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(Coordinate-) invariant Renormalization-Group improvement

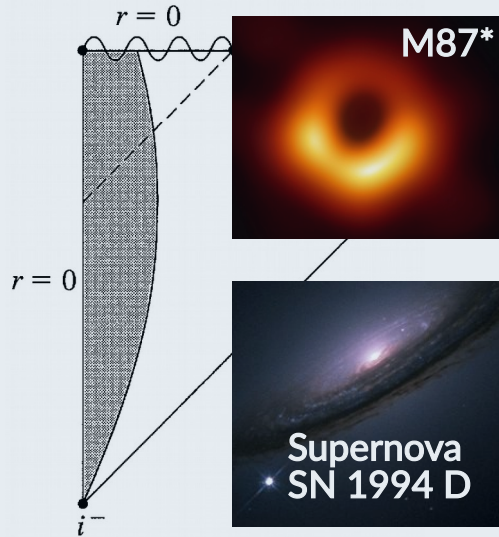
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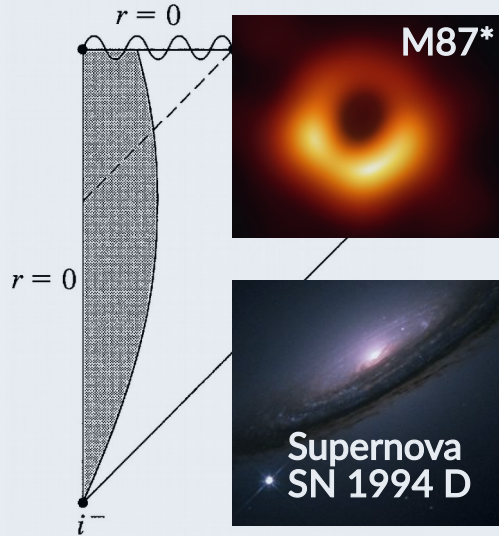
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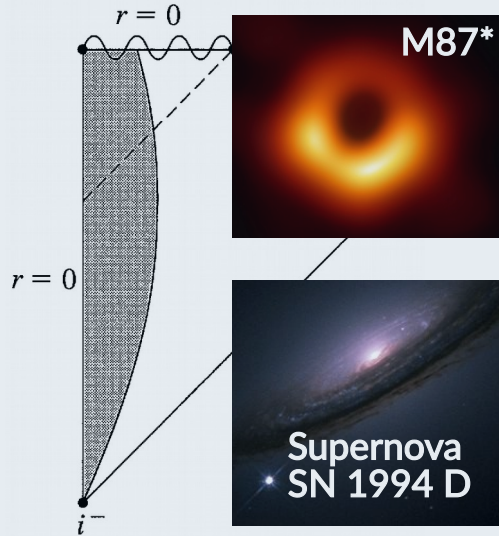


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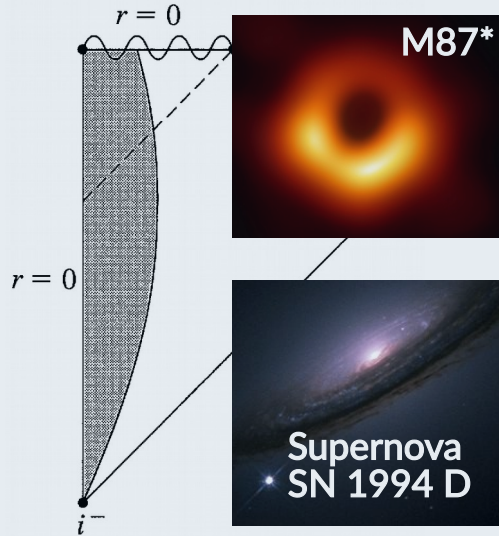
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Brief review:

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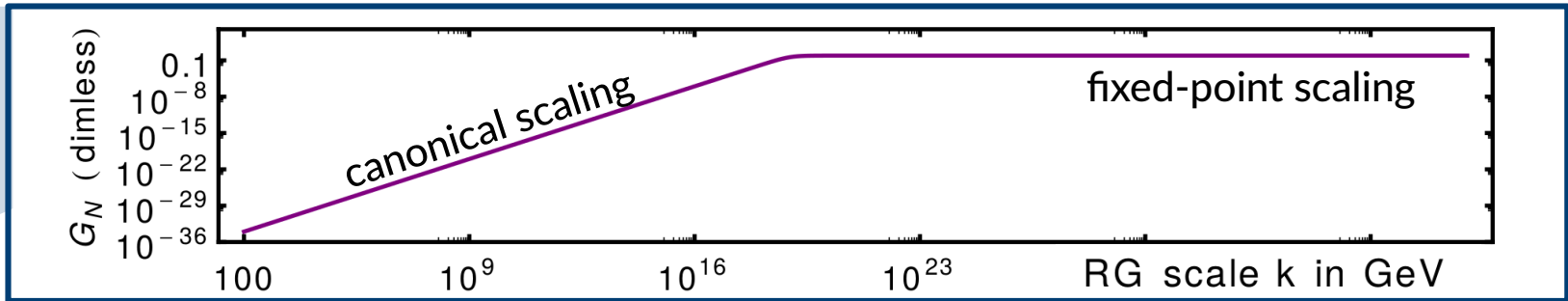
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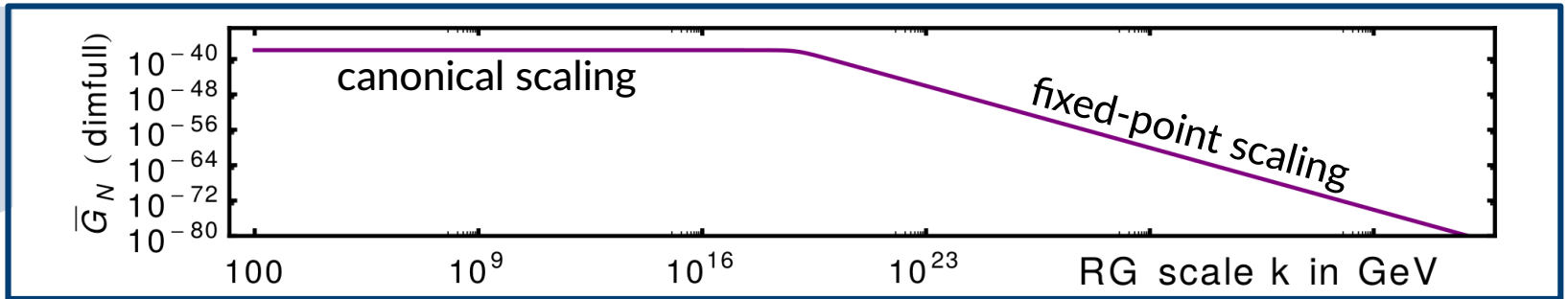
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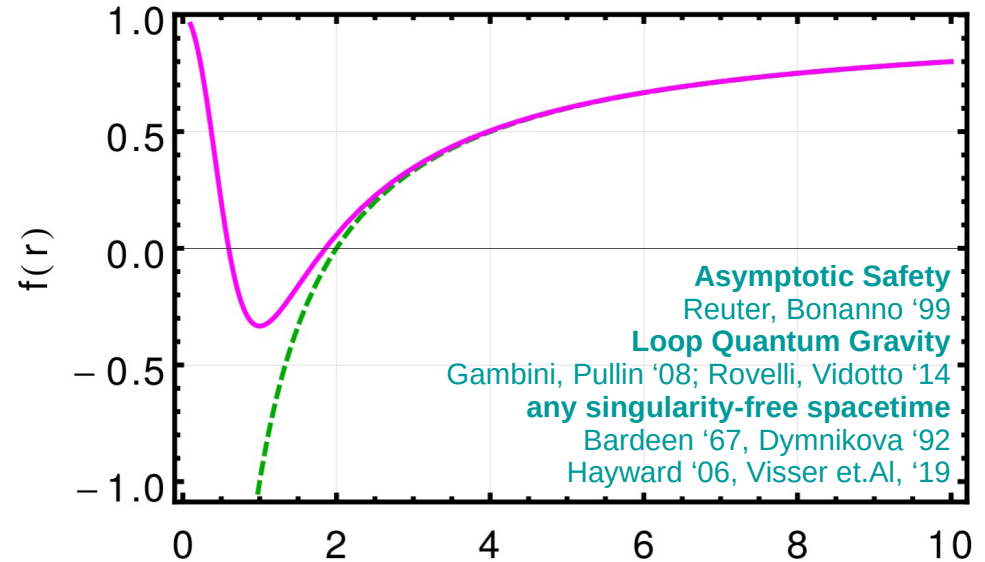
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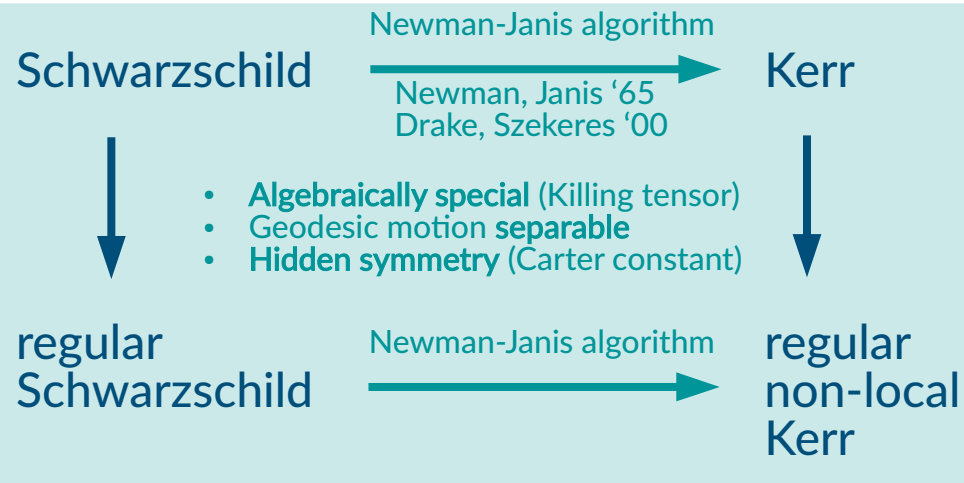
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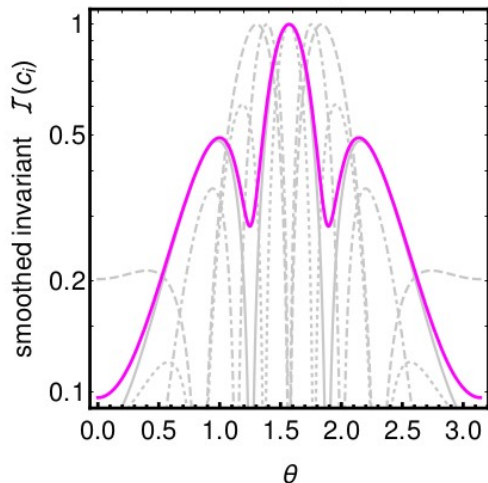
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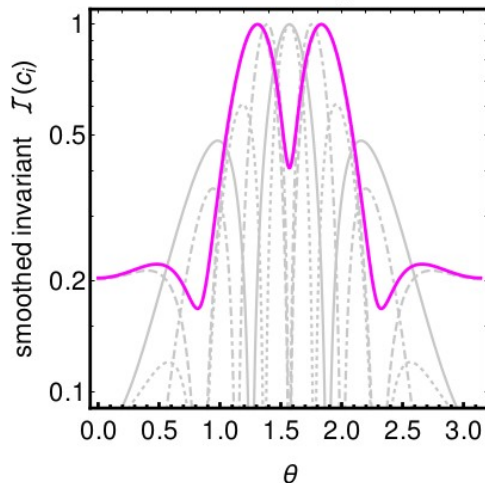
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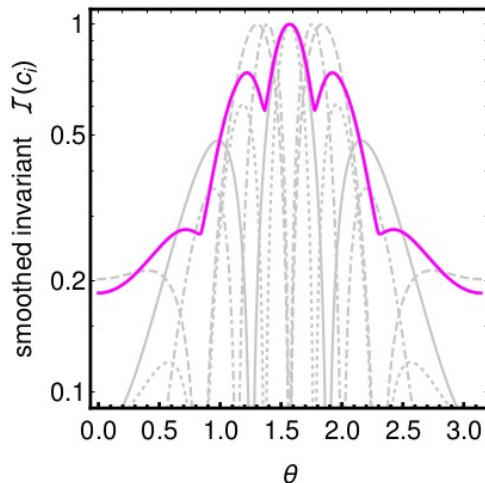
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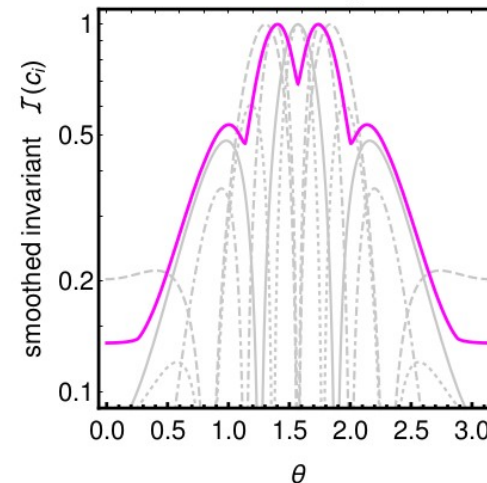
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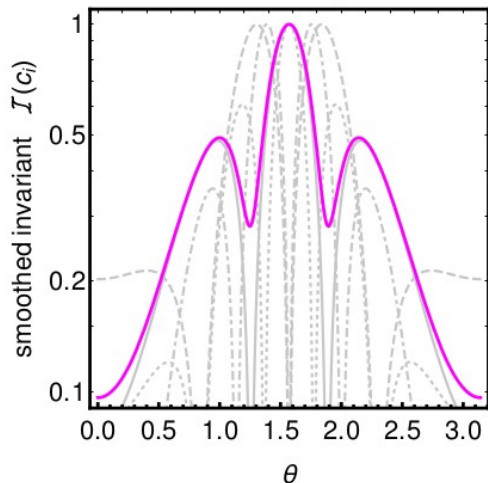
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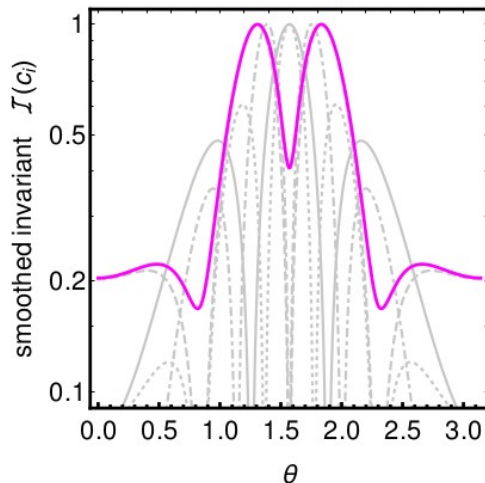
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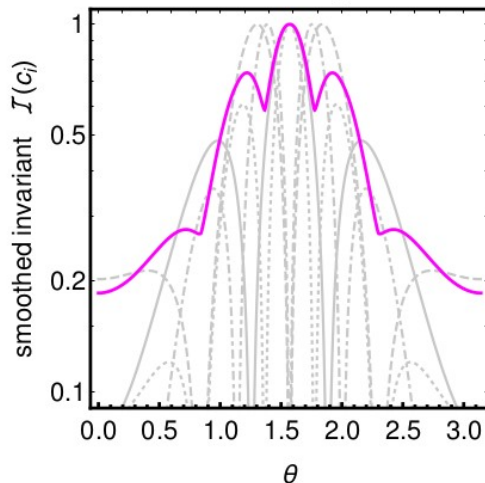
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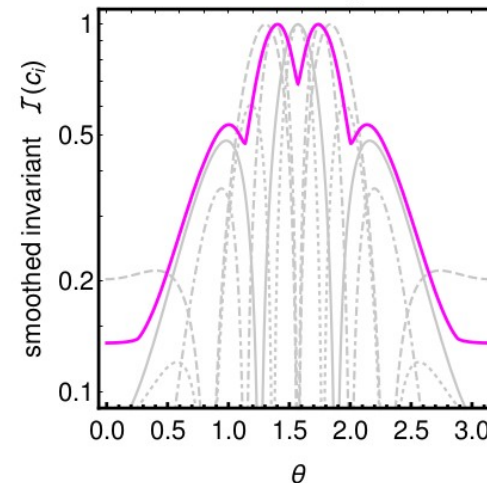
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2nd key result:

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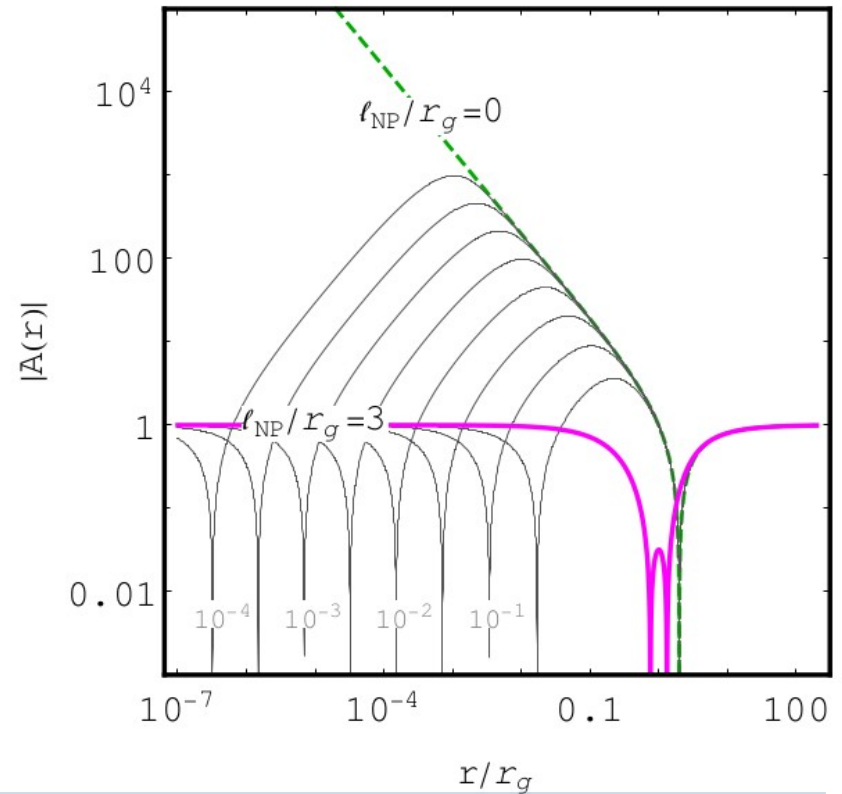
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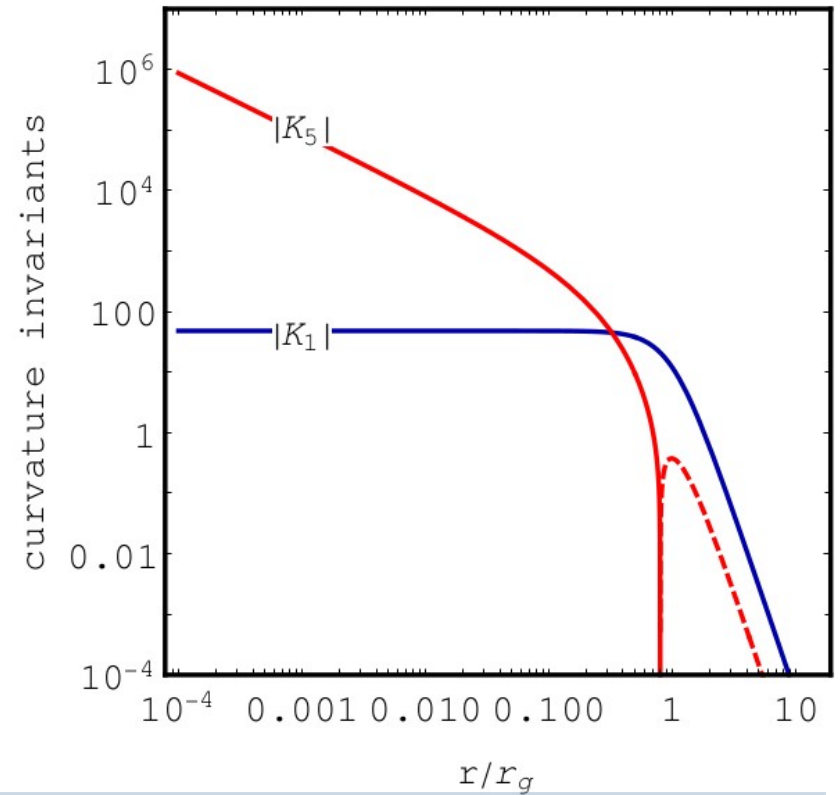
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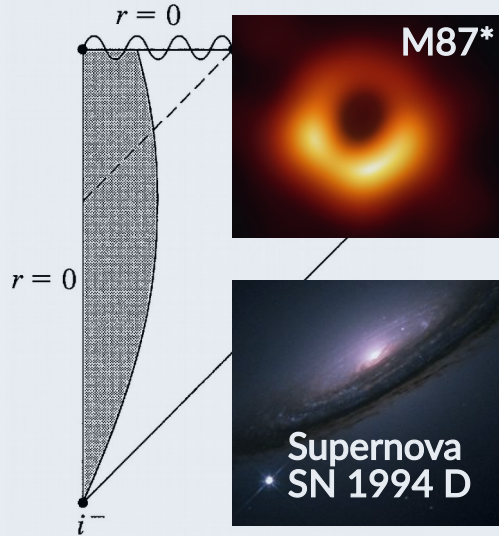
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Zakhary, McIntosh '97
Carminati, McLenaghan '91
Karlhede '80
Cartan '28

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