

Spin effects in the effective field theory approach to Post-Minkowskian conservative dynamics

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ABSTRACT: Building upon the worldline effective field theory (EFT) formalism for spinning bodies developed for the Post-Newtonian regime, we generalize the EFT approach to Post-Minkowskian (PM) dynamics to include rotational degrees of freedom in a manifestly covariant framework. We introduce a systematic procedure to compute the total change in momentum and spin in the gravitational scattering of compact objects. For the special case of spins aligned with the orbital angular momentum, we show how to construct the radial action for elliptic-like orbits using the Boundary-to-Bound correspondence. As a paradigmatic example, we solve the scattering problem to next-to-leading PM order with linear and bilinear spin effects and arbitrary initial conditions, incorporating for the first time finite-size corrections. We obtain the aligned-spin radial action from the resulting scattering data, and derive the periastron advance and binding energy for circular orbits. We also provide the (square of the) center-of-mass momentum to $\mathcal{O}(G^2)$, which may be used to reconstruct a Hamiltonian. Our results are in perfect agreement with the existent literature, while at the same time extend the knowledge of the PM dynamics of compact binaries at quadratic order in spins.

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1 Introduction

The power of gravitational wave (GW) science [1] is predicated on the precise reconstruction of the GW signal as a function of the parameters of the sources, notably binary compact objects [2–4]. As one may anticipate, effects due to spin play a key role in the problem, e.g. [5], particularly due to the expectation that binary black holes in the observable universe may be rapidly rotating, e.g. [6]. Spinning black holes have also attracted interest in recent years due their ability to harvest clouds of putative ultralight particles [7], which can be fleshed out either through mass/spin distributions and GW stochastic backgrounds [8–12] or, more promising, the precise reconstruction of the GW signal emitted from binary systems [13, 14]. Rotating black holes have puzzled relativists for decades, taking almost 50 years after the discovery of Schwarzschild’s solution to arrive at the Kerr metric [15]. Not surprisingly, the situation does not improve in the two-body problem. Consequently, incorporating spin effects in the dynamics of binary systems was a daunting task, with seminal steps in the work of [16–24], and (in comparison) until not that long ago spin effects in the perturbative Post-Newtonian (PN) expansion of small-velocity/weak-gravity were restricted to the spin-orbit sector and to next-to-leading order (NLO) [25–28].¹ The state of affairs rapidly progressed thereafter, notably after to the development of the effective field theory (EFT) approach in [30, 31] (see [32–34] for reviews), and spin effects in the PN conservative dynamics are currently known to N²LO [27, 35–43], and partial results at $\mathcal{O}(G^4)$ [44, 45], with generic orientations; and to N³LO [46, 47] with aligned-spin configurations.² This complements our knowledge of spin-independent conservative contributions — both from potential and radiation-reaction effects — which are known up to N⁵LO [62–75], with partial results at higher orders computed using various methodologies, e.g. [76–79]. Many of the calculations representing the current state of the art in the PN regime — in particular for the conservative sector and spin effects — were obtained using variants of the EFT approach developed in [30, 31]. The goal of this paper is thus to repurpose the worldline theory for spinning bodies, originally introduced for the PN expansion, to calculate spin effects in the Post-Minkowskian (PM) regime using the EFT approach and boundary-to-bound (B2B) correspondence developed in [80–84].

In contrast to applying Mathisson-Papapetrou-Dixon (MPD) equations-of-motion (EoM) independently for momentum and spin [16–19], one of the main advantages of an EFT framework for rotating bodies — presently widely adopted [34, 85] — is the introduction of a point-particle effective action to describe compact objects in gravitational backgrounds [31].³ In addition, finite-size effects can be readily incorporated as a series of corrections beyond minimal coupling constrained solely by diffeomorphism invariance [30, 31]

¹Needless to say, numerical simulations for spinning black holes in the strongly coupled regime are also significantly more involved than non-rotating counterparts, e.g. [29].

²On the other hand, spin-dependent radiation effects are only known to NLO to quadratic order in the spins [28, 48–55], and N²LO for spin-orbit corrections [56]. The radiated power without spin was (re-)obtained in the EFT framework of [30, 57] to N²LO in [58]. Absorption effects in the EFT were studied in [59–61].

³The use of a Lagrangian for spinning bodies in general relativity was also advocated in the earlier work of [21, 86], see also e.g. [87] and references therein for other developments following an action principle.

without the need of an *ansatz* for the stress energy tensor. The EFT framework therefore reduces the number of free parameters in previous (more traditional) approaches, e.g. [40]. There are a few other subtleties when dealing with the spin dynamics of point-like objects. For instance, the gauge redundancy in describing rotational degrees of freedom in relativistic theories means that *Spin Supplementarity Conditions* (SCCs) are often invoked [88]. Moreover, rather than a *position* the spin angular momentum behaves as a *conjugated* variable. This naturally leads us to an effective theory written in terms of a Routhian [36–38]; that is, half as a Lagrangian (for the position/velocity) and half as a Hamiltonian (for the spin variables). The EFT machinery then sets in, systematically “integrating out” in the saddle point approximation the *potential* and *radiation* modes of the gravitational field, via a series of Feynman diagrams. As it is customary, divergences of the point-particle approximation are then naturally handled via regularization/renormalization [34].

Up until recently, efforts to solve the conservative binary dynamics of compact objects have focused on the direct calculation of the Hamiltonian [68] or Lagrangian [69–73] as an intermedia step towards constructing waveforms. This was no different for spin effects [34, 85]. However, building upon novel ideas from scattering amplitudes [89–91], in the last years we experienced an explosion of work using the classical limit of amplitudes, either to compute the impulse or to extract an effective Hamiltonian which can then be used to study generic orbits, e.g. [92–134]. These developments, which notably belong to the realm of the PM expansion, have produced the state of the art for the conservative dynamics of non-spinning bodies in the PM regime at N²LO order [93–95], and very recently also partial results (with potential modes) at N³LO [134]. On the other hand, for spinning bodies, spin-orbit and spin₁-spin₂ contributions are presently known to NLO in the PM regime [97, 104, 105, 121, 122, 135, 136]. (Radiation effects in the PM expansion have also been recently approached in e.g. [137–141].)

While the derivation of a (classical) Hamiltonian from a (quantum) scattering amplitude as an intermedia step is a perfectly viable option (dating back to the work of Iwasaki [142]), one of the main paradigms in modern approaches is to avoid the introduction of gauge-dependent objects [89, 90]. For instance, this was adopted in [96, 97] to solve the (classical) scattering problem, obtaining the impulse from the amplitude, although without providing yet the necessary link to bound states. This became then the main motivation behind the B2B correspondence — to remain entirely within the *on-shell* philosophy. The B2B dictionary was first introduced in [80, 81], mapping scattering data to observables for elliptic-like orbits via a radial action and analytic continuation in binding energy and angular momentum. This allowed us to directly relate gravitational observables without ever invoking a Hamiltonian. In its first incarnation [80], the B2B map relied on the connection (dubbed ‘impetus formula’) between the center-of-mass momentum and the (infrared-finite) scattering amplitude in the classical limit, which was used to compute the radial action. (See [134] for further developments in the amplitude-action link motivated by the B2B correspondence [80, 81].)

In the second version, suggested in [80] and elaborated upon in [81], the B2B map was entirely constructed from the knowledge of the scattering angle instead. Moreover, in [81] we showed how spin effects are incorporated in the B2B correspondence through the connec-

tion between the periastron advance and scattering angle, albeit for configurations where spins are aligned with the orbital angular momentum. Once the B2B dictionary is written in terms of the deflection angle, bypassing the need to go through the classical limit of a scattering amplitude, the remaining task is to systematically compute the former entirely within the classical domain. Following the pioneering work in [30], an EFT formalism was developed in [82] to solve for the impulse and scattering angle via Feynman diagrams, originally without spin effects. Shortly after the EFT approach was introduced, and benefiting from the simplifications of the classical framework together with powerful tools for computing ‘loop’ integrals via differential equations [91, 128], the EFT formalism rapidly achieved the state of the art at 3PM [83], subsequently yielding new results for tidal effects beyond leading order [84]. In this paper, building upon the worldline theory in [31, 37, 38, 41], we continue the development of the EFT approach by incorporating spin effects in the scattering problem, insofar for the conservative sector. We will then implement the B2B dictionary to derive observables for bound orbits with aligned spins. Mirroring the simplifications already reflected in [82–84], the inclusion of spin in classical scattering and consequently in elliptic-like motion become remarkably simpler than computing the Hamiltonian. As a result, we will readily achieve the state of the art for spin-orbit and spin₁-spin₂ effects in the PM regime, and present spin₁₍₂₎-spin₁₍₂₎ contributions to NLO, including finite-size effects, for the first time.

This paper is organized as follows. In section 2 we review the worldline EFT for spinning compact objects developed in [31, 37, 38, 41], and subsequently adapt it to the PM expansion along the lines of [82]. In section 3 we discuss the construction of the bound radial action via the B2B map with (aligned-)spin effects, as well as the matching between the coefficients of the deflection angle and the square of the CoM momentum (impetus). In section 4 we apply the EFT approach within the covariant SSC to compute the total momentum impulse and spin kick to 2PM and quadratic order in the spins, with generic initial orientations. We also discuss the map to canonical variables and derive the (aligned-spin) deflection angle. Finally, in section 5 we derive the bound radial action through the B2B correspondence and compute observables to NLO in the PM regime and quadratic order in the spins, including finite-size effects beyond leading order. We also display the coefficients of the impetus to 2PM. We conclude in section 6 with a few remarks on future directions. Aspects of the calculations are relegated to appendices. We provide also an ancillary file as Supplementary Material with more detailed results.

Conventions. We use $\eta_{\mu\nu} = \text{diag}(+, -, -, -)$ for the Minkowski metric. The product of four-vectors is denoted as $k \cdot x = \eta_{\mu\nu} k^\mu x^\nu$, and $\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{x} = \delta^{ij} \mathbf{k}^i \mathbf{x}^j$ for the Euclidean case, with boldface letters representing three-vectors. We use the convention $\epsilon_{0123} = 1$ from the `xCoba` package. We work in dimensional regularization in $D = d - 2\epsilon$ dimensions, with d either 4, 3 or 2. We use the notation $\int_k \equiv \int d^D k / (2\pi)^D$, as well as $\hat{\delta}(x) \equiv 2\pi\delta(x)$. We use $M_{\text{pl}}^{-1} \equiv \sqrt{32\pi G}$ for the Planck mass, in $\hbar = c = 1$ units, with G Newton’s constant.

2 Spinning bodies in the PM EFT approach

We start by briefly reviewing the worldline effective theory approach for rotating compact bodies [31, 37, 38]. Afterwards we show how to solve for the momentum and spin impulse in gravitational scattering to all orders in G . For more details in the EFT framework see [34].

2.1 Worldline effective theory

As it is well-known, e.g. [88], additional constrained variables are needed in order to introduce a local (off-shell) effective action describing a spinning body in a relativistic framework. Following the analogy with angular momentum, we use a spin tensor, $S^{\alpha\beta}$, that is subject to a SSC (technically a second class constraint) [31]. In order to preserve covariance (without background fields) it is customary to resort to a covariant one,

$$S^{\alpha\beta} p_\beta = 0, \tag{2.1}$$

with p_μ the particle's momentum. The preservation of the SSC upon evolution implies [34]

$$p^\alpha = \frac{1}{\sqrt{v^2}} \left(m v^\alpha + \frac{1}{2m} R_{\beta\rho\mu\nu} S^{\alpha\beta} S^{\mu\nu} v^\rho + \dots \right), \tag{2.2}$$

with $v^\mu \equiv \frac{dx^\mu}{d\sigma}$ the particle's velocity and σ as an affine parameter. The ellipses account for higher orders in spin and curvature. To bilinear order in the spin, the SSC in (2.1) becomes

$$S^{\alpha\beta} v_\beta = 0 + \mathcal{O}(S^3). \tag{2.3}$$

The mass, $m \equiv m(S^2)$, can be read-off from the on-shell condition, $p^2 = m^2$, which also serves as a constraint enforcing reparameterization invariance [88].

To introduce a worldline action, from which the equations of motion can be derived, it is convenient to use a tetrad field, e_μ^I , which co-rotates with the (compact) body [31]. Using a locally-flat frame, e_μ^a (with $g^{\mu\nu} e_\mu^a e_\nu^b = \eta^{ab}$), the co-rotating tetrad can be parameterized in terms of an element of the Lorentz algebra, Λ_a^I , via $e_\mu^I = \Lambda_a^I e_\mu^a$. Using these fields (and time derivatives) as degrees of freedom we can introduce an action such that we obtain the MPD equations of motions, with the spin tensor emerging as a momentum variable conjugate to the angular velocity of the co-rotating field [31]. Because of this, rather than a Lagrangian (or a Hamiltonian), it turns out to be useful to use a Routhian instead to describe rotating bodies, with the spin promoted to a lead-actor in the effective theory. Furthermore, it is also convenient to write the worldline theory using the spin variables projected onto the locally-flat frame,

$$S^{ab} \equiv S^{\mu\nu} e_\mu^a e_\nu^b, \tag{2.4}$$

such that the S^{ab} matrices obey the $\text{SO}(1,3)$ algebra,

$$\{S^{ab}, S^{cd}\} = \eta^{ac} S^{bd} + \eta^{bd} S^{ac} - \eta^{ad} S^{bc} - \eta^{bc} S^{ad}. \tag{2.5}$$

The SSC is then easily incorporated through Lagrange multipliers which are fixed by the preservation upon evolution. These extra parameters then yield an additional (curvature-dependent) term in the worldline Routhian (see (2.8) below) [34]. As in the non-spinning

case, the worldline theory can also readily include spin-dependent finite-size effects through diffeomorphism invariant contributions beyond minimal coupling [30, 31]. For instance, the self-induced quadrupole moment of a rotating body is described by the coupling, first introduced in [31, 37, 38],

$$\frac{C_{ES^2}}{2m} \int \frac{E_{\mu\nu}}{\sqrt{v^2}} e_a^\mu e_b^\nu S^{ac} S_c^b d\sigma, \tag{2.6}$$

where $E_{\mu\nu}$ is the electric component of the Weyl tensor. The *Wilson coefficient*, C_{ES^2} , parameterizes our ignorance about the internal degrees of freedom of the compact object, either a black hole, neutron star, or any other exotic possibility. For example, for a Kerr black hole we have $C_{ES^2}^{\text{Kerr}} = 1$ [38], but (much) larger values may be obtained in other scenarios, for instance with clouds of ultralight particles surrounding black holes [13, 14].

Before we move on, there is yet another important simplification that occurs when studying scattering processes. As it was discussed in [82–84], without spin, we can introduce an einbein, e , and a Polyakov-type action linear in the metric field. We can then choose the gauge $e = 1$, which coincides with the proper-time for incoming and outgoing states. It is straightforward to extend the same reasoning to the case of spinning bodies, resulting in a point-particle worldline action that can be written as

$$S_{\text{pp}} \equiv \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} d\tau \mathcal{R}, \tag{2.7}$$

with τ the proper-time (at $\pm\infty$). The Routhian, \mathcal{R} , in the covariant SSC then takes the form

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{R} = & -\frac{1}{2} \left(m g_{\mu\nu} v^\mu v^\nu + \omega_\mu^{ab} S_{ab} v^\mu \right. \\ & \left. + \frac{1}{m} R_{\beta\rho\mu\nu} e_a^\alpha e_b^\beta e_c^\mu e_d^\nu S^{ab} S^{cd} v^\rho v_\alpha - \frac{C_{ES^2}}{m} E_{\mu\nu} e_a^\mu e_b^\nu S^{ac} S_c^b + \dots \right), \end{aligned} \tag{2.8}$$

to linear order in curvature and quadratic order in the spins, with ω_μ^{ab} the Ricci rotation coefficients. The last two (curvature-dependent) terms account for the conservation of the SSC as well as finite-size effects to quadratic order in the spins, respectively. The EoM are obtained via [34]

$$\frac{\delta}{\delta x^\mu} S_{\text{pp}} = 0, \quad \frac{d}{d\tau} S^{ab} = \{S^{ab}, \mathcal{R}\}. \tag{2.9}$$

Notice that after expanding in the weak field limit,

$$g_{\mu\nu} = \eta_{\mu\nu} + h_{\mu\nu}/M_{\text{Pl}}, \tag{2.10}$$

the mass coupling remains linear in the metric [82], but that is not the case for the other terms, which instead yield non-linear gravitational interactions both at linear and bilinear order in the spin. In what follows we show how to use this formalism to compute the total momentum and spin impulses in gravitational encounters.

2.2 Momentum & spin impulses

The computation follows similar steps as described in [82]. We start by ‘integrating out’ the gravitational field in the potential region in a saddle-point approximation ($A = 1, 2$)

$$e^{iS_{\text{eff}}[x_A, S_A^{ab}]} = \int \mathcal{D}h_{\mu\nu} e^{iS_{\text{EH}}[h] + iS_{\text{GF}}[h] + i \int d\tau \mathcal{R}[x_A, S_A^{ab}, h]}, \quad (2.11)$$

where S_{EH} and S_{GF} are the Einstein-Hilbert action and gauge-fixing terms, respectively. As explained in [82], we adapt S_{GF} (as well as total time-derivatives) to simplify the resulting Feynman rules. The effective Routhian/action then becomes a (local-in-time)⁴ function of the position and spin of the two-body systems,

$$S_{\text{eff}} = \sum_n \int d\tau_1 \mathcal{R}_n[x_1(\tau_1), S_1(\tau_1); x_1(\tau_2), S_2(\tau_1)]. \quad (2.12)$$

The \mathcal{R}_n ’s are the $\mathcal{O}(G^n)$ contribution to the worldline Routhian after evaluating the Feynman integrals for generic configurations. From here we can then use (2.9) to obtain the EoM, which we can solve iteratively in powers of G , both for the position variables [82],

$$\begin{aligned} x_A^\mu(\tau_A) &= b_A^\mu + u_a^\mu \tau_a + \sum_n \delta^{(n)} x_A^\mu(\tau_A), \\ v_A^\nu(\tau_A) &= u_A^\nu + \sum_n \delta^{(n)} v_A^\nu(\tau_A), \end{aligned} \quad (2.13)$$

as well as the spin in a locally-flat frame,

$$S_A^{ab}(\tau_A) = \mathcal{S}_A^{ab} + \sum_n \delta^{(n)} S_A^{ab}(\tau_A). \quad (2.14)$$

The initial values, $\{b_A^\mu, u_A^\mu, \mathcal{S}_A^{ab}\}$, are related to the impact parameter, $b \equiv b_1 - b_2$, incoming velocity and spin, respectively. Since the perturbation vanishes at infinity, we have $e_\mu^a \rightarrow \delta_\mu^a$. Hence, the locally-flat frame and Lorentzian one (where the initial spins and velocities are defined) coincide. This observation allows us to enforce the SSC in (2.3) via the constraint

$$\mathcal{S}_{\mu\nu} u^\nu = 0, \quad (2.15)$$

on the initial data, which is then preserved by the evolution equations in (2.9). The total momentum impulse is obtained as in [82], but with a Routhian rather than a Lagrangian,

$$\Delta p_A^\mu = -\eta^{\mu\nu} \sum_n \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} d\tau_A \frac{\partial \mathcal{R}_n}{\partial x_A^\nu}. \quad (2.16)$$

Similarly to the non-spinning case, the *iterations* of the EoM on lower order contributions to the effective action play an important role [82], and we have the same type of decomposition

$$\Delta^{(n)} p_A^\mu = \sum_{k \leq n} \Delta_{\mathcal{R}_k}^{(n)} p_A^\mu, \quad (2.17)$$

⁴We are ignoring here the non-local contributions due to radiation-reaction (tail) effects [65, 67, 71], which include also spin-dependent effects at higher PM orders.

at n PM order, with

$$\Delta_{\mathcal{R}_k}^{(n)} p_A^\mu \equiv -\eta^{\mu\nu} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} d\tau_A \quad (2.18)$$

$$\times \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x_A^\nu} \mathcal{R}_k \left[b_{A(B)} + u_{A(B)} \tau_{A(B)} + \sum_{r=0}^{n-k} \delta^{(r)} x_{A(B)}; \mathcal{S}_{A(B)}^{ab} + \sum_{r=0}^{n-k} \delta^{(r)} S_{A(B)}^{ab} \right] \right)_{\mathcal{O}(G^n)} .$$

Likewise, the total change of spin follows from

$$\Delta S_A^{ab} = \sum_n \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} d\tau_A \{ S_A^{ab}, \mathcal{R}_n \} , \quad (2.19)$$

which must be evaluated iteratively on solutions to the EoM, yielding the same structure, i.e. $\Delta_{\mathcal{R}_k}^{(n)} S_A^{ab}$, as in (2.18).

It is somewhat convenient to re-write the final covariant expressions, obtained after using the EoM though (2.9), in terms of the initial Pauli-Lubanski vector,

$$\mathcal{S}_A^\mu = m_A a_A^\mu \equiv \frac{1}{2} \epsilon^{\mu\nu\alpha\beta} \mathcal{S}_A^{\alpha\beta} u_A^\nu , \quad (2.20)$$

where we take advantage of the fact that both the incoming velocity and spin tensor live in the same (inertial) frame. This observation drastically simplifies the handling of the SSC in the scattering problem. By considering only incoming/outgoing states in Minkowski space, the complexity due to the mismatch between the locally-flat and ‘PN frame’ disappears. Furthermore, for the case of spins aligned with the angular momentum, it is easy to see that the motion remains in a plane, and we can compute the standard deflection angle, e.g. [82],

$$2 \sin \left(\frac{\chi}{2} \right) = \frac{\sqrt{-\Delta p_1^2}}{p_\infty} , \quad (2.21)$$

where the momentum at infinity, p_∞ , is given by

$$p_\infty = \mu \frac{\sqrt{\gamma^2 - 1}}{\Gamma} = \mu \hat{p}_\infty , \quad (2.22)$$

and

$$\gamma \equiv u_1 \cdot u_2 , \quad (2.23)$$

$$\Gamma \equiv E/M = \sqrt{1 + 2\nu(\gamma - 1)} , \quad (2.24)$$

with E the total energy in the CoM frame. Throughout the remaining of this paper we use the notation $M = m_1 + m_2$ for the total mass, $\mu = m_1 m_2 / M$ for the reduced mass, and $\nu \equiv \mu / M$ for the symmetric mass ratio. We also introduce the (reduced) binding energy, \mathcal{E} , such that

$$E = M(1 + \nu\mathcal{E}) . \quad (2.25)$$

3 Aligned-spin Boundary-to-Bound correspondence

In principle, the B2B dictionary with generic spins would require a map for non-planar motion. However, a major simplification arises for aligned-spin configurations, which we have shown in [81] is amenable to the same correspondence between the periastron advanced, $\Delta\Phi$, and scattering angle, χ ,

$$\frac{\Delta\Phi(J, \mathcal{E})}{2\pi} = \frac{\chi(J, \mathcal{E}) + \chi(-J, \mathcal{E})}{2\pi}, \quad \mathcal{E} < 0, \quad (3.1)$$

albeit with the *canonical* total angular momentum, $\mathbf{J} \equiv \mathbf{L} + \mathbf{S}_1 + \mathbf{S}_2$, as opposite to the orbital angular momentum, \mathbf{L} , which enters in the non-spinning case. We review in what follows how to use (3.1) to reconstruct the bound radial action from scattering data for aligned spins. For convenience, we will write various results in terms of the spin vector in (2.20), which for aligned spins obeys $a_A^\mu u_{A\mu} = a_A^\mu b_\mu = 0$, and introduce the scalar variables $a_A \equiv \mathbf{a}_A \cdot \mathbf{L}$. Moreover, we often use the spin parameters $a_\pm = a_1 \pm a_2$ for the two-body state, as well as the re-scaled variables $\tilde{a}_\pm \equiv a_\pm/(GM)$, $\ell \equiv L/GM\mu$ for the spin and orbital angular momentum.

3.1 Bound radial action I: angle

As it was shown in [81], for the case of non-spinning bodies the relationship in (3.1) allows us to construct the (reduced) radial action for the bound problem, $i_r(\mathcal{E}, \ell)$, in terms of the analytic continuation to negative binding energy of the PM coefficient of the scattering angle,

$$\frac{\chi}{2} = \sum_n \chi_b^{(n)}(\mathcal{E}) \left(\frac{GM}{b}\right)^n = \sum_n \frac{\chi_\ell^{(n)}(\mathcal{E})}{\ell^n}, \quad (3.2)$$

yielding (with $\text{sg}(\hat{p}_\infty) \equiv \hat{p}_\infty/\sqrt{-\hat{p}_\infty^2}$)

$$i_r(\mathcal{E}, \ell) = \text{sg}(\hat{p}_\infty)\chi_\ell^{(1)}(\mathcal{E}) - \ell \left(1 + \frac{2}{\pi} \sum_{n=1} \frac{\chi_\ell^{(2n)}(\mathcal{E})}{(1-2n)\ell^{2n}}\right) \quad (\text{without spin}). \quad (3.3)$$

The expression in (3.3) does not translate directly to the spinning case. For starters, the expansion in (3.2) gets modified into a two-scale expansion with spin effects, such that in addition to the standard factors of GM/b we also have an expansion in a_\pm/b . This can be circumvented by the introduction of the dimensionless variables $\tilde{a}_\pm = a_\pm/(GM)$, which allows us to conveniently keep the same type of expansion as in (3.2) (with $\chi_\ell^{(n)}(\mathcal{E}, \tilde{a}_\pm)$ coefficients) at the expenses of a minor mismatch in the G power-counting. Hence, using the fact that the relationship in (3.1) involving both the orbital and spin angular momentum still applies, we can once again integrate with respect to L and perform the same manipulations as in [81] to obtain, after some trivial re-arrangement,

$$i_r(\mathcal{E}, \ell, \tilde{a}_\pm) = \text{sg}(\hat{p}_\infty)\chi_\ell^{(1)}(\mathcal{E}) + \ell \left(-1 + \frac{2}{\pi} \sum_{n=1} \infty \left(\frac{\chi_{\ell, \text{odd}}^{(2n+1)}(\mathcal{E}, \tilde{a}_\pm)}{2n \ell^{2n+1}} + \frac{\chi_{\ell, \text{even}}^{(2n)}(\mathcal{E}, \tilde{a}_\pm)}{(2n-1)\ell^{2n}}\right)\right). \quad (3.4)$$

The $\chi_{\ell, \text{odd(even)}}^{(k)}(\mathcal{E}, \tilde{a}_\pm)$ are the odd (and even) contributions in the \tilde{a}_\pm spin variables, analytically continued to negative binding energies. The expression in (3.4) plays a similar role

as (3.3), with the addition of the odd contributions accounting for spin-orbit corrections. The even terms including not only spin-independent factors, but also effects quadratic in spin. Higher orders in spin follow the same pattern.

There is still an important caveat in the B2B dictionary for spinning bodies. The solution to the scattering problem produces results in an expansion in GM/b , with b the *covariant* impact parameter, as in (3.2). However, for rotating bodies the latter is not directly related to ℓ , the canonical orbital angular momentum. Instead we have [135, 136]

$$\ell = \hat{p}_\infty \frac{b}{GM} + \frac{\Gamma - 1}{2\nu} \left(\tilde{a}_+ - \frac{\delta}{\Gamma} \tilde{a}_- \right), \quad (3.5)$$

where $\delta \equiv \sqrt{1 - 4\nu} (m_1 - m_2) / |m_1 - m_2|$. This introduces an additional expansion in \tilde{a}_\pm / ℓ once the scattering angle in (3.2) is written in covariant form, mixing the power-counting. For example, it leads to spin-dependent contributions stemming off of the spin-independent deflection angle in impact-parameter space [81].

3.2 Bound radial action II: impetus

As it was demonstrated in [80, 81], the B2B dictionary relies on the connection between the orbital elements for hyperbolic- and elliptic-like motion [80, 81]. The orbital elements are obtained from the roots of the radial momentum, which can be solved as a function of the binding energy using a gauge where the (canonical) impetus takes the quasi-isotropic form

$$P_r^2 = p_\infty^2 \left(1 + \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} f_i(\mathcal{E}, \ell \tilde{a}_\pm, \tilde{a}_\pm^2, \dots) \frac{(GM)^i}{r^i} \right) - \frac{L^2}{r^2}. \quad (3.6)$$

The expression in (3.6) also allows us to re-write the radial action in terms of the f_i 's, using the same algebraic relationships uncovered in [80, 81]. For instance, for the case of non-spinning bodies, the coefficients in the PM expansion of (3.2) are related to the CoM momentum in (3.6), via [80]

$$\chi_\ell^{(n)}(\mathcal{E}) = \frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{2} \hat{\Gamma} \left(\frac{n+1}{2} \right) \sum_{\sigma \in \mathcal{P}(n)} \frac{\hat{p}_\infty^n}{\Gamma(1 + \frac{n}{2} - \Sigma^k)} \prod_k \frac{f_{\sigma_k}^k(\mathcal{E})}{\sigma_k!} \quad (\text{without spin}), \quad (3.7)$$

which follows from Firsov's solution to the scattering problem [143]. (See [80] for details on the combinatorial manipulations involved in (3.7).) Using the expression in (3.3), the relation in (3.7) then leads to an alternative representation for the radial action — so far for the case of non-spinning bodies. However, as demonstrated in [81] (see its appendix A), the resulting form in terms of the f_i 's coincides with the PM expansion of the radial action that follows from the direct integration of the radial momentum, i.e.

$$i_r(\ell, \mathcal{E}, \tilde{a}_\pm) = \frac{1}{2\pi GM_\mu} \oint P_r(\ell, \mathcal{E}, \tilde{a}_\pm) dr, \quad (\text{bound}) \quad (3.8)$$

using Sommerfeld's contour in the complex plane (originally performed to all orders in [80]). Hence, after noticing that the spin and angular momentum are simple spectators in all manipulations involving integration over the radial coordinate, it is straightforward to

conclude that the general solution for the radial action in terms of the coefficients of the CoM momentum (in isotropic gauge) carries over unscathed onto the spinning case, obtaining

$$i_r(\mathcal{E}, \ell, \tilde{a}_{\pm}) = \frac{\hat{p}_{\infty}^2}{\sqrt{-\hat{p}_{\infty}^2}} \frac{f_1}{2} + \frac{\ell}{2\sqrt{\pi}} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{\hat{p}_{\infty}}{\ell} \right)^{2n} \Gamma\left(\frac{2n-1}{2}\right) \quad (\text{with spin}) \quad (3.9)$$

$$\times \sum_{\sigma \in \mathcal{P}(2n)} \frac{1}{\Gamma(1+n-\Sigma^k)} \prod_k \frac{f_{\sigma_k}^{\sigma_k}(\mathcal{E}, \ell, \tilde{a}_{\pm})}{\sigma_k!},$$

in terms of the coefficients in (3.6). For instance, we have [80, 81]

$$i_r(\mathcal{E}, \ell, \tilde{a}_{\pm}) = -\ell + \frac{\hat{p}_{\infty}^2}{\sqrt{-\hat{p}_{\infty}^2}} \frac{f_1}{2} + \frac{\hat{p}_{\infty}^2}{2\ell} f_2 + \frac{\hat{p}_{\infty}^4}{4\ell^3} \left(\frac{f_2^2}{2} + f_1 f_3 + f_4 \right) \quad (3.10)$$

$$+ \frac{\hat{p}_{\infty}^6}{16\ell^5} \left(f_2^3 + 6(f_1 f_3 + f_4) f_2 + 3(f_4 f_1^2 + 2f_5 f_1 + f_3^2 + f_6) \right)$$

$$+ \frac{5\hat{p}_{\infty}^8}{128\ell^7} (\dots + 6f_1^2 f_3^2 + \dots) + \dots,$$

where we kept only the one piece in the final term which will be needed later on. (The reader should keep in mind that the f_i 's themselves may also depend on ℓ .)

Notice that, similarly to the non-spinning case, the f_k 's contribute also at n PM order (for $n \geq k$). This will allow us to perform a consistent PN-truncation, as discussed in [80–84]. We will return to this point in section 5.

3.3 Impetus from angle

It is useful to relate the PM coefficients in (3.6) to the deflection angle in (3.2), also with spin effects. This will allow us to perform the analytic continuation of the CoM momentum to negative binding energies, and also find a Hamiltonian if so desired. The main observation is the same we used to arrive at the equivalent representation for the radial action in (3.9). That is, spin and angular momentum are going for the ride when the radial action is constructed via the integral of the radial momentum, regardless of whether we consider bound or unbound orbits. Hence, the result of the integral

$$i_r(\mathcal{E}, \ell, \tilde{a}_{\pm}) = \frac{1}{2\pi GM\mu} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} P_r(\mathcal{E}, \ell, \tilde{a}_{\pm}) dr \quad (\text{unbound}), \quad (3.11)$$

remains also the same, with the f_i 's in (3.6) including spin-dependent parts. Moreover, since the scattering angle obeys

$$-\frac{\partial}{\partial \ell} i_r(\mathcal{E}, \tilde{a}_{\pm}) = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{\chi(\ell, \mathcal{E}, \tilde{a}_{\pm})}{2\pi} \quad (\text{unbound}), \quad (3.12)$$

we can solve for the unbound radial action, which can then be written as

$$i_r(\ell, \mathcal{E}, \tilde{a}_{\pm}) = -\frac{\ell}{2} - \chi_{\ell}^{(1)}(\mathcal{E}) \frac{\log \ell}{\pi} - \frac{\ell}{\pi} \left\{ \sum_{n \geq 2} \frac{\chi_{\ell}^{(n)}[f_i]}{(1-n)\ell^n} \right\}_{f_i \rightarrow f_i(\mathcal{E}, \ell, \tilde{a}_{\pm})} \quad (\text{unbound}), \quad (3.13)$$

with the functional form of $\chi_{\ell}^{(n)}[f_i]$ given exactly by the expression in (3.7), to all PM orders.

Let us stress two related important points regarding (3.13). First of all, there could be a constant of integration (depending only on the binding energy) as in the bound case [80]. Moreover, the $n = 1$ term ($\propto \log \ell$) is a bit subtle when considering the analytic continuation. The constant of integration may be fixed by using the expression in (3.9) and imposing

$$i_r^{(\text{bound})}(\mathcal{E} < 0, \ell, \tilde{a}_{\pm}) = i_r^{(\text{unbound})}(\mathcal{E} < 0, \ell, \tilde{a}_{\pm}) - i_r^{(\text{unbound})}(\mathcal{E} < 0, -\ell, -\tilde{a}_{\pm}), \quad (3.14)$$

which follows directly from the B2B relation in (3.1).⁵ However, this requires a choice for the branch of the logarithm, when performing the analytical continuation to negative orbital angular momentum. We find the choice $\log(\ell)/\pi - \log(-\ell)/\pi \rightarrow \mp i$, in combination with $\hat{p}_{\infty} \rightarrow \pm i \hat{p}_{\infty}$ for the analytic continuation in the binding energy, leads to

$$-\chi_{\ell}^{(1)}(\mathcal{E}) \left(\frac{\log \ell}{\pi} - \frac{\log(-\ell)}{\pi} \right) \rightarrow \text{sg}(\hat{p}_{\infty}) \chi_{\ell}^{(1)}(\mathcal{E}), \quad (3.15)$$

uniquely fixing the unbound radial action.⁶

For convenience, since we work here to quadratic order in the spins, in what follows we decompose the coefficients of the CoM momentum as

$$f_i(\mathcal{E}, \ell, \tilde{a}_{\pm}) = f_i^0(\mathcal{E}) + \ell \sum_{A=\pm} \tilde{a}_A f_i^A(\mathcal{E}) + \sum_{\{A,B\}=\pm} \tilde{a}_A \tilde{a}_B f_i^{AB}(\mathcal{E}) + \dots, \quad (3.16)$$

with $f_i^0(\mathcal{E})$ the spin-independent part, and $\{f_i^A(\mathcal{E}), f_i^{AB}(\mathcal{E})\}$ (dimensionless) functions of the binding energy (and masses). Likewise for the coefficients in (3.2),

$$\chi_{\ell}^{(n)}(\mathcal{E}, \tilde{a}_{\pm}) = \chi_0^{(n)}(\mathcal{E}) + \sum_{A=\pm} \tilde{a}_A \chi_A^{(n)}(\mathcal{E}) + \sum_{\{A,B\}=\pm} \tilde{a}_A \tilde{a}_B \chi_{AB}^{(n)}(\mathcal{E}) + \dots \quad (3.17)$$

(we suppress the ℓ -subscript on the r.h.s. for notational convenience). Hence, applying (3.12) to (3.13), while keeping track of all the ℓ 's inside the f_i 's in (3.16), we can derive the scattering angle in terms of the CoM momentum including spin effects to all PM orders. As we will see momentarily, terms linear and quadratic in the spin first show up at $n = 2$ and $n = 3$ in (3.17), respectively. This is intuitively simple to understand, and it follows directly from the expansion in impact-parameter of the deflection angle yielding extra factors of a_{\pm}/b once spin is included.⁷ As a consequence,

$$f_{1,2}^A(\mathcal{E}) = f_{1,2}^{AB}(\mathcal{E}) = 0. \quad (3.18)$$

⁵This analytic continuation is behind the relationship between the total radiated energy for unbound orbits and the energy emitted over a period, discussed in [144]. This relationship follows immediately from the B2B map applied to the (local part of the) conservative tail effect [65, 74, 79].

⁶The choice must be uniformly adopted to be consistent with the analytic continuation in the (covariant) impact parameter, which was used in [81] to connect the orbital elements.

⁷Notice the leading linear and quadratic terms, scaling as $(GM/b)(a_{\pm}/b)$ and $(GM/b)(a_{\pm}/b)^2$, have the wrong parity through the B2B map and therefore do not contribute to (3.4).

For the remaining coefficients, we find

$$\chi_A^{(2)} = \frac{\hat{p}_\infty^3}{2} f_3^A, \tag{3.19}$$

$$\chi_A^{(3)} = \frac{\pi \hat{p}_\infty^4}{4} \left(f_1^0 f_3^A + f_4^A \right), \tag{3.20}$$

$$\chi_{AB}^{(3)} = \hat{p}_\infty^3 f_3^{(AB)}, \tag{3.21}$$

$$\chi_{AB}^{(4)} = \frac{3\pi \hat{p}_\infty^4}{8} \left(f_1^{(0)} f_3^{AB} + f_4^{AB} + \frac{3\hat{p}_\infty^2}{4} f_3^A f_3^B \right), \tag{3.22}$$

where (recall $\tilde{a}_\pm = a_\pm/(GM)$) we kept only terms which contribute to $\mathcal{O}(G^2)$. Incidentally, notice these values are consistent with the equivalence between the two representations of the radial action, in (3.4) and (3.9)–(3.10). It is straightforward to invert these equations to obtain the value of the CoM impetus. See section 5 for more details.

4 Scattering to 2PM: linear and bilinear (generic) spin effects

In this section we apply the EFT formalism for spinning bodies to compute the total momentum and spin impulses to 2PM and quadratic order in the spins. The needed topologies are shown in figure 1 to 2PM order. The vertices at the worldline may include mass and spin couplings, both linear (from the Ricci-rotation coefficients) and bilinear (from the SSC and finite-size terms) in the spins. Because the coupling to the mass is linear in the metric perturbation in our (Polyakov-type) gauge [82], the diagram in figure 1b only contributes spin-dependent effects. The ‘tree-level’ diagram in figure 1a contributes both at 1PM and 2PM order, the latter through the iteration of the EoM described in section 2.2. Notice we need both spin-dependent iterations on the spin-independent tree-level and vice versa. The ‘one-loop’ diagrams shown in figure 1b and 1c is evaluated on the unperturbed solutions. For the sake of comparison, in this section we quote the variation of the spin four-vector, defined as

$$S_A^\mu \equiv \frac{1}{2m_A} \epsilon^{\mu\nu\alpha\beta} S_A^{\alpha\beta} p_A^\nu, \tag{4.1}$$

which coincides with the value in (2.20) at early times. We obtain the spin impulse in terms of the total change in the spin tensor, using the spin algebra in (2.5) on the Routhian/action, in combination with the momentum impulse. As a non-trivial check, the results below can be shown to be consistent with the preservation of the SSC, $S_\mu p^\mu = 0$, the on-shell condition, $p^2 = m^2$, and the constancy of the magnitude of the spin, $S_\mu S^\mu = a^2$, to 2PM order.

We illustrate the basic ideas and quote the results in what follows, with supplemental material in appendix A, and a few comments on the integration procedure in appendix B. Throughout this section we use the notation $|b| \equiv \sqrt{-b^\mu b_\mu}$ and $\hat{b}^\mu \equiv b^\mu/|b|$. Moreover, we

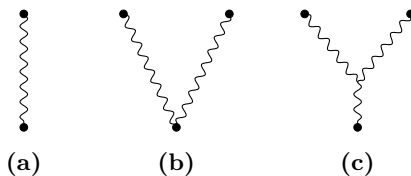


Figure 1. Feynman topologies needed to 2PM order. (See text.)

also use $\kappa_{\pm} = C_{ES^2}^{(1)} \pm C_{ES^2}^{(2)}$, and the tensorial structure [97]

$$\begin{aligned}\Pi^{\mu}_{\nu} &\equiv \epsilon^{\mu\rho\alpha\beta}\epsilon_{\nu\rho\gamma\delta}\frac{u_{1\alpha}u_{2\beta}u_1^{\gamma}u_2^{\delta}}{\gamma^2 - 1}, \\ T^{\mu\nu\rho} &\equiv \hat{b}^{\rho}\Pi^{\mu\nu} + \hat{b}^{\nu}\Pi^{\rho\mu} + \hat{b}^{\mu}\Pi^{\rho\nu}, \\ u_{2(1)\perp}^{\mu} &\equiv u_{2(1)}^{\mu} - \gamma u_{1(2)}^{\mu}.\end{aligned}\tag{4.2}$$

4.1 Momentum impulse

4.1.1 Leading order

The derivation of the tree-level Routhian/action is straightforward. Following the same steps as in [82] and evaluating on the unperturbed solutions in (2.13) and (2.14), we obtain

$$\Delta_{a_1}^{(1)}p_1^{\mu} = \frac{\nu GM^2}{|b|^2}\frac{4\gamma}{\sqrt{\gamma^2 - 1}}\epsilon_{\alpha\rho\beta\sigma}a_1^{\rho}u_1^{\beta}u_2^{\sigma}\left(\Pi^{\mu\alpha} + 2\hat{b}^{\mu}\hat{b}^{\alpha}\right) - (1 \leftrightarrow 2),\tag{4.3}$$

for the spin-orbit contributions, whereas at quadratic order

$$\Delta_{a_1 a_2}^{(1)}p_1^{\mu} = \frac{\nu GM^2}{|b|^3}\frac{4(2\gamma^2 - 1)}{\sqrt{\gamma^2 - 1}}a_{1\alpha}a_{2\beta}\left(T^{\alpha\beta\mu} + 4\hat{b}^{\alpha}\hat{b}^{\beta}\hat{b}^{\mu}\right) - (1 \leftrightarrow 2),\tag{4.4}$$

and

$$\Delta_{a_1^2}^{(1)}p_1^{\mu} = \frac{\nu GM^2}{|b|^3}\frac{2C_{ES^2}^{(1)}(2\gamma^2 - 1)}{\sqrt{\gamma^2 - 1}}a_{1\alpha}a_{1\beta}\left(T^{\alpha\beta\mu} + 4\hat{b}^{\alpha}\hat{b}^{\beta}\hat{b}^{\mu}\right) - (1 \leftrightarrow 2),\tag{4.5}$$

the latter including the insertion of the finite-size term in (2.8). In all of these expressions we have (anti-)symmetrized the result (under which $b^{\mu} \rightarrow -b^{\mu}$ and $\delta \rightarrow -\delta$). It is straightforward to show that all of these 1PM values coincide with the results reported in [97, 135, 136] for the case of Kerr black holes (with $C_{ES^2} = 1$).

4.1.2 Next-to-leading order

For the NLO results we must evaluate the one-loop diagrams in figures 1b & 1c on the unperturbed solution, and use the trajectories (shown in appendix A) to compute the iteration with the tree-level diagram in figure 1a. The results are:

$$\begin{aligned}\Delta_a^{(2)}p_1^{\mu} &= \frac{\nu G^2 M^3}{|b|^3}\left[D_1\epsilon_{\alpha\rho\beta\sigma}a_1^{\rho}u_1^{\beta}u_2^{\sigma}\left(\Pi^{\mu\alpha} + 3\hat{b}^{\alpha}\hat{b}^{\mu}\right)\right. \\ &\quad \left.+ D_2\epsilon^{\mu\alpha\rho\beta}a_{1\rho}u_{1\beta}\hat{b}_{\alpha} + \left(a_1^{\rho}u_1^{\beta}u_2^{\sigma}\hat{b}^{\alpha}\epsilon_{\alpha\rho\beta\sigma}\right)\left(D_3u_1^{\mu} + D_4u_2^{\mu}\right)\right] - (1 \leftrightarrow 2),\end{aligned}\tag{4.6}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \Delta_{a^2}^{(2)} p_1^\mu &= \frac{\nu G^2 M^3}{|b|^4} \left[D_5 a_{1\alpha} a_{1\beta} \left(T^{\alpha\beta\mu} + 5 \hat{b}^\alpha \hat{b}^\beta \hat{b}^\mu \right) + D_6 a_{1\alpha} (a_1 \cdot u_2) \left(\Pi^{\alpha\mu} + 4 \hat{b}^\alpha \hat{b}^\mu \right) \right. \\
 &\quad + a_{1\alpha} a_{1\beta} (D_7 u_1^\mu - D_8 u_2^\mu) \left(\Pi^{\alpha\beta} + 4 \hat{b}^\alpha \hat{b}^\beta \right) + \hat{b}^\mu \left(D_9 a_1^2 + D_{10} (a_1 \cdot u_2)^2 \right) \\
 &\quad \left. + 2 D_6 a_1^\mu (a_1 \cdot u_2) + (a_1 \cdot u_2)^2 (D_{11} u_1^\mu + D_{12} u_2^\mu) - a_1^2 (D_{13} u_1^\mu - D_{14} u_2^\mu) \right] \\
 &\quad - (1 \leftrightarrow 2),
 \end{aligned} \tag{4.7}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \Delta_{a_1 a_2}^{(2)} p_1^\mu &= \frac{\nu G^2 M^3}{|b|^4} \left[\frac{1}{2} D_{15} a_{1\alpha} a_{2\beta} \left(T^{\alpha\beta\mu} + 5 \hat{b}^\alpha \hat{b}^\beta \hat{b}^\mu \right) + D_{16} a_{1\alpha} (a_2 \cdot u_1) \left(\Pi^{\alpha\mu} + 4 \hat{b}^\alpha \hat{b}^\mu \right) \right. \\
 &\quad + D_{17} a_{1\alpha} a_{2\beta} u_1^\mu \left(\Pi^{\alpha\beta} + 4 \hat{b}^\alpha \hat{b}^\beta \right) + \frac{1}{2} \hat{b}^\mu (D_{15} (a_1 \cdot a_2) + D_{18} (a_1 \cdot u_2) (a_2 \cdot u_1)) \\
 &\quad \left. + 2 D_{16} a_1^\mu (a_2 \cdot u_1) + D_{19} (a_1 \cdot u_2) (a_2 \cdot u_1) u_1^\mu + D_{20} (a_1 \cdot a_2) u_1^\mu \right] - (1 \leftrightarrow 2).
 \end{aligned} \tag{4.8}$$

The D_i coefficients are displayed in appendix A.

4.2 Spin kick

4.2.1 Leading order

We now move to the computation of the spin dynamics. As we discussed earlier, we quote the result in terms of the spin vector in (4.1). We find,

$$\Delta_a^{(1)} S_1^\mu = -\frac{\nu G M^2}{|b|} \frac{2}{\sqrt{\gamma^2 - 1}} \left((\hat{b} \cdot a_1) (u_1^\mu - 2\gamma u_2^\mu) + 2\gamma \hat{b}^\mu (a_1 \cdot u_2) \right) \tag{4.9}$$

at linear order in the spins, while at quadratic order we arrive at

$$\begin{aligned}
 \Delta_{a_1 a_2}^{(1)} S_1^\mu &= \frac{\nu G M^2}{|b|^2} \frac{2}{\sqrt{\gamma^2 - 1}} \epsilon^\mu{}_{\beta\sigma\rho} \left(\Pi^{\alpha\beta} + 2 \hat{b}^\alpha \hat{b}^\beta \right) \left(u_1^\rho u_2^\sigma (a_{2\alpha} (a_1 \cdot u_2) - \gamma a_{1\alpha} (a_2 \cdot u_1)) \right. \\
 &\quad \left. + \gamma^2 a_1^\rho a_{2\alpha} u_1^\sigma - a_{1\alpha} a_2^\rho \left((\gamma^2 - 1) u_1^\sigma + 2\gamma u_{2\perp}^\sigma \right) \right)
 \end{aligned} \tag{4.10}$$

$$\Delta_{a^2}^{(1)} S_1^\mu = -\frac{\nu G M^2}{|b|^2} \frac{2}{\sqrt{\gamma^2 - 1}} \left((2\gamma^2 - 1) C_{ES^2}^{(1)} u_1^\rho + 2\gamma u_{2\perp}^\rho \right) \epsilon^\mu{}_{\beta\sigma\rho} a_{1\alpha} a_1^\sigma \left(\Pi^{\alpha\beta} + 2 \hat{b}^\alpha \hat{b}^\beta \right). \tag{4.11}$$

These results are, once again, in agreement with the 1PM variation obtained in [97] for the case of Kerr black holes.

4.2.2 Next-to-leading order

The total change of spin at NLO is significantly more cumbersome. While, based on various arguments, we suspect an underlying structure that extends the compact expressions at 1PM order [135], we have not been able to uncover it so far. Yet, we believe these (manifestly covariant) expressions are perhaps the best hope to unravel a deeper (spacetime) structure. See 6 for more on this point. The results are:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \Delta_a^{(2)} S_1^\mu &= \frac{\nu G^2 M^3}{|b|^2} \left[D_{21} a_{1\alpha} (\Pi^{\mu\alpha} + 2 \hat{b}^\alpha \hat{b}^\mu) - D_{21} a_1^\mu + D_1 \left((\hat{b} \cdot a_1) u_{2\perp}^\mu - \hat{b}^\mu (a_1 \cdot u_2) \right) \right. \\
 &\quad \left. + \left(D_{22} u_1^\mu + D_{23} \hat{b}^\mu \right) (\hat{b} \cdot a_1) + \left(D_{24} u_1^\mu + D_{25} u_{2\perp}^\mu \right) (a_1 \cdot u_2) \right]
 \end{aligned} \tag{4.12}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \Delta_{a_1 a_2}^{(2)} S_1^\mu &= \frac{\nu G^2 M^3}{|b|^2} \epsilon^\mu{}_{\nu\alpha\beta} \left[-D_{28} u_1^\nu u_2^\beta a_{1\sigma} a_{2\rho} \left(T^{\alpha\rho\sigma} + 4\hat{b}^\alpha \hat{b}^\rho \hat{b}^\sigma \right) \right. \\
 &+ \left(\Pi^{\alpha\sigma} + 3\hat{b}^\alpha \hat{b}^\sigma \right) \left(D_{35} \left(u_1^\beta u_2^\nu (a_2 \cdot u_1) + a_2^\nu u_{2\perp}^\beta \right) \right. \\
 &+ \left. \left(D_{36} a_1^\beta a_{2\sigma} u_1^\nu + D_{37} u_1^\beta u_2^\nu (a_{2\sigma} (a_1 \cdot u_2) + \gamma a_{1\sigma} (a_2 \cdot u_1)) - D_{22} a_{1\sigma} a_2^\beta u_1^\nu \right) \right) \\
 &+ \left(\Pi^{\sigma\nu} + 2\hat{b}^\sigma \hat{b}^\nu \right) \left(-D_{27} \hat{b}_\sigma a_2^\alpha (a_1 \cdot u_2) \left(u_1^\beta - 2\gamma u_2^\beta \right) - D_{38} \hat{b}^\alpha u_{1\perp}^\beta a_{1\sigma} (a_2 \cdot u_1) \right. \\
 &+ \hat{b}_\sigma u_2^\beta u_1^\alpha \left(D_{28} (a_1 \cdot a_2) - 2\gamma D_{27} (a_1 \cdot u_2) (a_2 \cdot u_1) \right) - D_{28} u_1^\alpha u_2^\beta a_{1\sigma} (\hat{b} \cdot a_2) \\
 &+ \left. \left(\gamma^2 - 1 \right) D_{38} a_{1\sigma} a_2^\alpha \hat{b}^\beta + \frac{1}{2} \gamma D_{28} a_1^\alpha a_{2\sigma} \hat{b}^\beta + \frac{D_{28}}{2\gamma} (a_1 \cdot u_2) \hat{b}^\alpha a_{2\sigma} (\gamma u_1^\beta + u_2^\beta) \right) \\
 &- D_{28} \left(\Pi^{\sigma\rho} + 2\hat{b}^\rho \hat{b}^\sigma \right) a_{1\sigma} a_{2\rho} \hat{b}^\alpha u_1^\beta u_2^\nu + D_{39} a_1^\alpha u_1^\beta u_2^\nu (a_2 \cdot \hat{b}) - D_{28} a_2^\alpha u_1^\beta u_2^\nu (a_1 \cdot \hat{b}) \\
 &+ a_1^\alpha \hat{b}^\beta (a_2 \cdot u_1) \left(D_{16} u_1^\nu + D_{40} u_2^\nu \right) + \hat{b}^\alpha u_1^\beta u_2^\nu \left(D_{28} (a_1 \cdot a_2) + D_{41} (a_1 \cdot u_2) (a_2 \cdot u_1) \right) \\
 &+ a_2^\alpha \hat{b}^\beta (a_1 \cdot u_2) \left(D_{42} u_1^\nu + D_{41} u_2^\nu \right) + D_{37} a_2^\alpha u_1^\beta u_2^\nu (a_1 \cdot u_2) + D_{43} a_1^\alpha u_1^\beta u_2^\nu (a_2 \cdot u_1) \\
 &+ \left. \gamma D_{40} a_1^\alpha a_2^\beta \hat{b}^\nu - D_{36} a_1^\alpha a_2^\beta u_1^\nu \right], \tag{4.13}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \Delta_{a^2}^{(2)} S_1^\mu &= \frac{\nu G^2 M^3}{|b|^2} \epsilon^\mu{}_{\nu\alpha\beta} \left[D_{26} a_{1\rho} a_{1\sigma} u_1^\beta u_2^\nu \left(T^{\alpha\rho\sigma} + 4\hat{b}^\alpha \hat{b}^\rho \hat{b}^\sigma \right) \right. \\
 &+ a_1^\nu a_{1\sigma} \left(\frac{2}{3} D_5 u_1^\beta + D_1 u_{2\perp}^\beta \right) \left(\Pi^{\alpha\sigma} + 3\hat{b}^\alpha \hat{b}^\sigma \right) \\
 &+ \left(\Pi^{\nu\sigma} + 2\hat{b}^\sigma \hat{b}^\nu \right) \left(D_{28} u_1^\alpha u_2^\beta \left(a_1^\beta \hat{b}_\sigma - a_{1\sigma} (\hat{b} \cdot a_1) \right) \right. \\
 &+ 2\gamma D_{27} \hat{b}^\alpha a_{1\sigma} (a_1 \cdot u_2) \left(u_{2\perp}^\beta + (\gamma^2 - 1) u_1^\beta \right) - D_{27} (a_1 \cdot u_2) a_1^\alpha \hat{b}_\sigma (u_1^\beta - 2\gamma u_2^\beta) \\
 &+ D_{28} (a_1 \cdot u_2) a_{1\sigma} \hat{b}^\alpha u_1^\beta + D_{29} \hat{b}^\beta a_1^\alpha a_{1\sigma} \left. \right) + D_{28} \hat{b}^\alpha u_1^\nu u_2^\beta a_{1\rho} a_{1\sigma} \left(\Pi^{\sigma\rho} + 2\hat{b}^\rho \hat{b}^\sigma \right) \\
 &+ \hat{b}^\nu u_1^\alpha u_2^\beta \left(D_{30} a_1^2 + D_{31} (a_1 \cdot u_2)^2 \right) + D_{32} a_1^\nu u_1^\alpha u_2^\beta (a_1 \cdot \hat{b}) \\
 &+ \left. a_1^\nu \hat{b}^\alpha (a_1 \cdot u_2) \left(D_{33} u_1^\beta + D_{34} u_2^\beta \right) - \frac{2}{3} D_{10} a_1^\alpha u_1^\beta u_2^\nu (a_1 \cdot u_2) \right], \tag{4.14}
 \end{aligned}$$

with the remaining D_i 's also collected in appendix A.

4.3 Canonical variables

In order to apply the B2B dictionary we must also understand the map to canonical variables, in particular for the orbital angular momentum. This will be useful also to compare our results with the derivations in [122], obtained directly in terms of canonical spins. Here we follow closely the analysis put forward in [135, 136] (see also [41]), which we recommend for further details, while warning the reader to pay attention to the different conventions.

The canonical (or Newton-Wigner) spin constraints may be written with the aid of a background time-like four-vector, U^μ , such that the SSC becomes, in contrast to (2.15),

$$\mathcal{S}_{\text{can}}^{\mu\nu} (U_\nu + u_\nu) = 0, \tag{4.15}$$

for the (initial) spin and velocities. One can then search for a transformation

$$\mathcal{S}_{\text{can}}^{\mu\nu} = \mathcal{S}^{\mu\nu} + m u^{[\mu} \delta x^{\nu]}, \tag{4.16}$$

between covariant and canonical variables, with $x_{\text{can}}^\mu = x^\mu + \delta x^\mu$ (obeying $\delta x \cdot u = 0$). We proceed as follows. Firstly, we split the velocity as

$$u^\mu = \hat{E} U^\mu + u_\perp^\mu, \quad (4.17)$$

with $\hat{E} = E/m \equiv u \cdot U$, the body's (reduced) energy in the U -frame. Hence, introducing the canonical spin vector as

$$a_{\text{can}}^\mu \equiv \frac{1}{2m} \epsilon_{\nu\alpha\beta}^\mu U^\nu \mathcal{S}_{\text{can}}^{\alpha\beta}, \quad (4.18)$$

we find

$$a_{\text{can}}^\mu = a^\mu + \frac{u_\perp \cdot a}{\hat{E}} \left(U^\mu + \frac{u_\perp^\mu}{\hat{E} + 1} \right), \quad (4.19)$$

for the relationship to the covariant spin four-vector, and

$$\delta x^\mu = -\frac{1}{\hat{E} + 1} \mathcal{S}_{\text{can}}^{\mu\alpha} u_{\perp\alpha}. \quad (4.20)$$

We now move to the two-body problem and the CoM frame, choosing the background four-vector as $U^\nu = \delta_0^\nu$. Using the SSC for the covariant spin we can re-write (4.19) as

$$a_{A,\text{can}}^0 = 0, \quad \mathbf{a}_{A,\text{can}} = \mathbf{a}_A - \frac{\mathbf{u}_{A,\perp} \cdot \mathbf{a}_A}{\hat{E}_A(\hat{E}_A + 1)} \mathbf{u}_{A,\perp}, \quad (4.21)$$

for each particle. For the sake of comparison, it is also convenient to invert the relationship,

$$\begin{aligned} a_A^0 &= \frac{\mathbf{u}_{A,\perp} \cdot \mathbf{a}_A}{\hat{E}_A} = \mathbf{u}_{A,\perp} \cdot \mathbf{a}_{A,\text{can}}, \\ \mathbf{a}_A &= \mathbf{a}_{A,\text{can}} + \frac{\mathbf{u}_{A,\perp} \cdot \mathbf{a}_{A,\text{can}}}{(\hat{E}_A + 1)} \mathbf{u}_{A,\perp}, \end{aligned} \quad (4.22)$$

where the velocity is given by $\mathbf{u}_{A,\perp} = (-1)^{A+1} \mathbf{p}/m_A$ in the CoM frame.

Finally, using that $u_\perp \cdot U = 0$, we also find

$$\delta \mathbf{x}_A = \frac{\mathbf{u}_{A,\perp} \times \mathbf{a}_{\text{can}}}{(\hat{E}_A + 1)} \rightarrow \mathbf{b} = \mathbf{b}_{\text{can}} - \frac{\mathbf{p} \times \mathbf{\Xi}_{\text{can}}}{(\hat{E}_A + 1)}, \quad (4.23)$$

for the change of impact parameter between covariant and canonical coordinates, where we introduced the three-vector

$$\mathbf{\Xi} \equiv \sum_A \frac{\mathbf{a}_{A,\text{can}}}{m_A(\hat{E}_A + 1)}. \quad (4.24)$$

From (4.21)–(4.22) it follows that the spin variables remain invariant for aligned spins, for which $\mathbf{p} \cdot \mathbf{a} = 0$, and moreover do not evolve with time. In addition, the shift in (4.23) yields the relation between covariant and canonical orbital angular momentum in (3.5), which is needed for the B2B map, we implement momentarily. These transformations also allow us to compare the results reported in this paper and those in [122]. After applying (4.22)–(4.23) to our results (see also eq. (2.17) in [122]) we find full agreement for the NLO spin-orbit and spin₁-spin₂ momentum impulse and spin kick.⁸

⁸Notice that the condition for the spin tensor/vector in eq. (2.18) of [122] has an overall minus sign, however, they also use the (opposite) convention $\epsilon_{0123} = -1$.

4.4 Aligned-spin scattering angle

For the case of spins aligned with the orbital angular momentum, the motion remains in the plane, and the following applies

$$\epsilon_{\mu\nu\alpha\sigma} \hat{b}^\mu u_1^\nu u_2^\alpha a_A^\sigma = \sqrt{\gamma^2 - 1} a_A, \quad (4.25)$$

with the sign of $a_A (= \mathbf{a}_A \cdot \mathbf{L})$ determined by the direction of the spin w.r.t. the orbital angular momentum. The scattering angle then follows from the total change of momentum in the CoM, see (2.21). The result, to $\mathcal{O}(G^2)$ and quadratic order in the spins, reads

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\Delta_{(a,a^2)}\chi}{\Gamma} = & -\frac{GM}{|b|} \left(\frac{4\gamma}{\sqrt{\gamma^2-1}} \frac{a_+}{|b|} - \frac{2\gamma^2-1}{2(\gamma^2-1)} \frac{(\kappa_++2)a_+^2 + (\kappa_+-2)a_-^2 + 2\kappa_- a_- a_+}{|b|^2} \right) \\ & - \pi \left(\frac{GM}{|b|} \right)^2 \left(\frac{\gamma(5\gamma^2-3)}{4(\gamma^2-1)^{3/2}} \frac{7a_+ + \delta a_-}{|b|} - \frac{3}{256(\gamma^2-1)^2} \frac{\lambda_{++}a_+^2 + \lambda_{--}a_-^2 + 2\lambda_{+-}a_+a_-}{|b|^2} \right) \end{aligned} \quad (4.26)$$

including finite-size effects, with

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda_{++} &= 830\gamma^4 - 876\gamma^2 + 110 + (35\gamma^4 - 54\gamma^2 + 19)\delta\kappa_- + (215\gamma^4 - 222\gamma^2 + 39)\kappa_+, \\ \lambda_{--} &= -450\gamma^4 + 468\gamma^2 - 82 + (35\gamma^4 - 54\gamma^2 + 19)\delta\kappa_- + (215\gamma^4 - 222\gamma^2 + 39)\kappa_+, \\ \lambda_{+-} &= (215\gamma^4 - 222\gamma^2 + 39)\kappa_- + (\gamma^2 - 1)(70\gamma^2 + 10 + (35\gamma^2 - 19)\delta\kappa_+). \end{aligned} \quad (4.27)$$

It is straightforward to show that, for Kerr black holes, we have

$$\frac{\Delta_{\text{Kerr}}^{(1)}\chi}{\Gamma} = -\frac{GM}{|b|} \left(\frac{4\gamma}{\sqrt{\gamma^2-1}} \frac{a_+}{|b|} - \frac{2(2\gamma^2-1)}{(\gamma^2-1)} \frac{a_+^2}{|b|^2} \right) + \mathcal{O}(a^3), \quad (4.28)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\Delta_{\text{Kerr}}^{(2)}\chi}{\Gamma} = & -\pi \frac{G^2 M^2}{|b|^2} \left(\frac{\gamma(5\gamma^2-3)}{4(\gamma^2-1)^{3/2}} \left(\delta \frac{a_-}{|b|} + 7 \frac{a_+}{|b|} \right) - \frac{3}{64(\gamma^2-1)^2} \left[14\delta(5\gamma^4-6\gamma^2+1) \frac{a_+a_-}{|b|^2} \right. \right. \\ & \left. \left. - (5\gamma^4-6\gamma^2+1) \frac{a_-^2}{|b|^2} + (315\gamma^4-330\gamma^2+47) \frac{a_+^2}{|b|^2} \right] \right) + \mathcal{O}(a^3), \end{aligned} \quad (4.29)$$

such that our result is consistent with [135] and the conjecture in [136], respectively.

In order to apply the B2B map, we must re-write the expression in (4.26) as an expansion in ℓ and \tilde{a}_\pm , to read off the relevant PM coefficients of the scattering angle. Using the decomposition in (3.17), we find the following values

$$\chi_+^{(2)} = \frac{(2\gamma^2-1)}{\sqrt{\gamma^2-1}} \frac{\gamma-1}{\Gamma+1} - \frac{2\gamma\sqrt{\gamma^2-1}}{\Gamma}, \quad (4.30)$$

$$\chi_-^{(2)} = -\frac{(2\gamma^2-1)(\gamma-1)\delta}{\sqrt{\gamma^2-1}\Gamma(\Gamma+1)}, \quad (4.31)$$

$$\chi_+^{(3)} = \frac{\pi}{4} \left(\frac{3(\gamma-1)(5\gamma^2-1)}{\Gamma(\Gamma+1)} - \frac{7\gamma(5\gamma^2-3)}{2\Gamma^2} \right), \quad (4.32)$$

$$\chi_-^{(3)} = -\frac{\pi\delta}{4} \left(\frac{3(\gamma-1)(5\gamma^2-1)}{\Gamma^2(\Gamma+1)} + \frac{(5\gamma^2-3)\gamma}{2\Gamma^2} \right), \quad (4.33)$$

$$\chi_{++}^{(3)} = \frac{1}{8\Gamma^2} \left(\frac{8(\gamma-1)^2(2\gamma^2-1)\Gamma^2}{\sqrt{\gamma^2-1}(\Gamma+1)^2} - \frac{32\Gamma\gamma(\gamma-1)\sqrt{\gamma^2-1}}{\Gamma+1} + 2\sqrt{\gamma^2-1}(2\gamma^2-1)(\kappa_++2) \right),$$

$$\chi_{--}^{(3)} = \frac{1}{8\Gamma^2} \left(\frac{8(\gamma-1)^2(2\gamma^2-1)\delta^2}{\sqrt{\gamma^2-1}(\Gamma+1)^2} + 2\sqrt{\gamma^2-1}(2\gamma^2-1)(\kappa_+-2) \right), \quad (4.34)$$

$$\chi_{-+}^{(3)} = \chi_{+-}^{(3)} = \frac{1}{\Gamma^2} \left(\frac{(2\gamma^2-1)(\gamma-1)^2\delta}{\sqrt{\gamma^2-1}(\Gamma+1)^2} + \frac{16(2\gamma+1)(\gamma-1)^2\delta}{\sqrt{\gamma^2-1}(\Gamma+1)} + \frac{1}{4}\sqrt{\gamma^2-1}(2\gamma^2-1)\kappa_- \right), \quad (4.35)$$

$$\chi_{++}^{(4)} = \frac{3\pi}{512\Gamma^3} \left(\frac{192\Gamma^2(\gamma-1)^2(5\gamma^2-1)}{(\Gamma+1)^2} - \frac{448\Gamma\gamma(\gamma-1)(5\gamma^2-3)}{(\Gamma+1)} + 830\gamma^4 - 876\gamma^2 + 110 \right. \\ \left. + \delta\kappa_-(35\gamma^4 - 54\gamma^2 + 19) + \kappa_+(215\gamma^4 - 222\gamma^2 + 39) \right), \quad (4.36)$$

$$\chi_{--}^{(4)} = \frac{3\pi}{512\Gamma^3} \left(\frac{192\delta^2(\gamma-1)^2(5\gamma^2-1)}{(\Gamma+1)^2} + \frac{64\delta^2\gamma(\gamma-1)(5\gamma^2-3)}{(\Gamma+1)} - 450\gamma^4 + 468\gamma^2 - 82 \right. \\ \left. + \delta\kappa_-(35\gamma^4 - 54\gamma^2 + 19) + \kappa_+(215\gamma^4 - 222\gamma^2 + 39) \right), \quad (4.37)$$

$$\chi_{-+}^{(4)} = \chi_{+-}^{(4)} = \frac{3\pi}{512\Gamma^3} \left(\frac{192(5\gamma^2-1)(\gamma-1)^2\delta}{(\Gamma+1)^2} + \frac{64(5\gamma^4 + 10\gamma^3 - 24\gamma^2 + 6\gamma + 3)\delta}{\Gamma+1} \right. \\ \left. - 2(\gamma-1)(45\gamma^3 - 35\gamma^2 - 53\gamma - 5)\delta + (215\gamma^4 - 222\gamma^2 + 39)\kappa_- + (\gamma^2-1)(35\gamma^2-19)\delta\kappa_+ \right). \quad (4.38)$$

5 Bound states to 2PM: linear and bilinear (aligned) spin effects

Once the scattering angle is computed the radial action for the bound problem follows, via analytic continuation. Crucially, the relationship between b and ℓ in (3.5) also introduces spin effects. This forces us to keep not only spin-dependent terms but also the spin-independent corrections, computed in [82]. From the radial action it is straightforward to derive the gravitational observables through differentiation. In what follows we illustrate the procedure to 2PM order. We also discuss how to incorporate the extra terms needed to complete the NLO contributions to the binding energy linear and bilinear in spin to 3PN order. Finally, we provide the coefficients in the CoM momentum to $\mathcal{O}(G^2)$, and all orders in velocity.

5.1 Radial action

From the terms in (4.30)–(4.38), only those which are even in the total angular momentum survive the B2B map, yielding for the (bound) radial action to 2PM order:

$$i_r^{2\text{PM}}(\mathcal{E}, \ell, \tilde{a}_\pm) = -\ell + \frac{2\gamma^2-1}{\sqrt{1-\gamma^2}} + \frac{3}{4\ell} \frac{5\gamma^2-1}{\Gamma} + \frac{1}{\pi} \sum_{A=\pm} \chi_A^{(3)}(\gamma) \frac{\tilde{a}_A}{\ell^2} + \frac{2}{3\pi} \sum_{\{A,B\}=\pm} \chi_{AB}^{(4)}(\gamma) \frac{\tilde{a}_A \tilde{a}_B}{\ell^3}, \quad (5.1)$$

after adding the results in [82] for the spin-independent terms. The reader will immediately notice that the analytic continuation to negative binding energies ($\gamma < 1$) follows smoothly. While the expression in (5.1) allows us to compute observables, incorporating an infinite

series of velocity corrections at a given order in $1/\ell$, the fact that we truncate the radial action in the PM expansion prevents us from having direct access to the information needed to consistently obtain the PN effects associated with our PM results, for example the binding energy. This, however, is easily remediated by using the f_n 's in (3.6) and the representation in (3.9), yielding a consistent PN-truncation in higher orders terms. As in the non-spinning case, we found in section 3.3 that the coefficients of the CoM impetus can be obtained directly from the scattering angle, albeit in a more intricate fashion. We display their full expressions shortly. Once these are known, only the static limit is needed to add the terms required to complete the knowledge of the dynamics to NLO in the PN expansion. Using (3.10), we have

$$i_r^{2\text{PM}/3\text{PN}} = i_r^{2\text{PM}} + \Delta i_r^{3\text{PN}}, \quad (5.2)$$

with

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta i_r^{3\text{PN}} &= \left(\frac{1}{2\pi} \sum_{A=\pm} \chi_A^{(5)}(\gamma) \frac{\tilde{a}_A}{\ell^4} + \frac{2}{5\pi} \sum_{\{A,B\}=\pm} \chi_{AB}^{(6)}(\gamma) \frac{\tilde{a}_A \tilde{a}_B}{\ell^5} \right)_{\gamma \rightarrow 1} \\ &= \left(\frac{3\hat{p}_\infty^6}{16\ell^4} \sum_{A=\pm} \tilde{a}_A (2f_1^0 f_2^0 f_3^A + (f_1^0)^2 f_4^A) + \frac{3\hat{p}_\infty^6}{16\ell^5} \sum_{\{A,B\}=\pm} \tilde{a}_A \tilde{a}_B (f_4^{AB} (f_1^0)^2 + 2f_3^{AB} f_1^0 f_2^0) \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \sum_{\{A,B\}=\pm} \frac{15\hat{p}_\infty^8}{64\ell^5} (f_1^0)^2 f_3^A f_3^B \tilde{a}_A \tilde{a}_B \right)_{\gamma \rightarrow 1} \end{aligned} \quad (5.3)$$

where we only keep the leading PN corrections. As discussed in [80–84], the remaining terms in (3.10) have fewer factors of f_i 's, thus scaling with additional powers of $\hat{p}_\infty^2 \sim \mathcal{E}$ relative to the ones displayed, and therefore contributing at higher PN order. (This is a consequence of the fact that the impetus in the CoM has well-defined static limit, so that $f_i \sim 1/\hat{p}_\infty^2$.)

5.2 Observables

5.2.1 Periastron advance

The periastron advance follows from the radial action via

$$\frac{\Delta\Phi}{2\pi} = -\frac{\partial}{\partial\ell}(i_r + \ell). \quad (5.4)$$

However, this is obviously equivalent to the condition in (3.1), which we used to build the radial action. Using (4.26), translated to orbital angular momentum space, we find to $\mathcal{O}(G^2)$,

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\Delta\Phi}{2\pi} &= \frac{3(5\gamma^2-1)}{4\Gamma} \frac{1}{\ell^2} + \left[\frac{6}{\Gamma+1} (5\gamma^2-1)(\gamma-1)(\Gamma\tilde{a}_+ - \delta\tilde{a}_-) - \gamma(5\gamma^2-3)(\delta\tilde{a}_- + 7\tilde{a}_+) \right] \frac{1}{4\Gamma^2\ell^3} \\ &\quad + \left[-\frac{64\gamma(5\gamma^2-3)(\gamma-1)}{\Gamma+1} (\delta\tilde{a}_- + 7\tilde{a}_+)(\Gamma\tilde{a}_+ - \delta\tilde{a}_-) \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \frac{192(5\gamma^2-1)(\gamma-1)^2}{(\Gamma+1)^2} (\Gamma\tilde{a}_+ - \delta\tilde{a}_-)^2 + \lambda_{--} \tilde{a}_-^2 + 2\lambda_{+-} \tilde{a}_+ \tilde{a}_- + \lambda_{++} \tilde{a}_+^2 \right] \frac{3}{256\Gamma^3\ell^4} + \dots, \end{aligned} \quad (5.5)$$

where the λ_{AB} coefficients are given in (4.27). In order to compare with the PN literature, we expand it in powers of $\epsilon \equiv -2\mathcal{E}$, yielding

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\Delta\Phi(\ell, a, \epsilon)}{2\pi} = & \left[3 + \frac{3(2\nu-5)}{4}\epsilon + \frac{3(5-5\nu+4\nu^2)}{16}\epsilon^2 \right] \frac{1}{\ell^2} \\ & + \left[-\frac{7\tilde{a}_+ + \delta\tilde{a}_-}{2} - \frac{(\nu-6)\delta\tilde{a}_- + (7\nu-18)\tilde{a}_+}{2}\epsilon \right. \\ & \quad \left. - \frac{3((15-14\nu+2\nu^2)\delta\tilde{a}_- + (25-38\nu+14\nu^2)\tilde{a}_+)}{16}\epsilon^2 \right] \frac{1}{\ell^3} \\ & + \left[\frac{3}{8}(\tilde{a}_-^2(\kappa_+ - 2) + 2\tilde{a}_+\tilde{a}_-\kappa_- + \tilde{a}_+^2(\kappa_+ + 2)) \right. \\ & \quad - \frac{3}{16}\epsilon(\tilde{a}_-^2(\delta\kappa_- + \kappa_+(13-3\nu) - 2\nu - 25) + 2\tilde{a}_+\tilde{a}_-(\kappa_-(13-3\nu) + \delta(\kappa_+ + 11)) \\ & \quad \left. + \tilde{a}_+^2(\delta\kappa_- + \kappa_+(13-3\nu) - 6\nu + 35)) + \dots \right] \frac{1}{\ell^4} + \dots \end{aligned} \quad (5.6)$$

The comparison with the PN result given in eq. (33) of [145] thus gives perfect agreement, including finite-size effects.⁹ Yet, the expression in (5.5) contains all orders in ϵ , at $\mathcal{O}(a/\ell^3)$ and $\mathcal{O}(a^2/\ell^4)$, extending the results in [81] at quadratic order in spins.

5.2.2 Binding energy

The binding energy for circular orbits can be computed in different ways. One option is to get the value of the orbital angular momentum as a function of the energy, $\ell_c(\mathcal{E}_c, a_\pm)$, from the condition $i_r(\ell_c(\mathcal{E}_c, a_\pm), \mathcal{E}_c, a_\pm) = 0$. (Alternatively we can use the condition $r_+ = r_-$ for the roots of (3.6) in a circular orbits [80].) From the orbital angular momentum we obtain the orbital frequency, Ω_c , via the first-law [146]

$$x \equiv (GM\Omega_c)^{2/3} = \left(\frac{d\ell_c}{d\mathcal{E}_c} \right)^{-2/3}, \quad (5.7)$$

from which we extract the relationship $\mathcal{E}_c(x, a_\pm)$ for circular orbits. Using the expression in (5.2), which includes a few terms at higher orders in $1/\ell$ needed to account for all the contributions to NLO in the PN expansion, we find (recall $\epsilon = -2\mathcal{E}$)

$$\begin{aligned} \epsilon_c = & x - \frac{x^2}{12}(\nu + 9) + x^{5/2} \left(\frac{1}{3}(\delta\tilde{a}_- + 7\tilde{a}_+) + \frac{x}{18}[(99 - 61\nu)\tilde{a}_+ - (\nu - 45)\delta\tilde{a}_-] \right) \\ & + \frac{1}{6}x^3 \left[-(\kappa_+ + 2)\tilde{a}_+^2 - (\kappa_+ - 2)\tilde{a}_-^2 - 2\kappa_- \tilde{a}_- \tilde{a}_+ \right] \\ & + \frac{5}{72}x^4 \left[(6(\nu - 5)\kappa_- - 4(3\kappa_+ + 5)\delta)\tilde{a}_- \tilde{a}_+ + (32 - 6\delta\kappa_- + 10\nu + 3(\nu - 5)\kappa_+)\tilde{a}_-^2 \right. \\ & \quad \left. + (20 - 6\delta\kappa_- + 6\nu + 3(\nu - 5)\kappa_+)\tilde{a}_+^2 \right] + \dots, \end{aligned} \quad (5.8)$$

⁹The error in [145], first pointed out in [81], turns out to be a mere factor of 2 when looking at their result with $C_Q \neq 1$. The correct value is given by replacing $(7 - \frac{33\nu}{4} + 3\nu^2) \rightarrow (7 - \frac{33\nu}{2} + 3\nu^2)$ in their eq. (33).

to 3PN and quadratic order in spins. After translating between various conventions, this agrees with the known value in the literature [27, 35–41, 50, 85].

5.3 Center-of-mass momentum

The PM coefficients of the impetus in (3.6), written using in the decomposition in (3.16), follow by inverting the relations in section 3.3. We obtain

$$f_3^A = \frac{2\chi_A^{(2)}}{\hat{p}_\infty^3}, \quad f_3^{AB} = \frac{\chi_{AB}^{(3)}}{\hat{p}_\infty^3}, \quad (5.9)$$

$$f_4^A = \frac{4}{\hat{p}_\infty^4} \left(\frac{\chi_A^{(3)}}{\pi} - \chi_0^{(1)} \chi_A^{(2)} \right), \quad f_4^{AB} = \frac{2}{\hat{p}_\infty^4} \left(4 \frac{\chi_{AB}^{(4)}}{3\pi} - \chi_0^{(1)} \chi_{AB}^{(3)} - \frac{3}{2} \chi_A^{(2)} \chi_B^{(2)} \right), \quad (5.10)$$

where we used $f_1^0 = \frac{2}{\hat{p}_\infty} \chi_0^{(1)}$ [80]. Then, from the data collected in (4.30)–(4.38), we find

$$f_3^{(+)} = -\frac{4\gamma\Gamma^2}{\gamma^2-1} + \frac{2(\gamma-1)(2\gamma^2-1)\Gamma^3}{(\gamma^2-1)^2(\Gamma+1)}, \quad (5.11)$$

$$f_3^{(-)} = -\frac{2(2\gamma^2-1)\Gamma^2\delta}{(\gamma-1)(\gamma+1)^2(\Gamma+1)}, \quad (5.12)$$

$$f_3^{(++)} = \frac{(2\gamma^2-1)\Gamma^3}{(\gamma+1)^2(\Gamma+1)^2} - \frac{4\gamma\Gamma^2}{(\gamma+1)(\Gamma+1)} + \frac{(2\gamma^2-1)\Gamma(\kappa_++2)}{4(\gamma^2-1)}, \quad (5.13)$$

$$f_3^{(--)} = \frac{(2\gamma^2-1)\Gamma\delta^2}{(\gamma+1)^2(\Gamma+1)^2} + \frac{(2\gamma^2-1)\Gamma(\kappa_+-2)}{4(\gamma^2-1)} \quad (5.14)$$

$$f_3^{(+-)} = f_3^{(-+)} = \frac{2\gamma\Gamma\delta}{(\gamma+1)(\Gamma+1)} - \frac{(2\gamma^2-1)\Gamma^2\delta}{(\gamma+1)^2(\Gamma+1)^2} + \frac{(2\gamma^2-1)\Gamma\kappa_-}{4(\gamma^2-1)}, \quad (5.15)$$

$$f_4^{(+)} = \frac{8\gamma(2\gamma^2-1)\Gamma^3}{(\gamma^2-1)^2} - \frac{4(2\gamma^2-1)^2\Gamma^4}{(\gamma-1)^2(\gamma+1)^3(\Gamma+1)} - \frac{7\gamma(5\gamma^2-3)\Gamma^2}{2(\gamma^2-1)^2} + \frac{3(5\gamma^2-1)\Gamma^3}{(\gamma-1)(\gamma+1)^2(\Gamma+1)}, \quad (5.16)$$

$$f_4^{(-)} = \frac{4(2\gamma^2-1)^2\Gamma^3\delta}{(\gamma-1)^2(\gamma+1)^3(\Gamma+1)} - \frac{\gamma(5\gamma^2-3)\Gamma^2\delta}{2(\gamma^2-1)^2} - \frac{3(5\gamma^2-1)\Gamma^2\delta}{(\gamma-1)(\gamma+1)^2(\Gamma+1)}, \quad (5.17)$$

$$f_4^{(++)} = -\frac{5(2\gamma^2-1)^2\Gamma^4}{(\gamma-1)(\gamma+1)^3(\Gamma+1)^2} + \frac{20\gamma(2\gamma^2-1)\Gamma^3}{(\gamma-1)(\gamma+1)^2(\Gamma+1)} + \frac{3(5\gamma^2-1)\Gamma^3}{(\gamma+1)^2(\Gamma+1)^2} - \frac{(2\gamma^2-1)^2\Gamma^2(\kappa_++2)}{2(\gamma^2-1)^2} - \frac{12\gamma^2\Gamma^2}{\gamma^2-1} - \frac{7\gamma(5\gamma^2-3)\Gamma^2}{(\gamma-1)(\gamma+1)^2(\Gamma+1)} + \frac{(35\gamma^2-19)\Gamma\delta\kappa_-}{64(\gamma^2-1)} + \frac{(215\gamma^4-222\gamma^2+39)\Gamma\kappa_+}{64(\gamma^2-1)^2} + \frac{(415\gamma^4-438\gamma^2+55)\Gamma}{32(\gamma^2-1)^2}, \quad (5.18)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
f_4^{(--)} = & -\frac{5(2\gamma^2-1)^2\Gamma^2\delta^2}{(\gamma-1)(\gamma+1)^3(\Gamma+1)^2} - \frac{(2\gamma^2-1)^2\Gamma^2(\kappa_+-2)}{2(\gamma^2-1)^2} + \frac{\gamma(5\gamma^2-3)\Gamma\delta^2}{(\gamma-1)(\gamma+1)^2(\Gamma+1)} \\
& + \frac{3(5\gamma^2-1)\Gamma\delta^2}{(\gamma+1)^2(\Gamma+1)^2} + \frac{(35\gamma^2-19)\Gamma\delta\kappa_-}{64(\gamma^2-1)} + \frac{(215\gamma^4-222\gamma^2+39)\Gamma\kappa_+}{64(\gamma^2-1)^2} \\
& - \frac{(225\gamma^4-234\gamma^2+41)\Gamma}{32(\gamma^2-1)^2}, \tag{5.19}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
f_4^{(+-)} = f_4^{(-+)} = & \frac{5(2\gamma^2-1)^2\Gamma^3\delta}{(\gamma-1)(\gamma+1)^3(\Gamma+1)^2} - \frac{10\gamma(2\gamma^2-1)\Gamma^2\delta}{(\gamma-1)(\gamma+1)^2(\Gamma+1)} - \frac{3(5\gamma^2-1)\Gamma^2\delta}{(\gamma+1)^2(\Gamma+1)^2} \\
& - \frac{(2\gamma^2-1)^2\Gamma^2\kappa_-}{2(\gamma^2-1)^2} + \frac{(35\gamma^2-19)\Gamma\delta\kappa_+}{64(\gamma^2-1)} - \frac{\gamma(5\gamma^2-3)(\Gamma-7)\Gamma\delta}{2(\gamma-1)(\gamma+1)^2(\Gamma+1)} \\
& + \frac{5\Gamma(7\gamma^2+1)\delta}{32(\gamma^2-1)} + \frac{(215\gamma^4-222\gamma^2+39)\Gamma\kappa_-}{64(\gamma^2-1)^2}. \tag{5.20}
\end{aligned}$$

The expansion of the CoM momentum can then be analytically continued to negative binding energies ($\gamma < 1$), yielding a local effective description of the dynamics in a quasi-isotropic gauge, that may be used to construct the Hamiltonian. (Alternatively, one can derive it from the radial action using Delaunay variables, e.g. [78].) However, as emphasized in [80, 81] and clearly shown in this paper, from the point of view of the scattering angle, radial action and B2B map (as well as the amplitude through the impetus formula [80]) the f_n 's are the most natural variables. Therefore, they are preferable to the — much more cumbersome — PM coefficients of the Hamiltonian, which we refrain from displaying here.

6 Discussion & outlook

Building on the EFT approach developed in [30, 31, 37, 38, 41], in this paper we have extended the PM framework introduced in [82] to incorporate spin effects. We then used the formalism to compute the NLO momentum and spin impulses with generic initial conditions and to quadratic order in the spins, including for the first time finite-size effects beyond leading order. Afterwards we considered aligned-spin configurations and derived the scattering angle, which we used to construct the bound radial action via the B2B correspondence. The latter allows us to compute all the gravitational observables for elliptic-like orbits. As a notable example, we obtained the periastron advance to $\mathcal{O}(G^2)$ and all orders in velocity. We also computed the linear and bilinear in spin contributions to the binding energy for circular orbits to 3PN order. In addition, we derived the CoM momentum (or impetus) in a quasi-isotropic gauge, from which one can readily obtain the EoM (or the Hamiltonian) to 2PM order, if so desired. Our results are in perfect agreement with the known literature, notably spin-orbit and spin₁-spin₂ effects to NLO in the PM expansion in [122], while the spin₁₍₂₎-spin₁₍₂₎ contributions for generic compact bodies are computed here for the first time. We also find agreement with the conjectured value for the 2PM aligned-spin scattering angle of Kerr black holes [136].

In order to perform the comparison with the findings using scattering amplitudes in [122], we have translated our covariant results into canonical variables. The latter

have the advantage of furnishing a canonical algebra involving only a spin three-vector, yet the Lorentz covariance of the results is hidden in somewhat cumbersome vectorial expressions. In contrast, in the former the results are not only manifestly covariant, by construction, but also remarkably compact when written in terms of four-dimensional vectors, as displayed here. In fact, due to the conservation of the SSC ($S_\mu p^\mu = 0$) upon evolution, both the spin and momentum *rotate* in spacetime in the same fashion [135]. This implies the simple structure

$$\Delta p^\mu = m \delta\Lambda_\alpha^\mu u^\alpha, \quad \Delta S^\mu = m \delta\Lambda_\alpha^\mu a^\alpha, \quad (6.1)$$

with $\delta\Lambda_{\mu\nu} = -\delta\Lambda_{\nu\mu}$, must hold for both impulses. As shown in [135], the form of the $\delta\Lambda_{\mu\nu}$ matrix can be easily found at 1PM order in terms of a four-vector, Z_μ , and the velocity u_μ , obeying the condition $Z \cdot u = 0$. This representation is the basis for the “ $b \rightarrow b + ia$ ” shift which lies at the heart of the (complex) transformation introduced in [147] connecting Schwarzschild and Kerr solutions, (see also [109]).¹⁰ At NLO, however, the construction of the $\delta\Lambda_{\mu\nu}$ matrix is less straightforward, mainly due to the new directions in which a non-zero impulse appears. For the case of non-spinning bodies, the task is relatively simple and the rotation can be easily written down incorporating the impulse in the u^μ direction. However, when spin effects are included, the form of the transformation turns out to be much more involved, begging instead for a more convenient basis to decompose the impulses. Without spin, such basis exists, by combining the b^μ and u^μ impulses into a space-like vector, and it is directly connected to the eikonal representation. It would be interesting to perform the same manipulations for the case of spinning bodies, in particular in light of the remarkable algebraic structure involving the eikonal phase recently discovered in [122].

Another interesting area for further study is the possibility, for the special case of Kerr black holes, to promote the worldline effective theory into a worldsheet, as advocated in [133]. The motivation is also built on the “ $x + ia$ ” shift [147], which suggests extending the worldline action into one more dimension. This is not entirely surprising, after all the covariant SSC implies a non-commutative (Dirac) algebra for the position, $\{\mathbf{x}^i, \mathbf{x}^j\}_{\text{DB}} \simeq \epsilon^{ijk} \mathbf{a}^k/m$, e.g. [31, 88], hinting at the *extendedness* of spinning particles. The worldsheet idea is also rooted on the fact that, not only the quadrupole [37], but all of the worldline (Wilson) coefficients obey $C_{ES2n} = 1$ (and similarly with the magnetic terms) when matching to the multipole moments of a Kerr black hole [133]. This observation allows one to resume all the derivatively coupled higher-derivative terms in the effective action, which then exponentiate into a translation operation, $e^{ia \cdot \partial}$, that is directly linked to a complex coordinate shift. However, because of the equivalence principle, finite-size effects start with two derivatives (with the 1 and $a\partial/2$ terms already appropriated by the mass and spin) yielding the structure $(e^x - 1)/x = \int_0^1 d\lambda e^{\lambda x}$, which naturally allows one to introduce a two-dimensional integral for the effective action. Furthermore, it turns out to be convenient to introduce a spinor-helicity representation [133] (see [154] for other possible routes). Hence, armed with an action incorporating all of the (self-induced) finite-size

¹⁰This transformation (applied to perturbations of the background) may also play a key role in understanding the vanishing of (static) tidal response for rotating black holes [61, 148–150] following the pattern observed in Schwarzschild [151–153] (<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=v9fvAohXD8g&t=45m15s>).

effects at once, we could then set up the EFT formalism described in this paper, uplifted to a worldsheet Routhian, to compute the momentum and spin impulses for Kerr black holes without having to introduce the curvature terms representing finite-size effects. This possibility is currently under investigation.

Yet one more aspect of the framework which deserves more attention is the generalization of the B2B correspondence to the case of non-aligned spins. As shown in [81], the planar B2B map can be extended to spinning bodies by performing an analytic continuation in the total (canonical) angular momentum. However, when $\dot{\mathbf{L}} = -\dot{\mathbf{S}} \neq 0$, the precession of the plane complicates matters. Moreover, only canonical variables may be associated through the B2B dictionary, which requires also transforming the spin variables when we allow for non-planar dynamics. In principle, we could consider the periastron shift in the instantaneous plane or, more likely, orbital averages over a period. For instance, because the orbital elements are related via analytic continuation — with aligned or zero spins — the B2B map yields a relationship between the total radiated energy in a scattering process and the integrated power over an orbit, via analytic continuation (see footnote 5). Hence, we may expect a similar situation once we include the precession of the orbital plane, thus retaining a link between the total impulse in momentum and an *averaged* periastron advance. There is as well the total spin kick to be considered, and the associated change in orbital angular momentum. Provided a relationship between the orbital elements still holds, we may expect an analogous connection to the integrated change over an orbit for the bound case. Another interesting venue is to explore the modification of the first-law to the case of spinning bodies, e.g. [155], which would allow us to compute the precession frequency once the non-planar B2B map is obtained. We will return to these issues in future work. Finally, since the master integrals to N²LO are known [83], the formalism is ready to march forward in the PM expansion. The computation of spin effects to $\mathcal{O}(G^3)$ is currently underway.

Note added. While the results of this project were prepared for submission we learned of the concurrent work of [156], which also computed finite-size contributions to the NLO impulses via the methods discussed in [122]. After transforming between the different variables (as discussed in section 4.3) their results agree with ours. We thank the authors of [156] for confirming the perfect match with us.

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A Supplemental material

A.1 Trajectories

An important element in the computation of the NLO impulses is iteration of the 1PM EoM into the tree-level Routhian. For completeness, we provide here the trajectories for the position and spin to 1PM order. To simplify the notation we always refer to the dynamics of particle 1 and do not include the mirror images. The contribution from the latter, as well as the corresponding deflection for the second particle, can be derived as explained in [82].

A.1.1 Velocity & position

The velocity correction at linear order in spin is given by,

$$\delta_{S_1}^{(1)} v_1^\mu(\tau_1) = \frac{-im_2}{8M_{P1}^2 m_1} \int_k \frac{\hat{\delta}(k \cdot u_2)}{k^2 (k \cdot u_1 - i\epsilon)} e^{ik \cdot b} e^{i(k \cdot u_1 - i\epsilon)\tau_1} \times k^\alpha \left(k^\nu u_{1\alpha} \left(\mathcal{S}_1^\mu{}_\nu + 2u_2^\beta u_2^\mu \mathcal{S}_{1\nu\beta} \right) - 2\gamma k^\mu u_2^\nu \mathcal{S}_{1\alpha\nu} \right), \quad (\text{A.1})$$

and one time integration yields the position correction

$$\delta_{S_1}^{(1)} x_1^\mu(\tau_1) = \frac{-m_2}{8M_{P1}^2 m_1} \int_k \frac{\hat{\delta}(k \cdot u_2)}{k^2 (k \cdot u_1 - i\epsilon)^2} e^{ik \cdot b} e^{i(k \cdot u_1 - i\epsilon)\tau_1} \times k^\alpha \left(k^\nu u_{1\alpha} \left(\mathcal{S}_1^\mu{}_\nu + 2u_2^\beta u_2^\mu \mathcal{S}_{1\nu\beta} \right) - 2\gamma k^\mu u_2^\nu \mathcal{S}_{1\alpha\nu} \right). \quad (\text{A.2})$$

At quadratic order in the spin we have several contributions. For the term proportional to the SSC in (2.8) we find

$$\delta_{RS_1 S_1}^{(1)} v_1^\mu(\tau_1) = \frac{-m_2}{8M_{P1}^2 m_1^2} \int_k \frac{\hat{\delta}(k \cdot u_2)}{k^2} e^{ik \cdot b} e^{i(k \cdot u_1 - i\epsilon)\tau_1} \left[k^\nu (k \cdot u_1) \mathcal{S}_1^{\mu\beta} \mathcal{S}_{1\nu\beta} + 2\gamma k^\nu \mathcal{S}_1^\mu{}_\nu (k^\alpha u_2^\beta \mathcal{S}_{1\alpha\beta}) - 2u_2^\nu (k \cdot u_1) \mathcal{S}_1^\mu{}_\nu (k^\alpha u_2^\beta \mathcal{S}_{1\alpha\beta}) \right], \quad (\text{A.3})$$

and

$$\delta_{RS_1 S_1}^{(1)} x_1^\mu(\tau_1) = \frac{im_2}{8M_{P1}^2 m_1^2} \int_k \frac{\hat{\delta}(k \cdot u_2)}{k^2 (k \cdot u_1 - i\epsilon)} e^{ik \cdot b} e^{i(k \cdot u_1 - i\epsilon)\tau_1} \left[k^\nu (k \cdot u_1) \mathcal{S}_1^{\mu\beta} \mathcal{S}_{1\nu\beta} + 2\gamma k^\nu \mathcal{S}_1^\mu{}_\nu (k^\alpha u_2^\beta \mathcal{S}_{1\alpha\beta}) - 2u_2^\nu (k \cdot u_1) \mathcal{S}_1^\mu{}_\nu (k^\alpha u_2^\beta \mathcal{S}_{1\alpha\beta}) \right], \quad (\text{A.4})$$

whereas from the finite-size effects we arrive at

$$\delta_{ES_1^2}^{(1)} v_1^\mu(\tau_1) = \frac{m_2}{16M_{P1}^2 m_1^2} \int_k \frac{\hat{\delta}(k \cdot u_2) k^\alpha k^\nu}{k^2 (k \cdot u_1 - i\epsilon)} e^{ik \cdot b} e^{i(k \cdot u_1 - i\epsilon)\tau_1} \times \left[k^\mu \left(2\gamma^2 - 1 \right) \mathcal{S}_{1\alpha}{}^\beta \mathcal{S}_{1\nu\beta} + k^\mu u_{1\alpha} u_{1\nu} \left(\mathcal{S}_{1\beta\rho} \mathcal{S}_1^{\beta\rho} - 2u_2^\beta u_2^\rho \mathcal{S}_{1\beta}{}^\gamma \mathcal{S}_{1\rho\gamma} \right) + 2k^\beta u_{1\alpha} \left(\mathcal{S}_{1\beta\rho} \mathcal{S}_{1\nu}{}^\rho (u_1^\mu - 2\gamma u_2^\mu) + u_{1\nu} (2u_2^\mu u_2^\rho \mathcal{S}_{1\beta}{}^\gamma \mathcal{S}_{1\rho\gamma} - \mathcal{S}_{1\beta\rho} \mathcal{S}_1^{\mu\rho}) \right) \right] \quad (\text{A.5})$$

so that

$$\begin{aligned} \delta_{ES_1^2}^{(1)} x_1^\mu(\tau_1) &= \frac{-im_2}{16M_{\text{Pl}}^2 m_1^2} \int_k \frac{\hat{\delta}(k \cdot u_2) k^\alpha k^\nu}{k^2 (k \cdot u_1 - i\epsilon)^2} e^{ik \cdot b} e^{i(k \cdot u_1 - i\epsilon)\tau_1} \\ &\times \left[k^\mu (2\gamma^2 - 1) \mathcal{S}_{1\alpha}^\beta \mathcal{S}_{1\nu\beta} + k^\mu u_{1\alpha} u_{1\nu} (\mathcal{S}_{1\beta\rho} \mathcal{S}_1^{\beta\rho} - 2u_2^\beta u_2^\rho \mathcal{S}_{1\beta}^\gamma \mathcal{S}_{1\rho\gamma}) \right. \\ &\left. + 2k^\beta u_{1\alpha} (\mathcal{S}_{1\beta\rho} \mathcal{S}_{1\nu}^\rho (u_1^\mu - 2\gamma u_2^\mu) + u_{1\nu} (2u_2^\mu u_2^\rho \mathcal{S}_{1\beta}^\gamma \mathcal{S}_{1\rho\gamma} - \mathcal{S}_{1\beta\rho} \mathcal{S}_1^{\mu\rho})) \right]. \end{aligned} \quad (\text{A.6})$$

Finally, we also have spin₁-spin₂ corrections to the trajectories given by

$$\begin{aligned} \delta_{S_1 S_2}^{(1)} v_1^\mu(\tau_1) &= \frac{1}{8M_{\text{Pl}}^2 m_1} \int_k \frac{\hat{\delta}(k \cdot u_2) k^\alpha k^\nu}{k^2 (k \cdot u_1 - i\epsilon)} e^{ik \cdot b} e^{i(k \cdot u_1 - i\epsilon)\tau_1} \\ &\times \left[k^\mu \mathcal{S}_{2\nu\beta} (\gamma \mathcal{S}_{1\alpha}^\beta + u_1^\beta u_2^\rho \mathcal{S}_{1\alpha\rho}) + k^\beta u_{1\alpha} (u_2^\rho \mathcal{S}_{1\nu\rho} \mathcal{S}_2^\mu{}_\beta - u_2^\mu \mathcal{S}_{1\nu}^\rho \mathcal{S}_{2\beta\rho}) \right], \end{aligned} \quad (\text{A.7})$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \delta_{S_1 S_2}^{(1)} x_1^\mu(\tau_1) &= \frac{-i}{8M_{\text{Pl}}^2 m_1} \int_k \frac{\hat{\delta}(k \cdot u_2) k^\alpha k^\nu}{k^2 (k \cdot u_1 - i\epsilon)^2} e^{ik \cdot b} e^{i(k \cdot u_1 - i\epsilon)\tau_1} \\ &\times \left[k^\mu \mathcal{S}_{2\nu\beta} (\gamma \mathcal{S}_{1\alpha}^\beta + u_1^\beta u_2^\rho \mathcal{S}_{1\alpha\rho}) + k^\beta u_{1\alpha} (u_2^\rho \mathcal{S}_{1\nu\rho} \mathcal{S}_2^\mu{}_\beta - u_2^\mu \mathcal{S}_{1\nu}^\rho \mathcal{S}_{2\beta\rho}) \right]. \end{aligned} \quad (\text{A.8})$$

A.1.2 Spin

Integrating the spin equation in (2.9) we find (with the notation $k^{[\alpha} q^{\beta]} = k^\alpha q^\beta - k^\beta q^\alpha$)

$$\begin{aligned} \delta_{S_1}^{(1)} S_1^{\alpha\beta}(\tau_1) &= -\frac{m_2}{8M_{\text{Pl}}^2} \int_k \frac{\hat{\delta}(k \cdot u_2)}{k^2 (k \cdot u_1 - i\epsilon)} e^{ik \cdot b} e^{i(k \cdot u_1 - i\epsilon)\tau_1} \\ &\times \left(2\gamma u_2^\rho k^{[\alpha} \mathcal{S}_1^{\beta]}{}_\rho - k^\rho \mathcal{S}_1^{[\alpha}{}_\rho (u_1 - 2\gamma u_2)^{\beta]} \right), \end{aligned} \quad (\text{A.9})$$

for the linear term, whereas at quadratic order

$$\begin{aligned} \delta_{S_1 S_2}^{(1)} S_1^{\alpha\beta}(\tau_1) &= -\frac{i}{8M_{\text{Pl}}^2} \int_k \frac{\hat{\delta}(k \cdot u_2) k^\rho}{k^2 (k \cdot u_1 - i\epsilon)} e^{ik \cdot b} e^{i(k \cdot u_1 - i\epsilon)\tau_1} \\ &\times \left(k^\sigma u_1^\nu u_2^{[\alpha} \mathcal{S}_1^{\beta]}{}_\rho \mathcal{S}_{2\sigma\nu} + \gamma k^\sigma \mathcal{S}_1^{[\alpha}{}_\rho \mathcal{S}_2^{\beta]}{}_\sigma \right. \\ &\left. - \mathcal{S}_{2\rho\sigma} (\gamma k^{[\alpha} \mathcal{S}_1^{\beta]}{}_\sigma + u_1^\sigma u_2^\nu k^{[\alpha} \mathcal{S}_1^{\beta]}{}_\nu) \right), \end{aligned} \quad (\text{A.10})$$

$$\begin{aligned} \delta_{ES_1^2}^{(1)} S_1^{\alpha\beta}(\tau_1) &= \frac{-im_2}{8M_{\text{Pl}}^2 m_1} \mathcal{S}_{1\rho\sigma} \int_k \frac{\hat{\delta}(k \cdot u_2)}{k^2 (k \cdot u_1 - i\epsilon)} e^{ik \cdot b} e^{i(k \cdot u_1 - i\epsilon)\tau_1} \\ &\times \left((k \cdot u_1)^2 2u_2^\sigma u_2^{[\alpha} \mathcal{S}_1^{\beta]}{}_\rho + k^\rho (k \cdot u_1) \mathcal{S}_1^{[\alpha\sigma} (u_1 - 2\gamma u_2)^{\beta]} \right. \\ &\left. - k^{[\alpha} \mathcal{S}_1^{\beta]}{}_\sigma ((2\gamma^2 - 1) k^\rho - 2\gamma u_2^\rho (k \cdot u_1)) \right) \end{aligned} \quad (\text{A.11})$$

$$\begin{aligned} \delta_{RS_1 S_1}^{(1)} S_1^{\alpha\beta}(\tau_1) &= \frac{im_2}{8M_{\text{Pl}}^2 m_1} \int_k \frac{\hat{\delta}(k \cdot u_2) k^\rho}{k^2 (k \cdot u_1 - i\epsilon)} e^{ik \cdot b} e^{i(k \cdot u_1 - i\epsilon)\tau_1} \left(2\gamma k^\sigma u_2^\nu \mathcal{S}_{1\sigma\nu} u_1^{[\alpha} \mathcal{S}_1^{\beta]}{}_\rho \right. \\ &\left. + (k \cdot u_1) (u_1^{[\alpha} \mathcal{S}_1^{\beta]}{}_\sigma \mathcal{S}_{1\rho\sigma} - 2u_2^\nu u_2^\sigma \mathcal{S}_{1\rho\nu} u_1^{[\alpha} \mathcal{S}_1^{\beta]}{}_\sigma) \right). \end{aligned} \quad (\text{A.12})$$

A.2 Scattering data

The value of the D_i coefficients for the total momentum and spin impulses are given by:

$$D_1 = \frac{\pi\gamma(5\gamma^2 - 3)(\delta + 7)}{8(\gamma^2 - 1)^{3/2}} \quad (\text{A.13})$$

$$D_2 = \frac{1}{\gamma^2 - 1} \left[(8\gamma^3 + 4\gamma^2 - 4\gamma - 1) + (8\gamma^3 - 4\gamma^2 - 4\gamma + 1)\delta \right] \quad (\text{A.14})$$

$$D_3 = \frac{\gamma}{(\gamma^2 - 1)^2} \left[(2\gamma + 1)(8\gamma^2 + 2\gamma - 5) + (2\gamma - 1)(8\gamma^2 - 2\gamma - 5)\delta \right] \quad (\text{A.15})$$

$$D_4 = \frac{1}{(\gamma^2 - 1)^2} \left[(-8\gamma^4 - 16\gamma^3 + 8\gamma + 1) + (8\gamma^4 - 16\gamma^3 + 8\gamma - 1)\delta \right] \quad (\text{A.16})$$

$$D_5 = \frac{3\pi}{128\sqrt{\gamma^2 - 1}} (35\gamma^2(\delta + 1) + 9\delta + 1) \quad (\text{A.17})$$

$$+ \frac{3\pi C_{ES}^{(1)}}{128(\gamma^2 - 1)^{3/2}} (5\gamma^4(7\delta + 55) - 58\gamma^2(\delta + 5) + 23\delta + 47) \quad (\text{A.18})$$

$$D_6 = -\frac{2\gamma}{\gamma^2 - 1} [(2\gamma + 1) + (2\gamma - 1)\delta] \quad (\text{A.19})$$

$$- \frac{(2\gamma^2 - 1)}{(\gamma^2 - 1)^2} C_{ES}^{(1)} \left[(2\gamma^2 + \gamma - 1) + (2\gamma^2 - \gamma - 1)\delta \right]$$

$$D_7 = \frac{(2\gamma^2 - 1)^2}{(\gamma^2 - 1)^2} C_{ES}^{(1)} [(\gamma + 1) + (\gamma - 1)\delta], \quad D_8 = D_7(\delta \leftrightarrow -\delta) \quad (\text{A.20})$$

$$D_9 = \frac{3\pi}{128\sqrt{\gamma^2 - 1}} (5\gamma^2(7\delta + 31) + \delta - 15) \quad (\text{A.21})$$

$$+ \frac{3\pi C_{ES}^{(1)}}{128(\gamma^2 - 1)^{3/2}} (5\gamma^4(7\delta + 31) - 2\gamma^2(25\delta + 77) + 15\delta + 31)$$

$$D_{10} = \frac{3\pi}{64(\gamma^2 - 1)^{3/2}} (5\gamma^2(7\delta + 19) - 3\delta + 1) \quad (\text{A.22})$$

$$+ \frac{3\pi C_{ES}^{(1)}}{64(\gamma^2 - 1)^{5/2}} (5\gamma^4(7\delta + 19) - 2\gamma^2(23\delta + 43) + 11\delta + 23)$$

$$D_{11} = \frac{4\gamma^2}{(\gamma^2 - 1)^2} [(3\gamma + 2) + (3\gamma - 2)\delta] \quad (\text{A.23})$$

$$+ \frac{(2\gamma^2 - 1)}{(\gamma^2 - 1)^3} C_{ES}^{(1)} \left[(\gamma + 1)(6\gamma^2 - 2\gamma - 1) + (\gamma - 1)(6\gamma^2 + 2\gamma - 1)\delta \right]$$

$$D_{12} = \frac{4\gamma}{(\gamma^2 - 1)^2} \left[(-\gamma^2 - 3\gamma - 1) + (\gamma^2 - 3\gamma + 1)\delta \right] \quad (\text{A.24})$$

$$+ \frac{(2\gamma^2 - 1)}{(\gamma^2 - 1)^3} C_{ES}^{(1)} \left[(\gamma - 1)(2\gamma^2 - 4\gamma - 3) + (\gamma - 1)(2\gamma^2 - 4\gamma - 3)\delta \right]$$

$$D_{13} = \frac{4\gamma^2}{\gamma^2 - 1} [(\gamma + 1) + (\gamma - 1)\delta] + D_7, \quad D_{14} = D_{13}(\delta \leftrightarrow -\delta) \quad (\text{A.25})$$

$$D_{15} = \frac{3\pi(20\gamma^4 - 21\gamma^2 + 3)}{4(\gamma^2 - 1)^{3/2}} \quad (\text{A.26})$$

$$D_{16} = \frac{1}{(\gamma^2 - 1)^2} [(\gamma + 1)(8\gamma^3 - 4\gamma^2 - 4\gamma + 1) - (\gamma - 1)(8\gamma^3 + 4\gamma^2 - 4\gamma - 1)\delta] \quad (\text{A.27})$$

$$D_{17} = 2 \frac{(2\gamma^2 - 1)^2}{(\gamma^2 - 1)^2} [(\gamma + 1) + (\gamma - 1)\delta] \quad (\text{A.28})$$

$$D_{18} = \frac{3\pi\gamma^3(4 - 5\gamma^2)}{(\gamma^2 - 1)^{5/2}} \quad (\text{A.29})$$

$$D_{19} = -\frac{2}{(\gamma^2 - 1)^3} [(\gamma + 1)(8\gamma^5 + 8\gamma^4 - 4\gamma^3 - 8\gamma^2 - 2\gamma + 1) + (\gamma - 1)(8\gamma^5 - 8\gamma^4 - 4\gamma^3 + 8\gamma^2 - 2\gamma - 1)\delta] \quad (\text{A.30})$$

$$D_{20} = \frac{2}{(\gamma^2 - 1)^2} [(\gamma + 1)(8\gamma^4 - 8\gamma^2 + 1) + (\gamma - 1)(8\gamma^4 - 8\gamma^2 + 1)\delta] \quad (\text{A.31})$$

$$D_{21} = -\frac{(8\gamma^4 - 8\gamma^2 + 1)(\delta - 1)}{2(\gamma^2 - 1)} \quad (\text{A.32})$$

$$D_{22} = \frac{3\pi(5\gamma^2 - 1)}{4\sqrt{\gamma^2 - 1}} \quad (\text{A.33})$$

$$D_{23} = 4(1 - 2\gamma^2)^2 D_{25} \quad (\text{A.34})$$

$$D_{24} = \frac{(2\gamma^2 - 1)(2\gamma^2 - 4\gamma + 1)}{(\gamma - 1)^2(\gamma + 1)} - \frac{(2\gamma^2 - 1)(2\gamma^2 + 4\gamma + 1)\delta}{(\gamma - 1)(\gamma + 1)^2} \quad (\text{A.35})$$

$$D_{25} = \frac{\delta - 1}{2(\gamma^2 - 1)^2} \quad (\text{A.36})$$

$$D_{26} = -\frac{2\gamma(2\gamma^2 - 1)(\delta - 1)(C_{ES^2}^{(1)} + 1)}{\gamma^2 - 1} = \frac{(C_{ES^2}^{(1)} + 1)}{2} D_{28} \quad (\text{A.37})$$

$$D_{27} = -\frac{4\gamma(\delta - 1)}{\gamma^2 - 1} \quad (\text{A.38})$$

$$D_{28} = (2\gamma^2 - 1)D_{27} \quad (\text{A.39})$$

$$D_{29} = -\frac{2(1 - 2\gamma^2)^2(\delta - 1)C_{ES^2}^{(1)}}{\gamma^2 - 1} \quad (\text{A.40})$$

$$D_{30} = -\frac{8\gamma(2\gamma^2 - 1)(C_{ES^2}^{(1)} - 3)\nu}{(\gamma^2 - 1)(\delta + 1)} \quad (\text{A.41})$$

$$D_{31} = \frac{8\gamma(2\gamma^2 - 1)(C_{ES^2}^{(1)} - 1)\nu}{(\gamma^2 - 1)^2(\delta + 1)} \quad (\text{A.42})$$

$$D_{32} = -\frac{8\gamma}{(\gamma^2 - 1)(\delta + 1)} (8\gamma^2\nu + \gamma(\delta - 2\nu + 1) - 3\nu) + \frac{2(2\gamma^2 - 1)C_{ES^2}^{(1)}}{(\gamma^2 - 1)^2(\delta + 1)} (8\gamma^3\nu + \gamma^2(2\delta - 4\nu + 2) - 6\gamma\nu - \delta + 2\nu - 1) \quad (\text{A.43})$$

$$D_{33} = -\frac{4\gamma}{(\gamma^2 - 1)^2(\delta + 1)} (8\gamma^4\nu + \gamma^3(12\nu - 6(\delta + 1)) - 22\gamma^2\nu + \gamma(2\delta - 4\nu + 2) + 7\nu) + \frac{2(2\gamma^2 - 1)C_{ES^2}^{(1)}}{(\gamma^2 - 1)^2(\delta + 1)} (8\gamma^3\nu + \gamma^2(-2\delta + 4\nu - 2) - 10\gamma\nu + \delta - 2\nu + 1) \quad (\text{A.44})$$

$$D_{34} = \frac{4}{(\gamma^2 - 1)^2 (\delta + 1)} \left(-8\gamma^4 \nu + \gamma^3 (-8\delta + 16\nu - 8) + \gamma(4\delta - 8\nu + 4) + \nu \right) \quad (\text{A.45})$$

$$D_{35} = \frac{\pi\gamma (5\gamma^2 - 3) (7 - \delta)}{8(\gamma^2 - 1)^{3/2}} = \frac{7 - \delta}{\delta + 7} D_1 \quad (\text{A.46})$$

$$D_{36} = \frac{\pi\gamma^2 (3 - 5\gamma^2)}{4(\gamma^2 - 1)^{3/2}} = -\frac{2\gamma}{\delta + 7} D_1 \quad (\text{A.47})$$

$$D_{37} = -\frac{D_{22}}{\gamma^2 - 1} \quad (\text{A.48})$$

$$D_{38} = \frac{2(2\gamma^2 + 1)(\delta - 1)}{\gamma^2 - 1} \quad (\text{A.49})$$

$$D_{39} = \frac{\gamma(1 - \delta) + \delta + 1}{(\gamma^2 - 1)^2} \quad (\text{A.50})$$

$$D_{40} = \frac{(8\gamma^3 - 4\gamma^2 - 4\gamma + 1)\delta}{\gamma^2 - 1} + \frac{(-8\gamma^3 - 4\gamma^2 + 4\gamma + 1)}{\gamma^2 - 1} \quad (\text{A.51})$$

$$D_{41} = -\frac{\gamma(2\gamma + 1)(8\gamma^2 + 2\gamma - 5)}{(\gamma^2 - 1)^2} + \frac{\gamma(2\gamma - 1)(8\gamma^2 - 2\gamma - 5)\delta}{(\gamma^2 - 1)^2} \quad (\text{A.52})$$

$$D_{42} = \frac{\gamma(-8\gamma^4 + 12\gamma^3 - 4\gamma^2 - 5\gamma + 4)\delta}{(\gamma^2 - 1)^2} + \frac{\gamma(8\gamma^4 + 12\gamma^3 + 4\gamma^2 - 5\gamma - 4)}{(\gamma^2 - 1)^2} \quad (\text{A.53})$$

$$D_{43} = \frac{\pi\gamma (5\gamma^4 + 2\gamma^2 - 3)}{4(\gamma^2 - 1)^{5/2}} = \frac{\gamma^2 + 1}{\gamma(1 - \gamma^2)} D_{36} \quad (\text{A.54})$$

B One-loop integration

At 2PM order, all expressions for momentum and spin impulses from Feynman diagrams contain one-loop tensor integrals of the form:

$$I_{(a_1, a_2, a_3)}^{\mu_1 \dots \mu_m} = \int_k \frac{\hat{\delta}(k \cdot u_j) k^{\mu_1} \dots k^{\mu_m}}{[k^2]^{a_1} [(k - q)^2]^{a_2} (\pm k \cdot u_j - i\epsilon)^{a_3}}, \quad (\text{B.1})$$

with $q \cdot u_1 = q \cdot u_2 = 0$ and we use the convention $\{\not{1} = 2, \not{2} = 1\}$, introduced in [83]. The linear propagators appear due to the iterations where we input the trajectories shown in appendix A in the tree-level Routhian/action. In non-spinning cases [82–84], all integrals have at most one Lorentz index in the numerator. The situation changes when spin is included, and we find various tensor integrals of rank $m \in \{0, 1, 2, 3\}$. Following the standard method first proposed by Passarino and Veltman [157], we reduce all the one-loop tensor integral to a linear combination of scalar integrals. The idea is simple, Lorentz covariance implies that the tensor structure in the final results can be constructed in terms of only the external data $\{q^\mu, u_1^\mu, u_2^\mu\}$ and the metric tensor $g^{\mu\nu}$. Let us consider for example the integral, which we encountered in the non-spinning case [82],

$$I_{(a_1, a_2, a_3)}^\mu = \int_k \frac{\hat{\delta}(k \cdot u_2) k^\mu}{[k^2]^{a_1} [(k - q)^2]^{a_2} (\pm k \cdot u_1 - i\epsilon)^{a_3}}, \quad (\text{B.2})$$

with $a_3 > 0$. Hence, the tensor decomposition yields

$$I_{(a_1, a_2, a_3)}^\mu = q^\mu I_q + u_1^\mu I_{u_1} + u_2^\mu I_{u_2}, \quad (\text{B.3})$$

with the scalar integrals I_q , I_{u_1} and I_{u_2} often denoted as ‘form factors’ in the literature. We can now solve the form factors by performing Lorentz contractions on both sides, with q , u_1 and u_2 . In particular, by contracting with u_2 we immediately find $I_{u_2} = -\gamma I_{u_1}$ (reflecting the fact that the integral in (B.2) must be perpendicular to u_2). As a result, we must compute only the scalar integrals

$$I_q = \frac{1}{q^2} \int_k \frac{\hat{\delta}(k \cdot u_2) k \cdot q}{[k^2]^{a_1} [(k-q)^2]^{a_2} (\pm k \cdot u_1 - i\epsilon)^{a_3}}, \quad (\text{B.4})$$

$$I_{u_1} = -\frac{1}{\gamma^2 - 1} \int_k \frac{\hat{\delta}(k \cdot u_2)}{[k^2]^{a_1} [(k-q)^2]^{a_2} (\pm k \cdot u_1 - i\epsilon)^{a_3-1}}. \quad (\text{B.5})$$

At the end of the day, going to the rest frame of particle 2 to resolve the delta function, all of these integrals belong to the following family:¹¹

$$\int_k \frac{1}{(\mathbf{k}^2)^{a_1} [(\mathbf{k}-\mathbf{q})^2]^{a_2} (\pm \mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{u} - i\epsilon)^{a_3}}, \quad (\text{B.6})$$

with $\mathbf{q} \cdot \mathbf{u} = 0$ and $\mathbf{u}^2 = \gamma^2 - 1$, in $D = 3 - 2\epsilon$ dimensions. While analytical expressions for any $\{a_1, a_2, a_3\}$ are known, e.g. [158], it is often convenient to use integration-by-parts (IBP) relations to reduce the integrals in (B.6) to a combination of the following masters

$$\int \frac{d^D k}{\pi^{D/2}} \frac{1}{\mathbf{k}^2 (\mathbf{k}-\mathbf{q})^2} = \frac{1}{(q^2)^{2-D/2}} \frac{\Gamma(2-D/2) \Gamma^2(D/2-1)}{\Gamma(D-2)}, \quad (\text{B.7})$$

$$\int \frac{d^D k}{\pi^{D/2}} \frac{1}{\mathbf{k}^2 (\mathbf{k}-\mathbf{q})^2 (\pm \mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{u} - i\epsilon)} = i \frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{(q^2)^{(5-D)/2} \sqrt{\gamma^2-1}} \frac{\Gamma((5-D)/2) \Gamma^2((D-3)/2)}{\sqrt{\gamma^2-1} \Gamma(D-3)}, \quad (\text{B.8})$$

with the factor of $\pi^{D/2}$ introduced to comply with the present literature. Similar considerations apply to higher-ranked tensor decompositions.

Finally, we must perform the Fourier transform to impact parameter space, which can be written in terms of derivatives w.r.t. to b^μ ,

$$\int_q \frac{e^{iq \cdot b} \hat{\delta}(q \cdot u_1) \hat{\delta}(q \cdot u_2) q^{\mu_1} \dots q^{\mu_m}}{(-q^2)^n} = (-i\partial_b^{\mu_1}) \dots (-i\partial_b^{\mu_m}) \int_q \frac{e^{iq \cdot b} \hat{\delta}(q \cdot u_1) \hat{\delta}(q \cdot u_2)}{(-q^2)^n}. \quad (\text{B.9})$$

We first notice that the results must lie in the plane orthogonal to both u_1 and u_2 . We can then construct a projected metric [97, 135]

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial b_\mu} b^\nu = \Pi^{\mu\nu} = \eta^{\mu\nu} + \frac{u_1^\mu (u_1^\nu - \gamma u_2^\nu) + u_2^\mu (u_2^\nu - \gamma u_1^\nu)}{\gamma^2 - 1}, \quad (\text{B.10})$$

which we can use to reduce into scalar integrals. Using (B.9), together with (B.10), and the master integral

$$\int_q \frac{e^{iq \cdot b} \hat{\delta}(q \cdot u_1) \hat{\delta}(q \cdot u_2)}{(-q^2)^n} = \frac{4^{-n} \pi^{(2-D)/2}}{\sqrt{\gamma^2-1} |b|^{D-2-2n}} \frac{\Gamma(\frac{D-2}{2}-n)}{\Gamma(n)}, \quad (\text{B.11})$$

¹¹Alternatively, as shown in [82], we can also perform the k^0 integral in the rest frame of particle 1 and pick up the (conservative) pole from the linear propagator only.

it is straightforward to generate the Fourier integrals of any rank, e.g.

$$\int_q \frac{e^{iq \cdot b} \hat{\delta}(q \cdot u_1) \hat{\delta}(q \cdot u_2) q^\mu q^\nu}{(-q^2)^n} = -\frac{2^{1-2n} \pi^{(2-D)/2}}{\sqrt{\gamma^2 - 1} |b|^{D+2-2n}} \frac{\Gamma(D/2-n)}{\Gamma(n)} \left((D-2n) b^\mu b^\nu + |b|^2 \Pi^{\mu\nu} \right). \quad (\text{B.12})$$

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