
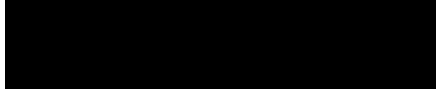


We understand that you have received representations from the Mathematical and Theoretical Physics Group of the Institute of Physics, presenting and documenting these problems in more detail. We believe that the concern they express is fully justified.


Yours sincerely

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