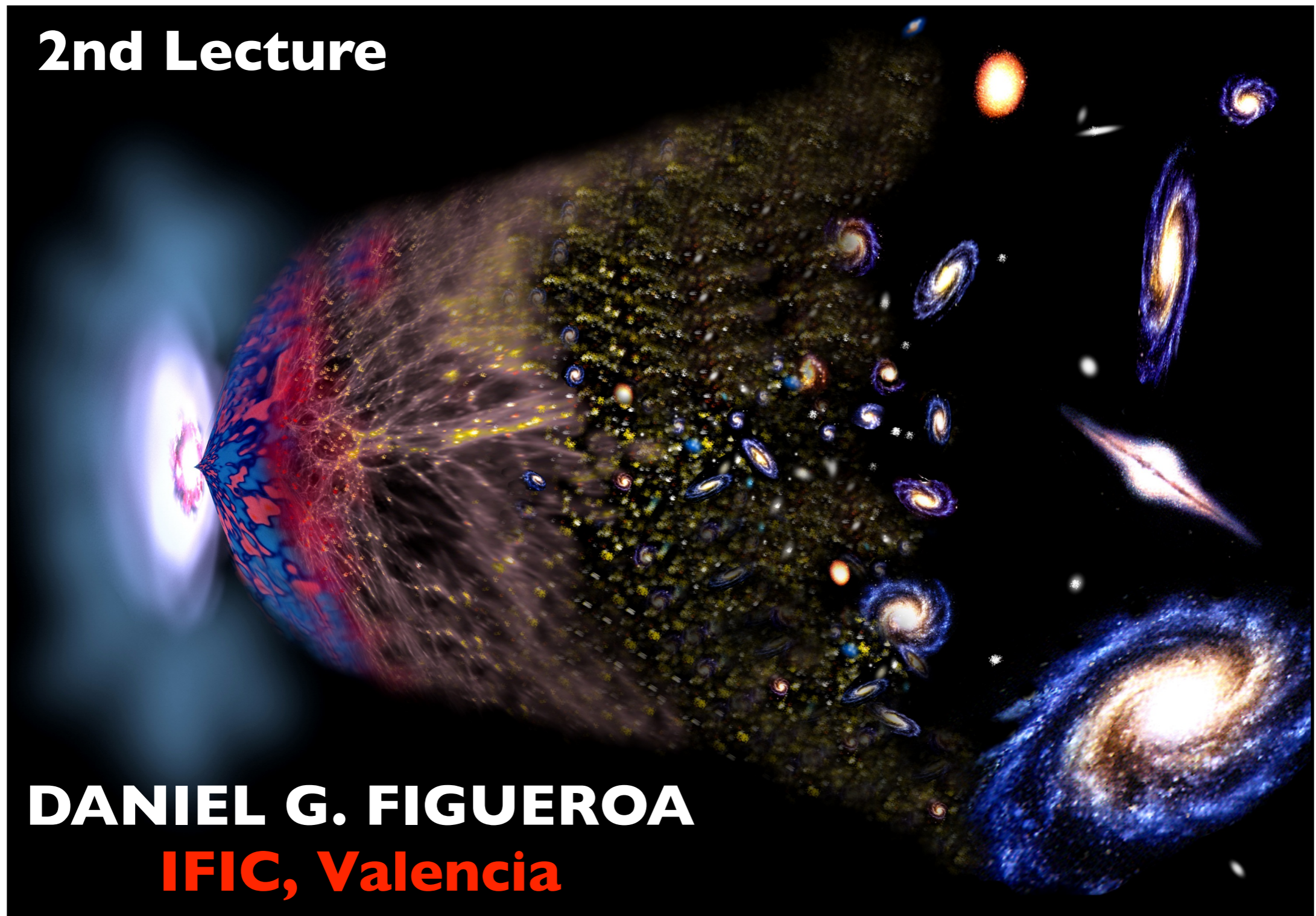


# GRAVITATIONAL WAVE — BACKGROUNDS —

**2nd Lecture**



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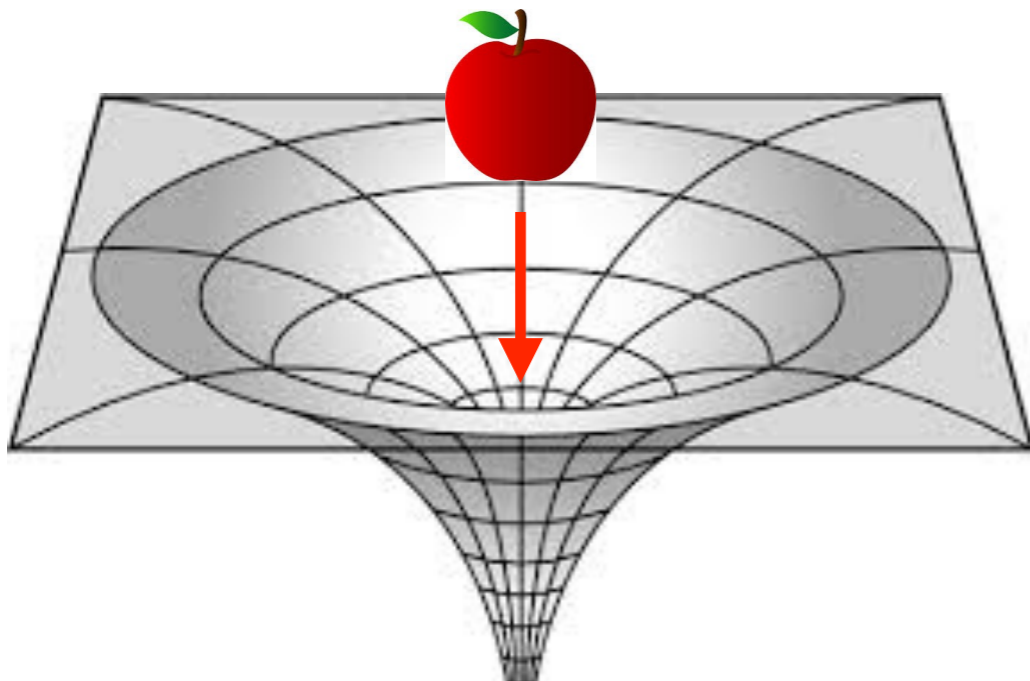
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**A PRIMER ON  
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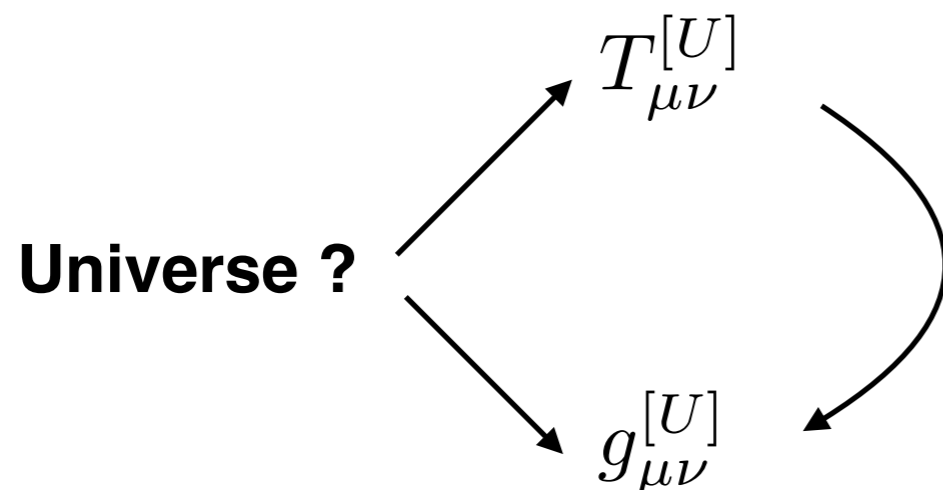
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**Cosmological Principle**  
Background metric and matter  
Homogeneous & Isotropy

**FLRW expanding Universe !**  
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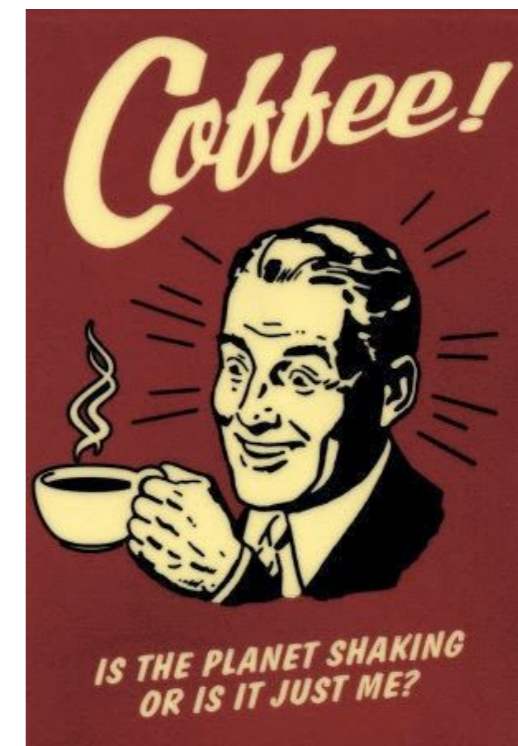
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**Let's continue  
this approach...**

**I hope you took a  
good load of coffee  
( 'cause you are gonna need it)**



# **Definition of GWs**

## **1st approach**



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**Notation:**

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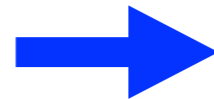
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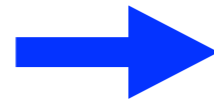
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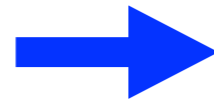
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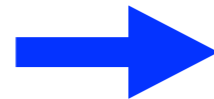
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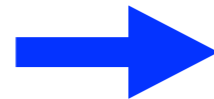
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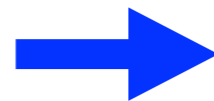
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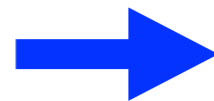
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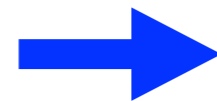
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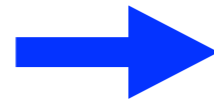
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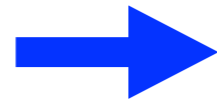
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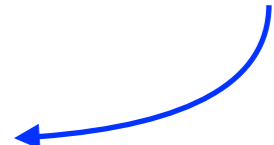
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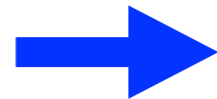
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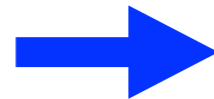
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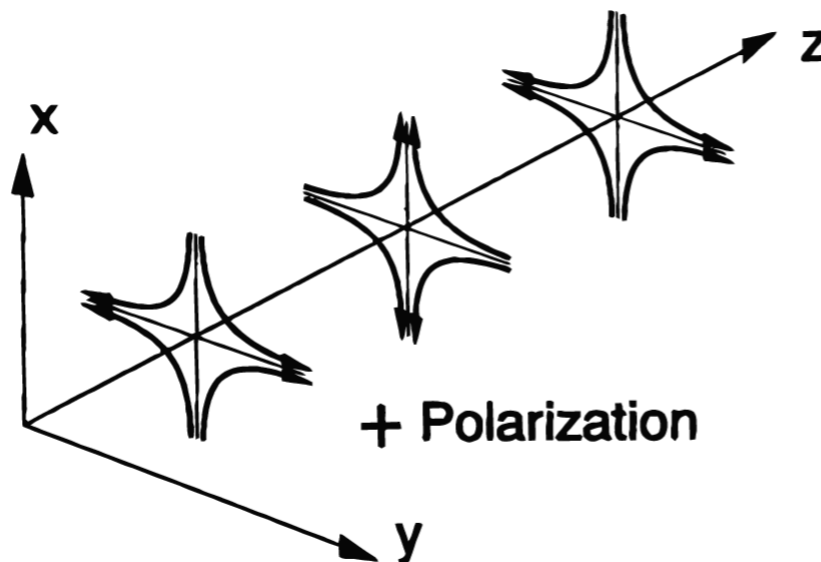
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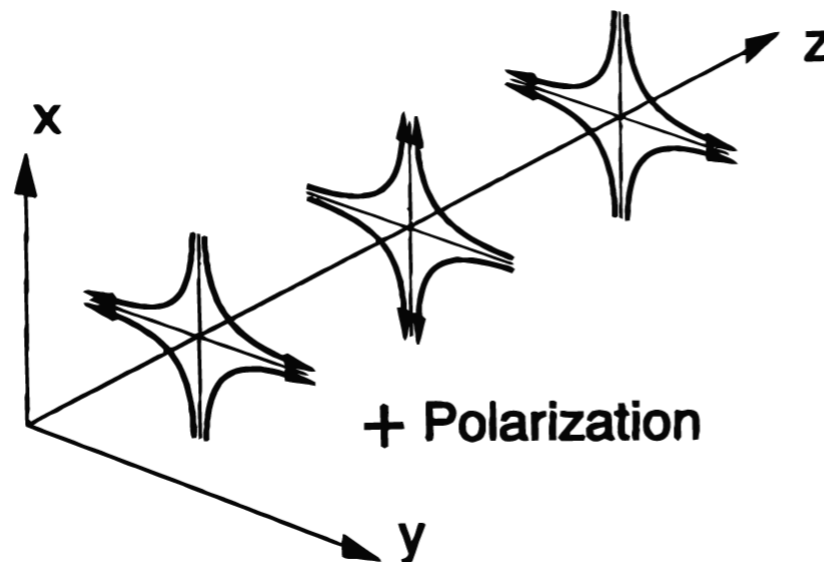
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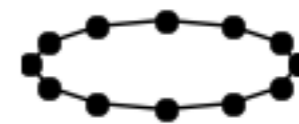
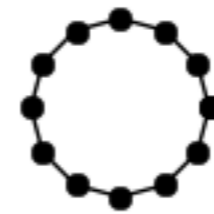
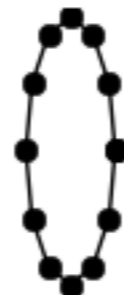
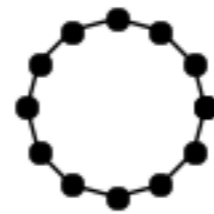
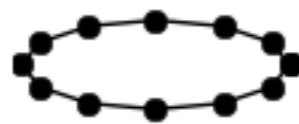
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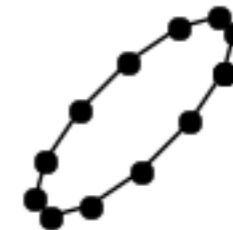
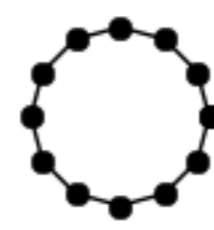
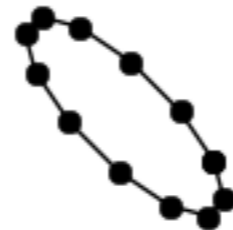
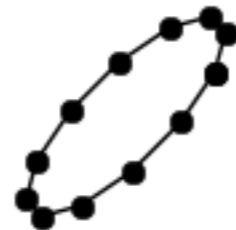
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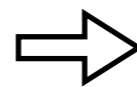
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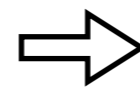
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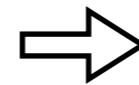
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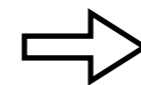
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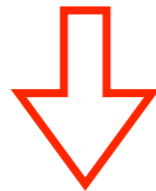
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# Cosmological Backgrounds of Gravitational Waves

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**Abstract.** Gravitational waves (GWs) have a great potential to probe cosmology. We review early universe sources that can lead to cosmological backgrounds of GWs. We begin by presenting proper definitions of GWs in flat space-time and in a

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\*Notice that under a Lorentz transformation  $x'_\mu = \Lambda_\mu^\nu x_\nu$ ,  $g'_{\mu\nu}(x') = \Lambda_\mu^\alpha \Lambda_\nu^\beta g_{\alpha\beta}(x)$ , preservation of Eq. (3) requires  $|\Lambda_\mu^\alpha \Lambda_\nu^\beta h_{\alpha\beta}(x)| \ll 1$ , so that it remains true that  $|h'_{\mu\nu}(x')| \ll 1$ . Rotations do not spoil the condition  $|h_{\mu\nu}(x)| \ll 1$ , but boosts could, and therefore must be restricted to those that do not spoil such condition. As  $h_{\mu\nu}(x)$  is invariant under constant displacements  $x'^\mu \rightarrow x^\mu + a^\mu$ , linearised gravity Eq. (3) is also invariant under Poincaré transformations.

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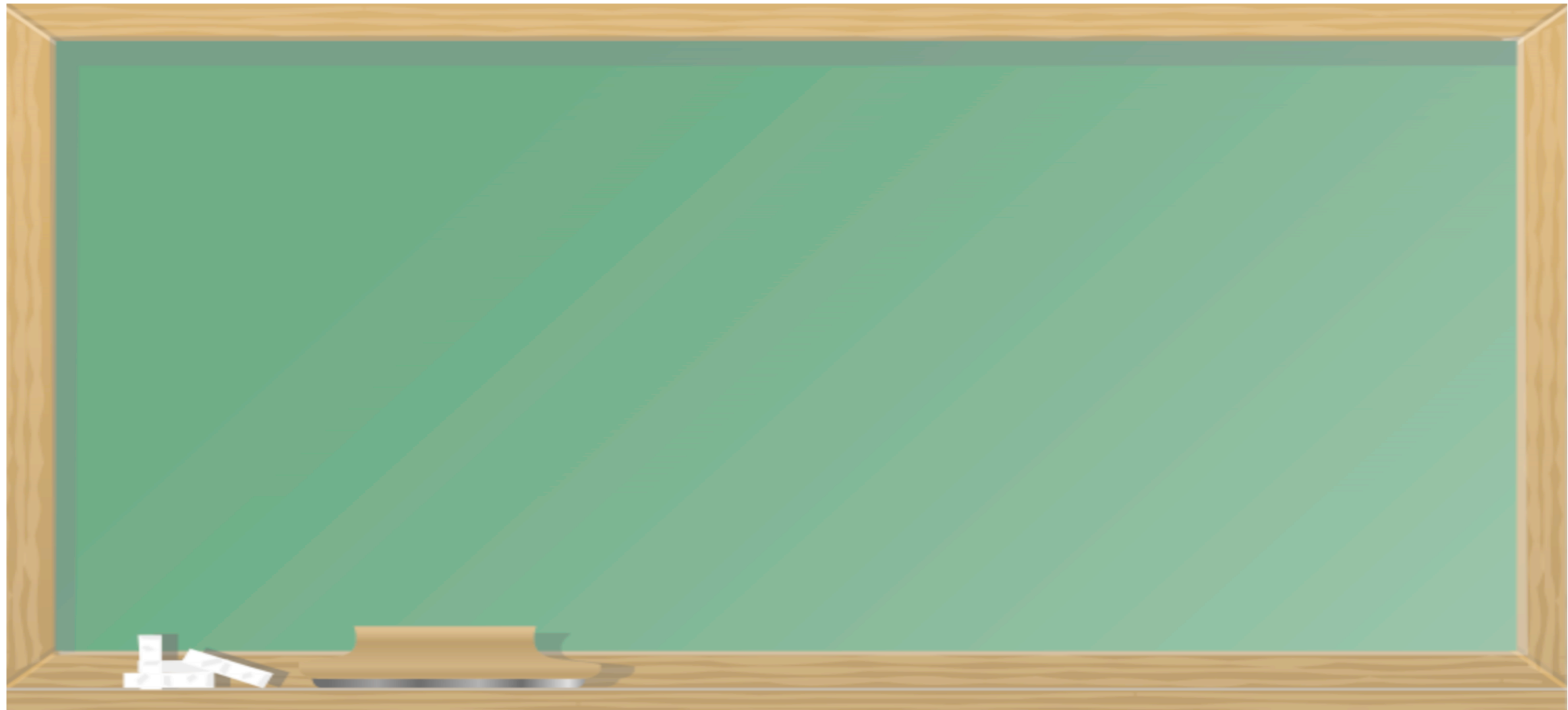
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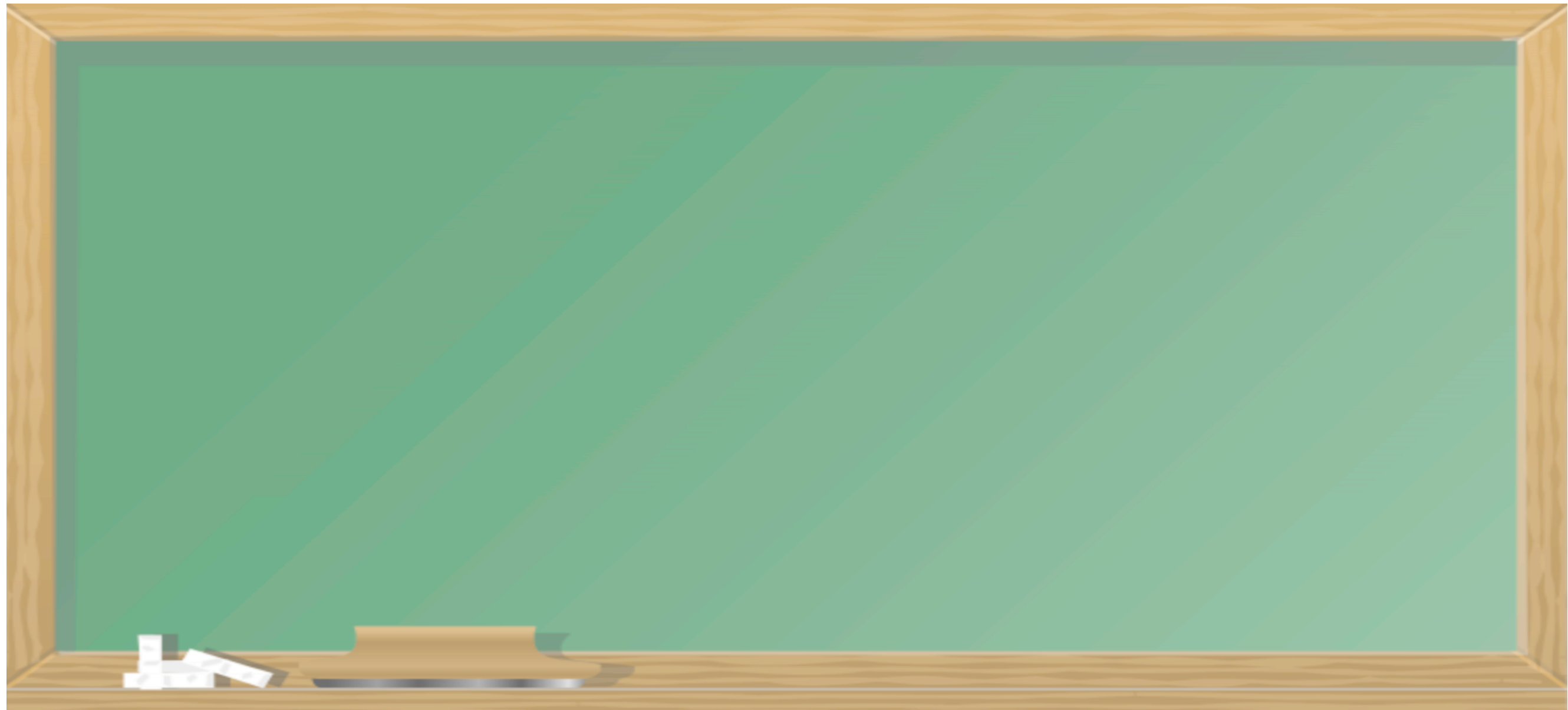
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**After some Calculation...**  $A = +2, B = -2, C = -2, D = -1$

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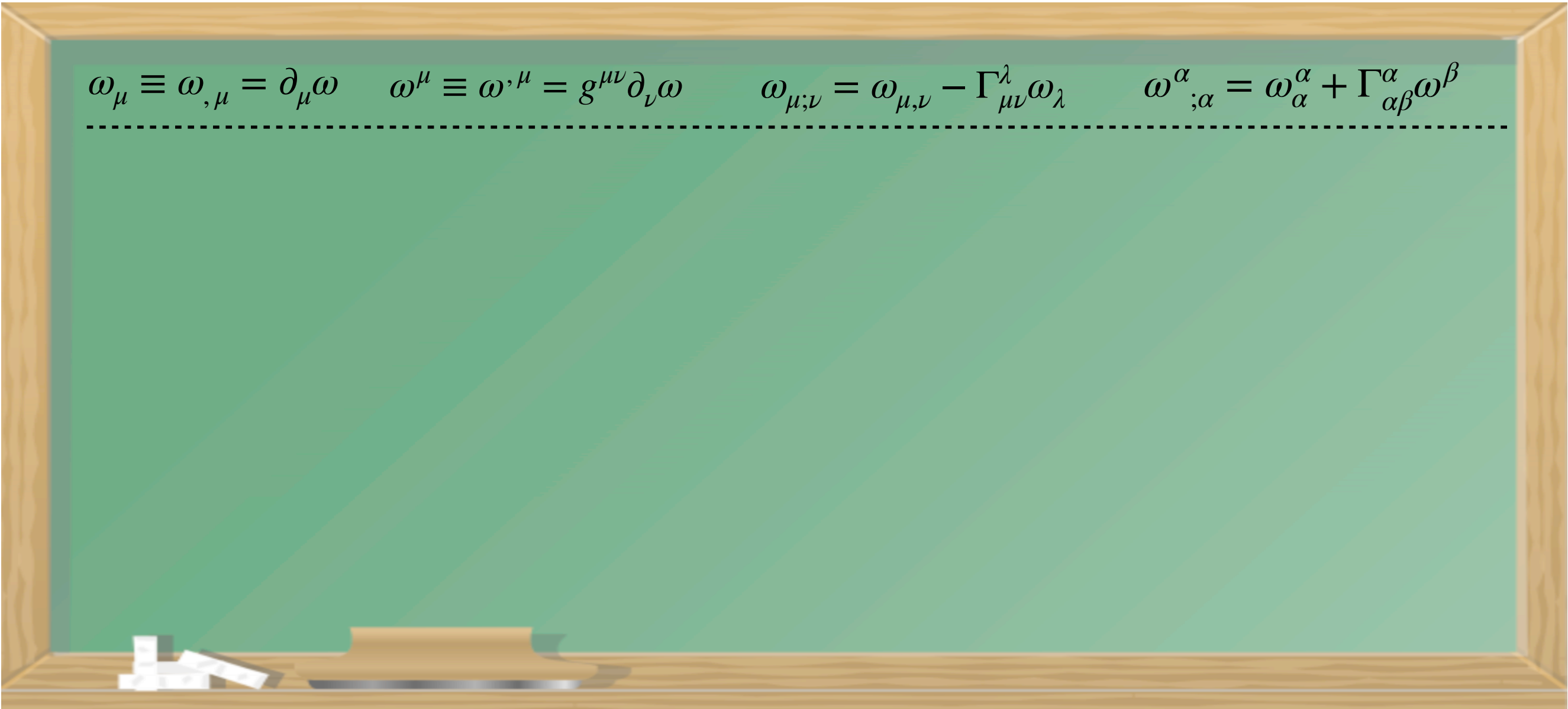
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$$\partial_{[\lambda}(\Gamma_{\mu\nu]}^{\lambda(1)} + \Gamma_{\mu\nu]}^{\lambda(2)} + \dots) + (\Gamma_{[\alpha\lambda}^{\alpha(1)} + \Gamma_{[\alpha\lambda}^{\alpha(2)} + \dots)(\Gamma_{\mu\nu]}^{\lambda(1)} + \Gamma_{\mu\nu]}^{\lambda(2)} + \dots)$$



# Gravitational Wave Definition

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$$R_{\mu\nu}[\eta_{**} + h_{**}] \equiv \underbrace{\partial_{[\lambda}\Gamma_{\mu\nu]}^{\lambda(1)}}_{\delta R_{\mu\nu}^{(1)}} + \underbrace{\partial_{[\lambda}\Gamma_{\mu\nu]}^{\lambda(2)} + \Gamma_{[\alpha\lambda}^{(1)}\Gamma_{\mu\nu]}^{\lambda(1)}}_{\delta R_{\mu\nu}^{(2)}} + \dots$$

# Gravitational Wave Definition

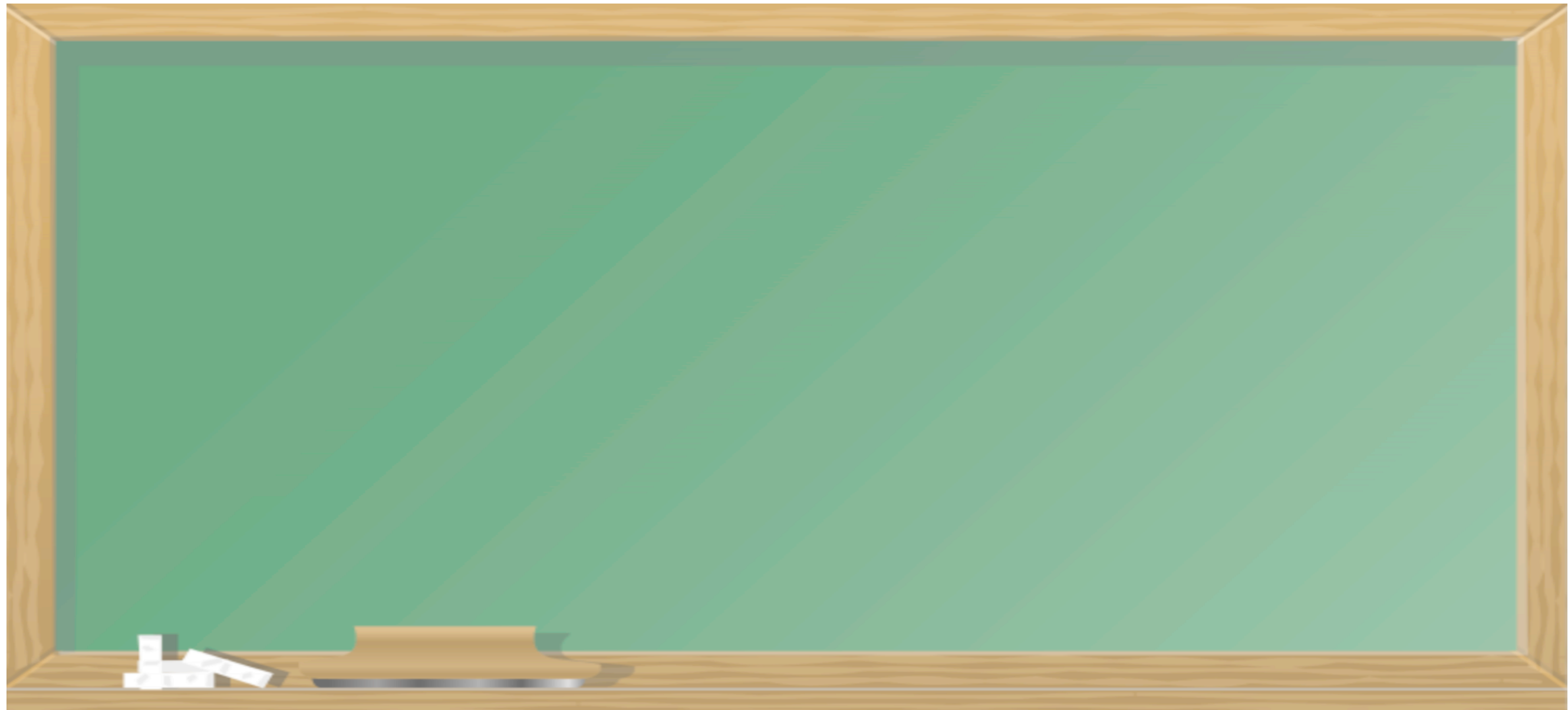
**Then:** 
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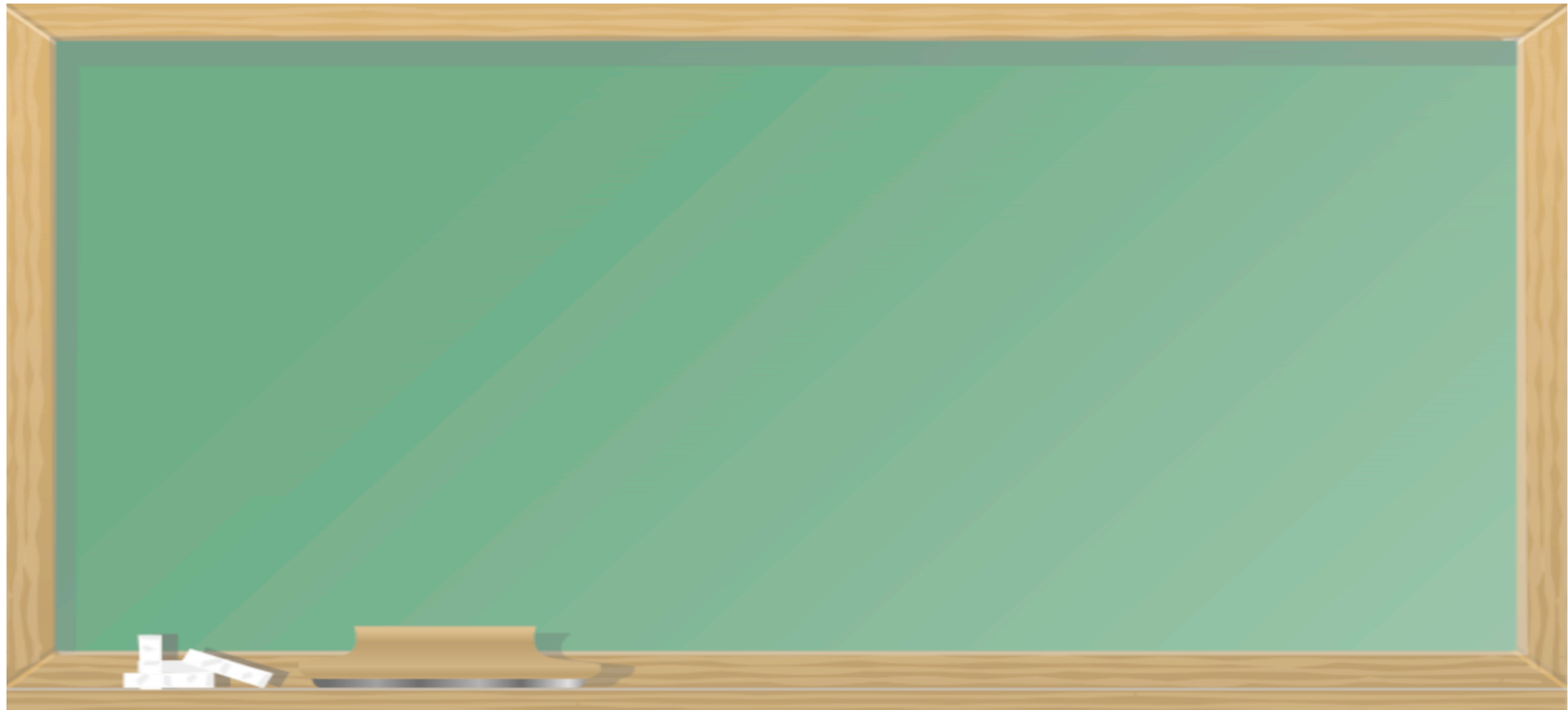
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# Gravitational Wave Definition

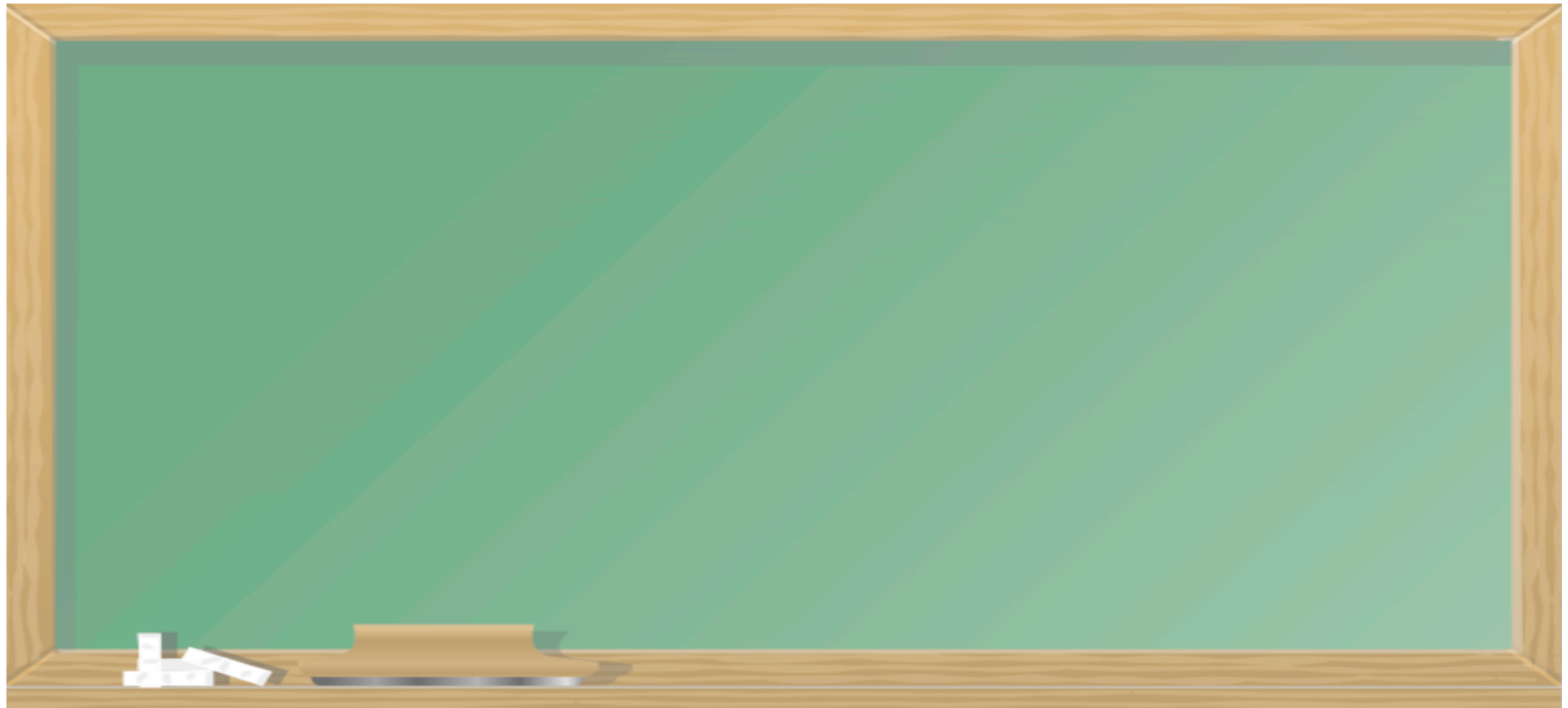
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# Gravitational Wave Definition

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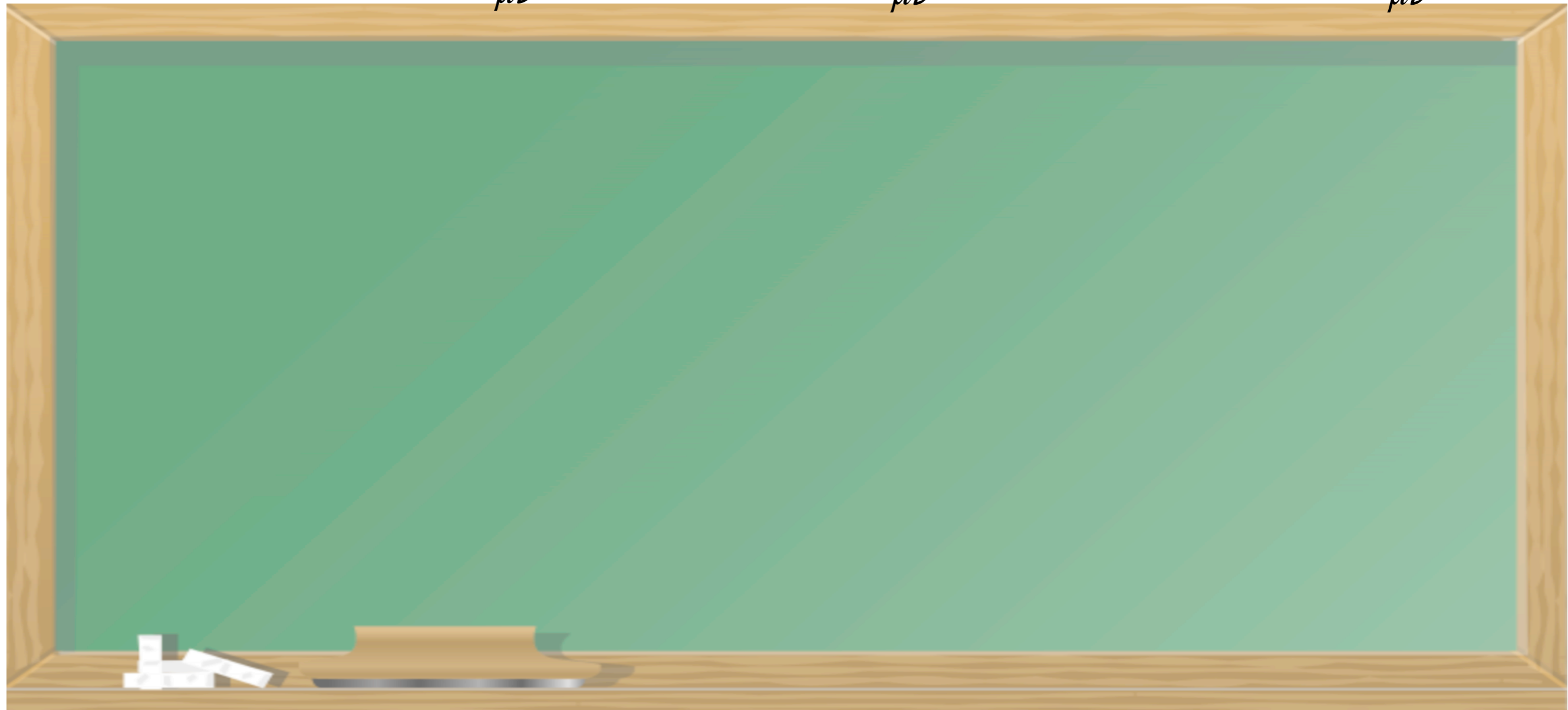
$$\tilde{R}_{\mu\nu} \equiv \underbrace{(\mathcal{D}_{\mu\nu}\omega)^{(0)}}_{\mathcal{O}(h_{**}^0)} + \underbrace{\left(\delta R_{\mu\nu}^{(1)} + (\mathcal{D}_{\mu\nu}\omega)^{(1)}\right)}_{\mathcal{O}(h_{**})} + \underbrace{\left(\delta R_{\mu\nu}^{(2)} + (\mathcal{D}_{\mu\nu}\omega)^{(2)}\right)}_{\mathcal{O}(h_{**}^2)}$$



# Gravitational Wave Definition

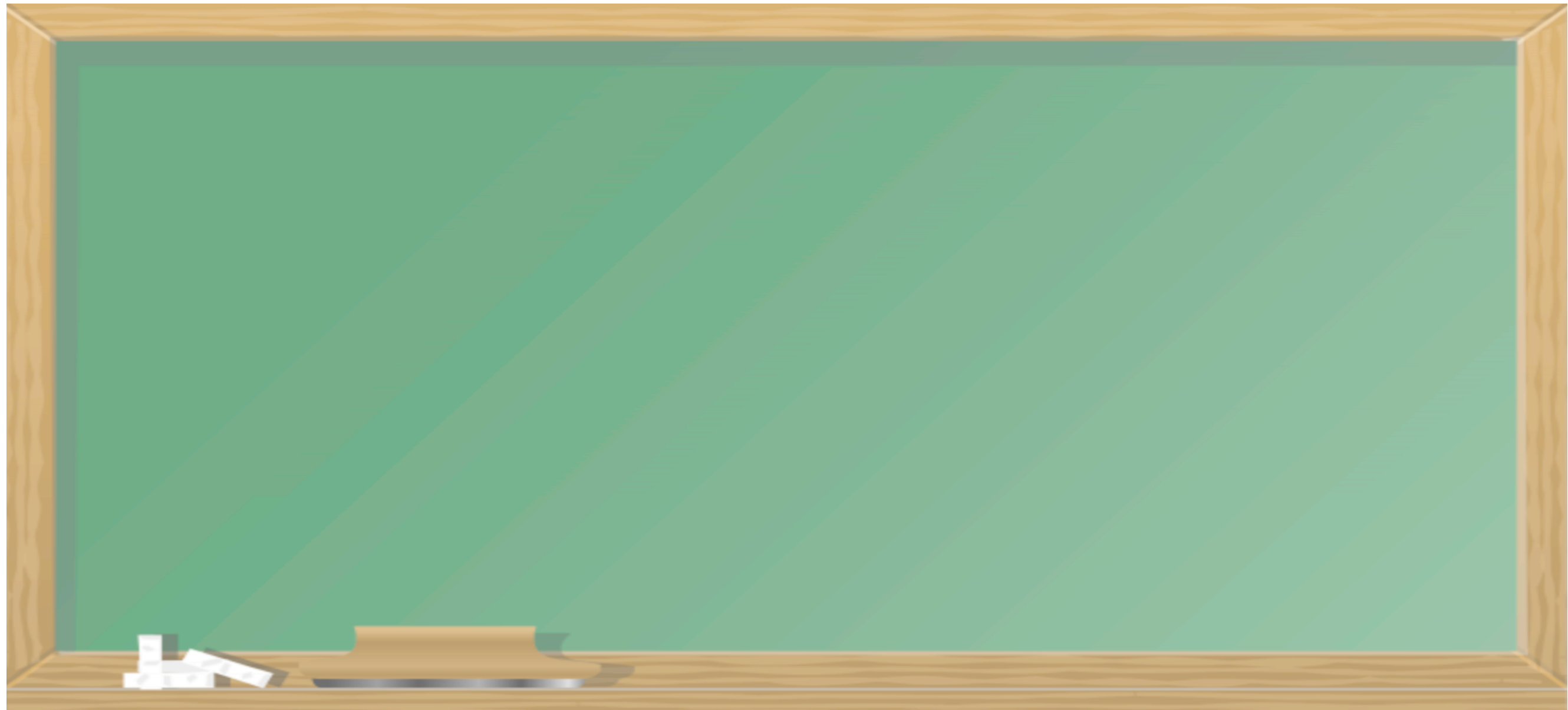
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$$S_{\mu\nu} = \underbrace{(\rho + p)u_\mu u_\nu + \frac{1}{2}(\rho - p)\tilde{g}_{\mu\nu}}_{\text{Perfect fluid}} + \underbrace{\Pi_{ij}}_{\text{Anisotropic Stress}} ; \quad u_\mu \equiv (a, 0, 0, 0)$$

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 &= (\rho + p)a^2\delta_{\mu 0}\delta_{\nu 0} + \frac{1}{2}(\rho - p)a^2\eta_{\mu\nu} + \frac{1}{2}(\rho - p)a^2h_{\mu\nu} + \Pi_{ij} \\
 &= \underbrace{\hspace{15em}}_{S_{\mu\nu}^{(0)}} + \underbrace{\hspace{15em}}_{S_{\mu\nu}^{(1)}}
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 &\quad [ \Pi_{ij} = \Pi_{ij}^{(S)} + \Pi_{ij}^{(V)} + \Pi_{ij}^{(T)} ]
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**Background:**  $m_p^2 \tilde{R}_{\mu\nu}^{(0)} = S_{\mu\nu}^{(0)}$

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$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} (\mu, \nu) = (0, 0) : (\mathcal{H}^2 - a''/a) = \frac{a^2}{6m_p^2}(\rho + 3p) \quad \text{(I)} \\ (\mu, \nu) = (i, i) : (\mathcal{H}^2 + a''/a) = \frac{a^2}{2m_p^2}(\rho - p) \quad \text{(II)} \end{array} \right.$$

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$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{(I) + (II) :} \quad \mathcal{H}^2 = \frac{a^2}{3m_p^2} \rho \\ \text{(II) - (I) :} \quad \frac{a''}{a} = \frac{a^2}{6m_p^2} (\rho - 3p) \end{array} \right.$$

**Friedmann Equations !**



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**First Order:**  $m_p^2 \tilde{R}_{\mu\nu}^{(1)} = S_{\mu\nu}^{(1)}$

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**Then:**  $\tilde{R}_{\mu\nu} \equiv \underbrace{\tilde{R}_{\mu\nu}^{(0)} + \tilde{R}_{\mu\nu}^{(1)}} ; \quad m_p^2 \tilde{R}_{\mu\nu} = S_{\mu\nu} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} m_p^2 \tilde{R}_{\mu\nu}^{(0)} = S_{\mu\nu}^{(0)} \\ m_p^2 \tilde{R}_{\mu\nu}^{(1)} = S_{\mu\nu}^{(1)} \end{cases}$

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**Grav. Wave  
Eq. of motion**

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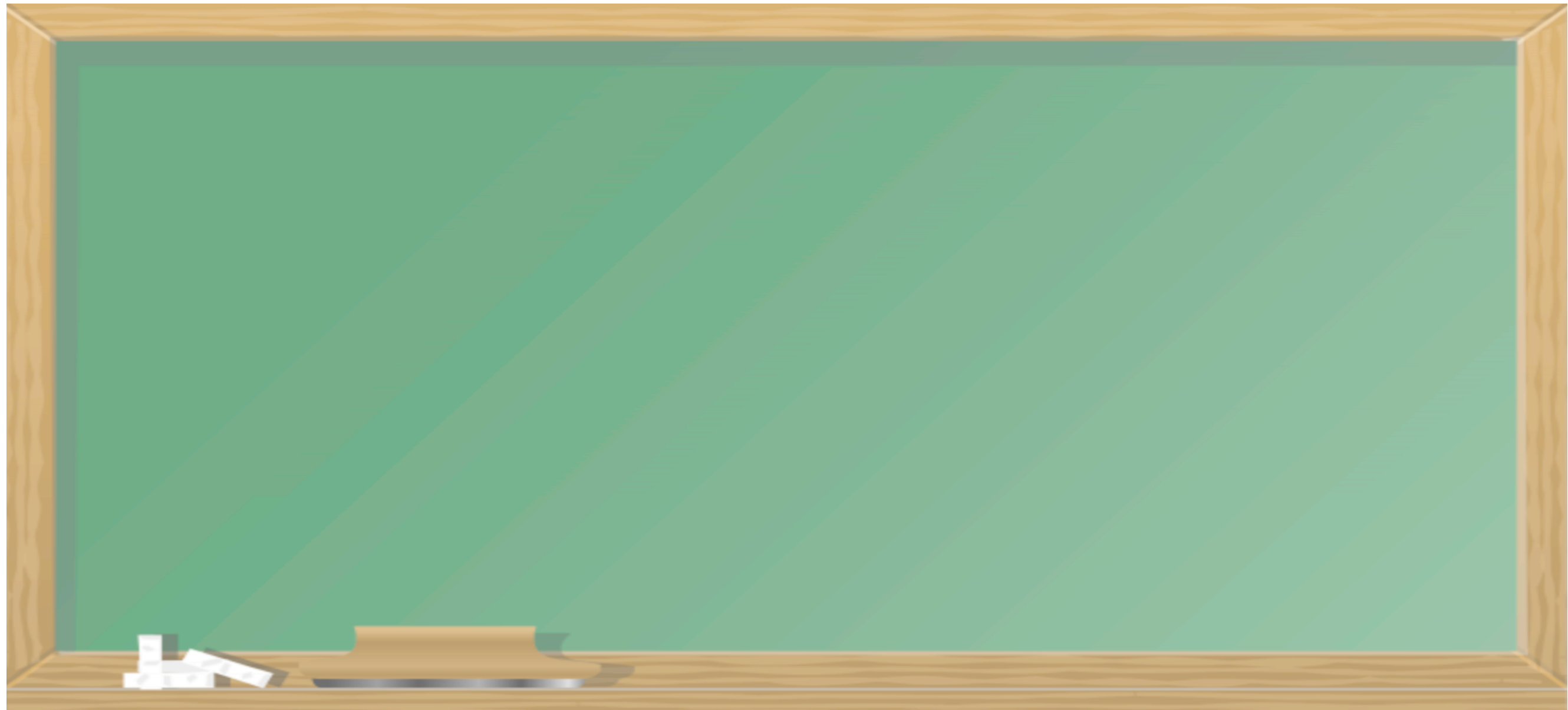
**Grav. Wave  
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**Friction**

# Gravitational Wave Definition

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[Friedmann Equations]      [GW Eq. motion]



# Gravitational Wave Definition

**Then:**  $\tilde{R}_{\mu\nu} \equiv \overset{(0)}{\tilde{R}}_{\mu\nu} + \overset{(1)}{\tilde{R}}_{\mu\nu} + \overset{(2)}{\tilde{R}}_{\mu\nu}$

[Friedmann Equations]    [GW Eq. motion]    ?

$$\overset{(2)}{\tilde{R}}_{\mu\nu} = -\frac{1}{2}\mathcal{H}\eta_{\mu\nu}h^{\alpha\beta}h'_{\alpha\beta} + \delta R_{\mu\nu} \quad ; \quad \delta R_{\mu\nu} \equiv \partial_{[\lambda}\overset{(2)}{\Gamma}^{\lambda}_{\mu\nu]} + \overset{(1)}{\Gamma}^{\alpha}_{[\alpha\lambda}\overset{(1)}{\Gamma}^{\lambda}_{\mu\nu]}$$
$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \overset{(1)}{\Gamma}^{\alpha}_{\mu\nu} \equiv +\frac{1}{2}\eta^{\alpha\beta}\left(\partial_{(\mu}h_{\beta\nu)} - \partial_{\beta}h_{\mu\nu}\right) \\ \overset{(2)}{\Gamma}^{\alpha}_{\mu\nu} \equiv -\frac{1}{2}h^{\alpha\beta}\left(\partial_{(\mu}h_{\beta\nu)} - \partial_{\beta}h_{\mu\nu}\right) \end{array} \right.$$



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$$S_{\text{HE}}^{(2)} \equiv \frac{m_p^2}{2} \int d^4x \left( \tilde{f}^{\mu\nu} \overset{(0)}{\tilde{R}}_{\mu\nu}^{(2)} + \tilde{f}^{\mu\nu} \overset{(1)}{\tilde{R}}_{\mu\nu}^{(1)} + \tilde{f}^{\mu\nu} \overset{(2)}{\tilde{R}}_{\mu\nu}^{(0)} \right)$$

# Gravitational Wave Definition

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$$S_{\text{HE}} = \overset{(0)}{S}_{\text{HE}} + \overset{(1)}{S}_{\text{HE}} + \overset{(2)}{S}_{\text{HE}}$$

$$\overset{(0)}{S}_{\text{HE}} = 3m_p^2 \int d^4x a(t)a''(t)$$

$$\overset{(1)}{S}_{\text{HE}} = 0$$

$$\overset{(2)}{S}_{\text{HE}} \equiv -\frac{m_p^2}{4} \int d^4x a^2(t) \left( \frac{1}{2} \eta^{\mu\nu} \partial_\mu h_{ij} \partial_\nu h_{ij} + 2\mathcal{H} h_{ij} h'_{ij} + 3 \frac{a''}{a} h_{ij} h_{ij} \right)$$



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**Consistency check: Find Eq.'s of motion of  $h_{ij}$**

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$$\delta S_{\text{m}}^{(2)} + \delta S_{\text{HE}}^{(2)} = 0 = \int d^4x a^2 \left[ -\frac{m_p^2}{4} \left( h_{ij}'' + 2\mathcal{H} h_{ij}' - \nabla^2 h_{ij} \right) + \frac{1}{2} \Pi_{ij}^{(\text{T})} \right] \delta h_{ij}$$

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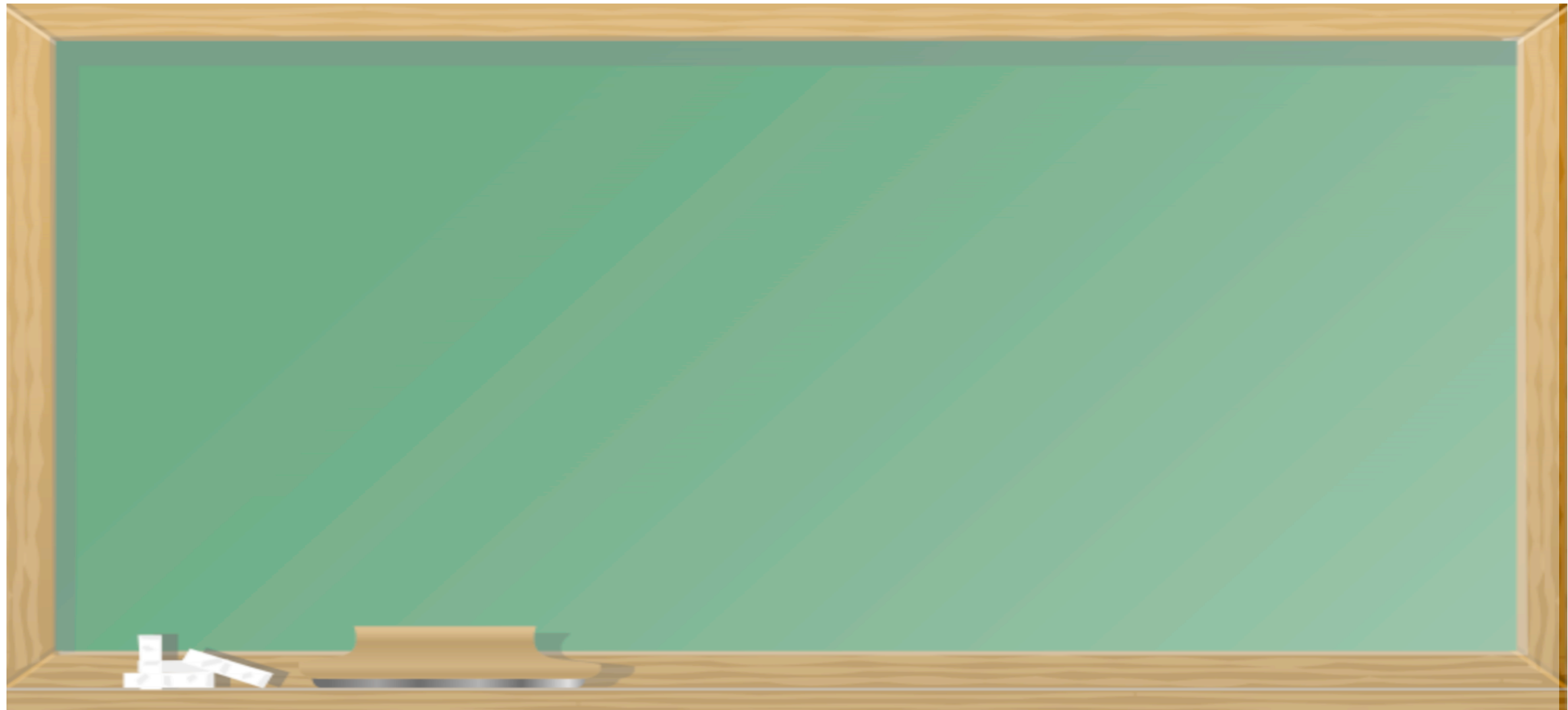
**Correct Eq. of motion !**



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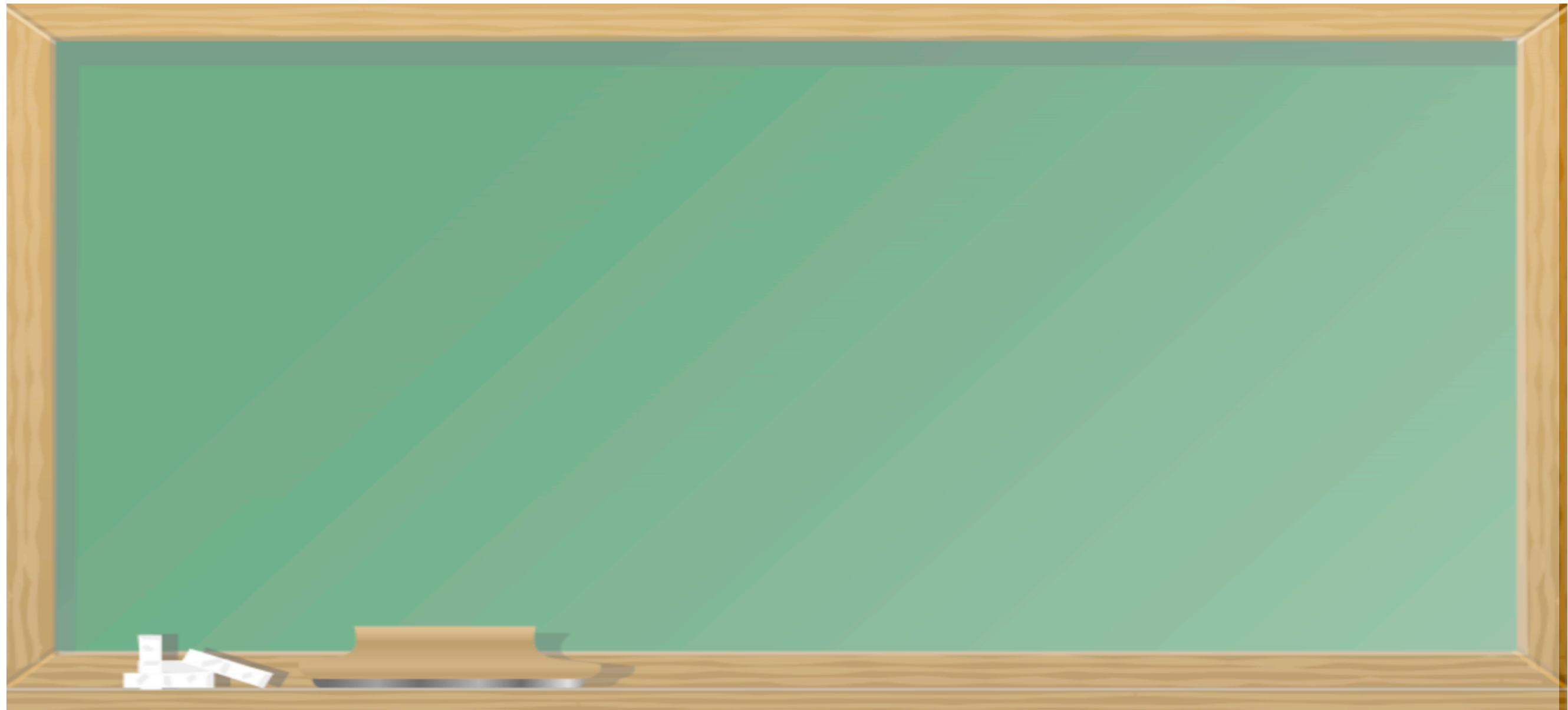
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$$\overset{(2)}{S}_{\text{tot}} \equiv \overset{(2)}{S}_{\text{m}} + \overset{(2)}{S}_{\text{HE}}$$

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$$\begin{aligned}
 S_{\text{tot}}^{(2)} &\equiv S_{\text{m}}^{(2)} + S_{\text{HE}}^{(2)} \\
 &= -\frac{m_p^2}{4} \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \left[ -\frac{1}{2} g^{\mu\nu} \partial_\mu h_{ij} \partial_\nu h_{ij} + 4\mathcal{H} h_{ij} g^{0\mu} \partial_\mu h_{ij} \right. \\
 &\quad \left. + \frac{1}{a^2} \left( \mathcal{H}^2 + \frac{a''}{a} \right) h_{ij} h_{ij} - \frac{2}{a^2 m_p^2} h_{ij} \Pi_{ij}^{(\text{T})} \right]
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$$S_{\text{tot}}^{(2)} \equiv \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \mathcal{L}(h_{ij}, \partial_\mu h_{ij}) \quad ; \quad g_{\mu\nu} \equiv a^2(t) \eta_{\mu\nu} \quad [\text{FLRW}]$$

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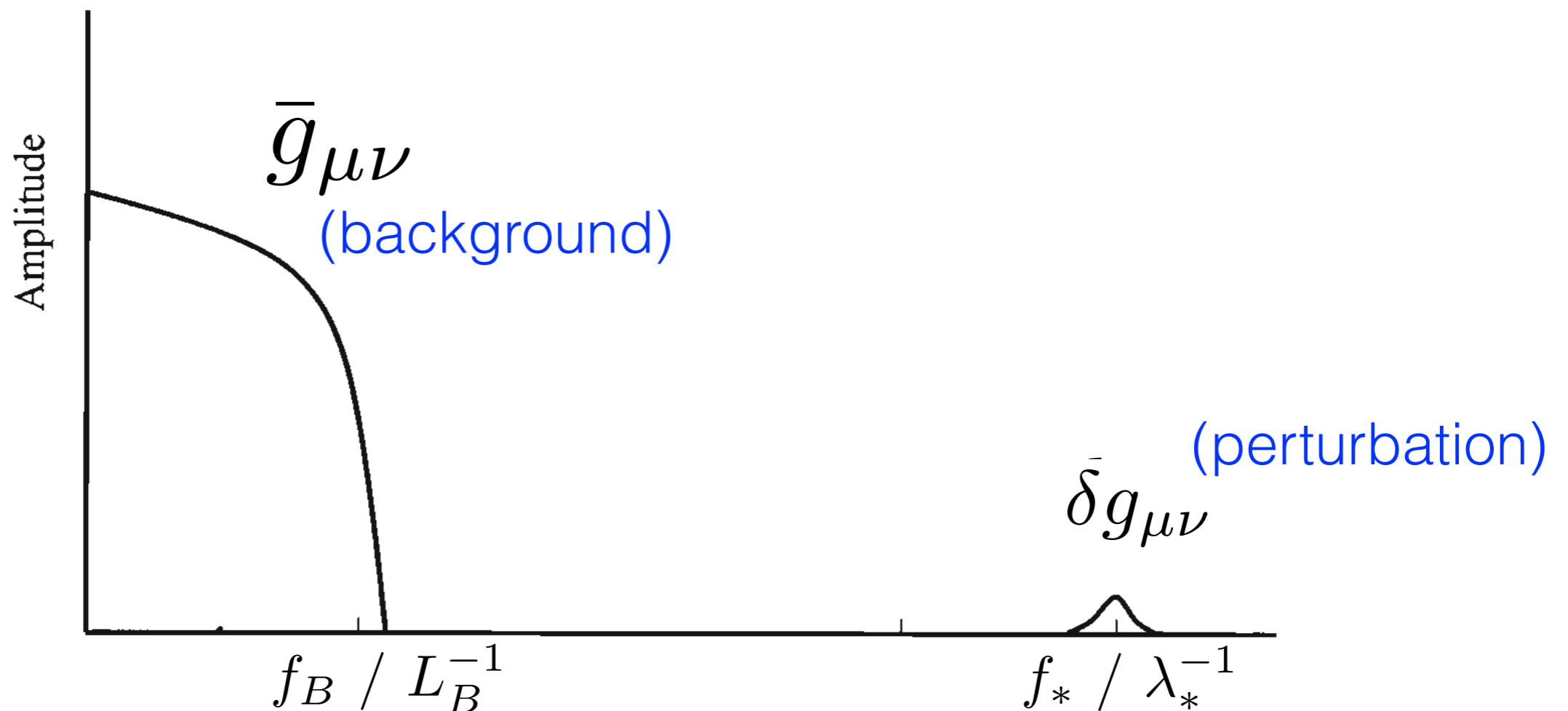
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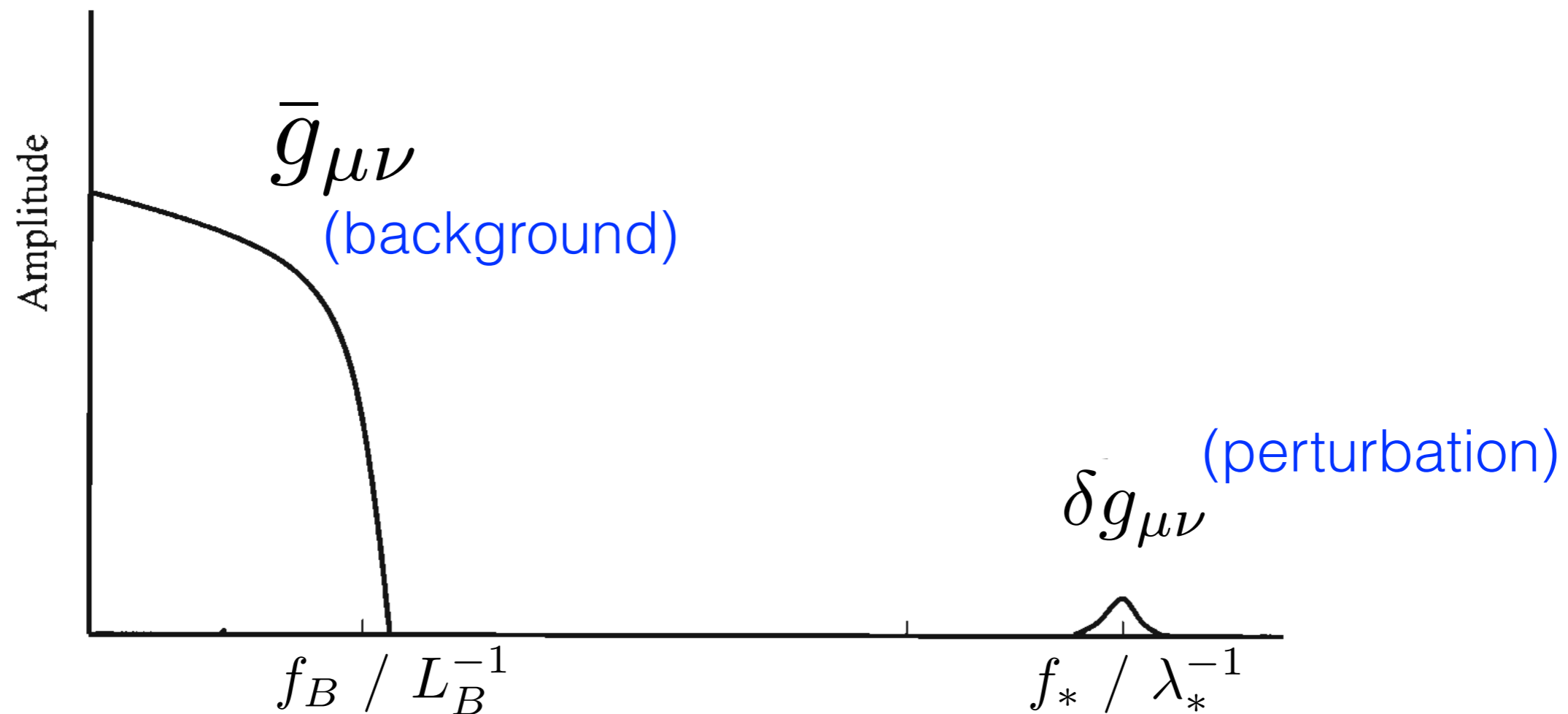
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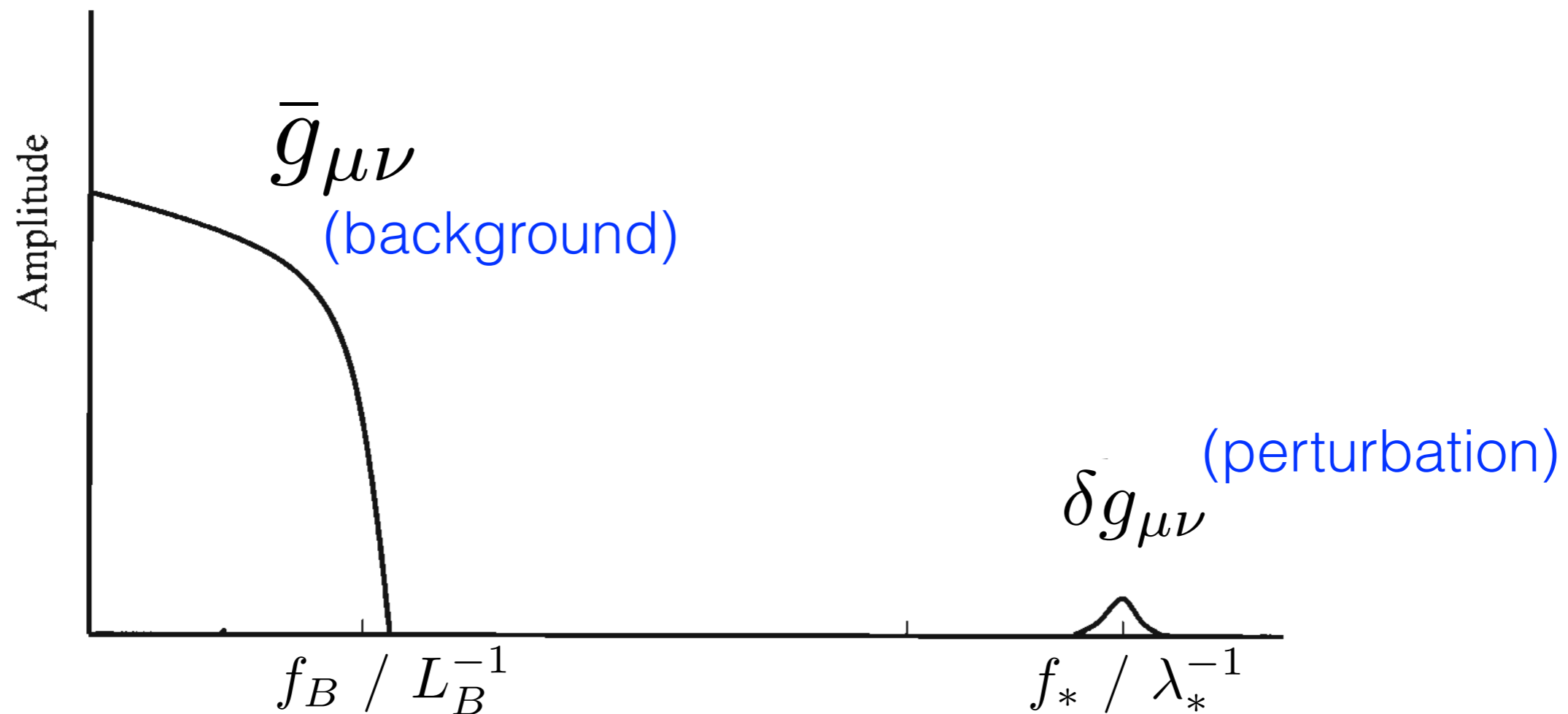
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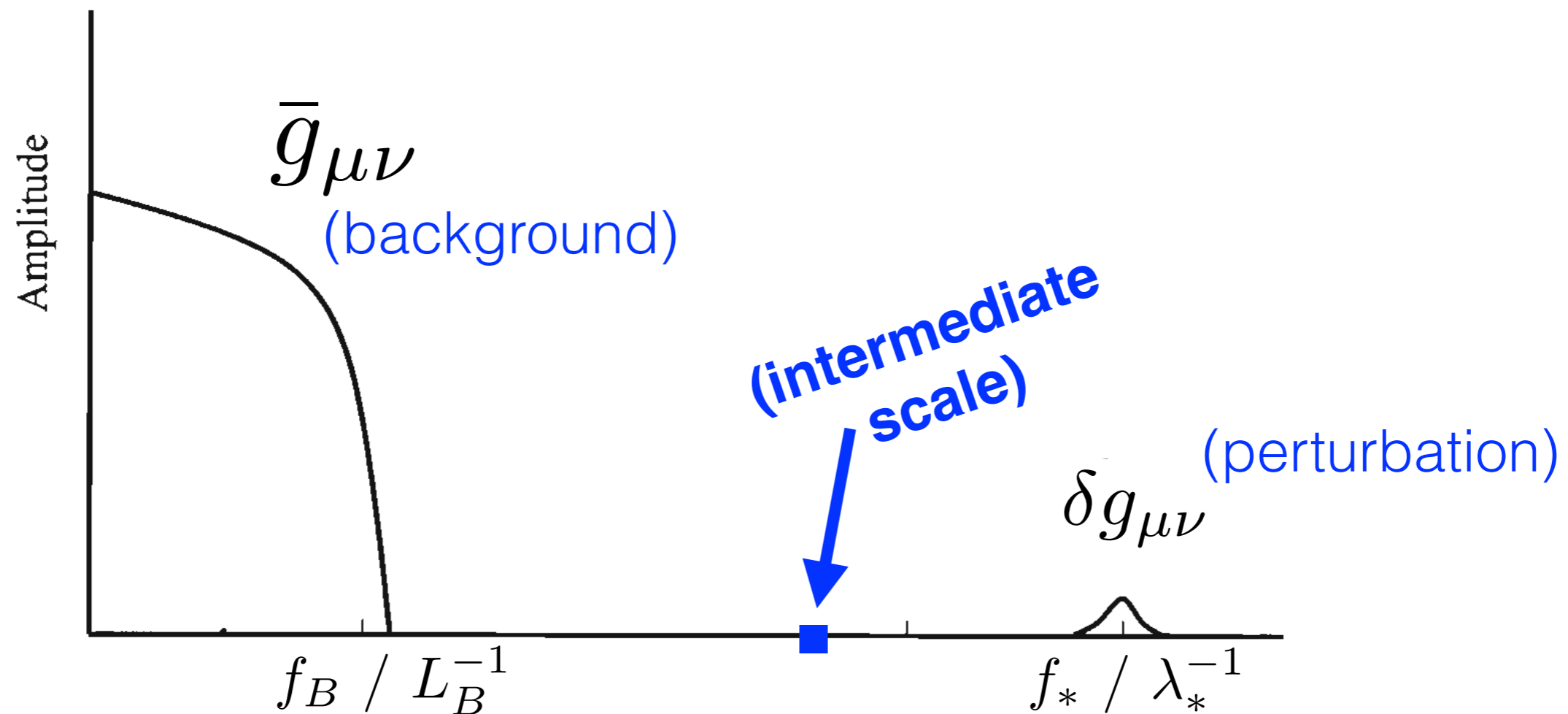
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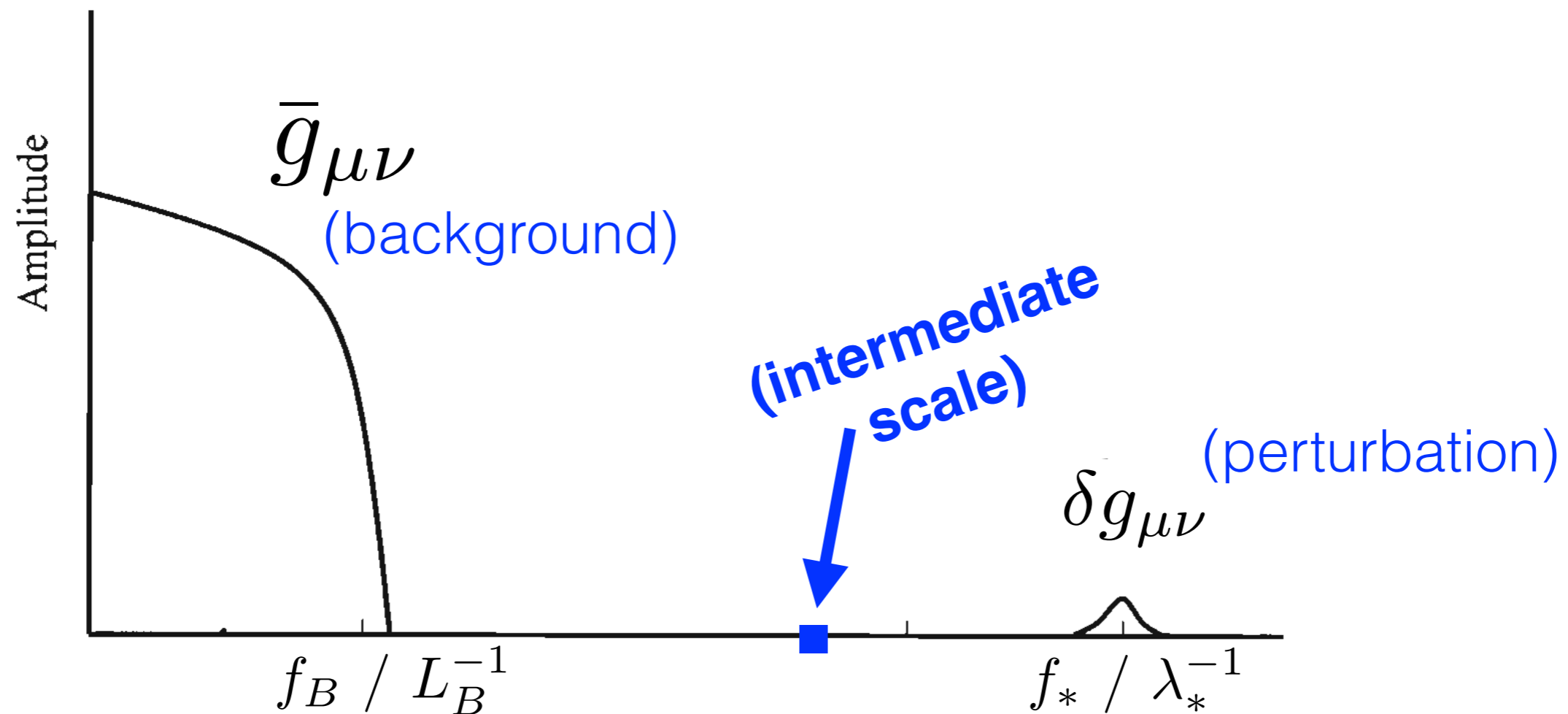
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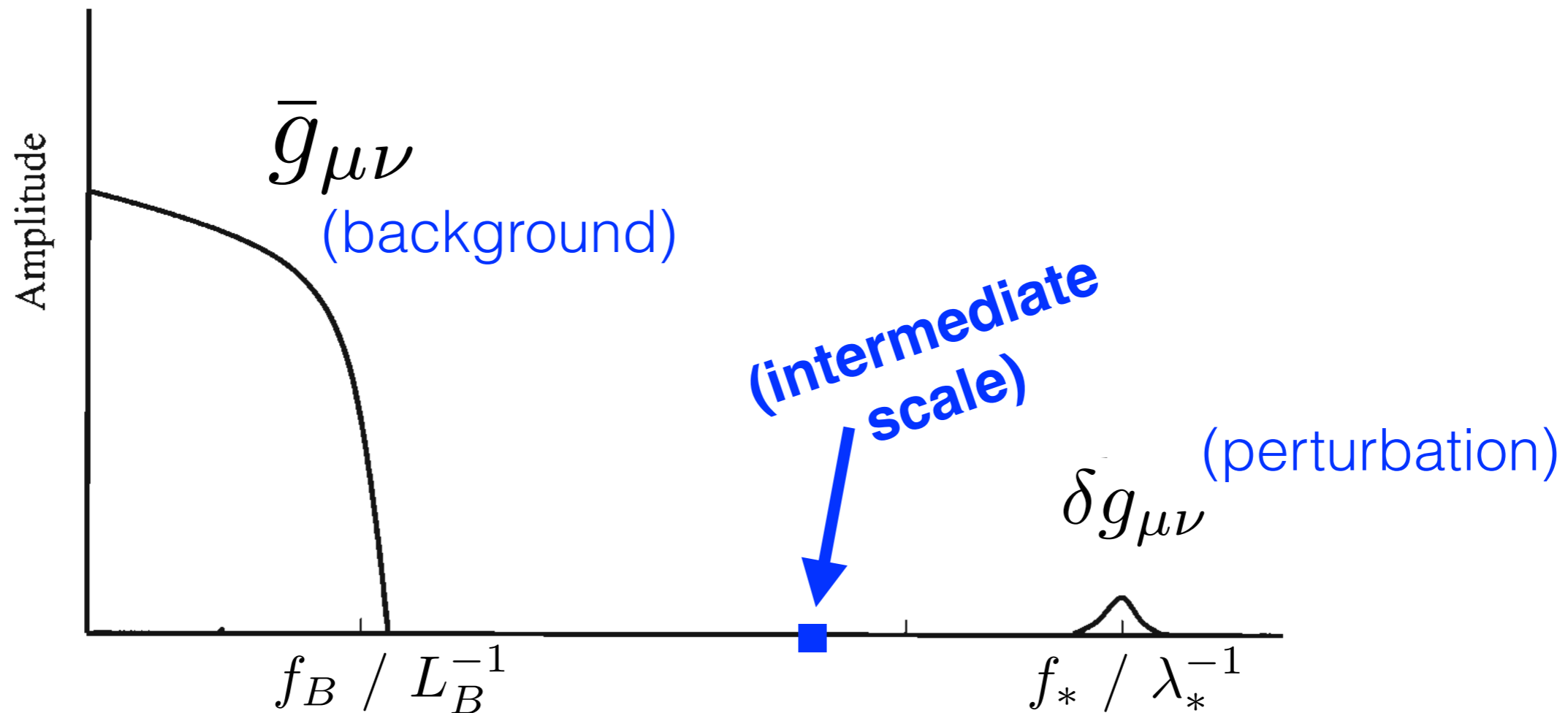
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**[no gauge choice]**

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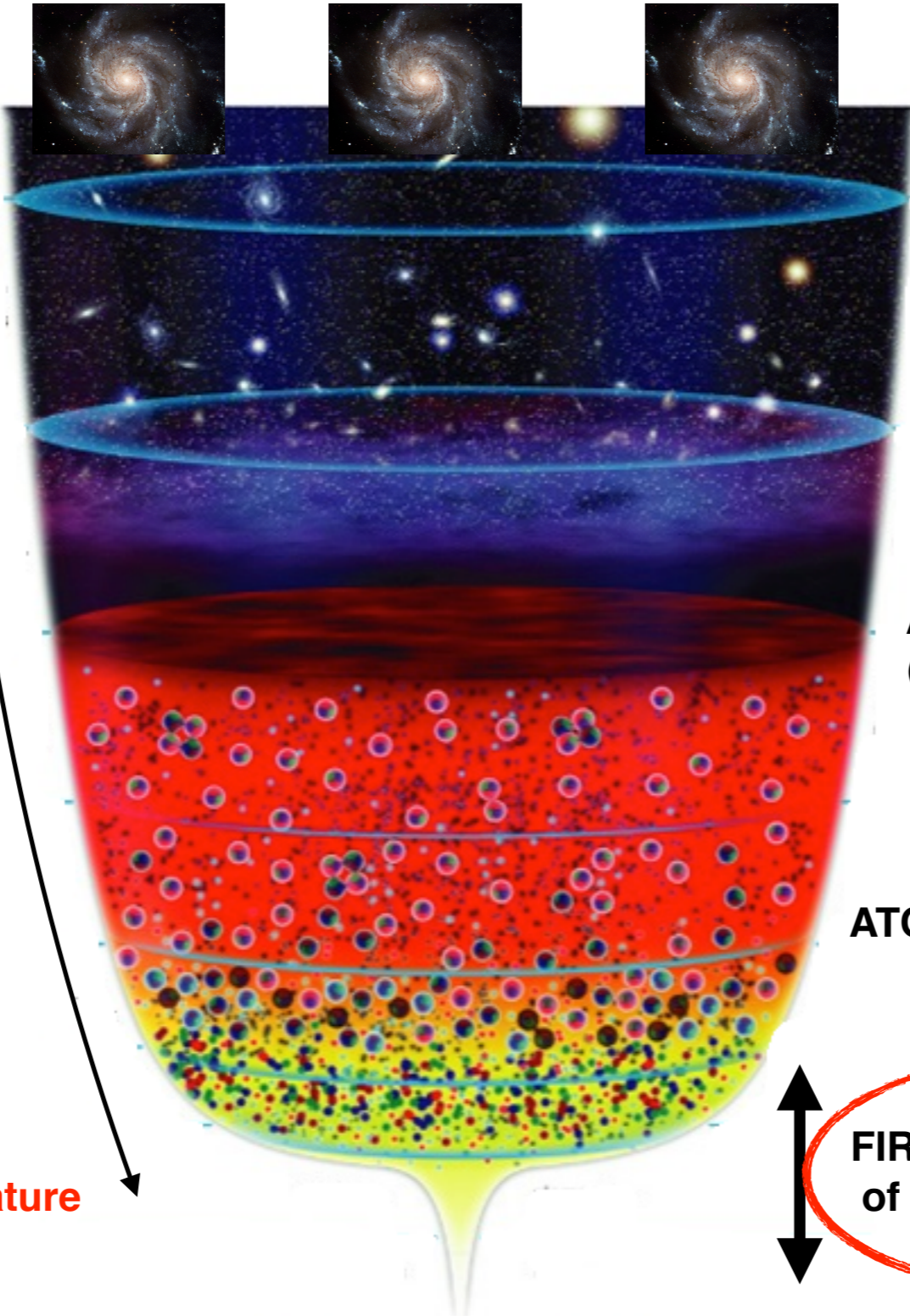
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**GW Source(s): ( SCALARS , VECTOR , FERMIONS )**

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# Cosmic History

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**TODAY [Galaxies, Clusters, ...]**  
**(13.700 Million years)**

**FIRST GALAXIES**  
**(500 Millions years)**

**ATOMS CREATION**  
**(300.000-400.000 years)**

**ATOMIC NUCLEI CREATION**  
**(3 minutes !)**

**FIRST SECOND**  
**of the UNIVERSE !**

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**DISADVANTAGE:** DIFFICULT DETECTION

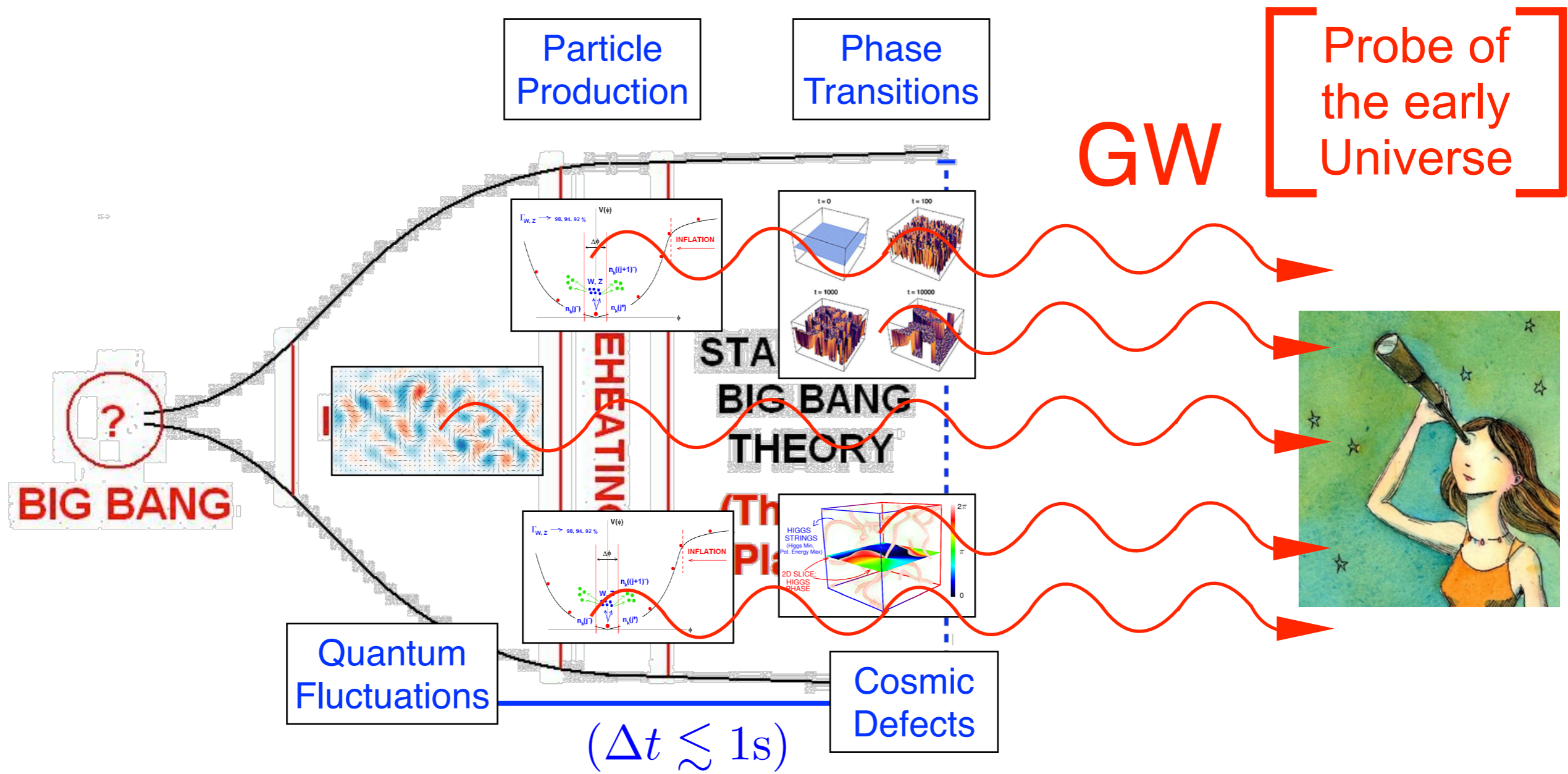
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$\rightarrow$   $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Decouple} \rightarrow \text{Spectral Form Retained} \\ \text{Specific HEP} \Leftrightarrow \text{Specific GW} \end{array} \right.$

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# The Early Universe



$$\Pi_{ij}^{TT} [\phi, A_\mu, \psi, \dots]$$

**GWs**



$$\frac{d\rho_{\text{GW}}}{d \log f}$$



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To Be ...  
Continued