Noncommutative Coulombic Monopole

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We have constructed the appropriate Hamiltonian of the noncommutative coulombic monopole (i.e. the noncommutative hydrogen atom with a monopole). The energy levels of this system have been calculated, discussed and compared with the noncommutative hydrogen atom ones. The main emphasis is put on the ground state. In addition, the Stark effect for the noncommutative coulombic monopole has been studied.

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INTRODUCTION

Recently many papers have been devoted to the construction and the study of noncommutative systems. The reasons of this interest were the predictions of String theory [1] in the low-energy limit, which along with the Brane-world scenario [2], led to the fact that spacetime could be noncommutative. On the other hand, a considerable attention was paid to the investigation of the phenomenological consequences of noncommutativity. The noncommutative deformation of the Standard model was suggested [3] (for the renormalization of the energy-momentum tensor in noncommutative field theories, see [4]). The Quantum Hall effect on noncommutative spaces was also studied [5]. For these purposes noncommutative quantum mechanics was also extensively studied [6]. There, careful investigations showed that it will be hard to connect noncommutativity with reality on the experimental level. This is due to the fact that noncommutativity practically plays no role in most “attraction” problems [7], and in scattering problems it becomes essential only for the case when the potential does not rapidly converge [8]. However, in spite of all of this, there are several phenomena which allow us to hope for getting a connection between noncommutativity and experiments. One of these phenomena can be due to the presence of a magnetic field in noncommutative systems. As it was shown ”turning on” a magnetic field in a noncommutative system can lead to such interesting phenomena as the appearance of two phases separated by a critical point, etc. [9]. Also it was suggested a method, based on the presence of a magnetic field in a system (Rydberg atom), which gives us the possibility to test spatial noncommutativity [10].

Indeed, in the noncommutative case only systems in the presence a constant magnetic field were more or less thoroughly investigated. However, for the commutative case, not only such systems, but also quantum-mechanical systems with a Dirac monopole were studied (see for example [11] and references therein). This is due to the rich symmetries of the magnetic field of the monopole. From this point of view it is very useful to study noncommutative quantum-mechanical systems in the presence of a Dirac monopole. This allows us to understand more about the nature of both noncommutativity and the monopole.

Here we consider a noncommutative coulombic monopole (NCM), i.e. a noncommutative MIC-Kepler system. The first abortive attempt to the consideration of this system was made in [12]. The investigation of the system is interesting not only owing to the simultaneous presence of magnetic and ”noncommutativity” fields, but also for the reason that the commutative coulombic monopole (CCM) is the system most similar to the hydrogen atom.

The CCM was constructed by Zwanzinger and later rediscovered by McIntosh and Cisneros [13]. The CCM describes the charge motion in the field of the Dirac dyon and its Hamiltonian has the form

\begin{equation}
\hat{H}^{(CCM)} = \frac{1}{2M} \hat{\mathbf{p}}^2 + \frac{\hbar^2 s^2}{2Mr^2} - \frac{\gamma}{r},
\end{equation}

where momenta and coordinates satisfy the following commutation relations:

\begin{equation}
[\hat{p}_i, \hat{p}_j] = i\hbar^2 s \varepsilon_{ijk} \frac{x_k}{r^3}, \quad [\hat{x}_i, \hat{p}_j] = i\hbar \delta_{ij}.
\end{equation}

The momentum \(\hat{p}\) is connected with the ”canonical” one as follows:

\begin{equation}
\hat{p} = \hat{\mathbf{p}} - \mathbf{A}(r),
\end{equation}

where \(\mathbf{A}(r) = \hbar \mathbf{s} \frac{r \times \hat{\mathbf{p}}}{r^2} \eta\) is the vector-potential of the monopole field and \(\eta\) is a unit constant vector with arbitrary direction. Below we will take it along the \(z\) axis.

The main reason which allows us to consider CCM as generalization of the hydrogen atom is the hidden symmetry given by the following constants of motion:

\begin{equation}
\hat{\mathbf{J}} = r \times \hat{\mathbf{p}} - \hbar s \frac{\mathbf{r}}{r}, \quad \hat{\mathbf{I}} = \frac{1}{2M} \left[ \hat{\mathbf{J}} \times \hat{\mathbf{p}} - \hat{\mathbf{p}} \times \hat{\mathbf{J}} \right] - \gamma \frac{\mathbf{r}}{r}.
\end{equation}

These constants of motion, together with the Hamiltonian, form the quadratic symmetry algebra of the Coulomb problem. The operator \(\hat{\mathbf{J}}\) defines the angular
momentum of the system, while the operator \( \hat{I} \) is the analog of the Runge-Lenz vector. For fixed negative values of the energy, the constants of motion form the \( so(4) \) algebra. Let us mention that the monopole number \( s \) satisfies the Dirac’s charge quantization rule, \( s = 0, \pm 1/2, \pm 1, \ldots \).

This Letter is organized as follows. In the next section the noncommutative Hamiltonian for the hydrogen atom in the presence of a monopole is constructed. Afterwards, the energy correction due to noncommutativity is found and discussed. In the last section the Stark effect in this system is studied. In the Conclusion the main results are summarized.

**THE SYMPLECTIC FORM AND THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE NONCOMMUTATIVE HAMILTONIAN**

Let us have a commutative system with an arbitrary magnetic field. We would like to construct the corresponding noncommutative system. For this purpose we must somehow introduce noncommutativity (not necessary constant) in our system. This can be done by specifying the Hilbert space and the phase space. The Hilbert space can be taken to be exactly the same as the Hilbert space of the corresponding commutative system [14]. As for the phase space, it must be changed, in order to include noncommutativity. The only condition we impose, is that this change must not violate (at least in a general sense, see below) the Jacobi identities. This becomes really essential in the case of non-constant magnetic and/or "noncommutativity" fields. The easiest correct way to "turn on" noncommutativity is writing down an appropriate Ansatz for the symplectic structure.

Let us define a quite general symplectic structure as follows:

\[
\Omega = d\pi_i \wedge dq^i + \frac{1}{2} \epsilon_{kij} B^k(q) \, dq^i \wedge dq^j + \frac{1}{2} \epsilon^{kij} \Theta_k(\pi) \, \pi_i \wedge \pi_j. \tag{5}
\]

Here (and below) the indexes \( i, j, k \) run over values \( (1, 2, 3) \). The \( \mathbf{B}(q) \) and \( \Theta(\pi) \) are vectors of magnetic and "noncommutativity" fields accordingly. As it follows from the closure of the symplectic structure (5), they have to satisfy the condition

\[
div \mathbf{B} = div \Theta = 0. \tag{6}
\]

Let us mention that, in the case of a monopole field, the first condition is violated at the origin [15]. The commutation relations corresponding to the symplectic form \( \Omega \) have the form

\[
[\hat{q}^i, \hat{q}^j] = i\hbar \frac{\epsilon^{ijk} \Theta_k}{1 - B^n \Theta_n}, \quad [\hat{\pi}_i, \hat{\pi}_j] = i\hbar \frac{\epsilon_{ijk} B^k}{1 - B^n \Theta_n}, \quad [\hat{q}^i, \hat{\pi}_j] = i\hbar \frac{\delta^i_j - B^i \Theta_j}{1 - B^n \Theta_n}. \tag{7}
\]

We will consider only the case \( \Theta < 1 \) and, in all expressions below, we will keep only the zeroth and the first order terms in \( \Theta \). Now let us bring the commutation relations to the canonical form. We can manage to do this by introducing new variables which are connected with the old ones as follows:

\[
x^i = \hat{q}^i - \beta^i (\hat{\pi}), \quad \hat{p}_i = \pi_i + \alpha_i (\hat{q}) - \frac{\partial \alpha_i (\hat{q})}{\partial \hat{q}^i} \beta^n (\hat{\pi}). \tag{8}
\]

The regenerative connection has the form

\[
x^i = \hat{q}^i + \beta^i (\hat{p}), \quad \pi_i = \hat{p}_i - \varepsilon_{sikn} B^k(r) \beta^n (\hat{p}), \tag{9}
\]

where \( \hat{p} = \hat{p} - \alpha(r) \), \( \alpha \) and \( \beta \) are vector-potentials of magnetic and "noncommutativity" fields accordingly

\[
\mathbf{B} = rot \alpha, \quad \Theta = rot \beta. \tag{10}
\]

Later on, in this Letter we will choose \( \alpha(r) = \mathbf{A}(r) \) and \( \beta(\hat{p}) = \frac{\gamma}{2} \theta \times \hat{p} \) which correspond to the case of the magnetic field of a Dirac monopole \( \mathbf{B} = \hbar s \frac{\dot{\gamma}}{\gamma} \) and constant noncommutativity \( \Theta = \theta = const \).

As the Hilbert space does not change, the Hamiltonian corresponding to NCM has the following form:

\[
\hat{H}(NCM) = \frac{1}{2M} \hat{\pi}^2 + \frac{\hbar^2 s^2}{2M \gamma^2} - \frac{\gamma}{\gamma}. \tag{11}
\]

Now, substituting the relations (9) in this Hamiltonian and taking into consideration the smallness of \( \theta \), we get

\[
\hat{H}(NCM) = \hat{H}(CCM) - \frac{1}{2r^3} \left( \gamma \theta \cdot \hat{\mathbf{J}} - \hbar s \theta \cdot \hat{\mathbf{I}} \right). \tag{12}
\]

Here \( \hat{H}(CCM) \) is the Hamiltonian of the usual coulombic monopole, which is defined by (1), whereas the second term (where \( \hat{\mathbf{J}} \) is the angular momentum) and the third one (where \( \hat{\mathbf{I}} \) is the Runge-Lenz vector) are corrections due to noncommutativity. In the case when the monopole field is not present \( (s = 0) \), we get the expression of the noncommutative hydrogen atom Hamiltonian, which was obtained in [14]. In this sense, we can say that the second term in the correction is similar to the spin-orbit coupling, but there are no analogs (in the literature) for the third term.

**SPECTRUM FOR THE NONCOMMUTATIVE HYDROGEN ATOM IN THE PRESENCE OF MONOPOLE**

Now let us calculate a "noncommutative" correction of the spectrum of the hydrogen atom in the presence of a monopole. Here and below we take no account of the electron spin. As it was shown in the previous section, the first order "noncommutative" correction has the following form:

\[
\Delta \hat{H}(NCM) = -\frac{1}{2r^3} \left( \gamma \theta \cdot \hat{\mathbf{J}} - \hbar s \theta \cdot \hat{\mathbf{I}} \right). \tag{13}
\]
In order to calculate this correction, one must choose the appropriate coordinate system. Due to the hidden symmetry, the CCM could be factorized in a few coordinate systems, e.g. in the spherical and parabolic ones. Because of the presence of a preferential direction (given by $\theta$) in the “noncommutative” correction we will use the parabolic basis. There is another reason to justify this choice and it will be given later.

The energy spectrum and wave functions of CCM in parabolic coordinates have the following form (see for example [16]):

\[
E_n^{(CCM)} = -\frac{\gamma}{2r_0 n^2},
\]

\[
\psi_{n_1n_2m}(\mu, \nu, \varphi) = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{n^2 r_0^{3/2}} \Phi_{n_1m_1} \left(\frac{\mu}{n r_0}\right) \Phi_{n_2m_2} \left(\frac{\nu}{n r_0}\right) \frac{e^{i(m-s)\varphi}}{\sqrt{2\pi}},
\]

\[
\Phi_{n_1m}(x) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(m_i+1)} \frac{\Gamma(n_i+m_i+1)}{(n_i)!} e^{-\frac{x}{2}} (x)^{m_i} F(-n_i; m_i+1; x).
\]

Here $n$ is a principal quantum number, connected with the parabolic quantum numbers $n_1$ and $n_2$ as follows:

\[ n = n_1 + n_2 + m_+ + 1, \]

where $m_{\pm} = m \pm m_+$, $m_1 = |m - s|$, $m_2 = |m + s|$, $m$

\[
\hat{J}_x \psi^{(s)}_{n_1n_2m}(\mu, \nu, \varphi) = \hbar m \psi^{(s)}_{n_1n_2m}(\mu, \nu, \varphi),
\]

\[
\hat{J}_z \psi^{(s)}_{n_1n_2m}(\mu, \nu, \varphi) = -\frac{\gamma}{n} (n_1 - n_2 - m_-) \psi^{(s)}_{n_1n_2m}(\mu, \nu, \varphi).
\]

This fact allows us find the energy correction in the easiest way. Directing the $z$ axis along $\theta$ we can immediately bring the correction (13) into a convenient form. Clearly, this is the second reason justifying the choice of parabolic coordinates.

The expression of the matrix elements of the correction has the following form:

\[
\Delta H_{n_1' n_1}^{(NCM)} = \langle n_1' n_2' m' | \Delta \hat{H}^{(NCM)} | n_1 n_2 m \rangle,
\]

where we suppose $n = n'$. In order to find this matrix elements, let us direct the $z$ axis along $\theta$, use the eigenvalues (17) and take into consideration the matrix elements

\[
\langle n_1' | \frac{1}{p^3} | n_1 \rangle = \frac{(-1)^{n_1+n_1'}}{p_0^3 n_1^3} \sum_{j=m_+}^{n_1-1} \frac{C_{a_1 a_2}^{a_1 a_2} b_1^{a_1 a_2} b_1}{j(j+1)(j+1/2)},
\]

where $C_{a_1 a_2}^{a_1 a_2} b_1$ are Clebsch-Gordan coefficients, $a = \frac{n+m_+}{2}$, $a_1 = \frac{m_+ + n - 2m_+}{2}$, $b = \frac{n - m_+}{2}$, $b_1 = \frac{m_+ + 1 - m_+ - n + 2n_1}{2}$, and primed indices are given by similar expressions, obtained with the only replacement of $n_1$ by $n_1'$. Here we omit the index $m$, because the matrix is diagonal in $m$. Let us notice that the expression of the matrix elements in the above can be easily obtained using the interbasis expansion (generalized Park-Tarter formula)[16] and the mean value of $\frac{1}{r^3}$ [17]. Hence, for the matrix elements of the correction we get

\[
\Delta H_{n_1' n_1}^{(NCM)} = -\frac{\gamma}{2r_0 n^3} \left( \frac{s}{n} (n_1 - n_2 - m_-) + m \right) \langle n_1' | \frac{1}{r^3} | n_1 \rangle.
\]

The energy levels (14) of the commutative Hamiltonian have a degeneracy. It is easy to check that the multiplicity of this degeneracy at fixed $s$ reads

\[
g_n^{(s)} = \sum_{|m|>|s|} (n-m_+) + \sum_{|m|\leq|s|} (n-m_-) = n^2 - s^2.
\]

Thus, in order to calculate the appropriate noncommutative energy correction, we need to solve the following secular equation:

\[
\det \left[ \Delta H_{n_1' n_1}^{(NCM)} - \Delta E^{(NCM)} \delta_{n_1' n_1} \right] = 0,
\]
where we do not take into account the dependence on \( m \), by the reason of the diagonality of (19) in \( m \). Here we are not going to solve this equation at least in a general sense, although at given \( n \) this can be done by using computer-aided algebraic manipulations. We will investigate only the ground state, because, as it can be easily seen from (19), the energy correction very rapidly goes to zero when \( n \) increases. Let us mention that similarly it makes no sense to investigate the case of large \( n \), because then, once again, the energy correction vanishes.

The corrections matrix (19) for the ground state becomes diagonal and consequently it yields directly the energy correction. For the ground level, at fixed \( s \), the principal quantum number takes the value \( n = |s| + 1 \) and the azimuthal quantum number runs over the values \( m = -|s|, -|s| + 1, \ldots, |s| - 1, |s| \). Let us remind here that the ground state of the CCM has a degeneracy, in contrast to the case of the hydrogen atom. Using the properties of the Clebsch-Gordan coefficients [18], for the energy correction of the ground level at fixed \( s \) we get

\[
\Delta E^{(NCM)}_{\text{ground}} = -\frac{\hbar \gamma \theta}{r_0^3} m (1 + |s| - s) \frac{m(1 + |s| - s)}{(1 + |s|)^5 |s|(1 + 2|s|)}.
\] (22)

As we can see from the above formula, the energy correction can take both negative values (for positive \( m \)) and positive ones (for negative \( m \)). This correction is larger (in absolute value) for a negative \( s \). The degeneracy of the ground level is completely removed. According to the general formula (20), the initial ground state splits into \( 2|s| + 1 \) levels. For fixed \( s \), according to the formula (22), the two extreme components of the split levels correspond to the following values of the azimuthal quantum number: \( m = |s| \) and \( m = -|s| \). The distance between these levels is

\[
\frac{2\hbar \gamma \theta}{r_0^3} \frac{|s|(1 + |s| - s)}{(1 + |s|)^5 |s|(1 + 2|s|)},
\] (23)

i.e. the complete splitting of the level is proportional to \( n^{-5} \). The new ground level corresponds the following value of the azimuthal quantum number: \( m = |s| \).

Let us mention here that similar things can be said for higher levels.

### THE STARK EFFECT

As it was mentioned above, the CCM keeps most of the properties of the hydrogen atom. However, its behavior can become qualitatively different, with regards to certain phenomena. A representative example of this fact, is the behavior of the system in a static electric field. As it was shown in [19], the energy correction due to the linear Stark effect has the following form:

\[
\Delta E^{(CCM)}_{\text{Stark}} = \frac{3 \hbar^2 |e| |\Sigma|}{2 M \gamma} \left[ n (n_1 - n_2 - m_-) + \frac{m s}{2} \right].
\] (24)

As we can see, this expression differs from the formula for the usual linear Stark effect. There is an additional nontrivial correction linear in \( m \), which completely removes the degeneracy. Thus, we can hope that the Stark effect in NCM can yield results different from those obtained for the noncommutative hydrogen atom. As we know, there is no contribution in the Stark effect due to noncommutativity [14].

Let us now calculate the Stark effect for NCM. For this purpose, we use the method suggested in [14]. The potential energy of the electron in an external electric field \( \varepsilon \) is given by

\[
V_{\text{Stark}} = |e| \varepsilon \cdot \mathbf{r} + \frac{|e|}{r_0^2} (\varepsilon \times \mathbf{p}) = |\hat{e}| \varepsilon \cdot \mathbf{p}.
\] (25)

The change in the energy levels due to noncommutativity (the second term in (25)) is

\[
\Delta E^{(NCM)}_{\text{Stark}} = \langle n_1' n_2' m' | \frac{|e|}{r_0^2} (\varepsilon \times \mathbf{p}) | n_1 n_2 m \rangle.
\] (26)

Taking into account that \( \hat{p}_i = \frac{\hbar}{i} [x_i, H^{(CCM)}] \) and \( H^{(CCM)}|n_1 n_2 m\rangle = E^{(CCM)}|n_1 n_2 m\rangle \), the correction to the energy levels becomes

\[
\Delta E^{(NCM)}_{\text{Stark}} = 0,
\] (27)

meaning that the contribution to the Stark effect due to noncommutativity vanishes. Hence, strange as it may seem, we get the same result as in the case of the non-commutative hydrogen atom.

### CONCLUSION

In this Letter the problem of the noncommutative coulombic monopole, i.e. the noncommutative hydrogen atom in the presence of a Dirac monopole, was investigated. Firstly, we have constructed the corresponding Hamiltonian, starting from the fact that the turning on of noncommutativity changes only the phase space. As a byproduct we got the relations between canonical and deformed phase variables, in the case of the arbitrary magnetic and small, but arbitrary, ”noncommutativity” fields. As it was shown here, the ”noncommutative” correction yields a term which has no known analogs in the literature.

Then we discussed the energy spectrum and determined that the only ”observable” effects of noncommutativity are restricted to the ground state and possibly to the first excited level. This is a consequence of the fact that the matrix elements of the Hamiltonian correction are proportional to \( 1/n^k \), where \( k \geq 3 \). Therefore, we limited ourselves basically to calculating the energy correction just for the ground level.
We found that the ground state splits into $2|s| + 1$ levels, i.e. the degeneracy in the azimuthal quantum number is completely removed, as a consequence of corrections due to noncommutativity. We can also conclude from inspecting the matrix element correction (19), that the degeneracy of higher energy levels is lifted, as well, though the exact expression of the splitted eigenvalues is of no interest, as the corresponding splitting is negligibly small.

Similarly we found that we can restrict our consideration to small values of the monopole number $s$, when we consider possibly observable corresponding effects. Interestingly enough, it turns out from our calculation that the absolute value of the energy correction depends on the sign of the monopole number $s$, i.e. it is larger for negative $s$.

Finally, we studied the Stark effect for the noncommutative coulombic monopole. We have shown that, similarly to the case of the noncommutative hydrogen atom, there are no corrections due to noncommutativity.

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