

Detailed study of geodesics in the Kerr-Newman-(A)dS spacetime and the rotating charged black hole spacetime in $f(R)$ gravity

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We perform a detailed study of the geodesic equations in the spacetime of the static and rotating charged black hole corresponding to the Kerr-Newman-(A)dS spacetime. We derive the equations of motion for test particles and light rays and present their solutions in terms of the Weierstrass \wp , ζ , and σ functions as well as the Kleinian σ function. With the help of parametric diagrams and effective potentials, we analyze the geodesic motion and classify the possible orbit types. This spacetime is also a solution of $f(R)$ gravity with a constant curvature scalar.

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I. INTRODUCTION

A large body of observational evidence has been gathered in support of an accelerated expansion of the Universe at the present time. This includes, in particular, measurements of the luminosity distance of type Ia supernovae [1], the anisotropy of the cosmic microwave background [2,3], weak lensing [4], baryon acoustic oscillations [5], and the large scale structure of the Universe [6].

Explaining the current accelerated expansion of the Universe is one of the most challenging problems of modern cosmology. In the current cosmological standard model, the Λ CDM model, a small positive cosmological constant is included in the Einstein field equations to model this acceleration. It is, therefore, clearly of considerable interest to study the influence of a cosmological constant on further solutions of the Einstein equations, especially black hole spacetimes.

For a deeper understanding of the gravitational field of massive objects and in order to accurately predict observational effects (such as light deflection, gravitational time delay, perihelion shift and Lense-Thirring effect), it is mandatory to have very good knowledge of the motion of test particles and light rays in the spacetimes of interest. But only analytical methods allow for arbitrarily high accuracy of the prediction of this motion and the associated observables.

In the Schwarzschild spacetime, the equations of motion of test particles and light rays were solved analytically in terms of elliptic functions by Hagihara in 1931 [7]. The geodesic equations in the Reissner-Nordström, Kerr, and Kerr-Newman spacetimes have the same mathematical structure [8] and can be solved analogously. This analytical method was recently further advanced and applied to the hyperelliptical case, where the analytical solution of the equations of motion

in the four-dimensional Schwarzschild-(A)dS, Reissner-Nordström-(A)dS, and Kerr-(A)dS spacetimes was presented [9–14].

These mathematical tools were also applied to the geodesic motion in Taub-NUT and wormhole spacetimes [15,16], and to higher-dimensional spacetimes, including static black hole spacetimes and Myers-Perry spacetimes [10,17–19], while in five-dimensional black ring spacetimes, the equations of motion could be solved analytically in special cases [20,21]. Moreover, the motion of test particles was studied in various black string spacetimes including field theoretical cosmic string spacetimes and black holes pierced by a black string [22–29]. In addition, the geodesic equations were solved analytically in a static black hole spacetime of $f(R)$ gravity [30], for Hořava-Lifshitz black holes [31], and for BTZ and GMGHS black holes [32,33].

On the other hand, the large body of current cosmological data could also be taken to indicate that general relativity itself should be extended. The latter would also be supported by the necessity for dark matter as revealed from astrophysical and cosmological observations (see e.g. [34]) and moreover by theoretical arguments at the ultraviolet scale (e.g., quantum gravity, initial singularities).

Consequently, numerous theoretical attempts to model the evolution of the Universe are based on the modification of gravity (see e.g. the reviews [35–39]). Popular suggestions to modify gravity include theories with higher powers of the Riemann and Ricci tensors as well as the curvature scalar R . Lovelock theory [40] and $f(R)$ gravity [35,41,42] are such examples, where the Einstein-Hilbert action is generalized accordingly.

A change of the action has influence on the dynamics of the Universe, but it may also affect the dynamics at the galactic or solar system scales. Clearly, any modifications of the action must retain the well-tested sector of general relativity, like its description of the solar system. However, modified theories may yield different answers from general

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relativity in the strong field regime. It is, therefore, essential to inquire about the existence of black holes and about their properties in modified theories of gravity (see e.g. [43]). In general, the study of black holes in these theories may reveal interesting features not present in general relativity.

Focusing on black holes in $f(R)$ theories [44–54], we note that a particular class of solutions is obtained when the curvature scalar is constant, $R = R_0$. Taking the trace of the field equations then specifies this constant in terms of the function $f(R)$ and its derivative at R_0 . A comparison with general relativity and its black hole solutions reveals, that the finite curvature scalar acts basically like a cosmological constant. In vacuum, therefore, the Schwarzschild-(A)dS and Kerr-(A)dS solutions are recovered, when certain rescalings are performed. When adding charge to the solutions by including an electromagnetic field, the Reissner-Nordström-(A)dS and the Kerr-Newman-(A)dS solutions can be recovered after certain rescalings because the trace of the energy momentum tensor vanishes.

In this paper, we study the geodesic motion in the spacetime of the static and rotating charged black hole (Kerr-Newman-(A)dS spacetime). Since after certain rescalings the Kerr-Newman-(A)dS black hole of general relativity also describes a rotating charged black hole in $f(R)$ gravity, the current analysis can also be applied to this black hole solution in $f(R)$ gravity. Let us mention, however, that the stability of this $f(R)$ black hole can only be established after the function $f(R)$ is specified.

We here analyze the possible orbit types using effective potential techniques and parametric diagrams. Furthermore, we present the analytical solutions of the equations of motion for test particles and light. The equations of motion are of the elliptic and hyperelliptic type, and the solutions are given in terms of the Weierstrass \wp , ζ , and σ functions as well as the Kleinian σ functions. Complete integrability of the geodesic equations is guaranteed by the presence of four integrals of motion of the Kerr-Newman-(A)dS spacetime, with the fourth one being the Carter constant.

Similar analyses of geodesic motion and solutions of the equations of motion were presented in the Kerr-(A)dS spacetime [12] and in the Kerr-Newman spacetime [55], but in the Kerr-Newman-(A)dS spacetime the geodesic motion has not been analyzed analytically before in great detail, although some aspects were studied in [56,57]. The analytical solution of the geodesic equation of light and a study of the gravitational lensing and frame dragging of light were presented in [58]. However, an analysis of all possible orbits for particles and light was not presented, and the full set of analytic solutions to the equations of motions were not found.

Our paper is organized as follows: In Sec. II, we give a brief review of the field equations and the metric of the rotating black hole in $f(R)$ gravity and its connection to general relativity. In Sec. III, we present the equations of motion in the Kerr-Newman-(A)dS spacetime. We analyze

the geodesic motion in Sec. IV and give a list of all possible orbit types. The analysis is given separately for the static case (Reissner-Nordström-(A)dS) and the rotating case (Kerr-Newman-(A)dS). In Sec. V, we present the full set of analytical solutions of the geodesic equations in the general rotating case of the Kerr-Newman-(A)dS black hole. Some example orbits in the static and the rotating case are shown in Sec. VI. We conclude in Sec. VII.

II. FIELD EQUATIONS IN $f(R)$ MODIFIED GRAVITY AND RESCALINGS

In this section, we give a brief review of the field equations and the metric of the rotating black hole in $f(R)$, which represents the Kerr-Newman-(A)dS spacetime after certain rescalings. In four dimensions, the action of $f(R)$ gravity with a Maxwell field is given by

$$S = S_g + S_M, \quad (1)$$

where S_g and S_M are the gravitational and the electromagnetic actions,

$$S_g = \frac{1}{16\pi G} \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} (R + f(R)), \quad (2)$$

$$S_M = \frac{-1}{16\pi} \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} [F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu}], \quad (3)$$

where G is the gravitational constant, which we will set to one, g is the determinant of the metric, R is the curvature scalar, and $R + f(R)$ is the function defining the modified gravity theory under consideration. From the above action, the Maxwell equations take the form

$$\nabla_\mu F^{\mu\nu} = 0, \quad (4)$$

while the field equations in the metric formalism are

$$R_{\mu\nu}(1 + f'(R)) - \frac{1}{2}(R + f(R))g_{\mu\nu} + (g_{\mu\nu}\nabla^2 - \nabla_\mu\nabla_\nu)f'(R) = 2T_{\mu\nu}, \quad (5)$$

where $R_{\mu\nu}$ is the Ricci tensor, ∇ denotes the usual covariant derivative, and the stress-energy tensor of the electromagnetic field is given by

$$T_{\mu\nu} = F_{\mu\rho}F_{\nu}^{\rho} - \frac{g_{\mu\nu}}{4}F_{\rho\sigma}F^{\rho\sigma} \quad (6)$$

and has vanishing trace

$$T^\mu{}_\mu = 0. \quad (7)$$

Taking the trace of Eq. (5) under the assumption that the curvature scalar is constant, $R = R_0$ leads to

$$R_0(1 + f'(R_0)) - 2(R_0 + f(R_0)) = 0. \quad (8)$$

This is the same equation as in the vacuum case because the matter field has vanishing trace, Eq. (7), and it determines the constant value of the curvature scalar:

$$R_0 = \frac{2f(R_0)}{f'(R_0) - 1}. \quad (9)$$

Using this relation in Eq. (5) gives the field equations

$$R_{\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{2} \frac{f(R_0)}{f'(R_0) - 1} g_{\mu\nu} = \frac{2}{1 + f'(R_0)} T_{\mu\nu}. \quad (10)$$

Comparison with the Einstein equations in the presence of a cosmological constant Λ then indicates an equivalence of the two sets of equations for $R_0 = 4\Lambda$ when we further rescale the left-hand side of the equations adequately.

Consequently, up to rescalings, the Kerr-Newman-(A)dS solution of general relativity is also a solution of the field equations in $f(R)$ gravity [50–52]. Thus, the stationary black hole solution can be obtained in Boyer-Lindquist-like coordinates (t, r, θ, φ) as follows [50],

$$ds^2 = -\frac{\Delta_r}{\rho^2} \left[dt - \frac{a \sin^2 \theta d\varphi}{\Xi} \right]^2 + \frac{\rho^2}{\Delta_r} dr^2 + \frac{\rho^2}{\Delta_\theta} d\theta^2 + \frac{\Delta_\theta \sin^2 \theta}{\rho^2} \left[a dt - \frac{r^2 + a^2}{\Xi} d\varphi \right]^2, \quad (11)$$

with

$$\Delta_r = (r^2 + a^2) \left(1 - \frac{R_0}{12} r^2 \right) - 2Mr + \frac{Q^2}{(1 + f'(R_0))}, \quad (12)$$

$$\Xi = 1 + \frac{R_0}{12} a^2, \quad \rho^2 = r^2 + a^2 \cos^2 \theta,$$

$$\Delta_\theta = 1 + \frac{R_0}{12} a^2 \cos^2 \theta, \quad (13)$$

where Q is the electric charge, a is the angular momentum per mass of the black hole, and R_0 enters like a cosmological constant ($R_0 = 4\Lambda$), yielding a nonasymptotically flat de Sitter or anti-de Sitter spacetime, when R_0 is finite. Note that the electric charge enters with a scaling factor in the metric. As in the Kerr spacetime, there is a ringlike singularity defined by $\rho^2 = 0$, and the horizons are given by $\Delta_r = 0$.

III. THE GEODESIC EQUATIONS

In this section, we derive the equations of motion for a rotating charged black hole Eq. (11), using the Hamilton-Jacobi formalism, and later introduce effective potentials for the r and θ motion.

The Hamilton-Jacobi equation,

$$\frac{\partial S}{\partial \tau} + \frac{1}{2} g^{ij} \frac{\partial S}{\partial x^i} \frac{\partial S}{\partial x^j} = 0, \quad (14)$$

can be solved with an ansatz for the action

$$S = \frac{1}{2} \varepsilon \tau - Et + L_z \phi + S_\theta(\theta) + S_r(r). \quad (15)$$

The constants of motion are the energy E and the angular momentum L which are given by the generalized momenta P_t and P_ϕ :

$$P_t = g_{tt} \dot{t} + g_{t\varphi} \dot{\varphi} = -E, \quad P_\phi = g_{\varphi\varphi} \dot{\varphi} + g_{t\varphi} \dot{t} = L. \quad (16)$$

Using Eqs. (14)–(16), we get

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta_\theta \left(\frac{\partial S}{\partial \theta} \right)^2 + \varepsilon a^2 \cos^2 \theta - \frac{2aEL\Xi - E^2 a^2 \sin^2 \theta}{\Delta_\theta} + \frac{L^2 \Xi^2}{\Delta_\theta \sin^2 \theta} \\ = -\Delta_r \left(\frac{\partial S}{\partial r} \right)^2 \\ - \varepsilon r^2 + \frac{(a^2 + r^2)^2 E^2 + a^2 L^2 \Xi^2 - 2aEL\Xi(r^2 + a^2)}{\Delta_r}, \end{aligned} \quad (17)$$

where each side depends on r or θ only. With the separation ansatz Eq. (15) and with the help of the Carter constant [59], we derive the equations of motion:

$$\rho^4 \left(\frac{dr}{d\tau} \right)^2 = -\Delta_r (K + \varepsilon r^2) + [(a^2 + r^2)E - aL\Xi]^2 = R(r), \quad (18)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \rho^4 \left(\frac{d\theta}{d\tau} \right)^2 &= \Delta_\theta (K - \varepsilon a^2 \cos^2 \theta) \\ &- \frac{1}{\sin^2 \theta} (aE \sin^2 \theta - L\Xi)^2 = \Theta(\theta), \end{aligned} \quad (19)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \rho^2 \left(\frac{d\varphi}{d\tau} \right) &= \frac{aE\Xi(a^2 + r^2) - a^2 \Xi^2 L}{\Delta_r} \\ &- \frac{1}{\Delta_\theta \sin^2 \theta} (a\Xi E \sin^2 \theta - \Xi^2 L), \end{aligned} \quad (20)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \rho^2 \left(\frac{dt}{d\tau} \right) &= \frac{E(r^2 + a^2)^2 - aL\Xi(r^2 + a^2)}{\Delta_r} \\ &- \frac{\sin^2 \theta}{\Delta_\theta} \left(Ea^2 - \frac{L\Xi a}{\sin^2 \theta} \right). \end{aligned} \quad (21)$$

In the following, we will explicitly solve these equations. Equation (18) suggests the introduction of an effective potential $V_{\text{eff},r}$ such that $V_{\text{eff},r} = E$ corresponds to $\left(\frac{dr}{d\tau} \right)^2 = 0$,

$$V_{\text{eff},r} = \frac{L\Xi a \pm \sqrt{\Delta_r(K + \epsilon r^2)}}{a^2 + r^2}, \quad (22)$$

where $(\frac{dr}{d\tau})^2 \geq 0$ for $E \leq V_{\text{eff},r}^-$ and $E \geq V_{\text{eff},r}^+$. In the same way, an effective potential corresponding to Eq. (19) can be introduced,

$$V_{\text{eff},\theta} = \frac{L\Xi \pm \sqrt{\Delta_\theta \sin^2 \theta (K - \epsilon a^2 \cos^2 \theta)}}{a \sin^2 \theta}, \quad (23)$$

but here $(\frac{d\theta}{d\lambda})^2 \geq 0$ for $V_{\text{eff},\theta}^- \leq E \leq V_{\text{eff},\theta}^+$. Introducing the Mino time λ [60] connected to the proper time τ by $\frac{d\tau}{d\lambda} = \rho^2$, the equations of motion read

$$\left(\frac{dr}{d\lambda}\right)^2 = -\Delta_r(K + \epsilon r^2) + [(a^2 + r^2)E - aL\Xi]^2 = R(r), \quad (24)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \left(\frac{d\theta}{d\lambda}\right)^2 &= \Delta_\theta(K - \epsilon a^2 \cos^2 \theta) - \frac{1}{\sin^2 \theta} (aE \sin^2 \theta - L\Xi)^2 \\ &= \Theta(\theta), \end{aligned} \quad (25)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \left(\frac{d\varphi}{d\lambda}\right) &= \frac{aE\Xi(a^2 + r^2) - a^2\Xi^2 L}{\Delta_r} \\ &\quad - \frac{1}{\Delta_\theta \sin^2 \theta} (a\Xi E \sin^2 \theta - \Xi^2 L), \end{aligned} \quad (26)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \left(\frac{dt}{d\lambda}\right) &= \frac{E(r^2 + a^2)^2 - aL\Xi(r^2 + a^2)}{\Delta_r} \\ &\quad - \frac{\sin^2 \theta}{\Delta_\theta} \left(Ea^2 - \frac{L\Xi a}{\sin^2 \theta} \right). \end{aligned} \quad (27)$$

We introduce dimensionless quantities to rescale the parameters:

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{r} &= \frac{r}{M}, & \tilde{a} &= \frac{a}{M}, & \tilde{t} &= \frac{t}{M}, & \tilde{L} &= \frac{L}{M}, \\ \tilde{K} &= \frac{K}{M^2}, & \tilde{R}_0 &= R_0 M^2, & \tilde{Q} &= \frac{Q}{M}, \\ \gamma &= M\lambda. \end{aligned} \quad (28)$$

Then the equations (24)–(27) can be rewritten as

$$\left(\frac{d\tilde{r}}{d\gamma}\right)^2 = -\Delta_{\tilde{r}}(\tilde{K} + \epsilon \tilde{r}^2) + [(\tilde{a}^2 + \tilde{r}^2)E - \tilde{a} \tilde{L} \Xi]^2 = \tilde{R}(\tilde{r}), \quad (29)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \left(\frac{d\theta}{d\gamma}\right)^2 &= \Delta_\theta(\tilde{K} - \epsilon \tilde{a}^2 \cos^2 \theta) \\ &\quad - \frac{1}{\sin^2 \theta} (\tilde{a} E \sin^2 \theta - \tilde{L} \Xi)^2 = \tilde{\Theta}(\theta), \end{aligned} \quad (30)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \left(\frac{d\varphi}{d\gamma}\right) &= \frac{\tilde{a} E \Xi (\tilde{a}^2 + \tilde{r}^2) - \tilde{a}^2 \Xi^2 \tilde{L}}{\Delta_{\tilde{r}}} \\ &\quad - \frac{1}{\Delta_\theta \sin^2 \theta} (\tilde{a} \Xi E \sin^2 \theta - \Xi^2 \tilde{L}), \end{aligned} \quad (31)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \left(\frac{d\tilde{t}}{d\gamma}\right) &= \frac{E(\tilde{r}^2 + \tilde{a}^2)^2 - \tilde{a} \tilde{L} \Xi (\tilde{r}^2 + \tilde{a}^2)}{\Delta_{\tilde{r}}} \\ &\quad - \frac{\sin^2 \theta}{\Delta_\theta} \left(E \tilde{a}^2 - \frac{\tilde{L} \Xi \tilde{a}}{\sin^2 \theta} \right). \end{aligned} \quad (32)$$

IV. ANALYSIS OF THE GEODESIC EQUATIONS

In this section, we will analyze the geodesic equations and give a list of all possible orbits. First we will study the special case of a static charged black hole (Reissner-Nordström-(A)dS) and then we will give a full analysis of the general rotating charged black hole solution (Kerr-Newman-(A)dS).

A. The static case

In this section, we investigate the possible orbit types in the static case with the help of the analytical solutions which are described in previous sections, parameter diagrams (see Fig. 1), and the effective potential (see Fig. 2).

In the static case $a = 0$, the motion is confined to a plane and, therefore, the geodesic equations reduce to

$$\begin{aligned} \left(\frac{dr}{d\varphi}\right)^2 &= \frac{r^4}{L^2} \left(E^2 - \left(1 - \frac{2M}{r} + \frac{q^2}{r^2} - \frac{1}{12} R_0 r^2 \right) \right. \\ &\quad \left. \times \left(\epsilon + \frac{L^2}{r^2} \right) \right) =: R(r), \end{aligned} \quad (33)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \left(\frac{dr}{dt}\right)^2 &= \frac{1}{E^2} \left(1 - \frac{2M}{r} + \frac{q^2}{r^2} - \frac{1}{12} R_0 r^2 \right)^2 \\ &\quad \times \left(E^2 - \left(1 - \frac{2M}{r} + \frac{q^2}{r^2} - \frac{1}{12} R_0 r^2 \right) \left(\epsilon + \frac{L^2}{r^2} \right) \right), \end{aligned} \quad (34)$$

where we introduced $q^2 = \frac{Q^2}{(1+f'(R_0))}$. An effective potential can be defined as

$$V_{\text{eff}} = \left(1 - \frac{2m}{r} + \frac{q^2}{r^2} - \frac{1}{12} R_0 r^2 \right) \left(\epsilon + \frac{L^2}{r^2} \right). \quad (35)$$

The shape of an orbit depends on the energy E and the angular momentum L of the test particle or light ray, as well as the charge q and the cosmological constant Λ . The mass can be absorbed through a rescaling of the radial coordinate and the parameters:

$$\tilde{r} = \frac{r}{M}, \quad \tilde{q} = \frac{q}{M}, \quad \mathcal{L} = \frac{M^2}{L^2}, \quad \tilde{R}_0 = \frac{1}{12} R_0 M^2. \quad (36)$$

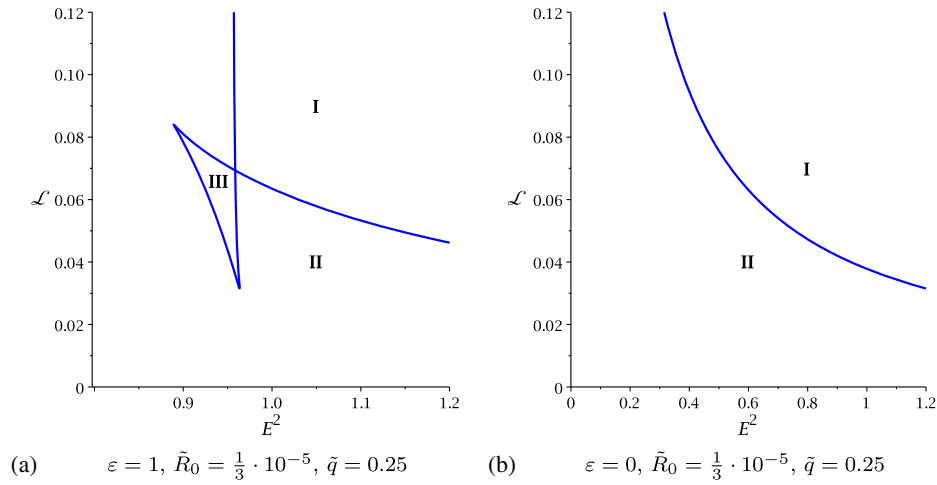


FIG. 1. Parametric $\mathcal{L} - E^2$ diagrams of the \tilde{r} motion. For $\tilde{R}_0 > 0$, the polynomial $R(\tilde{r})$ has a single positive zero in region I, three positive zeros in region II, and five positive zeros in region III. If $\varepsilon = 0$, then region III vanishes, implying that stable bound orbits for light do not exist outside the horizons. If $\tilde{R}_0 < 0$, then there are two positive zeros in regions I, II and four positive zeros in region III.

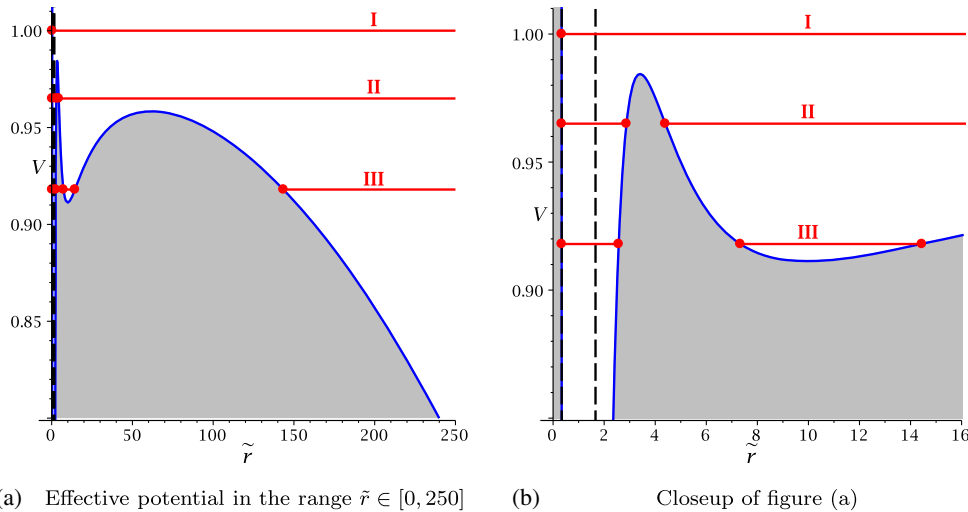


FIG. 2. Effective potential (blue) with parameters $\varepsilon = 1, \tilde{R}_0 = \frac{1}{3} \times 10^{-5}, \tilde{q} = 0.75$ and $\mathcal{L} = 0.076$. The horizons are depicted as vertical dashed lines. Example energies of region I, II, and III (compare Fig. 4 and Table III) are given as red horizontal lines.

Thus, Eq. (33) can be written as

$$\left(\frac{d\tilde{r}}{d\varphi}\right)^2 = \varepsilon\tilde{R}_0\mathcal{L}\tilde{r}^6 + ((E^2 - \varepsilon)\mathcal{L} + \tilde{R}_0)\tilde{r}^4 + (2\varepsilon\mathcal{L})\tilde{r}^3 - (1 + \varepsilon\mathcal{L}\tilde{q}^2)\tilde{r}^2 + 2\tilde{r} - \tilde{q}^2 = R(\tilde{r}). \quad (37)$$

In the following, we give a list of the possible orbit types. Let \tilde{r}_- be the inner horizon and \tilde{r}_+ be the outer event horizon.

1. Escape orbit (EO) with range $\tilde{r} \in [r_1, \infty)$ where $r_1 > \tilde{r}_+$.
2. Two-world escape orbit (TEO) with range $[r_1, \infty)$ where $0 < r_1 < r_-$.
3. Bound orbit (BO) with range $\tilde{r} \in [r_1, r_2]$ with $r_1, r_2 > r_+$.
4. Many-world bound orbit (MBO) with range $\tilde{r} \in [r_1, r_2]$ where $0 < r_1 \leq r_-$ and $r_2 \geq r_+$.

5. Terminating orbit (TO) with ranges

- (a) either $\tilde{r} \in [0, \infty)$ (Terminating escape orbit—TEO)
- (b) or $\tilde{r} \in [0, r_1]$ with $r_1 \geq \tilde{r}_+$ (Terminating bound orbit—TBO).

TOs only occur for $q \neq 0$; otherwise, the charge will provide a potential barrier preventing the geodesic from reaching the singularity at $\tilde{r} = 0$.

These five regular types of geodesic motion correspond to different arrangements of the real and positive zeros of $R(r)$ defining the borders of $R(r) \geq 0$ or, equivalently, $E^2 \geq V_{\text{eff}}$.

Equation (37) implies that $R(\tilde{r}) \geq 0$ is a necessary condition for the existence of a geodesic and, thus, that the positive zeros of $R(\tilde{r})$ are the turning points of the orbits. If for a given set of parameters $\tilde{R}_0, \tilde{q}, \varepsilon, E^2, \mathcal{L}$ the polynomial

TABLE I. Types of orbits in the spacetime of a static charged black hole for $\tilde{q} \neq 0$ and a positive cosmological constant $\tilde{R}_0 > 0$. The range of orbits is represented by thick lines. The dots show the turning points of the orbits. The positions of the horizons are marked by vertical double lines. The single vertical line indicates $\tilde{r} = 0$. Terminating orbits exist in all three regions only if $\tilde{q} = 0$.

Zeros	Region	Range of \tilde{r}	Orbit
1	I		TEO
3	II		MBO, EO
5	III		MBO, BO, EO

TABLE II. Types of orbits in the spacetime of a static charged black hole for $\tilde{q} \neq 0$ and a negative cosmological constant $\tilde{R}_0 < 0$. The range of the orbits is represented by thick lines. The dots show the turning points of the orbits. The positions of the horizons are marked by vertical double lines. The single vertical line indicates $\tilde{r} = 0$. Terminating orbits exist in all three regions only if $\tilde{q} = 0$.

Zeros	Region	Range of \tilde{r}	Orbit
2	I, II		MBO
4	III		MBO, BO

$R(\tilde{r})$ has n positive zeros, then for varying E^2 and L this number can only change if two zeros merge to one. Solving $R(\tilde{r}) = 0$, $\frac{dR(\tilde{r})}{d\tilde{r}} = 0$ for E^2 and \mathcal{L} , for $\varepsilon = 1$, yields

$$E^2 = \frac{(\tilde{r}(\tilde{r} - 2) + \tilde{q}^2 - \tilde{R}_0\tilde{r}^4)^2}{\tilde{r}^2(\tilde{r}^2 - 3\tilde{r} + 2\tilde{q}^2)},$$

$$\mathcal{L} = -\frac{\tilde{r}^2 - 3\tilde{r} + 2\tilde{q}^2}{\tilde{r}^2(\tilde{R}_0\tilde{r}^4 + \tilde{q}^2 - \tilde{r})} \quad (38)$$

and, for $\varepsilon = 0$, yields

$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{1}{E^2} \left(\frac{2(1 + \sqrt{9 - 8\tilde{q}^2})}{(3 + \sqrt{9 - 8\tilde{q}^2})^3} - \tilde{R}_0 \right). \quad (39)$$

In Fig. 1, the results of this analysis are shown for both test particles ($\varepsilon = 1$) and light rays ($\varepsilon = 0$).

In the parametric $\mathcal{L} - E^2$ diagrams, three regions of geodesic motion with different numbers of zeros can be identified (in the following $r_i < r_{i+1}$ is assumed):

1. Region I:

- $\tilde{R}_0 > 0$: $R(\tilde{r})$ has a single positive real zero r_1 and $R(\tilde{r}) \geq 0$ for $\tilde{r} \geq r_1$. The only possible orbit type is EO.
- $\tilde{R}_0 < 0$: $R(\tilde{r})$ has two positive zeros r_1, r_2 and $R(\tilde{r}) \geq 0$ for $r_1 \leq \tilde{r} \leq r_2$. The only possible orbit type is MBO.

2. Region II:

- $\tilde{R}_0 > 0$: $R(\tilde{r})$ has three positive zeros r_1, r_2, r_3 with $R(\tilde{r}) \geq 0$ for $r_1 \leq \tilde{r} \leq r_2$ and $r_3 \leq \tilde{r}$. Possible orbit types are MBO and EO.
- $\tilde{R}_0 < 0$: $R(\tilde{r})$ has two positive zeros r_1, r_2 and $R(\tilde{r}) \geq 0$ for $r_1 \leq \tilde{r} \leq r_2$. The only possible orbit type is MBO.

3. Region III:

- $\tilde{R}_0 > 0$: $R(\tilde{r})$ has five positive zeros r_1, r_2, r_3, r_4, r_5 with $R(\tilde{r}) \geq 0$ for $r_1 \leq \tilde{r} \leq r_2$, $r_3 \leq \tilde{r} \leq r_4$ and $r_5 \leq \tilde{r}$. Possible orbit types are MBO, BO, and EO.
- $\tilde{R}_0 < 0$: $R(\tilde{r})$ has four positive zeros r_1, r_2, r_3, r_4 with $R(\tilde{r}) \geq 0$ for $r_1 \leq \tilde{r} \leq r_2$ and $r_3 \leq \tilde{r} \leq r_4$. Possible orbit types are MBO and BO.

Terminating orbits are possible in all three regions if the black hole is uncharged $\tilde{q} = 0$. For light rays, only regions I and II appear and, therefore, stable bound orbits do not exist for $\varepsilon = 0$. A summary of possible orbit types for $\tilde{R}_0 > 0$ and $\tilde{R}_0 < 0$ can be found in Tables I and II, respectively.

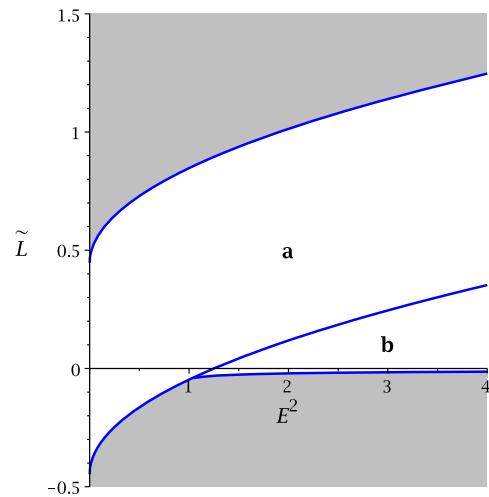


FIG. 3. $\varepsilon = 1$, $\tilde{a} = 0.4$, $\tilde{K} = 0.2$, $\tilde{R}_0 = 4 \times 10^{-5}$: Parametric $\tilde{L} - E^2$ diagram for the function $\tilde{\Theta}$. $\tilde{\Theta}$ possesses one zero in region a and two zeros in region b. In the grey areas, geodesic motion is not possible.

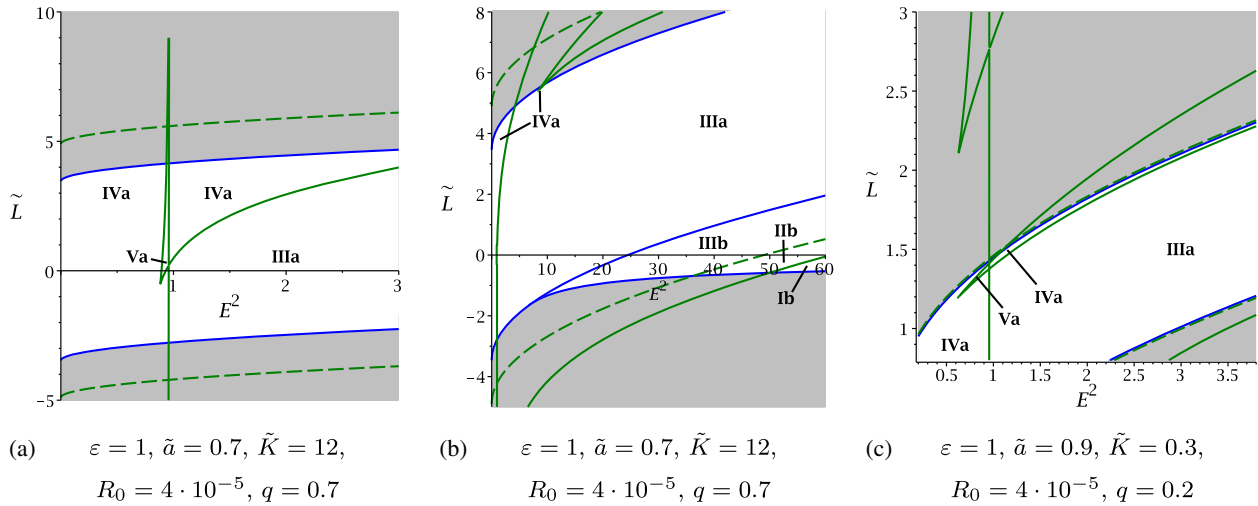


FIG. 4. Combined $\tilde{L} - E^2$ diagrams of the \tilde{r} motion (green lines) and θ motion (blue lines). The dashed green lines show, where $\tilde{R}(\tilde{r} = 0) = 0$. The polynomial \tilde{R} has no zero in region I, 2 negative zeros in region II, 1 negative and 1 positive zeros in region III, 3 positive and 1 negative zeros in region IV, 5 positive and 1 negative zeros in region V. Inside the grey areas the θ equation does not allow geodesic motion. In regions marked with the letter “a,” the orbits cross $\theta = \frac{\pi}{2}$, but not $\tilde{r} = 0$. Whereas in regions marked with the letter “b,” $\tilde{r} = 0$ can be crossed but $\theta = \frac{\pi}{2}$ is never crossed.

For $\tilde{R}_0 > 0$, a plot of the effective potential introduced in Eq. (35) with example energies corresponding to the different regions is shown in Fig 2. Here the possible orbit types can be identified.

B. The rotating case

In this section, we analyze the equations of motion in the rotating case (Kerr-Newman-(A)dS spacetime) and investigate the possible orbit types.

1. Types of latitudinal motion

In this subsection and the next subsection, we use the function $\tilde{\Theta}(\theta)$ in Eq. (30) and the polynomial $\tilde{R}(\tilde{r})$ in Eq. (29) to determine the possible orbits of light and test particles.

First, we substitute $v = \cos^2\theta$ with $\theta \in [0, 1]$ in the function $\tilde{\Theta}(\theta)$:

$$\tilde{\Theta}(v) = \left(1 + \frac{\tilde{R}_0}{12} \tilde{a}^2 v\right) (\tilde{K} - \varepsilon \tilde{a}^2 v) - \left(\tilde{a}^2 E^2 (1 - v) - 2\tilde{L}\tilde{\Xi}\tilde{a}E + \frac{\tilde{L}^2 \tilde{\Xi}^2}{(1 - v)}\right). \quad (40)$$

Geodesic motion is possible if $\tilde{\Theta}(\theta) \geq 0$, then real values of the coordinate θ are obtained. This condition also implies that $\tilde{K} > 0$ for all geodesics with $\tilde{R}_0 > -\frac{12}{\tilde{a}^2}$, or $\Lambda > -\frac{3}{\tilde{a}^2}$. From the observational side $\Lambda > -\frac{3}{\tilde{a}^2}$ is always true, since the cosmological constant acquires a very small positive value.

The number of zeros of $\tilde{\Theta}(\theta)$, which are the turning points of the latitudinal motion, only changes if a zero crosses 0 or 1, or if a double zero occurs. $v = 0$ is a zero of $\tilde{\Theta}$ if

$$\tilde{\Theta}(v = 0) = \tilde{K} - (\tilde{a}^2 E^2 - 2\tilde{L}\tilde{\Xi}\tilde{a}E + \tilde{L}^2 \tilde{\Xi}^2), \quad (41)$$

and, therefore,

$$\tilde{L} = \frac{E\tilde{a} \pm \sqrt{\tilde{K}}}{\tilde{\Xi}}. \quad (42)$$

Since $v = 1$ is a pole of $\tilde{\Theta}(v)$ for $\tilde{L} \neq 0$, it is only possible that $v = 1$ is a zero of $\tilde{\Theta}(v)$ if $\tilde{L} = 0$,

$$\tilde{\Theta}(v = 1, \tilde{L} = 0) = \left(1 + \frac{\tilde{R}_0}{12} \tilde{a}^2\right) (\tilde{K} - \varepsilon \tilde{a}^2). \quad (43)$$

To remove the pole of $\tilde{\Theta}(v)$ at $v = 1$, we consider

$$\tilde{\Theta}'(v) = (1 - v) \left(1 + \frac{\tilde{R}_0}{12} \tilde{a}^2 v\right) (\tilde{K} - \varepsilon \tilde{a}^2 v) - (\tilde{a}E(1 - v) - \tilde{L}\tilde{\Xi})^2, \quad (44)$$

where $\tilde{\Theta}(v) = \frac{1}{1-v} \tilde{\Theta}'(v)$. Then double zeros fulfill the conditions,

$$\tilde{\Theta}'(v) = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{d\tilde{\Theta}'(v)}{dv} = 0, \quad (45)$$

which yields

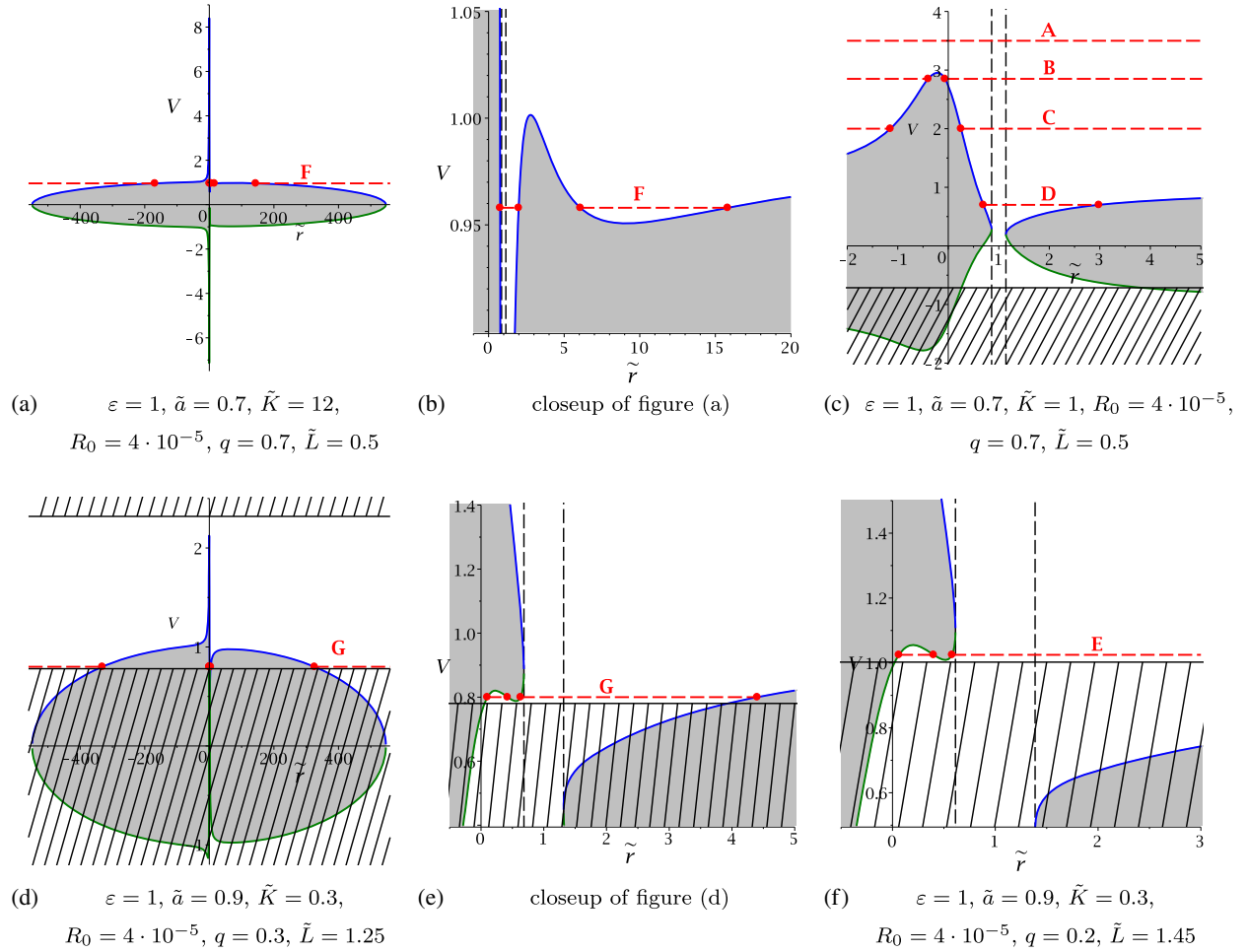


FIG. 5. Plots of the effective potential together with examples of energies for the different orbit types of Table III. The blue and green curves represent the two branches of the effective potential. In the grey area, the red dashed lines correspond to energies. The red dots mark the zeros of the polynomial \tilde{R} , which are the turning points of the orbits. In the grey area, no motion is possible since $\tilde{R} < 0$. In the dashed area, the θ equation does not allow geodesic motion ($\tilde{\Theta} < 0$). The vertical black dashed lines show the position of the horizons.

$$\tilde{L} = \frac{(6E \pm \sqrt{36E^2 + 3\tilde{K}\tilde{R}_0})(\tilde{R}_0\tilde{a}^2 + 12)}{12\tilde{R}_0\tilde{a}\tilde{\Xi}}. \quad (46)$$

From the condition of $v = 0$ being a zero and the condition of double zeros, we can plot parametric $\tilde{L} - E^2$ diagrams; see Fig. 3. These reveal two regions in which geodesic motion is possible. The function $\tilde{\Theta}$ has a single zero v_0 in region a; therefore, the geodesics will cross the equatorial plane ($\tilde{K} > (E\tilde{a} - \tilde{L}\tilde{\Xi})^2$). In region b, the function $\tilde{\Theta}$ has two zeros v_1, v_2 , which corresponds to motion above or below the equatorial plane ($\tilde{K} < (E\tilde{a} - \tilde{L}\tilde{\Xi})^2$). If $\tilde{K} = (E\tilde{a} - \tilde{L}\tilde{\Xi})^2$, the geodesics will reside in the equatorial plane.

2. Types of radial motion

The zeros of the polynomial \tilde{R} are the turning points of orbits of light and test particles, and therefore \tilde{R} determines the possible types of orbits,

$$\tilde{R}(\tilde{r}) = -\Delta_{\tilde{r}}(\varepsilon\tilde{r}^2 + \tilde{K}) + [(\tilde{a}^2 + \tilde{r}^2)E - \tilde{a}\tilde{L}\tilde{\Xi}]^2, \quad (47)$$

with

$$\Delta_{\tilde{r}} = (\tilde{r}^2 + \tilde{a}^2) \left(1 + \frac{\tilde{R}_0}{12} \tilde{r}^2 \right) - 2\tilde{r} + q^2 \quad (48)$$

where we introduced

$$q^2 = \frac{\tilde{Q}^2}{(1 + f'(R_0))}. \quad (49)$$

There are bound orbits, where test particles move back and forth between two turning points, and escape orbits, where the black hole is approached, but the test particles turn around at a certain point to escape towards infinity. Terminating orbits end in the singularity, if they reach simultaneously $\tilde{r} = 0$ and $\vartheta = \frac{\pi}{2}$, such that $\rho^2 = 0$. If a test particle crosses the black hole horizons twice or even

TABLE III. Types of orbits in the Kerr-Newman-dS-spacetime ($\tilde{R}_0 > 0$). The range of the orbits is represented by thick lines. The dots show the turning points of the orbits. The positions of the event horizon and the Cauchy horizon are marked by a vertical double line. The cosmological horizon is not displayed here since it is not relevant for the orbits. The single vertical line indicates $\tilde{r} = 0$.

Type	Zeros	Region	Range of \tilde{r}	Orbit
A	0	Ib		TrO
B	2	IIb		EO, CTEO
C	2	IIIa,b		EO, TEO
C ₋				EO, TEO
C ₀				EO, TO/TEO
D	4	IVa		EO, MBO, EO
D ₋				EO, MBO, EO
D ₊				EO, MBO, EO
D _±				EO, MBO, EO
D ₀				EO, TO/MBO, EO
D ₀ ⁺				EO, TO/MBO, EO
E	4	IVa		EO, BO, TEO
E ₋				EO, BO, TEO
E ₀				EO, TO/BO, TEO
E ₀ ⁻				EO, TO/BO, TEO
F	6	Va		EO, MBO, BO, EO
F ₋				EO, MBO, BO, EO
F ₊				EO, MBO, BO, EO
G	6	Va		EO, BO, MBO, EO
G ₋				EO, BO, MBO, EO
G ₀				EO, TO/BO, MBO, EO
G ₀ ⁻				EO, TO/BO, MBO, EO

multiple times, it can enter another universe. These orbits are called two-world orbits or many-world orbits. Due to the ring singularity, it is possible that a geodesic crosses $\tilde{r} = 0$, which is then called a transit orbit or crossover orbit [12]. Below we give a list of all possible orbits. Let \tilde{r}_+ be the outer event horizon and \tilde{r}_- be the inner horizon of the black hole:

1. Transit orbit (TrO) with range $\tilde{r} \in (-\infty, \infty)$.
2. Escape orbit (EO) with range $\tilde{r} \in [r_1, \infty)$ with $r_1 > \tilde{r}_+$, or with range $\tilde{r} \in (-\infty, r_1]$ with $r_1 < 0$.
3. Two-world escape orbit (TEO) with range $[r_1, \infty)$ where $0 < r_1 < r_-$.
4. Crossover two-world escape orbit (CTEO) with range $[r_1, \infty)$ where $r_1 < 0$.
5. Bound orbit (BO) with range $\tilde{r} \in [r_1, r_2]$ with
 - (a) $r_1, r_2 > r_+$ or
 - (b) $0 < r_1, r_2 < r_-$
6. Many-world bound orbit (MBO) with range $\tilde{r} \in [r_1, r_2]$ where $0 < r_1 \leq r_-$ and $r_2 \geq r_+$.
7. Terminating orbit (TO) with ranges either $\tilde{r} \in [0, \infty)$ or $\tilde{r} \in [0, r_1]$ with
 - (a) $r_1 \geq \tilde{r}_+$ or
 - (b) $0 < r_1 < \tilde{r}_-$

The type of an orbit is determined by the number of real zeros of the polynomial \tilde{R} . This number changes if a double zero occurs:

$$\tilde{R}(\tilde{r}) = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{d\tilde{R}(\tilde{r})}{d\tilde{r}} = 0. \quad (50)$$

Additionally, the distinction between positive (r) and negative (r) zeros is interesting, since the geodesics can cross $\tilde{r} = 0$. The number of positive and negative zeros changes if $\tilde{R}(\tilde{r} = 0) = 0$. Taking both these conditions into account, we can plot parametric $\tilde{L} - E^2$ diagrams, which show five regions with different numbers of zeros. In region I, \tilde{R} has no zeros. In region II, there are two negative zeros. A negative and a positive zero are possible in region III. Region IV has three positive and a single negative zero. Five positive zeros and a negative zero appear in region V. In Fig. 4, examples of the parametric $\tilde{L} - E^2$ diagrams of the \tilde{r} motion can be seen. We combined them with the parametric diagrams of the θ -motion.

Regions I and II intersect only with region b so here the orbits will not cross the equatorial plane. Regions IV and V only intersect with region a, therefore the orbits will cross the equatorial plane. Region III intersects both with regions a and b. In regions I and II, the geodesics can cross $\tilde{r} = 0$, but in regions III, IV, and V, $\tilde{r} = 0$ cannot be crossed.

We conclude that the only way for a geodesic to reach the singularity (terminating orbit) is $\tilde{R}(\tilde{r} = 0) = 0$

and $\tilde{\Theta}(\theta = \frac{\pi}{2}) = 0$. This is the case if $\tilde{K} = (E\tilde{a} - \tilde{L}\Xi)^2$ and, additionally, $q = 0$.

We use the parametric $\tilde{L} - E^2$ diagrams and the effective potential of the \tilde{r} -equation (see Fig. 5) to determine all possible orbit types. Table III shows an overview. If null geodesics ($\varepsilon = 0$) are considered, region V vanishes from the parametric $\tilde{L} - E^2$ diagrams, therefore orbits of type F and G (see Table III) are not possible for light. This implies that bound orbits outside the horizons ($\tilde{r} > \tilde{r}_+$) are only possible for particles but not for light.

The preceding analysis was done for $\tilde{R}_0 > 0$ which implies a positive cosmological constant. Since the motion of test particles and light in this spacetime is similar to the Kerr-(A)dS spacetime, we refer to [12] for an analysis concerning a negative cosmological constant. In comparison with the parametric diagrams of [12], it is obvious that the overall behavior and the possible orbit types are the same; still, there are some differences to the Kerr-(A)dS spacetime caused by the parameter q . In the spacetime of a rotating black hole, there are orbits that do not cross $\tilde{r} = 0$ and also do not cross the equatorial plane ($\theta = \frac{\pi}{2}$). This occurs in region IIIb (see Fig. 4 and Table III), which is not present for the Kerr-(A)dS case $q = 0$. In the Kerr-(A)dS spacetime, the green dashed line in Fig. 4 will coincide with the blue lines from the θ parametric plot, so that region III is not splitted into an a and a b part. Therefore, in the Kerr-(A)dS case an orbit that crosses $\tilde{r} = 0$ will not cross $\theta = \frac{\pi}{2}$ and an orbit that crosses $\theta = \frac{\pi}{2}$ will not cross $\tilde{r} = 0$.

A further difference to the Kerr case is that terminating orbits do not exist for $q \neq 0$. Only orbits with $\tilde{K} = (E\tilde{a} - \tilde{L}\Xi)^2$ and simultaneously $q = 0$ end in the singularity.

V. ANALYTICAL SOLUTION OF THE GEODESIC EQUATIONS

In this section, we will present the analytical solutions of the geodesic equations (29)–(32) in the Kerr-Newman-(A)dS spacetime. We will treat each equation separately and give the solutions in terms of the Weierstrass \wp , ζ and σ functions as well as the Kleinian σ function.

A. θ motion

We start with the differential equation (30) describing the θ motion

$$\left(\frac{d\theta}{d\gamma}\right)^2 = \tilde{\Theta}(\theta) = \Delta_\theta(\tilde{K} - \varepsilon\tilde{a}^2\cos^2\theta) - \frac{1}{\sin^2\theta}(\tilde{a}E\sin^2\theta - \tilde{L}\Xi)^2, \quad (51)$$

and substitute $v = \cos^2\theta$ to simplify the equation

$$\left(\frac{dv}{d\gamma}\right)^2 = 4v\tilde{\Theta}'(v) = 4v(1-v)\left(1 + \frac{\tilde{R}_0}{12}\tilde{a}^2v\right) \times (\tilde{K} - \varepsilon\tilde{a}^2v) - 4v(\tilde{a}E(1-v) - \tilde{L}\Xi)^2. \quad (52)$$

1. Timelike geodesics

The differential equation (52) is of elliptic type, since $4v\tilde{\Theta}'(v)$ is in general a polynomial of order four. Here we consider the case $\varepsilon = 1$. Assuming that $\tilde{\Theta}'(v)$ has only simple zeros, equation (52) can be solved in terms of the Weierstrass elliptic \wp function. To get the solution we transform $4v\tilde{\Theta}'(v)$ into the Weierstrass form $(4y^3 - g_2y - g_3)$ with the constants g_2 and g_3 . First, we apply the substitution $v = \xi^{-1}$ yielding

$$\left(\frac{d\xi}{d\gamma}\right)^2 = \tilde{\Theta}_\xi, \quad (53)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{\Theta}_\xi = & 4\xi^3[\tilde{K} - (E\tilde{a} - \tilde{L}\Xi)^2] \\ & + 4\xi^2\left[\tilde{a}^2\left(-\varepsilon + \frac{1}{12}\tilde{K}\tilde{R}_0 + 2E^2\right) - (\tilde{K} + 2E\tilde{L}\Xi\tilde{a})\right] \\ & + 4\xi\left[\tilde{a}^2\left(-\frac{1}{12}\tilde{K}\tilde{R}_0 + \varepsilon - E^2 - \frac{1}{12}\tilde{R}_0\tilde{a}^2\varepsilon\right)\right] \\ & + \frac{1}{3}\tilde{R}_0\tilde{a}^4\varepsilon =: \sum_{i=1}^3 a_i\xi^i \end{aligned} \quad (54)$$

is now a polynomial of order three. Second, we substitute $\xi = \frac{1}{a_3}(4y - \frac{a_2}{3})$, which gives

$$\left(\frac{dy}{d\gamma}\right)^2 = 4y^3 - g_2y - g_3, \quad (55)$$

where the Weierstrass invariants are

$$g_2 = \frac{1}{16}\left(\frac{4}{3}a_2^2 - 4a_1a_3\right), \quad (56)$$

$$g_3 = \frac{1}{16}\left(\frac{1}{3}a_1a_2a_3 - \frac{2}{27}a_2^3 - a_0a_3^2\right). \quad (57)$$

The differential equation (55) represents an elliptic integral of the first kind, which can be solved by [9,61,62]

$$y(\gamma) = \wp(\gamma - \gamma_{\theta,\text{in}}; g_2, g_3). \quad (58)$$

Finally, the solution of Eq. (30) is given by

$$\theta(\gamma) = \arccos\left(\pm\sqrt{\frac{a_3}{4\wp(\gamma - \gamma_{\theta,\text{in}}; g_2, g_3) - \frac{a_2}{3}}}\right), \quad (59)$$

where $\gamma_{\theta,\text{in}} = \gamma_0 + \int_{y_0}^{\infty} \frac{dy'}{\sqrt{4y'^3 - g_2y' - g_3}}$ and $y_0 = \frac{a_3}{4\cos^2(\theta_0)} + \frac{a_2}{12}$ depends only on the initial values γ_0 and θ_0 . Since the θ motion is symmetric with respect to the equatorial plane $\theta = \frac{\pi}{2}$, the sign of the square root can be chosen so that $\theta(\gamma)$ is either in $(0, \frac{\pi}{2})$ (positive sign) or in $(\frac{\pi}{2}, \pi)$ (negative sign).

2. Null geodesics

The differential equation (52) for $\varepsilon = 0$ is already a polynomial of degree three and, thus, with the standard substitution $v = \frac{1}{b_3}(4y - \frac{b_2}{3})$ where $4v\tilde{\Theta}'(v) = \sum_{i=1}^3 b_i v^i$ transforms the problem to the form Eq. (55). The solution is then given by

$$\theta(\gamma) = \arccos \left(\pm \sqrt{\frac{4}{b_3} \wp(\gamma - \gamma_{\theta, \text{in}}; g_2, g_3) - \frac{b_2}{3b_3}} \right) \quad (60)$$

where $\gamma_{\theta, \text{in}}, g_2$, and g_3 are as above with a_i replaced by b_i .

B. r motion

The dynamics of r are described by the differential equation (29):

$$\left(\frac{d\tilde{r}}{d\gamma} \right)^2 = \tilde{R}(\tilde{r}) = \Delta_{\tilde{r}}(-\varepsilon\tilde{r}^2 - \tilde{K}) + [(\tilde{a}^2 + \tilde{r}^2)E - \tilde{a}\tilde{L}\Xi]^2. \quad (61)$$

Here the solution procedure is more complicated because \tilde{R} is, in general, a polynomial of order six. However, for null geodesics, the order of the polynomial is reduced to four. In the following, we will consider timelike and null geodesics separately.

1. Null geodesics

Considering light, i.e. $\varepsilon = 0$, \tilde{R} is simplified to a polynomial of degree four and therefore the differential equation (29) is of elliptic type. Then we can solve it using the method of section VA. By substituting first $\tilde{r} = \xi^{-1} + \tilde{r}_{\tilde{R}}$, where $\tilde{r}_{\tilde{R}}$ is a zero of \tilde{R} , and then $\xi = \frac{1}{b_3}(4y - \frac{b_2}{3})$, where $b_i = \frac{1}{(4-i)!} \frac{d^{(4-i)}\tilde{R}}{d\tilde{r}^{(4-i)}}(\tilde{r}_{\tilde{R}})$, Eq. (29) acquires the form of Eq. (55). Again, this can be solved with the help of the Weierstrass elliptic \wp function, so that the result is

$$\tilde{r}(\gamma) = \frac{b_3}{4\wp(\gamma - \gamma_{\tilde{r}, \text{in}}; g_2, g_3) - \frac{b_2}{3}} + \tilde{r}_{\tilde{R}}, \quad (62)$$

where $\gamma_{\tilde{r}, \text{in}} = \gamma_0 + \int_{y_0}^{\infty} \frac{dy'}{\sqrt{4y'^3 - g_{2,r}y' - g_{3,r}}}$ and $y_0 = \frac{b_3}{4(\tilde{r}_0 - r_R)} + \frac{b_2}{12}$ depends only on the initial values γ_0 and \tilde{r}_0 and g_2, g_3 are defined as in Eq. (57) with $a_i = b_i$.

2. Timelike geodesics

Considering particles, i.e., $\varepsilon = 1$, and assuming that \tilde{R} has only simple zeros, the differential equation (29) is of the hyperelliptic type. As presented in [12], this equation can be solved in terms of derivatives of the Kleinian σ function. To begin with, Eq. (29) is transformed into the standard

form with the substitution $\tilde{r} = \pm \frac{1}{u} + \tilde{r}_{\tilde{R}}$ where $\tilde{r}_{\tilde{R}}$ is a zero of \tilde{R} . Then we get

$$\left(u \frac{du}{d\gamma} \right)^2 = \tilde{R}_u, \quad (63)$$

where

$$\tilde{R}_u = \sum_{i=0}^5 c_i u^i, \quad c_i = \frac{(\pm 1)^i}{(6-i)!} \frac{d^{(6-i)}\tilde{R}}{d\tilde{r}^{(6-i)}}(\tilde{r}_{\tilde{R}}). \quad (64)$$

A separation of variables leads to

$$\gamma - \gamma_0 = \int_{u_0}^u \frac{udu}{\sqrt{\tilde{R}_u}}, \quad (65)$$

where $u_0 = u(\gamma_0)$. Considering the solution of the integral (65), we have to address two points. First, due to the two branches of the square root, the integrand is not well defined in the complex plane. Second, the solution $u(\gamma)$ should not depend on the chosen path of integration [9]. Let ζ be a closed integration path and

$$\omega = \oint_{\zeta} \frac{udu}{\sqrt{\tilde{R}_u}}, \quad (66)$$

then also

$$\gamma - \gamma_0 - \omega = \int_{u_0}^u \frac{udu}{\sqrt{\tilde{R}_u}}, \quad (67)$$

should be true. Hence, the solution $u(\gamma)$ of our problem has to fulfill

$$u(\gamma) = u(\gamma - \omega) \quad (68)$$

for every $\omega \neq 0$ obtained from Eq. (66). These two issues can be solved if we consider Eq. (65) to be defined on the Riemann surface $y^2 = \tilde{R}_u(x)$ of genus $g = 2$ and introduce a basis of canonical holomorphic and meromorphic differentials dz_i and dr_i , respectively,

$$dz_1 = \frac{dx}{\sqrt{\tilde{R}_x}}, \quad dz_2 = \frac{xdx}{\sqrt{\tilde{R}_x}}, \quad (69)$$

$$dr_1 = \frac{a_3x + 2a_4x^2 + 3a_5x^3}{4\sqrt{\tilde{R}_x}} dx, \quad dr_2 = \frac{x^2 dx}{4\sqrt{\tilde{R}_x}}, \quad (70)$$

and real $2\omega_{ij}, 2\eta_{ij}$ and imaginary $2\omega'_{ij}, 2\eta'_{ij}$ period matrices

$$2\omega_{ij} = \oint_{a_j} dz_i, \quad 2\omega'_{ij} = \oint_{b_j} dz_i, \quad (71)$$

$$2\eta_{ij} = \oint_{a_j} dr_i, \quad 2\eta'_{ij} = \oint_{b_j} dr_i. \quad (72)$$

Equation (65) is a hyperelliptic integral of the first kind and can be solved by [12,14]

$$u(\gamma) = -\frac{\sigma_1}{\sigma_2}(\gamma_\sigma), \quad (73)$$

where σ_i is the i th derivative of the Kleinian σ function,

$$\sigma(z) = C e^{z^2 k z} \theta[K_\infty](2\omega^{-1}z; \tau), \quad (74)$$

which is given by the Riemann θ function with characteristic K_∞ :

$$\theta(z; \tau) = \sum_{m \in \mathbb{Z}^2} e^{i\pi m^t (\tau m + 2z)}. \quad (75)$$

A number of parameters enter here: the symmetric Riemann matrix $\tau = (\omega^{-1}\omega')$, the period-matrix $(2\omega, 2\omega')$, the period-matrix of the second kind $(2\eta, 2\eta')$, the matrix $k = \eta(2\omega)^{-1}$, and the vector of Riemann constants with base point at infinity $2K_\infty = (0, 1)^t + (1, 1)^t \tau$. The constant C can be given explicitly, see e.g. [63], but is not important here. In Eq. (73), the argument γ_σ is an element of the one-dimensional σ divisor: $\gamma_\sigma = (f(\gamma - \gamma_{\tilde{r},in}), \gamma - \gamma_{\tilde{r},in})^t$ with $\gamma_{\tilde{r},in} = \sqrt{c_5} \gamma_0 + \int_{u_0}^{\infty} \frac{u' du'}{\sqrt{\tilde{R}_u}}$ and $u_0 = \pm(\tilde{r}_0 - \tilde{r}_{\tilde{R}})^{-1}$ depends only on the initial values γ_0 and \tilde{r}_0 , and the function f can be found from the vanishing condition $\sigma((f(x), x)^t) = 0$ [12], so it describes the θ divisor. Then the solution of the \tilde{r} equation is given by

$$\tilde{r}(\gamma) = \mp \frac{\sigma_2}{\sigma_1}(\gamma_\sigma). \quad (76)$$

Here the sign depends on the sign that was chosen in the substitution $\tilde{r} = \pm \frac{1}{u} + \tilde{r}_{\tilde{R}}$. The functions σ_1 and σ_2 depend on γ_σ , ω , η , τ and also on the polynomial \tilde{R}_u according to Eqs. (65)–(72), which contains all the parameter dependence of the modified gravity solution. The solution of \tilde{r} is the analytic solution of the equation of motion of a test particle in the Kerr-Newman-(A)dS spacetime. This solution is valid in all regions of this spacetime.

C. φ motion

The φ -equation (31) can be rewritten using the \tilde{r} and θ equations, (29) and (30):

$$d\varphi = \frac{\tilde{a}E\Xi(\tilde{a}^2 + \tilde{r}^2) - \tilde{a}^2\Xi^2\tilde{L}}{\Delta_{\tilde{r}}\sqrt{\tilde{R}}} d\tilde{r} - \frac{\tilde{a}\Xi E \sin^2\theta - \Xi^2\tilde{L}}{\Delta_\theta \sin^2\theta \sqrt{\tilde{\Theta}(\theta)}} d\theta. \quad (77)$$

Integrating this equation gives an \tilde{r} -dependent integral I_r and a θ -dependent integral I_θ which can be solved separately:

$$\varphi - \varphi_0 = \int_{\tilde{r}_0}^{\tilde{r}} \frac{\tilde{a}E\Xi(\tilde{a}^2 + \tilde{r}^2) - \tilde{a}^2\Xi^2\tilde{L}}{\Delta_{\tilde{r}}\sqrt{\tilde{R}}} d\tilde{r} - \int_{\theta_0}^{\theta} \frac{\tilde{a}\Xi E \sin^2\theta - \Xi^2\tilde{L}}{\Delta_\theta \sin^2\theta \sqrt{\tilde{\Theta}(\theta)}} d\theta = I_r - I_\theta. \quad (78)$$

1. The θ -dependent integral

Let us first consider the θ -dependent integral,

$$I_\theta = \int_{\theta_0}^{\theta} \frac{(\tilde{a}\Xi E \sin^2\theta - \Xi^2\tilde{L})d\theta}{\Delta_\theta \sin^2\theta \sqrt{\tilde{\Theta}(\theta)}}, \quad (79)$$

which can be simplified by the substitution $v = \cos^2\theta$,

$$I_\theta = \mp \int_{v_0}^v \frac{\tilde{a}\Xi E (1-v) - \Xi^2\tilde{L}}{\Delta_v (1-v) \sqrt{4v\tilde{\Theta}'(v)}} dv', \quad (80)$$

where the polynomial $\tilde{\Theta}'(v)$ is given in Eq. (44) and $\Delta_v = 1 + \frac{\tilde{R}_0}{12}\tilde{a}^2v$. Assuming $4v\tilde{\Theta}'(v)$ has only simple zeros and is a polynomial of order four, then I_θ is an elliptic integral of the third kind. In this case, the solution to I_θ is given by [12]

$$I_\theta = \frac{|a_3|}{a_3} \left\{ (\tilde{a}\Xi E - \Xi^2\tilde{L})(v - v_0) - \sum_{i=1}^4 \frac{a_3}{4\wp'(v_i)} \left(\zeta(v_i)(v - v_0) + \log \frac{\sigma(v - v_i)}{\sigma(v_0 - v_i)} + 2\pi i k_i \right) \times \left(\tilde{a}^3 \frac{\tilde{R}_0}{12} \left(E\Xi - \tilde{a} \frac{\tilde{R}_0}{12} \Xi^2\tilde{L} \right) (\delta_{i1} + \delta_{i2}) + \Xi^2\tilde{L} (\delta_{i3} + \delta_{i4}) \right) \right\}, \quad (81)$$

where the coefficients a_i of the polynomial $4v\tilde{\Theta}'(v)$ are given in subsection VA and

$$\begin{aligned} \wp(v_1) &= \frac{a_2}{12} - \frac{1}{48} \tilde{a}^2 \tilde{R}_0 a_3 = \wp(v_2), \\ \wp(v_3) &= \frac{a_2}{12} + \frac{1}{4} a_3 = \wp(v_4). \end{aligned} \quad (82)$$

Also we have $v = v(\gamma) = \gamma - \gamma_{\theta,in}$, where $\gamma_{\theta,in}$ is defined in Eq. (58) and $v_0 = v(\gamma_0)$. The different branches of the logarithm are represented by the integers k_i . The details of the computation can be found in Ref. [12].

2. The r -dependent integral

Next we will solve the \tilde{r} -dependent integral

$$I_r = \int_{\tilde{r}_0}^{\tilde{r}} \frac{\tilde{a}E\Xi(\tilde{a}^2 + \tilde{r}^2) - \tilde{a}^2\Xi^2\tilde{L}}{\Delta_{\tilde{r}}\sqrt{\tilde{R}}} d\tilde{r}. \quad (83)$$

Here we will distinguish between timelike and null geodesics as the equation simplifies in the latter case.

a. Null geodesics Considering light, i.e. $\varepsilon = 0$, the polynomial \tilde{R} is of order four, and therefore I_r is an elliptic integral of the third kind and can be solved analogously to I_θ . We apply the same substitutions $\tilde{r} = \frac{1}{\xi} + \tilde{r}_{\tilde{R}}$ and $\xi = \frac{1}{b_3}(4y - \frac{b_2}{3})$, as in subsection VB for the case $\varepsilon = 0$, then perform a partial fraction decomposition, and finally substitute $y = \wp(v)$. Then we get

$$\frac{b_3}{|b_3|} I_r = \sum_{i=1}^4 C_i \int_{v_0}^v \frac{dv}{\wp(v) - y_i} - \frac{\tilde{a}E\Xi(\tilde{a}^2 + \tilde{r}_{\tilde{R}}^2) - \tilde{a}^2\Xi^2\tilde{L}}{\Delta_{\tilde{r}=\tilde{r}_{\tilde{R}}}} \int_{v_0}^v dv, \quad (84)$$

where b_3 is given in Eq. (57), and the y_i are the four zeros of $\Delta_{y(\tilde{r})}$. The constants C_i arise from the partial fraction decomposition and depend on the parameters of the test particle and the metric. The integrand $(\wp(v) - y_i)^{-1}$ has simple poles v_{i1}, v_{i2} , where $\wp(v_{i1}) = y_i = \wp(v_{i2})$.

I_r can be integrated according to Ref. [12], and the solution is

$$I_r = \frac{|b_3|}{b_3} \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^4 \sum_{j=1}^2 \frac{C_i}{\wp'(v_{ij})} [\xi(v_{ij})(v - v_0) + \log \sigma(v - v_{ij}) - \log \sigma(v_0 - v_{ij})] - \frac{\tilde{a}E\Xi(\tilde{a}^2 + \tilde{r}_{\tilde{R}}^2) - \tilde{a}^2\Xi^2\tilde{L}}{\Delta_{\tilde{r}=\tilde{r}_{\tilde{R}}}} (v - v_0) \right\}, \quad (85)$$

with $v = v(\gamma) = \gamma - \gamma_{\tilde{r},\text{in}}$ and $v_0 = v(\gamma_0)$, where $\gamma_{\tilde{r},\text{in}}$ is given in Eq. (62).

b. Timelike geodesics. Considering particles, i.e. $\varepsilon = 1$, and assuming that the polynomial \tilde{R} has only simple zeros, I_r is a hyperelliptic integral of the third kind.

The first step in the solution procedure is to transform \tilde{R} to the standard form by the substitution $\tilde{r} = \pm 1/u + \tilde{r}_{\tilde{R}}$, where $\tilde{r}_{\tilde{R}}$ is a zero of \tilde{R} (see section VB). Next we apply a partial fraction decomposition to the integrand, so that the solution method of ref. [12] can be used. The solution of I_r is

$$I_r = \mp \frac{\tilde{a}u_0}{|u_0|} \left\{ C_1(\omega - \omega_0) + C_0(f(\omega) - f(\omega_0)) + \sum_{i=1}^4 \frac{C_{2,i}}{\sqrt{\tilde{R}_{u_i}}} \left[\frac{1}{2} \log \frac{\sigma(W^+(\omega))}{\sigma(W^-(\omega))} - \frac{1}{2} \log \frac{\sigma(W^+(\omega_0))}{\sigma(W^-(\omega_0))} - (f(\omega) - f(\omega_0), \omega - \omega_0) \left(\int_{u_i^-}^{u_i^+} d\tilde{r} \right) \right] \right\}, \quad (86)$$

with $\omega = \omega(\gamma) = \gamma - \gamma_{\tilde{r},\text{in}}$ and $\omega_0 = \omega(\gamma_0)$. Again the constants C_i arise from the partial fraction decomposition. \tilde{R}_{u_i} is defined in Eq. (63), and the u_i are the four zeros of $\Delta_{\tilde{r}=\pm 1/u + \tilde{r}_{\tilde{R}}}$, $u_0 = \pm(\tilde{r} - \tilde{r}_{\tilde{R}})^{-1}$. The functions W^\pm are given by $W^\pm(\omega) := (f(\omega), \omega)^t - 2 \int_{\infty}^{u_i^\pm} d\tilde{z}$ with $u_i^\pm = (u_i \pm \sqrt{\tilde{R}_{u_i}})$ (compare [12]).

D. t motion

The \tilde{t} equation (32) can be rewritten using the \tilde{r} and θ equations, (29) and (31),

$$d\tilde{t} = \frac{E(\tilde{r}^2 + \tilde{a}^2)^2 - \tilde{a}\tilde{L}\Xi(\tilde{r}^2 + \tilde{a}^2)}{\Delta_{\tilde{r}}} \frac{dr}{\sqrt{\tilde{R}}} - \frac{\sin^2\theta}{\Delta_\theta} \left(E\tilde{a}^2 - \frac{\tilde{L}\Xi\tilde{a}}{\sin^2\theta} \right) \frac{d\theta}{\sqrt{\tilde{\Theta}(\theta)}}, \quad (87)$$

and has the same structure as the equation for the φ motion. Integrating the \tilde{t} equation yields

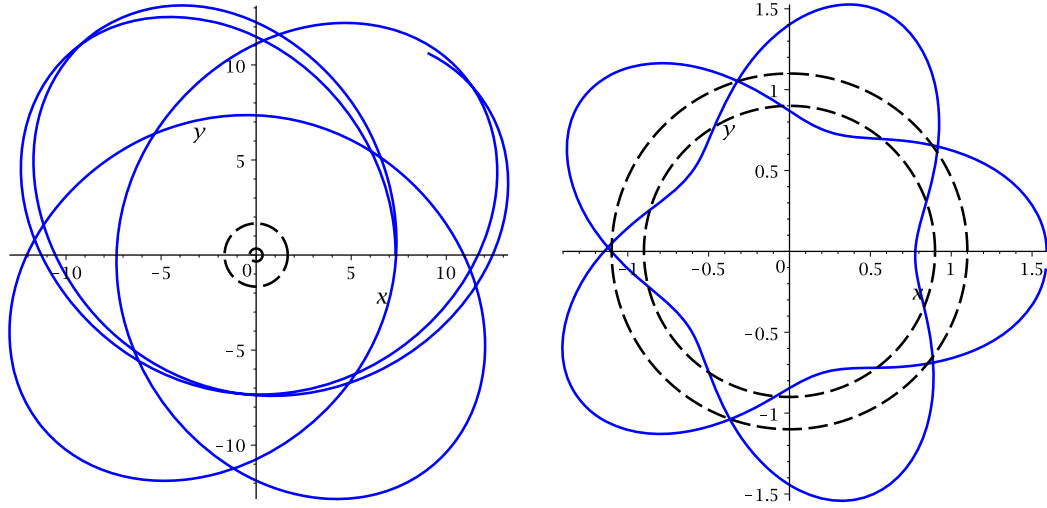
$$\tilde{t} - \tilde{t}_0 = \left[\int_{r_0}^r \frac{E(\tilde{r}^2 + \tilde{a}^2)^2 - \tilde{a}\tilde{L}\Xi(\tilde{r}^2 + \tilde{a}^2)}{\Delta_{\tilde{r}}} \frac{dr}{\sqrt{\tilde{R}}} - \int_{\theta_0}^\theta \frac{\sin^2\theta}{\Delta_\theta} \left(E\tilde{a}^2 - \frac{\tilde{L}\Xi\tilde{a}}{\sin^2\theta} \right) \frac{d\theta}{\sqrt{\tilde{\Theta}(\theta)}} \right] = \tilde{I}_r - \tilde{I}_\theta. \quad (88)$$

The solutions can be found in the same way as in section VC. For the θ -dependent part, we have [12]

$$\tilde{I}_\theta = a_3(v - v_0) - \sum_{i=1}^2 \frac{a_3\tilde{a}^2 R_0}{4\wp'(v_i)} \times [\zeta(v_i)(v - v_0) + \log \sigma(v - v_i) - \log \sigma(v_0 - v_i)], \quad (89)$$

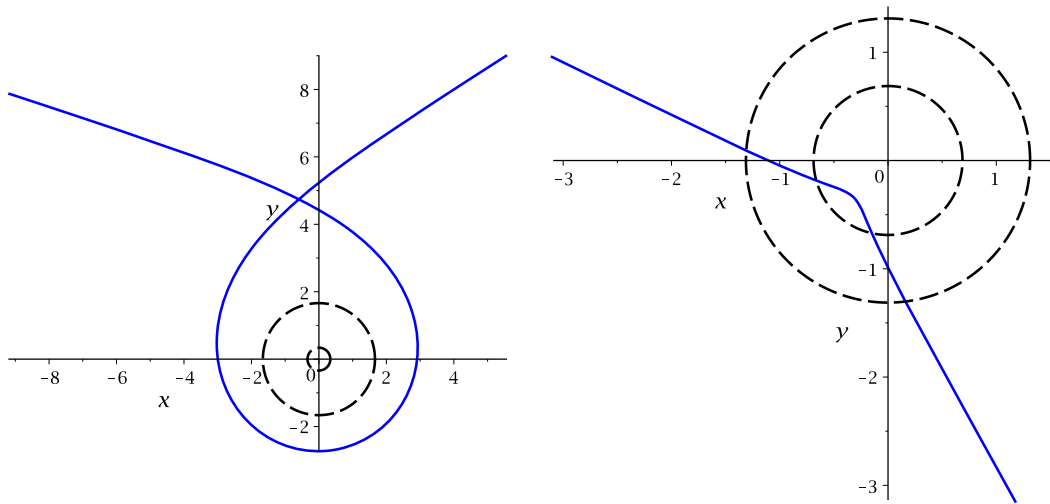
where a_2 and a_3 are given in Eq. (54), $\wp(v_1) = \frac{a_2}{12} + \frac{1}{4}\tilde{a}^2 R_0 a_3 = \wp(v_2)$, and $v = v(\gamma) = 2\gamma - \gamma_{\theta,\text{in}}$ with the initial value $v_0 = v(\gamma_0)$.

Considering light, i.e. $\varepsilon = 0$, the solution for the \tilde{r} -dependent part is very simple and given by [12]



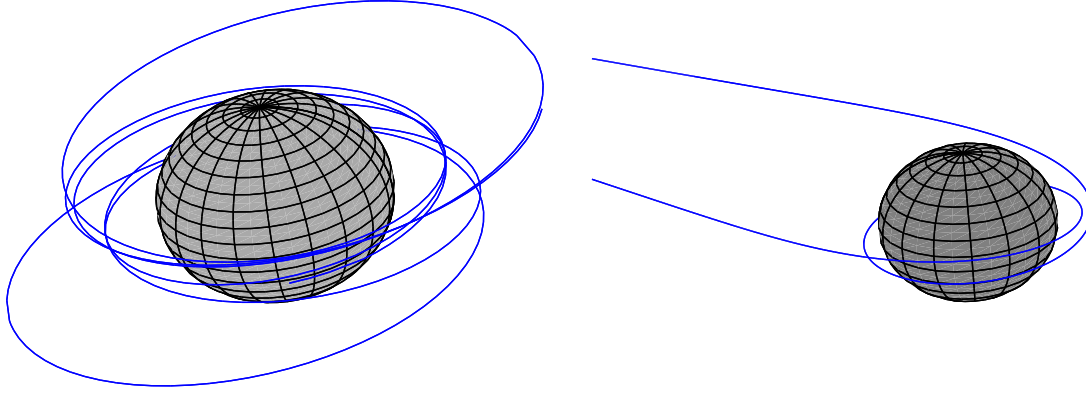
(a) Bound orbit with parameters $\varepsilon = 1$, $\tilde{R}_0 = \frac{1}{3} \cdot 10^{-5}$, $\tilde{q} = 0.75$, $\mathcal{L} = 0.076$, $E = \sqrt{0.918}$.
 (b) Many-world bound orbit with parameters $\varepsilon = 1$, $\tilde{R}_0 = \frac{1}{3} \cdot 10^{-5}$, $\tilde{q} = 0.995$, $\mathcal{L} = 0.8$, $E = \sqrt{0.2}$. The particle is reflected at the potential barrier arising from the charge.

FIG. 6. Two examples of particle orbits in the Reissner-Nordström-(A)dS spacetime. The blue curves depict the orbits and the black dashed circle indicate the positions of the horizons.



(a) Escape orbit with parameters $\varepsilon = 0$, $\tilde{R}_0 = \frac{1}{3} \cdot 10^{-5}$, $\tilde{q} = 0.75$, $\mathcal{L} = 0.1$, $E = \sqrt{0.46}$.
 (b) Two-world escape orbit with parameters $\varepsilon = 0$, $\tilde{R}_0 = \frac{1}{3} \cdot 10^{-5}$, $\tilde{q} = 0.95$, $\mathcal{L} = 5$, $E = \sqrt{0.8}$. Light is reflected at the potential barrier arising from the charge.

FIG. 7. Two examples of light orbits in the Reissner-Nordström-(A)dS spacetime. The blue curves depict the orbits and the black dashed circle indicate the positions of the horizons.



(a) Bound orbit with parameters $\varepsilon = 1$, $a = 0.7$, $K = 2$,
 $q = 0.7$, $R_0 = 4 \cdot 10^{-5}$, $L = 1.9$, $E = 0.84$.
 (b) Escape orbit with parameters $\varepsilon = 0$, $a = 0.7$, $K = 2$,
 $q = 0.7$, $R_0 = 4 \cdot 10^{-5}$, $L = 1.9$, $E = 0.75$.

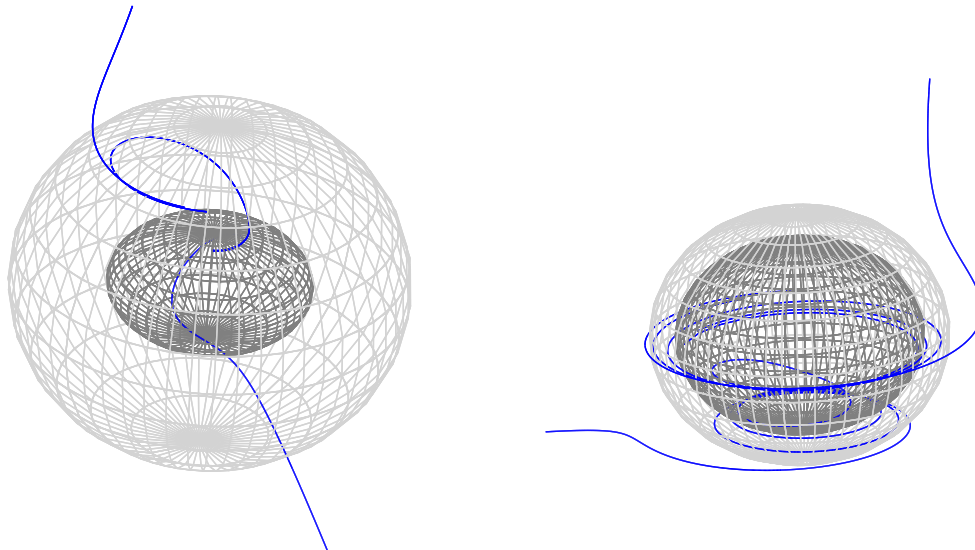
FIG. 8. Two examples of possible orbits in the Kerr-Newman-(A)dS spacetime. The blue lines show the path of the orbits and the sphere represents the event horizon.

$$\tilde{I}_r = \frac{|b_3|}{b_3} \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^4 \sum_{j=1}^2 \frac{\tilde{C}_i}{\wp'(v_{ij})} [\xi(v_{ij})(v - v_0) + \log \sigma(v - v_{ij}) - \log \sigma(v_0 - v_{ij})] - \frac{\tilde{a} \tilde{L} \Xi(\tilde{r}_R^2 + \tilde{a}^2) - E(\tilde{r}_R^2 + \tilde{a}^2)^2}{\Delta_{\tilde{r}=\tilde{r}_R}} (v - v_0) \right\}, \quad (90)$$

where b_3 is given in Eq. (62), the \tilde{C}_i arise from the partial fraction decomposition, and $\wp(v_{i1}) = y_i = \wp(v_{i2})$, where y_i are the four zeros of $\Delta_{y(\tilde{r})}$. The variable $v = v(\gamma) = \gamma - \gamma_{\tilde{r},in}$ has the initial value $v_0 = v(\gamma_0)$.

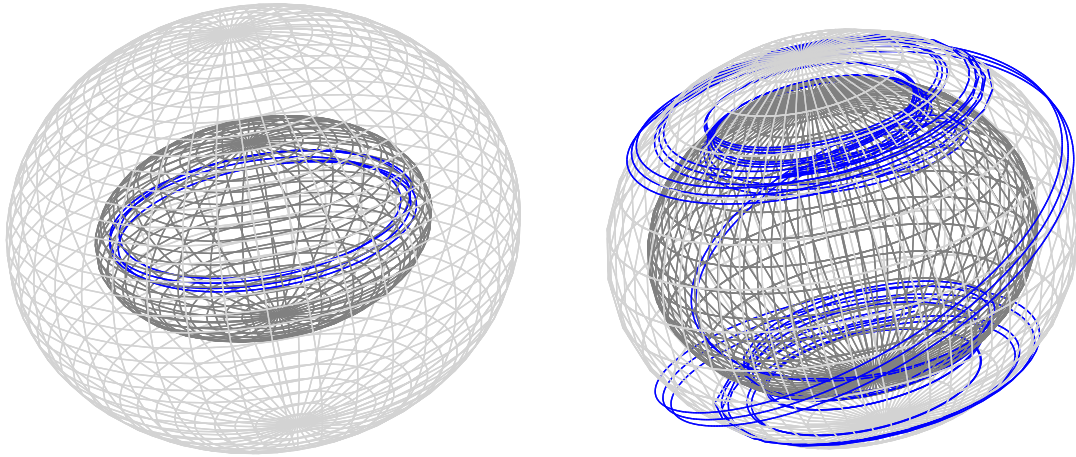
In the case of timelike geodesics, i.e. $\varepsilon = 1$, the solution of the now hyperelliptic \tilde{r} -dependent part is given by [12]

$$\tilde{I}_r = \frac{u_0}{\sqrt{c_5 |u_0|}} \left\{ \tilde{C}_1(\omega - \omega_0) + \tilde{C}_0(f(\omega) - f(\omega_0)) + \sum_{i=1}^4 \frac{\tilde{C}_{2,i}}{\sqrt{\tilde{R}_{u_i}}} \left[\frac{1}{2} \log \frac{\sigma(W^+(\omega))}{\sigma(W^-(\omega))} - \frac{1}{2} \log \frac{\sigma(W^+(\omega_0))}{\sigma(W^-(\omega_0))} - (f(\omega) - f(\omega_0), \omega - \omega_0) \left(\int_{u_r^-}^{u_r^+} d\tilde{r} \right) \right] \right\}. \quad (91)$$



(a) Transit orbit with parameters $\varepsilon = 0$, $a = 0.7$, $K = 2$,
 $q = 0.5$, $R_0 = 4 \cdot 10^{-5}$, $L = 0.5$, $E = 3.75$.
 (b) Two-world escape orbit with parameters $\varepsilon = 0$, $a = 0.7$,
 $K = 1$, $q = 0.7$, $R_0 = 4 \cdot 10^{-5}$, $L = 0.5$, $E = 1.5$.

FIG. 9. Two examples of possible orbits in the Kerr-Newman-(A)dS spacetime. The blue lines show the path of the orbits and the spheres represent the inner and outer horizon.



(a) Bound orbit behind the inner horizon with parameters $\varepsilon = 1$, $a = 0.9$, $K = 0.3$, $q = 0.2$, $R_0 = 4 \cdot 10^{-5}$, $L = 1.45$, $E = 1.02$.
 (b) Many-world bound orbit with parameters $\varepsilon = 0$, $a = 0.7$, $K = 1$, $q = 0.7$, $R_0 = 4 \cdot 10^{-5}$, $L = 0.5$, $E = 0.05$.

FIG. 10. Two examples of possible orbits in the Kerr-Newman-(A)dS spacetime. The blue lines show the path of the orbits and the spheres represent the inner and outer horizon.

For the notation, see Eq. (86). The constants \tilde{C}_0 , \tilde{C}_1 , $\tilde{C}_{2,i}$ result from the partial fraction decomposition.

VI. THE ORBITS

The analytical solutions can be used to plot the orbits of test particles and light rays. We present example of the orbits around the static charged (A)dS black hole (Reissner-Nordström-(A)dS) and the rotating charged (A)dS black hole (Kerr-Newman-(A)dS).

A. The static case

Some examples of timelike and null geodesics in the static case can be found in Figs. 6 and 7. In Fig. 6, two bound orbits of test particles are shown: a bound orbit outside the horizons [Fig. 6(a)] and a many-world bound orbit [Fig. 6(b)]. On the many-world bound orbit, both horizons are crossed several times and each time the test particles emerge into another universe. Note that the test particle is reflected at the potential barrier behind the horizons arising from the charge.

An escape orbit and a two-world escape orbit are depicted in Figs. 7(a) and 7(b), respectively. The two-world escape orbit crosses both horizons twice and escapes to another universe. Also the reflection at the potential barrier is visible.

B. The rotating case

Here we show some orbits in the Kerr-Newman-(A)dS spacetime. Figure 8, shows two example plots of a bound orbit for particles and an escape orbit for light. A transit

orbit crossing $r = 0$ can be seen in Fig. 9(a). A two-world escape orbit which crosses both horizons twice and escapes to another universe is depicted in 9(b). In Fig. 10(a), a bound orbit hidden behind the inner horizon is shown. Figure 10(b), shows a many-world bound orbit, where both horizons are crossed several times.

VII. CONCLUSIONS

In this paper, we discussed the motion of test particles and light rays in the spacetime of the static and rotating charged black hole (Kerr-Newman-(A)dS spacetime). After reviewing the spacetime and presenting the corresponding equations of motion, we classified the possible types of geodesic motion by an analysis of the zeros of the polynomials underlying the θ and r motion. The geodesic equations were solved in terms of Weierstrass elliptic functions and derivatives of Kleinian σ functions. Using effective potential techniques and parametric diagrams, the possible types of orbits were derived. Finally, a number of orbits were illustrated.

The techniques employed in this paper present a useful tool to calculate the exact orbits, and the results obtained should prove valuable in order to analyze their properties, including observables like the periastron shift of bound orbits, the light deflection of flyby orbits, the deflection angle, and the Lense-Thirring effect. For the calculation of these observables, analogous formulas to those given in [9,64–68] may be used.

The analytical solutions of the equations of motion are also useful in the context of AdS/CFT, since geodesics in an AdS spacetime can be related to CFT propagators (see e.g. [69]).

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