

On Hamiltonian and Action Principle formulations of plasma fluid models

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Because we can ... (to paraphrase Mallory's famous comment about climbing Mt. Everest: "Because it's there")

Advantages of Hamiltonian and Action Principle formulations for plasmas

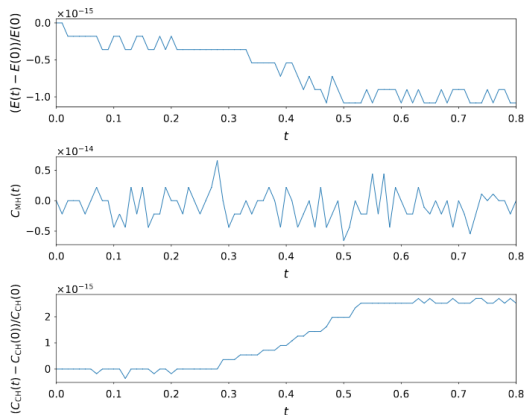
Action principles:

- The construction of reduced models from a “parent” model - introduce new terms/impose orderings directly.
- Eliminate ‘fake’ dissipation, and associated spurious instabilities.
- Many plasma models do not even conserve energy.
- The action can be suitably discretized to construct variational integrators.

Hamiltonian formulations:

- Well-suited for calculating plasma equilibria as well as analyzing their stability via the Energy-Casimir method.
- Can be used to establish underlying connections between outwardly different models.

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Credit: Kraus & Maj (2017); arXiv:1707.03227

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Eulerian and Lagrangian “viewpoints” for magnetofluids

Lagrangian viewpoint:

- Fluid - continuum of particles; each ‘particle’ described by the coordinate $q(a, t)$, where ‘ a ’ is the label.
- *Attributes*: Properties attached to the particle before it commences its trajectory; depend only on the label a and denoted by subscript ‘0’. Examples: $\rho_0(a)$, $s_0(a)$, etc.

Eulerian viewpoint:

- Fluid variables are functions of r and t . These serve as *observables* since they can be tracked. Examples: $\rho(r, t)$, $s(r, t)$, etc.

Require a means of transitioning between these two viewpoints. This is accomplished via Lagrange-Euler maps.

Lagrange - Euler maps

- The position and velocity in the two descriptions are identical, i.e. $r = q(a, t)$ and $v(r, t) = \dot{q}(a, t)$; RHS is evaluated at $a = q^{-1}(r, t)$.
- Relations between attributes and their corresponding observables determined via imposition of physical laws. Locally, mass conservation dictates

$$\rho_0(a) d^3 a = \rho(r, t) d^3 r \quad (1)$$

and this leads to $\rho = \rho_0 / \mathcal{J}$, where \mathcal{J} is the Jacobian.

- Upon using the fact that $D\mathcal{J}/Dt = (\nabla \cdot v) \mathcal{J}$, and simplifying further, the continuity equation

$$\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot (\rho v) = 0, \quad (2)$$

can be obtained.

Lagrange - Euler maps (contd)

- Specific entropy (entropy per unit mass) follows via $s(r, t) = s_0$, i.e. advection along streamlines. This leads to

$$\frac{\partial s}{\partial t} + v \cdot \nabla s = 0, \quad (3)$$

- In the case of ideal MHD, the magnetic flux is assumed to be 'frozen-in':

$$B_0(a) \cdot d^2 a = B \cdot d^2 r \quad (4)$$

which leads to $B^i = \partial q^i / \partial a^j B_0^j / \mathcal{J}$ and this leads to the ideal MHD induction equation

$$\frac{\partial B}{\partial t} - \nabla \times (v \times B) = 0, \quad (5)$$

after using the $\nabla \cdot B = 0$ condition.

Formulating the ideal MHD action

- Pick the domain and the choice of observables/attributes at first.
- Build each term in the action by appealing to physical reasoning.
- All terms must satisfy the *Eulerian Closure Principle* (ECP) - the action should be entirely expressible in Eulerian variables after using the Lagrange-Euler maps.
- The kinetic energy density has the property

$$T[q] = \frac{1}{2} \int_D d^3a \rho_0 |\dot{q}|^2 \leftrightarrow \frac{1}{2} \int_D d^3r \rho |v|^2 \quad (6)$$

- Construct the action, vary with respect to q and Eulerianize the equation(s) of motion.

Formulating the ideal MHD action

- The potential energy term is given by

$$\begin{aligned}
 V[q] &= \int_D d^3a \, \rho_0 U(\rho_0/\mathcal{J}, s_0) + \frac{q_j^i q_{,k}^i B_0^j B_0^k}{2\mathcal{J}} \\
 &= \int_D d^3r \, \rho U(\rho, s) + \frac{|B|^2}{2}
 \end{aligned} \tag{7}$$

- The action for ideal MHD is therefore given by

$$S = \int_{t_0}^{t_1} (T[q] - V[q]) \, dt \tag{8}$$

- The dynamical equation(s) found from $\delta S = 0$.

The ideal MHD equations

- We have seen earlier that the Eulerian equations for the density, entropy and the magnetic field follow automatically as a result of imposing local mass conservation, invariance and flux conservation respectively.
- Taking the variation of S leads to the Euler-Lagrange equation:

$$\rho_0 \ddot{q}_i + A_i^j \frac{\partial}{\partial x^j} \left(\frac{\rho_0^2}{\mathcal{J}^2} \frac{\partial U}{\partial \rho} \right) + \dots = 0, \quad (9)$$

and upon using the Euler-Lagrange maps and several identities (e.g. Morrison 2009), the MHD dynamical equation for the velocity is obtained:

$$\rho \left(\frac{\partial \mathbf{v}}{\partial t} + \mathbf{v} \cdot \nabla \mathbf{v} \right) = -\nabla p + \mathbf{J} \times \mathbf{B}. \quad (10)$$

A brief comment on gyroviscosity

- In addition to the term quadratic in v , one can also introduce a term linear in v in the action, i.e. of the form

$$S = \int_D d^3r v \cdot M^*, \quad (11)$$

where M^* can be viewed as an intrinsic momentum density.

- In the specific scenario where M^* is expressible as $\nabla \times L^*$, choosing a suitable ansatz for L^* leads to the inclusion of gyroviscosity - an important plasma term.
- In a simplified 2D limit, the gyroviscosity is given by

$$\begin{aligned} \pi_{ls} &= N_{sjlk} \beta \partial_k \left(\frac{M_j}{\rho} \right) \\ N_{sjlk} &= \frac{m}{2e} (\delta_{sk} \epsilon_{jl} - \delta_{jl} \epsilon_{sk}) . \end{aligned} \quad (12)$$

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Towards the Hamiltonian formulation

- Compute the canonical momentum $\Pi = \partial L / \partial \dot{q}$.
- Carry out a Legendre transform of the Lagrangian to obtain the Hamiltonian (in Lagrangian variables), and express it in terms of Eulerian variables.
- The Hamiltonian of ideal MHD is given by

$$H = \int_D d^3r \left[\frac{\rho v^2}{2} + \rho U(\rho, s) + \frac{B^2}{2} \right] \quad (13)$$

- These terms represent the kinetic, internal and magnetic energy densities respectively.
- It is more advantageous sometimes to work with $\sigma = \rho s$ and $M = \rho v$.

Towards the Hamiltonian formulation (contd)

- As noted earlier, physical functionals ought to be equally expressible in terms of Eulerian and Lagrangian variables:

$$\begin{aligned}\delta \bar{F} &\equiv \int_D d^3 a \frac{\delta \bar{F}}{\delta \Pi} \cdot \delta \Pi + \frac{\delta \bar{F}}{\delta q} \cdot \delta q \\ &= \delta F \equiv \int_D d^3 r \frac{\delta F}{\delta \rho} \delta \rho + \frac{\delta F}{\delta \sigma} \delta \sigma + \frac{\delta F}{\delta M} \cdot \delta M + \frac{\delta F}{\delta B} \cdot \delta B. \quad (14)\end{aligned}$$

- Compute Lagrangian functional derivatives in terms of Eulerian ones, and map to find the Eulerian Poisson bracket.
- For example, the Euler-Lagrange map for the density can be written in integral form:

$$\rho = \int_D d^3 a \rho_0 \delta(r - q). \quad (15)$$

Towards the Hamiltonian formulation (contd)

- The variation in the density is therefore given by

$$\delta\rho = - \int_D d^3a \rho_0 \nabla \delta(r - q) \delta q \quad (16)$$

$$\int_D d^3a \frac{\delta \bar{F}}{\delta q} \cdot \delta q + \dots = - \int_D d^3r \frac{\delta F}{\delta \rho} \delta \rho \int_D d^3a \rho_0 \nabla \delta(r - q) \delta q + \dots \quad (17)$$

- Interchanging the order of integration and equating the coefficients of δq and $\delta \Pi$ enables us to determine $\delta F/\delta q$ and $\delta F/\delta \Pi$ in terms of Eulerian functional derivatives such as $\delta F/\delta \rho \dots$
- We plug in $\delta F/\delta q$ and $\delta F/\delta \Pi$ into the canonical Lagrangian-variable Poisson bracket to obtain the Poisson bracket of ideal MHD in Eulerian variables.

Ideal MHD Poisson bracket

$$\begin{aligned}
 \{F, G\}_{MHD} = & - \int_D d^3r \left[M_i \left(\frac{\delta F}{\delta M_j} \frac{\partial}{\partial x^j} \frac{\delta G}{\delta M_i} - \frac{\delta G}{\delta M_j} \frac{\partial}{\partial x^j} \frac{\delta F}{\delta M_i} \right) \right. \\
 & + \rho \left(\frac{\delta F}{\delta M_j} \frac{\partial}{\partial x^j} \frac{\delta G}{\delta \rho} - \frac{\delta G}{\delta M_j} \frac{\partial}{\partial x^j} \frac{\delta F}{\delta \rho} \right) \\
 & + \sigma \left(\frac{\delta F}{\delta M_j} \frac{\partial}{\partial x^j} \frac{\delta G}{\delta \sigma} - \frac{\delta G}{\delta M_j} \frac{\partial}{\partial x^j} \frac{\delta F}{\delta \sigma} \right) \\
 & + B_i \left(\frac{\delta F}{\delta M_j} \frac{\partial}{\partial x^j} \frac{\delta G}{\delta B_i} - \frac{\delta G}{\delta M_j} \frac{\partial}{\partial x^j} \frac{\delta F}{\delta B_i} \right) \\
 & \left. + B_i \left(\frac{\delta G}{\delta B_j} \frac{\partial}{\partial x^i} \frac{\delta F}{\delta M_j} - \frac{\delta F}{\delta B_j} \frac{\partial}{\partial x^i} \frac{\delta G}{\delta M_j} \right) \right], \quad (18)
 \end{aligned}$$

Ideal MHD Poisson bracket

It is more common to express the MHD bracket in terms of ρ , v and B as they are the dynamical variables of interest.

$$\{F, G\}^{MHD} = - \int_D d^3x \left\{ \begin{aligned} & [F_\rho \nabla \cdot G_v + F_v \cdot \nabla G_\rho] \\ & - \frac{(\nabla \times v)}{\rho} \cdot (F_v \times G_v) \\ & - \frac{B}{\rho} \cdot (F_v \times (\nabla \times G_v)) \\ & + \frac{B}{\rho} \cdot (G_v \times (\nabla \times F_B)) \end{aligned} \right\} \quad (19)$$

Note that this is the barotropic MHD bracket, where the entropy is absent.

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Preliminaries and motivation

- MHD is a powerful theory, but it is not applicable in every domain. In some systems, 2-fluid effects must be considered.
- Such effects include the Hall current, electron inertia, etc. Must build MHD models with 2-fluid effects for such a purpose.
- Such models used widely in reconnection, as they do not conserve the magnetic flux. Also applicable in several astrophysical systems - protoplanetary discs, solar wind, etc.
- Unfortunately, many “beyond MHD” models in the plasma literature fail to even retain the basic feature of energy conservation.
- Approach: We start from the parent (i.e. 2-fluid) action, and will impose successive orderings within the action to obtain different extended MHD models.
- Strategy: adopt a mixed Eulerian-Lagrangian action.

The two-fluid action

$$L = \frac{1}{8\pi} \int d^3r \left[\left| -\frac{1}{c} \frac{\partial A(r, t)}{\partial t} - \nabla \phi(r, t) \right|^2 - |\nabla \times A(r, t)|^2 \right] \quad (20)$$

$$+ \sum_s \int d^3a \, n_{s0}(a) \int d^3r \, \delta(r - q_s(a, t)) \times \left[\frac{e_s}{c} \dot{q}_s \cdot A(r, t) - e_s \phi(r, t) \right] \quad (21)$$

$$+ \sum_s \int d^3a \, n_{s0}(a) \left[\frac{m_s}{2} |\dot{q}_s|^2 - m_s U_s(m_s n_{s0}(a) / \mathcal{J}_s, s_{s0}) \right]. \quad (22)$$

Electromagnetic potentials are Eulerian in nature, while fluid ‘particles’ are Lagrangian. The Lagrange-Euler maps for the species s are defined via $n_s = n_{s0} / \mathcal{J}_s$ and $\dot{q}_s = v_s$.

The two-fluid action (contd)

- The $\delta\phi$ variation leads to

$$\nabla \cdot E = 4\pi e (n_e - n_i) \quad (23)$$

- The δA variation results in

$$\nabla \times B = \frac{4\pi J}{c} + \frac{1}{c} \frac{\partial E}{\partial t} \quad (24)$$

- The variation wrt δq_s yields

$$m_s n_s \left(\frac{\partial v_s}{\partial t} + v_s \cdot \nabla v_s \right) = e_s n_s (E + v_s \times B) - \nabla p_s \quad (25)$$

- Collectively, they represent the 2-fluid equations of motion.

Towards one-fluid variables and the orderings

We begin by introducing the one-fluid variables

$$\begin{aligned}
 Q(a, t) &= \frac{1}{\rho_{m0}(a)} (m_i n_{i0}(a) q_i(a, t) + m_e n_{e0}(a) q_e(a, t)) \\
 D(a, t) &= e (n_{i0}(a) q_i(a, t) - n_{e0}(a) q_e(a, t)) \\
 \rho_{m0}(a) &= m_i n_{i0}(a) + m_e n_{e0}(a) \\
 \rho_{q0}(a) &= e (n_{i0}(a) - n_{e0}(a)) .
 \end{aligned} \tag{26}$$

and normalize the two-fluid action in Alfvénic units. The electric field is ordered out, as it is $\mathcal{O}(v_A^2/c^2)$. Statement of quasineutrality on the Lagrangian level necessitates $\mathcal{J}_i = \mathcal{J}_e$, and $n_{i0} = n_{e0}$. Terms that are first order in $\mu = m_e/m_i$ retained.

Extended MHD action

$$\begin{aligned}
 S = & -\frac{1}{8\pi} \int dt \int d^3r |\nabla \times A(r, t)|^2 \\
 & + \int dt \int d^3r \int d^3a n_0 \left\{ \delta(r - q_i(Q, D)) \right. \\
 & \quad \times \left[\frac{e}{c} \dot{Q}(a, t) + \frac{\mu}{cn_0} \dot{D}(a, t) \cdot A(r, t) - e\phi(r, t) \right] \Big\} \\
 & + \int dt \int d^3r \int d^3a n_0 \left\{ \delta(r - q_e(Q, D)) \right. \\
 & \quad \times \left[-\frac{e}{c} \dot{Q}(a, t) + \frac{(1-\mu)}{cn_0} \dot{D}(a, t) \cdot A(r, t) + e\phi(r, t) \right] \Big\} \\
 & + \frac{1}{2} \int dt \int d^3a n_0 m_i \left((1+\mu) |\dot{Q}|^2(a, t) + \frac{\mu}{e^2 n_0^2} |\dot{D}|^2(a, t) \right)
 \end{aligned}$$

Extended MHD action

- In addition, there are two internal energy terms (ions and electrons).
- The variables q_i and q_e are short-hand notation for

$$\begin{aligned} q_i(Q, D) &= Q(a, t) + \frac{\mu}{en_0} D(a, t) \\ q_e(Q, D) &= Q(a, t) - \frac{1 - \mu}{en_0} D(a, t) \end{aligned} \quad (28)$$

- Extended MHD has two-fluid effects, thus its Lagrange-Euler maps are very complex, comprising of contributions from both ions and electrons.
- The dynamical equations for the velocity ($\partial v / \partial t = \dots$) and current ($\partial J / \partial t = \dots$) are obtained by varying wrt Q and D .

Dynamical equations from the action

$$nm \left(\frac{\partial V}{\partial t} + (V \cdot \nabla) V \right) = -\nabla p + \frac{J \times B}{c} - \frac{m_e}{e^2} (J \cdot \nabla) \left(\frac{J}{n} \right). \quad (29)$$

$$\begin{aligned} E + \frac{V \times B}{c} &= \frac{m_e}{e^2 n} \left(\frac{\partial J}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot (VJ + JV) \right) \\ &\quad - \frac{m_e}{e^2 n} (J \cdot \nabla) \left(\frac{J}{n} \right) + \frac{(J \times B)}{enc} - \frac{\nabla p_e}{en}. \end{aligned} \quad (30)$$

- Last term on the RHS of (29) is necessary for energy conservation.
- Hall MHD is a subset of extended MHD, wherein the electrons are assumed to be massless. Thus, only terms that are zeroth order in μ are retained.

The Hall MHD action

$$\begin{aligned}
 S = & -\frac{1}{8\pi} \int dt \int d^3r |\nabla \times A(r, t)|^2 \\
 & + \int dt \int d^3r \int d^3a n_0 \left\{ \delta(r - q_i(Q, D)) \right. \\
 & \quad \times \left[\frac{e}{c} \dot{Q}(a, t) - e\phi(r, t) \right] \Big\} \\
 & + \int dt \int d^3r \int d^3a n_0 \left\{ \delta(r - q_e(Q, D)) \right. \\
 & \quad \times \left[-\frac{e}{c} \dot{Q}(a, t) + \frac{1}{cn_0} \dot{D}(a, t) \cdot A(r, t) + e\phi(r, t) \right] \Big\} \\
 & + \frac{1}{2} \int dt \int d^3a n_0 m |\dot{Q}|^2(a, t)
 \end{aligned}$$

Hall MHD dynamical equations

- In Hall MHD, we define q_i and q_e as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} q_i(Q, D) &= Q(a, t) \\ q_e(Q, D) &= Q(a, t) - \frac{1}{en_0} D(a, t) \end{aligned} \quad (32)$$

- The Hall MHD equations follow upon varying wrt Q and D .

$$nm \left(\frac{\partial V}{\partial t} + (V \cdot \nabla) V \right) = -\nabla p + \frac{J \times B}{c}. \quad (33)$$

$$E + \frac{V \times B}{c} = \frac{(J \times B)}{enc} - \frac{\nabla p_e}{en}. \quad (34)$$

Comments on other models and the energy

- Electron MHD obtained by demanding $\dot{q}_i = 0$ in the action since this model has stationary ions.
- The energy can be derived from the Lagrangian via the Legendre transformation

$$\mathcal{E} = \int d^3r \left[\frac{|B|^2}{8\pi} + n\mathfrak{L}_i + n\mathfrak{L}_e + mn\frac{|V|^2}{2} + \frac{m_e}{ne^2} \frac{|J|^2}{2} \right] \quad (35)$$

- Note that the last term on the RHS is present only when electron inertia is finite, i.e. absent in ideal/Hall MHD.
- Also verified the existence of momentum and angular momentum conservation for these models.

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On Extended MHD Hamiltonian formulations

- As we have seen, several models of extended MHD emerged via a common action principle.
- What about the Hamiltonian formulations of these models?
- The process of deriving the Eulerian Poisson brackets from their Lagrangian counterpart (along the lines of ideal MHD) is straightforward, but turns out to be rather lengthy.
- Alternatively, one can “guess” the Poisson bracket as done in Abdelhamid et al. (2015).
- The Hamiltonian formulation can be used to arrive at some interesting similarities between the different “beyond MHD” models which points to their common origin from the 2-fluid model.

A snapshot of deriving the Hall MHD Poisson bracket

Here, the $\partial^2 q_f / \partial a \partial a$ term in the integration by parts vanishes because it is a symmetric object contracted with an antisymmetric one, and the second factor of $\partial q_f / \partial a$ appears because we want the delta-function derivative to give a derivative with respect to q (and thus x). These factors may be eliminated in the following manner:

$$\begin{aligned} \epsilon^{\mu k l} \frac{\partial q_f^j}{\partial a^j} \frac{\partial q_f^a}{\partial a^k} &= \frac{1}{2} \epsilon^{\mu l} \left(\frac{\partial q_f^j}{\partial a^j} \frac{\partial q_f^a}{\partial a^k} - \frac{\partial q_f^j}{\partial a^k} \frac{\partial q_f^a}{\partial a^j} \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \epsilon^{\mu l} \frac{\partial q_f^j}{\partial a^j} \frac{\partial q_f^a}{\partial a^k} \delta_{ab}^{\text{sym}} = \frac{1}{2} \epsilon^{\mu l} \frac{\partial q_f^j}{\partial a^j} \frac{\partial q_f^a}{\partial a^k} \epsilon^{nim} \epsilon^{nab} = \frac{1}{2} C^{\mu n} \epsilon^{nim}. \end{aligned}$$

Thus, using (30), that portion of the δf variation becomes

$$\iint \frac{c}{2n_0 e} \frac{\delta f}{\delta B^i} \mathcal{J}_f \delta \pi_a^j \epsilon^{ik} \delta'_k (x - q - q_a) d^3 a d^3 x.$$

Comparison of the expanded Eulerian δf with the right side of (41) then gives expressions for the Lagrangian functional derivatives in terms of the Eulerian ones

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\delta f}{\delta \pi^i} &= \int \frac{\delta f}{\delta m^i} \delta(x - q(a, t)) d^3 x = \left. \frac{\delta f}{\delta m^i} \right|_{x=q(a, t)} \\ \frac{\delta f}{\delta q^i} &= - \int \left(\frac{\delta f}{\delta \rho} \rho_0 + \frac{\delta f}{\delta \sigma} \sigma_0 + \frac{\delta f}{\delta m^i} \pi \right) \delta'_i (x - q) + \frac{\delta f}{\delta B^i} B_0^k \frac{\partial q_f^j}{\partial a^k} \delta'_j (x - q - q_a) - \frac{\delta f}{\delta B^i} B_0^k \frac{\partial q_f^j}{\partial a^k} \delta'_j (x - q - q_a) d^3 x \\ &= \int \left[\rho_0 \frac{\partial}{\partial x^i} \left(\frac{\delta f}{\delta \rho} \right) + \sigma_0 \frac{\partial}{\partial x^i} \left(\frac{\delta f}{\delta \sigma} \right) + \pi^j \frac{\partial}{\partial x^i} \left(\frac{\delta f}{\delta m^j} \right) \right] \delta(x - q) + \mathcal{J}_f \left[B^j \frac{\partial}{\partial x^i} \left(\frac{\delta f}{\delta B^j} \right) - B^j \frac{\partial}{\partial x^j} \left(\frac{\delta f}{\delta B^i} \right) \right] \delta(x - q - q_a) d^3 x \\ \frac{\delta f}{\delta q_a^i} &= - \int \frac{\delta f}{\delta B^i} B_0^k \frac{\partial q_f^j}{\partial a^k} \delta'_j (x - q - q_a) - \frac{\delta f}{\delta B^i} B_0^k \frac{\partial q_f^j}{\partial a^k} \delta'_j (x - q - q_a) d^3 x \\ &= \int \mathcal{J}_f \left[B^j \frac{\partial}{\partial x^i} \left(\frac{\delta f}{\delta B^j} \right) - B^j \frac{\partial}{\partial x^j} \left(\frac{\delta f}{\delta B^i} \right) \right] \delta(x - q - q_a) d^3 x \\ \frac{\delta f}{\delta \pi_a^i} &= \int \frac{\delta f}{\delta B^i} \frac{c}{2n_0 e} \mathcal{J}_f \epsilon^{ijk} \delta'_k (x - q - q_a) d^3 x = \frac{c}{2ne} \int \left(\nabla \times \frac{\delta f}{\delta \mathbf{B}} \right)_i \delta(x - q - q_a) d^3 x = - \frac{c}{2ne} \left(\nabla \times \frac{\delta f}{\delta \mathbf{B}} \right)_i \Big|_{x=q(a, t) + q_a(a, t)}. \end{aligned}$$

On Hamiltonian formulations of Hall MHD

- The Hall MHD Poisson bracket can be expressed as

$$\{F, G\}^{HMHD} = \{F, G\}^{MHD} + \{F, G\}^{Hall}, \quad (36)$$

where the first term is the ideal MHD Poisson bracket and

$$\{F, G\}^{Hall} = -d_i \int_D d^3x \frac{B}{\rho} \cdot [(\nabla \times F_B) \times (\nabla \times G_B)], \quad (37)$$

where d_i is the normalized skin depth.

- Magnetic helicity $M = \int_D d^3x A \cdot B$ is an invariant of Hall MHD (as well as for ideal MHD).
- In addition, the canonical helicity $C = \int_D d^3x (A + d_i V) \cdot (B + d_i \nabla \times V)$ is also conserved.

Inertial MHD and its bracket

- Inertial MHD has finite electron inertia, but no Hall term. The Ohm's law given by

$$\frac{\partial B^*}{\partial t} = \nabla \times (V \times B^*) + d_e^2 \nabla \times \left[\frac{(\nabla \times B) \times (\nabla \times V)}{\rho} \right]. \quad (38)$$

$$B^* = B + d_e^2 \nabla \times \left(\frac{\nabla \times B}{\rho} \right), \quad (39)$$

- Although inertial MHD lacks the Hall current and Hall MHD lacks electron inertia, their Poisson brackets are interchangeable:

$$\{F, G\}^{IMHD} \equiv \{F, G\}^{HMHD} [\mathcal{B}_\pm; \mp 2d_e], \quad (40)$$

where $\mathcal{B}_\pm = B^* \pm d_e \nabla \times V$.

- There are two conserved helicities in this model:

$$\mathcal{C} = \int_D d^3x (A^* \pm d_e V) \cdot (B^* \pm d_e \nabla \times V), \quad (41)$$

Extended MHD equations

Let us recall the equations of extended MHD:

$$\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot (\rho V) = 0, \quad (42)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial V}{\partial t} + (\nabla \times V) \times V = & -\nabla \left(h + \frac{V^2}{2} \right) + \frac{(\nabla \times B) \times B^*}{\rho} \\ & - d_e^2 \nabla \left[\frac{(\nabla \times B)^2}{2\rho^2} \right], \end{aligned} \quad (43)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial B^*}{\partial t} = & \nabla \times (V \times B^*) - d_i \nabla \times \left(\frac{(\nabla \times B) \times B^*}{\rho} \right) \\ & + d_e^2 \nabla \times \left[\frac{(\nabla \times B) \times (\nabla \times V)}{\rho} \right]. \end{aligned} \quad (44)$$

Extended MHD bracket and general properties

- Similar process of mapping the extended MHD Poisson bracket yields

$$\{F, G\}^{\text{ExtMHD}} \equiv \{F, G\}^{\text{HMHD}} [d_i - 2\kappa; \mathcal{B}_\kappa], \quad (45)$$

where $\mathcal{B}_\kappa := B^* + \kappa \nabla \times V$ and κ satisfies $\kappa^2 - d_i \kappa - d_e^2 = 0$.

- Two helicities exist for extended MHD:

$$\mathcal{C}_{I,II} = \int_D d^3x (A^* + \kappa V) \cdot (B^* + \kappa \nabla \times V), \quad (46)$$

- All of the “beyond MHD” models discussed here possess two helicities of the form $\int_D d^3r P \cdot (\nabla \times P)$ - akin to the fluid/magnetic helicity - and two frozen-in generalizations of the magnetic flux.

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Summary

- I have briefly sketched the derivation of the ideal MHD action principle (in Lagrangian variables).
- The corresponding Poisson bracket in Lagrangian variables can be mapped to obtain the Hamiltonian formulation of ideal MHD in Eulerian variables.
- Subsequently, the derivation of various “beyond MHD” models from the 2-fluid model action was outlined.
- Lastly, I discussed how certain “beyond MHD” models with mutually (or partially) exclusive effects possess a certain degree of commonality, as their Poisson brackets have the same underlying structure.
- The extended MHD bracket can also be used to determine the existence of two different helicities akin to the fluid/magnetic helicity.

Whence next?

- One can include additional non-dissipative plasma effects arising from FLR contributions using the HAP approach. This has already been done for some simple models (e.g. the inclusion of gyroviscosity).
- The Hamiltonian formulation can be used to extract the equilibria and to study their stability for the beyond MHD models presented here (Kaltsas et al. 2018).
- Action principles for relativistic MHD and extended MHD have also been formulated recently (Kawazura et al. 2017).
- Ongoing work to construct variational integrators for these models, and apply them to study astrophysical and fusion phenomena of interest (e.g. magnetic reconnection).

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