Title: Effective field theories for hydrodynamical systems

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Abstract: 

I
will review EFT techniques that have been developed recently for dealing with the infrared dynamics of ordinary fluids and of superfluids. Gravity does not play an essential role in the construction (though it can be added straightforwardly to the system), yet certain applications resemble very closely the EFT approach to gravity wave emission by binary systems. I will describe in some detail one such application, as well as a possible application to cosmology.

# Motivation

Fluids are everywhere:

- Around us
- In the lab
- In space

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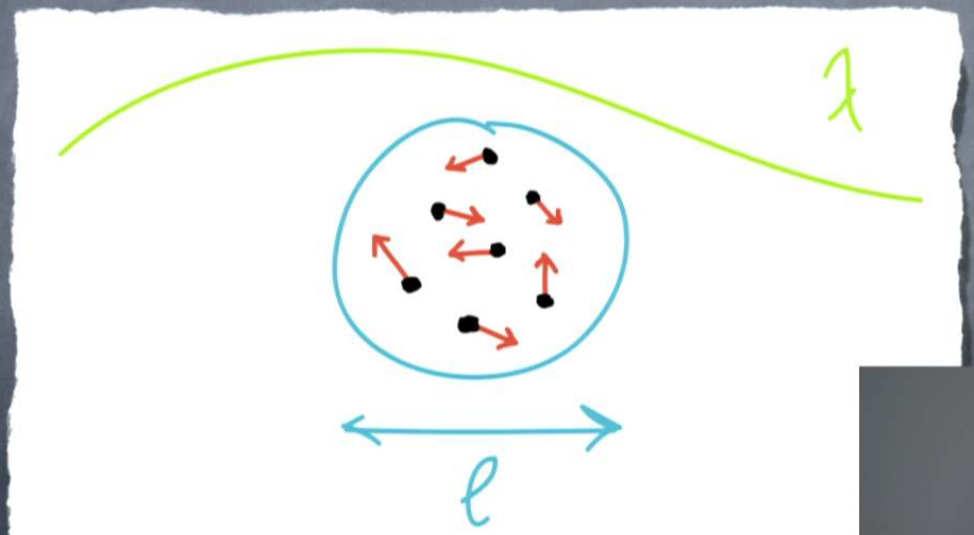
# Hydrodynamics

$\lambda \gg \ell$ $\omega \ll 1/\tau$

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# Effective field theory

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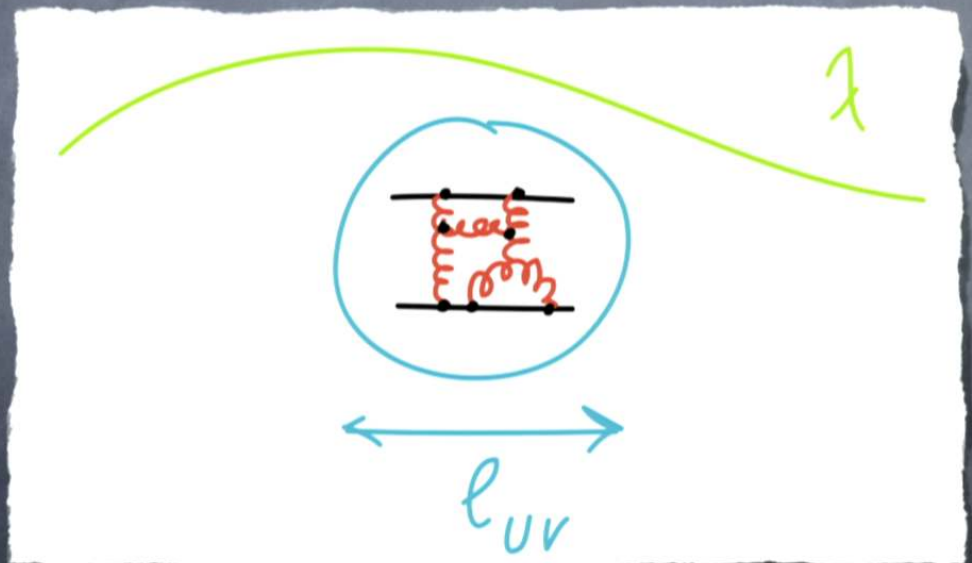

IR degrees of freedom + symmetries:

$$\Phi \to G[\Phi]$$

Lagrangian:

$$\mathcal{L} = f(\Phi, \partial)$$

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# Our approach: EFT for fluids

- Agnostic about microscopic dynamics
- Focus on low-energy/long-distance dof and symmmetries
- Organize theory as a derivative expansion

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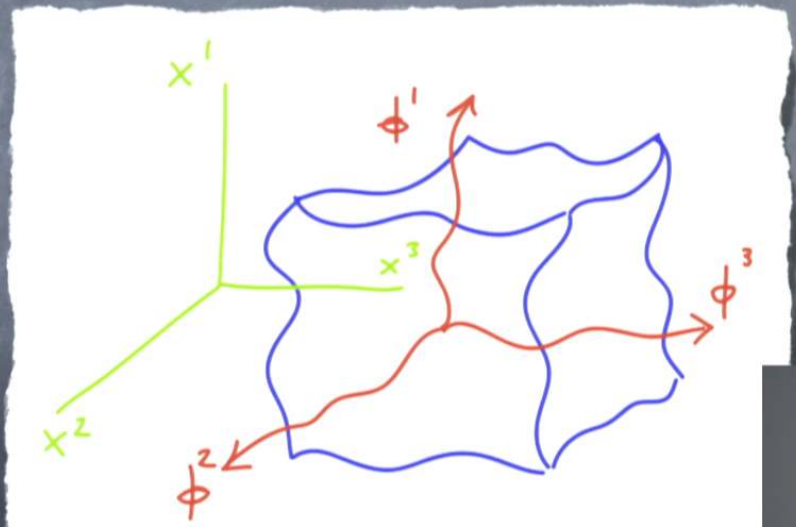


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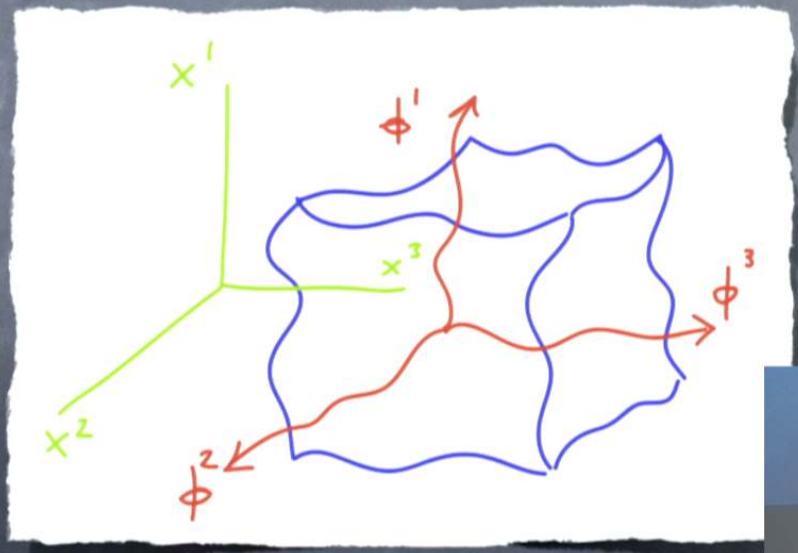


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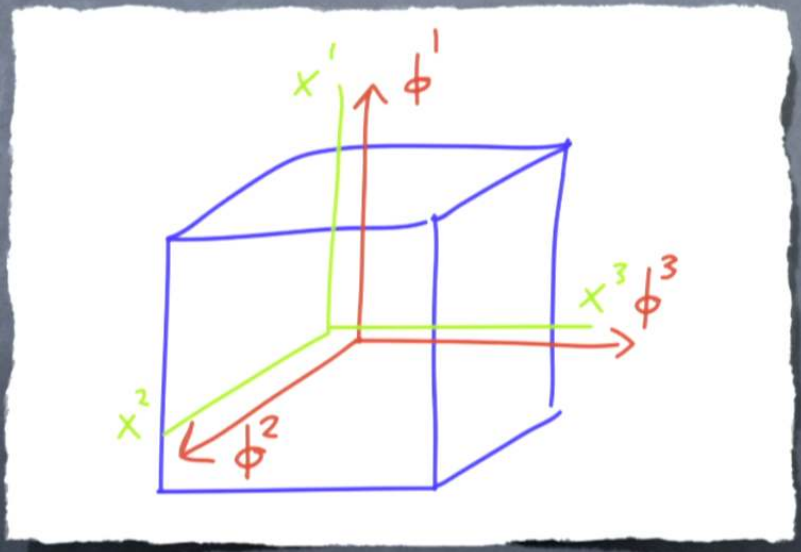

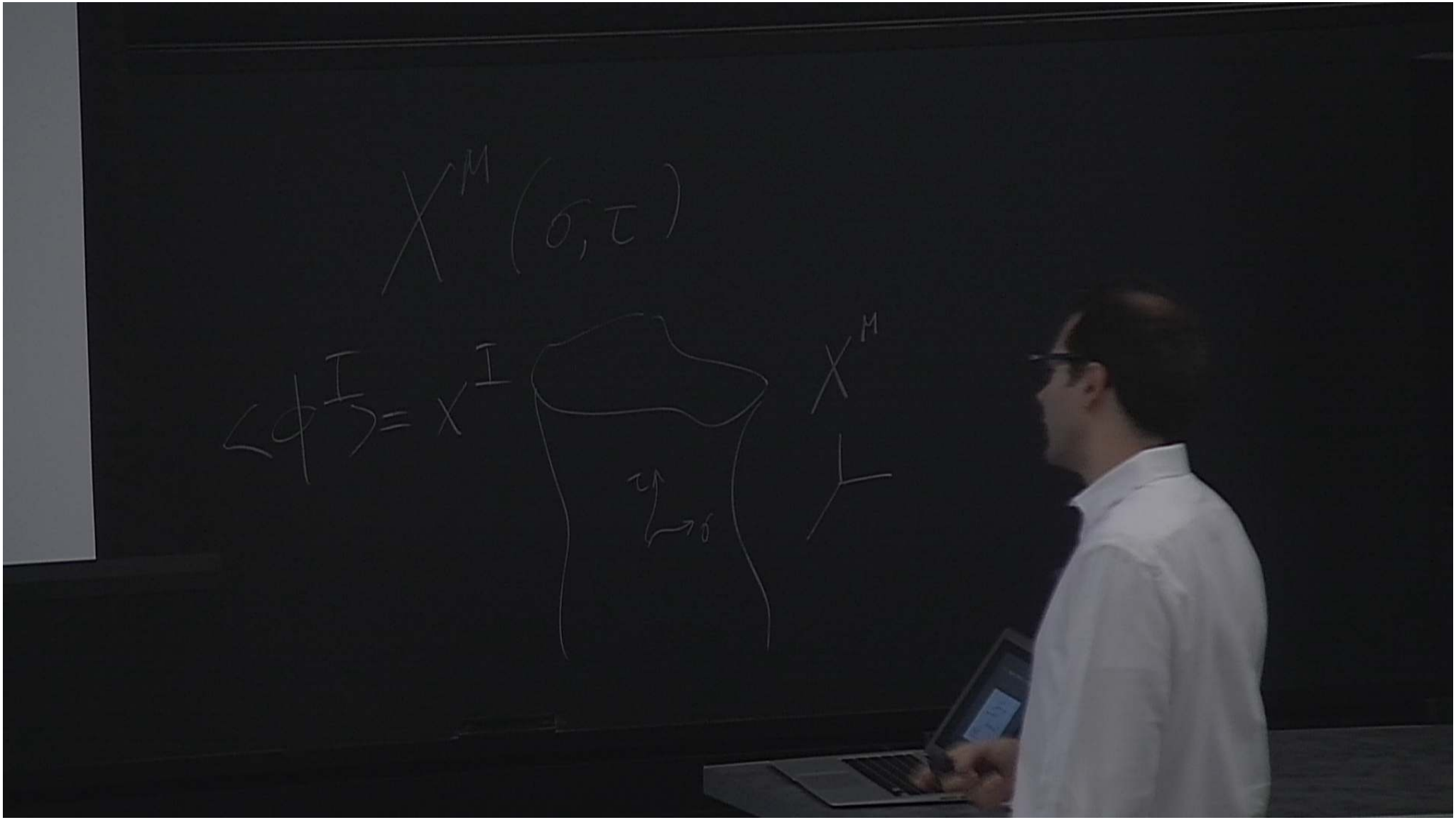
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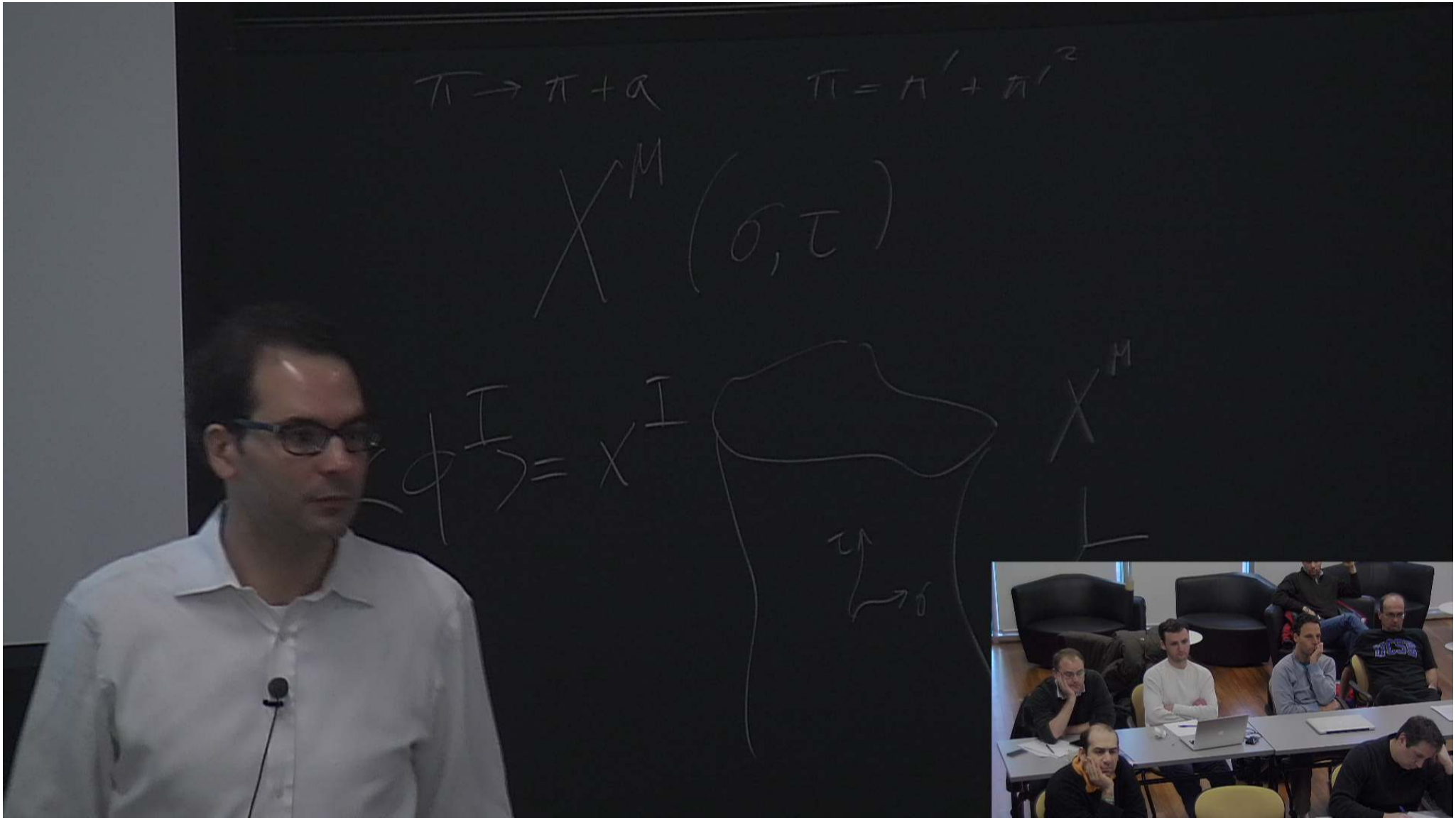
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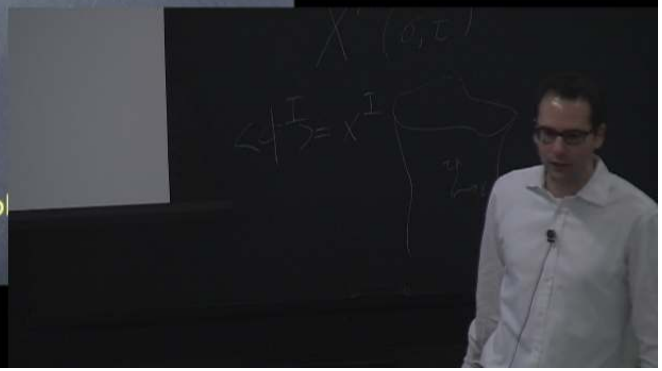

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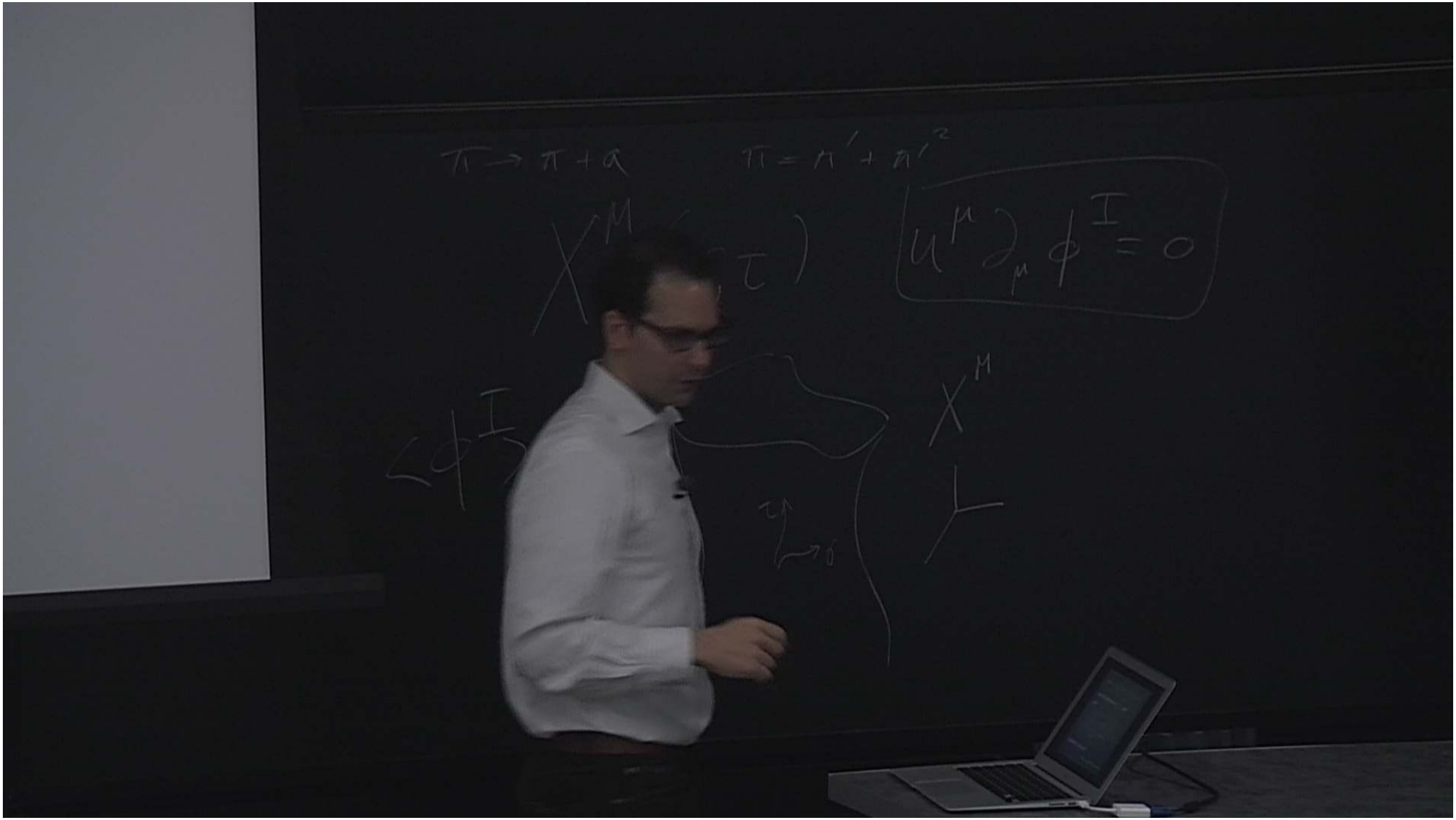

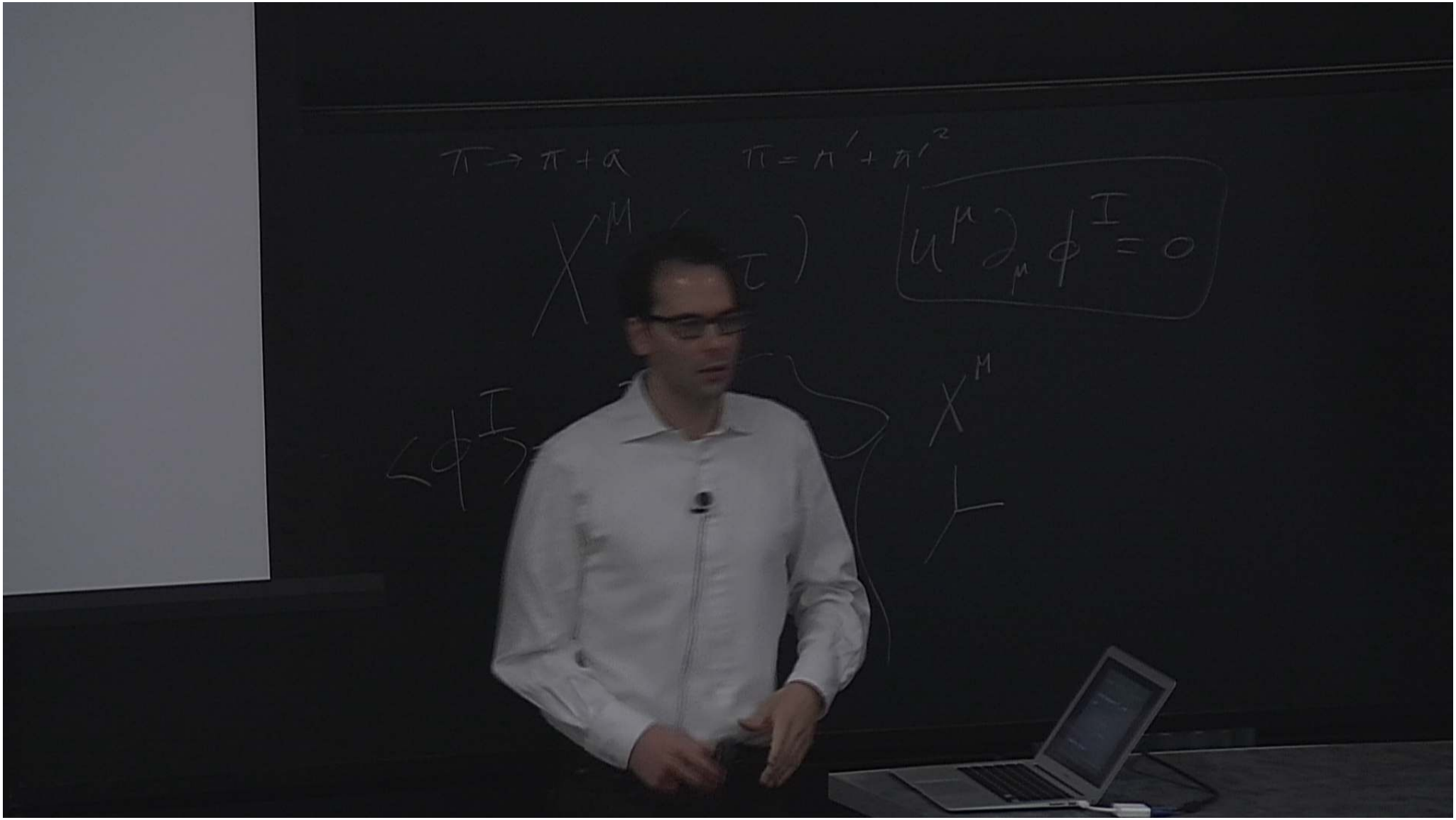
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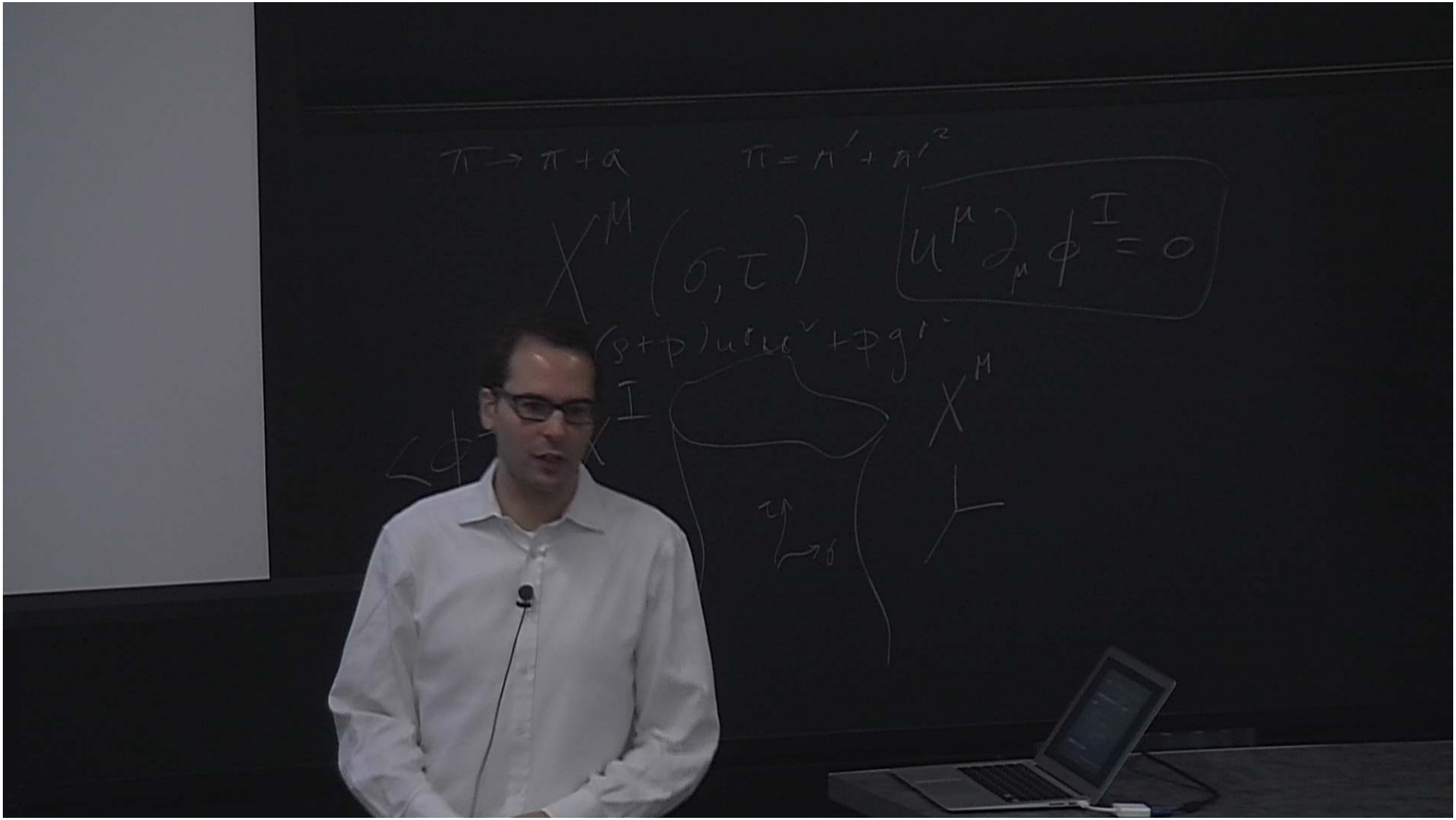
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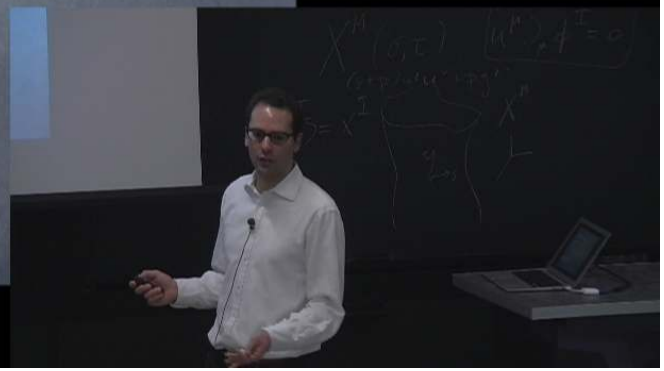

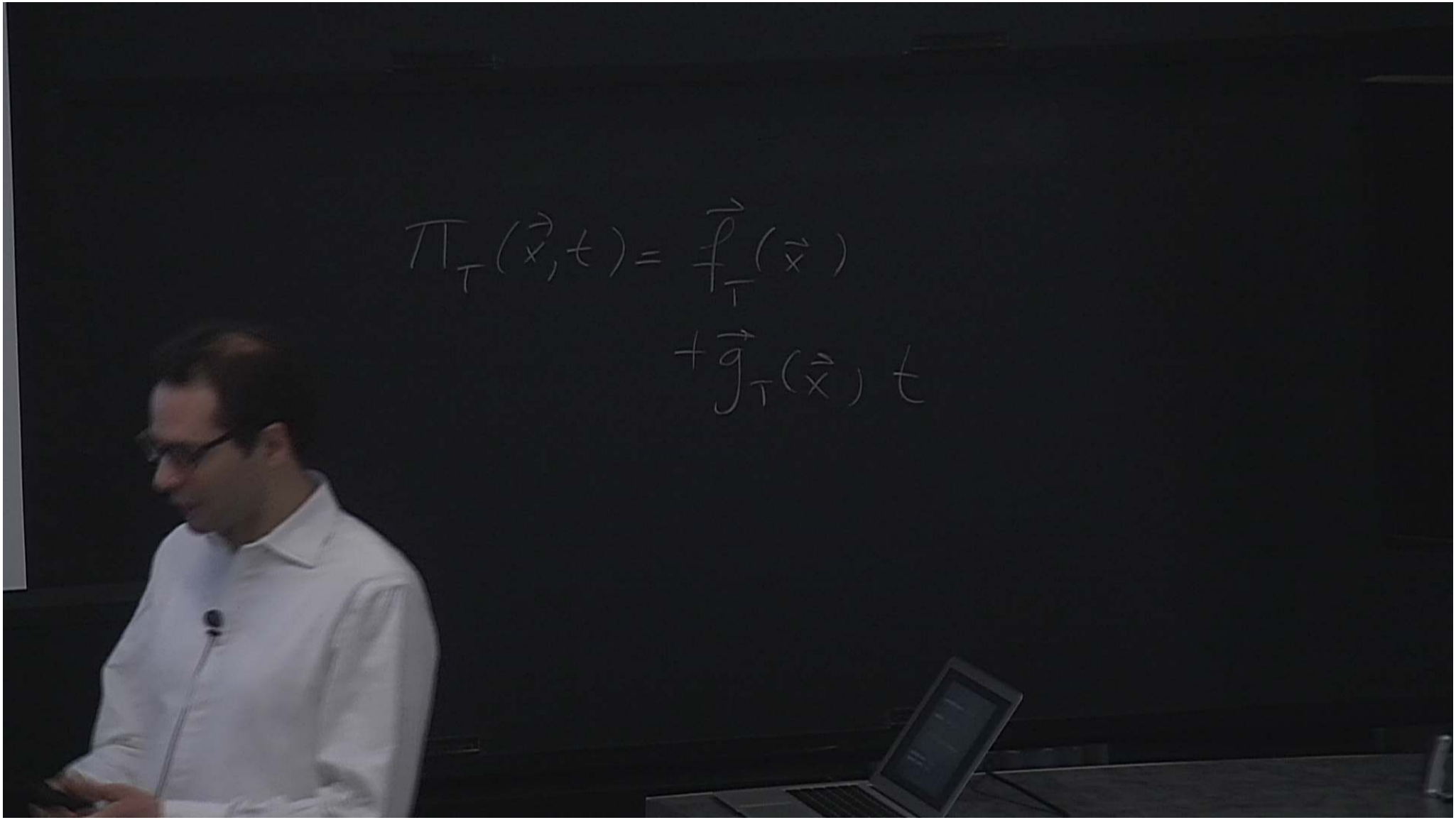
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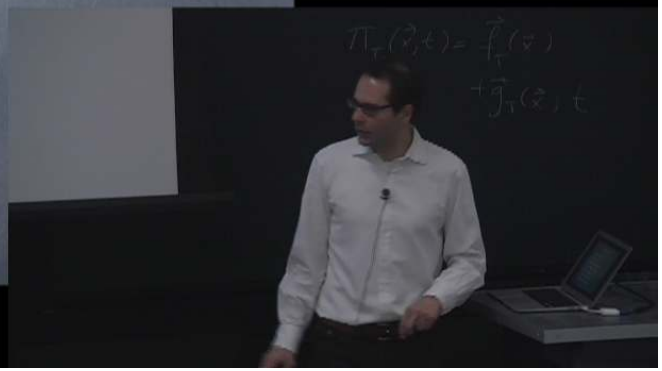

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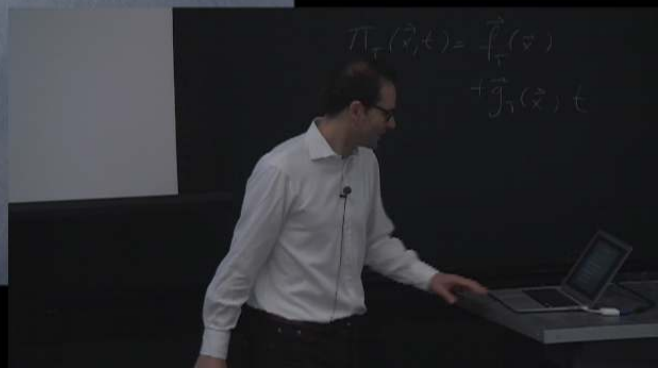

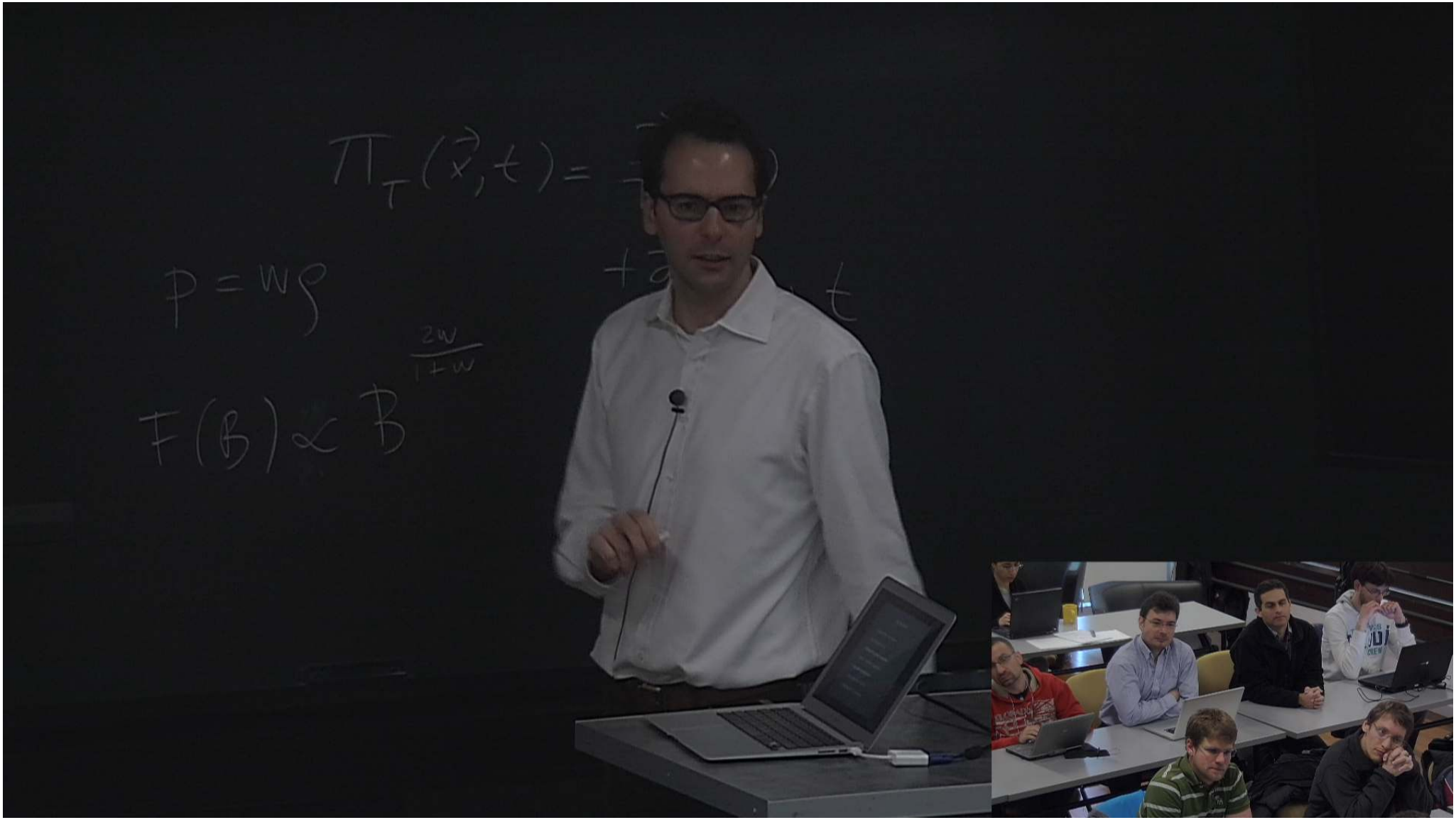
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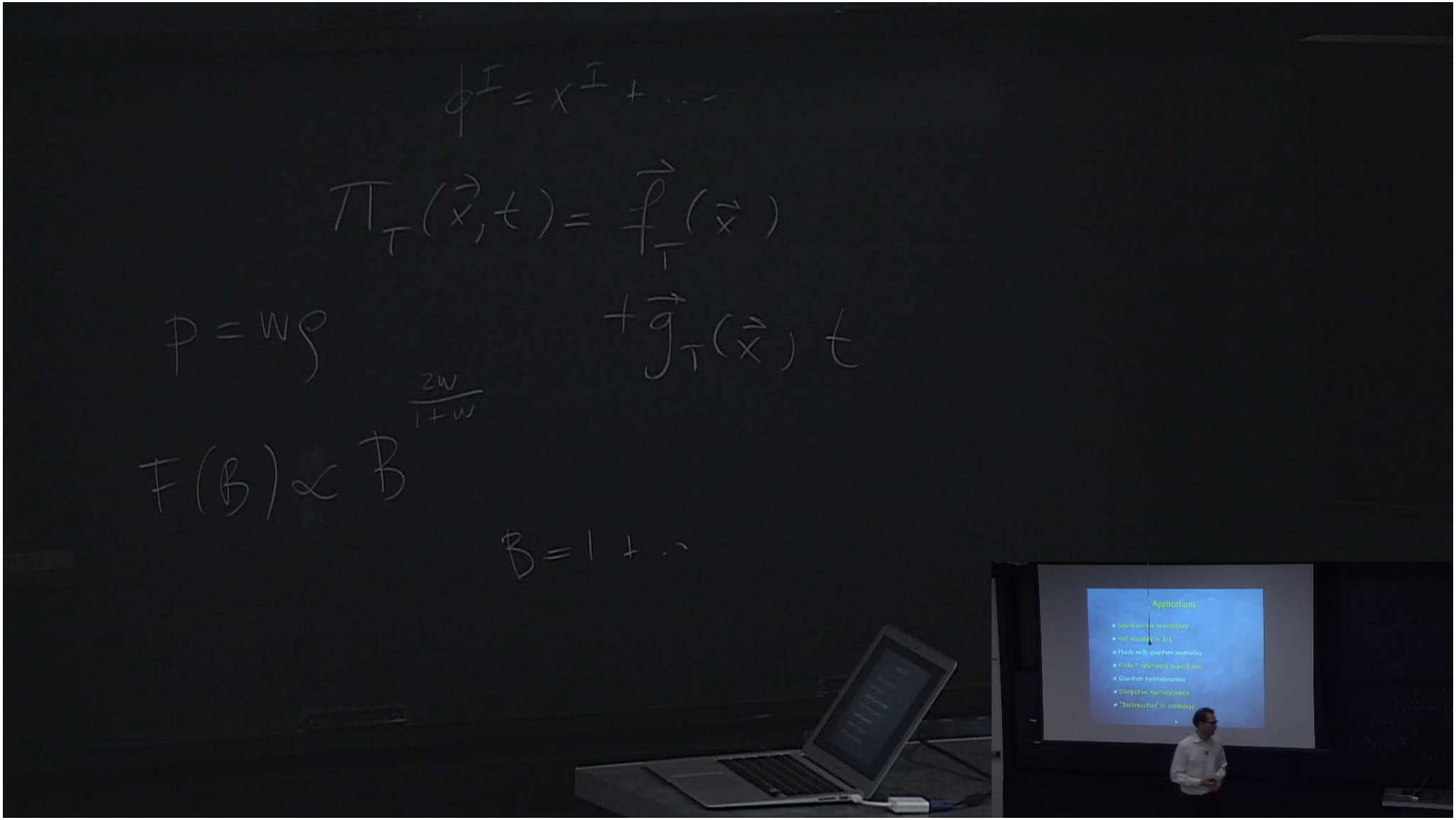
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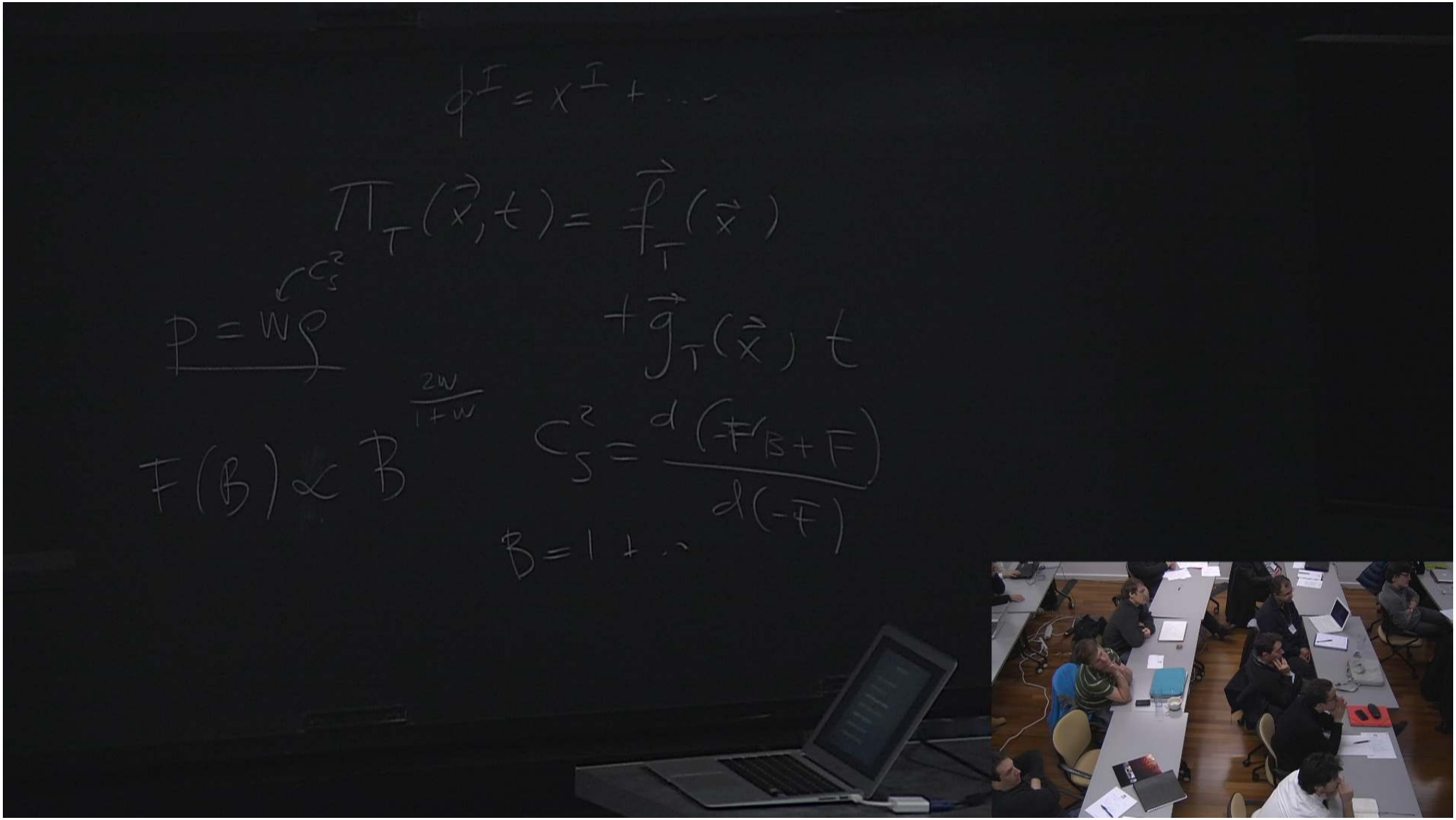
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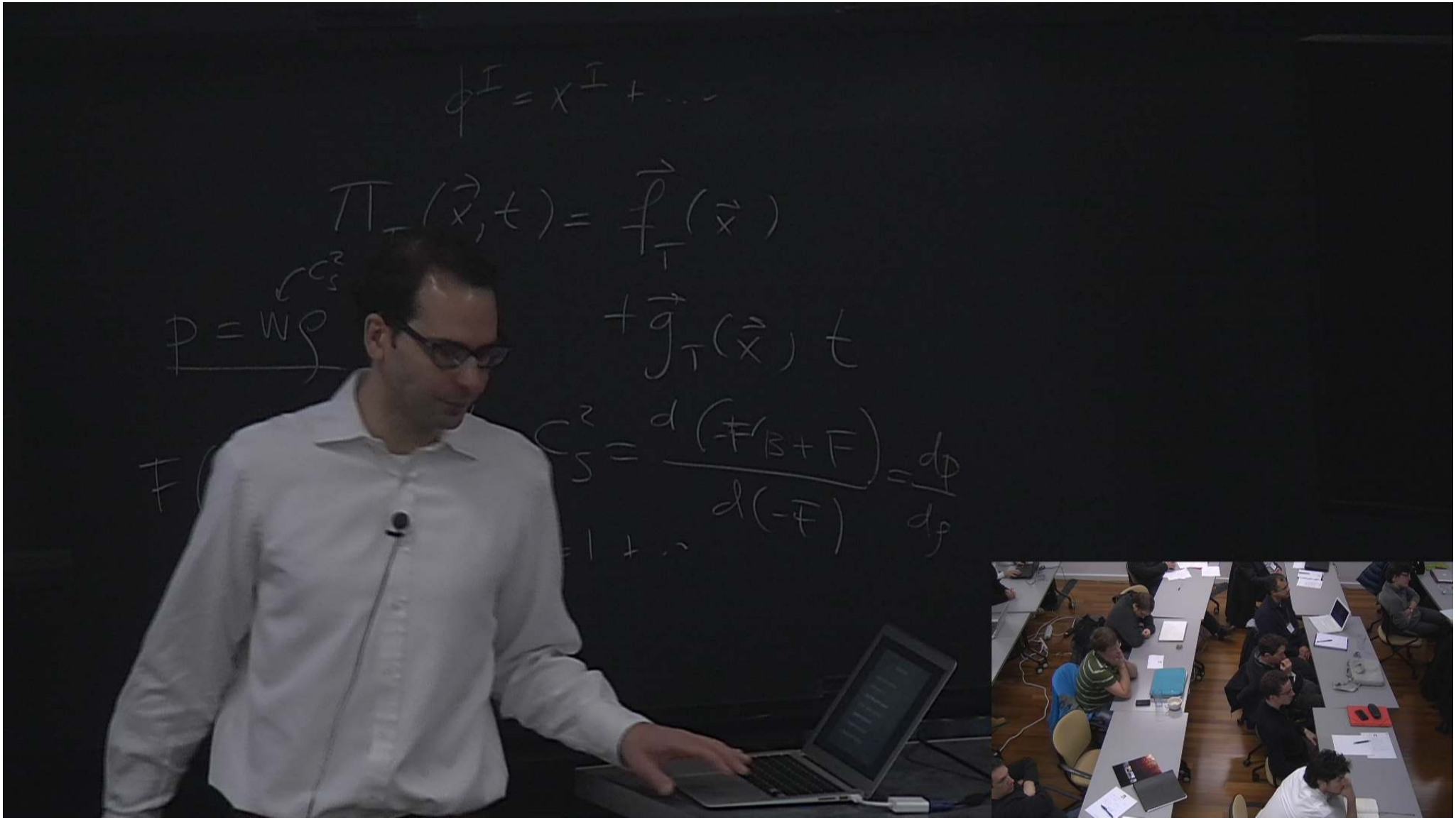
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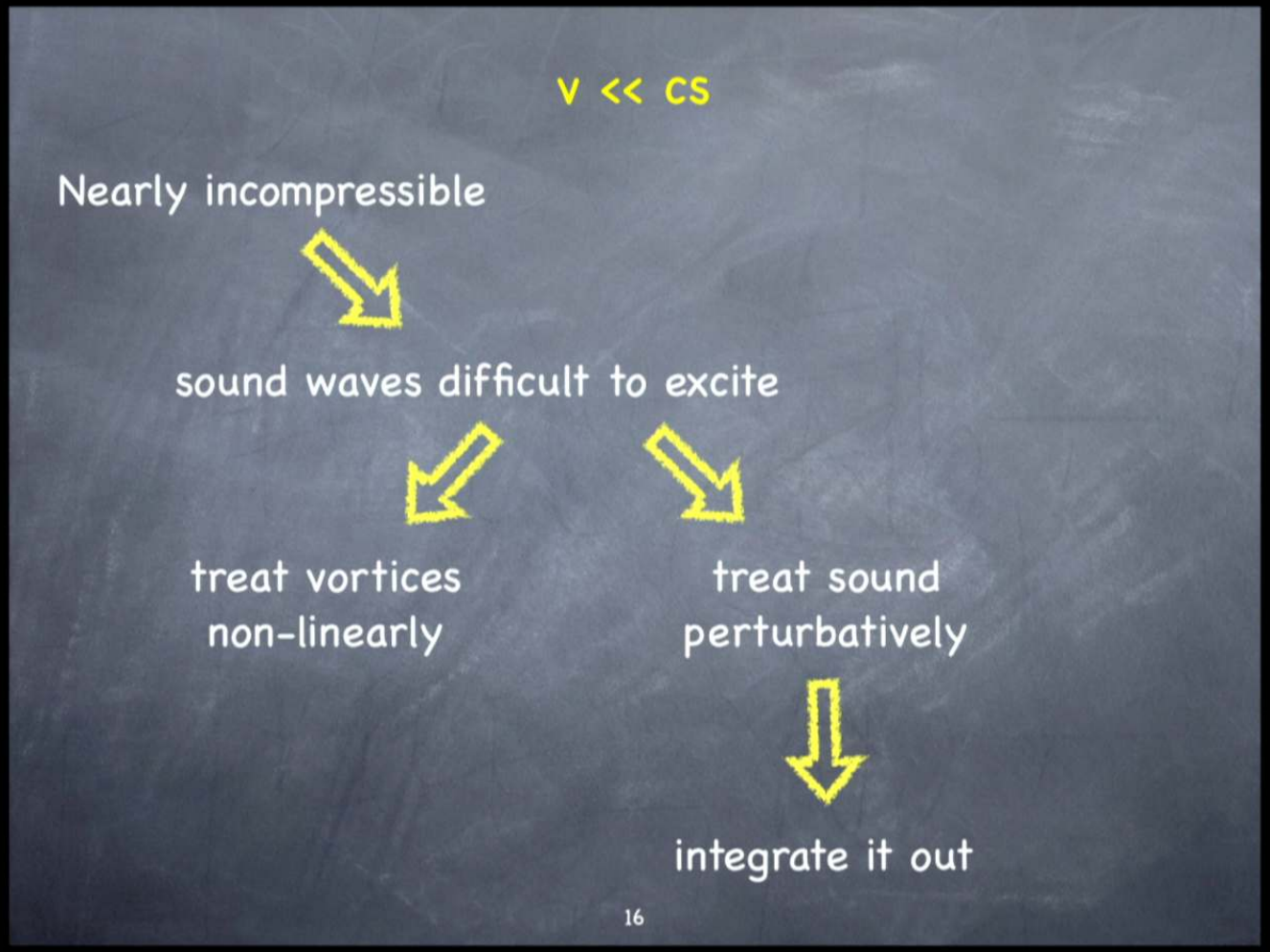
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# 1. Sound-vortex interactions

(Endlich, Nicolis, soon)

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# Vortex-sound decomposition

$$\vec{x}(\vec{\phi},t) = \vec{x}_0(\vec{\phi},t) + \delta\vec{x}(\vec{\phi},t)$$

$$(J_0)^i{}_j \equiv \frac{\partial x_0^i}{\partial \phi^j} \ , \qquad \det J_0 = 1$$

$$\delta\vec{x} = \vec{\nabla}_0 \psi(\vec{x}_0,t) \ , \qquad \vec{\nabla}_0 \equiv \frac{\partial}{\partial \vec{x}_0} = (J_0^T)^{-1} \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial \vec{\phi}}$$

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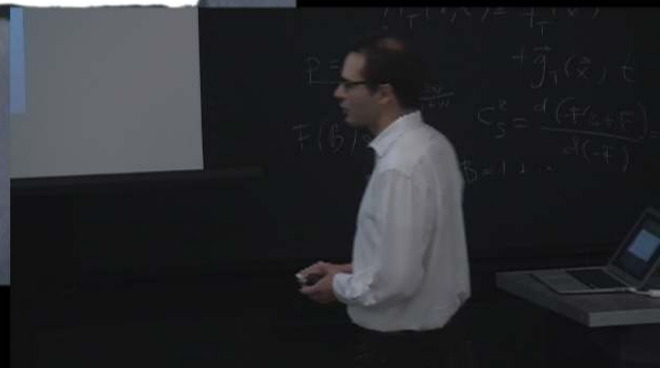

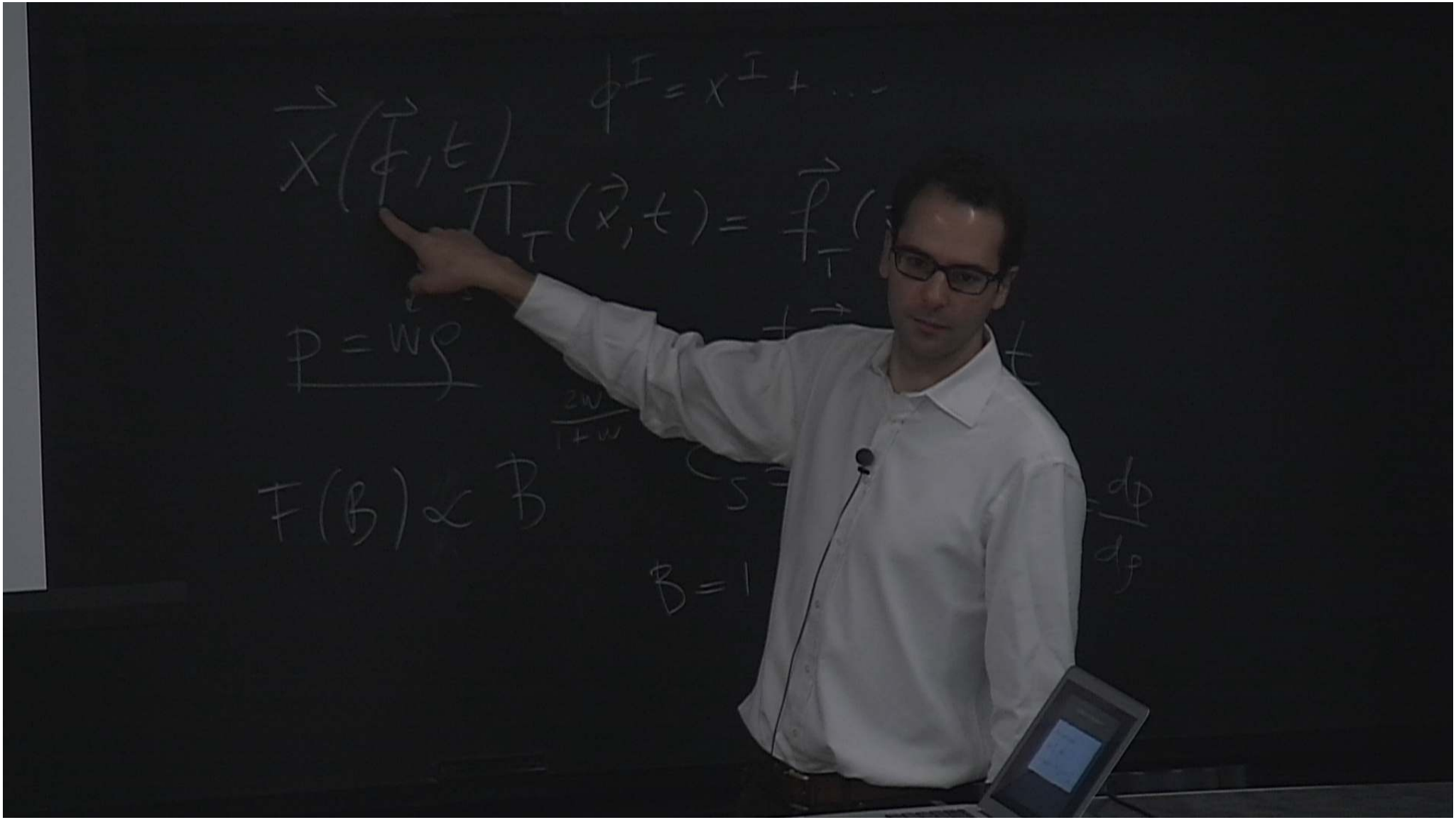
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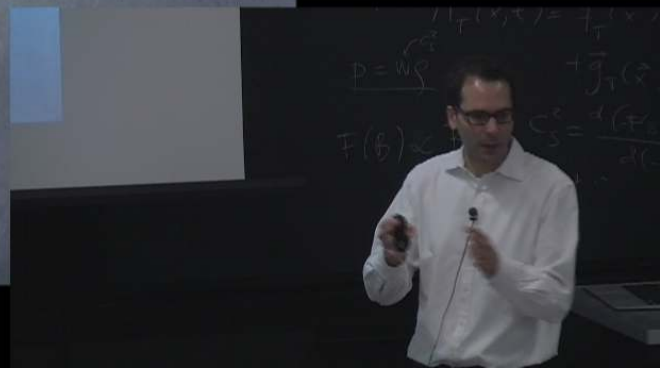

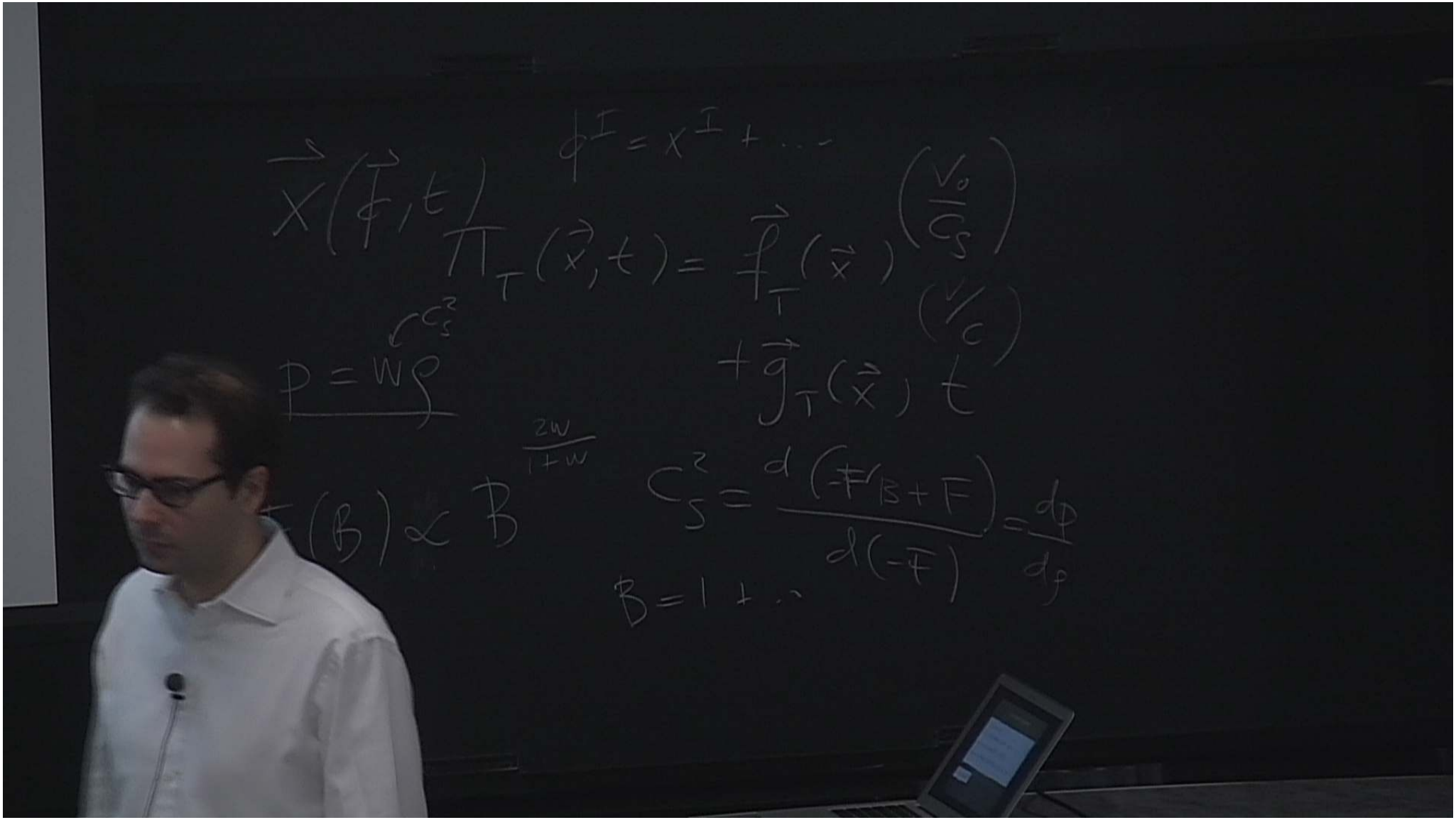
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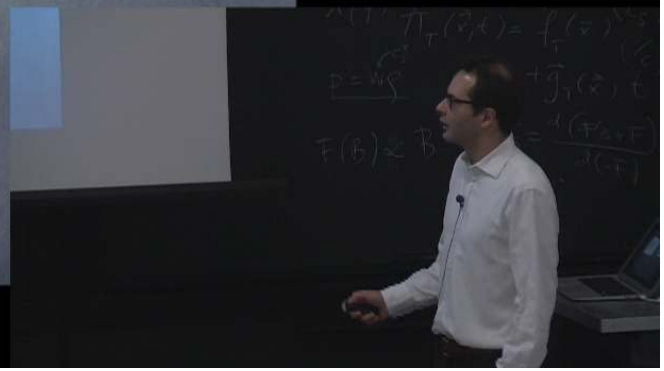

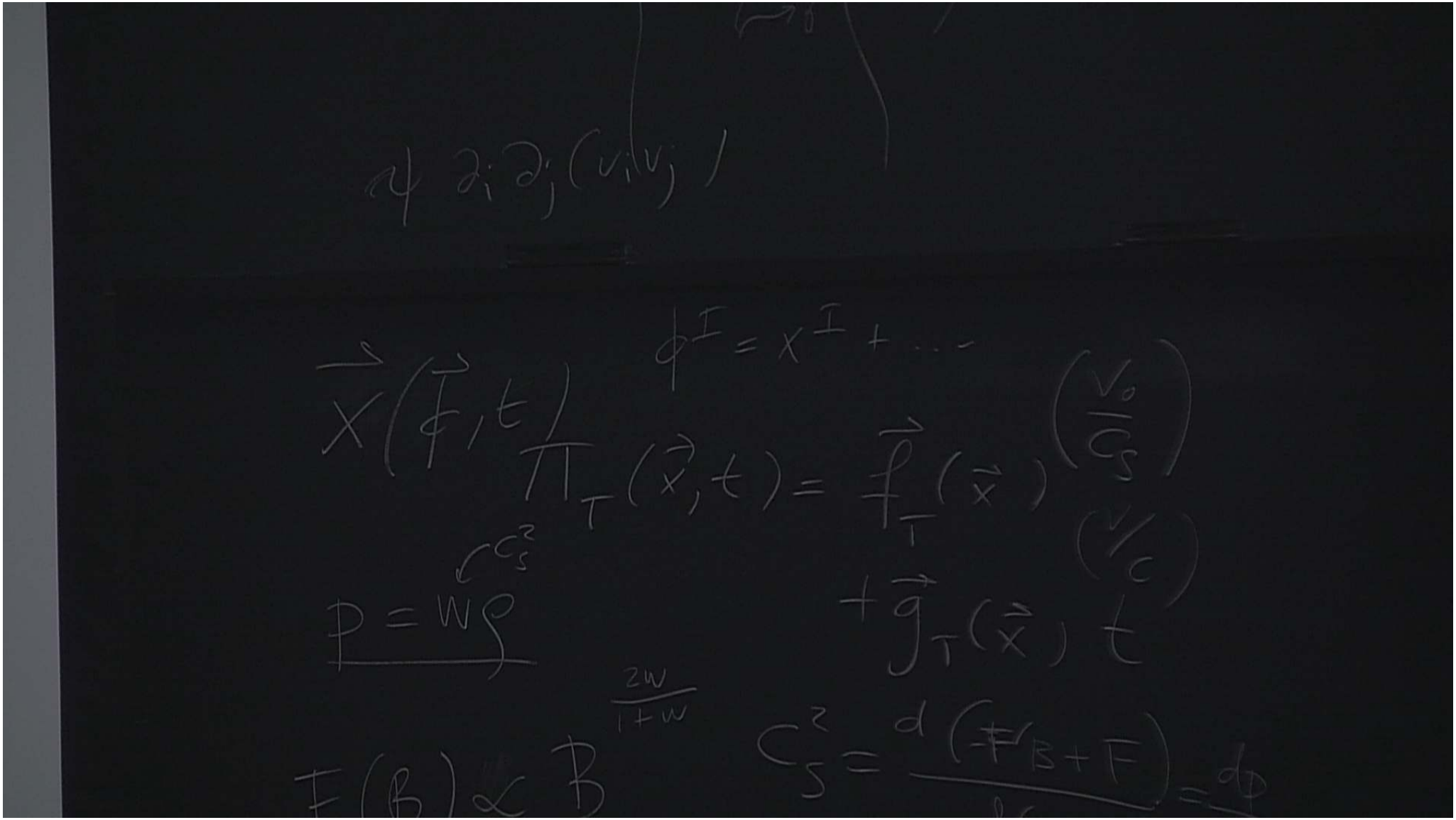
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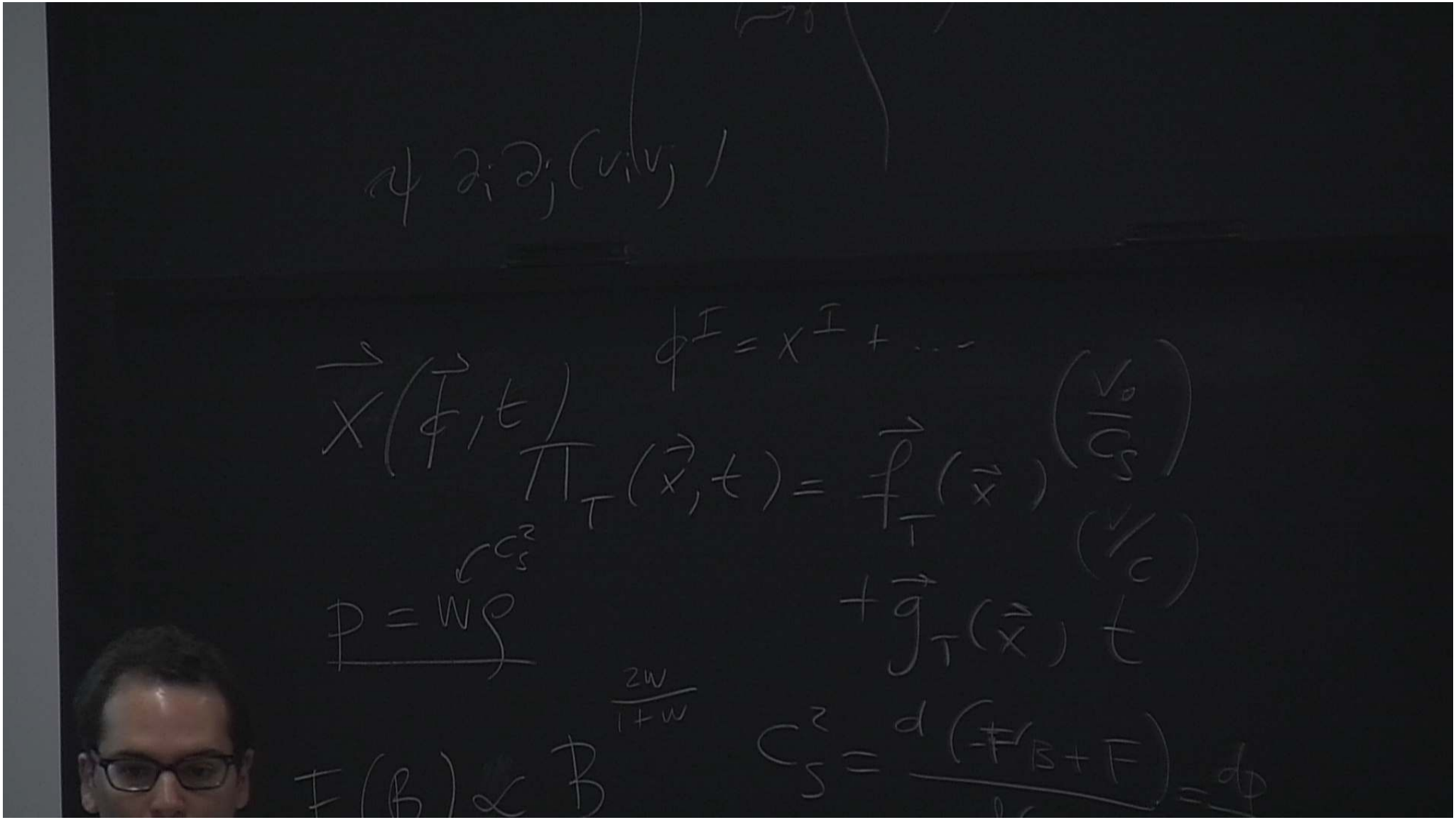
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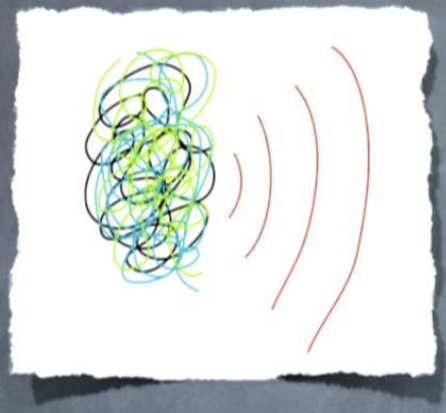

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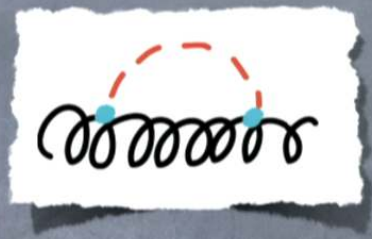

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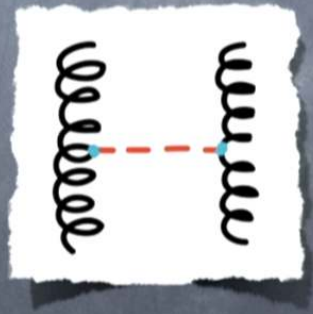
## Sound mediated vortex-vortex potential

$$\frac{1}{\omega^2 - c_s^2 k^2} \to -\frac{1}{c_s^2 k^2} + \frac{\omega^2}{c_s^4 k^4} + \dots , \qquad \omega \ll c_s k$$

Vanishes at leading order



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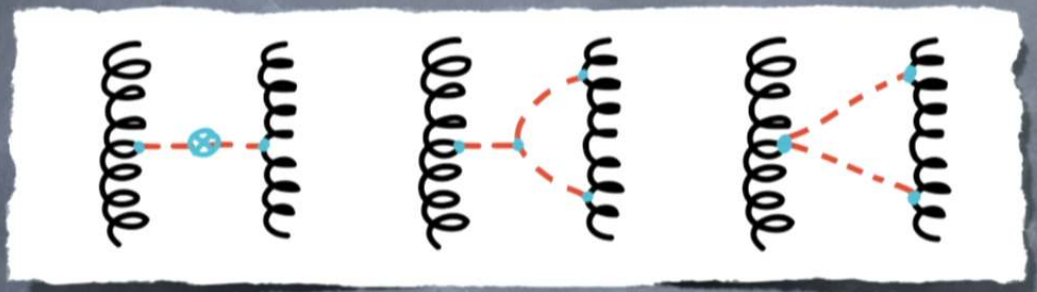
## Next to leading contributions



$$\mathcal{O}(1)\frac{iw_0}{c_s^4}\frac{1}{12}\int dt\left(\dot{T}_1^{ik}\dot{T}_2^{jn}+T_1^{ik}T_2^{jn}V_1^aV_2^b\partial_{12}^n\partial_{12}^b\right)\partial_{12}^i\partial_{12}^k\partial_{12}^j\partial_{12}^n\left(\frac{1}{4\pi}\left|\vec{X}_{12}\right|^3\right)$$

$$\mathcal{O}(1)\frac{iw_0}{c_s^4}\int dt\Big[2T_1^{jB}P_2^l\left(\partial_{12}^j\partial_{12}^B\partial_{12}^s\partial_{12}^l\left(\frac{-1}{8\pi}\left|\vec{X}_{12}\right|\right)\right)\left(\dot{T}_1^{iA}+T_1^{iA}V_1^a\partial_{12}^a\right)\left(\partial_{12}^i\partial_{12}^A\partial_{12}^s\left(\frac{-1}{8\pi}\left|\vec{X}_{12}\right|\right)\right) \quad (14)$$

$$+T_1^{iA}T_1^{jB}T_2^{nm}\left(\partial_{12}^i\partial_{12}^A\partial_{12}^n\partial_{12}^s\left(\frac{-1}{8\pi}\left|\vec{X}_{12}\right|\right)\right)\left(\partial_{12}^j\partial_{12}^B\partial_{12}^m\partial_{12}^s\left(\frac{-1}{8\pi}\left|\vec{X}_{12}\right|\right)\right) \quad (15)$$

$$+\Big(1\leftrightarrow 2\Big)\Big] \quad (16)$$

$$\mathcal{O}(1)\frac{iw_0}{c_s^4}\int dt\Big[3T_1^{iA}T_1^{nB}T_2^{mC}\frac{1}{2^{11}}\frac{1}{\pi^2}\left(\partial_{12}^C\partial_{12}^m\partial_{12}^r\partial_{12}^s\left(\frac{1}{\left|\vec{X}_{12}\right|}\right)\right)$$

$$*\left(\delta^{Bn}\delta^{At}\delta^{rs}+14\text{ permutations}\right)$$

$$+\Big(1\leftrightarrow 2\Big)\Big]$$

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## Long range potential:

$$V \sim \frac{(\rho + p)}{c_s^4} \cdot \frac{q_1^2 q_2 + q_2^2 q_1}{r^6} \sim E_{\rm kin} \left(v/c_s\right)^4 (\ell/r)^6$$

$$q \equiv \int_{\rm vortex} d^3x \left( \frac{\delta p}{\rho} - \frac{1}{2} \frac{c_s^2}{c^2} v^2 \right)$$

Useful? Detectable? Known?

(William Irvine, U

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- for t-independent perturbations, these extra dof should follow (= operational def of "living in the fluid")

$$S_{\rm int} = \int T_{ij}\, \partial^i \pi^j(\vec{x})$$

- Everything works if we postulate the same coupling for t-dependent as well

- Still very confused about how to make this more systematic (e.g., non-linear order)

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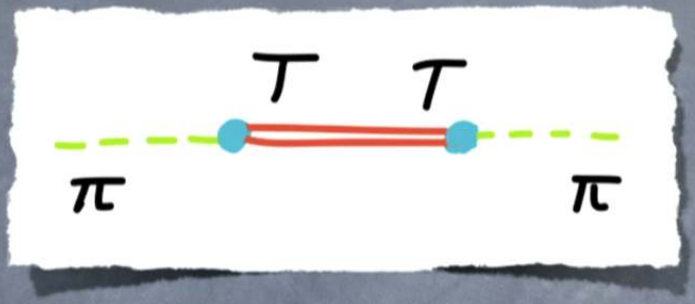
- If you buy that coupling, then




$$\eta, \zeta \propto \lim_{\omega \to 0} \lim_{k \to 0} \frac{1}{\omega} \mathrm{Im} \langle T_{ij} T_{kl} \rangle$$

- matches precisely "Kubo relations" for viscosity coefficients

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# Conclusions

- Compact and systematic EFT for hydrodynamical systems
- Reproduces standard properties
- Still unclear how to deal with dissipation systematically
- Suggests--and answers--new questions (perturbation theory)
- So far, mostly playing. Important applications? (e.g.: $\eta/s$)