Initial Data for Black-Hole Binaries

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Abstract

We will examine the current state of our efforts to generate astrophysically realistic initial data for black-hole binaries.

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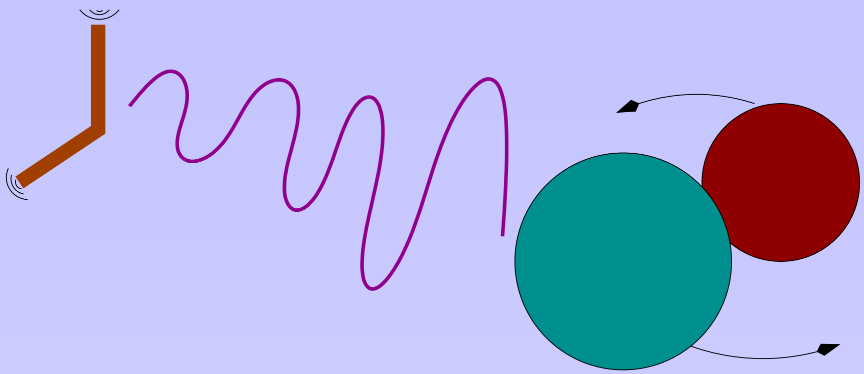
Motivation



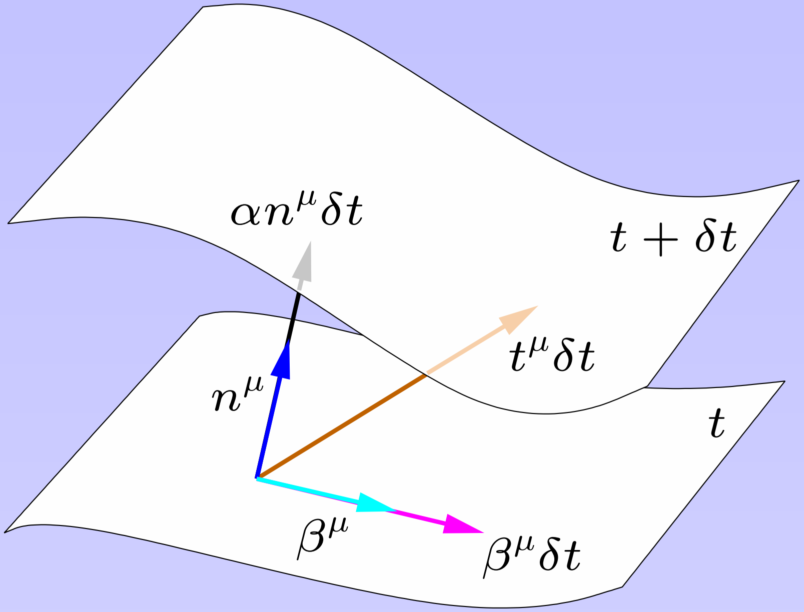
- Black hole binaries are among the most likely sources for early detection with LIGO, VIRGO, GEO,. . .
- Available computed waveforms should increase chance of detecting collision events.

Quasi-Equilibrium Binary Data

- General Relativity doesn't permit *true* equilibrium for astrophysical binary systems.
- When the bodies are sufficiently far apart, the timescale for orbital decay is much larger than the orbital period.
- If the orbit is nearly circular (*quasi-circular*) then there is a *corotating reference frame* in which the binary appears to be at rest.

★ Quasi-equilibrium gives us a *physical condition* to guide us in fixing boundary conditions and data that is not otherwise constrained.

The $3+1$ Decomposition



Lapse : α Spatial metric : γ_{ij}

Shift vector : β^i Extrinsic Curvature : K_{ij}

Time vector : $t^\mu = \alpha n^\mu + \beta^\mu$

$$\mathrm{d}s^2 = -\alpha^2 \mathrm{d}t^2 + \gamma_{ij}(\mathrm{d}x^i + \beta^i \mathrm{d}t)(\mathrm{d}x^j + \beta^j \mathrm{d}t)$$

$$\gamma_{\mu\nu} = g_{\mu\nu} + n_\mu n_\nu \qquad K_{\mu\nu} = -\tfrac{1}{2}\gamma^\alpha_\mu \gamma^\beta_\nu \mathcal{L}_n g_{\alpha\beta}$$

Constraint equations

$$\bar{R} + K^2 - K_{ij}K^{ij} = 16\pi\rho$$

$$\bar{\nabla}_j\left(K^{ij} - \gamma^{ij}K\right) = 8\pi j^i$$

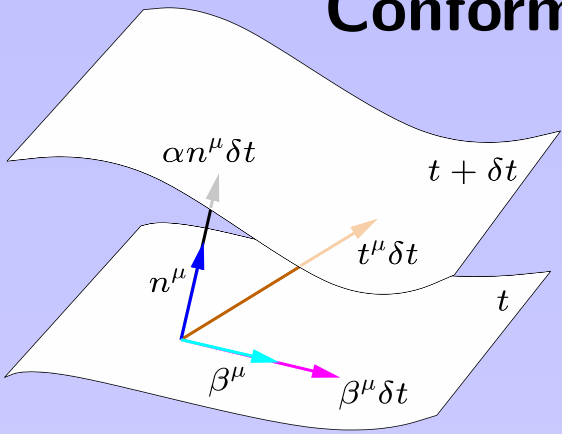
$$S_{\mu\nu} \equiv \gamma^\alpha_\mu \gamma^\beta_\nu T_{\alpha\beta}$$
$$j_\mu \equiv -\gamma^\nu_\mu n^\alpha T_{\nu\alpha}$$
$$\rho \equiv n^\mu n^\nu T_{\mu\nu}$$
$$T_{\mu\nu} = S_{\mu\nu} + 2n_{(\mu}j_{\nu)} + n_\mu n_\nu \rho$$

Evolution equations

$$\partial_t \gamma_{ij} = -2\alpha K_{ij} + \bar{\nabla}_i \beta_j + \bar{\nabla}_j \beta_i$$

$$\partial_t K_{ij} = -\bar{\nabla}_i \bar{\nabla}_j \alpha + \alpha\Big[\bar{R}_{ij} - 2K_{i\ell}K^\ell_j + K K_{ij} - 8\pi S_{ij} + 4\pi\gamma_{ij}(S-\rho)\Big] + \beta^\ell \bar{\nabla}_\ell K_{ij} + K_{i\ell}\bar{\nabla}_j \beta^\ell + K_{j\ell}\bar{\nabla}_i \beta^\ell$$

Conformal Thin-Sandwich Decomposition



$$\gamma_{ij} = \psi^4 \tilde{\gamma}_{ij}$$

$$K^{ij} = \frac{\psi^{-10}}{2\tilde{\alpha}}\left[(\tilde{\mathbb{L}}\beta)^{ij} - \tilde{u}^{ij}\right] + \tfrac{1}{3}\psi^{-4}\tilde{\gamma}^{ij}K$$

Hamiltonian Const. $\tilde{\nabla}^2\psi - \frac{1}{8}\psi\tilde{R} - \frac{1}{12}\psi^5 K^2 + \frac{1}{8}\psi^{-7}\tilde{A}_{ij}\tilde{A}^{ij} = -2\pi\psi^5\rho$

Momentum Const. $\tilde{\nabla}_j(\tilde{\mathbb{L}}\beta)^{ij} - (\tilde{\mathbb{L}}\beta)^{ij}\tilde{\nabla}_j\tilde{\alpha} = \frac{4}{3}\tilde{\alpha}\psi^6\tilde{\nabla}^i K + \tilde{\alpha}\tilde{\nabla}_j\left(\frac{1}{\tilde{\alpha}}\tilde{u}^{ij}\right) + 16\pi\tilde{\alpha}\psi^{10}j^i$

Const. Tr(K) eqn. $\tilde{\nabla}^2(\psi^7\tilde{\alpha}) - (\psi^7\tilde{\alpha})\left[\frac{1}{8}\psi\tilde{R} + \frac{5}{12}\psi^5K^2 + \frac{7}{8}\psi^{-7}\tilde{A}_{ij}\tilde{A}^{ij} - \psi^5\beta^i\tilde{\nabla}_iK\right]$

$$= -2\pi\psi^5K(\rho + 2S) - \psi^5\partial_t K$$

$$\tilde{A}^{ij} \equiv \frac{1}{2\tilde{\alpha}}\left[(\tilde{\mathbb{L}}\beta)^{ij} - \tilde{u}^{ij}\right]$$

Constrained vars : ψ, β^i, and $\tilde{\alpha} \equiv \psi^{-6}\alpha$

Freely specified : $\tilde{\gamma}_{ij}$ $\quad \tilde{u}^{ij} \equiv -\partial_t\tilde{\gamma}^{ij}$

K *and* $\partial_t K$

Quasi-equilibrium $\Rightarrow \begin{cases} \partial_t\tilde{\gamma}^{ij} = 0 \\ \partial_t K = 0 \end{cases}$

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- boundary conditions at infinity compatible with asymptotic flatness and corotation.

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Binary black hole initial data require:

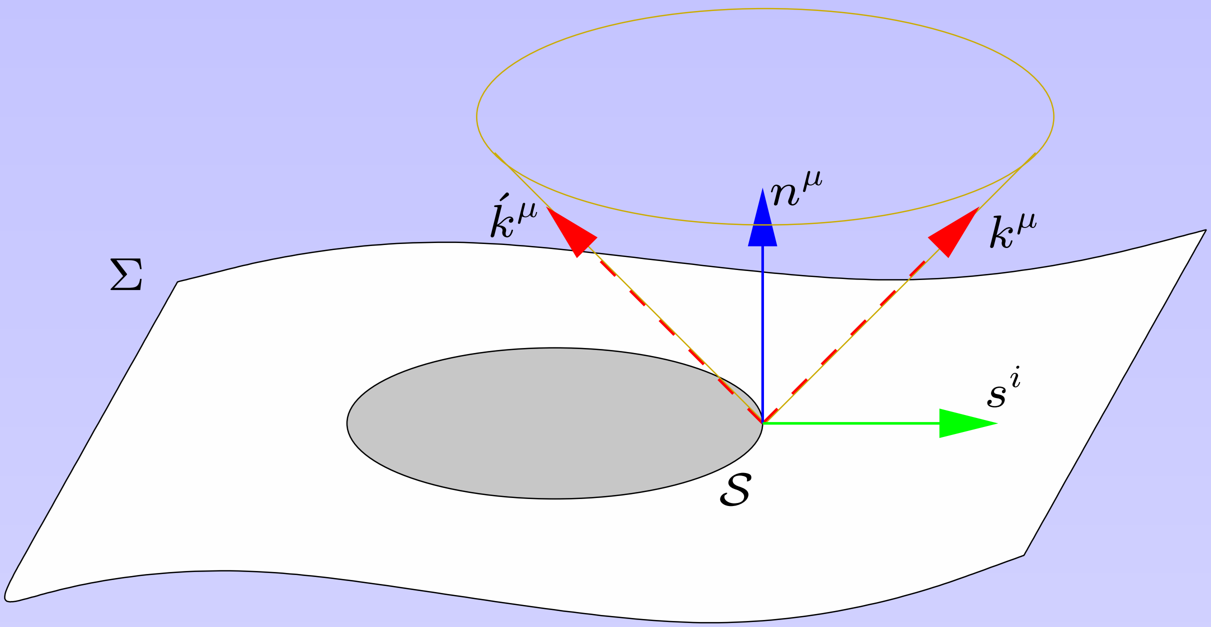
- a means for choosing the angular velocity of the orbit Ω.

⋆ *with excision*, inner boundary conditions are needed for ψ, β^i, and $\tilde{\alpha}$.

Gourgoulhon, Grandclément, & Bonazzola[7, 8]: Black-hole binaries with $\tilde{\gamma}_{ij} = f_{ij}$ & $K = 0$, "inversion-symmetry", and "Killing-horizon" conditions on the excision boundaries.

"Solutions" require *constraint violating* regularity condition imposed on inner boundaries!

The Inner Boundary



$$s_i \equiv \frac{\bar{\nabla}_i \tau}{|\bar{\nabla}\tau|}$$

$$h_{ij} \equiv \gamma_{ij} - s_i s_j$$

$$k^\mu \equiv \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\left(n^\mu + s^\mu\right)$$

$$\acute{k}^\mu \equiv \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\left(n^\mu - s^\mu\right)$$

Extrinsic curvature of $\mathcal{S}$ embedded in spacetime

$$\Sigma_{\mu\nu} \equiv \tfrac{1}{2} h^\alpha_\mu h^\beta_\nu \mathcal{L}_k g_{\alpha\beta}$$

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$$H_{ij} \equiv \tfrac{1}{2} h^k_i h^\ell_j \mathcal{L}_s \gamma_{k\ell}$$

$$\Sigma_{ij} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\left(H_{ij} - J_{ij}\right)$$

$$\acute{\Sigma}_{ij} = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\left(H_{ij} + J_{ij}\right)$$

Projections of K_{ij} onto $\mathcal{S}$

$$J_{ij} \equiv h^k_i h^\ell_j K_{k\ell}$$

$$J_i \equiv h^k_i s^\ell K_{k\ell}$$

$$J \equiv h^{ij} J_{ij} = h^{ij} K_{ij}$$

Expansion of null rays

$$\theta \equiv h^{ij}\Sigma_{ij} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\left(H - J\right)$$

$$\acute{\theta} \equiv h^{ij}\acute{\Sigma}_{ij} = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\left(H + J\right)$$

Shear of null rays

$$\sigma_{ij} \equiv \Sigma_{ij} - \tfrac{1}{2} h_{ij}\theta$$

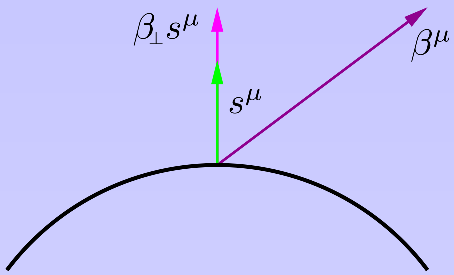
$$\acute{\sigma}_{ij} \equiv \acute{\Sigma}_{ij} - \tfrac{1}{2} h_{ij}\acute{\theta}$$

AH and QE Conditions on the Inner Boundary

The quasi-equilibrium inner boundary conditions start with the following assumptions:

1. The inner boundary $\mathcal{S}$ is a (MOTS):
   marginally outer-trapped surface

   $\longrightarrow \quad \theta = 0$

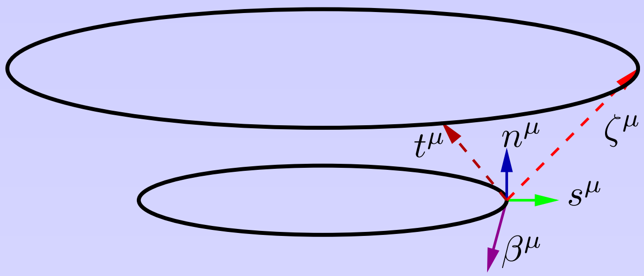


2. The inner boundary $\mathcal{S}$ remains a MOTS:
   $\longrightarrow \quad \mathcal{L}_\zeta \theta = 0$

$$t^\mu = \alpha n^\mu + \beta^\mu \qquad \zeta^\mu \equiv \alpha n^\mu + \beta_\perp s^\mu$$

$$\beta_\perp \equiv \beta^i s_i$$

ζ^μ is *null* on the AH and the chosen form is a gauge choice.



3. The horizons are in quasi-equilibrium:
   $\longrightarrow \quad \sigma_{ij} = 0$ and no matter is on $\mathcal{S}$

AH/Quasi-Equilibrium Boundary Conditions

$$\theta = \frac{\psi^{-2}}{\sqrt{2}}\left[\tilde{h}^{ij}\tilde{\nabla}_i\tilde{s}_j + 4\tilde{s}^k\tilde{\nabla}_k \ln\psi - \psi^2 J\right]$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathcal{L}_\zeta\theta \quad &= \quad -\tfrac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\left[\theta(\theta + \tfrac{1}{2}\acute{\theta} + \tfrac{1}{\sqrt{2}}K) + \mathcal{E}\right](\beta_\perp + \alpha) \\
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&\quad + \theta s^i\bar{\nabla}_i\alpha
\end{aligned}$$

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\mathcal{D} \quad &\equiv \quad h^{ij}(D_i + J_i)(D_j + J_j) - \tfrac{1}{2}{}^2R \\
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$$\begin{aligned}\partial_t\ln\psi &= \Big[\tilde{D}_k\beta_\parallel{}^k + 4\beta_\parallel{}^k\tilde{D}_k\ln\psi \\ &\quad - \tfrac{1}{2}\tilde{h}_{k\ell}\tilde{u}^{k\ell} \\ &\quad - +\sqrt{2}\theta + (\beta_\perp - \alpha)H\Big]\end{aligned}$$

Defining the Spin of the Black Hole

The spin parameters ${\beta_{\|}}^i$ can be defined by demanding that the time vector associated with quasi-equilibrium in the corotating frame must be null, forming the null generators of the horizon.

$$k^\mu \propto (n^\mu + s^\mu) \implies k^\mu = \left[1, \alpha s^i - \beta^i\right]$$

This vector k^μ is null for any choice of α & β^i.

In the frame where a black hole is not spinning, the null time vector has components $t^\mu = [1, \vec{0}]$.

Corotating Holes

Corotating holes are at rest in the corotating frame, where we must pose boundary conditions. So,

$$k^\mu = \left[1, \alpha s^i - \beta^i\right] = [1, \vec{0}]$$

Thus we find

$$\beta^i = \alpha s^i \;\Rightarrow\; {\beta_{\|}}^i = 0$$

Irrotational Holes

Irrotational holes are at rest in the inertial frame. With the time vectors in the inertial and corotating frames related by

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial}{\partial \bar{t}} + \Omega\frac{\partial}{\partial \phi}$$

$$k^\mu = \left[1, \alpha s^i - \beta^i\right] = [1, -\Omega(\partial/\partial\phi)^i]$$

Thus we find

$$\beta^i = \alpha s^i + \Omega\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial\phi}\right)^i \Rightarrow {\beta_{\|}}^i = \Omega\xi^i$$

$$\xi^i \approx \left(\tfrac{\partial}{\partial\phi}\right)^i \quad \& \quad \tilde{D}_{(i}\xi_{j)} - \tfrac{1}{2}\tilde{h}_{ij}\tilde{D}_k\xi^k = 0$$

The Lapse BC & QE

So far, nothing has fixed a boundary condition on the lapse α. One possibility[6] is to recall that $\theta\acute{\theta}$ is a Lorentz invariant and so to consider $\mathcal{L}_\zeta\acute{\theta} = 0$ as a quasi-equilibrium condition.

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This conditions is satisfied for stationary solutions, but seems to be degenerate with the other QE boundary conditions. To see this, note that the stationary maximal slicings of Schwarzschild form a 1-parameter family:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathrm{d}s^2 &= \frac{\mathrm{d}R^2}{1 - \frac{2M}{R} + \frac{C^2}{R^4}} + R^2\mathrm{d}^2\Omega \\ \alpha &= \sqrt{1 - \frac{2M}{R} + \frac{C^2}{R^4}} \\ \beta^R &= \frac{C}{R^2}\sqrt{1 - \frac{2M}{R} + \frac{C^2}{R^4}} \end{aligned}$$

$$K^i_j = \frac{C}{R^3}\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\alpha|_{\mathcal{S}} = \frac{C}{4M^2}$$

The Orbital Angular Velocity

- For a given choice of the Lapse BC, $\tilde{\gamma}_{ij}$ and K, we are still left with a family of solutions parameterized by the orbital angular velocity Ω.
- Except for the case of a single spinning black hole, it is not reasonable to expect more than one value of Ω to correspond to a system in quasi-equilibrium.

GGB[7, 8] have suggested a way to pick the quasi-equilibrium value of Ω:

Ω is chosen as the value for which the ADM energy $E_{\rm ADM}$ equals the Komar mass $M_{\rm K}$.

Komar mass	$M_{\rm K} = \frac{1}{4\pi}\oint_\infty \gamma^{ij}(\bar{\nabla}_i\alpha - \beta^k K_{ik})\mathrm{d}^2S_j$	Acceptable definition of the mass *only for stationary spacetimes*.
ADM energy	$E_{\rm ADM} = \frac{1}{16\pi}\oint_\infty \gamma^{ij}\bar{\nabla}_k(\mathcal{G}^k_i - \delta^k_i\mathcal{G})\mathrm{d}^2S_j$	Acceptable definition of the mass *for arbitrary spacetimes*. $\mathcal{G}_{ij} \equiv \gamma_{ij} - f_{ij}$

Summary of QE Formalism

$$\gamma_{ij} = \psi^4 \tilde{\gamma}_{ij} \qquad K^{ij} = \psi^{-10}\tilde{A}^{ij} + \tfrac{1}{3}\gamma^{ij} K \qquad \tilde{A}^{ij} = \frac{\psi^6}{2\alpha}(\tilde{\mathbb{L}}\beta)^{ij}$$

$\partial_t \tilde{\gamma}_{ij} = 0$

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\tilde{\nabla}_j(\tilde{\mathbb{L}}\beta)^{ij} - (\tilde{\mathbb{L}}\beta)^{ij}\tilde{\nabla}_j \ln \alpha\psi^{-6} &= \tfrac{4}{3}\alpha\tilde{\nabla}^i K \\
\tilde{\nabla}^2(\alpha\psi) - (\alpha\psi)\Big[\tfrac{1}{8}\tilde{R} + \tfrac{5}{12}\psi^4 K^2 + \tfrac{7}{8}\psi^{-8} A_{ij}A^{ij}\Big] &= \psi^5\beta^i\tilde{\nabla}_i K
\end{aligned}$$

$\partial_t K = 0$

$$\tilde{s}^k\tilde{\nabla}_k \ln\psi|_{\mathcal{S}} = -\tfrac{1}{4}(\tilde{h}^{ij}\tilde{\nabla}_i\tilde{s}_j - \psi^2 J)|_{\mathcal{S}}$$

$\theta = 0$

$$\beta^i|_{\mathcal{S}} = \begin{cases} \alpha\psi^{-2}\tilde{s}^i|_{\mathcal{S}} & \text{corotation} \\ \alpha\psi^{-2}\tilde{s}^i|_{\mathcal{S}} + \Omega\xi^i|_{\mathcal{S}} & \text{irrotation} \end{cases}$$

$\mathcal{L}_\zeta\theta = 0$

$\sigma_{ij} = 0$

$\alpha|_{\mathcal{S}} =$ unspecified by QE

$$\begin{aligned}
\psi|_{r\to\infty} &= 1 \\
\beta^i|_{r\to\infty} &= \Omega\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial\phi}\right)^i \\
\alpha|_{r\to\infty} &= 1
\end{aligned}$$

The only remaining freedom in the system is the choice of the lapse boundary condition, the initial spatial and temporal gauge, and the initial dynamical("wave") content found in $\alpha|_{\mathcal{S}}$, $\tilde{\gamma}_{ij}$ and K.

Results

Corotation

$\tilde{\gamma}_{ij} = f_{ij}$: Maximal Slicing:

- $\frac{\partial(\alpha\psi)}{\partial r} = 0$
- $\alpha\psi = \frac{1}{2}$
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- Conformal Imaging[4]
- Puncture Method[1]

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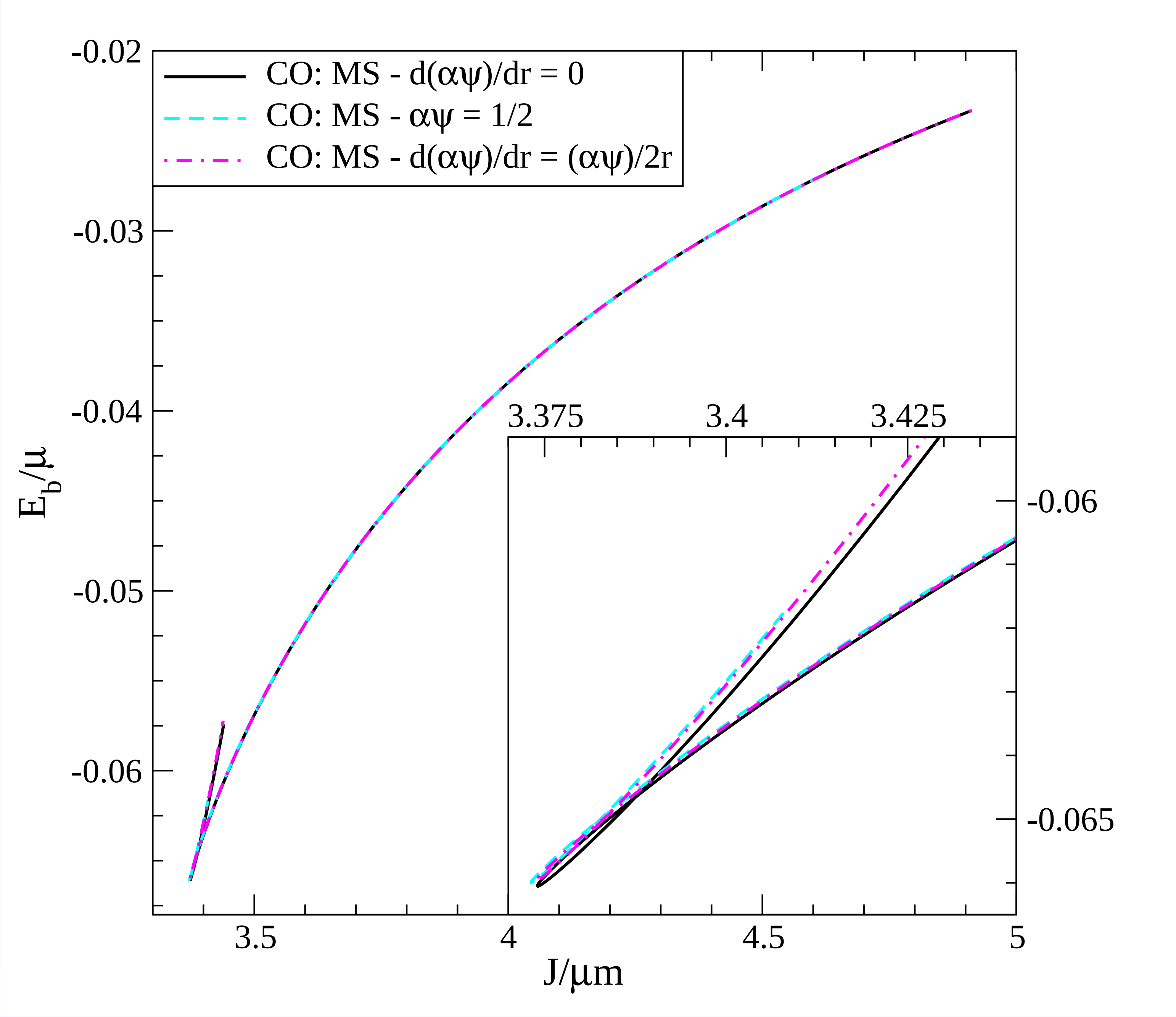

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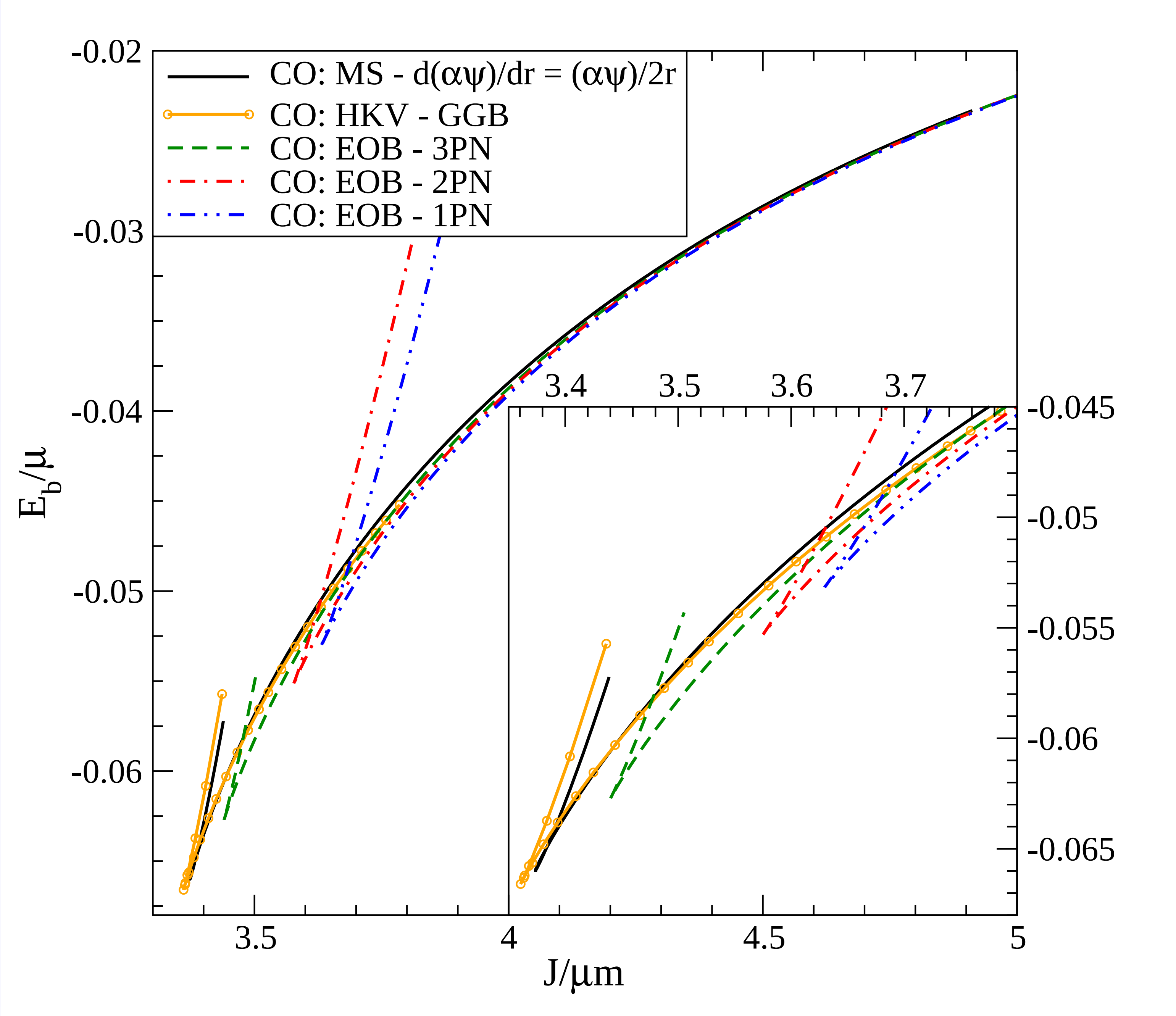

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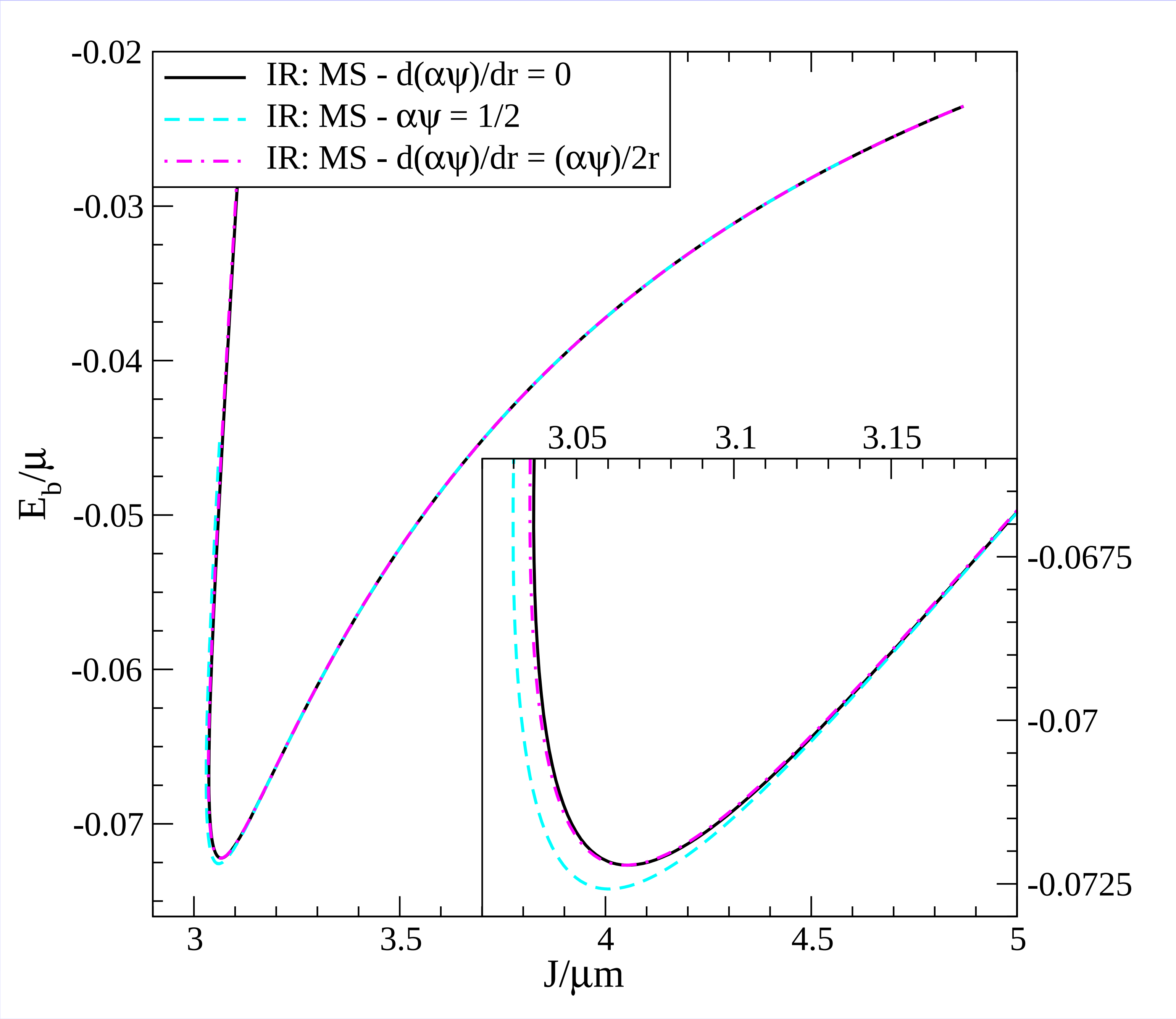

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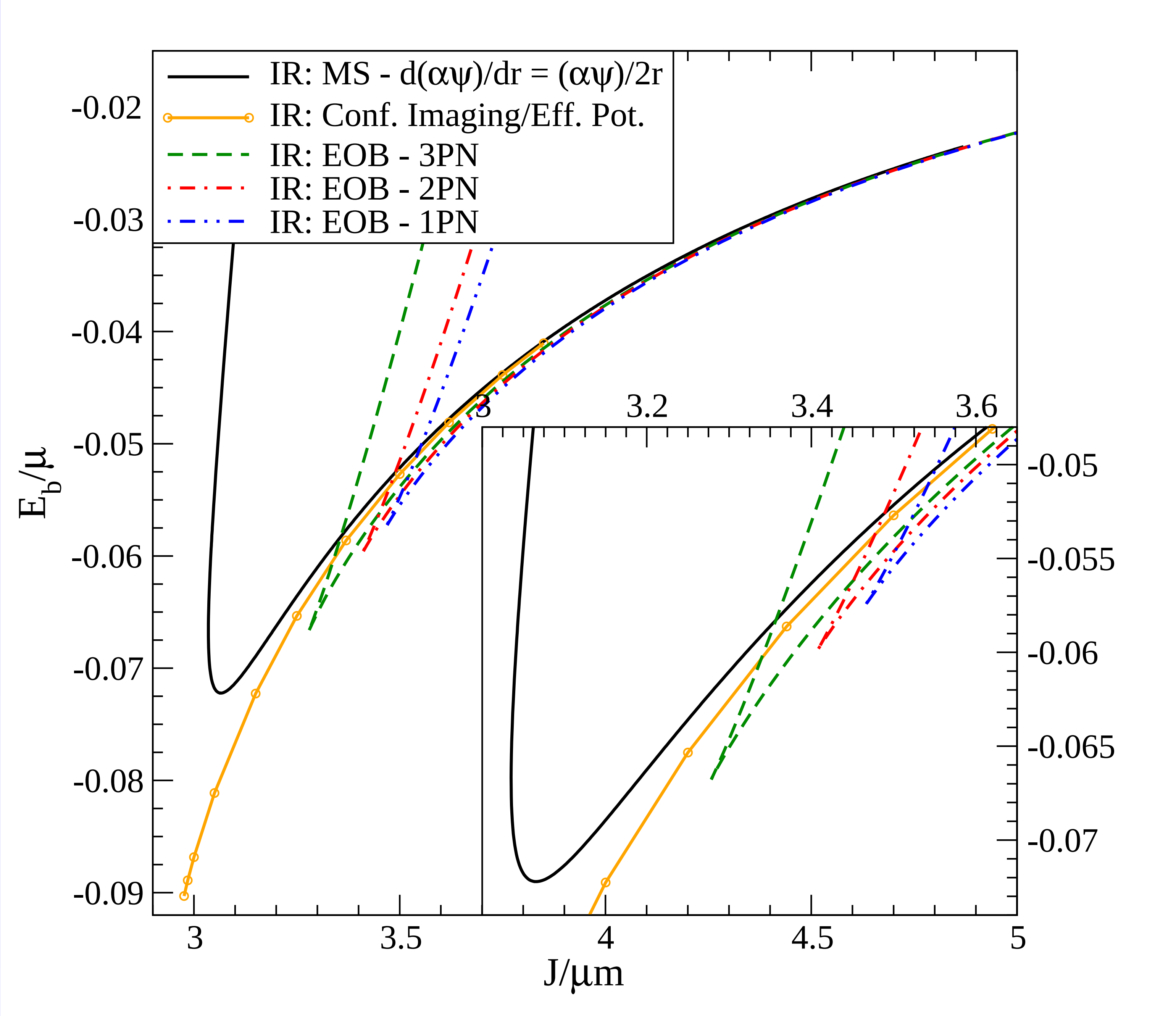

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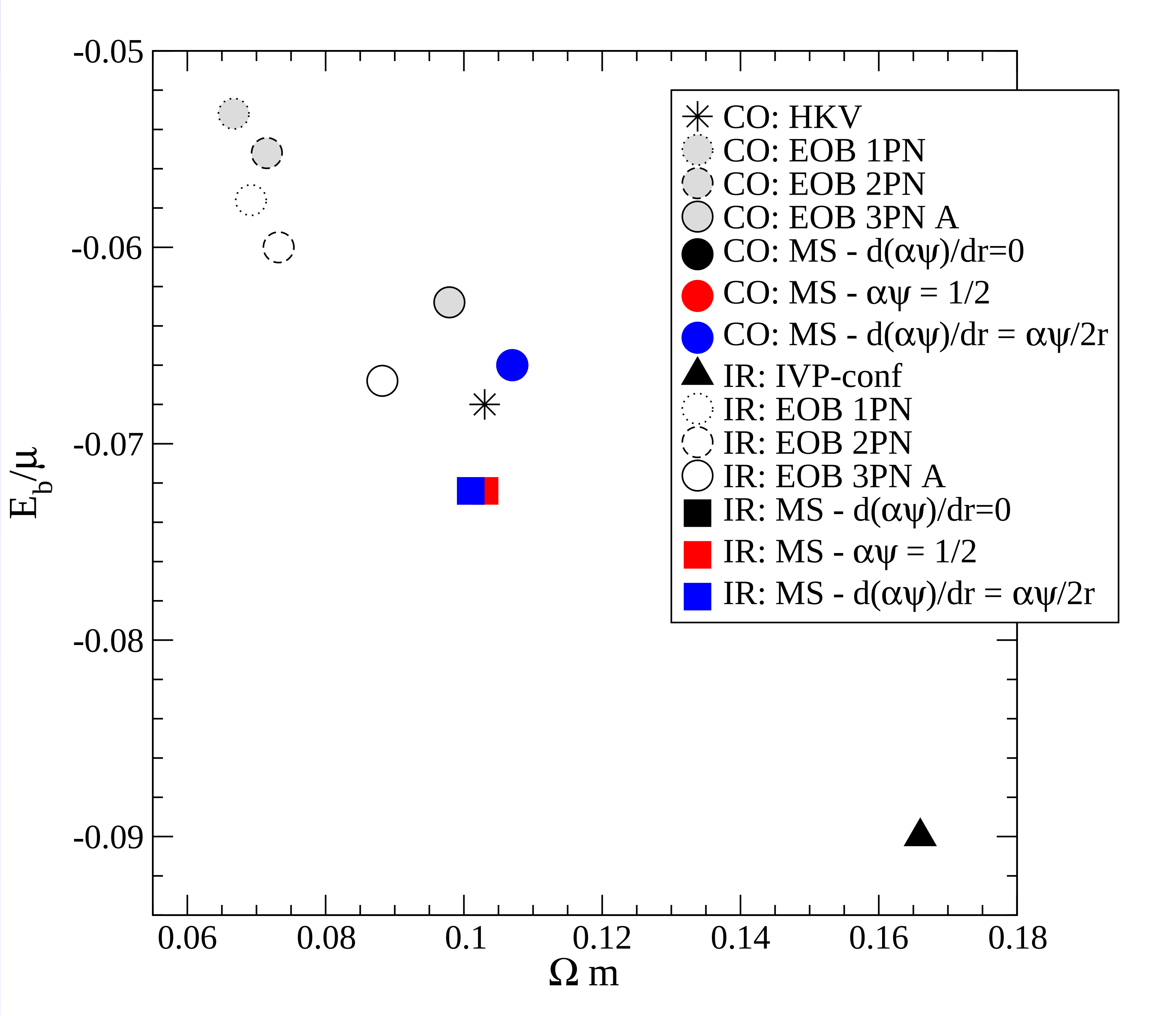

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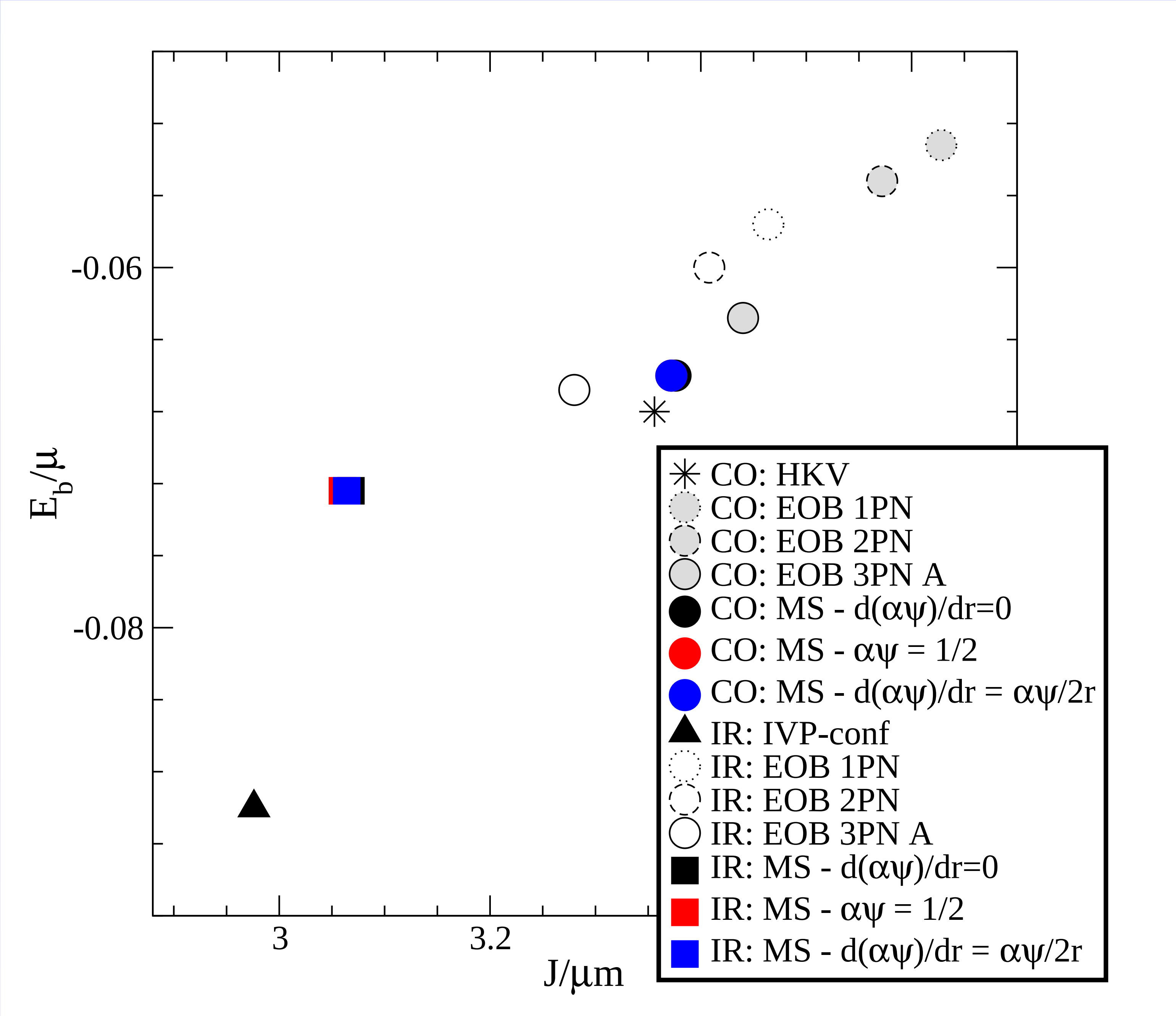

Open Questions

- Is the physics of the corotating and irrotational models correct?
  - Do the corotating black holes have the correct angular momentum?
  - Is the angular momentum of the irrotational holes nearly zero?

- How do we make a *physically motivated* choice for $\tilde{\gamma}_{ij}$?

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