Non-metric fluid dynamics and cosmology on Finsler spacetimes

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- Idea here: modification of the geometrical structure of spacetime!
  - Replace metric spacetime geometry by Finsler geometry.
  - Similarly: replacing flat spacetime by curved spacetime led to GR.

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- Finsler function $F : TM \to \mathbb{R}^+$.
- Parametrization invariance requires homogeneity:

$$F(x, \lambda y) = \lambda F(x, y) \quad \forall \lambda > 0\,.$$

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$\rightsquigarrow$ Causality: S_x corresponds to physical observers.

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- Generalize to Finsler fluid:
  - Consider dust: $p = 0$.
  - Consider superposition of dust with different velocities.
  - Integrate over contributions from each velocity.
  - Generalize $g_{ab}u^a v^b$ to Finsler angle.

$$T_\phi(x,v) = m\int_{S_x} d^3v'\sqrt{\det h(x,v')}\phi(x,v')(1-6\cos^2\sphericalangle(v,v'))\,.$$

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