

# Shrouded black holes in Einstein- Gauss-Bonnet gravity

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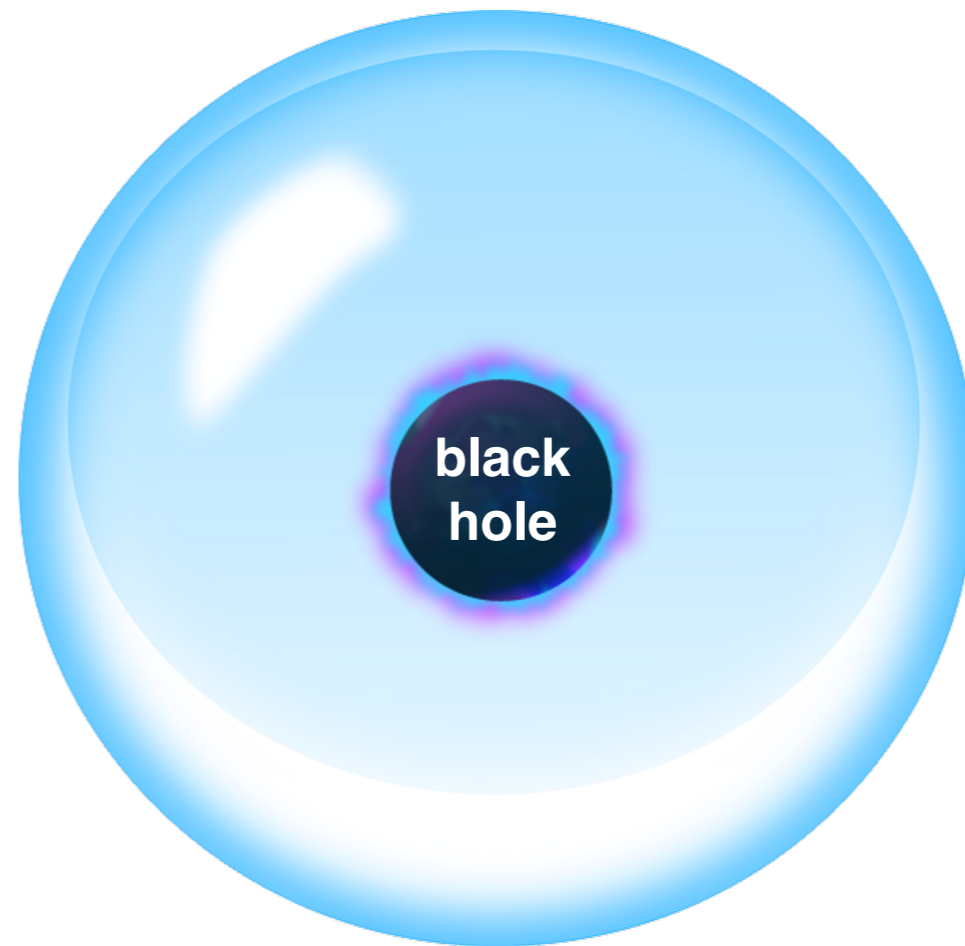
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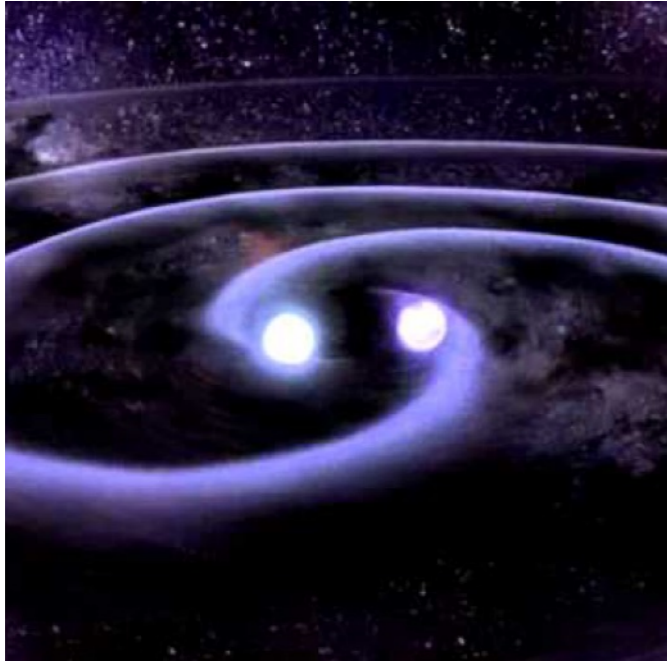
"Shrouded" means covered or enveloped, so as to conceal from view



shell of a scalar field

# Motivation

## Observation of black holes and neutron stars: a breakthrough



GW signals from binaries at their ringdown phase (LIGO/Virgo)

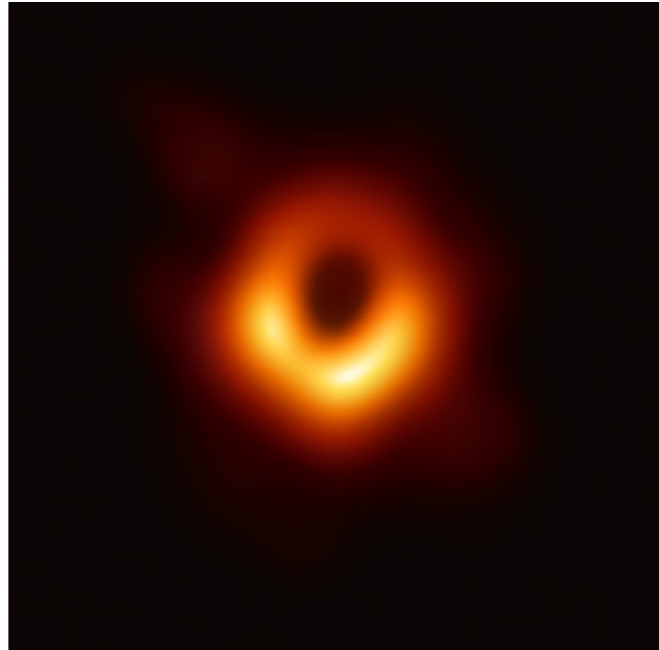
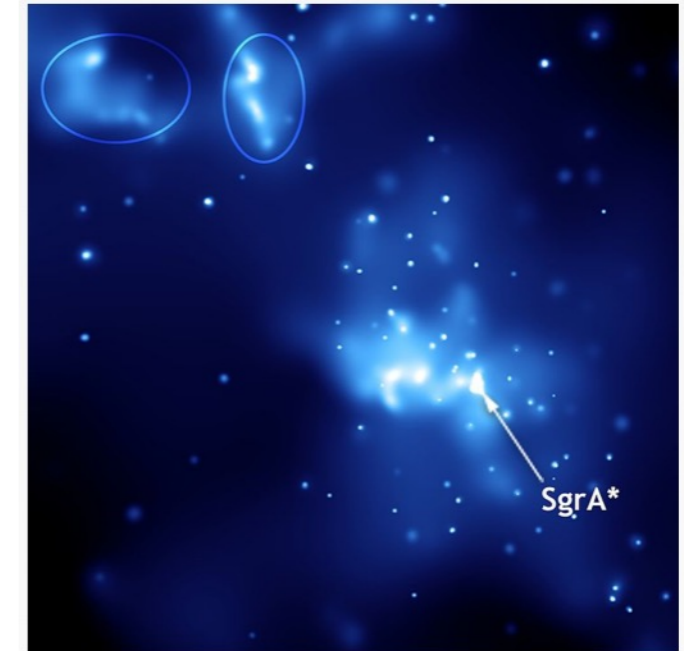


Image of M87 black hole with its light ring (from array of radio telescopes, EHT)



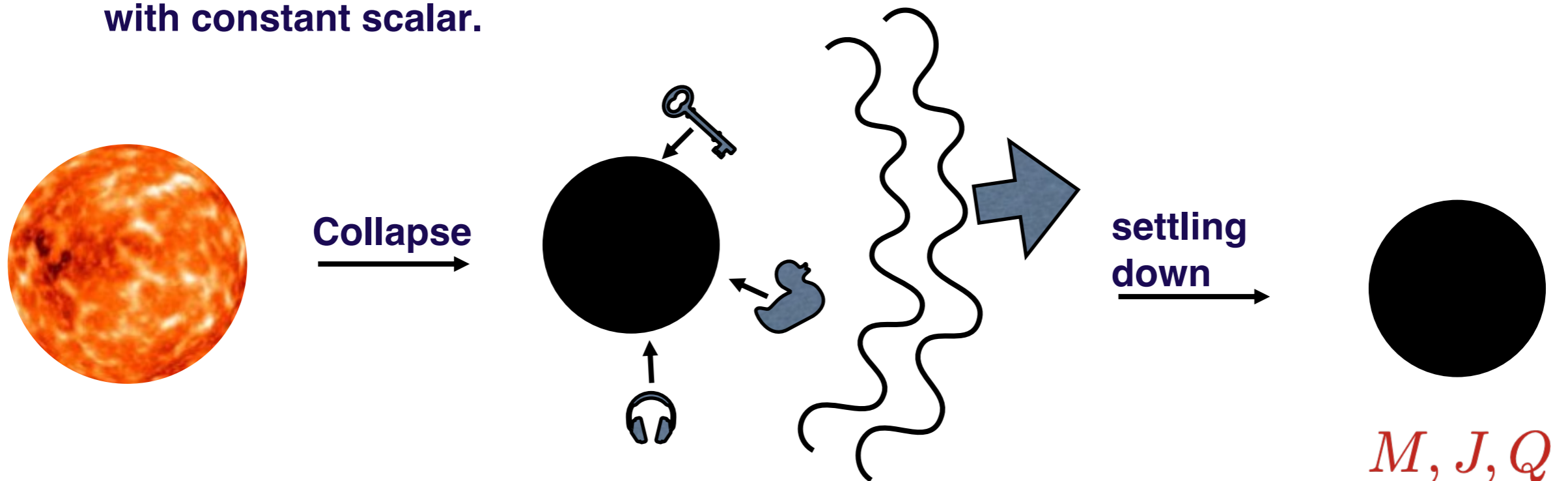
Observation of star trajectories orbiting SgrA central black hole (GRAVITY)

- Alternatives to GR black holes and stars as precise rulers of departure from GR?

# Black holes are bald in GR

- Gravitational collapse...
- Black holes eat or expel surrounding matter
- Their stationary phase is characterised by a limited number of charges
- No details about collapse
- Black holes are bald

- ❖ No hair theorems/arguments dictate that adding degrees of freedom lead to trivial (General Relativity) or singular solutions.
- ❖ E.g. in the standard scalar-tensor theories BH solutions are GR black holes with constant scalar.

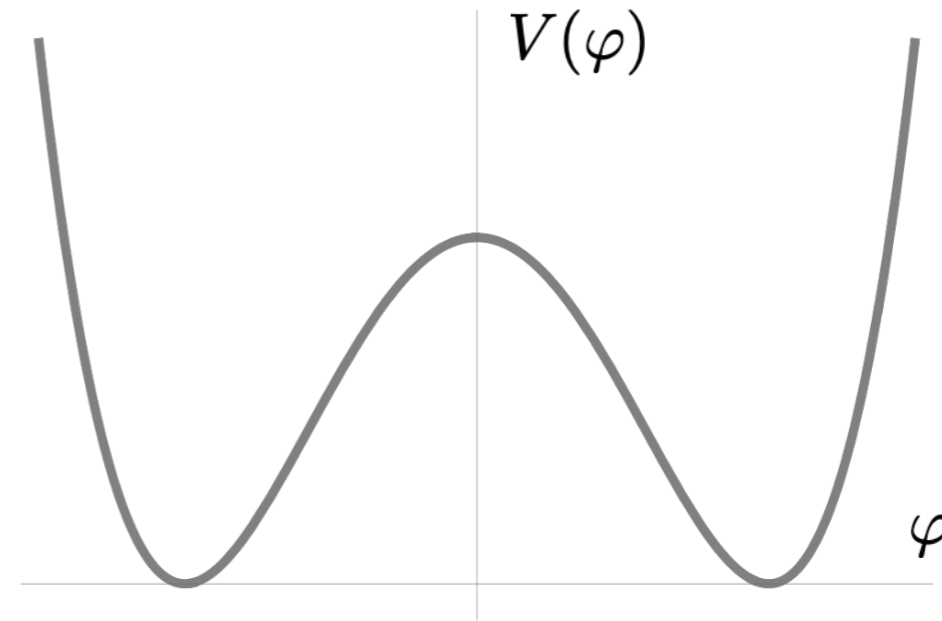


# "Standard" domain walls

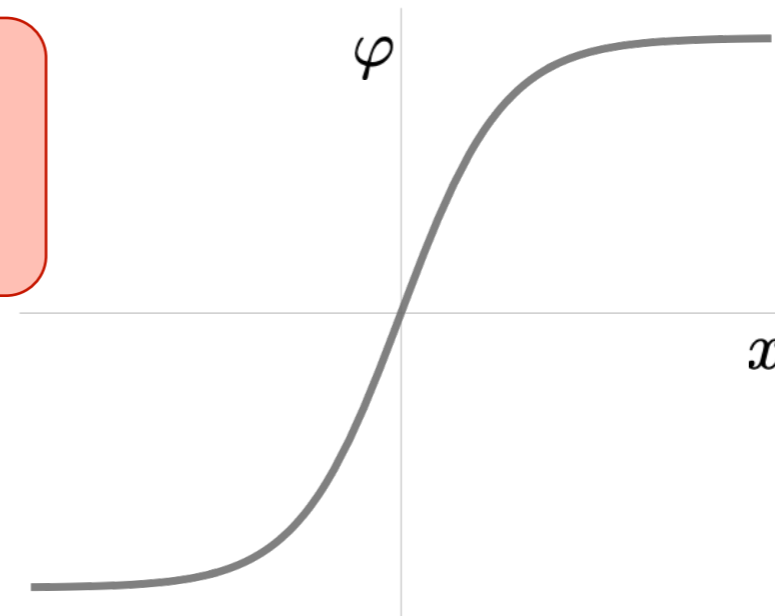
$$\mathcal{L} = -\frac{1}{2}(\partial_\mu\varphi)^2 - V(\varphi)$$

$$V(\varphi) = \frac{\lambda}{4}(\varphi^2 - \eta^2)^2$$

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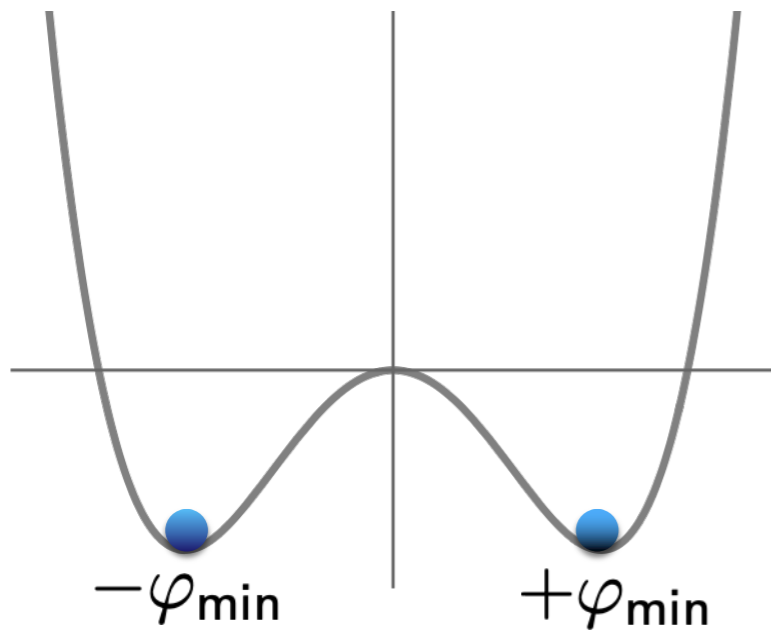
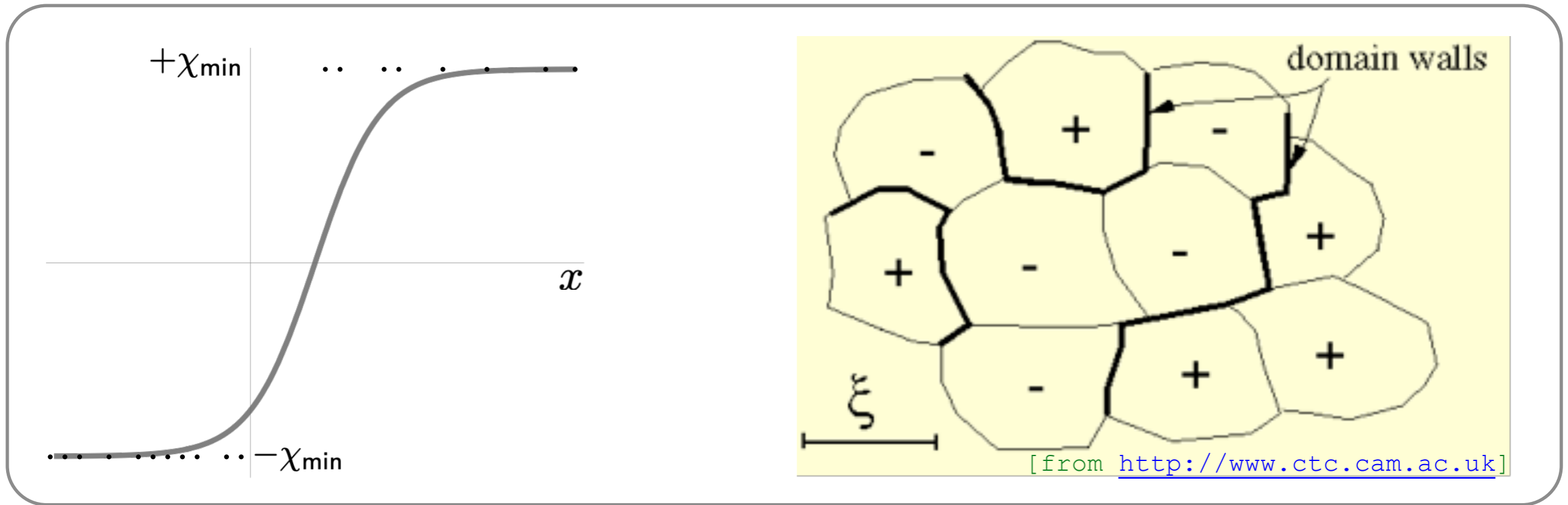
Kink solution  $\varphi(x) = \eta \tanh\left(\sqrt{\frac{\lambda}{2}}\eta x\right)$



$$\text{Width } \delta \sim (\sqrt{\lambda}\eta)^{-1}$$

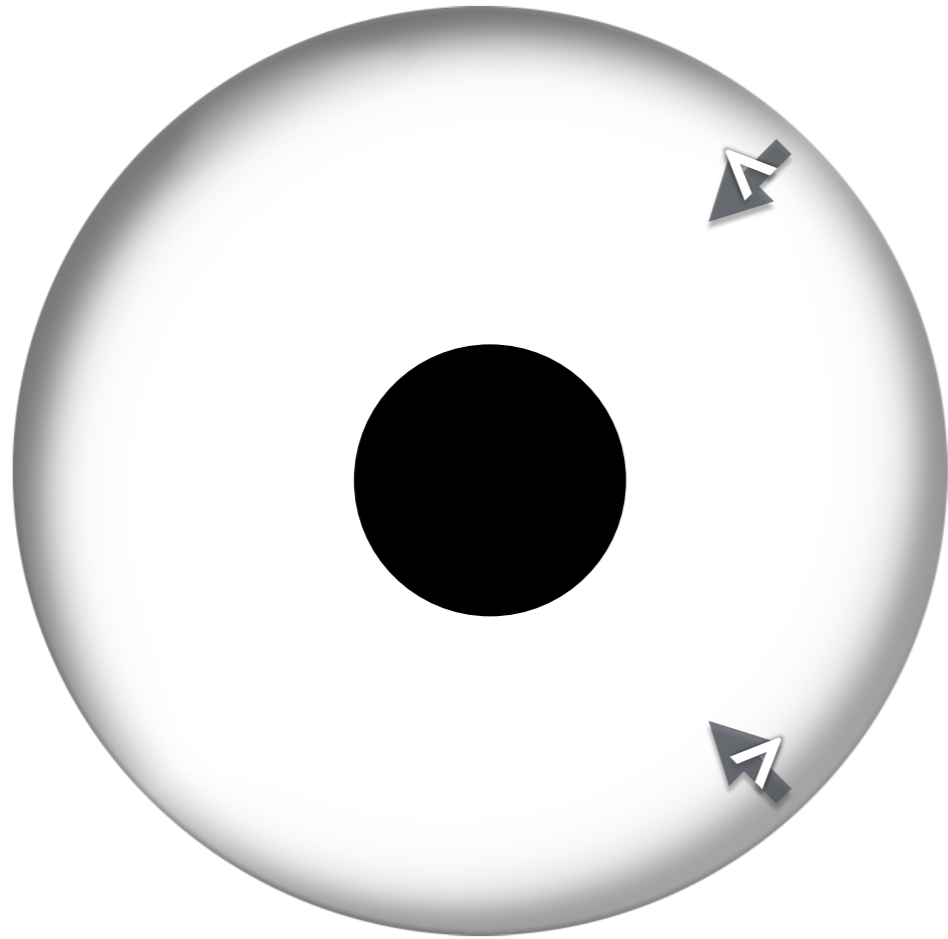
$$\text{Surface density } \sigma \sim \sqrt{\lambda}\eta^3$$

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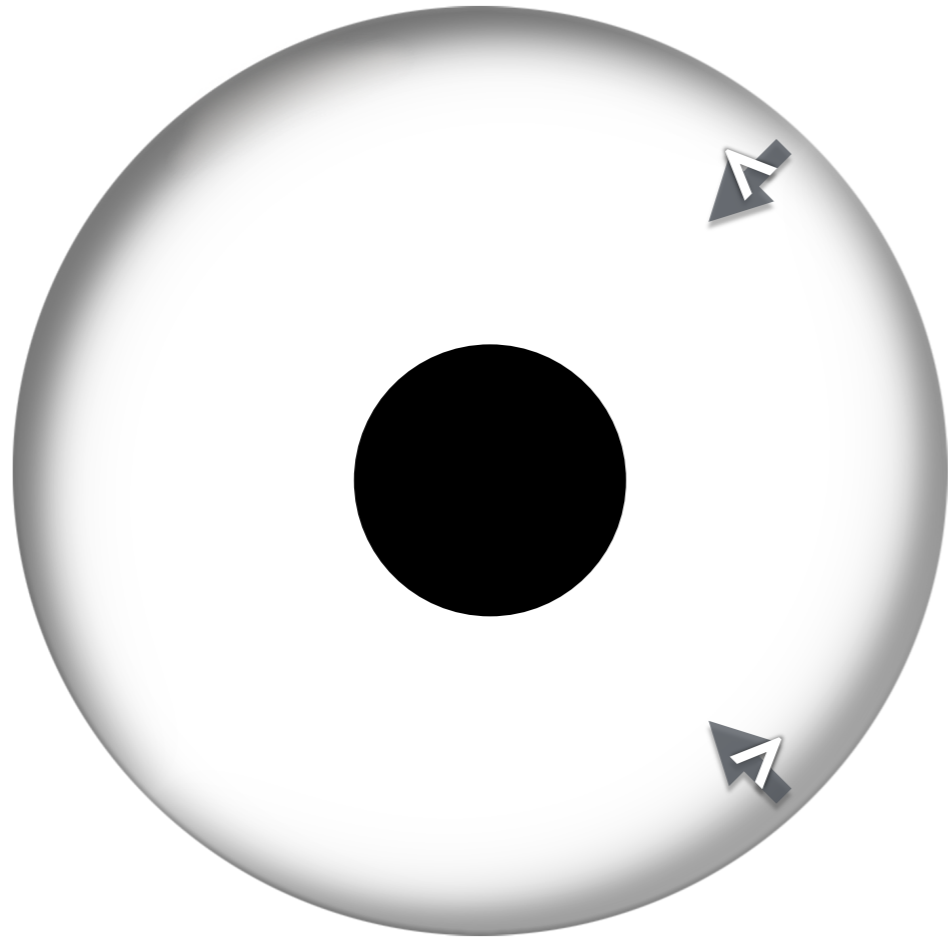
$$S = \int d^4x \left[ -\frac{1}{2} \nabla_{\mu} \varphi \nabla^{\mu} \varphi - \frac{h^2}{4} (\varphi^2 - v^2)^2 \right]$$

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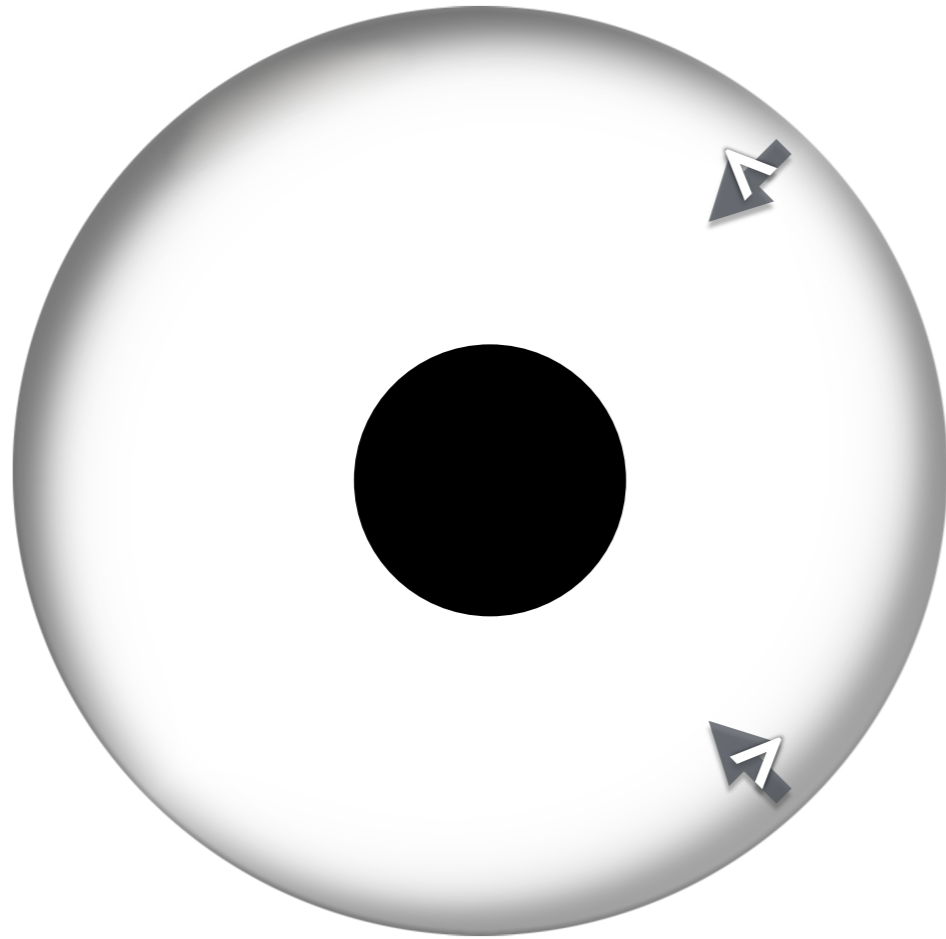
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❖ Another curvature invariant is Gauss-Bonnet term:

$$\mathcal{R}_{\text{GB}}^2 = R^2 - 4R_{\mu\nu}R^{\mu\nu} + R_{\mu\nu\lambda\rho}R^{\mu\nu\lambda\rho} \text{ (non-zero for the black hole background)}$$

$$\mathcal{R}_{\text{GB}}^2 = \frac{12r_S^2}{r^6} \text{ for the Schwarzschild black hole}$$

# Higgs-like potential + nonminimal coupling to gravity

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$$S = \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \left[ \frac{1}{2} R - \frac{1}{2} \nabla_\mu \varphi \nabla^\mu \varphi - V(\varphi) - \ell^2 \varphi^2 \mathcal{R}_{\text{GB}}^2 \right] \quad 8\pi G_N = 1$$

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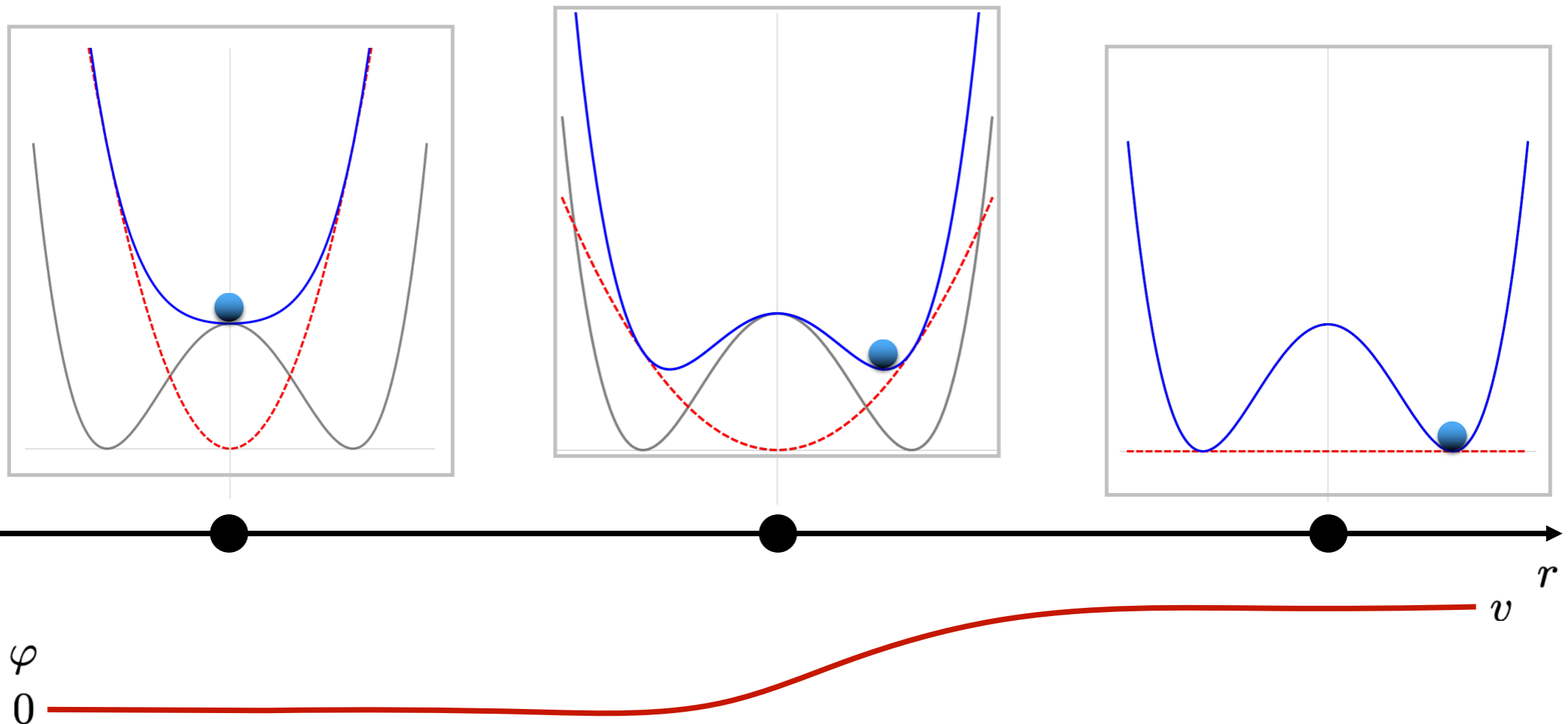
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# Test field approximation

Assume background geometry and solve equation for the scalar

$$ds^2 = -e^\nu dt^2 + e^\lambda dr^2 + r^2 d\Omega^2, \quad e^\nu = e^{-\lambda} = 1 - \frac{r_S}{r}$$

$$\varphi'' + \left( \nu' + \frac{2}{r} \right) \cdot \varphi' + \frac{8\ell^2 \varphi}{r^2} \cdot \left[ (1 - e^\nu) \cdot (\nu'' + \nu'^2) - e^\nu \cdot \nu'^2 \right] - e^{-\nu} \cdot V_{,\varphi} = 0$$

Boundary conditions:

$$\varphi(\infty) = v \quad \text{the scalar is in the vacuum at } \infty$$

$$\varphi'_S - \frac{24\ell^2}{r_S^3} \varphi_S - r_S V_{,\varphi}(\varphi_S) = 0 \quad \text{regularity at the horizon}$$

# Test field approximation: cases

Scales in the problem  $\mu, \ell, r_S$  ( $\mu = \hbar v$ ).

And extra composite scales:  $r_{\text{cross}} = \left(\frac{\ell r_S}{\mu}\right)^{1/3}$  and  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{\ell r_S}}$ .



the crossover radius, where the scalar-Gauss-Bonnet coupling is of the order of the bare mass term  $\sim \mu^2$ :

$$\mu^2 \sim 2\ell^2 \mathcal{R}_{\text{GB}}^2(r_{\text{cross}})$$

Always assume  $r_{\text{cross}} \gtrsim r_S$ .

Otherwise, the field  $\varphi$  remains in the spontaneously broken phase

$$\begin{cases} \ell \ll r_S & & \text{(Case I)} \\ \ell \gg r_S & \mu \ll \frac{1}{\sqrt{\ell r_S}} & \text{(Case II)} \\ \ell \gg r_S & \mu \gg \frac{1}{\sqrt{\ell r_S}} & \text{(Case III)} \end{cases}$$

# Test field approximation: cases

$l \ll r_S$ : Perturbative regime, expansion in terms of  $l^2$ .

## Case I

$\varphi$  deviates by a small value (including at  $\varphi_S$ ) from the expectation value at infinity  $v$ .

$$\frac{\delta\varphi}{v} \simeq -\frac{10l^2}{r_S r} e^{-\sqrt{2}\mu r}$$

## Case II

$$\varphi = \begin{cases} \text{exponentially close to 0 at small } r \\ \frac{v}{2} \cdot \left(\frac{\sqrt{6}lr_S}{r^2}\right)^{1/4} K_{1/4}\left(\frac{\sqrt{6}lr_S}{r^2}\right) & r_S \ll r \ll \mu^{-1} \\ \text{exponentially close to } v \text{ at large } r \end{cases}$$

Rather similar to the *Case II*, however can be made much steeper.

## Case III

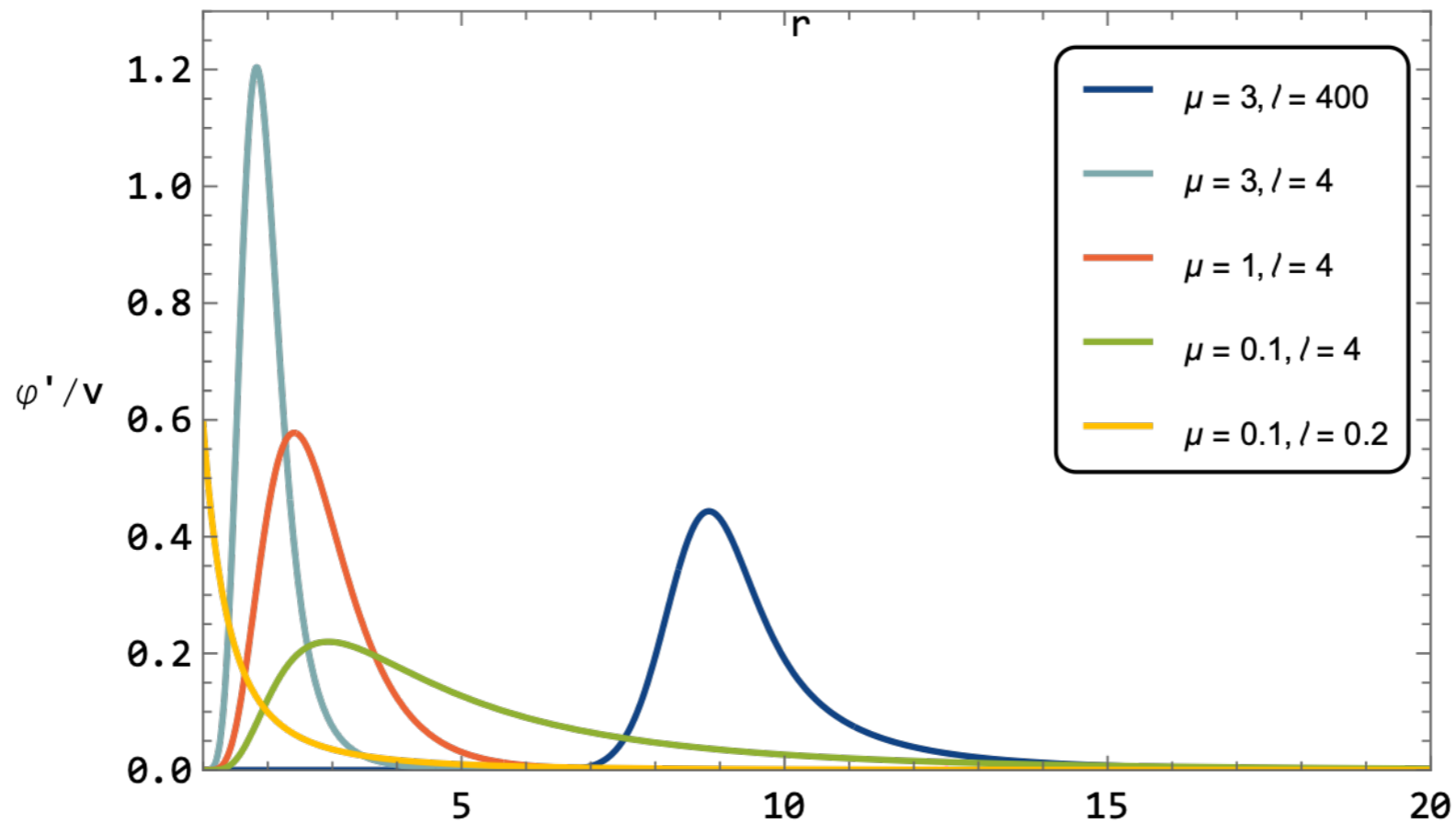
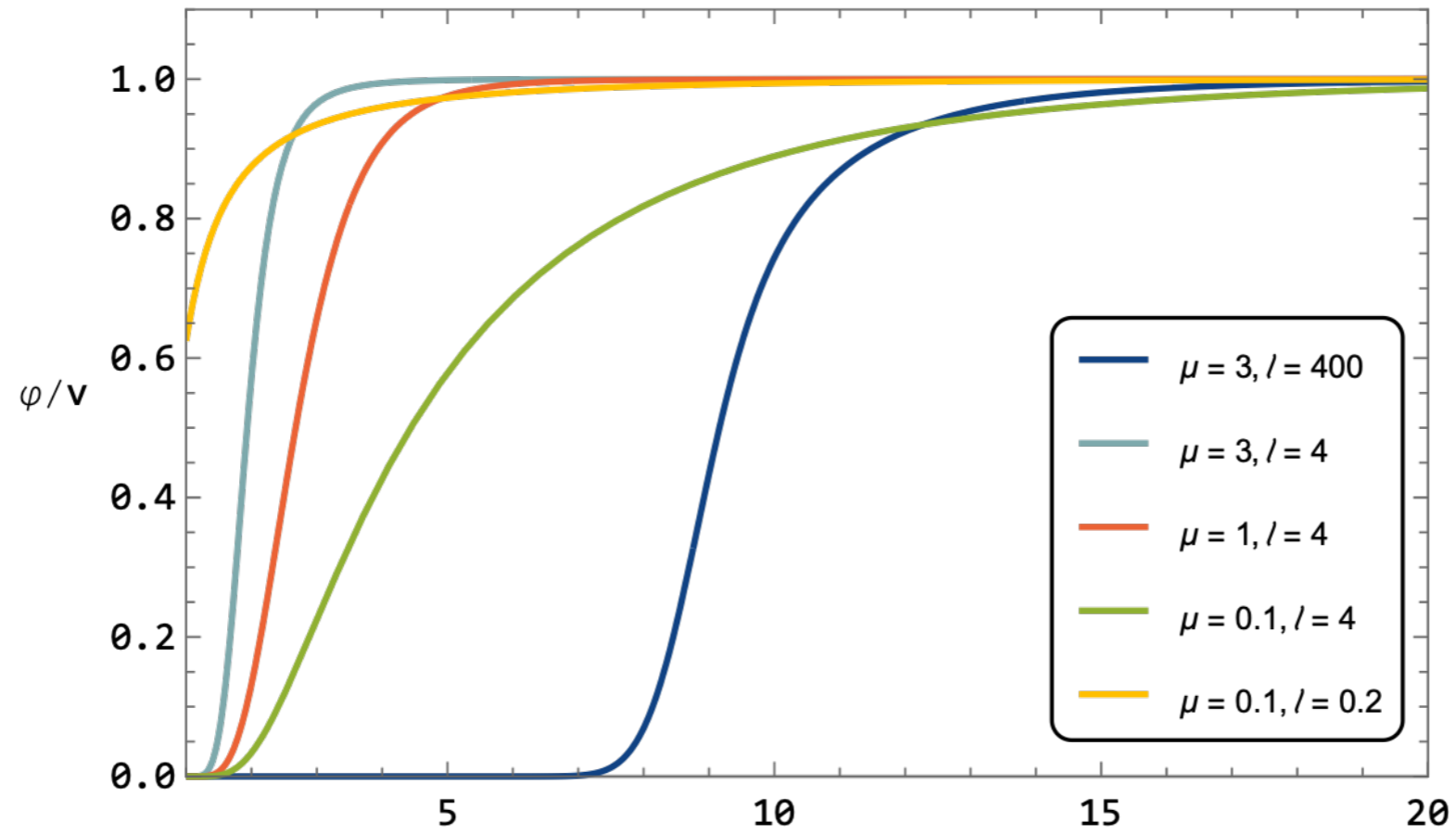
$$r_{\text{wall}} \sim r_{\text{cross}} \sim 1.7 \cdot \left(\frac{lr_S}{\mu}\right)^{1/3}$$

*Position of wall*

$$\delta_{\text{wall}} \sim \frac{(lr_S)^{1/9}}{\mu^{7/9}}$$

*Width of wall*

# Test field approximation: plots



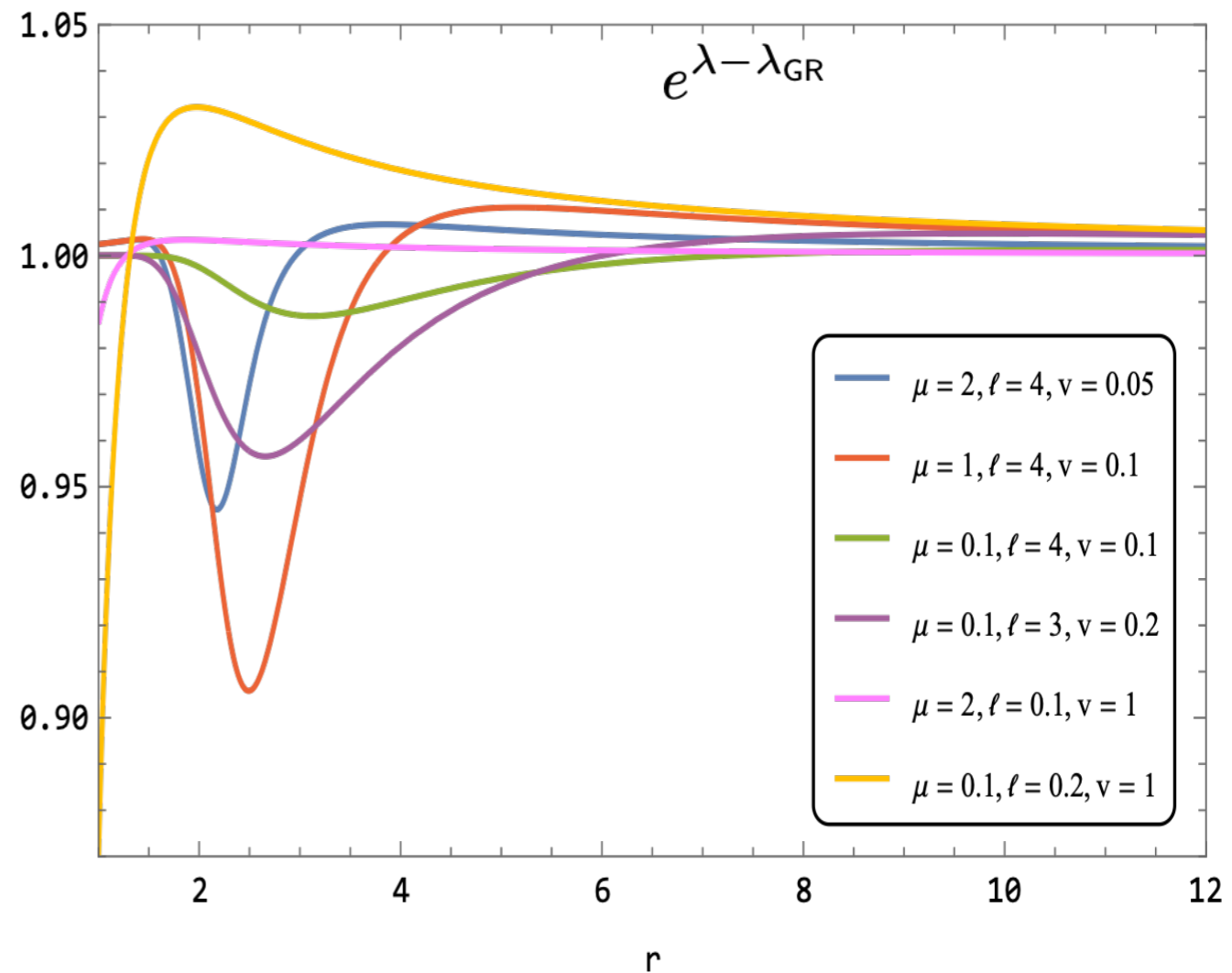
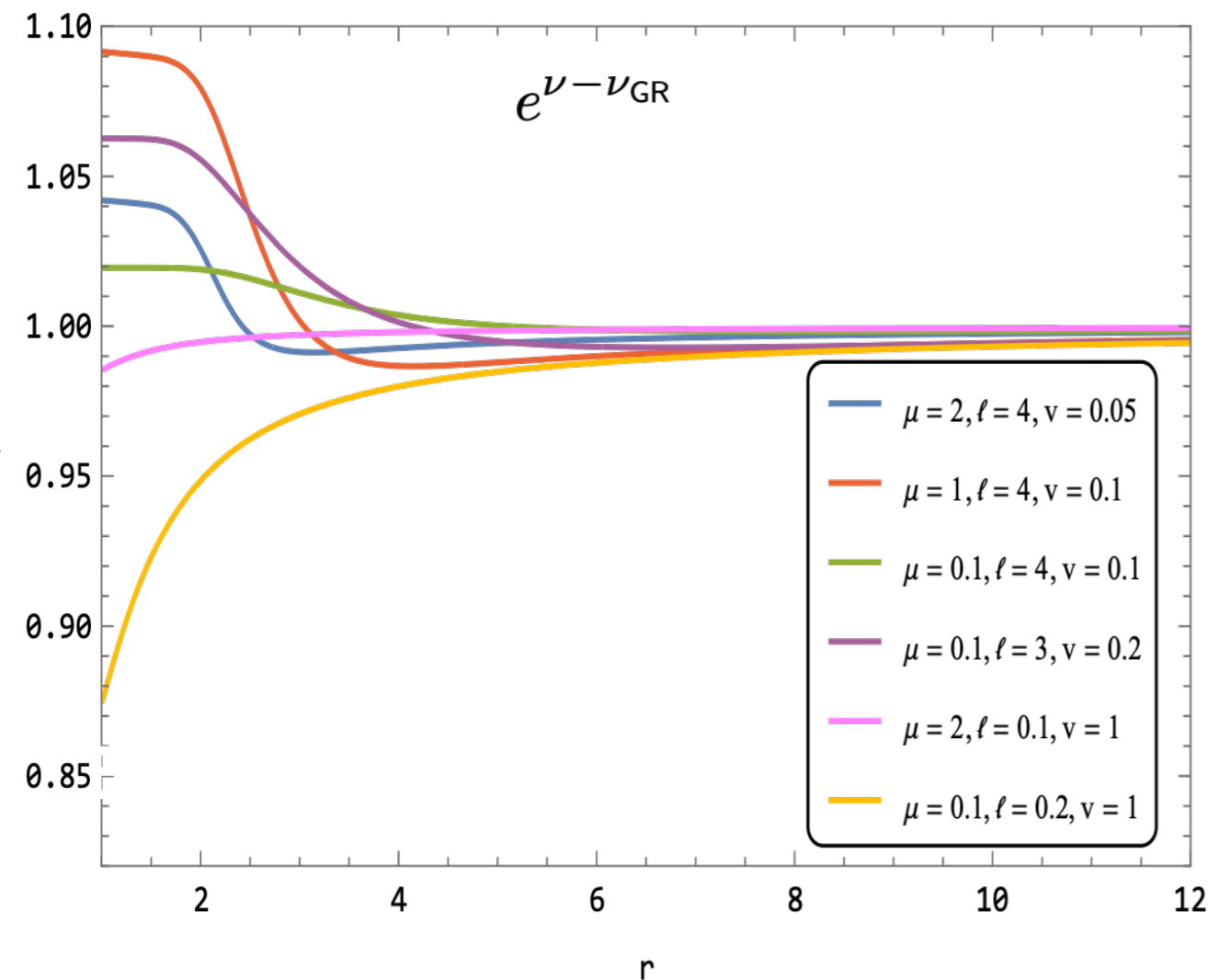
# Full system including backreaction

$$ds^2 = -e^\nu dt^2 + e^\lambda dr^2 + r^2 \cdot (d\theta^2 + \sin^2 \theta d\varphi^2)$$

- Now solve for  $\nu(r)$ ,  $\lambda(r)$  and  $\varphi(r)$ .

-Metric equations  $tt$ ,  $rr$ ,  $\theta\theta$  and the scalar equation. Only 3 equations are independent.

Scalar field profile similar to test field profile





# Full system including backreaction

Condition

$$v \gtrsim \frac{1}{\mu\ell}$$

Otherwise there is a singularity in EOMs.

Reason: when the system of equations is written in a canonical form, the coefficient(s) of higher-order derivative variables are equal to zero at some  $r$ .

$$\left(1 - \frac{128\ell^4\varphi^2\nu'e^{-\lambda} \cdot (1 - e^{-\lambda})}{r^2 \cdot [r + 16\ell^2e^{-\lambda}\varphi\varphi']}\right) \varphi'' + \dots = 0$$



Can become zero for large  $\mu\nu\ell$

# On the speed of gravitational waves

$$|c_T - 1| \lesssim 10^{-15}$$

B. P. Abbott *et al.* [LIGO Scientific, Virgo, Fermi-GBM and INTEGRAL]

Almost all Horndeski (and beyond) are ruled out ?

$$c_T = 1 + 16\ell^2 \frac{H\dot{\varphi}\varphi - \ddot{\varphi}\varphi - \dot{\varphi}^2}{M_{\text{Pl}}^2 - 16\ell^2 H\dot{\varphi}\varphi}$$

$\varphi$  is in the minimum of spontaneously broken phase slowly drifting due to the Gauss-Bonnet coupling:

$$\varphi \approx v \cdot \left( 1 + \frac{\ell^2}{\mu^2} \mathcal{R}_{\text{GB}}^2 \right)$$

For phenomenologically interesting parameters (e.g.  $\ell \sim \mu^{-1} \sim r_S \sim 3 \text{ km}$ ,  $v \sim 0.1 M_{\text{Pl}}$ ):

$$|c_T - 1| \sim 10^{-135}$$

# Instability in early universe, Domain walls

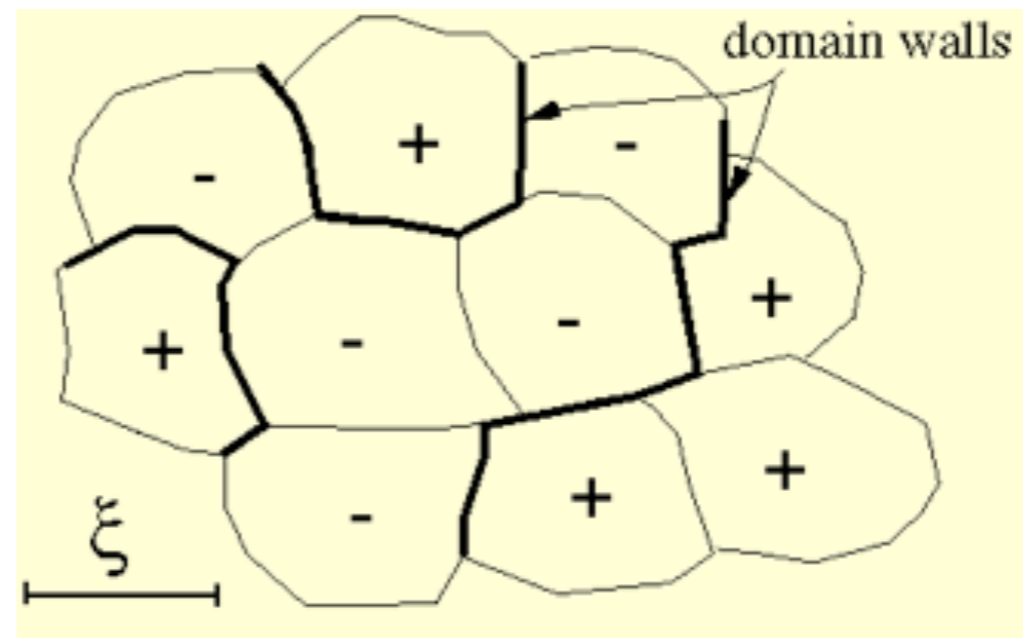
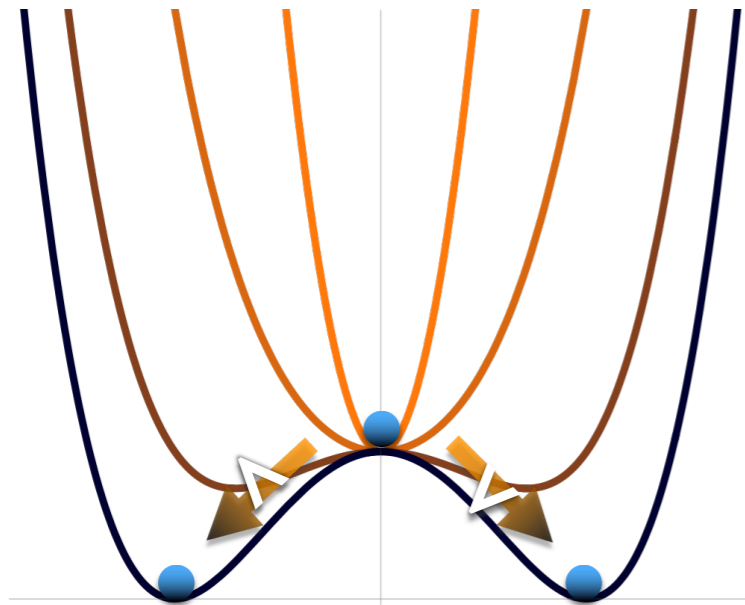
$$\mathcal{R}_{\text{GB}}^2 = 24H^2 \frac{\ddot{a}}{a}$$

In our case  $\ell^2 > 0$ , the instability develops in the decelerating Universe.

Instability may still take place during the radiation-dominated stage and preheating. We require that  $\varphi$ , strongly decaying during inflation, does not experience a significant growth at preheating  $\Rightarrow$

$$T_{\text{reh}} \lesssim 3 \text{ GeV}$$

The symmetry breaks after inflation: domain walls?



a small explicit breaking of  $Z_2$ -symmetry  $\Rightarrow$  domain walls disappear.

**Solar system tests are OK**

# Conclusion and outlook

- ❖ Static black hole solutions in a model with Higgs-like potential and a non-minimal coupling to the Gauss-Bonnet invariant.
- ❖ Compared to the previous studies we have the spontaneous breaking of  $Z_2$ -symmetry: non-zero vacuum expectation value.
- ❖ For a range of parameters,  $Z_2$ -symmetry broken at infinity is restored near the BH, where the scalar is almost at zero. A black hole is surrounded by a scalar wall that separates two regions with broken and unbroken  $Z_2$  symmetry.
- ❖ Stability of black hole solutions
- ❖ Neutron stars and rotating black holes in this model
- ❖ Quasinormal modes?
- ❖ Singularity in the equation? Look for other solutions?