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# The self-force problem: local behaviour of the Detweiler- Whiting singular field

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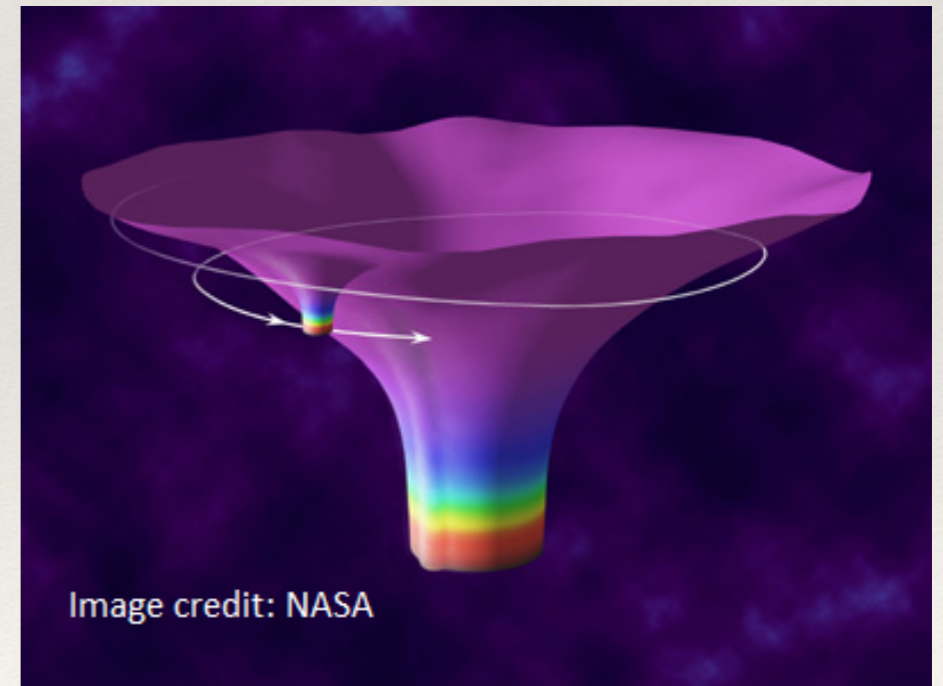
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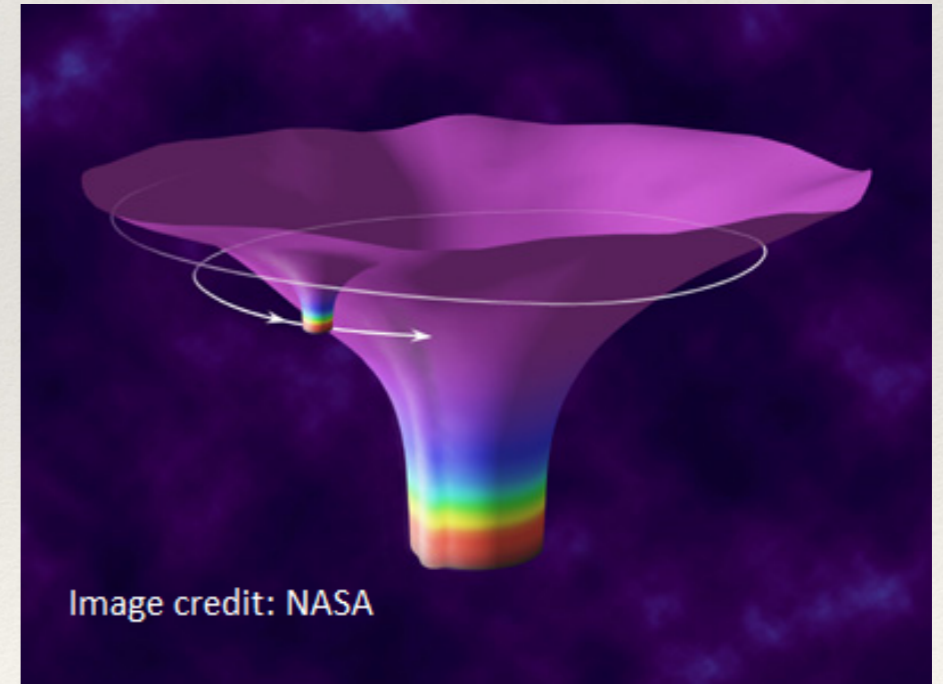
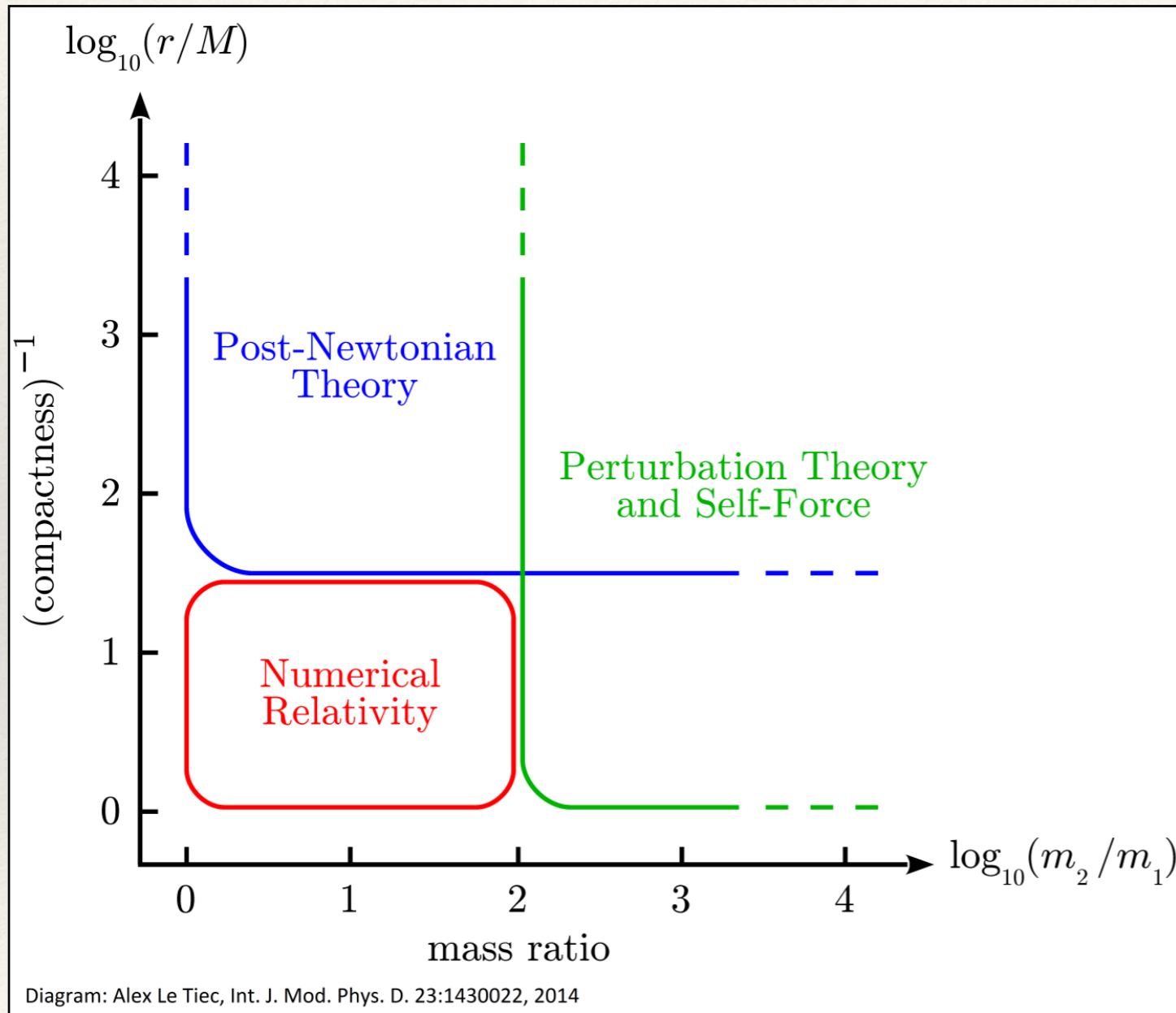
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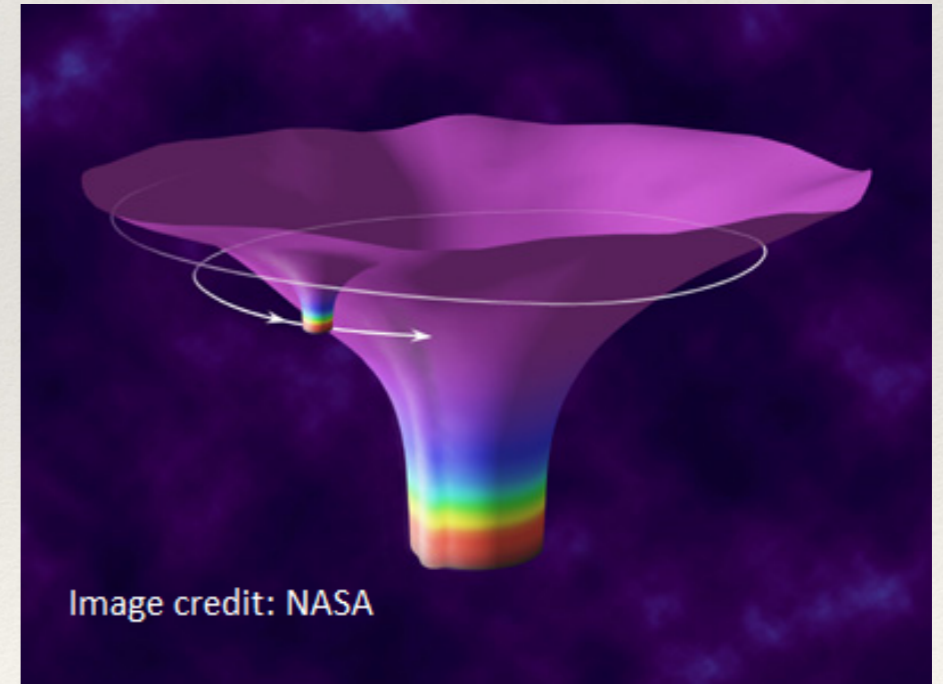
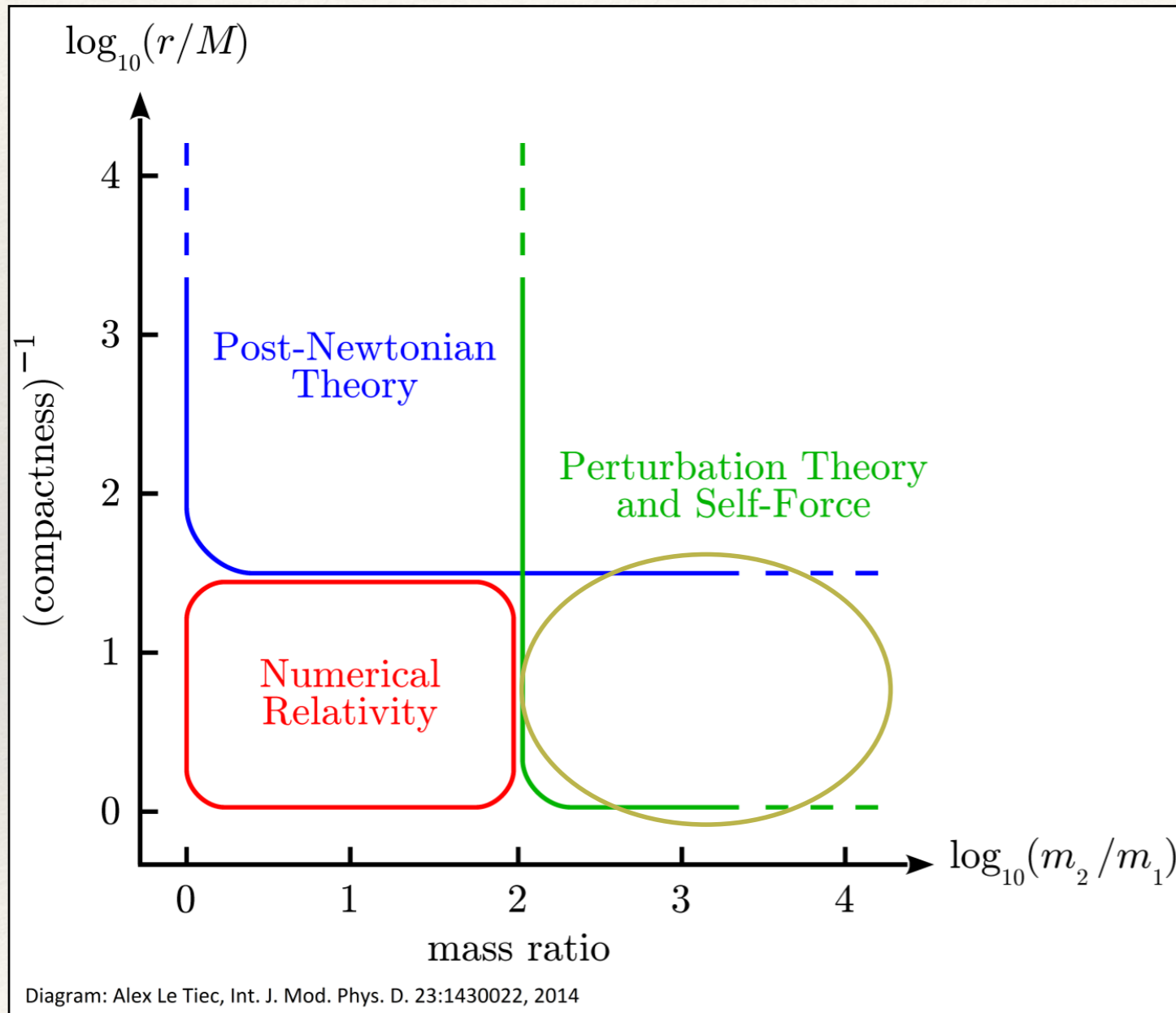
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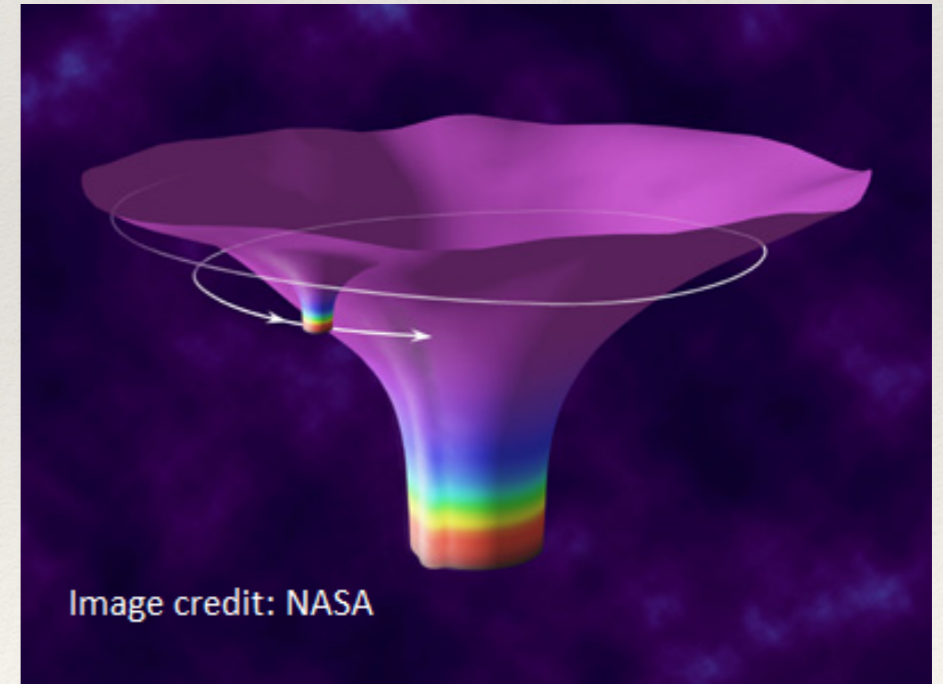
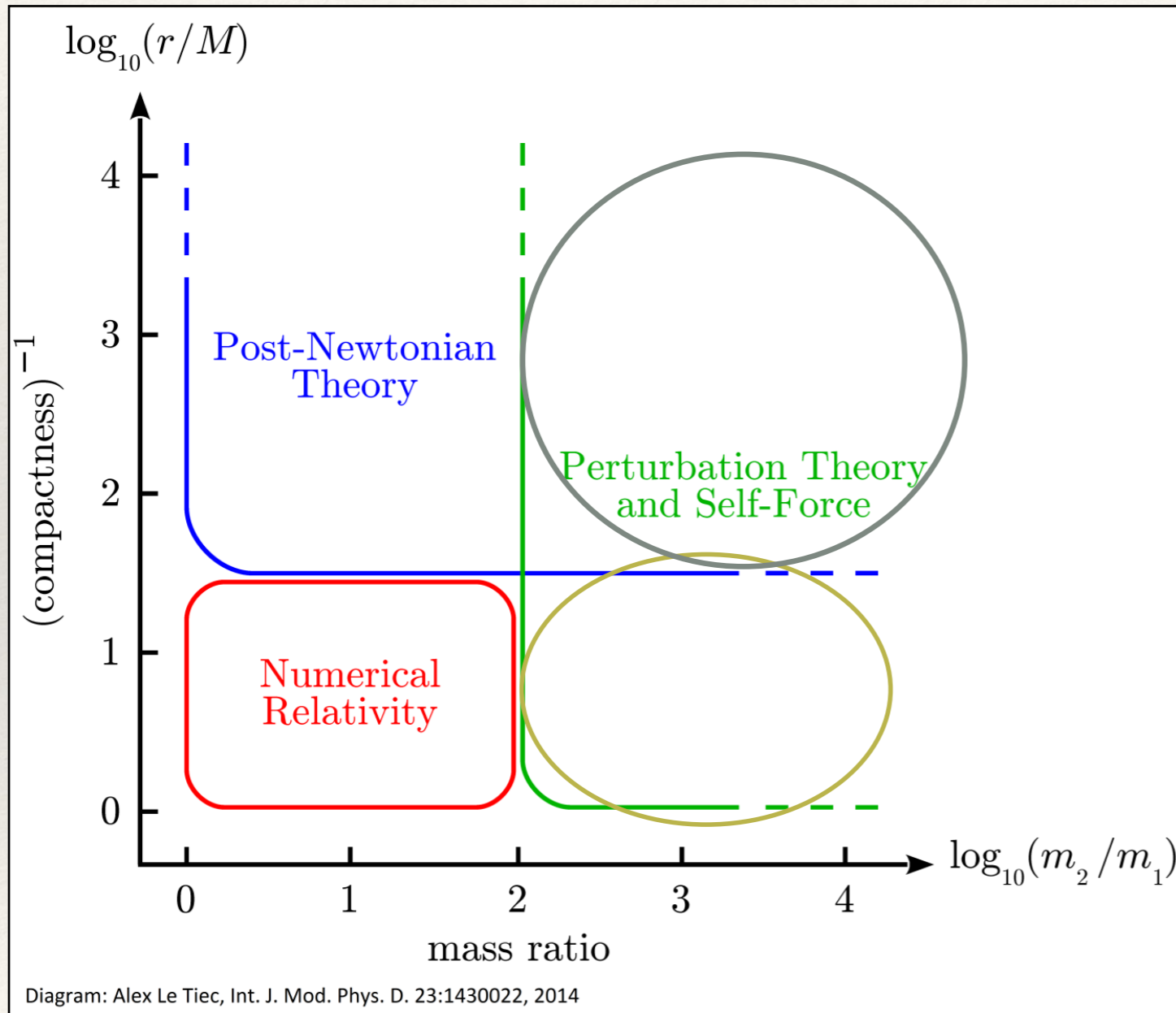
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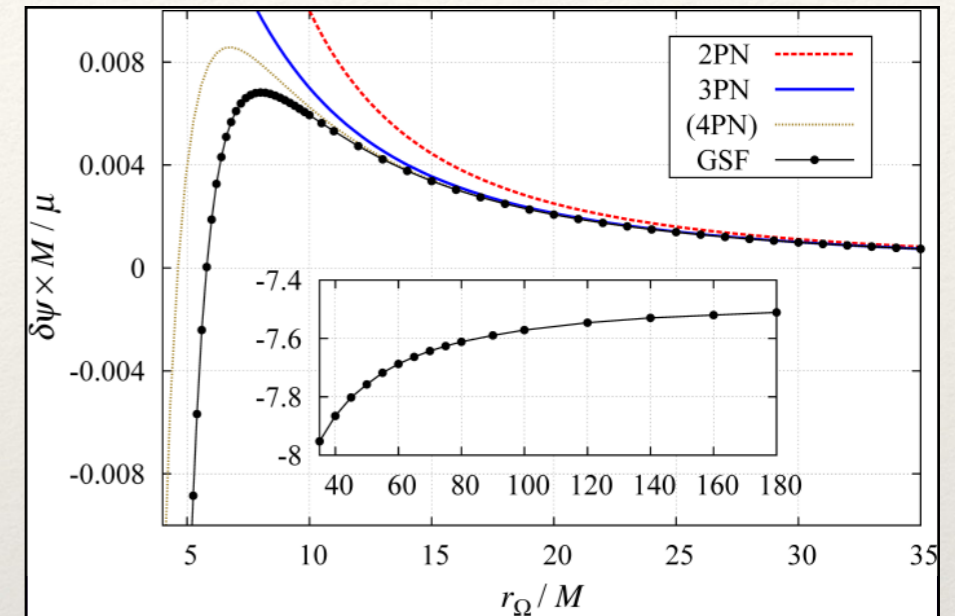
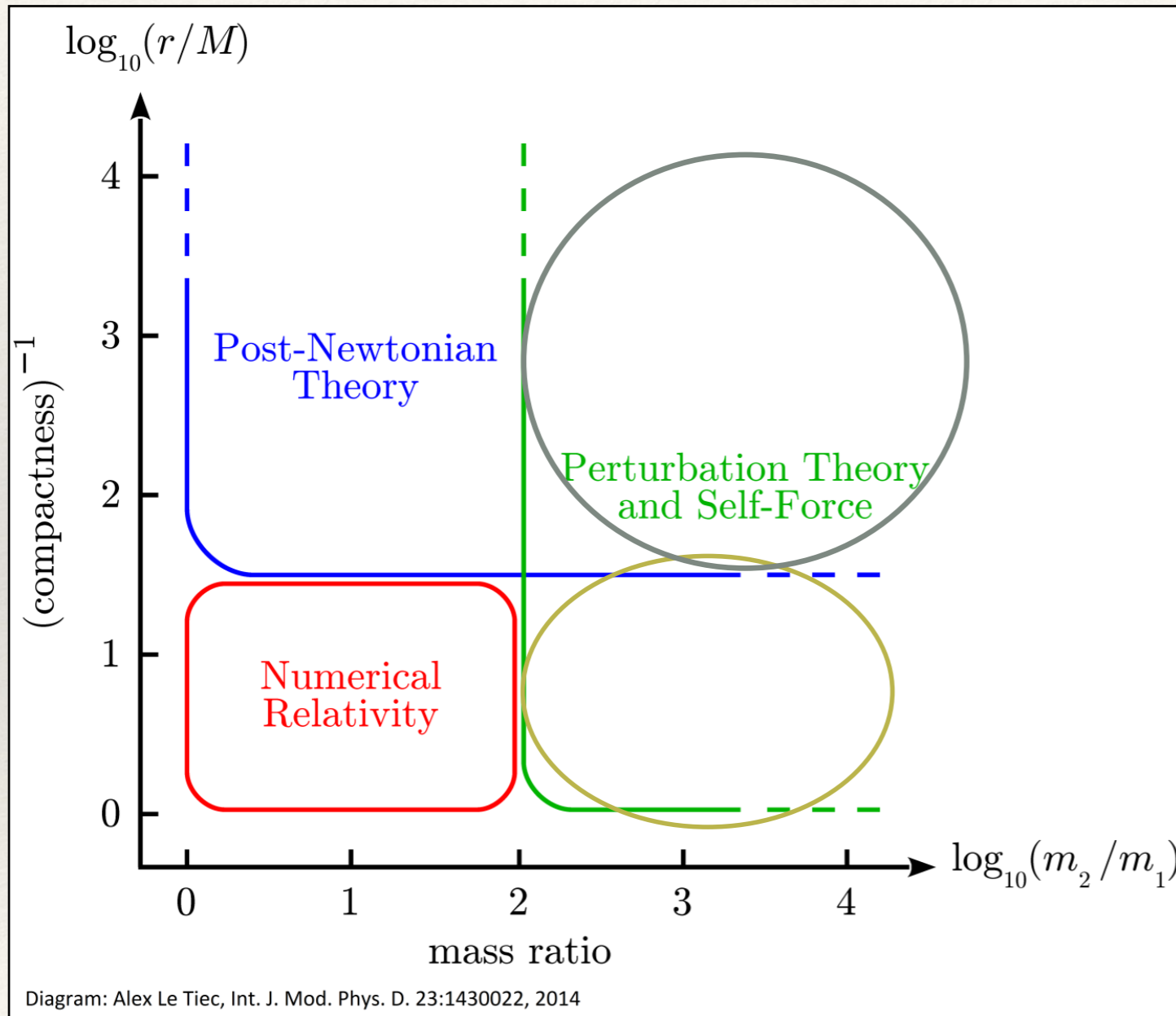
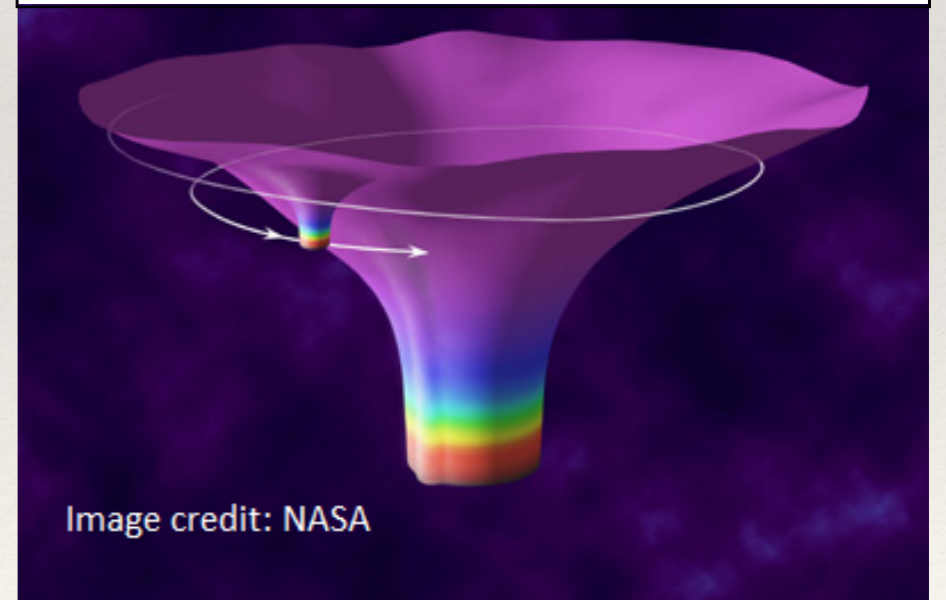
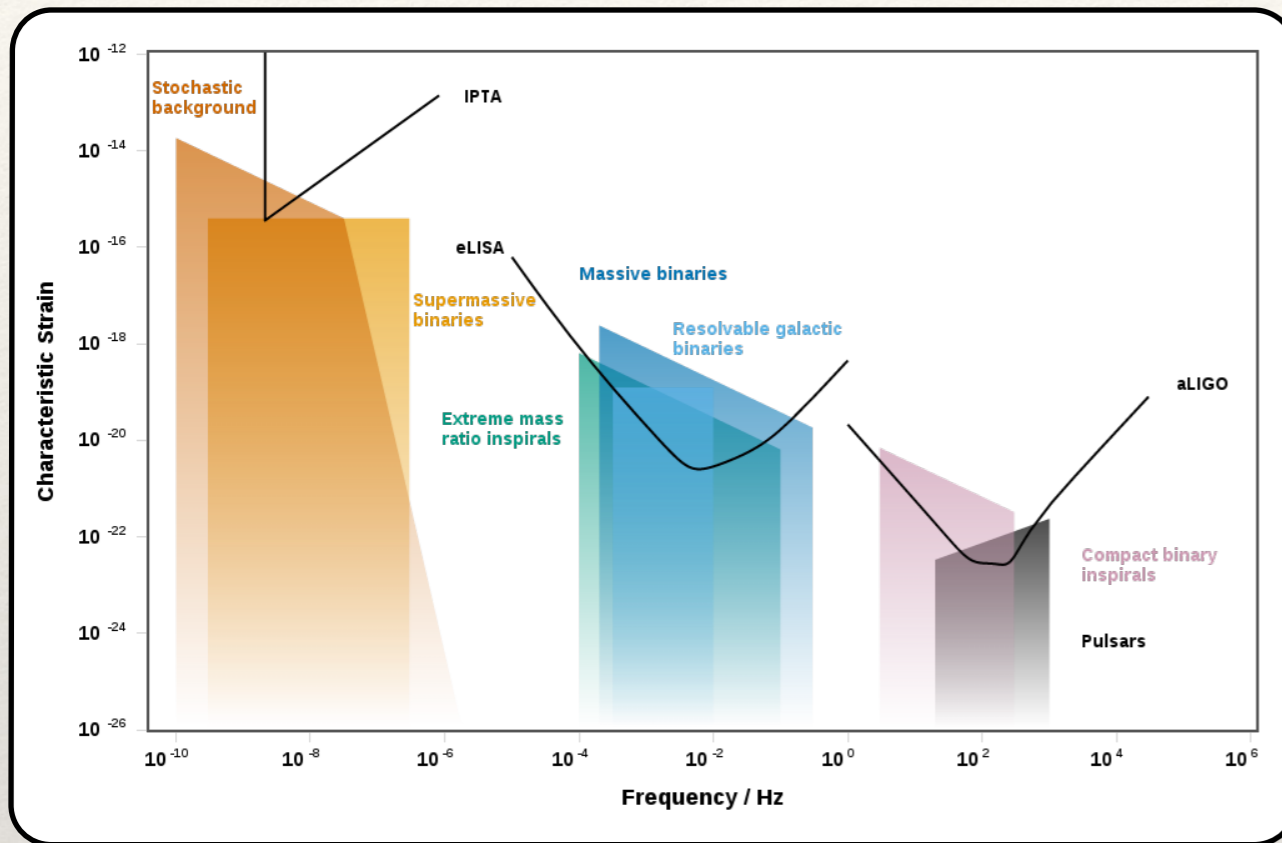


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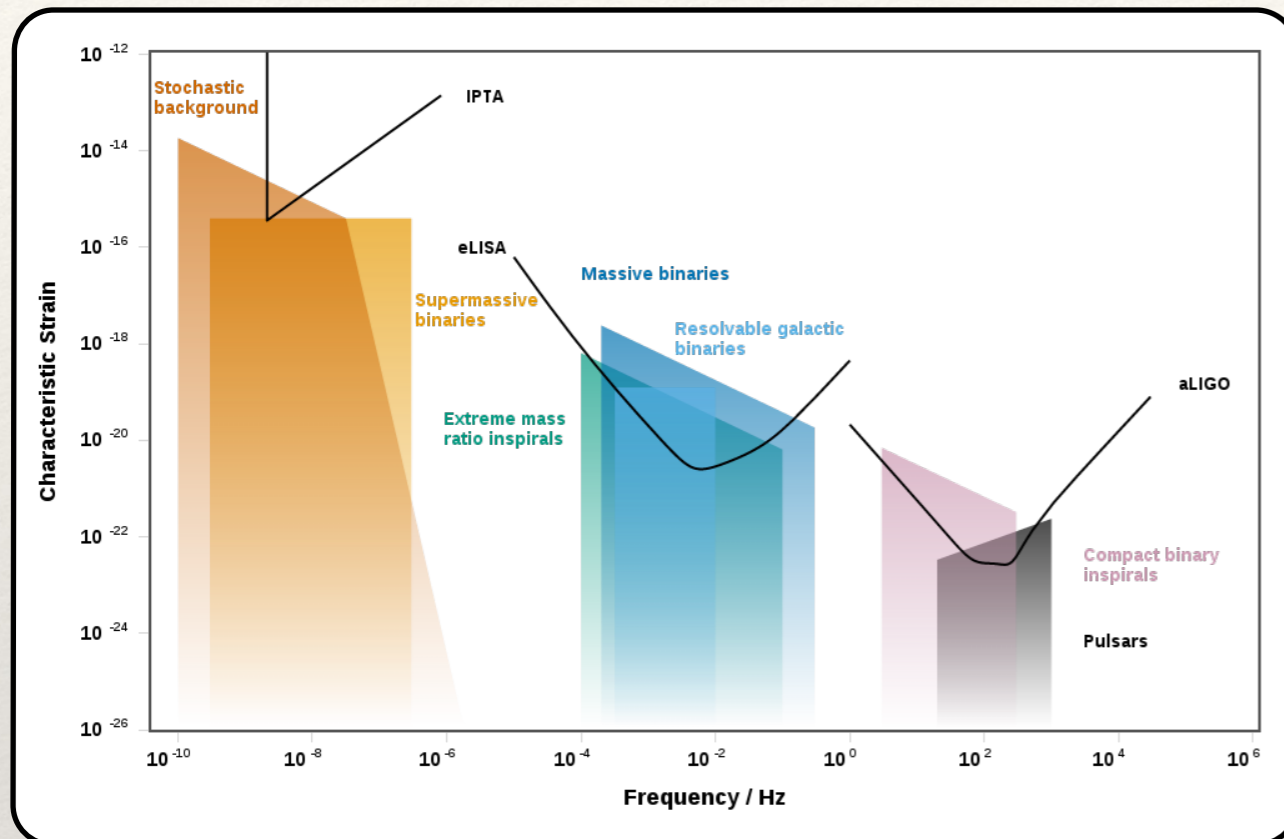


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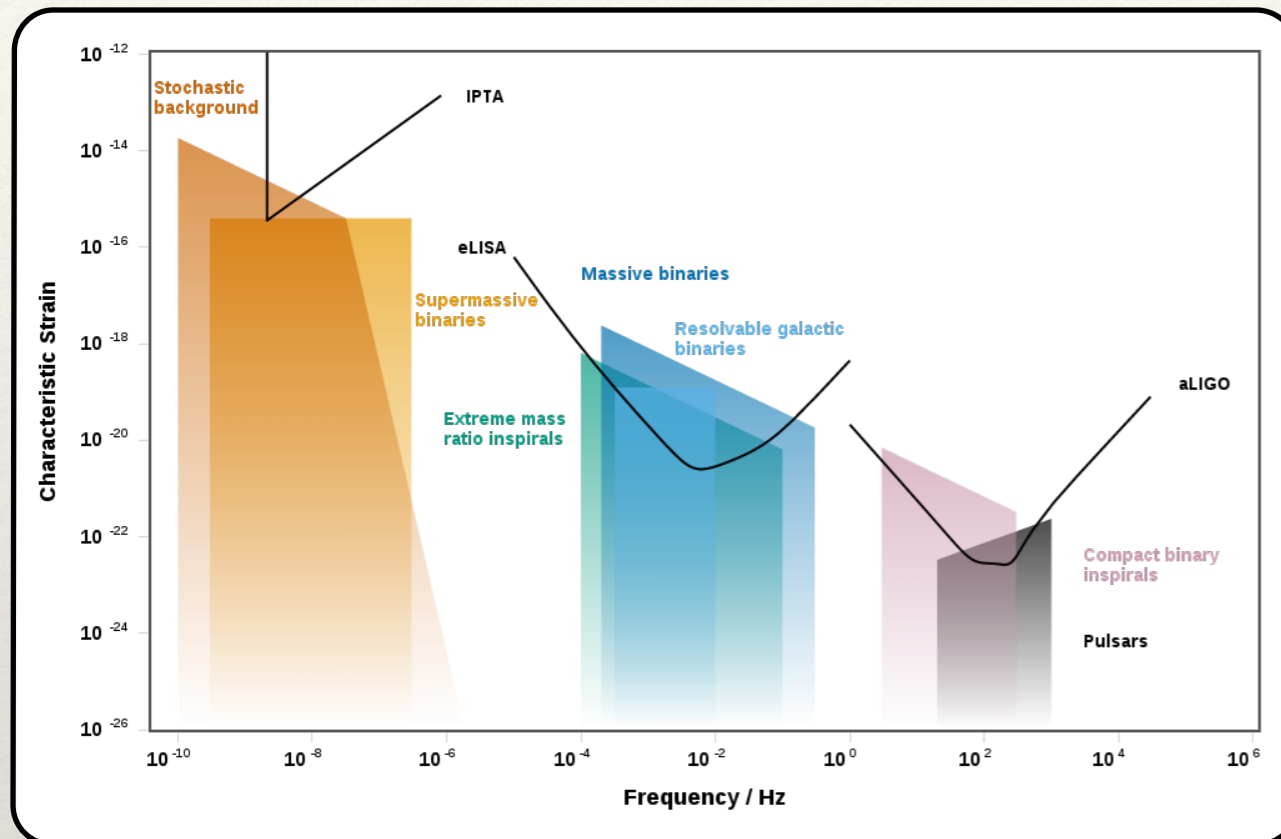


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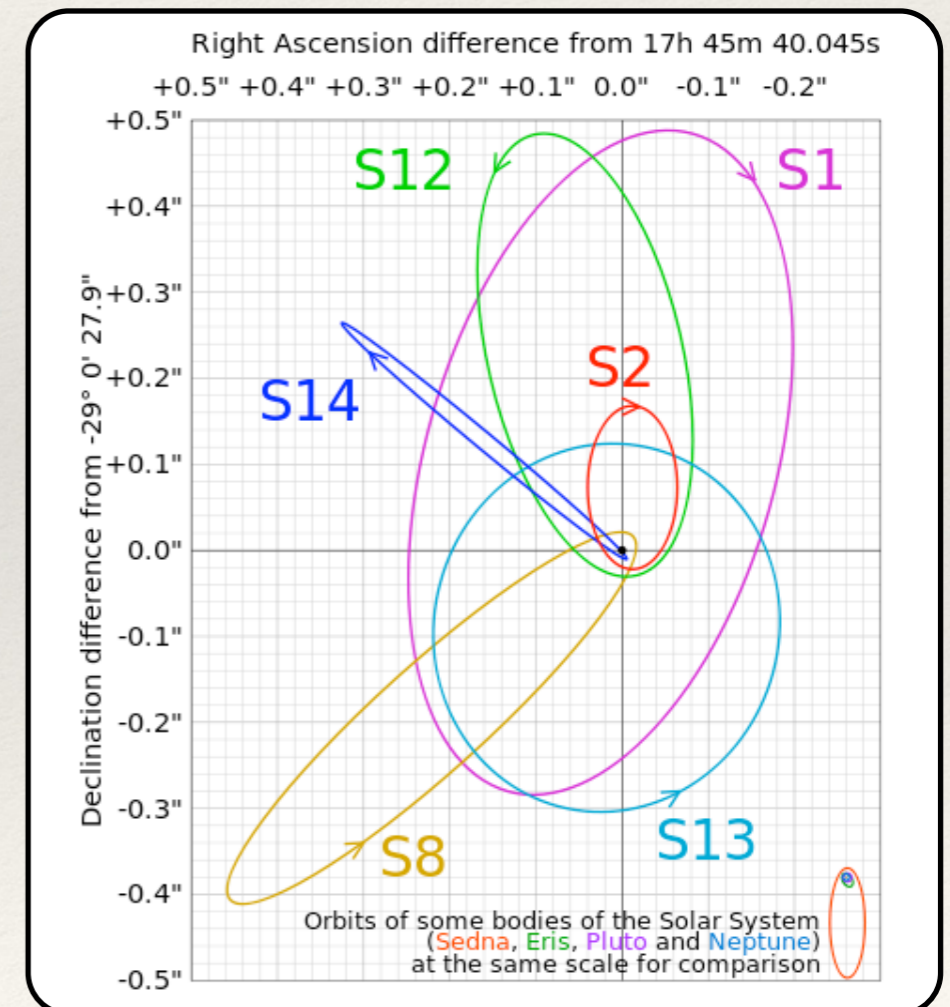
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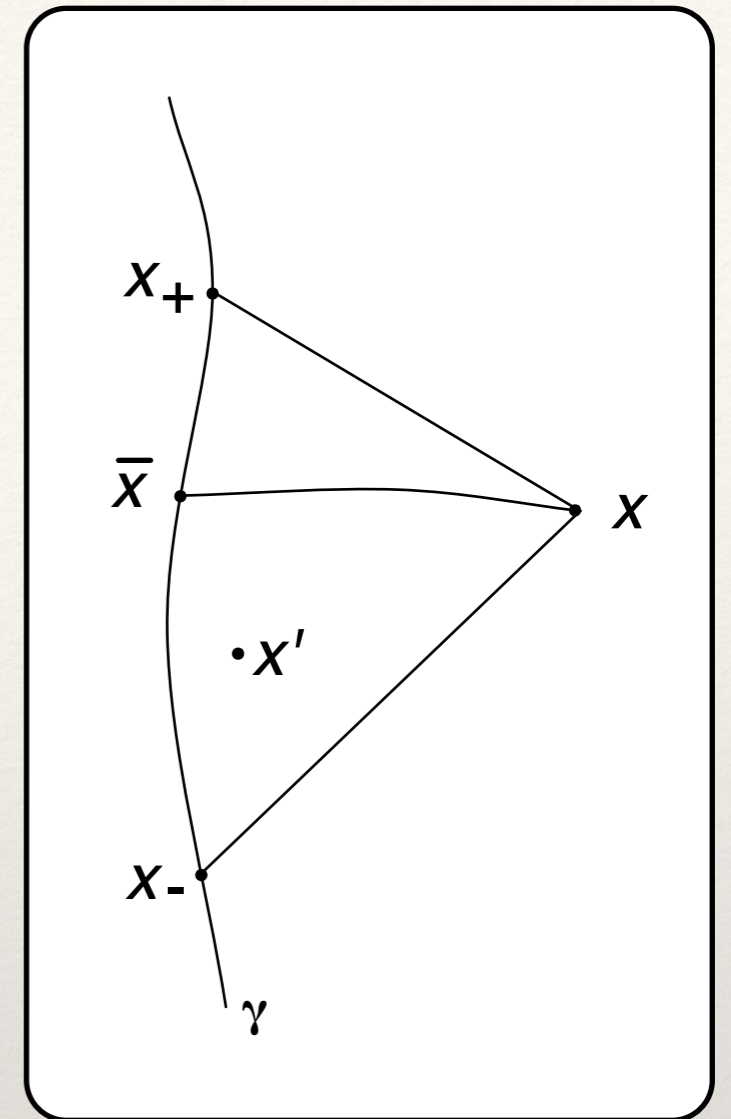
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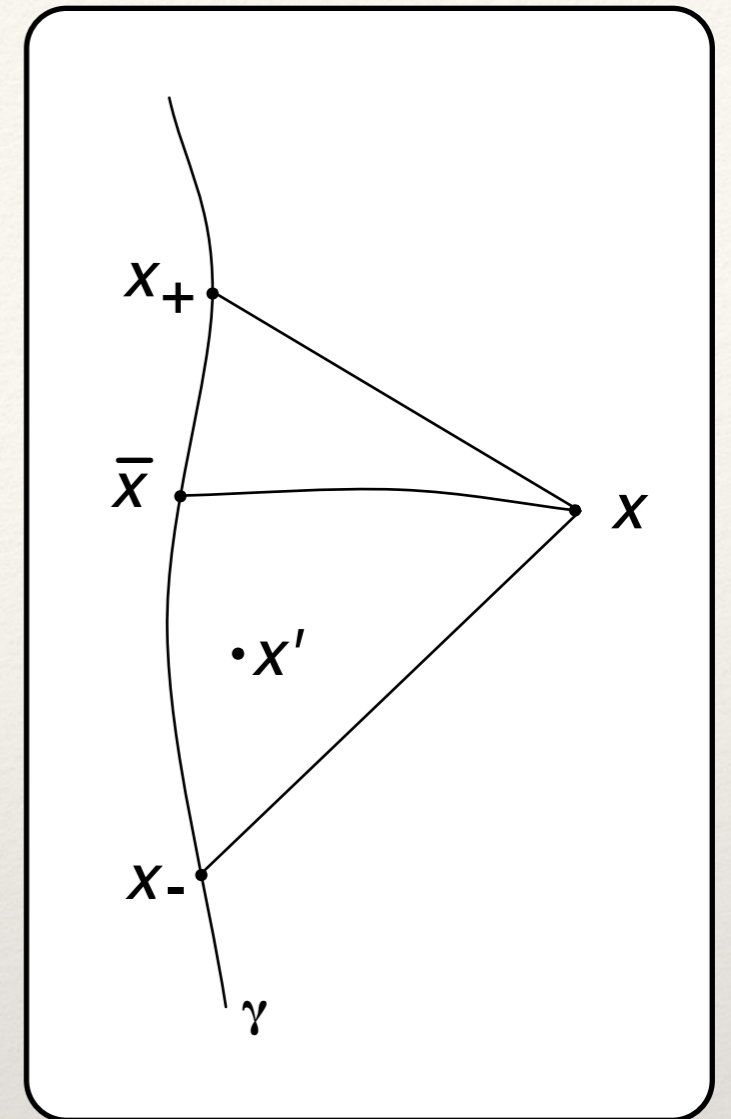
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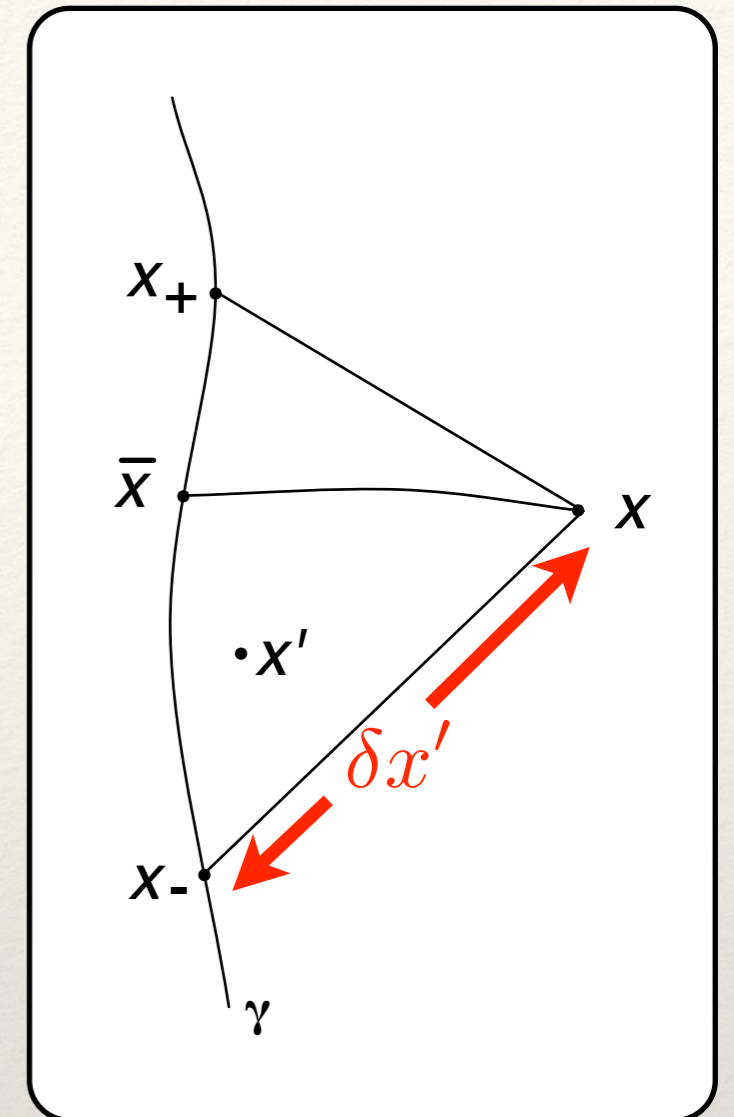
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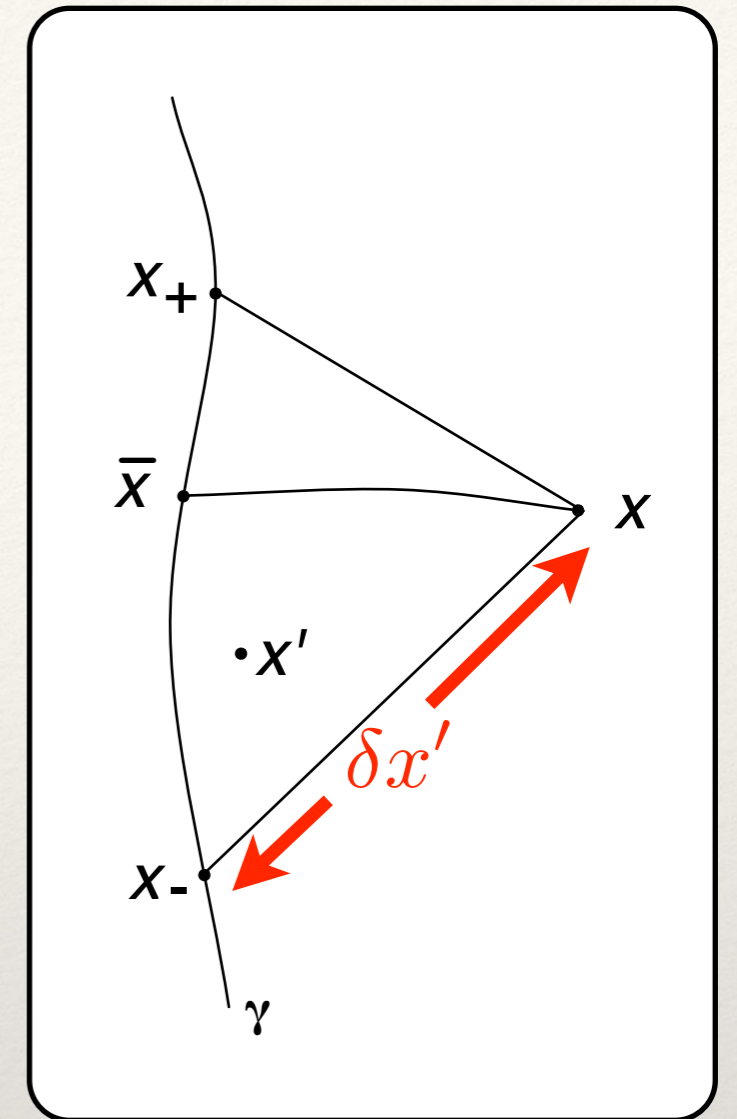
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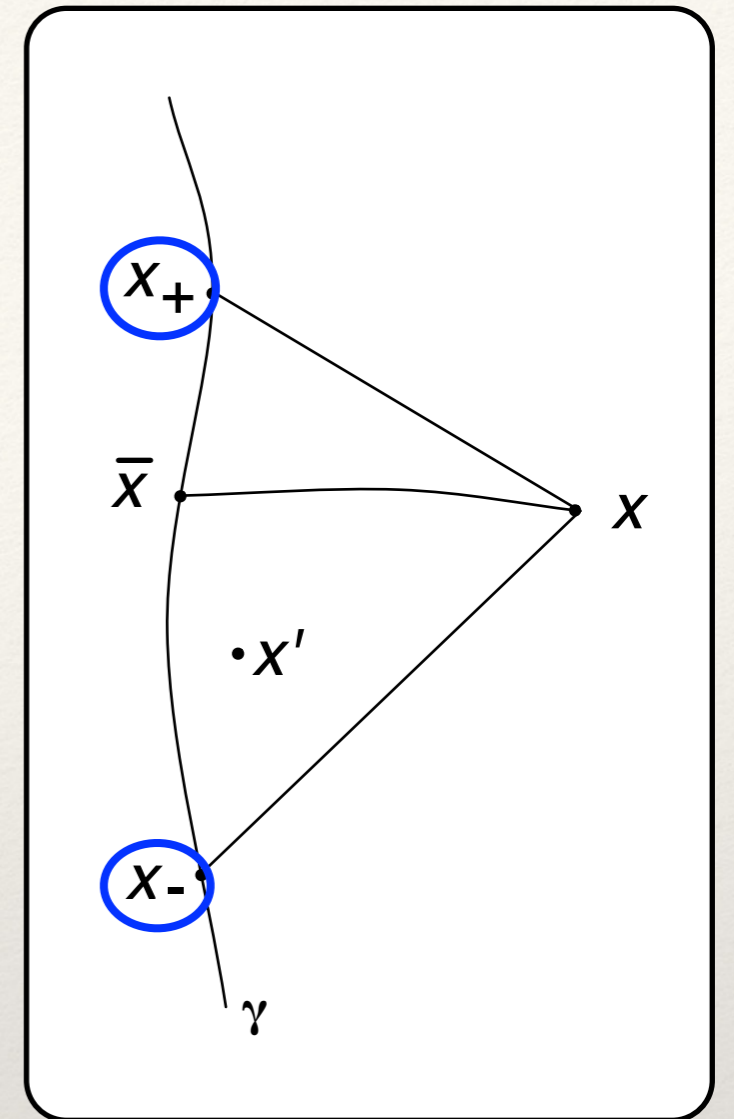
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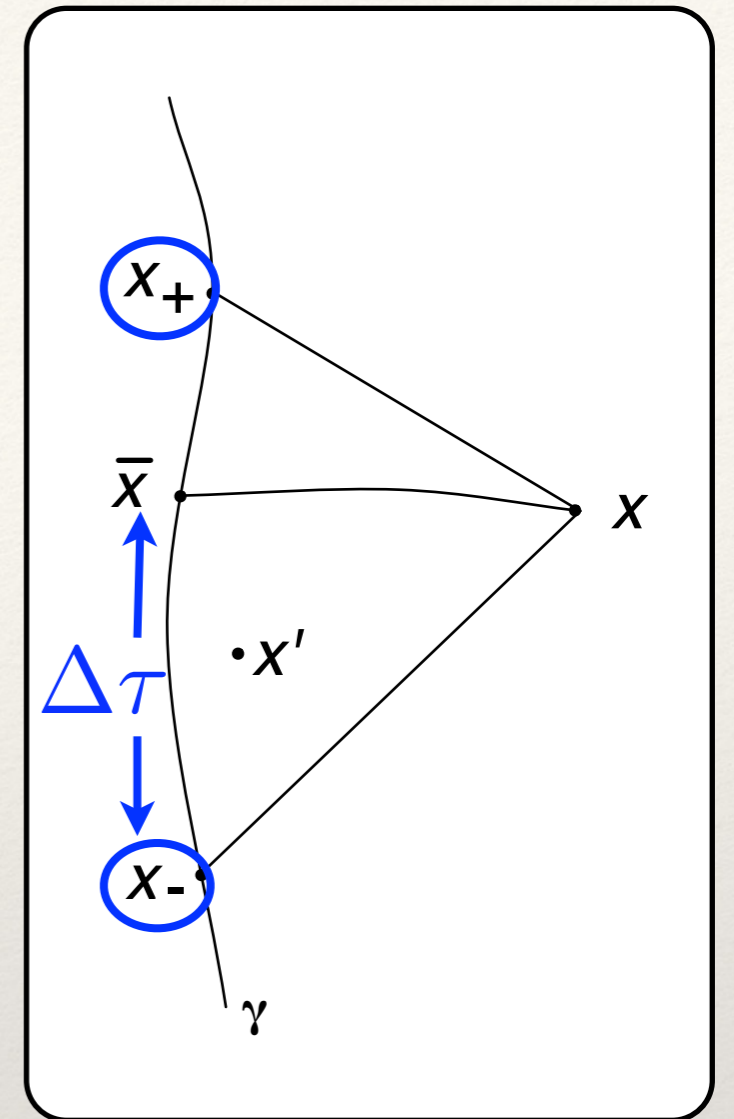
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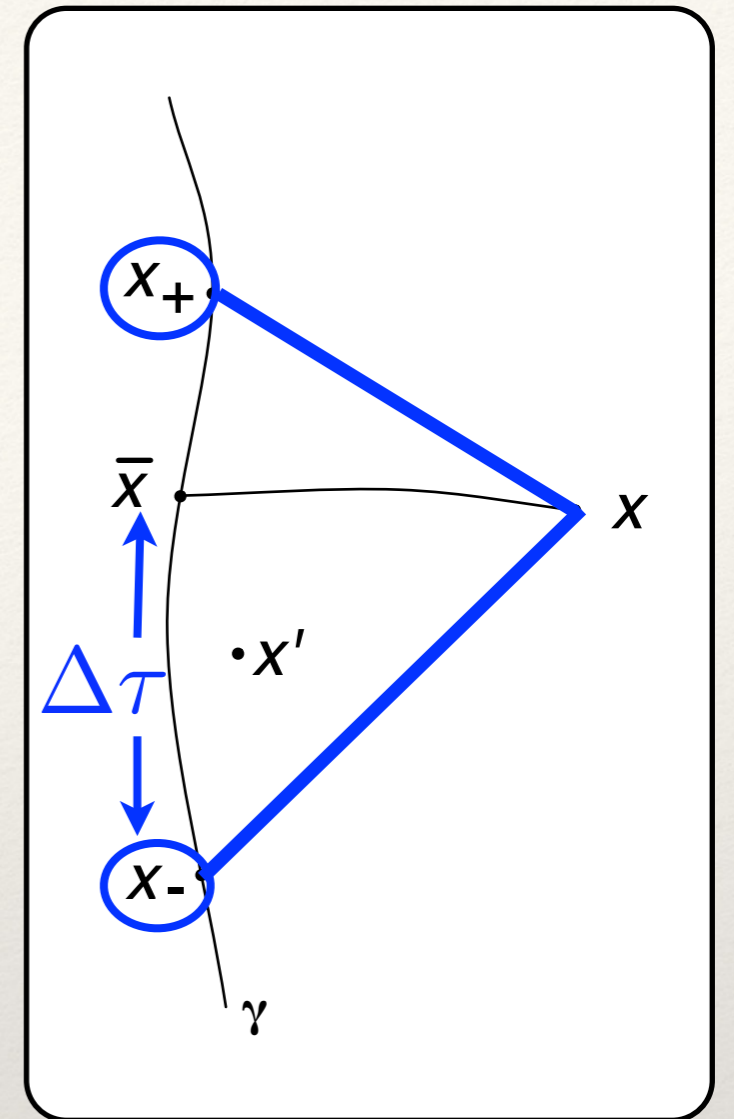
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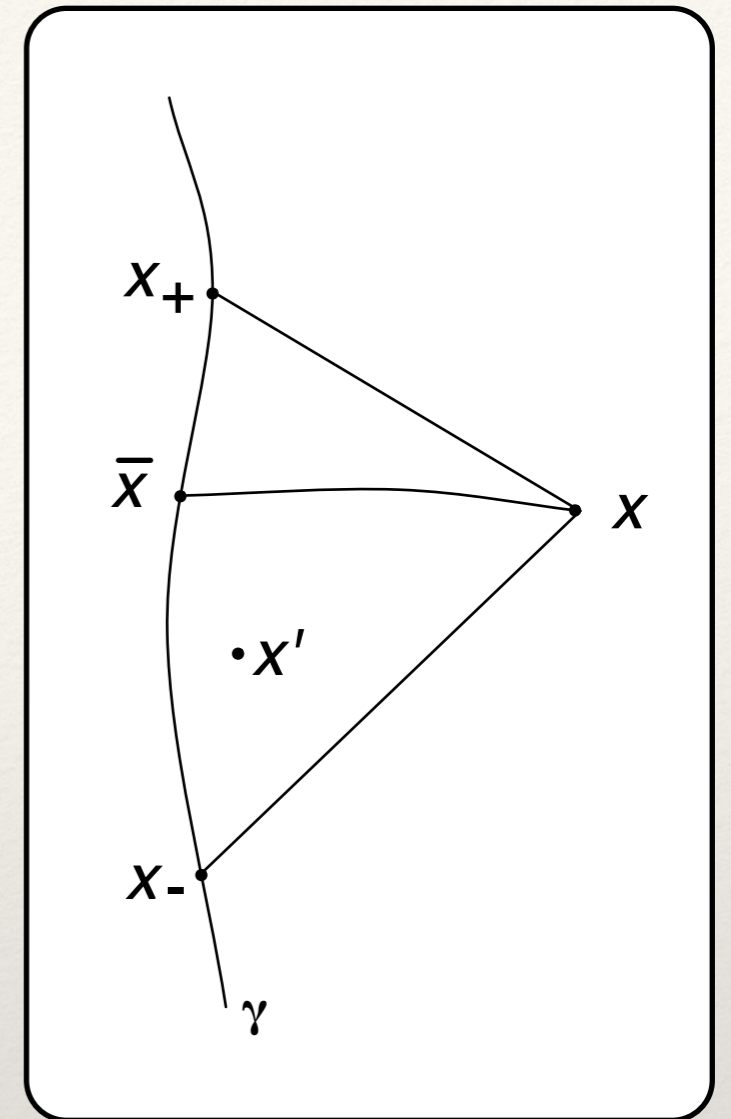
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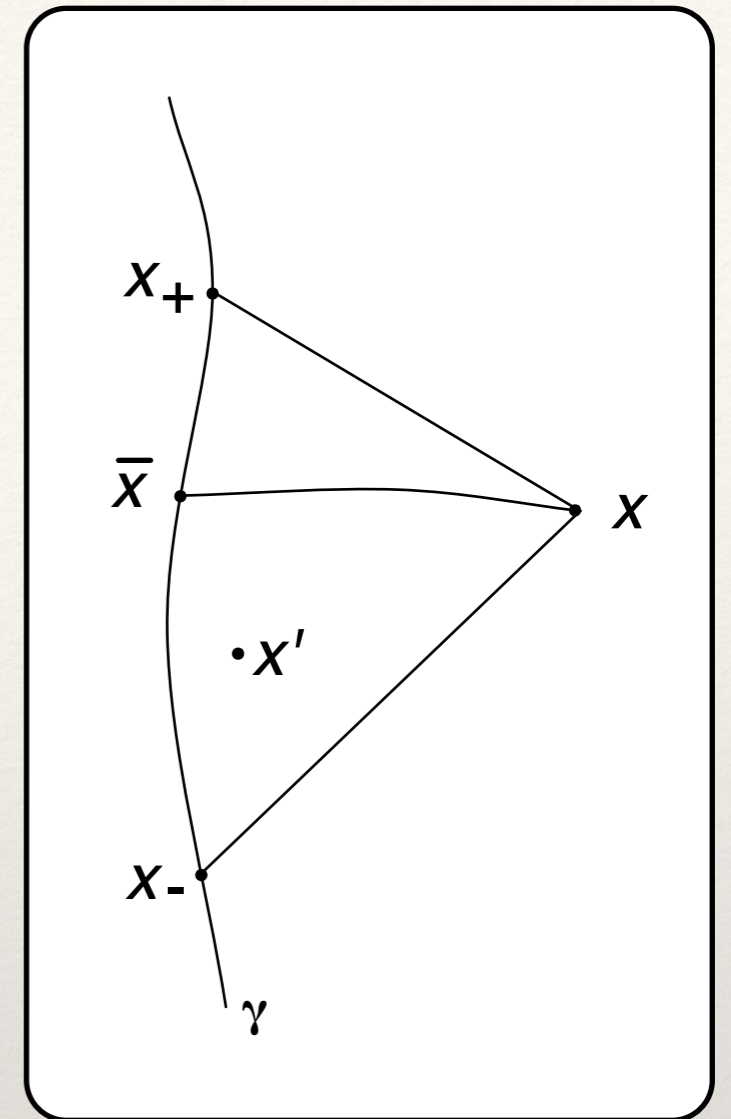
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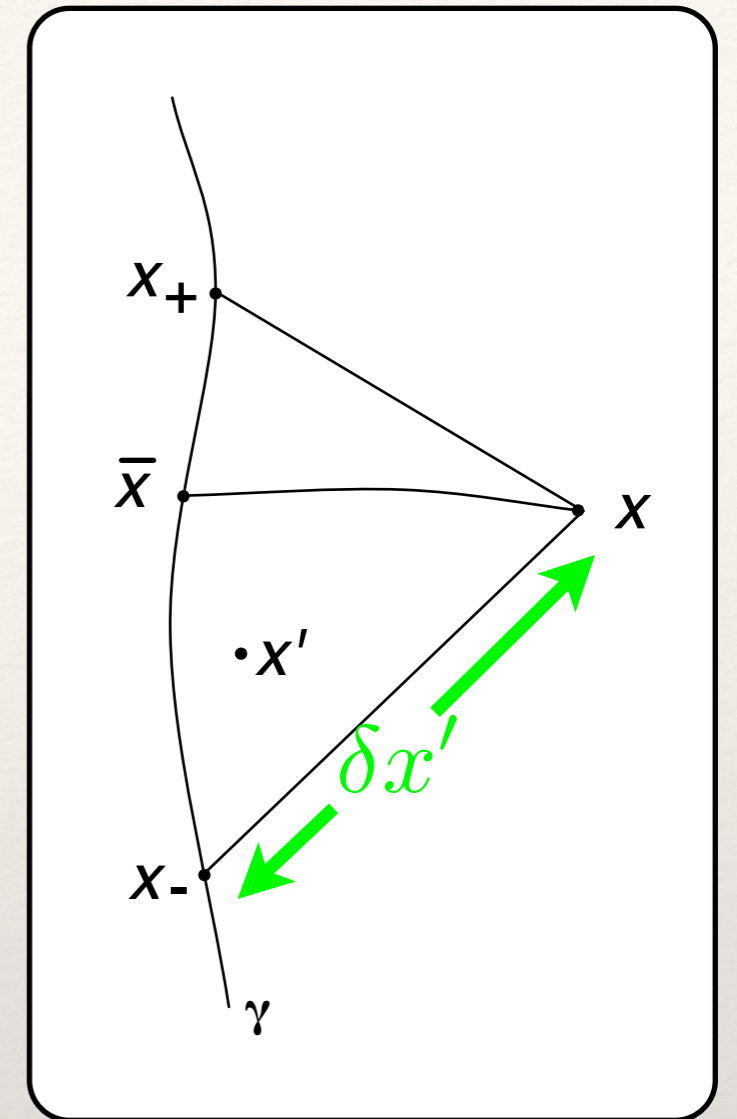
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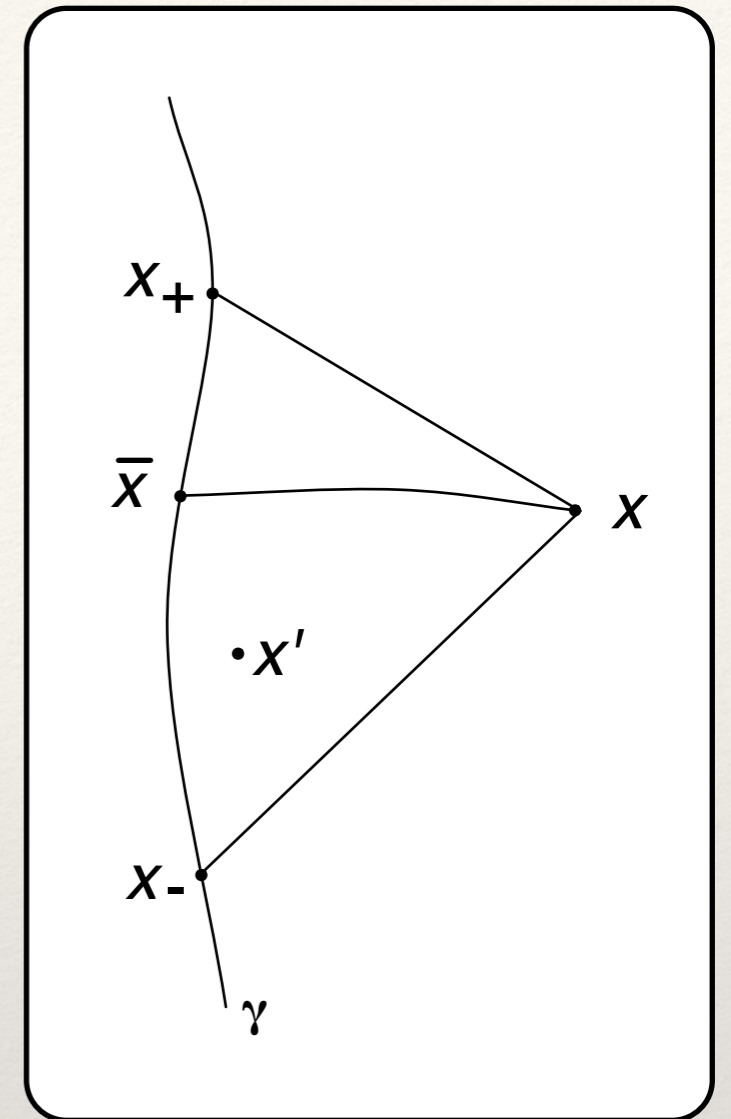
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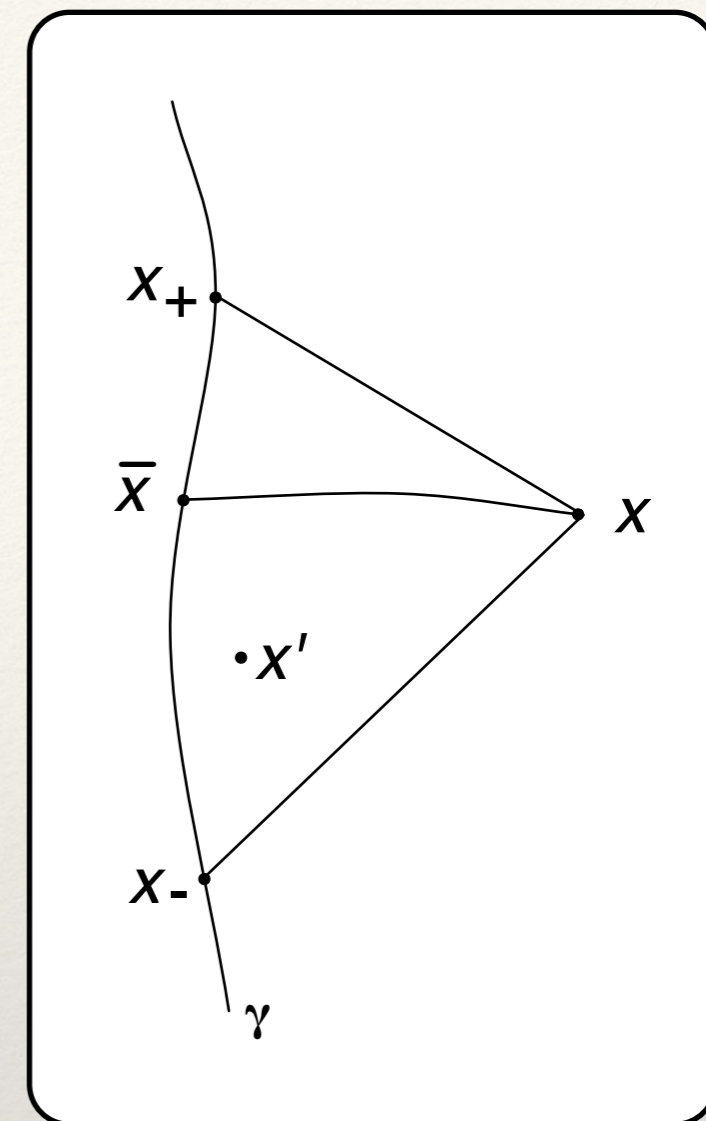
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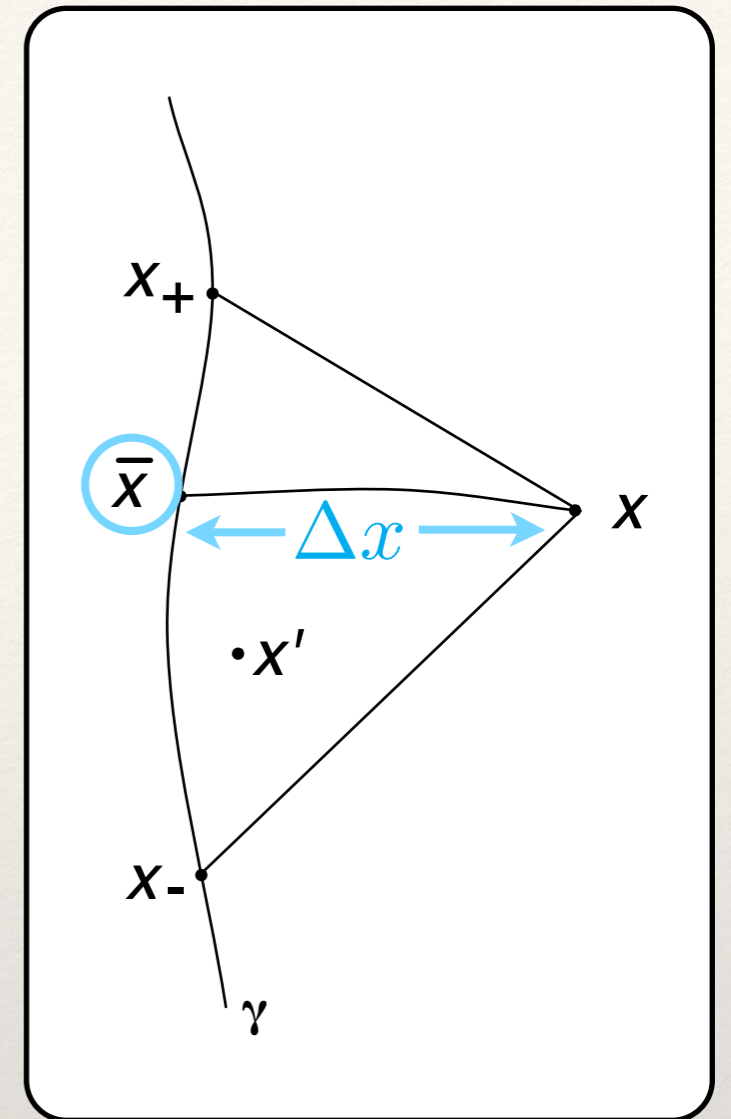
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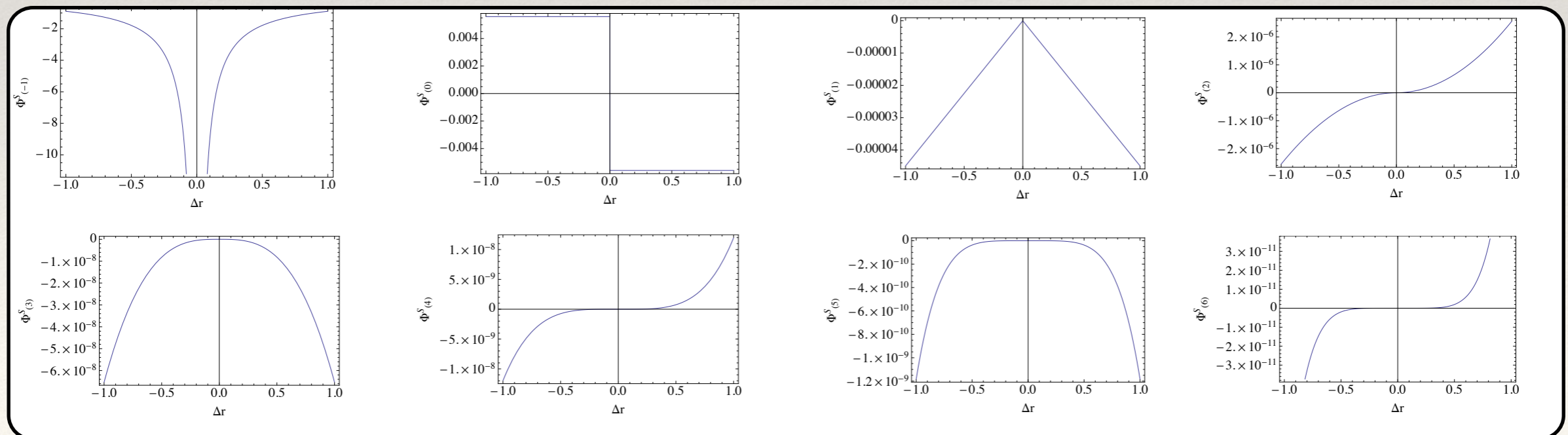
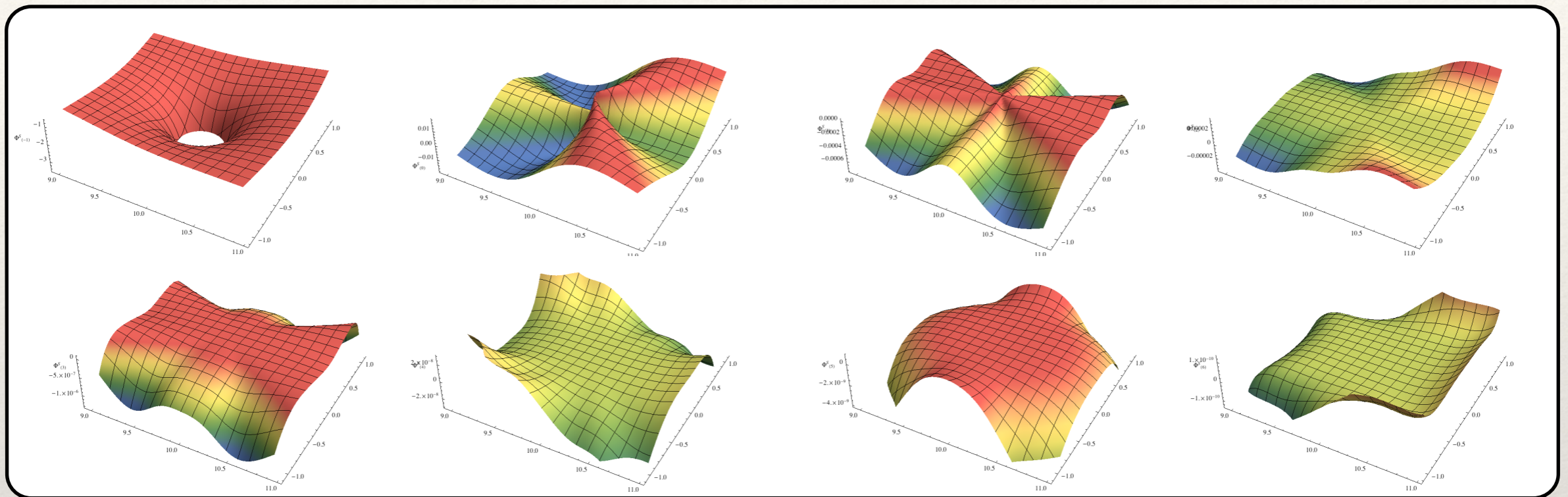
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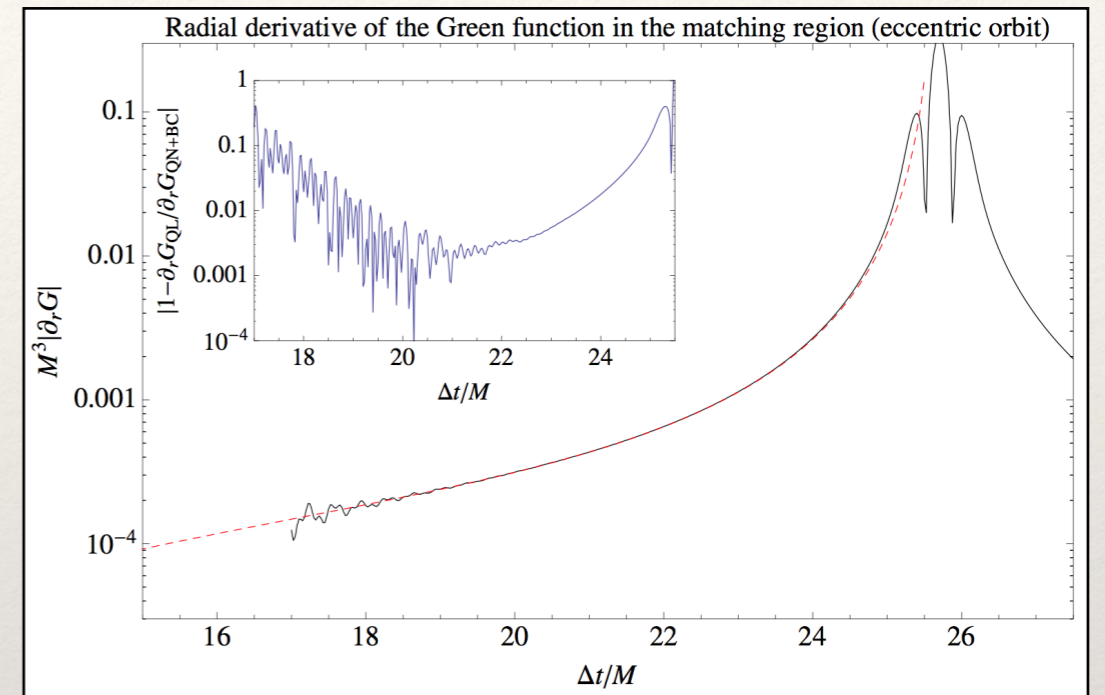
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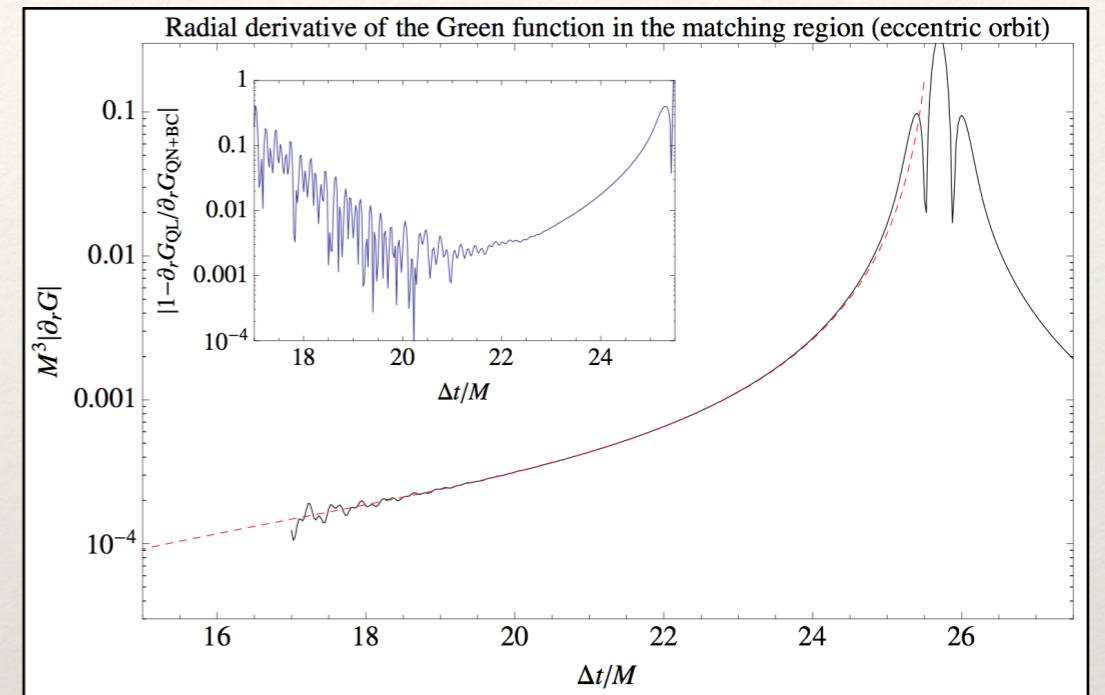


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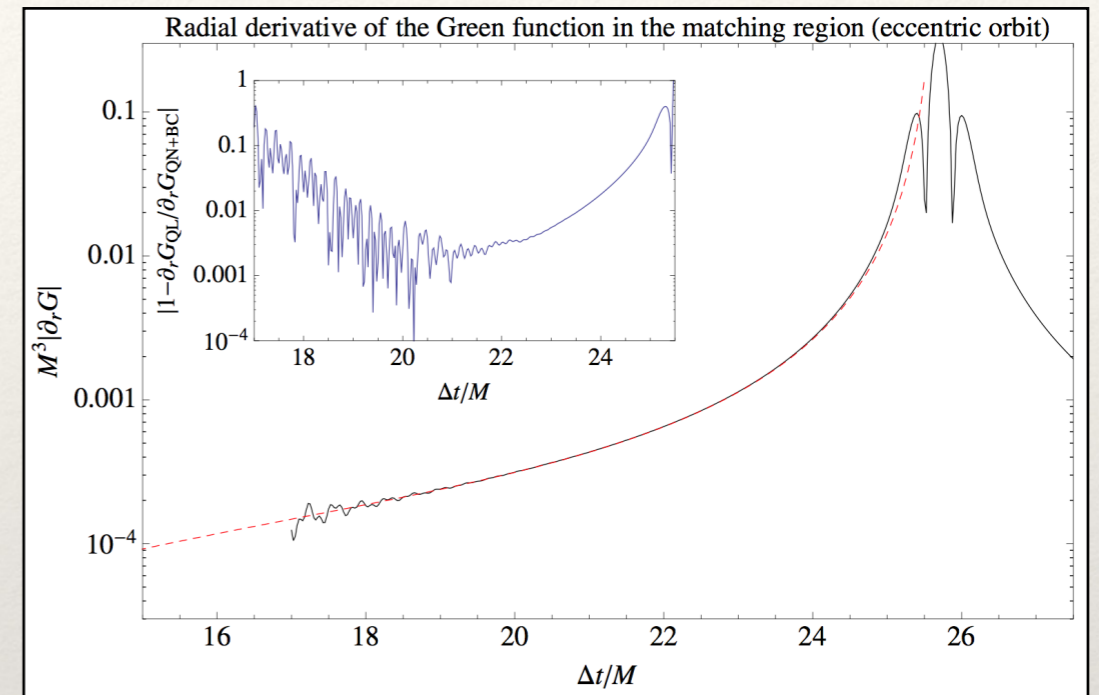


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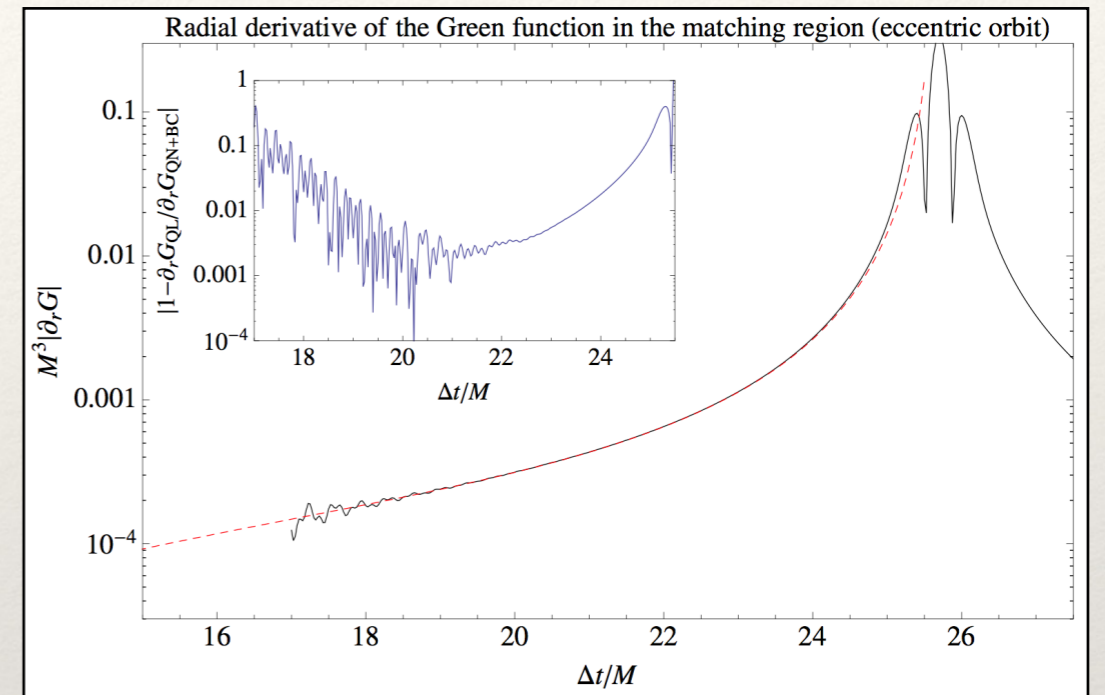
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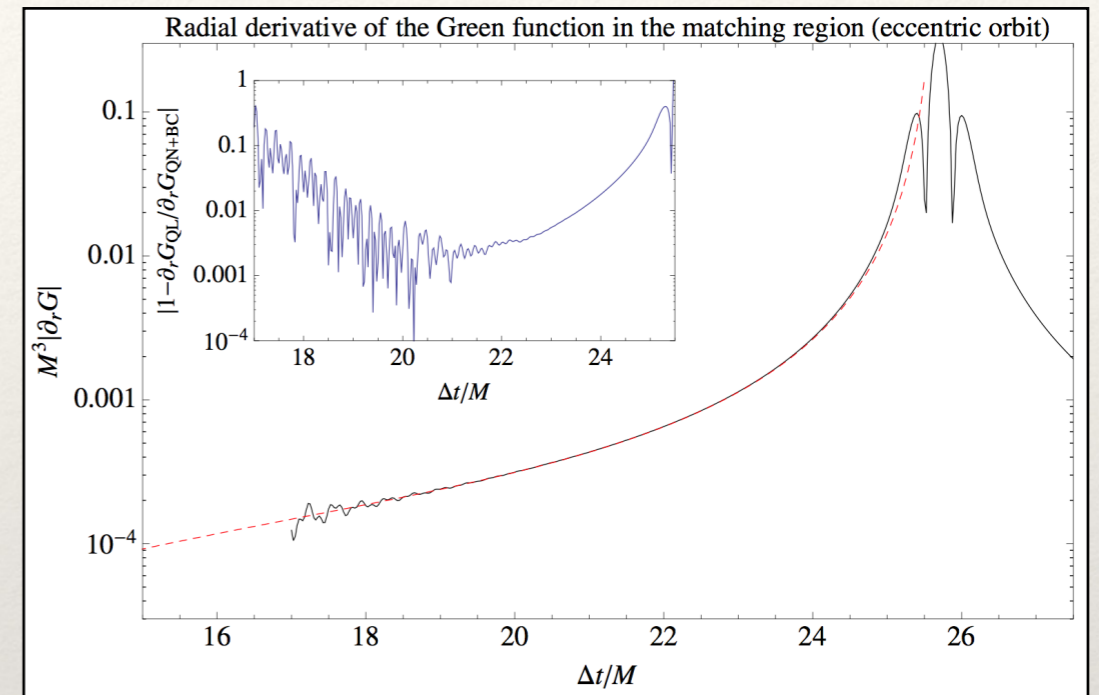
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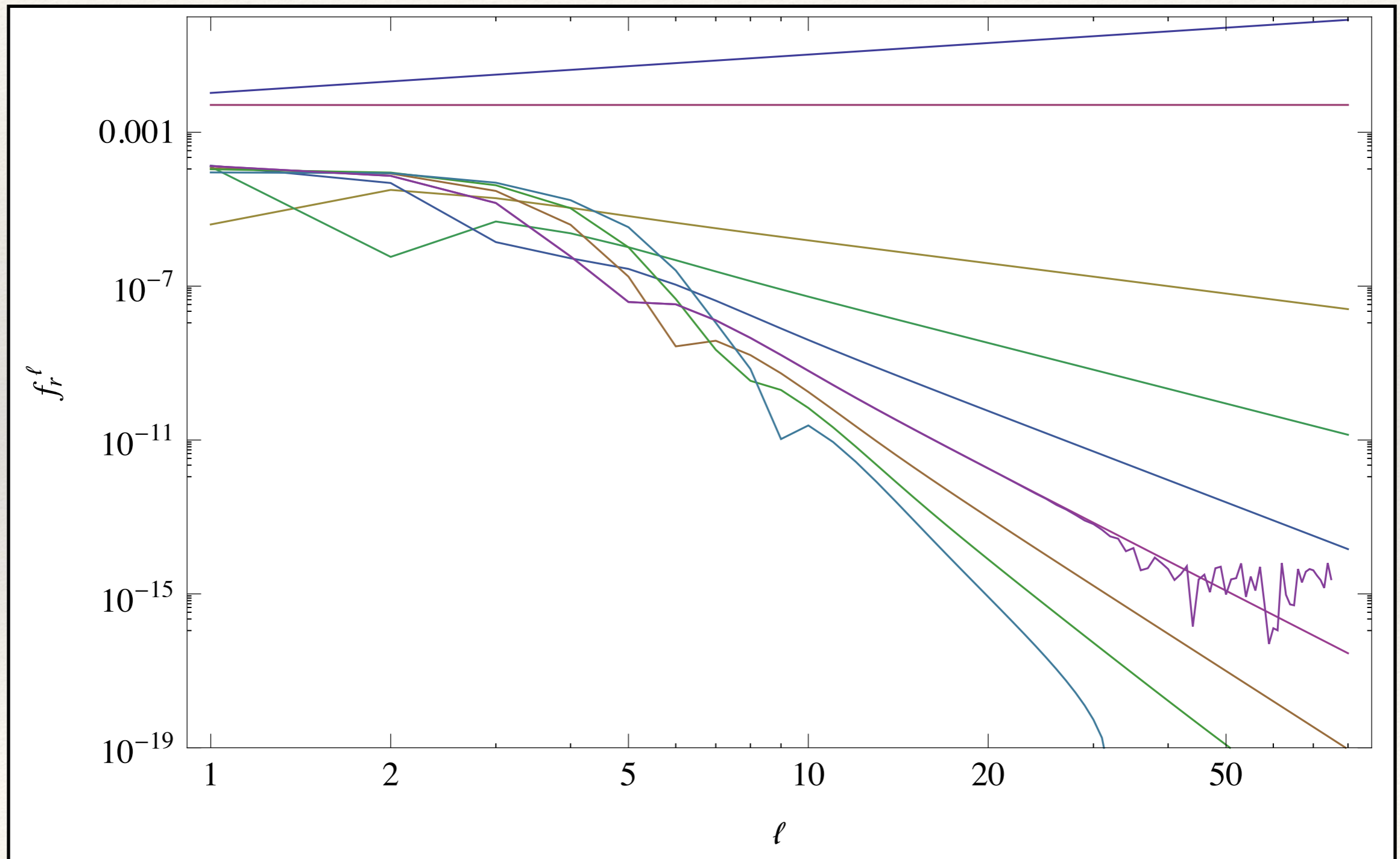
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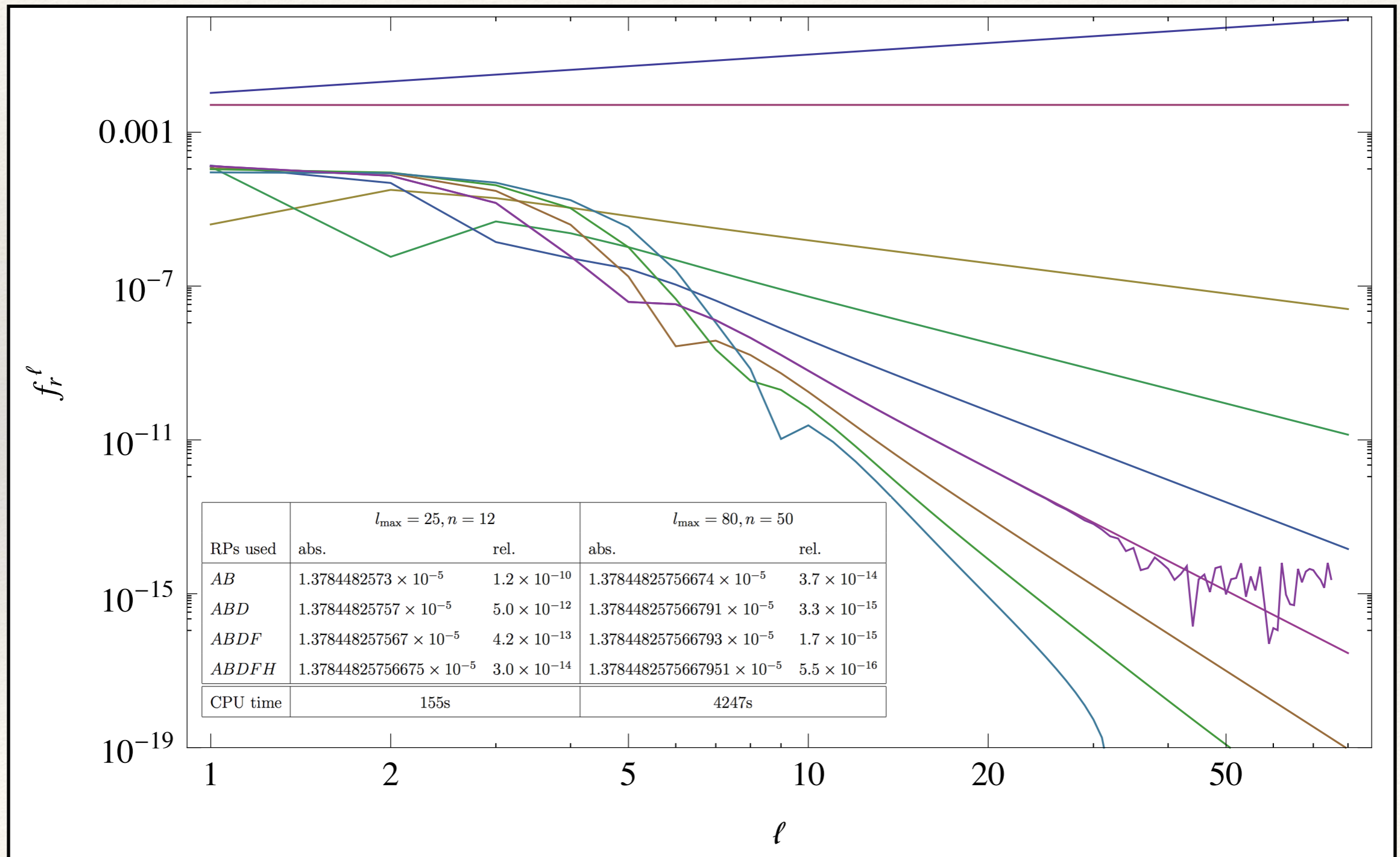
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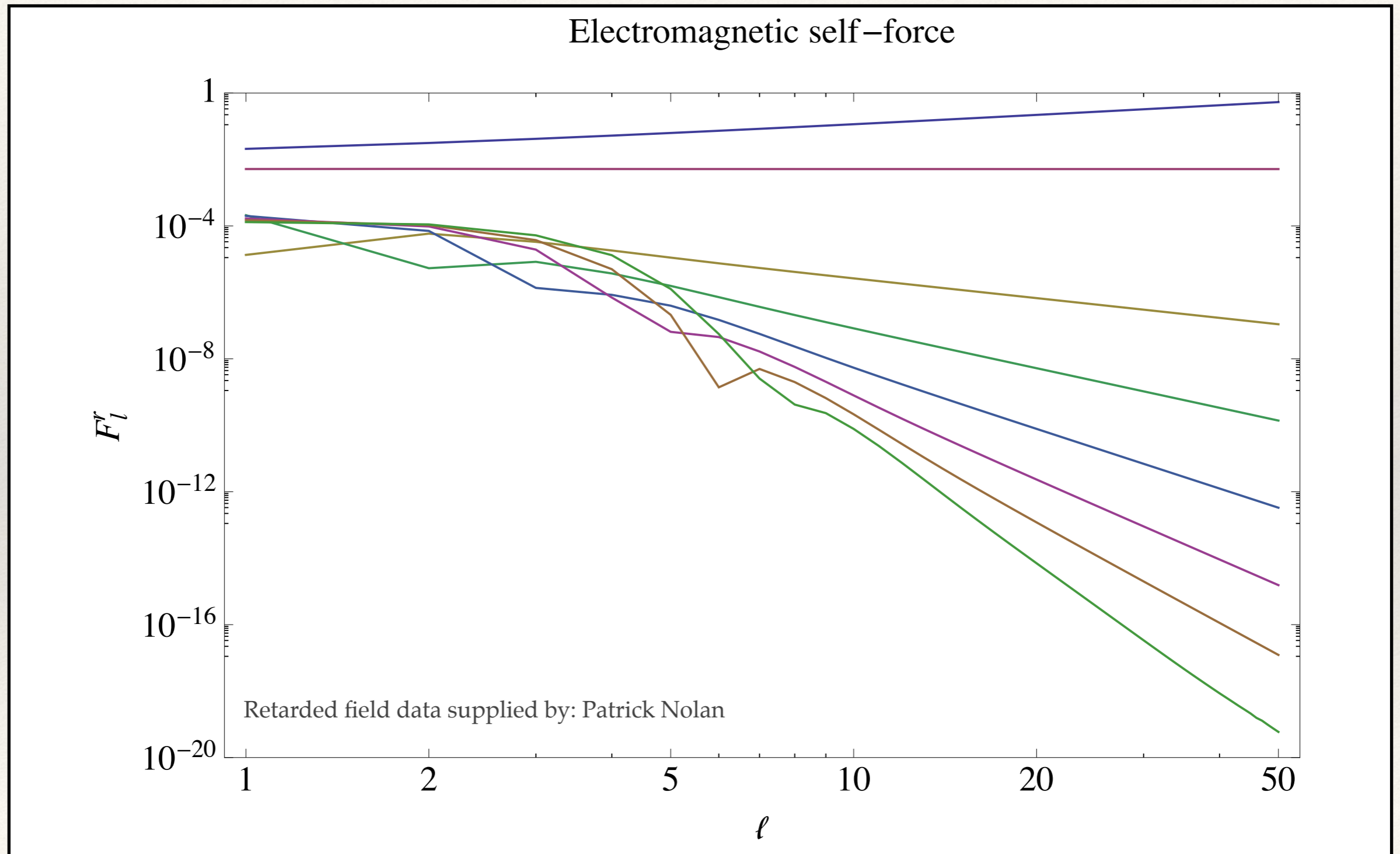


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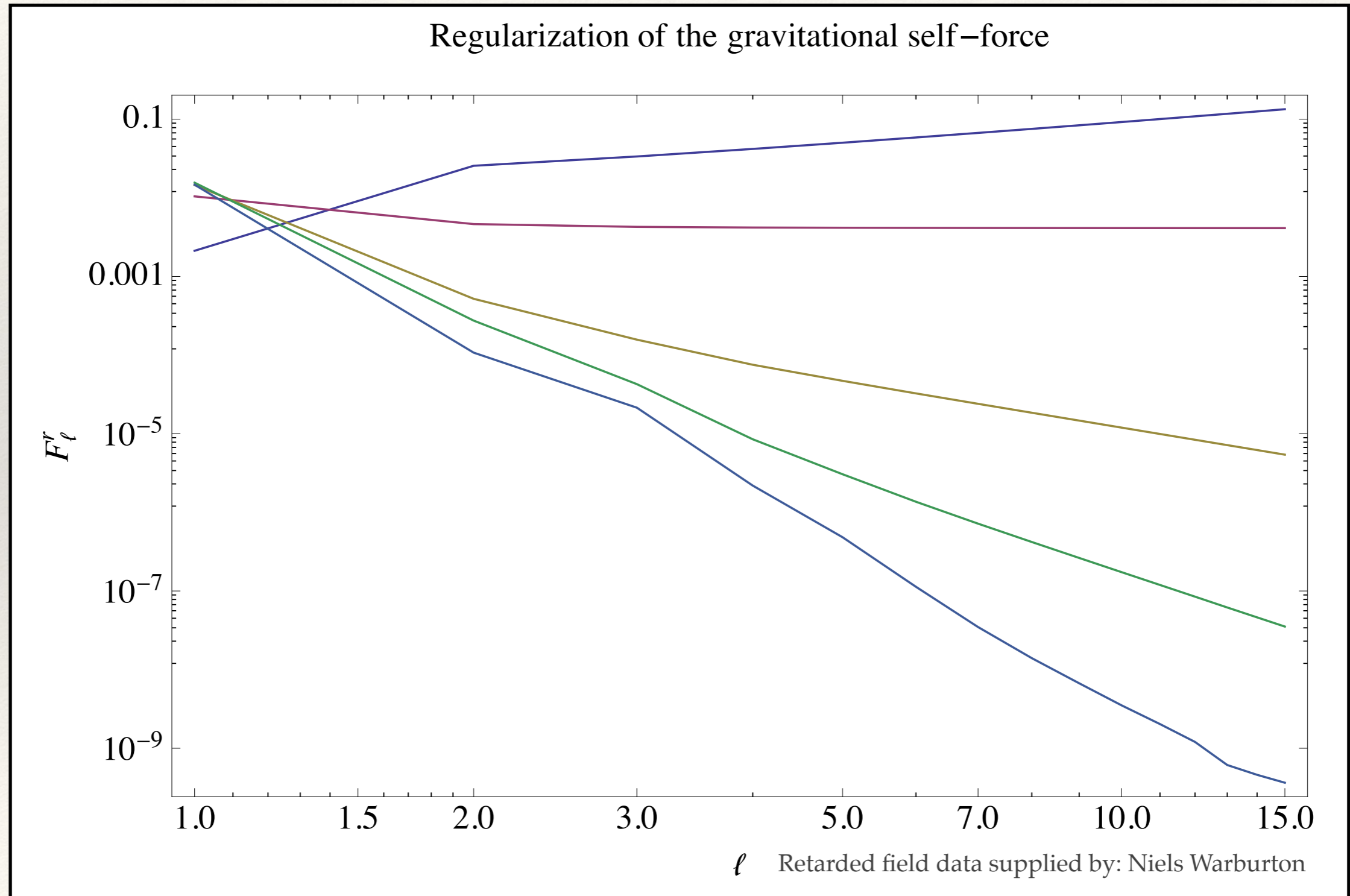
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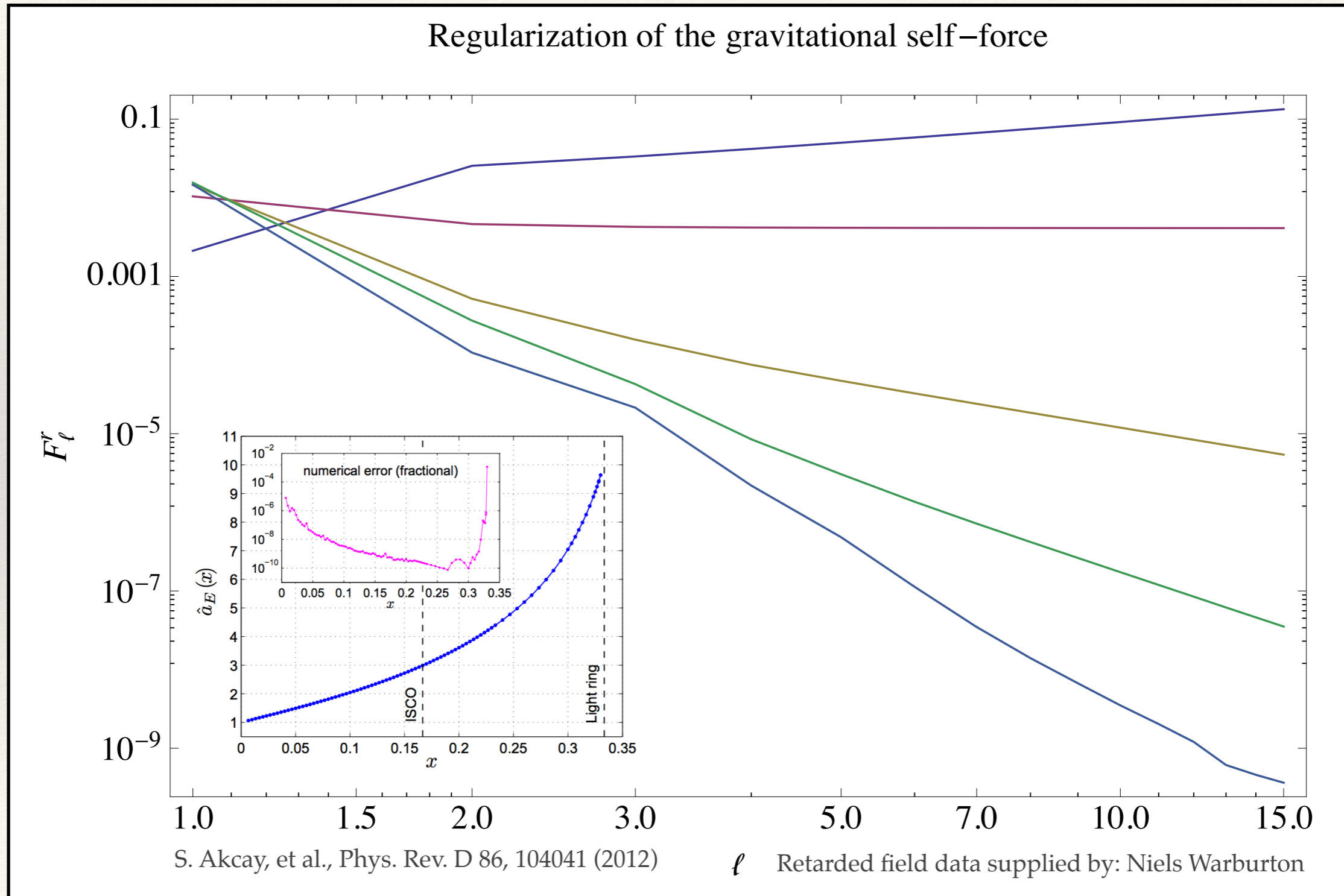
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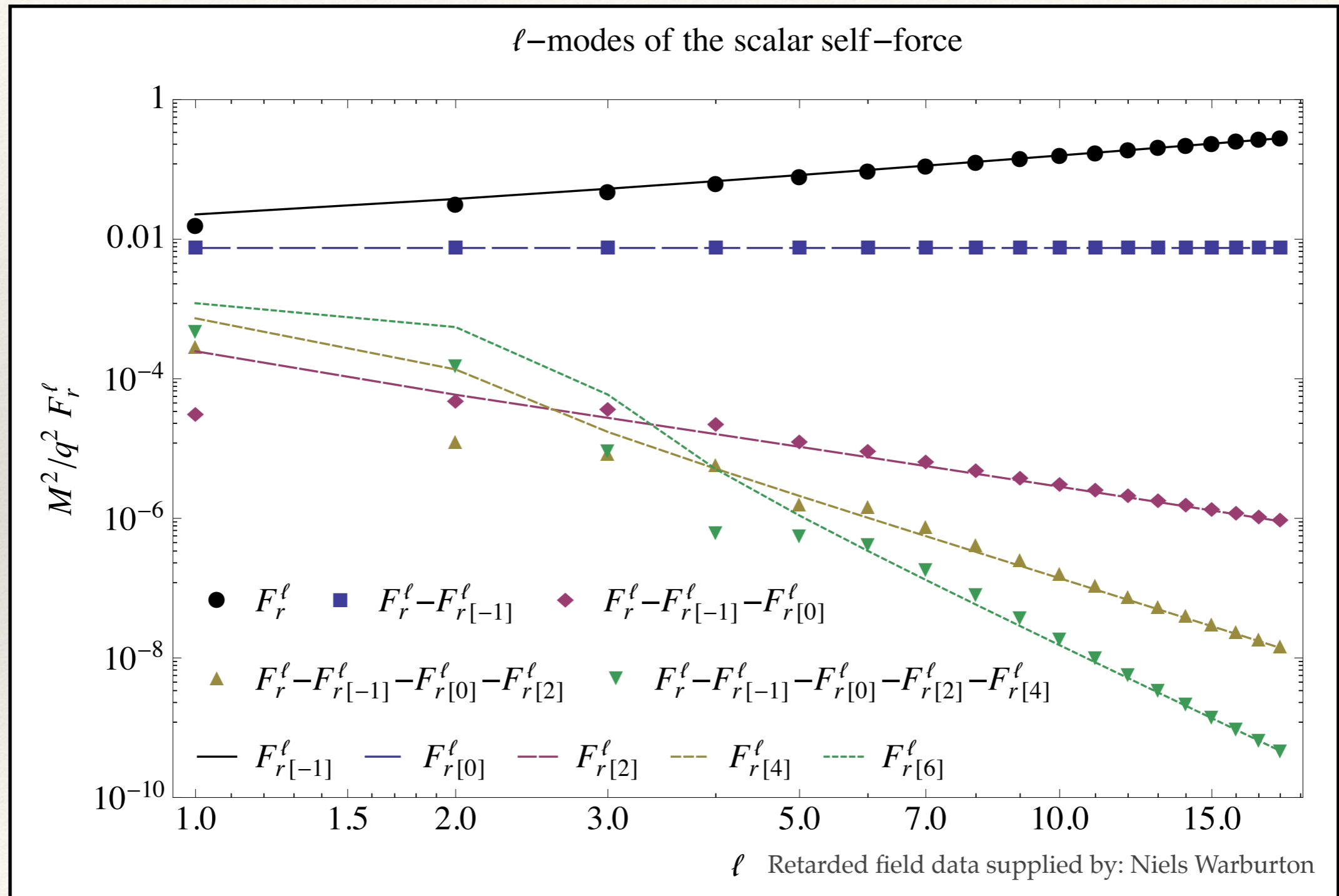
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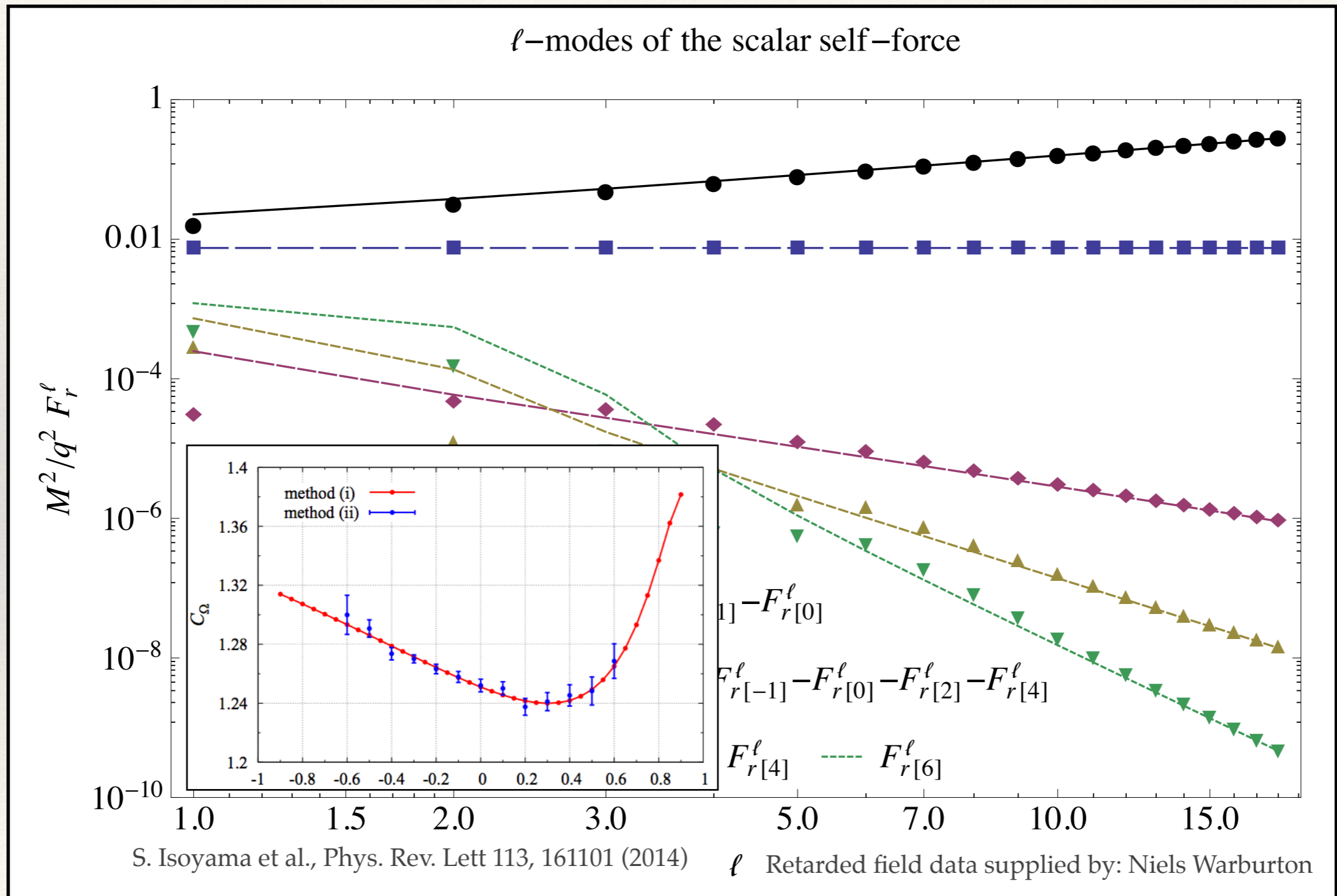


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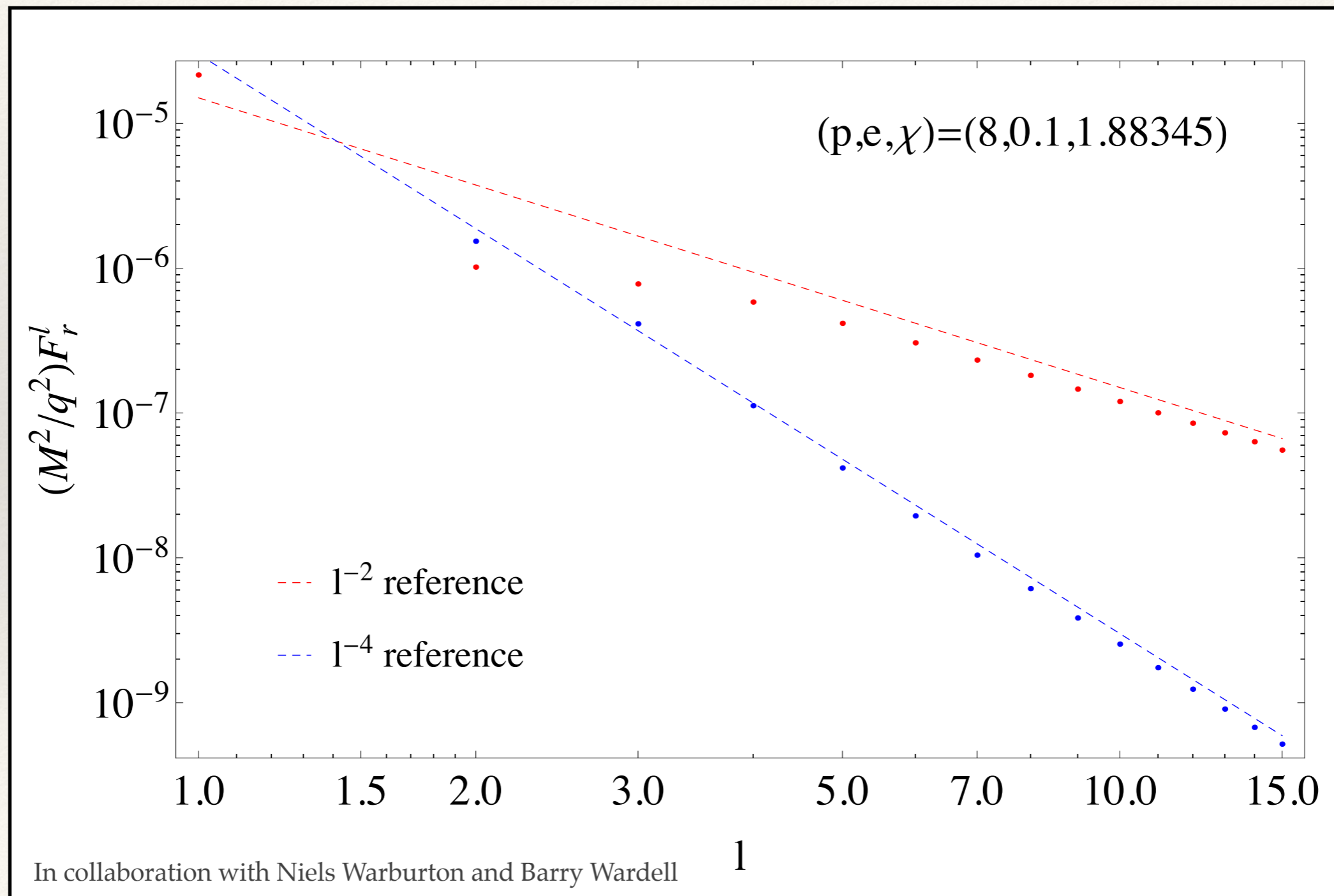


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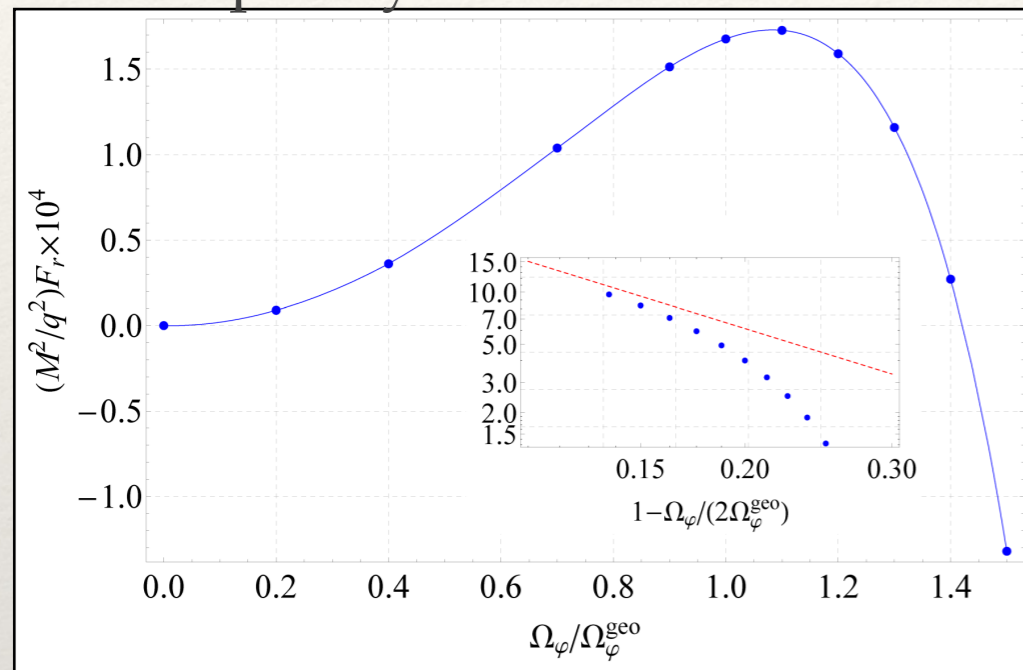
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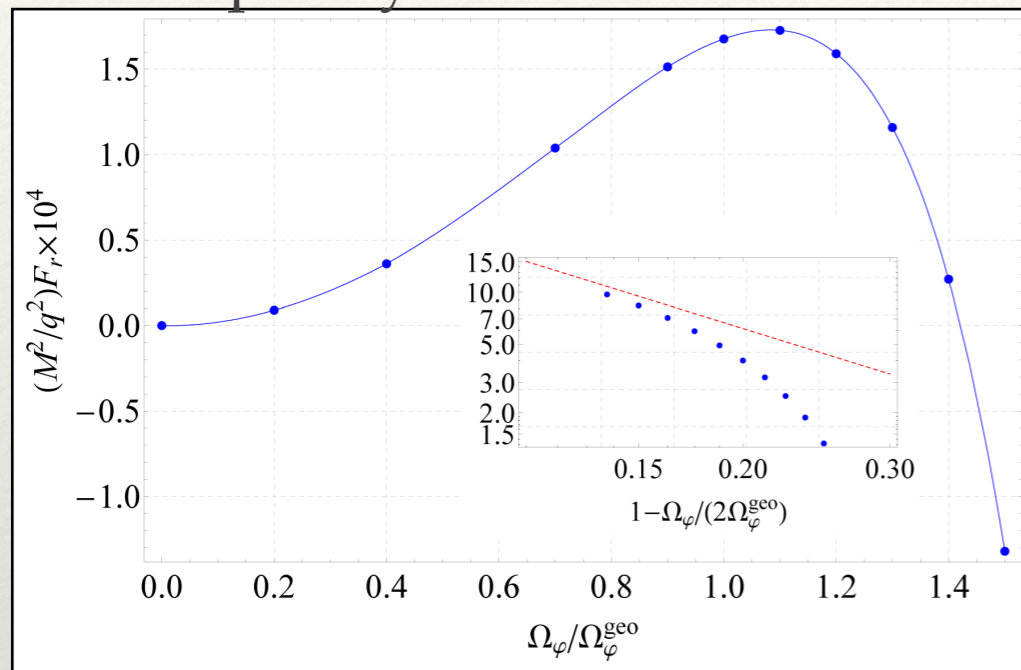
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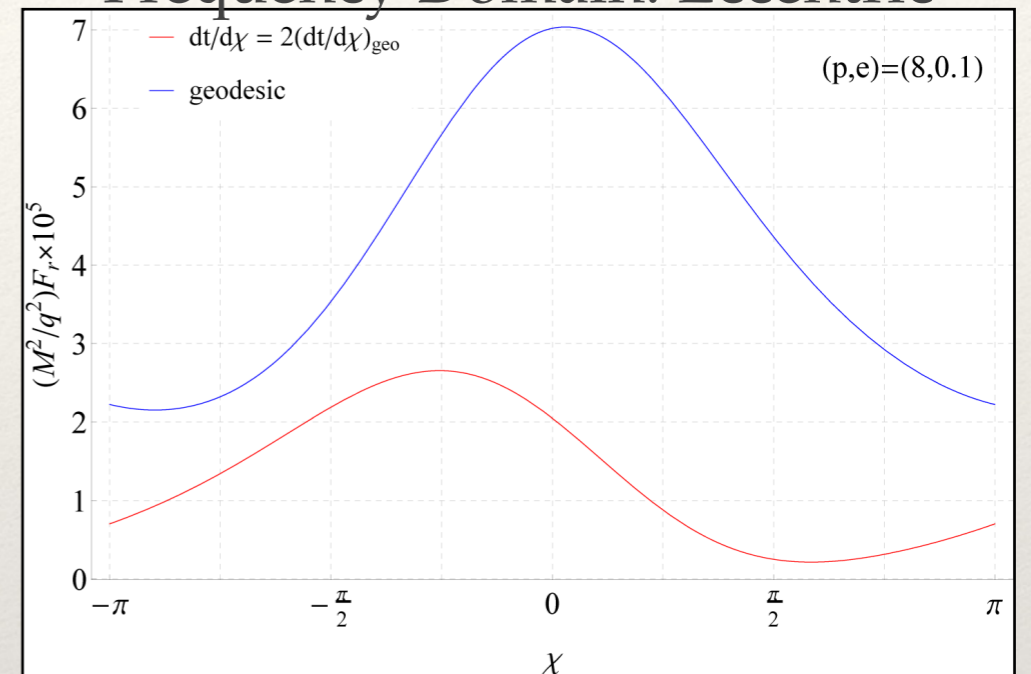
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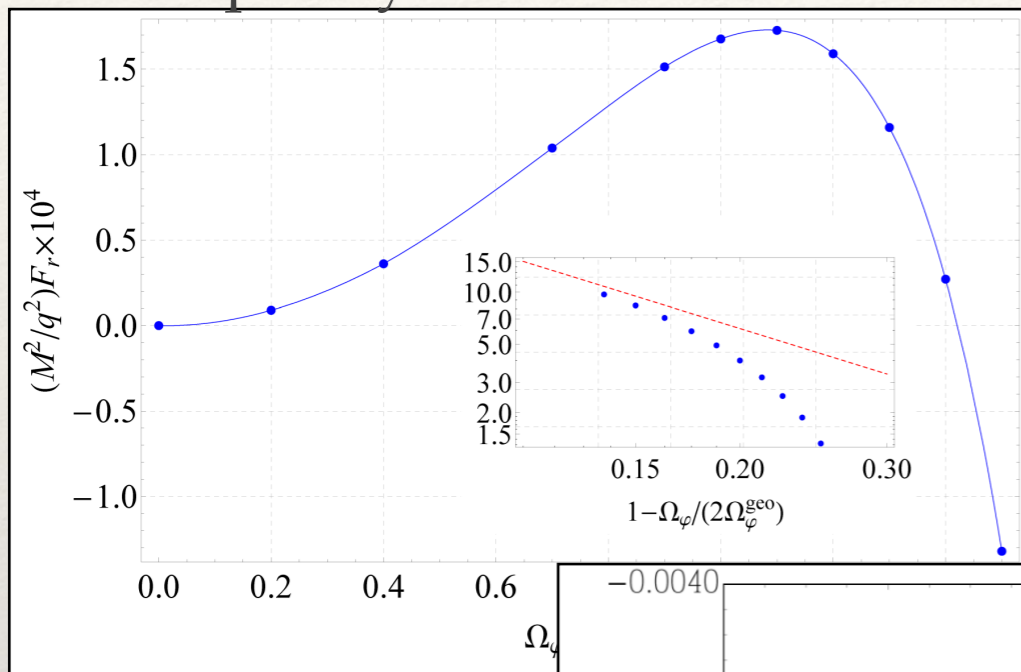
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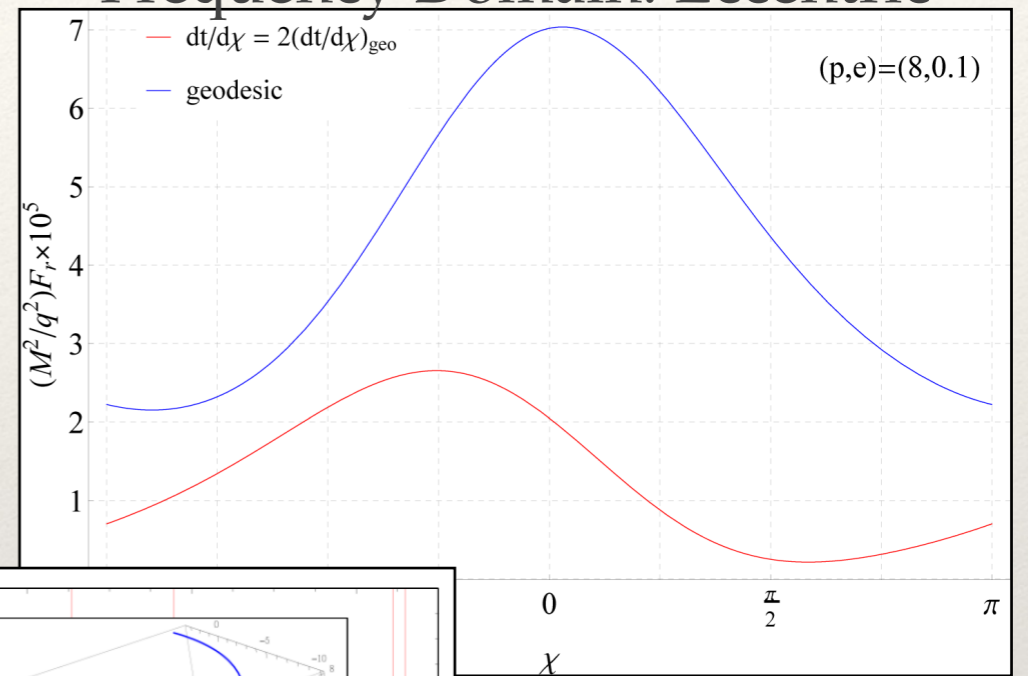
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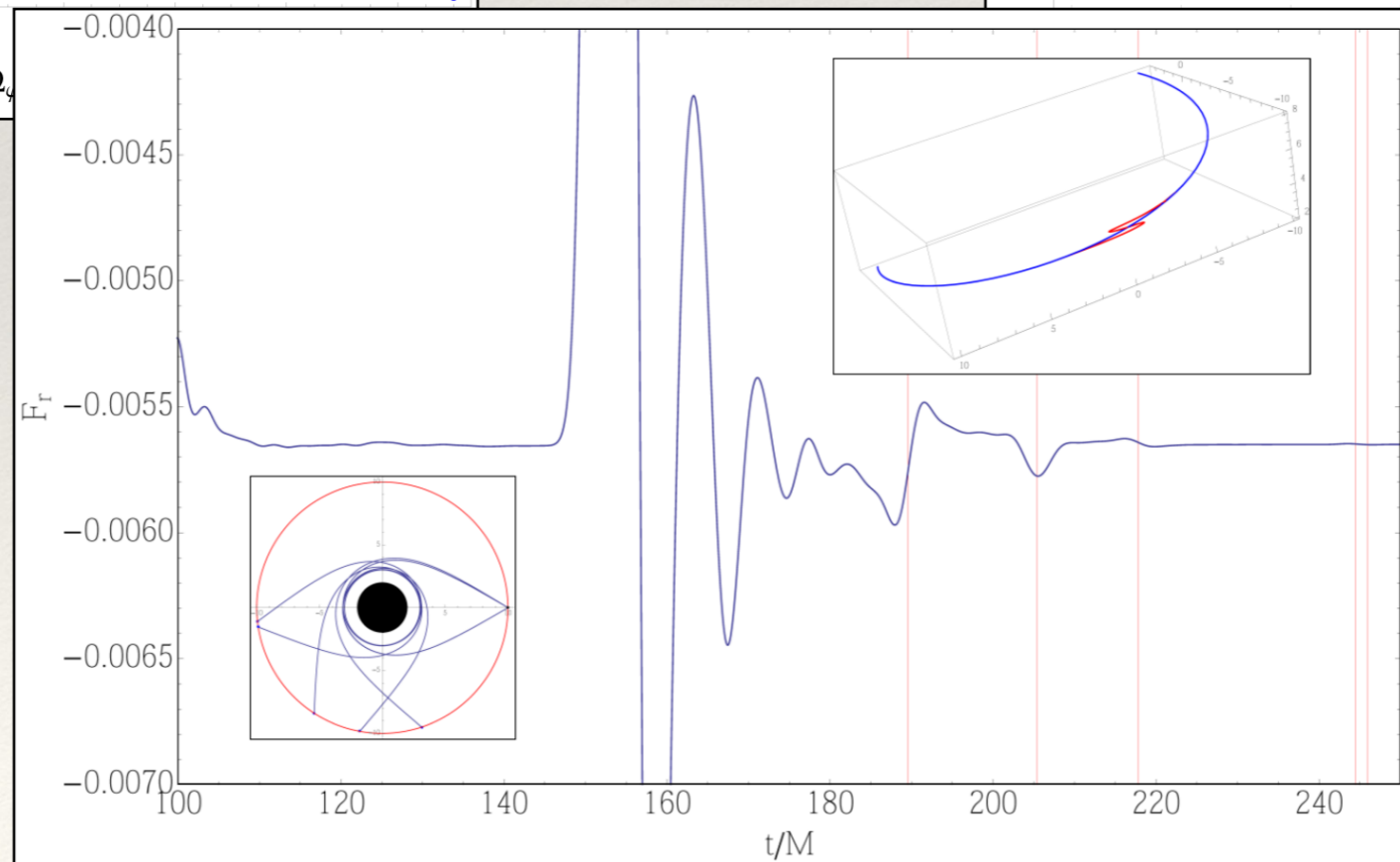
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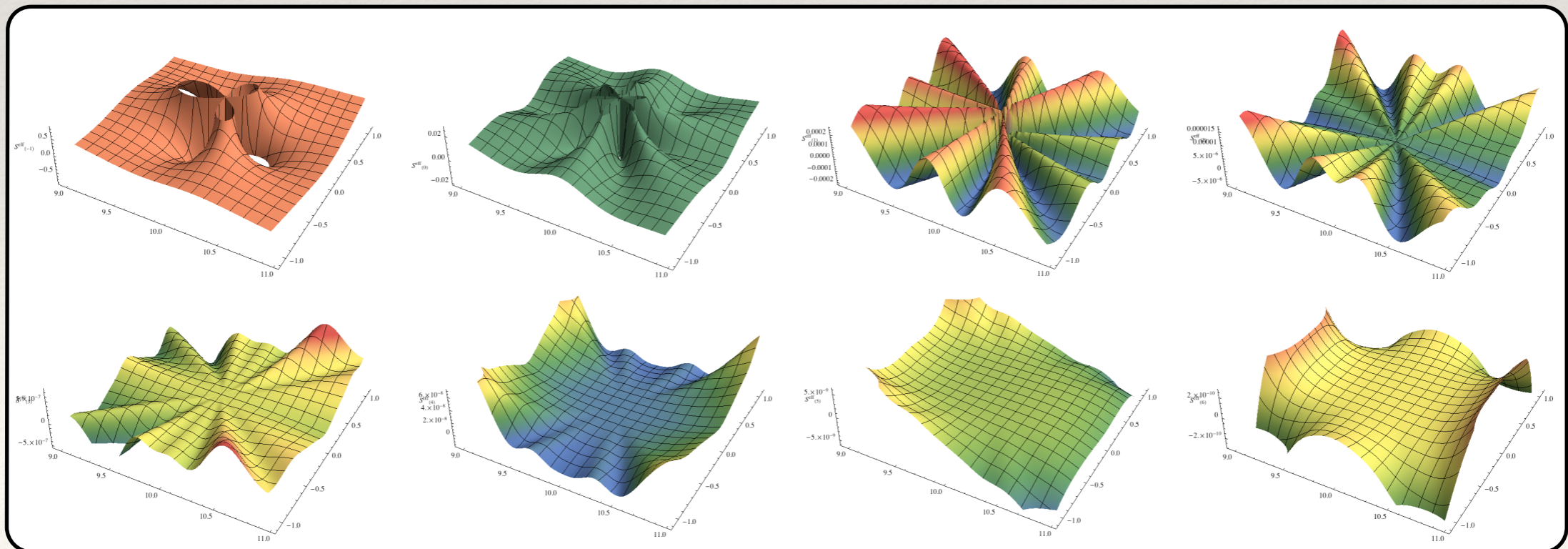
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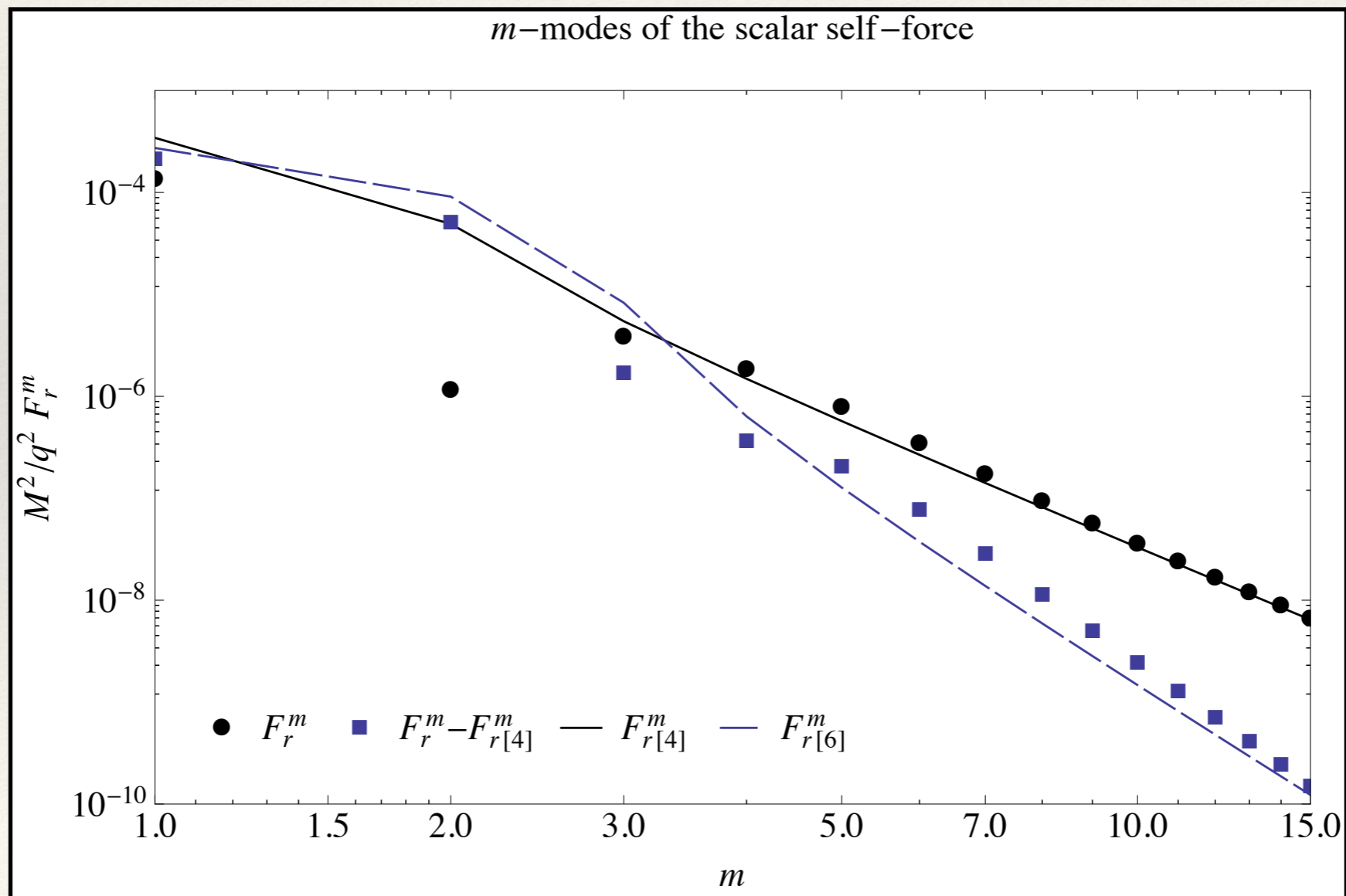
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## **Results of this thesis:**

- ❖ Highly accurate singular field required for 3 different self-force methods
- ❖ Nearly doubling the number of regularisation parameters within mode sum
- ❖ Providing the 'puncture' used for the first Kerr gravity calculation
- ❖ Introduced a new m-mode post-regularisation method
- ❖ Non-geodesic motion -> possible application in orbit evolution
- ❖ Singular field is a requirement for 2nd order

Thank you!