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2.6 Relativistic Hydrodynamics

In special relativity the Euler equations can be written as:

$$\partial_\mu (\rho u^\mu) = 0 \quad \mu = 0, 1, 2, 3$$

$$\partial_\mu T^{\mu\nu} = 0 \quad i, j, k = 1, 2, 3$$

For an ideal/perfect fluid (in local rest frame
no energy fluxes & anisotropic stresses)

$$T^{\mu\nu} = \rho h u^\mu u^\nu + p \eta^{\mu\nu}$$

← Minkowski metric
 energy-momentum tensor

$$h = 1 + \varepsilon + \frac{p}{\rho} \quad \text{specific enthalpy}$$

General relativity: invoke equiv



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equivalence principle
 ↓ substitution rules:

$$\eta_{\mu\nu} \rightarrow g_{\mu\nu}$$

$$\partial_\mu \rightarrow \nabla_\mu$$

$$\nabla_\mu (S u^\mu) = 0$$

$$\nabla_\mu T^{\mu\nu} = 0$$

$$S_{SR}, X_{SR}, T_{SR}^{i_1 \dots i_r}$$

$$\rightarrow S_{GR}, X_{GR}, T_{GR}^{i_1 \dots i_r}$$

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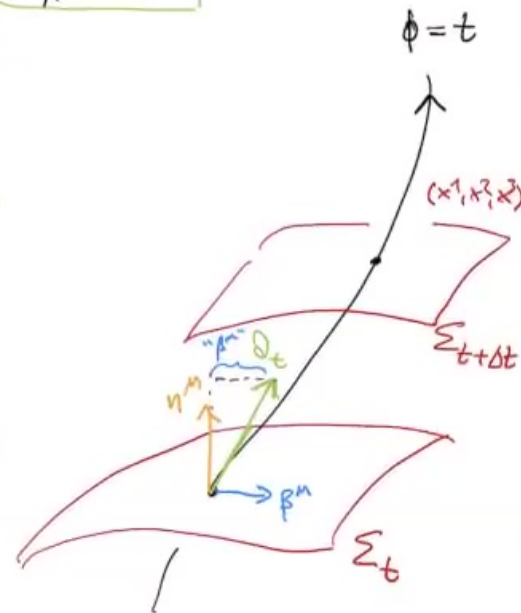
→ 3+1 decomposition of spacetime

$$(\partial_t)^{\mu} = \alpha n^{\mu} + \beta^{\mu}, \quad n^{\mu} \beta_{\mu} = 0$$

↑ "lapse"
↑ "shift"

represent 4 DOF to specify (diffeomorphism invariance)

$u^{\mu} = n^{\mu}$: Eulerian observer ("lab frame")
no motion w.r.t spatial coordinate



Adapted coordinates:

$$(\partial_t)^\mu \equiv (1, 0, 0, 0)$$

$$\beta^\mu \equiv (0, \beta^i)$$

$$\Rightarrow n^\mu = \frac{1}{\alpha} (\partial_t)^\mu - \frac{1}{\alpha} \beta^\mu = \left(\frac{1}{\alpha}, -\frac{1}{\alpha} \beta^i \right)$$

$$n_\mu = (-\alpha, 0, 0, 0)$$

$$g_{\mu\nu} = g(\partial_\mu, \partial_\nu) = \begin{pmatrix} -\alpha^2 - \beta^2 & \beta_i \\ \beta_i & \gamma_{ij} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$ds^2 = -\alpha^2 dt^2 + \gamma_{ij} (dx^i + \beta^i dt)(dx^j + \beta^j dt)$$

Note: a specific choice of α & β^i represent a specific choice of coordinates (gauge)



a split choice of coordinates (gauge)

Example: $\alpha \equiv 1$ (geodesic
 $\beta^i \equiv 0$ gauge)

Adapted equations of hydrodynamics

Split fluid velocity:

$$u^M = W(n^M + v^M)$$

$W \equiv -u^M n_M$ Lorentz factor btw.
 Eulerian observer &
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$$v^i = \frac{u^i}{W} + \frac{1}{\alpha} \beta^i$$

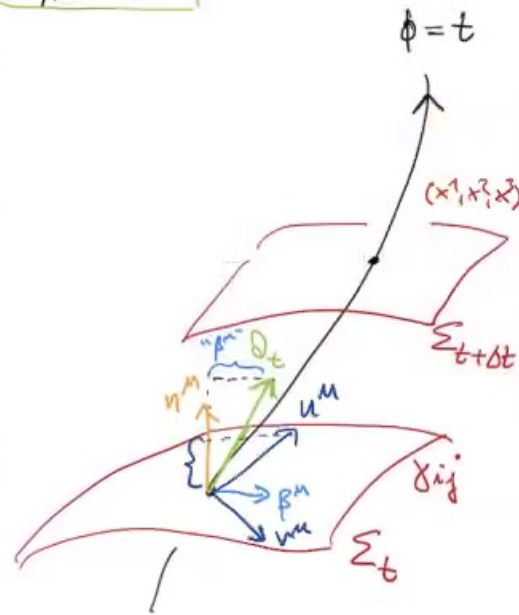


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(total energy density, momentum density, stress-energy as measured by Eulerian observer)

Then one obtains:

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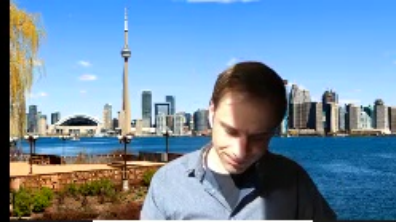
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$$0 = \eta_\mu \nabla_\nu T^{\mu\nu} \quad \left(\begin{array}{l} \text{projection of} \\ \text{conservation law} \\ \text{along Eulerian observer} \end{array} \right)$$

$$\rightarrow \partial_t (\sqrt{\gamma} E_E) + \partial_j [\sqrt{\gamma} (\alpha S^j - E_E \beta^j)] = \alpha \sqrt{\gamma} (K_{ij} S^{ij} - S^k \partial_k \ln \alpha)$$

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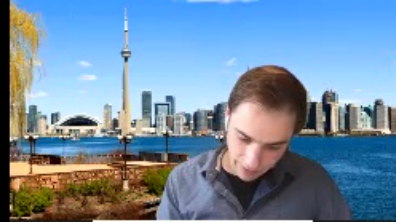
• $0 = \gamma_i^{\mu} \nabla_{\nu} T^{\nu}_{\mu}$ (spatial projection)

$$\rightarrow \partial_t(\sqrt{\gamma} S_i) + \partial_j [\sqrt{\gamma} (S_j \tilde{\nu}^i + p \delta^i_j)]$$

$$= \sqrt{\gamma} \left[\frac{\alpha}{2} S^{kl} \partial_i \gamma_{kl} + S_l \partial_i \beta^l - S \partial_i \alpha \right]$$

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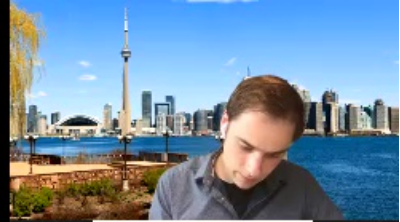
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 $\det(\gamma_{ij})$

$$f^i \equiv \sqrt{g} (D \hat{v}^i, S_j \hat{v}^i + p \delta^i_j, \tau \hat{v}^i + p v^i)$$

$$S(u) \equiv (0, \alpha \sqrt{g} (K_{ij} S^{ij} - S^k \partial_k \ln \alpha),$$

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$$S(u) = (\rho, \dots)$$

$$\sqrt{g} \left(\frac{1}{2} S^{ik} d_i v_{k,e} + S_e d_i \beta^k - S d_i \alpha \right)$$

Remarks: 1) The energy equation is written in terms of $\mathcal{E} = E_E - D$ to obtain the "correct" Newtonian limit:

$$\mathcal{E} = E_E - D = s h W^2 - \rho - s W$$

$$\frac{\rho}{s c^2} \ll 1 \quad s W (W-1) + s \epsilon W^2 \approx 1 + \frac{v^2}{c^2} \dots \quad h = 1 + \epsilon + \frac{\rho}{s}$$

$$\approx \left[1 + \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{v}{c} \right)^2 \dots \right] \left[\frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{v}{c} \right)^2 + \dots \right]$$

$$\approx \underbrace{\frac{1}{2} s v^2} + \underbrace{s \epsilon}_e = E$$

2) $S(u)$: "geometric source terms"

Note: do not depend on time derivatives



$$\approx \underbrace{\frac{1}{2} s v^2} + \underbrace{\frac{\delta \mathcal{E}}{e}} \equiv E$$

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Note: do not depend on time derivatives of space-time quantities

3) EOS: needed to close the system

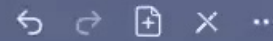
$$p = p(s, \varepsilon, \dots)$$

4) Conservatives & primitives:

$$u \equiv \sqrt{|g|} (D_i s_i, \tau) \quad \text{"conservatives"}$$

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typically: obtain w via non-linear root finding in some variable z

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Example: $z = p$

$$\Rightarrow v^i = \frac{S^i}{\tau + p}, \quad w = \sqrt{1 - v^i v_i}$$



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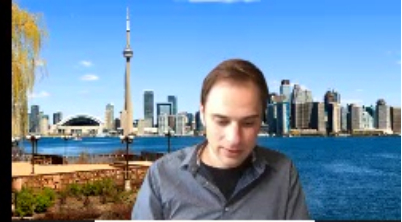
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$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} v^i = \frac{s^i}{\sigma + p} \\ s = \frac{D}{w} \\ E = \frac{\sigma - DW + p(1 - W^2)}{DW} \end{cases} \quad W = \sqrt{1 - v^i v_i}$$

See Siegel et al. *ApJ* 859, 71 (2018)
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5) Hyperbolicity: the eqns in conservative form are strictly hyperbolic if the

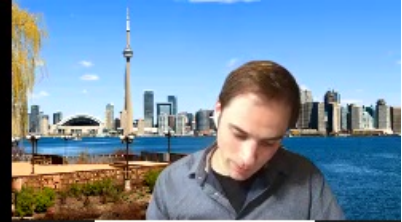
we are not in vacuum and the EOS is causal,

$$0 < c_s < c$$

↑ sound speed

see Anile 1990, Anton et al. 2006 *ApJ* 637, 291

6) Special-relativistic limit:
 $\alpha \rightarrow 1, \beta^i \rightarrow 0$





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$$\alpha \rightarrow 1, \beta^i \rightarrow 0, \delta_{ij} \rightarrow \eta_{ij}$$

$$(\tilde{v}^i \rightarrow v^i)$$

$$u = (D, S_i, \mathcal{E})$$

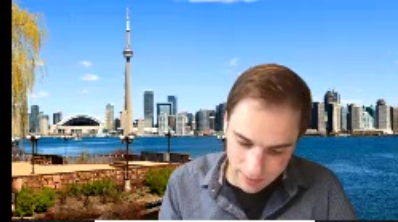
$$f^i(u) = (D v^i, S_j v^i + p \delta^i_j, \mathcal{E} v^i + p v^i)$$

$$S(u) = 0$$

7) Newtonian limit:

$$\frac{v}{c} \ll 1, \omega \rightarrow 1 + \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{v}{c}\right)^2$$

$$\frac{p}{\rho c^2} \ll 1, h \rightarrow 1$$





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$$\frac{p}{sc^2} \ll 1, \quad u \rightarrow 1 \quad \left(1 + \varepsilon + \frac{p^2}{s^2}\right)$$

$$v \rightarrow E = \frac{1}{2}sv^2 + sE$$

$$\leadsto u = (s, sv_j, E)$$

$$f^i(u) = (sv^i, sv^i v_j + p \delta_{ji} (E+p) v^i)$$

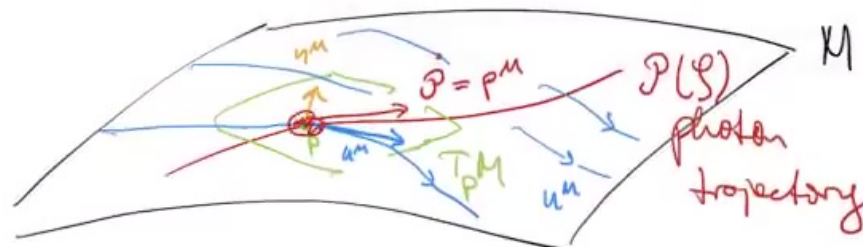
$$S(u) = 0$$

(cf. Sec. 2.2)



2.7 Relativistic radiation transfer

Reading: Thorne 1981 MNRAS 194, 439



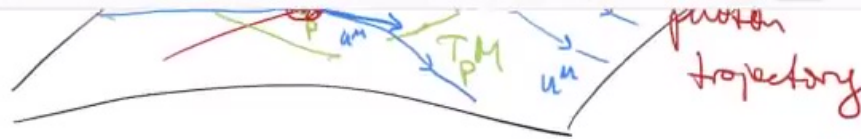
$$P^\mu P_\mu = 0$$

$$P^\mu = -P^\nu u_\nu (u^\mu + n^\mu)$$

$$d \equiv \int (-P^\mu \cdot u_\mu) d\mathcal{V}, \quad dl = (-P^\mu u_\mu) d\mathcal{V}$$

$$f(x^\mu, p^\mu)$$





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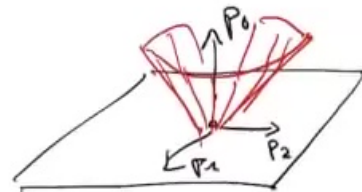
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4-momentum
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in $T_{\mathcal{P}}M$



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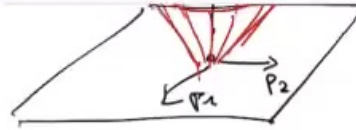
as p^0
determined
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$$\frac{df}{dL} =$$



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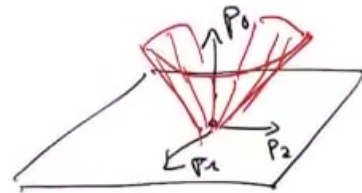
Thorne 1981: moment scheme

Shibata 2011:



$$L \equiv \int (-p^\mu \cdot u_\mu) d\mathcal{L}, \quad dL = (-p^\mu u_\mu) d\mathcal{L}$$

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