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Extremal charged black holes: Equal absorbers and scatterers of EM and G radiation



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Summary

- **Introduction & Basic Concepts**
- **Absorption and Scattering by the Schwarzschild Black Hole**
- **Absorption and Scattering by the Reissner-Nordström Black Hole**
- **Final Remarks**



Introduction & Basic Concepts

Absorption and Scattering by Black Holes

(Differential) Scattering cross section

$$\frac{d\sigma_{sc}}{d\Omega} = \frac{\text{number of particles scattered per unit time in the solid angle } d\Omega}{\text{incident flux}}$$

Absorption cross section

$$\sigma_{abs} = \frac{\text{number of absorbed particles per unit time}}{\text{incident flux}}$$

Reissner-Nordström Black Hole

$$ds^2 = f(r)dt^2 - f(r)^{-1}dr^2 - r^2(d\theta^2 + \sin^2\theta d\phi^2),$$

$$f = 1 - 2M/r + Q^2/r^2$$

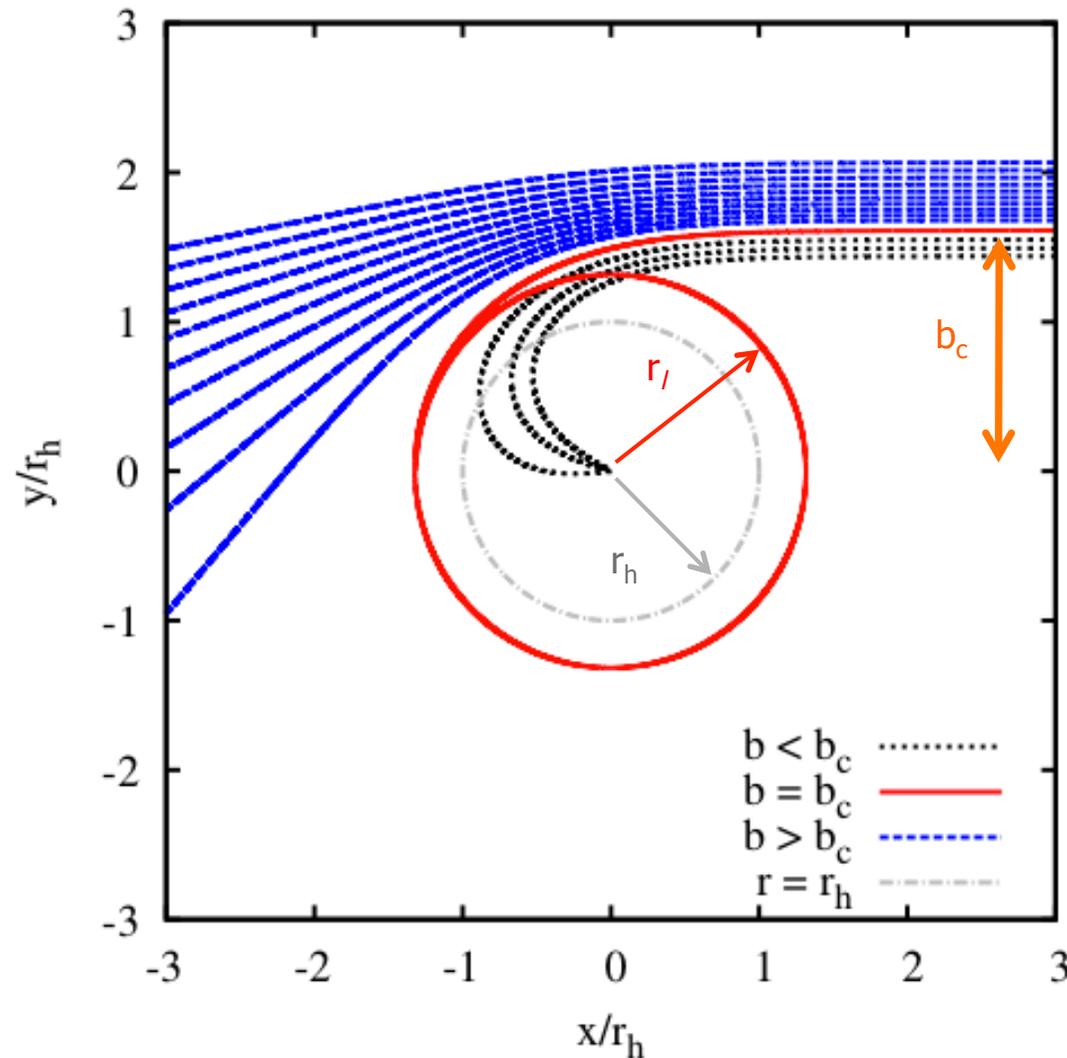
- **$Q = 0$** \rightarrow Schwarzschild Black Hole;
- **$0 < |Q| < M$** \rightarrow Typical Reissner-Nordström Black Hole;
- **$|Q| = M$** \rightarrow Extreme Reissner-Nordström Black Hole.



Absorption by Schwarzschild black holes

Absorption Cross Section of Schwarzschild Black Holes [$s=0$]

- Geodesic (classical) absorption (high-frequency limit)



Absorption Cross Section of Schwarzschild Black Holes [s=0]

- Geodesic (classical) absorption (high-frequency limit)

$$\theta = \pi/2$$

$$2L_{\text{geo}} = -f(r)\dot{t} + f(r)\dot{r} + r^2\dot{\varphi}^2 = 0,$$

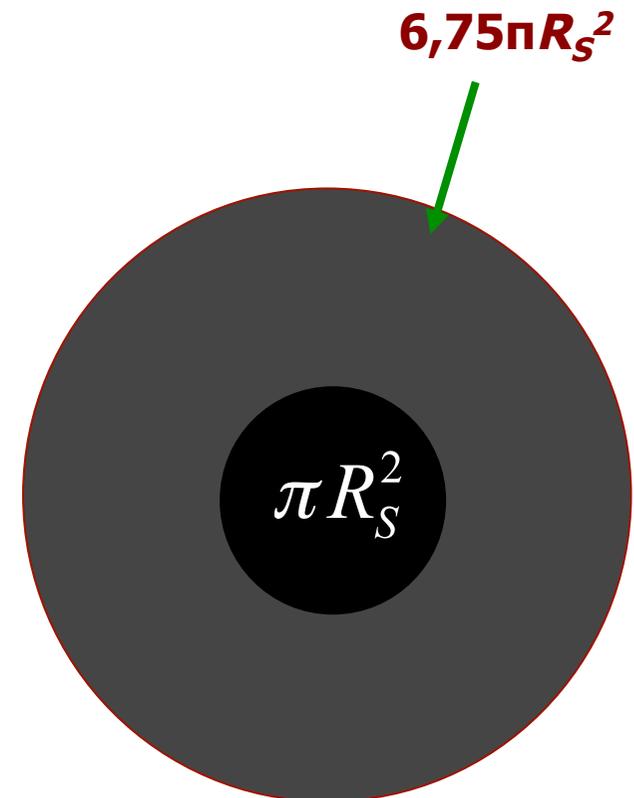
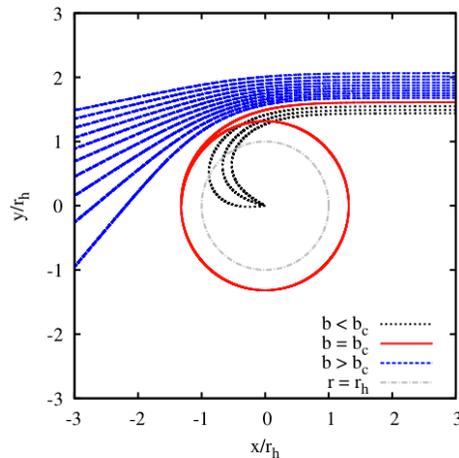
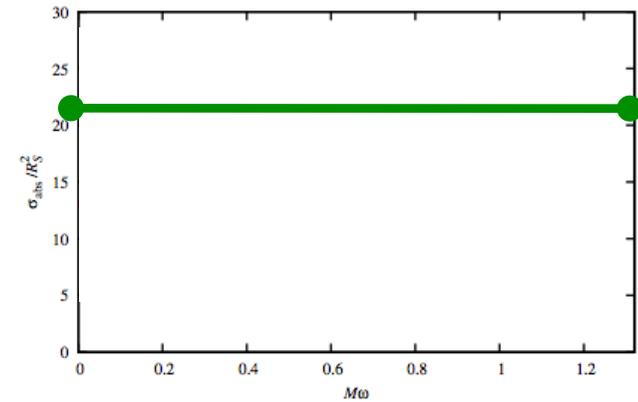
$$\dot{r}^2 + L^2 \frac{f(r)}{r^2} = E^2,$$

$$V_{\text{eff}} = L^2 f(r)/r^2.$$

Absorption Cross Section of Schwarzschild Black Holes [s=0]

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$$\sigma_{\text{geo}} = \pi b_c^2 = \pi \frac{r_l^2}{f(r_l)}$$



Scalar Absorption Cross Section of Schwarzschild Black Holes

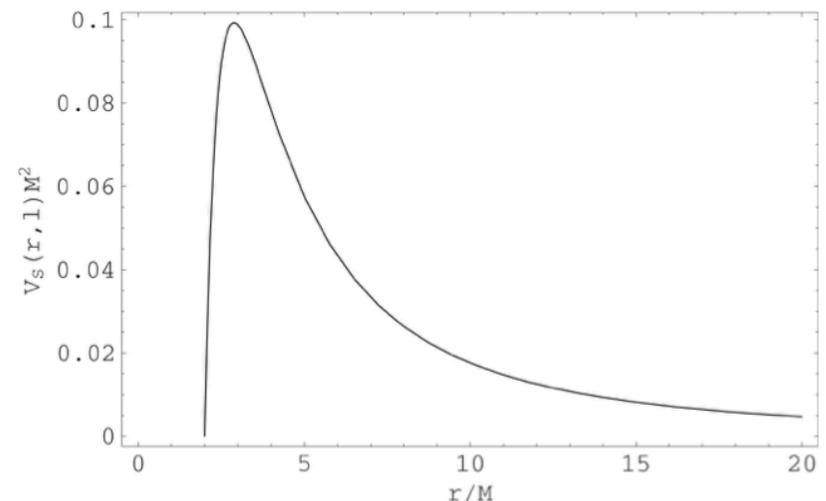
- Partial wave method

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{-g}} \partial_a \left(\sqrt{-g} g^{ab} \partial_b \Phi \right) = 0.$$

$$\Phi_\omega = \sum_{lm} \frac{\phi(r)}{r} Y_l^m(\theta, \varphi) e^{-i\omega t},$$

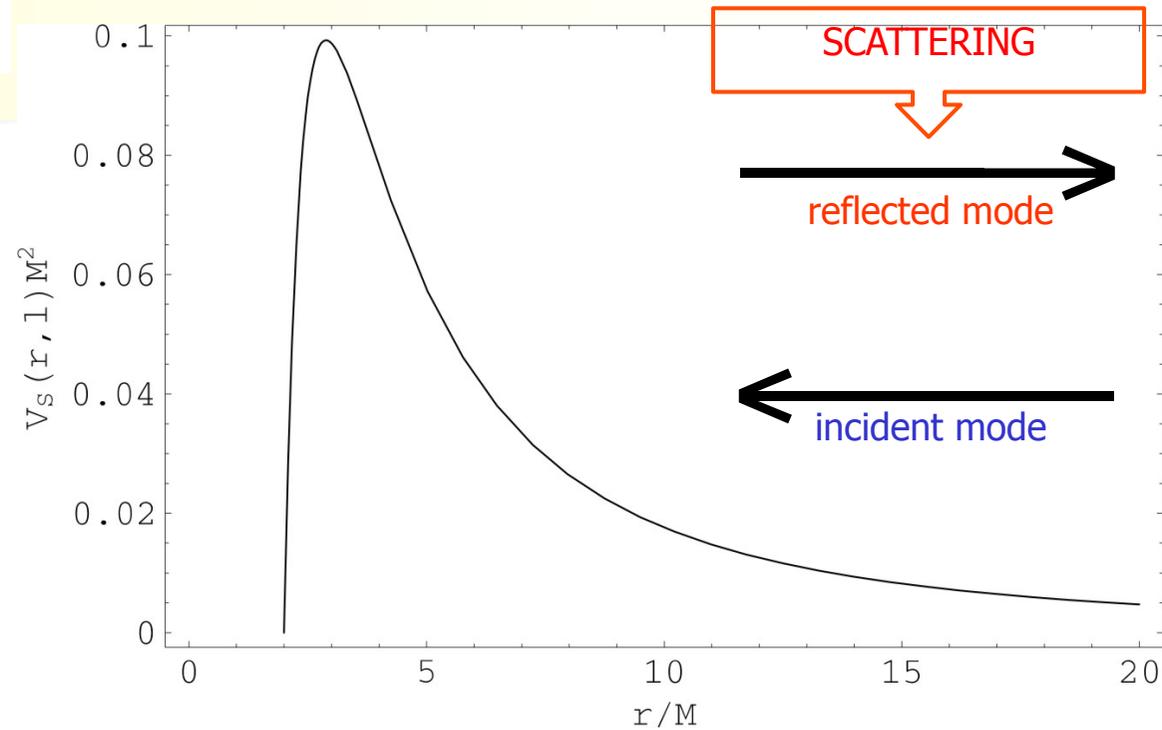
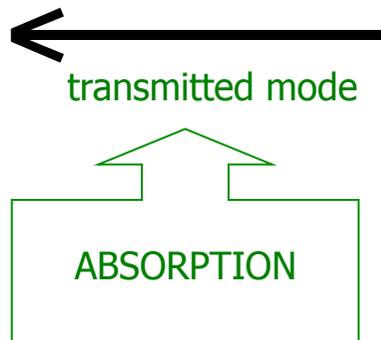
$$\left(-\frac{d}{dx^2} + V_\phi(r) - \omega^2 \right) \phi(r) = 0,$$

$$V_\phi(r) = f \left(\frac{l(l+1)}{r^2} + \frac{f'}{r} \right)$$



Scalar Absorption Cross Section of Schwarzschild Black Holes

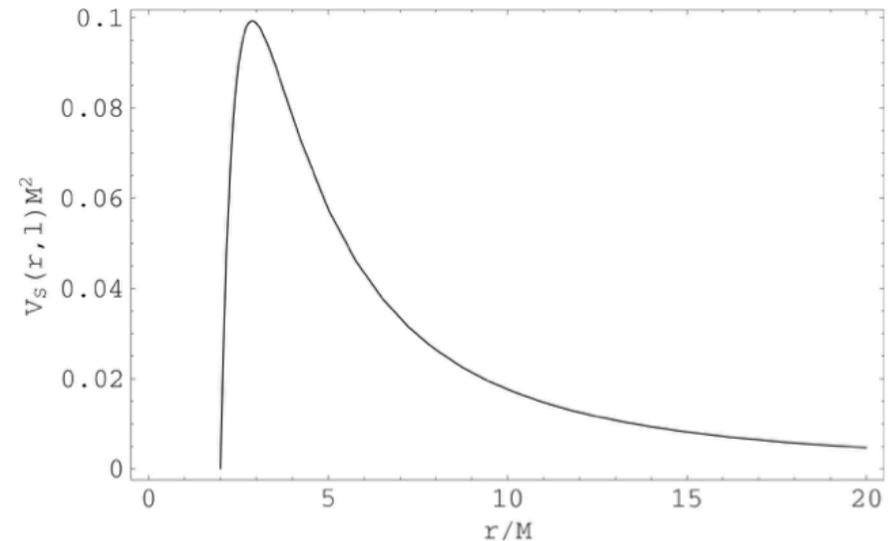
$$V = f \left(\frac{l(l+1)}{r^2} + \frac{f'}{r} \right)$$



$$\psi_{\omega l}(r) \approx \begin{cases} A_{\omega l}^{(tr)} e^{-i\omega x} & (x \rightarrow -\infty, r \approx r_h); \\ A_{\omega l}^{(in)} e^{-i\omega x} + A_{\omega l}^{(out)} e^{i\omega x} & (x \rightarrow +\infty, r \rightarrow \infty). \end{cases}$$

Absorption Cross Section of Schwarzschild Black Holes [s=0]

- Partial wave method



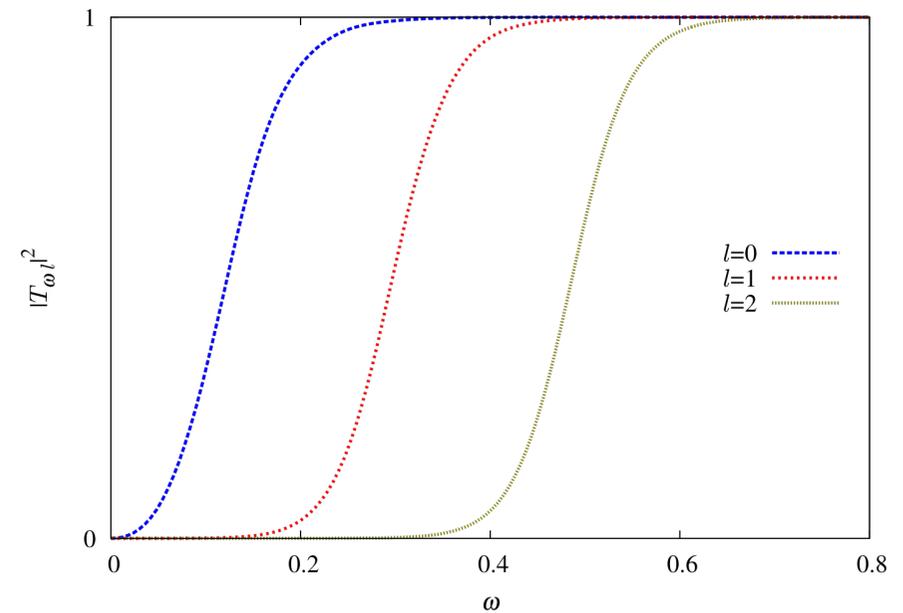
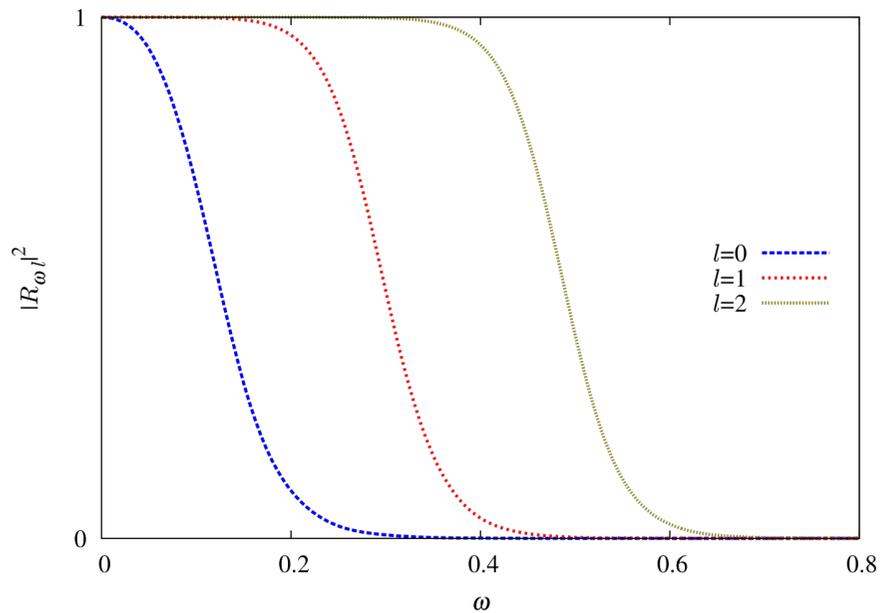
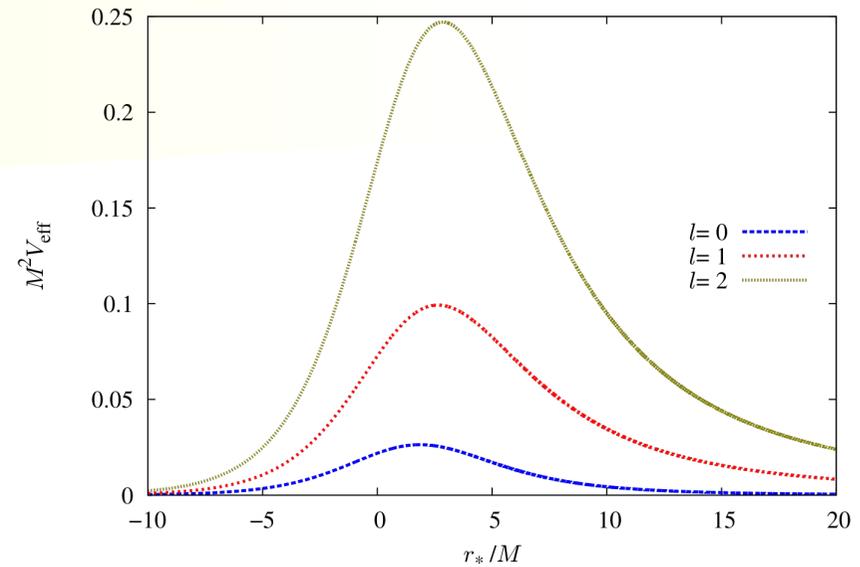
$$\phi^{in}(r) \sim \begin{cases} R_I + \mathcal{R}_{\omega l} R_I^* & x \rightarrow +\infty \quad (r \rightarrow +\infty), \\ \mathcal{T}_{\omega l} R_{II} & x \rightarrow -\infty \quad (r \rightarrow r_h), \end{cases}$$

$$|\mathcal{R}_{\omega l}|^2 + |\mathcal{T}_{\omega l}|^2 = 1.$$

Scalar Absorption Cross Section of Schwarzschild Black Holes

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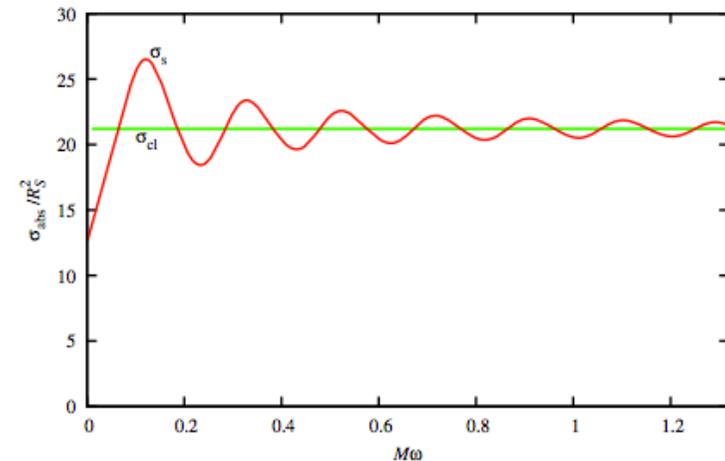
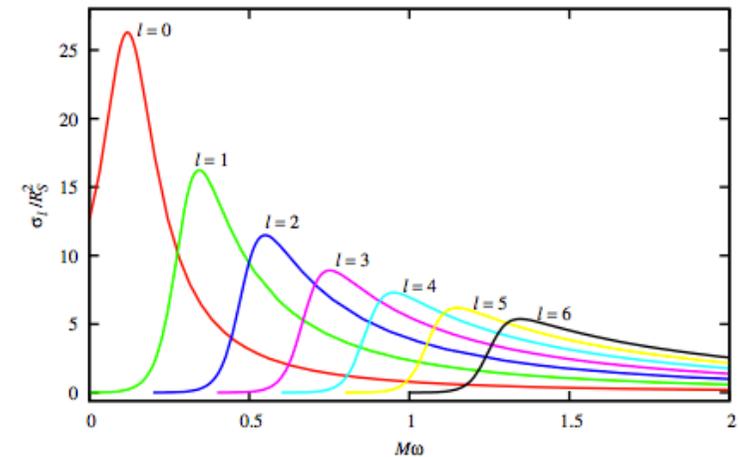


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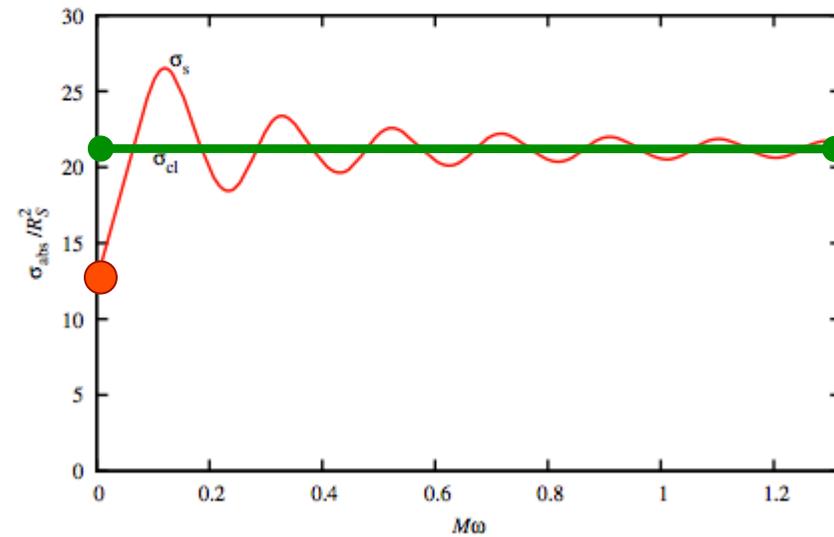
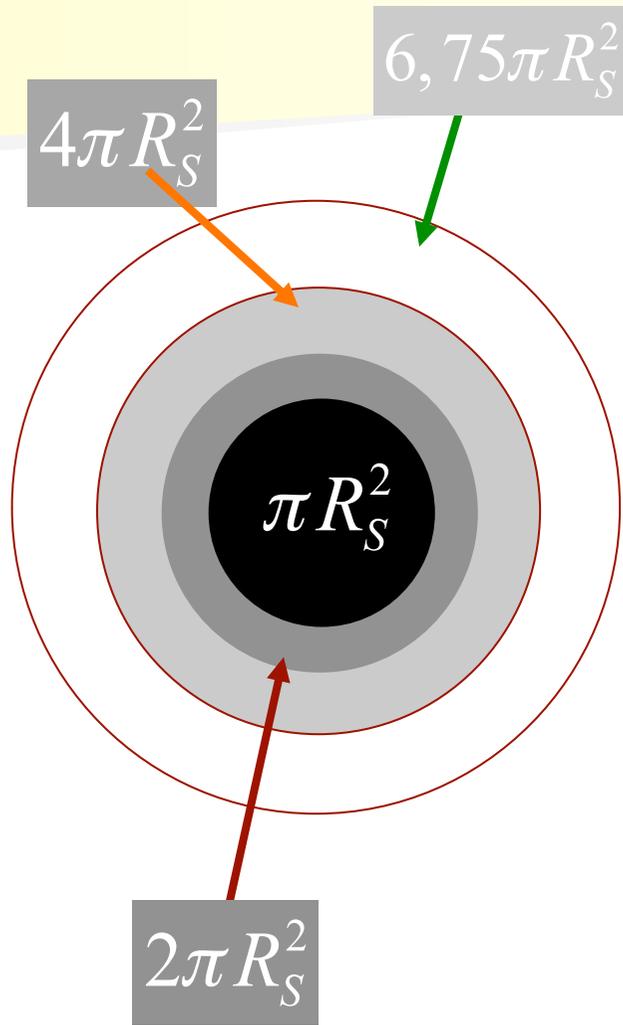
- Partial wave method

$$\sigma_{abs} = \sum_l^{\infty} \sigma_l,$$

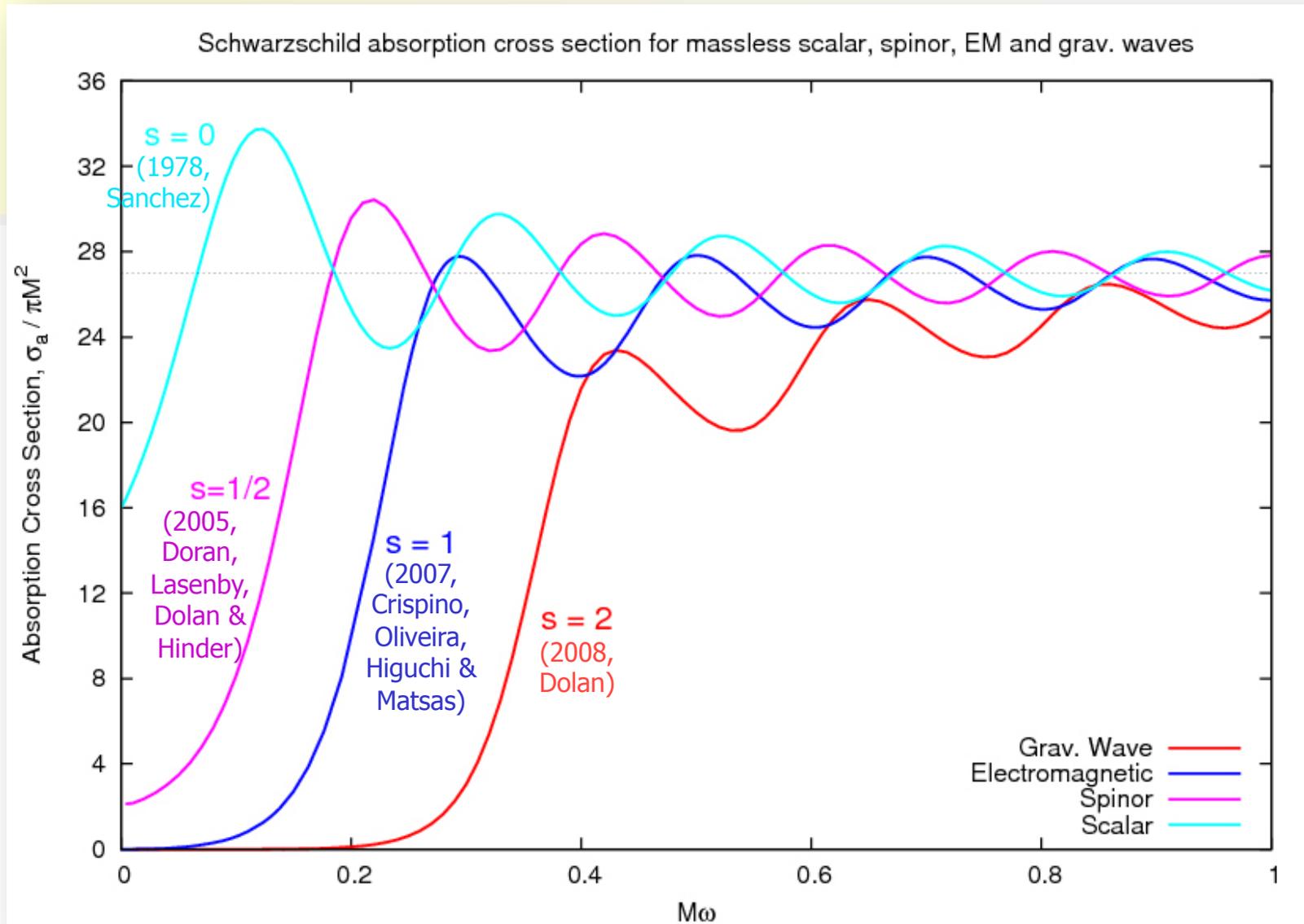
$$\sigma_l = \frac{\pi}{\omega^2} (2l + 1) |\mathcal{T}_{\omega l}|^2.$$



Scalar Absorption Cross Section of Schwarzschild Black Holes



Absorption Cross Section of Schwarzschild Black Holes



Schwarzschild black hole total absorption cross section for massless waves with spin 0, $1/2$, 1 e 2.
[Courtesy: Samuel Richard Dolan, 2008.]

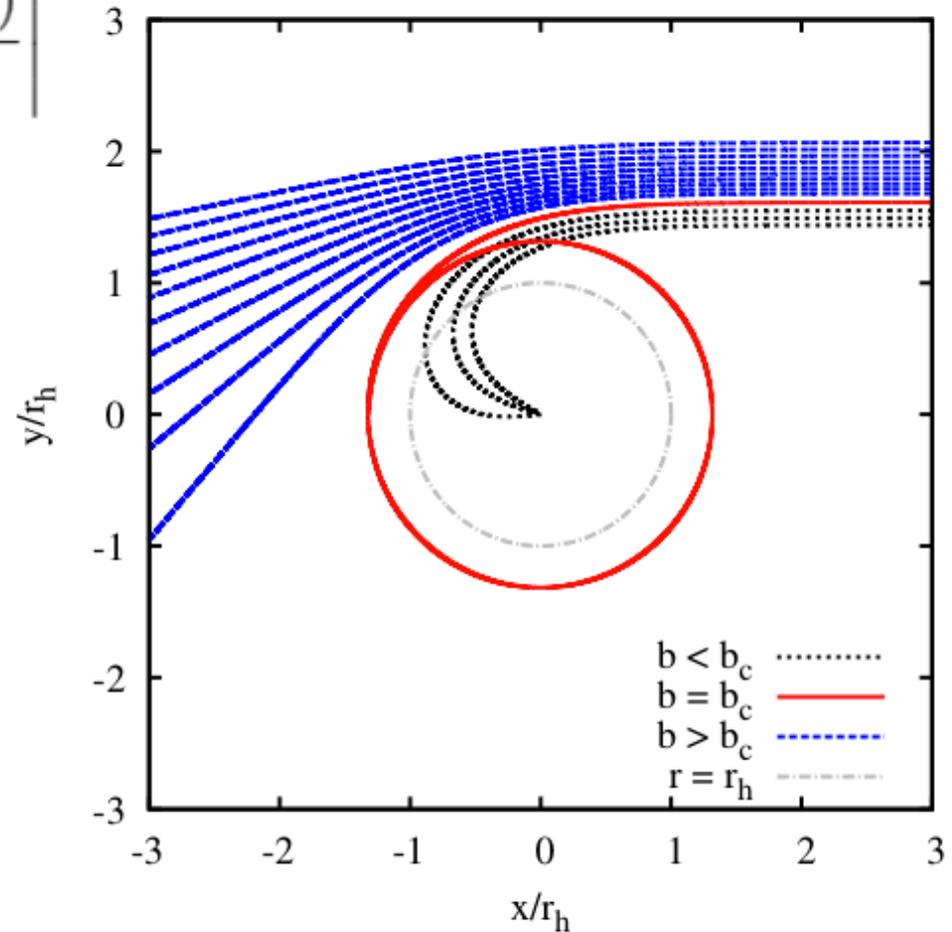


Scattering by Schwarzschild black holes

Scattering Cross Section of Schwarzschild Black Holes Massless Scalar Field

- Geodesic (classical) scattering

$$\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} = \frac{1}{\sin \Theta} \sum b(\Theta) \left| \frac{db(\Theta)}{d\Theta} \right|$$



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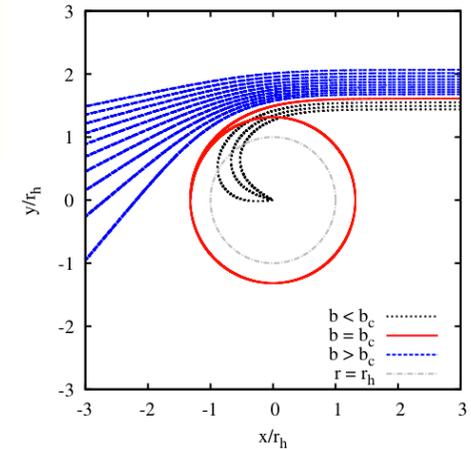
$$\theta = \pi/2$$

$$\left(\frac{du}{d\varphi}\right)^2 = \frac{1}{b^2} - f(1/u)u^2,$$

$$E = -f\dot{t}$$

$$L = r^2\dot{\varphi}$$

$$\frac{d^2u}{d\varphi^2} = -\frac{u^2}{2} \frac{df(1/u)}{du} - uf(1/u)$$



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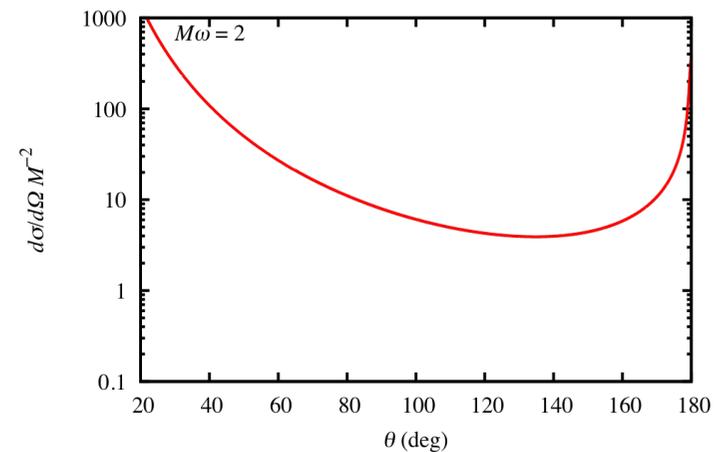
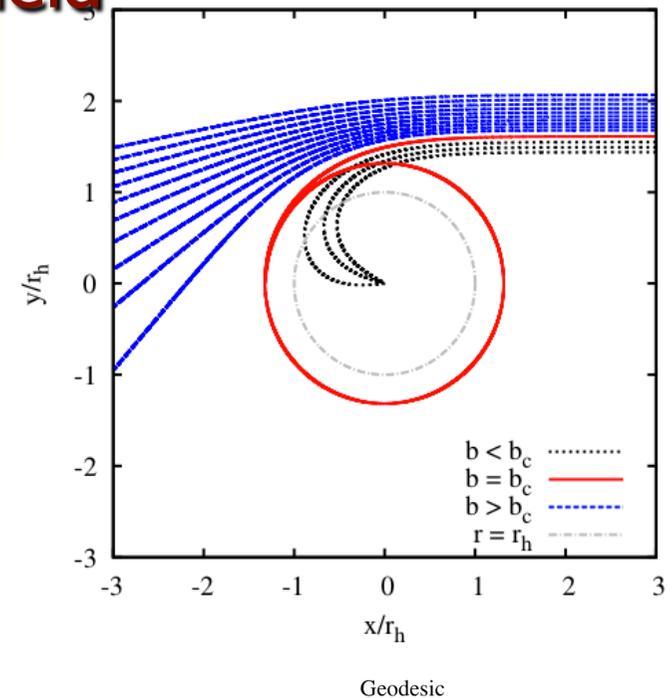
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$$\alpha = \int_0^{u_0} \left[\frac{1}{b^2} - f(1/u)u^2 \right]^{-1/2} du$$

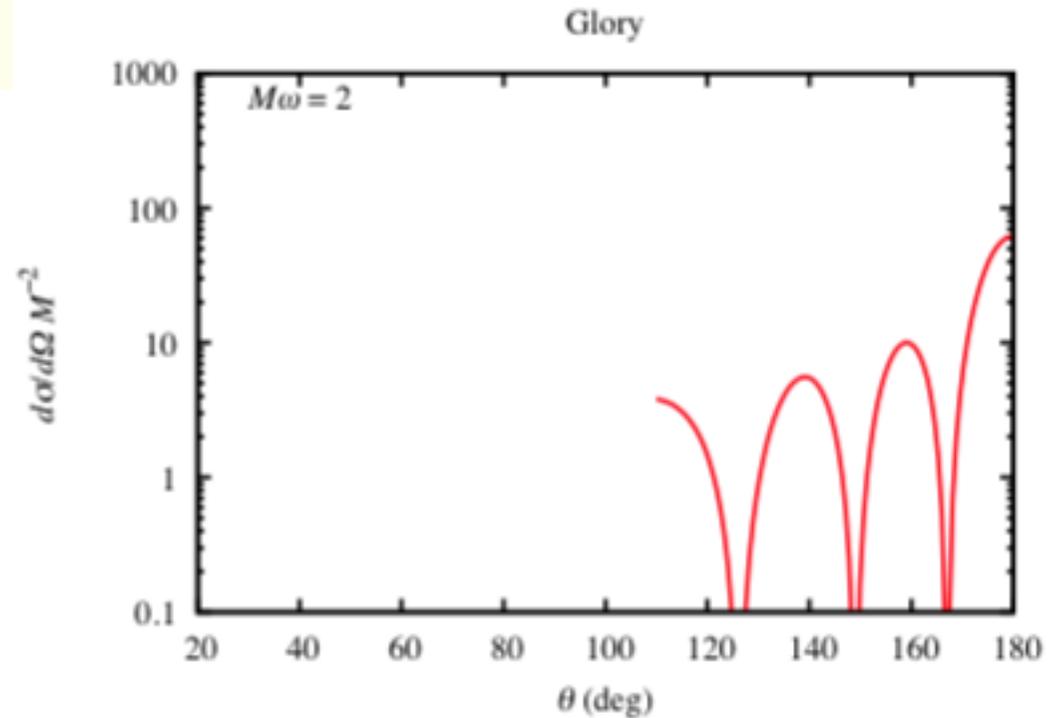
$$\Theta(b) = 2\alpha(b) - \pi$$

$$\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} = \frac{1}{\sin \Theta} \sum b(\Theta) \left| \frac{db(\Theta)}{d\Theta} \right|;$$



Scattering Cross Section of Schwarzschild Black Holes Massless Scalar Field

- Glory approximation



$$\frac{d\sigma_{sc}}{d\Omega} = 2\pi\omega b_g^2 \left| \frac{db}{d\theta} \right|_{\theta=\pi} J_{2s}^2(\omega b_g \sin \theta)$$

Scattering Cross Section of Schwarzschild Black Holes

Massless Scalar Field

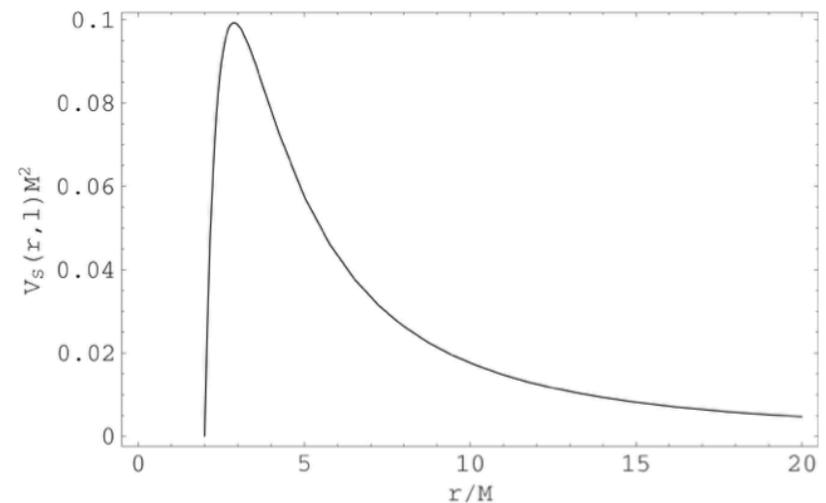
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Massless Scalar Field

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$$R_I = e^{-i\omega x} \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{A_{\infty}^j}{r^j},$$

$$R_{II} = e^{-i\omega x} \sum_{i=1}^N (r - r_h)^j A_{r_h}^j$$

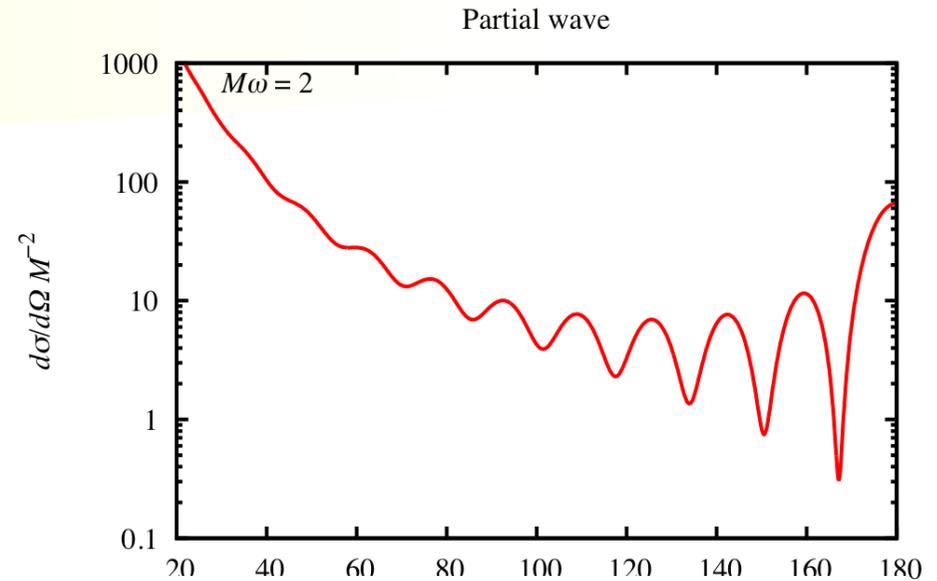
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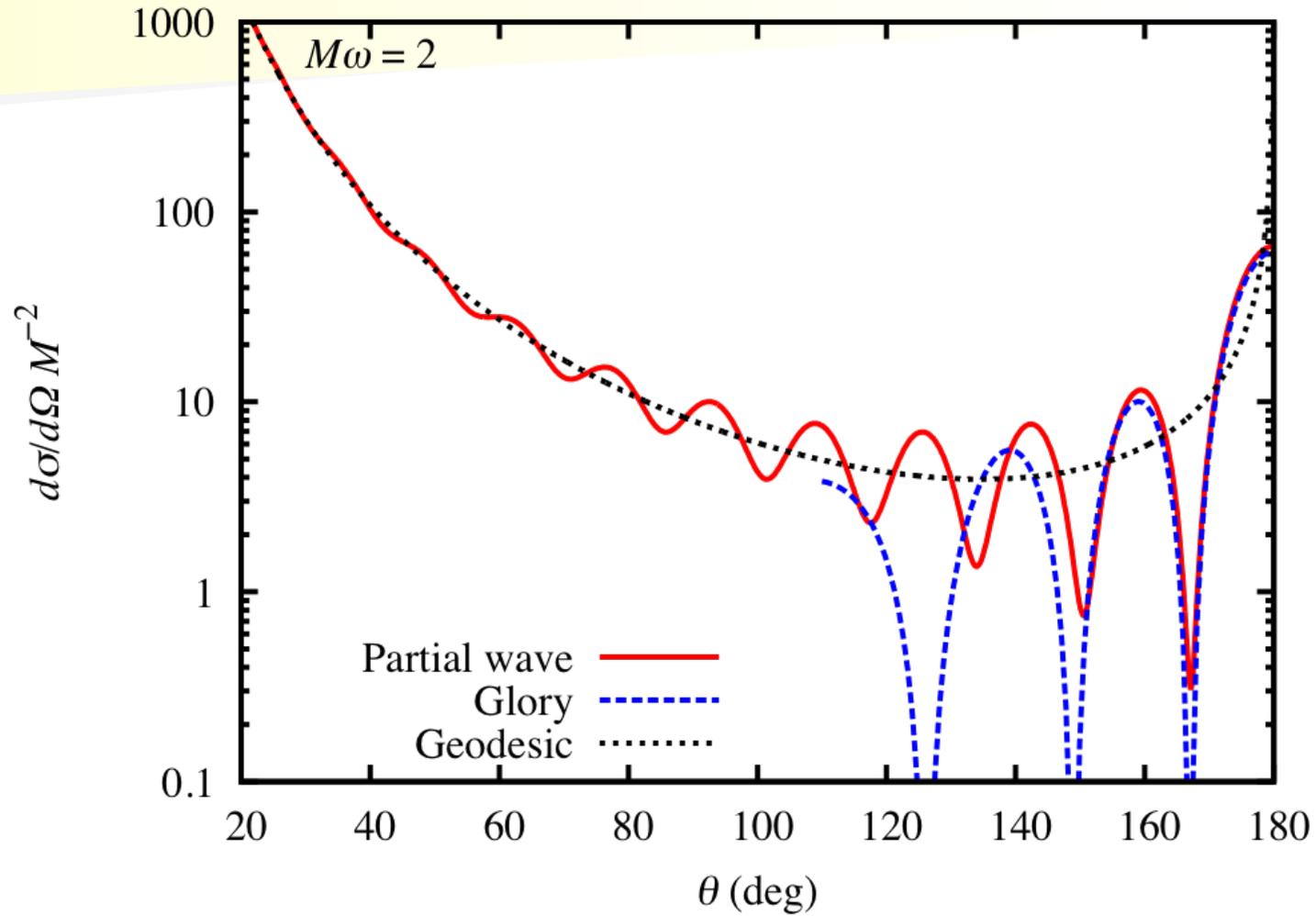
$$\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} = |g(\theta)|^2,$$

$$g(\theta) = \frac{1}{2i\omega} \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} (2l + 1) \left[e^{2i\delta_l(\omega)} - 1 \right] P_l(\cos \theta),$$

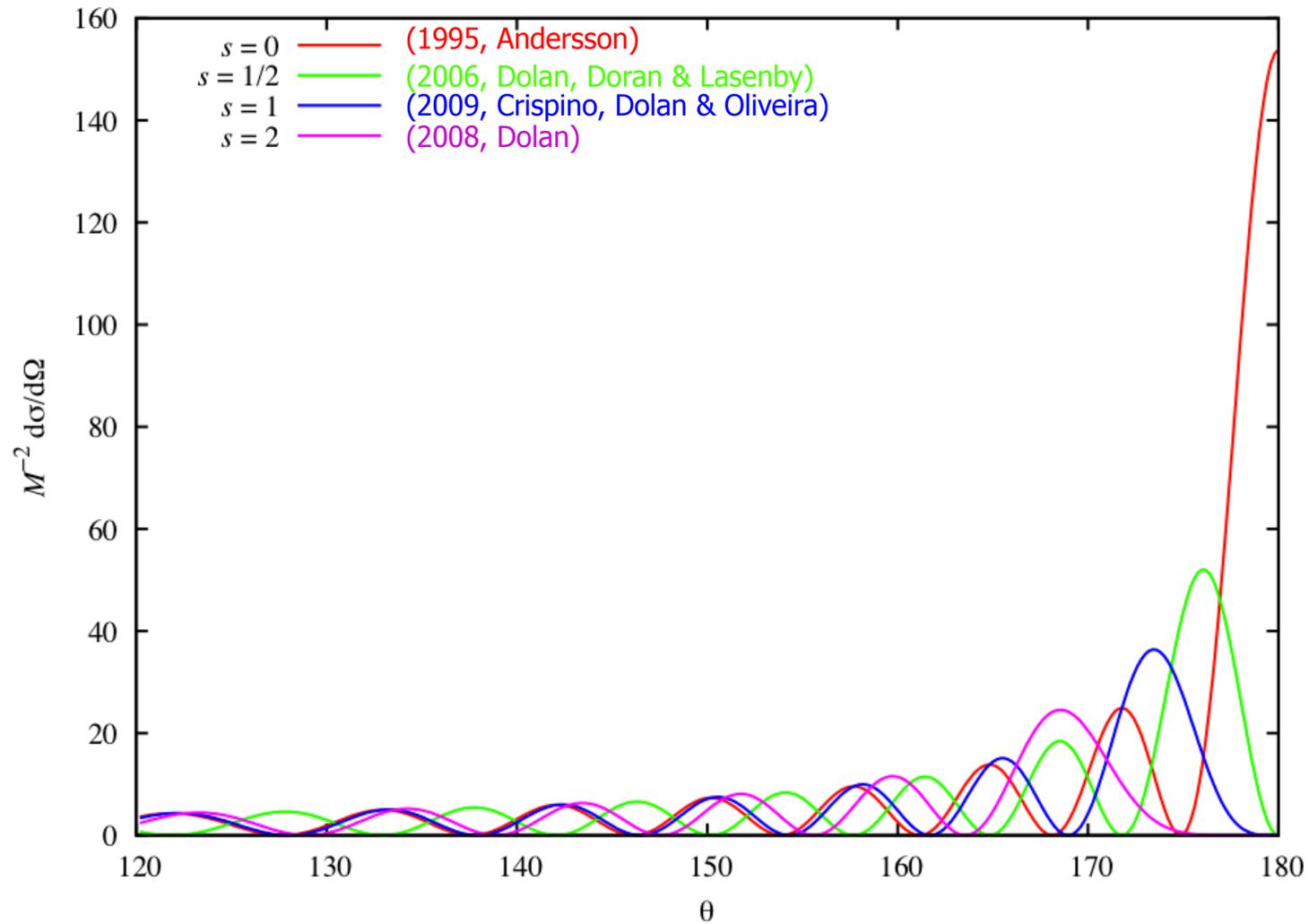
$$e^{2i\delta_l(\omega)} \equiv (-1)^{l+1} \mathcal{R}_{\omega l}.$$



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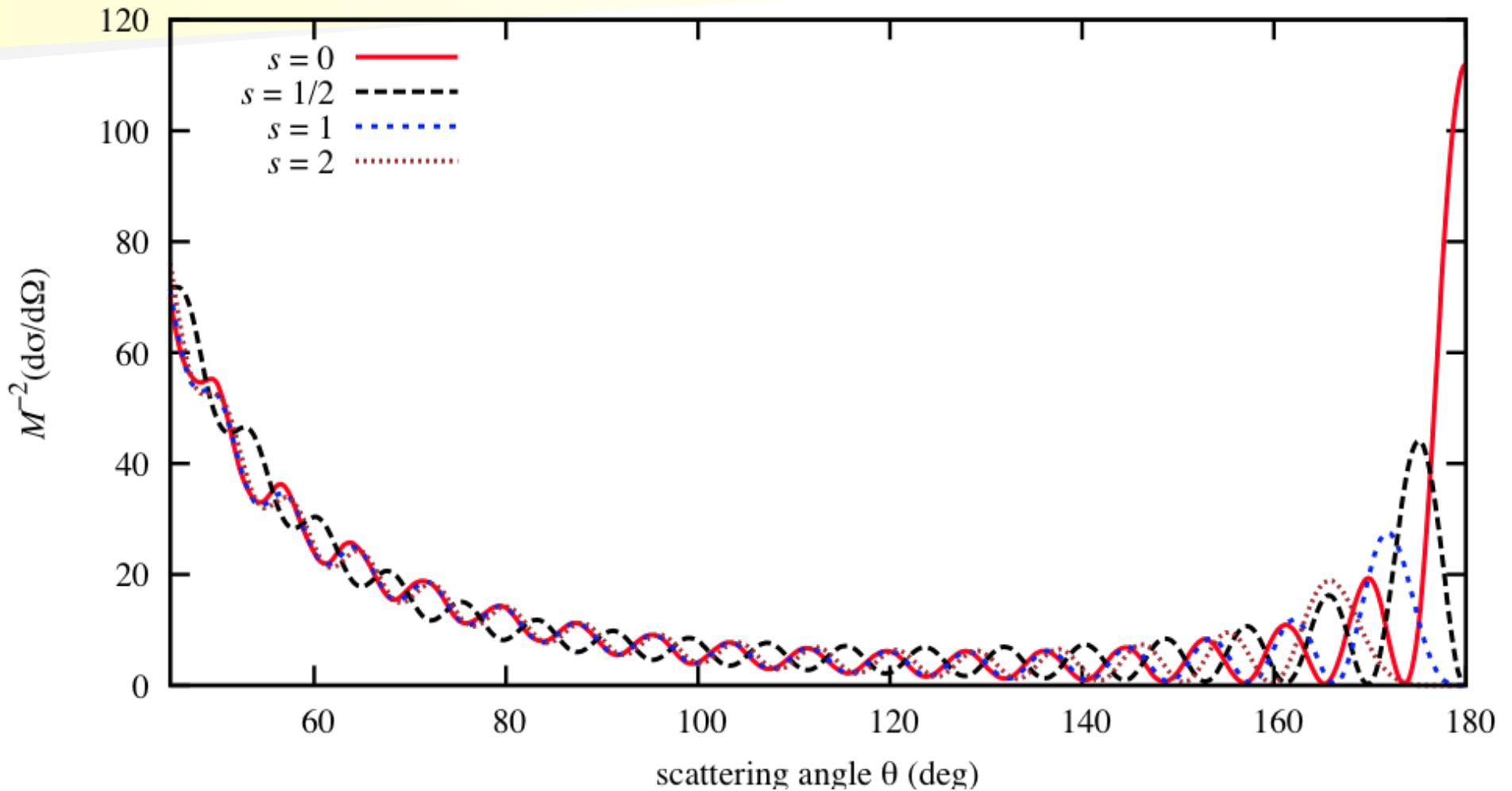


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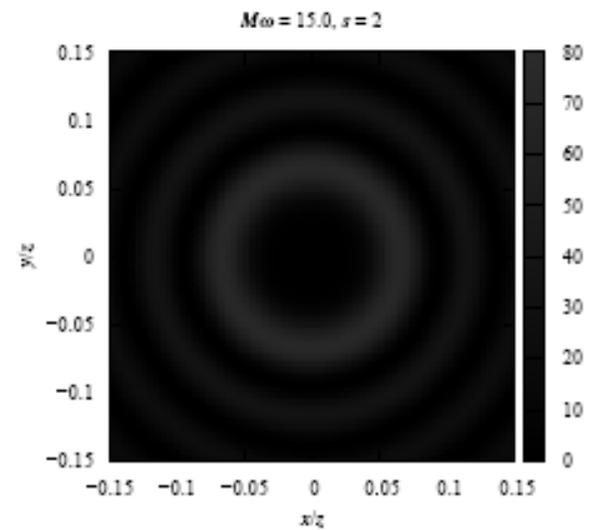
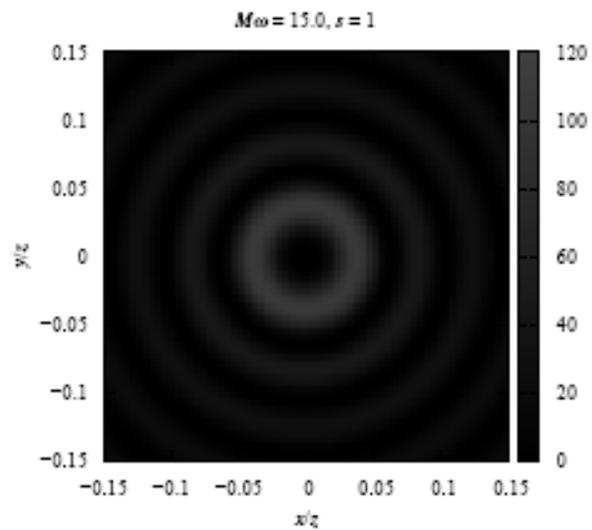
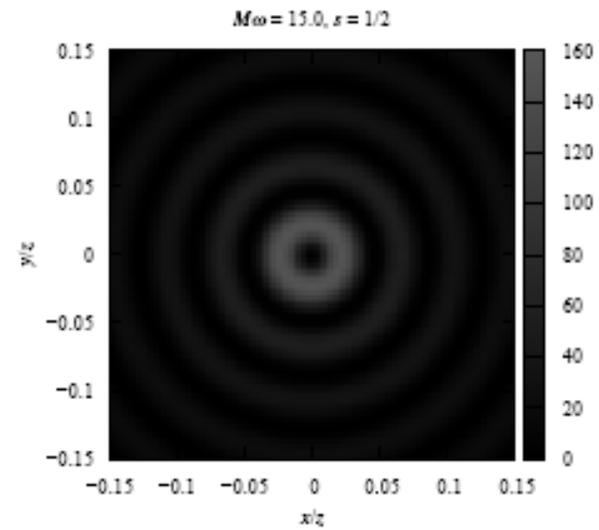
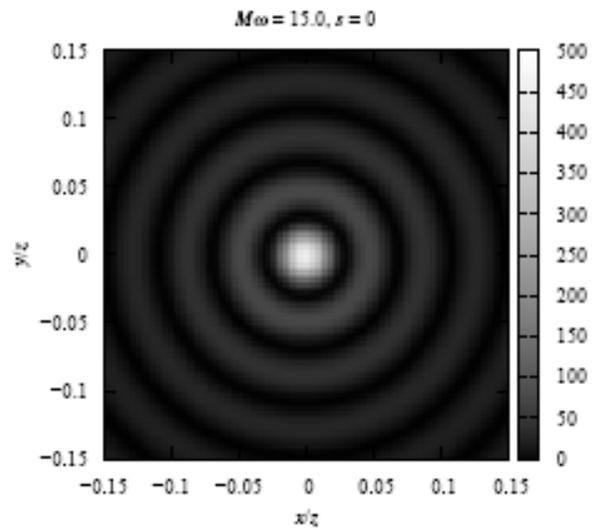
Scattering Cross Section of Schwarzschild Black Holes

Schwarzschild scattering cross sections at $M\omega = 4.0$



Scattering of Waves by Schwarzschild Black Holes

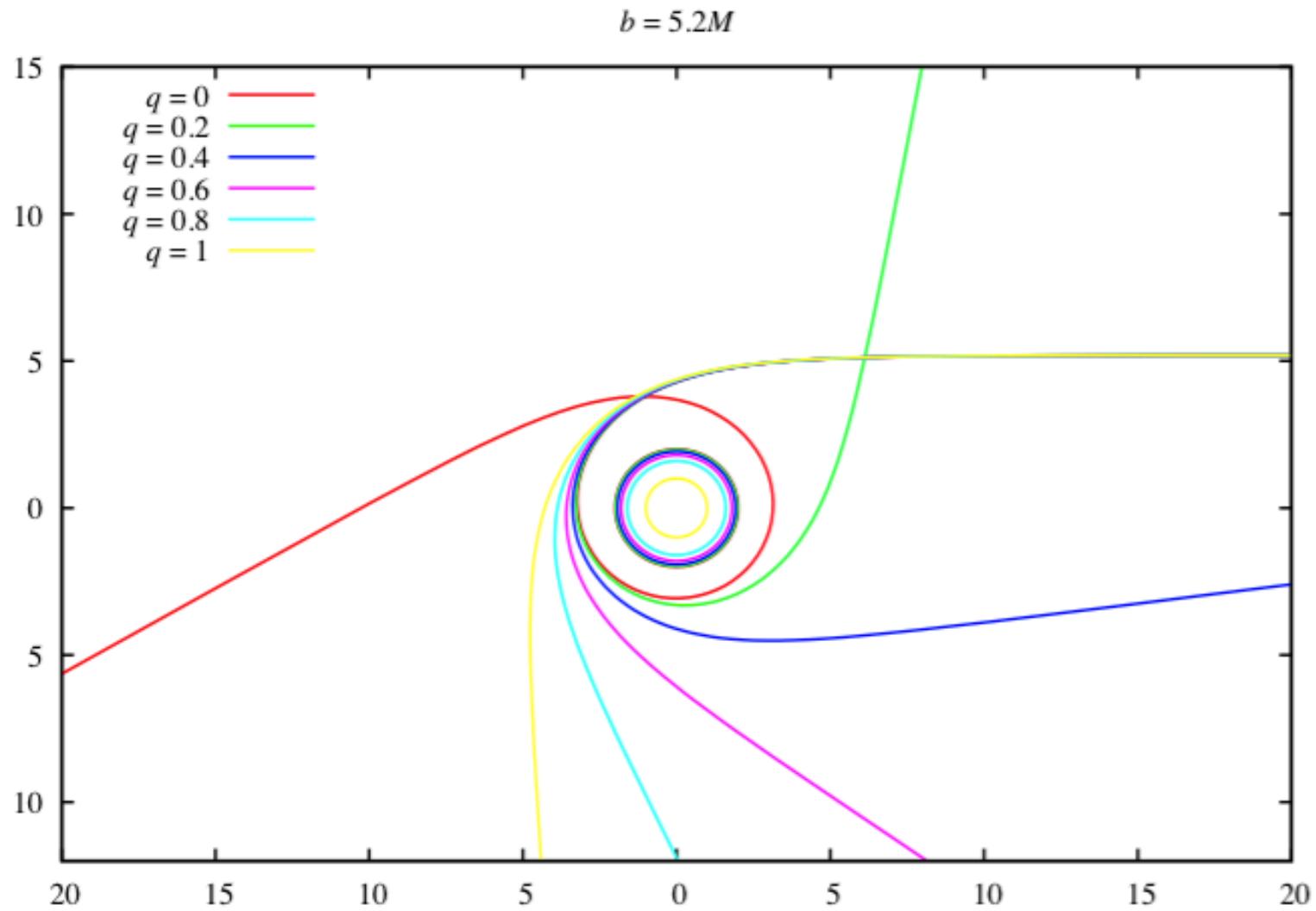
The Glory Effect





Electromagnetic absorption by Reissner-Nordström black holes

Absorption Cross Section of Charged Black Holes



Absorption Cross Section of Charged Black Holes

Wave Equations

Klein-Gordon

$$\square\Phi = \nabla_{\mu}\nabla^{\mu}\Phi = \frac{1}{\sqrt{-g}}\partial_{\mu}\left(\sqrt{-g}g^{\mu\nu}\partial_{\nu}\Phi\right) = 0.$$

Einstein-Maxwell

$$G_{\mu\nu} = 8\pi T_{\mu\nu}$$

Absorption Cross Section of Charged Black Holes

Partial Wave Method

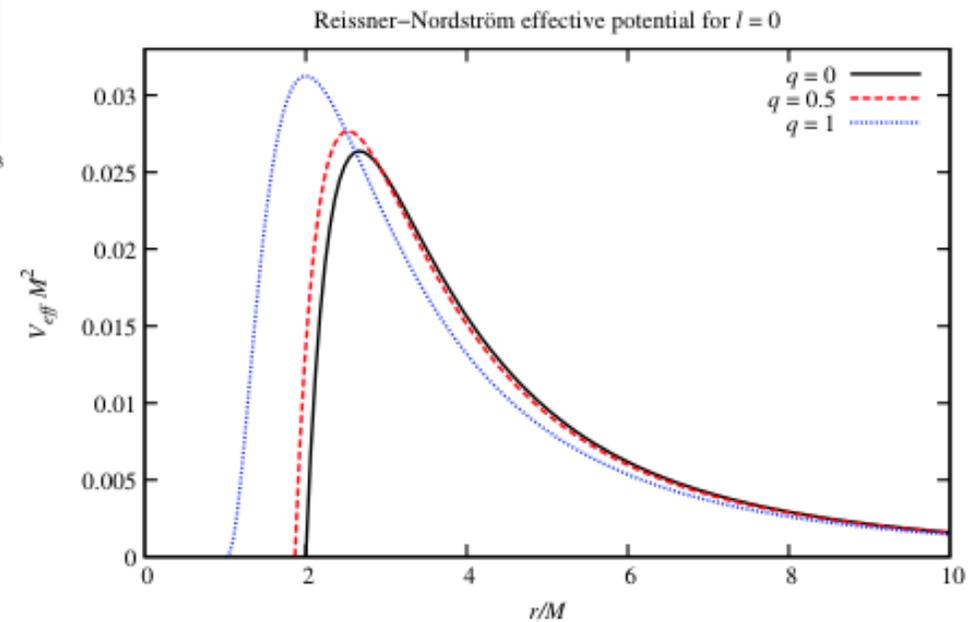
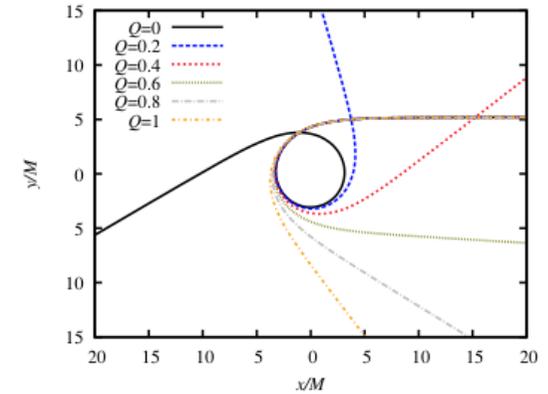
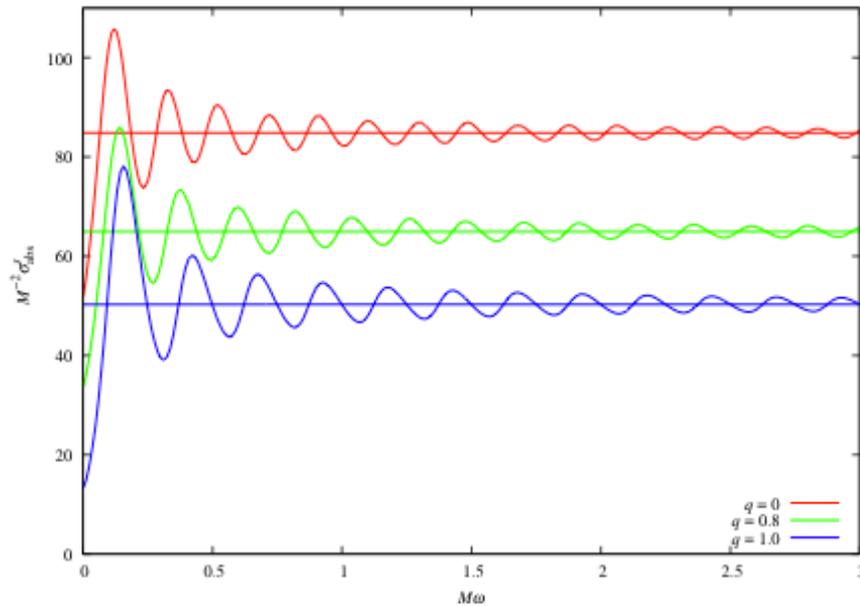
$$\sigma_{\text{abs}} \equiv \frac{\text{integrated net (wave) flux at infinity}}{\text{incident (wave) current density}}$$

$$\sigma_{\text{abs}} = \sum_{l=s}^{\infty} \sigma_{\text{abs}}^{(l)} = \sum_{l=s}^{\infty} \sum_{\lambda} \frac{\pi}{N\omega^2} (2l+1) |T_{\omega l}^{\lambda}|^2$$

Absorption Cross Section of Charged Black Holes [s=0 case]

Absorption Cross Section

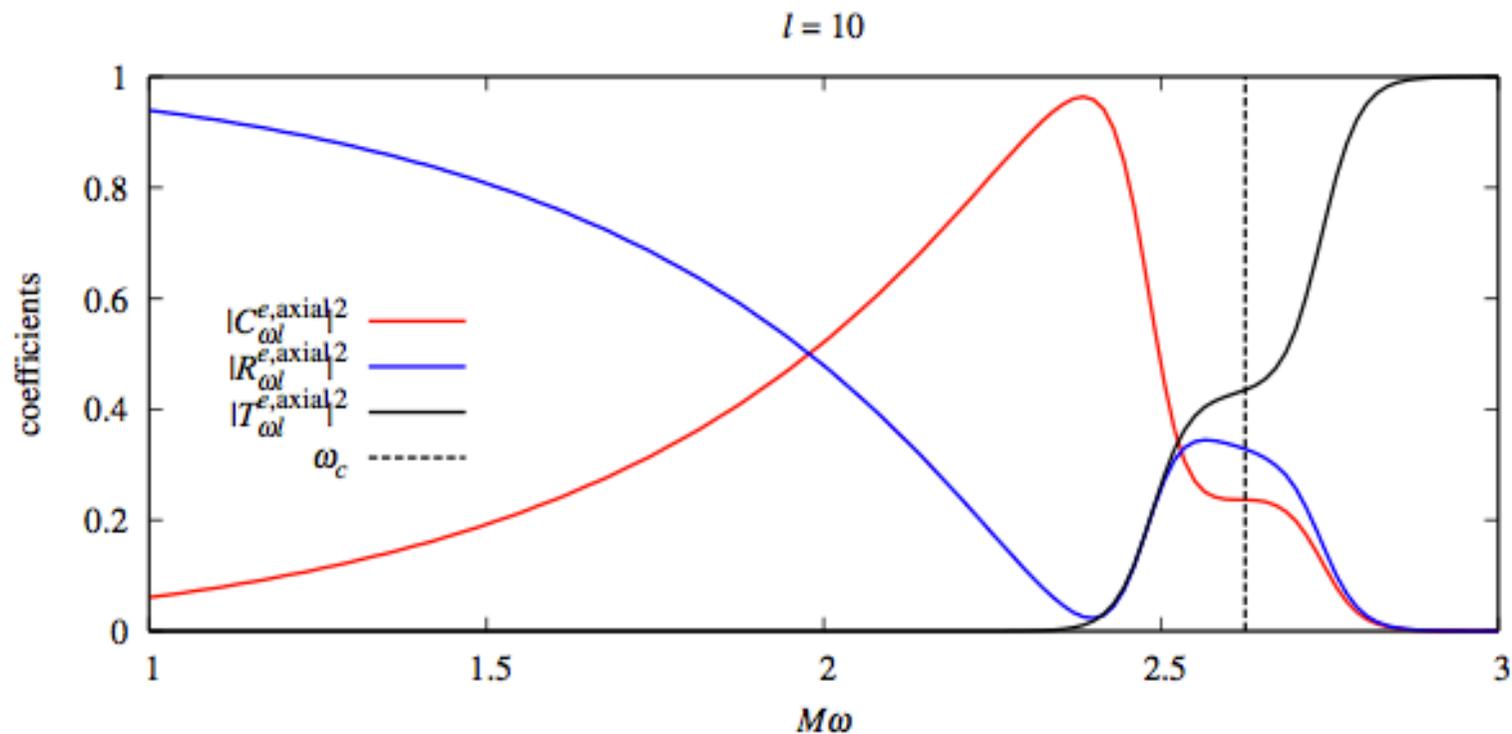
Scalar Case



Absorption Cross Section of Charged Black Holes [s=1,2 cases]

Reflection, Transmission and Conversion Coefficients

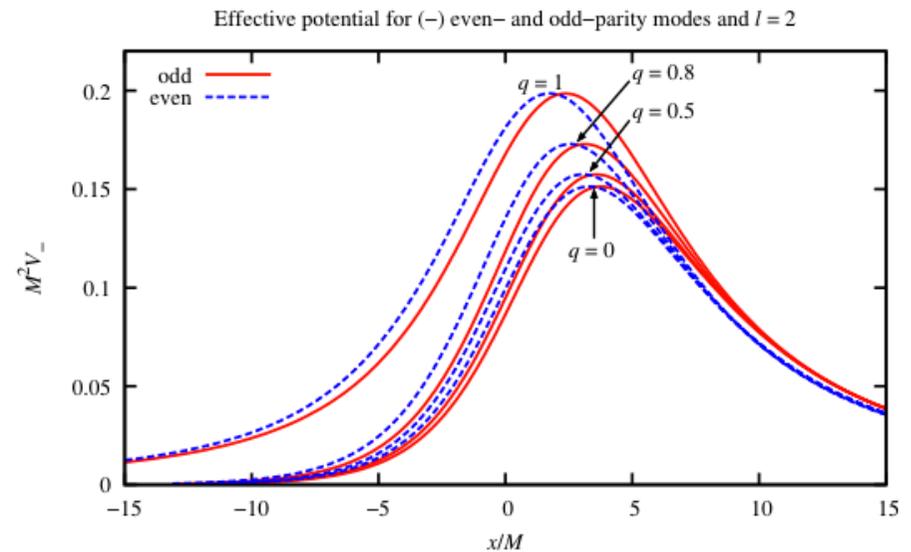
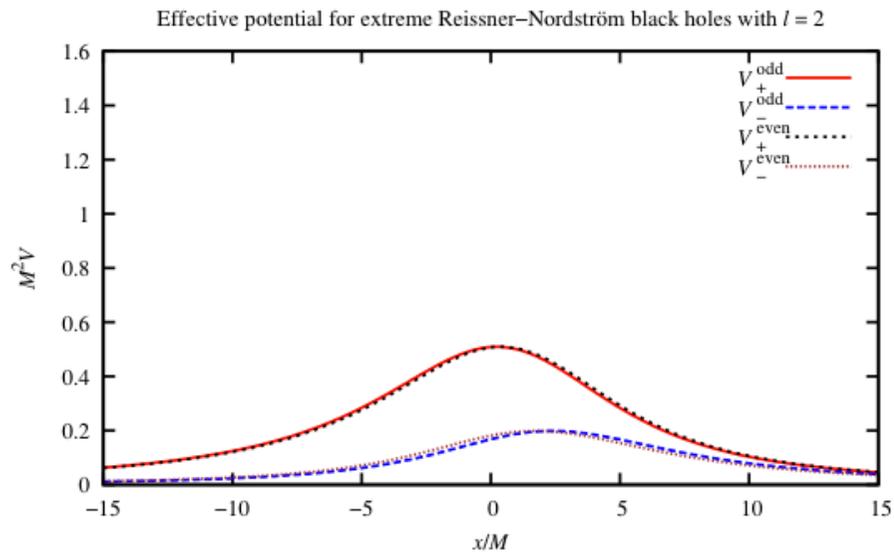
$$|R_{\omega l}^{e,\lambda}|^2 + |T_{\omega l}^{e,\lambda}|^2 + |C_{\omega l}^{e,\lambda}|^2 = 1.$$



Absorption Cross Section of Charged Black Holes [s=1,2 cases]

Decoupled Equations

$$\frac{d^2}{dr_*^2} \varphi_{\pm}^{\lambda} + (\omega^2 - V_{\pm}^{\lambda}) \varphi_{\pm}^{\lambda} = 0,$$



Absorption Cross Section of Charged Black Holes [s=1,2 cases]

Asymptotic Conditions

$$\varphi_{\pm}^{\lambda} \propto \begin{cases} e^{-i\omega r_*} + A_{\pm}^{\lambda} e^{i\omega r_*}, & (r_* \rightarrow +\infty); \\ B_{\pm}^{\lambda} e^{-i\omega r_*}, & (r_* \rightarrow -\infty). \end{cases}$$

Purely EM incident wave:

$$F^{\lambda} \approx \overbrace{F_{\text{in}}^{\lambda} e^{-i\omega r_*}} + F_{\text{out}}^{\lambda} e^{i\omega r_*};$$
$$G^{\lambda} \approx G_{\text{out}} e^{i\omega r_*}.$$

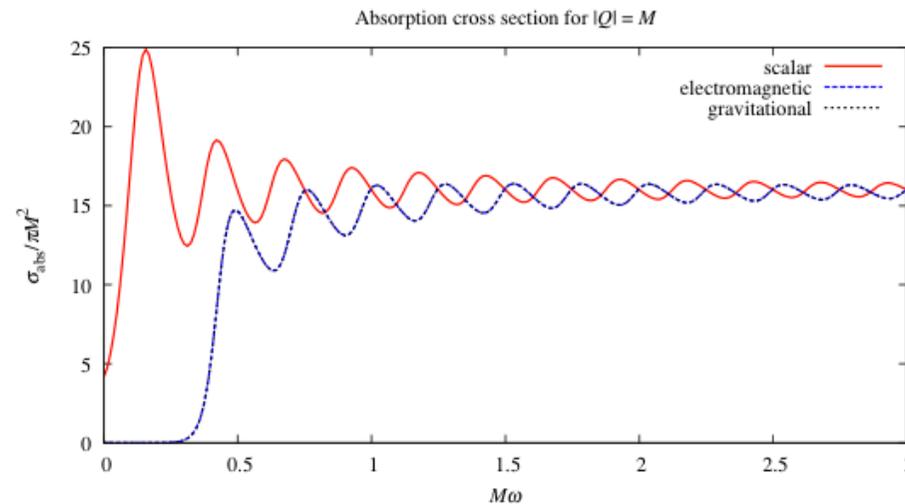
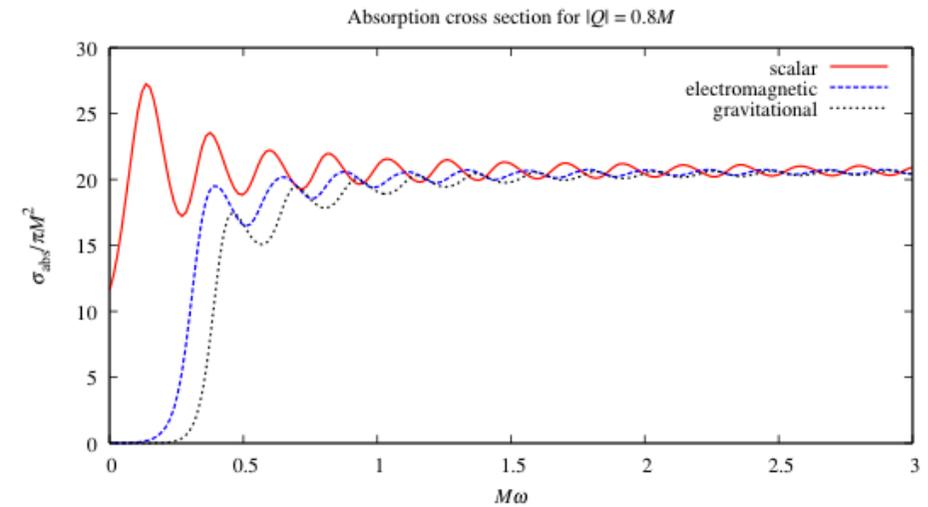
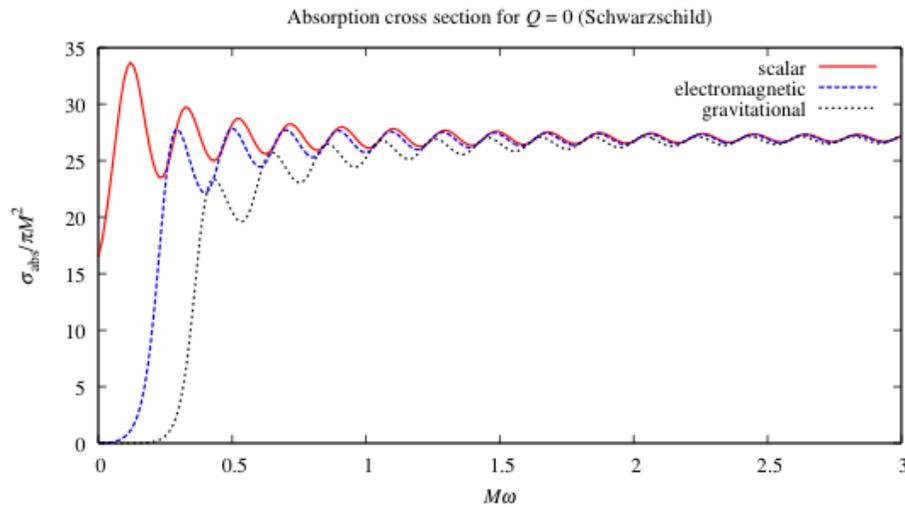
Purely G incident wave:

$$F^{\lambda} \approx F_{\text{out}}^{\lambda} e^{i\omega r_*};$$
$$G^{\lambda} \approx \underbrace{G_{\text{in}} e^{-i\omega r_*}} + G_{\text{out}} e^{i\omega r_*}.$$

Absorption Cross Section of Charged Black Holes [s=1,2 cases]

Absorption Cross Section

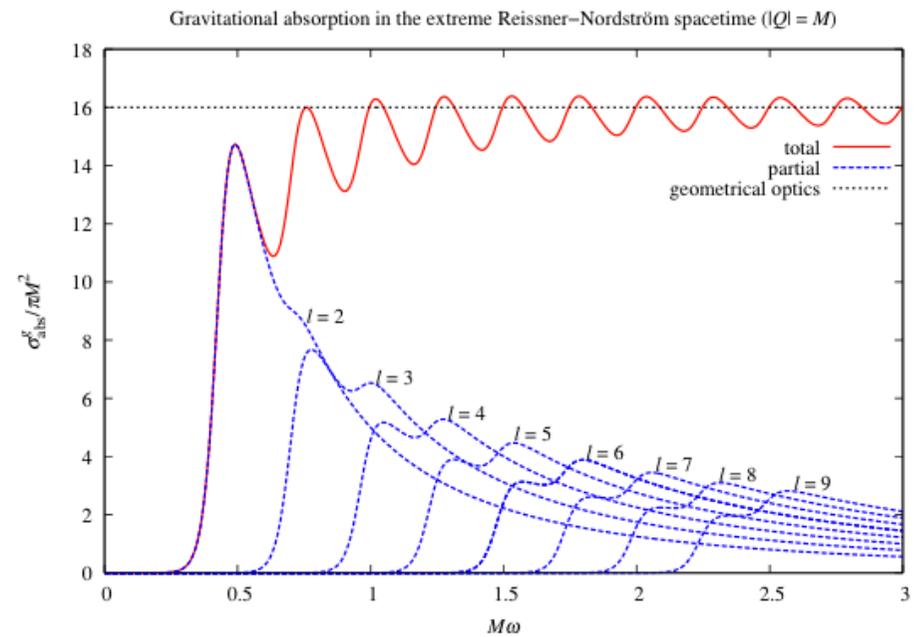
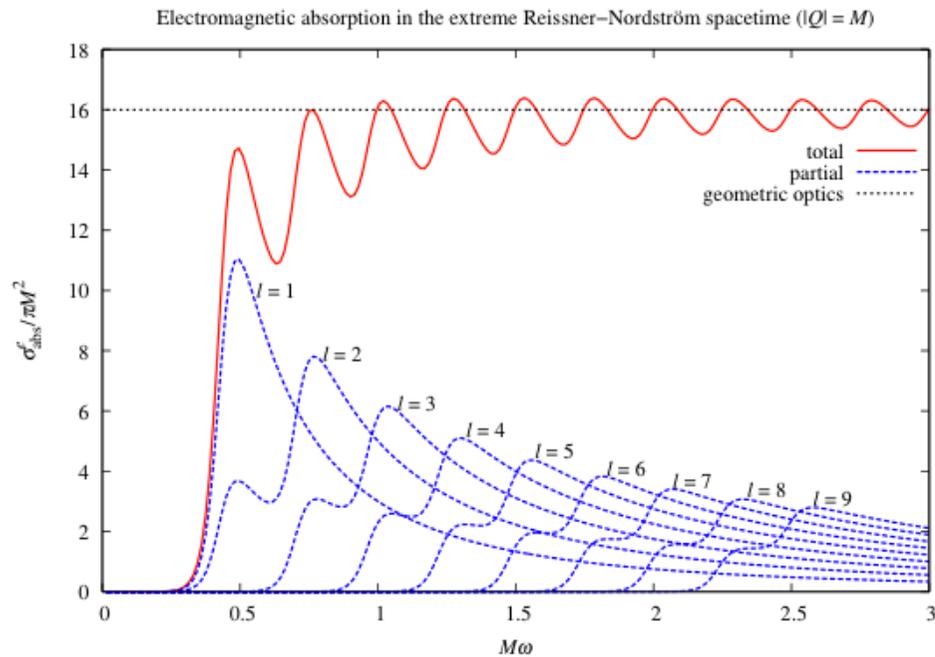
Different Charges



Absorption Cross Section of Charged Black Holes [$s=1,2$ cases]

Absorption Cross Section

Extreme Case

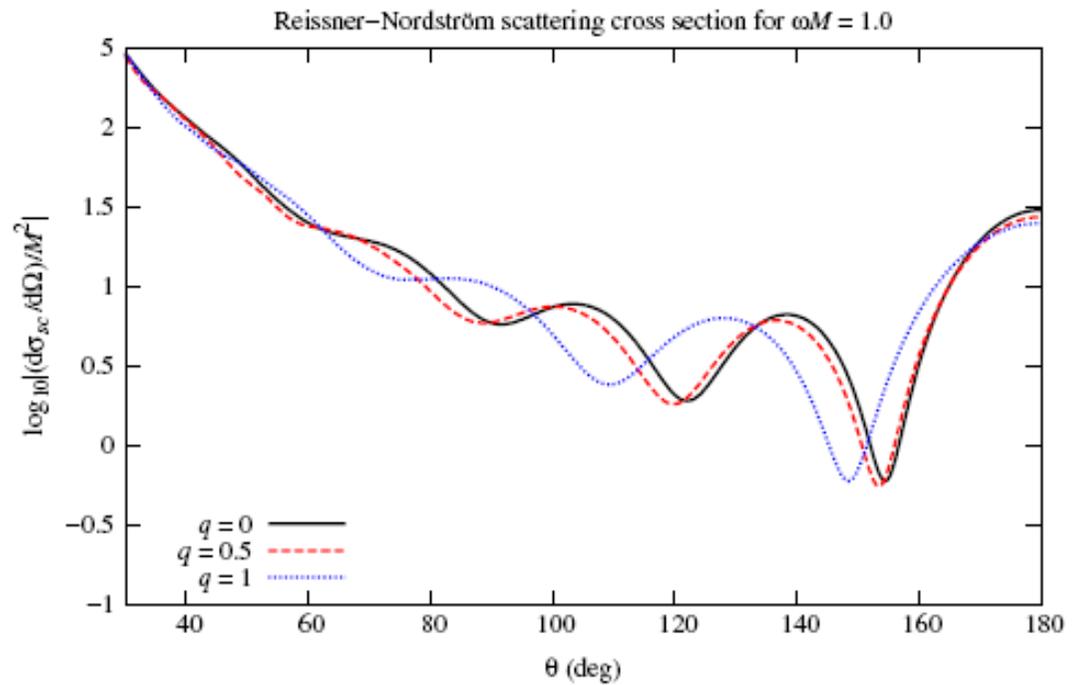
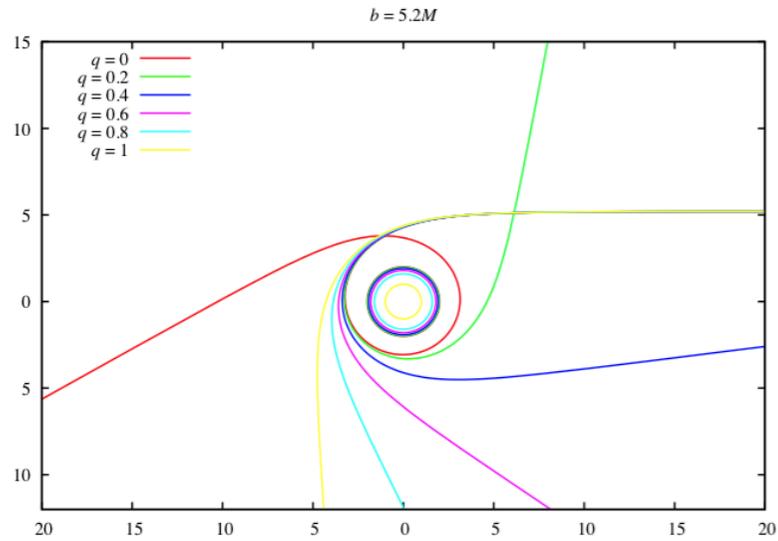




Scattering by Reissner-Nordström black holes

Scattering Cross Section of Charged Black Holes

Massless Scalar Field



Scattering Cross Section of Charged Black Holes Electromagnetic Field

$$\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} = \frac{1}{8\omega^2} \left\{ \left| \sum_{l=1}^{\infty} \frac{2l+1}{l(l+1)} \left[e^{2i\delta_l^-(\omega)} T_l(\theta) + e^{2i\delta_l^+(\omega)} \pi_l(\theta) \right] \right|^2 + \left| \sum_{l=1}^{\infty} \frac{2l+1}{l(l+1)} \left[e^{2i\delta_l^-(\omega)} \pi_l(\theta) + e^{2i\delta_l^+(\omega)} T_l(\theta) \right] \right|^2 \right\},$$

$$e^{2i\delta_l^{\mathcal{P}}(\omega)} = (-1)^{l+1} R_{\omega l}^{\mathcal{P}},$$

$$\pi_l(\theta) \equiv \frac{P_l^1(\cos \theta)}{\sin \theta}, \quad T_l(\theta) \equiv \frac{d}{d\theta} P_l^1(\cos \theta)$$

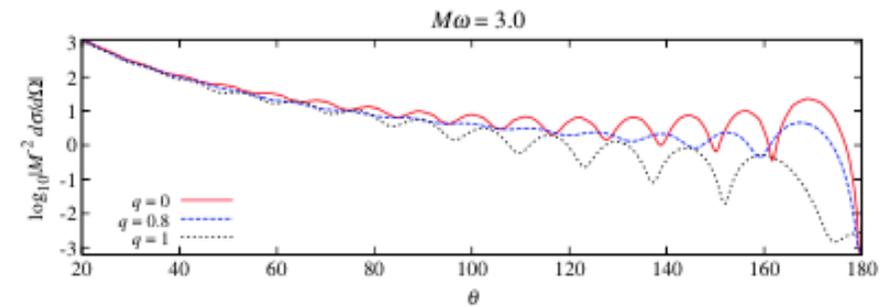
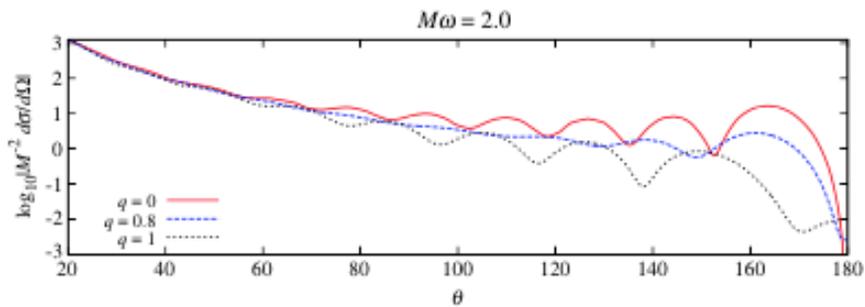
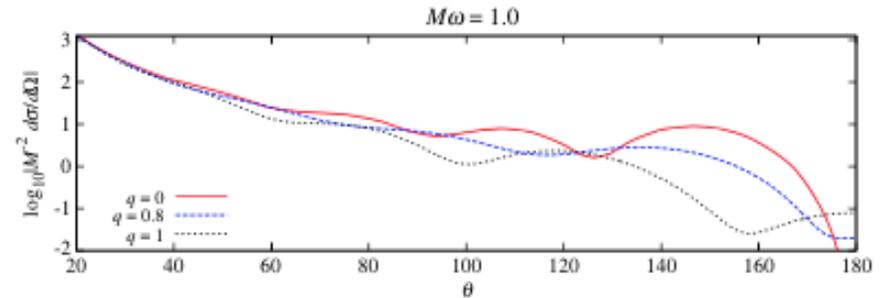
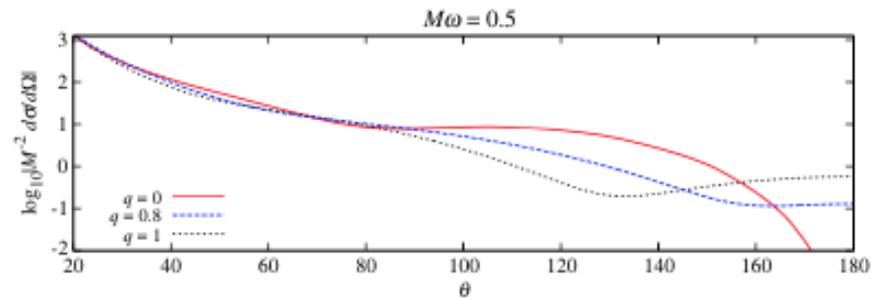
Scattering Cross Section of Charged Black Holes [s=1,2] Electromagnetic Field

$$\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} = \frac{1}{2} (|\mathcal{F} + \mathcal{G}|^2 + |\mathcal{F} - \mathcal{G}|^2) = |\mathcal{F}|^2 + |\mathcal{G}|^2,$$

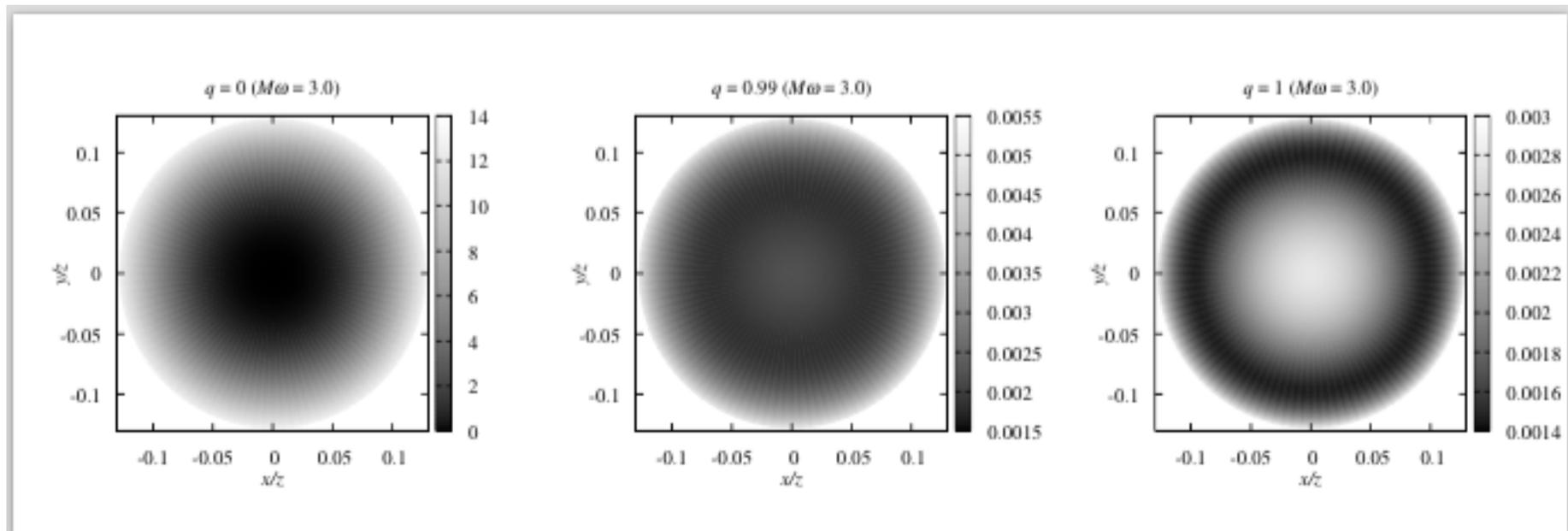
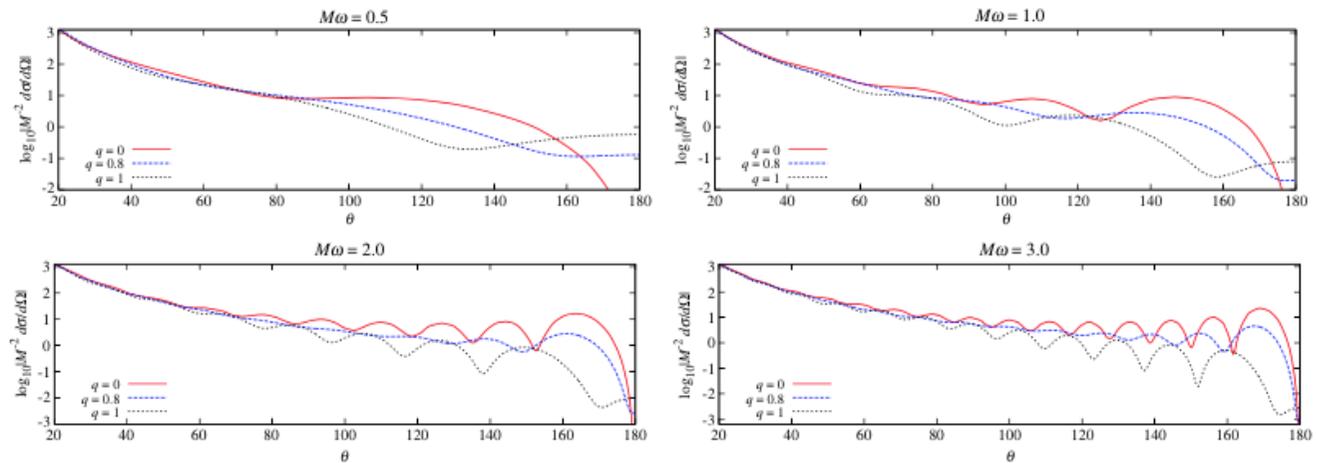
$$\mathcal{F}(\theta) = \frac{\pi}{i\omega} \sum_{l=1}^{\infty} \sum_{\mathcal{P}=\pm} [\exp(2i\delta_l^{\mathcal{P}}) - 1] {}_{-1}Y_l^1(1) {}_{-1}Y_l^1(\cos\theta),$$

$$\mathcal{G}(\theta) = \frac{\pi}{i\omega} \sum_{l=1}^{\infty} \sum_{\mathcal{P}=\pm} [\exp(2i\delta_l^{\mathcal{P}}) - 1] \mathcal{P}(-1)^l {}_{-1}Y_l^1(1) {}_{-1}Y_l^1(-\cos\theta).$$

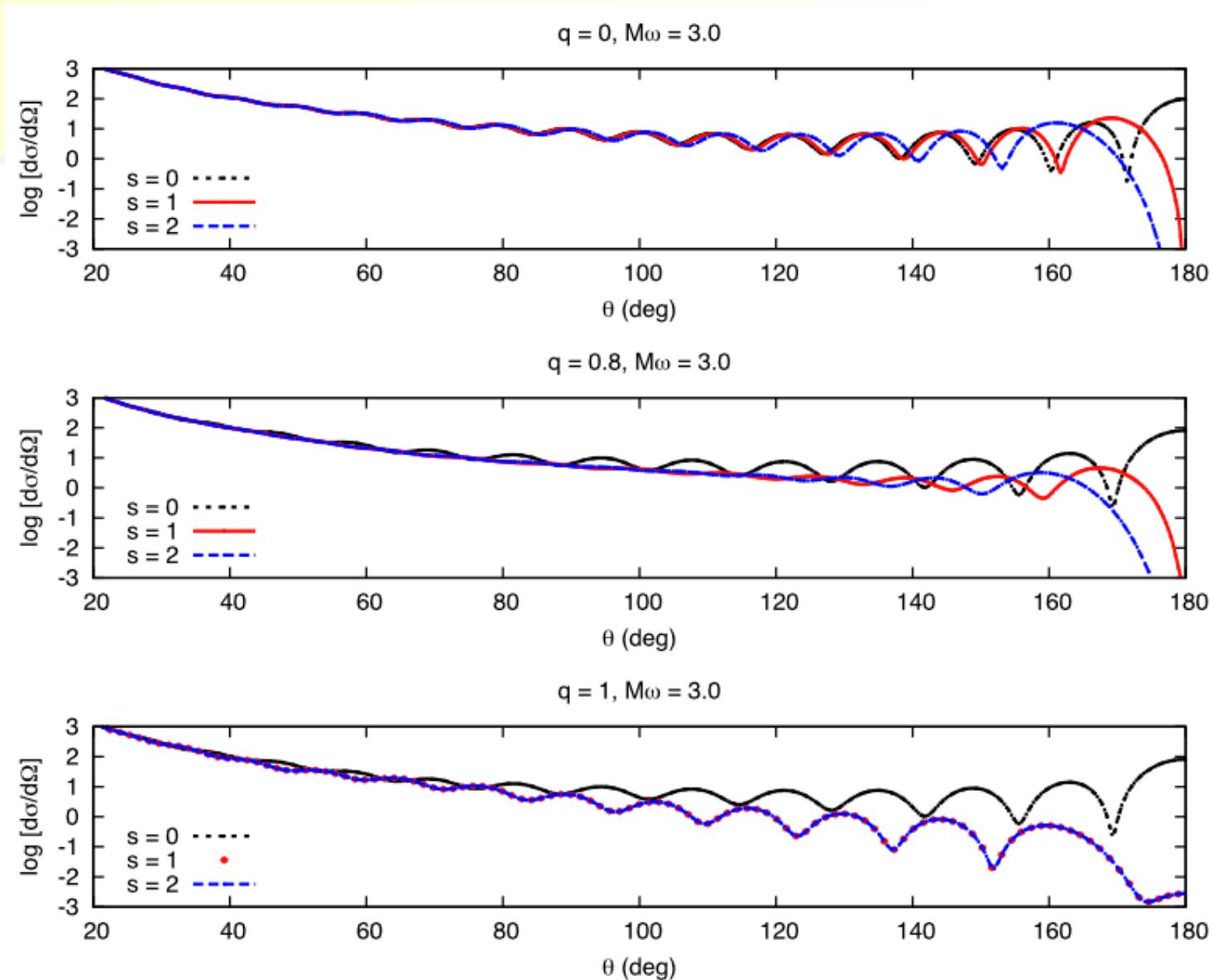
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Scattering Cross Section of Charged Black Holes [$s = 0, 1, 2$]



Scattering Cross Section of Charged Black Holes [$s = 0, 1, 2$]

N=2 supergravity

$$\mathcal{L} = -\frac{\sqrt{-g}}{2} \left[\hat{R} + i\overline{\psi}_\mu^{(I)} \gamma^{[\mu} \gamma^\rho \gamma^{\sigma]} \hat{D}_\rho \psi_\rho^{(I)} - \frac{1}{4} F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu} \right] \\ + \frac{\sqrt{-g}}{4\sqrt{2}} \overline{\psi}_\mu^{(I)} \left[F^{\mu\nu} + \hat{F}^{\mu\nu} + \frac{1}{2} \gamma_5 (\tilde{F}^{\mu\nu} + \bar{F}^{\mu\nu}) \right] \psi_\nu^{(J)} \epsilon^{IJ},$$

where I, J take values 1, 2 and $\epsilon^{12} = -\epsilon^{21} = 1$, $\epsilon^{11} = \epsilon^{22} = 0$.

$$\hat{F}_{\mu\nu} = \left(\partial_\mu A_\nu - \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}} \overline{\psi}_\mu^{(I)} \psi_\nu^{(J)} \epsilon^{IJ} \right) - (\mu \leftrightarrow \nu), \\ \tilde{F}^{\mu\nu} = \epsilon^{\mu\nu\lambda\sigma} F_{\lambda\sigma}.$$

The Lagrangian \mathcal{L} is invariant up to a total derivative under

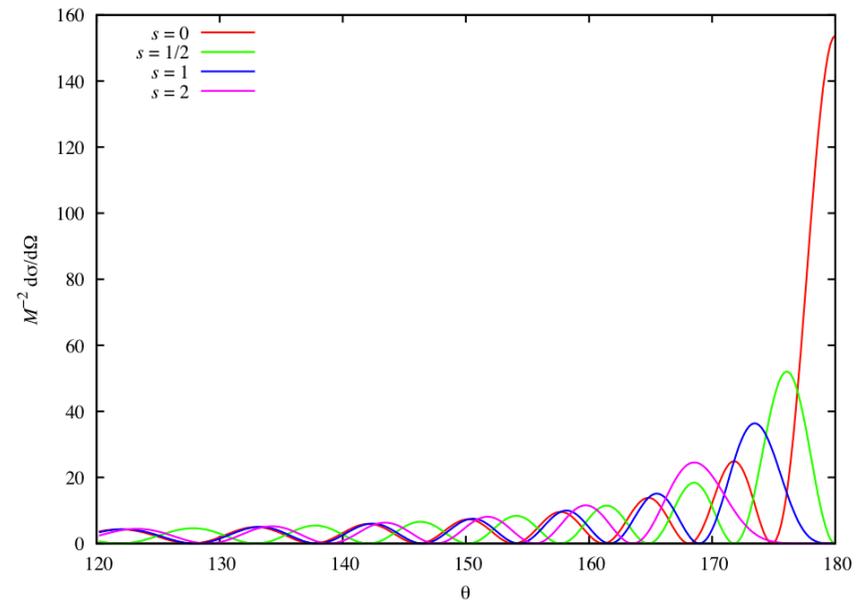
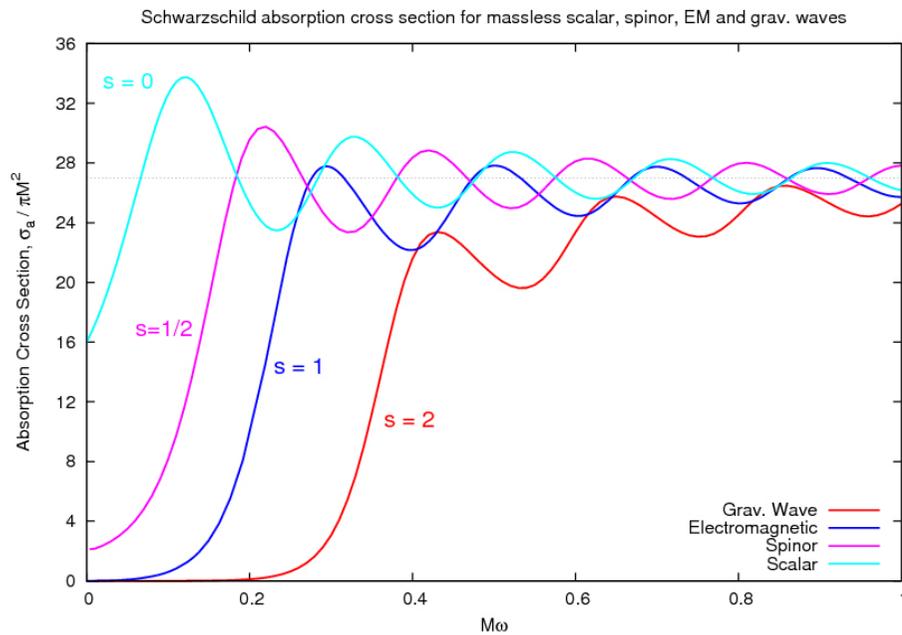
$$\delta g_{\mu\nu} = \frac{i}{\sqrt{2}} \overline{\alpha}^{(I)} \gamma_{(\mu} \psi_{\nu)}^{(I)}, \quad \delta A_\mu = i \overline{\alpha}^{(I)} \psi_\mu^{(J)} \epsilon^{IJ}, \\ \delta \psi_\mu^{(I)} = \hat{D}_\mu \alpha^{(I)} + \frac{1}{2} \epsilon^{IJ} \left(\hat{F}_{\mu\lambda} \gamma^\lambda + \frac{1}{2} \hat{F}_{\mu\lambda} \gamma^\lambda \gamma_5 \right) \alpha^{(J)}.$$

Conversion Cross Section of Charged Black Holes

- The gravitational to electromagnetic conversion cross section of the Reissner-Nordström black hole are currently under investigation.

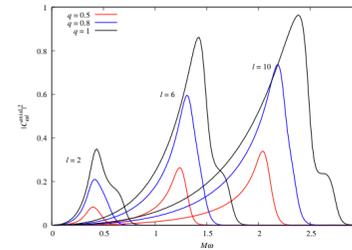
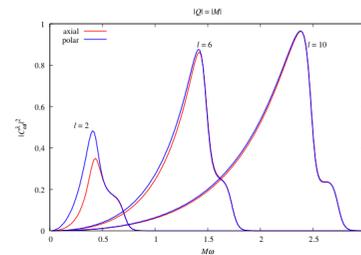
Final Remarks

- Absorption and scattering by black holes have been recently revisited in the literature using numerical techniques.

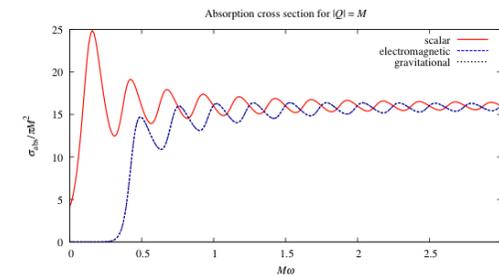
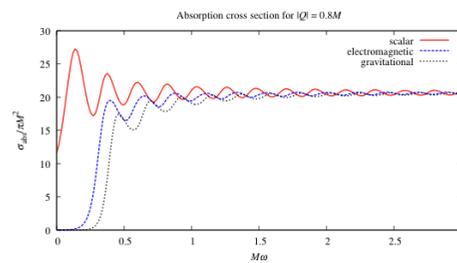
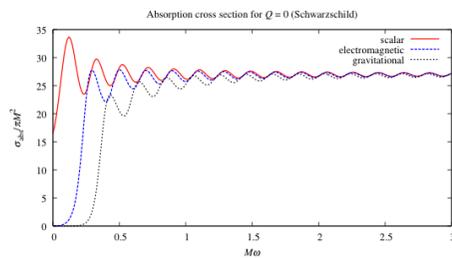


Final Remarks

- Conversion between electromagnetic and gravitational radiation.



- Equality between gravitational and electromagnetic absorption cross sections of extreme Reissner-Nordström black holes.



Final Remarks

- It is possible to infer the black hole charge from backscattered and electromagnetic radiation.

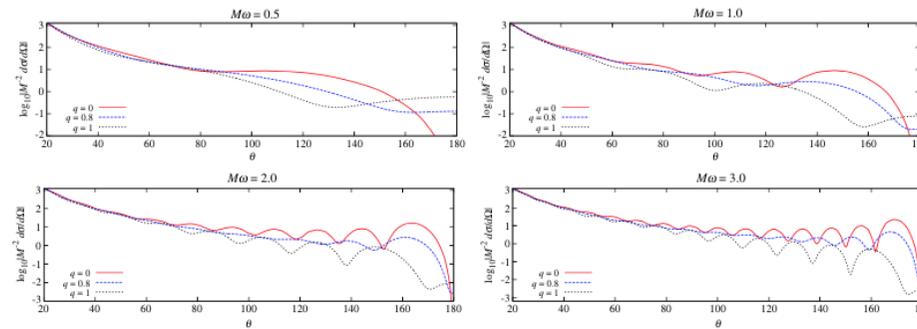
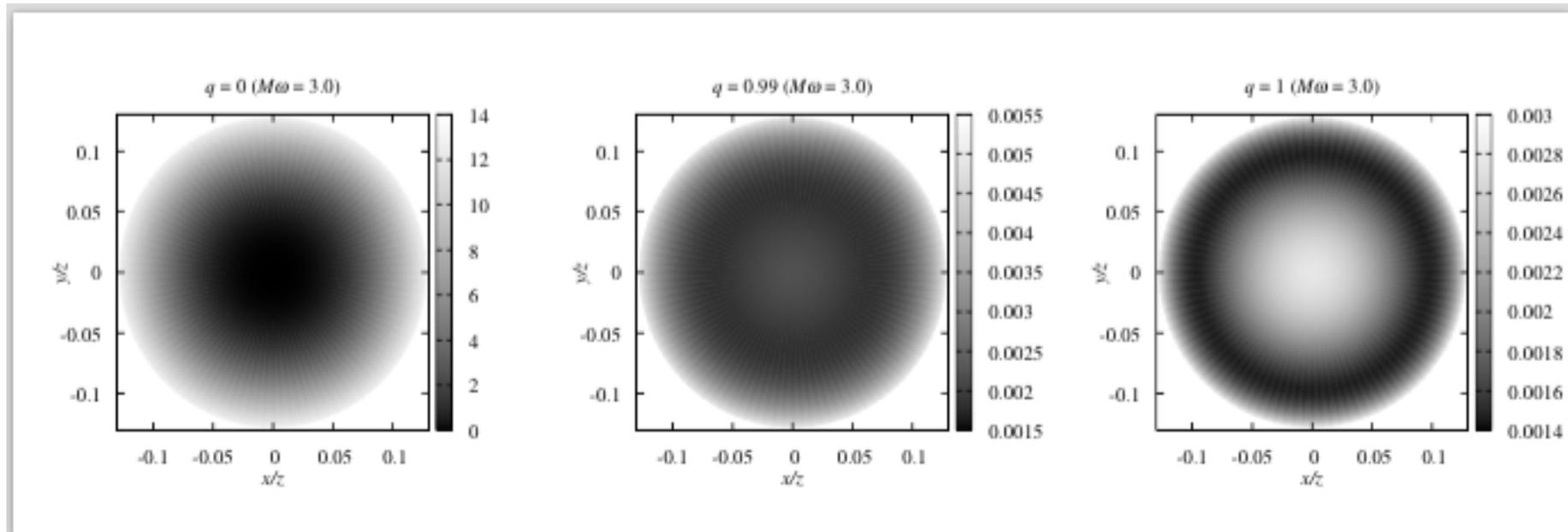
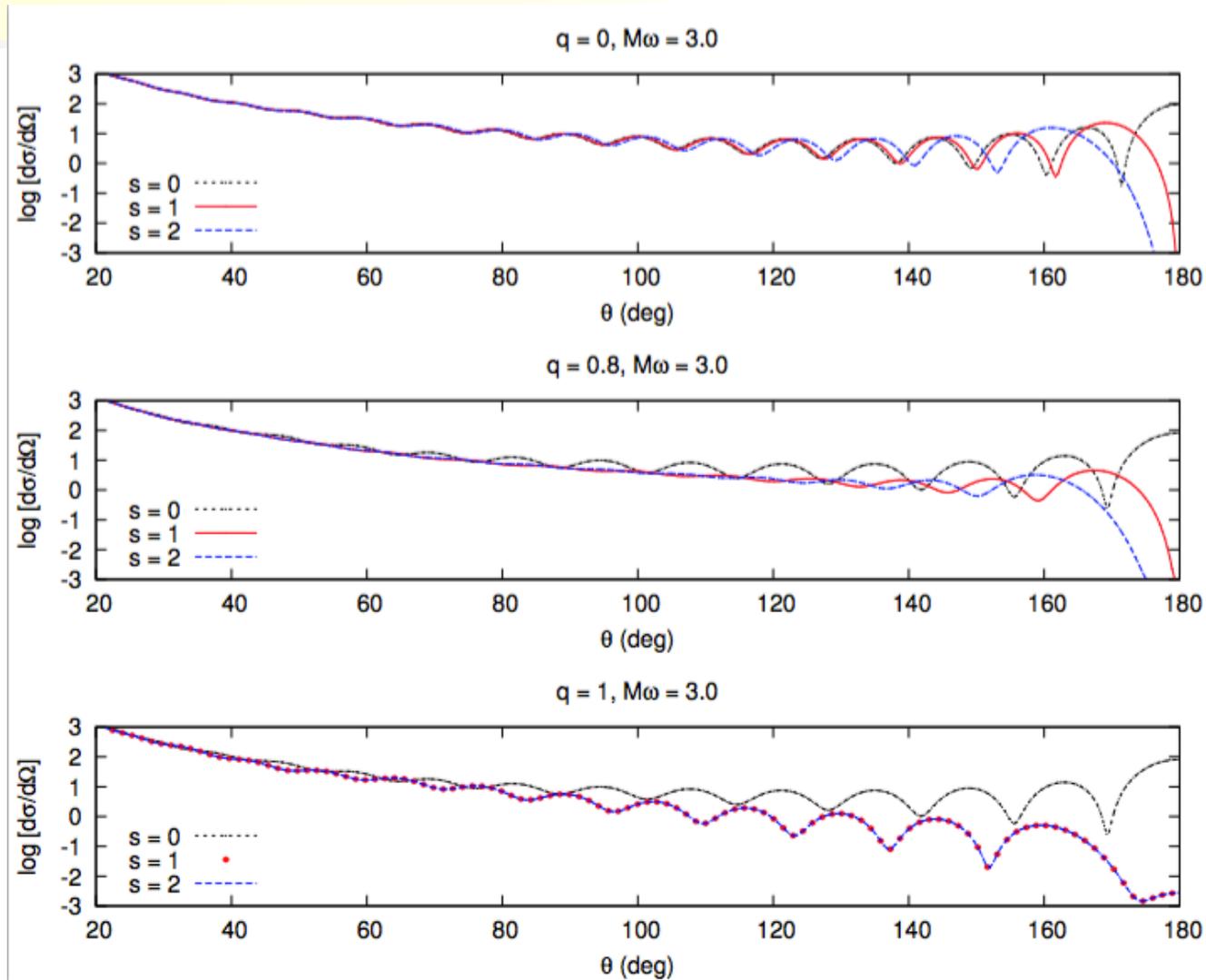


FIG. 1 (color online). Electromagnetic scattering by Reissner-Nordström black holes for $q = 0, 0.8, 1$ and $M\omega = 0.5, 1.0, 2.0, 3.0$. For $0 < q \leq 1$, the flux of EM radiation in the backward direction is nonzero; it diminishes as $M\omega$ increases.



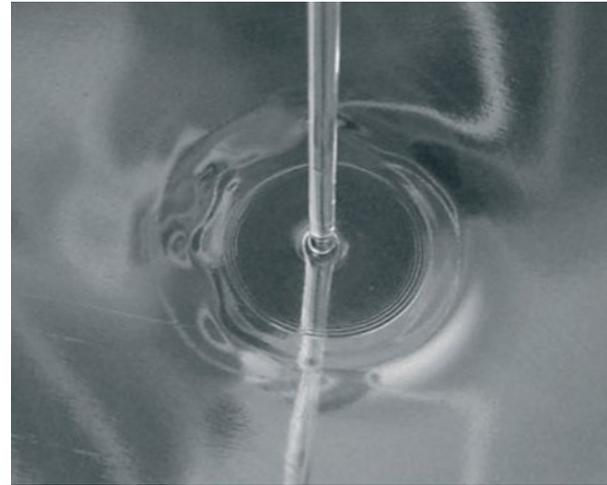
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- Equality between gravitational and electromagnetic scattering cross sections of extreme Reissner-Nordström black holes.

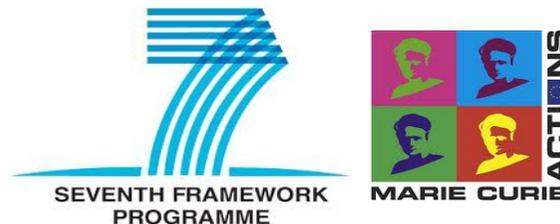


Final Remarks

- **Analogue models (fluids, optics, Bose-Einstein condensates, etc.) of gravity presents as a possibility of verifying black hole physics in the laboratory.**



Thanks!



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