

we have

$$= \frac{1}{2}m_1v_1^2 + \frac{1}{2}m_2v_2^2 + \frac{1}{8c^2}(m_1v_1^4 + m_2v_2^4) \quad (2)$$

$$\frac{m_1m_2}{r} - \frac{Gm_1m_2}{2rc^2} [v_1 \cdot v_2 + (v_1 \cdot n)(v_2 \cdot n) - 3(v_1 - v_2)^2] - \frac{G^2m_1m_2(m_1+m_2)}{2r^3c^2} \quad (3)$$

$$-V_D = -\frac{e_1e_2}{r} + \frac{e_1e_2}{2rc^2} [v_1 \cdot v_2 + (v_1 \cdot n)(v_2 \cdot n)] \quad (4)$$

$$m = \frac{G}{2r^2c^2} [2e_1e_2(m_1+m_2) - (e_1^2m_2 + e_2^2m_1)] \quad (5)$$

a unit vector along $r_1 - r_2$. The existence of a gravitational analogue of the magnetic $Gv_i v_j$ terms) is now apparent. It is instructive, consider, as in refs 1 and 2, the two particles to be in their rest frames, from the balance of gravitational and Coulomb forces. Then, we consider a frame of reference in which the particles, while maintaining the same relative position, are moving with uniform velocity $v_1 = v_2 \equiv v$ in the direction $n = 0$. Thus

$$L_0 = \frac{1}{2}(m_1+m_2)v^2 + \frac{v^4}{8c^2}(m_1+m_2) \quad (6)$$

$$E_{IH} = \frac{Gm_1m_2}{r} \left(1 - \frac{v^2}{2c^2}\right) - \frac{G^2m_1m_2(m_1+m_2)}{2r^3c^2} \quad (7)$$

$$-V_D = -\frac{e_1e_2}{r} \left(1 - \frac{v^2}{2c^2}\right) \quad (8)$$

responding 'generalised force' on particle 1 from particle 2 is

$$\left. \frac{L}{r_1} \right|_1 = -\frac{Gm_1m_2}{r^2} \left(1 - \frac{v^2}{2c^2}\right) + \frac{G^2m_1m_2(m_1+m_2)}{r^3c^2} - \frac{G}{r^3c^2} \left(2e_1e_2(m_1+m_2) - (e_1^2m_2 + e_2^2m_1)\right) \quad (9)$$

The condition for equilibrium in the moving frame is $\left. \frac{L}{r_1} \right|_1 = m_1 \ddot{r}_1$. In other words, as previously noted^{5,6} we have the condition for equilibrium in the general relativistic case is the Newtonian case. In addition, we notice that the gravitational analogue of the magnetic force, in this particular case, is simply obtained from the magnetic force $\frac{G^2m_1m_2}{r^3c^2}$ by the replacement $e_1e_2 \rightarrow -Gm_1m_2$ and, to order $(v/c)^2$, this agrees with the result given in ref. 1. In addition, the combination of equations (3) and (4), however, it is clear that this is not true in general.

It is now clear that arguments based on the use of the Newtonian condition only^{1,2} are inadequate in two major respects: (1) they fail to uncover the existence of various higher-order terms in addition to the Gv^2 terms, the so-called gyron force¹ such as the purely gravitational G^2 terms (which, at least in bound-state problems—perihelion precession of

Mercury—are comparable in magnitude to the Gv^2 terms), nor the mixed Ge_1e_2 terms. The existence of these nonlinear terms is intimately related to a well-known facet of general relativity theory—that the electromagnetic field and the gravitational field itself both act as sources of the gravitational field. (2) They provide no unambiguous way of deciding on the correct law of transformation of forces, whereas such a transformation emerges naturally in the general relativistic approach.

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Dispersion and the transverse aether drag

THERE has been controversy about the correct expression of the displacement, d , introduced by the transverse motion of a dispersive dielectric slab on a light beam. Player¹ proposed the formula $d = vt(n_g - n^{-1})/c$, where v is the slab transverse velocity, t the slab thickness, n_g and n the group and wave refractive indices of the medium, respectively, and c the velocity of light in free space. This expression has been verified in very careful experiments reported by Jones². I point out here that a simple model demonstrates that (in agreement with Player's formula) d must vanish when $v_g v_\theta = c^2$, where $v_g \equiv c/n_g$ is the group velocity and $v_\theta \equiv c/n$ is the phase velocity in the slab.

Let the slab be cut out from a set of plane parallel perfectly conducting surfaces. In other words, instead of considering a real dielectric, we consider a set of perfectly conducting sheets in air. Such artificial dielectrics are commonly used at microwave frequencies. The direction of the incident ray, the direction of the incident polarisation (E field), and the direction of the motion are assumed to be in the plane of these surfaces (see Fig. 1). The propagation of electromagnetic waves in the artificial dielectric slab just described is isotropic in the plane of the surfaces and satisfies the well known relationship $v_g v_\theta = c^2$. On the other hand, the motion of perfectly conducting surfaces in their own plane is immaterial. Therefore the transverse displacement d of the light beam must be equal to zero when the relation $v_g v_\theta = c^2$ holds.

The same conclusion can be reached by considering a particle with non-zero rest mass, such as an electron, traversing a set of perfectly transparent grids at different potentials³. As is well known, the de Broglie matter wave associated with the electron satisfies the relationship $v_g v_\theta = c^2$, where the group velocity v_g can be identified with the electron velocity. Here

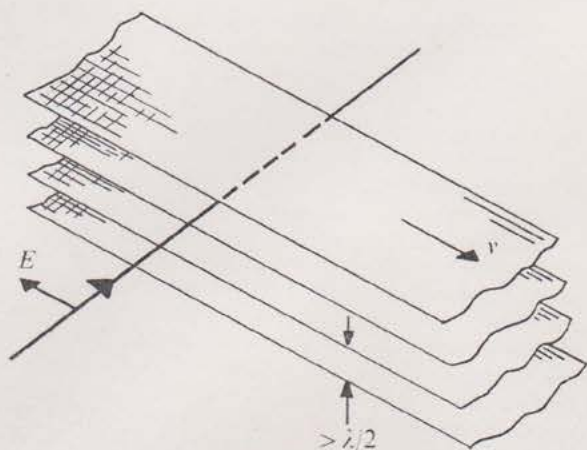


Fig. 1 Gedanken apparatus, consisting of plane parallel conducting sheets moving (velocity v) transverse to incident radiation.

again, it can be seen that a motion of the grids in their own plane is immaterial and should not affect the electron trajectory.

My arguments, of course, do not prove Player's formula, but they prove that alternative general formula that do not satisfy the requirement set up above are incorrect. Note that the condition $d=0$ when $v_e v_0 = c^2$ should hold also for light beams at non-normal incidence, a case that was not considered explicitly by Player.

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Tin mineralisation and mantle hot spot activity in south-eastern Missouri

SILLITOE has pointed out interesting relationships between tectonic setting and a particular class of tin mineralisation¹. Typical mineralisation in these deposits comprises disseminated cassiterite accompanied by topaz, lithia mica, and wolframite in greisens and quartz veins above small subvolcanic alkaline and peralkaline granite plutons which lack demonstrable affiliation with contemporary plate boundaries.

I here describe briefly the tin mineralisation and petrologic-tectonic setting of the Saint Francois Mountains volcanic-plutonic terrain of south-eastern Missouri, which may possibly represent the oldest example of this class of mineral deposit.

The Saint Francois Mountains form a distinctive unmetamorphosed igneous complex comprising chiefly alkalic to peralkalic rhyolite and granite, associated with a major negative gravity anomaly². The plutons seem to be more or less concordant injections into chemically-related rhyolitic ignimbrite and breccia sheets³. The date of this volcanic-plutonic episode is well established by recent detailed geochronologic studies⁴ at about 1,500 Myr BP. The effusive rocks range in composition from andesite to rhyolite, whereas the plutonic rocks vary in composition from granodiorite to granite and minor syenite. The volcanic series and the plutonic series are each volumetrically dominated by the high-silica end members⁵. Porphyritic textures are widespread in many of the intrusive bodies; the

granites locally display the well developed rapakivi texture⁶ characteristic of anorogenic granites throughout the world⁶. Palaeozoic strata cover the country rock which surrounds the igneous exposures of the Saint Francois Mountains, but drill-core studies indicate the 1,500-Myr-old rocks were intruded into and erupted on an older metamorphic-plutonic terrain⁷. The exposed volcanic-plutonic complex is cut by diabase dykes and layered gabbro sills of later, but uncertain, Precambrian age⁸.

The Precambrian volcanic rocks of south-eastern Missouri have long been known for their association with magmatic iron ores⁹⁻¹¹. Tin mineralisation of subeconomic grade, however, is associated with the contact between rhyolite roof rocks and the intruding granite at a locality known as the Silver Mine (90.5°W; 37.5°N). The roof-zone greisen deposits of that locality have been sporadically worked for silver and tungsten during the past 100 yr. Mineralisation in the Silver Mine area consists of well-defined quartz veins containing disseminated cassiterite, lithia mica (zinnwaldite?), topaz, fluorite, wolframite (hubnerite), arsenopyrite, pyrite, chalcopyrite, sphalerite, and argentiferous galena¹². Major, trace, and rare earth element distributions in the veins and altered wallrocks indicate extensive replacement of the host granite by high temperature, fluorine-rich solutions¹³. Original feldspars in the wall-rock adjacent to the veins have been completely destroyed and supplanted by an assemblage of topaz, quartz, fluorite, sericite, lithia mica, and cassiterite¹³. Beryl and tourmaline are not present in the veins or the well defined vein envelopes of sericitic wallrock alteration¹³. This mineral assemblage and its petrologic setting are remarkably similar to those of the Younger Tin Fields of Nigeria¹⁴ and the tin deposits of Rondônia, Brazil¹⁵.

The tin mineralisation in south-eastern Missouri differs in major ways from the well known tin deposits of Bolivia and Japan. The latter are both located in calc-alkaline igneous settings and are thus apparently related to convergent plate processes. Sillitoe *et al.*¹⁶ have described the Bolivian tin deposits as porphyry type mineralisation characterised by pervasive sericitic alteration, stockworks of veinlets, and widespread hydrothermal intrusion breccias—features entirely lacking in the Saint Francois Mountains deposit. The tin mineralisation of Missouri bears a resemblance to the subvolcanic (xenothermal) deposits of Japan¹⁷ which also contain topaz and lack both tourmaline and beryl. The Japanese ores, however, contain tin minerals other than cassiterite (for instance, stannite, stannoidite, and mawsonite), primary bornite and chalcocite, native silver, and silver sulphosalts in a gangue which includes apatite, rhodochrosite, and orthoclase¹⁷. None of these minerals has been reported at the Silver Mine workings¹². Lithia mica is present in Japanese hypothermal tin veins but is not found in the subvolcanic (xenothermal) deposits¹⁷. In the Andes of South America, subduction processes have resulted in a definite zoning of metal provinces wherein iron mineralisation and tin-molybdenum mineralisation are widely separated in space¹⁸. The spatial coincidence of south-eastern Missouri iron and tin mineralisation does not support the hypothesis that there is a former subduction zone beneath the Precambrian igneous terrain of the region.

The hypothesis that tin-bearing alkaline igneous complexes are generated above mantle hot spots before the formation of triple junctions and associated rifts¹ is supported by geological and geophysical relationships in south-eastern Missouri. Burke and Dewey¹⁹ have interpreted the Mississippi Embayment as a failed arm (aulacogen) of a late Palaeozoic triple junction centred near Jackson, Mississippi, but there is evidence that this event was preceded by a major period of late Precambrian rifting in central North America which commenced about 1,300 Myr BP (refs 20-22).

Tin-bearing subvolcanic complexes in Nigeria, Rondônia, and Namibia occur in elongated belts 300-400 km long¹.