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We report on progress towards deriving the relativistic Vlasov-Maxwell system from the dynamics of $N \rightarrow \infty$ charged particles coupled with the electromagnetic fields, accomplished for a toy model. The electromagnetic vector potential A^μ is replaced with a scalar field ϕ , the interaction regularized with a smooth kernel with compact support, and the coupling switched from repulsive to attractive. This ‘gravity-like’ toy dynamics is generated by a Hamiltonian which is bounded below, and globally well-posed.

The empirical N -particle measures under this N -body+field dynamics are weak solutions to the Vlasov equation which conserve mass, energy, momentum and angular momentum. The Kantorovich-Rubinstein distance between solutions does not grow faster than exponentially in time from its initial value.

If the (limit) initial measure is absolutely continuous with density $f_0 \in L^p$, then for all time t the (limit) solution $f_t \in L^p$ and Casimir functionals are invariant. (Received August 26, 2009)