Primordial black hole formation from a nonspherical density profile with a misaligned deformation tensor

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We perform the numerical simulation of primordial black hole (PBH) formation from a nonspherical profile of the initial curvature perturbation ζ. We consider the background expanding universe filled with the perfect fluid with the linear equation of state $p = w\rho$ (w = 1/3 or 1/5), where p and ρ are the pressure and the energy density, respectively. The initial condition is set in a way such that the principal directions of the second derivatives of ζ and $\Delta \zeta$ at the central peak are misaligned, where Δ is the Laplacian. In this setting, since the linearized density is proportional to $\Delta\zeta$, the inertia tensor and deformation tensor $\partial_i\partial_j\zeta$ are misaligned. Thus, tidal torque may act, and the spin of a resultant primordial black hole would be nonzero, in general, although it is estimated to be very small from previous perturbative analyses. As a result, we do not find a finite value of the spin within our numerical precision, giving support for the negligibly small value of the black hole spin for $1/5 \lesssim w \lesssim 1/3$. More specifically, our results suggest that the dimensionless PBH spin s is typically so small that $s \ll 0.1$ for $w \gtrsim 0.2$.

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I. INTRODUCTION

The possibility of black hole formation in the early Universe was proposed in Refs. [[1](#page-7-0)–[3](#page-7-1)] more than half a century ago. Since then, it had been a fascinating but relatively minor possible scenario, until the first detection of gravitational waves from a binary black hole [[4](#page-7-2)]. However, since the possibility of the binary originating from primordial black holes (PBHs) was pointed out [[5](#page-7-3)], the utility of PBHs for many areas in cosmology and astrophysics was realized.

PBHs are the remnants of primordial inhomogeneity, and there is no doubt that black holes can be formed if sufficiently overdense regions exist in the early Universe. They may play the role of dark matter [[6](#page-7-4)–[8\]](#page-7-5), or they could be the source of microlensing events [\[9\]](#page-7-6) and/or black hole binaries observed by the gravitational waves [[5](#page-7-3),[10](#page-7-7)–[12](#page-7-8)]. In addition, they may be the seeds of supermassive black holes and cosmic structures [[13](#page-7-9)–[19\]](#page-7-10). Other attractive observables associated with large primordial perturbations are gravitational waves induced by primordial curvature perturbations [[20](#page-7-11)–[29](#page-7-12)]. Since the induced gravitational waves and PBHs both originate from primordial curvature perturbations, combinations of these observations are attractive tools to probe the early universe.

In this paper, we focus on the PBH formation in a nonspherical setting and possible generation of the black hole spin. Although spherically symmetric dynamics for PBH formation has been the focus [\[30](#page-7-13)–[49\]](#page-8-0) for many years, there are also several works in which nonspherical PBH formation is considered [[50](#page-8-1)–[59\]](#page-8-2). References [[50](#page-8-1)[,51,](#page-8-3)[53\]](#page-8-4) focus on the PBH formation in a matter-dominated universe, in which the nonspherical collapse would be essential for understanding the criterion of the PBH formation. In the case of a radiation-dominated universe [\[52,](#page-8-5)[54](#page-8-6)–[56](#page-8-7)], the pressure gradient is the main obstacle to PBH formation, and a large amplitude of the curvature perturbation is required. Then, according to the peak theory [\[60\]](#page-8-8), the system approaches a spherically symmetric configuration in the high peak limit, so the deviation from the spherical configuration becomes relatively ineffective. The situation would not change much for the case of somewhat softer equations of state [[58](#page-8-9)].

References [[54](#page-8-6),[55](#page-8-10)[,58\]](#page-8-9) suggest that, for the case of a perfect fluid with non-negligible pressure, the PBH spin is negligibly small immediately after the formation. Nevertheless, the PBH spin has been estimated based on perturbative analyses, and nonlinear simulation with a standard initial setting has not been done yet (see Refs. [\[57](#page-8-11)[,59\]](#page-8-2) for simulations with massive and massless scalar fields). The purpose of this work is to check the validity of the results obtained in Refs. [[54](#page-8-6),[55](#page-8-10),[58](#page-8-9)] through fully nonlinear numerical simulations. Therefore, following Refs. [\[54](#page-8-6)[,55,](#page-8-10)[58\]](#page-8-9), we consider only one field variable, which corresponds to the growing mode solution of the curvature perturbation in the long-wavelength limit, characterizing the initial condition. Then, we suppose the tidal torque is the mechanism to generate angular momentum [*](#page-0-1)

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transfer. In other words, we do not explicitly introduce the initial angular momentum in an *ad hoc* manner, and we check the efficiency of the tidal torque in the PBH formation.

Throughout this paper, we use the geometrized units in which both the speed of light and Newton's gravitational constant are set to unity, $c = G = 1$.

II. BASIC SETUPS

First, let us introduce the characteristic comoving length scale $1/k$ for the initial perturbation. Since we are interested in the perturbations which are initially superhorizon scale, we assume $\epsilon = k/(a_i H_i) \ll 1$, with a_i and H_i being the scale factor and the Hubble expansion rate at the initial time, respectively. For simplicity, hereafter we assume that the matter field is given by the perfect fluid with the linear equation of state $p = w\rho$, where p and ρ are the pressure and the energy density of the fluid. In this paper, we consider the two specific values $1/3$ and $1/5$ for w. Growing mode solutions for superhorizon scale perturbations can be obtained by performing the gradient expansion [\[32,](#page-7-14)[38](#page-7-15)], and it turns out that, at leading order, the solution can be characterized by the conformal factor of the spatial metric given as an arbitrary function of spatial coordinates x^i . Following convention, we write the spatial metric of the initial condition as $e^{-2\zeta(x)} a_i^2 \eta_{ij}$, where η_{ij} is the reference flat metric and ζ is an arbitrary function of the spatial coordinates x. We simply call ζ the curvature perturbation hereafter.

In practice, setting the functional form of ζ , we calculate all geometrical variables following Ref. [[38](#page-7-15)] with the uniform Hubble (constant-mean-curvature) slicing and the normal coordinates (vanishing shift vectors). Then, the fluid variables are calculated by using the exact form of the Hamiltonian and momentum constraint equations. In other words, the fluid configuration is set in a way such that the constraint equations are satisfied within the machine's precision. The configuration is also consistent with the long-wavelength approximation as long as the typical length scale a_i/k of the perturbation is sufficiently large compared to the Hubble length $1/H_i$.

For the numerical simulation, we only consider the numerical domain given by $-L \le X \le L$, $0 \le Y \le L$ and $0 \le Z \le L$, where X, Y, and Z are the reference Cartesian coordinates. We note that the Cartesian coordinates can be different from the reference spatial coordinates x^i , in general. Indeed, we introduce scale-up coordinates as x^{i} later. We identify the boundary surface $(0 < X \leq L, Y = 0,$ $0 \le Z \le L$ as $(-L \le X < 0, Y = 0, 0 \le Z \le L)$, with the π rotation around the Z axis (see Fig. [1\)](#page-1-0). The reflection symmetries are assumed for other boundary surfaces. The numerical region and the boundary conditions are summarized in Fig. [1](#page-1-0).

In this paper, we use the following specific functional form of ζ :

$$
\zeta = -\mu \left[1 + \frac{1}{2} (k_1^2 (X + Y)^2 / 2 + k_2^2 (X - Y)^2 / 2 + k_3^2 Z^2) + \frac{1}{4} (k_1^2 (X + Y)^2 / 2 + k_2^2 (X - Y)^2 / 2 + k_3^2 Z^2)^2 + \frac{1}{280} k^2 R^2 (9 \kappa_1^2 - \kappa_2^2 - \kappa_3^2) X^2 + (\kappa_1^2 - 9 \kappa_2^2 + \kappa_3^2) Y^2 + (\kappa_1^2 + \kappa_2^2 - 9 \kappa_3^2) Z^2 \right]^{-1} \exp \left[-\frac{1}{2880} k^6 R^6 \right], \tag{1}
$$

where

$$
R^2 = X^2 + Y^2 + Z^2,\t\t(2)
$$

$$
k_1^2 = \frac{1}{3} \left(\hat{\xi}_1 + 3\hat{\xi}_2 + \hat{\xi}_3 \right),\tag{3}
$$

$$
k_2^2 = \frac{1}{3} \left(\hat{\xi}_1 - 3\hat{\xi}_2 + \hat{\xi}_3 \right), \tag{4}
$$

$$
k_3^2 = \frac{1}{3} \left(\hat{\xi}_1 - 2\hat{\xi}_3 \right),\tag{5}
$$

$$
\kappa_1^2 = \frac{1}{3} \left(\tilde{\xi}_1 + 3 \tilde{\xi}_2 + \tilde{\xi}_3 \right),\tag{6}
$$

$$
\kappa_2^2 = \frac{1}{3} \left(\tilde{\xi}_1 - 3 \tilde{\xi}_2 + \tilde{\xi}_3 \right),\tag{7}
$$

$$
\kappa_3^2 = \frac{1}{3} (\tilde{\xi}_1 - 2\tilde{\xi}_3)
$$
 (8)

with

$$
k^2 = \sum_{i=1,2,3} k_i^2 = \hat{\xi}_1 = \sum_{i=1,2,3} \kappa_i^2 = \tilde{\xi}_1 = 100/L^2,
$$

$$
\hat{\xi}_2 = 10/L^2, \qquad \tilde{\xi}_2 = 15/L^2, \qquad \hat{\xi}_3 = \tilde{\xi}_3 = 0. \tag{9}
$$

There are a few reasons for using this specific form of the curvature perturbation ζ .

First, by expanding ζ around the origin, we find

$$
\frac{\zeta}{\mu} \simeq -1 + \frac{1}{2} \left(k_1^2 (X+Y)^2 / 2 + k_2^2 (X-Y)^2 / 2 + k_3^2 Z^2 \right) + \mathcal{O}(R^4),
$$
\n(10)

$$
\frac{\Delta\zeta}{\mu k^2} \simeq 1 - \frac{1}{2} \left(\kappa_1^2 X^2 + \kappa_2^2 Y^2 + \kappa_3^2 Z^2 \right) + \mathcal{O}(R^4),\tag{11}
$$

where Δ is the Laplacian for the reference flat metric. Since the linear density perturbation δ is proportional to $\Delta \zeta$, the principal directions of the deformation tensor $\partial_i \partial_j \zeta$ and the inertia tensor are misaligned with each other with $\pi/4$. Because of this misalignment, we may expect the tidal torque to be active, and the gravitational collapse is accompanied by the rotation [[54](#page-8-6),[55](#page-8-10)]. The last factor $\exp[-\frac{1}{2880}k^6R^6]$ is multiplied to realize $\zeta \simeq 0$ around the outer boundary. In practice, we also introduce a window function as in Ref. [[61](#page-8-12)] to regularize ζ in the vicinity of the outer boundary [see Eq. (24) in Ref. [\[61\]](#page-8-12) for the specific form of the window function].

The eigenvalues of the inertia and deformation tensors k_i and κ_i are characterized by $\hat{\xi}_i$ and $\tilde{\xi}_i$. We use this expression because of the probability distribution based on the peak theory for those parameters [\[60\]](#page-8-8). Let us introduce the nth order gradient moment σ_n [\[60\]](#page-8-8). According to the peak theory, the values of $-\zeta|_{\text{peak}}/\sigma_0$, $\Delta \zeta|_{\text{peak}}/\sigma_2$, and $-\Delta\Delta\zeta|_{\text{peak}}/\sigma_4$ are significantly correlated with each other [see Eq. (A7) in Ref. [\[62\]](#page-8-13) for the probability distribution function], where $|_{peak}$ indicates the value at the peak. From these correlations, we expect that the orders of magnitude for those variables are similar to each other. Here, we simply assume $-\zeta k^2 \kappa^2 = \Delta \zeta \kappa^2 = -\Delta \Delta \zeta = \mu k^2 \kappa^2$ at the peak with $k^2 = \hat{\xi}_1 = \kappa^2 = \tilde{\xi}_1$. The probability distributions of $\xi_2 := \hat{\xi}_2/\sigma_2$ and $\xi_3 := \hat{\xi}_3/\sigma_2$ are given by

$$
P(\xi_2, \xi_3) = \frac{5^{5/2} \cdot 3^2}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \xi_2 (\xi_2^2 - \xi_3^2) \exp\left[-\frac{5}{2} (3\xi_2^2 + \xi_3^2)\right], \quad (12)
$$

without correlation with $-\zeta|_{\text{peak}}/\sigma_0$ and $\Delta\zeta|_{\text{peak}}/\sigma_2$ [see, e.g., Eqs. (2)–(6) in Ref. [[56](#page-8-7)], with $\lambda_2 \leftrightarrow \lambda_3$]. The parameter regions of ξ_2 and ξ_3 are restricted to $-\xi_2 \le \xi_3 \le -\xi_2$ and $0 \leq \xi_2$. Then, we choose the most probable value for ξ_3 , namely, $\xi_3 = 0$. We can make a similar argument for ξ_3 , assigning $\Delta \zeta$ to the role of ζ in the above discussion. Thus, we set $\hat{\xi}_3 = \tilde{\xi}_3 = 0$. Then, the probability distribution for ξ_2 takes the maximum value at $\xi_2 = 1/\sqrt{5} \approx 0.45$. Therefore, we can roughly estimate the typical value of $\hat{\xi}_2$ as $\hat{\xi}_2 = \xi_2 \sigma_2 \sim k^2 \sigma / \sqrt{5} = 100 \sigma / (\sqrt{5}L^2)$, with σ^2 being the typical amplitude of the curvature power spectrum. Since, for the PBH formation scenario, the value of σ is typically given by $\sigma < 0.1$, we may evaluate the value of $\hat{\xi}_2$ as $\hat{\xi}_2 \lesssim 5/L^2$. Therefore, the values of $\hat{\xi}_2 = 10/L^2$ and $\tilde{\xi}_2 = 15/L^2$ are unexpectedly large. These large values of

 $\hat{\xi}_2$ and $\tilde{\xi}_2$, together with the finely tuned misalignment angle $\pi/4$, are assumed to make the tidal torque more effective. In other words, the setting is optimized for the generation of the PBH spin, and the value of the PBH spin is expected to be larger than the typical value.

III. TIME EVOLUTION

Our simulation code is based on the COSMOS code developed in Refs. [[63](#page-8-14)[,64](#page-8-15)]. For the simulation, we follow the numerical schemes adopted in Ref. [\[56\]](#page-8-7), newly implementing a mesh-refinement procedure in the central region. The 4th-order Runge-Kutta method with the Baumgarte-Shapiro-Shibata-Nakamura formalism is used for solving the Einstein equations [[65](#page-8-16)[,66\]](#page-8-17). For the spatial coordinates, we employ the scale-up coordinates introduced in Ref. [\[61\]](#page-8-12) with the parameter $\eta = 10$, where the ratio between the scale-up coordinate interval Δx and the Cartesian coordinate interval ΔX is given by $\Delta x/\Delta X = 1 + \eta$ at the center. For the mesh refinement, we introduce two upper layers to resolve the gravitational collapse around the center. Therefore, 4 times finer resolution is realized near the center when they are introduced. We start the calculation with the single layer, and the upper layers are introduced when the value of the lapse function gets smaller than 0.1 and 0.05 at the origin.¹ For the initial condition, we set $a_i = 1$ and $H_i = 50/L = 5k$. The horizon entry time t_{ent} , which gives the scale of the collapsing region, is given by Eq. [\(A5\).](#page-6-0) On the other hand, the horizon entry time t_{ent}^L of the box size L is given by $t_{\text{ent}}^L = t_{\text{ent}} (kL)^{\frac{3(1+w)}{1+3w}}$. Since $t_{\text{ent}}^L = 10^2 t_{\text{ent}}$ and $10^{9/4} t_{\text{ent}}$ for $w = 1/3$ and 1/5, respectively, the collapsing region is much smaller than the scale of the box size at the horizon entry of the numerical box. Therefore, the boundary effect is expected to be insignificant in our settings. The number of grids for each side is taken as 60, 70, and 80 for the initial lowest layer, and the convergence is checked.

First, let us show the existence of the threshold value of the amplitude μ for the black hole formation. In order to explicitly show the existence of the threshold value, we show the time evolution of the value of the lapse function at the origin. In our gauge condition for the numerical simulation, the value of the lapse function significantly

¹The values at newly introduced grid points are evaluated by the Lagrange interpolation. In the upper layer, seven grid points on the boundary are regarded as buffer points, and three of them (every two) are shared with the lower layer. In an iteration step of the time evolution, first, the values on the buffer grid points are evaluated by the interpolation from the values on the lower layer. Then, the values at the inner four buffer points are evaluated by solving the evolution equations, while the values at the outer three points are evaluated by the interpolation from the values on the lower layer. In the inside bulk region, the values obtained by the time evolution are kept and taken to the lower layer grid points, while for the buffer grid points, they are discarded just before the next evolution step of the lower layer.

FIG. 2. Time evolution of the lapse function at the origin. The detection of the horizon triggers the excision procedure inside the horizon, and the lapse function at the origin is fixed after that.

decreases and approaches zero before the horizon formation. On the other hand, if the value of the amplitude μ is not sufficiently large, the value of the lapse function at the origin bounces back and no horizon formation is observed. In Fig. [2](#page-3-0), we show the value of the lapse function at the origin as a function of the coordinate time. From the behavior of the lapse function, we can see that there are threshold values of μ between 0.91 and 0.92 for $w = 1/3$ and between 0.72 and 0.73 for the $w = 1/5$ case.

FIG. 3. Time evolution of the normalized max-norm of the Hamiltonian constraint violation.

Hereafter, we show the results for case I $(x, \mu) =$ $(1/3, 0.92)$] and case II $(w, \mu) = (1/5, 0.73)$], that is, the cases slightly above the threshold values. First, let us show the violation of the Hamiltonian constraint in Fig. [3](#page-3-1). The violation of the Hamiltonian constraint is evaluated at each grid point with an appropriate normalization, and the maximum value H_{max} is taken, including the grid points on the higher layers if they exist. We excluded the grid points well inside the horizon for the evaluation of the constraint

FIG. 4. Snapshots of the contour map of the fluid comoving density on the $z = Z = 0$ plane for case I, $(w, \mu) = (1/3, 0.92)$. The figures are described by the Cartesian coordinates X and Y. The green meshes in the last two panels describe the apparent horizon. The horizon is first found at time $t = 91.7L$.

FIG. 5. Snapshots of the contour map of the fluid comoving density on the $z = Z = 0$ plane for case II, $(w, \mu) = (1/5, 0.73)$. The figures are described by the Cartesian coordinates X and Y. The green meshes in the last two panels describe the apparent horizon. The horizon is first found at time $t = 201.4L$.

violation. A discontinuous change can happen when a higher layer is introduced or the horizon is formed. In addition, depending on how the grid points inside the horizon are excluded, the value of H_{max} slightly changes. Due to this dependence, a discontinuous change may also be observed when the calculation is terminated once and the data continue at the termination (which can be seen at around $t = 210L$ for the red solid line in Fig. [3](#page-3-1)). Overall, the constraint violation is acceptably small outside the horizon, and reasonable convergent behaviors with different resolutions can be found.

Let us show the snapshots of the contour map of the fluid comoving density on the $z = Z = 0$ plane in Figs. [4](#page-3-2) and [5](#page-4-0). It can be seen that the system is highly nonspherical until the apparent horizon forms. The time evolutions in the contour map show oscillating behaviors rather than rotation. The two cases (I and II) are qualitatively similar to each other if the timescale is appropriately tuned.

IV. EVALUATION OF SPIN AND ASPHERICITY OF THE HORIZON

In this section, we try to estimate the spin and asphericity of the black hole by using geometrical quantities of the horizon. If we can perform the numerical simulation for a sufficiently long time, the black hole would approach a stationary asymptotically flat black hole, namely, a Kerr black hole, because the size of the cosmological horizon becomes much larger than the black hole horizon scale and the effect of accretion becomes negligible. First, let us check the accretion effect by plotting the time evolution of the horizon area A. We plot the value $\sqrt{A/(4\pi)}/(2M_H)$ rather than A in Fig. [6,](#page-5-0) noting that $\sqrt{A/(4\pi)}$ has the mass dimension, where M_H is the horizon mass defined in Eq. [\(A6\).](#page-6-1) For case I, the mass accretion almost ends around $t = 150L$. For case II, although the area of the horizon is gradually increasing even around $t = 400L$, the contribution of the accreting mass is expected to be subdominant for the black hole.

In order to evaluate the spin of the black hole, let us refer to the Kerr black hole with mass M and spin parameter a . The area of the horizon A_{Kerr} is given by

$$
A_{\text{Kerr}} = 8\pi \left(M^2 + \sqrt{M^4 - a^2 M^2} \right). \tag{13}
$$

The equatorial circumference d_{Kerr} and meridional circumference ℓ_{Kerr} of the Kerr black hole can be calculated as

$$
d_{\text{Kerr}} = 4\pi M, \tag{14}
$$

FIG. 6. Time evolution of the value of $\sqrt{A/(4\pi)}/(2M_H)$, where M_H is the horizon mass defined in Eq. [\(A6\).](#page-6-1)

$$
\mathcal{E}_{\text{Kerr}} = 4\sqrt{2Mr_{+}}E\left(\frac{a^2}{2Mr_{+}}\right),\tag{15}
$$

where $r_+ = M + \sqrt{M^2 - a^2}$ and $E()$ is the complete elliptic integral of the second kind. Combining Eqs. [\(13\)](#page-4-1) and [\(14\),](#page-4-2) we find

$$
\frac{a^2}{M^2} = \frac{4\pi A_{\text{Kerr}} (d_{\text{Kerr}}^2 - \pi A_{\text{Kerr}})}{d_{\text{Kerr}}^4}.
$$
 (16)

Therefore, by using the horizon area A and the equatorial circumference d, we define the effective dimensionless spin parameter s as

$$
s^2 := \frac{4\pi A (d^2 - \pi A)}{d^4}.
$$
 (17)

We also define the following indicators for the asphericity of the horizon:

$$
\alpha := \frac{\ell_{x=0}}{d},\tag{18}
$$

$$
\beta := \frac{\ell_{y=0}}{d},\tag{19}
$$

where $\ell_{X=0}$ and $\ell_{Y=0}$ are the meridional circumference measured on the $X = 0$ and $Y = 0$ planes, respectively. The deviation of α or β from 1 indicates that the horizon is nonspherical.

In Fig. [7](#page-5-1), we plot the effective dimensionless spin parameter s^2 as a function of the time t for each parameter set. It can be found that the value of s^2 seems to converge to a negatively small value at a late time. The absolute value of $s²$ tends to be a smaller value for a finer resolution and seems to converge to a very small value $|s^2| \lesssim 10^{-3}$ for a sufficiently fine resolution. Therefore, we conclude that

FIG. 7. Time evolution of the effective dimensionless spin s^2 .

our result is consistent with $s^2 = 0$ within the numerical precision.

Since our setting is not exactly a vacuum and not asymptotically flat, the value of s^2 , which is defined in analogy to the Kerr black hole solution, may not be perfectly suitable for our purpose. Thus, we also check the values of α and β , which are the indicators of the asphericity of the horizon. If the horizon is highly spherically symmetric, we may not expect the large value of the spin parameter. As is shown in Fig. [8](#page-5-2), the horizon is highly spherically symmetric at late times. We also show the value of $\ell_{\text{Ker}}/d_{\text{Kerr}}$ for the case $s_{\text{Kerr}}^2 \coloneq a^2/M^2 = 10^{-2}$ in Fig. [8](#page-5-2). We can see that the dimensionless spin parameter is expected to be much smaller than 10^{-2} . The horizon shape of the Kerr black hole is oblate in the sense that the equatorial circumference d is larger than the meridional one. In contrast, our results imply that the horizon shape in the simulation is prolate. Then, the relatively small value of the equatorial circumference causes the slightly negative value of s^2 .

FIG. 8. Time evolution of the values of α and β for each parameter set. The solid black line shows the value of $\ell_{\text{Kerr}}/d_{\text{Kerr}}$ for the case $s_{\text{Ker}}^2 := a^2/M^2 = 10^{-2}$. The results for the highest resolution (80 grid points for each side in the lowest layer) are used for this figure.

V. SUMMARY AND DISCUSSIONS

We performed numerical simulations of primordial black hole formation from a nonspherical initial density profile with a misaligned deformation tensor. The equation of state is assumed to be the linear relation between the energy density ρ and the pressure p, namely, $p = w\rho$ (w = 1/3 or $1/5$). We have optimized the initial profile for the generation of PBH spin due to the tidal torque, taking the probability estimation based on the peak theory into account. In other words, the initial setting is finely tuned to make the tidal torque more effective. Then, the probability of obtaining such a situation is highly suppressed based on the peak theory for PBH formation, and the PBH spin is expected to be larger than the typical value. Nevertheless, our results are consistent with nonrotating PBH formation; that is, the spin parameter of the resultant PBH is so small that we cannot detect the nonzero value of the spin within our numerical precision. This result is qualitatively consistent with the prediction provided by the analyses based on perturbative approaches [\[54,](#page-8-6)[55](#page-8-10),[58](#page-8-9)].

It should be mentioned that there are several caveats to our results. First, we only performed the numerical simulation for a specific initial inhomogeneity. Other initial profiles could give different results. Due to the limitation of the computer resources, the support of the initial inhomogeneity cannot be much smaller than the numerical domain in order to keep a sufficient resolution. Therefore, essentially, in our simulation, the system has been characterized by only one scale of $1/k$. The contribution of multiple scales or environmental effects might promote angular momentum transfer.

Even if we restrict ourselves to the initial configuration treated in this paper, for a value of the amplitude μ very close to the threshold for the black hole formation, we would get a very small black hole associated with the critical behavior [[67](#page-8-18)[,68\]](#page-8-19). Since a larger spin parameter has been predicted in this critical scaling regime from the perturbative analyses [\[54,](#page-8-6)[55](#page-8-10)[,58\]](#page-8-9), we may expect to detect a nonzero spin in the case near the threshold.

Our results suggest that, for $p/\rho = w \gtrsim 0.2$, the dimensionless PBH spin s is typically so small that $s \ll 0.1$. Since the softening due to the QCD crossover is expected to satisfy $w > 0.2$, the spins of the PBHs formed during the QCD crossover are also expected to be much smaller than 0.1. One interesting possibility is to consider a much softer equation of state, $w \ll 0.2$, with a beyond-standard model in the Universe before the electroweak phase transition [[69](#page-8-20),[70](#page-8-21)]. PBH formation from scalar condensate objects is also an interesting possibility for highly spinning PBHs (see, e.g., Refs. [[71](#page-8-22),[72\]](#page-8-23)). For the PBH formation in a matter-dominated universe, since the pressure gradient force is absent, asphericity is essential in the consideration of the PBH formation criterion [\[53,](#page-8-4)[55\]](#page-8-10). Then, we can expect highly spinning PBH formation [\[55\]](#page-8-10). The simulations of the spinning PBH formation in the early Universe with extremely soft equations of state and an early matter-dominated universe would be interesting future works.

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APPENDIX: HORIZON ENTRY TIME AND HORIZON MASS

We calculate the horizon entry time for the inhomogeneity whose length scale is given by $1/k$ in the universe filled with perfect fluid, with the equation of state given by $p = w\rho$. The scale factor and the Hubble parameter behave as functions of the cosmological time t as

$$
a = a_{i} \left(\frac{t}{t_{i}}\right)^{\frac{2}{3(1+w)}}, \tag{A1}
$$

$$
H = \frac{2}{3(1+w)}\frac{1}{t},
$$
 (A2)

where t_i and a_i are the initial time and the scale factor, respectively. The value of aH is given by

$$
aH = a_i H_i \left(\frac{3}{2} (1+w) H_i t\right)^{-\frac{1+3w}{3(1+w)}}, \tag{A3}
$$

where H_i is the initial Hubble parameter. Then, the horizon entry condition $a_{\text{ent}}H_{\text{ent}} = k$ can be rewritten as

$$
a_{\text{ent}}H_{\text{ent}} = a_{i}H_{i} \left(\frac{3}{2}(1+w)H_{i}t_{\text{ent}}\right)^{-\frac{1+3w}{3(1+w)}} = k.
$$
 (A4)

The horizon entry time t_{ent} is given by

$$
t_{\rm ent} = \left(\frac{k}{a_{\rm i}H_{\rm i}}\right)^{-\frac{3(1+w)}{1+3w}} \frac{2}{3(1+w)H_{\rm i}}.\tag{A5}
$$

The horizon mass M_H can be estimated as follows:

$$
M_{\rm H} = \frac{1}{2} H_{\rm ent}^{-1} = \frac{3}{4} (1+w)t_{\rm ent} = \frac{1}{2H_{\rm i}} \left(\frac{k}{a_{\rm i}H_{\rm i}}\right)^{-\frac{3(1+w)}{1+3w}}.\tag{A6}
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