

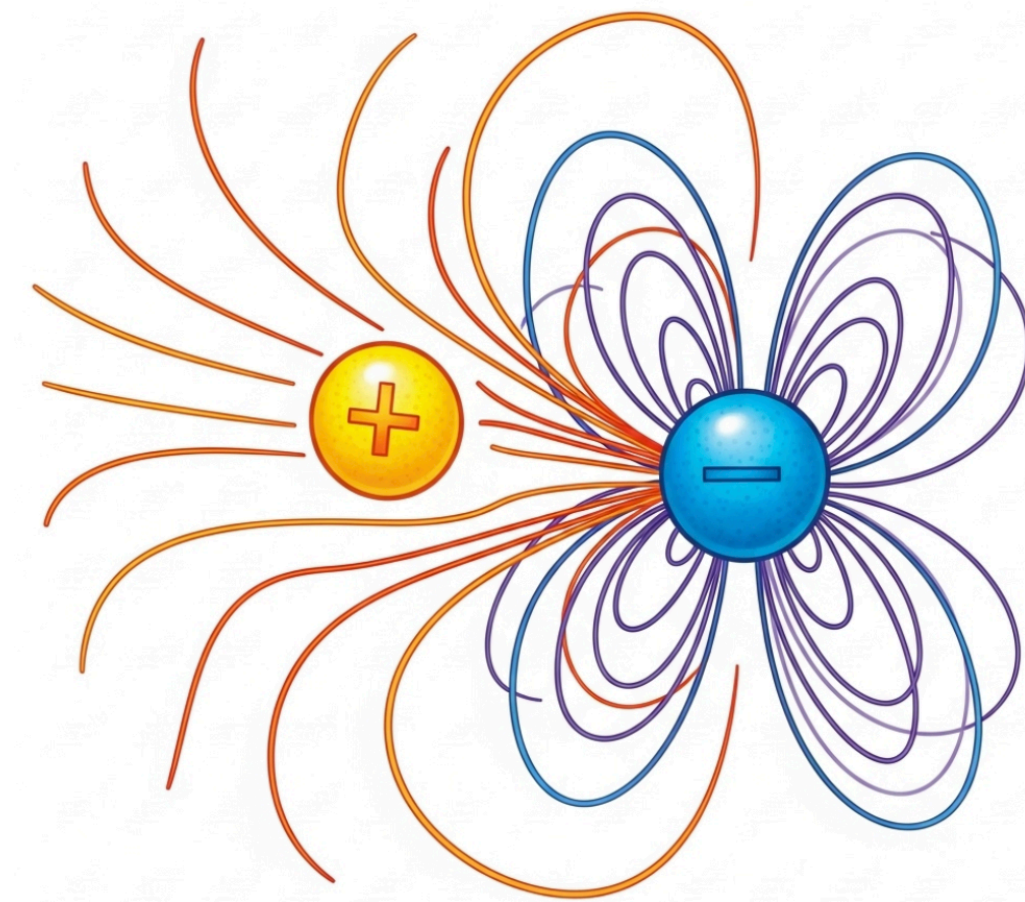
The Classical Equations of Quantized Gauge Theories

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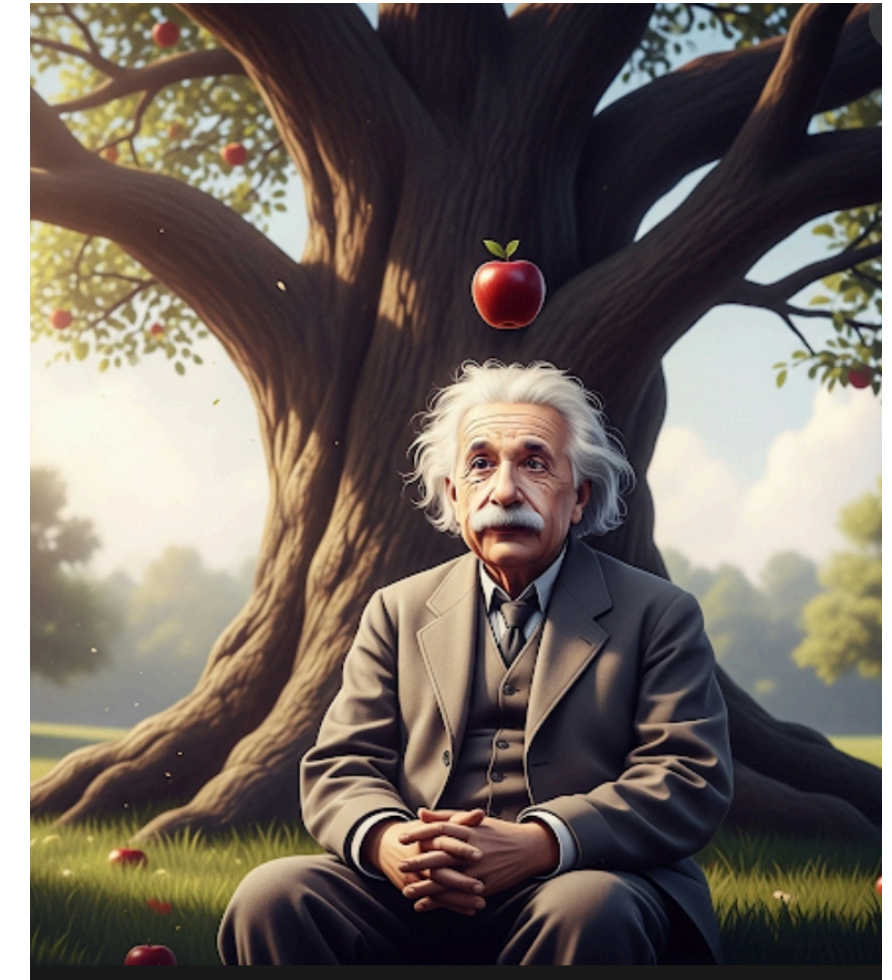
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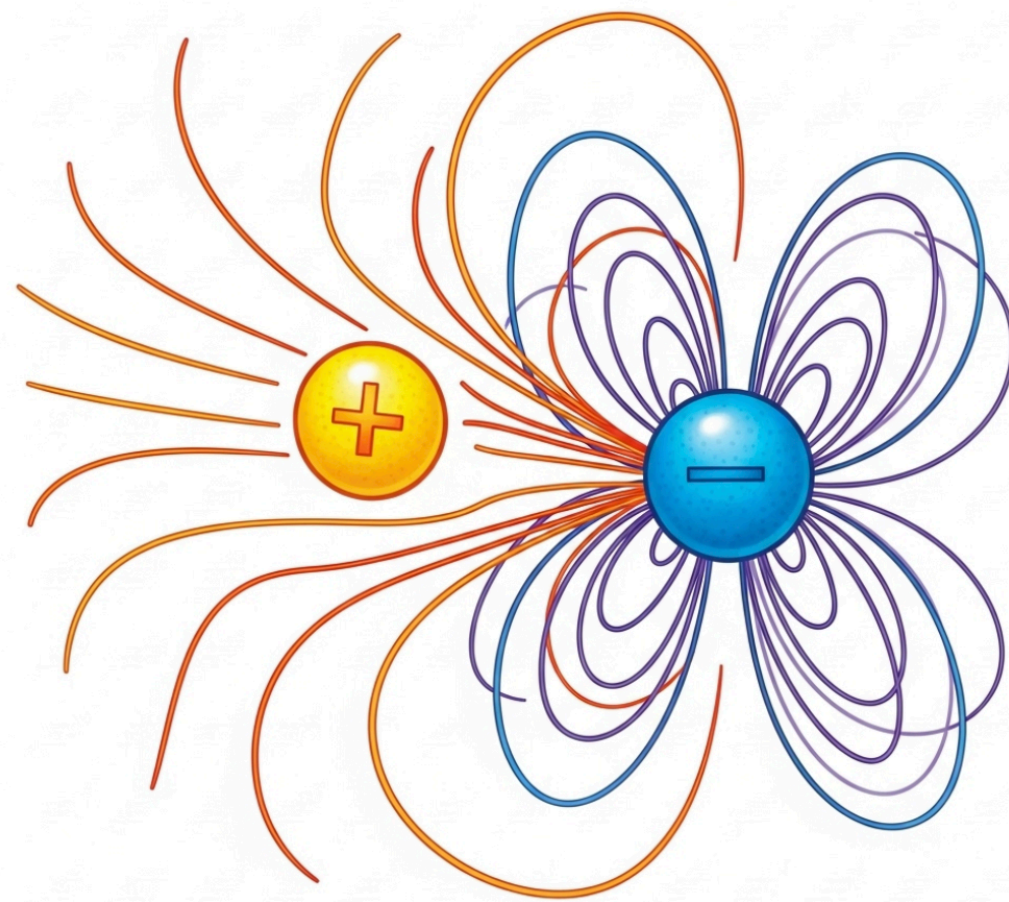


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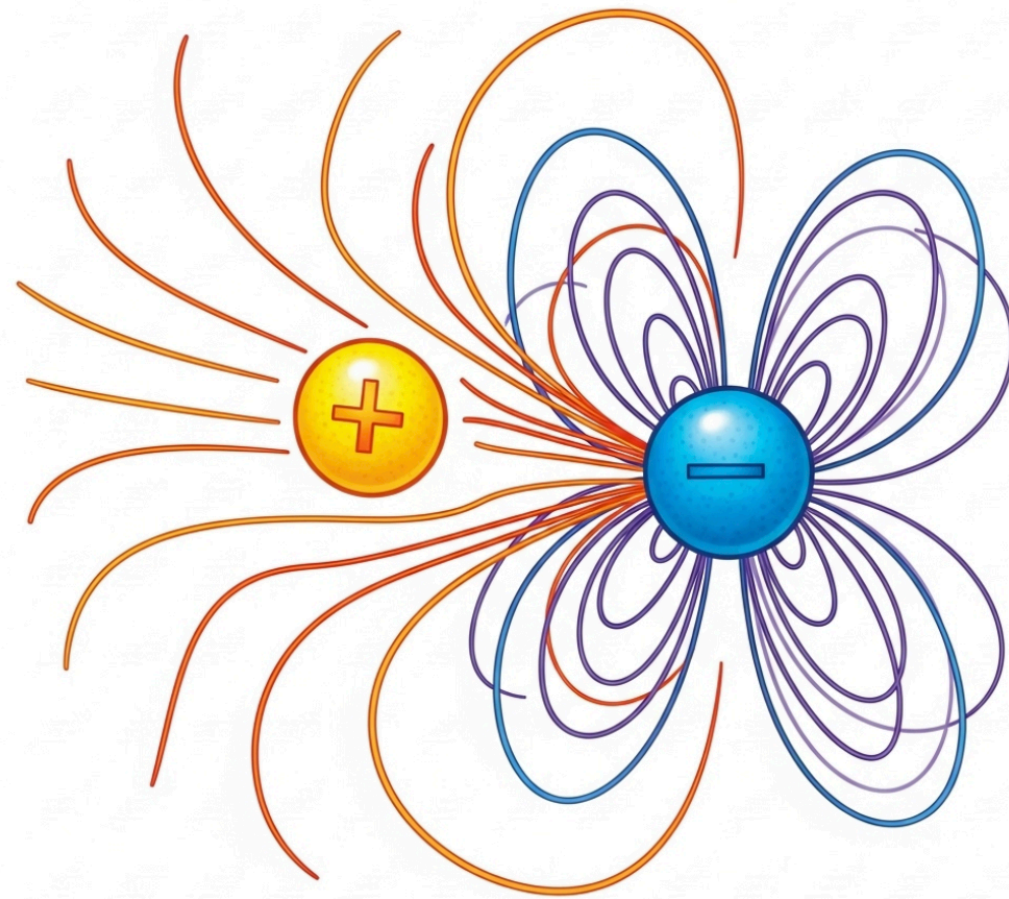


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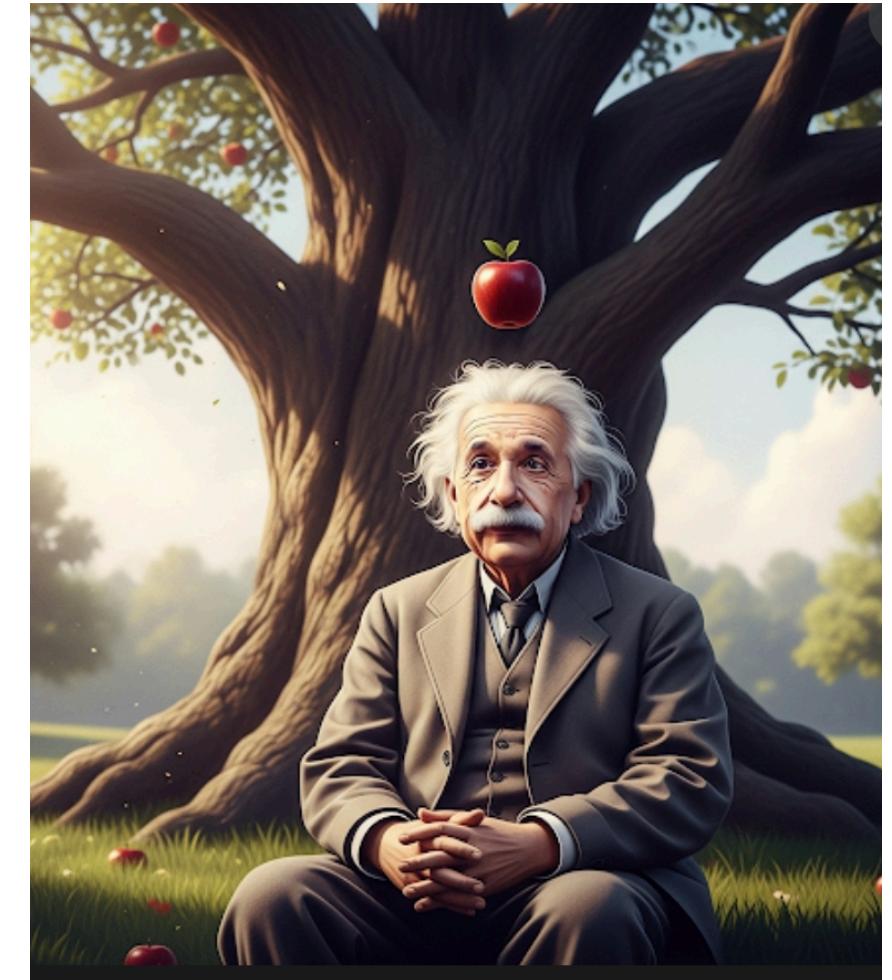
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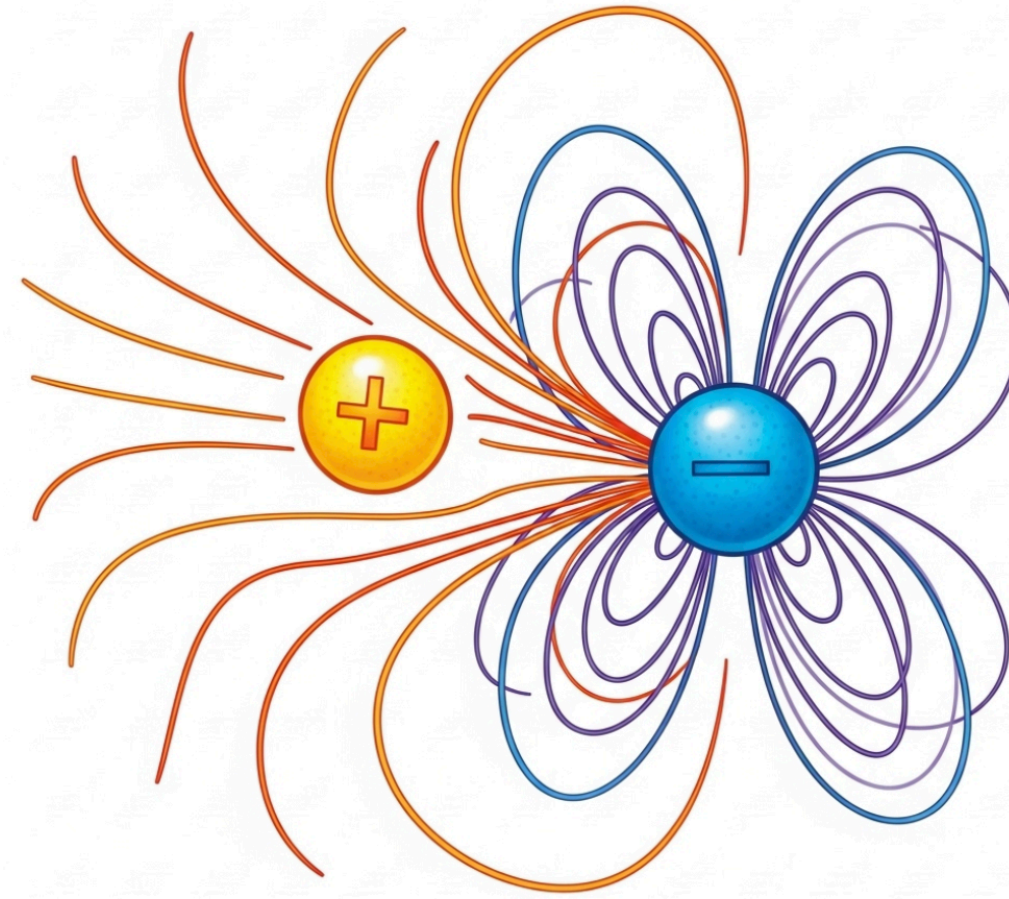


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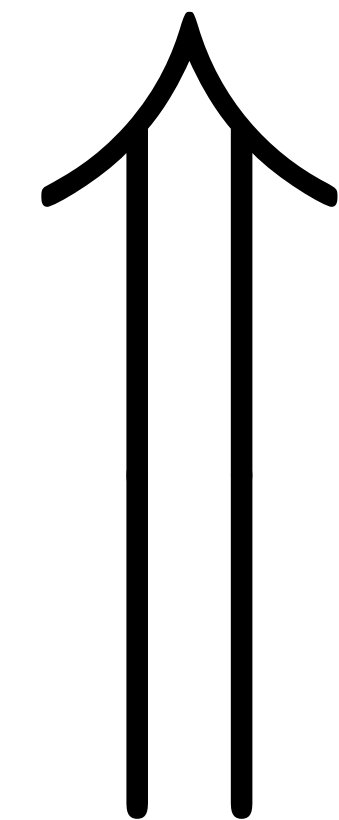
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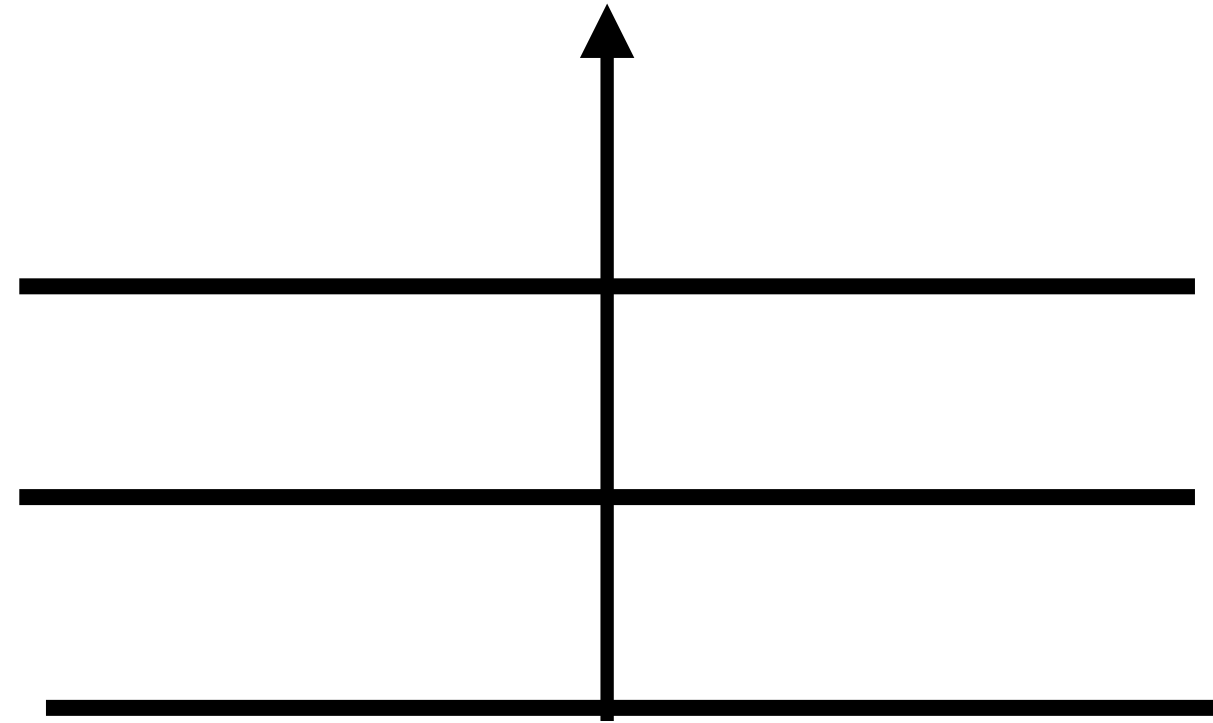
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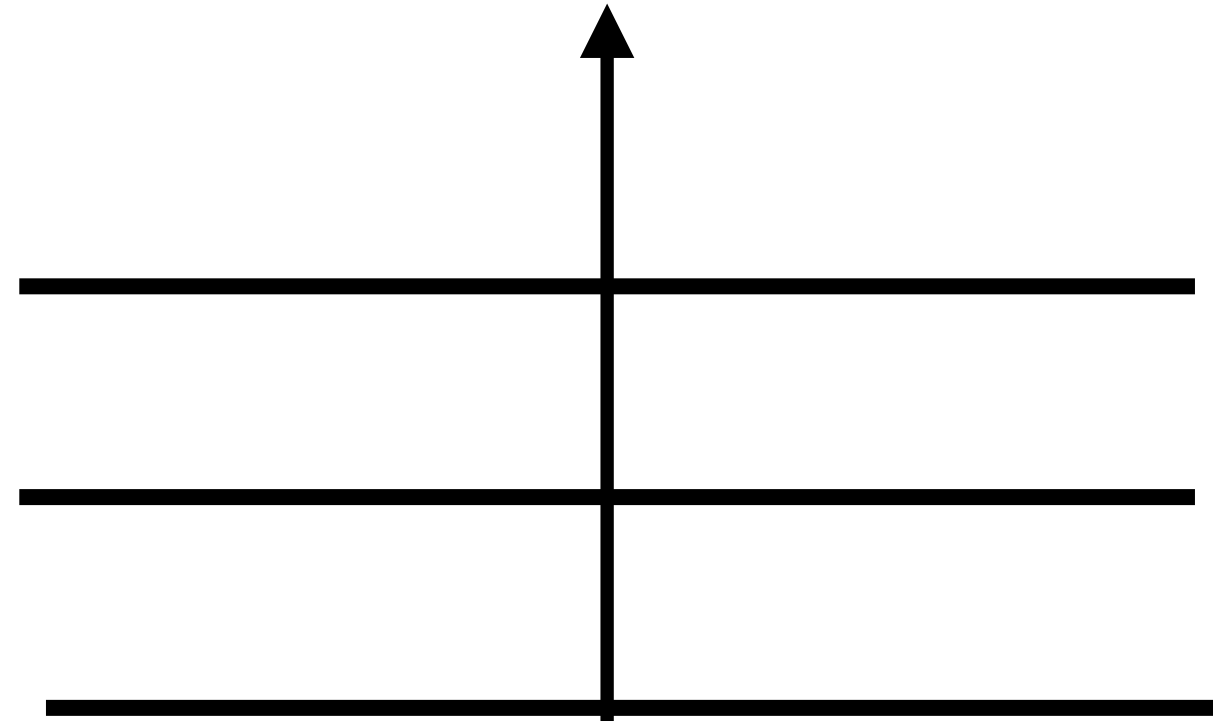


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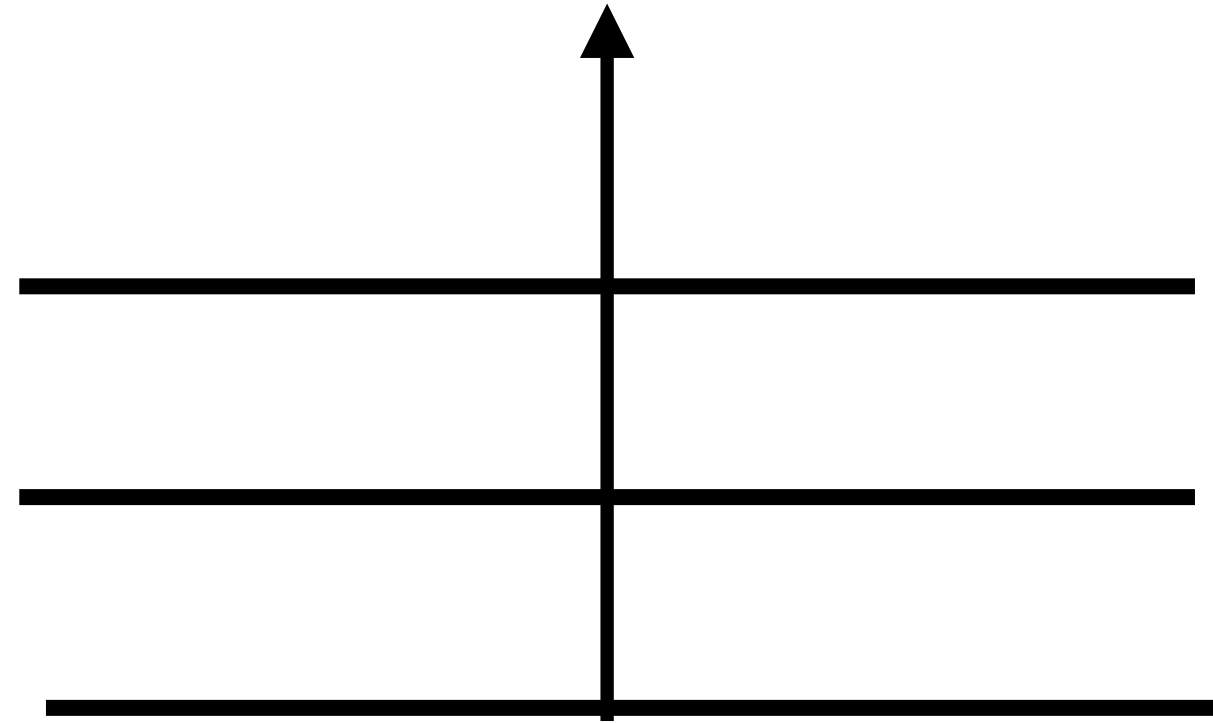
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“Dark Matter/Charge” : New cosmological observables

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Local QFT - O needs to commute with H_B

In any case, H_B only knows about ADM mass - not totality of local dynamics

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Wheeler deWitt

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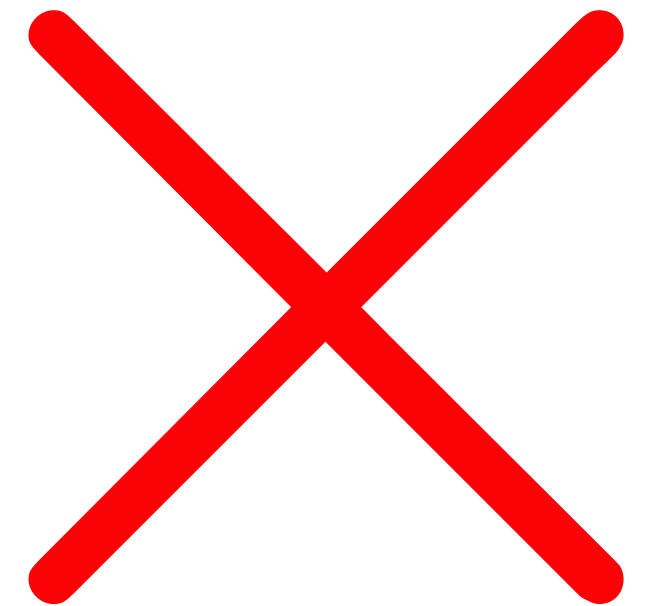
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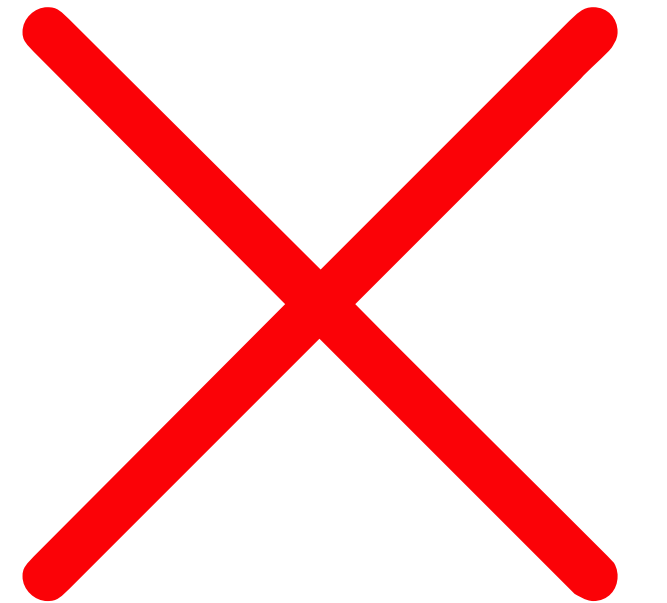
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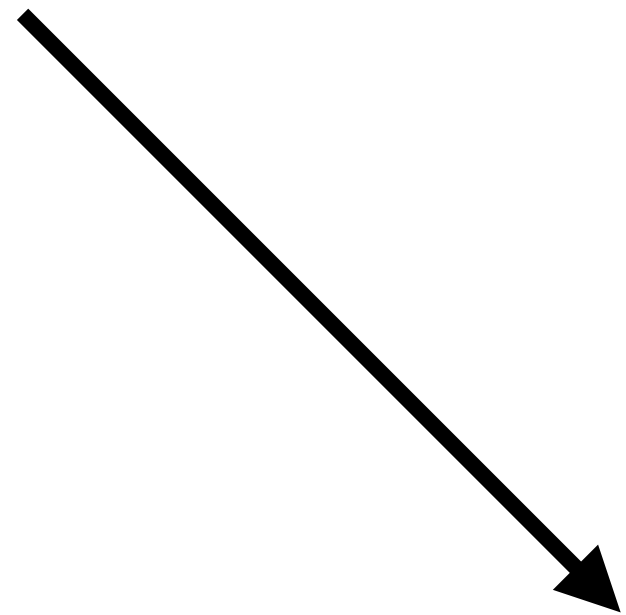
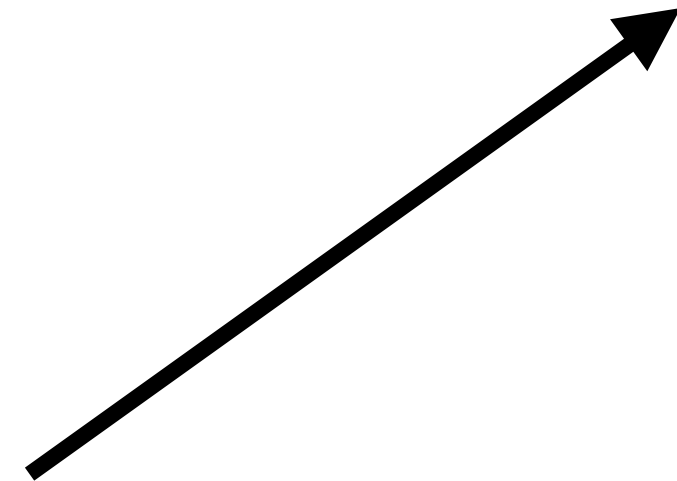


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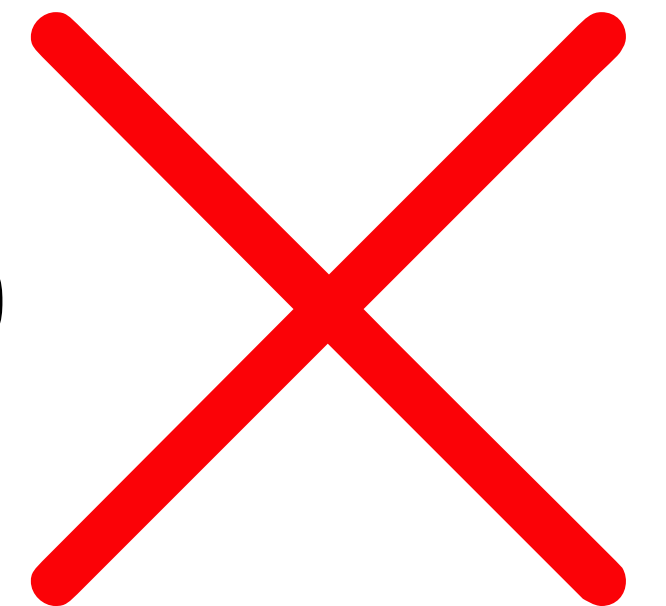
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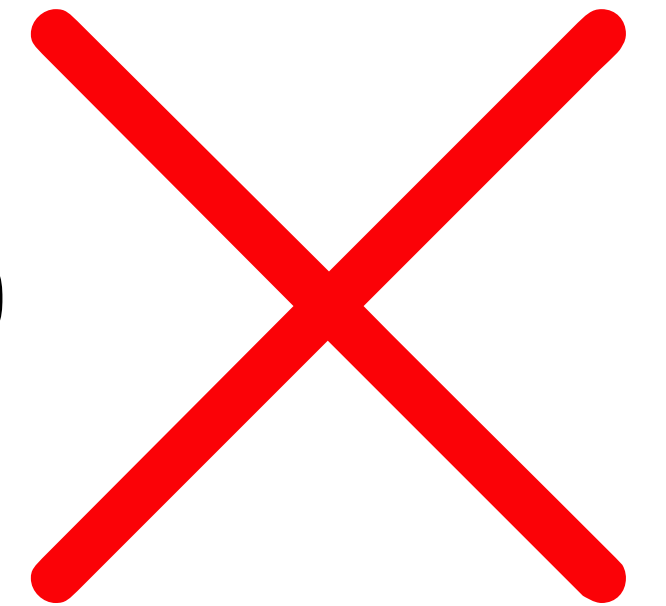
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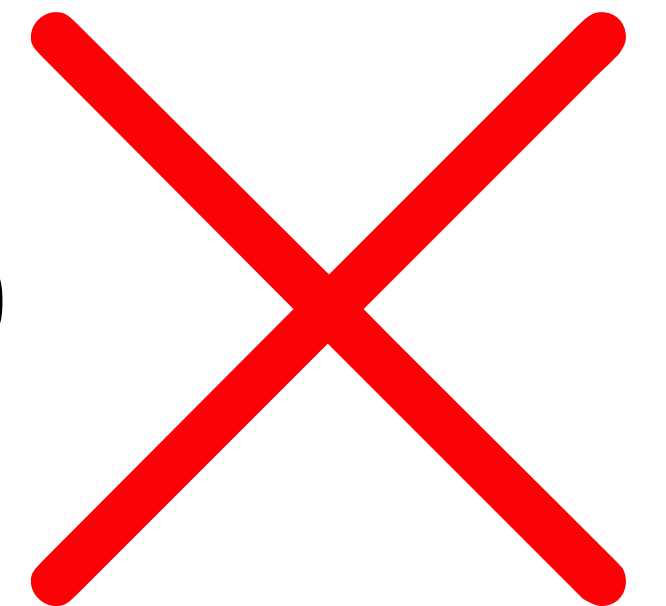
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$$G|A'_P\rangle = J_D(x) |A'_P\rangle$$

Exist states of EM with Gauss law violation

Theory of massless photon, background charge - no new degrees of freedom

Opinion B
(Team B)

Massless photon

Pick A_0 (e.g. any c-number function)

Requires Symmetry of Hamiltonian

$$A \rightarrow A + \nabla \alpha \implies H \rightarrow H$$