The Chiral Harmonic Particle Theory: A Unified Geometric Framework for Mass, Light, and Gravity

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Abstract

The Chiral Harmonic Particle Theory (CHPT) is a speculative model positing that all physical phenomena are emergent properties of a single, self-interacting spacetime field. This paper synthesizes the core principles of CHPT, now including an explicit mechanism for chirality. We postulate a fundamental nonlinear field equation derived from a Lagrangian containing both a stabilizing potential and a parity-violating chiral term. From its solutions, we derive descriptions for massive particles, electromagnetism, and gravity. Mass arises as the energy of stable, non-linear field excitations (solitons), naturally yielding E=mc². We now distinguish between spinning (chiral) fermions and non-spinning (achiral) bosons, providing a geometric origin for the parity violation observed in nature. Electromagnetism and gravity remain emergent properties of the field's linear oscillations and static gradients, respectively. This revised framework presents a more complete path toward unification.

The Fundamental Postulate: A Chiral, Self-Interacting Field

The central postulate of CHPT is the existence of a single, fundamental, complex scalar field, $\Phi(x^\mu)$, which constitutes the fabric of spacetime. The local density of this field is $\rho = |\Phi|^2$. The dynamics are governed by a Lagrangian that now includes a chiral term:

$$\mathcal{L} = (\partial_\mu \Phi^*)(\partial^\mu \Phi) - V(|\Phi|) + \mathcal{L}_{chiral}$$

The potential $V(|\Phi|)$ is a polynomial in the density $\rho = |\Phi|^2$, engineered to create a stable vacuum minimum (ρ_0) and at least one stable particle minimum (ρ_p):

$$V(\rho) = \Lambda + c\rho - \frac{b}{2}\rho^2 + \frac{a}{3}\rho^3$$

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The new term, $\mathcal{L}_{chiral}$, explicitly introduces handedness to account for parity violation. It couples the field's conserved U(1) Noether current, $J^\mu = i(\Phi^* \partial^\mu \Phi - \Phi \partial^\mu \Phi^*)$, to a chiral background vector field C_μ:

$$\mathcal{L}_{chiral} = \kappa J^\mu C_\mu$$

where κ is the chiral coupling constant. By setting $C_\mu = (1, 0, 0, 0)$ in the particle's rest frame, we favor one direction of internal phase rotation over the other. The resulting equation of motion, derived from the Euler-Lagrange equations, is:

$$\boxed{\Box \Phi + 2i\kappa C^\mu \partial_\mu \Phi + \frac{1}{2|\Phi|} \frac{dV}{d|\Phi|} \Phi = 0}$$

This modified nonlinear Klein-Gordon equation now contains all the necessary ingredients to model a chiral universe.

Emergent Phenomena from Field Excitations

Fermions, Bosons, and the Origin of Mass

The field equation admits multiple types of stable, localized solutions (solitons).

- **Bosons (Achiral):** Non-spinning soliton solutions (" is real or has no time-dependent phase) are unaffected by the chiral term. These correspond to scalar bosons. Their mass is determined solely by the energy of the field knot, as described by $E = mc^2$.

- **Fermions (Chiral):** Spinning soliton solutions of the form $\Phi(r, t) = f(r)e^{-i\omega t}$ are directly affected by the chiral term. The energy of the soliton is modified by a term '$-\kappa$Q', where Q is the Noether charge proportional to 'ω'. This splits the energy of left-spinning ('$+\omega$') and right-spinning ('$-\omega$') configurations. This provides a natural mechanism for:

    1. **Fermion/Boson Distinction:** Fermions are fundamentally spinning (chiral) topological knots, while fundamental bosons are non-spinning.

    2. **Parity Violation:** The universe can have a preferred handedness, as one chirality will be energetically favored (lower mass), explaining why the weak force interacts with only one type of chiral particle.

Electromagnetism and Gravity

These phenomena remain emergent properties of the field, largely independent of the new chiral term.

- **Electromagnetism** arises from low-density, linear oscillations around the vacuum, which are achiral by nature and thus propagate as described previously.

- **Gravity** arises from the static, large-scale gradients in the field density caused by the presence of massive solitons. The acceleration of a test particle is still governed by the universal geometric law:

$$\mathbf{a} = -\frac{c^2}{2}\nabla\log(\rho)$$

This law is insensitive to the internal chiral nature of the source, correctly reflecting the fact that gravity couples to all mass-energy regardless of particle type, thus preserving the equivalence principle.

Conclusion: A More Complete Framework

By introducing a physically motivated chiral term into the Lagrangian, the Chiral Harmonic Particle Theory moves from a conceptual sketch to a more robust theoretical framework. The resulting fundamental equation can now distinguish between chiral fermions and achiral bosons, provide a geometric origin for mass, and offer a natural explanation for the parity violation observed in nature. It achieves this while retaining the core elegance of the model, where electromagnetism and gravity emerge from the linear and static behaviors of the very same field. This more complete model strengthens the prospects of CHPT as a candidate for a unified theory of physics.