

A Comment on hep-th/0608078

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Abstract

The above hep-th posting purports – erroneously – to be a comment on a Note by me in gr-qc.

In a brief pedagogical Note [1], I discussed some pitfalls in expressing $D=3$ models in lower-order (Palatini) form. In the cited submission, the authors instead construct a baroque, but *not* lower-order, reformulation of a subcase, free-field topologically massive electrodynamics [2]. The above perhaps permits a comment on the authors' previous six papers – all on $D = 2$ gravity: had they read my [3], their efforts might have been averted.

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