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Abstract: In this paper we study the Bohmian Trajectories for the Schuch-Chung-Hartmann Equation, linearized along a classical trajectory, by using the quantum mechanical formalism of the de Broglie-Bohm.

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1. Introduction: The Bohmian Trajectories

In this article, we calculated the *Bohmian Trajectories* for the Schuch-Chung-Hartmann Equation. To obtain these trajectories we adopted the quantum mechanical formalism of de Broglie-Bohm. This was done because this formalism permits to perform essential linear approximations along the classical trajectories that are the basic ingredients of the Feynman's principle of minimum action of quantum mechanics. [1]

2. The Bohmian Trajectories for the Schuch-Chung-Harmann Equation

Now, let us calculate the Bohmian trajectories for the Schuch-Chung-Hartman Equation, linearized along a classical trajectory, by using the quantum mechanical formalism of the de Broglie-Bohm. [2]

2.1. The Schuch-Chung-Hartmann Equation

In 1983-1985, D. Schuch, K. M. Chung and Hermann Hartmann [3] proposed a non-linear Schrödinger equation, to represent time dependent physical systems, defined by:

$$\begin{aligned} i \hbar \frac{\partial \Psi(x, t)}{\partial t} &= -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \frac{\partial^2 \Psi(x, t)}{\partial x^2} + \\ &+ \{ V(x, t) + \frac{\hbar \nu}{i} [\ln \Psi(x, t) - \langle \ln \Psi(x, t) \rangle] \} \times \Psi(x, t), \quad (2.1.1) \end{aligned}$$

where $\Psi(x, t)$ and $V(x, t)$ are, respectively, the wavefunction and the time dependent potential of the physical system in study, and ν is a constant.

2.1.1. The Wave Function of the Schuch-Chung-Hartmann Equation

Writting the wave function $\Psi(x, t)$ in the polar form defined by the Madelung-Bohm transformation [4, 5] we obtain:

$$\Psi(x, t) = \phi(x, t) \times \exp[iS(x, t)], \quad (2.1.1.1)$$

where $\phi(x, t)$ will be defined in what follows.

Calculating the derivatives, temporal and spatial, of (2.1.1.1), we get [remembering that $\exp[iS]$ is common factor]: [2]

$$\frac{\partial \Psi}{\partial t} = \exp(iS) \left(\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial t} + i\phi \frac{\partial S}{\partial t} \right), \quad (2.1.1.2a)$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 \Psi}{\partial x^2} = \exp(iS) \left[\frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial x^2} + 2i \frac{\partial S}{\partial x} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} + i\phi \frac{\partial^2 S}{\partial x^2} - \phi \left(\frac{\partial S}{\partial x} \right)^2 \right]. \quad (2.1.1.2b)$$

Putting the eqs. (2.1.1.1) and (2.1.1.2a,b) into the eq. (2.1.1), we have: [2]

$$\begin{aligned} i\hbar \left(\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial t} + i\phi \frac{\partial S}{\partial t} \right) &= -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \left[\frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial x^2} + 2i \frac{\partial S}{\partial x} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} + i\phi \frac{\partial^2 S}{\partial x^2} - \phi \left(\frac{\partial S}{\partial x} \right)^2 \right] + \\ &+ \{ V(x, t) - i\hbar\nu [\ln \phi - \langle \ln \phi \rangle + i(S - \langle S \rangle)] \} \times \phi(x, t), \quad (2.1.1.3) \end{aligned}$$

Separating the real and imaginary parts of the relation (2.1.1.3), results:

a) imaginary part

$$\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial t} = -\frac{\hbar}{2m} \left(2 \frac{\partial S}{\partial x} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} + \phi \frac{\partial^2 S}{\partial x^2} \right) - \nu (\ln \phi - \langle \ln \phi \rangle), \quad (2.1.1.4)$$

b) real part

$$-\hbar \frac{\partial S}{\partial t} = -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \left[\frac{1}{\phi} \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial x^2} - \left(\frac{\partial S}{\partial x} \right)^2 \right] + V(x, t) + \hbar\nu (S - \langle S \rangle). \quad (2.1.1.5)$$

2.1.2. Dynamics of the Schuch-Chung-Hartmann Equation

Now, let us see the correlation between the expressions (2.1.1.3-4) and the traditional equations of the Ideal Fluid Dynamics: [6] a) *Continuity Equation*, b) *Euler's equation* (for conservative systems) or b') *Navier-Stokes equation* (for non-conservative systems). To do is let us perform the following correspondences:

$$\sqrt{\rho(x, t)} = \phi(x, t), \quad (2.1.2.1) \quad (\text{quantum mass density})$$

$$v_{qu}(x, t) = \frac{\hbar}{m} \frac{\partial S(x, t)}{\partial x}, \quad (2.1.2.2) \quad (\text{quantum velocity})$$

$$V_{qu}(x, t) = -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \frac{1}{\sqrt{\rho}} \frac{\partial^2 \sqrt{\rho}}{\partial x^2} = -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial x^2}. \quad (2.1.2.3a,b) \quad (\text{Bohm quantum potential})$$

Putting eq. (2.1.2.1,2) into (2.1.1.3) we get:

$$\frac{\partial \sqrt{\rho}}{\partial t} = -\frac{\hbar}{2m} (2 \frac{\partial S}{\partial x} \frac{\partial \sqrt{\rho}}{\partial x} + \sqrt{\rho} \frac{\partial^2 S}{\partial x^2}) \rightarrow$$

$$\frac{1}{2\sqrt{\rho}} \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} = -\frac{\hbar}{2m} (2 \frac{\partial S}{\partial x} \frac{1}{2\sqrt{\rho}} \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial x} + \sqrt{\rho} \frac{\partial^2 S}{\partial x^2}) \rightarrow$$

$$\frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} = -\frac{\hbar}{m} (\frac{\partial S}{\partial x} \frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial^2 S}{\partial x^2}) \rightarrow$$

$$\frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} = -\frac{\partial}{\partial x} (\frac{\hbar}{m} \frac{\partial S}{\partial x}) - \frac{1}{\rho} (\frac{\hbar}{m} \frac{\partial S}{\partial x}) \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial x} \rightarrow$$

$$\frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} = -\frac{\partial v_{qu}}{\partial x} - \frac{v_{qu}}{\rho} \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial x} \rightarrow$$

$$\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} + \rho \frac{\partial v_{qu}}{\partial x} + v_{qu} \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial x} = 0 \rightarrow$$

$$\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial(\rho v_{qu})}{\partial x} = 0, \quad (2.1.2.4)$$

which represents the continuity equation of the mass conservation law of the Fluid Dynamics. [6] We must note that this expression also indicates coherence of the considered physical system represented by (2.1.1).

Now, let us see the correlation between the expressions (2.1.1.4-5) and the traditional equations of the Ideal Fluid Dynamics. [6] Thus, putting the eqs. (2.1.2.3a,b) into the eq. (2.1.1.4), we obtain: [2]

$$\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial(\rho v_{qu})}{\partial x} = -\nu \rho (\ell n \rho - \langle \ell n \rho \rangle), \quad (2.1.2.5)$$

expression that indicates decoherence of the considered physical system represented by the Schuch-Chung-Hartmann Equation (*SCH – E*) [eq. (2.1.1)]; then the *Continuity Equation* it is not preserved.

Now, let us obtained another dynamic equation of the *SCH – E*. Considering the eqs. (2.1.2.1-3b) and (2.1.1.5), we obtain: [2]

$$\hbar \left[\frac{\partial S}{\partial t} + \nu (S - - < S >) + \frac{1}{2} m v_{qu}^2 + V + V_{qu} \right] = 0. \quad (2.1.2.6)$$

Considering that:

$$< f(x, t) > = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \rho(x, t) f(x, t) dx = g(t), \quad (2.1.2.7)$$

then:

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x} < S(x, t) > = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \rho(x, t) S(x, t) dx = \frac{\partial g(t)}{\partial x} = 0. \quad (2.1.2.8)$$

Now, differentiating the eq. (2.1.1.3) with respect x , and using the eqs. (2.1.2.1-3b) and (2.1.2.4), we have: [2]

$$\frac{\partial v_{qu}}{\partial t} + v_{qu} \frac{\partial v_{qu}}{\partial x} + \nu v_{qu} = - \frac{1}{m} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} (V + V_{qu}), \quad (2.1.2.9a)$$

where:

$$V_{qu}(x, t) = \frac{\hbar^2}{4 m a^2(t)} - \frac{\hbar^2}{8 m a^4(t)} \times [x - q(t)]^2. \quad (2.1.2.9b)$$

We observe that the eq. (2.1.2.9a) has the aspect of the *Navier-Stokes Equation* [6] for a real fluid in movement.

Considering the "substantive differentiation" (local plus convective) or "hidrodynamical differentiation": $d/dt = \partial/\partial t + v_{qu} \partial/\partial x$ and that $v_{qu} = dx_{qu}/dt$, the eqs. (2.1.2.9a,b) could be written as:

$$\frac{d^2 x}{dt^2} + \nu \frac{dx}{dt} = - \frac{1}{m} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} [V(x, t) + V_{qu}(x, t)], \quad (2.1.2.10)$$

what has a form of the *Dissipative Second Newton Law*, being the terms of the second member, respectively, the *classical newtonian force* and the *quantum bohmian force*.

2.1.3. The Quantum Wave Packet of the Linearized Schuch-Chung-Hartmann Equation along a Classical Trajectory

In order to find the quantum wave packet of the linearized Schuch-Chung-Hartmann Equation (*SCH – E*) along a classical trajetory, we must calculate one *modified quantum velocity* (v_{qum}) that satisfating the *Continuity Equation*. Considering the *ansatz*: [7]

$$\rho(x, t) = [2\pi a^2(t)]^{-1/2} \exp \left(- \frac{[x - q(t)]^2}{2 a^2(t)} \right), \quad (2.1.3.1)$$

where $a(t)$ and $q(t)$ are auxiliary functions of time, to be determined in what follows; they represent the *width* and *center of mass of wave packet*, respectively, we can prove that: [2]

$$\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial x} = -\rho \frac{[x - q(t)]}{a^2}, \quad (2.1.3.2)$$

and:

$$\ell n \rho - <\ell n \rho> = -\frac{a^2(t)}{2\rho} \frac{\partial^2 \rho}{\partial x^2}. \quad (2.1.3.3)$$

Putting the eq. (2.1.3.3) into eq. (2.1.2.5), results:

$$\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial(\rho v_{qu})}{\partial x} = -\nu \rho \left(-\frac{a^2}{2\rho} \frac{\partial^2 \rho}{\partial x^2} \right) = \frac{\nu a^2}{2} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left(\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial x} \right) \rightarrow$$

$$\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left[\rho \left(v_{qu} - \frac{\nu a^2}{2\rho} \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial x} \right) \right] = 0. \quad (2.1.3.4)$$

Defining: [7]

$$v_{qum} = v_{qu} - \frac{\nu}{2} \frac{a^2}{\rho} \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial x}, \quad (2.1.3.5)$$

then the eq. (2.1.3.4) will be the form:

$$\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial(\rho v_{qum})}{\partial x} = 0, \quad (2.1.3.6)$$

expression that indicates coherence of the $SCH - E$.

So, using the same operational protocol of the [8], results:

$$v_{qum}(x, t) = \frac{\dot{a}(t)}{a(t)} [x - q(t)] + \dot{q}(t). \quad (2.1.3.7)$$

Considering the eqs. (2.1.3.2,5,7), we have:

$$v_{qu}(x, t) \equiv \frac{dx(t)}{dt} = \left[\frac{\dot{a}(t)}{a(t)} - \frac{\nu}{2} \right] \times [x - q(t)] + \dot{q}(t). \quad (2.1.3.8)$$

We observe that the integration of the eq. (2.1.3.8) give us the *bohmian quantum trajectory* of the physical system represented by $SCH - E$.

To obtain the quantum wave packet $[\Psi(x, t)]$ of the $SCH - E$ given by eq. (2.5.1), let us expand the functions $S(x, t)$, $V(x, t)$, and $V_{qu}(x, t)$ around of $q(t) = <x>$ up to *second Taylor order*. In this way, we have:

$$S(x, t) = S[q(t), t] + S'[q(t), t] \times [x - q(t)] + \frac{S''[q(t), t]}{2} \times [x - q(t)]^2, \quad (2.1.3.9)$$

$$V(x, t) = V[q(t), t] + V'[q(t), t] \times [x - q(t)] + \frac{V''[q(t), t]}{2} \times [x - q(t)]^2, \quad (2.1.3.10)$$

$$V_{qu}(x, t) = V_{qu}[q(t), t] + V'_{qu}[q(t), t] \times [x - q(t)] +$$

$$+ \frac{1}{2} V''_{qu}[q(t), t] \times [x - q(t)]^2, \quad (2.1.3.11)$$

where $(')$ and $('')$ means, respectively: $\frac{\partial}{\partial q}$ and $\frac{\partial^2}{\partial q^2}$.

Differentiating the eq. (2.1.3.9) in the variable x , multiplying the result by \hbar/m and using the eqs. (2.1.2.2) and (2.1.3.8), results:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\hbar}{m} \frac{\partial S(x, t)}{\partial x} &= \frac{\hbar}{m} \{ S'[q(t), t] + S''[q(t), t] \times [x - q(t)] \} = v_{qu}(x, t) = \\ &= \left[\frac{\dot{a}(t)}{a(t)} - \frac{\nu}{2} \right] \times [x - q(t)] + \dot{q}(t) \rightarrow \end{aligned}$$

$$S'[q(t), t] = \frac{m \dot{q}(t)}{\hbar}, \quad S''[q(t), t] = \frac{m}{\hbar} \left[\frac{\dot{a}(t)}{a(t)} - \frac{\nu}{2} \right]. \quad (2.1.3.12a,b)$$

Substituting the eqs. (2.1.3.12a,b) into eq. (2.1.3.9), we have:

$$S(x, t) = S_0(t) + \frac{m \dot{q}(t)}{\hbar} \times [x - q(t)] + \frac{m}{2\hbar} \left[\frac{\dot{a}(t)}{a(t)} - \frac{\nu}{2} \right] \times [x - q(t)]^2, \quad (2.1.3.13a)$$

where:

$$S_o(t) \equiv S[q(t), t]. \quad (2.1.3.13b)$$

Now, considering that:

$$\int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} z^n \exp(-z^2) dz = \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{\pi}; \quad 0; \quad \sqrt{\pi}, \quad (n = 2; 1; 0) \quad (2.1.3.14a-c)$$

and using the eqs. (2.1.2.7), (2.1.3.1) and (2.1.3.13a), results: [7]

$$\langle S \rangle = S_0(t) + a^2(t) \times \frac{m}{2\hbar} \left[\frac{\dot{a}(t)}{a(t)} - \frac{\nu}{2} \right]. \quad (2.1.3.15)$$

Differentiating the eq. (2.1.3.13a) in relation to the time t and using the eqs. (2.1.3.2) and (2.1.3.13b), results (remember that $\partial x/\partial t = 0$): [8]

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial S(x, t)}{\partial t} &= \dot{S}_o(t) - \frac{m \dot{q}^2(t)}{\hbar} + \frac{m}{\hbar} \{ \ddot{q}(t) - \dot{q}(t) \left[\frac{\dot{a}(t)}{a(t)} - \frac{\nu}{2} \right] \} \times [x - q(t)] + \\ &+ \frac{m}{2\hbar} \left[\frac{\ddot{a}(t)}{a(t)} - \frac{\dot{a}^2(t)}{a^2(t)} \right] \times [x - q(t)]^2. \quad (2.1.3.16) \end{aligned}$$

Using the eqs. (2.1.1.5), (2.1.2.2) and (2.1.2.3b), we obtain:

$$\begin{aligned} -\hbar \frac{\partial S}{\partial t} &= [-\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \frac{1}{\phi} \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial x^2} + \frac{m}{2} (\frac{\hbar}{m} \frac{\partial S}{\partial x})^2] + V(x, t) + \hbar \nu (S - \langle S \rangle) \rightarrow \\ \hbar \frac{\partial S}{\partial t} + \frac{m}{2} v_{qu}^2 + V(x, t) + V_{qu}(x, t) + \hbar \nu (S - \langle S \rangle) &= 0. \quad (2.1.3.17) \end{aligned}$$

Inserting the eqs. (2.1.2.9b) and (2.1.3.8,10,11,13a,15) into eq. (2.1.3.17), ordering the result in potencies of $[x, q(t)]$, and considering that $(x - q)^o = 1$, we have: [8]

$$\begin{aligned} \{ \hbar \dot{S}_o(t) - \frac{m}{2} \dot{q}^2(t) - \frac{m \nu}{2} a^2(t) \times [\frac{\dot{a}(t)}{a(t)} - \frac{\nu}{2}] + V[q(t), t] + \frac{\hbar^2}{4m a^2(t)} \} \times [x - q(t)]^0 + \\ + \{ m \ddot{q}(t) + m \nu \dot{q}(t) + V'[q(t), t] \} \times [x - q(t)] + \\ + \{ \frac{m}{2} \frac{\ddot{a}(t)}{a(t)} - \frac{m \nu^2}{8} + \frac{1}{2} V''[q(t), t] - \frac{\hbar^2}{8m a^4(t)} \} \times [x - (q)t]^2 &= 0. \quad (2.1.3.18) \end{aligned}$$

As the above relation [eq. (2.1.3.18)] is an identically null polynomium, the coefficients of the potencies must be all equal to zero, that is:

$$\dot{S}_o(t) = \frac{1}{\hbar} \{ \frac{m}{2} \dot{q}^2(t) - V[q(t), t] + \frac{m \nu}{2} a^2(t) \times [\frac{\dot{a}(t)}{a(t)} - \frac{\nu}{2}] - \frac{\hbar^2}{4m a^2(t)} \}, \quad (2.1.3.19)$$

$$\ddot{q}(t) + \nu \dot{q}(t) + \frac{1}{m} V'[q(t), t] = 0, \quad (2.1.3.20)$$

$$\ddot{a}(t) + \nu \dot{a}(t) + \frac{1}{m} \{ V''[q(t), t] - \frac{\nu^2}{4} \} \times a(t) = \frac{\hbar^2}{4m^2 a^3(t)}. \quad (2.1.3.21)$$

Now, let us consider that $V[q(t), t]$ is given by:

$$V[q(t), t] = \frac{1}{2} m \omega^2(t) q^2(t), \quad (2.1.3.22)$$

which is the Time Dependent Harmonic Oscillator Potencial).

In this case, we have:

$$V'[q(t), t] = m \omega^2(t) q(t), \quad V''[q(t), t] = m \omega^2(t). \quad (2.1.3.23a,b)$$

Putting the eqs. (2.1.3.23a,b) into eqs. (2.1.3.20,21), results:

$$\ddot{q}(t) + \nu \dot{q}(t) + \omega^2(t) q(t) = 0, \quad (2.1.3.24)$$

$$\ddot{a}(t) + \nu \dot{a}(t) + [\omega^2(t) - \frac{\nu^2}{4m}] a(t) = \frac{\hbar^2}{4m^2 a^3(t)}. \quad (2.1.3.25)$$

Assuming that the following initial conditions are obeyed:

$$q(0) = x_o, \quad \dot{q}(0) = v_o, \quad a(0) = a_o, \quad \dot{a}(0) = b_o, \quad (2.1.3.26a-d)$$

and that:

$$S_o(0) = \frac{m v_o x_o}{\hbar}, \quad (2.1.3.27)$$

the integration of the expression (2.1.3.19) and considering the eq. (2.1.3.22) will be given by:

$$\begin{aligned} S_o(t) = & \frac{1}{\hbar} \int_o^t dt' \left\{ \frac{m}{2} \dot{q}^2(t') + \frac{m \nu}{2} \left[\frac{\dot{a}(t')}{a(t')} - \frac{\nu}{2} \right] - \frac{1}{2} m \omega^2(t') q^2(t') - \frac{\hbar^2}{4 m a^2(t')} \right\} + \\ & + \frac{m v_o x_o}{\hbar}. \quad (2.1.3.28) \end{aligned}$$

Taking into account the eq. (2.1.3.28) in the eq. (2.1.3.13a) and considering the eq. (2.1.3.13b), results:

$$\begin{aligned} S(x, t) = & \frac{1}{\hbar} \int_o^t dt' \left\{ \frac{m}{2} \dot{q}^2(t') + \frac{m \nu}{2} a^2(t') \times \left[\frac{\dot{a}(t')}{a(t')} - \frac{\nu}{2} \right] - \right. \\ & - \frac{1}{2} m \omega^2(t') q^2(t') - \frac{\hbar^2}{4 m a^2(t')} \left. \right\} + \frac{m v_o x_o}{\hbar} + \\ & + \frac{m \dot{q}(t)}{\hbar} \times [x - q(t)] + \frac{m}{2 \hbar} \left[\frac{\dot{a}(t)}{a(t)} - \frac{\nu}{2} \right] \times [x - q(t)]^2. \quad (2.1.3.29) \end{aligned}$$

The eq. (2.1.3.29) permit us, finally, to obtain the wave packet for the linearized Schuch-Chung-Hartmann Equation (*SCH* – *E*) along a classical trajectory. Indeed, considering the eqs. (2.1.1.1), (2.1.3.1b), (2.1.2.1), (2.1.3.1) and (2.1.3.29), we get: [8]

$$\begin{aligned} \Psi(x, t) = & [2 \pi a^2(t)]^{-1/4} \times \exp \left(\left\{ \frac{i m}{2 \hbar} \left[\frac{\dot{a}(t)}{a(t)} - \frac{\nu}{2} \right] - \frac{1}{4 a^2(t)} \right\} \times [x - q(t)]^2 \right) \times \\ & \times \exp \left\{ \frac{i m \dot{q}(t)}{\hbar} \times [x - q(t)] + \frac{i m v_o x_o}{\hbar} \right\} \times \\ & \times \exp \left(\left(\frac{i}{\hbar} \int_o^t dt' \left\{ \frac{m}{2} m \dot{q}^2(t') + \frac{m \nu}{2} a^2(t') \times \left[\frac{\dot{a}'(t')}{a(t')} - \frac{\nu}{2} \right] - \right. \right. \right. \\ & \left. \left. \left. - \frac{1}{2} m \omega^2(t') q^2(t') - \frac{\hbar^2}{4 m a^2(t')} \right\} \right) \right). \quad (2.1.3.30) \end{aligned}$$

2.1.4. The Bohmian Trajectories for the Schuch-Chung-Hartmann Equation

The associated Bohmian Trajectories, [9]-[13] for the Schuch-Chung-Hartmann Equation (*SCH* – *E*) of an evolving *i*th particle of the ensemble with an initial position x_{0i} can be calculated by considering that:

$$\dot{x}_i(t) = v_{qu}[x_i(t), t]. \quad (2.1.4.1)$$

Then substituting the eq. (2.1.4.1) into eq. (2.1.3.8), results:

$$\dot{x}_i(t) = \left[\left(\frac{\dot{a}(t)}{a(t)} - \frac{\nu}{2} \right) \times [x - q(t)] + \dot{q}(t) \right] \rightarrow$$

$$x_i(t) = \int_{t_0}^t \left\{ \left[\left(\frac{\dot{a}(t')}{a(t')} - \frac{\nu}{2} \right) \times [x - q(t')] + \dot{q}(t') \right] \right\} dt'. \quad (2.1.4.2)$$

The eqs. (2.1.3.24,25) show that a continuous measurement of a quantum wave packet gives specific features to its evolution: the appearance of distinct classical and quantum elements, respectively. This measurement consist of monitoring the position of quantum systems and the result is the measured classical path $q(t)$ for t within a quantum uncertainty $a(t)$.

From the eq. (2.1.3.25), we note that for $\nu \neq 0$ a stationary regime can be reached and that the width $[a(t)]$ of the wave packet can be related to the resolution of measurement as follows. Then considering that $a(t) = cte$ [$\dot{a}(t) = 0$; $a(t_0) = a_0$] in the eq. (2.1.3.25) and considering the t_0 the *initial time*, we have:

$$\omega_0^2(t_0) = \frac{\nu^2}{4m} + \left(\frac{1}{\tau_B}\right)^2, \quad (2.1.4.3a)$$

where [9, 14]:

$$\tau_B = \left(\frac{2m a_0^2}{\hbar} \right) = 6,8 \times 10^{-26} s, \quad (2.1.4.1.3b)$$

is the *Bohmtime constant* which determines the time resolution of the quantum measurement. By the eqs. (2.1.4.3a,b) we observe that, as $\nu \neq 0$, then: $t_0 \neq 0$.

3. Conclusion

The eqs. (2.1.4.3a,b) means that if an initially free wave packet is kept under a certain continuous measurement, its (a_0) may not spread in time. Then, the associated *Bohmian Trajectories* of an evolving *i*th particle of the ensemble with an initial position x_{0i} is giving by the eq. (2.1.4.2).

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