

Gravitational Bremsstrahlung and Hidden Supersymmetry of Spinning Bodies

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The recently established formalism of a worldline quantum field theory, which describes the classical scattering of massive bodies in Einstein gravity, is generalized up to quadratic order in spin — for a pair of Kerr black holes revealing a hidden $\mathcal{N} = 2$ supersymmetry. The far-field time-domain waveform of the gravitational waves produced in such a spinning encounter is computed at leading order in the post-Minkowskian (weak field, but generic velocity) expansion, and exhibits this supersymmetry. From the waveform we extract the leading-order total radiated angular momentum in a generic reference frame, and the total radiated energy in the center-of-mass frame to leading order in a low-velocity approximation.

The rise of gravitational wave (GW) astronomy [1] offers new paths to explore our universe, including black hole (BH) population and formation studies [2], tests of gravity in the strong-field regime [3], measurements of the Hubble constant [4], and investigations of strongly interacting matter inside neutron stars [5]. This form of astronomy relies heavily on Bayesian methods to infer probability distributions for theoretical GW predictions (templates), depending on a source’s parameters, to match the measured strain on detectors. With the network of GW observatories steadily increasing in sensitivity [6], theoretical GW predictions need to keep pace with the accuracy requirements placed on templates [7]. For the inspiral and merger phases of a binary an important strategy is to synergistically combine approximate and numerical relativity predictions [8], each applicable only to a corner of the parameter space [9].

In this Letter we calculate gravitational waveforms — the primary observables of GW detectors — produced in the parameter-space region of highly eccentric (scattering) spinning BHs and neutron stars (NSs), to leading order in the weak-field, or post-Minkowskian (PM), approximation. Following the above strategy, this is a valuable input for future eccentric waveform models. Indeed, the extension of contemporary quasi-circular (non-eccentric) waveform models for spinning binaries to eccentric orbits (including scattering) is under active investigation [10]. This is motivated, for instance, by the potential insight gained on the formation channels or astrophysical environments of binary BHs (BBHs) through measurements of eccentricity [11] and spins [12], or the search for scattering BHs [13] in our universe.

Accurate predictions for GWs from BBHs should crucially also account for the BHs’ spins [14], and this is an important aspect of the present work. The gravitational waveforms presented here are valid up to quadratic

order in angular momenta (spins) of the compact stars; that is, we extend Crowley, Kovacs and Thorne’s seminal non-spinning result [15]. We also improve on our earlier reproduction of the non-spinning result [16] by presenting results in a compact Lorentz-covariant form, using an improved integration strategy.

To obtain these results we generalize the recently introduced worldline quantum field theory (WQFT) formalism [16, 17] to include spinning particles on the worldline. This is achieved by including anticommuting worldline fields carrying the spin degrees of freedom, building upon Refs. [18–20]. Our formalism manifests a hidden $\mathcal{N} = 2$ extended worldline supersymmetry (SUSY), to linear order in spin for NSs and quadratic order for Kerr-BHs. In fact, SUSY leaves an imprint on the spinning waveform, which we show to be invariant under flat-space $\mathcal{N} = 2$ SUSY transformations to the relevant orders. This realization of SUSY hints towards a bootstrap of BH interactions from symmetry principles.

The spinning WQFT innovates over previous approaches to classical spin based on corotating-frame variables [21, 22] in the effective field theory (EFT) of compact objects [23, 24] — see Refs. [25] for the construction of PM integrands and Refs. [26, 27] for worldline and spin deflections (in agreement with scattering amplitude results [28, 29]). The worldline EFT was applied to radiation also in the weak-field and slow-motion, i.e. post-Newtonian (PN), approximation [30] — see Refs. [31] for more traditional methods. Other approaches to PM spin effects can be found in Refs. [32].

Spinning Worldline Quantum Field Theory. — It has been known since the 1980s [18] that the relativistic wave equation for a massless or massive spin- $\mathcal{N}/2$ field in flat spacetime (generalizing the Klein-Gordon, Dirac and Maxwell or Proca equations) may be obtained by quantization of an extended supersymmetric particle model where one augments the bosonic trajectory $x^\mu(\tau)$ by \mathcal{N} anticommuting, real worldline fields. Generalizing this to a curved background spacetime comes with consistency problems beyond $\mathcal{N} = 2$. Yet the situation for spins up to one is well understood [20], and sufficient for our purposes of describing two-body scattering up to quadratic

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order in spin.

We therefore augment the worldline trajectories $x_i^\mu(\tau_i)$ ($i = 1, 2$) of our two massive bodies by anticommuting *complex* Grassmann fields $\psi_i^a(\tau_i)$. These are vectors in the flat tangent Minkowski spacetime connected to the curved spacetime via the vierbein $e_\mu^a(x)$. The worldline action in the massive case for each body takes the form (suppressing the i subscripts) [20, 33]

$$S = -m \int d\tau \left[\frac{1}{2} g_{\mu\nu} \dot{x}^\mu \dot{x}^\nu + i \bar{\psi}_a \frac{D\psi^a}{D\tau} + \frac{1}{2} R_{abcd} \bar{\psi}^a \psi^b \bar{\psi}^c \psi^d \right], \quad (1)$$

where $g_{\mu\nu} = e_\mu^a e_\nu^b \eta_{ab}$ is the metric in mostly minus signature, $\frac{D\psi^a}{D\tau} = \dot{\psi}^a + \dot{x}^\mu \omega_\mu^a{}_b \psi^b$ includes the spin connection $\omega_{\mu ab}$ and the Riemann tensor is $R_{\mu\nu ab} = e_\mu^c e_\nu^d R_{abcd} = 2(\partial_{[\mu} \omega_{\nu]ab} + \omega_{[\mu}{}^c{}_{\nu]ab} \omega_{\nu]cb})$. This theory enjoys a global $\mathcal{N} = 2$ SUSY: it is invariant under

$$\delta x^\mu = i\bar{\epsilon}\psi^\mu + i\epsilon\bar{\psi}^\mu, \quad \delta\psi^a = -\epsilon e_\mu^a \dot{x}^\mu - \delta x^\mu \omega_\mu^a{}_b \psi^b, \quad (2)$$

with constant SUSY parameters ϵ and $\bar{\epsilon} = \epsilon^\dagger$.

The connection to a traditional description of spinning bodies in general relativity, using the spin field $S^{\mu\nu}$ and the Lorentz body-fixed frame Λ_μ^A [21, 22, 24, 34, 35], comes about upon identifying the spin field $S^{\mu\nu}(\tau)$ with the Grassmann bilinear:

$$S^{\mu\nu} = -2i e_a^\mu e_b^\nu \bar{\psi}^{[a} \psi^{b]}. \quad (3)$$

One can easily show that S^{ab} obeys the Lorentz algebra under Poisson brackets $\{\psi^a, \bar{\psi}^b\}_{\text{P.B.}} = -i\eta^{ab}$. In fact, the spin-supplementary condition (SSC) and preservation of spin length may be related to $\mathcal{N} = 2$ SUSY-related constraints [33]. Finally, by deriving the classical equations of motion from the action these can be shown to match the Mathisson-Papapetrou equations [36] at quadratic spin order. This fascinatingly points to a hidden $\mathcal{N} = 2$ SUSY in the actions of Refs. [22, 34, 35] for the Kerr-BH.

The actions of Refs. [22, 34, 35] also carry a first spin-induced *multipole moment term* at quadratic order in spins with an undertermined Wilson coefficient C_E , where here $C_E = 0$ for a Kerr BH. Translating it to our formalism this term reads

$$S_{ES^2} := -m \int d\tau C_E E_{ab} \bar{\psi}^a \psi^b \bar{\psi} \cdot \psi, \quad (4)$$

where $E_{ab} := R_{a\mu b\nu} \dot{x}^\mu \dot{x}^\nu$ is the ‘‘electric’’ part of the Riemann tensor. This term breaks the $\mathcal{N} = 2$ SUSY.

In order to describe a scattering scenario we expand the worldline fields about solutions of the equations of motion along straight-line trajectories:

$$\begin{aligned} x_i^\mu(\tau_i) &= b_i^\mu + v_i^\mu \tau_i + z_i^\mu(\tau_i), \\ \psi_i^a(\tau_i) &= \Psi_i^a + \psi_i'^a(\tau_i), \end{aligned} \quad (5)$$

where $S_i^{\mu\nu} := -2i\bar{\Psi}_i^{[\mu} \Psi_i^{\nu]}$ captures the initial spin of the two massive objects. The weak gravity expansion of the vierbein reads

$$e_\mu^a = \eta^{a\nu} \left(\eta_{\mu\nu} + \frac{\kappa}{2} h_{\mu\nu} - \frac{\kappa^2}{8} h_{\mu\rho} h^\rho{}_\nu + \mathcal{O}(\kappa^3) \right), \quad (6)$$

introducing the graviton field $h_{\mu\nu}(x)$ and the gravitational coupling $\kappa^2 = 32\pi G$. Note that in this perturbative framework the distinction between curved μ, ν, \dots and tangent a, b, \dots indices necessarily drops.

The spinning WQFT has the partition function [17, 33]

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{Z}_{\text{WQFT}} &:= \text{const} \times \int D[h_{\mu\nu}] e^{i(S_{\text{EH}} + S_{\text{gf}})} \\ &\times \int \prod_{i=1}^2 D[z_i^\mu] D[\psi_i'^\mu] \exp \left[i \sum_{i=1}^2 S^{(i)} + S_{ES^2}^{(i)} \right], \end{aligned} \quad (7)$$

where S_{EH} is the Einstein-Hilbert action and the gauge-fixing term S_{gf} enforces de Donder gauge. The SUSY variations (2) leave an imprint on the free energy (or eikonal) $F_{\text{WQFT}}(b_i, v_i, \mathcal{S}_i) := -i \log \mathcal{Z}_{\text{WQFT}}$: after integrating out the fluctuations z^μ and ψ'^μ in the path integral (7), the SUSY variations of the background trajectories (5) remain intact in an asymptotically flat spacetime. That is, the transformations

$$\begin{aligned} \delta b_i^\mu &= i\bar{\epsilon}\Psi_i^\mu + i\epsilon\bar{\Psi}_i^\mu, \quad \delta v_i^\mu = 0, \quad \delta\Psi_i^\mu = -\epsilon v_i^\mu \\ \Rightarrow \delta\mathcal{S}_i^{\mu\nu} &= v_i^\mu \delta b_i^\nu - v_i^\nu \delta b_i^\mu \end{aligned} \quad (8)$$

are a symmetry of $F_{\text{WQFT}}(b_i, v_i, \mathcal{S}_i)$ up to the SUSY-breaking C_E terms. As we shall see, this is also a symmetry of the waveform. In general we choose $b \cdot v_i = 0$ (which can be achieved with a suitable shift of the proper times τ_i); however, the variables b_i, v_i, \mathcal{S}_i need to be left unconstrained under the SUSY variation (8).

Feynman rules. — As the Feynman rules for the Einstein-Hilbert action are conventional we will not dwell on them; the only subtlety is our use of a *retarded* graviton propagator:

$$\begin{array}{c} \mu\nu \\ \bullet \text{---} \text{---} \text{---} \text{---} \text{---} \bullet \\ k \end{array} = i \frac{P_{\mu\nu;\rho\sigma}}{(k^0 + i\epsilon)^2 - \mathbf{k}^2}, \quad (9)$$

with $P_{\mu\nu;\rho\sigma} := \eta_{\mu(\rho} \eta_{\sigma)\nu} - \frac{1}{2} \eta_{\mu\nu} \eta_{\rho\sigma}$. On the worldline we work in one-dimensional energy (frequency) space: the propagators for the fluctuations $z^\mu(\omega)$ and anticommuting vectors $\psi'^\mu(\omega)$ are respectively

$$\begin{array}{c} \mu \quad \nu \\ \bullet \text{---} \text{---} \bullet \\ \omega \end{array} = -i \frac{\eta^{\mu\nu}}{m(\omega + i\epsilon)^2}, \quad (10a)$$

$$\begin{array}{c} \mu \quad \nu \\ \bullet \text{---} \text{---} \bullet \\ \omega \end{array} = -i \frac{\eta^{\mu\nu}}{m(\omega + i\epsilon)}, \quad (10b)$$

which also both involve a retarded $i\epsilon$ prescription. The former was already used in Refs. [16, 17].

Next we consider the worldline vertices. The simplest of these is the single-graviton emission vertex:

$$\begin{array}{c} \text{---} \bullet \text{---} \\ | \\ \text{---} \bullet \end{array} = -i \frac{m\kappa}{2} e^{ik \cdot b} \delta(k \cdot v) \left(v^\mu v^\nu + i k_\rho S^{\rho(\mu} v^{\nu)} \right. \\ \left. + \frac{1}{2} k_\rho k_\sigma S^{\rho\mu} S^{\nu\sigma} + \frac{C_E}{2} v^\mu v^\nu (k \cdot S \cdot S \cdot k) \right), \quad (11)$$

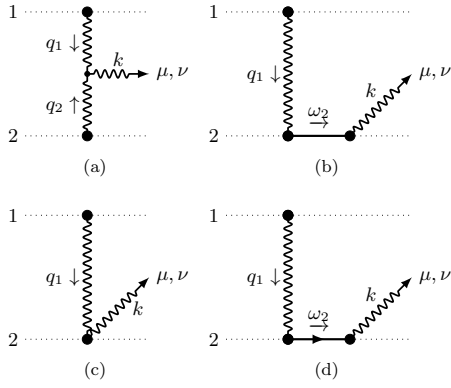


FIG. 1. The four diagram topologies contributing to the 2PM Bremsstrahlung up to $\mathcal{O}(\mathcal{S}^2)$, where $\omega_i = k \cdot v_i$ by energy conservation at the worldline vertices. For diagrams (b)–(d) we also include the corresponding flipped topologies with massive bodies $1 \leftrightarrow 2$; for diagram (d) (which includes the propagating fermion ψ_2^{μ}) we also include the graph with the arrow reversed.

where $\delta(\omega) := (2\pi)\delta(\omega)$ and we have used $\mathcal{S}^{\mu\nu} = -2i\bar{\Psi}^{[\mu}\Psi^{\nu]}$. The other worldline-based vertices required for the 2PM Bremsstrahlung all appear in Fig. 1: the two-point interaction between a graviton and a single z^μ mode in (b), the two-graviton emission vertex in (c), and the two-point interaction between a graviton and ψ^{μ} in (d). Full expressions for these vertices are provided in the Supplementary Material.

Waveform from WQFT. — To describe the Bremsstrahlung at 2PM order including spin effects we compute the expectation value $k^2 \langle h_{\mu\nu}(k) \rangle_{\text{WQFT}}$. This requires us to compute four kinds of Feynman graphs, illustrated in Fig. 1. Explicit expressions for the first two graphs (a) and (b) were given in the non-spinning case [16]; these are now modified by terms up to $\mathcal{O}(\mathcal{S}^2)$. Graphs (c) and (d) are unique to the spinning case — for the latter we sum over both routings of the fermion line.

From this result we seek to obtain the waveform in spacetime in the *wave zone*, where the distance to the observer $|\mathbf{x}| = r$ is large compared to all other lengths. Following Ref. [16] the gauge-invariant *frequency-domain waveform* $4G \epsilon^{\mu\nu} S_{\mu\nu}(k^\mu = \Omega(1, \hat{\mathbf{x}}))$ is extracted from the WQFT via

$$S_{\mu\nu}(k) = \frac{2}{\kappa} k^2 \langle h_{\mu\nu}(k) \rangle_{\text{WQFT}}, \quad (12)$$

where Ω is the GW frequency and $\hat{\mathbf{x}} = \mathbf{x}/r$ points towards the observer. However, it is advantageous to study the *time-domain waveform* $f(u, \hat{\mathbf{x}})$ which is given by a Fourier transform:

$$\kappa \epsilon^{\mu\nu} h_{\mu\nu} = \frac{f(u, \hat{\mathbf{x}})}{r} = \frac{4G}{r} \int_{\Omega} e^{-ik \cdot x} \epsilon^{\mu\nu} S_{\mu\nu}(k) \Big|_{k^\mu = \Omega \rho^\mu}. \quad (13)$$

We have contracted with a polarization tensor $\epsilon^{\mu\nu} = \frac{1}{2} \epsilon^\mu \epsilon^\nu$, $\int_{\Omega} := \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{d\Omega}{2\pi}$, and $\rho^\mu = (1, \hat{\mathbf{x}})$; in a PM decomposition $f = \sum_n G^n f^{(n)}$ we seek the 2PM component

$f^{(2)}$. Note that $k \cdot x = \Omega(t - r)$ yields the retarded time $u = t - r$, and $\epsilon \cdot \epsilon = \epsilon \cdot \rho = 0$.

Integration. — Our integration procedure follows closely that used for the non-spinning calculation in Ref. [16], the main difference being that we maintain four-dimensional Lorentz covariance. Each diagram contributing to $k^2 \langle h_{\mu\nu}(k) \rangle_{\text{WQFT}}$ carries the overall factor

$$\mu_{1,2}(k) = e^{i(q_1 \cdot b_1 + q_2 \cdot b_2)} \delta(q_1 \cdot v_1) \delta(q_2 \cdot v_2) \delta(k - q_1 - q_2). \quad (14)$$

We integrate over q_i , the momentum emitted from each worldline (see Fig. 1). When we also integrate over Ω — as in Eq. (13) — the full integration measure becomes

$$\int_{\Omega, q_1, q_2} \mu_{1,2}(k) e^{-ik \cdot x} = \frac{1}{\rho \cdot v_2} \int_{q_1} \delta(q_1 \cdot v_1) e^{-iq_1 \cdot \tilde{b}}, \quad (15)$$

where $\int_{q_i} := \int \frac{d^4 q_i}{(2\pi)^4}$; the delta function constraints give $\Omega = \frac{q_1 \cdot v_2}{\rho \cdot v_2}$ and $q_2 = k - q_1$. The shifted impact parameter,

$$\tilde{b}^\mu = \tilde{b}_2^\mu - \tilde{b}_1^\mu, \quad \tilde{b}_i^\mu = b_i^\mu + u_i v_i^\mu, \quad (16)$$

extends the original impact parameter $b^\mu = b_2^\mu - b_1^\mu$ along the undeflected trajectories of the two bodies. Finally, u_i is the retarded time in the i 'th rest frame:

$$u_i = \frac{\rho \cdot (x - b_i)}{\rho \cdot v_i}, \quad (17)$$

This implies $\rho \cdot \tilde{b}_i = \rho \cdot x = u$, so $\rho \cdot \tilde{b} = 0$.

Rewriting the integral measure as in Eq. (15) is convenient for performing the integrals of diagrams (b)–(d), in the rest frame of body 1. The mirrored counterparts to these diagrams are easily recovered after integration using the $1 \leftrightarrow 2$ symmetry of the waveform. To integrate diagram (a) we insert the partial-fraction identity $q_1^{-2} q_2^{-2} = -q_1^{-2} (2k \cdot q_1)^{-1} - q_2^{-2} (2k \cdot q_2)^{-1}$ (which is valid for k on-shell) and focus on the first term.

The full 2PM waveform is then written schematically as (dropping the subscript on q_1)

$$\frac{f^{(2)}}{m_1 m_2} = 4\pi \int_q \delta(q \cdot v_1) \frac{e^{-iq \cdot \tilde{b}}}{q^2} \left(\frac{\mathcal{N}(q)}{q \cdot v_2 + i\epsilon} + \frac{\mathcal{M}(q)}{(q \cdot v_2)(q \cdot \rho)} \right) + (1 \leftrightarrow 2), \quad (18)$$

the \mathcal{N} - and \mathcal{M} -contributions corresponding to diagrams (b)–(d) and (a) in Fig. 1 respectively. The numerators $\mathcal{N}(q)$ and $\mathcal{M}(q)$ have a uniform power counting in q for each spin order:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{N}(q) &= \mathcal{N}_\mu q^\mu + \mathcal{N}_{\mu\nu} q^\mu q^\nu + \mathcal{N}_{\mu\nu\rho} q^\mu q^\nu q^\rho, \\ \mathcal{M}(q) &= \mathcal{M}_{\mu\nu} q^\mu q^\nu + \mathcal{M}_{\mu\nu\rho} q^\mu q^\nu q^\rho + \mathcal{M}_{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} q^\mu q^\nu q^\rho q^\sigma, \end{aligned} \quad (19)$$

and the non-spinning result involves only \mathcal{N}_μ and $\mathcal{M}_{\mu\nu}$. We present full expressions for \mathcal{N} and \mathcal{M} in the ancillary file attached to the arXiv submission of this Letter.

To lowest order in q^μ , the first integral in eq. (18) is

$$4\pi \int_q \delta(q \cdot v_1) \frac{e^{-iq \cdot \tilde{b}}}{q^2} \frac{q^\mu}{q \cdot v_2 + i\epsilon} = \frac{P_1^{\mu\nu} v_{2,\nu}}{(\gamma^2 - 1) |\tilde{\mathbf{b}}|_1} - \frac{b^\mu}{b^2} \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{\gamma^2 - 1}} + \frac{u_2}{|\tilde{\mathbf{b}}|_1} \right), \quad (20)$$

where $P_i^{\mu\nu} := \eta^{\mu\nu} - v_i^\mu v_i^\nu$ is a projector into the rest frame of the i 'th body; $b^2 = |\mathbf{b}|^2 = -b^\mu b_\mu$ (the impact parameter is spacelike) and

$$|\tilde{\mathbf{b}}|_{1,2} := \sqrt{-\tilde{b}_\mu P_{1,2}^{\mu\nu} \tilde{b}_\nu} = \sqrt{b^2 + (\gamma^2 - 1) u_{2,1}^2} \quad (21)$$

are the lengths of the shifted impact parameter \tilde{b}^μ (16) in the two rest frames. The second integral in eq. (18) is

$$4\pi \int_q \delta(q \cdot v_1) \frac{e^{-iq \cdot \tilde{b}}}{q^2} \frac{q^\mu q^\nu}{q \cdot v_2 q \cdot \rho} = \frac{K_1^{\mu\nu} v_2 \cdot K_1 \cdot \rho - 2(v_2 \cdot K_1)^{(\mu} (\rho \cdot K_1)^{\nu)}}{(\gamma^2 - 1) (\rho \cdot v_1)^2 b^2 |\tilde{b}|^2 |\tilde{\mathbf{b}}|_1}, \quad (22)$$

where we have introduced the symmetric tensor

$$K_i^{\mu\nu} := P_i^{\mu\nu} |\tilde{\mathbf{b}}|_i^2 + (P_i \cdot \tilde{b})^\mu (P_i \cdot \tilde{b})^\nu, \quad (23)$$

with the property that $K_i^{\mu\nu} v_{i,\nu} = K_i^{\mu\nu} \tilde{b}_\nu = 0$. Both integrals are derived in the Supplementary Material; one generalizes to higher powers of q^μ in the numerators by taking derivatives with respect to \tilde{b}^μ .

Results. — The 2PM waveform takes the schematic form

$$\frac{f^{(2)}}{m_1 m_2} = \sum_{s=0}^2 \frac{1}{|\tilde{\mathbf{b}}|_1^{2s+1}} \left[\alpha_1^{(s)} + \frac{\beta_1^{(s)}}{|\tilde{b}|^{2s+2}} \right] + (1 \leftrightarrow 2), \quad (24)$$

where the coefficients $\alpha_i^{(s)}, \beta_i^{(s)}$, provided in the ancillary file with the covariant SSC $v_{i,\mu} S_i^{\mu\nu} = 0$, are associated with the \mathcal{N} - and \mathcal{M} -type contributions in Eq. (18) respectively; they are functions of $u_i, b^\mu, v_i^\mu, \rho^\mu$, and $S_i^{\mu\nu}$ and bi-linear in ϵ^μ . In the Kerr-BH case ($C_{E,i} = 0$) the waveform f is invariant under the SUSY transformations in Eq. (8). To see this we expand the waveform at all PM orders in powers of spin:

$$f = f_0 + \sum_{i=1}^2 \mathcal{S}_{i,\mu\nu} f_i^{\mu\nu} + \sum_{i,j=1}^2 \mathcal{S}_{i,\mu\nu} \mathcal{S}_{j,\rho\sigma} + \mathcal{O}(S^3), \quad (25)$$

where SUSY links higher-spin to lower-spin terms,

$$\frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial f_0}{\partial b_{i,\mu}} = v_{i,\nu} f_i^{[\mu\nu]}, \quad \frac{1}{4} \frac{\partial f_i^{\mu\nu}}{\partial b_{j,\rho}} = v_{j,\sigma} f_{ij}^{\mu\nu;[\rho\sigma]}. \quad (26)$$

These identities are satisfied by the waveform in Eq. (24).

To illustrate the waveform we consider the *gravitational wave memory* $\Delta f(\hat{\mathbf{x}}) := f(+\infty, \hat{\mathbf{x}}) - f(-\infty, \hat{\mathbf{x}})$. The constant spin tensors are decomposed in terms of

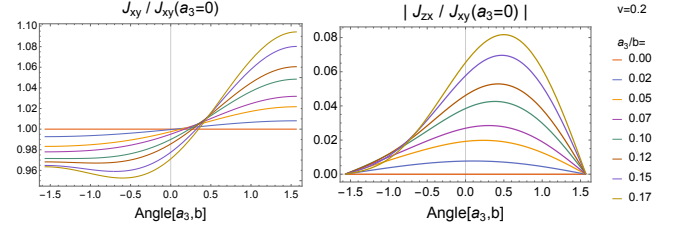


FIG. 2. Total radiated angular momenta for the scattering of two Kerr-BHs with $v = 0.2$ as a function of the angle between the total initial spins $\mathbf{a}_3 = \mathbf{a}_1 + \mathbf{a}_2$ and \mathbf{b} (with $\mathbf{a}_1 \cdot \mathbf{v}_1 = 0$) for a range of ratios $|\mathbf{a}_3|/|\mathbf{b}|$. We show the normalized ratio of angular momenta emitted orthogonal to the \mathbf{b}, \mathbf{v} plane (left plot) and in the \mathbf{b} direction (right plot), normalization is w.r.t. angular momentum emitted in the spinless case.

the Pauli-Lubanski vectors a_i^μ as $\mathcal{S}_i^{\mu\nu} = \epsilon^{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} v_i^\rho a_i^\sigma$, the latter satisfying $a_i \cdot v_i = 0$. In the aligned-spin case $a_i \cdot b = a_i \cdot v_j = 0$, i.e. the spin vectors are orthogonal to the plane of scattering. Writing $|a_i| = \sqrt{-a_i^2}$ the wave memory is then proportional to the non-spinning result:

$$\Delta f^{(2)} = \left(1 + \frac{2v|a_3|}{b(1+v^2)} + \frac{|a_3|^2}{b^2} - \sum_{i=1}^2 \frac{C_{E,i} |a_i|^2}{b^2} \right) \Delta f_{S=0}^{(2)},$$

$$\frac{\Delta f_{S=0}^{(2)}}{m_1 m_2} = \frac{4(2\gamma^2 - 1) \epsilon \cdot v_1 (2b \cdot \epsilon \rho \cdot v_1 - b \cdot \rho \epsilon \cdot v_1)}{b^2 \sqrt{\gamma^2 - 1} (\rho \cdot v_1)^2} + (1 \leftrightarrow 2), \quad (27)$$

where $a_3^\mu = a_1^\mu + a_2^\mu$. For two Kerr black holes ($C_{E,i} = 0$) with equal-and-opposite spins ($a_1^\mu = -a_2^\mu$) we see that $\Delta f^{(2)} = \Delta f_{S=0}^{(2)}$, which we observe also when the spins are mis-aligned to the plane of scattering.

There is also a 1PM (non-radiating) contribution to the waveform consisting of single-graviton emission from either massive body:

$$f^{(1)}(\hat{\mathbf{x}}) = \frac{2m_1}{\rho \cdot v_1} (\epsilon \cdot v_1)^2 + \frac{2m_2}{\rho \cdot v_2} (\epsilon \cdot v_2)^2. \quad (28)$$

At 1PM order there is manifestly no dependence on either the spins $\mathcal{S}_i^{\mu\nu}$ or impact parameters b_i^μ , so the SUSY identities in Eq. (26) are trivially satisfied.

Finally, the wave memory and 1PM part of the waveform contribute to the total radiated angular momentum J_{ij}^{rad} . Using three-dimensional Cartesian basis vectors $\hat{\mathbf{e}}_i$, we choose a frame of reference with the initial velocities v_i^μ restricted to the t - x plane; $\mathbf{b} = b \hat{\mathbf{e}}_2$ is orthogonal to these. Then we find two non-zero components of J_{ij}^{rad} : J_{xy}^{rad} and J_{zx}^{rad} , which are conveniently arranged into

$$\frac{J_{xy}^{\text{rad}} + i J_{zx}^{\text{rad}}}{J_{xy}^{\text{init}}|_{S=0}} = \frac{4G^2 m_1 m_2 (2\gamma^2 - 1)}{b^2 \sqrt{\gamma^2 - 1}} \mathcal{I}(v)$$

$$\times \left(1 - \frac{2iv \mathbf{a}_3 \cdot \mathbf{1}}{b(1+v^2)} - \frac{(\mathbf{a}_3 \cdot \mathbf{1})^2}{b^2} + \sum_{i=1}^2 \frac{C_{E,i}}{b^2} (\mathbf{a}_i \cdot \mathbf{1})^2 \right) + \mathcal{O}(G^3). \quad (29)$$

We normalize with respect to $J_{xy}^{\text{init}}|_{S=0}$, the initial angular momentum in the non-spinning case. The spin vectors \mathbf{a}_1 and \mathbf{a}_2 are taken in the rest frame of each massive body; $\mathbf{a}_3 = \mathbf{a}_1 + \mathbf{a}_2$, $\mathbf{l} = \hat{\mathbf{e}}_2 + i\hat{\mathbf{e}}_3$, and

$$\mathcal{I}(v) = -\frac{8}{3} + \frac{1}{v^2} + \frac{(3v^2 - 1)}{v^3} \text{arctanh}(v) \quad (30)$$

is a universal prefactor. Eq. (29) holds in the rest frame

$$E_{\text{CoM}}^{\text{rad,LO}} = \frac{vG^3 m_1^2 m_2^2 \pi}{b^3} \left[\frac{37}{15} + \frac{v(65m_1 + 69m_2)(\mathbf{a}_1 \cdot \hat{\mathbf{e}}_3)}{10b(m_1 + m_2)} + \frac{1503(\mathbf{a}_1 \cdot \hat{\mathbf{e}}_1)(\mathbf{a}_2 \cdot \hat{\mathbf{e}}_1) - 3559(\mathbf{a}_1 \cdot \hat{\mathbf{e}}_2)(\mathbf{a}_2 \cdot \hat{\mathbf{e}}_2) + 1816(\mathbf{a}_1 \cdot \hat{\mathbf{e}}_3)(\mathbf{a}_2 \cdot \hat{\mathbf{e}}_3)}{320b^2} \right. \\ \left. + \frac{9(185 - 176C_{E,1})(\mathbf{a}_1 \cdot \hat{\mathbf{e}}_1)^2 - (3385 - 3472C_{E,1})(\mathbf{a}_1 \cdot \hat{\mathbf{e}}_2)^2 + 8(245 - 236C_{E,1})(\mathbf{a}_1 \cdot \hat{\mathbf{e}}_3)^2}{320b^2} + (1 \leftrightarrow 2) + \mathcal{O}(v^2) \right], \quad (31)$$

where the swap ($1 \leftrightarrow 2$) does not affect the basis vectors $\hat{\mathbf{e}}_i$ or the constant term $\frac{37}{15}$. It is straightforward to extend this result to higher orders in v .

Conclusions. — In this Letter we extended the WQFT to describe spinning compact bodies to quadratic order in spin, and calculated the leading-PM order waveform for highly eccentric (scattering) orbits. Our upcoming work [33] will present an application to further observables such as the spin kick and deflection [26, 29] at 2PM order. The radiated energy (31) should also be particularly useful for future studies. In Refs. [37, 38] the $\mathcal{O}(G^3)$ energy loss from a scattering of non-spinning black holes was recently computed to all orders in velocity using the KMOC formalism [39] (see also Ref. [40]); a similar result could conceivably be obtained at $\mathcal{O}(S^2)$, and then checked against Eq. (31) in the low-velocity limit. Similarly, the remarkably simple result for radiated angular momentum (29) at 2PM order is intriguing; it may be important for understanding the high-energy limit, see Ref. [41, 42] for the non-spinning case.

The application of modern on-shell and integration techniques to compute scattering amplitudes [37, 43–47] holds great promise for pushing calculations to higher PM orders. This is demonstrated by the impressive calculation of the 4PM conservative dynamics in the potential region [47, 48] — see also Refs. [41, 42, 45, 49–

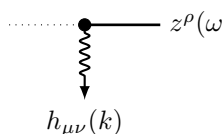
of either body or the center-of-mass (c.o.m.) frame; see Fig. 2 for plots. For a derivation we refer the reader to the Supplementary Material. There we also compute the total radiated energy in the c.o.m. frame. Due to the multi-scale nature of the waveform it is difficult to perform the necessary time and solid angle-integrals, so we performed a low velocity expansion. For terms up to $\mathcal{O}(v^2)$ we find

[53]. The connection between amplitudes and classical physics was studied in Refs. [39, 40, 54], and Refs. [27, 54] discussed the connection to bound orbits. Our WQFT framework [16, 17] provides another, rather intuitive way to connect amplitude and (classical) worldline EFT calculations. It may therefore benefit from modern amplitude techniques at higher PM orders in future work, building on the compact Lorentz-covariant master integrals provided here.

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SUPPLEMENTARY MATERIAL

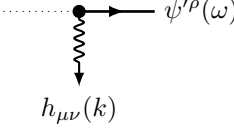
Feynman rules. — Here we give explicit expressions for the worldline Feynman rules used in the main calculation, the single-graviton emission vertex having already been given in Eq. (11). Adding an outgoing z^μ line we have:



$$= \frac{m\kappa}{2} e^{ik \cdot b} \delta(k \cdot v + \omega) \left(2\omega v^{(\mu} \delta_\rho^{\nu)} + v^\mu v^\nu k_\rho + i(k \cdot \mathcal{S})^{(\mu} (k_\rho v^{\nu)} + \omega \delta_\rho^{\nu)} \right) + \frac{1}{2} k_\rho (k \cdot \mathcal{S})^\mu (\mathcal{S} \cdot k)^\nu \\ + \frac{C_E}{2} \left((2\omega v^{(\mu} \delta_\rho^{\nu)} + v^\mu v^\nu k_\rho) (k \cdot \mathcal{S} \cdot \mathcal{S} \cdot k) - \omega^2 k_\rho (\mathcal{S} \cdot \mathcal{S})^{\mu\nu} + 2\omega^2 (k \cdot \mathcal{S} \cdot \mathcal{S})^{(\mu} \delta_\rho^{\nu)} \right), \quad (32)$$

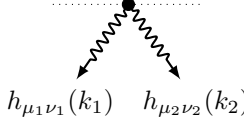
where we have adopted the shorthands $(k \cdot \mathcal{S})^\mu = k_\nu \mathcal{S}^{\nu\mu}$, $(\mathcal{S} \cdot \mathcal{S})^{\mu\nu} = \mathcal{S}^{\mu\rho} \mathcal{S}_\rho^\nu$ and $(\mathcal{S} \cdot k)^\mu = \mathcal{S}^{\mu\nu} k_\nu$. Both this and the single-graviton emission vertex appear in the non-spinning case, and by setting $\mathcal{S}^{\mu\nu} = 0$ we recover the corresponding

expressions from Refs. [16, 17]. New to the spinning case is the coupling with ψ'^μ :



$$= -im\kappa e^{ik \cdot b} \delta(k \cdot v + \omega) \left(k_{[\rho} \delta_{\sigma]}^{(\mu} (v^\nu) - i(\mathcal{S} \cdot k)^{\nu}) \right) + iC_E \left(v^{(\mu} k_\lambda + \omega \delta_\lambda^{(\mu} (v^\nu) k_{[\rho} + \omega \delta_{\rho]}^{\nu)}) \mathcal{S}^\lambda_{\sigma]} \right) \bar{\Psi}^\sigma. \quad (33)$$

The vertex with $\bar{\psi}'^\mu(\omega)$ on an outgoing line is identical, except with $\bar{\Psi}^\mu \rightarrow \Psi^\mu$. Finally, starting at linear order in spin there is also the two-graviton emission vertex:



$$= -\frac{m\kappa^2}{4} e^{i(k_1+k_2) \cdot b} \delta((k_1+k_2) \cdot v) \left((k_1 \cdot \mathcal{S})^{\mu_2} v^{\mu_1} \eta^{\nu_1\nu_2} - \mathcal{S}^{\mu_1\mu_2} (v^{\nu_1} k_1^{\nu_2} - \frac{1}{2} k_1 \cdot v \eta^{\nu_1\nu_2}) \right) \\ + i \left((\mathcal{S} \cdot k_1)^{\mu_1} (\mathcal{S} \cdot k_1)^{\mu_2} + \frac{1}{2} (\mathcal{S} \cdot k_2)^{\mu_1} (\mathcal{S} \cdot k_1)^{\mu_2} - \frac{1}{2} \mathcal{S}^{\mu_1\mu_2} (k_1 \cdot \mathcal{S} \cdot k_2) \right) \eta^{\nu_1\nu_2} \\ + \frac{i}{4} k_1 \cdot k_2 \mathcal{S}^{\mu_1\nu_2} \mathcal{S}^{\mu_2\nu_1} - ik_1^{\nu_2} (\mathcal{S} \cdot (k_1+k_2))^{\mu_1} \mathcal{S}^{\mu_2\nu_1} \\ + iC_E \left(2k_1 \cdot v (\mathcal{S} \cdot \mathcal{S} \cdot (k_1+k_2))^{\mu_2} v^{\mu_1} - \frac{1}{2} (k_1 \cdot v)^2 (\mathcal{S} \cdot \mathcal{S})^{\mu_1\mu_2} - \frac{1}{2} (k_1 \cdot \mathcal{S} \cdot \mathcal{S} \cdot k_2) v^{\mu_1} v^{\mu_2} \right) \eta^{\nu_1\nu_2} \\ + iC_E \left(-\frac{1}{2} k_1 \cdot k_2 (\mathcal{S} \cdot \mathcal{S})^{\nu_1\nu_2} v^{\mu_1} v^{\mu_2} + k_1^{\nu_2} (\mathcal{S} \cdot \mathcal{S} \cdot k_2)^{\nu_1} v^{\mu_1} v^{\mu_2} - k_1^{\nu_2} (\mathcal{S} \cdot \mathcal{S} \cdot k_1)^{\mu_2} v^{\mu_1} v^{\nu_1} \right. \\ \left. - k_1^{\nu_2} (\mathcal{S} \cdot \mathcal{S} \cdot k_2)^{\mu_2} v^{\mu_1} v^{\nu_1} - (\mathcal{S} \cdot \mathcal{S})^{\mu_2\nu_2} (k_1 \cdot v k_2^{\nu_1} - \frac{1}{2} k_1 \cdot k_2 v^{\nu_1}) v^{\mu_1} \right) + (1 \leftrightarrow 2), \quad (34)$$

with implicit symmetrization on (μ_1, ν_1) and (μ_2, ν_2) .

Integration. — To compute the 2PM waveform we require explicit results for the following integrals:

$$\mathcal{J}^{\mu_1\mu_2\dots\mu_n} = 4\pi \int_q \delta(q \cdot v_1) \frac{e^{-iq \cdot \tilde{b}}}{q^2} \frac{q^{\mu_1} q^{\mu_2} \dots q^{\mu_n}}{q \cdot v_2 + i\epsilon}, \quad (35)$$

$$\mathcal{I}^{\mu_1\mu_2\dots\mu_n} = 4\pi \int_q \delta(q \cdot v_1) \frac{e^{-iq \cdot \tilde{b}}}{q^2} \frac{q^{\mu_1} q^{\mu_2} \dots q^{\mu_n}}{q \cdot v_2 q \cdot \rho}, \quad (36)$$

with $n = 1, 2, 3$ for the \mathcal{J} -integrals and $n = 2, 3, 4$ for the \mathcal{I} -integrals. Expressions for \mathcal{J}^μ and $\mathcal{I}^{\mu\nu}$ were presented in Eqs. (20) and (22) of the main text respectively — we derive these first, then generalize to higher-orders in q^μ by taking derivatives with respect to the shifted impact parameter \tilde{b}^μ .

Our starting point for \mathcal{J}^μ is

$$4\pi \int_q \delta(q \cdot v_1) e^{-iq \cdot \tilde{b}} \frac{q^\mu}{q^2} = -i \frac{P_1^{\mu\nu} \tilde{b}_\nu}{|\tilde{\mathbf{b}}|_1^3}, \quad (37)$$

which is easily derived by specializing to the rest frame of massive body 1 — $P_1^{\mu\nu} \tilde{b}_\nu$ and $|\tilde{\mathbf{b}}|_1$ (21) are the covariant “uplifts” of $\tilde{\mathbf{b}}^i$ and $|\tilde{\mathbf{b}}|$ from this frame. Using

$$\int_\omega e^{-i\omega\tau} \frac{f(\omega)}{\omega + i\epsilon} = -i \int_{-\infty}^\tau d\tau' \int_\omega e^{-i\omega\tau'} f(\omega) \quad (38)$$

the \mathcal{J}^μ integral can be re-written as

$$\mathcal{J}^\mu = -4\pi i \int_{-\infty}^{u_2} du'_2 \int_q \delta(q \cdot v_1) e^{-iq \cdot \tilde{b}'} \frac{q^\mu}{q^2}, \quad (39)$$

where $\tilde{b}'^\mu = b^\mu + u'_2 v_2^\mu - u_1 v_1^\mu$. Inserting (37) and performing the one-dimensional u'_2 integration produces Eq. (20).

In addition to v_1^μ the $\mathcal{I}^{\mu\nu}$ integral is also orthogonal to \tilde{b}^μ , i.e. $\tilde{b}_\mu \mathcal{I}^{\mu\nu} = v_{1,\mu} \mathcal{I}^{\mu\nu} = 0$. This follows from

$$\tilde{b}_\mu \mathcal{I}^{\mu\nu} = i |\tilde{b}| \frac{\partial}{\partial |\tilde{b}|} \mathcal{I}^\nu = 0, \quad (40)$$

where the first equality is derived from the \mathcal{I} -type integrals definition (36). The integrand of \mathcal{I}^μ is dimensionless in q^μ , so its integrated form depends only on dimensionless combinations of \tilde{b}^μ — hence the second equality. $\mathcal{I}^{\mu\nu}$ therefore lives in a two-dimensional subspace orthogonal to v_1^μ and \tilde{b}^μ , and we make an ansatz:

$$\mathcal{I}^{\mu\nu} = c_1 K_1^{\mu\nu} + c_2 (v_2 \cdot K_1)^{(\mu} (\rho \cdot K_1)^{\nu)}. \quad (41)$$

$K_1^{\mu\nu}$ was defined in Eq. (23) as the four-dimensional projector into this subspace. We solve for the coefficients by contracting $\mathcal{I}^{\mu\nu}$ with v_2^μ and/or ρ^μ , evaluating the resulting scalar integrals to obtain

$$\rho_\mu v_{2\nu} \mathcal{I}^{\mu\nu} = -\frac{1}{|\tilde{\mathbf{b}}|_1}, \quad \rho_\mu \rho_\nu \mathcal{I}^{\mu\nu} = \frac{v_2 \cdot K_1 \cdot \rho}{(\gamma^2 - 1) b^2 |\tilde{\mathbf{b}}|_1}. \quad (42)$$

These allow us to fix c_1 and c_2 , and we recover Eq. (22).

By differentiating these integrals with respect to \tilde{b}^μ one can pull down additional factors of q^μ . For the \mathcal{J} -type integrals this procedure is unambiguous; special care should be taken for the \mathcal{I} -type integrals as \tilde{b}^μ is constrained by $\rho \cdot \tilde{b} = 0$. However, provided one always works in the three-dimensional subspace defined by $P_1^{\mu\nu}$ then one overcomes this problem, as all contractions involve $P_1^{\mu\nu}$ and $\rho \cdot P_1 \cdot \tilde{b} \neq 0$.

Radiated energy and angular momentum. — In Ref. [16] we used the spin-less Bremsstrahlung waveform

to compute expressions for the radiated energy and angular momentum, so here we extend these to include spin. The relevant starting points are the same [42, 55]:

$$P_{\text{rad}}^\mu = \frac{1}{32\pi G} \int dud\sigma [\dot{f}_{ij}]^2 \rho^\mu, \quad \text{where } f = f_{ij} \epsilon^{ij} \quad (43)$$

$$J_{ij}^{\text{rad}} = \frac{1}{8\pi G} \int dud\sigma \left(f_{k[i} \dot{f}_{j]k} - \frac{1}{2} x_{[i} \partial_{j]} f_{kl} \dot{f}_{kl} \right), \quad (44)$$

with $\dot{f}_{ij} := \partial_u f_{ij}$ and $d\sigma = \sin\theta d\theta d\phi$ is the unit sphere measure. Here we have introduced a spherical polar coordinate system via

$$\hat{\mathbf{x}} = \hat{\mathbf{e}}_1 \cos\theta + \sin\theta (\hat{\mathbf{e}}_2 \cos\phi + \hat{\mathbf{e}}_3 \sin\phi), \quad (45)$$

which defines the angles θ and ϕ towards the observer; $\hat{\mathbf{e}}_i$ are Cartesian spatial unit vectors (with Latin indices i, j, \dots). Without loss of generality we assume that $\hat{\mathbf{e}}_2$ and $\hat{\mathbf{e}}_3$ are orthogonal to the initial velocities v_1^μ and v_2^μ , and $\mathbf{b} = b \hat{\mathbf{e}}_2$ where $b^\mu = (0, \mathbf{b})$. The waveform $f_{ij}(u, \theta, \phi)$ is conveniently decomposed on a basis of transverse-traceless polarization tensors:

$$f_{ij} = f_+(e_+)_{ij} + f_\times(e_\times)_{ij}, \quad (46)$$

where $f_{+, \times} = \frac{1}{2}(e_{+, \times})_{ij} f_{ij}$ and the polarization tensors are explicitly given as

$$e_+^{ij} = \hat{\theta}^i \hat{\theta}^j - \hat{\phi}^i \hat{\phi}^j, \quad e_\times^{ij} = \hat{\theta}^i \hat{\phi}^j + \hat{\phi}^i \hat{\theta}^j. \quad (47)$$

The two angular vectors orthogonal to $\hat{\mathbf{x}}$ are $\hat{\theta} := \partial_\theta \hat{\mathbf{x}}$ and $\hat{\phi} := (\sin\theta)^{-1} \partial_\phi \hat{\mathbf{x}}$.

Given our starting point of a fully Lorentz-covariant expression for the waveform f_{ij} , we can make different choices of inertial frame for intermediate expressions. There are two of particular interest to us: the rest frame of the first massive body, and the center-of-mass (c.o.m.) frame. In either case, we decompose the velocities v_i^μ and Pauli-Lubanski spin vectors a_i^μ ; defined via $\mathcal{S}_i^{\mu\nu} = \epsilon^{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} v_i^\rho a_i^\sigma$; as

$$v_i^\mu = \begin{pmatrix} \gamma_i \\ \gamma_i \mathbf{v}_i \end{pmatrix}, \quad a_i^\mu = \begin{pmatrix} \gamma_i (\mathbf{v}_i \cdot \mathbf{a}_i) \\ \mathbf{a}_i + \frac{\gamma_i^2}{1+\gamma_i} (\mathbf{v}_i \cdot \mathbf{a}_i) \mathbf{v}_i \end{pmatrix}, \quad (48)$$

where $\mathbf{v}_i \parallel \hat{\mathbf{e}}_2$. These choices manifestly ensure that $a_i \cdot v_i = 0$, $v_i^2 = 1$, and $a_i^2 = -\mathbf{a}_i^2$. Note that \mathbf{a}_i always denotes the spin vector of the i th body in its restframe.

In the first rest frame $\mathbf{v}_1 = \mathbf{0} \implies \gamma_1 = 1$, $\mathbf{v}_2 = \mathbf{v} \implies \gamma_2 = \gamma$; in the c.o.m. frame $\mathbf{v}_1 = v_1 \hat{\mathbf{e}}_1$ and $\mathbf{v}_2 = -v_2 \hat{\mathbf{e}}_1$, where

$$v_i = \frac{p_\infty}{E_i}, \quad \gamma_i = \frac{E_i}{m_i}, \quad (49)$$

and $E_i = \sqrt{m_i^2 + p_\infty^2}$. The initial momenta are $p_1^\mu = m_1 v_1^\mu = (E_1, p_\infty, 0, 0)$ and $p_2^\mu = m_2 v_2^\mu = (E_2, -p_\infty, 0, 0)$. The c.o.m. momentum p_∞ is

$$p_\infty = \frac{m_1 m_2 \sqrt{\gamma^2 - 1}}{\sqrt{m_1^2 + m_2^2 + 2\gamma m_1 m_2}}. \quad (50)$$

When working in the c.o.m. frame we prefer to express intermediate results in terms of γ_i and v_i , then use

$$v = \frac{v_1 + v_2}{1 + v_1 v_2} \quad (51)$$

to reassemble final expressions in terms of γ and v .

We begin with the radiated angular momentum J_{ij}^{rad} , which contributes at leading PM order G^2 . There are two non-zero components: J_{zx}^{rad} and J_{xy}^{rad} . As $f^{(1)}$ (28) is static the u -integration is trivially performed by expressing J_{zx}^{rad} and J_{xy}^{rad} in terms of the wave memories $\Delta f_{+, \times} := f_{+, \times}|_{u=\infty} - f_{+, \times}|_{u=-\infty}$:

$$J_{xy}^{\text{rad}} + i J_{zx}^{\text{rad}} = \frac{1}{8\pi} \int d\sigma e^{-i\phi} \left[i \frac{f_+^{(1)} \Delta f_\times}{\sin\theta} - \partial_\theta f_+^{(1)} \frac{\Delta f_+}{2} \right] + \mathcal{O}(G^3). \quad (52)$$

The result after integration is Eq. (29). It holds in both the rest frame of the first body and the c.o.m. frame: in the former case $J_{xy}^{\text{init}}|_{\mathcal{S}=0} = m_2 \sqrt{\gamma^2 - 1} b$; in the latter $J_{xy}^{\text{init}}|_{\mathcal{S}=0} = p_\infty b$.

The radiated four-momentum P_{rad}^μ (43) contributes to leading PM order G^3 . In the center-of-mass frame the radiated energy is $E_{\text{rad, CoM}} = v_{\text{CoM}}^\mu P_\mu^{\text{rad}}$, where

$$v_{\text{CoM}} = \frac{m_1 v_1 + m_2 v_2}{\sqrt{m_1^2 + m_2^2 + 2\gamma m_1 m_2}}. \quad (53)$$

Due to the multi-scale nature of the waveform f_{ij} it is difficult to perform the time and solid-angle integrations in Eq. (43) directly; however, in a low velocity expansion we succeeded and the result is stated in Eq. (31).

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