

# Gauge stability of 3+1 formulation of general relativity

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# Analytical Instabilities

- Physical Instability
  - Caustic, singularity
- Constraint instability
  - Constraints violation
- Gauge instability

# Gauge Perturbation: method of mathematical analysis

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

– Infinitesimal coordinate transformation

$$x^\mu \rightarrow x^\mu + \xi^\mu$$
$$g_{\mu\nu} \rightarrow g_{\mu\nu} - (\nabla_\mu \xi_\nu + \nabla_\nu \xi_\mu)$$

$$U \equiv \delta\alpha, \quad V_i \equiv \delta\beta_i, \quad W_{ij} \equiv \delta\gamma_{ij}$$

$$\delta g_{00} = -2\alpha U + 2\gamma^{ij} \beta_i V_j - \gamma^{kj} \beta_i \beta_j W_{jk}$$

$$\delta g_{0i} = V_i$$

$$\delta g_{ij} = W_{ij}$$

$$\frac{\partial \xi_{00}}{\partial t} = \alpha U - \beta^i V_i - \beta^i \beta^j \frac{\partial \xi_{ij}}{\partial x^j} + (\Gamma_{00}^v + \beta^i \beta^j \Gamma_{ij}^v) \xi_v$$

$$\frac{\partial \xi_{ij}}{\partial t} = -V_i - \frac{\partial \xi_{ij}}{\partial x^j} + 2 \Gamma_{0i}^v \xi_v$$

- *During the integration ...*

$$F_\mu(x^v, \alpha, \frac{\partial \alpha}{\partial x^v}, \dots, \beta_i, \frac{\partial \beta_i}{\partial x^v}, \dots, \gamma_{ij}, \frac{\partial \gamma_{ij}}{\partial x^v}, \dots) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\partial F_\mu}{\partial \alpha} U + \frac{\partial F_\mu}{\partial (\frac{\partial \alpha}{\partial x^v})} \frac{\partial \alpha}{\partial x^v} + \dots + \frac{\partial F_\mu}{\partial \beta_i} V_i + \dots = 0$$

Eight Quasi-linear partial differential equations

$$\vec{z}(x^\mu) = (\xi^\mu, U, V_i)^T$$

$$\frac{\partial z_r}{\partial t} = {}^{(0)}M_{\mu\nu} z_\nu + {}^{(1)}M_{\mu\nu}^i \frac{\partial z_\nu}{\partial x^i} + {}^{(2)}M_{\mu\nu}^{ij} \frac{\partial^2 z_\nu}{\partial x^i \partial x^j} \dots$$

Short wavelength perturbation ...: linear analysis ,  
roots of the characteristic polynomial

$$\vec{z} = \vec{\zeta}(t) \exp(-iqe_k x^k)$$

$$\frac{\partial \vec{\zeta}}{\partial t} = \hat{M}(t) \vec{\zeta}$$

$$\hat{M}(t, e_i, q) = {}^{(0)}M_{\mu\nu} + {}^{(1)}M_{\mu\nu}^i(t) i e_i q + {}^{(2)}M_{\mu\nu}^{ij}(t) e_i e_j q^2 + \dots$$

- Neglect time dependence of  $\hat{M}$

$$\vec{z}(x^\mu) \propto \exp(\omega_s t - i q e_k x^k)$$

- Wavenumber

$$\omega_s(q, e_i) \Rightarrow \det(\hat{M} - \omega \hat{N}) = 0$$

- $Re(\omega_s)$  can be used to probe ill-posedness

$$\because Re(\omega) \rightarrow \infty \quad (q \rightarrow \infty)$$

→ Determine the growth of instabilities with in time.

# Gauge instability

- Fixed gauge (. e.g. synchronous gauge ...):
  - $a = a(x^\mu), \beta_i = \beta_i(x^\mu)$ .
- Algebraic gauge (.e.g. 1+log slicing ...):
  - $a = a(x^\mu, g_{ij}), \beta_i = \beta_i(x^\mu)$ .
- Differential gauge (.e.g. Maximal slicing):

$$- \gamma^{ij} \nabla_i \nabla_j \alpha = K^{ij} K_{ij} \alpha, \quad \beta_i = 0$$

# Fixed Gauge

$$\alpha = \alpha(x^\mu), \beta_i = \beta_i(x^\mu)$$



Follow the gauge perturbation procedures.



Harmonic solutions with  $\text{Re}(\omega) \sim q^{1/2}$

→ Ill-posed

Synchronous gauge:  $\alpha = \alpha(t)$ ,  $\beta = 0$  can avoid this

$$\therefore \omega \sim O(1)$$



# Algebraic Gauge

$$\alpha = \alpha(x^\mu, \gamma_{ij}), \beta_i = \beta_i(x^\mu)$$



Follow the same procedures as the above

$$\left( \beta^i \beta^j + \frac{\partial \alpha^2}{\partial \gamma_{ij}} \right) e_i e_j > 0, \quad \forall e_i$$

Well posed !

However, stability depend on choice of shift!

future work .....

$$\alpha = \alpha(x^\mu, \gamma_{ij}), \quad \beta_i = \beta_i(x^\mu, \gamma_{ij})$$

# Note

$$\left(\beta^i \beta^j + \frac{\partial \alpha^2}{\partial \gamma_{ij}}\right) e_i e_j > 0, \quad \forall e_i$$



$$\frac{\partial \alpha}{\partial t} - \beta^i \frac{\partial \alpha}{\partial x^i} = -\alpha^2 f(\alpha) \text{tr}(K_{ij}), \quad f > 0$$

$$\log(\alpha \gamma^{-\sigma}) = \text{tr}(Q^\mu), \quad \beta_i = \beta_i(x^\mu), \quad \sigma > 0$$

# Differential Gauge: Maximal slicing gauge

$$\gamma^{ij} \nabla_i \nabla_j \alpha = K^{ij} K_{ij} \alpha, \quad \beta_i = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial \alpha}{\partial t} = \frac{1}{\varepsilon} (\gamma^{ij} \nabla_i \nabla_j \alpha - K^{ij} K_{ij} \alpha), \quad \beta_i = 0, \quad \varepsilon > 0$$



Through the same procedure

$$\text{Re}(\omega) \propto q^{1/2} \quad \rightarrow \quad \text{Ill-posed}$$

Note: ill-posedness comes from asymptotic  $q^{1/2}$  behavior of parabolic structure

$$\therefore \frac{\partial^2 \xi_0}{\partial t^2} = \Gamma_{00}^i \frac{\partial \xi_0}{\partial x^i} + \dots$$

# Physical meaning of gauge instability

- ADM 3+1 formulation

$$\partial_t \gamma_{ij} = -2\alpha K_{ij} + \nabla_i \beta_j + \nabla_j \beta_i$$

$$\begin{aligned} \partial_t K_{ij} = & -\nabla_i \nabla_j \alpha + \beta^k \nabla_k K_{ij} + (K_{ik} \nabla_j + K_{jk} \nabla_i) \beta^k \\ & + \alpha (R^{(3)}_{ij} + K_{ij} \text{tr} K - 2K_{ik} K^k_j) \end{aligned}$$

-Flat spacetime: One-dimensional solutions

$$\gamma_{ij} = \text{diag}(\gamma, 1, 1), \quad K_{ij} = \text{diag}(K, 0, 0)$$



$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = A(u) + \hat{B}(u) \frac{\partial u}{\partial x}$$

For  $\beta$  is non-zero  $\rightarrow$

strong hyperbolic and well posed

stability analysis  $\Downarrow$

Well posed:  $\text{Re}(\omega) \sim O(1)$

However, unstable for small perturbation unless

$$\left( \frac{\partial \beta}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial \gamma}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial \alpha}{\partial x} = 0, \quad K > 0 \right)$$

$$\therefore \frac{\partial \alpha}{\partial x} \neq 0, \quad \text{Re}(\omega) \sim \beta^{-1} \rightarrow \infty \quad (\beta \rightarrow 0)$$

-Instability of a synchronous coordinate system

Synchronous gauge has caustic (blow up) instability

However 

This is different instability from respect to small perturbations of coordinates

# -Gauge instabilities in acceleration systems:

Using the Rindler frame which is constructed from the world lines of particles moving with accelerations

III-posedness of fixed gauges with spatially non-uniform lapse



deformation of the frame and the prescribed acceleration of particles

III-posed to well posed but unstable gauge with  $\text{Re}(\omega)\alpha\beta^{-1}$



Fixed coordinate will decrease with increasing  $\beta$

## -Instability of rotating reference frames

$$\alpha=1, \quad \beta_i = \{-\Omega x^2, \Omega x^1, 0\} \quad \gamma_{ij} = \text{diag}(1,1,1)$$

Rotation and Coriolis forces  
do not change the nature of  
instability



# Summary

- Fixed gauge is ill-posed except synchronous gauge
- Algebraic gauge is well-posed and stable depending on choice of gauge.
- Differential gauge is ill-posed without shift.

Gauge instabilities have explicit physical meaning

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# Future Works

- Extend stability analysis to particular type of gauge: .e.g. 1+log slicing, hyperbolic shifts ...  
.e.g. ...

$$\partial_t \alpha = -\alpha^2 f(\alpha)(K - K_0) / \Psi^4,$$

$$\partial_t^2 \beta^i = \frac{k}{\Psi^n} \partial_t \tilde{\Gamma}^i - \eta \partial_t \beta^i$$

- Numerical experiments!