

Particles on the rotating channels in the wormhole metrics

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In the Ellis–Bronnikov wormhole (WH) metrics, the motion of a particle along the curved rotating channels is studied. By taking into account a prescribed shape of a trajectory, we derive the reduced 1 + 1 metrics, obtain the corresponding Langrangian of a free particle and analytically and numerically solve the corresponding equations of motion. We have shown that if the channels are twisted and lagged behind rotation, under certain conditions, beads might asymptotically reach infinity, leaving the WH, which is not possible for straight corotating trajectories. The analytical and numerical study is performed for two- and three-dimensional cases and initial conditions of particles are analyzed in the context of possibility of passing through the WH.

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1. Introduction

In the scientific literature, the possibility of existence of wormholes (WHs) is actively discussed. It is believed that they might have been created in the early evolution of the universe.^{1–4} It is worth noting that some authors consider the existence of accretion disks inside the WH metrics.⁵ Therefore, accreting matter, presumably plasma, will rotate and if loaded by magnetic field, typical for accretion disks, of the order of $10-100 \,\mathrm{G}$,⁶ the particles might be in frozen in condition following "field lines." Certain massive astrophysical objects may be entrances to WHs and according to a theoretical analysis, these objects might have extremely strong magnetic fields of the order of $10^{13} \,\mathrm{G}$ or even higher.⁷

In such an enormous value of magnetic field, the charged particles will be strongly bound by the "field lines." One can straightforwardly show that gyroradius of protons, $\gamma m_p c^2/eB$, where γ is the Lorentz factor of the particle, m_p and e are its mass and charge, respectively, and B is the magnetic induction which is of the order of 1 cm for ultrarelativistic protons with $\gamma \sim 10^7$. Much less will be the corresponding radius for electrons. Therefore, the particles will follow the magnetic field lines sliding along them. Particularly interesting scenarios could potentially happen if these field lines rotate and the particles experience relativistic centrifugal force.

A very simplified model has been considered in Ref. 8 where the authors studied the dynamics of particles sliding along rectilinear rotating channels and found an unusual behavior of relativistic centrifugal force. It has been shown that reaching the light cylinder (LC) zone (area where the linear velocity of rotation exactly coincides with the speed of light), the radial acceleration will inevitably change its sign and under certain conditions, it might be always negative. It is believed that this is a mechanism alternative to the Fermi-type acceleration⁹ and in certain cases, even more efficient.¹⁰ In particular, there is a series of papers dedicated to the study of astrophysical application of relativistic centrifugal effects¹¹ and modified magnetocentrifugal acceleration in the magnetospheres of pulsars, supermassive and stellar mass black holes.¹²

In the mentioned publications, particle dynamics has been studied for rectilinear magnetic field lines. But, in real astrophysical situations, the field lines are curvilinear, especially close to the LC, where for not violating the relativity principle, the field lines twist, lagging behind the rotation. On the other hand, observations on cosmic rays indicate that, since they have reached us, they should be in force-free regime, which means that the field lines might have shapes of the Archimede's spiral. The corresponding mechanism of reconstruction of magnetospheres in the LC area has been studied for pulsars and supermassive black holes¹³ and it has been shown that under certain circumstances, the field lines obtain the configuration of the Archimedes' spiral.

Acceleration of particles moving along the prescribed rotating Archimedes' spiral has been considered in Ref. 14, where it was shown that the mentioned configuration enables particles to leave the LC zone. Corresponding three-dimensional generalization has been studied for the Crab pulsar.¹⁵ In the present work, we apply the developed model to study the dynamics of particles on rotating magnetic field lines in the WH metrics. This is a first attempt of this kind, therefore, as an initial step, we examine the most simplified Ellis–Bronnikov WH metrics (see Refs. 16–18) and consider the dynamics of particles to understand the conditions when beads freely leave the inner region of the WH.

The paper is organized in the following way: In Sec. 2, a theoretical model of dynamics of particles sliding along prescribed rotating channels in the WH metrics is presented, in Sec. 3, we consider the results and in Sec. 4, we summarize them emphasizing the most significant results.

2. Main Consideration

As it has already been mentioned, we examine the simplified Ellis–Bronnikov WH metrics which can be written as (see Refs. 16–18):

$$ds^{2} = -dt^{2} + dl^{2} + (b_{0}^{2} + l^{2})(d\theta^{2} + \sin^{2}\theta d\phi^{2}), \qquad (1)$$

where t is a time coordinate, θ and ϕ are spherical coordinates, l is a coordinate measuring proper radial distance at fixed t, b_0 is constant and can be imagined as effective radius of WH's throat and throughout the paper, we use units where c = G = 1. We parametrize a curve in the following way:

$$\theta = \theta(l) \tag{2}$$

and

$$\varphi = \varphi(l). \tag{3}$$

These two functions fully fix the field line and give us the opportunity to examine particles moving along the line. We are interested in the effects of rigid rotation imposed on the aforementioned metrics. Generally speaking, there is a class of WHs which are intrinsically characterized by rotation, but the corresponding metric becomes more complex. The aim of the present paper is to make the first attempt of studying the dynamics of particles on rotating trajectories imbedded in the WH metrics, therefore, the latter is given by the simplest static form. In this case, rotation might be introduced by a matter flowing through the throat of the WH having nonzero angular momentum. Without going into details, we assume that the matter is magnetized that is a common situation in typical astrophysical situations.⁵

For describing dynamics of particles on corotating field lines, one has to consider the azimuthal coordinate, ϕ , in the laboratory frame of reference

$$\phi = \varphi(l) + \omega t. \tag{4}$$

Rewriting the WH metrics leads to the following expression:

$$ds^2 = g_{00}dt^2 + 2g_{01}dldt + g_{11}dl^2 \tag{5}$$

with the corresponding metric tensor

$$g_{\alpha\beta} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 + \omega^2 \sin^2 \theta(l)(b_0^2 + l^2) & \varphi'(l)\omega \sin^2 \theta(l)(b_0^2 + l^2) \\ \varphi'(l)\omega \sin^2 \theta(l)(b_0^2 + l^2) & (1 + (\theta'(l)^2 + \sin^2 \theta(l)\varphi'(l))[b_0^2 + l^2]) \end{bmatrix}, \quad (6)$$

$$\alpha, \beta = \{0, 1\}. \tag{7}$$

Dynamics of relativistic particles on the prescribed corotating channels are described by the equation of motion:

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial x^{\alpha}} = \frac{d}{d\tau} \left(\frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{x}^{\alpha}} \right) \tag{8}$$

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with the Lagrangian

$$L = -\frac{1}{2}g_{\alpha\beta}\frac{dx^{\alpha}}{d\tau}\frac{dx^{\beta}}{d\tau},\tag{9}$$

where in the framework of the paper, we use the following notations: $x^0 = t$, $x^1 = l$ and $\dot{x}^{\alpha} = dx^{\alpha}/d\tau$.

From Eq. (8), one finds

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial t} = \frac{d}{d\tau} \left(\frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{t}} \right),\tag{10}$$

but since the Lagrangian does not depend properly on time, the aforementioned equation leads to the conserved quantity of energy

$$E = -\gamma(g_{00} + g_{01}v) = \text{const.},\tag{11}$$

where v = dl/dt and

$$\gamma = (-g_{00} - 2g_{01}v - g_{11}v^2)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \tag{12}$$

is the corresponding Lorentz factor. Solving the system of equations (11) and (12) versus v, one obtains¹⁵

$$v = \frac{\sqrt{g_{00} + E^2}}{(g_{01}^2 + E^2 g_{11})} [-g_{01}\sqrt{g_{00} + E^2} \pm E\sqrt{g_{01}^2 - g_{00}g_{11}}].$$
 (13)

This expression shows behavior of the radial velocity with the radial coordinate, l. On the other hand, it is worth noting that for studying dynamics of the particle, one has to consider Lagrange's equations Eq. (8), which after straightforward calculations lead to the following expression for the radial acceleration:

$$\frac{d^2l}{dt^2} = \frac{g_{00} + g_{01}v}{2g_{00}g_{11} - g_{01}^2} \left[A + \left(B + \frac{g_{01}}{g_{00}}C \right)v^2 \right] + \frac{C}{g_{00}}v^3, \tag{14}$$

where we use the following notations:

$$A = 2l\omega^2 \sin^2 \theta(l), \tag{15}$$

$$B = -2l[\theta'(l)^2 + \varphi'(l)^2 \sin^2 \theta(l)],$$
(16)

$$C = \frac{2l\omega^2 \sin^2\theta(l)}{v} + 2l\varphi\omega \sin^2\theta(l).$$
(17)

3. Discussion

In this section, we discuss two particularly interesting configurations of field lines. As a first example, we examine channels having the form of the Archimedes' spiral in two dimensions. On the next step, we examine a three-dimensional case with $a \neq 0$ and $\theta \neq \pi/2$. First of all, we simplify Eq. (14) for a = 0 and $\theta = \text{const.}$ rewriting it in the following way:

$$\frac{d^2l}{dt^2} = \frac{\omega^2 l \sin^2\theta}{1 - (b_0^2 + l^2)\omega^2 \sin^2\theta} [1 - (b_0^2 + l^2)\omega^2 \sin^2\theta - 2v^2].$$
 (18)

As it is clear, it is very similar to an expression of the radial acceleration derived for the Minkowski spacetime, except the terms b_0 and θ , respectively, being zero and $\pi/2$, in that case (see Ref. 8). One of the interesting features seen from the above equation is that if a particle initially is at the origin of the rotator, l = 0, the radial acceleration will be negative from the very beginning if the initial radial velocity satisfies the condition

$$v > \left(\frac{1 - b_0^2 \omega^2 \sin^2 \theta}{2}\right)^{1/2}.$$
 (19)

This is a generalization of the result derived in the Minkowski spacetime, which has been derived in Ref. 8 and has been shown that the particle radially decelerates from the very beginning if the initial velocity exceeds $1/\sqrt{2}$.

If the particle moves from the inner region of the WH outwards, one can straightforwardly show from Eq. (13) that by approaching the LC area, the radial velocity behaving as

$$v \approx \left(1 - \frac{b_0^2 + l^2}{b_0^2 + l_{\rm LC}^2}\right)^{1/2} \tag{20}$$

completely vanishes on the LC surface, where $l_{\rm LC}$ is the light cylinder radius (see Eq. (6))

$$l_{\rm LC} = \left(\frac{1}{\omega^2 \sin^2 \theta} - b_0^2\right)^{1/2}.$$
 (21)

The aforementioned behavior is a natural result, because in the mentioned location, the linear velocity of rotation exactly equals the speed of light and consequently the radial velocity must vanish. Substituting Eq. (20) into Eq. (18), one can show that when a particle reaches the LC zone with the zero radial velocity, the corresponding acceleration becomes negative. This means that if the rigid rotation is maintained, the particle never leaves the "interior" of the WH. This can easily be seen by introducing the effective potential,

$$\frac{d^2l}{dt^2} = -\frac{\partial U}{\partial l},\tag{22}$$

which after combining with Eq. (13) leads to

$$U = \frac{l^2 \omega^2 \sin^2 \theta}{2E^2} (E^2 - 2 + 2b_0^2 \omega^2 \sin^2 \theta + l^2 \omega^2 \sin^2 \theta).$$
(23)

In Fig. 1, we show the dependence of the effective potential on the radial coordinate for two different values of energy. The set of parameters is the following: (a) $\omega = 1, \ \theta = \pi/2, \ l_0 = -5, \ b_0 = 0.1, \ E = 1.98$ and (b) E = 1.1. For the second case (b), the effective potential has more than one extremum, which means that particles initially accelerate, reach the point of the local minimum and proceed moving with radial deceleration, stopping at the LC surface. On the contrary, the case (a) corresponds to the initial radial velocity satisfying the condition presented

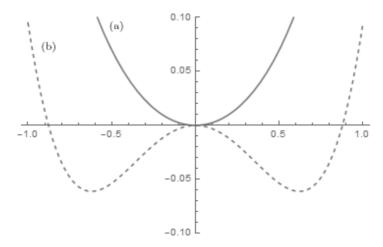


Fig. 1. In this graph, we present the effective potential of the particle as a function of the radial distance for two different values of energy. The set of parameters is following: (a) $\omega = 1$, $\theta = \pi/2$, $b_0 = 0.1$, $l_0 = -5$, E = 1.98 and (b) E = 1.1.

by Eq. (19), therefore the particle from the very beginning radially decelerates and correspondingly the effective potential does not have the second local extremum.

On the other hand, it is clear that no real physical system can maintain rigid rotation. Close to the LC surface, the particles become so energetic that they twist the magnetic field lines, which lag behind the rotation and as a result, the plasma particles transit the LC area, avoiding the mentioned problem (see Ref. 13). It has been shown in these works that there is a region in the magnetosphere, where the field lines are twisted in a right direction, thus opposite to the rotation, allowing the particles leave the WH. Therefore, as a next and a more realistic example, we consider the curvilinear field lines.

By taking into account the conditions, $\varphi = al$ and $\theta = \text{const.}$, Eq. (14) reduces to

$$\frac{d^2l}{dt^2} = -\frac{\Omega l \sin^2 \theta [va - \omega + 2v^2 \omega + (b_0^2 + l^2) \omega \Omega^2 \sin^2 \theta]}{1 + (b_0^2 + l^2) (a^2 - \omega^2) \sin^2 \theta},$$
(24)

where $\Omega = \omega + av$ is the effective angular velocity of the particle as seen from the laboratory frame of reference (see Eq. (4)). From this equation, it is evident that if the field lines are twisted such a way that Ω equals zero, the particles do not accelerate. The question is to understand how particles behave if their initial velocities do not coincide with $-\omega/a$.

As a first example, we examine dynamics on two-dimensional curves located in the equatorial plane. In Fig. 2, we show the trajectory of the particle in the local frame of reference (left panel) and the laboratory frame of reference (right panel). The set of parameters is $\omega = 1$, $\theta = \pi/2$, $b_0 = 0.1$, $l_0 = 0$, $v_0 = 0.99$, a = -1.2. For this configuration of the trajectory, the initial velocity is different from the critical value, $-\omega/a \approx 0.83$, corresponding to the force-free regime of dynamics. From

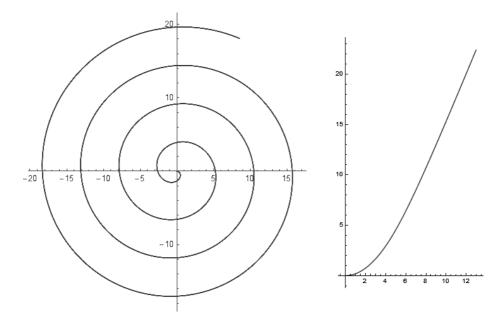


Fig. 2. Trajectory of the particle in two dimensions as seen from the local frame of reference (left panel) and the laboratory frame of reference (right panel), respectively. The set of parameters is $\omega = 1, \theta = \pi/2, b_0 = 0.1, l_0 = 0, v_0 = 0.99, a = -1.2.$

the point of view of the local observer, the particle moves along the spiral (left panel), but as we see from the right panel from the laboratory frame of reference, the particle's trajectory is drastically different from the Archimedes' spiral and in due course of time, the shape tends to a straight line and consequently dynamics becomes force free.

In Fig. 3, we plot the graphs of the radial velocity (left panel) and radial acceleration (right panel), respectively. Despite the condition $v_0 \neq -\omega/a$, in due course of time, particles' velocity tends to the critical value (left panel) and acceleration asymptotically vanishes (right panel).

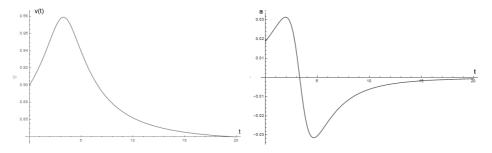


Fig. 3. Trajectory of the particle in two dimensions as seen from the local frame of reference (left panel) and the laboratory frame of reference (right panel), respectively. The set of parameters is $\omega = 1$, $\theta = \pi/2$, $b_0 = 0.1$, $l_0 = 0$, $v_0 = 0.99$, a = -1.2.

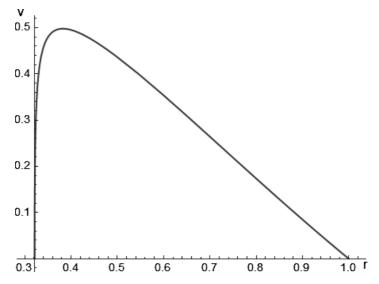


Fig. 4. In this plot, we present the behavior of radial velocity versus the radial coordinate normalized by the LC radius (on the graph $r = \frac{l}{R_{\rm LC}}$). The set of parameters is $\omega = 1$, $\theta = \pi/2$, $b_0 = 0.1$, $l_0 = 3.1 R_{\rm LC}$, $v_0 = 0$, a = -1.2.

In the mentioned example, we have considered the Archimedes' spiral with the critical velocity less than the speed of light, $-\omega/a < 1$. As we have already discussed, the field lines might be less twisted in a sense that $-\omega/a > 1$. In Fig. 4, we show the dependence of radial velocity on the normalized radial coordinate of a particle moving along a spiral with $-\omega/a = 1/1.2$. The set of parameters is $\omega = 1$, $\theta = \pi/2$, $b_0 = 0.1$, $l_0 = 3.1R_{\rm LC}$, $v_0 = 0$, a = -1.2. For this shape of the field line, there are no real particles moving with the radial velocities exceeding the speed of light, therefore, unlike the previous case, the condition $\Omega \to 0$ cannot be satisfied and asymptotically, the angular velocity tends to ω , the linear velocity of rotation coincides with the speed of light, the radial velocity vanishes and the particle stays inside the WH.

Considering the three-dimensional generalization is interesting not only from the theoretical point of view, but it is observationally evident that many active galactic nuclei reveal jet-like structures composed of relativistic particles. Therefore, it is significant to examine the configuration of three-dimensional field lines. Since the mentioned particles are presumably in the force-free regime, the field lines can be presented by $\varphi = al$ and $\theta = \text{const.}$ (see Eq. (24)).

In Fig. 5, we show the three-dimensional analogues of Fig. 3. On the left panel, we show the trajectory in the local frame of reference and on the right panel, the trajectory in the laboratory frame of reference is shown. The set of parameters is $\omega = 1$, $\theta = \pi/4$, $b_0 = 0.1$, $l_0 = 0$, $v_0 = 0.85$, a = -1.2. As it is clear from these graphs by means of the special kind of shape of field lines in the local frame of reference, the trajectory although curved initially, asymptotically tends to a

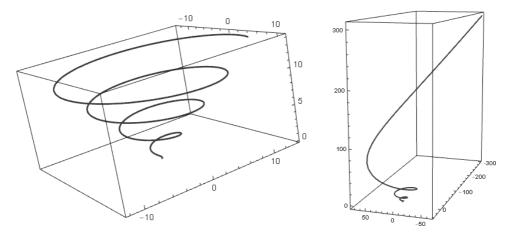


Fig. 5. Trajectory of the particle in three dimensions as seen from the local frame of reference (left panel) and the laboratory frame of reference (right panel), respectively. The set of parameters is $\omega = 1$, $\theta = \pi/4$, $b_0 = 0.1$, $l_0 = 0$, $v_0 = 0.85$, a = -1.2.

straight line. Such a behavior can be straightforwardly shown from Eq. (13):

$$v = -\frac{\omega}{a} + \frac{1 + E^2 \pm E\sqrt{a^2 - \omega^2}}{\omega \sin^2 \theta} \frac{1}{l^2},\tag{25}$$

which confirms the fact that for asymptotically large values of l, the radial velocity achieves the critical value, v_c , and the effective angular velocity vanishes. This is demonstrated in Fig. 6 (see the left panel), where it is shown that despite different initial radial velocities of particles, all of them tend to v_c . On the right panel, we plot the trajectories of particles as seen by a laboratory observer. As it is clear, particles sliding along rotating three-dimensional Archimedes' spirals (see the left panel of Fig. 5) with appropriate initial conditions might leave the WH interior.

A very interesting regime is shown in Fig. 7 where we plot the trajectory of a particle observed in the laboratory frame of reference. The set of parameters is

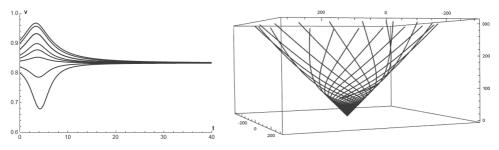


Fig. 6. On the left panel, we plot the behavior of radial velocity for eight different initial radial velocities. On the right panel, we show the trajectories of particles moving along the 20 similar trajectories with different initial angular shifts. The set of parameters is $\omega = 1$, $\theta = \pi/4$, $b_0 = 0.1$, $l_0 = 0$, $v_0 = 0.85$, a = -1.2.

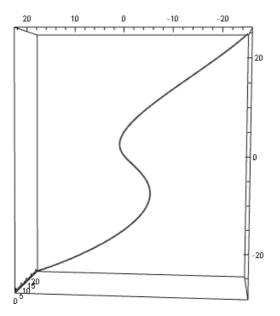


Fig. 7. In this graph, we plot the trajectory of a particle as observed by a laboratory observer. The set of parameters is $\omega = 1$, $\theta = \pi/4$, $b_0 = 0.1$, $l_0 = -40$, $v_0 = 0.95$, a = -1.2.

 $\omega = 1, \theta = \pi/4, b_0 = 0.1, l_0 = -40, v_0 = 0.95, a = -1.2$. As it is seen from the shape of the trajectory, the particle starts moving relatively far from the WH with initial radial velocity different from $v_c = -\omega/a \approx 0.83$, then "enters" the inner region and leaves it.

4. Summary

- (1) We have developed a method for studying particle dynamics in rotating twoand three-dimensional trajectories imbedded in the simplest Ellis-Bronnikov WH metrics to understand conditions when the particles might potentially leave the interiors of WHs.
- (2) For this purpose, we have rewritten the metrics on prescribed trajectories (field lines) and derived the equations of motion, governing dynamics of particles.
- (3) As a first example, we have studied the motion on straight rotating field lines. It has been shown that depending on initial conditions, the particles either radially accelerate or decelerate from the very beginning of motion. The process has also been analyzed by means of the effective potential and it was found that in this case, particles will never leave the WH.
- (4) We have found that if dynamics is studied on the two-dimensional Archimedes' spirals, under certain conditions, the particles might asymptotically reach infinity, becoming force-free. On the other hand, it has been shown that for a certain class of Archimedes' spirals, like the straight field lines, the particles will remain inside the WH interior.

(5) As a special and a more realistic example, we have considered the threedimensional configuration of field lines having the properties of the flat Archimedes' spiral. For this particular case, it has been shown analytically that dynamics of particles asymptotically tends to be force-free and radial velocities of particles achieve a critical value if initially they were different from it. By numerically solving the equations of motion, we have demonstrated how the trajectories would appear from the point of view of a laboratory observer and have described conditions when particles may potentially enter the WH interior and leave it.

The aim of this paper was to examine dynamics of the particle sliding along the rotating magnetic field lines in the WH metrics to study necessary conditions when particles leave the interior of WHs. On the other hand, it is clear that in the framework of the paper, we have considered a single particle approach, whereas it is significant to generalize this approximation to more realistic situations and examine the motion of fluids inside the WH spacetime. It is also interesting to study the similar problems for more complicated WH metrics. In the forthcoming papers, we are going to consider the aforementioned problems and generalize the results presented in this work.

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