



Energy-Momentum Tensor in EM

Have

$$T^{\beta\alpha} = \frac{\partial L}{\partial(\partial_\alpha A^\beta)} \partial^\beta A^\alpha - g^{\alpha\beta} L$$

and by calculation e.g.

$$T^{00} = \frac{1}{8\pi} (\vec{E}^2 + \vec{B}^2) + \frac{1}{4\pi} \nabla \cdot (\vec{\Phi} \vec{E})$$

$$T^{i0} = \frac{1}{4\pi} (\vec{E} \times \vec{B})_i + \frac{1}{4\pi} \nabla \cdot (A_i \vec{E})$$

$$T^{0i} = \frac{1}{4\pi} (\vec{E} \times \vec{B})_i + \frac{1}{4\pi} \left[(\nabla \times \vec{B})_i - \frac{\partial}{\partial x} (\Phi E_i) \right]$$
} symmetric

Note that $\partial_\alpha T^{\beta\alpha} = 0$ but the lack of symmetry means quantities like $M^{\alpha\beta\gamma} = T^{\beta\alpha} x^\gamma - T^{\gamma\alpha} x^\beta$ not conserved i.e. $\partial_\alpha M^{\alpha\beta\gamma} \neq 0$. (only true if T is symm.)

But definition of $\vec{\Phi}$ is not unique - up to term $\sim \frac{\partial}{\partial x^\lambda} \varphi^{\mu\nu\lambda}$
with $\varphi^{\mu\nu\lambda} = -\varphi^{\nu\lambda\mu}$

and

$$\tilde{T}^{\mu\nu} = T^{\mu\nu} + \frac{\partial}{\partial x^\lambda} \varphi^{\mu\nu\lambda}$$

is the symmetric, (canonical) stress-energy / energy-momentum tensor.

add a term $\sim \frac{\partial}{\partial x^\lambda} \varphi^{\mu\nu\lambda}$ with $\varphi^{\mu\nu\lambda} = -\varphi^{\mu\lambda\nu}$

so that

$$\tilde{T}^{\mu\nu} = T^{\mu\nu} + \frac{\partial}{\partial x^\lambda} \varphi^{\mu\nu\lambda}$$

ensuring

$$\partial_\nu \tilde{T}^{\mu\nu} = 0 \quad (\text{since } \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^\nu \partial x^\lambda} \varphi^{\mu\nu\lambda} = 0)$$

Note there is no change to total 4-mom p^μ

since

$$p^\mu = \frac{1}{c} \int T^{\mu 0} d^3x$$

$$= \frac{1}{c} \int T^{\mu\nu} ds_\nu, \text{ constant } x^0 \text{ surface}$$

$$\Rightarrow \int \frac{\partial \varphi^{\mu\nu\lambda}}{\partial x^\lambda} ds_\nu \rightarrow \text{can show integrals of this type are zero}$$

\Rightarrow can add this term to $T^{\mu\nu}$ for E&M so it becomes symm. in indices

Now what is $\frac{\partial \varphi^{\mu\nu\lambda}}{\partial x^\lambda}$?

Recall,

$$T^{\beta\alpha} = -\frac{1}{4\pi} g^{\alpha\mu} F_{\mu\lambda} \partial^\lambda A^\beta + \frac{g^{\alpha\beta}}{4\pi} \underbrace{F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu}}_{F_{\mu\rho} F^{\mu\rho}} = \mathcal{L}_{EM}$$

now, add

$$\frac{1}{4\pi} \frac{\partial A^\beta}{\partial x_\lambda} F^\lambda_\alpha = \frac{1}{4\pi} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_\lambda} (A^\beta F^\lambda_\alpha) - \frac{1}{4\pi} A^\beta \frac{\partial F^\lambda_\alpha}{\partial x_\lambda}$$

and using e.o.m

$$\partial^\lambda F^\alpha_\lambda = 0 = \frac{1}{4\pi} \partial^\lambda (A^\beta F^\alpha_\lambda) = \frac{1}{4\pi} \partial_\lambda (A^\beta F^{\alpha\lambda})$$

$$\text{i.e. } \varphi^{\beta\alpha\lambda} = \frac{A^\beta F^{\alpha\lambda}}{4\pi} = -\varphi^{\beta\lambda\alpha}$$

Traditionally write a symmetric stress-energy tensor

$$T^{\beta\alpha} = \Theta^{\beta\alpha} + \partial_\lambda \varphi^{\beta\alpha\lambda}$$

do

$$\Theta^{\beta\alpha} = -\frac{1}{4\pi} (F_\lambda^\kappa \partial^\beta A^\lambda - F_\lambda^\kappa \partial^\lambda A^\beta) + \frac{g^{\alpha\beta}}{16\pi} F_{\mu\nu}^{\kappa\lambda} F^{\mu\nu}_{\kappa\lambda}$$

$$= \frac{1}{4\pi} (-F_\lambda^\alpha F^{\beta\lambda} + \frac{g^{\alpha\beta}}{4\pi} F_{\mu\nu}^{\kappa\lambda} F^{\mu\nu}_{\kappa\lambda})$$

$$(\text{using } \partial^\lambda \varphi^{\beta\alpha\lambda} = \partial^\lambda (A^\beta F^{\alpha\lambda}_\lambda) = F_\lambda^\alpha \partial^\lambda A^\beta + \underbrace{A^\beta \partial^\lambda F_\lambda^\alpha}_{=0})$$

and this Θ is sym. & traceless : $\Theta^\alpha{}_\alpha = 0$.

AND

$$\Theta^{00} = \frac{1}{8\pi} (\vec{E}^2 + \vec{B}^2)$$

$$\Theta^{0i} = \frac{1}{4\pi} (\vec{E} \times \vec{B})$$

$$\Theta^{ij} = -\frac{1}{4\pi} (E_i E_j + B_i B_j - \frac{1}{2} \delta_{ij} (\vec{E}^2 + \vec{B}^2))$$

and

$$\partial_\alpha \Theta^{\alpha\beta} = 0$$

Verify in this case cons. of ^{ang} mom ie $M^{\alpha\beta\gamma} = \Theta^{\alpha\beta} x^\gamma - \Theta^{\alpha\gamma} x^\beta$.

Finally

Sources : calculate $\partial_\mu \Theta$

$$\partial_\mu \Theta^{\mu\nu} = \frac{1}{4\pi} [\partial^\nu (F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu}) + \frac{1}{4} \partial^\nu (F_{\mu\lambda} F^{\mu\lambda})]$$

$$= \frac{1}{4\pi} [(\partial^\nu F_{\mu\lambda}) F^{\lambda\nu} + F_{\mu\lambda} \partial^\nu F^{\lambda\nu} + \frac{1}{2} F_{\mu\nu} \partial^\nu F^{\mu\nu}]$$

$$\text{and recall } \partial^\mu F_{\mu\lambda} = \frac{4\pi}{c} J_\lambda$$

$$\Rightarrow \partial_\mu \Theta^{\mu\nu} = \frac{1}{4\pi} \left[\frac{4\pi}{c} J_\lambda F^{\lambda\nu} + \frac{F_{\mu\lambda}}{2} (\partial^\mu F^{\lambda\nu} + \partial^\nu F^{\lambda\nu} + \partial^\lambda F^{\mu\nu}) \right]$$

and the HME : $\epsilon^{\alpha\beta\gamma\delta} \partial_\beta F_{\gamma\delta} = 0 \Rightarrow (\alpha=0)$

$$\partial^\mu F^{\lambda\nu} + \partial^\nu F^{\mu\lambda} + \partial^\lambda F^{\mu\nu} = 0$$

$$\partial_\mu \Theta^{\mu\nu} = \frac{1}{c} J_\lambda F^{\lambda\nu} + \underbrace{\frac{F^{\mu\nu}}{2} (\partial^\mu F^{\lambda\nu} - \partial^\lambda F^{\nu\mu})}_{=0 \quad \text{Sym. in } \mu\nu}$$

In presence of sources the sym. stress eng. tensor for EM. field no longer divergenceless by itself. A matter term must be included in Lagrangian for matter current density

Example P_{em}^μ not conserved $P_{em}^\mu = \frac{1}{c} \int d^3x \Theta^{0\mu} \neq 0$

$$= c \int d^3x J^\mu F_\mu^0$$

