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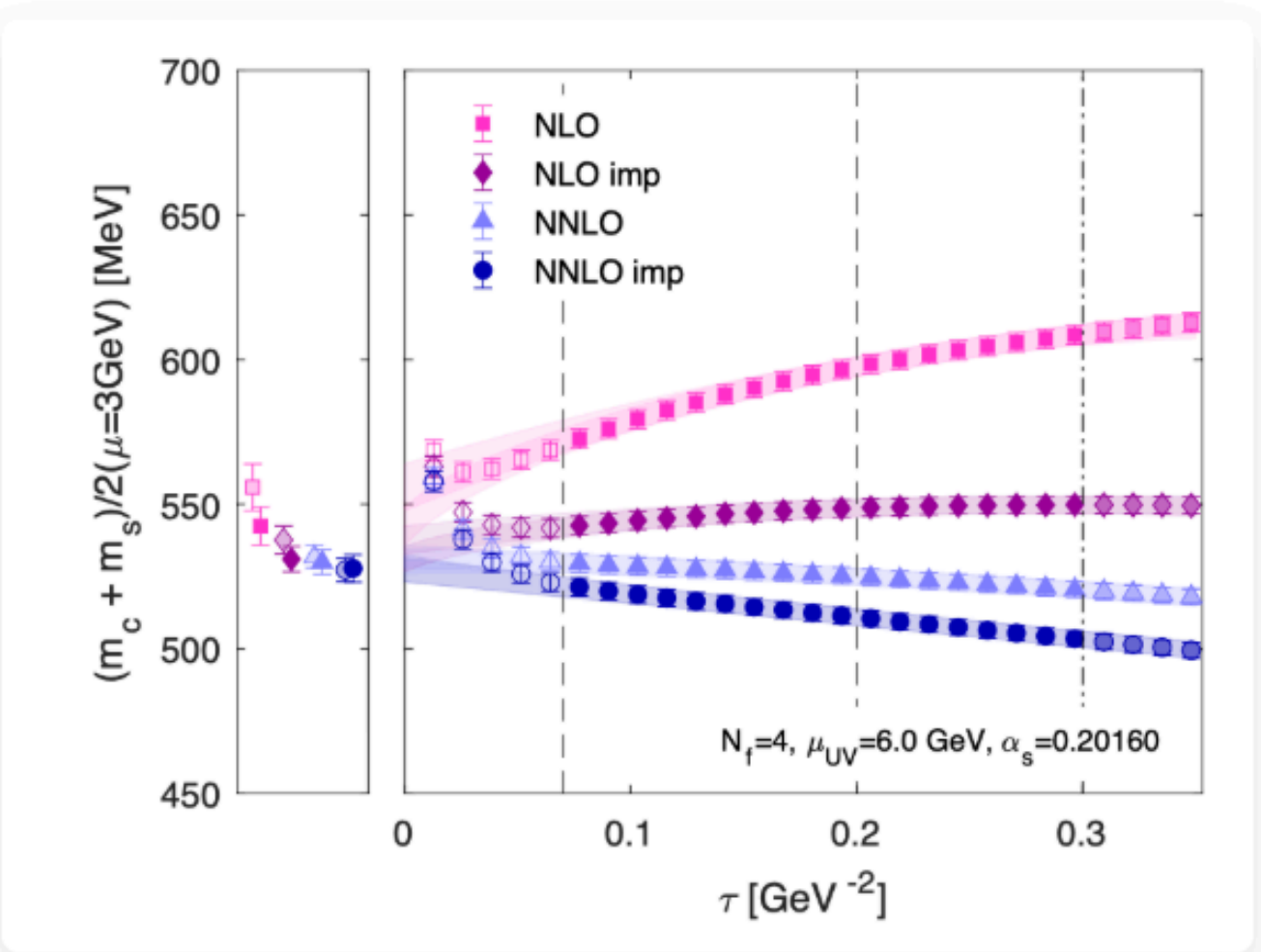
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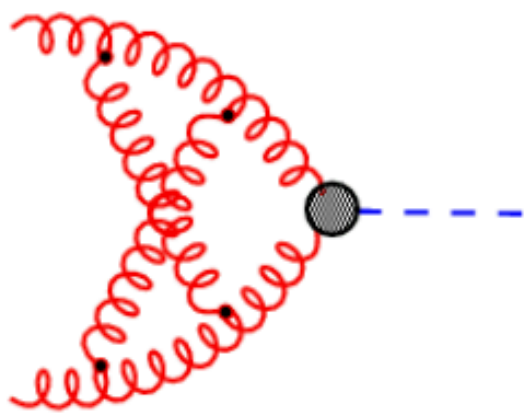
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One of my favorite Feynman diagrams

I am a professor for theoretical particle physics at [RWTH Aachen University](#).

My main research field is to understand and predict phenomena at particle colliders. Within the last few years, I have been mostly interested in the physics of Higgs bosons in and beyond the Standard Model. Recently, I have also become interested in improving the connection between the perturbative and the lattice approach to quantum field theory through the gradient-flow formalism.

The menu on the left should help you navigate through this page. In particular, you can find a [Brief CV](#), and details about my [Research](#) and [Teaching](#) activities.

It is important to try to convey some of our excitement about physics to the general public, high-school students, or



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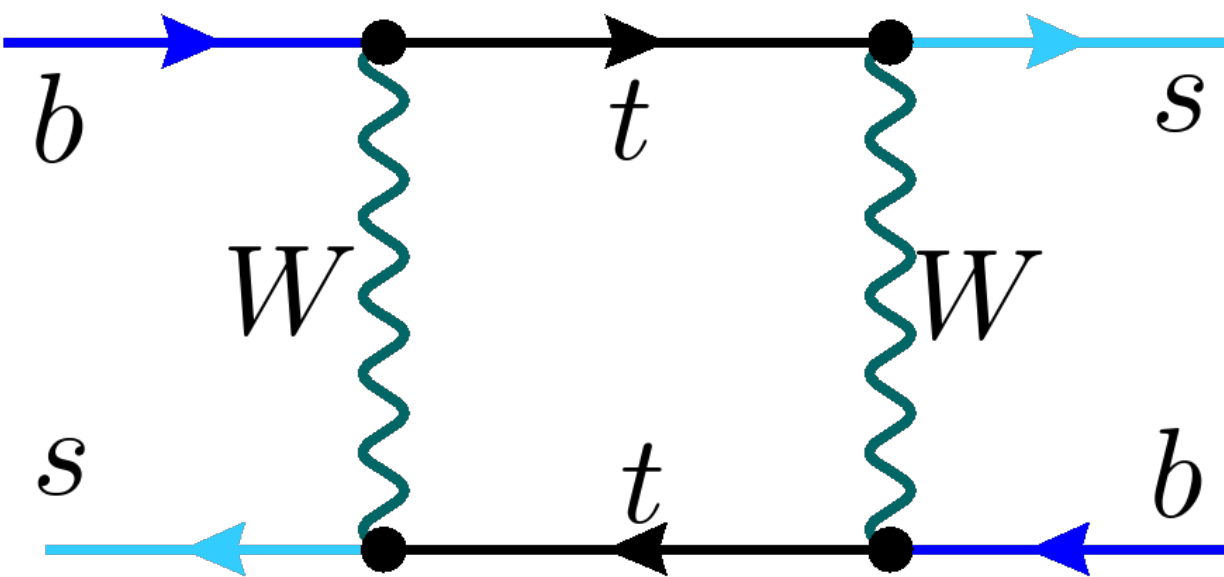
fundamental QCD:

$$\mathcal{L} = -\frac{1}{4}F_{\mu\nu}^a F^{a,\mu\nu}$$
$$F_{\mu\nu} = \frac{i}{g}[D_\mu, D_\nu] \quad D_\mu = \partial_\mu - iT^a A_\mu^a(x)$$

flowed gauge field:

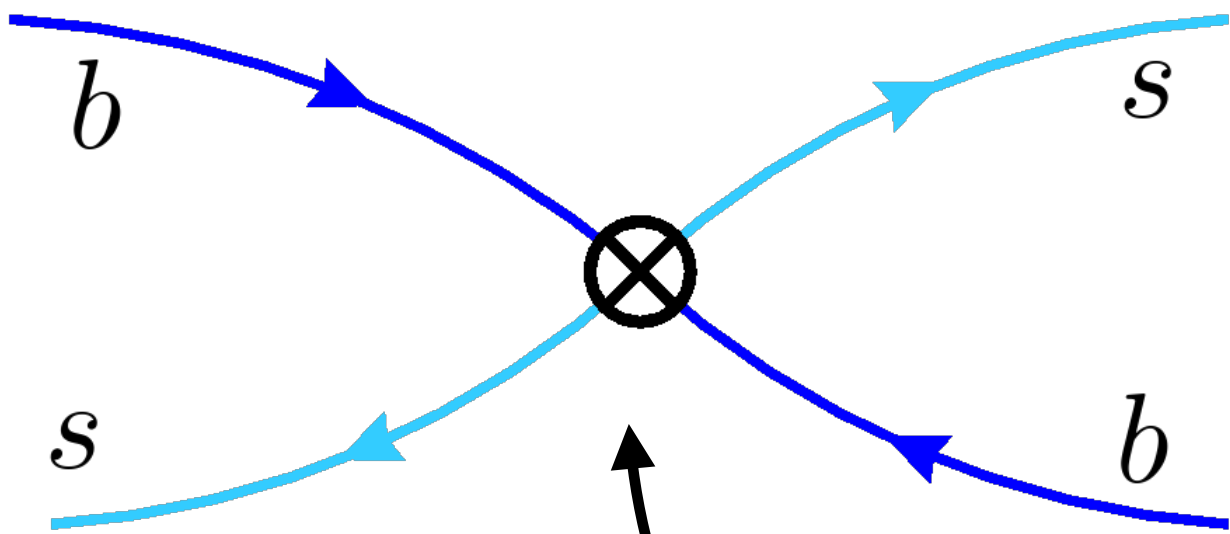
$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} B_\mu(t, x) = \mathcal{D}_\nu G_{\nu\mu}(t, x)$$
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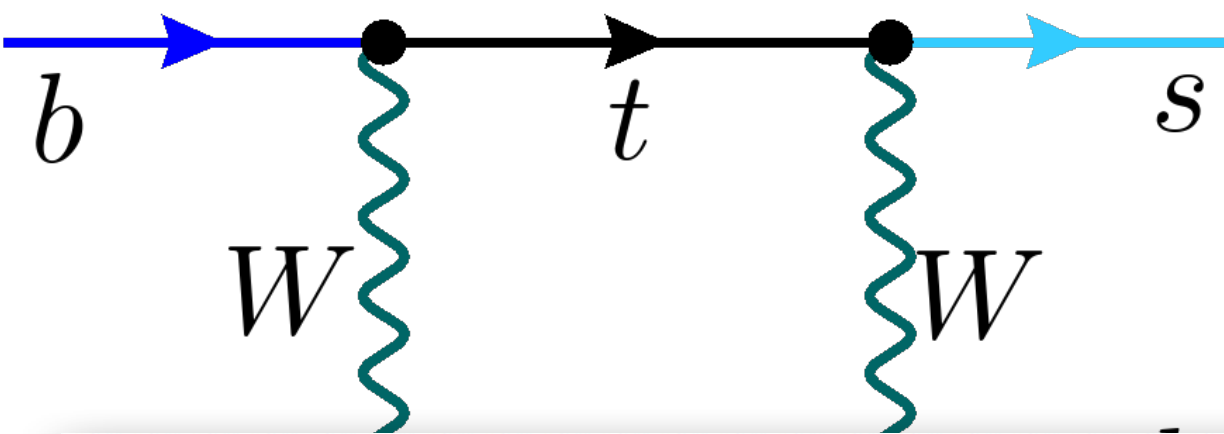
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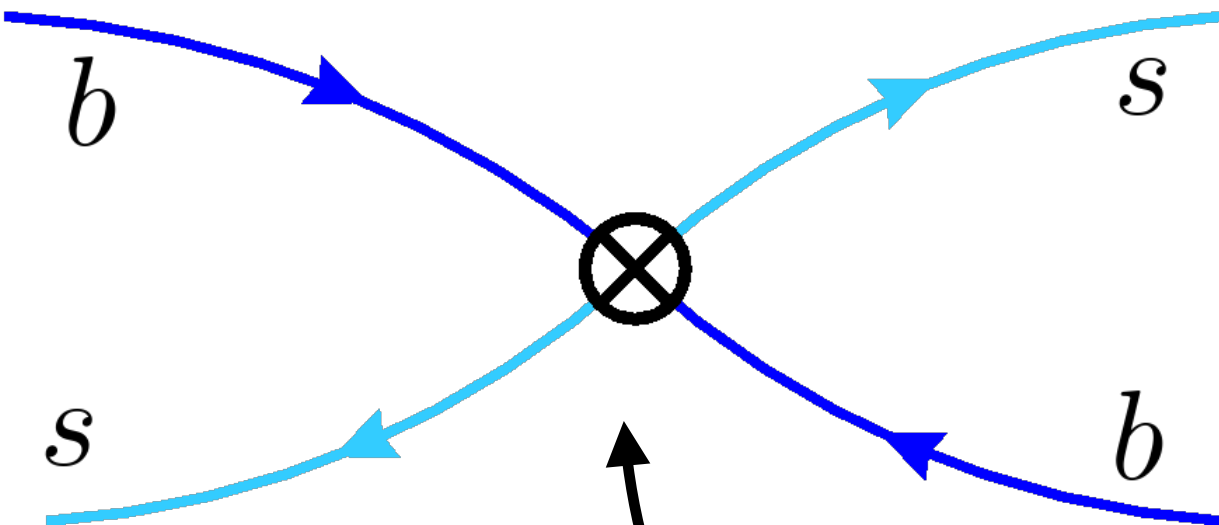


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### Short-flow-time expansion of quark bilinears through next-to-next-to-leading order QCD

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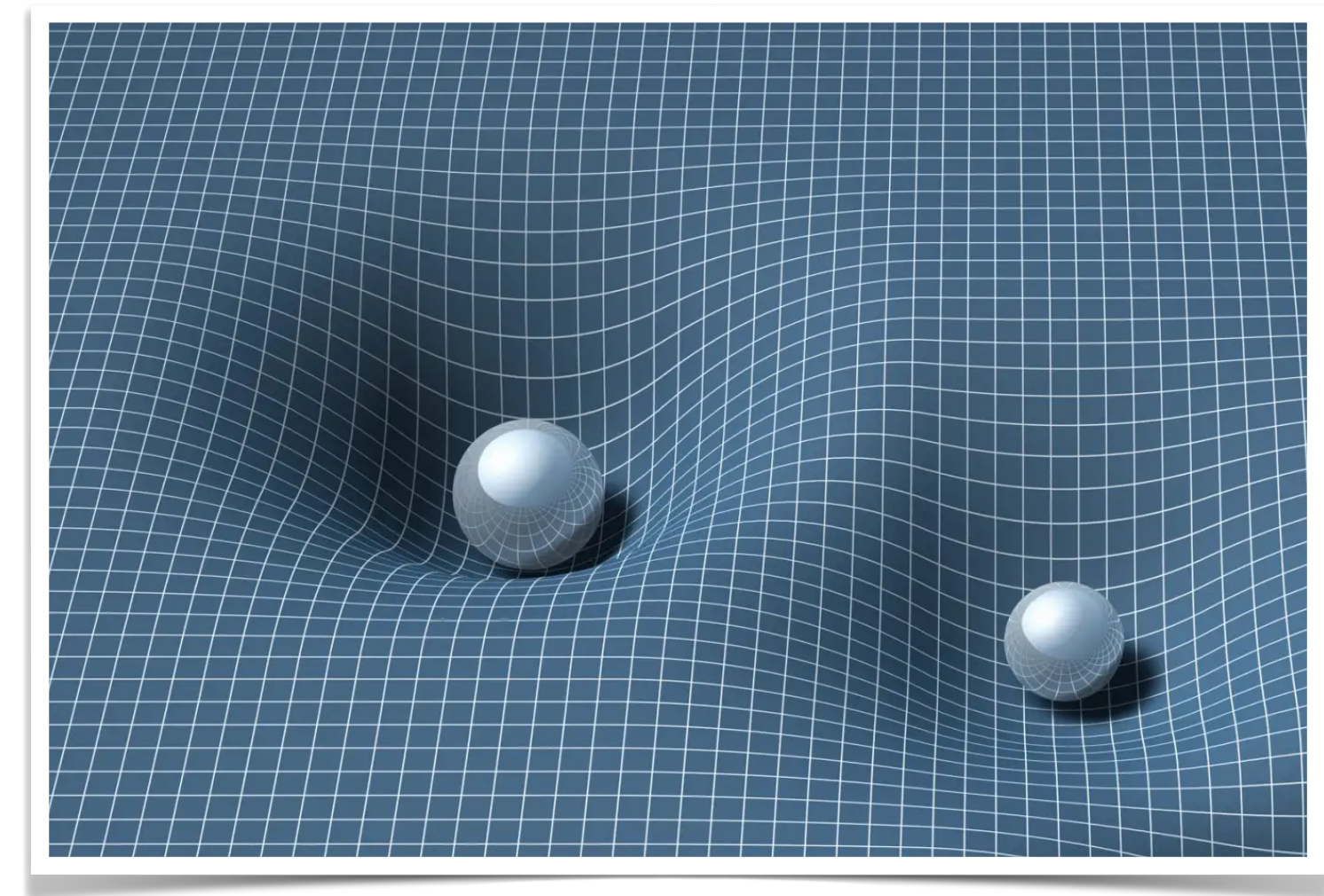
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**The Entropy formula for the Ricci flow and its geometric applications** #1

Grisha Perelman (Steklov Math. Inst., St. Petersburg) (Jul, 2006)

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**Ricci flow with surgery on three-manifolds** #2

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proof of  
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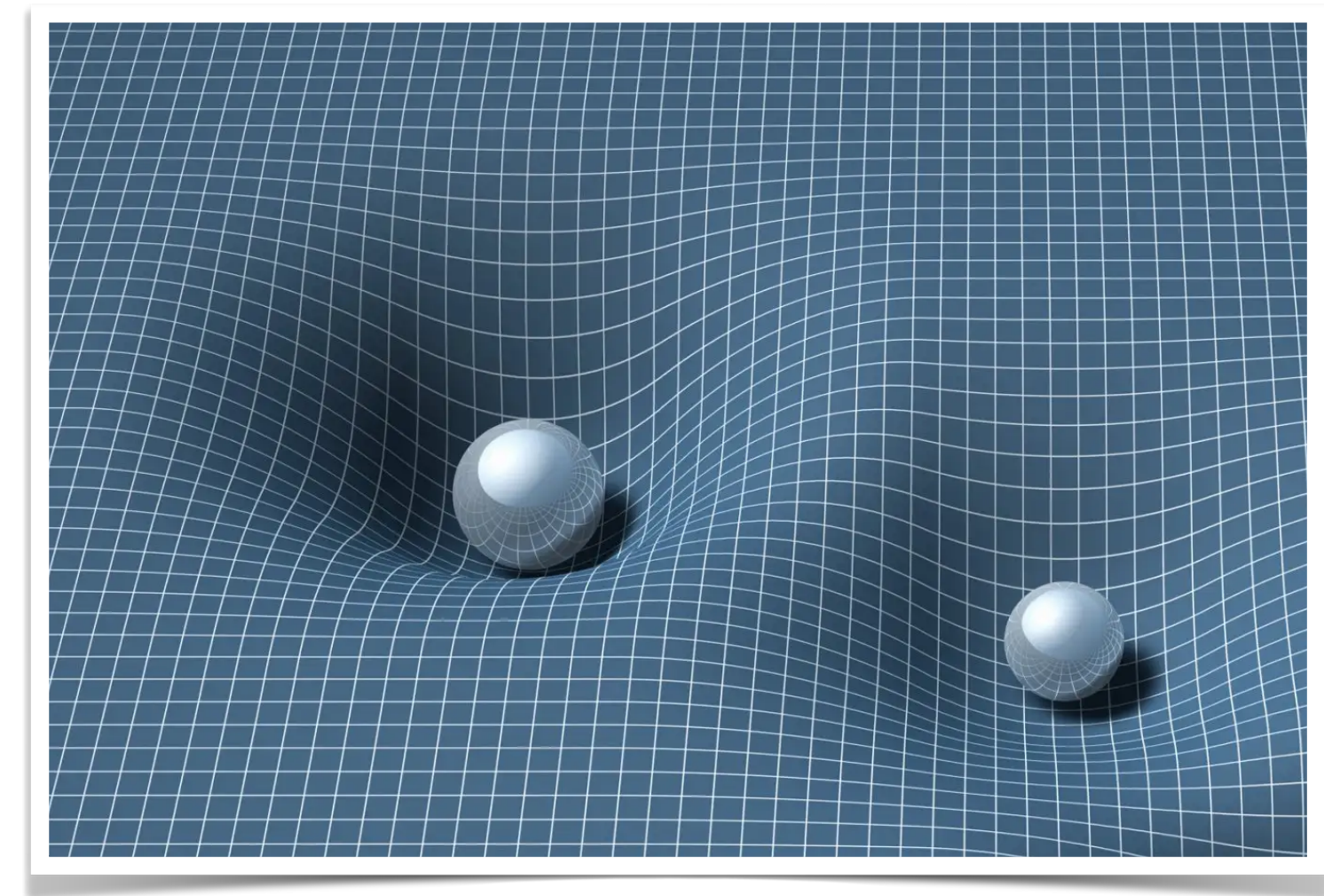
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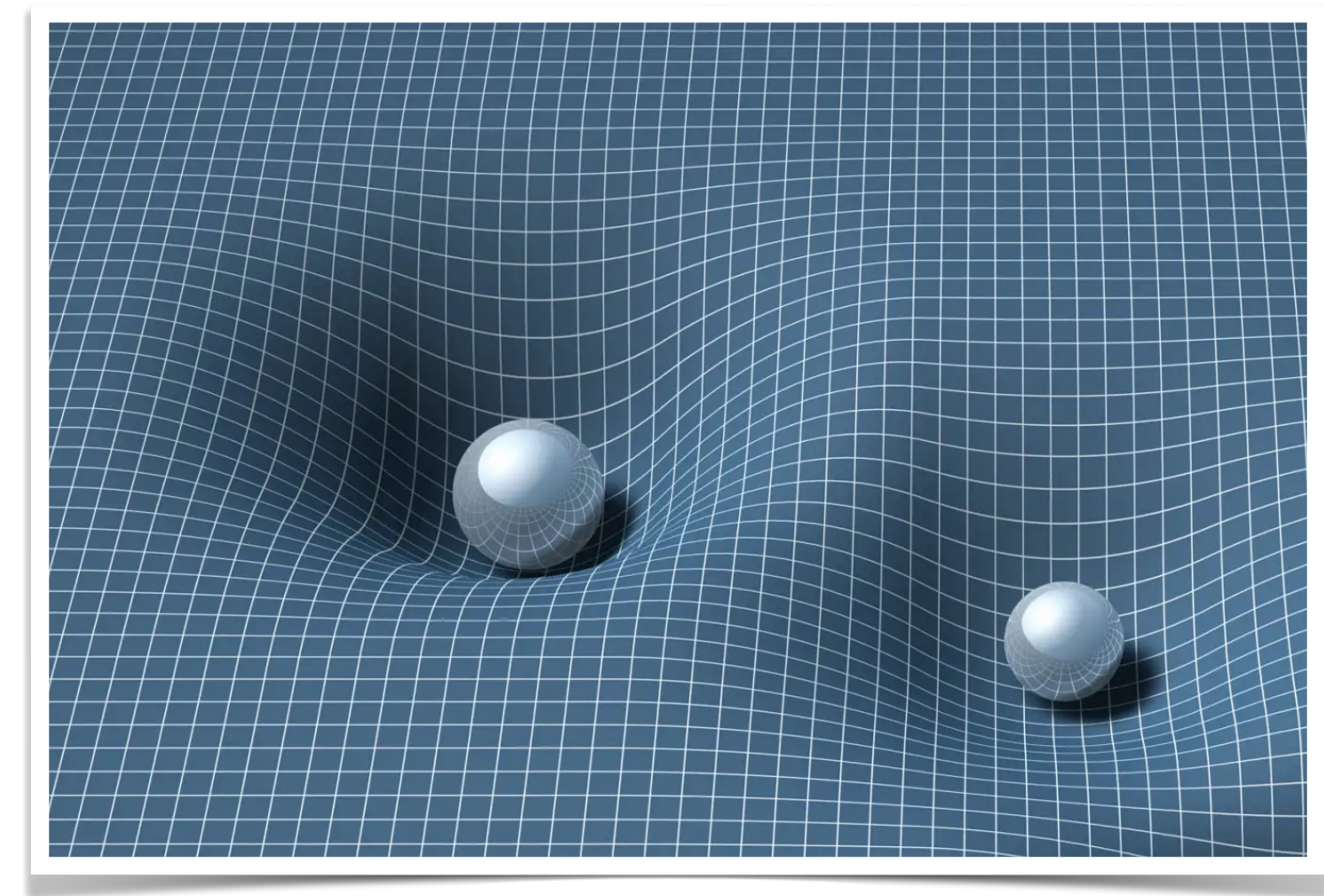
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here: perturbative solution

application to RG structure of gravity





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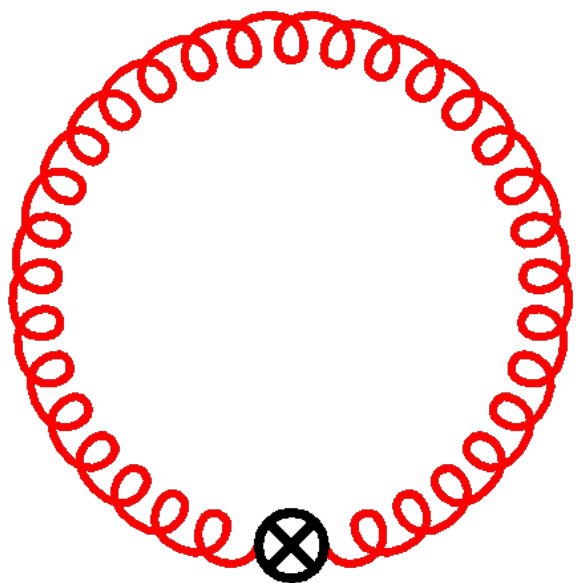
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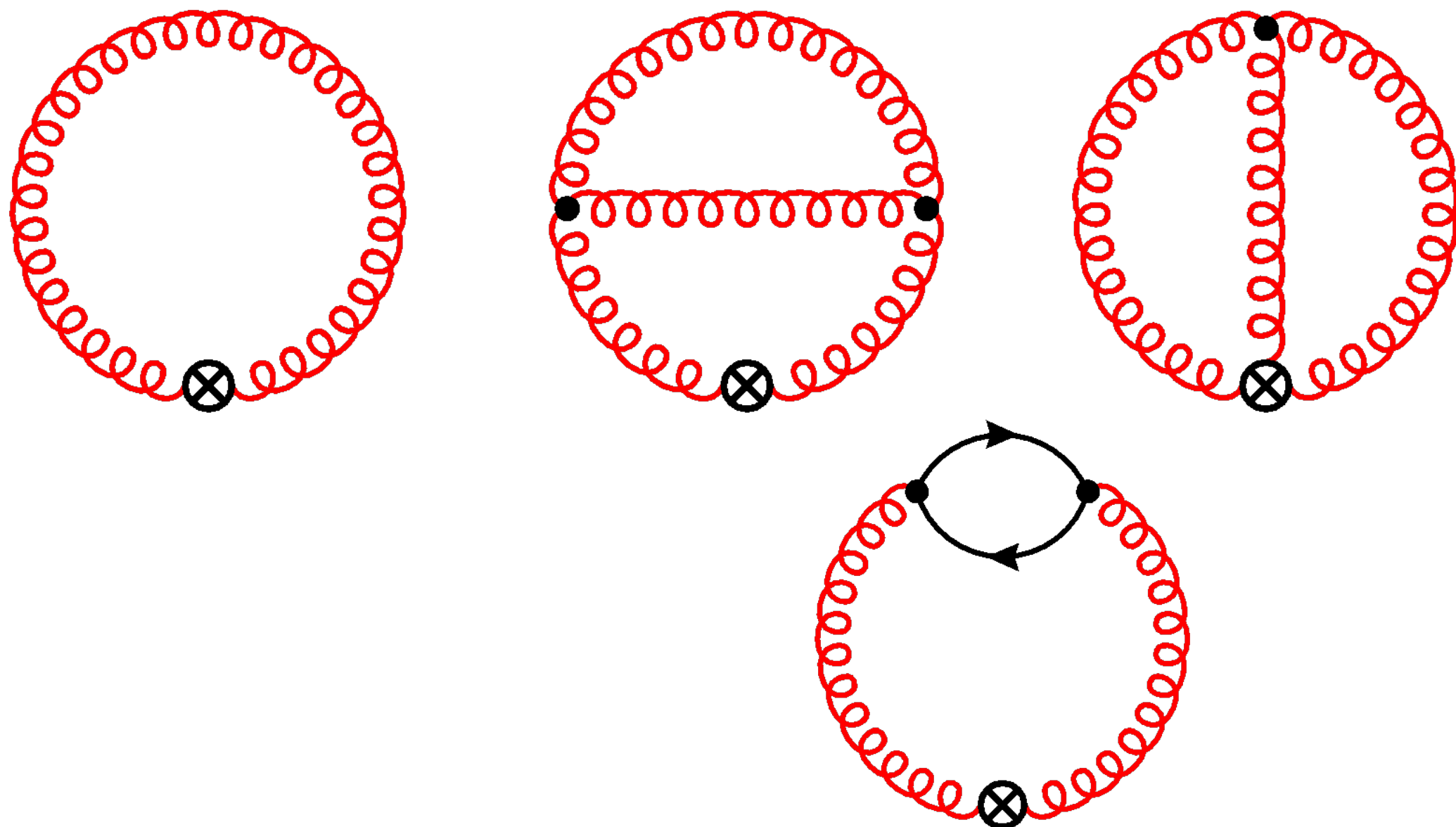
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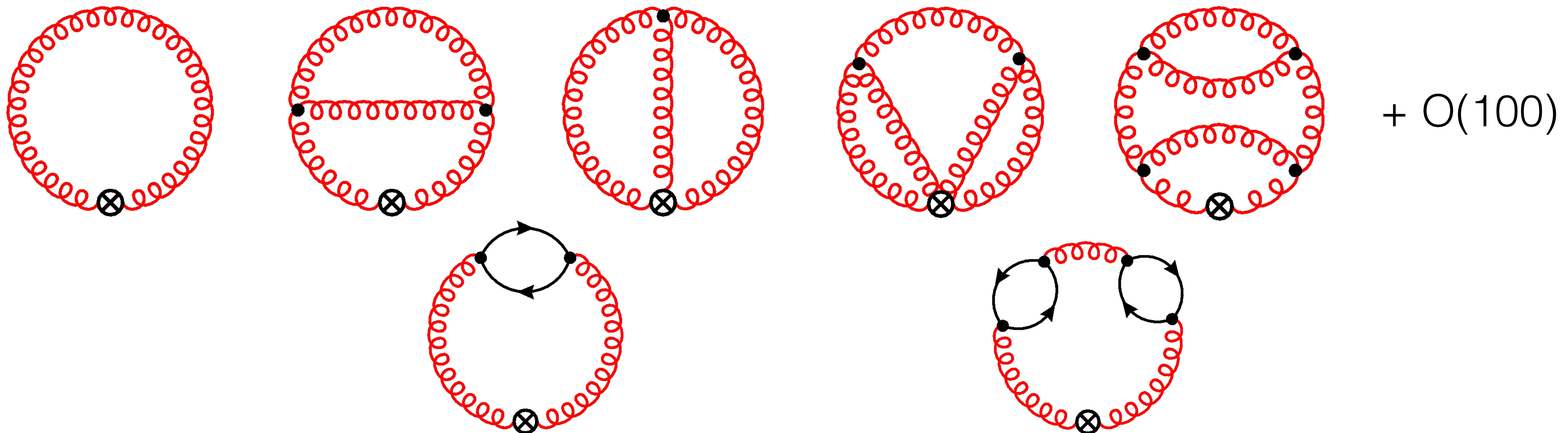
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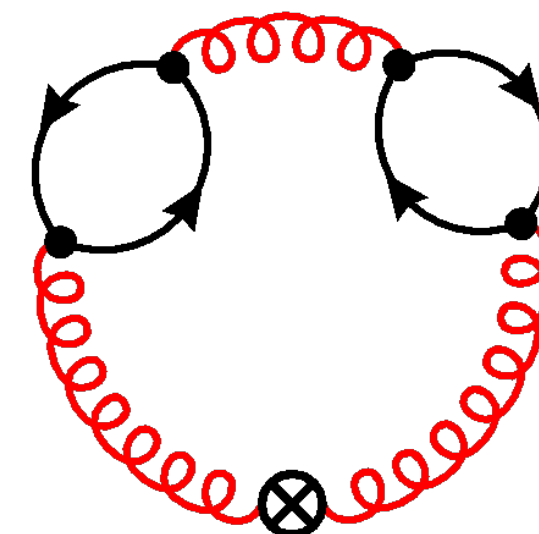
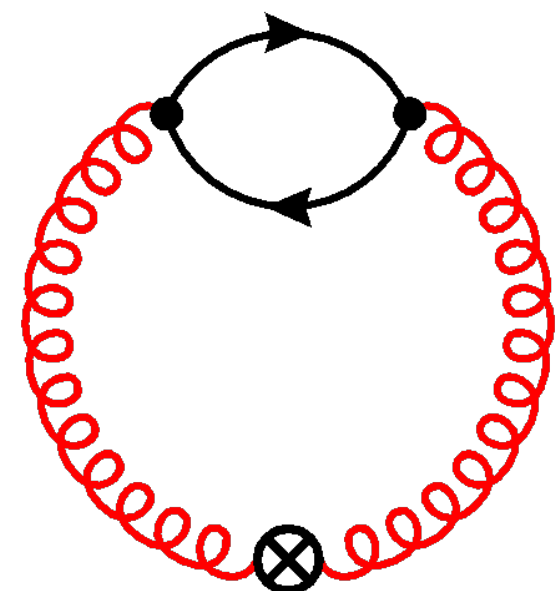
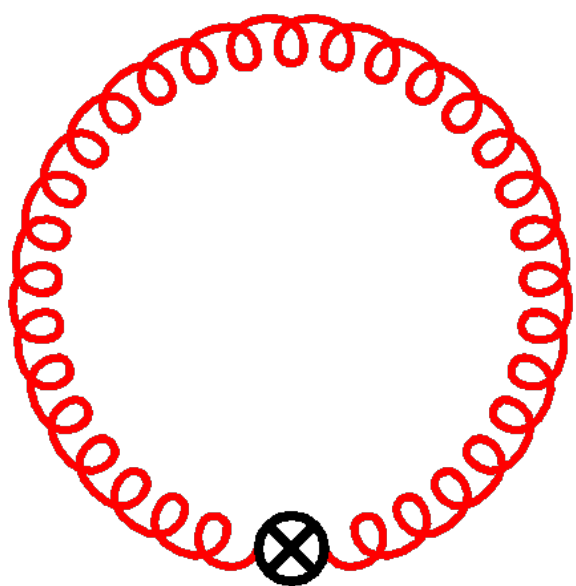




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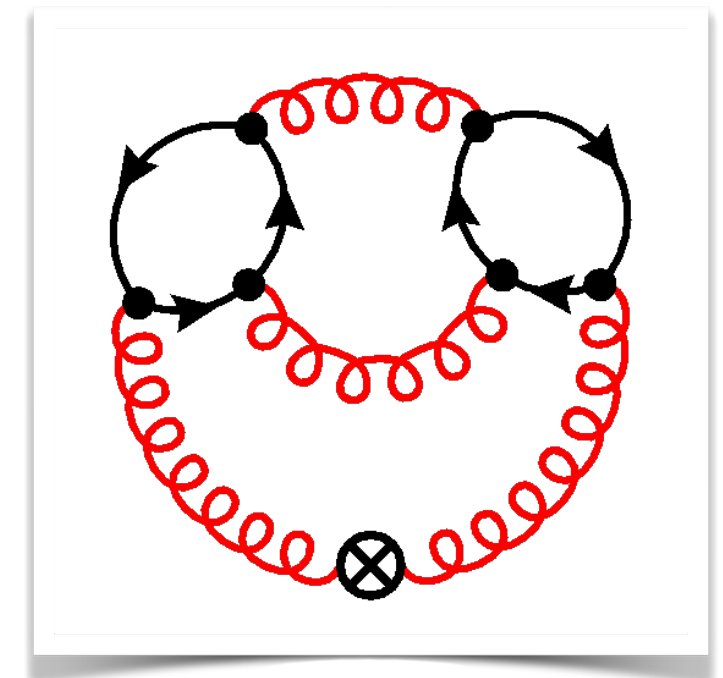
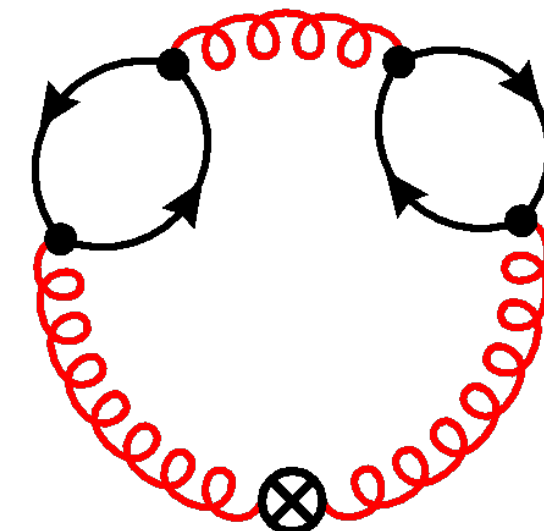
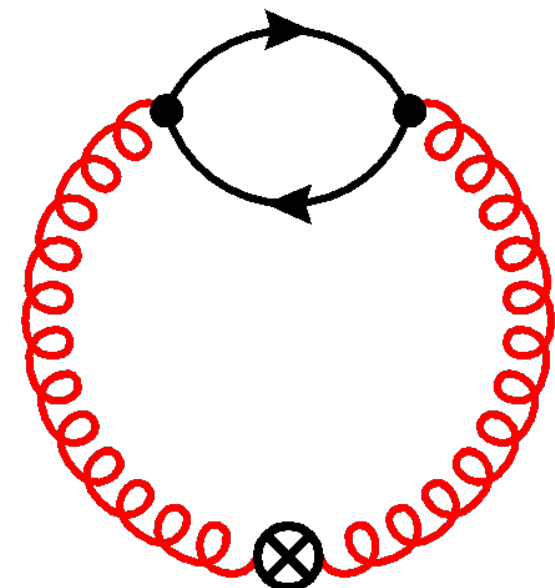
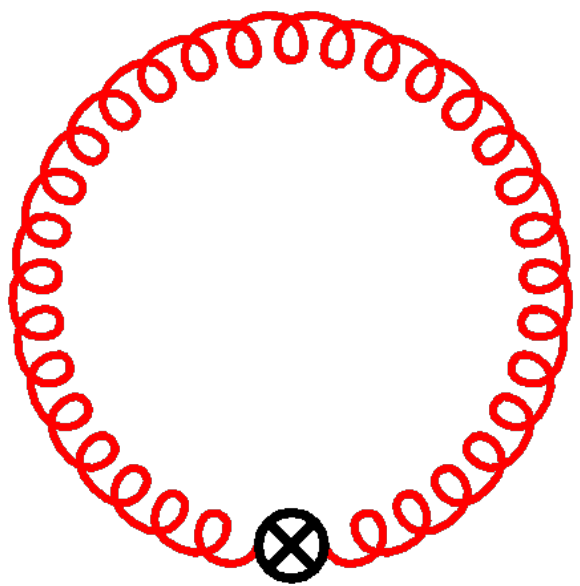
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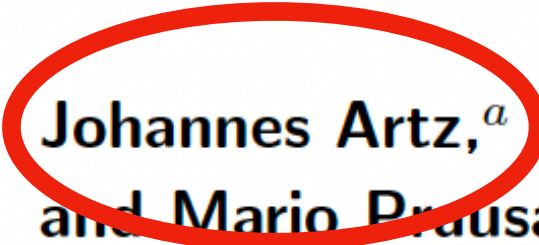
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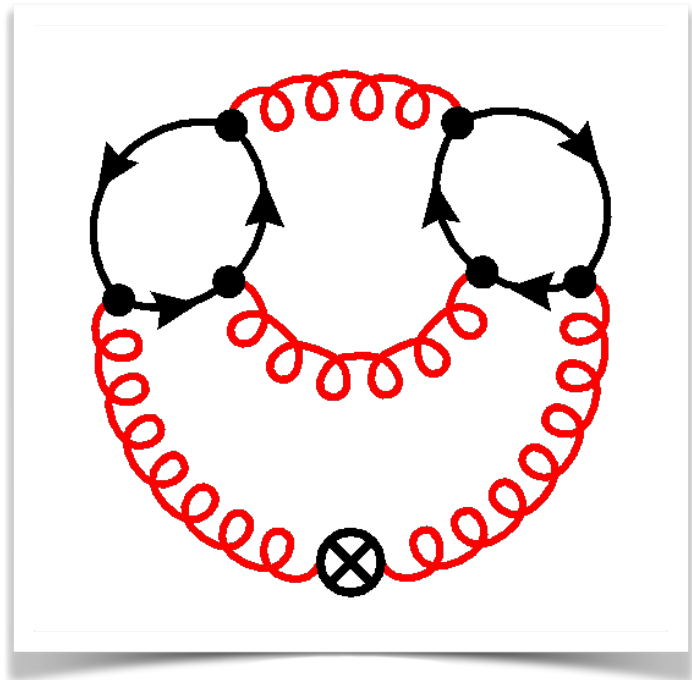
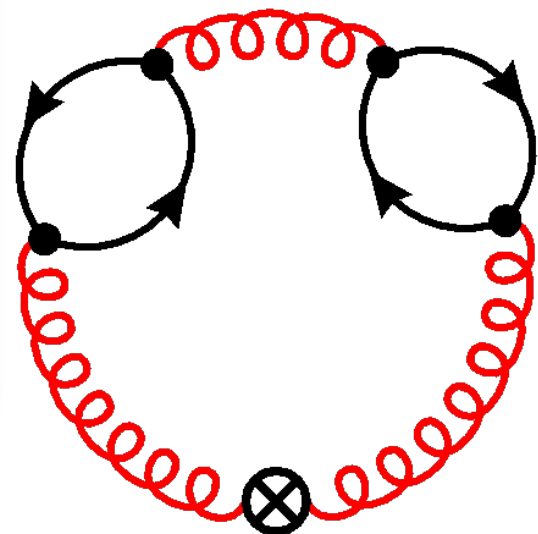
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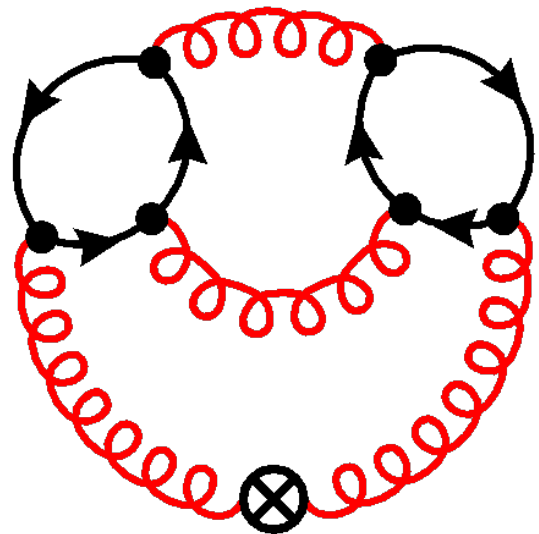
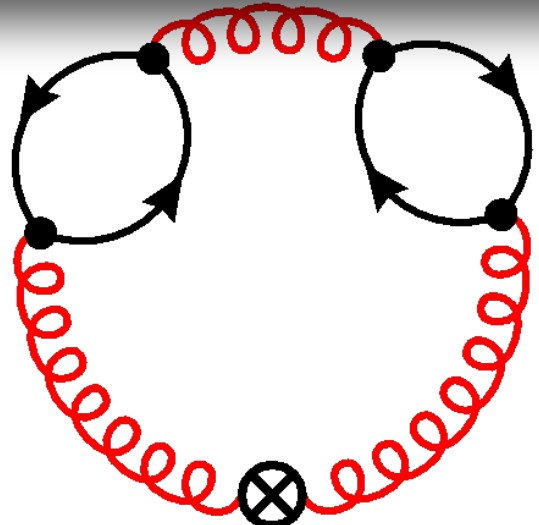
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Effective Field Theories describe physics beyond the Standard Model in a generic way. Their construction is algorithmic, but very cumbersome. In the past, we have developed the program AutoEFT that generates an effective field theory for general chiral fields.

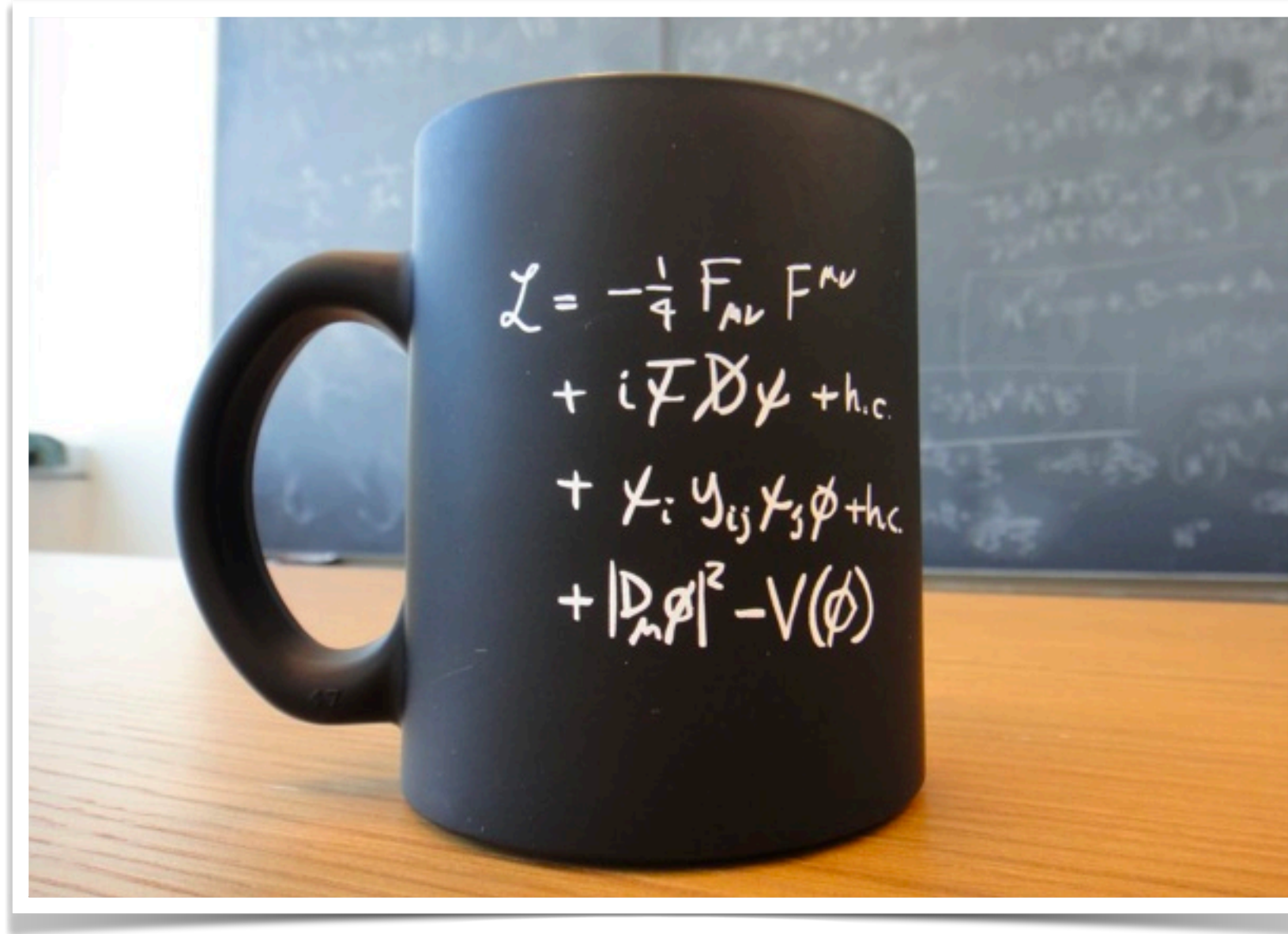
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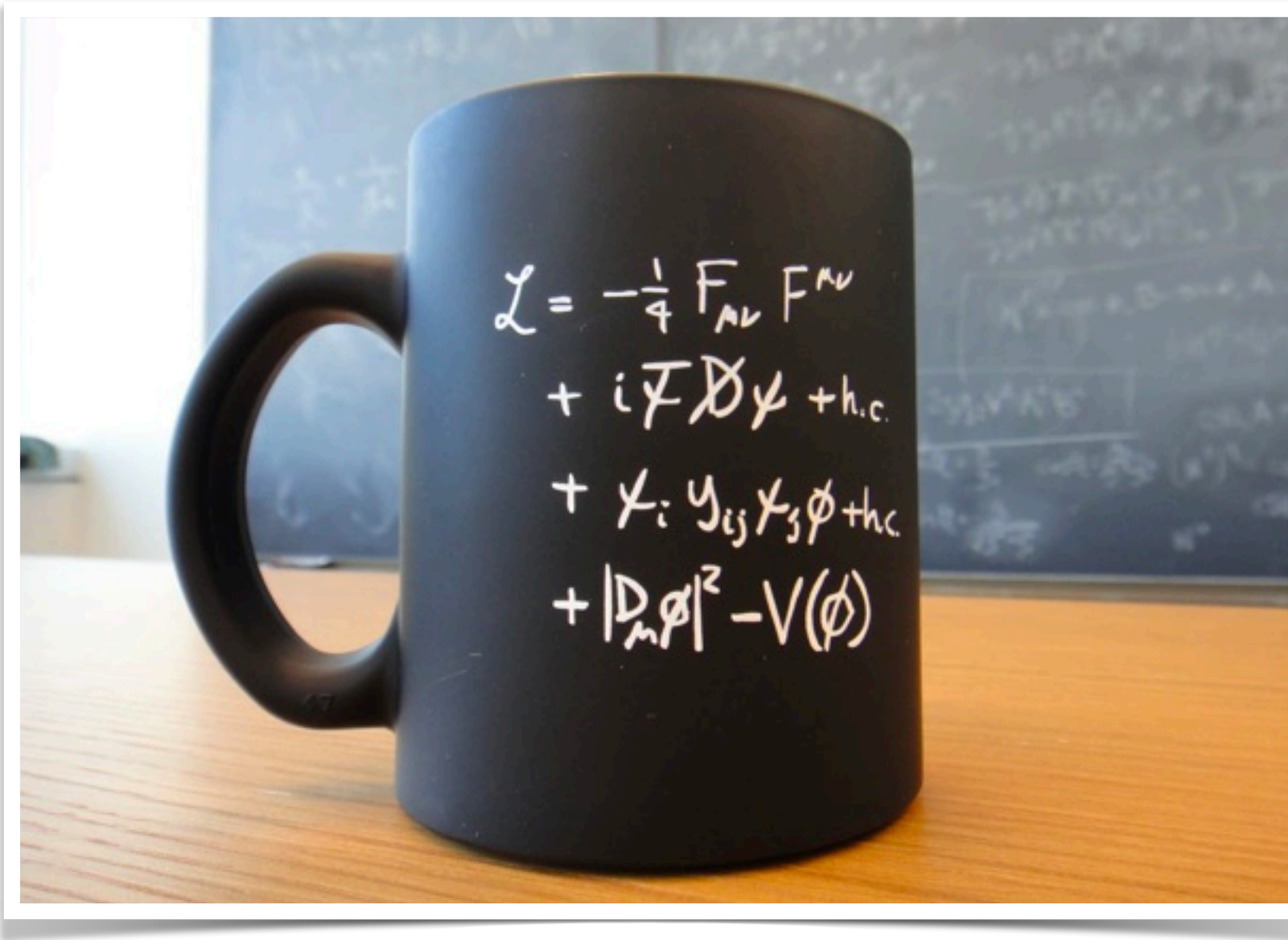
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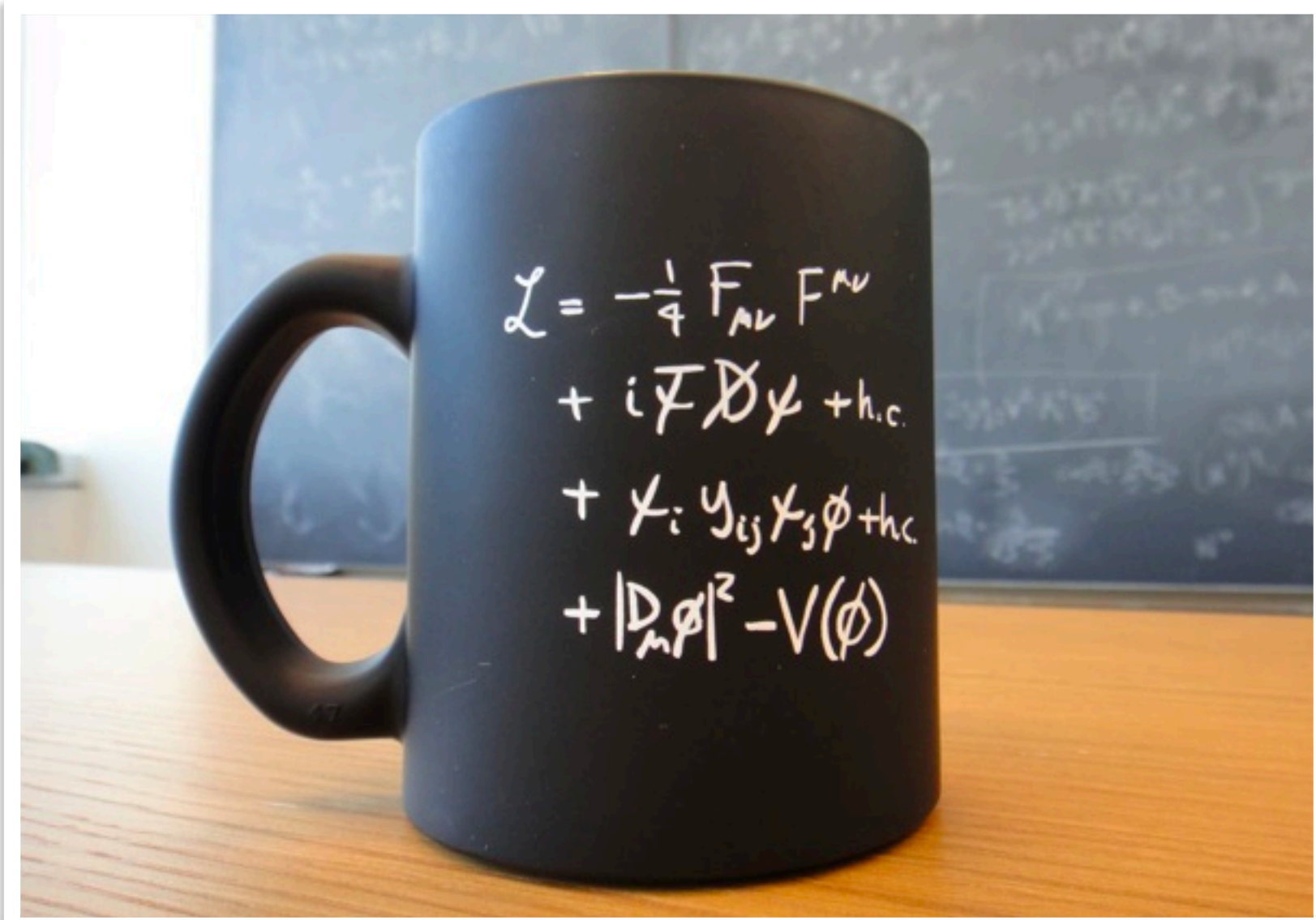
SMEFT

| 1 : $X^3$                  |  | 2 : $H^6$                     |   | 3 : $H^4 D^2$              |   | 5 : $\psi^2 H^3 + \text{h.c.}$ |  | 8 : $(\bar{L}R)(\bar{R}L) + \text{h.c.}$ |                                       | 8 : $(\bar{L}R)(\bar{L}R) + \text{h.c.}$ |   |
|----------------------------|--|-------------------------------|---|----------------------------|---|--------------------------------|--|--|---------------------------------------|--|---|
| $Q_G$                      | $f^{ABC} G_\mu^{A\nu} G_\nu^{B\rho} G_\rho^{C\mu}$                   | $Q_H$                         | $(H^\dagger H)^3$   | $Q_{H\Box}$                | $(H^\dagger H)\Box(H^\dagger H)$  | $Q_{eH}$                       | $(H^\dagger H)(\bar{l}_p e_r H)$         | $Q_{ledq}$                               | $(\bar{l}_p^j e_r)(\bar{d}_s q_{tj})$ | $Q_{quqd}^{(1)}$                         | $(\bar{q}_p^j u_r)\epsilon_{jk}(\bar{q}_s^k d_t)$                                 |
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| $Q_{HG}$                   | $H^\dagger H G_{\mu\nu}^A G^{A\mu\nu}$                               | $Q_{eW}$                      | $(\bar{l}_p \sigma^{\mu\nu} e_r) \tau^I H W_{\mu\nu}^I$         | $Q_{Hl}^{(1)}$             | $(H^\dagger i \overleftrightarrow{D}_\mu H)(\bar{l}_p \gamma^\mu l_r)$          |                                |  |  |                                       |  |   |
| $Q_{H\tilde{G}}$           | $H^\dagger H \tilde{G}_{\mu\nu}^A G^{A\mu\nu}$                       | $Q_{eB}$                      | $(\bar{l}_p \sigma^{\mu\nu} e_r) H B_{\mu\nu}$                  | $Q_{Hl}^{(3)}$             | $(H^\dagger i \overleftrightarrow{D}_\mu^I H)(\bar{l}_p \tau^I \gamma^\mu l_r)$ |                                |  |  |                                       |  |   |
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| $Q_{H\tilde{W}B}$          | $H^\dagger \tau^I H \tilde{W}_{\mu\nu}^I B^{\mu\nu}$                 | $Q_{dB}$                      | $(\bar{q}_p \sigma^{\mu\nu} d_r) H B_{\mu\nu}$                  | $Q_{Hud} + \text{h.c.}$    | $i(\tilde{H}^\dagger D_\mu H)(\bar{u}_p \gamma^\mu d_r)$                        |                                |  |  |                                       |  |   |
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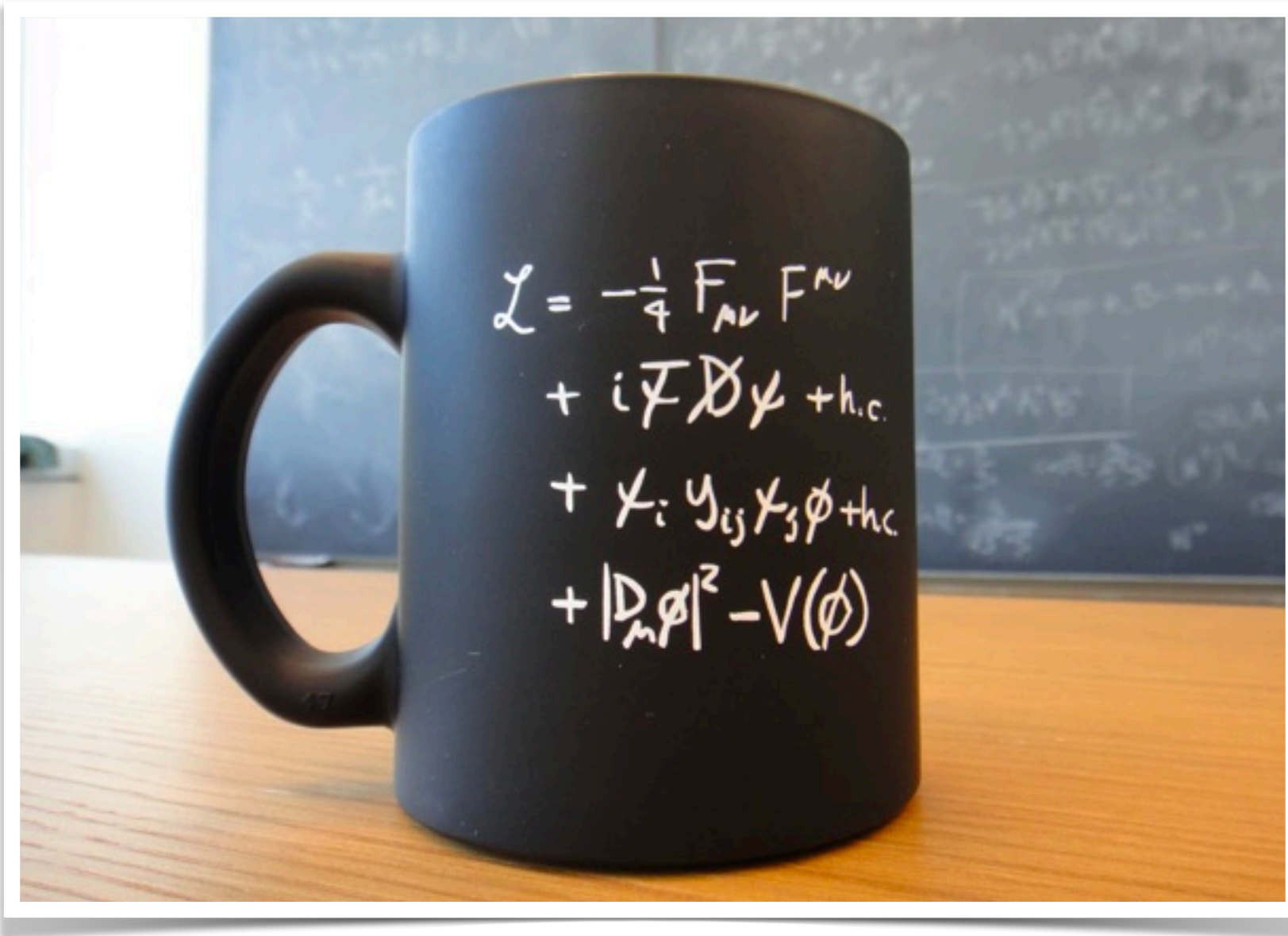
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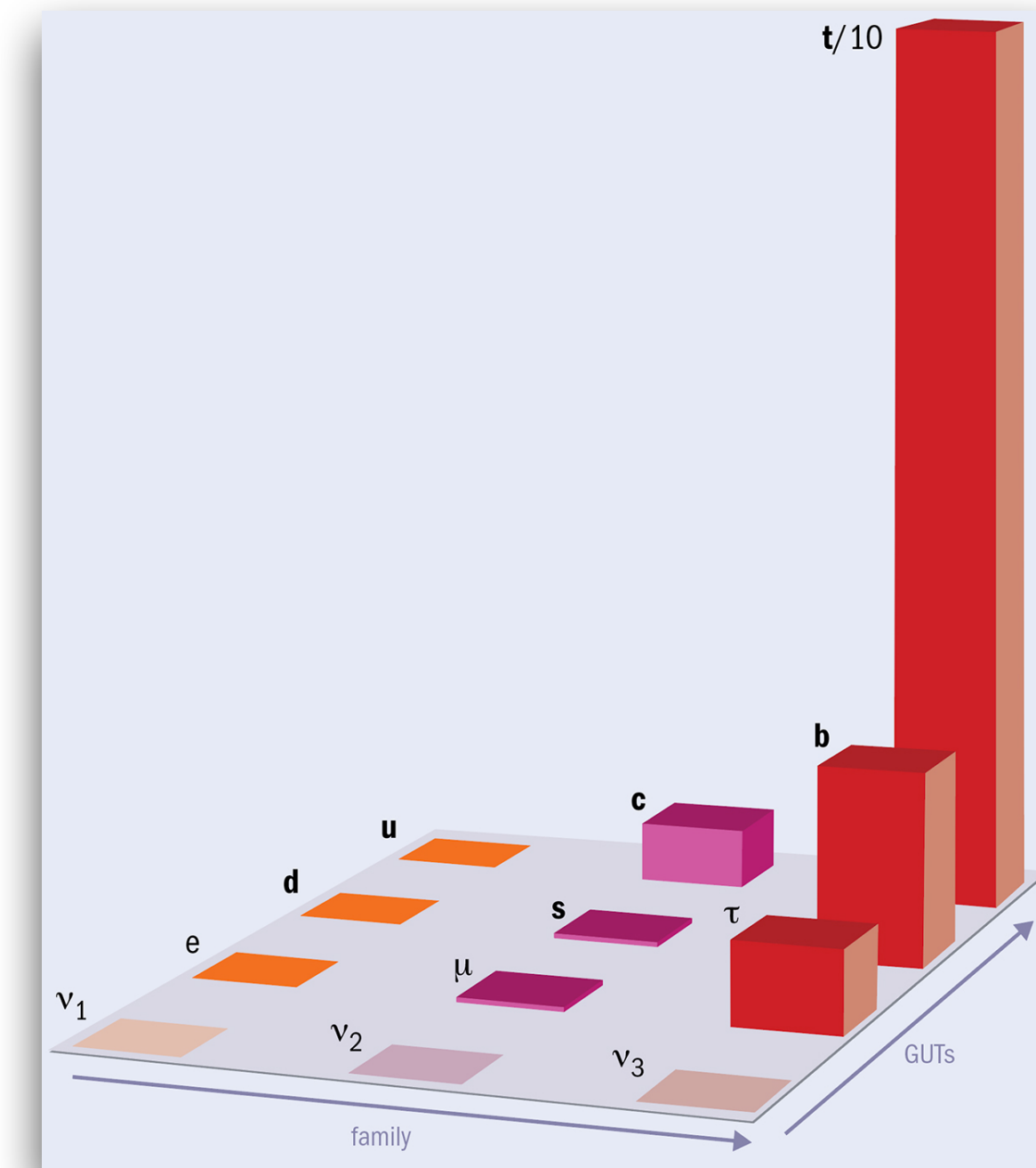
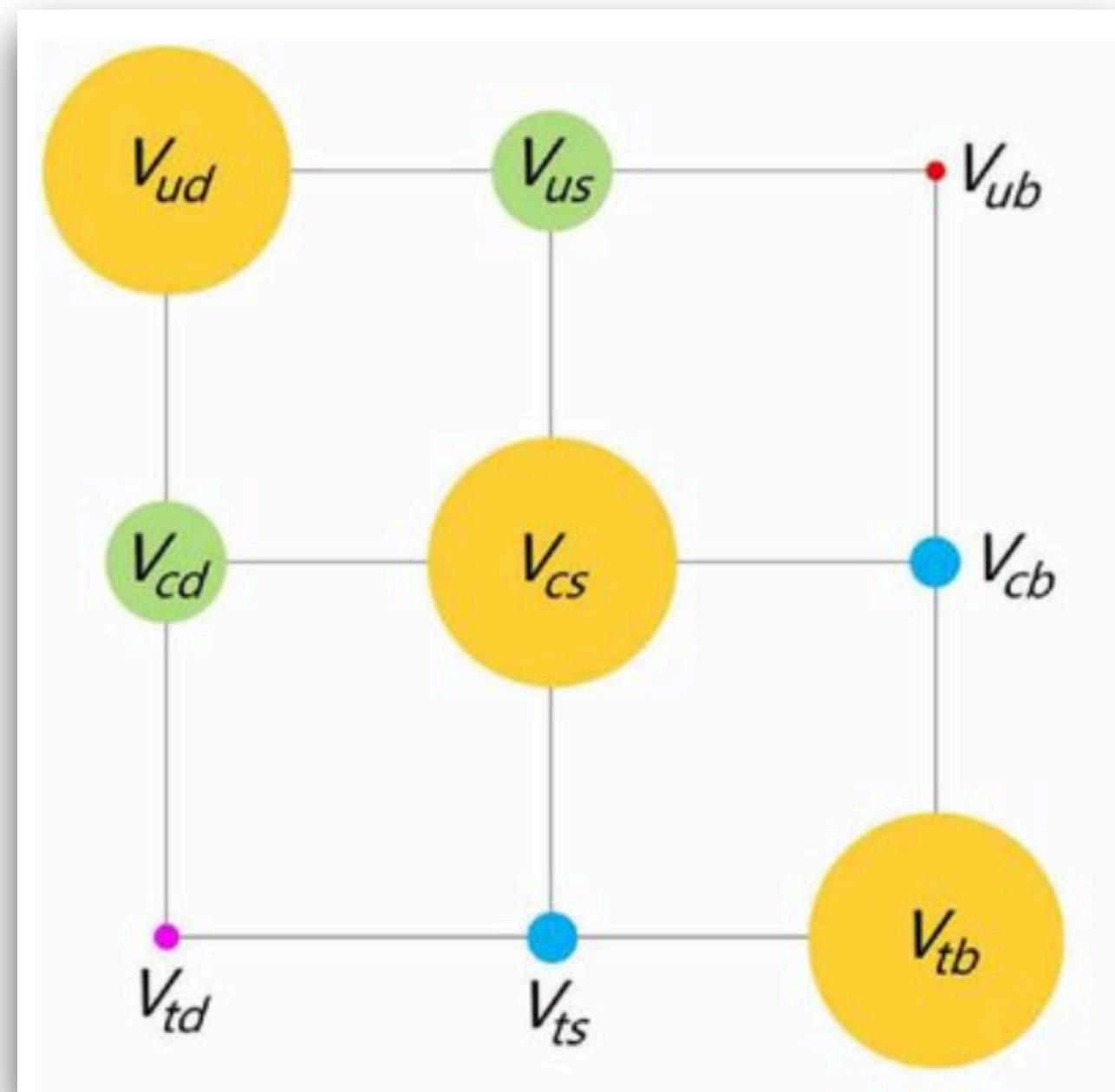
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2499 parameters

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Reflected in SMEFT parameters? Minimal Flavor Violation? Froggatt-Nielsen?



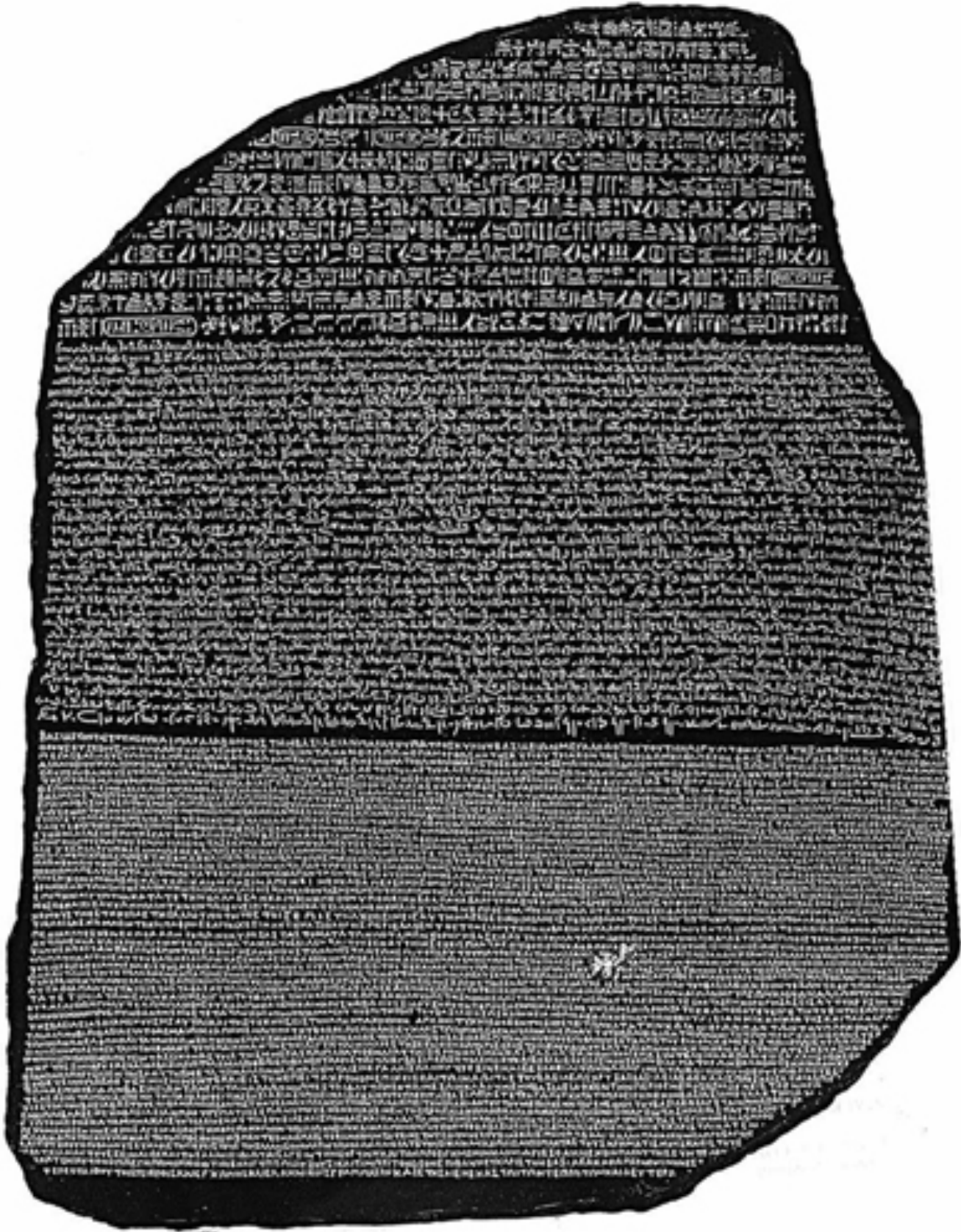
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vs.

$$G_{\mu\nu}^a Q_L \sigma^{\mu\nu} t^a u_R \Phi$$



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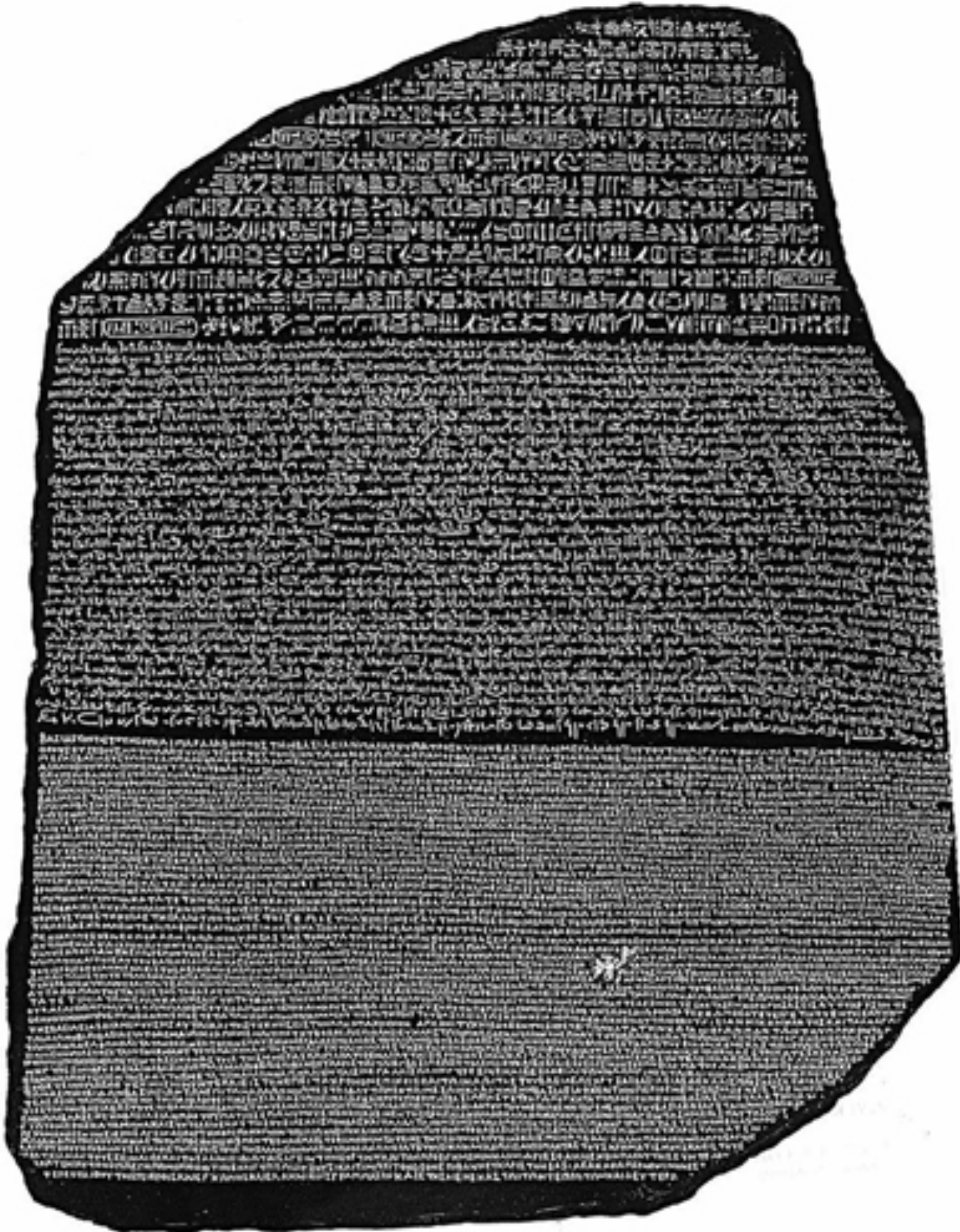
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