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Geometric theory of Klimontovich representation and structure-preserving geometric particle-in-cell algorithms¹ HONG QIN, ALEXANDER S. GLASSER, Princeton University — Structure-preserving geometric algorithms in plasma physics [1] numerically preserve the structures of physical systems, such as the local energy-momentum conservation law, symplectic structure, and gauge symmetry, for arbitrarily large number of simulation time-steps. They possess long-term accuracy and fidelity and are especially suited for exascale hardwares. Their advantages over conventional algorithms have been amply demonstrated. A key component of the structure-preserving geometric particle-in-cell algorithms [2-4] is the geometric theory of the Klimontovich representation, which geometrically discretizes the Poisson structure on the infinite dimensional dual of the Lie algebra of distribution densities as [3]

$$\int f \left\{ \frac{\delta H}{\delta f}, \frac{\delta G}{\delta f} \right\}_{xp} dx dp = \sum_{i=1}^N \left(\frac{\delta h}{\delta X_i} \frac{\delta g}{\delta P_i} - \frac{\delta g}{\delta X_i} \frac{\delta h}{\delta P_i} \right).$$

More fundamentally, the geometric theory of the Klimontovich representation establishes a symplectic structure for the Vlasov-Maxwell system from the first principles of physics. [1] Qin et al., PRL 100, 035006 (2008). [2] Squire et al., PoP 19, 084501 (2012). [3] Qin et al., Nucl. Fusion 56, 014001 (2016). [4] Xiao et al., PoP 22, 112504 (2015).

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