

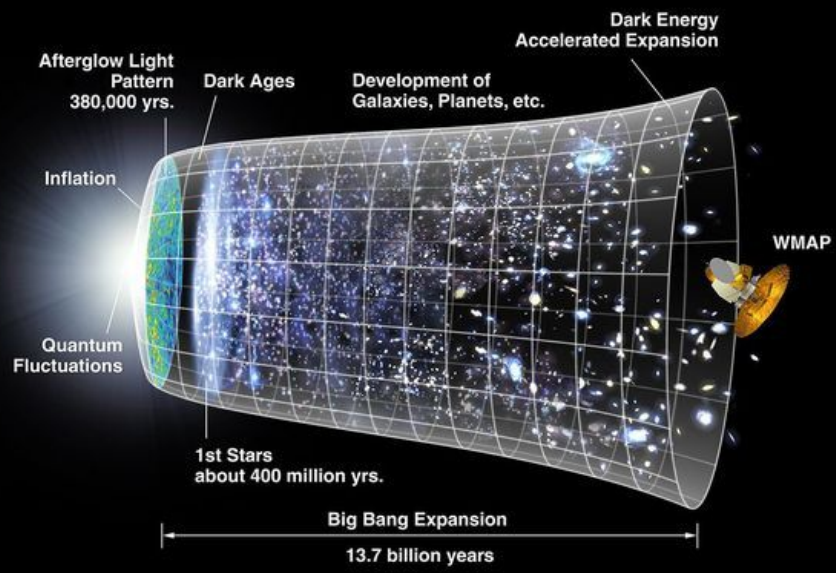
# A Guidance for Building Dark Energy Models

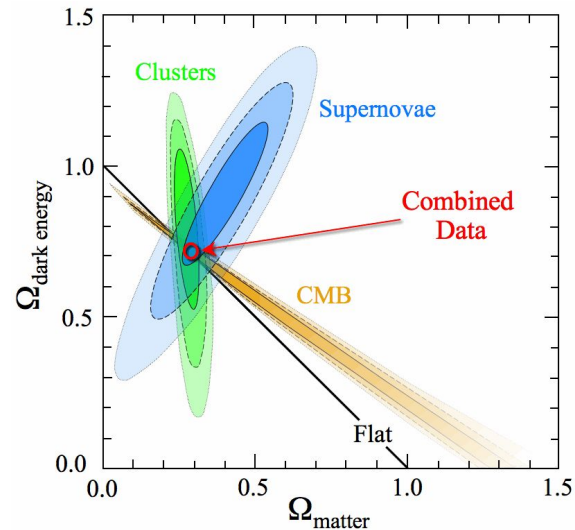
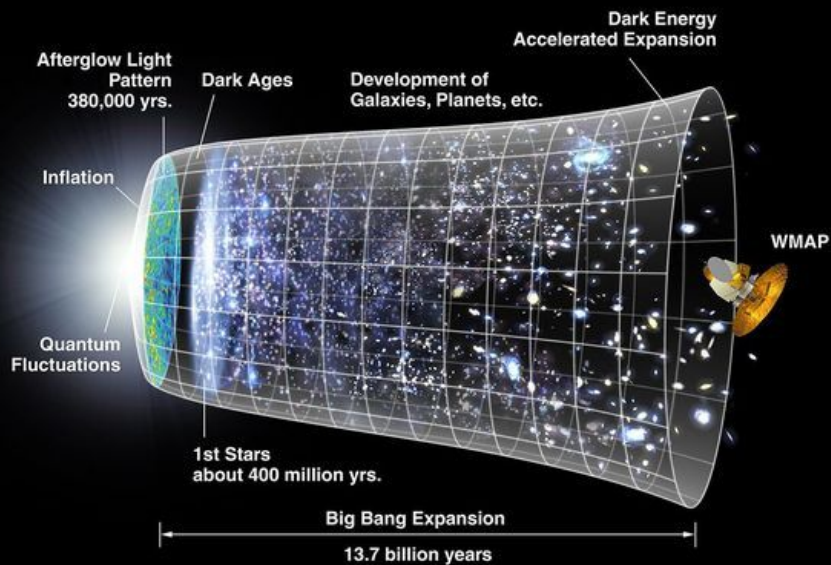
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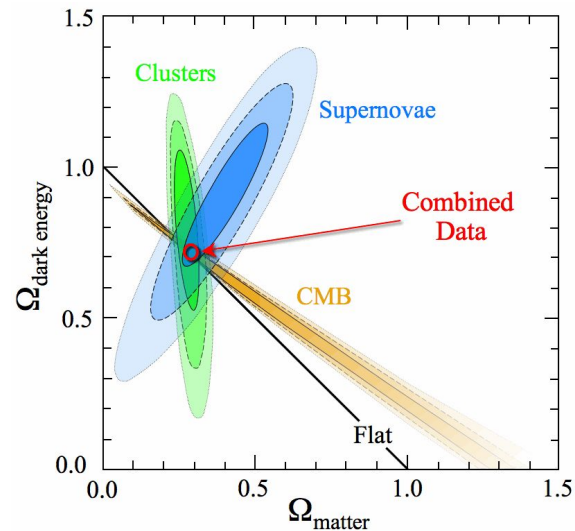
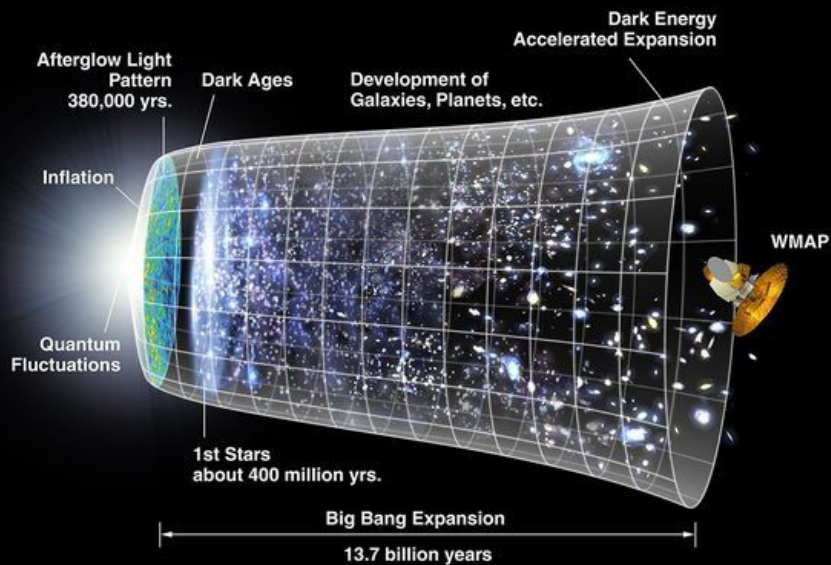
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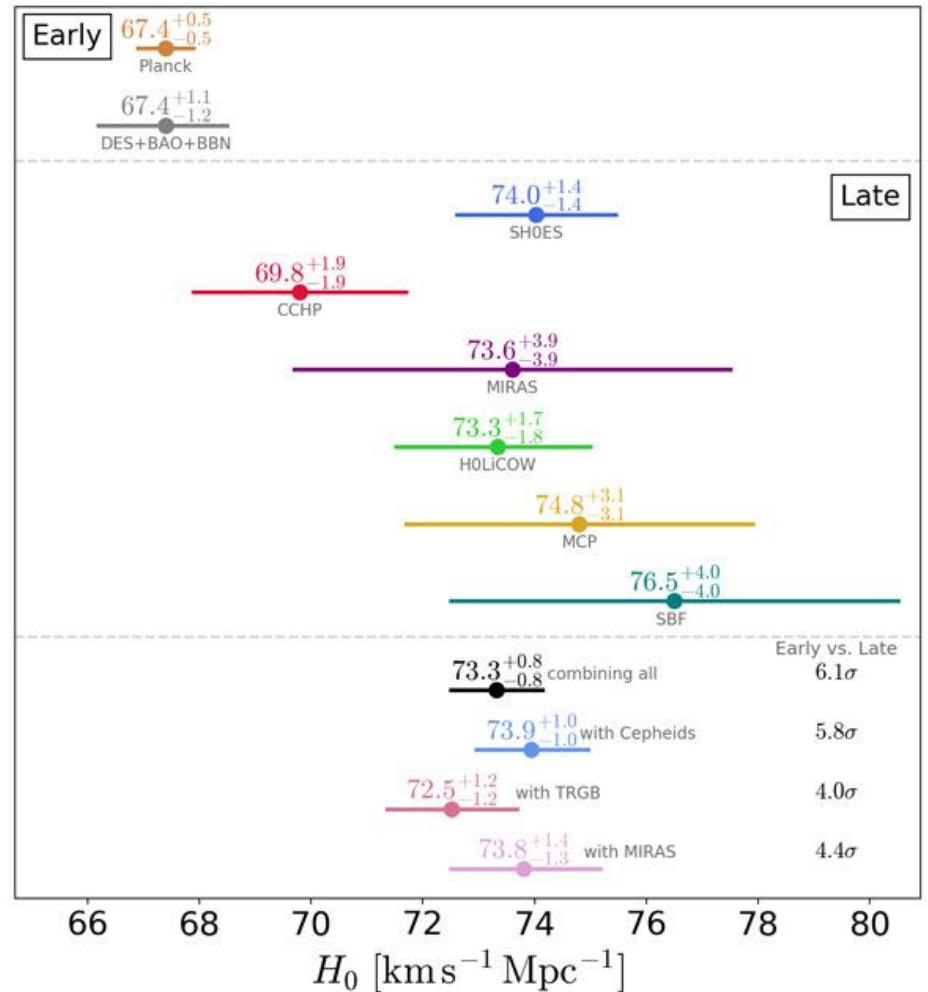
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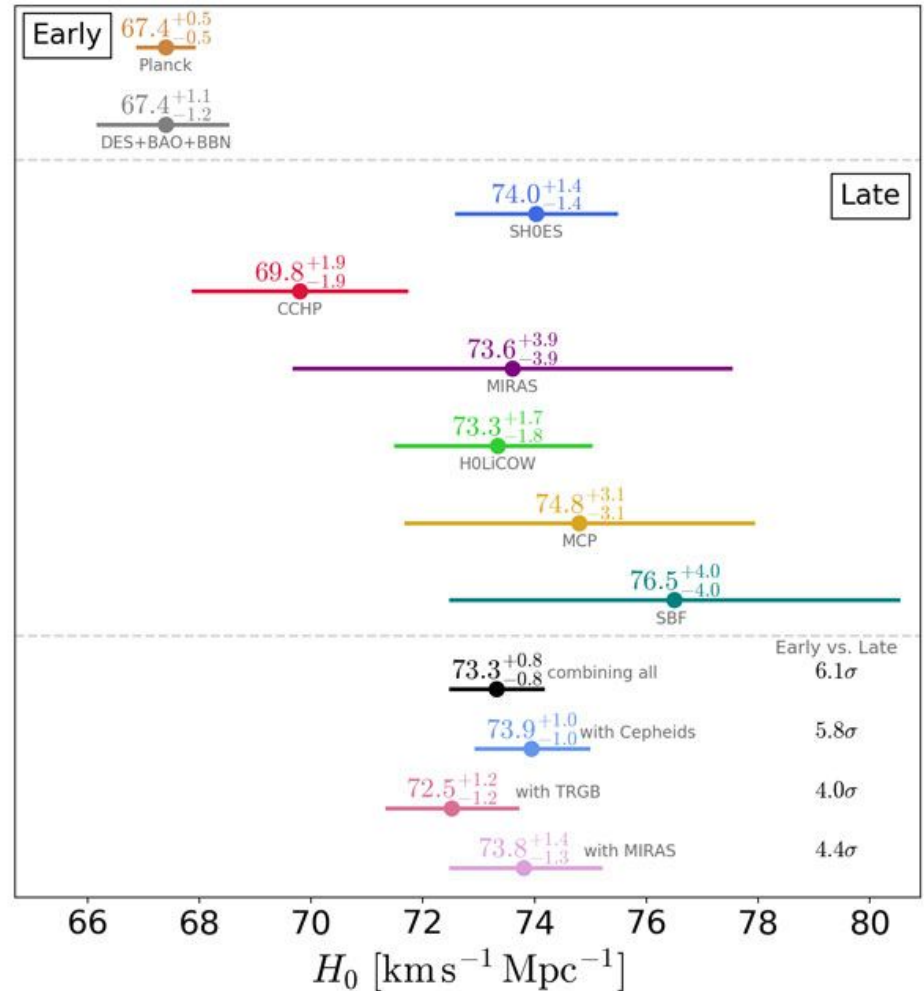
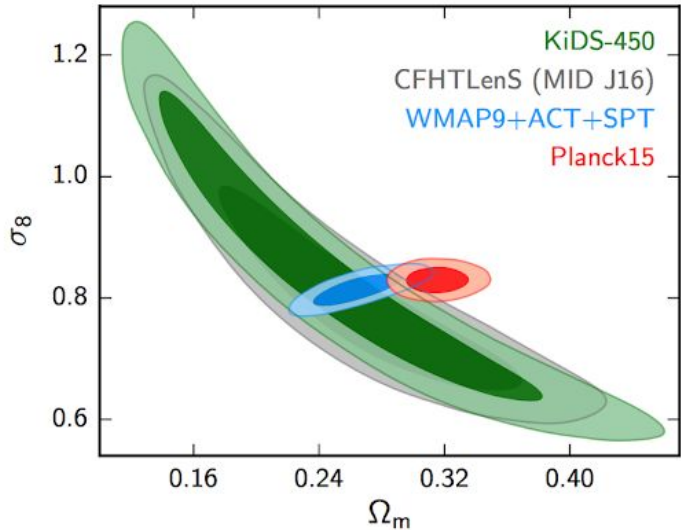
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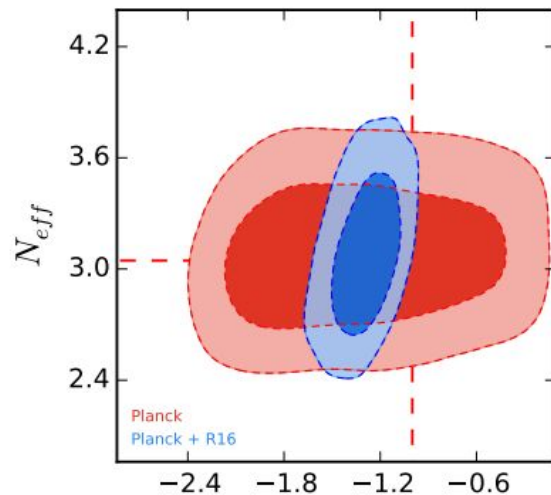
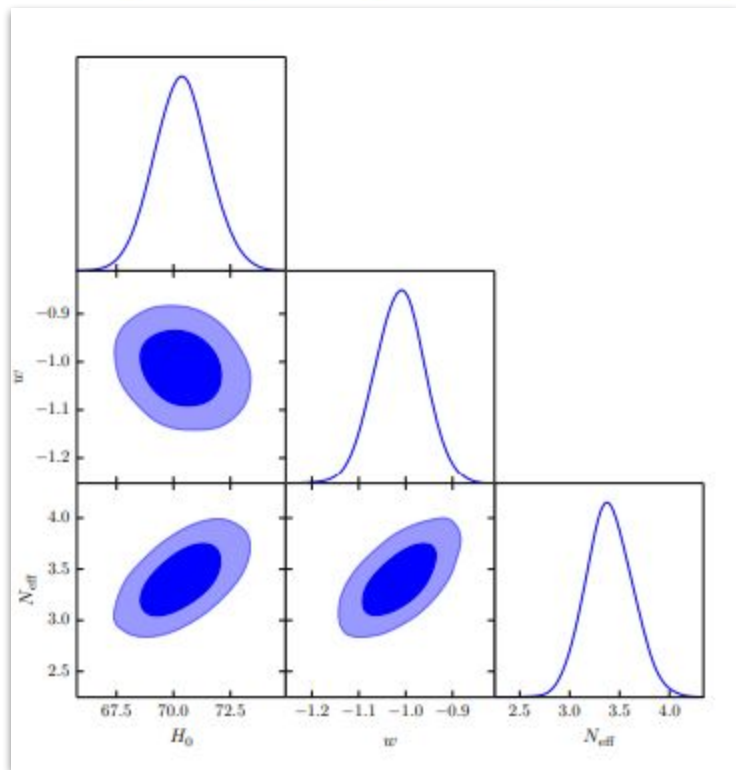
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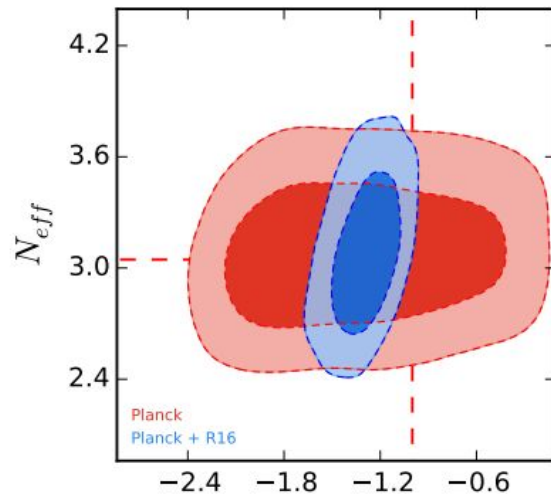
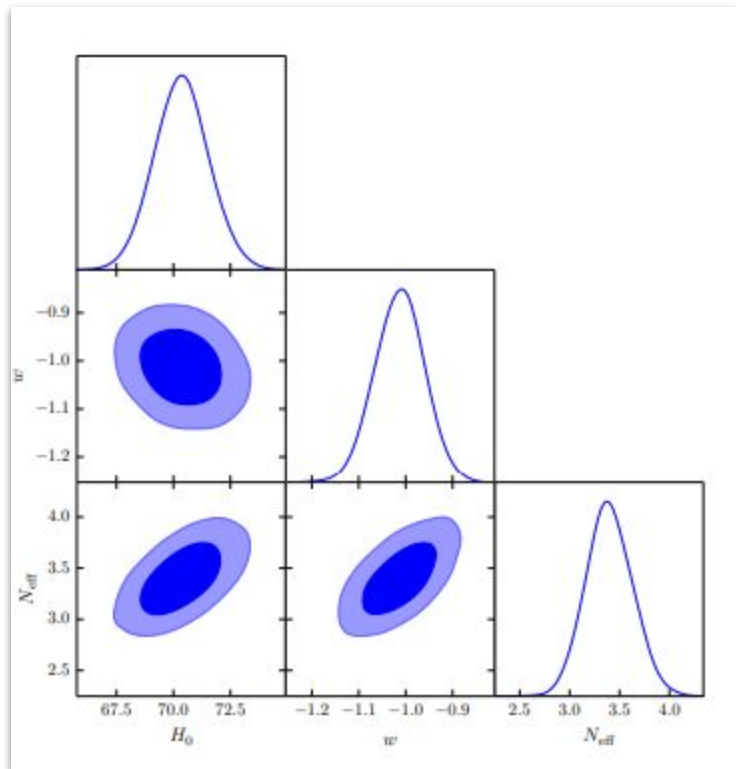
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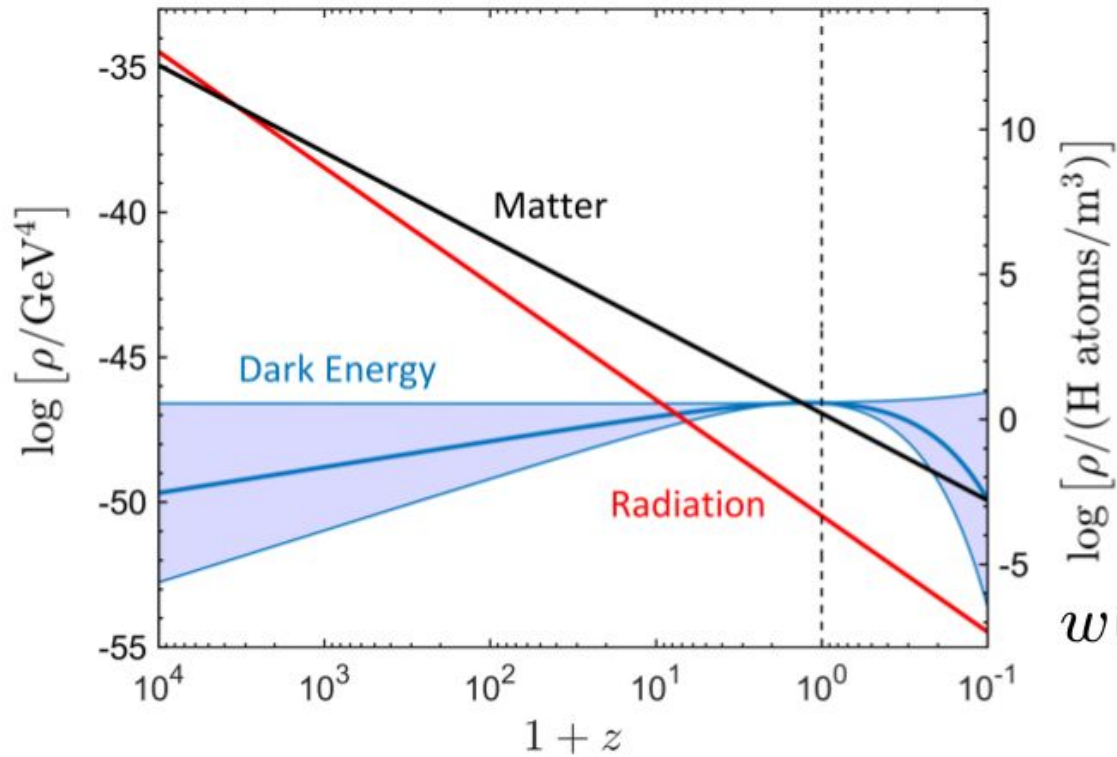
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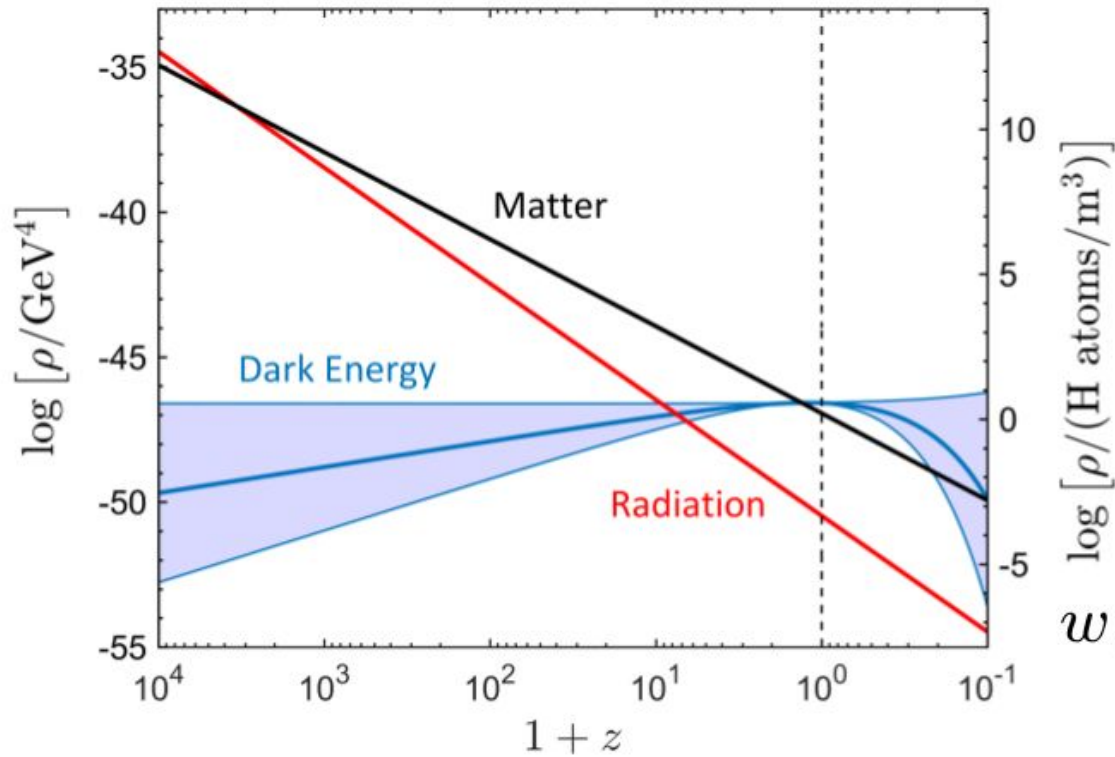
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Interacting dark energy, massive neutrinos  
Dark Matter-neutrino interactions, etc...



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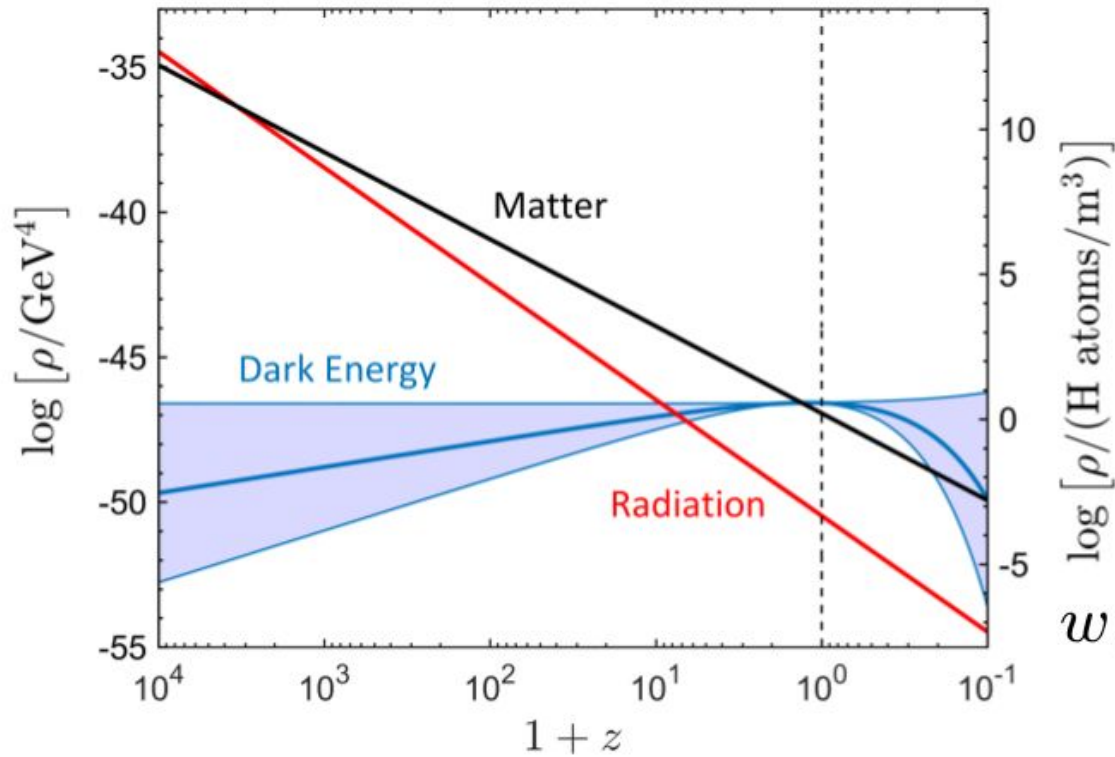
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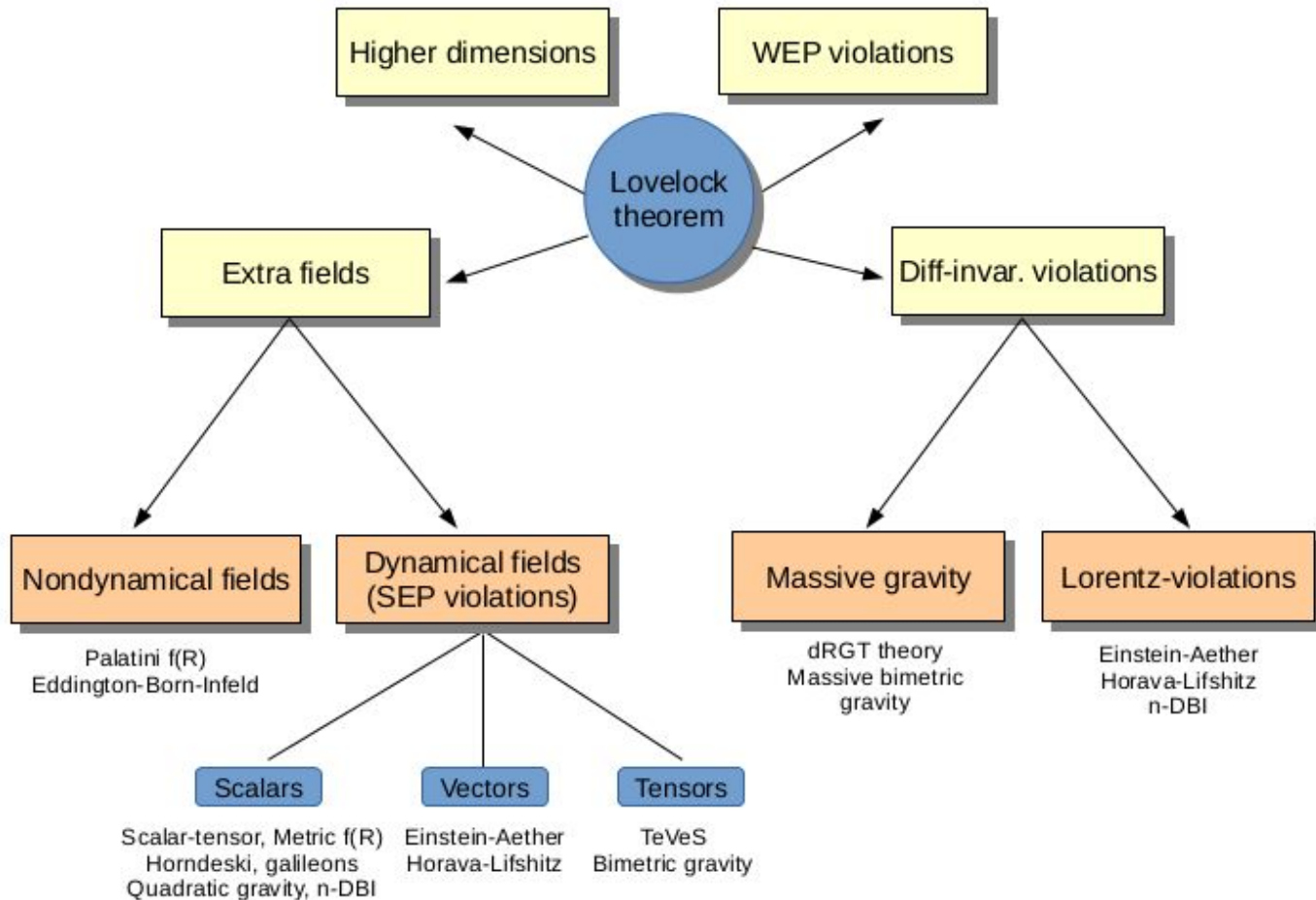
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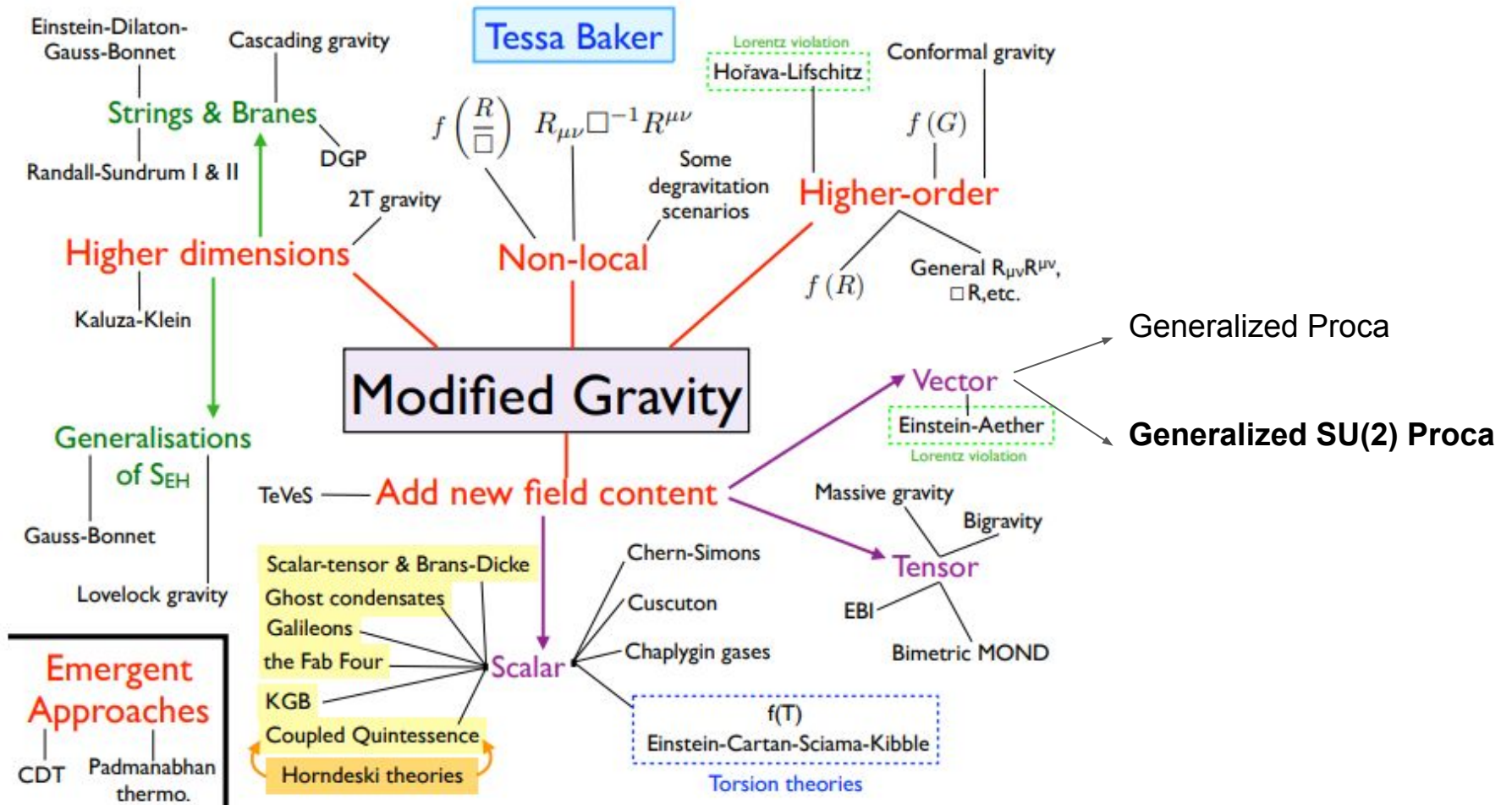
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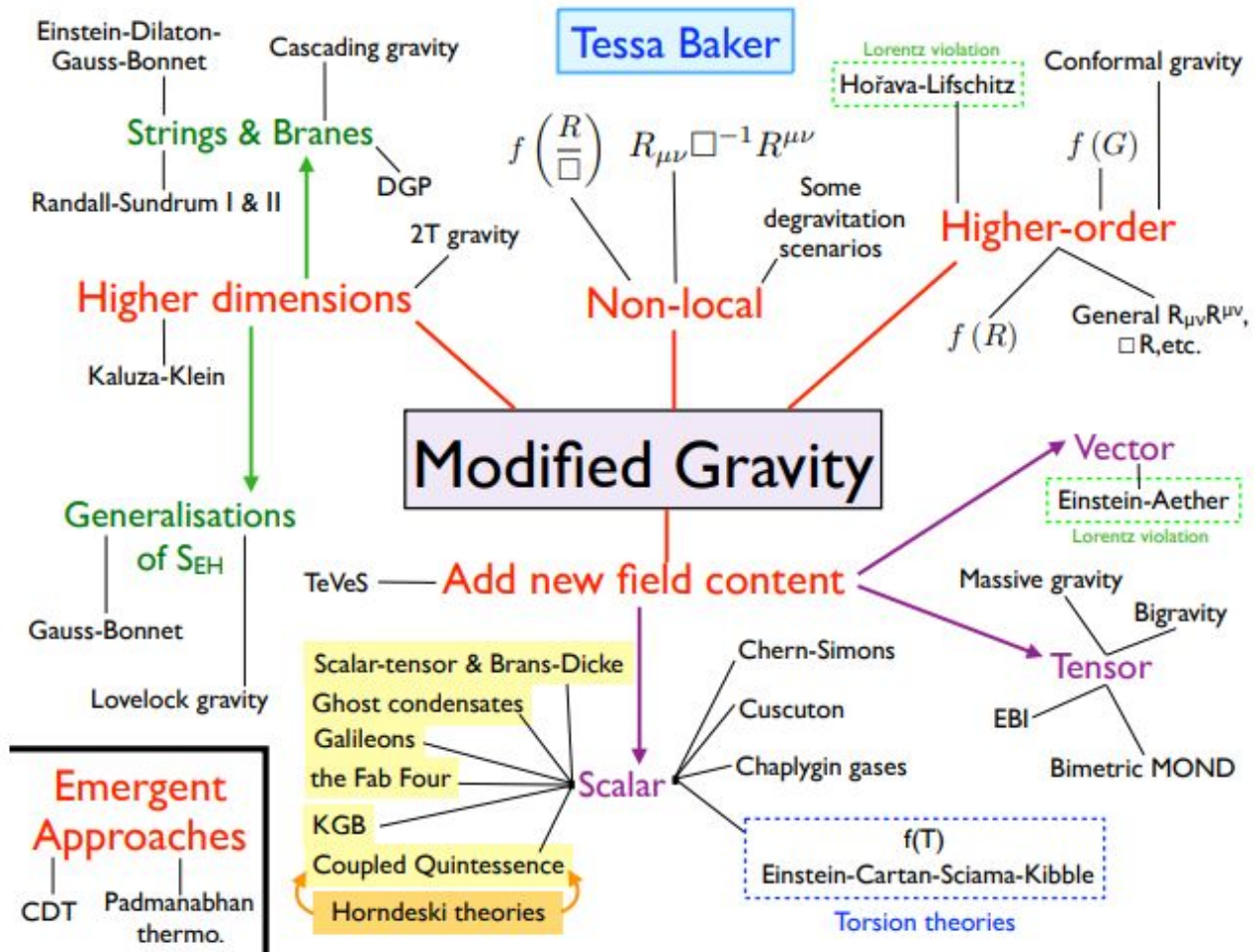
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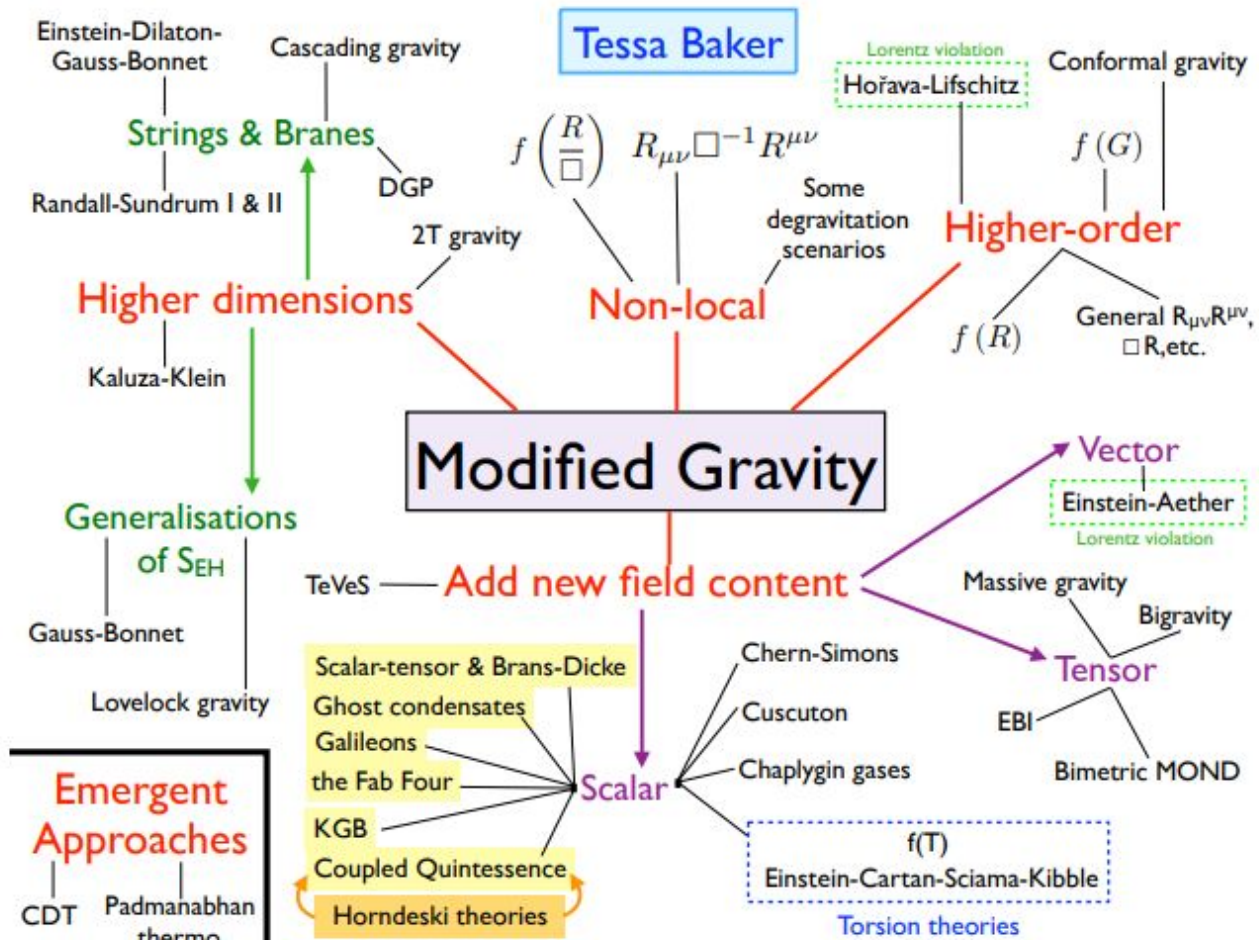


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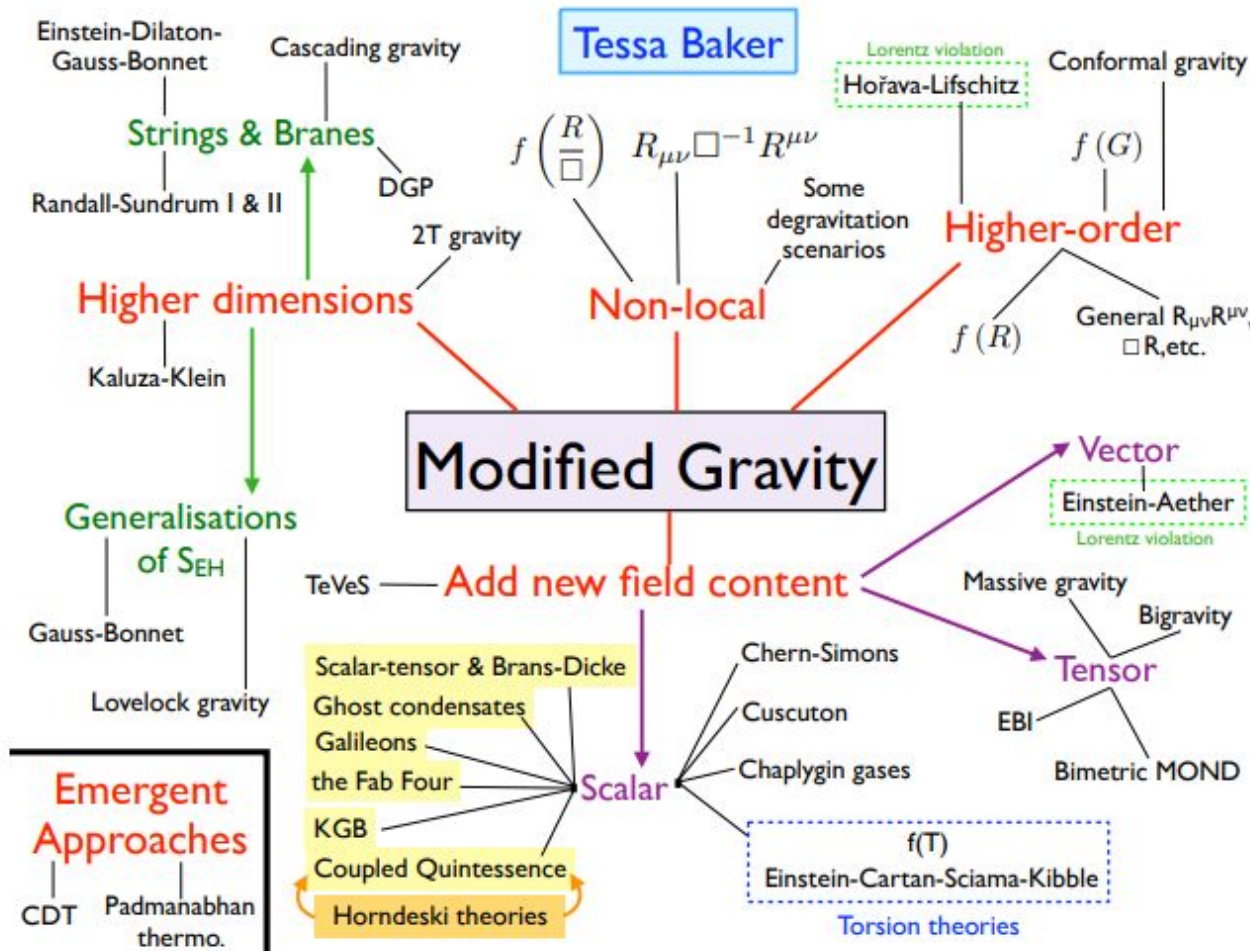
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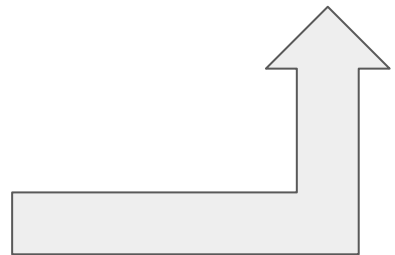
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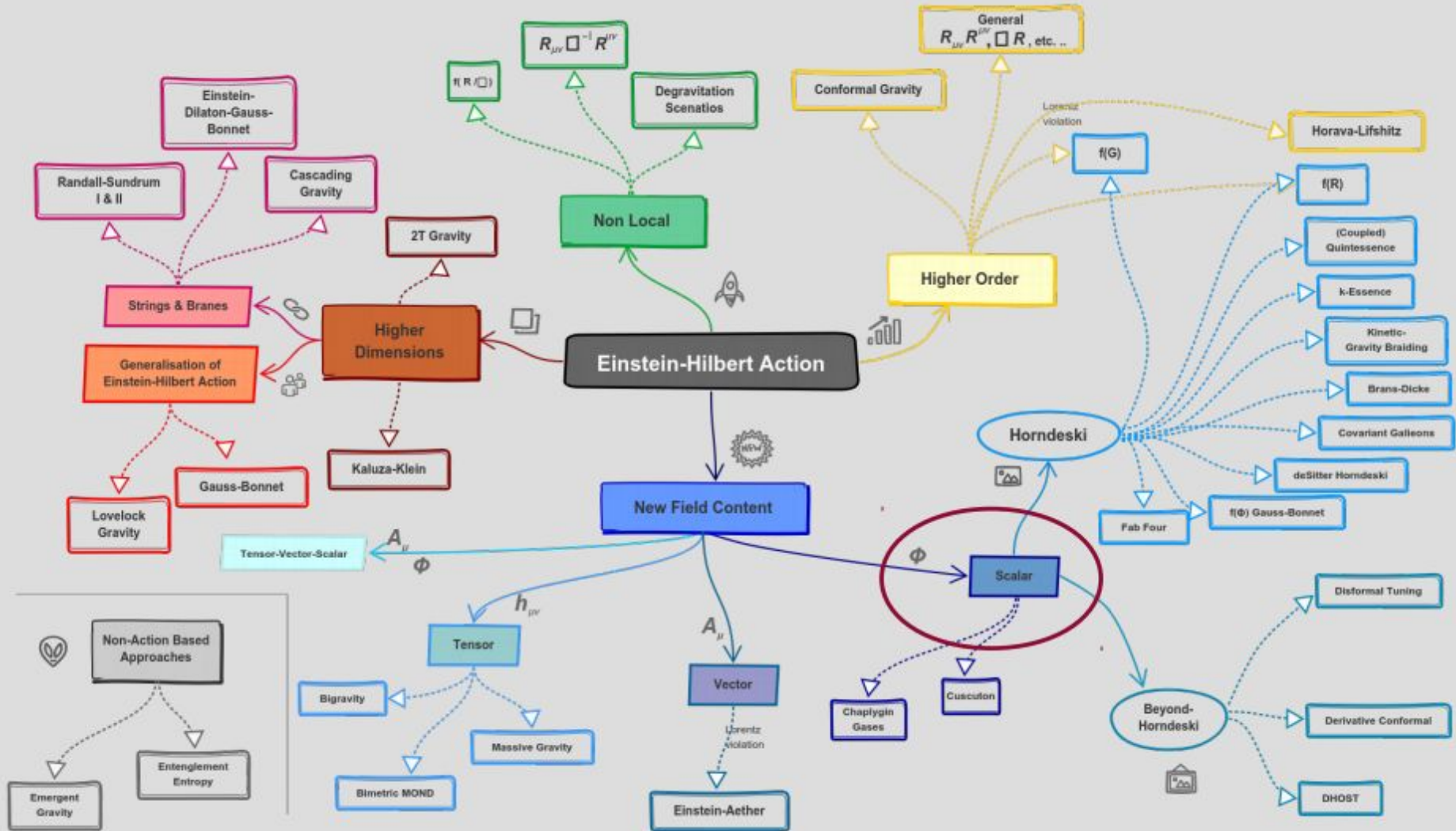


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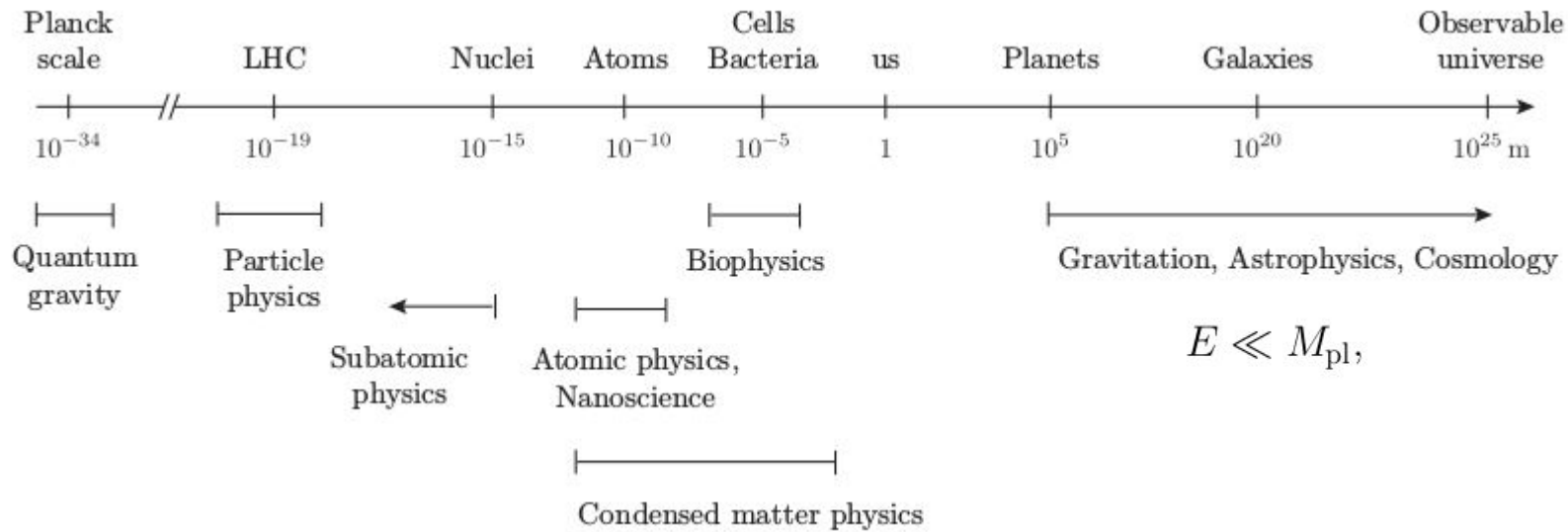


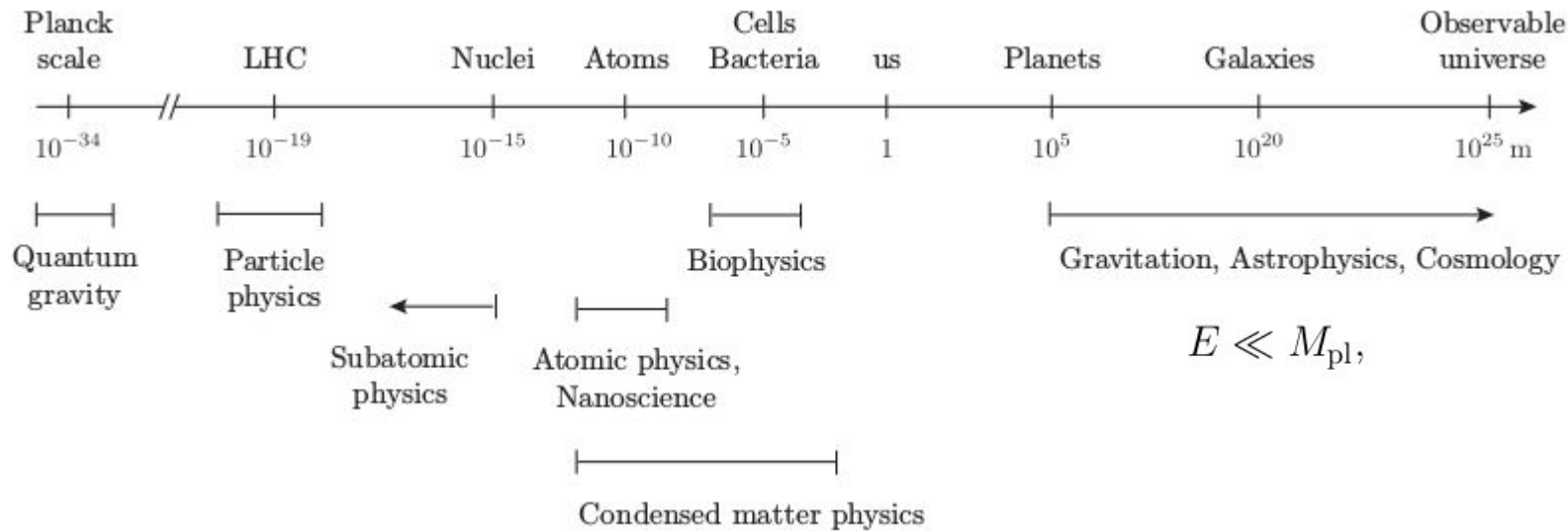
Self-accelerating solutions





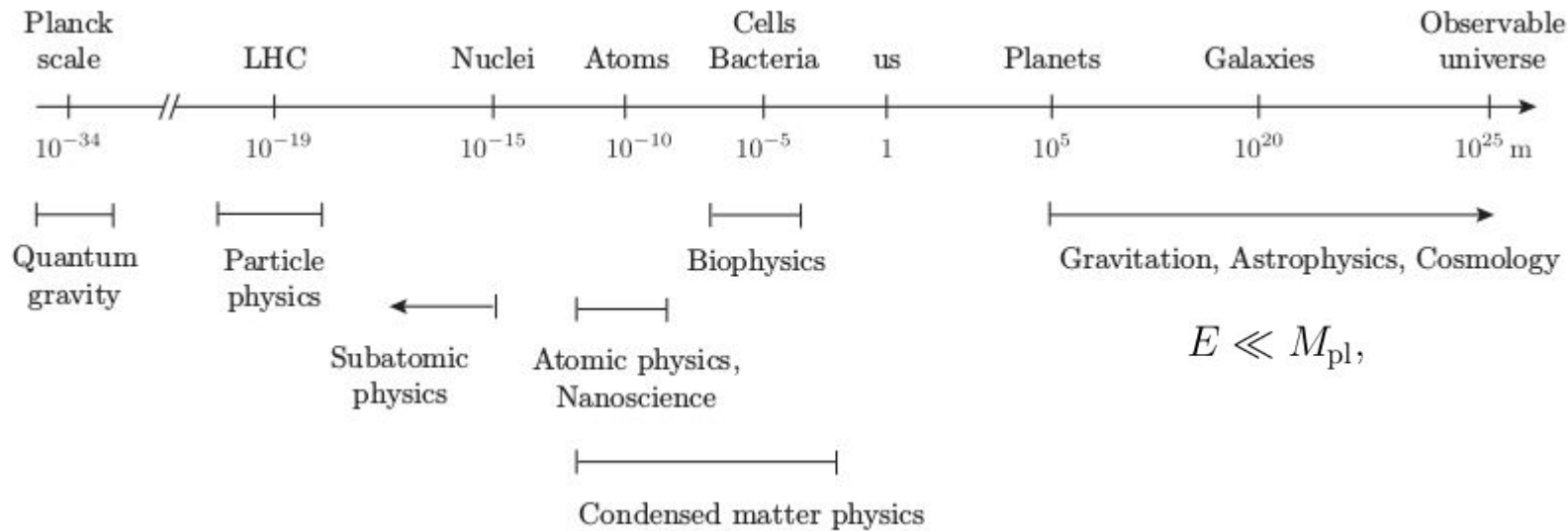
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Extra scalar field								
Scalar-tensor	S	<b>X</b>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓ [34]	[35–37]
Multiscalar	S	<b>X</b>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓ [38]	[39]
Metric $f(R)$	S	<b>X</b>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓ [40,41]	[42]
Quadratic gravity								
Gauss-Bonnet	S	<b>X</b>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓?	[43]
Chern-Simons	P	<b>X</b>	✓	✓	✓	✓	<b>X</b> ✓? [44]	[45]
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Horndeski	S	<b>X</b>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓?	
Lorentz-violating								
$\mathcal{E}$ -gravity	SV	<b>X</b>	✓	<b>X</b>	✓	✓	✓?	[46–49]
Khronometric/ Hořava-Lifshitz	S	<b>X</b>	✓	<b>X</b>	✓	✓	✓?	[48–51]
n-DBI	S	<b>X</b>	✓	<b>X</b>	✓	✓	?	none ( [52])
Massive gravity								
dRGT/Bimetric	SVT	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	✓	✓	✓	?	[17]
Galileon	S	<b>X</b>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓?	[17,53]
Nondynamical fields								
Palatini $f(R)$	–	✓	✓	✓	<b>X</b>	✓	✓	none
Eddington-Born-Infeld	–	✓	✓	✓	<b>X</b>	✓	?	none
Others, not covered here								
TeV $\mathcal{S}$	SVT	<b>X</b>	✓	✓	✓	✓	?	[37]
$f(R)\mathcal{L}_m$	?	<b>X</b>	✓	✓	✓	<b>X</b>	?	
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*We can parameterize our ignorance as an EFT*



# HORNDESKI'S THEORY:

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$$\mathcal{L}_5 = G_5 G_{\mu\nu} \phi^{;\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{6} G_{5,X}(\phi, X) \left[ (\square \phi)^3 \right. \\ \left. - 3\phi_{;\mu\nu} \phi^{;\mu\nu} \square \phi + 2\phi_{;\mu}{}^\nu \phi_{;\nu}{}^\alpha \phi_{;\alpha}{}^\mu \right]$$

Self-accelerating Galileon models!



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## **STRONG COUPLING:**

-quantum fluctuations on a classical solution becomes strongly coupled at an unacceptably low scale

-Classical solution itself is meaningless at distances below  $1/\Lambda$  (loss of predictivity).

**LAPLACIAN INSTABILITIES** negative squared propagation speed for high enough frequencies

**GHOST:** describe physical excitations with a wrong sign in the kinetic energy. ghost will generate instabilities if it couples to other, more conventional, fields since its energy is unbounded from below.



**Guidance**

building up a ghost-free theory demands a positive-definite kinetic matrix.

building up a Laplacian-free theory demands a positive propagation speed



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## Generalized SU(2) Proca theory reconstructed and beyond

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$$A_\mu^a \equiv a(t) \phi(t) \delta_\mu^a,$$

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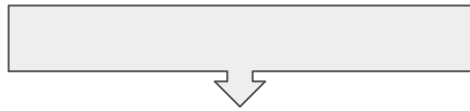
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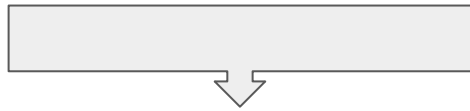


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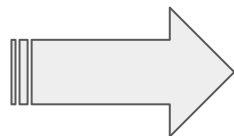
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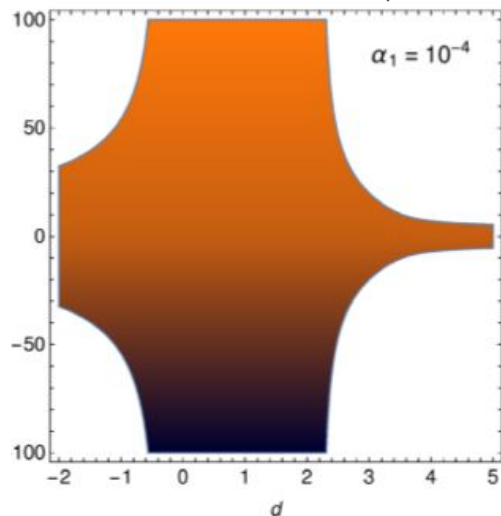
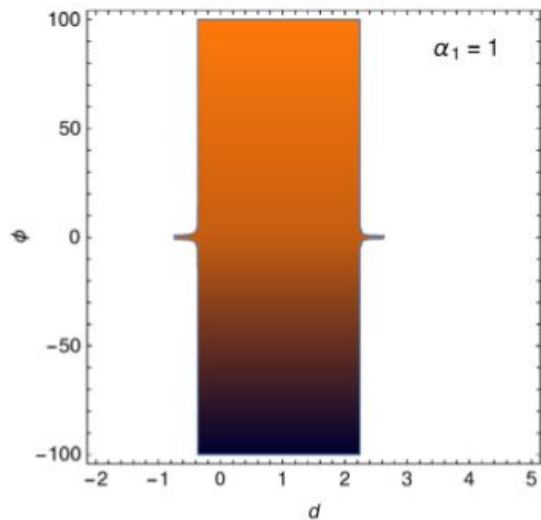
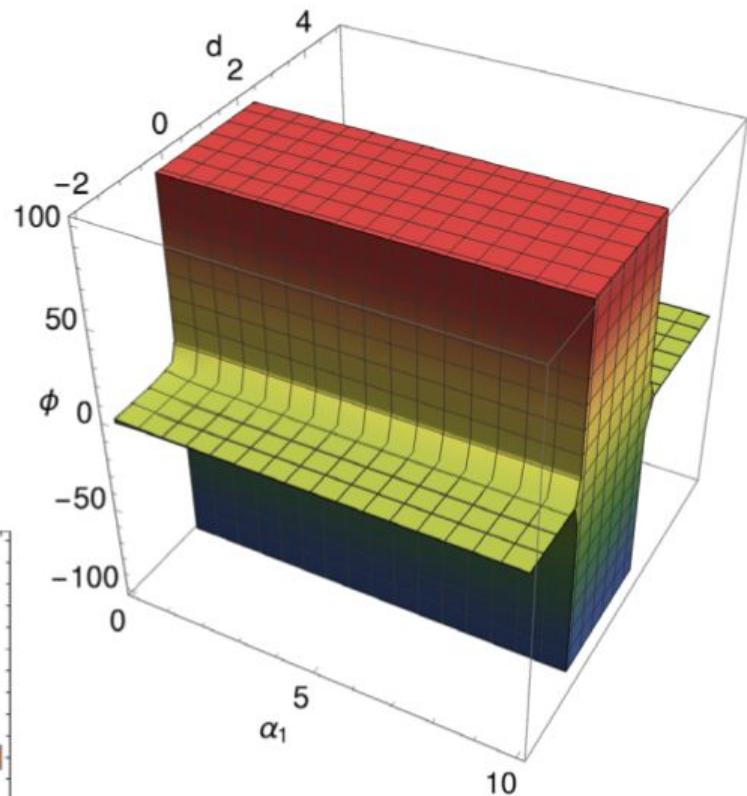
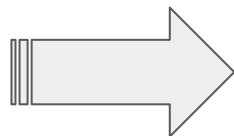
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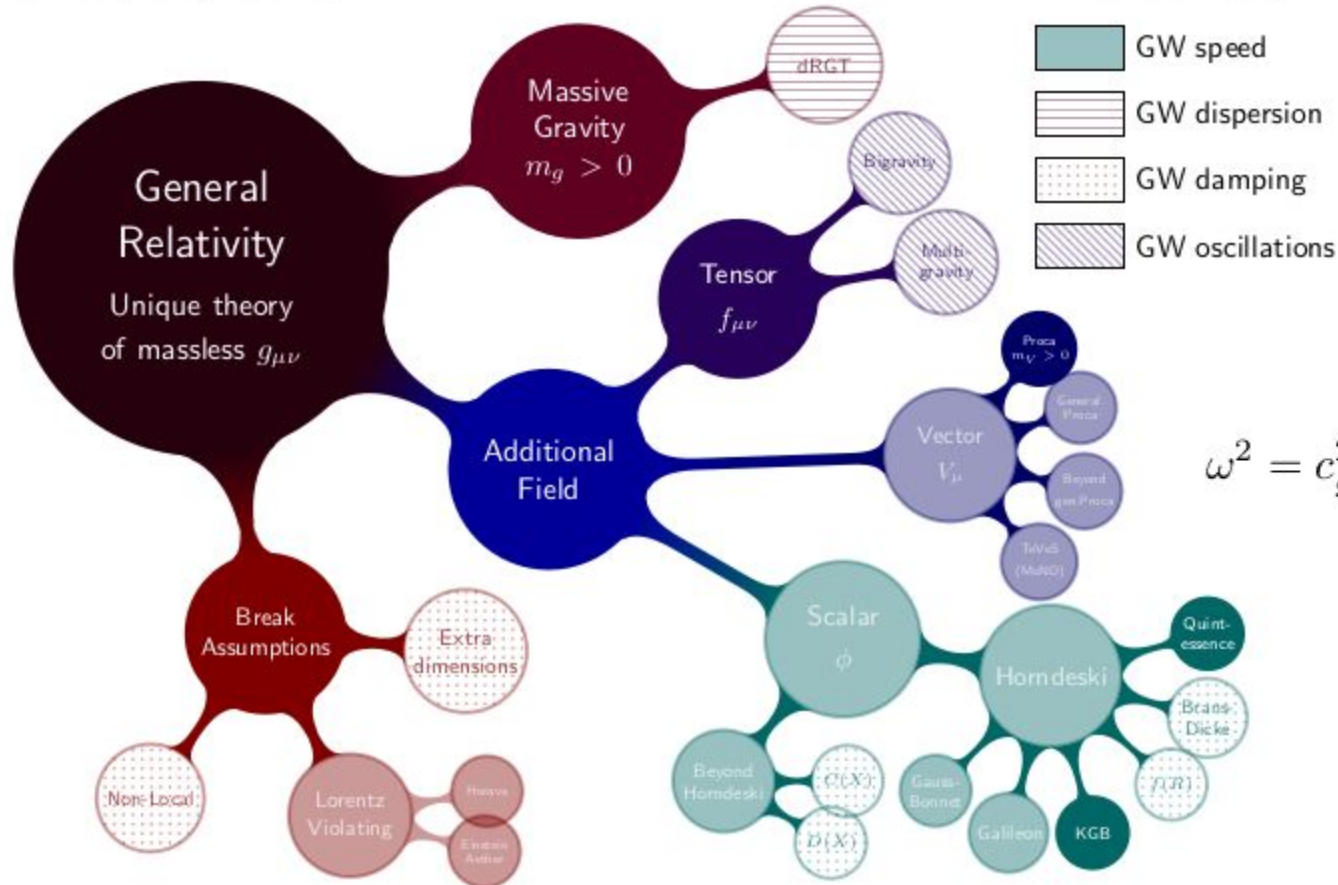
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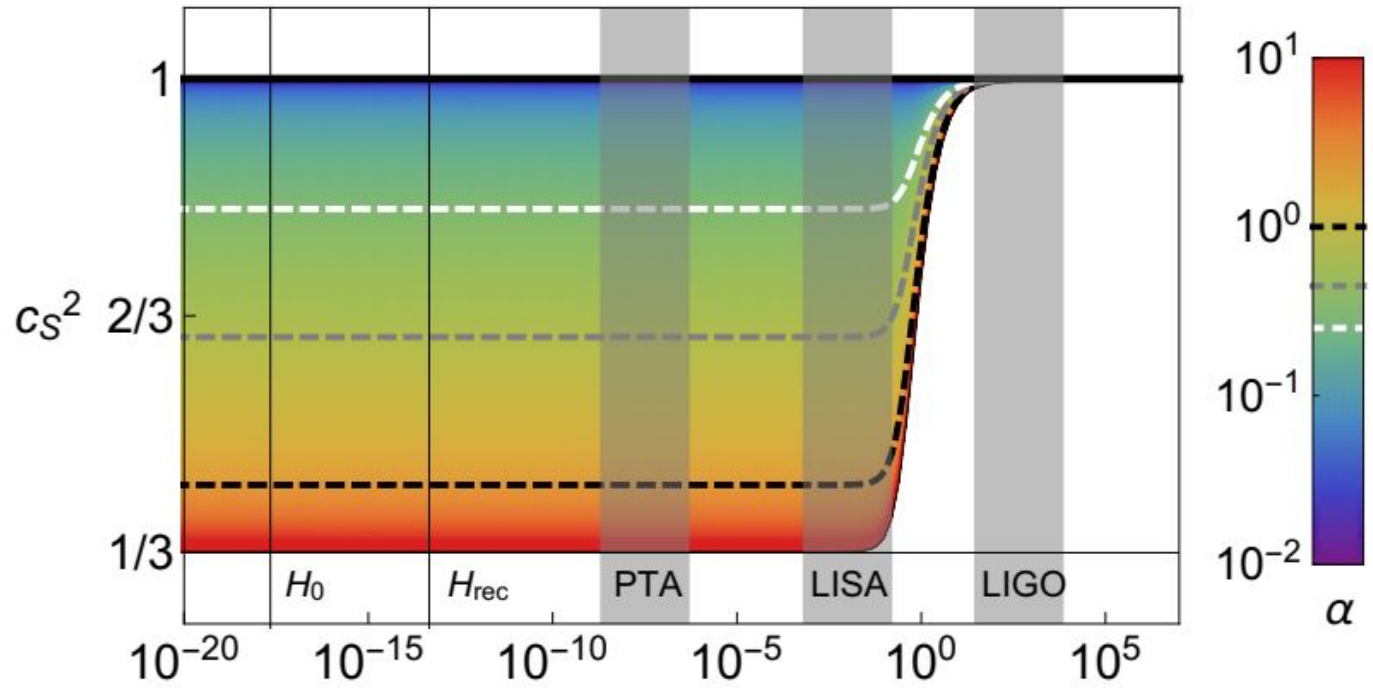
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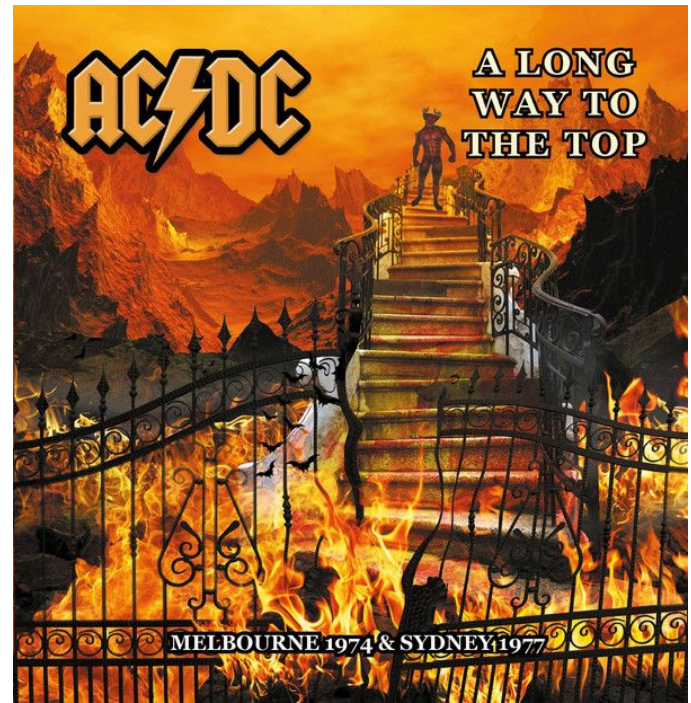
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