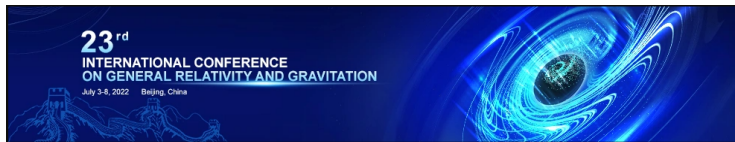


Linear instability of gravitational and electromagnetic perturbations of Extreme Reissner–Nordström

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The study of scalar wave equation on a fixed background spacetime (\mathcal{M}, g)

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The study of linearized gravity, i.e. we consider linear perturbations of the Einstein equations around a specific black hole solution.

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Teukolsky system

- ▶ Ingoing Eddington-Finkelstein coordinates: (v, r, θ, ϕ)

$$g_{M,Q} = -D(r)dv^2 + 2dvdr + r^2 \cdot \gamma, \quad D(r) := \left(1 - \frac{M}{r}\right)^2$$

- ▶ Teukolsky type operator

$$\mathcal{T}(\alpha) := \square_{g_{ERN}} \alpha + c_1(r) \nabla_{\partial_v} \alpha + c_2(r) \nabla_{\partial_r} \alpha + V(r) \alpha$$

The gauge invariant quantities introduced earlier satisfy **coupled** generalized Teukolsky type equations

$$\mathcal{T}(f) = d_1(r) \cdot \nabla \hat{\otimes} \mathbf{b} + \dots$$

$$\mathcal{T}(\mathbf{b}) = d_2(r) \cdot \text{div} f + \dots$$

Studying the above system directly is not possible. There is, however, a set of transformations that yield Regge-Wheeler type equations.

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$$\phi = r^2 d\!/\!v(d\!/\!v \mathbf{q}^F)$$

$$\psi = r d\!/\!v(\mathbf{p}),$$

while for the potential functions we have

$$V_i(r) = \mathcal{O}(r^{-3}).$$

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- Diagonalize the system to obtain the decoupled equations

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$$(RW) \quad \left(\square_{g_{ERN}} - V_i^{(\ell)}(r)\right) \Psi_i^{(\ell)} = 0, \quad i \in \{1, 2\}, \ell \geq i$$

where $\Psi_i^{(\ell)} = a_i(\ell, M)\phi_\ell + b_i(\ell, M)\psi_\ell$.

The potentials depend on M, ℓ and decay towards spacelike infinity like

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$\partial_r^{k+s_i} \Psi_i^{(\ell)}(\tau) = c_{i,k} H_\ell[\Psi_i] \cdot \tau^k + \mathcal{O}\left(\tau^{k-\frac{1}{4}}\right)$
for all $k \in \mathbb{N}$, where $s_i = \ell + 1 - (-1)^i$
($c_{i,k}$ has alternating sign depending on $k \in \mathbb{N}$)

Estimates for the Regge-Wheeler tensorial system

- Using the estimates obtained for $\Psi_i^{(\ell)}$, $\ell \geq i$, $i \in \{1, 2\}$ we can also control ϕ_ℓ, ψ_ℓ , since we can write

$$\phi_\ell = c_1 \cdot \Psi_1^{(\ell)} + c_2 \cdot \Psi_2^{(\ell)}, \quad \psi_\ell = d_1 \cdot \Psi_1^{(\ell)} + d_2 \cdot \Psi_2^{(\ell)}$$

In particular, they both inherit the behavior of the dominant term $\Psi_2^{(\ell)}$ asymptotically on \mathcal{H}^+ .

- Using standard elliptic identities we obtain

- ▶ Decay: $\|\mathbf{p}\|_{S_{\tau,M}^2} \lesssim_M \tau^{-\frac{3}{4}}, \quad \|\nabla_{\partial_r} \mathbf{p}\|_{S_{\tau,M}^2} \lesssim_M \tau^{-\frac{1}{4}}$

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where $\|\xi\|_{S_{v,r}^2}^2 := \int_{S_{v,r}^2} r^2 \sin \theta d\theta d\phi |\xi|^2$, and $|\xi|^2 := \xi^{A_1 \dots A_n} \cdot \xi_{A_1 \dots A_n}$.

Similar estimates hold for \mathbf{q}^F .

Estimates for the Teukolsky system

Recall the transformation relating Teukolsky solutions to Regge-Wheeler ones,

e.g.
$$\mathbf{q}^F = r \nabla_{\partial_r} (c_1(r) \cdot f)$$

Thus, taking k many ∇_{∂_r} derivatives of the above we obtain

$$\nabla_{\partial_r}^{k+1} f = \tilde{c}_1(r) \cdot \nabla_{\partial_r}^k \mathbf{q}^F + \mathcal{L}^{k-1}[\mathbf{q}^F] + k_1(r) \cdot f$$

After obtaining decay estimates for f using the transport equation (e.g.), we obtain

► Decay:
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Identical estimates hold for the gauge invariant quantity \mathbf{b} as well.

Estimates for the Teukolsky system

Finally, in order to obtain estimates for the extreme curvature component α , we use an induced identity relating all 3 gauge invariant quantities.

$$\nabla_{\partial_r}(r\alpha) = c_1(r) \cdot \nabla \widehat{\otimes} \mathbf{b} + c_2(r) \cdot \mathbf{f}$$

- $\left\| \nabla_{\partial_r}^k \alpha \right\|_{L^\infty(S_{\tau,M}^2)} \lesssim_M \frac{1}{\tau}, \quad 0 \leq k \leq 2.$
- $\left\| \nabla_{\partial_r}^{k+2} \alpha \right\|_{L^\infty(S_{\tau,M}^2)} \lesssim_M \frac{1}{\tau \left(\frac{4-k}{4}\right)^k}, \quad 1 \leq k \leq 2.$
- $\left\| \nabla_{\partial_r}^5 \alpha \right\|_{S_{\tau,M}^2} \xrightarrow{\tau \rightarrow \infty} \left(\tilde{c}_2 \|H_2[\Psi_2]\|_{S_{\tau,M}^2}^2 + \tilde{c}_3 \|H_3[\Psi_2]\|_{S_{\tau,M}^2}^2 \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}$
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On the horizon instability of an extreme Reissner-Nordström black hole

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- Moncrief's formalism. (Newman–Penrose (NP) formalism)

	$l = 1$ odd	$l > 1$ odd	$l = 1$ even	$l > 1$ even
ψ	P_f	P_{\pm}	H	R_{\pm}
$W _{r=M}$	6	$l(l+1) + 1 \pm (2l+1)$	6	$l(l+1) + 1 \pm (2l+1)$
p	2	$l \pm 1$	2	$l \pm 1$

Table 1: Conserved quantities $H_p[\psi]$ for Moncrief's perturbations.

- For $\ell = 2$ odd parity perturbations the conserved quantities are

$$H_1[P_-] = \left(\partial_r^2 P_- + \frac{2}{M} \partial_r P_- \right)_{r=M}$$

$$H_3[P_+] = \left(\partial_r^4 P_+ + \dots \right)_{r=M}$$

- $P_+ \sim \Psi_1^{(\ell)}$ and $P_- \sim \Psi_2^{(\ell)}$

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