

Angular Momentum Flux Non-Invariance in Asymptotically Flat Spacetimes

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2. The functions $m(u, x^A)$, $N_A(u, x^A)$ and C_{AB} are the mass aspect, the angular momentum aspect and the shear tensor.

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2. $f(x)$ is a “supertranslation” and Y^A s are Lorentz generators. Shear tensor C_{AB} , changes as $C_{AB} - (2D_A D_B - q_{AB} D^2)f$.

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1. Equation of motion for the mass aspect,

$$\Delta m(\Theta) = \frac{1}{4} D^2 (D^2 + 2) \Delta C(\Theta) - \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} du T_{uu}(u, \Theta)$$

2. Again one can see the first two modes $C_{l=0}(u)$, $C_{l=1}(u)$ are absent, even more they do not appear at all in the asymptotic metric and hence their time dependence is completely arbitrary even if the initial value of all harmonics of C is given at $u = -\infty$.

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$$j_Y[m(u), C(u)] = \frac{1}{4\pi G} \int_{S^2} m \delta_Y C = -\frac{1}{4\pi G} \int_{S^2} C \delta_Y m.$$

1. Needless to say there is no problem with the energy (flux) because it is already supertranslation invariant,

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4. The final form of the charge is

$$\hat{\mathfrak{J}}_{\bar{Y}}^- = J_{\bar{Y}}^- - j_{\bar{Y}}[m^-, C^-]. \quad (1)$$

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 3. By construction both $\tilde{J}_{\tilde{Y}}^\pm$ are invariant under supertranslations so we can compute them by changing coordinates in the non-radiative far past and far future regions to set $C_{AB}^\pm = 0$.

$$\Delta \tilde{J}_Y = J_Y(+\infty)|_{C^+|_{l>1}=0} - J_Y(-\infty)|_{C^-|_{l>1}=0}.$$

4. There are arguments showing that $h_{AB} + O(1/r^2)$ is the frame where the Bondi charge reduces to the ADM charge. Therefore the flux is the canonical charge measured after a gravitational scattering in a “round metric” frame minus the initial canonical charge, also measured in a “round metric” frame.
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5. Prescription *i* includes a term due to the motion of the final CMRF, namely $\Delta\vec{J} = \Delta\vec{J}^{intrinsic} + \vec{a} \times \Delta\vec{P}$, with \vec{a} the displacement of the origin of the final CMRF with respect to the initial CMRF. Prescription *ii* instead gives $\Delta\vec{J} = \Delta\vec{J}^{intrinsic}$. The difference between the two prescriptions amounts to a term proportional to $\Delta\vec{P}$, i.e. the change of the center of mass momentum due to gravitational radiation.

- Supertranslation and covariance makes the charge invariant under solid translations.
- $l = 0, 1$ modes of the electrical shear do not appear in the asymptotic metric nor they are fixed by EOM. However they are essential for covariance.
- We fix these coefficients by fixing the origin of coordinates.
- To calculate flux we also need to know $l = 0, 1$ modes at the far future. Two important prescriptions are, first measuring the initial and final charge with respect to the initial CMRF or measuring the final charge with respect to the final CMRF.
- The second one coincides with the ADM flux.