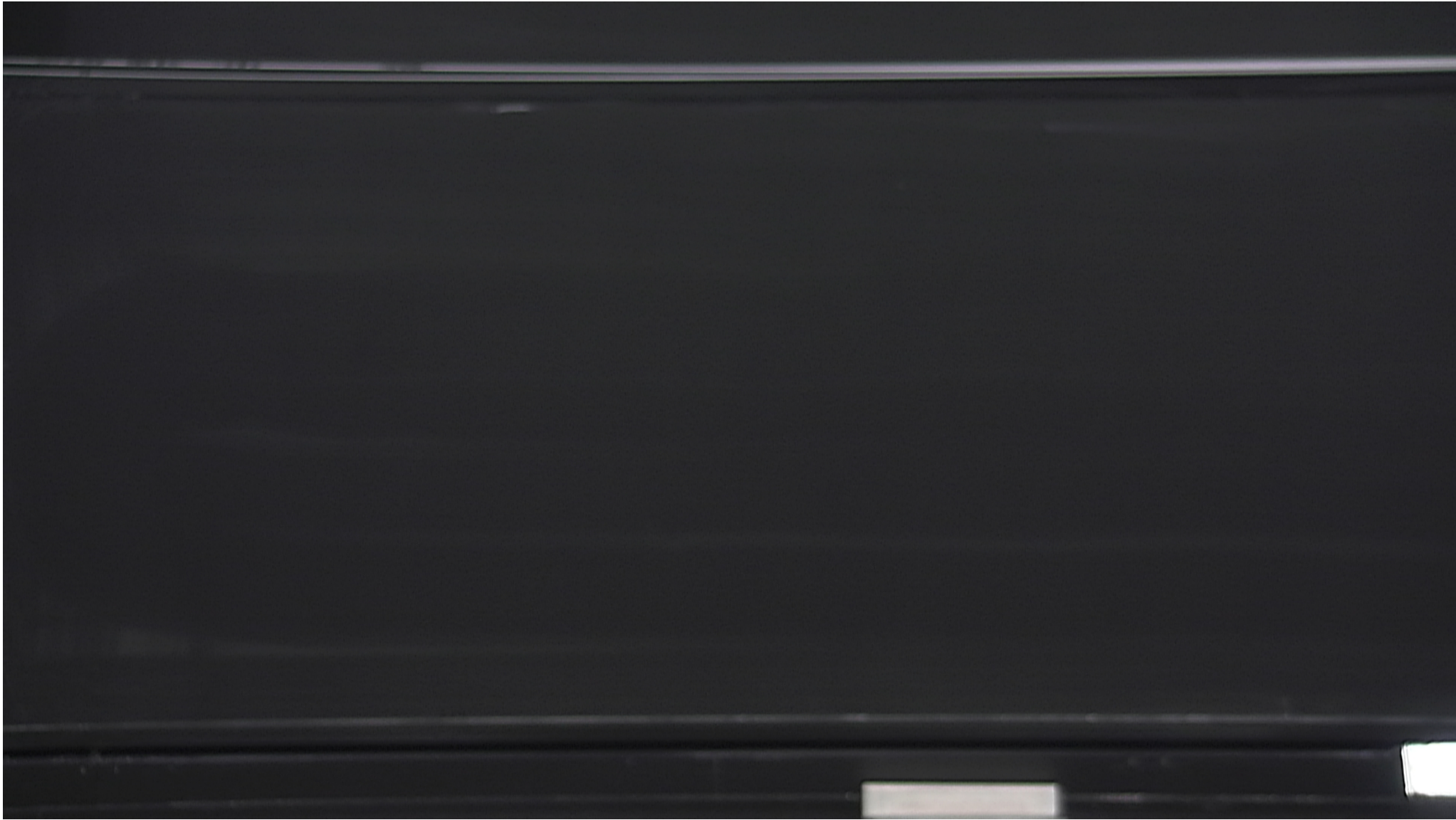


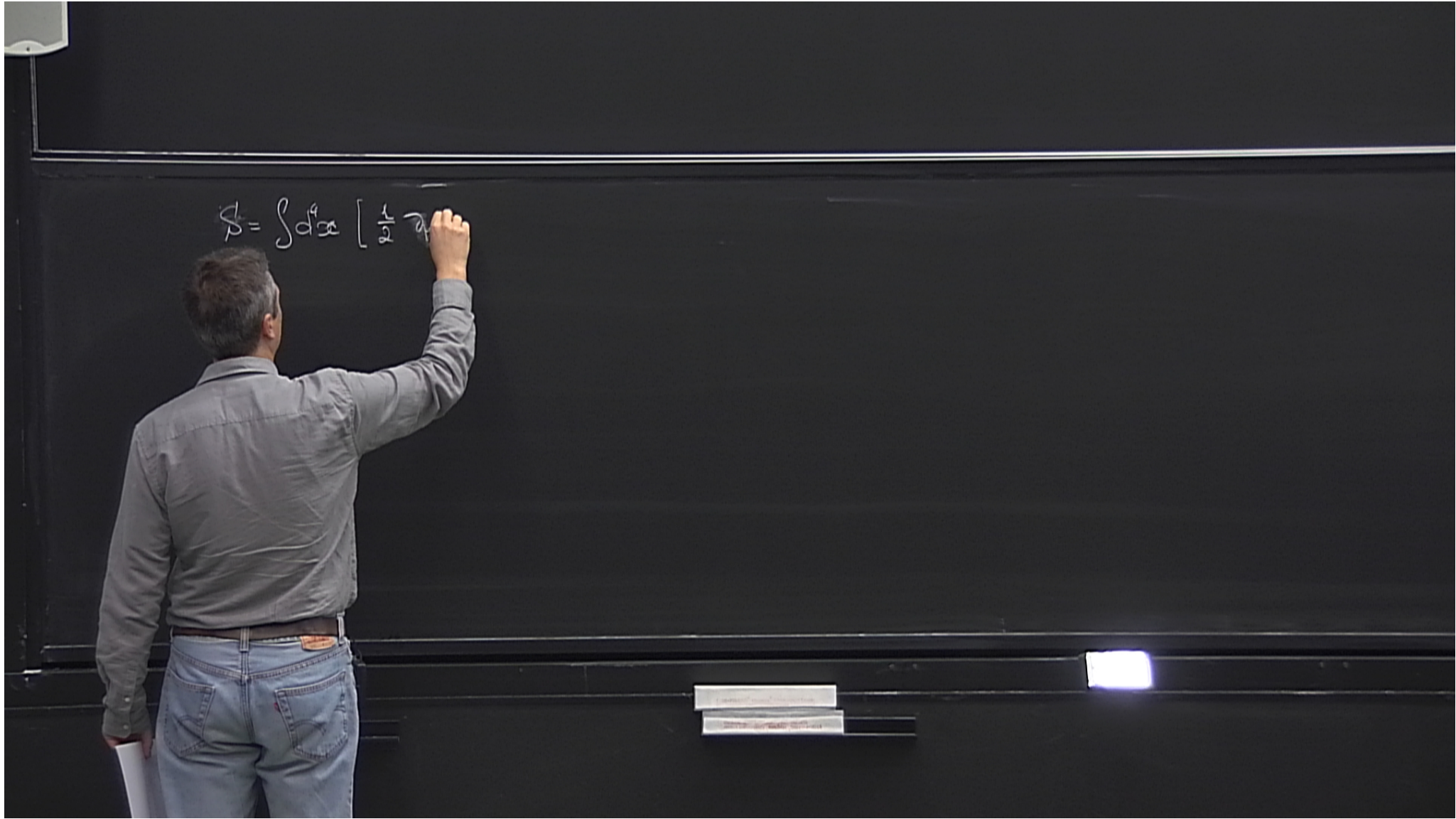
Title: Quantum Field Theory I - Lecture 9

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Abstract:





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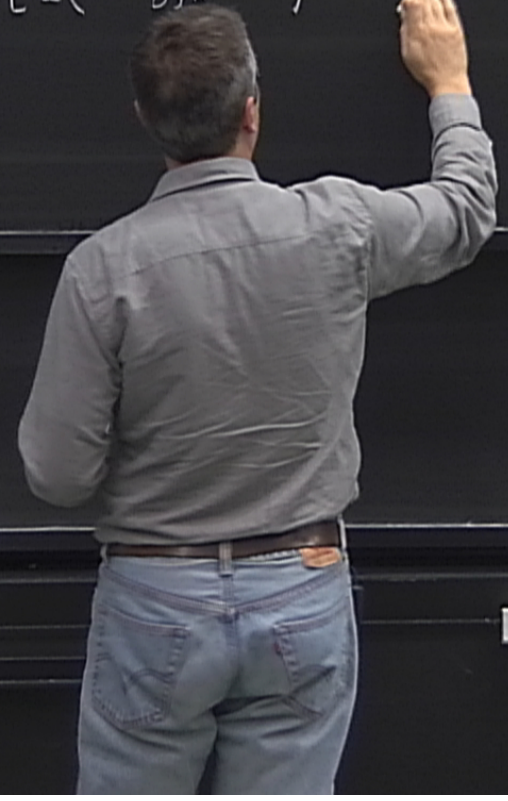
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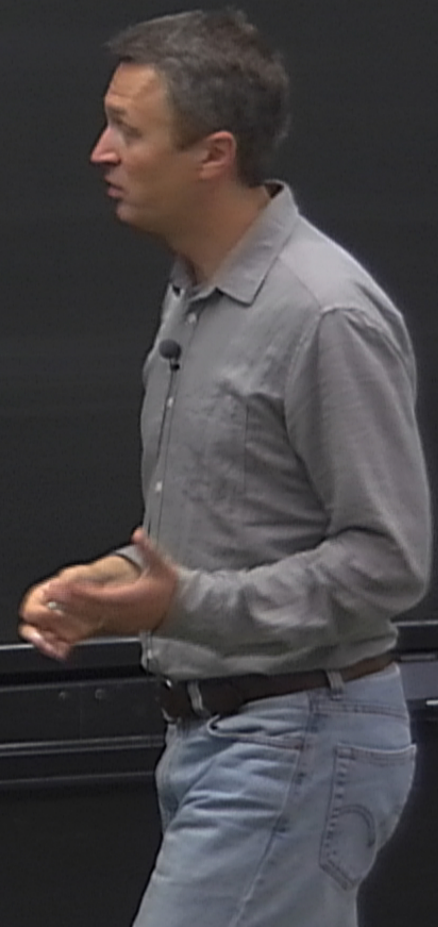
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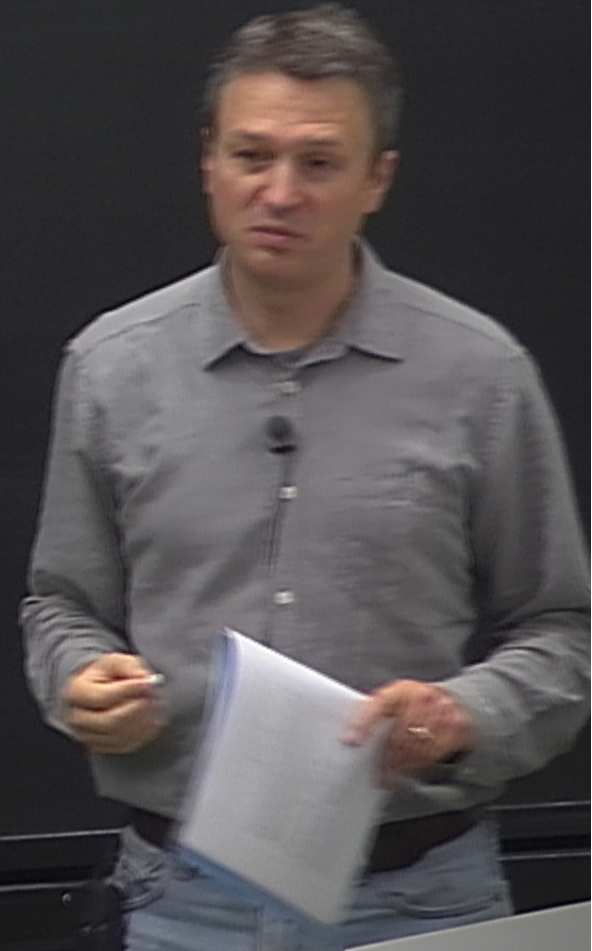
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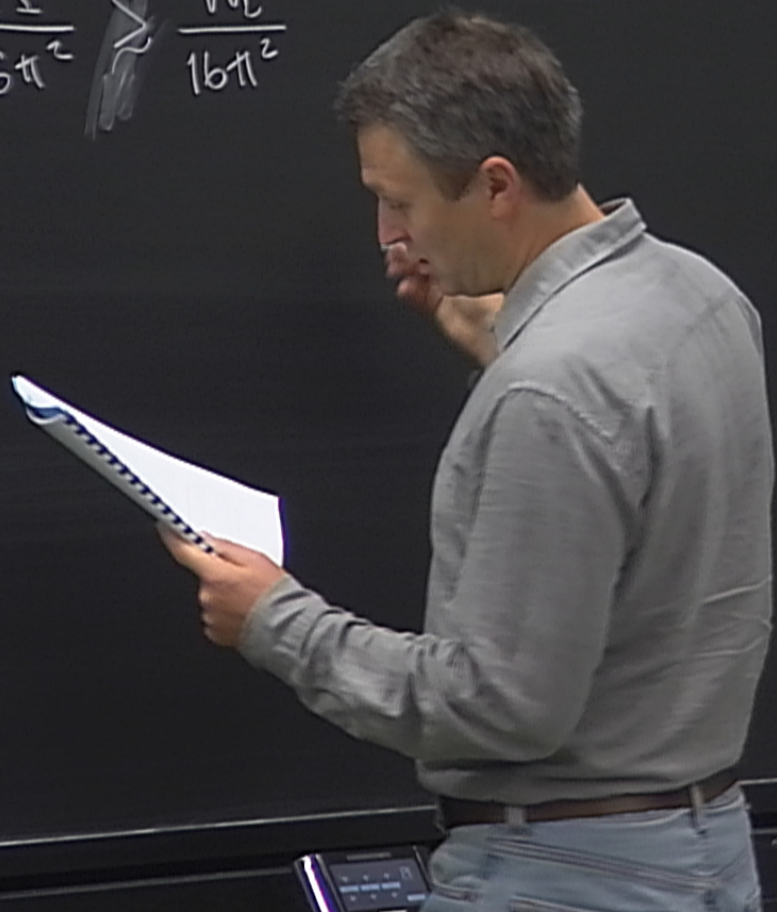
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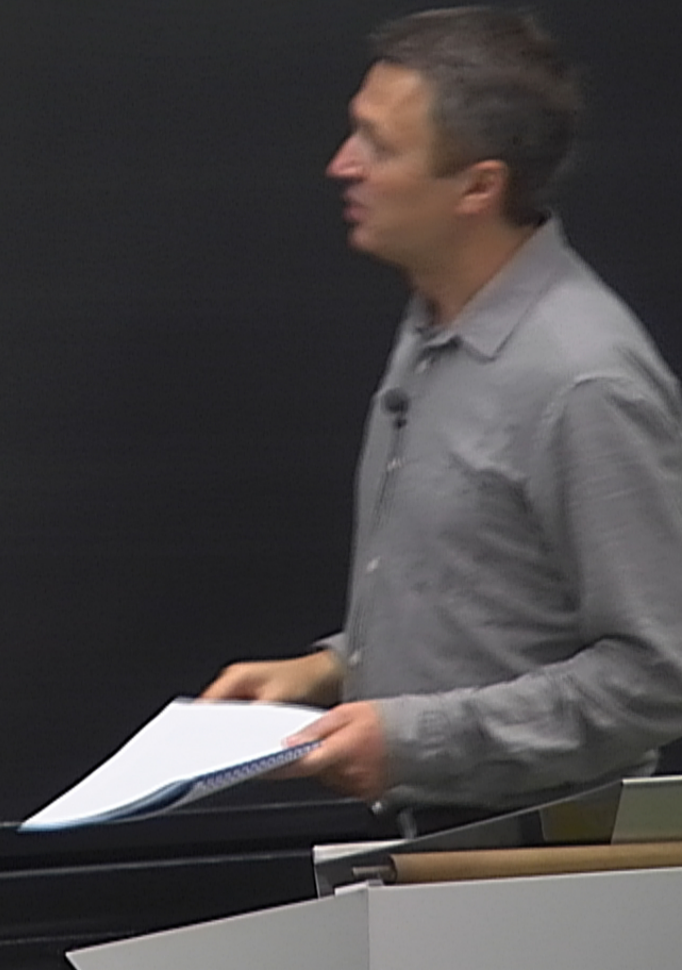
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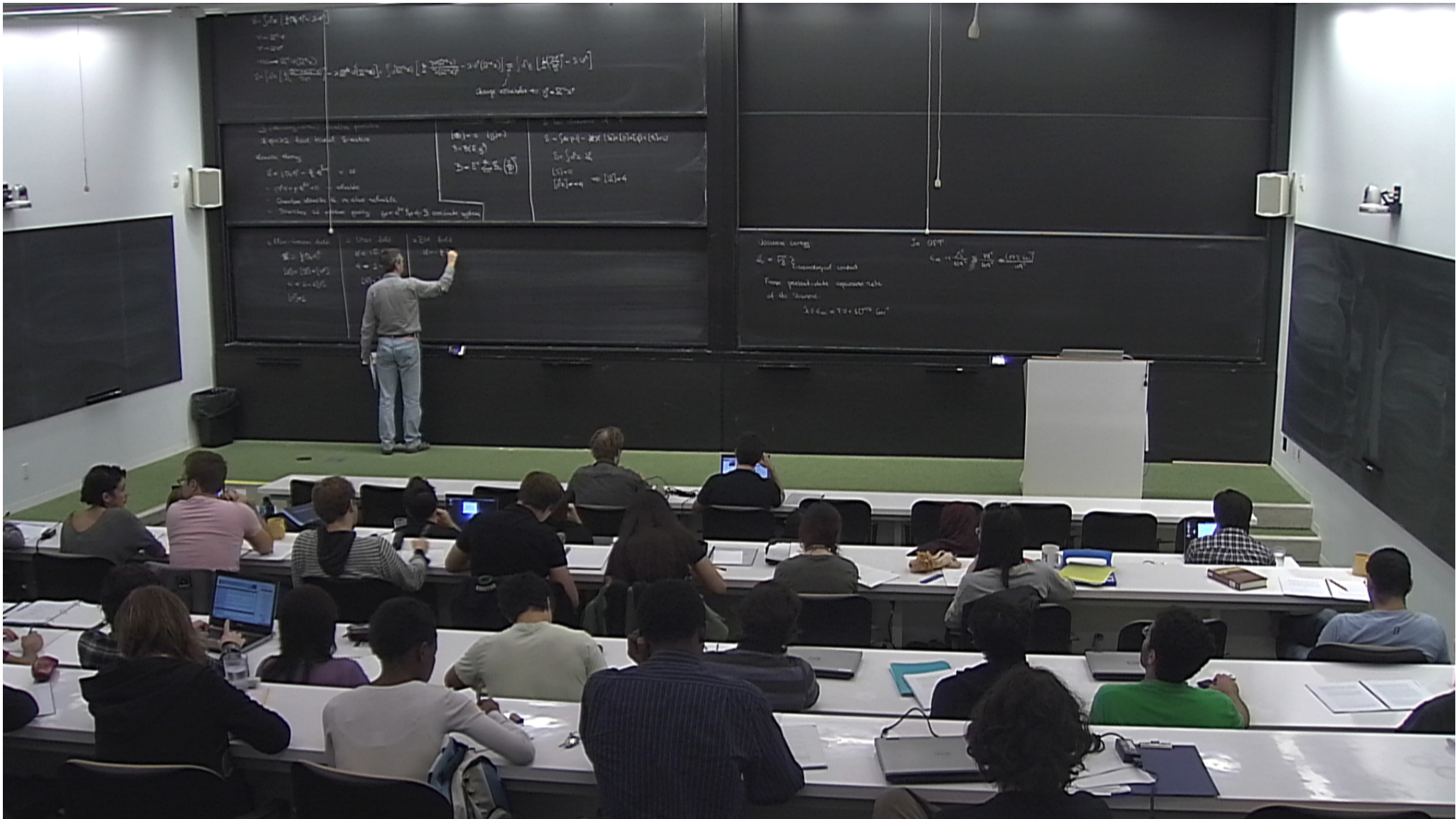
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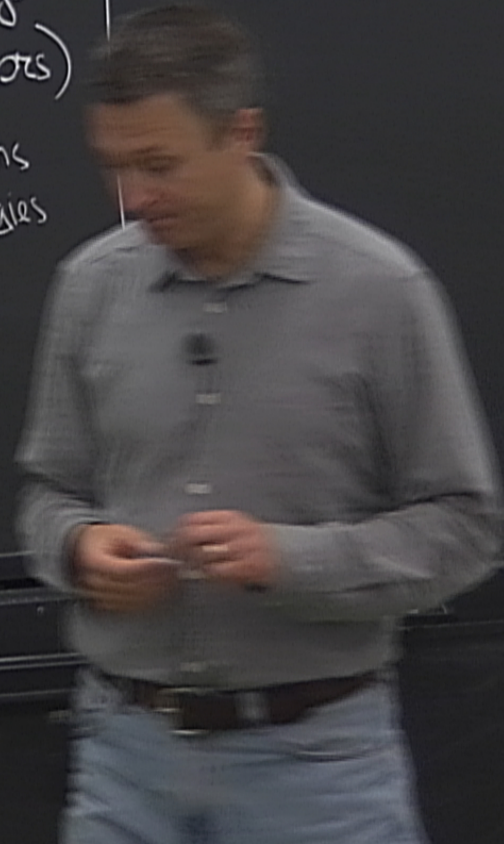
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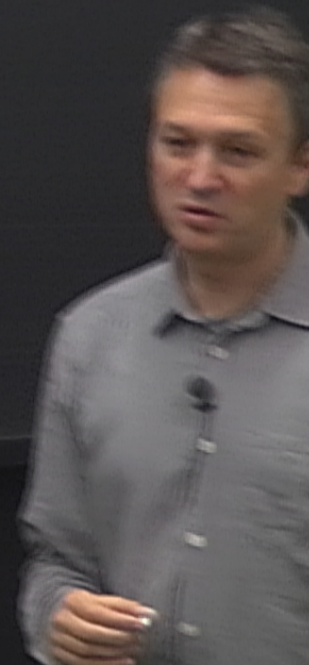
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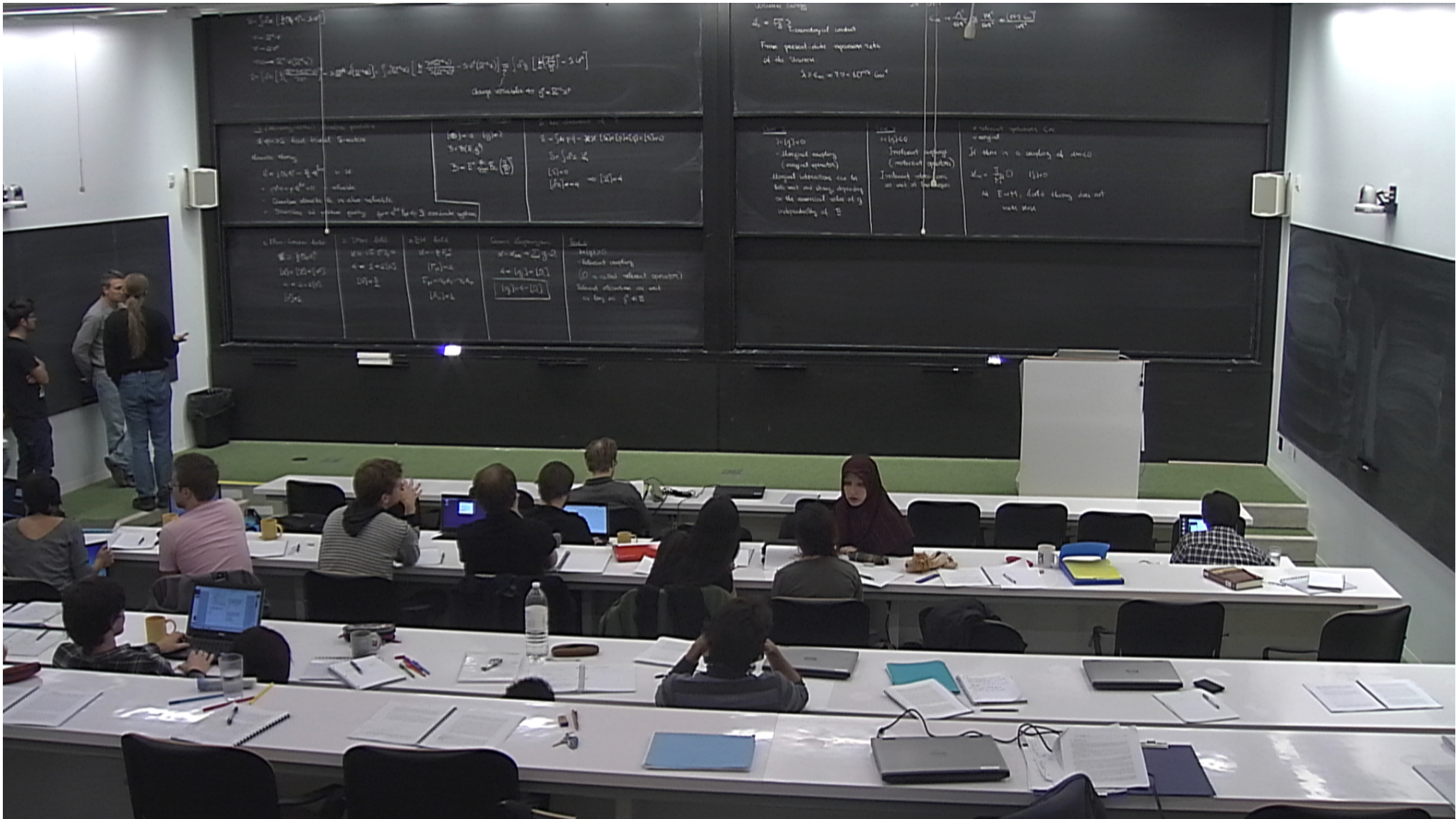
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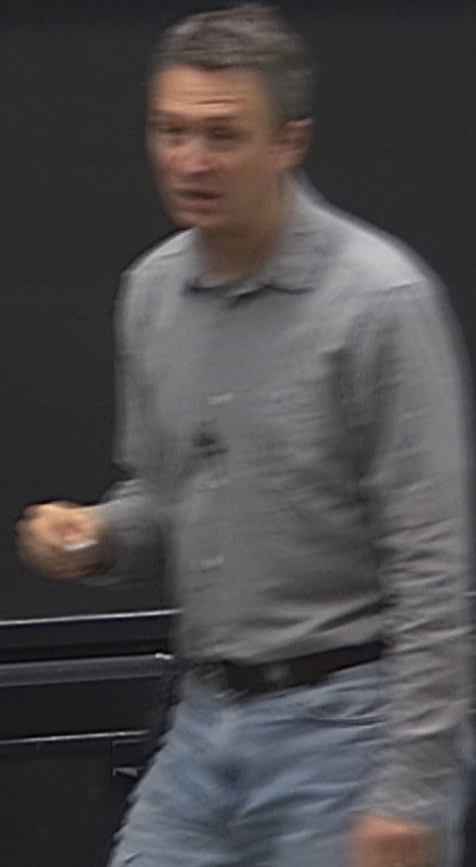
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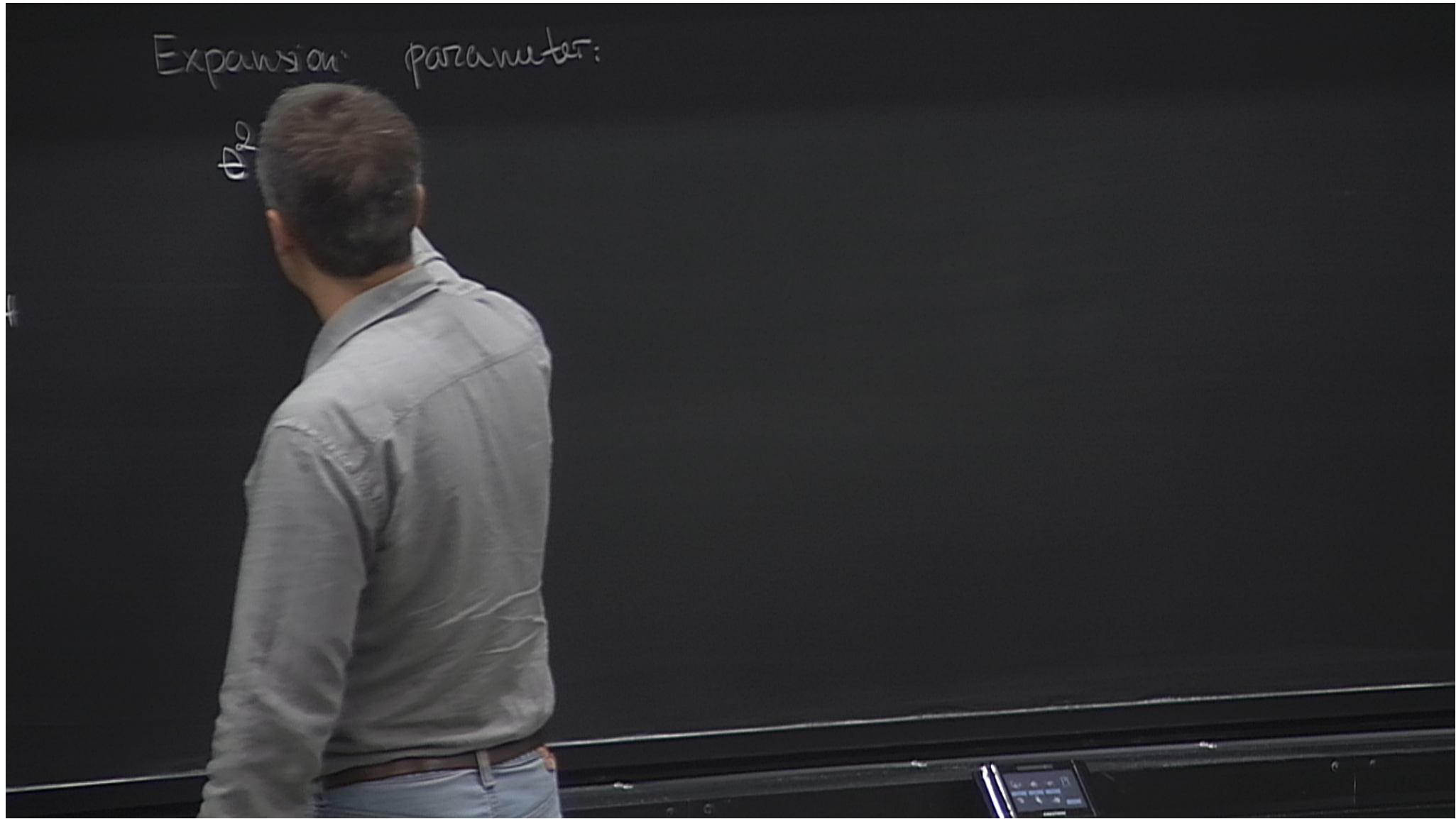
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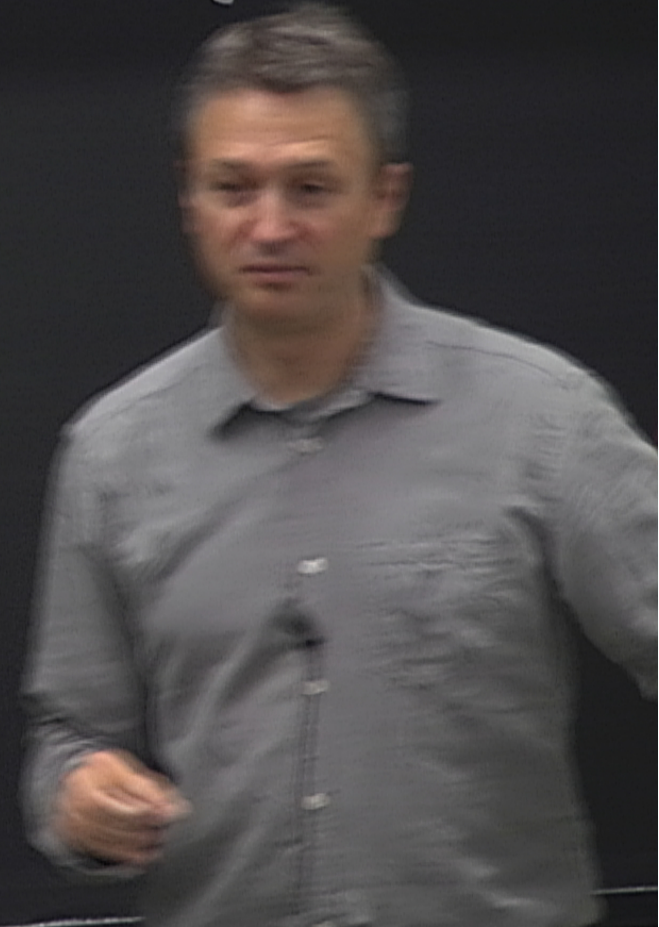
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