Calculating the scalar self-force during $r\theta$ -resonances

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- Gravitational case $(g_{\mu\nu} = g_{\mu\nu}^{\text{Kerr}} + \epsilon h_{\mu\nu})$
 - Equations of motion

$$\mu u^{\beta} \nabla_{\beta} u^{\alpha} = \epsilon F^{\alpha}_{\rm GSF}$$

• Gravitational self-force (GSF) equations

$$F^{\alpha}_{\rm GSF} = \mu \, \nabla^{\alpha\beta\gamma} h^{\rm R}_{\beta\gamma}$$

• Field equations & metric reconstruction

 $\hat{\mathcal{O}}_{\pm 2} \Psi_{\pm 2} = T_{\pm 2} \implies h_{\alpha\beta}^{\text{ret}} = \hat{\mathcal{S}}_{\pm 2}^{\dagger} \Psi_{\pm 2}^{\text{Hertz}} + h_{\alpha\beta}^{\text{comp}}$

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- Scalar case $(h_{\mu\nu} \rightarrow 0, q)$
 - Equations of motion $u^{\beta} \nabla_{\beta}(\mu u^{\alpha}) = (q/M) F^{\alpha}$
 - Scalar self-force (SSF) equations $F^{\alpha} = q \nabla^{\alpha} \Phi^{R}$
 - Field equations
 - $\hat{\mathcal{O}}_0 \Psi_0 = T_0 \implies \bigsqcup_g \Phi = -4\pi T_0$
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 - Tri-periodic discrete spectrum

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- $Z_{\hat{l}mkn}$ related to source integration
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• Can express resonant self-force in terms of non-resonant case

$$\bar{F}^{\alpha}(\bar{q};\bar{q}_{0}) = F^{\alpha}(\beta_{r}\bar{q},\beta_{\theta}\bar{q} + \beta_{\theta}\bar{q}_{0})$$



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