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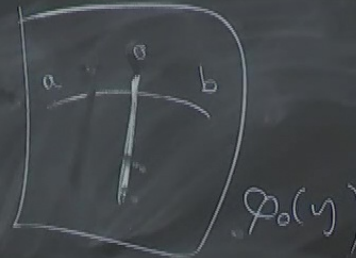
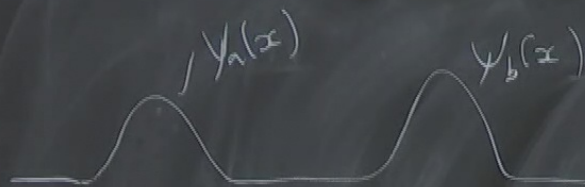
The dBB model

1) Schröd' eqn

$$2) \quad \frac{d\vec{X}_n}{dt} = \frac{\hbar}{M_n} \frac{\text{Im}(\psi \nabla_n \psi)}{\psi^* \psi} \Big|_{x=X}$$

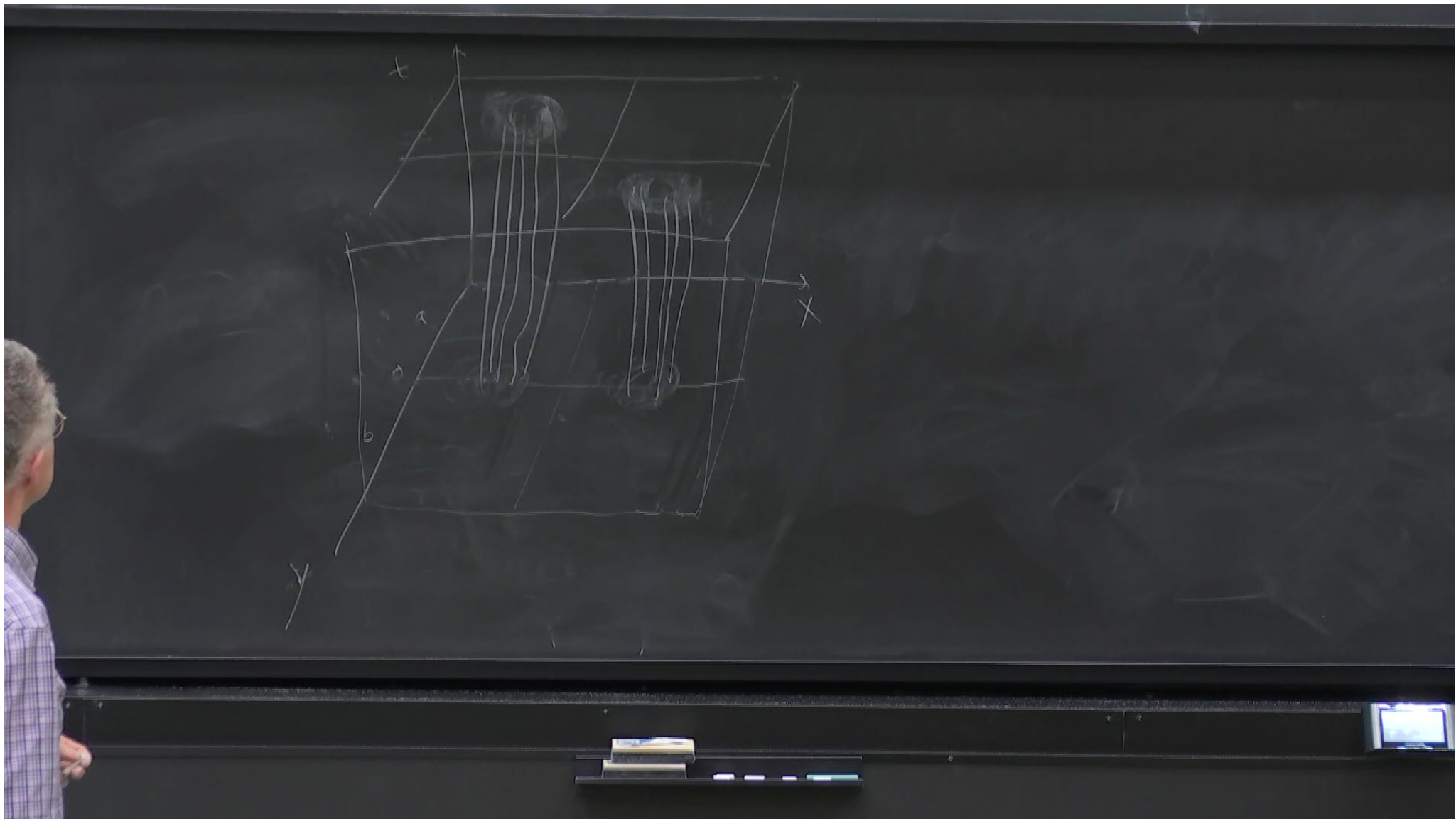
$x=X$

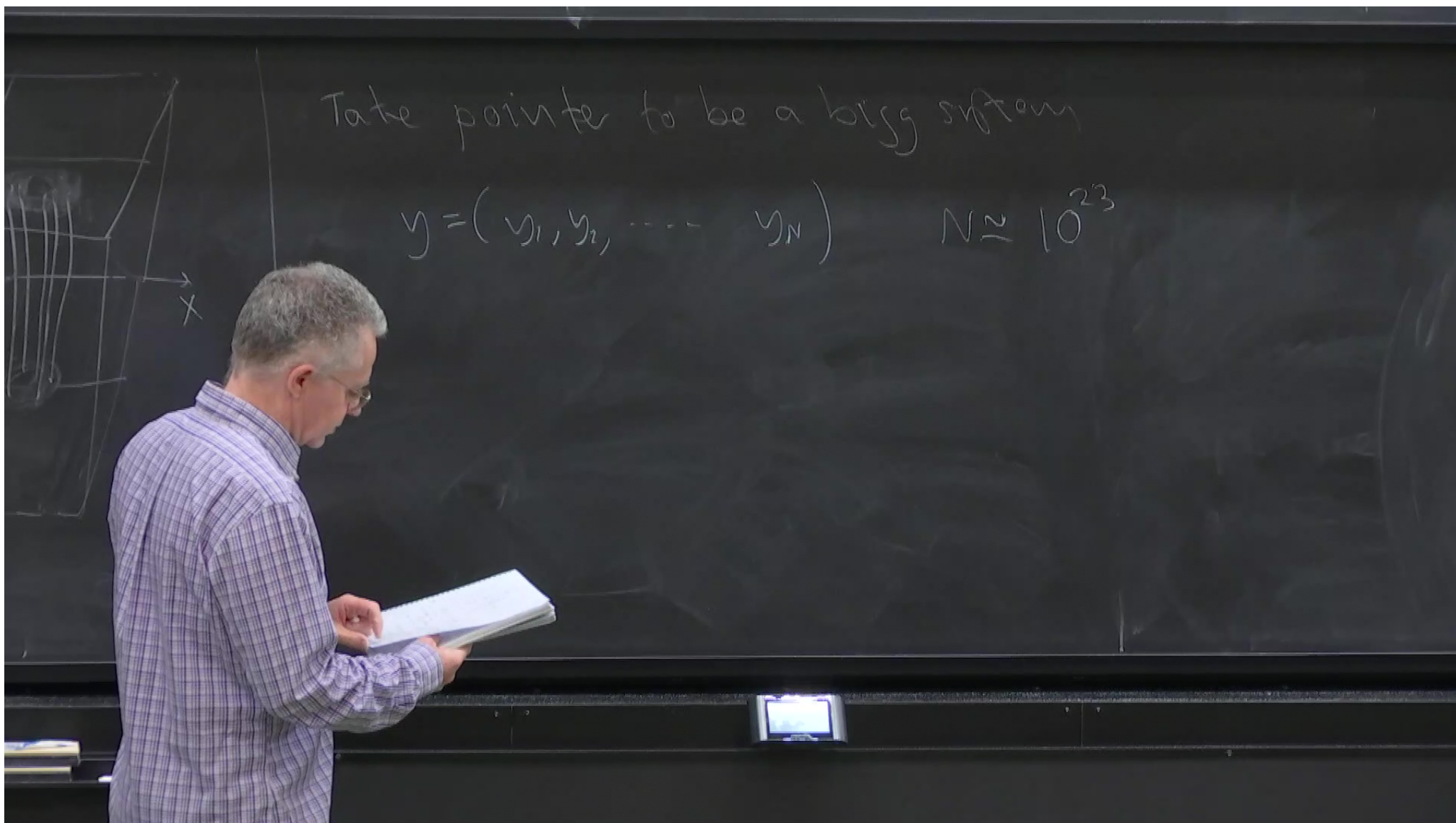




$$\psi(x) = \alpha \psi_a(x) + \beta \psi_b(x)$$

$$\psi(x) \phi_0(y) \rightarrow \alpha \psi_a(x) \phi_a(y) + \beta \psi_b(x) \phi_b(y)$$

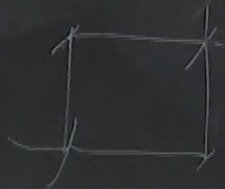




Take pointer to be a big system

$$y = (y_1, y_2, \dots, y_N) \quad N \approx 10^{23}$$

$$|\dot{\phi}_a^t(y)| / |\dot{\phi}_b^t(y)| \approx 0 \text{ for all } t \geq T$$



big system

$$N \approx 10^{23}$$

all $t \geq T$

$$\frac{d\vec{X}}{dt}$$

If have a outcome then $\vec{X}, \vec{y}$ depend only
on $\psi_a(x) \phi_a(y)$

$$\psi_{\text{eff}} = \begin{cases} \psi_a(x) \varphi_a(y) & \text{if } y \in \text{supp}(\varphi_a(y)) \\ \psi_b(x) \varphi_b(y) & \text{if } y \in \text{supp}(\varphi_b(y)) \end{cases}$$

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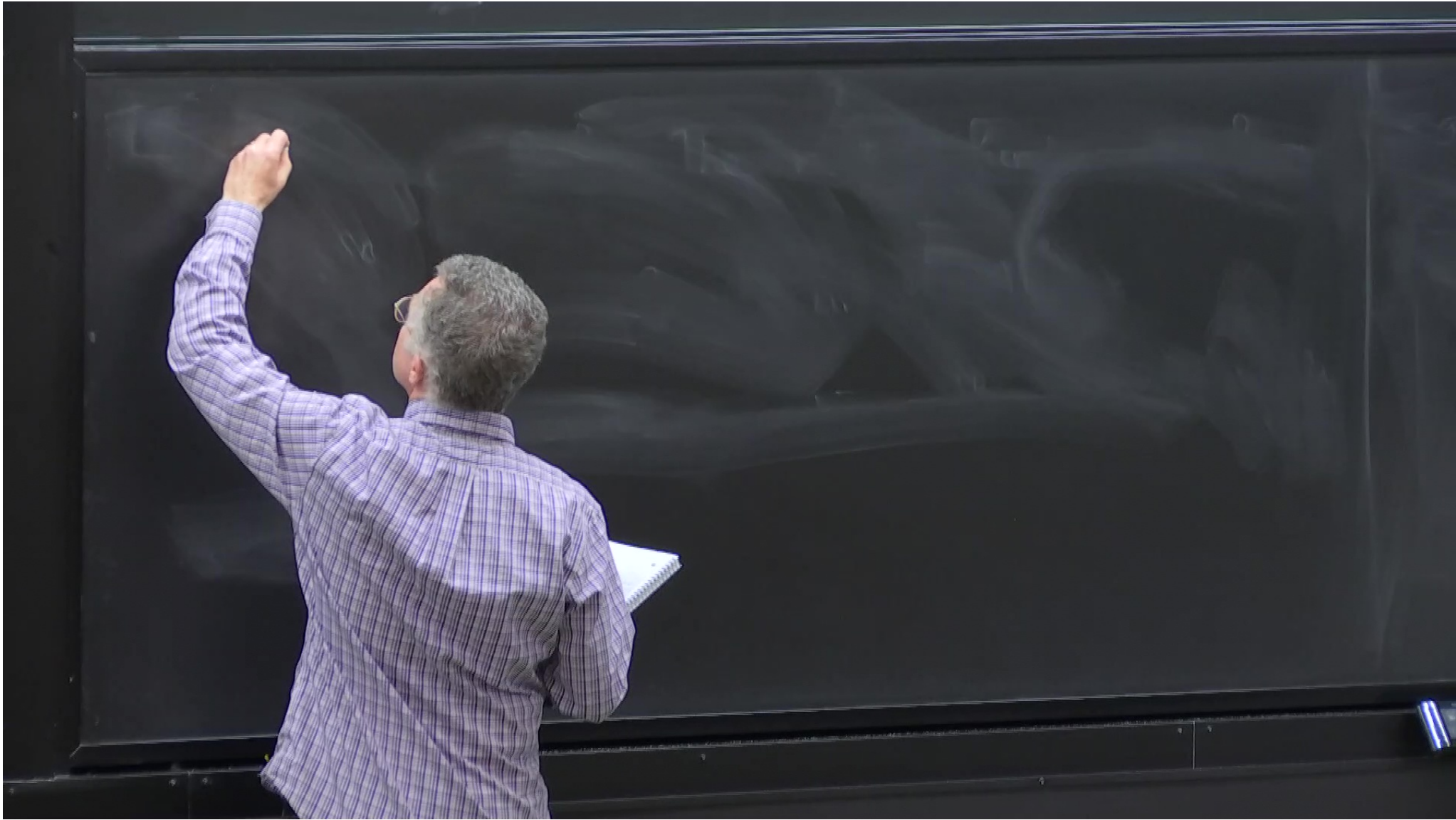
$$\psi_b(x) \varphi_b(y) \quad \text{if} \quad y \in \text{supp}(\varphi_b(y))$$

projection postulate is recovered.

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The projection postulate is recovered.

Nonlocal



Nonlocality

$$\sup(p_a(y))$$

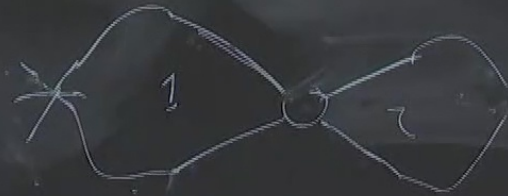
$$V_1(X_1, X_2)$$

if we jiggle X_2 then V_1 changes

$\Rightarrow$ nonlocality

potential $V_1 + V_2$

$\uparrow$
vary this



$$\Psi = \psi(x_1) \varphi(x_2)$$

$$v_1 = \frac{\hbar}{m_1} \frac{\operatorname{Im}(\psi^*(x_1) \varphi^*(x_2) \nabla_1 \psi(x_1) \varphi(x_2))}{\psi^*(x_1) \varphi^*(x_2) \psi(x_1) \varphi(x_2)}$$

$$= \frac{\hbar}{m_1} \frac{\operatorname{Im}(\psi^*(x_1) \nabla_1 \psi(x_1))}{\psi^*(x_1) \psi(x_1)}$$

$x_2 =$

$$\Psi = \psi(x_1) \varphi(x_2)$$

$$V_1 = \frac{\hbar}{m_1} \frac{\operatorname{Im}(\psi^*(x_1) \varphi^*(x_2) \nabla_1 \psi(x_1) \varphi(x_2))}{\cancel{\psi^*(x_1) \varphi^*(x_2)} \cancel{\psi(x_1) \varphi(x_2)}} \bigg|_{x_1, x_2 = X_1, X_2}$$

$$= \frac{\hbar}{m_1} \frac{\operatorname{Im}(\psi^*(x_1) \nabla_1 \psi(x_1))}{\cancel{\psi^*(x_1)} \cancel{\psi(x_1)}} \bigg|_{x_1 = X_1}$$

Nonlocality

$$V_1(X_1, X_2)$$

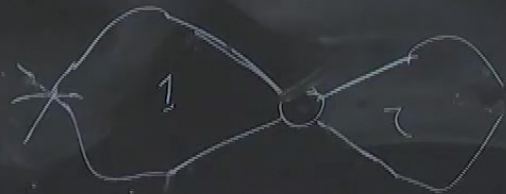
if we jiggle X_2 then V_1 changes

potentially $V_1 + V_2$

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vary this

$\Rightarrow$ nonlocality



$$\pi \rho \neq |\psi|^2$$

$\Rightarrow$ actual signalling

Valentini

Criticisms

- ① Don't need the guidance eqn to make predictions
- ② Where does guidance eqn come from?
- it is a "bolt on".
- ③ No back reaction of particles on waves.

④ The many worlds in denial attack.

Deutsch / Brown Wallace

The wave fn is real - it really exists.
It contains stories about what happens.