

Multipolar Post-Minkowskian Formalism

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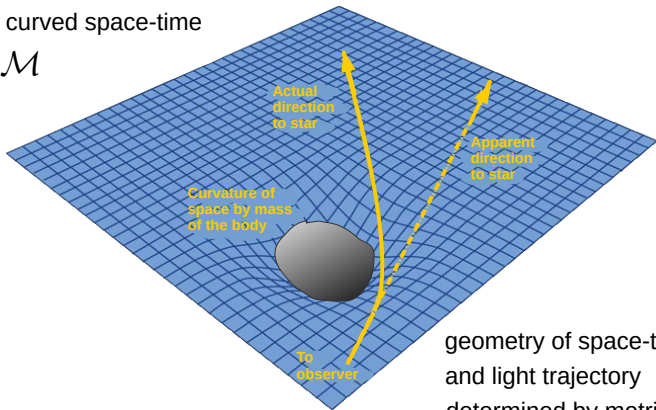
1. Introduction

1.1 Light trajectory through the solar system

- astrometry needs to determine light trajectory $\mathbf{x}(t)$

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1.2 The geodesic equation

- light trajectory $\mathbf{x}(t)$ determined by geodesic equation

$$\frac{\ddot{x}^i(t)}{c^2} + \Gamma_{\mu\nu}^i \frac{\dot{x}^\mu(t)}{c} \frac{\dot{x}^\nu(t)}{c} - \Gamma_{\mu\nu}^0 \frac{\dot{x}^\mu(t)}{c} \frac{\dot{x}^\nu(t)}{c} \frac{\dot{x}^i(t)}{c} = 0 \quad (1)$$

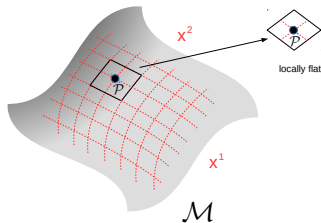
- Christoffel symbols are functions of metric tensor

$$\Gamma_{\mu\nu}^\alpha = \frac{1}{2} g^{\alpha\beta} \left(\frac{\partial g_{\beta\mu}}{\partial x^\nu} + \frac{\partial g_{\beta\nu}}{\partial x^\mu} - \frac{\partial g_{\mu\nu}}{\partial x^\beta} \right) \quad (2)$$

- sum convention: $A^\mu B_\mu = \sum_{\mu=0}^3 A^\mu B_\mu$ and $A^i B_i = \sum_{i=1}^3 A^i B_i$
- Talk is concerned with metric $g_{\mu\nu}$ of solar system bodies

1.3 The space-time as semi-Riemannian manifold

- set of points $\mathcal{P} \in \mathcal{M}$ (Hausdorff space)
- each point $\mathcal{P} \in \mathcal{M}$ is mapped by coordinates $x^\mu(\mathcal{P})$
- locally at any $\mathcal{P} \in \mathcal{M}$ flat Minkowskian space-time



- $\mathcal{P} \in \mathcal{M}$ possible space-time event iff gauge is fixed , i.e.:
- space-time described by manifold and metric $(\mathcal{M}, \mathbf{g})$
 - $(\mathcal{M}, \mathbf{g})$ not unique: two pairs $(\mathcal{M}, \mathbf{g}_1)$ and $(\mathcal{M}, \mathbf{g}_2)$ are isometric if $\Phi^* \mathbf{g}_1 = \mathbf{g}_2$ where $\Phi \in \text{diff}(\mathcal{M})$ is an element of all diffeomorphisms $\text{diff}(\mathcal{M})$ on \mathcal{M} (equivalence class)
 - space-time described by one member of equivalence class
 - in practice: gauge is fixed by four coordinate conditions

1.3.1 Classical differential geometry

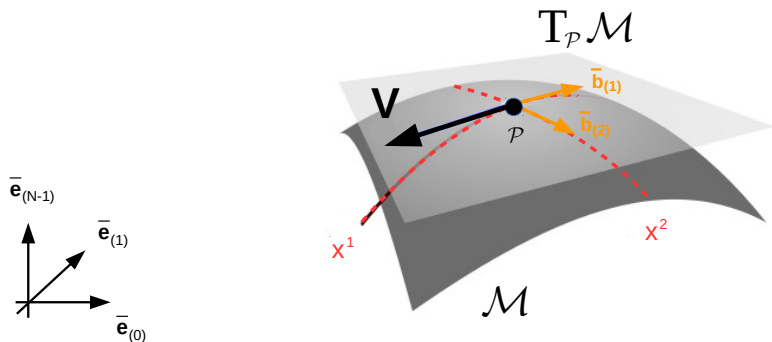
- C.F.Gauß, B. Riemann, E.B. Christoffel, G. Ricci, H. Weyl
T. Levi-Civita, A. Einstein, M. Grossmann, D. Hilbert
- illustrative approach for (local) basis vectors:
tangent vectors along coordinate lines $\bar{\mathbf{b}}_{(\mu)} \in T_{\mathcal{P}}\mathcal{M}$
and their dual vectors $\bar{\mathbf{b}}^{(\mu)} \in T_{\mathcal{P}}^*\mathcal{M}$

1.3.2 Subsequent developments in differential geometry

- E. Cartan, F. Hausdorff, J.A. Schouten, C. Chevalley,
J.L. Koszul, N. Nomizu
- abstract approach for (local) basis vectors:
partial derivatives (of some scalar function) $\bar{\partial}_{(\mu)} \in T_{\mathcal{P}}\mathcal{M}$
and their dual vectors (one-forms) $\bar{\mathbf{d}}x^{(\mu)} \in T_{\mathcal{P}}^*\mathcal{M}$

educational representation of both approaches in [Ref.\[1\]](#)

1.3.3 Tangent space of semi-Riemannian manifold



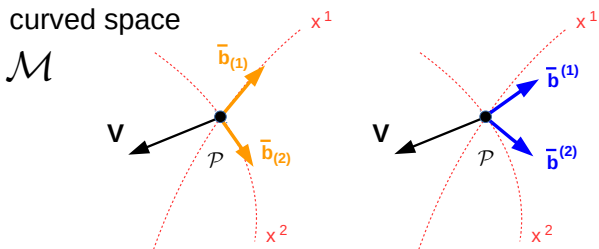
- $T_{\mathcal{P}}\mathcal{M}$ is Minkowskian space: $n = \dim T_{\mathcal{P}}\mathcal{M} = \dim \mathcal{M}$
- \mathcal{M} and $T_{\mathcal{P}}\mathcal{M}$ assumed to be embedded in \mathbb{R}^N ($N > n$)
- basis in \mathbb{R}^N : $\bar{\mathbf{e}}_{(\mu)} \cdot \bar{\mathbf{e}}_{(\nu)} = \eta_{\mu\nu} = \underbrace{\text{diag}(-1, +1, \dots, +1)}_N$
- $\bar{\mathbf{b}}_{(\mu)}$ expanded in terms of $\bar{\mathbf{e}}_{(\mu)}$, so $\bar{\mathbf{b}}_{(\mu)} \cdot \bar{\mathbf{b}}_{(\nu)}$ and $\bar{\mathbf{b}}_{(\mu)} \otimes \bar{\mathbf{b}}_{(\nu)}$ defined in terms of $\bar{\mathbf{e}}_{(\mu)} \cdot \bar{\mathbf{e}}_{(\nu)}$ and $\bar{\mathbf{e}}_{(\mu)} \otimes \bar{\mathbf{e}}_{(\nu)}$, respectively

Some comments are in order:

- embedding of manifold \mathcal{M} in \mathbb{R}^N is always possible:
 - (a) Riemann manifolds: Whitney(1936), Nash(1956)
 - (b) semi-Riemann manifolds: Clarke(1970), Greene(1970)
- embedding of \mathcal{M} in \mathbb{R}^N is a theoretical construction and then tensor components w.r.t. basis vectors $\bar{\mathbf{b}}_{(\mu)}$ and $\bar{\mathbf{b}}^{(\mu)}$
- however: manifold \mathcal{M} exists without embedding in \mathbb{R}^N and then tensor components w.r.t. basis vectors $\bar{\partial}_{(\mu)}$ and $\bar{\mathbf{d}}_{\mathbf{x}}^{(\mu)}$
- both approaches, either $\bar{\mathbf{b}}_{(\mu)}$, $\bar{\mathbf{b}}^{(\mu)}$ or $\bar{\partial}_{(\mu)}$, $\bar{\mathbf{d}}_{\mathbf{x}}^{(\mu)}$, lead to the same transformation law of tensor components as given by the second equation in [Section 1.5.2](#)
- Ricci calculus (starting in [Section 3](#)) does not refer to basis vectors explicitly and does not use embedding, but just applies this transformation law of tensor components

1.4 The natural and dual basis

1.4.1 Example: 2-dimensional space



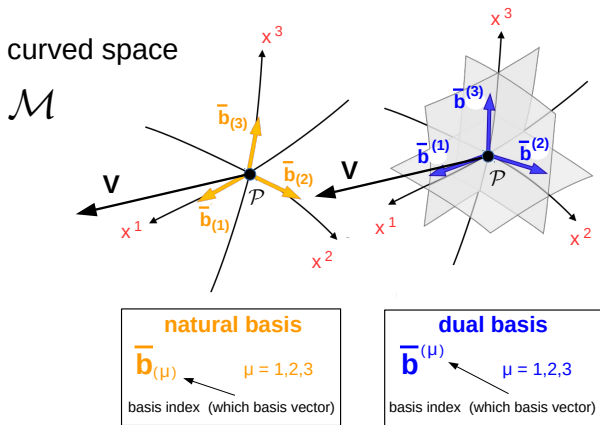
natural basis
 $\bar{\mathbf{b}}^{(\mu)}$ $\mu = 1, 2$
basis index (which basis vector)

dual basis
 $\bar{\mathbf{b}}^{(\mu)}$ $\mu = 1, 2$
basis index (which basis vector)

$$\bar{\mathbf{b}}^{(\mu)} \cdot \bar{\mathbf{b}}^{(\nu)} = \delta_{\mu}^{\nu} \quad \text{where} \quad \mu, \nu = 1, 2 \quad (3)$$

- $\bar{\mathbf{b}}^{(\mu)} \in T_{\mathcal{P}}\mathcal{M} \dots$ tangent space at $\mathcal{P} \in \mathcal{M}$
- $\bar{\mathbf{b}}^{(\mu)} \in T_{\mathcal{P}}^*\mathcal{M} \dots$ dual tangent space at $\mathcal{P} \in \mathcal{M}$

1.4.2 Example: 3-dimensional space



$$\bar{\mathbf{b}}^{(\mu)} \cdot \bar{\mathbf{b}}^{(\nu)} = \delta_{\mu}^{\nu} \quad \text{where} \quad \mu, \nu = 1, 2, 3 \quad (4)$$

- $\bar{\mathbf{b}}^{(\mu)} \in T_{\mathcal{P}}\mathcal{M} \dots$ tangent space at $\mathcal{P} \in \mathcal{M}$
- $\bar{\mathbf{b}}^{(\mu)} \in T_{\mathcal{P}}^*\mathcal{M} \dots$ dual tangent space at $\mathcal{P} \in \mathcal{M}$

- in general case: $\bar{\mathbf{b}}_{(\mu)}$ and $\bar{\mathbf{b}}^{(\mu)}$ are not unit vectors
- \mathbf{V} developed in natural basis and dual basis

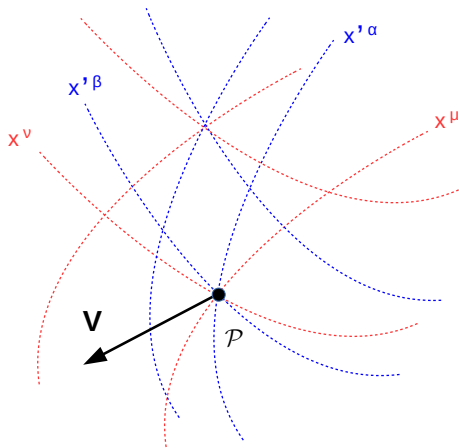
$$\mathbf{V} = V^\mu \bar{\mathbf{b}}_{(\mu)} = V_\mu \bar{\mathbf{b}}^{(\mu)} \quad (5)$$

- in oblique and curvilinear coordinate systems:
 - natural and dual basis different $\bar{\mathbf{b}}_{(\mu)} \neq \bar{\mathbf{b}}^{(\mu)}$
 - contravariant and covariant components different $V^\mu \neq V_\mu$
- only in Cartesian coordinate systems:
 - natural and dual basis coincide $\bar{\mathbf{b}}_{(\mu)} = \bar{\mathbf{b}}^{(\mu)}$
 - contravariant and covariant components coincide $V^\mu = V_\mu$

1.5 Coordinate transformations from $\{x\}$ to $\{x'\}$

- How transform basis and vector components?

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1.5.1 Transformation of basis and vector components

- natural basis and contravariant components

$$\bar{\mathbf{b}}_{(\beta')} = B^{\nu}_{\beta'} \bar{\mathbf{b}}_{(\nu)} \quad V^{\alpha'} = A^{\alpha'}_{\mu} V^{\mu} \quad (6)$$

- dual basis and covariant components

$$\bar{\mathbf{b}}^{(\alpha')} = A^{\alpha'}_{\mu} \bar{\mathbf{b}}^{(\mu)} \quad V_{\beta'} = B^{\nu}_{\beta'} V_{\nu} \quad (7)$$

- Jacobian and inverse Jacobian

$$A^{\alpha'}_{\mu} = \left(\frac{\partial x^{\alpha'}}{\partial x^{\mu}} \right) \quad \text{and} \quad B^{\nu}_{\beta'} = \left(\frac{\partial x^{\nu}}{\partial x^{\beta'}} \right) \quad (8)$$

1.5.2 Transformation of tensor components

- tensor \mathbf{T} is a generalization of vector \mathbf{V} in Eq. (5)
- \mathbf{T} developed in natural basis and dual basis

$$\mathbf{T} = \underbrace{T^{\mu_1 \dots \mu_k}_{\nu_1 \dots \nu_l}}_{\text{tensor components}} \underbrace{\bar{\mathbf{b}}_{(\mu_1)} \otimes \dots \otimes \bar{\mathbf{b}}_{(\mu_k)}}_{\text{natural basis}} \underbrace{\bar{\mathbf{b}}^{(\nu_1)} \otimes \dots \otimes \bar{\mathbf{b}}^{(\nu_l)}}_{\text{dual basis}}$$

- transformation of components of \mathbf{T}

$$T^{\alpha'_1 \dots \alpha'_k}_{\beta'_1 \dots \beta'_l} = A^{\alpha'_1}_{\mu_1} \dots A^{\alpha'_k}_{\mu_k} B^{\nu_1}_{\beta'_1} \dots B^{\nu_l}_{\beta'_l} T^{\mu_1 \dots \mu_k}_{\nu_1 \dots \nu_l}$$

- \mathbf{T} are called tensors of rank (k, l) (geometrical objects)

1.5.3 Usefulness of covariant and contravariant components

1. complete tensor contraction ($k = l$) yields scalars

$$\begin{aligned} S'_1 &= T^{\alpha'_1}_{\alpha'_1} &= T^{\mu_1}_{\mu_1} &= S_1 \\ S'_2 &= T^{\alpha'_1\alpha'_2}_{\alpha'_1\alpha'_2} &= T^{\mu_1\mu_2}_{\mu_1\mu_2} &= S_2 \\ &\vdots && \\ S'_k &= T^{\alpha'_1\dots\alpha'_k}_{\alpha'_1\dots\alpha'_k} &= T^{\mu_1\dots\mu_k}_{\mu_1\dots\mu_k} &= S_k \end{aligned} \quad (9)$$

2. incomplete tensor contraction yields new tensors

$$T^{\mu_1\dots\mu_n\dots\mu_k}_{\nu_1\dots\nu_n\dots\nu_l} \quad (10)$$

3. tensor relations valid in any coordinate system, e.g.

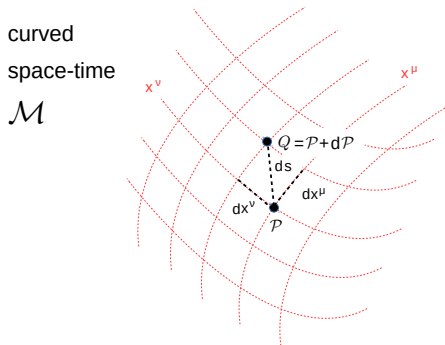
$$U^{\alpha'_1\alpha'_2}_{\beta'_1} = W^{\alpha'_1\alpha'_2}_{\beta'_1} \iff U^{\mu_1\mu_2}_{\nu_1} = W^{\mu_1\mu_2}_{\nu_1} \quad (11)$$

2. The metric tensor

2.1 Definition of metric tensor by line element

- definition of line element

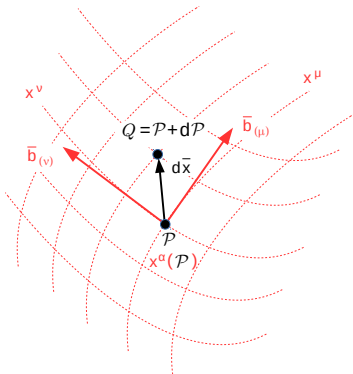
$$ds^2 = g_{\mu\nu} dx^\mu dx^\nu \quad (12)$$



- How to get $g_{\mu\nu}$?

- consider line element as norm $ds^2 = d\bar{x} \cdot d\bar{x}$ of vector $d\bar{x}$

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- $d\bar{x}$... four-vector with components dx^μ with $\mu = 0, 1, 2, 3$
- $\bar{\mathbf{b}}_{(\mu)}$... four basis vectors with $\mu = 0, 1, 2, 3$ at $\mathcal{P} \in \mathcal{M}$

$$d\bar{x} = dx^\mu \bar{\mathbf{b}}_{(\mu)}$$

(13)

- then the line element is given by

$$ds^2 = \bar{\mathbf{b}}_{(\mu)} \cdot \bar{\mathbf{b}}_{(\nu)} dx^\mu dx^\nu = \bar{\mathbf{b}}^{(\mu)} \cdot \bar{\mathbf{b}}^{(\nu)} dx_\mu dx_\nu \quad (14)$$

- metric tensor components (Eq. (44) in [1])

$$g_{\mu\nu} = \bar{\mathbf{b}}_{(\mu)} \cdot \bar{\mathbf{b}}_{(\nu)} \quad \text{and} \quad g^{\mu\nu} = \bar{\mathbf{b}}^{(\mu)} \cdot \bar{\mathbf{b}}^{(\nu)} \quad (15)$$

note that $g^{\mu\nu} = g_{\mu\nu}^{-1}$ i.e. $g^{\mu\alpha} g_{\alpha\nu} = \delta_\nu^\mu$

- metric tensor (Eq. (47) in [1])

$$\mathbf{g} = g_{\mu\nu} \bar{\mathbf{b}}^{(\mu)} \otimes \bar{\mathbf{b}}^{(\nu)} = g^{\mu\nu} \bar{\mathbf{b}}_{(\mu)} \otimes \bar{\mathbf{b}}_{(\nu)} \quad (16)$$

often it is not distinguished between ds^2 and $g_{\mu\nu}$ and \mathbf{g}

- metric has $n(n+1)/2$ independent components in n -dimensional space because of symmetry $g_{\mu\nu} = g_{\nu\mu}$
- e.g.: 10 independent components in 4-dimensional space

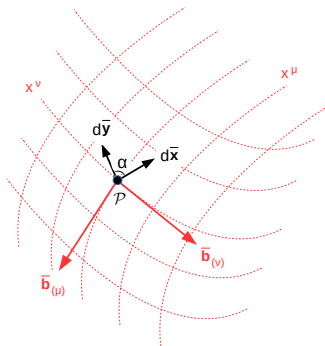
$$g_{\mu\nu} = \begin{pmatrix} g_{00} & g_{01} & g_{02} & g_{03} \\ g_{10} & g_{11} & g_{12} & g_{13} \\ g_{20} & g_{21} & g_{22} & g_{23} \\ g_{30} & g_{31} & g_{32} & g_{33} \end{pmatrix} \quad (17)$$

2.2 The metric tensor and angles

- consider two infinitesimal vectors $d\bar{\mathbf{x}}, d\bar{\mathbf{y}} \in T_P \mathcal{M}$

$$d\bar{\mathbf{x}} = dx^\mu \bar{\mathbf{b}}_{(\mu)} \quad \text{and} \quad d\bar{\mathbf{y}} = dy^\nu \bar{\mathbf{b}}_{(\nu)} \quad (18)$$

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$$\cos \alpha = \frac{d\bar{\mathbf{x}} \cdot d\bar{\mathbf{y}}}{\|d\bar{\mathbf{x}}\| \|d\bar{\mathbf{y}}\|} = \frac{g_{\mu\nu} dx^\mu dy^\nu}{\sqrt{g_{\alpha\beta} dx^\alpha dx^\beta} \sqrt{g_{\alpha\beta} dy^\alpha dy^\beta}} \quad (19)$$

2.3 The metric tensor and converting components

- contravariant in covariant components by metric tensor

$$\begin{aligned} V_\mu &= g_{\mu\alpha} V^\alpha \\ T_{\mu\nu} &= g_{\mu\alpha} g_{\nu\beta} T^{\alpha\beta} \end{aligned} \quad (20)$$

- covariant in contravariant components by metric tensor

$$\begin{aligned} V^\mu &= g^{\mu\alpha} V_\alpha \\ T^{\mu\nu} &= g^{\mu\alpha} g^{\nu\beta} T_{\alpha\beta} \end{aligned} \quad (21)$$

- mathematical foundation behind Eqs. (20) and (21)
Musical Isomorphism between $T_{\mathcal{P}}\mathcal{M}$ and $T_{\mathcal{P}}^*\mathcal{M}$ [2]

2.4 Examples for the metric tensor

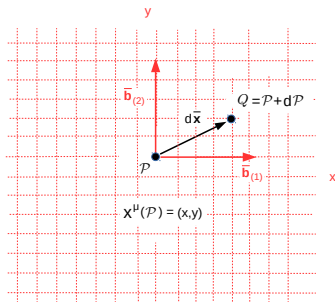
2.4.1 Metric tensor of flat space \mathbb{R}^2 in Cartesian coordinates

- Cartesian coordinates: $(x^1, x^2) = (x, y)$

2-dimensional
space
 $\mathcal{M} = \mathbb{R}^2$

$$\bar{\mathbf{b}}_{(1)} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \bar{\mathbf{e}}_x$$

$$\bar{\mathbf{b}}_{(2)} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \bar{\mathbf{e}}_y$$



- metric tensor

$$g_{\mu\nu} = \bar{\mathbf{b}}_{(\mu)} \cdot \bar{\mathbf{b}}_{(\nu)} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (22)$$

- line element

$$ds^2 = g_{\mu\nu} dx^\mu dx^\nu = dx^2 + dy^2 \quad (23)$$

2.4.2 Metric tensor of flat space \mathbb{R}^2 in Polar coordinates

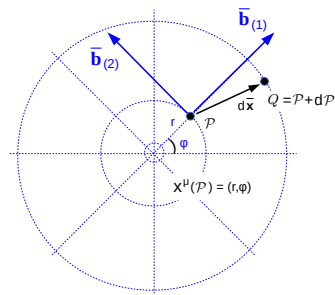
- Polar coordinates: $(x^1, x^2) = (r, \varphi)$

2-dimensional
space

$$\mathcal{M} = \mathbb{R}^2$$

$$\bar{\mathbf{b}}_{(1)} = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \varphi \\ \sin \varphi \end{pmatrix} = \bar{\mathbf{e}}_r$$

$$\bar{\mathbf{b}}_{(2)} = \begin{pmatrix} -r \sin \varphi \\ r \cos \varphi \end{pmatrix} = r \bar{\mathbf{e}}_\varphi$$



- metric tensor

$$g_{\mu\nu} = \bar{\mathbf{b}}_{(\mu)} \cdot \bar{\mathbf{b}}_{(\nu)} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & r^2 \end{pmatrix} \quad (24)$$

- line element

$$ds^2 = g_{\mu\nu} dx^\mu dx^\nu = dr^2 + r^2 d\varphi^2 \quad (25)$$

2.4.3 Some important conclusions

(1) metric components $g_{\mu\nu}$ different in different coordinates

$$g_{\mu\nu} \neq g_{\mu\nu} \quad (26)$$

but distance in Eq. (23) is the same as in Eq. (25)

$$ds_g^2(P, Q) = ds_g^2(P, Q) \quad (27)$$

i.e. distance is independent of chosen coordinates

(2) therefore: metric \mathbf{g} as geometrical object remains the same under (passive) change of coordinates

$$\mathbf{g} = \mathbf{g} \quad (28)$$

- conclusions (1) and (2) are valid in general

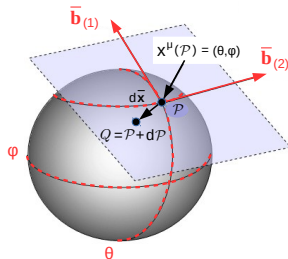
2.4.4 Metric tensor of sphere S^2 in spherical coordinates

- Spherical coordinates: $(x^1, x^2) = (\theta, \varphi)$

2-dimensional
space
 $\mathcal{M} = S^2$

$$\bar{\mathbf{b}}_{(1)} = \begin{pmatrix} R \cos \theta \cos \varphi \\ R \cos \theta \sin \varphi \\ -R \sin \theta \end{pmatrix} = R \bar{\mathbf{e}}_{\theta}$$

$$\bar{\mathbf{b}}_{(2)} = \begin{pmatrix} -R \sin \theta \cos \varphi \\ R \sin \theta \sin \varphi \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = R \sin \theta \bar{\mathbf{e}}_{\varphi}$$



- metric tensor

$$g_{\mu\nu} = \bar{\mathbf{b}}_{(\mu)} \cdot \bar{\mathbf{b}}_{(\nu)} = \begin{pmatrix} R^2 & 0 \\ 0 & R^2 \sin^2 \theta \end{pmatrix} \quad (29)$$

- line element

$$ds^2 = g_{\mu\nu} dx^\mu dx^\nu = R^2 d\theta^2 + R^2 \sin^2 \theta d\varphi^2 \quad (30)$$

3. The field equations of gravity

3.1 Einstein's field equations of gravity

- metric tensor $g_{\alpha\beta}$ is determined by the field equations

$$\underbrace{R_{\alpha\beta} - \frac{1}{2} g_{\alpha\beta} R}_{\text{curvature of space}} = \underbrace{\frac{8\pi G}{c^4} T_{\alpha\beta}}_{\text{matter}} \quad (31)$$

- Ricci tensor ("Ricci curvature" of space-time)

$$R_{\alpha\beta} = \Gamma_{\alpha\beta, \mu}^{\mu} - \Gamma_{\alpha\mu, \beta}^{\mu} + \Gamma_{\mu\nu}^{\mu} \Gamma_{\alpha\beta}^{\nu} - \Gamma_{\alpha\mu}^{\nu} \Gamma_{\nu\beta}^{\mu} \quad (32)$$

- Ricci scalar

$$R = R_{\alpha\beta} g^{\alpha\beta} \quad (33)$$

- Riemann-Christoffel tensor (curvature of space-time)

$$R^{\mu}{}_{\alpha\nu\beta} = \Gamma_{\alpha\beta, \nu}^{\mu} - \Gamma_{\alpha\nu, \beta}^{\mu} + \Gamma_{\nu\rho}^{\mu} \Gamma_{\alpha\beta}^{\rho} - \Gamma_{\alpha\nu}^{\rho} \Gamma_{\rho\beta}^{\mu} \quad (34)$$

- stress-energy tensor of matter $T_{\alpha\beta}$
- $T_{\alpha\beta} = T_{\beta\alpha}$ hence only 10 independent components

$$T_{\alpha\beta} = \begin{pmatrix} T_{00} & T_{01} & T_{02} & T_{03} \\ T_{10} & T_{11} & T_{12} & T_{13} \\ T_{20} & T_{21} & T_{22} & T_{23} \\ T_{30} & T_{31} & T_{32} & T_{33} \end{pmatrix} \quad (35)$$

- T_{00} ... energy-density
- T_{0j} ... energy-flux in x^j -direction
- T_{jk} ... flux of x^j -component of momentum in x^k -direction

- Eqs. (31) represent 10 equations for 10 components of $g_{\alpha\beta}$ but they are not independent of each other
- 4 Bianchi identities

$$\left(R^{\alpha\beta} - \frac{1}{2} g^{\alpha\beta} R \right)_{;\beta} = 0 \quad \implies \quad T^{\alpha\beta}_{;\beta} = 0 \quad (36)$$

covariant derivative for scalar S , vector V^α , tensor $T^{\alpha\beta}$

$$\begin{aligned} S_{;\mu} &= S_{,\mu} \\ V^\alpha_{;\mu} &= V^\alpha_{,\mu} + \Gamma^\alpha_{\mu\nu} V^\nu \\ T^{\alpha\beta}_{;\mu} &= T^{\alpha\beta}_{,\mu} + \Gamma^\alpha_{\mu\nu} T^{\nu\beta} + \Gamma^\beta_{\mu\nu} T^{\alpha\nu} \end{aligned} \quad (37)$$

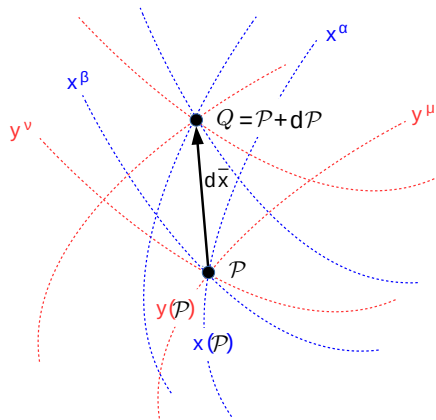
Therefore:

- Eqs. (31) represent only 6 independent equations
- Eqs. (31) determine $g_{\alpha\beta}$ up to (4 passive or 4 active) coordinate transformations

3.2 Invariance of GR by passive coordinate transformations

- keep points of \mathcal{M} fixed and change coordinates

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- passive coordinate transformation implies four equations

$$\boxed{x(\mathcal{P}) \implies y(\mathcal{P})} \quad (38)$$

- passive coordinate transformations do not change ds^2 of points $P, Q \in \mathcal{M}$

$$ds^2 = g_{\alpha\beta}(x(\mathcal{P})) dx^\alpha dx^\beta = g_{\mu\nu}(y(\mathcal{P})) dy^\mu dy^\nu \quad (39)$$

- Eq. (39) means that these sets are physically equivalent (i.e. these sets describe the very same physical system)

$$(\mathcal{M}, g_{\alpha\beta}(x)) \iff (\mathcal{M}, g_{\mu\nu}(y)) \quad (40)$$

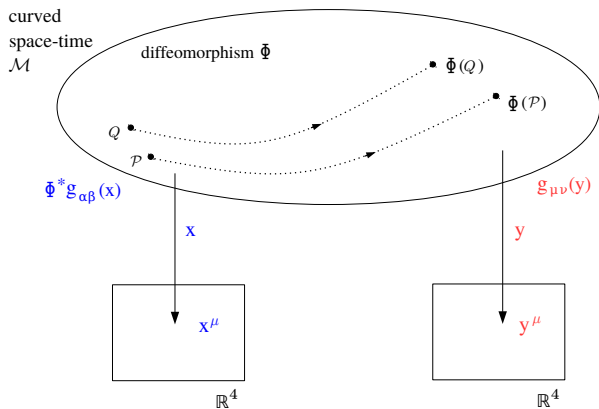
- Eq. (39) implies transformation

$$g_{\alpha\beta}(x(\mathcal{P})) = \frac{\partial y^\mu}{\partial x^\alpha} \frac{\partial y^\nu}{\partial x^\beta} g_{\mu\nu}(y(\mathcal{P})) \quad (41)$$

- $g_{\alpha\beta}$ and $g_{\mu\nu}$ components of same metric: $\mathbf{g} = \mathbf{g}$

3.3 Invariance of GR by active coordinate transformations

- keep coordinates fixed and change points of \mathcal{M}



- active coordinate transformation implies four equations

$$\boxed{x(P) \implies x(\Phi(P)) = y(P) \quad \forall P \in \mathcal{M}} \quad (42)$$

- active coordinate transformations do not change ds^2 of points $\mathcal{P}, Q \in \mathcal{M}$ and their images $\Phi(\mathcal{P}), \Phi(Q) \in \mathcal{M}$

$$ds^2 = \Phi^* g_{\alpha\beta}(\mathcal{P}, Q) dx^\alpha dx^\beta = g_{\mu\nu}(\Phi(\mathcal{P}), \Phi(Q)) dy^\mu dy^\nu \quad (43)$$

- where $\Phi^* g_{\alpha\beta} \dots$ pulled-back metric ($\Phi^* \mathbf{g} = \mathbf{g}$)
- $g_{\alpha\beta}$ and $g_{\mu\nu}$ components of distinct metrics: $\mathbf{g} \neq \mathbf{g}$
- Eq. (43) means that these sets are **isometric** (p.227 in [3]) i.e.: they are physically equivalent (*Leibniz equivalence*)

$$(\mathcal{M}, \Phi^* g_{\alpha\beta}(x)) \iff (\mathcal{M}, g_{\mu\nu}(y)) \quad (44)$$

- Eq. (43) implies transformation

$$\Phi^* g_{\alpha\beta}(x(\mathcal{P})) = \frac{\partial y^\mu}{\partial x^\alpha} \frac{\partial y^\nu}{\partial x^\beta} g_{\mu\nu}(y(\mathcal{P})) \quad (45)$$

- if Φ proceeds along congruence of Killing vector field then $\mathbf{g} = \mathbf{g}$ and in this case Φ is an **isometry** (p.43 in [3])
- one has carefully to distinguish **isometric** and **isometry**

3.4 Landau-Lifschitz formulation of gravity

- exact reformulation of Eqs. (31) by Landau-Lifschitz [4, 5]

$$H^{\alpha\mu\beta\nu}{}_{,\mu\nu} = \frac{16\pi G}{c^4} (-g) (T^{\alpha\beta} + t_{LL}^{\alpha\beta}) \quad (46)$$

- super potential

$$H^{\alpha\mu\beta\nu} = \bar{g}^{\alpha\beta} \bar{g}^{\mu\nu} - \bar{g}^{\alpha\nu} \bar{g}^{\beta\mu} \quad (47)$$

- metric density

$$\bar{g}^{\alpha\beta} = \sqrt{-g} g^{\alpha\beta} \quad (48)$$

- $g = \det(g_{\mu\nu})$... determinant of metric tensor
- $t_{LL}^{\alpha\beta}$... Landau-Lifschitz pseudo-tensor
given by Eq. (6.5) in Poisson and Will, *Gravity* (2014)

- LL formulation (i.e. Eq. (46)) is a reformulation of GR as a non-linear field theory in flat background space-time \mathcal{M}_0 (diagrammatical representation is given in Section 4.1)

- cf. text in

D. Keppel, D.A. Nichols, Y. Chen, K.S. Thorne,
Physical Review D **80** (2009) 124015:

"... one reformulates the Einstein equations as a nonlinear field theory in the space of that flat auxiliary metric..."

"... Landau-Lifshitz formulation of general relativity as a nonlinear field theory in flat space-time..."

- general-covariant LL formulation as non-linear field theory in flat background space-time has been developed in [5]

- Eq. (46) is valid in any curvilinear coordinates which cover the flat background manifold \mathcal{M}_0
- Eq. (46) represents 10 equations for 10 components of $\bar{g}^{\alpha\beta}$ but they are not independent of each other
- 4 identity relations

$$\boxed{H^{\alpha\mu\beta\nu}{}_{,\mu\nu\beta} = 0 \quad \Longrightarrow \quad \underbrace{\left[(-g) \left(T^{\alpha\beta} + t_{LL}^{\alpha\beta} \right) \right]_{,\beta}}_{\text{local law of conservation}} = 0} \quad (49)$$

- Eq. (46) represents only 6 independent equations
- Eq. (46) determines $\bar{g}^{\alpha\beta}$ up to (4 passive or 4 active) coordinate transformations
- Eq. (49) related to global energy-momentum conservation as it will be discussed in Section 3.5

- metric density

$$\bar{g}^{\alpha\beta} = \sqrt{-g} g^{\alpha\beta} \quad \text{with} \quad g = \det(g_{\mu\nu}) \quad (50)$$

- orthogonality relation

$$\bar{g}^{\alpha\mu} \bar{g}_{\mu\beta} = \delta_{\beta}^{\alpha} \quad (51)$$

allows to switch between upper and lower components

- metric tensor

$$g^{\alpha\beta} = \sqrt{-\bar{g}} \bar{g}^{\alpha\beta} \quad \text{with} \quad \bar{g} = \det(\bar{g}_{\mu\nu}) \quad (52)$$

- orthogonality relation

$$g^{\alpha\mu} g_{\mu\beta} = \delta_{\beta}^{\alpha} \quad (53)$$

allows to switch between upper and lower components

3.5 The energy-momentum conservation

- local conservation law (49) admits global conservation law of energy-momentum for isolated systems

$$\frac{dP^\alpha}{dt} = \underbrace{\frac{d}{dt} \int d^3x (-g) (T^{\alpha\beta} + t_{LL}^{\alpha\beta})}_{\text{global law of conservation}} = 0 \quad (54)$$

- statements valid if (54) Minkowskian at spatial infinity:
 - integral (54) is convergent
 - integral (54) is coordinate-independent
 - integral (54) is global energy-momentum conservation
- (i) E. Poisson, C. Will "Gravity" (Box 6.1)
- (ii) C. Misner, K. Thorne, J. Wheeler "Gravitation" (§20.5)

4. Field equations of gravity in flat space

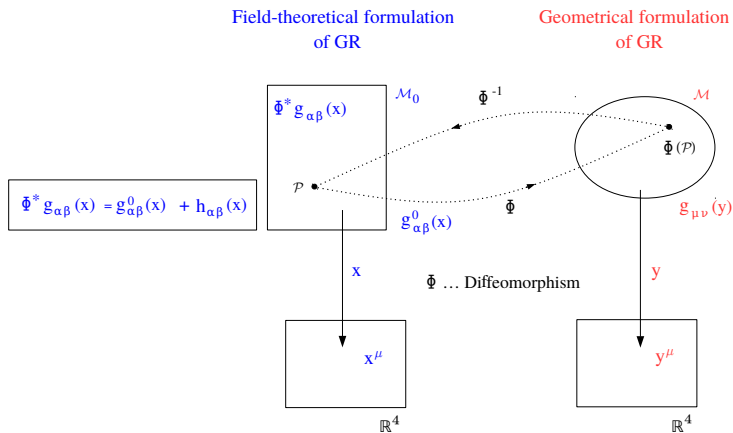
4.1 Einstein's field equations of gravity in flat space

- as mentioned LL is reformulation of GR in flat space-time
- separation of $g_{\alpha\beta}$ in flat metric $g_{\alpha\beta}^0$ and perturbation $h_{\alpha\beta}$

$$\boxed{g_{\alpha\beta}(x) = g_{\alpha\beta}^0(x) + h_{\alpha\beta}(x)} \quad (55)$$

- $h_{\alpha\beta}$ propagates in flat background space-time
- many physicists developed field-theoretical formulation:
M. Fierz, N. Rosen, A. Papapetrou, S.N. Gupta, S. Deser,
R. Kraichnan, W. Thirring, F.J. Belifante, L.D. Landau,
J.M. Lifschitz, R. Feynman, S. Weinberg, S.W. Hawking,
S.V. Babak, L.P. Grishchuk, A.N. Petrov, A.D. Popova,
- an excellent historical overview is given by:
J. Brian Pitts, W.C. Schieve (2018) in gr-qc/0111004
Null Cones in Lorentz-Covariant General Relativity

- Eq. (55) in language of differential geometry



$$\Phi^* g_{\alpha\beta}(x) = \frac{\partial y^\mu}{\partial x^\alpha} \frac{\partial y^\nu}{\partial x^\beta} g_{\mu\nu}(y) \quad (56)$$

- active coordinate transformations do not change ds^2

$$\begin{aligned}
 ds^2 &= \underbrace{g_{\mu\nu}(y) dy^\mu dy^\nu}_{\text{in } \mathcal{M}} = \underbrace{\Phi^* g_{\alpha\beta}(x) dx^\alpha dx^\beta}_{\text{in } \mathcal{M}_0} \\
 &= \underbrace{g_{\alpha\beta}^0(x) dx^\alpha dx^\beta}_{ds_0^2 \text{ in } \mathcal{M}_0} + \underbrace{h_{\alpha\beta}(x)}_{\text{fields in } \mathcal{M}_0} \underbrace{dx^\alpha dx^\beta}_{\text{in } \mathcal{M}_0}
 \end{aligned}
 \tag{57}$$

- Eq. (57) means that these sets

$$\boxed{(\mathcal{M}_0, \Phi^* g_{\alpha\beta}(x)) \iff (\mathcal{M}, g_{\mu\nu}(y))}
 \tag{58}$$

describe the same physical system equivalently in spite that manifolds \mathcal{M}_0 and \mathcal{M} are not isometric

$$\boxed{g_{\alpha\beta}^0(x) \neq \frac{\partial y^\mu}{\partial x^\alpha} \frac{\partial y^\nu}{\partial x^\beta} g_{\mu\nu}(y)}
 \tag{59}$$

4.2 Landau-Lifschitz formulation in flat space

- instead to insert (55) into Einstein's field equations (31) Landau-Lifschitz formulation (46) is more appropriate to get field-theoretical formulation of GR in closed form
- separation of metric $g_{\alpha\beta}$ into flat metric $g_{\alpha\beta}^0 = \eta_{\alpha\beta}$ and perturbation $h_{\alpha\beta}$ implies in terms of metric density:

$$\boxed{\bar{g}^{\alpha\beta} = \eta^{\alpha\beta} - \bar{h}^{\alpha\beta}} \quad (60)$$

- harmonic gauge

$$\boxed{\bar{h}^{\alpha\beta}_{,\beta} = 0 \quad \iff \quad \square_g x^\alpha = 0} \quad (61)$$

- curved d'Alembert: $\square_g = (-g)^{-1/2} \partial_\mu \left((-g)^{1/2} g^{\mu\nu} \right) \partial_\nu$
- curved d'Alembert in harmonic coordinates: $\square_g = g^{\mu\nu} \partial_\mu \partial_\nu$

- inserting (60) and (61) into (46) yields non-linear wave-equation in flat background manifold \mathcal{M}_0

$$\square \bar{h}^{\alpha\beta} = -\frac{16\pi G}{c^4} (\tau^{\alpha\beta} + t^{\alpha\beta}) \quad \text{with } \square = \eta^{\mu\nu} \partial_\mu \partial_\nu \quad (62)$$

- Eq. (62) so-called relaxed Einstein's field equations
- $\tau^{\alpha\beta} = (-g) T^{\alpha\beta}$
- $t^{\alpha\beta} = (-g) (t_{LL}^{\alpha\beta} + t_H^{\alpha\beta})$
- $t_H^{\alpha\beta}$... harmonic gauge term
given by Eq. (6.53) in Poisson and Will, *Gravity* (2014)
- $\bar{h}^{\alpha\beta}_{,\beta} = 0$ equivalent to local conservation law Eq. (49)

$$\left(\tau^{\alpha\beta} + t^{\alpha\beta} \right)_{,\beta} = 0 \quad \iff \quad \bar{h}^{\alpha\beta}_{,\beta} = 0 \quad (63)$$

5. The residual gauge transformation

5.1 The class of harmonic coordinates

- harmonic coordinates not uniquely determined by Eq. (61)

$$\square_g x^\alpha = 0$$

- consider a coordinate transformation of the form

$$x'^\alpha = x^\alpha + \varphi^\alpha(x) \quad (64)$$

- these new coordinates $\{x'\}$ are also harmonic if

$$\square_g \varphi^\alpha(x) = 0 \quad (65)$$

- Eq. (61) selects a class of infinitely many harmonic systems

- it is advantageous to adopt the following convention:

$$\boxed{x'^{\alpha} = x^{\alpha} + \varphi^{\alpha}(x)}$$

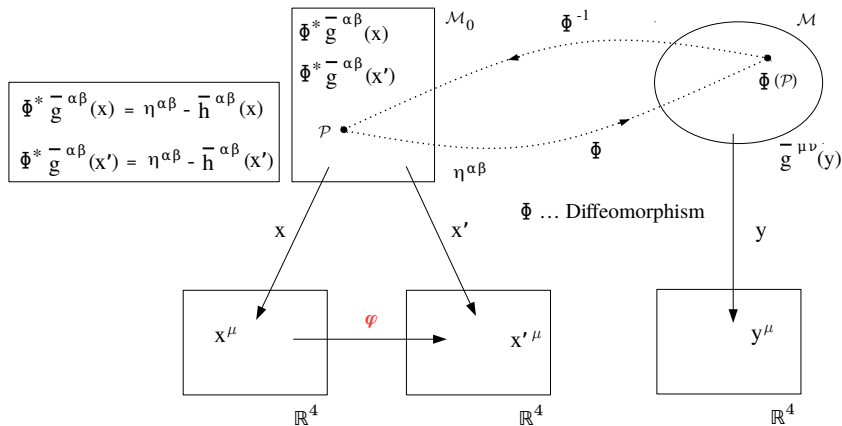
- $\{x'\}$ are curvilinear harmonic coordinates which map \mathcal{M}_0
- $\{x\}$ are Minkowskian coordinates which map \mathcal{M}_0
- $\varphi^{\alpha}(x)$ are gauge functions in Minkowskian coordinates
- note that Eq. (65) implies $\bar{g}^{\mu\nu} \partial_{\mu} \partial_{\nu} \varphi^{\alpha} = 0$
- hence Eq. (65) using Eq. (60) can be written in the form

$$\boxed{\square \varphi^{\alpha}(x) - \bar{h}^{\mu\nu} \partial_{\mu} \partial_{\nu} \varphi^{\alpha}(x) = 0} \quad (66)$$

5.2 Diagrammatical representation of Eq. (60) and Eq. (64)

Field-theoretical formulation
of GR

Geometrical formulation
of GR



5.3 The residual gauge transformation of metric density

- change of metric density under coordinate transformations

$$\bar{g}'^{\alpha\beta}(x') = \frac{1}{|J(x)|} \frac{\partial x'^{\alpha}}{\partial x^{\mu}} \frac{\partial x'^{\beta}}{\partial x^{\nu}} \bar{g}^{\mu\nu}(x) \quad (67)$$

- where J is Jacobian determinant of Eq. (64)
- series expansion yields in Minkowskian system $\{x\}$

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{g}'^{\alpha\beta} &= \bar{g}^{\alpha\beta} + \left(\frac{1}{|J|} - 1 \right) \bar{g}^{\alpha\beta} \\ &+ \frac{1}{|J|} \left(\varphi^{\alpha}_{,\mu} \bar{g}^{\mu\beta} + \varphi^{\beta}_{,\nu} \bar{g}^{\nu\alpha} + \varphi^{\alpha}_{,\mu} \varphi^{\beta}_{,\nu} \bar{g}^{\mu\nu} \right) \\ &- \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n!} \bar{g}'^{\alpha\beta}_{,\mu_1 \dots \mu_n} \varphi^{\mu_1} \dots \varphi^{\mu_n} \end{aligned} \quad (68)$$

- the gauge terms have no impact on observables

5.4 The residual gauge transformation of metric tensor

- change of metric tensor under coordinate transformations

$$\mathbf{g}_{\alpha\beta}(x) = \frac{\partial x'^{\mu}}{\partial x^{\alpha}} \frac{\partial x'^{\nu}}{\partial x^{\beta}} \mathbf{g}'_{\mu\nu}(x') \quad (69)$$

- series expansion yields in Minkowskian system $\{x\}$

$$\mathbf{g}_{\alpha\beta} = \mathbf{g}'_{\alpha\beta} + \varphi^{\mu}_{,\alpha} \mathbf{g}'_{\mu\beta} + \varphi^{\nu}_{,\beta} \mathbf{g}'_{\nu\alpha} + \varphi^{\mu}_{,\alpha} \varphi^{\nu}_{,\beta} \mathbf{g}'_{\mu\nu} + \left(\delta^{\mu}_{\alpha} + \varphi^{\mu}_{,\alpha}\right) \left(\delta^{\nu}_{\beta} + \varphi^{\nu}_{,\beta}\right) \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n!} \mathbf{g}'_{\mu\nu, \mu_1 \dots \mu_n} \varphi^{\mu_1} \dots \varphi^{\mu_n} \quad (70)$$

- the gauge terms have no impact on observables

6. Post-Minkowskian formalism

6.1 Post-Minkowskian expansion of field equations

- exact field equations in Eq. (62) were given by:

$$\square \bar{h}^{\alpha\beta} = -\frac{16\pi G}{c^4} \left(\tau^{\alpha\beta} + t^{\alpha\beta} \right) \quad (71)$$

- perturbation of metric and metric density in powers of G

$$h_{\alpha\beta} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} G^n h_{\alpha\beta}^{(n\text{PM})} \quad \text{and} \quad \bar{h}^{\alpha\beta} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} G^n \bar{h}^{\alpha\beta}_{(n\text{PM})} \quad (72)$$

- "energy-momentum tensors" in powers of G

$$\begin{aligned} \tau^{\alpha\beta} &= T^{\alpha\beta} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} G^n \tau_{(n\text{PM})}^{\alpha\beta} \\ t^{\alpha\beta} &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} G^n t_{(n\text{PM})}^{\alpha\beta} \end{aligned} \quad (73)$$

- yields hierarchy of field equations in flat background manifold \mathcal{M}_0 covered by Cartesian coordinates $\{x\}$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \square \bar{h}_{(1\text{PM})}^{\alpha\beta} &= -\frac{16\pi}{c^4} T^{\alpha\beta} \\
 \square \bar{h}_{(2\text{PM})}^{\alpha\beta} &= -\frac{16\pi}{c^4} \left(\tau_{(1\text{PM})}^{\alpha\beta} + t_{(1\text{PM})}^{\alpha\beta} \right) \\
 &\vdots \\
 \square \bar{h}_{(n\text{PM})}^{\alpha\beta} &= -\frac{16\pi}{c^4} \left(\tau_{((n-1)\text{PM})}^{\alpha\beta} + t_{((n-1)\text{PM})}^{\alpha\beta} \right)
 \end{aligned} \tag{74}$$

- Eqs. (74) solved by iteration
- $T^{\alpha\beta}$ is stress-energy of matter in special relativity
- harmonic gauge must be satisfied order by order

$$\boxed{\bar{h}_{(n\text{PM})}^{\alpha\beta},_{\beta} = 0} \tag{75}$$

ensures local law of conservation due to Eq. (63)

6.2 Post-Minkowskian expansion of residual gauge fields

- post-Minkowskian series of residual gauge fields

$$\varphi^\alpha(x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} G^n \varphi_{(n\text{PM})}^\alpha(x) \quad (76)$$

- inserting Eq. (76) and Eq. (72) into Eq. (66) yields

$$\begin{aligned} \square \varphi^{\alpha(1\text{PM})}(x) &= 0 \\ \square \varphi^{\alpha(2\text{PM})}(x) &= \bar{h}_{(1\text{PM})}^{\mu\nu} \varphi_{,\mu\nu}^{\alpha(1\text{PM})} \\ &\quad \vdots \\ \square \varphi^{\alpha(n\text{PM})}(x) &= \sum_{m=1}^{n-1} \bar{h}_{((n-m)\text{PM})}^{\mu\nu} \varphi_{,\mu\nu}^{\alpha(m\text{PM})} \end{aligned} \quad (77)$$

6.2.1 The residual gauge transformation of metric tensor

- inserting (72) and (76) into (70) yields in $\{x\}$

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} G^n h_{\alpha\beta}^{(n\text{PM})} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} G^n \left(h'_{\alpha\beta}{}^{(n\text{PM})} + \partial\varphi_{\alpha\beta}^{(n\text{PM})} + \Omega_{\alpha\beta}^{(n\text{PM})} \right) \quad (78)$$

- linear gauge terms for metric tensor

$$\partial\varphi_{\alpha\beta}^{(n\text{PM})} = \varphi_{,\alpha}^{\mu}{}^{(n\text{PM})} \eta_{\mu\beta} + \varphi_{,\beta}^{\mu}{}^{(n\text{PM})} \eta_{\mu\alpha} \quad (79)$$

- non-linear gauge terms for metric tensor

$$\Omega_{\alpha\beta}^{(n\text{PM})} = \Omega_{\alpha\beta}^{(n\text{PM})} \left[\varphi^{\mu}{}^{(m\text{PM})} \right] \quad \text{with } m < n \quad (80)$$

6.2.2 The residual gauge transformation of metric density

- inserting (72) and (76) into (68) yields in $\{x\}$

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} G^n \bar{h}_{(\text{nPM})}^{\alpha\beta} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} G^n \left(\bar{h}'^{\alpha\beta}_{(\text{nPM})} + \partial \bar{\varphi}_{(\text{nPM})}^{\alpha\beta} + \bar{\Omega}_{(\text{nPM})}^{\alpha\beta} \right) \quad (81)$$

- linear gauge terms for metric density

$$\partial \bar{\varphi}_{(\text{nPM})}^{\alpha\beta} = \varphi_{,\mu}^{\alpha(\text{nPM})} \eta^{\mu\beta} + \varphi_{,\mu}^{\beta(\text{nPM})} \eta^{\mu\alpha} - \varphi_{,\mu}^{\mu(\text{nPM})} \eta^{\alpha\beta} \quad (82)$$

- non-linear gauge terms for metric density

$$\bar{\Omega}_{(\text{nPM})}^{\alpha\beta} = \bar{\Omega}_{(\text{nPM})}^{\alpha\beta} \left[\varphi^{\mu(\text{mPM})} \right] \quad \text{with } m < n \quad (83)$$

7. MPM formalism

1. iterative approach to solve Eq. (74) outside isolated source in terms of symmetric tracefree multipoles
2. simplification by gauge transformation Eq. (81)

- pioneering work: K. Thorne (1980) [6]
- further developed: L. Blanchet and T. Damour (1986) [7]
- subsequent developments (1986 - 2008)
T. Damour, L. Blanchet, B. Iyer, G. Faye, P. Jaranowski,
G. Esposito-Farese, S. Sinha, S. Kopeikin, G. Schäfer

7.1 Definition of an isolated source of matter

1. compact source of matter inside sphere with radius r_0

$$T^{\alpha\beta}(t, \mathbf{x}) = 0 \quad \text{for } r > r_0 \quad (84)$$

where $r = |\mathbf{x}|$

2. Fock-Sommerfeld boundary conditions:
 - (a) asymptotically Minkowski space

$$\lim_{\substack{r \rightarrow \infty \\ t + \frac{r}{c} = \text{const}}} \bar{h}^{\alpha\beta}(t, \mathbf{x}) = 0 \quad (85)$$

- (b) no-incoming radiation

$$\lim_{\substack{r \rightarrow \infty \\ t + \frac{r}{c} = \text{const}}} \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial r} r \bar{h}^{\alpha\beta}(t, \mathbf{x}) + \frac{\partial}{\partial ct} r \bar{h}^{\alpha\beta}(t, \mathbf{x}) \right) = 0 \quad (86)$$

7.2 General MPM solution of metric density

- general solution of metric density

$$\bar{g}^{\text{gen } \alpha\beta} = \eta^{\alpha\beta} - \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} G^n \bar{h}_{(\text{nPM})}^{\text{gen } \alpha\beta} [I_L, J_L, W_L, X_L, Y_L, Z_L] \quad (87)$$

- simplification by gauge transformation

$$x_{\text{can}}^{\alpha} = x_{\text{gen}}^{\alpha} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} G^n \varphi_{(\text{nPM})}^{\alpha} (x_{\text{gen}}) \quad (88)$$

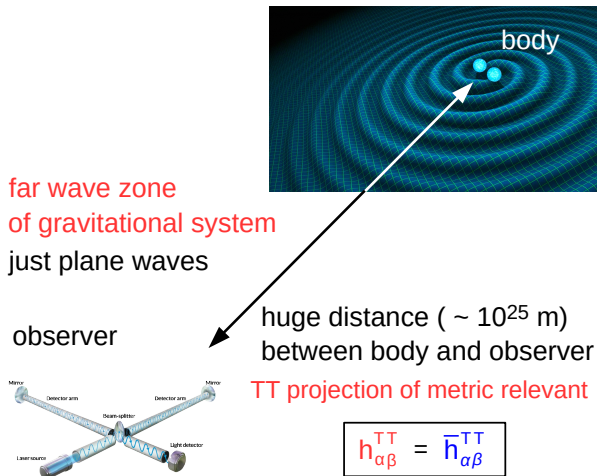
$$\bar{g}^{\text{can } \alpha\beta} = \bar{g}^{\text{gen } \alpha\beta} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} G^n \partial \bar{\varphi}_{(\text{nPM})}^{\alpha\beta} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} G^n \bar{\Omega}_{(\text{nPM})}^{\alpha\beta} \quad (89)$$

- canonical solution of metric density

$$\bar{g}^{\text{can } \alpha\beta} = \eta^{\alpha\beta} - \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} G^n \bar{h}_{(\text{nPM})}^{\text{can } \alpha\beta} [M_L, S_L] \quad (90)$$

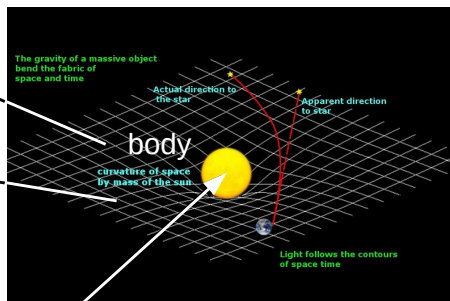
7.3 Why MPM is focussed on metric density?

- determination of gravitational waves in far-zone

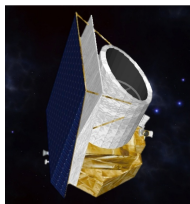


7.4 Why do we need metric tensor?

- determination of light trajectories in near-zone



near-zone
of gravitational system
not simply plane waves



observer

small distance ($\sim 10^{12}$ m)
between body and observer

entire metric relevant

$$h_{\alpha\beta} \neq \bar{h}_{\alpha\beta}$$

7.5 General MPM solution of metric tensor

- general solution of metric tensor

$$\mathbf{g}_{\text{gen } \alpha\beta} = \eta_{\alpha\beta} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} G^n h_{\text{gen } \alpha\beta}^{(\text{nPM})} [I_L, J_L, W_L, X_L, Y_L, Z_L] \quad (91)$$

- simplification by gauge transformation

$$x_{\text{can}}^{\alpha} = x_{\text{gen}}^{\alpha} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} G^n \varphi_{(\text{nPM})}^{\alpha} (x_{\text{gen}}) \quad (92)$$

$$\mathbf{g}_{\text{can } \alpha\beta} = \mathbf{g}_{\text{gen } \alpha\beta} - \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} G^n \partial \varphi_{\alpha\beta}^{(\text{nPM})} - \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} G^n \Omega_{\alpha\beta}^{(\text{nPM})} \quad (93)$$

- canonical solution of metric tensor

$$\mathbf{g}_{\text{can } \alpha\beta} = \eta_{\alpha\beta} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} G^n h_{\text{can } \alpha\beta}^{(\text{nPM})} [M_L, S_L] \quad (94)$$

8. MPM formalism in 1PM approximation

8.1 The field equations

- field equation and gauge condition

$$\square \bar{h}_{(1\text{PM})}^{\alpha\beta} = -\frac{16\pi}{c^4} T^{\alpha\beta} \text{ and } \bar{h}_{(1\text{PM}),\beta}^{\alpha\beta} = 0 \quad (95)$$

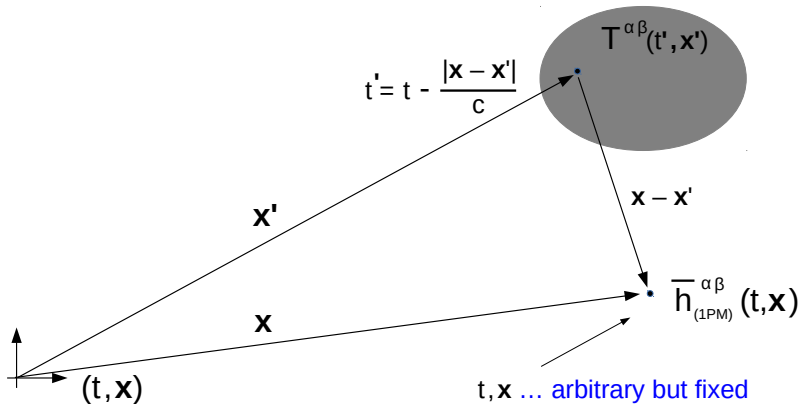
- solution

$$\bar{h}_{(1\text{PM})}^{\alpha\beta}(t, \mathbf{x}) = -\frac{16\pi}{c^4} \square_{\text{R}}^{-1} T^{\alpha\beta}(t, \mathbf{x}) \quad (96)$$

- inverse d'Alembert operator

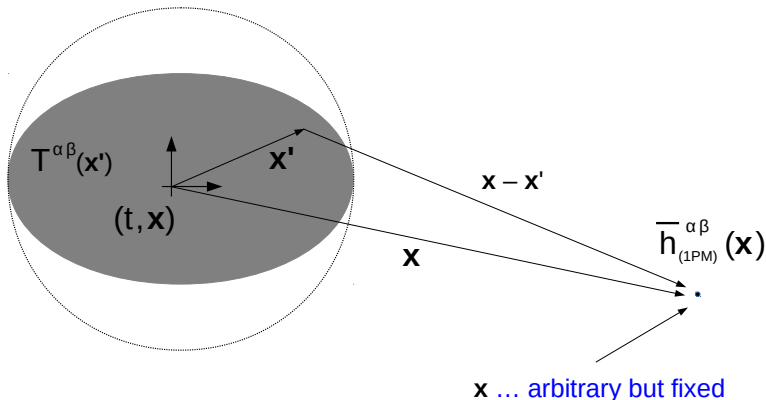
$$\square_{\text{R}}^{-1} f(t, \mathbf{x}) = -\frac{1}{4\pi} \int d^3x' \frac{f(t', \mathbf{x}')}{|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}'|} \quad (97)$$

- graphical representation of Eq. (96)
- variable \mathbf{x}' runs over three-dimensional space of source



8.2 Solution in terms of time-independent multipoles

- for motivation consider simple case: $T^{\alpha\beta}(\mathbf{x}') = \text{const}$
- origin of spatial coordinates has to be near body's CoM
- sphere with radius r_0 and $r = |\mathbf{x}|$, $r' = |\mathbf{x}'|$
- body enclosed in that sphere: $T^{\alpha\beta}(\mathbf{x}') = 0$ for $r' > r_0$



- series expansion valid for $r' < r$

$$\frac{1}{|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}'|} = \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^l}{l!} x'_L \partial_L \frac{1}{r} \quad (98)$$

- $x'_L = x'_{a_1} \dots x'_{a_l}$ and $\partial_L = \partial_{a_1 \dots a_l}$

- $x'_L \partial_L \frac{1}{r} = \sum_{a_1=1}^3 \sum_{a_2=1}^3 \dots \sum_{a_l=1}^3 x'_{a_1} \dots x'_{a_l} \partial_{a_1 \dots a_l} \frac{1}{r}$

- some examples reveal STF structure:

$$\begin{aligned} \partial_{a_1} \frac{1}{r} &= (-1)^1 \frac{x_{a_1}}{r^3} \\ \partial_{a_1 a_2} \frac{1}{r} &= (-1)^2 \left(3 \frac{x_{a_1} x_{a_2}}{r^5} - \frac{\delta_{a_1 a_2}}{r^3} \right) \\ &\vdots \\ \partial_L \frac{1}{r} &= (-1)^l \frac{(2l-1)!!}{r^{l+1}} \frac{x_{\langle a_1 \dots a_l \rangle}}{r^l} \end{aligned} \quad (99)$$

- from $n'_L \hat{n}_L = \hat{n}'_L \hat{n}_L$ follows

$$\boxed{x'_L \partial_L \frac{1}{r} = \hat{x}'_L \partial_L \frac{1}{r}} \quad (100)$$

- where $\hat{x}'_L = x'_{\langle a_1} \dots x'_{a_l \rangle}$ are STF with respect to $a_1 \dots a_l$
- one obtains metric density in terms of STF multipoles

$$\boxed{\bar{h}^{\alpha\beta}_{(1PM)}(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{4}{c^4} \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^l}{l!} \partial_L \frac{\hat{F}_L^{\alpha\beta}}{r}} \quad (101)$$

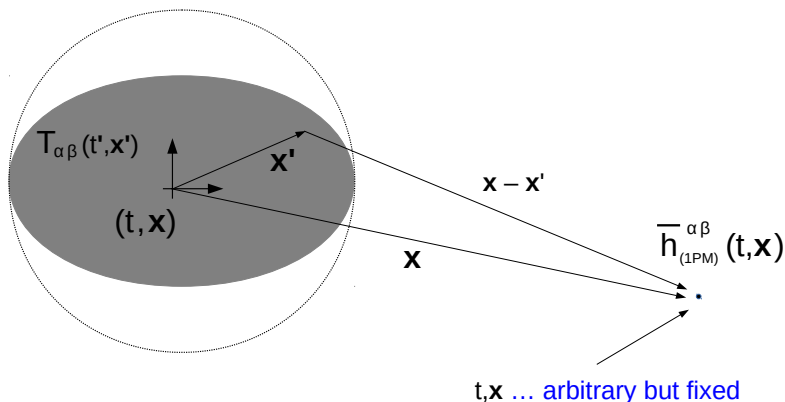
- these 10 time-independent STF multipoles are given by:

$$\boxed{\hat{F}_L^{\alpha\beta} = \int d^3x' \hat{x}'_L T^{\alpha\beta}(\mathbf{x}')} \quad (102)$$

- multipoles $\hat{F}_L^{\alpha\beta}$ are STF with respect to $a_1 \dots a_l$
- from now on: simpler notation for multipoles $\hat{F}_L^{\alpha\beta} \equiv F_L^{\alpha\beta}$

8.3 Solution in terms of time-dependent multipoles

- sphere with radius r_0 and $r = |\mathbf{x}|$, $r' = |\mathbf{x}'|$
- body enclosed in that sphere: $T^{\alpha\beta}(\mathbf{x}', t') = 0$ for $r' > r_0$



- case of time-dependent multipoles is complicated [6, 7]

$$\bar{h}_{(1\text{PM})}^{\alpha\beta}(t, \mathbf{x}) = \frac{4}{c^4} \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^l}{l!} \partial_L \frac{F_L^{\alpha\beta}(s)}{r} \quad (103)$$

retarded time $s = t - |\mathbf{x}|/c$

- these 10 time-dependent STF multipoles are given by:

$$F_L^{\alpha\beta}(s) = \int d^3x' \hat{x}'_L \int_{-1}^{+1} dz \delta_l(z) T^{\alpha\beta} \left(\frac{s + z r'}{c}, \mathbf{x}' \right) \quad (104)$$

- Eqs. (103) - (104) given in [10]
- detailed proof of Eqs. (103) - (104) in my manuscript [9]

8.4 Decomposition in irreducible STF multipoles

- metric density in Eq. (103) in terms of 10 multipoles

$$\begin{aligned}\bar{h}_{(1\text{PM})}^{00}(t, \mathbf{x}) &= \frac{4}{c^4} \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^l}{l!} \partial_L \frac{F_L(s)}{r} \\ \bar{h}_{(1\text{PM})}^{0i}(t, \mathbf{x}) &= \frac{4}{c^4} \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^l}{l!} \partial_L \frac{G_{iL}(s)}{r} \\ \bar{h}_{(1\text{PM})}^{ij}(t, \mathbf{x}) &= \frac{4}{c^4} \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^l}{l!} \partial_L \frac{H_{ijL}(s)}{r}\end{aligned}\tag{105}$$

- F_L is irreducible (STF in L)
- G_{iL} is reducible (STF in L but not STF in iL)
- H_{ijL} is reducible (STF in L but not STF in ijL)

- multipoles are integrals over stress-energy tensor

$$\begin{aligned}
 F_L(s) &= \int d^3x' \hat{x}'_L \int_{-1}^{+1} dz \delta_l(z) T^{00} \left(\frac{s + z r'}{c}, \mathbf{x}' \right) \\
 G_{iL}(s) &= \int d^3x' \hat{x}'_L \int_{-1}^{+1} dz \delta_l(z) T^{0i} \left(\frac{s + z r'}{c}, \mathbf{x}' \right) \\
 H_{ijL}(s) &= \int d^3x' \hat{x}'_L \int_{-1}^{+1} dz \delta_l(z) T^{ij} \left(\frac{s + z r'}{c}, \mathbf{x}' \right)
 \end{aligned} \tag{106}$$

- $T^{00} = T_{00}$ and $T^{0i} = T^0_i = -T_{0i}$ and $T^{ij} = T_{ij}$

- metric density in terms of 10 irreducible multipoles [10]

$$\bar{h}^{00} = \frac{4G}{c^4} \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^l}{l!} \partial_L \frac{\mathcal{A}_L}{r} \quad (107)$$

$$\bar{h}^{0i} = \frac{4G}{c^4} \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^l}{l!} \left(\partial_{iL} \frac{\mathcal{B}_L}{r} + \partial_{iL-1} \frac{\mathcal{C}_{iL-1}}{r} + \epsilon_{iab} \partial_{aL-1} \frac{\mathcal{D}_{bL-1}}{r} \right) \quad (108)$$

$$\bar{h}^{ij} = \frac{4G}{c^4} \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^l}{l!} \left(\partial_{ijL} \frac{\mathcal{E}_L}{r} + \delta_{ij} \partial_L \frac{\mathcal{I}_L}{r} + \partial_{L-1(i} \frac{\mathcal{G}_{j)L-1}}{r} \right. \\ \left. + \epsilon_{ab(i} \partial_{j)aL-1} \frac{\mathcal{H}_{bL-1}}{r} + \partial_{L-2} \frac{\mathcal{J}_{ijL-2}}{r} + \partial_{aL-2} \frac{\epsilon_{ab(i} \mathcal{T}_{j)bL-2}}{r} \right) \quad (109)$$

10 irreducible multipoles: $\mathcal{A}_L, \mathcal{B}_L, \mathcal{C}_L, \mathcal{D}_L, \mathcal{E}_L, \mathcal{I}_L, \mathcal{G}_L, \mathcal{H}_L, \mathcal{J}_L, \mathcal{T}_L$

- some examples:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathcal{A}_L &= \int d^3x' \hat{x}'_L \int_{-1}^{+1} dz \delta_l T^{00} \\
 \mathcal{B}_L &= -\frac{1}{l+1} \frac{2l+1}{2l+3} \int d^3x' \hat{x}'_{aL} \int_{-1}^{+1} dz \delta_{l+1} T^{0a} \\
 &\vdots \\
 \mathcal{E}_L &= \frac{1}{l+1} \frac{1}{l+2} \frac{2l+1}{2l+5} \int d^3x' \hat{x}'_{abL} \int_{-1}^{+1} dz \delta_{l+2} T^{ab} \\
 &\vdots
 \end{aligned}
 \tag{110}$$

8.5 The local law of conservation (gauge condition)

- these 10 multipoles in Eqs. (107) - (109) not independent
- 4 relations of 1PM local conservation law (cf. Eq. (63))

$$\boxed{T^{\alpha\beta}_{,\beta} = 0 \iff \bar{h}^{\alpha\beta}_{(1PM),\beta} = 0} \quad (111)$$

$$\boxed{\begin{aligned} \mathcal{C}_L &= -\dot{\mathcal{A}}_L - \ddot{\mathcal{B}}_L && \text{for } l \geq 1 \\ \mathcal{G}_L &= -2\dot{\mathcal{B}}_L - 2\ddot{\mathcal{E}}_L - 2\mathcal{I}_L && \text{for } l \geq 1 \\ \mathcal{J}_L &= 2\dot{\mathcal{A}}_L + 4\ddot{\mathcal{B}}_L + 2\ddot{\mathcal{E}}_L + 2\dot{\mathcal{I}}_L && \text{for } l \geq 2 \\ \mathcal{T}_L &= -2\dot{\mathcal{D}}_L - \ddot{\mathcal{H}}_L && \text{for } l \geq 2 \end{aligned}} \quad (112)$$

- only 6 independent STF multipoles: $\mathcal{A}_L, \mathcal{B}_L, \mathcal{D}_L, \mathcal{E}_L, \mathcal{I}_L, \mathcal{H}_L$
- detailed proof of Eqs. (112) is given in my manuscript [11]

8.6 Definition of new multipoles

- definition of new irreducible multipoles

$$\begin{array}{ll} I_L = - \left(\mathcal{A}_L + 2 \dot{\mathcal{B}}_L + \mathcal{I}_L \right) & \text{for } l \geq 0 \\ J_L = + \left(\mathcal{D}_L + \frac{1}{2} \dot{\mathcal{H}}_L \right) & \text{for } l \geq 1 \\ W_L = - \left(\mathcal{B}_L + \frac{1}{2} \dot{\mathcal{E}}_L \right) & \text{for } l \geq 0 \\ X_L = - \frac{1}{2} \dot{\mathcal{E}}_L & \text{for } l \geq 0 \\ Y_L = + \left(\dot{\mathcal{B}}_L + \ddot{\mathcal{E}}_L + \mathcal{I}_L \right) & \text{for } l \geq 0 \\ Z_L = - \frac{1}{2} \dot{\mathcal{H}}_L & \text{for } l \geq 1 \end{array} \quad (113)$$

6 (new) independent STF multipoles: $I_L, J_L, W_L, X_L, Y_L, Z_L$

8.7 The general 1PM solution of metric density

- general solution of 1PM metric density (cf. Eq. (87))

$$\overline{\mathbf{g}}_{(1\text{PM})}^{\text{gen } \alpha\beta} = \eta^{\alpha\beta} - G^1 \overline{h}_{(1\text{PM})}^{\text{gen } \alpha\beta} [I_L, J_L, W_L, X_L, Y_L, Z_L] \quad (114)$$

- gauge transformation in 1PM approximation ($\overline{\Omega}_{(1\text{PM})}^{\alpha\beta} = 0$)

$$\mathbf{x}_{\text{can}}^\alpha = \mathbf{x}_{\text{gen}}^\alpha + G^1 \varphi_{(1\text{PM})}^\alpha(\mathbf{x}_{\text{gen}})$$

$$\overline{\mathbf{g}}_{(1\text{PM})}^{\text{can } \alpha\beta} = \overline{\mathbf{g}}_{(1\text{PM})}^{\text{gen } \alpha\beta} + G^1 \partial \overline{\varphi}_{(1\text{PM})}^{\alpha\beta}$$

- canonical 1PM metric density (cf. Eq. (90))

$$\overline{\mathbf{g}}_{(1\text{PM})}^{\text{can } \alpha\beta} = \eta^{\alpha\beta} - G^1 \overline{h}_{(1\text{PM})}^{\text{can } \alpha\beta} [M_L, S_L] \quad (115)$$

- explicit form of 1PM canonical metric density perturbation:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \bar{h}_{(1\text{PM})}^{\text{can } 00}(t, \mathbf{x}) &= +\frac{4}{c^2} \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^l}{l!} \partial_L \frac{M_L(s)}{r} \\
 \bar{h}_{(1\text{PM})}^{\text{can } 0i}(t, \mathbf{x}) &= -\frac{4}{c^3} \sum_{l=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^l}{l!} \partial_{L-1} \frac{\dot{M}_{iL-1}(s)}{r} \\
 &\quad - \frac{4}{c^3} \sum_{l=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^l l}{(l+1)!} \epsilon_{iab} \partial_{aL-1} \frac{S_{bL-1}(s)}{r} \\
 \bar{h}_{(1\text{PM})}^{\text{can } ij}(t, \mathbf{x}) &= +\frac{4}{c^4} \sum_{l=2}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^l}{l!} \partial_{L-2} \frac{\ddot{M}_{ijL-1}(s)}{r} \\
 &\quad + \frac{8}{c^4} \sum_{l=2}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^l l}{(l+1)!} \partial_{aL-2} \frac{\epsilon_{ab<i} \dot{S}_{j>bL-2}(s)}{r}
 \end{aligned} \tag{116}$$

- 1PM gauge terms for metric density:

$$\partial \overline{\varphi}_{(1PM)}^{\alpha\beta} = \varphi_{,\mu}^{\alpha(1PM)} \eta^{\mu\beta} + \varphi_{,\mu}^{\beta(1PM)} \eta^{\mu\alpha} - \varphi_{,\mu}^{\mu(1PM)} \eta^{\alpha\beta} \quad (117)$$

- 1PM gauge functions for metric density:

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi_{(1PM)}^0 &= + \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \partial_L \frac{W_L}{r} \\ \varphi_{(1PM)}^i &= + \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \partial_{iL} \frac{X_L}{r} + \sum_{l=1}^{\infty} \partial_{L-1} \frac{Y_{iL-1}}{r} \\ &\quad + \sum_{l=1}^{\infty} \epsilon_{iab} \partial_{aL-1} \frac{Z_{bL-1}}{r} \end{aligned} \quad (118)$$

8.8 The general 1PM solution of metric tensor

- general solution of 1PM metric tensor (cf. Eq. (91)):

$$\mathbf{g}_{\text{gen } \alpha\beta}^{(1\text{PM})} = \eta_{\alpha\beta} + G^1 h_{\text{gen } \alpha\beta}^{(1\text{PM})} [I_L, J_L, W_L, X_L, Y_L, Z_L] \quad (119)$$

- gauge transformation in 1PM approximation ($\Omega_{\alpha\beta}^{(1\text{PM})} = 0$)

$$x_{\text{can}}^\alpha = x_{\text{gen}}^\alpha + G^1 \varphi_{(1\text{PM})}^\alpha(x_{\text{gen}}) \quad (120)$$

$$\mathbf{g}_{\text{can } \alpha\beta}^{(1\text{PM})} = \mathbf{g}_{\text{gen } \alpha\beta}^{(1\text{PM})} + G^1 \partial\varphi_{\alpha\beta}^{(1\text{PM})} \quad (121)$$

- canonical 1PM metric tensor (cf. Eq. (94)):

$$\mathbf{g}_{\text{can } \alpha\beta}^{(1\text{PM})} = \eta_{\alpha\beta} + G^1 h_{\text{can } \alpha\beta}^{(1\text{PM})} [M_L, S_L] \quad (122)$$

- explicit form of 1PM canonical metric tensor perturbation:

$$\begin{aligned}
 h_{\text{can } 00}^{(1\text{PM})}(t, \mathbf{x}) &= + \frac{2}{c^2} \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^l}{l!} \partial_L \frac{M_L(s)}{r} \\
 h_{\text{can } 0i}^{(1\text{PM})}(t, \mathbf{x}) &= + \frac{4}{c^3} \sum_{l=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^l}{l!} \partial_{L-1} \frac{\dot{M}_{iL-1}(s)}{r} \\
 &\quad + \frac{4}{c^3} \sum_{l=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^l l}{(l+1)!} \epsilon_{iab} \partial_{aL-1} \frac{S_{bL-1}(s)}{r} \\
 h_{\text{can } ij}^{(1\text{PM})}(t, \mathbf{x}) &= + \frac{2}{c^2} \delta_{ij} \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^l}{l!} \partial_L \frac{M_L(s)}{r} \\
 &\quad + \frac{4}{c^4} \sum_{l=2}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^l}{l!} \partial_{L-2} \frac{\ddot{M}_{ijL-2}(s)}{r} \\
 &\quad + \frac{8}{c^4} \sum_{l=2}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^l l}{(l+1)!} \partial_{aL-2} \frac{\epsilon_{ab(i} \dot{S}_{j)bL-2}(s)}{r}
 \end{aligned} \tag{123}$$

- 1PM gauge terms for metric tensor:

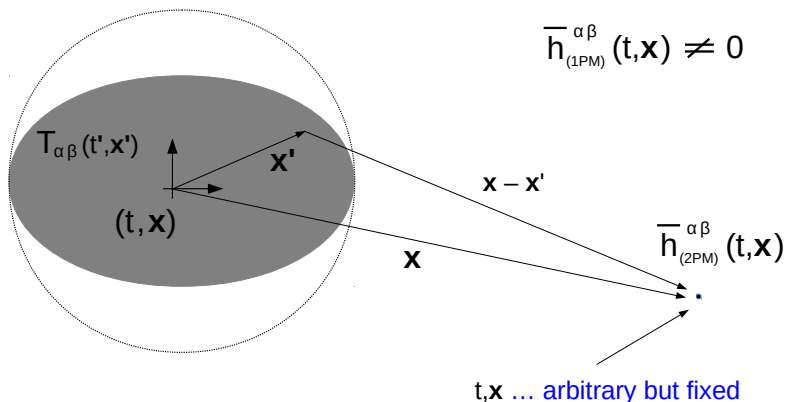
$$\partial \varphi_{\alpha\beta}^{(1PM)} = \varphi_{,\alpha}^{\mu(1PM)} \eta_{\mu\beta} + \varphi_{,\beta}^{\mu(1PM)} \eta_{\mu\alpha} \quad (124)$$

- 1PM gauge functions for metric density (cf. Eq. (118)):

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi_{(1PM)}^0 &= + \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \partial_L \frac{W_L}{r} \\ \varphi_{(1PM)}^i &= + \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \partial_{iL} \frac{X_L}{r} + \sum_{l=1}^{\infty} \partial_{L-1} \frac{Y_{iL-1}}{r} \\ &\quad + \sum_{l=1}^{\infty} \epsilon_{iab} \partial_{aL-1} \frac{Z_{bL-1}}{r} \end{aligned} \quad (125)$$

9. MPM formalism in 2PM approximation

- sphere with radius r_0 and $r = |\mathbf{x}|$, $r' = |\mathbf{x}'|$
- body enclosed in that sphere: $T^{\alpha\beta}(\mathbf{x}', t') = 0$ for $r' > r_0$



9.1 The field equations

- field equations and gauge condition

$$\square \bar{h}_{(2PM)}^{\alpha\beta} = -\frac{16\pi}{c^4} \left(\tau_{(1PM)}^{\alpha\beta} + t_{(1PM)}^{\alpha\beta} \right) \text{ and } \bar{h}_{(2PM),\beta}^{\alpha\beta} = 0 \quad (126)$$

- formal solution

$$\bar{h}_{(2PM)}^{\alpha\beta}(t, \mathbf{x}) = -\frac{16\pi}{c^4} \square_{\text{R}}^{-1} \left(\tau_{(1PM)}^{\alpha\beta} + t_{(1PM)}^{\alpha\beta} \right)(t, \mathbf{x}) \quad (127)$$

- inverse d'Alembert operator (\mathbf{x}' runs over entire space)

$$\square_{\text{R}}^{-1} f(t, \mathbf{x}) = -\frac{1}{4\pi} \int d^3x' \frac{f(t', \mathbf{x}')}{|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}'|} \quad (128)$$

- $\tau_{(1PM)}^{\alpha\beta}$ is non-zero for $r \leq r_0$

$$\tau_{(1PM)}^{\alpha\beta} = \eta_{\mu\nu} \bar{h}_{(1PM)}^{\mu\nu} T^{\alpha\beta} \quad (129)$$

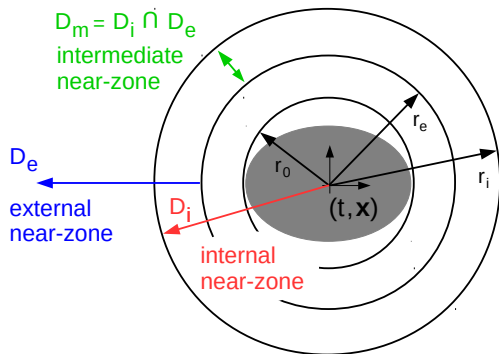
- $t_{(1PM)}^{\alpha\beta}$ is non-zero for $r \leq r_0$

$$\begin{aligned} t_{(1PM)}^{\alpha\beta} = & + \bar{h}_{(1PM),\nu}^{\alpha\mu} \bar{h}_{(1PM),\mu}^{\beta\nu} - \bar{h}_{(1PM),\mu\nu}^{\alpha\beta} \bar{h}_{(1PM)}^{\mu\nu} \\ & + \frac{1}{2} \bar{h}_{\mu\nu}^{(1PM),\alpha} \bar{h}_{(1PM)}^{\mu\nu,\beta} - \frac{1}{4} \eta^{\rho\sigma} \eta^{\mu\nu} \bar{h}_{\mu\nu}^{(1PM),\alpha} \bar{h}_{\rho\sigma}^{(1PM),\beta} \\ & + \bar{h}_{(1PM),\nu}^{\alpha\mu} \bar{h}_{(1PM)\mu}^{\beta,\nu} + \frac{1}{8} \eta^{\alpha\beta} \eta^{\rho\sigma} \eta^{\mu\nu} \bar{h}_{\mu\nu}^{(1PM),\omega} \bar{h}_{\rho\sigma,\omega}^{(1PM)} \\ & - \frac{1}{4} \eta^{\alpha\beta} \bar{h}_{\mu\nu,\omega}^{(1PM)} \bar{h}_{(1PM)}^{\mu\nu,\omega} + \frac{1}{2} \eta^{\alpha\beta} \bar{h}_{\nu\rho,\mu}^{(1PM)} \bar{h}_{(1PM)}^{\mu\rho,\nu} \\ & - \bar{h}_{\mu\nu}^{(1PM),\alpha} \bar{h}_{(1PM)}^{\beta\nu,\mu} - \bar{h}_{\mu\nu}^{(1PM),\beta} \bar{h}_{(1PM)}^{\alpha\nu,\mu} \end{aligned} \quad (130)$$

- problem: thus far $\bar{h}_{(1PM)}^{\alpha\beta}$ only determined for $r > r_0$
therefore: treatment of 2PM different from 1PM

9.2 Separation of spatial space

- separation of spatial space into three areas



- D_e : post-Minkowskian expansion $\bar{h}_e^{\alpha\beta}$ (in vacuum)
- D_i : post-Newtonian expansion $\bar{h}_i^{\alpha\beta}$ (with matter)
- D_m : matching both solutions $\bar{h}_e^{\alpha\beta}$ and $\bar{h}_i^{\alpha\beta}$ valid

9.3 The 2PM solution in D_e

- 2PM field equations in vacuum

$$\square \bar{h}_{(2PM)}^{\alpha\beta} = -\frac{16\pi}{c^4} t_{(1PM)}^{\alpha\beta} \quad (131)$$

- formal 2PM solution in vacuum

$$\bar{h}_{(2PM)}^{\alpha\beta}(t, \mathbf{x}) = -\frac{16\pi}{c^4} \square_{\mathbf{R}}^{-1} t_{(1PM)}^{\alpha\beta}(t, \mathbf{x}) \quad (132)$$

- inverse d'Alembertian $\square_{\mathbf{R}}^{-1}$ in (132) runs over entire space
i.e. one needs $t_{(1PM)}^{\alpha\beta}$ in entire space
i.e. one needs $\bar{h}_{(1PM)}^{\alpha\beta}$ in entire space

- 1PM field equations in vacuum

$$\square \bar{h}_{(1PM)}^{\alpha\beta} = 0 \quad (133)$$

- 1PM solution in vacuum in entire space ($r \neq 0$) as function of 10 field multipoles ($F_L^{\alpha\beta}$ are not integrals over $T^{\alpha\beta}$) [6]

$$\bar{h}_{(1PM)}^{\alpha\beta}(t, \mathbf{x}) = \frac{4}{c^4} \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^l}{l!} \partial_L \frac{F_L^{\alpha\beta}(s)}{r} \quad (134)$$

- 1PM solution in vacuum in entire space ($r \neq 0$) as function function of 6 STF field multipoles by Eqs. (105) - (118)

$$\bar{h}_{(1PM)}^{\alpha\beta}(t, \mathbf{x}) = \bar{h}_{(1PM)}^{\alpha\beta} [I_L, J_L, W_L, X_L, Y_L, Z_L] \quad (135)$$

- i.e. $I_L, J_L, W_L, X_L, Y_L, Z_L$ are not integrals over $T^{\alpha\beta}$

- (135) into (132) via (130) yields divergent integrals since (135) is valid in $\mathbb{R}_*^3 \times \mathbb{R}$ (entire space-time with $r \neq 0$)
- finite integrals by Hadamard technique to cut $r = 0$ cf. inverse d'Alembertian in Eq. (128)

$$\text{FP}_{B=0}(\square_{\mathbb{R}}^{-1}f)(t, \mathbf{x}) = -\frac{1}{4\pi} \lim_{B \rightarrow 0} \int d^3x' \left(\frac{r'}{r_0}\right)^B \frac{f(t', \mathbf{x}')}{|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}'|} \quad (136)$$

- 2PM solution in vacuum as function of 6 field multipoles

$$\bar{h}_{(2\text{PM})}^{\alpha\beta}(t, \mathbf{x}) = -\frac{16\pi}{c^4} \text{FP}_{B=0} \square_{\mathbb{R}}^{-1} t_{(1\text{PM})}^{\alpha\beta}(t, \mathbf{x}) \quad (137)$$

where $t_{(1\text{PM})}^{\alpha\beta}$ is given by Eq. (130) with $h_{(1\text{PM})}^{\alpha\beta}$ in Eq. (135)

- from Eqs. (135) and (137) one obtains for special case D_e

$$\boxed{\bar{h}_e^{\alpha\beta} = G^1 \bar{h}_{e(1PM)}^{\alpha\beta} + G^2 \bar{h}_{e(2PM)}^{\alpha\beta} + \mathcal{O}(G^3)} \quad (138)$$

- with 1PM perturbation in D_e

$$\boxed{\bar{h}_{e(1PM)}^{\alpha\beta}(t, \mathbf{x}) = \bar{h}_{e(1PM)}^{\alpha\beta} [I_L, J_L, W_L, X_L, Y_L, Z_L]} \quad (139)$$

- with 2PM perturbation in D_e

$$\boxed{\bar{h}_{e(2PM)}^{\alpha\beta}(t, \mathbf{x}) = \bar{h}_{e(2PM)}^{\alpha\beta} [I_L, J_L, W_L, X_L, Y_L, Z_L]} \quad (140)$$

where $I_L, J_L, W_L, X_L, Y_L, Z_L$ are STF field multipoles, i.e. they are not integrals over $T^{\alpha\beta}$ but general functions of s

9.4 The 2PN solution in D_i

- exact field equations in Eq. (62) were given by:

$$\square \bar{h}^{\alpha\beta} = -\frac{16\pi G}{c^4} (\tau^{\alpha\beta} + t^{\alpha\beta}) \quad (141)$$

- post-Newtonian expansion $v \ll c$ of Eq. (141) yields [12]

$$\begin{aligned} \square \bar{h}_i^{00} &= -\frac{16\pi G}{c^4} \left(1 - \frac{4}{c^2} V\right) T^{00} + \frac{14}{c^4} V_{,k} V_{,k} + \mathcal{O}(6) \\ \square \bar{h}_i^{0i} &= -\frac{16\pi G}{c^4} T^{0i} + \mathcal{O}(5) \\ \square \bar{h}_i^{ij} &= -\frac{16\pi G}{c^4} T^{ij} - \frac{4}{c^4} \left(V_{,i} V_{,j} - V_{,k} V_{,k} \frac{\delta_{ij}}{2} \right) + \mathcal{O}(6) \end{aligned} \quad (142)$$

- Eqs. (142) are 2PN approximation in MPM formalism [12]

- 2PN solution of Eqs. (142) [12]

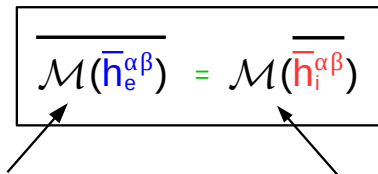
$$\begin{aligned}
 \bar{h}_i^{00} &= \frac{4}{c^2} V - \frac{4}{c^4} (W_{kk} - 2V^2) + \mathcal{O}(6) \\
 \bar{h}_i^{0i} &= \frac{4}{c^3} V_i + \mathcal{O}(5) \\
 \bar{h}_i^{ij} &= \frac{4}{c^4} W_{ij} + \mathcal{O}(6)
 \end{aligned}
 \tag{143}$$

- where the potentials are given by [12]

$$\begin{aligned}
 V &= -4\pi G \square_{\text{R}}^{-1} \frac{T^{00} + T^{ii}}{c^2} \\
 V_i &= -4\pi G \square_{\text{R}}^{-1} \frac{T^{0i}}{c} \\
 W_{ij} &= -4\pi G \square_{\text{R}}^{-1} \left[\frac{T^{ij}}{c^2} + \frac{1}{G} \left(V_{,i} V_{,j} - V_{,k} V_{,k} \frac{\delta_{ij}}{2} \right) \right]
 \end{aligned}
 \tag{144}$$

9.5 Matching

- matching: field multipoles (general functions of s) into source multipoles (integrals over $T^{\alpha\beta}$)
- matching condition in D_m (cf. Eq. (2.28) in [8])

$$\overline{\mathcal{M}(\bar{h}_e^{\alpha\beta})} = \overline{\mathcal{M}(\bar{h}_i^{\alpha\beta})}$$


post-Newtonian expansion
of MPM expansion of $\bar{h}_e^{\alpha\beta}$

multipole-expansion of
post-Newtonian expansion of $\bar{h}_i^{\alpha\beta}$

- $\bar{h}_e^{\alpha\beta}$ is given by Eqs. (138) - (140)
- $\bar{h}_i^{\alpha\beta}$ is given by Eqs. (143) - (144)

9.6 General 2PM solution of metric density

- general 2PM solution of metric density [12]

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{g}_{(2PM)}^{\text{gen } \alpha\beta} = \eta^{\alpha\beta} - G^1 \bar{h}_{(1PM)}^{\text{gen } \alpha\beta} [I_L, J_L, W_L, X_L, Y_L, Z_L] \\ - G^2 \bar{h}_{(2PM)}^{\text{gen } \alpha\beta} [I_L, J_L, W_L, X_L, Y_L, Z_L] \end{aligned} \quad (145)$$

- gauge transformation in 2PM approximation

$$x_{\text{can}}^\alpha = x_{\text{gen}}^\alpha + G^1 \varphi_{(1PM)}^\alpha(x_{\text{gen}}) + G^2 \varphi_{(2PM)}^\alpha(x_{\text{gen}})$$

$$\bar{g}_{(2PM)}^{\text{can } \alpha\beta} = \bar{g}_{(1PM)}^{\text{gen } \alpha\beta} + G^1 \partial \bar{\varphi}_{(1PM)}^{\alpha\beta} + G^2 \left(\partial \bar{\varphi}_{(2PM)}^{\alpha\beta} + \bar{\Omega}_{(2PM)}^{\alpha\beta} \right)$$

- canonical metric density in 2PM approximation

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{g}_{(2PM)}^{\text{can } \alpha\beta} = \eta^{\alpha\beta} - G^1 \bar{h}_{(1PM)}^{\text{can } \alpha\beta} [M_L, S_L] \\ - G^2 \bar{h}_{(2PM)}^{\text{can } \alpha\beta} [M_L, S_L] \end{aligned} \quad (146)$$

- canonical metric density perturbation [12]
in the order $\mathcal{O}(6, 5, 6)$

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{h}_{(2\text{PM})}^{\text{can } 00}(t, \mathbf{x}) &= +\frac{7}{c^4} \left(\sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^l}{l!} \partial_L \frac{M_L(s)}{r} \right)^2 \\ \bar{h}_{(2\text{PM})}^{\text{can } 0i}(t, \mathbf{x}) &= 0 \\ \bar{h}_{(2\text{PM})}^{\text{can } ij}(t, \mathbf{x}) &= +\frac{1}{c^4} \delta_{ij} \left(\sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^l}{l!} \partial_L \frac{M_L(s)}{r} \right)^2 \\ &\quad - \frac{4}{c^4} \text{FP}_{B=0} \square_R^{-1} \left(\partial_i \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^l}{l!} \partial_L \frac{M_L(s)}{r} \right) \left(\partial_j \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^l}{l!} \partial_L \frac{M_L(s)}{r} \right) \end{aligned}$$

- $\bar{h}_{(2\text{PM})}^{\text{can } ij}$ associated with Hadamard technique in Eq. (136)
- solution for time-dependent quadrupole-quadrupole [12]

9.7 General 2PM solution of metric tensor

- general solution of 2PM metric in my manuscript [13]

$$\mathbf{g}_{\text{gen } \alpha\beta}^{(2\text{PM})} = \eta_{\alpha\beta} + G^1 h_{\text{gen } \alpha\beta}^{(1\text{PM})} [I_L, J_L, W_L, X_L, Y_L, Z_L] + G^2 h_{\text{gen } \alpha\beta}^{(2\text{PM})} [I_L, J_L, W_L, X_L, Y_L, Z_L] \quad (147)$$

- gauge transformation in 2PM approximation

$$x_{\text{can}}^\alpha = x_{\text{gen}}^\alpha + G^1 \varphi_{(1\text{PM})}^\alpha(x_{\text{gen}}) + G^2 \varphi_{(2\text{PM})}^\alpha(x_{\text{gen}})$$

$$\mathbf{g}_{\text{can } \alpha\beta}^{(2\text{PM})} = \mathbf{g}_{\text{gen } \alpha\beta}^{(2\text{PM})} + G^1 \partial \varphi_{\alpha\beta}^{(1\text{PM})} + G^2 \left(\partial \varphi_{\alpha\beta}^{(2\text{PM})} + \Omega_{\alpha\beta}^{(2\text{PM})} \right)$$

- canonical metric tensor in 2PM approximation

$$\mathbf{g}_{\text{can } \alpha\beta}^{(1\text{PM})} = \eta_{\alpha\beta} + G^1 h_{\text{can } \alpha\beta}^{(1\text{PM})} [M_L, S_L] + G^2 h_{\text{can } \alpha\beta}^{(2\text{PM})} [M_L, S_L] \quad (148)$$

- canonical metric perturbation in my manuscript [13]
in the order $\mathcal{O}(6, 5, 6)$

$$\begin{aligned}
 h_{\text{can } 00}^{(2\text{PM})}(t, \mathbf{x}) &= -\frac{2}{c^4} \left(\sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^l}{l!} \partial_L \frac{M_L(s)}{r} \right)^2 \\
 h_{\text{can } 0i}^{(2\text{PM})}(t, \mathbf{x}) &= 0 \\
 h_{\text{can } ij}^{(2\text{PM})}(t, \mathbf{x}) &= +\frac{2}{c^4} \delta_{ij} \left(\sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^l}{l!} \partial_L \frac{M_L(s)}{r} \right)^2 \\
 &- \frac{4}{c^4} \text{FP}_{B=0} \square_R^{-1} \left(\partial_i \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^l}{l!} \partial_L \frac{M_L(s)}{r} \right) \left(\partial_j \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^l}{l!} \partial_L \frac{M_L(s)}{r} \right)
 \end{aligned}$$

- $h_{\text{can } ij}^{(2\text{PM})}$ associated with Hadamard technique in Eq. (136)
- solution for time-independent quadrupole-quadrupole is given in detail in my manuscript [13]

9.8 Impact of 2PN effects on light deflection and time delay

- 2PN light deflection (e.g. grazing ray at Jupiter)

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi_{2\text{PN}}^{M_A \times M_A} &\leq 16 \frac{G^2 M_A^2}{c^4 P_A^2} \frac{x_1}{P_A} \frac{x_0 x_1}{(x_0 + x_1)^2} \leq 16 \mu\text{as} \\ \varphi_{2\text{PN}}^{M_A \times M_A^{ab}} &= 4 \varphi_{2\text{PN}}^{M_A \times M_A} |J_2^A| = 0.95 \mu\text{as} \quad [16] \end{aligned} \quad (149)$$

- micro-arcsecond ... $1 \mu\text{as} \simeq 4.85 \times 10^{-12}$ radians
- M_A and P_A ... mass and radius of body A
- J_2^A ... second zonal harmonics of body A
- x_0 and x_1 ... distance body-source and body-observer
- ESA astrometry mission Gaia: launched December 2013
aimed precision in angular measurements: $\varphi \sim 5 \mu\text{as}$
Near-future astrometry able to detect 2PN effects beyond
monopole structure
- [16] S. Zschocke, Physical Review D **105** (2022) 024040

- 2PN time delay (e.g. grazing ray at Jupiter)

$$\Delta t_{2\text{PN}}^{M_A \times M_A} \leq 8 \frac{G^2 M_A^2}{c^4 P_A^2} \frac{x_1}{c} \frac{x_0}{x_0 + x_1} \leq 9.3 \text{ ps} \quad (150)$$

$$\Delta t_{2\text{PN}}^{M_A \times M_A^{ab}} \sim \Delta t_{2\text{PN}}^{M_A \times M_A} |J_2^A| \sim 0.6 \text{ ps} \quad (\text{guess})$$

- pico-second ... $1 \text{ ps} = 10^{-12}$ seconds
 - atomic clocks on Earth (optical clocks): $\Delta t/t = 10^{-18}$
 - atomic clocks in Space (DSAC): $\Delta t/t = 10^{-15}$
e.g. precision for a signal $t = 10^4 \text{ s}$: $\Delta t = (0.01 - 10) \text{ ps}$
1. ps-level in time-delay measurements achieved by VLBI [14]
(about subsequent discussions see also my manuscript [15])
 2. note that today's precision in distance Earth-Moon 10^{-3} m
by LLR corresponds to precision in time of $\Delta t = 3 \text{ ps}$
- Today's VLBI facilities and atomic clocks are almost able to detect 2PN effects beyond monopole structure

10. Summary

- MPM is an approach to determine metric density $\bar{g}^{\alpha\beta}$
- from metric density $\bar{g}^{\alpha\beta}$ one may obtain metric $g_{\alpha\beta}$
- MPM makes use of field-theoretical formulation of GR
- general solution depends on 10 irreducible multipoles $\mathcal{A}_L, \mathcal{B}_L, \mathcal{C}_L, \mathcal{D}_L, \mathcal{E}_L, \mathcal{I}_L, \mathcal{G}_L, \mathcal{H}_L, \mathcal{J}_L, \mathcal{T}_L$
- 6 irreducible multipoles independent (local law of conservation) $I_L, J_L, W_L, X_L, Y_L, Z_L$
- 2 multipoles physically relevant (residual gauge) M_L, S_L
- In foreseeable future 2PN effects beyond monopole structure are detectable

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