

Title: Scale-dependent growth of structures in viable $f(R)$ theories

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Abstract: $f(R)$ theories are an alternative approach at the phenomenon of cosmic acceleration, in which the Einstein-Hilbert action for gravity is modified by adding a function of the Ricci scalar, $f(R)$. While at the background level viable $f(R)$ models must closely mimic Λ CDM, the difference in their prediction for the growth of large scale structures can be sufficiently large to leave detectable signatures in future surveys. In this talk, after reviewing the conditions for the background viability of $f(R)$ theories, I will focus on scalar perturbations. I will present in some details the dynamics of linear perturbations, showing what are the characteristic imprints of $f(R)$ models in the growth of structures and consider possible observational tests

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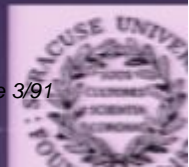
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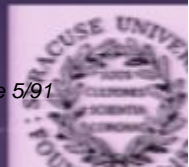


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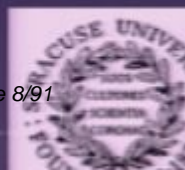
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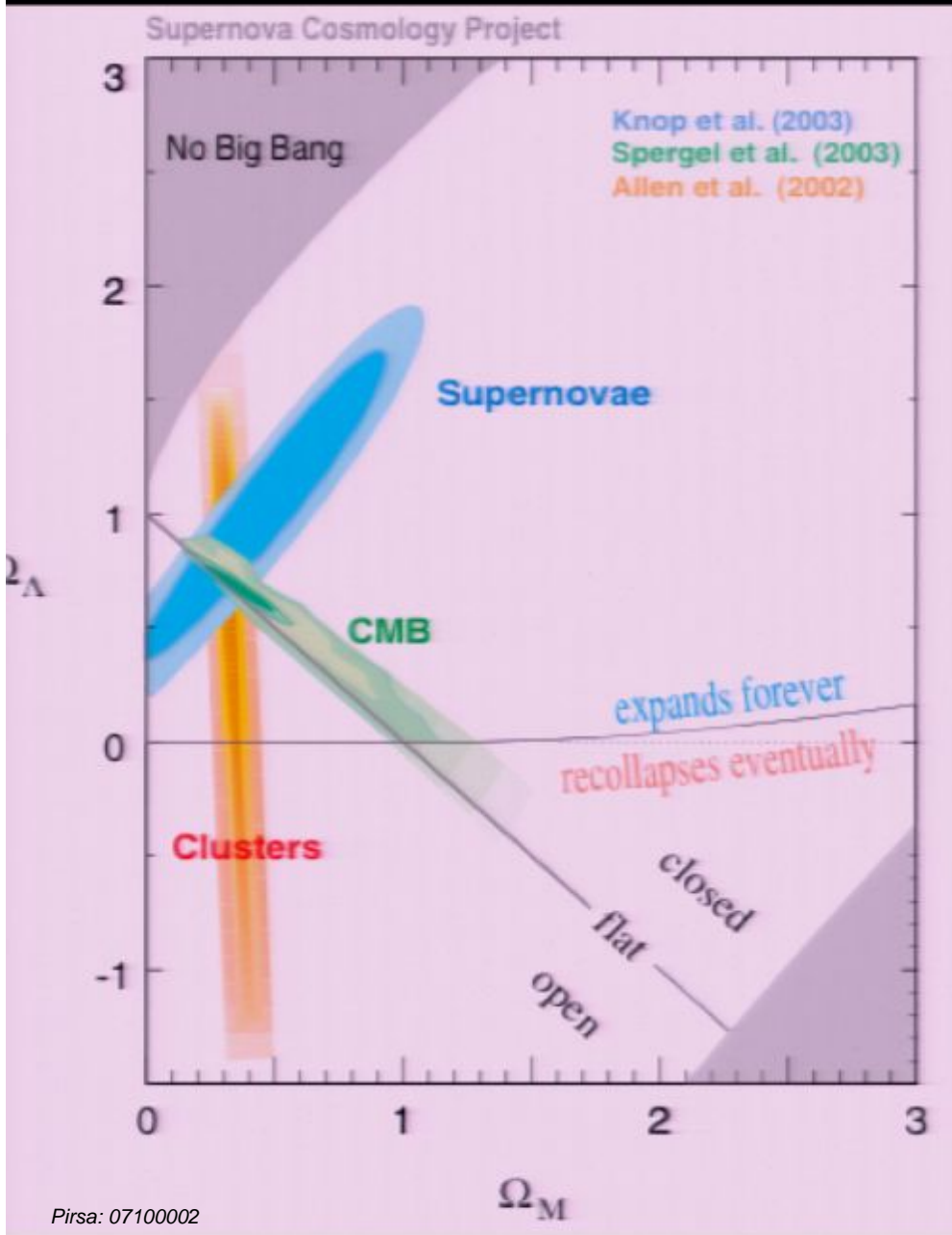
Growth of Structure



the dynamics is changed, leading to a characteristic scale-dependent pattern



Cosmic acceleration



SNela, CMB,
LSS

+

standard GR applied to a
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$$\Omega_m^0 \approx 0.3$$

$$\Omega_X^0 \approx 0.7$$

$$\left(\Omega^0 \equiv \frac{\rho^0}{3H_0^2 M_P^2} \right)$$



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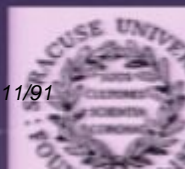
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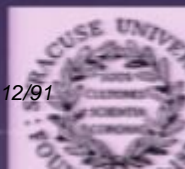
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modification of GR on **large scales**, admitting self-accelerating solutions



Modifying Gravity

- Modifications of the Friedmann equation, changing the dependence of the Hubble parameter on the matter density (**Cardassian** model,...)

(K.Freese & M.Lewis, Phys.Lett.B540,(2002))

- Extra-dimensional models giving modified 4-dim equations (**DGP** model,...)

(G.Dvali, M.Porrati & G.Gabadadze, Phys.Lett.B485(2000))

→ **Degravitation**

(G.Dvali, S.Hofmann & J.Khoury, hep-th/0703027)

- Covariant modifications of the 4-dim Einstein-Hilbert action (**f(R)**,f(R,P,Q),...)

(S.Capozziello, S.Carloni & A.Troisi, astro-ph/0303041)

S.Carroll, V.Duvvuri, M.Trodden & M.S.Turner, Phys.Rev.D70 043528 (2004))

- **Cuscuton** and Modified Source Gravity

(N.Afshordi,D.J.H.Chung & G.Geshnizjani, Phys.Rev.D75 083513 (2007)

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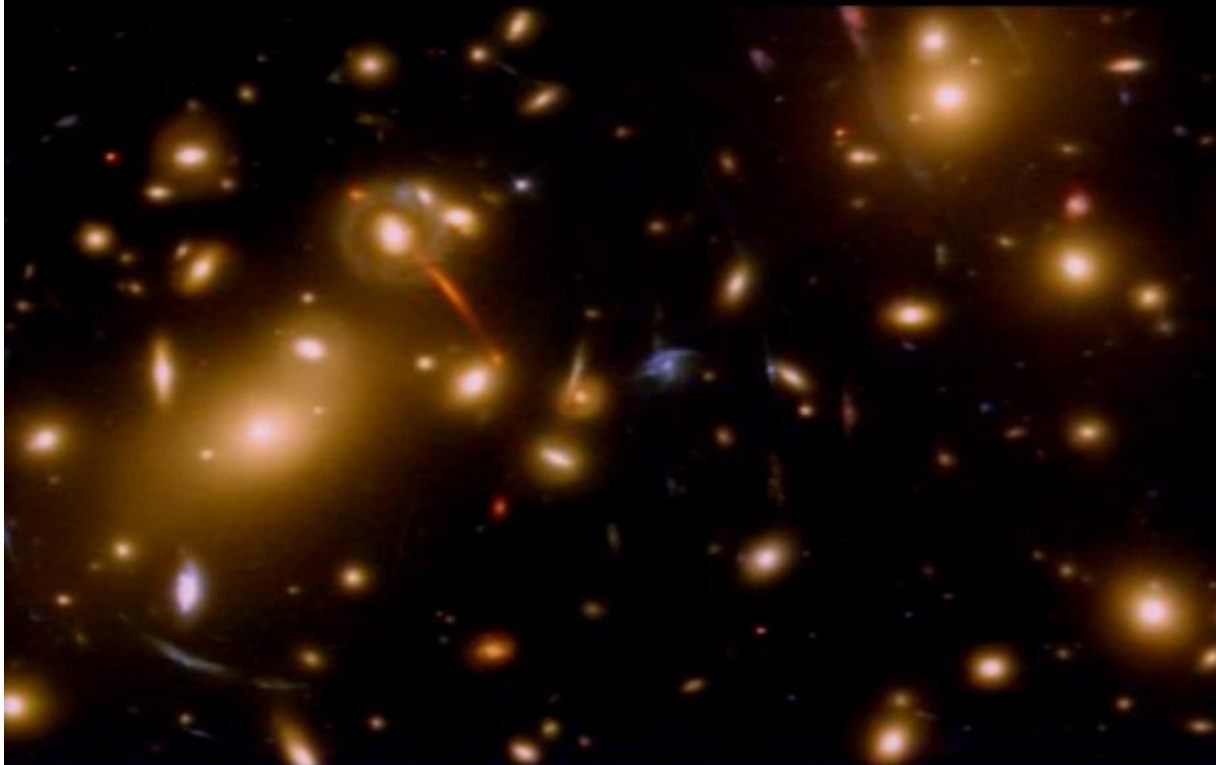


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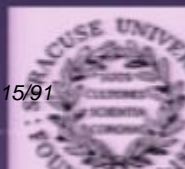
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In Modified Gravity **the equation for the perturbations are changed**, leading possibly to a richer dynamics



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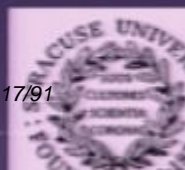
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The **trace-equation** becomes:

$$(1 - f_R)R + 2f - 3\square f_R = \frac{T}{M_P^2}$$



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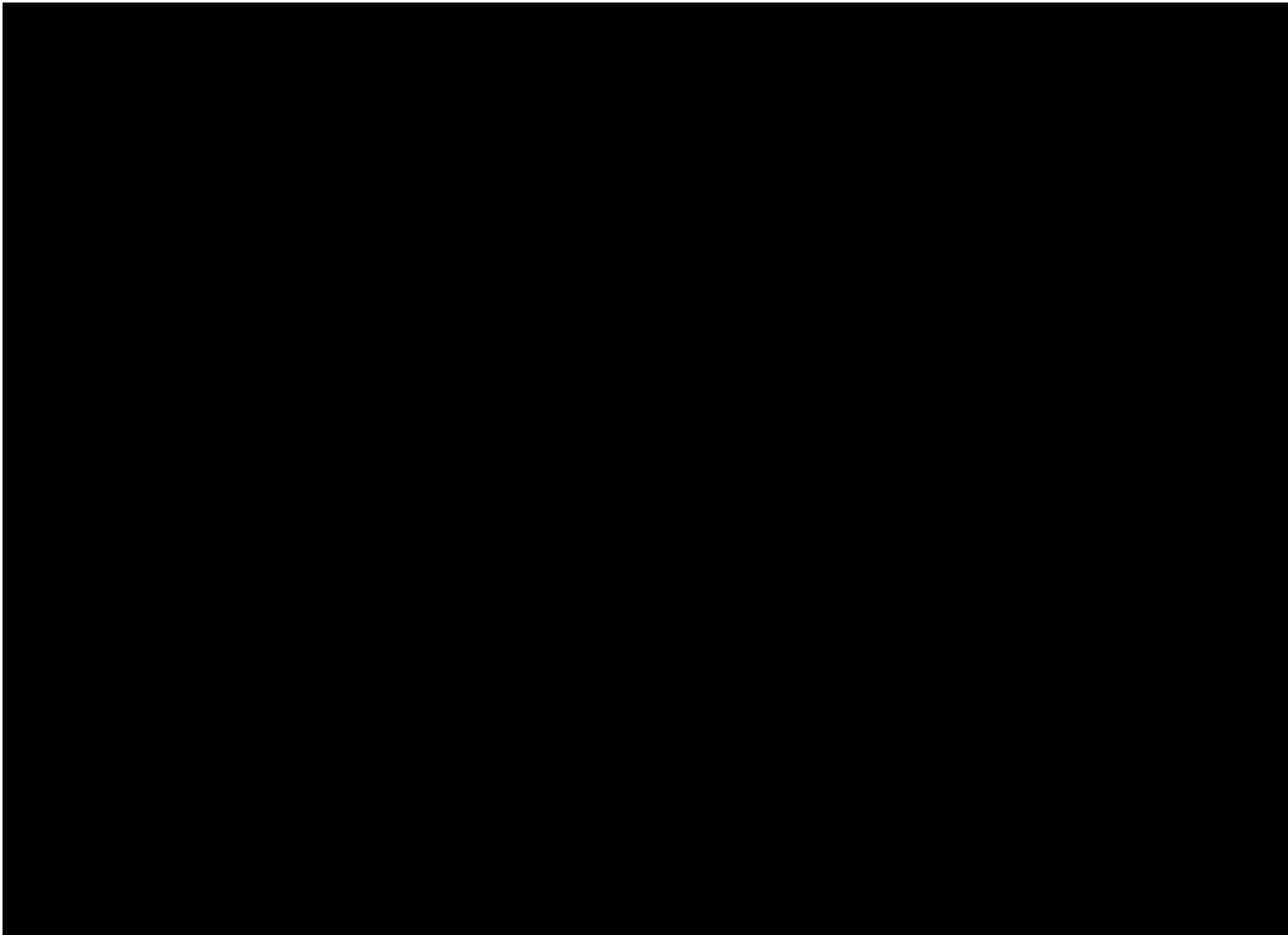
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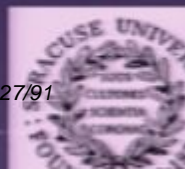
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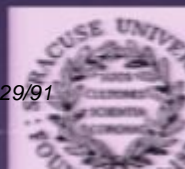
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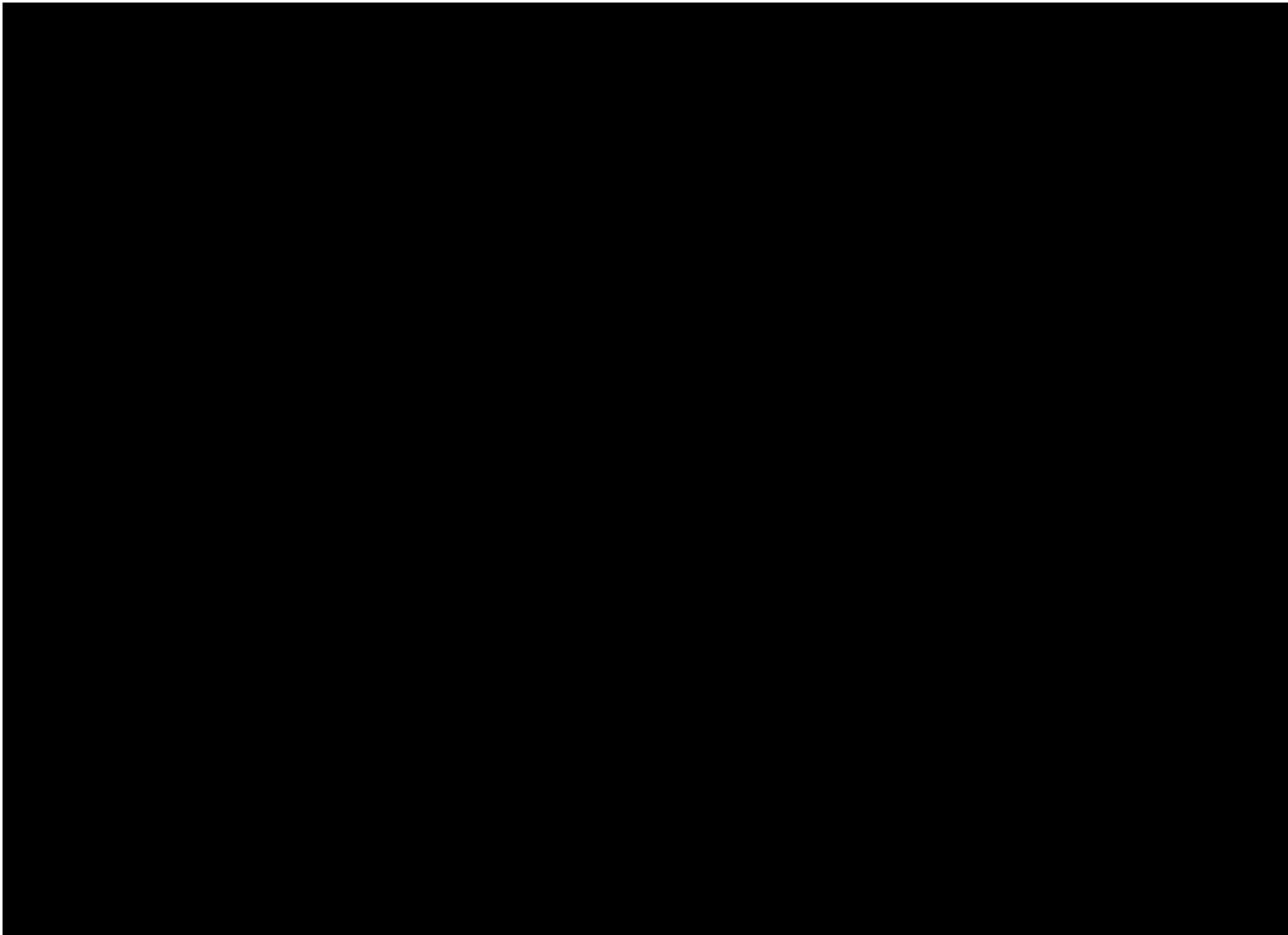
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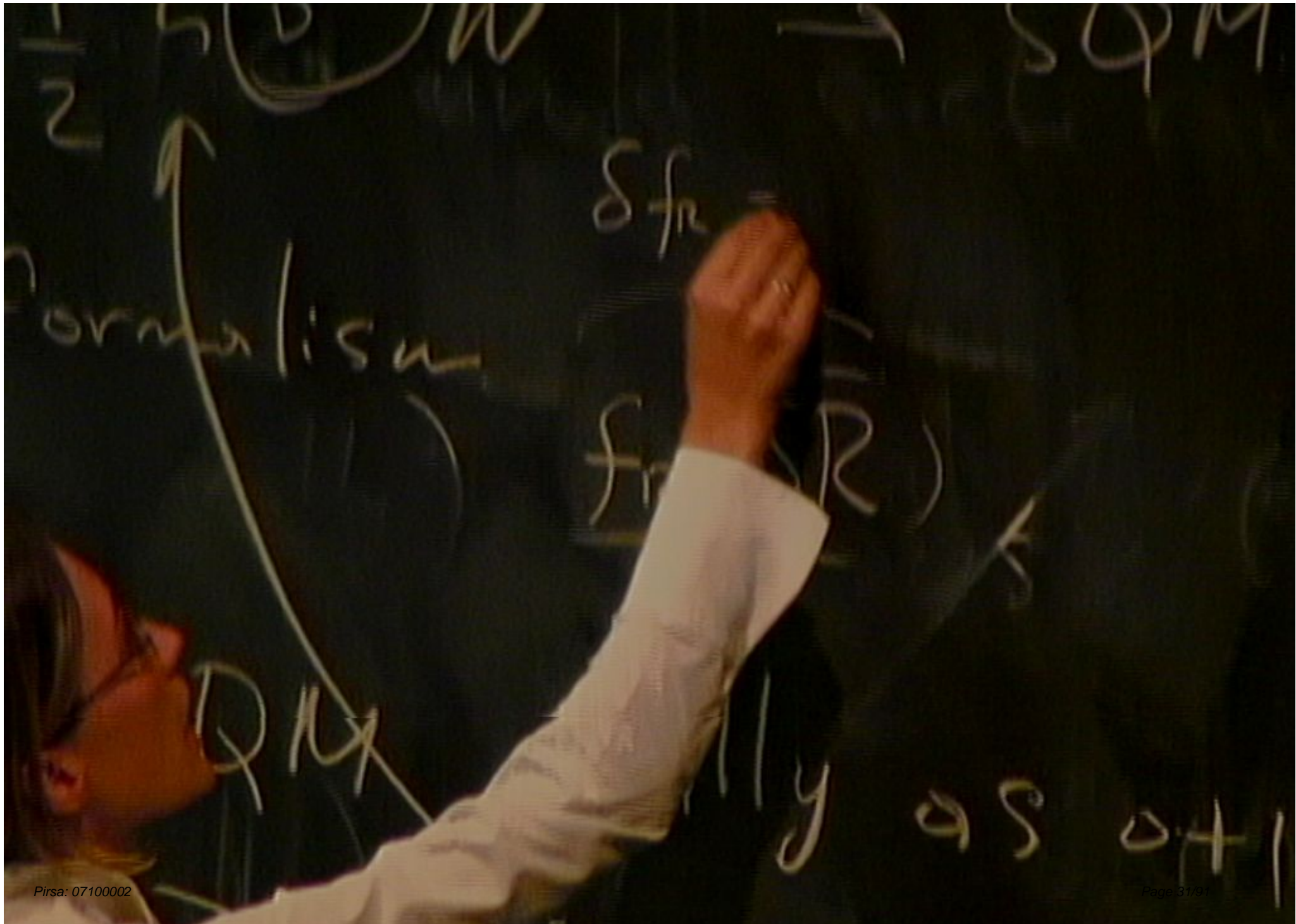
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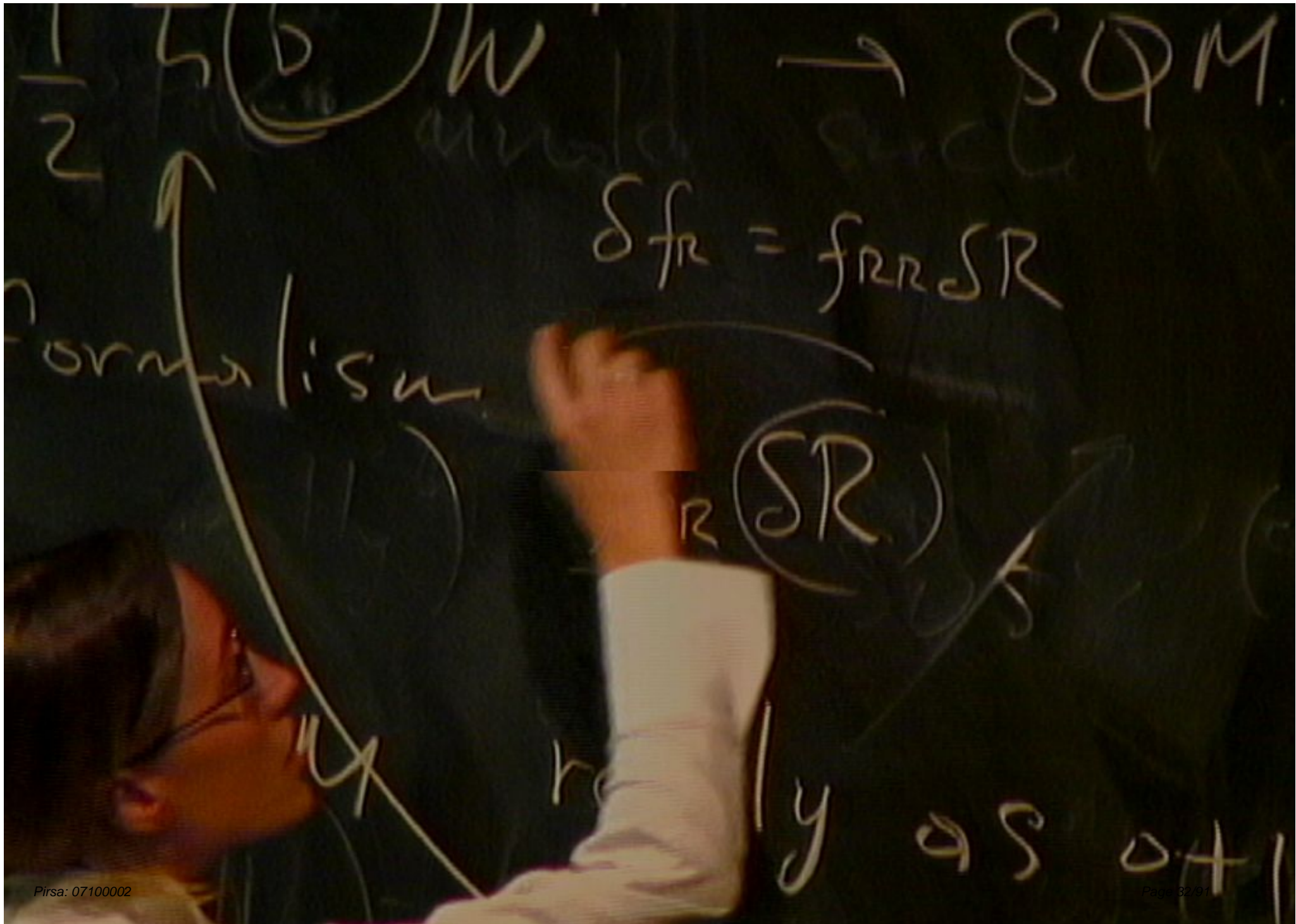
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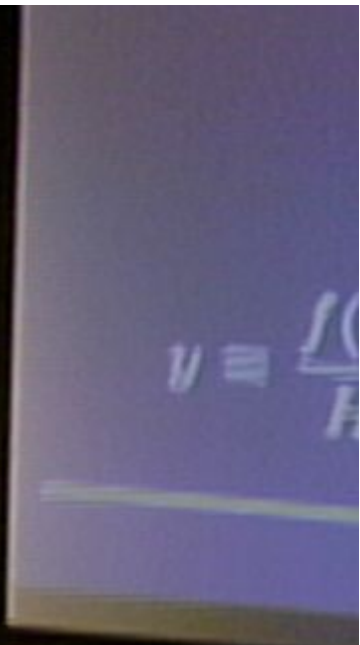
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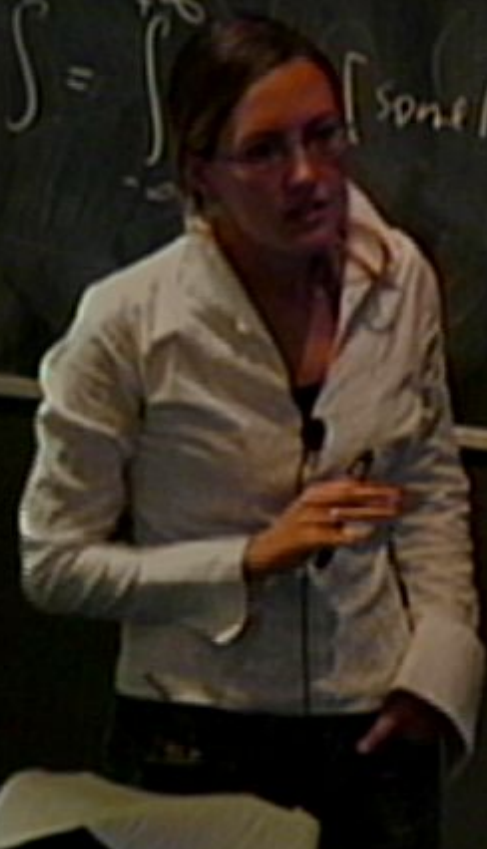
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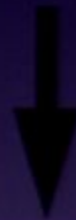
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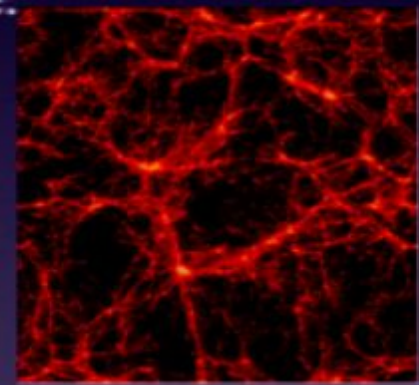
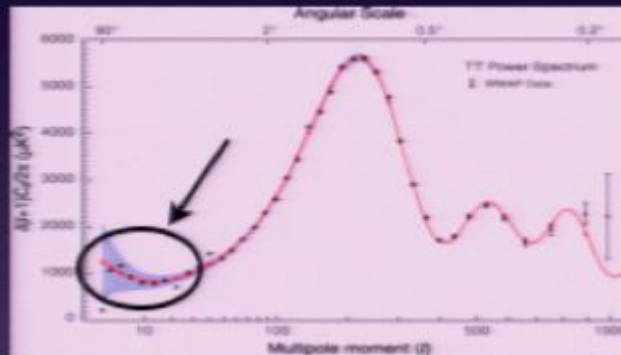
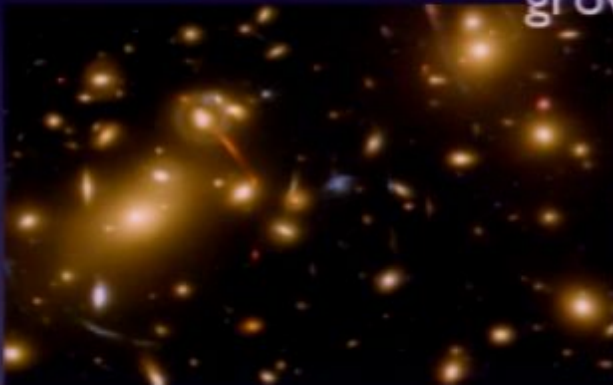


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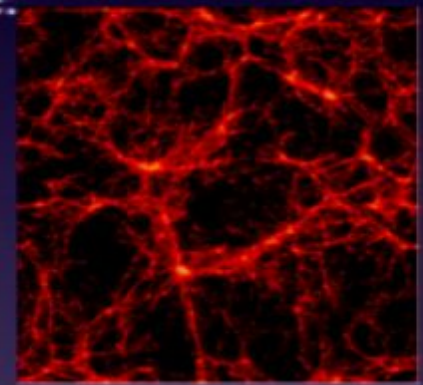
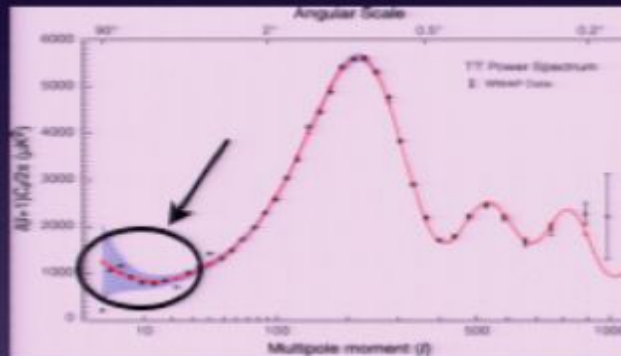


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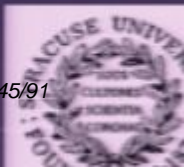
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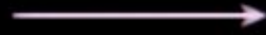
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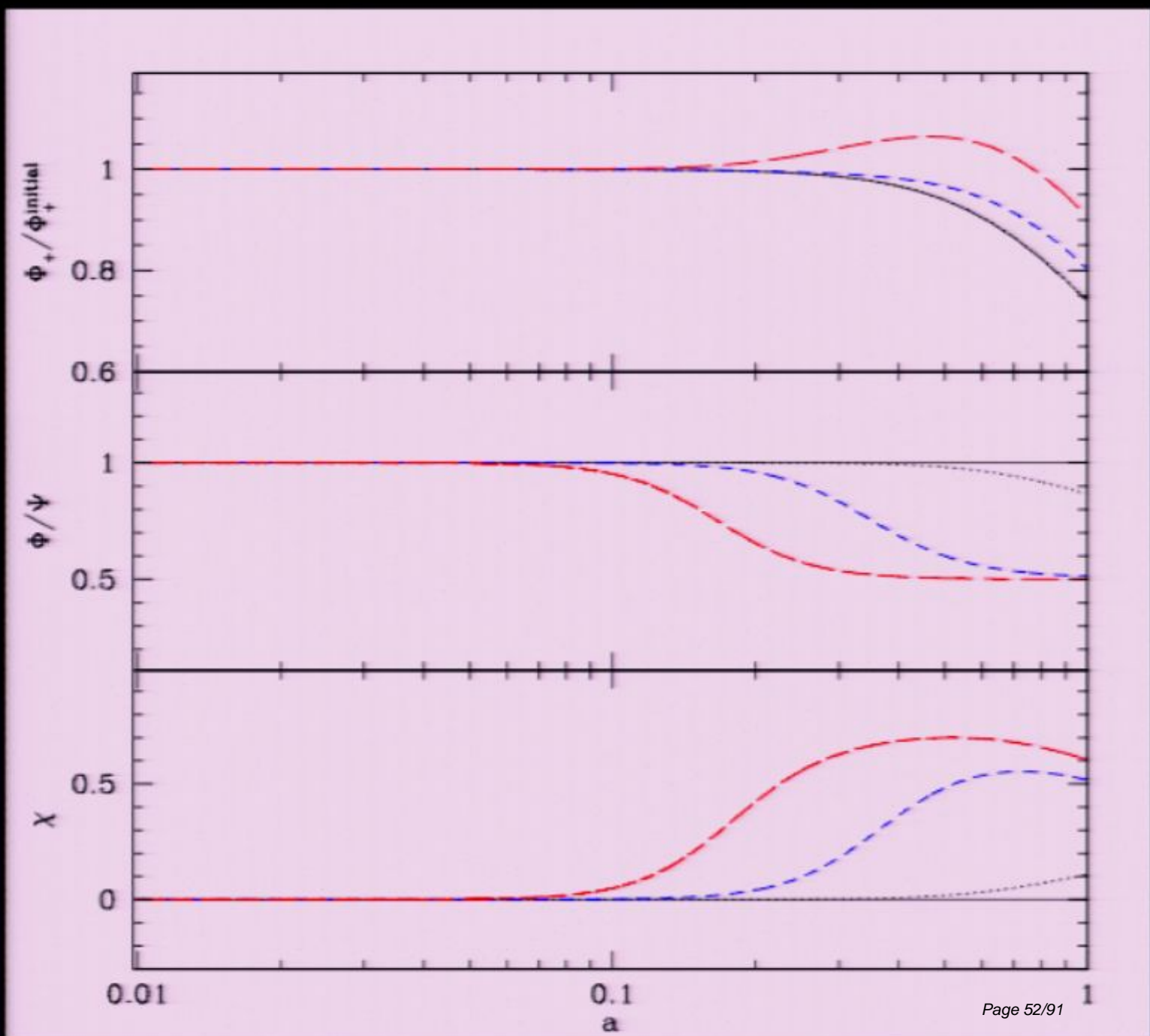
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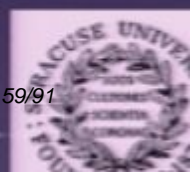
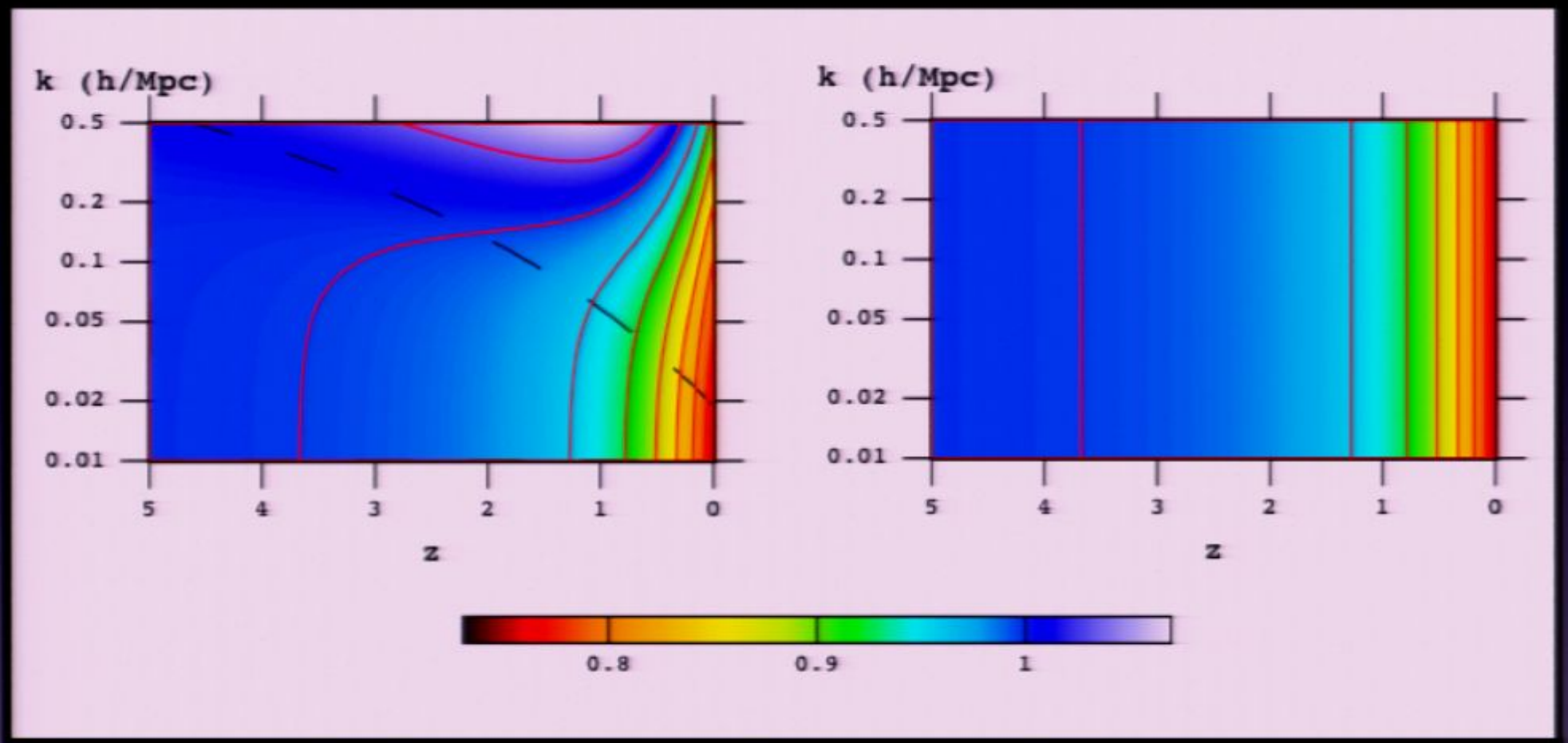


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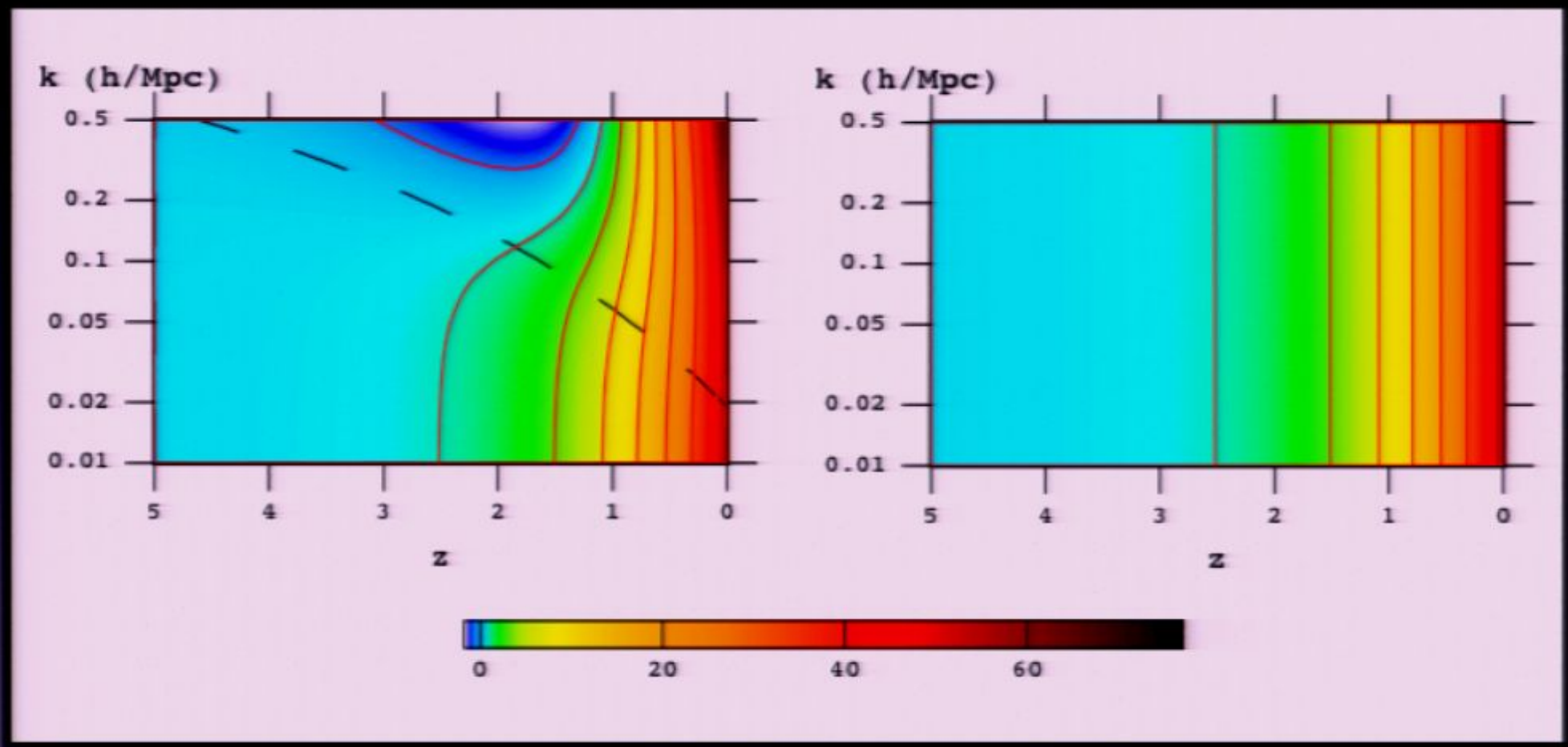
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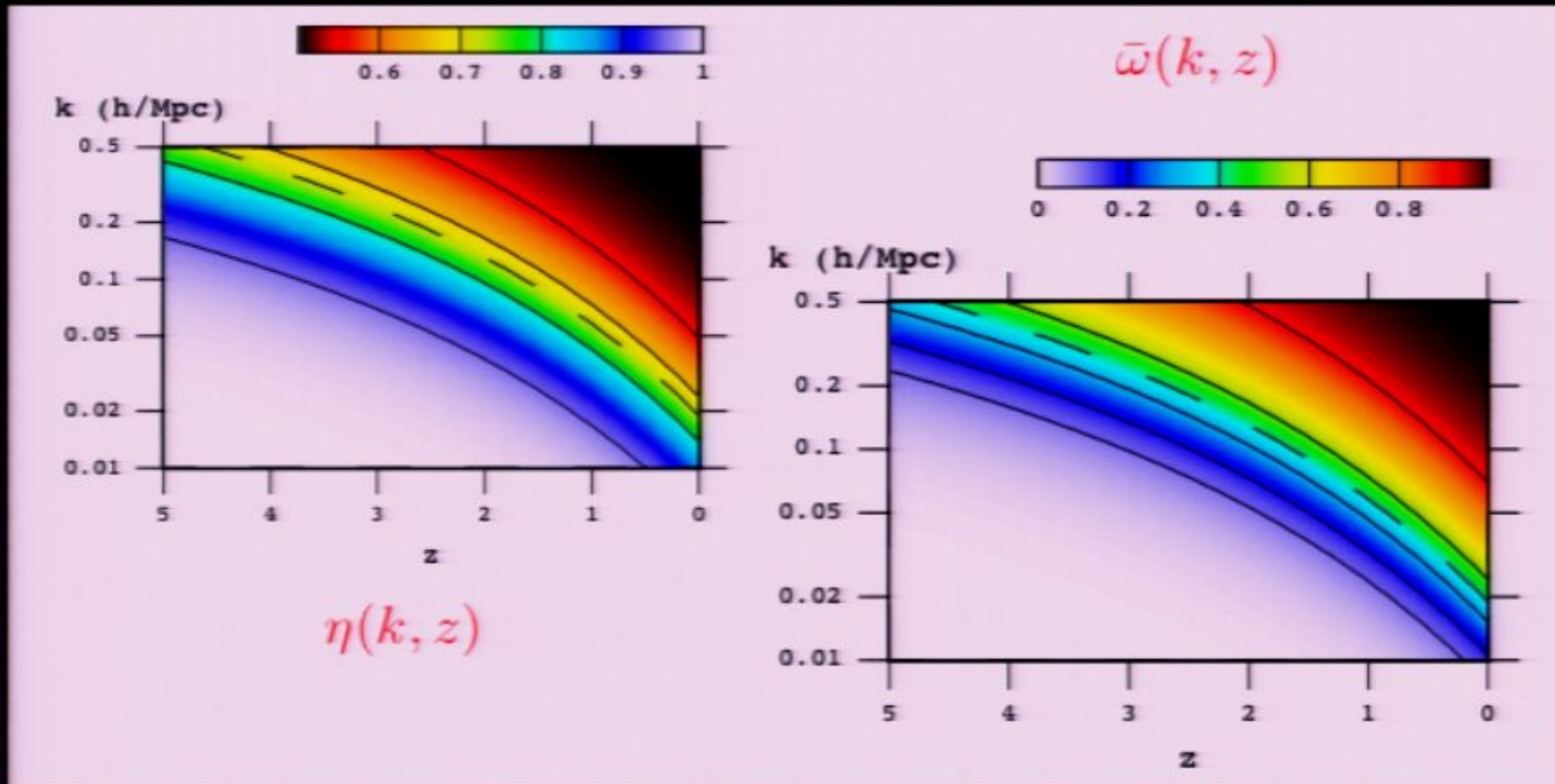
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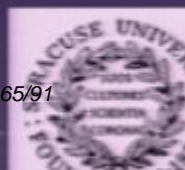
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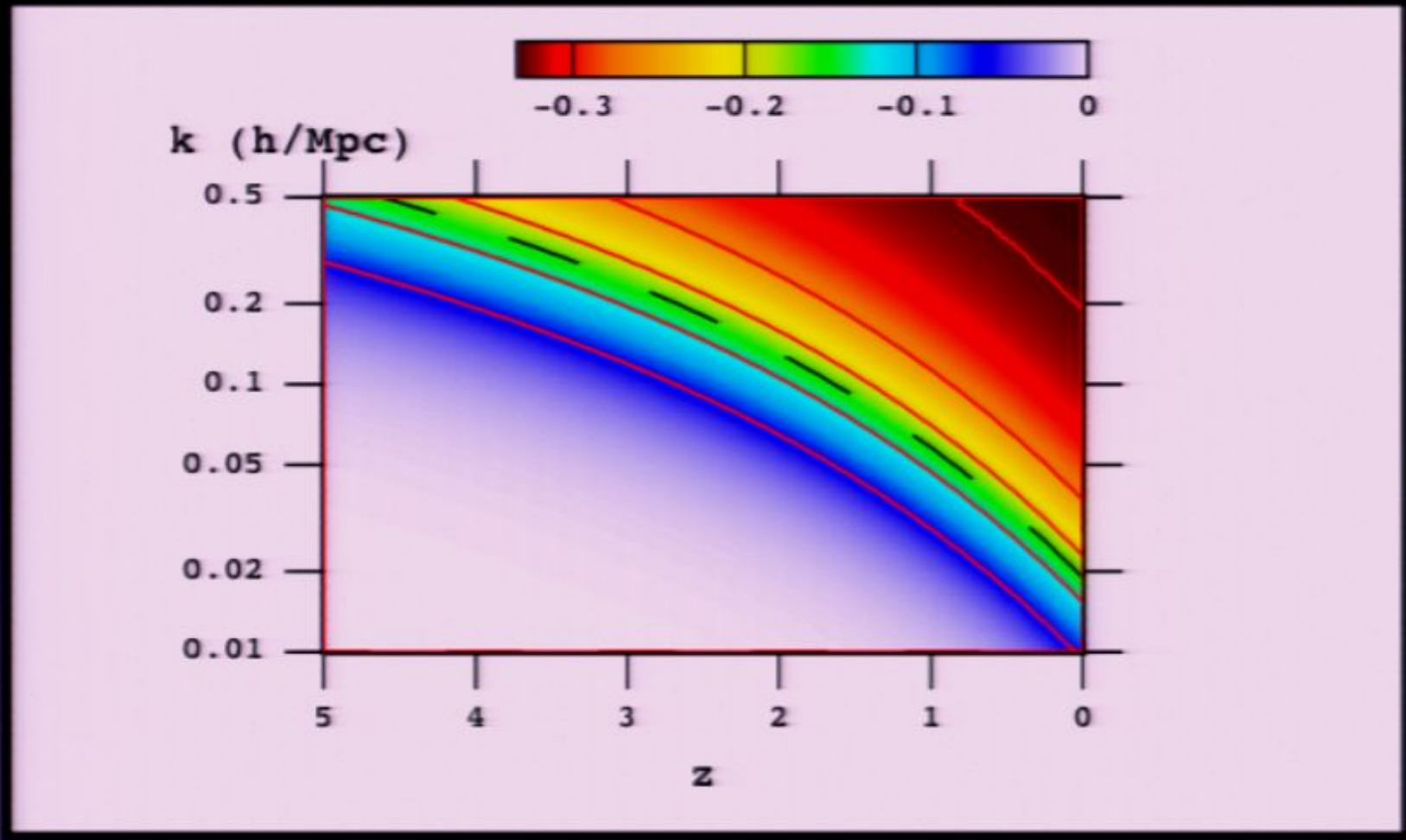
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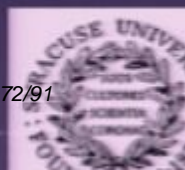


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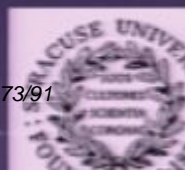
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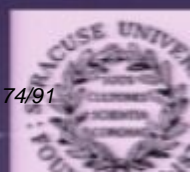
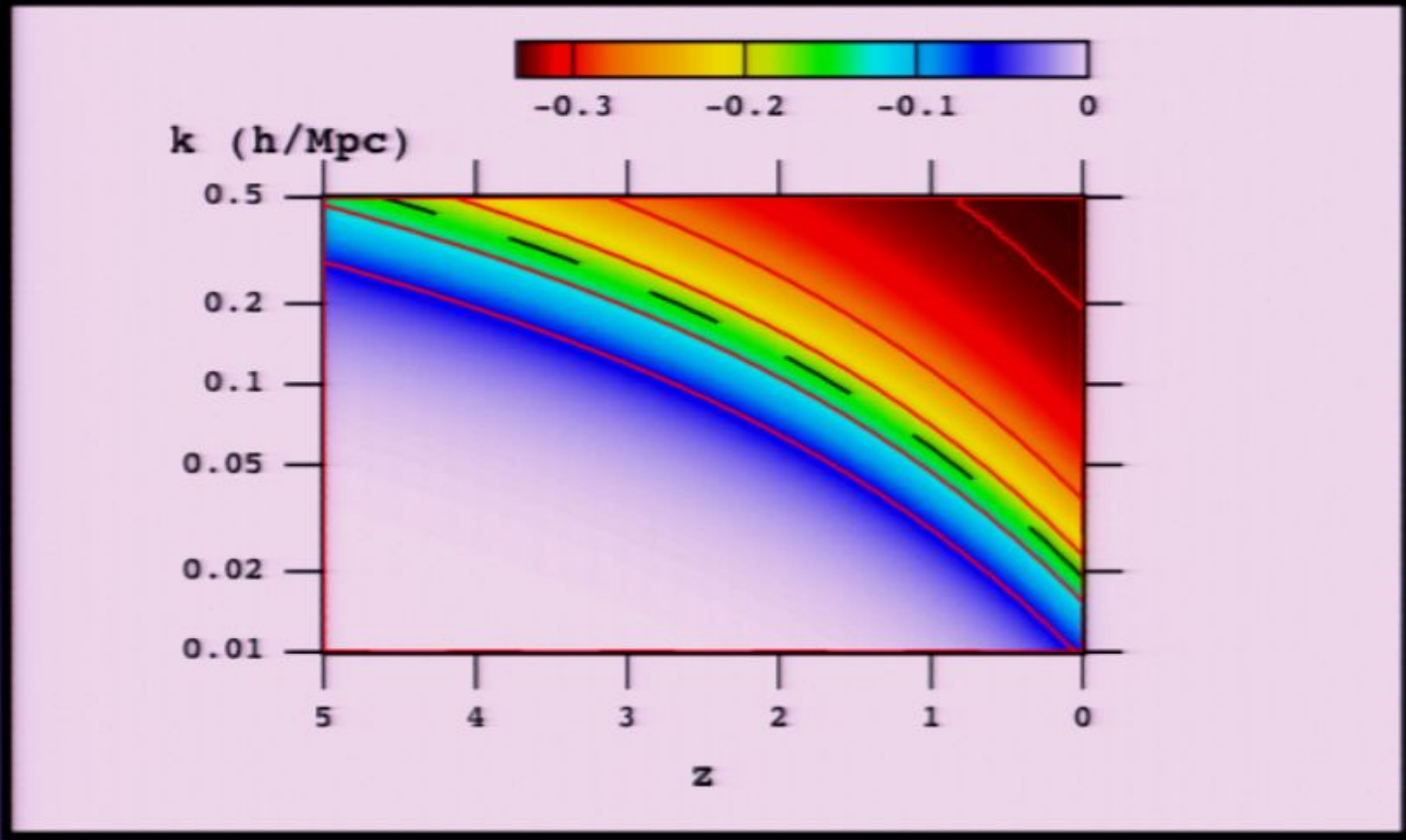
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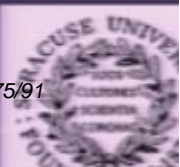


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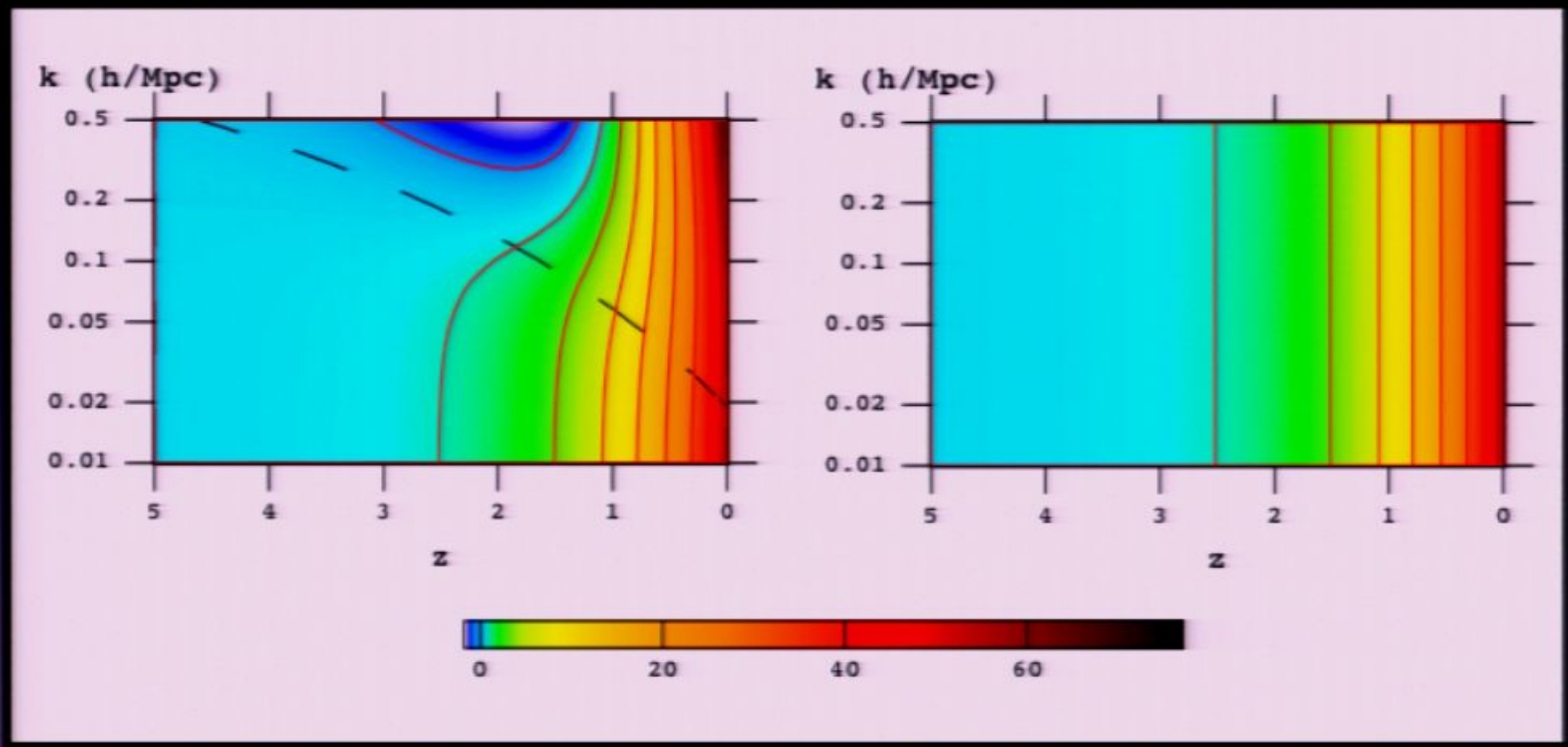
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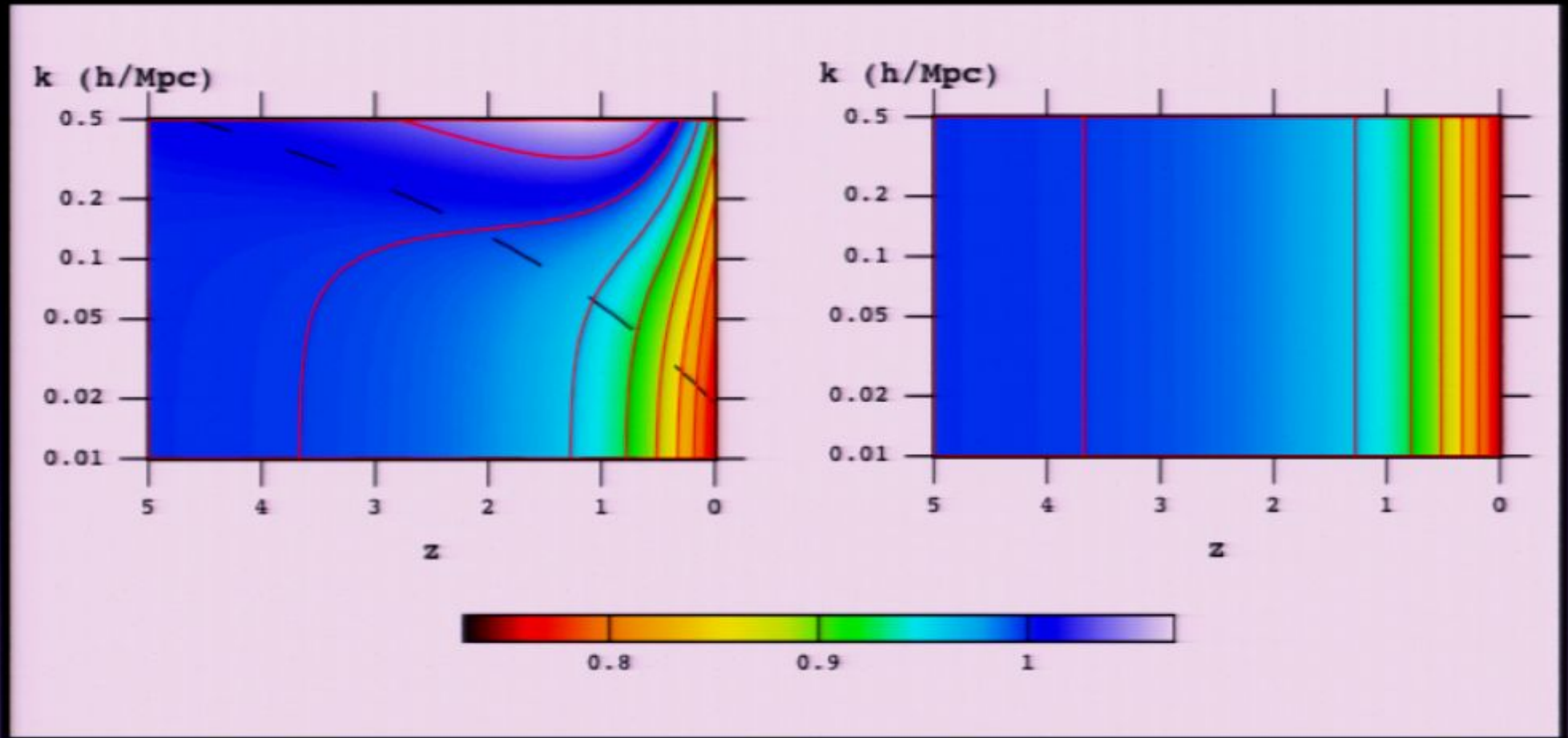


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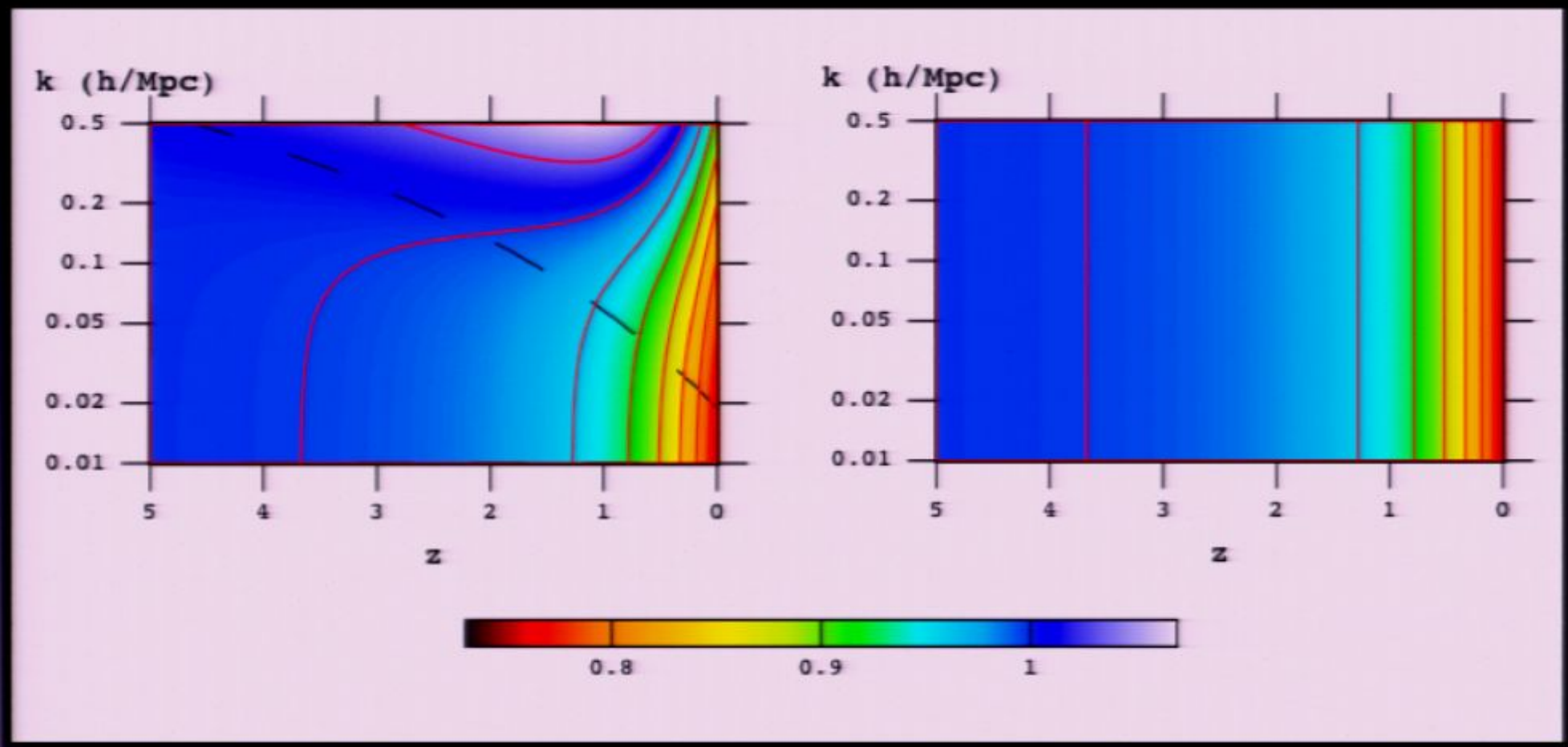


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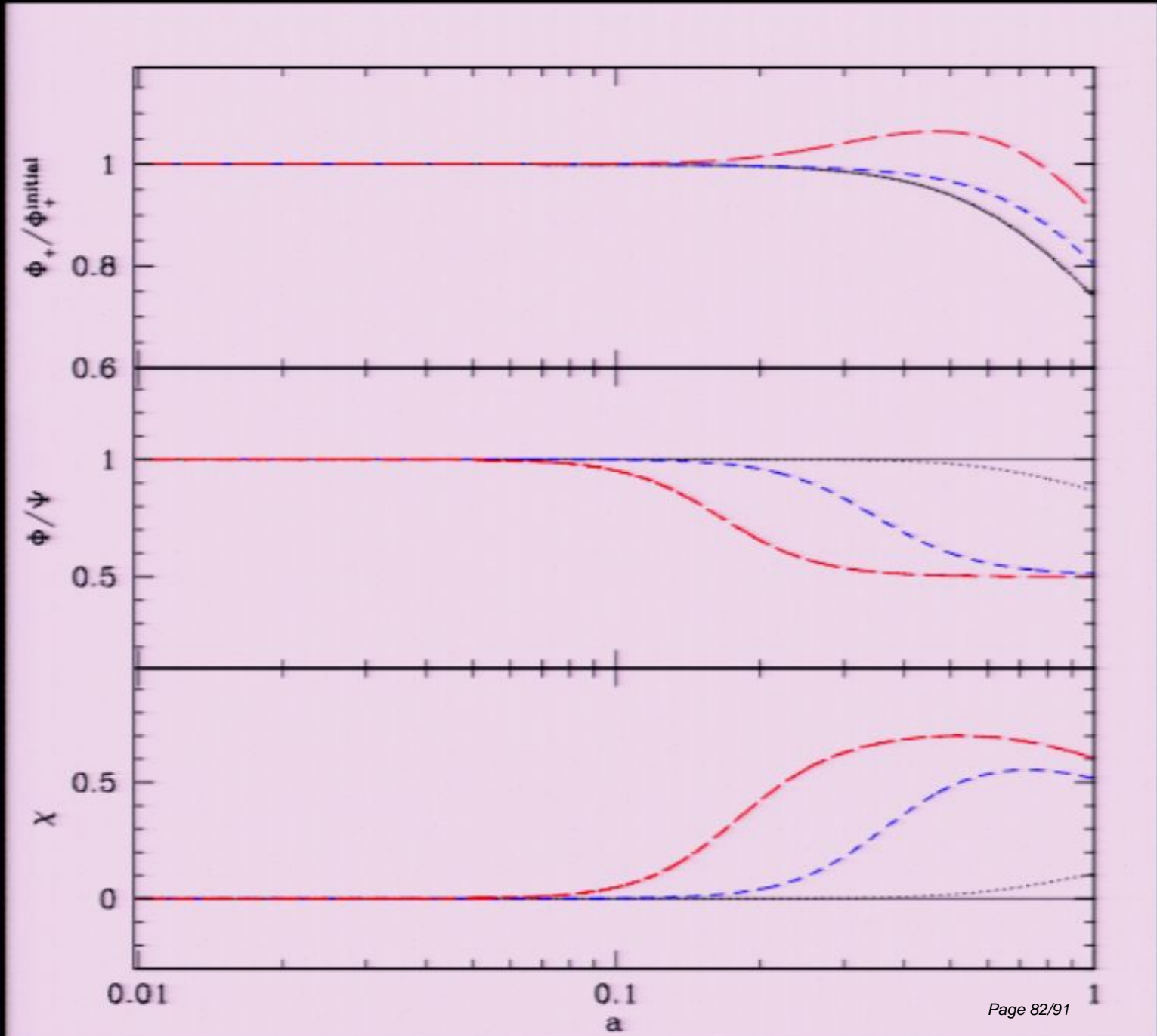
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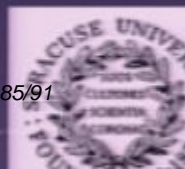
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(Hu and Sawicki astro-ph/0705.1158)



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