

# Hyperbolicity of Hamiltonian formulations in General Relativity

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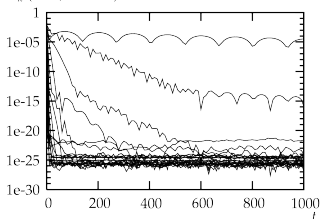
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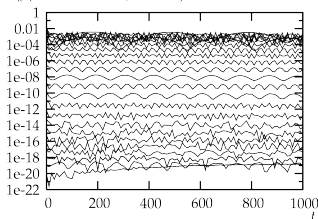
# Symplectic integrators

- In previous studies we found that symplectic integration can be favorable for numerical GR:

$E_k$  (ICN,  $N = 51$ )



$E_k$  (Störmer-Verlet,  $N = 51$ )



- We want to apply these methods in the general case  
→ need a formulation with Hamilton structure.
- Currently known: ADM, generalized harmonic (GHG) and others

## Well-Posedness and Hyperbolicity

- Problems with existing formulations:
  - Dynamical subsystem does not possess a well-posed initial (boundary) value problem  $I(B)VP$  (ADM)
  - Nothing is known about well-posedness of the IBVP
  - Not singularity avoiding  $\rightarrow$  need to use excision (GHG)
- Can we find a formulation with a well-posed  $I(B)VP$  that allows the puncture gauge and has Hamiltonian structure?
- A system has a well-posed  $I(B)VP$  if it is strongly (symmetric) hyperbolic (with appropriate boundary conditions)
- We find a symmetric hyperbolic formulation with small modifications of the puncture gauge

## Modified Hamiltonian and equations of motion

- Without Hamilton structure one can choose gauge conditions and add constraints to the equations of motion arbitrarily (without effect on the physics)
- Due to Hamilton structure the two aspects are coupled
- Get new system by adding gauge terms to the ADM Hamiltonian  $\rightarrow$  equations of motion
- We consider formulations where the shift appears in advection and lower order terms only ( $\partial_t u = \beta^i \partial_i u + \dots$ )
  - $\rightarrow$  seven different gauge terms that change the principal part
  - $\rightarrow$  seven parameters  $C_1, \dots, C_7$

# Linear Algebra

- To obtain formulations with well-posed I(B)VP we ask for their hyperbolicity
- This can be reduced to the analysis of particular matrices
  - strong hyperbolicity: principal symbol
  - symmetric hyperbolicity: principal part matrix
- The structure of the equations is such that analysis can be reduced to  $2 \times 2$  blocks

## Results

- We find  $3 + 1$  families of strongly hyperbolic formulations
- There are strongly hyperbolic formulations which are not symmetric hyperbolic
- We find several 2-parameter families of symmetric hyperbolic formulations
- For the unifying 3-parameter family expressions become too complicated to prove symmetric hyperbolicity

## Puncture gauge

- One can choose the parameters as scalar functions of metric, lapse and shift without changing the principal part
- One can get symmetric hyperbolic formulations close to puncture gauge. In Z4 variables:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \partial_t \alpha &= \beta^i \partial_i \alpha - \mu_L \alpha^2 K + \frac{1}{2} \mu_L \alpha^2 \Theta, \\
 \partial_t \beta^i &= \beta^j \partial_j \beta^i + \mu_S \gamma^{1/3} \Gamma_{jk}^i \gamma^{jk} + \frac{1}{3} (\mu_S \gamma^{1/3} - \alpha^2) \Gamma_{kj}^k \gamma^{ij} \\
 &\quad + 2\mu_S \gamma^{1/3} Z^i - \alpha D^i \alpha, \\
 &\quad + \text{evolution equations for } \gamma_{ij}, K_{ij}, \Theta \text{ and } Z_i
 \end{aligned} \tag{1}$$

- Compare with puncture gauge:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \partial_t \alpha &= \beta^i \partial_i \alpha - \mu_L \alpha^2 K, \\
 \partial_t \beta^i &= \beta^j \partial_j \beta^i + \mu_S \gamma^{1/3} \Gamma_{jk}^i \gamma^{jk} + \frac{1}{3} \mu_S \gamma^{1/3} \Gamma_{kj}^k \gamma^{ij} - \eta \beta^i.
 \end{aligned} \tag{2}$$

# Summary

- We are interested in the well-posedness of Hamiltonian formulations of GR
- We analyze a large class of formulations according to their hyperbolicity level and identify all strongly hyperbolic and some symmetric hyperbolic formulations
- With appropriate choice of parameters we come close to the puncture gauge conditions



## Future work and Further reading

- Techniques for analysis of strong hyperbolicity can be applied to non Hamiltonian systems in the same variables as well  
→ 15 parameters, up to  $142 + x$  families of strongly hyperbolic formulations
- Investigate numerical implementation of the symmetric hyperbolic puncture system (with symplectic and non symplectic methods)  
→ at the moment we find divergencies near the puncture



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