

Classical Spinning Particle Interactions in Black Hole Space-Time Backgrounds

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1 Introduction

1.1 Classical Spinning Particles in Curved Space-Time

- An important research area in general relativity involves the dynamics of macroscopic objects with **spin angular momentum** propagating in a curved space-time background.
- Many relevant examples of classical spinning objects in a strong gravitational field in astrophysics.
 - Neutron stars in orbit around supermassive black holes,
 - Spinning particles in contact with gravitational waves, etc.
- Virtually all astrophysical sources have some angular momentum (orbital and spin), so a detailed analysis of how such objects behave in curved space-time is essential to better understand.

1.2 Mathisson-Papapetrou-Dixon (MPD) Equations

- Widely accepted that the **leading order** interaction of classical spinning objects in curved space-time is represented by the **Mathisson-Papapetrou-Dixon (MPD)** equations of motion:

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{DP^\mu}{d\tau} &= -\frac{1}{2} R^\mu{}_{\nu\alpha\beta} u^\nu S^{\alpha\beta}, \\ \frac{DS^{\alpha\beta}}{d\tau} &= P^\alpha u^\beta - P^\beta u^\alpha.\end{aligned}$$

- **Pole-Dipole Approximation:** Higher order terms due to multipole moments beyond the mass monopole and spin dipole are neglected.

1.3 Constraint Equations

- **Spin Condition:** $S^{\alpha\beta} P_\beta = 0$.
- **Parametrization Constraint:** Freedom to define parameter τ in terms of $P \cdot u$.
- **Centre-of-Mass Velocity:**

$$u^\mu = -\frac{P \cdot u}{m^2} \left[P^\mu + \frac{1}{2} \frac{S^{\mu\nu} R_{\nu\gamma\alpha\beta} P^\gamma S^{\alpha\beta}}{m^2 + \frac{1}{4} R_{\alpha\beta\rho\sigma} S^{\alpha\beta} S^{\rho\sigma}} \right] .$$

- **Mass Magnitude:** $m^2 = -P_\mu P^\mu$.
- **Spin Magnitude:** $s^2 = \frac{1}{2} S_{\mu\nu} S^{\mu\nu}$.

Both m and s are **constants of the motion** for MPD equations.

2 Perturbation Approach to MPD Equations

2.1 Formalism

- Consider a definition of P^μ and $S^{\mu\nu}$ in terms of a **perturbation order parameter** ε , such that:

$$P^\mu(\varepsilon) = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \varepsilon^j P_{(j)}^\mu,$$

$$S^{\mu\nu}(\varepsilon) = \varepsilon \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \varepsilon^j S_{(j)}^{\mu\nu} = \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \varepsilon^j S_{(j-1)}^{\mu\nu},$$

$$u^\mu(\varepsilon) \equiv \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \varepsilon^j u_{(j)}^\mu.$$

- For the **zeroth-order** terms:

$$\frac{DP_{(0)}^\mu}{d\tau} = 0, \quad \frac{DS_{(0)}^{\mu\nu}}{d\tau} = 0.$$

- MPD Equations:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{DP^\mu(\varepsilon)}{d\tau} &= -\frac{1}{2} R^\mu{}_{\nu\alpha\beta} u^\nu(\varepsilon) S^{\alpha\beta}(\varepsilon), \\ \frac{DS^{\alpha\beta}(\varepsilon)}{d\tau} &= 2 \varepsilon P^{[\alpha}(\varepsilon) u^{\beta]}(\varepsilon). \end{aligned}$$

- For terms of order j :

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{DP_{(j)}^\mu}{d\tau} &= -\frac{1}{2} R^\mu{}_{\nu\alpha\beta} \sum_{k=0}^{j-1} u_{(j-1-k)}^\nu S_{(k)}^{\alpha\beta}, \\ \frac{DS_{(j)}^{\alpha\beta}}{d\tau} &= 2 \sum_{k=0}^j P_{(j-k)}^{[\alpha} u_{(k)}^{\beta]}. \end{aligned}$$

**Total Mass and Spin Magnitudes as the Sum of
“Radiative Corrections” to m_0 and s_0 :**

- Perturbed mass magnitude:

$$m^2(\varepsilon) = m_0^2 \left(1 + \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \varepsilon^j \bar{m}_j^2 \right),$$

$$\bar{m}_j^2 = -\frac{1}{m_0^2} \sum_{k=1}^j P_{\mu}^{(j-k)} P_{(k)}^{\mu}.$$

- Perturbed spin magnitude:

$$s^2(\varepsilon) = \varepsilon^2 s_0^2 \left(1 + \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \varepsilon^j \bar{s}_j^2 \right),$$

$$\bar{s}_j^2 = \frac{1}{s_0^2} \sum_{k=1}^j S_{\mu\nu}^{(j-k)} S_{(k)}^{\mu\nu}.$$

2.2 Kinematic and Dynamical Quantities

- Four-Velocity: $P \cdot u \equiv -m(\varepsilon)$

$$u^\mu(\varepsilon) = \frac{1}{m(\varepsilon)} \left[P^\mu(\varepsilon) + \frac{1}{2} \frac{S^{\mu\nu}(\varepsilon) R_{\nu\gamma\alpha\beta} P^\gamma(\varepsilon) S^{\alpha\beta}(\varepsilon)}{m^2(\varepsilon) \Delta(\varepsilon)} \right],$$

$$\Delta(\varepsilon) \equiv 1 + \frac{1}{4m^2(\varepsilon)} R_{\mu\nu\alpha\beta} S^{\mu\nu}(\varepsilon) S^{\alpha\beta}(\varepsilon).$$

$$u_\mu(\varepsilon) u^\mu(\varepsilon) = -1 + \frac{1}{4m^6(\varepsilon) \Delta^2(\varepsilon)} \tilde{R}_\mu(\varepsilon) \tilde{R}^\mu(\varepsilon)$$

$$= -1 + O(\varepsilon^4),$$

$$\tilde{R}^\mu(\varepsilon) \equiv S^{\mu\nu}(\varepsilon) R_{\nu\gamma\alpha\beta} P^\gamma(\varepsilon) S^{\alpha\beta}(\varepsilon).$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 u^\mu(\varepsilon) &= \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \varepsilon^j u_{(j)}^\mu = \frac{P_{(0)}^\mu}{m_0} + \varepsilon \left[\frac{1}{m_0} \left(P_{(1)}^\mu - \frac{1}{2} \bar{m}_1^2 P_{(0)}^\mu \right) \right] \\
 &+ \varepsilon^2 \left\{ \frac{1}{m_0} \left[P_{(2)}^\mu - \frac{1}{2} \bar{m}_1^2 P_{(1)}^\mu - \frac{1}{2} \left(\bar{m}_2^2 - \frac{3}{4} \bar{m}_1^4 \right) P_{(0)}^\mu \right] \right. \\
 &+ \left. \frac{1}{2m_0^3} S_{(0)}^{\mu\nu} R_{\nu\gamma\alpha\beta} P_{(0)}^\gamma S_{(0)}^{\alpha\beta} \right\} \\
 &+ \varepsilon^3 \left\{ \frac{1}{m_0} \left[P_{(3)}^\mu - \frac{1}{2} \bar{m}_1^2 P_{(2)}^\mu - \frac{1}{2} \left(\bar{m}_2^2 - \frac{3}{4} \bar{m}_1^4 \right) P_{(1)}^\mu \right. \right. \\
 &- \left. \left. \frac{1}{2} \left(\bar{m}_3^2 - \frac{3}{2} \bar{m}_1^2 \bar{m}_2^2 + \frac{5}{8} \bar{m}_1^6 \right) P_{(0)}^\mu \right] \right. \\
 &+ \left. \frac{1}{2m_0^3} R_{\nu\gamma\alpha\beta} \left[\sum_{n=0}^1 S_{(1-n)}^{\mu\nu} \sum_{k=0}^n P_{(n-k)}^\gamma S_{(k)}^{\alpha\beta} - \frac{3}{2} \bar{m}_1^2 S_{(0)}^{\mu\nu} P_{(0)}^\gamma S_{(0)}^{\alpha\beta} \right] \right\} + O(\varepsilon^4).
 \end{aligned}$$

- Spin-to-Mass Ratio (Møller radius):

$$\rho(\varepsilon) = \frac{s(\varepsilon)}{m(\varepsilon)} = \frac{s_0}{m_0} \left\{ \varepsilon + \varepsilon^2 \left[\frac{1}{2} \left(\bar{s}_1^2 - \bar{m}_1^2 \right) \right] \right. \\ \left. + \varepsilon^3 \left[\frac{1}{2} \left(\bar{s}_2^2 - \bar{m}_2^2 \right) - \frac{1}{4} \bar{s}_1^2 \bar{m}_1^2 - \frac{1}{8} \left(\bar{s}_1^4 - 3 \bar{m}_1^4 \right) \right] + O(\varepsilon^4) \right\} .$$

$$\bar{s}_1^2 = \frac{2}{s_0^2} S_{\mu\nu}^{(1)} S_{(0)}^{\mu\nu}, \quad \bar{s}_2^2 = \frac{1}{s_0^2} \left[2 S_{\mu\nu}^{(2)} S_{(0)}^{\mu\nu} + S_{\mu\nu}^{(1)} S_{(1)}^{\mu\nu} \right] .$$

$$\bar{m}_1^2 = -\frac{2}{m_0^2} P_{\mu}^{(1)} P_{(0)}^{\mu} = 0 ,$$

$$\bar{m}_2^2 = -\frac{1}{m_0^2} \left[2 P_{\mu}^{(2)} P_{(0)}^{\mu} + P_{\mu}^{(1)} P_{(1)}^{\mu} \right] ,$$

$$\bar{m}_3^2 = -\frac{2}{m_0^2} \left[P_{\mu}^{(3)} P_{(0)}^{\mu} + P_{\mu}^{(2)} P_{(1)}^{\mu} \right] .$$

$$\frac{D\bar{s}_j^2}{d\tau} = \frac{D\bar{m}_j^2}{d\tau} = 0, \quad S^{\mu\nu} P_{\nu} = 0 .$$

3 Application to Black Hole Space-Time Backgrounds

Orthonormal Tetrad: $\{\lambda^\mu_{\hat{\alpha}}\}$, $\eta_{\hat{\alpha}\hat{\beta}} = g_{\mu\nu} \lambda^\mu_{\hat{\alpha}} \lambda^\nu_{\hat{\beta}}$

$$\frac{D\lambda^\mu_{\hat{\alpha}}}{d\tau} = 0,$$

$${}^F R_{\hat{\alpha}\hat{\beta}\hat{\gamma}\hat{\delta}} = R_{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} \lambda^\mu_{\hat{\alpha}} \lambda^\nu_{\hat{\beta}} \lambda^\rho_{\hat{\gamma}} \lambda^\sigma_{\hat{\delta}}.$$

$$P^\mu_{(0)} = m_0 u^\mu_{(0)} = m_0 \lambda^\mu_{\hat{0}},$$

$$S^{\mu\nu}_{(0)} = \lambda^\mu_{\hat{i}} \lambda^\nu_{\hat{j}} S^{\hat{i}\hat{j}}, \quad \left(S^{\mu\nu}_{(0)} P^\nu_{(0)} = 0 \right)$$

- Initial spin orientation $(\hat{\theta}, \hat{\phi})$ for $S^{\mu\nu}_{(0)}$ coincides with the standard definition for the spherical co-ordinates (θ, ϕ) with respect to the z -axis of the black hole's body-frame.

3.1 Kerr Space-Time

Boyer-Lindquist co-ordinates: $X^\mu = (t, r, \theta, \phi)$, $\Omega_K = \sqrt{M/r^3}$.

$$\lambda^\mu_{\hat{0}} = \left(\frac{1 + a \Omega_K}{N}, 0, 0, \frac{\Omega_K}{N \sin \theta} \right),$$

$$\lambda^\mu_{\hat{1}} = \left(-\frac{L}{r A} \sin(\Omega_K \tau), A \cos(\Omega_K \tau), 0, -\frac{E}{r A \sin \theta} \sin(\Omega_K \tau) \right),$$

$$\lambda^\mu_{\hat{2}} = \left(0, 0, \frac{1}{r}, 0 \right),$$

$$\lambda^\mu_{\hat{3}} = \left(\frac{L}{r A} \cos(\Omega_K \tau), A \sin(\Omega_K \tau), 0, \frac{E}{r A \sin \theta} \cos(\Omega_K \tau) \right).$$

$$E = \frac{1}{N} \left(1 - \frac{2M}{r} + a \Omega_K \right), \quad L = \frac{r^2 \Omega_K}{N} \left(1 - 2a \Omega_K + \frac{a^2}{r^2} \right),$$

$$A = \sqrt{1 - \frac{2M}{r} + \frac{a^2}{r^2}}, \quad N = \sqrt{1 - \frac{3M}{r} + 2a \Omega_K}.$$

3.2 Vaidya Space-Time

Metric: $X^\mu = (\xi, r, \theta, \phi)$, $\Omega_K = \sqrt{M_0/r^3}$.

$$ds^2 = - \left(1 - \frac{2M(\xi)}{r} \right) d\xi^2 + 2\alpha d\xi dr + r^2 (d\theta^2 + \sin^2 \theta d\phi^2),$$

$$M(\xi) = M_0 + \Delta M(\xi),$$

$$\xi = t + \alpha \left[r + 2M_0 \ln \left(\frac{r}{2M_0} - 1 \right) \right].$$

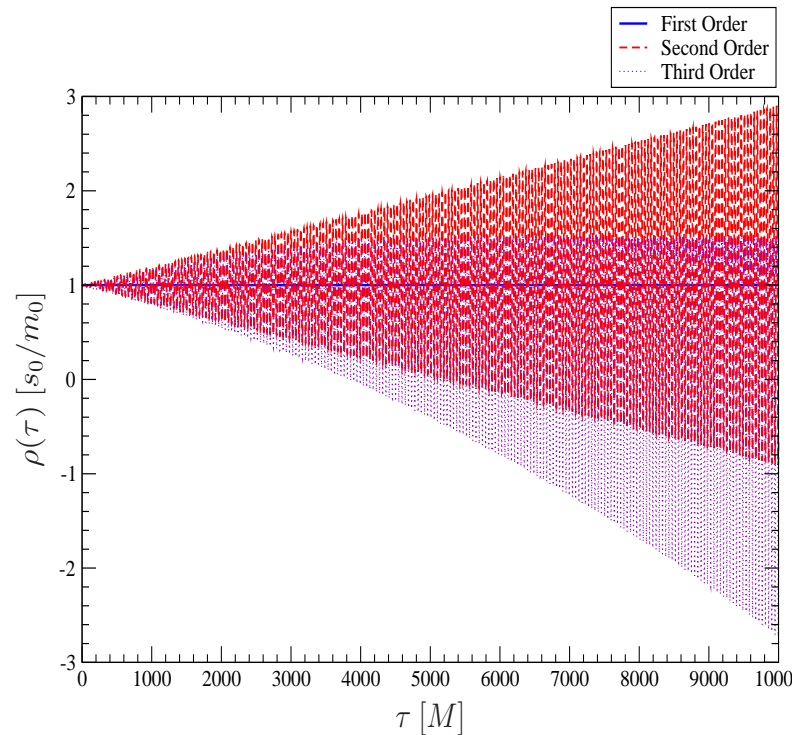
$\alpha = +1$ (infalling radiation)

$\alpha = -1$ (outgoing radiation)

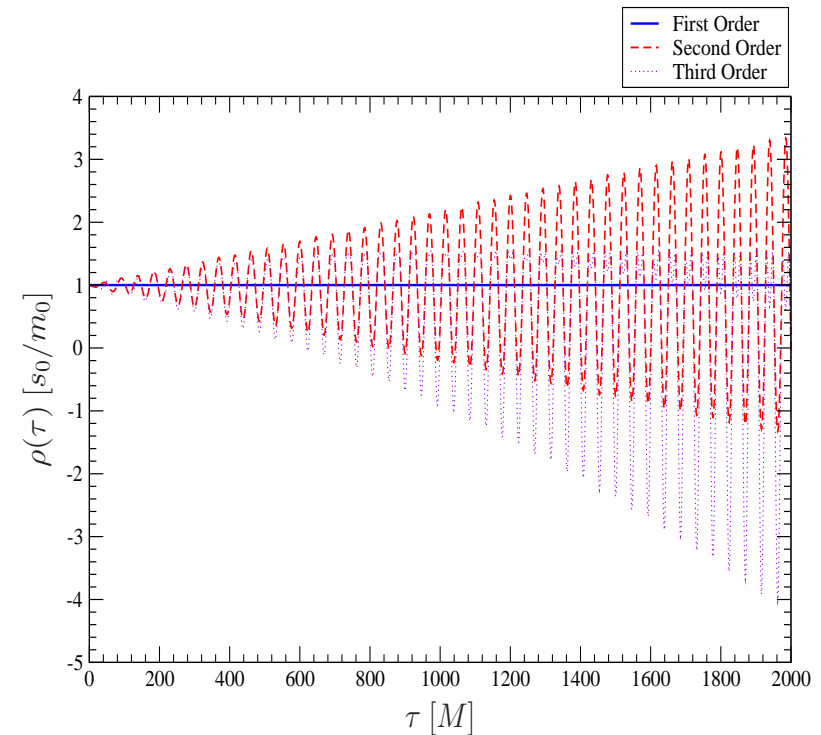
Orthonormal Tetrad:

$$\lambda^\mu_{\hat{\alpha}} \approx \lambda^\mu_{\hat{\alpha}}(\text{Sch}) + \Delta \lambda^\mu_{\hat{\alpha}}.$$

3.3 Orbital Stability Analysis in the Kerr and Vaidya Backgrounds

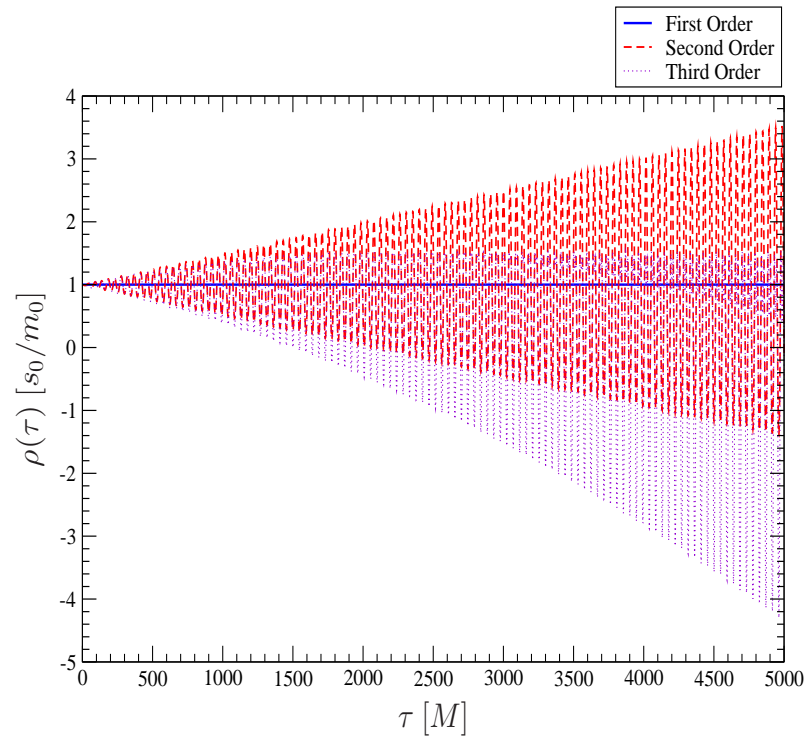


(a) $s_0/(m_0 r) = 10^{-1}$, $a = M$

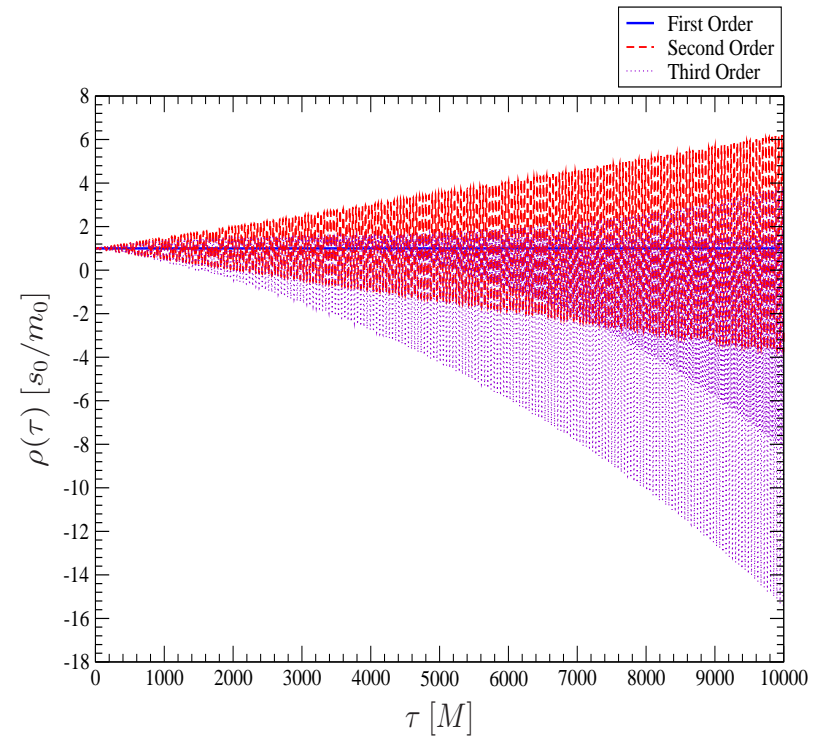


(b) $s_0/(m_0 r) = 10^{-1}$, $a = -M$

Figure 1: Møller radius $\rho(\tau) = (s/m)(\tau)$ in the Kerr background for $r = 6M$ and $\hat{\theta} = \hat{\phi} = \pi/4$, in units of s_0/m_0 .



(a) $s_0/(m_0 r) = 10^{-1}$, $\alpha = 1$



(b) $s_0/(m_0 r) = 10^{-1}$, $\alpha = -1$

Figure 2: Møller radius $\rho(\tau) = (s/m)(\tau)$ in the Vaidya background for $r = 6M_0$ and $\hat{\theta} = \hat{\phi} = \pi/4$, in units of s_0/m_0 .

4 Conclusion

- A systematic perturbation approach for analytically describing classical spinning objects in curved space-time is presented, based on the MPD equations of motion, with potentially interesting consequences.
- Formalism appears to be robust and is self-consistent up to $O(\varepsilon^3)$.
- Has the possibility of contributing to many research directions.

Examples of Various Potential Research Directions:

- Gravitomagnetic analysis in the Kerr background.
- Scattering due to gravitational waves.
- Analysis of transition from stable to chaotic motion.
- Interaction between two or more spinning particles.
 - Continuum limit?
- Modifications of gravitational self-force and outgoing gravitational radiation from a point dipole due to spin-gravity coupling?