A review of numerical relativity and black-hole collisions

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Overview

- Introduction, motivation
- Foundations of numerical relativity
 - Formulations of Einstein's eqs.: 3+1, BSSN, GHG, characteristic
 - Initial data, Gauge, Boundaries
 - Technical ingredients: Discretization, mesh refinement,...
- Applications and Results of NR
 - Gravitational wave physics
 - High-energy physics
- Appendix

1. Introduction, motivation

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The Schwarzschild solution

• Einstein 1915

General relativity: geometric theory of gravity

Schwarzschild 1916

 $ds^{2} = -(1 - \frac{2M}{r}) dt^{2} + (1 - \frac{2M}{r})^{-1} dr^{2} + r^{2}(d\theta^{2} + \sin^{2}\theta d\phi^{2})$

- Singularities:
 - r = 0: physical
 - r = 2M: coordinate
- Newtonian escape velocity

$$V = \sqrt{\frac{2M}{r}}$$



Evidence for astrophysical black holes

- X-ray binaries
 e. g. Cygnus X-1 (1964)
 MS star + compact star
 ⇒ Stellar Mass BHs
 ~ 5...50 M_☉
- Stellar dynamics near galactic centers, iron emission line profiles
 ⇒ Supermassive BHs
 ~ 10⁶ ... 10⁹ M_☉
 AGN engines



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Conjectured BHs

- Intermediate mass BHs $\sim 10^2 \dots 10^5 \ M_{\odot}$
- Primordial BHs
 - $\leq M_{Earth}$
- Mini BHs, LHC ~ *TeV*



Note: BH solution is scale invariant!

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Research areas: Black holes have come a long way!

Astrophysics



Gauge-gravity duality



Fundamental studies



GW physics



High-energy physics



Fluid analogies



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General Relativity: Curvature

• Curvature generates acceleration

"geodesic deviation" No "force"!!

Description of geometry

Metric	$oldsymbol{g}_{lphaeta}$
Connection	$\Gamma^{lpha}_{eta\gamma}$
Riemann Tensor	$R^{lpha}{}_{eta\gamma\delta}$



The metric defines everything

Christoffel connection

$$\Gamma^{lpha}_{eta\gamma} = rac{1}{2} g^{lpha\mu} \left(\partial_eta g_{\gamma\mu} + \partial_\gamma g_{\mueta} - \partial_\mu g_{eta\gamma}
ight)$$

Covariant derivative

$$\nabla_{\alpha}T^{\beta}{}_{\gamma} = \partial_{\alpha}T^{\beta}{}_{\gamma} + \Gamma^{\beta}_{\mu\alpha}T^{\mu}{}_{\gamma} - \Gamma^{\mu}_{\gamma\alpha}T^{\beta}{}_{\mu}$$

Riemann Tensor

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$$\mathcal{R}^{\alpha}{}_{\beta\gamma\delta} = \partial_{\gamma} \Gamma^{\alpha}_{\beta\delta} - \partial_{\delta} \Gamma^{\alpha}_{\beta\gamma} + \Gamma^{\alpha}_{\mu\gamma} \Gamma^{\mu}_{\beta\delta} - \Gamma^{\alpha}_{\mu\delta} \Gamma^{\mu}_{\beta\gamma}$$

 → Geodesic deviation,
 Parallel transport,

How to get the metric?



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• Solve for the metric $g_{\alpha\beta}$

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How to get the metric?

- The metric must obey the Einstein Equations
- Ricci-Tensor, Einstein Tensor, Matter Tensor

 $egin{aligned} & {\cal R}^{\mu}{}_{lpha\mueta} \ & {\cal G}_{lphaeta} \equiv {\cal R}_{lphaeta} - rac{1}{2} g_{lphaeta} {\cal R}^{\mu}{}_{\mu} & ext{"Trace reversed" Ricci} \ & {\cal T}_{lphaeta} & ext{"Matter"} \end{aligned}$

- Einstein Equations $G_{\alpha\beta} = 8\pi T_{\alpha\beta}$
- Solutions: Easy!
 Take metric
 - \Rightarrow Calculate $G_{\alpha\beta}$
 - \Rightarrow Use that as matter tensor

• Physically meaningful solutions: Difficult!

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Solving Einstein's equations: Different methods

- Analytic solutions
 - Symmetry assumptions
 - Schwarzschild, Kerr, FLRW, Myers-Perry, Emparan-Reall,...
- Perturbation theory
 - Assume solution is close to known solution $g_{lphaeta}$
 - Expand $\hat{g}_{\alpha\beta} = g_{\alpha\beta} + \epsilon h^{(1)}_{\alpha\beta} + \epsilon^2 h^{(2)}_{\alpha\beta} + \dots \Rightarrow$ linear system
 - Regge-Wheeler-Zerilli-Moncrief, Teukolsky, QNMs, EOB,...
- Post-Newtonian Theory
 - Assume small velocities \Rightarrow expansion in $\frac{v}{c}$
 - Nth order expressions for GWs, momenta, orbits,...
 - Blanchet, Buonanno, Damour, Kidder, Will,...
- Numerical Relativity

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2. Foundations of numerical relativity

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A list of tasks

- Target: Predict time evolution of BBH in GR
- Einstein equations: 1) Cast as evolution system

2) Choose specific formulation

3) Discretize for computer

- Choose coordinate conditions: Gauge
- Fix technical aspects: 1) Mesh refinement / spectral domains

2) Singularity handling / excision

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3) Parallelization

- Construct realistic initial data
- Start evolution and waaaaiiiiit...
- Extract physics from the data

2.1 Formulations of Einstein's equations

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The Einstein equations

$$R_{\mu\nu}-\frac{1}{2}Rg_{\mu\nu}+\Lambda g_{\mu\nu}=8\pi T_{\mu\nu}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \quad \textit{\textit{R}}_{\mu\nu} = \textit{8}\pi \left(\textit{\textit{T}}_{\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{D-2}\textit{\textit{T}}\textit{g}_{\mu\nu}\right) + \frac{2}{D-2} \Lambda \textit{g}_{\mu\nu}$$

- In this form no well-defined mathematical character hyperbolic, elliptic, parabolic?
- Coordinate x^{lpha} on equal footing; time only through signature of $g_{lphaeta}$
- Well-posedness of the equations? Suitable for numerics?
- Several ways to identify character and coordinates
 - \rightarrow Formulations

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2.1.1 ADM like D - 1 + 1 formulations

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3+1 Decomposition

- NR: ADM 3+1 split Arnowitt, Deser & Misner '62 York '79, Choquet-Bruhat & York '80
 - Spacetime = Manifold (\mathcal{M}, g)
 - Hypersurfaces Scalar field $t : \mathcal{M} \to \mathbb{R}$ such that t = const defines Σ_t $\to 1$ form dt, vector ∂_t $\langle dt, \partial_t \rangle = 1$



• **Def.:** Timelike unit vector: $n_{\mu} \equiv -\alpha (\mathbf{d}t)_{\mu}$ Lapse: $\alpha = 1/||\mathbf{d}t||$ Shift: $\beta^{\mu} = (\partial_t)^{\mu} - \alpha n^{\mu}$ Adapted coordinate basis: $\partial_t = \alpha n + \beta$, $\partial_i = \frac{\partial}{\partial_x^i}$

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3+1 Decomposition

Def.: A vector v^{α} is tangent to Σ_t : \Leftrightarrow $\langle \mathbf{d}t, \mathbf{v} \rangle = (\mathbf{d}t)_{\mu}v^{\mu} = 0$ Projector: $\perp^{\alpha}{}_{\mu} = \delta^{\alpha}{}_{\mu} + n^{\alpha}n_{\mu}$

For a vector tangent to Σ_t one easily shows

•
$$n_{\mu}v^{\mu}=0$$

•
$$\perp^{\mu}{}_{\alpha} \mathbf{V}^{\mu} = \mathbf{V}^{\alpha}$$

Projection of the metric

•
$$\gamma_{\alpha\beta} := \bot^{\mu}{}_{\alpha} \bot^{\nu}{}_{\beta} g_{\mu\nu} = g_{\alpha\beta} + n_{\alpha} n_{\beta} \Rightarrow \gamma_{\alpha\beta} = \bot_{\alpha\beta}$$

• For v^{α} tangent to Σ_t : $g_{\mu\nu}v^{\mu}v^{\nu} = \gamma_{\mu\nu}v^{\mu}v^{\nu}$

Adapted coordinates: $x^{\alpha} = (t, x^{i})$

- \Rightarrow we can ignore *t* components for tensors tangential to Σ_t
- $\Rightarrow \gamma_{ii}$ is the metric on Σ_t First fundamental form

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In adapted coordinates, we write the spacetime metric

$$g_{\alpha\beta} = \left(\begin{array}{c|c} -\alpha^2 + \beta_m \beta^m & \beta_j \\ \hline \beta_i & \gamma_{ij} \end{array} \right)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \qquad g^{\alpha\beta} = \left(\begin{array}{c|c} -\alpha^{-2} & \alpha^{-2}\beta^j \\ \hline \alpha^{-2}\beta^i & \gamma^{ij} - \alpha^{-2}\beta^i \beta^j \end{array} \right)$$

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

Gauge variables: Lapse α , Shift vector β^i

For any tensor tangent in all components to Σ_t we raise and lower indices with γ_{ij} :

 $S^{ij}_{k} = \gamma^{jm} S^{i}_{mk}$ etc.

Projections and spatial covariant derivative

- For an arbitrary tensor S of type $\begin{pmatrix} p \\ q \end{pmatrix}$, its projection is $(\bot S)^{\alpha_1...\alpha_p}{}_{\beta_1...\beta_q} = \bot^{\alpha_1}{}_{\mu_1}...\bot^{\alpha_p}{}_{\mu_p}\bot^{\nu_1}{}_{\beta_1}...\bot^{\nu_q}{}_{\beta_q}S^{\mu_1...\mu_p}{}_{\nu_1...\nu_q}$ "Project every free index"
- For a tensor S on Σ_t , its covariant derivative is $DS := \bot(\nabla S)$ $D_\rho S^{\alpha_1...\alpha_p}{}_{\beta_1...\beta_q} = \bot^{\alpha_1}{}_{\mu_1} \ldots \bot^{\alpha_p}{}_{\mu_p} \bot^{\nu_1}{}_{\beta_1} \ldots \bot^{\nu_q}{}_{\beta_q} \bot^{\sigma}{}_{\rho} \nabla_{\sigma} S^{\mu_1...\mu_p}{}_{\nu_1...\nu_q}$
- One can show that
 - $D = \bot \nabla$ is torsion free on Σ_t if ∇ is on \mathcal{M}
 - $(\perp \nabla \gamma)_{ijk} = 0$ metric compatible
 - $\perp \nabla$ is unique in satisfying these properties

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Extrinsic curvature

Def.: $K_{\alpha\beta} = - \bot \nabla_{\beta} n_{\alpha}$

- $\nabla_{\beta} n_{\alpha}$ is not symmetric, but $\perp \nabla_{\beta} n_{\alpha}$ and, thus, $K_{\alpha\beta}$ is!
- One can show that

$$\mathcal{L}_{n}\gamma_{\alpha\beta} = n^{\mu}\nabla_{\mu}\gamma_{\alpha\beta} + \gamma_{\mu\beta}\nabla_{\alpha}n^{\mu} + \gamma_{\alpha\mu}\nabla_{\beta}n^{\mu} = -2K_{\alpha\beta}$$

$$K_{\alpha\beta} = -\frac{1}{2}\mathcal{L}_{n}\gamma_{\alpha\beta}$$

• Two interpretations of $\mathcal{K}_{\alpha\beta} \rightarrow$ embedding of Σ_t in \mathcal{M}



The projections of the Riemann tensor

 $\perp^{\mu}{}_{\alpha}\perp^{\nu}{}_{\beta}\perp^{\gamma}{}_{\alpha}\perp^{\sigma}{}_{\delta}R^{\rho}{}_{\sigma\mu\nu} = \mathcal{R}^{\gamma}{}_{\delta\alpha\beta} + K^{\gamma}{}_{\alpha}K_{\delta\beta} - K^{\gamma}{}_{\beta}K_{\delta\alpha}$ Gauss Eq. $\perp^{\mu}{}_{\alpha}\perp^{\nu}{}_{\beta}R_{\mu\nu}+\perp_{\mu\alpha}\perp^{\nu}{}_{\beta}n^{\rho}n^{\sigma}R^{\mu}{}_{\rho\nu\sigma}=\mathcal{R}_{\alpha\beta}+KK_{\alpha\beta}-K^{\mu}{}_{\beta}K_{\alpha\mu}$ contracted $R + 2 R_{\mu\nu}n^{\mu}n^{\nu} = \mathcal{R} + K^2 - K^{\mu\nu}K_{\mu\nu}$ scalar Gauss eq. $\perp^{\gamma}{}_{\alpha}n^{\sigma}\perp^{\mu}{}_{\alpha}\perp^{\nu}{}_{\beta}R^{\rho}{}_{\sigma\mu\nu}=D_{\beta}K^{\gamma}{}_{\alpha}-D_{\alpha}K^{\gamma}{}_{\beta}$ Codazzi eq. $n^{\sigma} \perp^{\nu}{}_{\beta} R_{\sigma\nu} = D_{\beta}K - D_{\mu}K^{\mu}{}_{\beta}$ contracted $\perp_{\alpha\mu} \perp^{\nu}{}_{\beta} n^{\sigma} n^{\rho} R^{\mu}{}_{\rho\nu\sigma} = \frac{1}{\alpha} \mathcal{L}_{m} K_{\alpha\beta} + K_{\alpha\mu} K^{\mu}{}_{\beta} + \frac{1}{\alpha} D_{\alpha} D_{\beta} \alpha$ $\perp^{\mu}{}_{\alpha}\perp^{\nu}{}_{\beta}R_{\mu\nu} = -\frac{1}{\alpha}\mathcal{L}_{m}K_{\alpha\beta} - 2K_{\alpha\mu}K^{\mu}{}_{\beta} - \frac{1}{\alpha}D_{\alpha}D_{\beta}\alpha + \mathcal{R}_{\alpha\beta} + KK_{\alpha\beta}$ $R = -\frac{2}{\alpha}\mathcal{L}_m K - \frac{2}{\alpha}\gamma^{\mu\nu} D_\mu D_\nu \alpha + \mathcal{R} + K^2 + K^{\mu\nu} K_{\mu\nu}$ • Here \mathcal{L} is the Lie derivative and $m^{\mu} = \alpha n^{\mu} = (\partial_t)^{\mu} + \beta^{\mu}$

• Summation of spatial tensors: ignore time indices; $\mu, \nu, \ldots \rightarrow m, n, \ldots$

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Decomposition of the Einstein equations

$$R_{\alpha\beta} - \frac{1}{2} Rg_{\alpha\beta} + \Lambda g_{\alpha\beta} = 8\pi T_{\alpha\beta}$$
$$\Leftrightarrow R_{\alpha\beta} = 8\pi \left(T_{\alpha\beta} - \frac{1}{D-2}g_{\alpha\beta}T \right) + \frac{2}{D-2}\Lambda g_{\alpha\beta}$$

Energy momentum tensor

•
$$\rho = T_{\mu\nu} n^{\mu} n^{\nu}$$
 energy density
 $j_{\alpha} = -T_{\mu\nu} n^{\mu} \perp^{\nu}{}_{\alpha}$ momentum density
 $S_{\alpha\beta} = \perp^{\mu}{}_{\alpha} \perp^{\nu}{}_{\beta} T_{\mu\nu}, \quad S = \gamma^{\mu\nu} S_{\mu\nu}$ stress tensor
• $T_{\alpha\beta} = S_{\alpha\beta} + n_{\alpha} j_{\beta} + n_{\beta} j_{\alpha} + \rho n_{\alpha} n_{\beta}, \quad T = S - \rho$

Lie derivative $\mathcal{L}_m = \mathcal{L}_{(\partial_t - \beta)}$ • $\mathcal{L}_m K_{ij} = \partial_t K_{ij} - \beta^m \partial_m K_{ij} - K_{mj} \partial_i \beta^m - K_{im} \partial_j \beta^m$ $\mathcal{L}_m \gamma_{ij} = \partial_t \gamma_{ij} - \beta^m \partial_m \gamma_{ij} - \gamma_{mj} \partial_i \beta^m - \gamma_{im} \partial_j \beta^m$

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Decomposition of the Einstein equations

Definition:

 $\mathcal{L}_m \gamma_{ij} = -2 \alpha K_{ij}$

 $\perp^{\mu}{}_{\alpha} \perp^{\nu}{}_{\beta}$ projection:

 $\mathcal{L}_{m}K_{ij} = -D_{i}D_{j}\alpha + \alpha(\mathcal{R}_{ij} + KK_{ij} - 2K_{im}K^{m}_{j}) + 8\pi\alpha \left[\frac{S-\rho}{D-2}\gamma_{ij} - S_{ij}\right] - \frac{2}{D-2}\Lambda\gamma_{ij}$ Evolution equations

 $n^{\mu}n^{\nu}$ projection $\mathcal{R} + \mathcal{K}^2 - \mathcal{K}^{mn}\mathcal{K}_{mn} = 2\Lambda + 16\pi\rho$ Hamiltonian constraint $\perp^{\mu}{}_{\alpha}n^{\nu}$ projection $D_i\mathcal{K} - D_m\mathcal{K}^m{}_i = -8\pi j_i$ Momentum constraint

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Well-posedness

- Consider a field ϕ evolved with a first-order system of PDEs
- The system has a well posed initial value formulation
 ⇔ There exists some norm and a smooth function

 $F : \mathbb{R}^+ \times \mathbb{R}^+ \to \mathbb{R}^+$ such that $||\phi(t)|| \le F(||\phi(0)||, t) ||\phi(0)||$

- Well-posed systems have unique solutions for given initial data
- There can still be fast growth, e.g. exponential
- Strong hyperbolicity is necessary for well-posedness
- The general ADM equations are only weakly hyperbolic
- Details depend on: gauge, constraints, discretization

Sarbach & Tiglio, Living Reviews Relativity **15** (2012) 9; Gundlach & Martín-García, PRD **74** (2006) 024016; Reula, gr-qc/0403007

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The BSSN system

- Goal: modify ADM to get a strongly hyperbolic system
 Baumgarte & Shapiro, PRD 59 (1998) 024007, Shibata & Nakamura, PRD 52 (1995) 5428
- Conformal decomposition, trace split, auxiliary variable

$$\begin{split} \phi &= \frac{1}{4(D-1)} \ln \gamma, \quad K = \gamma^{ij} K_{ij} \\ \tilde{\gamma}_{ij} &= e^{-4\phi} \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad \tilde{\gamma}^{ij} = e^{4\phi} \gamma^{ij} \\ \tilde{A}_{ij} &= e^{-4\phi} \left(K_{ij} - \frac{1}{D-1} \gamma_{ij} K \right) \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad K_{ij} = e^{4\phi} \left(\tilde{A}_{ij} + \frac{1}{D-1} \tilde{\gamma}_{ij} K \right) \\ \tilde{\Gamma}^{i} &= \tilde{\gamma}^{mn} \tilde{\Gamma}^{i}_{mn} \end{split}$$

Auxiliary constraints

$$\tilde{\gamma} = \det \tilde{\gamma}_{ij} = 1, \quad \tilde{\gamma}^{mn} \tilde{A}_{mn} = 0$$

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The BSSN equations

$$\begin{split} \partial_{t}\phi &= \beta^{m}\partial_{m}\phi - \frac{1}{2(D-1)}(\partial_{m}\beta^{m} - \alpha K) \\ \partial_{t}\tilde{\gamma} &= \beta^{m}\partial_{m}\tilde{\gamma}_{ij} + 2\tilde{\gamma}_{m(i}\partial_{i)}\beta^{m} - \frac{2}{D-1}\tilde{\gamma}_{ij}\partial_{m}\beta^{m} - 2\alpha\tilde{A}_{ij} \\ \partial_{t}K &= \beta^{m}\partial_{m}K - e^{4\phi}\tilde{\gamma}^{mn}D_{m}D_{n}\alpha + \alpha\tilde{A}^{mn}\tilde{A}_{mn} + \frac{1}{D-1}\alpha K^{2} \\ &+ \frac{8\pi}{D-2}\alpha[S + (D-3)\rho] - \frac{2}{D-2}\alpha\Lambda \\ \partial_{t}\tilde{A}_{ij} &= \beta^{m}\partial_{m}\tilde{A}_{ij} + 2\tilde{A}_{m(i}\partial_{i)}\beta^{m} - \frac{2}{D-1}\tilde{A}_{ij}\partial_{m}\beta^{m} + \alpha K\tilde{A}_{ij} - 2\alpha\tilde{A}_{im}\tilde{A}^{m}{}_{j} \\ &+ e^{-4\phi}\left(\alpha\mathcal{R}_{ij} - D_{i}D_{j}\alpha - 8\pi\alpha S_{ij}\right)^{\mathrm{TF}} \\ \partial_{t}\tilde{\Gamma}^{i} &= \beta^{m}\partial_{m}\tilde{\Gamma}^{i} + \frac{2}{D-1}\tilde{\Gamma}^{i}\partial_{m}\beta^{m} + \tilde{\gamma}^{mn}\partial_{m}\partial_{n}\beta^{i} + \frac{D-3}{D-1}\tilde{\gamma}^{im}\partial_{m}\partial_{n}\beta^{n} \\ &+ 2\tilde{A}^{im}[2(D-1)\alpha\partial_{m}\phi - \partial_{m}\alpha] + 2\alpha\tilde{\Gamma}^{i}_{mn}\tilde{A}^{mn} - 2\frac{D-2}{D-1}\alpha\tilde{\gamma}^{im}\partial_{m}K - 16\pi\alpha j \\ \mathrm{Note: There are alternative versions using } \chi &= e^{-4\phi} \text{ or } W = e^{-2\phi} \end{split}$$

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The BSSN equations

In the BSSN equations we use $$\begin{split} &\Gamma_{jk}^{i} = \tilde{\Gamma}_{jk}^{i} + 2(\delta_{k}^{i}\partial_{j}\phi + \delta_{j}^{i}\partial_{k}\phi - \tilde{\gamma}_{jk}\tilde{\gamma}^{im}\partial_{m}\phi) \\ &\mathcal{R}_{ij} = \tilde{\mathcal{R}}_{ij} + \mathcal{R}_{ij}^{\phi} \\ &\mathcal{R}_{ij}^{\phi} = 2(3-D)\tilde{D}_{i}\tilde{D}_{j}\phi - 2\tilde{\gamma}_{ij}\tilde{\gamma}^{mn}\tilde{D}_{m}\tilde{D}_{n}\phi + 4(D-3)(\partial_{i}\phi \partial_{j}\phi - \tilde{\gamma}_{ij}\tilde{\gamma}^{mn}\partial_{m}\phi \partial_{n}\phi) \\ &\tilde{\mathcal{R}}_{ij} = -\frac{1}{2}\tilde{\gamma}^{mn}\partial_{m}\partial_{n}\tilde{\gamma}_{ij} + \tilde{\gamma}_{m(i}\partial_{j})\tilde{\Gamma}^{m} + \tilde{\Gamma}^{m}\tilde{\Gamma}_{(ij)m} + \tilde{\gamma}^{mn}[2\tilde{\Gamma}_{m(i}^{k}\tilde{\Gamma}_{j)kn} + \tilde{\Gamma}_{im}^{k}\tilde{\Gamma}_{kjn}] \\ &D_{i}D_{j}\alpha = \tilde{D}_{i}\tilde{D}_{j}\alpha - 2(\partial_{i}\phi \partial_{j}\alpha + \partial_{j}\phi \partial_{i}\alpha) + 2\tilde{\gamma}_{ij}\tilde{\gamma}^{mn}\partial_{m}\phi \partial_{n}\alpha \end{split}$$

The constraints are

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{H} &= \mathcal{R} + \frac{D-2}{D-1}K^2 - \tilde{A}^{mn}\tilde{A}_{mn} - 16\pi\rho - 2\Lambda = 0\\ \mathcal{M}_i &= \tilde{D}_m\tilde{A}^m{}_i - \frac{D-2}{D-1}\partial_iK + 2(D-1)\tilde{A}^m{}_i\partial_m\phi - 8\pi j_i = 0 \end{aligned}$$

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2.1.2 Generalized Harmonic formulation

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The Generalized Harmonic (GH) formulation

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2.1.3 Characteristic formulation

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The characteristic formulation

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Direct methods

• Use symmetry to write line element, e.g.

 $ds^2 = -a^2(\mu, t)dt^2 + b^2(\mu, t)d\mu^2 - R^2(\mu, t)d\Omega^2$ May & White, PR **141** (1966) 1232

- Energy momentum tensor $T_0^0 = -\rho(1+\epsilon), T_1^1 = T_2^2 = T^3 = 0$ Lagrangian coords.
- GRTENSOR, MATHEMATICA,...
 - \Rightarrow Field equations:
 - $a' = \dots$ $b' = \dots$ $\ddot{B} =$

Numerical relativity in D > 4 dimensions

- Needed for many applications: TeV gravity, AdS/CFT, BH stability
- Reduction to a "3+1" problem
- Diagnostics: Wave extraction, horizons
- \rightarrow Talk H.Witek

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- 3+1 formalism Gourgoulhon, gr-qc/0703035
- Characteristic formalism Winicour, Liv. Rev. Rel. 15 2012 2
- Numerical relativity in general

Alcubierre, "Introduction to 3+1 Numerical Relativity", Oxford University Press

Baumgarte & Shapiro, "Numerical Relativity", Cambridge University Press

 Well-posedness, Einstein eqs. as an Initial-Boundary-Value problem
 Sarbach & Tiglio, Liv. Rev. Rel. 15 (2012) 9

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2.2. Initial data, Gauge, Boundaries

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2.2.1. Initial data

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• Schwarzschild, Kerr, Tangherlini, Myers Perry,...

e.g. Schwarzschild in isotropic coordinates:

 $ds^{2} = -\frac{M-2r}{M+2r}dt^{2} + (1 + \frac{M}{2r})[r^{2} + r^{2}(d\theta^{2} + \sin^{2}\theta d\phi^{2})]$

- Time symmetric N BH initial data: Brill-Lindquist, Misner 1960s
- Problem: Finding initial data for dynamic systems
- Goals
 - 1) Solve constraints
 - 2) Realistic snapshot of physical system
- This is mostly done using the ADM 3+1 split

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The York-Lichnerowicz split

- We work in D = 4
- Conformal metric: $\gamma_{ij} = \psi^4 \bar{\gamma}_{ij}$ Lichnerowicz, J.Math.Pures Appl. **23** (1944) 37 York, PRL **26** (1971) 1656, PRL **28** (1972) 1082
- Note: in contrast to BSSN we do not set $\bar{\gamma} = 1$
- Conformal traceless split of the extrinsic curvature $K_{ij} = A_{ij} + \frac{1}{3}\gamma_{ij}K$ $A^{ij} = \psi^{-10}\bar{A}_{ii} \iff A_{ii} = \psi^{-2}\bar{A}_{ii}$

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Bowen-York data

- By further splitting \bar{A}_{ij} into a longitudinal and a transverse traceless part, the momentum constraint simplifies significantly Cook, Living Review Relativity (2000) 05
- Further assumptions: vacuum, K = 0, $\bar{\gamma}_{ij} = f_{ij}$, $\psi|_{\infty} = 1$ where f_{ij} is the flat metric in arbitrary coordinates. Conformal flatness, asymptotic flatness, traceless
- Then there exists an anlytic solution to the momentum constraint $\bar{A}_{ij} = \frac{3}{2r^2} \left[P_i n_j + P_j n_i - (f_{ij} - n_i n_j) P^k n_k \right] \\
 + \frac{3}{r^3} \left(\epsilon_{kil} S^l n^k n_j + \epsilon_{kjl} S^l n^k n_i \right)$

where *r* is a coordinate radius and $n^i = \frac{x^i}{r}$

Bowen & York, PRD 21 (1980) 2047

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Properties of the Bowen York solution

• The momentum in an asymptotically flat hypersurface associated with the asymptotic translational and rotational Killing vectors $\xi_{(a)}^{i}$ is

$$\Pi^{i} = \frac{1}{8\pi} \oint_{\infty} \left(K^{j}_{i} - \delta^{j}_{i} K \right) \xi^{i}_{(a)} d^{2} A_{j}$$

 $\Rightarrow \ldots \Rightarrow P^i$ and S^i are the physical linear and angular momentum of the spacetime

- The momentum constraint is linear
 - \Rightarrow we can superpose Bowen-York data.

The momenta then simply add up

 Bowen-York data generalizes (analytically!) to higher D Yoshino, Shiromizu & Shibata, PRD 74 (2006) 124022

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Puncture data

Brandt & Brügmann, PRL 78 (1997) 3606

- The Hamiltonian constraint is now given by $\bar{\nabla}^2 \psi + \frac{1}{8} \psi^{-7} \bar{A}_{mn} \bar{A}^{mn} = 0$
- Ansatz for conformal factor: $\psi = \psi_{BL} + u$, where $\psi_{BL} = \sum_{i=1}^{N} \frac{m_i}{2|\vec{r} - \vec{r}_i|}$ is the Brill-Lindquist conformal factor, i.e. the solution for $\bar{A}_{ij} = 0$.
- There then exist unique *C*² solutions *u* to the Hamiltonian constraints
- The Hamiltonian constraint in this form is further suitable for numerical solution
 - e.g. Ansorg, Brügmann & Tichy, PRD 70 (2004) 064011

Properties of the puncture solutions

- m_i and \vec{r}_i are bare mass and position of the i^{th} BH.
- In the limit of vanishing Bowen York parameters $P^{i} = S^{i} = 0$, the puncture solution reduces to Brill Lindquist data

$$\gamma_{ij}dx^{i}dx^{j} = \left(1 + \sum_{i} \frac{m_{i}}{2|\vec{r} - \vec{r}_{i}|}\right)^{2} (dx^{2} + dy^{2} + dz^{2})$$

- The numerical solution of the Hamiltonian constraint generalizes rather straightforwardly to higher *D* Yoshino, Shiromizu & Shibata, PRD 74 (2006) 124022
 Zilhão et al, PRD 84 (2011) 084039
- Punctures generalize to asymptotically de-Sitter BHs Zilhão et al, PRD 85 (2012) 104039 using McVittie coordinates McVittie, MNRAS 93 (1933) 325

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2.2.2. Gauge

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- Remember: Einstein equations say nothing about α , β^i
- Any choice of lapse and shift gives a solution
- This represents the coordinate freedom of GR
- Physics do not depend on *α*, βⁱ
 So why bother?
- The performance of the numerics DO depend strongly on the gauge!

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Ingredients for good gauge

- Singularity avoidance
- Avoid slice stretching
- Aim at stationarity in comoving frame
- Well posedness of system
- Generalize "good" gauge, e .g. harmonic
- Lots of good luck!
- Bona et al, PRL 75 (1995) 600,
- Alcubierre et al., PRD 67 (2003) 084023,
- Alcubierre, CQG 20 (2003) 607,
- Garfinkle, PRD 65 (2001) 044029

Moving puncture gauge

- Gauge was a key ingredient in the Moving puncture breakthroughs Campanelli et al, PRL 96 (2006) 111101
 Baker et al, PRL 96 (2006) 111102
- Variant of 1 + log slicing and Γ-driver shift Alcubierre et al, PRD 67 (2003) 084023
- Now in use as

$$\begin{aligned} \partial_t \alpha &= \beta^m \partial_m \alpha - 2\alpha K \\ \text{and} \\ \partial_t \beta^i &= \beta^m \partial_m \beta^i + \frac{3}{4} B^i \\ \partial_t B^i &= \beta^m \partial_m B^i + \partial_t \tilde{\Gamma}^i - \beta^m \partial_m \tilde{\Gamma}^i - \eta B^i \\ \text{or} \end{aligned}$$

$$\partial_t \beta^i = \beta^m \partial_m \beta^i + \frac{3}{4} \tilde{\Gamma}^i - \eta \beta^i$$

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Moving puncture gauge continued

- Some people drop the advection derivatives $\beta^m \partial_m \dots$
- η is a damping parameter or position-dependent function
 Alic et al, CQG 27 (2010) 245023, Schnetter, CQG 27 (2010) 167001, Müller et al, PRD 82 (2010) 064004
- Modifications in higher D:
 - Dimensional reduction Zilhão et al, PRD 81 (2010) 084052

$$\partial_t \alpha = \beta^m \partial_m \alpha - 2\alpha (\eta_K K + \eta_{K_\zeta} K_\zeta)$$

• CARTOON Yoshino & Shibata, PTPS 189 (2011) 269

$$\partial_t \beta^i = \frac{D-1}{2(D-2)} V_{\text{long}}^2 B$$
$$\partial_t B^i = \partial_t \tilde{\Gamma}^i - n B^i$$

• Here η_K , η_{K_c} , v_{long} are parameters

2.2.3. Boundaries

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Inner boundary: Singularity treatment

- Cosmic censorship ⇒ horizon protects outside
- We get away with it...
 - **Moving Punctures**
 - UTB, NASA Goddard '05
- Excision: Cut out region around singularity

Caltech-Cornell, Pretorius





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Moving puncture slices: Schwarzschild



- Wormhole → Trumpet slice = stationary 1+log slice Hannam et al, PRL 99 (2007) 241102, PRD 78 (2008) 064020 Brown, PRD 77 (2008) 044018, CQG 25 (2008) 205004
- Gauge might propagate at > c, no pathologies
 Natural excision Brown, PRD 80 (2009) 084042

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Outer boundary

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 Pfeiffer, gr-qc/0510016

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2.3 Discretization of the equations

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Finite differencing

- Consider one spatial, one time dimension *t*, *x*
- Replace computational domain by discrete points $x_i = x_0 + i \, dx$, $t_n = t_0 + n \, dt$
- Function values $f(t_n, x_i) \sim f_{n,i}$



Derivatives and finite derivatives

- Goal: represent $\frac{\partial^m f}{\partial x^m}$ in terms of $f_{n,i}$
- Fix index *n*; Taylor expansion:

$$\begin{split} f_{i-1} &= f_i - f'_i dx + \frac{1}{2} f''_i dx^2 + \mathcal{O}(dx^3) \\ f_i &= f_i \\ f_{i+1} &= f_i + f'_i dx + \frac{1}{2} f''_i dx^2 + \mathcal{O}(dx^3) \end{split}$$

- Write f'_i as linear combination: $f'_i = Af_{i-1} + Bf_i + Cf_{i+1}$
- Insert Taylor expressions and compare coefficients on both sides

$$\Rightarrow 0 = A + B + C, \quad 1 = (-A + B)dx, \quad 0 = \frac{1}{2}Adx^2 + \frac{1}{2}Cdx^2$$
$$\Rightarrow A = -\frac{1}{2dx}, \quad B = 0, \quad C = \frac{1}{2dx}$$
$$\Rightarrow f'_i = \frac{f_{i+1} - f_{i-1}}{2dx} + \mathcal{O}(dx^2)$$

• Higher order accuracy \rightarrow more points; works same in time

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Mesh refinement

3 Length scales : BH $\sim 1 M$ Wavelength $\sim 10...100 M$ Wave zone $\sim 100...100 M$

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- Critical phenomena Choptuik '93
- First used for BBHs
 Brügmann '96
- Available Packages:
 Paramesh MacNeice et al. '00
 Carpet Schnetter et al. '03
 SAMRAI MacNeice et al. '00



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- Goal: Update from t to t + dt
- Refinement criteria: numerical error, curvature,...
- Here for 1 + 1 dimensions



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- Here for 1 + 1 dimensions



Alternative discretization schemes

• Spectral methods: high accuracy, efficiency, complexity Caltech-Cornell-CITA code SpEC http://www.black-holes.org/SpEC.html

Applications to moving punctures still in construction

e.g. Tichy, PRD 80 (2009) 104034

Also used in symmetric asymptotically AdS spacetimes

e.g. Chesler & Yaffe, PRL 106 (2011) 021601

- Finite Volume methods
- Finite Element methods

D. N. Arnold, A. Mukherjee & L. Pouly, gr-qc/9709038

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Numerical methods

Press et al, "Numerical Recipes", Cambridge University Press

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3 Results from BH evolutions

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3.1 BHs in GW physics

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Gravitational waves

- Weak field limit: $g_{\alpha\beta} = \eta_{\alpha\beta} + h_{\alpha\beta}$
- Trace reversed perturbation $\bar{h}_{\alpha\beta} = h_{\alpha\beta} \frac{1}{2}h\eta_{\alpha\beta}$ \Rightarrow Vacuum field eqs.: $\Box \bar{h}_{\alpha\beta} = 0$
- Apropriate gauge \Rightarrow

$$ar{h}_{lphaeta}=\left(egin{array}{ccccc} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \ 0 & h_+ & h_ imes & 0 \ 0 & h_ imes & -h_+ & 0 \ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array}
ight)e^{ik_\sigma x^\sigma}$$

where $k^{\sigma} = \text{null vector}$

• GWs displace particles



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Gravitational wave detectors

- Accelerated masses \Rightarrow GWs
- Weak interaction!
- Laser interferometric detectors





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The gravitational wave spectrum



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Some targets of GW physics

Confirmation of GR

Hulse & Taylor 1993 Nobel Prize

- Parameter determination of BHs: *M*, *Š*
- Optical counter parts
 Standard sirens (candles)
 Mass of graviton
- Test Kerr Nature of BHs
- Cosmological sources
- Neutron stars: EOS



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Free parameters of BH binaries

• Total mass M

Relevant for GW detection: Frequencies scale with *M* Not relevant for source modeling: trivial rescaling

• Mass ratio
$$q\equiv \frac{M_1}{M_2}, \qquad \eta\equiv \frac{M_1M_2}{(M_1+M_2)^2}$$

• Spin:
$$\vec{S}_1$$
, \vec{S}_2 (6 parameters)

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BBH trajectory and waveform

• q = 4, non-spinning binary; ~ 11 orbits

US, Brügmann, Müller & Sopuerta '11

Trajectory

Quadrupole mode



Morphology of a BBH inspiral



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Matched filtering

- BH binaries have 7 parameters: 1 mass ratio, 2×3 for spins
- Sample parameter space, generate waveform for each point

- NR + PN
- Effective one body
- Ninja, NRAR Projects
- ())) GEO 600 noise
 ())) chirp signal



Template construction

- Stitch together PN and NR waveforms
- EOB or phenomenological templates for \geq 7-dim. par. space



Template construction

- Phenomenological waveform models
 - $\bullet\,$ Model phase, amplitude with simple functions \rightarrow Model parameters
 - Create map between physical and model parameters
 - Time or frequency domain

Ajith et al, CQG **24** (2007) S689, PRD **77** (2008) 104017, CQG **25** (2008) 114033, PRL **106** (2011) 241101; Santamaria et al, PRD **82** (2010) 064016, Sturani et al, arXiv:1012.5172 [gr-qc]

Effective-one-body (EOB) models

- Particle in effective metric, PN, ringdown model Buonanno & Damour PRD 59 (1999) 084006, PRD 62 (2000) 064015
- Resum PN, calibrate pseudo PN parameters using NR Buonanno et al, PRD 77 (2008) 026004, Pan et al, PRD 81 (2010) 084041, PRD 84 (2012) 124052; Damour et al, PRD 77 (2008) 084017, PRD 78 (2008) 044039, PRD 83 (2011) 024006

Going beyond GR: Scalar-tensor theory of gravity

- Brans-Dicke theory: 1 parameter ω_{BD}; well constrained
- Bergmann-Wagoner theories: Generalize $\omega = \omega(\phi)$
- No-hair theorem: BHs solutions same as in GR
 e.g. Hawking, Comm.Math.Phys. 25 (1972) 167
 Sotiriou & Faraoni, PRL 108 (2012) 081103
- Circumvent no-hair theorem: Scalar bubble Healey et al, arXiv:1112.3928 [gr-qc]
- Circumvent no-hair theorem: Scalar gradient Berti et al, arXiv:1304.2836 [gr-qc]



3.2. High-energy collisions of BHs

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The Hierarchy Problem of Physics

- Gravity $\approx 10^{-39} \times$ other forces
- Higgs field $\approx \mu_{obs} \approx 250 \text{ GeV} = \sqrt{\mu^2 \Lambda^2}$ where $\Lambda \approx 10^{16} \text{ GeV}$ is the grand unification energy
- Requires enormous finetuning!!!
- Finetuning exist: <u>987654321</u> = 8.0000000729
- Or *E_{Planck}* much lower? Gravity strong at small *r*?
 ⇒ BH formation in high-energy collisions at LHC
- Gravity not measured below 0.16 mm! Diluted due to...
 - Large extra dimensions Arkani-Hamed, Dimopoulos & Dvali '98

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• Extra dimension with warp factor Randall & Sundrum '99

Stages of BH formation

Black Holes on Demand

Scientists are exploring the possibility of producing miniature black holes on demand by smashing particles together. Their plans hinge on the theory that the universe contains more than the three dimensions of everyday life. Here's the idea:



As the particles approach in a particle accelerator, their gravitational attraction increases steadily. When the particles are extremely close, they may enter space with more dimensions, shown above as a cube. The extra dimensions would allow gravity to increase more rapidly so a black hole can form.

Such a black hole would immediately evaporate, sending out a unique pattern of radiation.

Matter does not matter at energies well above the Planck scale
 ⇒ Model particle collisions by black-hole collisions
 Banks & Fischler, gr-qc/9906038; Giddings & Thomas, PRD 65 (2002) 056010

Does matter "matter"?

- Hoop conjecture ⇒ kinetic energy triggers BH formation
- Einstein plus minimally coupled, massive, complex scalar filed "Boson stars" Pretorius & Choptuik, PRL 104 (2010) 111101



- BH formation threshold: $\gamma_{thr} =$ 2.9 \pm 10 % \sim 1/3 γ_{hoop}
- Model particle collisions by BH collisions

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Does matter "matter"?

- Perfect fluid "stars" model
- $\gamma = 8...12$; BH formation below Hoop prediction

East & Pretorius, PRL 110 (2013) 101101

• Gravitational focussing \Rightarrow Formation of individual horizons



- Type-I critical behaviour
- Extrapolation by 60 orders would imply no BH formation at LHC
 Rezzolla & Tanaki, CQG 30 (2013) 012001
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Experimental signature at the LHC

Black hole formation at the LHC could be detected by the properties of the jets resulting from Hawking radiation. BlackMax, Charybdis

- Multiplicity of partons: Number of jets and leptons
- Large transverse energy
- Black-hole mass and spin are important for this!



ToDo:

- Exact cross section for BH formation
- Determine loss of energy in gravitational waves
- Determine spin of merged black hole

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D = 4: Initial setup: 1) Aligned spins

- Orbital hang-up Campanelli et al, PRD 74 (2006) 041501
- 2 BHs: Total rest mass: $M_0 = M_{A, 0} + M_{B, 0}$ Boost: $\gamma = 1/\sqrt{1 - v^2}$, $M = \gamma M_0$
- Impact parameter: $b \equiv \frac{L}{P}$



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D = 4: Initial setup: 2) No spins

- Orbital hang-up Campanelli et al, PRD 74 (2006) 041501
- 2 BHs: Total rest mass: $M_0 = M_{A, 0} + M_{B, 0}$ Boost: $\gamma = 1/\sqrt{1 - v^2}$, $M = \gamma M_0$
- Impact parameter: $b \equiv \frac{L}{P}$



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D = 4: Initial setup: 3) Anti-aligned spins

- Orbital hang-up Campanelli et al, PRD 74 (2006) 041501
- 2 BHs: Total rest mass: $M_0 = M_{A, 0} + M_{B, 0}$ Boost: $\gamma = 1/\sqrt{1 - v^2}$, $M = \gamma M_0$
- Impact parameter: $b \equiv \frac{L}{P}$



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D = 4: Head-on: b = 0, $\vec{S} = 0$

 Total radiated energy: 14 ± 3 % for v → 1 US et al, PRL 101 (2008) 161101

About half of Penrose '74



Agreement with approximative methods
 Flat spectrum, GW multipoles Berti et al, PRD 83 (2011) 084018

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D = 4: Grazing: $b \neq 0$, $\vec{S} = 0$, $\gamma = 1.52$

- Radiated energy up to at least 35 % M
- Immediate vs. Delayed vs. No merger

US et al, PRL 103 (2009) 131102



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D = 4: Scattering threshold b_{scat} for $\vec{S} = 0$

- $b < b_{scat} \Rightarrow Merger$
 - $b > b_{scat} \Rightarrow Scattering$
- Numerical study: $b_{\text{scat}} = \frac{2.5 \pm 0.05}{v} M$ Shibata et al, PRD **78** (2008) 101501(R)
- Independent study US et al, PRL **103** (2009) 131102, arXiv:1211.6114 $\gamma = 1.23...2.93$:
 - $\chi = -0.6, 0, +0.6$ (anti-aligned, nonspinning, aligned)
- Limit from Penrose construction: b_{crit} = 1.685 M
 Yoshino & Rychkov, PRD 74 (2006) 124022

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D = 4: Scattering threshold and radiated energy $\vec{S} \neq 0$



US et al, arXiv:1211.6114

- At speeds $v \gtrsim 0.9$ spin effects washed out
- E_{rad} always below $\lesssim 50 \% M$

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D = 4: Absorption

- For large γ : $E_{kin} \approx M$
- If Ekin is not radiated, where does it go?
- Answer: \sim 50 % into E_{rad} , \sim 50 % is absorbed



US et al, arXiv:1211.6114

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3.3 Fundamental properties of BHs

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Stability of AdS

- m = 0 scalar field in as. flat spacetimes Choptuik, PRL 70 (1993) 9 $p > p^* \Rightarrow BH$, $p < p^* \Rightarrow flat$
- m = 0 scalar field in as. AdS Bizoń & Rostworowski, PRL 107 (2011) 031102
- Similar behaviour for "Geons" Dias, Horowitz & Santos '11
- D > 4 dimensions
 Jałmużna et al, PRD 84 (2011)
 085021
- D = 3: Mass gap: smooth solutions
 Bizoń & Jałmużna, arXiv:1306.0317





Stability of AdS

 Pulses narrow under successive reflections Buchel et al, PRD 86 (2012) 123011



 ∃ Non-linearly stable solutions in AdS Dias et al, CQG 29 (2012) 235019, Buchel et al, arXiv:1304.4166, Maliborski & Rostworowski arXiv:1303.3186

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Bar mode instability of Myers-Perry BH

- MP BHs (with single ang.mom.) should be unstable.
- Linearized analysis Dias et al, PRD 80 (2009) 111701(R)



Non-linear analysis of MP instability

Shibata & Yoshino, PRD 81 (2010) 104035

- Myers-Perry metric; transformed to Puncture like coordinate
- Add small bar-mode perturbation
- Deformation $\eta := \frac{2\sqrt{(l_0 l_{\pi/2})^2 + (l_{\pi/4} l_{3\pi/4})^2}}{l_0 + l_{\pi/2}}$



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Cosmic Censorship in D = 5

Pretorius & Lehner, PRL 105 (2010) 101102

- Axisymmetric code
- Evolution of black string...
- Gregory-Laflamme instability cascades down
 - in finite time
 - until string has zero width
 - \Rightarrow naked singularity



Cosmic Censorship in D = 4 de Sitter

Zilhão et al, PRD 85 (2012) 124062

- Two parameters: MH, d
- Initial data: McVittie type binaries McVittie, MNRAS 93 (1933) 325
- "Small BHs": $d < d_{crit} \Rightarrow$ merger

 $d > d_{crit} \Rightarrow$ no common AH

• "Large" holes at small d: Cosmic Censorship holds



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Further reading

 Reviews about numerical relativity Centrella et al, Rev. Mod. Phys. 82 (2010) 3069
 Pretorius, arXiv:0710.1338
 Sperhake et al, arXiv:1107.2819
 Pfeiffer, CQG 29 (2012) 124004
 Hannam, CQG 26 (2009) 114001
 Sperhake, IJMPD 22 (2013) 1330005

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Appendix

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A.1 Generalized Harmonic formulation

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The Generalized Harmonic (GH) formulation

- Harmonic gauge: choose coordinates such that $\Box x^{\alpha} = \nabla_{\mu} \nabla^{\mu} x^{\alpha} = -g^{\mu\nu} \Gamma^{\alpha}_{\mu\nu} = 0$
- 4-dim. version of Einstein equations $R_{\alpha\beta} = -\frac{1}{2}g^{\mu\nu}\partial_{\mu}\partial_{\nu}g_{\alpha\beta} + \dots$ Principal part of wave equation \Rightarrow Manifestly hyperbolic
- Problem: Start with spatial hypersurface t = const.
 Does t remain timelike?
- Solution: Generalize harmonic gauge
 Garfinkle, APS Meeting (2002) 12004, Pretorius, CQG 22 (2005) 425, Lindblom et al, CQG 23 (2006) S447

 \rightarrow Source functions $H^{\alpha} = \nabla_{\mu} \nabla^{\mu} x^{\alpha} = -g^{\mu\nu} \Gamma^{\alpha}_{\mu\nu}$

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The Generalized harmonic formulation

- Any spacetime in any coordinates can be formulated in GH form! Problem: find the corresponding H^{α}
- Promote H^{α} to evolution variables
- Einstein field equations in GH form:

$$\frac{1}{2}g^{\mu\nu}\partial_{\mu}\partial_{\nu}g_{\alpha\beta} = -\partial_{\nu}g_{\mu(\alpha}\partial_{\beta)}g^{\mu\nu} - \partial_{(\alpha}H_{\beta)} + H_{\mu}\Gamma^{\mu}_{\alpha\beta}$$
$$-\Gamma^{\mu}_{\nu\alpha}\Gamma^{\nu}_{\mu\beta} - \frac{2}{D-2}\Lambda g_{\alpha\beta} - 8\pi\left(T_{\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{D-2}Tg_{\alpha\beta}\right)$$

with constraints

 $\mathcal{C}^{\alpha} = H^{\alpha} - \Box x^{\alpha} = \mathbf{0}$

Still principal part of wave equation !!! Manifestly hyperbolic
 Friedrich, Comm.Math.Phys. 100 (1985) 525, Garfinkle, PRD 65 (2002) 044029, Pretorius, CQG 22 (2005) 425

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Constraint damping in the GH system

One can show that

 $\mathcal{C}^{\alpha}|_{t=0} = 0, \ \partial_t \mathcal{C}^{\alpha}|_{t=0} = 0 \ \Leftrightarrow \ \text{The ADM } \mathcal{H} = 0, \ \mathcal{M}_i = 0$

• Bianchi identities imply evolution of C^{α} :

$$\Box \mathcal{C}_{\alpha} = -\mathcal{C}^{\mu} \nabla_{(\mu} \mathcal{C}_{\alpha)} - \mathcal{C}^{\mu} \left[8\pi \left(\mathcal{T}_{\mu\alpha} - \frac{1}{D-2} \mathcal{T} g_{\mu\alpha} \right) + \frac{2}{D-2} \Lambda g_{\mu\alpha} \right]$$

- In practice: numerical violations of $C^{\mu} = 0 \Rightarrow$ unstable modes
- Solution: add constraint damping $\frac{1}{2}g^{\mu\nu}\partial_{\mu}\partial_{\nu}g_{\alpha\beta} = -\partial_{\nu}g_{\mu(\alpha} \ \partial_{\beta)}g^{\mu\nu} - \partial_{(\alpha}H_{\beta)} + H_{\mu}\Gamma^{\mu}_{\alpha\beta} - \Gamma^{\mu}_{\nu\alpha}\Gamma^{\nu}_{\mu\beta}$ $-\frac{2}{D-2}\Lambda g_{\alpha\beta} - 8\pi \left(T_{\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{D-2}Tg_{\alpha\beta}\right) - \kappa \left[2n_{(\alpha}C_{\beta)} - \lambda g_{\alpha\beta}n^{\mu}C_{\mu}\right]$

Gundlach et al, CQG 22 (2005) 3767

• E.g. Pretorius, PRL 95 (2005) 121101: $\kappa = 1.25/m, \ \lambda = 1$

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Gauge conditions in the GH formulation

- How to choose H_{μ} ? \rightarrow some experimentation...
- Pretorius' breakthrough

 $\Box H_t = -\xi_1 \frac{\alpha - 1}{\alpha^{\eta}} + \xi_2 n^{\mu} \partial_{\mu} H_t$ with

 $\xi_1 = 19/m, \ \xi_2 = 2.5/m, \ \eta = 5$ where m = mass of 1 BH

Caltech-Cornell-CITA spectral code: Initialize H_α to minimize time derivatives of metric, adjust H_α to harmonic and damped harmonic gauge condition Lindblom & Szilágyi, PRD 80 (2009) 084019, with Scheel, PRD 80 (2009) 124010

• The H_{α} are related to lapse and shift: $n^{\mu}H_{\mu} = -K - n^{\mu}\partial_{\mu}\ln \alpha$ $\gamma^{\mu i}H_{\mu} = -\gamma^{mn}\Gamma^{i}_{mn} + \gamma^{im}\partial_{m}(\ln \alpha) + \frac{1}{\alpha}n^{\mu}\partial_{\mu}\beta^{i}$

Summary GH formulation

- Specify initial data g_{αβ}, ∂_tg_{αβ} at t = 0 which satisfy the constraints C^μ = ∂_tC^μ = 0
- Constraints preserved due to Bianchi identities
- Alternative first-order version of GH formulation Lindblom et al, CQG 23 (2006) S447
 - Auxiliary variables → First-order system
 - Symmetric hyperbolic system
 - \rightarrow constraint-preserving boundary conditions
 - Used for spectral BH code SpEC

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A.2 Characteristic formulation

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Characteristic coordinates

- Consider advection equation $\partial_t f + a \partial_x f = 0$
- Characteristics: curves $C: x \to at + x_0 \Leftrightarrow \frac{dx}{dt} = a$

 $\frac{df}{dt}|_{\mathcal{C}} = \frac{\partial f}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial f}{\partial x}\frac{dx}{dt}|_{\mathcal{C}} = \frac{\partial f}{\partial t} + a\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = 0 \implies f \text{ constant along } \mathcal{C}$



Characteristic "Bondi-Sachs" formulation

Here: D = 4, $\Lambda = 0$

Foliate spacetime using characteristic surfaces; light cones
 Bondi, Proc.Roy.Soc.A 269 (1962), 21; Sachs, Proc.Roy.Soc.A 270 (1962), 103

• "u = t - r, v = t + r" \rightarrow double null, ingoing or outgoing



outgoing null timelike foliation

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Characteristic "Bondi-Sachs" formulation

• Write metric as

$$\begin{aligned} ds^2 &= V \frac{e^{2\beta}}{r} du^2 - 2e^{2\beta} du dr + r^2 h_{AB} (dx^A - U^A du) (dx^B - U^B du) \\ 2h_{AB} dx^A dx^B &= (e^{2\gamma} + e^{2\delta}) d\theta^2 + 4\sin\theta \sinh(\gamma - \delta) d\theta d\phi \\ &+ \sin^2 \theta (e^{-2\gamma} + e^{-2\delta}) d\phi^2 \end{aligned}$$

- Introduce tetrad k, ℓ , m, \bar{m} such that $g(k, \ell) = 1$, $g(m, \bar{m}) = 1$ and all other products vanish
- The Einstein equations become
 - 4 hypersurface eqs.: $R_{\mu\nu}k^{\mu}k^{\nu} = R_{\mu\nu}k^{\mu}m^{\nu} = R_{\mu\nu}m^{\mu}\bar{m}^{\nu} = 0$
 - 2 evolution eqs.: $R_{\mu\nu}m^{\mu}m^{\nu} = 0$
 - 1 trivial eq.: $R_{\mu\nu}k^{\mu}\ell^{\nu} = 0$
 - 3 supplementary eqs.: $R_{\mu\nu}\ell^{\mu}m^{\nu}=R_{\mu\nu}\ell^{\mu}\ell^{\nu}=0$

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Integration of the characteristic equations

- Provide initial data for γ , δ on hypersurface u = const
- Integrate hypersurface eqs. along $r \rightarrow \beta$, V, U^A at u
 - \rightarrow 3 "constants" of integration $M_i(\theta, \phi)$
- Evolve γ , δ using evolution eqs.
 - \rightarrow 2 "constants" of integration \rightarrow complex news $\partial_u c(u, \theta, \phi)$
- Evolve the *M_i* through the supplementary eqs.



Summary characteristic formulation

- Naturally adapted to the causal structure of GR
- Clear hierarchy of equations \rightarrow isolated degrees of freedom
- Problem: caustics \rightarrow breakdown of coordinates
- Well suited for symmetric spacetimes, planar BHs
- Solution for binary problem?
 Recent investigation: Babiuc, Kreiss & Winicour, arXiv:1305.7179 [gr-qc]
- Application to characteristic GW extraction Babiuc, Winicour & Zlochower, CQG 28 (2011) 134006 Reisswig et al, CQG 27 (2010) 075014

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A.3 Boundaries

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Outer boundary: Asymptotically flat case

- $\bullet\,$ Computational domains often don't extend to $\infty\,$
- Outgoing Sommerfeld conditions Assume $f = f_0 + \frac{u(t-r)}{r^n}$ where f_0 = asymptotic value $\partial_t u + \partial_r u = 0$ $\partial_t f + n \frac{f - f_0}{r} + \frac{x^i}{r} \partial_i f = 0$
- Use upwinding, i.e. one-sided, derivatives!



Non-asymptotically flat case: de Sitter

In McVittie coordinates:

$$r \to \infty \Rightarrow ds^2 = -dt^2 + a(t)^2(r^2 + r^2 d\Omega_2^2)$$

where $a(t) = e^{Ht}$, $H = \sqrt{\Lambda/3}$

• Radial null geodesics:
$$dt = \pm adr$$

We expect: $f = f_0 + \frac{a u(t-ar)}{r^n}$
 $\Rightarrow \partial_t f - \partial_t f_0 + \frac{1}{a(t)} \partial_r f + n \frac{f-f_0}{r a(t)} - H(f-f_0) = 0$
Zilhão et al, PRD **85** (2012) 104039

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Anti de Sitter

Much more complicated!



- Time-like outer boundary ⇒ affects interior
- AdS metric diverges at outer boundary

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Anti de Sitter metric

- Maximally symmetric solution to Einstein eqs. with Λ < 0
- Hyperboloid $X_0^2 + X_D^2 \sum_{i=1}^{D-1} X_i^2$ embedded in D + 1 dimensional flat spacetime of signature $- - + \dots +$
- Global AdS

$$\begin{split} X_0 &= L \frac{\cos \tau}{\cos \rho}, \quad X_d = L \frac{\sin \tau}{\cos \rho} \\ X_i &= L \tan \rho \; \Omega_i, \text{ for } i = 1 \dots D - 1, \quad \Omega_i \text{ hyperspherical coords.} \\ \Rightarrow ds^2 &= \frac{L^2}{\cos^2 \rho} (-d\tau^2 + d\rho^2 + \sin^2 \rho \; d\Omega_{D-2}^2) \\ \text{where } 0 &\leq \rho < \pi/2, \quad -\pi < \tau \leq \pi \end{split}$$

• Outer boundary at $\rho = \pi/2$

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Anti de Sitter metric continued

• Poincaré coordinates

$$X_{0} = \frac{1}{2z} \left[z^{2} + L^{2} + \sum_{i=1}^{D-2} (x^{i})^{2} - t^{2} \right]$$

$$X_{i} = \frac{Lx^{i}}{z} \text{ for } i = 1 \dots D - 2$$

$$X_{D-1} = \frac{1}{2z} \left[z^{2} - L^{2} + \sum_{i=1}^{D-2} (x^{i})^{2} - t^{2} \right]$$

$$X_{d} = \frac{Lt}{z}$$

$$\Rightarrow ds^{2} = \frac{L^{2}}{z^{2}} \left[-dt^{2} + dz^{2} + \sum_{i=1}^{D-2} (dx^{i})^{2} \right]$$
where $z > 0, t \in \mathbb{R}$
Outer boundary at $z = 0$

e.g. Ballón Bayona & Braga, hep-th/0512182

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AdS spacetimes: Outer boundary

• AdS boundary: $\rho \rightarrow \pi/2$ (global)

 $z \rightarrow 0$ (Poincaré)

- AdS metric becomes singular
 induced metric determined up to conformal rescaling only
- Global: $ds_{gl}^2 \sim -d\tau^2 + d\Omega_{D-2}$ Poincaré: $ds_P^2 \sim -dt^2 + \sum_{i=1}^{D-2} d(x^i)^2$ \Rightarrow Different topology: $\mathbb{R} \times S_{D-2}$ and \mathbb{R}^{D-1}
- The dual theories live on spacetimes of different topology

Regularization methods

- Decompose metric into AdS part plus deviation Bantilan & Pretorius, PRD 85 (2012) 084038
- Factor out appropriate factors of the bulk coordinate Chesler & Yaffe, PRL 106 (2011) 021601 Heller, Janik & Witaszczyk, PRD 85 (2012) 126002
- Factor out singular term of the metric
 Bizoń & Rostworowski, PRL 107 (2011) 031102
- Regularity of the outer boundary may constrain the gauge freedom Bantilan & Pretorius, PRD 85 (2012) 084038

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A.4 Diagnostics

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The subtleties of diagnostics in GR

- Successful numerical simulation ⇒ Numbers for grid functions
- Typically: Spacetime metric $g_{\alpha\beta}$ and time derivative or ADM variables γ_{ij} , K_{ij} , α , β^i
- Challenges
 - Coordinate dependence of numbers ⇒ Gauge invariants
 - Global quantities at ∞ , computational domain finite \Rightarrow Extrapolation

- Complexity of variables, e.g. GWs ⇒ Spherical harmonics
- Local quantities: meaningful? \Rightarrow Horizons
- AdS/CFT correspondence: Dictionary

Newton's gravitational constant

• Note: We wrote the Einstein equations for $\Lambda=0$ as

$$R_{lphaeta} - rac{1}{2}g_{lphaeta}R = 8\pi GT_{lphaeta}$$

- The (areal) horizon radius of a static BH in *D* dimensions then is $r_s^{D-3} = \frac{16\pi GM}{(D-2)\Omega_{D-2}},$ where $\Omega_{D-2} = \frac{2\pi^{\frac{D-1}{2}}}{\Gamma(\frac{D-1}{2})}$ is the area of the *D* – 2 hypersphere
- The Hawking entropy formula is $S = \frac{A_{AH}}{4G}$
- But Newton's force law picks up geometrical factors:

$$m{F}=rac{(D-3)8\pi G}{(D-2)\Omega_{D-2}}rac{Mm}{r^{D-2}}\hat{m{r}}$$

See e.g. Emparan & Reall, Liv. Rev. Rel. 6 (2008)

Global quantities

Assumptions

- Asymptotically, the metric is flat and time independent
- The expressions also refer to Cartesian coordinates
- ADM mass = Total mass-energy of spacetime $M_{ADM} = \frac{1}{4\Omega_{D-2}G} \lim_{r \to \infty} \int_{S_r} \sqrt{\gamma} \gamma^{mn} \gamma^{kl} (\partial_n \gamma_{mk} - \partial_k \gamma_{mn}) dS_l$
- Linear momentum of spacetime

$$\mathcal{P}_i = rac{1}{8\pi G} \lim_{r o \infty} \int_{\mathcal{S}_r} \sqrt{\gamma} (\mathcal{K}^m_i - \delta^m_i \mathcal{K}) d\mathcal{S}_m$$

• Angular momentum in D = 4

$$J_i = \frac{1}{8\pi} \epsilon_{il}{}^m \lim_{r \to \infty} \int_{\mathcal{S}_r} \sqrt{\gamma} x^l (K^n{}_m - \delta^n{}_m K) dS_n$$

• By construction, these are time independent!

Apparent horizons

- By Cosmic censorship, existence of an apparent horizon implies an event horizon
- Consider outgoing null geodesics with tangent vector k^µ
- Def.: Expansion $\Theta = \nabla_{\mu} k^{\mu}$
- Def.: Apparent horizon = outermost surface where $\Theta = 0$
- On a hypersurface Σ_t, the condition for Θ = 0 becomes
 D̂_ms^m − K + K_{mn}s^msⁿ,
 where sⁱ = unit normal to the (D − 2) dimensional AH surface

e.g. Thornburg, PRD 54 (1996) 4899

Apparent horizons continued

- Parametrize the horizon by *r* = *f*(φⁱ),
 where *r* is the radial and φⁱ are angular coordinates
- Rewrite the condition $\Theta = 0$ in terms $f(\varphi^i)$ \Rightarrow Elliptic equation for $f(\varphi^i)$
- This can be solved e.g. with Flow, Newton methods Thornburg, PRD 54 (1996) 4899, Gundlach, PRD 57 (1998) 863
 Alcubierre et al, CQG 17 (2000) 2159, Schnetter, CQG 20 (2003) 4719
- Irreducible mass $M_{irr} = \sqrt{\frac{A_{AH}}{16\pi G^2}}$
- BH mass in D = 4: $M^2 = M_{irr}^2 + \frac{S^2}{4M_{irr}^2}(+P^2)$, where *S* is the spin of the BH, Christodoulou, PRL **25** (1970) 1596

Gravitational waves in D = 4: Newman Penrose

- Construct a Tetrad
 - n^{α} = Timelike unit normal field
 - Spatial triad u, v, w through Gram-Schmidt orthogonalization E.g. starting with uⁱ = [x, y, z], vⁱ = [xz, yz, -x² y²], wⁱ = εⁱ_{mn}v^mwⁿ
 ℓ^α = 1/√2(n^α + u^α), k^α = 1/√2(n^α u^α), m^α = 1/√2(v^α + iw^α)

 $\Rightarrow -\ell \cdot k = 1 = m \cdot \overline{m}$, all other products vanish

- Newman-Penrose scalar $\Psi_4 = C_{\alpha\beta\gamma\delta} k^{\alpha} \bar{m}^{\beta} k^{\gamma} \bar{m}^{\delta}$
- In vacuum, $C_{\alpha\beta\gamma\delta} = R_{\alpha\beta\gamma\delta}$
- For more details, see e.g.
 Nerozzi, PRD 72 (2005) 024014, Brügmann et al, PRD 77 (2008) 024027

Analysis of Ψ_4

• Multipolar decomposition: $\Psi_4 = \sum_{\ell,m} \psi_{\ell m}(t,r) Y_{\ell m}^{-2}(\theta \phi)$, where $\psi_{\ell m} = \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^{\pi} \Psi_4 \overline{Y_{\ell m}^{-2}} \sin \theta d\theta d\phi$

• Radiated energy: $\frac{dE}{dt} = \lim_{r \to \infty} \left[\frac{r^2}{16\pi} \int_{\Omega} \left| \int_{-\infty}^t \Psi_4 d\tilde{t} \right|^2 d\Omega \right]$

• Momentum: $\frac{dP_i}{dt} = -\lim_{r \to \infty} \left[\frac{r^2}{16\pi} \int_{\Omega} \ell_i \left| \int_{-\infty}^t \Psi_4 d\tilde{t} \right|^2 d\Omega \right],$ where $\ell_i = \left[-\sin\theta \,\cos\phi, \, -\sin\theta \,\sin\phi, \, -\cos\theta \right]$

• Angular mom.: $\frac{dJ_z}{dt} = -\lim_{r \to \infty} \left\{ \frac{r^2}{16\pi} \operatorname{Re} \left[\int_{\Omega} \left(\partial_{\phi} \int_{-\infty}^t \Psi_4 d\tilde{t} \right) \left(\int_{-\infty}^t \int_{-\infty}^{\hat{t}} \overline{\Psi}_4 d\tilde{t} d\hat{t} \right) d\Omega \right] \right\}$ see e.g. Ruiz et al, GRG **40** (2008) 2467

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The AdS/CFT dictionary: Fefferman-Graham coords.

- AdS/CFT correspondence
 - ⇒ Vacuum expectation values $\langle T_{ij} \rangle$ of the field theory given by quasi-local Brown-York stress-energy tensor Brown & York, PRD **47** (1993) 1407
- Consider asymptotically AdS metric in Fefferman-Graham coordinates

$$\begin{aligned} ds^{2} &= g_{\mu\nu} dx^{\mu} dx^{\nu} = \frac{L^{2}}{r^{2}} (dr^{2} + \gamma_{ij} dx^{i} dx^{j}), \\ \text{where} \\ \gamma_{ij}(r, x^{i}) &= \gamma_{(0)ij} + r^{2} \gamma_{(2)ij} + \dots + r^{D} \gamma_{(D)ij} + h_{(D)ij} r^{D} \log r^{2} + \mathcal{O}(r^{D+1}), \end{aligned}$$

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Note: This asymptotes to Poincaré coordinates as r → 0

The AdS/CFT dictionary: Fefferman-Graham coords.

- Here, the γ_{(a)ij}, h_{(D)ij} are functions of xⁱ, logarithmic terms only appear for even D, powers of *r* are exclusively even up to order D 1
- Vacuum expectation values of CFT momentum tensor for D = 4 is $\langle T_{ij} \rangle = \frac{4L^3}{16\pi G} \left\{ \gamma_{(4)ij} - \frac{1}{8} \gamma_{(0)ij} [\gamma_{(2)}^2 - \gamma_{(0)}^{km} \gamma_{(0)}^{ln} \gamma_{(2)kl} \gamma_{(2)mn}] \right.$ $\left. - \frac{1}{2} \gamma_{(2)i}^m \gamma_{(2)jm} + \frac{1}{4} \gamma_{(2)ij} \gamma_{(2)} \right\}$ where $\gamma_{(n)} \equiv \text{Tr}(\gamma_{(n)ij}) = \gamma_{(0)}^{ij} \gamma_{(n)ij}$

de Haro et al, Commun.Math.Phys. 217 (2001) 595; also for other D

• Note: $\gamma_{(2)ij}$ is determined by $\gamma_{(0)ij} \Rightarrow \text{CFT}$ freedom given by $\gamma_{(4)ij}$

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AdS/CFT: Renormalized stress-tensor

- $\bullet\,$ Again: Brown-York stress-tensor \to as the VEVs of the field theory
- Divergencies in $\langle T^{ab} \rangle = \frac{\delta S_{\text{eff}}}{\delta \gamma_{ab}}$ Regularize by adding boundary curvature invariants to S_{eff} Balasubramanian & Kraus, Commun.Math.Phys. **208** (1999) 413
- Foliate *D* dimensional spacetime into timelike hypersurfaces Σ_r homoemorphic to the boundary $\Rightarrow ds^2 = \alpha^2 dr^2 + \gamma_{ab} (dx^a + \beta^a dr) (dx^b + \beta^b dr)$ (like ADM)
- \hat{n}^{μ} = outward pointing normal vector to the boundary $\Theta^{\mu\nu} = -\frac{1}{2} (\nabla^{\mu} \hat{n}^{\nu} + \nabla^{\nu} \hat{n}^{\mu})$ Extrinsic curvature

AdS/CFT: Renormalized stress-tensor

• Including counter terms, for ADS₅:

$$\mathcal{T}^{\mu\nu} = \frac{1}{8\pi G} \left[\Theta^{\mu\nu} - \Theta \gamma^{\mu\nu} - \frac{3}{L} \gamma^{\mu\nu} - \frac{L}{2} \mathcal{G}^{\mu\nu} \right]$$

where $\mathcal{G}_{\mu
u}$ is the Einstein tensor of the induced metric $\gamma_{\mu
u}$

- Note: Applying this to the global ADS₅ metric gives T^{μν} ≠ 0
 ⇒ Casimir energy of quantum field theory on S³ × ℝ
- Other D: cf. Balasubramanian & Kraus, Commun.Math.Phys. 208 (1999) 413
- AdS/CFT Dictionary for additional fields, see e.g. Skenderis, CQG 19 (2002) 5849 de Haro et al, Commun.Math.Phys. 217 (2001) 595

Isolated and dynamical horizons Ashtekar & Krishnan, Liv. Rev. Rel. 7 (2004) 10

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A.5 BHs in Astrophysics

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Evidence for astrophysical black holes

- X-ray binaries
 e. g. Cygnus X-1 (1964)
 MS star + compact star
 ⇒ Stellar Mass BHs
 ~ 5...50 M_☉
- Stellar dynamics near galactic centers, iron emission line profiles
 ⇒ Supermassive BHs
 ~ 10⁶ ... 10⁹ M_☉
 AGN engines



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Correlation of BH and host galaxy properties

- Galaxies ubiquitously harbor BHs
- BH properties correlated with bulge properties
 - e. g. J.Magorrian et al., AJ 115, 2285 (1998)



SMBH formation

- Most widely accepted scenario for galaxy formation: hierarchical growth; "bottom-up"
- Galaxies undergo frequent mergers \Rightarrow BH merger



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Gravitational recoil

- Anisotropic GW emission ⇒ recoil of remnant BH Bonnor & Rotenburg '61, Peres '62, Bekenstein '73
- Escape velocities: Globular clusters 30 km/s
 dSph 20 100 km/s
 dE 100 300 km/s
 Giant galaxies ~ 1000 km/s

Ejection / displacement of BH \Rightarrow

- Growth history of SMBHs
- BH populations, IMBHs
- Structure of galaxies



Kicks from non-spinning BHs

• Max. kick: ~ 180 km/s, harmless!

González et al., PRL 98, 091101 (2009)



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Spinning BHs: Superkicks

• Superkick configuration:



• Kicks up to $v_{\rm max} \approx 4\,000 \ {\rm km/s}$

Campanelli *et al.*, PRL **98** (2007) 231102 González *et al.* PRL **98** (2007) 231101

 Suppression via spin alignment and Resonance effects in inspiral Schnittman, PRD 70 (2004) 124020
 Bogdanovicź et al, ApJ 661 (2007) L147
 Kesden et al, PRD 81 (2010) 084054, ApJ 715 (2010) 1006

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Even larger kicks: superkick and hang-up

Lousto & Zlochower, arXiv:1108.2009 [gr-qc]



- Moderate GW generation
- Large kicks



Strong GW generationNo kicks



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Superkicks and orbital hang-up



- Maximum kick about 25 % larger: $v_{\text{max}} \approx 5000 \text{ km/s}$
- Distribution asymmetric in θ ; v_{max} for partial alignment
- Supression through resonances still works
 Berti et al, PRD 85 (2012) 124049

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Spin precession and flip

- X-shaped radio sources
 Merrit & Ekers, Science 297 (2002) 1310
- Jet along spin axis
- Spin re-alignment
 ⇒ new + old jet
- Spin precession 98°
 Spin flip 71°
 Campanelli et al, PRD 75 (2006) 064030



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Jets generated by binary BHs

Palenzuela et al, PRL 103 (2009) 081101, Science 329 (2010) 927

- Non-spinning BH binary
- Einstein-Maxwell equtions with "force free" plasma
- $\bullet~$ Electromagnetic field extracts energy from $\textbf{L} \Rightarrow jets$
- Optical signature: double jets



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A.6. BH Holography

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Large N and holography

Holography

- BH entropy $\propto A_{Hor}$
- For a Local Field Theory entropy $\propto V$
- Gravity in *D* dims
 ⇔ local FT in *D* − 1 dims

• Large N limit

• Perturbative expansion of gauge theory in g^2N

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- \sim loop expansion in string theory
- N: # of "colors"
 - g^2N : t'Hooft coupling



The AdS/CFT conjecture

Maldacena, Adv.Theor.Math.Phys. 2 (1998) 231

• "strong form": Type IIb string theory on $AdS_5 \times S^5$

 $\Leftrightarrow \mathcal{N} = 4$ super Yang-Mills in D = 4

Hard to prove; non-perturbative Type IIb String Theory?

- "weak form": low-energy limit of string-theory side
 - \Rightarrow Type IIb Supergravity on $AdS_5 \times S^5$
- Some assumptions, factor out S⁵
 - \Rightarrow General Relativity on AdS₅
- Corresponds to limit of large N, g²N in the field theory
- E. g. Stationary AdS BH ⇔ Thermal Equil. with T_{Haw} in dual FT
 Witten, Adv.Theor.Math.Phys. 2 (1998) 253

The boundary in AdS

- Dictionary between metric properties and vacuum expectation values of CFT operators.
 - E. g. $T_{\alpha\beta}$ operator of CFT \leftrightarrow transverse metric on *AdS* boundary.
- The boundary plays an active role in *AdS*! Metric singular!



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Collision of planar shockwaves in $\mathcal{N} = 4$ SYM

- Dual to colliding gravitational shock waves in AADS
- Characteristic study with translational invariance
 Chesler & Yaffe PRL 102 (2009) 211601, PRD 82 (2010) 026006, PRL 106 (2011) 021601
- Initial data: 2 superposed shockwaves

$$ds^{2} = r^{2}[-dx_{+}dx_{-} + d\mathbf{x}_{\perp}] + \frac{1}{r^{2}}[dr^{2} + h(x_{\pm})dx_{\pm}^{2}]$$



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Collision of planar shockwaves in $\mathcal{N} = 4$ SYM

- Initially system far from equilibrium
- Isotropization after $\Delta v \sim 4/\mu \sim 0.35 \ fm/c$
- Confirms hydro sims. of QGP \sim 1 $\mathit{fm/c}$ Heinz, nucl-th/0407067



- Non-linear vs. linear Einstein Eqs. agree within ~ 20 % Heller et al, PRL 108 (2012) 191601
- Thermalization in ADM formulation Heller et al, PRD 85 (2012) 126002

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Cauchy ("4+1") evolutions in asymptotically AdS

- Characteristic coordinates successful numerical tool in AdS/CFT
- But: restricted to symmetries, caustics problem...
- Cauchy evolution needed for general scenarios? Cf. BBH inspiral!!
- Cauchy scheme based on generalized harmonic formulation Bantilan & Pretorius, PRD 85 (2012) 084038
 - SO(3) symmetry
 - Compactify "bulk radius"
 - Asymptotic symmetry of AdS₅: SO(4,2)
 - Decompose metric into AdS₅ piece and deviation
 - Gauge must preserve asymptotic fall-off

Cauchy ("4+1") evolutions in asymptotically AdS

- Scalar field collapse
- BH formation and ringdown
- Low order QNMs ~ perturbative studies, but mode coupling
- CFT stress-energy tensor consistent with thermalized
 N = 4 SYM fluid
- Difference of CFT *T*_{θθ} and hydro (+1st, 2nd corrs.)

