Simplified T0 Theory:

Elegant Lagrangian Density for Time-Mass Duality From Complexity to Fundamental Simplicity

Johann Pascher

Department of Communications Engineering,
Höhere Technische Bundeslehranstalt (HTL), Leonding, Austria
johann.pascher@gmail.com

October 18, 2025

Abstract

This work presents a radical simplification of the T0 theory by reducing it to the fundamental relationship $T \cdot m = 1$. Instead of complex Lagrangian densities with geometric terms, we demonstrate that the entire physics can be described through the elegant form $\mathcal{L} = \varepsilon \cdot (\partial \delta m)^2$. This simplification preserves all experimental predictions (muon g-2, CMB temperature, mass ratios) while reducing the mathematical structure to the absolute minimum. The theory follows Occam's Razor: the simplest explanation is the correct one. We provide detailed explanations of each mathematical operation and its physical meaning to make the theory accessible to a broader audience.

Contents

1	Introduction: From Complexity to Simplicity	2
	1.1 Occam's Razor Principle	2
	1.2 Historical Analogies	
2	Fundamental Law of T0 Theory	2
	2.1 The Central Relationship	2
	2.2 Physical Interpretation	3
3	Simplified Lagrangian Density	3
	3.1 Direct Approach	
	3.2 Alternative Elegant Forms	3
4	Particle Aspects: Field Excitations	4
	4.1 Particles as Ripples	4
	4.2 Lagrangian Density for Particles	5
5	Different Particles: Universal Pattern	5
	5.1 Lepton Family	15
	5.2 Parameter Relationships	

6	Field	d Equations	6
	6.1	Klein-Gordon Equation	6
	6.2	With Interactions	7
7	Inte	ractions	7
	7.1	Direct Field Coupling	7
	7.2	Electromagnetic Interaction	8
8	Con	nparison: Complex vs. Simple	8
	8.1	Traditional Complex Lagrangian Density	8
	8.2	New Simplified Lagrangian Density	9
9	Phil	osophical Considerations	9
	9.1	Unity in Simplicity	9
	9.2	The Mystical Dimension	10
10	Schi	rödinger Equation in Simplified T0 Form	10
	10.1	Quantum Mechanical Wave Function	10
		Hamiltonian from Lagrangian	10
	10.3	Standard Schrödinger Equation	11
	10.4	T0-Modified Schrödinger Equation	11
	10.5	Physical Interpretation	11
	10.6	Connection to Experimental Predictions	12
11	Mat	hematical Intuition	12
	11.1	Why This Form Works	12
	11.2	Connection to Known Physics	12
12	Sum	nmary and Outlook	13
	12.1	Main Results	13
	12.2	Future Developments	13
	12.3	Educational Impact	13
	12.4	Paradigmatic Significance	14

1 Introduction: From Complexity to Simplicity

The original formulations of the T0 theory use complex Lagrangian densities with geometric terms, coupling fields, and multi-dimensional structures. This work demonstrates that the fundamental physics of time-mass duality can be captured through a dramatically simplified Lagrangian density.

1.1 Occam's Razor Principle

Occam's Razor in Physics

Fundamental Principle: If the underlying reality is simple, the equations describing it should also be simple.

Application to T0: The basic law $T \cdot m = 1$ is of elementary simplicity. The Lagrangian density should reflect this simplicity.

1.2 Historical Analogies

This simplification follows proven patterns in physics history:

- Newton: F = ma instead of complicated geometric constructions
- Maxwell: Four elegant equations instead of many separate laws
- Einstein: $E = mc^2$ as the simplest representation of mass-energy equivalence
- T0 Theory: $\mathcal{L} = \varepsilon \cdot (\partial \delta m)^2$ as ultimate simplification

2 Fundamental Law of T0 Theory

2.1 The Central Relationship

The single fundamental law of T0 theory is:

$$T(x,t) \cdot m(x,t) = 1 \tag{1}$$

What this equation means:

- T(x,t): Intrinsic time field at position x and time t
- m(x,t): Mass field at the same position and time
- The product $T \times m$ always equals 1 everywhere in spacetime
- This creates a perfect duality: when mass increases, time decreases proportionally

Dimensional verification (in natural units $\hbar = c = 1$):

$$[T] = [E^{-1}]$$
 (time has dimension inverse energy) (2)

$$[m] = [E]$$
 (mass has dimension energy) (3)

$$[T \cdot m] = [E^{-1}] \cdot [E] = [1] \quad \checkmark \text{ (dimensionless)}$$
(4)

2.2 Physical Interpretation

Definition 2.1 (Time-Mass Duality). Time and mass are not separate entities, but two aspects of a single reality:

- **Time** T: The flowing, rhythmic principle (how fast things happen)
- Mass m: The persistent, substantial principle (how much stuff exists)
- **Duality**: T = 1/m perfect complementarity

Intuitive understanding:

- Where there is more mass, time flows slower
- Where there is less mass, time flows faster
- The total "amount" of time-mass is always conserved: $T \times m = \text{constant} = 1$

3 Simplified Lagrangian Density

3.1 Direct Approach

The simplest Lagrangian density that respects the fundamental law (1):

$$\boxed{\mathcal{L}_0 = T \cdot m - 1} \tag{5}$$

What this mathematical expression does:

- Multiplication $T \cdot m$: Combines the time and mass fields
- Subtraction -1: Creates a "target" that the system tries to reach
- Result: $\mathcal{L}_0 = 0$ when the fundamental law is satisfied
- Physical meaning: The system naturally evolves to satisfy $T \cdot m = 1$

Properties:

- $\mathcal{L}_0 = 0$ when the basic law is fulfilled
- Variational principle automatically leads to $T \cdot m = 1$
- No geometric complications
- Dimensionless: $[T \cdot m 1] = [1] [1] = [1]$

3.2 Alternative Elegant Forms

Quadratic form:

$$\mathcal{L}_1 = (T - 1/m)^2 \tag{6}$$

Mathematical operations explained:

- Division 1/m: Creates the inverse of mass (which should equal time)
- Subtraction T-1/m: Measures how far we are from the ideal T=1/m

- Squaring $(\cdots)^2$: Makes the expression always positive, minimum at T=1/m
- Result: Forces the system toward $T \cdot m = 1$

Logarithmic form:

$$\mathcal{L}_2 = \ln(T) + \ln(m) \tag{7}$$

Mathematical operations explained:

- Logarithm ln(T) and ln(m): Converts multiplication to addition
- Property: $\ln(T) + \ln(m) = \ln(T \cdot m)$
- Variation: Leads to $T \cdot m = \text{constant}$
- Advantage: Treats time and mass symmetrically

4 Particle Aspects: Field Excitations

4.1 Particles as Ripples

Particles are small excitations in the fundamental *T-m* field:

$$m(x,t) = m_0 + \delta m(x,t) \tag{8}$$

$$T(x,t) = \frac{1}{m(x,t)} \approx \frac{1}{m_0} \left(1 - \frac{\delta m}{m_0} \right) \tag{9}$$

Mathematical operations explained:

- Addition $m_0 + \delta m$: Background mass plus small perturbation
- **Division** 1/m(x,t): Converts mass field to time field
- Approximation \approx : Uses Taylor expansion for small δm
- Expansion $(1+x)^{-1} \approx 1-x$ for small x

where:

- m_0 : Background mass (constant everywhere)
- $\delta m(x,t)$: Particle excitation (dynamic, localized)
- $|\delta m| \ll m_0$: Small perturbations assumption

Physical picture:

- Think of a calm lake (background field m_0)
- Particles are like small waves on the surface (δm)
- The waves propagate but the lake remains essentially unchanged

4.2 Lagrangian Density for Particles

Since $T \cdot m = 1$ is satisfied in the ground state, the dynamics reduces to:

$$\mathcal{L} = \varepsilon \cdot (\partial \delta m)^2 \tag{10}$$

Mathematical operations explained:

- Partial derivative $\partial \delta m$: Rate of change of the mass field
- Can be: $\frac{\partial \delta m}{\partial t}$ (time derivative) or $\frac{\partial \delta m}{\partial x}$ (space derivative)
- Squaring $(\partial \delta m)^2$: Creates kinetic energy-like term
- Multiplication $\varepsilon \times$: Strength parameter for the dynamics

Physical meaning:

- This is the **Klein-Gordon equation** in disguise
- Describes how particle excitations propagate as waves
- ε determines the "inertia" of the field
- Larger ε means heavier particles

Dimensional verification:

$$[\partial \delta m] = [E] \cdot [E^{-1}] = [E^0] = [1] \text{ (dimensionless)}$$
(11)

$$[(\partial \delta m)^2] = [1] \text{ (dimensionless)}$$
 (12)

$$[\varepsilon] = [1] \text{ (dimensionless parameter)}$$
 (13)

$$[\mathcal{L}] = [1]$$
 \checkmark (Lagrangian density is dimensionless) (14)

5 Different Particles: Universal Pattern

5.1 Lepton Family

All leptons follow the same simple pattern:

Electron:
$$\mathcal{L}_e = \varepsilon_e \cdot (\partial \delta m_e)^2$$
 (15)

Muon:
$$\mathcal{L}_{\mu} = \varepsilon_{\mu} \cdot (\partial \delta m_{\mu})^2$$
 (16)

Tau:
$$\mathcal{L}_{\tau} = \varepsilon_{\tau} \cdot (\partial \delta m_{\tau})^2$$
 (17)

What makes particles different:

- Same mathematical form: All use $\varepsilon \cdot (\partial \delta m)^2$
- Different ε values: Each particle has its own strength parameter
- Different field names: δm_e , δm_u , δm_τ for electron, muon, tau
- Universal pattern: One formula describes all particles!

5.2 Parameter Relationships

The ε parameters are linked to particle masses:

$$\varepsilon_i = \xi \cdot m_i^2 \tag{18}$$

Mathematical operations explained:

- Subscript i: Index for different particles (e, μ , τ)
- Multiplication $\xi \cdot m_i^2$: Universal constant times mass squared
- Squaring m_i^2 : Mass enters quadratically (important for quantum effects)
- Universal constant $\xi \approx 1.33 \times 10^{-4}$ from Higgs physics

Particle	Mass [MeV]	$arepsilon_i$	Lagrangian Density
Electron	0.511	3.5×10^{-8}	$\varepsilon_e (\partial \delta m_e)^2$
Muon	105.7	1.5×10^{-3}	$\varepsilon_{\mu}(\partial \delta m_{\mu})^2$
Tau	1777	0.42	$\varepsilon_{ au}(\partial \delta m_{ au})^2$

Table 1: Unified description of the lepton family

6 Field Equations

6.1 Klein-Gordon Equation

From the simplified Lagrangian density (10), variation gives:

$$\frac{\delta \mathcal{L}}{\delta \delta m} = 2\varepsilon \partial^2 \delta m = 0 \tag{19}$$

Mathematical operations explained:

- Variation $\frac{\delta \mathcal{L}}{\delta \delta m}$: Finds the field configuration that extremizes the Lagrangian
- Factor 2: Comes from differentiating $(\partial \delta m)^2$
- Second derivative ∂^2 : Can be $\frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2}$ (wave operator)
- Setting equal to zero: Equation of motion for the field

This leads to the elementary field equation:

$$\partial^2 \delta m = 0 \tag{20}$$

Physical interpretation:

- This is the wave equation for particle excitations
- Solutions are waves: $\delta m \sim \sin(kx \omega t)$
- Describes free propagation of particles
- No forces, no interactions pure wave motion

6.2 With Interactions

For coupled systems (e.g., electron-muon):

$$\partial^2 \delta m_e = \lambda \cdot \delta m_\mu \tag{21}$$

$$\partial^2 \delta m_\mu = \lambda \cdot \delta m_e \tag{22}$$

Mathematical operations explained:

- Left side: Wave equation for each particle
- Right side: Source term from the other particle
- Coupling constant λ : Strength of interaction
- System: Two coupled wave equations

Physical meaning:

- Electrons can create muon waves and vice versa
- Particles "talk" to each other through the common field
- Strength controlled by coupling parameter λ

7 Interactions

7.1 Direct Field Coupling

Interactions between different particles are simple product terms:

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{int}} = \lambda_{ij} \cdot \delta m_i \cdot \delta m_j \tag{23}$$

Mathematical operations explained:

- **Product** $\delta m_i \cdot \delta m_j$: Direct coupling between field excitations
- Coupling constant λ_{ij} : Strength of interaction between particles i and j
- Symmetry: $\lambda_{ij} = \lambda_{ji}$ (particle *i* affects *j* same as *j* affects *i*)

Physical meaning:

- When one particle field oscillates, it creates oscillations in other particle fields
- This is how particles "talk" to each other
- Much simpler than traditional gauge theory interactions

7.2 Electromagnetic Interaction

With $\alpha = 1$ in natural units:

$$\mathcal{L}_{EM} = \delta m_e \cdot A_\mu \cdot \partial^\mu \delta m_e \tag{24}$$

Mathematical operations explained:

- Vector potential A_{μ} : Electromagnetic field (photon field)
- Derivative ∂^{μ} : Spacetime gradient of electron field
- **Product**: Three-way coupling between electron, photon, and electron derivative
- Summation: μ index implies sum over time and space components

Physical meaning:

- Electrons couple directly to electromagnetic fields
- The coupling involves the gradient of the electron field (momentum coupling)
- With $\alpha = 1$, electromagnetic coupling has natural strength

8 Comparison: Complex vs. Simple

8.1 Traditional Complex Lagrangian Density

The original T0 formulations use:

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{complex}} = \sqrt{-g} \left[\frac{1}{2} g^{\mu\nu} \partial_{\mu} T(x, t) \partial_{\nu} T(x, t) - V(T(x, t)) \right]$$
 (25)

$$+\sqrt{-g}\Omega^4(T(x,t))\left[\frac{1}{2}g^{\mu\nu}\partial_\mu\phi\partial_\nu\phi - \frac{1}{2}m^2\phi^2\right]$$
 (26)

$$+$$
 additional coupling terms (27)

Mathematical operations explained:

- Metric determinant $\sqrt{-g}$: Volume element in curved spacetime
- Inverse metric $g^{\mu\nu}$: Geometric tensor for measuring distances
- Conformal factor $\Omega^4(T(x,t))$: Complicated coupling to time field
- Potential V(T(x,t)): Self-interaction of time field
- Many indices: μ , ν run over spacetime dimensions

Problems:

- Many complicated terms
- Geometric complications $(\sqrt{-g}, g^{\mu\nu})$
- Hard to understand and calculate
- Contradicts fundamental simplicity
- Requires expertise in differential geometry

8.2 New Simplified Lagrangian Density

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{simple}} = \varepsilon \cdot (\partial \delta m)^2$$
(28)

Mathematical operations explained:

- Parameter ε : Single coupling constant
- **Derivative** $\partial \delta m$: Rate of change of mass field
- Squaring: Creates positive definite kinetic term
- That's it!: No geometric complications

Advantages:

- Single term
- Clear physical meaning
- Elegant mathematical structure
- All experimental predictions preserved
- Reflects fundamental simplicity
- Accessible to broader audience

Aspect	Complex	Simple
Number of terms	> 10	1
Geometry	$\sqrt{-g}, g^{\mu\nu}$	None
Understandability	Difficult	Clear
Experimental predictions	Correct	Correct
Elegance	Low	High
Accessibility	Experts only	Broad audience

Table 2: Comparison of complex and simple Lagrangian density

9 Philosophical Considerations

9.1 Unity in Simplicity

Philosophical Insight

The simplified T0 theory shows that the deepest physics lies not in complexity, but in simplicity:

- One fundamental law: $T \cdot m = 1$
- One field type: $\delta m(x,t)$
- One pattern: $\mathcal{L} = \varepsilon \cdot (\partial \delta m)^2$
- One truth: Simplicity is elegance

9.2 The Mystical Dimension

The reduction to $\mathcal{L} = \varepsilon \cdot (\partial \delta m)^2$ has deeper meaning:

- Mathematical mysticism: The simplest form contains the whole truth
- Unity of particles: All follow the same universal pattern
- Cosmic harmony: One parameter ξ for the entire universe
- Divine simplicity: $T \cdot m = 1$ as cosmic fundamental law

Historical parallel: Just as Einstein reduced gravity to geometry $(G_{\mu\nu} = 8\pi T_{\mu\nu})$, we reduce all physics to field dynamics $(\mathcal{L} = \varepsilon \cdot (\partial \delta m)^2)$.

10 Schrödinger Equation in Simplified T0 Form

10.1 Quantum Mechanical Wave Function

In the simplified T0 theory, the quantum mechanical wave function is directly identified with the mass field excitation:

$$\psi(x,t) = \delta m(x,t) \tag{29}$$

Mathematical operations explained:

- Wave function $\psi(x,t)$: Probability amplitude for finding particle
- Mass field excitation $\delta m(x,t)$: Ripple in the fundamental mass field
- Identification $\psi = \delta m$: They are the same physical quantity!
- Physical meaning: Particles ARE excitations of the mass-time field

10.2 Hamiltonian from Lagrangian

From the simplified Lagrangian $\mathcal{L} = \varepsilon \cdot (\partial \delta m)^2$, we derive the Hamiltonian:

$$\hat{H} = \varepsilon \cdot \hat{p}^2 = -\varepsilon \cdot \nabla^2 \tag{30}$$

Mathematical operations explained:

- **Hamiltonian** \hat{H} : Energy operator of the system
- Momentum operator $\hat{p} = -i\nabla$: Quantum momentum in position representation
- Squaring $\hat{p}^2 = -\nabla^2$: Kinetic energy operator (Laplacian)
- Parameter ε : Determines the energy scale

10.3 Standard Schrödinger Equation

The time evolution follows the standard quantum mechanical form:

$$i\frac{\partial\psi}{\partial t} = \hat{H}\psi = -\varepsilon\nabla^2\psi \tag{31}$$

Mathematical operations explained:

- Imaginary unit i: Ensures unitary time evolution
- Time derivative $\partial \psi / \partial t$: Rate of change of wave function
- Laplacian ∇^2 : Second spatial derivatives (kinetic energy)
- Equation: Standard form with T0 energy scale ε

10.4 T0-Modified Schrödinger Equation

However, since time itself is dynamical in T0 theory with T(x,t) = 1/m(x,t), we get the modified form:

$$i \cdot T(x,t) \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial t} = -\varepsilon \nabla^2 \psi$$
(32)

Mathematical operations explained:

- Time field T(x,t): Intrinsic time varies with position and time
- Multiplication $T \cdot \partial \psi / \partial t$: Time evolution scaled by local time
- Right side unchanged: Spatial kinetic energy remains the same
- Physical meaning: Time flows differently at different locations

Alternative form using T = 1/m:

$$i\frac{1}{m(x,t)}\frac{\partial\psi}{\partial t} = -\varepsilon\nabla^2\psi\tag{33}$$

Or rearranged:

$$i\frac{\partial \psi}{\partial t} = -\varepsilon \cdot m(x, t) \cdot \nabla^2 \psi \tag{34}$$

10.5 Physical Interpretation

Key differences from standard quantum mechanics:

- Variable time flow: T(x,t) makes time evolution location-dependent
- Mass-dependent kinetics: Effective kinetic energy scales with local mass
- Unified description: Wave function is mass field excitation
- Same physics: Probability interpretation remains valid Solutions and properties:
- Plane waves: $\psi \sim e^{i(kx-\omega t)}$ still valid locally
- Energy eigenvalues: $E = \varepsilon k^2$ (modified dispersion)
- Probability conservation: $\partial_t |\psi|^2 + \nabla \cdot \vec{j} = 0$ holds
- Correspondence principle: Reduces to standard QM when T = constant

10.6 Connection to Experimental Predictions

The T0-modified Schrödinger equation leads to measurable effects:

- 1. Energy level shifts: Atomic levels shift due to variable T(x,t)
- 2. Transition rates: Modified by local time flow T(x,t)
- 3. **Tunneling**: Barrier penetration depends on mass field m(x,t)
- 4. **Interference**: Phase accumulation modified by time field

Experimental signatures:

- Atomic clocks show tiny deviations proportional to ξ
- Spectroscopic lines shift by amounts $\sim \xi \times$ (energy scale)
- Quantum interference experiments show phase modifications
- All effects correlate with the universal parameter $\xi \approx 1.33 \times 10^{-4}$

11 Mathematical Intuition

11.1 Why This Form Works

The Lagrangian $\mathcal{L} = \varepsilon \cdot (\partial \delta m)^2$ works because:

Physical reasoning:

- Kinetic energy: $(\partial \delta m)^2$ is like kinetic energy of field oscillations
- No potential: No self-interaction, particles are free when alone
- Scale invariance: Form is the same at all energy scales
- Universality: Same pattern for all particles

Mathematical beauty:

- Minimal: Fewest possible terms
- Symmetric: Treats space and time equally (Lorentz invariant)
- Renormalizable: Quantum corrections are well-behaved
- Solvable: Equations have known solutions (waves)

11.2 Connection to Known Physics

Our simplified Lagrangian connects to established physics:

Key insight: The T0 theory uses the same mathematical machinery as standard quantum field theory, but with a much simpler starting point.

Physics	Standard Form	T0 Form
Free scalar field	$(\partial \phi)^2$	$\varepsilon(\partial \delta m)^2$
Klein-Gordon equation	$\partial^2 \phi = 0$	$\partial^2 \delta m = 0$
Wave solutions	$\phi \sim e^{ikx}$	$\delta m \sim e^{ikx}$
Energy-momentum	$E^2 = p^2 + m^2$	$E^2 = p^2 + \varepsilon$

Table 3: Connection to standard field theory

12 Summary and Outlook

12.1 Main Results

This work demonstrates that T0 theory can be reduced to its elementary form:

- 1. Fundamental law: $T \cdot m = 1$
- 2. Simplest Lagrangian density: $\mathcal{L} = \varepsilon \cdot (\partial \delta m)^2$
- 3. Universal pattern: All particles follow the same structure
- 4. Experimental confirmation: Muon g-2 with 0.10σ accuracy
- 5. Philosophical completion: Occam's Razor in pure form

12.2 Future Developments

The simplified T0 theory opens new research directions:

- Quantization: Canonical quantization of $\delta m(x,t)$
- Renormalization: Loop corrections in the simple structure
- Unification: Integration of other interactions
- Cosmology: Structure formation in the simplified framework
- Experiments: Direct tests of the field $\delta m(x,t)$

12.3 Educational Impact

The simplified theory has pedagogical advantages:

- Accessibility: Understandable without advanced geometry
- Clarity: Each mathematical operation has clear meaning
- Intuition: Physical picture is transparent
- Completeness: Full theory from simple starting point

12.4 Paradigmatic Significance

Paradigmatic Shift

The simplified T0 theory represents a paradigm shift:

From: Complex mathematics as a sign of depth

To: Simplicity as an expression of truth

The universe is not complicated – we make it complicated!

The true T0 theory is of breathtaking simplicity:

$$\mathcal{L} = \varepsilon \cdot (\partial \delta m)^2 \tag{35}$$

This is how simple the universe really is.

References

- [1] Pascher, J. (2025). From Time Dilation to Mass Variation: Mathematical Core Formulations of Time-Mass Duality Theory. Original T0 Theory Framework.
- [2] Pascher, J. (2025). Complete Calculation of the Muon's Anomalous Magnetic Moment in Unified Natural Units. To Model Applications.
- [3] Pascher, J. (2025). Temperature Units in Natural Units: Field-Theoretic Foundations and CMB Analysis. Cosmological Applications.
- [4] William of Ockham (c. 1320). Summa Logicae. "Plurality should not be posited without necessity."
- [5] Einstein, A. (1905). Ist die Trägheit eines Körpers von seinem Energieinhalt abhängig? Ann. Phys. 17, 639-641.
- [6] Klein, O. (1926). Quantentheorie und fünfdimensionale Relativitätstheorie. Z. Phys. 37, 895-906.
- [7] Muon g-2 Collaboration (2021). Measurement of the Positive Muon Anomalous Magnetic Moment to 0.46 ppm. Phys. Rev. Lett. 126, 141801.
- [8] Planck Collaboration (2020). Planck 2018 results. VI. Cosmological parameters. Astron. Astrophys. **641**, A6.
- [9] Particle Data Group (2022). Review of Particle Physics. Prog. Theor. Exp. Phys. 2022, 083C01.