

# A spinning test black hole in curved spacetime

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# Mathisson-Papapetrou-Dixon dynamics

- Dynamics of an “extended test body”, worldline  $z(\lambda)$  in background  $g_{ab}$ ,

$$\frac{Dp_a}{d\lambda} + \frac{1}{2}R_{abcd}\dot{z}^bS^{cd} = F_a = -\frac{1}{6}R_{bcde;a}J_2^{bcde} - \frac{1}{12}R_{bcde;fa}J_3^{fbcde} + \dots$$

$$\frac{DS^{ab}}{d\lambda} - 2p^{[a}\dot{z}^{b]} = N^{ab} = \frac{4}{3}R^{[a}_{\phantom{[a}cde}J_2^{b]cde} + \dots$$

- Multipoles  $J_n^{abcd\dots}$  depend on body's internal structure and dynamics
- What should they be for a “**spinning test black hole**” in vacuum?  
—an infinitely-small-mass, ultra-super-extremal Kerr naked ring singularity of finite radius  $a = S/m$ ? (string worldsheet?)
- Assume only d.o.f.s are  $z, p, S$  (others “integrated out”) —“minimal MPD”
- Constrain  $p_a S^{ab} = 0$ , solve for  $\dot{z}^a$
- $\Rightarrow J_n^{abcd\dots}$  built covariantly from only  $p^a, S^{ab}$  and  $R_{abcd;\dots}(z)$

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$$F_a = \frac{p \cdot \dot{z}}{2} \nabla_a^{\text{horizontal}} \log \mathcal{M}^2,$$

$$N^{ab} = p \cdot \dot{z} \left( p^{[a} \frac{\partial}{\partial p_{b]}} + 2S^{[a}{}_c \frac{\partial}{\partial S_{b]}{}_c} \right) \log \mathcal{M}^2.$$

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- (Rescaled) spin vector  $a^a$ ,  $S_{ab} = m \epsilon_{abcd} u^c a^d$ ,  $u \cdot a = 0$ , constant bare rest mass  $m$ ,  $\mathcal{M}^2 = m^2 + O(R)$
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# Relevant couplings for a spinning test black hole

- Suppressing indices,  $*$ 's,  $u$ 's, dimensionless coefficients,

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\mathcal{M}^2}{m^2} = & 1 + Ra^2 + \nabla Ra^3 + \nabla^2 Ra^4 + \nabla^3 Ra^5 + \nabla^4 Ra^6 + \dots \\ & \oplus R^2 a^4 \quad \oplus \nabla R^2 a^5 \quad \oplus \nabla^2 R^2 a^6 \oplus \dots \\ & \quad \quad \quad \oplus R^3 a^6 \quad \oplus \dots\end{aligned}$$

plus many other  $R^{\geq 2}$  terms (with powers of  $m$ ),

$$\oplus (m\nabla)^k (a\nabla)^l \left(\frac{a}{m}\right)^n \left(m^4 R^2 \oplus m^6 R^3 \oplus \dots\right),$$

e.g.:  $m^4 R^2$  terms,  $k, l, n = 0$ : leading adiabatic quadrupolar tidal effects

- Reasonable conjecture?:

If a spinning test black hole limit exists, it should have only  $m^0$  terms.

# Curvature<sup>2</sup>-spin<sup>4</sup> and -spin<sup>5</sup> terms; scattering angle

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\mathcal{M}^2}{m^2} = & 1 + Ra^2 + \frac{2}{3!}\nabla R a^3 + \frac{2}{4!}\nabla^2 R a^4 + \frac{2}{5!}\nabla^3 R a^5 + \dots \\ & \oplus C_4 R^2 a^4 \quad \oplus C_5 \nabla R^2 a^5 \oplus \dots \end{aligned}$$

- A simple gauge-invariant observable: the post-Minkowskian expansion of the scattering angle  $\chi$  for aligned-spin scattering in Schwarzschild,

$$\gamma = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-v^2}}, \quad \text{at infinity,} \quad b : \text{impact parameter,}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \chi = & \frac{2GM}{\gamma^2 v^2 b} \frac{2\gamma^2 - 1 - 2\gamma^2 v a/b}{1 - a^2/b^2} \\ & + \frac{3\pi G^2 M^2}{v^2 b^2} \left[ \frac{5\gamma^2 - 1}{4\gamma^2} - \frac{5\gamma^2 - 3}{2\gamma^2 v} \frac{a}{b} + \frac{15\gamma^4 v^2 + 2}{4\gamma^4 v^2} \frac{a^2}{b^2} - \frac{5\gamma^2 - 2}{\gamma^2 v} \frac{a^3}{b^3} \right. \\ & \left. + \left( 5 \frac{5\gamma^2 - 4}{4\gamma^2 v^2} + C_4 \frac{\gamma^4 \dots}{\gamma^2 \dots} \right) \frac{a^4}{b^4} + \left( \frac{\gamma^4 \dots}{\gamma^2 \dots} + C_5 \frac{\gamma^4 \dots}{\gamma^2 \dots} \right) \frac{a^5}{b^5} + \dots \right] + O(G^3) \end{aligned}$$

# The high-energy limit

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- Ultra-relativistic/high-energy/null limit:  $v \rightarrow 1, \quad \frac{E}{m} = \gamma \rightarrow \infty$
- If we demand that  $\chi$  is finite as  $\gamma \rightarrow \infty$ , then  $C_4$ 's = 0,  
and there is a one-param. family of solutions for the  $C_5$ 's (**preliminary**)

$$\chi|_{\gamma \rightarrow \infty} = \frac{4GM}{b+a} + \frac{15\pi}{4} \frac{G^2 M^2}{b^2} \left[ 1 - \frac{2a}{b} + \frac{3a^2}{b^2} - \frac{4a^3}{b^3} + \frac{5a^4}{b^4} + \dots = \frac{b^2}{(b+a)^2} ? \right]$$

# Matching calculations

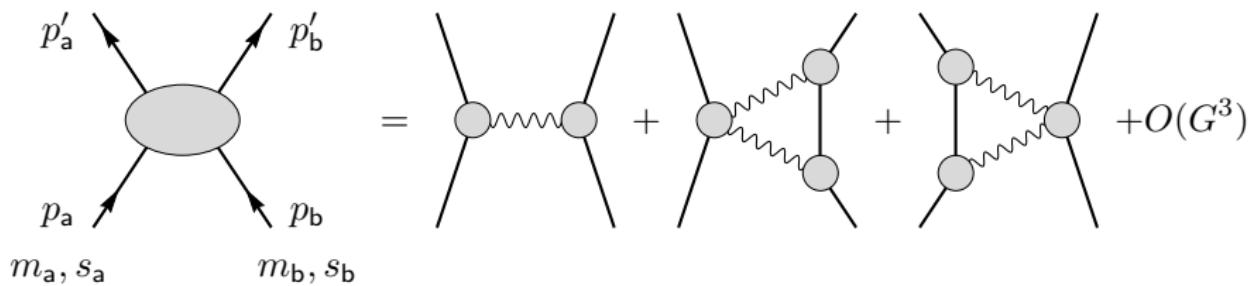
- How to determine  $C_5, \dots$ ?

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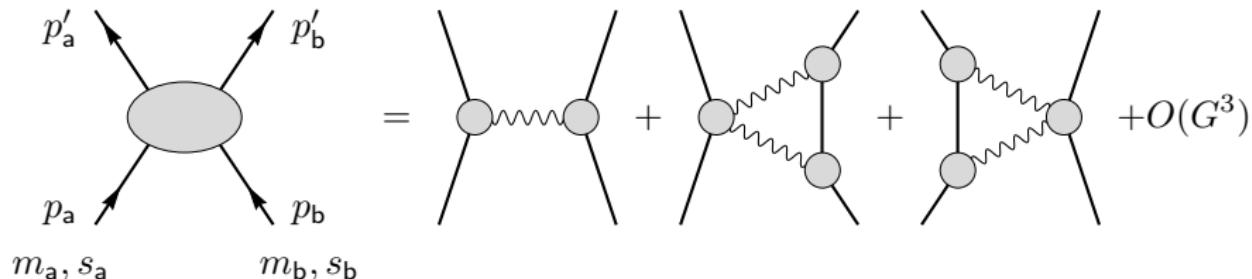
- BH perturbation theory + self-force-type analysis ... ?
- Or is it enough to match to unperturbed Kerr beyond linear order?
- Match to classical limits of relativistic quantum scattering amplitudes for minimally coupled massive spin- $s$  particles exchanging gravitons?

( $s \rightarrow \infty?$ )

(for arbitrary mass ratios)



# Amplitudes for massive spin- $s$ particles



$$1 \quad \text{---} \quad 3^+ = \frac{1}{m_P} \left( \frac{\langle \zeta | p_1 | 3 \rangle}{\langle \zeta | 3 \rangle} \right)^2 \left( \frac{\langle \mathbf{12} \rangle}{m} \right)^{2s}, \quad \text{for any } s,$$

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$$4 \quad \text{---} \quad 3^- = \frac{-\langle 3 | p_1 | 2 \rangle^4}{m_P^2 t(s - m^2)(u - m^2)} \left( \frac{\langle 43 \rangle [12] + \langle 13 \rangle [42]}{\langle 3 | p_1 | 2 \rangle} \right)^{2s},$$

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for  $s \leq 2$ .

[Arkani-Hamed+ '17, Guevara '17]