

# On Calculating the Lorenz Gauge Metric Perturbation

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# Outline

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- How we calculate the Lorenz gauge metric perturbation
- Roadblocks
- Results and Future Work



# Motivation

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The Self-force is best understood in the Lorenz gauge.  
To second order, the formulation is known *only* in the Lorenz gauge.

(Pound, Wardell, Warburton and Miller 2019)

Require Lorenz gauge metric perturbation to first and second order in the small mass ratio.



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Resolving roadblocks: A path to a **gauge transformation between Regge-Wheeler and Lorenz gauges** and intuitive approach to finding  $h_{\mu\nu}^L$  in Kerr(?)



# Calculating $h_{\mu\nu}^L$ in a Tensor Spherical Harmonic Basis

Metric Perturbation:  $\tilde{g}_{\mu\nu} = g_{\mu\nu} + h_{\mu\nu}$

Linearised Field Equations in Lorenz Gauge:  $\square \bar{h}_{\mu\nu} + 2R^\alpha{}_\nu{}^\beta{}_\nu \bar{h}_{\alpha\beta} = 0$

Lorenz Gauge Condition:  $\bar{h}_{\mu\nu}{}^{;\nu} = 0$

Trace-Reversed Metric:  $\bar{h}_{\mu\nu} = h_{\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{2}g_{\mu\nu}h$

$$h_{\mu\nu}(t, r, \theta, \phi) = \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \sum_{m=-l}^l \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-i\omega t} \left( h_{\mu\nu}^{o,lm}(\omega, r, \theta, \phi) + h_{\mu\nu}^{e,lm}(\omega, r, \theta, \phi) \right) d\omega$$

Barack and Lousto, 2005

Berndtson, 2007

Barack and Sago, 2010

Thompson, 2018



# Calculating $h_{\mu\nu}^L$ in a Tensor Spherical Harmonic Basis: Odd Sector

$$h_{\mu\nu}^{o,lm}(\omega, r, \theta, \phi) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & h_0^{lm}(\omega, r) \csc \theta \frac{\partial Y_{lm}(\theta, \phi)}{\partial \phi} & -h_0^{lm}(\omega, r) \sin \theta \frac{\partial Y_{lm}(\theta, \phi)}{\partial \theta} \\ * & 0 & h_1^{lm}(\omega, r) \csc \theta \frac{\partial Y_{lm}(\theta, \phi)}{\partial \phi} & -h_1^{lm}(\omega, r) \sin \theta \frac{\partial Y_{lm}(\theta, \phi)}{\partial \theta} \\ * & * & -h_2^{lm}(\omega, r) X_{lm}(\theta, \phi) & h_2^{lm}(\omega, r) \sin \theta W_{lm}(\theta, \phi) \\ * & * & * & h_2^{lm}(\omega, r) \sin^2 \theta X_{lm}(\theta, \phi) \end{pmatrix}$$

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$$h_0^{\text{odd}} = \frac{1}{i\omega} \left( \psi_1^{\text{RW}} + \frac{2\lambda}{3} \psi_2^{\text{RW}} \right)$$

$$h_1^{\text{odd}} = \frac{1}{(i\omega)^2} \left[ -\frac{2\lambda}{3} \psi_2^{\text{RW}'} + \frac{2}{r} \psi_1^{\text{RW}} - \frac{2\lambda}{3r} \psi_2^{\text{RW}} - \psi_1^{\text{RW}'} \right] \quad (\text{Berndtson, 2007})$$

$$h_2^{\text{odd}} = \frac{1}{(i\omega)^2} \left[ (r - 2M) \psi_2^{\text{RW}'} + \psi_1^{\text{RW}} + \frac{(3 + 2\lambda)r - 6M}{3r} \psi_2^{\text{RW}} \right]$$

Can transform between Regge-Wheeler gauge and Lorenz gauge.  
(Hopper and Evans, 2012)





# Calculating $h_{\mu\nu}^L$ in a Tensor Spherical Harmonic Basis: Even Sector

$$h_{\mu\nu}^{e,lm}(\omega, r, \theta, \phi) =$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} \left(1 - \frac{2M}{r}\right) H_0^{lm}(\omega, r) Y_{lm} & H_1^{lm}(\omega, r) Y_{lm} & h_0^{lm}(\omega, r) \frac{\partial Y_{lm}}{\partial \theta} & h_0^{lm}(\omega, r) \frac{\partial Y_{lm}}{\partial \phi} \\ * & \frac{H_2^m(\omega, r) Y_{lm}}{\left(1 - \frac{2M}{r}\right)} & h_1^{lm}(\omega, r) \frac{\partial Y_{lm}}{\partial \theta} & h_1^{lm}(\omega, r) X_{lm} \\ * & * & r^2 \left( K^{lm}(\omega, r) Y_{lm} + G^{lm}(\omega, r) W_{lm} \right) & r^2 \sin \theta G^{lm}(\omega, r) X_{lm} \\ * & * & * & r^2 \sin^2 \theta \left( K^{lm}(\omega, r) Y_{lm} - G^{lm}(\omega, r) W_{lm} \right) \end{pmatrix}$$



# Calculating $h_{\mu\nu}^L$ in a Tensor Spherical Harmonic Basis: Even Sector

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$$\underbrace{\left\{ f(r)^2 \frac{d^2}{dr^2} + \frac{2M}{r^2} f(r) \frac{d}{dr} - f(r) \left( \frac{l(l+1)}{r^2} - \frac{2M}{r^3} \right) + \omega^2 \right\}}_{\text{Regge-Wheeler operator } \mathcal{L}_0} M_{2af} = f(r) \psi_0^{\text{RW}}$$



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Regge-Wheeler operator  $\mathcal{L}_0$

- $M_{2af}$  has been solved numerically (Berndtson, Nolan and Warburton)
- $M_{2af}$  is difficult to solve, non compact source.
- Try using MST method (low frequency expansion) and/or Green's function.
- Is there a way to get around solving  $M_{2af}$ ?



# An Alternate Route to Metric Reconstruction

There may be a route to calculating  $h_{\mu\nu}^L$  without the need to solve for  $M_{2af}$ .

$$\text{Linearised Field Equations in Lorenz Gauge: } \square \bar{h}_{\mu\nu} + 2R^\alpha{}_\nu{}^\beta{}_\nu \bar{h}_{\alpha\beta} = 0$$

$$\text{Lorenz Gauge Condition: } \bar{h}_{\mu\nu}{}^{;\nu} = 0$$

$$\text{Metric Components: } h_0^{\text{odd}} = \frac{1}{i\omega} \left( \psi_1 + \frac{2\lambda}{3} \psi_2 \right) \dots$$

Einstein field equations in Lorenz gauge and Lorenz gauge conditions take the following form:

$$A_{l\omega}(r)(\mathcal{L}_0 M_{2af} - f(r)\psi_0^{\text{RW}}) + B_{l\omega}(r)\mathcal{L}_0\psi_0^{\text{RW}} + C_{l\omega}(r)\mathcal{L}_1\psi_1^{\text{RW}} + D_{l\omega}(r)\mathcal{L}_2\psi_2^{\text{RW}} \\ + E_{l\omega}(r)\mathcal{L}_{2Z}\psi_2^Z + \text{derivatives} = 0$$

$$\mathcal{L}_0 M_{2af} = f(r)\psi_0^{\text{RW}}, \quad \mathcal{L}_s \psi_s = 0$$

How does  $M_{2af}$  contribute to the metric perturbation?



## How Does $M_{2af}$ Contribute to $h_{\mu\nu}^L$ ?

$$h_{\mu\nu}(t, r, \theta, \phi) = \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \sum_{m=-l}^l \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-i\omega t} \left( h_{\mu\nu}^{o,lm}(\omega, r, \theta, \phi) + h_{\mu\nu}^{e,lm}(\omega, r, \theta, \phi) \right) d\omega$$

- $l = 0$  Scalar Perturbations
- $l = 1$  Scalar and Vector Perturbations
- $l \geq 2$  Scalar, Vector and Tensor Perturbations (Contains Radiative Modes)
- Metric Perturbation = Radiative Modes +  $\delta a$  +  $\delta M$  + Gauge

Recall  $M_{2af}$  was derived for the case where  $\omega \neq 0$  and  $l \geq 2$ . We shall therefore focus on examining  $M_{2af}$ 's contribution to the radiative modes of  $h_{\mu\nu}^L$  to start.



## Contribution of $M_{2af}$ to Radiative Modes

Wald's Result on perturbations of a Kerr black hole:

Either of the perturbed Weyl scalars  $\psi_0^P$  or  $\psi_4^P$  alone uniquely satisfies the non-trivial part of gravitational perturbations to a Kerr black hole.

$$\delta R_{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} = \frac{1}{2}(\nabla_\rho \nabla_\nu h_{\mu\sigma} + \nabla_\sigma \nabla_\mu h_{\nu\rho} - \nabla_\rho \nabla_\mu h_{\nu\sigma} - \nabla_\sigma \nabla_\nu h_{\mu\rho} + h_\mu{}^\tau R_{\tau\nu\rho\sigma} - h_\nu{}^\tau R_{\tau\mu\rho\sigma})$$

$${}_2\Psi_{\ell m \omega} = \Psi_0^P = \delta C_{1313} = \delta R_{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} \ell^\mu m^\nu \ell^\rho m^\sigma \quad (\text{Kinnersley tetrad})$$


$$-{}_2\Psi_{\ell m \omega} = \Psi_4^P = \delta C_{2424} = \delta R_{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} n^\mu \bar{m}^\nu n^\rho \bar{m}^\sigma$$

**Main Result:** Using Berndtson's expressions for the metric perturbation components for the case  $\omega \neq 0$  with  $l \geq 2$ ,  $M_{2af}$  does not contribute to perturbed Weyl scalars.

$\implies M_{2af}$  does not contribute to the radiative part of  $h_{\mu\nu}^L$ .







$M_{2af}$

$h_{\mu\nu}^L$



## Results: Path to Gauge Transformation

- $M_{2af}$  does not contribute to the radiative part of  $h_{\mu\nu}^L$
- In fact, only  $\psi_2^{\text{RW}}$  contributes to the perturbed Weyl scalars which is to be expected, and the Chandrasekhar transformation is recovered:

$$\begin{aligned} {}_2\Psi_{lm\omega} = \Psi_0^{\text{P}} &= -\frac{iC_\ell}{4r^2} \mathcal{D}^\dagger \mathcal{D}^\dagger \left( \frac{2r\psi_2^{\text{RW}}}{i\omega} \right), & \mathcal{D}^\dagger &\equiv \partial_r - \frac{i\omega}{f} \\ -{}_2\Psi_{lm\omega} = \Psi_4^{\text{P}} &= -\frac{iC_\ell}{16} r^2 f^2 \mathcal{D} \mathcal{D} \left( \frac{2r\psi_2^{\text{RW}}}{i\omega} \right), & \mathcal{D} &\equiv \partial_r + \frac{i\omega}{f} \end{aligned}$$

- Can construct radiative part of metric purely from  $\psi_2^{\text{RW}}$ , without  $M_{2af}$ , and can use the MST method to transform between Regge-Wheeler and Lorenz gauge for homogeneous perturbations.



## Results: Path to $h_{\mu\nu}^L$ in Kerr?

- Homogenous Lorenz gauge metric perturbation components with  $\omega \neq 0$  and  $l \geq 2$  can be written in terms of Regge-Wheeler master functions ( $\psi_2^{\text{RW}}$  only).
- Can the metric perturbation be written in terms of a Hertz potential,  $\Phi$  and completion pieces?

$$h_{\mu\nu}^L = \underbrace{\text{“}\nabla_\mu \nabla_\nu \Phi^L\text{”}}_{\text{(Radiative Modes)}} + \delta a + \delta M + \text{Gauge}$$

Hertz Potential {

- Gravitational Case for Schwarzschild and Kerr in Radiation gauge
- EM case for Kerr in Lorenz gauge (Dolan)
- Gravitational case for Schwarzschild in Lorenz gauge?
- Gravitational case in Kerr in Lorenz gauge? (NP/GHP formalism)



# Future Work

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- Contribution of  $M_{2af}$  to  $\delta M$  or  $\delta a$ ? (We expect  $M_{2af}$  to be pure gauge).
- Construct full Lorenz gauge solution including completion pieces of the metric perturbation: *Which fields contribute to  $\delta M$ ,  $\delta a$  and gauge?*
- Explore transformation between Regge-Wheeler and Lorenz gauges using MST (we now have this for static and non-static homogeneous perturbations with  $l \geq 2$ )
- Using NP/GHP formalism:  $h_{\mu\nu}^L$  in Schwarzschild  $\rightarrow h_{\mu\nu}^L$  in Kerr

