

Title: Understanding spinning black-hole binaries: a new effective-one-body model

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Abstract: The dynamics of black-hole binaries is a very complex problem which has been solved only very recently through time-expensive numerical-relativity calculations. In spite of this mathematical complexity many results of these calculations can be accurately reproduced with phenomenological approaches based on test particles combined with Post-Newtonian theory and black-hole perturbation theory. In this talk I will focus on effective-one-body models, which have proved a useful and fast tool to accurately reproduce numerical-relativity waveforms. In particular I will present a novel, self-consistent effective-one-body model for spinning black-hole binaries, and show that this model does not suffer from the shortcomings of the existing models which have been put forward in the literature.

A new effective-one-body model for spinning black-hole binaries

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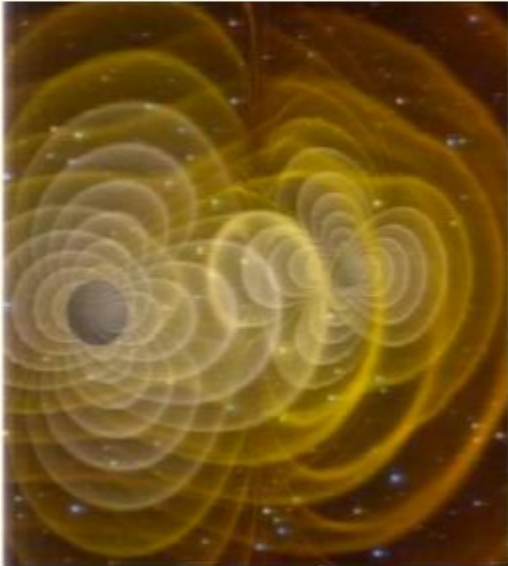


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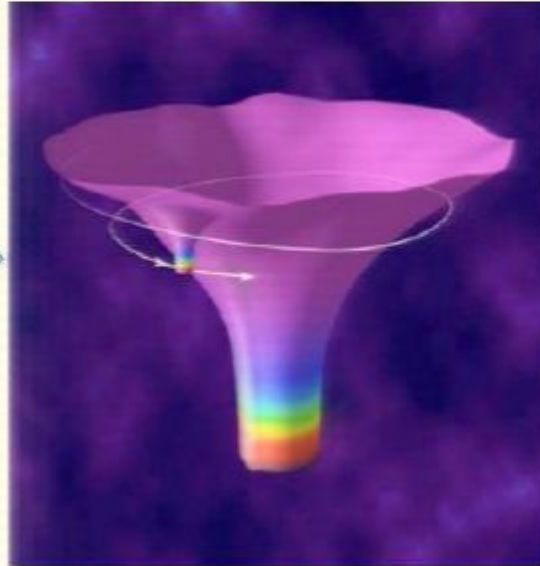
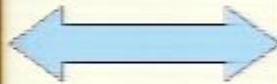
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To do astrophysics or gravitational-wave astronomy, we need faster analytical-relativity approaches: e.g effective-one-body (EOB) model

Main idea: map two-body problem into test-particle problem



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Legendre transformation gives

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- MPP eqs + SSC = motion of body's center of energy with respect to observer ω (spinning particle has finite size to avoid superluminal motion)

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- **IF** the SSC and conjugate constraint are chosen properly, the constrained algebra is **canonical** \Rightarrow Hamilton eqs take usual form
 $\dot{x}^i = \frac{\partial H}{\partial P_i}, \dot{P}_i = -\frac{\partial H}{\partial x^i} \Rightarrow$ Hamiltonian has the usual meaning!

Hamiltonian for spinning particle with mass m and spin S^I in curved spacetime, at linear order in the particle's spin

$$H = H_{\text{NS}} - \left(\beta^i F_i^K + F_t^K + \frac{\alpha \gamma^{ij} P_i F_j^K}{\sqrt{m^2 + \gamma^{ij} P_i P_j}} \right) S_K,$$

where H_{NS} is the Hamiltonian for a non-spinning particle:

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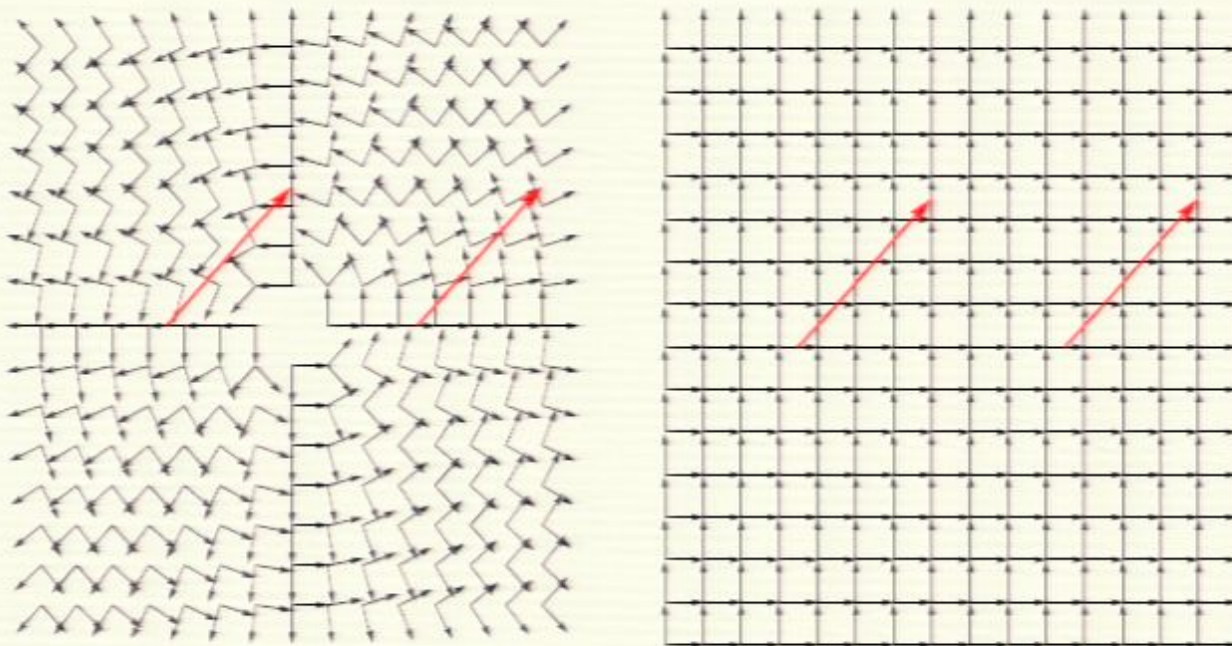
$$F_\mu^K = \left(2E_{\mu T I} \frac{\bar{\omega}_J}{\bar{\omega}_T} + E_{\mu I J} \right) \epsilon^{IJK}, \quad E_{\lambda\mu\nu} \equiv \frac{1}{2} \eta_{AB} \tilde{e}_\mu^A \tilde{e}_{\nu;\lambda}^B,$$

$$\bar{\omega}_T = \bar{\omega}_\mu \tilde{e}_T^\mu = \bar{P}_\mu \tilde{e}_T^\mu - m, \quad \bar{\omega}_I = \bar{\omega}_\mu \tilde{e}_I^\mu = \bar{P}_\mu \tilde{e}_I^\mu$$

$\tilde{e}_A(x^i, t)$ is an arbitrary reference tetrad field: it's a gauge field because H 's built with different \tilde{e}_A 's are linked by canonical transformations

What is the meaning of the reference tetrad field?

- It's a "gauge" degree of freedom: different choice of the tetrad produce Hamiltonian related by canonical transformation
- It gives the reference frame with respect to which the spin is measured: e.g. the spin *vector* is constant in flat spacetime, but the *components* in general are not!



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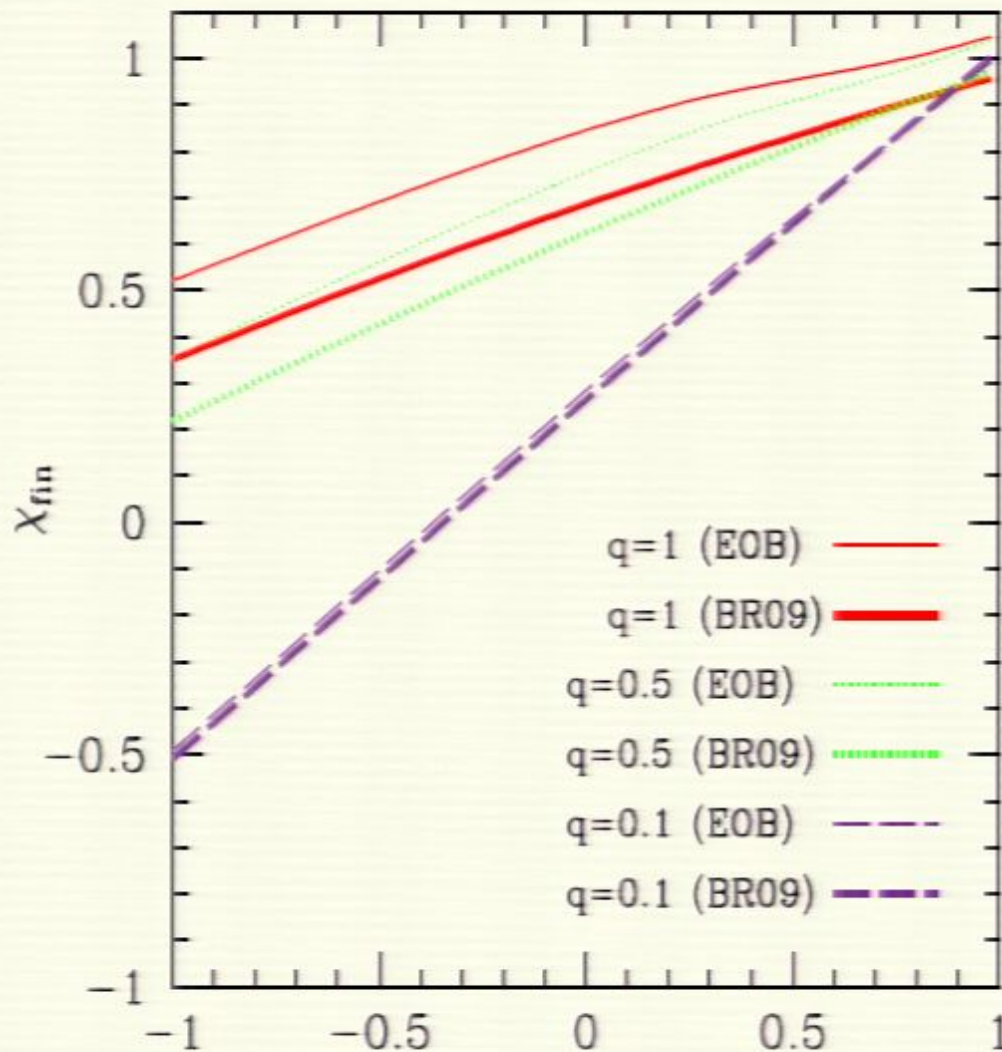
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$$\chi_{\text{fin}} = J_{\text{fin}}/M_{\text{fin}}^2 \text{ vs } S_1/m_1^2 = S_2/m_2^2 = \chi, q = m_2/m_1$$

vs formula for final spin reproducing NR data (EB and Rezzolla 2009)



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- EOB faster than NR and has applications to astroph and gravitational-wave astronomy, but requires calibration against NR results and self-force calculations

For more comparison with NR data, see Yi Pan's talk!