



Gravity Seminar

Title: Aspects of the theory of particle detectors

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Date: Fri 9th May 2008 at 3:00PM

Location: CASL Seminar Room - Belfield Office Park

Abstract: NOTE: This seminar will take place in the CASL visitors room.

In this talk I will give a brief overview of the Unruh-DeWitt particle detector model. In particular I will i) motivate, through examples, the basic physics of the theory and ii) speculate how microlocal analysis could provide insight into this pragmatic approach to the particle problem in curved space-time.

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