

Title: Dark Energy and Neutrino Oscillations

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Abstract: In this talk I provide a model where the late time acceleration of the universe emerges from a BCS-like condensation of sterile neutrinos. This scenario can be naturally accommodated by general relativity covariantly coupled to sterile neutrinos, where the neutrinos act like an "aether" field. We show that when active neutrinos couple to the neutrino condensate, they oscillate at a rate proportional to the dark energy density. As a result, the oscillation of neutrinos and dark energy are tied in with the same mechanism. I also show that neutrinos could oscillate even if dark energy is not a neutrino condensate. I end with a discussion of stability of this model and predictions of CPT violating oscillations of such models.

Dark Energy and Neutrino Oscillations

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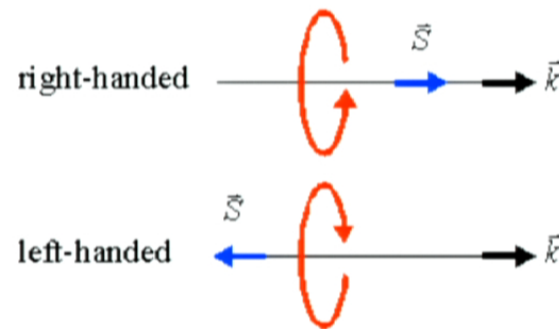
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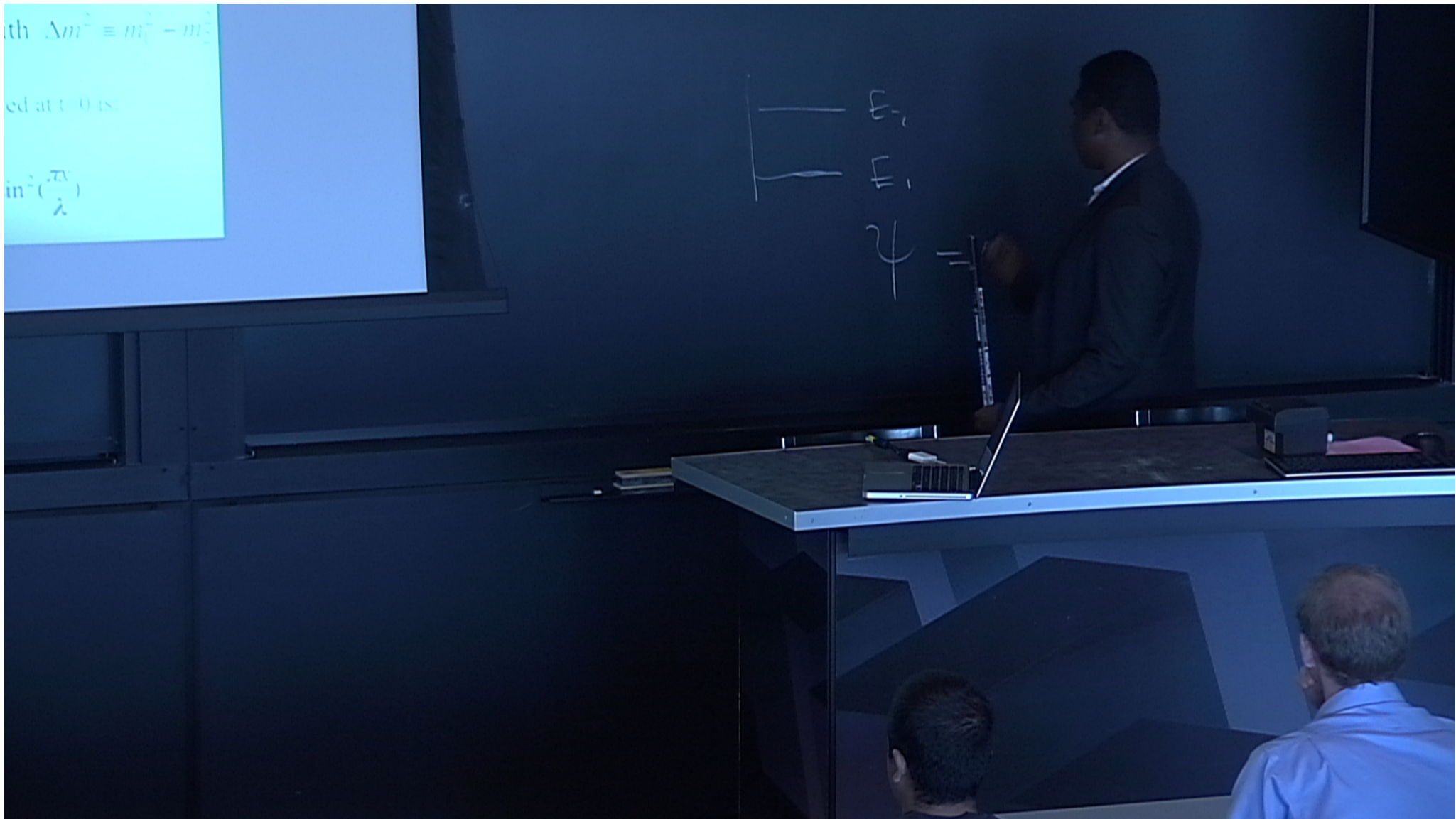
- I Present two models of dark energy where new degrees of freedom are introduced.
- However, the physics is known.

Both Models
Naturally
Accomodate
Neutrino Oscillations

Neutrinos in the Standard Model

- Electromagnetically neutral leptons
- Handedness (chirality): no right-handed neutrinos
- Higgs field => neutrinos are massless
- Interact only via the weak interaction





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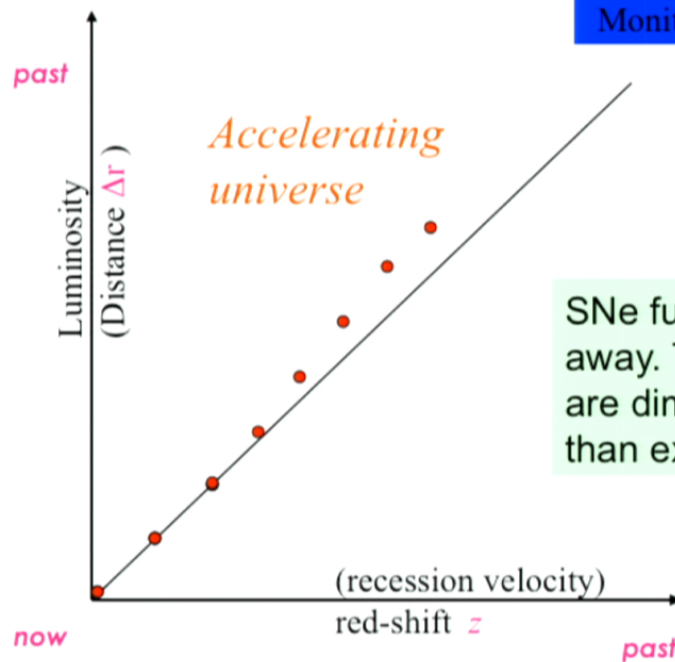
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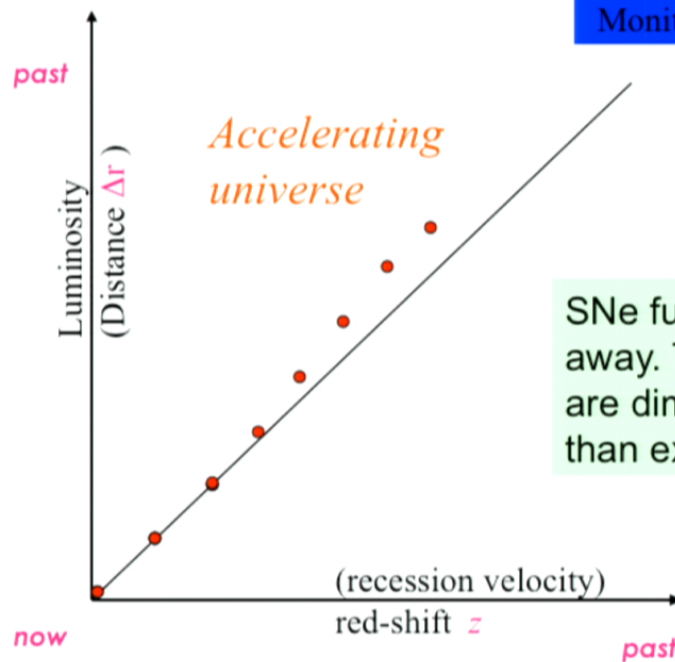
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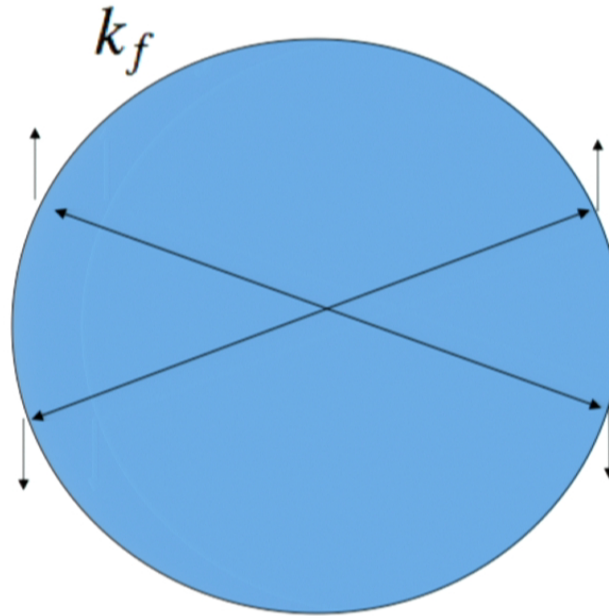


Model I: Sterile Neutrino Condensate (S.A 2007)

- Gravitational Effects cause Neutrino's to form a homogenous BCS-like condensate.
- Condensate Leads to generic late time acceleration (Dark Energy)
- When neutrinos propagate in its condensate medium they experience “mass” oscillations proportional to DE density.
- Potential connection to CMB physics.

BCS Theory: Fundamentals

Key: Correlations
of fermions
across Fermi
surface



General Relativity and Neutrinos

Key point: GR couples to neutrinos
via Torsion

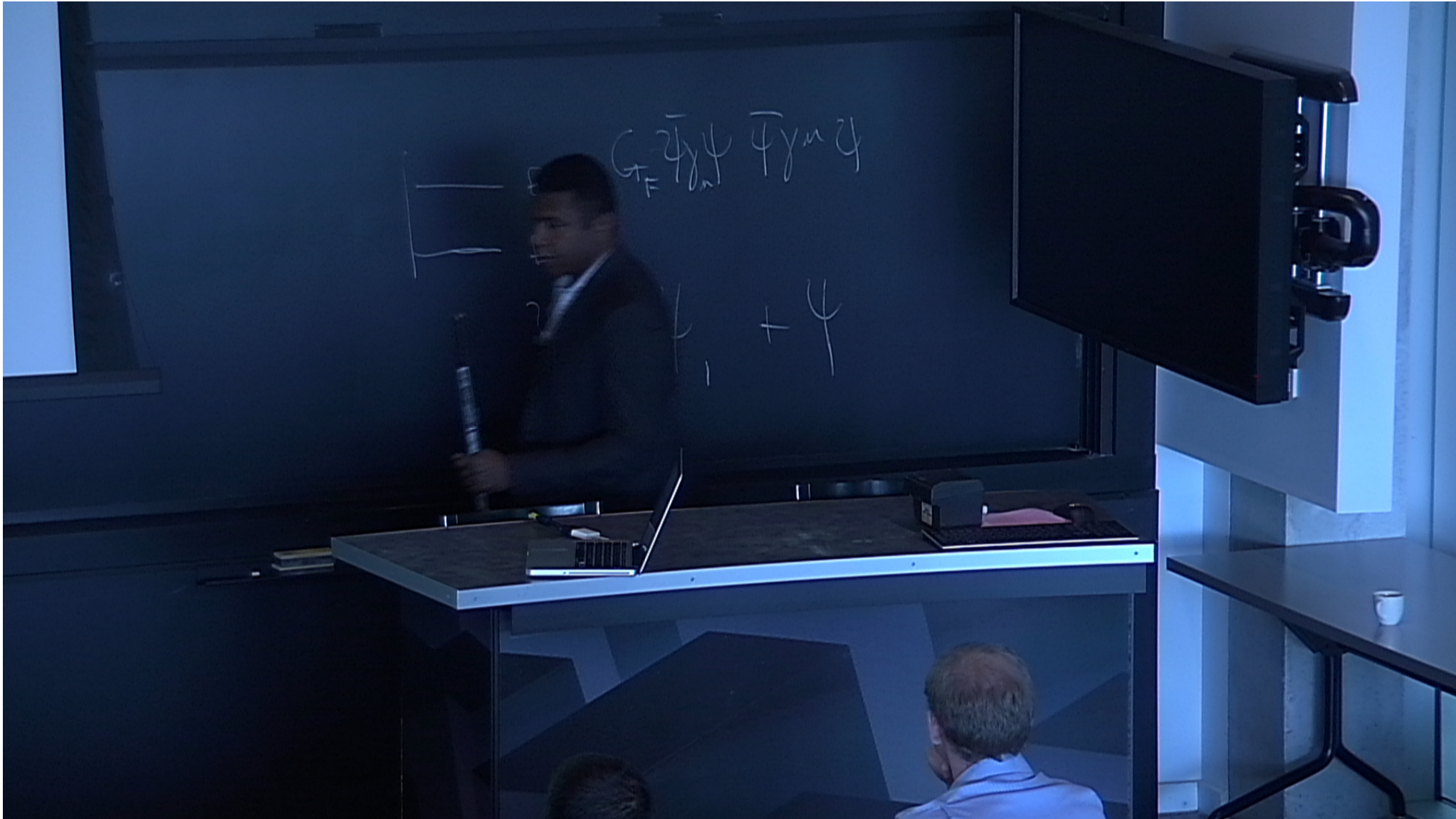
$$S_E = \frac{M_{pl}^2}{2} \int d^4x \det(e) \left[R(\omega, e) - \frac{1}{2} (i\bar{\psi} \gamma^I e_I^\mu \mathcal{D}_\mu \psi + \text{c.c.}) \right]$$

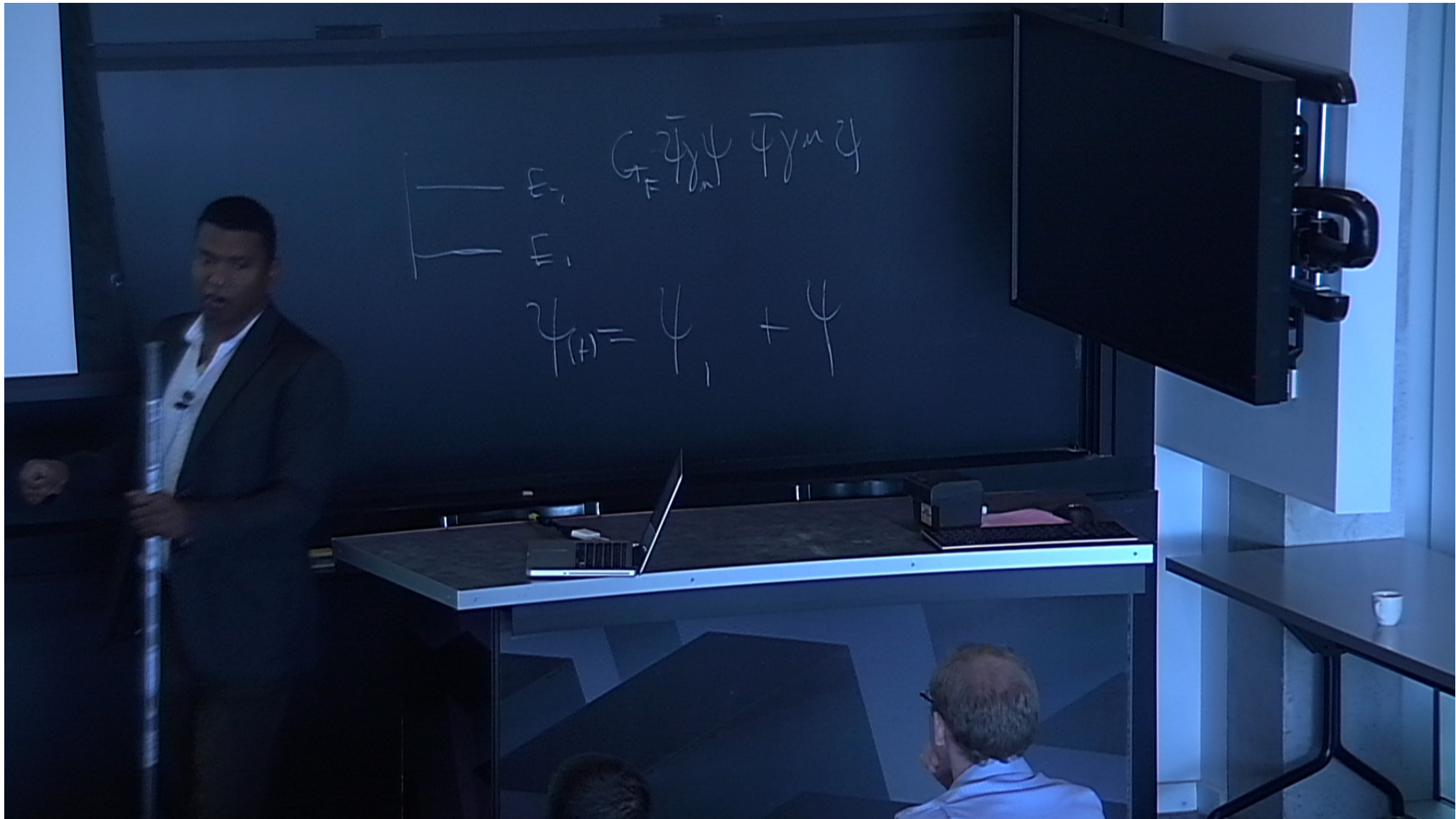
Metric Compatibility
Condition

$$D_{[\mu} e_{\nu]}^a = 0$$

$$\omega_\mu^{IJ} = \omega_\mu^{sIJ} + C_\mu^{IJ} \rightarrow \text{Torsion}$$

$$e_I^\mu C_{\mu JK} = 4\pi G \frac{\gamma^2}{\gamma^2 + 1} \left(\frac{1}{2} \epsilon_{IJKL} J_5^L - \frac{1}{\gamma} \eta_{I[J} J_{5K]} \right) \rightarrow \text{Immirzi Parameter of LQG}$$





BCS Condensation of Neutrinos

Torsion leads to attractive four fermion interaction

$$\begin{aligned} S_{int} &= \frac{3}{2}\pi G \left(\frac{\gamma^2}{\gamma^2 + 1} \right) \int d^4x \, e \, J_{5I} J_5^I \\ &\equiv \frac{1}{M_{Pl}^2} \int d^4x \, e \, \bar{\psi} \gamma_5 \gamma^I \psi \bar{\psi} \gamma_5 \gamma_I \psi \end{aligned}$$


Experimental Fact: If there is a net neutrino number density in early universe, and interaction is attractive neutrinos will condense. (Polchinski '95)

We can calculate the energy gap and effective potential of neutrino condensate

Notice, it is Quantum Gravity that determines the attractive nature and strength of coupling! (via. Immirizi)

The first step is to self-consistently find the generating functional for the condition that the auxiliary field $\Delta = \langle \psi^\dagger \psi \rangle$. After expressing the spinors in the Weyl basis and introducing the auxiliary field, the four-fermion generating functional becomes:

$$Z = \int [\mathcal{D}\Delta][\mathcal{D}\xi][\mathcal{D}\zeta] e^{i(S_{\text{fer}} + S_{\text{tree}})} \equiv \int [\mathcal{D}\Delta] e^{iS_{\text{eff}}} \approx e^{iS_{\text{eff}}} \big|_{\text{SP}}$$



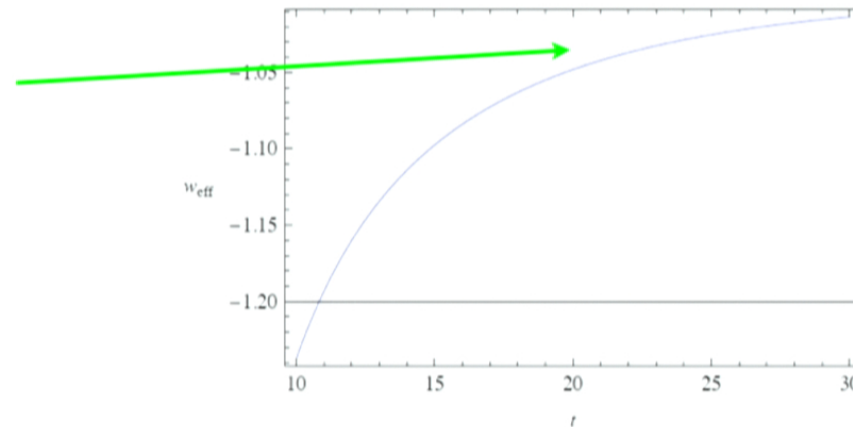
$$\begin{aligned} \rho_{\text{gap}} &= V_{\text{min}} + \mu n \\ &= \frac{\Delta^2}{32\pi^2} (\Delta^2 - 8\mu^2) (2N + 3 + 2 \ln \Delta^2) \end{aligned}$$

Dark Energy from Neutrino Condensate

Self consistently solve transcendental FRW system

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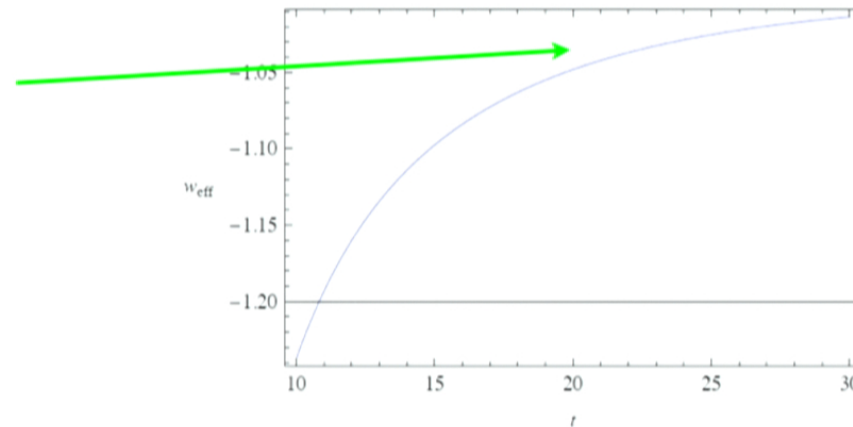


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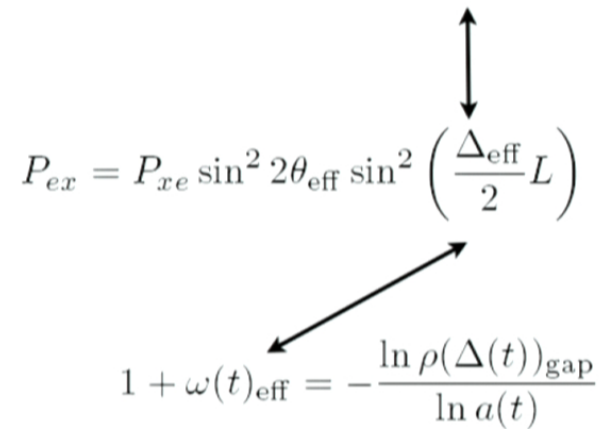
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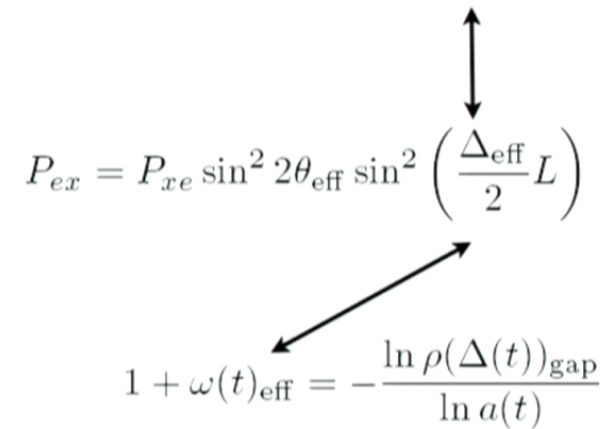

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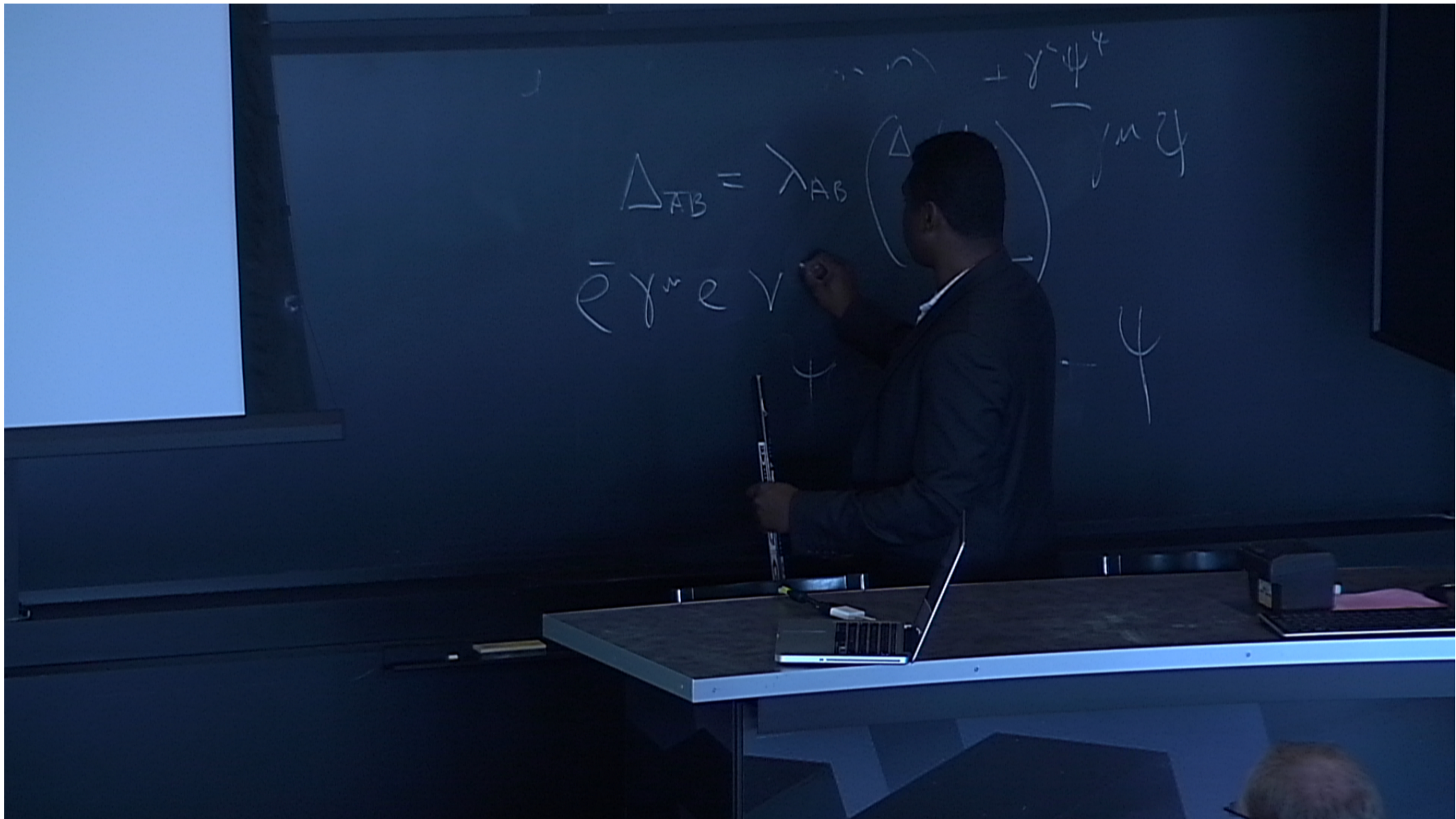
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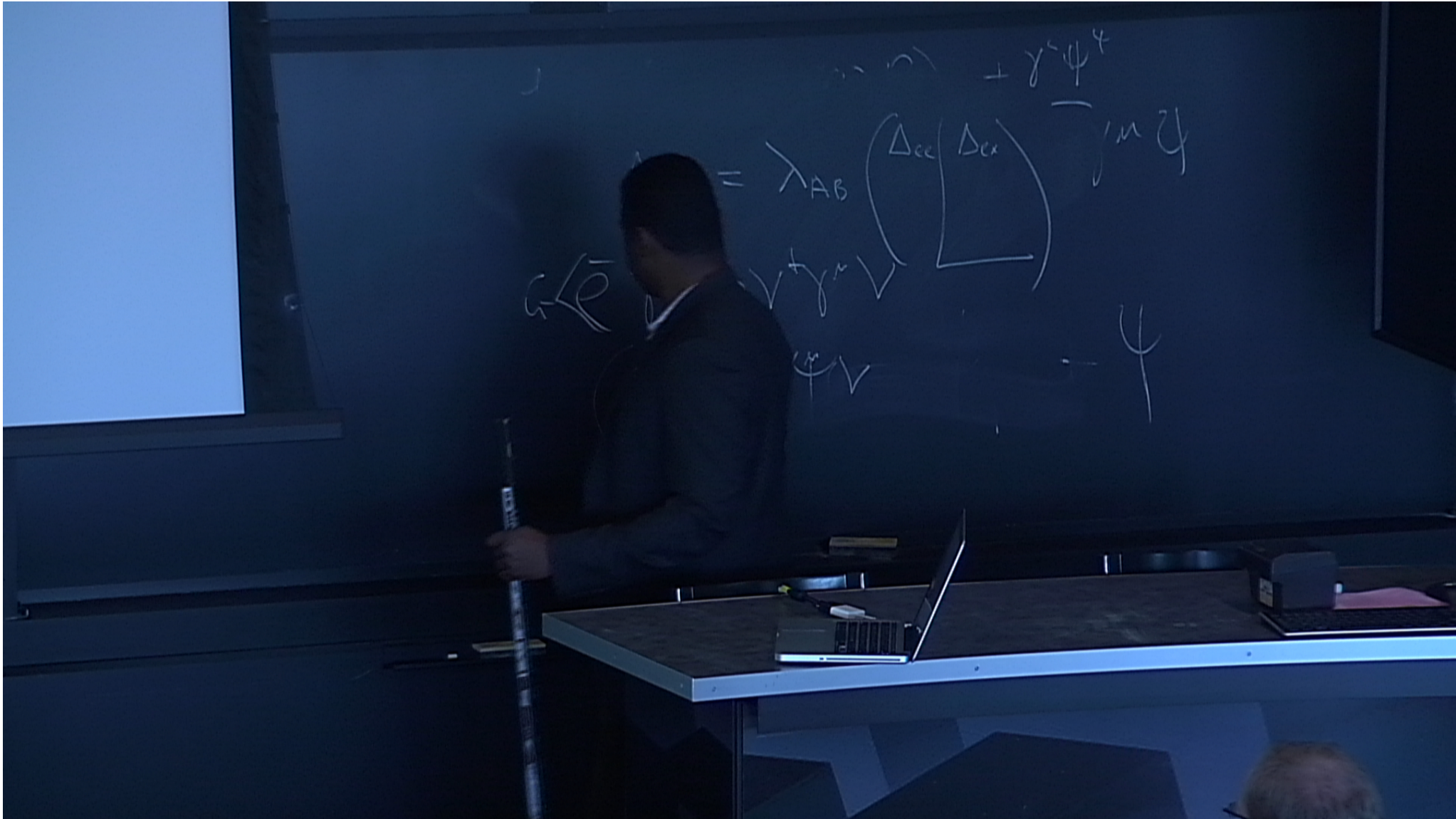
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Nambu-Jona Lasinio Model

$$\mathcal{L} = \sum_{j=1}^N i \bar{\Psi}_j \gamma^\mu D_\mu \Psi_j + \frac{G}{2} \sum_{j=1}^N \left[(\bar{\Psi}_j \Psi_j)^2 + (\bar{\Psi}_j i \gamma_5 \Psi_j)^2 \right]$$

Choose condensate VEV $\pi = \langle \bar{\psi} \gamma_5 \psi \rangle$

$$\mathcal{L} = \sum_{j=1}^N \left[i \bar{\Psi}_j \gamma^\mu D_\mu \Psi_j - \bar{\Psi}_j (\sigma_j + i \gamma_5 \pi_j) \Psi_j - \frac{1}{2G} (\sigma_j^2 + \pi_j^2) \right]$$

Functional Integration over the fermion fields

$$\Gamma(\sigma, \pi) = -i \sum_{j=1}^N \text{Tr} \text{Ln} [i \gamma^\mu D_\mu - (\sigma_j + i \gamma_5 \pi_j)] - \frac{1}{2G} \int d^4x (\sigma_j^2 + \pi_j^2).$$

Field Equations

Gauge Field

$$\frac{3}{2} \frac{\ddot{\phi}}{a^2} + 6g^2 \frac{\phi^3}{a^4} + \frac{3}{2} \frac{H(t)}{a^2} \dot{\phi} - e\bar{J}(a) = 0$$

Pion Condensate

$$\ddot{\pi} + 3H\dot{\pi} + \lambda\pi(\pi^2 - f_D^2) = 0$$

Qualitative Understanding of Acceleration

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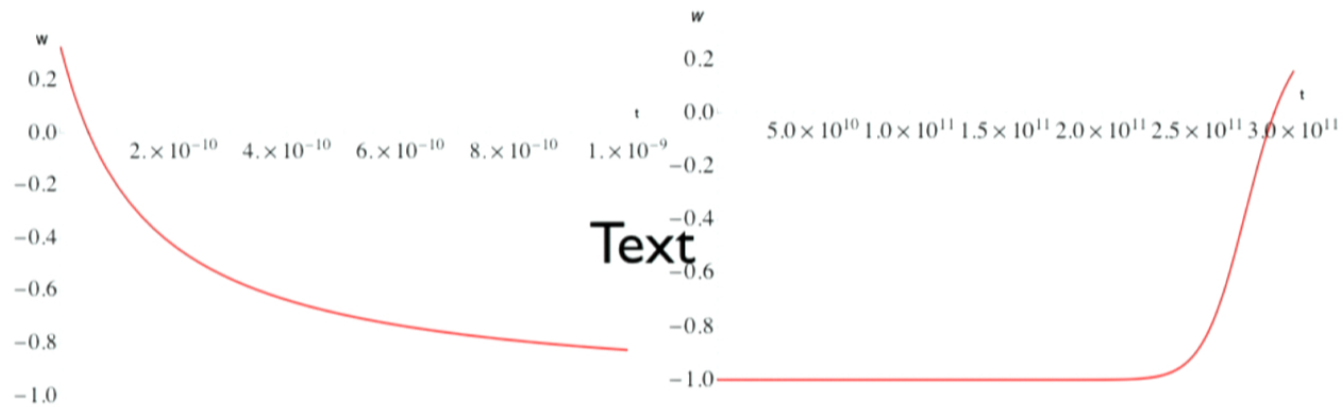
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Equation of state parameter



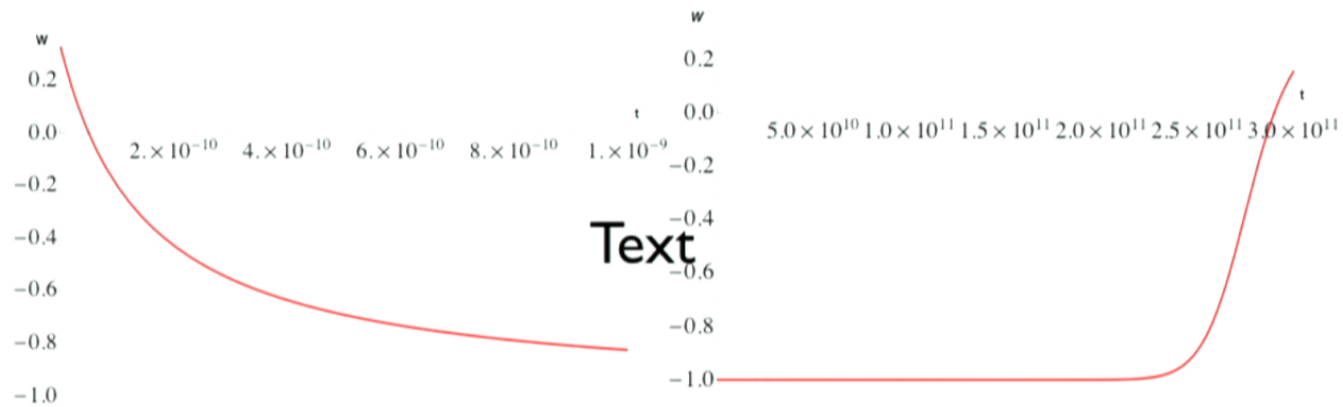
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Stability Analysis:

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$$\square \delta A_i^I(\vec{x}, \eta) + g A(\eta) [\nabla \wedge \delta \vec{A}(\vec{x}, \eta)]_i^I + g^2 [2A^2(\eta) \text{Tr}[\delta A(\vec{x}, \eta)] \delta_i^I] = q a^4(\eta) \partial_i \delta \pi^I(\vec{x}, \eta)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \square \delta \pi^I(\vec{x}, \eta) + 2 \frac{a'}{a^2} \delta \pi'^I(\vec{x}, \eta) + \lambda \delta \pi^I(\vec{x}, \eta) (3 \pi^2(\eta) - f_D^2) \\ = -e f_D \left(\partial^i \delta A_i^I(\vec{x}, \eta) + \delta A_0'^I(\vec{x}, \eta) \right) \end{aligned}$$

We Get Oscillating solutions for subhorizon modes

Conclusion & Outlook

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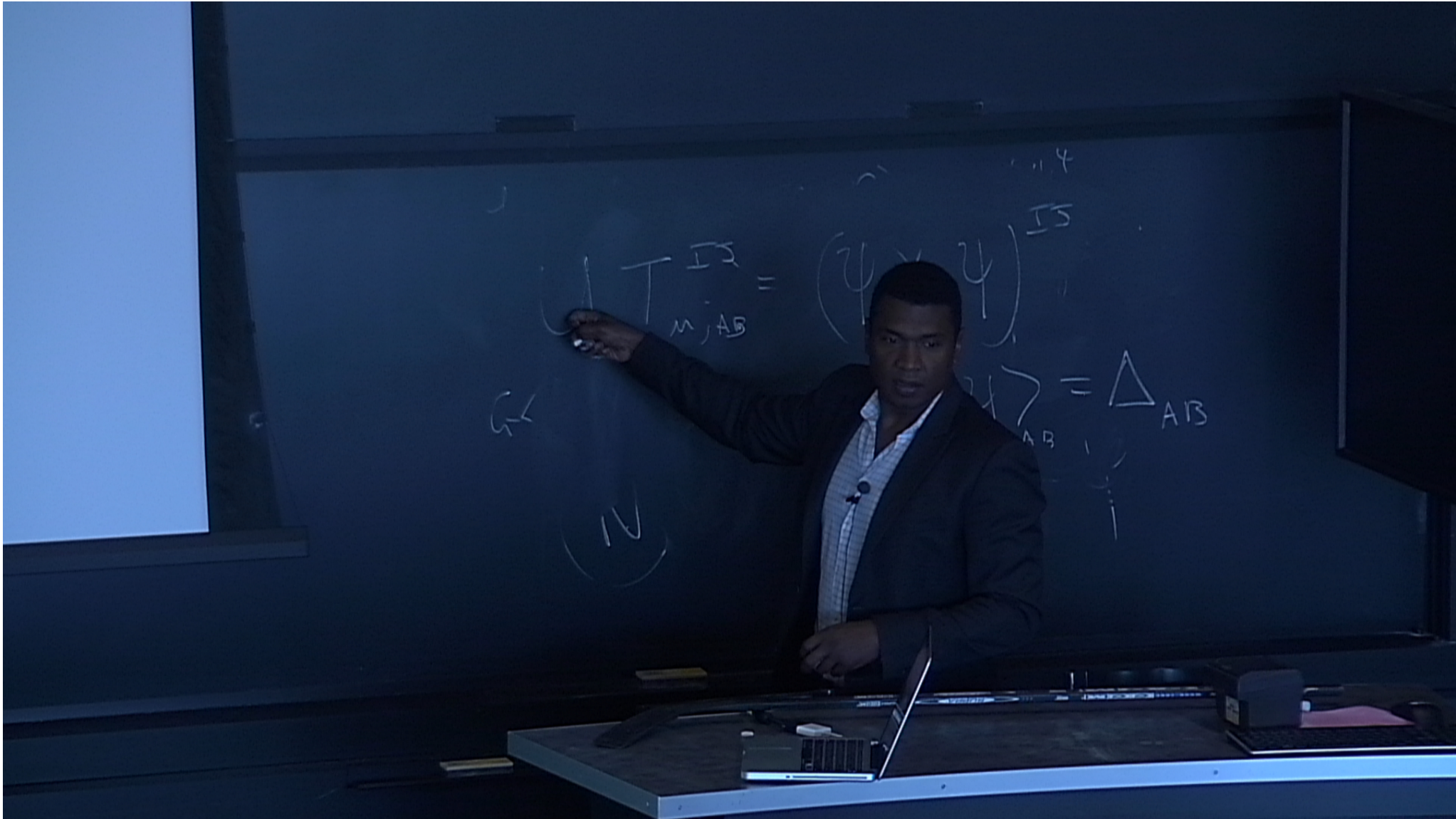
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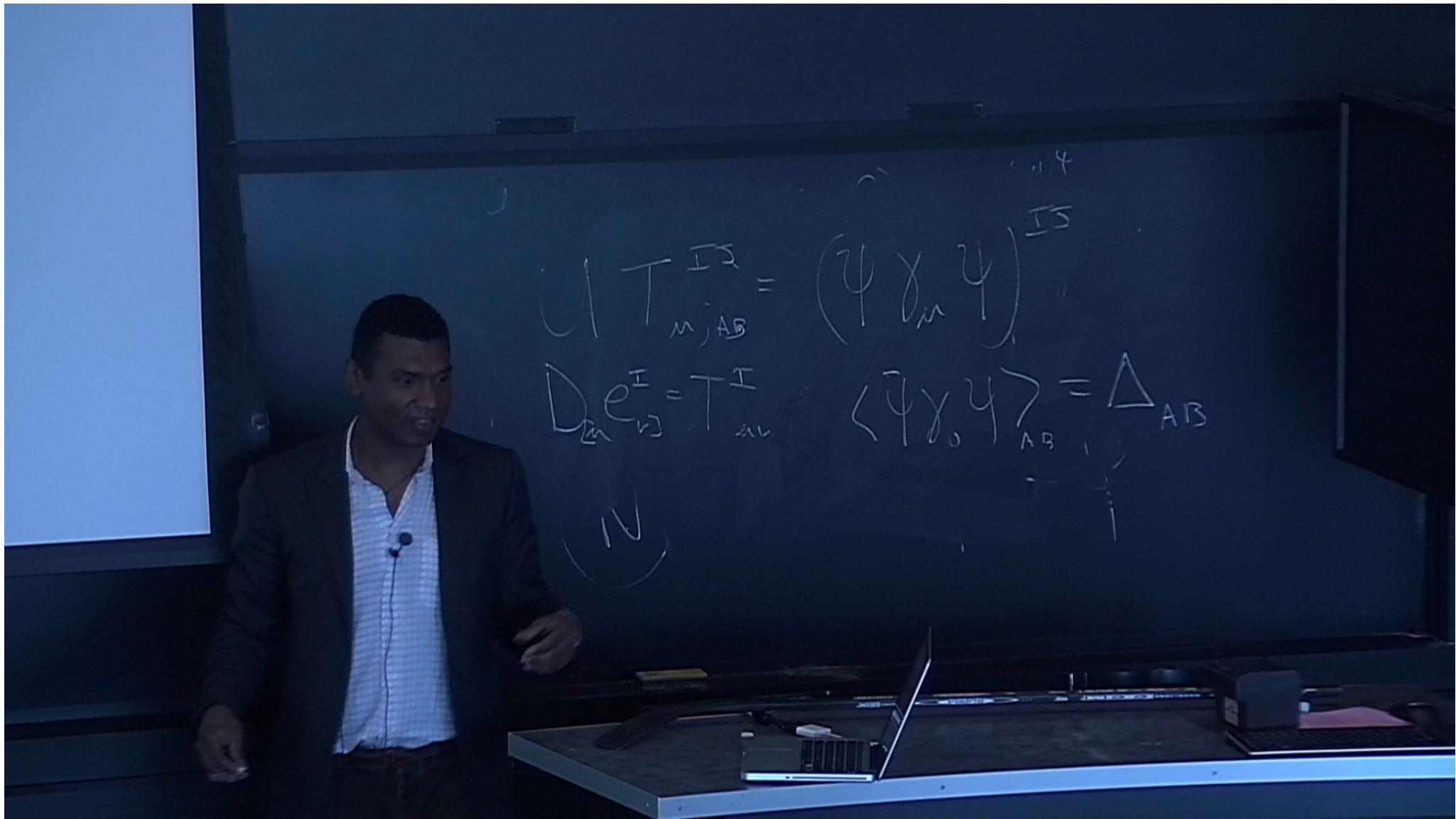
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WHAT IS MUSIC?

- Music is defined as a combination of sounds that create a rhythm, symphony, or melody.



HOW IS MUSIC CATEGORIZED?



- Music is a broad category; therefore, it is divided into many categories known as genres.
 - Each genre is a different style of music.
- All of these genres have been separated, named, and identified because they appeal to different audiences.
- There's not one genre that is better or worse, or that is more or less creative. They differ a lot in melody and lyric style, themes, rhythm, and production and each one has an audience that likes a certain sound.

TYPES OF MUSIC

- 🎵 Hip Hop
- 🎵 R & B also known as Rhythm & Blues
- 🎵 Country
- 🎵 Rock
- 🎵 Alternative Rock
- 🎵 Heavy Metal
- 🎵 Classical Music
- 🎵 Punk Rock
- 🎵 Dance/ Electronic



WHERE CAN MUSIC BE HEARD?

Backyards, playgrounds, school, mp3s, computer, hospital, house, work, clubs. Due to today's technology music can now be heard ANYWHERE!!



WELL KNOWN NORTH AMERICAN MUSICIANS





YOUR TASK

Each group is responsible for investigating a specific genre of music and presenting the information found to the class.

Groups should provide information such as:

- ❖ Top Artists
- ❖ New Releases
- ❖ Instruments used
- ❖ Origin
- ❖ Moods/Themes

The music genres we will research are: **Pop, Country, Rock, Hip Hop, Classical.**

You can find these genres at:

<http://www.allmusic.com/>

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Origins: ~1960s,

Pop
Examples: Lady Gaga, Britney Spears,
Justin Bieber, Backstreet Boys,
Katy P, Rebecca Black
Influences: R and B, Hip-Hop, Classical, Dance
Instruments: Guitar, Pi

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REFLECTION

- Each student in the group must hand in a one-page reflection on the project using these guided reflection questions:
- *What were the three most important and/or interesting things you learned about this genre of music?*
- *Explain why you think someone would listen/like this genre of music?*