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Falling charges into a Schwarzschild black hole: a quantum approach to radiation emission [[Phys. Rev. D 109, 084041 – Published 16 April 2024](#)]

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- Issues in the point particle model.

- **Electromagnetic field:**

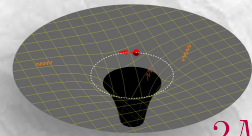
□ Lagrangian:

$$S = \int \mathcal{L}_{\text{FG}} d^4x$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{FG}} = \sqrt{-g} \left[-\frac{1}{4} F^{\mu\nu} F_{\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{2} \mathfrak{G} \right]$$

$$\mathfrak{G} \equiv \nabla^\sigma A_\sigma + K^\sigma A_\sigma$$

$$K^\sigma = [0, f'(r), 0, 0]$$



$$f(r) = 1 - \frac{2M}{r}$$

Figure 1: Embedding diagram of Schwarzschild.

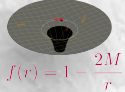
• Electromagnetic field

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$$f(r) = 1 - \frac{2M}{r}$$

□ Euler-Lagrange Equations:

$$\nabla_\mu F^{\mu\nu} + g^{\mu\nu} \nabla_\mu \mathfrak{G} - K^\nu \mathfrak{G} = 0$$

□ Mode solutions:

$$A_\mu^{\xi n; \omega l m} = \zeta_\mu^{\xi n \omega l m}(r, \theta, \phi) e^{-i\omega t}, \quad (\omega > 0).$$

Polarization → $\zeta_\mu^{\xi n \omega l m}$
 Angular q. n. → l, m

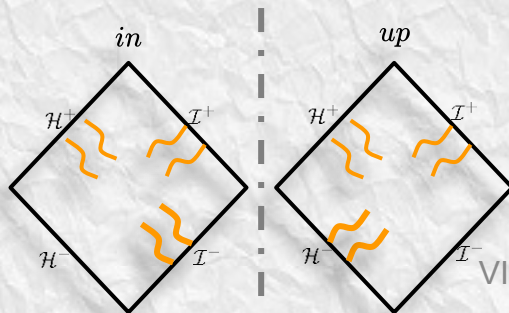


Figure 2: Penrose diagrams of Schwarzschild spacetime with *in* and *up* modes represented.

• Electromagnetic field

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$$A_{\mu}^{\xi n; \omega l m} = \zeta_{\mu}^{\xi n \omega l m}(r, \theta, \phi) e^{-i\omega t}, \quad (\omega > 0).$$

Polarization:

$$\xi \equiv \begin{cases} \mathcal{G} & \rightarrow \text{pure-gauge,} \\ I & \rightarrow \text{physical,} \\ II & \\ NP & \rightarrow \text{nonphysical.} \end{cases}$$

□ Physical modes:

$$\mathcal{G} = 0, \quad l \geq 1$$

$$A_{\mu}^{In; \omega l m} = \left(0, \frac{\varphi_{\omega l}^{In}}{r^2} Y_{lm}, \frac{f(r)}{l(l+1)} \frac{d\varphi_{\omega l}^{In}}{dr} \partial_{\theta} Y_{lm}, \frac{f(r)}{l(l+1)} \frac{d\varphi_{\omega l}^{In}}{dr} \partial_{\phi} Y_{lm} \right) e^{-i\omega t}$$

$$A_{\mu}^{II n; \omega l m} = \left(0, 0, \overline{\varphi_{\omega l}^{II n}} Y_{\theta}^{lm}, \overline{\varphi_{\omega l}^{II n}} Y_{\phi}^{lm} \right) e^{-i\omega t}$$

PHYSICAL REVIEW D, VOLUME 58, 084027 **Crispino et al. (1998)**

Interaction of Hawking radiation and a static electric charge

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PHYSICAL REVIEW D **71**, 104013 (2005) **Castiñeiras et al. (2005)**

Semiclassical approach to black hole absorption of electromagnetic radiation emitted by a rotating charge

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- Radiation Emission

□ Infalling charge:

$$j^\mu(x) = \frac{q}{\sqrt{-g}} \frac{1}{v^t} \delta(r - r_s) \delta(\theta - \theta_s) \delta(\phi - \phi_s) v^\mu$$

$$v^\mu \equiv \frac{dx^\mu}{d\tau} = \left(\frac{E}{f(r)}, -\sqrt{E^2 - f(r)}, 0, 0 \right)$$

Charge proper time.

$$E = \sqrt{\frac{f(r_0)}{1 - \frac{v_0^2}{f(r_0)^2}}}$$



Figure 3: Infalling charge representation.

□ Radial velocity:

$$v_r = -\frac{dr_s}{dt} = \frac{f(r_s) \sqrt{E^2 - f(r_s)}}{E}$$

It has **no** maximum if:

$$v_0 > \sqrt{(16M^3 - 12M^2r_0 + r_0^3)/3r_0^3}$$

- Accelerates and decelerates;
- Only decelerates.

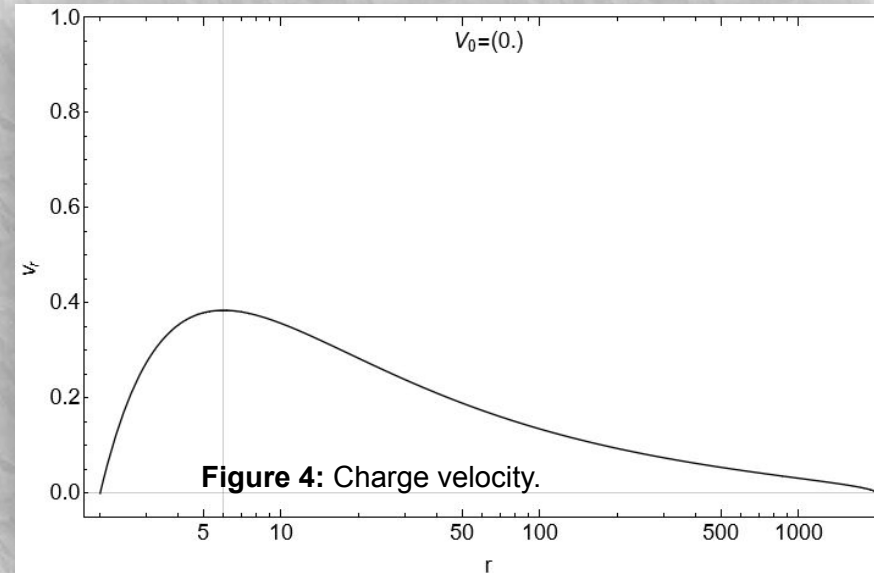


Figure 4: Charge velocity.



• Radiation Emission

□ One-particle-emission amplitude:

$$\hat{S}_{\text{int}} = \int \sqrt{-g} j^\mu \hat{A}_\mu d^4x$$

Canonical quantization

> Conjugate momenta:

$$\Pi_{(i)}^{\mu\nu} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{-g}} \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \nabla_\nu A_\mu} \Big|_{A_\mu = A_\mu^{(i)}} = [-F^{\mu\nu} - g^{\mu\nu} \Phi] \Big|_{A_\mu = A_\mu^{(i)}}$$

$$[\hat{a}_{\xi n; \omega l m}, \hat{a}_{\xi' n'; \omega' l' m'}^\dagger] = \delta_{\xi\xi'} \delta_{nn'} \delta_{ll'} \delta_{mm'} \delta(\omega - \omega')$$

> Field operator:

$$\hat{A}_\mu = \sum_{\xi, n, l, m} \int_0^\infty d\omega \left[\hat{a}_{(i)\xi} A_\mu^{(i)} + \hat{a}_{(i)\xi}^\dagger \bar{A}_\mu^{(i)} \right]$$

Annihilation Creation

$$\hat{a}_{\xi n; \omega l m} |0\rangle = 0$$

$$\hat{a}_{\xi n; \omega l m}^\dagger |0\rangle = |\xi n; \omega l m\rangle$$

Radiation Emission

> Infalling charge:

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Charge proper time: $v^\mu = \frac{dr^\mu}{d\tau} = \left(\frac{Q}{r(r_s)} - \sqrt{Q^2 - M^2} \right) \frac{dt}{d\tau}$


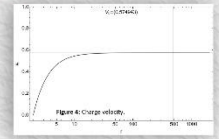
$$E = \frac{f(r_s)}{\sqrt{1 - \frac{r_s^2}{r^2}}}$$

> Radial velocity:

$$v_r = \frac{dr_s}{dt} = \frac{f(r_s) \sqrt{E^2 - f(r_s)}}{E}$$

It follows that $v_r > \sqrt{1 - \frac{10M^2}{r_s^2} - 12M^2/r_s - r_s^2} \approx 0.9$

- Accelerates and decelerates.
- Only decelerates.

• Radiation Emission

□ One-particle-emission amplitude:

$$\hat{S}_{\text{int}} = \int \sqrt{-g} j^\mu \hat{A}_\mu d^4x$$

$$\mathcal{A}_{\text{em}} = \langle 1 | i\hat{S}_I | 0 \rangle.$$

$$\mathcal{A}_{\text{abs}} = \langle 0 | i\hat{S}_I | 1 \rangle.$$

$$\hat{a}|0\rangle \equiv 0$$

$$\hat{a}^\dagger|0\rangle = |1\rangle$$

$$S_{\text{tot}} = S + S_I$$

field operator:

$$\hat{A}_\mu = \sum_{\xi, n, l, m} \int_0^\infty d\omega \left[\hat{a}_{(i)} A_\mu^{(i)} + \hat{a}_{(i)}^\dagger \overline{A_\mu^{(i)}} \right]$$

Annihilation

Creation

radiating source:

$$j^\mu(x) = \frac{q}{\sqrt{-g}} \frac{1}{v^t} \delta(r - r_s) \delta(\theta - \theta_s) \delta(\phi - \phi_s) v^\mu$$

$$v^\mu \equiv \frac{dx^\mu}{d\tau} = \left(\frac{E}{f(r)}, \sqrt{E^2 - f(r)} \right)$$

Particle's proper time

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{A}^{\xi n; \omega l m} &= \langle \xi n; \omega l m | i\hat{S}_{\text{int}} | 0 \rangle, \\ &= i \int \sqrt{-g} j^\mu \overline{A_\mu^{(i)}} d^4x. \end{aligned}$$

- **Radiation Emission**

□ Partial energy spectrum:

$$\mathcal{E}^{n;\omega l} = \sum_{m=-l}^l \omega |\mathcal{A}^{n;\omega l m}|^2$$

$$\mathcal{E}^{n;\omega l} = \frac{(2l+1)q^2\omega}{4\pi} \left| \int_{2M}^{r_0} \frac{\varphi_{\omega l}^n(r_s)}{r_s^2} e^{i\omega t(r_s)} dr_s \right|^2.$$

□ Total energy spectrum:

$$\mathcal{E}^{n;\omega} = \sum_{l \geq 1} \mathcal{E}^{n;\omega l}$$

□ Partial and total emitted energies:

$$\mathcal{E}^{n;l} = \int d\omega \mathcal{E}^{n;\omega l} \qquad \mathcal{E}^n = \sum_{l \geq 1} \int d\omega \mathcal{E}^{n;\omega l}$$

- **Zero-Frequency Limit**

$$\mathcal{E}^{n;\omega l} = \frac{(2l+1)q^2\omega}{4\pi} \left| \int_{2M}^{r_0} \frac{\varphi_{\omega l}^n(r_s)}{r_s^2} e^{i\omega t(r_s)} dr_s \right|^2.$$

□ $\omega \rightarrow 0$

- Spectrum observed asymptotically, for $r_0 \rightarrow \infty$

$$\varphi_{\omega l}^{in} = C_{\omega} r \sqrt{\frac{2\omega}{\pi}} j_l(r\omega)$$

Integ. const. spherical Bessel functions

$$C_{\omega} = B_{\omega l}^{In} \sqrt{2\pi\omega}$$

$$\mathcal{E}^{in;0l} = q^2 \frac{(2l+1)l(l+1)\Gamma(l)^2}{16\pi \cdot 4^l \Gamma(l + \frac{3}{2})^2} v_0^{2l} \left| {}_2F_1 \left(\frac{l}{2}, \frac{l+1}{2}; l + \frac{3}{2}; v_0^2 \right) \right|^2$$

- **Zero-Frequency Limit**

$$\mathcal{E}^{\text{in};0\ell} = q^2 \frac{(2\ell + 1)\ell(\ell + 1)\Gamma(\ell)^2}{16\pi \cdot 4^\ell \Gamma(\ell + \frac{3}{2})^2} v_0^{2\ell} \left| {}_2F_1 \left(\frac{\ell}{2}, \frac{\ell + 1}{2}; \ell + \frac{3}{2}; v_0^2 \right) \right|^2$$

ℓ	v_0	$q^{-2}\mathcal{E}^{\text{in};0\ell}$	Numerical
1	0.25	0.0010827	0.0010828
	0.75	0.0126318	0.0126317
	0.99	0.0347517	0.0347628
2	0.25	0.0000139	0.0000139
	0.75	0.0019812	0.0019813
	0.99	0.0170247	0.0170315
3	0.25	0.0000002	0.0000002
	0.75	0.0003610	0.0003611
	0.99	0.0102605	0.0102606

Table 1: Comparison between the analytical results for $\mathcal{E}^{\text{in};0\ell}$ and the numerically obtained partial energy spectrum with $\omega \rightarrow 0$.

- Numerical results

□ Radiation emitted to infinity:

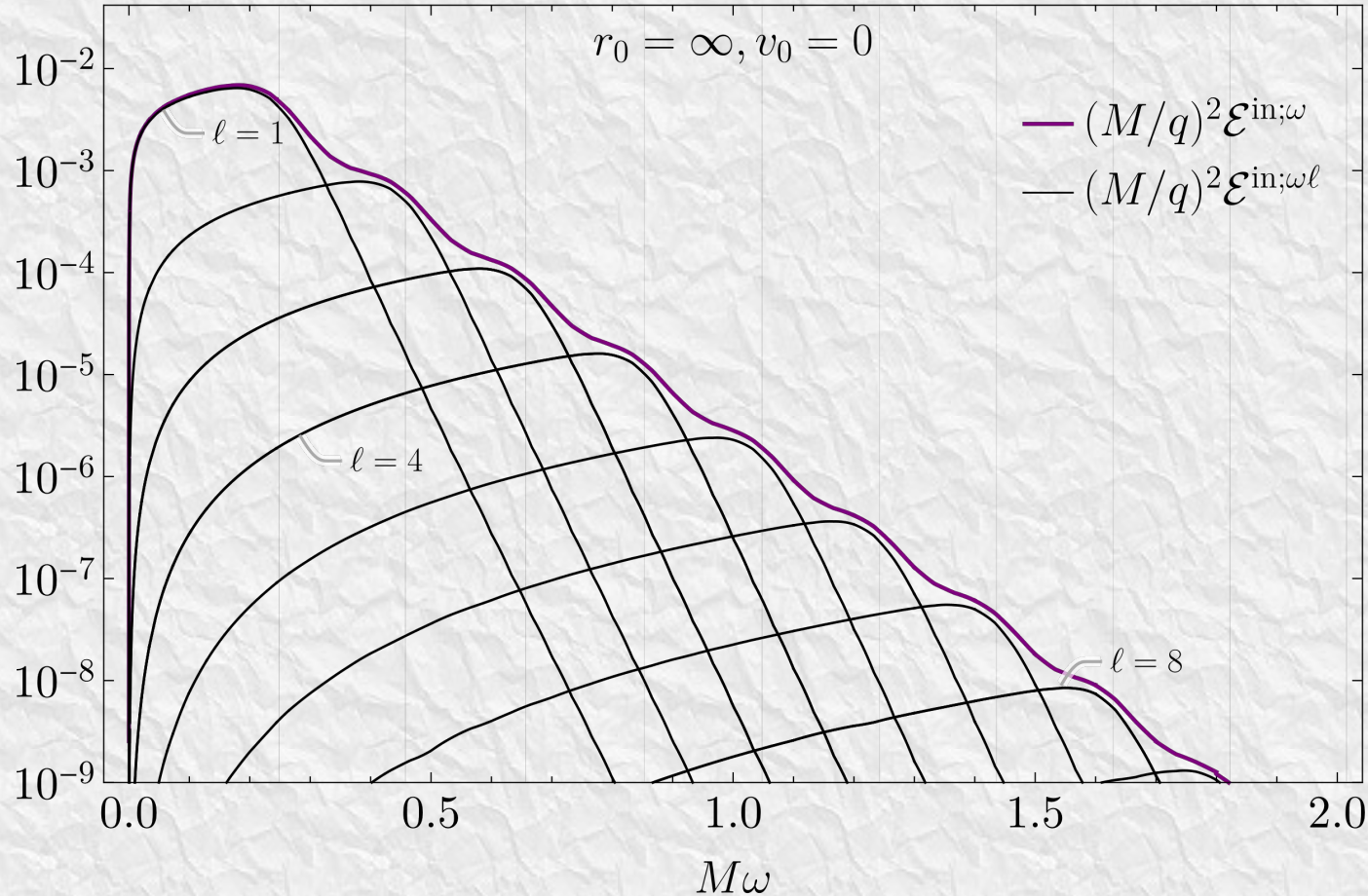


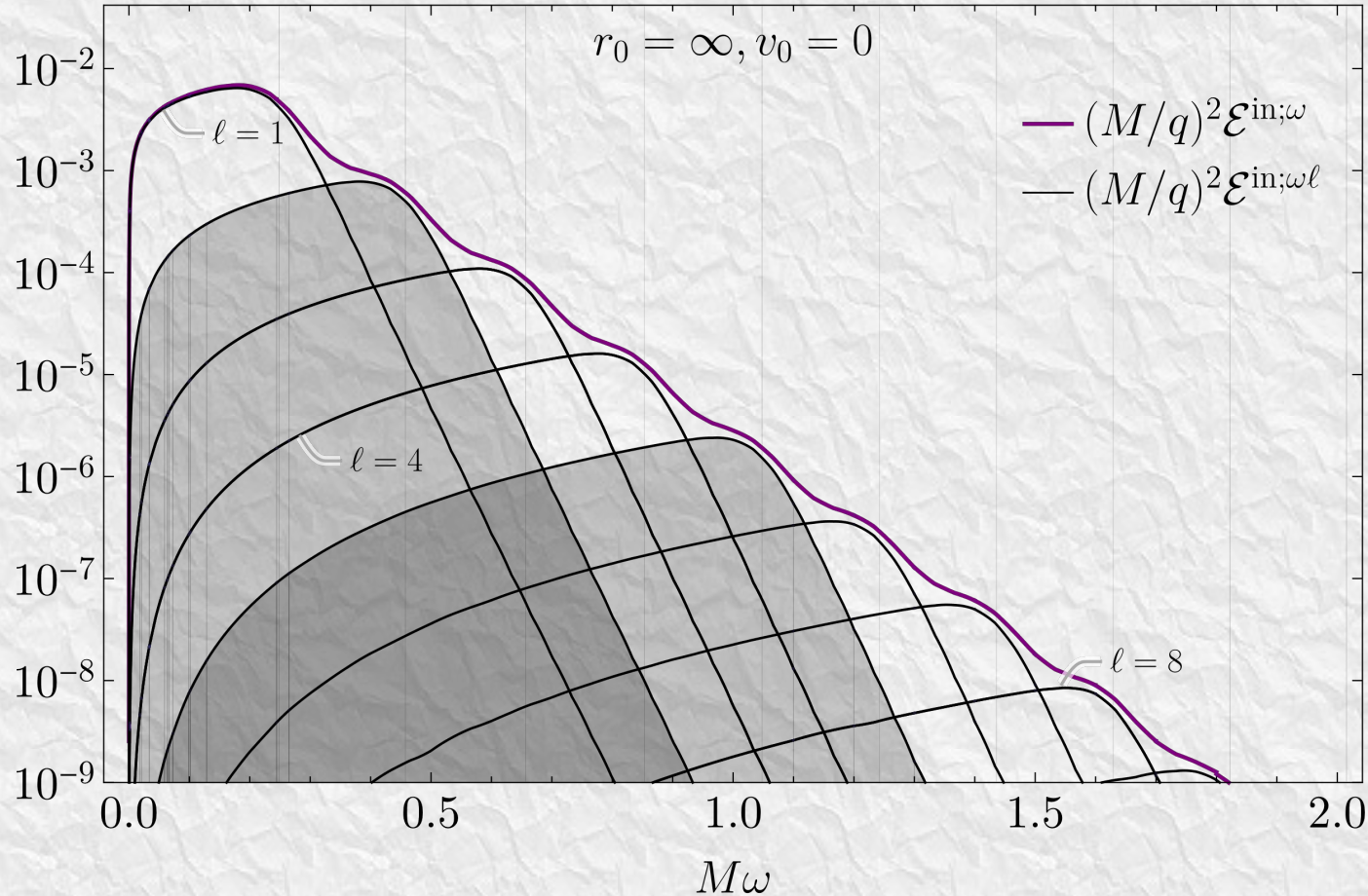
Figure 6: Partial and total energy spectra as a function of ω . We consider the first 9 multipoles.



Figure 5: Infalling charge from infinity.

• Numerical results

□ Radiation emitted to infinity:



□ The contribution of each multipole:

$$\mathcal{E}^{in;2} \rightarrow 14.08\%$$

$$\mathcal{E}^{in;5} \rightarrow 0.06\%$$

$$(M/q^2) \mathcal{E}^{in} \rightarrow 0.170\% \text{ of } E$$

Figure 7: Partial and total energy spectra as a function of ω . We consider the first 9 multipoles. Notice that the plot is on a log scale.

- Numerical results

□ Radiation emitted to infinity:

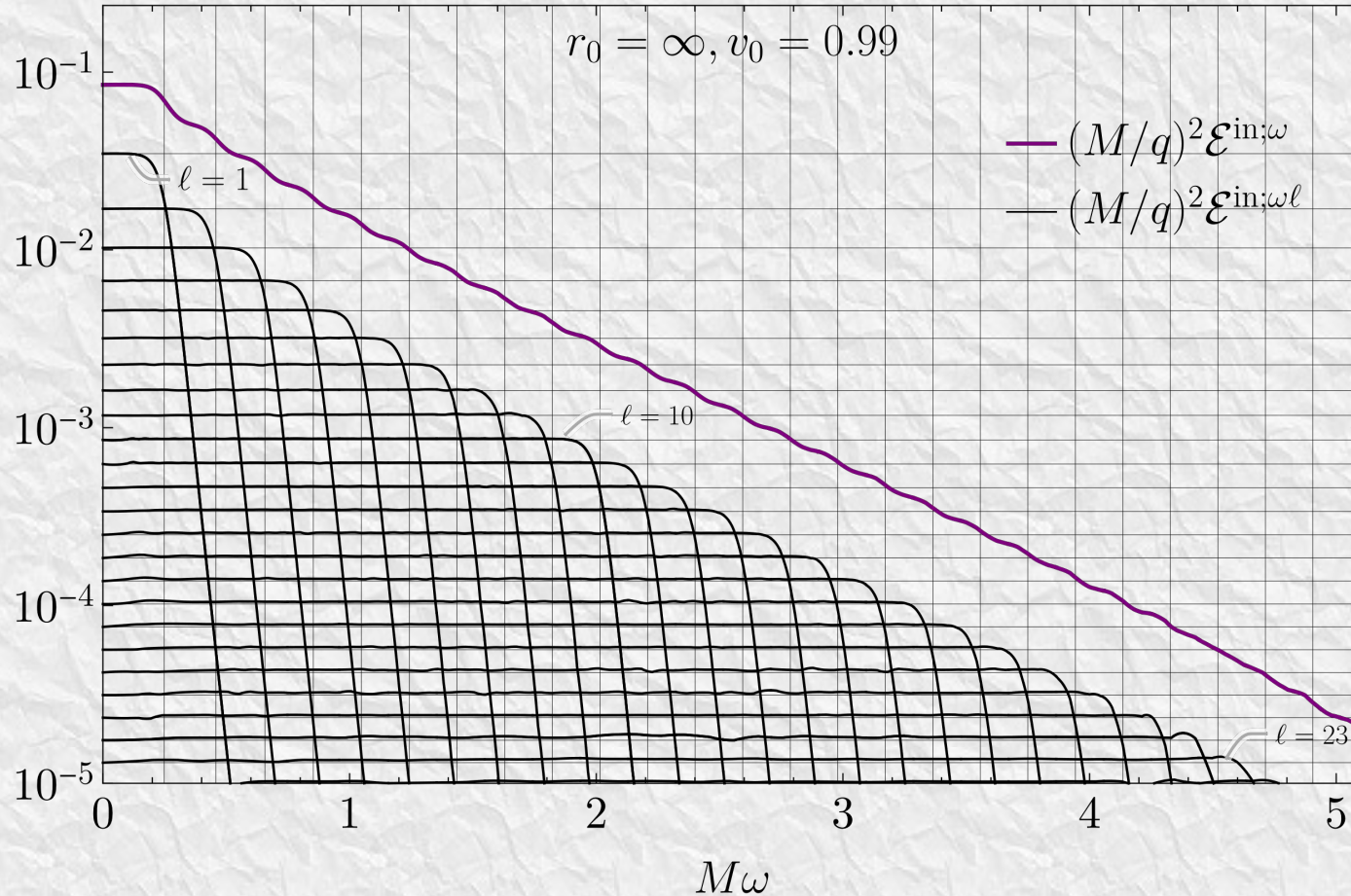
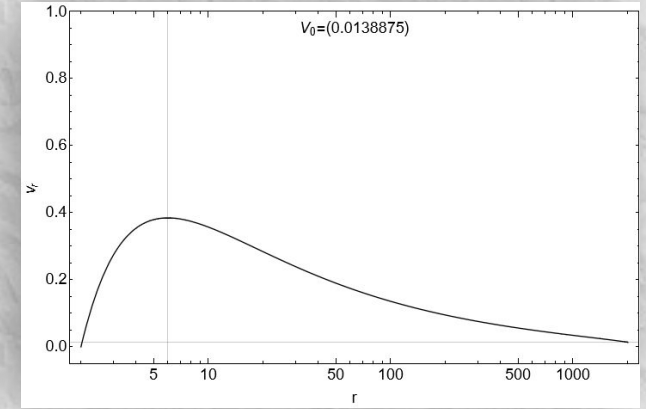


Figure 8: Partial and total energy spectra as a function of ω for an ultrarelativistic charge.



□ The contribution of each multipole:

$$\mathcal{E}^{in;\ell=1} \rightarrow 16.25\%$$

$$\mathcal{E}^{in;\ell=5} \rightarrow 3.2\%$$

$$(M/q^2) \mathcal{E}^{in} \approx 0.8\% \text{ of } E$$

• Numerical results

□ Radiation emitted to infinity:

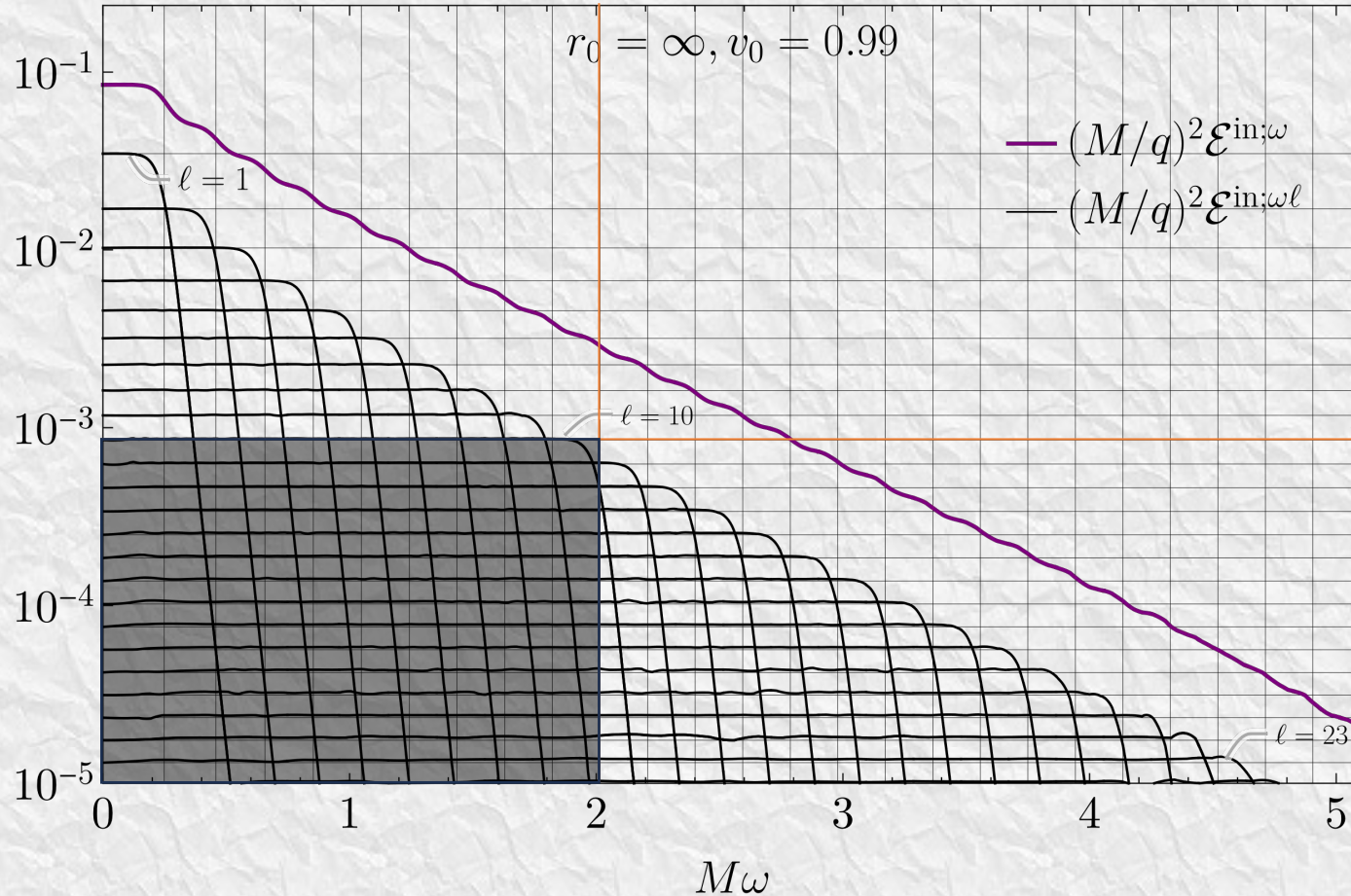


Figure 9: Partial and total energy spectra as a function of ω for an ultrarelativistic charge. Notice that the plot is on a log scale.

□ Estimation with ZFL and ω^{qnf} :

$$\mathcal{E}^{\text{in};0\ell} = q^2 \frac{(2\ell + 1)\ell(\ell + 1)\Gamma(\ell)^2}{16\pi \cdot 4^\ell \Gamma(\ell + \frac{3}{2})^2} v_0^{2\ell} \left| {}_2F_1 \left(\frac{\ell}{2}, \frac{\ell + 1}{2}; \ell + \frac{3}{2}; v_0^2 \right) \right|^2$$

$$\mathcal{E}^{\text{in};\ell} \approx \mathcal{E}^{\text{in};0\ell} \omega_\ell^{\text{qnf}} \text{ for } v_0 \approx 1$$

Agree very well (<3%)

○ Important for:

$$v_0 \rightarrow 1,$$

$$\ell \rightarrow \infty.$$

• Numerical results

□ Radiation emitted to infinity:

$$\mathcal{E}^{\text{in};\omega l} \approx \frac{\mathcal{E}^{\text{in};0l}}{1 + e^{-\Lambda(\omega - \omega^{\text{qnf}})}}, \text{ for } v_0 \approx 1$$

Where Λ is a negative constant.

□ Estimation with ZFL and ω^{qnf} :

$$\mathcal{E}^{\text{in};0l} = q^2 \frac{(2l+1)l(l+1)\Gamma(l)^2}{16\pi \cdot 4^l \Gamma(l + \frac{3}{2})^2} v_0^{2l} \left| {}_2F_1 \left(\frac{l}{2}, \frac{l+1}{2}; l + \frac{3}{2}; v_0^2 \right) \right|^2$$

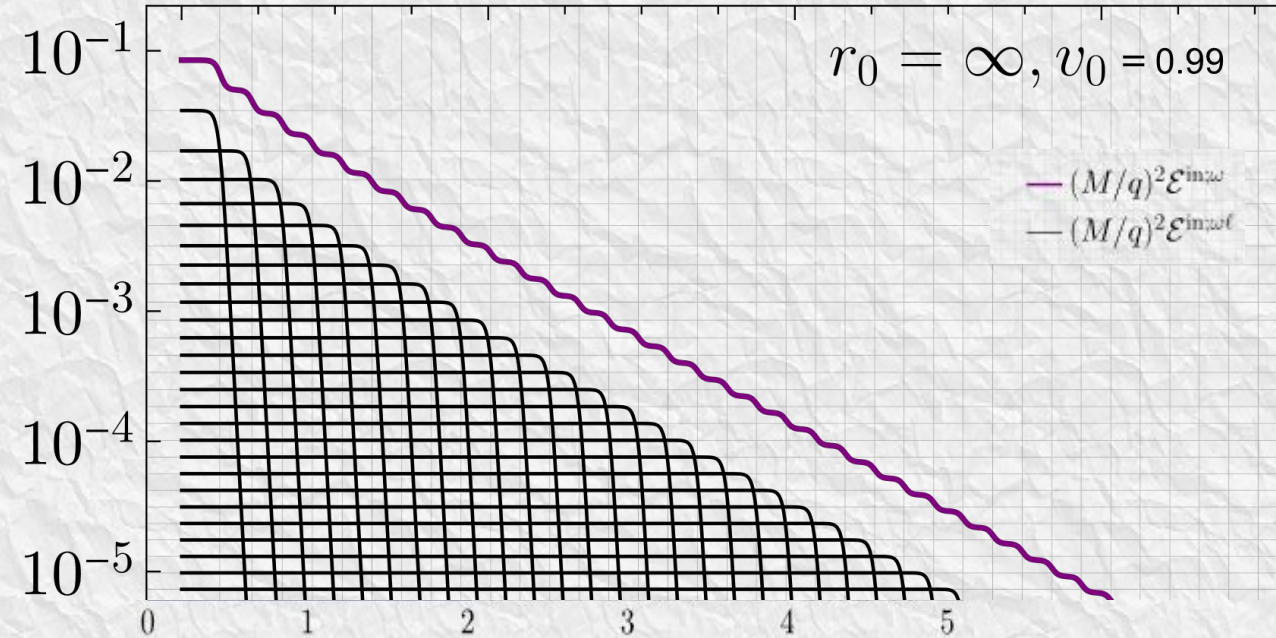


Figure 10: Partial and total energy spectra as a function of ω for an ultrarelativistic charge.

- Numerical results

□ Radiation emitted to infinity:

$$\mathcal{E}^{\text{in};\omega\ell} \approx \frac{\mathcal{E}^{\text{in};0\ell}}{1 + e^{-\Lambda(\omega - \omega^{\text{qnf}})}}, \text{ for } v_0 \approx 1$$

Where Λ is a negative constant.

□ Estimation with ZFL and ω^{qnf} :

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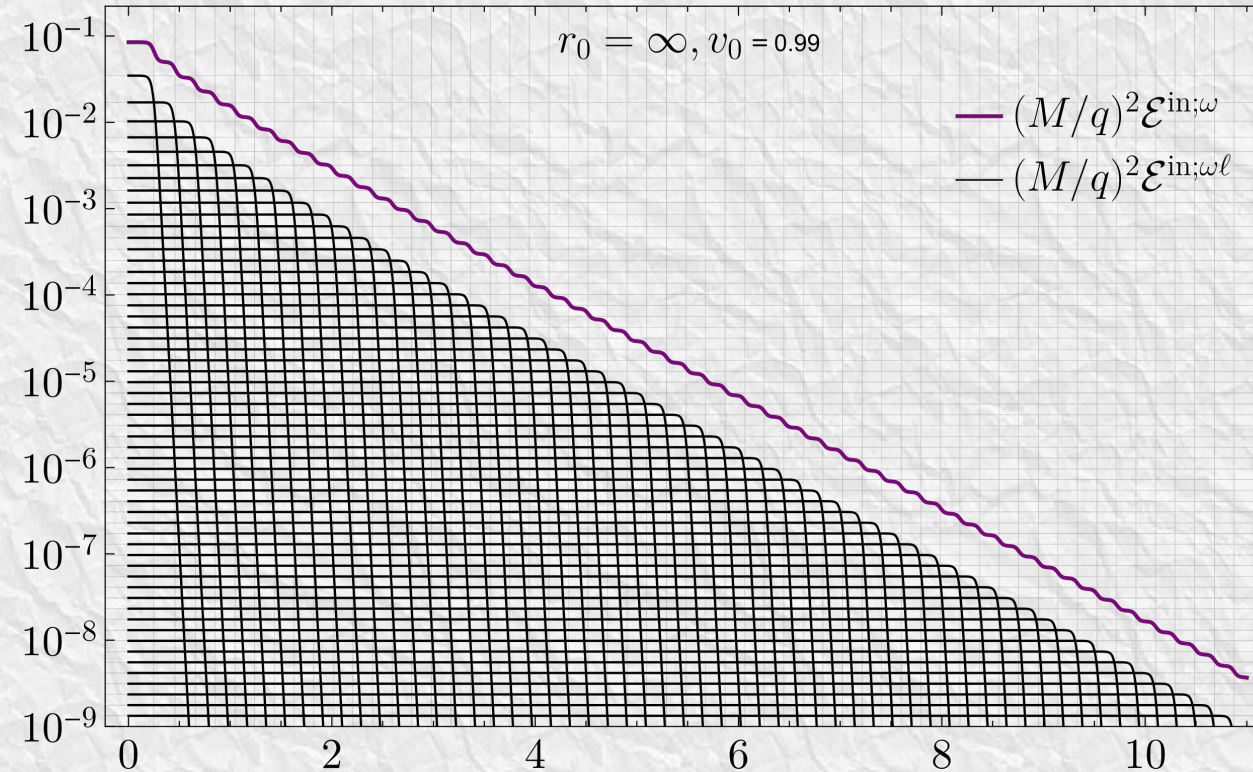


Figure 11: Partial and total energy spectra as a function of ω for an ultrarelativistic charge.

- Numerical results

□ Radiation emitted to infinity:

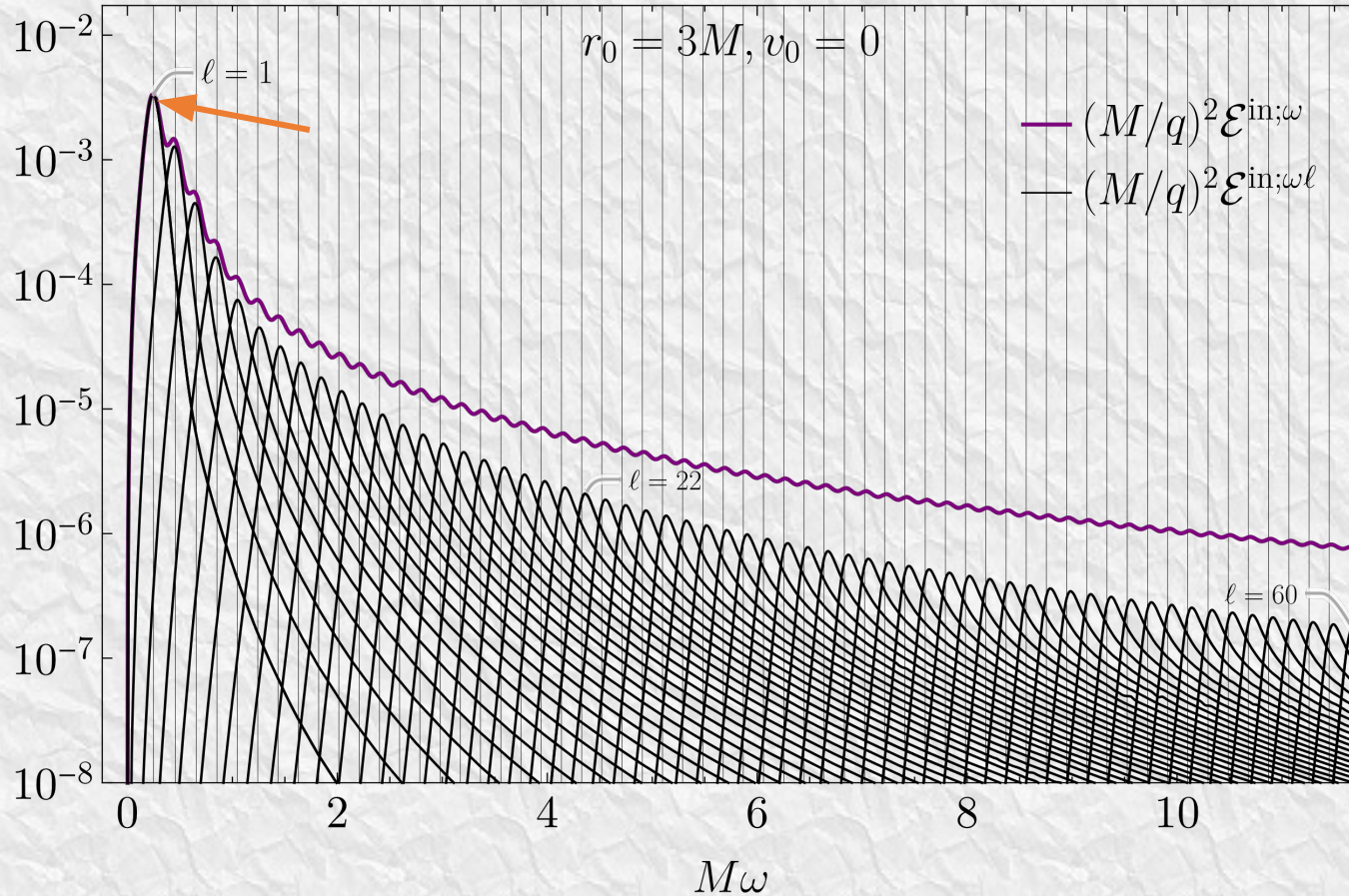


Figure 13: Partial and total energy spectra as a function of ω . We consider the first 60 multipoles.



Figure 12: Infalling charge from a finite distance.



- Maximum shifts around the QNF:

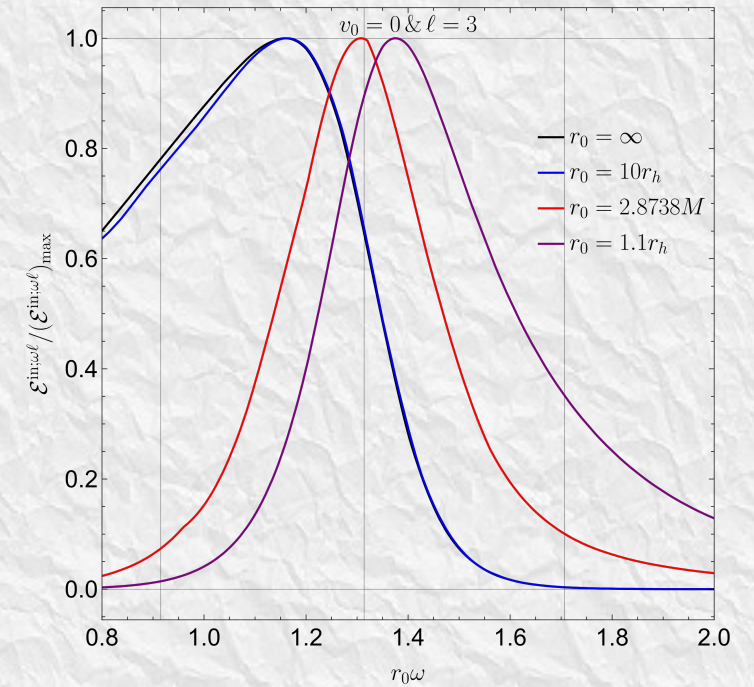


Figure 14: Maximum of the spectrum.

Numerical results

□ Radiation emitted to infinity:

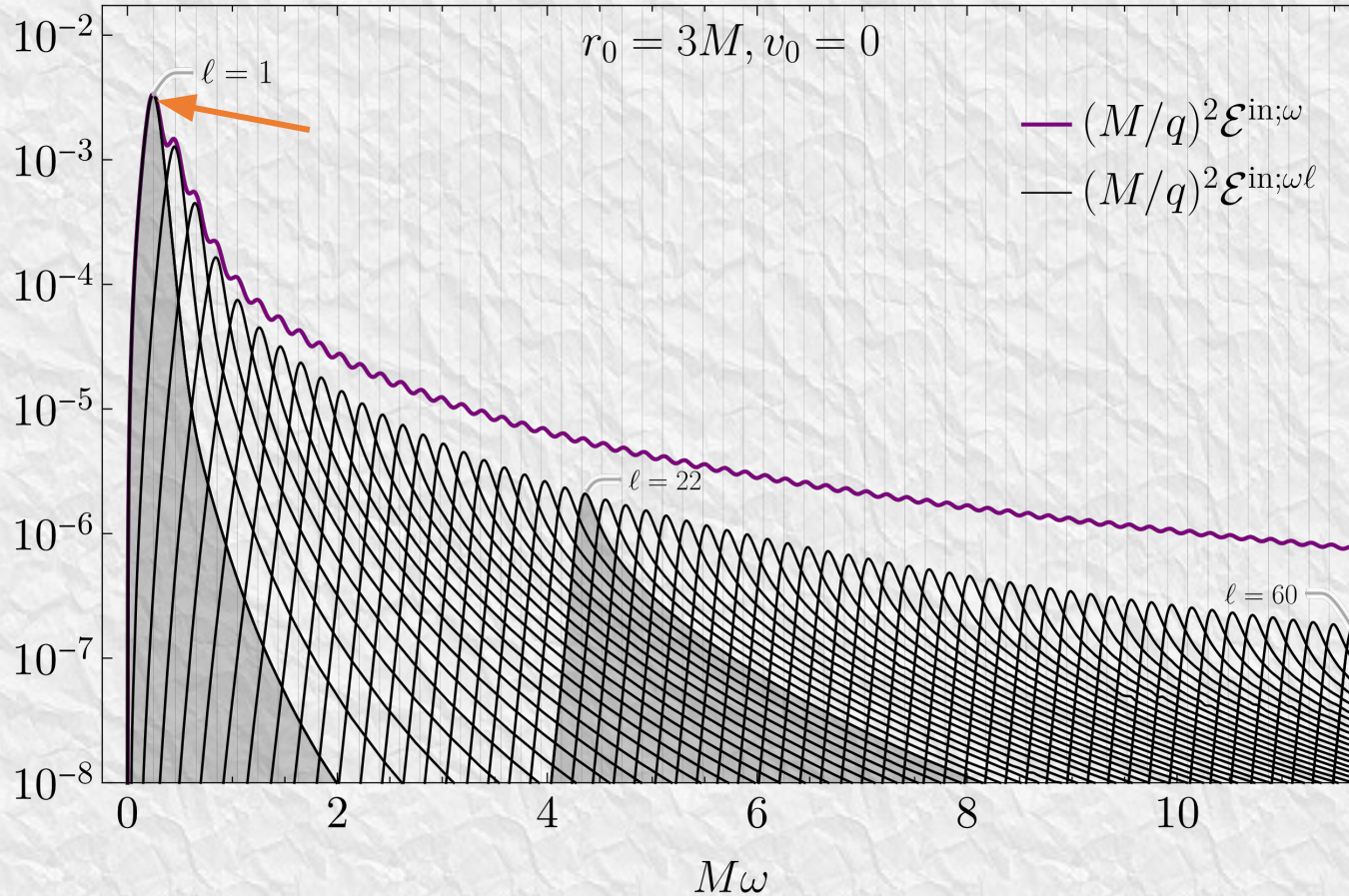


Figure 15: Partial and total energy spectra as a function of ω . We consider the first 60 multipoles. Notice that the plot is on a log scale.



$$\mathcal{E}^{in;\ell=1} \rightarrow 55.25\%$$

$$\mathcal{E}^{in;\ell=22} \rightarrow 0.1\%$$

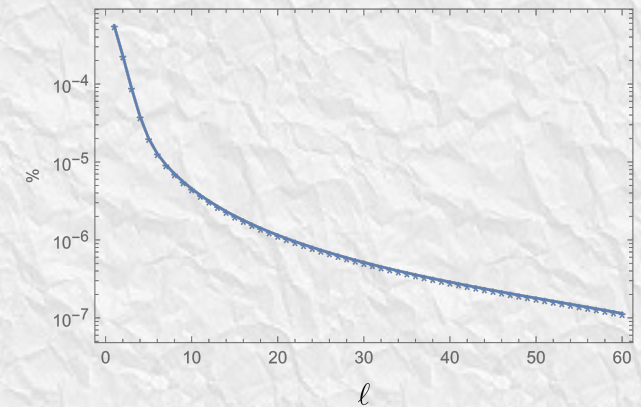


Figure 16: Multipolar distribution.

• Radiation due to an extended charge

□ The energy spectrum of the “string:”

$$j^\mu(x) = \sum_{j=0}^{N-1} j_j^\mu(x) \longrightarrow \mathcal{A}_N^{n;\omega lm} = \left(\sum_{j=0}^{N-1} \frac{e^{i\omega \frac{j\Delta t}{N-1}}}{N} \right) \mathcal{A}^{n;\omega lm} \longrightarrow \mathcal{E}_N^{n;\omega l} = \zeta_N(\omega) \mathcal{E}^{n;\omega l}$$

For N particles, each with charge q/N .



Interference!

$$\zeta_\infty = \left(\frac{2 \sin \frac{\Delta t \omega}{2}}{\Delta t \omega} \right)^2 \propto 1/\omega^2.$$

Figure 18: The spectrum of the falling “string.”

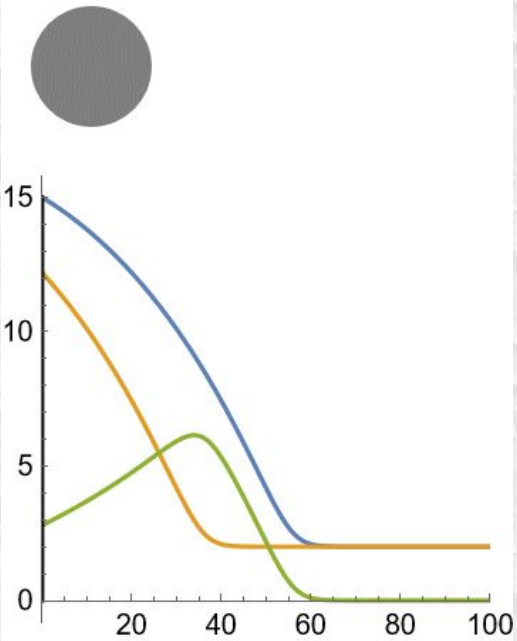
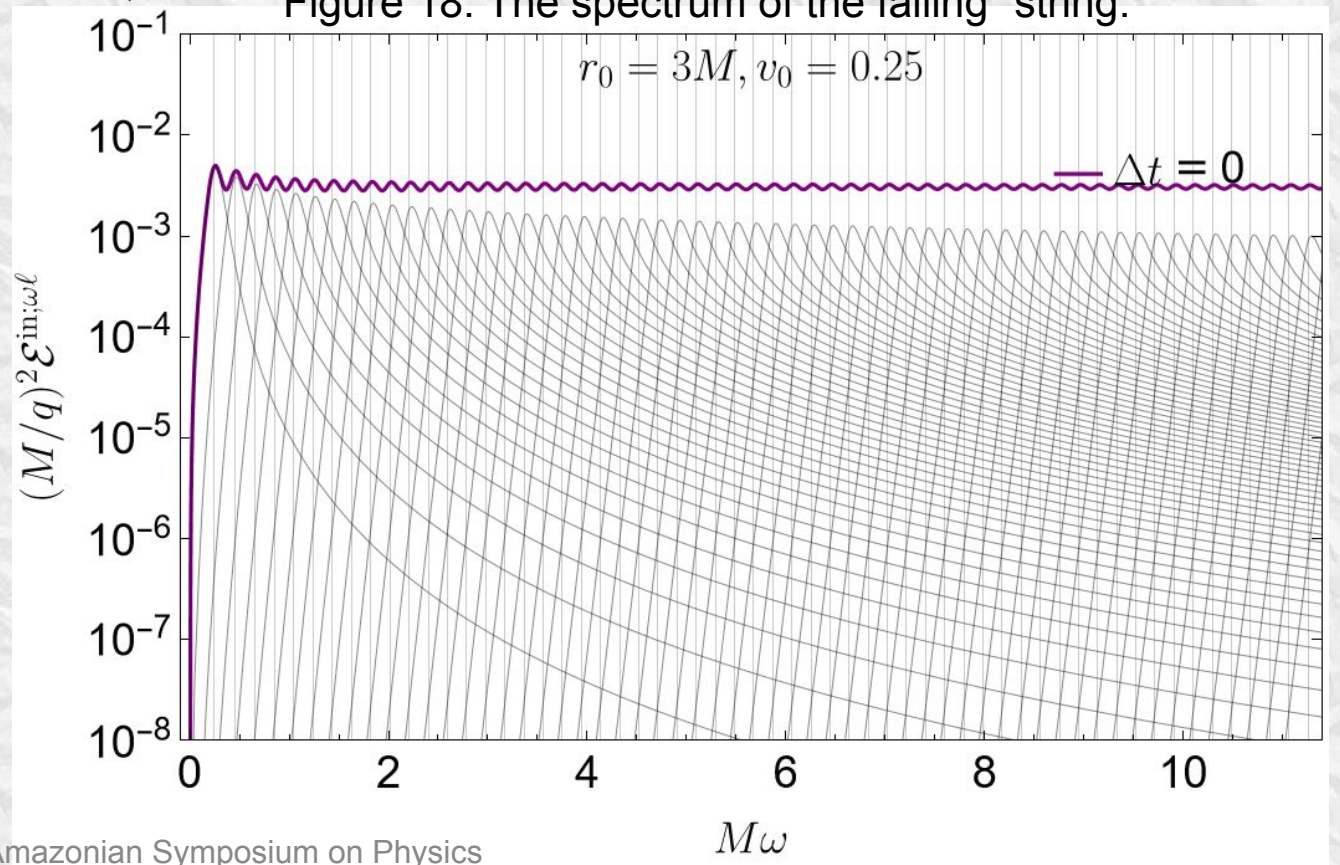


Figure 17: Representation of a falling “string.”

- **Conclusions**

- ❖ We can analyze radiation settings around BHs using quantum field theory in curved spaces.
- ❖ The radiation spectrum presents some signatures from the BH quasinormal modes.
- ❖ The emitted radiation to infinity is divergent when the initial velocity is the speed of light.

- **Conclusions**

- ❖ The radiation going into the BH is divergent, which is connected to the Coulombic field carried by the charge falling into the BH.
- ❖ Extended objects: a charged “string” does not eliminate but seems to tame the divergence behavior present in the absorbed radiation.
- ❖ Ride the inspiral?
 - ❖ Analyze the case of inspiralling matter into the BH.

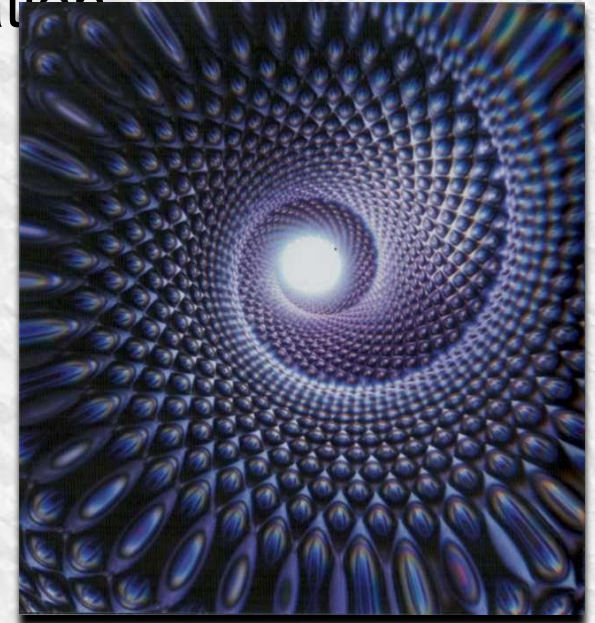


Figure 19: Alex Grey's artwork for the new *Tool* album.

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