

Modifications of gravity and restoring general relativity

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OUTLINE

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♦ $f(R)$ GRAVITY

- history of $f(R)$
- chameleon mechanism
- curvature singularity and (non)-existence of simple solutions
- solution of the problem

♦ MASSIVE GRAVITY and VAINSHTEIN MECHANISM

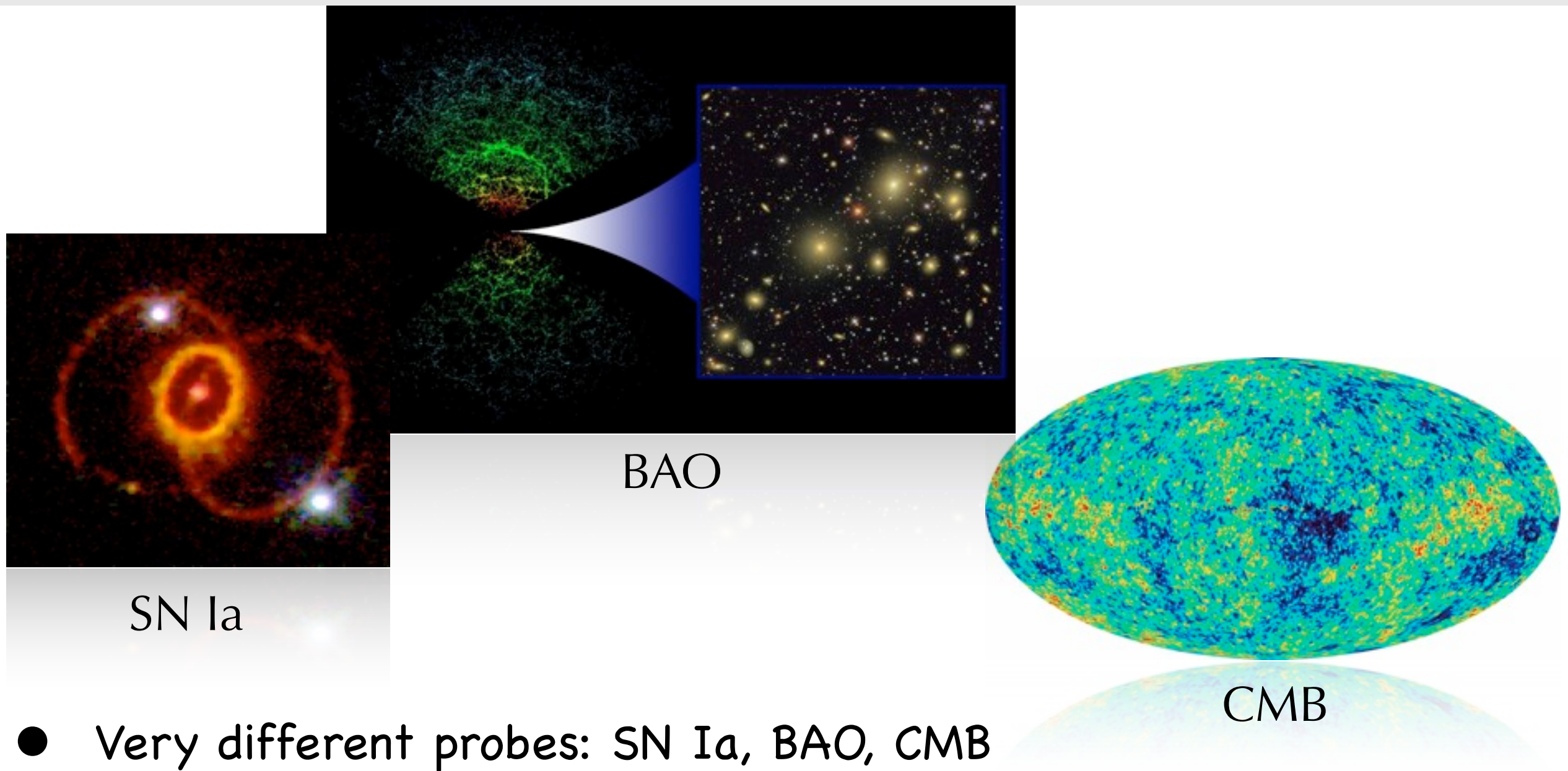
- massive gravity and the idea of Vainshtein
- decoupling limit
- solutions of the full system

♦ K-MOUFLAGE GRAVITY

♦ CONCLUSION

INTRODUCTION and MOTIVATIONS

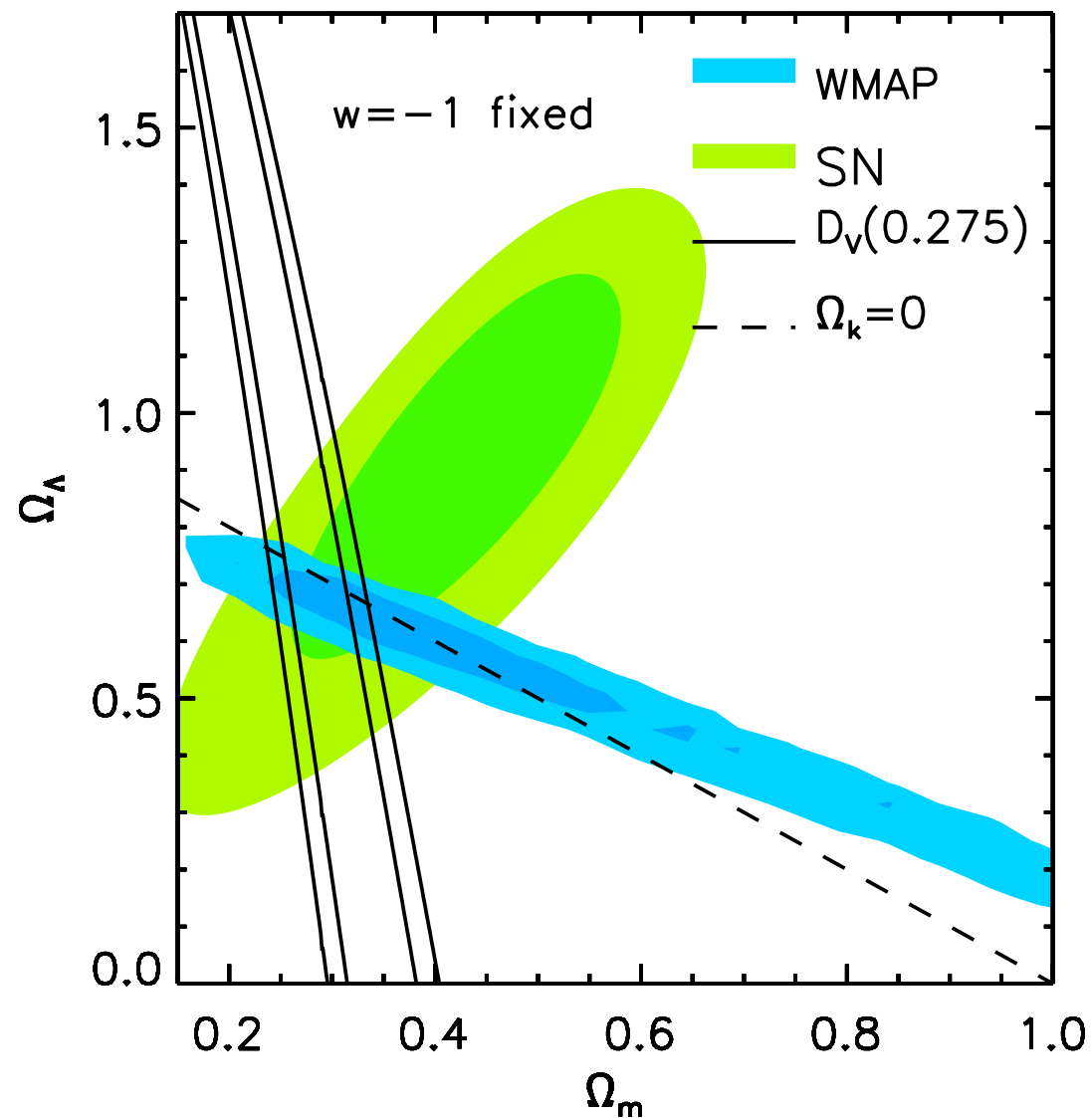
acceleration of the universe



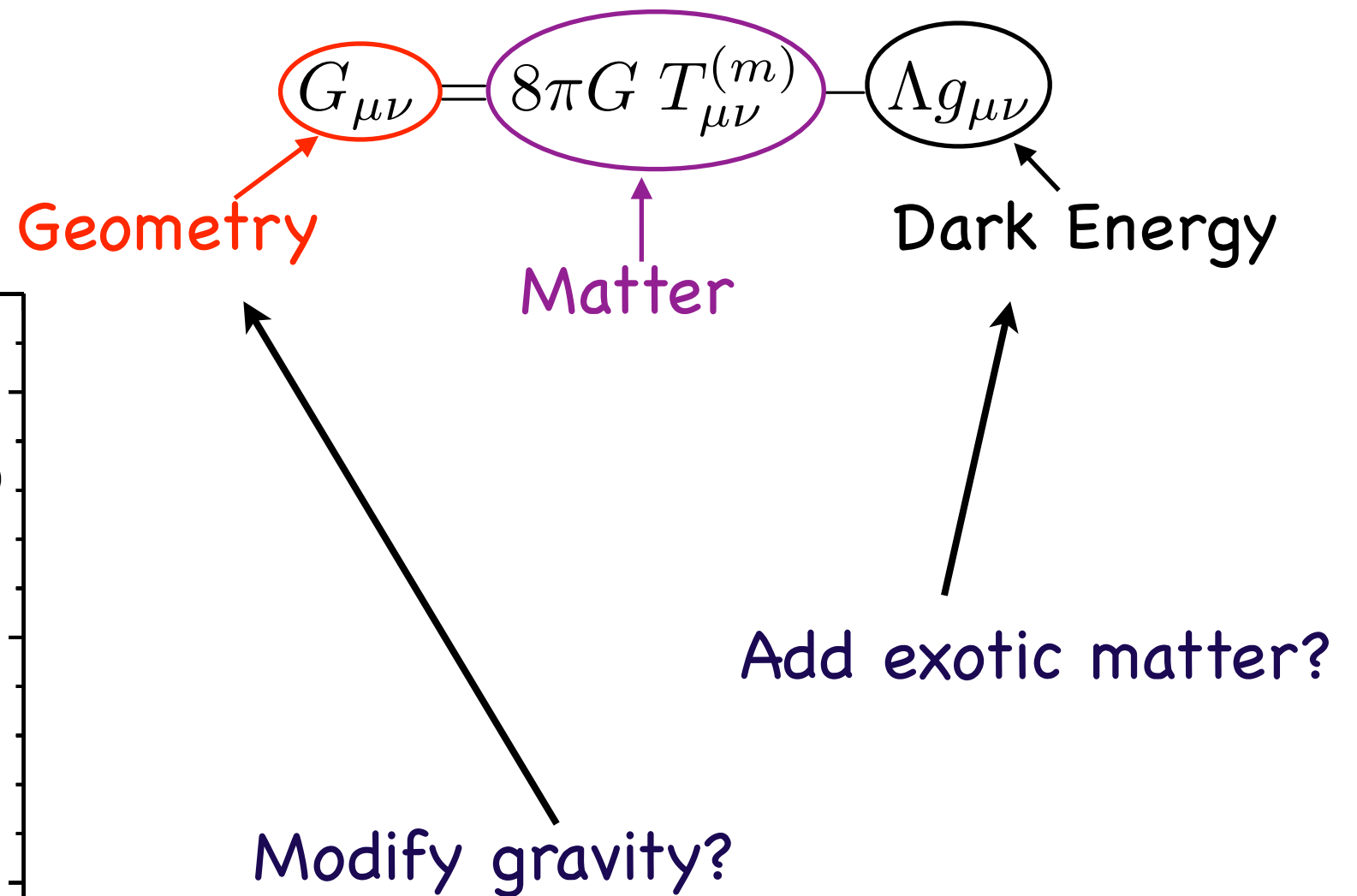
They indicate that the Universe is accelerating!

source of acceleration?

◆ Einstein equations



Percival et al. '09



modifying gravity (I)

Aim: to generalize Einstein equations to explain the acceleration of the Universe without explicit introduction of extra fields (Dark Energy)

Problem: we want to recover GR at short distances (inside the solar system) while modifying gravity at large distances

Mechanisms for recovering GR:

➡ Chameleon mechanism

➡ Vainshtein mechanism

modifying gravity (II)

→ Chameleon mechanism

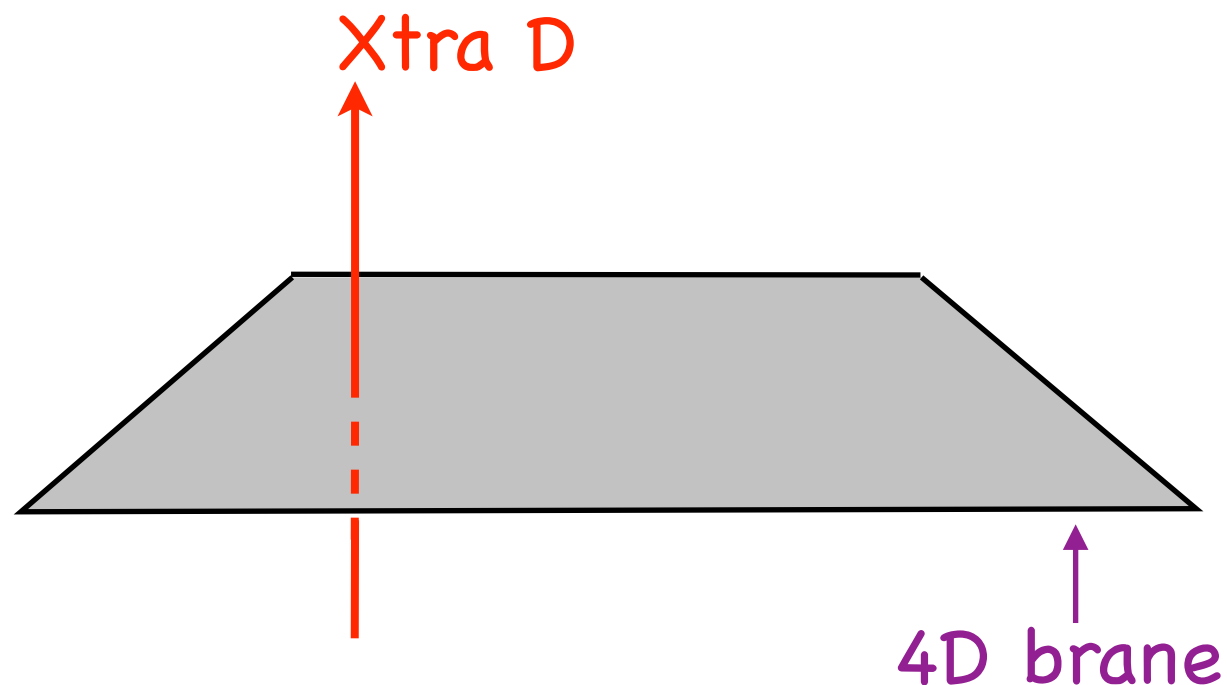
- ◆ scalar-tensor theories
- ◆ $f(R)$ gravity

Khoury & Weltman '03

→ Vainshtein's mechanism

- ◆ massive gravity
- ◆ models with extra dimensions

Vainshtein '72



- ✓ matter stays on the brane
- ✓ 5D + 4D gravity
- ✓ can provide an explanation for the cosmic acceleration
- ✓ 5D massless graviton = infinite tower of 4D gravitons

$f(R)$ and scalar-tensor theories

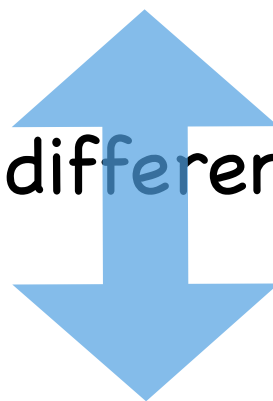
- ♦ A way to get acceleration of the Universe (Dark Energy):

$$S = \frac{M_P^2}{2} \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} R + S_m[\Phi_m; g_{\mu\nu}],$$



$$S = \frac{M_P^2}{2} \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} f(R) + S_m[\Phi_m; g_{\mu\nu}],$$

so the dynamics is different compared to GR



$$S = \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \left[\frac{M_P^2}{2} R - \frac{1}{2} (\nabla \phi)^2 - V(\phi) \right] + S_m[\Psi_m; e^{-\phi/(\sqrt{6}M_P)} g_{\mu\nu}]$$

$f(R)$ and scalar-tensor: problems

- ◆ An extra scalar degree of freedom -- how to avoid local gravity constraints?

Chameleon mechanism – the mass of the extra s.d.f depends on background density of matter

[Khoury & Weltman '03]

- ◆ Only singular solutions for relativistic objects...

Analytic understanding + try harder to find solutions

[EB & Langlois '09]

massive gravity: basic idea... and ghosts

Naive idea: give a mass to the graviton with $m \sim H_0$

Pathologies:

- ◆ Hamiltonian unbounded from below (ghosts) [Boulware & Deser '72; Creminelli et al. '05; Deffayet & Rombouts '05]

However:

- ◆ Other models with massive gravitons assume the Vainshtein mechanism to work (E.g. Nair, Randjbar-Daemi, V. Rubakov '08).
- ◆ Massive gravity -- basic ingredient for models with extra-dimensions (DGP)

massive gravity: problems

- ◆ Extra degrees of freedom -- how to avoid local gravity constraints?

In non-perturbative regime GR is restored
(conjecture)

[Vainshtein' 72]

[EB,C.Deffayet,R.Ziour'09]

- ◆ Singular solutions [Damour et al.'03]

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$f(R)$ GRAVITY AND CHAMELEON MODEL

f(R) models

$$R \rightarrow R + \frac{R^2}{M^2}$$

inflation

[Starobinsky' 80]

$$R \rightarrow R - \frac{M^{2(n+1)}}{R^n}$$

Dark Energy

[Carroll et al' 03]

♦ Fast tachyonic instability,

[Dolgov & Kawasaki' 03]

♦ $\gamma = 1/2$ (need $\gamma = 1$)

[Chiba' 03]

Simple models of f(R) do not work !

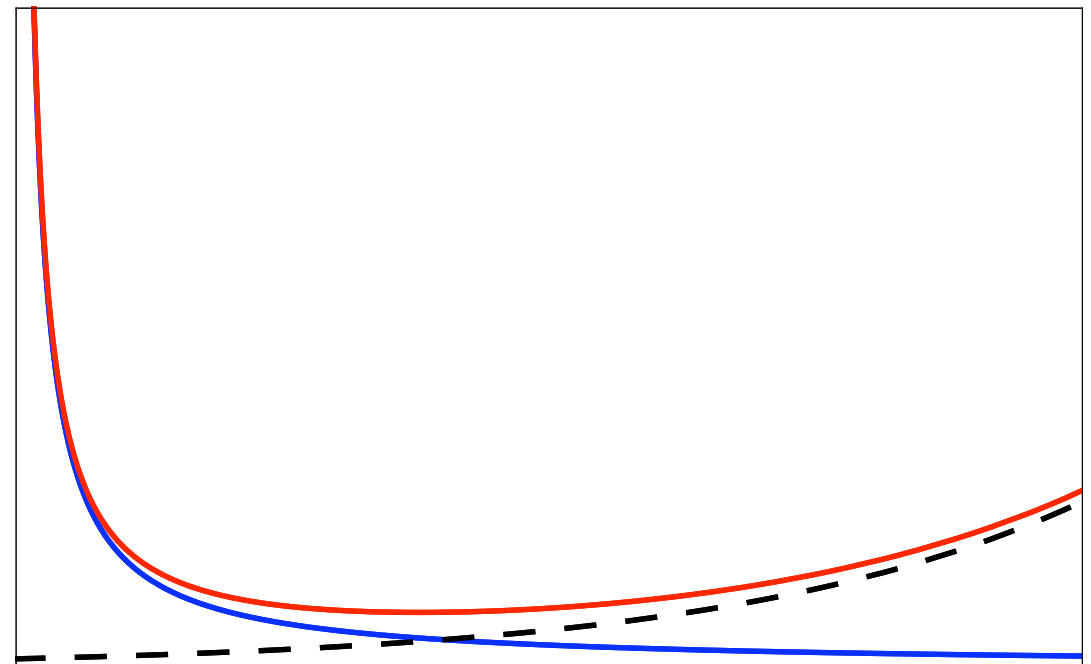
chameleon mechanism

- ♦ Chameleon effect in scalar-tensor theory, [Khoury & Weltman' 03]

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scalar field moves
in the effective potential

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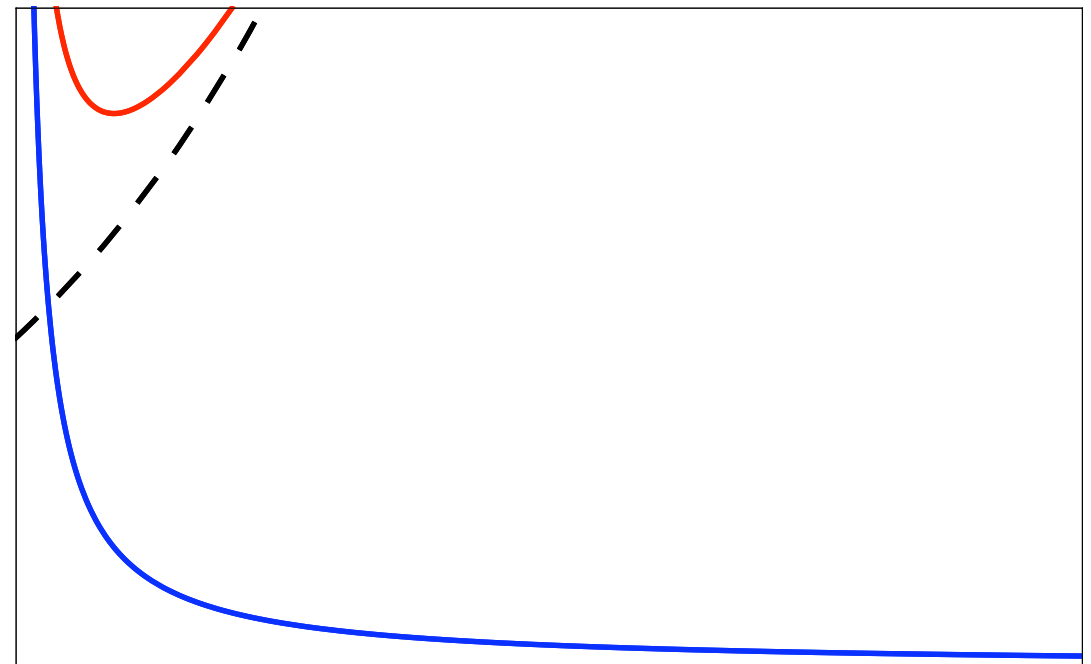
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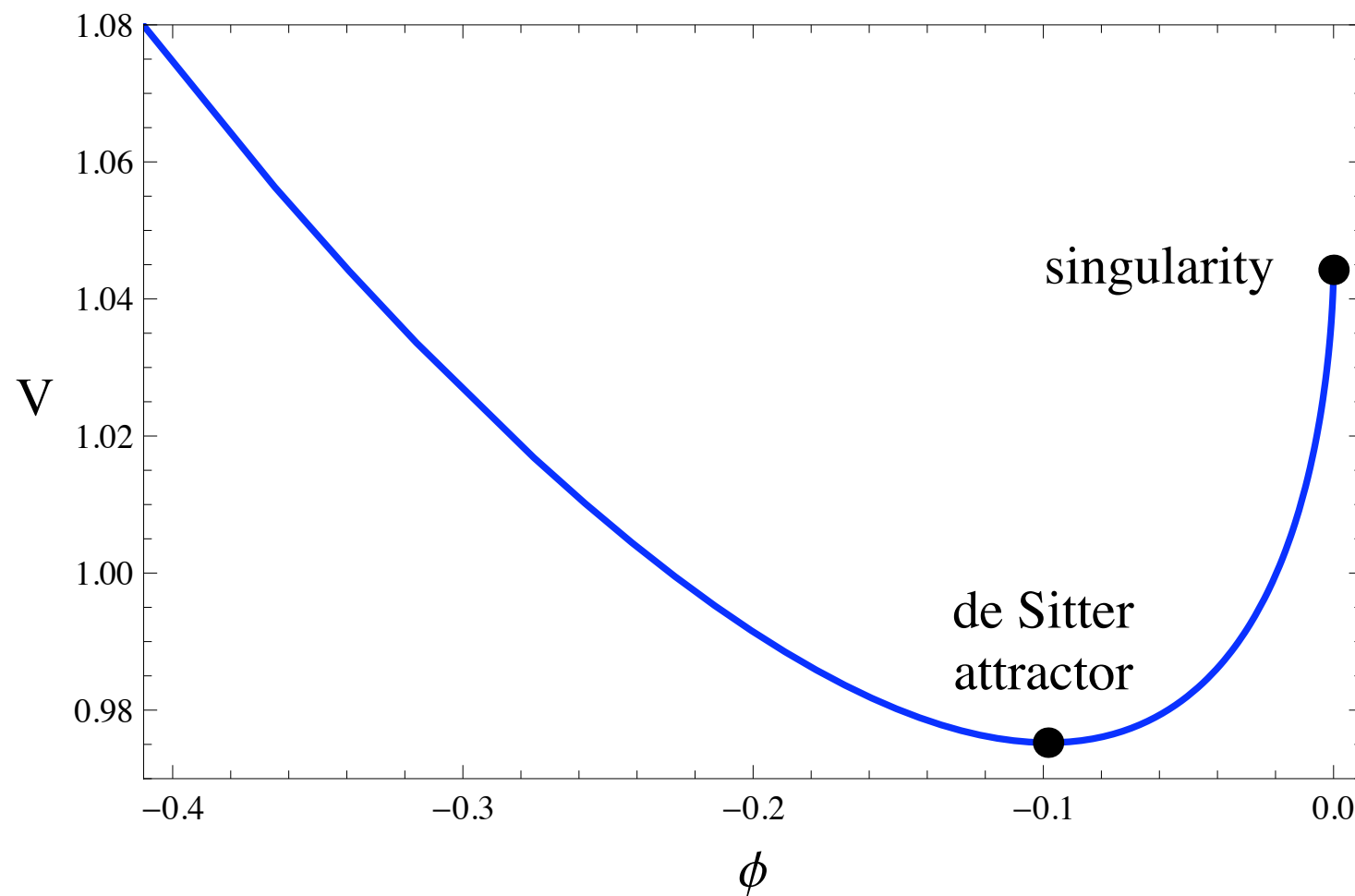
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because of $f(R) \Leftrightarrow$ scalar-tensor models,
can do the same for $f(R)$

curvature singularity in $f(R)$

- ★ Curvature singularity problem – curvature singularity can be easily accessed for generic infrared modified $f(R)$ theories (Frolov'08)



non-existence of simple solutions?

- ◆ No neutron stars for generic $f(R)$ models [Starobinsky and Hu-Sawicky models] (Kobayashi&Maeda'08)
- ◆ No neutron stars for higher curvature modified $f(R)$ models (Kobayashi&Maeda'08)
- ◆ No solutions for highly relativistic objects in the case of Chameleon field (Tsujikawa et al.'09)
- ◆ Instability associated with huge effective of s.d.f. and "fine-tuning problem" (Thongkool et al.'09)



action and eoms

♦ action

$$S = \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \left[\frac{M_P^2}{2} R - \frac{1}{2} (\nabla \phi)^2 - V(\phi) \right] + S_m [\Psi_m; \Omega^2(\phi) g_{\mu\nu}]$$

matter coupled to $\tilde{g}_{\mu\nu} = \Omega^2(\phi) g_{\mu\nu}$

♦ equations of motion,

$$R_{\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{2} R = M_P^{-2} \left[T_{\mu\nu}^{(m)} + \partial_\mu \phi \partial_\nu \phi - \frac{1}{2} g_{\mu\nu} \partial^\sigma \phi \partial_\sigma \phi - V g_{\mu\nu} \right]$$

$$\nabla_\sigma \nabla^\sigma \phi = -\frac{dV}{d\phi} - \frac{\Omega'}{\Omega} T^{(m)}$$

$$T^{(m)} \equiv g^{\mu\nu} T_{\mu\nu}^{(m)} = -\rho + 3P$$

equations of motion

- ◆ Static spherically symmetric ansatz,

$$ds^2 = -e^\nu dt^2 + e^\lambda dr^2 + r^2 (d\theta^2 + \sin^2 \theta d\phi^2)$$
$$e^{-\lambda} = 1 - 2m(r)/r$$

tt component

$$m' = \frac{r^2}{2M_P^2} \left[\Omega^4 \tilde{\rho} + \frac{1}{2} e^{-\lambda} \phi'^2 + V(\phi) \right],$$

rr component

$$\nu' = e^\lambda \left[\frac{2m}{r^2} + \frac{r}{M_P^2} \left(\frac{1}{2} e^{-\lambda} \phi'^2 - V(\phi) \right) + \frac{r \Omega^4 \tilde{P}}{M_P^2} \right],$$

conservation

$$\tilde{P}' = -\frac{1}{2} (\tilde{\rho} + \tilde{P}) \left(\nu' + 2 \frac{\Omega'}{\Omega} \phi' \right),$$

eq of state

$$\tilde{P} = \tilde{P}(\tilde{\rho}),$$

Klein-Gordon eq

$$\phi'' + \left(\frac{2}{r} + \frac{1}{2} (\nu' - \lambda') \right) \phi' = e^\lambda \left[\frac{dV}{d\phi} + \Omega^3 \Omega' (\tilde{\rho} - 3\tilde{P}) \right].$$

instability for high-density star

- constant density star in GR, the higher density the higher pressure in the center,

$$\rho - 3P < 0 \quad \text{for} \quad \Phi_* \equiv \frac{GM}{r_*} > \frac{5}{18}$$

$$\phi'' + \left(\frac{2}{r} + \frac{1}{2}(\nu' - \lambda') \right) \phi' = e^\lambda \left[\frac{dV}{d\phi} + \Omega^3 \Omega_\phi (\tilde{\rho} - 3\tilde{P}) \right].$$

Tachyon instability

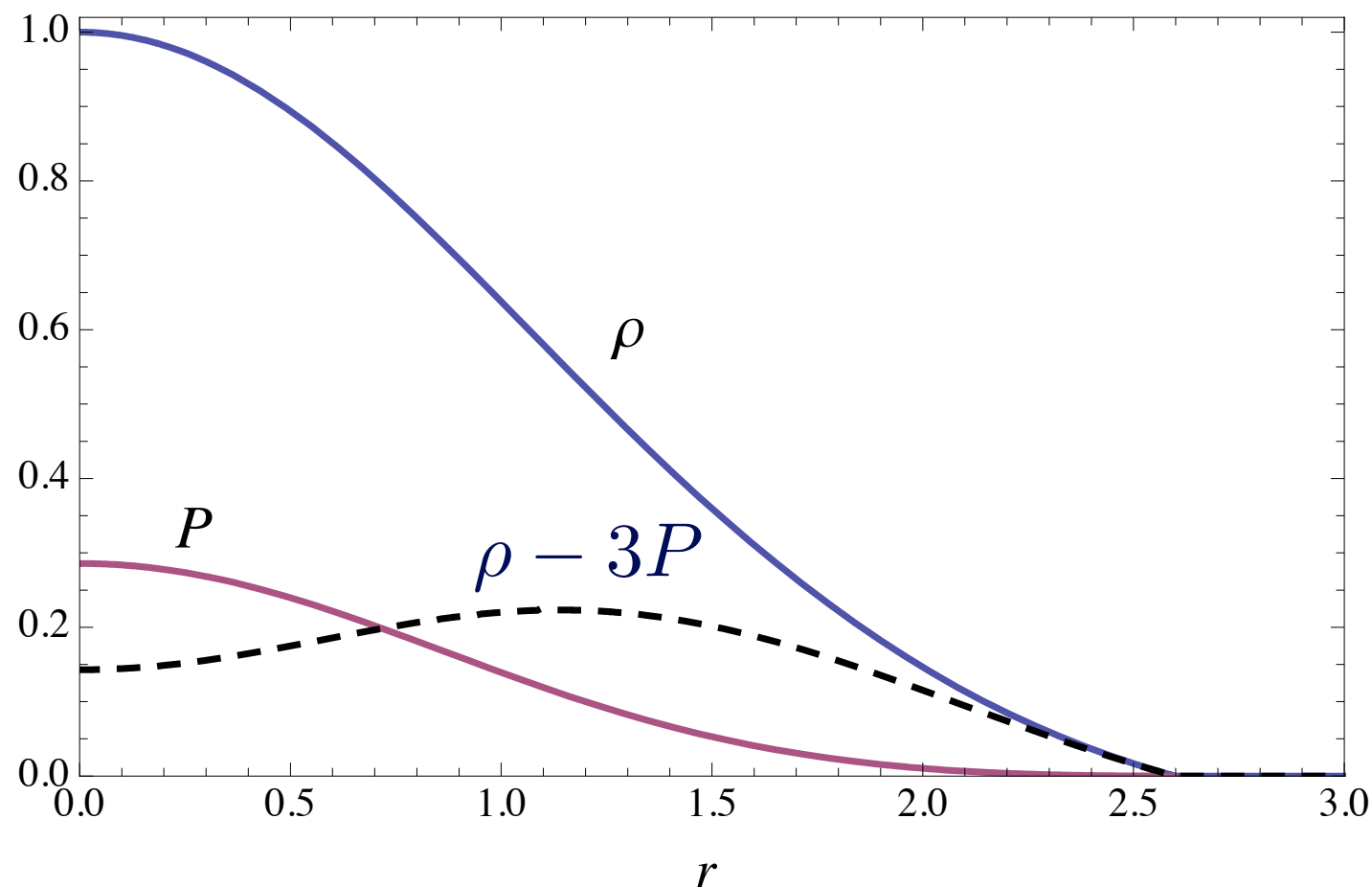
- explains the results of Tsujikawa et.al'09,
no solutions for the Chameleon for $\Phi > 0.3$

realistic neutron star

- ♦ For a realistic EoS of NS $\rho - 3P > 0$

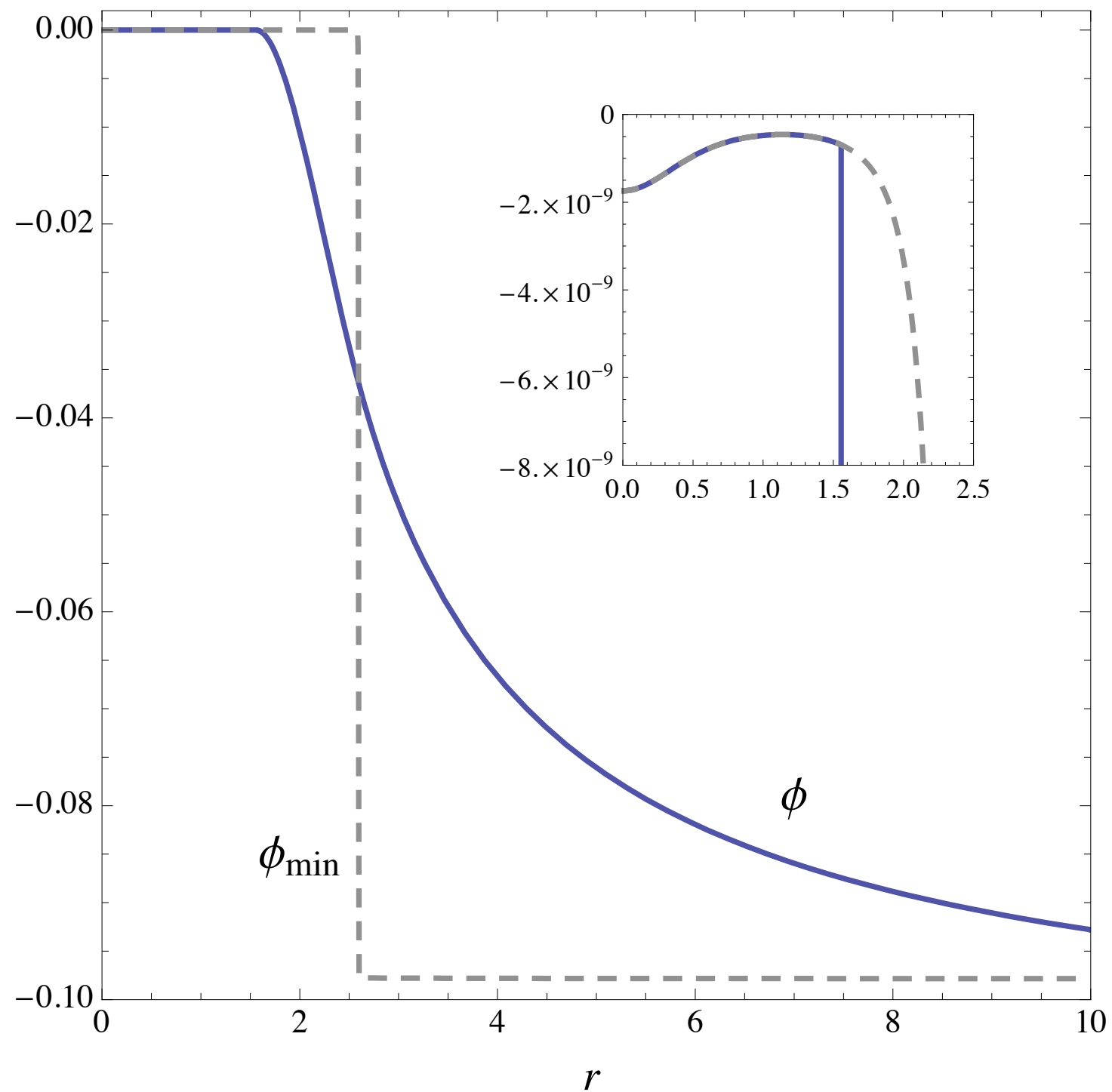
$$\tilde{\rho}(\tilde{n}) = m_B \left(\tilde{n} + K \frac{\tilde{n}^2}{n_0} \right), \quad \tilde{P}(\tilde{n}) = K m_B \frac{\tilde{n}^2}{n_0},$$

$$m_B = 1.66 \times 10^{-27} \text{kg}, \quad n_0 = 0.1 \text{ fm}^{-3} \quad \text{and} \quad K = 0.1.$$



$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{n}_c &= 0.4 \text{ fm}^{-3}, \\ |\Phi_*| &\simeq 0.25 \end{aligned}$$

numerical solution



$$v_0 = \frac{M_P^2 R_0}{\tilde{\rho}_c}$$

Massive gravity and the Vainshtein mechanism

what is massive gravity?

- ♦ The quadratic action for the massive graviton:

f : background metric (often flat) $H_{\mu\nu}$: spin 2 excitation over f

$$S = \frac{M_P^2}{2} \int d^4x \left(\underbrace{“H \partial^2 H + …”}_{\text{Kinetic term}} - \frac{m^2}{4} \underbrace{[H_{\mu\nu} H^{\mu\nu} - (H^\mu_\mu)^2]}_{\text{Pauli-Fierz Mass term}} \right) + \int d^4x \frac{1}{2} \underbrace{T_{\mu\nu} H^{\mu\nu}}_{\text{Matter coupling}}$$

- ♦ Non-linear completion: dynamical metric $g = f + H$

$$S = \frac{M_P^2}{2} \int d^4x \left(\sqrt{-g} R[g] - \frac{m^2}{4} \mathcal{V}^{(a)}[\mathbf{g}^{-1} \mathbf{f}] \right) + S_m[g]$$

Scalar density

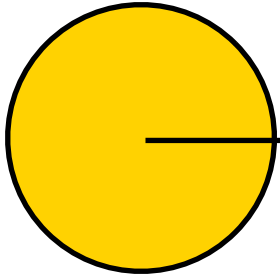
- ♦ Examples:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{V}^{(BD)}[\mathbf{g}^{-1} \mathbf{f}] &= \sqrt{-f} H_{\mu\nu} H_{\sigma\tau} (f^{\mu\sigma} f^{\nu\tau} - f^{\mu\nu} f^{\sigma\tau}) \\ \mathcal{V}^{(AGS)}[\mathbf{g}^{-1} \mathbf{f}] &= \sqrt{-g} H_{\mu\nu} H_{\sigma\tau} (g^{\mu\sigma} g^{\nu\tau} - g^{\mu\nu} g^{\sigma\tau}) \end{aligned}$$

Boulware & Deser '72

Arkani-Hamed,
Georgi, Schwartz '03

static spherically symmetric solutions



♦ Schwarzschild Gauge (bi-diagonal, asymptotically flat)

$$g_{\mu\nu}dx^\mu dx^\nu = -e^{\nu(R)}dt^2 + e^{\lambda(R)}dR^2 + R^2d\Omega^2 : \text{“Schwarzschild” like}$$

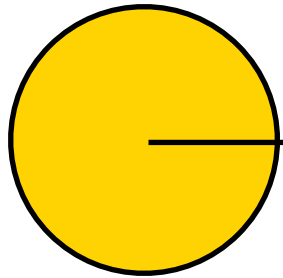
$$f_{\mu\nu}dx^\mu dx^\nu = -dt^2 + \left(1 - \frac{R\mu'(R)}{2}\right)^2 e^{-\mu(R)}dR^2 + e^{-\mu(R)}R^2d\Omega^2 : \text{flat}$$

♦ Equations of motion:

$$\begin{aligned} e^{\nu-\lambda} \left(\frac{\lambda'}{R} + \frac{1}{R^2}(e^\lambda - 1) \right) &= 8\pi G_N (T_{tt}^g + \rho e^\nu), \\ \frac{\nu'}{R} + \frac{1}{R^2}(1 - e^\lambda) &= 8\pi G_N (T_{RR}^g + P e^\lambda), \\ \nabla^\mu T_{\mu R}^g &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

Is it possible
to find a
solution
regular
everywhere?

Solutions far from source (I)



Linear massive gravity

Non GR

◆ Expansion in the Newton's constant

$$\lambda = \lambda_0 + \lambda_1 + \dots \text{ etc. , with } \lambda_i, \nu_i, \mu_i \propto G_N^{i+1}$$

◆ Linearized solutions

$$\nu_0 = -C \times \frac{R_S}{R} e^{-mR}$$

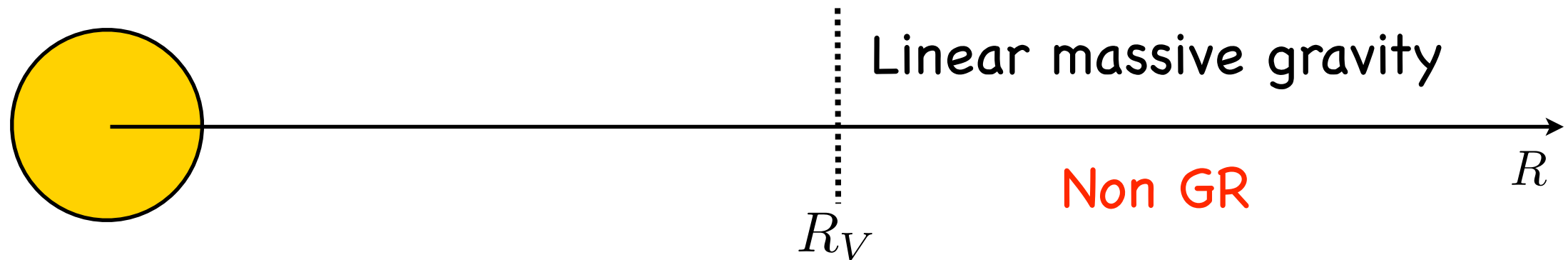
$$\lambda_0 = C \times \frac{R_S}{2R} (1 + mR) e^{-mR}$$

$$\mu_0 = C \times \frac{R_S}{2(mR)^2 R} (1 + mR + (mR)^2) e^{-mR}$$

◆ For $R \ll m^{-1}$: $\lambda_0 = \frac{C_1}{2R}$, $\nu_0 = -\frac{C_1}{R}$, $\mu_0 = \frac{1}{(mR)^2} \frac{C_1}{2R}$.

vDVZ
discontinuity

Solutions far from source (II)



◆ Non-linear corrections

Vainshtein '72

$$\nu = -\frac{2}{3} \frac{R_S}{R} + \frac{R_S^2}{R^2} \frac{n_1}{(mR)^4} + \mathcal{O}(R_S^3)$$

$$\lambda = \frac{1}{3} \frac{R_S}{R} + \frac{R_S^2}{R^2} \frac{l_1}{(mR)^4} + \mathcal{O}(R_S^3)$$

$$\mu = \frac{1}{3(mR)^2} \frac{R_S}{R} + \frac{R_S^2}{R^2} \frac{m_1}{(mR)^6} + \mathcal{O}(R_S^3)$$

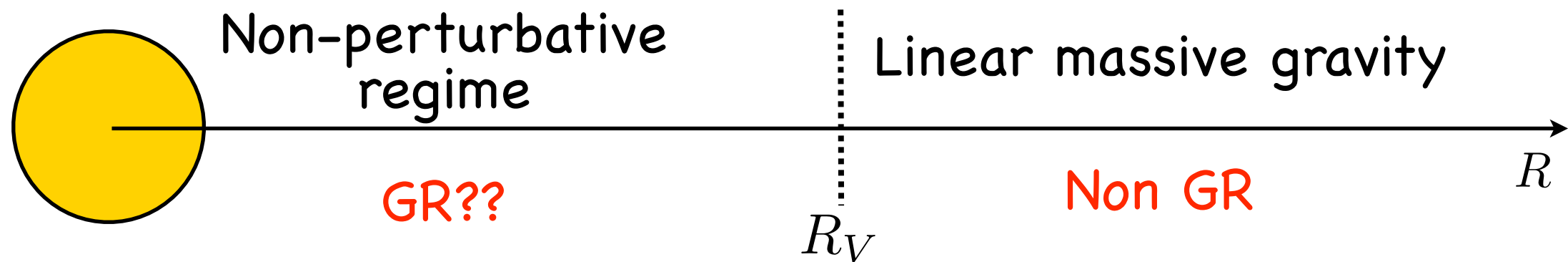
Relevant at

$$R_V = \left(\frac{R_S}{m^4} \right)^{1/5}$$

New scale:
Vainshtein's radius

What happens inside the Vainshtein radius?

Solution close to the source



♦ Expand λ, ν, μ in m : $f(R) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} m^{2n} f_n(R)$

♦ Order 0 = GR

♦ Expansion

Vainshtein '72

$$\nu = -\frac{R_S}{R} + n_1 (mR)^2 \sqrt{\frac{R_S}{R}} + \mathcal{O}(m^4)$$

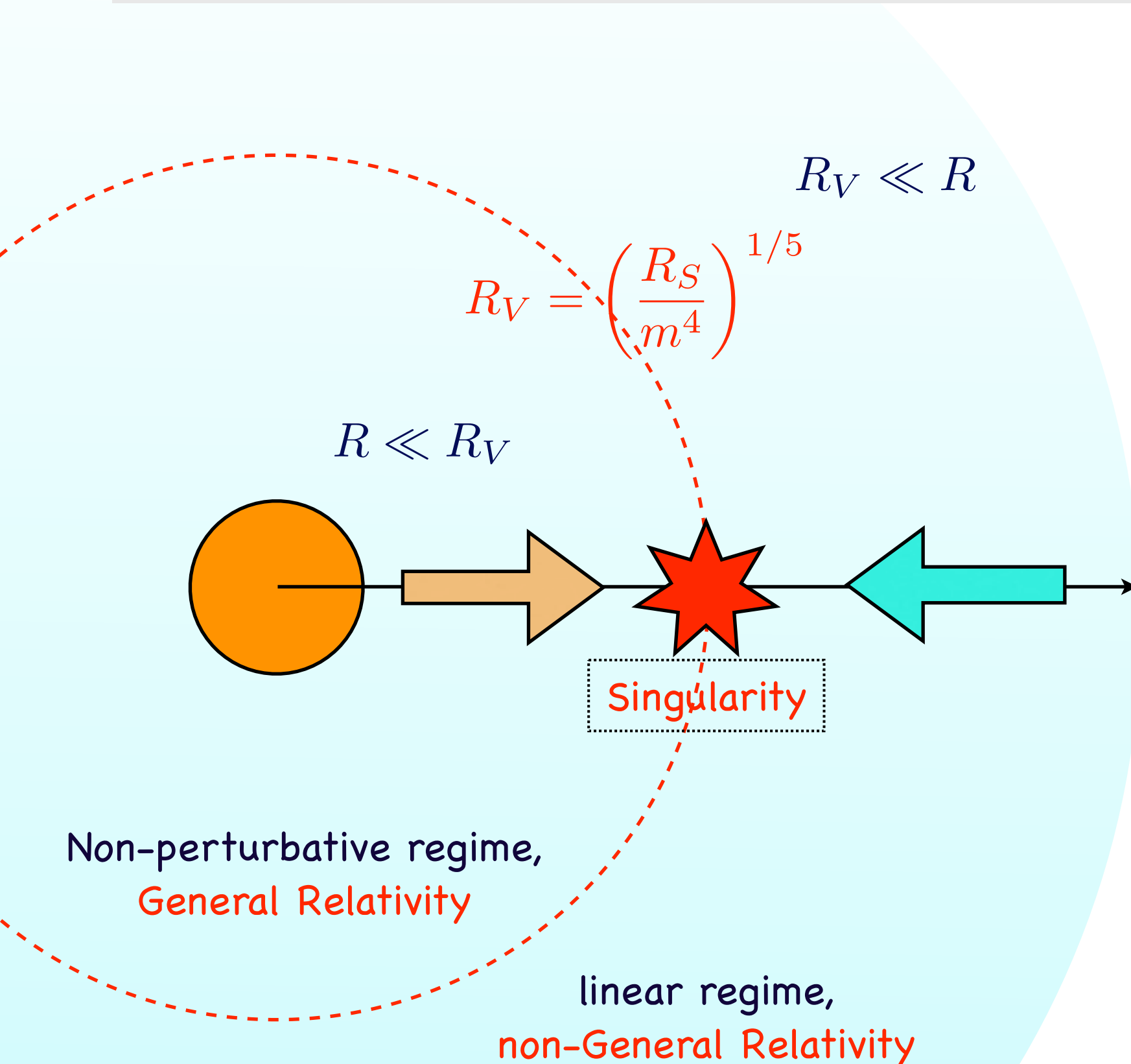
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$$\mu = m_0 \sqrt{\frac{R_S}{R}} + m_1 (mR)^2 + \mathcal{O}(m^4)$$

Relevant at

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Existence of static spherically symmetric solution?



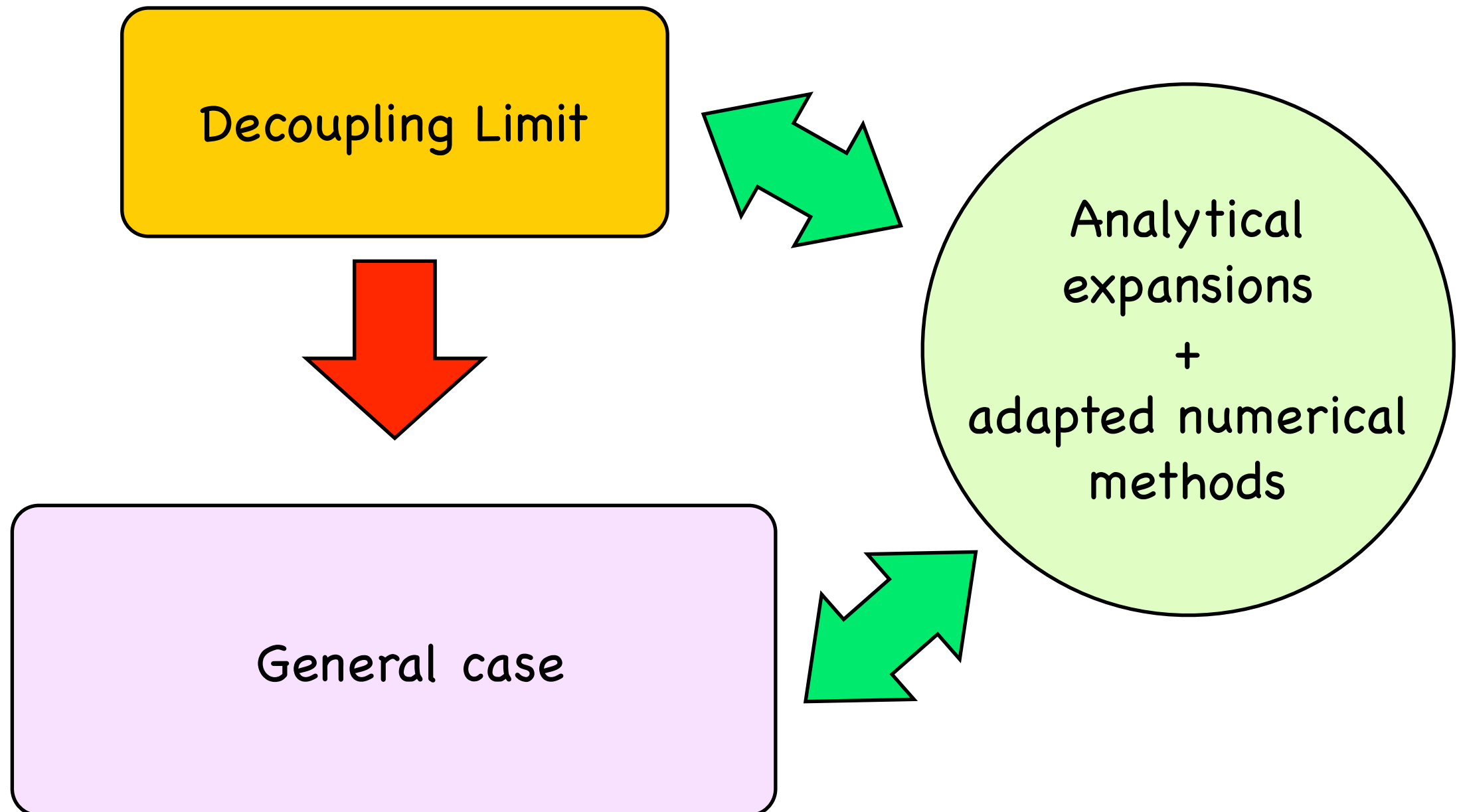
Is the Vainshtein mechanism valid?

Is it possible to find a solution regular everywhere? (and asymptotically flat)

Vainshtein '72,
Boulware & Deser '72,
Jun & Kang '86

Damour, Kogan, Papazoglou '03

our approach



two way to get decoupling limit

$$S \sim \int R + \mathcal{V}$$

Stuckelberg field



demixing of kinetic terms

$$S \sim \int h \square h + A \square A + \phi \square \phi + \dots$$

dominant higher-order term

$$S \sim \int \phi \square \phi + \frac{1}{m^4 M_P} (\square \phi)^3$$

focus on physics around R_V

- ★ Remove the GR nonlinearities,
 $M_P \rightarrow \infty, M/M_P \sim \text{const}$
- ★ Remove Yukawa decay, $m \rightarrow 0$
- ★ Keep R_V constant,

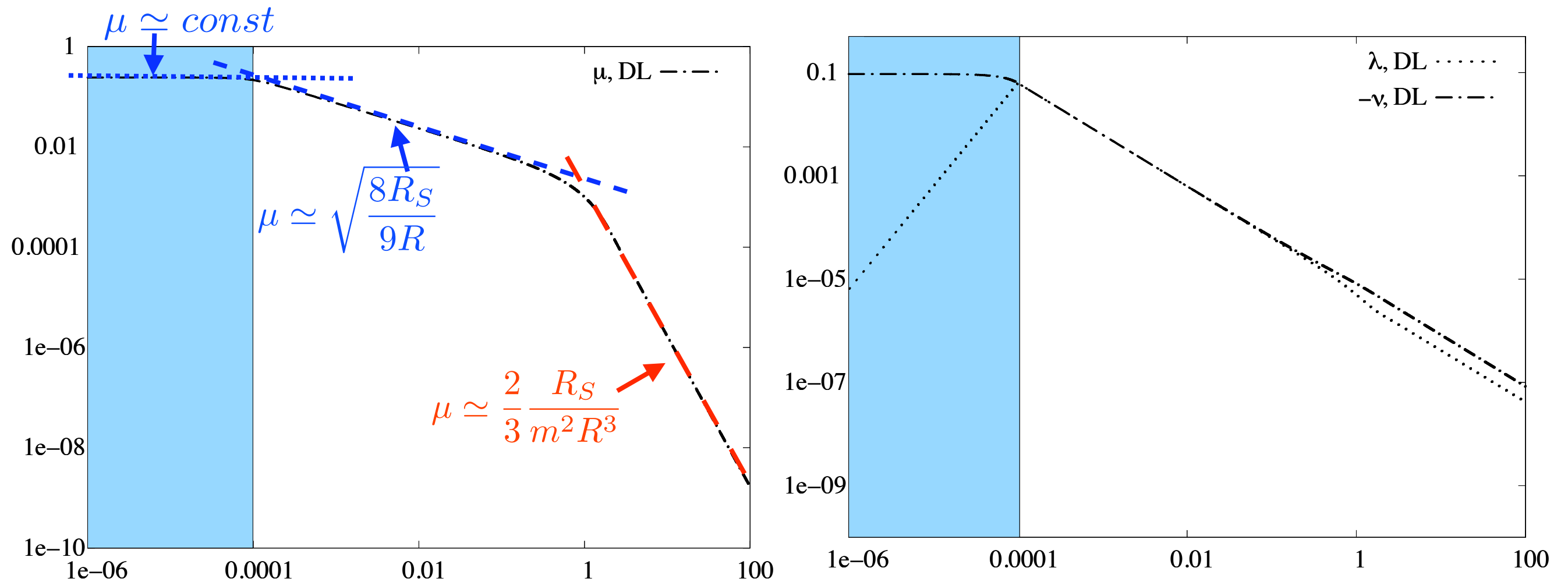
$$R_V = (R_S m^{-4})^{1/5} \\ \sim \left(\frac{M}{M_P} \frac{1}{M_P m^4} \right)^{1/5} \sim \text{const}$$

Decoupling
limit

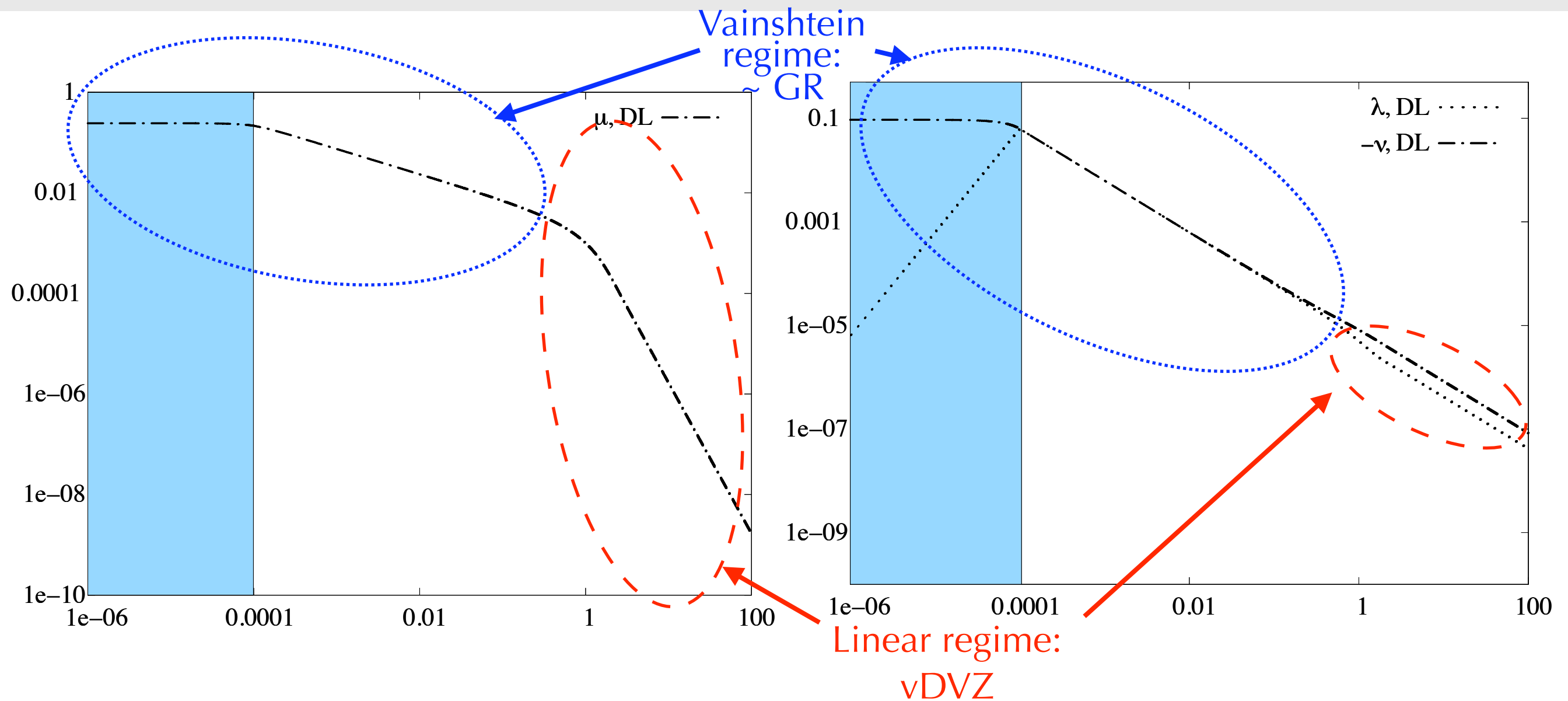
$$\begin{array}{lll} M_P & \rightarrow & \infty \\ m & \rightarrow & 0 \\ \Lambda \equiv (M_P m^4)^{1/5} & \sim & \text{const} \\ T_{\mu\nu}/M_P & \sim & \text{const} \end{array}$$

$$2Q(\mu, \mu' \mu'') + \frac{3}{2} m^2 \mu = \frac{R_S}{R^3}$$

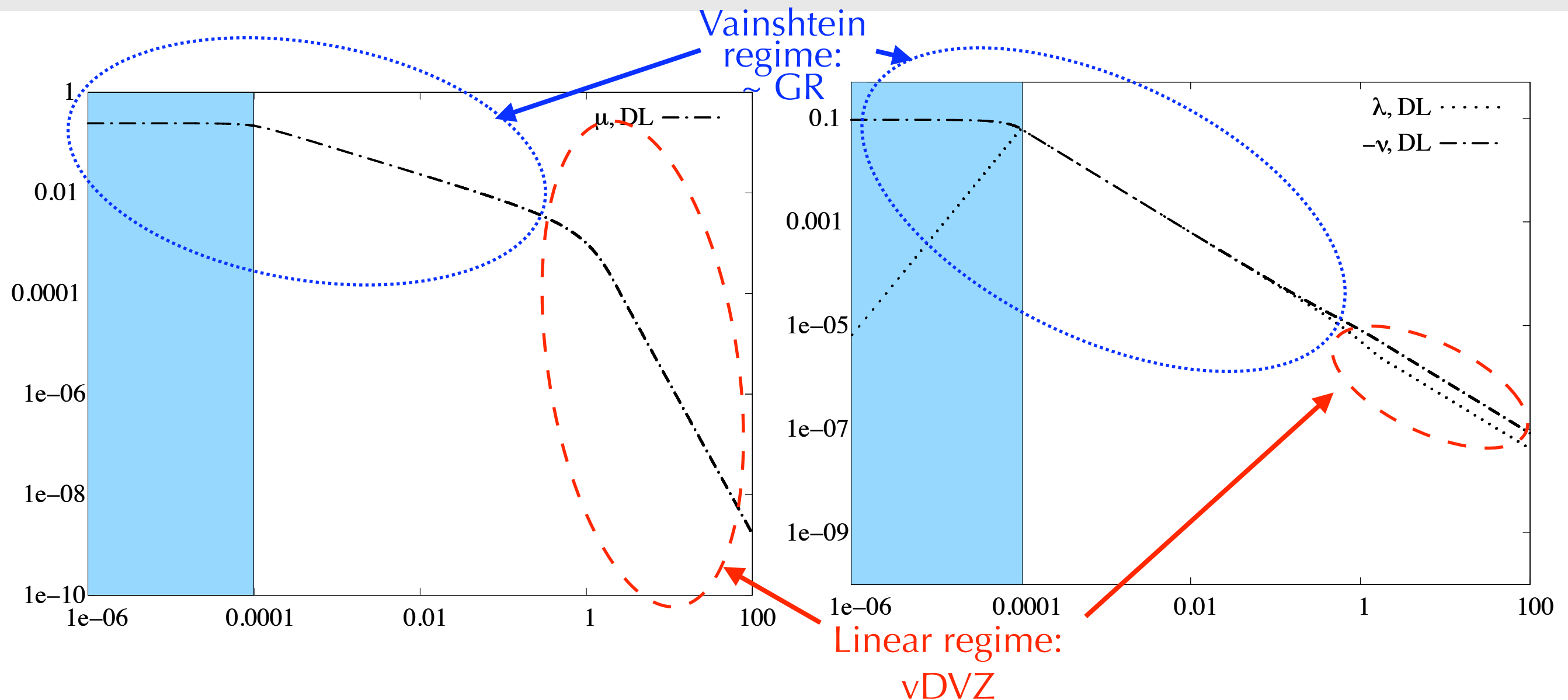
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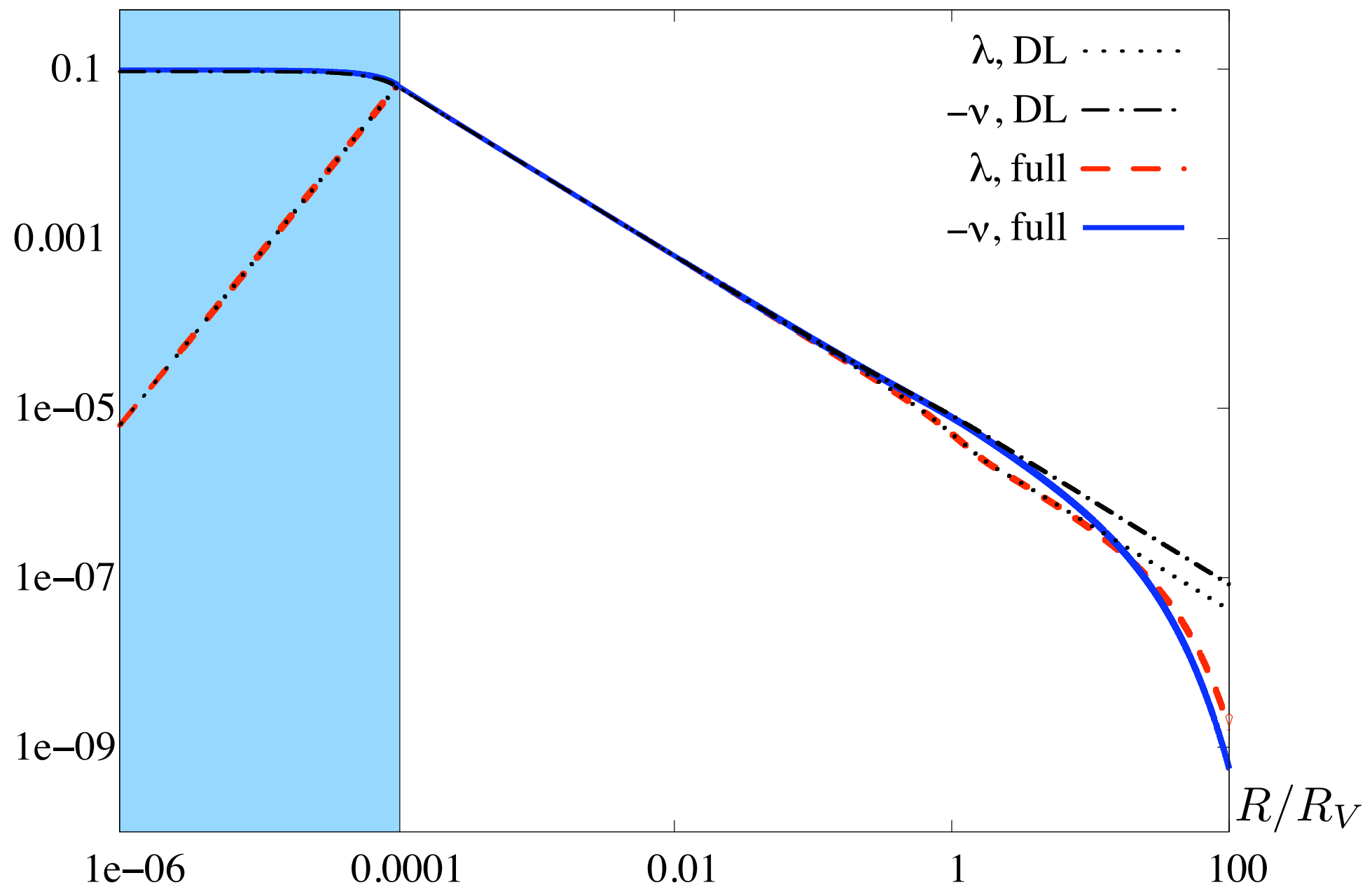
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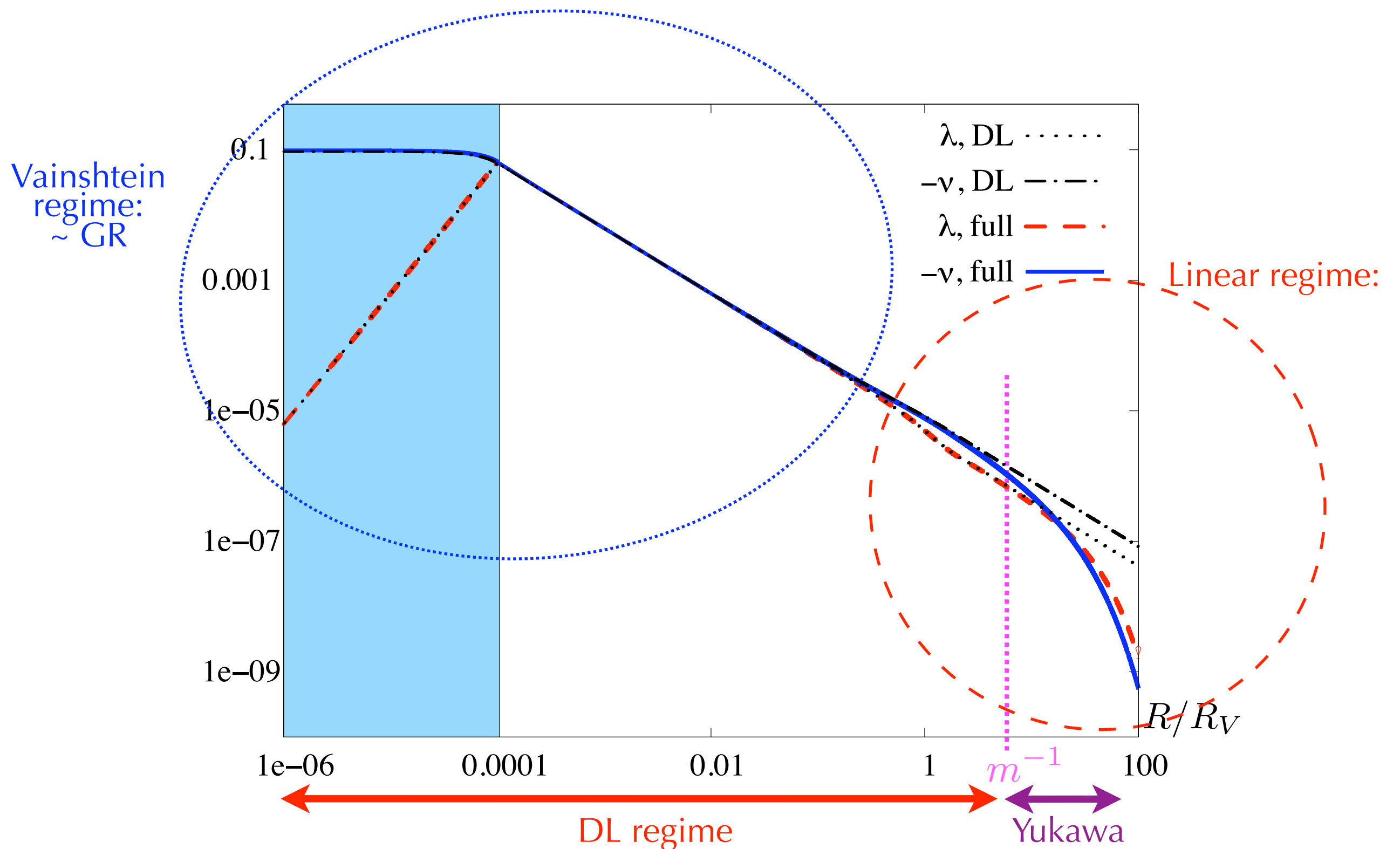
◆ Role of the nonlinearities not taken into account by the DL?

what about the full system?

solutions of the full system (I)



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analytic and numerical tools

- ♦ Series expansions: far and inside the source
- ♦ Cauchy problem at infinity: evidence for the existence of infinite number of solutions with the same asymptotic behavior (collaboration with J. Ecalle)
- ♦ Simplified model (weak field)
- ♦ Numerics: relaxation method
 - ✓ Decoupling Limit
 - ✓ Full system (Decoupling Limit as a starting guess)
- ♦ Numerics: shooting method

All the methods agree: robustness of the results

K-mouflage gravity

from massive gravity to k-mouflage (I)

♦ k-Mouflage models

EB, Deffayet, Ziour '09

$$S = M_P^2 \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \left(\frac{R}{2} + \frac{\gamma}{2} m^2 \phi R + m^2 H(\phi) \right) + S_m$$

♦ schematically

$$S = M_P^2 \int d^4x \left("h \square h" + m^2 \phi " \square h" + m^2 F(\phi) \right) + S_m$$

♦ equations of motion, schematically

$$" \square h" + m^2 " \square \phi" = 0$$

$$" \square h" + \frac{\delta F(\phi)}{\delta \phi} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow m^2 " \square \phi" + \frac{\delta F(\phi)}{\delta \phi} = 0$$

from massive gravity to k-mouflage (II)

♦ k-Mouflage models

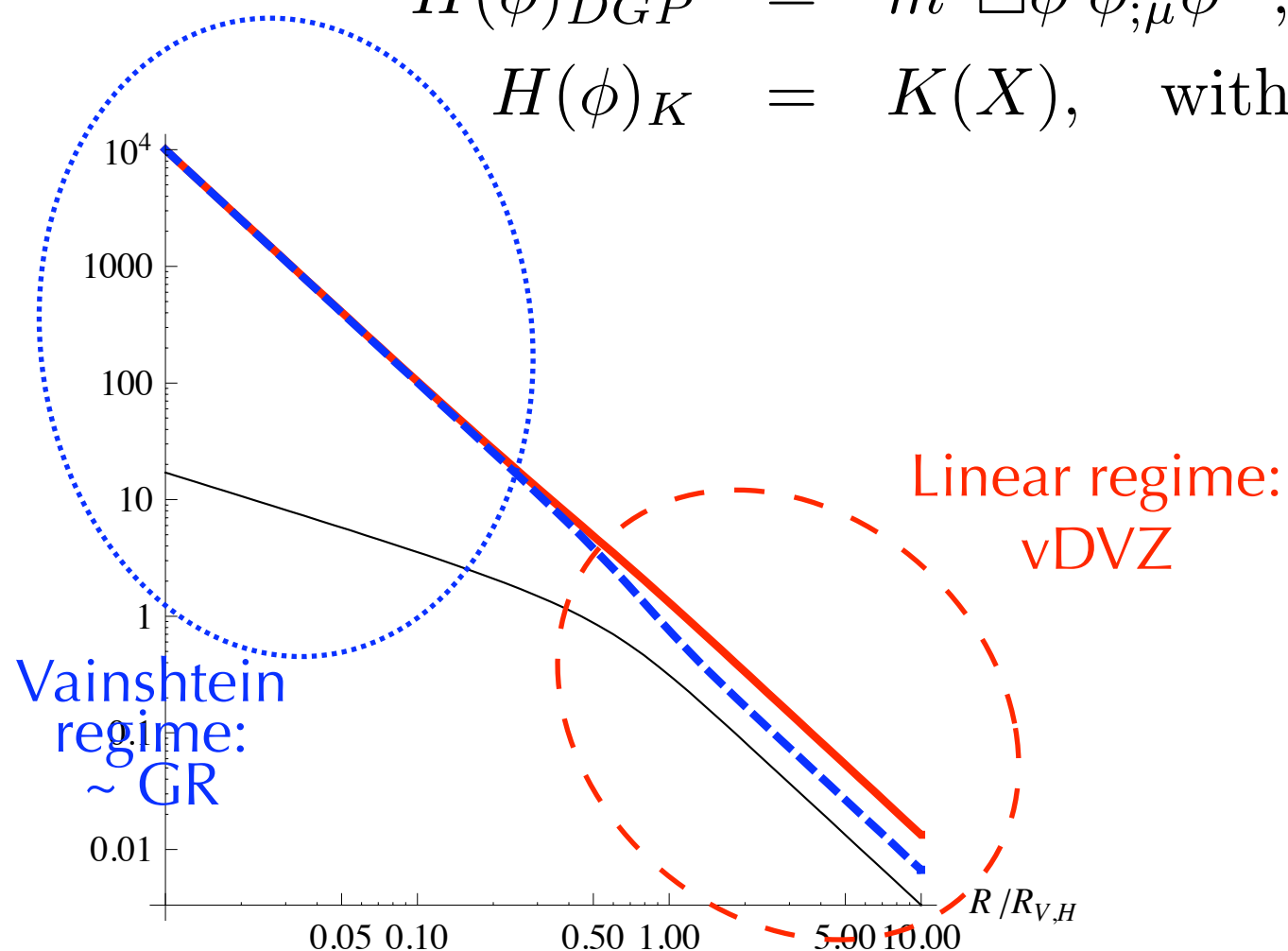
$$S = M_P^2 \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \left(\frac{R}{2} + \frac{\gamma}{2} m^2 \phi R + m^2 H(\phi) \right) + S_m$$

with

$$H(\phi)_{MG} = \frac{\alpha}{2} (\Box \phi)^3 + \frac{\beta}{2} (\Box \phi \phi_{;\mu\nu} \phi^{;\mu\nu}),$$

$$H(\phi)_{DGP} = m^2 \Box \phi \phi_{;\mu} \phi^{;\mu},$$

$$H(\phi)_K = K(X), \quad \text{with} \quad X = m^2 \phi_{;\mu} \phi^{;\mu}$$



The Vainshtein mechanism is valid for a broad class of models

conclusions

- ◆ Modified gravity models – a way to get accelerated Universe
- ◆ General relativity must be restored locally,
 - chameleon mechanism for scalar–tensor and $f(R)$ models
 - Vainshtein mechanism for massive gravities and models with extra dimensions
- ◆ $f(R)$ and scalar–tensor theories:
 - static spherically symmetric configurations exist in the relativistic regime, in particular neutron stars exists,
 - tachyon instability is generic if EoS for matter $\rho - 3P < 0$
- ◆ Massive gravity:
 - Existence of non-singular solutions
 - validity of the Vainshtein mechanism and recovery of general relativity from massive gravity
- ◆ New model: K-mouflage gravity
- ◆ Many interesting things to do: compact sources in massive gravity, stability of found solutions, cosmology and phenomenology of K-mouflage model