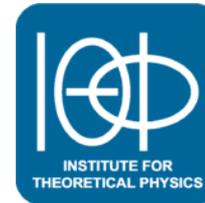


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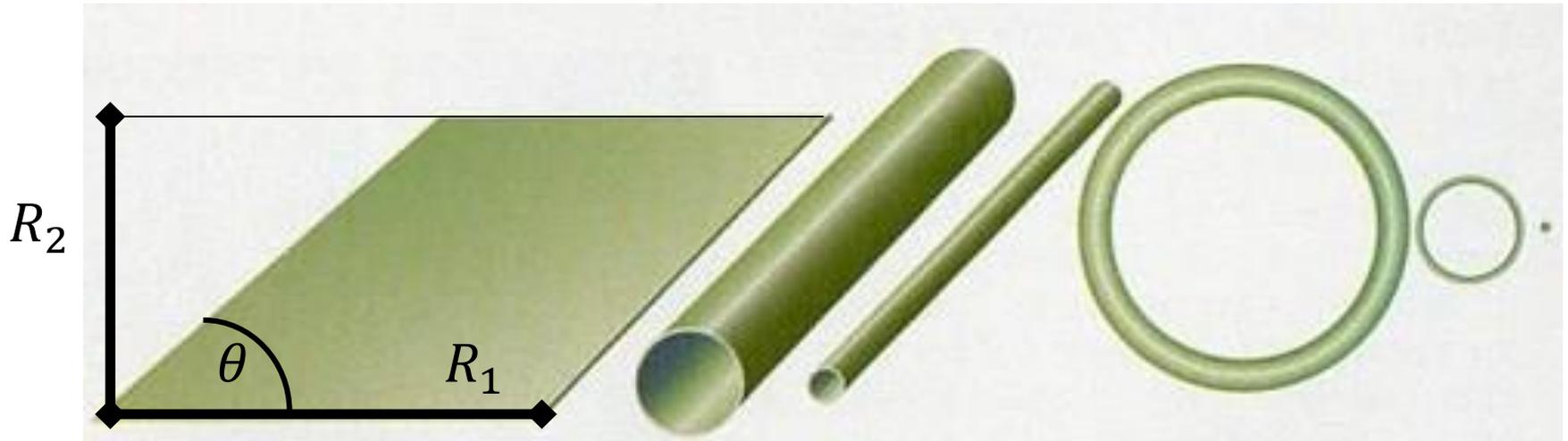
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- Precision measurements of gravity require for a single extra dimension $R \leq 10^{-4}$ meters
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- Plenty of room for extra dimensions of space

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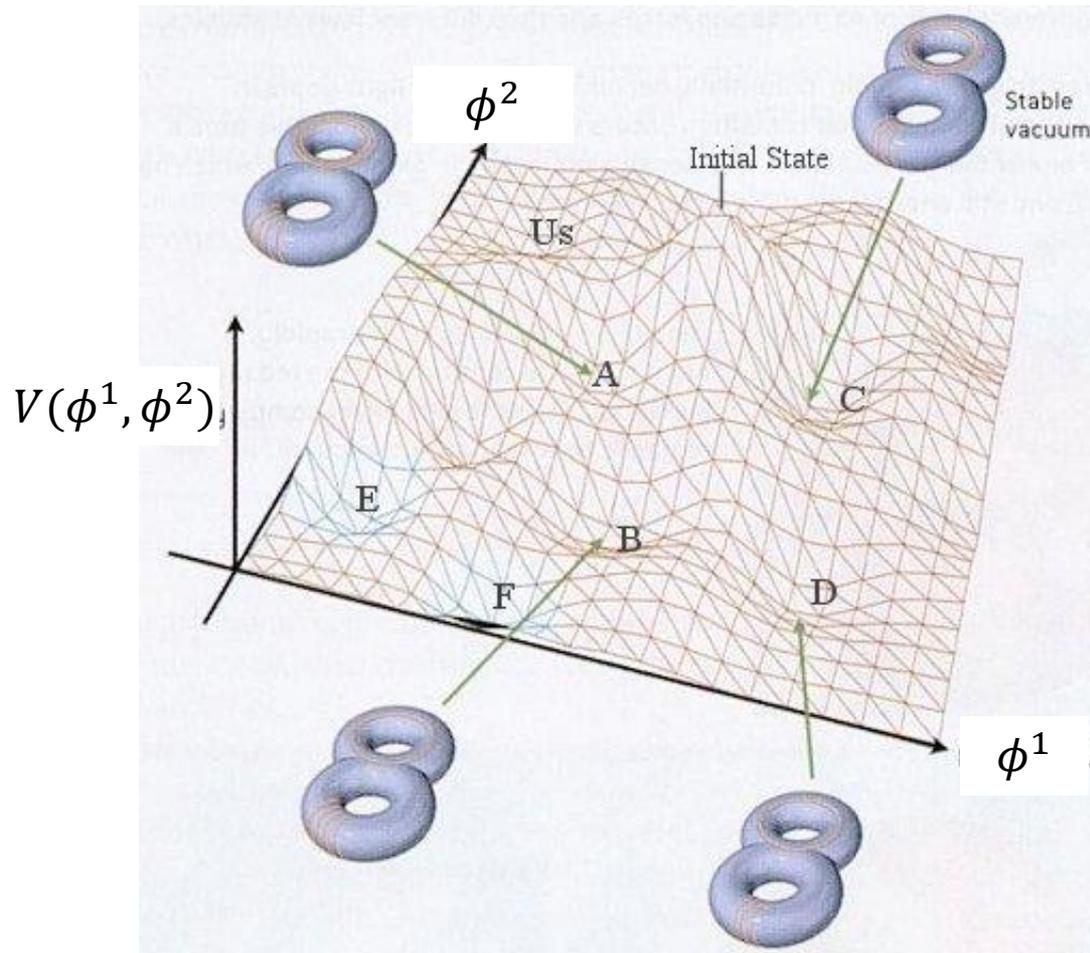
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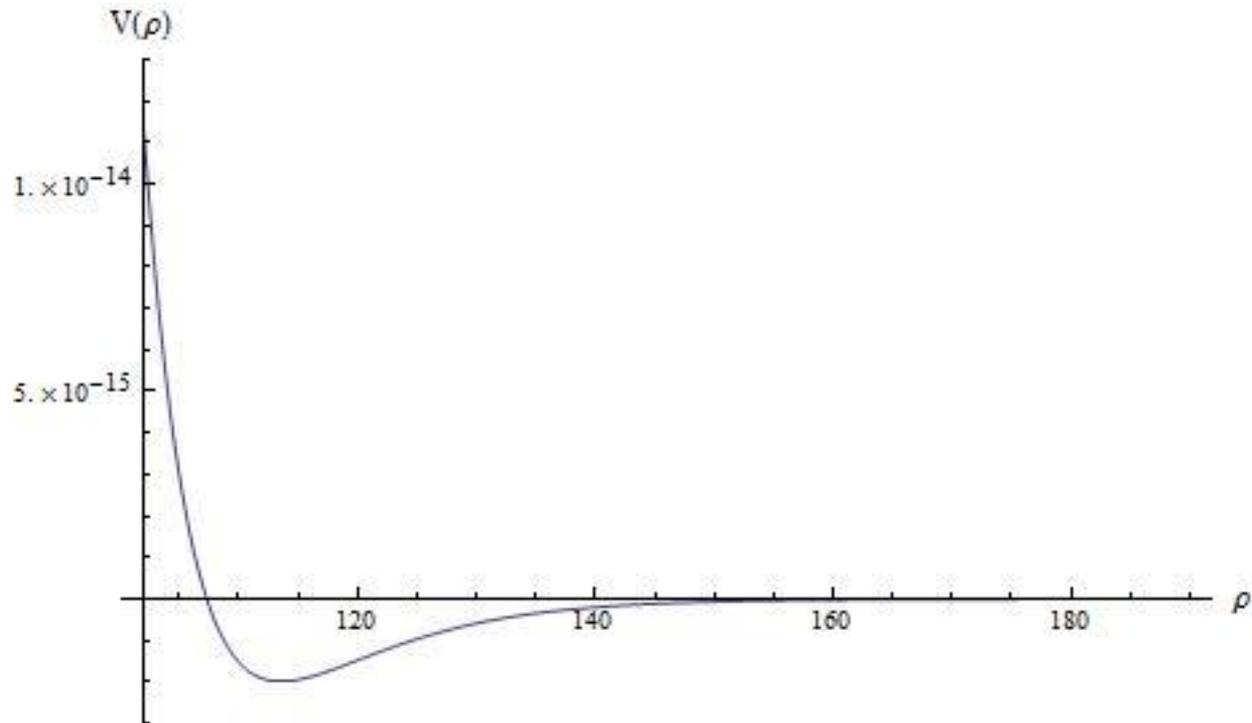
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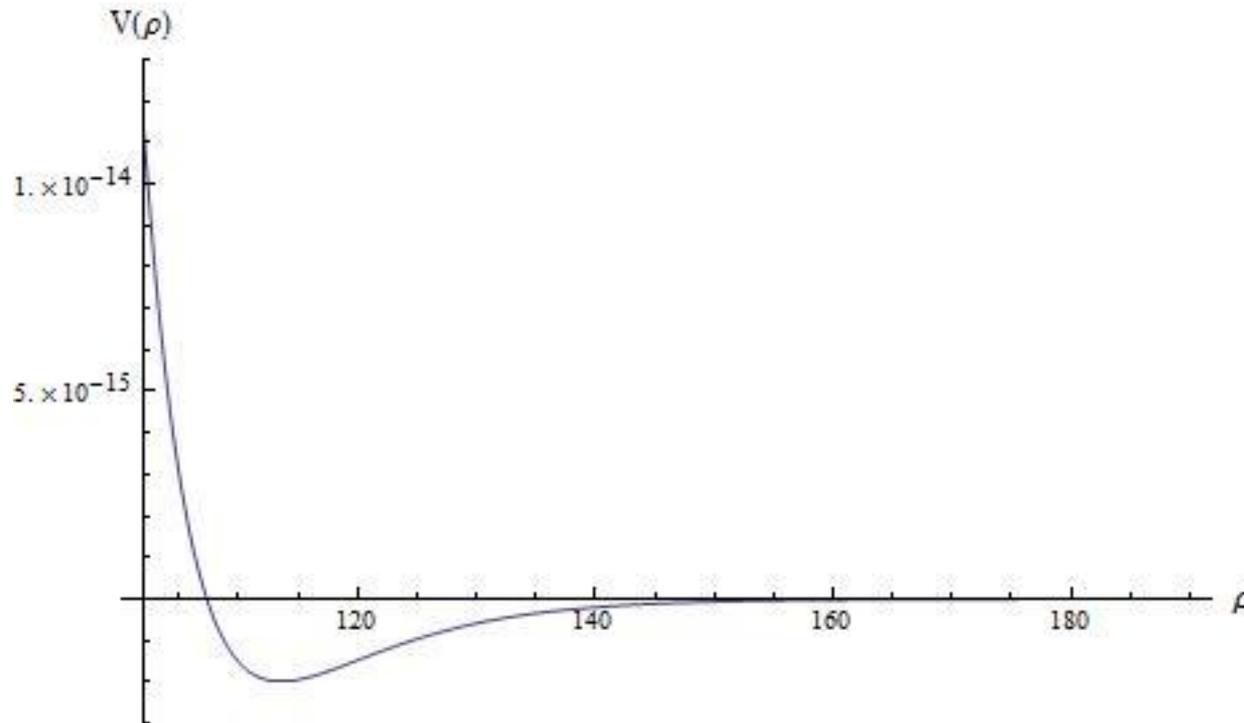
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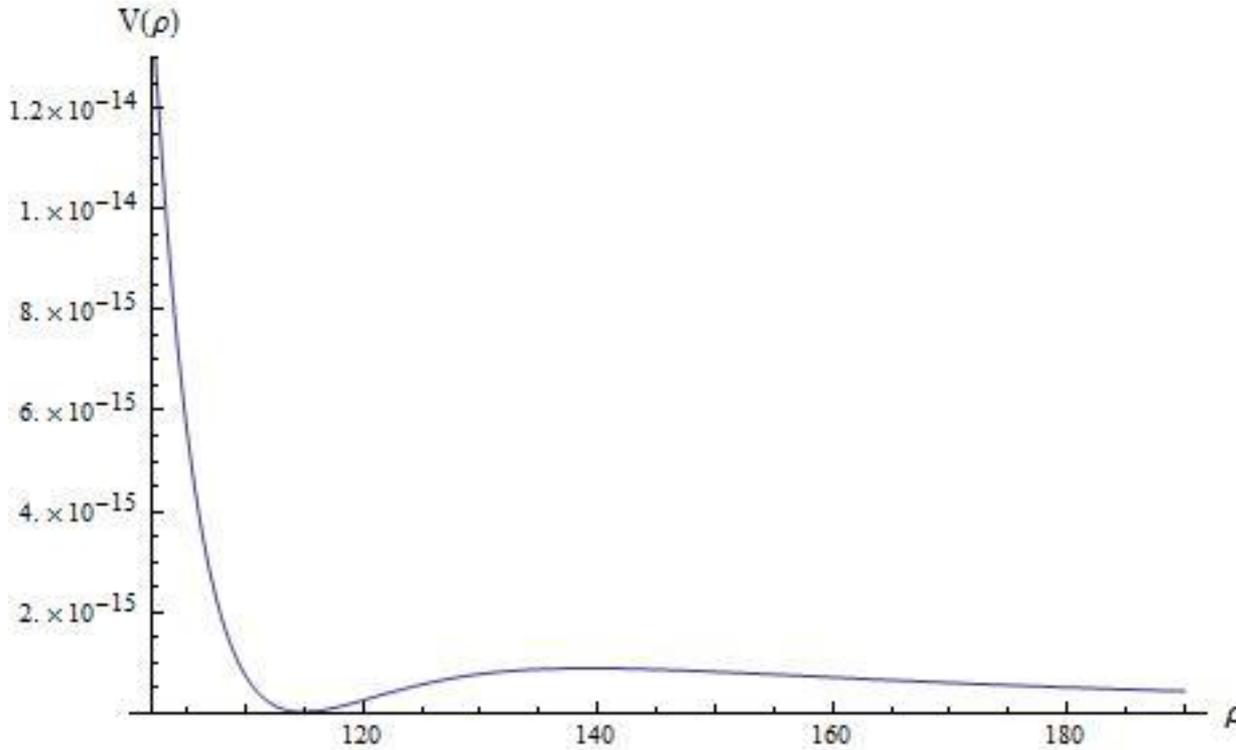
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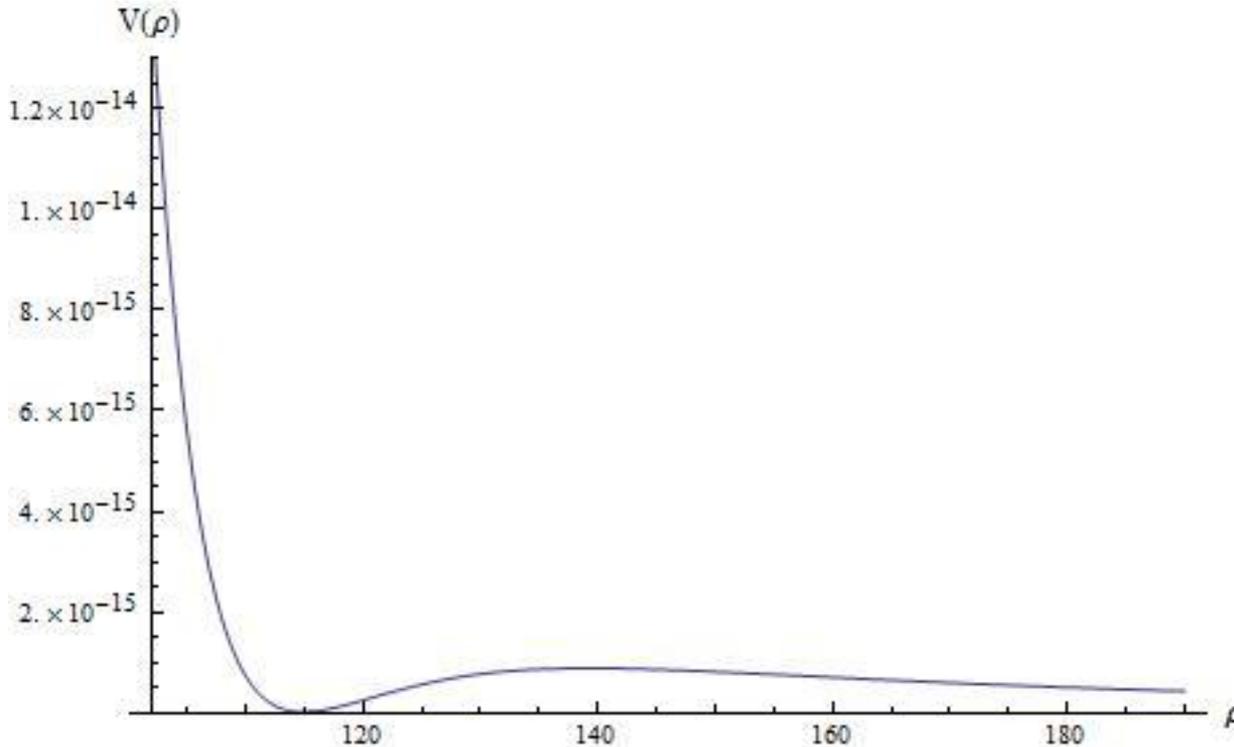
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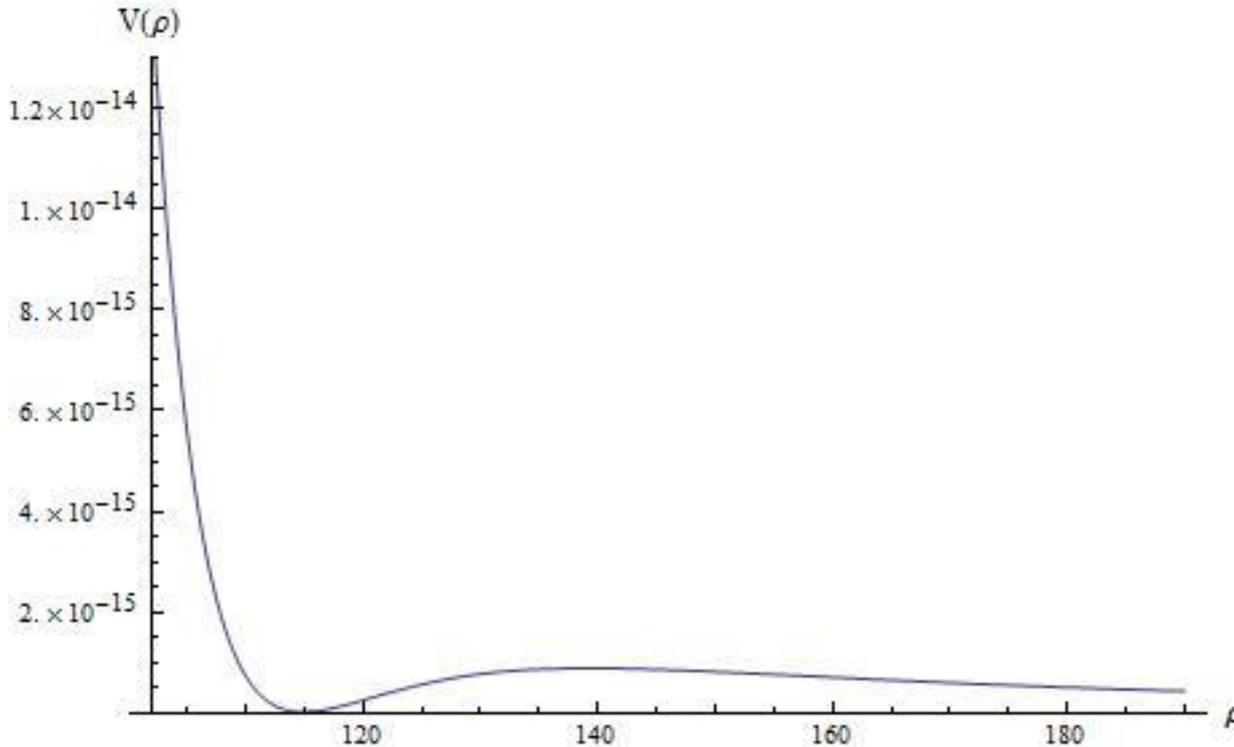
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