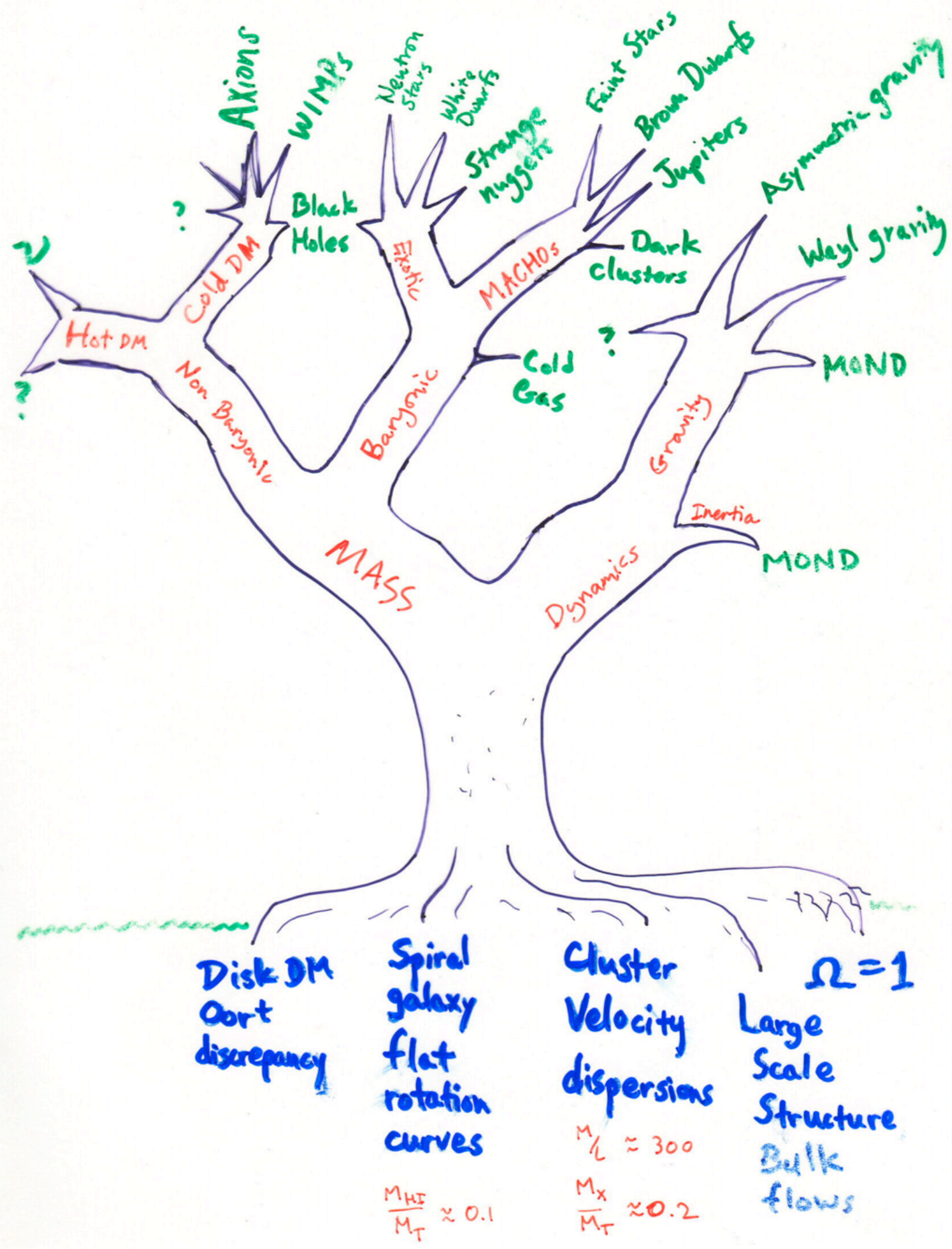


# MOND

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**Spring 1999: Cosmology**

New as stand-alone course

Several textbooks

**Fall 2013: Dark Matter**

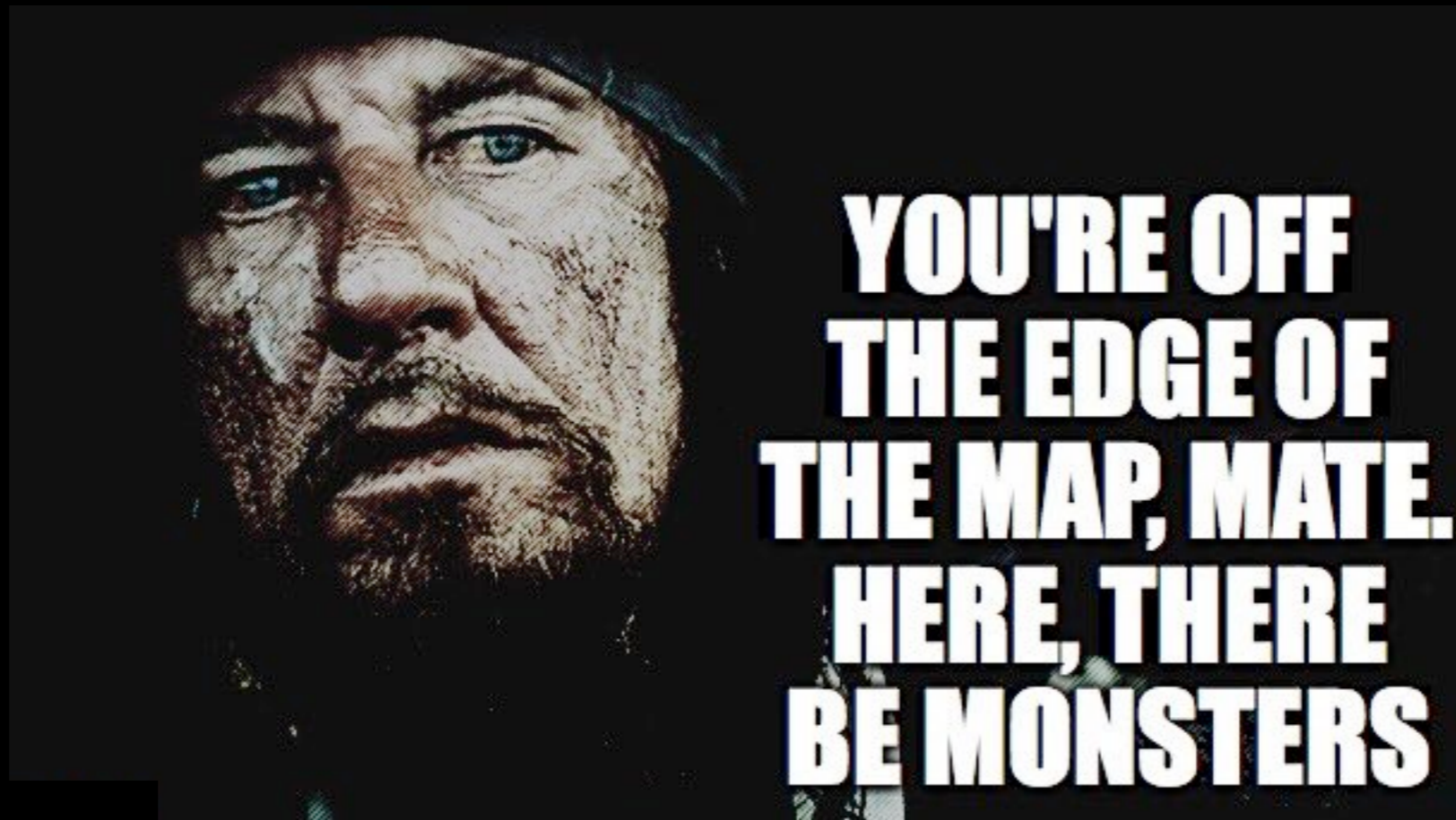
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No book; not duplicated elsewhere

**Spring 2023: MOND**

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Only comes up after Dark Matter



# Hypothesis Testing

Observed Reality

Theoretical Interpretation

Natural Phenomena

Hypothesized Explanation

observers  
live here

Predictions

theorists  
live here

Experimental Tests

Ambiguous  
result

Exclude  
prediction

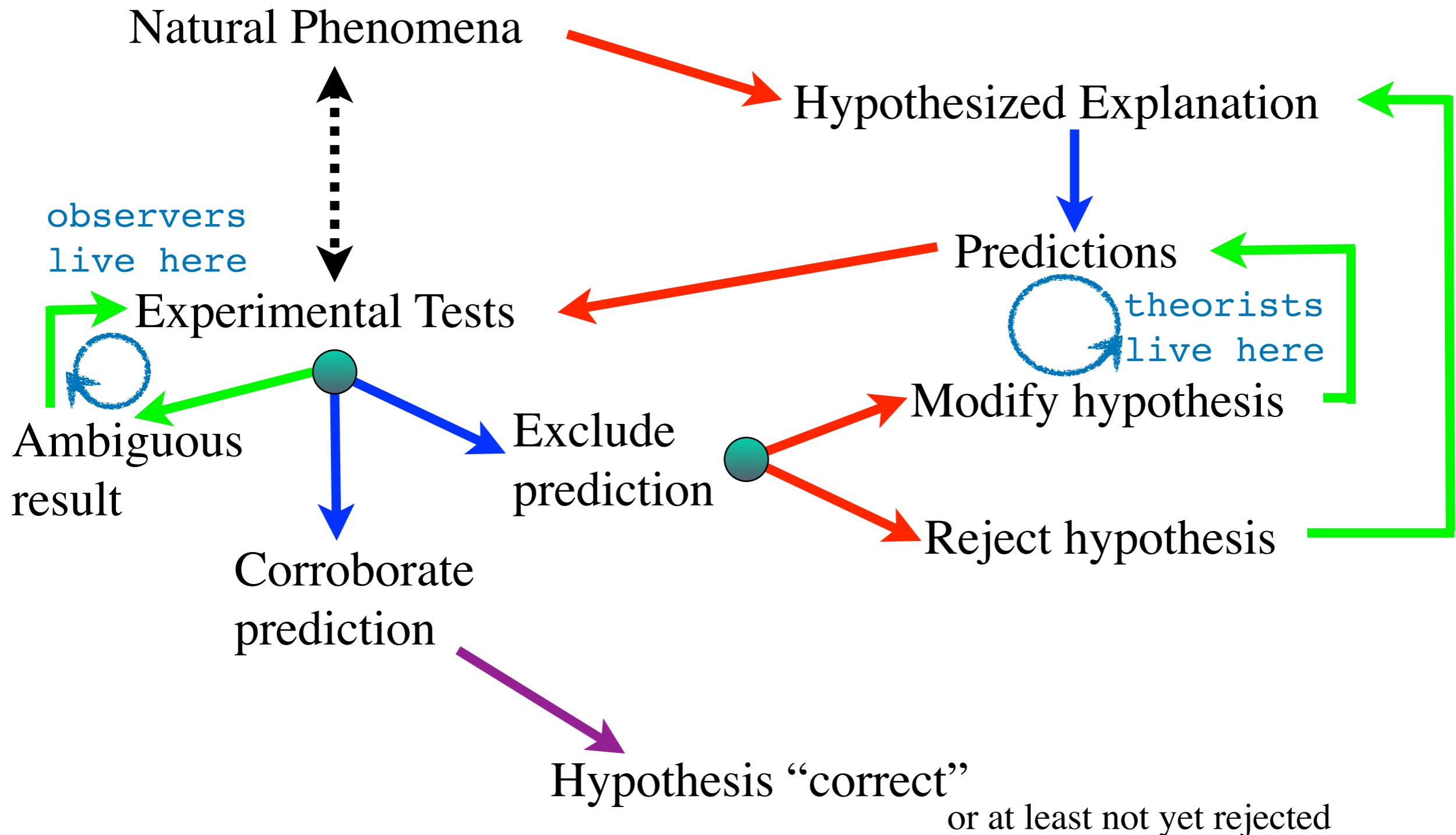
Modify hypothesis

Reject hypothesis

Corroborate  
prediction

Hypothesis "correct"

or at least not yet rejected



# Predictive power

Predictions are suppose to keep us honest & objective but come in a variety of flavors

★ A priori predictions  
Gold standard

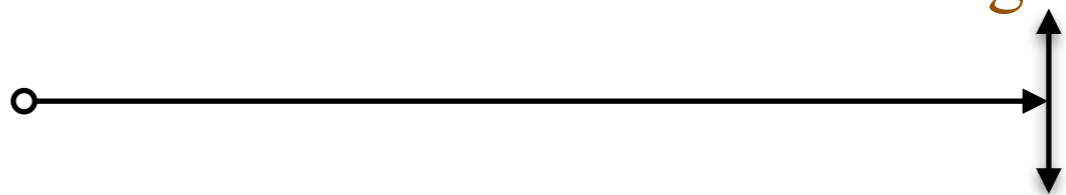
★ Must be so  
Silver

★ Can be fit ○  
Bronze

★ Just making stuff up  
too much freedom (e.g., epicycles)

makes good sense

makes little sense



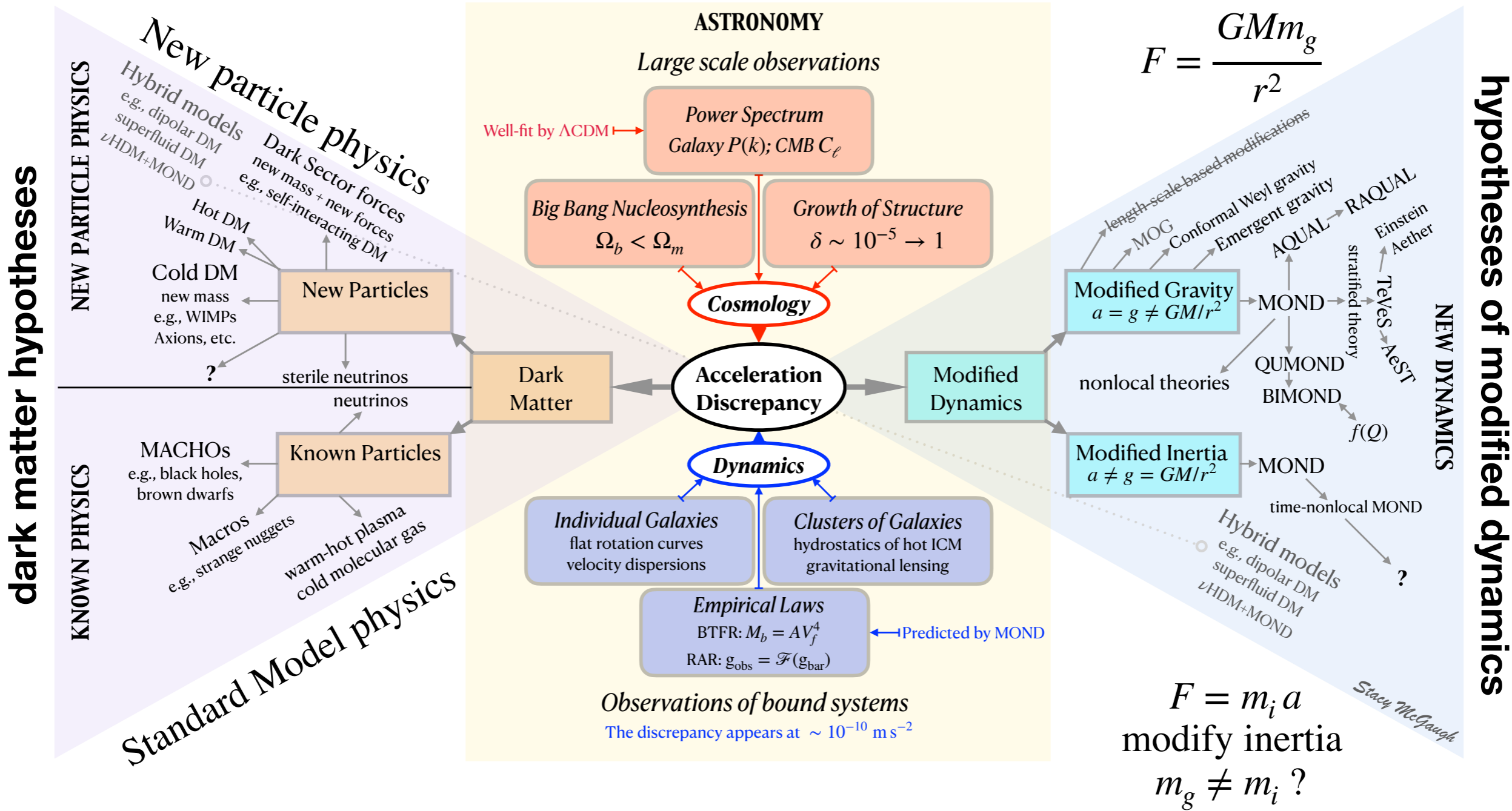
# The Principle of Doubt

- Hypotheses can be *rejected* but never completely *confirmed*.
- At best, a theory can be *adequate* for describing a specific set of phenomena.
- Do not trust - verify through experiment.
- Simple theories are preferable to complicated theories (Occam's Razor)
  - Any theory can be made complicated enough to explain anything. It isn't useful unless it can predict new things.
  - If a theory has its predictions come true, we are obliged to acknowledge its efficacy, even if it means rejecting something we formerly believed.

# Measurement Uncertainty

- No experiment is perfect
- Experimental uncertainty is often the difference between rejecting a hypothesis and an ambiguous result
- It is important to quantify both measurements AND their accuracy
- This is virtually impossible in astronomy
  - there are often systematic uncertainties that are not easily quantifiable: we can't put the universe in a box and control the experiment.

# observational evidence



dark matter hypotheses

hypotheses of modified dynamics

modify gravity

$$F = \frac{GMm_g}{r^2}$$

modify inertia  
 $m_g \neq m_i ?$

Observations of bound systems  
The discrepancy appears at  $\sim 10^{-10} \text{ m s}^{-2}$

ASTRONOMY

Large scale observations

Well-fit by  $\Lambda$ CDM  $\rightarrow$

Power Spectrum

Galaxy  $P(k)$ ; CMB  $C_\ell$

Big Bang Nucleosynthesis

$$\Omega_b < \Omega_m$$

Growth of Structure

$$\delta \sim 10^{-5} \rightarrow 1$$

Cosmology

Acceleration Discrepancy

Dynamics

Dark Matter

Modified Dynamics

Modified Gravity

$$a = g \neq GM/r^2$$

Modified Inertia

$$a \neq g = GM/r^2$$

NEW PARTICLE PHYSICS

KNOWN PHYSICS

New particle physics

Hybrid models  
e.g., dipolar DM  
superfluid DM  
 $\nu$ HDM+MOND

Dark Sector forces  
new mass + new forces  
e.g., self-interacting DM

Known Particles

MACHOs  
e.g., black holes,  
brown dwarfs

Macros  
e.g., strange nuggets

warm-hot plasma  
cold molecular gas

Standard Model physics

length-scale-based modifications

MOG

Conformal Weyl gravity

Emergent gravity

AQUAL  $\rightarrow$  RAQUAL

MOND  $\rightarrow$  TeVeS  $\rightarrow$  AeST

QUMOND

BIMOND  $\rightarrow f(Q)$

nonlocal theories

time-nonlocal MOND

Hybrid models  
e.g., dipolar DM  
superfluid DM  
 $\nu$ HDM+MOND

stratified theory

Einstein Aether

Stacy McGaugh

## CHOOSE YOUR CREW

Need reading groups of 3 or 4 people each to lead discussions of assigned readings. Will rotate the responsibility to do so.

Give your group a name of your own choosing.

Will use this to post assignments on the course web page so keep it short and reasonably polite.

