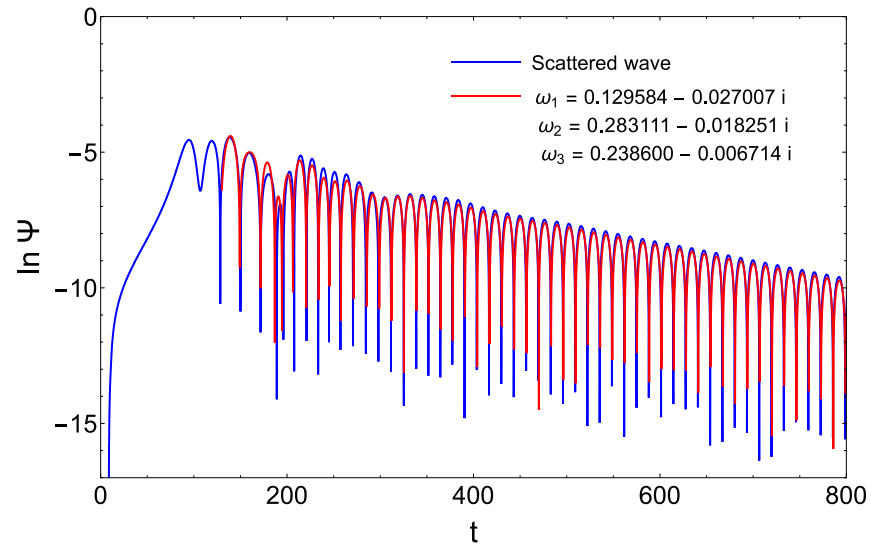


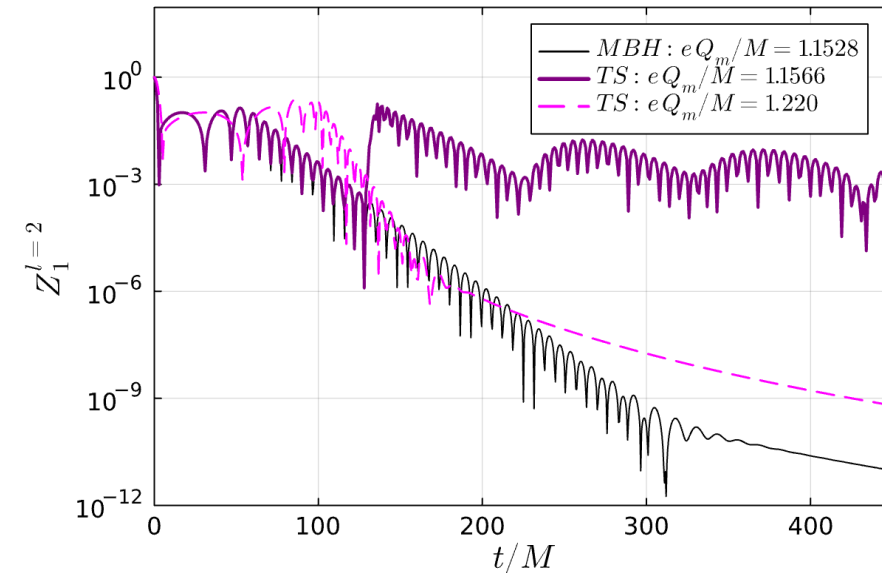
# Spectroscopy in Einstein-Maxwell-scalar theories

based on:



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# Motivations

- **Fuzzball program of string theory**: classical BH horizon as a coarse-grained description of a superposition of regular quantum states:
  - Some microstates involve **smooth horizonless geometries**:  
**gravity** coupled with extra degrees of freedom (**gauge** and **scalar fields**).
  - **Higher dimensions** and **non-trivial topologies**
  - These solutions are quite involved, and the **study of their dynamics is a hard task!**
- Study **toy theories** and **toy models** (gravity + extra fields) whose solutions share **key aspects** with the fuzzball paradigm:
  - **Einstein – Maxwell – scalar theory**: at least some models admits **scalarized BH solutions** (BHs with **scalar hairs**)
  - **Einstein – Maxwell in 5D**  $\xrightarrow{\text{4D reduction}}$  **Einstein – Maxwell – scalar in 4D** that admits **magnetically charged BH** and regular solitons (**topological stars TS**)

**Task:** study *stability* and *spectroscopy* of these solutions.

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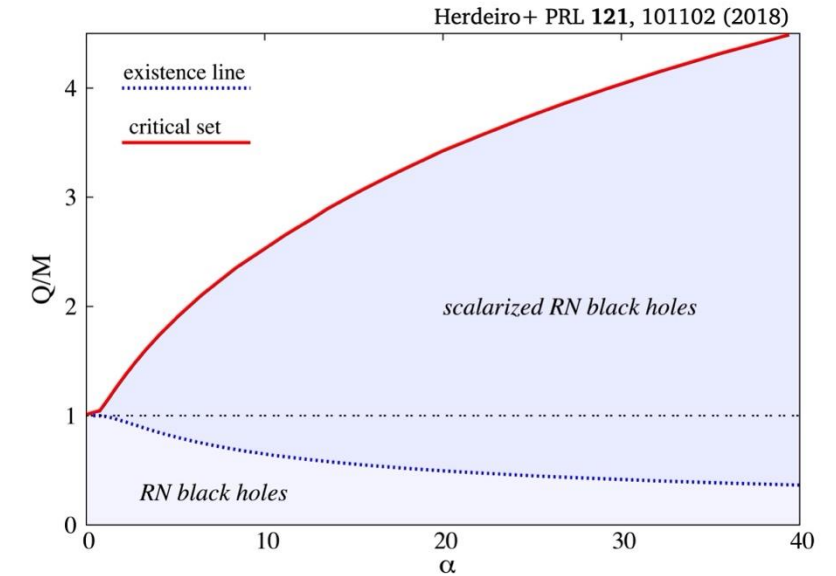
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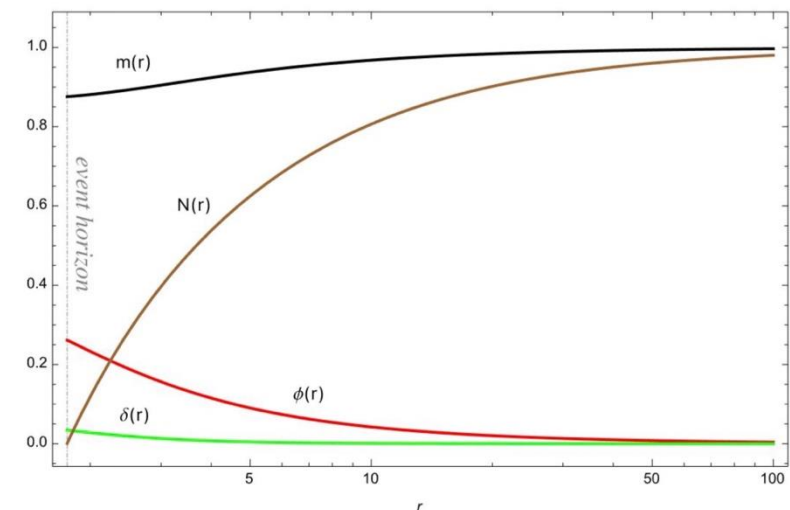
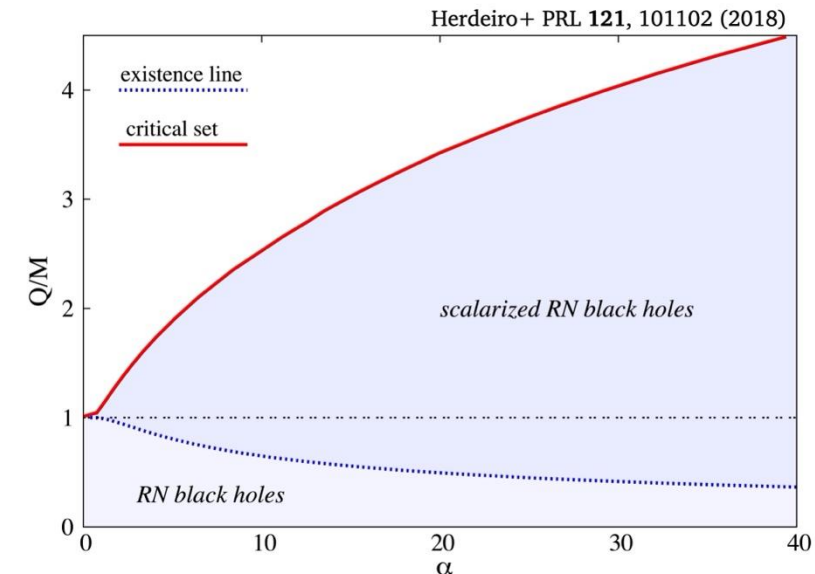
The field equations are given by ( $N(r) = 1 - 2m(r)/r$ )

$$\delta' + r\phi'^2 = 0$$

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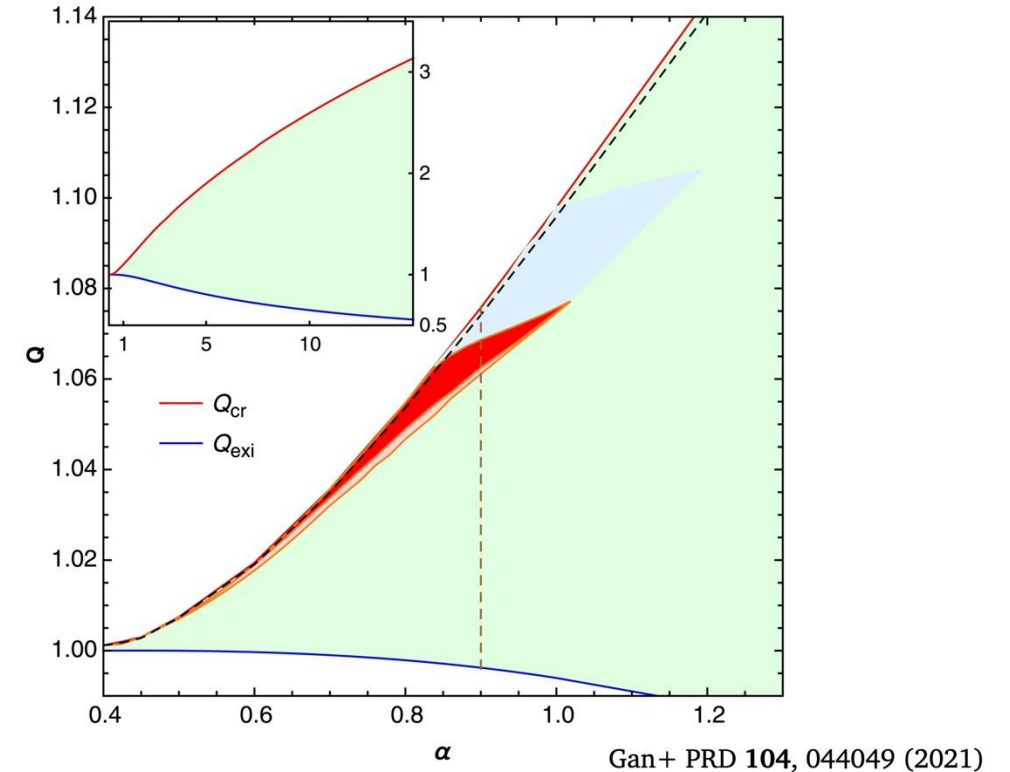
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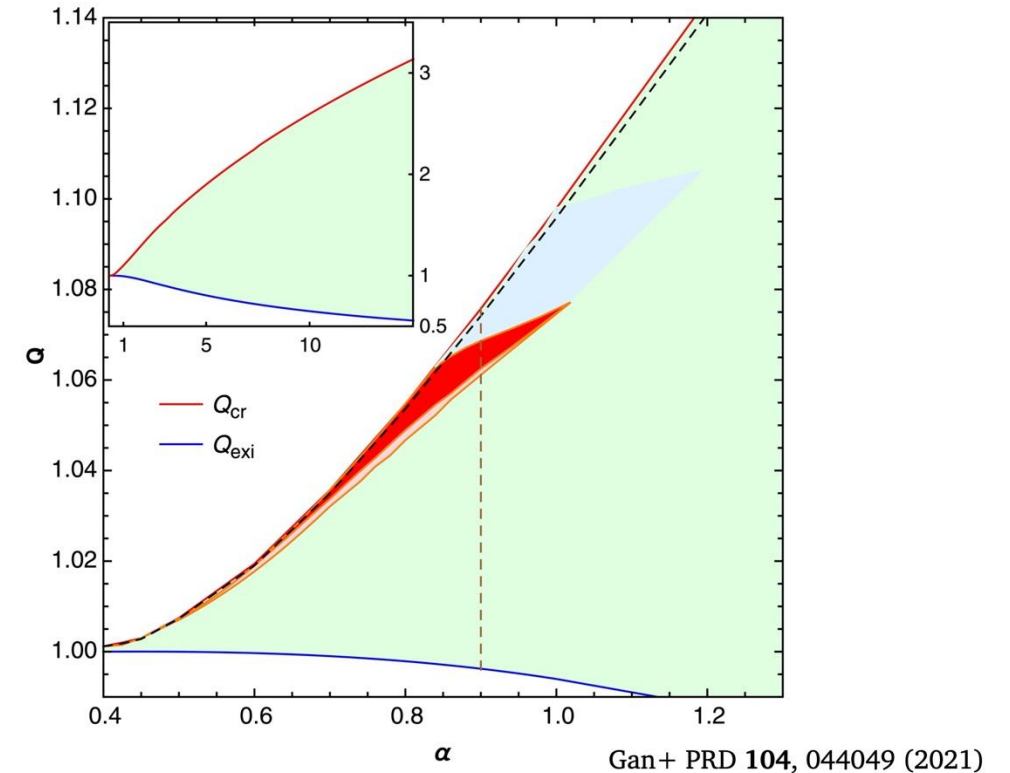


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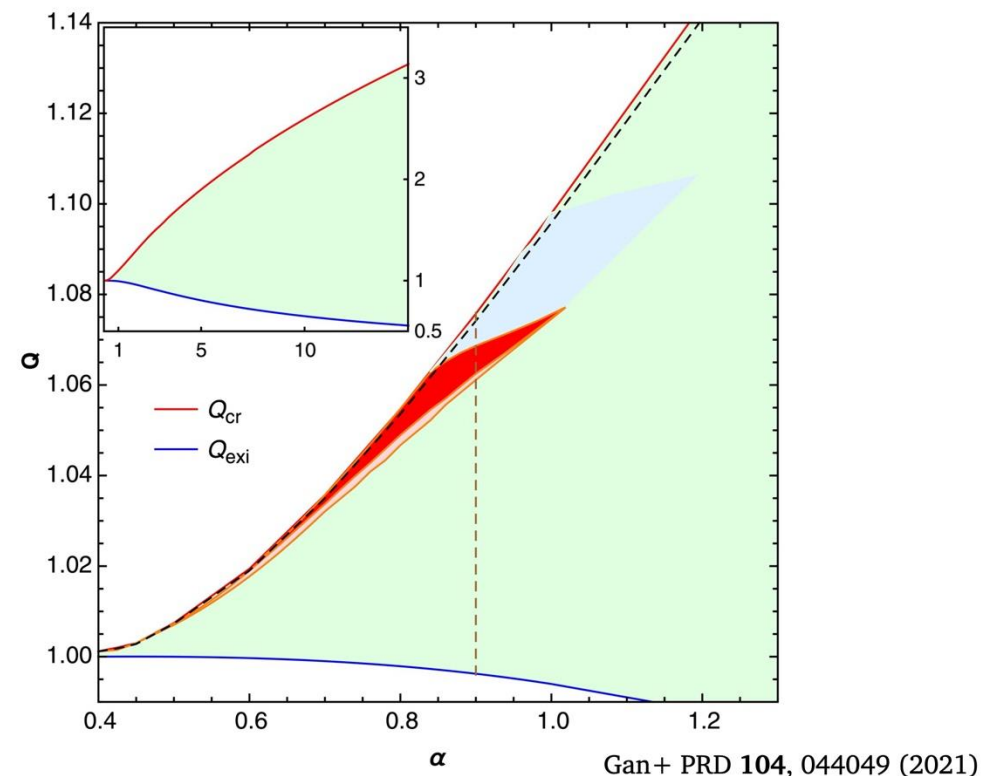
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- Consider **spherical** and **linear** perturbations of the fields

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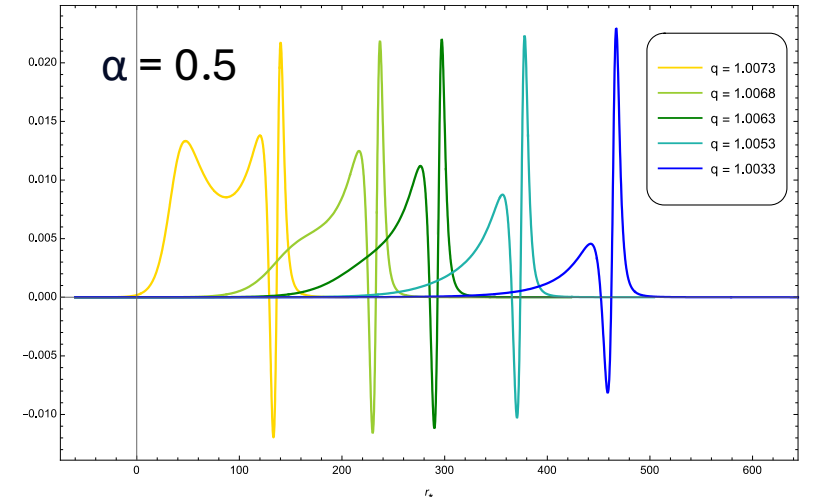
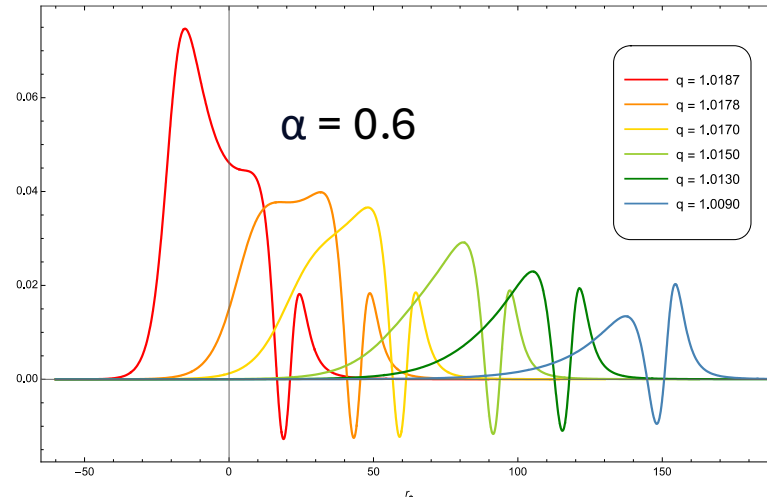
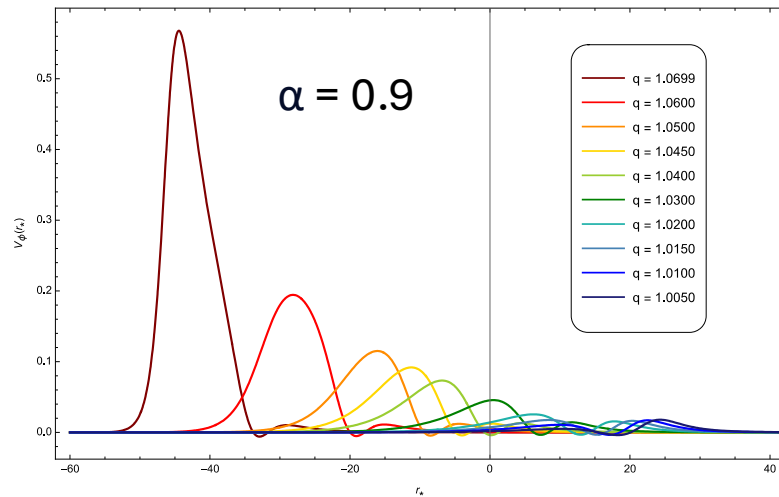
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# Master equation and effective potential

We get a single master equation for the *scalar field perturbation* of the **Schrödinger-like form**

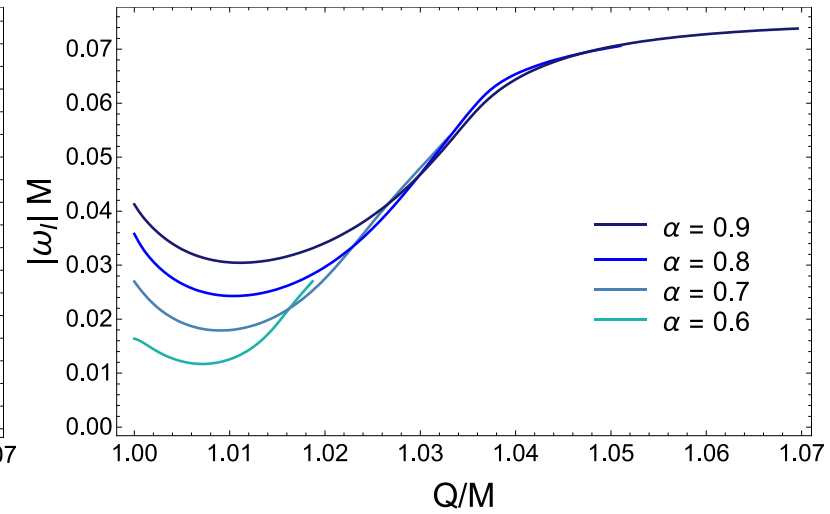
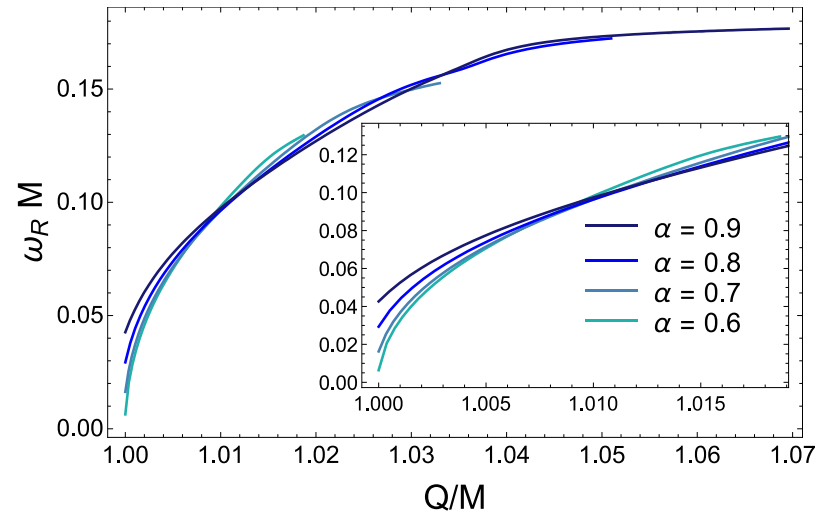
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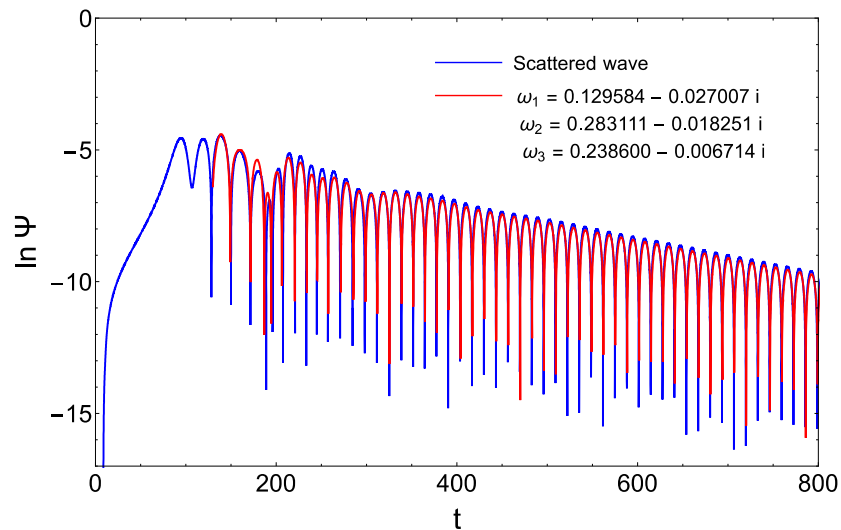
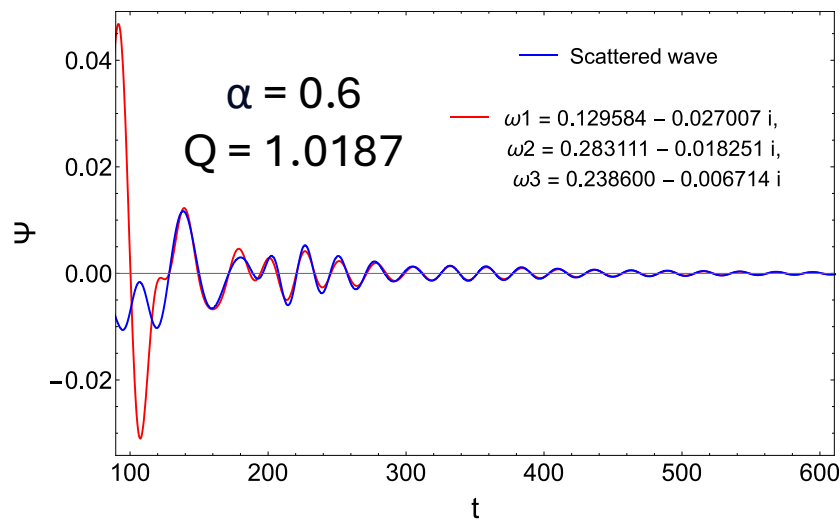
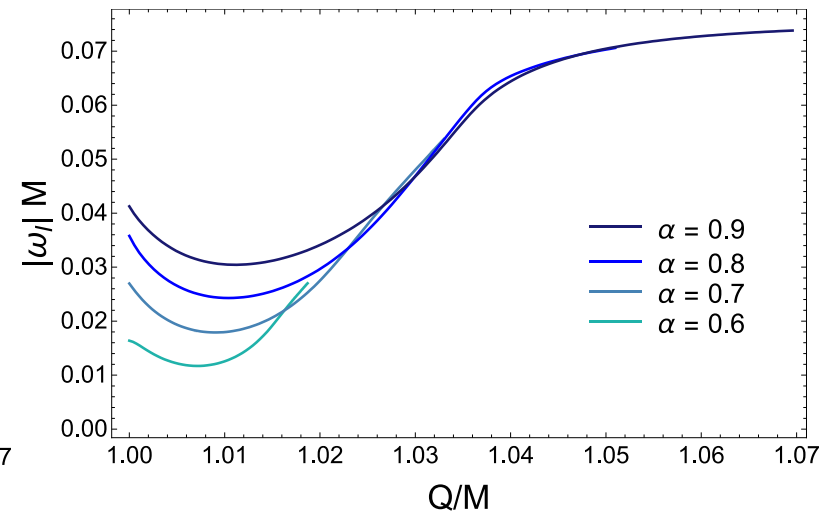
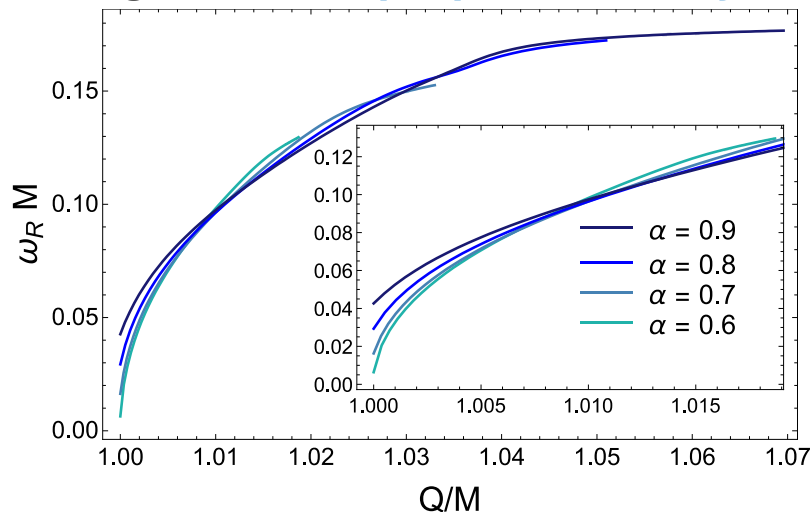


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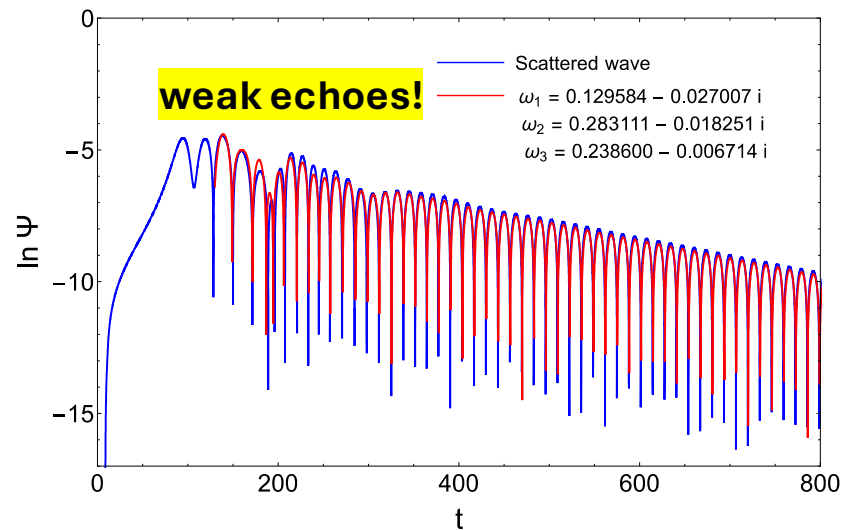
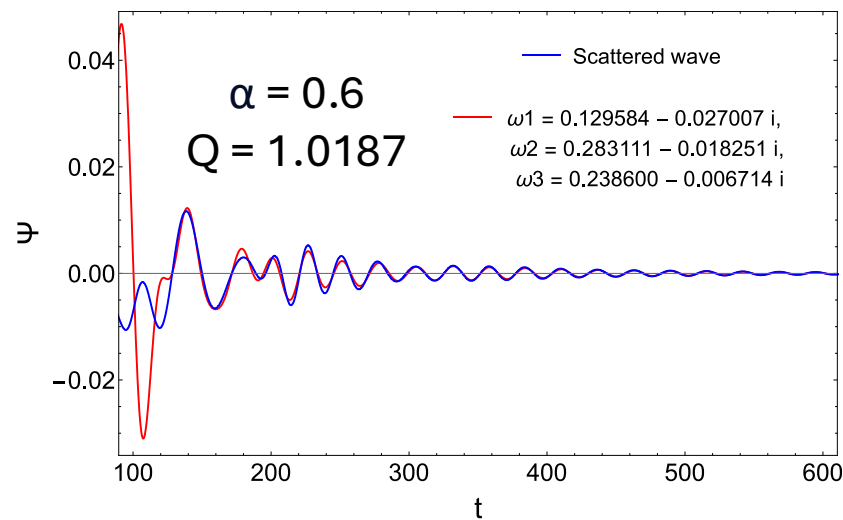
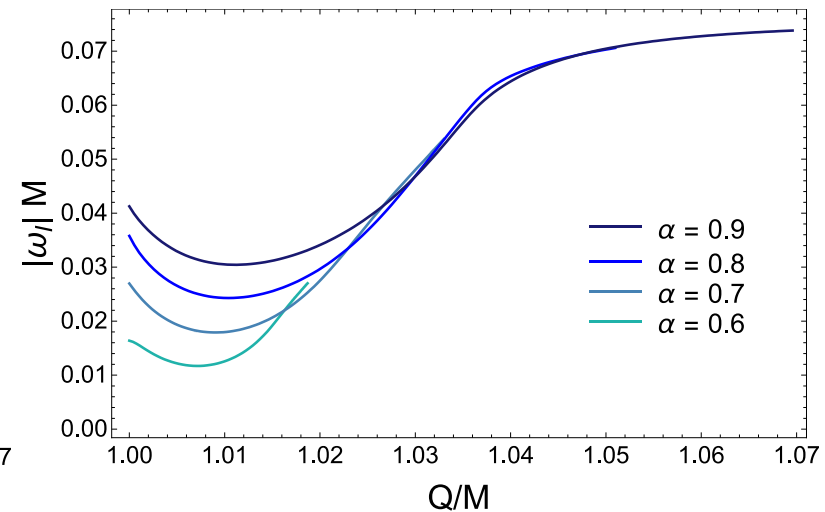
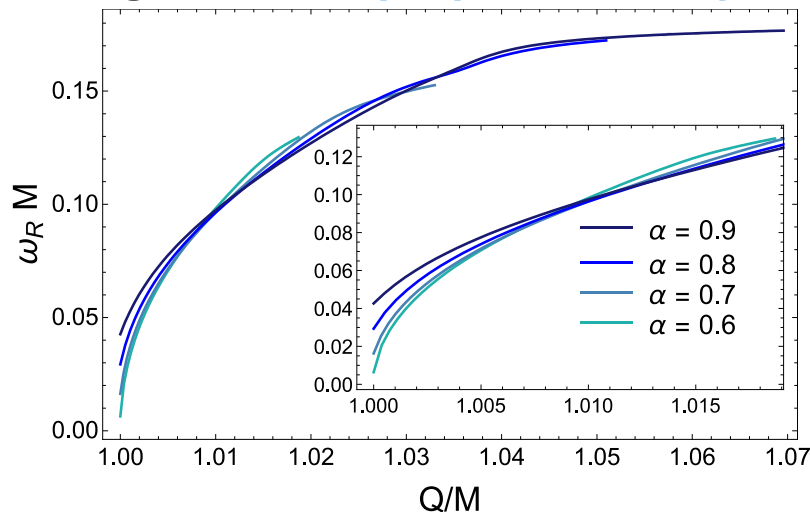


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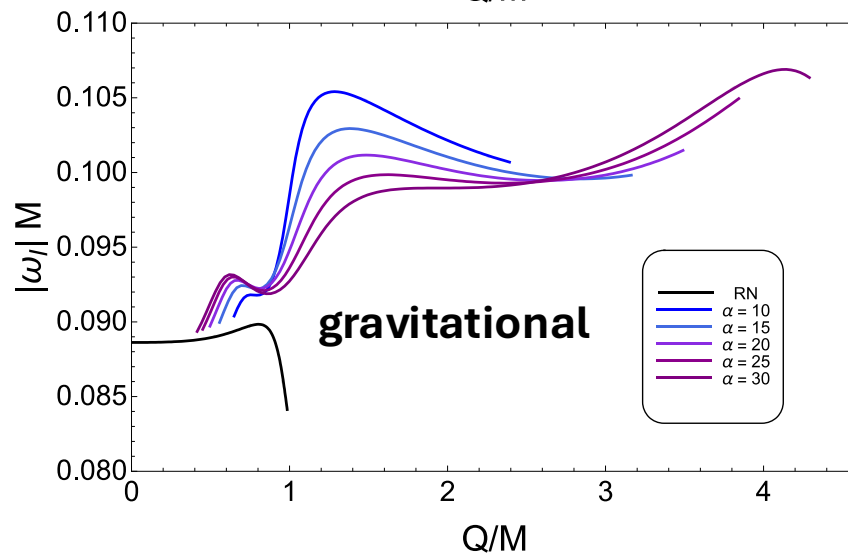
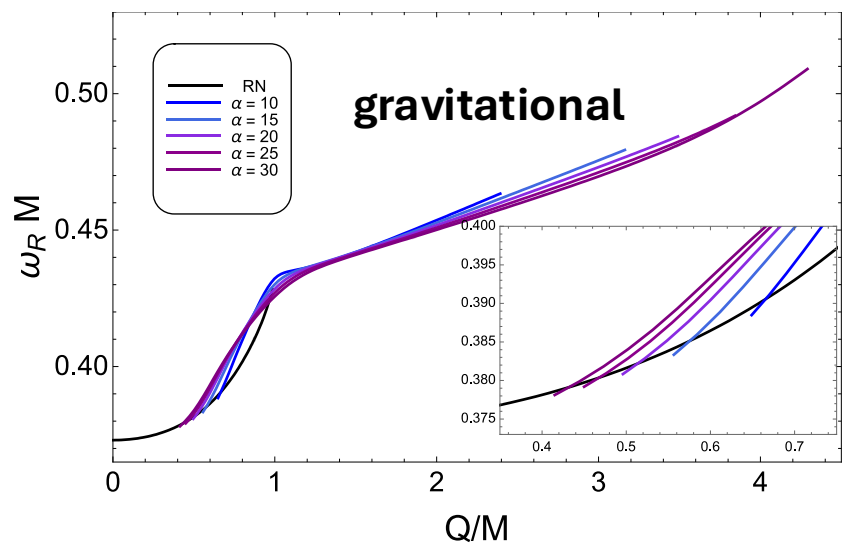
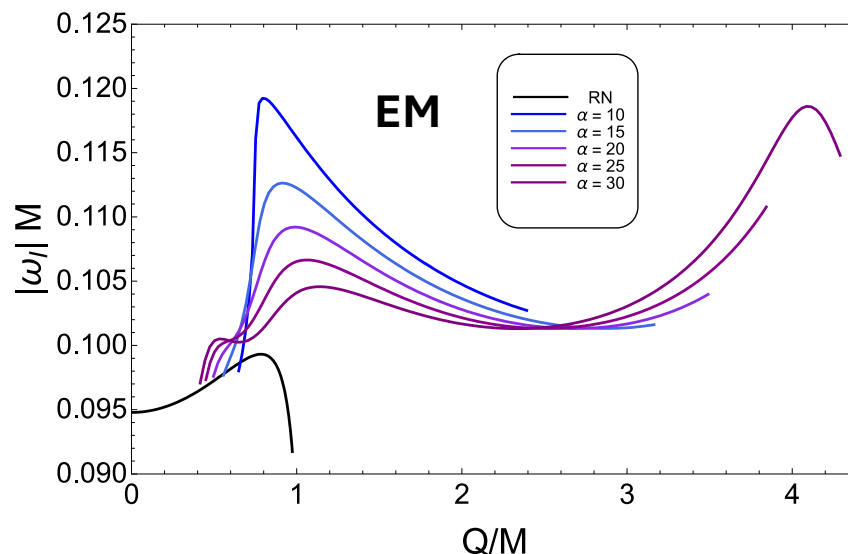
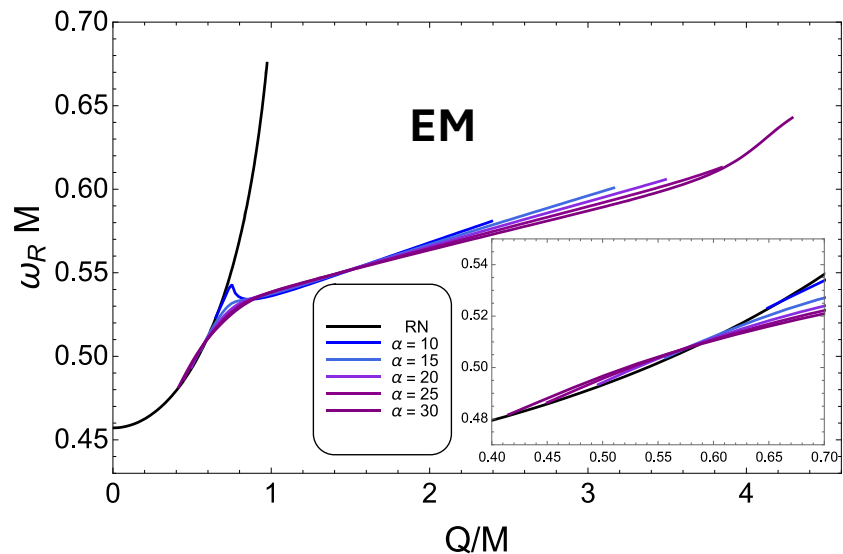
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➤ **Polar sector** : system of six coupled ODEs.

# Axial sector QNMs (EM and gravitational perturbations)



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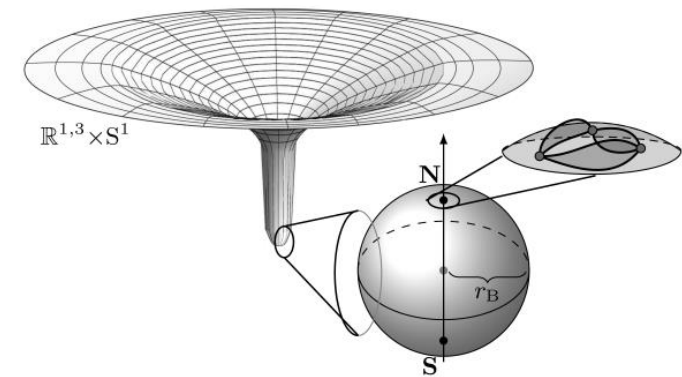
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- $r_B > r_S$  topological star
- $r_B \leq r_S$  magnetized black string

2 parameters family  
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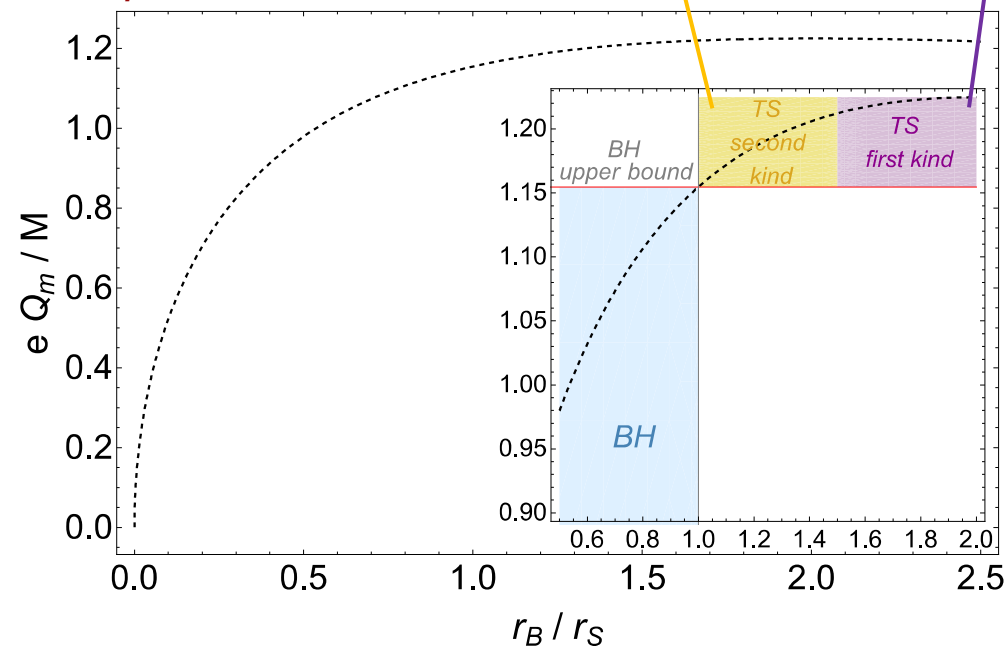
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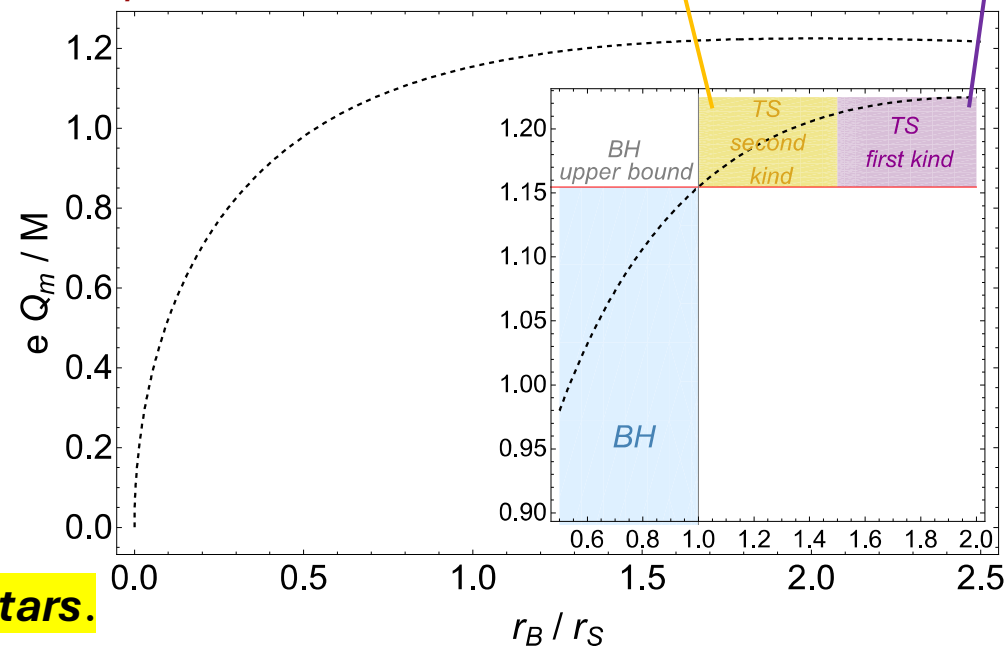
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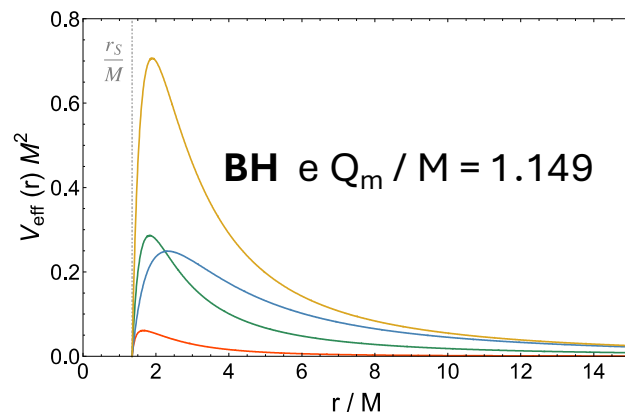
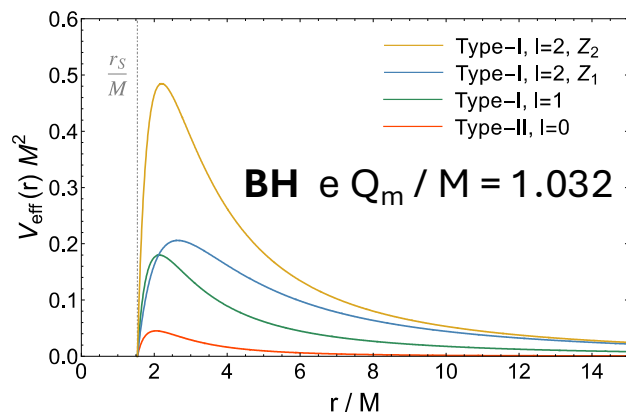
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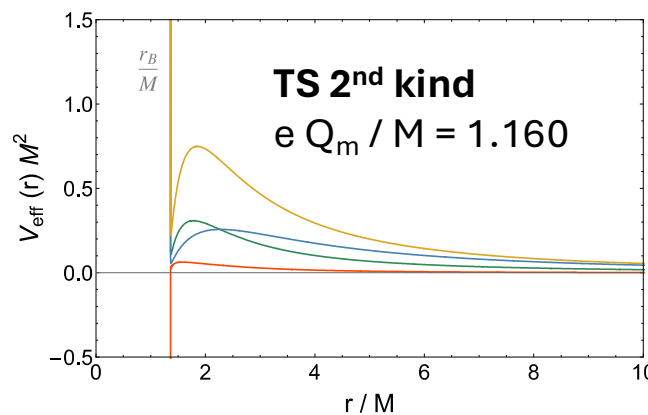
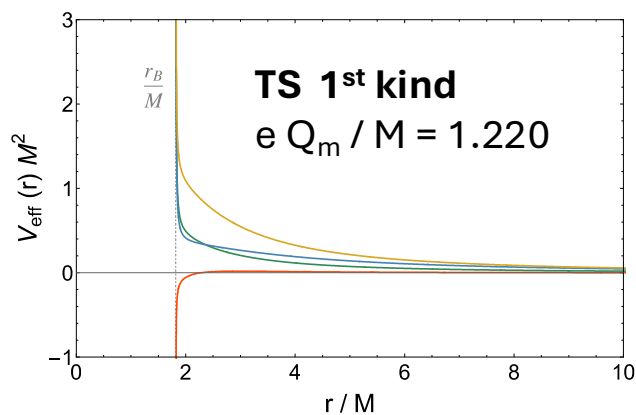
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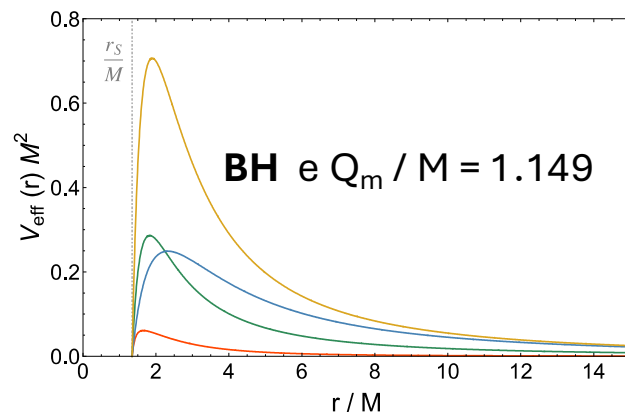
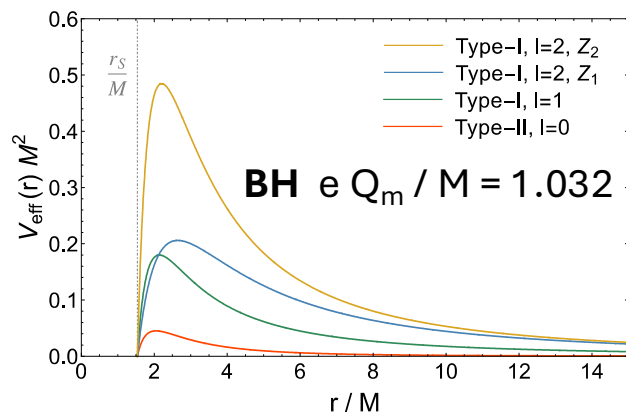
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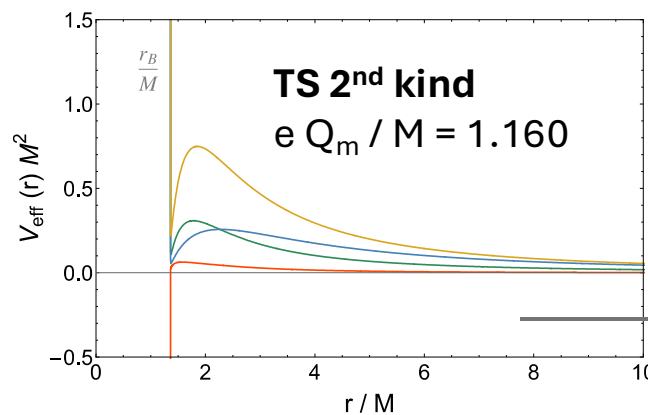
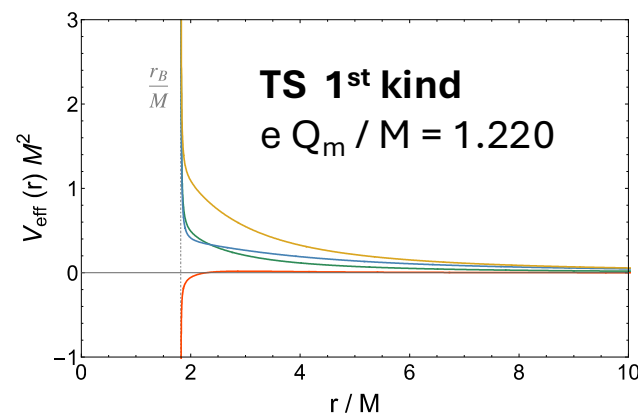
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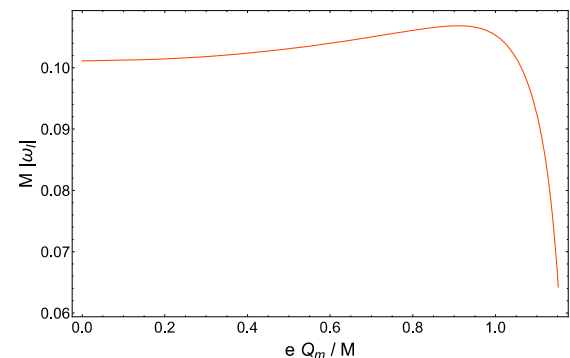
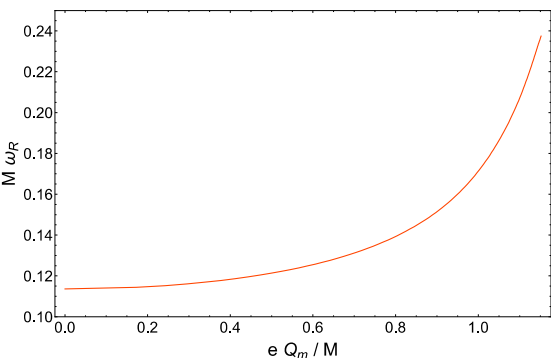
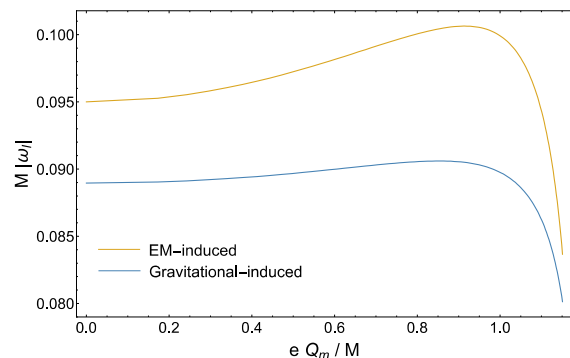
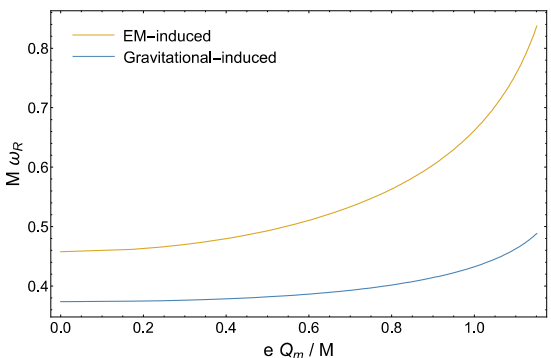
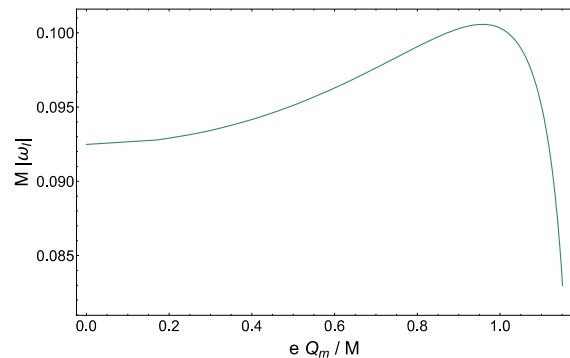
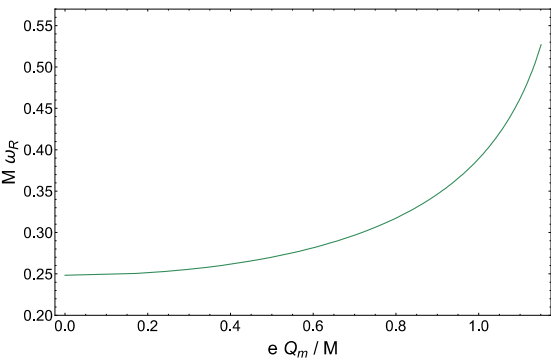
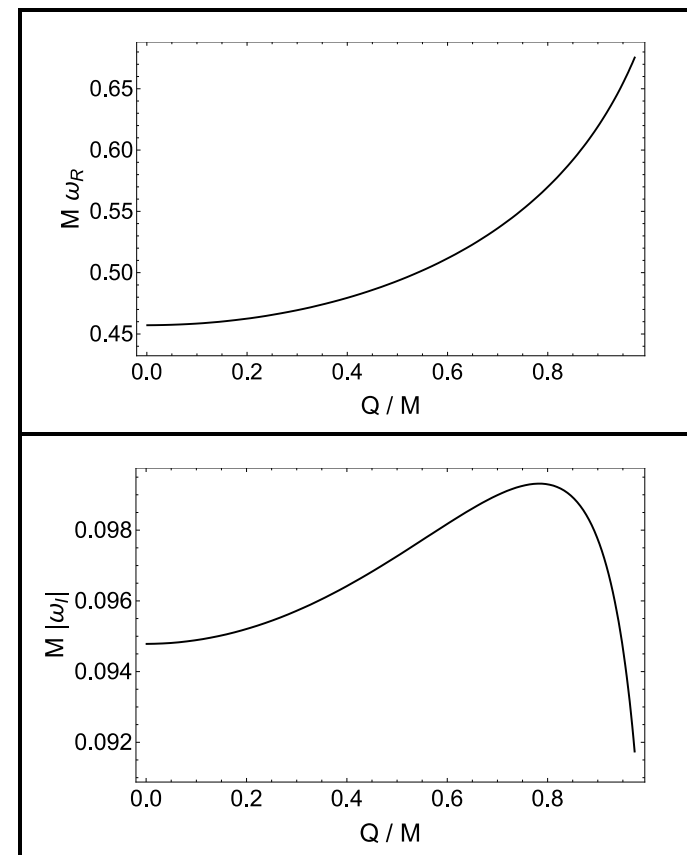
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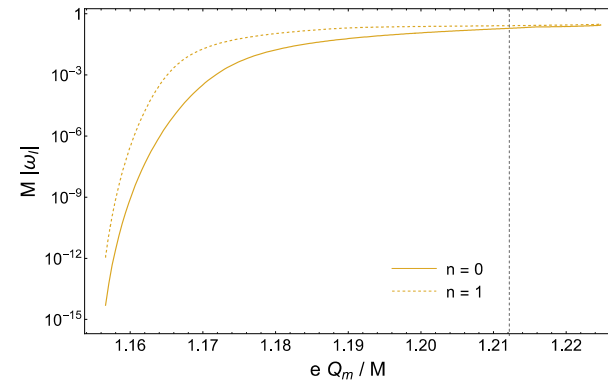
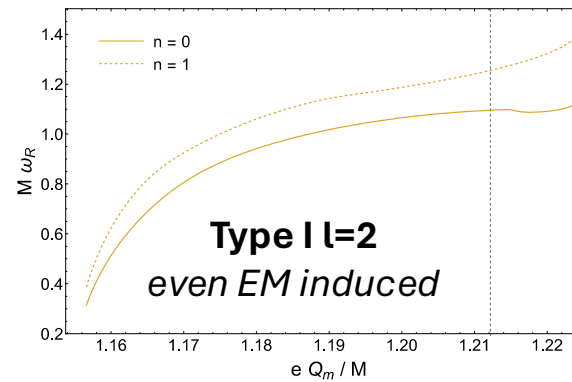
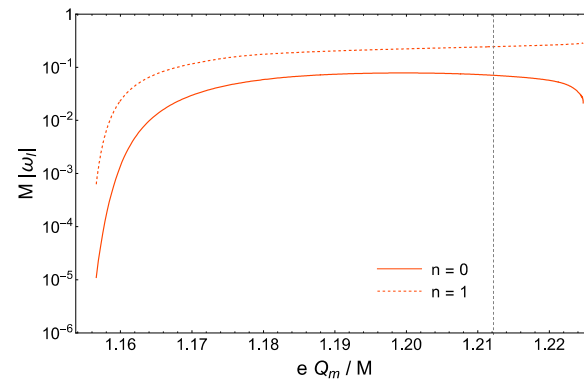
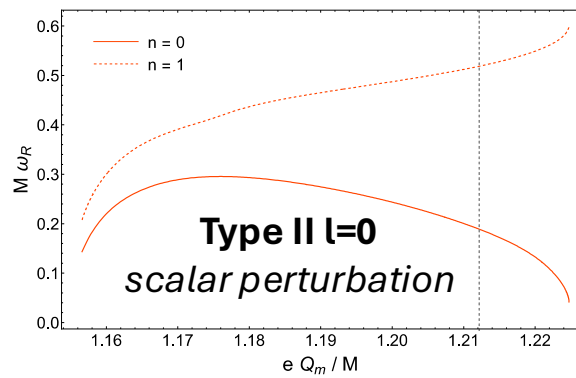
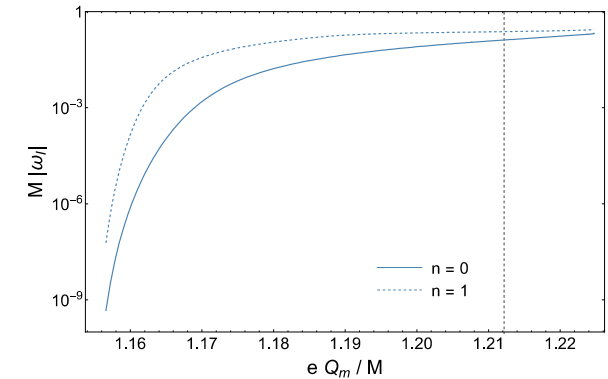
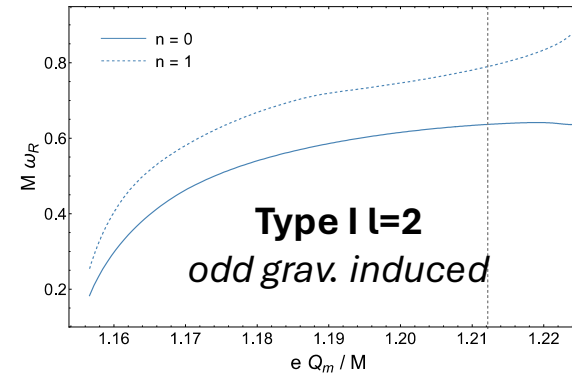
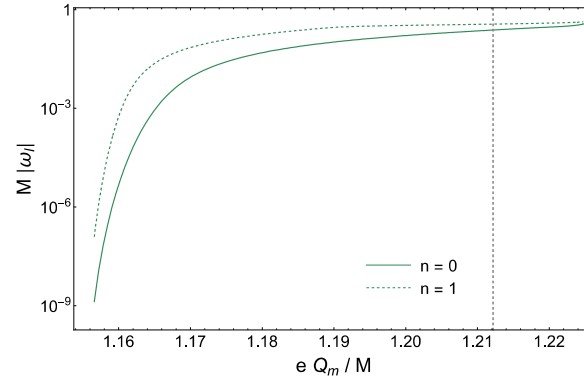
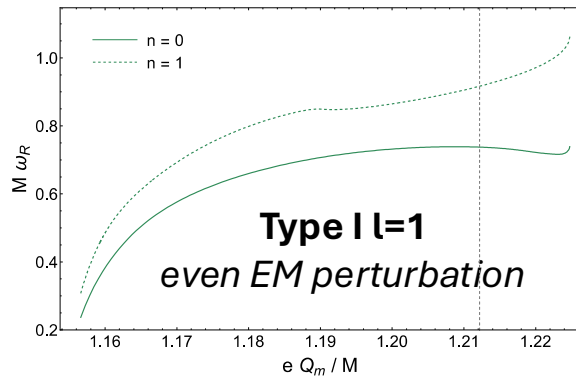
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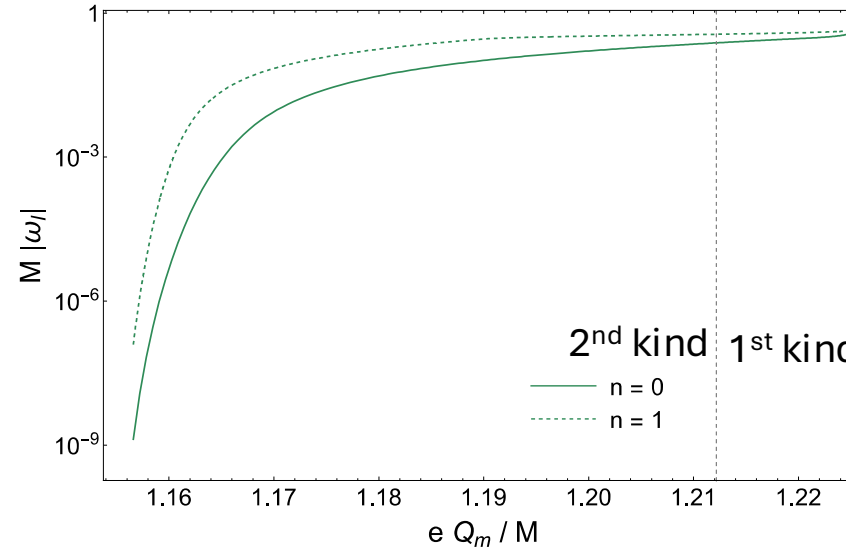
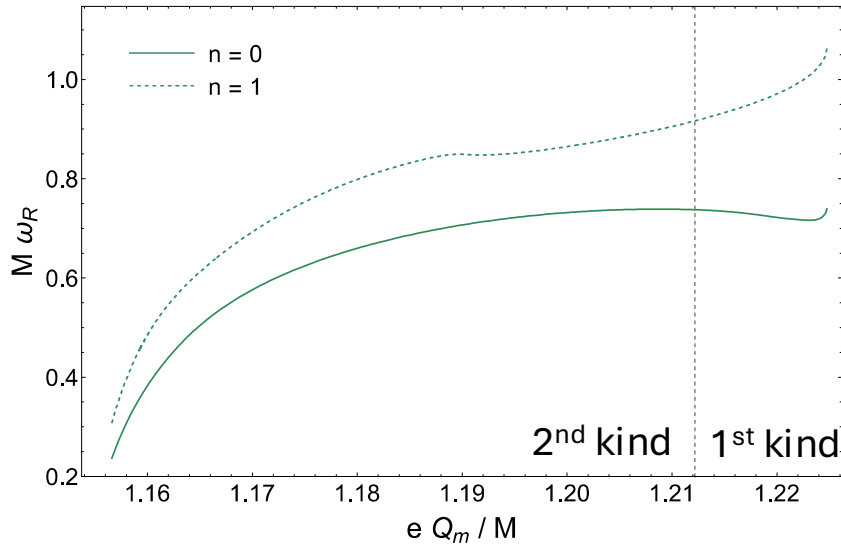
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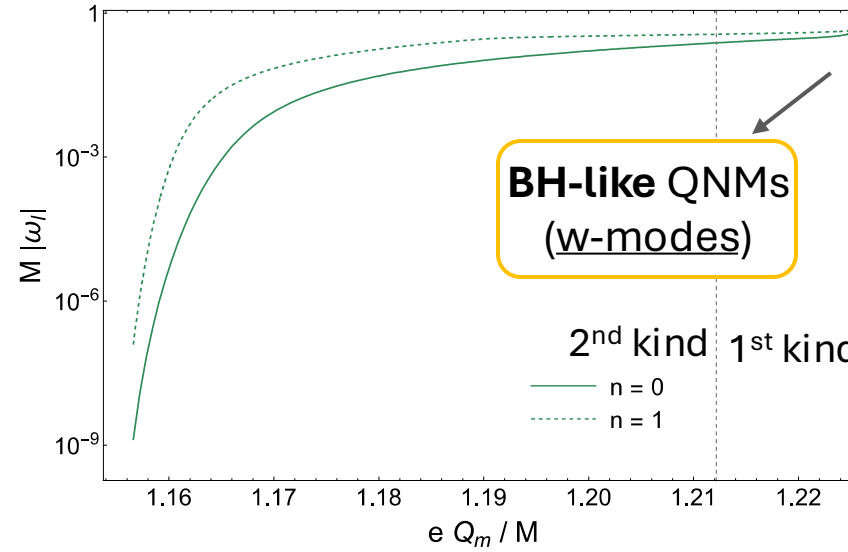
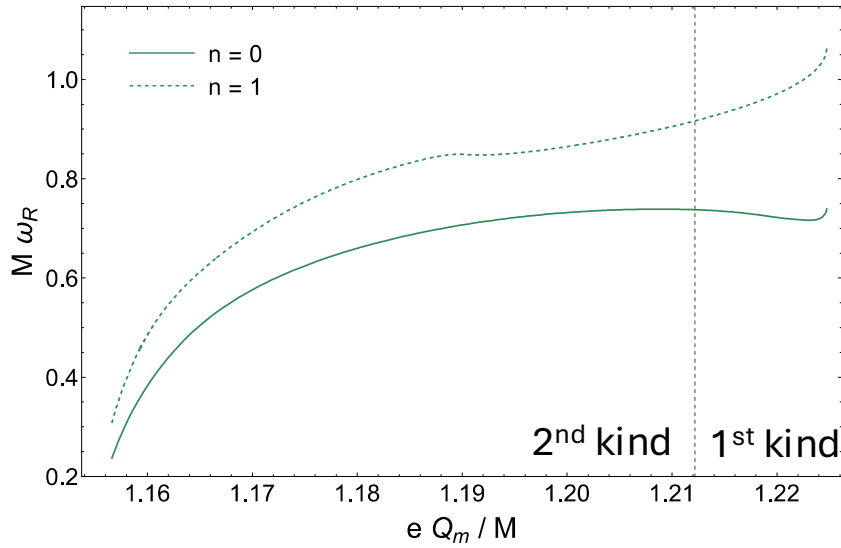


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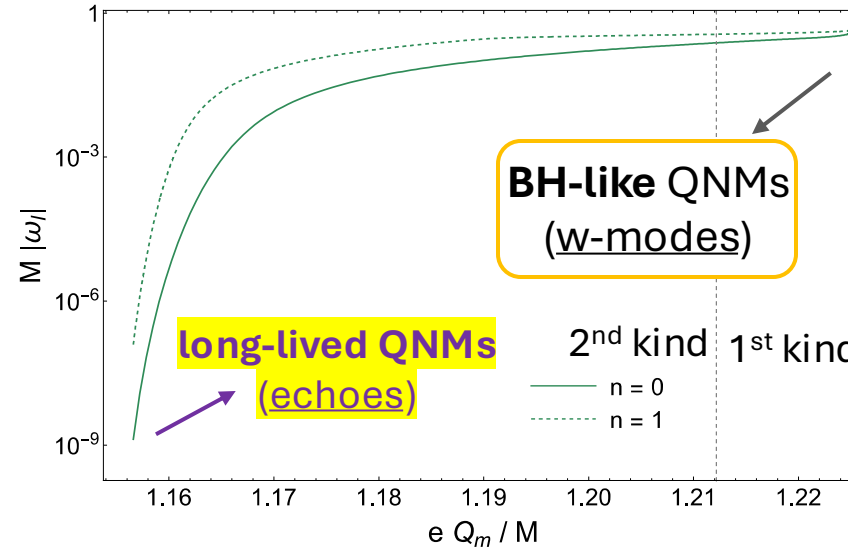
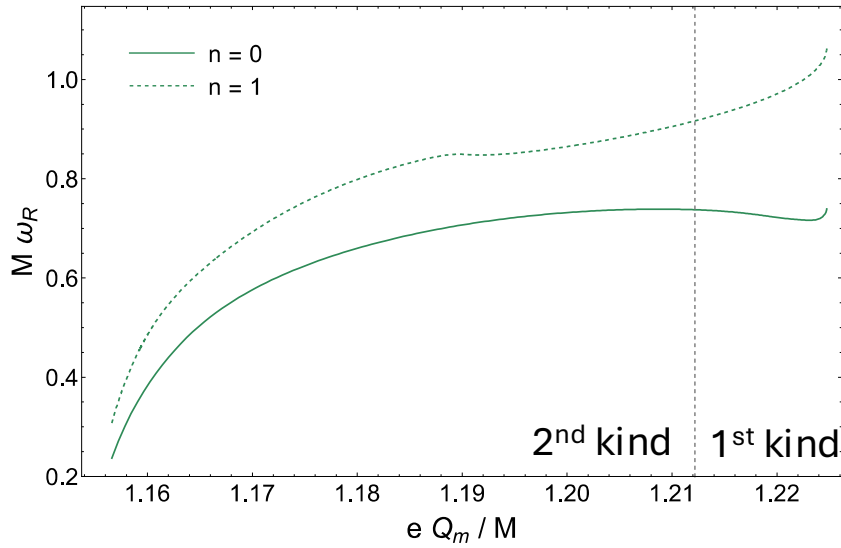
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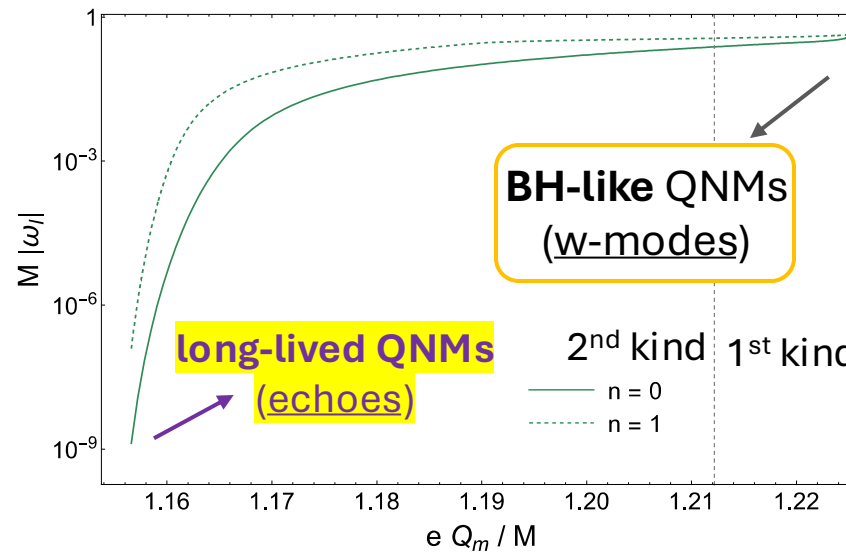
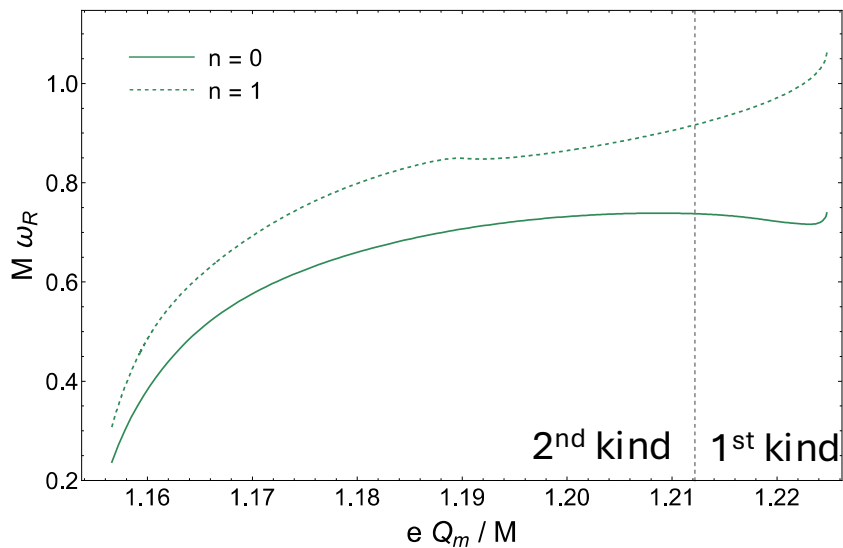


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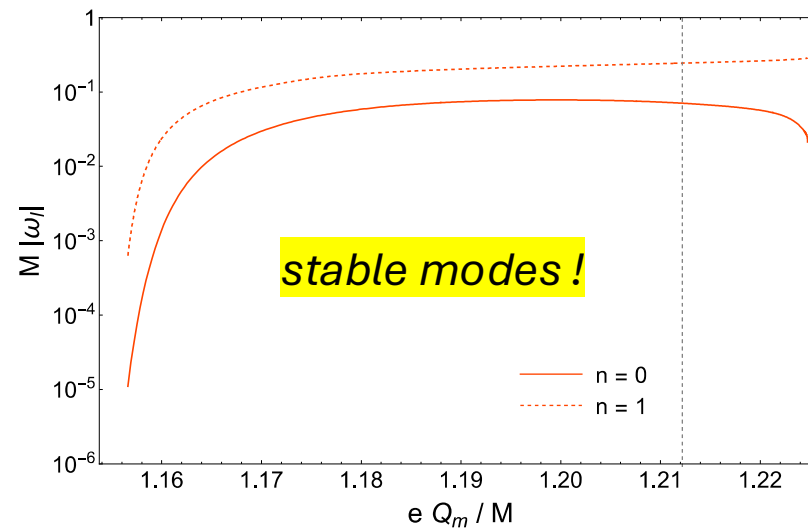
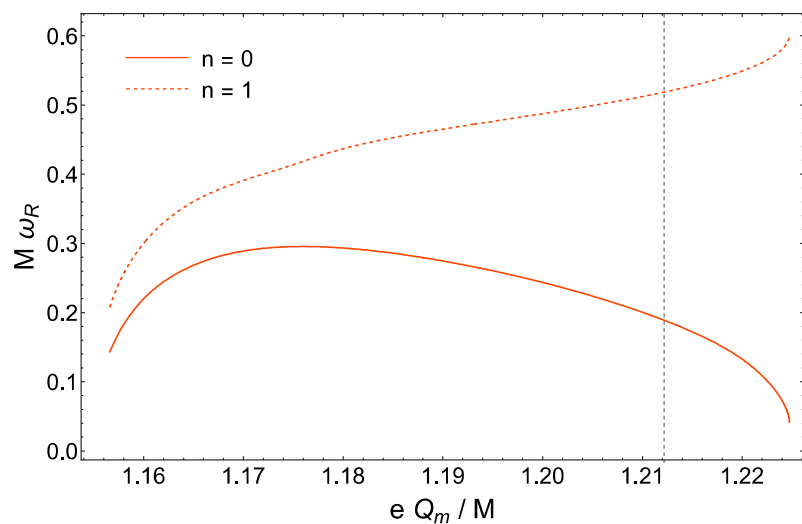


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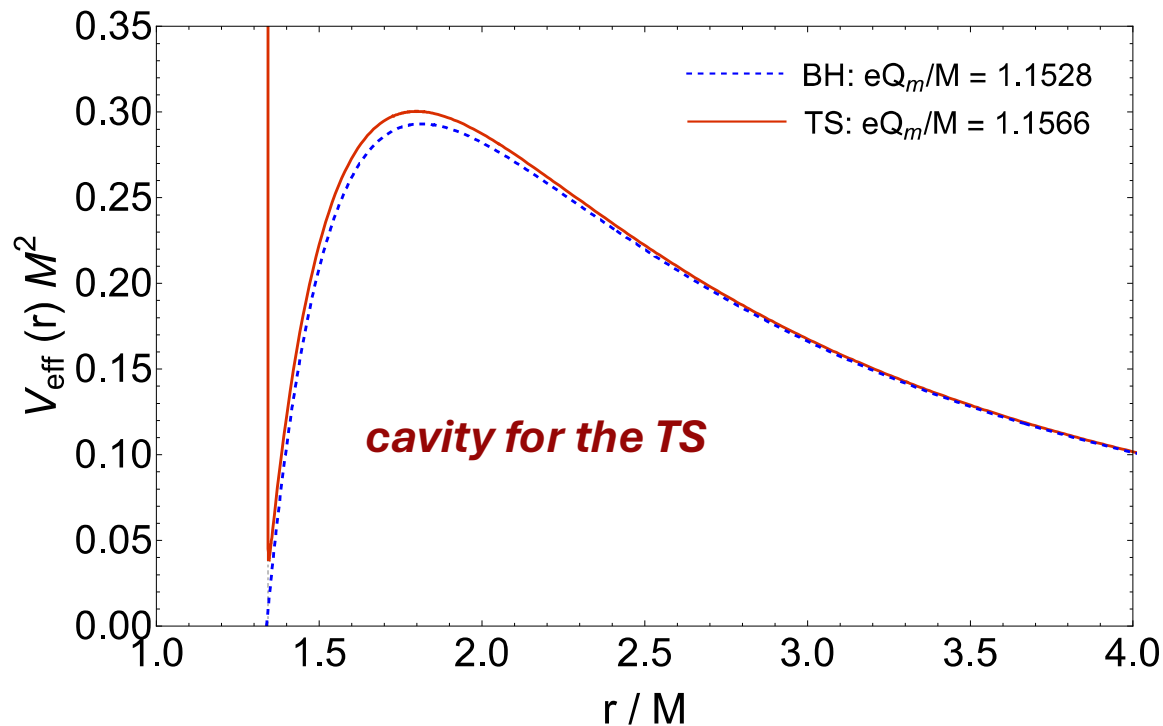
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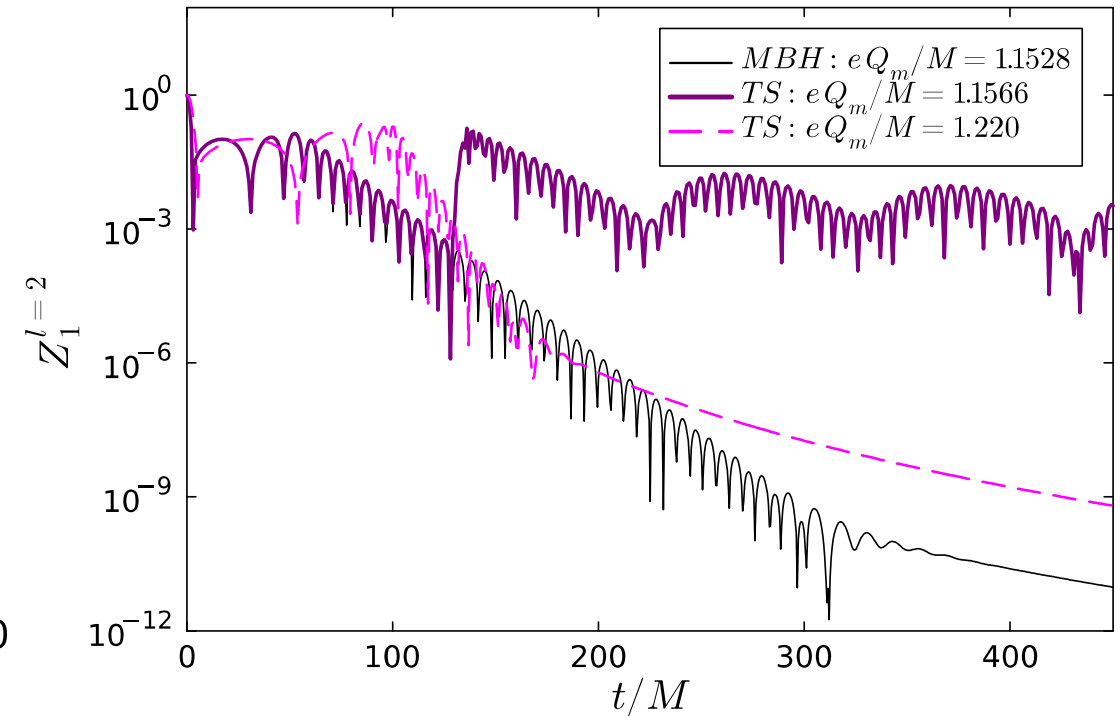
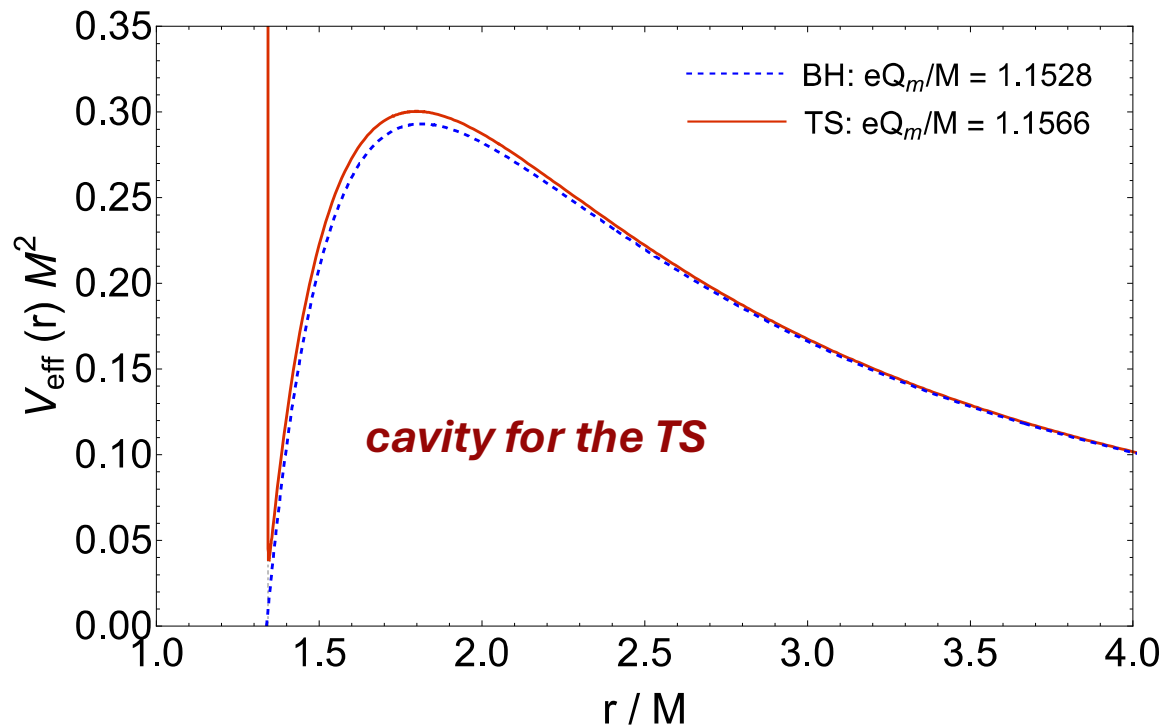
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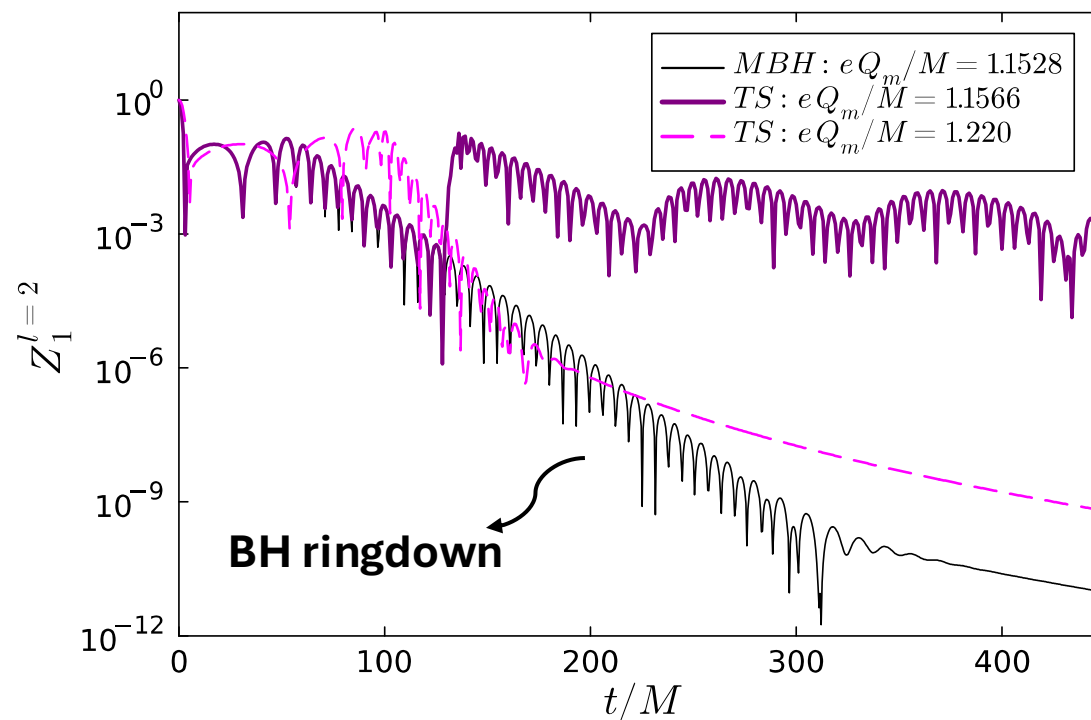
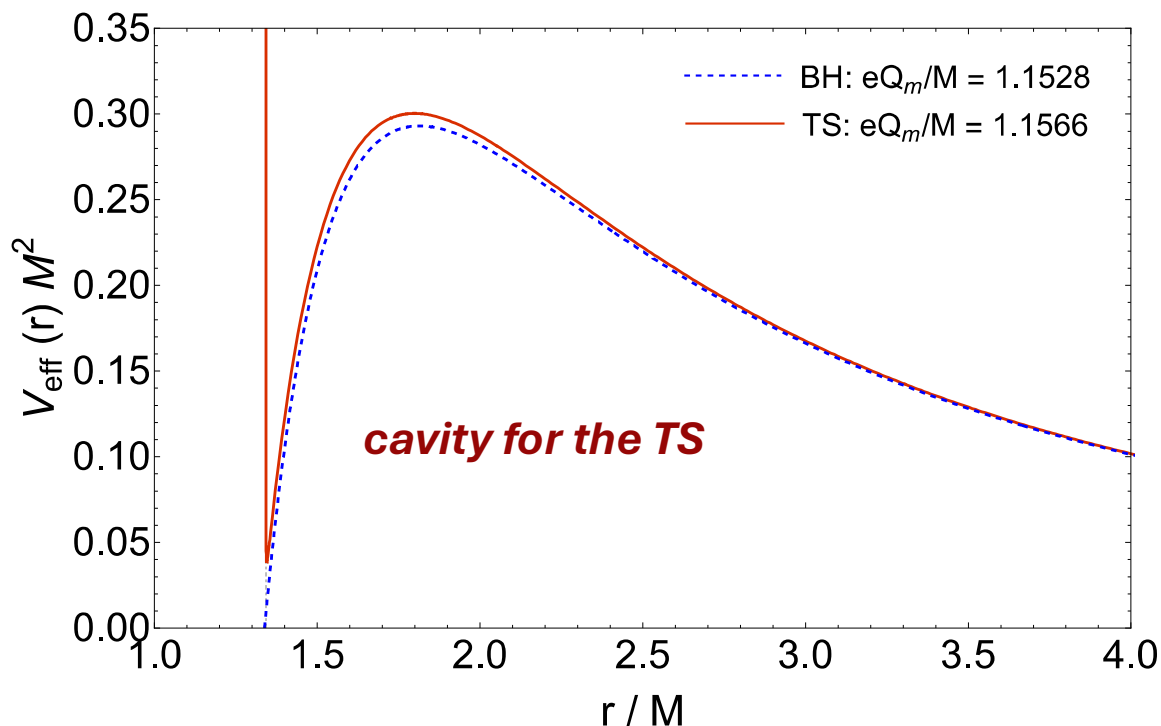
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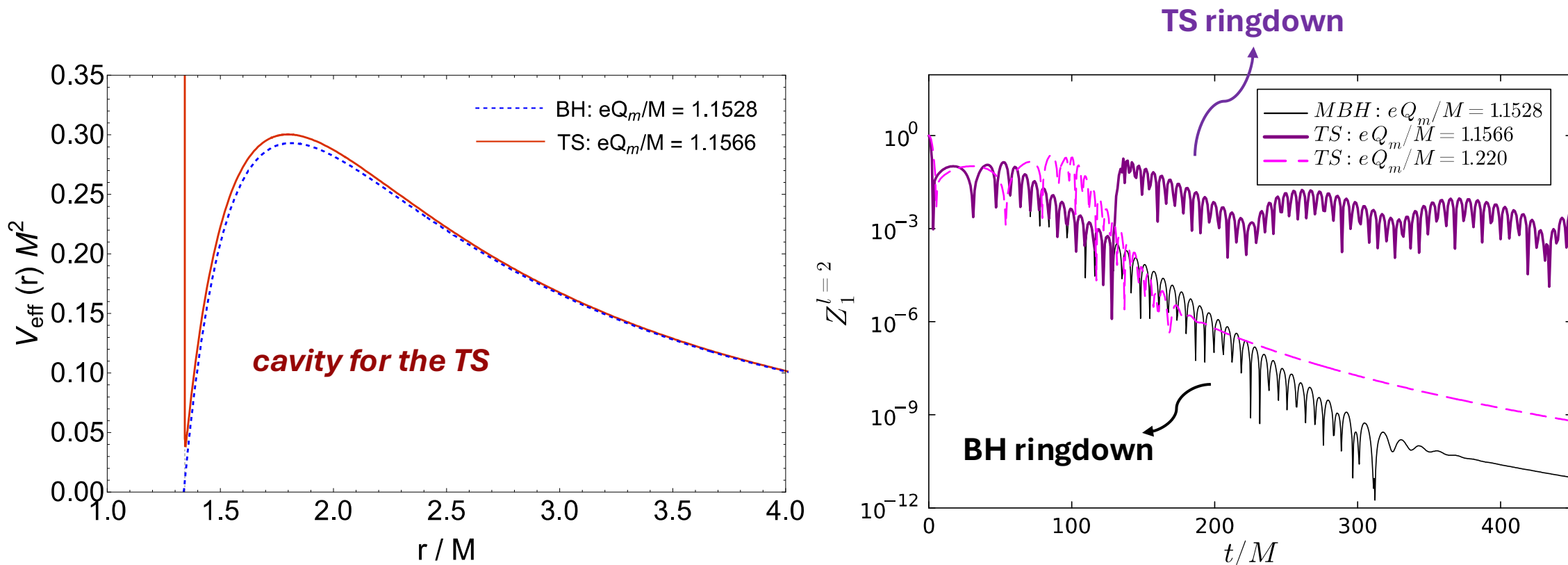
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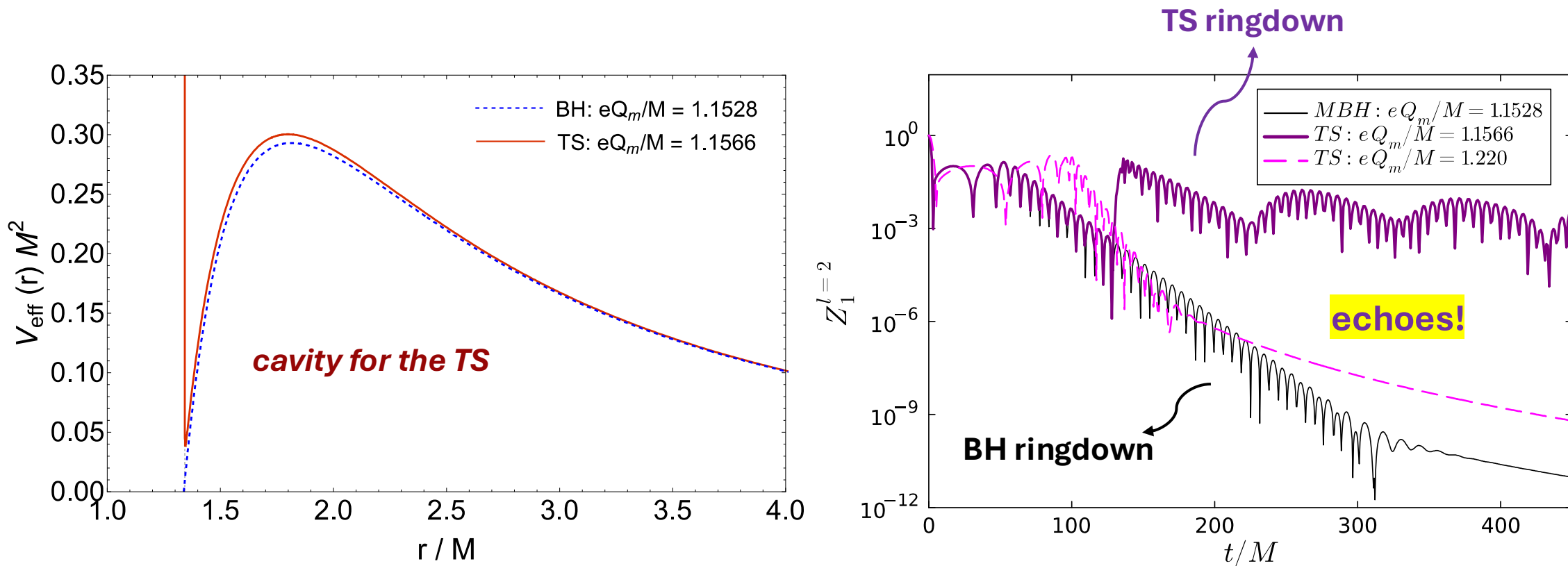
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*Thank you for the attention*

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# Appendix B: Linear perturbations in Regge-Wheeler gauge (*TS* & *MBH*)

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**Type II sector**

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## Appendix C: Gregory-Laflamme instability

- **Black strings** suffer of the **Gregory-Laflamme instability** for  $r_B \leq r_S/2$ .



**magnetized BH** (in 4D): instability against *spherical perturbations* with  $e^{iky}$

- **Double Wick rotation**: BHs  $\longleftrightarrow$  TSs by  $(t, y, r_S, r_B) \rightarrow (iy, it, r_B, r_S)$

