

# The geometry of Globally Hyperbolic Spacetimes-with-timelike-boundary

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**Ambient:**  $(\overline{M}, g)$  glob. hyp. s.t. with-timelike-boundary  $\partial M$

- $\rightsquigarrow$  intrinsically  $\partial M$  identifiable to naked singularities

**Systematic studies:**

- D. Solís' thesis '06, arXiv:1803.01171  
(background for P. Chrusciel, G. Galloway, D. Solís '09 )
- Aké's thesis'18  
(which includes **L. Aké, J.L. Flores, M.S. '21**)

Focus on geometric properties:

- Development of causality/ causal ladder
- Determination of properties of  $M$  from  $\partial M$
- Global orthogonal splitting (*with orthogonality of  $\partial M$* )

Background for topics including:

- Mixed PDE problems (Dirac, Klein Gordon...)
- Wave equation
  - Snell law at  $\partial M$
  - Bounds for quantization
- Initial *boundary* value problem (IBVP)
  - Asymptotic value problem at conformal infinity
  - Finite distance (Numerics)

Aims:

- 1 Spacetimes  $\overline{M}$  with timelike bd.  $\partial M$ 
  - 1 General properties
  - 2 Causality (in  $\overline{M}$  and inherited by  $\partial M, M$ )
  - 3 Convexity (of  $\partial M, M$ )
  - 4 Relation with the causal bd.
- 2 Splitting for glob. hyperb.  $\overline{M}$ 
  - Statement
  - Involved techniques
  - Sketch of proof
- 3 Notes on the PDE viewpoint

# 1. Spacetimes $\overline{M}$ with timelike bd $\partial M$

- **Connected**  $(n + 1)$ -manifold with boundary  $\overline{M} = M \cup \partial M$ 
  - $M$  interior -manifold
  - $\partial M$  **boundary**  $n$ -manifold (**possibly non-connected**)

**Note:**  $\overline{M}$  closure of open subset in  $\tilde{M}$  (with no bd.)

In particular,  $\overline{M} \subset \overline{M}^d$  “**double mfold**”

- Metric  $g$  on  $\overline{M}$

Lorentzian signature  $(-, \underbrace{+, \dots, +}_n)$

- Smooth (natural sense)
- Extensible (globally) to some  $(\tilde{M}, \tilde{g})$  (with no bd.)
- BUT the natural extension of  $g$  to  $\overline{M}^d$  is only  $C^0$   
(additional conditions required for smoothness)



■ Timelike boundary:

■  $g$  Lorentz restricted to the mfd  $\partial M (-, \underbrace{+, \dots, +}_{n-1})$

■  $M$  and  $\partial M$  consistently time-oriented  
(in particular,  $\exists T$  timelike v. on  $\overline{M}$  tangent to  $\partial M$ )

## Two examples/ standard applications

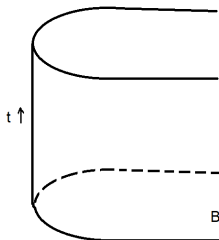
### 1 Cut-off of some $\tilde{M}$ with no bd.

- artificial bd. for numerics, quantization...

F. ex:  $\mathbb{R} \times \bar{B}$  in  $\mathbb{L}^{n+1} = (\mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}^n, \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle)$

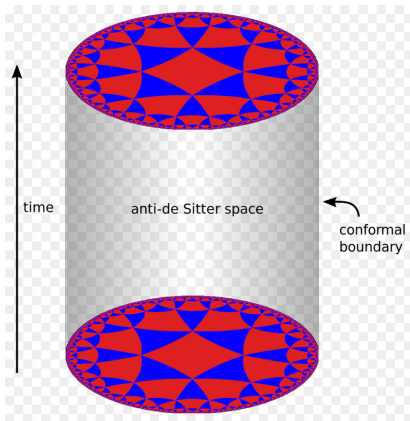
$\bar{B} \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ : closure open subset with smooth topol. bd.

(tipycally compact  $\bar{B}$  “finite distance” problem)



## 2 Conformal completion (and choice of conformal factor)

F. ex: (universal) anti-de Sitter



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- Anti-de Sitter  $(\mathbb{R}^{n+1}, g_{AdS})$

$$g_{AdS} = -\cosh^2 \rho dt^2 + d\rho^2 + \sinh^2 \rho g_{\mathbb{S}^{n-1}}, \quad t \in \mathbb{R}, \rho > 0$$

- Standard static “gauge” (extensible to  $\rho = 0$ )
- Warped product with base **hyperbolic  $\mathbb{H}^n$**  (totally geodesic)

- Conformal choice ( $\rho > 0$ )

$$\frac{g_{AdS}}{\sinh^2 \rho} = -\cosh^2 y dt^2 + dy^2 + g_{\mathbb{S}^{n-1}}, \quad t \in \mathbb{R}, y \in (0, \infty)$$

$$dy = -d\rho / \sinh \rho \rightsquigarrow y = -\ln(\tanh(\rho/2))$$

- Conformal boundary  $y = 0$

$$ESU^n = (\mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{S}^{n-1}, -dt^2 + g_{\mathbb{S}^{n-1}})$$

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In general

- Intrinsic/extrinsic properties in  $\partial M$  imposed  
 $\rightsquigarrow$  **definition of asymptotic behaviours**  
Stresses the role of causality
- Implicit smooth extensibility of **Weyl (obstruction to  $\partial M$ )**

# Causality: regularity of curves

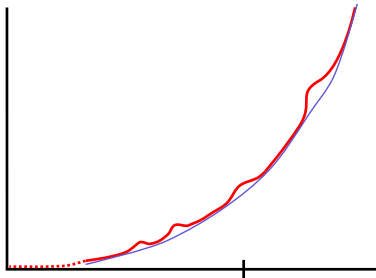
Mimicking the case  $\partial M = \emptyset$ :

- future/past directed timelike, causal curves  $\gamma$
- $\ll, \leq$
- $I^\pm(p), J^\pm(p)$

but...

## Caution

- Regularity for causal curves above:  $H^1$  / locally Lipschitz
- Case  $\partial M = \emptyset$  enough piecewise smooth curves  
Case  $\partial M \neq \emptyset$ :  $J_{ps}(p) \subsetneq J_{H^1}(p)$  (even if  $\partial M$  is  $C^\infty$ )



$\bar{H}$  hypograph (including closed lower half-space)

$\exists$  Riemannian minimizers  $C^1$  no piecewise  $C^2$

$\bar{M} = \mathbb{R} \times \bar{H}$ ,  $g = -dt^2 + dx^2 + dy^2$



Lower levels of the causal ladder: as when  $\partial M = \emptyset$

## Proposition

*In any spacetime with timelike boundary:*

- *strongly causal  $\Rightarrow$  distinguishing*  
 $(p \neq q \Rightarrow I^+(p) \neq I^+(q), I^-(p) \neq I^-(q))$
- *(future or past) distinguishing  $\Rightarrow$  causal  $\Rightarrow$  chronological.*

## Stable causality: consistency

### Proposition

For  $(\overline{M}, g)$  with timelike boundary, they are equivalent:

- 1 *Stability of causality*:  $\exists$  causal  $g'$  with  $g < g'$ .
- 2  $\exists$  *time function*  $t$   
(continuous and strictly increasing on f.d. causal curves)
- 3  $\exists$  *temporal function*  $\tau$   
( $\tau$  is smooth with timelike past-directed  $\nabla\tau$ ).

(Stably causal  $\Rightarrow$  strongly causal)

*Proofs.*

1  $\Rightarrow$  2. As in Hawking'73

2  $\Rightarrow$  3. As in Bernal & S.'05, S.'05 or posterior approaches on cones (no restriction for  $\nabla\tau$  on  $\partial M$  required)

3  $\Rightarrow$  1 (and the last assertion). Standard.

**Higher levels of the causal ladder:** as when  $\partial M = \emptyset$  :

- **Caus. cont.:**  $I^\pm(p)$  characterizes  $p$  (distinguishing)  
+ varies continuously (reflecting)
- Two highest:
  - **caus. simple:** causal +  $J^\pm(p)$  closed
  - **glob. hyp.:** causal +  $J^+(p) \cap J^-(q)$  compact  
(including **simplification strong causality**  $\rightsquigarrow$  **causality** )
- **Stably caus.  $\Leftarrow$  Caus. contin.  $\Leftarrow$  Caus. simple  $\Leftarrow$  Glob. hyp.**

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  - 1 **Lemma:** an achronal set  $A \subset \overline{M}$  with  $A \cap \text{edge}(A) = \emptyset$  is a locally Lipschitz hypersurf. (with boundary) transverse to  $\partial M$ .  
Moreover, if  $\text{edge}(A) = \emptyset$  then  $A$  is closed (as a subset of  $\overline{M}$ )
  - 2 **Prop.** Let  $F \neq \emptyset, \overline{M}$  be a future set (i.e.  $I^+(F) = F$ ).
    - Its topological bd is an achronal closed locally Lipschitz hypers. transverse to  $\partial M$ .

In particular, so is any Cauchy subset.

# Causality: properties inherited by $M$ , $\partial M$

## Proposition

- 1  $(\bar{M}, g)$  *causally continuous*  $\Rightarrow$   
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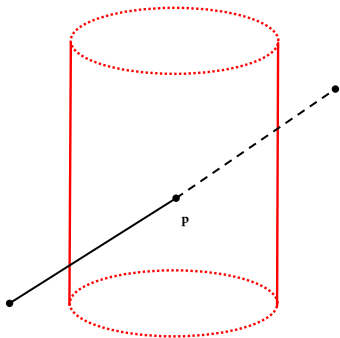
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- **No more implications**, except consequences of above:
  - $\bar{M}$  causally simple  $\implies \partial M$  stably causal
  - $\bar{M}$  glob. hyp. or caus. simple  $\implies M$  caus. continuous
- Or directly related:  $(\bar{M}, g)$  **reflecting**  $\Rightarrow (M, g)$  **reflecting** (Galloway, Liang'23).

Example 1: **Globally hyp.  $\overline{M}$  but non-causally simple  $M$**   
 $\overline{M} = \mathbb{L}^3 - \{\text{Open cylinder}\}$  (Solís'06)

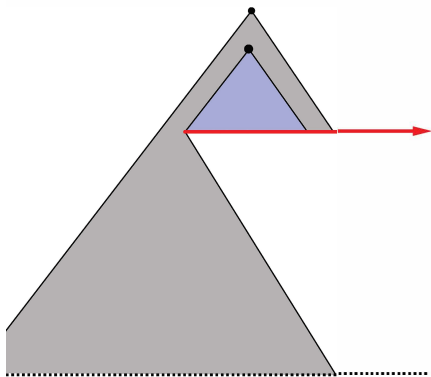


( $\exists$  lightlike geod. in  $\overline{M}$  tangent to  $\partial M$  at  $!p$ )



Example 2: **Caus. cont.  $\bar{M}$**  but **non-causally continuous  $\partial M$**

$$M = \{ \text{open half } y > 0 \text{ in } \mathbb{L}^3 \},$$
$$\partial M = \mathbb{L}^2 - \{ \text{half } x\text{-axis} \} \subset \{ y = 0 \}$$



Moreover: **caus. simple**  $\overline{M}$  but non-causally continuous  $\partial M$

- 1 Start with closed (solid) cylinder  $\overline{C} = \mathbb{R} \times \overline{D} \subset \mathbb{L}^3$ ,  
where  $\overline{D} = \{x^2 + y^2 \leq 1\} \subset \mathbb{R}^2$  (closed unit disk)
- 2 Remove the arc  $A = \{(0, \cos \theta, \sin \theta) : 0 \leq \theta \leq \pi/4\}$   
and consider the spacetime  $\overline{M} = \overline{C} \setminus A$   
(clearly  $\partial M$  is not causally continuous)
- 3  $\overline{M} := \overline{C} \setminus A$  is causally simple!

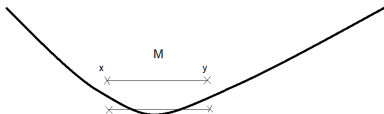
**Question:** Let  $\bar{M}$  be a GH-ST-TB

- $M$  is always causally continuous
- $M$  is never glob. hyperb.
- When is it causally simple?

# Convexity: Riemannian (and Finslerian)

$(\bar{M}, g_R)$  complete Riemannian mfd smooth boundary  $\partial M$ . Easily,

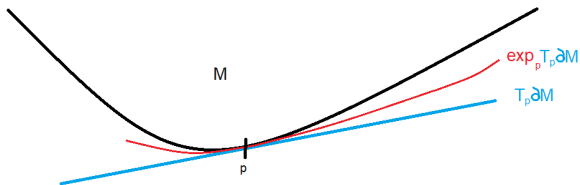
- $M$  convex [ $p, q \in M$  connected by a minimizing geod. in  $M$ ]  
 $\implies \partial M$  infinitesimally convex [2nd f.f.  $\| \geq 0$ ]



- The converse also holds (even for Finsler metrics)
  - Bishop '74: when  $g_R$  is  $C^4$
  - Bartolo, Caponio, Germinario, S. '11: for  $C^{1,1}$  (and Finsler)

## Basic ideas

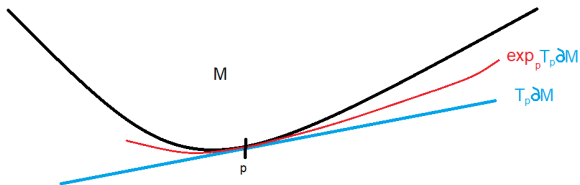
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  - Note: completeness of  $\bar{M}$  weakened in the Finslerian setting:  
**compactness of forward closed balls  $\cap$  backward ones**  
(weaker than forward or backward completeness)

Spacetimes-with-timelike-boundary:

- logically independent convexities for  $\partial M$ :  
timelike/null/spacelike  $g(v, v) \geq 0$  for resp.  $v$   
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# Convexity: Lorentzian (Herrera, S. '23)

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## Proposition

For  $(\bar{M}, g)$  GH-ST-TB (or just caus. simple):  
 $M$  is causally simple  $\iff \partial M$  is null convex

(Lorentzian glob. hyp.  $\bar{M} \rightsquigarrow$  Riemannian completeness  $\bar{M}$ )



## Corollary

For a *standard static* s.t.  $(\mathbb{R} \times S, g = -\Lambda(x)dt^2 + g_0)$ :

*causally simple*  $\iff (S, g_R := g_0/\Lambda)$  *convex*

Moreover, for  $\bar{D} \subset S$  *complete* (open with *bd*) are equivalent:

- 1 The “cylinder”  $\mathbb{R} \times D$  is *causally simple*
- 2  $\partial D$  is *infinitesimally  $g_R$ -convex*
- 3  $\mathbb{R} \times \partial D$  is *null-convex*

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- **Caution** *not time-convex*

for physical conformal choices: pebble tossed straight

- will reach a maximum radius
- ... and fall down

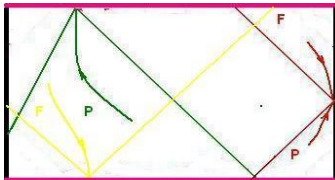
$\rightsquigarrow$  timelike geodesic violating (local) time-convexity!

# Causal boundary and naked singularities

- Timelike bd  $\partial M$ : is a “conformal” one
- Causal boundary  $\partial_c M$ : intrinsic  
(valid for all strongly causal s.t.  $M$  without bd.)

Relation between  $\partial M$  and  $\partial_c M$ ?

- **TIP:**  $I^-(\gamma)$ ,  $\gamma$  timelike  $\uparrow$  inext, **TIF:**  $I^+(\gamma)$ ,  $\gamma \downarrow$
- **Causal bd:** TIP's + TIF's, some of them identified
  - Formally, pairs  $(P, F)$
  - $P$  TIP or  $\emptyset$ ;  $F$  TIF or  $\emptyset$
  - S-relation (Szabados)  $P \sim_s F$
- **Naked singularities:** each TIP identified with some TIF
  - Formally pairs  $(P, F)$  with  $P \neq \emptyset \neq F$
  - Agrees with classical notion of naked:
    - $\exists$  Inextens. future-directed (resp past-directed) causal  $\gamma$  lying in the past (resp. future) of some  $p \in M$
  - $\partial_{naked} M \subset \partial_c M$



## Proposition

**For  $M \subset \overline{M}$  with timelike bd.:**

- $\partial M \subset \partial_{\text{naked}} M$

*Indeed, each  $p \in \partial M$  gives the naked singularity  $(P, F)$  with  $P = I^-(p) \cap M$ ,  $F = I^+(p) \cap M$*

- *If, additionally,  $\overline{M}$  is GH-ST-TB:*

$$\partial M = \partial_{\text{naked}} M$$



## 2. Splitting for globally hyperbolic $\overline{M}$

**Theorem.** Any  $(\overline{M}, g)$  globally hyperbolic with-timelike-boundary:

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- (B) Then,  $\bar{M}$  splits as  $\mathbb{R} \times \bar{\Sigma}$ ,  $g = -\Lambda d\tau^2 + g_\tau$ ,
- $\tau$  becomes the natural projection  $\mathbb{R} \times \bar{\Sigma} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$
  - $\Lambda : \mathbb{R} \times \bar{\Sigma} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is positive (*lapse*)
  - $\bar{\Sigma}$  ( $n$ )-manifold with boundary
  - $g_\tau$  Riemannian metric on each slice  $\{\tau\} \times \bar{\Sigma}$   
(positive semidefinite metric tensor with radical =  $\text{Span}(\partial_\tau)$ )
  - $\tau$ -slices are spacelike Cauchy hypersurfaces-with-bd

As a consequence:

- Interior  $M = \mathbb{R} \times \Sigma$ 
  - $\rightsquigarrow$  class of **causally continuous s.t. which splits**
- Boundary  $\partial M$  (global. hyp. no bd., possibly non-connected):
  - admits  $\tau|_{\partial M}$  as **Cauchy temporal**
  - **orthogonal** to the Cauchy  $\tau$  slices

Moreover, any glob hyp. s.t.-with-timelike-bd  $\overline{M}$  can be **isometrically embedded**

- $\hookrightarrow$  as the closure of an open set in a glob. hyp. s.t.  $\tilde{M}$  (without boundary)
- $\hookrightarrow$  **as a submanifold in  $\mathbb{L}^N$**  for some  $N \in \mathbb{N}$  applying to  $\tilde{M}$  Nash-type Müller & S.'11 (for  $\partial M = \emptyset$ )

# Involved techniques

Previous techniques for  $\partial M = \emptyset$

- Starting point: Geroch '70 topological splitting
- Smoothness + orth. splitting: AN Bernal & MS '03, '05  
(extended to other problems in AN Bernal & MS '06, '07;  
O Müller & MS '11; O Müller '16 )
- New approaches:
  - 1 A. Fathi, A. Siconolfi '12:  
weak-KAM theory
  - 2 Sullivan'76 - D. Monclair'14  
Applicability of attractors, chain recurrency and Conley Th.
  - 3 P. Chrusciel, J.D.E. Grant & E. Minguzzi '16:  
Seifert's approach to smoothability
  - 4 P. Bernard & S. Suhr '18:  
Conley theory, most general cones

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1 Take  $\tau$ :

- *temporal* (smooth, with  $\nabla\tau$  past-directed timelike)
- *Cauchy* (with Cauchy slices  $\tau = \text{constant}$ )
- *adapted* (with  $\nabla\tau$  tangent to  $\partial M$  on  $\partial M$ )

and put  $\bar{\Sigma} := \tau^{-1}(0)$

2 Splitting obtained flowing  $\bar{\Sigma}$  with  $X = -\nabla\tau/|\nabla\tau|^2$ .

3 Consistency:  $X$  is tangent to  $\partial M$

(integral curves starting at  $\partial M$  remain in  $\partial M$ ).



Strategy to find  $\tau$ :

- 1 Find any Cauchy temporal  $\tau_0$  on  $\overline{M}$  (non-adapted)
  - Any of the techniques of the case  $\partial M = \emptyset$  work
- 2 Use  $\tau_0$  to prove  $C^0$ -stability glob. hyp. in  $\overline{M}$   
(or stability in the interval topology for conformal classes)
  - Intuitively clear
- 3 Using stability, reduce to the case of a very simple  $\partial M$ ...
- 4 ... where the techniques for the case  $\partial M = \emptyset$  are applicable  
(in particular: Bernal, S.'05 + O Müller '16)

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- Proof:** technical, modify  $g$  using
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Very particular case of O. Müller, LMP'16:

- Let  $g^d$  be a globally hyperbolic metric invariant by the action of a compact Lie group  $G$ . Then, it admits a Cauchy temporal function  $\tau^d$  invariant by  $G$ .

In our case  $G = \{1, i\}$

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- 5  $\tau := \tau^d|_{\overline{M}}$  works!



# 3. Notes on the PDE viewpoint

## Some examples:

- **K. O. Friedrichs '58**: general study of symmetric positive linear differential equations, including **Cauchy mixed problems**
  - **N. Ginoux, S. Murro '22**: systematic study of Friedrich systems in GH-ST-TB
    - Symmetric hyperbolic: **Dirac, energy momentum, geometric wave op.**
    - Symmetric positive: **Klein-Gordon, reaction-diffusion**
- (also **Drago et al. '20 Grosse & Murro '20**)

Especially, GH-ST-TB ambient for **wave eqn and quantization**

- Lupo's thesis '15 Ch. 5 "Notes towards a theory of spacetimes with timelike boundaries and boundary value problems"  
↪ (local) uniqueness for wave eq with Dirichlet bd conditions
- P. Hintz, G. Uhlmann '19, with J. Zhai '23: inverse boundary problem for semilinear wave eqn. including Snell's
- Fundamental solutions, quantization :
  - C. Dappiaggi, N. Drago, H. Ferreira'20 Maxwell eqn.
  - C. Dappiaggi, N. Drago, R. Longhi '19 waves in static s.t.
  - C. Dappiaggi, A. Marta '22 Klein-Gordon asym. anti de Sitter
  - M. Benini, C. Dappiaggi, A. Schenkel '18 algebraic QFT
- W. Janssen '22. Quantization of fields: glob. hyperb.  
↪ semi-glob. hyperb. (finite union in time of glob hyp pieces)  
↪ GH-ST-TB

# GH-ST-TB evolved from Einstein eqn: IBVP

**Model:** classic Cauchy initial value approach for Einstein eqns.:

- Choquet-Bruhat '52 — Choquet-Bruhat & Geroch '69:

**Well posedness**, involves a **(harmonic) gauge**

↪ Initial boundary value problem on  $(\mathbb{R} \times \partial\Sigma) \cup \Sigma$

# Cauchy initial value vs IBVP

(For vacuum, following [Z. An & M. Andersson'22](#))

## ■ Cauchy value problem

Let  $\Sigma$ ,  $(n)$  manifold  $\partial\Sigma = \emptyset$  with **initial data**  $(\gamma, \kappa)$

(Riem.  $\gamma$ , 2 cov sym tensor  $\kappa$ ; Gauss, Codazzi  $Ricc = 0$ )

## ■ $(V, g)$ vacuum development:

glob. hyperb.  $Ricc = 0$  s-t containing the data  $(\Sigma, \gamma, \kappa)$

## ■ *Equivalent vacuum developments* $(V_1, g_1), (V_2, g_2)$ :

*if they contain a common subdevelopment:*

$\exists$  vacuum development  $(V', g)$  and isometric embeddings  $\psi_i : V' \rightarrow V_i$  such that  $\psi_i^* g_i = g, (i = 1, 2)$

## ■ $\mathcal{V}$ : space of equivalence classes of vacuum developments

$\mathcal{I}$ : moduli space of initial data up to  $\text{Diff}(\Sigma)$

**Main classic result:**  $\exists$  **canonic bijective map**  $D : \mathcal{V} \rightarrow \mathcal{I}$ .

## ■ $D$ yields a parametrization of solutions

## ■ To obtain $D^{-1}$ : solve PDE (using a gauge)

## ■ Initial boundary value problem (IBVP)

Initial data  $(\gamma, \kappa)$  on some  $\bar{\Sigma}$ ,  $\partial\Sigma \neq \emptyset$

Corner boundary :  $(\mathbb{R} \times \partial\Sigma) \cup \bar{\Sigma} \rightsquigarrow ([0, 1) \times \partial\Sigma) \cup \Sigma$

**Ideally seeked th.:**  $\exists$  *canonic bijective*  $D : \mathcal{V} \rightarrow \mathcal{I} \times_c \mathcal{B}$ .

- $\mathcal{B}$  boundary data on  $\partial M \equiv [0, 1) \times \partial\Sigma$  up to some diffeom.
  - Data: geometry of  $\partial M$   
intrinsic (Lorentzian metric) and/or extrinsic (2nd ff  $II$ )
  - Diffeom.: Ideally  $\text{Diff}_0(\bar{M})$  (diff.  $M$  identity on  $\partial M$ )
- $\times_c$  compatibility at the corner  $\{0\} \times \partial\Sigma$ .

**Basic open problem** (for appropriate geometric bd data):

*Is there a choice of gauge for which IBVP is well posed?*

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- A. Enciso, N. Kamran '19 approach valid also for odd dim
  - Make use of key algebraic similarities Lorentz/ Riemann
  - Improve regularity of initial data (polyhomogeneity)
    - ↪ no problem log terms in Fefferman-Graham expansion
- G. Holzegel, J. Luk, J. Smulevici, C. Warnick'20 ,  
stability of AdS under optimally dissipative flux on  $\partial M$   
+ (conjectured) non-stability for flux= 0  
(reflecting Dirichlet/ Neuman)



Primary application to **numerical relativity**:

- Simulation isolated astrophys. systems (neutron stars, BH's)  
     $\rightsquigarrow$  introduce as  $\partial M$  the boundary of the computational grid

Especially complicated (even Riemannian counterparts)

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Thank you  
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