

# Epistemological Reduction of 'Reality'

(another) proposal  
to clear away the stumbling blocks  
from the road to a fundamental reality:  
abstract from your familiar perception,  
expel space, time and physical objects  
from 'common sense' and reduce all  
terms to pure mathematical entities!  
(not new, but worth to be repeated)

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this publication serves as a preliminary intellectual game\* to  
introduce an analogue horn torus model, which intends to  
reveal properties of a fundamental 'real world' by figurative,  
allegoric and comprehensible images of dynamic coordinates

\* the basic idea primarily is thought as suggestion to leave fixed habits of conventional mainstream thinking, now and then, playfully, but - after familiarization - the game provides surprising insights

# Dimensionality – Particles – Time – Physical Properties – Forces Mathematics – Mathematical Universe Horn Torus Model

## Introduction

The topic, I want to address and develop here, concerns a fundamental ‘reality’, in which no consciousness exists, that is able to reflect about itself and about its connection to everything, having any correlation or interaction with and an influence on it. The description of my intention already turns out to be difficile – even these chosen words contain semantic meanings, which don’t occur in a ‘real world’. Yes, I know, full abstraction from human speech is impossible to attain and even difficult to approach by strict mathematicians, no matter which high level of fundamental formalism they claim to pursue. Nevertheless, any weird conjunction of colloquial speech and mathematical methods seems to be the only means for us humans to treat and express rules of reality, which *clearly* do not match our consciousness, thought structure and faculty of imagination.

Such an ‘unconscious’ reality is not knowable, and – sorry! – all philosophers who claim to possess a valid definition for an absolute, ‘really real’ reality, are wrong, because *every* definition contains terms that only are invented by a consciousness and do not exist without. So, I’m not even going to add another useless version, but will try to name such terms with a view to eliminate them from my vision and to approximate a kind of mathematically backed diction of reality without using formal logic (an invention of consciousness too indeed!), without using any mathematical language or formalism and without artificial (intuition!) axioms, what eventually results in a notional construct, imaginable as allegoric visualisation and describable by usual geometry within the normal three-dimensional space, which we all handle virtuoso after long educational familiarization and plenty of exercise in daily life, knowing full well however and always keeping in mind that such a 3d-space certainly does *not* exist in the targeted ‘real world’. ... A whole lifetime searching for methods of maximal abstraction from common sense, this way ultimately remains the only promising for me to reveal – and subsequently avoid – fixated engrams, when trying to comprehend fundamental physical laws.

Physicists create models to explain and compile small sections within parts of physical reality which they believe to understand, and they do that respectively have done in the past very successfully, they are able to compute all values they need, and collectively combine all small sections to one huge intellectual edifice of many ideas, called physics. All works excellently, and basically there is no urgent need for most of them to comprehend the building as a whole. Well, some pedants amongst the huge community of builders and architects, in a way the structural engineers, like to have a closer look on the foundations, to ensure that the building doesn't collapse one day. Unfortunately, they are not as successful as their colleagues, are still searching for a universal recipe to make one stable footing beneath all these many parts and sections. They aim at a footing as a profound base plate, preferably independent of all later erected constructions on it, but connecting them mutually and being fully compatible to all styles of at least those which are proven to stand stable and work reliably.

Meanwhile we wait a too long time for the desired recipe! When I was a young physics student, half a century ago, theories of everything seemed to be within one's easy reach, enthusiasm was limitless, atmosphere thrilling, but unhappily physical research gradually digressed instead into very specialized, technical, consumption-oriented and military-related topics – pure foundational research, in epistemological sense, decreased or even disappeared from academic scenery, at least in my surroundings. Disenchanted, I made my second profession to the first. Today, still waiting for an illumination, I am deeply convinced, that our 'real world', that reality is totally different from all what we have imagined ever. I tend, as many others too, to the concept that foundations of reality cannot be reached deductively from physical laws, and that it's best to forget or ignore the related knowledge and try to entirely supersede the accustomed associations. Concerning this and as promised above, I will name some terms, which I think they are the most impedimental stumbling blocks on the path to reality.

## Dimensionality

Anything wrong with this statement: "... all physical objects populate space, and all processes, in which they are involved, take place within space and time ..." ? It's nonsense! Such sentences arise from 'common sense', which is totally inapt for description of a fundamental physics. The most important part of common sense is the imagination of **space and time**, probably rooted in properties and function of the brain, because everybody has the same or similar associations to words like point, distance, direction, three-dimensional space, volume, flow of time, locomotion in space, velocity and many others. Such natural associations are self-evident, don't need explanations – but are entirely wrong! At least from the epistemologist's view, when judging validity of predications or just simple statements concerning reality and our 'real world' on a fundamental level.

There is *no* evidence for the existence of a three-dimensional space outside the human imagination! Nor for any other number of **dimensions**. Euclidian space, vector spaces and linear independence of their **coordinates** are inventions of mathematicians and physicists to explain geometrical and physical laws in a descriptive way, that matches the human consciousness and is congruent with our inviolably given, ineradicable fixated engrams. Such spaces seem to be logical and simple. Even physicists, despite having learned to abstract, always refer to it, in all dimensional enhancements, all dynamic geometries, in all topological sophistications – and in quantum field theories as well. Physical variables there always can be projected somehow into the three-dimensional space, which is embedded in the comprehensive system as base or parameter for alteration of values.

These spaces always imply a **continuum** for various values, what likewise is *not* taken for granted – on the contrary: continuum is an illusionary mathematical construct and not a natural property in the description of the 'real world'. Sure, in quantum mechanics we have Planck units, but they don't provide discrete values for all other parameters universally.

Another point of discussion is the **static** of dimensional spaces. Static does *not* occur in quantum reality! No model of the 'real world' works sufficiently without underlying dynamic. That's for sure! Unfortunately, mathematics doesn't offer any well-elaborated and consistent theory of topological systems that are based on respectively 'spanned' by continuously and dynamically changing coordinates, which in turn are inevitable for dynamic physical entities.

Conclusion: to surmount these first impedimental stumbling blocks we have to forget dimensions and construct instead a space without use of static, linear and continuous coordinates. It should be possible, and there exist ideas already ...

## Particles

During last century physicists have developed excellent and comprehensive models of so called ‘elementary particles’ which work very well and reliably. Of course, it does not befit me to criticize these images of physical processes and their acting participants, and it is far from my thoughts to repudiate the findings. The *interpretative* framework however sometimes evokes my explicit objection. Sentences like “the particle flies from A to B” make my toes curl. Or even the apparently plain term “particles per cubic kilometre” as measure of density in the universe sounds totally amiss for me.

Many aspects of particle properties are not sufficiently explained in the theories, e.g. information about punctiform or spatially extended shape of particles is ambiguous and dependent on experimental and descriptive context, all very factitious seeming interpretations of wave-particle dualism or quantum physics in general still are completely unsatisfactory, even after thousands of physicists have contributed substantial ideas, starting hundred years ago, not to mention the attempts to explain the verified nonlocality of particle properties reasonably.

Incidentally, at this point, I cannot refrain from placing some remarks on the megalomaniac plans to replace LHC (Large Hadron Collider, CERN, Geneva) by the monumental Future Circular Collider (FCC). I used to be a physicist myself and I am highly interested in progress of knowledge, but this project in my honest opinion is madness, is hubris, is waste of public funds. Invest that money in education and the *theoretical* research of thousands of physicists more and you will gain a very much more comprehensive outcome of insights and substantial contributions to a better understanding of our ‘real world’. Readers are invited to inform themselves about the updated background story!

Pure mental contemplation, after having learned the most important absolute facts and having reached an adequate level of abstraction faculty, is still an important source of cognition, as various mathematical oriented physicists in many ways have demonstrated. Mathematics surely is the only way to reveal a good part of so far unsolved mysteries and secrets, hidden in reality.

Returning to particles: when we try to see them not as objects that are put into a pre-existing space and manage to treat them as pure *mathematical* entities within a space instead, which is not a priori existent but built by just these particles, then we easily approach solutions without use of the mentioned enormous technic.

The mathematical model, I aim to, and which already exists as a ‘prototype’, explains properties of particles figuratively and comprehensibly, including quantisation, non-locality, entanglement, interactions, forces, space and time, ...

# Time

Many physicists deny the existence of time as an independent dimension for physical processes. So do I. Independent or not, time seems – according to all experience we have – to be a one-dimensional quantity. Correspondingly we can *symbolise* time as a line extending from  $-\infty$  to  $+\infty$ , infinity premised. If there is a beginning (big bang e.g.) or an end (Armageddon, big rip, big crunch or any other fairy tale), the line is ‘shorter’ accordingly, only reaching to (slangy) ‘nearly infinity’. I want to demonstrate allegorically that time is redundant and can be replaced easily by other quantities: when we symbolise space as set of circles with timeline as tangent in point ‘now’, circumferences being ‘distance’ to any point in space, we recognize that the symbols for very far located points slowly approximate the timeline and we conclude, that time is closely connected to infinitely remote parts of space. Perhaps identic to them? Answer will follow ...



From this representation of time follows the next thought: big bang – if we posit that it has happened – was not the beginning of time but the end of an until then infinitely long-lasting time, respectively the abrupt transformation of an infinite, perhaps one-dimensional, quantity into an infinite pattern which immediately undertook all functions of 'eternal time', making time absolutely redundant. That way we avoid the epistemological problem 'creatio ex nihilo'. Any infinity was pre-existent and appearance of space and matter wasn't a creation but 'only' a transition from one state of infinity into another, from smooth, steady, linear and continuous conditions into distinguishable discrete parts with the capability of mutual interactions between all the newly emerged components.

To illustrate such a transition, we maintain the pictorial representation of time above. The circles shall be tightly packed, with no spacing between neighboured circles. Then the complete set of circles is equivalent to the infinite timeline (mathematicians, familiar with set and number theory, hopefully will approve), and an imaginable transformation could be a turn of the timeline around itself. The turn of a one-dimensional line cannot be recognized, but when we replace the line by the set of circles, we get, by the rotation, a new set of nested horn tori, all interlaced into one another with identic centre, simultaneously the boundary point, named 'now', on tangent timeline. Time – as an independent dimension – has vanished silently, while 'space' and 'matter' had emerged explosively. And today, we humans, late result of that transformation, reduce our creator to a simplifying *auxiliary* physical term and to pure human psychological perception.

## Physical Properties

To find more details about the character of time and subsequently of other physical terms, explained allegorically by horn tori, we have to go far afield and delve deeply into the matter. But first, another related thought: the simplified image of a spontaneous transformation from a one-dimensional infinity to an infinite discrete pattern as indicated above, implies that this process didn't take place at one single point as origin of further developments, but it happened all over the linear infinity simultaneously. The decay into discrete constituents, sudden loss of a pre-existing continuum and drastic depletion of spatial points simulates an inflationary scenario in the new space. As effective mechanism for the whole process we again adduce these horn tori, but their static geometry now endowed with a particular dynamic, always keeping in mind however, that horn tori only are symbols and equivalent representatives of complex manifolds.

Basics of horn torus geometry, topology and dynamic are described in detail on the website [1] [www.horntorus.com](http://www.horntorus.com) with many explaining illustrations in links.

To follow interpretations of horn torus properties as physical phenomena, it is *inevitable* to familiarize first with the model, the provided analogous images and the geometrically representable dynamic. One at first has to be able to relate to revolution, rotation and mutual unrolling of interlaced horn tori, nested into one another, and to the mechanism of generating trajectories or cycloid lines on their surface. Then many obscure physical terms, concepts and phenomena appear no longer mysterious and unexplained, but become logical, clear and evident.

Here I only want to list a couple of terms and the related representation by horn torus properties, **time** at first again: timeline is the main symmetry axis on which the nested set of horn tori moves (unrolls) in one direction. Motion in opposite direction corresponds **reversion of time**, leading into the world of **antimatter**. Unrolling is closely related to poloidal torsion of the horn torus bulge, what we call 'revolution', while 'rotation' is used for the toroidal **spin** around timeline.

Combination of both turns leads to the mentioned trajectories, for certain ratios of angular velocities as Lissajous figures ('resonances'), identifiable as **particles**. Geometric situation and dynamic are absolutely independent of size (scale) and angular velocity of turns. The system of nested horn tori shows a perfect self-similarity, what generates a universally valid unit (ratio 1:1) and thereby a self-metrisation of the space that is defined by the dynamic set of horn tori. As first properties we detect the constancy and the maximum value of revolution, easily identifiable as **speed of light**  $c$ , mentioned ratio 1:1 will turn out to be related to **Planck units**: one revolution of the *unit horn torus* corresponds to Planck length  $\ell_P$ , one rotation to reduced Planck constant  $\hbar$ , Planck time  $t_P$  remains redundant.

## Forces

With the horn torus model we intend to suggest alternate associations to space, time and physical objects on a very fundamental level, where only 'entities' exist and not complex compound things yet. The analogue model does not target macro-physical properties at all – it is not suitable to describe or explain them. Forces however, despite quantifiable just in macro-physics, have their origin in particles and space, why they are crucial subject of attention here too.

To define forces, we have to find and describe the cause for *locomotion* of particles or physical objects within the space, they 'populate', independent how space is defined. All fundamental forces (gravity, electromagnetism, strong and weak force) are manifestations of any mysterious 'interaction' between particles resp. physical objects. Physicists are able to describe them mathematically, calculate exact values, and make accurate predictions, but the deep principle or mechanism behind that interactions still is completely unknown – and vector spaces, I am deeply convinced, never will lead to the final answer.

In the horn torus model, space is spanned by non-linear, dynamically changing coordinates [2], called 'entities', and each entity contains a complete cascade of all different particles. The coordinates are not linearly independent, but act as physical objects themselves by interaction with all other coordinates or entities. They are represented in every spatial point each, as section of the coordinate in the form of a particular horn torus with specific size and ratio of turns.

A horn torus, unrolling along the trajectories of other horn tori which are located in the same spatial point, is forced to change its rotation speed due to avoidance of – figuratively! – 'slippage', and therefore also changes its *size*, because within the same entity a firm correlation exists between size and rotation speed of every horn torus. At a certain distance from the 'origin' (size zero) or also from the unit horn torus, there is always only one single definite ratio of the angular velocities, revolution to rotation, and only one size, inversely proportional to the revolution angular velocity [3]. The entire entity – together with its origin and with all associated particles – then shifts to new positions related to other entities without changing its internal structure, and that means the particles move closer or move away from other particles, depending on the change in the rotational speed.

The cause for locomotion of particles – in other words: force between particles – is now reduced to one single mechanism. Only the name for this *unified force* is different in distinct portions of an entity: gravity acts at the sections of large horn tori, up to infinite size, the other forces at sections between sizes, defined by their ratio of angular velocities, electromagnetic interaction between 1:2 and 2:1, strong interaction between 2:1 and 3:1 and weak between 3:1 and 4:1 ... Ref. [4]



## Mathematics

With the analogue horn torus model, we leave 'classical mathematics'. Though we pragmatically make use of well-established skills in three dimensions to illustrate the dynamic, the model is not dimensional – neither Euclidean nor non-Euclidean, neither related to any vector space nor even connected to Hilbert spaces and the respective formalism – at least not in an obviously predominant way. Horn tori induce an extremely *dynamic* and complex geometry and simultaneously are capable to form a nearly static 'flat space' with Euclidean rules when approaching 'infinite size'. Conventional methods are insufficient or too labourious to describe such a hybrid of dynamic and static space properly, and we maybe have to await further progress in quantum computing for an appropriate approach and adequate treatment, and for a – maybe disruptive – congruent mathematical model of physical 'reality' that comprises the pervasive and unstoppable dynamic as *main* intrinsic property.

Anyway, the known and widely accepted classical mathematics fails yet to reveal the secrets of physical reality, probably because our mathematics is incomplete still, doesn't provide the dynamic code that rules our world, and on the same time it contains a lot of ballast that is adverse to physical interpretation. A physically relevant complete mathematics has to comprise this mentioned unique code and has to be self-consistent, without contradictions.

To obtain such a mathematics, the classical formalism has to be extended significantly, but for self-consistency simultaneously knocked into proper shape in many respects. Physical laws have to be 'true' and 'real' and a priori valid, not invented by men but discovered, while mathematical rules often don't comply with these conditions in a good consistent way. Too many axioms have been established *intuitionally* during the long history of mathematics. Physical reality is *not* based on axioms and also does exist in absence of human consciousness, then admittedly without all the properties we perceive, associate and attribute to 'nature'. Physical reality, even when not observed, at least exists as a kind of mathematically representable pattern. These patterns and/or 'structures' don't contain the familiar 'self-evident' constructs of our perception and imagination, but are inevitable synergetic effect of fundamental entities, which exist from the 'earliest beginning' of our universe and which interact with one another in a simple, *deterministic*, fantastically intertwining manner ...

To describe this interaction of fundamental entities mathematically, will be a later aim. At first, we have to get hold of one single entity, above also called coordinate, and we have to identify its constituents, the 'particles'. When we are able to describe one of them entirely, we know all the others, and if we manage to describe the entity as a whole, its interactions inclusive, we know the universe.

## Mathematical Universe

In my interpretation, the term ‘mathematical universe’ should not be applied to the physical phenomena, which we realize, perceive and interpret in ‘nature’, and for most of them we already have excellent mathematically formulated laws. A mathematical universe concept has to be a *basic* physical theory, concerning ‘creation’ of space (beginning, e.g. big bang) and cosmological topics (inflation, expansion, further evolution of primordial constituents to ‘elementary particles’, ‘energy’, matter, atoms, molecules, galaxies, ...) by *pure abstract* mathematics. As main premise for full abstraction we imperatively need strict epistemological reductions and fundamental definitions of space, time and physical objects as entities. Neither terms from outside mathematics nor traditional imaginations of objects and processes are allowed in the applied formalism.

One of such concepts, admittedly in the state of a preliminary intellectual game, is the above often mentioned horn torus model. Horn tori are pure associative symbols for complex numbers. All what we explain by horn tori, is an utterance concerning properties of complex numbers. We even reduce to integral numbers, (1,1) being a natural unit for metrisation. It is the pair with smallest possible absolute value within the model, because  $(1/n, 1)$  in the interpretation  $1/n$  rotation per 1 full revolution is the same as 1 full rotation per  $n$  revolutions. (1,1) remains the smallest reference for all other ratios, and there are no fractions of revolution and rotation – only integers. With this so called ‘standard dynamic horn torus’ we possess a natural source and simple explanation of quantization!

Metrisation of the horn torus space and an easy explanation for constancy of light speed arise from the perfect self-similarity of nested horn tori, all being part of fundamental entities, but to reproduce that imagination, faculty of abstraction is challenged maximally and readiness for broad familiarization is indispensable. Trials of assistance are provided on many pages within the linked reference [1].

The relatively simple basic image already produces lots of properties within the model and accordingly in the hereby emulated universe. Higher complexity of any level can be reached by iterated substitutions of real parts of the complex numbers by new complex ones, then ultimately leading to – already known – extensions of the number system. – Anyway, the most promising, presumably the only, method to understand our universe roughly, is a mathematical one. Until now, empiricism alone hasn’t brought adequate fundamental insights, despite alleged successes by colliders and suchlike. Nature still hides its secrets:

*All our many models of the ‘real world’ are crutches only, to hobble around the never reachable and unimaginable truth, solely to enjoy the short, rare moments of supposed close encounter with it. – But it’s worth to undertake and experience that!*

## Horn Torus Model References

External scientific references concerning horn tori don't exist resp. aren't used, all texts and illustrations originate from author's private websites (2000 ... 2019)

- [1] <https://www.horntorus.com/enter>
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- [3] <https://www.horntorus.com/illustration/increase.html>
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original texts in German (1988 ... 2000): <http://www.dorntorus.de/d>

The horn torus model is an attempt and a proposal to describe foundations of our 'real world' in an assumed manifestation as *unconscious universe* with no properties others than mathematical. Constituents aren't space, time and matter, but only numbers in their simplest form: natural numbers, as complex integers first, later – as required – easily extendable to quaternions, octonions, sedenions, again with integer parts each. Nested horn tori, dynamically interlaced into one another, illustrate as eidetic geometric analogue, that numbers quasi are able to interact with one another and – e.g. by mutual 'annihilation' – to transform their *initial* continuum into discrete structures by a simple pattern generating process, leading to intricate results, which are interpretable as entities or 'coordinates' of a dynamic but timeless space with striking analogies to our 'real world'.

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