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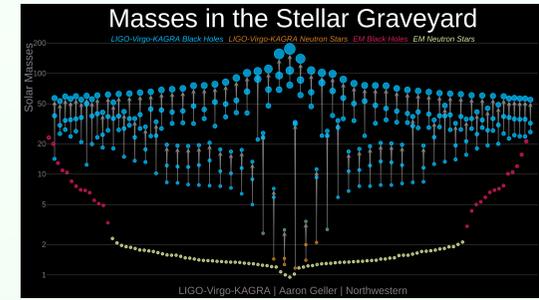
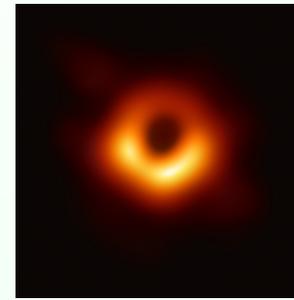
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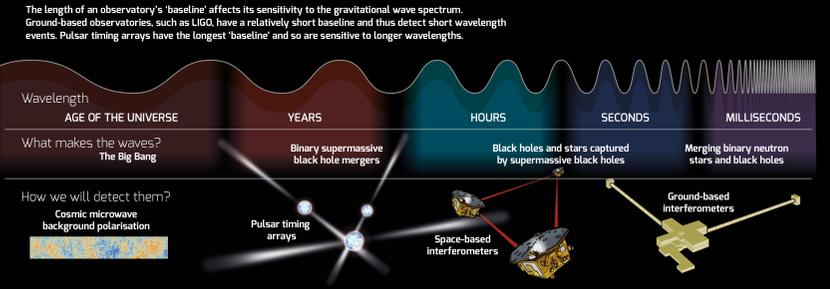
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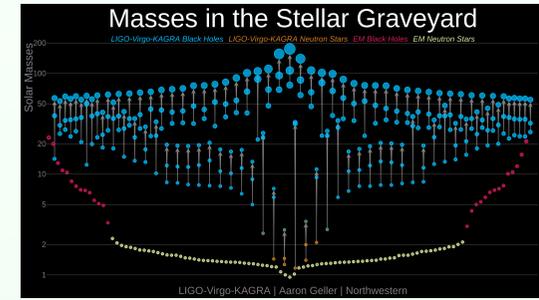
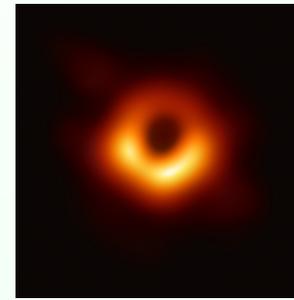


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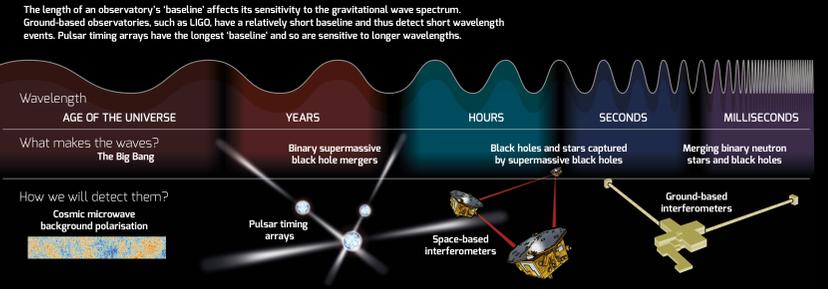
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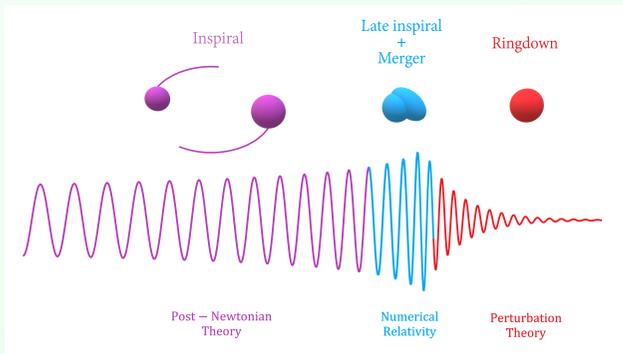
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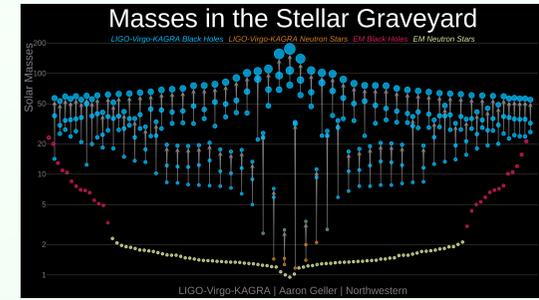
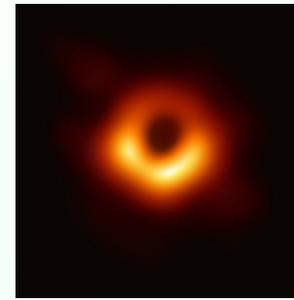
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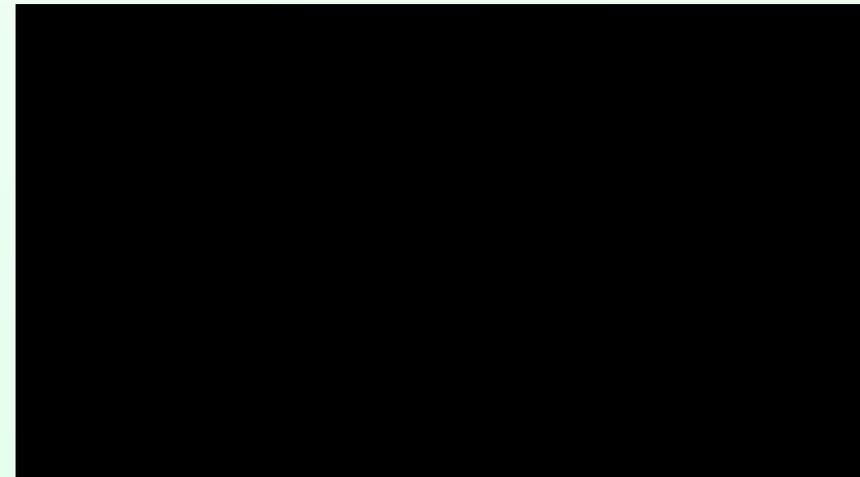
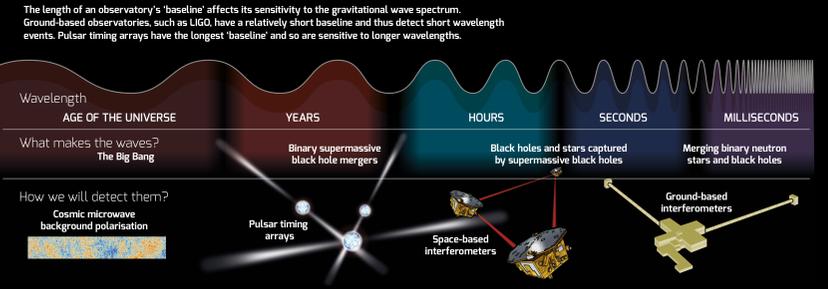
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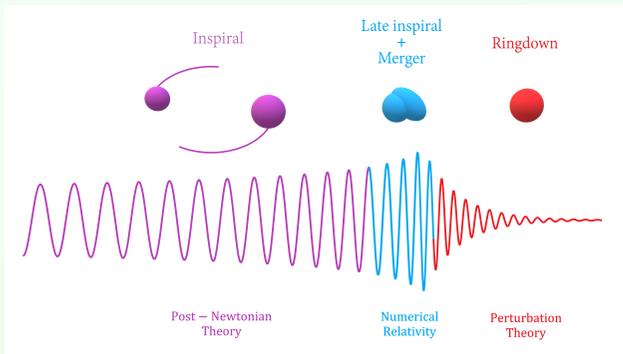
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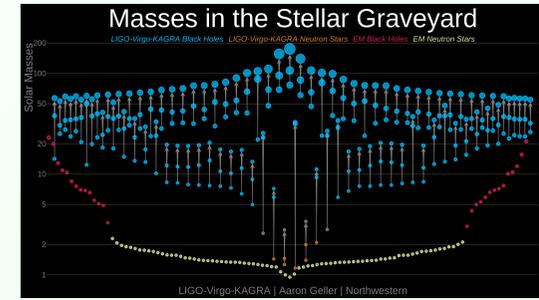
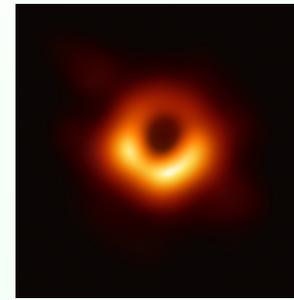
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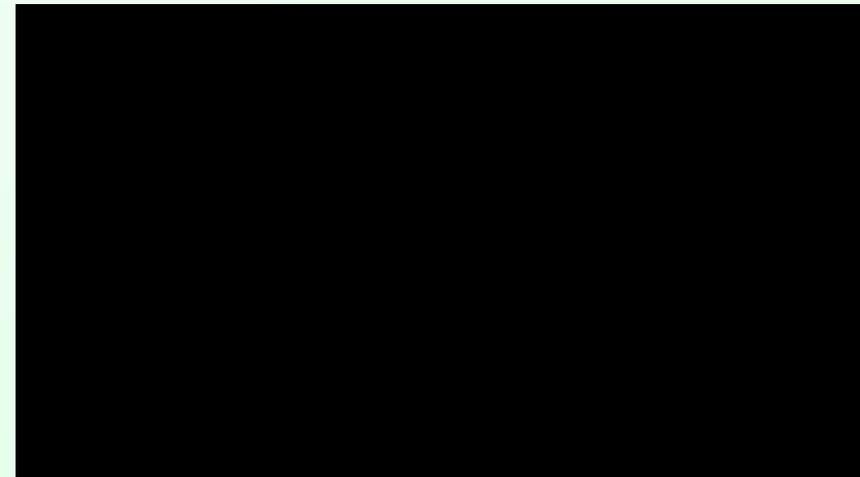
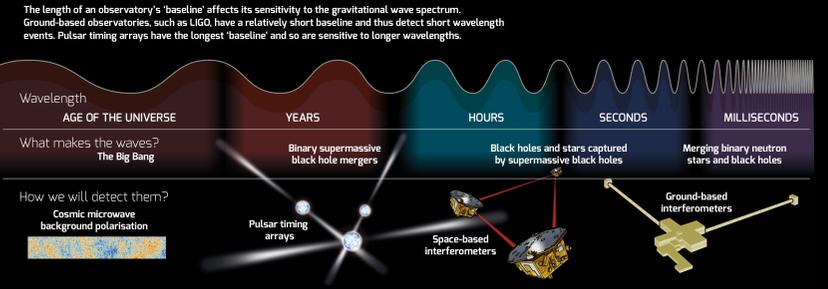


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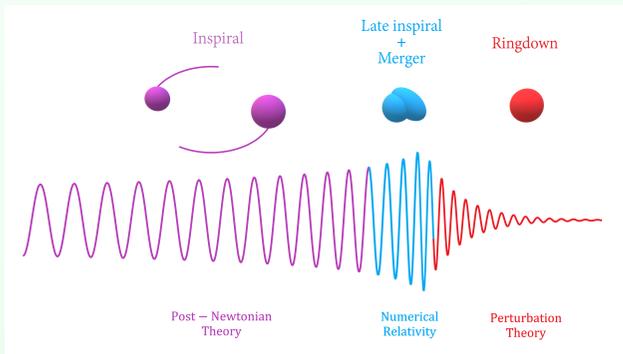
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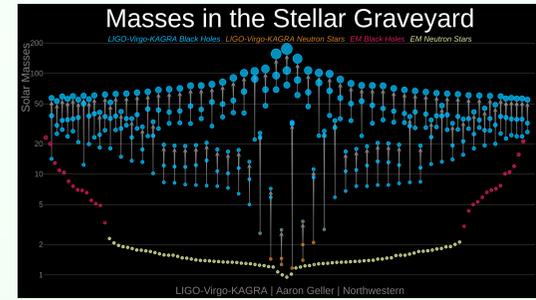
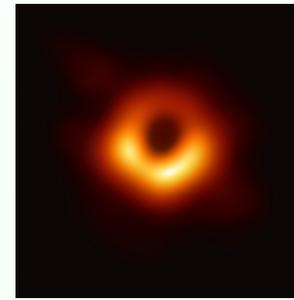


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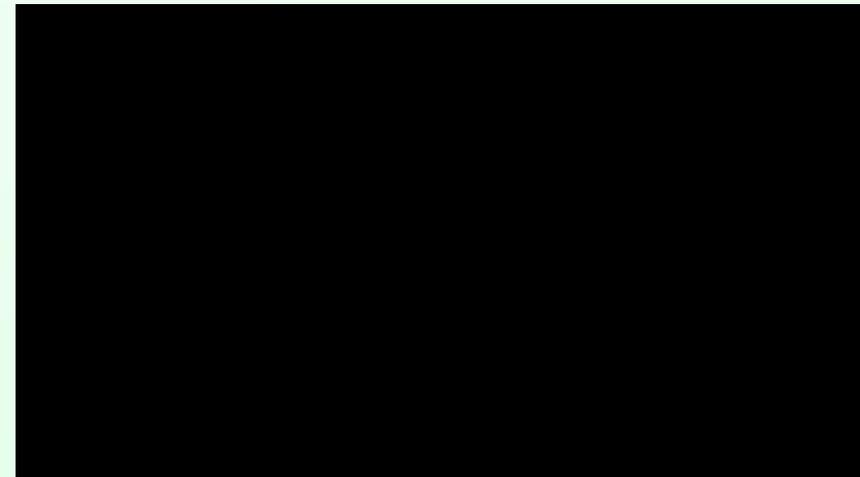
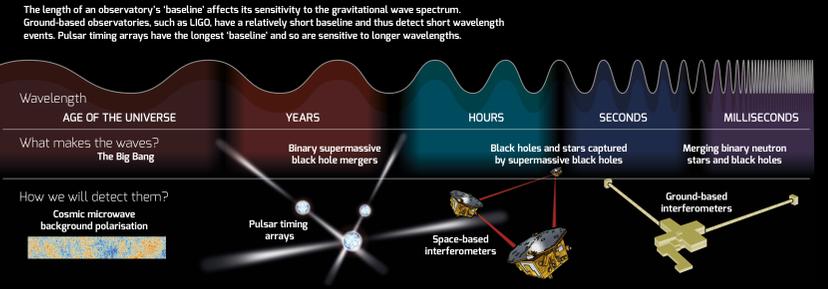
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Neutron stars and BH's (2020 R. Penrose Nobel prize)

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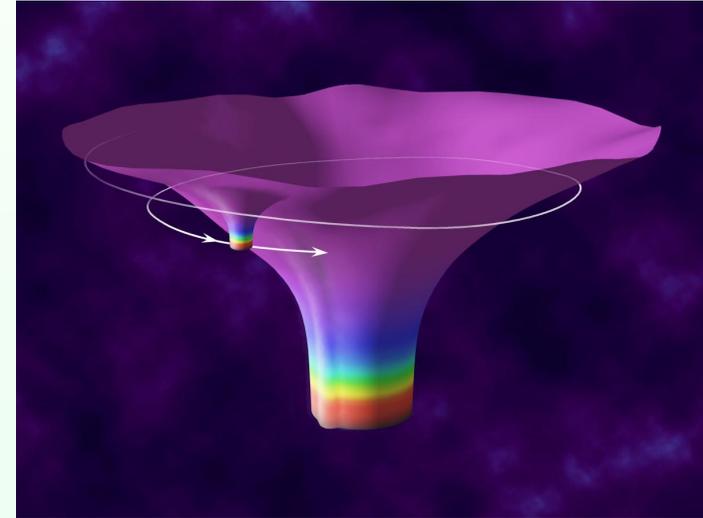
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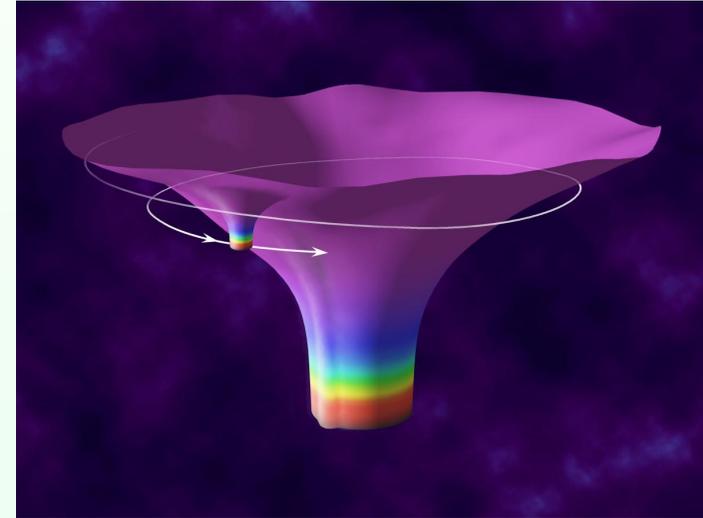
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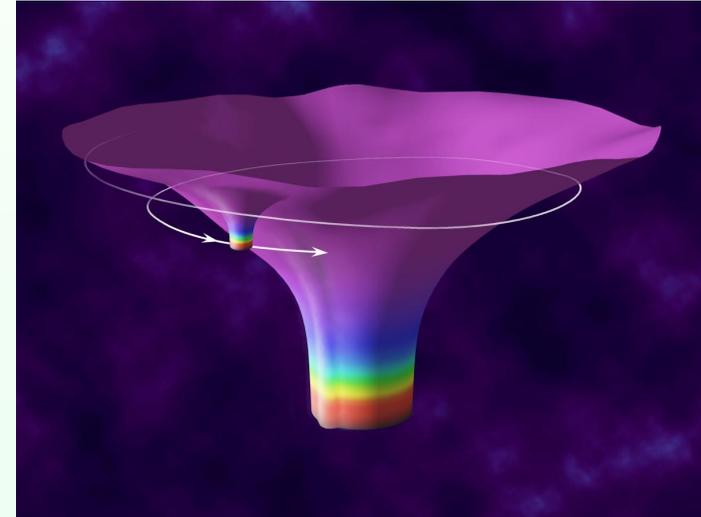


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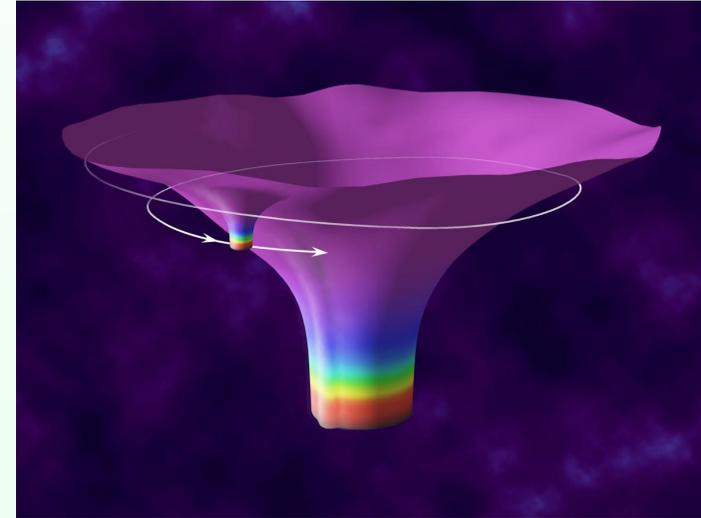
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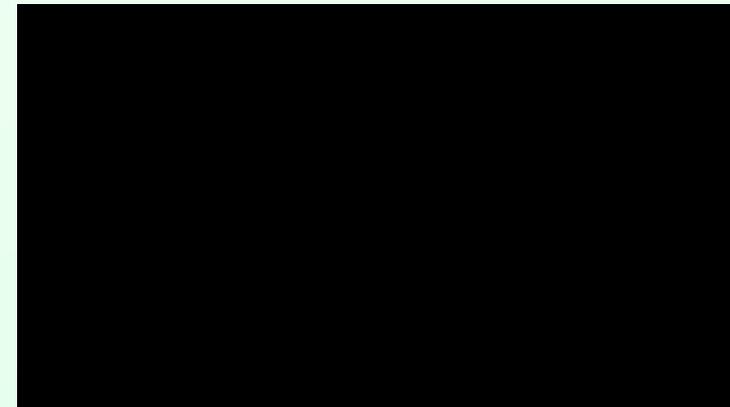
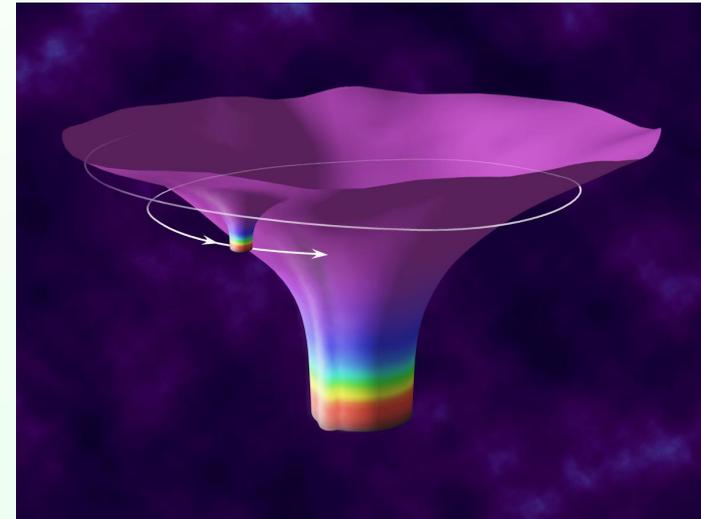
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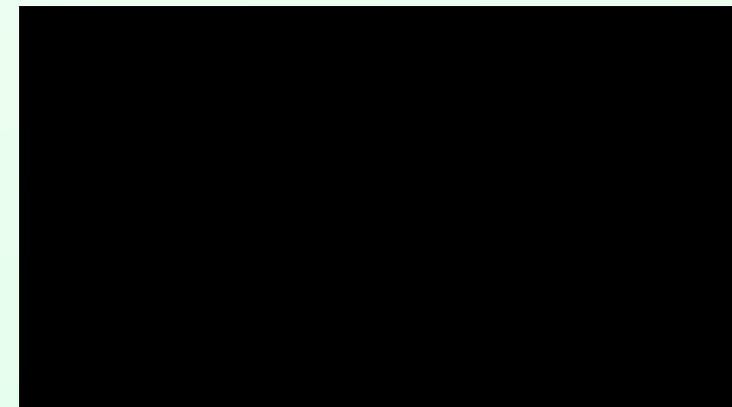
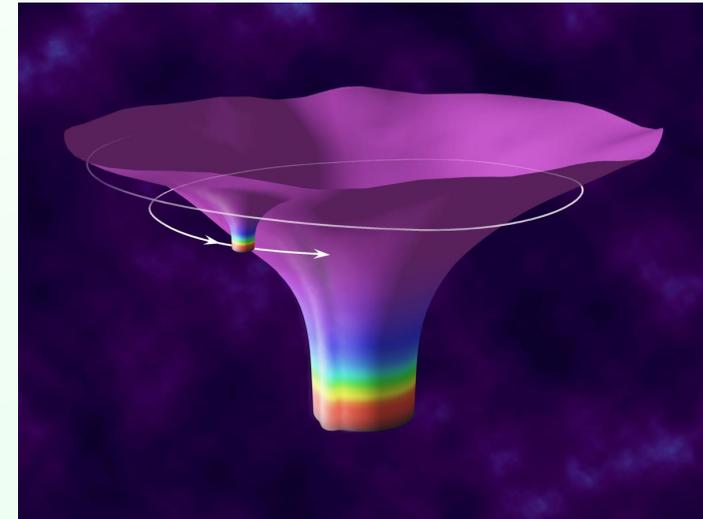
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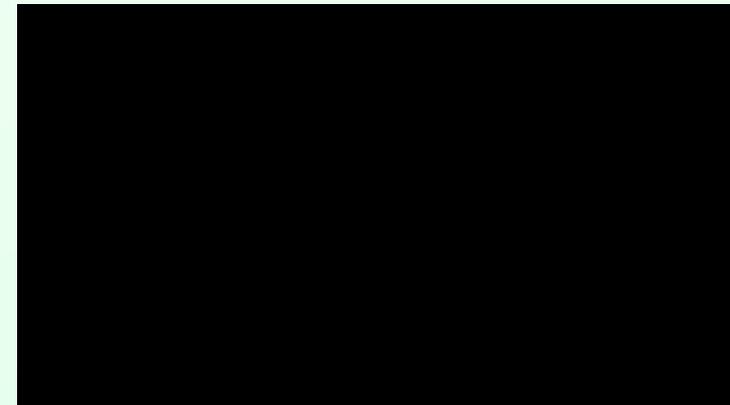
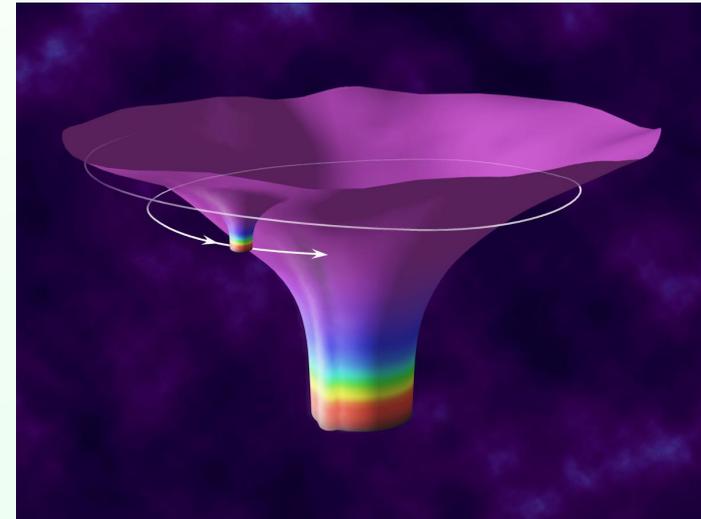
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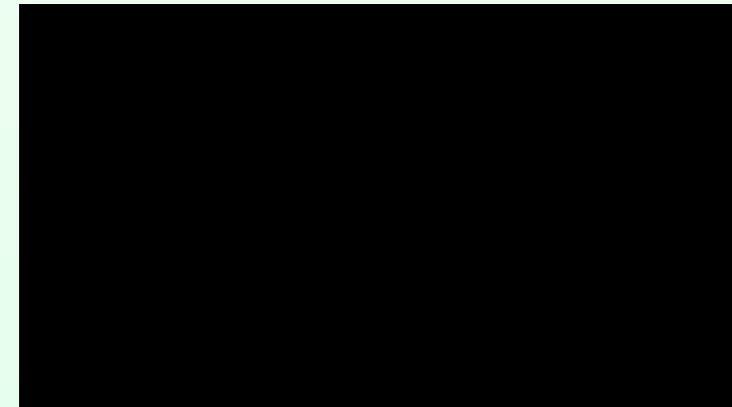
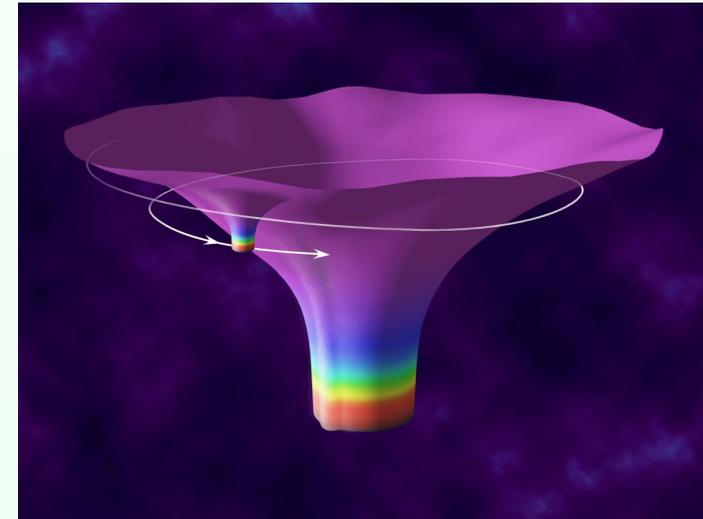
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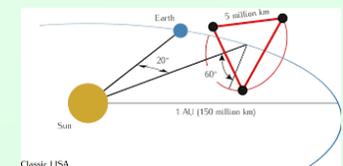
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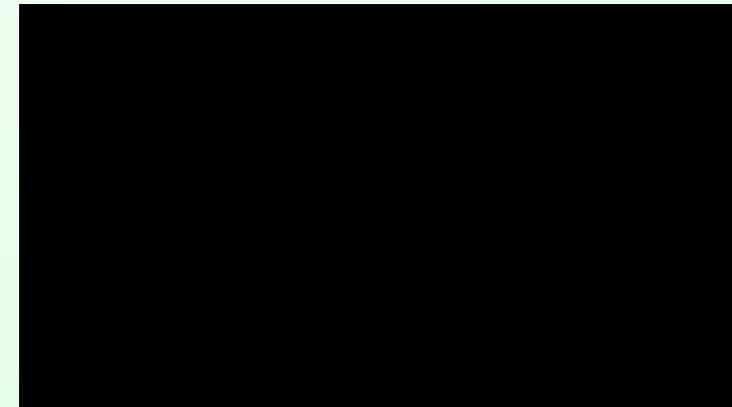
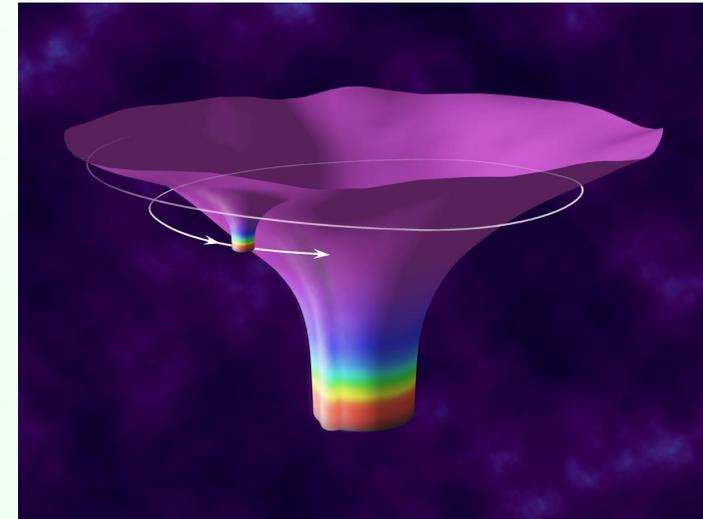
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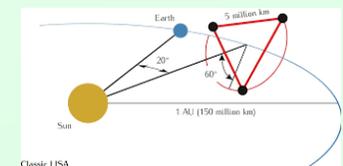
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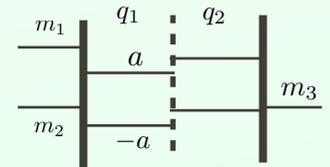
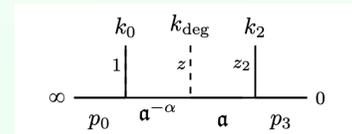
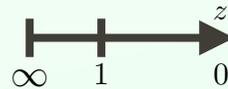
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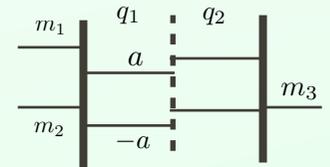
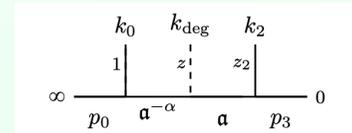
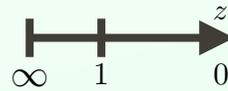
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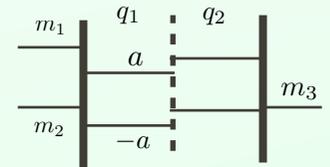
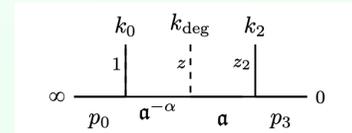
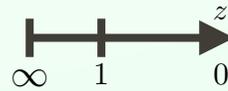
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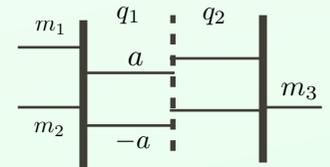
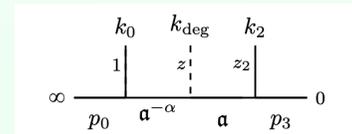
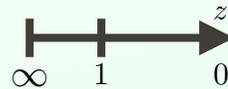
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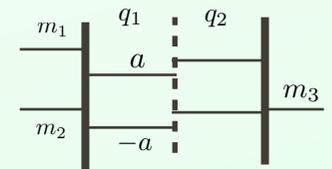
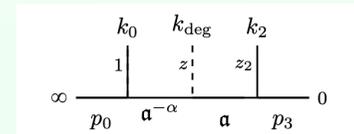
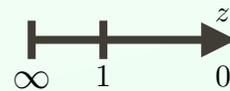
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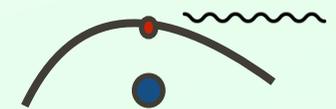
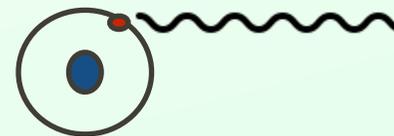


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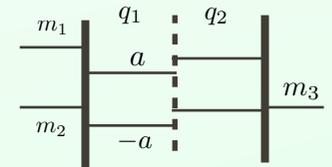
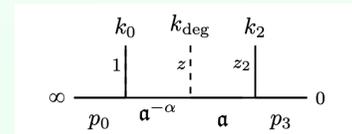
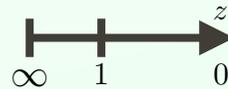
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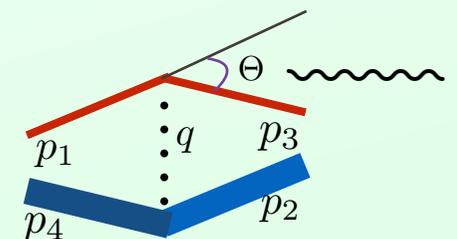
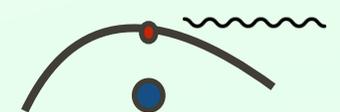
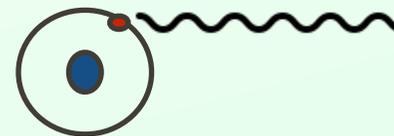
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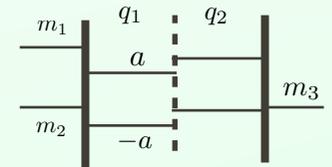
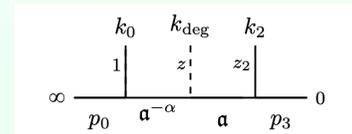
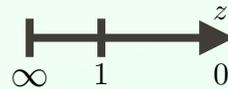
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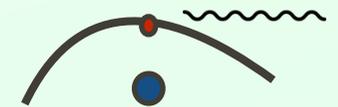
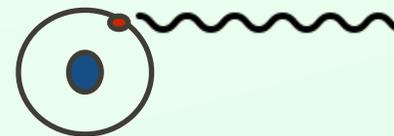
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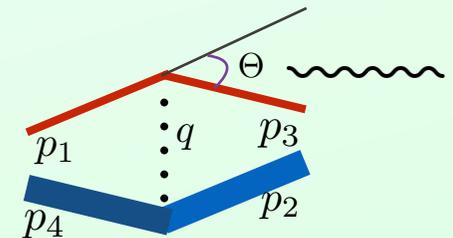
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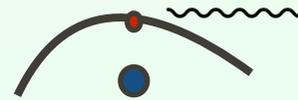
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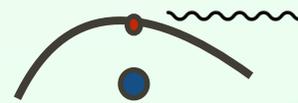
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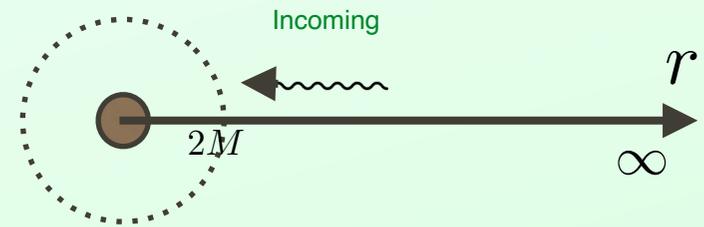
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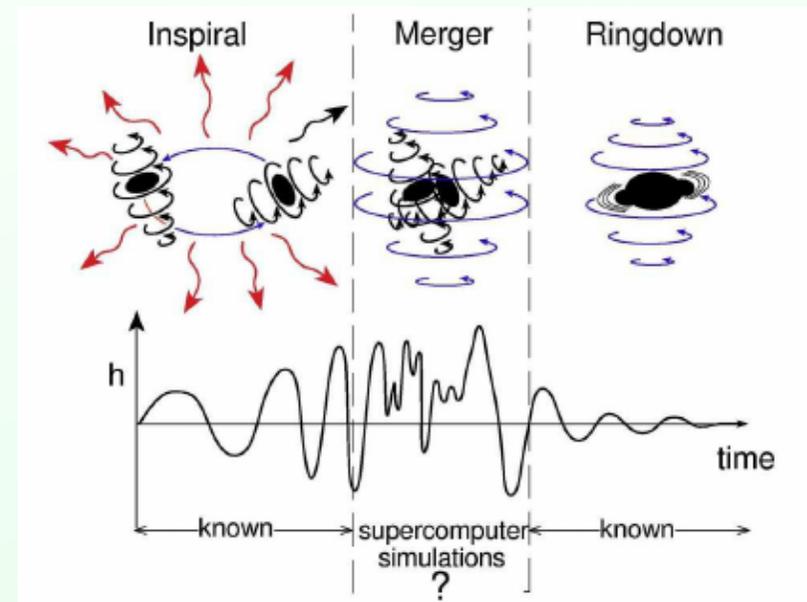
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Incoming wave



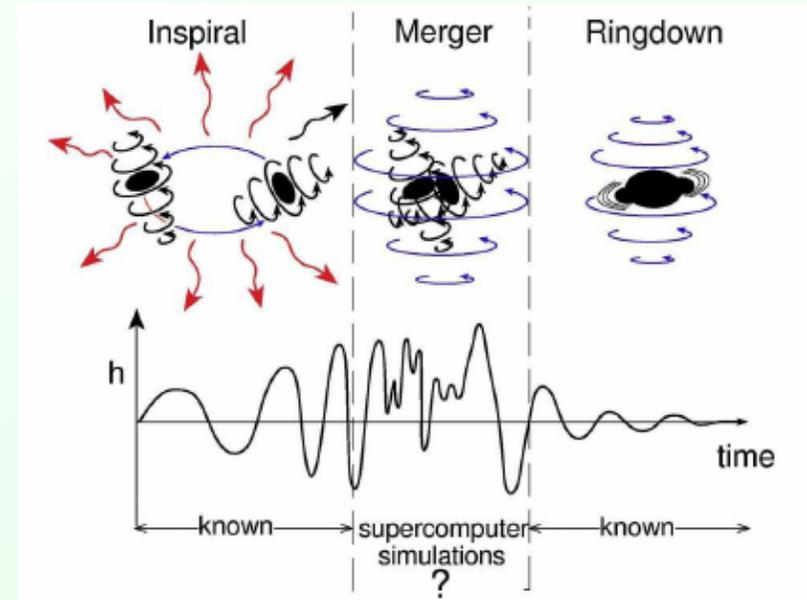
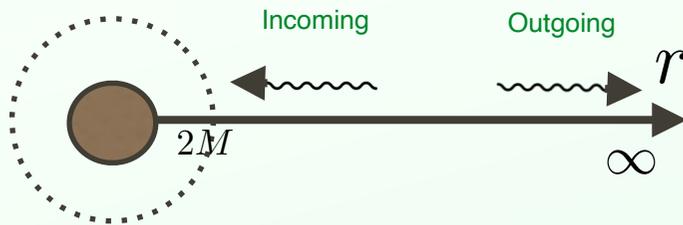
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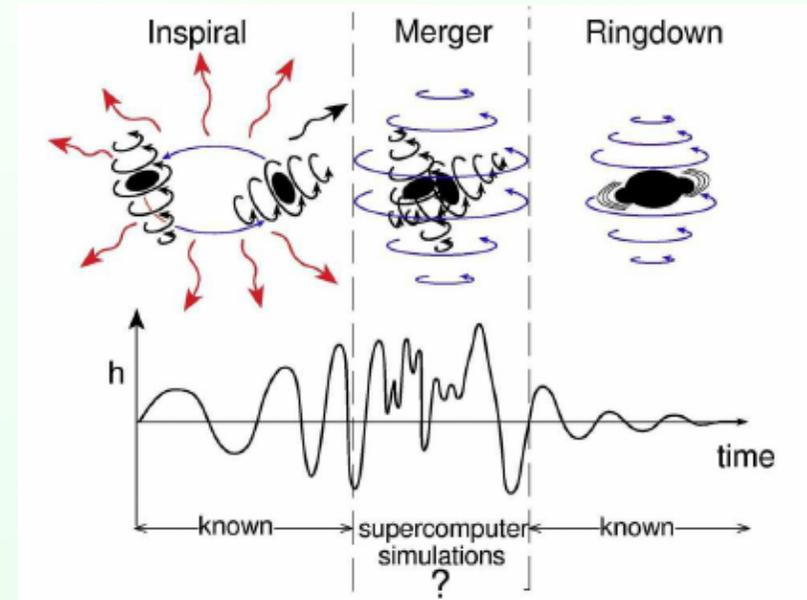
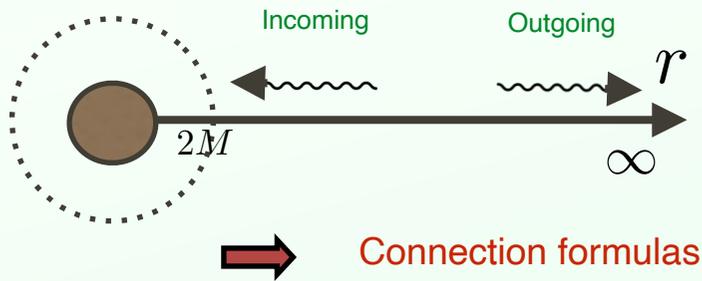
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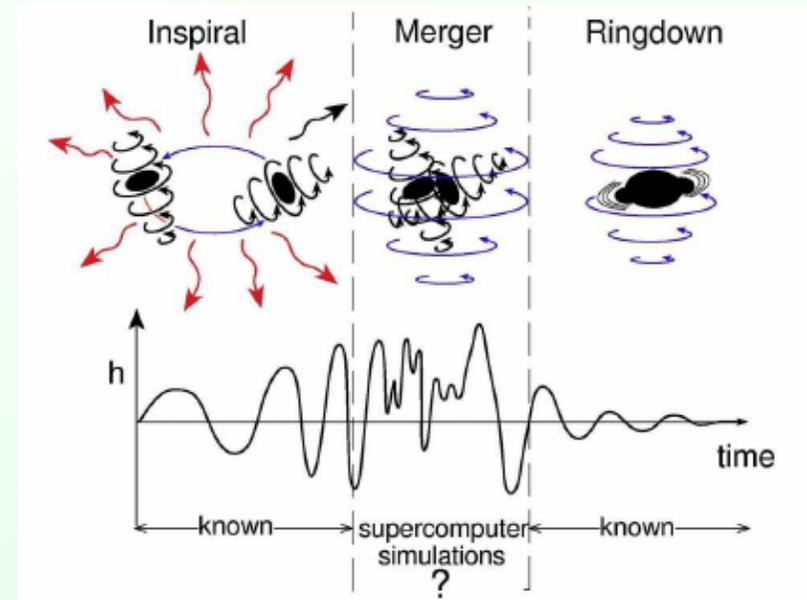
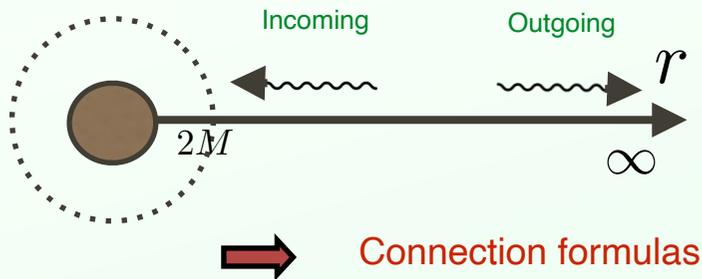
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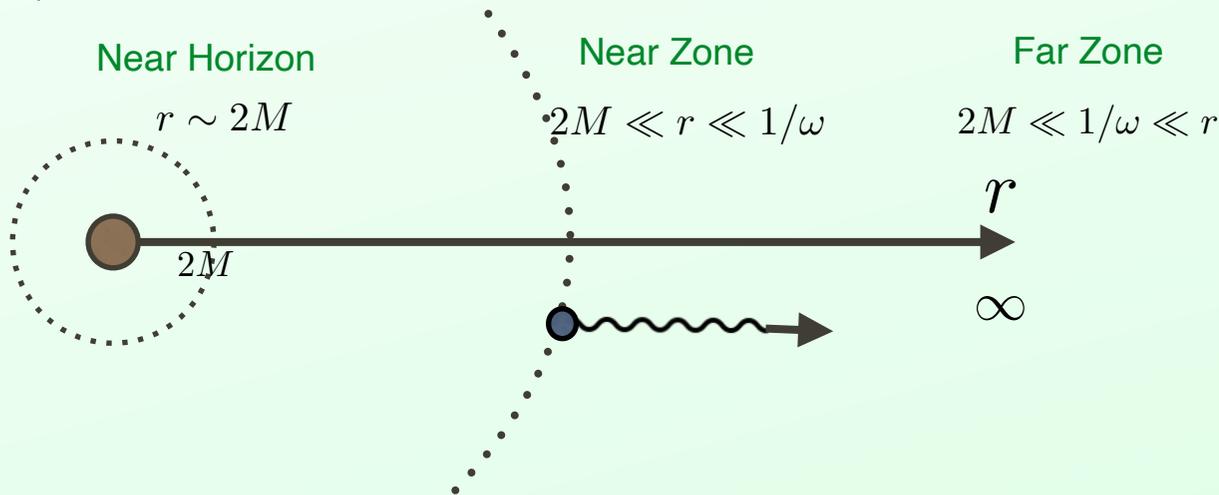
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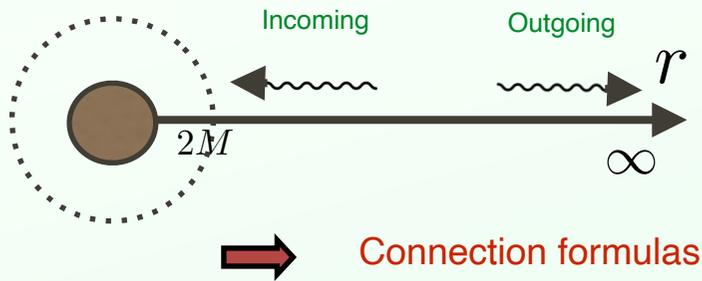
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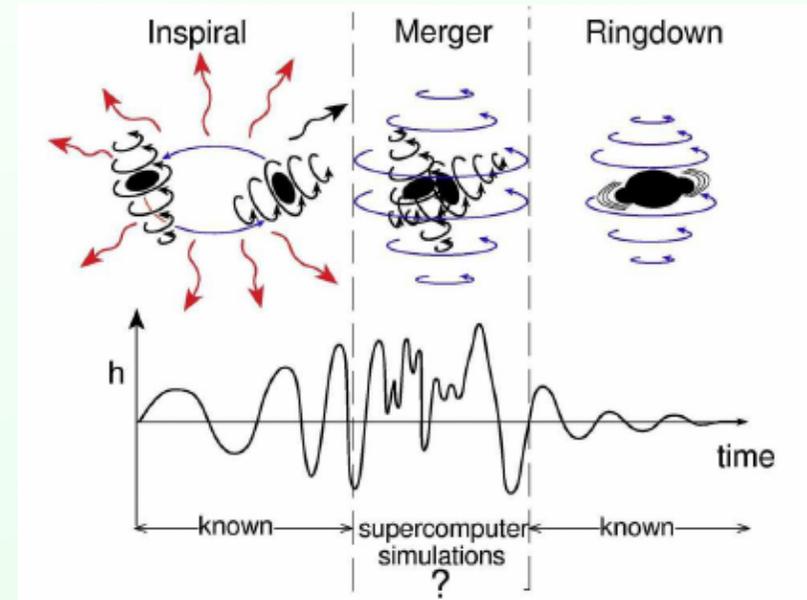
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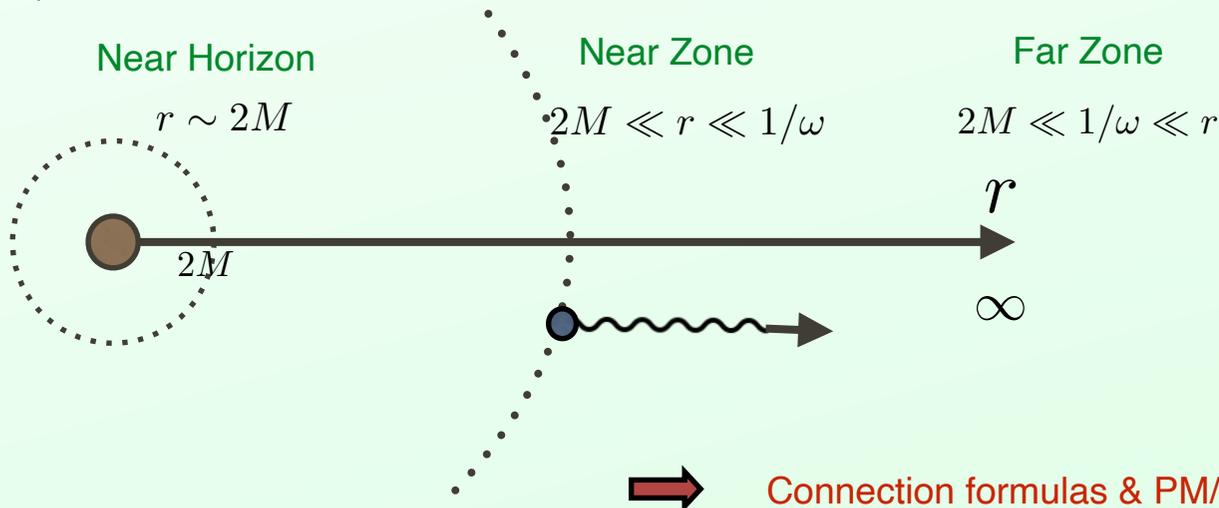
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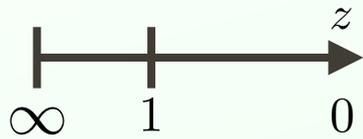
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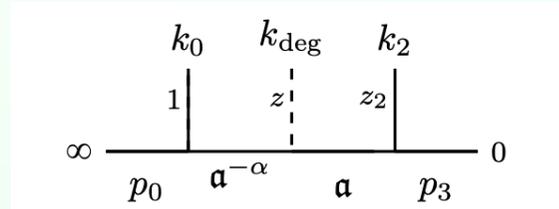
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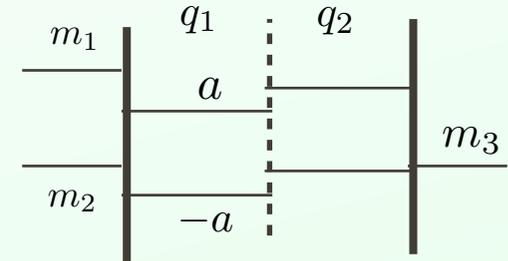
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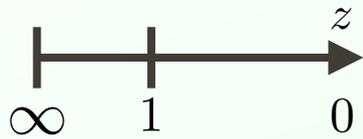


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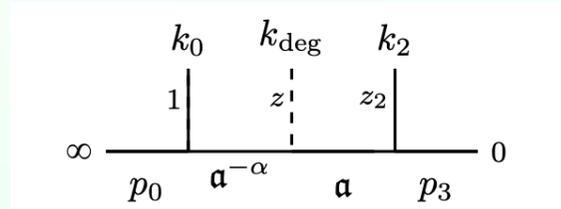


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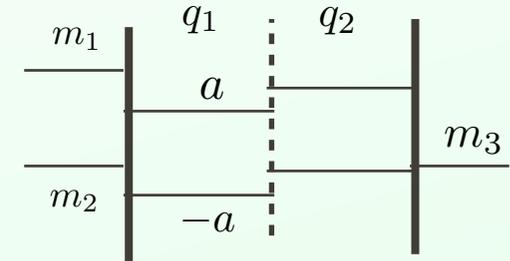
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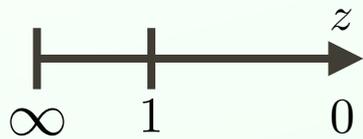


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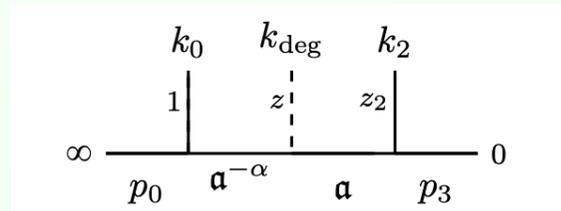


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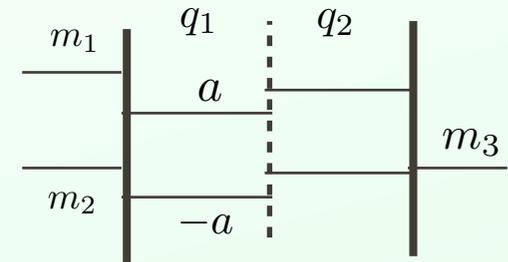


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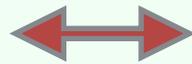
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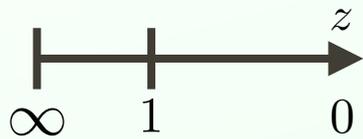


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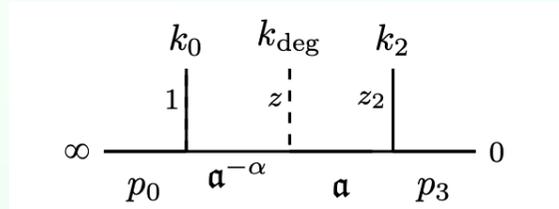
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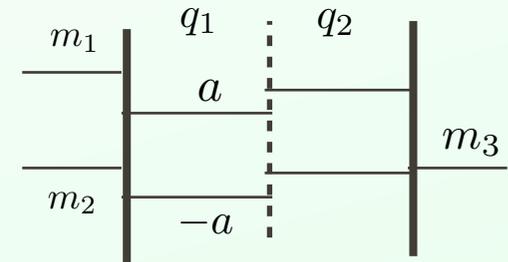
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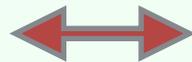


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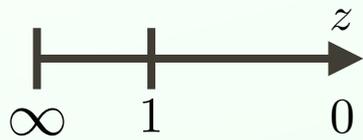


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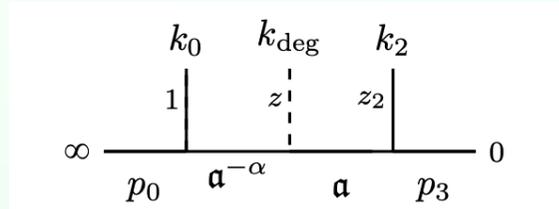
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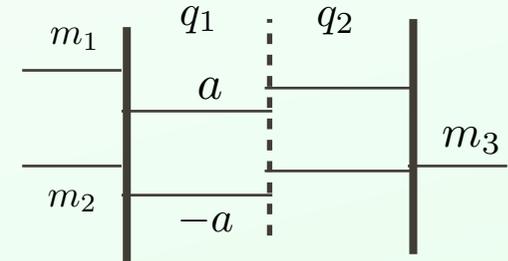


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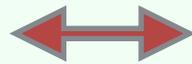
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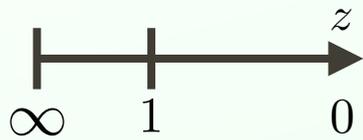
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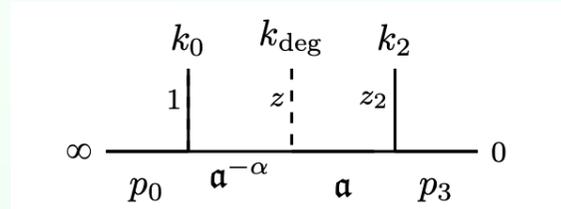
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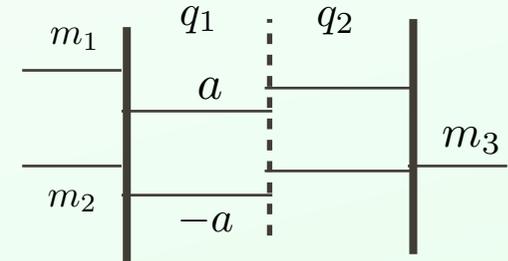
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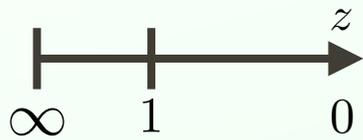


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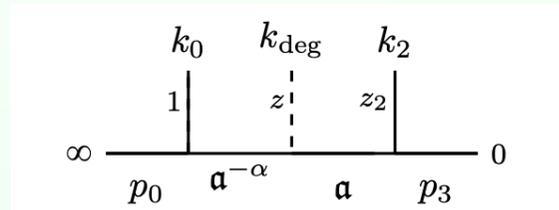
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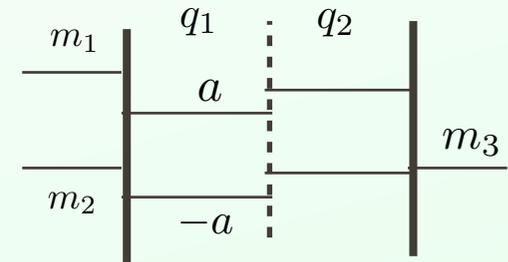
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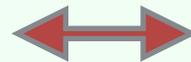
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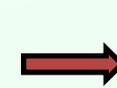
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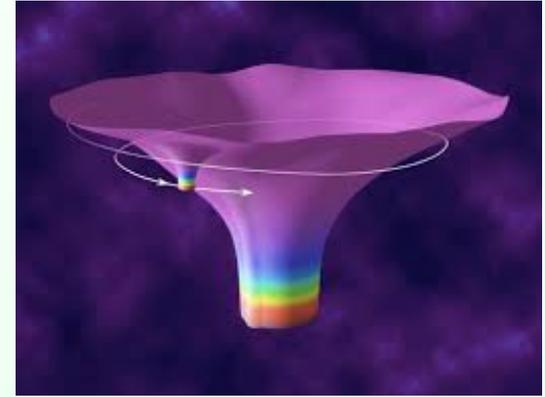
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SW period

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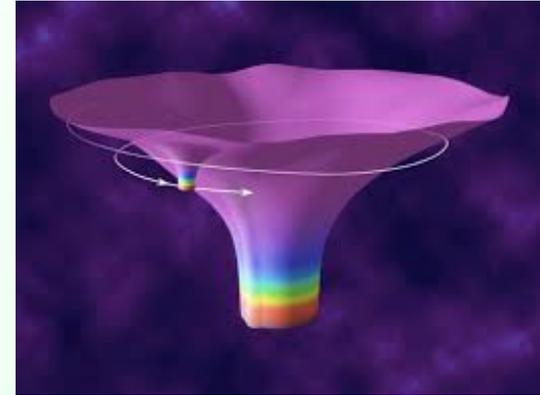


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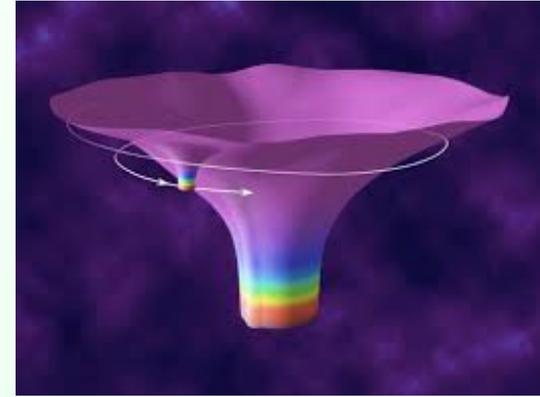
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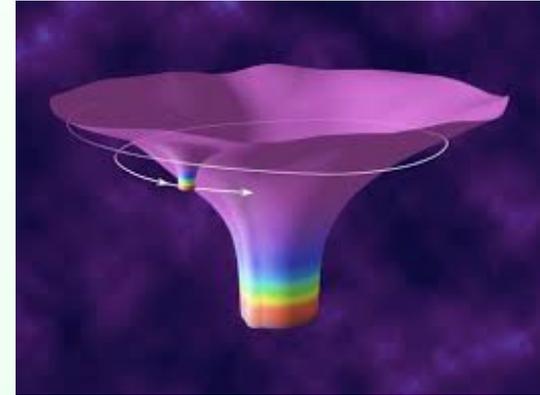
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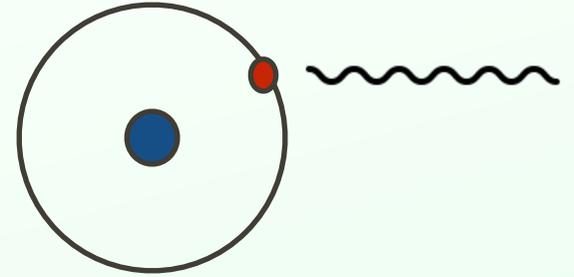
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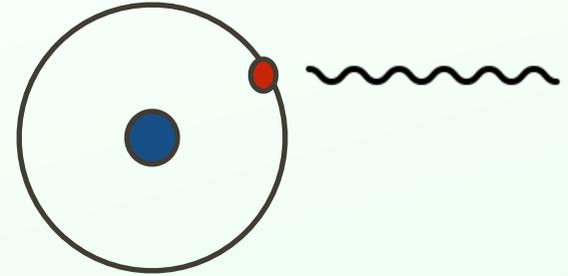
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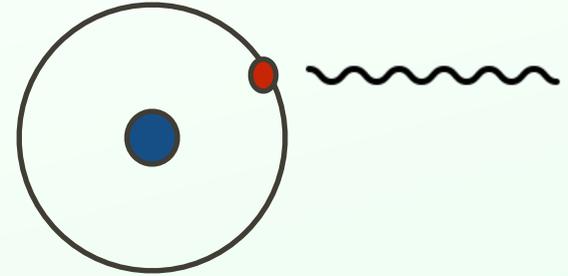
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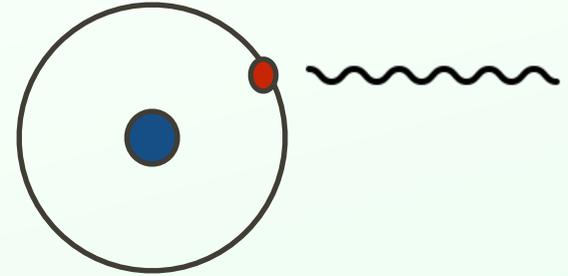
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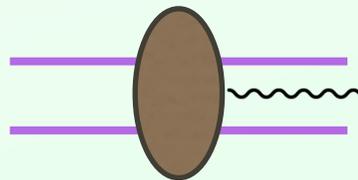
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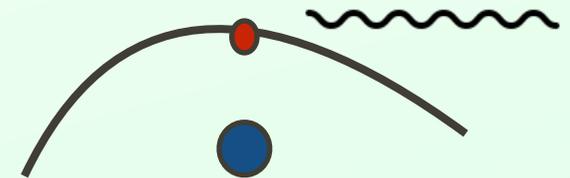
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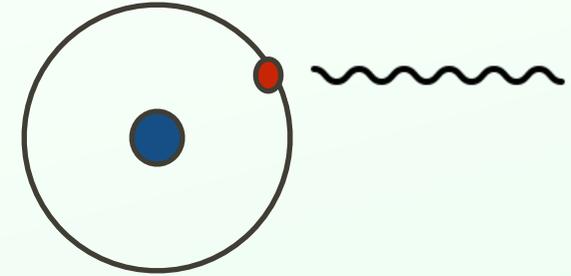
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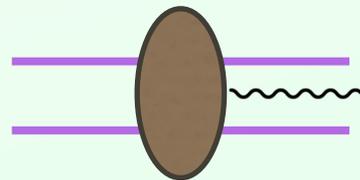
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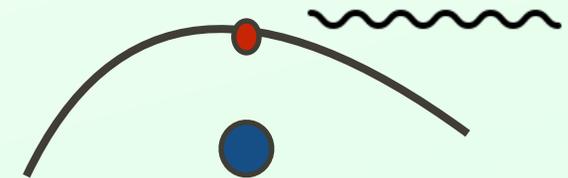
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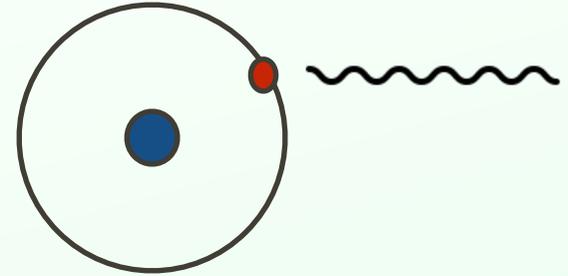
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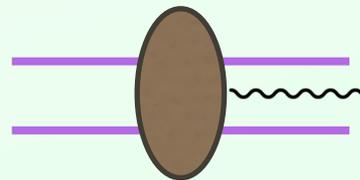
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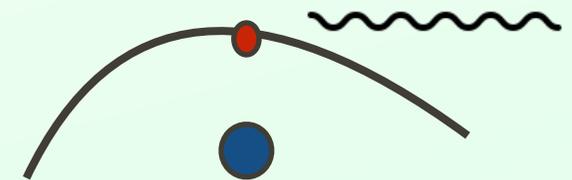
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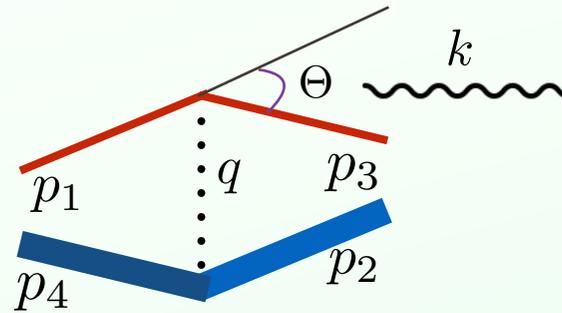
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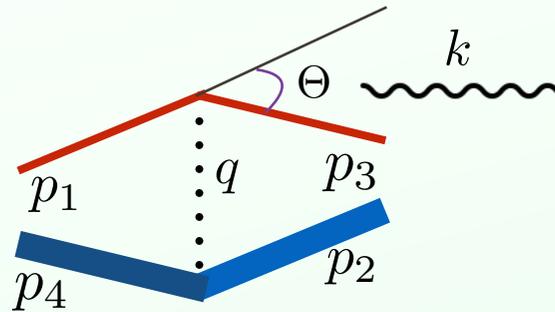
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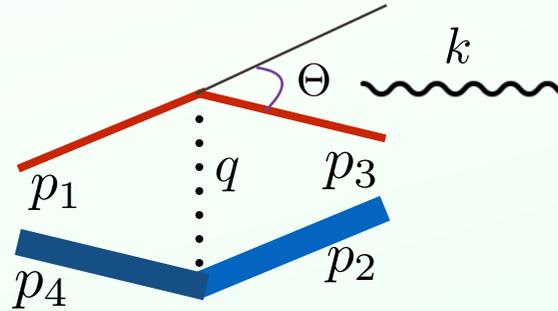
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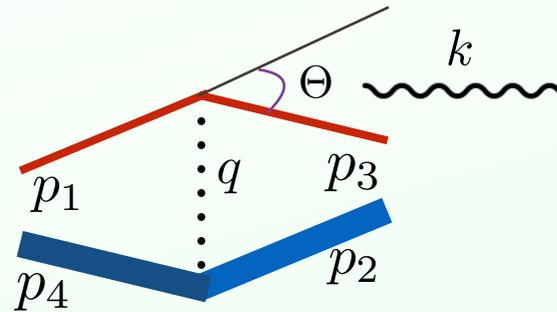
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