.

iv) 保Beltrami度规的时空变换(de Sitter变换):

$$t \rightarrow \tilde{t} = \frac{\sqrt{\sigma(a)}}{c\sigma(a, x)} \gamma \left[ct - \beta x^1 - a^0 + \beta a^1 + \frac{a^0 - \beta a^1}{R^2} \frac{a^0 ct - a^1 x^1 - (a^0)^2 + (a^1)^2}{\sigma(a) + \sqrt{\sigma(a)}} \right]$$

$$x^1 \rightarrow \tilde{x}^1 = \frac{\sqrt{\sigma(a)}}{\sigma(a, x)} \gamma \left[x^1 - \beta ct + \beta a^0 - a^1 + \frac{a^1 - \beta a^0}{R^2} \frac{a^0 ct - a^1 x^1 - (a^0)^2 + (a^1)^2}{\sigma(a) + \sqrt{\sigma(a)}} \right]$$

$$x^2 \rightarrow \tilde{x}^2 = \frac{\sqrt{\sigma(a)}}{\sigma(a, x)} x^2$$

$$x^3 \rightarrow \tilde{x}^3 = \frac{\sqrt{\sigma(a)}}{\sigma(a, x)} x^3$$

where $\sigma(a, x) = 1 - \eta_{\mu\nu} a^\mu x^\nu / R^2$. 在该变换下 $B_{\mu\nu}(x)$ 不变, 即:

$$B_{\mu\nu}(x) \rightarrow \tilde{B}_{\mu\nu}(\tilde{x}) \equiv \frac{\partial x^\lambda}{\partial \tilde{x}^\mu} \frac{\partial x^\rho}{\partial \tilde{x}^\nu} B_{\lambda\rho}(x) = B_{\mu\nu}(\tilde{x}).$$

v) 正则动量和正则能量(即Hamiltonian): 引进变量:

$$\Gamma \equiv \frac{cdt}{ds} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - \frac{\dot{\mathbf{x}}^2}{c^2} + \frac{(\mathbf{x} \cdot \dot{\mathbf{x}})^2 - \mathbf{x}^2 \dot{\mathbf{x}}^2}{c^2 R^2} + \frac{(\mathbf{x} - \dot{\mathbf{x}}t)^2}{R^2}}}, \quad \Gamma|_{R \rightarrow \infty} = \gamma.$$

由理论力学得到:

$$\begin{aligned} \pi_i &= \frac{\partial L_{cR}}{\partial \dot{x}^i} = -m_0 B_{i\mu} \dot{x}^\mu \Gamma, \\ H_{cR} &= \sum_{i=1}^3 \frac{\partial L_{cR}}{\partial \dot{x}^i} \dot{x}^i - L_{cR} = m_0 c B_{0\mu} \dot{x}^\mu \Gamma. \end{aligned}$$

vi) 4-正则动量, 正则色散关系, 正则方程, Poisson括号:

$$\pi_\mu \equiv (\pi_0, \pi_i) = \left(-\frac{H_{cR}}{c}, \pi_i\right) = -m_0 c B_{\mu\nu} \frac{dx^\nu}{ds},$$

$$B^{\mu\nu} \pi_\mu \pi_\nu = m_0^2 c^2. \quad (22)$$

$$H_{dS} \equiv -c\pi_0 = \frac{1}{2B^{00}} \left\{ 2cB^{0i} \pi_i \pm c \sqrt{4(B^{0i} \pi_i)^2 - 4B^{00}(B^{ij} \pi_i \pi_j - m^2 c^2)} \right\}, \quad (23)$$

where the metric $B^{\mu\nu}$ has be given in above and hence

$$B^{00} = \sigma(x) \left(1 - \frac{c^2 t^2}{R^2}\right), \quad B^{0i} = -\sigma(x) \frac{ctx^i}{R^2}, \quad B^{ij} = \sigma(x) \left(\eta^{ij} - \frac{x^i x^j}{R^2}\right),$$

It is straightforward to to get the following canonical equations

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{x}^i &= \frac{\partial H_{cR}}{\partial \pi_i} = \{H_{cR}, x^i\}_{PB} \\ \dot{\pi}_i &= -\frac{\partial H_{cR}}{\partial x^i} = \{H_{cR}, \pi_i\}_{PB}, \end{aligned} \quad (24)$$

where the Poisson bracket $\{x^i, \pi_j\}_{PB} = \delta_j^i$, $\{x^i, x^j\}_{PB} = 0$, $\{\pi_i, \pi_j\}_{PB} = 0$ are as usual. It is also straightforward to check $\dot{x}^i = constant$ by eq.(24).

vii) 在 $R \rightarrow \infty$ 时

$$H_{dS} = \frac{1}{2B^{00}} \left\{ 2cB^{0i}\pi_i \pm c\sqrt{4(B^{0i}\pi_i)^2 - 4B^{00}(B^{ij}\pi_i\pi_j - m^2c^2)} \right\}$$

$$\longrightarrow H_{Eins} = \pm\sqrt{c^2\mathbf{p}^2 + m^2c^4} \quad (25)$$

可见，在 H_{Eins} 下，正反粒子的动力学是对称的；而对于 H_{dS} ，正反粒子的动力学是不对称的。这是重要启示！（沙哈诺夫准则(1960's)、丁肇中实验(2013)）

vii) Beltrami-度规下的(Lorentz变换+平移变换+转动变换):惯性系间的变换, de Sitter 变换下, 度规不变, 作用量不变:

由前: 在 $x^\mu \rightarrow \tilde{x}^\mu$ 下, $B_{\mu\nu}(x) \rightarrow \tilde{B}_{\mu\nu}(\tilde{x}) = B_{\mu\nu}(\tilde{x})$, 这导致至

$$\begin{aligned} A &= -m_0 c \int \sqrt{B_{\mu\nu}(x) dx^\mu dx^\nu} \rightarrow \tilde{A} = -m_0 c \int \sqrt{\tilde{B}_{\mu\nu}(\tilde{x}) d\tilde{x}^\mu d\tilde{x}^\nu} \\ &= -m_0 c \int \sqrt{B_{\mu\nu}(\tilde{x}) d\tilde{x}^\mu d\tilde{x}^\nu} = A. \end{aligned}$$

于是有10个不变量(Noether 定理). 用运动方程 $\ddot{x}^i = 0$, 可证

$$\frac{d}{dt}(\Gamma) = 0$$

因此进一步可证:

$$\mathcal{L}_{\xi^{(i)}} B_{\mu\nu} = 0, \quad \xi^\mu(i) : i = \{1, 2, \dots, \frac{N(N+1)}{2} = 10.\} \quad (26)$$

满足最大对称空间条件。

1) 3个boost charges:

$$G_{\beta_i} = m_0 c (x^i - t \dot{x}^i) \Gamma.$$

2) 动量:

$$p^i = G_{\alpha^i} = m_0 \dot{x}^i \Gamma.$$

3) 能量:

$$E \equiv c p^0 = c G_{\alpha^0} = m_0 c^2 \Gamma.$$

4-动量:

$$p^\mu \equiv \{p^0, p^i\} = m_0 \dot{x}^\mu \Gamma = \frac{m_0 c}{\sigma(x)} \frac{dx^\mu}{ds} = -\frac{1}{\sigma(x)} B^{\mu\nu} \pi_\nu,$$

4) 角动量:

$$G_{\omega^i} = -m_0 \Gamma \epsilon^{ijk} x^j \dot{x}^k.$$

可验证:

$$\frac{d}{dt} G_{a=(1,\dots,10)} = 0.$$

viii) 量子化: $\{, \}_{PB} \Rightarrow \frac{1}{i\hbar} [,]$. 由于对 de Sitter 狭义相对论正则方程成立, 由 Heisenberg 代数, 我们有:

$$H_{cR} = i\hbar B^{-1/4} \frac{\partial}{\partial t} B^{1/4}, \quad \pi_i = -i\hbar B^{-1/4} \frac{\partial}{\partial x^i} B^{1/4}$$

其中 $B = \det(B_{\mu\nu})$. 代入上面的能量-动量表达式, 可得 4-动量算符

$$p^\mu = i\hbar \left[(\eta^{\mu\nu} - \frac{x^\mu x^\nu}{R^2}) \partial_\nu + \frac{5x^\mu}{2R^2} \right]. \quad (27)$$

p^μ together with operator $L^{\mu\nu} = (x^\mu p^\nu - x^\nu p^\mu)/i\hbar$ form an algebra as follows

$$\begin{aligned} [p^\mu, p^\nu] &= \frac{\hbar^2}{R^2} L^{\mu\nu} \\ [L^{\mu\nu}, p^\rho] &= \eta^{\nu\rho} p^\mu - \eta^{\mu\rho} p^\nu \\ [L^{\mu\nu}, L^{\rho\sigma}] &= \eta^{\nu\rho} L^{\mu\sigma} - \eta^{\nu\sigma} L^{\mu\rho} + \eta^{\mu\sigma} L^{\nu\rho} - \eta^{\mu\rho} L^{\nu\sigma} \end{aligned} \quad (28)$$

which is just the de-Sitter algebra $SO(1,4)$.

结论: 对 dS-SR QM 的 Heisenberg 代数与 dS 时空的 dS 对称性代数相自洽!

由 $B^{\mu\nu}\pi_\mu\pi_\nu = m_0^2c^2$, 单粒子运动的波方程:

$$\left(\eta^{\mu\nu} - \frac{x^\mu x^\nu}{R^2}\right)\partial_\mu\partial_\nu\psi - 2\frac{x^\mu}{R^2}\partial_\mu\psi + \frac{m_0^2c^2}{\hbar^2\sigma(x)}\psi = 0$$

当 $R \rightarrow \infty$, 上述方程成为平面波方程: $(\square - \frac{m_0^2c^2}{\hbar^2})\psi = 0$.

ix) 色散关系: $p^\mu p^\nu B_{\mu\nu} = (m_0c/\sigma(x))^2$

以上2点可能会导至区别Einstein狭义相对论与de Sitter不变狭义相对论的天体观测实验!

dS-时空对称性的定域化会导致dS-GR

6, 对称性产生动力学: (总结)

| | Einstein狭义相对论(E-SR) | de Sitter狭义相对论(dS-SR) |
|-----------|---|--|
| Global对称性 | Poincaré | dS or anti dS |
| 惯性系度规 | $\eta_{\mu\nu} = \text{diag}(+, -, -, -)$ | Beltrami metric $B_{\mu\nu} = \frac{\eta_{\mu\nu}}{\sigma(x)} + \frac{1}{R^2\sigma(x)^2}\eta_{\mu\lambda}\eta_{\nu\rho}x^\lambda x^\rho$, 其中 $\sigma(x) \equiv 1 - \frac{1}{R^2}\eta_{\mu\nu}x^\mu x^\nu$ |
| 作用量 | $S = -m_0c^2 \int \sqrt{\eta_{\mu\nu}dx^\mu x^\nu}$ $\equiv \int dt L_E$ $L_E = -m_0c^2 \gamma^{-1}$ $\gamma^{-1} = \sqrt{1 + \frac{\eta_{ij}\dot{x}^i \dot{x}^j}{c^2}}$ | $S = -m_0c^2 \int \sqrt{B_{\mu\nu}dx^\mu x^\nu} \equiv \int dt L_{dS}$, $L_{dS} = -m_0c^2 \sigma^{-1} \Gamma^{-1}$, $\Gamma^{-1} = \frac{1}{R} \sqrt{(R^2 - \eta_{ij}x^i x^j)(1 + \frac{a}{c^2}) + 2tb - at^2 + \frac{b^2}{c^2}}$ 其中: $a \equiv \eta_{ij}\dot{x}^i \dot{x}^j$, $b \equiv \eta_{ij}x^i \dot{x}^j$ |
| 惯性定律 | $\delta S = 0, \Rightarrow \ddot{x}^i = 0$ | $\delta S = 0, \Rightarrow \ddot{x}^i = 0$ |
| 保惯性系度规的变换 | $x^\mu \rightarrow \tilde{x}^\mu = L_\nu^\mu x^\nu + a^\mu$ 注意 L_ν^μ 和 a^μ 是与 x 无关的常数 | $x^\mu \rightarrow \tilde{x}^\mu = \pm \sigma(a)^{1/2} \sigma(a, x)^{-1} (x^\nu - a^\nu) D_\nu^\mu$ $D_\nu^\mu := L_\nu^\mu + R^{-2} \eta_{\nu\rho} a^\rho a^\lambda (\sigma(a) + \sigma^{1/2}(a))^{-1} L_\lambda^\mu$, $L := (L_\nu^\mu) \in SO(1, 3)$, 注意和E-SR一样 L_ν^μ 和 a^μ 是与 x 无关的常数 |

| | | |
|--------------------------|--|--|
| <p>定域化</p> | <p>$L_\nu^\mu \Rightarrow L_\nu^\mu(x), a^\mu \Rightarrow a^\mu(x)$ 这时惯性系之间的坐标变换成为广义坐标变换: $x^\mu \rightarrow \tilde{x}^\mu = f^\mu(x)$</p> | <p>和E-SR一样,$L_\nu^\mu \Rightarrow L_\nu^\mu(x), a^\mu \Rightarrow a^\mu(x)$ 导致惯性系之间的坐标变换同样成为 广义坐标变换: $x^\mu \rightarrow \tilde{x}^\mu = f^\mu(x)$</p> |
| <p>联络和动力学</p> | <p>广义坐标变换的无绕联络是Christoffel联络: $\{\lambda_{\mu\nu}\}$, 对应的度规是$g_{\mu\nu}(x) \neq \eta_{\mu\nu}$, 动力学方程: $\mathcal{R}_{\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{2}g_{\mu\nu}\mathcal{R} = -\frac{8\pi G}{c^4}T_{\mu\nu}$ (see: Utiyama, PR 101(1956)1597; Kibble, J. Math Phys 2 (1961) 212 Cho, PRD14, (1976) 2521, etc)</p> | <p>和E-SR一样,广义坐标变换的无绕联络也只能是$\{\lambda_{\mu\nu}\}$, 对应的度规是$g_{\mu\nu}(x) \neq B_{\mu\nu}$, 动力学方程: $\mathcal{R}_{\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{2}g_{\mu\nu}\mathcal{R} - \Lambda g_{\mu\nu} = -\frac{8\pi G}{c^4}T_{\mu\nu}$ 要求$B_{\mu\nu}(x)$是动力学方程的真空解, 则$\Lambda = \frac{3}{R^2}$ (see: Yan, arXiv: 1004.3023).</p> |
| <p>均匀和各向同性时空 (FRW度规)</p> | <p>$ds^2 = c^2 dt^2 - a(t)^2 \left(\frac{dr^2}{1-kr^2} + r^2 d\theta^2 + r^2 \sin^2 \theta d\phi^2 \right)$ $a(t)$满足不含Λ的Friedmann方程</p> | <p>和E-SR一样:$ds^2 = c^2 dt^2 - a(t)^2 \left(\frac{dr^2}{1-kr^2} + r^2 d\theta^2 + r^2 \sin^2 \theta d\phi^2 \right)$ $a(t)$满足含Λ的Friedmann方程</p> |
| <p>切空间</p> | <p>用$\eta_{\mu\nu}$描写的平空间</p> | <p>用$B_{\mu\nu}$描写的Betrami空间</p> |
| <p>“纤维丛”</p> | <p>底空间度规: $g_{\mu\nu}$ 切丛度规: $\eta_{\mu\nu}$</p> | <p>底空间度规: $g_{\mu\nu}$ 切丛度规: $B_{\mu\nu}$</p> |

7, 对爱因斯坦狭义相对论(E-SR)的一个挑战:

I, 爱因斯坦狭义相对论: The spacetime metric of **the local inertial system** is Minkowski metric:

$$\{\eta_{\mu\nu}\} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad (29)$$

which is spacetime independent.

氢原子光谱: E satisfies Dirac spectrum equation:

$$E\psi = \left(-i\hbar c\boldsymbol{\alpha} \cdot \nabla - \frac{e^2}{r} + m_e c^2 \beta \right) \psi, \quad (30)$$

E 的精确解:

$$E \equiv W_{n,\kappa} = m_e c^2 \left(1 + \frac{\alpha^2}{(n - |\kappa| + s)^2} \right)^{-1/2} \quad (31)$$

$$\alpha \equiv \frac{e^2}{\hbar c}, \quad |\kappa| = (j + 1/2) = 1, 2, 3 \dots$$

$$s = \sqrt{\kappa^2 - \alpha^2}, \quad n = 1, 2, 3 \dots$$

(注意: e^2 是Dirac 方程中势能 $1/r$ 前的系数, $\hbar c$ 是Dirac 方程中动能 $i\boldsymbol{\alpha} \cdot \nabla$ 前的系数, $\alpha \equiv e^2/(\hbar c) \simeq 1/137$ 是这2个系数之比)

这样，由于在宇宙各处的定域惯性系的度规都是与坐标无关（即与宇宙红移 z 无关）的Minkowski 度规 $\eta_{\mu\nu}$ ，爱因斯坦狭义相对论预言：

$$\alpha = \alpha_z \quad (32)$$

其中 z 是原子所在处的红移。

● 这个E-SR的理论预言对吗？ 实验：

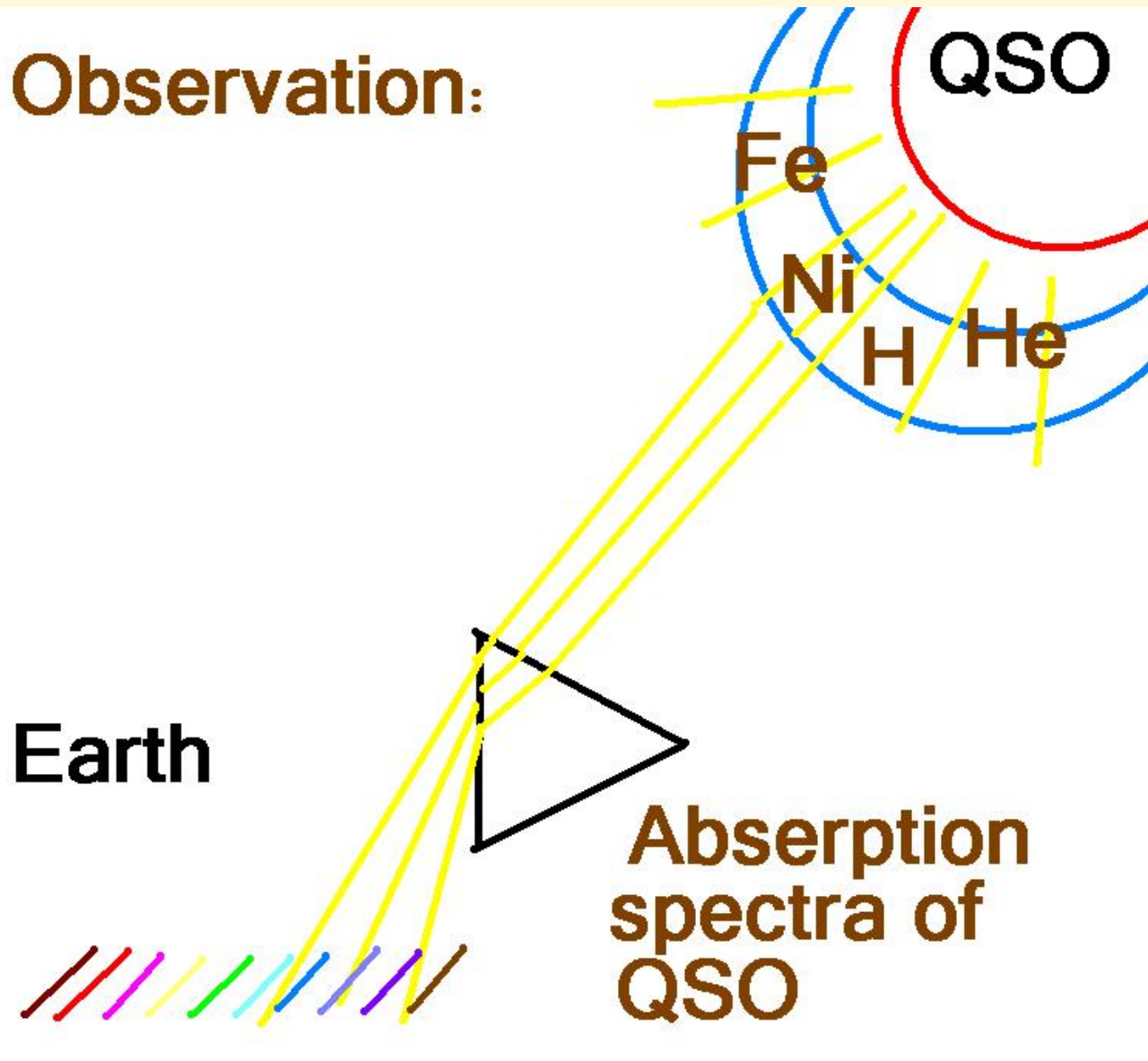


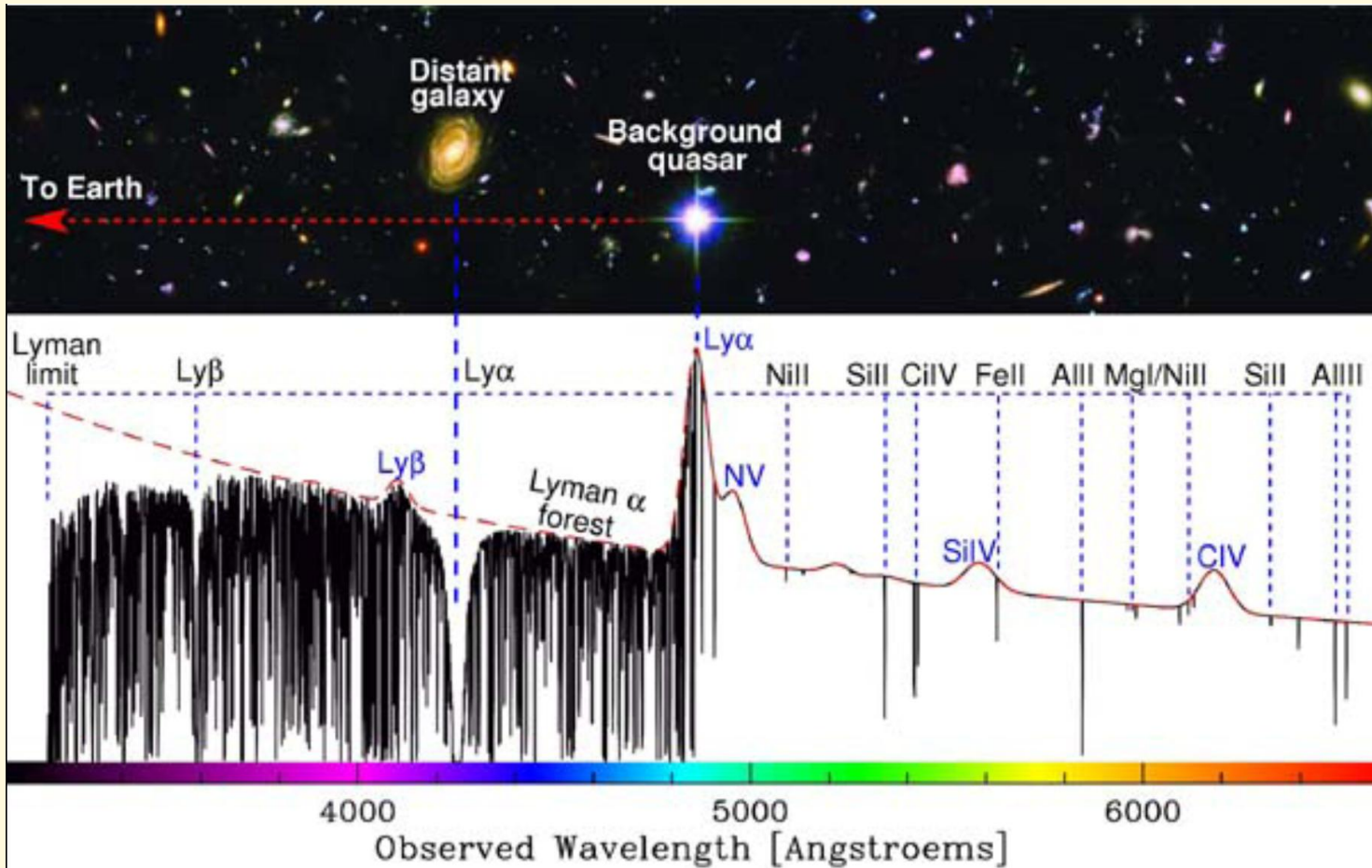
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Observation:





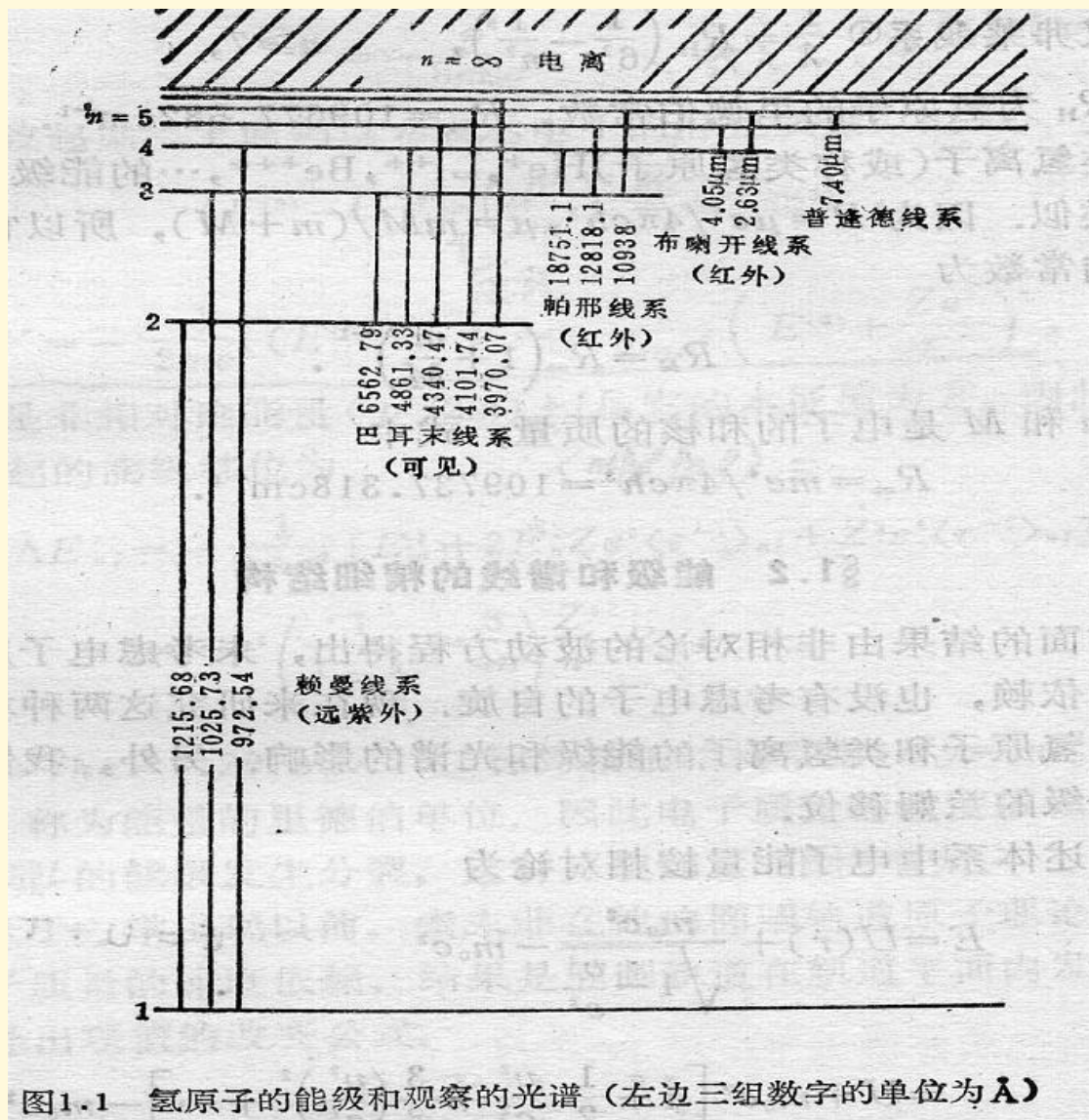
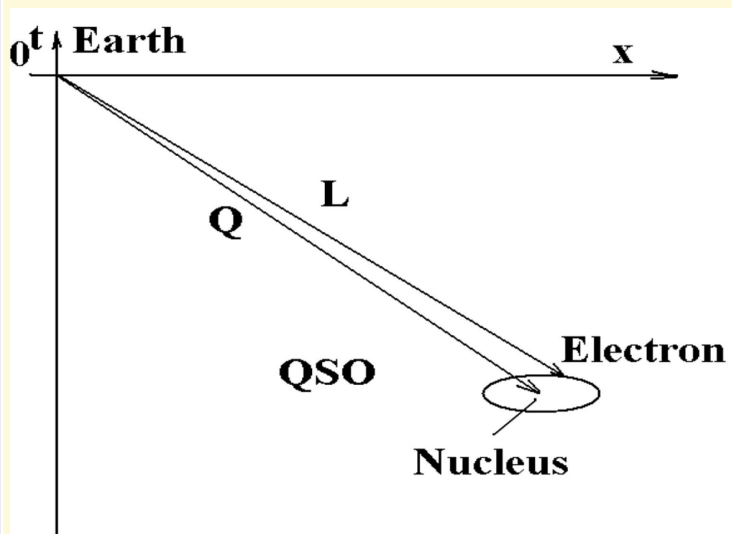


图1.1 氢原子的能级和观察的光谱 (左边三组数字的单位为Å)

♣用dS-SR量子力学求解氢原子:

$2s^{1/2} - 2p^{1/2}$ -splitting in dS-SR

Dirac equation:



$$\mathcal{D}_L^\mu \equiv D_L^\mu - ie/(c\hbar)A^\mu, \quad A^\mu = \{\phi_B, \mathbf{A}\}$$

地球上的氢原子能谱:

| n | l | j | κ | d | E (eV) | n | l | d |
|-----|-----|-----|----------|-----|----------|-----|-----------|-----|
| 5 | 4 | 9/2 | -5 | 10 | _____ | 5 | 0,1,2,3,4 | 25 |
| 5 | 3,4 | 7/2 | -4,4 | 16 | _____ | | | |
| 5 | 2,3 | 5/2 | -3,3 | 12 | _____ | | | |
| 5 | 1,2 | 3/2 | -2,2 | 8 | _____ | | | |
| 5 | 0,1 | 1/2 | -1,1 | 4 | _____ | | | |
| 4 | 3 | 7/2 | -4 | 8 | _____ | 4 | 0,1,2,3 | 16 |
| 4 | 2,3 | 5/2 | -3,3 | 12 | _____ | | | |
| 4 | 1,2 | 3/2 | -2,2 | 8 | _____ | | | |
| 4 | 0,1 | 1/2 | -1,1 | 4 | _____ | | | |
| 3 | 2 | 5/2 | -3 | 6 | _____ | 3 | 0,1,2 | 9 |
| 3 | 1,2 | 3/2 | -2,2 | 8 | _____ | | | |
| 3 | 0,1 | 1/2 | -1,1 | 4 | _____ | | | |
| 2 | 1 | 3/2 | -2 | 4 | _____ | 2 | 0,1 | 4 |
| 2 | 0,1 | 1/2 | -1,1 | 4 | _____ | | | |
| 1 | 0 | 1/2 | -1 | 2 | _____ | 1 | 0 | 1 |

$$(ie_{\mu a} \gamma^a \mathcal{D}_L^\mu - \frac{\mu c}{\hbar})\psi = 0, \quad (33)$$

Yan, arXiv:1004.3023 [physics.gen-ph]

● 测红移 z 处的 α_z :

- 用 i 代表光学跃迁Mg I ($3s^2\ ^1S_0 \rightarrow 3s3p\ ^1P_1$) (满足 $\Delta\ell = \pm 1$), 所观测到的跃迁频率可用下式表达:

$$\begin{aligned}\omega_i \equiv \omega_{i\text{ obs}} &= \omega_{i\text{ lab}} + q_i x + q'_i x^2 + \dots \\ &= 35051.277(1) + 106x - 10y, \quad (34)\end{aligned}$$

其中 $x \equiv (\alpha_z/\alpha)^2$, $y \equiv (\alpha_z/\alpha)^4 - 1$, $\omega_{i\text{ lab}}$ 是地球实验室的 ω_i 的测量值, 式中3项前的系数是基于爱因斯坦狭义相对论, 用原子物理中的量子多电子(E-SR)-Dirac-Hartree-Fock数值计算方法算出的。这样原则上只要通过天文观测测得 $\omega_{i\text{ obs}}$, 就得到了 α_z . (如果发现: $\alpha_z = \alpha$ 就肯定了E-SR, 如果发现 $\alpha_z \neq \alpha$,就否定了E-SR.)

● 部分(E-SR)-Dirac-Hartree-Fock 计算结果:
(PRL 82(1999) 884)

$$\text{Mg II } ^2P \ J = 1/2 : \quad \omega = 35669.286(2) + 119.6x,$$

$$J = 3/2 : \quad \omega = 35760.835(2) + 211.2x,$$

$$\text{Fe II } ^6D \ J = 9/2 : \quad \omega = 38458.9871(20) + 1394x + 38y,$$

$$J = 7/2 : \quad \omega = 38660.0494(20) + 11632x + 10y,$$

$$^6F \ J = 11/2 : \quad \omega = 41968.0642(20) + 1622x + 3y,$$

$$J = 9/2 : \quad \omega = 42114.8329(20) + 1772x + 0y,$$

$$^6P \ J = 7/2 : \quad \omega = 42658.2404(20) + 1398x - 13y.$$

- 2011结果：通过测遥远天体原子光谱的动力学移动，测

$$\alpha \equiv \frac{e^2}{\hbar c} :$$

(Keck 用所发现的140 absorption systems, VLT 用了所发现的153 个吸收系统)

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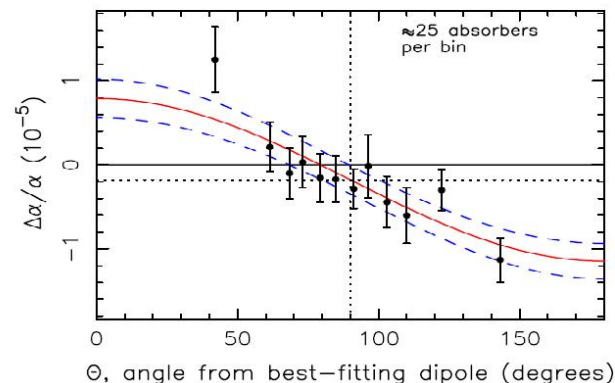
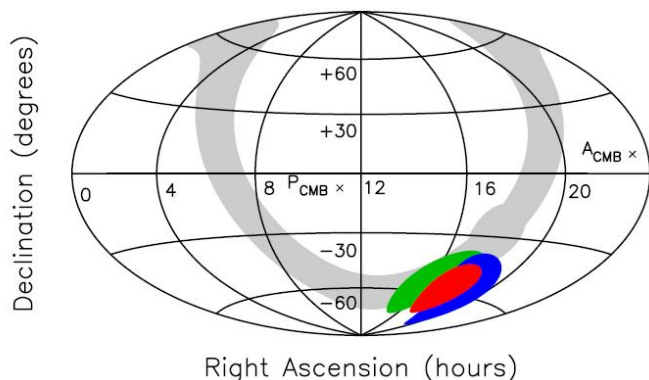
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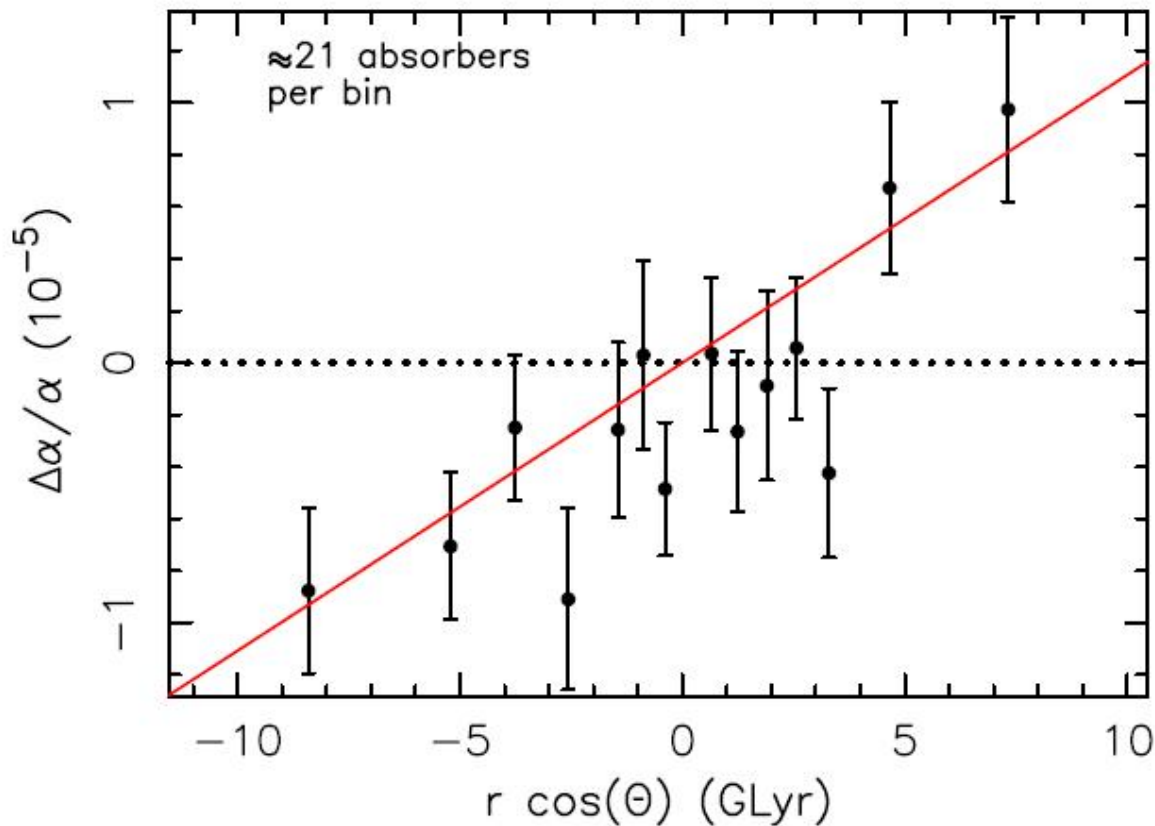


FIG. 3 (color online). $\Delta\alpha/\alpha$ vs $Ar \cos\Theta$ showing an apparent gradient in α along the best-fit dipole. The best-fit direction is at right ascension 17.5 ± 0.9 h, declination -58 ± 9 deg, for which $A = (1.1 \pm 0.25) \times 10^{-6}$ GLyr $^{-1}$. A spatial gradient is statistically preferred over a monopole-only model at the 4.2σ level. A cosmology with parameters $(H_0, \Omega_M, \Omega_\Lambda) = (70.5, 0.2736, 0.726)$ was used [18]

结果发现:

$$\alpha_z \neq \alpha$$

$$\alpha_z = \alpha_z(\Omega)$$

表明 α 是变化的, 而且其变化是各向异性的。这与爱因斯坦狭义相对论以及宇宙学原理相冲突! 是对爱因斯坦狭义相对论的一个挑战!

II, 理论考虑:

(a) 在原子物理中精细结构常数定义是氢原子Dirac 谱方程的势能项系数与动能项系数之比: $\alpha \equiv e^2/(\hbar c)$

$$E\psi = \left[(\hbar c)(-i)\vec{\alpha} \cdot \nabla + \beta mc^2 - e^2 \frac{1}{r} \right] \psi. \quad (35)$$

(b) 在dS-SR 中, 对于红移为 z 的远处氢原子Dirac 方程会被修正, 一般地总可有

$$E\psi = \left[f(z)(-i)\vec{\alpha} \cdot \nabla + \beta m(z)c^2 - g(z)\frac{1}{r} \right] \psi. \quad (36)$$

于是, 求得: $\alpha_z = g(z)/f(z) \neq \alpha$. 这是原子物理的结果, 可与实验比较。

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(c) 上述关于 α_z 的天文观测，是基于原子光谱的物理实验，不涉及Planck能标关于新物理的理论：如string、额外维、“第5种力”...等。

(d) 在用天文观测测得 $\omega_{i \text{ obs}}$ 的值来定 α_z 时，要用基于爱因斯坦狭义相对论的量子多电子(E-SR)-Dirac-Hartree-Fock数值计算。在实验结果与E-SR相违背时，这样处理实验结果是不正确的，包含了来自宇宙学常数的系统误差！

III, 一个建议:

由于基于爱因斯坦狭义相对论不能自洽处理实验观察数据 $\omega_{i \text{ obs}}$ 来测定 α_z , 建议使用基于de Sitter 不变狭义相对论的(dS-SR)-Dirac-Hartree-Fock多电子计算结果, 来处理实验数据。这样爱因斯坦宇宙学常数的效应将被考虑。原则上多了可调参数, 期望解决宇宙学原理问题, 消弭实验中的系统误差:

- (1) 推导(dS-SR)-Dirac-Hartree-Fock公式;
- (2) 用上述公式和多电子量子理论计算Mg和Fe的原子和离子能谱;
- (3) 变动计算中 α 的输入值, 导出 $\omega_{i \text{ obs}}$ 展开式中 x 和 y 前的系数;
- (4) 要求: (i) α_z 各向同性; (ii)用上面的数字计算处理后, Keck和VLT的 α_z 果相一致;
- (5) 用dS-SR计算氢原子光谱, 导出 α_z 的表达式, 比较实验与理论。

上面的工作将导致普适常数 Λ 的数值测定，这对物理学有基础性的
重要性！

8, 结论和讨论:

- 1) 存在自恰的de-Sitter不变狭义相对论的Lagrangian和Hamiltonian形式;
- 2) 惯性运动定律成立; 包含2个普适常数: $c, R, R \rightarrow \infty$ 时回到狭义相对论;
- 3) 理论的L与H与时间相关, 且没有循环坐标, 但有de Sitter不变性;
- 4) 因此理论的正则量和守恒量不相等: $\vec{\pi} \neq \vec{p}, H \neq E$
- 5) 量子化来自正则形式的Poisson括号, 所以应是: $[x^i, \pi_j] = i\hbar\delta_j^i$, 和 $[t, H] = i\hbar$, 而 $[x^i, p^j] \neq i\hbar\delta^{ij}$, 和 $[t, E] \neq i\hbar$
- 6) dS-SR的定域化可导致dS-GR.
- 7) 位于遥远宇宙空间的氢原子可用dS-SR QM + dS-GR求出非平凡解, 导致超出哈勃红移的原子光谱动力学移动.
- 8) 力学是物理学的基础:

$$(\text{dS} - \text{SR} \text{ mechanics})|_{R \rightarrow \infty} \Rightarrow (\text{E} - \text{SR} \text{ mechanics})$$

$$(\text{E} - \text{SR} \text{ mechanics})|_{c \rightarrow \infty} \Rightarrow (\text{Newton mechanics}).$$

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In this case the frequency of each transition can be expanded in a series in α^2 :

$$\omega_i = \omega_i^{(0)} + \omega_i^{(2)}\alpha^2 + \dots, \quad (37)$$

$$= \omega_{i \text{ lab}} + q_i x + \dots, \quad x \equiv (\alpha/\alpha_0)^2 - 1, \quad (38)$$

where α_0 stands for the laboratory value of the fine structure constant. Note that Eq.(37) corresponds to the expansion at $\alpha = 0$, while Eq.(38) at $\alpha = \alpha_0$. In both cases, parameters $\omega_i^{(2)}$ and q_i appear due to relativistic corrections. We note that both $\omega_{i \text{ lab}}$ and q_i are calculable by the Dirac-Hartree-Fock method and the quantum many body perturbation theories (and $\omega_{i \text{ lab}}$ are of course measurable in laboratories).

For a fine structure transition the first coefficient on the right hand side of (37) turns to zero, while for the optical transitions it does not. Thus, for the case of a fine structure and an optical transition one can write:

$$\frac{\omega_{\text{fs}}}{\omega_{\text{op}}} = \frac{\omega_{\text{fs}}^{(2)}}{\omega_{\text{op}}^{(0)}}\alpha^2 + \mathcal{O}(\alpha^4) \quad (39)$$

while for two optical transitions i and k the ratio is:

$$\frac{\omega_i}{\omega_k} = \frac{\omega_i^{(0)}}{\omega_k^{(0)}} + \left(\frac{\omega_i^{(2)} - \omega_k^{(2)}}{\omega_k^{(0)}} \right) \alpha^2 + \mathcal{O}(\alpha^4). \quad (40)$$

More often than not, the coefficients $\omega_i^{(2)}$ for optical transitions are about an order of magnitude larger than corresponding coefficients for the fine structure transitions $\omega_{\text{fs}}^{(2)}$ (this is because the relativistic correction to a ground state electron energy is substantially larger than the spin-orbit splitting in an excited state [?] [?]). Therefore, the ratio (40) is, in general, more sensitive to the variation of α than the ratio (39).