

#### Iteration stability of the Einstein constraints in the conformal thin-sandwich approach

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## **Iteration stability - Applications**

• Single, non rotating star



• Single, rotating star



• Binary system



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# **Equations of Stellar Structure**



 $\Phi(\vec{r}) = -G \int d^3r' \frac{\rho(\vec{r}')}{|\vec{r} - \vec{r}'|}$ 

Euler

Poisson

$$\nabla(h + \Phi - \frac{1}{2}v^2) = 0$$

EOS

$$h \coloneqq \int_0^\rho \frac{dP}{\rho}$$

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# Iterative procedure (SCF method)

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## Variants of the SCF method





## Iteration with fixed $\kappa$

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- SCF method has been used for > 40 years
- Little is known about why it works when one quantity is fixed and not another...
- In the past, obtaining numerical solutions with SCF was too easy for people to care why it worked...
- Not the case for relativistic binaries, so understanding convergence is crucial today...
- Consider behavior of iterative scheme near an exact solution









Linear iteration operator  $\delta\eta^{\text{new}}(\vec{r}) = \delta\kappa + \frac{n}{4\pi} \int d^3r' \eta^{n-1}(\vec{r}') \frac{\delta\eta^{\text{old}}(\vec{r}')}{|\vec{r} - \vec{r}'|}$ 



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Fixed- $\kappa$  iteration:  $\delta \kappa = 0$ 

Fixed- $\eta(0)$  iteration:  $\delta \eta(0) = 0$ 

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Eigenvalue problem

$$L\left(\delta\eta\right) = \lambda\delta\eta$$

Necessary condition for convergence:  $|\lambda| < 1$ 



## Iteration with fixed $\kappa$

Linear iteration operator

$$\delta h^{\text{new}} = G \int d^3 r' \frac{d\rho}{dh} \frac{\delta h^{\text{old}}}{|\vec{r} - \vec{r'}|} \equiv L \left(\delta h^{\text{old}}\right)$$

Discretization

$$\delta h_i^{
m new} = \sum_j L_{ij} \delta h_j^{
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## Iteration with fixed $\kappa$





$$\delta h^{\text{new}} = G \int d^3 r' \frac{d\rho}{dh} \left( \frac{1}{|\vec{r} - \vec{r}'|} - \frac{1}{|\vec{r}'|} \right) \delta h^{\text{old}} \equiv L \left( \delta h^{\text{old}} \right)$$

#### Discretization

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#### Jordan form of L

$$\mathbf{J} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & & \\ & 0 & 1 & & \\ & & 0 & \ddots & \\ & & & \ddots & 1 \\ & & & & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$



#### Jordan form of L

$$\mathbf{J}^{2} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 & & \\ & 0 & 0 & \ddots & \\ & & 0 & \ddots & 1 \\ & & & \ddots & 0 \\ & & & & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$



#### Jordan form of L

$$\mathbf{J}^{N-1} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \cdots & 0 & 1 \\ & 0 & & 0 \\ & & 0 & \vdots \\ & & \ddots & \\ & & & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$



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# Explanation

#### Fixed- $\rho_o$ linear iteration - explanation



$$\delta \Phi(\vec{r}) = -\frac{1}{4\pi} \int d^3 r' \frac{\delta \rho(\vec{r}')}{|\vec{r} - \vec{r}'|}$$

$$\delta\eta + \delta\Phi = \delta\kappa$$

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## **Einstein constraints**

Accurate calculation of physically relevant initial data corresponding to a system of black holes and/or neutron stars is an essential part of binary inspiral simulations.

In the 3+1 formalism, Einstein's equations are solved as a Cauchy-problem with initial data prescribed on a spacelike hypersurface. These initial data must satisfy the constraint equations. However, iterative algorithms for solving these equations may diverge, or may converge to an unphysical solution...



Hamiltonian constraint  $\nabla^2 \Psi = -\frac{1}{2} \epsilon \Psi^5$ 

Maximal slicing condition  $\nabla^2(\alpha\Psi) = \frac{1}{2}(\epsilon + 6p)\alpha\Psi^5$ 

 $1^{\text{st}}$  integral to Euler equation  $\alpha h = \kappa$ 

**EOS** 
$$\epsilon = \epsilon[h], \quad p = p[h]$$



# Hamiltonian constraint $$\begin{split} \Psi(\vec{r}) &= 1 - \frac{1}{8\pi} \int d^3r' \frac{1}{|\vec{r} - \vec{r}'|} \epsilon(\vec{r}') \Psi^5(\vec{r}') \\ \text{Maximal slicing condition} \\ \alpha(\vec{r}) \Psi(\vec{r}) &= 1 + \frac{1}{8\pi} \int d^3r' \frac{1}{|\vec{r} - \vec{r}'|} [\epsilon(\vec{r}') + 6p(\vec{r}')] \alpha(\vec{r}') \Psi^5(\vec{r}') \\ \mathbf{1}^{\text{st}} \text{ integral to Euler equation} \end{split}$$

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Hamiltonian constraint

$$\Psi(\vec{r}) = 1 - \frac{1}{8\pi} \int d^3 r' \frac{1}{|\vec{r} - \vec{r}'|} \epsilon(\vec{r}') \Psi^5(\vec{r}')$$

Similar to updating of Newtonian enthalpy for fixed  $\kappa$ 

$$\eta(\vec{r}) = \kappa + \frac{1}{4\pi} \int d^3 r' \frac{1}{|\vec{r} - \vec{r}'|} \eta^n(\vec{r}')$$

Newtonian experience suggests eigenvalues > 1, but  $\epsilon(\vec{r})$  has compact support



Hamiltonian constraint  $\delta\Psi(\vec{r}) = -\frac{5}{8\pi} \int d^3r' \frac{1}{|\vec{r} - \vec{r}'|} \epsilon(\vec{r}') \Psi^4(\vec{r}') \delta\Psi(\vec{r}')$ 

Similar to updating of Newtonian enthalpy for fixed  $\kappa$  $\delta\eta(\vec{r}) = \frac{n}{4\pi} \int d^3r' \frac{1}{|\vec{r} - \vec{r}'|} \eta^{n-1}(\vec{r}') \delta\eta(\vec{r}')$ 

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#### Hamiltonian constraint: iteration stability



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## **Turning point stability**





#### Newtonian problem (completed):

R.H. Price, C. Markakis, J.L. Friedman *Iteration stability for simple Newtonian stellar systems* J. Math. Phys. 50, 073505 (2009)

#### **Relativistic problem (in progress):**

C. Markakis et al Einstein constraints & fluid equilibria: optimizing convergence & stability of the extended conformal thin-sandwich system

- Study effect of rescaling source terms on stability
- Analyze full Euler-XCTS system
- Convergence optimization