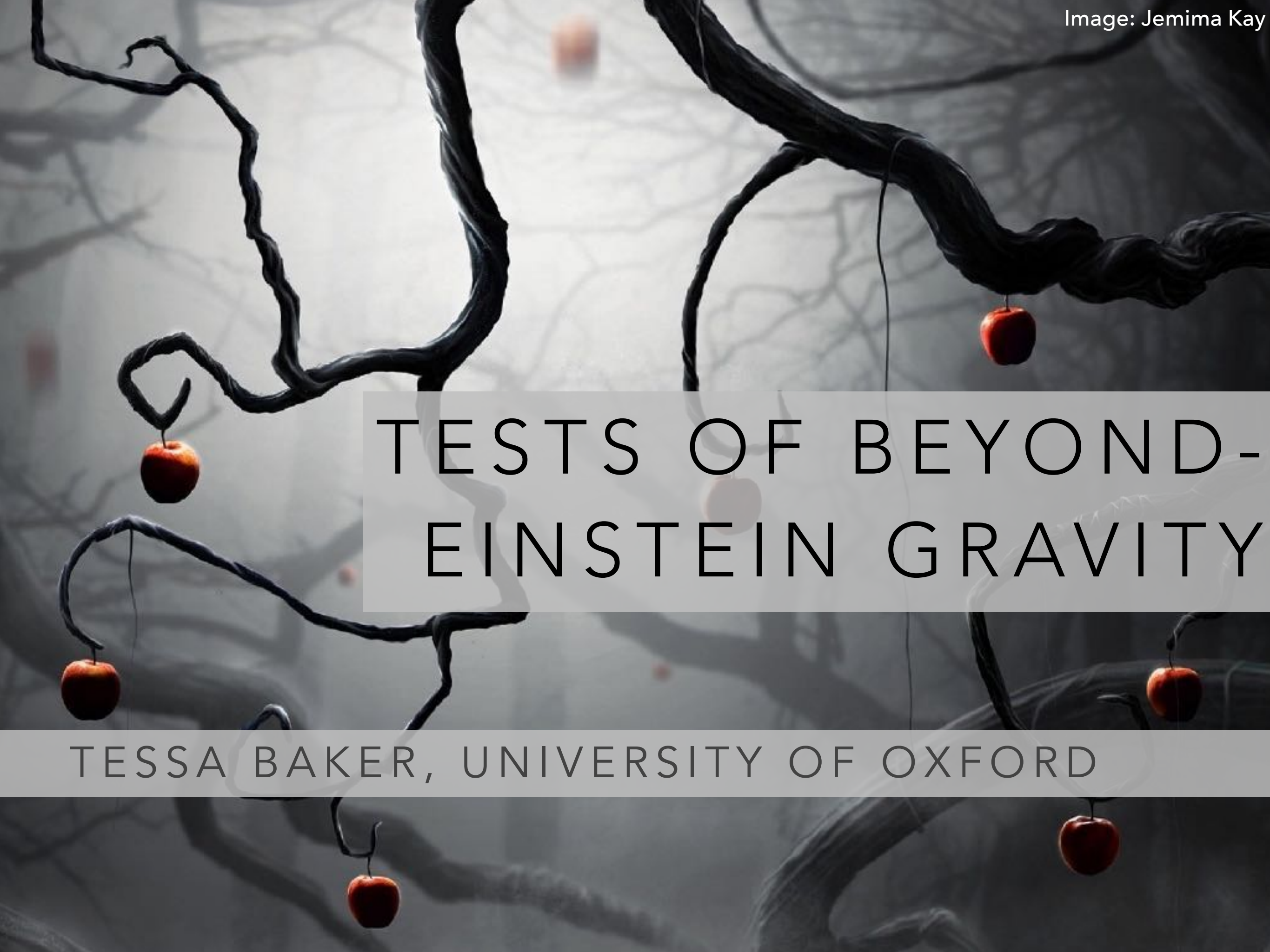




TESTS OF BEYOND- EINSTEIN GRAVITY

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OUTLINE

- Overview: the landscape of modified gravity.
- Details: parameterised tests.
 - ➡ theory
 - ➡ observations

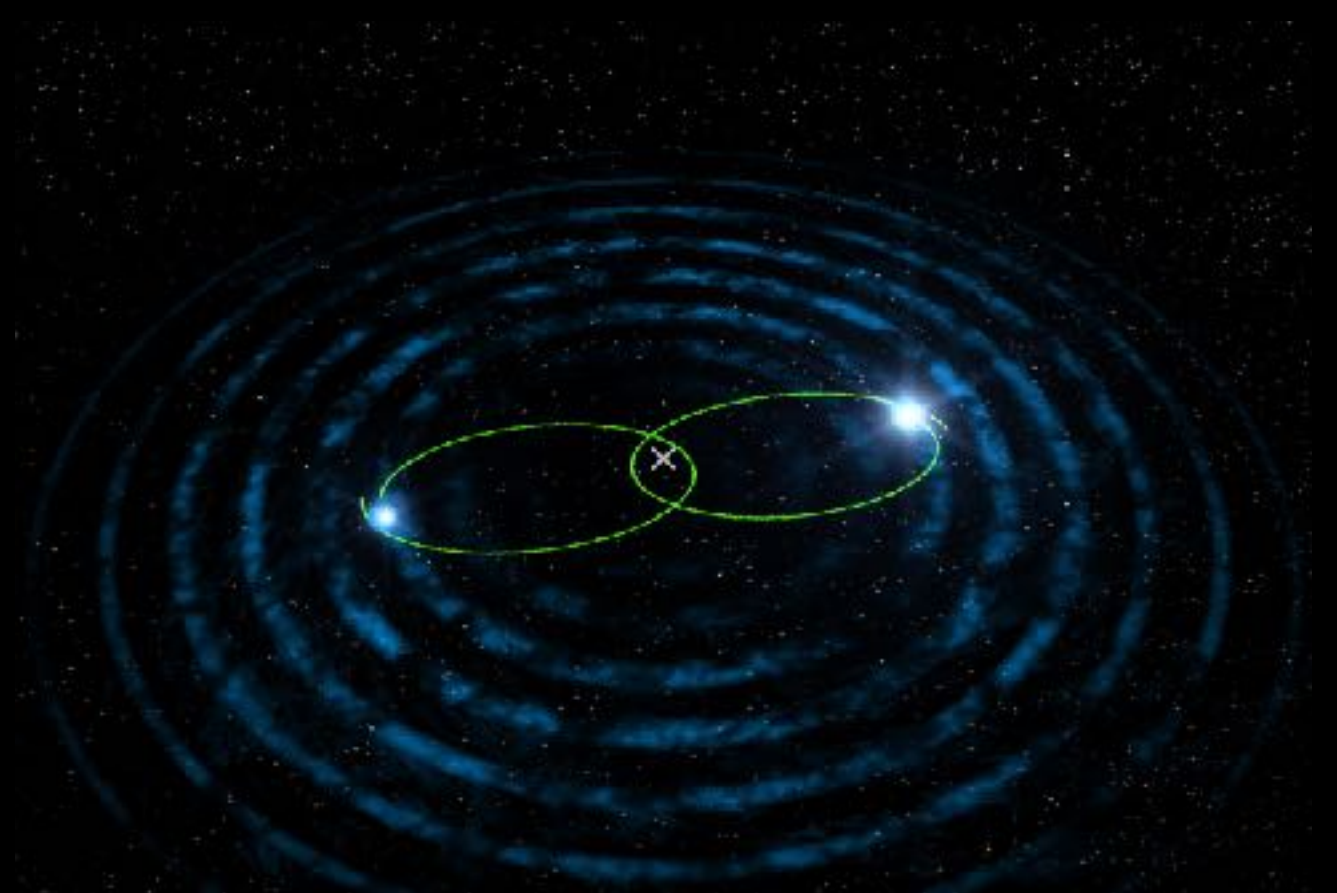
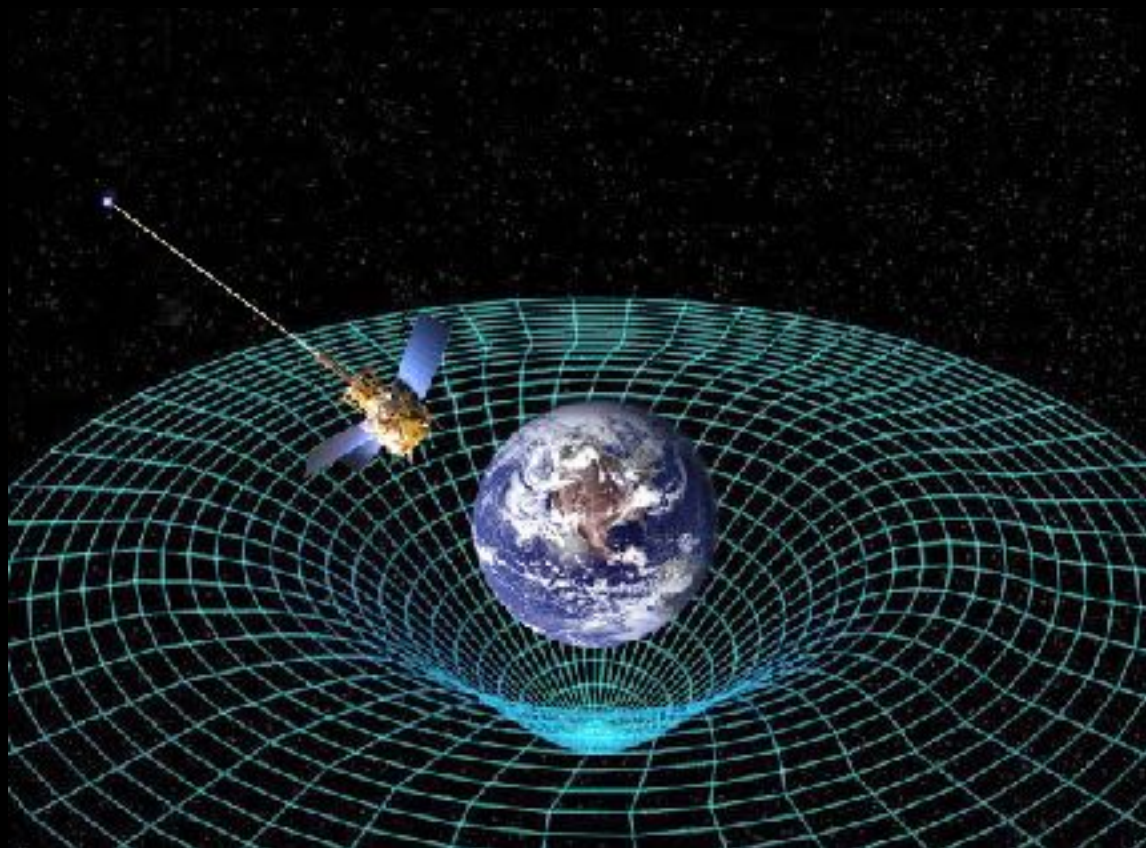




1. THE GRAVITY LANDSCAPE

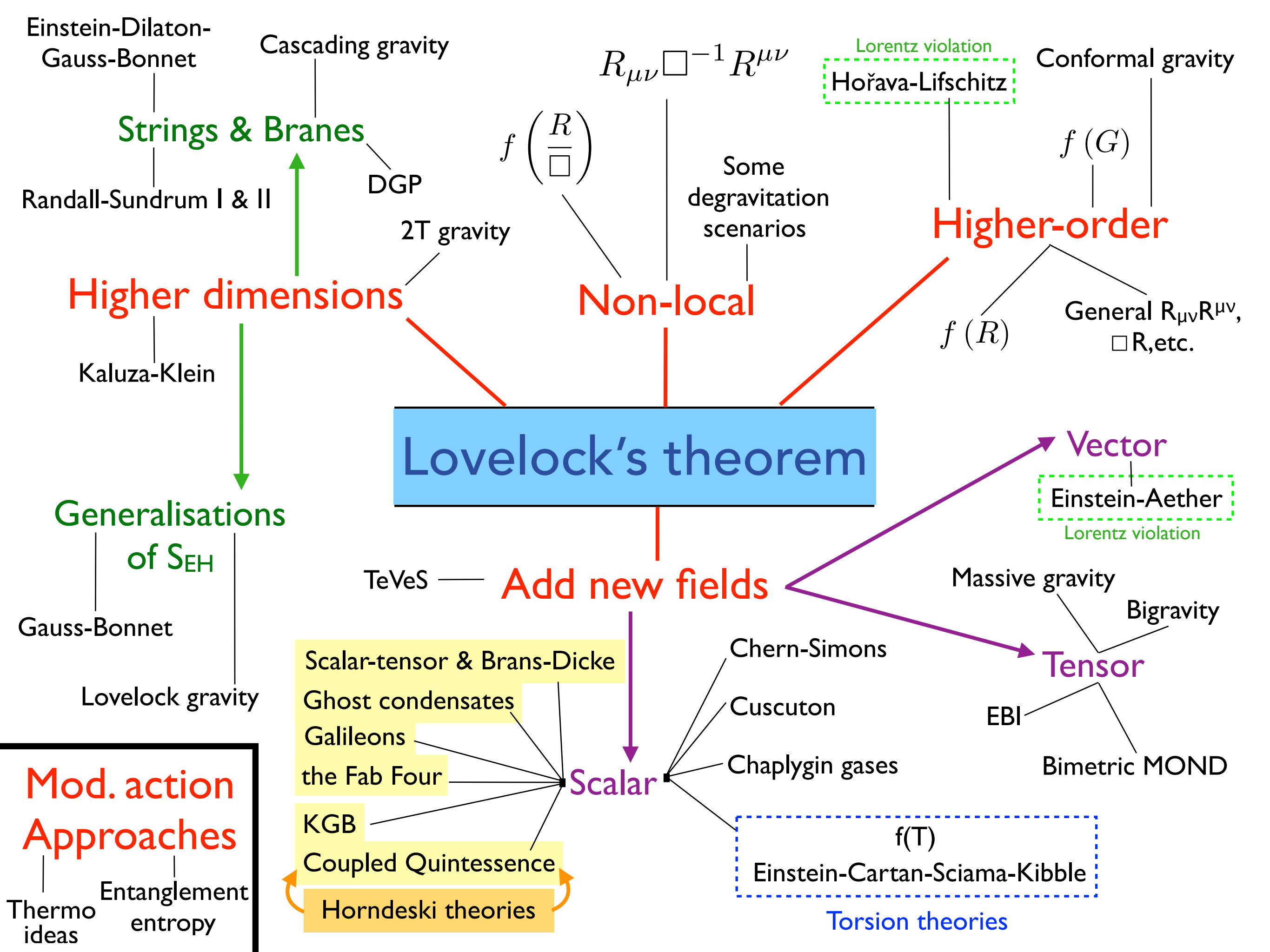
WHY TEST GRAVITY?

- Cosmic acceleration, i.e. dark energy.
Replace / explain the cosmological constant?
- Cosmological scales $\gg$ scales of precision tests.
Test extrapolation over 16 orders of magnitude(!)

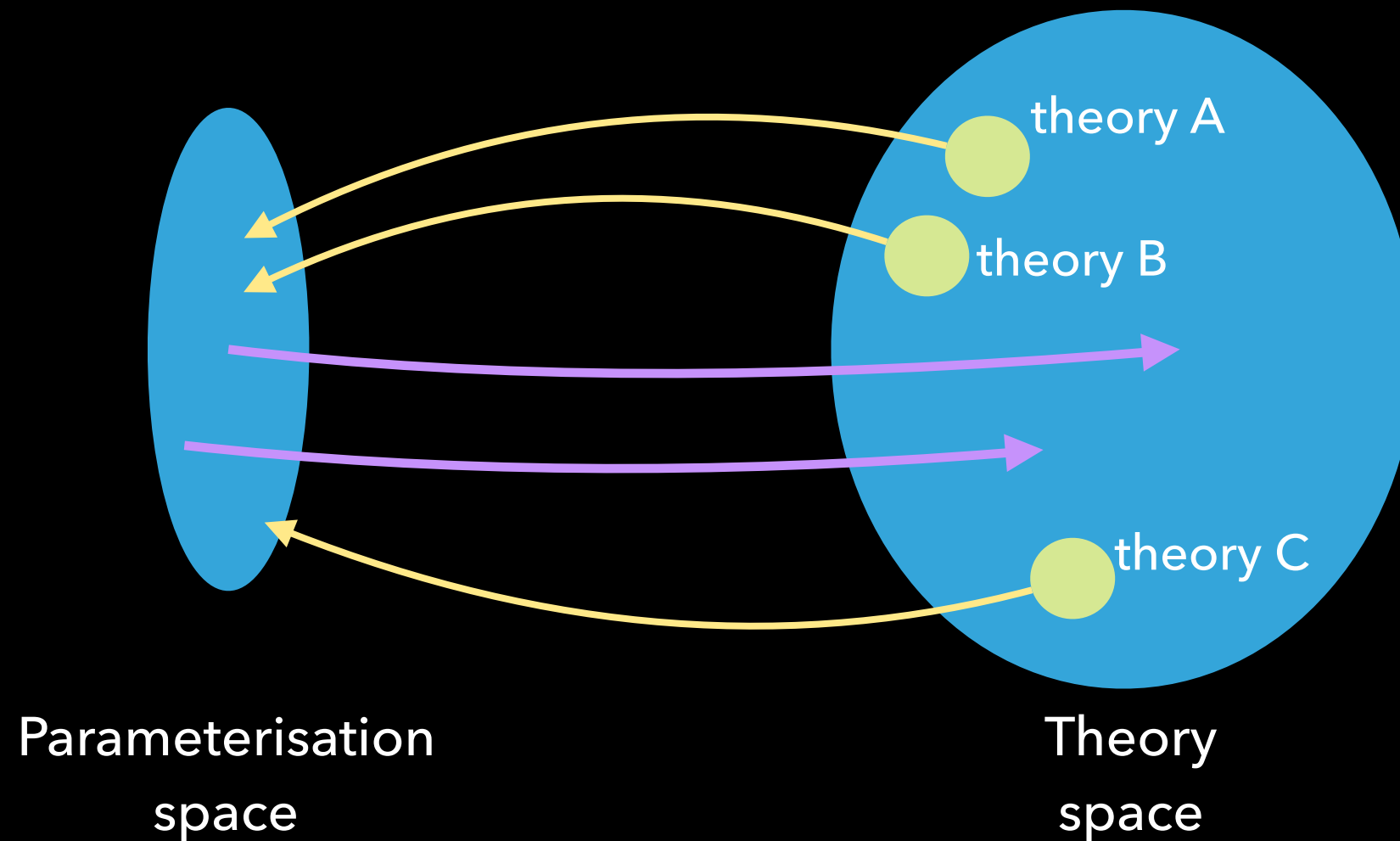


LOVELOCK'S THEOREM (CLIFTON VERSION)

"The only second-order, local gravitational field equations derivable from an action containing solely the 4D metric tensor (plus related tensors) are the Einstein field equations with a cosmological constant."

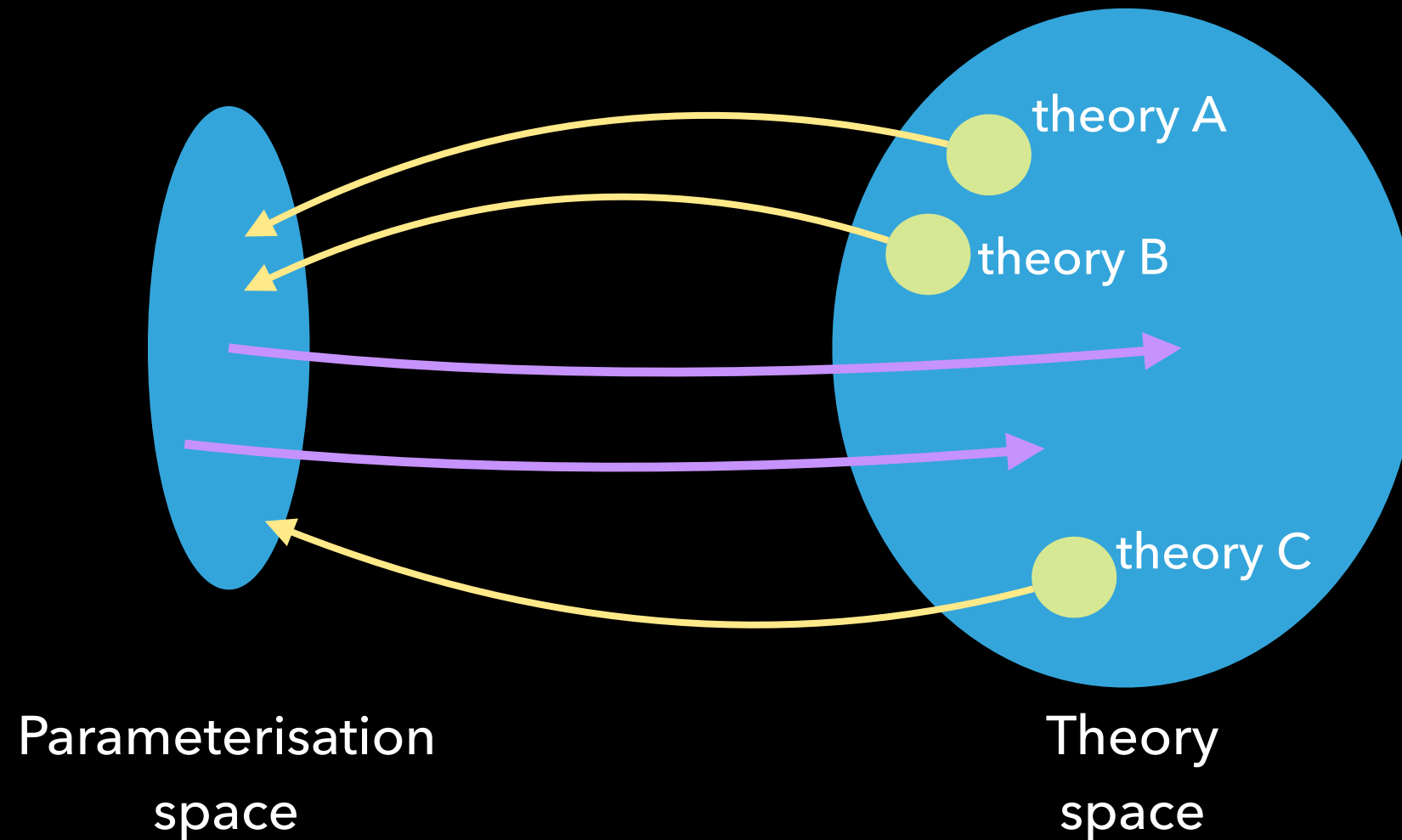


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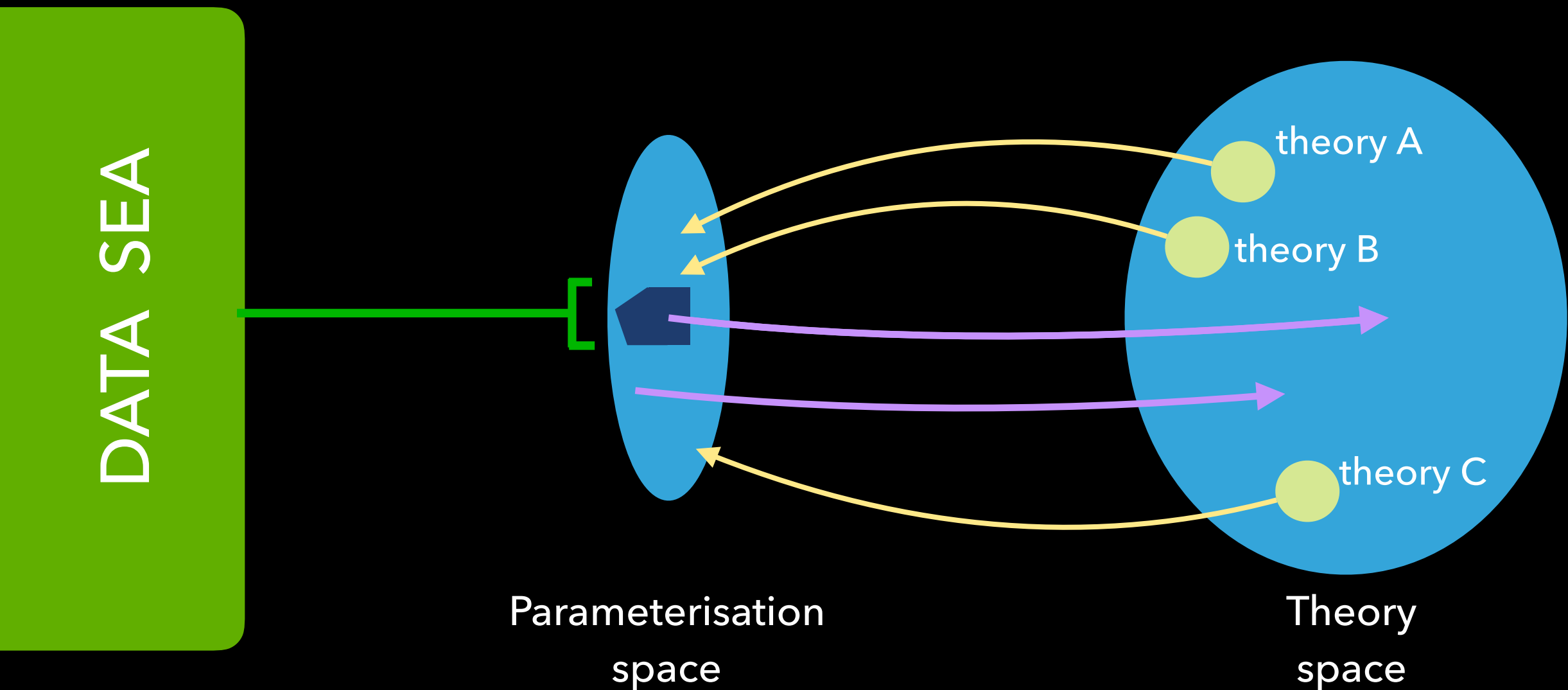
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2. PARAMETERISED METHODS

PARAMETERISED ACTIONS

1. Determine a sensible set of 'building blocks':

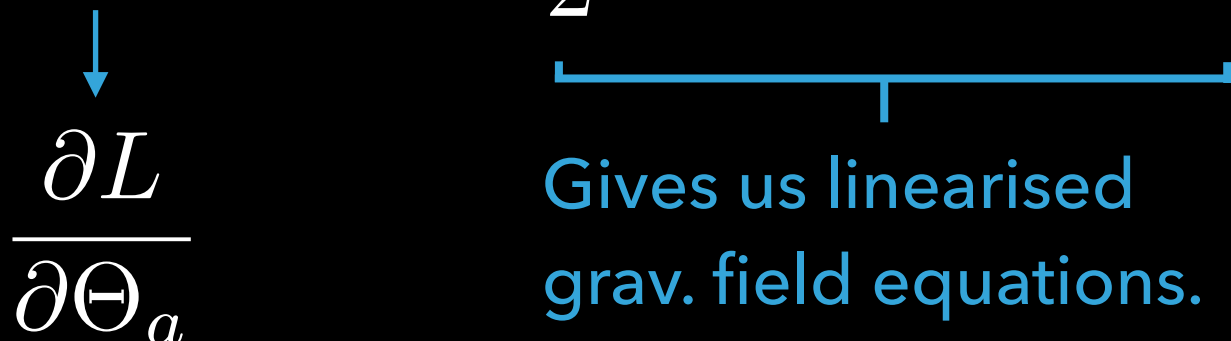
$$\vec{\Theta} = \left(g_{\mu\nu}, \phi, \vec{A}, q_{\mu\nu} \right)$$



metric new fields

2. Taylor expand the gravitational Lagrangian:

$$L \simeq \bar{L} + L_{\Theta_a} \delta\Theta_a + \frac{1}{2} L_{\Theta_a \Theta_b} \delta\Theta_a \delta\Theta_b + \dots$$



$\frac{\partial L}{\partial \Theta_a}$ Gives us linearised grav. field equations.

PARAMETERISED ACTIONS — THEORY

3. Write down an action containing all possible combinations of the building blocks $\Rightarrow \sim 70$ terms!

Each term comes with an unknown coefficient.

$$\begin{aligned} \delta_2 S = \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \bigg[& L_{gg}(t) \delta g_j^i \delta g_i^j + \dots \\ & + L_{g\partial g}(t) \delta g_{ij} \partial^i \delta g^{0j} + L_{\dot{g}\dot{g}}(t) \delta \dot{g}_{00} \delta \dot{g}^{00} + \dots \\ & + L_{\partial\phi\partial\phi}(t) \partial^i \delta\phi \partial_i \delta\phi + L_{\phi R}(t) \delta\phi \delta R + \dots \\ & + \text{usual fluid matter sector} \bigg] \end{aligned}$$

PARAMETERISED ACTIONS — THEORY

4. The action must be coordinate-invariant + a few other physical restrictions.

⇒ Enforce linear diff symmetry: $x^\mu \rightarrow x^\mu + \epsilon^\mu$
 $\downarrow$
 $\epsilon^\mu = (\pi, \partial^i \epsilon)$

⇒ $\delta_2 S \rightarrow \delta_2 S + \underbrace{\left[\begin{array}{c} \text{terms linear in} \\ \delta\phi, \delta g_{00}, \delta g_{ij} \text{ etc.} \end{array} \right]}_{\text{must vanish}} \times (\pi \text{ or } \epsilon)$

Invariance of action under a **non-dynamical** symmetry gives a set of constraint relations.

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SIMPLEST CASE — HORNDESKI THEORY

$$\delta_2 S = \int d^3x dt a^3 \frac{M(t)^2}{2} \left[R^{(4D)} + \alpha_T(t) \delta_2 \left(\sqrt{h} R / a^3 \right) \right. \\ \left. + \alpha_K(t) H^2 \delta N^2 + 4\alpha_B(t) H \delta K \delta N \right] \leftarrow \text{just pieces of metric}$$

$\alpha_T(t)$: speed of gravitational waves, $c_T^2 = 1 + \alpha_T$.

$\alpha_K(t)$: kinetic term of scalar field.

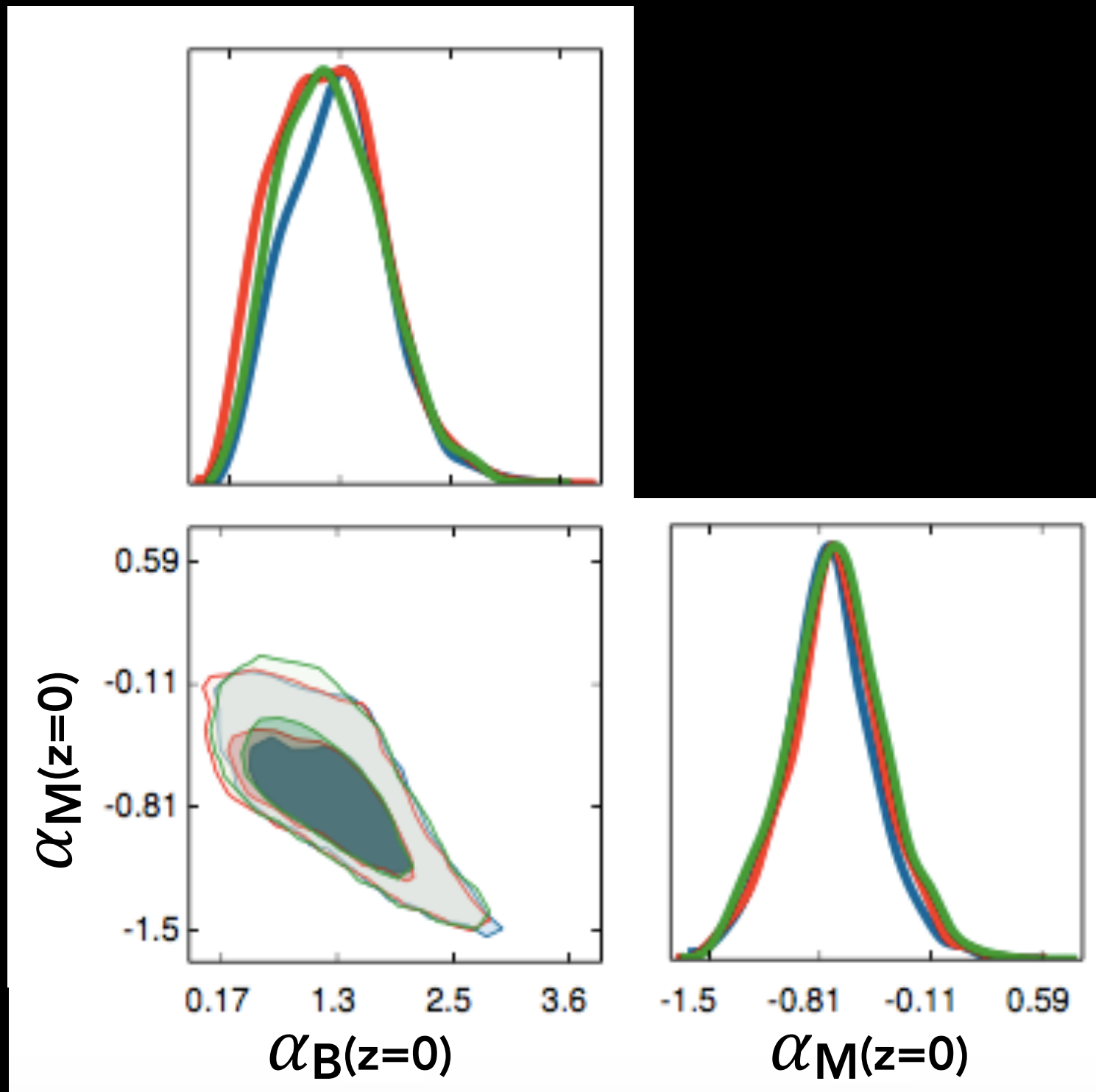
$\alpha_B(t)$: ‘braiding’ – mixing of scalar + metric kinetic terms.

$\alpha_M(t) = \frac{1}{H} \frac{d \ln M^2(t)}{dt}$: running of effective Planck mass.

THE ALPHA PARAMETERS

Model Class		α_K	α_B	α_M	α_T
Λ CDM		0	0	0	0
cuscuton ($w_X \neq -1$)	[71]	0	0	0	0
quintessence	[1, 2]	$(1 - \Omega_m)(1 + w_X)$	0	0	0
k-essence/perfect fluid	[45, 46]	$\frac{(1 - \Omega_m)(1 + w_X)}{c_s^2}$	0	0	0
kinetic gravity braiding	[47–49]	$\frac{m^2(n_m + \kappa_\phi)}{H^2 M_{Pl}^2}$	$\frac{m\kappa}{H M_{Pl}^2}$	0	0
galileon cosmology	[57]	$-\frac{3}{2}\alpha_M^3 H^2 r_c^2 e^{2\phi/M}$	$\frac{\alpha_K}{6} - \alpha_M$	$\frac{-2\dot{\phi}}{HM}$	0
BDK	[26]	$\frac{\dot{\phi}^2 K_{,\phi\phi} e^{-\kappa}}{H^2 M^2}$	$-\alpha_M$	$\frac{\dot{\kappa}}{H}$	0
metric $f(R)$	[3, 72]	0	$-\alpha_M$	$\frac{B\dot{H}}{H^2}$	0
MSG/Palatini $f(R)$	[73, 74]	$-\frac{3}{2}\alpha_M^2$	$-\alpha_M$	$\frac{2\dot{\phi}}{H}$	0
f (Gauss-Bonnet)	[52, 75, 76]	0	$\frac{-2H\dot{\xi}}{M^2 + H\dot{\xi}}$	$\frac{\dot{H}\dot{\xi} + H\ddot{\xi}}{H(M^2 + H\dot{\xi})}$	$\frac{\ddot{\xi} - H\dot{\xi}}{M^2 + H\dot{\xi}}$

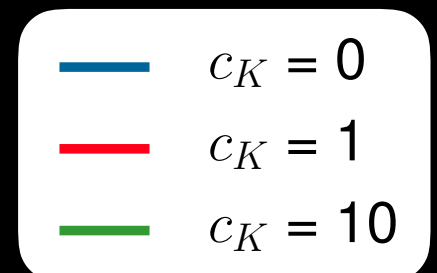
THE CURRENT STATE OF PLAY



2σ constraints:

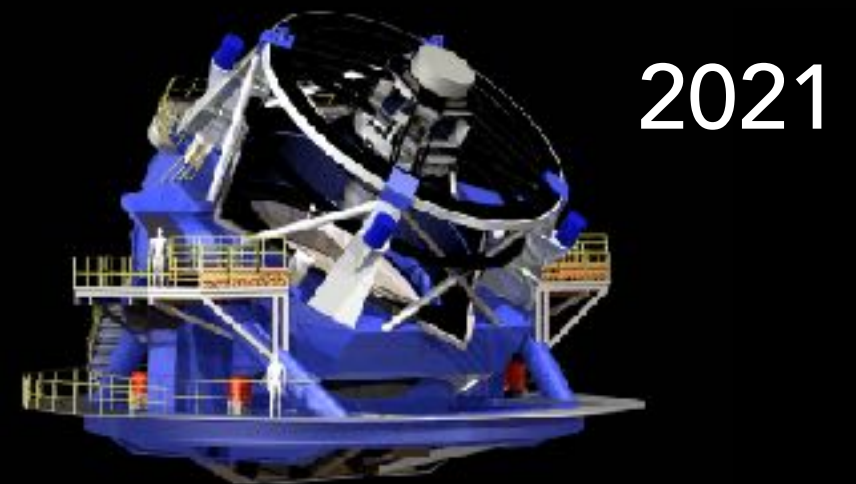
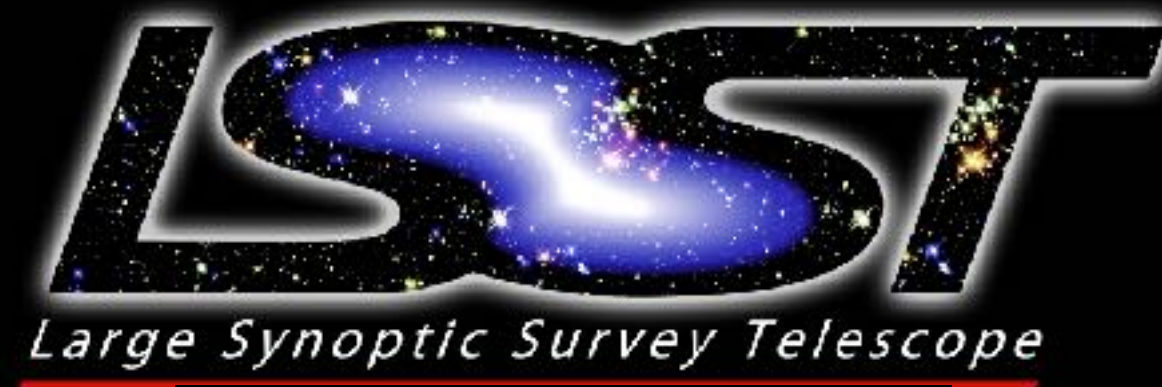
$$0.24 < \alpha_B < 2.32$$

$$-1.36 < \alpha_M < -0.13$$

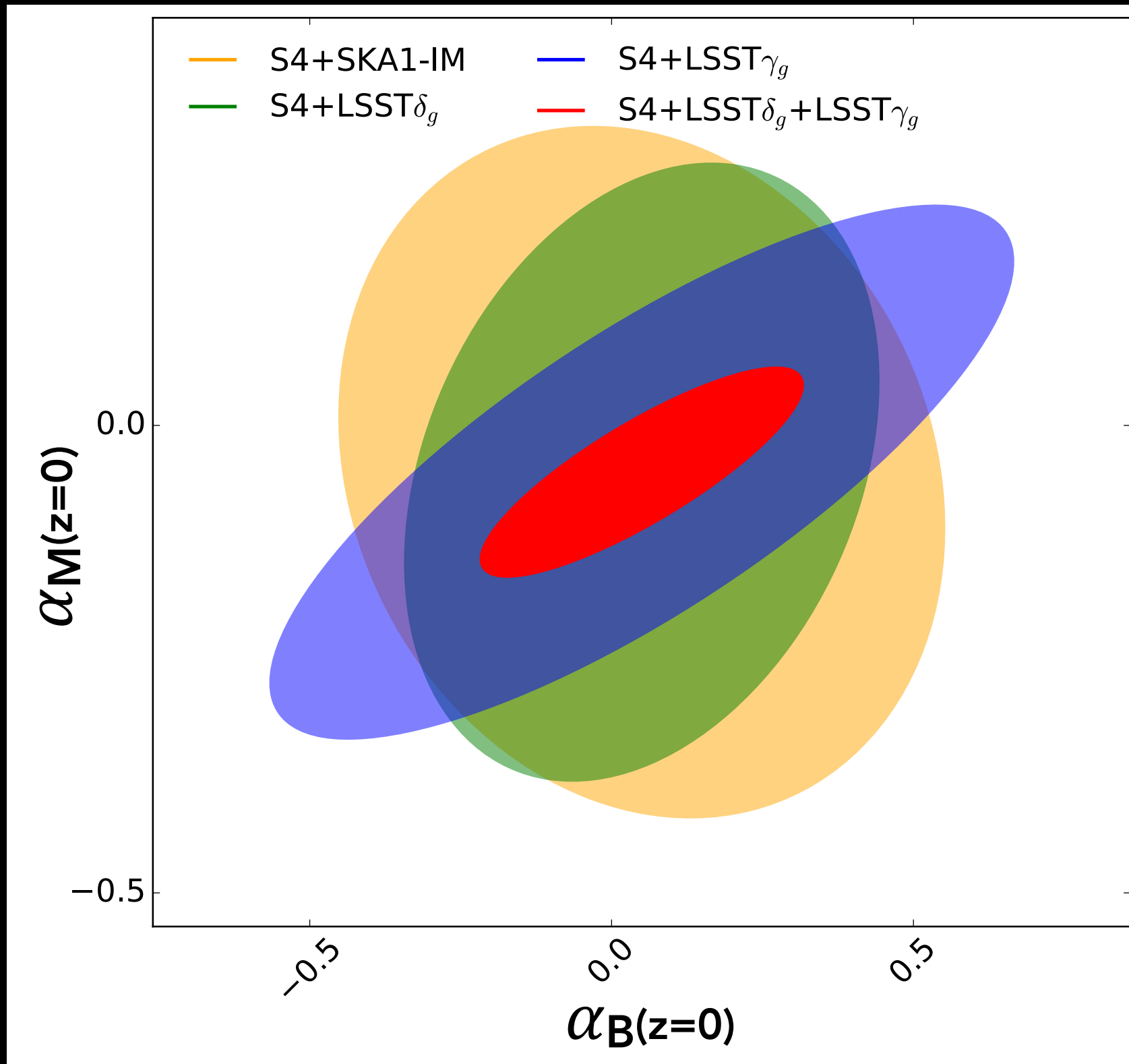


Bellini et al., 2015.

ONGOING & FUTURE EXPERIMENTS



FUTURE CONSTRAINTS



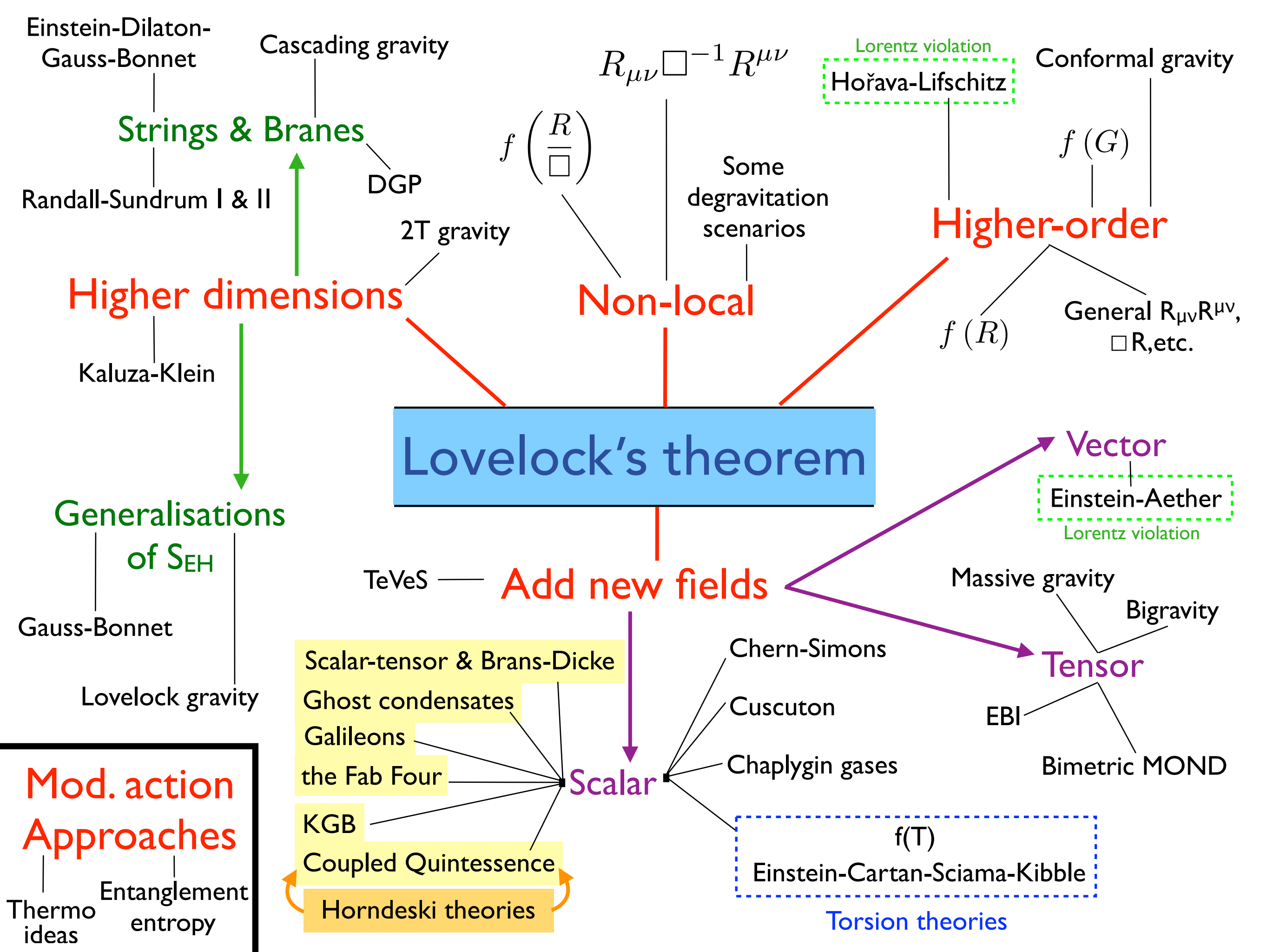
S4 = CMB experiment.

LSST δ_g = galaxy clustering

LSST γ_g = weak lensing

IM = intensity mapping
(radio emission survey)

Alonso et al. (2017)



`CONCLUSIONS'

1. Method applies beyond scalar-field models.

Fields	# True free functions	Theory family
$g_{\mu\nu}$	1	GR
$g_{\mu\nu}, \phi$	5	Horndeski
$g_{\mu\nu}, A^\mu$	9	Vector-tensor
$g_{\mu\nu}, A^\mu, \lambda$	4	Einstein-Aether
$g_{\mu\nu}, q_{\mu\nu}$	5	Massive Bigravity

Lagos, Baker, Ferreira & Noller (2016)

Lagos, Baker et al. in prep. (2017)

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`CONCLUSIONS`

1. Method applies beyond scalar-field models.

2. We have codes!

xIST – **M**athematica routines for **l**inear **S**calar **T**ensor theories.

Available from <https://github.com/noller/xIST>.

We're working on a version of:



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