

Quantum Theory in a Shoe String

MSS Talk

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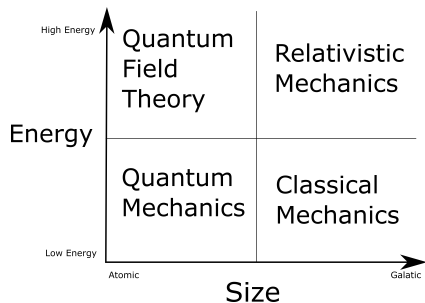
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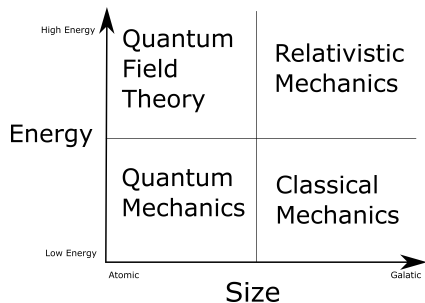
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So take what I say with a jug of salt...

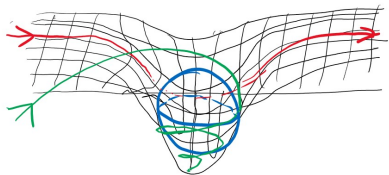
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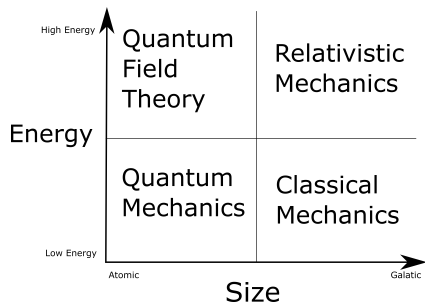
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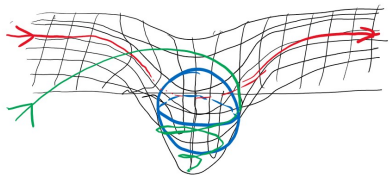
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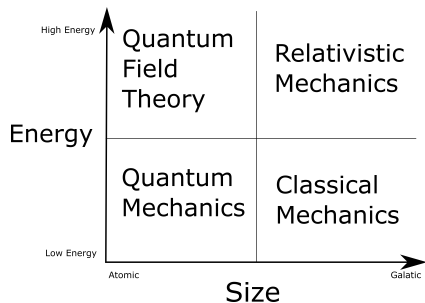
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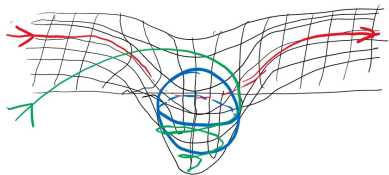
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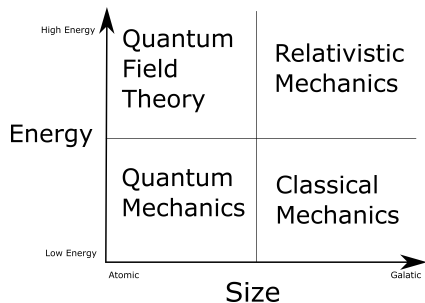


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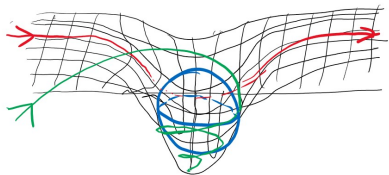


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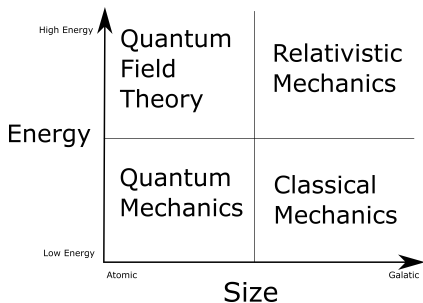


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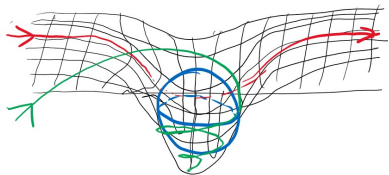


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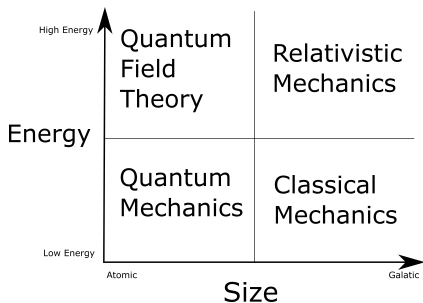
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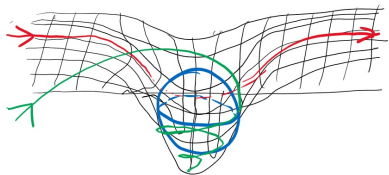
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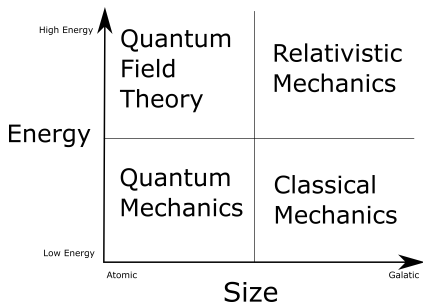
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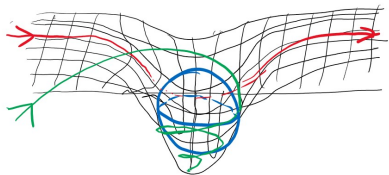
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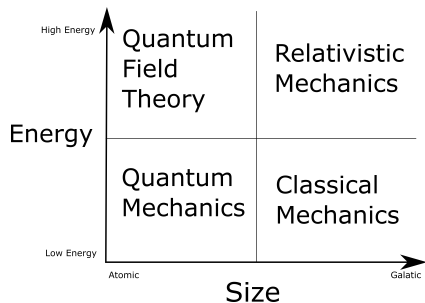
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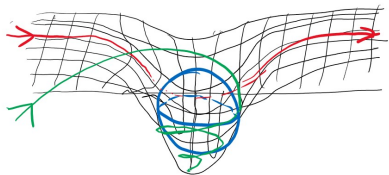
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Note*: a moving particle has 6 “dimensions”
(3-spatial, like the above 26 dimension)

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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