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## Sommerfeld Theory Colloquium

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Structure formation, cosmic averages and cosmic variance

A fundamental problem of general realtivity is how to average spacetime in a sensible way. In the context of cosmology, an averaging proceedure of the locally inhomogeneous Universe is assumed to give rise to a spatially isotropic and homogeneous distribution. However, an explicit construction of such an average is still missing. Although it has been speculated for a long time that averaging might explain the phenomenon of dark energy, a final answer is still missing. In this talk I will report on recent progress on this problem.

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