

# Quantum Theory in a Shoe String

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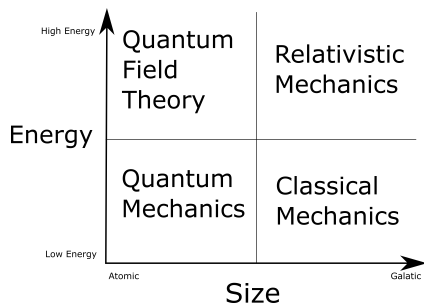
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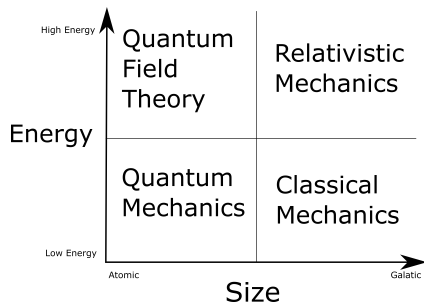
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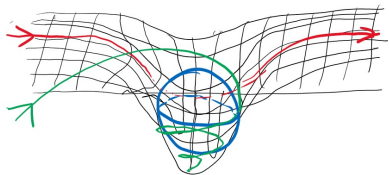
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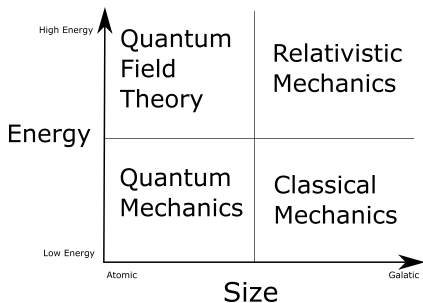
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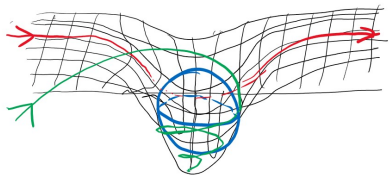
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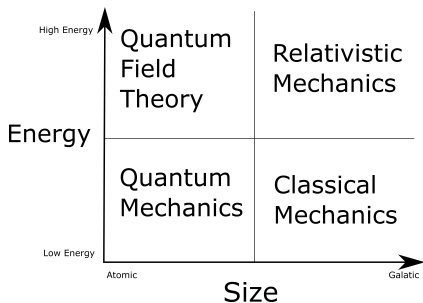
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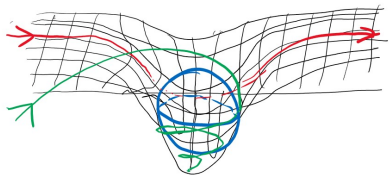
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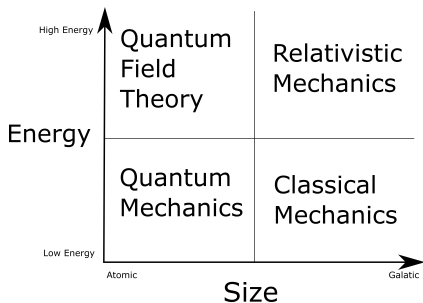


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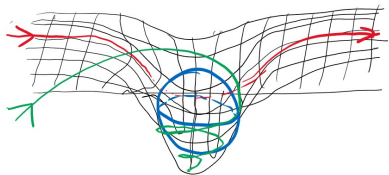


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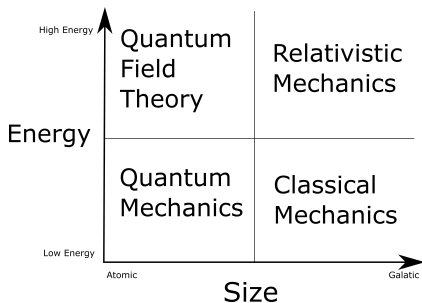


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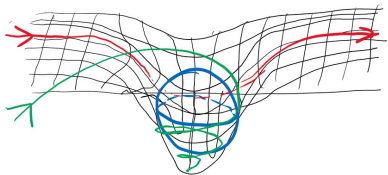


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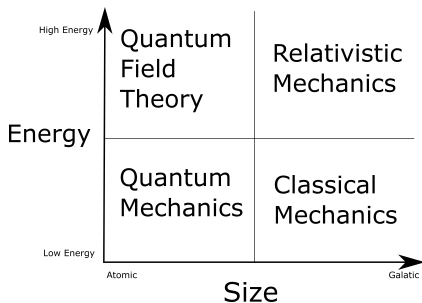
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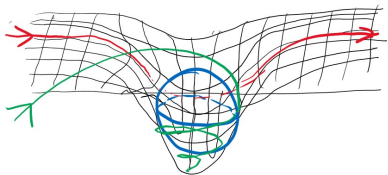
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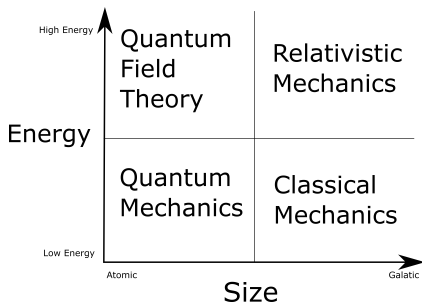


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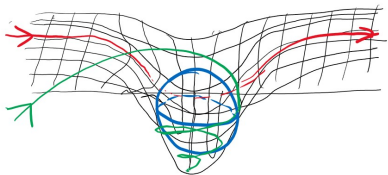
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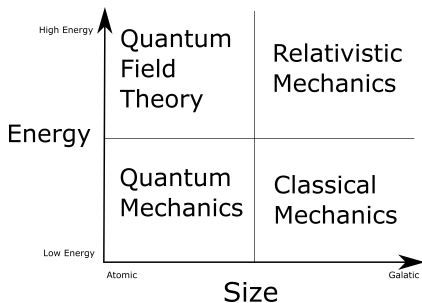
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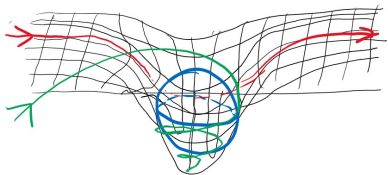
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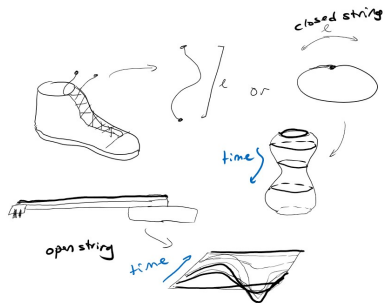
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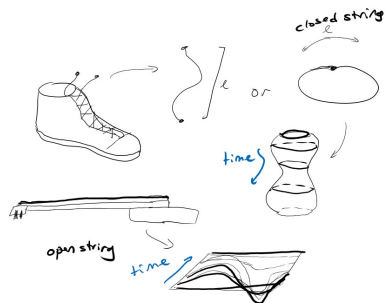
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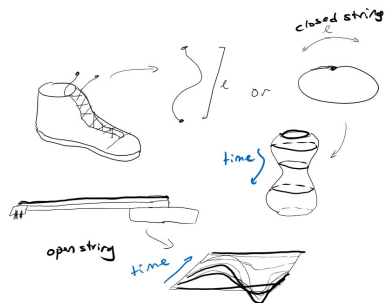
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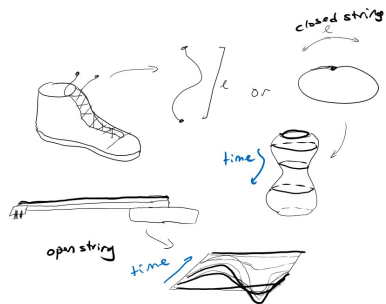
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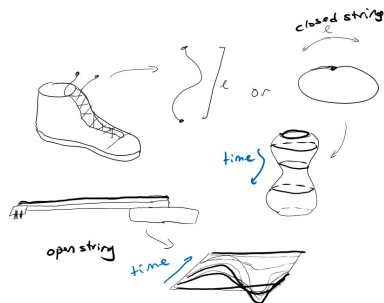
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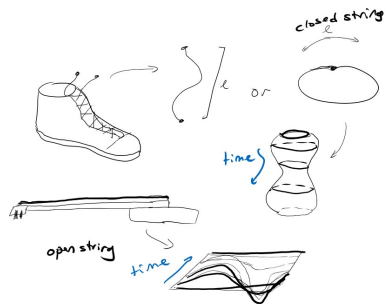


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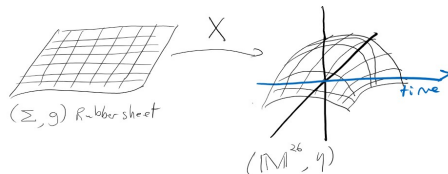
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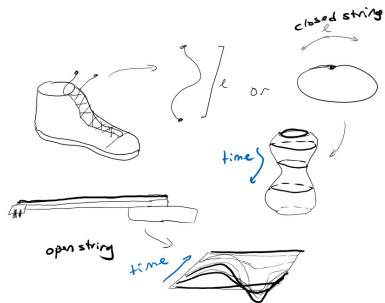
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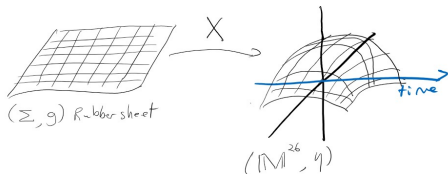
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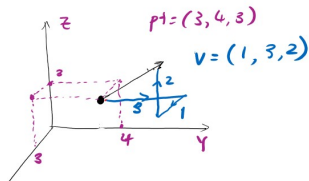
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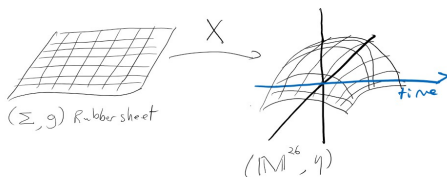
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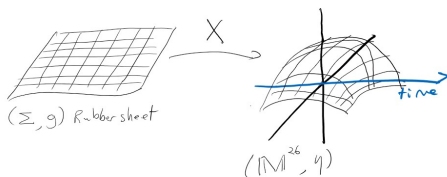


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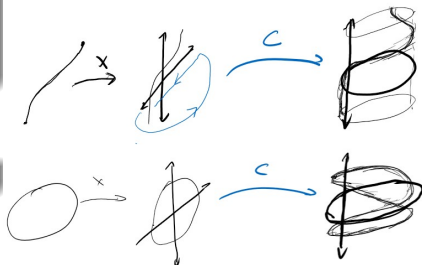
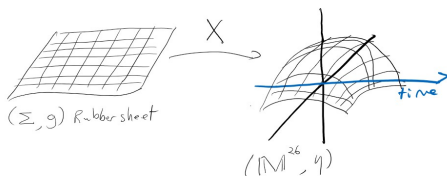
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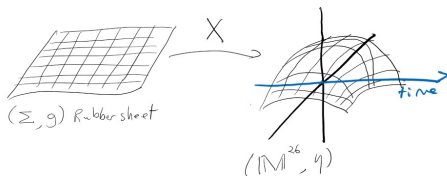
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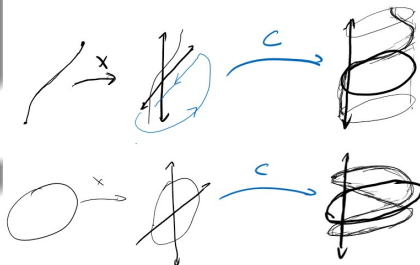
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## Results:

- $T$  is \*really\* small
- Discrete quantity (half integer spin) from winding number
- 4 'observable' dimensions
- Gravitons! (closed string)
- Translation invariant in only 4 dimensions - the others can do whatever