

Dynamics of Extended Bodies with Spin-Induced Quadrupole

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Motivation

- How can we define an extended body in a curved spacetime?
- How can we set a reference point in an extended body?
- Do different choices of a reference point describe the same physical body?
- How does the spin and quadrupole structure affect the motion of the body?

Mathisson's gravitational skeleton

Recipe:

- Test body in curved spacetime.
- Multipole expansion of the stress-energy tensor of the body.
- Expansion truncation at a certain multipole:
 - ▶ zero order: mass monopole P^μ ,
 - ▶ first order: spin-dipole $S^{\mu\nu}$,
 - ▶ second order: quadrupole $J^{\mu\nu\kappa\lambda}$.
 - ▶ ...

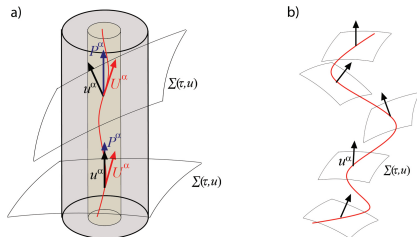


Figure: The worldtube of an extended body following the red worldline. $\Sigma(\tau, u)$ is the spacelike hypersurface generated by all geodesics orthogonal to the timelike vector u^μ

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quadrupole $J^{\mu\nu\alpha\beta}, \dots$

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Conserved Quantities:

- For a Killing vector field ξ^μ : $C(\xi) = p_\mu \xi^\mu + \frac{1}{2} S^{\mu\nu} \nabla_\mu \xi_\nu$
- Neglecting $J^{\mu\nu\alpha\beta}$ etc.: mass: $\mu = \sqrt{-p_\mu p^\mu}$ or $m = -u^\mu p_\mu$ (SSC dep.)

$$\text{spin-length: } S = \sqrt{\frac{1}{2} S_{\mu\nu} S^{\mu\nu}}$$

Non-spinning & spinning test body motion

Non-spinning

- Regular motion
- Integrable
- Geodesic motion
- No spin-orbit coupling

Spinning

- Chaotic motion
- Non-integrable
- Non-geodesic motion
- Spin-orbit coupling

Pole-dipole

- μ conserved

Pole-dipole-quadrupole

- μ not conserved
- Extra $\text{spin}^2/\text{curvature}$ couplings

Spin-induced quadrupole and SSCs in Kerr background

Spin-induced quadrupole moment

$$J^{\alpha\beta\gamma\delta} = -3V^{[\alpha}Q^{\beta][\gamma}V^{\delta]}, \quad Q^{\alpha\beta} = k S^{\alpha}_{\gamma} S^{\beta\gamma}.$$

- For black holes: $k = 1$
- For neutron stars: $4 \lesssim k \lesssim 6$

Fixing the center of mass

To fix the center of mass, we use two standard SSCs:

- Mathisson–Pirani (MP): $u_{\mu}S^{\mu\nu} = 0$
- Tulczyjew–Dixon (TD): $p_{\mu}S^{\mu\nu} = 0$

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- W. Tulczyjew: *Acta Phys. Pol.*, **18**, 393 (1959)

Circular equatorial orbits (Kerr BH)

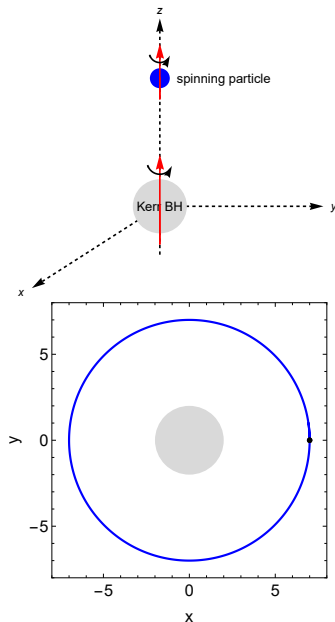
- Equatorial plane, i.e., $\theta = \frac{\pi}{2}$, $p^\theta = 0$
- Circular orbits, i.e., $p^r = u^r = 0$
- $u^t \rightarrow u^\alpha u_\alpha = -1$; $p^t \rightarrow p^\alpha p_\alpha = -\mu^2$
- Aligned spin:

$$S^{tr} = -S \sqrt{-\frac{g_{\theta\theta}}{g}} V_\phi = -S^{rt},$$

$$S^{r\phi} = -S \sqrt{-\frac{g_{\theta\theta}}{g}} V_t = -S^{\phi r}.$$

- Non-trivial MPD Eqs: $\frac{dp^r}{d\tau} = \frac{dS^{t\phi}}{d\tau} = 0$.
- Orbital frequency:

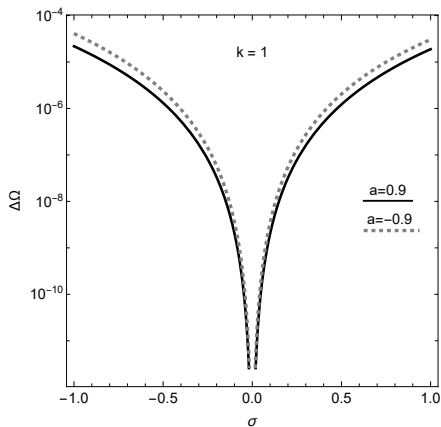
$$\Omega = \frac{u^\phi}{u^t} = \Omega_n \sigma^n + \mathcal{O}(\sigma^7), \quad n = 0, \dots, 6.$$



Orbital frequency (Ω_ϕ) under TD and MP SSCs

$\hat{\Omega}_n$	TD SSC	MP SSC
$\mathcal{O}(\sigma^0)$	$\frac{1}{\hat{a} \pm \sqrt{\hat{r}^3}}$	$\frac{1}{\hat{a} \pm \sqrt{\hat{r}^3}}$
$\mathcal{O}(\sigma^1)$	$\frac{3(\pm \hat{a} - \sqrt{\hat{r}})}{2\sqrt{\hat{r}}(\hat{a} \pm \sqrt{\hat{r}^3})^2}$	$\frac{3(\pm \hat{a} - \sqrt{\hat{r}})}{2\sqrt{\hat{r}}(\hat{a} \pm \sqrt{\hat{r}^3})^2}$
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Table: Power series expansion coefficients for orbital frequency $\hat{\Omega}_\pm$ of spinning test body with spin-induced quadrupole.



Centroid shift (radial shift)

Shifting from one centroid z^α to another centroid \tilde{z}^α :

- Radial shift: $\delta z^\nu = \frac{\tilde{p}_\mu S^{\mu\nu}}{\tilde{\mu}^2}$.

For $\hat{k} = 1$:

- $\hat{\Omega}'_{4,\text{TD}} = \hat{\Omega}_{4,\text{MP}}$,
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Table: Power series expansion coefficients for orbital frequency $\hat{\Omega}_\pm$ (after radial shifting).

Centroid shift (both radial and spin shifts)

Shifting from one centroid z^α to another centroid \tilde{z}^α :

- Radial shift: $\delta z^\nu = \frac{\tilde{p}_\mu S^{\mu\nu}}{\tilde{\mu}^2}$
- Spin-shift:
 $\tilde{S}^{\mu\nu} = S^{\mu\nu} + p^\mu \delta z^\nu - p^\nu \delta z^\mu.$

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Summary & Future work

- The orbital frequencies under the TD and MP SSCs are equivalent up to the quadratic order in spin σ , i.e., the terms up to $\mathcal{O}(\sigma^2)$ are identical.
- When the centroid position corrections are applied, for the case of BHs ($\hat{k} = 1$), the orbital frequencies under the TD and MP SSCs are equivalent up to order five in spin σ .
- When the spin corrections are applied, for the case of BHs, the orbital frequencies under the TD and MP SSCs are equivalent up to order four in spin σ .

- We are working on modelling the gravitational waveforms from a spinning secondary with spin-induced quadrupole.

Thank you for your attention.

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