

## Pseudomomentum in relativistic continuum mechanics

*Dedicated to Prof. Henryk Zorski  
on the occasion of his 70-th birthday*

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IN CLASSICAL continuum mechanics the balance or unbalance equation of *pseudomomentum* reflects the material invariance of the system under study. It relates the time derivative of pseudo-momentum and the flux of the *Eshelby stress*. It is legitimate to inquire whether this structure is conserved in a *relativistic four-dimensional* background. We examine here the relativistic definition of *pseudo/material* momentum using simultaneously variational and direct approaches (the latter using the canonical projection of space-time onto the material manifold). It appears that the truly *material entities*, just as those in a proper frame, should be the basic ones, being independent of the relativity framework used.

### 1. Introduction

THE NOTION of *pseudomomentum* in a continuum is so much intriguing that Sir Rudolph Peierls, a sharp observer of the physical scene, recurrently came back to that subject matter [1–3]. In nondissipative continua described in the usual Newtonian background, pseudomomentum is none other than the *canonical momentum* of *analytical continuum mechanics* [4–6]. It has thus an ontological status which equals that of *energy*, i.e. it is the *spatial* part of a four-dimensional vectorial object or, equivalently, the mixed space-time part of a four-dimensional second-order tensor known as the canonical *energy-momentum tensor* [7]. The remarkable facts about pseudomomentum are that (i) unless the considered body is rigid, it is different from *physical momentum* (the “quantity of motion” in classical mechanics), (ii) one part of it plays a fundamental role in *crystal physics* under the name of *crystal momentum* [8], and in *electromagnetic optics* and *wavelike* phenomena under the name of *wave momentum* whether in optics or acoustics [1, 9, 10], (iii) it does play a role in the discussion of the notion of *electromagnetic momentum* in the electrodynamics of magnetized and polarized bodies [9, 11–13], and (iv) in *global form* its conservation or *nonconservation* plays both a theoretical and computational role in the *dynamics of fracture* in elastic [14, 15] or inelastic [16] solids and in the *dynamics of perturbed solitonic structures* [17]. Its role in elastic solids was also recognized by other authors [18, 19]. Syntheses emphasizing the last two aspects are given in book form [20] and in two more recent review papers [21, 22].

The balance or *unbalance of pseudomomentum* of the Newtonian mechanics of continua is related to the invariance with respect to *material coordinates*, i.e. it expresses the material homogeneity or inhomogeneity of the material, while the balance of energy relates to the invariance with respect to *time*, and the balance of *physical momentum* (momentum in the *current configuration*) relates to the homogeneity of *physical space* (and *not* of the material). As shown in previous papers, all material inhomogeneities, whether of inertial, elastic or inelastic origins, are captured by the balance of pseudomomentum. Although pseudomomentum is naturally defined in a Lagrangian–Hamiltonian variational context [6, 20], it can also be given an intrinsic differential-geometrical definition (it is the natural pull-back of physical momentum to the material manifold, up to a sign, or: it is the *material covector associated, via the deformed metric, with the inverse-motion velocity*). These definitions were first given by one of the authors [6, 11]. Because of the intimate relationship between the notions of pseudomomentum and invariance, it is a natural move to look at the notion of pseudomomentum in the *relativistic* framework. In doing so we will essentially build on the approach to relativistic continuum mechanics advocated by GROTH and ERINGEN [23] and MAUGIN [24, 25] – see also Chapter 16 in Ref. [26] – while recognizing our debt to pioneering works by ROGULA and KURLANDZKI [27, 28].

## 2. Inverse-motion description

As we know in relativistic continuum mechanics, the kinematics is best described in terms of the *inverse motion*, that is: if  $x^\alpha$ ,  $\alpha = 1, 2, 3, 4$ ,  $x^4$  timelike, is the actual placement of a material point  $X$  in the Riemannian physical spacetime  $\mathcal{V}^4$  with metric  $g_{\alpha\beta}$  of Minkowskian signature  $+2$ , then the matter deformation is described by the (here supposedly) regular mapping [23–26]

$$(2.1) \quad X^K = \bar{X}^K(x^\alpha), \quad K = 1, 2, 3,$$

where  $X^K$  designate the local coordinates of the material point  $X$  on the *material manifold*  $\mathcal{M}^3$ , the set of *material points*. The latter has a geometry which in general is part of the solution, i.e., it is induced by the space-time metric. World lines  $\mathcal{C}_X$  of material particles  $X$  in  $\mathcal{V}^4$  are given by the parametrization

$$(2.2) \quad \mathcal{C}_X : x^\alpha = \bar{x}^\alpha(X^K, \tau),$$

where  $\tau$  is the so-called *proper time* of  $X$ . Local spatial sections of  $\mathcal{V}^4$  at  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathcal{C}_X$  are defined by means of the *projector* or spatial metric

$$(2.3) \quad P_{\alpha\beta} = g_{\alpha\beta} + c^{-2}u_\alpha u_\beta = P_{\beta\alpha},$$

a symmetric idempotent operator, where  $u^\alpha$  is the four-velocity, a field tangent to  $\mathcal{C}_X$  and normalized in such a way that  $g_{\alpha\beta}u^\alpha u^\beta + c^2 = 0$ , where  $c$  is the velocity

of light in vacuum. Obviously,  $P_{\alpha\beta}$  and  $u^\alpha$  satisfy the orthogonality condition  $P_{\alpha\beta}u^\beta = 0$ . Any space-time geometric object which admits  $\mathbf{u}$  as a null vector is said to be “*essentially spatial*”. The main ingredient of deformation theory is the *inverse motion gradient*  $\mathbf{F}^{-1}$  defined from (2.1) by

$$(2.4) \quad \mathbf{F}^{-1} := \{\nabla_\mu \mathbf{X}\} = \{X_\mu^K \equiv X_{,\mu}^K; \quad K = 1, 2, 3; \quad \mu = 1, 2, 3, 4\}$$

which is such that

$$(2.5) \quad \mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{F}^{-1} = D_u \mathbf{X} = 0, \quad D_u := u^\alpha \nabla_\alpha = \frac{D}{D\tau}.$$

In Eqs. (2.5)  $D_u$  denotes the invariant directional derivative or gradient in the  $u^\alpha$ -direction.

In essence (2.5)<sub>1</sub> means that  $\tau$  and the  $X^K$  are good independent time and space coordinates in the parametrization (2.2). From  $\mathbf{F}^{-1}$  one constructs the following space-time invariant which acts as reciprocal deformed metric on  $\mathcal{M}^3$  ( $T$  – transpose):

$$(2.6) \quad \mathbf{C}^{-1} := \mathbf{F}^{-1} \cdot (\mathbf{F}^{-1})^T, \quad \text{i.e.} \quad \mathbf{C}^{-1\kappa L} = X_\alpha^K X_\beta^L g^{\alpha\beta} = X_\alpha^K X_\beta^L P^{\alpha\beta}.$$

This establishes the *canonical projection* of  $\mathcal{V}^4$  onto  $\mathcal{M}^3$ . General relativistic elastic materials were first described by means of this procedure in Ref. [24].

### 3. Balance equations for elastic materials

In a *nondissipative* relativistic background these balance laws consist *a priori* of the law of conservation of *mass* and *energy-momentum*. Let  $\varrho_0(\mathbf{X})$  be the mass density at  $X$  on  $\mathcal{M}^3$  and  $\varrho(x^\alpha)$  the matter density at  $x^\alpha$  in  $\mathcal{V}^4$ , where  $\mathbf{X}$  and  $x^\alpha$  are related by (2.1). These two densities are related by [26]

$$(3.1) \quad \varrho(x^\alpha) = \varrho_0(\mathbf{X}) \left(\det \mathbf{C}^{-1}\right)^{1/2}.$$

For a *purely elastic* material body the other balance laws can be derived from a Hamiltonian – Lagrangian variational principle. To that purpose we consider the following Lagrangian density per unit volume of  $\mathcal{V}^4$  at  $x^\alpha$  [27]

$$(3.2) \quad \mathcal{L} = \bar{\mathcal{L}}(\mathbf{X}, \nabla_\mu \mathbf{X}),$$

where, for the sake of simplicity, we do not envisage metric-dependent effects. The Lagrangian (3.2) describes the response of elastic materials, irrespectively of their anisotropy and material homogeneity, as an explicit dependence on the “particle”  $X$  through  $\mathbf{X}$  obviously indicates *material inhomogeneity*. The only restriction present in (3.2) is that elasticity manifests only through the *first*

gradient of  $\mathbf{X}$ , and this materializes interactions of a *local* type involving no dispersion (i.e. no characteristic length). In (3.2) according to (2.1), the  $X^K$  are the fields and the  $x^\alpha$  are the parameters. Thus the *field equations* are given by the following evident Euler-Lagrange equations:

$$(3.3) \quad \frac{\delta \mathcal{L}}{\delta \mathbf{X}} := \left( \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \mathbf{X}} \right)_{\text{expl}} - \nabla_\mu \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial (\nabla_\mu \mathbf{X})} = 0,$$

or

$$(3.4) \quad \nabla_\mu \underline{\mathfrak{S}}^\mu = \mathbf{f}^{\text{inh}}, \quad \text{where } \underline{\mathfrak{S}}^\mu := \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial (\nabla_\mu \mathbf{X})}, \quad \mathbf{f}^{\text{inh}} := \left( \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \mathbf{X}} \right)_{\text{expl}}$$

For all practical purposes  $\underline{\mathfrak{S}}^\mu$  is a four-vector in space-time  $\mathcal{V}^4$  and  $\mathbf{f}^{\text{inh}}$  is a co-vector on  $\mathcal{M}^3$  (whose components in  $\mathcal{V}^4$  are pure scalars!); but  $\underline{\mathfrak{S}}^\mu$ , just like  $\nabla_\mu \mathbf{X}$  but with opposite variance, is a good example of a two-point tensor field, so that Eq. (3.4)<sub>1</sub> is indeed a co-vector equation on  $\mathcal{M}^3$ .

Through Noether's celebrated theorem, the variation of the *parameters*  $x^\alpha$  of the description (3.2), yields the *conservation law of energy-momentum* as

$$(3.5) \quad \nabla_\mu T^\mu_{\nu} = 0,$$

with a *canonical* stress-energy-momentum tensor classically defined by (compare to [7], Sec. 32)

$$(3.6) \quad T^\mu_{\nu} = - \left( \mathcal{L} \delta^\mu_{\nu} - \nabla_\nu \mathbf{X} \cdot \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial (\nabla_\mu \mathbf{X})} \right),$$

where the dot indicates summation over the  $K$ 's of  $\mathbf{X}$ .

On account of (3.1) that is already in integrated form, and the fact that  $\mathcal{L}$  must be at least Lorentz-invariant, there follows that

$$(3.7) \quad P_{\beta[\mu} \nabla_{\nu]} \mathbf{X} \cdot \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial (\nabla_\beta \mathbf{X})} = 0,$$

where square brackets indicate skew-symmetrization. Equations (3.4)<sub>1</sub>, and (3.5) exhaust the list of available balance equations. A natural question is whether these last two equations are independent. The answer is negative. Indeed, multiplying (3.4)<sub>1</sub> scalarly on  $\mathcal{M}^3$  by  $\nabla_\nu \mathbf{X}$ , integrating by parts and noting that  $X^{K}_{\nu\mu} = X^{K}_{\nu\mu}$  (remember that the  $X^K$  are just scalars in so far as space-time transformations are concerned), we obtain that

$$(3.8) \quad (\nabla_\nu \mathbf{X}) \cdot \left( \nabla_\mu \underline{\mathfrak{S}}^\mu - \mathbf{f}^{\text{inh}} \right) + (\nabla_\mu T^\mu_{\nu})_{\perp} = 0,$$

where the symbol  $(\dots)_{\perp}$  means the space-like part obtained by full projection, i.e. in the present case

$$(3.9) \quad (\nabla_\mu T^\mu_{\nu})_{\perp} \equiv P^{\beta}_{\nu} \nabla_\mu T^\mu_{\beta}, \quad u^\nu (\nabla_\mu T^\mu_{\nu})_{\perp} \equiv 0.$$

Equation (3.8) means that  $(3.4)_1$  entails the spatial part of (3.5). The reciprocal statement is true although its proof is more tedious. Equation (3.8) is a relativistic dynamical statement that generalizes the Ericksen identity known for classical finite-strain elastostatics [29]. The timelike complement of (3.8) is none other than the *energy equation* which obviously reads [23]

$$(3.10) \quad u^\nu \nabla_\mu T_{\nu}^{\mu} = 0,$$

so that, instead of (3.8) and (3.10) we could as well write the generalized Ericksen identity:

$$(3.11) \quad (\nabla_\nu \mathbf{X}) \cdot \left( \nabla_\mu \underline{\mathfrak{S}}^\mu - \mathbf{f}^{\text{inh}} \right) + c^{-2} u_\nu (u^\alpha \nabla_\mu T_{\alpha}^{\mu}) + \nabla_\mu T_{\nu}^{\mu} = 0.$$

While Eq. (3.5) is properly written in covariant form with space-time parameters and operations, we notice that the same is not true of Eq.  $(3.4)_1$  on the material manifold because  $\underline{\mathfrak{S}}^\mu$  still is a two-point tensor field whereas one would certainly prefer to have at hand an entirely material equation, i.e. a truly *canonical* equation fully independent of the space-time representation. That equation in classical continuum mechanics is the balance of *pseudomomentum* or *canonical material momentum* [11].

#### 4. Balance of pseudomomentum

This equation should involve a Lagrangian density per unit volume in material space  $\mathcal{M}^3$  at  $X$  and *material time* and space differentiations. Let

$$(4.1) \quad \nabla_\alpha^\perp \equiv P_\alpha^\beta \nabla_\beta = \nabla_\alpha + c^{-2} u_\alpha D_u, \quad J := (\det \mathbf{C}^{-1})^{-1/2}.$$

Multiplying  $(3.4)_1$  by  $J$  we obtain

$$(4.2) \quad J \left( \nabla_\mu^\perp + c^{-2} u_\mu D_u \right) \cdot \underline{\mathfrak{S}}^\mu = \mathbf{f}_0^{\text{inh}},$$

where

$$(4.3) \quad \mathcal{L}_0 = J\mathcal{L}, \quad \mathbf{f}_0^{\text{inh}} = \left( \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}_0}{\partial \mathbf{X}} \right)_{\text{expl}}.$$

This should be the equation looked for. This goal is reached by integrating by parts and rearranging terms. We note that

$$(4.4) \quad \nabla_\mu^\perp = X_\mu^L \nabla_L, \quad \nabla_L \equiv \partial / \partial X^L, \quad \nabla_L (J X_\mu^L) \equiv 0.$$

On account of  $(4.3)_1$  and the fact that  $J$  depends on  $\mathbf{F}^{-1}$  through  $\mathbf{C}^{-1}$ , we let the reader prove that

$$(4.5) \quad J \nabla_\mu^\perp \cdot \underline{\mathfrak{S}}^\mu = \nabla_K b_{L}^K, \quad b_{L}^K \equiv X_\mu^K \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}_0}{\partial X_\mu^L} - \mathcal{L}_0 \delta_L^K.$$

Notice that the material object  $\mathbf{b}$  defined by (4.5)<sub>2</sub> is formally the material analogue of  $T_{\nu}^{\mu}$  (but the latter is not essentially spatial). This is indeed the *material energy-momentum tensor* called *Eshelby stress*. Furthermore, with the obvious condition that  $u_{\mu} \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}_0}{\partial (\nabla_{\mu} \mathbf{X})} = 0$ , we show that

$$(4.6) \quad c^{-2} J u_{\mu} D_u \left( \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \nabla_{\mu} X^K} \right) = -c^{-2} \left( \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}_0}{\partial \nabla_{\mu} X^K} - \mathcal{L}_0 x_K^{\mu} \right) D_u u_{\mu},$$

where  $x_K^{\mu}$  is such that

$$(4.7) \quad x_K^{\mu} = P_{\cdot \nu}^{\mu} \frac{\partial x^{\nu}}{\partial X^K}, \quad x_K^{\mu} u_{\mu} = 0, \quad x_K^{\mu} X_{\nu}^K = P_{\cdot \nu}^{\mu}, \quad X_{\nu}^K x_L^{\nu} = \delta_L^K.$$

But

$$(4.8) \quad \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}_0}{\partial \nabla_{\mu} X^K} - \mathcal{L}_0 x_K^{\mu} = \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}_0}{\partial \nabla_{\nu} X^K} P_{\cdot \nu}^{\mu} - \mathcal{L}_0 \delta_K^L x_L^{\mu} = b_{\cdot K}^L x_L^{\mu}$$

as a result of (4.7)<sub>3</sub>. Thus Eq. (4.2) reads in components

$$(4.9) \quad \nabla_K b_{\cdot L}^K - c^{-2} b_{\cdot L}^K x_K^{\mu} D_u u_{\mu} = (f_0^{\text{inh}})_L.$$

Because of (4.7)<sub>2</sub> this can also be written as

$$(4.10) \quad \nabla_K b_{\cdot L}^K + c^{-2} b_{\cdot L}^K u_{\mu} D_u x_K^{\mu} = (f_0^{\text{inh}})_L.$$

This is the fully material equation of linear momentum looked for, in which we identify the materially co-variant *inhomogeneity force*  $\mathbf{f}_0^{\text{inh}}$  and the *Eshelby material stress*  $\mathbf{b}$ . The material or *pseudo-momentum*, being of inertial origin, is *not* obviously present in this formulation without expliciting the Lagrangian density.

## 5. Explicit forms

The Lagrangian density should account for the rest and internal energies since kinetic energy is not "apparent" in the relativistic framework. For a generally anisotropic, materially inhomogeneous elastic solid, the internal energy per unit proper mass reads  $\epsilon = \bar{\epsilon}(\mathbf{X}; \nabla_{\mu} \mathbf{X})$  or, in *objective form*, i.e. as a form-invariant expression in space-time  $\mathcal{V}^4$ ,

$$(5.1) \quad \epsilon = \bar{\epsilon}(\mathbf{X}; \mathbf{C}^{-1}).$$

As a matter of fact, this is an integral of the first-order system provided by the Lorentz-invariance condition (3.7). The result is purely *material*, and is thus

invariant by all means in so far as transformations of physical space-time are concerned, that is. whether the latter is Galilean, Minkowskian or Einsteinian (i.e., accounting for general relativistic effects). Such a general invariance was perceived by pioneers of "good" relativistic continuum mechanics such as OLDROYD [30].

The Lagrangian densities  $\mathcal{L}_0$  and  $\mathcal{L}$  are given by

$$(5.2) \quad \begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}_0 &= -\varrho_0(\mathbf{X})c^2 \left(1 + \frac{\epsilon}{c^2}\right), \\ \mathcal{L} &= -\varrho c^2 \left(1 + \frac{\epsilon}{c^2}\right) = -\varrho_0(\mathbf{X})c^2 (\det \mathbf{C}^{-1})^{1/2} \left\{1 + \frac{1}{c^2} \bar{\epsilon}(\mathbf{X}; \mathbf{C}^{-1})\right\}. \end{aligned}$$

In an *inertial* frame (noted by the equality sign  $\stackrel{*}{=}$ ) at the nonrelativistic limit, expression (5.2)<sub>1</sub> yields

$$(5.3) \quad \mathcal{L}_0 = \varrho_0(\mathbf{X})g_{\alpha\beta}u^\alpha u^\beta \left(1 + \frac{\epsilon}{c^2}\right) \stackrel{*}{=} -\varrho_0(\mathbf{X}) \left(1 + \frac{\epsilon}{c^2}\right) (1 - \beta^2)^{1/2},$$

where  $\beta^2 = \mathbf{v}^2/c^2$  if  $\mathbf{v}$  is the physical velocity of matter. For small  $\beta$  this yields

$$(5.4) \quad \mathcal{L}_0 = \varrho_0(\mathbf{X}) \frac{\mathbf{v}^2}{2} - \varrho_0 \epsilon(\mathbf{X}; \mathbf{C}^{-1}) = \varrho_0(\mathbf{X}) \frac{\mathbf{v}^2}{2} - W(\mathbf{X}; \mathbf{C}^{-1}),$$

which is a possible Lagrangian density per unit volume in the reference configuration in classical finite-strain elasticity [14, 20]. In the same approximation where

$$(5.5) \quad \begin{aligned} g_{\alpha\beta} &\stackrel{*}{=} \text{diag}(+1, +1, +1, -1), \\ u^\alpha &\stackrel{*}{=} (\gamma\mathbf{v}, \gamma c), \quad i = 1, 2, 3, \quad \gamma \equiv (1 - \beta^2)^{-1/2} \end{aligned}$$

as  $\beta$  goes to zero we find that Eq. (2.5) reduces to

$$(5.6) \quad \mathbf{v} + \mathbf{F}_* \cdot \mathbf{V} \stackrel{*}{=} 0,$$

where  $\mathbf{F}_*$  is the nonrelativistic direct-motion gradient and  $\mathbf{V}$  is the so-called *material velocity*. With a general motion now described by either  $\mathbf{x} = \chi(\mathbf{X}, t)$  or  $\mathbf{X} = \chi^{-1}(\mathbf{x}, t)$ , respectively in the direct and inverse-motion descriptions,  $\mathbf{v}$ ,  $\mathbf{F}_*$ ,  $\mathbf{V}$ ,  $\mathbf{F}_*^{-1}$  and  $\mathbf{C}_*^{-1}$  are given by (compare [14, 20])

$$(5.7) \quad \begin{aligned} \mathbf{v} &= \left. \frac{\partial \chi}{\partial t} \right|_{\mathbf{x}}, & \mathbf{F}_* &= \left. \frac{\partial \chi}{\partial \mathbf{X}} \right|_t, & \mathbf{V} &= \left. \frac{\partial \chi^{-1}}{\partial t} \right|_{\mathbf{x}}, \\ \mathbf{F}_* &= \left. \frac{\partial \chi^{-1}}{\partial \mathbf{x}} \right|_t, & \mathbf{C}_*^{-1} &= \mathbf{F}_*^{-1} (\mathbf{F}_*^{-1})^T. \end{aligned}$$

We readily check that

$$(5.8) \quad \mathbf{C}^{-1} = \mathbf{C}_*^{-1} - c^{-2} \mathbf{V} \otimes \mathbf{V}, \quad \det \mathbf{C}^{-1} \doteq (1 - \beta^2) \det (\mathbf{F}_*^{-1})^2 \geq 0.$$

The nonrelativistic pseudomomentum, a *material co-vector*, is usually defined by

$$(5.9) \quad \mathcal{P} = -\varrho_0(\mathbf{X}) \mathbf{F}_*^T \cdot \mathbf{v} = \varrho_0(\mathbf{X}) \mathbf{C} \cdot \mathbf{V},$$

where  $\mathbf{V}$  is such that (cf. Eq. (5.6))  $\mathbf{V} = -\mathbf{F}_*^{-1} \cdot \mathbf{v}$ .

We easily check that (cf. Eq. (5.8))

$$(5.10) \quad \mathbf{C} \doteq \mathbf{C}_* + \frac{1}{\varrho_0^2 c^2} \mathcal{P} \otimes \mathcal{P}.$$

The closest we can come to the definition of a relativistic (material) pseudomomentum is

$$(5.11) \quad \mathcal{P} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} -\frac{1}{c^2} \mathcal{L}_0 u_\alpha \frac{\partial x^\alpha}{\partial \mathbf{X}},$$

where  $x^\alpha$  and  $\mathcal{L}_0$  are given by  $x^\alpha = \bar{x}^\alpha(\mathbf{X}, \tau)$  and Eq. (5.2)<sub>1</sub>. This, indeed, reduces to the classical definition (5.9)<sub>1</sub> in the nonrelativistic limit. This can be complemented by a fourth - timelike - component  $\mathcal{P}_4$  such that  $\mathcal{P}_4 = \varrho_0 (c^2 + \epsilon)$ , i.e., the total energy density and then both this and (5.11) enter a unique four-dimensional definition ( $\Delta = 1, 2, 3, 4$ )

$$(5.12) \quad \mathcal{P}_\Delta = -\frac{1}{c^2} \mathcal{L}_0 u_\alpha \frac{\partial x^\alpha}{\partial X^\Delta}, \quad X^\Delta = (X^K, \tau), \quad u^\alpha \equiv \frac{\partial x^\alpha}{\partial \tau}.$$

Returning now to the relativistic expression (5.2) we immediately show that

$$(5.13) \quad \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial X_\mu^K} = -\varrho \frac{\partial \bar{\epsilon}}{\partial \mathbf{C}^{-1}} : \frac{\partial \mathbf{C}^{-1}}{\partial X_\mu^K} + \frac{1}{2} \varrho_0 (\det \mathbf{C}^{-1})^{-3/2} \frac{\partial (\det \mathbf{C}^{-1})}{\partial X_\mu^K}.$$

But

$$(5.14) \quad \begin{aligned} \frac{\partial (\mathbf{C}^{-1})^{MN}}{\partial X_\mu^K} &= (\delta_K^M X_\alpha^N + \delta_K^N X_\alpha^M) P^{\alpha\mu}, \\ \frac{\partial (\det \mathbf{C}^{-1})}{\partial X_\mu^K} &= 2 (\det \mathbf{C}^{-1}) x_K^\mu, \end{aligned}$$

from which it follows on account of  $\delta_\beta^\alpha - P_{\cdot\beta}^\alpha = -c^{-2} u^\alpha u_\beta$  that

$$(5.15) \quad T_{\cdot\nu}^\mu = \varrho \left( 1 + \frac{\epsilon}{c^2} \right) u^\mu u_\nu - t_{\cdot\nu}^\mu,$$



wherein

$$(5.16) \quad t_{\mu\nu} = -2\rho \frac{\partial \bar{\epsilon}}{\partial (C^{-1})^{KL}} X_{\mu}^K X_{\nu}^L = t_{\nu\mu}, \quad t_{\mu\nu} u^{\nu} = 0.$$

The latter quantity is the relativistic stress *per se* (an essentially spatial tensor) for a description based on the inverse motion [23, 24, 31], while the energy-momentum tensor (5.15) admits the standard space-time decomposition which, in the absence of heat flow, microstructure, and electromagnetic fields, presents no mixed space-time and time-space elements. From (5.16) we see that the spatial relativistic stress is none other than the “*push forward*” of the *covariant material stress*  $T_{KL}$  defined thermodynamically by (Note: this is *not* the second Piola–Kirchhoff stress, which is materially contravariant)  $T_{KL} = -2\rho \frac{\partial \bar{\epsilon}}{\partial (C^{-1})^{KL}}$ .

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