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# TWEAKING GRAVITY

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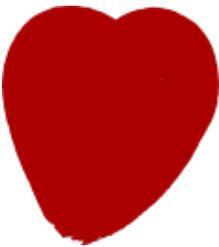
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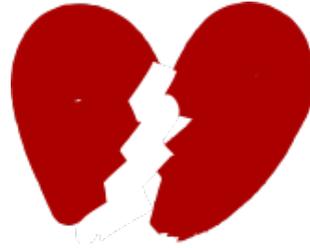


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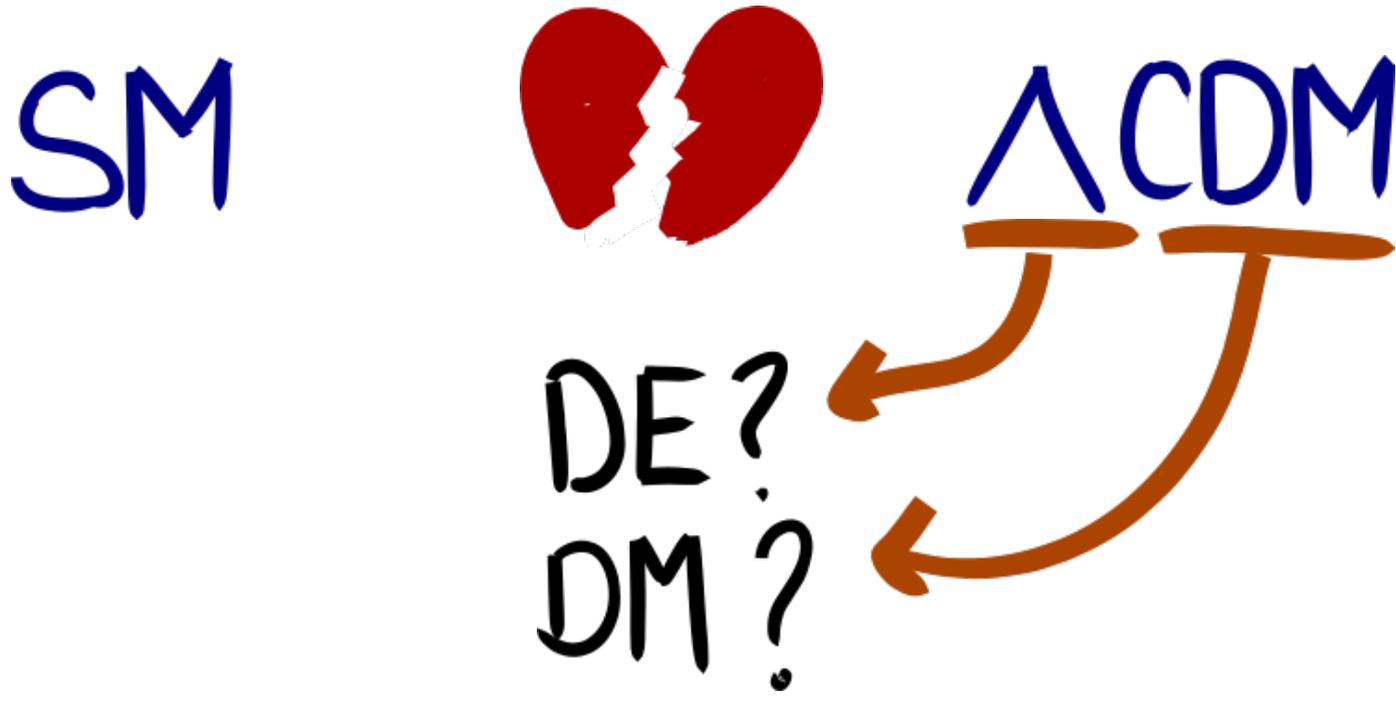
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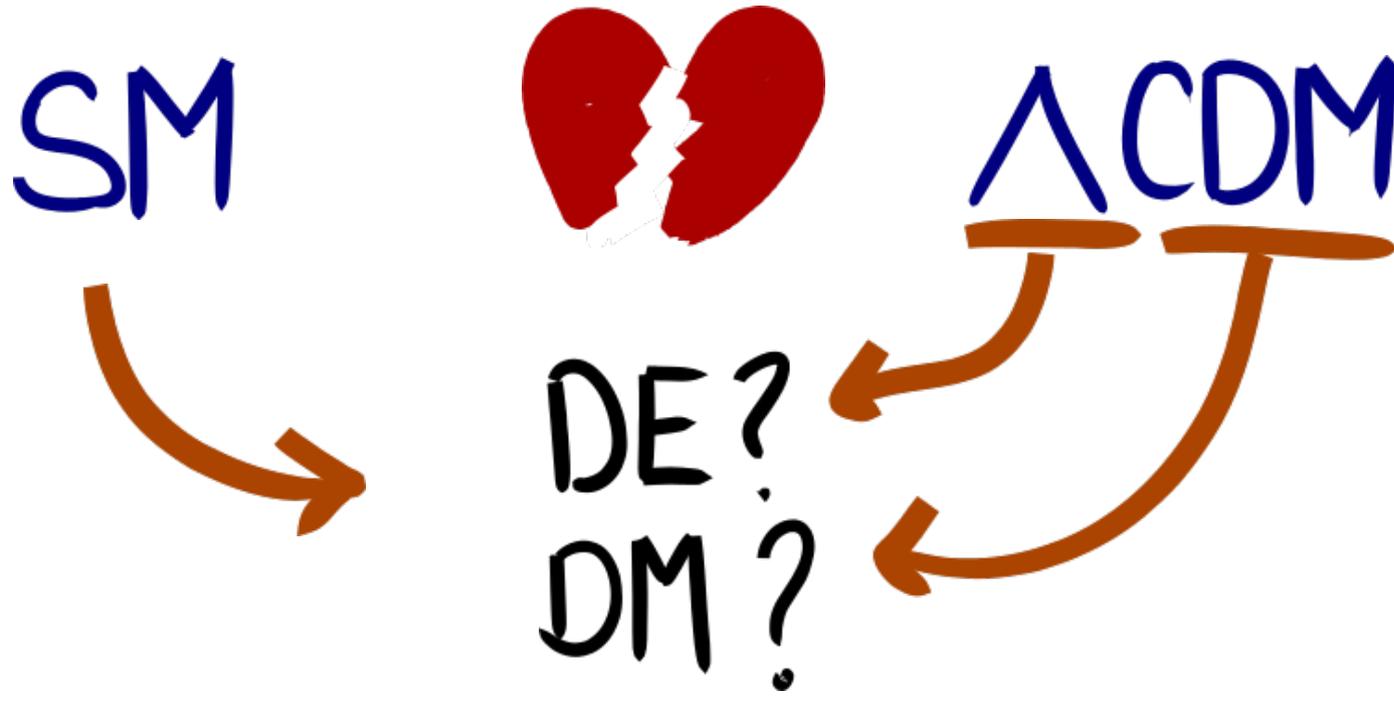


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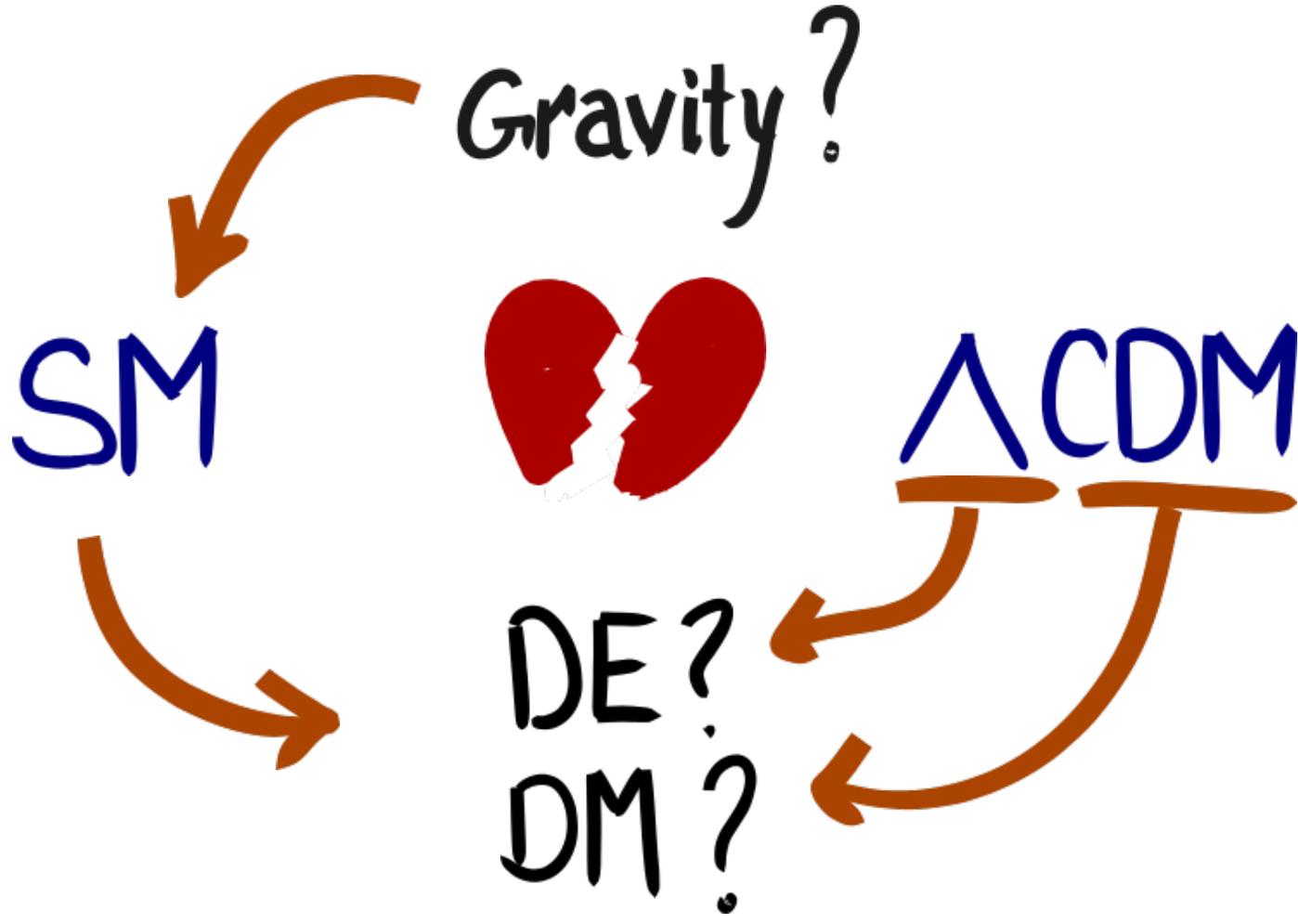
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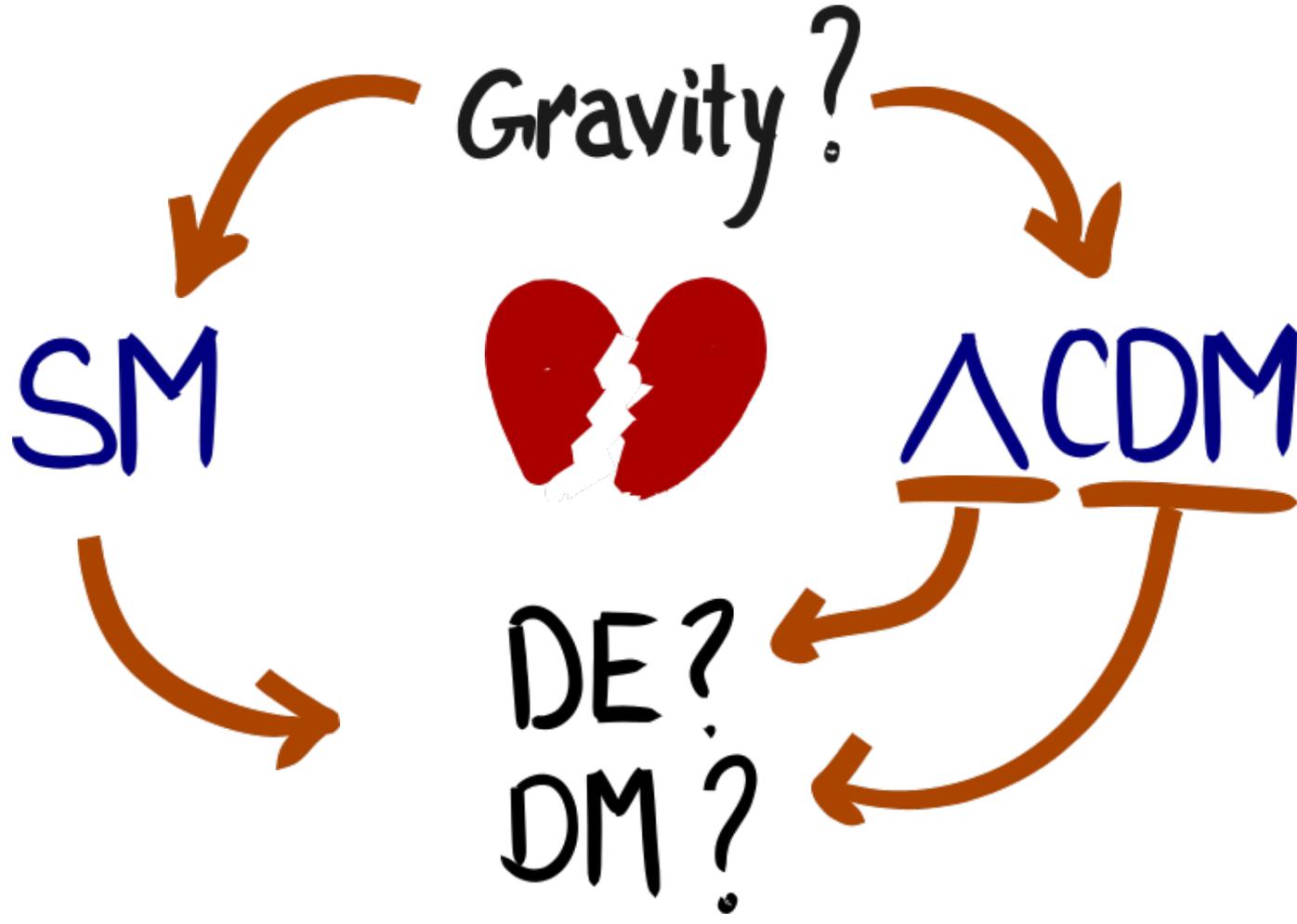
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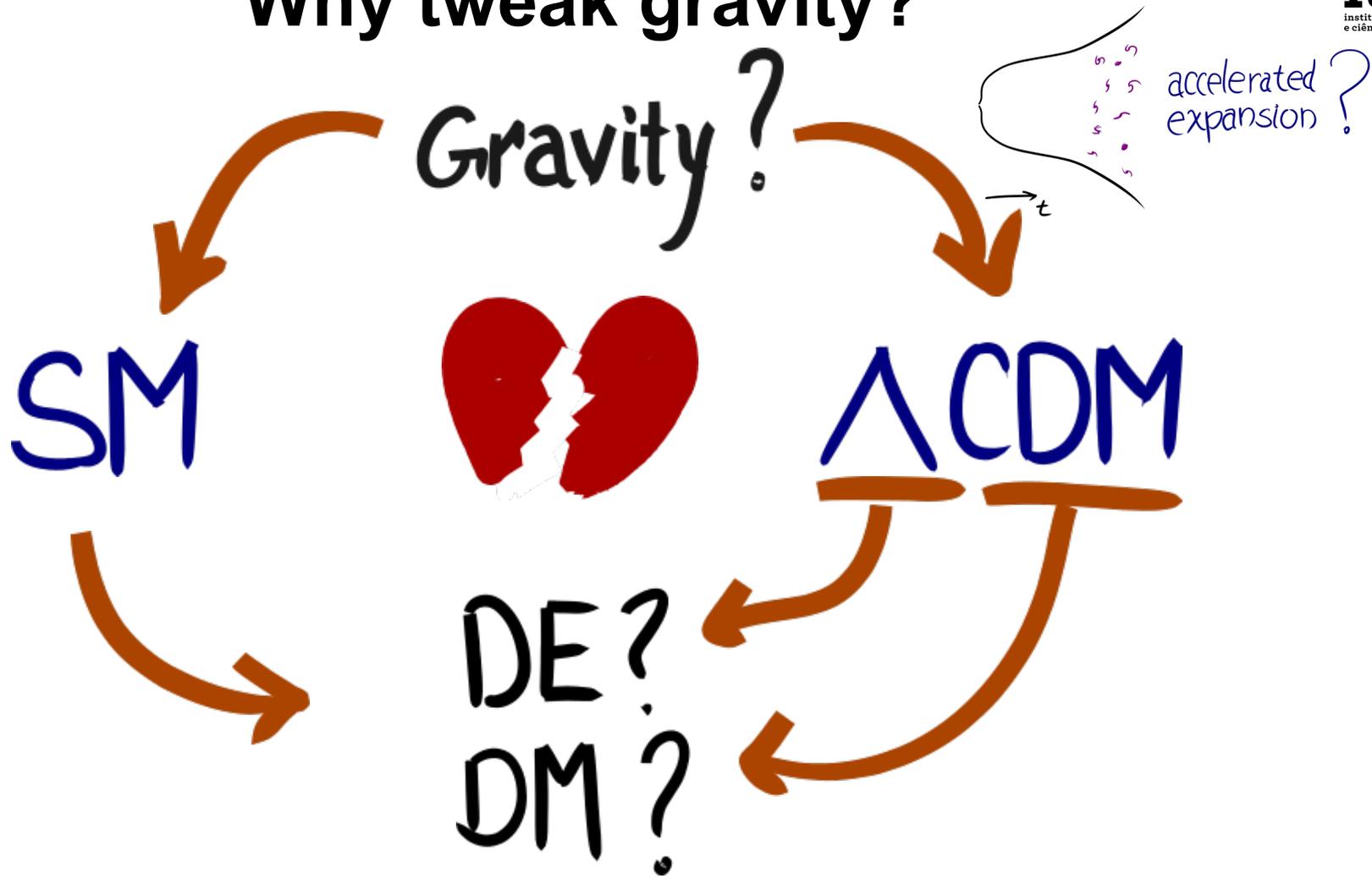
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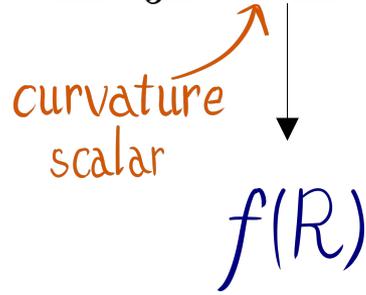

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$f(R, T)$  gravity [Harko & al. 1104.2669]:

$$S = \frac{1}{2\kappa^2} \int f(R, T) \sqrt{-g} d^4x + \int \mathcal{L}_m \sqrt{-g} d^4x$$

trace  
 stress-energy

# The $f(R, T)$ tweak

## Geometrical representation [Harko & al. 1104.2669]

$$S = \frac{1}{16\pi G_N} \int \sqrt{-g} f(R, T) d^4x + \int \sqrt{-g} \mathcal{L}_m d^4x$$

## Scalar-tensor representation [Rosa 2103.11698]

$$\varphi \equiv \frac{\partial f}{\partial R} \quad \psi \equiv \frac{\partial f}{\partial T} \quad V(\varphi, \psi) \equiv -f(R, T) + \varphi R + \psi T$$

$$S = \frac{1}{16\pi G_N} \int \sqrt{-g} [\varphi R + \psi T - V(\varphi, \psi)] d^4x + \int \sqrt{-g} \mathcal{L}_m d^4x$$

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$$\frac{\partial V}{\partial \varphi} = R$$

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**CAN HAVE NON-CONSERVATION OF MATTER!**

$$\nabla^\mu T_{\mu\nu} = \frac{1}{(8\pi G_N - \psi)} \left\{ (T_{\mu\nu} + \Theta_{\mu\nu}) \nabla^\mu \psi + \psi \nabla^\mu \Theta_{\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{2} g_{\mu\nu} [R \nabla^\mu \varphi + \nabla^\mu (\psi T - V)] \right\}$$

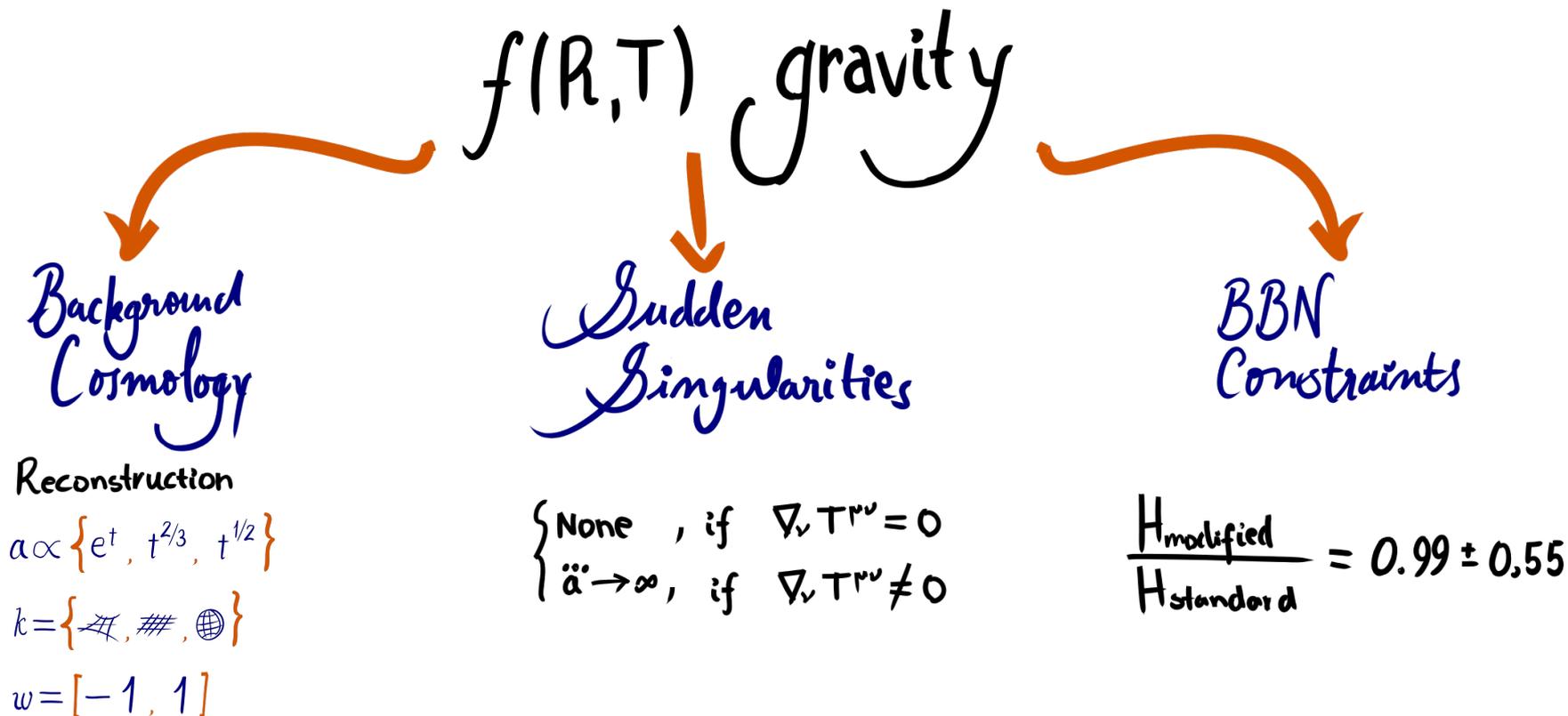
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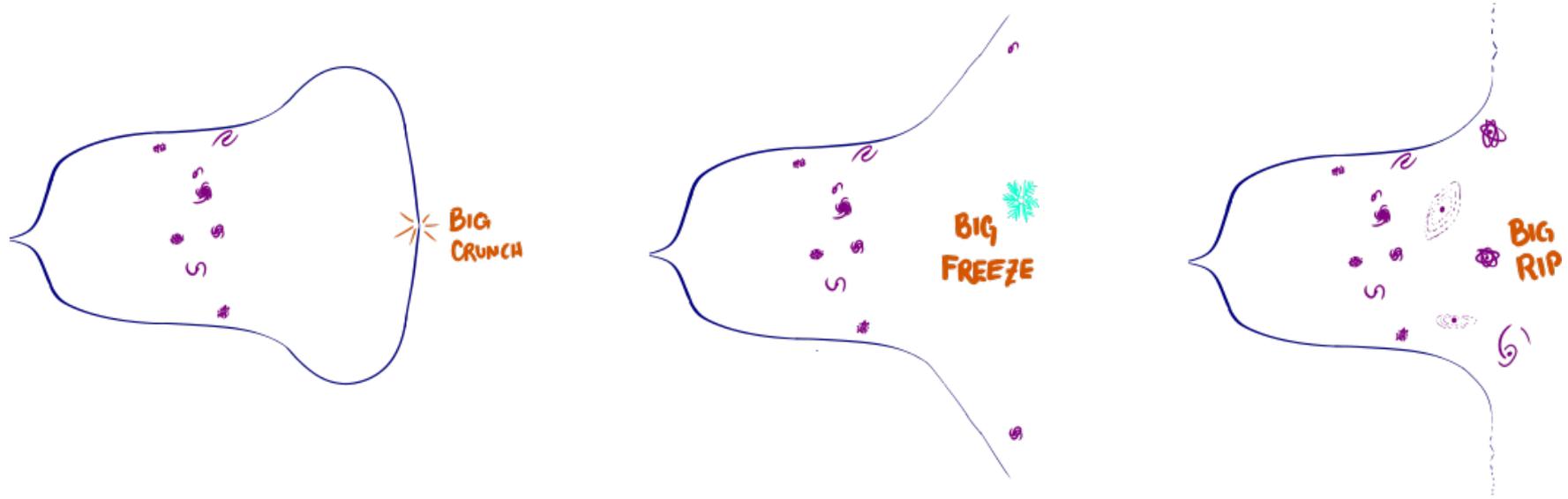
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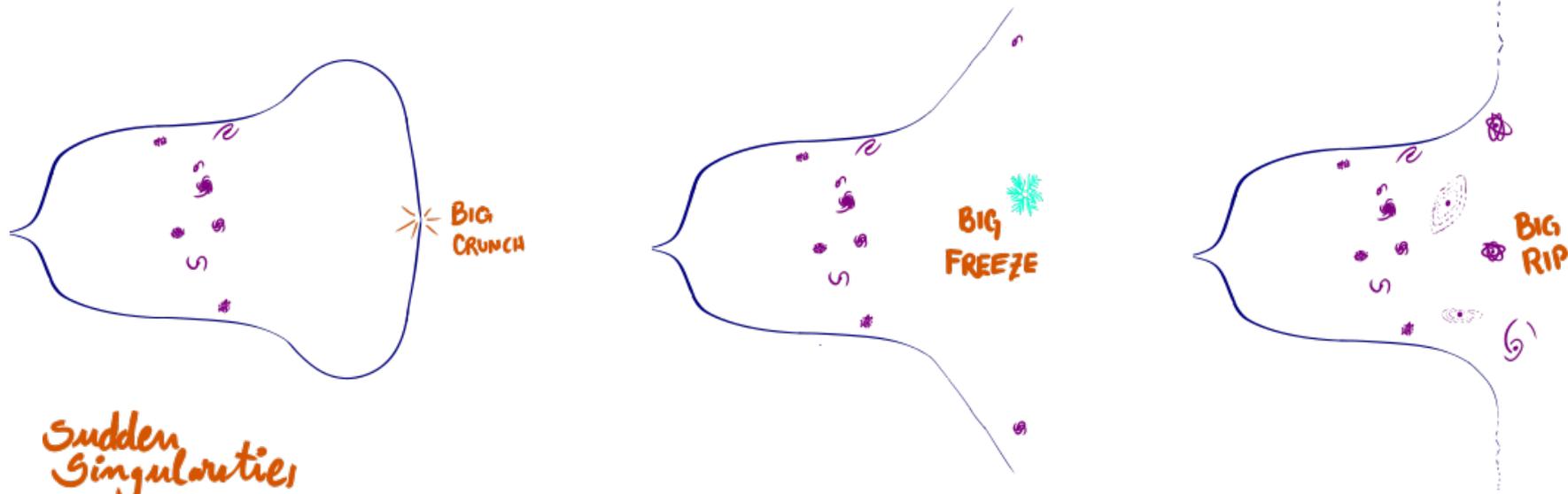
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*Sudden  
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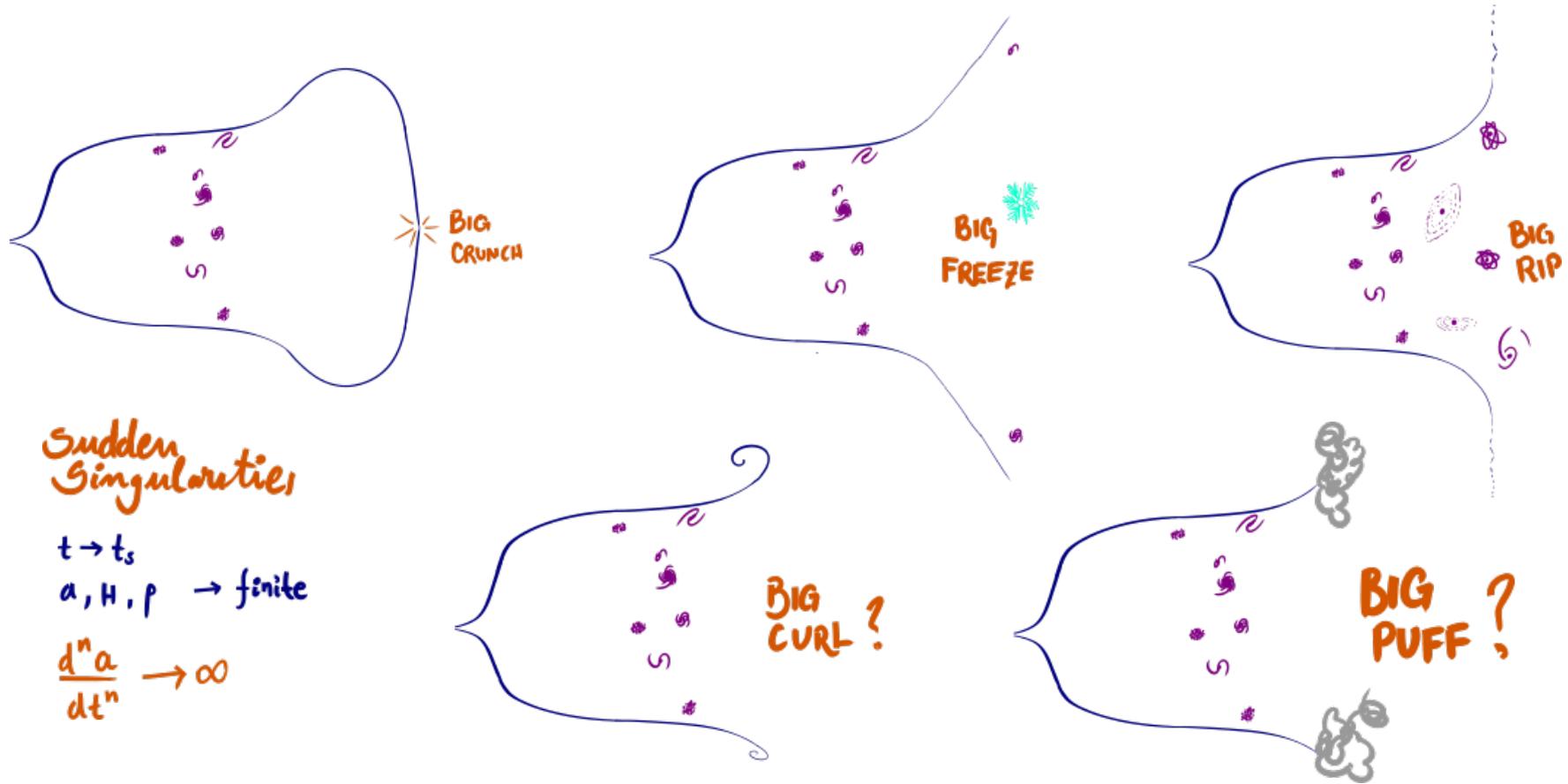
$$a, H, \rho \rightarrow \text{finite}$$

$$\frac{d^n a}{dt^n} \rightarrow \infty$$

[Barrow gr-qc/0403084 & 0409062; Nojiri & al. hep-th/0501025]

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## Sudden singularities $f(R,T)$ gravity [Gonçalves et al. 2203.11124]:

Assuming:

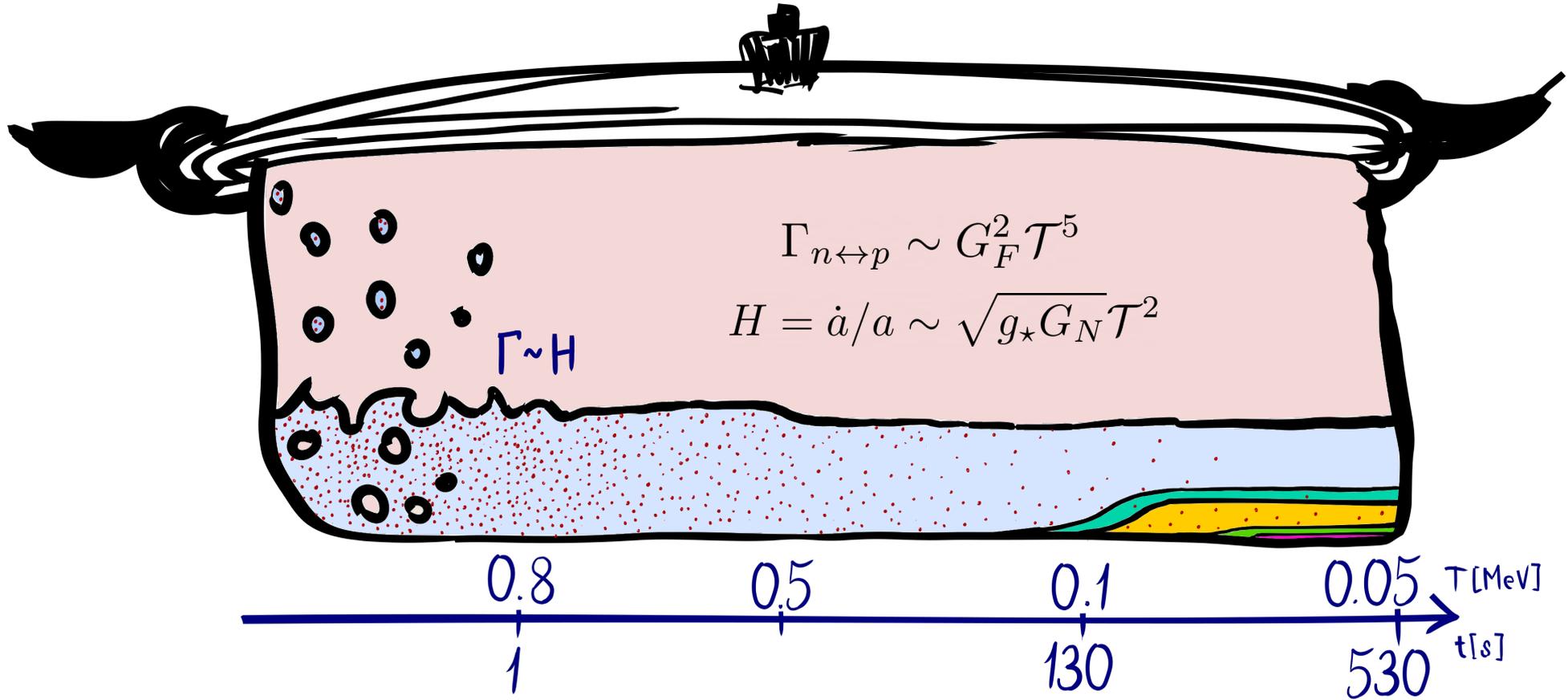
- FLRW metric
- Perfect fluid
- $\mathcal{L}_m = p$
- $f(R, T)$  is  $C^\infty$  function  $\Rightarrow R, T, \varphi, \psi, V, \dots$  all regular

$$\nabla_\nu T^{\mu\nu} = 0 \quad \longrightarrow \quad \underline{\text{NO}} \text{ sudden singularities}$$

$$\nabla_\nu T^{\mu\nu} \neq 0 \quad \longrightarrow \quad \ddot{a} \text{ lowest derivative with sudden singularities}$$

# BBN in a nutshell

(or in a pressure pot)



# BBN with tweaked Hubble expansion

$$\xi = \frac{H'}{H_{\text{SBBN}}}$$

$${}^4\text{He}: Y_p = (0.2381 \pm 0.0006) + 0.0016 [\eta_{10} + 100 (\xi - 1)] + 0.0002 (\tau_n - 881.5)$$

$$\text{D}/\text{H} = 2.60 (1 \pm 0.06) \left[ \frac{6}{\eta_{10} - 6 (\xi - 1)} \right]^{1.6} \times 10^{-5}$$

$${}^7\text{Li}/\text{H} = 4.82 (1 \pm 0.10) \left[ \frac{\eta_{10} - 3 (\xi - 1)}{6} \right]^2 \times 10^{-10}$$

$$\eta_{10} = \frac{n_b}{n_\gamma} \times 10^{10}$$

**[Kneller & Steigman astro-ph/0406320; Steigman 0712.1100; Steigman 1208.0032]**

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$$106 (\xi - 1) = \frac{Y_p - (0.2374 \pm 0.0006)}{0.0016} - 6 \left[ \frac{(2.60 \pm 0.16) \times 10^{-5}}{(D/H)} \right]^{1/1.6}$$

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[Particle Data Group Review - Sec. 24 'Big Bang Nucleosynthesis' (2021 update)]

[Bhattacharjee et al. 2004.04684]

$$\xi = 0.99 \pm 0.05$$

$$\Delta N_\nu = 43 (\xi^2 - 1) / 7 = -0.15_{-0.60}^{+0.63}$$

$$G'/G_N = \xi^2 = 0.98 \pm 0.10$$

# BBN with tweaked Hubble expansion

GR, assuming:

- FLRW metric
- Perfect fluid

$$H^2 =$$

$$\frac{8\pi G_N}{3} \rho$$

$$- \frac{k}{a^2}$$

$f(R,T)$ , assuming:

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[Gonçalves et al. 2112.02541]

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- $T=0$  during BBN?
- Numerical predictions still the same?
- Inferring abundances observationally changed by modified gravity model?

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$$f(R, T) = R + \alpha R + \beta T + \gamma RT$$

if  $\beta = 0$

$$\alpha = 0.0 \pm 0.1$$

if  $\alpha = 0$

$$\beta = (-0.015 \pm 0.074) 8\pi G_N$$

# Testing tweaking



Pierre Auger

IceCube

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SNO+  
SuperCDMS

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VIRGO

accelerators

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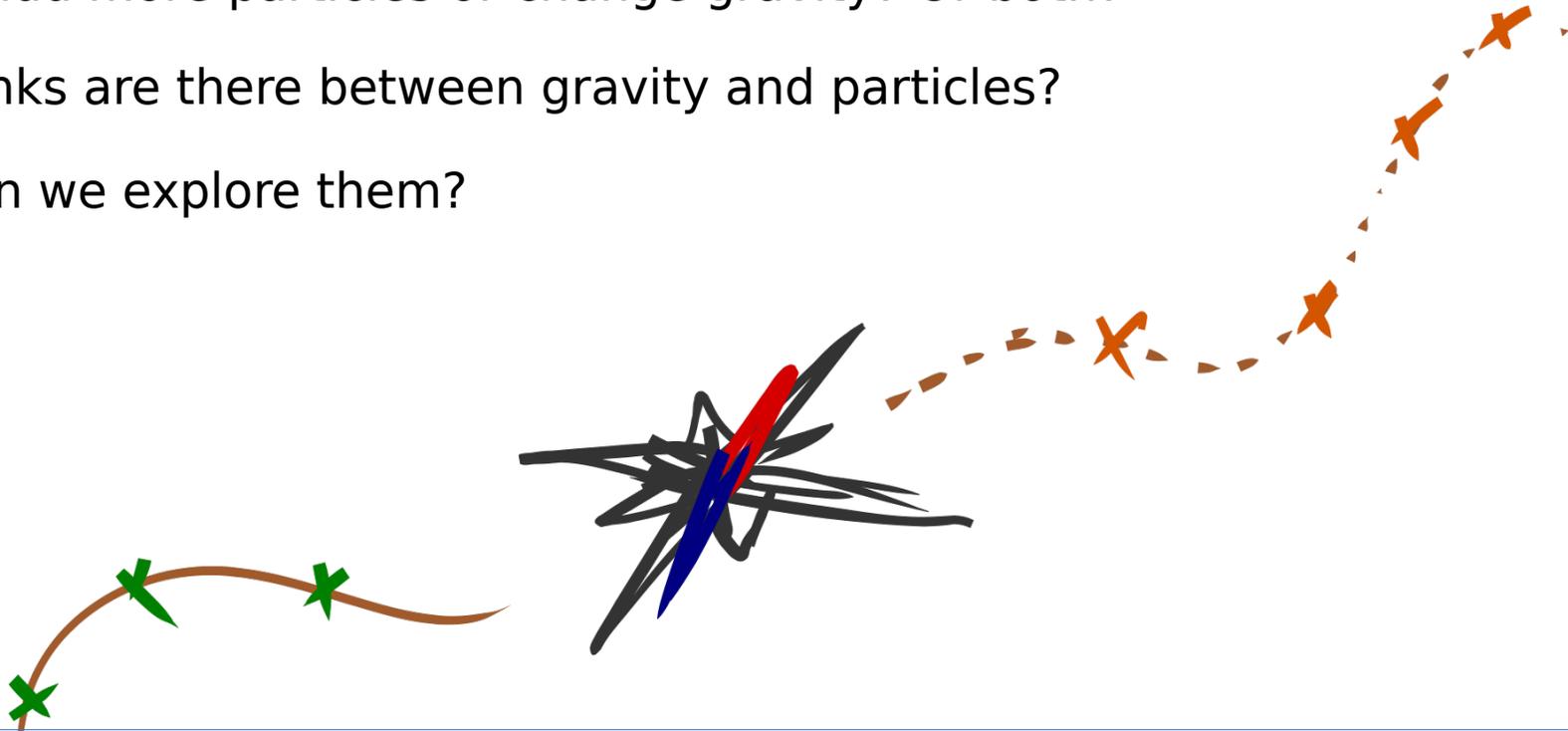
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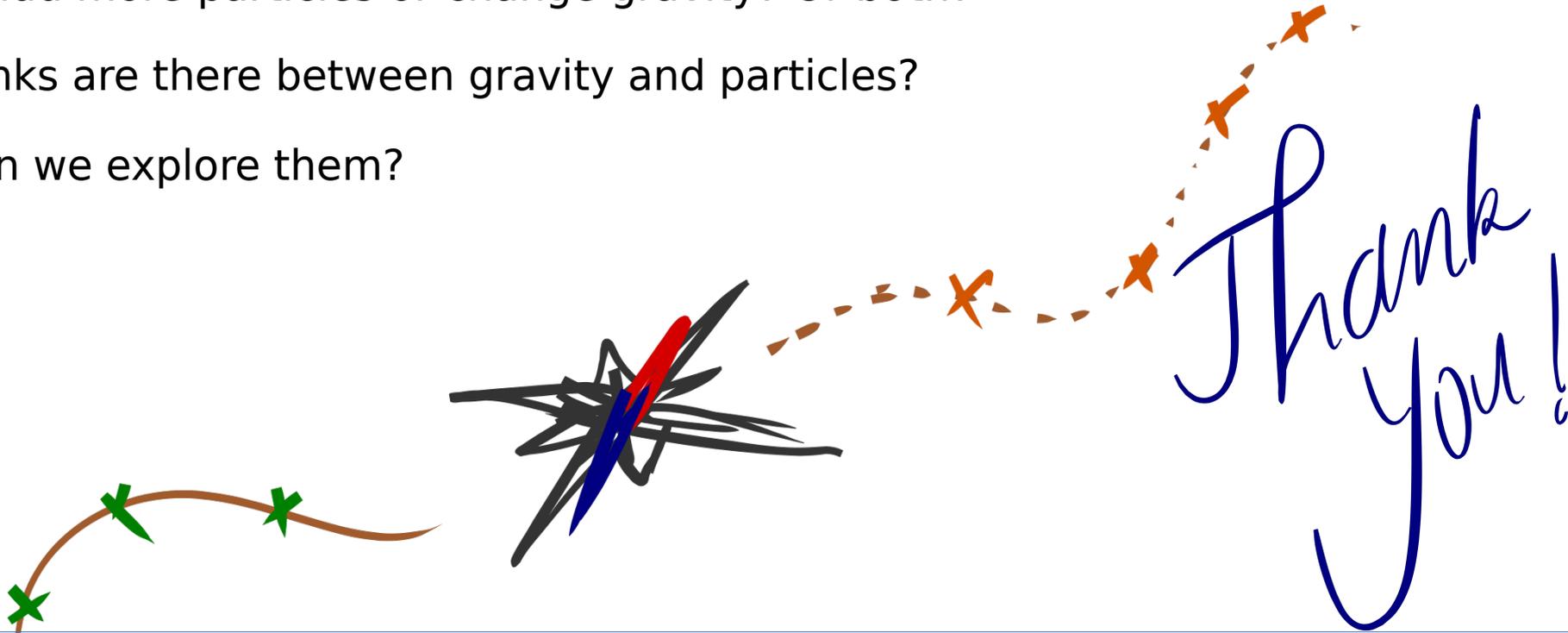
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**Cosmology in scalar-tensor  $f(R,T)$  gravity** [Gonçalves et al. 2112.02541]:

$$a \propto \{ e^t, t^{2/3}, t^{1/2} \}$$

$$k = \{ \cancel{\#}, \#\#, \text{🌐} \}$$

$$w = [-1, 1]$$

$$\{ \Lambda, \text{☼}, \text{☾} \}$$

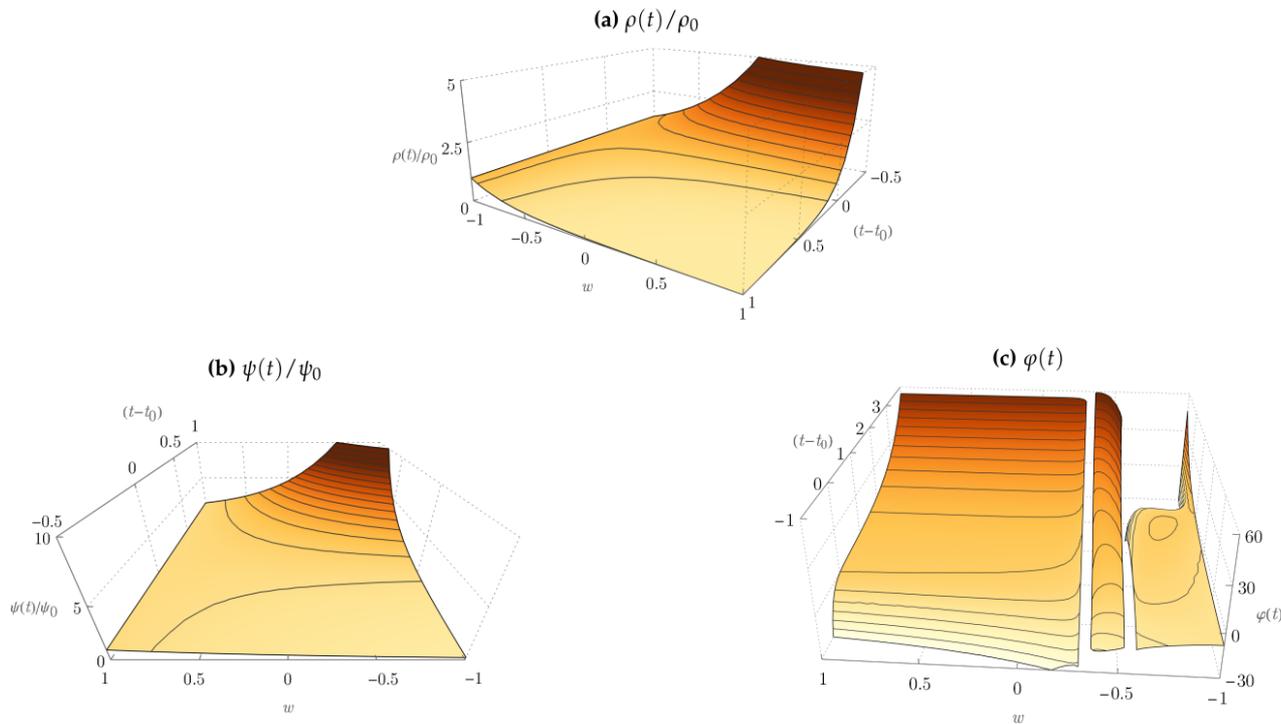
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$\{ \Lambda, \dots, \dots \}$



**Figure 1.** Energy density  $\rho(t)$  (top panel), scalar field  $\psi(t)$  (left panel) and scalar field  $\varphi(t)$  (right panel), in the particular case of a de Sitter scale factor  $a \propto e^t$ , for a range of values of the equation of state parameter  $w$ , setting  $k = 0$  and  $\Lambda = 1$ .

## A. Helium-4

$$Y_P^{FIT} \equiv 0.2384 \pm 0.0006 + 0.0016\eta_{10} + 0.16(S-1).$$

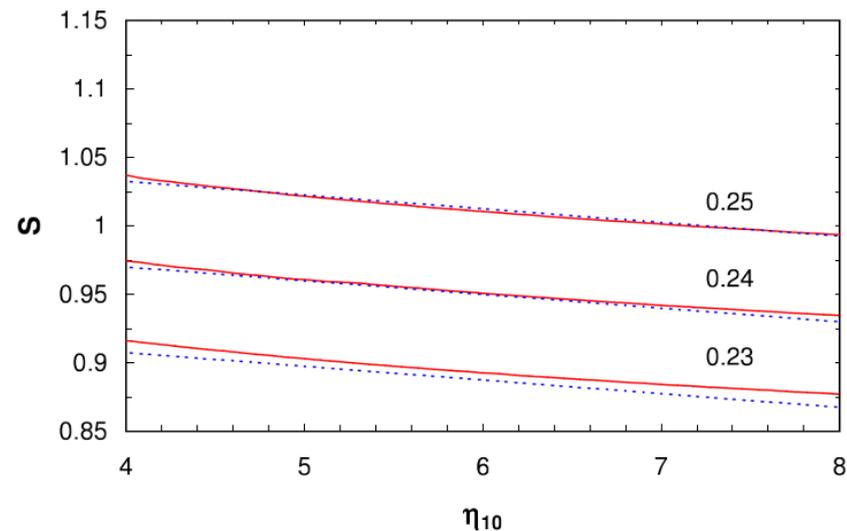


FIG. 3: BBN-predicted isoabundance curves for  ${}^4\text{He}$  in the expansion-rate parameter ( $S$ ), baryon density parameter ( $\eta$ ) plane. From bottom to top,  $Y_P = 0.23, 0.24, 0.25$ . The solid curves are the BBN-predicted results, while the dotted curves are our fits (see the text).

**[Kneller & Steigman astro-ph/0406320; Steigman 0712.1100; Steigman 1208.0032]**

# Modified Hubble expansion

$$\xi = \frac{H'}{H_{\text{SBBN}}}$$

**Table 1.** Summary of primordial abundance of elements inferred from observations [5] and the corresponding theoretical predictions (Eqs. (9)–(11) based on Ref. [42]), using  $\eta_{10} = 6.104 \pm 0.058$  from CMB (with no BBN correction) [5], and the recent measurement  $\tau_n = 877.75 \pm 0.50$  s [39]. Constraints on a modified Hubble parameter as given by  $\xi$  are obtained by equating observations with predictions.

	$Y_p$	$D/H \times 10^5$	${}^7\text{Li}/\text{H} \times 10^{10}$
Observations	$0.245 \pm 0.003$	$(2.547 \pm 0.025)$	$(1.6 \pm 0.3)$
Predictions	$(0.2471 \pm 0.0006) + 0.1600 (\xi - 1)$	$\frac{(2.60 \pm 0.16)}{[(1.017 \pm 0.010) - (\xi - 1)]^{1.6}}$	$(4.82 \pm 0.48) \left[ (1.017 \pm 0.010) - \frac{(\xi - 1)}{2} \right]^2$
$\xi$	$0.987 \pm 0.019$	$1.00 \pm 0.19$	$1.9 \pm 0.3$

[5] PDG Review - Sec. 24 ‘Big Bang Nucleosynthesis’ (2021 update)

[39] F. M. Gonzalez et al. [UCN $\tau$ ] 2106.10375

[42] Kneller & Steigman astro-ph/0406320; Steigman 0712.1100 & 1208.0032

**[Lithium problem: see also Bruno Carrazedo’s talk tomorrow]**

# Modified Friedmann equation

$$H^2 \simeq \frac{1}{\varphi} \left( \frac{8\pi G_N}{3} + \frac{4}{9}\psi \right) \rho_r$$

$$\psi = 0$$

e.g.  $f(R, T) = R + A R$

$$\varphi = 1.0 \pm 0.1$$

$$\varphi = 1$$

e.g.  $f(R, T) = R + B T$

$$\psi = 8\pi G_N (-0.015 \pm 0.074)$$

$$f(R, T) = R + C R T$$

$$f(R, T) = R + \mathcal{A}R^\alpha + \mathcal{B}T^\beta + \mathcal{C}R^\gamma T^\delta$$

$$\varphi = 1 + \alpha \mathcal{A}R^{\alpha-1} + \gamma \mathcal{C}R^{\gamma-1} T^\delta$$

$$\psi = \beta \mathcal{B}T^{\beta-1} + \delta \mathcal{C}R^\gamma T^{\delta-1}$$

$$V = (\alpha - 1) \mathcal{A}R^\alpha + (\beta - 1) \mathcal{B}T^\beta + (\gamma + \delta - 1) \mathcal{C}R^\gamma T^\delta$$