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Abstract: Guided by idealized but soluble nonrenormalizable models, a nontraditional proposal for the quantization of covariant scalar field theories is advanced, which achieves a term-by-term, divergence-free perturbation analysis of interacting models expanded about a suitable pseudofree theory [differing from a free theory by an $O(\hbar^2)$ term]. This procedure not only provides acceptable solutions for models for which no acceptable solution currently exists, e.g., φ^4_n , for spacetime dimension $n \geq 4$, but offers a new, divergence-free solution, for less-singular models as well, e.g., φ^4_n , for $n=2,3$.

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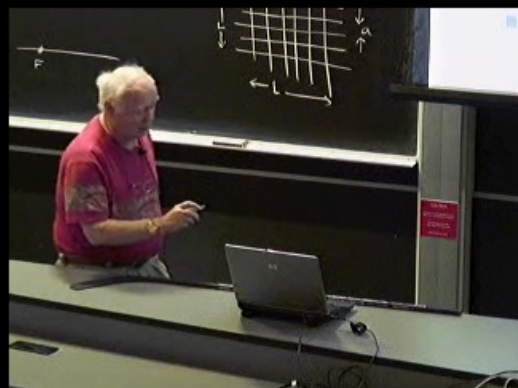
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ACT 1: What and How

- Seek “faithful quantization” of interacting scalar fields for all spacetime dimensions
- Solve high dimension models first and then extend to lower dimensions
- Use soluble models as principal guide

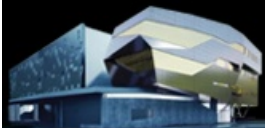


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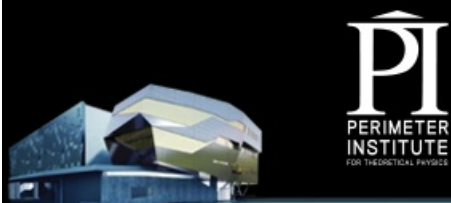
- Pseudofree model can become more important than the usual free model
- Perturbation analysis must take place about the pseudofree model
- To determine the pseudofree model, we may need a new physical principle
- A good physical principle applies to many models





Outline of Talk

- Covariant nonrenormalizable models involve a hard-core interaction
- Solve a nonrenormalizable model
- Discover the main physical principle
- Apply this principle to covariant nonrenormalizable models
- Extend principle to covariant renormalizable models



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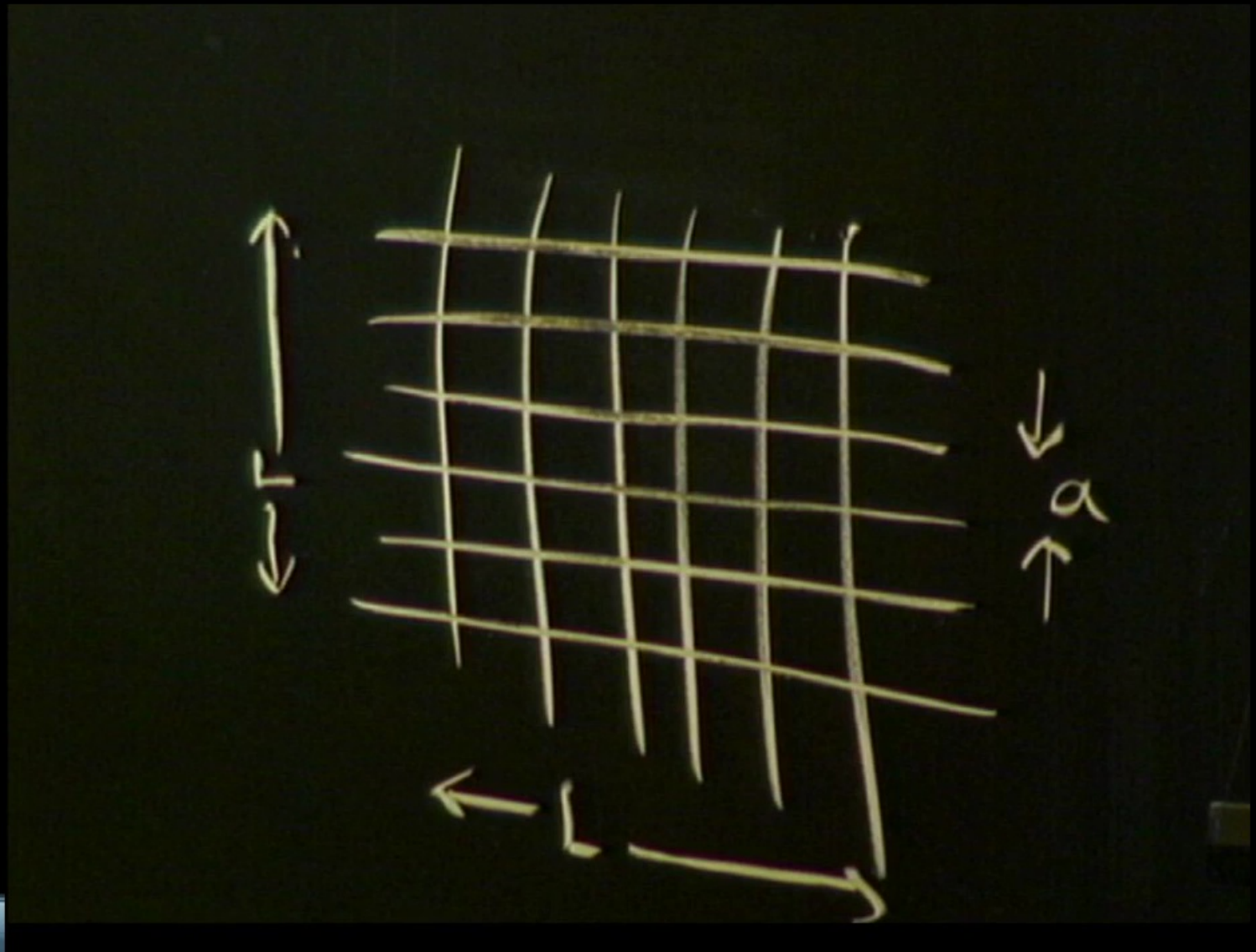
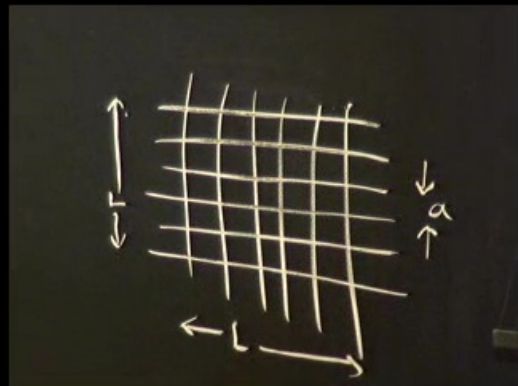
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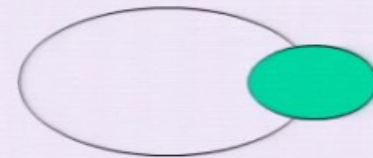
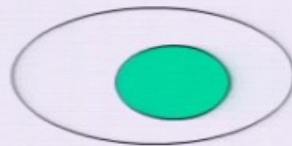
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Strategy for Divergences

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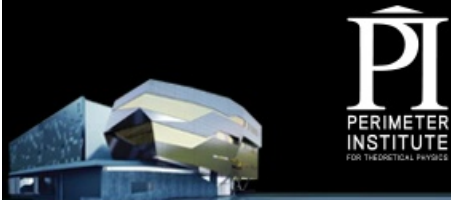
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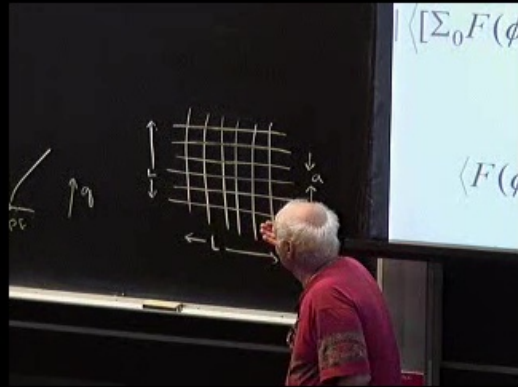
Pro-active : Remove the source

Each approach may involve different counter terms

(*E.g.*, Homes located in a flood plain)

May need to guess how to remove the source





Bounds on Lattice Averages

$$\langle [\Sigma_0 F(\phi, a)]^p \rangle \equiv M \int [\Sigma_0 F(\phi, a)]^p e^{-I/\hbar} \prod_k d\phi_k$$

$$\langle [\Sigma_0 F(\phi, a)]^p \rangle = \tilde{\Sigma}_0 a^p \langle F(\phi_1, a) \cdots F(\phi_p, a) \rangle$$

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$$\langle F(\phi, a)^p \rangle = \int F(\phi, a)^p \Psi(\phi)^2 \prod_k d\phi_k$$



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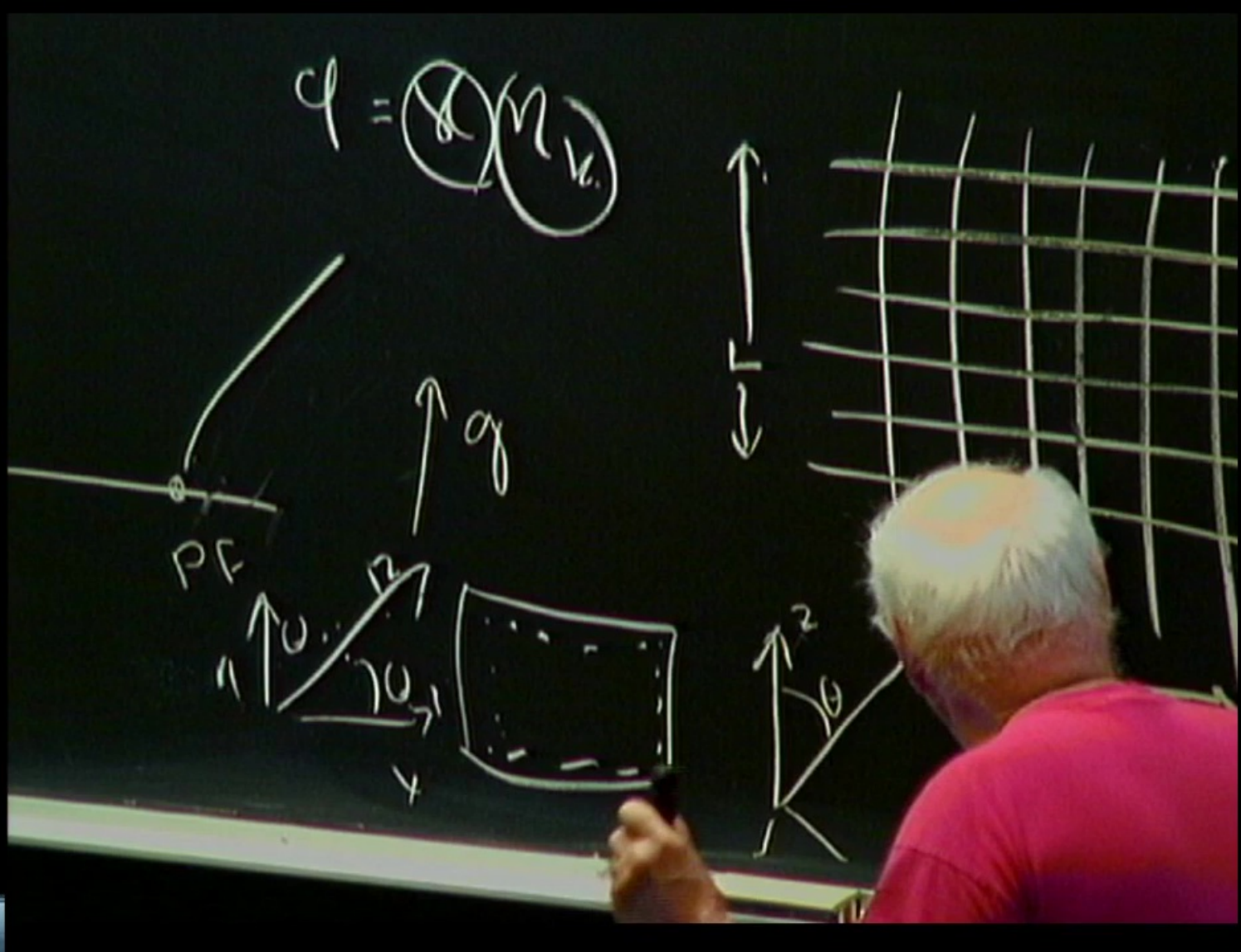
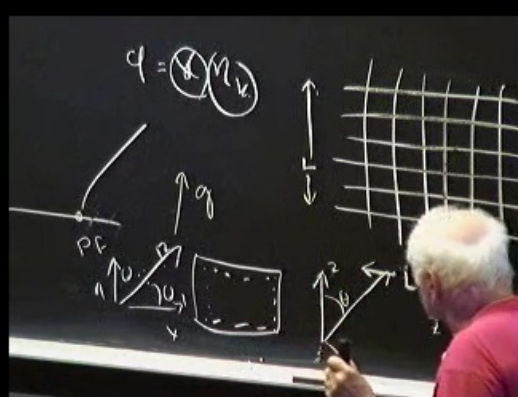
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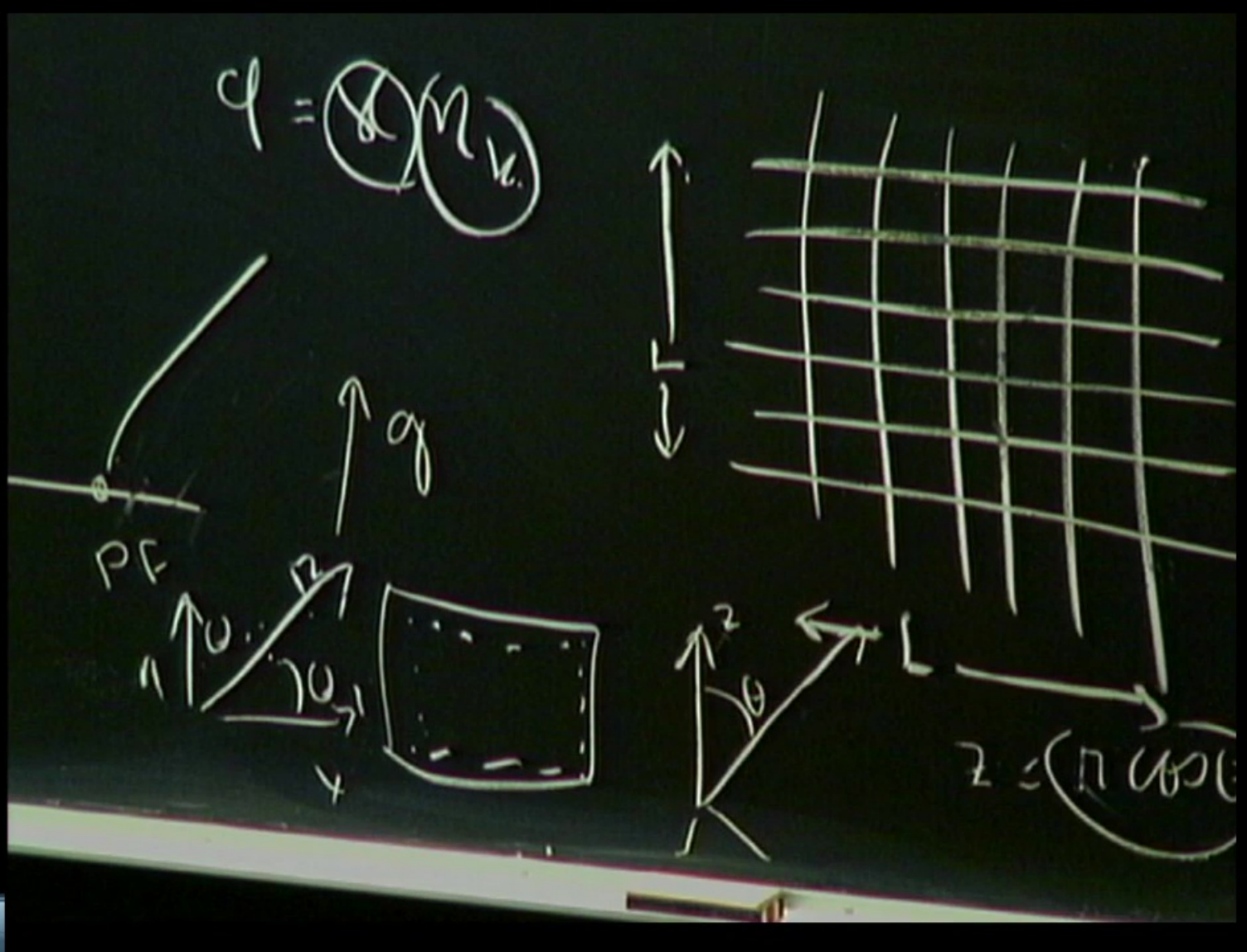
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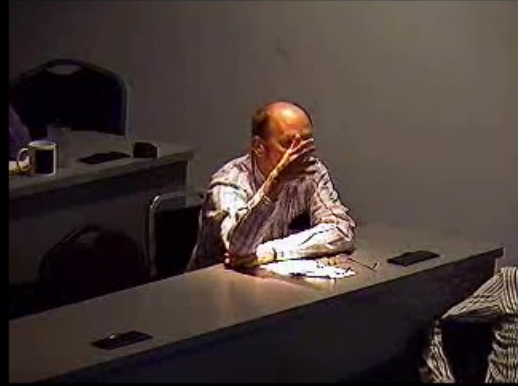
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$$\rightarrow \exp \left\{ \frac{1}{2} b \int d^s x \int [e^{h(x)\phi} - 1] e^{-bm\phi^2} d\phi / |\phi| \right\} \quad (P)$$









Ultralocal Scalar Models (5)

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$$\phi_k = \kappa \eta_k \quad ; \quad \kappa^2 = \sum_k \phi_k^2 \quad ; \quad 1 = \sum_k \eta_k^2$$

Ultralocal symmetry dictates proper form



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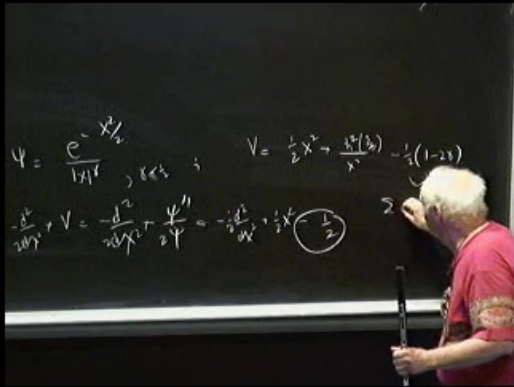
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$$\psi = \frac{e^{-x/2}}{|x|^\alpha}, \quad x < \frac{1}{2}; \quad V = \frac{1}{2}x^2 + \frac{12(\frac{3}{2})}{x^2} - \frac{1}{2}(1-2x)$$

$$\frac{-\hbar^2}{2m} \psi'' + V\psi = -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \psi'' + \frac{1}{2}x^2 \psi - \frac{1}{2} \psi$$



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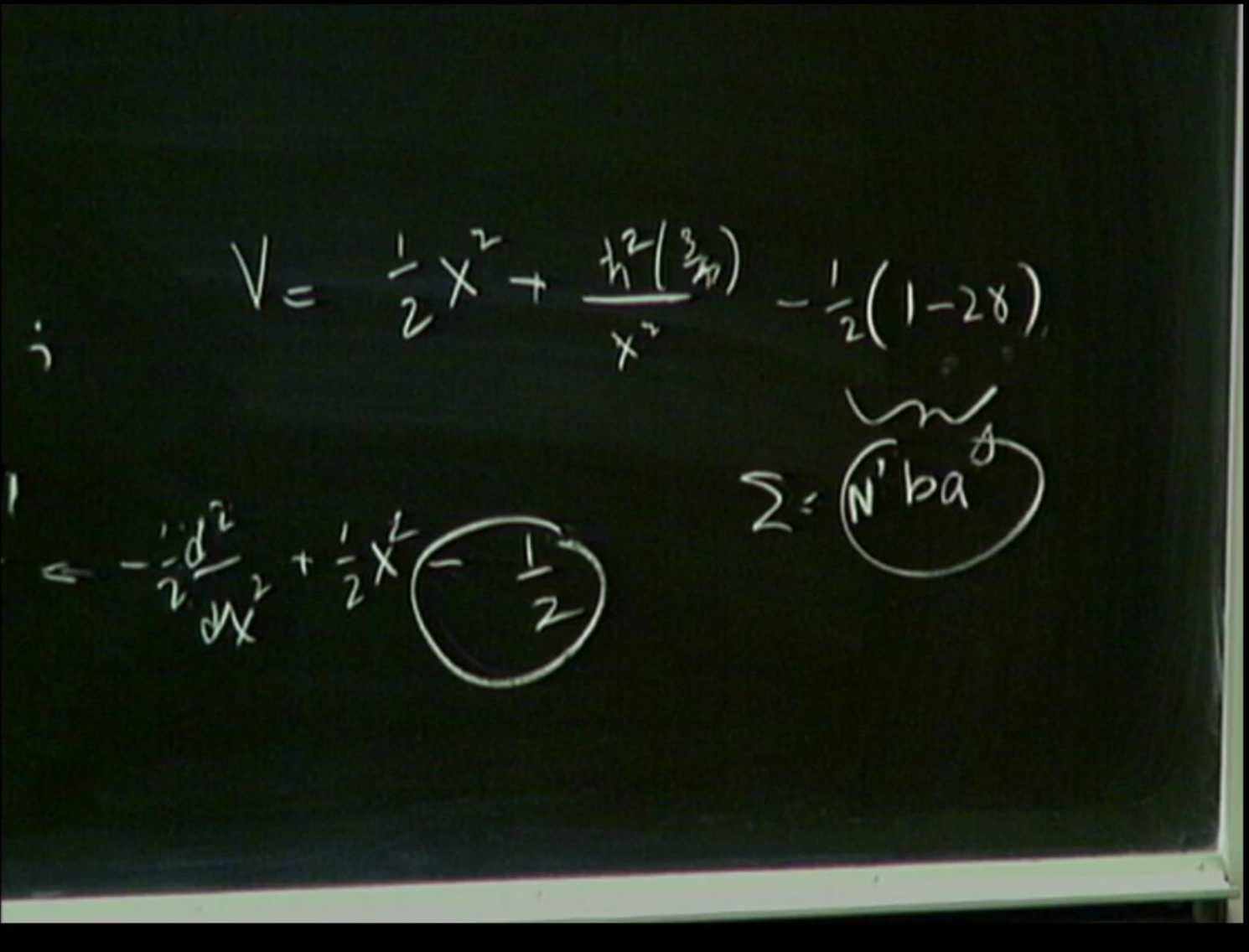
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A Simple Remark: Cov 1

For one variable ($I = [-1, 1]$)

$$\int_I \frac{d\phi}{[\phi^2]^{1/2}} = \infty$$

For several variables ($p > 1$)

$$\int_{I^p} \frac{d^p \phi}{[\phi_1^2 + \dots + \phi_p^2]^{1/2}} < \infty$$

Covariant models connect neighboring points.

Use that fact to eliminate divergence at $\phi_k = 0$.



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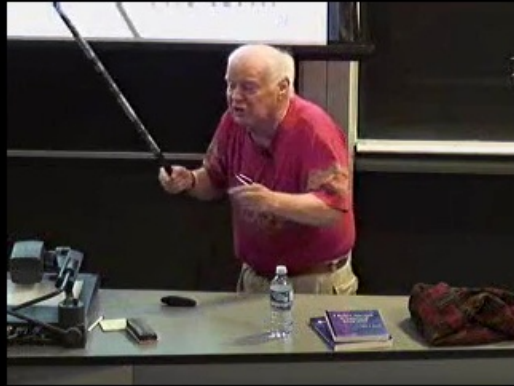
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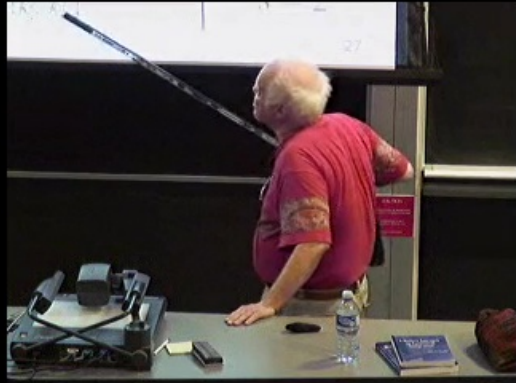
Proposed Lattice Action: Cov 3

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$$\mathbf{F}_k = a^{-2s} \mathbf{D}^{-1} \mathbf{D}_{,kk} \quad , \quad \mathbf{D} = \Pi'_k [\langle \phi_k^2 \rangle]^{-\gamma}$$

$$\gamma = (1 - ba^s) / 4 \quad , \quad N' = L^s$$

No new parameters; scales as kinetic term



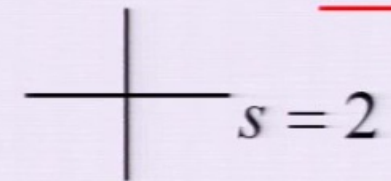
Proposed Lattice Action: Cov 4

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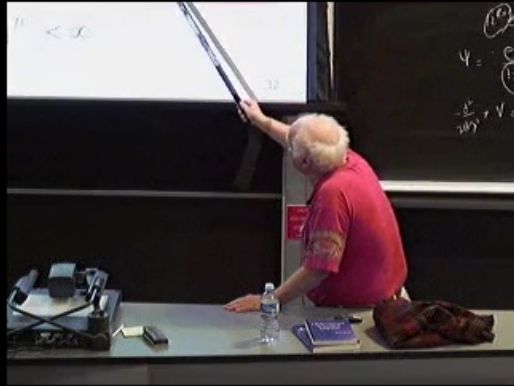
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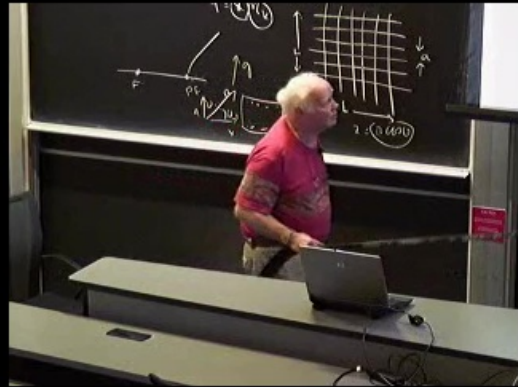
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ACT 4: Commentary - Response to Critics

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- SUSY and SS? Designed to eliminate traditional divergences; not needed
- Effective theory? Maybe; more likely a nonfaithful quantization
- Fermions? Under investigation



Extension to Other Models

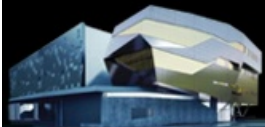
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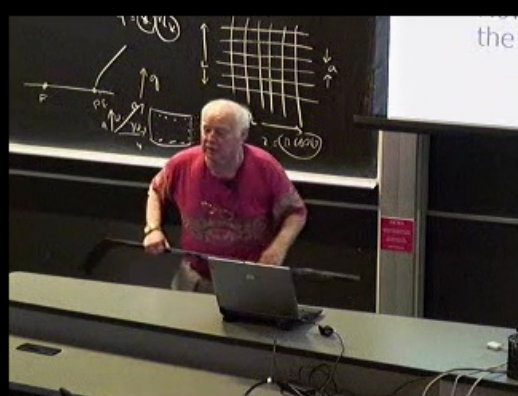
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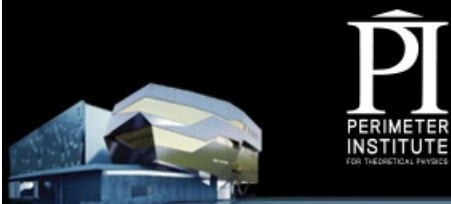
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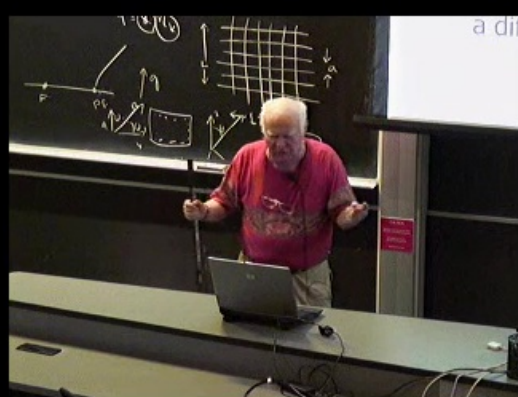




Frequently Asked Questions

- Is it a “different” theory? No, since there are no new terms under field scaling: $\phi \rightarrow S\phi$, $\pi \rightarrow S^{-1}\pi$
- As the quartic coupling goes to zero, why is the result not the free theory? Because the “hard core” remains.
- How does one calculate things? Perhaps the best way is by Monte Carlo studies.





Possible Applications

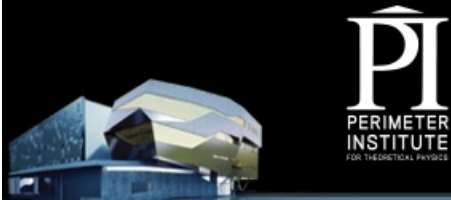
- Applies to any scalar field, e.g.,
 ϕ_n^p ; $n = 2, 3, 4, \dots$; $p = 2, 4, 6, \dots$
- Principle may work for quantum gravity.
Cosmological constant term should be the counter term. May well lead to a different “zero-point” energy.





Summary

- Add a fixed counter term that is \hbar dependent and scales as kinetic term
- Determine parameters by self consistency in continuum limit
- Leads to divergence-free perturbative formalism about pseudofree model which contains the counter term



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