Collisional relaxation in the inhomogeneous Hamiltonian mean-field model: Diffusion coefficients

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Systems of particles with long-range interactions present two important processes: first, the formation of outof-equilibrium quasistationary states (QSS) and, second, the collisional relaxation towards Maxwell-Boltzmann equilibrium in a much longer time scale. In this paper, we study the collisional relaxation in the Hamiltonian mean-field model using the appropriate kinetic equations for a system of N particles at order 1/N: the Landau equation when collective effects are neglected and the Lenard-Balescu equation when they are taken into account. We derive explicit expressions for the diffusion coefficients using both equations for any magnetization, and we obtain analytic expressions for highly clustered configurations. An important conclusion is that in this system collective effects are crucial in order to describe the relaxation dynamics. We compare the diffusion calculated with the kinetic equations with simulations set up to simulate the system with or without collective effects, obtaining a very good agreement between theory and simulations.

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I. INTRODUCTION

Systems with long-range interactions present the generic evolution in two distinct stages: first, the evolution to a quasistationary state in a process called collisionless (or violent) relaxation [1] in a time scale τ_{dyn} , and, second, the evolution towards thermodynamic equilibrium in the socalled collisional relaxation process, in a time scale of order $\tau_{\rm coll} \sim N^{\delta} \tau_{\rm dyn}$, where $\delta > 0$ depends on the system considered. The mechanism of collisional relaxation is qualitatively well known since the seminal work of Chandrasekhar [2]: The main elements are two-body collisions, which randomizes the velocity of the particles, leading to a Maxwell-Boltzmann velocity distribution. Using simple calculations and approximating the system as spatially homogeneous, Chandrasekhar was able to determine that, for gravitational systems in three dimensions, $\tau_{coll} \sim \tau_{dyn} N / \ln N$. This approach was subsequently used by other authors, notably Hénon in the 1960s (see, e.g., Ref. [3]), and led to the development of Fokker-Planck techniques. All these methods share the same feature of approximating the system as homogeneous. For example, in the orbit-averaging approach (see, e.g., Ref. [4]), diffusion coefficients are computed approximating the system as homogeneous, and then they are averaged over the actual orbits of the particles. This method is used because it is technically difficult to compute diffusion coefficients for inhomogeneous configurations, essentially because the trajectories of the unperturbed particles (i.e., in the mean-field limit) would need to be computed, which is generally a very difficult task. Moreover, using this approach, it is not possible to take into account *collective effects*, which can be important for some systems and configurations, which we will see it is the case in the present work.

At the same time, a rigorous kinetic theory for (repulsive, neutral) plasmas was being developed first by Landau (introducing, notably, the concept of *Landau damping*) and subsequently by other authors such as Lenard, Balescu, etc. (see, e.g., Ref. [5]). When the system is neutral, the mean-field configuration is homogeneous, and it is therefore possible to attack the problem in an essentially analytical way, including even collective effects.

Over the past few years a rigorous kinetic theory for inhomogeneous configurations has been developed by different authors [6-10]. In these works, the general procedure in order to compute kinetic equations at order 1/N has been described. There are, however, many practical difficulties when trying to compute quantities of interest such as the diffusion coefficients, and this for various reasons. The natural way to write these equations is to use angle-action variables (see, e.g., Ref. [11]). To compute them as a function of the natural variables (x, v) is technically equivalent to solving the equations of motion for the unperturbed $(N \to \infty)$ potential, which is in general impossible analytically. The subsequent calculation of the diffusion coefficient (which involves, e.g., Fourier transform about the angle variable) becomes (even numerically) very difficult. For this reason, we are only aware of the study of self-gravitating tepid disks [12,13]. In this case, it is possible to make controlled approximations, which makes the semianalytical calculations feasible.

In this paper we have chosen to study *exactly* a sufficiently simple model in order to compute the diffusion coefficients without approximations (up to order 1/N). To do so, we use the popular Hamiltonian mean-field model (HMF) [14], which has widely been used to study long-range systems. Its simplicity permits us to compute some analytical and numerical quantities which would be impossible in more realistic models such as three-dimensional gravity. For this reason, the diffusion coefficients have already been studied in the much simpler spatially homogeneous configuration [15]. Our work has two main objectives: On one side, it will permit us to compare the diffusion coefficients with numerical simulations in order to check the validity of the assumptions made deriving the kinetic equations in the case of spatially inhomogeneous distributions. On the other side, it will set up the method to solve numerically the Lenard-Balescu equation not only for the HMF but also for other more complicated models, as self-gravitating systems.

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The paper is organized as follows: In the first section we summarize the kinetic theory we will apply in the paper. In the next section, we apply the equations for the HMF to compute the diffusion coefficients, giving also analytical results for some cases. Then we compare the theoretical predictions with molecular dynamics simulations, including or not collective effects, and then we give conclusions and perspectives.

II. KINETIC THEORY

The evolution of an *N*-body system under Hamiltonian dynamics can be described using kinetic theory. The approach outlined in this section follows that of several previous works (see Introduction) and is summarized in, e.g., Ref. [16].¹ The problem addressed by this kinetic approach is the following: Given a set of *N* particles of mass *m* with initial positions $\{\mathbf{r}_i\}$ and velocity $\{\mathbf{v}_i\}$ and their Hamiltonian equations of motion, how and to what steady state will they evolve? We start with the discrete distribution function $f_d(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{v}, t)$, which contains all the information of the state of the system at a given time *t*,

$$f_d(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{v}, t) = m \sum_{i=1}^N \delta[\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}_i(t)] \delta[\mathbf{v} - \mathbf{v}_i(t)].$$
(1)

The evolution of the discrete distribution function is given exactly by the Klimontovich equation [17]

$$\frac{\partial f_d}{\partial t} + \mathbf{v} \cdot \frac{\partial f_d}{\partial \mathbf{r}} - \frac{\partial \phi_d}{\partial \mathbf{r}} \cdot \frac{\partial f_d}{\partial \mathbf{v}} = 0, \qquad (2)$$

$$\phi_d(\mathbf{r},t) = \int u(|\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}'|) f_d(\mathbf{r}', \mathbf{v}', t) d\mathbf{r}' d\mathbf{v}', \qquad (3)$$

where $\phi_d(\mathbf{r},t)$ is the discrete convolution potential, $u(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}')$ is the pair interaction potential between particles at positions \mathbf{r} and \mathbf{r}' , and $\frac{\partial f}{\partial \mathbf{u}} = \sum_{i=1}^{d} \frac{\partial f}{\partial u_i} \mathbf{e}_i$ and d is the spatial dimension.

For a given initial distribution $f_0^d(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{v}) = m \sum_{i=1}^N \delta[\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}_i(t=0)] \delta[\mathbf{v} - \mathbf{v}_i(t=0)]$, the discrete distribution is determined at all future times *t*. A smooth distribution function can be obtained by averaging over an ensemble of initial conditions,

$$f(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{v}, t) = \langle f_d(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{v}, t) \rangle \tag{4}$$

and thus $f_d(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{v}, t) = f(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{v}, t) + \delta f(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{v}, t)$.

The same smoothing process can be done for the Klimontovich equation. Since averages over the fluctuations are zero, this leads to

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial t} + \mathbf{v} \cdot \frac{\partial f}{\partial \mathbf{r}} - \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial \mathbf{r}} \cdot \frac{\partial f}{\partial \mathbf{v}} = \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{v}} \cdot \left(\delta f \frac{\partial \delta \phi}{\partial \mathbf{r}} \right). \tag{5}$$

The above equation gives the evolution of the smooth distribution due to correlation between its own fluctuations and the fluctuation of the smooth potential $\phi(\mathbf{r},t)$, determined by $\phi_d(\mathbf{r},t) = \phi(\mathbf{r},t) + \delta\phi(\mathbf{r},t)$, where

$$\phi(\mathbf{r},t) = \int u(|\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}'|) f(\mathbf{r}', \mathbf{v}', t) d\mathbf{r}' d\mathbf{v}', \qquad (6)$$

$$\delta\phi(\mathbf{r},t) = \int u(|\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}'|)\delta f(\mathbf{r}',\mathbf{v}',t)d\mathbf{r}'d\mathbf{v}'.$$
 (7)

Subtracting Eq. (5) from the Klimontovich equation and keeping only terms of order lower than O(1/N) gives the linearized Klimontovich equation,

$$\frac{\partial \delta f}{\partial t} + \mathbf{v} \cdot \frac{\partial \delta f}{\partial \mathbf{r}} - \frac{\partial \delta \phi}{\partial \mathbf{r}} \cdot \frac{\partial f}{\partial \mathbf{v}} - \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial \mathbf{r}} \cdot \frac{\partial \delta f}{\partial \mathbf{v}} = 0.$$
(8)

The system of Eqs. (5) and (8) are known as the quasilinear approximation, since in the first equation the correlation term on the right-hand side is of order 1/N, while in the second equation all terms of order 1/N or higher have been neglected.

A. Homogeneous systems

We will first give a brief derivation of the kinetic equations for the spatially homogeneous case. It is technically simpler than the inhomogeneous one while sharing the same ideas. In this case $f = f(\mathbf{v}, t)$, so Eqs. (5) and (8) become

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{v}} \cdot \left\langle \delta f \frac{\partial \delta \phi}{\partial \mathbf{r}} \right\rangle,\tag{9a}$$

$$\frac{\partial \delta f}{\partial t} + \mathbf{v} \cdot \frac{\partial \delta f}{\partial \mathbf{r}} - \frac{\partial \delta \phi}{\partial \mathbf{r}} \cdot \frac{\partial f}{\partial \mathbf{v}} = 0.$$
(9b)

The fluctuation terms are more easily dealt with by using the Fourier-Laplace transforms

$$\widetilde{\delta f}(\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{v}, \omega) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^d} \int d\mathbf{r} \int_0^\infty dt \, e^{-i(\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{r} - \omega t)} \delta f(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{v}, t) \quad (10)$$

and

$$\widetilde{\delta\phi}(\mathbf{k},\omega) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^d} \int d\mathbf{r} \int_0^\infty dt \, e^{-i(\mathbf{k}\cdot\mathbf{r}-\omega t)} \delta\phi(\mathbf{r},t).$$
(11)

Taking the Fourier-Laplace transform of Eq. (9b), we have

$$\begin{split} &\widehat{\delta f}(\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{v}, 0) - i(\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{v} - \omega) \,\widetilde{\delta f}(\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{v}, \omega) \\ &+ i\mathbf{k} \cdot \frac{\partial f}{\partial \mathbf{v}} \,\widetilde{\delta \phi}(\mathbf{k}, \omega) = 0, \end{split} \tag{12}$$

where

$$\widehat{\delta f}(\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{v}, 0) = \int \frac{d\mathbf{r}}{(2\pi)^d} e^{-i\mathbf{k}\cdot\mathbf{r}} \delta f(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{v}, 0).$$
(13)

From the above equation, we can isolate δf and thus find an expression relating the fluctuations of the distribution function and the fluctuations of the potential and the initial condition,

$$\widetilde{\delta f} = \underbrace{\frac{\mathbf{k} \cdot \frac{\partial f}{\partial \mathbf{v}} \widetilde{\delta \phi}(\mathbf{k})}{\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{v} - \omega}}_{\text{collective effects}} + \underbrace{\frac{\widehat{\delta f}(\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{v}, 0)}{initial}}_{\text{conditions}}.$$
 (14)

Because collective effects are difficult to compute analytically, a common approximation found in the literature consists in neglecting them (see, e.g., Ref. [9]). In this paper we

¹Here we use the Klimontovich formulism; the same equations may be obtained from the Born-Bogoliubov-Green-Klimontovich-Yvon (BBGKY) hierarchy, see, i.e., Ref. [8].

will consider the complete problem, and we will study their importance in the inhomogeneous HMF.

The next step in the derivation consists in expressing the Fourier transform of the fluctuation of the potential $\delta \tilde{\phi}(\mathbf{k}, \omega)$ as a function of the fluctuation $\delta f(\mathbf{k}, w)$. To do so, we integrate Eq. (14) over **v**, and, using the Fourier transform of Eq. (7), we get

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} d\mathbf{v} \widetilde{\delta f}(\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{v}, \omega) = \frac{1}{\epsilon(\mathbf{k}, \omega)} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} d\mathbf{v} \frac{\widehat{\delta f}(\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{v}, 0)}{i(\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{k} - \omega)}, \quad (15)$$

where we have defined the plasma response dielectric function

$$\epsilon(\mathbf{k},\omega) = 1 - \hat{u}(\mathbf{k}) \int d\mathbf{v} \frac{\mathbf{k} \cdot \partial f(\mathbf{v}) / \partial \mathbf{v}}{\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{k} - \omega}.$$
 (16)

Using again Eqs. (7) and (15), we get

$$\widetilde{\delta\phi}(\mathbf{k},\omega) = \hat{u}(\mathbf{k}) \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} d\mathbf{v} \widetilde{\delta f}(\mathbf{k},\mathbf{v},\omega)$$
$$= \frac{\hat{u}(\mathbf{k})}{\epsilon(\mathbf{k},\omega)} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} d\mathbf{v} \frac{\widehat{\delta f}(\mathbf{k},\mathbf{v},0)}{i(\mathbf{p}\cdot\mathbf{k}-\omega)}.$$
(17)

Inserting Eqs. (14) and (17) into Eq. (9a), after some algebra, we get the Lenard-Balescu equation (using the notation [17]):

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial t} = \pi (2\pi)^d m \sum_{i,j=1}^d \frac{\partial}{\partial v_i} \int d\mathbf{k} d\mathbf{v}' k_i k_j \frac{\hat{u}(\mathbf{k})^2}{|\epsilon(\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{v})|^2} \\ \times \delta[\mathbf{k} \cdot (\mathbf{v} - \mathbf{v}')] \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial v_j} - \frac{\partial}{\partial v_j'}\right) f(\mathbf{v}, t) f(\mathbf{v}', t).$$
(18)

When collective effects are neglected, i.e., the first term of Eq. (14) is neglected, it is simple to see from Eq. (16) that $\epsilon(\mathbf{k},\omega) = 1$.

B. Inhomogeneous systems

In inhomogeneous systems, the strategy is to use, instead of the variables (\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{v}) , the angle-action variables (\mathbf{w}, \mathbf{J}) corresponding to the Hamiltonian \mathcal{H} of smooth dynamics (i.e., the one corresponding to the limit $N \to \infty$) [18]. Using these variables, particles described by the Hamiltonian \mathcal{H} keep their action \mathbf{J} constant during the dynamic and their angle evolves with time as $\mathbf{w} = \Omega(\mathbf{J})t + \mathbf{w}_0$, where \mathbf{w}_0 is the angle at t = 0and $\Omega(\mathbf{J}) = \partial \mathcal{H}/\partial \mathbf{J}$ is the angular frequency [19]. The system thus becomes "homogeneous" in the new coordinates [20].

The equations for evolution of smooth distribution function f and its fluctuation δf are [7,10]

$$\frac{\partial f(\mathbf{J})}{\partial t} + [\mathcal{H}(\mathbf{J}), f(\mathbf{J})] = -\langle [\delta \phi, \delta f(\mathbf{J})] \rangle, \qquad (19a)$$

$$\frac{\partial \delta f(\mathbf{J})}{\partial t} + [\mathcal{H}(\mathbf{J}), \delta f(\mathbf{J})] + [\delta \phi, f(\mathbf{J})] = 0, \quad (19b)$$

where ϕ is the smooth mean-field potential and $\delta\phi$ is its fluctuation, and $[\mathcal{H}, B] = \frac{\partial \mathcal{H}}{\partial \mathbf{J}} \frac{\partial B}{\partial \mathbf{w}} - \frac{\partial \mathcal{H}}{\partial \mathbf{w}} \frac{\partial B}{\partial \mathbf{J}}$ are Poisson brackets with action-angle variables as the canonical coordinates.

Since by construction $\partial \mathcal{H}/\partial \mathbf{w} = 0$ and $\partial f/\partial \mathbf{w} = 0$, the terms in Poisson brackets reduce to

$$[\mathcal{H}, \delta f] = \frac{\partial \mathcal{H}}{\partial \mathbf{J}} \frac{\partial \delta f}{\partial \mathbf{w}} = \Omega(\mathbf{J}) \cdot \frac{\partial \delta f}{\partial \mathbf{w}}, \qquad (20)$$

$$[\delta\phi, f] = -\frac{\partial\delta\phi}{\partial\mathbf{w}} \cdot \frac{\partial f}{\partial\mathbf{J}}.$$
(21)

Substituting the above in Eq. (19) and averaging over angles \mathbf{w} ,

$$\frac{\partial \overline{f}}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{J}} \cdot \left\langle \overline{\delta f} \frac{\partial \delta \phi}{\partial \mathbf{w}} \right\rangle, \tag{22a}$$

$$\frac{\partial \overline{\delta f}}{\partial t} + \Omega(\mathbf{J}) \cdot \frac{\partial \overline{\delta f}}{\partial \mathbf{w}} - \frac{\partial \delta \phi}{\partial \mathbf{w}} \cdot \frac{\partial f}{\partial \mathbf{J}} = 0, \qquad (22b)$$

where \overline{A} represents the angle-averaging of A. From now on, we disregard this notation and write $\overline{A} = A$ for simplicity, but we emphasize that the equations from this point further correspond to the angle-averaged quantities.

Observe that Eq. (22) have the same structure as their homogeneous counterpart equation (9) identifying the action **J** with the velocity **v** and the angle **w** with the spatial variable **r**. The only difference appears in the second term of Eq. (22b) in which the velocity **v** is substituted by the frequency of the unperturbed orbit $\Omega(\mathbf{J})$. Following then the same procedure as the one described in the homogeneous case, we get the Lenard-Balescu-type kinetic equation (with collective effects) in action-angle variables [8,10],

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial t} = \pi (2\pi)^d m \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{J}} \cdot \sum_{\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{k}'} \int d\mathbf{J}' \mathbf{k} \frac{\delta[\mathbf{k} \cdot \Omega(\mathbf{J}) - \mathbf{k}' \cdot \Omega(\mathbf{J}')]}{|D_{\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{k}'}(\mathbf{J}, \mathbf{J}', \mathbf{k} \cdot \Omega(\mathbf{J}))|^2} \times \left(\mathbf{k} \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{J}} - \mathbf{k}' \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{J}'} \right) f(\mathbf{J}, t) f(\mathbf{J}', t),$$
(23)

where

$$\frac{1}{D_{\mathbf{k},\mathbf{k}'}(\mathbf{J},\mathbf{J}',\omega)} = \sum_{\alpha,\alpha'} \hat{\Phi}_{\alpha}(\mathbf{k},\mathbf{J})(\epsilon^{-1})_{\alpha,\alpha'}(\omega) \hat{\Phi}_{\alpha'}^{\star}(\mathbf{k}',\mathbf{J}'), \quad (24)$$

and $\epsilon_{\alpha\alpha'}(\omega)$ is the dielectric tensor

$$\epsilon_{\alpha\alpha'}(\omega) = \delta_{\alpha\alpha'} + (2\pi)^d \sum_{\mathbf{k}} \int d\mathbf{J} \frac{\mathbf{k} \cdot \partial f / \partial \mathbf{J}}{\mathbf{k} \cdot \Omega(\mathbf{J}) - \omega} \\ \times \hat{\Phi}^{\star}_{\alpha}(\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{J}) \hat{\Phi}_{\alpha'}(\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{J}).$$
(25)

The indices (α, α') are labels for the biorthogonal basis $\{\rho_{\alpha}, \Phi_{\alpha}\}$, where $\rho(\mathbf{r}) = \int f(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{v}, t) d\mathbf{v}$, which satisfies [21]

$$\int u(|\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}'|)\rho_{\alpha}(\mathbf{r}')d\mathbf{r}' = \Phi_{\alpha}, \qquad (26)$$

$$\int \rho_{\alpha}(\mathbf{r}) \Phi_{\alpha'}^{\star}(\mathbf{r}) d\mathbf{r} = -\delta_{\alpha,\alpha'}.$$
(27)

The terms $\hat{\Phi}_{\alpha}$ are the Fourier transforms of the potential in the biorthogonal representation with respect to the angles,

$$\hat{\Phi}_{\alpha}(\mathbf{k},\mathbf{J}) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^d} \int d\mathbf{w} e^{-i\mathbf{k}\cdot\mathbf{w}} \Phi_{\alpha}(\mathbf{w},\mathbf{J}).$$
(28)

The Lenard-Balescu equation (23) gives the evolution of f due to the inclusion of a finite-N correction to the collisionless

(Vlasov) kinetic equation. From Eq. (23), we see that the evolution, which slowly deforms the orbits of constant **J**, is driven by resonances between orbital frequencies, $\mathbf{k} \cdot \Omega(\mathbf{J}) = \mathbf{k}' \cdot \Omega(\mathbf{J}')$. This differs from the homogeneous case, Eq. (18), where *f* evolves due to the resonances $\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{v}'$.

Using the chain rule, the Lenard-Balescu-type equation (23) can be written in the form of a Fokker-Planck equation,

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial t} = \sum_{i,j=1}^{d} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial J_i \partial J_j} D_{\text{dif}}^{ij}(\mathbf{J},t) f(\mathbf{J},t) - \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{J}} \cdot \mathbf{D}_{fr}(\mathbf{J},t) f(\mathbf{J},t),$$
(29)

where

$$D_{\rm dif}^{ij}(\mathbf{J},t) = \pi (2\pi)^d m \sum_{\mathbf{k},\mathbf{k}'} \int d\mathbf{J}' k_i k_j \frac{1}{|D_{\mathbf{k},\mathbf{k}'}(\mathbf{J},\mathbf{J}',\mathbf{k}'\cdot\Omega(\mathbf{J}'))|^2} \\ \times \delta[\mathbf{k}\cdot\Omega(\mathbf{J}) - \mathbf{k}'\cdot\Omega(\mathbf{J}')]f(\mathbf{J}',t)$$
(30)

is the diffusion coefficient and the friction coefficient is

$$\mathbf{D}_{fr}(\mathbf{J},t) = \pi (2\pi)^d m \sum_{\mathbf{k},\mathbf{k}'} \int d\mathbf{J}' f(\mathbf{J}') \mathbf{k} \left(\mathbf{k} \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{J}} - \mathbf{k}' \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{J}'} \right) \\ \times \frac{\delta [\mathbf{k} \cdot \Omega(\mathbf{J}) - \mathbf{k}' \cdot \Omega(\mathbf{J}')]}{|D_{\mathbf{k},\mathbf{k}'}(\mathbf{J},\mathbf{J}',\mathbf{k}' \cdot \Omega(\mathbf{J}'))|^2}.$$
(31)

The *i*th component of the friction coefficient (31) can also be written as the sum of the derivative of the diffusion coefficient, plus a polarization force [10],

$$D_{fr}^{i}(\mathbf{J},t) = \frac{\partial}{\partial J_{i}} D_{\text{dif}}^{ij}(\mathbf{J},t) + D_{\text{pol}}^{i}(\mathbf{J},t), \qquad (32)$$

where the *i* component of the polarization force is

$$D_{\text{pol}}^{i}(\mathbf{J},t) = \pi (2\pi)^{d} m \sum_{\mathbf{k},\mathbf{k}'} \int d\mathbf{J}' k_{i} \mathbf{k}' \frac{1}{|D_{\mathbf{k},\mathbf{k}'}(\mathbf{J},\mathbf{J}',\mathbf{k}'\cdot\Omega(\mathbf{J}'))|^{2}} \times \delta[\mathbf{k}\cdot\Omega(\mathbf{J}) - \mathbf{k}'\cdot\Omega(\mathbf{J}')] \frac{\partial f(\mathbf{J}',t)}{\partial \mathbf{J}'}.$$
(33)

When collective effects are not considered, we have

$$\epsilon_{\alpha\alpha'} = \delta_{\alpha\alpha'},\tag{34}$$

and therefore the Landau equation is obtained using the *bare*, undressed Fourier transforms of the potential,

$$\frac{1}{D_{\mathbf{k},\mathbf{k}'}^{\text{bare}}(\mathbf{J},\mathbf{J}',\mathbf{k}'\cdot\Omega(\mathbf{J}'))|^2} = |\hat{\Phi}_{\alpha}(\mathbf{k},\mathbf{J})\hat{\Phi}_{\alpha}^{\star}(\mathbf{k}',\mathbf{J}')|^2.$$
(35)

III. KINETIC EQUATIONS FOR THE HAMILTONIAN MEAN-FIELD MODEL

We will compute explicitly the diffusion coefficients for the HMF model. It is given by the Hamiltonian

$$H = \sum_{i=1}^{N} \frac{p^2}{2} - \frac{1}{2N} \sum_{i,j=1}^{N} \cos(\theta_i - \theta_j).$$
(36)

The energy of one particle can be written as

$$h(\theta, p) = \frac{p^2}{2} + \phi(\theta) = \frac{p^2}{2} - \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \cos(\theta_i - \theta). \quad (37)$$

The potential $\phi(\theta) = -1/N \sum_{i} \cos(\theta_i - \theta)$ can be rewritten as

$$\phi(\theta) = -\frac{\sum_{i=1}^{N} \cos \theta_i}{N} \cos \theta - \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{N} \sin \theta_i}{N} \sin \theta$$
$$= -M_x \cos \theta - M_y \sin \theta, \qquad (38)$$

where $\mathbf{M} = (M_x, M_y)$ is the magnetization vector. Its modulus quantifies how bunched, or clustered, the particles are. Shifting all angles by a phase $\alpha = \arctan(M_y/M_x)$, we can write the potential simply as a function of the modulus of the magnetization M,

$$\phi(\theta^{\star}) = -M\cos\theta^{\star},\tag{39}$$

where $\theta^* = \theta - \alpha$ and $M = M_x = \sum_{i=1}^N \cos \theta_i^*$. For simplicity, henceforth we denote θ^* as θ .

A. Action-angle variables

Inhomogeneous states of the HMF model have previously been studied using action-angle variables in the case of Vlasov stability [22,23]. We define our action angle variables in the same way as these references. The action J is defined as

$$J = \frac{1}{2\pi} \oint p d\theta$$

with $p = \sqrt{2[h - \phi(\theta)]}$, where energy *h* is the one-particle energy and $\phi(\theta)$ is the mean-field potential, Eq. (39). The potential can be fully specified with a single scalar quantity, the modulus of the magnetization *M*. It is possible to write simply and in a generic way an expression for the action which depends only on the energy of the particle *h* and the adiabatic, static magnetization M_0 (see Appendix A),

$$J(\kappa) = \frac{4\sqrt{M_0}}{\pi} \begin{cases} 2[E(\kappa) - (1 - \kappa^2)K(\kappa)], & \kappa < 1\\ \kappa E(\frac{1}{\kappa}), & \kappa > 1 \end{cases}$$
(40)

where

$$\kappa = \sqrt{\frac{h + M_0}{2M_0}}.\tag{41}$$

The action J is discontinuous at the separatrix $\kappa = 1$, the boundary between rotating and librating orbits (see Fig. 1). Figure 2 shows the action as a function of κ and the discontinuity at the separatrix.

The frequency $\Omega(J)$ is $\Omega(J) = \partial h/\partial J$. Due to the frequency being noninjective in J, and J being a function of elliptical integrals of κ , it is easier to treat all expressions directly as a function of κ . We use the Jacobian $\partial \kappa/\partial J$ to change variables,

$$\begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial J}{\partial \kappa} \end{bmatrix} = \frac{4\sqrt{M_0}}{\pi} \begin{cases} 2\kappa K(\kappa), & \kappa < 1\\ K(\frac{1}{\kappa}), & \kappa > 1. \end{cases}$$
(42)

Thus the frequency is given by $\Omega(J) = (\partial \kappa / \partial J)(\partial h / \partial \kappa)$,

$$\Omega(\kappa) = \pi \sqrt{M_0} \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2K(\kappa)}, & \kappa < 1\\ \frac{\kappa}{K(\frac{1}{\kappa})}, & \kappa > 1 \end{cases}$$
(43)

The explicit expressions for the action-angle variables is a great advantage of the HMF model for the investigating



FIG. 1. Examples of a librating orbit (red solid line), for which $\kappa < 1$, a rotating orbit (blue dotted line), for which $\kappa > 1$, and the separatrix orbit (green dashed line), for which $\kappa = 1$. For the librating orbit, $\theta_m = \arccos(1 - 2\kappa^2)$, while for the other orbits $\theta_m = \pi$.

inhomogeneous states. For most systems, this is not possible, a few exceptions in astrophysics being spherical potentials and flat axisymmetric potentials such as razor-thin and tepid disks, as well as some nonaxisymmetric potentials such as Stäckel potentials [18].

B. Kinetic equations

For the HMF model, the pair potential $u(\theta - \theta') = -\cos(\theta - \theta')$ can be written in the two-dimensional biorthogonal representation as $\Phi_c = -\cos[\theta(w,\kappa)]$ and $\Phi_s = -\sin[\theta(w,\kappa)]$, and its Fourier transforms are

$$\hat{\Phi}_{c}(m,\kappa) = -c_{m}(\kappa) = \frac{-1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \cos[\theta(w,\kappa)] e^{-imw} dw,$$

$$\hat{\Phi}_{s}(m,\kappa) = -s_{m}(\kappa) = \frac{-1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \sin[\theta(w,\kappa)] e^{-imw} dw.$$
(44)

These can be written more simply as (see Appendix B)

$$c_{n}(\kappa) = \begin{cases} \frac{\pi^{2}}{K(\kappa)^{2}} \frac{|n|q(\kappa)^{|n|/2}}{1-q(\kappa)^{|n|}} & \kappa < 1, n \text{ even,} \\ 0 & \kappa < 1, n \text{ odd,} \\ \frac{2\pi^{2}\kappa^{2}}{K\left(\frac{1}{\kappa}\right)^{2}} \frac{|n|q\left(\frac{1}{\kappa}\right)^{|n|}}{1-q\left(\frac{1}{\kappa}\right)^{2|n|}} & \kappa > 1, \end{cases}$$
(45)





and

$$s_{n}(\kappa) = \begin{cases} 0 & \kappa < 1, n \text{ even,} \\ -i \frac{\pi^{2}}{K(\kappa)^{2}} \frac{nq(\kappa)^{|n|/2}}{1+q(\kappa)^{|n|}} & \kappa < 1, n \text{ odd,} \\ -i \frac{2\pi^{2}\kappa^{2}}{K(\frac{1}{\kappa})^{2}} \frac{nq(\frac{1}{\kappa})^{|n|}}{1+q(\frac{1}{\kappa})^{2|n|}} & \kappa > 1, p > 0, \\ i \frac{2\pi^{2}\kappa^{2}}{K(\frac{1}{\kappa})^{2}} \frac{nq(\frac{1}{\kappa})^{2|n|}}{1+q(\frac{1}{\kappa})^{2|n|}} & \kappa > 1, p < 0, \end{cases}$$
(46)

where $q(k) = \exp[-\pi K(\sqrt{1-k^2})/K(k)]$. To switch variables from *J* to κ , we use the Dirac δ identity $\delta[f(x)] = \sum_{x^*} \delta(x-x^*)/|\partial f/\partial x|_{x^*}$ [where x^* are the roots of f(x)]. Thus, the Lenard-Balescu equation for the HMF model is

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial t} = \frac{2\pi^2}{N} \left| \frac{\partial J}{\partial \kappa} \right|^{-1} \frac{\partial}{\partial \kappa} \sum_{n,n'=-\infty}^{\infty} \int \frac{d\kappa' n |\partial J'/\partial \kappa'|}{|D_{nn'}(\kappa,\kappa',n\Omega(\kappa))|^2} \\ \times \sum_{\kappa^{\star}} \frac{\delta(\kappa'-\kappa^{\star})}{|n'\frac{\partial\Omega}{\partial\kappa'}|_{\kappa^{\star}}} \left(n \left| \frac{\partial J}{\partial \kappa} \right|^{-1} \frac{\partial}{\partial \kappa} - n' \left| \frac{\partial J'}{\partial \kappa'} \right|^{-1} \frac{\partial}{\partial \kappa'} \right) \\ \times f(\kappa,t) f(\kappa',t), \tag{47}$$

where κ^* are the roots of the equation $m\Omega(\kappa) - m'\Omega(\kappa') = 0$, the Jacobian $|\partial J/\partial \kappa|$ is given by Eq. (42), and $\partial \Omega/\partial \kappa$ is

$$\frac{\partial\Omega}{\partial\kappa} = \pi\sqrt{M_0} \begin{cases} \frac{E(\kappa) + (\kappa^2 - 1)K(\kappa)}{2\kappa(\kappa^2 - 1)K^2(\kappa)}, & \kappa < 1, \\ \frac{\kappa^2 E\left(\frac{1}{\kappa}\right)}{(\kappa^2 - 1)K^2\left(\frac{1}{\kappa}\right)}, & \kappa > 1. \end{cases}$$
(48)

The associated diffusion coefficient is

$$D_{\rm dif}(\kappa) = \frac{2\pi^2}{N} \sum_{n,n'=\infty}^{\infty} \sum_{\kappa^{\star}} \frac{n^2 |\partial J/\partial \kappa|_{\kappa^{\star}}}{|D_{nn'}(\kappa,\kappa^{\star},n\Omega(\kappa))|^2} \frac{f(\kappa^{\star},t)}{|n'\frac{\partial\Omega}{\partial\kappa'}|_{\kappa^{\star}}}$$
(49)

and the polarization coefficient is

$$D_{\text{pol}}(\kappa) = \frac{2\pi^2}{N} \sum_{n,n'=-\infty}^{\infty} \sum_{\kappa^*} \frac{n n'}{|D_{nn'}(\kappa,\kappa^*,n\Omega(\kappa))|^2} \frac{\partial f/\partial\kappa'|_{\kappa^*}}{\left|n'\frac{\partial\Omega}{\partial\kappa'}\right|_{\kappa^*}}.$$
(50)

Equation (24), which determines $D_{nn'}(\kappa, \kappa', \omega)$, becomes

$$\frac{1}{D_{nn'}(\kappa,\kappa',\omega)} = \frac{c_n(\kappa)c_{n'}(\kappa')}{\epsilon_{cc}(\omega)} - \frac{s_n(\kappa)s_{n'}(\kappa')}{\epsilon_{ss}(\omega)}.$$
 (51)

If collective effects are neglected, then $\epsilon_{cc} = \epsilon_{ss} = 1$, and we get simply

$$\frac{1}{D_{nn'}^{\text{bare}}(\kappa,\kappa')} = c_n(\kappa)c_{n'}(\kappa') - s_n(\kappa)s_{n'}(\kappa').$$
(52)

If collective effects are not neglected, then it is necessary to compute numerically the dielectric tensor, with the procedure we detail below.

C. Numerical computation of the dielectric tensor

The cc and ss components of the dielectric tensor are

$$\epsilon_{cc}(\omega) = 1 + 2\pi \sum_{\ell=-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{0}^{\infty} d\kappa \frac{g_{\ell}^{cc}(\kappa)}{\Omega(\kappa) - \omega/\ell}$$
(53)



FIG. 3. Poles of integral in the dielectric tensor components (53) and (54). For $\omega/\ell > \Omega_0$ (dash-dotted line), only one pole occurs (κ_2), while for $0 < \omega/\ell < \Omega_0$ (dashed line), there are two (κ_1 and κ_2).

and

$$\epsilon_{ss}(\omega) = 1 + 2\pi \sum_{\ell=-\infty}^{\infty} \int_0^{\infty} d\kappa \frac{g_{\ell}^{ss}(\kappa)}{\Omega(\kappa) - \omega/\ell}, \quad (54)$$

respectively, where, to simplify the notation, we have defined

$$g_{\ell}^{cc}(\kappa) = |c_{\ell}(\kappa)|^2 \partial f / \partial \kappa, \qquad (55a)$$

$$g_{\ell}^{ss}(\kappa) = |s_{\ell}(\kappa)|^2 \partial f / \partial \kappa.$$
(55b)

The off-diagonal terms, involving products of the type $c_n(\kappa)s_{n'}(\kappa')$, are zero after integration.

The integrals in Eqs. (53) and (54) must be performed carefully due to the poles at $\omega = \ell \Omega(\kappa)$. Poles can only occur if ℓ and ω are of the same sign. Moreover, the number of poles depends on the value of ω , since $\Omega(\kappa)$ can have the same value at two different values of κ for $\Omega(\kappa) < \Omega_0$ where $\Omega_0 = \Omega(0) = \sqrt{M_0}$. Therefore, we distinguish among the following cases (see Fig. 3):

(1) $\omega/\ell < 0$: no poles;

(2) $0 < \omega/\ell < \Omega_0$: one pole $\kappa_1 < 1$ and one pole at $\kappa_2 > 1$;

(3) $\omega/\ell > \Omega_0$: one pole at $\kappa_2 > 1$.

For each case, the integrals must be separated into different regions. In all cases we separate between the regions $\kappa \in (0,1)$ and $\kappa \in (1,\infty)$, due to the different expressions of $\Omega(\kappa)$, $c_n(\kappa)$, and $s_n(\kappa)$ in the two domains. Therefore, for case 1, the integrals in Eqs. (53) and (54) are

$$\int d\kappa \frac{g_{\ell}^{cc/ss}(\kappa)}{\Omega(\kappa) - \omega/\ell} = \int_{0}^{1} d\kappa \frac{g_{\ell}^{cc/ss}(\kappa)}{\Omega(\kappa) - \omega/\ell} + \int_{1}^{\infty} d\kappa \frac{g_{\ell}^{cc/ss}(\kappa)}{\Omega(\kappa) - \omega/\ell}.$$
 (56)

For case (2), we must use the Landau contour in both regions,

$$\int d\kappa \frac{g_{\ell}^{cc/ss}(\kappa)}{\Omega(\kappa) - \omega/\ell} = \mathcal{P} \int_{0}^{1} d\kappa \frac{g_{\ell}^{cc/ss}(\kappa)}{\Omega(\kappa) - \omega/\ell} + i\pi \operatorname{Res} \kappa_{1} + \mathcal{P} \int_{1}^{\infty} d\kappa \frac{g_{\ell}^{cc/ss}(\kappa)}{\Omega(\kappa) - \omega/\ell} + i\pi \operatorname{Res} \kappa_{2},$$
(57)

and, for case (3), only in the second region,

$$\int d\kappa \frac{g_{\ell}^{cc/ss}(\kappa)}{\Omega(\kappa) - \omega/\ell} = \int_{0}^{1} d\kappa \frac{g_{\ell}^{cc/ss}(\kappa)}{\Omega(\kappa) - \omega/\ell} + \mathcal{P} \int_{1}^{\infty} d\kappa \frac{g_{\ell}^{cc/ss}(\kappa)}{\Omega(\kappa) - \omega/\ell} + i\pi \operatorname{Res}_{2}_{2},$$
(58)

where $\mathcal{P} \int$ denotes the Cauchy principal value and *Resx* is the residue of the integrand at *x*.

Equations (49), (51), (53), and (54), with $\Omega(\kappa)$, $s_m(\kappa)$, and $c_m(\kappa)$ determined by equations (43), (45), and (46), respectively, enable us to calculate the diffusion coefficient of the HMF model in action-angle variables, with collective effects. The same can be done neglecting collective effects, using the same equations with $\epsilon_{cc} = \epsilon_{ss} = 1$. The inclusion or exclusion of collective effects greatly affects the resulting diffusion coefficient. This is shown in Fig. 6, where we present diffusion coefficients considering a thermal bath,

$$f(\kappa, t) = C \exp[-\beta M_0 (2\kappa^2 - 1)],$$
 (59)

for two equilibrium configurations (β, M_0) , where $C = \sqrt{\beta/(2\pi)^3}/I_0(\beta M_0)$ and $I_n(z)$ is the *n*th-order modified Bessel function of the first kind. For the numerical results, all sums over *n*, *n'*, and ℓ are truncated at $n_{\text{max}} = 6$ and $\ell_{\text{max}} = 6$, respectively (although normally $n_{\text{max}} = 4$ and $\ell_{\text{max}} = 2$ suffice).

From the forms of equations of the diffusion coefficients (49), we see that the contributions to the diffusion of a particle with a parameter κ come from its resonances with particles of parameter κ^* , where κ^* and κ satisfy $n\Omega(\kappa) = n'\Omega(\kappa^*)$ and n,n' are integers. In order to see how each resonance contributes to the diffusion coefficient, in Fig. 4 we plot maps showing the normalized contribution of each term in the κ^* sum, for a given κ , for a thermal distribution function corresponding to $M_0 = 0.05$ (top) and $M_0 = 0.9$ (bottom). In other words, if we write the diffusion coefficient as

$$D_{\rm dif}(\kappa) = \sum_{\kappa^{\star}} \gamma(\kappa, \kappa^{\star}), \tag{60}$$

then the color map shows $\gamma(\kappa, \kappa^*)/D_{\text{dif}}(\kappa)$.

In the highly inhomogeneous case, $M_0 = 0.9$, almost all the contribution comes from $\kappa^* < 1$ (inside the separatrix). This is mainly due to the distribution being highly clustered, so most particles are below the separatrix. Consequently, for most particles, the main contribution to their diffusion comes from resonances with particles at their same frequency. This is represented by the strong yellow line at $\kappa^* < 1$. For the almost-homogeneous case, $M_0 = 0.05$, the particles are not so clustered and so particles with $\kappa^* \neq \kappa$ also contribute, as demonstrated by the presence of other curves in the top panel.

D. Examples of numerical calculations

In this section we show the predictions for the diffusion coefficients both including or neglecting collective effects. Note that, near the separatrix ($\kappa = 1$), we do not plot the value of the diffusion coefficient. This is because the calculation becomes numerically unstable in this region. Indeed, the



FIG. 4. Normalized contribution to the Lenard-Balescu diffusion coefficient $D_{\text{dif}}(\kappa)$, Eq. (49), as a function of κ^* . Both panels correspond to thermal equilibrium distributions but with different magnetizations: (a) almost homogeneous, $M_0 = 0.05$, and (b) highly inhomogeneous, $M_0 = 0.9$. In the latter case, most of the contribution comes from resonances at $\kappa^* < 1.0$ (below the separatrix), while for the nearly homogeneous system this is not the case.

perturbative approach we have used may not be valid [24,25] for particles crossing the separatrix. Since it does not seem to play an important role in the diffusion, we neglect the point $\kappa \approx 1$. First, we notice that, as in the homogeneous case [15], collective effects are very important in this system. To illustrate this behavior, we plot the components of the dielectric tensor in Fig. 5. We observe a characteristic frequency (materialized by a "bump") at a frequency of order $n\Omega_0$, with n = 1 for sine perturbations and n = 2 for cosine ones. We observe that collective effects are very important for frequencies $\omega \leq n\Omega_0$ in this case, i.e., the modulus of the components of the dielectric tensor differs considerably from 1. Inspecting the kinetic equation (47), we see that this implies that for values of κ which correspond to these frequencies (which correspond mainly to librating particles) collective effects are important. However, particles with larger frequencies do not present strong collective effects, because they have frequencies $\omega \gg \Omega_0$ for which the components of the dielectric tensor is close to 1.

This fact is apparent in the computation of the diffusion coefficients for two different magnetizations shown in Fig. 6. For both small magnetization (i.e., system very close to homogeneity) as well as magnetization closer to 1, the diffusion coefficients predicted by the Landau equation (no collective effects) and the Lenard-Balescu equation (collective effects) differ completely except, as expected, for $\kappa > 1$, which corresponds to particles with frequencies for which



FIG. 5. Cosine (top) and sine (bottom) components of the dielectric tensor $\epsilon(\omega)$, given by Eqs. (53) and (54), respectively. The equilibrium parameters are $(u, M_0) = (-0.1, 0.728)$. The vertical lines show $\omega = \Omega_0$ and $\omega = 2\Omega_0$.

the modulus of the components of the dielectric tensor tends to 1.

E. Analytical results for highly magnetized states

It is possible to obtain analytical expressions for the diffusion coefficients for highly magnetized configurations. In this case, all the particles have $\kappa < 1$ and it suffices to perform the sums in the kinetic equations up to |n| = |n'| = 2 to obtain a good approximation to the dielectric tensor and the diffusion coefficients. This implies that the position of the resonances are $\kappa^{\star} = \kappa$, simply.² If the system is less magnetized, then there are resonances with particles which are outside the separatrix, and in this case it is necessary to solve numerically the resonance condition $n\Omega(\kappa) = n'\Omega(\kappa^*)$. We will study the case in which collective effects are neglected, and then when collective effects are considered for two paradigmatic cases: a core-halo distribution and a Maxwell-Boltzmann distribution. These two distributions can be considered as prototypes of the two classes of distributions which appears after the violent relaxation process. When initial condition leads to a very "violent" violent relaxation, it results in a core-halo quasiequilibrium, while when the initial condition leads to a "gentle" violent relaxation, a compact distribution similar to a Gaussian one forms [26].

²Note that in this approximation the flux associated with Eq. (23) is zero, and hence f does not vary with time.



FIG. 6. Diffusion coefficient $D_{\text{dif}}(\kappa)$ for two different equilibrium configurations: $(u, M_0) = (-0.1, 0.7285)$ (top) and $(u, M_0) = (0.2475, 0.0632)$ (bottom). Solid (red) lines show the diffusion coefficient with collective effects, Eqs. (49) and (51), while the dashed (blue) lines show the result without collective effects, Eqs. (49) and (52). Both curves are cut off near $\kappa = 1$ due to numerical instability at the separatrix.

1. Without collective effects

When collective effects are neglected, $\epsilon_{cc} = 1$ and $\epsilon_{ss} = 1$, a very good approximation is given by taking only the first term of Eqs. (49) and (50) (taking higher terms is straightforward). We obtain therefore

$$D_{\rm dif}(\kappa) = \frac{4\pi^8 \kappa^2 (1-\kappa^2) {\rm sech}^4 \left[\frac{\pi K(\sqrt{1-\kappa^2})}{2K(\kappa)}\right]}{NK(\kappa)^5 [(\kappa^2-1)K(\kappa) + E(\kappa)]} f(\kappa), \qquad (61a)$$

$$D_{\text{pol}}(\kappa) = \frac{\pi^9 \kappa (\kappa^2 - 1) \text{sech}^4 \left[\frac{\pi K(\sqrt{1 - \kappa^2})}{2K(\kappa)}\right]}{2N\sqrt{M_0} K(\kappa)^6 [(\kappa^2 - 1)K(\kappa) + E(\kappa)]} \frac{\partial f}{\partial \kappa}(\kappa).$$
(61b)

If M_0 is very close to 1, then most of the particles have small κ . It is possible to expand Eq. (61) around $\kappa = 0$, giving the following simple results:

$$D_{\rm dif}(\kappa) = \frac{1}{N} [32\pi^2 \kappa^4 + \mathcal{O}(\kappa^6)] f(\kappa), \qquad (62a)$$

$$D_{\text{pol}}(\kappa) = \frac{1}{N\sqrt{M_0}} [8\pi^2 \kappa^3 + \mathcal{O}(\kappa^5)] \frac{\partial f}{\partial \kappa}(\kappa). \quad (62b)$$

2. With collective effects

We will first consider the core-halo distribution. It can be modeled by the sum of two step functions,

$$f_{\rm ch}(\kappa) = \eta_1 \Theta[\mu_1 - h] + \eta_2 \Theta[\mu_2 - h], \tag{63}$$

where we have assumed that μ_1 and μ_2 corresponds to the energy of particles which are inside the separatrix. Using the definition of $h = M_0(2\kappa^2 - 1)$, we can express Eq. (63) as a function of κ

$$f_{\rm ch}(\kappa) = \eta_1 \Theta \Big[2M_0 \big(\kappa_1^2 - \kappa^2 \big) \Big] + \eta_2 \Theta \Big[2M_0 \big(\kappa_2^2 - \kappa^2 \big) \Big], \quad (64)$$

where $\kappa_i = \sqrt{\mu_i/M_0 + 1}$ and $\kappa_1 < 1$ and $\kappa_2 < 1$.

Computing the dielectric tensor is straightforward because the derivative of f_{ch} about κ involves Dirac δ functions:

$$\frac{\partial f_{\rm ch}}{\partial \kappa} = -2\kappa M_0 \{ \eta_1 \delta \big[M_0 \big(\kappa_1^2 - \kappa^2 \big) \big] + \eta_2 \delta \big[M_0 \big(\kappa_2^2 - \kappa^2 \big) \big] \}.$$
(65)

The dielectric tensor is purely real, and it can be calculated inserting Eq. (64) into Eqs. (53) and (54):

$$\epsilon_{cc/ss}(\omega) = 1 + 2\pi \sum_{\ell=-\infty}^{\infty} \left\{ \frac{g_{\ell}^{cc/ss}(\kappa_1)}{\Omega(\kappa_1) - \omega/\ell} + \frac{g_{\ell}^{cc/ss}(\kappa_2)}{\Omega(\kappa_2) - \omega/\ell} \right\} + (\omega \to -\omega),$$
(66)

where $(\omega \rightarrow -\omega)$ means to sum the same expression with ω replaced by $-\omega$. Using Eqs. (49) and (50) with Eq. (64) and $\kappa^* = \kappa$, it is straightforward to compute the diffusion coefficients.

It is interesting to compare the diffusion coefficients for an idealized core-halo distribution (64) with a more realistic, smoother version of it, which is the kind of distribution we simulated (see Sec. IV):

$$f_{ch_i^*}(h) = \frac{\eta_1}{1 + \exp[\beta_1(h - \mu_1)]} + \frac{\eta_2}{1 + \exp[\beta_2(h - \mu_2)]}.$$
(67)

For a given mean energy u and magnetization M_0 , plus the normalization constraints, three of the six parameters $\eta_1, \eta_2, \beta_1, \beta_2, \mu_1, \mu_2$ are determined. We have chosen the coefficients $\eta_1 = 0.298$, $\eta_2 = 0.05$, $\mu_1 = -0.517$, and $\mu_2 = 0.19$ for i = 1,2; $\beta_1 = 70$ and $\beta_2 = 70$ for i = 1; and $\beta_1 = 30$ and $\beta_2 = 10$ for i = 2. As the coefficients β_i increase, the step functions become steeper. We observe in the top row of Fig. 7 that for the steeper case ch₁^{*} the two-step core-halo (64) describes very well both the components of the dielectric tensor and the diffusion coefficient. For the softer case ch₂^{*}, we observe a correct agreement for the components of the dielectric tensor for most of the frequencies. The disagreement is responsible for the differences observed in the diffusion coefficient for some ranges of κ .

For the case of distributions like the Maxwell-Boltzmann one, the main difficulty consists of computing the dielectric tensor. It is possible to do it analytically for a wide class of functions taking the advantage that if $M_0 \rightarrow 1$, most of the particles have small κ . We can thus expand in Taylor series the different quantities which appear in the kinetic equations. We



FIG. 7. [(a)–(c)] Comparison of the approximate expressions (C1) and (C2) and the diffusion coefficient for a core-halo system (see text for details), and [(d)–(f)] the same quantities at Maxwell-Boltzmann equilibrium for magnetization $M_0 = 0.95$.

need therefore (valid for $\kappa \leq 1$):

$$J(\kappa) = 2\sqrt{M_0}\kappa^2 + \mathcal{O}(\kappa^4), \tag{68a}$$

$$\Omega(\kappa) = \sqrt{M_0} \left[1 - \frac{\kappa^2}{4} + \mathcal{O}(\kappa^4) \right], \tag{68b}$$

$$c_2(\kappa) = \frac{\kappa^2}{2} + \mathcal{O}(\kappa^4), \tag{68c}$$

$$s_1(\kappa) = -i\kappa + \mathcal{O}(\kappa^3). \tag{68d}$$

The components of the dielectric tensor can be approximated as

$$\epsilon_{cc}(\omega) \simeq 1 + \frac{\pi}{2} \int_0^1 d\kappa \frac{\kappa^4 \partial f_{MB} / \partial \kappa}{\sqrt{M_0} \left(1 - \frac{\kappa^2}{4}\right) - \omega/2} + (\omega \to -\omega),$$
(69a)

$$\epsilon_{ss}(\omega) \simeq 1 + 2\pi \int_0^1 d\kappa \frac{\kappa^2 \partial f_{MB} / \partial \kappa}{\sqrt{M_0} \left(1 - \frac{\kappa^2}{4}\right) - \omega} + (\omega \to -\omega).$$
(69b)

Taking as the distribution function the thermal equilibrium one (59), the integrals can be expressed in terms of trigonometric and exponential integrals (for the explicit expressions, see Appendix C). Using the approximations (C1) and (C2) and the terms of Eqs. (49) and (50) corresponding to *n* and *n'* taking the values from -2 to +2 we get, for large M_0 , a lengthy but analytical approximation (which we do not explicitly write here) of the diffusion coefficients which is very accurate for M_0 close to 1. In the bottom row of Fig. 7 we show the diffusion coefficients for $M_0 = 0.95$.

IV. COMPARISON WITH SIMULATIONS

The previous subsection presents the application of the kinetic equations to the HMF model. In order to compare those analytical results with the Hamiltonian dynamics of the N-body system, we use molecular dynamics, integrating the equations of motion of N particles and tracking their orbits through time.

In order to compare the theoretical results with simulation we adopt the point of view of the Fokker-Planck equation. The idea is to study a test particle evolving in a field composed of the other particles. The effect of the field on the test particle is taken into account by the diffusion and friction coefficients. The mean-field properties of the field evolve adiabatically compared to the time scale of the fluctuations which lead to the test particle's relaxation. In the case of the HMF model, this means that the field's magnetization is $M = M_0 + \delta M$, where M_0 evolves very slowly compared to δM . The test particle's base orbit is thus determined by M_0 , whereas the fluctuations δM drive its relaxation. The collective effects represent the reaction of the field to its own perturbations, that is, the field particles are also affected by δM . If we disregard collective effects, the field particles should evolve subject only to the mean magnetization M_0 . Therefore, a possible way of testing the importance of collective effects in the HMF model is to simulate two types of N-body dynamics.

The first, which we will refer to as "MD(bath)," is a dynamics *without* collective effects. The system is composed of N_b particles which form a thermal bath and evolve with the adiabatic, static magnetization M_0 (corresponding to the smooth potential),

$$\ddot{\theta_i}^b = -M_0 \sin \theta_i, \quad i = 1, \dots, N_b \tag{70}$$



FIG. 8. Variation of J^2 , Eq. (75), as a function of time for different values of J_0 and different thermal distributions. Points are molecular dynamics results of the regular HMF model and lines are linear fits. For longer times, the diffusion becomes sublinear.

and N_{tp} independent test particles which evolve under the potential due to the oscillating magnetization of the bath particles,

$$\ddot{\theta}_{i}^{\,tp} = -M_{x}^{b} \sin \theta_{i} + M_{y}^{b} \cos \theta_{i}, \quad i = N_{b} + 1, \dots, N_{b} + N_{tp}$$
(71)
$$M_{x}^{b} = \frac{1}{N_{b}} \sum_{i=1}^{N_{b}} \cos \theta_{i}, \quad M_{y}^{b} = \frac{1}{N_{b}} \sum_{i=1}^{N_{b}} \sin \theta_{i}.$$

The bath particles are set up with any initial positions and velocities corresponding to the Vlasov-stable distribution for which we want to measure the diffusion coefficients, e.g., (59) or (67). We detail the procedure for the former case: The initial particle positions and velocities must be distributed

according to

$$f_{\rm eq}(\theta, p) = \sqrt{\frac{\beta}{(2\pi)^3}} I_0^{-1}(\beta M_0) \exp\left[-\beta \left(\frac{p^2}{2} - M_0 \cos\theta\right)\right].$$
(72)

For each M_0 , β must be determined self-consistently by

$$M_0 = \frac{I_1(\beta M_0)}{I_0(\beta M_0)}.$$
(73)

Second, we simulate the full *N*-body simulation of the HMF model—hence *with* collective effects—which we shall refer to as "MD(full)." All *N* particles in the system evolve according to

$$\ddot{\theta}_i = -M_x \sin \theta_i + M_y \cos \theta_i, \quad i = 1, \dots, N$$

$$M_x = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \cos \theta_i, \quad M_y = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \sin \theta_i.$$
(74)

We have seen from the analytical calculations that collective effects are important in the HMF model. Therefore, these two *N*-body methods should result in very different diffusion coefficients. We measure the diffusion coefficients of test particles as follows: First, we calculate the initial action $J_i(t_0)$ of each test particle—or simply each particle, in the case of MD(full)—and separate them accordingly into *L* bins of size ΔJ_0 . Then we calculate the mean-square variation of *J* for each J_0 as a function of Δt ,

$$\langle \delta J^2 \rangle_{\ell} = \frac{1}{N_{\ell}} \sum_{i=1}^{N_{\ell}} [J_i(t_0 + \Delta t) - J_0]^2, \quad \ell = 1, \dots, L \quad (75)$$

where the sum, for each bin ℓ , is over all N_{ℓ} particles with $J(t_0) \in [(\ell - 1/2)\Delta J_0, (\ell + 1/2)\Delta J_0)$. The diffusion



FIG. 9. Diffusion coefficients calculated by molecular dynamics, Eq. (76), compared to the theoretical results, for an equilibrium distribution with parameters (a) $(u, M_0) = (-0.2, 0.816)$, (b) $(u, M_0) = (0.0, 0.622)$, and (c) $(u, M_0) = (0.2475, 0.06)$. On the bottom, MD simulations without collective effects with the prediction of the Landau equation (49). On the top, MD simulations with collective effects with the theoretical curve predicted by the Lenard-Balescu (Len-Bal) equation, using condition (34), and the molecular dynamics given by the regular HMF model, MD(full). The gray vertical line represents the separatrix.



FIG. 10. Diffusion coefficients for a system in a "core-halo" type distribution, given by Eq. (67). On the top, without collective effects: simulation of test particles interacting with the distribution [MD(bath)] and the theoretical curve (Landau). The gray vertical line represents the separatrix. On the bottom, MD simulation results of the regular HMF [MD(full)] with the theoretical curve with collective effects (Len-Bal). The parameters for the distribution are $\beta_1 = 30$, $\beta_2 = 10$, $\eta_1 = 0.298$, $\eta_2 = 0.051$, $\mu_1 = -0.517$, and $\mu_2 = 0.19$, which gives $M_0 = 0.8$.

coefficient for a given J_0 (or, equivalently, for a given bin ℓ), is half of the slope of the linear part of the curve $\langle \delta J^2(\Delta t) \rangle_{\ell}$,

$$D_{\rm dif}^{\rm MD}(J_0) = \frac{\langle \delta J^2 \rangle_{\ell}}{2\Delta t}.$$
(76)

For some values of J_0 , care must be taken to calculate the coefficient in the full HMF molecular dynamics: If the magnetization is sufficiently high, then there are little to no particles for higher values of J_0 . Therefore, to calculate the coefficient in these regions, we simulate the dynamics of test particles with high J_0 that interact with the full HMF.

Examples of the linear fit are shown in Fig. 8, for two values of J_0 . Typically, the fit is done over a time range of $t \in [100, 500]$, although this may vary depending on the value of J_0 and M_0 . On average, choosing different time ranges does not greatly affect the outcome. For the fits, we took averages of $\langle \delta J^2(\Delta t) \rangle_{\ell}$ over many time intervals of the dynamics, that is, for many values of t_0 . Typically, we used 100 intervals.

In Fig. 9, we compare the molecular dynamics results with the kinetic theory diffusion coefficients for systems in thermal baths.³

The top panels show the case without collective effects [MD(bath)] and the Landau diffusion coefficient calculated

$$\bar{J} = \begin{cases} J/2 & \kappa < 1\\ J & \kappa > 1 \end{cases}.$$

with (49) and (34), while the bottom panels show the case with collective effects [MD(full)] and the Lenard-Balescu diffusion coefficient (49). Each kind of simulation has been performed with $N = 500\,000$ particles, except for the lowest magnetization case, which was performed with $N = 1\,000\,000$. We see that for magnetizations not close to zero [Figs. 9(a) and 9(b)] the MD fit matches very well the result from the corresponding kinetic equation. In the case of magnetization close to zero [Fig. 9(c)] the match is only reasonably good. This can be explained because in this case the linear diffusion regime is very short and, consequently, the fluctuations larger.

We test also the theoretical results for a core-halo distribution ch_2^* equation (67). For both without collective effects (top) and with collective effects (bottom), the results match very well, see Fig. 10.

V. CONCLUSION

In this paper we have studied the diffusion coefficients corresponding the collisional relaxation in the inhomogeneous HMF model. To perform these calculations we have used the Landau and the Lenard-Balescu equations expressed in actionangle variables. We have described precisely how to perform the calculations and showed that the diffusion coefficients can be easily computed in a very reduced computer time with high precision. Moreover, we have given analytical expressions for the dielectric tensor and the diffusion coefficients for systems with magnetization close to 1, which agree very well with the exact ones.

One of the conclusions of the paper is that, for the cases for which we have calculated the diffusion coefficients, collective effects are very important in the dynamics independently of how much the system is clustered (i.e., magnetized). We note that this is also the case in the homogeneous case [15].

We have also studied which particles "talk to each other" in the collisional relaxation process. For highly clustered systems (i.e., magnetization close to one), the contribution of the relaxation of a given particle comes almost exclusively from particles in the same orbit (i.e., with the same κ). This is a similar behavior than in the homogeneous case, for which it is simple to show that for any long-range one-dimensional system the contribution for the relaxation comes from particles with the same velocity [17]. As the system becomes less clustered, the situation becomes more complicated, and particles in different orbits start to "interact" with one another (see Fig. 4).

In order to test the theoretical predictions, we have computed numerically the diffusion coefficients using molecular dynamics simulations. To check our calculations when the collective effects are neglected, we have set up a simple method to perform simulations in which collective effects are absent. We have found a very good agreement between the theoretical calculations and the simulations both for the dynamics with and without collective effects. We have performed these tests for baths at Maxwell-Boltzmann equilibrium as well as out of equilibrium (core-halo distributions).

The next natural step of this work is to use the diffusion coefficients to compute the whole evolution of the HMF model up to thermalization. With the methods developed in the paper, it is a relatively simple task to compute the evolution with the

³For clarity, in the plots of the diffusion coefficients in which the abscissa is the action, we use instead a rescaled action \bar{J} ,

Landau or the Lenard-Balescu equation. The magnetization should be computed self-consistently at each time step and then the diffusion coefficient. We stress that the evolution of Eq. (47) could present interesting features because it is nonlinear. This subject will be presented in a forthcoming paper.

We note also that the analytical expressions for the dielectric tensor can be used to study analytically the stability and the mean-field evolution of the HMF model for highly clustered states, computing in an appropriate but straightforward way the pole contributions to the dielectric tensor (see Ref. [22] for a detailed study on the subject).

The extension of our calculations to more complicated interactions, e.g., one-dimensional gravity, is in principle feasible. There are, however, two complications to the calculations compared to the HMF model: first, the biorthogonal basis is not constituted by only two functions but by a infinite number of them. There is, however, the hope that with a suitable choice of family of functions for a given shape of the QSS a reduced number of elements of the basis is sufficient to obtain a good accuracy in the calculations, similarly to the case studied in Refs. [27,28]. Second, we do not expect to have an analytical expression for the Fourier transform of the angle of the element of the basis [Eq. (44)]. These calculations should be performed numerically, which is feasible with a modest computer.

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APPENDIX A: ACTION-ANGLE VARIABLES OF THE PENDULA

In this Appendix, we present action-angle variables for a pendulum with the Hamiltonian

$$h(\theta, p) = \frac{p^2}{2} - M_0 \cos \theta, \qquad (A1)$$

using the same conventions as Refs. [22] and [29]. The action J is given by

$$J = \frac{1}{2\pi} \oint p d\theta. \tag{A2}$$

If the energy *h* is greater than the magnetization M_0 , then the orbit is rotating: Its momentum will never reach zero. In such cases, the integration over θ will only go from $-\pi$ to π , for positive momentum, or π to $-\pi$, for negative momentum. For librating orbits, which have energy *h* less than the magnetization M_0 , the orbit completes a loop in phase space (see Fig. 1 in the main text), reaching zero momentum at the extreme value of θ , $\pm \theta_m$. The integration starts with positive momentum at $-\theta_m$ and then goes to θ_m and then back to $-\theta_m$ with negative momentum. The action is thus given by

$$J = \frac{1}{2\pi} \begin{cases} 2\int_{-\theta_m}^{\theta_m} \sqrt{2(h+M_0\cos\theta)}d\theta & h < M_0, \\ \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \sqrt{2(h+M_0\cos\theta)}d\theta & h > M_0. \end{cases}$$
(A3)

Using the transformation $x = \theta/2$ and $\cos \theta = 1 - 2\sin^2(\theta/2)$, Eq. (A3) can be written as

$$J = \frac{4\sqrt{M_0}}{\pi} \begin{cases} 2\int_0^{\frac{\theta_m}{2}} \sqrt{\kappa^2 - \sin^2 x} dx & \kappa < 1, \\ \kappa \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \sqrt{1 - \frac{1}{\kappa^2} \sin^2 x} dx & \kappa > 1, \end{cases}$$
(A4)

where

$$\kappa = \sqrt{\frac{h + M_0}{2M_0}} \tag{A5}$$

and $\theta_m = 2 \arcsin(\kappa)$. For $\kappa > 1$, the integral in Eq. (A4) is the complete Legendre elliptic integral of the second kind $E(1/\kappa) = E(\pi/2, 1/\kappa)$, where

$$E(\phi,k) = \int_0^{\phi} \sqrt{1 - k^2 \sin^2 \theta} d\theta, \quad k < 1.$$
 (A6)

For $\kappa < 1$, switching variables with $\sin \theta = \kappa \sin x$, the corresponding integral in Eq. (A4) becomes

$$\int_0^{\theta_m/2} \sqrt{\kappa^2 - \sin^2 x} dx = E(\kappa) - (1 - \kappa^2) K(\kappa), \quad (A7)$$

where K(k) is the complete elliptic integral of the first kind,

$$K(k) = \int_0^{\pi/2} \frac{d\theta}{\sqrt{1 - k^2 \sin^2 \theta}}.$$
 (A8)

Therefore, the action is

$$J = \begin{cases} \frac{8\sqrt{M_0}}{\pi} [E(\kappa) - (1 - \kappa^2)K(\kappa)], & \kappa < 1, \\ \frac{4\sqrt{M_0}}{\pi} \kappa E(\frac{1}{\kappa}), & \kappa > 1. \end{cases}$$
(A9)

The angle variables, w, satisfy [20]

$$w = \Omega t, \tag{A10}$$

where $\Omega = \partial h / \partial J$ is the angular frequency and *t* is the time of the pendulum at position θ ,

$$t = \int_0^\theta \frac{d\theta'}{\sqrt{2(h+M_0\cos\theta')}}.$$
 (A11)

Integrating $\int dt = \int d\theta / p(\theta, \kappa)$ gives

$$t(\theta,\kappa) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{M_0}} \begin{cases} F(\phi,\kappa) & \kappa < 1, \ p > 0, \\ 2K(\kappa) - F(\phi,\kappa) & \kappa < 1, \ p < 0, \\ \frac{1}{\kappa}F\left(\frac{\theta}{2},\frac{1}{\kappa}\right) & \kappa > 1, \ p > 0, \\ \frac{1}{\kappa}F\left(\frac{\theta}{2},\frac{1}{\kappa}\right) & \kappa > 1, \ p < 0, \end{cases}$$
(A12)

where $\phi = \arcsin\left(\frac{1}{\kappa}\sin\frac{\theta}{2}\right)$. Multiplying by $\Omega(\kappa)$ as given by Eq. (43), we find the angle variables

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$$w = \pi \begin{cases} \frac{F(\phi,\kappa)}{2K(\kappa)} & \kappa < 1, \ p > 0, \\ 1 - \frac{F(\phi,\kappa)}{2K(\kappa)} & \kappa < 1, \ p < 0, \\ \frac{F\left(\frac{\phi}{2}, \frac{1}{\kappa}\right)}{K\left(\frac{1}{\kappa}\right)} & \kappa > 1, \ p > 0, \\ \frac{-F\left(\frac{\phi}{2}, \frac{1}{\kappa}\right)}{K\left(\frac{1}{\kappa}\right)} & \kappa > 1, \ p < 0. \end{cases}$$
(A13)

APPENDIX B: ELLIPTIC IDENTITIES FOR FOURIER TRANSFORMS

In this appendix, we show how to obtain the expressions for the Fourier transforms of the orthogonal components of the potential, proportional to $c_n(\kappa)$ and $s_n(\kappa)$ [Eq. (44)], as obtained in Ref. [29]. First, we must find $\cos[\theta(w,\kappa)]$ and $\sin[\theta(w,\kappa)]$ as functions of w and κ directly. These can be obtained from the angle variable (A13), which depends on θ through incomplete elliptic integrals [22]. For the incomplete elliptic integral of the first kind $F(\alpha,k)$, α can be expressed in terms of the Jacobi elliptic functions sn(u,k), cn(u,k), and dn(u,k). In particular, if $F(\alpha,k) = u$, then $\sin \alpha = sn(u,k)$. Applying to Eq. (A13) gives

$$\cos[\theta(w,\kappa)] = \begin{cases} 1 - 2\kappa^2 sn^2 \left[\frac{2K(\kappa)w}{\pi},\kappa\right] & \kappa < 1, \\ 1 - 2sn^2 \left[\frac{K(1/\kappa)w}{\pi},1/\kappa\right] & \kappa > 1, \end{cases}$$
(B1)

and

$$\begin{aligned} \sin[\theta(w,\kappa)] &= \begin{cases} 2\kappa sn\left[\frac{2K(\kappa)w}{\pi},\kappa\right]dn\left[\frac{2K(\kappa)w}{\pi},\kappa\right] & \kappa < 1, \\ 2sn\left[\frac{K(\frac{1}{\kappa})w}{\pi},\frac{1}{\kappa}\right]cn\left[\frac{K(\frac{1}{\kappa})w}{\pi},\frac{1}{\kappa}\right] & \kappa > 1, \ p > 1, \\ -2sn\left[\frac{K(\frac{1}{\kappa})w}{\pi},\frac{1}{\kappa}\right]cn\left[\frac{K(\frac{1}{\kappa})w}{\pi},\frac{1}{\kappa}\right] & \kappa > 1, \ p < 1, \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$
(B2)

where the properties $sn^2(u,k) + cn^2(u,k) = 1$ and $dn(u,k) = \sqrt{1 - k^2 sn^2(u,k)}$ were used. Finally, (B1) and (B2) can be expressed in terms of the following expansions involving the elliptic functions [30],

$$sn^{2}(u,k) = \frac{K(k) - E(k)}{k^{2}K(k)} - \frac{2\pi^{2}}{k^{2}K(k)^{2}} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{nq(k)^{n}}{1 - q(k)^{2n}} \cos\frac{\pi nu}{K(k)}, \quad (B3)$$

$$sn(u,k)dn(u,k) = \frac{2\pi^2}{kK(k)^2} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\left(n - \frac{1}{2}\right)q(k)^{n-\frac{1}{2}}}{1 + q(k)^{2n-1}}$$
$$\times \sin\frac{\pi\left(n - \frac{1}{2}\right)u}{K(k)}, \tag{B4}$$

$$sn(u,k)cn(u,k) = \frac{2\pi^2}{k^2 K(k)^2} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{nq(k)^n}{1+q(k)^{2n}} \sin \frac{\pi nu}{K(k)}, \quad (B5)$$

where $q(k) = \exp[-(\sqrt{1-k^2})/K(k)]$.

To find $c_n(\kappa)$ and $s_n(\kappa)$, the above expansions should be applied in the equations for $\cos[\theta(w,\kappa)]$ and $\sin[\theta(w,\kappa)]$. This gives the results of Eqs. (45) and (46).

APPENDIX C: DIELECTRIC TENSOR FOR A MAXWELL-BOLTZMANN DISTRIBUTION FOR $M_0 \rightarrow 1$

Taking as the distribution function the thermal equilibrium one (59), the components of the dielectric tensor can be approximated as

$$\begin{aligned} \epsilon_{cc}(\omega) &\simeq 1 + \frac{\pi}{2} \int_0^1 d\kappa \frac{\kappa^4 \partial f_{MB} / \partial \kappa}{\sqrt{M_0} \left(1 - \frac{\kappa^2}{4}\right) - \omega/2} + (\omega \to -\omega) \\ &= 1 + \frac{16\pi\beta C(\omega - 2\sqrt{M_0})^2 \alpha_1 [Ei(x_1) - Ei(x_2)]}{\sqrt{M_0}} \\ &+ \frac{2\pi C[\alpha_2 \sinh(\beta M_0) - \beta M_0 \cosh(\beta M_0)]}{\beta M_0^{3/2}} \\ &+ i \frac{16\pi^2 b C(w - 2\sqrt{M_0})^2 \alpha_1 \Theta\left(\sqrt{M_0} - \frac{w}{2}\right) \Theta(\omega)}{\sqrt{M_0}} \\ &+ (\omega \to -\omega). \end{aligned}$$

$$\epsilon_{ss}(\omega) \simeq 1 + 2\pi \int_0^1 d\kappa \frac{\partial f/\partial \kappa}{\sqrt{M_0} \left(1 - \frac{\kappa^2}{4}\right) - \omega} \kappa^2 + (\omega \to -\omega)$$

$$\simeq 1 + 64\pi \frac{\sinh(bM_0)}{\sqrt{M_0}}$$

$$- 64\pi b(\sqrt{M_0} - w)\alpha_3 [Ei(x_3) - Ei(x_4)]$$

$$+ i16\pi^3 bC(\sqrt{M_0} - w)\alpha_3 \Theta(\sqrt{M_0} - w)\Theta(\omega)$$

$$+ (\omega \to -\omega), \qquad (C2)$$

where $\alpha_1 = e^{4\beta\sqrt{M_0}\omega - 7\beta M_0}$, $\alpha_2 = -4\beta\sqrt{M_0}\omega + 9\beta M_0 + 1$, $\alpha_3 = e^{8b\sqrt{M_0}w - 7bM_0}$, $x_1 = 6\beta M_0 - 4\beta\sqrt{M_0}\omega x_2 = 8\beta M_0 - 4\beta\sqrt{M_0}\omega$, $x_3 = 8b(M_0 - \sqrt{M_0}w)$, $x_4 = 6bM_0 - 8b\sqrt{M_0}w$, $\Theta(x)$ is the Heaviside step function and $(\omega \to -\omega)$ to sum to the expressions written the same with ω replaced by $-\omega$.

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