

# Spin-multipole effects in binary black holes & the test-body limit

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- Bodies  $A = 1, 2$  with worldlines  $x = z_A(\lambda)$  and metric  $g_{\mu\nu}(x)$ ,

$$\mathcal{S}[z_A, g] = \frac{1}{16\pi} \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} R - \sum_A m_A \int d\lambda \sqrt{-g_{\mu\nu}(z_A) \dot{z}_A^\mu \dot{z}_A^\nu}$$

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# The MPD equations

- Define momentum  $p_\mu = \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \dot{z}^\mu}$  and spin  $S_{\mu\nu} = 2 \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \Omega^{\mu\nu}}$ ,

Action  $\Rightarrow$  MPD equations: (force  $F^\mu$ , torque  $N^{\mu\nu}$ )

$$\frac{Dp^\mu}{d\lambda} + \frac{1}{2} R^\mu{}_{\nu\alpha\beta} \dot{z}^\nu S^{\alpha\beta} = F^\mu, \quad \frac{DS^{\mu\nu}}{d\lambda} - 2p^{[\mu} \dot{z}^{\nu]} = N^{\mu\nu}$$

: transport eqs. for  $p^\mu$  and  $S^{\mu\nu}$  along any worldline.

- Add extra constraint, “spin supplementary condition” (SSC),

$$S_{\mu\nu} f^\nu = 0,$$

(mass dipole vanishes in frame defined by timelike vector field  $f^\mu$ )  
and MPD also determines evolution of worldline.

- $\left( \text{Field eqs.?: } \nabla_\nu p^\mu + \frac{1}{2} R^\mu{}_{\nu\alpha\beta} S^{\alpha\beta} = \dots, \quad \nabla_\alpha S^{\mu\nu} - 2p^{[\mu} \delta^{\nu]}{}_\alpha = \dots \right)$

# Action for (quadrupolar) MPD

- Phase-space action,  $(\alpha, \beta^\mu : \text{Lagrange multipliers})$

$$\mathcal{S}_A[z, p, \Lambda, S] = \int d\lambda \left[ p_\mu \dot{z}^\mu + \frac{1}{2} S_{\mu\nu} \Omega^{\mu\nu} - \frac{\alpha}{2} (p^2 + \mathcal{M}^2) - \beta^\mu \mathcal{C}_\mu \right]$$

“dynamical mass”  $\mathcal{M}^2(z, \hat{p}, S)$  replaces Lagrangian  $\mathcal{L}(z, \dot{z}, \Omega)$

“spin-gauge constraint” :  $0 = \mathcal{C}_\mu = S_{\mu\nu} (\hat{p}^\nu + \Lambda_0{}^\nu)$

- In general,  $\Rightarrow$  MPD with

$$F_\mu = -\frac{\alpha}{2} \frac{\mathcal{D}\mathcal{M}^2}{\mathcal{D}z^\mu}, \quad N^{\mu\nu} = -\alpha \left( p^{[\mu} \frac{\partial \mathcal{M}^2}{\partial p_{\nu]}} + 2S^{[\mu}{}_\alpha \frac{\partial \mathcal{M}^2}{\partial S_{\nu]\alpha}} \right), \quad \alpha = \frac{p_\mu \dot{z}^\mu}{p^2}$$

- Define quadrupole,  $J^{\mu\nu\alpha\beta} = \frac{3p_\gamma \dot{z}^\gamma}{p^2} \frac{\partial \mathcal{M}^2}{\partial R_{\mu\nu\alpha\beta}}, \quad (\text{assume } \frac{\partial \mathcal{M}}{\partial \nabla R} = 0 = \dots)$

$$\Rightarrow \quad F_\mu = -\frac{1}{6} \nabla_\mu R_{\alpha\beta\gamma\delta} J^{\alpha\beta\gamma\delta}, \quad N^{\mu\nu} = \frac{4}{3} R^{[\mu}{}_{\alpha\beta\gamma} J^{\nu]\alpha\beta\gamma}$$

# Quadrupolar couplings

- Define electric, magnetic parts of Weyl tensor,

$$\mathcal{E}_{\mu\nu} + i\mathcal{B}_{\mu\nu} = (C_{\mu\alpha\nu\beta} + i^*C_{\mu\alpha\nu\beta})\hat{p}^\alpha\hat{p}^\beta,$$

mass dipole vector  $\chi^\mu$ , and Pauli-Lubanski spin vector  $s^\mu$ ,

$$\chi^\mu + is^\mu = -(S^{\mu\nu} + i^*S^{\mu\nu})\hat{p}_\nu.$$

- Spin-induced and adiabatic tidal couplings:

$$\mathcal{M}^2 = m^2 - \kappa\mathcal{E}_{\mu\nu}s^\mu s^\nu - \lambda\frac{m}{2}\mathcal{E}_{\mu\nu}\mathcal{E}^{\mu\nu},$$

$$(\kappa_{\text{BH}} = 1, \quad \lambda_{\text{BH}} = 0),$$

—valid for the “**covariant SSC**”:  $S_{\mu\nu}p^\nu = 0$  ( $\chi^\mu = 0$ )

- For a **generic SSC**, new kinematical terms: ( $\lambda = 0$ )

$$\mathcal{M}^2 = m^2 - \kappa\mathcal{E}_{\mu\nu}s^\mu s^\nu - 2\mathcal{B}_{\mu\nu}s^\mu\chi^\nu + \mathcal{E}_{\mu\nu}\chi^\mu\chi^\nu$$



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# LO-PN couplings for a BH to all orders in spin

- Rescale dipoles,  $\xi^\mu + i\sigma^\mu = \frac{\chi^\mu + is^\mu}{m} = -\frac{1}{m}(S + i^*S)^{\mu\nu}\hat{p}_\nu$

higher-order tidal tensors,

$$(\mathcal{P}_\mu^\nu = \delta_\mu^\nu + \hat{p}_\mu \hat{p}^\nu)$$

$$(\mathcal{E} + i\mathcal{B})_{\mu_1 \dots \mu_\ell} = \mathcal{P}_{\mu_1}^{\nu_1} \dots \mathcal{P}_{\mu_{\ell-2}}^{\nu_{\ell-2}} \nabla_{(\nu_1} \dots \nabla_{\nu_{\ell-2}} (C + i^*C)_{\mu_{\ell-1} \mu_\ell})^\beta \hat{p}_\alpha \hat{p}_\beta,$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{M}^2 = m^2 + 2m^2 \Big[ & \\ & - \frac{1}{2!} \left( \mathcal{E}_{\mu\nu} \sigma^\mu \sigma^\nu + 2\mathcal{B}_{\mu\nu} \sigma^\mu \xi^\nu - \mathcal{E}_{\mu\nu} \xi^\mu \xi^\nu \right) \\ & + \frac{1}{3!} \left( \mathcal{B}_{\mu\nu\alpha} \sigma^\mu \sigma^\nu \sigma^\alpha - 3\mathcal{E}_{\mu\nu\alpha} \sigma^\mu \sigma^\nu \xi^\alpha + \text{NLO} \right) \\ & + \frac{1}{4!} \left( \mathcal{E}_{\mu\nu\alpha\beta} \sigma^\mu \sigma^\nu \sigma^\alpha \sigma^\beta + 4\mathcal{B}_{\mu\nu\alpha\beta} \sigma^\mu \sigma^\nu \sigma^\alpha \xi^\beta + \text{NLO} \right) \\ & - \frac{1}{5!} \left( \mathcal{B}_{\mu\nu\alpha\beta\gamma} \sigma^\mu \sigma^\nu \sigma^\alpha \sigma^\beta \sigma^\gamma - 5\mathcal{E}_{\mu\nu\alpha\beta\gamma} \sigma^\mu \sigma^\nu \sigma^\alpha \sigma^\beta \xi^\gamma + \text{NLO} \right) \\ & - \dots \Big] \end{aligned}$$

# The PN and spin expansions (by PN order)

	PN order		1.5	2.5	3.5	4.5	5.5
	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
spin <sup>0</sup>	N	1PN	2PN	3PN	4PN		
spin <sup>1</sup>		LO SO	NLO SO	NNLO SO			
spin <sup>2</sup>			LO S <sup>2</sup>	NLO S <sup>2</sup>	NNLO S <sup>2</sup>		
spin <sup>3</sup>				LO S <sup>3</sup>	NLO S <sup>3</sup>		
spin <sup>4</sup>					LO S <sup>4</sup>	NLO S <sup>4</sup>	
spin <sup>5</sup>						LO S <sup>5</sup>	
spin <sup>6</sup>							LO S <sup>6</sup>

“nPN” : no-spin / point-mass, “SO” : spin-orbit / linear-in-spin, ...

“LO” : leading-(PN-)order, “NLO” : next-to-leading-order, ...

# The PN-spin expansion (rearranged)

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		LO S^2	NLO S^2	NNLO S^2			
				LO S^3	NLO S^3		
					LO S^4	NLO S^4	
						LO S^5	
							LO S^6

LO even		NLO even		...			
LO odd		NLO odd		...			
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				LO S^7			
				LO S^8			
				...			
						nPN	(n+1)PN
						(n+0.5)PN	

Hamiltonian  $H = H_N + H_{1PN} + \dots$

PN counting assumes large spins  $S \sim Gm^2/c$ .

(for arbitrary-mass-ratio binaries with spin-induced body multipoles)

# The PN-spin expansion

Red text: not (fully) known

Black text: fully calculated,  
and confirmed, all except for:

NNLO- $S^2$

4PN

LO- $S^n$  with  $n \geq 5$

LO even	NLO even	...		
	LO odd	NLO odd	...	
N	1PN	2PN	3PN	4PN
	LO SO	NLO SO	NNLO SO	NNNLO SO
LO $S^2$	NLO $S^2$	NNLO $S^2$	NNNLO $S^2$	
	LO $S^3$	NLO $S^3$	NNLO $S^3$	
LO $S^4$	NLO $S^4$	NNLO $S^4$		
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LO $S^8$				
	...			
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# PN compact binaries

Describe binary of compact objects, bodies  $A = 1, 2$  in terms of

- worldlines  $x = z_A(t)$  in PN coordinates  $x^\mu = (t, x^i) = (t, \mathbf{x})$ ,

relative position  $\mathbf{R} = \mathbf{z}_2 - \mathbf{z}_1$ , distance  $R = |\mathbf{R}|$ ,

- masses  $m_A$  ( $M = m_1 + m_2$ ,  $\mu = m_1 m_2 / M$ ,  $\nu = \mu / M$ ),

take  $m_1 \geq m_2$ , “test-body limit” :  $m_2 \rightarrow 0$ ,

- spin vectors  $\mathbf{S}_A = S_A^i$ , rescaled spins  $\mathbf{a}_A = \mathbf{S}_A / m_A c$ ,
- assume only spin-induced multipole moments,  $H(\mathbf{R}, \mathbf{P}, \mathbf{S}_1, \mathbf{S}_2)$ ,

$$\dot{R}^i = \frac{\partial H}{\partial P_i}, \quad \dot{P}_i = -\frac{\partial H}{\partial R^i}, \quad \dot{S}_A^i = \epsilon^{ij}{}_k \frac{\partial H}{\partial S_A^j} S_A^k, \quad (1)$$

rescale momenta:  $\bar{H} = \frac{H}{\mu}, \quad \bar{\mathbf{P}} = \frac{\mathbf{P}}{\mu}, \quad \bar{\mathbf{L}} = \frac{\mathbf{L}}{\mu} = \mathbf{R} \times \bar{\mathbf{P}},$

# Leading-order Hamiltonians

- Newtonian point-mass:

$$\bar{H}_N = \frac{\bar{\mathbf{P}}^2}{2} - \frac{M}{R},$$

- 1PN point-mass:

$$\begin{aligned}\bar{H}_{1\text{PN}} = & (-1 + 3\nu) \frac{\bar{\mathbf{P}}^4}{8} + (-3 - 2\nu) \frac{M \bar{\mathbf{P}}^2}{2R} \\ & + (0 + \nu) \frac{M \bar{\mathbf{L}}^2}{2R^3} + (1 + 0\nu) \frac{M^2}{2R^2}.\end{aligned}$$

- Leading-order spin-orbit: (spin  $\mathbf{S} = m\mathbf{a}$ )

$$\begin{aligned}\bar{H}_{\text{LO-S}^1} = & \left(2m_1 + \frac{3}{2}m_2\right) \frac{\bar{\mathbf{L}} \cdot \mathbf{a}_1}{R^3} \\ & + \left(\frac{3}{2}m_1 + 2m_2\right) \frac{\bar{\mathbf{L}} \cdot \mathbf{a}_2}{R^3}.\end{aligned}$$



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- Spin map:

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{S} &= \mathbf{S}_1 + \mathbf{S}_2 = m_1\mathbf{a}_1 + m_2\mathbf{a}_2 = M\mathbf{a}, \\ \frac{\mathbf{S}_{\text{test}}}{\nu} &= \mathbf{S}^* = \frac{m_1}{m_2}\mathbf{S}_2 + \frac{m_2}{m_1}\mathbf{S}_1 = m_1\mathbf{a}_2 + m_2\mathbf{a}_1 = M\boldsymbol{\sigma},\end{aligned}$$

- Equivalent to the motion of a test body:

$$\bar{H}_{\text{LO-S}^1}(m_1, \mathbf{a}_1, m_2, \mathbf{a}_2) = \bar{H}_{\text{LO-S}^1}^{\text{test}}(M, \mathbf{a}, \mu, \boldsymbol{\sigma})$$

# Leading-order spin-squared

$$\bar{H}_{\text{LO-S}^2} = \frac{1}{2} \left( \kappa_1 a_1^i a_1^j + 2a_1^i a_2^j + \kappa_2 a_2^i a_2^j \right) \partial_i \partial_j \frac{M}{R},$$

- $\kappa$  : response coefficient for spin-induced quadrupole :  $\kappa_{\text{BH}} = 1$

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{H}_{\text{LO-S}^2}^{\text{BBH}}(m_1, \mathbf{a}_1, m_2, \mathbf{a}_2) &= \frac{1}{2} (\mathbf{a}_1 + \mathbf{a}_2)^i (\mathbf{a}_1 + \mathbf{a}_2)^j \partial_i \partial_j \frac{M}{R} \\ &= \bar{H}_{\text{LO-S}^2}^{\text{BBH, test}}(M, \mathbf{a}, \mu, \boldsymbol{\sigma}) = \frac{1}{2} ((\mathbf{a} + \boldsymbol{\sigma}) \cdot \boldsymbol{\partial})^2 \frac{M}{R} \\ &= \bar{H}_{\text{LO-S}^2}^{\text{BBH, test}}(M, \mathbf{a}_0, \mu, 0) = \frac{1}{2} (\mathbf{a}_0 \cdot \boldsymbol{\partial})^2 \frac{M}{R} \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\mathbf{a}_0 = \mathbf{a}_1 + \mathbf{a}_2 = \mathbf{a} + \boldsymbol{\sigma} = \frac{\mathbf{S} + \mathbf{S}^*}{M} = \frac{\mathbf{S}_0}{M}$$

# Through $S^4$ , at the leading PN orders, for BBHs

- Even part:

$$\bar{H}_{\text{LO,even}}^{\text{BBH}} = \frac{\bar{\mathbf{P}}^2}{2} - \frac{M}{R} + \frac{1}{2!}(\mathbf{a}_0 \cdot \boldsymbol{\partial})^2 \frac{M}{R} - \frac{1}{4!}(\mathbf{a}_0 \cdot \boldsymbol{\partial})^4 \frac{M}{R} + \mathcal{O}(S^6),$$

- Odd part:

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{H}_{\text{LO,odd}}^{\text{BBH}} = & -\frac{1}{1!}\bar{\mathbf{P}} \times \left(2\mathbf{a} + \frac{3}{2}\boldsymbol{\sigma}\right) \cdot \boldsymbol{\partial} \frac{M}{R} \\ & + \frac{1}{3!}\bar{\mathbf{P}} \times \left(2\mathbf{a} + \frac{1}{2}\boldsymbol{\sigma}\right) \cdot \boldsymbol{\partial} (\mathbf{a}_0 \cdot \boldsymbol{\partial})^2 \frac{M}{R} + \mathcal{O}(S^5). \end{aligned}$$

# Arbitrary-mass-ratio results from the test-body limit

- Even and odd parts, from a “test black hole”—  
—with all the multipoles—in Kerr:

$$\bar{H}_{\text{LO}}^{\text{BBH}}(m_1, \mathbf{a}_1, m_2, \mathbf{a}_2) = \bar{H}_{\text{LO}}^{\text{BBH, test}}(M, \mathbf{a}, \mu, \boldsymbol{\sigma}),$$

- The even part, from geodesics in Kerr:

$$\bar{H}_{\text{LO, even}}^{\text{BBH}}(m_1, \mathbf{a}_1, m_2, \mathbf{a}_2) = \bar{H}_{\text{LO, even}}^{\text{BBH, test}}(M, \mathbf{a}_0, \mu, 0),$$

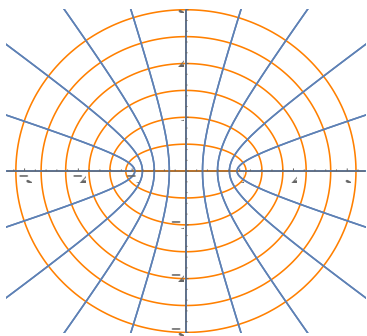
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# To all orders in spin, even part

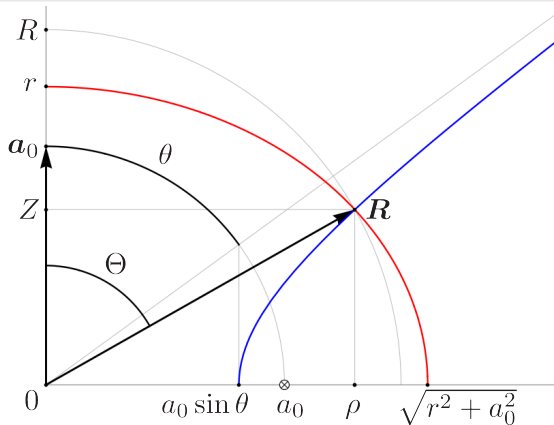
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The **oblate spheroidal (Kerr-Schild) geometry** naturally emerges, with a ring-disk singularity of radius  $a_0 = |\mathbf{a}_0|$ .

# Oblate spheroidal geometry



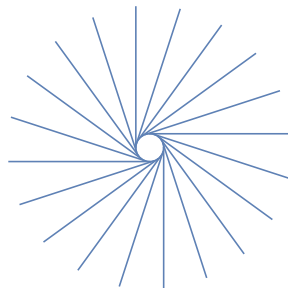
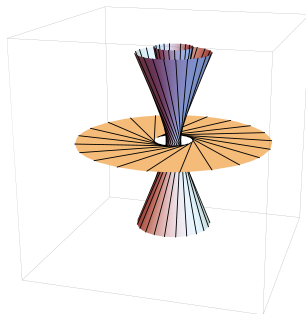
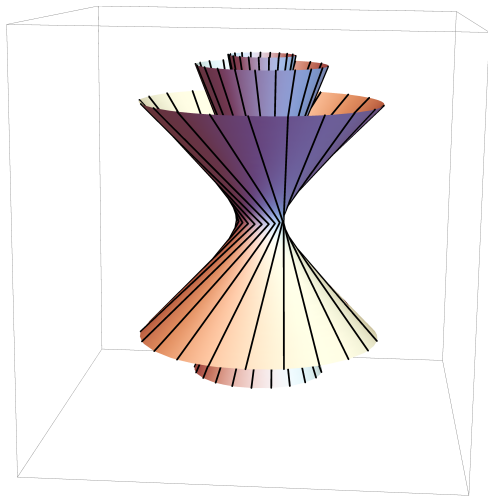
const.  $r$  – ellipsoid  
const.  $\theta$  – hyperboloid



coordinates:      cylindrical  $(\rho, \Phi, Z)$ ,     $X = \rho \cos \Phi$ ,     $Y = \rho \sin \Phi$ ,  
                          spherical  $(R, \Theta, \Phi)$ ,     $\rho = R \sin \Theta$ ,     $Z = R \cos \Theta$ ,  
                          spheroidal  $(r, \theta, \Phi)$ ,     $\rho = \sqrt{r^2 + a_0^2} \sin \theta$ ,     $Z = r \cos \theta$ .

# Oblate spheroidal geometry

the ingoing principal null congruence



equatorial plane →

# To all orders in spin, odd part

$$\begin{aligned}
 \bar{H}_{\text{LO,odd}}^{\text{BBH}} &= -\frac{1}{1!} \bar{\mathbf{P}} \times \left( 2\mathbf{a} + \frac{3}{2} \boldsymbol{\sigma} \right) \cdot \boldsymbol{\partial} \frac{M}{R} \\
 &\quad + \frac{1}{3!} \bar{\mathbf{P}} \times \left( 2\mathbf{a} + \frac{1}{2} \boldsymbol{\sigma} \right) \cdot \boldsymbol{\partial} (\mathbf{a}_0 \cdot \boldsymbol{\partial})^2 \frac{M}{R} + \dots \\
 &= \sum_{\ell}^{\text{odd}} \frac{i^{\ell-1}}{\ell!} \bar{\mathbf{P}} \times \left( -2\mathbf{a} + \frac{\ell-4}{2} \boldsymbol{\sigma} \right) \cdot \boldsymbol{\partial} (\mathbf{a}_0 \cdot \boldsymbol{\partial})^{\ell-1} \frac{M}{R} \\
 &= \left[ -2 \bar{\mathbf{P}} \times \mathbf{a}_0 \cdot \boldsymbol{\partial} \frac{\sin(\mathbf{a}_0 \cdot \boldsymbol{\partial})}{\mathbf{a}_0 \cdot \boldsymbol{\partial}} + \frac{1}{2} \bar{\mathbf{P}} \times \boldsymbol{\sigma} \cdot \boldsymbol{\partial} \cos(\mathbf{a}_0 \cdot \boldsymbol{\partial}) \right] \frac{M}{R} \\
 &= \frac{Mr}{r^2 + a_0^2 \cos^2 \theta} \frac{2\mathbf{R} \times \bar{\mathbf{P}} \cdot \mathbf{a}_0}{r^2 + a_0^2} - \frac{M}{4} \bar{\mathbf{P}} \times \boldsymbol{\sigma} \cdot \left( \frac{\mathbf{R} + i\mathbf{a}_0}{(r + ia_0 \cos \theta)^3} + c.c. \right)
 \end{aligned}$$



# Summary

- To all orders in spin, at the leading PN orders,  
for binary black holes,  $(m_1, S_1, m_2, S_2)$

—three ways to derive the same results:

(1) direct post-Newtonian (PN) calculation

(2) a “**test black hole**” with mass  $\mu = \frac{m_1 m_2}{M}$  and spin  $S_{\text{test}} = \frac{m_2^2}{M^2} S_1 + \frac{m_1^2}{M^2} S_2$

in a **Kerr background** with mass  $M = m_1 + m_2$  and spin  $S = S_1 + S_2$

(3) “deduced” in a certain way from a pole-dipole test body in Kerr

$\left( \text{featuring Kerr with mass } M = m_1 + m_2 \text{ and spin } S_0 = \frac{M}{m_1} S_1 + \frac{M}{m_2} S_2 \right)$

- Oblate spheroidal (effective) Kerr-Schild geometry naturally emerges from exact resummation of the LO conservative dynamics.