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TORSION, SPIN-CONNECTION, SPIN AND SPINOR FIELDS

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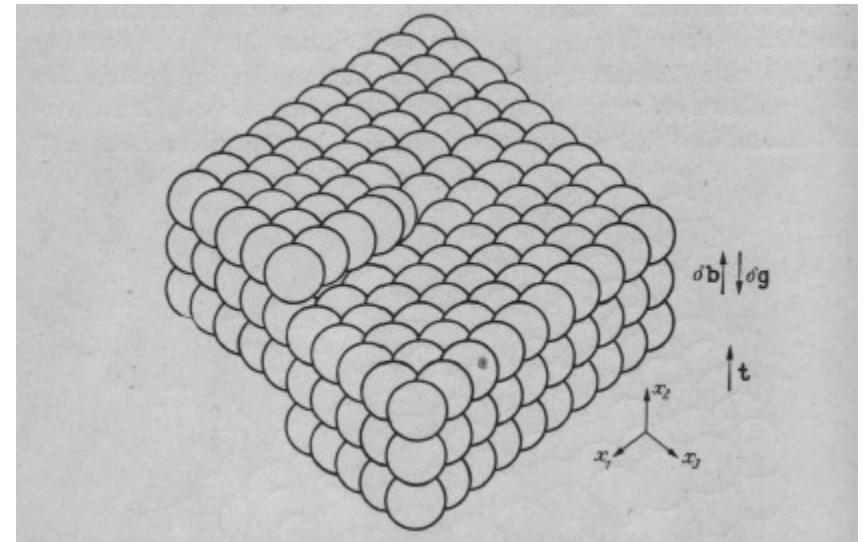
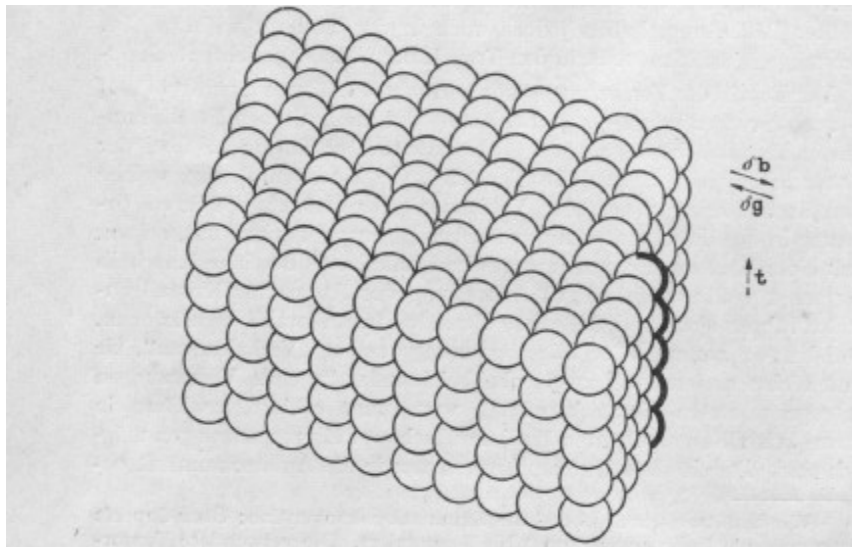
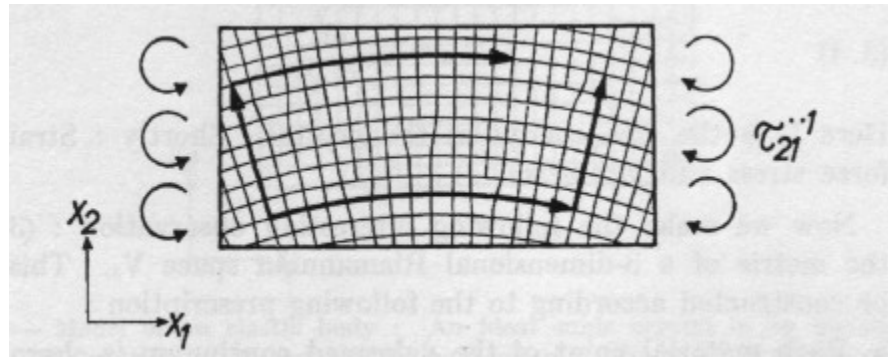
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Commutators of covariant derivatives are

$$[D_\sigma, D_\pi]V^\mu = Q^\theta_{\sigma\pi} D_\theta V^\mu + G^\mu_{\rho\sigma\pi} V^\rho$$

In the infinitesimal parallelogram torsion produces disclination likewise the curvature produces dislocation (Cosserat media).



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For the spacetime, torsion is model-dependent, but there is a model that is privileged with respect to all others:

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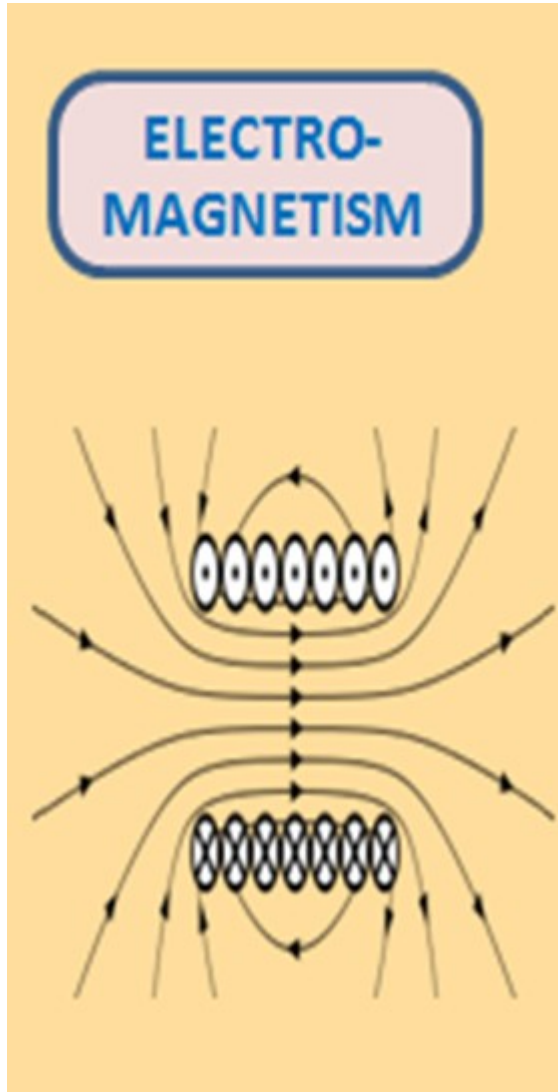
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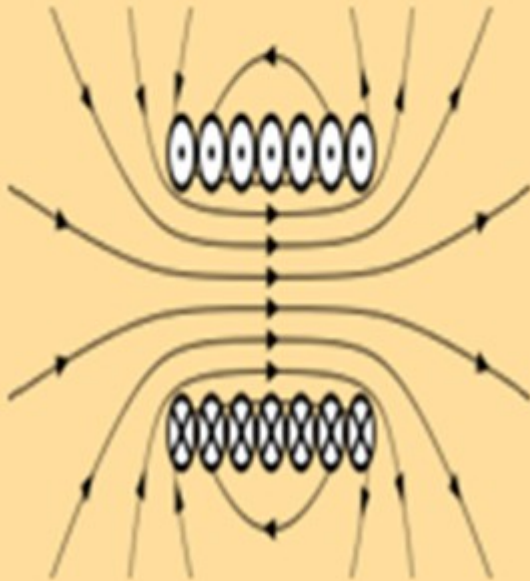


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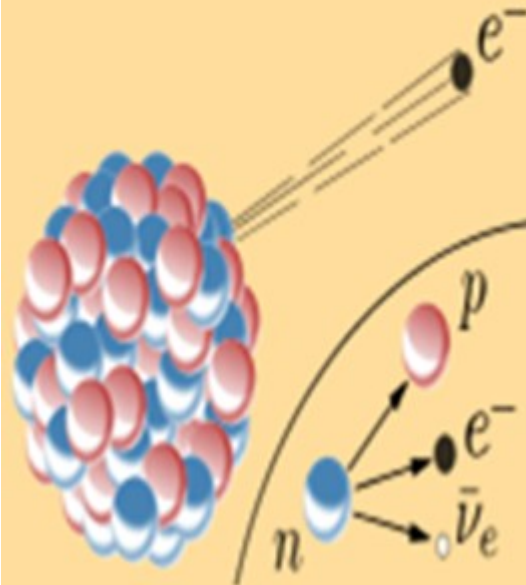
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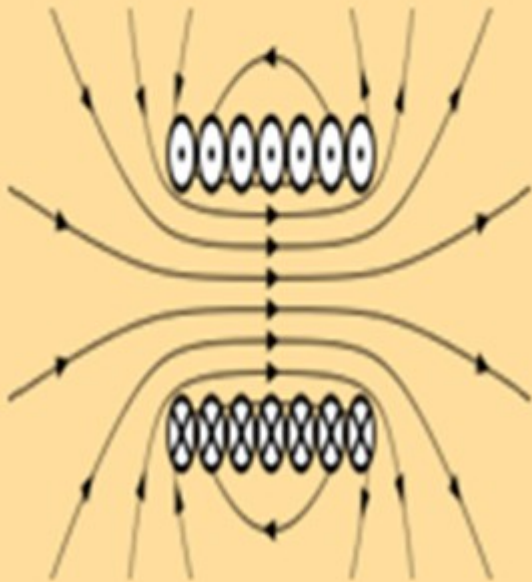


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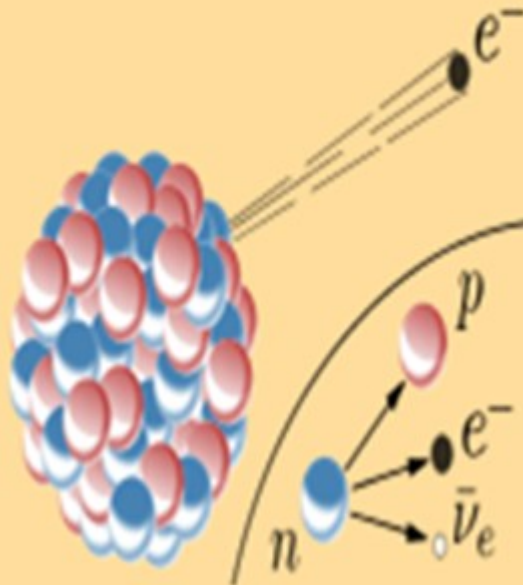
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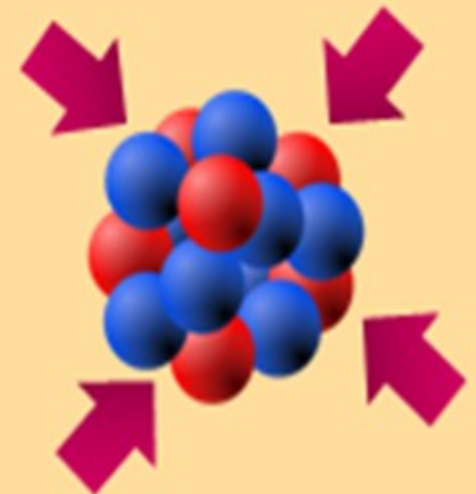
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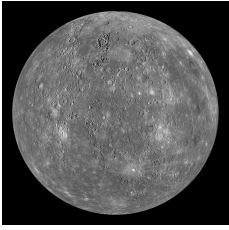


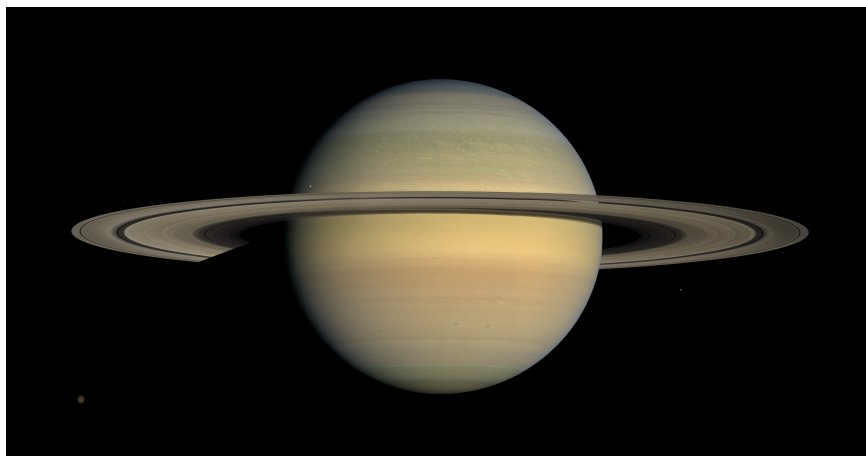
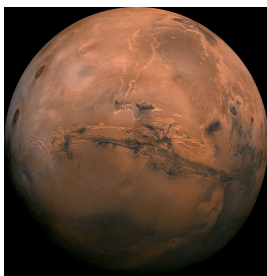
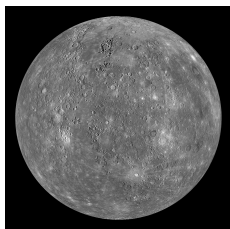
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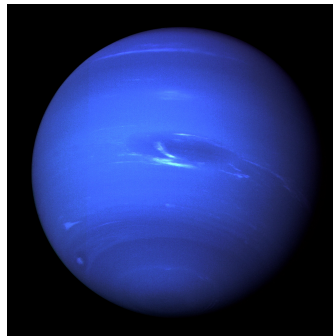
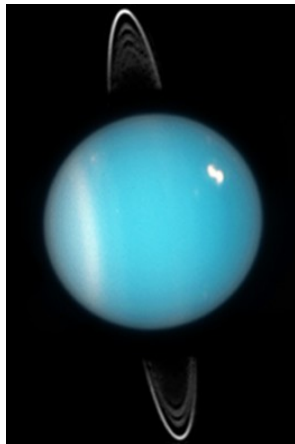
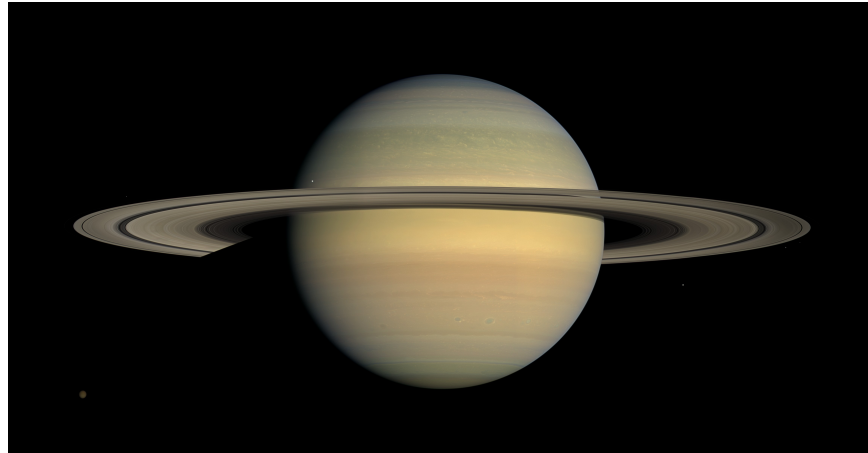
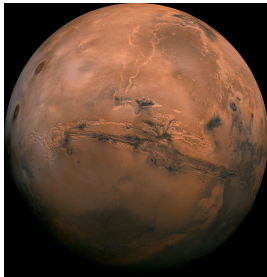
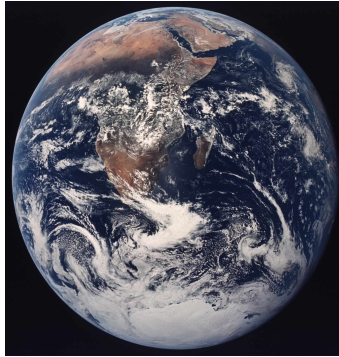
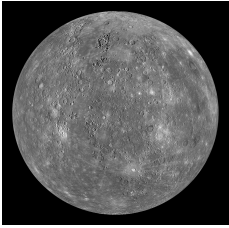


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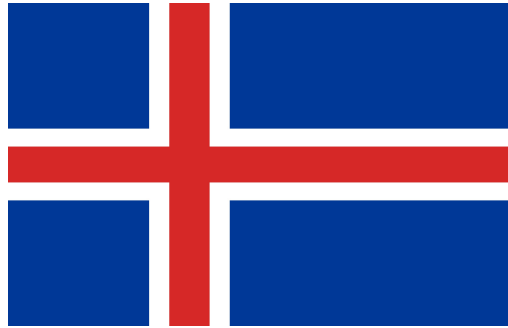
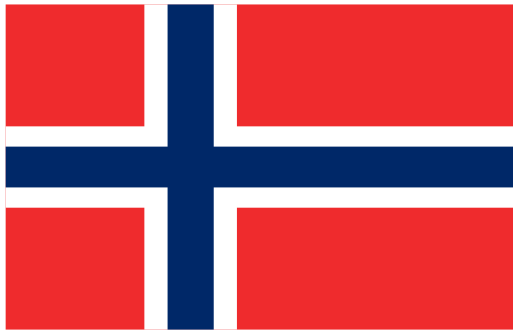


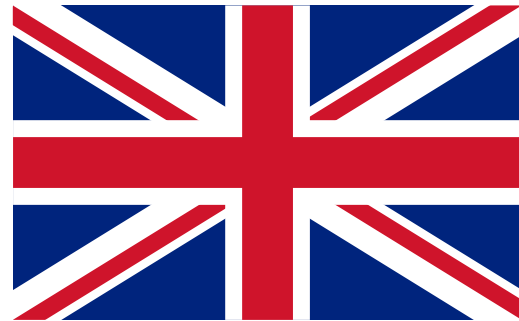
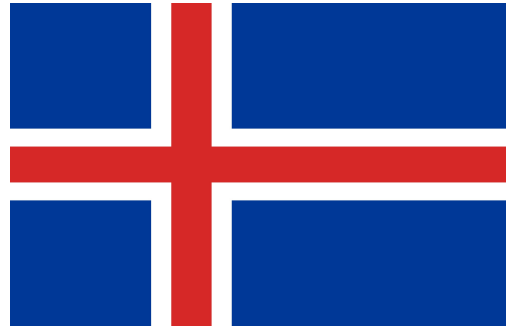
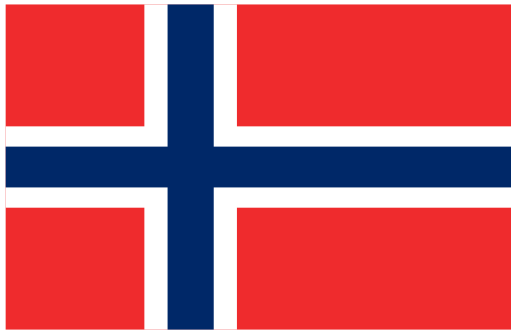












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In general, torsion is a massive axial-vector Proca field.

Consider spherically symmetric backgrounds: the most general spinor must be

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It is possible to see that the Dirac equation becomes

$$\begin{aligned} & \left(m + \frac{3}{4} \eta \rho \cos \left(\frac{\alpha - \beta}{2} \right) \right) (\gamma_3 \psi_{\pm}) - \gamma i \left(\frac{3}{4} \eta \rho \sin \left(\frac{\alpha - \beta}{2} \right) \right) (\gamma_3 \psi_{\pm}) - \\ & - \frac{1}{\sqrt{A r^2}} \left(\gamma \frac{i}{A} \left(i q \phi + \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \right) \left(\sqrt{A r^2} \psi_{\mp} \right) \pm \frac{i}{B} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left(\sqrt{A r^2} \psi_{\mp} \right) \right) \mp \\ & \mp \frac{1}{r} \left[\frac{1}{\sqrt{\sin \theta}} \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \left(\sqrt{\sin \theta} \psi_{\pm} \right) \pm \frac{i}{\sin \theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \varphi} \left(\sqrt{\sin \theta} \psi_{\pm} \right) \right) \right] = 0 \end{aligned}$$

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For the symmetries and approximations valid for galactic systems, one has

$$\begin{aligned}\text{div} \vec{a} &\approx -\text{div grad} V \approx -R_{tt} \approx 4\pi k \left[m\bar{\psi}\psi - i\hbar \left(\bar{\psi}\gamma^t \nabla_t \psi - \nabla_t \bar{\psi} \gamma^t \psi \right) \right] \approx \\ &\approx -4\pi k \left[m\bar{\psi}\psi + \frac{3}{8}a\hbar^2 \bar{\psi}\psi \bar{\psi}\psi + i\hbar \left(\vec{\nabla} \bar{\psi} \cdot \vec{\gamma} \psi - \bar{\psi} \vec{\gamma} \cdot \vec{\nabla} \psi \right) \right]\end{aligned}$$

or also the non-relativistic limit

$$\text{div} \vec{a} \approx -4\pi k \left(m\phi^\dagger \phi + \frac{3}{8}a\hbar^2 \phi^\dagger \phi \phi^\dagger \phi \right)$$

and the non-relativistic Schroedinger field equation

$$\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{\nabla} \phi - \frac{9a^2 \hbar^4}{512m} |\phi^\dagger \phi|^2 \phi - \frac{3a\hbar^2}{16} \phi^\dagger \phi \phi + (E - m)\phi \approx 0$$

For high-density condensates, centripetal acceleration in spherical coordinates is

$$\frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} (r^2 a) \approx \frac{3}{2} \pi k a \hbar^2 u^4$$

while for the condensate we get

$$\frac{1}{r^2} \left[\frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left(r^2 \frac{\partial u}{\partial r} \right) + \frac{1}{\sin \theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \left(\sin \theta \frac{\partial u}{\partial \theta} \right) \right] - \frac{9 \hbar^2 a^2}{256} u^5 \approx 0$$

for which a solution is given by

$$u = \sqrt{\frac{8}{3 \hbar a r \sin \theta}}$$

which can be substituted to give the tangential velocity as

$$v^2 \approx \frac{32 \pi k}{3 a}$$

mimicking Dark Matter behaviour. L.Fabbri, *Int.J.Mod.Phys.D***22**, 1350071 (2013)

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Effective field theories

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The Hamiltonian provides the possibility for flavour oscillation, both kinematically and dynamically

$$\Delta\Phi \approx (\Delta m^2 + 2kamN) \frac{L}{2E}$$

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The induced mass and cosmological constant

$$m_e = Gv \quad m_H^2 = 2\lambda^2 v^2 \quad \Lambda = -\frac{\lambda^2 v^2 M^2}{2\Xi}$$

$$\lambda^2 v^2 M^4 = \Xi Y^2 (|2\bar{\nu}e_R|^2 + |\bar{e}e|^2 + |i\bar{e}\boldsymbol{\pi}e|^2)$$

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There is no critical mass in torsion community:

- connection 1915, spinors 1928
- the Newton constant misconception
- difficulties intrinsic to the non-linearities

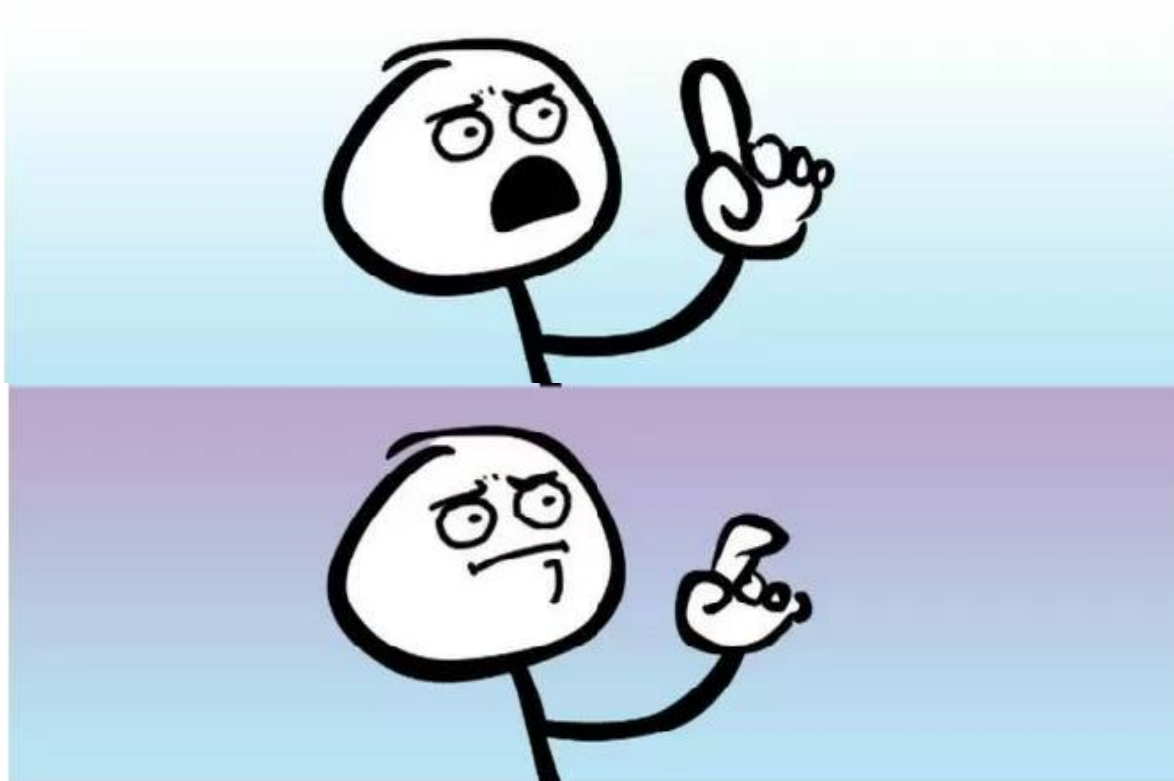
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We are into Naturalness so much that we do not realize when we see it.



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