

# First order gravitational self-force on generic bound orbits in Kerr spacetime

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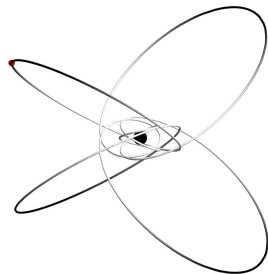
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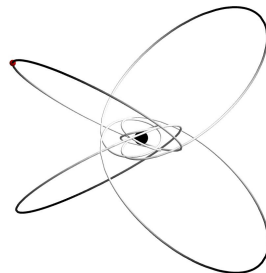
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## Strategy

- Use axisymmetry to decouple “ $m$ -mode”.
- Solve 2+1D PDEs numerically.
- Use “effective source” regularization scheme

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Eccentric equatorial orbits.

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(problems with gauge instabilities)



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# (Incomplete) History

Work	Details
[Barack & Ori, 2001]	Note difficulty due to irregularity of radiation gauge.
[Keidl, Friedman & Wiseman, 2007]	Metric for static particle flat space/Schwarzschild
[Keidl, Shah, Friedman, Kim & Price, 2010& 2011]	GSF and redshift for circular orbits in Schwarzschild
[Shah, Friedman & Keidl, 2012]	Redshift circular equatorial orbits Kerr
[Pound, Merlin, & Barack, 2013]	Rigorous formulation of GSF in radiation gauge
[MvdM & Shah, 2015]	Redshift for eccentric equatorial orbits in Kerr
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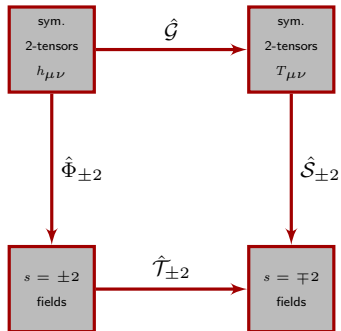
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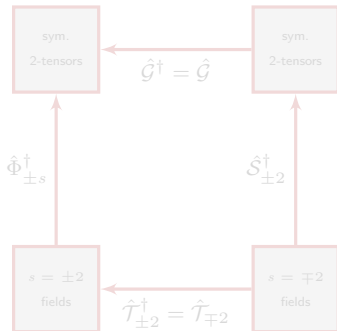
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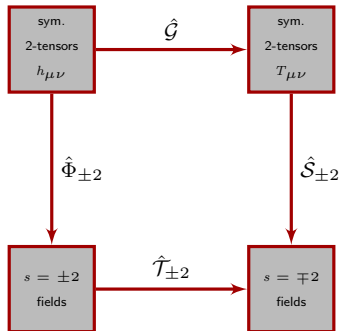


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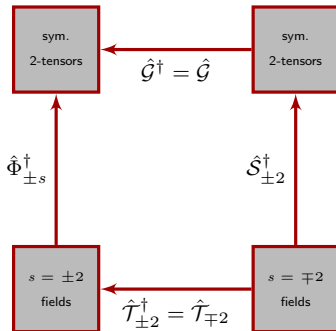
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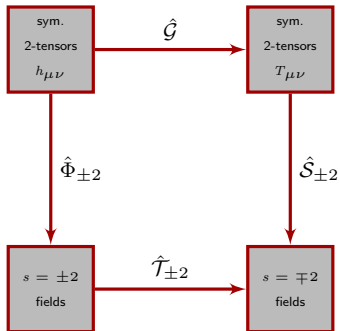


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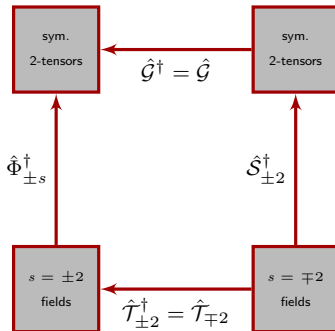
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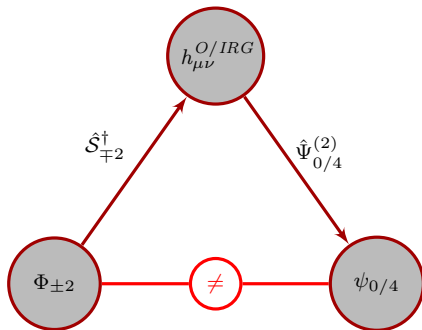


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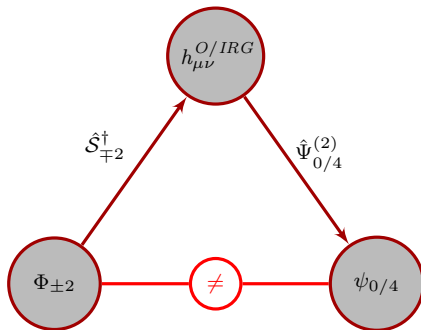
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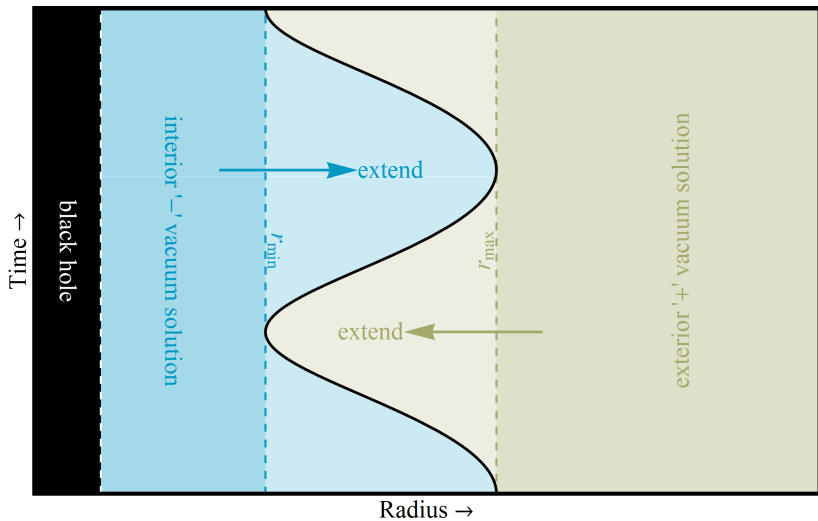
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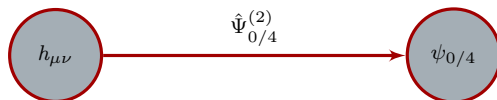


# Adding a particle source: method of extended homogeneous solutions





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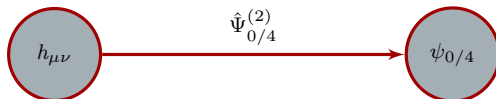
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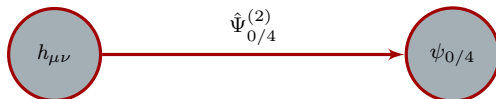
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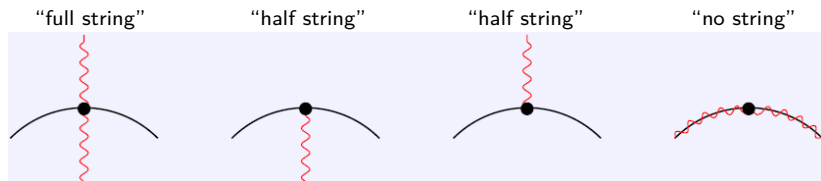
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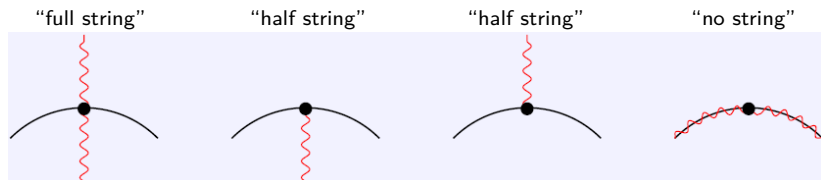
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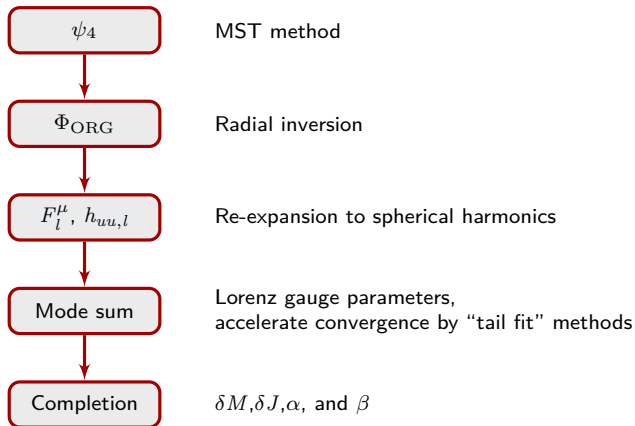
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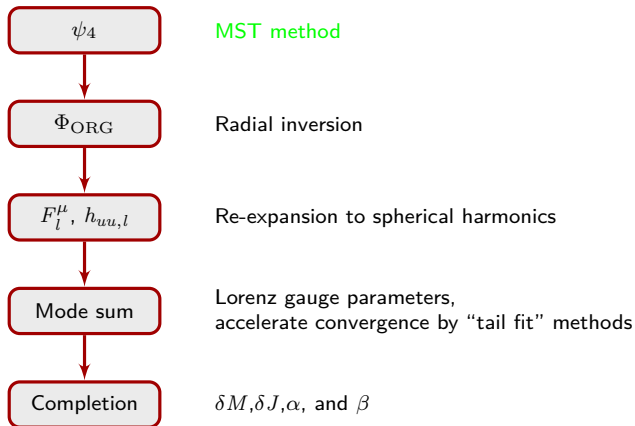
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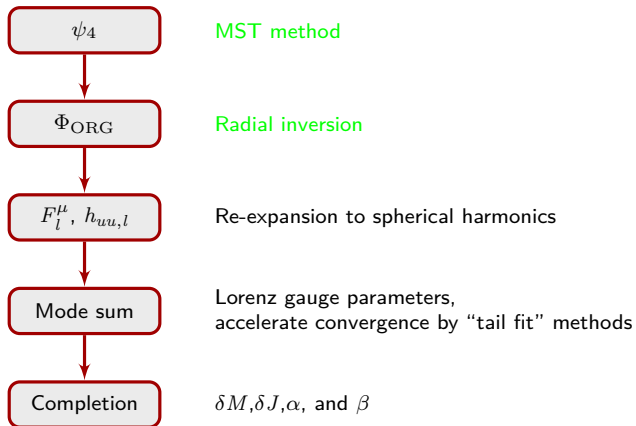


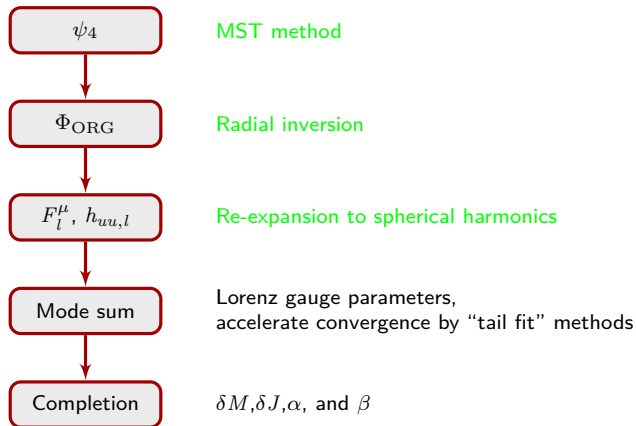
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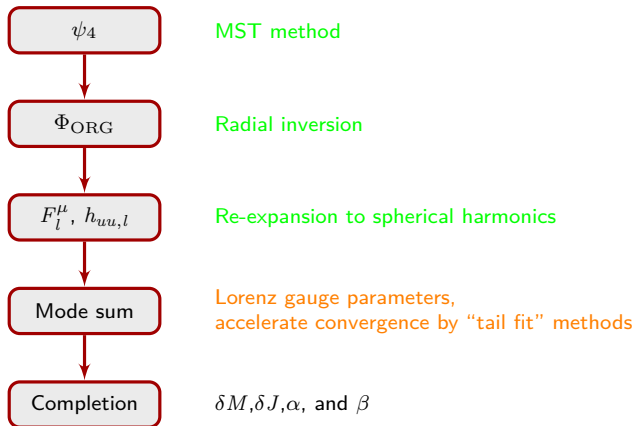




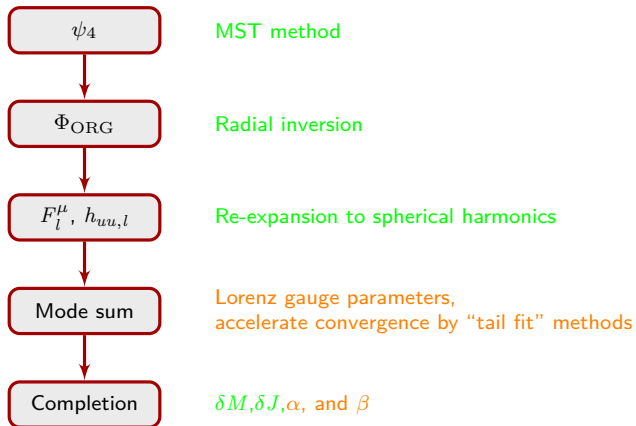




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## Results

## Test orbit

$a = 0.5M$ ,  $p = 10M$ ,  $e = 0.1$ , and  $z_{max} = 0.1$   
40000 CPU hours, 1 TB of raw data.

## Summary

Calculation of the GSF corrections to generic orbits is almost a reality. Some testing and debugging required.

## Outlook

- Calculate new invariants such as the ISSO shift.
- Explore resonances

Thank you for listening!

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