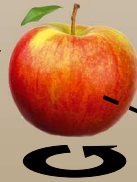


Motion of extended bodies in General Relativity



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Outline

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- Multipolar methods
- Open problems
- Outlook

Today: Motion of testbodies!

Non-linear field theories

Field equations

Equations of motion

$$G^{ab} = \kappa T^{ab}$$

$$\nabla_a T^{ab} = 0$$

Motion of heavy bodies

Multipolar method for test bodies

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Set of local quantities + Equations of motion

$$m, p^a, S^{ab}, I^{abcd}, \dots \quad \frac{\delta}{ds} p^a = \dots, \frac{\delta}{ds} S^{ab} = \dots$$

Iterative approximation scheme for heavy bodies

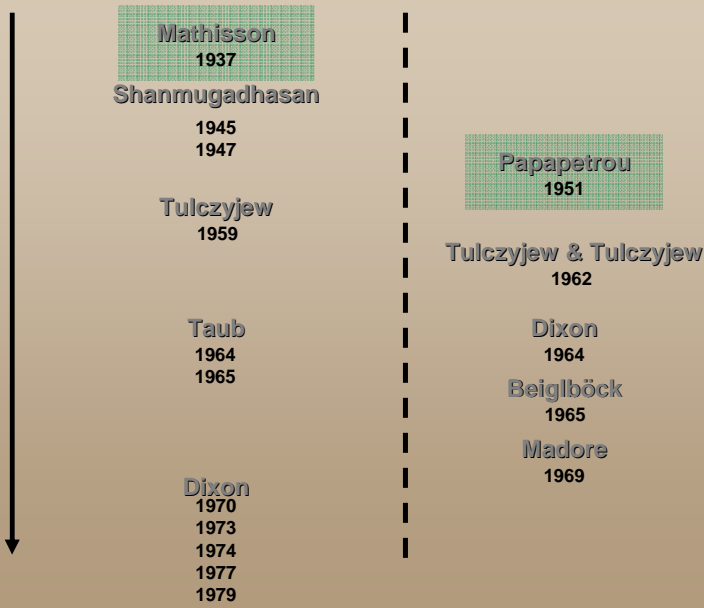
$$G^{ab} = \kappa T^{ab}$$

Post-Newtonian

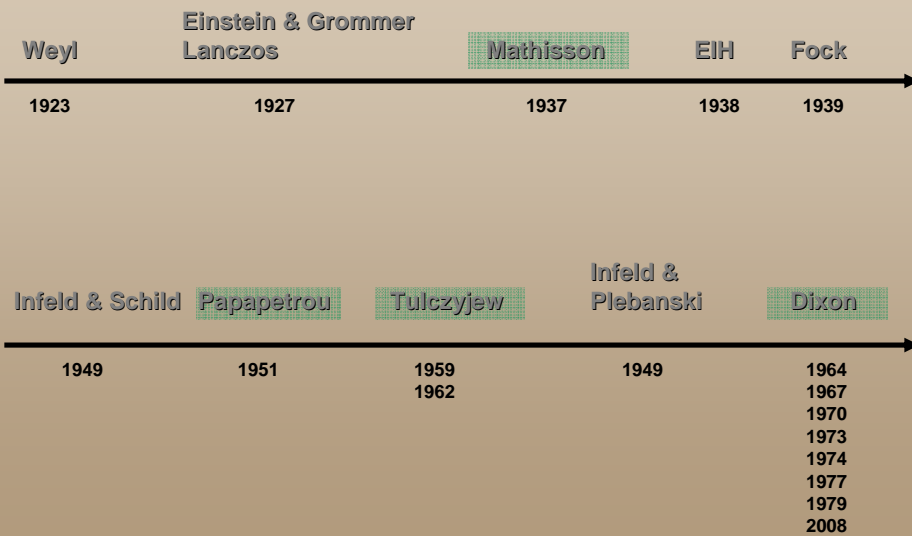
Post-Minkowskian

EIH like methods

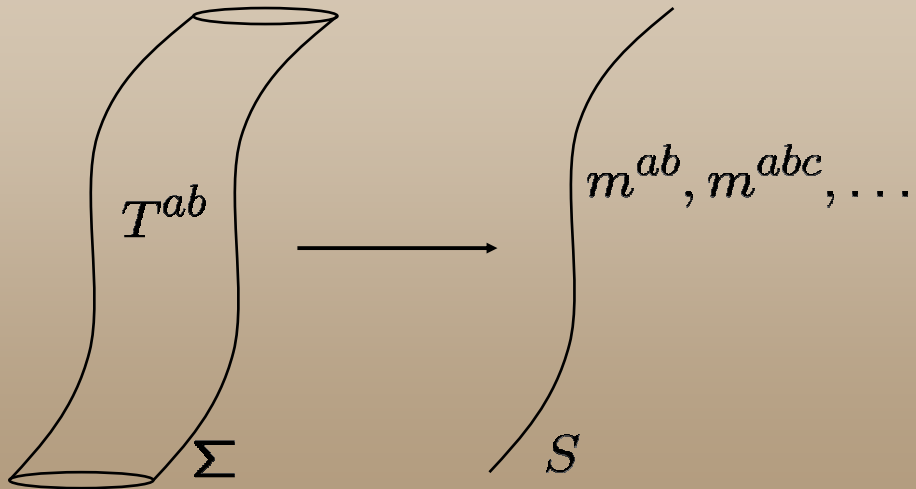
Genealogy: Multipole methods (early works)



Timeline: „Problem of motion“



Mathisson's method



Mathisson's method

$$\int_{\Sigma} T^{ab} p_{ab} d^4x = \int_S [p_{ab} m^{ab} + (\nabla_c p_{ab}) m^{cab} + (\nabla_c \nabla_d p_{ab}) m^{cdab} + \dots] ds$$

“Gravitational skeleton” $m^{ab}, m^{cab}, m^{cdab}, \dots$

$$\begin{aligned} p_{ab} &= \nabla_{(a} \xi_{b)} \\ \nabla_a T^{ab} &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\int_S [\nabla_{(a} \xi_{b)} m^{ab} + (\nabla_c \nabla_{(a} \xi_{b)}) m^{cab} + \dots] ds = 0$$

“Variational equation of mechanics”

Single-pole EOM

$$\int_S p_{ab} m^{ab} ds = \int_S m^{ab} \nabla_{(a} \xi_{b)} ds = 0$$

$$m^{ab} = \overset{0}{m}{}^{ab} + 2 \overset{0}{m}{}^{(a} u^{b)} + \overset{0}{m}{} u^a u^b,$$

$$\overset{0}{m}{}^a := m^{cd} \rho_c^a u_d, \quad \overset{0}{m}{}^{ab} := m^{cd} \rho_c^a \rho_d^b, \quad \overset{0}{m} := m^{cd} u_c u_d$$

$$\overset{0}{m}{}^{ab} + \overset{0}{m}{} u^a u^b = 0 \xrightarrow{|\cdot u_b} \overset{0}{m}{}^a = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \overset{0}{m}{}^{ab} = 0$$

$$0 = \int_S \overset{0}{m}{} u^a u^b \nabla_a \xi_b ds = \int_S \left[u^a \nabla_a \left(\overset{0}{m}{} u^b \xi_b \right) - u^a \xi_b \nabla_a \left(\overset{0}{m}{} u^b \right) \right] ds$$

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$$0 = u^a \nabla_a \left(\overset{0}{m}{} u^b \right) = \frac{d}{ds} \left(\overset{0}{m}{} u^c \right) + \Gamma_{ab}{}^c \overset{0}{m}{} u^a u^b$$

Single-pole EOM

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$$|\cdot u_b \quad \text{and} \quad u^a u_a = 1$$

$$d \overset{0}{m} / ds = 0 \quad \frac{du^c}{ds} + \Gamma_{ab}{}^c u^a u^b = 0$$

Single-Pole EOM

Pole-dipole EOM

$$\int_S [p_{ab} m^{ab} + (\nabla_c p_{ab}) m^{cab}] ds = 0$$

$$M \frac{Du^a}{Ds} - K^a{}_{bcd} u^b n^{cd} + 2n^{ad} \frac{D^2 u_d}{Ds^2} = 0 \quad (1)$$

$$\frac{Dn^{bc}}{Ds} - n^{ca} \frac{Du_a}{Ds} u^b + n^{ba} \frac{Du_a}{Ds} u^c = 0 \quad (2)$$

$$M = \text{const} \quad n^{ab} = -n^{ba} \quad (3)$$

$$m^{abc} = m^{\hat{a}\hat{b}\hat{c}} + m^{\hat{a}\hat{b}f} u^c u_f + m^{\hat{a}f\hat{c}} u^b u_f + m^{\hat{a}ef} u^b u^c u_e u_f$$

$${}^* m^{abc} = m^{\hat{a}\hat{b}\hat{c}}, \quad n^{ba} = m^{\hat{a}\hat{b}f} u_f, \quad n^{ca} = m^{\hat{a}f\hat{c}} u_f, \quad n^a = m^{\hat{a}ef} u_e u_f$$

Tulczyjew (1959)

$$\tilde{T}^{ab} = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \{t^{ab}\delta_{(4)} + \nabla_c [t^{cab}\delta_{(4)}] + \nabla_d \nabla_c [t^{dcab}\delta_{(4)}] + \dots\} ds$$

$$\tilde{A}^{b_1 \dots b_n} = \sum_{k=0}^m \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \nabla_{c_1 \dots c_k} [\alpha^{c_1 \dots c_k b_1 \dots b_n} \delta_{(4)} (x^a - Y^a)]$$

$$\alpha^{c_1 \dots c_k b_1 \dots b_n} = \alpha^{(c_1 \dots c_k) b_1 \dots b_n}$$

$$u_{c_1} \alpha^{c_1 \dots c_k b_1 \dots b_n} = 0$$

Canonical form

$$\int_D \tilde{A}^{b_1 \dots b_n} p_{b_1 \dots b_n} = 0 \longrightarrow \alpha^{c_1 \dots c_k b_1 \dots b_n} = 0$$

“Generalized du Bois-Reymond”

Equations of motion for pole-dipole particles

$$0 = \frac{\delta}{ds} \left(u_d \frac{\delta}{ds} t^{db} + \overset{0}{\partial} b + \overset{0}{t} u^b - \dot{u}_c \overset{1}{\partial} cb - \dot{u}_c \overset{1}{\partial} c u^b \right) + \frac{1}{2} R_{ace}{}^b \left[2u^a \left(\overset{1}{\partial} ce + \overset{1}{\partial} c u^e \right) + \overset{1}{\partial} cae + \overset{1}{\partial} ca u^e \right] \quad \mathbf{E}$$

$$\overset{0}{\partial} a = -u_d \rho_c^a \frac{\delta}{ds} \left(\overset{1}{\partial} cd + \overset{1}{\partial} c u^d + \overset{1}{t} cd \right) \quad \mathbf{C}$$

$$\overset{0}{\partial} ab = -\rho_d^b \rho_c^a \frac{\delta}{ds} \left(\overset{1}{\partial} cd + \overset{1}{\partial} c u^d + \overset{1}{t} cd \right) \quad \mathbf{E+C}$$

$$\overset{1}{\partial} (ca) = 0 \quad \mathbf{C}$$

$$\overset{1}{\partial} (ca)b = 0 \quad \mathbf{C}$$

Steinhoff & Puetzfeld 2010

$$t^{ab} = \overset{0}{\partial} ab + 2 \overset{0}{\partial} (a u^b) + \overset{0}{t} u^a u^b$$

$$t^{abc} = \overset{1}{\partial} abc + 2 \overset{1}{\partial} a (b u^c) + \overset{1}{\partial} a u^b u^c + u^a \overset{1}{t} bc$$

Equations of motion for pole-dipole particles

$$\frac{\delta}{ds} \overset{1}{p}{}^b + \frac{1}{2} u^e \overset{1}{S}{}^{ac} R_{ace}{}^b = 0$$

$$\frac{\delta \overset{1}{S}{}^{ab}}{ds} - u^a u_c \frac{\delta \overset{1}{S}{}^{cb}}{ds} - u^b u_c \frac{\delta \overset{1}{S}{}^{ac}}{ds} = 0$$

Steinhoff & Puetzfeld 2010

$$\overset{1}{S}{}^{ab} := -2 \left(\overset{1}{o}{}^{[ab]} + \overset{1}{o}{}^{[a} u^{b]} \right)$$

$$\overset{1}{p}{}^b := \left(\overset{0}{t} - u_c \dot{u}_d \overset{1}{S}{}^{cd} + u_c u_d \frac{\delta}{ds} \overset{1}{t}{}^{cd} \right) u^b + u_d \frac{\delta}{ds} \overset{1}{S}{}^{bd}$$

$$= \overset{1}{m} u^b + u_d \frac{\delta}{ds} \overset{1}{S}{}^{bd}$$

$$\overset{t}{ab} = \overset{0}{o}{}^{ab} + 2 \overset{0}{o}{}^{(a} u^{b)} + \overset{0}{t} u^a u^b$$

$$\overset{t}{abc} = \overset{1}{o}{}^{abc} + 2 \overset{1}{o}{}^{a(b} u^{c)} + \overset{1}{o}{}^{a} u^b u^c + u^a \overset{1}{t}{}^{bc}$$

„Combined quantities“ at different orders

Mass	$\overset{0}{m} := \overset{0}{t}$
Momentum	$\overset{0}{p}{}^b := \overset{0}{m} u^b$

Pole

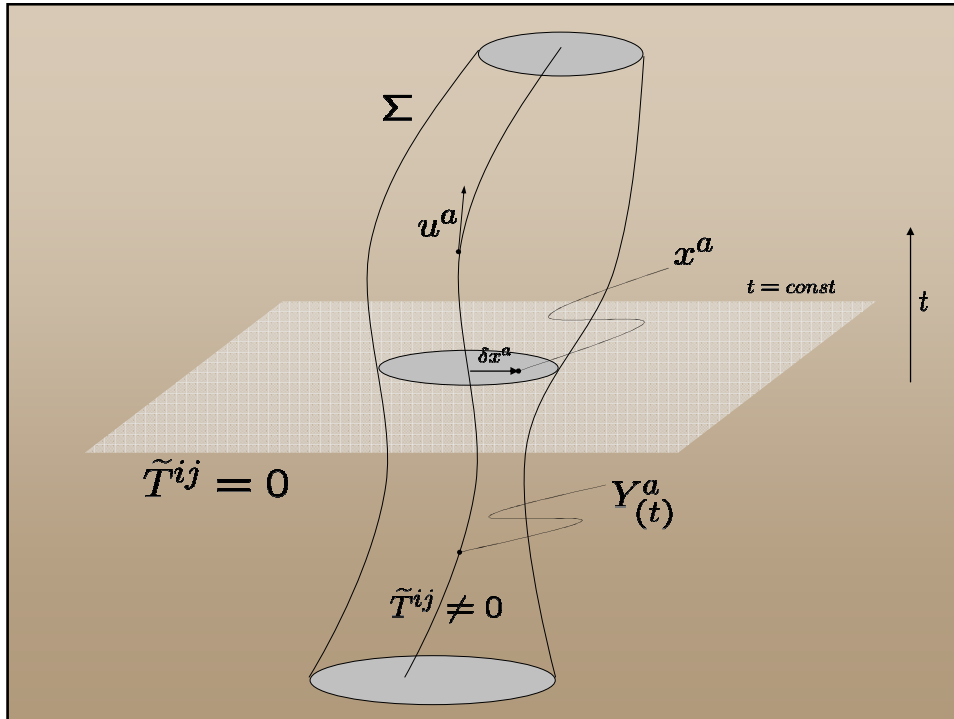
Mass	$\overset{1}{m} := \overset{0}{t} - u_c \dot{u}_d \overset{1}{S}{}^{cd} + u_c u_d \frac{\delta}{ds} \overset{1}{t}{}^{cd}$
Momentum	$\overset{1}{p}{}^b := \overset{1}{m} u^b + u_d \frac{\delta}{ds} \overset{1}{S}{}^{bd}$
Spin	$\overset{1}{S}{}^{ab} := -2 \left(\overset{1}{o}{}^{[ab]} + \overset{1}{o}{}^{[a} u^{b]} \right)$

Pole-Dipole

$$\overset{t}{ab} = \overset{0}{o}{}^{ab} + 2 \overset{0}{o}{}^{(a} u^{b)} + \overset{0}{t} u^a u^b$$

$$\overset{t}{abc} = \overset{1}{o}{}^{abc} + 2 \overset{1}{o}{}^{a(b} u^{c)} + \overset{1}{o}{}^{a} u^b u^c + u^a \overset{1}{t}{}^{bc}$$

Steinhoff & Puetzfeld 2010



$$\nabla_a T^{ab} = 0$$

$$\downarrow \quad \Gamma_{ij}^k|_x = \Gamma_{ij}^k|_Y + \delta x^a \Gamma_{ij^k,a}|_Y + \frac{1}{2} \delta x^a \delta x^b \Gamma_{ij^k,ab}|_Y + \dots$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} \int \left(\prod_{\alpha=1}^n \delta x^{b_\alpha} \right) \tilde{T}^{i0} = \sum_{\beta=1}^n \left[\int \left(\prod_{\alpha=1, \alpha \neq \beta}^n \delta x^{b_\alpha} \right) \tilde{T}^{i b_\beta} - v^{b_\beta} \int \left(\prod_{\alpha=1, \alpha \neq \beta}^n \delta x^{b_\alpha} \right) \tilde{T}^{i0} \right] - \int \left(\prod_{\alpha=1}^n \delta x^{b_\alpha} \right) \left(\Gamma_{kj}^i \tilde{T}^{kj} \right)$$

$$\downarrow \quad \bar{T}^{b_1 \dots b_n i j} := \int \left(\prod_{\alpha=1}^n \delta x^{b_\alpha} \right) \tilde{T}^{ij} \quad \begin{aligned} \delta x^a &= x^a - Y^a \\ \rho^b_a &= \delta x^b_{,a} = \delta^b_a - v^b \delta^0_a = \delta^b_a - \delta^b_0 \delta^0_a = \delta^b_a \delta^0_a \end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} \bar{T}^{b_1 \dots b_n i 0} = \sum_{\beta=1}^n \left(\bar{T}^{b_1 \dots b_\beta \dots b_n i b_\beta} - v^{b_\beta} \bar{T}^{b_1 \dots b_\beta \dots b_n i 0} \right) - \int \left(\prod_{\alpha=1}^n \delta x^{b_\alpha} \right) \left(\Gamma_{kj}^i \tilde{T}^{kj} \right)$$

Equations of motion for pole-dipole particles

$$\frac{D}{Ds} \left(m u^a + u_b \frac{DS^{ab}}{Ds} \right) + \frac{1}{2} S^{cd} u^b R^a{}_{bcd} = 0$$

$$\frac{DS^{ab}}{Ds} + u^a u_c \frac{DS^{bc}}{Ds} - u^b u_c \frac{DS^{ac}}{Ds} = 0$$

Papapetrou 1951

$$S^{ab} := \bar{T}^{ab0} - \bar{T}^{ba0} \quad M^{ab} := u^0 \bar{T}^{ab} \quad m := \frac{1}{u^0} \left(M^{a0} + \Gamma_{bc}{}^a S^{b0} u^c \right) u_a$$

$$\bar{T}^{b_1 \dots b_n i j} := \int \left(\prod_{\alpha=1}^n \delta x^{b_\alpha} \right) \hat{T}^{ij} \quad \delta x^a := x^a - Y^a$$

Mathisson

- i. Covariant ansatz (!)
- ii. Original method based on linearized background
- iii. Supplementary condition imposed at early stage in original work
- iv. Difficult interpretation of the resulting moments at higher orders
- v. A priori no integral representation of the moments
- vi. Tedious but systematic to carry out at quadrupole and higher orders

Papapetrou

- i. Non-covariant ansatz
- ii. Requires tricky introduction of new objects to achieve covariance
- iii. Supplementary condition completely free
- iv. Difficult interpretation of the resulting moments at higher orders
- v. A priori integral representation of the moments
- vi. Tedious to carry out at quadrupole and higher orders

Quadrupolar testbodies

$$\tilde{T}^{ab} = \int t^{ab} \delta_{(4)} + \int \nabla_c [t^{cab} \delta_{(4)}] + \int \nabla_d \nabla_c [t^{dcab} \delta_{(4)}]$$

„Skeleton“ for quadrupolar testbodies

$$t^{ab} = \frac{0}{n} ab + 2 \frac{0}{n} (a_u b) + \frac{0}{n} u^a u^b$$

$$t^{cab} = \frac{1}{n} cab + 2 \frac{1}{n} c(a_u b) + \frac{1}{n} c_u a_u b$$

$$t^{dcab} = \frac{2}{n} dcab + 2 \frac{2}{n} dc(a_u b) + \frac{2}{n} dc_u a_u b$$

Canonical form

$$\nabla_a \tilde{T}^{ab} = 0$$



$$\begin{aligned} & 3 \int \nabla_a \nabla_d \nabla_c \left\{ t^{(dca)b} \delta_{(4)} \right\} \\ & 2 + \int \nabla_d \nabla_c \left\{ \left[\rho_e^{(c} \rho_f^{d)} \frac{\delta}{ds} [t^{\tilde{f}eab} u_a] + t^{(\tilde{c}d)b} \right] \delta_{(4)} \right\} \\ & + \int \nabla_d \left\{ \left[\rho_e^d \frac{\delta}{ds} (t^{eab} u_a - 2 \dot{u}_{ct} \tilde{e}^{cab} u_a) + R_{acf}{}^b (t^{\tilde{d}c\tilde{a}f} + 2 u^a t^{\tilde{d}cef} u_e) \right. \right. \\ & 1 \left. \left. + R_{acf}{}^{\tilde{d}} \left(\frac{1}{3} t^{\tilde{f}c\tilde{a}b} + u^a t^{\tilde{f}ceb} u_e \right) + t^{\tilde{d}b} \right] \delta_{(4)} \right\} \\ & + \int \left\{ \left[\frac{\delta}{ds} \left(R_{acf}{}^d u^a u_d t^{\tilde{f}ceb} u_e + \frac{1}{3} R_{ade}{}^c u_c t^{\tilde{e}d\tilde{a}b} + 2 \dot{u}_d \dot{u}_{ct} \tilde{d}^{cab} u_a + t^{cb} u_c - \dot{u}_c u_d t^{cab} \right) \right. \right. \\ & 0 \left. \left. + \frac{2}{3} R_{dae}{}^b{}_{;c} \tilde{c}^{\tilde{d}a} \tilde{c}^{\tilde{e}c} - R_{acf}{}^b{}_{;d} u^a t^{\tilde{d}cef} u_e - R_{dce}{}^b u^d \dot{u}_f t^{\tilde{f}c\tilde{a}e} u_a \right. \right. \\ & \left. \left. + \frac{1}{2} R_{ace}{}^b (2 t^{\tilde{d}e} u^a u_d + t^{\tilde{c}a} \tilde{e}^e) \right] \delta_{(4)} \right\} = 0 \end{aligned}$$

Steinhoff & Puetzfeld 2009

Quadrupolar testbodies

$$\rho_c^a \rho_d^b \frac{\delta}{ds} S^{cd} = \rho_g^{[a} \rho_e^{b]} R_{dcf}^g \left[\frac{8}{3} \frac{2}{n} edcf + 8 \frac{2}{n} edf_u^c + 4 \frac{2}{n} ed_u^f u^c \right]$$

$$\frac{\delta}{ds} \overset{2}{p}^b = -\frac{1}{2} R_{ace}^b u^e \overset{2}{S}^{ac} + \nabla_d R_{ace}^b \left[\frac{2}{3} \frac{2}{n} dcae + \frac{4}{3} \frac{2}{n} dce_u^a + \frac{4}{3} \frac{2}{n} aed_u^c + \frac{2}{n} dc_u^e u^a + \frac{2}{n} ae_u^c u^d \right]$$

Steinhoff & Puetzfeld 2010

Quadrupolar EOM (evolution type)

$$\overset{2}{S}^{ab} := -2 \left(\frac{1}{n} [ab] + \frac{1}{n} [a_u^b] - 2 \left(\frac{2}{n} c[ab] + \frac{2}{n} c[a_u^b] \right) u_c \right)$$

$$\overset{2}{m} := \frac{0}{n} + \overset{2}{S}^{ac} u_a u_c - \frac{2}{3} R_{ace}^d \frac{2}{n} eca_u^d$$

$$\overset{2}{p}^b := \overset{2}{m} u^b + u_a \frac{\delta}{ds} \overset{2}{S}^{ba} + R_{ace}^d \left(\frac{4}{3} \frac{2}{n} abce_u^d + 4 \frac{2}{n} bae_u^c u^d + \frac{4}{3} \frac{2}{n} aec \rho_d^b + 2 \frac{2}{n} ae_u^c \rho_d^b \right)$$

Quadrupolar testbodies

$$\frac{\delta}{ds} S^{ab} = 2p^{[a} u^{b]} + \frac{4}{3} R_{cde} [a I^b] cde$$

$$\frac{\delta}{ds} p_a = \frac{1}{2} R_{abcd} u^b S^{cd} - \frac{1}{6} \nabla_a R_{bcde} I^{bedc}$$

Steinhoff & Puetzfeld 2010

Quadrupolar EOM (compact form)

$$S^{ab} \equiv \overset{2}{S}^{ab}, \quad m \equiv \overset{2}{m}, \quad p^a \equiv \overset{2}{p}^a$$

$$I^{dcab} := 2 \left(\frac{2}{n} dcab + 2 \frac{2}{n} dc(a_u^b) + 2 \frac{2}{n} ab(d_u^c) + \frac{2}{n} dc_u^a u^b + \frac{2}{n} ab_u^d u^c - 2u^{(d} \frac{2}{n} c)(a_u^b) \right)$$

$$I^{abcd} = I^{(ab)(cd)} = I^{cdab}$$

$$I^{(abc)d} = 0 \Leftrightarrow I^{abcd} + I^{bcad} + I^{cabd} = 0$$

Quadrupolar testbodies

$$\tilde{T}^{ab} = \int \left(u^{(a} p^{b)} + \frac{1}{3} R_{cde} {}^{(a} I^{b)cde} \right) \delta_{(4)} - \int \nabla_c \left(S^{c(a} u^{b)} \delta_{(4)} \right) + \frac{1}{2} \int \nabla_d \nabla_c \left(I^{dcab} \delta_{(4)} \right)$$

Steinhoff & Puetzfeld 2010

EM tensor for quadrupolar testbodies

$$S^{ab} \equiv \overset{2}{S}{}^{ab}, \quad m \equiv \overset{2}{m}, \quad p^a \equiv \overset{2}{p}{}^a$$

$$I^{dcab} := 2 \left(\overset{2}{n}{}^{dcab} + 2 \overset{2}{n}{}^{dc(a} u^{b)} + 2 \overset{2}{n}{}^{ab(d} u^{c)} + \overset{2}{n}{}^{dc} u^a u^b + \overset{2}{n}{}^{ab} u^d u^c - 2 u^{(d} \overset{2}{n}{}^{c)(a} u^{b)} \right)$$

$$I^{abcd} = I^{(ab)(cd)} = I^{cdab}$$

$$I^{(abc)d} = 0 \Leftrightarrow I^{abcd} + I^{bcad} + I^{cabd} = 0$$

Dixon's approach

$$\int_{\Sigma} T^{ab} p_{ab} d^4 x = \int_S \left[p_{ab} m^{ab} + (\nabla_c p_{ab}) m^{cab} + (\nabla_c \nabla_d p_{ab}) m^{cdab} + \dots \right] ds$$



$$\int_{\Sigma} T^{\alpha\beta} p_{\alpha\beta} d^4 x = M^{\alpha\beta} \left[\Phi_{\alpha\beta} + \frac{1}{2} \Lambda^\gamma \nabla_{*\{\alpha} G_{\gamma\beta\}} \right]$$



$$M^{\alpha\beta} \left[\nabla_{*(\alpha} M_{\beta)} + \Xi_{\alpha\beta} \right] = 0$$

“Modified variational equation of mechanics”

Dixon's approach

$$\frac{\delta}{ds} p^\alpha = \frac{1}{2} v^\beta S^{\gamma\delta} R^\alpha_{\beta\gamma\delta} + F^\alpha$$

$$\frac{\delta}{ds} S^{\alpha\beta} = 2p^{[\alpha} v^{\beta]} + L^{\alpha\beta}$$

Dixon 1974

$$p^\kappa = - \int_{\Sigma(s)} \sigma^{-1}{}^\kappa_{\gamma\sigma} \gamma_\alpha \tilde{T}^{\alpha\beta} d\Sigma_\beta$$

$$S^{\kappa\lambda} = -2 \int_{\Sigma(s)} \sigma^{[\lambda} \sigma^{-1}{}^{\kappa]}_\alpha \tilde{T}^{\alpha\beta} d\Sigma_\beta$$

Dixon's approach

$$F_\alpha := \frac{1}{2} \sum_{n \geq 2} \frac{1}{n!} m^{\epsilon \dots \delta \gamma \beta} \nabla_\alpha g_{\gamma\beta, \epsilon \dots \delta}$$

$$L^{\alpha\beta} := \sum_{n \geq 1} \frac{1}{n!} g^{\gamma[\alpha} m^{\beta]\epsilon \dots \delta \zeta \eta} g_{\{\gamma\eta, \zeta\} \epsilon \dots \delta}$$

$$g_{\alpha\beta, \gamma\delta} = -\frac{2}{3} R_{\alpha(\gamma\delta)\beta}, \quad g_{\alpha\beta, \gamma\delta\epsilon} = -\nabla_{(\gamma} R_{|\alpha|\delta\epsilon)\beta}, \quad \dots$$

$$F_\alpha = -\frac{1}{6} m^{\epsilon\delta\gamma\beta} \nabla_\alpha R_{\gamma(\epsilon\delta)\beta} - \frac{1}{12} m^{\epsilon\delta\kappa\gamma\beta} \nabla_\alpha [\nabla_{(\epsilon} R_{|\gamma|\delta\kappa)\beta}] + \dots$$

$$L^{\alpha\beta} = -\frac{2}{3} g^{\gamma[\alpha} m^{\beta]\epsilon\zeta\eta} [R_{\gamma(\zeta\epsilon)\eta} - R_{\eta(\gamma\epsilon)\zeta} + R_{\zeta(\eta\epsilon)\gamma}]$$

$$-\frac{1}{2} g^{\gamma[\alpha} m^{\beta]\epsilon\delta\zeta\eta} [\nabla_{(\zeta} R_{|\gamma|\epsilon\delta)\eta} - \nabla_{(\gamma} R_{|\eta|\epsilon\delta)\zeta} + \nabla_{(\eta} R_{|\zeta|\epsilon\delta)\gamma}] + \dots$$

Motion of heavy bodies

Multipolar method for test bodies

Mathisson
Tulczyjew

Papapetrou

Dixon

Set of local quantities

$$m, p^a, S^{ab}, I^{abcd}, \dots$$

Equations of motion

$$\frac{\delta}{ds} p^a = \dots, \frac{\delta}{ds} S^{ab} = \dots$$

Iterative approximation scheme for heavy bodies

$$G^{ab} = \kappa T^{ab}$$

Post-
Newtonian

Post-
Minkowskian

EH like
methods

Open problems

- Choice / interpretation of moments
- Form of the equations at higher (all) orders
- Supplementary condition(s)
- Conserved quantities (at quadrupolar and higher orders)
- Radiation reaction / description of heavy bodies
- Relation to other approximation schemes
- Experimental confirmation