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Formulation Problem in Numerical Relativity

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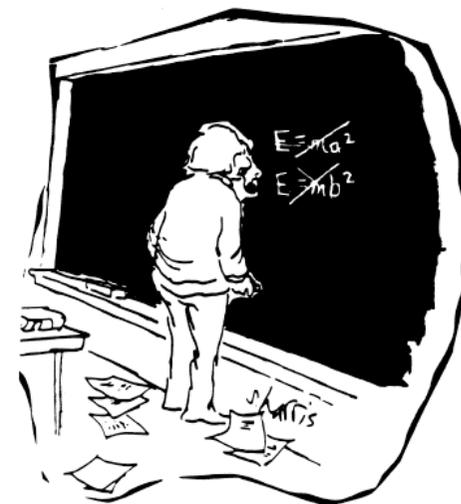
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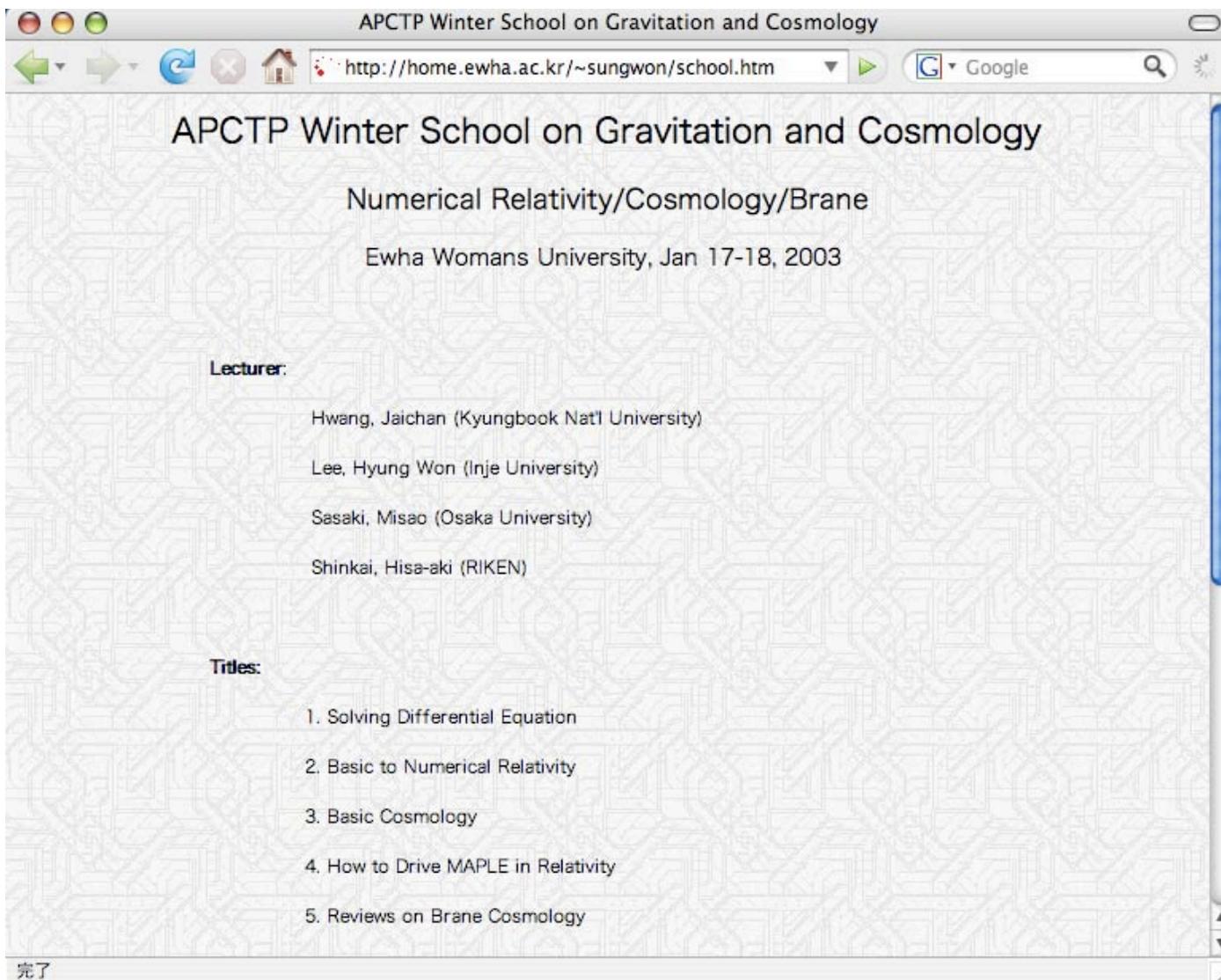
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- Sasaki, Misao (Osaka University)
- Shinkai, Hisa-aki (RIKEN)

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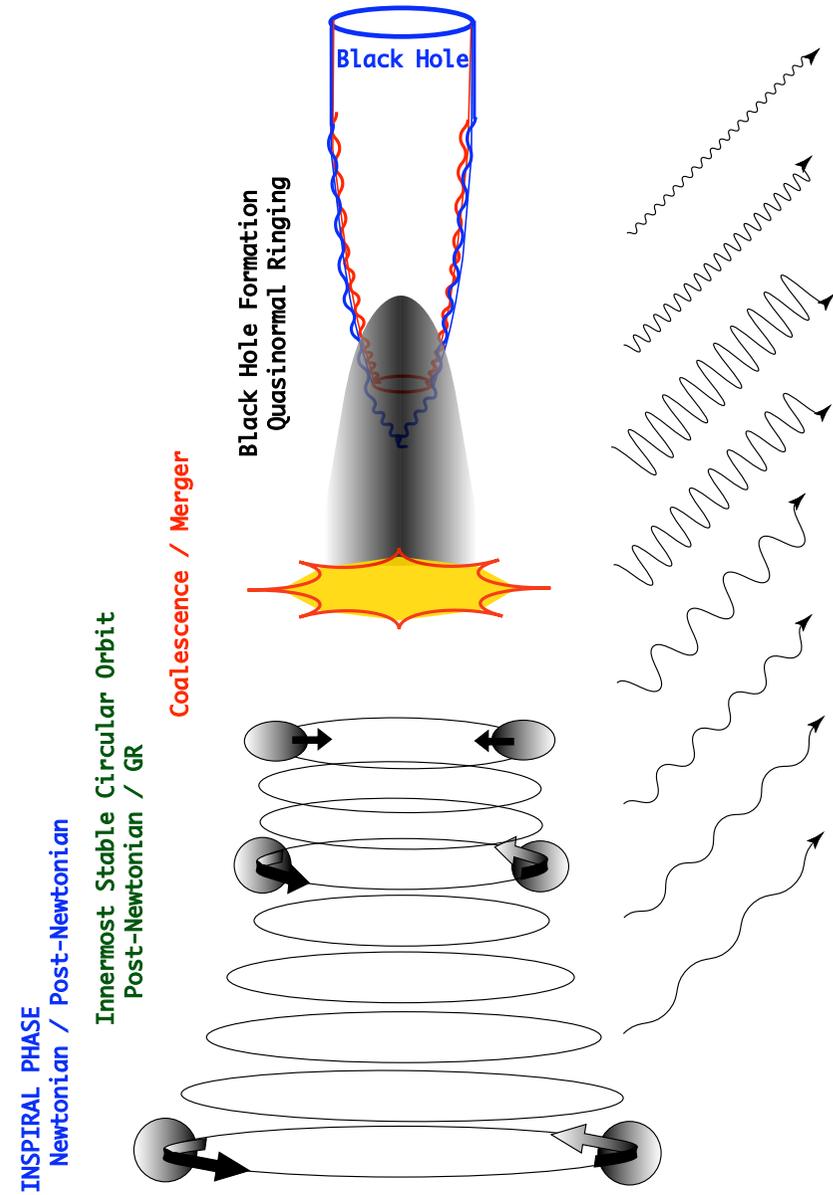
1. Solving Differential Equation
2. Basic to Numerical Relativity
3. Basic Cosmology
4. How to Drive MAPLE in Relativity
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In the last 5 years, ...

Binary BH-BH coalescence
simulations are available!!
Breakthrough suddenly occurs.

- Pretorius (2005)
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"Gold-Rush of parameter searches" (B. Bruegmann, July 2007 @GRG)

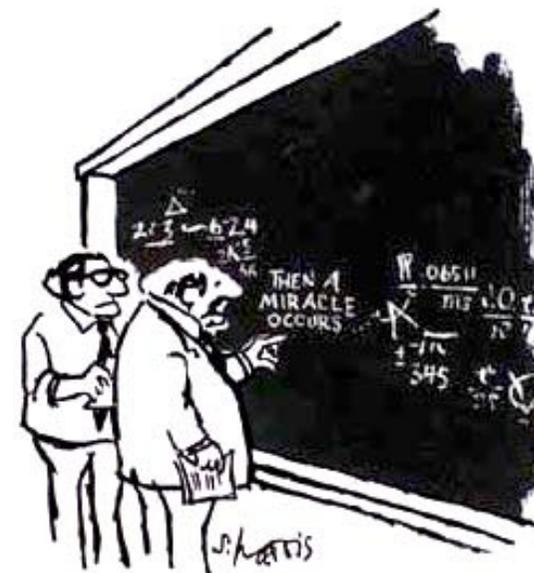
But Why it works?

Goals of the Lecture

What is the guiding principle for selecting evolution equations for simulations in GR?

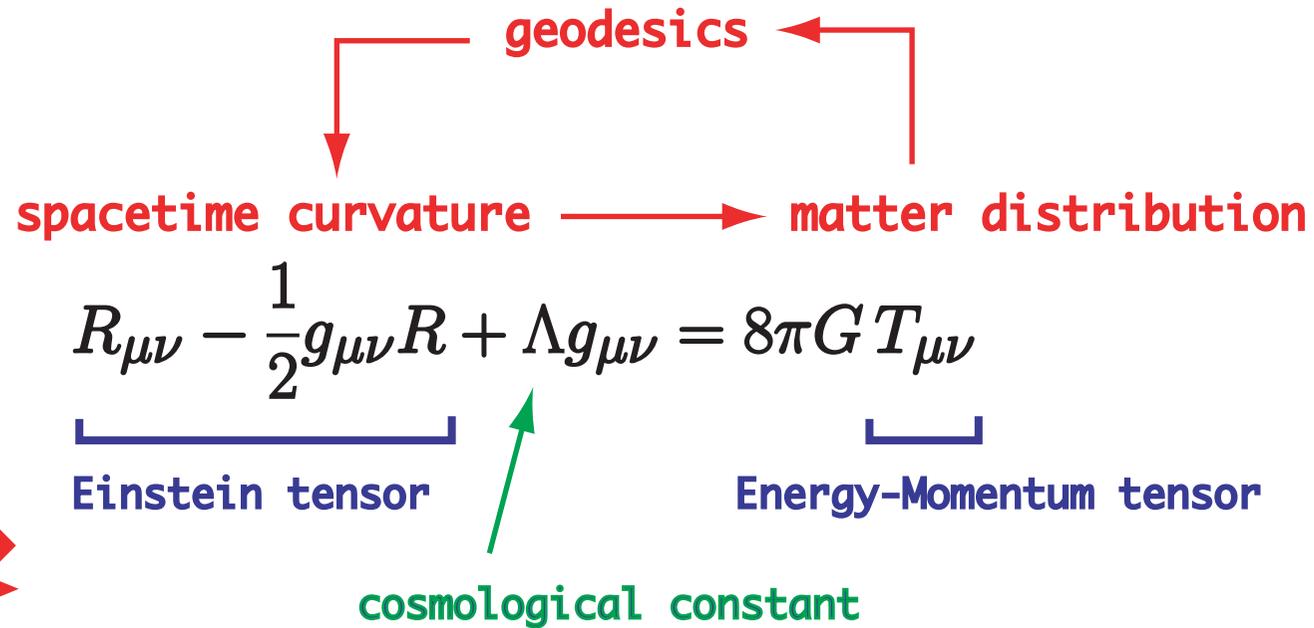
Why many groups use the BSSN equations?

Are there an alternative formulation better than the BSSN?



"I THINK YOU SHOULD BE MORE EXPLICIT HERE IN STEP TWO."

The Einstein equation



Solve for metric
 $g_{\mu\nu}(t, x, y, z)$
 (10 components)

flat spacetime (Minkowskii spacetime):

$$\begin{aligned} ds^2 &= -dt^2 + dx^2 + dy^2 + dz^2 \\ &= -dt^2 + dr^2 + r^2(d\theta^2 + \sin^2\theta d\varphi^2) \end{aligned}$$

$$ds^2 = \sum_{\mu, \nu} g_{\mu\nu} dx^\mu dx^\nu := g_{\mu\nu} dx^\mu dx^\nu$$

$$g_{\mu\nu} = \begin{pmatrix} g_{tt} & g_{tx} & g_{ty} & g_{tz} \\ & g_{xx} & g_{xy} & g_{xz} \\ & & g_{yy} & g_{yz} \\ \text{sym.} & & & g_{zz} \end{pmatrix}$$

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Exact Solutions book says ...

1st Edition (1980): “... checked 2000 references, ..., there are now over 100 papers on exact solutions every year, ...”

2nd Edition (2003): “... we looked at 4000 new papers published during 1980-1999, ... ”

D. Kramer, et al, *Exact Solutions to Einstein's Field Equations*, (Cambridge, 1980)

H. Stephani, et al, *Exact Solutions to Einstein's Field Equations*, (Cambridge, 2003)

Why don't we solve it using computers?

- dynamical behavior, no symmetry in space, ...
- strong gravitational field, gravitational wave! ...
- any dimension, any theories, ...

Numerical Relativity

= Solve the Einstein equations numerically.

= Necessary for unveiling the nature of strong gravity.

For example:

- gravitational waves from colliding black holes, neutron stars, supernovae, ...
- relativistic phenomena like cosmology, active galactic nuclei, ...
- mathematical feedback to singularity, exact solutions, chaotic behavior, ...
- laboratory for gravitational theories, higher-dimensional models, ...

The most robust way to study the strong gravitational field. Great.

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What are the difficulties?

- for 10-component metric, highly nonlinear partial differential equations. mixed with 4 elliptic eqs and 6 dynamical eqs if we apply 3+1 decomposition.
- completely free to choose coordinates, gauge conditions, and even for decomposition of the space-time.
- has singularity in its nature.

How to solve it?

Numerical Relativity – basic issues

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0. How to foliate space-time

Cauchy (3 + 1), Hyperboloidal (3 + 1), characteristic (2 + 2), or combined?

⇒ if the foliation is (3 + 1), then ...

1. How to prepare the initial data

Theoretical: Proper formulation for solving constraints? How to prepare realistic initial data?
Effects of background gravitational waves?
Connection to the post-Newtonian approximation?

Numerical: Techniques for solving coupled elliptic equations? Appropriate boundary conditions?

2. How to evolve the data

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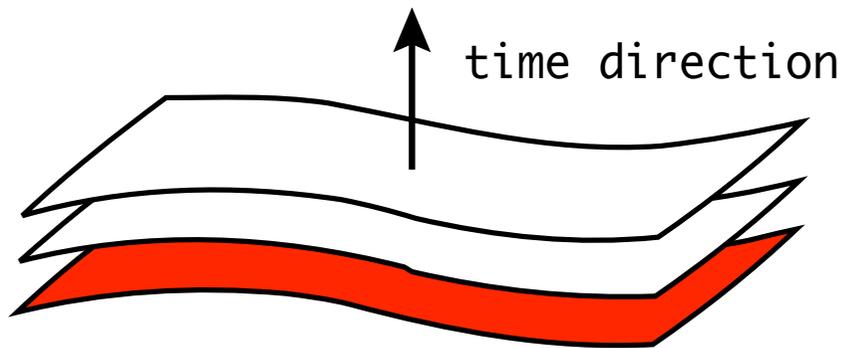
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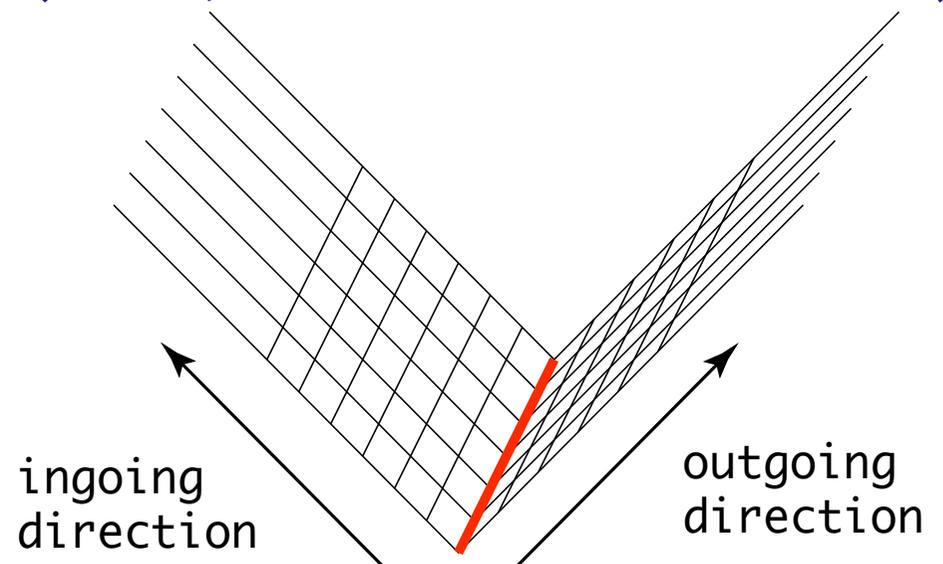
First Question: How to foliate space-time?

Cauchy approach
or ADM 3+1 formulation



Σ : Initial 3-dimensional Surface

Characteristic approach
(if null, dual-null 2+2 formulation)



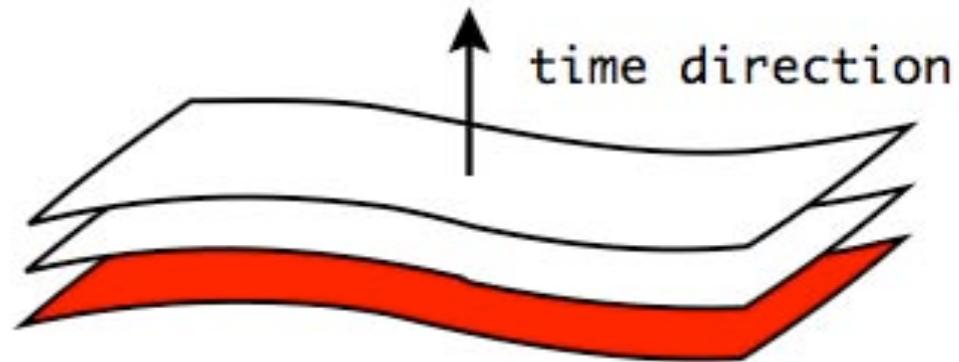
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3+1 versus 2+2

| | Cauchy (3+1) evolution | Characteristic (2+2) evolution |
|---------------|--|---|
| pioneers | ADM (1961), York-Smarr (1978) | Bondi <i>et al</i> (1962), Sachs (1962), Penrose (1963) |
| variables | easy to understand the concept of time evolution | has geometrical meanings 1 complex function related to 2 GW polarization modes |
| foliation | has Hamilton structure | allows implementation of Penrose's space-time compactification |
| initial data | need to solve constraints | no constraints |
| evolution | PDEs need to avoid constraint violation | ODEs with consistent conditions propagation eqs along the light rays |
| singularity | need to avoid by some method | can truncate the grid |
| disadvantages | can not cover space-time globally | difficulty in treating caustics hard to treat matter |

“3+1” formulation

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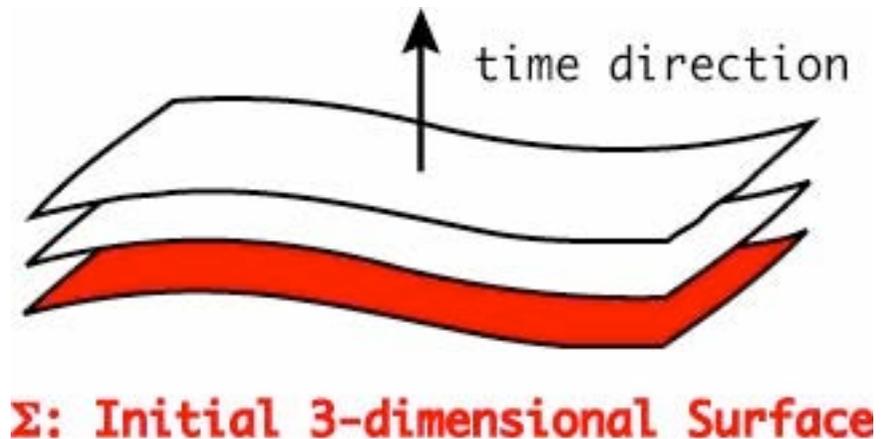
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The 3+1 decomposition of space-time: The ADM formulation

[1] R. Arnowitt, S. Deser and C.W. Misner, in *Gravitation: An Introduction to Current Research*, ed. by L.Witten, (Wiley, New York, 1962).

[2] J.W. York, Jr. in *Sources of Gravitational Radiation*, (Cambridge, 1979)

Dynamics of Space-time = Foliation of Hypersurface

- Evolution of $t = \text{const.}$ hypersurface $\Sigma(t)$.

$$ds^2 = g_{\mu\nu} dx^\mu dx^\nu, \quad (\mu, \nu = 0, 1, 2, 3)$$

on $\Sigma(t)$... $d\ell^2 = \gamma_{ij} dx^i dx^j, \quad (i, j = 1, 2, 3)$

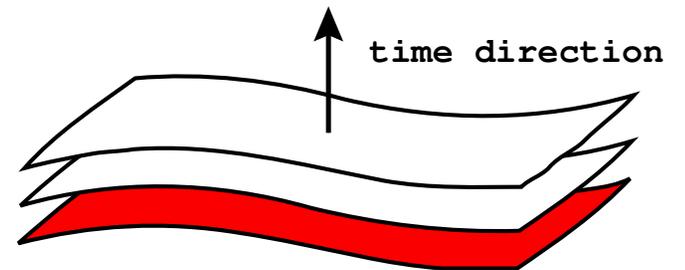
- The unit normal vector of the slices, n^μ .

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

$$n^\mu = g^{\mu\nu} n_\nu = (1/\alpha, -\beta^i/\alpha)$$

- The lapse function, α . The shift vector, β^i .

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



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The decomposed metric:

$$\begin{aligned} ds^2 &= -\alpha^2 dt^2 + \gamma_{ij}(dx^i + \beta^i dt)(dx^j + \beta^j dt) \\ &= (-\alpha^2 + \beta_l \beta^l) dt^2 + 2\beta_i dt dx^i + \gamma_{ij} dx^i dx^j \end{aligned}$$

$$g_{\mu\nu} = \begin{pmatrix} -\alpha^2 + \beta_l \beta^l & \beta_j \\ \beta_i & \gamma_{ij} \end{pmatrix}, \quad g^{\mu\nu} = \begin{pmatrix} -1/\alpha^2 & \beta^j/\alpha^2 \\ \beta^i/\alpha^2 & \gamma^{ij} - \beta^i \beta^j/\alpha^2 \end{pmatrix}$$

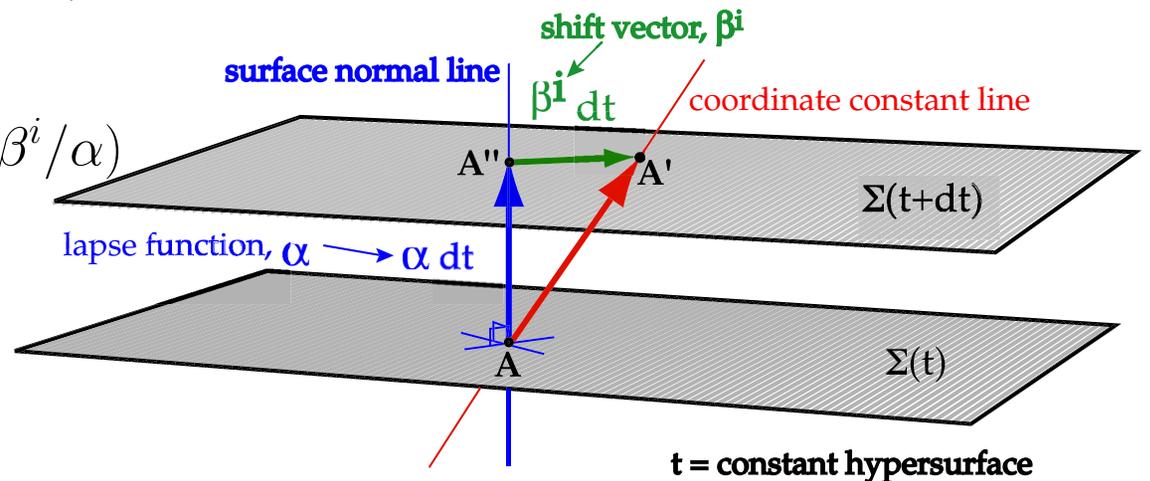
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Projection of the Einstein equation:

- Projection operator (or intrinsic 3-metric) to $\Sigma(t)$,

$$\begin{aligned}\gamma_{\mu\nu} &= g_{\mu\nu} + n_\mu n_\nu \\ \gamma_\nu^\mu &= \delta_\nu^\mu + n^\mu n_\nu \equiv \perp_\nu^\mu\end{aligned}$$

- Define the extrinsic curvature K_{ij} ,

$$\begin{aligned}K_{ij} &\equiv -\perp_i^\mu \perp_j^\nu n_{\mu;\nu} \\ &= -(\delta_i^\mu + n^\mu n_i)(\delta_j^\nu + n^\nu n_j)n_{\mu;\nu} \\ &= -n_{i;j} \\ &= \Gamma_{ij}^\alpha n_\alpha = \dots = \frac{1}{2\alpha} (-\partial_t \gamma_{ij} + \beta_{i|j} + \beta_{j|i}).\end{aligned}$$

- Projection of the Einstein equation:

$$\begin{aligned}G_{\mu\nu} n^\mu n^\nu &= 8\pi G T_{\mu\nu} n^\mu n^\nu \equiv 8\pi \rho_H && \Rightarrow \text{the Hamiltonian constraint eq.} \\ G_{\mu\nu} n^\mu \perp_i^\nu &= 8\pi G T_{\mu\nu} n^\mu \perp_i^\nu \equiv -8\pi J_i && \Rightarrow \text{the momentum constraint eqs.} \\ G_{\mu\nu} \perp_i^\mu \perp_j^\nu &= 8\pi G T_{\mu\nu} \perp_i^\mu \perp_j^\nu \equiv 8\pi S_{ij} && \Rightarrow \text{the evolution eqs.}\end{aligned}$$

The Standard ADM formulation (aka York 1978):

The fundamental dynamical variables are (γ_{ij}, K_{ij}) , the three-metric and extrinsic curvature. The three-hypersurface Σ is foliated with gauge functions, (α, β^i) , the lapse and shift vector.

- The evolution equations:

$$\begin{aligned}\partial_t \gamma_{ij} &= -2\alpha K_{ij} + D_i \beta_j + D_j \beta_i, \\ \partial_t K_{ij} &= \alpha {}^{(3)}R_{ij} + \alpha K K_{ij} - 2\alpha K_{ik} K^k_j - D_i D_j \alpha \\ &\quad + (D_i \beta^k) K_{kj} + (D_j \beta^k) K_{ki} + \beta^k D_k K_{ij} \\ &\quad - 8\pi G \alpha \{S_{ij} + (1/2)\gamma_{ij}(\rho_H - \text{tr}S)\},\end{aligned}$$

where $K = K^i_i$, and ${}^{(3)}R_{ij}$ and D_i denote three-dimensional Ricci curvature, and a covariant derivative on the three-surface, respectively.

- Constraint equations:

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Hamiltonian constr.} & \quad \mathcal{H}^{ADM} := {}^{(3)}R + K^2 - K_{ij}K^{ij} \approx 0, \\ \text{momentum constr.} & \quad \mathcal{M}_i^{ADM} := D_j K^j_i - D_i K \approx 0,\end{aligned}$$

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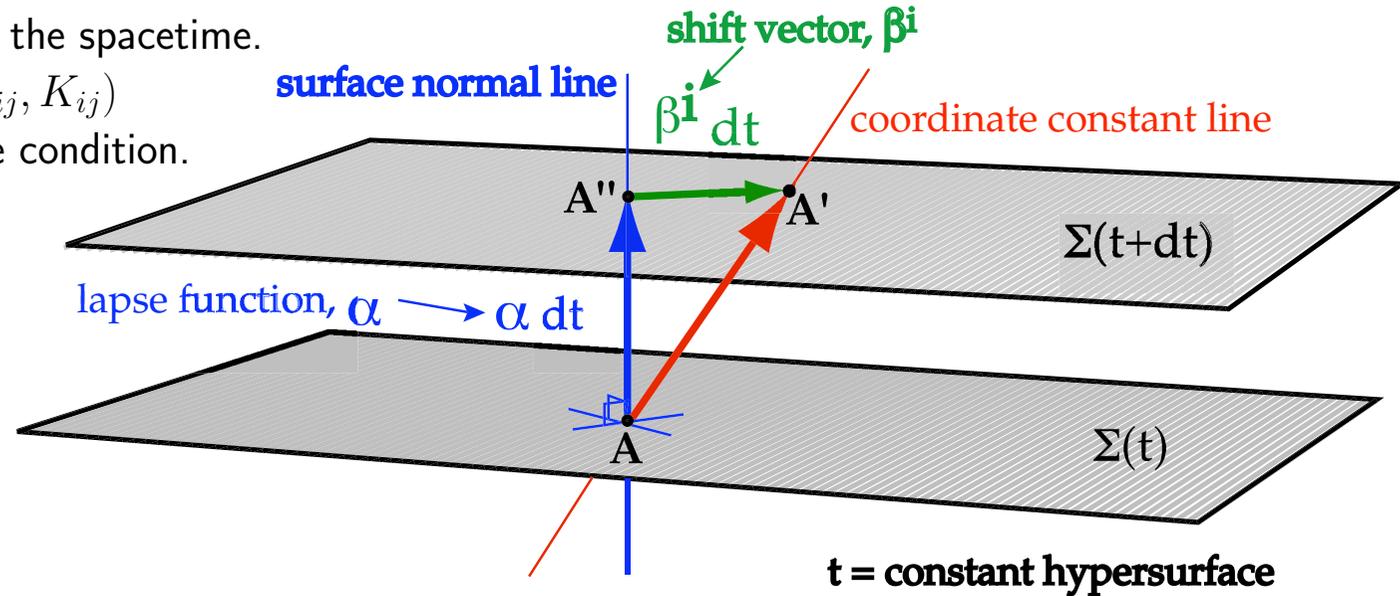
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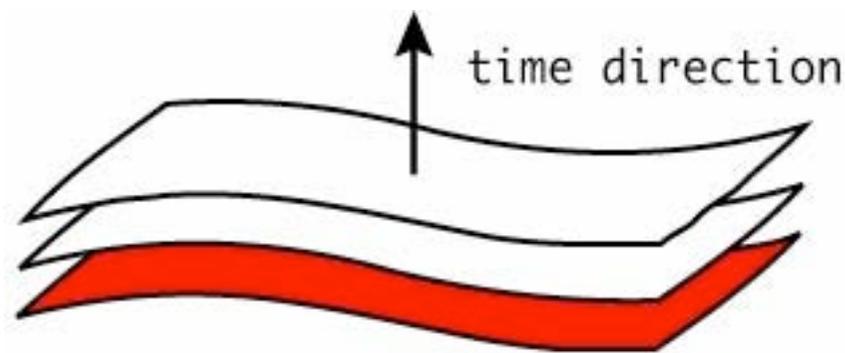
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Robust formulation ?
-- modified ADM / BSSN
-- hyperbolization
-- asymptotically constrained

Formulation Problem

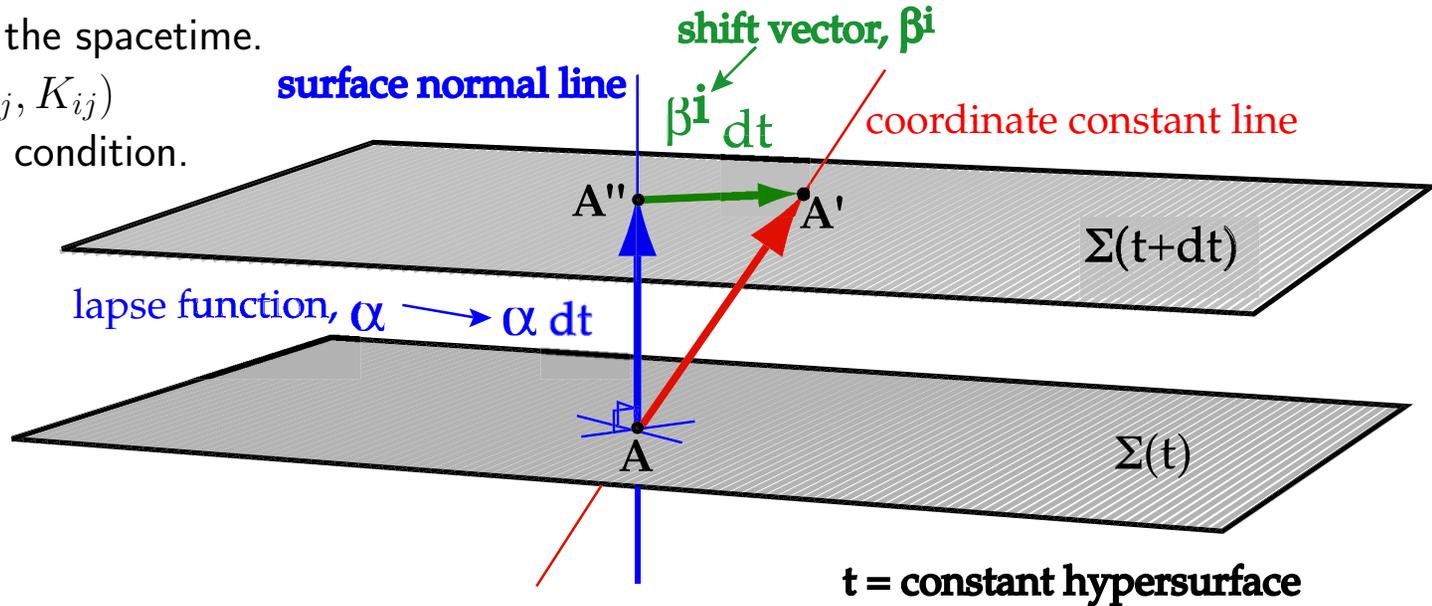
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S. Frittelli, Phys. Rev. D55, 5992 (1997)
HS and G. Yoneda, Class. Quant. Grav. 19, 1027 (2002)

The Constraint Propagations of the Standard ADM:

$$\begin{aligned}\partial_t \mathcal{H} &= \beta^j (\partial_j \mathcal{H}) + 2\alpha K \mathcal{H} - 2\alpha \gamma^{ij} (\partial_i \mathcal{M}_j) \\ &\quad + \alpha (\partial_l \gamma_{mk}) (2\gamma^{ml} \gamma^{kj} - \gamma^{mk} \gamma^{lj}) \mathcal{M}_j - 4\gamma^{ij} (\partial_j \alpha) \mathcal{M}_i, \\ \partial_t \mathcal{M}_i &= -(1/2)\alpha (\partial_i \mathcal{H}) - (\partial_i \alpha) \mathcal{H} + \beta^j (\partial_j \mathcal{M}_i) \\ &\quad + \alpha K \mathcal{M}_i - \beta^k \gamma^{jl} (\partial_i \gamma_{lk}) \mathcal{M}_j + (\partial_i \beta_k) \gamma^{kj} \mathcal{M}_j.\end{aligned}$$

From these equations, we know that

if the constraints are satisfied on the initial slice Σ ,
then the constraints are satisfied throughout evolution (in principle).

Primary / Secondary constraint

First-class / Second-class constraint

- Primary Constraints

$$\text{constraint } C_1(q, p) \approx 0$$

$$\text{constraint } C_2(q, p) \approx 0$$

- Secondary Constraints
= when propagation of constraints require additional constraints

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{C}_i &= \{C_i, H\}_P = \{C_i, H'(q, p) + \lambda^k C_k\}_P \\ &= \{C_i, H'\}_P + \lambda^k \{C_i, C_k\}_P \approx 0\end{aligned}$$

- First-Class Constraints

=

$$\text{set of constraints } C_i \text{ satisfy } \{C_i, C_k\}_P \approx 0$$

Numerical Relativity in the 20th century

| | | | |
|-------|------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------|
| 1960s | Hahn-Lindquist | 2 BH head-on collision | AnaPhys29(1964)304 |
| | May-White | spherical grav. collapse | PR141(1966)1232 |
| 1970s | ÓMurchadha-York | conformal approach to initial data | PRD10(1974)428 |
| | Smarr | 3+1 formulation | PhD thesis (1975) |
| | Smarr-Cades-DeWitt-Eppley | 2 BH head-on collision | PRD14(1976)2443 |
| | Smarr-York | gauge conditions | PRD17(1978)2529 |
| | ed. by L.Smarr | "Sources of Grav. Radiation" | Cambridge(1979) |
| 1980s | Nakamura-Maeda-Miyama-Sasaki | axisym. grav. collapse | PTP63(1980)1229 |
| | Miyama | axisym. GW collapse | PTP65(1981)894 |
| | Bardeen-Piran | axisym. grav. collapse | PhysRep96(1983)205 |
| | Stark-Piran | axisym. grav. collapse | unpublished |
| 1990 | Shapiro-Teukolsky | naked singularity formation | PRL66(1991)994 |
| | Oohara-Nakamura | 3D post-Newtonian NS coalescence | PTP88(1992)307 |
| | Seidel-Suen | BH excision technique | PRL69(1992)1845 |
| | Choptuik | critical behaviour | PRL70(1993)9 |
| | NCSA group | axisym. 2 BH head-on collision | PRL71(1993)2851 |
| | Cook et al | 2 BH initial data | PRD47(1993)1471 |
| | Shibata-Nakao-Nakamura | BransDicke GW collapse | PRD50(1994)7304 |
| | Price-Pullin | close limit approach | PRL72(1994)3297 |
| 1995 | NCSA group | event horizon finder | PRL74(1995)630 |
| | NCSA group | hyperbolic formulation | PRL75(1995)600 |
| | Anninos <i>et al</i> | close limit vs full numerical | PRD52(1995)4462 |
| | Scheel-Shapiro-Teukolsky | BransDicke grav. collapse | PRD51(1995)4208 |
| | Shibata-Nakamura | 3D grav. wave collapse | PRD52(1995)5428 |
| | Gunnarsen-Shinkai-Maeda | ADM to NP | CQG12(1995)133 |
| | Wilson-Mathews | NS binary inspiral, prior collapse? | PRL75(1995)4161 |
| | Pittsburgh group | Cauchy-characteristic approach | PRD54(1996)6153 |
| | Brandt-Brügmann | BH puncture data | PRL78(1997)3606 |
| | Illinois group | synchronized NS binary initial data | PRL79(1997)1182 |
| | Shibata-Baumgarte-Shapiro | 2 NS inspiral, PN to GR | PRD58(1998)023002 |
| | BH Grand Challenge Alliance | characteristic matching | PRL80(1998)3915 |
| | Baumgarte-Shapiro | Shibata-Nakamura formulation | PRD59(1998)024007 |
| | Brady-Creighton-Thorne | intermediate binary BH | PRD58(1998)061501 |
| | Meudon group | irrotational NS binary initial data | PRL82(1999)892 |
| | Shibata | 2 NS inspiral coalescence | PRD60(1999)104052 |

Formation of Naked Singularities: The Violation of Cosmic Censorship

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We use a new numerical code to evolve collisionless gas spheroids in full general relativity. In all cases the spheroids collapse to singularities. When the spheroids are sufficiently compact, the singularities are hidden inside black holes. However, when the spheroids are sufficiently large, there are no apparent horizons. These results lend support to the hoop conjecture and appear to demonstrate that naked singularities can form in asymptotically flat spacetimes.

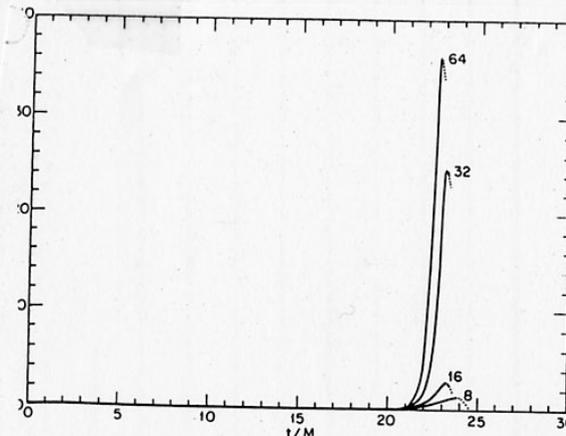
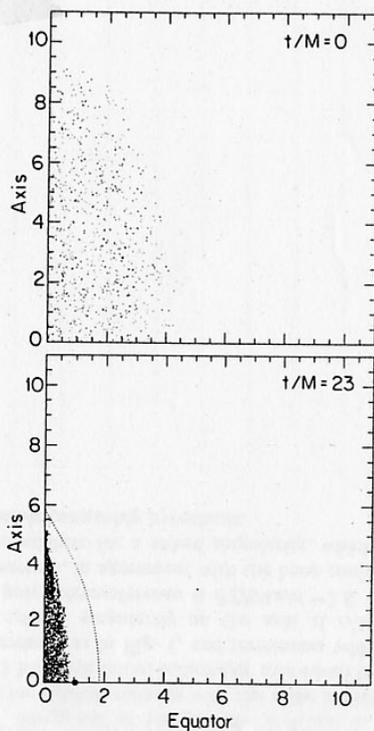
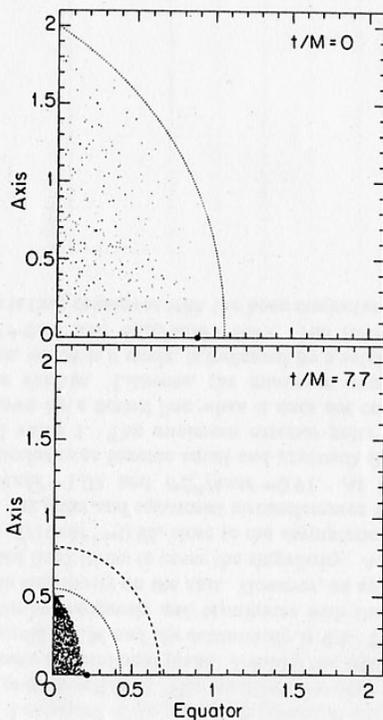


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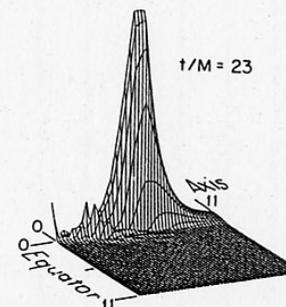


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Critical Phenomena in Gravitational Collapse

Choptuik, Phys. Rev. Lett. 70 (1993) 9

TABLE I. Initial data specification for various one-parameter families discussed in text. For families (a)–(c), I specified the initial pulses to be purely in-going. For family (d), the functions $X_>(r)$, $Y_<(r)$ and $X_<(r)$, $Y_>(r)$ are late-time fits to subcritical and supercritical evolutions, respectively, of the pulse shape shown in Fig. 1(d).

| Family | Form of initial data | p |
|--------|--|--------------------------|
| (a) | $\phi(r) = \phi_0 r^3 \exp(-[(r - r_0)/\delta]^q)$ | ϕ_0, r_0, δ, q |
| (b) | $\phi(r) = \phi_0 \tanh[(r - r_0)/\delta]$ | ϕ_0 |
| (c) | $\phi(r + r_0) = \phi_0 r^{-5} [\exp(1/r) - 1]^{-1}$ | ϕ_0 |
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| Family | Parameter | μ_{min} | μ_{max} | γ |
|--------|-----------|----------------------|----------------------|----------|
| (a) | ϕ_0 | 7.9×10^{-3} | 8.9×10^{-1} | 0.376 |
| (a) | δ | 1.3×10^{-3} | 9.4×10^{-1} | 0.372 |
| (a) | q | 3.1×10^{-3} | 9.8×10^{-1} | 0.372 |
| (a) | r_0 | 1.3×10^{-2} | 9.2×10^{-1} | 0.379 |
| (b) | ϕ_0 | 2.8×10^{-3} | 4.0×10^{-1} | 0.372 |
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Spherical Sym., Massless Scalar Field

- (1) scaling
- (2) echoing
- (3) universality

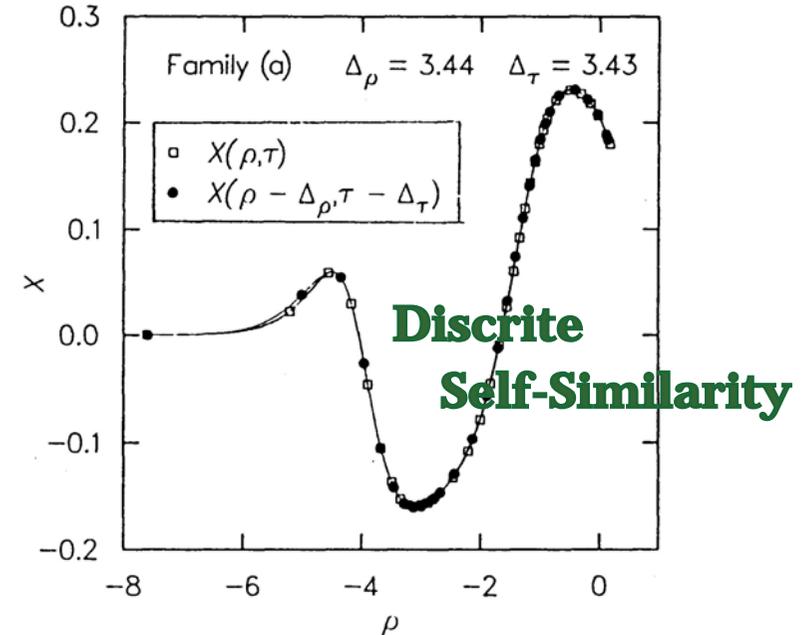
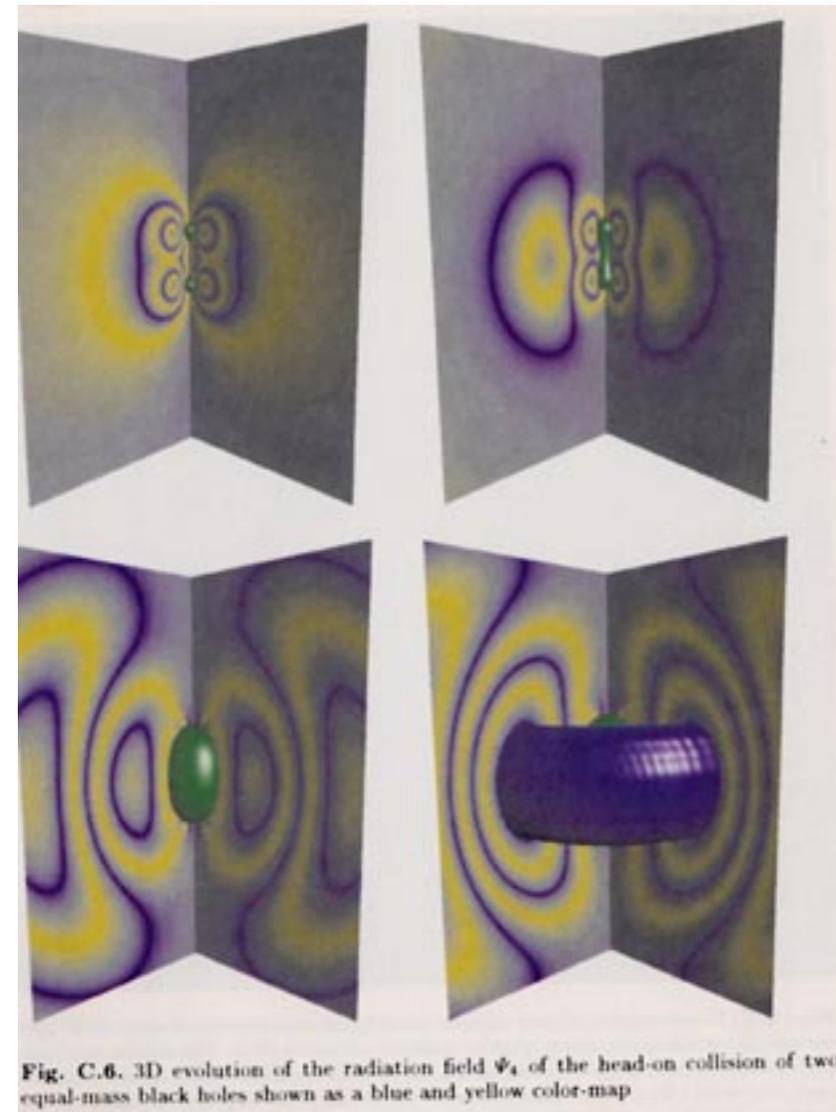
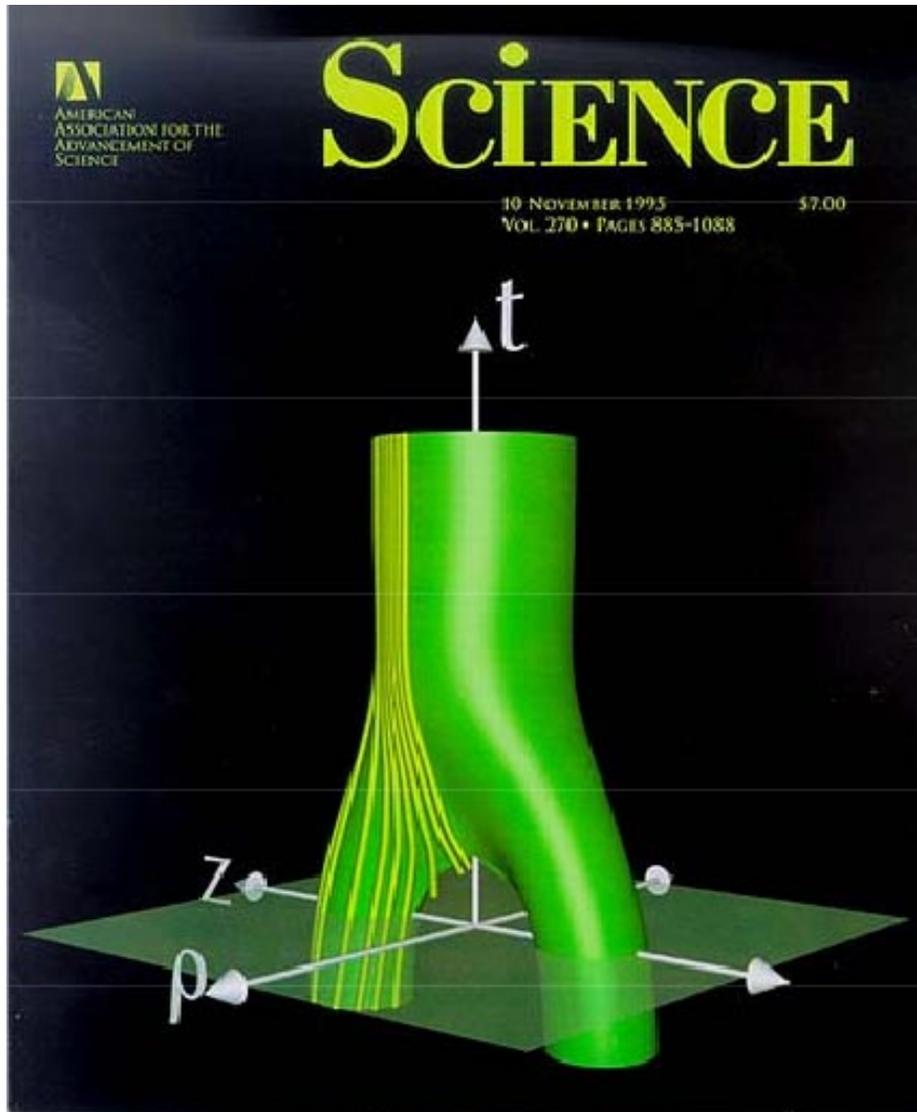


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Head-on Collision of 2 Black-Holes (Misner initial data)

NCSA group 1995



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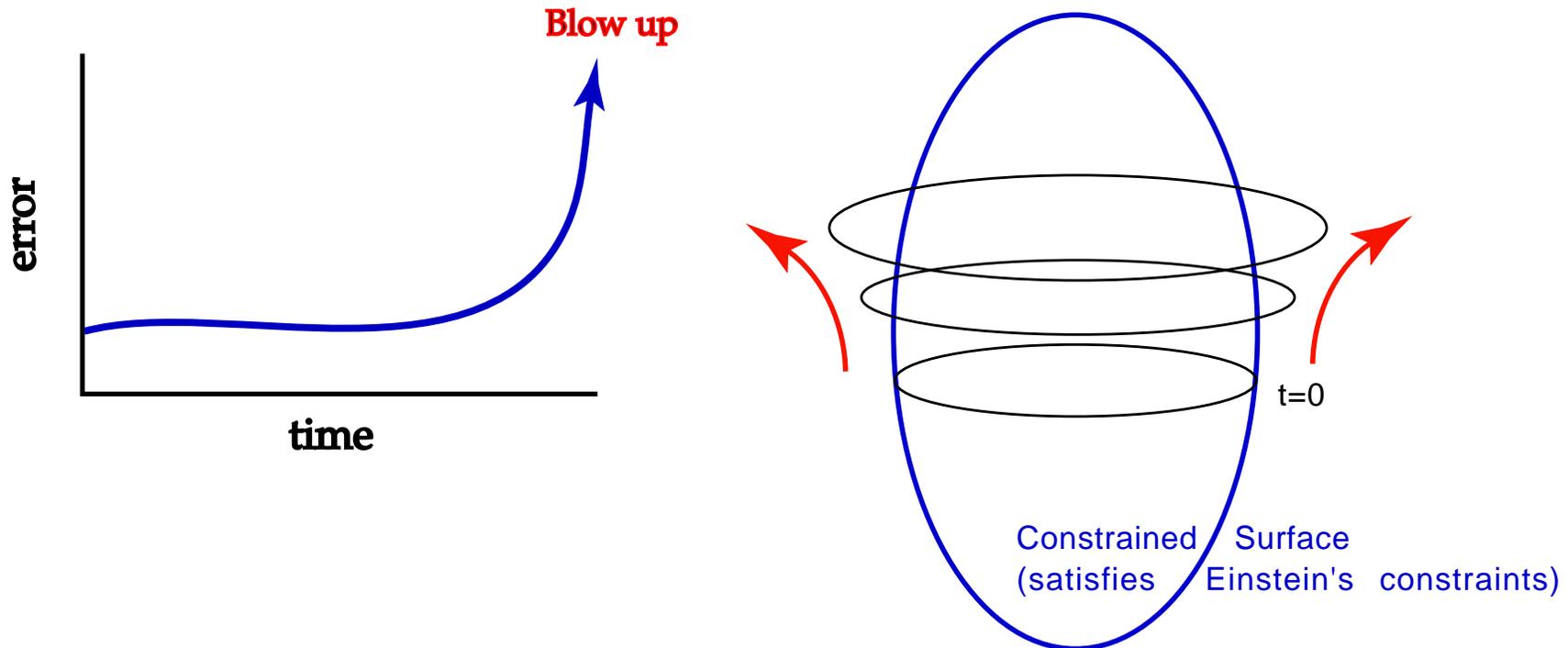
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But this is NOT TRUE in NUMERICS....

- By the period of 1990s, NR had provided a lot of physics: Gravitational Collapse, Critical Behavior, Naked Singularity, Event Horizons, Head-on Collision of BH-BH and Gravitational Wave, Cosmology, ...
- However, for the BH-BH/NS-NS inspiral coalescence problem, ... why ???

Many (too many) trials and errors, hard to find a definite recipe.

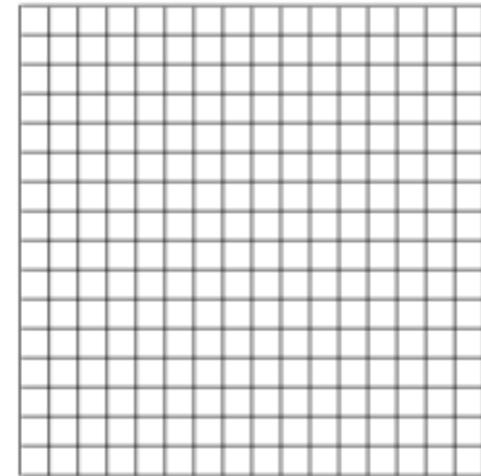
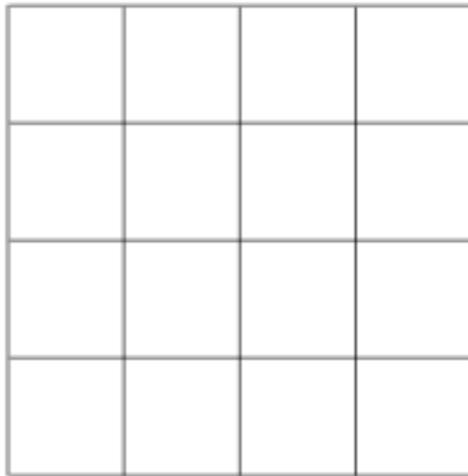


Best formulation of the Einstein eqs. for long-term stable & accurate simulation?

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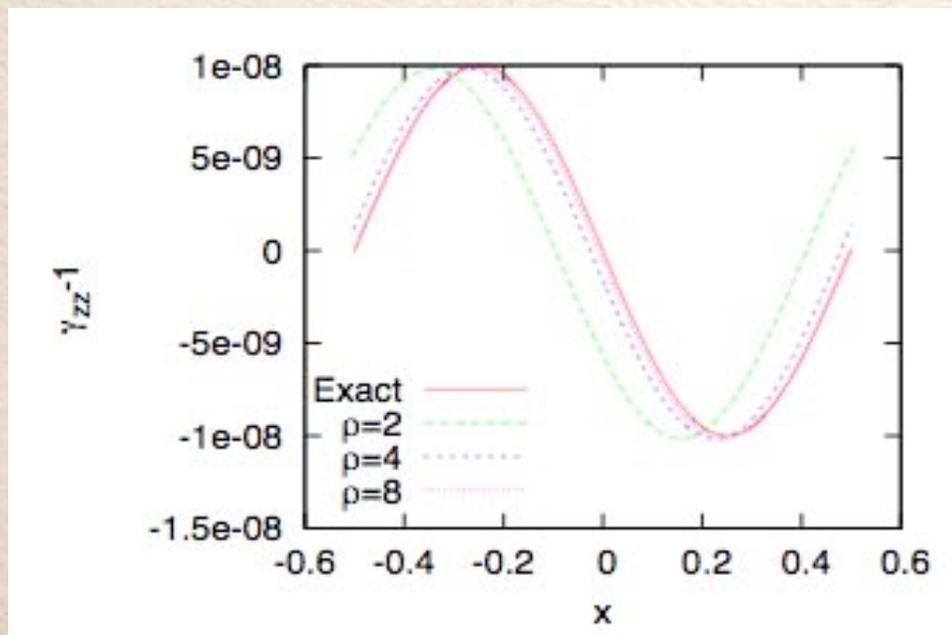
= higher resolution runs approach to the continuum limit.
(All numerical codes must have this property.)

- When the code has 2nd order finite difference scheme, then the error should be scaled with $O((\Delta x)^2)$
- “Consistency”, Choptuik, PRD 44 (1991) 3124



“Accuracy”

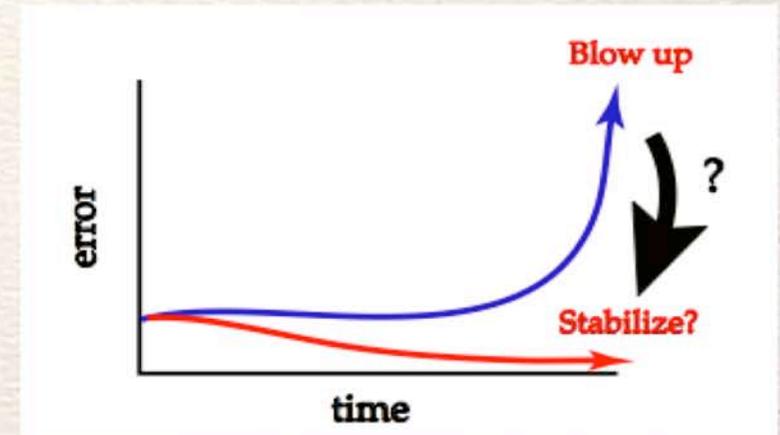
- = The numerical results represent the actual solutions.
(All numerical codes must have this property.)
- Check the code with known results.



Gauge wave test in BSSN;
Kiuchi, HS, PRD (2008)

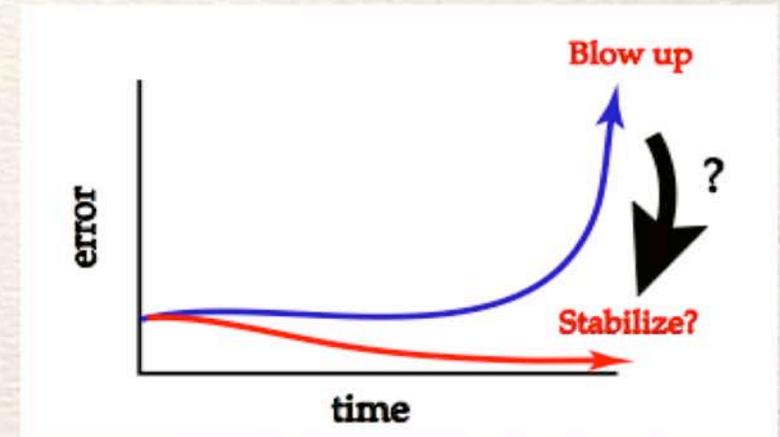
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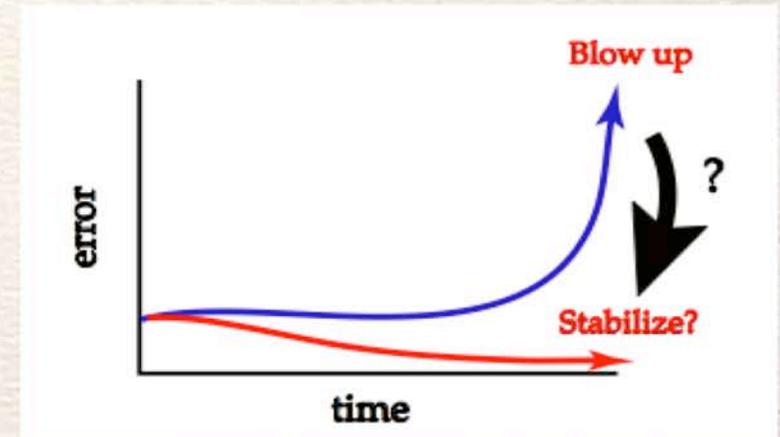


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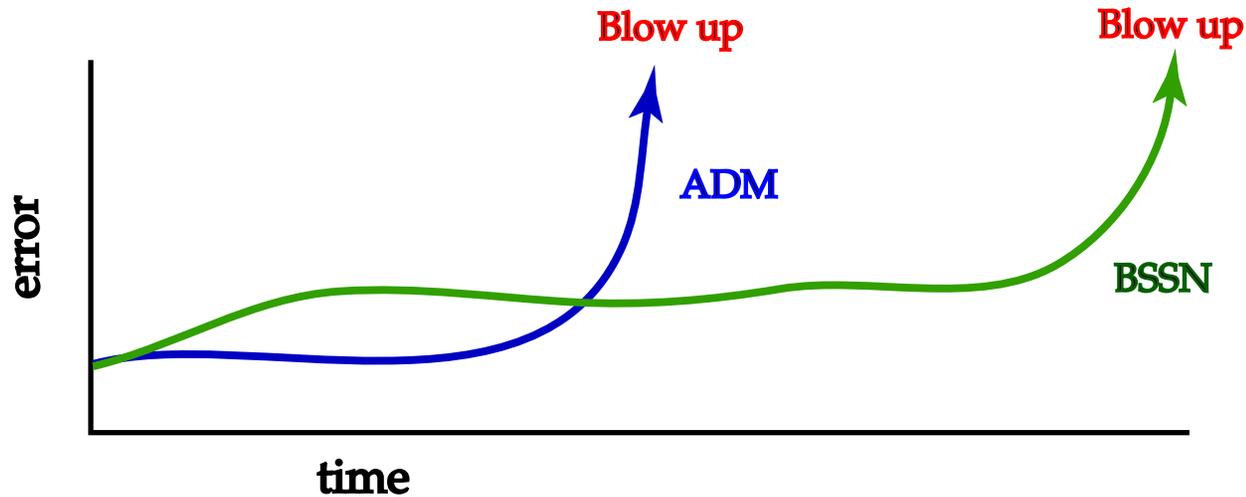
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- **Programmers** define for selecting a finite differencing scheme (judged by von Neumann's analysis).
Lax's equivalence theorem says that if a numerical scheme is consistent (converging) and stable, then the simulation represents the right (converging) solution.

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Mathematically equivalent formulations, but differ in its stability!

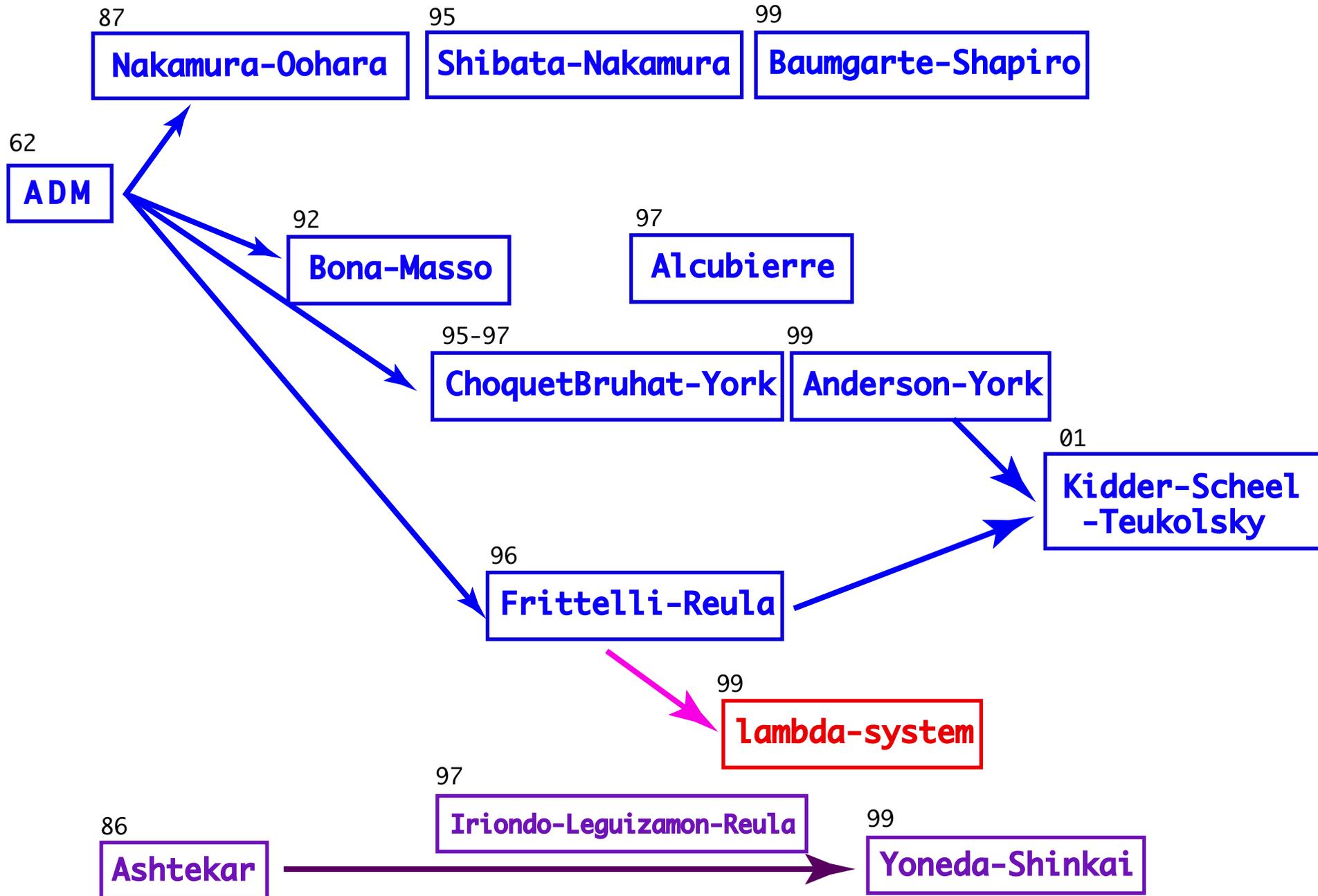
- strategy 0: Arnowitt-Deser-Misner (ADM) formulation
- strategy 1: Baumgarte-Shapiro-Shibata-Nakamura (BSSN) formulation
- strategy 2: Hyperbolic formulations
- strategy 3: “Asymptotically constrained” against a violation of constraints

By adding constraints in RHS, we can kill error-growing modes
⇒ How can we understand the features systematically?

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strategy 1

Baumgarte-Shapiro-Shibata-Nakamura (BSSN) formulation

T. Nakamura, K. Oohara and Y. Kojima, Prog. Theor. Phys. Suppl. **90**, 1 (1987)

M. Shibata and T. Nakamura, Phys. Rev. D **52**, 5428 (1995)

T.W. Baumgarte and S.L. Shapiro, Phys. Rev. D **59**, 024007 (1999)

The popular approach. Nakamura's idea in 1980s.

BSSN is a tricky nickname. BS (1999) introduced a paper of SN (1995).

- define new set of variables $(\phi, \tilde{\gamma}_{ij}, K, \tilde{A}_{ij}, \tilde{\Gamma}^i)$, instead of the ADM's (γ_{ij}, K_{ij}) where

$$\tilde{\gamma}_{ij} \equiv e^{-4\phi} \gamma_{ij}, \quad \tilde{A}_{ij} \equiv e^{-4\phi} (K_{ij} - (1/3)\gamma_{ij}K), \quad \tilde{\Gamma}^i \equiv \tilde{\Gamma}^i_{jk} \tilde{\gamma}^{jk},$$

and impose $\det \tilde{\gamma}_{ij} = 1$ during the evolutions.

- The set of evolution equations become

$$\begin{aligned} (\partial_t - \mathcal{L}_\beta)\phi &= -(1/6)\alpha K, \\ (\partial_t - \mathcal{L}_\beta)\tilde{\gamma}_{ij} &= -2\alpha\tilde{A}_{ij}, \\ (\partial_t - \mathcal{L}_\beta)K &= \alpha\tilde{A}_{ij}\tilde{A}^{ij} + (1/3)\alpha K^2 - \gamma^{ij}(\nabla_i\nabla_j\alpha), \\ (\partial_t - \mathcal{L}_\beta)\tilde{A}_{ij} &= -e^{-4\phi}(\nabla_i\nabla_j\alpha)^{TF} + e^{-4\phi}\alpha R_{ij}^{(3)} - e^{-4\phi}\alpha(1/3)\gamma_{ij}R^{(3)} + \alpha(K\tilde{A}_{ij} - 2\tilde{A}_{ik}\tilde{A}^k_j) \\ \partial_t\tilde{\Gamma}^i &= -2(\partial_j\alpha)\tilde{A}^{ij} - (4/3)\alpha(\partial_j K)\tilde{\gamma}^{ij} + 12\alpha\tilde{A}^{ji}(\partial_j\phi) - 2\alpha\tilde{A}_k^j(\partial_j\tilde{\gamma}^{ik}) - 2\alpha\tilde{\Gamma}^k_{lj}\tilde{A}^j_k\tilde{\gamma}^{il} \\ &\quad - \partial_j(\beta^k\partial_k\tilde{\gamma}^{ij} - \tilde{\gamma}^{kj}(\partial_k\beta^i) - \tilde{\gamma}^{ki}(\partial_k\beta^j) + (2/3)\tilde{\gamma}^{ij}(\partial_k\beta^k)) \end{aligned}$$

Momentum constraint was used in Γ^i -eq.

- Calculate Riemann tensor as

$$\begin{aligned}
R_{ij} &= \partial_k \Gamma_{ij}^k - \partial_i \Gamma_{kj}^k + \Gamma_{ij}^m \Gamma_{mk}^k - \Gamma_{kj}^m \Gamma_{mi}^k =: \tilde{R}_{ij} + R_{ij}^\phi \\
R_{ij}^\phi &= -2\tilde{D}_i \tilde{D}_j \phi - 2\tilde{g}_{ij} \tilde{D}^l \tilde{D}_l \phi + 4(\tilde{D}_i \phi)(\tilde{D}_j \phi) - 4\tilde{g}_{ij} (\tilde{D}^l \phi)(\tilde{D}_l \phi) \\
\tilde{R}_{ij} &= -(1/2)\tilde{g}^{lm} \partial_{lm} \tilde{g}_{ij} + \tilde{g}_{k(i} \partial_{j)} \tilde{\Gamma}^k + \tilde{\Gamma}^k \tilde{\Gamma}_{(ij)k} + 2\tilde{g}^{lm} \tilde{\Gamma}_{l(i}^k \tilde{\Gamma}_{j)km} + \tilde{g}^{lm} \tilde{\Gamma}_{im}^k \tilde{\Gamma}_{klj}
\end{aligned}$$

- Constraints are $\mathcal{H}, \mathcal{M}_i$.
But there are additional ones, $\mathcal{G}^i, \mathcal{A}, \mathcal{S}$.

Hamiltonian and the momentum constraint equations

$$\mathcal{H}^{BSSN} = R^{BSSN} + K^2 - K_{ij} K^{ij}, \quad (1)$$

$$\mathcal{M}_i^{BSSN} = \mathcal{M}_i^{ADM}, \quad (2)$$

Additionally, we regard the following three as the constraints:

$$\mathcal{G}^i = \tilde{\Gamma}^i - \tilde{\gamma}^{jk} \tilde{\Gamma}_{jk}^i, \quad (3)$$

$$\mathcal{A} = \tilde{A}_{ij} \tilde{\gamma}^{ij}, \quad (4)$$

$$\mathcal{S} = \tilde{\gamma} - 1, \quad (5)$$

Why BSSN better than ADM?

Is the BSSN best? Are there any alternatives?

Some known fact (technical):

- Trace-out A_{ij} at every time step helps the stability.

Alcubierre, et al, [PRD 62 (2000) 044034]

- “The essential improvement is in the process of replacing terms by the momentum constraints”,

Alcubierre, et al, [PRD 62 (2000) 124011]

- $\tilde{\Gamma}^i$ is replaced by $-\partial_j \tilde{\gamma}^{ij}$ where it is not differentiated,

Campanelli, et al, [PRL96 (2006) 111101; PRD 73 (2006) 061501R]

- $\tilde{\Gamma}^i$ -equation has been modified as suggested in Yo-Baumgarte-Shapiro [PRD 66 (2002) 084026]

Baker et al, [PRL96 (2006) 111102; PRD73 (2006) 104002]

Some guesses:

- BSSN has a wider range of parameters that give us stable evolutions in [von Neumann's stability analysis](#). Miller, [gr-qc/0008017]

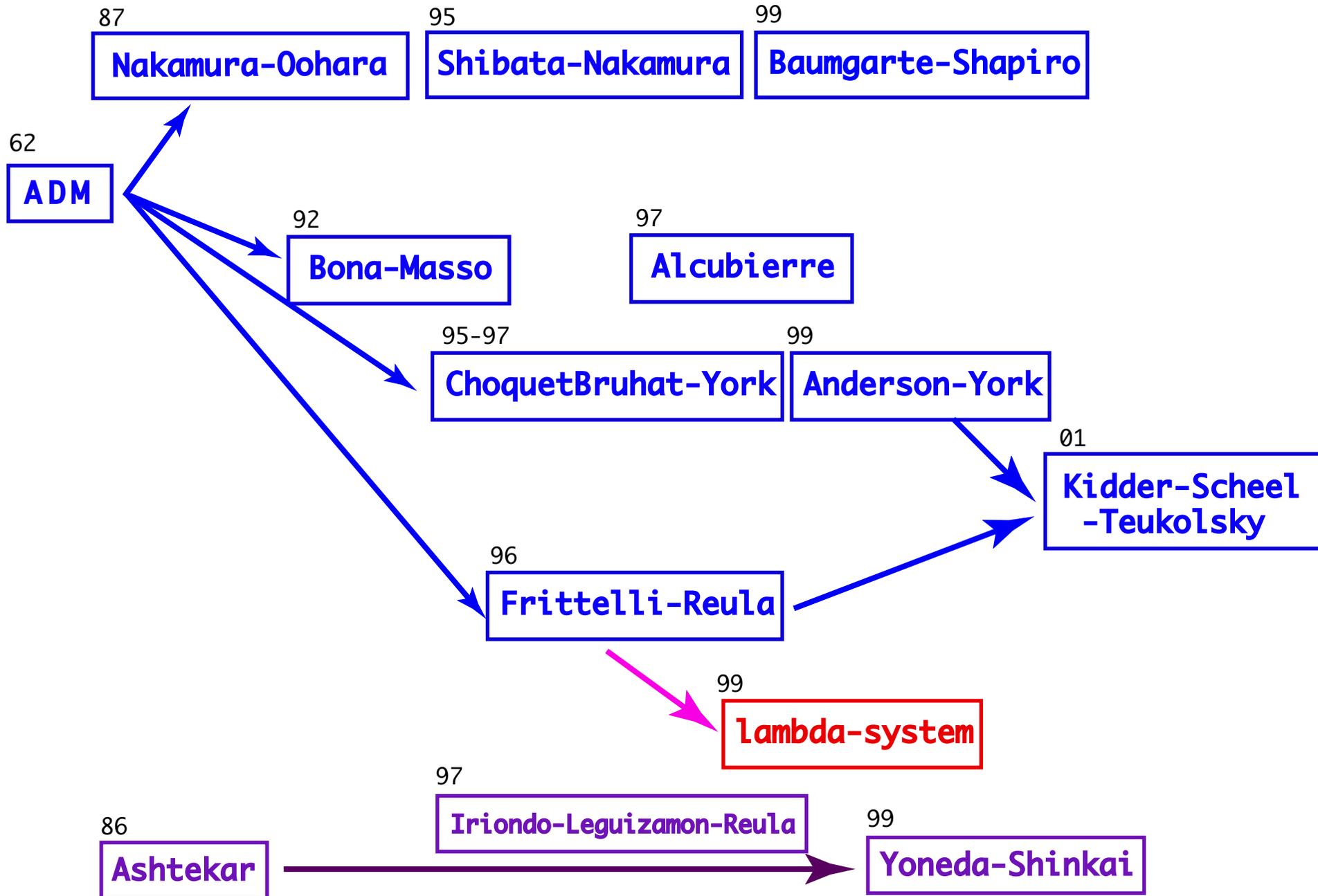
- The eigenvalues of [BSSN evolution equations](#) has fewer “zero eigenvalues” than those of ADM, and they conjectured that the instability can be caused by “zero eigenvalues” that violate “gauge mode”.

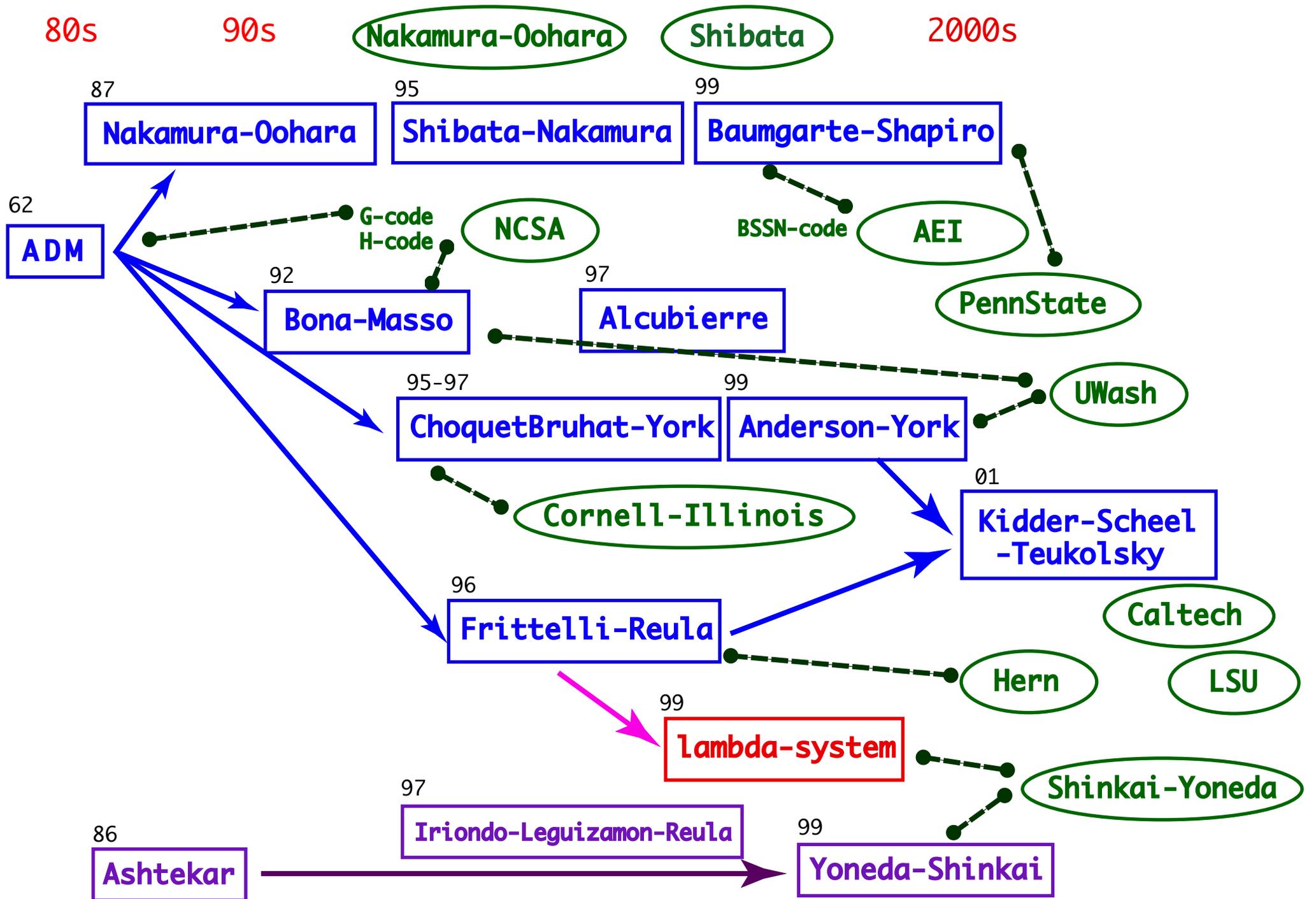
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strategy 2 Hyperbolic formulation

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Hyperbolic Formulation

(1) Definition

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if the eigenvalues of A are

weakly hyperbolic

all real.

strongly hyperbolic

all real and \exists a complete set of eigenvalues.

symmetric hyperbolic

if A is real and symmetric (Hermitian).

Weakly hyp.

Strongly hyp.

Symmetric hyp.

Hyperbolic Formulation

(2) Expectations

- if **strongly**/symmetric hyperbolic \implies **well-posed** system
 - Given initial data + source terms \rightarrow a unique solution exists
 - The solution depends continuously on the data
 - Exists an upper bound on (unphysical) energy norm

$$\|u(t)\| \leq e^{\kappa t} \|u(0)\|$$

- Better boundary treatments
 \iff existence of characteristic field
- Known numerical techniques in
Newtonian hydro-dynamics

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However,

- ADM is not hyperbolic.
- BSSN is not hyperbolic.
- Many many hyperbolic formulations are presented. **Why many?** \Rightarrow Exercise.

One might ask ...

Are they actually helpful?

Which level of hyperbolicity is necessary?

Exercise 1 of hyperbolic formulation

Wave equation $(\partial_t^2 - c^2 \partial_x^2)u = 0$

Exercise 1 of hyperbolic formulation

$$\text{Wave equation} \quad (\partial_t \partial_t - c^2 \partial_x \partial_x)u = 0$$

[1a] use u as one of the fundamental variables.

$$\partial_t \begin{pmatrix} u \\ v \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & c^2 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \partial_x \begin{pmatrix} u \\ v \end{pmatrix} \quad (6)$$

Eigenvalues = $\pm c$. Not a symmetric hyperbolic, but a kind of **strongly hyperbolic**.

[1b]

$$\partial_t \begin{pmatrix} u \\ v \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & c \\ c & 0 \end{pmatrix} \partial_x \begin{pmatrix} u \\ v \end{pmatrix} \quad (7)$$

Eigenvalues = $\pm c$. **Symmetric hyperbolic**.

[2a] Let $U = \dot{u}$, $V = u'$,

$$\partial_t \begin{pmatrix} U \\ V \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & c^2 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \partial_x \begin{pmatrix} U \\ V \end{pmatrix} \quad (8)$$

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[2b] Let $U = \dot{u}$, $V = cu'$,

$$\partial_t \begin{pmatrix} U \\ V \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & c \\ c & 0 \end{pmatrix} \partial_x \begin{pmatrix} U \\ V \end{pmatrix} \quad (9)$$

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Exercise 1 of hyperbolic formulation

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Eigenvalues = $0, \pm c$. Not a symmetric hyperbolic, nor a strongly hyperbolic.

[3b] Let $v = \dot{u}, w = cv'$,

$$\partial_t \begin{pmatrix} u \\ v \\ w \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & c \\ 0 & c & 0 \end{pmatrix} \partial_x \begin{pmatrix} u \\ v \\ w \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} v \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad (11)$$

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[4] Let $f = \dot{u} - cu', g = \dot{u} + cu'$,

$$\partial_t \begin{pmatrix} f \\ g \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -c & 0 \\ 0 & c \end{pmatrix} \partial_x \begin{pmatrix} f \\ g \end{pmatrix} \quad (12)$$

Eigenvalues = $\pm c$. **Symmetric hyperbolic**, de-coupled.

Exercise 2 of hyperbolic formulation

Maxwell equations

Consider the Maxwell equations in the vacuum space,

$$\operatorname{div} \mathbf{E} = 0, \quad (1a)$$

$$\operatorname{div} \mathbf{B} = 0, \quad (1b)$$

$$\operatorname{rot} \mathbf{B} - \frac{1}{c} \frac{\partial \mathbf{E}}{\partial t} = 0, \quad (1c)$$

$$\operatorname{rot} \mathbf{E} + \frac{1}{c} \frac{\partial \mathbf{B}}{\partial t} = 0. \quad (1d)$$

Exercise 2 of hyperbolic formulation

Maxwell equations

(cont.)

- Take a pair of variables as $u^i = (E_1, E_2, E_3, B_1, B_2, B_3)^T$, and write (1c) and (1d) in the matrix form

$$\partial_t \begin{bmatrix} E_i \\ B_i \end{bmatrix} \cong \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} A_i^{l,j} & B_i^{l,j} \\ C_i^{l,j} & D_i^{l,j} \end{bmatrix}}_{\text{Hermitian?}} \partial_l \begin{bmatrix} E_j \\ B_j \end{bmatrix}. \quad (2)$$

- In the Maxwell case, we see immediately

$$\partial_t u_i = c \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \epsilon_i^{lm} \\ -\epsilon_i^{lm} & 0 \end{pmatrix} \partial_l u_m$$

or with the actual components

$$\partial_t \begin{pmatrix} E_1 \\ E_2 \\ E_3 \\ B_1 \\ B_2 \\ B_3 \end{pmatrix} = c \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -\delta_3^l & \delta_2^l \\ \delta_3^l & 0 & -\delta_1^l \\ -\delta_2^l & \delta_1^l & 0 \end{pmatrix} \partial_l \begin{pmatrix} E_1 \\ E_2 \\ E_3 \\ B_1 \\ B_2 \\ B_3 \end{pmatrix}.$$

That is, **symmetric hyperbolic** system.

Exercise 2 of hyperbolic formulation

Maxwell equations

(cont.)

- The eigen-equation of the characteristic matrix becomes

$$\det \begin{pmatrix} A_i^{l,j} - \lambda^l \delta_i^j & B_i^{l,j} \\ C_i^{l,j} & D_i^{l,j} - \lambda^l \delta_i^j \end{pmatrix} = \det \left(\begin{pmatrix} -\lambda^l & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -\lambda^l & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -\lambda^l \end{pmatrix} c \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -\delta_3^l & \delta_2^l \\ \delta_3^l & 0 & -\delta_1^l \\ -\delta_2^l & \delta_1^l & 0 \end{pmatrix} \right) = 0$$

$$\left(c \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \delta_3^l & -\delta_2^l \\ -\delta_3^l & 0 & \delta_1^l \\ \delta_2^l & -\delta_1^l & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} -\lambda^l & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -\lambda^l & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -\lambda^l \end{pmatrix} \right)$$

We therefore obtain the eigenvalues as

$$0 \text{ (2 multi),} \quad \pm c \sqrt{(\delta_1^l)^2 + (\delta_2^l)^2 + (\delta_3^l)^2} \equiv \pm c \text{ (2 each)}$$

Exercise 3 of hyperbolic formulation

Adjusted Maxwell equations

By adding constraints (1a) and (1b) in the RHS of equations, and see what will be happend.

$$\partial_t u_i = c \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -\epsilon_i^{lm} \\ \epsilon_i^{lm} & 0 \end{pmatrix} \partial_l u_m + c \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} \partial_k E_k + c \begin{pmatrix} z \\ w \end{pmatrix} \partial_k B_k, \quad (3)$$

where x, y, z, w are parameters.

Exercise 3 of hyperbolic formulation

Adjusted Maxwell equations

(cont.)

By adding constraints (1a) and (1b) in the RHS of equations, and see what will be happend.

$$\partial_t u_i = c \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -\epsilon_i^{lm} \\ \epsilon_i^{lm} & 0 \end{pmatrix} \partial_l u_m + c \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} \partial_k E_k + c \begin{pmatrix} z \\ w \end{pmatrix} \partial_k B_k, \quad (3)$$

where x, y, z, w are parameters.

- The actual components are

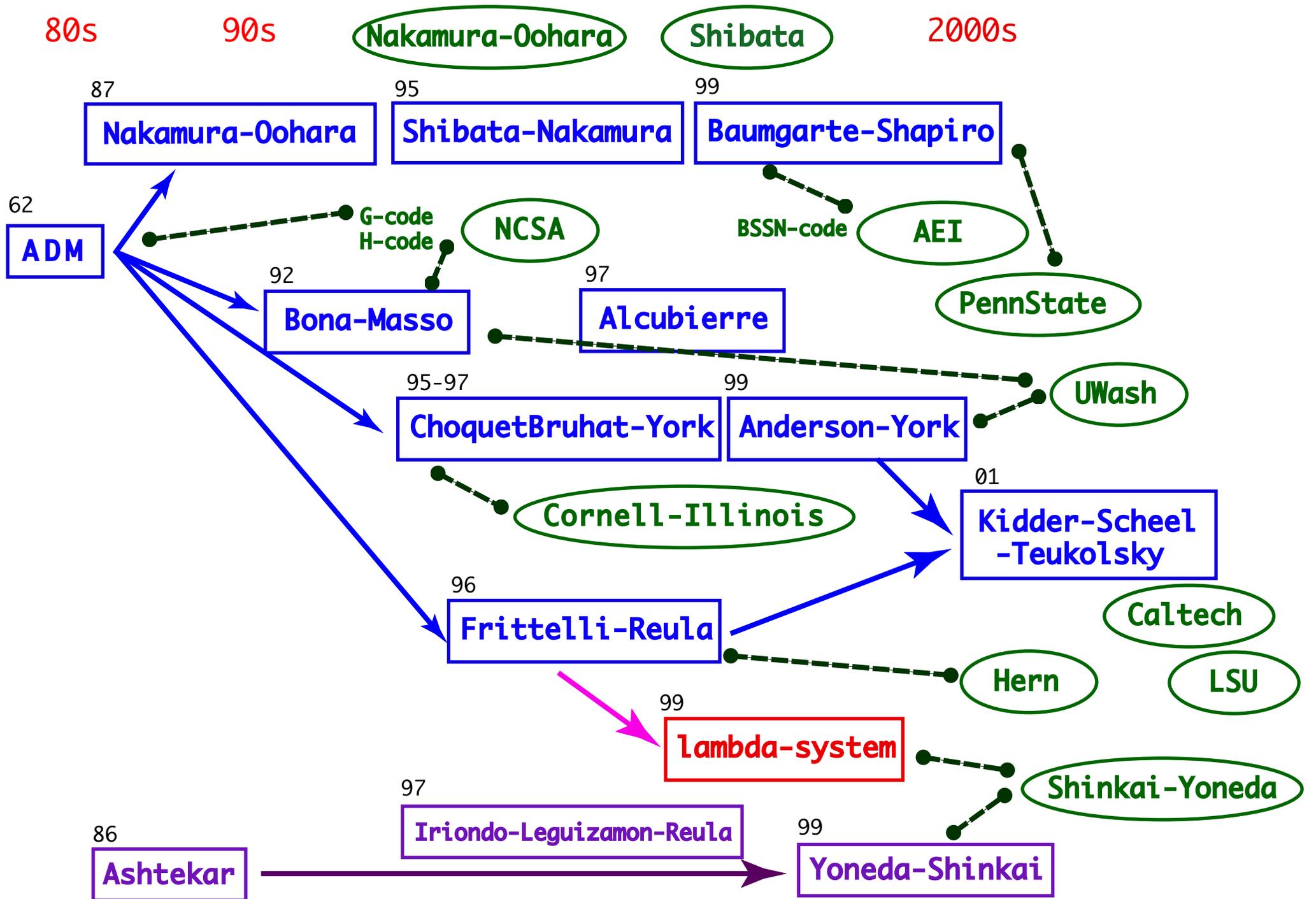
$$\partial_t \begin{pmatrix} E_1 \\ E_2 \\ E_3 \\ B_1 \\ B_2 \\ B_3 \end{pmatrix} = c \left(y \begin{pmatrix} \delta_1^l & \delta_2^l & \delta_3^l \\ \delta_1^l & \delta_2^l & \delta_3^l \\ \delta_1^l & \delta_2^l & \delta_3^l \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \delta_3^l & -\delta_2^l \\ -\delta_3^l & 0 & \delta_1^l \\ \delta_2^l & -\delta_1^l & 0 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} \delta_1^l & \delta_2^l & \delta_3^l \\ \delta_1^l & \delta_2^l & \delta_3^l \\ \delta_1^l & \delta_2^l & \delta_3^l \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -\delta_3^l & \delta_2^l \\ \delta_3^l & 0 & -\delta_1^l \\ -\delta_2^l & \delta_1^l & 0 \end{pmatrix} \right) \partial_l \begin{pmatrix} E_1 \\ E_2 \\ E_3 \\ B_1 \\ B_2 \\ B_3 \end{pmatrix}.$$

We see that adding constraint terms break the symmetricity of the characteristic matrix.

- The eigenvalues will be changed as

$$\frac{c}{2} \left(x + w \pm \sqrt{x^2 - 2xw + w^2 + 4yz} \right) (\delta_1^l + \delta_2^l + \delta_3^l) \quad (1 \text{ each}), \quad \pm c \quad (2 \text{ each}).$$

The zero eigenvalues disappear by adding constraints, and they can be also $|c|$ if the parameters have the relation $(yz - xw - 1)^2 = (x + w)^2$.



Kidder-Scheel-Teukolsky hyperbolic formulation (Anderson-York + Frittelli-Reula)

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- Construct a First-order form using variables $(K_{ij}, g_{ij}, d_{kij})$ where $d_{kij} \equiv \partial_k g_{ij}$
Constraints are $(\mathcal{H}, \mathcal{M}_i, \mathcal{C}_{kij}, \mathcal{C}_{kl ij})$ where $\mathcal{C}_{kij} \equiv d_{kij} - \partial_k g_{ij}$, and $\mathcal{C}_{kl ij} \equiv \partial_{[k} d_{l]ij}$
- Densitize the lapse, $Q = \log(Ng^{-\sigma})$
- Adjust equations with constraints

$$\begin{aligned}\hat{\partial}_0 g_{ij} &= -2NK_{ij} \\ \hat{\partial}_0 K_{ij} &= (\dots) + \gamma N g_{ij} \mathcal{H} + \zeta N g^{ab} \mathcal{C}_{a(ij)b} \\ \hat{\partial}_0 d_{kij} &= (\dots) + \eta N g_{k(i} \mathcal{M}_{j)} + \chi N g_{ij} \mathcal{M}_k\end{aligned}$$

- Re-defining the variables $(P_{ij}, g_{ij}, M_{kij})$

$$\begin{aligned}P_{ij} &\equiv K_{ij} + \hat{z} g_{ij} K, \\ M_{kij} &\equiv (1/2)[\hat{k} d_{kij} + \hat{e} d_{(ij)k} + g_{ij}(\hat{a} d_k + \hat{b} b_k) + g_{k(i}(\hat{c} d_{j)} + \hat{d} b_{j})], \quad d_k = g^{ab} d_{kab}, b_k = g^{ab} d_{abk}\end{aligned}$$

The redefinition parameters

- do not change the eigenvalues of evolution eqs.
- do not effect on the principal part of the constraint evolution eqs.
- do affect the eigenvectors of evolution system.
- do affect nonlinear terms of evolution eqs/constraint evolution eqs.

Numerical experiments of KST hyperbolic formulation

Weak wave on flat spacetime.

-> No non-principal part.

-> We can observe the features of hyperbolicity.

-> Using constraints in RHS may improve the blow-up.

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Stability properties of a formulation of Einstein's equations

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We study the stability properties of the Kidder-Scheel-Teukolsky (KST) many-parameter formulation of Einstein's equations for weak gravitational waves on flat space-time from a continuum and numerical point of view. At the continuum, performing a linearized analysis of the equations around flat space-time, it turns out that they have, essentially, no non-principal terms. As a consequence, in the weak field limit the stability properties of this formulation depend only on the level of hyperbolicity of the system. At the discrete level we present some simple one-dimensional simulations using the KST family. The goal is to analyze the type of instabilities that appear as one changes parameter values in the formulation. Lessons learned in this analysis can be applied in other formulations with similar properties.

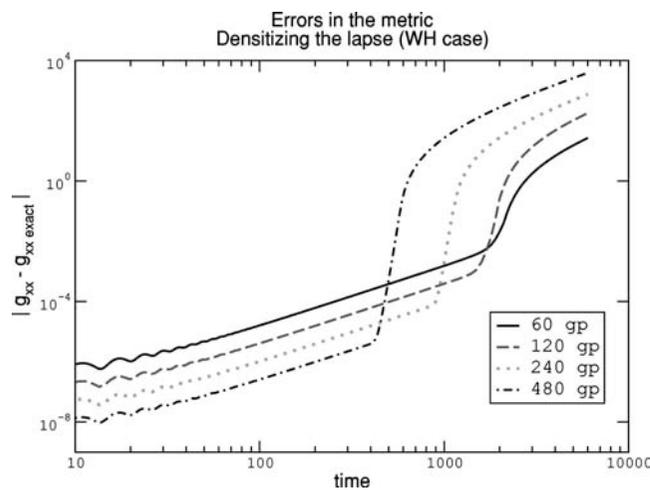


FIG. 7. L_2 norms of the errors for the metric.

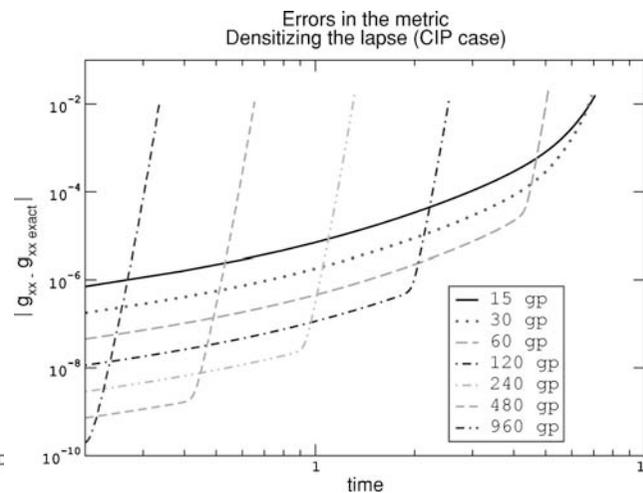


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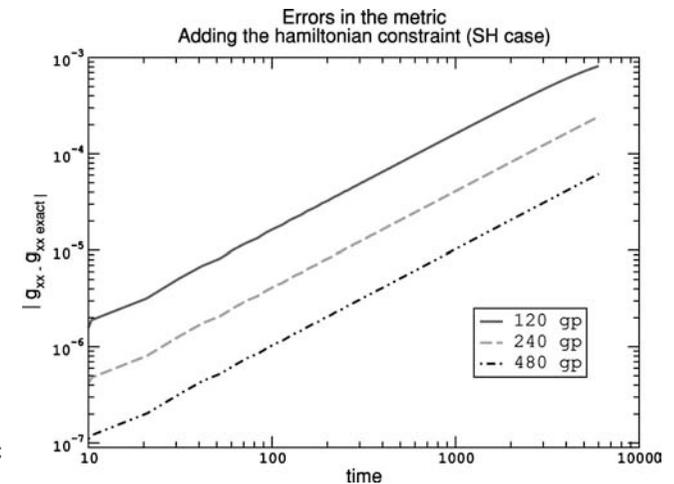


FIG. 12. L_2 norm of the errors for the metric.

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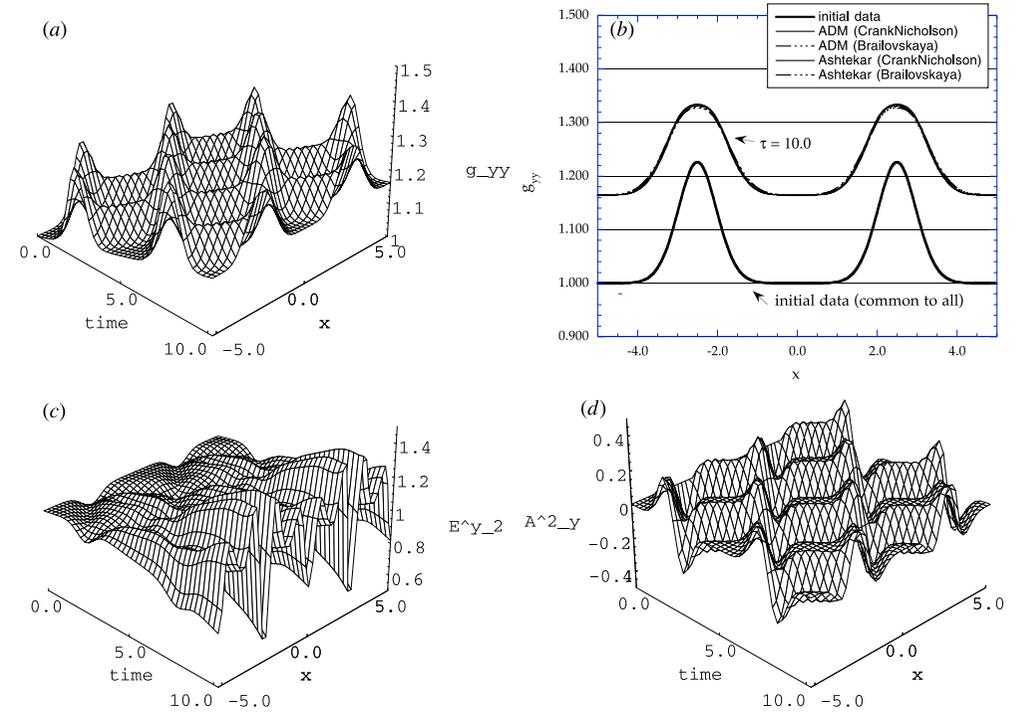


Figure 2. Images of gravitational wave propagation and comparisons of dynamical behaviour of Ashtekar's variables and ADM variables. We applied the same initial data of two $+$ -mode pulse waves ($a = 0.2$, $b = 2.0$, $c = \pm 2.5$ in equation (21) and $K_0 = -0.025$), and the same slicing condition, the standard geodesic slicing condition ($N = 1$). (a) Image of the 3-metric component g_{yy} of a function of proper time τ and coordinate x . This behaviour can be seen identically both in ADM and Ashtekar evolutions, and both with the Brailovskaya and Crank–Nicholson time-integration scheme. Part (b) explains this fact by comparing the snapshot of g_{yy} at the same proper time slice ($\tau = 10$), where four lines at $\tau = 10$ are looked at identically. Parts (c) and (d) are of the real part of the densitized triad \tilde{E}_2^y , and the real part of the connection \mathcal{A}_2^y , respectively, obtained from the evolution of the Ashtekar variables.

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$$\text{where } P^i{}_{ab} \equiv N^i \delta_{ab} + i\tilde{N} \epsilon_{ab}{}^c \tilde{E}_c^i,$$

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$$\text{where } Q_i^a \equiv e^{-2} \tilde{N} \tilde{E}_i^a, \quad R_i{}^{ja} \equiv ie^{-2} \tilde{N} \epsilon^{ac}{}_b \tilde{E}_i^b \tilde{E}_c^j.$$

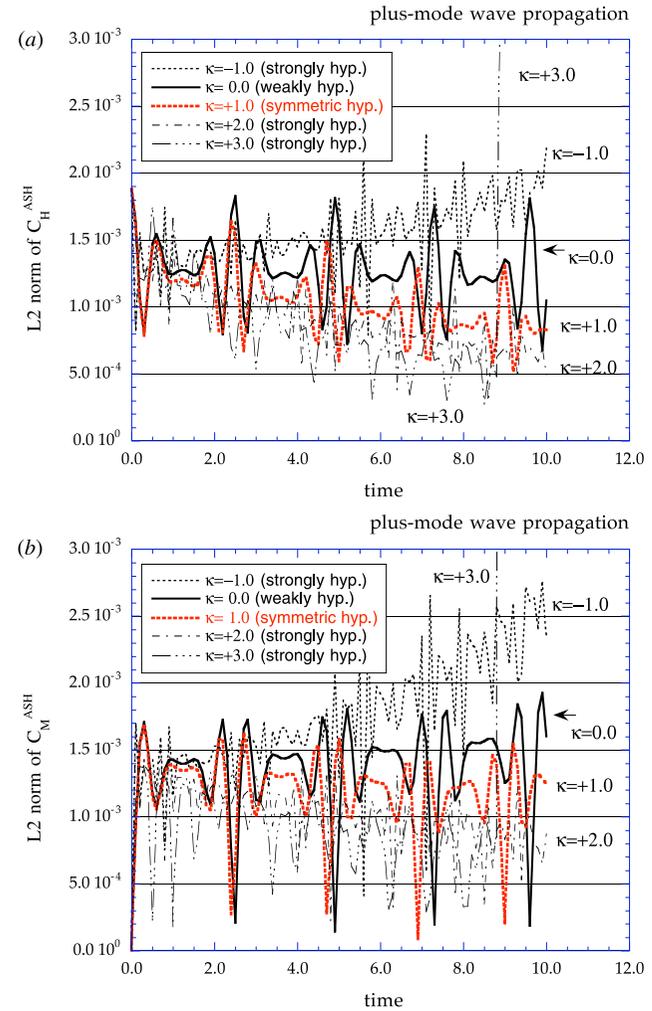


Figure 6. Comparisons of the ‘adjusted’ system with the different multiplier, κ , in equations (31) and (32). The model uses +-mode pulse waves ($a = 0.1$, $b = 2.0$, $c = \pm 2.5$) in equation (21) in a background $K_0 = -0.025$. Plots are of the L2 norm of the Hamiltonian and momentum constraint equations, C_H^{ASH} and C_M^{ASH} ((a) and (b), respectively). We see some κ produce a better performance than the symmetric hyperbolic system.

No drastic differences in stability between 3 levels of hyperbolicity.

BSSN Pros:

- With Bona-Masso-type α ($1+\log$), and frozen β ($\partial_t \Gamma^i \sim 0$), **BSSN plus auxiliary variables** form a 1st-order symmetric hyperbolic system,
Heyer-Sarbach, [PRD 70 (2004) 104004]
- If we define 2nd order symmetric hyperbolic form, **principal part of BSSN** can be one of them,
Gundlach-MartinGarcia, [PRD 70 (2004) 044031, PRD 74 (2006) 024016]

BSSN Cons:

- **Existence of an ill-posed solution** in BSSN (as well in ADM)
Frittelli-Gomez [JMP 41 (2000) 5535]
- **Gauge shocks in Bona-Masso slicing is inevitable.** Current 3D BH simulation is lack of resolution.
Garfinke-Gundlach-Hilditch [arXiv:0707.0726]

strategy 2 [Hyperbolic formulation \(cont.\)](#)

Are they actually helpful?

“YES” group

“Well-posed!”, $\|u(t)\| \leq e^{\kappa t} \|u(0)\|$

Mathematically Rigorous Proofs

IBVP in future

Initial Boundary Value Problem

Consistent treatment is available only for **symmetric hyperbolic** systems.

GR-IBVP

Stewart, CQG15 (98) 2865

Tetrad formalism

Friedrich & Nagy, CMP201 (99) 619

Linearized Bianchi eq.

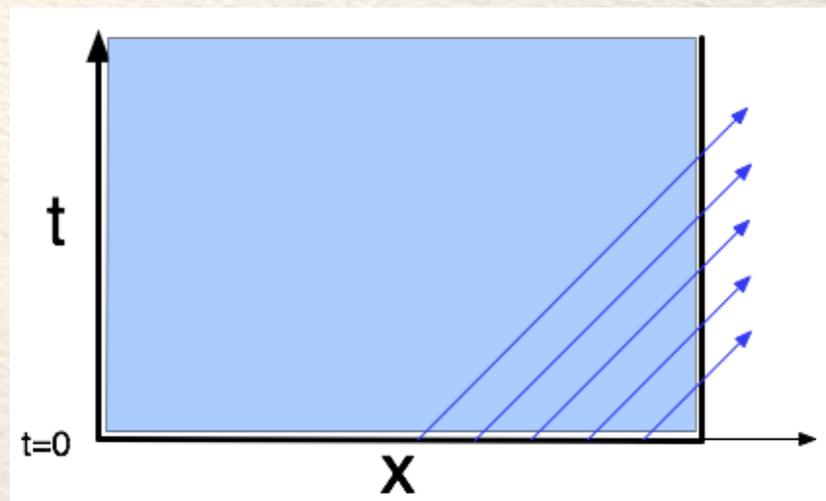
Buchman & Sarbach, CQG 23 (06) 6709

Constraint-preserving BC

Kreiss, Reula, Sarbach & Winicour, CQG 24 (07) 5973

Higher-order absorbing BC

Ruiz, Rinne & Sarbach, CQG 24 (07) 6349



Weakly hyp.

Strongly hyp.

Symmetric hyp.

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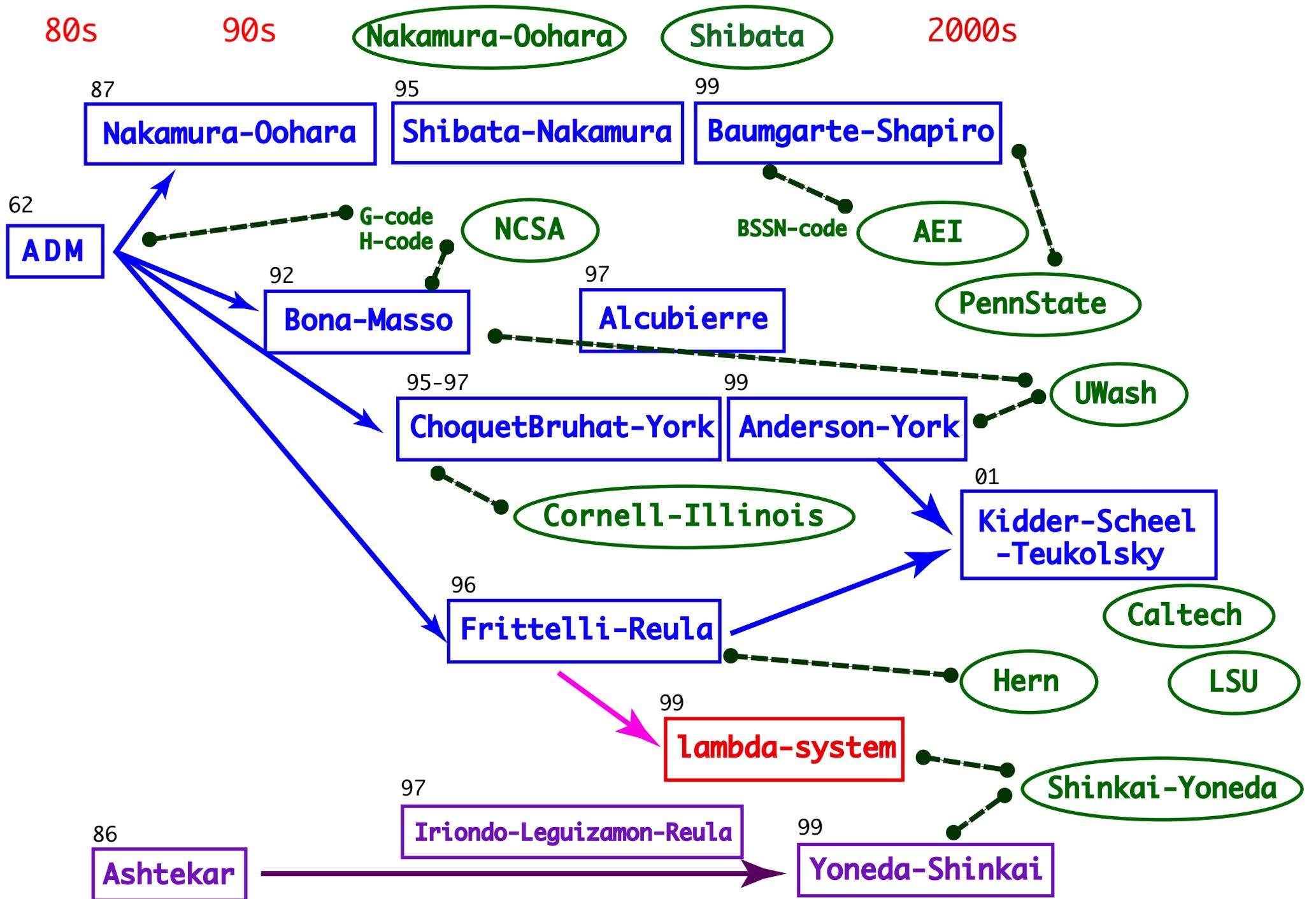
These were vs. ADM

Not much differences in hyperbolic 3 levels

– FR formulation, by Hern

– Ashtekar formulation, by HS-Yoneda

sym. hyp. is not always the best



Summary up to here (1st half)

[Keyword 1] Formulation Problem

Although mathematically equivalent, different set of equations shows different numerical stability.

[Keyword 2] ADM formulation

The starting formulation (Historically & Numerically).
Successes in 90s, but not for binary BH-BH/NS-NS problems.

[Keyword 3] BSSN formulation

New variables and gauge fixing to ADM, shows better stability.
The reason why it is better was not known at first.
Many simulation groups uses BSSN. **Technical tips** are accumulated.

[Keyword 4] hyperbolic formulations

Mathematical classification of PDE shows "well-posedness", but its meaning is limited.

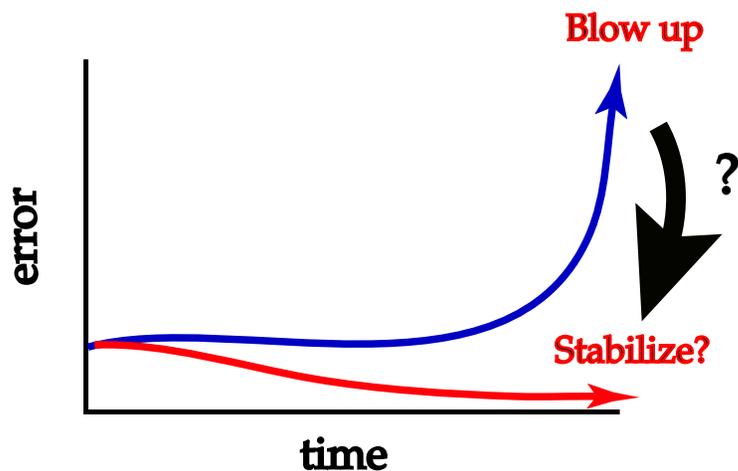
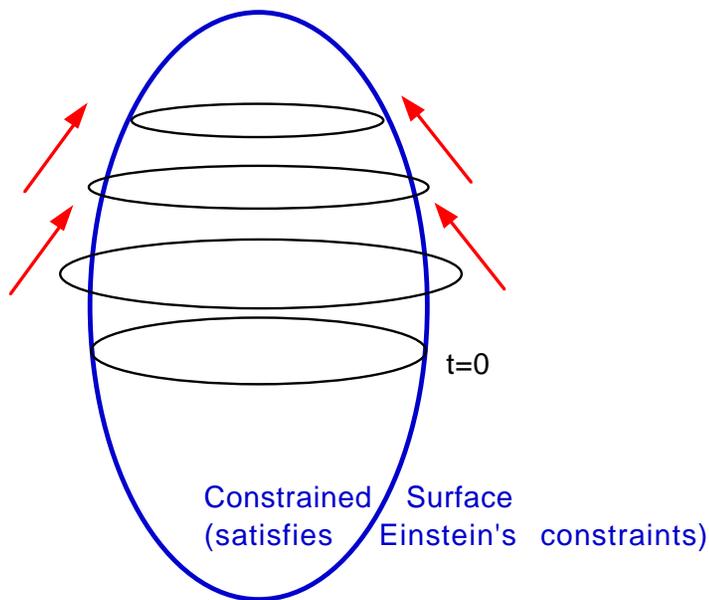
Many versions of hyperbolic Einstein equations are available.

Some group try to show the advantage of BSSN using "hyperbolicity".

But are they really helpful in numerics?

strategy 3 “Asymptotically Constrained” system / “Constraint Damping” system

Formulate a system which is “asymptotically constrained” against a violation of constraints
Constraint Surface as an Attractor



method 1: λ -system (Brodbeck et al, 2000)

- Add artificial force to reduce the violation of constraints
- To be guaranteed if we apply the idea to a symmetric hyperbolic system.

method 2: Adjusted system (Yoneda HS, 2000, 2001)

- We can control the violation of constraints by adjusting constraints to EoM.
- Eigenvalue analysis of constraint propagation equations may predict the violation of error.
- This idea is applicable even if the system is not symmetric hyperbolic. \Rightarrow

for the ADM/BSSN formulation, too!!

Idea of λ -system

Brodbeck, Frittelli, Hübner and Reula, JMP40(99)909

We expect a system that is robust for controlling the violation of constraints

Recipe

1. Prepare a symmetric hyperbolic evolution system $\partial_t u = J \partial_i u + K$
2. Introduce λ as an indicator of violation of constraint which obeys dissipative eqs. of motion $\partial_t \lambda = \alpha C - \beta \lambda$
($\alpha \neq 0, \beta > 0$)
3. Take a set of (u, λ) as dynamical variables $\partial_t \begin{pmatrix} u \\ \lambda \end{pmatrix} \simeq \begin{pmatrix} A & 0 \\ F & 0 \end{pmatrix} \partial_i \begin{pmatrix} u \\ \lambda \end{pmatrix}$
4. Modify evolution eqs so as to form a symmetric hyperbolic system $\partial_t \begin{pmatrix} u \\ \lambda \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} A & \bar{F} \\ F & 0 \end{pmatrix} \partial_i \begin{pmatrix} u \\ \lambda \end{pmatrix}$

Remarks

- BFHR used a sym. hyp. formulation by Frittelli-Reula [PRL76(96)4667]
- The version for the Ashtekar formulation by HS-Yoneda [PRD60(99)101502] for controlling the constraints or reality conditions or both.
- Succeeded in evolution of GW in planar spacetime using Ashtekar vars. [CQG18(2001)441]
- Do the recovered solutions represent true evolution? by Siebel-Hübner [PRD64(2001)024021]
- The version for Z4 hyperbolic system by Gundlach-Calabrese-Hinder-MartinGarcia [CQG22(05)3767] \Rightarrow Pretorius noticed the idea of "constraint damping" [PRL95(05)121101]

Hyperbolic formulations and numerical relativity: II. asymptotically constrained systems of Einstein equations

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Maxwell-lambda system works as expected.

$$\partial_t \begin{pmatrix} E^i \\ B^i \\ \lambda_E \\ \lambda_B \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -c\epsilon^i{}_j{}^l & \alpha_1\delta^{li} & 0 \\ c\epsilon^i{}_j{}^l & 0 & 0 & \alpha_2\delta^{li} \\ \alpha_1\delta^l{}_j & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \alpha_2\delta^l{}_j & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \partial_l \begin{pmatrix} E^j \\ B^j \\ \lambda_E \\ \lambda_B \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ -\beta_1\lambda_E \\ -\beta_2\lambda_B \end{pmatrix}.$$

$$\partial_t \begin{pmatrix} \hat{C}_E \\ \hat{C}_B \\ \hat{\lambda}_E \\ \hat{\lambda}_B \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & -\alpha_1 k^2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -\alpha_2 k^2 \\ \alpha_1 & 0 & -\beta_1 & 0 \\ 0 & \alpha_2 & 0 & -\beta_2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \hat{C}_E \\ \hat{C}_B \\ \hat{\lambda}_E \\ \hat{\lambda}_B \end{pmatrix},$$

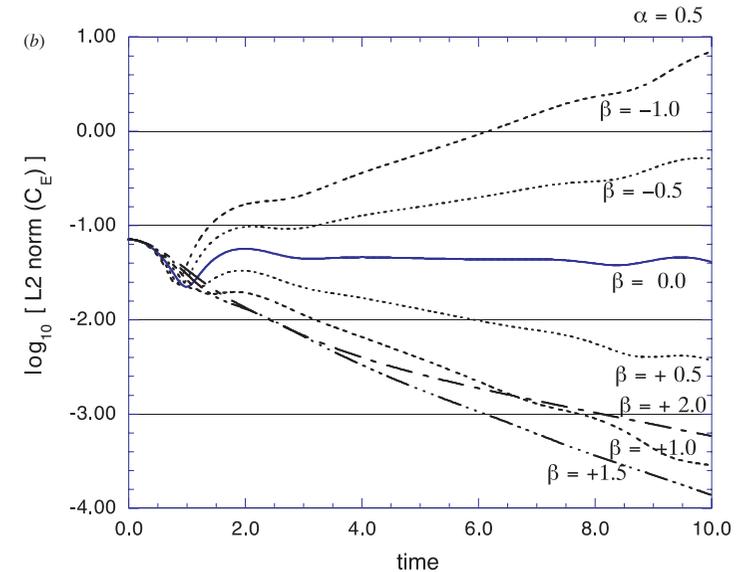
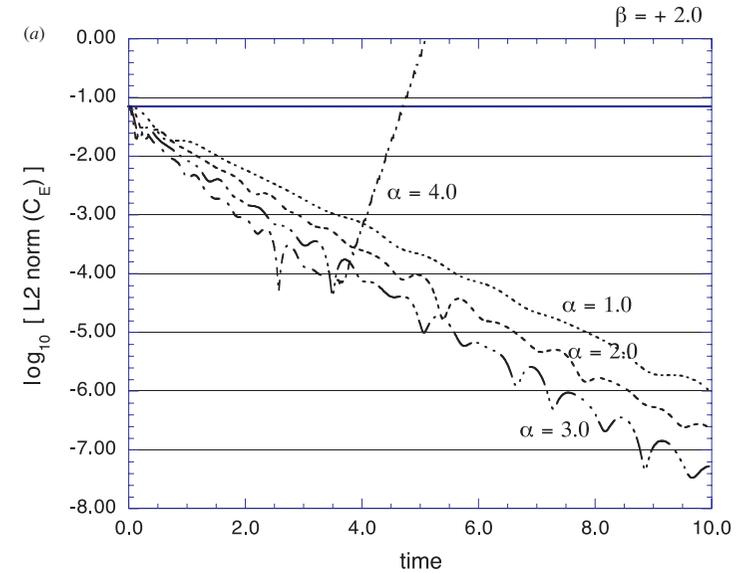


Figure 1. Demonstration of the λ system in the Maxwell equation. (a) Constraint violation (L2 norm of C_E) versus time with constant β ($= 2.0$) but changing α . Here $\alpha = 0$ means no λ system. (b) The same plot with constant α ($= 0.5$) but changing β . We see better performance for $\beta > 0$, which is the case of negative eigenvalues of the constraint propagation equation. The constants in (2.18) were chosen as $A = 200$ and $B = 1$.

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Ashtekar-lambda system works as expected, as well.

$$\partial_t \begin{pmatrix} \tilde{E}_a^i \\ \mathcal{A}_i^a \\ \lambda \\ \lambda_i \\ \lambda_a \end{pmatrix} \cong \begin{pmatrix} \mathcal{M}^l_{a^{bi}j} & 0 & 0 & 0 & \tilde{\alpha}_3 \gamma^{il} \delta_a^b \\ 0 & \mathcal{N}^{la}_{ib^j} & i\tilde{\alpha}_1 \epsilon^a{}_{c^d} \tilde{E}_i^c \tilde{E}_d^l & \tilde{\alpha}_2 e(\delta_i^j \tilde{E}^{la} - \gamma^{lj} \tilde{E}_i^a) & 0 \\ 0 & -i\alpha_1 \epsilon_b{}^{cd} \tilde{E}_c^j \tilde{E}_d^l & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \alpha_2 e(\delta_i^j \tilde{E}_b^l - \delta_i^l \tilde{E}_b^j) & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \alpha_3 \delta_a^b \delta_j^l & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} : \partial_t \begin{pmatrix} \tilde{E}_b^j \\ \mathcal{A}_j^b \\ \lambda \\ \lambda_j \\ \lambda_b \end{pmatrix}$$

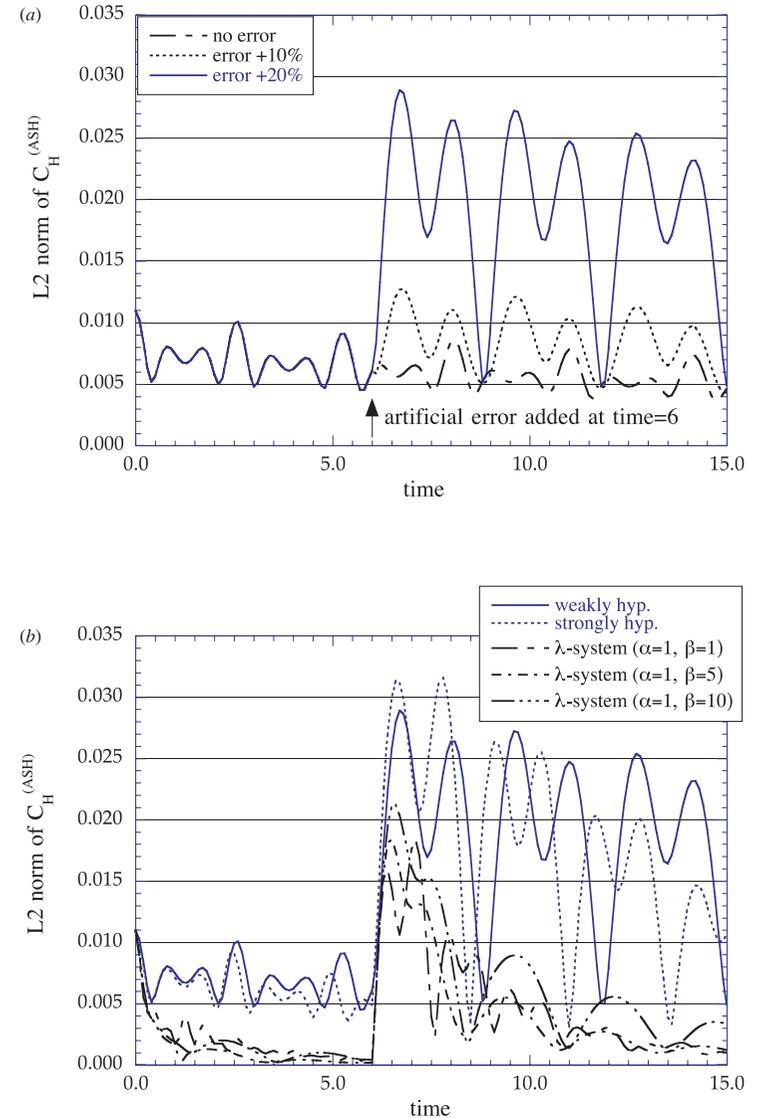


Figure 3. Demonstration of the λ system in the Ashtekar equation. We plot the violation of the constraint (the L2 norm of the Hamiltonian constraint equation, C_H) for the cases of plane-wave propagation under the periodic boundary. To see the effect more clearly, we added an artificial error at $t = 6$. Part (a) shows how the system goes bad depending on the amplitude of artificial error. The error was of the form $\mathcal{A}_i^a \rightarrow \mathcal{A}_i^a(1 + \text{error})$. All the curves are of the evolution of Ashtekar's original equation (no λ system). Part (b) shows the effect of the λ system. All the curves have 20% error amplitude, but show the difference of the evolution equations. The full curve is for Ashtekar's original equation (the same as in (a)), the dotted curve is for the strongly hyperbolic Ashtekar equation. Other curves are of λ systems, which produce a better performance than that of the strongly hyperbolic system.

Idea of “Adjusted system” and Our Conjecture

CQG18 (2001) 441, PRD 63 (2001) 120419, CQG 19 (2002) 1027

General Procedure

1. prepare a set of evolution eqs. $\partial_t u^a = f(u^a, \partial_b u^a, \dots)$
2. add constraints in RHS $\partial_t u^a = f(u^a, \partial_b u^a, \dots) + \underbrace{F(C^a, \partial_b C^a, \dots)}$
3. choose appropriate $F(C^a, \partial_b C^a, \dots)$ to make the system stable evolution

How to specify $F(C^a, \partial_b C^a, \dots)$?

4. prepare constraint propagation eqs. $\partial_t C^a = g(C^a, \partial_b C^a, \dots)$
5. and its adjusted version $\partial_t C^a = g(C^a, \partial_b C^a, \dots) + \underbrace{G(C^a, \partial_b C^a, \dots)}$
6. Fourier transform and evaluate eigenvalues $\partial_t \hat{C}^k = \underbrace{A(\hat{C}^a)}_{\text{matrix}} \hat{C}^k$

Conjecture: Evaluate eigenvalues of (Fourier-transformed) constraint propagation eqs. If their (1) real part is non-positive, or (2) imaginary part is non-zero, then the system is more stable.

Example: the Maxwell equations

Yoneda HS, CQG 18 (2001) 441

Maxwell evolution equations.

$$\begin{aligned} \partial_t E_i &= c\epsilon_i^{jk} \partial_j B_k + P_i C_E + Q_i C_B, \\ \partial_t B_i &= -c\epsilon_i^{jk} \partial_j E_k + R_i C_E + S_i C_B, \\ C_E &= \partial_i E^i \approx 0, \quad C_B = \partial_i B^i \approx 0, \end{aligned} \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{sym. hyp} \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad P_i = Q_i = R_i = S_i = 0, \\ \text{strongly hyp} \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad (P_i - S_i)^2 + 4R_i Q_i > 0, \\ \text{weakly hyp} \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad (P_i - S_i)^2 + 4R_i Q_i \geq 0 \end{array} \right.$$

Constraint propagation equations

$$\begin{aligned} \partial_t C_E &= (\partial_i P^i) C_E + P^i (\partial_i C_E) + (\partial_i Q^i) C_B + Q^i (\partial_i C_B), \\ \partial_t C_B &= (\partial_i R^i) C_E + R^i (\partial_i C_E) + (\partial_i S^i) C_B + S^i (\partial_i C_B), \end{aligned} \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{sym. hyp} \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad Q_i = R_i, \\ \text{strongly hyp} \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad (P_i - S_i)^2 + 4R_i Q_i > 0, \\ \text{weakly hyp} \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad (P_i - S_i)^2 + 4R_i Q_i \geq 0 \end{array} \right.$$

CAFs?

$$\begin{aligned} \partial_t \begin{pmatrix} \hat{C}_E \\ \hat{C}_B \end{pmatrix} &= \begin{pmatrix} \partial_i P^i + P^i k_i & \partial_i Q^i + Q^i k_i \\ \partial_i R^i + R^i k_i & \partial_i S^i + S^i k_i \end{pmatrix} \partial_t \begin{pmatrix} \hat{C}_E \\ \hat{C}_B \end{pmatrix} \approx \begin{pmatrix} P^i k_i & Q^i k_i \\ R^i k_i & S^i k_i \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \hat{C}_E \\ \hat{C}_B \end{pmatrix} =: T \begin{pmatrix} \hat{C}_E \\ \hat{C}_B \end{pmatrix} \\ \Rightarrow \text{CAFs} &= (P^i k_i + S^i k_i \pm \sqrt{(P^i k_i + S^i k_i)^2 + 4(Q^i k_i R^j k_j - P^i k_i S^j k_j)})/2 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore CAFs become negative-real when

$$P^i k_i + S^i k_i < 0, \quad \text{and} \quad Q^i k_i R^j k_j - P^i k_i S^j k_j < 0$$

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Adjusted-Maxwell system works as well.

3.2.1. *Adjusted system.* Here we again consider the Maxwell equations (2.9)–(2.11). We start from the adjusted dynamical equations

$$\partial_t E_i = c\epsilon_i^{jk}\partial_j B_k + P_i C_E + p^j{}_i(\partial_j C_E) + Q_i C_B + q^j{}_i(\partial_j C_B), \quad (3.7)$$

$$\partial_t B_i = -c\epsilon_i^{jk}\partial_j E_k + R_i C_E + r^j{}_i(\partial_j C_E) + S_i C_B + s^j{}_i(\partial_j C_B), \quad (3.8)$$

where P, Q, R, S, p, q, r and s are multipliers. These dynamical equations adjust the constraint propagation equations as

$$\begin{aligned} \partial_t C_E &= (\partial_i P^i)C_E + P^i(\partial_i C_E) + (\partial_i Q^i)C_B + Q^i(\partial_i C_B) \\ &\quad + (\partial_i p^{ji})(\partial_j C_E) + p^{ji}(\partial_i \partial_j C_E) + (\partial_i q^{ji})(\partial_j C_B) + q^{ji}(\partial_i \partial_j C_B), \end{aligned} \quad (3.9)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \partial_t C_B &= (\partial_i R^i)C_E + R^i(\partial_i C_E) + (\partial_i S^i)C_B + S^i(\partial_i C_B) \\ &\quad + (\partial_i r^{ji})(\partial_j C_E) + r^{ji}(\partial_i \partial_j C_E) + (\partial_i s^{ji})(\partial_j C_B) + s^{ji}(\partial_i \partial_j C_B). \end{aligned} \quad (3.10)$$

This will be expressed using Fourier components by

$$\begin{aligned} \partial_t \begin{pmatrix} \hat{C}_E \\ \hat{C}_B \end{pmatrix} &= \begin{pmatrix} \partial_i P^i + iP^i k_i + ik_j(\partial_i p^{ji}) - k_i k_j p^{ji} & \partial_i Q^i + iQ^i k_i + ik_j(\partial_i q^{ji}) - k_i k_j q^{ji} \\ \partial_i R^i + iR^i k_i + ik_j(\partial_i r^{ji}) - k_i k_j r^{ji} & \partial_i S^i + iS^i k_i + ik_j(\partial_i s^{ji}) - k_i k_j s^{ji} \end{pmatrix} \\ &\quad \times \begin{pmatrix} \hat{C}_E \\ \hat{C}_B \end{pmatrix} =: T \begin{pmatrix} \hat{C}_E \\ \hat{C}_B \end{pmatrix}. \end{aligned} \quad (3.11)$$

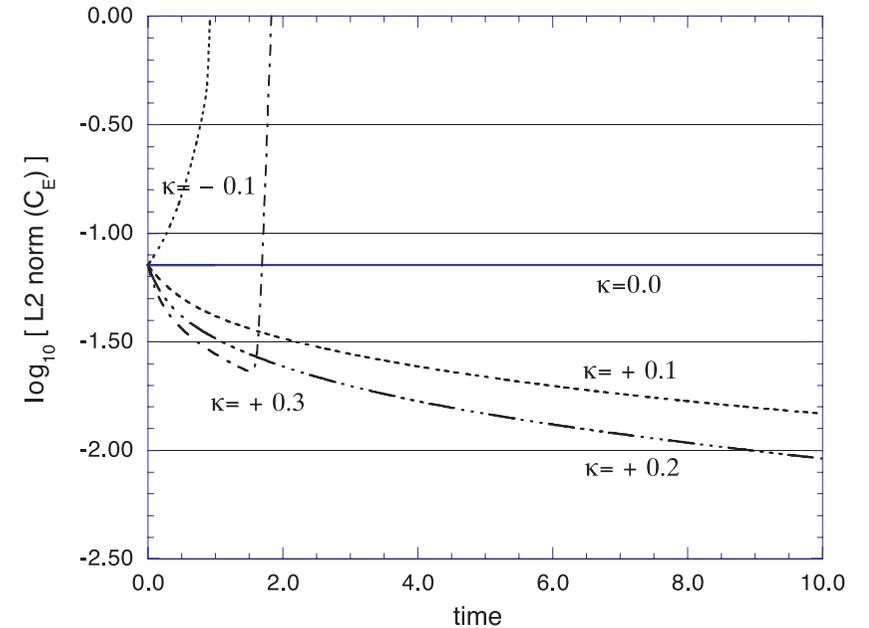


Figure 4. Demonstrations of the adjusted system in the Maxwell equation. We perform the same experiments with section 2.2.3 (figure 1). Constraint violation (L2 norm of C_E) versus time are plotted for various κ ($= p^j{}_i = s^j{}_i$). We see that $\kappa > 0$ gives a better performance (i.e. negative real part eigenvalues for the constraint propagation equation), while excessively large positive κ makes the system divergent again.

Example: the Ashtekar equations

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Adjusted dynamical equations:

$$\begin{aligned}\partial_t \tilde{E}_a^i &= -i\mathcal{D}_j(\epsilon^{cb} \underset{\sim}{N} \tilde{E}_c^j \tilde{E}_b^i) + 2\mathcal{D}_j(N^{[j} \tilde{E}_a^{i]}) + i\mathcal{A}_0^b \epsilon_{ab}^c \tilde{E}_c^i + \underbrace{X_a^i \mathcal{C}_H + Y_a^{ij} \mathcal{C}_{Mj} + P_a^{ib} \mathcal{C}_{Gb}}_{adjust} \\ \partial_t \mathcal{A}_i^a &= -i\epsilon^{ab} \underset{\sim}{N} \tilde{E}_b^j F_{ij}^c + N^j F_{ji}^a + \mathcal{D}_i \mathcal{A}_0^a + \Lambda \underset{\sim}{N} \tilde{E}_i^a + \underbrace{Q_i^a \mathcal{C}_H + R_i^{aj} \mathcal{C}_{Mj} + Z_i^{ab} \mathcal{C}_{Gb}}_{adjust}\end{aligned}$$

Adjusted and linearized:

$$X = Y = Z = 0, P_b^{ia} = \kappa_1(iN^i \delta_b^a), Q_i^a = \kappa_2(e^{-2} \underset{\sim}{N} \tilde{E}_i^a), R_i^{aj} = \kappa_3(-ie^{-2} \underset{\sim}{N} \epsilon^{ac} \tilde{E}_i^d \tilde{E}_c^j)$$

Fourier transform and extract 0th order of the characteristic matrix:

$$\partial_t \begin{pmatrix} \hat{\mathcal{C}}_H \\ \hat{\mathcal{C}}_{Mi} \\ \hat{\mathcal{C}}_{Ga} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & i(1 + 2\kappa_3)k_j & 0 \\ i(1 - 2\kappa_2)k_i & \kappa_3 \epsilon^{kj} k_k & 0 \\ 0 & 2\kappa_3 \delta_a^j & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \hat{\mathcal{C}}_H \\ \hat{\mathcal{C}}_{Mj} \\ \hat{\mathcal{C}}_{Gb} \end{pmatrix}$$

Eigenvalues:

$$\left(0, 0, 0, \pm \kappa_3 \sqrt{-kx^2 - ky^2 - kz^2}, \pm \sqrt{(-1 + 2\kappa_2)(1 + 2\kappa_3)(kx^2 + ky^2 + kz^2)}\right)$$

In order to obtain non-positive real eigenvalues:

$$(-1 + 2\kappa_2)(1 + 2\kappa_3) < 0$$

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3.3.1. *Adjusted system for controlling constraint violations.* Here we only consider the adjusted system which controls the departures from the constraint surface. In the appendix, we present an advanced system which controls the violation of the reality condition together with a numerical demonstration.

Even if we restrict ourselves to adjusted equations of motion for $(\tilde{E}_a^i, \mathcal{A}_i^a)$ with constraint terms (no adjustment with derivatives of constraints), generally, we could adjust them as

$$\partial_t \tilde{E}_a^i = -i\mathcal{D}_j(\epsilon^{cb} \tilde{N} \tilde{E}_c^j \tilde{E}_b^i) + 2\mathcal{D}_j(N^{lj} \tilde{E}_a^i) + i\mathcal{A}_0^b \epsilon_{ab}^c \tilde{E}_c^i + X_a^i C_H + Y_a^{ij} C_{Mj} + P_a^{ib} C_{Gb}, \quad (3.14)$$

$$\partial_t \mathcal{A}_i^a = -i\epsilon^{ab} \tilde{N} \tilde{E}_b^j F_{ij}^c + N^j F_{ji}^a + \mathcal{D}_i \mathcal{A}_0^a + \Lambda \tilde{N} \tilde{E}_i^a + Q_i^a C_H + R_i^{ja} C_{Mj} + Z_i^{ab} C_{Gb}, \quad (3.15)$$

where $X_a^i, Y_a^{ij}, Z_i^{ab}, P_a^{ib}, Q_i^a$ and R_i^{aj} are multipliers. However, in order to simplify the discussion, we restrict multipliers so as to reproduce the symmetric hyperbolic equations of motion [10, 11], i.e.

$$\begin{aligned} X &= Y = Z = 0, \\ P_a^{ib} &= \kappa_1(N^i \delta_a^b + i\tilde{N} \epsilon_a^{bc} \tilde{E}_c^i), \\ Q_i^a &= \kappa_2(e^{-2} \tilde{N} \tilde{E}_i^a), \\ R_i^{ja} &= \kappa_3(i e^{-2} \tilde{N} \epsilon^{ac} \tilde{E}_i^b \tilde{E}_c^j). \end{aligned} \quad (3.16)$$

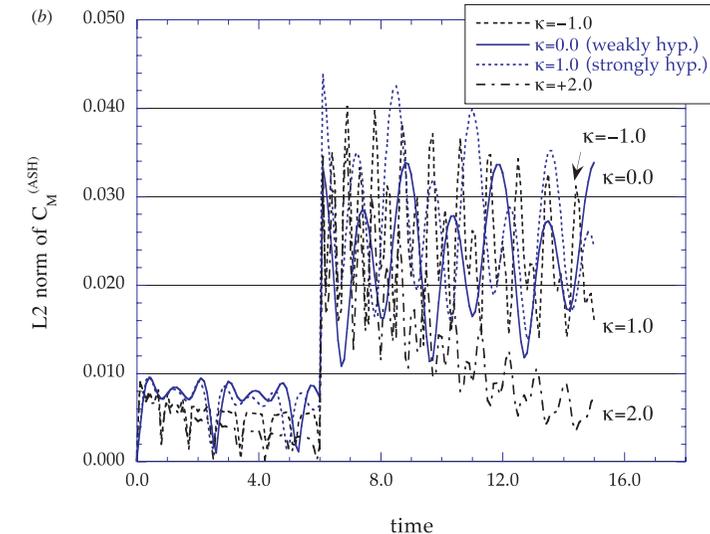
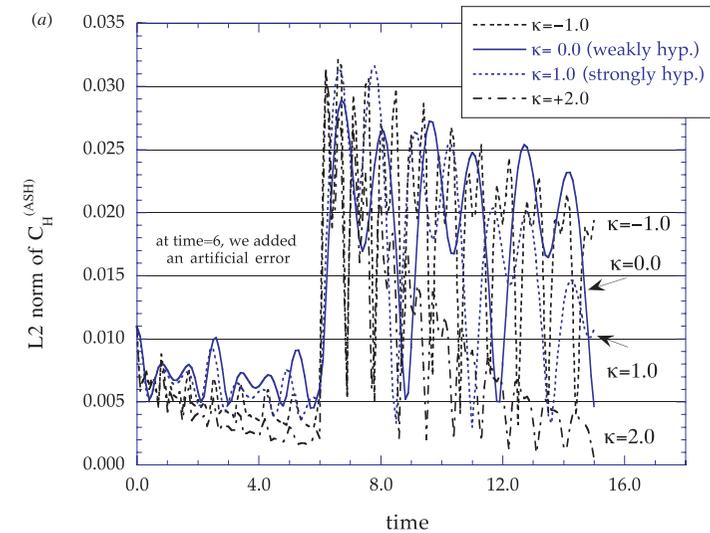


Figure 5. Demonstration of the adjusted system in the Ashtekar equation. We plot the violation of the constraint for the same model as figure 3(b). An artificial error term was added at $t = 6$, in the form of $\mathcal{A}_y^z \rightarrow \mathcal{A}_y^z(1 + \text{error})$, where error is +20% as before. (a), (b) L2 norm of the Hamiltonian constraint equation, C_H , and momentum constraint equation, C_M , respectively. The full curve is the case of $\kappa = 0$, that is the case of ‘no adjusted’ original Ashtekar equation (weakly hyperbolic system). The dotted curve is for $\kappa = 1$, equivalent to the symmetric hyperbolic system. We see that the other curve ($\kappa = 2.0$) shows better performance than the symmetric hyperbolic case.

The Adjusted system (essentials):

Purpose: Control the violation of constraints by reformulating the system so as to have a constrained surface an attractor.

Procedure: Add a particular combination of constraints to the evolution equations, and adjust its multipliers.

Theoretical support: Eigenvalue analysis of the constraint propagation equations.

Advantages: Available even if the base system is not a symmetric hyperbolic.

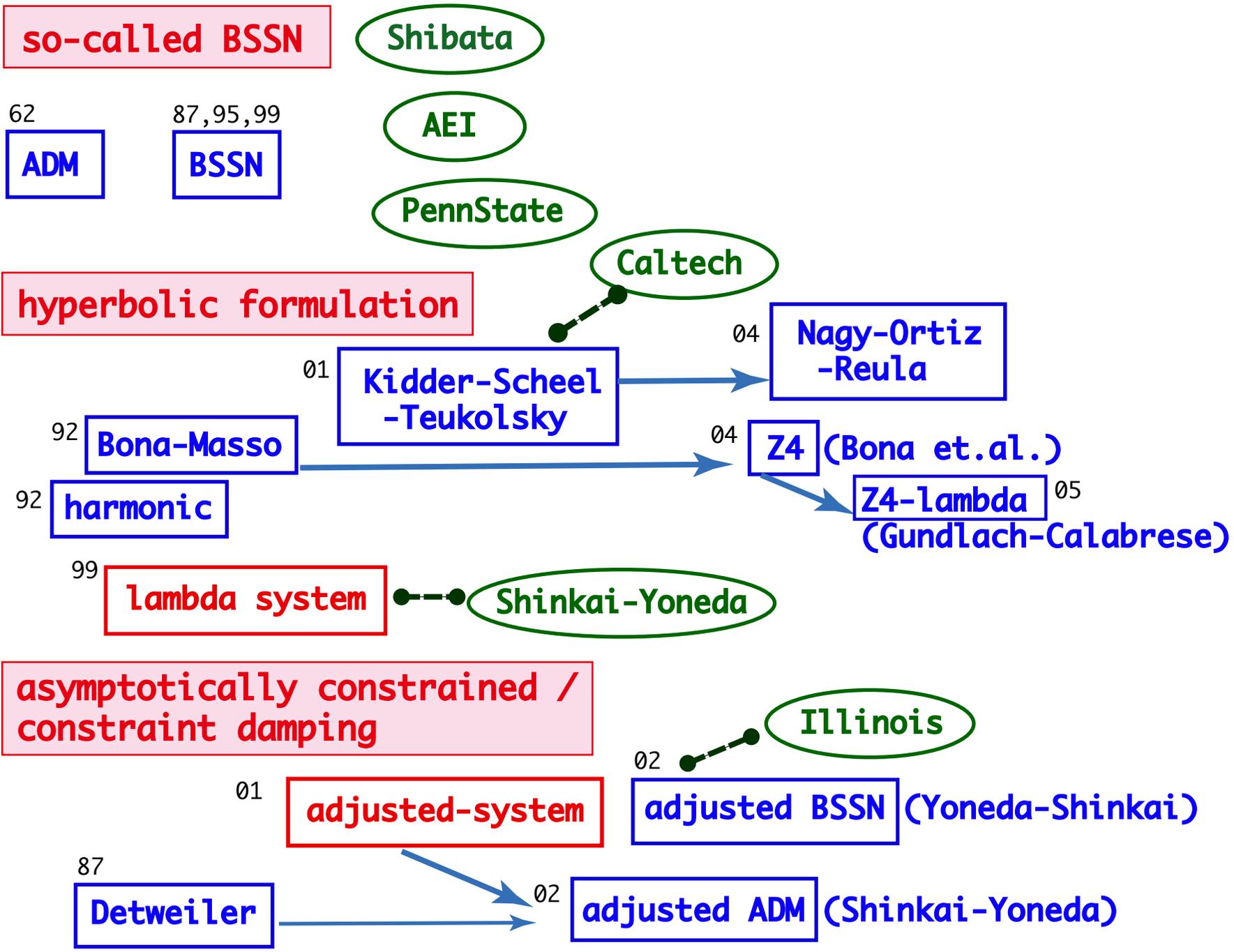
Advantages: Keep the number of the variable same with the original system.

Conjecture on Constraint Amplification Factors (CAFs):

(A) If CAF has a **negative real-part** (the constraints are forced to be diminished), then we see more stable evolution than a system which has positive CAF.

(B) If CAF has a **non-zero imaginary-part** (the constraints are propagating away), then we see more stable evolution than a system which has zero CAF.

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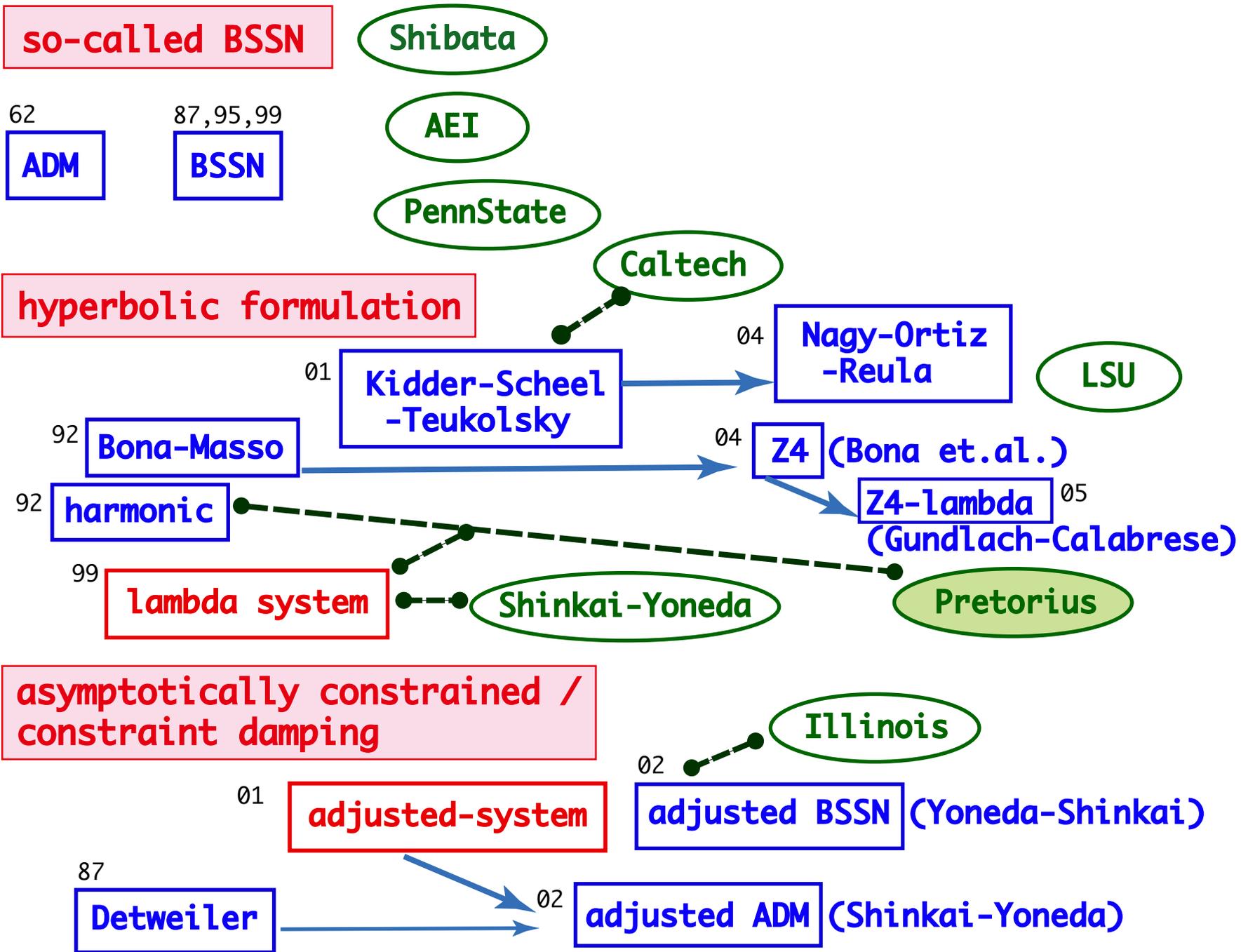
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-Reula

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04 Z4 (Bona et al.)

92 harmonic

Z4-lambda
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