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Albert Einstein.

## Landmarks in the development of relativity

- 1905 The Special Theory of Relativity
- 1907 Idea of a generalized relativity principle; Principle of equivalence
- 1912 The entry of geometry; Metric tensor represents gravitational field; The "Zurich notebook"
- 1913 The "Entwurf" Theory; The "Einstein-Besso manuscript"
- 1915 The drama of November
- **1916** The final paper on GR

1904-1909 Patent office in Bern

1909-1910 Assoc. Prof. in U. of Zurich

1911- 1912 Prof. at German U. in Prague

1912-1914 Prof. at ETH in Zurich

1914-1933 Berlin

1933-1955 IAS in Princeton

## Mental Model – Newton's limit

### $\Delta \Phi = 4\pi\kappa\rho$ (Classical Poisson equ.)



## GR describes gravity in purely geometrical terms



Matter tells space-time how to curve; Curved space-time tells matter how to move. John Archibald Wheeler

a field equation, describing the gravitational field generated by matter and energy; this field is represented by the geometry of space-time

an equation of motion, describing the motion of particles in a given gravitational field

# The Goals of a Theory General Relativity

To describe the geometrical structure of space-time under the influence of a given mass distribution (Gravitational Field Equation)

To describe the motion of bodies and light rays in the resultant curved space-time (Equation of Motion)

#### SUCH THAT:

The equations will be independent of the frame of reference (General Covariance)

**Consistent with energy-momentum conservation** 

For weak, static gravitational fields theory has to reduce to Newton's theory

# Mathematical vs. Physical strategy for constructing the field equations

Physical Strategy – start with an object that fulfills the physical requirements and then check the covariance properties



Mathematical Strategy – find an expression of general covariance to meet the expected principles of relativity and equivalence Check if the physical requirements (energy-momentum conservation, Newtonian limit) are fulfilled

#### "Grossman you have got to help me or will go crazy"



Einstein's Zurich Notebook



"I am now working exclusively on the gravitation problem and believe that I can overcome all difficulties with the help of a mathematician friend of mine here. But one thing is certain: never before in my life have I toiled any where near as much, and I have gained enormous respect for mathematics, whose more subtle parts I considered until now, in my ignorance, as pure luxury. *Compared with this problem, the original* theory of relativity is child's play." **Einstein to Sommerfeld, 1912** 



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The Riemann tensor appears in the Zurich Notebook in the search for covariant mathematical expressions constructed from derivatives of the metric tensor. There it is denoted by the four index symbol (*ik*,*lm*). It is marked by a label: "Grossmann tensor fourth rank," indicating the role of Grossman in bringing it to Einstein's attention.

#### p. 14L

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The Ricci tensor appears in the Zurich Notebook as a candidate for the gravitational tensor to appear in the gravitational field equations. Again, the name Grossman appears at the head of Einstein labels the second term of this tensor as the "presumed gravitational tensor *T*."

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# The "Entwurf" Theory

*"Outline (Entwurf) of a General Theory of Relativity and of a Theory of Gravitation", Einstein, Grossman 1913* 



Framework of general theory of relativity. Gravity as curvature of space-time geometry.

"I finally solved the problem a few weeks ago. It is a bold extension of the theory of relativity together with the theory of gravitation. Now I must give myself some rest, otherwise I will go kaput", Albert to Elsa

The equations are not generally covariant!

The best that can be done!?

"The fact that the gravitational equations are not generally covariant,

which still bothered me so much some time ago, has proved to be unavoidable; it can easily be proved that a theory with generally covariant equations cannot exist if it is required that the field be mathematically completely determined by the matter." Einstein to Ludwig Hopf, 2 Nov. 1913

"Now I am completely satisfied and no longer doubt the correctness of the whole system, whether the observation of the solar eclipse succeeds or not. The sense of the matter is too evident." Einstein to Michele Besso, 10 March 1914

## Einstein – Besso Manuscript

#### Calculation of the Mercury perihelion precession

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#### EB manuscript, p. 28

Einstein records the final result for the "precession in 100 years" of Mercury's perihelion produced by the field equations of the Einstein-Grossmann theory. This theory predicts about 18" per century, but the result achieved here, 1821" = 30', which Einstein claims was "independently checked", is a factor of 100 too large. Einstein almost certainly realized that this result was off by a factor of 100 but it was Besso who found the source of the error. The Drama of November (1915) – four papers submitted to the Royal Prussian Academy of Science "On the General Theory of Relativity", Nov. 4th

"...fatal prejudice", "...key to the solution"

"On the General Theory of Relativity (Addendum)", Nov. 11th

"...an even more concise and logical structure"

*"Explanation of Perihelion Motion of Mercury from the General Theory of Relativity"*, Nov. 18th

"...an important confirmation of this most fundamental theory.."

"The Field Equations of Gravitation", Nov. 25th

"...finally completed the general theory of relativity as a logical structure."

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# According to this, a ray of light going past the sun undergoes a deflection of 1.7"...



Calculation gives for the planet Mercury a rotation of the orbit of 43'' per century, corresponding exactly to astronomical observations (Leverrier); for astronomers have discovered in the motion of perihelion of this planet, after allowing for disturbances by other planets, an inexplicable remainder of this magnitude.

When Einstein saw this result, he was so excited that, as he told one of his former collaborators, he had heart palpitations.

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besteht. Man erhält deshalb

$$\frac{\partial \left( \mathbf{x}_{\mu}^{e} + T_{\mu}^{e} \right)}{\partial \mathbf{x}_{G}} = 0 \quad \cdots \quad 56.$$

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#### The Hamiltonian Principle and General Relativity Oct. 1916

"H. A. Lorentz and D. Hilbert have recently succeeded in presenting the theory of general relativity in a particularly comprehensive form by deriving its equations from a single variational principle. The same shall be done in this paper. My aim here is to present the fundamental connections as transparently and comprehensively as the principle of general relativity allows. In contrast to Hilbert's presentation, I shall make as few assumptions about the constitution of matter as possible. On the other hand, and in contrast to my own very recent treatment of the subject matter, the choice of coordinates shall be made completely free." "Only too well do I understand your attempt to derive gravitation from the field equations in the manner of Hamilton's principle. I myself am compelled to derive the Hamiltonian function retroactively, in order to derive the expression for the conservation laws conveniently...Nevertheless, I must admit that I actually do not see in Hamilt. Princip. anything more than a means toward reducing a system of tensor equations to a scalar equation for which the conservation laws are always satisfied and easily derived." Einstein to Lorentz, Jan. 1916 "Lilbout's accumption about matter appaars shildish to ma in the

"Hilbert's assumption about matter appears childish to me in the sense of a child who does not know. At all events, mixing the solid considerations originating from the relativity postulate with such bold unfounded hypotheses about the structure of the electron or matter cannot be sanctioned. I gladly admit that the search for a suitable hypothesis, or for the Hamilton function for the structural makeup of the electron, is one of the most important tasks of theory today. The 'axiomatic method' can be of little use here, though."

**Einstein to Hermann Weyl** 

**NASA Spacestation** 

## Luca Parmitano 18. 10. 2013









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