

Electromagnetic fields in compact binaries: post-Newtonian wave generation and application to double white dwarfs systems.

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Abstract

The aim of this work is twofold: (i) to properly define a wave-generation formalism for compact-supported sources embedded in Einstein-Maxwell theory, relying on matched post-Newtonian and multipolar-post-Minowskian expansions; (ii) to apply this formalism to the case of two stars with constant and aligned magnetic dipoles, by computing the fluxes of energy and angular momentum to the next-to-leading order, as well as the gravitational amplitude modes. Assuming eccentric orbits, we derive the evolution of orbital parameters in realistic configurations as well as the observables of the system. Finally, we give some numerical estimations of the corrections of the magnetic dipoles for some realistic systems.

I. INTRODUCTION

High accuracy analytic predictions are a milestone of the signal analysis for gravitational-wave (GW) detectors, notably when it comes to observing the long inspiral phase of coalescing compact objects. If such objects, typically neutron stars (NS) and white dwarfs (WD), are far from being the main source of events of the current LIGO-Virgo-KAGRA network [1], they will be a major source for the next generations of detectors, such as the Laser Interferometer Space Antenna (LISA) [2], or the Einstein Telescope (ET) [3]. Indeed, those instruments will resolve tens of thousands of galactic binaries, composed primarily of WD and/or NS [4, 5]. It is thus crucial to provide accurate analytic templates for those sources, notably taking into account physical effects beyond the commonly used spinning point-particle approximation. Among those effects are for instance the tidal response of the stars, that have been treated to high accuracy in [6, 7], or the presence of strong magnetic fields, that can be as intense as $10^9 G$ for white dwarfs and $10^{12} G$ for neutron stars [8, 9]. Such fields can induce an orbital decay, and shift the frequency of the gravitational wave emitted by the binary [10–16]. The LISA experiment will resolve a large number of double WD [17, 18], and some of those systems will even be used for the calibration of the instrument [19–21]. It seems therefore important to provide accurate analytic waveform templates that incorporate the electromagnetic structure of WD and NS, which is the purpose of this work.

The templates that will be used for the detection and characterization of the inspiral phase of galactic binaries are mainly based on post-Newtonian results [22], relying on both weak-field and slow-motion approximations (see *e.g.* [23–25] for reviews). In such a framework, it is customary to distinguish between a “conservative” sector, describing the motion of the two objects *via* a set of Noetherian quantities, and a “dissipative” one, depicting the fluxes at spatial infinity. Both sectors are linked by the famous flux-balance equations, that describe the loss of energy E and angular momentum J^i of the system as

$$\frac{dE}{dt} = -\langle \mathcal{F} \rangle \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{dJ^i}{dt} = -\langle \mathcal{G}^i \rangle, \quad (1.1)$$

where \mathcal{F} and \mathcal{G}^i are respectively the energy and angular momentum fluxes, as detected by an observer at spatial infinity. We let the interested reader refer to [26] for the flux-balance

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equations associated with the other Noetherian quantities, *i.e.* linear momentum and center-of-mass position. In the case of a binary system bearing electric charges, the left-hand sides of the flux-balance equations have been widely studied, see *e.g.* [27–32] but, to the best of our knowledge, a proper treatment of the right-hand sides is missing. Moreover, and as previously argued, going beyond the simple electric charge case will be important for future GW detectors. In this spirit, we have achieved in [33] the construction of the conservative sector including electromagnetic (EM) effects, and computed the Noetherian energy and angular momentum at next-to-leading orders for a binary system of stars bearing magnetic dipoles. The present work is the continuation of this effort, and we aim at properly defining the corresponding dissipative sector, and build a consistent wave-generation formalism, taking electromagnetic effects into account.

The computation of PN gravitational waveforms relies on matched post-Newtonian and multipolar-post-Minowskian expansions. This “PN-MPM” framework was developed in [34–38] and summarized *e.g.* in [23]. It enabled to reach high precision in the analytic determination of the gravitational waveform: the phase is currently known at 4.5PN order [39], the gravitational flux for generic orbits and the dominant gravitational modes, at 4PN order [40], and the other modes, at 3.5PN order [41–43] (we recall that the n PN order corresponds to a $(v/c)^{2n}$ correction beyond the leading order, where v is the typical velocity of the virialized binary system and c the speed of light). Besides the PN-MPM formalism, two frameworks have also been developed to deal with the wave generation, namely the direct integration of the relaxed equations [44] and effective field theory [45, 46]. They both have reached the 2PN precision for point-particle [47, 48]. The aim of the present work is thus to construct a proper PN-MPM formalism including electromagnetic effects, and to apply it to derive the waveform emitted by a binary of stars bearing magnetic dipoles.

The plan of this paper is as follows. In Sec. II, we present the construction of the PN-MPM wave-generation formalism including electromagnetic effects, and compute the first non-linearities (the so-called *tails*) in Sec. III. Then, we apply our formalism to the case of two spinless stars bearing constant and aligned magnetic moments in Sec. IV, and derive the various fluxes, the evolution of orbital parameters for elliptic trajectories, as well as the gravitational phase and modes for quasi-circular orbits. We also give numerical estimates for those quantities, before concluding in Sec. V. App. A presents the construction of the electromagnetic fluxes. Lengthy expressions are displayed in App. B, and stored in an ancillary file [49].

II. WAVE-GENERATION FORMALISM

The aim of this section is to build a wave-generation formalism in the Einstein-Maxwell theory, directly inspired from the usual PN-MPM framework used in GR [34–38] (see [23] for a review). In such framework, the behavior of the fields at future null infinity is parametrized by some *radiative* multipole moments, from which the fluxes of energy and angular momentum, as well as the gravitational amplitude modes, are derived. Those radiative moments are linked to the *source* multipole moments, describing the matter distribution, by taking into account the non-linearities arising during the propagation of the waves towards spatial infinity.

As clear from the analysis of the generic structure of the fields in the exterior zone, performed in Sec. IIB, three steps are required to construct a proper PN-MPM wave-generation formalism: (i) expressing the *source* moments in terms of the matter distribution, as done in

Sec. **II C**; (ii) taking into account the non-linearities *via* an iteration scheme and extracting the *radiative* moments, as discussed in Sec. **II D**; (iii) relating those moments to the modes and fluxes, as presented in Sec. **II E**.

A. Equations of motion

In the following¹, we consider a generic matter distribution with compact support in an Einstein-Maxwell framework. The metric perturbation $h^{\mu\nu} \equiv \sqrt{-g}g^{\mu\nu} - \eta^{\mu\nu}$ and EM field² A_μ are governed by the coupled fields equations [33]

$$\square h^{\mu\nu} = \frac{16\pi G}{c^4} \tau^{\mu\nu} \quad \text{and} \quad \square A_\mu = -\frac{4\pi G\alpha_{\text{EM}}}{c^4} \iota_\mu, \quad (2.1)$$

together with the gauge conditions

$$\partial_\nu h^{\mu\nu} = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \sqrt{-g} \nabla^\mu A_\mu = (\eta^{\mu\nu} + h^{\mu\nu}) \partial_\mu A_\nu = 0, \quad (2.2)$$

where g denotes the determinant of $g_{\mu\nu}$, and $\alpha_{\text{EM}} = \frac{\mu_0 e^2 c}{4\pi\hbar}$ is the fine-structure constant, *i.e.* a dimensionless number. The source terms of the wave equations (2.1), $\tau^{\mu\nu}$ and ι_μ , play the role of the Landau-Lifschitz tensor in GR, and read

$$\tau^{\mu\nu} \equiv |g| T^{\mu\nu} + \frac{c^4}{16\pi G} \Lambda^{\mu\nu}, \quad (2.3a)$$

$$\iota_\mu \equiv J_\mu - \frac{c^4}{4\pi G\alpha_{\text{EM}}} \Phi_\mu. \quad (2.3b)$$

We have separated the sources between the descriptions of the matter distribution, $\{T^{\mu\nu}, J_\mu\}$, and the non-linear interaction terms $\{\Lambda^{\mu\nu}, \Phi_\mu\}$. The contribution $\Lambda^{\mu\nu}$ can be further split between the metric self-interaction term $\Lambda_g^{\mu\nu}$ and the interplay between the metric and the EM field, dubbed $\Lambda_{\text{EM}}^{\mu\nu}$. The metric self-interaction $\Lambda_g^{\mu\nu}$ is the usual GR one and can be found *e.g.* in Eq. (24) of [23]. The two other contributions read explicitly [33]

$$\Lambda_{\text{EM}}^{\mu\nu} = \frac{4|g|}{\alpha_{\text{EM}}} \left(F^{\mu\lambda} F^\nu{}_\lambda - \frac{g^{\mu\nu}}{4} F_{\alpha\beta} F^{\alpha\beta} \right), \quad (2.4a)$$

$$\Phi_\mu = -h^{\alpha\beta} \partial_{\alpha\beta} A_\mu - \partial_\mu \mathfrak{g}^{\alpha\beta} \partial_\alpha A_\beta - \mathfrak{g}_{\mu\nu} \mathfrak{g}^{\alpha\lambda} F_{\alpha\beta} \partial_\lambda \mathfrak{g}^{\beta\nu} + \frac{1}{2} \mathfrak{g}^{\alpha\beta} \mathfrak{g}_{\lambda\rho} F_{\alpha\mu} \partial_\beta \mathfrak{g}^{\lambda\rho}, \quad (2.4b)$$

where we have introduced the usual field strength $F_{\mu\nu} \equiv \partial_\mu A_\nu - \partial_\nu A_\mu$ together with the “gothic” metric $\mathfrak{g}^{\mu\nu} \equiv \sqrt{-g}g^{\mu\nu}$.

As for the matter sources $\{T^{\mu\nu}, J_\mu\}$, their precise expressions do not play a role in the present section. Indeed our formalism applies to any system with *compact-supported* matter distribution, for a few PN assumptions that we will detail below. Nevertheless, when applying the techniques developed in the present section to a concrete example in Sec. **IV**, we

¹ The conventions employed throughout this work are as follows: we use a mostly plus signature, the Minkowski metric being $\eta_{\mu\nu} = (-, +, +, +)$; greek letters denote spacetime indices $\mu, \nu, \dots = (0, 1, 2, 3)$ and latin ones, purely spatial indices $i, j, \dots = (1, 2, 3)$; bold font denotes three-dimensional vectors, *e.g.* $\mathbf{y}_A = y_A^i$; we use multi-index notations, *i.e.* $\mathbf{I}_L = \mathbf{I}_{i_1 i_2 \dots i_\ell}$; hats and brackets denote symmetric and trace-free (STF) operators: $\hat{\mathbf{I}}_L = \mathbf{I}_{\langle L \rangle} = \text{STF}_L[\mathbf{I}_L]$; the d’Alembertian operator is defined with respect to the flat Minkowski metric $\square \equiv \eta^{\mu\nu} \partial_{\mu\nu} = \Delta - c^{-2} \partial_t^2$; dots and numbers in parenthesis denote time differentiation $A^{(n)} = d^n A / dt^n$; (anti)-symmetrizations are weighted, *e.g.* $A_{(ij)} = (A_{ij} + A_{ji})/2$.

² Excepted for the numerical applications of Sec. **IV**, we work with the dimensionless field defined in Sec. III.A of [33], namely $A_\mu \equiv \sqrt{e^2 G / c^3 \hbar} A_\mu^{\text{dimfull}}$.

will need to specify a source modeling. Following what was done in [33], we will consider a compact binary of spinless point particles, dressed with EM dipoles. Their dynamics is free and will be specified later on. We have

$$T^{\mu\nu} = \sum_A \sqrt{|g|_A} u_A^0 v_A^\mu v_A^\nu \left(m_A - \frac{1}{2c^2} (F_{\lambda\rho})_A \mathcal{D}_A^{\lambda\rho} \right) \delta_A, \quad (2.5a)$$

$$J_\mu = g_{\mu\nu} \sum_A \partial_\lambda \left(\frac{\mathcal{D}_A^{\nu\lambda}}{u_A^0} \delta_A \right), \quad (2.5b)$$

where $\delta_A \equiv \delta[x^i - y_A^i(t)]$ is the 3-dimensional Dirac delta distribution, locating the matter distribution on the worldline of the particle A , $\mathbf{y}_A(t)$ (thus the sources are indeed compact supported), $u_A^0 \equiv [-(g_{\mu\nu})_A v_A^\mu v_A^\nu / c^2]^{-1/2}$ is the Lorentz factor, $v_A^\mu = (c, v_A^i)$ (with v_A^i the usual 3-dimensional velocity), and the subscript A means that the quantity is regularized in the worldline of particle A , using the techniques of [50]. The physical quantities describing the source are the individual masses m_A and the EM dipoles, gathered into a Lorentz tensor

$$\mathcal{D}_A^{\mu\nu} \equiv \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -c q_A^i \\ c q_A^i & \varepsilon_{ijk} \mu_A^k \end{pmatrix}, \quad (2.6)$$

where $\{q_A^i, \mu_A^i\}$ are the electric- and magnetic-type dipoles and ε_{ijk} the Levi-Civita symbol.

Last, but not least, note the difference in structure between the two gauge conditions (2.2): while harmonic condition on the metric is linear, the $U(1)$ gauge condition on the EM field has a non-linear sector, involving $h^{\mu\nu}$. This fact will be crucial when explicitly implementing the MPM iteration scheme in Sec. III A.

B. Generic structure of the fields in the exterior zone

The equations of motion (2.1) are formally solved by the application of a retarded three-dimensional Green function

$$h^{\mu\nu} = \frac{16\pi G}{c^4} \square_{\text{ret}}^{-1} \tau^{\mu\nu} = -\frac{4G}{c^4} \int d^3\mathbf{x}' \frac{\tau^{\mu\nu}(\mathbf{x}', t - |\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}'|/c)}{|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}'|}, \quad (2.7a)$$

$$A_\mu = -\frac{4\pi G \alpha_{\text{EM}}}{c^4} \square_{\text{ret}}^{-1} \iota_\mu = \frac{G \alpha_{\text{EM}}}{c^4} \int d^3\mathbf{x}' \frac{\iota_\mu(\mathbf{x}', t - |\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}'|/c)}{|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}'|}, \quad (2.7b)$$

but those integrals are too complicated to be solved directly. As we are interested with radiation towards spatial infinity, we will consider the problem in the *exterior* zone, *i.e.* the region of space outside the matter distribution. In such region of space, both fields $h^{\mu\nu}$ and A_μ coincide with their multipolar expansions, $\mathcal{M}(h^{\mu\nu})$ and $\mathcal{M}(A_\mu)$ (as those are formal series). Moreover, we have by construction $T^{\mu\nu} = J_\mu = 0$ in this region. As multipolar expansions commute with products and derivatives, we then have to solve a simpler, multipolar expanded, version of the equations of motion (2.1)

$$\square \mathcal{M}(h^{\mu\nu}) = \mathcal{M}(\square h^{\mu\nu}) = \mathcal{M}(\Lambda^{\mu\nu}) = \Lambda^{\mu\nu} [\mathcal{M}(h^{\mu\nu}), \mathcal{M}(A_\mu)], \quad (2.8a)$$

$$\square \mathcal{M}(A_\mu) = \mathcal{M}(\square A_\mu) = \mathcal{M}(\Phi_\mu) = \Phi_\mu [\mathcal{M}(h^{\mu\nu}), \mathcal{M}(A_\mu)]. \quad (2.8b)$$

Solving the vacuum equations (2.8) is simpler than computing the integrals (2.7). Nevertheless, the $r \rightarrow \infty$ expansion performed induces spuriously divergent integrals, that have to be

regularized. Let us emphasize that those divergences are not physical, but simply a direct consequence of the formal multipolar expansion. In order to deal with them, we employ the usual *Hadamard regularization* scheme [50, 51], introducing an unphysical (length) scale r_0 , thus solving (2.8) as³

$$\mathcal{M}(h^{\mu\nu}) = \text{PF} \square_{\text{ret}}^{-1} \left[\left(\frac{r}{r_0} \right)^B \mathcal{M}(\Lambda^{\mu\nu}) \right] + h_{\text{hom}}^{\mu\nu}, \quad (2.9a)$$

$$\mathcal{M}(A_\mu) = \text{PF} \square_{\text{ret}}^{-1} \left[\left(\frac{r}{r_0} \right)^B \mathcal{M}(\Phi_\mu) \right] + A_\mu^{\text{hom}}, \quad (2.9b)$$

Note that, together with the regularized propagator acting on the non-linear sources, we have introduced homogeneous solutions, $h_{\text{hom}}^{\mu\nu}$ and A_μ^{hom} . Imposing that those homogeneous solutions are regular at spatial infinity (as we recall that we are working in the exterior zone), and the usual *no-incoming radiation* condition (*i.e.* that no wave can “come from infinity”), they are to be written as

$$h_{\text{hom}}^{\mu\nu} = -\frac{4G}{c^4} \sum_{\ell \geq 0} \frac{(-)^\ell}{\ell!} \partial_L \left[\frac{1}{r} F_L^{\mu\nu}(t - r/c) \right], \quad (2.10a)$$

$$A_\mu^{\text{hom}} = \frac{G\alpha_{\text{EM}}}{c^4} \sum_{\ell \geq 0} \frac{(-)^\ell}{\ell!} \partial_L \left[\frac{1}{r} G_\mu^L(t - r/c) \right]. \quad (2.10b)$$

where the quantities $F_L^{\mu\nu}$ and G_μ^L are yet unspecified functions, STF in L . It is easy to see that those homogeneous solutions indeed satisfy the linear wave equations in vacuum $\square h_{\text{hom}}^{\mu\nu} = \square A_\mu^{\text{hom}} = 0$.

The formal separation of the solution (2.9) bears a physical meaning. On the one hand, the homogeneous solutions $h_{\text{hom}}^{\mu\nu}$ and A_μ^{hom} represent the linear wave emitted by the source. As such, they encrypt information on the matter distribution, as presented in Sec. II C. On the other hand, the regularized propagators acting on the non-linear sources $\Lambda^{\mu\nu}$ and Φ_μ describe scattering and diffusion processes happening during the propagation of the wave towards spatial infinity. They are discussed in Sec. II D.

C. Expression of the source moments

As the source moments encompass the information on the matter system, we need to express the linear (homogeneous) solution in terms of the matter distribution. The aim is twofold: (i) decomposing the quantities $F_L^{\mu\nu}$ and G_μ^L entering (2.10) as simple, irreducible STF *source* (and *gauge*) moments; (ii) matching those moments to the matter distributions $\tau^{\mu\nu}$ and ι_μ .

The wave equation for $h^{\mu\nu}$ in terms of $\tau^{\mu\nu}$ (2.1) is the same as the one used in pure GR. Indeed, in the metric sector, the only difference between this work and usual GR computations is the explicit expression of $\tau^{\mu\nu}$ in terms of the fields. Therefore, the STF reduction and matching of the moments in terms of $\tau^{\mu\nu}$ will be exactly the same as the

³ For high PN computations, it is now customary to use a dimensional regularization scheme instead of a Hadamard one [52, 53]. Nevertheless, for the low PN order derivation of the present work, the Hadamard one is largely sufficient and we let the question of dimensional regularization to future studies.

usual one, derived in [38]. The linear solution is thus parametrized by six sets STF moments as [34]

$$h_{\text{hom}}^{\mu\nu} = h_{\text{can}}^{\mu\nu} [I_L, J_L] + \partial\varphi^{\mu\nu} [W_L, X_L, Y_L, Z_L] . \quad (2.11)$$

This generic homogeneous solution is split in two sectors. The *canonical* linear metric $h_{\text{can}}^{\mu\nu}$ bears the two propagating degrees of freedom of GR, and is written in terms of two sets of *source* moments, $\{I_L, J_L\}$ [54–56]. Its expression can be found *e.g.* in Eq. (36) of [23]. The second sector, $\partial\varphi^{\mu\nu} \equiv \partial^\mu\varphi^\nu + \partial^\nu\varphi^\mu - \partial_\lambda\varphi^\lambda\eta^{\mu\nu}$, is nothing but the generator of a diffeomorphism transformation, parametrized by four sets of *gauge* moments $\{W_L, X_L, Y_L, Z_L\}$, as explicitly displayed *e.g.* in Eq. (37) of [23]. The matched expressions of those moments in terms of $\tau^{\mu\nu}$ are to be found in Eqs. (123) and (125) of [23]. Note that the monopole I and the dipoles I_i and J_i are respectively the conserved Arnowitt-Deser-Misner (ADM) mass, linear momentum and angular momentum. We will operate in the center-of-mass frame, in which $I_i = 0$, and denote $M = I$.

In the following, we will thus concentrate on the EM field A_μ .

1. Irreducible decomposition of the EM field

We need to perform the decomposition of the linear EM field (2.10b) in irreducible STF tensors, while ensuring that the gauge equation (2.2) is respected. Hereafter, for a quantity Q_L , we use the shortened notation

$$\tilde{Q}_L \equiv \frac{1}{r} Q_L (t - r/c) . \quad (2.12)$$

Following Eq. (5.3) of [38], let us decompose

$$G_0^L = R_L \quad \text{and} \quad G_i^L = T_{iL}^{(+)} + \varepsilon_{ai\langle i_\ell} T_{L-1\rangle a}^{(0)} + \delta_{i\langle i_\ell} T_{L-1}^{(-)} , \quad (2.13)$$

where

$$T_{iL}^{(+)} = \text{STF } G_i^L , \quad T_L^{(0)} = \frac{\ell}{\ell+1} \varepsilon_{ab\langle i_\ell} G_a^{L-1\rangle b} \quad \text{and} \quad T_{L-1}^{(-)} = \frac{2\ell-1}{2\ell+1} G_a^{aL-1} . \quad (2.14)$$

Using the property $\hat{\partial}_{iL-1} = \partial_i \hat{\partial}_{L-1} - \frac{\ell-1}{2\ell-1} \delta_{i\langle i_\ell-1} \hat{\partial}_{L-2} \rangle \Delta$ together with the homogeneity relation $\Delta \tilde{T}_L^{(-)} = \ddot{\tilde{T}}_L^{(-)}/c^2$, it comes

$$A_0^{\text{hom}} = \frac{G\alpha_{\text{EM}}}{c^4} \sum_{\ell \geq 0} \frac{(-)^\ell}{\ell!} \partial_L \tilde{R}_L , \quad (2.15a)$$

$$A_i^{\text{hom}} = \frac{G\alpha_{\text{EM}}}{c^4} \sum_{\ell \geq 0} \frac{(-)^\ell}{\ell!} \left[\frac{\ell \partial_{L-1} \ddot{\tilde{T}}_{iL-1}^{(-)}}{(\ell+1)(2\ell+1)c^2} - \ell \partial_{L-1} \tilde{T}_{iL-1}^{(+)} + \varepsilon_{ijk} \partial_{jL-1} \tilde{T}_{kL-1}^{(0)} - \frac{\partial_{iL} \tilde{T}_L^{(-)}}{\ell+1} \right] . \quad (2.15b)$$

Then, we impose the gauge condition

$$\mathbf{g}^{\mu\nu} \partial_\mu A_\nu^{\text{hom}} = \eta^{\mu\nu} \partial_\mu A_\nu^{\text{hom}} + h^{\mu\nu} \partial_\mu A_\nu^{\text{hom}} = -\frac{1}{c} \dot{A}_0^{\text{hom}} + \partial_i A_i^{\text{hom}} + \mathcal{O}(G^2) . \quad (2.16)$$

As we are investigating the *linear* solution, we can drop the $\mathcal{O}(G^2)$ remainder for now. Nevertheless, this remainder will be crucial during the iteration procedure, as explicitly shown in Sec. III A 2. The linear gauge condition thus translates into the relation

$$\eta^{\mu\nu}\partial_\mu A_\nu^{\text{hom}} = -\frac{G\alpha_{\text{EM}}}{c^4} \sum_{\ell \geq 0} \frac{(-)^\ell}{\ell!} \partial_L \left[\frac{\dot{\tilde{R}}_L}{c} + \ell \tilde{T}_L^{(+)} + \frac{1}{2\ell+1} \frac{\ddot{\tilde{T}}_L^{(-)}}{c^2} \right] = 0. \quad (2.17)$$

Substituting $T_L^{(+)}$ in terms of R_L and $T_L^{(-)}$ in (2.15), it comes

$$A_0^{\text{hom}} = \frac{G\alpha_{\text{EM}}}{c^4} \sum_{\ell \geq 0} \frac{(-)^\ell}{\ell!} \partial_L \tilde{R}_L, \quad (2.18a)$$

$$A_i^{\text{hom}} = \frac{G\alpha_{\text{EM}}}{c^4} \sum_{\ell \geq 0} \frac{(-)^\ell}{\ell!} \left[\frac{\partial_{L-1} \dot{\tilde{R}}_{iL-1}}{c} + \frac{\partial_{L-1} \ddot{\tilde{T}}_{iL}^{(-)}}{(\ell+1)c^2} + \varepsilon_{ijk} \partial_{jL-1} \tilde{T}_{kL-1}^{(0)} - \frac{\partial_{iL} \tilde{T}_L^{(-)}}{\ell+1} \right]. \quad (2.18b)$$

Next, it is common knowledge that an vector field obeying a $U(1)$ symmetry only propagates two degrees of freedom, whereas the linear solution (2.18) contains three sets of moments. Thus, in the same spirit as the splitting of $h_{\text{hom}}^{\mu\nu}$ (2.11), A_μ^{hom} can be rearranged into a “canonical” EM field, parametrized by two sets of STF *source* moments, $\{E_L, B_L\}$, of respective electric and magnetic parities, and a $U(1)$ generator, parametrized by a set of STF *gauge* moments, $\{K_L\}$

$$A_\mu^{\text{hom}} = A_\mu^{\text{can}} [E_L, B_L] + \partial_\mu \theta [K_L], \quad (2.19)$$

where we pose

$$A_0^{\text{can}} = -\frac{G\alpha_{\text{EM}}}{c^3} \sum_{\ell \geq 0} \frac{(-)^\ell}{\ell!} \partial_L \tilde{E}_L, \quad (2.20a)$$

$$A_i^{\text{can}} = -\frac{G\alpha_{\text{EM}}}{c^4} \sum_{\ell \geq 1} \frac{(-)^\ell}{\ell!} \left[\partial_{L-1} \dot{\tilde{E}}_{iL-1} + \frac{\ell}{\ell+1} \varepsilon_{ijk} \partial_{jL-1} \tilde{B}_{kL-1} \right], \quad (2.20b)$$

$$\theta = -\frac{G\alpha_{\text{EM}}}{c^4} \sum_{\ell \geq 0} \frac{(-)^\ell}{\ell!} \partial_L \tilde{K}_L. \quad (2.20c)$$

The signs and the powers in c have been fixed to recover the usual results for constant charges and dipoles [57]. Comparing with Eq. (2.18), one can read

$$E_L = -\frac{R_L}{c} - \frac{1}{\ell+1} \frac{\dot{\tilde{T}}_L^{(-)}}{c^2}, \quad B_L = -\frac{\ell+1}{\ell} T_L^{(0)} \quad \text{and} \quad K_L = \frac{1}{\ell+1} T_L^{(-)}. \quad (2.21)$$

Let us note that for $\ell = 0$, the linear gauge condition (2.16) simply yields $\dot{\tilde{E}} = 0$, which is nothing but the conservation of the electric monopole: the electric charge defined in our formalism is of the ADM type. In order to reinforce this fact and avoid confusion, we will denote in the following $Q = E$.

2. Matching the source and gauge moments

Once the EM field has been decomposed in irreducible STF moments, one needs to link those moments to the parameter of the matter distribution, through the powerful *matching* procedure [38]. This procedure relies on a few hypothesis, presented *e.g.* in Sec. 4.1 of [23]: (i) the problem can be split into two zones, that partially overlap; (ii) the fields admit a well-defined PN expansion in the near-zone; (iii) the fields admit a well-defined multipolar expansion in the exterior zone. Under those hypothesis, one can match the two expansions in the overlapping zone, and derive an explicit expression for the moments in terms of the source of the wave equation.

Hopefully, the structure of our problem is identical to the pure GR one, and all the hypothesis are verified. Indeed, the first hypothesis is satisfied as long as the matter distribution has a compact support, which is one of the assumptions of this work. The second one has been verified by the study of the conservative sector, presented in [33]. As for the last one, it directly follows from Eq. (2.8). Therefore, one can apply the method exposed in [23, 38] to the EM field and derive

$$G_\mu^L = \text{PF}_{B=0} \int d^3 \mathbf{x} \left(\frac{r}{r_0} \right)^B \hat{x}_L \int_{-1}^1 dz \delta_\ell(z) \bar{t}_\mu(\mathbf{x}, t + zr/c), \quad (2.22)$$

where the bar denotes a PN expansion (*i.e.* a formal $c \rightarrow \infty$ series), and we have introduced

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{-1}^1 dz \delta_\ell(z) \bar{t}_\mu(\mathbf{x}, t + zr/c) &\equiv \frac{(2\ell+1)!!}{2^{\ell+1} \ell!} \int_{-1}^1 dz (1-z^2)^\ell \bar{t}_\mu(\mathbf{x}, t + zr/c) \\ &= \sum_{k \geq 0} \frac{(2\ell+1)!!}{(2k)!! (2\ell+2k+1)!!} \left(\frac{r}{c} \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \right)^{2k} \bar{t}_\mu(\mathbf{x}, t). \end{aligned} \quad (2.23)$$

Combining Eqs. (2.21), (2.14) and (2.22), it finally comes

$$E_L = -\text{PF}_{B=0} \int d^3 \mathbf{x} \left(\frac{r}{r_0} \right)^B \int_{-1}^1 dz \left\{ \delta_\ell(z) \hat{x}_L \frac{\bar{t}_0}{c} + \frac{2\ell+1}{(\ell+1)(2\ell+3)c^2} \delta_{\ell+1}(z) \hat{x}_{iL} \dot{\bar{t}}_i \right\}, \quad (2.24a)$$

$$B_L = \varepsilon_{ab(i\ell} \text{PF}_{B=0} \int d^3 \mathbf{x} \left(\frac{r}{r_0} \right)^B \int_{-1}^1 dz \delta_\ell(z) \hat{x}_{L-1)a} \bar{t}_b, \quad (2.24b)$$

$$K_L = \frac{2\ell+1}{(\ell+1)(2\ell+3)} \text{PF}_{B=0} \int d^3 \mathbf{x} \left(\frac{r}{r_0} \right)^B \int_{-1}^1 dz \delta_{\ell+1}(z) \hat{x}_{iL} \bar{t}_i. \quad (2.24c)$$

Those expression are in full agreement with the results of [58], that were derived in the framework of non-relativistic electromagnetism (corresponding to setting $\Phi_\mu = 0$).

D. Multipolar-post-Minkowskian iteration scheme and radiative moments

Once the linear solutions $h_{\text{hom}}^{\mu\nu}$ and A_μ^{hom} are decomposed in irreducible STF moments, one can turn towards the non-linear sectors of the solutions (2.9). In order to do so, we proceed *via* a post-Minkowskian expansion

$$\mathcal{M}(h^{\mu\nu}) = \sum_{n \geq 1} G^n h_{(n)}^{\mu\nu} \quad \text{and} \quad \mathcal{M}(A_\mu) = \sum_{n \geq 1} G^n A_{(n)\mu}, \quad (2.25)$$

where the linear orders $h_{(1)}^{\mu\nu}$ and $A_{(1)\mu}$ are naturally given by the homogeneous solutions (2.11) and (2.19). Note that we combine multipolar and post-Minkowskian expansions, hence the name of the iteration scheme.

1. Sketch of the iteration procedure

The procedure is conceptually very simple: the vacuum equations (2.8) are also expanded in a post-Minkowskian fashion, and solved order by order in G . Obviously, we cannot provide here the full solution: for each practical computation, one has to determine by dimensional analysis which interactions will play a role and compute them using techniques developed notably in [37, 59–61]. Note that the main technical difference between our case and the pure GR computations is due to the non-linear nature of the gauge condition for A_μ . Nevertheless, verifying the gauge condition on the n th PM order $A_{(n)\mu}$ only requires the knowledge of lower-order solutions $\{h_{(m<n)}^{\mu\nu}, A_{(m<n)\mu}\}$, already required to compute $A_{(n)\mu}$. Therefore this non-linear gauge fixing is not a conceptual difficulty by itself. We provide in Sec. III a practical example of such a computation, with the determination of the first non-linearities, namely the *tails*. An interesting fact is that, due to the form of the interaction term $\Lambda_{\text{EM}}^{\mu\nu}$ (2.4a), the EM corrections to the gravitational moments $\{I_L, J_L\}$ involve at least two EM moments. For instance, the lowest order EM interactions correcting the mass quadrupole I_{ij} are given by $Q \times E_{ij}$ and $E_i \times E_j$, which both enter at a relative 2.5PN order (as shown by a rapid dimensional analysis).

Note also that, when dealing with pure GR, it is customary to first let apart the source-to-source interactions and to focus on computing the interactions between gauge and source moments. Indeed, such interactions can be recast in the form of a physically equivalent description in terms of only two sets of *canonical* moments [60, 62, 63]. As the structure of the linear EM field (2.19) is very similar to the one of the linear metric (2.11), it is expected that a similar physical equivalence exists. Nevertheless, the difference between source and canonical moments enter at relative 2.5PN for the gravitational moments [62], and also for the EM ones. Indeed, rapid dimensional and parity analysis show that the lowest-order gauge corrections to E_i (resp. B_i) are given by the interactions $M \times K_i$, $W \times E_i$ and $Q \times W_i$ (resp. $W \times B_i$ and $K \times J_i$), which are all multiplied by a factor G/c^5 . Such precision is beyond the scope of this work, and the gauge moment will play no role in the practical computations of Sec. IV. We thus let the proper definition of *canonical* EM moments to future works.

2. Asymptotic structure of the fields

Once multipolar-post-Minkowskian expanded metric and EM fields have been constructed up to the required order, one has to extract the *radiative* moments. Again, the procedure for the metric is similar to the pure GR case, and we let the reader refer to Sec. 3 of [23] for details. We will here concentrate on the EM case, and extract its leading behavior at future null infinity $r \rightarrow \infty$, with $u = t - r/c$ constant. Using the relation

$$\partial_L \left[\frac{F(t - r/c)}{r} \right] = \frac{(-)^{\ell} n_L}{c^{\ell} r} F^{(\ell)}(t - r/c) + \mathcal{O} \left(\frac{1}{r^2} \right). \quad (2.26)$$

the behavior of the linear solution (2.20) is easily extracted

$$A_0^{\text{lin}} = -\frac{G\alpha_{\text{EM}}}{c^3 r} \sum_{\ell} \frac{1}{c^{\ell} \ell!} n_L E_L^{(\ell)} + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{1}{r^2}\right), \quad (2.27a)$$

$$A_i^{\text{lin}} = \frac{G\alpha_{\text{EM}}}{c^3 r} \sum_{\ell} \frac{1}{c^{\ell} \ell!} \left[n_{L-1} E_{iL-1}^{(\ell)} - \frac{\ell}{c(\ell+1)} \varepsilon_{iab} n_{aL-1} B_{bL-1}^{(\ell)} \right] + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{1}{r^2}\right), \quad (2.27b)$$

where the moments are evaluated at u . We recall that the gauge moments $\{K_L\}$ represent a $U(1)$ symmetry and, as such, play no physical role. If the linear solution is perfectly regular at infinity, this will not be the case of the non-linear interactions, that will bear (powers of) logarithms. Indeed, the most generic structure of a MPM iterated solution at future null infinity is of the type [23]

$$A_{\mu} \sim \sum_{\ell, p} \frac{\ln^p r}{r} n_L \alpha_{\ell, p}(u) + o\left(\frac{1}{r^2}\right), \quad (2.28)$$

where $p \geq 0$ and the “small remainder” translates the polylogarithmic behavior at lower orders. In order to properly define radiative moments, we need to eliminate those logarithms.

3. Radiative moments

In pure GR, the study of the asymptotic structure of the space-time has revealed that this polylogarithmic behavior is an artifact of the harmonic coordinates, and there exist “radiative” coordinate systems in which the metric is free of it [64, 65]. The most famous ones are the Bondi coordinates system [66, 67] and the Newman-Unti one [68], but the class of radiative coordinates is quite large [69–71]. Naturally, there exist generic constructions relating harmonic and Bondi-Newman-Unti coordinate systems exist [35, 72, 73] (see [74] for a practical implementation at the state-of-the art 4PN precision).

Our claim here is that there exists a radiative coordinate system (T, X^i) in which both the metric and the EM field are free of polylogarithmic structure.

$$H^{\mu\nu} \sim \sum_{\ell} \frac{N_L}{R} H_L(U) + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{1}{R^2}\right) \quad \text{and} \quad A_{\mu} \sim \sum_{\ell} \frac{N_L}{R} A_L(U) + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{1}{R^2}\right), \quad (2.29)$$

with naturally $U = T - R/c$. Such claim is corroborated by the analysis of the Sec. III, where we show that, under the coordinate change (3.12) both the metric and the EM field takes the form (2.29).

In such coordinate system, one can project the metric $H^{\mu\nu}$ in a traceless and transverse (TT) gauge [56] $H_{0\mu}^{\text{TT}} = N_i H_{ij}^{\text{TT}} = H_{ii}^{\text{TT}} = 0$ as

$$H_{ij}^{\text{TT}} \equiv -\frac{4G}{c^2 R} \mathcal{P}_{ijab}^{\text{TT}} \sum_{\ell} \frac{1}{c^{\ell} \ell!} \left[N_{L-2} U_{abL-2} - \frac{2\ell}{c(\ell+1)} N_{cL-2} \varepsilon_{cd(a} V_{b)dL-2} \right] + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{1}{R^2}\right), \quad (2.30)$$

where we introduced the TT projector $\mathcal{P}_{ijab}^{\text{TT}} = \perp_{ia} \perp_{jb} - \frac{1}{2} \perp_{ij} \perp_{ab}$ with $\perp_{ij} = \delta_{ij} - N_{ij}$. The two sets of moments $\{U_L, V_L\}$ entering the asymptotic metric are naturally dubbed mass and current *radiative* moments.

As for the EM field, let us project it on a transverse basis, defined by $A_0^T = N_i A_i^T = 0$, as

$$A_i^T = \frac{G\alpha_{\text{EM}}}{c^3 R} \perp_{ij} \sum_{\ell} \frac{1}{c^{\ell} \ell!} \left[N_{L-1} Q_{jL-1} - \frac{\ell}{c(\ell+1)} \varepsilon_{jab} N_{aL-1} H_{bL-1} \right] + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{1}{R^2}\right), \quad (2.31)$$

where similarly, we have introduced two sets of *radiative* electric and magnetic moments, $\{Q_L, H_L\}$. Looking back at Eq. (2.27), it comes as expected

$$Q_L = E_L^{(\ell)} + \mathcal{O}(G) \quad \text{and} \quad H_L = B_L^{(\ell)} + \mathcal{O}(G), \quad (2.32)$$

where the remainder encrypts all non-linearities, and notably the tails computed in Sec. III.

E. Computation of the modes and fluxes

1. Gravitational sector

The detailed derivation of the energy and angular momentum fluxes associated with the asymptotic metric (2.30) can be found in [56], and they read

$$\mathcal{F}_{\text{GW}} = \sum_{\ell \geq 2} \frac{G}{c^{2\ell+1}} \frac{(\ell+1)(\ell+2)}{(\ell-1)\ell!(2\ell+1)!!} \left[U_L^{(1)} U_L^{(1)} + \frac{4\ell^2}{c^2(\ell+1)^2} V_L^{(1)} V_L^{(1)} \right], \quad (2.33a)$$

$$\mathcal{G}_{\text{GW}}^i = \varepsilon_{iab} \sum_{\ell \geq 2} \frac{G}{c^{2\ell+1}} \frac{(\ell+1)(\ell+2)}{(\ell-1)\ell!(2\ell+1)!!} \left[U_{aL-1} U_{bL-1}^{(1)} + \frac{4\ell^2}{c^2(\ell+1)^2} V_{aL-1} V_{bL-1}^{(1)} \right]. \quad (2.33b)$$

From the asymptotic metric (2.30), one can also extract the observable gravitational modes, $h_{\ell m}$, by projecting H_{ij}^{TT} onto the basis of polarization $\{+, \times\}$ and on spin-weighted spherical harmonics, $Y_{-2}^{\ell m}$ (following the conventions of [41, 63]) as

$$h_+ - ih_{\times} = \sum_{\ell \geq 2} \sum_{m=-\ell}^{\ell} h_{\ell m} Y_{-2}^{\ell m}. \quad (2.34)$$

In the particular case of planar orbits, as will be considered in Sec IV, the gravitational modes are linked to the radiative moments by the relations [41]

$$h_{\ell m} = -\frac{2G}{Rc^{\ell+2} \ell!} \sqrt{\frac{(\ell+1)(\ell+2)}{\ell(\ell-1)}} \alpha_L^{\ell m} U_L, \quad \text{if } \ell+m \text{ is even}, \quad (2.35a)$$

$$h_{\ell m} = -\frac{4G i}{Rc^{\ell+3} \ell!} \sqrt{\frac{\ell(\ell+2)}{(\ell-1)(\ell+1)}} \alpha_L^{\ell m} V_L, \quad \text{if } \ell+m \text{ is odd}. \quad (2.35b)$$

Introducing a fixed orthonormal basis $(\mathbf{n}_0, \boldsymbol{\lambda}_0, \mathbf{l})$ where \mathbf{l} is normal to the orbital plane, together with $\mathbf{m}_0 = (\mathbf{n}_0 + i\boldsymbol{\lambda}_0)/\sqrt{2}$, the projector $\alpha_L^{\ell m}$ is explicitly given by

$$\alpha_L^{\ell m} = \frac{(-)^m 2^{\frac{2+|m|}{2}} \sqrt{\pi} \ell!}{\sqrt{(2\ell+1)(\ell+m)! (\ell-m)!}} \bar{\mathbf{m}}_0^{\langle M} l^{L-M\rangle}, \quad (2.36)$$

where the overbar denotes complex conjugation.

2. Electromagnetic sector

As discussed in App. A 1, the energy loss due to electromagnetic effects can be expressed as usual by the angular averaged flux of the Poynting vector $\Pi_i = c F_{ij}^T F_{j0}^T$

$$\mathcal{F}_{\text{EM}} \equiv \frac{c^4}{4\pi G \alpha_{\text{EM}}} \lim_{R \rightarrow \infty} \left[\int d^2\Omega R^2 N_a \Pi_a \right] = \frac{c^3}{4\pi G \alpha_{\text{EM}}} \lim_{R \rightarrow \infty} \left[\int d^2\Omega R^2 \dot{A}_i^T \dot{A}_i^T \right], \quad (2.37)$$

where we used the relation $\partial_j A_i^T = -N_j \dot{A}_i^T / c + \mathcal{O}(1/R)$ together with the transversality. Plugging the asymptotic expression for the EM field (2.31), and performing the angular integrals with the help of the formula (A9), it comes

$$\mathcal{F}_{\text{EM}} = \sum_{\ell \geq 1} \frac{G \alpha_{\text{EM}}}{c^{3+2\ell}} \frac{\ell + 1}{\ell \ell! (2\ell + 1)!!} \left[Q_L^{(1)} Q_L^{(1)} + \frac{\ell^2}{c^2 (\ell + 1)^2} H_L^{(1)} H_L^{(1)} \right]. \quad (2.38)$$

This result is consistent with the computation of [46], and the canonical Larmor formula [57] is recovered in the case of a simple electric dipole. Moreover, to emphasize the gauge invariance of the flux, a derivation relaxing the transverse gauge condition is presented in App. A 2 and fully agree with our result (2.38).

As for the angular momentum flux, it requires more care, just as in the gravitational case (see *e.g.* [26, 75–79] for subtleties linked to the definition of an angular momentum flux in GR). As discussed in App. A 1, one can define it with respect to the EM sector of the Landau-Lifschitz-like tensor (2.4a) as

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{G}_{\text{EM}}^i &= \frac{c^4}{16\pi G} \lim_{R \rightarrow \infty} \left[\varepsilon_{iab} \int d^2\Omega R^3 N_{ac} \Lambda_{\text{EM}}^{bc} \right] \\ &= \frac{c^4}{4\pi G \alpha_{\text{EM}}} \lim_{R \rightarrow \infty} \left[\varepsilon_{iab} \int d^2\Omega R^3 N_{ac} \left(F_{bd} F_{cd} - F_{0b} F_{0c} \right) \right]. \end{aligned} \quad (2.39)$$

But, as clear from the R^3 factor, its evaluation requires the knowledge of the sub-dominant $\mathcal{O}(1/R^2)$ order in the asymptotic expansion of the field (2.31). This fact is quite similar to what is happening in pure GR, see *e.g.* [56], and calls for a full BMS-type analysis of the asymptotic structure of the fields. Instead of performing such tedious computation, we follow the spirit of [26] and provide in App. A 3 a derivation leading to the result

$$\mathcal{G}_{\text{EM}}^i = \varepsilon_{iab} \sum_{\ell \geq 1} \frac{G \alpha_{\text{EM}}}{c^{3+2\ell}} \frac{\ell + 1}{\ell! (2\ell + 1)!!} \left[Q_{aL-1} Q_{bL-1}^{(1)} + \frac{\ell^2}{c^2 (\ell + 1)^2} H_{aL-1} H_{bL-1}^{(1)} \right]. \quad (2.40)$$

Note that, in the case of a rotating electric dipole, we recover the results of [80, 81].

Together with the gravitational fluxes (2.33), those fluxes enter the balance equations for the energy and angular momentum (1.1), that allow to derive the secular evolution of orbital quantities, see Sec. IV C. In the case of quasi-circular orbits, they are key ingredient to derive the gravitational phase $\phi = \int dt \omega$ (where ω is the gravitational frequency), as presented in Sec. IVD. Interestingly, the two fluxes (2.38) and (2.40) start formally at the same order than the gravitational ones, namely 2.5PN. This is a strong difference with the results of the conservative sector, where the EM effects enter formally as 1PN corrections to the Noetherian quantities [33].

III. COMPUTATION OF THE LEADING TAIL EFFECTS

The leading corrections to the fluxes derived in the previous section are the so-called *tail* interactions. Those interactions depict the scattering of a propagating moment (I_L , J_L , E_L or B_L) onto the static structure of the space-time, described by the constant (ADM) mass M . The gravitational tails $M \times I_L$ and $M \times J_L$ are known since a long time [37, 82–84] (see also [85] for a derivation using Schwarzschild coordinates, and [74] for a computation in a radiative coordinate system), and we will not redo it here. Instead we will focus on the leading EM tails, namely the interaction of the EM $\ell = 1$ moments E_i and B_i with the ADM mass M , and will explicitly apply the MPM iteration scheme pictured in Sec. IID 1 to those interactions.⁴

A. The electro-magnetic tail effect

The MPM iteration method [37] is a two-steps procedure, described in details *e.g.* in Sec. 2 of [23]. First, one computes a *particular* solution of the sourced wave equation, by applying the Hadamard-regularized propagator. But, due to the regularization procedure, this particular solution may not obey the gauge condition, even if the source does and one needs to correct for it. Therefore, the second step is to add a proper *homogeneous* solution that corrects for the violation of the gauge condition. The sum of those two solutions is the correct value of the field, from which the radiative moments can be extracted (after the suitable coordinate change, as explained in Sec. IID 3).

1. Computation of the particular solution

In what follows, we aim to compute the quadratic interactions $M \times E_i$ and $M \times B_i$, by solving the PM-expanded vacuum equation (2.8b). The first step is naturally to construct the non-linear source $\mathcal{M}(\Phi_\mu)$, by injecting the MPM expansions of the fields into the expression of Φ_μ . Selecting only the M sector of the linear metric (2.11) and the appropriate sectors of the linear EM field (2.20), we need to consider

$$h_M^{00} = -\frac{4GM}{c^2 r}, \quad h_M^{0i} = 0, \quad h_M^{ij} = 0. \quad (3.1a)$$

$$A_0^{E_i} = \frac{G\alpha_{\text{EM}}}{c^3} \partial_i \tilde{E}_i, \quad A_i^{E_i} = \frac{G\alpha_{\text{EM}}}{c^4} \dot{\tilde{E}}_i, \quad (3.1b)$$

$$A_0^{B_i} = 0, \quad A_i^{B_i} = \frac{G\alpha_{\text{EM}}}{2c^4} \partial_j \tilde{B}_{i[j}, \quad (3.1c)$$

where we recall that we employ the shortcut (2.12), and have used the notation of [86], which amounts here to $B_{i[j} \equiv \varepsilon_{ijk} B_k$. Those MPM-expansions are injected into the non-linear source term (2.4b) developed to quadratic order

$$\Phi_\mu = -h^{\alpha\beta} \partial_{\alpha\beta} A_\mu - \partial_\mu h^{\alpha\beta} \partial_\alpha A_\beta - F_{\alpha\beta} \partial^\alpha h_\mu^\beta - \frac{1}{2} F_{\mu\alpha} \partial^\alpha h + \mathcal{O}(h^2 A), \quad (3.2)$$

⁴ Note that the interaction between the constant charge Q and the gravitational dipole I_i formally enters at the same order than the tail $M \times E_i$. Nevertheless, we work in the center-of-mass frame, in which $I_i = 0$, so we will discard this interaction.

where indices are operated with the Minkowski metric and $h = h^\mu_\mu$ is the trace of $h^{\mu\nu}$. It is easy to see that the equations we need to solve are of the form

$$\square A_\mu = \sum_{p,\ell} \frac{\hat{n}_L}{r^p} f_p^L \left(t - \frac{r}{c} \right), \quad (3.3)$$

and do not involve logarithmic dependencies, so we can apply the formulas displayed in App. A of [59] to compute the *particular* solutions

$$a_\mu^{\text{M}\times\text{E}_i} = \text{PF}_{B=0} \square_{\text{ret}}^{-1} \left[\left(\frac{r}{r_0} \right)^B \Phi_\mu^{\text{M}\times\text{E}_i} \right] \quad \text{and} \quad a_\mu^{\text{M}\times\text{B}_i} = \text{PF}_{B=0} \square_{\text{ret}}^{-1} \left[\left(\frac{r}{r_0} \right)^B \Phi_\mu^{\text{M}\times\text{B}_i} \right], \quad (3.4)$$

which explicitly read

$$a_0^{\text{M}\times\text{E}_i} = \frac{4G^2 M \alpha_{\text{EM}}}{c^8} n^i \left[\int_1^\infty dx Q_1(x) E_i^{(3)} \left(t - \frac{xr}{c} \right) + \frac{3c}{4r} E_i^{(2)} + \frac{c^2}{4r^2} E_i^{(1)} + \frac{c^3}{4r^3} E_i \right], \quad (3.5a)$$

$$a_i^{\text{M}\times\text{E}_i} = - \frac{4G^2 M \alpha_{\text{EM}}}{c^8} \left[\int_1^\infty dx Q_0(x) E_i^{(3)} \left(t - \frac{xr}{c} \right) - \frac{c}{3r} E_i^{(2)} - \frac{c^2}{3r^2} E_i^{(1)} + \frac{c \hat{n}^{ij}}{8r} E_j^{(2)} + \frac{c^2 \hat{n}^{ij}}{8r^2} E_j^{(1)} \right], \quad (3.5b)$$

$$a_0^{\text{M}\times\text{B}_i} = 0, \quad (3.5c)$$

$$a_i^{\text{M}\times\text{B}_i} = \frac{2G^2 M \alpha_{\text{EM}}}{c^8} \frac{n^j}{r} \left[\int_1^\infty dx Q_1(x) B_{i|j}^{(3)} \left(t - \frac{xr}{c} \right) + \frac{5}{8} B_{i|j}^{(2)} - \frac{c}{8r} B_{i|j}^{(1)} - \frac{c^2}{8r^2} B_{i|j} \right]. \quad (3.5d)$$

where the Legendre functions Q_ℓ are defined with a branch cut on $(-\infty, 1)$ as

$$Q_\ell(x) = \frac{1}{2} P_\ell(x) \ln \left(\frac{x+1}{x-1} \right) - \sum_{j=1}^\ell \frac{1}{j} P_{\ell-j}(x) P_{j-1}(x), \quad (3.6)$$

with P_ℓ the Legendre polynomials.

2. Implementation of the gauge condition

Due to the presence of the regularization kernel $(r/r_0)^B$ inside the Green function (3.4), the solution a_μ (3.5) has *a priori* no reason to verify the gauge condition, as discussed in Sec. 2 of [23]. We thus need to verify it and to correct it, if needed, by adding a suitable homogeneous solution.

Using relations among the Legendre functions, it comes

$$\begin{aligned} \partial_i a_i^{\text{M}\times\text{E}_i} - \frac{1}{c} \partial_t a_0^{\text{M}\times\text{E}_i} &= - \frac{4G^2 M \alpha_{\text{EM}}}{c^7} \frac{n^i}{r^2} \left[E_i^{(2)} + \frac{c}{r} E_i^{(1)} \right], \\ \partial_i a_i^{\text{M}\times\text{B}_i} - \frac{1}{c} \partial_t a_0^{\text{M}\times\text{B}_i} &= 0. \end{aligned} \quad (3.7)$$

On the other hand, the non-linear part of the gauge relation (2.2) yields

$$h_M^{\mu\nu} \partial_\mu A_\nu^{\text{E}_i} = \frac{1}{c} h_M^{00} \partial_t A_0^{\text{E}_i} = \frac{4G^2 M \alpha_{\text{EM}}}{c^7} \frac{n^i}{r^2} \left[E_i^{(2)} + \frac{c}{r} E_i^{(1)} \right], \quad h_M^{\mu\nu} \partial_\mu A_\nu^{\text{B}_i} = 0. \quad (3.8)$$

So the particular solutions (3.5) already satisfy the gauge condition, no further work is needed. Note that taking into account the non-linear part of the gauge relation was crucial here. But, importantly, we cannot generalize this fact, and a gauge-fixing procedure, such as the one described in Sec. 2 of [23] is expected to be vital for higher-order computations.

The first PM iteration of the EM field for the tail interaction thus reads

$$A_0^{M \times E_i} = \frac{4G^2 M \alpha_{\text{EM}}}{c^8} n^i \left[\int_1^\infty dx Q_1(x) E_i^{(3)} \left(t - \frac{xr}{c} \right) + \frac{3c}{4r} E_i^{(2)} + \frac{c^2}{4r^2} E_i^{(1)} + \frac{c^3}{4r^3} E_i \right], \quad (3.9a)$$

$$A_i^{M \times E_i} = - \frac{4G^2 M \alpha_{\text{EM}}}{c^8} \left[\int_1^\infty dx Q_0(x) E_i^{(3)} \left(t - \frac{xr}{c} \right) - \frac{c}{3r} E_i^{(2)} - \frac{c^2}{3r^2} E_i^{(1)} + \frac{c \hat{n}^{ij}}{8r} E_j^{(2)} + \frac{c^2 \hat{n}^{ij}}{8r^2} E_j^{(1)} \right], \quad (3.9b)$$

$$A_0^{M \times B_i} = 0, \quad (3.9c)$$

$$A_i^{M \times B_i} = \frac{2G^2 M \alpha_{\text{EM}}}{c^8} \frac{n^j}{r} \left[\int_1^\infty dx Q_1(x) B_{i|j}^{(3)} \left(t - \frac{xr}{c} \right) + \frac{5}{8} B_{i|j}^{(2)} - \frac{c}{8r} B_{i|j}^{(1)} - \frac{c^2}{8r^2} B_{i|j} \right]. \quad (3.9d)$$

B. Correction to the radiative moments

The previous computation (3.9) gives the first PM correction to the MPM expanded EM field. Let us now extract the corresponding corrections to the radiative moments, following the procedure described in Sec. IID 3.

The first step is to develop the fields at future null infinity, *i.e.* $r \rightarrow \infty$ with $u = t - r/c$ constant. Using for instance Eqs. (4.5) and (4.6) of [74], one expands the Legendre functions as

$$\int_1^\infty dx Q_\ell(x) F \left(t - \frac{xr}{c} \right) = -\frac{c}{2r} \int_0^\infty d\tau \left[\ln \left(\frac{c\tau}{2r} \right) + 2\mathcal{H}_\ell \right] F(u - \tau) + \mathcal{O} \left(\frac{\ln r}{r^2} \right), \quad (3.10)$$

where $\mathcal{H}_\ell = \sum_{j=1}^\ell 1/j$ is the harmonic number.⁵ Therefore, the asymptotic expansion of the previous result (3.9) reads

$$A_0^{M \times E_i} = -\frac{2G^2 M \alpha_{\text{EM}} n_i}{c^7 r} \int_0^\infty d\tau \left[\ln \left(\frac{c\tau}{2r} \right) + \frac{1}{2} \right] E_i^{(3)}(u - \tau) + \mathcal{O} \left(\frac{\ln r}{r^2} \right), \quad (3.11a)$$

$$A_i^{M \times E_i} = \frac{2G^2 M \alpha_{\text{EM}}}{c^7 r} \left(\int_0^\infty d\tau \left[\ln \left(\frac{c\tau}{2r} \right) + \frac{3}{4} \right] E_i^{(3)}(u - \tau) - \frac{n^i}{4} n_j E_j^{(2)}(u) \right) + \mathcal{O} \left(\frac{\ln r}{r^2} \right), \quad (3.11b)$$

$$A_i^{M \times B_i} = -\frac{G^2 M \alpha_{\text{EM}} n_j}{c^8 r} \int_0^\infty d\tau \left[\ln \left(\frac{c\tau}{2r} \right) + \frac{3}{4} \right] B_{i|j}^{(3)}(u - \tau) + \mathcal{O} \left(\frac{\ln r}{r^2} \right), \quad (3.11c)$$

and we recall that $A_0^{M \times B_i} = 0$.

Let us now perform a change of coordinate system, to move from the current harmonic one to a radiative one, where the asymptotic expansion of the metric is free of polylogarithmic

⁵ Note that the coefficient in front of the logarithm does not depend on the value of the index of the Legendre function. This fact will be crucial when applying the coordinate change (3.12) to remove the $\ln(r)$ dependency.

structure. Such transformation is well known (see *e.g.* the detailed discussion in [74]) and reads at lowest order

$$T = t - \frac{2GM}{c^3} \ln \left(\frac{r}{c b_0} \right) + \mathcal{O}(G^2) , \quad X^i = x^i + \mathcal{O}(G^2) . \quad (3.12)$$

Here, b_0 is an (unphysical) constant linked to the time origin in the new coordinate system, and will disappear from all observable quantities. Applying this coordinate change to the asymptotic expansion of the linear metric (2.27), and combining it with (3.11), it turns out that the change of coordinate system simply amounts to the replacement $\ln(r) \rightarrow \ln(c b_0)$, just as in the GR case. Finally, the transverse component of the EM field A_μ in radiative coordinates for both interactions read

$$\mathcal{A}_i^{\text{M} \times \text{E}_i} = \frac{2G^2 M \alpha_{\text{EM}}}{c^7 R} \perp_{ij} \int_0^\infty d\tau \left[\ln \left(\frac{\tau}{2b_0} \right) + \frac{3}{4} \right] E_j^{(3)}(U - \tau) + \mathcal{O} \left(\frac{\ln R}{R^2} \right) , \quad (3.13a)$$

$$\mathcal{A}_i^{\text{M} \times \text{B}_i} = -\frac{G^2 M \alpha_{\text{EM}}}{c^8 R} N_j \int_0^\infty d\tau \left[\ln \left(\frac{\tau}{2b_0} \right) + \frac{3}{4} \right] B_{ij}^{(3)}(U - \tau) + \mathcal{O} \left(\frac{\ln R}{R^2} \right) . \quad (3.13b)$$

Therefore, the coordinate change (3.12) removes the logarithmic structure present in the asymptotic expansions of both the metric and the EM field. Can we expect this simultaneous cancellation to hold at higher orders? For a tail with generic multipolarity, $\text{M} \times \text{E}_L$ or $\text{M} \times \text{B}_L$, the property of the asymptotic expansion of Q_ℓ (3.10) leads us to think that it will be the case. Indeed, in GR, the single coordinate change (3.12) removes the logarithms of all the tails. As for the other interactions, there is good hope that one can perform this simultaneous cancellation by adapting the procedure described in [74] with EM moments. This is obviously more a wishful thinking than a formal proof, and it will have to be verified order by order.

In the end, we are able to extract the relations between the radiative moments and the tail interactions by identifying (3.13) to Eq. (2.31). We find

$$Q_i = E_i^{(1)} + \frac{2GM}{c^3} \int_0^\infty d\tau \left[\ln \left(\frac{\tau}{2b_0} \right) + \frac{3}{4} \right] E_i^{(3)}(U - \tau) + \mathcal{O} \left(\frac{G}{c^5} \right) + \mathcal{O}(G^2) , \quad (3.14a)$$

$$H_i = B_i^{(1)} + \frac{2GM}{c^3} \int_0^\infty d\tau \left[\ln \left(\frac{\tau}{2b_0} \right) + \frac{3}{4} \right] B_i^{(3)}(U - \tau) + \mathcal{O} \left(\frac{G}{c^5} \right) + \mathcal{O}(G^2) . \quad (3.14b)$$

This result is only the leading order correction to the two lowest-order radiative moments entering the flux. Note that, because of the powers in c in the formulas (2.38) and (2.40), the correction to H_i enters at the same PN order than the next-to-leading corrections to E_i , namely the “memory” $E_i \times I_{jk}$, the “failed-tail” $E_i \times J_j$ and the interactions with gauge moments, not presented here. However, and as discussed in Sec. IV B, none of those corrections enter at the precision required for our numerical applications.

We would like to stress that this formalism is valid for any type of PN sources, i.e. compact-supported with a weak field, small velocities and without incoming waves. This is a first step towards a proper description of environmental or physical effects. It can thus be applied to multiple star systems embedded with EM fields, but also supernovae, “mountainous” neutron stars or even systems containing an accretion disk. In the following Section, we apply this formalism to a model for binary white dwarfs systems.

IV. APPLICATION TO REALISTIC SYSTEMS

Let us now apply the wave-generation formalism constructed in the previous sections to a simple realistic model, consisting of two stars bearing magnetic dipoles. The stars are modeled by point particles of mass m_A with magnetic dipoles μ_A^i , and we note $m = m_1 + m_2$ the total mass, $\nu = m_1 m_2 / m^2$ the symmetric mass ratio and $\delta = (m_1 - m_2) / m$. We will use here the same setup as was done in the study of the conservative sector [33], namely two constant magnetic dipoles, aligned and normal to the orbital plane (as discussed in Sec. IV.A of [33], the motion is indeed planar under those hypothesis). The magnetic dipoles are then written

$$\mu_A^i = \frac{\tilde{\mu}_A}{Gm^2} l^i, \quad (4.1)$$

where \mathbf{l} is the normal to the orbital plane and the normalization has been chosen for dimensional purposes. This configuration has been shown to be the state of equilibrium for a binary system of stars with magnetic dipoles [16]. Note that, contrary to the study of the conservative sector, we can work “on-shell” and directly enforce (4.1) together with $q_A^i = 0$ in the intermediate computations.

As the motion is planar, we can decompose the CoM relative velocity of the two bodies as $v^i = \dot{r} n^i + r \dot{\phi} \lambda^i$, where $\boldsymbol{\lambda}$ closes the time-dependent orthonormal basis $(\mathbf{n}, \boldsymbol{\lambda}, \mathbf{l})$, and we introduce the convenient shortcuts

$$\tilde{\mu}_+ \equiv \tilde{\mu}_1 + \tilde{\mu}_2 \quad \text{and} \quad \tilde{\mu}_- \equiv \frac{m}{m_2} \tilde{\mu}_2 - \frac{m}{m_1} \tilde{\mu}_1. \quad (4.2)$$

In the same spirit as [33], we seek to compute the next-to-leading (NLO) PN orders in the radiated fluxes and amplitude modes.

A. Computation of the source moments

In this Section, we briefly explain how the source moments have been computed. The techniques have been widely developed in the literature and we refer to these papers for more details. The first step is to parametrize the gravitational and EM fields in the near-zone in terms of so-called potentials. This parametrization has already been performed in the previous work [33]. However, in the present problem, we restrict ourselves to the NLO for magnetic part of the fields and do not take into account the electric dipoles. This implies that we require the parametrization at lower PN order. The gravitational field is chosen to be

$$h^{00} = -\frac{4V}{c^2} - \frac{4}{c^4} \left[2V^2 + \frac{W_{kk}}{2} \right] + \frac{2\varphi^2}{c^6} + \mathcal{O}(c^{-8}), \quad (4.3a)$$

$$h^{0i} = -\frac{4V_i}{c^3} + \mathcal{O}(c^{-5}), \quad (4.3b)$$

$$h^{ij} = -\frac{4}{c^4} \left(W_{ij} - \frac{\delta_{ij}}{2} W_{kk} \right) + \mathcal{O}(c^{-6}), \quad (4.3c)$$

and the EM field

$$A_0 = \frac{\varphi}{c^3} - \frac{V\varphi}{c^5} + \mathcal{O}(c^{-7}), \quad A_i = \frac{\chi_i}{c^4} + \mathcal{O}(c^{-6}). \quad (4.4)$$

The potentials $\{V, V_i, W_{ij}, \varphi, \chi_i\}$ satisfy the wave equations presented in Eqs. (3.7) of [33]. These wave equations were solved off-shell, thus to obtain the expressions of the potentials in the current model, we replaced the accelerations by the already derived equations of motions and set constant aligned magnetic dipoles together with vanishing electric dipoles.

With this parametrization at hand, let us focus on the computation of the EM source moments. We start from their general expressions (2.24) and derive their sources using the definitions (2.3). We perform spatial and temporal indices decomposition of these quantities and PN expand them using the above parametrization of the fields. The source of the integrals have a compact and a non-compact supported part. The compact sectors are given by Eqs. (2.5) and (2.6), while the non-compact parts are complicated combinations of the potentials. The techniques to compute the resulting integrals use the *Hadamard partie finie* regularization and are explained in, e.g. [50, 87–89]. After integrating, we end up with expressions of the source moments in a general frame. Finally, the last step is to express them in the CoM frame, which is done by applying the same method as in Sec. III. E. of [33]. The expressions of the source moments are too long to be displayed here but they constitute only an intermediate result. The relevant quantities are the radiative moments which are essentially their time derivatives when limiting ourselves to the NLO.

B. Computation of the fluxes and modes

Using the method described above to compute the source moments, we want to be consistent in the fluxes and amplitude modes to the NLO magnetic effects. The power counting in the EM sector is quite tricky so let us first concentrate on the EM fluxes (2.38) and (2.40). A rapid inspection of the expression for the source moments (2.24) in our setup reveals that the LO of the electric-type source moments $\{E_L\}$ start at $\mathcal{O}(c^{-2})$. Moreover, and as expected, it is easy to realize that $B_i = \sum_A \mu_A^i + \mathcal{O}(c^{-2})$. As μ_A^i is constant in our model, the radiative moment $H_i = B_i^{(1)} + \mathcal{O}(G/c^3)$ begins at $\mathcal{O}(c^{-2})$ and in fact, the associated tail (3.14b) is a 2.5PN relative correction. By similar arguments, one can see that, in our setup, the EM fluxes (2.38) and (2.40) start at $\mathcal{O}(c^{-9})$, and that non-linear interactions do not enter the NLO order, *i.e.* the $\mathcal{O}(c^{-11})$ coefficient. Therefore we can approximate the radiative moments by the (time derived) source moments, as in Eq. (2.32), and we only require $\{E_i, E_{ij}, B_i, B_{ij}, B_{ijk}\}$ to $\{\mathcal{O}(c^{-4}), \mathcal{O}(c^{-2}), \mathcal{O}(c^{-2}), \mathcal{O}(c^{-2}), \mathcal{O}(c^0)\}$.

As for the gravitational fluxes (2.33), the magnetic effects enter in the radiative moments $\{U_L, V_L\}$ at a relative 2PN order, as was already the case in the conservative sector [33]. Therefore, the EM sector of those fluxes are also of order $\mathcal{O}(c^{-9})$, and we only need the knowledge of the NLO order in U_{ij} and the leading orders of U_{ijk} and V_{ij} . Similarly to the case of the EM fluxes, one can show that there is no EM corrections to the non-linear interactions up to $\mathcal{O}(c^{-11})$ in the fluxes, and thus one can safely take

$$U_L = U_L^{\text{pp}} + \frac{\alpha_{\text{EM}}}{c^4} U_L^{\text{EM}} = I_L^{(\ell)} + \mathcal{O}(G) \quad \text{and} \quad V_L = V_L^{\text{pp}} + \frac{\alpha_{\text{EM}}}{c^4} V_L^{\text{EM}} = J_L^{(\ell)} + \mathcal{O}(G). \quad (4.5)$$

All the required (gravitational and EM) radiative moments were derived⁶ using the time derivatives of the source moments computed earlier. Gathering them and applying the

⁶ All the computations presented in this section were performed with the use of the *xAct* library from the *Mathematica* software [90].

formulas (2.33a) and (2.38), the total energy flux⁷ is given by

$$\mathcal{F} = \mathcal{F}_{\text{GW}} + \mathcal{F}_{\text{EM}} = \mathcal{F}_{\text{GW,pp}} + \mathcal{F}_{\text{GW,mag}} + \mathcal{F}_{\text{EM}}, \quad (4.6)$$

where our nomenclature should be transparent. Note that the point-particle contribution $\mathcal{F}_{\text{GW,pp}}$ is currently known at a relative 4PN order [40], but is only required at NLO in this work. Similarly, working out the formulas (2.33b) and (2.40), we find that the total angular momentum flux is directed along \mathbf{l} , and read

$$\mathcal{G}^i = \mathcal{G}_{\text{GW}}^i + \mathcal{G}_{\text{EM}}^i = \left[\mathcal{G}_{\text{GW,pp}} + \mathcal{G}_{\text{GW,mag}} + \mathcal{G}_{\text{EM}} \right] l^i. \quad (4.7)$$

The explicit expressions of each contribution to NLO are displayed in App. B 1. Then, using the formulas (2.35) and (2.36), one can extract the EM corrections to the gravitational modes, presented in App. B 2. Those results are collected in the ancillary file [49].

C. The case of eccentric orbits

All the results presented in the previous section IV B are given for generic (planar) orbits in terms of $(r, \dot{r}, \dot{\phi})$. We will now specify them on quasi-elliptic trajectories in order to extract physical information on the evolution of the orbital parameters.

1. Quasi-Keplerian parametrization of the orbits

In [33], only quasi-circular orbits were studied. Thus, we first need to derive the quasi-Keplerian parametrization of the trajectories at the required order before proceeding any further. In a post-Newtonian framework, celestial bodies are naturally expected to follow nearly Keplerian orbits. For spinless point particles, the first corrections to the Keplerian orbits were computed in [91], then extended at 2PN [92], 3PN [93], and finally up to the current 4PN precision [94]. The aim of this section is to derive a quasi-Keplerian representation of the motion at NLO, by taking the EM corrections into account.

Following the standard procedure, depicted *e.g.* in [95, 96] (notably, all required integrals are displayed in App. A⁸ of [95]), we can establish the relations between the orbital separation r , the phase ϕ , the mean anomaly ℓ , the eccentric anomaly u and the true anomaly v . They have the same structure as the pure GR ones at 2PN, namely

$$r = a_r (1 - e_r \cos u), \quad (4.8a)$$

$$\ell \equiv n(t - t_0) = u - e_t \sin u + f_{v-u}(v - u) + f_v \sin v, \quad (4.8b)$$

$$\frac{\phi - \phi_0}{K} = v + g_{2v} \sin(2v) + g_{3v} \sin(3v), \quad (4.8c)$$

$$v = 2 \arctan \left[\sqrt{\frac{1 + e_\phi}{1 - e_\phi}} \tan \frac{u}{2} \right], \quad (4.8d)$$

⁷ The Noetherian fluxes given in Eqs. (3.14) of [33] are vanishing in our configuration.

⁸ Note a missing e_r in front of the $\sin u$ of (A.7) of [95].

where $n = \frac{2\pi}{P}$, with P the relativistic period, and $K = 1 + k$, with k the advance of periastron. The expressions of all parameters entering Eq. (4.8) are given in terms of the invariant energy and angular momentum in App. B 3, and collected in the ancillary file [49]. Note that, unlike in pure GR, the coefficients translating a departure from a Kepler-like structure, f_\star and g_\star Eqs. (B9g)–(B9j), are all starting at the same order, namely $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_{\text{EM}}/c^6)$. The relations (4.8) depict entirely the conservative motion of the binary on a quasi-elliptic orbit, and as such, contains all the information we need in the following section.

2. Evolution of the orbital parameters

Instead of using the gauge-invariant energy and angular momentum, we will describe the evolution of the orbital parameters in terms of the time-eccentricity e_t and the orbital frequency-related parameter

$$x = \left(\frac{Gm\Omega}{c^3} \right)^{2/3}, \quad (4.9)$$

where $\Omega = Kn = \frac{2\pi}{P}(1 + k)$. From Eqs. (4.8), one can derive $r(u)$, $\dot{r}(u)$ and $\dot{\phi}(u)$ using chain rules. We finally obtain their expressions in terms of (x, e_t, u) , which allows to plug them into Eqs. (B1) and (B4) to get the exact instantaneous fluxes \mathcal{F} and \mathcal{G} in terms of the eccentric anomaly. With such expressions at hand, one can perform their orbit average as

$$\langle \mathcal{F} \rangle \equiv \frac{1}{P} \int_0^P dt \mathcal{F}(t) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} du \frac{d\ell}{du} \mathcal{F}(u), \quad (4.10)$$

and similarly for $\langle \mathcal{G} \rangle$. Using the integration formula (8.5) of [97]

$$\frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{du}{(1 - e_t \cos u)^n} = \frac{1}{(1 - e_t^2)^{n/2}} P_{n-1} \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - e_t^2}} \right), \quad (4.11)$$

with P_n the usual Legendre polynomial, we derived the expressions for the orbital averaged flux, presented in App. B 4. Finally, one can use the fluxes together with the explicit expressions (B9a), (B9b), (B9c) and (B9e) to derive the averaged evolution of the orbital parameters e_r , a_r and x . Indeed, the flux-balance equations (1.1) allow us to derive the chain rule for, *e.g.*, the time eccentricity

$$\left\langle \frac{de_t}{dt} \right\rangle = -\frac{\partial e_t}{\partial E} \langle \mathcal{F} \rangle - \frac{\partial e_t}{\partial J} \langle \mathcal{G} \rangle, \quad (4.12)$$

where we have denoted the norm of the angular momentum as $J = |J^i|$. Those generalization of the Peters & Mathews formulas [98, 99] can be found in App. B 5 as well as in the ancillary file [49].

3. Gravitational modes

In order to obtain a full waveform, we have also computed the gravitational amplitude modes for quasi-elliptic orbits in terms of the eccentric anomaly u using the same techniques as those employed to derive the instantaneous expressions of the fluxes. The benefit of such

parametrization in place of an expression in terms of the time (or equivalently the mean anomaly ℓ) is that it is exact. In order to express them in terms of ℓ , one needs to invert the relation $\ell(u)$ (4.8b), which involves an expansion in the time eccentricity e_t , see *e.g.* [100].

The expressions of the instantaneous part of the amplitude modes are too lengthy to be displayed, even in an Appendix, but can be found in the ancillary file [49]. Note however that we find full agreement between our point-particle 1PN sector and the results of [96].

D. Quasi-circular orbits : gravitational phase and modes

Finally, let us study the system on quasi-circular orbits. For most of the relevant quantities, one would only need to set the eccentricity to 0 to obtain the results for quasi-circular orbits. However, the explicit expression of the phase evolution of the system in terms of the orbital frequency is not provided within the quasi-Keplerian framework. To express the phase, we set $\dot{r} = 0$ as it is a higher PN correction and set $\dot{\phi} = \omega$ where ω is the orbital frequency for a quasi-circular motion. In such a configuration, the fluxes, amplitudes and phase only depend on the gauge invariant PN parameter

$$x = \left(\frac{Gm\omega}{c^3} \right)^{2/3}. \quad (4.13)$$

This variable is naturally the circular limit of the one defined in the eccentric case Eq. (4.9). The two flux-balance equations (1.1) are now degenerate and the fluxes are indirectly linked by the “thermodynamic” relation

$$\frac{dE}{d\omega} = \omega \frac{dJ}{d\omega}. \quad (4.14)$$

This relation is a consequence of the first law of binary black hole mechanics [101, 102] for systems with constant individual masses and applies for the conserved quantities of the system. Making use of the flux-balance equations, we checked that it holds for the radiative sector. Thus we can focus solely on the flux-balance equation for the energy to derive the phase. Using the generalized Kepler’s law, Eq. (4.5) of [33], one can express the flux in terms of x at NLO

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{F} = \frac{32c^5\nu^2x^5}{5G} & \left\{ 1 - \left(\frac{1247}{336} + \frac{35\nu}{12} \right) x - 4\alpha_{\text{EM}} \left[\tilde{\mu}_+^2 + \delta\tilde{\mu}_+\tilde{\mu}_- - \left(\frac{1}{96} + \nu \right) \tilde{\mu}_-^2 \right] x^2 \right. \\ & - \alpha_{\text{EM}} \left[\left(\frac{755}{168} - \frac{169\nu}{6} \right) \tilde{\mu}_+^2 + \left(\frac{685}{168} - \frac{169\nu}{6} \right) \delta\tilde{\mu}_-\tilde{\mu}_+ \right. \\ & \left. \left. - \left(\frac{19}{32} + \frac{3193\nu}{1008} - \frac{169\nu^2}{6} \right) \tilde{\mu}_-^2 \right] x^3 \right\}. \end{aligned} \quad (4.15)$$

We naturally recover (B11a) for $e_t = 0$. From this quantity and the expression of the energy in terms of x , Eq. (4.6a) of [33], one can extract the gravitational phase as

$$\phi = \int dt \omega = -\frac{c^3}{Gm} \int dx \frac{x^{3/2}}{\mathcal{F}} \frac{dE}{dx}. \quad (4.16)$$

At NLO, it comes

$$\begin{aligned} \phi = \phi_0 - \frac{1}{32\nu x^{5/2}} & \left\{ 1 + \left(\frac{3715}{1008} + \frac{55\nu}{12} \right) x + 50 \alpha_{\text{EM}} \left[\tilde{\mu}_+^2 + \delta \tilde{\mu}_+ \tilde{\mu}_- - \left(\frac{1}{240} + \nu \right) \tilde{\mu}_-^2 \right] x^2 \right. \\ & - \alpha_{\text{EM}} \left[\left(\frac{5865}{14} + \frac{280\nu}{3} \right) \tilde{\mu}_+^2 + \left(\frac{35015}{84} + \frac{280\nu}{3} \right) \delta \tilde{\mu}_+ \tilde{\mu}_- \right. \\ & \left. \left. - \left(\frac{16945}{4032} + \frac{416785\nu}{1008} + \frac{280\nu^2}{3} \right) \tilde{\mu}_-^2 \right] x^3 \right\}. \end{aligned} \quad (4.17)$$

where ϕ_0 is a constant of integration.

Then, we can also express the gravitational modes in circular orbits. For the sake of simplicity, we rescale the observable gravitational modes $h_{\ell m}$ (2.35) by the dominant contribution, and single out the dependence on the gravitational phase ϕ as

$$h_{\ell m} = \frac{8Gm\nu x}{c^2 R} \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{5}} H_{\ell m} e^{-im\phi}. \quad (4.18)$$

Note that the coefficients $H_{\ell m}$ for circular orbits differ from the ones defined in generic orbits, $\mathcal{H}_{\ell m}$ (B6) by a factor $c^2 x$. The relation $H_{\ell, -m} = (-)^\ell \bar{H}_{\ell m}$, where the overbar denotes the complex conjugate, still holds, thus we only present the coefficients with positive m . At the relevant order, the instantaneous modes read

$$H_{22} = 1 - \left(\frac{107}{42} - \frac{55\nu}{42} \right) x - \frac{2\alpha_{\text{EM}} \tilde{\mu}_1 \tilde{\mu}_2}{\nu} x^2 \left[1 - \left(\frac{1}{21} - \frac{73\nu}{42} \right) x \right], \quad (4.19a)$$

$$H_{21} = \frac{i}{3} \delta x^{1/2} \left[1 - 3 \frac{\alpha_{\text{EM}} \tilde{\mu}_1 \tilde{\mu}_2}{\nu} x^2 \right], \quad (4.19b)$$

$$H_{33} = -\frac{3i}{4} \sqrt{\frac{15}{14}} \delta x^{1/2} \left[1 - 3 \frac{\alpha_{\text{EM}} \tilde{\mu}_1 \tilde{\mu}_2}{\nu} x^2 \right], \quad (4.19c)$$

$$H_{32} = \frac{1}{3} \sqrt{\frac{5}{7}} (1 - 3\nu) x \left[1 - 4 \frac{\alpha_{\text{EM}} \tilde{\mu}_1 \tilde{\mu}_2}{\nu} x^2 \right], \quad (4.19d)$$

$$H_{31} = \frac{i}{12\sqrt{14}} \delta x^{1/2} \left[1 - 3 \frac{\alpha_{\text{EM}} \tilde{\mu}_1 \tilde{\mu}_2}{\nu} x^2 \right], \quad (4.19e)$$

$$H_{44} = -\frac{8}{9} \sqrt{\frac{5}{7}} (1 - 3\nu) x \left[1 - 4 \frac{\alpha_{\text{EM}} \tilde{\mu}_1 \tilde{\mu}_2}{\nu} x^2 \right], \quad (4.19f)$$

$$H_{42} = \frac{\sqrt{5}}{63} (1 - 3\nu) x \left[1 - 4 \frac{\alpha_{\text{EM}} \tilde{\mu}_1 \tilde{\mu}_2}{\nu} x^2 \right], \quad (4.19g)$$

and all $H_{\ell 0} = 0$.⁹ All results exposed in this section are naturally to be found in the ancillary file [49].

⁹ This is due to the fact that in this paper, we only consider instantaneous contributions to the modes. In fact, there are contributions of the memory to $(\ell, 0)$ modes for even ℓ starting at Newtonian order. In the case of eccentric orbits, these memory contributions also contribute to oscillating modes and could contribute to NLO in h_{22} for magnetic effects. We neglect these contributions throughout this paper.

E. Numerical applications

One of the motivations for this work is to estimate whether the corrections due to the magnetic dipoles in the dissipative sector is significant. For instance, in [15] it has been shown that EM effects were not negligible for LISA data analysis when accumulating a sufficient observation time when the system is eccentric. This is due to the fact that the presence of eccentricity shifts the different harmonics' frequencies of the signal making the magnetic dipoles detectable. However, this analysis has been done using for the evolution of the orbital elements the Peters & Mathews formulas [98, 99] which correspond to only the leading PN order for point-particles. This means that this model neglects the EM effects in the dissipative sector and is not consistent to a given PN order. In the present work, we generalized the Peters & Mathews formulas and included the magnetic dipoles to NLO which completes the model used in [15]. We recall that their explicit expressions are given in Eqs. (B14) and (B16).

We can estimate the order of magnitude of the newly computed EM terms for realistic systems by comparing them to the GR contribution. To this end, we choose an astrophysical model that relates the magnitude of the magnetic dipole of a star to its magnetic field at its surface and its radius [103]

$$|\mu_A^i| = \frac{2\pi}{\mu_0} B_A R_A^3. \quad (4.20)$$

Then we choose the same numerical values used in [11, 33] for the masses and magnetic fields of the companion stars, which are typical values for white dwarfs. They can be found in Table I.

Parameter	Unit	Value for the first star	Value for the second star
m_A	M_\odot	1.2	0.3
R_A	km	$6.0 \cdot 10^3$	$15 \cdot 10^3$
B_A	G	$1.0 \cdot 10^9$	$1.0 \cdot 10^9$

TABLE I. Numerical values taken for the physical parameters of each star, reproduced from [11]. m_A is the mass of the star A , R_A its equatorial radius, and B_A the magnitude of the magnetic field at its surface.

Finally, we choose three different configurations regarding the LISA frequency, which is half the orbital frequency, namely 10^{-1} , 10^{-2} and 10^{-3} Hz. The numerical estimation of the magnitude of the magnetic parts of $\langle \dot{a}_r \rangle$ and $\langle \dot{e}_t \rangle$ are provided in Table II.

We find that the magnetic corrections to the Peters & Mathews formulas are at most of order 10^{-6} when restricting our model to eccentricities $e_t \lesssim 0.6$. These corrections are quite small, even in an extreme case. This suggests that the model used in [15] would yield the same conclusions as if one would consider the correct evolution equations taking into account the magnetic corrections.

Note that, as mentioned in Sec. I, NS have much bigger magnetic fields than white dwarfs. However, their magnetic dipole is significantly smaller than those of white dwarfs due to (4.20) and the fact that their radius is $\sim 10^3$ smaller than white dwarfs. Thus magnetic interactions for BNS systems are negligible.

	$ \langle \dot{a}_r \rangle^{\text{EM}} / \langle \dot{a}_r \rangle^{\text{GR}} $			$ \langle \dot{e}_t \rangle^{\text{EM}} / \langle \dot{e}_t \rangle^{\text{GR}} $		
e_t	Config. 1	Config. 2	Config. 3	Config. 1	Config. 2	Config. 3
0.1	$7.0 \cdot 10^{-7}$	$3.3 \cdot 10^{-8}$	$1.5 \cdot 10^{-9}$	$6.8 \cdot 10^{-7}$	$3.2 \cdot 10^{-8}$	$1.5 \cdot 10^{-9}$
0.3	$9.8 \cdot 10^{-7}$	$4.6 \cdot 10^{-8}$	$2.1 \cdot 10^{-9}$	$8.9 \cdot 10^{-7}$	$4.1 \cdot 10^{-8}$	$1.9 \cdot 10^{-9}$
0.5	$1.8 \cdot 10^{-6}$	$8.2 \cdot 10^{-8}$	$3.8 \cdot 10^{-9}$	$1.5 \cdot 10^{-6}$	$7.1 \cdot 10^{-8}$	$3.3 \cdot 10^{-9}$

TABLE II. Numerical estimation of the ratios $|\langle \dot{a}_r \rangle^{\text{EM}} / \langle \dot{a}_r \rangle^{\text{GR}}|$ and $|\langle \dot{e}_t \rangle^{\text{EM}} / \langle \dot{e}_t \rangle^{\text{GR}}|$ for different values of the orbital frequency and eccentricities. Configuration 1 correspond to $\Omega = 5 \cdot 10^{-2}\text{Hz}$, configuration 2 to $\Omega = 5 \cdot 10^{-3}\text{Hz}$ and configuration 3 to $\Omega = 5 \cdot 10^{-4}\text{Hz}$ all using the values of Table I.

We would like to point out that, as for the conservative sector [33], the leading EM corrections in all relevant quantities are smaller than the NLO pp but bigger than the NNLO for the different chosen configurations. This makes the EM contributions roughly comparable to a 1.5PN pp term.

Note that if we take eccentricities close to 1, the EM corrections start to be bigger than the GR ones in the evolution of the orbital parameters. While Eqs. (B14) and (B16) are formally exact for $0 \leq e_t < 1$, it is the PN formalism that starts to be invalid in the strong field regime, which happens for eccentricities close to 1 at the perihelion. Furthermore, when the two stars are too close, the magnetic interaction is expected to be dominated by some other effects such mass exchange which breaks our model.

V. SUMMARY AND CONCLUSION

Including electromagnetic effects in the templates used by future gravitational-wave detectors, such as LISA or ET, will be important, notably for an accurate characterization of white dwarfs binaries [11, 15]. In this spirit, a proper post-Newtonian treatment of the motion of two stars with EM dipoles has been done in [33], and the usual Noetherian quantities (energy, angular momentum, *etc.*) have been derived. Pushing further in this direction, the present work tackles the problem of the generation of gravitational-wave by such binaries.

Relying on matched multipolar-post-Minkowskian and post-Newtonian expansions, we first concentrate on the near-zone behavior of the fields, and derive *source* and *gauge* moments (2.24), that entirely describe the physics of the matter distribution. From those moments, we iteratively construct non-linear *radiative* moments that parametrize the values of the fields at future null infinity (2.30) and (2.31). This asymptotic parametrization allows us to extract the fluxes of energy and angular momentum (2.33), (2.38) and (2.40), as well as the gravitational modes, parametrizing the waveform as detected by an observer at infinity. As a proof of concept, we apply the iteration scheme to explicitly derive the EM *tail*, *i.e.* the leading order non-linear correction, of the two lowest-order EM radiative moments (3.14). We emphasize that this formalism is valid for any type of compact supported source. It can thus be applied to other models containing EM effects within the PN regime, *i.e.* assuming no incoming waves, weak field and small velocities. For instance, it could in principle be applied to different astrophysical systems fulfilling these conditions such as non-spherical rotating neutron stars, supernovae or even systems containing accretion disks.

Next, we apply this new formalism to the concrete case of a binary composed of stars

bearing magnetic dipoles. Under the assumption of constant and aligned magnetic dipoles, we derive the fluxes and modes for generic orbits. Enforcing eccentric orbits, we derive the evolution of orbital parameters (eccentricity, semi-major axis and frequency) (B14), (B16) and (B18), and provide the EM corrections to the gravitational modes. For the specific case of quasi-circular orbits, we derive the correction to the gravitational phase. All those results are collected in the ancillary file [49].

Specifying realistic astrophysical configurations, we perform numerical estimates that show the magnitude of the magnetic corrections in the radiated gravitational waves and the dissipative dynamics. Notably, we find that the ratio of the magnetic effects with the pure GR terms in the secular evolution of the orbital elements are at most $\sim 10^{-6}$. This implies that the model used in the study [15] would yield the same conclusions if it was consistent in a post-Newtonian sense. However, similarly to [33], we find that the leading magnetic corrections in all relevant quantities are smaller than a 1PN point-particle effect but bigger than the 2PN one, making the magnetic effects roughly comparable to a 1.5PN quantity.

If the present work formally tackles the problem of post-Newtonian gravitational wave generation in an Einstein-Maxwell framework, the efforts in building realistic waveform models including EM effects can naturally be improved. In fact, our model assumes constant and aligned magnetic dipoles. If such configuration is indeed an equilibrium state [16], it would be quite interesting to apply our formalism to systems with non-constant and/or non-aligned dipoles. In such configurations, we could have quantitative changes, as the leading order in the EM fluxes (2.38) and (2.40) is vanishing due to the constant dipole hypothesis. This requires to fix the dynamics of the dipoles, which could be done for instance by coupling them to the spins of the stars. This is left for future work.

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Appendix A: Electro-magnetic fluxes

This appendix discusses the construction of the EM fluxes (2.38) and (2.40) in terms of the radiative moments.

1. Generic expressions

As clear from Eq. (2.1), the total source energy E_{source} and angular momentum J_{source}^i are given by the usual

$$E_{\text{source}} = \int d^3X \tau^{00} \quad \text{and} \quad J_{\text{source}}^i = \int d^3X \varepsilon_{ijk} X^j \tau^{0k}. \quad (\text{A1})$$

Using the conservation of $\tau^{\mu\nu}$, they can be recast as

$$\mathcal{F} = -\frac{dE_{\text{source}}}{dt} = -c \int d^3X \partial_t \tau^{00} = c \int d^3X \partial_i \tau^{0i} = c R^2 \int d^2\Omega N_i \tau^{0i}, \quad (\text{A2a})$$

$$\mathcal{G}^i = -\frac{dJ_{\text{source}}^i}{dt} = -c \varepsilon_{ijk} \int d^3 X X^j \partial_t \tau^{0k} = c \varepsilon_{iab} \int d^3 X X^a \partial_c \tau^{bc} = c R^3 \varepsilon_{iab} \int d^2 \Omega N_{ac} \tau^{bc}. \quad (\text{A2b})$$

The compact sector of $\tau^{\mu\nu}$ (2.3a) cannot contribute to the surface integrals, so we are left with the contribution of $\Lambda^{\mu\nu} = \Lambda_g^{\mu\nu} + \Lambda_{\text{EM}}^{\mu\nu}$. The contribution of $\Lambda_g^{\mu\nu}$ has been treated in [56] and gives the usual gravitational fluxes (2.33). Focusing on $\Lambda_{\text{EM}}^{\mu\nu}$ and recognizing the Poynting vector $\Pi_i = c F_{ij} F_{j0}$, we define the “EM” part of the fluxes as

$$\mathcal{F}_{\text{EM}} = \frac{c^5 R^2}{16\pi G} \int d^2 \Omega N_i \Lambda_{\text{EM}}^{0i} = \frac{c^5 R^2}{4\pi G \alpha_{\text{EM}}} \int d^2 \Omega N_i F_{ij} F_{j0} = \frac{c^4 R^2}{4\pi G \alpha_{\text{EM}}} \int d^2 \Omega N_i \Pi_i, \quad (\text{A3a})$$

$$\mathcal{G}_{\text{EM}}^i = \frac{c^4 R^3}{16\pi G} \varepsilon_{iab} \int d^2 \Omega N_{ac} \Lambda_{\text{EM}}^{bc} = \frac{c^4 R^3}{4\pi G \alpha_{\text{EM}}} \varepsilon_{iab} \int d^2 \Omega N_{ac} \left(F_{bd} F_{cd} - F_{0b} F_{0c} \right), \quad (\text{A3b})$$

hence Eqs. (2.37) and (2.39).

2. Gauge-independent derivation of the energy flux

In Sec. II E 2, the energy flux has been derived from the asymptotic expansion of A_μ in a transverse gauge. In order to emphasize that our result (2.38) is indeed gauge-independent, let us re-derive it using a generic (*i.e.* not transverse) form of the EM field

$$A_0 = -\frac{G \alpha_{\text{EM}}}{c^3 R} \sum_{\ell \geq 1} \frac{1}{c^\ell \ell!} N_L Q_L + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{1}{R^2}\right), \quad (\text{A4a})$$

$$A_i = \frac{G \alpha_{\text{EM}}}{c^3 R} \sum_{\ell \geq 1} \frac{1}{c^\ell \ell!} \left[N_{L-1} Q_{iL-1} - \frac{\ell}{c(\ell+1)} \varepsilon_{iab} N_{aL-1} H_{bL-1} \right] + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{1}{R^2}\right), \quad (\text{A4b})$$

where the moments are naturally evaluated in the (radiative) retarded time $T - R/c$. After some massaging, using notably the relations

$$\partial_i \left(\frac{N_L}{R} Q_L \right) = -\frac{N_{iL}}{R c} \dot{Q}_L + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{1}{R^2}\right), \quad (\text{A5a})$$

$$\partial_i \left(\varepsilon_{jab} \frac{N_{aL-1}}{R} H_{bL-1} \right) = -\varepsilon_{jab} \frac{N_{iaL-1}}{R c} \dot{H}_{bL-1} + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{1}{R^2}\right), \quad (\text{A5b})$$

the field strength reads at leading order

$$F_{0i} = \frac{G \alpha_{\text{EM}}}{c^4 R} \sum_{\ell \geq 1} \frac{1}{c^\ell \ell!} \left[\perp_{ij} N_{L-1} \dot{Q}_{jL-1} - \frac{\ell}{c(\ell+1)} \varepsilon_{iab} N_{aL-1} \dot{H}_{bL-1} \right], \quad (\text{A6a})$$

$$F_{ij} = \frac{G \alpha_{\text{EM}}}{c^4 R} \sum_{\ell \geq 1} \frac{1}{c^\ell \ell!} \left[N_{jL-1} \dot{Q}_{iL-1} - N_{iL-1} \dot{Q}_{jL-1} - \frac{\ell N_{aL-1}}{c(\ell+1)} (\varepsilon_{iab} N_j - \varepsilon_{jab} N_i) \dot{H}_{bL-1} \right], \quad (\text{A6b})$$

where we recall that the transverse projector is $\perp_{ij} = \delta_{ij} - N_{ij}$. At the leading order, the Poynting vector $\Pi_i = c F_{ij} F_{j0}$ becomes

$$\Pi_i = \frac{G^2 \alpha_{\text{EM}}^2}{c^7 R^2} \sum_{\ell, k} \frac{N_i N_{L-1} N_{K-1}}{c^{\ell+k} \ell! k!} \perp_{ab} \left[\dot{Q}_{aL-1} \dot{Q}_{bK-1} + \frac{\ell k}{c^2 (\ell+1)(k+1)} \dot{H}_{aL-1} \dot{H}_{bK-1} \right], \quad (\text{A7})$$

where we have not written the cross terms $\propto Q_L H_K$, as their odd parity will eliminate them when performing the angular integrals. The energy flux (A3a) then reads

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{F}_{\text{EM}} &= \frac{G\alpha_{\text{EM}}}{4\pi c^3} \sum_{\ell,k} \frac{1}{c^{\ell+k} \ell! k!} \left[\dot{Q}_{aL-1} \dot{Q}_{bK-1} + \frac{\ell k}{c^2(\ell+1)(k+1)} \dot{H}_{aL-1} \dot{H}_{bK-1} \right] \int d^2\Omega \perp_{ab} N_{L-1} N_{K-1} \\ &= \sum_{\ell \geq 1} \frac{G\alpha_{\text{EM}}}{c^{3+2\ell}} \frac{(\ell+1)}{\ell \ell! (2\ell+1)!!} \left[\dot{Q}_L \dot{Q}_L + \frac{\ell^2}{c^2(\ell+1)^2} \dot{H}_L \dot{H}_L \right]\end{aligned}\tag{A8}$$

where we have used the fact that the moments $\{Q_L, H_L\}$ are STF and the integration formula

$$\dot{Q}_{aL-1} \dot{Q}_{bK-1} \int d^2\Omega \perp_{ab} N_{L-1} N_{K-1} = \frac{4\pi(\ell+1)!}{\ell(2\ell+1)!!} \delta_{k\ell} \dot{Q}_L \dot{Q}_L.\tag{A9}$$

This generic-gauge derivation agrees with the result (2.38), performed in the transverse gauge, which was expected as the energy flux should be a gauge-invariant quantity.

3. Angular momentum flux

Let us now turn to the more subtle derivation of the angular momentum flux. As clear from the R^3 appearing in its expression (A3b), and as discussed in lengths in *e.g.* [26, 56, 75], its computation requires the knowledge of the sub-leading terms $\mathcal{O}(1/R^2)$ of the radiative field (3.13). The canonical way of proceeding involves a full analysis of the BMS asymptotic structure at future null infinity, and is plagued by subtleties, see *e.g.* [75]. Instead, we adopt a more pragmatic approach, following the spirit of [26]. We start by computing the “source” flux, *i.e.* the dominant PM order of the flux, by using the linearized metric (2.20). This partial flux will be written in terms of (derivatives) of the source moments E_L and B_L , hence the name. In order to reconstruct the “full” flux from this source flux, one should in principle add all higher PM orders *via* tedious computations. Nevertheless, using the argument of [26], we claim that this source flux has the same structure that the “radiative” flux, under the naive replacements $(E_L^{(\ell)}, B_L^{(\ell)}) \rightarrow (Q_L, H_L)$, see Eq. (2.32). This method, although not a formal proof, has the advantage of the simplicity: the linear metric (2.20) is easily expanded at sub-leading order, using

$$\hat{\partial}_L \left[\frac{F(t-r/c)}{r} \right] = \frac{(-)^{\ell} \hat{n}_L}{c^{\ell}} \left[\frac{1}{r} F^{(\ell)}(t-r/c) + \frac{\ell(\ell+1)c}{2r^2} F^{(\ell-1)}(t-r/c) \right] + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{1}{r^3}\right).\tag{A10}$$

Injecting it into the field strength, it comes

$$\begin{aligned}F_{0i} &= \frac{G\alpha_{\text{EM}}}{c^4 r} \sum_{\ell \geq 1} \frac{1}{c^{\ell} \ell!} \left[\perp_{ij} n_{L-1} E_{jL-1}^{(\ell+1)} - \frac{\ell}{c(\ell+1)} \varepsilon_{iab} n_{aL-1} B_{bL-1}^{(\ell+1)} \right] \\ &\quad + \frac{G\alpha_{\text{EM}}}{c^3 r^2} \sum_{\ell \geq 1} \frac{1}{c^{\ell} \ell!} \left[\frac{\ell(\ell+1)}{2} n_{L-1} E_{iL-1}^{(\ell)} - \frac{(\ell+1)(\ell+2)}{2} n_{iL} E_L^{(\ell)} - \frac{\ell^2}{2c} \varepsilon_{iab} n_{aL-1} B_{bL-1}^{(\ell)} \right],\end{aligned}\tag{A11a}$$

$$F_{ij} = \frac{G\alpha_{\text{EM}}}{c^4 r} \sum_{\ell \geq 1} \frac{1}{c^{\ell} \ell!} \left[n_{jL-1} E_{iL-1}^{(\ell+1)} - n_{iL-1} E_{jL-1}^{(\ell+1)} - \frac{\ell n_{aL-1}}{c(\ell+1)} (\varepsilon_{iab} n_j - \varepsilon_{jab} n_i) B_{bL-1}^{(\ell+1)} \right]$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& + \frac{G\alpha_{\text{EM}}}{c^3 r^2} \sum_{\ell \geq 1} \frac{1}{c^\ell \ell!} \left[\frac{\ell(\ell+1)}{2} \left(n_{jL-1} E_{iL-1}^{(\ell)} - n_{iL-1} E_{jL-1}^{(\ell)} \right) \right. \\
& \quad + \left(\frac{2\ell}{(\ell+1)c} \varepsilon_{ija} + \frac{\ell(\ell+2)}{2c} \varepsilon_{iab} n_{jb} - \varepsilon_{jab} n_{ib} \right) n_{L-1} B_{aL-1}^{(\ell)} \\
& \quad \left. + \frac{\ell(\ell-1)}{(\ell+1)c} \left(\varepsilon_{iab} B_{jbL-2}^{(\ell)} - \varepsilon_{jab} B_{ibL-2}^{(\ell)} \right) n_{aL-2} \right]. \tag{A11b}
\end{aligned}$$

Discarding the cross terms $\propto Q_L H_K$, the flux (A3b) thus becomes

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathcal{G}_{\text{EM}}^i = \frac{G\alpha_{\text{EM}}}{4\pi c^3} \sum_{\ell, k} \frac{1}{c^{\ell+k} \ell! k!} \int d^2\Omega \left[(k+1) \varepsilon_{iab} n_{aL-1} n_K E_{bL-1}^{(\ell+1)} E_K^{(\ell)} \right. \\
\left. + \frac{\ell k \mathcal{N}_{abcd}^k}{(\ell+1)(k+1)c^2} n_{L-2} n_{K-2} B_{abL-2}^{(\ell+1)} B_{cdK-2}^{(\ell)} \right], \tag{A12}
\end{aligned}$$

where

$$\mathcal{N}_{abcd}^k = 2\varepsilon_{ija} n_{jbcd} - (k-1) [\varepsilon_{ijd} \perp_{ac} + \varepsilon_{jac} \perp_{id}] n_{jb}. \tag{A13}$$

Using the integration formulas

$$E_{jL-1}^{(\ell+1)} E_K^{(\ell)} \int d^2\Omega n_{iL-1} n_K = \frac{4\pi \ell!}{(2\ell+1)!!} \delta_{k\ell} E_{jL-1}^{(\ell+1)} E_{jL-1}^{(\ell)}, \tag{A14a}$$

$$B_{aL-1}^{(\ell+1)} B_{bK-1}^{(\ell)} \int d^2\Omega n_{iL-1} n_{jK-1} = \frac{4\pi (\ell-1)!}{(2\ell+1)!!} \delta_{k\ell} \left[B_{aL-1}^{(\ell+1)} B_{bL-1}^{(\ell)} \delta_{ij} + 2(\ell-1) B_{aL-2(i)}^{(\ell+1)} B_{j)bL-1}^{(\ell)} \right], \tag{A14b}$$

it comes

$$\mathcal{G}_{\text{EM}}^i = \varepsilon_{iab} \sum_{\ell \geq 1} \frac{G\alpha_{\text{EM}}}{c^{3+2\ell}} \frac{\ell+1}{\ell! (2\ell+1)!!} \left[E_{aL-1}^{(\ell)} E_{bL-1}^{(\ell+1)} + \frac{\ell^2}{c^2 (\ell+1)^2} B_{aL-1}^{(\ell)} B_{bL-1}^{(\ell+1)} \right]. \tag{A15}$$

Under the replacement $(E_L^{(\ell)}, B_L^{(\ell)}) \rightarrow (Q_L, H_L)$, this result gives Eqs. (2.40), that we have used in this work. Note however that when applying our formalism to a concrete case in Sec. IV, we have only pushed the accuracy at NLO and the non-linearities did not contribute. In this precise case, the “source” and “full” fluxes are naturally identical.

Note that we performed a powerful check regarding the definition of the radiated EM angular momentum. Indeed, the phase for quasi-circular orbits can also be obtained in terms of the balance equation for the angular momentum, i.e.

$$\phi = -\frac{c^3}{Gm} \int dx \frac{x^{3/2}}{\mathcal{G}} \frac{dJ}{dx}, \tag{A16}$$

which leads to the same result (4.17). The general definition of the GW angular momentum (2.33b) in terms of the radiative moments was, of course, already known and its explicit value contains also magnetic contributions which combine to those of the EM flux to give the expected result. Even if we did not provide a formal proof of the definition of the radiated EM angular momentum (2.40), this strongly suggests that the adopted definition is correct. Note also that the link between the coefficients of \mathcal{F}_{EM} and \mathcal{G}_{EM} are the same as the proportionality coefficients of those between \mathcal{F}_{GW} and \mathcal{G}_{GW} .

Appendix B: Lengthy expressions

All the lengthy results presented hereafter are collected in the ancillary file [49].

1. Expressions of the fluxes for generic orbits

This appendix presents the explicit expressions of the fluxes computed in Sec IV B. We recall that the total energy flux for arbitrary planar motion has been decomposed as

$$\mathcal{F} = \mathcal{F}_{\text{GW,pp}} + \mathcal{F}_{\text{GW,mag}} + \mathcal{F}_{\text{EM}}. \quad (\text{B1})$$

The (instantaneous) point particle sector, $\mathcal{F}_{\text{GW,pp}}$, can be found up to 3PN in Eq. (5.2) of [97], and is given at 1PN by

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{F}_{\text{GW,pp}} = \frac{32G^3m^4\nu^2}{5c^5r^4} & \left\{ r^2\dot{\phi}^2 + \frac{\dot{r}^2}{12} \right. \\ & + \frac{1}{c^2} \left[\left(\frac{785}{336} - \frac{71\nu}{28} \right) r^4\dot{\phi}^4 - \left(\frac{117}{28} - \frac{45\nu}{14} \right) r^2\dot{r}^2\dot{\phi}^2 - \left(\frac{8}{21} - \frac{3\nu}{14} \right) \dot{r}^4 \right. \\ & \left. \left. - \left(\frac{170}{21} - \frac{10\nu}{21} \right) Gmr\dot{\phi}^2 + \left(\frac{9}{14} + \frac{5\nu}{42} \right) \frac{Gm\dot{r}^2}{r} + \frac{1-4\nu}{21} \frac{G^2m^2}{r^2} \right] \right\}. \end{aligned} \quad (\text{B2})$$

As for the EM contributions, they read at NLO

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{F}_{\text{GW,mag}} = -\frac{192G^5m^6\nu\alpha_{\text{EM}}\tilde{\mu}_1\tilde{\mu}_2}{5c^9r^6} & \left\{ r^2\dot{\phi}^2 - \frac{\dot{r}^2}{12} \right. \\ & + \frac{1}{c^2} \left[\left(\frac{277}{112} - \frac{569\nu}{84} \right) r^4\dot{\phi}^4 - \left(\frac{1159}{168} - \frac{1373\nu}{84} \right) r^2\dot{r}^2\dot{\phi}^2 \right. \\ & + \left(\frac{17}{42} - \frac{37\nu}{42} \right) \dot{r}^4 - \left(\frac{1331}{168} - \frac{27\nu}{7} \right) Gmr\dot{\phi}^2 \\ & \left. \left. + \left(\frac{17}{18} - \frac{109\nu}{84} \right) \frac{Gm\dot{r}^2}{r} + \frac{1-4\nu}{14} \frac{G^2m^2}{r^2} \right] \right\}, \end{aligned} \quad (\text{B3a})$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{F}_{\text{EM}} = \frac{4G^5m^6\nu^2\alpha_{\text{EM}}\tilde{\mu}_-^2}{15c^9r^6} & \left\{ r^2\dot{\phi}^2 + 4\dot{r}^2 \right. \\ & + \frac{1}{c^2} \left[\left(\frac{397}{28} - \frac{465\nu}{14} \right) r^4\dot{\phi}^4 + \left(\frac{1177}{14} - \frac{906\nu}{7} \right) r^2\dot{r}^2\dot{\phi}^2 \right. \\ & - \left(\frac{128}{7} - \frac{324\nu}{7} \right) \dot{r}^4 - \left(\frac{71}{14} + \frac{45\nu}{7} \right) Gmr\dot{\phi}^2 \\ & \left. \left. - \left(\frac{488}{7} - \frac{648\nu}{7} \right) \frac{Gm\dot{r}^2}{r} + 8\frac{1-4\nu}{7} \frac{G^2m^2}{r^2} \right] \right\} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& + \frac{64G^5m^6\nu^2\delta\alpha_{\text{EM}}\tilde{\mu}_+\tilde{\mu}_-}{105c^{11}r^6} \left[\frac{33}{4}r^4\dot{\phi}^4 + \frac{471}{16}r^2\dot{r}^2\dot{\phi}^2 - 6\dot{r}^4 + \frac{9}{8}Gmr\dot{\phi}^2 - \frac{123}{8}\frac{Gm\dot{r}^2}{r} + \frac{G^2m^2}{r^2} \right] \\
& + \frac{32G^5m^6\nu^2\alpha_{\text{EM}}\tilde{\mu}_+^2}{105c^{11}r^6} \left[10r^4\dot{\phi}^4 + \frac{83}{4}r^2\dot{r}^2\dot{\phi}^2 + 4\dot{r}^4 + Gmr\dot{\phi}^2 + \frac{4Gm\dot{r}^2}{r} + \frac{G^2m^2}{r^2} \right].
\end{aligned} \tag{B3b}$$

Note that in $\mathcal{F}_{\text{GW,mag}}$ we have $\tilde{\mu}_1\tilde{\mu}_2$ for compactness of the expressions, it reads $\nu(\tilde{\mu}_+^2 + \delta\tilde{\mu}_+\tilde{\mu}_- - \nu\tilde{\mu}_-^2)$. Similarly to the energy flux, the total angular momentum flux is split according to

$$\mathcal{G}^i = \left[\mathcal{G}_{\text{GW,pp}} + \mathcal{G}_{\text{GW,mag}} + \mathcal{G}_{\text{EM}} \right] l^i, \tag{B4}$$

where the (instantaneous) point-particle sector, $\mathcal{G}_{\text{GW,pp}}$, can be found at 3PN *e.g.* in Eq. (3.2) of [104]. At the required order, the contributions read

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathcal{G}_{\text{GW,pp}} = \frac{16G^2m^3\nu^2\dot{\phi}}{5c^5r} & \left\{ r^2\dot{\phi}^2 - \frac{\dot{r}^2}{2} + \frac{Gm}{r} \right. \\
& + \frac{1}{c^2} \left[\left(\frac{307}{168} - \frac{137\nu}{42} \right) r^4\dot{\phi}^4 + \left(\frac{85}{84} + \frac{283\nu}{84} \right) r^2\dot{r}^2\dot{\phi}^2 + \left(\frac{37}{42} + \frac{17\nu}{84} \right) \dot{r}^4 \right. \\
& \left. \left. - \left(\frac{29}{21} + \frac{95\nu}{42} \right) Gmr\dot{\phi}^2 + \left(\frac{64}{21} + \frac{\nu}{12} \right) \frac{Gm\dot{r}^2}{r} - \left(\frac{745}{84} - \frac{\nu}{42} \right) \frac{G^2m^2}{r^2} \right] \right\},
\end{aligned} \tag{B5a}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathcal{G}_{\text{GW,mag}} = -\frac{48G^4m^5\nu\alpha_{\text{EM}}\tilde{\mu}_1\tilde{\mu}_2\dot{\phi}}{5c^9r^3} & \left\{ r^2\dot{\phi}^2 - \frac{3\dot{r}^2}{2} + \frac{2Gm}{r} \right. \\
& + \frac{1}{c^2} \left[\left(\frac{323}{168} - \frac{22\nu}{3} \right) r^4\dot{\phi}^4 - \left(\frac{167}{14} - \frac{1221\nu}{28} \right) r^2\dot{r}^2\dot{\phi}^2 \right. \\
& + \left(\frac{27}{7} - \frac{1181\nu}{84} \right) \dot{r}^4 + \left(\frac{125}{84} - \frac{229\nu}{21} \right) Gmr\dot{\phi}^2 \\
& \left. \left. + \left(\frac{215}{84} + \frac{227\nu}{42} \right) \frac{Gm\dot{r}^2}{r} - \left(\frac{356}{21} - \frac{116\nu}{21} \right) \frac{G^2m^2}{r^2} \right] \right\},
\end{aligned} \tag{B5b}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathcal{G}_{\text{EM}} = \frac{4G^5m^6\nu^2\alpha_{\text{EM}}\tilde{\mu}_-^2\dot{\phi}}{15c^9r^4} & \left\{ 1 + \frac{1}{c^2} \left[\left(\frac{223}{14} - \frac{282\nu}{7} \right) r^2\dot{\phi}^2 - \left(\frac{151}{28} + \frac{207\nu}{14} \right) \dot{r}^2 \right. \right. \\
& \left. \left. - \left(\frac{159}{28} + \frac{55\nu}{14} \right) \frac{Gm}{r} \right] \right\}
\end{aligned} \tag{B5c}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& + \frac{614G^5m^6\nu^2\delta\alpha_{\text{EM}}\tilde{\mu}_+\tilde{\mu}_-\dot{\phi}}{105c^{11}r^4} \left[r^2\dot{\phi}^2 - \frac{77\dot{r}^2}{307} + \frac{25Gm}{307r} \right] \\
& + \frac{16G^5m^6\nu^2\alpha_{\text{EM}}\tilde{\mu}_+^2\dot{\phi}}{5c^{11}r^4} \left[r^2\dot{\phi}^2 - \frac{\dot{r}^2}{14} + \frac{Gm}{7r} \right].
\end{aligned} \tag{B5d}$$

2. Expressions of the gravitational modes for generic orbits

This appendix presents the instantaneous gravitational modes computed in Sec IV B. For the sake of simplicity we single out the dependence on the gravitational phase ϕ and rescale the modes $h_{\ell m}$ (2.35) as

$$h_{\ell m} = \frac{8Gm\nu}{c^4 R} \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{5}} \mathcal{H}_{\ell m} e^{-i m \phi}, \quad (\text{B6})$$

and further split $\mathcal{H}_{\ell m} = \mathcal{H}_{\ell m}^{\text{pp}} + \mathcal{H}_{\ell m}^{\text{EM}}$. Moreover, those coefficients obey $\mathcal{H}_{\ell, -m} = (-)^{\ell} \overline{\mathcal{H}}_{\ell m}$, so we only present the ones with a positive m . The point-particle sector, $\mathcal{H}_{\ell m}^{\text{pp}}$ can be found *e.g.* in [96], and we don't replicate it here. As for the EM corrections, the instantaneous modes read to the relevant order

$$\mathcal{H}_{22}^{\text{EM}} = -\frac{3}{2} \frac{G^3 m^3 \alpha_{\text{EM}} \tilde{\mu}_1 \tilde{\mu}_2}{c^4 r^3 \nu} \left\{ 1 + \frac{1}{c^2} \left[\left(\frac{1}{21} - \frac{8\nu}{7} \right) r^2 \dot{\phi}^2 - i \left(\frac{73}{21} - \frac{73\nu}{7} \right) r \dot{r} \dot{\phi} - \left(\frac{9}{14} - \frac{24\nu}{7} \right) \dot{r}^2 - \left(\frac{187}{42} - \frac{20\nu}{7} \right) \frac{Gm}{r} \right] \right\}, \quad (\text{B7a})$$

$$\mathcal{H}_{21}^{\text{EM}} = -i \frac{G^3 m^3 \alpha_{\text{EM}} \tilde{\mu}_1 \tilde{\mu}_2 \delta}{c^5 r^2 \nu} \dot{\phi}, \quad (\text{B7b})$$

$$\mathcal{H}_{20}^{\text{EM}} = \sqrt{\frac{3}{2}} \frac{G^3 m^3 \alpha_{\text{EM}} \tilde{\mu}_1 \tilde{\mu}_2}{c^4 r^3 \nu} \left\{ 1 + \frac{1}{c^2} \left[\left(\frac{3}{7} - \frac{16\nu}{7} \right) r^2 \dot{\phi}^2 - \left(\frac{9}{14} - \frac{24\nu}{7} \right) \dot{r}^2 - \left(\frac{187}{42} - \frac{20\nu}{7} \right) \frac{Gm}{r} \right] \right\}, \quad (\text{B7c})$$

$$\mathcal{H}_{33}^{\text{EM}} = \frac{i}{4} \sqrt{\frac{105}{2}} \frac{G^3 m^3 \alpha_{\text{EM}} \tilde{\mu}_1 \tilde{\mu}_2 \delta}{c^5 r^3 \nu} \left(r \dot{\phi} + \frac{2}{7} i \dot{r} \right), \quad (\text{B7d})$$

$$\mathcal{H}_{32}^{\text{EM}} = -\sqrt{\frac{5}{7}} \frac{G^3 m^3 \alpha_{\text{EM}} \tilde{\mu}_1 \tilde{\mu}_2}{c^6 r^2 \nu} (1 - 3\nu) \left(r \dot{\phi} - \frac{i}{4} \dot{r} \right) \dot{\phi}, \quad (\text{B7e})$$

$$\mathcal{H}_{31}^{\text{EM}} = -\frac{i}{4} \sqrt{\frac{7}{2}} \frac{G^3 m^3 \alpha_{\text{EM}} \tilde{\mu}_1 \tilde{\mu}_2 \delta}{c^5 r^3 \nu} \left(r \dot{\phi} + \frac{6}{7} i \dot{r} \right), \quad (\text{B7f})$$

$$\mathcal{H}_{30}^{\text{EM}} = -\frac{i}{2} \sqrt{\frac{3}{14}} \frac{G^3 m^3 \alpha_{\text{EM}} \tilde{\mu}_1 \tilde{\mu}_2}{c^6 r^2 \nu} (1 - 3\nu) \dot{r} \dot{\phi}, \quad (\text{B7g})$$

$$\mathcal{H}_{44}^{\text{EM}} = \frac{53}{24} \sqrt{\frac{5}{7}} \frac{G^3 m^3 \alpha_{\text{EM}} \tilde{\mu}_1 \tilde{\mu}_2}{c^6 r^3 \nu} (1 - 3\nu) \left[r^2 \dot{\phi}^2 + \frac{26i}{53} r \dot{r} \dot{\phi} - \frac{8}{53} \dot{r}^2 + \frac{12}{53} \frac{Gm}{r} \right], \quad (\text{B7h})$$

$$\mathcal{H}_{42}^{\text{EM}} = -\frac{5\sqrt{5}}{84} \frac{G^3 m^3 \alpha_{\text{EM}} \tilde{\mu}_1 \tilde{\mu}_2}{c^6 r^3 \nu} (1 - 3\nu) \left[r^2 \dot{\phi}^2 + \frac{13i}{5} r \dot{r} \dot{\phi} - \frac{8}{5} \dot{r}^2 + \frac{12}{5} \frac{Gm}{r} \right], \quad (\text{B7i})$$

$$\mathcal{H}_{40}^{\text{EM}} = -\frac{11}{28\sqrt{2}} \frac{G^3 m^3 \alpha_{\text{EM}} \tilde{\mu}_1 \tilde{\mu}_2}{c^6 r^3 \nu} (1 - 3\nu) \left[r^2 \dot{\phi}^2 + \frac{8}{11} \dot{r}^2 - \frac{12}{11} \frac{Gm}{r} \right]. \quad (\text{B7j})$$

3. Quasi-Keplerian parameters

The parameters entering the quasi-Keplerian representation of the motion (4.8) are given herebelow in terms of the two dimensionless invariants linked to the (unreduced) energy E

and norm of the angular momentum $J = |J^i|$

$$\varepsilon \equiv \frac{-2E}{m\nu c^2} \quad \text{and} \quad j \equiv \frac{-2E J^2}{G^2 m^5 \nu^3}, \quad (\text{B8})$$

where we recall that we deal with bounded trajectories, thus $E < 0$. The energy parameter is a 1PN quantity, the second parameter is Newtonian and is such that the eccentricities are simply $e_\star = \sqrt{1-j} + \mathcal{O}(c^{-2})$. It relates to the usual definition $h = J/(Gm^2\nu)$ by $j = -2h^2 E/(m\nu)$. At the required order, we obtain

$$a_r = \frac{Gm}{c^2 \varepsilon} \left\{ 1 - \frac{7-\nu}{4} \varepsilon + \frac{\alpha_{\text{EM}} \tilde{\mu}_1 \tilde{\mu}_2}{j \nu} \varepsilon^2 \left[1 + \frac{12+\nu}{j} \varepsilon \right] \right\}, \quad (\text{B9a})$$

$$n = \frac{c^3}{Gm} \varepsilon^{3/2} \left\{ 1 - \frac{15-\nu}{8} \varepsilon + (7-2\nu) \frac{\alpha_{\text{EM}} \tilde{\mu}_1 \tilde{\mu}_2}{j^{3/2} \nu} \varepsilon^3 \right\}, \quad (\text{B9b})$$

$$K = 1 + \frac{3}{j} \varepsilon - \frac{3\alpha_{\text{EM}} \tilde{\mu}_1 \tilde{\mu}_2}{j^2 \nu} \varepsilon^2 \left[1 + \left(\frac{45}{2j} - \frac{7}{2} + \nu \right) \varepsilon \right], \quad (\text{B9c})$$

$$e_r^2 = 1 - j + \left(6 - \nu - \frac{15-5\nu}{4} j \right) \varepsilon - \frac{2\alpha_{\text{EM}} \tilde{\mu}_1 \tilde{\mu}_2}{j \nu} \varepsilon^2 \left[2 - j + \left(\frac{24+2\nu}{j} - \frac{11+7\nu}{2} - \frac{11-3\nu}{2} j \right) \varepsilon \right], \quad (\text{B9d})$$

$$e_t^2 = 1 - j - \left(2 - 2\nu - \frac{17-7\nu}{4} j \right) \varepsilon - \frac{2\alpha_{\text{EM}} \tilde{\mu}_1 \tilde{\mu}_2}{j \nu} \varepsilon^2 \left[1 + \left(\frac{12+\nu}{j} - \frac{7-2\nu}{j^{1/2}} - \frac{37-7\nu}{4} + (7-2\nu)j^{1/2} \right) \varepsilon \right], \quad (\text{B9e})$$

$$e_\phi^2 = 1 - j + \left(6 - \frac{15-\nu}{4} j \right) \varepsilon - \frac{2\alpha_{\text{EM}} \tilde{\mu}_1 \tilde{\mu}_2}{j \nu} \varepsilon^2 \left[3 - 2j + \left(\frac{336-13\nu}{8j} - \frac{63-16\nu}{4} - \frac{88+9\nu}{8} j \right) \varepsilon \right], \quad (\text{B9f})$$

$$f_{v-u} = -(7-2\nu) \frac{\alpha_{\text{EM}} \tilde{\mu}_1 \tilde{\mu}_2}{j^{3/2} \nu} \varepsilon^3, \quad (\text{B9g})$$

$$f_v = \frac{3\alpha_{\text{EM}} \tilde{\mu}_1 \tilde{\mu}_2}{2} \frac{\sqrt{1-j}}{j^{3/2}} \varepsilon^3, \quad (\text{B9h})$$

$$g_{2v} = -\frac{3-4\nu}{4} \frac{\alpha_{\text{EM}} \tilde{\mu}_1 \tilde{\mu}_2}{\nu} \frac{1-j}{j^3} \varepsilon^3, \quad (\text{B9i})$$

$$g_{3v} = \frac{\alpha_{\text{EM}} \tilde{\mu}_1 \tilde{\mu}_2}{8} \frac{(1-j)^{3/2}}{j^3} \varepsilon^3. \quad (\text{B9j})$$

The 1PN point-particle sector of those expressions naturally agrees with [91]. For the sake of completeness, we also display the expression of x (4.9) at the sought order

$$x = \varepsilon \left\{ 1 + \left[\frac{2}{j} - \frac{15-\nu}{12} \right] \varepsilon - \frac{2\alpha_{\text{EM}} \tilde{\mu}_1 \tilde{\mu}_2}{j^2 \nu} \varepsilon^2 \left[1 + \left(\frac{43}{2j} - \frac{57-13\nu}{12} - \frac{7-2\nu}{3} j^{1/2} \right) \varepsilon \right] \right\}. \quad (\text{B10})$$

4. Expressions of the fluxes for eccentric orbits

In the spirit of Eqs. (8.8) of [97] and (4.10) of [104], respectively presenting the averaged instantaneous energy and angular momentum fluxes in a system of standard harmonic coordinates, we split at the NLO

$$\langle \mathcal{F} \rangle = \frac{32 \nu^2 c^5}{5G} x^5 \left[\mathcal{F}_N + x \mathcal{F}_{\text{1PN}} + \alpha_{\text{EM}} x^2 \left(\mathcal{F}_{\text{mag,LO}} + x \mathcal{F}_{\text{mag,NLO}} \right) \right], \quad (\text{B11a})$$

$$\langle \mathcal{G} \rangle = \frac{4}{5} m \nu^2 c^2 x^{7/2} \left[\mathcal{G}_N + x \mathcal{G}_{\text{1PN}} + \alpha_{\text{EM}} x^2 \left(\mathcal{G}_{\text{mag,LO}} + x \mathcal{G}_{\text{mag,NLO}} \right) \right], \quad (\text{B11b})$$

with (let us emphasize that the following expressions are exact, in the sense that they have not been truncated in powers of e_t)

$$\mathcal{F}_N = \frac{1}{(1 - e_t^2)^{7/2}} \left[1 + \frac{73 e_t^2}{24} + \frac{37 e_t^4}{96} \right], \quad (\text{B12a})$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{F}_{\text{1PN}} = \frac{1}{(1 - e_t^2)^{9/2}} & \left[-\frac{1247}{336} - \frac{35\nu}{12} + \left(\frac{10475}{672} - \frac{1081\nu}{36} \right) e_t^2 \right. \\ & \left. + \left(\frac{10043}{384} - \frac{311\nu}{12} \right) e_t^4 + \left(\frac{2179}{1792} - \frac{851\nu}{576} \right) e_t^6 \right], \end{aligned} \quad (\text{B12b})$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{F}_{\text{mag,LO}} = \frac{\tilde{\mu}_+^2 + \delta \tilde{\mu}_+ \tilde{\mu}_- - \nu \tilde{\mu}_-^2}{(1 - e_t^2)^{11/2}} & \left[-4 - \frac{101 e_t^2}{2} - \frac{1999 e_t^4}{48} - \frac{59 e_t^6}{32} \right] \\ & + \frac{\tilde{\mu}_-^2}{(1 - e_t^2)^{11/2}} \left[\frac{1}{24} + \frac{19 e_t^2}{48} + \frac{23 e_t^4}{64} + \frac{3 e_t^6}{128} \right], \end{aligned} \quad (\text{B12c})$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{F}_{\text{mag,NLO}} = \frac{\tilde{\mu}_+^2 + \delta \tilde{\mu}_+ \tilde{\mu}_- - \nu \tilde{\mu}_-^2}{(1 - e_t^2)^{13/2}} & \left[\frac{663}{56} + \frac{47\nu}{2} - \left(\frac{28579}{84} - \frac{4903\nu}{9} \right) e_t^2 - \left(\frac{138987}{112} - \frac{50419\nu}{36} \right) e_t^4 \right. \\ & \left. - \left(\frac{318767}{672} - \frac{157811\nu}{288} \right) e_t^6 - \left(\frac{69525}{7168} - \frac{1537\nu}{96} \right) e_t^8 \right] \\ & + \frac{\tilde{\mu}_+^2 + \delta \tilde{\mu}_+ \tilde{\mu}_- - \nu \tilde{\mu}_-^2}{(1 - e_t^2)^6} \left[-\frac{49}{3} + \frac{14\nu}{3} - \left(\frac{8995}{72} - \frac{1285\nu}{36} \right) e_t^2 \right. \\ & \left. - \left(\frac{7091}{96} - \frac{1013\nu}{48} \right) e_t^4 - \left(\frac{259}{144} - \frac{37\nu}{72} \right) e_t^6 \right] \\ & + \frac{\delta \tilde{\mu}_+ \tilde{\mu}_-}{(1 - e_t^2)^{13/2}} \left[\frac{5}{12} + \frac{259 e_t^2}{48} + \frac{1963 e_t^4}{192} + \frac{1441 e_t^6}{384} + \frac{141 e_t^8}{1024} \right] \\ & + \frac{\tilde{\mu}_-^2}{(1 - e_t^2)^{13/2}} \left[\frac{19}{32} - \frac{191\nu}{144} + \left(\frac{93}{8} - \frac{2627\nu}{144} \right) e_t^2 + \left(\frac{10915}{384} - \frac{10333\nu}{288} \right) e_t^4 \right. \\ & \left. + \left(\frac{1079}{96} - \frac{5099\nu}{384} \right) e_t^6 + \left(\frac{1533}{4096} - \frac{983\nu}{2048} \right) e_t^8 \right], \end{aligned} \quad (\text{B12d})$$

and

$$\mathcal{G}_N = \frac{8 + 7e_t^2}{(1 - e_t^2)^2}, \quad (\text{B13a})$$

$$\mathcal{G}_{\text{1PN}} = \frac{1}{(1 - e_t^2)^3} \left[-\frac{1247}{42} - \frac{70\nu}{3} + \left(\frac{3019}{42} - \frac{335\nu}{3} \right) e_t^2 + \left(\frac{8399}{336} - \frac{275\nu}{12} \right) e_t^4 \right], \quad (\text{B13b})$$

$$\mathcal{G}_{\text{mag,LO}} = \frac{\tilde{\mu}_+^2 + \delta \tilde{\mu}_+ \tilde{\mu}_- - \nu \tilde{\mu}_-^2}{(1 - e_t^2)^4} \left[-32 - 174 e_t^2 - \frac{63 e_t^4}{2} \right] + \frac{\tilde{\mu}_-^2}{(1 - e_t^2)^4} \left[\frac{1}{3} + e_t^2 + \frac{e_t^4}{8} \right], \quad (\text{B13c})$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{G}_{\text{mag,NLO}} = & \frac{\tilde{\mu}_+^2 + \delta \tilde{\mu}_+ \tilde{\mu}_- - \nu \tilde{\mu}_-^2}{(1 - e_t^2)^5} \left[\frac{271}{7} + 204\nu - \left(\frac{63443}{42} - \frac{7192\nu}{3} \right) e_t^2 \right. \\ & \left. - \left(\frac{363301}{168} - \frac{15529\nu}{6} \right) e_t^4 - \left(\frac{17091}{112} - 206\nu \right) e_t^6 \right] \\ & - \frac{\tilde{\mu}_+^2 + \delta \tilde{\mu}_+ \tilde{\mu}_- - \nu \tilde{\mu}_-^2}{(1 - e_t^2)^{11/2}} \frac{2(7 - 2\nu)(16 + 41 e_t^2 - 60 e_t^4 - 7 e_t^6)}{3} \\ & + \frac{\delta \tilde{\mu}_+ \tilde{\mu}_-}{(1 - e_t^2)^5} \left[\frac{10}{3} + \frac{145 e_t^2}{6} + \frac{35 e_t^4}{2} + \frac{15 e_t^6}{16} \right] \\ & + \frac{\tilde{\mu}_-^2}{(1 - e_t^2)^5} \left[\frac{19}{4} - \frac{191\nu}{18} + \left(\frac{385}{8} - \frac{2867\nu}{36} \right) e_t^2 \right. \\ & \left. + \left(\frac{1263}{32} - \frac{2845\nu}{48} \right) e_t^4 + \left(\frac{131}{64} - \frac{311\nu}{96} \right) e_t^6 \right]. \quad (\text{B13d}) \end{aligned}$$

Naturally, the point-particle sectors at 1PN agree with Eqs (8.9) of [97] and (4.11) of [104].

5. Time evolution of the orbital parameters

Using the chain rule (4.12) together with Eq. (B9e) and the averaged fluxes (B11), we find the evolution of the time-eccentricity as

$$\left\langle \frac{de_t}{dt} \right\rangle = -\frac{c^3 e_t \nu}{Gm} x^4 \left[\mathcal{E}_N + x \mathcal{E}_{\text{1PN}} + \alpha_{\text{EM}} x^2 \left(\mathcal{E}_{\text{mag,LO}} + x \mathcal{E}_{\text{mag,NLO}} \right) \right], \quad (\text{B14})$$

where

$$\mathcal{E}_N = \frac{1}{(1 - e_t^2)^{5/2}} \left[\frac{304}{15} + \frac{121 e_t^2}{15} \right], \quad (\text{B15a})$$

$$\mathcal{E}_{\text{1PN}} = \frac{1}{(1 - e_t^2)^{7/2}} \left[-\frac{939}{35} - \frac{4084\nu}{45} + \left(\frac{29917}{105} - \frac{7753\nu}{30} \right) e_t^2 + \left(\frac{13929}{280} - \frac{1664\nu}{45} \right) e_t^4 \right], \quad (\text{B15b})$$

$$\mathcal{E}_{\text{mag,LO}} = \frac{\tilde{\mu}_+^2 + \delta \tilde{\mu}_+ \tilde{\mu}_- - \nu \tilde{\mu}_-^2}{(1 - e_t^2)^{9/2}} \left[-\frac{3752}{15} - \frac{1190 e_t^2}{3} - 37 e_t^4 \right] + \frac{\tilde{\mu}_-^2}{(1 - e_t^2)^{9/2}} \left[2 + 3 e_t^2 + \frac{e_t^4}{4} \right], \quad (\text{B15c})$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{E}_{\text{mag,NLO}} = & \frac{\tilde{\mu}_+^2 + \delta \tilde{\mu}_+ \tilde{\mu}_- - \nu \tilde{\mu}_-^2}{(1 - e_t^2)^{11/2}} \left[-\frac{16220}{21} + \frac{72916\nu}{45} - \left(\frac{1778741}{210} - \frac{27724\nu}{3} \right) e_t^2 \right. \\ & - \left(\frac{267145}{42} - \frac{543343\nu}{90} \right) e_t^4 - \left(\frac{321277}{1120} - \frac{3099\nu}{10} \right) e_t^6 \Big] \\ & - \frac{\tilde{\mu}_+^2 + \delta \tilde{\mu}_+ \tilde{\mu}_- - \nu \tilde{\mu}_-^2}{(1 - e_t^2)^5} \frac{(7 - 2\nu)(3248 + 6891 e_t^2 + 61 e_t^4)}{45} \\ & + \frac{\delta \tilde{\mu}_+ \tilde{\mu}_-}{(1 - e_t^2)^{11/2}} \left[\frac{268}{15} + \frac{2123 e_t^2}{30} + \frac{559 e_t^4}{15} + \frac{261 e_t^6}{160} \right] \\ & + \frac{\tilde{\mu}_-^2}{(1 - e_t^2)^{11/2}} \left[\frac{1013}{30} - \frac{872\nu}{15} + \left(\frac{7659}{40} - \frac{14677\nu}{60} \right) e_t^2 \right. \\ & \left. + \left(\frac{27527}{240} - \frac{2683\nu}{20} \right) e_t^4 + \left(\frac{641}{128} - \frac{1927\nu}{320} \right) e_t^6 \right]. \quad (\text{B15d}) \end{aligned}$$

Let us emphasize again that the expressions presented in this section are exact, in the sense that they have not been truncated in powers of e_t . Similarly, the semi-major axis decays as

$$\left\langle \frac{da_r}{dt} \right\rangle = \nu c x^3 \left[\mathcal{A}_N + x \mathcal{A}_{\text{IPN}} + \alpha_{\text{EM}} x^2 \left(\mathcal{A}_{\text{mag,LO}} + x \mathcal{A}_{\text{mag,NLO}} \right) \right], \quad (\text{B16})$$

where

$$\mathcal{A}_N = \frac{1}{(1 - e_t^2)^{7/2}} \left[-\frac{64}{5} - \frac{584 e_t^2}{15} - \frac{74 e_t^4}{15} \right], \quad (\text{B17a})$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{A}_{\text{IPN}} = & \frac{1}{(1 - e_t^2)^{9/2}} \left[\frac{2972}{105} + \frac{176\nu}{5} - \left(\frac{30442}{105} - 380\nu \right) e_t^2 \right. \\ & \left. - \left(\frac{879}{2} - \frac{1687\nu}{5} \right) e_t^4 - \left(\frac{11717}{420} - \frac{296\nu}{15} \right) e_t^6 \right], \quad (\text{B17b}) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{A}_{\text{mag,LO}} = & \frac{\tilde{\mu}_+^2 + \delta \tilde{\mu}_+ \tilde{\mu}_- - \nu \tilde{\mu}_-^2}{(1 - e_t^2)^{11/2}} \left[\frac{576}{5} + \frac{11816 e_t^2}{15} + \frac{2716 e_t^4}{5} + \frac{174 e_t^6}{5} \right] \\ & - \frac{\tilde{\mu}_-^2}{(1 - e_t^2)^{11/2}} \left[\frac{8}{15} + \frac{76 e_t^2}{15} + \frac{23 e_t^4}{5} + \frac{3 e_t^6}{10} \right], \quad (\text{B17c}) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{A}_{\text{mag,NLO}} = & \frac{\tilde{\mu}_+^2 + \delta \tilde{\mu}_+ \tilde{\mu}_- - \nu \tilde{\mu}_-^2}{(1 - e_t^2)^{13/2}} \left[\frac{1156}{3} - \frac{2192\nu}{5} + \left(\frac{171160}{21} - \frac{78572\nu}{9} \right) e_t^2 + \left(\frac{125977}{6} - \frac{884126\nu}{45} \right) e_t^4 \right. \\ & \left. + \left(\frac{55471}{7} - \frac{109891\nu}{15} \right) e_t^6 + \left(\frac{459559}{1680} - \frac{4103\nu}{15} \right) e_t^8 \right] \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& + \frac{\tilde{\mu}_+^2 + \delta \tilde{\mu}_+ \tilde{\mu}_- - \nu \tilde{\mu}_-^2}{(1 - e_t^2)^6} \frac{2(7 - 2\nu)(96 + 1452 e_t^2 + 1353 e_t^4 + 74 e_t^6)}{15} \\
& - \frac{\delta \tilde{\mu}_+ \tilde{\mu}_-}{(1 - e_t^2)^{13/2}} \left[\frac{16}{3} + \frac{1036 e_t^2}{15} + \frac{1963 e_t^4}{15} + \frac{1441 e_t^6}{30} + \frac{141 e_t^8}{80} \right] \\
& - \frac{\tilde{\mu}_-^2}{(1 - e_t^2)^{13/2}} \left[\frac{42}{5} - \frac{152\nu}{9} + \left(\frac{2366}{15} - \frac{10474\nu}{45} \right) e_t^2 + \left(\frac{1917}{5} - \frac{41339\nu}{90} \right) e_t^4 \right. \\
& \quad \left. + \left(\frac{9349}{60} - \frac{10241\nu}{60} \right) e_t^6 + \left(\frac{1773}{320} - \frac{991\nu}{160} \right) e_t^8 \right]. \quad (\text{B17d})
\end{aligned}$$

Quite naturally, the Newtonian factors of Eqs. (B14) and (B16) are nothing but the well-known Peters' formulas [99]. As for the 1PN point-particle sectors, we have a full agreement with Eqs. (6.17) and (6.19) of [104].

As for the evolution of the orbital period, it comes

$$\left\langle \frac{dx}{dt} \right\rangle = \frac{c^3 \nu}{Gm} x^5 \left[\mathcal{X}_N + x \mathcal{X}_{\text{1PN}} + \alpha_{\text{EM}} x^2 \left(\mathcal{X}_{\text{mag,LO}} + x \mathcal{X}_{\text{mag,NLO}} \right) \right], \quad (\text{B18})$$

with

$$\mathcal{X}_N = \frac{1}{(1 - e_t^2)^{7/2}} \left[\frac{64}{5} + \frac{584 e_t^2}{15} + \frac{74 e_t^4}{15} \right], \quad (\text{B19a})$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathcal{X}_{\text{1PN}} = \frac{1}{(1 - e_t^2)^{9/2}} & \left[-\frac{2972}{105} - \frac{176\nu}{5} + \left(\frac{1462}{7} - 380\nu \right) e_t^2 \right. \\
& \left. + \left(\frac{12217}{30} - \frac{1687\nu}{5} \right) e_t^4 + \left(\frac{11717}{420} - \frac{296\nu}{15} \right) e_t^6 \right], \quad (\text{B19b})
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathcal{X}_{\text{mag,LO}} = \frac{\tilde{\mu}_+^2 + \delta \tilde{\mu}_+ \tilde{\mu}_- - \nu \tilde{\mu}_-^2}{(1 - e_t^2)^{11/2}} & \left[-128 - \frac{10768 e_t^2}{15} - \frac{7472 e_t^4}{15} - \frac{118 e_t^6}{5} \right] \\
& + \frac{\tilde{\mu}_-^2}{(1 - e_t^2)^{11/2}} \left[\frac{8}{15} + \frac{76 e_t^2}{15} + \frac{23 e_t^4}{5} + \frac{3 e_t^6}{10} \right], \quad (\text{B19c})
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathcal{X}_{\text{mag,NLO}} = \frac{\tilde{\mu}_+^2 + \delta \tilde{\mu}_+ \tilde{\mu}_- - \nu \tilde{\mu}_-^2}{(1 - e_t^2)^{13/2}} & \left[-\frac{18768}{35} + \frac{2368\nu}{5} - \left(6812 - \frac{382784\nu}{45} \right) e_t^2 - \left(\frac{366455}{21} - \frac{828794\nu}{45} \right) e_t^4 \right. \\
& \left. - \left(\frac{203953}{30} - \frac{306497\nu}{45} \right) e_t^6 - \left(\frac{20513}{112} - \frac{3133\nu}{15} \right) e_t^8 \right] \\
& + \frac{\tilde{\mu}_+^2 + \delta \tilde{\mu}_+ \tilde{\mu}_- - \nu \tilde{\mu}_-^2}{(1 - e_t^2)^6} \frac{2(7 - 2\nu)(96 - 4484 e_t^2 - 4530 e_t^4 - 7 e_t^6)}{45} \\
& + \frac{\delta \tilde{\mu}_+ \tilde{\mu}_-}{(1 - e_t^2)^{13/2}} \left[\frac{16}{3} + \frac{1036 e_t^2}{15} + \frac{1963 e_t^4}{15} + \frac{1441 e_t^6}{30} + \frac{141 e_t^8}{80} \right] \\
& + \frac{\tilde{\mu}_-^2}{(1 - e_t^2)^{13/2}} \left[\frac{42}{5} - \frac{152\nu}{9} + \left(\frac{2246}{15} - \frac{10474\nu}{45} \right) e_t^2 + \left(\frac{1857}{5} - \frac{41339\nu}{90} \right) e_t^4 \right.
\end{aligned}$$

$$+ \left(\frac{9289}{60} - \frac{10241\nu}{60} \right) e_t^6 + \left(\frac{1773}{320} - \frac{991\nu}{160} \right) e_t^8 \Big], \quad (\text{B19d})$$

and we recognize the Newtonian sector as the “enhancement” factor due to Peters and Mathews [98].

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