

Title: The effective field theory of general relativity, running couplings and Asymptotic Safety

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Abstract: Effective field theory techniques allow reliable quantum calculations in general relativity at low energy. After a review of these techniques, I will discuss the attempts to define the gravitational corrections to running gauge couplings and to the couplings of gravity itself. I will also describe an attempt to understand the relation between the effective field theory and Asymptotic Safety in the region where they overlap.

# The effective field theory of general relativity, running couplings, and Asymptotic Safety

- 1) Some motivations
- 2) GR as an EFT
- 3) Gravitational corrections to gauge coupling running?
- 4) Can we define a good running  $G$  in the perturbative region?
- 5) AS to one loop matching to EFT

**Overall goal:** Understanding how gravity works in the perturbative regime  
Does gravity lead to well-defined corrections to running couplings?

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“Running” work with M. Anber (Toronto)

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# A motivation for the gravity and running couplings:

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## Gravitational Correction to Running of Gauge Couplings

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We calculate the contribution of graviton exchange to the running of gauge couplings at lowest nontrivial order in perturbation theory. Including this contribution in a theory that features coupling constant unification does not upset this unification, but rather shifts the unification scale. When extrapolated formally, the gravitational correction renders all gauge couplings asymptotically free.

$$\beta(g, E) \equiv \frac{dg}{d \ln E} = -\frac{b_0}{(4\pi)^2} g^3 + a_0 \frac{E^2}{M_{\text{P}}^2} g.$$

$$G \sim \frac{1}{M_{\text{P}}^2} \sim \kappa^2$$



FIG. 1. A typical Feynman diagram for a gravitational process contributing to the renormalization of a gauge coupling at one loop. Curly lines represent gluons. Double lines represent gravitons. The three-gluon vertex ■ is proportional to  $g$ , while the gluon-graviton vertex ● is proportional to  $E/M_{\text{P}}$ .

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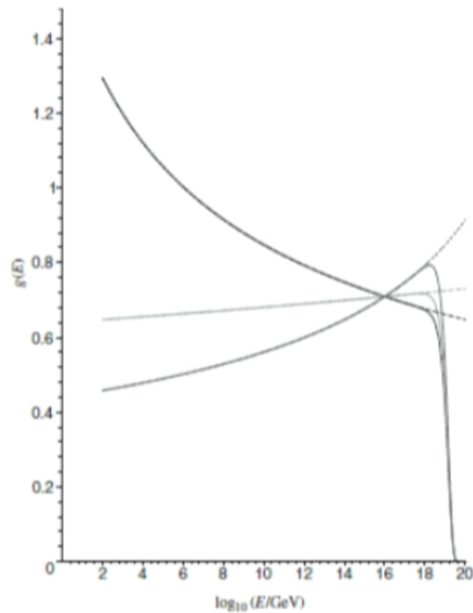


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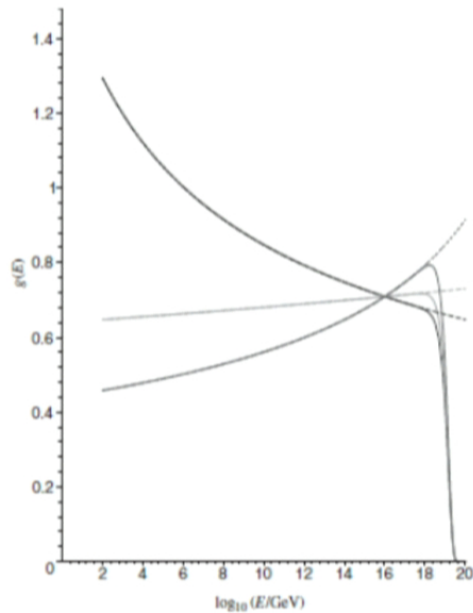


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## A Rough History:

**Prehistory:** Fradkin, Vilkovisky, Tseytlin, Diennes, Kiritsis, Kounnas...

### **Start of “modern era”:**

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### **Claims that couplings do not run** -analysis in dimensional regularization

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### **Agreement**

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## What is going on?

- 1) Dim-reg vs cutoff regularization – why the difference?
- 2) Running with  $(\text{Energy})^2$   
- dimensional coupling constant
- 3) Why don't other similar effective field theories use running couplings?
- 4) **Application in physical processes**  
- does the running coupling work?

## Also motivation from gravity itself:

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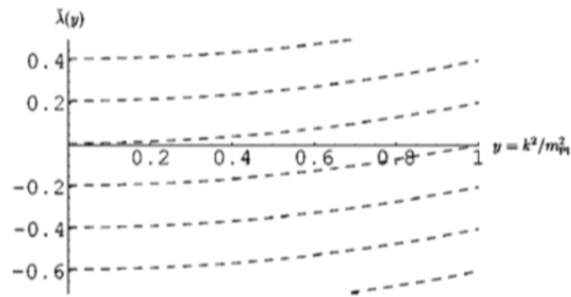


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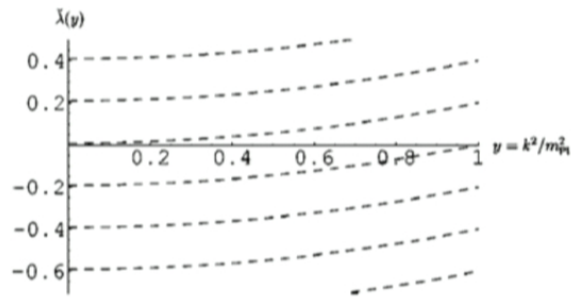


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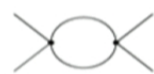
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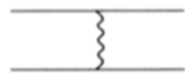
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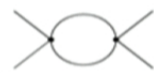
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## General Procedure

### 1) Identify Lagrangian

- most general (given symmetries)
- order by energy expansion

### 2) Calculate and renormalize

- start with lowest order
- renormalize parameters

### 3) Phenomenology

- measure parameters
- residual relations are predictions

**Note:** Two differences from textbook renormalizable field theory:

- 1) no restriction to renormalizable terms only
- 2) energy expansion

# Gravity as an effective theory

Weinberg  
JFD

Both General Relativity and Quantum Mechanics known and tested over common range of scales

Is there an incompatibility **at those scales** ?

Or are problems only at uncharted high energies?

**Need to study GR with a careful consideration of scales**

## Parameters

$$S_{grav} = \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \left\{ \Lambda + \frac{2}{\kappa^2} R + c_1 R^2 + c_2 R_{\mu\nu} R^{\mu\nu} + \dots \right\}$$

### 1) $\Lambda =$ cosmological constant

$$\Lambda = (1.2 \pm 0.4) \times 10^{-123} M_P^4$$

$$M_P = 1.22 \times 10^{19} \text{ GeV}$$

- this is observable only on cosmological scales
- neglect for rest of talk
- interesting aspects

### 2) Newton's constant

$$\kappa^2 = 32\pi G$$

### 3) Curvature –squared terms $c_1, c_2$

- studied by Stelle
- modify gravity at very small scales
- essentially unconstrained by experiment

$$c_1, c_2 \leq 10^{74}$$

## Quantization

“Easy” to quantize gravity:

- Covariant quantization      Feynman deWitt
  - gauge fixing
  - ghosts fields
- Background field method    ‘t Hooft Veltman
  - retains symmetries of GR
  - path integral

$$g_{\mu\nu} = \bar{g}_{\mu\nu} + \kappa h_{\mu\nu}$$

$$g^{\mu\nu} = \bar{g}^{\mu\nu} - \kappa h^{\mu\nu} + \kappa^2 h^\mu_\lambda h^{\lambda\nu} + \dots$$

**Background field:**

Expand around this background:

$$S_{grav} = \int d^4x \sqrt{-\bar{g}} \left[ \frac{2\bar{R}}{\kappa^2} + \mathcal{L}_g^{(1)} + \mathcal{L}_g^{(2)} + \dots \right]$$

$$\mathcal{L}_g^{(1)} = \frac{h_{\mu\nu}}{\kappa} [\bar{g}^{\mu\nu} \bar{R} - 2\bar{R}^{\mu\nu}]$$

$$\mathcal{L}_g^{(2)} = \frac{1}{2} h_{\mu\nu;\alpha} h^{\mu\nu;\alpha} - \frac{1}{2} h_{;\alpha} h^{;\alpha} + h_{;\alpha} h^{\alpha;\beta} - h_{\mu\beta;\alpha} h^{\mu\alpha;\beta}$$

$$+ \bar{R} \left( \frac{1}{4} h^2 - \frac{1}{2} h_{\mu\nu} h^{\mu\nu} \right) + (2h^\lambda_\mu h_{\nu\lambda} - h h_{\mu\nu}) \bar{R}^{\mu\nu}$$

Linear term vanishes by Einstein Eq.

$$\bar{R}^{\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{2} \bar{g}^{\mu\nu} \bar{R} = -\frac{\kappa^2}{4} T^{\mu\nu}$$

### Gauge fixing:

-harmonic gauge

$$\mathcal{L}_{gf} = \sqrt{-\bar{g}} \left\{ \left( h_{\mu\nu}{}^{;\nu} - \frac{1}{2} h_{;\mu} \right) \left( h^{\mu\lambda}{}_{;\lambda} - h^{;\mu} \right) \right\}$$

$$h \equiv h_{\lambda}^{\lambda}$$

### Ghost fields:

$$\mathcal{L}_{ghost} = \sqrt{-\bar{g}} \eta^{*\mu} \left\{ \eta_{\mu;\lambda}{}^{;\lambda} - \bar{R}_{\mu\nu} \eta^{\nu} \right\}$$

vector fields  
anticommuting,  
in loops only

Interesting note:  
Feynman introduced  
ghost fields in GR  
before F-P in YM

# Renormalization

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## Corrections to Newtonian Potential

Here discuss scattering  
potential of two heavy  
masses.

$$\begin{aligned}\langle f|T|i\rangle &\equiv (2\pi)^4 \delta^{(4)}(p - p') \mathcal{M}(q) \\ &= -(2\pi) \delta(E - E') \langle f|\tilde{V}(\mathbf{q})|i\rangle\end{aligned}$$

Potential found using from

$$V(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{1}{2m_1} \frac{1}{2m_2} \int \frac{d^3q}{(2\pi)^3} e^{i\mathbf{q}\cdot\mathbf{x}} \mathcal{M}(\vec{q})$$

Classical potential has been well studied

Iwasaki  
Gupta-Radford  
Hiida-Okamura

JFD 1994  
JFD, Holstein,  
Bjerrum-Bohr 2002  
Khriplovich and Kirilin  
Other references later

## Parameter free and divergence free

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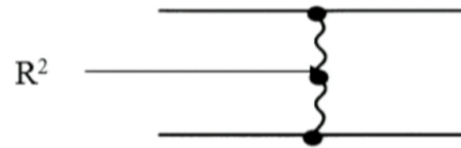
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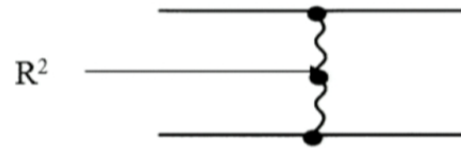
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## What to expect:

General expansion:

$$V(r) = -\frac{GMm}{r} \left[ 1 + a \frac{G(M+m)}{rc^2} + b \frac{G\hbar}{r^2 c^3} \right] + cG^2 Mm \delta^3(r)$$

Classical expansion  
parameter

Quantum  
expansion  
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Short  
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Relation to momentum space:

$$\int \frac{d^3q}{(2\pi)^3} e^{i\mathbf{q}\cdot\mathbf{r}} \frac{1}{|\mathbf{q}|^2} = \frac{1}{4\pi r}$$

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Momentum space  
amplitudes:

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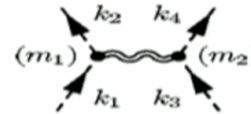
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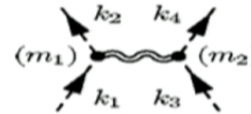


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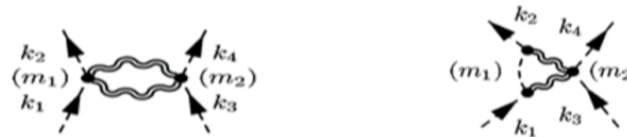
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## Results:

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-for example the vertex corrections:

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$$M_{5(c)+5(d)}(\vec{q}) = -\frac{52}{3} G^2 m_1 m_2 \log \vec{q}^2$$

Sum diagrams:

$$V(r) = -\frac{Gm_1 m_2}{r} \left[ 1 + 3 \frac{G(m_1 + m_2)}{r} + \frac{41}{10\pi} \frac{G\hbar}{r^2} \right]$$

Gives precession  
of Mercury, etc  
(Iwasaki ;  
Gupta + Radford)

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- soft graviton radiation
- made finite in usual way
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- cross section finite

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Beautiful result:

- low energy theorem of quantum gravity

**Integrated curvature qualitatively explains IR issues:**

- curvature builds up between horizon and spatial infinity
- singularities due to evolution of any curvature to long enough distance

**But how do we treat this in EFT?**

**Maybe singularities can be treated as gravitational sources**

- excise a region around the singularity
- include a coupling to the boundary
- analogy Skyrmons in ChPTh

**But distant horizons?**

- perhaps non-perturbatively small??

## Apparent conflict between EFT and gravity contribution to running couplings:

Gravitational corrections modify **different** operator

- at higher order in energy expansion
- $R^2$  rather than  $R$

But certainly **logically possible**

– renormalize at higher energy scale  $E$

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## R+W

*Result.*—At this point the Gaussian integrals over the quantum fields in Eq. (10) are formally defined, but the resulting functional determinants contain ultraviolet divergences. We subtract them at a reference energy  $E_0$ . We find the one-loop effective action at energy scale  $E$  is

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where  $b_0$  depends on the gauge and matter content independently of whether gravitation is included in the calculation. Taking  $E$  differentially close to  $E_0$ , we read off the one-loop  $\beta$  function

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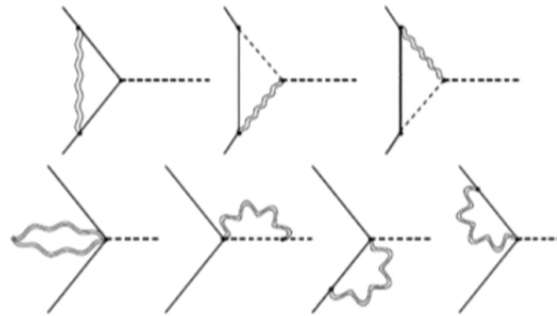
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## Direct calculation



Vertex (fermions on shell) found to be:

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with

$$a(q^2) = a_0 \left[ \frac{1}{\epsilon} + \frac{1}{2} \ln 4\pi - \frac{\gamma}{2} - \frac{1}{2} \ln(-q^2/\mu^2) \right]$$

## Physical process:



FIG. 4: Tree diagram for the on-shell scattering processes involving fermion. The filled circle denotes the set of vertex renormalization diagrams.

## Overall matrix element:

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Think of the Lamb shift

Describes the two reactions:

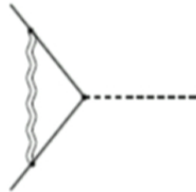
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Renormalization of higher order operator:

$$\cdot \quad c_2^r = c_2 - a_0 \left[ \frac{1}{\epsilon} + \frac{1}{2} \ln 4\pi - \frac{\gamma}{2} \right]$$

## Lamb shift analogy:

- Corrections to vertex diagram gives  $q^2$  dependent terms



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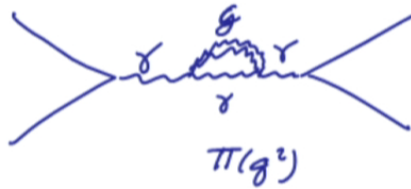
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$$\bar{\psi}\gamma_\mu\psi\bar{\psi}\gamma^\mu\psi$$

Influences S states only

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## Similar in the modification of photon properties



Photon propagator correction:

$$\Pi = c\kappa^2 q^4$$

Like

$$\mathcal{L}_{h.o.} = -k\partial_\mu F^{\mu\nu}\partial^\lambda F_{\lambda\nu}$$

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Different higher order operator is relevant

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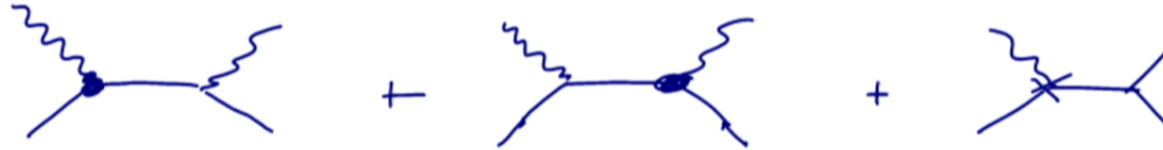
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## Other forms of non-universality:

Other processes have other divergences and other operators:



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## Standard EFT practice and Renormalization Group

Closest analogy is chiral perturbation theory:

$$U = \exp\left[i\frac{\tau \cdot \phi}{F_\pi}\right]$$

- also carries dimensionful coupling and similar energy expansion

$$\mathcal{L} = F^2 \text{Tr}(\partial_\mu U \partial^\mu U^\dagger) + \ell_1 [\text{Tr}(\partial_\mu U \partial^\mu U^\dagger)]^2 + \ell_2 \text{Tr}(\partial_\mu U \partial_\nu U^\dagger) \text{Tr}(\partial^\mu U \partial^\nu U^\dagger) + \dots$$

- renormalization and general behavior is analogous to GR

$$\Delta\mathcal{L} = \frac{1}{192\pi^2(d-4)} \left[ [\text{Tr}(D_\mu U D^\mu U^\dagger)]^2 + 2\text{Tr}(D_\mu U D_\nu U^\dagger) \text{Tr}(D^\mu U D^\nu U^\dagger) \right]$$

**RGE:** (Weinberg 1979, Colangelo, Buchler, Bijns et al, M. Polyakov et al)

- Physics is independent of scale  $\mu$  in dim. reg
- One loop –  $1/\epsilon$  goes into renormalization of  $\ell_i$ 
  - comes along with specified  $\ln \mu$  and  $\ln q^2$  dependence
- Even better at two loops
  - two loops (hard) gives  $q^4/\epsilon^2$  terms – correlated with  $q^4 \ln^2 q^2 / \mu^2$
  - cancelled by one loop (easy) calculation using  $\ell_i$
  - RGE fixes leading  $(q^2 \ln q^2)^n$  behavior

**This has been explored in depth:**

TABLE I: Table of  $l = 0$  LL coefficients for the  $4D$   $\sigma$ -model,  $\omega_{nl}^{l=0} \cdot (N - 1)^{-1}$

$n \setminus l$	0	2	4
1	1		
2	$\frac{N}{2} - \frac{1}{6}$	$\frac{5}{18}$	
3	$\frac{N^2}{4} - \frac{61N}{144} + \frac{59}{144}$	$-\frac{13N}{144} + \frac{13}{48}$	
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**For our purposes:**

- Lowest order operator does not run
- Higher order operator gets renormalized
- With renormalization comes  $\ln \mu$  dependence
- Can exploit for leading high power x leading log
- Tracks higher order log dependence ( $q^2 \ln q^2$ )
- Multiple higher order operators – different processes have different effects

## Consider gravity corrections to gauge interactions:

(Anber,  
El Houssienny,  
JFD)

- we have done this in great detail for Yukawa
- I will be schematic for gauge interactions in order to highlight key points

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**Higher order operator**

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**Equations of motion**

$$\partial^2 A^{\mu} = J^{\mu}$$

**Equivalent contact operator:**

$$\mathcal{L}_{h.o} = c_2\bar{\psi}\gamma_{\mu}\psi\bar{\psi}\gamma^{\mu}\psi = c_2J_{\mu}J^{\mu}$$

## Test cases for running of G:

Anber, JFD

- 1) Graviton propagator – vacuum polarization
- 2) Graviton-graviton scattering
- 3) Massless scalars scattering gravitationally
  - a) identical scalars – permutation symmetry
  - b) non-identical scalars – channel dependence
- 4) Massive gravitational potential

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Including vacuum polarization and renormalizing

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## 2) Lets look at graviton –graviton scattering

Lowest order amplitude:

$$\mathcal{A}^{tree}(++;++) = \frac{i}{4} \frac{\kappa^2 s^3}{tu}$$

One loop: **Dunbar and Norridge**

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{A}^{1-loop}(++;--) &= -i \frac{\kappa^4}{30720\pi^2} (s^2 + t^2 + u^2) \\ \mathcal{A}^{1-loop}(++;+-) &= -\frac{1}{3} \mathcal{A}^{1-loop}(++;--) \\ \mathcal{A}^{1-loop}(++;++) &= \frac{\kappa^2}{4(4\pi)^{2-\epsilon}} \frac{\Gamma^2(1-\epsilon)\Gamma(1+\epsilon)}{\Gamma(1-2\epsilon)} \mathcal{A}^{tree}(++;++) \times (stu) \quad (3) \\ &\times \left[ \frac{2}{\epsilon} \left( \frac{\ln(-u)}{st} + \frac{\ln(-t)}{su} + \frac{\ln(-s)}{tu} \right) + \frac{1}{s^2} f\left(\frac{-t}{s}, \frac{-u}{s}\right) \right. \\ &\quad \left. + 2 \left( \frac{\ln(-u)\ln(-s)}{su} + \frac{\ln(-t)\ln(-s)}{tu} + \frac{\ln(-t)\ln(-s)}{ts} \right) \right] \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} f\left(\frac{-t}{s}, \frac{-u}{s}\right) &= \frac{(t+2u)(2t+u)(2t^4+2t^3u-t^2u^2+2tu^3+2u^4)}{s^6} \left( \ln^2 \frac{t}{u} + \pi^2 \right) \\ &+ \frac{(t-u)(341t^4+1609t^3u+2566t^2u^2+1609tu^3+341u^4)}{30s^5} \ln \frac{t}{u} \\ &+ \frac{1922t^4+9143t^3u+14622t^2u^2+9143tu^3+1922u^4}{180s^4}, \quad (4) \end{aligned}$$

#### 4) Two different types of massless particles

$$\underline{A + B \rightarrow A + B}$$

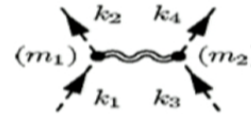
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This reaction is not crossing symmetric

# Components of log in matter coupling

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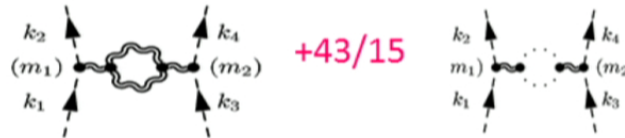


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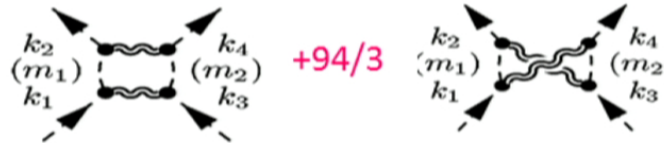
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Vacuum polarization:  
(Duff 1974)



+43/15

Box and crossed box



+94/3

Others:



+44-56

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## 5) Gravity matter coupling – non-relativistic masses:

Recall: 
$$V(r) = -\frac{Gm_1m_2}{r} \left[ 1 + 3\frac{G(m_1 + m_2)}{r} + \frac{41}{10\pi} \frac{G\hbar}{r^2} \right]$$

**Including all diagrams:**

$$“G(r)” = G \left[ 1 + \frac{41}{10\pi} \frac{G}{r} \right]$$

**Excluding box plus crossed box:**

$$“G(r)” = G \left[ 1 - \frac{347}{60\pi} \frac{G}{r} \right]$$

**Vac. pol. + vertex corrections:**

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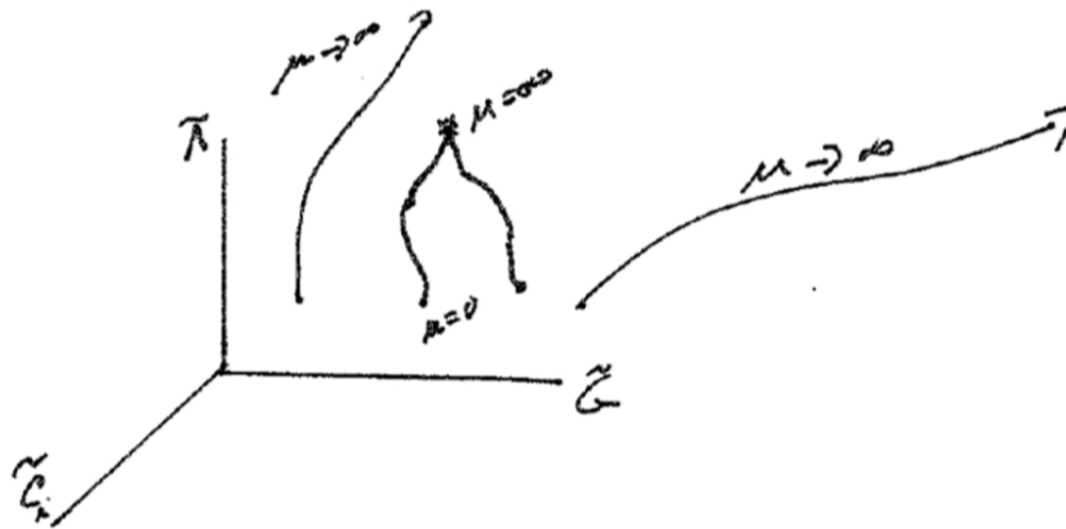
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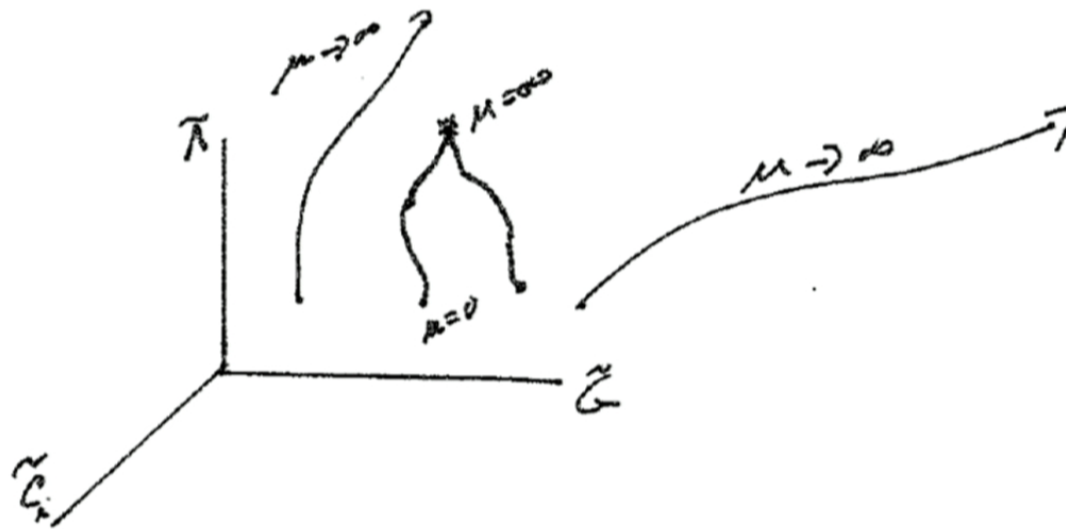


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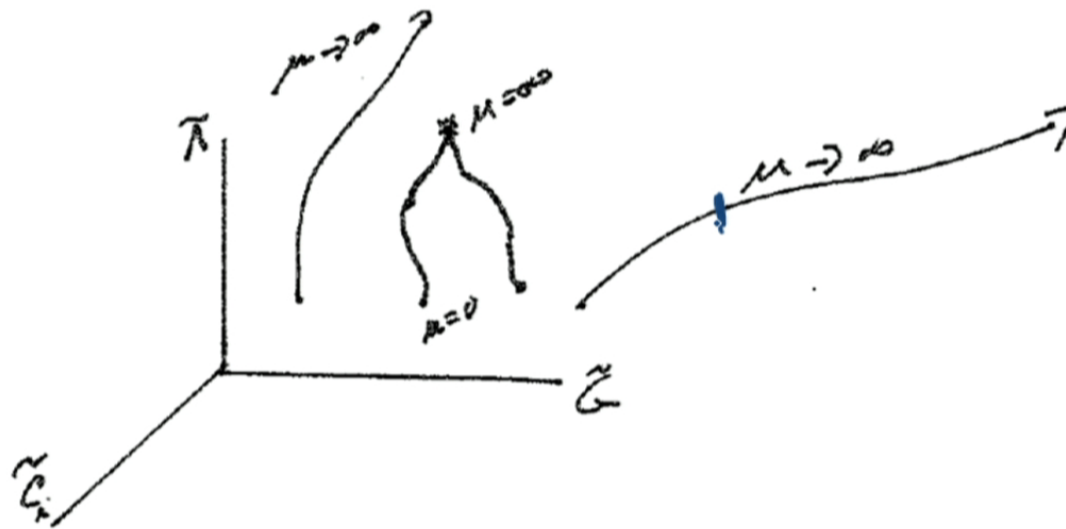


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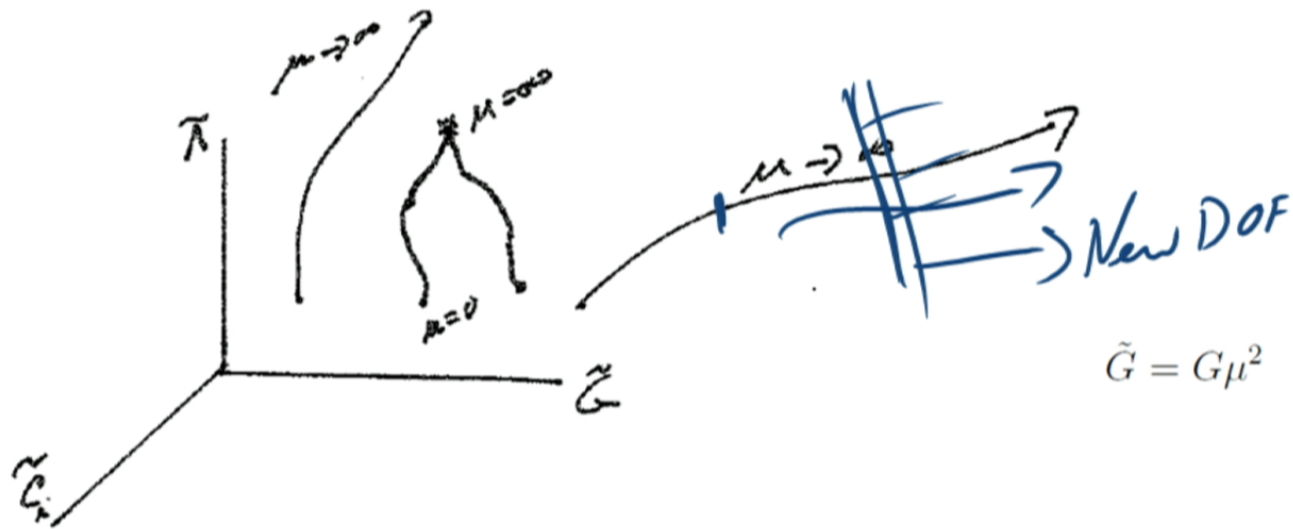
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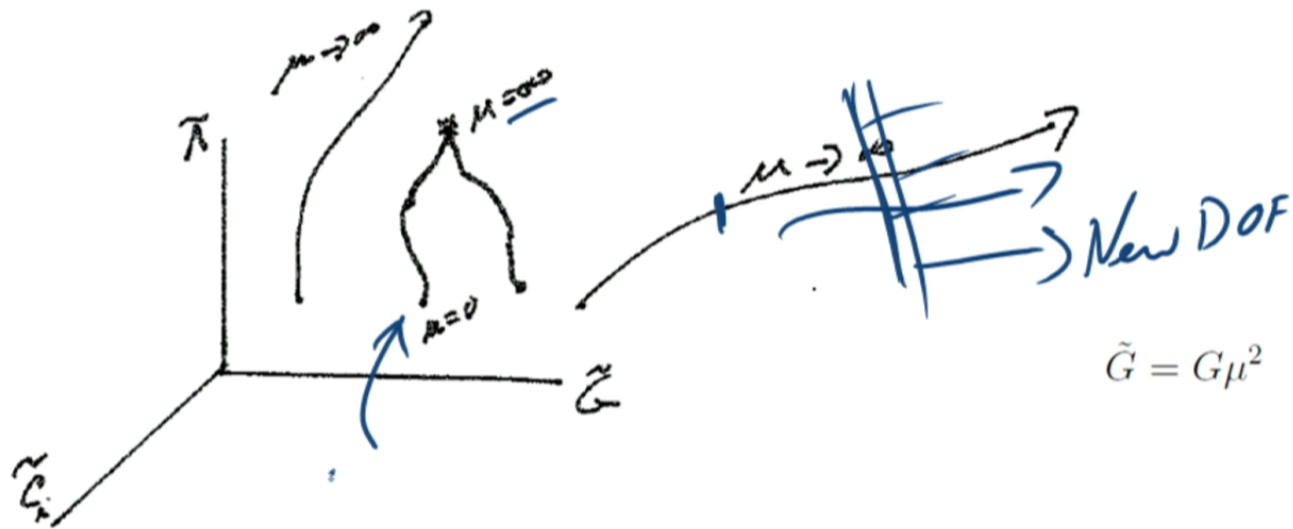


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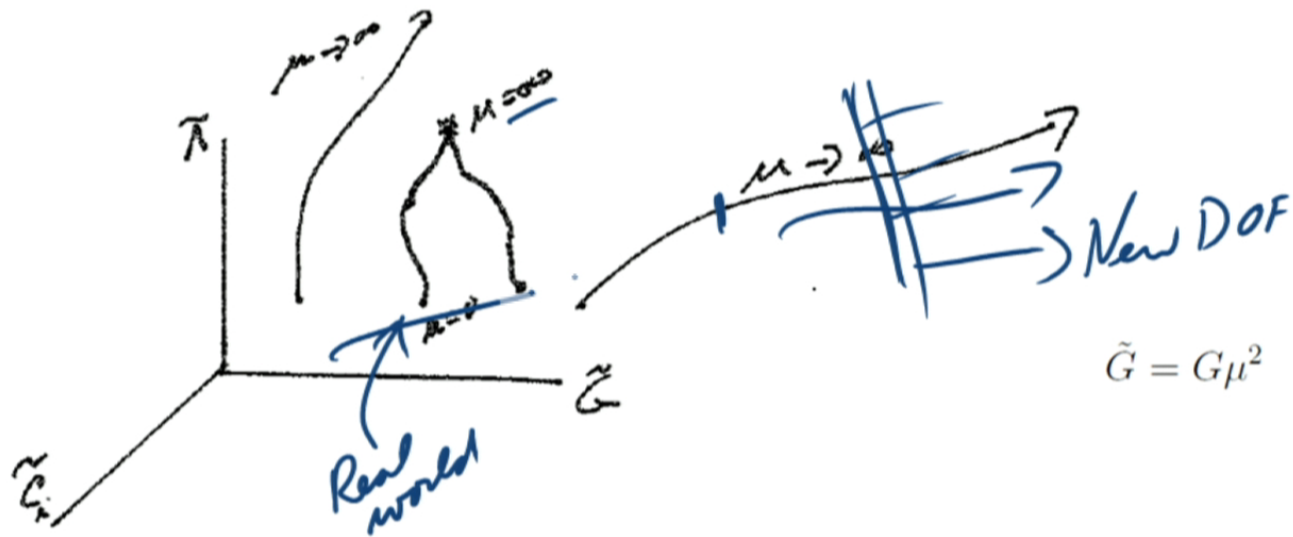


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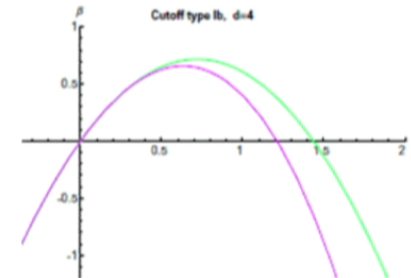
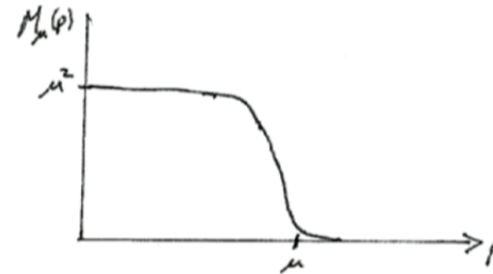
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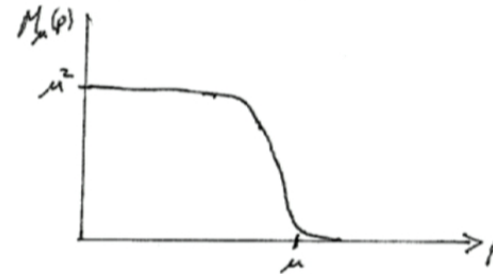
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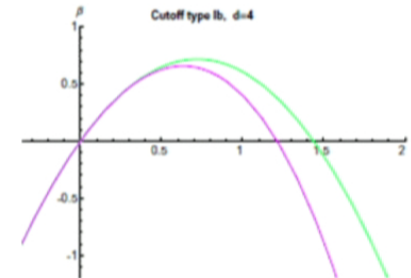
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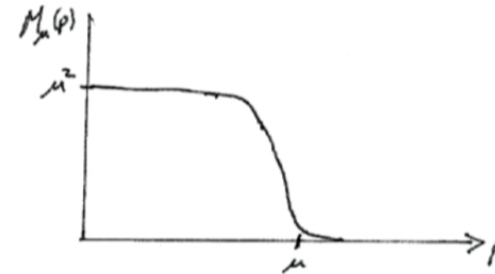
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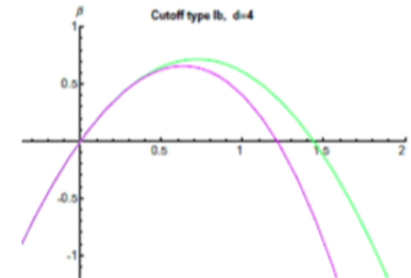
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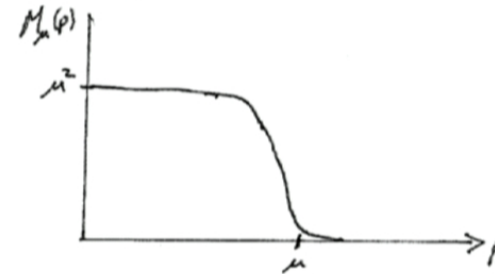
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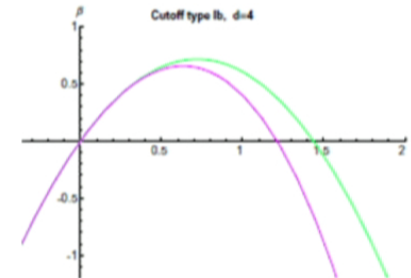
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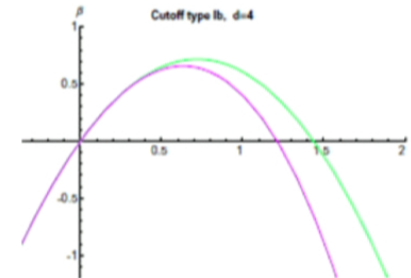
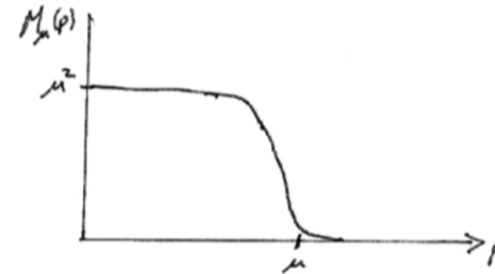
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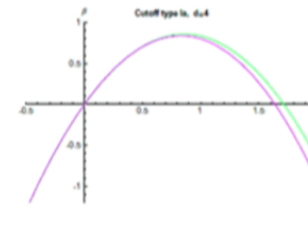
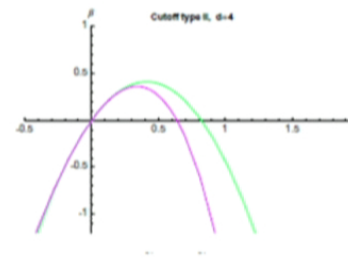
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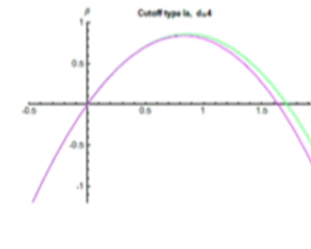
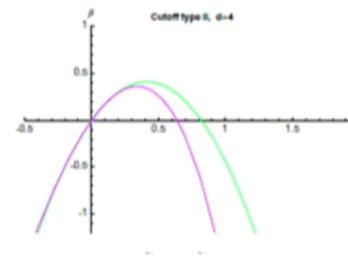
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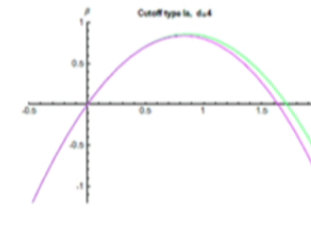
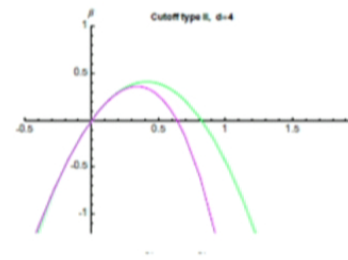
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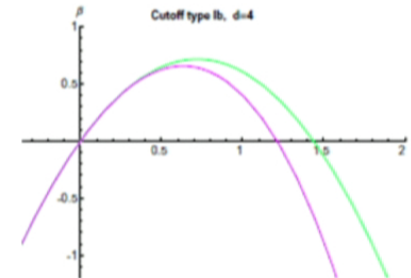
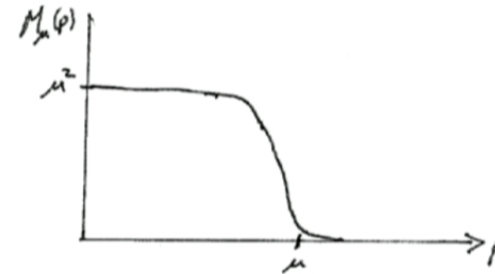
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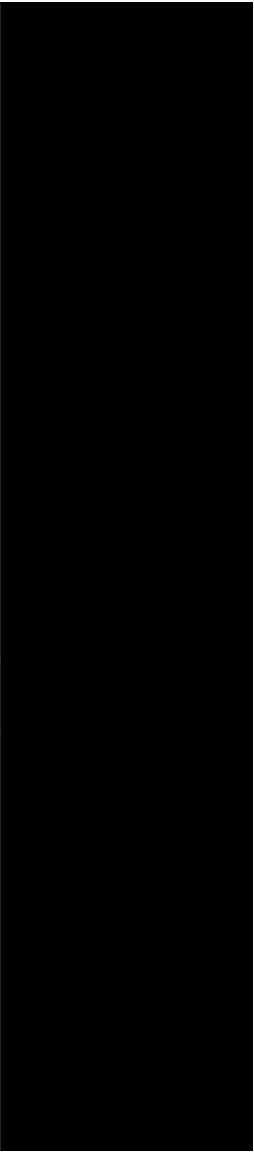
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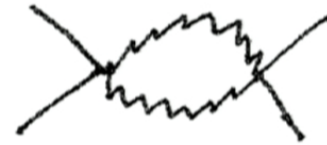
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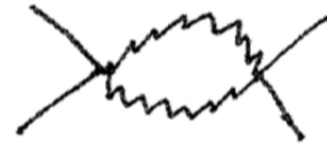
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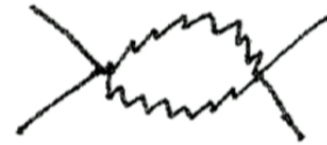
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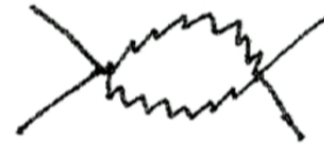
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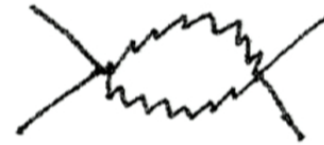
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