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Abstract: We develop an action principle to construct the field equations for dissipative/resistive general relativistic two-temperature plasmas, including a neutrally charged component. The total action is a combination of four pieces: an action for a multi-fluid/plasma system with dissipation/resistivity and entrainment; the Maxwell action for the electromagnetic field; the Coulomb action with a minimal coupling of the four-potential to the charged fluxes; and the Einstein-Hilbert action for gravity (with the metric being minimally coupled to the other action pieces). We use a pull-back formalism from spacetime to abstract matter spaces to build unconstrained variations for the neutral, positively, and negatively charged fluid species and for three associated entropy flows. The full suite of field equations is recast in the so-called “3 + 1” form (suitable for numerical simulations), where spacetime is broken up into a foliation of spacelike hypersurfaces and a prescribed “flow-of-time”. A previously constructed phenomenological model for the resistivity is updated to include the modified heat flow and the presence of a neutrally charged species. We impose baryon number and charge conservation as well as the Second Law of Thermodynamics in order to constrain the number of free parameters in the resistivity. Finally, we take the Newtonian limit of the “3 + 1” form of the field equations which can be compared to existing non-relativistic formulations. Applications include main sequence stars, neutron star interiors, accretion disks, and the early universe.

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1. Introduction

Two-temperature plasmas have been studied in astrophysical systems for nearly fifty years. Early work considered the formation of light nuclei in two temperature plasmas (the ion temperature being greater than the electrons) that could exist near relativistic astrophysical objects. Colgate [1,2] and, independently Hoyle and Fowler [3], looked at the synthesis of deuterium in a plasma (with ion temperature $T_i \sim 10^{11}$ K) generated in shock waves produced by supernovae. Shapiro *et al.* [4] applied a two-temperature accretion disk model for Cygnus X-1 in order to produce the observed thermal emission temperatures of 10^9 K and the observed X-ray spectrum above 8 keV. More recently, Zhdankin *et al.* [5] looked at the role of extreme two-temperature plasmas in radiative relativistic turbulence, while Ohmura *et al.* [6] used simulations of two temperature magnetohydrodynamics to describe the propagation of semi-relativistic jets. Ryan *et al.* [7] have provided axisymmetric two-temperature general relativistic radiation magnetohydrodynamic simulations of the inner region of the accretion flow onto the supermassive black hole M87 while Meringolo *et al.* [8] have looked at two temperature plasmas in the context of special relativistic turbulence.

The literature on electron and ion plasmas shows there are many different scenarios under which two temperatures result, although whether or not the electrons are hotter than the ions is very much dependent on the particular scenario. In his classic text on plasmas and fusion reactions, Chen [9] writes that the positively charged ions can have a temperature which is different from that of its electrons even though they both have Maxwellian distributions. This is because the collision rate of the ions with themselves and the collision rate of electrons with themselves are much higher than that

of electrons with ions. Kawazura *et al.* [10] argue that in a collisionless plasma heated through Alvenic turbulence electrons will be preferentially heated when magnetic energy density is greater than the thermal energy density, whereas it is the ions which are hotter when the energy densities are the other way around.

The problem with developing models of complex plasmas in *dynamical* spacetimes, particularly for numerical simulations, is the consistency of the approximations used. It is standard to develop the approximations by dropping terms based on scaling arguments. Any “inconsistencies” introduced in the process typically lead to some (often small) loss of total energy or generation of spurious heat. However, as discussed in detail below, in a relativistic context, heat will produce an effective mass which contributes to the dynamics of a given system and (at least in principle) the generation of gravitational waves. Therefore, even small inconsistencies in the model development will lead to systematic errors in the generated (potentially observable) signals.

Our purpose here is to use well-established action-based techniques [11] to construct the full suite of field equations for a consistent, resistive, two-fluid, *five-constituent*, two-temperature general relativistic plasma. The model involves a positively charged species flux comoving with a charge-neutral species and a separate negatively charged species flux. The positively and neutrally charged species are assumed to have the same temperature and there is a single entropy comoving with them. Because the negatively charged species is at a different temperature, it will have its own (comoving) entropy.

To see how this comes about, consider the simple case of ionized hydrogen, for which collective behavior of the electrons means they can be described as a fluid. They have well-defined fluid elements with their own four-velocities, and within these elements there will be a thermodynamic description based on, say, temperature and particle density. Clearly, this assumes that the electrons are thermalized, *i.e.* from a kinetic theory point-of-view their state can be described by an equilibrium distribution function (say, Maxwell). From that same kinetic theory point-of-view, we know that entropy is calculable from the distribution. All of this is also true for the protons, except that the difference in temperature would necessarily lead to a different (maybe not in form, but certainly in specific values) distribution and hence different values for the entropy. Since the electrons are at equilibrium among themselves, and likewise for the protons, the electron entropy flows along with the electrons and the proton entropy flows along with the protons; therefore, because the electrons flow relatively to the protons, there are two entropy fluxes. It is conceptually straightforward to allow for ionization/recombination, by adding an additional flux of “neutral” particles. This leads to particle flux creation rates for both of the charged particle fluxes as well as the neutral particle flux. Conservation of baryon number will of course link these two rates.

Given that the physical system considered is broad, and readers may have different backgrounds—plasma physics, astrophysics, numerical relativity, and so on—we have tried to make this presentation as self-contained as possible. For example, there is an extended discussion of the so-called 3 + 1 approach to General Relativity. We have attempted to make this a basic exercise in projecting tensors into spacelike hypersurfaces, or onto the normals to these hypersurfaces. Moreover, in order to set-up the taking of the Newtonian limit (in Sec. 6), it is advantageous to keep G , c , the magnetic permeability μ_0 , and k_B in the equations. Of course, this involves introducing a set of conventions, which are initially somewhat arbitrary, but eventually self-consistent. The complexity of our total system, with its mixing of dynamical, electrodynamical, and thermodynamical energies, fluxes, and momenta, requires a careful, yet admittedly tedious, dimensional analysis of the field variables. The relevant dimensions of field variables will be discussed as the variables are introduced. This is also required for taking the Newtonian limit, where we need to have an internal calibration of what “small” is when we expand the field equations.

The plan of this effort is as follows: In Sec. 2 the field variables are introduced, as well as some of their kinematical features. In Sec. 3 the “matter space” [11,12] is introduced as it provides the arena in which fluid displacements are performed in the action principle. In Sec. 4 we give the independent

pieces of the action principle and derive the field equations. In Sec. 5 we give an overview of the $3 + 1$ formalism, focusing on the geometric arguments, and then apply it to the coupled system of general relativistic plasmas and electromagnetism. The overview is for the reader who is knowledgeable about plasma physics but not particularly familiar with numerical relativity, and/or with how to take a generally covariant theory and introduce a global separation of space from time. We follow this up in Sec. 5.4 with a review of the arguments given in [13] for building simple models of resistivity, for both the charged and neutral current and entropy flows. This is used in Sec. 6 where we take the Newtonian limit. In Sec. 7 we offer some concluding remarks. Adding further details, in Appendix A we review total charge conservation, in Appendix B we derive the “ $3 + 1$ ” form of the Einstein equations, and in Appendix C we adapt the “ $3 + 1$ ” formalism to a preferred coordinate system. The conventions of Misner, Thorne, and Wheeler [14] are used throughout (although we use a, b, c, \dots rather than Greek letters to represent spacetime indices). We assume that the metric g_{ab} is dimensionless, the coordinates carry the unit of length l , and the time unit is given by l/c ; e.g. the time-coordinate $x^0 = ct$. As one might expect, the notation will quickly become a nightmare, and so notational conventions will be explained as the story develops.

2. The Plasma State and the Field Variables

The first step towards modelling a plasma system involves understanding the scales involved and the relevant variables. Perhaps the most important scale is the Debye length λ_D , which is given by [15]

$$\frac{1}{\lambda_D^2} = \sum_i \frac{n_i q_i^2}{\epsilon_0 T_i}, \quad (1)$$

where n_i is the number density of the i^{th} -species, q_i its charge, and T_i its temperature. The Debye length is the effective distance at which the influence of a single charge is no longer felt by other particles; that is, for a length-scale l , somewhere between the inter-particle separation $1/n_i^{1/3}$ and λ_D , polarization (or collective) effects will occur so that charges outside of the Debye sphere (area $\propto \lambda_D^2$) are shielded from the single charge. For scales L much bigger than λ_D , the system will exhibit fluid-like features, such as wave propagation.

This helps establish criteria through which we can define the plasma state: 1) the typical length-scale L for the system must be much larger than the Debye length— $L \gg \lambda_D$ —and such that quasi-neutrality holds ($\sum_i q_i n_i L^3 \approx 0$);¹ 2) there must be a large enough number of particles in the Debye sphere that collective effects occur so that the shielding takes hold ($n_i \lambda_D^3 \gg 1$); and 3) letting τ represent the mean collision time for the neutral particles and $1/\omega$ a time-scale for collective plasma phenomena, we have that the last criterion is $\omega\tau \gg 1$.

In a system like an accretion disc around a black hole there can be several length scales—the horizontal reach L of the disc, the size $2GM_{BH}/c^2$ of the black hole with total mass M_{BH} , and so on. A satisfactory fluid model of the matter and heat in the disc exists when the system can be broken up into a continuum of “boxes” of volume l^3 , each of which is small enough that it can be considered as being microscopic with respect to the system as a whole ($l/L \ll 1$), and yet large enough that it contains enough particles N for which the Laws of Thermodynamics hold. In this case, intensive quantities such as chemical potential, pressure, and temperature will be well defined [16].

In the limit where l becomes infinitesimal, these conceptual boxes become the fluid elements of fluid models. As the fluid evolves, the fluid elements will trace out a continuum of worldlines in spacetime; *i.e.* smooth curves whose spacetime points are identified by a set of coordinates $x^a(\tau)$, with τ being the proper time along the curves. Because the fluid elements contain particles, then these

¹ This also maintains consistency with one of the assumptions in the derivation of λ_D , which is the potential energy due to the effective potential \tilde{V}_{eff} generated by the polarization is much smaller than the thermal kinetic energy $k_B T_i \sim m_i v_{\text{th}}^2$; that is, $q\tilde{V}_{\text{eff}}/k_B T_i \ll 1$.

curves form the basis for tracking particle flux. It is important to note that since a fluid element is infinitesimal with respect to the system as a whole, then changes in the gravitational field across it are negligible. The equivalence principle also implies that the local geometry can be treated as flat spacetime.

Particle flux is defined in the standard way as being a number of particles N passing through an area l^2 per some time l/c ; i.e., particle flux magnitude is $(N/l^3)c$. We do the same for entropy flux, except to note that the entropy unit is k_B , which is energy e per temperature T . Assuming that we can count the amount of entropy as some number N_s times k_B , then the entropy flux will be N_s units of entropy passing through area l^2 per time l/c ; i.e., entropy flux magnitude is $(N_s/l^3)c$.²

Our system consists of a neutrally charged species ($q_\eta = 0$) with particle flux n_η^a and a comoving entropy flux s_η^a/k_B ; a positively charged species ($q_\mathcal{P} > 0$) with particle flux $n_\mathcal{P}^a$ and a comoving entropy flux $s_\mathcal{P}^a/k_B$; and a negatively charged species ($q_\mathcal{N} = -q_\mathcal{P}$) with particle flux $n_\mathcal{N}^a$ and a comoving entropy flux $s_\mathcal{N}^a/k_B$. As we will see later, associated with the particle fluxes $\{n_\eta^a, n_\mathcal{P}^a, n_\mathcal{N}^a\}$ are, respectively, canonically conjugate chemical potential covectors $\{\mu_\eta^a, \mu_\mathcal{P}^a, \mu_\mathcal{N}^a\}$ [cf. Eq. (23)] and for the entropy fluxes $\{s_\eta^a/k_B, s_\mathcal{P}^a/k_B, s_\mathcal{N}^a/k_B\}$ there are respective canonically conjugate “temperature” covectors $\{k_B\Theta_\eta^a, k_B\Theta_\mathcal{P}^a, k_B\Theta_\mathcal{N}^a\}$.

At this point, it is convenient to simplify the notation, by introducing constituent indices $\{x, y, \dots\}$ which will take the values $x = 1, 2, \dots, 6$. With these, we will write generic particles fluxes n_x^a such that the first three are $\{n_1^a = n_\eta^a, n_2^a = n_\mathcal{P}^a, n_3^a = n_\mathcal{N}^a\}$, and the next three are $\{n_4^a = s_\eta^a/k_B, n_5^a = s_\mathcal{P}^a/k_B, n_6^a = s_\mathcal{N}^a/k_B\}$. For the canonically conjugate covectors we will identify $\{\mu_a^1 = \mu_\eta^a, \mu_a^2 = \mu_\mathcal{P}^a, \mu_a^3 = \mu_\mathcal{N}^a\}$ and $\{\mu_a^4 = k_B\Theta_\eta^a, \mu_a^5 = k_B\Theta_\mathcal{P}^a, \mu_a^6 = k_B\Theta_\mathcal{N}^a\}$. In order to make direct contact with the First and Second Laws of Thermodynamics we use an energy e to assign to the combination $\mu_a^x n_x^a$ energy density units e/l^3 . This implies that the μ_a^x must have momentum units e/c . The energy e can take two distinct forms: a particle energy based on mass-energy, $e_m = mc^2$, for the set $\{\mu_a^1, \mu_a^2, \mu_a^3\}$, and a thermal energy $e_T = k_B T$ for the set $\{\mu_a^4, \mu_a^5, \mu_a^6\}$.

The density n_x , with units N/l^3 , associated with the flux n_x^a allows us to define a four-velocity field $u_x^a = n_x^a/n_x$, which is normalized such that $g_{ab}u_x^a u_x^b = -c^2$. These flux worldlines are tied to those of the fluid elements by setting $u_x^a = dx_x^a/d\tau_x$, where τ_x is the proper time along the worldline traced out by u_x^a . We see that $n_x = -u_x^a n_x^a/c^2$ or $n_x^2 = -g_{ab}n_x^a n_x^b/c^2$. Note that in addition to the n_x^2 we can have the mixed terms $n_{xy}^2 = -g_{ab}n_x^a n_y^b/c^2 = n_{yx}^2$, where it is to be understood that $x \neq y$.³ With respect to a flux’s rest-frame, i.e. the local frame which follows the worldline given by u_x^a , we can define the fluid potentials $\mu_x = -u_x^a \mu_a^x$. For $x = 1, 2, 3$, the μ_x are chemical potentials, and for $x = 4, 5, 6$ the μ_x are temperatures $\mu_4 = T_\eta, \mu_5 = T_\mathcal{P} = T_\eta, \mu_6 = T_\mathcal{N} \neq T_\mathcal{P}$.

The remaining field variables are the four-vector potential A_a and the spacetime metric g_{ab} . The metric couples all fields to the spacetime curvature (and vice versa). With A_a and the charge density flux $j_x^a = q_x n_x^a$ we can couple the charged fluids to the electromagnetic field (and vice versa). The total charge density flux is

$$j^a = \sum_x q_x n_x^a = j_\mathcal{P}^a + j_\mathcal{N}^a. \quad (2)$$

The units of the charged current flux j_x^a are $(qN/l^3)c$. We note that MKS units are being used so that the electromagnetic coupling μ_0 combines with ϵ_0 to give $\epsilon_0 \mu_0 = 1/c^2$. The four-potential A_a has units of momentum per charge, or $e_{EM}/(qc)$, where e_{EM} is a characteristic electromagnetic energy; for example, in the Debye limit case we would use $e_{EM} \sim q\tilde{V}_{\text{eff}}$.

² This is not to suggest that entropy is “quantized”, rather that the flux measurement is itself a discrete process.

³ Even though it seems counter-intuitive, we start out by assuming that none of the fluxes are comoving, as this allows for a more compact approach to the notation. In Sec. 4 we will impose the condition of only two independent flux directions.

3. The Matter Space Approach to Dissipation

Our analysis builds on a well-established variational approach to relativistic multi-fluid dynamics [11], including dissipative aspects. The main fluid fields in the model are the fluxes n_x^a . At the heart of the fluxes are the four-velocities $u_x^a = dx_x^a/d\tau_x$. In general, the u_x^a are not surface forming, but they do form a fibration of spacetime. If the u_x^a are given, then $dx_x^a/d\tau_x = u_x^a$ can be integrated so as to construct the $x_x^a(\tau_x)$. Since $u_x^a u_x^a = -c^2$, then knowing, say, the three spatial pieces $dx_x^i/d\tau_x$, automatically determines the time piece $dx_x^0/d\tau_x$. For some given spacelike hypersurface, no two worldlines of, say, the x^{th} -fluid, will intersect that hypersurface at the same point.

If we think of this surface in the context of an initial-value problem, then each worldline will be uniquely determined by the three spatial coordinates they have on that initial hypersurface. It is through this that the so-called “matter space”, or pull-back, approach enters the fluid dynamics. We replace the initial spacelike hypersurface, with an abstract, three-dimensional space endowed with coordinates X_x^A (having dimensions l and $A = 1, 2, 3$). Instead of each worldline being identified with a point on the initial spacelike hypersurface, each point $x_x^a(\tau)$ on the worldline gets mapped to the same point X_x^A in the matter space. Our goal here is to provide a sketch on how to reformulate our fluid model so that the X_x^A are the fundamental fields (see, e.g., Andersson and Comer [11] for complete details).

The first step in this reformulation is to introduce the three-form n_{abc}^x , which is dual to n_x^a :

$$n_{abc}^x = \epsilon_{dabc} n_x^d, \quad n_x^a = \frac{1}{3!} \epsilon^{bcda} n_{bcd}^x, \quad (3)$$

where our convention for transforming between the two is

$$\epsilon^{bcda} \epsilon_{ebcd} = 3! \delta_e^a. \quad (4)$$

Likewise, we introduce the three-form μ_x^{abc} which is dual to μ_a^x :

$$\mu_x^{abc} = \epsilon^{dabc} \mu_d^x, \quad \mu_a^x = \frac{1}{3!} \epsilon_{bcda} \mu_{bcd}^x. \quad (5)$$

Because the metric is dimensionless, we see that the three-forms carry the same units as their dual vectors.

We use the map associated with the coordinates X_x^A of the x^{th} -fluid’s matter space to “pullback” n_{abc}^x into the matter space where it is identified with the totally antisymmetric tensor n_{ABC}^x :

$$n_{abc}^x = {}^x \mathcal{J}_{abc}^{ABC} n_{ABC}^x, \quad (6)$$

such that the Einstein convention applies to repeated matter space indices, and

$${}^x \mathcal{J}_{abc}^{ABC} = \frac{\partial X_x^{[A}}{\partial x^a} \frac{\partial X_x^B}{\partial x^b} \frac{\partial X_x^{C]}}{\partial x^c}. \quad (7)$$

We also use the map associated with X_x^A to “push-forward” the fully antisymmetric matter space quantity μ_x^{ABC} to the spacetime three-form μ_x^{abc} , via

$$\mu_x^{ABC} = {}^x \mathcal{J}_{abc}^{ABC} \mu_x^{abc}, \quad (8)$$

as well as the symmetric matter space “metric” g_x^{AB} to the spacetime metric g_{ab} , via

$$g_x^{AB} = \frac{\partial X_x^A}{\partial x^a} \frac{\partial X_x^B}{\partial x^b} g^{ab}. \quad (9)$$

Because of the antisymmetry in the indices of n_{ABC}^x and μ_x^{ABC} there are natural definitions for the volume-form ϵ_{ABC}^x and its inverse ϵ_x^{ABC} on the x-matter space. These satisfy [13,16]

$$\epsilon_{DEF}^x \epsilon_x^{ABC} = 3! \delta_D^{[A} \delta_E^B \delta_F^{C]} \implies \epsilon_{ABC}^x \epsilon_x^{ABC} = 3! . \quad (10)$$

We can normalize ϵ_{ABC}^x and ϵ_x^{ABC} using the determinant of g_x^{AB} ; i.e.

$$\epsilon_{123}^x = \frac{1}{\epsilon_x^{123}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\Delta_x}} , \quad (11)$$

where

$$\Delta_x = \frac{1}{3! (\epsilon_{123}^x)^2} \epsilon_{ABC}^x \epsilon_{DEF}^x g_x^{AD} g_x^{BE} g_x^{CF} . \quad (12)$$

Now we can write

$$n_{ABC}^x = \mathcal{N}^x \epsilon_{ABC}^x , \quad \mathcal{N}^x = \frac{1}{3!} \epsilon_x^{ABC} n_{ABC}^x , \quad (13)$$

where it can be shown that $\mathcal{N}^x = n_x$ [16]. Similarly, we find

$$\mu_x^{ABC} = \mathcal{M}_x \epsilon_x^{ABC} , \quad \mathcal{M}_x = \frac{1}{3!} \epsilon_{ABC}^x \mu_x^{ABC} , \quad (14)$$

where it can be shown that $\mathcal{M}_x = \mu_x$.

It is also straightforward to confirm that

$$u_x^a = \frac{1}{3!} \epsilon^{bcda} \times \mathcal{J}_{bcd}^{ABC} \epsilon_{ABC}^x . \quad (15)$$

From this we can verify that the X_x^A are conserved along their own worldlines (i.e. they are Lie-dragged by their u_x^a); that is, using Eq. (15), we see

$$\frac{dX_x^A}{d\tau_x} = u_x^a \nabla_a X_x^A = \frac{1}{n_x} \left(-\frac{1}{3!} \epsilon^{abcd} \frac{\partial X_x^A}{\partial x^{[a}} \frac{\partial X_x^B}{\partial x^{b]} \frac{\partial X_x^C}{\partial x^{c]} \frac{\partial X_x^D}{\partial x^{d]}} \right) n_{BCD}^x \equiv 0 , \quad (16)$$

since the term in parentheses vanishes identically. The quantity ∇_a is the covariant derivative, with the dimension of inverse length $1/l$.

In general, dissipation is directly connected with the (matter and/or entropy) particle flux creation rate Γ_x , which is given by

$$\Gamma_x = \nabla_a n_x^a . \quad (17)$$

When $\Gamma_x = 0$ there is no flux change and no dissipation. It is easy to see that there is a one-to-one, local identification of the divergence of a vector field with the exterior derivative of its associated three-form, i.e. $\nabla_{[a} n_{bcd]}^x$; namely,

$$\nabla_a n_x^a = \frac{1}{3!} \epsilon^{abcd} \nabla_{[a} n_{bcd]}^x . \quad (18)$$

Simply put, if the three-form is closed (e.g. $\nabla_{[a} n_{bcd]}^x = 0$), then $\nabla_a n_x^a = 0$ and there is no dissipation; if the three-form is not closed (e.g. $\nabla_{[a} n_{bcd]}^x \neq 0$), then the divergence is not zero and dissipation can occur.

This is the lynchpin of the formalism for dissipative multi-fluid systems developed by Andersson and Comer [17], and another reason for invoking the matter space. In fact, it was shown by Celora *et al.* [16] that

$$\mu_x \Gamma_x = \frac{1}{3!} \mu_x^{ABC} \frac{d}{d\tau_x} n_{ABC}^x . \quad (19)$$

We see immediately that if n_{ABC}^x is a function of only the X_x^A , then $\Gamma_x = 0$ because of Eq. (16). This is ideal when fluids are non-dissipative, because then their respective creation rates must vanish.

However, if we allow n_{ABC}^x to also depend on X_y^A (for $y \neq x$), then the flux three-form is no longer closed and a system of fluid equations with resistive forms of dissipation⁴ result [13]. This will be shown later in Sec. 4.2.

4. The Action Principle and Field Equations

We now set up the action principle used to derive the resistive fluid/plasma, Maxwell, and Einstein set of field equations.⁵ The pull-back formalism will be used to build unconstrained variations of the fluid fluxes δn_x^a so that the fluid equations can be obtained. The Maxwell equations follow from variations of A_a , which appears in two pieces of the total action: one built from the antisymmetric Faraday tensor F_{ab} defined as

$$F_{ab} = \nabla_a A_b - \nabla_b A_a, \quad (20)$$

and the other constructed from a coupling term based on the scalar $j_x^a A_a$. It is important to note that F_{ab} satisfies a “Bianchi” identity

$$\nabla_a F_{bc} + \nabla_c F_{ab} + \nabla_b F_{ca} = 0 \implies \frac{1}{2} \epsilon^{abcd} \nabla_{[b} F_{cd]} = 0, \quad (21)$$

The Faraday tensor has dimensions $e_{EM} / (qcl)$.

Gravity is incorporated (in the standard way) by using the Einstein-Hilbert action for the Einstein Equation and by the minimal coupling of the metric g_{ab} to the fluid and electromagnetic fields. The minimal coupling arises from the $\sqrt{-g}$ term in spacetime volume integrals, where g is the determinant of the metric; the use of g_{ab} in the inner product of vectors; and replacing partial derivatives with covariant derivatives. The energy-momentum-stress tensor T_{ab} , with energy density units e/l^3 , is obtained in the usual way by varying the total action with respect to g_{ab} .

4.1. The Matter, Electromagnetic, Coupling, and Gravity Actions

The fluid action S_M uses for its Lagrangian the so-called Master function Λ [11], an energy density, which is a functional of all the n_x^2 and n_{xy}^2 . An arbitrary variation of S_M with respect to the flux n_x^a and the metric results in

$$\begin{aligned} \delta S_M &= \delta \left(\int_{\mathcal{M}} d^4x \sqrt{-g} \Lambda \right) \\ &= \int_{\mathcal{M}} d^4x \sqrt{-g} \left[\sum_x \mu_a^x \delta n_x^a + \frac{1}{2} \left(\Lambda g^{ab} + \sum_x n_x^a \mu_x^b \right) \delta g_{ab} \right], \end{aligned} \quad (22)$$

where

$$\mu_a^x = \mathcal{B}^x n_a^x + \sum_{y \neq x} \mathcal{A}^{xy} n_a^y, \quad (23)$$

and

$$\mathcal{B}^x = -\frac{2}{c^2} \frac{\partial \Lambda}{\partial n_x^2}, \quad (24a)$$

$$\mathcal{A}^{xy} = -\frac{1}{c^2} \frac{\partial \Lambda}{\partial n_{xy}^2}. \quad (24b)$$

The \mathcal{A}^{xy} , with units $(l^3/N) e/c^2$, provide the “entrainment” effect, which causes the fluid momenta to be “tilted” in the sense that μ_a^x is not proportional to its corresponding flux n_x^a . The

⁴ Andersson and Comer [17] show how other functional dependence, such as g_x^{AB} , can result in bulk- and shear-viscosity.

⁵ As we are interested in only the field equations, boundary terms generated during the variations will be ignored.

implication is that one flux, say $n_{\mathcal{P}}^a$, carries along with it a fraction of the components of a different flux, say $n_{\mathcal{N}}^a$. This leads also to effective “mass” effects due to entrainment between any two particle fluxes, a particle flux and an entropy flux, or two entropy fluxes. Entropy flux acquires an effective mass⁶ (a carrier of inertia which scales like $k_B T / c^2$) through its (non-dissipative) energy/heat exchange within the system, which does work and can change the conjugate momenta of other fluxes [19]. Shatashvili *et al.* [20] have included electron effective masses in their two temperature plasma equations. It has been noted by Kotorashvili *et al.* [21] that the effective mass for a degenerate electron plasma arises from the degeneracy instead of kinematics and is fully determined by the plasma rest frame density (see [22] and references therein), whereas in a hot relativistic electron plasma the effective mass [23] is determined by the relativistic electron temperature.

Entrainment between neutrons and protons is known to be important in superfluid neutron star dynamics [24–27]. Entrainment between matter and entropy can be shown (see, for example, [19]) to lead to the Cattaneo equation [28], which is an important component of causal heat conductivity. This particle and entropy flux model can also be used to describe superfluid systems such as He^4 . In the Landau model of superfluidity [29], there is an ad hoc separation of the He^4 atoms into a superfluid particle flux and a normal fluid particle flux, which are entrained with each other. In the entropy and particle flux approach, all of the He^4 atoms are described with one particle flux, and the “normal fluid” flux is replaced with an entropy flux. A one-to-one mapping between the two models exists (see, for example, Andersson and Comer [30], and references therein), primarily because in the Landau model the normal fluid represents the excitations of atoms out of the ground state and are responsible for carrying the heat. This is important because it shows that the entrainment between the entropy and particle fluxes has physical impact, whether it is describing superfluid He^4 or more general fluids with an independent heat flow. It is less clear whether entrainment between two entropies is important physically, or just a formally consistent piece of the overall mathematical construct.

4.1.1. The Electromagnetic and Coupling Actions

The Maxwell Action is

$$S_{\text{Max}} = \frac{1}{4\mu_0} \int_{\mathcal{M}} d^4x \sqrt{-g} F_{ab} F^{ab}, \quad (25)$$

and its variation with respect to A_a and the metric g_{ab} leads to

$$\delta S_{\text{Max}} = \frac{1}{\mu_0} \int_{\mathcal{M}} d^4x \sqrt{-g} \left(\nabla_a F^{ab} \right) \delta A_b - \frac{1}{8\mu_0} \int_{\mathcal{M}} d^4x \sqrt{-g} \left(F_{cd} F^{cd} g^{ab} - 4F^{ac} F^b{}_c \right) \delta g_{ab}. \quad (26)$$

The minimal coupling of the Maxwell field to the charge current densities j_x^a is obtained from the Coulomb action

$$S_C = \int_{\mathcal{M}} d^4x \sqrt{-g} \left(\sum_x j_x^a A_a \right), \quad (27)$$

whose variation with respect to n_x^a , A_a , and g_{ab} is

$$\delta S_C = \int_{\mathcal{M}} d^4x \sqrt{-g} \sum_x \left(j_x^a \delta A_a + q_x A_a \delta n_x^a + \frac{1}{2} j_x^a A_a g^{bc} \delta g_{bc} \right). \quad (28)$$

⁶ In the action-based formalism, the entropy flux degree of freedom represents the heat flux (see, for example, [18]). As such, because of the equivalence of mass and energy in relativity, it is not surprising that the entropy flux, just as any other flux, also acquires an effective mass.

4.1.2. The Gravitational Einstein-Hilbert Action

At the heart of General Relativity is the Riemann tensor R^c_{dab} , with units of $1/l^2$. It can be inferred from the antisymmetric operation of two covariant derivatives on an arbitrary vector v^a ; namely,

$$\nabla_a \nabla_b v^c - \nabla_b \nabla_a v^c = R^c_{dab} v^d. \quad (29)$$

From the Riemann tensor we can obtain the Ricci tensor $R^{ab} = R^c_{acb}$ and, subsequently, the Ricci scalar $R = g_{ab} R^{ab}$.

The Einstein-Hilbert action is

$$S_{EH} = \frac{c^4}{16\pi G} \int_{\mathcal{M}} d^4x \sqrt{-g} R. \quad (30)$$

Varying it and the other bits of the total action written above with respect to the metric gives the Einstein equation; in particular, the left-hand-side of the Einstein equations comes from the variation of S_{EH} with respect to g_{ab} , i.e.

$$\delta S_{EH} = -\frac{c^4}{16\pi G} \int_{\mathcal{M}} d^4x \sqrt{-g} G^{ab} \delta g_{ab}, \quad (31)$$

where the Einstein tensor G^{ab} is

$$G^{ab} = R^{ab} - \frac{1}{2} R g^{ab}. \quad (32)$$

4.1.3. The Total Action Variation

The variation of the total action S for the system is thus

$$\begin{aligned} \delta S &= \delta S_{EH} + \delta S_M + \delta S_{Max} + \delta S_C \\ &= \int_{\mathcal{M}} d^4x \sqrt{-g} \left\{ -\frac{c^4}{16\pi G} G^{ab} \delta g_{ab} + \sum_x \bar{\mu}_a^x \delta n_x^a + \frac{1}{\mu_0} \left(\nabla_b F^{ba} + \mu_0 \sum_x j_x^a \right) \delta A_a \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \frac{1}{2} \left[\Lambda g^{ab} + \sum_x \left(n_x^a \mu_x^b + j_x^c A_c g^{ab} \right) - \frac{1}{4\mu_0} \left(F_{cd} F^{cd} g^{ab} - 4 F^{ac} F_c^b \right) \right] \delta g_{ab} \right\}, \end{aligned} \quad (33)$$

where the electromagnetic minimal coupling has caused the fluid conjugate momentum to become

$$\bar{\mu}_a^x = \mu_a^x + q_x A_a. \quad (34)$$

Imposing gauge invariance on the total action S (cf. Appendix A) leads to charge conservation in the form [cf. Eq. (A.6)]

$$q_{\mathcal{P}} \Gamma_{\mathcal{P}} + q_{\mathcal{N}} \Gamma_{\mathcal{N}} = 0 \implies \Gamma_{\mathcal{N}} = \Gamma_{\mathcal{P}}, \quad (35)$$

where $\Gamma_{\mathcal{P}} = \nabla_a n_{\mathcal{P}}^a$ and $\Gamma_{\mathcal{N}} = \nabla_a n_{\mathcal{N}}^a$. Of course, there is also baryon number conservation. The total baryon number flux is $n_B^a = n_{\eta}^a + n_{\mathcal{P}}^a$, and it is conserved if $\Gamma_B = \nabla_a n_B^a = 0$; therefore,

$$0 = \nabla_a n_B^a = \nabla_a n_{\eta}^a + \nabla_a n_{\mathcal{P}}^a \equiv \Gamma_{\eta} + \Gamma_{\mathcal{P}} \implies \Gamma_{\eta} = -\Gamma_{\mathcal{P}}. \quad (36)$$

The field equations obtained from the full action variation above cannot be the final form, since the term proportional to δn_x^a implies that the momenta $\bar{\mu}_a^x$ must vanish. This happens because the components of δn_x^a cannot all be varied independently; this is the main reason for using the pull-back formalism because it provides a set of variables, the X_x^A , which can be varied independently.

4.2. From Matter Space to Spacetime Displacements and Resistivity

Even though we have as our unconstrained dynamical variables the scalars X_x^A , ultimately we want the action principle to produce field equations for the fluxes n_x^a . Fortunately, we can use the X_x^A this time to push-forward variations δX_x^A in matter space to Lagrangian displacements ξ_x^a of fluid element worldlines on spacetime; namely,

$$\delta X_x^A = -\frac{\partial X_x^A}{\partial x^a} \xi_x^a, \quad (37)$$

where δX_x^A is an Eulerian variation (when the X_x^A are taken as scalars on spacetime). The minus sign comes in because we know that the X_x^A do not change along the fluid worldlines, meaning that their Lagrangian variation $\Delta_x X_x^A$ [11] has to vanish:

$$\Delta_x X_x^A \equiv \delta X_x^A + \mathcal{L}_{\xi_x} X_x^A = 0, \quad (38)$$

where \mathcal{L}_{ξ_x} is the Lie derivative with respect to ξ_x^a . Since $\Delta_x X_x^A = 0$ we arrive at Eq. (37). Note that, because we have several fluxes, we will need also the mixed Lagrangian variation $\Delta_x X_y^A$ of the X_y^A with respect to the x-fluid (and vice versa):

$$\Delta_x X_y^A = \delta X_y^A + \mathcal{L}_{\xi_x} X_y^A = \mathcal{L}_{\xi_x} X_y^A - \mathcal{L}_{\xi_y} X_y^A = \left(\xi_x^a - \xi_y^a \right) \frac{\partial X_y^A}{\partial x^a}. \quad (39)$$

The displacements of the matter space fluid elements will lead to the variation δn_{ABC}^x , which, in turn, will induce the variation of n_{abc}^x . The Lagrangian variation of n_{abc}^x , in general, is

$$\Delta_x n_{abc}^x = {}^x \mathcal{J}_{abc}^{ABC} \Delta_x n_{ABC}^x, \quad (40)$$

and thus

$$\delta n_{abc}^x = -\mathcal{L}_{\xi_x} n_{abc}^x + {}^x \mathcal{J}_{abc}^{ABC} \Delta_x n_{ABC}^x, \quad (41)$$

where the Lie derivative of n_{abc}^x along the ξ_x^a is

$$\mathcal{L}_{\xi_x} n_{abc}^x = \xi_x^d \frac{\partial n_{abc}^x}{\partial x^d} + n_{dbc}^x \frac{\partial \xi_x^d}{\partial x^a} + n_{adc}^x \frac{\partial \xi_x^d}{\partial x^b} + n_{abd}^x \frac{\partial \xi_x^d}{\partial x^c}. \quad (42)$$

The resistive form of dissipation is due to the presence of X_y^A in n_{ABC}^x . Applying the definitions above, we see

$$\Delta_x n_{ABC}^x = \sum_{y \neq x} \frac{\partial n_{ABC}^x}{\partial X_y^D} \Delta_x X_y^D = \sum_{y \neq x} \frac{\partial n_{ABC}^x}{\partial X_y^D} \frac{\partial X_y^D}{\partial x^a} \left(\xi_x^a - \xi_y^a \right). \quad (43)$$

The sum is over $y \neq x$ because $\Delta_x X_x^A \equiv 0$.

Using the facts that

$$\Delta_x g^{ab} = \delta g^{ab} - 2 \nabla^{(a} \xi_x^{b)}, \quad (44)$$

$$\delta \epsilon^{abcd} = -\frac{1}{2} \epsilon^{abcd} g^{ef} \delta g_{ef}, \quad (45)$$

and

$$\epsilon^{bcda} \mathcal{L}_{\xi_x} n_{bcd}^x = 3! \left(\xi_x^b \nabla_b n_x^a - n_x^b \nabla_b \xi_x^a + n_x^a \nabla_b \xi_x^b \right), \quad (46)$$

we find

$$\begin{aligned} \delta n_x^a &= \delta \left(\frac{1}{3!} \epsilon^{bcda} n_{bcd}^x \right) \\ &= n_x^b \nabla_b \xi_x^a - \xi_x^b \nabla_b n_x^a - n_x^a \left(\nabla_b \xi_x^b + \frac{1}{2} g^{bc} \delta g_{bc} \right) \end{aligned}$$

$$+ \frac{1}{n_x} n_x^a \sum_{y \neq x} \left(\frac{1}{\bar{\mu}_x} \mathcal{R}_b^{xy} \right) \left(\xi_x^b - \xi_y^b \right) , \quad (47)$$

where

$$\frac{1}{\bar{\mu}_x} \mathcal{R}_a^{xy} \equiv \frac{1}{3!} \epsilon_x^{ABC} \frac{\partial n_x^A}{\partial X_y^D} \frac{\partial X_y^D}{\partial x^a} . \quad (48)$$

The coefficient \mathcal{R}_a^{xy} satisfies the identity

$$u_y^a \mathcal{R}_a^{xy} \equiv 0 \implies \mathcal{R}_a^{xy} = \left(\delta_a^b + u_y^b u_a^y / c^2 \right) \mathcal{R}_b^{xy} . \quad (49)$$

This says that \mathcal{R}_a^{xy} has only three degrees of freedom; *i.e.*, u_y^a is timelike and therefore \mathcal{R}_a^{xy} has only the spacelike components with respect to the u_y^a .

We will see in the next subsection 4.3, where the equations of motion are derived, that there is a total “resistivity” current R_a^x which is given by

$$R_a^x = \sum_{y \neq x} \left(\mathcal{R}_a^{yx} - \mathcal{R}_a^{xy} \right) , \quad (50)$$

and satisfies the identity

$$\sum_x R_a^x \equiv 0 . \quad (51)$$

This identity is important because it guarantees that the energy-momentum-stress tensor T_{ab} is divergenceless, *i.e.* $\nabla_b T^{ba} = \nabla_b T^{ab} = 0$ (a consequence of diffeomorphism invariance [14]).

4.3. The Field Equations

We now have everything we need to derive the full suite of field equations. Let us begin by returning to the flux variations of the total action given in Eq. (33). The fact that we are summing over all constituents leads to

$$\sum_x \sum_{y \neq x} \mathcal{R}_a^{xy} \left(\xi_x^a - \xi_y^a \right) = - \sum_x R_a^x \xi_x^a , \quad (52)$$

so that the variation of the total action for the system is

$$\delta S = \int_{\mathcal{M}} d^4x \sqrt{-g} \left[- \sum_x (f_a^x + \Gamma_x \bar{\mu}_a^x - R_a^x) \xi_x^a - \frac{1}{\mu_0} \left(\nabla_b F^{ab} - \mu_0 \sum_x j_x^a \right) \delta A_a - \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{c^4}{8\pi G} G^{ab} - T^{ab} \right) \delta g_{ab} \right] . \quad (53)$$

where

$$f_a^x = 2n_x^b \nabla_{[b} \bar{\mu}_{a]}^x = 2n_x^b \nabla_{[b} \bar{\mu}_{a]}^x + q_x n_x^b F_{ba} , \quad (54)$$

$$\Psi = \Lambda - \sum_x \bar{\mu}_c^x n_x^c , \quad (55)$$

and

$$T^{ab} = \Psi g^{ab} + \sum_x n_x^a \bar{\mu}_x^b - \frac{1}{4\mu_0} \left(F_{cd} F^{cd} g^{ab} - 4F^{ac} F^b_c \right) . \quad (56)$$

It is worth noting here that the generalized pressure Ψ takes the form of a Legendre transformation of Λ , which switches the roles of n_x^a and $\bar{\mu}_x^a$, making the latter the independent degree of freedom; *i.e.*

$$\delta \Psi = - \sum_x n_x^c \delta \bar{\mu}_c^x . \quad (57)$$

This will be especially useful later when we write down the Newtonian fluid/plasma field equations.

Now that the action variation is in place, we can invoke our chosen constraint that a given particle flux and its corresponding entropy flux flow together. We also restrict (by assumption!) the neutral and positively charged species to flow together. The net result is that there are only two matter spaces where $X_1^A = X_2^A = X_4^A = X_5^A \equiv X_{\mathcal{P}}^A$ and $X_3^A = X_6^A \equiv X_{\mathcal{N}}^A$. This also implies there are only two independent Lagrangian displacements: $\xi_1^a = \xi_2^a = \xi_4^a = \xi_5^a \equiv \xi_{\mathcal{P}}^a$ and $\xi_3^a = \xi_6^a \equiv \xi_{\mathcal{N}}^a$. Likewise, there are only two independent four-velocities: $u_1^a = u_2^a = u_4^a = u_5^a \equiv u_{\mathcal{P}}^a$ and $u_3^a = u_6^a \equiv u_{\mathcal{N}}^a$. We also note that $q_1 = q_4 = q_5 = q_6 = 0$ and $q_2 = -q_3 = -q_{\mathcal{N}}$.

In order to get the field equations we employ the action principle, which states that when $\delta S = 0$ for arbitrary values for the variations ξ_x^a , δA_a , and δg_{ab} , then the coefficients multiplying them in δS must vanish. From the coefficient of $\xi_{\mathcal{P}}^a$, we get a single Euler equation for the neutrally and positively charged species, which is

$$\sum_{x=\{1,2,4,5\}} [f_a^x + \Gamma_x \mu_a^x - (R_a^x - q_x \Gamma_x A_a)] = 0, \quad (58)$$

and from $\xi_{\mathcal{N}}^a$ a single Euler equation for the negative species, which is

$$\sum_{x=\{3,6\}} [f_a^x + \Gamma_x \mu_a^x - (R_a^x - q_x \Gamma_x A_a)] = 0. \quad (59)$$

Coming from the coefficient of δA_a are the Maxwell equations [which must also include Eq. (21)],

$$\nabla_b F^{ab} = \nabla_b \left(\nabla^a A^b - \nabla^b A^a \right) = \mu_0 \sum_{x=\{2,3\}} j_x^a, \quad (60)$$

and from δg_{ab} we get the Einstein equation; i.e.

$$G^{ab} = \frac{8\pi G}{c^4} T^{ab}. \quad (61)$$

An equivalent form of the Einstein equation, which will be used in Sec. 5, is

$$R^{ab} = \frac{8\pi G}{c^4} \left(T^{ab} - \frac{1}{2} T g^{ab} \right), \quad (62)$$

where $T = g^{ab} T_{ab}$.

From the process of creating the two Euler equations (58) and (59), we find that the set of resistivity vectors R_a^x is reduced from six members down to two, which we denote by $R_a^{\mathcal{P}}$ and $R_a^{\mathcal{N}}$. If we take into account that $X_1^A = X_2^A = X_4^A = X_5^A$ and $X_3^A = X_6^A \equiv X_{\mathcal{N}}^A$, then we see that Eq. (48) implies

$$\mathcal{R}_a^{12} = \mathcal{R}_a^{14} = \mathcal{R}_a^{15}, \quad \mathcal{R}_a^{13} = \mathcal{R}_a^{16}, \quad (63a)$$

$$\mathcal{R}_a^{21} = \mathcal{R}_a^{24} = \mathcal{R}_a^{25}, \quad \mathcal{R}_a^{23} = \mathcal{R}_a^{26}, \quad (63b)$$

$$\mathcal{R}_a^{31} = \mathcal{R}_a^{32} = \mathcal{R}_a^{34} = \mathcal{R}_a^{35}, \quad (63c)$$

$$\mathcal{R}_a^{41} = \mathcal{R}_a^{42} = \mathcal{R}_a^{45}, \quad \mathcal{R}_a^{43} = \mathcal{R}_a^{46}, \quad (63d)$$

$$\mathcal{R}_a^{51} = \mathcal{R}_a^{52} = \mathcal{R}_a^{54}, \quad \mathcal{R}_a^{53} = \mathcal{R}_a^{56}, \quad (63e)$$

$$\mathcal{R}_a^{61} = \mathcal{R}_a^{62} = \mathcal{R}_a^{64} = \mathcal{R}_a^{65}. \quad (63f)$$

Inserting these into the definition of R_a^x in Eq. (50) leads to

$$R_a^{\mathcal{P}} = R_a^1 + R_a^2 + R_a^4 + R_a^5 = 4 \left(\mathcal{R}_a^{31} + \mathcal{R}_a^{61} \right) - 2 \left(\mathcal{R}_a^{13} + \mathcal{R}_a^{23} + \mathcal{R}_a^{43} + \mathcal{R}_a^{53} \right). \quad (64)$$

In a similar manner, we obtain

$$R_a^{\mathcal{N}} = R_a^3 + R_a^6 = -4(R_a^{31} + R_a^{61}) + 2(R_a^{13} + R_a^{23} + R_a^{43} + R_a^{53}) = -R_a^{\mathcal{P}}, \quad (65)$$

so the identity in Eq. (51) becomes

$$R_a^{\mathcal{P}} + R_a^{\mathcal{N}} = 0. \quad (66)$$

Ultimately, microphysical calculations will be required to precisely specify $R_a^{\mathcal{N}}$ (e.g. as indicated by Braginskii [31]). However, the formalism itself has already provided some structure for the resistivities R_a^x , as evidenced by Eqs. (19), (35), (36), (48), (49), and (66). Recall that the main assumption is that n_{ABC}^x depends on, in principle, all of the X_x^A . Because of Eq. (16), then the chain-rule implies

$$\frac{d}{d\tau_x} n_{ABC}^x = u_x^a \sum_{y \neq x} \frac{\partial X_y^D}{\partial x^a} \frac{\partial n_{ABC}^x}{\partial X_y^D}. \quad (67)$$

When we substitute this into Eq. (19), and use Eq. (49), we obtain

$$\bar{\mu}_x \Gamma_x = -u_x^a \sum_{y \neq x} (R_a^{yx} - R_a^{xy}) = -u_x^a R_a^x. \quad (68)$$

4.4. Impact of Change of Gauge for A_a

A gauge transformation will impact the fluid equations of motion because of the change to the momentum; i.e. letting $\bar{A}_a = A_a + \nabla_a \phi$ we find

$$\bar{\mu}_a^x = \mu_a^x + q_x A_a \quad \longrightarrow \quad \bar{\mu}_a^x = \mu_a^x + q_x \bar{A}_a = \bar{\mu}_a^x + q_x \nabla_a \phi. \quad (69)$$

It is important here to consider in more detail the ramifications of a change of gauge, since a natural application of the present work would be to numerical evolutions [32]. In the numerical setting, we expect to be solving for the vector potential A_a as we evolve the system. This will require a choice of gauge for the vector potential, which will affect the explicit values of terms (such as the resistivity) in the equations of motion.

Clearly, R_a^x is gauge-dependent, since the quantity $\bar{\mu}_x^{ABC}$ in \mathcal{R}_a^{xy} [cf. Eq. (48)] depends on A_a . Letting \bar{R}_a^x denote the particle resistivity in the new gauge, we find

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{R}_a^x &= \sum_{y \neq x} (\bar{\mathcal{R}}_a^{yx} - \bar{\mathcal{R}}_a^{xy}) \\ &= \sum_{y \neq x} \frac{1}{3!} \epsilon^{ebcd} \left[(\bar{\mu}_e^y + q_y \nabla_e \phi)^y \mathcal{J}_{bcd}^{ABC} \frac{\partial n_{ABC}^y}{\partial X_x^D} \frac{\partial X_x^D}{\partial x^a} \right. \\ &\quad \left. - (\bar{\mu}_e^x + q_x \nabla_e \phi)^x \mathcal{J}_{bcd}^{ABC} \frac{\partial n_{ABC}^x}{\partial X_y^D} \frac{\partial X_y^D}{\partial x^a} \right] \\ &= R_a^x + G_a^x, \end{aligned} \quad (70)$$

where

$$G_a^x = \sum_{y \neq x} (\mathcal{G}_a^{yx} - \mathcal{G}_a^{xy}), \quad \mathcal{G}_a^{xy} = \frac{1}{3!} \epsilon^{ebcd} q_x \left({}^x \mathcal{J}_{bcd}^{ABC} \frac{\partial n_{ABC}^x}{\partial X_y^D} \frac{\partial X_y^D}{\partial x^a} \right) \nabla_e \phi. \quad (71)$$

Note that

$$\sum_x R_a^x = \sum_x G_a^x = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad \sum_x \bar{R}_a^x = \sum_x R_a^x + \sum_x G_a^x = 0. \quad (72)$$

Using Eqs. (10), (15), and (48), we can re-write \mathcal{G}_a^{xy} as

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{G}_a^{xy} &= \frac{1}{3!} q_x \left(\epsilon^{ebcd} \times \mathcal{J}_{bcd}^{ABC} \delta_A^E \delta_B^F \delta_C^G \frac{\partial n_x^x}{\partial X_y^D} \frac{\partial X_y^D}{\partial x^a} \right) \nabla_e \phi \\ &= -\frac{q_x}{\bar{\mu}_x} \left(\frac{1}{3!} \bar{\mu}_x \epsilon_x^{EFG} \frac{\partial n_x^x}{\partial X_y^D} \frac{\partial X_y^D}{\partial x^a} \right) \left(\frac{1}{3!} \epsilon^{bcde} \times \mathcal{J}_{bcd}^{ABC} \epsilon_{ABC}^x \right) \nabla_e \phi \\ &= -q_x \left(u_x^b \nabla_b \phi \right) \left(\frac{1}{\bar{\mu}_x} \mathcal{R}_a^{xy} \right),\end{aligned}\quad (73)$$

which implies

$$G_a^x = - \sum_{y \neq x} \left[q_y \left(u_y^b \nabla_b \phi \right) \left(\frac{1}{\bar{\mu}_y} \mathcal{R}_a^{yx} \right) - q_x \left(u_x^b \nabla_b \phi \right) \left(\frac{1}{\bar{\mu}_x} \mathcal{R}_a^{xy} \right) \right]. \quad (74)$$

When the sums in Eqs. (58) and (59) are performed, we see that the gauge-dependent part of each of the fluid equations of motion is

$$\begin{aligned}\bar{R}_a^N - q_N \Gamma_3 \bar{A}_a &= R_a^N - q_N \Gamma_3 A_a - 4q_N \frac{1}{\bar{\mu}_3} \left(u_N^b \mathcal{R}_b^{31} \right) \nabla_a \phi \\ &\quad + 2q_N \left[\frac{1}{\bar{\mu}_2} u_P^b \mathcal{R}_a^{23} - \frac{1}{\bar{\mu}_3} u_N^b \left(2\mathcal{R}_a^{31} + \mathcal{R}_a^{36} \right) \right] \nabla_b \phi.\end{aligned}\quad (75)$$

Clearly, Eqs. (58) and (59) are modified under a gauge transformation. This was expected. The point is that we have shown how the transformation enters the field equations and therefore we can still evolve the system regardless of the choice of gauge.

It is a different story if we look at the projection of Eq. (58) along u_P^a and Eq. (59) along u_N^a . Clearly, $u_P^a f_a^x = 0$ for Eq. (58) and $u_N^a f_a^x = 0$ for Eq. (59), leaving two equations having linear combinations of creation rates Γ_x , combined with the resistivity and the gauge-dependent terms. The creation rates must be gauge invariant. Fortunately, if we use Eq. (49), and project Eq. (75) along u_P^a and then along u_N^a , we get

$$u_P^a \left(\bar{R}_a^N - q_N \Gamma_3 \bar{A}_a \right) = u_P^a \left(R_a^N - q_N \Gamma_3 A_a \right), \quad (76a)$$

$$u_N^a \left(\bar{R}_a^N - q_N \Gamma_3 \bar{A}_a \right) = u_N^a \left(R_a^N - q_N \Gamma_3 A_a \right), \quad (76b)$$

thus verifying that the Γ_x are gauge invariant. This was also noted in [13] and is a result of starting with an action with well-defined couplings. The formalism itself takes care of gauge issues through internal consistency.

5.3 + 1 Formulation

Having derived the equations of motion for the plasma system, we want to make contact with applications and known results in the non-relativistic limit. In order to do this, we work out the 3 + 1 form of the field equations, keeping the speed of light explicit. This makes taking the Newtonian limit a simple power counting exercise and also sets the problem up for foliation-based numerical simulations. Our approach to the 3 + 1 problem follows the set of notes by Gourgoulhon [33].

5.1. The 3 + 1 Setup

We begin by restricting our formalism to a special class of manifolds—globally hyperbolic. These manifolds contain a family of causal curves, which are such that every vector tangent to them is timelike or null. They also contain a Cauchy surface, which is a spacelike hypersurface that is intersected exactly once by every inextendible causal curve in the manifold. It can be shown that, on these manifolds with

coordinates \bar{x}^a , a scalar “time” function $t(\bar{x}^a)$ exists such that its level (“constant time”) hypersurfaces can be smoothly stacked on top of each other to form a foliation of the spacetime.

A normal at a point on a constant-time hypersurface is obtained in the standard way by taking the gradient of the time function, *i.e.* $\nabla_a t$, and then evaluating the gradient at the point under consideration. A unit normal u^a ($u^a u_a = -c^2$) at each point is created by introducing the so-called lapse function N , which is a speed, as a normalization factor for $\nabla_a t$; that is,

$$u^a = -cN\nabla^a t. \quad (77)$$

If we build an initial slice of the foliation by solving $t(\bar{x}^a) = t_0 = \text{constant}$, the next one, say for $t = t_0 + \delta t$, will consist of the set of points obtained by moving the same, “small” proper distance in the u^a direction. The u^a will merge together from slice-to-slice to become tangents to worldlines. The acceleration a_a of an observer following one of these worldlines is

$$a_a = u^b \nabla_b u_a \equiv \frac{Du_a}{dt}, \quad (78)$$

which introduces our notion of time-derivative.

So far, we have a mechanism for stacking the spacelike hypersurfaces, but nothing for how they “slip” past each other. To take care of that we introduce a “flow-of-time” vector t^a (with the units of speed) which joins spatial points $\bar{x}^i|_{t_0}$ on the hypersurface $t = t_0$ to spatial points $\bar{x}^i|_{t_0+\delta t}$ on the next hypersurface $t = t_0 + \delta t$ such that $\bar{x}^i|_{t_0} = \bar{x}^i|_{t_0+\delta t}$; in words, it is the observers following t^a and not u^a who are “at rest” with respect to the foliation slices. We normalize t^a by setting

$$t^a \nabla_a t = 1. \quad (79)$$

We can use u^a/c in two ways to decompose t^a into pieces perpendicular and parallel to the foliation slices; namely,

$$t^a = N(u^a/c) + N^a, \quad N^a = \perp_b^a t^b, \quad \perp_b^a = \delta_b^a + u^a u_b/c^2, \quad (80)$$

where N^a is the so-called shift vector (with speed units). The tensor \perp_a^b is the (idempotent) operator that provides the parallel (spacelike) projection and u^a/c provides the perpendicular (timelike) projection. Since $\perp_b^a u^b = 0$ the shift vector satisfies $(u_a/c) N^a = 0$ and therefore has no perpendicular component.

Each slice of the foliation is, in principle, a curved space. The curvature information is contained in an induced three-metric h_{ab} given by

$$h_{ab} = \perp_a^c \perp_b^d g_{cd} = g_{ab} + u_a u_b/c^2. \quad (81)$$

Our notion of spatial covariant derivative D_a is generated by the action of \perp_b^a on the covariant derivative of an arbitrary vector $\tilde{v}^a = \perp_b^a v^b$; namely,

$$D_a \tilde{v}^b = \perp_a^c \perp_b^d \nabla_c \tilde{v}^d. \quad (82)$$

The three-metric h_{ab} is compatible with D_a ; *i.e.* $D_a h_{bc} = 0$. The intrinsic curvature of slices of the foliation, ${}^{(3)}R^c_{dab}$, can be inferred from

$$D_a D_b \tilde{v}^c - D_b D_a \tilde{v}^c = {}^{(3)}R^c_{dab} \tilde{v}^d. \quad (83)$$

The acceleration can be shown [by inserting Eq. (77) into (78)] to have the alternative form

$$a_a = c^2 D_a \ln(N/c). \quad (84)$$

Because the three-dimensional slices of the foliation are embedded in four-dimensional spacetime, they have an extrinsic curvature K_{ab} (with inverse time dimensions) given by

$$K_{ab} = -\frac{1}{2} \mathcal{L}_u h_{ab} = -\frac{1}{2} (\perp_b^c \nabla_c u_a + \perp_a^c \nabla_c u_b) . \quad (85)$$

It is easy to show that the trace of the extrinsic curvature, which is $K = g^{ab} K_{ab}$, becomes

$$K = -\nabla_a u^a \equiv -\Theta . \quad (86)$$

When we develop the $3 + 1$ form of the field equations it will be found that the covariant derivative of u^a enters repeatedly. A couple of important “tools” for dealing with this can be obtained by applying the well-known decomposition

$$\nabla_a u_b = \sigma_{ab} + \frac{1}{3} \Theta h_{ab} + \omega_{ab} - u_b u_a / c^2 = -K_{ab} + \omega_{ab} - u_a u_b / c^2 , \quad (87)$$

where

$$\sigma_{ab} = \frac{1}{2} (\perp_b^c \nabla_c u_a + \perp_a^c \nabla_c u_b) - \frac{1}{3} \Theta h_{ab} = - \left(K_{ab} - \frac{1}{3} K h_{ab} \right) , \quad (88a)$$

$$\omega_{ab} = \frac{1}{2} (\perp_b^c \nabla_c u_a - \perp_a^c \nabla_c u_b) . \quad (88b)$$

The most useful formula is a consequence of the fact that u^a is surface forming: This implies $\omega_{ab} = 0$, and so therefore

$$\nabla_a u_b = -K_{ab} - u_a u_b / c^2 . \quad (89)$$

From this we can immediately show

$$\nabla_c \perp_a^b = -2g^{bd} \left[u_c u_{(a} u_{d)} / c^4 + u_{(a} K_{d)c} / c^2 \right] . \quad (90)$$

5.2. Field Decompositions

We have just seen how the metric can be re-framed in terms of the lapse N , the shift-vector N^a , and the three-metric h_{ab} . Now we need to produce the similar re-framing for the remaining field variables n_x^a and A_a .

Using the projection operators u^a / c and \perp_b^a , and taking into account the dimensional analysis of the flux earlier, the $3 + 1$ forms of the fluxes must be

$$n_x^a = \tilde{n}_x u^a + \tilde{n}_x^a , \quad \tilde{n}_x = - \left(u_a / c^2 \right) n_x^a , \quad \tilde{n}_x^a = \perp_b^a n_x^b . \quad (91)$$

From the definition of the four-velocity $u_x^a = n_x^a / n_x$ we can infer

$$u_x^a = \frac{\tilde{n}_x}{n_x} (u^a + \tilde{u}_x^a) , \quad \tilde{u}_x^a = \frac{\tilde{n}_x^a}{\tilde{n}_x} , \quad (92)$$

and can therefore show

$$\frac{\tilde{n}_x}{n_x} = \tilde{\gamma}_x , \quad \tilde{\gamma}_x = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - \tilde{u}_x^a \tilde{u}_x^a / c^2}} . \quad (93)$$

Because $u_x^a u_a = -\tilde{\gamma}_x$ and $u_\eta^a u_a = u_\mathcal{P}^a u_a$ we have $\tilde{\gamma}_1 = \tilde{\gamma}_2 = \tilde{\gamma}_4 = \tilde{\gamma}_5 \equiv \tilde{\gamma}_\mathcal{P}$ and consequently $\tilde{u}_1^a = \tilde{u}_2^a = \tilde{u}_4^a = \tilde{u}_5^a \equiv \tilde{u}_\mathcal{P}^a$. Similarly, we have $\tilde{\gamma}_3 = \tilde{\gamma}_6 \equiv \tilde{\gamma}_\mathcal{N}$ and $\tilde{u}_3^a = \tilde{u}_6^a \equiv \tilde{u}_\mathcal{N}^a$.

For the chemical potential covector μ_a^x , the dimensional analysis leads to a slightly different form for the decompositions:

$$\mu_a^x = \tilde{\mu}_x u_a / c^2 + \tilde{\mu}_a^x , \quad \tilde{\mu}_x = -u^a \mu_a^x , \quad \tilde{\mu}_a^x = \perp_b^a \mu_b^x . \quad (94)$$

If we substitute into the spatial part of this the initial result for μ_a^x , i.e. Eq. (23), we find a form more amenable for the Newtonian limit, which is

$$\tilde{\mu}_a^x = \frac{\tilde{\mu}_x}{c^2} \tilde{u}_a^x + \sum_{y \neq x} \mathcal{A}^{xy} \tilde{n}_y \tilde{w}_a^{yx} , \quad (95)$$

where

$$\tilde{w}_{yx}^a = \tilde{u}_y^a - \tilde{u}_x^a . \quad (96)$$

As an effect of the tilting of the momenta, the chemical potentials in the fluid rest frames are related with those of the foliation in more complicated ways, which are

$$\mu_x = \tilde{\gamma}_x (\tilde{\mu}_x - \tilde{u}_x^a \tilde{\mu}_a^x) . \quad (97)$$

By direct substitution of the decompositions just above into Eq. (55), the generalized pressure Ψ becomes

$$\Psi = \Lambda + \sum_x (\tilde{\mu}_x \tilde{n}_x - \tilde{\mu}_a^x \tilde{n}_x^a) , \quad (98)$$

and the fluid/plasma part of T^{ab} is

$$\begin{aligned} \Psi g^{ab} + \sum_x n_x^a \mu_x^b &= \left(-\Lambda + \sum_x \tilde{\mu}_c^x \tilde{n}_x^c \right) u^a u^b / c^2 + \sum_x \tilde{n}_x \tilde{\mu}_x^b u^a + \sum_x \frac{\tilde{\mu}_x \tilde{n}_x}{c^2} \tilde{u}_x^a u^b \\ &+ \Psi h^{ab} + \sum_x \tilde{n}_x^a \tilde{\mu}_x^b . \end{aligned} \quad (99)$$

The charge current flux j_x^a is

$$j_x^a = \tilde{\sigma}_x u^a + \tilde{j}_x^a , \quad \tilde{\sigma}_x = - \left(u_a / c^2 \right) j_x^a , \quad \tilde{j}_x^a = \perp_b^a j_x^b , \quad (100)$$

and the four-potential A_a is

$$A_a = \tilde{V} u_a / c^2 + \tilde{A}_a , \quad \tilde{V} = -u^a A_a , \quad \tilde{A}_a = \perp_b^a A_b , \quad (101)$$

where we have introduced the scalar potential \tilde{V} (with the standard energy per charge units) and the three-vector potential \tilde{A}_a . Inserting this into the Faraday tensor, and using Eq. (89) for the covariant derivative, we find

$$\begin{aligned} F_{ab} &= \frac{1}{c^2} (u_b D_a - u_a D_b) \tilde{V} + \frac{1}{c^2} \tilde{V} (a_a u_b - a_b u_a) + \frac{1}{c^2} u_b \frac{D \tilde{A}_a}{dt} - \frac{1}{c^2} u_a \frac{D \tilde{A}_b}{dt} \\ &- \frac{1}{c^2} (u_b \delta_a^d - u_a \delta_b^d) \tilde{A}^c K_{dc} + D_a \tilde{A}_b - D_b \tilde{A}_a . \end{aligned} \quad (102)$$

The electric \tilde{E}_a and magnetic \tilde{B}_a fields are defined as

$$\tilde{E}_a = -\frac{u^b}{c} F_{ba} = -D_a \tilde{V} - \perp_a^b \frac{D \tilde{A}_b}{dt} - \tilde{V} a_a / c^2 + \tilde{A}^b K_{ab} , \quad (103a)$$

$$\tilde{B}_a = \frac{1}{2} \tilde{\epsilon}_a^{bc} F_{bc} = \tilde{\epsilon}_a^{bc} D_b \tilde{A}_c , \quad \tilde{\epsilon}_{abc} = \frac{u^d}{c} \epsilon_{dabc} , \quad (103b)$$

which implies

$$F_{ab} = \frac{2}{c^2} u_{[a} \tilde{E}_{b]} + \tilde{\epsilon}_{abc} \tilde{B}^c . \quad (104)$$

Finally, the electromagnetic contribution to T^{ab} is

$$-\frac{1}{4\mu_0} (F_{cd}F^{cd}g^{ab} - 4F^{ac}F^b{}_c) = \frac{1}{2c^2\mu_0} (\tilde{E}^2 + c^2\tilde{B}^2) u^a u^b + \frac{1}{c^2\mu_0} (u^a \tilde{\epsilon}^{bcd} + u^b \tilde{\epsilon}^{acd}) \tilde{E}_c \tilde{B}_d - \frac{1}{c^2\mu_0} \left[\tilde{E}^a \tilde{E}^b + c^2 \tilde{B}^a \tilde{B}^b - \frac{1}{2} (\tilde{E}^2 + c^2 \tilde{B}^2) h^{ab} \right]. \quad (105)$$

We end this subsection by pointing out that Eqs. (99) and (105) shows that T_{ab} naturally separates into “time-time”, “time-space”, and “space-space” pieces. Respectively, these give the total mass-energy density E , the total momentum density P_a , and the total stress S_{ab} :

$$E = \frac{1}{c^2} u^a u^b T_{ab}, \quad (106a)$$

$$P^a = -\frac{1}{c} u_b \perp_c^a T^{bc} = -\frac{1}{c} u_b \perp_c^a T^{cb}, \quad (106b)$$

$$S^{ab} = \perp_c^a \perp_d^b T^{cd}, \quad S = h_{ab} S^{ab}. \quad (106c)$$

The terms in Eqs. (99) and (105) combine to give

$$E = -\Lambda + \sum_x \tilde{\mu}_a^x \tilde{n}_x^a + \frac{1}{2c^2\mu_0} (\tilde{E}^2 + c^2\tilde{B}^2), \quad (107a)$$

$$P^a = \frac{1}{c} \sum_x \tilde{\mu}_x \tilde{n}_x \tilde{\mu}_x^a + \frac{1}{c\mu_0} \tilde{\epsilon}^{abc} \tilde{E}_b \tilde{B}_c = c \sum_x \tilde{n}_x \tilde{\mu}_x^a + \frac{1}{c\mu_0} \tilde{\epsilon}^{abc} \tilde{E}_b \tilde{B}_c, \quad (107b)$$

$$S^{ab} = \Psi h^{ab} + \sum_x \tilde{n}_x^a \tilde{\mu}_x^b - \frac{1}{c^2\mu_0} \left[\tilde{E}^a \tilde{E}^b + c^2 \tilde{B}^a \tilde{B}^b - \frac{1}{2} (\tilde{E}^2 + c^2 \tilde{B}^2) h^{ab} \right], \quad (107c)$$

$$S = 3\Psi + \sum_x \tilde{\mu}_a^x \tilde{n}_x^a + \frac{1}{2c^2\mu_0} (\tilde{E}^2 + c^2\tilde{B}^2). \quad (107d)$$

5.3. The 3 + 1 Field Equations

The logic of rewriting the Einstein, fluid/plasma, and electromagnetic field equations in their 3 + 1 forms is the same as for the field variables — project free indices perpendicular to the foliation slices using the operator u^a/c and project free indices parallel to the foliation slices using \perp_b^a , and then make substitutions of the decomposed quantities derived in the previous section. The main complication is that the field equations have derivatives, and we will need to replace everywhere covariant derivatives ∇_a with their 3 + 1 counterparts D/dt and D_a .

We will start with the Einstein equations as given in Eq. (62). The projections of the Ricci tensor R_{ab} are performed in Appendix B. When these and the terms E , P^a , and S^{ab} are substituted back into Eq. (62) we get the Hamiltonian Constraint

$${}^{(3)}R + \frac{1}{c^2} K^2 - \frac{1}{c^2} K^{ab} K_{ab} = \frac{16\pi G}{c^4} E, \quad (108)$$

the Momentum Constraint

$$D_b \left(K^b{}_a - K \delta_a^b \right) = \frac{8\pi G}{c^3} P_a, \quad (109)$$

and finally an evolution equation

$$-\frac{1}{c^2} \mathcal{L}_u K_{ab} - \frac{1}{N} D_a D_b N + {}^{(3)}R_{ab} + \frac{1}{c^2} K K_{ab} - \frac{2}{c^2} K_{ac} K^c{}_b = \frac{8\pi G}{c^4} \left[S_{ab} - \frac{1}{2} (S - E) h_{ab} \right]. \quad (110)$$

For the fluid/plasma equations, the results are long, and so it is better to break them up into individual pieces, and present them instead:

$$u^a f_a^x = -\tilde{n}_x^a \left(D_a \tilde{\mu}_x + \frac{D \tilde{\mu}_a^x}{dt} \right) - \frac{1}{c^2} \tilde{\mu}_x \tilde{n}_x^a a_a + K_{ab} \tilde{n}_x^a \tilde{\mu}_x^b + \tilde{j}_x^a \tilde{E}_a , \quad (111a)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \perp_a^b f_b^x &= \tilde{n}_x \left(\perp_a^b \frac{D \tilde{\mu}_b^x}{dt} + \tilde{\mu}_x^b D_b \tilde{\mu}_a^x \right) + \tilde{n}_x D_a \tilde{\mu}_x - \tilde{n}_x^b D_a \tilde{\mu}_b^x \\ &+ \frac{\tilde{\mu}_x \tilde{n}_x}{c^2} a_a - \tilde{n}_x \tilde{\mu}_x^b K_{ba} - \left(\tilde{\sigma}_x \tilde{E}_a + \tilde{\epsilon}_{abc} \tilde{j}_x^b \tilde{B}^c \right) , \end{aligned} \quad (111b)$$

$$(-u^a \mu_a^x) \Gamma_x = \tilde{\mu}_x \left(D_a \tilde{n}_x^a + \frac{D \tilde{n}_x}{dt} \right) - K \tilde{\mu}_x \tilde{n}_x + \frac{1}{c^2} \tilde{\mu}_x \tilde{n}_x^a a_a , \quad (111c)$$

$$\left(\perp_a^b \mu_b^x \right) \Gamma_x = \left(D_b \tilde{n}_x^b + \frac{D \tilde{n}_x}{dt} \right) \tilde{\mu}_a^x - K \tilde{n}_x \tilde{\mu}_a^x + \frac{1}{c^2} \tilde{n}_x^b a_b \tilde{\mu}_a^x , \quad (111d)$$

$$u^a (R_a^x - q_x \Gamma_x A_a) = u^a R_a^x + q_x \Gamma_x \tilde{V} , \quad (111e)$$

$$\perp_a^b (R_b^x - q_x \Gamma_x A_b) = \perp_a^b R_b^x - q_x \Gamma_x \tilde{A}_a . \quad (111f)$$

We will present a more detailed look at $u^a R_a^x$ and $\perp_a^b R_b^x$ later in Sec. 5.4.

Lastly, we have to evaluate the following projections of the Maxwell equations:

$$u_a \nabla_b F^{ab} = \mu_0 c^2 \sum_{x=\{2,3\}} u_a j_x^a , \quad (112a)$$

$$\perp_c^a \nabla_b F^{cb} = \mu_0 \sum_{x=\{2,3\}} \perp_b^a j_x^b , \quad (112b)$$

$$u_a \epsilon^{abcd} \nabla_{[b} F_{cd]} = 0 , \quad (112c)$$

$$\perp_e^a \epsilon^{ebcd} \nabla_{[b} F_{cd]} = 0 . \quad (112d)$$

Before applying the projections, it is convenient to do a little preparatory work: take the covariant derivative of Eq. (104), and use Eq. (89) to get

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla_a F_{bc} &= \frac{1}{c^2} u_a \left(\frac{2}{c^2} a_{[c} \tilde{E}_{b]} + \frac{2}{c^2} u_{[c} \perp_{b]}^d \frac{D \tilde{E}_d}{dt} - \frac{1}{c} \epsilon_{bc}^{de} a_d \tilde{B}_e - \tilde{\epsilon}_{bcd} \frac{D \tilde{B}^d}{dt} \right) \\ &+ \frac{2}{c^2} u_{[b} D_{|a|} \tilde{E}_{c]} + \frac{2}{c^2} K_{a[c} \tilde{E}_{b]} - \frac{1}{c} \epsilon_{bc}^{de} K_{ad} \tilde{B}_e + \tilde{\epsilon}_{bcd} D_a \tilde{B}^d , \end{aligned} \quad (113)$$

which, in turn, gives

$$\nabla^b F_{ab} = \frac{1}{c^2} u_a D_b \tilde{E}^b - \frac{1}{c^2} \perp_a^b \frac{D \tilde{E}_b}{dt} + \tilde{\epsilon}_{abc} \left(D^b \tilde{B}^c + \frac{1}{c^2} a^b \tilde{B}^c \right) - \frac{1}{c^2} (K_{ab} - K h_{ab}) \tilde{E}^b , \quad (114)$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{2} \epsilon_a^{bcd} \nabla_b F_{cd} &= -u_a D_b \tilde{B}^b + \frac{1}{c^2} \perp_a^b \frac{D \tilde{B}_b}{dt} + \frac{1}{c^2} \tilde{\epsilon}_{abc} \left(D^b \tilde{E}^c + \frac{1}{c^2} a^b \tilde{E}^c \right) \\ &+ \frac{1}{c^2} (K_{ab} - K h_{ab}) \tilde{B}^b . \end{aligned} \quad (115)$$

Therefore, the u^a/c and \perp_a^b projections of the Maxwell equations and the continuity equation are [34]

$$D_a \tilde{E}^a = \mu_0 c^2 \sum_{x=\{2,3\}} \tilde{\sigma}_x, \quad (116a)$$

$$\tilde{\epsilon}^a_{bc} \left(D^b \tilde{B}^c + \frac{1}{c^2} a^b \tilde{B}^c \right) = \mu_0 \sum_{x=\{2,3\}} \tilde{j}_x^a + \frac{1}{c^2} \perp_b^a \frac{D \tilde{E}^b}{dt} + \frac{1}{c^2} (K^{ab} - Kh^{ab}) \tilde{E}_b, \quad (116b)$$

$$D_b \tilde{B}^b = 0, \quad (116c)$$

$$\tilde{\epsilon}_{abc} \left(D^b \tilde{E}^c + \frac{1}{c^2} a^b \tilde{E}^c \right) = - \perp_a^b \frac{D \tilde{B}_b}{dt} - (K_{ab} - Kh_{ab}) \tilde{B}^b, \quad (116d)$$

$$\sum_{x=\{2,3\}} \nabla_a j_x^a = \sum_{x=\{2,3\}} \left(D_a \tilde{j}_x^a + \frac{D \tilde{\sigma}_x}{dt} - K \tilde{\sigma}_x + \frac{1}{c^2} \tilde{j}_x^a a_a \right) = 0. \quad (116e)$$

5.4. Resistivities and Dissipation in the 3 + 1 Formalism

We have now finished our development of the 3 + 1 form of the full suite of field equations. This has been accomplished without having to make detailed statements about the specific dependence of n_{ABC}^x on $\{X_P^A, X_N^A\}$ nor, in turn, the specific dependence of Λ on n_{ABC}^x . In fact, we have taken the point of view that each of these are “known” a priori, meaning that once a specific application is considered the relevant forms and dependencies can, at least in principle, be constructed based on the relevant microphysics of the system. However, even without such an analysis, the action-based formalism has taken us a long way. This has been pointed out already by Andersson *et al.* [13]. They used this as a basic platform upon which resistivities could be built phenomenologically. Our purpose now is to give a review of the salient points, and then to apply them to the two-temperature extended system considered here.

We start by applying Eq. (49) to the 3 + 1 decomposition of \mathcal{R}_a^{xy} , which is

$$\mathcal{R}_a^{xy} = \tilde{\mathcal{R}}^{xy} u_a/c^2 + \tilde{\mathcal{R}}_a^{xy}, \quad \tilde{\mathcal{R}}^{xy} = -u^a \mathcal{R}_a^{xy}, \quad \tilde{\mathcal{R}}_a^{xy} = \perp_a^b \mathcal{R}_b^{xy}. \quad (117)$$

By imposing Eq. (49) we find that \mathcal{R}_a^{xy} becomes

$$\mathcal{R}_a^{xy} = \left(\delta_a^b + u_a \tilde{u}_y^b/c^2 \right) \tilde{\mathcal{R}}_b^{xy}, \quad (118)$$

and the resistivity R_a^x is

$$R_a^x = \sum_{y \neq x} \left[\left(\tilde{u}_x^b \tilde{\mathcal{R}}_b^{yx} - \tilde{u}_y^b \tilde{\mathcal{R}}_b^{xy} \right) u_a/c^2 + \tilde{\mathcal{R}}_a^{yx} - \tilde{\mathcal{R}}_a^{xy} \right]. \quad (119)$$

Inserting this modified form for R_a^x into Eq. (68), we determine that the creation rate becomes

$$\Gamma_x = \frac{\tilde{\gamma}_x}{\bar{\mu}_x} \sum_{y \neq x} \tilde{\mathcal{R}}_a^{xy} \tilde{w}_{xy}^a. \quad (120)$$

To make further progress, we impose three physical constraints — charge conservation, baryon number conservation, and the Second Law of Thermodynamics. The conservation of charge [cf. Eq. (35)] leads to

$$0 = \sum_{x=2,3} e^x \Gamma_x = \sum_{x=2,3} \frac{q_x \tilde{\gamma}_x}{\bar{\mu}_x} \sum_{y \neq x} \tilde{\mathcal{R}}_a^{xy} \tilde{w}_{xy}^a, \quad (121)$$

while baryon number conservation [cf. Eq. (36)] says

$$0 = \sum_{x=1,2} \Gamma_x = \sum_{x=1,2} \frac{\tilde{\gamma}_x}{\bar{\mu}_x} \sum_{y \neq x} \tilde{\mathcal{R}}_a^{xy} \tilde{w}_{xy}^a. \quad (122)$$

The Second Law of Thermodynamics gives the inequality

$$\sum_{x=4,5,6} \Gamma_x = \sum_{x=4,5,6} \frac{\tilde{\gamma}_x}{\bar{\mu}_x} \sum_{y \neq x} \tilde{\mathcal{R}}_a^{xy} \tilde{w}_{xy}^a \geq 0. \quad (123)$$

In order to satisfy these, we need to be more specific about the terms, meaning that we will now make an ansatz about the form of the resistivity and flux creation rates, but in a manner which is consistent with the overall formalism.

Onsager [35] (see also [36,37]) developed an approach that relies on the notions of thermodynamic fluxes and forces. In our case, the thermodynamic fluxes are the $\tilde{\mathcal{R}}_a^{xy}$, and the thermodynamic forces are the \tilde{w}_{xy}^a . The key step is to combine the fluxes and forces in such a way that they tend to drive the system towards a dynamical equilibrium where the relative flows are zero and a thermodynamical equilibrium where $\Gamma_x \rightarrow 0$ all the while maintaining the inequality of Eq. (123).

We begin with an obvious choice for the $\tilde{\mathcal{R}}_a^{xy}$, which is to write

$$\tilde{\mathcal{R}}_a^{xy} = \tilde{r}_{xy} \tilde{w}_a^{xy} \implies \mathcal{R}_a^{xy} = \tilde{r}_{xy} \left(\delta_a^b + u_a \tilde{u}_y^b / c^2 \right) \tilde{w}_b^{xy}. \quad (124)$$

This causes the sum for the total entropy creation rate to be over the set of positive-definite terms given by $w_{xy}^a w_a^{xy}$. Because the relation for \mathcal{R}_a^{xy} is linear in the \tilde{r}_{xy} , then we can reduce the number of \tilde{r}_{xy} by imposing that (in their indices) they satisfy the same equalities that the \mathcal{R}_a^{xy} do in Eqs. (63a)–(63f). Noting that

$$\Gamma_1 = 2 \frac{\tilde{\gamma}_P}{\bar{\mu}_1} \tilde{r}_{13} \tilde{w}_a^{PN} \tilde{w}_{PN}^a, \quad (125a)$$

$$\Gamma_2 = 2 \frac{\tilde{\gamma}_P}{\bar{\mu}_2} \tilde{r}_{23} \tilde{w}_a^{PN} \tilde{w}_{PN}^a, \quad (125b)$$

$$\Gamma_3 = 4 \frac{\tilde{\gamma}_N}{\bar{\mu}_3} \tilde{r}_{31} \tilde{w}_a^{PN} \tilde{w}_{PN}^a, \quad (125c)$$

$$\Gamma_4 = 2 \frac{\tilde{\gamma}_P}{\bar{\mu}_4} \tilde{r}_{43} \tilde{w}_a^{PN} \tilde{w}_{PN}^a, \quad (125d)$$

$$\Gamma_5 = 2 \frac{\tilde{\gamma}_P}{\bar{\mu}_5} \tilde{r}_{53} \tilde{w}_a^{PN} \tilde{w}_{PN}^a, \quad (125e)$$

$$\Gamma_6 = 4 \frac{\tilde{\gamma}_N}{\bar{\mu}_6} \tilde{r}_{61} \tilde{w}_a^{PN} \tilde{w}_{PN}^a, \quad (125f)$$

we can reduce again the number of \tilde{r}_{xy} , by imposing charge [cf. Eq. (35)] and baryon number [cf. Eq. (36)] conservation, since they imply

$$\tilde{r}_{23} = - \frac{\bar{\mu}_2}{\bar{\mu}_1} \tilde{r}_{13}, \quad (126a)$$

$$\tilde{r}_{31} = - \frac{1}{2} \frac{\tilde{\gamma}_P}{\tilde{\gamma}_N} \frac{\bar{\mu}_3}{\bar{\mu}_1} \tilde{r}_{13}. \quad (126b)$$

The Second Law of Thermodynamics [cf. Eq. (123)] implies that the coefficients must satisfy

$$\frac{\tilde{\gamma}_P}{\bar{\mu}_4} \tilde{r}_{43} + \frac{\tilde{\gamma}_P}{\bar{\mu}_5} \tilde{r}_{53} + 2 \frac{\tilde{\gamma}_N}{\bar{\mu}_6} \tilde{r}_{61} \geq 0. \quad (127)$$

The independent resistivity vector takes the final form

$$R_a^N = 2 \left[\left(2 \tilde{r}_{61} - \frac{\tilde{\gamma}_P}{\tilde{\gamma}_N} \frac{\bar{\mu}_3}{\bar{\mu}_1} \tilde{r}_{13} \right) \frac{\tilde{w}_{PN}^b \tilde{w}_b^{PN}}{c^2} + \tilde{r}_N \frac{\tilde{u}_N^b \tilde{w}_b^{PN}}{c^2} \right] u_a + 2 \tilde{r}_N \tilde{w}_a^{PN}, \quad (128)$$

where

$$\tilde{r}_{\mathcal{N}} = 2\tilde{r}_{61} + \left(1 - \frac{\tilde{\gamma}_{\mathcal{P}}}{\tilde{\gamma}_{\mathcal{N}}} \frac{\bar{\mu}_3}{\bar{\mu}_1} - \frac{\bar{\mu}_2}{\bar{\mu}_1}\right) \tilde{r}_{13} + \tilde{r}_{43} + \tilde{r}_{53}. \quad (129)$$

We see that our final model requires the four coefficients $\{\tilde{r}_{13}, \tilde{r}_{43}, \tilde{r}_{53}, \tilde{r}_{61}\}$ to completely determine the creation rates Γ_x and the independent resistivity $R_a^{\mathcal{N}}$. Notably, as $\tilde{w}_{\mathcal{P}\mathcal{N}}^a \rightarrow 0$ (all the fluids are comoving) then $R_a^{\mathcal{N}} \rightarrow 0$ and $\Gamma_x \rightarrow 0$. Any further development of this model would require microscopic modeling of specific systems to determine the four coefficients.

6. The “Newtonian” Limit

In order to make contact with existing work on two-temperature plasmas, which is mainly in the Newtonian setting, we will now work out the “Newtonian limit” of our equations. Poisson and Will [38] point out that when gravity is formulated as a metric theory, then the limit we are imposing is to be understood as the first-order correction to flat spacetime, which is not, *a priori*, the same thing as Newtonian gravity, which is based on forces and action-at-a-distance.

Our definition of the “Newtonian limit” includes the following criteria: a) The particles are moving much slower than the speed of light c ; b) the gravitational field is “weak”, meaning it is a linear perturbation away from flat spacetime ($R^c_{dab} = 0$); and, c) the gravitational field is static. The latter two criteria will be imposed by an expansion of N , N^a , and h_{ab} away from flat spacetime. Some of this work is presented in Appendix C, where we have taken the 3 + 1 formulas, and adapted them to a coordinate system such that the time coordinate $\bar{x}^0 = ct$, where recall $t(\bar{x}^a)$ is the scalar field from which the spacelike hypersurfaces of the foliation are constructed.

It is still an open question as to whether or not Newtonian gravity is a subset of this limit of General Relativity, or if it is all inclusive. Philosophical issues aside, we take a practical point-of-view, which is to impose the criteria a), b), and c) above on the field equations and thereby extract the terms which formally survive the limit. It then becomes a question of the particular physical scenario to which the field equations are being applied as to whether or not all of the remaining terms are required.

6.1. The Metric Expansion and Linear Corrections to Flat Spacetime

In order to take the Newtonian gravitational limit of the Einstein equations, we will need to analyze the left- and right-hand-sides separately. Here we will be setting up the left-hand-sides of the Hamiltonian and Momentum constraints — Eqs. (108) and (109), respectively — and the evolution Eq. (110). We simplify the equations by taking the \bar{x}^i to be Cartesian coordinates.

A linear expansion of the metric away from flat spacetime takes the form

$$g_{ab} = \eta_{ab} + \delta g_{ab}, \quad (130)$$

where $\eta_{ab} = \text{diag}[-1, 1, 1, 1]$ is the Minkowski metric and the components of δg_{ab} are taken to be small, meaning that we ignore any terms of the form $\delta g_{ab}\delta g_{cd}$, $\delta g_{ab}\nabla_c\delta g_{de}$, and so on. The flat-spacetime pieces of the metric are $N = c$, $N^i = 0$, and $h_{ij} = \delta_{ij} = \text{diag}[1, 1, 1]$. The flat spacetime plus linear perturbations metric pieces are

$$N = c + \delta N, \quad (131a)$$

$$N^i = \delta N^i, \quad \delta N_i = \delta_{ij}\delta N^j, \quad (131b)$$

$$h_{ij} = \delta_{ij} + \delta h_{ij}. \quad (131c)$$

These expansions will be inserted into the left-hand-sides of Eqs. (108), (109), and (110), keeping only the first-order terms.

But before we take that step, it is important to note that the Einstein equations have a “gauge” symmetry that basically comes from their coordinate invariance (or, more formally, diffeomorphism invariance). We employ that here by using the harmonic gauge, which takes the form

$$\partial_b \left(\delta g^{ba} - \frac{1}{2} \eta^{ba} \eta^{cd} \delta g_{cd} \right) = - \left(\eta^{ac} \eta^{jd} + \frac{1}{2} \eta^{aj} \eta^{cd} \right) \partial_j \delta g_{cd} = 0, \quad (132)$$

where we have used

$$\delta g^{ab} = -\eta^{ac} \eta^{bd} \delta g_{cd}. \quad (133)$$

In terms of the $3 + 1$ decomposition, we have

$$\delta g_{ab} = \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{2}{c} \delta N & \frac{1}{c} \delta N_i \\ \frac{1}{c} \delta N_i & \delta h_{ij} \end{bmatrix}, \quad (134)$$

and so the gauge condition leads to

$$0 = \partial_i \delta N^i, \quad (135a)$$

$$0 = \partial^j \delta h_{ij} + \partial_i \left(\frac{1}{c} \delta N + \frac{1}{2} \delta h \right), \quad (135b)$$

where $\delta h = \delta^{ij} \delta h_{ij}$. The unit normal to the hypersurfaces u^a , the acceleration a_a , and non-zero components of the projection operator \perp_a^b become, respectively,

$$u^a = (c - \delta N, \delta N^i), \quad u_a = (-c - \delta N, 0, 0, 0), \quad (136a)$$

$$a^a = (0, c \partial^i \delta N), \quad a_a = (0, c \partial_i \delta N), \quad (136b)$$

$$\perp_0^i = \frac{1}{c} \delta N^i, \quad \perp_i^j = \delta_i^j. \quad (136c)$$

In order to build ${}^{(3)}R_{lj}$, we need to know the ${}^{(3)}\Gamma_{jk}^i$. Taking Eq. (C.10), and substituting in the expansions above, while keeping only the linear terms, we find

$${}^{(3)}\Gamma_{jk}^i = \frac{1}{2} \delta^{il} \left(\partial_j \delta h_{lk} + \partial_k \delta h_{lj} - \partial_l \delta h_{jk} \right). \quad (137)$$

The gauge choice leads to $K = 0$, but there remain linear-order K_{ij} terms, which are

$$K_{ij} = \frac{1}{2} (\partial_i \delta N_j + \partial_j \delta N_i). \quad (138)$$

We find that the linearized forms for ${}^{(3)}R_{lj}$ and ${}^{(3)}R$ are

$${}^{(3)}R_{ij} = {}^{(3)}\Gamma_{ij,k}^k - {}^{(3)}\Gamma_{ik,j}^k = -\partial_i \partial_j \left(\frac{1}{c} \delta N + \delta h \right) - \frac{1}{2} \partial_k \partial^k \delta h_{ij}, \quad (139a)$$

$${}^{(3)}R = \delta^{ij} {}^{(3)}R_{ij} = -\partial_i \partial^i \left(\frac{1}{c} \delta N + \frac{3}{2} \delta h \right), \quad (139b)$$

The left-hand-sides of Eqs. (108), (109), and (110), respectively, now become

$${}^{(3)}R + \frac{1}{c^2}K^2 - \frac{1}{c^2}K^{ab}K_{ab} = -\partial_i\partial^i\left(\frac{1}{c}\delta N + \frac{3}{2}\delta h\right), \quad (140a)$$

$$D_j\left(K^j_i - K\delta^j_i\right) = \frac{1}{2}\partial_j\partial^i\delta N_i, \quad (140b)$$

$$\begin{aligned} -\frac{1}{c^2}\mathcal{L}_u K_{ij} - \frac{1}{N}D_i D_j N + {}^{(3)}R_{ij} + \frac{1}{c^2}KK_{ij} - \frac{2}{c^2}K_{ik}K^k_j \\ = -\partial_i\partial_j\left(\frac{2}{c}\delta N + \delta h\right) - \frac{1}{2}\partial_k\partial^k\delta h_{ij}. \end{aligned} \quad (140c)$$

6.2. Newtonian Limit of the Fluid/Plasma and 3 + 1 Energy-Momentum-Stress Tensor Components

The main approximations for the flux variables are that their relative speeds \tilde{u}^a must be much less than the speed of light—we neglect terms of order $O(\tilde{u}_x^2/c^2)$ and higher—and energies that scale with c^2 (such as the rest-mass energy densities $m_x c^2 n_x$) are much bigger than other energy densities. The typical leading-order terms in the Master function Λ are the rest-mass energy densities, and so it is convenient to re-fashion Λ as a sum of $m_x c^2 n_x$ and an “internal energy” density \mathcal{U} (having the same functional dependence as Λ):

$$-\Lambda = \sum_x m_x c^2 n_x + \mathcal{U}. \quad (141)$$

We assume that entropy has zero rest-mass, but because of entrainment, it does have an effective mass with a leading-order term proportional to c^2 and it enters the field equations through its inclusion in \mathcal{U} [cf. Eq. (145b)].

We need to first consider the Newtonian limit of the momenta, as given in Eq. (94), but with the \mathcal{B}^x and \mathcal{A}^{xy} computed using the rewritten Λ of Eq. (141). We will also reintroduce the notation that splits the particle number fluxes into the matter n_x^a and the entropy $s_{\bar{x}}^a$ pieces, and the momenta into μ_a^x and $\Theta_a^{\bar{x}}$. Here, the constituent indices for the matter are without a bar and range over $x, y, \dots = \{\eta, \mathcal{P}, \mathcal{N}\}$, whereas the indices with a bar are for the thermal pieces and range over $\bar{x}, \bar{y}, \dots = \{\bar{\eta}, \bar{\mathcal{P}}, \bar{\mathcal{N}}\}$. In order to generate the momentum coefficients, we have five different sets of scalars which can appear in the Λ : the first two are $n_x^2 = -g_{ab}n_x^a n_x^b/c^2$ and $n_{xy}^2 = -g_{ab}n_x^a n_y^b/c^2 = n_{yx}^2$, for which $y \neq x$; the next two are $s_{\bar{x}}^2 = -g_{ab}s_{\bar{x}}^a s_{\bar{x}}^b/c^2$, $s_{\bar{y}}^2 = -g_{ab}s_{\bar{x}}^a s_{\bar{y}}^b/c^2 = s_{\bar{y}}^2$, for which $\bar{y} \neq \bar{x}$; and the last is the mixed term $m_{x\bar{y}}^2 = -g_{ab}n_x^a s_{\bar{y}}^b/c^2 = m_{\bar{y}x}^2$.

A variation of the re-formulated Λ yields the coefficients

$$\mathcal{B}^x = \frac{m_x}{n_x} + \frac{1}{c^2 n_x} \frac{\partial \mathcal{U}}{\partial n_x}, \quad (142a)$$

$$\mathcal{S}^{\bar{x}} = \frac{1}{c^2 s_{\bar{x}}} \frac{\partial \mathcal{U}}{\partial s_{\bar{x}}}, \quad (142b)$$

$$\mathcal{B}^{xy} = \frac{1}{c^2} \frac{\partial \mathcal{U}}{\partial n_{xy}^2}, \quad (142c)$$

$$\mathcal{S}^{\bar{y}\bar{x}} = \frac{1}{c^2} \frac{\partial \mathcal{U}}{\partial s_{\bar{y}\bar{x}}^2}, \quad (142d)$$

$$\mathcal{M}^{x\bar{y}} = \frac{1}{c^2} \frac{\partial \mathcal{U}}{\partial m_{x\bar{y}}^2}, \quad (142e)$$

which combine together to give

$$\mu_a^x = \frac{1}{n_x} \left(m_x + \frac{1}{c^2} \frac{\partial \mathcal{U}}{\partial n_x} \right) n_a^x + \sum_{y \neq x} \mathcal{B}^{xy} n_a^y + \sum_{\bar{y}} \mathcal{M}^{x\bar{y}} s_a^{\bar{y}}, \quad (143a)$$

$$\mu_x = \left(m_x + \sum_{y \neq x} \mathcal{B}^{xy} \frac{n_{xy}^2}{n_x} + \sum_{\bar{y}} \mathcal{M}^{x\bar{y}} \frac{m_{x\bar{y}}^2}{s_{\bar{y}}} \right) c^2 + \frac{\partial \mathcal{U}}{\partial n_x}, \quad (143b)$$

$$\Theta_a^{\bar{x}} = \mathcal{S}^{\bar{x}} s_a^{\bar{x}} + \sum_{\bar{y} \neq \bar{x}} \mathcal{S}^{\bar{x}\bar{y}} s_a^{\bar{y}} + \sum_y \mathcal{M}^{\bar{x}y} n_a^y, \quad (143c)$$

$$T_{\bar{x}} = \left(\sum_{\bar{y} \neq \bar{x}} \mathcal{S}^{\bar{x}\bar{y}} \frac{s_{\bar{x}}^2}{s_{\bar{y}}} + \sum_y \mathcal{M}^{\bar{x}y} \frac{m_{\bar{x}y}^2}{s_{\bar{y}}} \right) c^2 + \frac{\partial \mathcal{U}}{\partial s_{\bar{x}}}. \quad (143d)$$

In 3 + 1 form we have

$$\tilde{\mu}_a^x = \frac{\tilde{\mu}_x}{c^2} \tilde{u}_a^x + \sum_{y \neq x} \mathcal{B}^{xy} \tilde{n}_y \tilde{w}_a^{yx} + \sum_{\bar{y}} \mathcal{M}^{x\bar{y}} \tilde{s}_{\bar{y}} \tilde{w}_a^{\bar{y}x}, \quad (144a)$$

$$\tilde{\mu}_x = \tilde{m}_x c^2 + \frac{\partial \mathcal{U}}{\partial n_x} \tilde{\gamma}_x, \quad (144b)$$

$$\tilde{\Theta}_a^{\bar{x}} = \frac{\tilde{T}_{\bar{x}}}{c^2} \tilde{u}_a^{\bar{x}} + \sum_{\bar{y} \neq \bar{x}} \mathcal{S}^{\bar{x}\bar{y}} \tilde{s}_{\bar{y}} \tilde{w}_a^{\bar{y}x} + \sum_y \mathcal{M}^{\bar{x}y} \tilde{n}_y \tilde{w}_a^{yx}, \quad (144c)$$

$$\tilde{T}_{\bar{x}} = \tilde{m}_{\bar{x}} c^2 / k_B + \frac{\partial \mathcal{U}}{\partial s_{\bar{x}}}, \quad (144d)$$

where we have defined

$$\tilde{m}_x = m_x \tilde{\gamma}_x + \sum_{y \neq x} \mathcal{B}^{xy} \tilde{n}_y + \sum_{\bar{y}} \mathcal{M}^{x\bar{y}} \tilde{s}_{\bar{y}}, \quad (145a)$$

$$\tilde{m}_{\bar{x}} = k_B \left(\sum_{\bar{y} \neq \bar{x}} \mathcal{S}^{\bar{x}\bar{y}} \tilde{s}_{\bar{y}} + \sum_y \mathcal{M}^{\bar{x}y} \tilde{n}_y \right). \quad (145b)$$

We can get a handle on the lowest order impact of the condition $\tilde{u}_a^x \tilde{u}_x^a \ll c^2$ by expanding the parameters n_x^2 , n_{xy}^2 , $s_{\bar{x}}^2$, $s_{x\bar{y}}^2$, and $m_{x\bar{y}}^2$:

$$n_x^2 = \tilde{n}_x^2 \tilde{\gamma}_x^{-2} \approx \tilde{n}_x^2 \left(1 - \tilde{u}_i^x \tilde{u}_x^i / c^2 \right), \quad (146a)$$

$$n_{xy}^2 = -\frac{1}{c^2} n_x n_y g_{ab} u_x^a u_y^b \approx \tilde{n}_x \tilde{n}_y \left(1 - \tilde{u}_k^x \tilde{u}_y^k / c^2 \right), \quad (146b)$$

$$s_{\bar{x}}^2 = \tilde{s}_{\bar{x}}^2 \tilde{\gamma}_{\bar{x}}^{-2} \approx \tilde{s}_{\bar{x}}^2 \left(1 - \tilde{u}_i^{\bar{x}} \tilde{u}_{\bar{x}}^i / c^2 \right), \quad (146c)$$

$$s_{x\bar{y}}^2 = -\frac{1}{c^2} s_{\bar{x}} s_{\bar{y}} g_{ab} u_{\bar{x}}^a u_{\bar{y}}^b \approx \tilde{s}_{\bar{x}} \tilde{s}_{\bar{y}} \left(1 - \tilde{u}_k^{\bar{x}} \tilde{u}_{\bar{y}}^k / c^2 \right), \quad (146d)$$

$$m_{x\bar{y}}^2 = -\frac{1}{c^2} n_x s_{\bar{y}} g_{ab} u_x^a u_{\bar{y}}^b \approx \tilde{n}_x \tilde{s}_{\bar{y}} \left(1 - \tilde{u}_k^x \tilde{u}_{\bar{y}}^k / c^2 \right). \quad (146e)$$

We see from this that the differences $\tilde{n}_x^2 - n_x^2$, $\tilde{n}_x \tilde{n}_y - n_{xy}^2$, etc. are small. The expansion of Λ gives

$$\begin{aligned} -\Lambda \approx & \sum_x m_x c^2 \tilde{n}_x + \mathcal{U}_o \left(\tilde{n}_x^2, \tilde{s}_{\bar{x}}^2 \right) \\ & - \frac{1}{2} \sum_x \left[\frac{1}{\tilde{n}_x} \left(m_x + \frac{\partial (\mathcal{U}/c^2)}{\partial n_x} \Big|_o \right) \tilde{n}_i^x + \sum_{y \neq x} \mathcal{B}_o^{xy} \tilde{n}_i^y + \sum_{\bar{y}} \mathcal{M}_o^{x\bar{y}} \tilde{s}_i^{\bar{y}} \right] \tilde{n}_x^i \\ & - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\bar{x}} \left[\frac{1}{\tilde{s}_{\bar{x}}} \frac{\partial (\mathcal{U}/c^2)}{\partial s_{\bar{x}}} \Big|_o \tilde{s}_i^{\bar{x}} + \sum_{\bar{y} \neq \bar{x}} \mathcal{S}_o^{\bar{x}\bar{y}} \tilde{s}_i^{\bar{y}} + \sum_y \mathcal{M}_o^{\bar{x}y} \tilde{n}_i^y \right] \tilde{s}_{\bar{x}}^i, \end{aligned} \quad (147)$$

where the “o” subscript means the quantity is evaluated for the ratio $\tilde{u}_x^x \tilde{u}_x^i / c^2 \rightarrow 0$. Because of effective mass effects, the combination \mathcal{U}/c^2 as it appears in, say, \mathcal{B}_o^{xy} is not necessarily small.

The limiting form of the generalized pressure Ψ_o [cf. Eq. (55)] is

$$\Psi_o = -\mathcal{U}_o + \sum_x \left(\tilde{\mu}_x|_o - m_x c^2 \right) \tilde{n}_x + \sum_{\bar{x}} \tilde{T}_{\bar{x}}|_o \tilde{s}_{\bar{x}}, \quad (148)$$

and the 3 + 1 total energy density E , momentum P^a , and stress S_{ab} tend towards the values

$$E_o \rightarrow \sum_x m_x c^2 \tilde{n}_x, \quad (149a)$$

$$P_o^i \rightarrow \sum_x \tilde{\mu}_x \tilde{n}_x \left(\tilde{u}_x^i / c \right) + \sum_{\bar{x}} \tilde{T}_{\bar{x}} \tilde{s}_{\bar{x}} \left(\tilde{u}_{\bar{x}}^i / c \right) + \frac{1}{\mu_o} \left(\tilde{\epsilon}^{ijk} \tilde{E}_j \tilde{B}_k / c \right) \rightarrow 0, \quad (149b)$$

$$\begin{aligned} S_o^{ij} \rightarrow & \sum_x \left(\tilde{m}_x \tilde{u}_x^j + \sum_{y \neq x} \mathcal{B}_o^{xy} \tilde{n}_y \tilde{w}_{yx}^j + \sum_{\bar{y}} \mathcal{M}_o^{x\bar{y}} \tilde{s}_{\bar{y}} \tilde{w}_{\bar{y}x}^j \right) \tilde{n}_x \tilde{u}_x^i \\ & + \sum_{\bar{x}} \left(\tilde{m}_{\bar{x}} \tilde{u}_{\bar{x}}^j + \sum_{\bar{y} \neq \bar{x}} \mathcal{S}_o^{\bar{x}\bar{y}} \tilde{s}_{\bar{y}} \tilde{w}_{\bar{y}\bar{x}}^j + \sum_y \mathcal{M}_o^{\bar{x}y} \tilde{n}_y \tilde{w}_{y\bar{x}}^j \right) \tilde{s}_{\bar{x}} \tilde{u}_{\bar{x}}^i \\ & + \left(\Psi_o + \frac{1}{2\mu_o} \tilde{B}^2 \right) h^{ij} - \frac{1}{\mu_o} \tilde{B}^i \tilde{B}^j. \end{aligned} \quad (149c)$$

We have assumed that the so-called “ $\vec{E} \times \vec{B}$ ” drift velocity for plasmas, i.e., $\vec{v}_{dr} = \vec{E} \times \vec{B} / |\vec{B}|^2$ must be small with respect to c . This leads to the constraint that $|\vec{v}_{dr}| \sim |\vec{E}| / |\vec{B}| \ll c$. We have assumed also that $\{\mathcal{U}_o, \tilde{B}^i \tilde{B}^j / \mu_o\} \ll \tilde{m}_x c^2 n_x$.

6.3. The Field Equations

To obtain the limiting form of the Einstein equation, we first work out the leading-order of the right-hand-sides of Eqs. (108), (109), and (110):

$$\frac{16\pi G}{c^4} E_o \rightarrow \frac{16\pi G}{c^2} \sum_x m_x \tilde{n}_x, \quad (150a)$$

$$\frac{8\pi G}{c^3} P_o^i \rightarrow 0, \quad (150b)$$

$$\frac{8\pi G}{c^4} S_o^{ij} \rightarrow 0, \quad (150c)$$

$$\frac{8\pi G}{c^4} S_o \rightarrow 0. \quad (150d)$$

Here, a factor of $1/c^2$ combines with the velocity terms $\tilde{u}_x^i \tilde{u}_y^j$ to drive to zero the stress terms S_o^{ij} and S_o ; the same factor drives $\Psi_o / c^2 \rightarrow 0$. The limiting forms of the Einstein equation components are

$$-\partial_i \partial^i \left(\frac{1}{c} \delta N + \frac{3}{2} \delta h \right) \approx \frac{16\pi G}{c^2} \sum_x m_x \tilde{n}_x, \quad (151a)$$

$$\frac{1}{2} \partial_j \partial^j \delta N_i \approx 0, \quad (151b)$$

$$-\partial_i \partial_j \left(\frac{2}{c} \delta N + \delta h \right) - \frac{1}{2} \partial_k \partial^k \delta h_{ij} \approx \frac{4\pi G}{c^2} \left(\sum_x m_x \tilde{n}_x \right) h_{ij}. \quad (151c)$$

If we take the trace of Eq. (151c), we can solve for $\partial_i \partial^i \delta h$. Substituting this into Eq. (151a) gives

$$\partial_i \partial^i \Phi \approx 4\pi G \sum_x m_x \tilde{n}_x, \quad (152)$$

where $c\delta N \equiv \Phi$ is the standard gravitational potential. As a check of this identification we note that the geodesic equation — $u_p^b \nabla_b u_p^a = 0$, where u_p^a is a point particle four-velocity — gives in this limit

$$\frac{d^2 x^i}{dt^2} \approx -c^2 \Gamma_{00}^i = -c^2 \partial^i \left(\frac{1}{c} \delta N \right) = -\partial^i \Phi = a^i, \quad (153)$$

where the last equality follows from Eq. (136b).

Using again the trace Eq. (151c), but substituting it into Eq. (152), then we find (to consistent order in c)

$$\partial_i \partial^i \delta h \approx 0, \quad (154)$$

which then implies

$$\partial_k \partial^k \delta h_{ij} \approx 0. \quad (155)$$

In this Newtonian context, we assume our system has compact support and is such that an asymptotically flat infinity exists for which $\delta N_i \rightarrow 0$ and $\delta h_{ij} \rightarrow 0$. Given that they both satisfy the Laplace equation it is consistent to have $\delta N_i = 0$ and $\delta h_{ij} = 0$ everywhere.

With this, we can implement now the limit of the fluid/plasma equations. Taking into account the fact that $\tilde{\mu}_x/c^2$ and $\tilde{T}_{\bar{x}}/c^2$ can have non-zero terms in the limit $\tilde{u}_x^i/c \rightarrow 0$, then the individual pieces of the fluid/plasma equations in Eqs. (111a) — (111f) and the projections of the final form of R_a^N given in Eq. (128) become

$$u^a f_a^x = -\tilde{n}_x^i \left(\frac{\partial \tilde{\mu}_i^x}{\partial t} + \partial_i \tilde{\mu}_x \right) - \tilde{m}_x \tilde{n}_x \tilde{u}_x^i a_i + \tilde{j}_x^i \tilde{E}_i, \quad (156a)$$

$$u^a f_a^{\bar{x}} = -\tilde{s}_{\bar{x}}^i \left(\frac{\partial \tilde{\Theta}_{\bar{i}}^{\bar{x}}}{\partial t} + \partial_i \tilde{T}_{\bar{x}} \right) - \tilde{m}_{\bar{x}} (\tilde{s}_{\bar{x}}/k_B) \tilde{u}_{\bar{x}}^i a_i, \quad (156b)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \perp_i^j f_j^x &= \tilde{n}_x \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial t} + \tilde{u}_x^j \partial_j \right) \tilde{\mu}_i^x - \tilde{n}_x^j \partial_i \tilde{\mu}_j^x + \tilde{n}_x \partial_i \tilde{\mu}_x + \tilde{m}_x \tilde{n}_x a_i \\ &\quad - \left(\tilde{\sigma}_x \tilde{E}_i + \tilde{\epsilon}_{ijk} \tilde{j}_x^j \tilde{B}^k \right), \end{aligned} \quad (156c)$$

$$\perp_i^j f_j^{\bar{x}} = \tilde{s}_{\bar{x}} \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial t} + \tilde{u}_{\bar{x}}^j \partial_j \right) \tilde{\Theta}_{\bar{i}}^{\bar{x}} - \tilde{s}_{\bar{x}}^j \partial_i \tilde{\Theta}_{\bar{j}}^{\bar{x}} + \tilde{s}_{\bar{x}} \partial_i \tilde{T}_{\bar{x}} + \tilde{m}_{\bar{x}} (\tilde{s}_{\bar{x}}/k_B) a_i, \quad (156d)$$

$$(-u^a \mu_a^x) \Gamma_x = \tilde{\mu}_x \left(\frac{\partial \tilde{n}_x}{\partial t} + \partial_i \tilde{n}_x^i \right) + \tilde{m}_x \tilde{n}_x \tilde{u}_x^i a_i, \quad (156e)$$

$$(-u^a \Theta_a^{\bar{x}}) \Gamma_{\bar{x}} = \tilde{T}_{\bar{x}} \left(\frac{\partial \tilde{s}_{\bar{x}}}{\partial t} + \partial_i \tilde{s}_{\bar{x}}^i \right) + \tilde{m}_{\bar{x}} (\tilde{s}_{\bar{x}}/k_B) \tilde{u}_{\bar{x}}^i a_i, \quad (156f)$$

$$\left(\perp_i^j \mu_j^x \right) \Gamma_x = \left(\frac{\partial \tilde{n}_x}{\partial t} + \partial_j \tilde{n}_x^j \right) \tilde{\mu}_i^x + \frac{1}{c^2} \tilde{n}_x^j a_j \tilde{\mu}_i^x, \quad (156g)$$

$$\left(\perp_i^j \Theta_j^{\bar{x}} \right) \Gamma_{\bar{x}} = \left(\frac{\partial \tilde{s}_{\bar{x}}}{\partial t} + \partial_j \tilde{s}_{\bar{x}}^j \right) \tilde{\Theta}_{\bar{i}}^{\bar{x}} + \frac{1}{c^2} \tilde{s}_{\bar{x}}^j a_j \tilde{\Theta}_{\bar{i}}^{\bar{x}}, \quad (156h)$$

$$u^a \left(R_a^N - q_N \Gamma_N A_a \right) = -2 \left[\left(2\tilde{r}_{61} - \frac{\tilde{\gamma}_P}{\tilde{\gamma}_N} \frac{\tilde{\mu}_3}{\tilde{\mu}_1} \tilde{r}_{13} \right) \tilde{w}_P^i \tilde{w}_N^i + \tilde{r}_N \tilde{u}_N^i \right] \tilde{w}_i^{PN} + q_N \tilde{V} \Gamma_N, \quad (156i)$$

$$\perp_i^j \left(R_j^N - q_N \Gamma_N A_j \right) = \tilde{r}_N \tilde{w}_i^{PN} - q_N \Gamma_N \tilde{A}_i. \quad (156j)$$

The Maxwell equations and the continuity equation take the expected form of

$$\partial_i \tilde{E}^i = c^2 \mu_0 q_{\mathcal{P}} (\tilde{n}_{\mathcal{P}} - \tilde{n}_{\mathcal{N}}) , \quad (157a)$$

$$\tilde{\epsilon}_{ijk} \partial^j \tilde{B}^k = \mu_0 q_{\mathcal{P}} (\tilde{n}_{\mathcal{P}}^i - \tilde{n}_{\mathcal{N}}^i) + \frac{\partial \tilde{E}^i}{\partial t} , \quad (157b)$$

$$\partial_i \tilde{B}^i = 0 , \quad (157c)$$

$$\tilde{\epsilon}_{ijk} \partial^j \tilde{E}^k = - \frac{\partial \tilde{B}_i}{\partial t} , \quad (157d)$$

$$\sum_{\mathbf{x}} \left(\partial_i \tilde{j}_{\mathbf{x}}^i + \frac{\partial \tilde{s}_{\mathbf{x}}}{\partial t} \right) = 0 . \quad (157e)$$

6.4. The Final Fluid/Plasma Newtonian Equations

Now we will write the final set of field equations so that we can point to some differences with those of the extant literature (such as [39,40]). We have clearly recovered the Newton equation for gravity and the Maxwell equations. The last thing is to collect all the fluid/plasma pieces to write the final form of their equations. To get the spirit of their role, we will assume that the gravitational and electromagnetic terms are known.

In total, we have to determine the six components $\tilde{u}_{\eta}^i = \tilde{u}_{\mathcal{P}}^i = \tilde{u}_{\eta}^i = \tilde{u}_{\mathcal{P}}^i$ and $\tilde{u}_{\mathcal{N}}^i = \tilde{u}_{\mathcal{N}}^i$, as well as the six scalars $\{\tilde{n}_{\mathbf{x}}, \tilde{s}_{\mathbf{x}}\}$. Once the components $\{\tilde{u}_{\mathcal{P}}^i, \tilde{u}_{\mathcal{N}}^i\}$ are known, then we can use the divergence formulas in Eqs. (125a)–(125f), taken in combination with Eqs. (156e) and (156f), to determine the six scalars. Likewise, we can use the non-relativistic limit of the Euler Eqs. (58) and (59) to determine $\{\tilde{u}_{\mathcal{P}}^i, \tilde{u}_{\mathcal{N}}^i\}$ if the six scalars are known.

Using the sum of the non-relativistic forms of Eqs. (58) and (59) as the first Euler equation and keeping the non-relativistic form of Eq. (59) as the second, we find

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= \sum_{\mathbf{x}} \left[\tilde{n}_{\mathbf{x}}^i \left(\frac{\partial \tilde{u}_{\mathbf{x}}^i}{\partial t} + \partial_i \tilde{\mu}_{\mathbf{x}} \right) + \Gamma_{\mathbf{x}} \tilde{\mu}_{\mathbf{x}} \right] + \sum_{\bar{\mathbf{x}}} \left[\tilde{s}_{\bar{\mathbf{x}}}^i \left(\frac{\partial \tilde{\Theta}_{\bar{\mathbf{x}}}^i}{\partial t} + \partial_i \tilde{T}_{\bar{\mathbf{x}}} \right) + \Gamma_{\bar{\mathbf{x}}} \tilde{T}_{\bar{\mathbf{x}}} \right] \\ &+ \left[\sum_{\mathbf{x}} \tilde{m}_{\mathbf{x}} \tilde{n}_{\mathbf{x}} \tilde{u}_{\mathbf{x}}^i + \sum_{\bar{\mathbf{x}}} \tilde{m}_{\bar{\mathbf{x}}} (\tilde{s}_{\bar{\mathbf{x}}} / k_B) \tilde{u}_{\bar{\mathbf{x}}}^i \right] a_i + \sum_{\mathbf{x}} \tilde{j}_{\mathbf{x}}^i \tilde{E}_i , \end{aligned} \quad (158a)$$

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= \tilde{n}_{\mathcal{N}}^i \left(\frac{\partial \tilde{\mu}_{\mathcal{N}}^i}{\partial t} + \partial_i \tilde{\mu}_{\mathcal{N}} \right) + (\tilde{\mu}_{\mathcal{N}} - \bar{\mu}_{\mathcal{N}} + q_{\mathcal{N}} \tilde{V}) \Gamma_{\mathcal{N}} + \tilde{s}_{\mathcal{N}}^i \left(\frac{\partial \tilde{\Theta}_{\mathcal{N}}^i}{\partial t} + \partial_i \tilde{T}_{\mathcal{N}} \right) \\ &+ (\tilde{T}_{\mathcal{N}} - T_{\mathcal{N}}) \Gamma_{\mathcal{N}} + [\tilde{m}_{\mathcal{N}} \tilde{n}_{\mathcal{N}} + \tilde{m}_{\mathcal{N}} (\tilde{s}_{\mathcal{N}} / k_B)] \tilde{u}_{\mathcal{N}}^i a_i + \tilde{j}_{\mathcal{N}}^i \tilde{E}_i - 2\tilde{r}_{\mathcal{N}} \tilde{u}_{\mathcal{N}}^i \tilde{w}_i^{\mathcal{P}\mathcal{N}} , \end{aligned} \quad (158b)$$

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= \sum_{\mathbf{x}} \left[\tilde{n}_{\mathbf{x}} \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial t} + \tilde{u}_{\mathbf{x}}^j \partial_j \right) \tilde{\mu}_{\mathbf{x}}^i + \Gamma_{\mathbf{x}} \tilde{\mu}_{\mathbf{x}}^i \right] + \sum_{\bar{\mathbf{x}}} \left[\tilde{s}_{\bar{\mathbf{x}}} \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial t} + \tilde{u}_{\bar{\mathbf{x}}}^j \partial_j \right) \tilde{\Theta}_{\bar{\mathbf{x}}}^i + \Gamma_{\bar{\mathbf{x}}} \tilde{\Theta}_{\bar{\mathbf{x}}}^i \right] \\ &+ \left[\sum_{\mathbf{x}} \tilde{m}_{\mathbf{x}} \tilde{n}_{\mathbf{x}} + \sum_{\bar{\mathbf{x}}} \tilde{m}_{\bar{\mathbf{x}}} (\tilde{s}_{\bar{\mathbf{x}}} / k_B) \right] a_i + \partial_i \Psi - \sum_{\mathbf{x}} (\tilde{\sigma}_{\mathbf{x}} \tilde{E}_i + \tilde{\epsilon}_{ijk} \tilde{j}_{\mathbf{x}}^j \tilde{B}^k) , \end{aligned} \quad (158c)$$

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= \tilde{n}_{\mathcal{N}} \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial t} + \tilde{u}_{\mathcal{N}}^j \partial_j \right) \tilde{\mu}_{\mathcal{N}}^i + \Gamma_{\mathcal{N}} \tilde{\mu}_{\mathcal{N}}^i + \tilde{n}_{\mathcal{N}} \partial_i \tilde{\mu}_{\mathcal{N}} - \tilde{n}_{\mathcal{N}}^j \partial_i \tilde{\mu}_{\mathcal{N}}^j \\ &+ \tilde{s}_{\mathcal{N}} \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial t} + \tilde{u}_{\mathcal{N}}^j \partial_j \right) \tilde{\Theta}_{\mathcal{N}}^i + \Gamma_{\mathcal{N}} \tilde{\Theta}_{\mathcal{N}}^i + \tilde{s}_{\mathcal{N}} \partial_i \tilde{T}_{\mathcal{N}} - \tilde{s}_{\mathcal{N}}^j \partial_i \tilde{\Theta}_{\mathcal{N}}^j \\ &+ [\tilde{m}_{\mathcal{N}} \tilde{n}_{\mathcal{N}} + \tilde{m}_{\mathcal{N}} (\tilde{s}_{\mathcal{N}} / k_B)] a_i - 2\tilde{r}_{\mathcal{N}} \tilde{w}_i^{\mathcal{P}\mathcal{N}} + q_{\mathcal{N}} \Gamma_{\mathcal{N}} \tilde{A}_i - (\tilde{\sigma}_{\mathcal{N}} \tilde{E}_i + \tilde{\epsilon}_{ijk} \tilde{j}_{\mathcal{N}}^j \tilde{B}^k) , \end{aligned} \quad (158d)$$

where we have used Eq. (57) to infer

$$\partial_i \Psi = \sum_{\mathbf{x}} \left(\tilde{n}_{\mathbf{x}} \partial_i \tilde{\mu}_{\mathbf{x}} - \tilde{n}_{\mathbf{x}}^j \partial_i \tilde{\mu}_j^{\mathbf{x}} \right) + \sum_{\bar{\mathbf{x}}} \left(\tilde{s}_{\bar{\mathbf{x}}} \partial_i \tilde{T}_{\bar{\mathbf{x}}} - \tilde{s}_{\bar{\mathbf{x}}}^j \partial_i \tilde{\Theta}_{\bar{\mathbf{x}}}^j \right) . \quad (159)$$

The obvious difference with the current literature is the impact of entrainment. We see that its effect of “tilting” the fluid momenta for the particles has survived the non-relativistic limit. Something else that survives is the entropy momentum. An unanticipated difference is the coupling of the particle \tilde{m}_x and thermal \tilde{m}_x effective masses to gravity (via the acceleration a_i).

Tracing back, it is the presence of n_{xy}^2 in Λ that leads to \tilde{m}_x and \tilde{m}_x in the first place. Given the approach taken here, there is no a priori, generic principle for why the entrainment pieces in the gravitational couplings should be negligible; obviously they survive the $c \rightarrow \infty$ limit. In the absence of a generic principle for why it should be, say, m_x and not \tilde{m}_x that couples to gravity one must rely on the microscopic details of the particular system to be modelled. The difference between \tilde{m}_x and m_x can be assessed and then compared with the “smallness” of other approximations in the model.⁷

7. Conclusions and Follow-On Work

We have presented an action principle which yields, from start to finish, the field equations for a dissipative/resistive general relativistic two-fluid two-temperature plasma, with a neutrally charged component. The model is distinct from previous general relativistic formulations of the two-temperature plasma system (some of which are cited throughout the text), none of which rely on action principles, as far as we know.

Due to the very nature of action principles, the couplings between the fields are self-consistently incorporated into the full suite of field equations. For example, T_{ab} follows automatically from the fields and couplings built into the total action, and its covariant divergence $\nabla_b T_a^b$ vanishes identically when the field equations are satisfied; i.e. $\nabla_b T_a^b = 0$ is not itself an equation of motion, but rather an identity (as it should be because of diffeomorphism invariance). Along these same lines, we have shown how the formal inclusion of terms like n_{xy}^2 in the fluid action naturally leads to entrainment between different fluids and effective masses for particles and entropy. We have also seen that electromagnetic gauge issues are automatically accounted for by the internal consistency of the overall formalism.

Because of the fact that systems containing plasmas occur across many independent branches of physics, we made an effort to provide a, more or less, self-contained presentation. This is especially true for the $3 + 1$ decomposition discussion, which includes steps that are textbook material. However, while these steps are well-known in the general relativity community, they may well be new to other readers. Moreover, one of our main goals was to derive the Newtonian limit in a self-consistent way. This way we recovered field equations very much like those in the extant literature, but we also saw a new element emerge: the effective mass of entropy.

By developing the framework from the fibration picture into $3 + 1$ language, a step was taken towards a practical implementation of a two-temperature plasma within a general relativistic numerical simulation, as needed for neutron-star merger. There are, however, many further steps that are required. As noted in [32], as soon as an entrained multifluid system is constructed from this action approach, not all the equations of motion can be written in a conservation law form. Standard approaches for numerically evolving solutions with discontinuities, particularly the shocks forming during mergers, then do not apply. Instead, path-conservative methods are required (see, e.g., [41] for a brief review). However, these methods require a deeper understanding of the correct form of the dissipative terms appropriate to the model. Whilst the form of these terms can be deduced from the action framework, as detailed in [17], we have not taken those steps here. Further work in this direction is required.

Moving forward there are several things that should be done: The first step would be to analyze local waves and modes of oscillation, to get a basic understanding of the stability/instability properties of the system. This would provide some insight on when the temperature difference is driven to zero or forced to diverge. Another step would be to allow for the additional terms in the fluid action that

⁷ For example, the relativistic entrainment model of [26] can be used to show that the fractional percentage difference between the effective \tilde{m}_n and bare m_n neutron masses in neutron stars has a range of $(\tilde{m}_n - m_n) / m_n \sim 1\% - 10\%$.

lead to bulk and shear viscosity, so as to tackle the numerical evolution issue raised above. Finally, a post-Newtonian expansion of the field equations will further unravel the role of (particle and entropy) effective masses and their coupling to the gravitational field. This may shed further light on the relevance of the entropy entrainment.

Appendix A. Gauge Invariance, Charge Conservation, and $\nabla_b T^{ba} = 0$

The Coulomb piece S_C [cf. Eq. (27)] has a direct coupling of the four-potential A_a to the total charge current flux j^a . This leads to the situation where the total action S is a priori not gauge-invariant. Of course, the resolution is a well-established process—insist on gauge-invariance for the total action and see where this leads you.

Start by considering a variation of the total action, where the vector potential variation takes the form

$$\delta A_a = \nabla_a \delta \phi, \quad (\text{A.1})$$

and the other field variables have zero variation; *i.e.* $\xi_x^a = 0$ and $\delta g_{ab} = 0$. So even though R_a^x acquires the gauge piece G_a^x [cf. Eq. (71)] it does not enter the calculation. The total action variation is

$$\begin{aligned} \delta S &= -\frac{1}{4\pi} \int_{\mathcal{M}} d^4x \sqrt{-g} \left(\nabla_b F^{ab} - 4\pi \sum_x j_x^a \right) \nabla_a \delta \phi \\ &= -\frac{1}{4\pi} \int_{\mathcal{M}} d^4x \sqrt{-g} \nabla_a \left(\nabla_b F^{ab} - 4\pi \sum_x j_x^a \right) \delta \phi, \end{aligned} \quad (\text{A.2})$$

and therefore

$$\nabla_a \left(\nabla_b F^{ab} \right) = 4\pi \sum_x e^x \nabla_a n_x^a = 4\pi \sum_x e^x \Gamma_x. \quad (\text{A.3})$$

Note that the antisymmetric combination of covariant derivatives acting on two-index objects (in this case, F_{ab}) is

$$\nabla_a \nabla_b F^c{}_d - \nabla_b \nabla_a F^c{}_d = R^c{}_{eab} F^e{}_d - R^e{}_{dab} F^c{}_e; \quad (\text{A.4})$$

therefore,

$$\frac{1}{4\pi} \nabla_a \left(\nabla_b F^{ab} \right) = \frac{1}{4\pi} R_{ab} F^{ab} \equiv 0, \quad (\text{A.5})$$

since R_{ab} is symmetric in its indices and F_{ab} is antisymmetric. Hence, we find charge conservation in the form

$$\sum_x q^x \Gamma_x = \sum_x \nabla_a j_x^a = 0. \quad (\text{A.6})$$

If we take the field equations, and Eqs. (66) and (35), we find that

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla_b T^b{}_a &= \nabla_b \left[\Psi \delta_a^b + \sum_x n_x^b \mu_a^x - \frac{1}{16\pi} \left(F_{cd} F^{cd} \delta_a^b - 4F^{bc} F_{ac} \right) \right] \\ &= \sum_x R_a^x + \left(\sum_x q_x \Gamma_x \right) A_a \equiv 0; \end{aligned} \quad (\text{A.7})$$

hence, $\nabla_a T^{ab}$ vanishes identically (as expected because of diffeomorphism invariance [14]).

Appendix B. 3 + 1 Projections of Riemann and the Einstein Equations

In order to develop the 3 + 1 form of the Einstein equations we need to work out certain projections of the full, four-dimensional Riemann tensor. The first projection is to “hit” each free index of $R^c{}_{dab}$ with \perp_a^b . We derive this indirectly, however, by inserting Eq. (82) into Eq. (83) and then manipulating

the terms until the left-hand-side of Eq. (29) (evaluated on \tilde{v}^a) appears. This leads to a relation where each term is contracted with \tilde{v}^a , and since \tilde{v}^a is arbitrary [33], we obtain the Gauss Relation:

$$\perp_a^g \perp_b^e \perp_f^c \perp_d^h R^f_{hge} = {}^{(3)}R^c_{dab} + K^c_{a} K_{bd} - K^c_{b} K_{ad} . \quad (\text{B.1})$$

The second projection is to hit each free index of the Ricci tensor with \perp_a^b . This is also acquired indirectly, but this time by setting $a = c$ in Eq. (B.1); i.e.

$$\perp_a^c \perp_b^d R_{cd} + h_{ac} \perp_b^d u^e u^f R^c_{fde} = {}^{(3)}R_{ab} + K K_{ab} - K_{ac} K^c_{b} , \quad (\text{B.2})$$

where ${}^{(3)}R_{ab} = {}^{(3)}R^c_{acb}$. Finally, we can take the trace of Eq. (B.2) with g^{ab} and show that the Ricci Scalar satisfies

$$R + 2u^a u^b R_{ab} = {}^{(3)}R + K^2 - K^{ab} K_{ab} , \quad (\text{B.3})$$

where ${}^{(3)}R = h_{ab} {}^{(3)}R^{ab}$.

We see from Eq. (62) that there are three independent projections to make:

$$u^a u^b R_{ab} = 8\pi u^a u^b \left(T_{ab} - \frac{1}{2} T g_{ab} \right) , \quad (\text{B.4a})$$

$$u^b \perp_a^c R_{bc} = 8\pi u^b \perp_a^c \left(T_{bc} - \frac{1}{2} T g_{bc} \right) , \quad (\text{B.4b})$$

$$\perp_a^c \perp_b^d R_{cd} = 8\pi \perp_a^c \perp_b^d \left(T_{cd} - \frac{1}{2} T g_{cd} \right) . \quad (\text{B.4c})$$

To work out the left-hand-side of Eq. (B.4a), we use the fact that $R = -8\pi T$ and insert it into Eq. (B.3). This then leads to the so-called “Hamiltonian Constraint”; i.e.,

$${}^{(3)}R + K^2 - K^{ab} K_{ab} = 16\pi u^a u^b T_{ab} \equiv 16\pi E . \quad (\text{B.5})$$

To determine the left-hand-side of Eq. (B.4b), we replace v^c with u^c in Eq. (29), project onto the free indices with the combination $\perp_c^a \perp_e^b$, and eventually arrive at the “Momentum Constraint”; i.e.,

$$D_b \left(K^b_{a} - K \delta_a^b \right) = 8\pi P_a . \quad (\text{B.6})$$

Lastly, we determine the left-hand-side of Eq. (B.4c) by again replacing v^c with u^c in Eq. (29), but this time projecting onto the free indices with the combination $h_{ec} n^b \perp_f^a$. Using this projection in tandem with Eqs. (84) and (89) leads to

$$h_{ac} \perp_b^d u^e u^f R^c_{fde} = \mathcal{L}_u K_{ab} + \frac{1}{N} D_a D_b N + K_{ac} K^c_{b} , \quad (\text{B.7})$$

which can be substituted into Eq. (B.2) to give the remaining bits of the Einstein equation, which are

$$-\mathcal{L}_u K_{ab} - \frac{1}{N} D_a D_b N + {}^{(3)}R_{ab} + K K_{ab} - 2K_{ac} K^c_{b} = 8\pi \left[S_{ab} - \frac{1}{2} (S - E) h_{ab} \right] . \quad (\text{B.8})$$

Appendix C. The 3 + 1 Coordinates

We now take t to be the time coordinate and take the set $x^i, i, j, \dots = \{1, 2, 3\}$ which are Lie-dragged by t^a from slice-to-slice of the foliation to be the spatial coordinates; i.e.

$$\mathcal{L}_t x^i = t^a \nabla_a x^i \equiv \frac{dx^i}{dt} = 0 . \quad (\text{C.1})$$

Next, we introduce the coordinate transformation

$$\bar{x}^a = f^a(t, x^i) \Rightarrow dx^a = \frac{\partial f^a}{\partial t} dt + \frac{\partial f^a}{\partial x^i} dx^i. \quad (\text{C.2})$$

In the new coordinates we have

$$t^a = \frac{dx^a}{dt} = \frac{\partial f^a}{\partial t} \frac{dt}{dt} + \frac{\partial f^a}{\partial x^i} \frac{dx^i}{dt} = \frac{\partial f^a}{\partial t}. \quad (\text{C.3})$$

Hence,

$$dx^a = (Nu^a/c + N^a) dt + \frac{\partial f^a}{\partial x^i} dx^i, \quad (\text{C.4})$$

and the proper distance between spacetime points is given by

$$\begin{aligned} ds^2 &= g_{ab} \left[(Nu^a/c + N^a) dt + \frac{\partial f^a}{\partial x^i} dx^i \right] \left[(Nu^b/c + N^b) dt + \frac{\partial f^b}{\partial x^j} dx^j \right] \\ &= -\frac{1}{c^2} (N^2 - N_i N^i) d(ct)^2 + 2 \frac{1}{c} N_i d(ct) dx^i + h_{ij} dx^i dx^j. \end{aligned} \quad (\text{C.5})$$

where

$$N_i = N_a \frac{\partial f^a}{\partial x^i} = h_{ij} N^j, \quad (\text{C.6})$$

$$h_{ij} = h_{ab} \frac{\partial f^a}{\partial x^i} \frac{\partial f^b}{\partial x^j}, \quad h^{ik} h_{kj} = \delta_j^i. \quad (\text{C.7})$$

Now we can write for the metric

$$\begin{aligned} g_{ab} &= \begin{bmatrix} - (N^2 - N_i N^i) / c^2 & N_i / c \\ N_i / c & h_{ij} \end{bmatrix}, \\ g^{ab} &= \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{c^2}{N^2} & \frac{c}{N^2} N^i \\ \frac{c}{N^2} N^i & h^{ij} - \frac{1}{N^2} N^i N^j \end{bmatrix}. \end{aligned} \quad (\text{C.8})$$

Taking into account Eq. (79), the flow-of-time vector t^a , unit normal u^a , shift N^a , and acceleration a_a become

$$t^a = [c, 0, 0, 0], \quad t_a = [N_i N^i / c - N^2 / c, N_i], \quad (\text{C.9a})$$

$$u^a = \left[c \frac{c}{N}, -c \frac{N^i}{N} \right], \quad u_a = [-N, 0, 0, 0], \quad (\text{C.9b})$$

$$N^a = (0, N^i), \quad N_a = (N_j N^j, N_i), \quad (\text{C.9c})$$

$$a_a = [0, c^2 \partial_i \ln(N/c)], \quad a^a = [0, c^2 \partial^i \ln(N/c)], \quad (\text{C.9d})$$

The Christoffel symbol ${}^{(3)}\Gamma_{jk}^i$ associated with D_i is given by

$${}^{(3)}\Gamma_{jk}^i = \frac{1}{2} h^{il} (\partial_j h_{lk} + \partial_k h_{lj} - \partial_l h_{jk}). \quad (\text{C.10})$$

The extrinsic curvature K_{ab} components are

$$K_{00} = \frac{1}{c^2} N^i N^j K_{ij}, \quad K_{0i} = \frac{1}{c} N^j K_{ij}, \quad K_{ij} = \frac{c}{2N} \left(D_i N_j + D_j N_i - \frac{\partial}{\partial t} h_{ij} \right). \quad (\text{C.11})$$

The Riemann tensor, Ricci tensor, and Ricci scalar of the leaves of the foliation are

$${}^{(3)}R^k_{lij} = {}^{(3)}\Gamma^k_{lj,i} - {}^{(3)}\Gamma^k_{li,j} + {}^{(3)}\Gamma^m_{lj} {}^{(3)}\Gamma^k_{mi} - {}^{(3)}\Gamma^m_{li} {}^{(3)}\Gamma^k_{mj}, \quad (\text{C.12a})$$

$${}^{(3)}R_{ij} = {}^{(3)}\Gamma^k_{ij,k} - {}^{(3)}\Gamma^k_{ik,j} + {}^{(3)}\Gamma^l_{ij} {}^{(3)}\Gamma^k_{lk} - {}^{(3)}\Gamma^l_{ik} {}^{(3)}\Gamma^k_{lj}, \quad (\text{C.12b})$$

$${}^{(3)}R = h^{ij} {}^{(3)}R_{ij}. \quad (\text{C.12c})$$

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