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**Abstract:** The effect of spacetime curvature on optical properties may provide an opportunity to suggest new tests for gravity theories. In this paper, we investigated gravitational weak lensing around a Bardeen black hole with the string clouds parameter. First, we examined the horizon structure in the presence of string clouds around the gravitational compact object defined by Bardeen spacetime. The effect of gravitational weak lensing in a plasma medium is also discussed. According to the findings, the influence of the string cloud parameter on the circular orbits of a light ray around the black hole is greater than that in the Schwarzschild case, while the influence of the charge is reversed. The deflection angle of light rays in weak lensing is also used to study how much the image is magnified.

**Keywords:** weak gravitational lensing; black hole; Bardeen gravity; string cloud



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## 1. Introduction

In the modern study of gravitational fields, black holes (BHs) are regarded as one of the most distinctive features. Due to the strong gravitational influence, nothing can escape (either particles or radiations) from the event horizon of a BH, but it consumes everything in its vicinity. These thermodynamical entities not only characterize some outstanding classical insights but also improve our understanding of their quantum gravitational properties. Schwarzschild, Reissner–Nordström (RN), Kerr, and Kerr–Newmann are four well-known BH configurations that have a curvature singularity beyond their event horizons. Hawking radiations, also referred as thermal radiations, are emitted by BHs, and their emergence is supported by quantum mechanical considerations [1]. One of the major issues with the classical Maxwell theory is that a charge appears to have infinite self-energy at the charge location. While this discrepancy is easily addressed in quantum electrodynamics, it remains a challenge in classical electrodynamics. Born and Infeld created a unique Lagrangian to address this problem [2] in order to resolve it. More research has been conducted on other nonlinear electrodynamic fields than Born–Infeld nonlinear electrodynamics, including the logarithmic, exponential, and power law Maxwell

fields [3–5]. The black hole solution put forth by James Bardeen [6] was groundbreaking since it does not involve a curvature singularity, although there are currently many different kinds of black hole solutions available. The model was initially without a source, but after a few decades, Ayon-Beato and Garcia [7] provided a self-gravitating magnetic charge that was characterized by nonlinear electrodynamics [2], and this made it a precise solution of Einstein's equations. Nonlinear electrodynamics was shown to allow for the construction of a regular black hole [8], and as a result, we now have solutions that use electric charge as a source [9,10]. It is worth mentioning that the region where the weak energy condition is violated by any conventional black hole (including Bardeen black holes) is always protected by the Cauchy horizon [11]. The literature has various works about the Bardeen black hole. Eiroa and Sendra [12] investigated the gravitational lensing of a normal black hole. Zhou et al. [13] investigated the geodesic structure of test particles in the vicinity of the Bardeen black hole. Moreno and Sarbach [14] discussed gravitational and electromagnetic stability. Sharif and Javed [15] presented quantum corrections for the Bardeen black hole. Recently, Accretion disc properties, strong gravitational lensing, and Quasinormal modes of charged Naked singularity spacetime metric have been studied in detail in [16–18].

The most frequently mentioned candidate for “the final theory” is the string theory. The Universe is viewed as a collection of stretched objects rather than pointlike particles on it. A one-dimensional continuum string object is a promising candidate under the current scenario. M. Gürses and F. Gürsey [19] originally developed the string equation of motion in General Relativity, then demonstrated [20] that a fluid determined by this equation may describe the interior of a Kerr–Schild metric. An extension of the relativistic “dust cloud” model for a perfect fluid was later developed by J. Stachel [21]. As so, Letelier [22] solved Einstein's equations for clouds of strings and applied the result to the construction of a model of a star. As a result, many additional studies in the literature have interpreted string clouds to be fluids that serve as a background for black holes, whether charged or not. Hawking temperature, entropy, heat capacity, and Helmholtz free energy are computed and studied in the Einstein–Gauss–Bonnet gravity with a string cloud field by Herscovich and Richarte [23]. Another study [24] calculated quasinormal modes for a scalar field in such spacetime, emphasizing the function of the parameter associated with the clouds of strings. Ghosh and his coauthors Papnoi and Maharaj [25] found first- to third-order solutions of  $D \geq 4$  dimensions and considered thermodynamic stability. Further, Ghosh and Maharaj, in another study [26], generalized the solution to  $N$  dimensions, evaluated the energy conditions, and studied the role of clouds of strings in the structure of the event horizon. Recently, Mustafa and his coauthors [27] discussed the shadow of the Schwarzschild BH in the background of the string cloud parameter and the quintessence parameter. Further, they extended their investigation in another study [28,29] to check the effect of charge within string cloud and the quintessence parameters.

It is necessary to mention that any novel approach or theory needs to be consistent with previous observations and pass the experimental tests. The optical properties, particularly light propagation in a curved background, can be used to test metric theories of gravity. In addition, the observation of the shadow by the EHT collaboration has compelled scientists to verify the modified theories of gravity using optical features of spacetime [30–32]. Light propagation in curved spacetime will be influenced by curvature due to strong gravity. The viewer may detect the black spot on the celestial plane as a result of photons captured by the central black hole. This black spot is known as a black hole shadow, and Synge [33] was the first to suggest this phenomena, later developed by Luminet [34] and Bardeen [35]. Several authors [36–56] have conducted substantial research on the black hole shadow. Various authors [57–69] have also thoroughly examined the impact of strong gravitational lensing caused by light deflection owing to spacetime curvature. On the other hand, the light propagation is sensitive to the plasma surrounding a compact gravitating object (for review see, e.g., [70–76]). The impact of different plasma topologies on light propagation have been investigated in [77–87].

The paper is formatted as follows: the features of a spacetime metric in Bardeen spacetime with a cloud of string parameter are defined in Section 2. The influence of plasma on gravitational weak lensing is discussed in more detail in Section 3. In Section 4, the magnification of an image in plasma medium is examined by utilizing the gravitational weak lensing phenomenon in Bardeen spacetime with the string cloud parameter  $a$ . Finally, in Section 5, we present the final outcomes on the deflection angle of light rays as well as magnifications.

## 2. Bardeen Spacetime with a Cloud of Strings

If we consider a spacetime pervaded by clouds of strings, we can construct a Bardeen solution from general relativity minimally connected to nonlinear electrodynamics and the cloud of strings by the following action of gravity

$$S = \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} [\mathcal{L}(F) + R] + S_C, \quad (1)$$

where  $g$ ,  $R$ ,  $\mathcal{L}(F)$  are the metric determinant, curvature scalar, and the nonlinear general Lagrangian of electromagnetic theory, respectively. Further,  $F = F^{\mu\nu} F_{\mu\nu}/4$  and  $S_C$  represent the function of the scalar and the Nambu–Goto action describing the stringlike objects, given by [22]. For the current analysis, in the Boyer–Liquist coordinate system, we take into account the spherically symmetric black hole solution reported by the researchers in Ref. [88]

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

with

$$f(r) = 1 - a - \frac{2Mr^2}{\sqrt{(q^2 + r^2)^3}}, \quad (3)$$

where  $q$  is the electric charge,  $M$  is the black hole's mass, and  $a$  represents the string cloud parameter. Now, using a cloud of strings and Bardeen gravity, it is possible to examine the structure of a black hole's horizon. To investigate it, one must examine the properties of the lapse function of the metric by constraining  $f(r) = 0$  in order to obtain the structure of the BH horizon. Figure 1 demonstrates how the horizon is changing with the change of the parameter  $a$ . One can easily see from Figure 1 that the horizon approaches the central object with an increase in the  $q/M$  parameter. On the other hand, the location of the horizon shifts further from the center with an increase in the parameter of string clouds  $a$ . Further, the BH's permitted range for the parameters  $a$  and  $q$  may be obtained, as seen in Figure 2. Using a cloud string under Bardeen gravity, we determined the existence of BH and non-BH zones and obtained the dependency of the border between them on the BH parameters  $a$  and  $q$ .

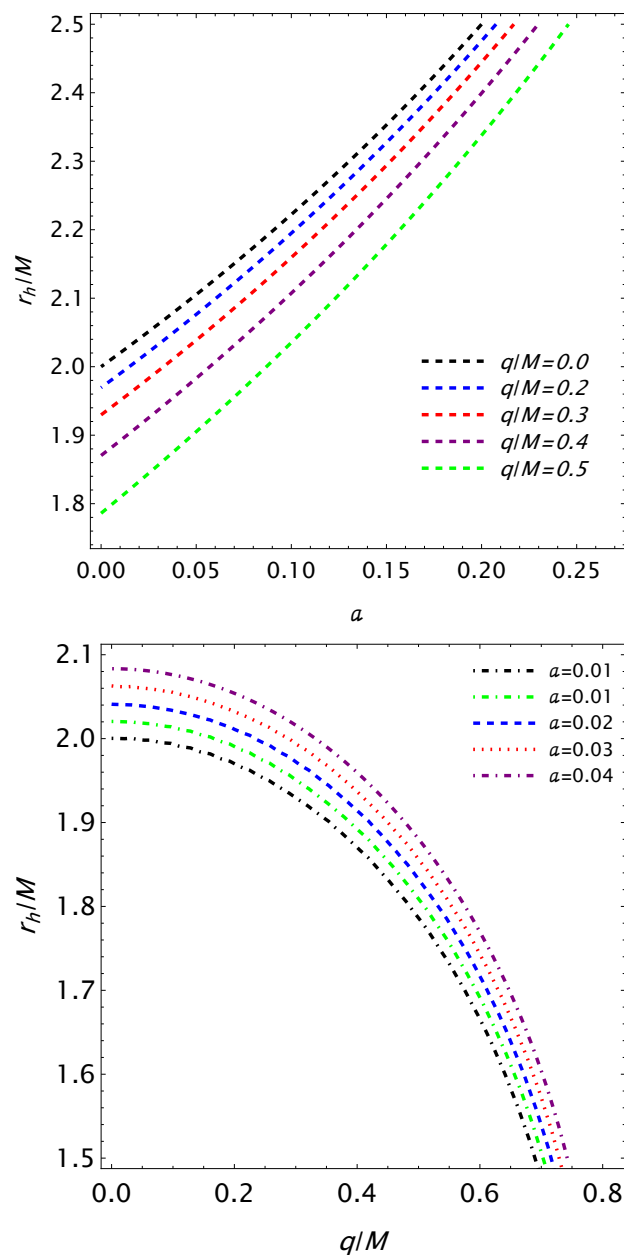


Figure 1. Plots of horizon radius versus the parameter  $a$  and  $q/M$ .

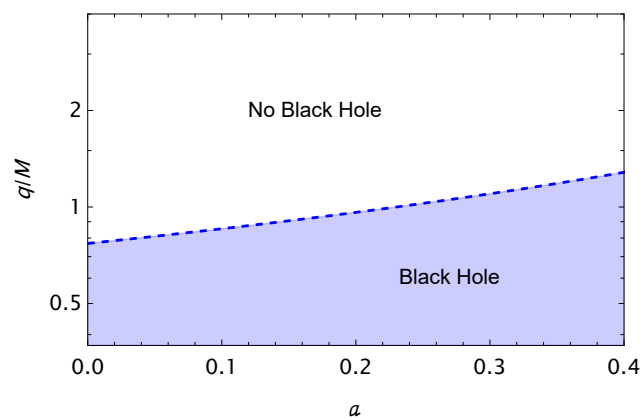


Figure 2. The separatrix line indicates the border corresponding to extremal black holes, which separates black holes from no black holes.

### 3. Weak Gravitational Lensing with Plasma

In the background of weak-field regime, the metric function (2) can be expressed as [77]:

$$g_{\alpha\beta} = \eta_{\alpha\beta} + h_{\alpha\beta}, \tag{4}$$

where the lapse function of Minkowski spacetime is represented by  $\eta_{\alpha\beta}$ , and the perturbed flat geometry is denoted with  $h_{\alpha\beta}$ , which is defined as [77]:

$$\begin{aligned} \eta_{\alpha\beta} &= \text{diag}(-1, 1, 1, 1), \\ h_{\alpha\beta} &\ll 1, \quad h_{\alpha\beta} \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{under} \quad x^i \rightarrow \infty, \\ g^{\alpha\beta} &= \eta^{\alpha\beta} - h^{\alpha\beta}, \quad h^{\alpha\beta} = h_{\alpha\beta}. \end{aligned} \tag{5}$$

Here, we may take into account how the plasma affects the deflection angle  $\hat{\alpha}_k$  in a BH gravitationally weak field. It is possible to formulate the general equation for the deflection angle when plasma is present as [77,81]

$$\hat{\alpha}_i = \frac{1}{2} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \left( h_{33} + \frac{h_{00}\omega^2 - K_e N(x^i)}{\omega^2 - \omega_e^2} \right)_i dz, \quad i = 1, 2 \tag{6}$$

where  $\omega, \omega_e, K_e = 4\pi e^2/m_e$ , and  $N(x^i)$  denote the frequency of photon, frequency of the plasma, a real constant, and particle number density of plasma, respectively [77], and  $z$  is an axis for the motion of a photon in a curvature (see Figure 7). For the deflection angle, by considering Equations (5) and (6), the Equation (6) can be written as [77]:

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{\alpha}_b &= \frac{1}{2} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{b}{r} \left( \frac{dh_{33}}{dr} + \frac{1}{1 - \omega_e^2/\omega^2} \frac{dh_{00}}{dr} \right. \\ &\quad \left. - \frac{K_e}{\omega^2 - \omega_e^2} \frac{dN}{dr} \right) dz, \end{aligned} \tag{7}$$

where the impact parameter is denoted with  $b$ . It is interesting to mention that  $\hat{\alpha}_b$  can be considered for both values (negative or positive) [77].

Far away from the BH, the line element for the weak-field region becomes (2)

$$\begin{aligned} ds^2 &= ds_0^2 + \left( a + \frac{R_s}{r} - \frac{3R_s q^2}{2r^3} \right) dt^2 \\ &\quad + \left( a + \frac{R_s}{r} - \frac{3R_s q^2}{2r^3} \right) dr^2, \end{aligned} \tag{8}$$

where  $ds_0^2 = -dt^2 + dr^2 + r^2(d\theta^2 + \sin^2\theta d\phi^2)$ . For convenience, a new notation,  $R_s = 2M$ , has been devised to represent the metric component of Minkowski spacetime geometry.

Rewriting the components  $h_{\alpha\beta}$  in Cartesian coordinates allows one to study the deflection angle of light in the background of a plasma medium using Equation (10) as

$$\begin{aligned} h_{00} &= \left( a + \frac{R_s}{r} - \frac{3R_s q^2}{2r^3} \right), \\ h_{ik} &= \left( a + \frac{R_s}{r} - \frac{3R_s q^2}{2r^3} \right) n_i n_k, \\ h_{33} &= \left( a + \frac{R_s}{r} - \frac{3R_s q^2}{2r^3} \right) \cos^2 \chi, \end{aligned} \tag{9}$$

where  $\cos^2 \chi = z^2 / (b^2 + z^2)$  and  $r^2 = b^2 + z^2$  are introduced (see, e.g., [81]). The impact parameter  $b$  can be interpreted as the closest approach of the photons around a BH.

The angle of light deflection with respect to  $b$  for a black hole in a plasma environment may be calculated using the calculation Equation (10) as

$$\hat{\alpha}_b = \frac{1}{2} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{b}{r} \left( \frac{dh_{33}}{dr} + \frac{1}{1 - \omega_e^2/\omega^2} \frac{dh_{00}}{dr} - \frac{K_e}{\omega^2 - \omega_e^2} \frac{dN}{dr} \right) dz. \tag{10}$$

To simplify things, we may expand the formula for the deflection angle to read as [80]:

$$\hat{\alpha}_b = \hat{\alpha}_1 + \hat{\alpha}_2 + \hat{\alpha}_3, \tag{11}$$

with

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{\alpha}_1 &= \frac{1}{2} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{b}{r} \frac{dh_{33}}{dr} dz, \\ \hat{\alpha}_2 &= \frac{1}{2} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{b}{r} \left( \frac{1}{1 - \omega_e^2/\omega^2} \frac{dh_{00}}{dr} \right) dz, \\ \hat{\alpha}_3 &= \frac{1}{2} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{b}{r} \left( - \frac{K_e}{\omega^2 - \omega_e^2} \frac{dN}{dr} \right) dz, \end{aligned} \tag{12}$$

where the notations  $\hat{\alpha}_1$  represents the contribution of deflection angle due to gravitational field,  $\hat{\alpha}_2$  is uniform plasma, and  $\hat{\alpha}_3$  denotes the non-uniform plasma. In this research, we employ Equations (11) and (12) to investigate the effect of plasma on the deflection angle produced by gravitational weak lensing. Following this introduction, we will break down each scenario and examine it separately.

### 3.1. Uniform Plasma with $\omega_e^2 = const$

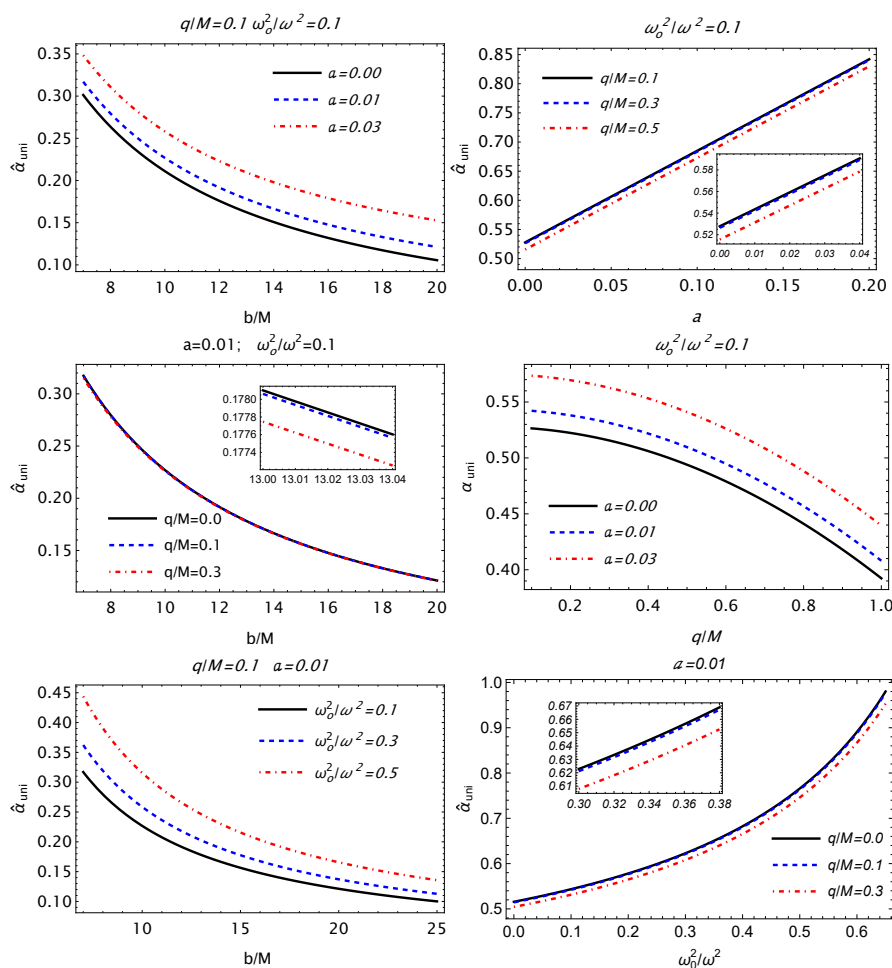
In this section, we determine the angular deflection of light rays surrounding BH within the influence of a uniform plasma medium by considering the Equation (11) as [80]:

$$\hat{\alpha}_{uni} = \hat{\alpha}_{uni1} + \hat{\alpha}_{uni2} + \hat{\alpha}_{uni3}, \tag{13}$$

where  $\hat{\alpha}_{uni1}$  and  $\hat{\alpha}_{uni2}$  can be accounted for as a portion of the deflection angle caused by a uniform plasma with gravity and  $\hat{\alpha}_{uni3} = 0$  caused by the uniform plasma. By adjusting the value of the parameter  $a$  in the expressions (11)–(13), one can determine the angle of deflection of light beams around BH in a uniform plasma environment as follows.

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{\alpha}_{uni} &= \left( \frac{\pi a}{2} + \frac{R_s}{b} + \frac{R_s q^2}{b^3} \right) \\ &+ \left( \frac{R_s}{b} - \frac{3R_s q^2}{b^3} \right) \frac{\omega^2}{\omega^2 - \omega_e^2}. \end{aligned} \tag{14}$$

For a wide range of values of  $a$ ,  $q$ , and  $\omega_e/\omega$ , the deflection angle of light beams around BH is shown to depend on the impact parameter  $b$  in Figure 3. The dependence of the deflection angle on plasma frequency  $\omega_e/\omega$ , charge  $q$ , and parameter  $a$  for fixed values of impact parameter is represented in the other three plots on the right of Figure 3. These graphs suggest that the existence of the plasma properties causes an increasing of the deflection angle of light beams around BH. Further, the angle at which light rays are bent increases when the parameter  $a$  is increased. By contrast, with the rise of parameter  $q$ , the value of the deflection angle decreases slightly until zero. With increasing impact of parameter  $b$ , the gravitational deflection angle approaches zero.



**Figure 3.** The dependence of the deflection angle  $\hat{\alpha}_{uni}$  on the impact parameter  $b$  and parameter  $a$ , and magnetic charge  $q$  for different values of parameter  $a/M$ , plasma medium  $\omega_o^2/\omega^2$ , and magnetic charge  $q$ . The corresponding fixed parameter used is  $b = 4$ .

### 3.2. Non-Uniform Plasma with Singular Isothermal Sphere Medium

In the background of a non-uniform plasma with non-zero parameter  $a$ , we now investigate the angle by which light beams orbiting Bardeen BH are deflected. If we require a plasma distribution that is not perfectly uniform, we may use the Singular Isothermal Sphere (SIS) medium [77,81]. In the SIS medium, the plasma number density is represented as [77,81]

$$N(r) = \frac{\rho(r)}{km_p} \tag{15}$$

with

$$\rho(r) = \frac{\sigma_v^2}{2\pi r^2} \tag{16}$$

where the density of plasma is  $\rho(r)$  and the velocity of dispersion is denoted with  $\sigma_v$  [77]. In this situation, the Equation (11) may be written as follows for the non-uniform plasma case: [80]:

$$\hat{\alpha}_{SIS} = \hat{\alpha}_{SIS1} + \hat{\alpha}_{SIS2} + \hat{\alpha}_{SIS3} , \tag{17}$$

with  $\hat{\alpha}_{SIS1}$  describing the gravity part and  $\hat{\alpha}_{SIS2}$  representing the plasma effects. Additionally,  $\hat{\alpha}_{SIS3}$  is used to discuss the density part of the non-uniform plasma. By using



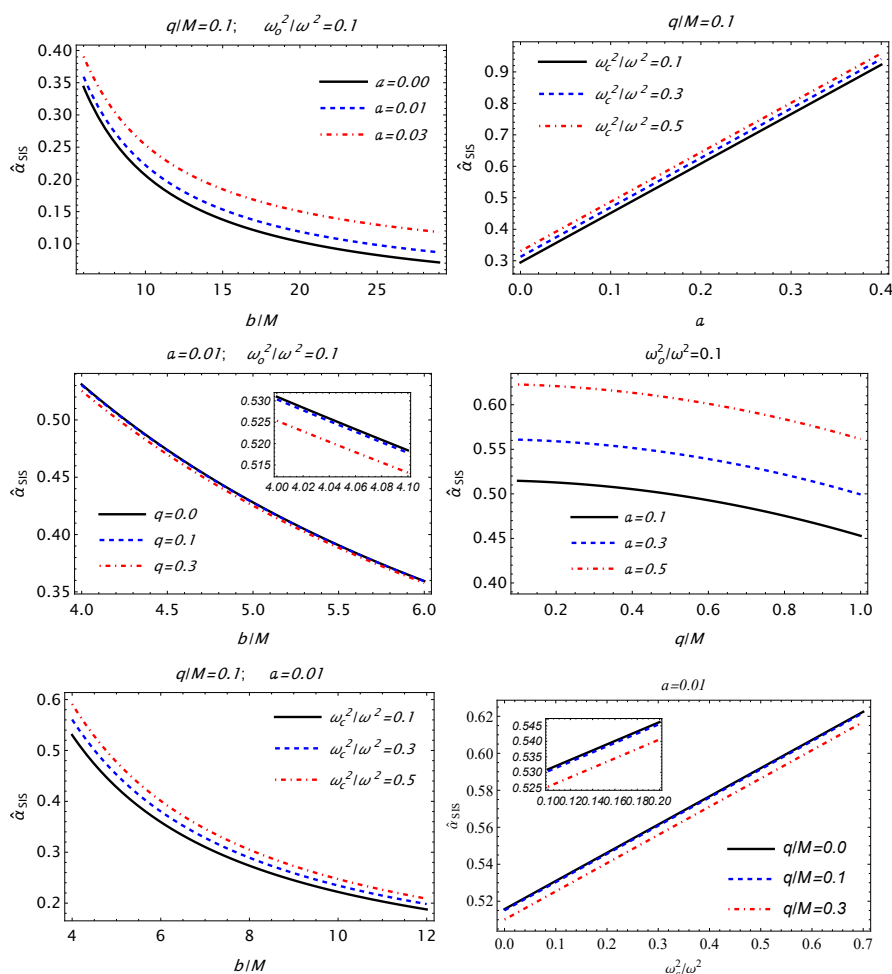
Equations (9), (11), and (17), in the presence of a cloud of string parameters and non-uniform plasma, we may be able to derive the equation for the bending of light rays around a Bardeen BH:

$$\hat{\alpha}_{SIS} = \frac{\pi a}{2} + \frac{2R_s}{b} - \frac{2R_s q^2}{b^3} + \frac{R_s^2 \omega_c^2}{\pi b \omega^2} \left( 1 - \frac{2R_s}{3b^2} - \frac{9R_s q^2}{5b^4} \right) \tag{18}$$

where the following notation has been inserted for convenience:

$$\omega_c^2 = \frac{\sigma_v^2 K_e}{2km_p R_s^2} \tag{19}$$

The left panels of Figure 4 correspond to the three different plots illustrating the dependence of the deflection angle on the impact parameter for fixed values of charge  $q$ , the parameter  $a$ , and plasma frequency  $\omega_c/\omega$ . From these plots, one may easily see that the gravitational deflection angle tends to zero with the rise of the impact parameter  $b$ . The right panels of Figure 4 show that the value of the deflection angle relies on the change of charge  $q$ , non-uniform plasma case, and parameter  $a$ . These figures illustrate that the deflection angle of the light rays decreases in the presence of the charge parameter  $q$ , and that the opposite is true under the impact of a non-uniform plasma medium and parameter  $a$ .



**Figure 4.** The effect of the impact parameter  $b$ , parameter  $a$ , and magnetic charge  $q$  on the deflection angle  $\hat{\alpha}_{SIS}$  for different values of parameter  $a/M$ , plasma medium  $\omega_c^2/\omega^2$ , and magnetic charge  $q$ . The associated fixed parameter is  $b = 4$ .

### 3.3. Non-Singular Isothermal Gas Sphere

In order to provide a more realistic and physical context for the current research, we will now look at the mobility of photons using a non-singular isothermal sphere (NSIS). At its center, the gas cloud in the NSIS model has a finite core, and the density distribution is defined as [77,89]

$$\rho(r) = \frac{\sigma_v^2}{2\pi(r^2 + r_c^2)} = \frac{\rho_0}{(1 + \frac{r^2}{r_c^2})}, \quad \rho_0 = \frac{\sigma_v^2}{2\pi r_c^2}, \tag{20}$$

where the core radius is mentioned by  $r_c$ . Further, the plasma concentration (16) for NSIS is expressed as

$$N(r) = \frac{\sigma_v^2}{2\pi\kappa m_p(r^2 + r_c^2)}. \tag{21}$$

We compute the plasma frequency from Equations (20) and (21) as follows

$$\omega_e^2 = \frac{K_e\sigma_v^2}{2\pi\kappa m_p(r^2 + r_c^2)}. \tag{22}$$

Using the characteristics of the NSIS gravitational lens setup stated above, we can obtain the angle of deflection by photon deviation as follows:

$$\hat{\alpha}_{\text{NSIS}} = \left( \frac{\pi a}{2} + \frac{2R_s}{b} - \frac{2R_s q^2}{b^3} \right) + \frac{R_s^2 \omega_c^2}{\omega^2} \left[ \frac{R_s}{b\pi r_c^2} - \frac{3b}{4(\sqrt{b^2 + r_c^2})^5} \frac{bR_s \arctan \frac{r_c}{\sqrt{b^2 + r_c^2}}}{\pi r_c^3 \sqrt{b^2 + r_c^2}} - \frac{3R_s^2 q^2}{\pi r_c^2} \left( \frac{3}{2br_c^3} + \frac{1}{b^3} - \frac{bR_s \arctan \frac{r_c}{\sqrt{b^2 + r_c^2}}}{\pi r_c^3 \sqrt{b^2 + r_c^2}} \right) \right]. \tag{23}$$

As before, we use the same graphical representation to show the NSIS’s characteristics as they relate to photon velocity. The parameter  $\omega_c^2/\omega^2$  is associated with the NSIS distribution here. When compared to the uniform plasma and SIS cases, it is clear from Figure 5 that the behavior of the impact parameter  $b$ , parameter  $a$ , magnetic charge  $q$ , and parameter  $\omega_c^2/\omega^2$  cannot be distinguished from a specific point of view. However, one can at least identify the distribution that significantly affects the deflection angle. Figure 6 is a visual view of the  $\hat{\alpha}_{\text{uni}}$ ,  $\hat{\alpha}_{\text{SIS}}$ , and  $\hat{\alpha}_{\text{NSIS}}$  as a function of the impact parameter and the coupling constant. The deflection is greatest when a homogeneous plasma medium surrounds the black hole, as can be seen. The following mathematical equation can be used to represent the outcome:  $\hat{\alpha}_{\text{uni}} > \hat{\alpha}_{\text{SIS}} > \hat{\alpha}_{\text{NSIS}}$ .

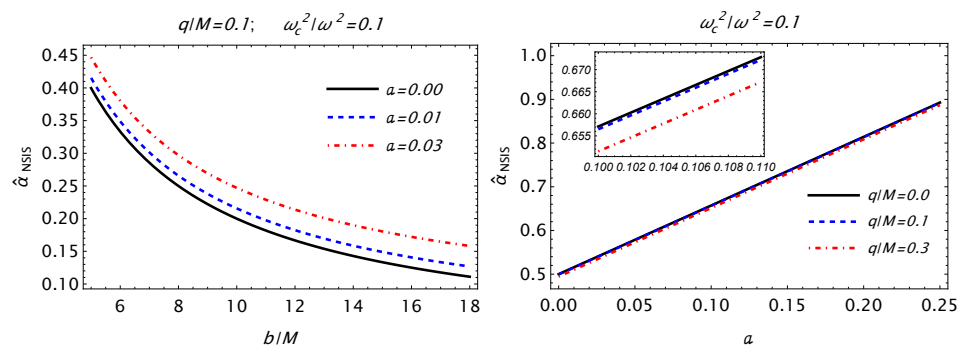
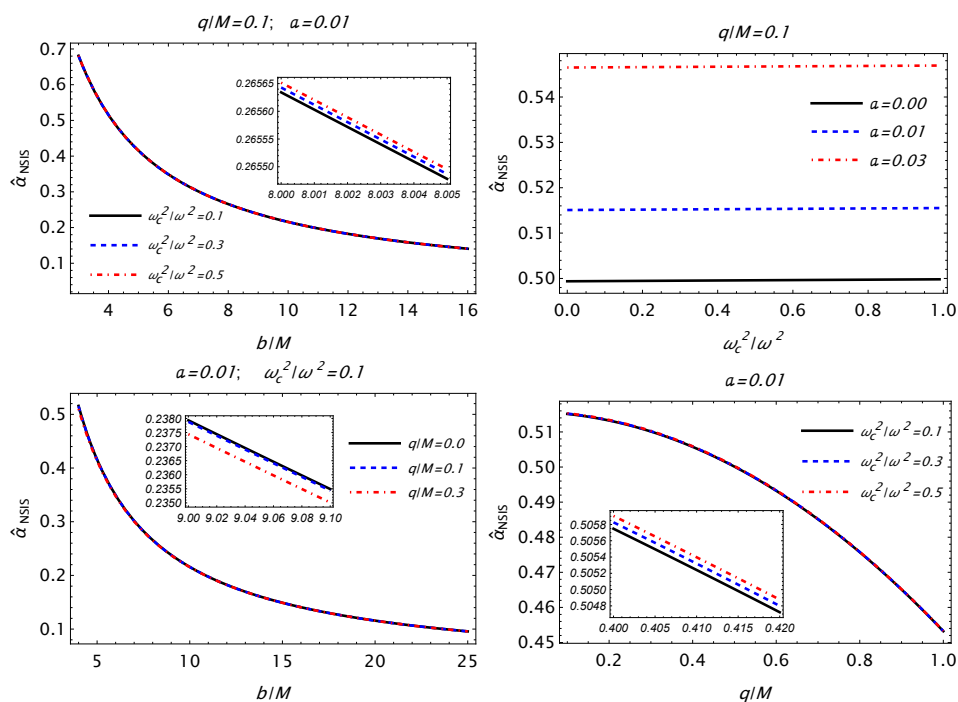
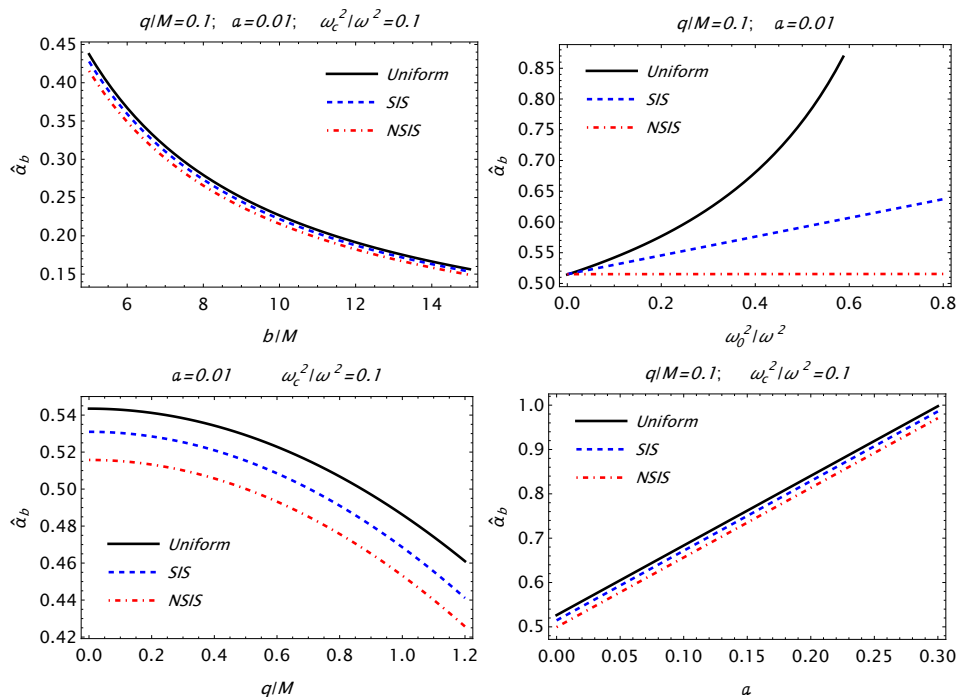


Figure 5. Cont.



**Figure 5.** Deflection angle  $\hat{\alpha}_{\text{NSIS}}$  as a function of impact parameter  $b$ , plasma frequency  $\frac{\omega_c^2}{\omega^2}$ , and parameter  $a$  and magnetic charge  $q$ . The fixed parameters used are  $b = 4$  and  $r_c = 3$ .



**Figure 6.** Plot of the deflection angle  $\hat{\alpha}_b$  as a function of the impact parameter  $b$ , magnetic charge  $q$ , and parameter  $a$ . The corresponding fixed parameters used are  $b = 4$  and  $r_c = 3$ .

#### 4. Magnification of Image Source in the Presence of Plasma

We now use a lens equation of the form to understand more about magnification of an image source due to gravitational lensing in the context of a plasma (for a small deflection angle) [81,90]

$$\theta D_s = \hat{\alpha}_b D_{ds} + \beta D_s, \tag{24}$$

where  $D_s$  is the distances from observer to the distant source, and  $D_{ds}$  denotes the lens object (see Figure 7). The relation between the angle  $\theta$  and the impact parameter  $b$  is represented by  $b = D_d\theta$ , where  $D_d$  denotes the observer distance from the lens object. By considering such relations, we can write Equation (24) as [68,81,90]

$$\beta = \theta - \frac{D_{ds}}{D_s} \frac{F(\theta)}{D_d} \frac{1}{\theta}, \tag{25}$$

with

$$F(\theta) = |\hat{\alpha}_b|b = |\hat{\alpha}_b(\theta)|D_d\theta.$$

Finally, using the above expressions, we can rewrite a lens equation for a small deflection angle in the following form [68]:

$$\beta = \theta - \frac{D_{ds}}{D_s} \hat{\alpha}_b. \tag{26}$$

The value of  $\beta = 0$  is attained when the lens, observer, and source are all aligned along a single axis. In this case, the Einstein angle  $\theta_E$  corresponds to the solution of the lens Equation (25) or (26), and the resulting image of the source takes the form of a so-called Einstein ring. For the Schwarzschild case, the deflection angle is  $\hat{\alpha}_b = 2R_s/b$ , and the radius of Einstein’s ring is  $R_E = D_d\theta_E$ . Einstein’s angle can be expressed as an instance of a Schwarzschild BH such as

$$\theta_E = \sqrt{2R_E \frac{D_{ds}}{D_s D_d}}. \tag{27}$$

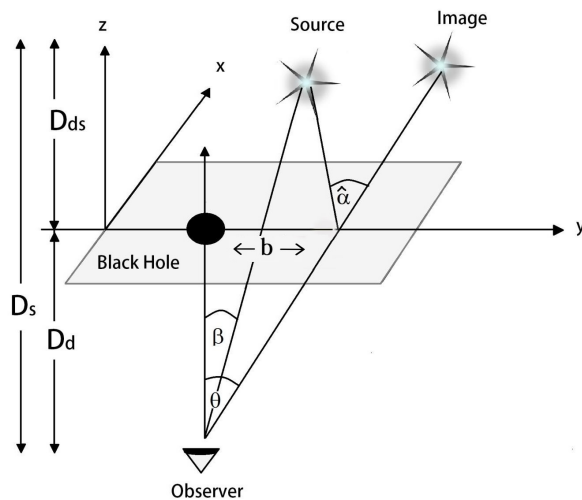


Figure 7. Schematic view of the gravitational lensing system (adopted from Ref. [81]).

We examine the source’s image brightness magnification in depth to learn more about both the source and the lens object, which is directly connected to the observation. The following form can be used as a generic equation for determining the magnification of the picture source [77]:

$$\mu_\Sigma = \frac{I_{tot}}{I_*} = \sum_k \left| \left( \frac{\theta_k}{\beta} \right) \left( \frac{d\theta_k}{d\beta} \right) \right|, \quad k = 1, 2, \dots, s, \tag{28}$$

where  $I_{tot}$  and  $s$  denote increased brightness  $I_*$  and the total number of images of the source, respectively.

We now visualise the discussion of the effects of uniform and non-uniform plasma on the amplification of the picture source in the Bardeen spacetime metric by use of a cloud of string parameters.

#### 4.1. Uniform Plasma with $\omega_c^2 = \text{const}$

$(\theta_E^{pl})$  is the Einstein angle in the background of uniform plasma with parameters  $q$  and  $a$ . From the Equations (14) and (25), one can obtain the following form of equation

$$(\theta_E^{pl})_{\text{uni}} = \theta_E \left( \frac{b}{2R_s} \hat{\alpha}_{\text{uni}}(b) \right)^{1/2}. \quad (29)$$

To determine the Einstein's angle, we use  $b = D_d(\theta_E^{pl})_{\text{uni}}$  in Equation (29) and then evaluate the equation considering  $(\theta_E^{pl})_{\text{uni}}$ . The analytical solution of the equation is very difficult. However, numerical computations may be used to determine the relationship between Einstein's angle and the BH and plasma properties.

From Equation (28), the term "magnification of the visual source" may be quickly understood as

$$\mu_{\text{tot}}^{pl} = \mu_+^{pl} + \mu_-^{pl} = \frac{x_{\text{uni}}^2 + 2}{x_{\text{uni}} \sqrt{x_{\text{uni}}^2 + 4}}, \quad (30)$$

where

$$x_{\text{uni}} = \frac{\beta}{(\theta_E^{pl})_{\text{uni}}}. \quad (31)$$

The image source's magnifications are expressed as

$$(\mu_+^{pl})_{\text{uni}} = \frac{1}{4} \left( \frac{x_{\text{uni}}}{\sqrt{x_{\text{uni}}^2 + 4}} + \frac{\sqrt{x_{\text{uni}}^2 + 4}}{x_{\text{uni}}} + 2 \right), \quad (32)$$

$$(\mu_-^{pl})_{\text{uni}} = \frac{1}{4} \left( \frac{x_{\text{uni}}}{\sqrt{x_{\text{uni}}^2 + 4}} + \frac{\sqrt{x_{\text{uni}}^2 + 4}}{x_{\text{uni}}} - 2 \right). \quad (33)$$

One may graphically represent the relationship between the total magnification and the plasma parameter for various values of parameter  $a$  and magnetic charge  $q$  using Equation (30). This dependence is presented in Figure 8, and one can see that the total magnification of the image decreases due to the influence of magnetic charge  $q$ . Moreover, the total magnification increases with the increase of uniform plasma parameter and parameter  $a$ .

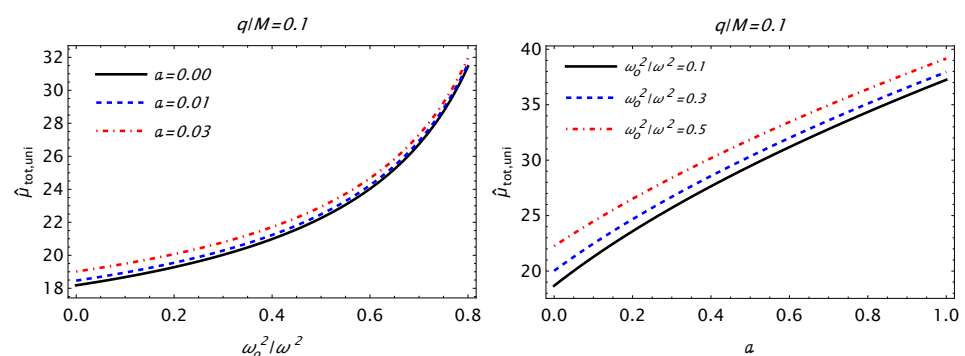
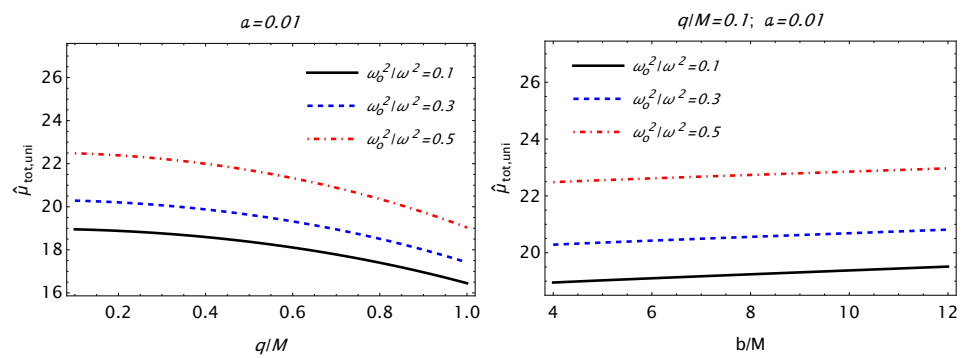


Figure 8. Cont.



**Figure 8.** The total magnification of the image brightness in the presence of uniform plasma as a function of  $\omega_0^2/\omega^2$ ,  $q$ ,  $b$ , and  $a$ . The fixed parameters used are  $R_s = 2$ ,  $b = 3$ , and  $x_0 = 0.055$ .

#### 4.2. Non-Uniform Plasma with SIS Medium

In this subsection, we will discuss the overall source magnification when a non-uniform plasma medium surrounds the BH. By considering Equations (18) and (25), we calculate the mathematical expression for Einstein’s ring by evaluating the equation

$$(\theta_E^{pl})_{SIS} = \theta_E \left( \frac{b}{2R_s} \hat{\alpha}_{SIS}(b) \right)^{1/2}. \tag{34}$$

The overall magnification of the picture source may be expressed as follows using the Equation (28) as

$$\begin{aligned} (\mu_{tot}^{pl})_{SIS} &= (\mu_+^{pl})_{SIS} + (\mu_-^{pl})_{SIS} \\ &= \frac{x_{SIS}^2 + 2}{x_{SIS} \sqrt{x_{SIS}^2 + 4}}, \end{aligned} \tag{35}$$

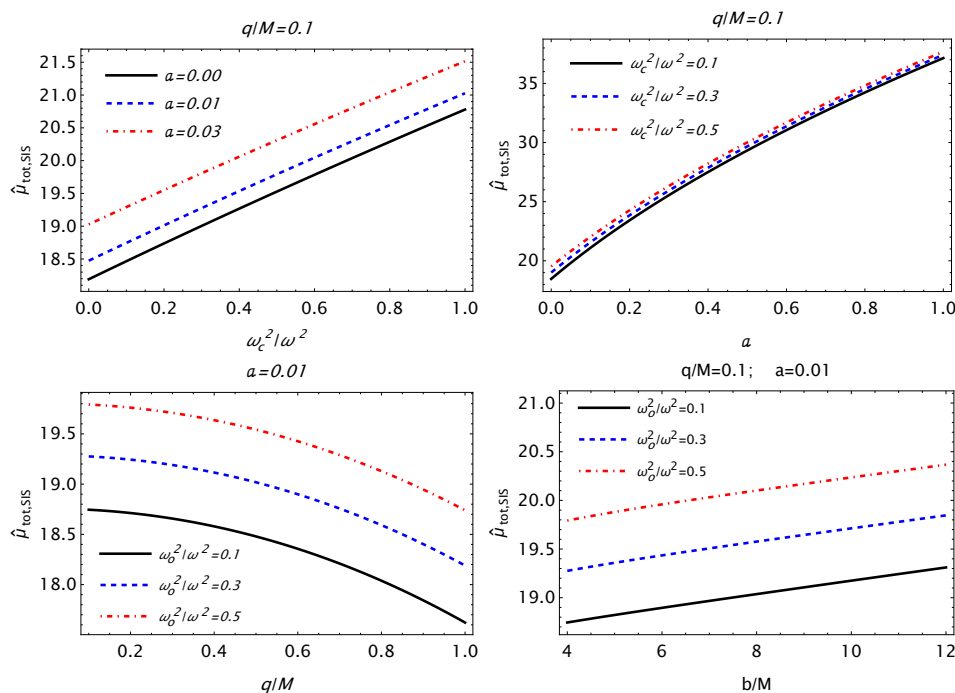
where

$$(\mu_+^{pl})_{SIS} = \frac{1}{4} \left( \frac{x_{SIS}}{\sqrt{x_{SIS}^2 + 4}} + \frac{\sqrt{x_{SIS}^2 + 4}}{x_{SIS}} + 2 \right), \tag{36}$$

$$(\mu_-^{pl})_{SIS} = \frac{1}{4} \left( \frac{x_{SIS}}{\sqrt{x_{SIS}^2 + 4}} + \frac{\sqrt{x_{SIS}^2 + 4}}{x_{SIS}} - 2 \right), \tag{37}$$

$$x_{SIS} = \frac{\beta}{(\theta_E^{pl})_{SIS}}. \tag{38}$$

Figure 9 displays the relationship between magnetic charge  $q$ , the parameter  $a$ , and plasma properties and the overall magnification of the pictures of the source. It is clear from this relationship that the existence of the magnetic charge parameter causes the overall magnification to drop. However, the overall magnification grows when the non-uniform plasma parameter and the parameter  $a$  are both increased.



**Figure 9.** The total magnification of the image brightness in the presence of SIS as a function of  $\omega_c^2/\omega^2$ ,  $q$ ,  $b$ , and  $a$ . The fixed parameters used are  $R_s = 2$ ,  $b = 3$ , and  $x_0 = 0.055$ .

**5. Conclusions**

This work carefully examines the impact of plasma (both uniform and non-uniform) on gravitational weak lensing for the Bardeen BH with a cloud of string. The following comments can be used to sum up the results:

- We analyzed the horizon radius for various values of the black hole in Bardeen gravity with a cloud string parameter  $a$ . The results show that the radius of horizon  $r_h$  is decreasing in the presence of parameter  $q$ , and the effect of string clouds is inverse.
- In the presence of the parameter  $a$  and magnetic charge  $q$  of the Bardeen spacetime metric with a cloud of a string field, the deflection angle of light beams around the BH decreases. In addition, with fixed values of the magnetic charge  $q$  and parameter  $a$ , the influence of uniform plasma on the gravitational weak deflection angle is also shown in Figure 3.
- As seen in Figure 4, the deflection angle of light rays around the compact object increases as the value of the parameter responsible for the non-uniform plasma medium increases.
- The deflection angle of a light beam around the BH is larger in the uniform case than in the non-uniform case, and this is true regardless of the values of the parameters  $a$  and  $q$  in the plasma (Figure 6).
- For various values of the parameter  $a$  and magnetic charge  $q$  in Bardeen spacetime in the presence of a cloud string field, we have explored the overall magnification of the image source caused by gravitational weak lensing. We have demonstrated that the magnetic charge  $q/M$  has an impact on the total magnification of the image but that the total magnification also increases with an increase in the parameter  $a$  (see Figures 8 and 9).
- Finally, we have investigated the total magnification’s reliance on the plasma medium and found that it increases as the plasma medium’s uniform and non-uniform properties are increased.

The observational data of the gravitational lensing in [91–94] may be further used to obtain constraints on the spacetime parameters and estimate the plasma characteristics.

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