



Gravitational self-force correction to the Kerr equatorial ISCO

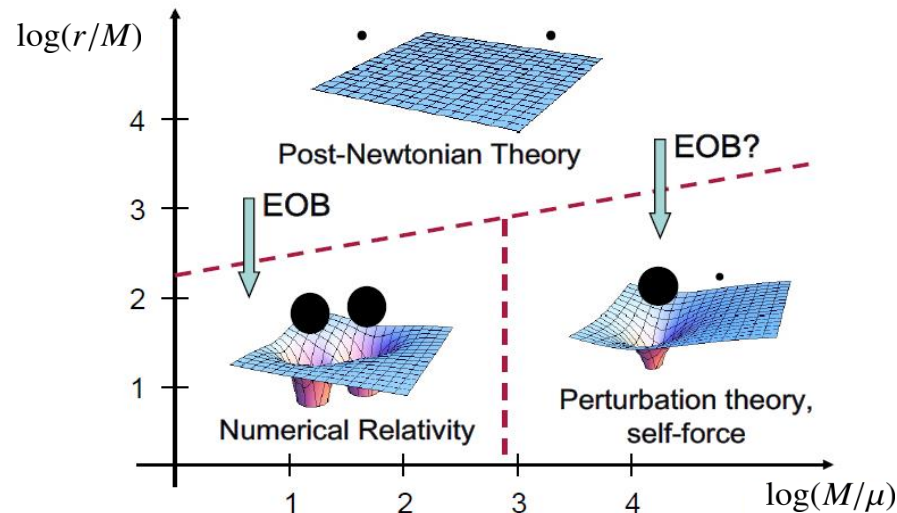
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Based on the collaboration

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Why self-force effect @ ISCO?

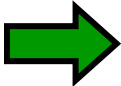
- Study the 2-body dynamics **in the strong field regime**
 - Extract **the physical impact** of self-forces on the orbital dynamics
- ➔ ISCO is an unique feature in motion in Kerr spacetime
- Provides **a gauge invariant benchmark** for other methods.



from slides by L. Barack

What we do and find ?

- Compute the frequency shift of **ISCEO in Kerr** due to the **conservative GSF** (gravitational self-force) **effects**

 **ISCEO** := **I**nnest most **S**table **C**ircular **E**quatorial **O**rbits ($\theta = \pi/2$)
conservative = “shut off” the dissipation

- ✓ New ISCEO condition with the redshift variables
 - ✓ Identify ISCEO as **the minimum-energy** circular orbit
 - ✓ **A new strong-field benchmark** in 2-body problem.
- Using **the Hamilton formulation** for **the circular geodesic** in a locally-defined effective smooth spacetime

ISCEO of test particles ($a = 0$)

Barack and Sago 0908.1664

- At ISCEO = the restoring radial force **vanishes** under the radial variation onto **a slightly eccentric orbit**.

✓ Radial EOM:
$$\frac{d^2 r}{d\sigma^2} = -\frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial V}{\partial r}$$

✓ Linear radial variation

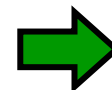
$$r = \underbrace{r_0}_{\text{Circular radius}} + \underbrace{\delta_e r(\sigma)}_{\text{Small eccentricity}} + \mathcal{O}(e^2)$$

Circular radius **Small eccentricity**

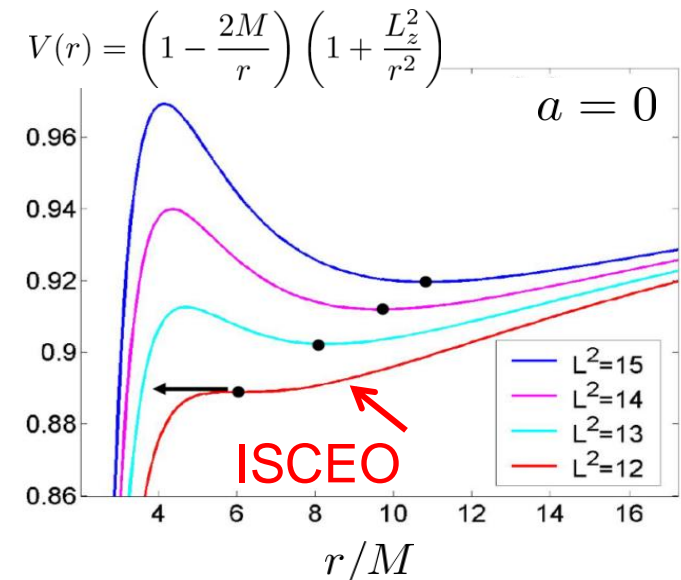
✓ **Stability condition**

$$\frac{d^2 \delta_e r}{dr^2} = -\Omega_r^2 \delta_e r$$

- The stability demands $\Omega_r = 0$



$$r_{\text{ISCEO}} = 6M$$



With conservative GSF

Barack and Sago 0908.1664, Warburton and Barack: 1103.0287

- Similar argument also holds for **an accelerated orbit** in Kerr spacetime subjected to the **conservative GSF**

✓ Radial EOM:
$$m \frac{d^2 r}{d\sigma^2} = -\frac{m}{2} \frac{\partial V}{\partial r} + \underline{F_{(\text{con})}^r}$$
 Conservative GSF
(symmetric under time reversal)

- Radial variations demands GSF for **small eccentric orbits**

Barack and Sago 1002.2386

$$F^\mu = \lim_{r \rightarrow 6M} \lim_{e \rightarrow 0} F^\mu[e, r(\sigma)]$$

 In Kerr, no GSF code for eccentric orbit is available

Can we find a bypass to GSF corrected ISCEO in Kerr?

Motion in effective spacetime

- Consider geodesics in locally-defined **effective spacetime**

$$g_{\alpha\beta} = g_{(0)\alpha\beta} + \underline{h_{\alpha\beta}^{R,\text{sym}}}$$

Regularized time-symmetric part

- Describe **geodesics** in 8-dim effective phase spacetime

Mino+ 9606018, Detweiler 0202086, Poud 0907.5197, Harte 1103.0543

$$H[x^\mu, p_\mu; \gamma] := \frac{1}{2\mu} g_{R,\text{sym}}^{\alpha\beta}[x^\mu, p_\mu; \gamma] p_\alpha p_\beta = \underline{H_{(0)}(x^\mu, p_\mu)} + H_{\text{int}}[x^\mu, p_\mu; \gamma]$$

“Background Kerr part”

✓ **Interaction Hamiltonian** takes care of GSF effects

$$H_{\text{int}}[x^\mu, p_\mu; \gamma] := -\frac{1}{2\mu} h_{R,\text{sym}}^{\alpha\beta}[x^\mu, p_\mu; \gamma] p_\alpha p_\beta$$

Orbits in effective spacetime

- Describe circular geodesics in the effective spacetime

- ✓ Momenta are linked to 4-velocities and constrained

$$u^\mu := \frac{dx^\mu}{d\tau} = \frac{\partial H}{\partial p_\mu} \Big|_\gamma = \frac{g^{\mu\nu} p_\nu}{\mu} \quad H|_\gamma = \frac{1}{2\mu} g^{\mu\nu} p_\mu p_\nu \Big|_\gamma = -\frac{\mu}{2}$$

Proper time of the orbit in effective space time

- ✓ Circularity conditions $p^r = 0$ $\frac{dp_r}{d\tau} = -\frac{\partial H}{\partial r} \Big|_\gamma = 0$

- ✓ "Constants of motion" of the orbits exists due to the translation invariance of back ground Kerr geodesic

$$\frac{dp_t}{d\tau} = \frac{\partial H_{\text{int}}}{\partial t} \Big|_\gamma = 0 \quad \frac{dp_\phi}{d\tau} = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad p_t =: -\mu\mathcal{E} \quad p_\phi =: \mu\mathcal{L}$$

Notion ! all quantities are defined **in effective space time**

✓ 3 relevant phase spacetime coordinates: $\zeta^I := \{r, \mathcal{E}, \mathcal{L}\}$

Quite similar to the circular geodesic in Kerr

ISCEO in effective spacetime

- Specifies the ISCEO by the stationary perturbation to a nearby **non-geodesic circular orbit** with fixed $(\mathcal{E}, \mathcal{L})$

- ✓ Radial variation changes “the constants of motion” at $O(e^2)$

- The perturbation varies both “field” and “source” orbits.

- ✓ Interaction Hamiltonian is **symmetric** w.r.t. its arguments

$$H_{\text{int}}[\zeta^I; \gamma(\zeta_\gamma^I)] \approx \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} d\tau' G^{R, \text{sym} \alpha\beta}_{\rho'\sigma'}[z(\tau), z_{(\gamma)}(\tau')] u_\alpha(\tau) u_\beta(\tau) u_{(\gamma)}^{\tau'}(\tau') u_{(\gamma)}^{\sigma'}(\tau')$$

- Restoring force vanishes if

Stationary perturbation $\underbrace{\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial r} + \frac{\partial}{\partial r_\gamma} \right) \frac{\partial H[\zeta^I; \gamma(\zeta_\gamma^I)]}{\partial r}}_{\text{isceo}} \Big|_{\text{isceo}} = 0$ Restoring force

Link to the redshift variable

- Replace the perturbation into circular non-geodesics with that **within the sequence of circular geodesics**

 expresses every quantities as a function of $\Omega = u^\phi / u^t$

- Introduce a **redshift variables** Detweiler. 0804.3529

$$(u^t)^{-1} := z(\Omega) = z_{(0)}(\Omega) + \eta z_{(1)}(\Omega) + \mathcal{O}(\eta^2) \quad \eta = \mu/M \ll 1$$

- ✓ e.g. normalization of 4-velocities with redshift variable

$$g_{\alpha\beta} u^\alpha u^\beta = -1 \quad \img alt="green arrow" data-bbox="465 681 527 738" \quad z = \mathcal{E} - \Omega \mathcal{L}$$

- ✓ varying the “on-shell” Hamiltonian with fixed frequency:

$$\delta H(\zeta^I) = \cancel{\frac{\partial H}{\partial r} \delta r} + \dots = 0 \quad \img alt="green arrow" data-bbox="465 881 527 938" \quad \frac{H_{\text{int}}}{\mu} = \eta \frac{z_{(1)}}{z_{(0)}}$$

Circular condition

ISCEO with a redshift variable

- Vanishing restoring force leads a **simple condition** in terms of **the modified redshift variables** at ISCEO

i) Identity operator: $\frac{d}{d\Omega} = r' \frac{\partial}{\partial r} + \mathcal{E}' \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathcal{E}} + \mathcal{L}' \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathcal{L}} \quad ' := \frac{d}{d\Omega}$

ii) "On shell" conditions $\frac{dH}{d\Omega} = \frac{d^2 H}{d\Omega^2} = 0$

iii) Circular conditions $p^r = \frac{dp_r}{d\tau} = 0$

$$\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial r} + \frac{\partial}{\partial r_\gamma} \right) \frac{\partial H[\zeta^I; \gamma(\zeta_\gamma^I)]}{\partial r} \Big|_{\text{isceo}} = 0 \quad \rightarrow \quad \tilde{z}''(\Omega_{\text{isceo}}) = 0$$

✓ **Modified** redshift variables

$$\tilde{z}(\Omega) := z_{(0)}(\Omega) + \frac{1}{2} \eta z_{(1)}(\Omega) + \mathcal{O}(\eta^2)$$

GSF correction with extra $\frac{1}{2}$.

The frequency shift of ISCEO

- Parameterize the frequency shift of ISCEO due to the conservative GSF:

$$(M + \mu) \Omega_{\text{isceo}} := \underbrace{M \Omega_{\text{isceo}}^{(0)}(q)}_{\text{Background Kerr result}} \left\{ 1 + \underbrace{\eta C_{\Omega}(q)}_{\text{Conservative GSF correction}} + O(\eta^2) \right\}$$

Background Kerr result Conservative GSF correction

- Substitution to ISCEO condition gives the desired shift

$$\tilde{z}''(\Omega_{\text{isceo}}) = 0 \quad \rightarrow \quad C_{\Omega}(q) = -\frac{1}{2} \frac{z''_{(1)}(\Omega_{\text{isceo}}^{(0)})}{\Omega_{\text{isceo}}^{(0)} z'''_{(0)}(\Omega_{\text{isceo}}^{(0)})}$$

- ✓ Agree with the ISCEO shift in Schwarzschild case

Le Tiec+ 1111.5609

- ✓ What is the meaning of ISCEO condition?

ISCEO from the binary 1st law

c.f. talks by Le Tiec and Takahiro

- For circular orbits, **perturbative binary 1st law** leads

$$\delta E = \Omega \delta L + z \delta \mu \quad \{M, a\} \text{ fixed}$$

- ✓ Define **the binding energy** and **the angular momentum** to satisfy the perturbative 1st law

$$E := \mu u_t \left(1 - \frac{H_{\text{int}}}{2\mu} \right) \quad L := \mu u_\phi \left(1 - \frac{H_{\text{int}}}{2\mu} \right)$$

- ✓ The modified redshift function is related as

$$\mu \tilde{z} = E - \Omega L$$

- The ISCEO condition is exactly equal to **the minimum-energy circular orbit (MECO)** condition. c.f. Buonanno+ 0205122 .

$$\tilde{z}''(\Omega_{\text{isceo}}) = 0 \quad \longleftrightarrow \quad E'(\Omega_{\text{mec}}) = 0$$

Numerical implementation

c.f. talks by Shah and Warburton

- ISCEO shifts only needs the GSF correction to **the redshift variables for circular orbits** (and its derivative)

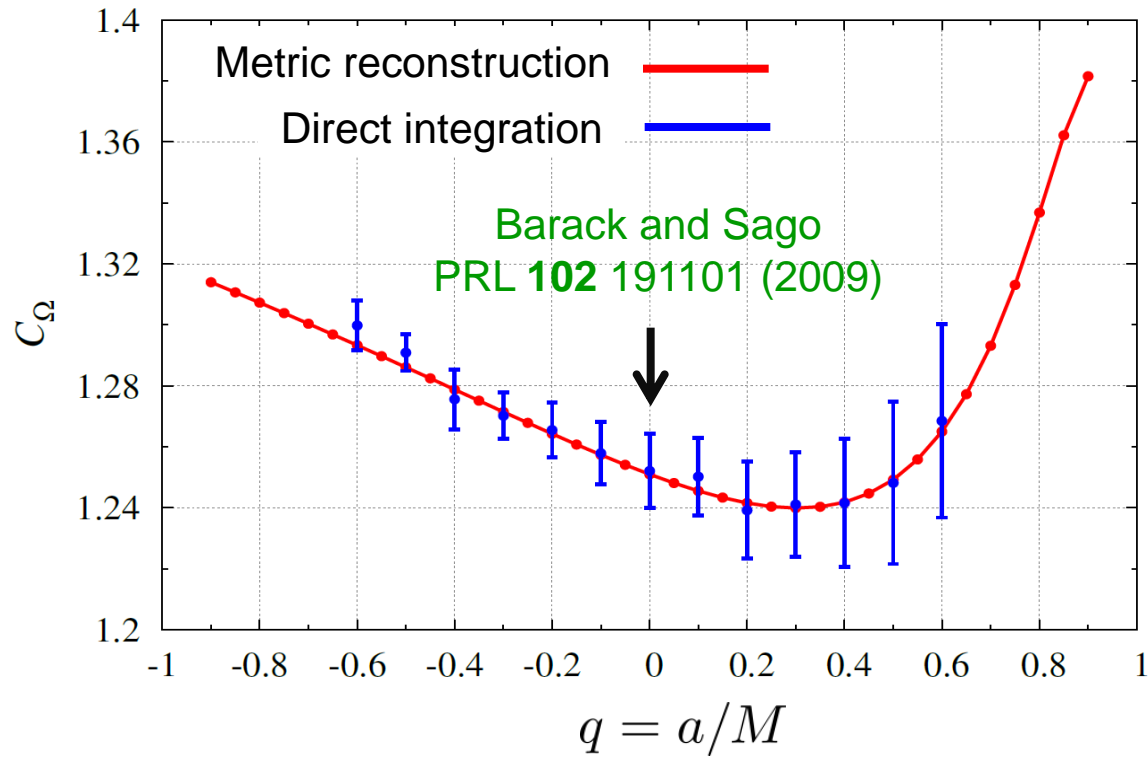
$$C_{\Omega}(q) = -\frac{1}{2} \frac{z''_{(1)}(\Omega_{\text{isceo}}^{(0)})}{\Omega_{\text{isceo}}^{(0)} z'''_{(0)}(\Omega_{\text{isceo}}^{(0)})}$$

i) **Metric reconstruction in frequency-domain**, radiation gauge, mode-sum regularization [Barack and Ori 9912010](#), [Shah+ 1207.5595](#)

ii) **Direct time-domain integration** of Einstein eq., Lorenz gauge, m-mode regularization [Dolan+ 1107.0012](#), [1211.4686](#), [Heffernan+ 1211.6446](#)

Frequency shift of Kerr ISCEO

$$\Omega_{\text{isceo}} := \underbrace{\Omega_{\text{isceo}}^{(0)}(q)}_{\text{Kerr value}} \left\{ 1 + \underbrace{\eta C_{\Omega}(q)}_{\text{Conservative GSF correction}} + O(\eta^2) \right\} \quad \eta = \mu/M \ll 1$$

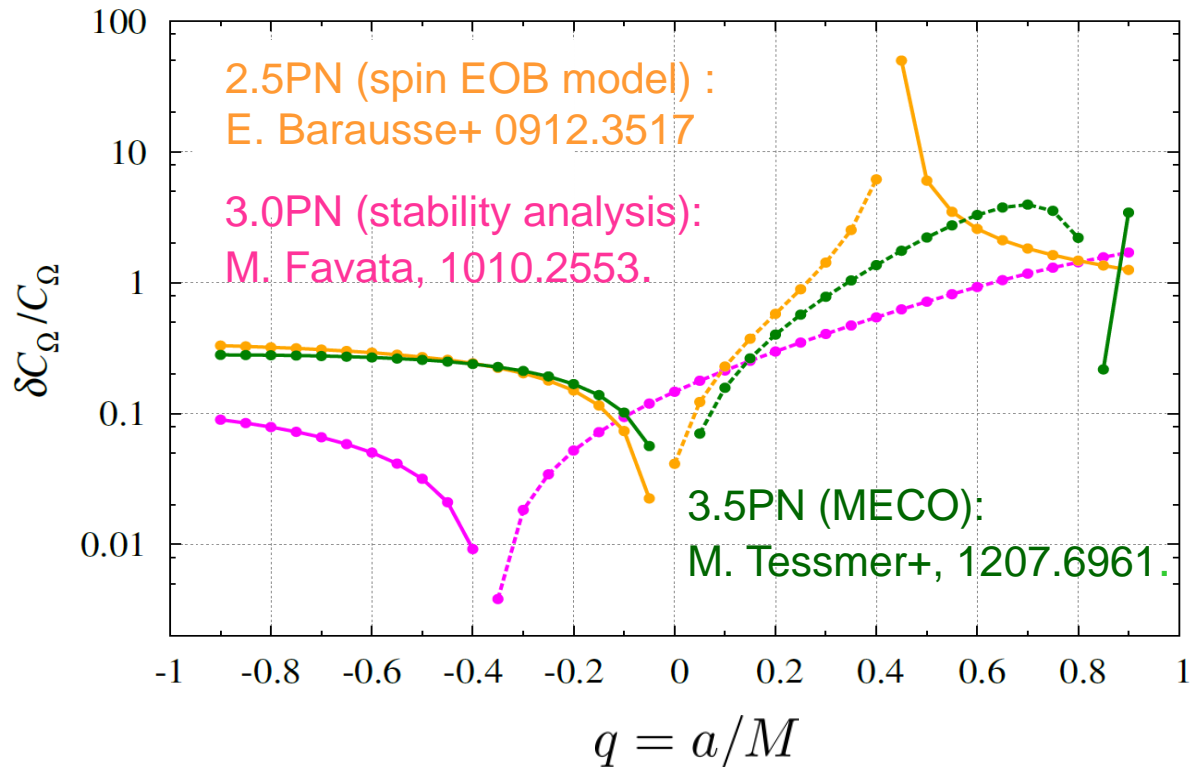


✓ All positive and “weak” dependence on the Kerr spin

Benchmark results

▪ Check the predictions from previous pN-approximation and effective one-body (EOB) models

✓ Errors in ISCEO shifts: $\delta C_{\Omega}^{(\text{PN}/\text{EOB})}/C_{\Omega} := 1 - C_{\Omega}^{\text{PN}/\text{EOB}}/C_{\Omega}$



✓ Relatively large discrepancy in co-rotating case

Summary of the talk

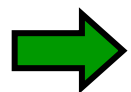
- We compute **the frequency shift of ISCEO** due to **the conserved GSF effects** with Hamiltonian formulation.
 - ✓ studied the circular **geodesic** in **the effective space time**
 - ✓ specified ISCEO in terms of **the redshift variables**
 - ✓ ISCEO is equivalent to **minimum-energy circular orbit**
 - ✓ tested the accuracy of pN / EOB predictions

Our results provide **very accurate strong-field benchmark** for **spin effects** in 2-body problem.

A future prospect

- Two avenues for the conserved dynamics beyond **the circular equatorial orbits** in Kerr spacetime
 - ✓ **Eccentric** equatorial orbits.
 - ✓ Circular **inclined** (spherical) orbits:
- Spherical orbits has **non-vanishing Carter constant**; the self-force impacts on this orbit is **largely unexplored**.
 - ✓ GSF corrected ISCO condition for spherical orbits (preliminary):

$$n^i n^j \left(\frac{\partial^2 \tilde{z}(\Omega_{\text{isco}}^k)}{\partial \Omega^i \partial \Omega^j} \right)_{J_\mu} = 0 \quad i = (r, \theta)$$



“Minimizing” the binding energy ??



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