

Covariant formulation of Entropic Forces: Cosmic Acceleration from First Principles

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Forces in Physics

- **Fundamental Forces**

Gravitation, Strong, Weak, E.M.

- **Residual Forces**

Molecular, Nuclear, Surface Tension

- **Collective Forces**

Brownian motion, Entropic Forces

Our proposal

- Entropic Forces are responsible for present cosmic acceleration and many other LSS phenomena.
- Need a covariant formalism of out-of-equilibrium phenomena in GR.
- Just Quantum Mechanics (QFT), (Non eq.) Thermodynamics and GR.

Motivation

- General Relativity is a time-reversible ($t \rightarrow -t$) theory.
- Most of the history of the universe is adiabatic (actually in local th. eq.), although there is an arrow of time.
- Irreversible phenomena are **not** included in GR in a systematic way.

Cosmology

Homogeneous and isotropic universe

$$ds^2 = -dt^2 + a(t)^2 \left(\frac{dr^2}{1 - k r^2} + r^2 d\Omega_2^2 \right)$$

Filled with a perfect (ideal) fluid

$$T_{\mu\nu} = p g_{\mu\nu} + (\rho + p) u_\mu u_\nu$$

Friedmann (Einstein) equations

$$\left(\frac{\dot{a}}{a} \right)^2 = \frac{8\pi G}{3} \rho \quad (\text{F1})$$

$$\frac{\ddot{a}}{a} = -\frac{4\pi G}{3} (\rho + 3p) \quad (\text{F2})$$

Cosmology

Covariant Energy-Momentum Tensor Conservation

$$D_\mu T^{\mu\nu} = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad \dot{\rho} + 3\frac{\dot{a}}{a}(\rho + p) = 0$$

Also derived from Second Law Thermodynamics (in eq.)

$$T \frac{dS}{dt} = \frac{d}{dt} (\rho a^3) + p \frac{d}{dt} (a^3) = 0$$

On a few occasions (e.g. Big Bang)

$$T \frac{dS}{dt} \geq 0 \quad \text{entropy production}$$

Cosmology

Beyond adiabatic cosmology


$$\dot{\rho} + 3\frac{\dot{a}}{a}(\rho + p) = \frac{T\dot{S}}{a^3} \quad (\text{continuity eq.})$$

Together with Friedmann equation (F1)

$$\left(\frac{\dot{a}}{a}\right)^2 = \frac{8\pi G}{3} \rho$$

$$\frac{\ddot{a}}{a} = -\frac{4\pi G}{3} \left(\rho + 3p - \frac{T\dot{S}}{a^2\dot{a}} \right)$$

entropic force



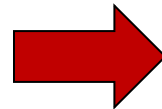
Entropic forces in mechanics

Variational formulation of non-equilibrium thermodynamics
(Gay-Balmaz & Yoshimura, 2017)

Laws Thermodynamics + Stationary action principle



Constraints on dynamics



Defines physical
Variational problem

Entropic forces in mechanics

General mechanical system with canonical coord. q

$$\mathcal{S} = \int dt L(q, \dot{q}, S) \quad \Rightarrow \quad \delta \mathcal{S} = \int dt \left(\left(\frac{\partial L}{\partial q} - \frac{d}{dt} \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{q}} \right) \delta q + \frac{\partial L}{\partial S} \delta S \right)$$

+ thermodynamic constraint: $\frac{\partial L}{\partial S} \delta S = f(q, \dot{q}) \delta q$

Constrained equations of motion

$$\frac{d}{dt} \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{q}} - \frac{\partial L}{\partial q} = f(q, \dot{q}) \quad \leftarrow \text{Friction or entropic force}$$

Entropic forces in mechanics

What is the physics of $f(q, \dot{q})$?

Has to be obtained from the thermodynamic constraint

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial S} \dot{S} = f(q, \dot{q}) \dot{q}$$

Usually $\frac{\partial L}{\partial S} = -T \Rightarrow f(q, \dot{q}) \dot{q} \leq 0$ entropy production

Dynamics
is modified

+

Symmetry under
time-reversal is broken

Entropic forces in GR

$$\mathcal{S} = \frac{1}{2\kappa} \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} R + \int d^4x \mathcal{L}_m(g_{\mu\nu}, S) \quad \text{straightforward generalization}$$

$$\delta \mathcal{S} = \int d^4x \left(\frac{1}{2\kappa} \frac{\delta(\sqrt{-g} R)}{\delta g^{\mu\nu}} + \frac{\delta \mathcal{L}_m}{\delta g^{\mu\nu}} \right) \delta g^{\mu\nu} + \int d^4x \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}_m}{\partial S} \delta S = 0$$

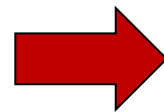
Variational constraint: 2nd law thermodynamics

$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}_m}{\partial S} \delta S = \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{-g} f_{\mu\nu} \delta g^{\mu\nu}$$

Non-equilibrium Einstein field equations

$$R_{\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{2} R g_{\mu\nu} = \kappa (T_{\mu\nu} - f_{\mu\nu})$$

entropic force



$$D^\mu T_{\mu\nu} = D^\mu f_{\mu\nu}$$

Bianchi identities

ADM Formalism

(3+1)-splitting of space-time

$$ds^2 = -(Ndt)^2 + h_{ij}(dx^i + N^i dt)(dx^j + N^j dt)$$

Lie derivative \mathcal{L}_n along the normal vector n
as a generalization of the time derivative

$$n_\alpha = (-N, 0, 0, 0)$$

$$h_{\mu\nu} = g_{\mu\nu} + n_\mu n_\nu$$

$$K_{ij} = \frac{1}{2} \mathcal{L}_n h_{ij} = \frac{1}{2N} (\partial_0 h_{ij} - \nabla_i N_j - \nabla_j N_i)$$

$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial s} \mathcal{L}_n s = \frac{1}{2} N \sqrt{h} \tilde{f}_{ij} \mathcal{L}_n h^{ij} \quad \tilde{f}_{ij} = h^\mu_i h^\nu_j f_{\mu\nu}$$

Hamilton equations

Hamiltonian and momentum constraints

$$\frac{\delta \mathcal{H}_G}{\delta \Pi^{ij}} = \dot{h}_{ij}$$

$$\frac{\delta \mathcal{H}_G}{\delta h_{ij}} = -\dot{\Pi}^{ij} - 2\kappa \frac{\delta \mathcal{L}_m}{\delta h_{ij}} - \kappa N \sqrt{h} \tilde{f}^{ij}$$

$$\frac{\delta \mathcal{H}_G}{\delta N} = \mathcal{H} = 2\kappa \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}_m}{\partial N}$$

$$\frac{\delta \mathcal{H}_G}{\delta N_i} = \mathcal{H}^i = 2\kappa \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}_m}{\partial N_i}$$

Raychaudhuri Eq.

Congruence of worldlines

$$\Theta_{\mu\nu} = D_\nu n_\mu = \frac{1}{3}\Theta h_{\mu\nu} + \sigma_{\mu\nu} + \omega_{\mu\nu} - a_\mu n_\nu$$

$$\mathcal{L}_n \Theta = -\frac{1}{3}\Theta^2 - \sigma_{\mu\nu}\sigma^{\mu\nu} + \omega_{\mu\nu}\omega^{\mu\nu} - R_{\mu\nu}n^\mu n^\nu + D_\mu a^\mu$$

$$\sigma_{\mu\nu}\sigma^{\mu\nu} > 0 \text{ and } \Theta^2 > 0 \quad \text{vorticity vanishes } \omega_{\mu\nu} = 0.$$

$$R_{\mu\nu}n^\mu n^\nu = 8\pi G \left(T_{\mu\nu}n^\mu n^\nu + \frac{1}{2}T - f_{\mu\nu}n^\mu n^\nu - \frac{1}{2}f \right)$$

If the strong energy condition is satisfied, then: $T_{\mu\nu}n^\mu n^\nu \geq -\frac{1}{2}T$
and, in the absence of intrinsic acceleration, $a_\mu = 0$, we
can establish the bound:

$$\mathcal{L}_n \Theta + \frac{1}{3}\Theta^2 \leq 8\pi G \left(f_{\mu\nu}n^\mu n^\nu + \frac{1}{2}f \right)$$

A positive & suff. large entropic contribution can avoid recollapse

Entropic forces in GR

Temperature and Entropy from the matter content

- Mechanical system

$$L(q, \dot{q}, S) = K(q, \dot{q}) - U(q, S) \quad \Rightarrow \quad T = -\frac{\partial L}{\partial S} = \frac{\partial U}{\partial S}$$

- Hydrodynamical matter

$$\mathcal{L} = -\sqrt{-g} \rho(g_{\mu\nu}, s) \quad \Rightarrow \quad T = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{-g}} \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial s} = -\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial s}$$

Entropic forces in GR

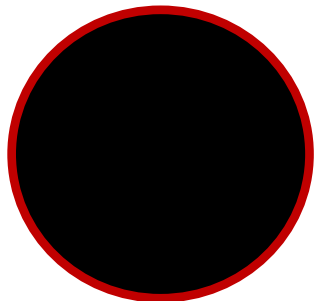
Temperature and Entropy from the gravity sector

- Horizon \mathcal{H} with induced metric h

$$\mathcal{S}_{\text{GHY}} = \frac{1}{8\pi G} \int_H d^3y \sqrt{h} K = \frac{1}{8\pi G} \int_H dt \sin\theta d\theta d\phi \sqrt{h} K$$

- Schwarzschild black hole

$$ds^2 = - \left(1 - \frac{2GM}{r} \right) dt^2 + \left(1 - \frac{2GM}{r} \right)^{-1} dr^2 + r^2 d\Omega_2^2.$$



$$n = -\sqrt{1 - \frac{2GM}{r}} \partial_r$$

normal vector to
 S_2 of radius r

Entropic forces in GR

$$S_{\text{GHY}} = \frac{1}{8\pi G} \int_H d^3y \sqrt{h} K = \frac{1}{8\pi G} \int_H dt \sin\theta d\theta d\phi \sqrt{h} K$$

$$\sqrt{h}K = (3GM - 2r) \sin\theta \quad \text{at event horizon } r = 2GM$$

$$S_{\text{GHY}} = -\frac{1}{2} \int dt M c^2 = - \int dt T_{\text{BH}} S_{\text{BH}}$$

$$T_{\text{BH}} = \frac{\hbar c^3}{8\pi G M}$$

$$S_{\text{BH}} = \frac{A c^3}{4G\hbar} = \frac{4\pi G M^2}{\hbar c}$$

Classical (emergent)

quantum origin

Entropic forces in GR

- Contribution to bulk entropy of the inevitable Schwarzschild black hole component of Dark Matter

Assuming BH total comoving number is conserved, their Total energy density and entropy density ($\hbar = c = 1$) is

$$\rho_{BH} = n_{BH} M, \quad s_{BH} = n_{BH} 4\pi G M^2$$

Therefore
$$a^3 \frac{d}{dt}(\rho_{BH} a^3) = T_{BH} \frac{d}{dt}(s_{BH} a^3) = 0.$$

No contribution to entropic force of the universe unless multiple black hole mergers or significant mass accretion, which may change mass or number density of black holes.

Entropic forces in FLRW

Non-equilibrium thermodynamics in expanding universe


$$ds^2 = -N(t)^2 dt^2 + a^2(t) \left(\frac{dr^2}{1 - kr^2} + r^2 d\Omega_2^2 \right)$$

$$T^{\mu\nu} = (\rho + p)u^\mu u^\nu + pg^{\mu\nu}$$

$$D^\mu T_{\mu\nu} = D^\mu f_{\mu\nu}$$

2nd law thermodynamics

$$TdS = d(\rho a^3) + p d(a^3)$$


$$\dot{\rho} + 3H(\rho + p) = \frac{T\dot{S}}{a^3}$$

Hamiltonian constraint

$$\dot{a}^2 + k = \frac{8\pi G}{3} \rho a^2$$

Friedmann/Raychaudhuri equation

$$\frac{\ddot{a}}{a} = -\frac{4\pi G}{3}(\rho + 3p) + \frac{4\pi G}{3} \frac{T\dot{S}}{a^3 H}$$

Entropic forces in FLRW

- Apparent Cosmological Horizon H

$$n = g^{rr} \partial_r = a^{-1} \sqrt{1 - kr^2} \partial_r$$

unit normal vector to
comoving sphere of radius r

$$\sqrt{h}K = 2N(t) r a \sqrt{1 - kr^2} \sin \theta$$

Trace extrinsic curvature

$$r_{AH} = 1 / \sqrt{H^2 - k^2 / a^2}$$

Apparent horizon distance

$$\mathcal{S}_{GHY} = -\frac{1}{2G} \int dt N(t) H r_{AH}^2 = - \int dt N(t) T_{AH} S_{AH}$$

$$T_{AH} = \frac{\hbar c H}{2\pi}, \quad S_{AH} = \frac{c^3}{\hbar} \frac{\pi r_{AH}^2}{G}$$

Emergent

Not enough to contribute to accelerated expansion universe

Entropic forces in FLRW

- Causal Cosmological Horizon \mathbb{H}

$$\sqrt{h}K = 2N(t) r a \sqrt{1 - kr^2} \sin \theta \quad \text{Trace extrinsic curvature}$$

$$d_H = a \eta \quad \text{Causal horizon distance}$$

$$r = \sinh(\eta\sqrt{-k})/\sqrt{-k} \quad \text{Conformal time } \eta$$

$$S_{GHY} = -\frac{1}{2G} \int dt N(t) \frac{a}{\sqrt{-k}} \sinh(2\eta\sqrt{-k})$$

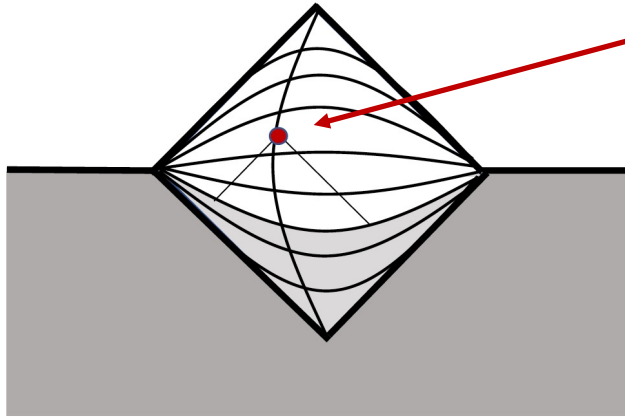
$$= - \int dt N(t) T_H S_H = - \int dt N a^3 \rho_H$$

$$T_H = \frac{\hbar c}{2\pi} \frac{\sinh(2\eta\sqrt{-k})}{a\eta^2\sqrt{-k}}, \quad S_H = \frac{\pi c^3}{\hbar} \frac{a^2 \eta^2}{G}$$

Emergent



Cosmic Acceleration



Observer's causal horizon

$$\rho_H a^2 = \frac{T_H S_H}{a} = \frac{x_0}{2G} \sinh(2a_0 H_0 \eta),$$

$$x_0 \equiv \frac{1 - \Omega_0}{\Omega_0} = e^{-2N} \left(\frac{T_{\text{rh}}}{T_{\text{eq}}} \right)^2 (1 + z_{\text{eq}}).$$

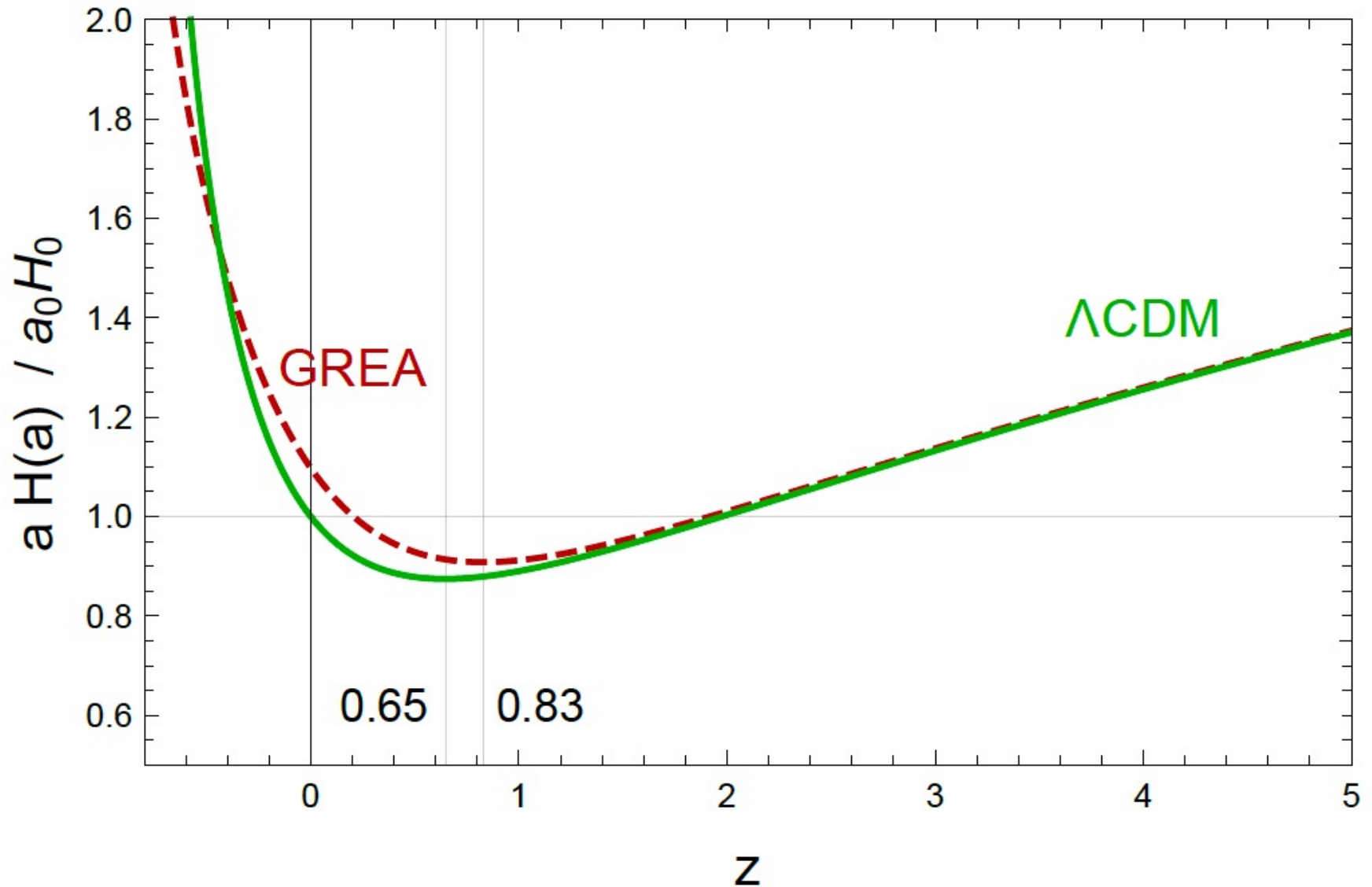
Hamiltonian constraint in conformal time
(primes denote derivatives w.r.t. $\tau = a_0 H_0 \eta$)

$$\left(\frac{a'}{a_0} \right)^2 = \Omega_M \left(\frac{a}{a_0} \right) + \Omega_K \left(\frac{a}{a_0} \right)^2 + \frac{4\pi}{3} \Omega_K \left(\frac{a}{a_0} \right)^2 \sinh(2\tau)$$

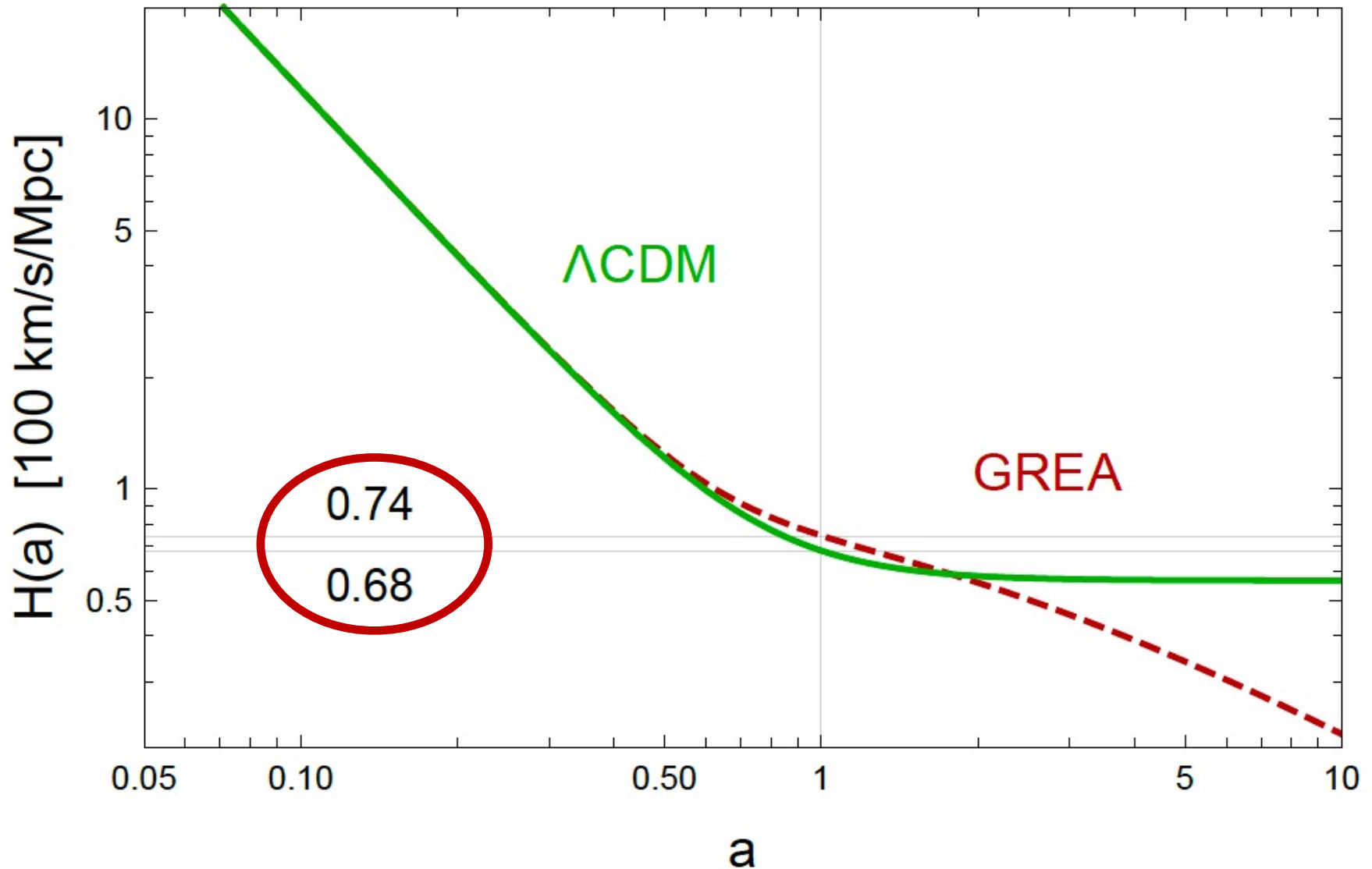
Entropic force term

Note: $\Lambda = 0$

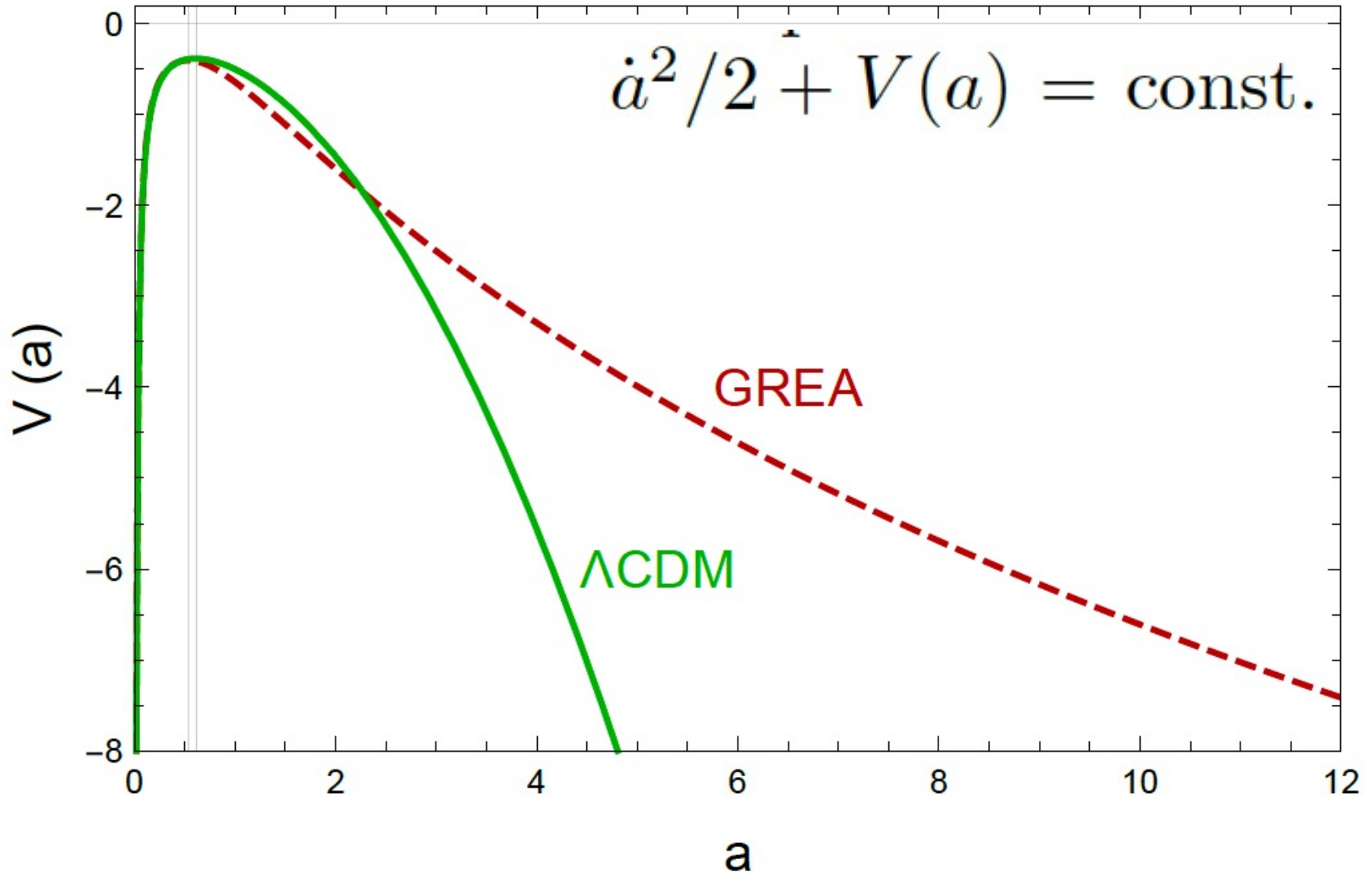
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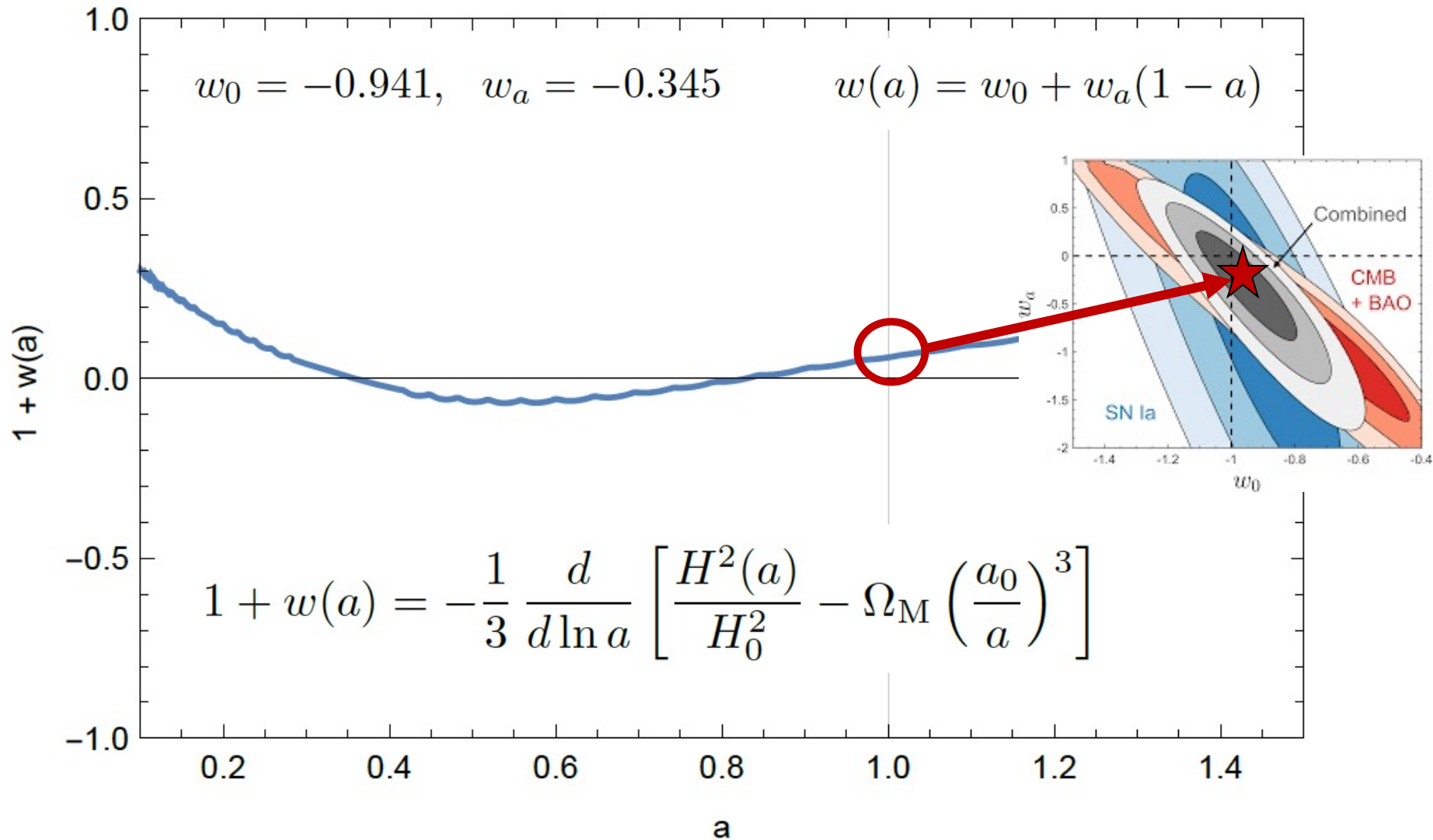
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Conclusions

- Non-equilibrium phenomena in GR: entropic forces
- ADM (3+1) slicing: Raychaudhuri eq. grav. collapse
- Cosmic acceleration from first principles
- No need for a Cosmological Constant
- Just QFT, GR and Non eq. Thermodynamics
- Multiple consequences for Large Scale Structure
- Possible solution of the H_0 , S_8 tensions
- Future: Preheating after inflation (Big Bang)
- Future: Connection w/ Verlinde's emergent gravity
- Future: Connection w/ Buchert's backreaction prob.