

# Chameleonic Dark Matter and $F(R)$ Gravity

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# Outline of Our Research

## Modified gravity can explain DM as well as DE?

Modified gravity is one solution to answer DE problem.

- Can we explain **other problems or mysteries** in the same framework (theory or model) at the same time?

New field introduced by modification of gravity

- **Dynamical DE** (Cosmological “constant” → “Field” )
- Background to explain accelerated expansion
  - + “**Oscillation** around background”
- When oscillation is quantized, we obtain **particle picture**
- Particle picture of new field = **New particle = DM?**

## Difference from MOND-like theory

- Not a modification to explain only galaxy rotation curve
- “Particle DM” appears from the modified gravity

## F(R) Gravity Theory

F(R) gravity in Jordan frame:  $g_{\mu\nu}$

$$S = \frac{1}{2\kappa^2} \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} F(R)$$

cf.) EH-action

$$\int d^4x \sqrt{-g} R$$

Replace:  $R \rightarrow F(R)$

Weyl trans.  $\downarrow$   $\tilde{g}_{\mu\nu} = \Omega^2(x) g_{\mu\nu}$ ,  $\Omega^2(x) = F_R(R) \equiv e^{2\sqrt{1/6\kappa}\varphi(x)}$

F(R) gravity in Einstein frame:  $\tilde{g}_{\mu\nu}$

$$S = \int d^4x \sqrt{-\tilde{g}} \left[ \frac{1}{2\kappa^2} \tilde{R} - \frac{1}{2} \tilde{g}^{\mu\nu} \partial_\mu \varphi \partial_\nu \varphi - V(\varphi) \right]$$

$$\text{where } V(\varphi) = \frac{1}{2\kappa^2} \frac{F_R(R)R - F(R)}{F_R^2(R)}$$

New scalar field "**scalaron**"  $\varphi(x)$  appears from F(R)

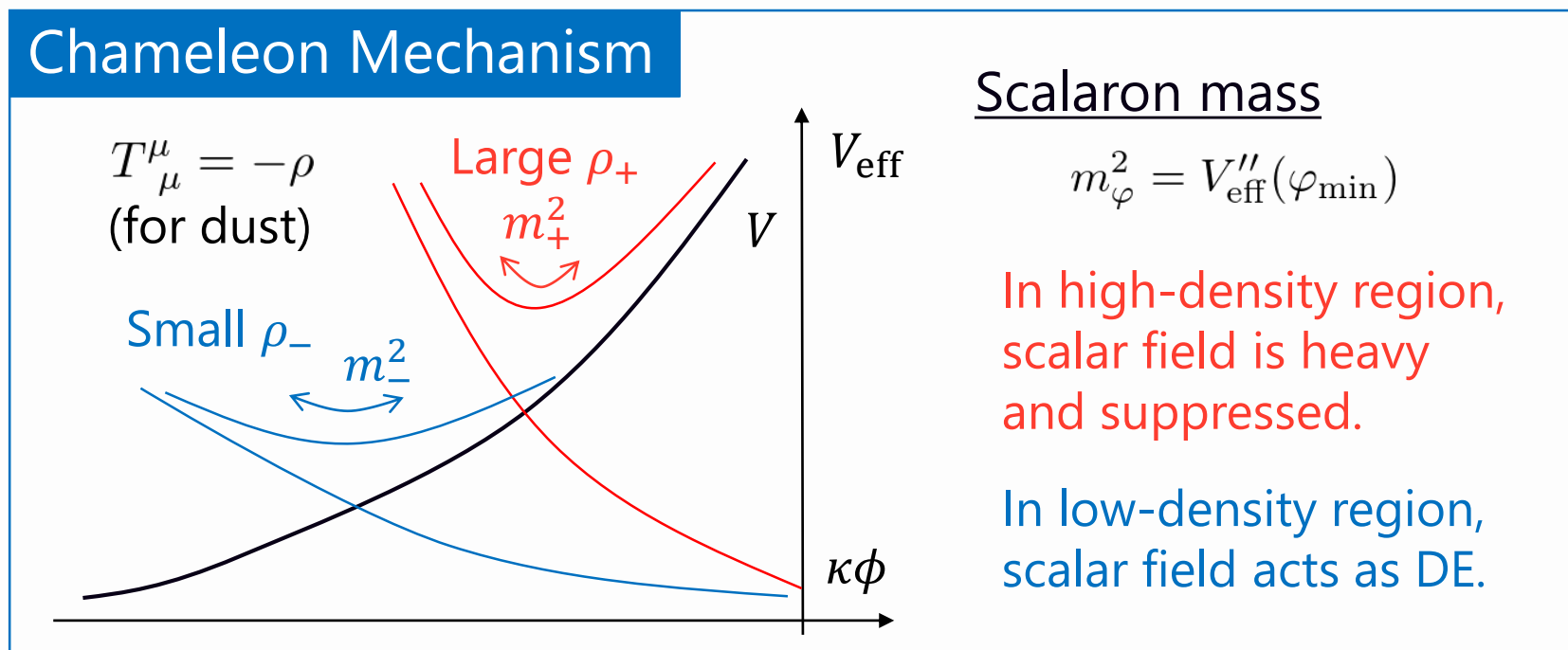
# Chameleon Mechanism

## Chameleon mechanism in F(R) gravity

[Khoury and Weltman, (2004)] [Brax et. al (2008)]

Potential of scalaron field  $V(\varphi)$  couples with trace of  $T_{\mu\nu}$

$$\tilde{\square}\varphi = \partial_\varphi V_{\text{eff}}(\varphi), \quad V_{\text{eff}}(\varphi) = V(\varphi) - \frac{1}{4}e^{-4\sqrt{1/6}\kappa\varphi}T^\mu{}_\mu$$



## How to confirm scalaron can be DM?

Several suggestions in previous research

[Nojiri and Odintsov (2008)], [Cembranos (2009)] etc.

- Role of chameleon mechanism?
- Stability (Lifetime), Relic abundance, DM search experiments ?
- Constraint on F(R) gravity ?

## Fundamental properties depend on “environment”

- To specify the situation which we consider
- To “reproduce” environment by hand (how to choose  $T_{\mu}^{\mu}$ )

## Scalaron changes in the cosmic history

- To discuss scalaron at a given epoch
- To “patchwork” independent results and examine the cosmic history of scalaron

# Matter Coupling

## Matter Sector

$$\begin{aligned}
 S_{\text{Matter}} &= \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \mathcal{L}(g^{\mu\nu}, \Psi) \\
 &= \int d^4x \sqrt{-\tilde{g}} e^{-4\sqrt{1/6}\kappa\varphi(x)} \mathcal{L}\left(e^{2\sqrt{1/6}\kappa\varphi(x)} \tilde{g}^{\mu\nu}, \Psi\right)
 \end{aligned}$$

exponential form  $e^{Q\kappa\varphi}$

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$$\varphi \rightarrow \varphi_{\text{min}} + \varphi$$

$$e^{Q\kappa\varphi(x)} \rightarrow e^{Q\kappa\varphi_{\text{min}}} e^{Q\kappa\varphi(x)}$$

$$\approx \underline{e^{Q\kappa\varphi_{\text{min}}}} \cdot \underline{(1 + Q\kappa\varphi + \mathcal{O}(\kappa^2\varphi^2))}$$

Frame-deference

Coupling to matter

Massless vector field:  $\mathcal{L} \supset g^2 \frac{\varphi}{M_{\text{pl}}} F_{\mu\nu}^2$  (induced from anomaly)

Massive fields:  $\mathcal{L} \supset m^2 \frac{\varphi}{M_{\text{pl}}} \bar{\psi}\psi, m^2 \frac{\varphi}{M_{\text{pl}}} \tilde{g}^{\mu\nu} A_\mu A_\nu$

cf.) Coupling similar to Axion or Dilatonic DM

# Coupling to SM Particles

## Scalaron universally couples with SM particles

### For massless vector field (Photon, Gluon)

$$\mathcal{L} = -\frac{3g_V^2}{4(4\pi)^2} \left( \frac{3}{2} \sqrt{\frac{1}{6}} \kappa\varphi \right) \text{tr} [F_{\mu\nu}^2(V)] + \mathcal{O}(\kappa^2\varphi^2)$$

For photon  $F_{\mu\nu}(A) = \partial_\mu A_\nu - \partial_\nu A_\mu$ ,  $g_A = e$

For gluon  $F_{\mu\nu}(G) = \partial_\mu G_\nu - \partial_\nu G_\mu - ig_G[G_\mu, G_\nu]$ ,  $g_G = g_s$

### For massive vector field (Weak bosons)

$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{2\kappa\varphi}{\sqrt{6}} \cdot \frac{1}{2} m_V^2 \tilde{g}^{\mu\nu} A_\mu A_\nu + \mathcal{O}(\kappa^2\varphi^2)$$

### For massive fermion field (Quarks, Leptons)

$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{\kappa\varphi}{\sqrt{6}} \cdot m_F \bar{\psi}' \psi' + \mathcal{O}(\kappa^2\varphi^2) \quad \psi \rightarrow \psi' = e^{-3/2\sqrt{1/6}\kappa\varphi} \psi$$

# Cosmic Environment in Early Universe

To construct the time evolution of  $T_{\mu}^{\mu} = -(\rho - 3p)$

$$V_{\text{eff}}(\varphi) = V(\varphi) + \frac{1}{4} e^{-4\sqrt{1/6}\kappa\varphi} (\rho - 3p)$$

## Trace of Energy-Momentum Tensor

$$\rho - 3p = \frac{gT^4}{2\pi^2} x^2 \int_0^{\infty} d\xi \frac{\xi^2}{\sqrt{\xi^2 + x^2}} \frac{1}{e^{\sqrt{\xi^2 + x^2}} \pm 1} \quad x = \frac{m}{T}, \quad \xi = \frac{p}{T}$$

At high temp. (relativistic)

$$\rho - 3p \approx \frac{g}{24} m^2 T^2 \begin{cases} 2 & \text{for bosons} \\ 1 & \text{for fermions} \end{cases}$$

At low temp. (non-relativistic)

$$\rho - 3p \approx \rho \approx mg \left( \frac{mT}{2\pi} \right)^{3/2} e^{-m/T}$$

For massless particles  $\rho - 3p = 0$  (Radiation)



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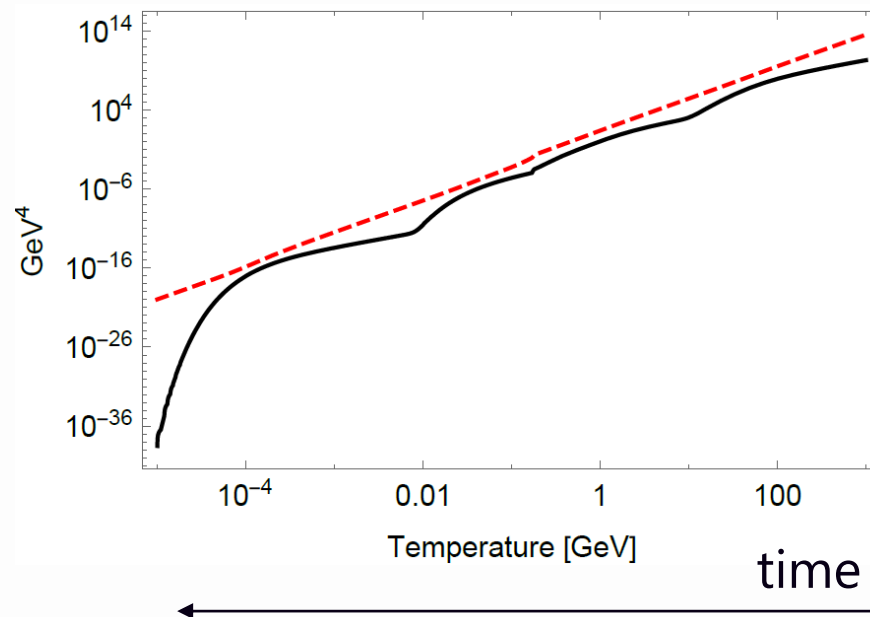
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## Trace of Energy-Momentum Tensor

For SM particles

$\rho - 3p$  and  $\rho$



# $R^2$ -corrected Starobinsky model

## F(R) model for DE

We consider the Starobinsky model with  $R^2$  correction

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$$F(R) = R - \beta R_c \left[ 1 - \left( 1 + \frac{R^2}{R_c^2} \right)^{-n} \right] + \alpha R^2 \quad \text{where } R_c \sim \Lambda \\ \text{and } \alpha, \beta, n > 0$$

In large-curvature limit  $R > R_c$  (chameleon mechanism works in high-density region),

$$F(R) \simeq R - \beta R_c + \beta R_c \left( \frac{R_c}{R} \right)^{2n} + \alpha R^2 \quad \text{where } \frac{\beta R_c \approx 2\Lambda}{\beta \gtrsim \mathcal{O}(1)}$$

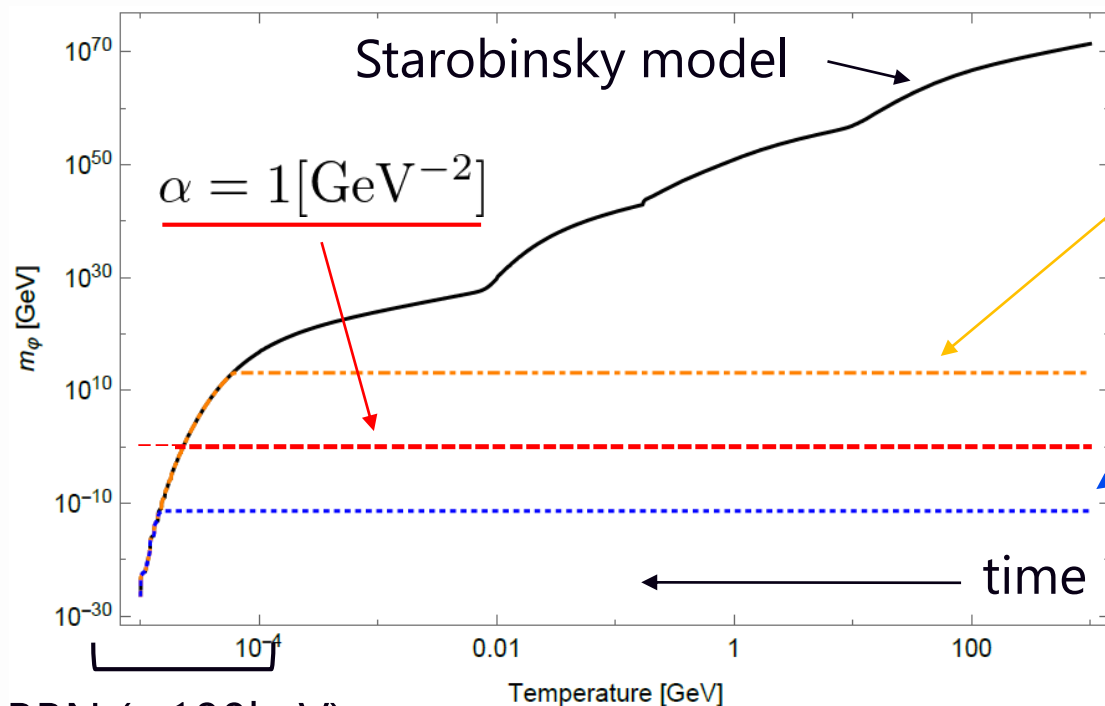
To convert it into scalaron potential  $V(\varphi) = \frac{1}{2\kappa^2} \frac{F_R(R)R - F(R)}{F_R^2(R)}$

# Scalaron Mass in Early Universe

Mass

$$m_\phi^2 = \frac{R_c}{6n(2n+1)\beta} \left[ \left( -\frac{\kappa^2 T}{R_c} \right)^{-2(n+1)} + \frac{\alpha R_c}{n(2n+1)\beta} \right]^{-1} \frac{1}{1 - 2\alpha\kappa^2 T}$$

For  $n = 1, \beta = 2, R_c = \Lambda$  cf.)  $\beta R_c = 2\Lambda$



$$\alpha = \frac{1}{6M^2}, \quad M = 10^{13}[\text{GeV}]$$

Inflation

$$\alpha = 10^{22}[\text{GeV}^{-2}]$$

bound from experiments

[Adelberger et. al (2006)]

[Berry and Gair (2011)]

BBN ( $\sim 100\text{keV}$ )

$m_\phi^2 \sim \alpha^{-1}$  in early Universe

cf.)  $R^2$ -inflation

# Scalaron Mass in Current Universe

Scalaron mass in the current Universe.

As an example, we study the environment in the galaxy

Typical density  $-T^\mu_\mu = \rho \sim 3-5 \times 10^{-25} [\text{g}/\text{cm}^3]$

Scalaron mass

$$m_\varphi = 10^{-24} \sim 10^{-23} [\text{eV}] \quad \text{in typical galaxies}$$

**Scalaron is very light in the current Universe.**

cf.) Ultralight axion ( $m \sim 10^{-23} \sim 10^{-22} [\text{eV}]$ )

- "Ultralight scalaron" also solves the small-scale problems?

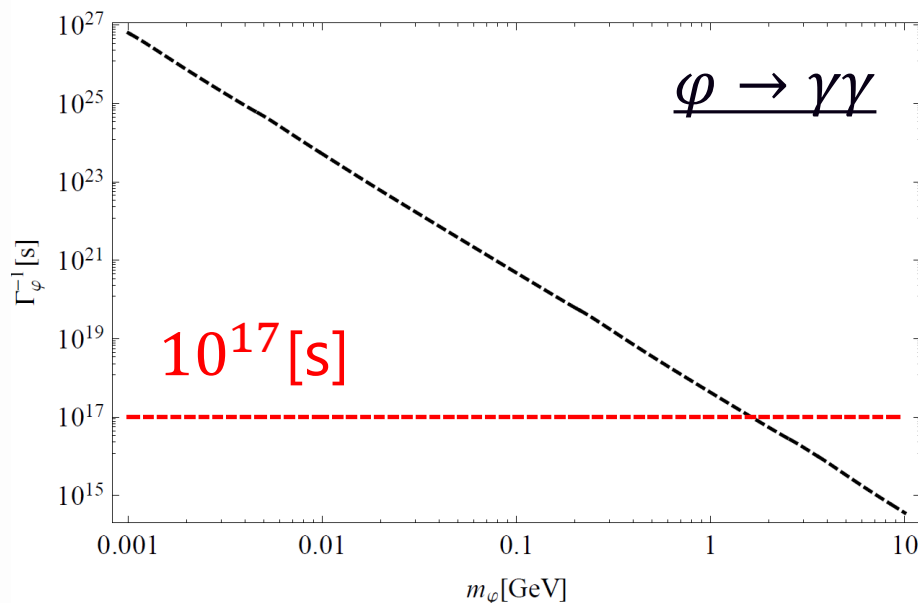
Scalaron can decay to other particles

- We need to check stability (long-lived?)

# Stability in Late-time Universe

## Scalaron lifetime in the late-time Universe

Scalaron mainly decays into diphotons because scalaron mass becomes smaller and smaller.



$$\text{Lifetime } \Gamma_\phi^{-1} \geq 10^{17} [\text{s}]$$

$$\rightarrow m_\phi \leq O(1) [\text{GeV}]$$

cf.) in galaxy at present

$$m_\phi = 10^{-24} \sim 10^{-23} [\text{eV}]$$

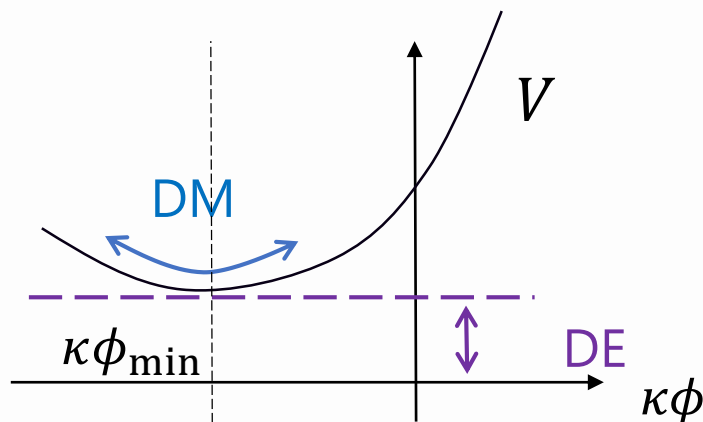
**Scalaron is stable** in current Universe

- Stability in early Universe is controlled by parameter  $\alpha$
- What about relic density?

# Scalaron Relic Density

## How to estimate relic abundance of scalaron?

Non-thermal production    cf.) Coherent oscillation of Axion



$$\rho = \frac{1}{2}\dot{\varphi}^2 + V(\varphi)$$

To assume harmonic oscillation of scalaron at present

$$\kappa\varphi \approx \underline{\kappa\varphi_0} \cos(mt) + \kappa\varphi_{\min}, \quad V(\varphi) \approx V(\varphi_{\min}) + \frac{1}{2}m^2(\varphi - \varphi_{\min})^2$$

Amplitude  $\ll 1$

$$V'(\varphi_{\min}) = 0$$

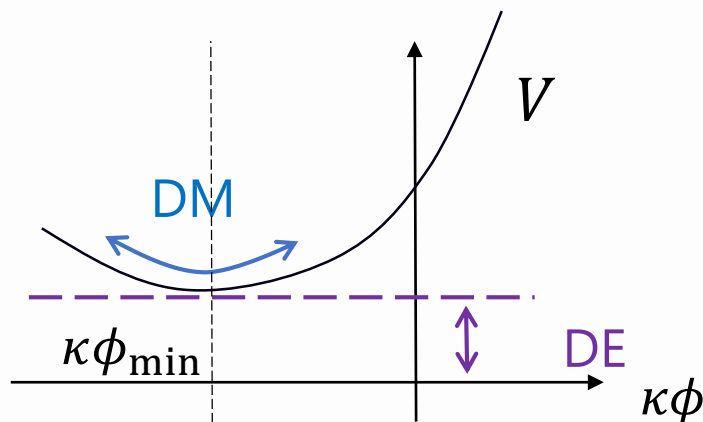
Scalaron energy is (approximately) decomposed

$$\rho \approx \frac{1}{2}m^2\varphi_0^2 + V(\varphi_{\min})$$

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↓ harmonic oscillation approximation

$$\rho \approx \frac{1}{2}m^2\varphi_0^2 + V(\varphi_{\min})$$

$V(\varphi_{\min}) = \frac{\Lambda}{\kappa^2}$  for scalaron potential energy to be DE

$m_\varphi > 3H_0$  for scalaron to harmonically oscillate at present

If we input DM:DE  $\approx$  3:7, we get  $\kappa\varphi_0 < 0.3$

- Consistent with approximation,  $\kappa\varphi_0 < 1$
- **Need all cosmic history to predict precise DM density**  
(= Origin of oscillation? Initial condition/value of scalaron?)

## We studied scalaron as new DM candidate

### Interaction to SM particles

- Very weak and suppressed by Planck mass scale
- No thermal production (out of thermal equilibrium)

### Chameleonic properties

- Mass changes according to cosmic environment
- Very light in current Universe, heavy in early Universe

### Stability and Lifetime

- Decaying modes to SM particles
- Long enough to be DM candidate at late-time

### Relic Abundance

- Estimation based on coherent oscillation
- Possibility to address the coincidence problem



# Summary and Discussion

## Remaining Issues

### Lifetime

- Scalaron in early Universe → Can be heavy?
- To survive in early Universe ( $< 1[s]$ ) → Constraints in each epoch
- To include the particle physics beyond SM
- Not perfect fluid, but Lagrangian based on QFT

### Relic Abundance

- Origin of coherent oscillation? → In early Universe?
- Time evolution of “field” → Damping harmonic oscillation?
- Validity of particle picture? → Behaves as dust?

### Unification of Dark Sector

- Coupling b/w two dark components is introduced
- Interacting DE model [Farrar and Peebles (2004)]
- How to embed our scenario into interacting DE model?