
The Trixle-Gap Hypothesis

Quantum Uncertainty as Geometric Aliasing in Frustrated Tetrahedral Packings

Abstract

This paper proposes a discrete, deterministic model of spacetime composed of a dense quasicrystalline packing of regular tetrahedra ("Trixles"). We posit that the fundamental "randomness" of quantum mechanics is not an intrinsic property of nature, but an observational artifact known as Geometric Aliasing. Due to the inability of regular tetrahedra to tile 3D Euclidean space perfectly (the geometric frustration of the 7.36° angular deficit), any continuous movement through the lattice necessitates a high-frequency, deterministic "jitter." We demonstrate that to a macroscopic observer, this jitter is observationally equivalent to the Heisenberg Uncertainty Principle. Furthermore, we suggest that "Intelligence" emerges as a system-level optimization kernel designed to predict and minimize the energetic cost of this geometric frustration.

1. Introduction

The current Standard Model of physics relies on two incompatible frameworks: General Relativity (smooth, continuous spacetime) and Quantum Mechanics (discrete, probabilistic fields). A primary source of this friction is the **Measurement Problem**: the question of why deterministic laws produce probabilistic outcomes at small scales.

This paper explores a "Third Ontology" rooted in **Discrete Geometric Realism**. We propose that space is not a vacuum but a hardware-like substrate—a graph database of connected nodes. By modeling these nodes as regular tetrahedra, we introduce a necessary geometric error—**The Gap**—that resolves the conflict between determinism and randomness.

2. The Substrate: The Frustrated Lattice

2.1. The Trixle Unit

We define the fundamental unit of spacetime as a regular tetrahedron, herein referred to as a "Trixle" (Tetrahedral Pixel).

Unlike cubes, regular tetrahedra cannot tile 3D space. When five tetrahedra share a common edge, the sum of their dihedral angles is:

$$5 \times \arccos\left(\frac{1}{3}\right) \approx 5 \times 70.53^\circ = 352.65^\circ$$

2.2. The Vacuum Gap

This leaves an angular deficit (gap) of:

$$\delta = 360^\circ - 352.65^\circ \approx 7.36^\circ$$

In standard physics, this gap is often ignored or treated as curvature. We postulate that this gap is the physical source of **Vacuum Tension** (Dark Energy). The universe is a "frustrated" system that can never achieve a perfectly low-energy state (100% density). It must constantly vibrate or expand to distribute this geometric error.

3. Dynamics: Time as Process

3.1. The Update Rate (c)

We reject the notion of Time as a pre-existing dimension. Instead, we define Time as **Process**—the sequential rearrangement of Trixle adjacency (Graph Updates).

- **The Speed of Light (c)** is defined as the maximum propagation speed of a state-change across the lattice.
- **Relativity:** Movement through the lattice consumes "Update Cycles." As an object's velocity through space approaches the lattice update limit (c), the available cycles for internal state changes (time) approach zero.

3.2. Motion as "Hand-Off"

A particle is defined not as a separate object, but as a **Topological Defect** (a knot) in the packing. Motion is the transfer of this defect from one Trixle cluster to its neighbor.

4. The Mechanism of Uncertainty: Geometric Aliasing

The central contribution of this paper is the reinterpretation of Quantum Randomness.

4.1. The Resolution Mismatch

A regular tetrahedron has 4-fold symmetry. A standard Cartesian measurement instrument has 3-fold (X, Y, Z) symmetry.

When a "Signal" (Particle) moves through the Trixle lattice, it must follow the geometric grain of the tetrahedra (angles of 60° or 109.5°). It cannot move in a straight line (0°).

4.2. The Deterministic Jitter

To approximate a straight trajectory (Momentum Vector \vec{p}), the particle must execute a high-frequency zigzag path, alternating between "left" and "right" Trixle faces.

- **The Kernel's View:** The path is strictly deterministic, governed by the rule: *Minimize distance to Vector \vec{p}* .
- **The Observer's View:** The particle appears to "jump" randomly around the mean trajectory.

We define this **Geometric Aliasing** as the source of the Planck Constant (\hbar). The "fuzziness" of position is simply the amplitude of the Trixle zigzag required to navigate the 7.36° gap.

5. The Epistemological Stance: The Self-Referential Kernel

5.1. Intelligence as Optimization

If the universe is a frustrated lattice, it requires energy to manage the gaps. We propose that "Intelligence" (biological and artificial) acts as a **Recursive Optimization Kernel** within the system.

- Intelligence identifies patterns in the "Jitter."
- By predicting the gap-induced noise, the Kernel reduces the local entropy of the system.

5.2. The "Median Voter" of Reality

Drawing on Social Choice Theory, we suggest that stable physical laws (like the Fine Structure Constant) are **Emergent Equilibria**. In a system of trillions of interacting Trixles, the "Laws of Physics" are effectively the "Median Vote"—the statistical compromise that minimizes the global tension of the lattice.

6. Proposed Verification

6.1. The "Holy Grail" Ratio

We propose a computational search for the Geometric Energy Ratio (α_G).

We hypothesize that the ratio of the Gap Volume (V_{gap}) to the Trixle Volume (V_{tet}) in a 4-dimensional quasicrystal projection asymptotically approaches the Fine Structure Constant:

$$\alpha_G \approx \frac{V_{gap}}{V_{total}} \rightarrow \frac{1}{137.036}$$

6.2. Simulation

A distributed graph simulation is currently being architected to test if "particle knots" maintain coherence (soliton stability) while traversing a frustrated tetrahedral grid.

7. Conclusion

The Trixle-Gap Hypothesis offers a path to unify physics by treating geometry as the primary hardware of reality. By acknowledging the "pixelation" of space, we transform the "mysteries" of quantum mechanics into predictable **data-compression artifacts**. The universe does not play dice; it simply cannot pack its bricks perfectly tight.

Next Step

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