

Trace anomalies and the dilation-graviton amplitude

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We consider 3+1 dimensional Quantum Field Theories (QFTs) coupled to the dilaton and the graviton. We show that the graviton-dilaton scattering amplitude receives a universal contribution which is helicity flipping and is proportional to $(\Delta c - \Delta a)$ along any RG flow, where Δc and Δa are the differences of the UV and IR c- and a-trace anomalies respectively. This allows us to relate $(\Delta c - \Delta a)$ to spinning massive states in the spectrum of the QFT. We test our predictions on a simple example of a massive free scalar. We discuss possible applications.

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