

The Physics of Life

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Abstract

This general-audience book introduces the main ideas of the so-called Platonic theory of spacetime, presented in full at my website, and also rebukes the materialistic speculations by many physicists and philosophers regarding the physics of the brain, along with those based on dualistic parapsychology. To that end, three major issues are explained in details: the common origin of matter and psyche, the Heraclitean arrow of Time, and the self-acting faculty of living organisms and quantum-gravitational systems. Hence the human brain is embedded in the quantum-gravitational Brain of the Universe, and the two are governed by the physics of Life.

The first off question in the book is the following: given the fact that the human brain is equipped with mind, consciousness, volition, and memory (abbreviated MCVM), what could be the physics of this chunk of wet warm matter? The two have nothing in common, yet they are perfectly correlated. The solution is based on the Platonic world and the global Heraclitean Time. It leads to a new pre-geometric theory of spacetime, called Platonic theory of spacetime. The latter is suggested as the only possible conceptual solution to the problems in quantum gravity and quantum cosmology. As a corollary, the possibilities for physical theology and spacetime engineering with MCVM are briefly explored.

The electronic version of the book, in PDF format, is available at my website.

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1. Introduction

The author of this book firmly rejects the speculations by many theoretical physicists and philosophers about the [human brain](#), mind, and consciousness ([Ch. 6](#)). You will be the judge.

Given the fact that the [human brain](#) is equipped with mind, consciousness, volition, and memory¹ (hereafter abbreviated MCVM), what could be the *physics* of this chunk of wet warm matter ([Fig. 1](#))? How is our MCVM connected to its brain¹¹? The two have nothing in common!¹⁵

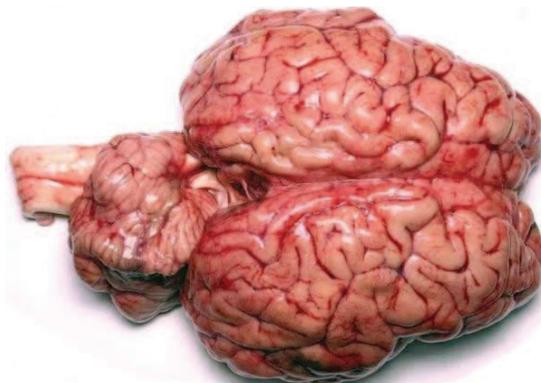


Fig. 1

The easiest approach toward this puzzle is to postulate that MCVM is [epiphenomenon](#): the brain is the “hardware” and MCVM is its “software”, so everything we study in psychology is a totally redundant mental reflection ([qualia](#)) of neural computations ([Fig. 2](#)) in the “hardware” ([Fig. 1](#)). For example, it is claim that “an adult human brain carries out about one thousand trillion (10^{15}) logical operations per second” ([H. Greenside](#)). But these 10^{15} *logical* operations per second are reserved only for the first [homunculus](#); the second one will control the first homunculus, the third one will control the second homunculus, *ad infinitum* ([Fig. 2](#)). Why? Because no computing machine, called homunculus, can *act on itself*, like [Baron Munchausen](#).

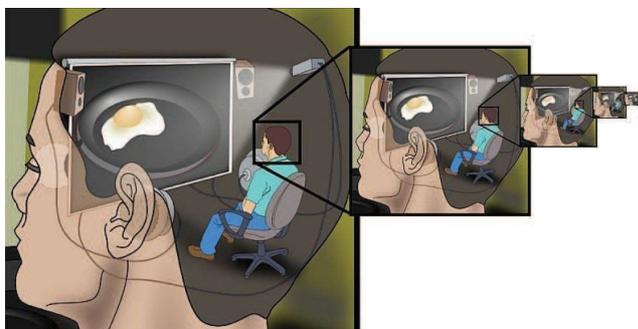


Fig. 2

How can we square the circle? Perhaps with some help from Quantum Mechanics ([H.P. Stapp](#)²; [S. Hameroff](#)³) or from gravity ([R. Penrose](#)⁴)? Or maybe both? Let’s face the bold facts about the human brain¹¹. We need new physics, which I will call ‘the physics of Life’. First, some history.

In February 1943, Erwin Schrödinger⁵ stressed that “we are here obviously faced with events whose regular and lawful unfolding is guided by a ‘mechanism’ entirely different from the ‘probability mechanism’ of physics. (...) We must be prepared to find a new type of physical law. Or are we to term it a non-physical, not to say a super-physical, law?”

Erwin Schrödinger was right, but his colleagues did not search for a new type of physical law. Look at your [prenatal brain](#) (Fig. 3): it will soon grow with the rate of [about 250,000 nerve cells per minute](#) or roughly 4000 per second, so that now you can think¹. How come nothing goes wrong? Why is [Murphy’s law](#) ‘anything that can go wrong will go wrong’ not valid here?



Fig. 3. Compare it to [Slide 10](#) in *Quantum Spacetime*¹⁴.

Our goal is to focus on the physics of Life. We will ignore all materialistic and dualistic⁶ ideas and will formulate the simplest possible task: what is the *physical* mediator of MCVM¹ in the human brain? On the one hand, this ‘mediator’ (*sit venia verbo*) can interact with the human brain¹¹ and the physical world¹, and therefore it must be *physical* stuff (called ‘causal field’, [Ch. 4](#)). On the other hand, the same ‘mediator’ has a special¹⁵ *dual nature*, in the sense that it has [qualia](#) manifested in our MCVM¹. Hence it is neither physical^{2,3,4} nor mental⁶ entity. It is the Platonic world ([Fig. 5](#)) casting two *complementary* “shadows”, called matter and psyche⁷.

Bottom line is the oldest proposition about matter and psyche as two pre-correlated⁹ entities, which emerge from their common source⁷ (the doctrine of *trialism*, [Ch. 2](#)). Compared to the wave-particle duality in quantum mechanics⁸, our theory also suggests two *complementary* presentations emanating from their common source (“trunk”, [Ch. 2](#)), but in our case the “wave” has particular [qualia](#) placed in the potential future (“carrot”, [Ch. 2](#)) in the Heraclitean arrow of Time²⁵ ([Ch. 3](#)), thanks to which it can act as ‘mediator’ of the human mind¹ and also deliver the physics of Life ([Ch. 4](#)), [bootstrapping and guiding](#) the living brain¹¹ ([Fig. 3](#)).

Needless to say, the metaphysical framework was worked out by Gottfried Wilhelm Leibniz^{9,16}. We will try to cast it in the framework of modern theoretical physics and cosmology. At the end of the day, we will suggest that the physical partition³⁰ of the Universe is designed like the human brain¹, thereby suggesting the idea of quantum-gravitational Brain of the Universe viz. a set of faculties of the human brain¹⁰ embedded in the Universal Brain due to their common spacetime. Physically, the Platonic world is always *exactly* nullified (4+0-D spacetime, [Ch. 4](#)), and is therefore [unobservable](#) with light¹². Physically, it is a ‘vacuum’^{13,43}. In the doctrine of *trialism* ([Ch. 2](#)), we expect to encounter the complementary UNSpeakable *cognitive vacuum*¹, as matter and psyche are interpreted as two complementary “shadows” of the [Platonic world](#).

Let me show how all pieces of the Platonic spacetime (Fig. 10) can find their unique places and fit there effortlessly, like the pieces of the jigsaw puzzle of Nature.

2. The physics of Life

Matter and psyche must be separated¹², to preserve their ontologically different nature. But they also must be connected, in order to **interact and evolve**. The only possible way to fulfill these requirements is to place matter and fields in the *irreversible* past, and the psyche in the *potential* future in the Heraclitean **arrow of Time** (Ch. 3). Obviously, we need new physics¹, as Erwin Schrödinger argued in February 1943⁵. Physicists can no longer pretend that the Platonic world were “outside” their field of research, hence it might be of interest only to philosophers and priests. Quite the contrary. The task is strictly **mathematical**, and it requires rigorous investigation of the **structure, topology, and dynamics** of spacetime¹ (Fig. 4); details in Ch. 4.

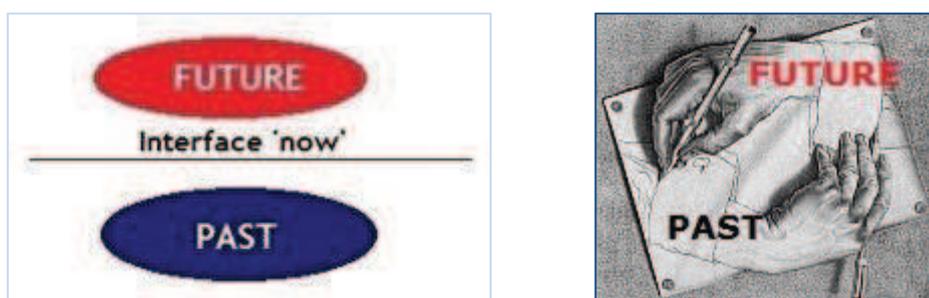
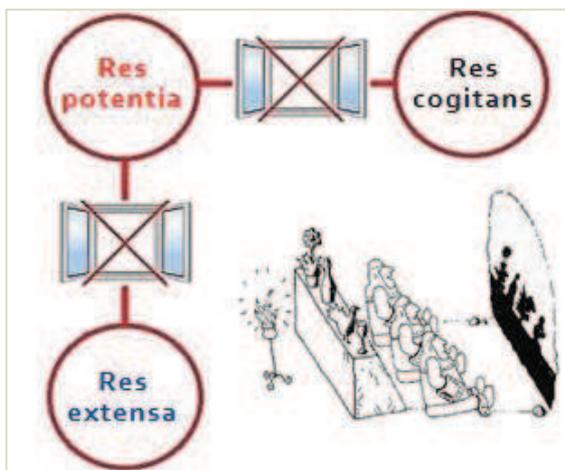


Fig. 4. Explanation in Fig. 11 and in *Quantum of Spacetime*¹.

Let me introduce the doctrine of *trialism* (Fig. 5); see Slide 14 in *Quantum Spacetime*¹⁴.

To explain **Res potentia** and the doctrine of *trialism*, imagine the following situation: you are an Eskimo, and you have never seen and will never see an elephant in your life. Yet you can make observations on elephant's *trunk* by two complementary devices measuring either properties of *your* arm or properties of *your* nose.



You can never imagine the common source of *your* arm (Res cogitans) and of *your* nose (Res extensa), which you blindly called *trunk* (Res potentia), because the latter does not have any arm-like “windows” nor nose-like “windows”: it (not He) is ‘the true monad without windows’. (Leibniz *Monadology* § 7)

You may suggest, after Leibniz, that what *you* see as an arm (Res cogitans) is always **pre-correlated** with what *you* see as a nose (Res extensa) by **pre-established** harmony. But again, you're an Eskimo and cannot even imagine the ‘trunk’ (Res potentia).

Fig. 5

Notice § 7 in Leibniz's *Monadology* from 1714¹⁶: “The monads have no windows through which something can enter or leave.” There is no mathematical presentation of such unique object, because the monad is *not* the mundane ‘empty set’¹⁷. The latter denotes the absence of some cognizable object, like ‘zero *something*’; for example, I suppose the set of bananas, which you have stuck in your ears while reading these lines, is most likely an empty set¹⁷. The monad, on the other hand, has no ‘windows’ *whatsoever* (Fig. 5), hence the probability for its observation is *exactly* zero. It (not “He”) cannot be grasped even with thought experiment, as it resembles Kant's Noumenon (*Das Ding an sich*)¹⁸. Thus, the monad might be both ‘one’ and ‘many’. It is the source of both matter and psyche – the Platonic world as Reichenbach's Common Cause¹⁹.

The metaphysics of the doctrine of *trialism* (Fig. 5) is heavier than the wave-particle duality in Quantum Mechanics (QM)⁸. The latter presupposes an object – the *intact* quantum state – which cannot be directly observed, yet it plays the role of Reichenbach's Common Cause¹⁹ to all quantum “particles” and “waves” viewed as its physicalized “shadows” (Ch. 3). In the Schrödinger's cat paradox²⁰, for example, there are two *physicalizable* states of the *intact* quantum cat, either alive or dead, yet QM cannot describe the *intact* quantum cat from which they would evolve. As Erwin Schrödinger stressed in 1935²¹:

The rejection of realism has logical consequences. In general, a variable *has* no definite value before I measure it; then measuring it does *not* mean ascertaining the value that it *has*. But then what does it mean?

It means that the probability for observing the *intact* quantum state – the quantum monad – is *exactly* zero. Now, in the doctrine of *trialism* (Fig. 5), the Platonic world is explicated as (i) *Res extensa* (matter and fields) in the *irreversible* past (Fig. 4), (ii) Platonic *Res potentia* in the potential future (Fig. 4), and (iii) *Res cogitans* (psyche) placed also in the potential future. Thus, the Platonic world is the ultimate ‘monad without windows’¹⁶, and the *Res potentia* (ii) pertains to both the living world, such as the human brain^{1,11}, and the quantum-gravitational world (Ch. 4). Metaphorically, *Res potentia* (ii) acts like a “filter” for *Res cogitans* (psyche) in the macroscopic world, thanks to which the psyche is exclusively explicated there. Both the quantum and gravitational systems have their specific *Res potentia* (Ch. 3), but they are *not* endowed with human mind, because the latter can be coupled only to macroscopic systems. Thus, the question of whether the Universal Brain (Ch. 1) may or may not be equipped with some kind of Universal Mind (intelligenten Geist) is outside the applicable limits of the theory.

For example, let me quote Max Planck from his last speech *Das Wesen der Materie*²²:

There is no matter as such! All matter originates and exists only by virtue of a force which brings the particles of an atom to vibration and holds this most minute solar system of the atom together. We must assume behind this force the existence of a conscious and intelligent Geist (bewußten intelligenten Geist). This Geist is the matrix of all matter.

Replace ‘the matrix of all matter’ with *Res potentia* (Fig. 5) – it is neither matter nor psyche. And yes, the matrix or *Res potentia* (p. 19 in *Quantum of Spacetime*¹) is present everywhere in the quantum-gravitational world¹⁴, and in the chunk of wet matter above your neck (Fig. 3).

Let me go back to Fig. 4 and explain how *Res potentia* – the matrix of all matter – acts as a “mediator” of mind, consciousness, volition, and memory¹ (MCVM) in the human brain (Ch. 1).

Notice that Fig. 4 (called ‘atom of geometry’¹) shows only the left (vertical) section of Fig. 5. Secondly, notice your belief that *your* ‘nose’ (*Res extensa*) might have some ‘nose-like’ presentation in the ‘trunk’ (*Res potentia*), called in physics ‘vacuum’¹³. True or false? **JAIN** (yes and no). The same tallies to your stipulation that *your* ‘arm’ (*Res cogitans*) might have some ‘arm-like’ presentation in the ‘trunk’ (*Res potentia*): **JAIN**. This is the lesson from the *absence* of windows¹⁶ toward the trunk (*Res potentia*). And thirdly, notice that the doctrine of *trialism* – one monad explicated by its two complementary emanations – is much simpler in QM, compared to the entire Platonic world. In the former case, the *quantum* monad (Erwin Schrödinger in 1935), placed in the *potential* future (Fig. 4), is casting two complementary “shadows” in the physical (Sic!) world, either a ‘particle’ or a ‘wave’. In the latter case, we face the ultimate Platonic monad (*Res potentia*) placed in the *potential* future (Fig. 5) and casting the two complementary “shadows” of Nature – matter (*Res extensa*) placed in the irreversible past, and psyche (the *noetic world* or *Res cogitans*) in the potential future.

We have two *complementary* (not alternative) paths toward understanding Mother Nature: from the material world (*Res extensa*), she will look to us like ‘the entire Universe as ONE’, and if viewed from the noetic world (*Res cogitans*) she will look to us like God in the Gospel. Yet Nature is both ‘the Universe as ONE’ and God (John 1:1), and we will use the two images in the same way we use the two complementary notions of ‘particle’ and ‘wave’ in QM⁸. But how can the ‘arm’ (psyche) interact with the ‘nose’¹¹ (matter) *via* their common ‘trunk’?

Let’s make an experiment with our non-verbal processing of mental images, borrowed from Allan Paivio²³. Imagine two digital clocks, A and B. Clock A shows 10:45 and Clock B shows 13:25. Convert them to analog clocks, and “look” closely at their mental images: which angle between the short hand and the long one is greater? In Clock A or in Clock B? To deliver the answer, your brain¹¹ must do work. Not your mind or consciousness. Your *brain* does the job. Only matter can interact with matter. Your psyche (dubbed ‘arm’) only alters the *future* state of your brain (‘nose’) *via* their common ‘trunk’ (*Res potentia*), hence the brain interacts **with itself**. Not with its mind or consciousness. We face here two *parallel words* running both in the left (vertical) section and in the upper (horizontal) section of Fig. 5, and these totally different worlds¹⁵ are both separated and united (Ch. 2) by the Heraclitean arrow of Time (Ch. 3).

Again, the *self-acting faculty* of the brain is the crux of the physics of Life. Otherwise the brain will have to be controlled by some anatomically-privileged system (called here ‘homunculus’, Fig. 2), which of course does not exist. If people use the language of theoretical physics and stick to their materialistic religion, they would call such homunculus “dark”²⁴. (Later in Ch. 3, I will replace the materialistic hogwash about some “mystery matter” with the *self-action* of the entire Universe, in line with the idea of *Universal Brain*.) To make the presentation of the theory a bit less complicated, I will stress that the physics of Life is *not* particularly concerned with the human mind, consciousness, volition, and memory¹⁵ (abbreviated MCVM) viz. with the mental images from the clocks in the experiment above, but with the physics implied in Fig. 4 and in the left (vertical) section of Fig. 5. To that end, let me quote from p. 20 in *Quantum of Spacetime*¹ (Fig. 6):



You only have to swing the “carrot” (*potential future*) toward your desired destination, and the donkey will carry you and your 4D “cart” there. The principal question is how to develop *feedback* from the *matrix* shown as “carrot”: follow the Law of Reversed Effort. There is no *physical* interaction between you and the *wegtransformierbar matrix* (p. 19) – you will notice that your ability to perform *self-action* (p. 24) has *increased*. But it is not like Baron Munchausen. Newton’s 3rd law is *not* valid.

Fig. 6. Read p. 19 and pp. 20-25 in *Quantum of Spacetime*¹.

Just like the brain, the donkey has an additional input of energy from its potential future in Fig. 4, thanks to which it can *act on itself*. Pity many people would call this additional energy “dark”²⁴. Read about the Platonic “hand” in a 4D “glove” at p. 5 in *Quantum of Spacetime*¹.

To complete this brief overview of the physics of Life, let me explain the “carrot” in Fig. 6, placed exclusively in the *potential* future in Fig. 4: it contains the *not-yet-physicalized* states of the donkey and its cart, bundled with all *not-yet-physicalized* states of the *potential* roads ahead. The “road” is not fixed on the ground, and neither is the “carrot”. The two are being *re-created* ‘on the go’, and in this sense they are an inherently *flexible* potential reality (*Res potentia*) – “just if the middle between possibility and reality”²⁶. This biological entanglement of all *not-yet-physicalized* states, called here *matrix*, is the hallmark of the physics of Life. Otherwise you will have to choose from “neural computing” (Fig. 2) or supernatural “ghosts”⁶.

In the next chapter, I will list all major assumptions made so far, and will show how they can fit effortlessly in modern theoretical physics. I will start with the fundamental flow of events, called Time. It is manifestly present in Nature (Slide 1 and Slide 2), but not in the physics textbooks²⁹. Why not? Because the Heraclitean Time *cannot* be driven by any physical stuff. If it were, the Heraclitean Time (Fig. 4) will be exposed to physical observations, which will kill the Theory of Relativity by pinpointing an absolute reference frame and absolute *physical* time. I will argue that the Heraclitean Time can be driven only by the Aristotelian Unmoved Mover²⁷ endowed with *self-action*. Hence Time is *perfectly* hidden by the “speed” of light¹².

Needless to say, there is no consensus on the issues raised in this book. It’s a total mess²⁸. Follow the facts, cut the “dark” crap²⁴, and take my opinion in Ch. 7 with a grain of salt. The only reason for writing these lines is that the theory has been experimentally confirmed, many times indeed. Yes, spacetime engineering (Fig. 6) works¹, better than a Swiss watch.

3. The arrow of Time

Time is indissolubly linked to energy. Every physical process uses energy and evolves in time; for example, a detonating cord (Fig. 8). Let me first choose a clock related to what is labeled in physics textbooks with ‘time as read with a clock’: the “expansion” of space (Fig. 7). Later I will come back to its “fuel” and will suggest, *faute de mieux*, the so-called negative mass^{13,40}.

To quote Davide Castelvecchi³¹: “American astronomer [Edwin Hubble](#) (...) discovered in the 1920s that the Universe is expanding by showing that most galaxies are receding from the Milky Way – and the farther away they are, the faster (Sic! - D.C.) they are receding. The roughly constant ratio between speed and distance became known as the Hubble constant. For each additional megaparsec (around 3.26 million light years) of distance, Hubble found that galaxies receded 500 kilometres per second *faster* (emphasis mine - D.C.) – so the Hubble constant was 500 in units of kilometres per second per megaparsec.”

I will use the “expansion” of space as a clock. Consider three instants ‘here and now’ along the cosmological time, $t_1 < t_2 < t_3$ (Fig. 7).

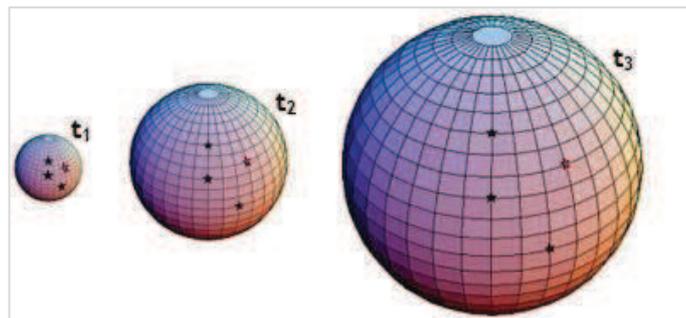


Fig. 7

What kind of energy could be spread across the entire “ballooning” universe? It cannot be any localizable physical energy of some *physical* field, like a burning detonating cord (Fig. 8).



Fig. 8

As Zhao-Yan Wu³² explained, “there is no spring or sink everywhere in spacetime for matter energy-momentum, therefore gravitational field does not exchange energy-momentum with both electromagnetic field and particles (charged and uncharged). Hence it does not carry energy-momentum. Gravitational field is not a force field, and gravity is not a natural force.”

Here is the crux of the problem of the energy *from* gravity. Suppose you are looking at a mountain. It has a shape, which is sheer geometry. And the mountain is the “source” of its shape. How can the shape itself act back on its mountain? It does not have any mountain-like features, namely, gravity is not some *physical* field. It is “not a natural force,” as Zhao-Yan Wu³² put it. Nobody can question the bold fact that gravity can perform work, for example, in producing Earth tides³³. Nobody would suggest that a purely mathematical object, such as [Christoffel symbols](#) ([J. Bloomfield](#)), can pull up the body of the Earth³³. *Very tough problem.*

The only possible solution to the *origin* of gravitational energy requires new physics. Recall that we have the same problem with the action of the human mind on its brain, and have suggested a new ‘mediator’ called *Res potentia* (Fig. 5), which would look like a vacuum^{13,40}. To use the metaphor of Platonic “hand” in a 4D “glove” (p. 5 in *Quantum of Spacetime*¹), I suppose the former is *Res potentia* (Fig. 5), related to the so-called negative mass^{13,40}. The physical “glove” will experience an influx of *positive* energy density: only matter interacts with matter. Hence the total energy of the gravitating system will be *flexible*, meaning the total energy will fluctuate due to the *non-conservation* of energy³⁵ viz. the influx of *physicalized* “intangible energy”³⁴. We will need quantum gravity to describe quantitatively the influx of mass-energy into the 4D “glove”, leading to its **self-action** (p. 5). Surely it is not “magic”³⁹ – any sufficiently advanced technology is indistinguishable from magic (*Clarke’s Third Law*).

The point I wish to make here is that the physical time, as read with a clock (Fig. 7), does not require **conservation of energy**. The physical partition³⁰ of the Universe, called “glove”, is like the prenatal brain (Fig. 3) governed by its biological **matrix** (Fig. 6) and *Res potentia* (Fig. 5).

But does the physical time, as read with a clock, *require* the global Heraclitean arrow of Time? Absolutely. The arrow of Time never stops, even if we are at rest³⁶ and do not “consume” 3D space. Only this “arrow” does *not* have direction in 3D space (Slide 2). It is omnidirectional.

Look at the car in Fig. 9a below: it is at rest ([Wikipedia](#)), yet its physical time does not stop. Physicists claim that the car is “propelling” with the “speed” of light³⁷, but cannot show its direction. We face exactly the same puzzle in the direction of the universal ‘pull up↑’ of the elevator³⁸ in the famous thought experiment by Albert Einstein in 1907, depicted in Fig. 9b.

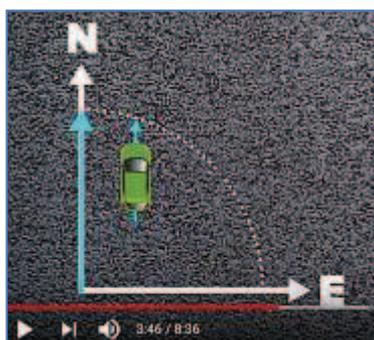


Fig. 9a. Watch Don Lincoln³⁷.

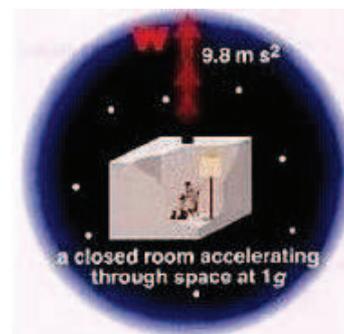


Fig. 9b. Read Markus Pössel³⁸.

The “direction” of the universal propagation of light is non-relational, because it is impossible to show any direction in 4D spacetime, in which light is *not* propagating. It is omnidirectional. The hypothetical Ether, in which light would propagate, is not *physically* detectable, as proved by the negative result from the [Michelson-Morley experiment](#). Physically, the Ether is squeezed to **zero**¹², matching the “size” of every 4D spacetime point of joint emission-and-absorption of photons. Physically, we can observe only the irreversible past (Fig. 4) – only once at a time. Physically, the global Heraclitean arrow of Time⁴¹ is *exactly re-nullified*¹² – once at a time.

On the other hand, the physical time ‘as read with a clock’ has no direction whatsoever. It is squared, along with 3D space, in the invariant spacetime interval⁴². In GR textbooks²⁹, moving

along $+t$ and back along $-t$ is like moving from the left to the right and back. Physicists claim that the unquestionable difference between the past and the future is caused chiefly by the [second law of thermodynamics](#), which is tantamount to saying that I am getting old *because* my hair is ‘more salt than pepper’. Why put the cart before the horse? I can understand why physicists²⁹ may feel uncomfortable with the unobservable, due to the “speed” of light¹², Heraclitean arrow of Time⁴¹, but the only alternative will be invoke some new *physical* stuff (Fig. 8) creating the physical time, then suggest yet another physical phenomenon acting as its source, etc., *ad infinitum* (Fig. 2). Bad idea. Aristotle suggested the solution many centuries ago: the Unmoved Mover²⁷ endowed with **self-action**. There is no need for any “dark energy”²⁴ (p. 5). Are the Earth tides³³ caused by “dark energy”? How can geometry produce [work](#)?

Our theory fits perfectly in QM, because the *intact* quantum state – the quantum monad – is *not* included in the quantum wave function: read Erwin Schrödinger in [Ch. 2](#). Physically, the quantum monad is always **nullified**, because it belongs to the Platonic realm of *Res potentia* (Fig. 5). In the Quantum Field Theory⁴⁰ (QFT), we talk about quantum vacuum¹³, but it is *not* directly observable either. We can only detect its “jackets”¹².

Can we work out a new theory of quantum gravity, based on the ‘common denominator’ of gravity and the quantum world¹⁴, called *Res potentia* and placed in the *potential* future of the arrow of Time (Fig. 4)?

4. Quantum gravity

Let me introduce the geometric model of Platonic spacetime containing a new degree of freedom depicted with the axis **W** in Fig. 10. It is *exactly nullified* in the physical world, leading to a 4+0-D spacetime – the Platonic world lives “within” the **null interval** along **W**.

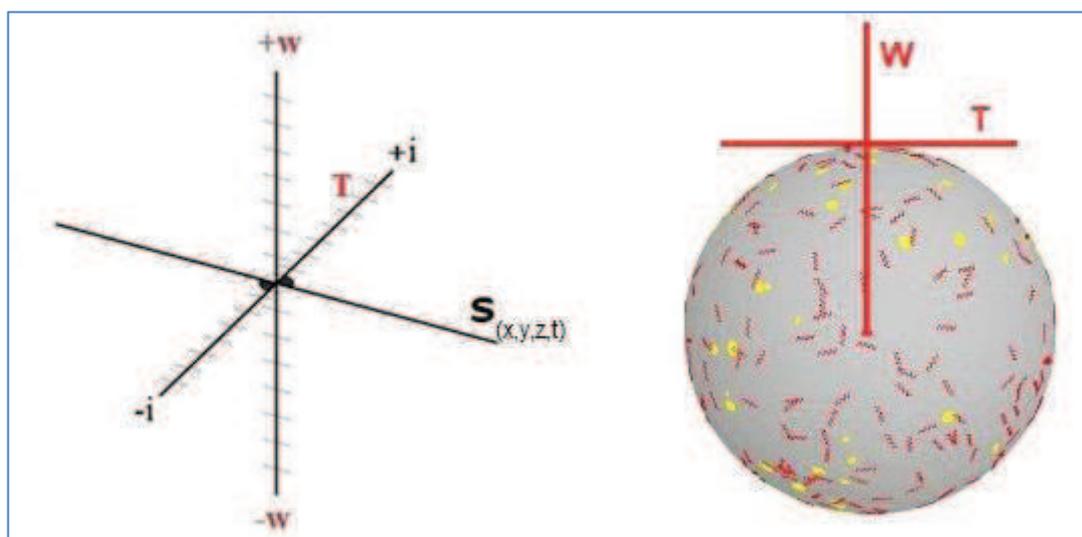


Fig. 10. See [Fig. 11](#), [Fig. 12](#), and read p. 15 in *Quantum of Spacetime*¹.

Quote from Wikipedia⁴²: “Spacetime intervals are zero when $x = \pm ct$. In other words, the spacetime interval between two events on the world line of something moving at the speed of light is **zero**. Such an interval is termed lightlike or null. A photon arriving in our eye from a distant star will not have aged (it is *timeless* - D.C.), despite having (from our perspective) spent years in its passage.”

Thus, any time we look at the physical world with light²⁵, the Platonic world (Fig. 5) placed in the *potential* future of the arrow of Time (Fig. 4) has *already* (Sic!) disappeared, like the mysterious cat Macavity^{43,25}, and has *already* (Ch. 6.5) moved to the *potential* future of the **next** 4D event ‘here and now’ (Slide 1), *ad infinitum*. This **cycle** is powered by the **self-action** (Fig. 6). I called it ‘causal field’. It “takes place” in the pre-geometric Platonic world (Fig. 5).

The Platonic world, called here *Res potentia*, lives in the pre-geometric causal field. There is no metric in the causal field, just as there is no metric in our cognitive structures with which we think. If we take, for example, the notion of a tree, it is not “smaller” than the notion of a mountain. Compared to the physical, 4D partition³⁰ of the Universe, the entire causal field is *timeless*. It is the **matrix** of all living and quantum-gravitational matter, e.g., the human brain (Fig. 3) and the proton (Slide 10 in *Quantum Spacetime*¹⁴). It controls the action of gravity as well, for example, the Earth tides³³ and the “inflation” of space (Fig. 7). It is not some Chinese “magic”³⁹, nor “bewußten intelligenten Geist” (Max Planck). Sure enough, it is not “dark”²⁴. It is neither matter nor psyche: recall the doctrine of *trialism* (Fig. 5). The latter is not original, as Wolfgang Pauli suggested the common source of matter and psyche in 1948⁷, after Leibniz¹⁶.

Now we can offer a straightforward solution to the mystical anthropic principle in Wikipedia⁴⁴: “the universe would not even be possible if the laws of the universe had been incompatible with the development of sentient life.” Of course the evolution of the physical partition³⁰ of the Universe will be correlated, since ‘**time zero**’, with the future emergence of sentient life. We do not accept some “multiverse” containing roughly 10^{770} “smaller” universes⁴⁵. There is no **absolute meta-observer**, which can “see” the global “curvature” of spacetime *en bloc*, and count these 10^{770} “smaller” universes, like the number of angels dancing on **the head of a pin**.

Thus, the physical “interpretation”⁴⁶ of the so-called anthropic principle⁴⁵ is parapsychology, no matter how much math you dump in it. Our solution is simple and straightforward, but the model of 4+0-D spacetime (Fig. 10) does not have an exact mathematical description. Not yet.

I suggested new numbers (called **hyperimaginary numbers**, cf. p. 6 in *Can Geometry Produce Work*¹²), but the task requires professional knowledge and skills in **differential geometry** and **topology**, **number theory**, and **set theory**. Help is needed, I am just a simple-minded engineer.

5. Spacetime engineering

The first thing to remember about spacetime engineering (Fig. 6) is that we do *not* use the squared **symmetric** “time” in physics textbooks²⁹, but the global Heraclitean arrow of Time⁴¹. We still do not know how the so-called negative mass^{13,40} could be replaced with the *potential* future (Fig. 4) spanned along the axis **W** in Fig. 10, and explain the **ubiquitous phenomenon** of mass-energy **non-conservation**^{34,35} in the presence of gravity⁵⁴. As of today, physicists cannot explain even the mundane Earth tides³³. Under these circumstances, any demonstration of spacetime engineering (Fig. 6), involving mass-energy **non-conservation**⁵³, will be most likely brushed away by the established theoretical physics community and voted “magic”³⁹.

Suppose, for the sake of argument, that one day some obscure guy decides to fly over the **River Thames** in London. Many tourists there will be fascinated (they *love free entertainment*),

but will the established theoretical physicists and mathematicians become interested in spacetime topology (Fig. 10) and the origin of gravity (Fig. 7)? [When pigs fly](#). On 15 February 2020, I announced 5 (five) confirmations of spacetime engineering⁴⁷, but nobody showed even a trace of curiosity. It's like talking to a [brick wall](#). Perhaps theoretical physicists simply *hate* the possibility that God ([John 1:1](#)) could exist “inside” every 4D instant ‘here and now’, as advocated in [physical theology](#). Or perhaps they just don't care about Physics. Or maybe both.

6. Summary

Many physicists and philosophers have published and promoted their ideas about the physics of the brain and the origin of mind and consciousness, ensuing from their materialistic religion, known as [anti-theism](#). They also deeply believe that that the *flow* of Time⁴¹ does not exist. Only [global hyperbolicity](#).

One typical example is Thibault Damour⁴⁸, who bluntly stated that “the direction of time with respect to which entropy grows, is what determines the sensation of “the passage of time”, through the irreversibility of the process of memorization in the neuronal structures which give rise to the phenomenon of consciousness”. As Murphy noticed, complex problems have simple, easy to understand, wrong answers. Why? Because all these speculations lead to a dead-end. Just read [Ch. 1](#). The main challenge is the ontological embedding of ‘[nothing](#)’ ([Ch. 6.4](#)) in our Weltbild (pp. 3-4 in [Time.pdf](#)) with [hyperimaginary numbers](#). We need new [Mathematics](#).

Here's why. According to Quantum Mechanics (QM), at any pointwise (at each point of a given set) instant ‘here and now’, the physical world is made of a *superposition* of many states. The fact that we never see “cats that are actually both dead and alive at the same time” ([Viktor Toth](#)) is an unsolved mystery, known as the [measurement problem in QM](#): read again Erwin Schrödinger from 1935 in [Ch. 2](#). Physicists still cannot provide a rigorous presentation of the Aristotelian *potentia* ([Werner Heisenberg](#)), and use *only* the metaphysical notion of ‘physical reality out there’ from the Theory of Relativity (p. 4 in [Time.pdf](#)). For the same reason, they cannot explain the *wegtransformierbar* gravitational energy^{47,54}, and never will.

I have been arguing, for many year, that every 4D event ‘here and now’, depicted with the black balls in [Fig. 11](#), is only a 4D “[jacket](#)” (p. 20 in [Can Geometry Produce Work](#)¹²), also called “shadow” ([Fig. 12](#)). To understand the Platonic world, recall the metaphor of Platonic “[hand](#)” inside a 4D “glove” at p. 5 in [Quantum of Spacetime](#)¹. The only possible path toward quantum gravity ([Fig. 10](#)) begins with the joint phenomenon of Time and Continuum¹ ([Fig. 11](#)). The facts of the matter are that (i) the human brain¹¹ can act on itself *by itself*, and (ii) the common source of matter and psyche⁷ is unobservable in principle, even with thought experiments²⁵.

The task is strictly [mathematical](#). Recall Leibniz's *Monadology* from 1714¹⁶: “The monads have no windows through which something can enter or leave.” There is no mathematical model of such unique object, because the monad is *not* the mundane ‘empty set’¹⁷. The monad (called “trunk”, see [Fig. 5](#)) has no ‘windows’ *whatsoever*, hence the probability for its observation is [exactly zero](#) ([Fig. 11](#)). It (not “[He](#)”) cannot be grasped even with thought experiment, as it resembles Kant's Noumenon (*Das Ding an sich*)¹⁸. It is the source of both matter and psyche — the Platonic world as Reichenbach's Common Cause¹⁹.

I have tried here to derive my viewpoint from firmly established facts from life sciences and psychology, hoping that at the end of the day I will *not* encounter any error or contradiction with firmly established facts from theoretical physics. The theory is of course speculative, but physicists should *not* reject it simply by referring to what they *do not know*.

Let me enumerate the main points in this book, along with their concise explanations.

6.1. The doctrine of *trialism*

Suppose you buy a TV from a local shop near you. The exact same TV was in the shop before you bought it and install in your living room. Previously, it was delivered to the shop from some factory in, say, China. So, you can trace your TV to the factory where it was assembled and picture its *worldline*. Nice and clear. Also, you know very well that the images and sound from your TV are not generated solely inside the TV set: they are broadcasted by some remote TV network, and your TV only facilitates their reception. Again, everything you see and hear from your TV can be *traced back* to its origin, like *the limit of a sequence*, at which you *stop*. What will happen if you replace your TV with your brain, and the images and sound with your psyche? The brain is right there *above your neck*, but you cannot trace it back to its prenatal stage (Fig. 3) in *exactly* the same way you did it with your TV. You cannot trace back your subjective world, called for short psyche, to your brain and its “broadcasting TV network”. Something *essential* is missing. Can’t reach the ultimate limit (Ch. 6.4) and *stop there*⁵⁶.

The doctrine of *trialism* – one monad explicated by its *two complementary emanations* – is aimed at explaining the *third* missing element in your brain-and-psyche system. The TV factory in China and the broadcasting TV network may share the same location in the physical world, but our case is far more complicated¹⁵. We definitely need *new physics* (Ch. 2).

6.2. The Heraclitean arrow of Time

The arrow of Time⁴¹ runs in *successive cycles*, yielding *the infinitesimal* displacement in the physical time and space, dubbed Zenon connection¹. The invisible vertical strips from the movie reel in Fig. 11 do *not* belong to the *assembled* (Fig. 14) 4D world (Fig. 10), because they are “before”²⁵ light¹². We are “shadows” watching “shadows” (Fig. 12). If we picture Fig. 11 as a movie screen, our “thickness” along the axis *W* in Fig. 10 will be *exactly nullified*⁴³. If the ‘movie operator’ decides to stop the ‘movie’ and take a coffee break, we will *not* notice²⁵.

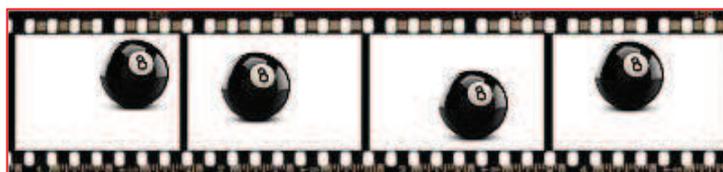


Fig. 11. See Slide 1 and read p. 1 in *Quantum of Spacetime*¹.

We are confined in the *physical*, 4D partition³⁰ of the Universe, like the Eskimos in Fig. 12, and cannot “turn around” and look *directly* at the Platonic world called *Res potentia* (Fig. 5). We can only see the 4D “shadows” of the Platonic world, cast upon the cave wall (Wikipedia).

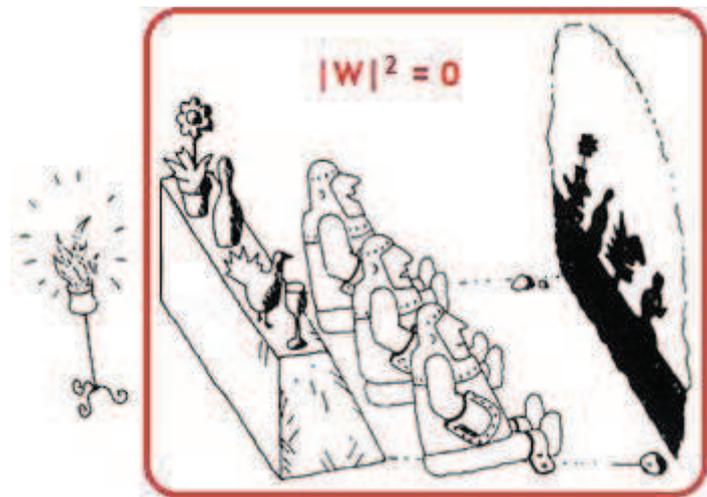


Fig. 12. The Eskimos (Fig. 5) are “shadows” watching “shadows”.

We are always guided by our potential future (“carrot” in Fig. 6). In the physiology of activity developed by Nikolai A. Bernshetin⁴⁹, every perception and action is guided by the *difference* between the future state (*Soll-Wert*) and the current state (*Ist-Wert*), called delta-Wert (ΔW). For example, you sit at a dinner table on which there is a glass of water. Suppose you are thirsty (*Ist-Wert*), so your desired future state (*Soll-Wert*) is to drink the water and reach your $\Delta W = 0$. You stretch your arm toward the glass of water, in such way that the states of your arm (*Ist-Wert*) are being continuously adjusted by anticipating⁴⁹ the final goal (*Soll-Wert*) at which you will grab the glass and drink it ($\Delta W = 0$). But you don’t stop there, because your desired future state (*Soll-Wert*) is a complex set of many various “targets” guiding your goal-directed behavior. Sounds simple, but it isn’t. Unlike the arm of a robot, the human arm is not designed to perform any specific movement, thanks to which your arm can perform *any* movement. This is the crux of the physiology of *activity*. Robots are not ‘active’, because they are not guided by their *potential* future (“carrot” in Fig. 6), but by software programs installed in the ‘hardware’ (Fig. 2). Check out the experiment with your **self-acting** brain in Ch. 2.

In the quantum-gravitational world, the *Soll-Wert* is presented with the *atemporal matrix*; for example, the **matrix** of a proton (Slide 10 in *Quantum Spacetime*¹⁴). The list goes on and on. Back in January 1990, I suggested the most general form of relativistic *causality* (dubbed *biocausality*): ‘if **P**, then **Q**’. It is applicable to all living and quantum systems, and includes two ontologically different antecedents – **P** from the irreversible **past**, and **P** from the **matrix** in the potential **future** (Fig. 4) – which jointly (Sic!) guide the outcomes **Q**, one-**Q**-at-a-time (Slide 1). In the inanimate macroscopic world at the length scale of tables and chairs, the **matrix** – the antecedent **P** – has vanishing small *feedback*, which gradually increases in the living-and-quantum-gravitational world, along the (*hyperimaginary*) axis **W** in Fig. 10.

The most important question is, and has always been, about the influx of energy (Ch. 3) that makes all living and quantum-gravitational systems **self-acting**. Is *Res potentia* (Fig. 5) related to the so-called negative mass^{13,40}? They both are *unobservable* with light¹². See again the metaphor of Platonic “**hand**” inside a 4D “**glove**” at p. 5 in *Quantum of Spacetime*¹, and the 4+0-D spacetime in Fig. 10. All we know is that the influx of **self-acting** energy does *not* come from GW parapsychology⁵⁰. It is not some paranormal “magic”³⁹ either. It is very easy to just say ‘may the **Force** be with you’. The **Force** is definitely **real**, but we need quantum gravity.

6.3. Quantum gravity

In addition to the **common denominator** of gravity and the quantum world¹⁴ – *Res potentia* spanned along the axis **W** in Fig. 10 – we need the so-called Relative Scale (**RS**) spacetime: read a brief expose at p. 22 in *Quantum of Spacetime*¹ and notice the two **red** arrows in Fig. L therein. I am relativist and do not accept any *physical* absolute phenomena, such as absolute length scale⁵¹. There are two opposite “directions”, starting from the macroscopic world at the length scale of tables and chairs: toward the Small, and toward the Large. At this length scale, all macroscopic observers will see a proton as ‘small’ and a galaxy as ‘large’. True, but in the quantum-gravitational world, the proton and the galaxy will share ‘the same’ RS size. Bottom line is the mutual penetration and entanglement of the Small and the Large (Fig. 13).

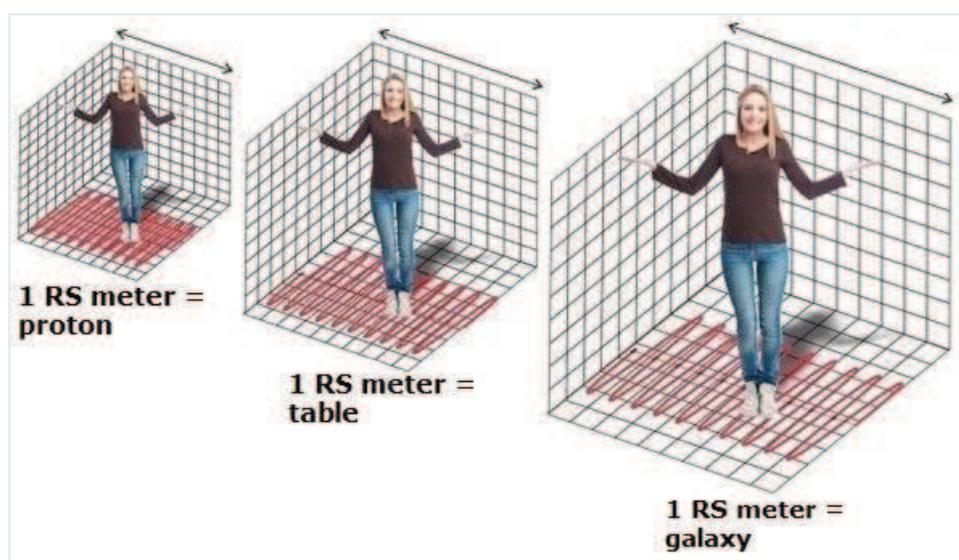


Fig. 13

Nothing in Nature is absolutely “large” or “small”. It’s all relative, as uncle Albert used to say.

6.4. Physical theology

Physical theology has nothing to do with *any* religion. We cannot have “faith” in **calculus**, for example. The difference is that the two *complementary* paths to Nature (Ch. 2) cannot be unified with our cognition, thanks to which we cannot understand Nature. If we could, we will immediately question the origin of Nature and its “**final goal**”, the “**reason**” for its existence, *etc.* Thank God, this is impossible. In one sentence, Nature is smarter. That’s it.

6.5. Spacetime engineering

We certainly can change our anticipated goals, called *Soll-Wert*⁴⁹ (Ch. 6.2) and depicted with the carrot in Fig. 6. In this sense, our goal-directed behavior is a ‘mild’ **spacetime engineering**. Once you include a distant physical system in your perceptual space and **body schema**, you will obtain a new sensation of your “carrot” (Fig. 6), and you’re ready to go. As I stated **above**, it works better than a Swiss watch. However, there are tons of issues with the physical

mechanism of spacetime engineering, starting with the *biological* entanglement of your brain and the distant physical system⁵³. There is no possibility for *biological* entanglement in the QM textbooks¹⁴, and we cannot explain what may look like a macroscopic³⁹ quantum tunneling⁵².

Also, the perpetual emission and absorption of virtual particles in *particle-antiparticle pairs* is *not a temporal process* evolving in the physical time ‘as read with a clock’ – at any instant we see only their *end result* (e.g., a *proton*), and at *the same* instant their ‘source’ has *already* disappeared (Ch. 4), like Macavity^{43,25}. Why? Because the ‘source’ does *not* live in the physical world modeled with the *light cone*: read Erwin Schrödinger from 1935 in Ch. 2. We need the atom of geometry (Fig. 4) to “split” the photon²⁵ and reach the *atemporal* “dough” of virtual particles and the *atemporal* source of gravitational energy⁵⁴ (Ch. 5), in RS spacetime (6.3).

Again, we do *not* use the *physical time*, pictured with the zipped fixed section in Fig. 14.

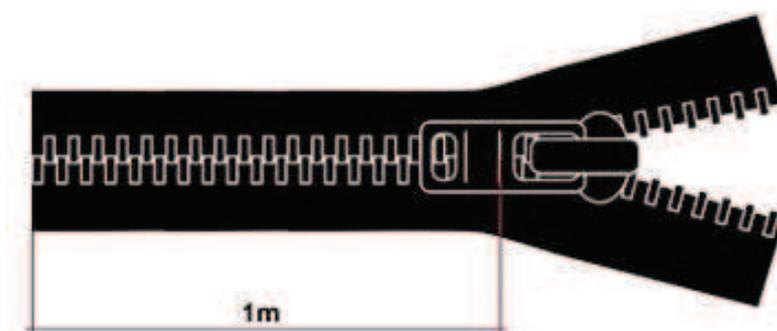


Fig. 14. The unzipped **Platonic** section²⁵ is the unobservable Macavity⁴³.

The fundamental difference between the *assembled* (zipped) 4D spacetime endowed with *metric* and the *atemporal* pre-geometric *Res potentia* (the “carrot” in Fig. 6) is that the former is irreversibly fixed in the past, whereas the latter lives in the *potential future* (Fig. 4) in the arrow of Time⁴¹. It is crucially needed in Physics, but is banned in GR textbooks²⁹. You can lead a horse to water, but you can’t make it drink. Why? Because of GW parapsychology⁵⁰?

Anyway. What matters here is that everyone can learn spacetime engineering⁵³ (Fig. 6). The learning process is similar to learning a new motor skill, for example, to juggle three balls in the air (pp. 21-22 in *Quantum of Spacetime*¹). All you need is available at my website. Take it and use it for your purposes. It is *not* parapsychology (*ibid.*, M2 at p. 13). It is the future¹⁰.

As of today, nobody is interested. The latest feedback to my theory, launched in July 1997, came nine years ago from Maurice de Gosson at the University of Vienna: “Buzz off, idiot!” (Mon, 21 May 2012 18:47:46 +0200).

Any other suggestion?

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7. Appendix

How do we explain the event ‘here and now’? How Nature creates the ultimate **limit** (Fig. 15)? Does it (not “He”) have to **stop**⁵⁶ there? **JAIN** (yes and no). It does **stop** in the physical, 4D world, but not in the Platonic world along the axis **W** in Fig. 10. It is an infinite **cycle** (Ch. 4).

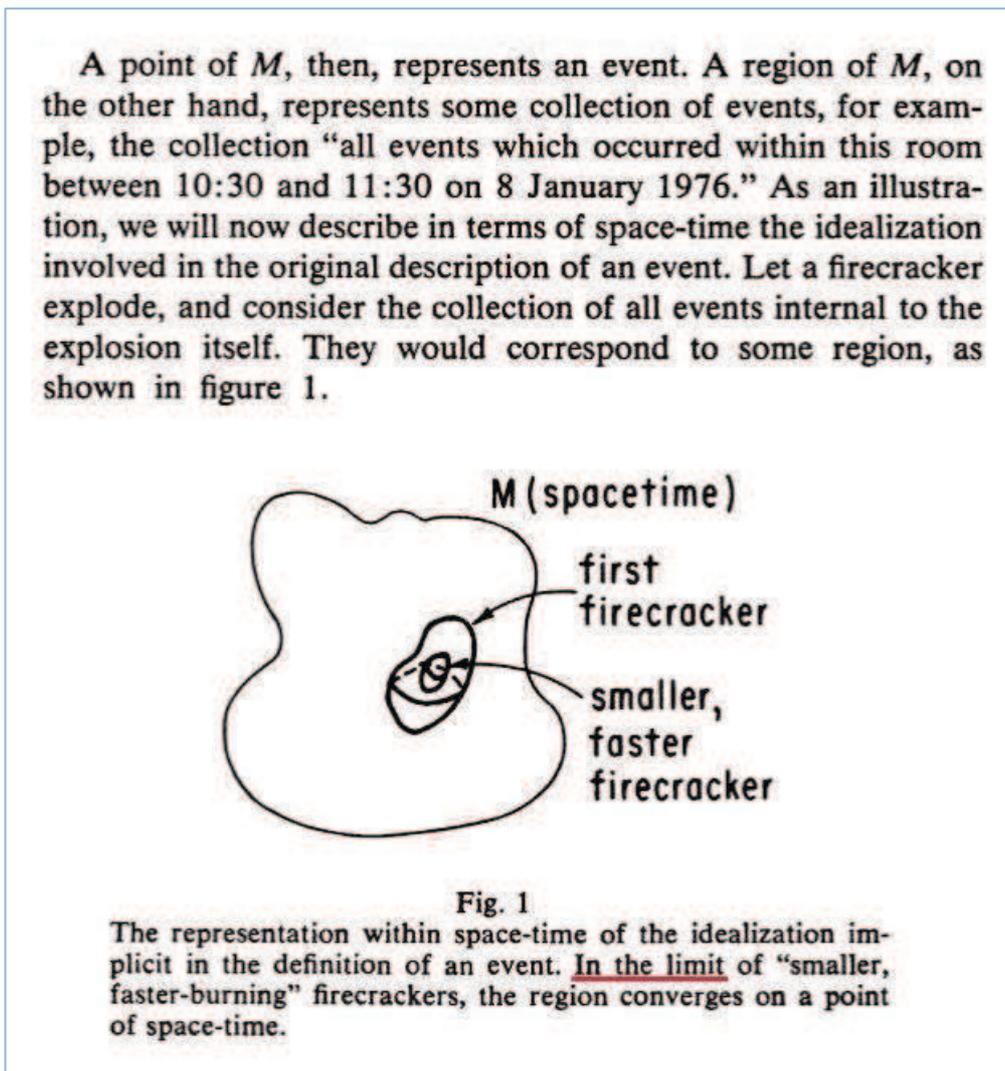


Fig. 15. Borrowed from Robert Geroch²⁹.

The “firecracker” (Fig. 15) smoothly follows a special “unphysical” manifold (Roger Penrose) inflated *exactly* to infinity ($\Omega = 0$), with sheer imagination. How can *any* physical stuff, even a light beam, *actually* reach the **ultimate endpoint** and **stop there**, like at the edges of a **pizza**? Perhaps with some advanced math (Helmut Friedrich) and GW parapsychology⁵⁰? No way José. We do not tolerate mathematical poetry, like “local differential geometry” (Robert Geroch).

The issue is strictly mathematical. It is rooted on the topology of spacetime (Ch. 4). Currently, theoretical physicists use only the physical time (Ch. 3) from the ‘clock’ in the expanding 4D “surface” of the balloon (click Fig. 7). But this physical time is inevitably *squared*, and the “time-orientable Lorentzian manifold” contains only two **symmetric** future/past “vectors” (Piotr Chrusciel). It’s like the ancient god **Janus** looking simultaneously along the future/past.

Moreover, mathematicians have to choose between two topological alternatives: either the spacetime interval is ‘open’ and hence does *not* contain its endpoints, or it is closed and bounded (compact), as explained eloquently at [Wikipedia](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Compact_space) below. This is how bartenders think.

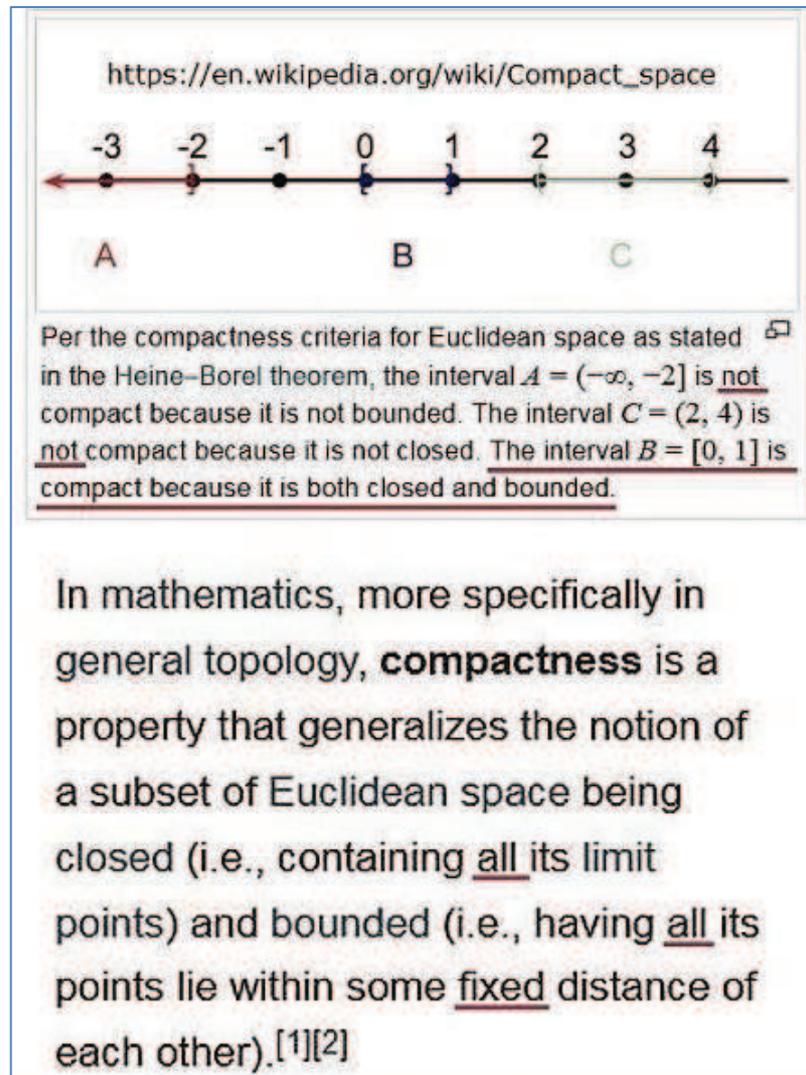


Fig. 16.

In my theory, every spacetime interval is both ‘compact’ (Fig. 16) in the irreversible **past**, and ‘open’ in the potential **future** (Fig. 4 and Ch. 4). Have your cake and eat it.

Thus, all physical systems can *exactly* (Sic!) reach their endpoints from a **closed interval** in their irreversible **past**, and at *the same* instant are shifted to an **open interval short-circuited** with the **Platonic world** in the potential **future** (Slide 1). In the physical world placed in the irreversible **past** (Fig. 4), there is no “superposition” *whatsoever* (Ch. 6), and the Ghosts of departed Quantities (George Berkeley) are *exactly re*-nullified, once-at-a-time, *ad infinitum*.

NB: We cannot in principle reach the *intact* quantum cat (read Erwin Schrödinger in Ch. 2) nor the Platonic *wegtransformierbar* gravitational energy^{34,54} if we use *only* the **physical time**. It is *not* like the example with tracing back the TV factory in Ch. 6.1. If people believe could solve the puzzle with the current physics (Ch. 6), they will make QM a mundane statistical theory, and will also convert gravity³³ to some brand new physical field: read Zhao-Yan Wu in Ch. 3.

Yesterday (30 May 2021), I kindly invited two renowned theoretical physicists⁴³ to write up their critical opinions on the issues raised in [Ch. 4](#) and [Ch. 6.5](#). Surely they will disagree with my interpretation of ‘before light’²⁵. As soon as I receive their papers (hopefully by Christmas), I will gladly include them [below](#), without *any* comments. They will have the [last word](#). I might only quote from their papers in March 2022⁵³. The fun part is [just around the corner](#)!

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The two contributions by Adam Helfer and Peter Milonni⁴³, in PDF, will be inserted [below](#). Since they will not accept my interpretation of ‘before light’²⁵, they will have to solve the following conundrum. We have an object, called **A**, which is not *directly* observable with the [physical time](#) ‘as read with a clock’. We can observe only another, definitely physical object, called **B**⁵⁷, which is *caused* by **A**, namely, if **A** then **B**. The object **A** stands for (i) the *intact*, not-yet-observed quantum state in QM (cf. Erwin Schrödinger in [Ch. 2](#)) and the negative energy densities in QFT^{40,43}, and (ii) the “[intangible](#)”³⁴ gravitational energy^{32,54} capable of producing Earth tides³³. I am sure Adam Helfer and Peter Milonni⁴³ will not accept my interpretation²⁵, and will rigorously explain how **A**, in the cases (i) and (ii), could be **short-circuited** to **B** along the [physical time](#) ‘as read with a clock’, so that **A** can produce **B**. But if they cannot, I do hope they will explain *why*. With lots of math (hopefully). Now replace **A** with the potential **future**, and **B**⁵⁷ with the *physicalized past* ([Fig. 4](#)) in the arrow of Time ([Fig. 9a](#)). Voila. Neither the two gentlemen mentioned above nor their [esteemed colleagues](#) can **short-circuit** **A** and **B**⁵⁷, because they have at their disposal only the [physical time](#), but the latter *necessarily* requires the mundane ‘physical reality out there’, like the state of the Sun when nobody is looking at it (p. 4 in [Time.pdf](#)). This type of reality is not applicable to QM or QFT (i), nor to GR^{32,54} (ii).

Why is this important? Because we need to know [much more](#) about cases (i) and (ii), in order to practice spacetime engineering ([Fig. 6](#)). Recall the experiment with your **self-acting** brain in [Ch. 2](#): instead of working with two mental images of clocks, we could work with the complex phase⁵⁵ of virtual “particles” (e.g., Peter Milonni⁴³) and mitigate the constraints on “negative” energy⁴⁰. It is not Chinese “magic”³⁹ for sure. Perhaps we only need to get a grip on the **matrix** of all matter ([Max Planck](#)), controlling the quantum-gravitational world ([Slide 10](#)) and all living organisms, such as the human brain^{11,49} ([Fig. 3](#)). How about the so-called [evolution equation](#)?

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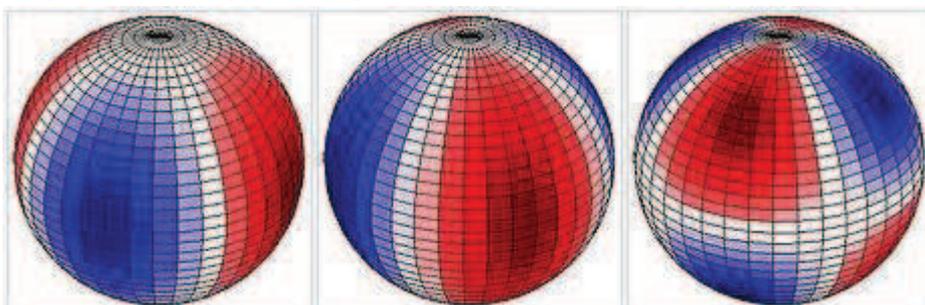
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Note: Time (Carlo Rovelli) and energy³⁴ are intrinsically nonlocal (Laszlo Szabados), yet we can observe only their local values: “In relativity a non-localizable form of energy is inadmissible, because any form of energy contributes to gravitation and so its location can in principle be found”, says Sir Hermann Bondi³⁴. “But then what does it mean?” (Erwin Schrödinger, Ch. 2). Read NB in Ch. 7, Ch. 6.2, and my final note⁵⁷.

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“It follows immediately that for any Cauchy surface Σ , we have $\text{edge}(\Sigma) = \emptyset$ ”.

Note: Will the maximal Cauchy surface (R. Schoen and S.T. Yau) include the “edge $(\Sigma) = \emptyset$ ” in a closed interval (Ch. 7)? Can you reach the “edge $(\Sigma) = \emptyset$ ” of a 4D pizza³⁰?

57. Regarding the note at the last page in Ch. 7: the simplest example of *physicalized* object, denoted **B**, is the photon. It is a “jacket” (p. 20 in *Can Geometry Produce Work*¹²) depicted with four balls in Fig. 11. The balls are “separated” by invisible – with light – vertical strips: *perfect* continuum. Physically, the omnipresent Ether (Ch. 3) is squeezed to **zero**¹², matching the “size” of all 4D spacetime points (four balls in Fig. 11) of **joint** emission-and-absorption (like clapping hands, see Slide 1) of photons. Thus, **B** is *caused* by **A** (Ch. 7): the **Platonic** Ether (Ch. 3) modeled with the axis **W** in Fig. 10. Physicists claim that light “propagates” in the “vacuum” depicted with black outer space in Fig. 9b. True or false? **JAIN** (yes and no).

Light does not propagate *anywhere*, because its proper time is **null**⁴²: “A photon arriving in our eye from a distant star will not have aged, despite having (from our perspective) spent years in its passage.” Light itself (**A**) is **timeless**¹². Only light’s “jacket” (**B**), called photon, propagates in the *physicalized* 4D partition³⁰ of the Universe.

Another example of the “jacket” **B** is the *positive* mass-energy: read again the note at the last page in Ch. 7. Physicists suggest some weak energy condition⁴⁰, yet they acknowledge that the strong energy condition “is strongly violated in any cosmological inflationary process” (Wikipedia). But if *one* of the energy conditions is violated, the rest must be violated as well. It’s a package. Even one “negative” particle (Adam Helfer⁴³) will **nullify** (Robert L. Forward) the entire physical world, quietly and instantaneously. The puzzle is terribly complicated and the so-called **hyperimaginary numbers** are still out of sight. It is like the chemistry in 1799¹⁰. Can’t make any progress though, because theoretical physics is vehemently contaminated with GW parapsychology⁵⁰.

As of today, nobody cares about Physics (Ch. 1). **Nobody**. The only feedback hit me nine years ago, on 21 May 2012 (Ch. 6.5): “Buzz off, idiot!”.

[The invited contributions to this book ([Ch. 7](#)) will be inserted here. D. Chakalov, 6.06.2021.]