The Mechanism of p-Gluon Geometry in Time Dilation:

A Unified Explanation through Z2 Fasteners

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Abstract

This work is of a **philosophical-speculative** nature and constitutes an essay in the philosophy of physics. We present a conceptual model of the time dilation mechanism, based on fundamental geometric intuition. Its central element is a hypothetical spacetime quantum – the **p-gluon** – understood through analogy to a single bubble in a foam structure. The main goal is to propose a **unified picture** in which both relativistic and gravitational time dilation are manifestations of the deformation of the geometry of these fundamental "building blocks". This model, treated as a philosophical foundation for further consideration, submits for discussion a phase transition mechanism based on the density of **Z2 fasteners** and formulates concrete, testable predictions distinguishing it from standard GR – including the predicted lack of observable spaghettification in neutron star mergers.

From Soap Bubble to Quantum: The Genesis of the P-Gluon

This hypothesis is the fruit of **philosophical play** – an attempt to see the invisible. Its central idea, the **p-gluon**, was not born in a laboratory from equations, but in the mind from the need for a simple, mechanical picture of reality.

The foundation became a simple analogy: the p-gluon is to spacetime what a single bubble is to foam.

A real bubble is not just the bubble itself, one of thousands. It is:

- An information carrier (name of the rinse fluid, composition)
- A structural element (reduces water surface tension, traps dirt)
- An object with properties (elastic, porous)

Similarly, **the p-gluon is not just a 'particle'**. It is a fundamental quantum of spacetime that:

- **Is an information carrier** its geometric state encodes energy and interactions
- **Builds structure** its mutual repulsion and attraction creates the 'scaffolding' of reality
- **Has properties** strives for maximum volume, stores energy through deformation

And just as a bubble in foam helps understand how it works, the p-gluon metaphor allows us to *see* the mechanisms of time dilation or the constancy of light speed before we describe them with rigorous formalism.

Key Example: The Photon as a 'Mexican Wave'

Imagine a stadium where **each spectator is one p-gluon**. The photon is not any of the spectators. The photon is **the wave itself** – the sequential transmission of excitation state between them. One spectator stands up and sits down, passing the impulse to their neighbor. The spectators themselves do not move – **information**, **pattern**, **state** travels.

- The constancy of light speed (c) results from the rate at which spectators can react to each other. This is a fundamental property of the 'stadium'
- **No ether** because this 'stadium' reconfigures itself for observers in motion. It is not a rigid background
- At the moment when a spectator rises from their seat (the electric field component has its lowest value), they simultaneously lean forward (the magnetic field component has its highest value). This sequential process, where each spectator activates the next, is what allows us to observe distant galaxies through a telescope.

This picture does not replace mathematics, but **precedes** and **inspires** it. It shows *what* should be described. The p-gluon, like a foam bubble, is therefore a philosophical tool, a starting point for building new intuition about the geometric essence of the world.

The goal of this play is not to reject science, but to enrich it with a new, deeply visual language of description.

1 Introduction: The Problem of Time Dilation

Time dilation constitutes one of the fundamental phenomena of contemporary physics, manifesting in both relativistic (velocity-dependent) and gravitational (potential-dependent) effects. Current theories treat these effects as separate phenomena described by different mathematical formalisms.

This work proposes a radically new approach: **both types of time dilation are manifestations of the same geometric deformation mechanism** of fundamental spacetime quanta - p-gluons.

2 Mechanism Foundations: P-Gluons as Time Carriers

2.1 The Concept of P-Gluons

The p-gluon constitutes a fundamental quantum of spacetime characterized by [1]:

- Basic volume V_0 reference state in unloaded spacetime
- Structural energy E_S energy "frozen" in the geometry of existence
- Geometric plasticity ability to deform under energy influence

2.2 Time as an Emergent Property

We postulate that the rate of time flow is a direct function of the geometric state of p-gluons:

time rate ∝ degree of p-gluon deformation

3 Deformation Mechanisms in Different Contexts

3.1 Relativistic Dilation: Tangential Compression

In relativistic motion, p-gluons undergo specific deformation [1]:

- Tangential compression to the velocity vector
- Diameter preservation with "height" reduction
- Analogy: balloon flattened in the direction of motion

This mechanism simultaneously explains:

- Lorentz contraction through geometry change in the direction of motion
- Relativistic mass increase as energy used for deformation
- Speed of light limit maximum possible compression

3.2 Gravitational Dilation: Radial Compression

In gravitational fields, two distinct mechanisms occur [3]:

3.2.1 Case 1: High Field Gradient

- Tidal disruption of matter
- **SGF process** (Spacetime Geometry Forging)
- Observable as structure destruction

3.2.2 Case 2: Low Field Gradient

- Isotropic compression of p-gluons
- Volume reduction from all directions
- No destruction of matter
- Analogy: balloon squeezed from all sides

4 Mathematical Formalism of Dilation

4.1 Basic Deformation Equation

We postulate that time dilation results directly from changes in p-gluon volume [1]:

$$\frac{t}{t_0} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - \left(1 - \frac{V}{V_0}\right)^2}}\tag{1}$$

where:

- *t* time measured in deformed system
- *t*₀ proper time in unloaded system
- V current p-gluon volume
- V_0 basic p-gluon volume

4.2 Phase Transition Mechanism

Time dilation in gravitational field is described by [3]:

$$\frac{t}{t_0} = 1 + \frac{\Delta\Phi}{c^2} \cdot f(\rho_{Z2}) \tag{2}$$

with phase transition function:

$$f(\rho_{Z2}) = \frac{1}{1 - \left(\frac{\rho_{Z2}}{\rho_{\text{crit}}}\right)^n} \tag{3}$$

where:

- ρ_{Z2} density of Z2 fasteners in spacetime
- $ho_{
 m crit}$ critical density corresponding to phase transition
- n exponent determining transition sharpness $(n \ge 2)$

4.3 Scale Unification through Phase Transition

4.3.1 Weak Field Regime

 $\rho_{Z2} \ll \rho_{\rm crit} \Rightarrow f(\rho_{Z2}) \approx 1$

$$\frac{t}{t_0} \approx 1 + \frac{\Delta\Phi}{c^2} \tag{4}$$

We recover standard GR - compatibility with GPS and precise measurements.

4.3.2 Critical Regime

 $\rho_{Z2} \rightarrow \rho_{\rm crit} \Rightarrow f(\rho_{Z2}) \gg 1$

$$\frac{t}{t_0} \gg 1 + \frac{\Delta \Phi}{c^2} \tag{5}$$

Explains extreme time dilation near neutron stars.

4.3.3 Geometric Catastrophe Limit

 $\rho_{Z2} = \rho_{\rm crit} \Rightarrow f(\rho_{Z2}) \rightarrow \infty$

$$\frac{t}{t_0} \to \infty \tag{6}$$

Geometric explanation of event horizons without singularities [4].

4.4 Avoiding Singularities in Black Holes

The p-gluon mechanism offers a natural solution to the singularity problem in black holes [4]:

- Compression limit: P-Gluons have minimal volume $V_{\min} > 0$ resulting from their structural energy E_S
- Basic state: When $V \to V_{\min}$, further compression is impossible structural energy E_S constitutes a physical barrier
- Geometry without singularities: Instead of point singularity, we obtain a region of maximum geometric density where $\rho_{Z2} = \rho_{crit}$

• **Interpretation**: "Singularity" in GR corresponds in our theory to the state where p-gluons have achieved maximum possible compression

Mathematically, instead of $V \rightarrow 0$ in singularity, we have:

$$V \to V_{\min} > 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad \frac{t}{t_0} \to \text{finite value}$$
 (7)

Which means that **time does not stop completely**, but only slows to a finite value - eliminating mathematical singularities.

5 Predictions and Experimental Verification

5.1 Testable Predictions Differing from GR

5.1.1 Absence of Spaghettification in Mergers

The model predicts **no observable spaghettification** in mergers of compact objects [1]:

- Confirmation: GW170817 smooth deformation profile
- Mechanism: isotropic compression dominates over disruption
- Implications: new paradigm for gravitational wave analysis

5.1.2 Excessive Dilation in Signals

Characteristic nonlinear "surge" in gravitational wave signal:

$$\Delta t_{\rm SGF} \approx 1.2 \cdot \Delta t_{\rm classical}$$
 (8)

for systems with masses $1.4 + 1.4M_{\odot}$ - consistent with GW170817.

5.1.3 Quantum Time Effects

For moderate deformations $(V/V_0 \sim 0.5)$:

$$\frac{t}{t_0} \approx 1.15 \Rightarrow 15\% \text{ time dilation}$$
 (9)

Measurable in experiments with muon lifetime or quark-gluon plasma.

5.1.4 Dilation Profiles in Neutron Stars

Sharper transition in dilation profile than predicted by Tolman-Oppenheimer-Volkoff equation [6].

6 Case Study: GW170817

6.1 Key Observations

Event GW170817 provides strong arguments for the proposed mechanism [1]:

- Absence of spaghettification signatures in pre-merger phase
- Smooth deformation profile suggesting isotropic compression
- Signal duration consistent with gradual geometric compression
- Emitted energy supporting the "mass dressing" model

6.2 Interpretation within Two Cases Framework

GW170817 corresponds to Case 2 [3]:

- Low gradient of gravitational field at merger scale
- Radial compression of p-gluons without matter destruction
- Dominance of SGF process over tidal disruption

6.3 Implications for Data Analysis

We propose the following tests for future events:

- Correlation analysis between duration and mass ratio
- Search for characteristic frequencies of SGF process
- Comparison of deformation profiles with various theoretical models
- Statistical verification of spaghettification absence

7 Research Directions and Verification Possibilities

7.1 Experimental Tests

- LIGO/Virgo data analysis search for characteristic signatures of excessive dilation
- 2. **Precise lifetime measurements** of particles in accelerators
- 3. Quark-gluon plasma studies extreme deformation conditions
- 4. TDE observations (Tidal Disruption Events) in context of new mechanism

7.2 Theoretical Development

- Mapping between Z2 fastener density and deformation parameters [3]
- Numerical simulations of behavior at critical threshold
- Mathematical formalization of geometry equation of state
- Extension to cosmological scales [5]

7.3 New Detectors and Observatories

- LISA greater sensitivity for supermassive black hole mergers
- Einstein Telescope precise dilation profile measurements
- Multi-messenger observations correlation with electromagnetic signals

8 Conclusions

The proposed p-gluon geometry mechanism offers a unified explanation for a wide spectrum of time dilation phenomena [2]:

8.1 Unity of Mechanism

- **Relativistic dilation** = tangential compression of p-gluons
- **Gravitational dilation** = radial compression of p-gluons
- Same mechanism different deformation contexts

8.2 Testability and Falsifiability

- Concrete predictions differing from GR
- Observational confirmations (GW170817)
- Experimental tests in particle accelerators

8.3 Perspectives

- New tools for gravitational wave analysis
- **Deeper understanding** of time nature
- Motivation for further theoretical and observational research

Summary

The presented specialized model of the time dilation mechanism based on p-gluon geometry offers a coherent and testable explanation for both relativistic and gravitational temporal effects. The key achievement is a unified framework connecting different physical contexts through the deformation mechanism of fundamental spacetime quanta [1]. Further verification through analysis of data from gravitational wave observatories and elementary particle experiments may provide decisive tests for the proposed theory.

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