

Gravitational Bremsstrahlung and Hidden Supersymmetry of Spinning Bodies

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

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

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

measurements of eccentricity [11] and spins [12], or the search for scattering BHs [13] in our universe.

Accurate predictions for GWs from BBHs should crucially also account for the BHs' spins [14], and this is an important aspect of the present work. The gravitational waveforms presented here are valid up to quadratic order in angular momenta (spins) of the compact stars; that is, we extend Crowley, Kovacs, and Thorne's seminal nonspinning result [15]. We also improve on our earlier reproduction of the nonspinning result [16] by presenting results in a compact Lorentz-covariant form, using an improved integration strategy.

To obtain these results we generalize the recently introduced worldline quantum field theory (WQFT) formalism [16,17] to spinning particles on the worldline. This is achieved by including anticommuting worldline fields carrying the spin degrees of freedom, building upon Refs. [18–20]. Our formalism manifests an $\mathcal{N} = 2$ extended worldline supersymmetry (SUSY) which holds up to the desired quadratic order in spin. The SUSY implies conservation of the covariant spin-supplementary condition (SSC), and thus represents an alternative formulation of the symmetries inherent to spinning bodies. It also operates on the spinning waveform.

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

Spinning Worldline Quantum Field Theory.—It has been known since the 1980s [18] that the relativistic wave

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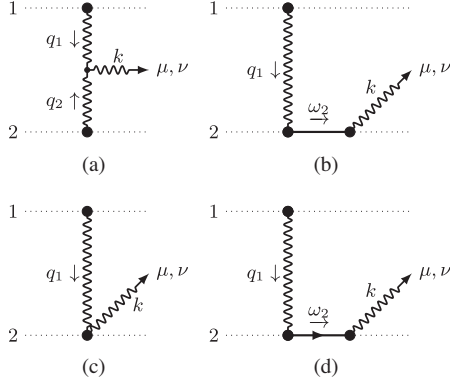


FIG. 1. The four diagram topologies contributing to the 2PM Bremsstrahlung up to $\mathcal{O}(\mathcal{S}^2)$, where $\omega_i = k \cdot v_i$ by energy conservation at the worldline vertices. For diagrams (b)–(d) we also include the corresponding flipped topologies with massive bodies $1 \leftrightarrow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

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

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

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

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

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

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

where $\delta(\omega) := (2\pi)\delta(\omega)$, and we have used $\mathcal{S}^{\mu\nu} = -2i\bar{\Psi}^{\mu}\Psi^\nu$. The other worldline-based vertices required for the 2PM Bremsstrahlung all appear in Fig. 1: the two-point interaction between a graviton and a single z^μ mode in (b), the two-graviton emission vertex in (c), and the two-point interaction between a graviton and ψ^μ in (d). Full expressions for these vertices are provided in the Supplemental Material [37].

Waveform from WQFT.—To describe the Bremsstrahlung at 2PM order including spin effects we compute the

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

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

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

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

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

We have contracted with a polarization tensor $\epsilon^{\mu\nu} = \frac{1}{2} e^\mu e^\nu$, $\int_{\Omega} := \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (d\Omega/2\pi)$, and $\rho^\mu = (1, \hat{\mathbf{x}})$; in a PM decomposition $f = \sum_n G^n f^{(n)}$ we seek the 2PM component $f^{(2)}$. Note that $k \cdot x = \Omega(t - r)$ yields the retarded time $u = t - r$, and $\epsilon \cdot \epsilon = \epsilon \cdot \rho = 0$.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

$$+ (1 \leftrightarrow 2),$$

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

where we have introduced the symmetric tensor

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

with the property that $K_i^{\mu\nu} v_{i,\nu} = K_i^{\mu\nu} \tilde{b}_\nu = 0$. Both integrals are derived in the Supplemental Material [37]; one generalizes to higher powers of q^μ in the numerators by taking derivatives with respect to \tilde{b}^μ .

Results.—The 2PM waveform takes the schematic form

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

where the coefficients $\alpha_i^{(s)}$, $\beta_i^{(s)}$, provided in the ancillary file, are associated with the \mathcal{N} - and \mathcal{M} -type contributions in Eq. (18) respectively; they are functions of u_i , b^μ , v_i^μ , ρ^μ , and $\mathcal{S}_i^{\mu\nu}$ and bilinear in ϵ^μ . The waveform f is invariant under the SUSY transformations in Eq. (8) to quadratic order in spin regardless of the values of $C_{E,i}$. To see this we expand the waveform at all PM orders in powers of spin:

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

where $f_i^{\mu\nu}$ and $f_{ij}^{\mu\nu;\rho\sigma}$ are defined modulo terms that vanish on support of $v_{i,\mu} \mathcal{S}_i^{\mu\nu} = 0$. The SUSY links higher-spin to lower-spin terms:

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

and these identities are satisfied by the waveform [Eq. (24)].

To illustrate the waveform we consider the *gravitational wave memory* $\Delta f(\hat{\mathbf{x}}) := f(+\infty, \hat{\mathbf{x}}) - f(-\infty, \hat{\mathbf{x}})$. The constant spin tensors are decomposed in terms of the Pauli-Lubanski vectors a_i^μ as $\mathcal{S}_i^{\mu\nu} = \epsilon_{\rho\sigma}^{\mu\nu} v_i^\rho a_i^\sigma$, the latter satisfying $a_i \cdot v_i = 0$. In the aligned-spin case $a_i \cdot b = a_i \cdot v_j = 0$, i.e., the spin vectors are orthogonal to the plane of scattering. Writing $|a_i| = \sqrt{-a_i^2}$ the wave memory is then proportional to the nonspinning result:

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

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

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

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

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

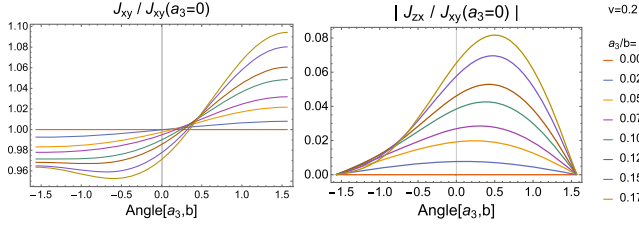


FIG. 2. Total radiated angular momenta for the scattering of two Kerr-BHs with $v = 0.2$ as a function of the angle between the total initial spins $\mathbf{a}_3 = \mathbf{a}_1 + \mathbf{a}_2$ and \mathbf{b} (with $a_i \cdot \mathbf{v}_i = 0$) for a range of ratios $|\mathbf{a}_3|/|\mathbf{b}|$. We show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

At 1PM order there is manifestly no dependence on either the spins S_i^μ or impact parameters b_i^μ , so the SUSY identities in Eq. (26) are trivially satisfied.

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

$$\frac{J_{xy}^{\text{rad}} + iJ_{zx}^{\text{rad}}}{J_{xy}^{\text{init}}|_{S=0}} = \frac{4G^2 m_1 m_2 (2\gamma^2 - 1)}{|b|^2 \sqrt{\gamma^2 - 1}} \mathcal{I}(v) \times \left(1 - \frac{2iv\mathbf{a}_3 \cdot \mathbf{l}}{|b|(1+v^2)} - \frac{(\mathbf{a}_3 \cdot \mathbf{l})^2}{|b|^2} + \sum_{i=1}^2 \frac{C_{E,i}}{|b|^2} (\mathbf{a}_i \cdot \mathbf{l})^2 \right) + \mathcal{O}(G^3). \quad (29)$$

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

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

is a universal prefactor. Equation (29) holds in the rest frame of either body or the center-of-mass (c.o.m.) frame; see Fig. 2 for plots. For a derivation we refer the reader to the Supplemental Material [37]. There we also compute the total radiated energy in the c.o.m. frame. Due to the multiscale nature of the waveform it is difficult to perform the necessary time and solid angle integrals, so we performed a low velocity expansion. For terms up to $\mathcal{O}(v^2)$ we find

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

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

Conclusions.—In this Letter we extended the WQFT to describe spinning compact bodies to quadratic order in spin, and calculated the leading-PM order waveform for highly eccentric (scattering) orbits. Our accompanying work [33] presents an application to further observables such as the spin kick and deflection [26,29] at 2PM order and gives details on the approximate SUSY and its relation to the SSC. The radiated energy [Eq. (31)] should also be particularly useful for future studies. In Refs. [38,39] the $\mathcal{O}(G^3)$ energy loss from a scattering of nonspinning black holes was recently computed to all orders in velocity using the formalism of [40] (see also Ref. [41]); a similar result could conceivably be obtained at $\mathcal{O}(S^2)$, and then checked against Eq. (31) in the low-velocity limit. Similarly, the remarkably simple result for radiated angular momentum [Eq. (29)] at 2PM order is intriguing; it may be important for understanding the high-energy limit; see Ref. [42,43] for the nonspinning case.

The application of modern on shell and integration techniques to compute scattering amplitudes [38,44–48] holds great promise for pushing calculations to higher PM orders. This is demonstrated by the impressive calculation of the 4PM conservative dynamics in the potential region [48,49]—see also Refs. [42,43,46,50–54]. The connection between amplitudes and classical physics was studied in Refs. [40,41,55], and Ref. [27] discussed the connection to bound orbits. Our WQFT framework [16,17] provides an efficient, rather intuitive way to connect amplitude and (classical) worldline EFT calculations. It may therefore benefit from modern amplitude techniques at higher PM orders in future work, building on the compact Lorentz-covariant master integrals provided here.

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