

Renormalized Angular Momentum Across Black Hole Perturbation Frameworks

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Main ideas

- Radial action $\mathcal{I}_r$ for null geodesics in Kerr geometry can be resummed in terms of hypergeometrics.
- Mano-Suzuki-Takasugi (MST) formalism provides a prove that $\mathcal{I}_r$ is related to the renormalized angular momentum ν in the eikonal limit.
- Correspondence between ν and the Seiberg-Witten (SW) fundamental cycle α .
- By definition since $\mathcal{I}_r$ keeps into account the monodromy at infinity, it can be identified with the Floquet index (Fioravanti, Rossi, 2508.19960).
- In this correspondence the resummation properties of $\mathcal{I}_r$ are transmitted to these other quantities.

Plan of the talk

- Recap on black holes (BH) perturbations theory in order to fix notation.
- Heun equations arising from the study of perturbations.
- SW theory and its applications via the Alday–Gaiotto–Tachikawa (AGT) duality.
- The definition of the fundamental SW cycle α .
- MST formalism applied to Kerr geometry (to be concrete).
- The necessity of the introduction of the renormalized angular momentum ν and its correspondence with α .
- Computation of $\mathcal{I}_r$ and its expression in terms of generalized hypergeometric functions.
- Appearance of $\mathcal{I}_r$ in the eikonal limit of ν .
- Some final considerations and possible future applications.

Black Holes Perturbation Theory: The Heun Equations

- Given the Einstein field equations

$$R_{\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{2}g_{\mu\nu}R + \Lambda g_{\mu\nu} = \frac{8\pi G}{c^4} T_{\mu\nu}$$

- The linear perturbation can be studied

$$g_{\mu\nu} \rightarrow g'_{\mu\nu} = g_{\mu\nu} + h_{\mu\nu}$$

- In some cases the eqs at first order in the perturbation $h_{\mu\nu}$ become ODEs of the second order.
- For simplicity, one could alternatively study the propagation of scalar waves in the curved background

$$\square \Phi = \mu^2 \Phi, \quad \square = \frac{1}{\sqrt{g}} \partial_\mu \sqrt{g} g^{\mu\nu} \partial_\nu \quad g = |\det(g_{\mu\nu})|$$

- which in some cases allows the separation between angular and radial dynamics.
- In $d = 4$ the separation is achieved through the ansatz

$$\Phi(t, r, \theta, \phi) = e^{-i\omega t + im\phi} R(r) S(\theta).$$

- $S(\theta)$ are
 - Legendre polynomials in the spherically symmetric case (e.g. Schwarzschild);
 - Oblate spheroidal harmonics in the axially symmetric case (e.g. Kerr).
- In the vast majority of the cases, $R(r)$ are ODE of Heun type (HE) with four regular singularities

$$\left[\frac{d^2}{dz^2} + \left(\frac{\gamma}{z} + \frac{\delta}{z-1} + \frac{\epsilon}{z-t} \right) \frac{d}{dz} + \frac{\alpha\beta z - p}{z(z-1)(z-t)} \right] W(z) = 0$$

- where $\alpha + \beta + 1 = \gamma + \delta + \epsilon$. The normal (or canonical) form is achieved thanks to the redefinition

$$W(z) = z^{-\gamma/2} (1-z)^{-\delta/2} (t-z)^{-\epsilon/2} \psi(z) \quad \Longrightarrow \quad \left[\frac{d^2}{dz^2} + Q_{HE} \right] \psi(z) = 0.$$

Black Holes Perturbation Theory: The Heun Equations

- The Q -functions of the various confluences of the HE are ([Bonelli, Iossa et al 2201.04491](#)):

$$Q_{HE} = \frac{2\gamma - \gamma^2}{4z^2} + \frac{2\delta - \delta^2}{4(z-1)^2} + \frac{2\epsilon - \epsilon^2}{4(z-t)^2} + \frac{-\gamma\epsilon + 2p - \gamma\delta t - 2\alpha\beta z + \gamma\delta z + \gamma z\epsilon + \delta z\epsilon}{2(z-1)z(t-z)}$$

$$Q_{CHE} = -\frac{\epsilon^2}{4} + \frac{2\gamma - \gamma^2}{4z^2} + \frac{2\delta - \delta^2}{4(z-1)^2} + \frac{-\gamma\delta + \gamma\epsilon - 2p + 2\alpha z - \gamma z\epsilon - \delta z\epsilon}{2(z-1)z}$$

$$Q_{RCHE} = \frac{2\gamma - \gamma^2}{4z^2} + \frac{2\delta - \delta^2}{4(z-1)^2} + \frac{\gamma\delta + 2p}{2z} + \frac{2\beta - \gamma\delta - 2p}{2(z-1)}$$

$$Q_{DCHE} = -\frac{\delta^2}{4z^4} - \frac{(\gamma-2)\delta}{2z^3} + \frac{-\gamma^2 + 2\gamma - 2\delta - 4p}{4z^2} + \frac{2\alpha - \gamma}{2z} - \frac{1}{4}$$

$$Q_{RDCHE} = \frac{\epsilon}{z^3} - \frac{p}{z^2} + \frac{\beta}{z} - \frac{1}{4}$$

$$Q_{DRDCHE} = \frac{\epsilon}{z^3} - \frac{p}{z^2} + \frac{1}{z}$$

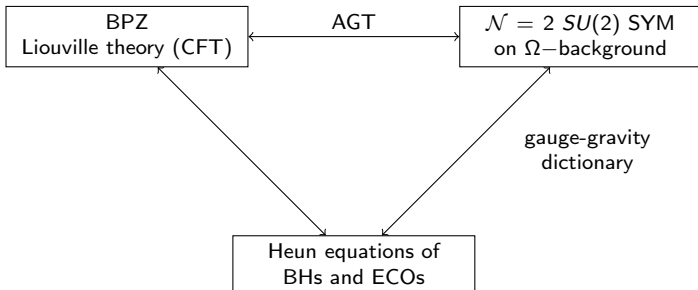
$C = \text{Confluent}, D = \text{Doubly}, R = \text{Reduced}$

- Physically the Q -function plays the role of effective potential thanks to the analogy with the non relativistic Schrödinger eq.
- The function $-Q$ always has a maximum, furthermore
 - Fuzzball geometries: an internal minimum ([Bianchi, GDR 2212.07504](#));
 - Asymptotically AdS geometries: external minimum ([Berti, Cardoso, Pani 0903.5311](#)).

Black Holes Perturbation Theory: The Heun Equations

- Radial dynamics :
 - HE (4 regular): AdS-KN BH ([Aminov, Arnaudo, Bonelli et al 2307.10141](#));
 - CHE (2 regular, 1 irregular): flat KN ([Bonelli, Iossa et al 2105.04483](#), [Bianchi, Consoli et al 2109.09804](#));
 - RCHE (2 regular, 1 irregular): CCLP, D1/D5 circular fuzzball, JMaRT ([Bianchi, GDR 2212.07504](#), [Bianchi, Di Benedetto, GDR et al 2305.00865](#));
 - DCHE (2 irregular) : eKN, D3-D3-D3-D3 BH;
 - RDCHE (2 irregular): eCCLP, BMPV;
 - DRDCHE a.k.a. Mathieu (2 irregular): D3, D1/D5 BHs ([Bianchi, Consoli 2105.04245](#), [Fioravanti, Gregori 2112.11434](#)).
 - Angular dynamics:
 - Spherically symmetric geometries: Spherical harmonics.
 - Axially symmetric geometries:
 - CHE: KN ([Berti, Cardoso, Casalas 0511111](#));
 - RCHE: D1-D5 circular fuzzball, JMaRT.
- ([Bianchi, GDR 2203.14900](#))
- The classical observables of BH perturbation theory.
 - Quasi normal modes (QNMs) whose boundary conditions are:
 - BH: ingoing at horizon, outgoing at infinity;
 - Fuzzballs: regular at cap, outgoing at infinity;
 - AdS BH: ingoing at horizon, regular at infinity.
 - Tidal deformability ([GDR, Fucito, Morales 2402.06621](#))
 - Amplification factor ([Cipriani, Di Benedetto, GDR et al 2405.06566](#))
 - Wave form reconstruction ([Bianchi, Bini, GDR 2407.10868](#), [2411.19612](#), [2502.21040](#), [2506.04876](#))

Gauge-gravity correspondence



- Some correlators in Liouville CFT are related (via AGT) to results of localization for the partition function of $\mathcal{N} = 2$ SYM with $SU(2)$ gauge group.
- Some correlators in the $d = 2$ CFT satisfy a second order ODE which can be mapped to HE coming from BH perturbation theory.
- The instanton gauge theory partition functions provide a combinatorial representation of the Heun function and its connection formulae.

Hanany-Witten brane setup for $N = 2$ SYM theory

- The dynamics of $\mathcal{N} = 2$ $SU(2)$ SYM can be described in terms of the (classical) Seiberg-Witten (SW) elliptic curve

$$qy^2 P_L(x) + yP_0(x) + P_R(x) = 0$$

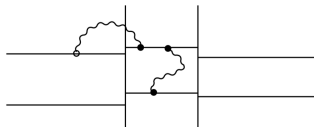
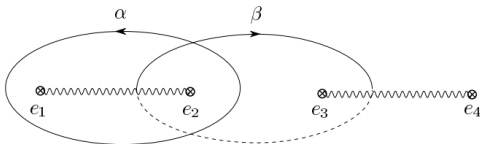
$$P_{L,R} = (x - m_{1,3})(x - m_{2,4}) \quad , \quad P_0 = (x - a_1)(x - a_2)$$

- $P_0 \rightarrow$ position of color D4 branes, $P_{L,R} \rightarrow$ position of flavour D4 branes (Witten, 1997).
- Solve for y

$$y_{\pm} = \frac{1}{2qP_L} \left(-P_0 \pm \sqrt{P_0^2 - 4qP_LP_R} \right) \quad , \quad P_0^2 - 4qP_LP_R = \prod_{i=1}^4 (x - e_i) .$$

- The elliptic curve is a double cover of the complex plane with 2 branch cuts.
- The periods of the elliptic curve

$$a = \oint_{\alpha} \lambda_{SW} \quad , \quad a_D = \oint_{\beta} \lambda_{SW} \quad , \quad \lambda_{SW} = x^2 \frac{dx}{y(x)} .$$



qSW curves for BHs and fuzzballs perturbation theory

- The “classical” SW curve can be embedded in the non commutative Nekrasov-Shatashvili background

$$[\hat{z}, \hat{y}] = \epsilon_1 = \hbar.$$

- The elliptic curve becomes an ODE

$$\left[qz^2 P_L \left(z\partial_z + \frac{\hbar}{2} \right) + zP_0(z\partial_z) + P_R \left(z\partial_z - \frac{\hbar}{2} \right) \right] f(z) = 0.$$

- The canonical (normal) form $\psi''(z) + Q_{2,2}\psi(z) = 0$ is obtained :

$$\begin{aligned} f(z) &= z^{\frac{m_1+m_2}{2\hbar}} (1+z)^{-\frac{1}{2}} - \frac{m_1+m_2}{2\hbar} (1+qz)^{-\frac{1}{2}} + \frac{m_3+m_4}{2\hbar} \psi(z) \\ Q_{2,2} &= \frac{1 - \left(\frac{m_1-m_2}{\hbar} \right)^2}{4z^2} + \frac{1 - \left(\frac{m_1+m_2}{\hbar} \right)^2}{4(1+z)^2} + \frac{q^2 \left(1 - \left(\frac{m_3+m_4}{\hbar} \right)^2 \right)}{4(1+qz)^2} + \\ &+ \frac{2 \left(q \left(m_3 m_4 - \sum_i m_i \hbar + \sum_{i<j} m_i m_j \right) - m_2 m_1 q + m_1^2 + m_2^2 \right) + (q-1) (4u + \hbar^2)}{4z\hbar^2} + \\ &- \frac{q^2 \left(-2m_1 m_2 q + 2m_3 m_4 (q-2) + 2q \left(\sum_{i<j} m_i m_j - \sum_i m_i \hbar \right) + 4(q-1)u + (q+1)\hbar^2 \right)}{4(q-1)\hbar^2(qz+1)} + \\ &+ \frac{-2 \left(q \left(m_3 m_4 + \sum_i m_i \hbar - \sum_{i<j} m_i m_j \right) + m_1^2 (q-1) + m_2 m_1 q + m_2^2 (q-1) \right) + 4(q-1)u + (3q-1)\hbar^2}{4(q-1)(z+1)\hbar^2} \end{aligned}$$

- $Q_{2,2}$ can be mapped to Q_{HE} through the dictionary

qSW curves for BHs and fuzzballs perturbation theory

$$\alpha = 1 + \frac{m_2 + m_4}{\hbar}, \quad \beta = 1 + \frac{m_2 + m_3}{\hbar}, \quad \gamma = 1 - \frac{m_1 - m_2}{\hbar}, \quad \delta = 1 + \frac{m_3 + m_4}{\hbar}$$

$$\epsilon = 1 + \frac{m_1 + m_2}{\hbar}, \quad p = \frac{1 + 3q}{4} + \frac{m_2^2 + m_3 m_4 q + m_2(m_3 + m_4)q + (q - 1)u}{\hbar^2} + \frac{m_2 - m_1 q}{\hbar}.$$

- The confluges of the Heun equation are obtained by decoupling

$$q_{N_f} \rightarrow 0, \quad m_{N_f} \rightarrow \infty \quad \text{with} \quad q_{N_f-1} = -q_{N_f} m_{N_f} = \text{fixed}.$$

- The ODE can be transformed in a difference eq. whose integrability condition is (depending on $a(u, q)$):

$$P_0(a) = \frac{qM(a + \hbar)}{P_0(a + \hbar) - \frac{qM(a + 2\hbar)}{P_0(a + 2\hbar) - \dots}} + \frac{qM(a)}{P_0(a - \hbar) - \frac{qM(a - \hbar)}{P_0(a - 2\hbar) - \dots}}, \quad M(a) = P_L\left(a - \frac{\hbar}{2}\right) P_R\left(a - \frac{\hbar}{2}\right).$$

- Perturbatively solvable in q in order to find the a -cycle

$$a(u, q) = \sqrt{u} + \frac{q}{4\sqrt{u}} \left(\frac{4m_1 m_2 m_3}{4u - \hbar^2} + m_1 + m_2 + m_3 - \hbar \right) + \mathcal{O}(q^2)$$

- a -cycle can be perturbatively inverted for $u(a, q)$ (Coulomb branch modulus).
- Integration of quantum Matone relation provides the prepotential ([Matone, 9506102](#))

$$u = -q \partial_q \mathcal{F}, \quad \mathcal{F} = \mathcal{F}_{\text{three}} + \mathcal{F}_{\text{inst}} + \mathcal{F}_{1\text{-loop}}.$$

- The integration of the quantum Matone relation doesn't keep into account the 1 loop contribution

$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{F}_{1\text{-loop}}}{\partial a} = \hbar \log \left[\frac{\Gamma^2 \left(1 + \frac{2a}{\hbar} \right)}{\Gamma^2 \left(1 - \frac{2a}{\hbar} \right)} \prod_{i=1}^3 \frac{\Gamma \left(\frac{1}{2} + \frac{m_i - a}{\hbar} \right)}{\Gamma \left(\frac{1}{2} + \frac{m_i + a}{\hbar} \right)} \right]$$

- The dual quantum period a_D

$$a_D = -\frac{1}{2\pi i} \frac{\partial \mathcal{F}}{\partial a}$$

MST solutions for homogeneous Teukolsky equation

- Solutions of the homogeneous problem: MST method → applied to Teukolsky eq. (Kerr) which is a CHE (Mano, Suzuki, Takasugi 9603020)

$$\Delta R''(r) + 2(r - M)R'(r) + \left[\frac{K^2}{\Delta} - \lambda \right] R(r) = 0, \quad K = (r^2 + a^2)\omega - m_\phi a$$

$$\Delta = (r - r_+)(r - r_-) \quad r_\pm = M \pm \sqrt{M^2 - a^2}$$

- where the oblate spheroidal harmonics eigenvalue

$$\lambda = E - 2m_\phi a \omega + a^2 \omega^2, \quad E = \ell(\ell + 1) - \frac{2\ell^2 + 2\ell - 2m_\phi^2 - 1}{(2\ell - 1)(2\ell + 3)} a^2 \omega^2 + \mathcal{O}(a^4 \omega^4).$$

- MST-type IN solution: ingoing boundary condition at $r = r_+$. In the variable $z = \frac{r_+ - r}{r_+ - r_-}$:

$$R(z) = e^{i\epsilon\kappa z} (-z)^{-i\frac{\epsilon+\tau}{2}} (1-z)^{i\frac{\epsilon-\tau}{2}} f(z).$$

- The Teukolsky eq becomes

$$\begin{aligned} z(1-z)f''(z) + [1 - i\epsilon - i\tau - (2 - 2i\tau)z]f'(z) + (\nu + i\tau)(\nu + 1 - i\tau)f(z) = \\ = 2i\epsilon\kappa[-z(1-z)f'(z) + (1 + i\epsilon - i\tau)zf(z)] + [-\lambda + \nu(\nu + 1) + \epsilon^2 - i\epsilon\kappa]f(z) \\ \epsilon = 2M\omega, \quad q = \frac{a}{M}, \quad \kappa = \sqrt{1 - q^2}, \quad \tau = \frac{\epsilon - m q}{\kappa} \end{aligned}$$

- where ν is the renormalized angular momentum $\nu = \ell + \mathcal{O}(\omega)$.
- The solution can be written as

$$f(z) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} C_n f_{n+\nu}(z), \quad f_{n+\nu}(z) = {}_2F_1(n + \nu + 1 - i\tau, -n - \nu - i\tau, 1 - i\epsilon - i\tau, z).$$

MST solutions for homogeneous Teukolsky equation

- As a consequence the ODE becomes a 3-terms recursion relation

$$\alpha_n C_{n+1} + \beta_n C_n + \gamma_n C_{n-1} = 0,$$

$$\alpha_n = \frac{i\epsilon\kappa (n + \nu + 1 + i\epsilon) (n + \nu + 1 - i\epsilon) (n + \nu + 1 + i\tau)}{(n + \nu + 1)(2n + 2\nu + 3)},$$

$$\beta_n = -\lambda + (n + \nu)(n + \nu + 1) + \epsilon^2 + \epsilon(\epsilon - m\eta) + \frac{\epsilon^3(\epsilon - m\eta)}{(n + \nu)(n + \nu + 1)},$$

$$\gamma_n = -\frac{i\epsilon\kappa (n + \nu + i\epsilon) (n + \nu - i\epsilon) (n + \nu - i\tau)}{(n + \nu)(2n + 2\nu - 1)}.$$

- The consistency of the 3-terms recursion can be written in the form of a continuous fraction

$$\beta_0 - \frac{\alpha_{-1}\gamma_0}{\beta_{-1} - \frac{\alpha_{-2}\gamma_{-1}}{\beta_{-2} - \frac{\alpha_{-3}\gamma_{-2}}{\beta_{-3} - \dots}}} - \frac{\alpha_0\gamma_1}{\beta_1 - \frac{\alpha_1\gamma_2}{\beta_2 - \frac{\alpha_2\gamma_3}{\beta_3 - \frac{\alpha_3\gamma_4}{\beta_4 - \dots}}}} = 0,$$

- which can be perturbatively solved thanks to the introduction of the renormalized angular momentum (RAM)

$$\nu = \ell + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \nu_n (M\omega)^n.$$

- UP solution: outgoing b.c.s at $R(r) \underset{r \rightarrow \infty}{\sim} e^{i\omega r}$. Introduce $z = \omega(r - r_+)$ and $R(z) = z^{-1} \left(1 + \frac{\epsilon\kappa}{z}\right)^{\frac{i}{2}(\epsilon - \tau)} g(z)$.
- The Teukolsky equation becomes

$$z^2 g''(z) + [z^2 + 2\epsilon z - \nu(\nu + 1)]g(z) = -\epsilon\kappa z(g''(z) + g(z)) + \epsilon\kappa(1 + i\epsilon - i\tau)g'(z) - \frac{\epsilon\kappa(1 + i\epsilon)(1 - i\tau)}{z}g(z) + [\lambda - \nu(\nu + 1) - 2\epsilon^2 + \epsilon m\eta - \epsilon^2\kappa]g(z).$$

MST solutions for homogeneous Teukolsky equation

- As for the IN solution we can manage the RHS of the previous diff.eq. as the (small) source.
- Solution of the LHS can be written in terms of Coulomb functions

$$g(z) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \tilde{C}_n g_{n+\nu}(z),$$

$$g_{n+\nu}(z) = e^{-iz} (2z)^{n+\nu} z^{\frac{\Gamma(n+\nu+1+i\epsilon)}{\Gamma(2n+2\nu+2)}} \Phi(n+\nu+1+i\epsilon, 2n+2\nu+2, 2iz).$$

- Analogously to the IN, plugging the previous ansatz in the ODE, we have again a 3-terms recursion

$$\tilde{\alpha}_n \tilde{C}_{n+1} + \tilde{\beta}_n \tilde{C}_n + \tilde{\gamma}_n \tilde{C}_{n-1} = 0$$

- IN and UP must be matched. This happens if the coefficients of the recursion coincide

$$\alpha_n = \tilde{\alpha}_n, \quad \beta_n = \tilde{\beta}_n, \quad \gamma_n = \tilde{\gamma}_n.$$

- This happens automatically with IN and UP constructed in such way.
- For Teukolsky eq the RAM is

$$\nu_1 = 0, \quad \nu_2 = -\frac{2\ell^2 (15\ell^2 + 15\ell - 11)}{(2\ell - 1)(2\ell + 1)(2\ell + 3)}, \quad \nu_3 = \frac{8\ell^3 (5\ell^2 + 5\ell - 3)}{(\ell + 1)(2\ell - 1)(2\ell + 1)(2\ell + 3)} q$$

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- It turns out that in $d = 4$ ([Bianchi, Bini GDR 2407.10868](#) and [Bini, GDR, Geralico 2508.12046](#))

$$\nu = a - \frac{1}{2}$$

Kerr massless radial action

- The Kerr metric in standard Boyer-Lindquist coordinates reads

$$ds^2 = -\frac{\Delta}{\rho^2} (dt - a s^2 d\phi)^2 + \frac{s^2}{\rho^2} [adt - (r^2 + a^2)d\phi]^2 + \rho^2 \left(\frac{dr^2}{\Delta} + d\theta^2 \right), \quad \rho^2 = r^2 + a^2 c^2.$$

- In the Hamiltonian formalism

$$p_\mu = \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \dot{x}^\mu} = g_{\mu\nu} \dot{x}^\nu, \quad \mathcal{H}(x^\mu, p_\nu) = p_\mu \dot{x}^\mu(p_\nu) - \mathcal{L}(x^\mu, \dot{x}^\mu(p_\nu)) = \frac{1}{2} g_{\mu\nu} p^\mu p^\nu,$$

- The dynamics is separable thanks to the introduction of the Carter constant Q

$$p_\theta^2 = Q - c^2 \left(\frac{J^2}{s^2} - a^2 E^2 \right) \equiv \Theta(\theta),$$

$$p_r^2 = \frac{(E(r^2 + a^2) - aJ)^2}{\Delta^2} - \frac{(J - aE)^2 + Q}{\Delta} \equiv \frac{R(r)}{\Delta^2}$$

- with $p_t = -E$, $p_\phi = J$.
- We are interested in the equatorial motion $\theta = \pi/2$, $p_\theta = 0$, so that $Q = 0$.
- The equatorial radial action for massless unbound geodesics is defined

$$\mathcal{I}_r = \int_{r_{\min}}^{\infty} p_r dr = \frac{J}{\hat{b}} \int_0^{u_2} du \frac{\sqrt{\mathcal{P}(u)}}{u^2 (1 - 2u + \hat{a}^2 u^2)}, \quad \mathcal{P}(u) = 1 - u^2 (\hat{b} - \hat{a}) [\hat{b}(1 - 2u) + \hat{a}(1 + 2u)]$$

- where $u = M/r$, $\hat{b} = J/ME$, $\hat{a} = a/M$, and $r_{\min}$ the external turning points

$$\mathcal{P}(u) = 2(\hat{a} - \hat{b})^2 (u - u_1)(u - u_2)(u - u_3), \quad u_1 > u_2 > 0 > u_3.$$

Kerr massless radial action

- The integration of the radial action can be done formally in terms of Elliptic integrals or Lauricella functions ([Gonzalo Shi 2304.06066](#)).
- We use a Post-Minkowskian (weak field/large b) expansion of the integrand for small spin parameters $\hat{a}$.
- PM expansion generates divergent integrals which require a partie finie regularization

$$\mathcal{I}_r = \frac{J}{\hat{b}} \text{Pf}_{\epsilon_U} \int_0^{U_2} du \mathfrak{I}_r(u) \Big|_{\text{PM}}$$

- by introducing a suitable scale ϵ_U .
- It is convenient to introduce the new integration variable $z = \hat{b}u$, so that the radial action writes as

$$\mathcal{I}_r = \hat{b}ME \text{Pf}_{\epsilon_z} \int_0^{z_2} dz \mathfrak{I}_r(z) \Big|_{\text{PM}},$$

- with $z_2 = \hat{b}u_2 = 1 + O(1/\hat{b})$, $\epsilon_z = \hat{b}\epsilon_U$, and

$$\mathcal{I}_r(z) = \frac{\sqrt{1 - z^2 + W(\hat{a}, \hat{b}; z)}}{z^2 \left(1 - \frac{2z}{\hat{b}} + \frac{\hat{a}^2 z^2}{\hat{b}^2}\right)}, \quad W(\hat{a}, \hat{b}; z) = \frac{2z^3}{\hat{b}} + \frac{z^2 \hat{a}(-4z + \hat{a})}{\hat{b}^2} + \frac{2z^3 \hat{a}^2}{\hat{b}^3}.$$

- Both the upper limit of the integral and the integrand have a large- $\hat{b}$ expansion.
- Expanding the integrand in powers of $\hat{b}$ will generate formally divergent integrals in both limits $z \rightarrow 0$ and $z \rightarrow 1$.
- Following the prescriptions of [Damour, 1912.02139](#) one can get the correct result for the expanded integral by considering only the leading term in the PM expansion of upper limit (i.e., $z_2 = 1$).
- The radial action integral becomes

$$\mathcal{I}_r = \hat{b}ME \text{Pf}_{\epsilon_z} \int_0^1 dz \mathfrak{I}_r(z) \Big|_{\text{PM}}.$$

Kerr massless radial action

- Performing the integration order by order in $\hat{a}$ we obtain:

$$\mathcal{I}_r = ME \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \mathcal{I}_r^{(n)} \hat{a}^n = ME \left[\mathcal{I}_r^{(0)} + \mathcal{I}_r^{(1)} \hat{a} + \mathcal{I}_r^{(2)} \hat{a}^2 + \mathcal{I}_r^{(3)} \hat{a}^3 + \mathcal{I}_r^{(4)} \hat{a}^4 + O(\hat{a}^5) \right].$$

- The various $\mathcal{I}_r^{(n)}$ ($n = 0, \dots, 4$) as functions of $x = 1/\hat{b}$ are listed below, once decomposed in a π -part ($\mathcal{I}_r^{\pi(n)}$) and a non- π ($\mathcal{I}_r^{\neq(n)}$) part (or, equivalently, in x -odd and x -even parts).

TABLE I: Contributions to the the radial action corresponding to various powers of $\hat{a}$. Here (and below) $x = \frac{1}{\hat{b}}$.

$\mathcal{I}_r^{(0)}$	$-\frac{1}{2\pi} \pi {}_3F_2\left(-\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{3}{2}; \frac{3}{2}, \frac{5}{2}; 1; 27x^2\right)$ $\sim -\pi \left(\frac{1}{2} - \frac{15}{8}x - \frac{1155}{128}x^3 + O(x^5)\right)$
$\mathcal{I}_r^{(0)}$	$-1 + 2 \ln(2x) + \frac{39x^2}{2} {}_4F_3\left(1, 1, \frac{3}{2}, \frac{5}{2}; 2, \frac{5}{2}, \frac{7}{2}; 27x^2\right)$ $\sim -1 + 2 \ln(2x) + \frac{39}{2}x^2 + \frac{448}{3}x^4 + \frac{5192}{3}x^6 + O(x^8)$
$\mathcal{I}_r^{(1)}$	$-\frac{6\pi x^2}{8} \left(3 {}_3F_2\left(\frac{7}{6}, \frac{5}{6}, \frac{11}{6}; \frac{5}{2}, 3; 27x^2\right) + {}_4F_3\left(\frac{7}{6}, \frac{5}{6}, \frac{11}{6}, \frac{13}{6}; \frac{5}{2}, \frac{7}{2}, 3; 27x^2\right)\right)$ $\sim -\pi \left(\frac{3}{2}x^2 + \frac{461}{16}x^4 + \frac{100905}{128}x^6 + O(x^8)\right)$
$\mathcal{I}_r^{(1)}$	$-\left[\frac{2\pi}{3} {}_4F_3\left(\frac{1}{3}, 1, 1, \frac{4}{3}; \frac{5}{2}, \frac{7}{2}, 3; 27x^2\right) - \frac{1}{3\pi} (1 - {}_3F_2\left(-\frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{3}, 1; -\frac{1}{2}, \frac{3}{2}; 27x^2\right))\right]$ $\sim -2\pi - \frac{32\pi x^2}{3} - \frac{1792}{15}x^4 + O(x^6)$
$\mathcal{I}_r^{(2)}$	$-\left[-\frac{1}{3}x \left(63x^2 {}_5F_4\left(\frac{11}{6}, \frac{13}{6}, \frac{15}{6}, \frac{17}{6}; 2, \frac{5}{2}, 3; 27x^2\right) + (8x^2 - 6) {}_4F_3\left(\frac{7}{6}, \frac{5}{6}, \frac{11}{6}, \frac{13}{6}; \frac{5}{2}, 1, \frac{7}{2}; 27x^2\right) + 6(x^2 (27 {}_4F_3\left(\frac{11}{6}, \frac{13}{6}, \frac{15}{6}, \frac{17}{6}; \frac{5}{2}, \frac{7}{2}, 3; 27x^2\right) + 5 {}_4F_3\left(\frac{11}{6}, \frac{13}{6}, \frac{15}{6}, \frac{17}{6}; \frac{5}{2}, \frac{7}{2}, 3; 27x^2\right)) - 55 {}_4F_3\left(\frac{13}{6}, \frac{15}{6}, \frac{17}{6}, \frac{19}{6}; \frac{5}{2}, \frac{7}{2}, 3; 27x^2\right)) + {}_4F_3\left(\frac{1}{3}, 1, 1, \frac{4}{3}; \frac{5}{2}, \frac{7}{2}, 3; 27x^2\right)\right)\right]$ $\sim \pi \left(\frac{18}{5}x^3 + \frac{15019}{128}x^5 + \frac{1633645}{4096}x^7 + O(x^9)\right)$
$\mathcal{I}_r^{(2)}$	$\frac{1}{3072\pi^2} \left[-192x^3 {}_4F_3\left(-\frac{5}{3}, -\frac{1}{3}, 1, 1; -\frac{5}{2}, -\frac{3}{2}, 2; 27x^2\right) + 160x^3 {}_4F_3\left(-\frac{4}{3}, -\frac{2}{3}, 1, 1; -\frac{5}{2}, -\frac{3}{2}, 2; 27x^2\right) - 64x^3 {}_4F_3\left(-\frac{2}{3}, -\frac{1}{3}, 1, 1; -\frac{5}{2}, -\frac{3}{2}, 2; 27x^2\right) + {}_5F_4\left(-\frac{5}{3}, -\frac{4}{3}, 1; -\frac{5}{2}, -\frac{3}{2}; 27x^2\right) - 3072x^5 {}_4F_3\left(\frac{2}{3}, 1, 1, \frac{4}{3}; \frac{5}{2}, \frac{7}{2}, 3; 27x^2\right) - 512x^5 {}_4F_3\left(-\frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{3}, 1, 1; -\frac{5}{2}, -\frac{3}{2}, 2; 27x^2\right) - 768x^5 {}_4F_3\left(\frac{2}{3}, \frac{4}{3}, 1, 1; -\frac{5}{2}, -\frac{3}{2}, 2; 27x^2\right) + 2304x^5 {}_4F_3\left(\frac{1}{3}, \frac{2}{3}, 1, 1; -\frac{5}{2}, -\frac{3}{2}, 3; 27x^2\right) + 2304x^5 {}_4F_3\left(\frac{2}{3}, 1, 1, \frac{4}{3}; \frac{5}{2}, \frac{7}{2}, 3; 27x^2\right) - 576x^5 {}_4F_3\left(-\frac{2}{3}, -\frac{1}{3}, 1, 1; -\frac{5}{2}, -\frac{3}{2}, 2; 27x^2\right) + 4608x^5 {}_4F_3\left(-\frac{2}{3}, -\frac{1}{3}, 1, 1; -\frac{5}{2}, -\frac{3}{2}, 3; 27x^2\right) - 3072x^5 {}_4F_3\left(-\frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{3}, 1, 1; -\frac{5}{2}, -\frac{3}{2}, 3; 27x^2\right) + 384x^5 {}_4F_3\left(-\frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{3}, 1, 1; -\frac{5}{2}, -\frac{3}{2}, 2; 27x^2\right) + 512x^5 {}_4F_3\left(\frac{1}{3}, \frac{2}{3}, 1, 1; -\frac{5}{2}, -\frac{3}{2}, 3; 27x^2\right) + 1280x^5 - 64x^4 + 64x^2 - 1\right]$ $\sim x^2 + 64x^4 + \frac{6784}{3}x^6 + O(x^8)$
$\mathcal{I}_r^{(3)}$	$-\frac{1}{4}x^4 \left(-108 {}_4F_3\left(\frac{11}{6}, \frac{13}{6}, \frac{15}{6}, \frac{17}{6}; \frac{5}{2}, 1, \frac{7}{2}; 27x^2\right) - 5(630x^2 {}_4F_3\left(\frac{11}{6}, \frac{13}{6}, \frac{15}{6}, \frac{17}{6}; \frac{5}{2}, \frac{7}{2}, 3; \frac{11}{2}; 27x^2\right) + 20 {}_4F_3\left(\frac{11}{6}, \frac{13}{6}, \frac{15}{6}, \frac{17}{6}; \frac{5}{2}, \frac{7}{2}, 2; \frac{11}{2}; 27x^2\right) - 22(4x^2 + 5) {}_4F_3\left(\frac{11}{6}, \frac{13}{6}, \frac{15}{6}, \frac{17}{6}; \frac{5}{2}, 2, \frac{11}{2}; 27x^2\right) - 28 {}_4F_3\left(\frac{11}{6}, \frac{13}{6}, \frac{15}{6}, \frac{17}{6}; \frac{5}{2}, \frac{7}{2}, 3; \frac{11}{2}; 27x^2\right) + 91 {}_4F_3\left(\frac{11}{6}, \frac{13}{6}, \frac{15}{6}, \frac{17}{6}; \frac{5}{2}, \frac{7}{2}, 3; \frac{11}{2}; 27x^2\right))\right]$ $\sim -\pi \left(\frac{27}{2}x^4 + \frac{6455}{16}x^6 + \frac{1460195}{1024}x^8 + O(x^{10})\right)$
$\mathcal{I}_r^{(3)}$	$\frac{1}{36864\pi^2} \left[50x^3 {}_5F_4\left(-\frac{5}{6}, -\frac{7}{6}, 1, 1; -\frac{5}{2}, -\frac{3}{2}; 27x^2\right) - 576x^3 {}_4F_3\left(-\frac{5}{6}, -\frac{7}{6}, 1, 1; -\frac{5}{2}, -\frac{3}{2}, 2; 27x^2\right) + 1024x^3 {}_4F_3\left(-\frac{5}{6}, -\frac{7}{6}, 1, 1; -\frac{5}{2}, -\frac{3}{2}; 27x^2\right) - 224x^3 {}_4F_3\left(-\frac{5}{6}, -\frac{7}{6}, 1, 1; -\frac{5}{2}, -\frac{3}{2}; 27x^2\right) + 3 {}_5F_4\left(-\frac{11}{6}, -\frac{13}{6}, 1, 1; -\frac{5}{2}, -\frac{3}{2}; 27x^2\right) - 6 {}_5F_4\left(-\frac{11}{6}, -\frac{13}{6}, 1, 1; -\frac{5}{2}, -\frac{3}{2}; 27x^2\right) - 12288x^5 {}_4F_3\left(-\frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{3}, 1, 1; -\frac{5}{2}, -\frac{3}{2}, 3; 27x^2\right) + 9216x^5 {}_4F_3\left(\frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{3}, 1, 1; -\frac{5}{2}, -\frac{3}{2}, 3; 27x^2\right) + 1920x^5 {}_4F_3\left(-\frac{4}{3}, -\frac{2}{3}, 1, 1; -\frac{5}{2}, -\frac{3}{2}, 2; 27x^2\right) - 6912x^5 {}_4F_3\left(-\frac{4}{3}, -\frac{2}{3}, 1, 1; -\frac{5}{2}, -\frac{3}{2}; 27x^2\right) + 46080x^5 {}_4F_3\left(-\frac{4}{3}, -\frac{2}{3}, 1, 1; -\frac{5}{2}, -\frac{3}{2}, 3; 27x^2\right) - 15360x^5 {}_4F_3\left(-\frac{5}{6}, -\frac{7}{6}, 1, 1; -\frac{5}{2}, -\frac{3}{2}, 3; 27x^2\right) + 10752x^5 {}_4F_3\left(-\frac{5}{6}, -\frac{7}{6}, 1, 1; -\frac{5}{2}, -\frac{3}{2}, 3; 27x^2\right) - 5760x^5 {}_4F_3\left(-\frac{5}{6}, -\frac{7}{6}, 1, 1; -\frac{5}{2}, -\frac{3}{2}; 27x^2\right) + 2400x^5 {}_4F_3\left(-\frac{5}{6}, -\frac{7}{6}, 1, 1; -\frac{5}{2}, -\frac{3}{2}; 27x^2\right) - 15360x^5 {}_4F_3\left(-\frac{5}{6}, -\frac{7}{6}, 1, 1; -\frac{5}{2}, -\frac{3}{2}, 3; 27x^2\right) + 3840x^5 {}_4F_3\left(-\frac{5}{6}, -\frac{7}{6}, 1, 1; -\frac{5}{2}, -\frac{3}{2}, 3; 27x^2\right) + 6144x^5 - 8832x^3 + 2144x^4 - 218x^3 + 3\right]$ $\sim -\frac{3}{2}x^3 - \frac{320}{3}x^5 - 6400x^7 + O(x^9)$

WKB solution

- WKB-type solution of scalar wave equation is obtained

$$\ell = \frac{J}{\hbar} - \frac{1}{2}, \quad \omega = \frac{E}{\hbar}, \quad R_{\ell m \phi \omega}(r) = \frac{e^{i \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \hbar^{k-1} S_k(r)}}{\sqrt{\Delta}}.$$

- So that for small $\hbar$

$$\left(\frac{dS_0(r)}{dr} \right)^2 = p_r^2.$$

- The solution of scalar waves equation describing purely ingoing waves at horizon is

$$R_{\ell m \phi \omega}^{\text{in}} \sim e^{-ikr_*}, \quad r \rightarrow r_+,$$

$$R_{\ell m \phi \omega}^{\text{in}} \sim B_{\ell m \phi \omega}^{\text{inc}} \frac{e^{-i\omega r_*}}{r} + B_{\ell m \phi \omega}^{\text{ref}} \frac{e^{i\omega r_*}}{r}, \quad r \rightarrow r_\infty,$$

- with $k = \omega - m_\phi a/2Mr_+$, $r_* = \int \frac{r^2 + a^2}{\Delta} dr$ is the tortoise coordinate.
- The scattering phase is defined

$$e^{2i\delta_{\ell m \phi \omega}} = (-1)^{\ell+1} \frac{B_{\ell m \phi \omega}^{\text{ref}}}{B_{\ell m \phi \omega}^{\text{inc}}}, \quad 2\delta_{\ell}^{\text{WKB}} = 2\frac{\mathcal{I}_r}{\hbar} + \ell\pi$$

- IN MST formalism and for equatorial scattering $m_\phi = \ell$ we found

$$\delta_{\ell m \phi \omega} + \delta_{\ell m \phi -\omega} = \pi(\nu - \ell)$$

- At the leading-order in a large ℓ expansion we have the following relation

$$\frac{(\nu - \ell)}{\ell} \underset{\ell \rightarrow \infty}{\sim} \sum_i G_i \hat{a}^i,$$

Final results

$$\begin{aligned}
 G_0(x) &= -\frac{15}{4}x^2 - \frac{1155}{64}x^4 - \frac{51051}{256}x^6 - \frac{47805615}{16384}x^8 - \frac{3234846615}{65536}x^{10} - \frac{957220521075}{1048576}x^{12} + O(x^{14}) \\
 &= {}_3F_2\left(-\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{6}, \frac{5}{6}; \frac{1}{2}, 1; 27x^2\right) - 1, \\
 G_1(x) &= 5x^3 + \frac{693}{8}x^5 + \frac{109395}{64}x^7 + \frac{37182145}{1024}x^9 + \frac{13233463425}{16384}x^{11} + O(x^{13}) \\
 &= 5x^3 {}_3F_2\left(\frac{7}{6}, \frac{3}{2}, \frac{11}{6}; 2, \frac{5}{2}; 27x^2\right), \\
 G_2(x) &= -\frac{95}{16}x^4 - \frac{15939}{64}x^6 - \frac{16518645}{2048}x^8 - \frac{1970653685}{8192}x^{10} - \frac{1812984489225}{262144}x^{12} + O(x^{14}) \\
 &= \frac{1}{16}x^4 \left(-11088x^2 {}_3F_2\left(\frac{13}{6}, \frac{5}{2}, \frac{17}{6}; 2, \frac{7}{2}; 27x^2\right) - 360 {}_3F_2\left(\frac{7}{6}, \frac{3}{2}, \frac{11}{6}; 1, \frac{5}{2}; 27x^2\right) - 5 {}_3F_2\left(\frac{7}{6}, \frac{3}{2}, \frac{11}{6}; \frac{5}{2}, 3; 27x^2\right) \right. \\
 &\quad \left. + \frac{5((9x^2 - 47) {}_2F_1\left(\frac{7}{6}, \frac{11}{6}; 3; 27x^2\right) - 7(189x^2 + 1) {}_2F_1\left(\frac{11}{6}, \frac{13}{6}; 3; 27x^2\right))}{27x^2 - 1} \right), \\
 G_3(x) &= \frac{27}{4}x^5 + \frac{4455}{8}x^7 + \frac{14209195}{512}x^9 + \frac{578013345}{512}x^{11} + O(x^{13}) \\
 &= \frac{1}{128}x^5 \left(-31680x^2 {}_3F_2\left(\frac{13}{6}, \frac{17}{6}, \frac{7}{2}; 2, \frac{9}{2}; 27x^2\right) - 1408 {}_3F_2\left(\frac{7}{6}, \frac{11}{6}, \frac{5}{2}; 1, \frac{7}{2}; 27x^2\right) \right. \\
 &\quad + 2560 {}_5F_4\left(\frac{7}{6}, \frac{11}{6}, 2, 2, 2; 1, 1, 1, 3; 27x^2\right) - 2048 {}_5F_4\left(\frac{7}{6}, \frac{11}{6}, 2, 2, \frac{5}{2}; 1, 1, 1, \frac{7}{2}; 27x^2\right) \\
 &\quad + 70840x^2 {}_2F_1\left(\frac{13}{6}, \frac{17}{6}; 4; 27x^2\right) + 1760 {}_2F_1\left(\frac{7}{6}, \frac{11}{6}; 3; 27x^2\right) \\
 &\quad \left. + 765765x^4 {}_2F_1\left(\frac{19}{6}, \frac{23}{6}; 5; 27x^2\right) \right), \tag{4.32}
 \end{aligned}$$

- So that the connection between the null geodesics radial action (expanded in powers of $\hat{a}$) to the RAM ratio $\frac{\nu - \ell}{\ell}$ expanded in powers of $\hat{a}$ is

$$\frac{G_i(x) + \delta_{i0}}{2x} = -I_r^{\pi(i)}(x), \quad i = 0, \dots, 4.$$

Conclusions

- These resummed expressions in black hole perturbation theory, could improve so far the accuracy in (semi-)analytical simulations (for example, Effective-One-Body-based) of the two-bodies dynamics.

Outlooks

- The Schwarzschild massive radial action can be resummed at all orders in PM expansion ($\hat{b}$) and all orders in the probe mass (work in progress)
- Generalize the scalar wave (spin-0) results to the the generic spin s case.
- Generalize to the non planar case.

Thank you for attention!