

# Vainshtein mechanism in a cosmological background in the most general second-order scalar-tensor theory

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General relativity

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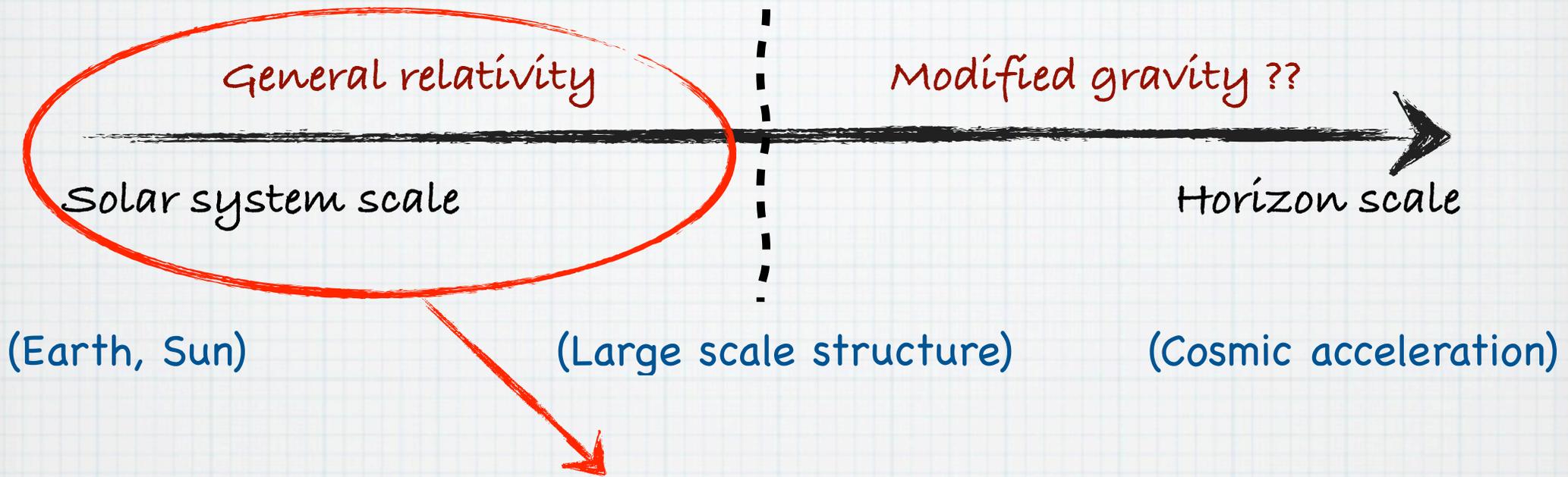
(Earth, Sun)

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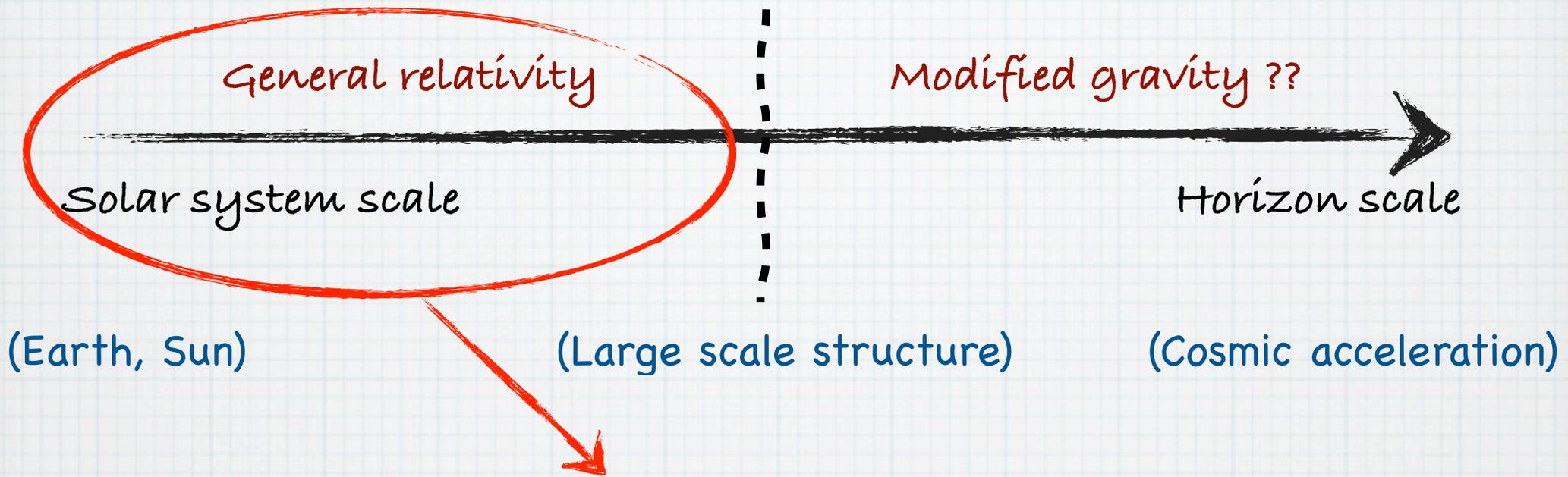


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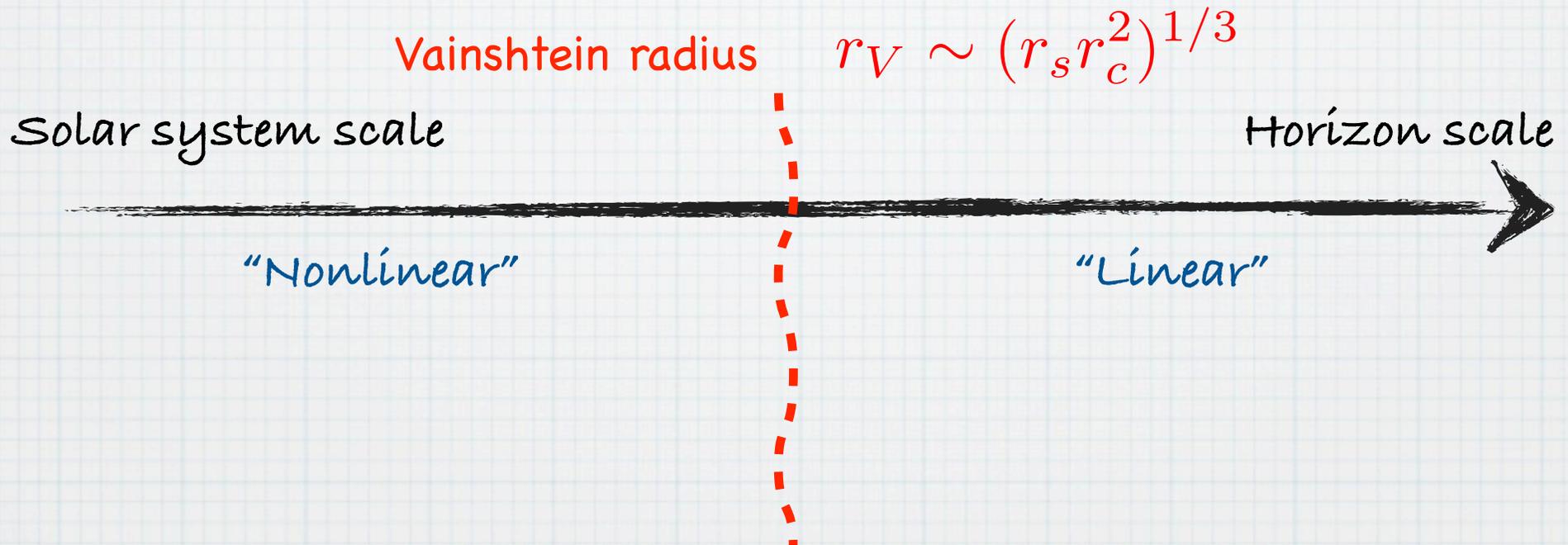
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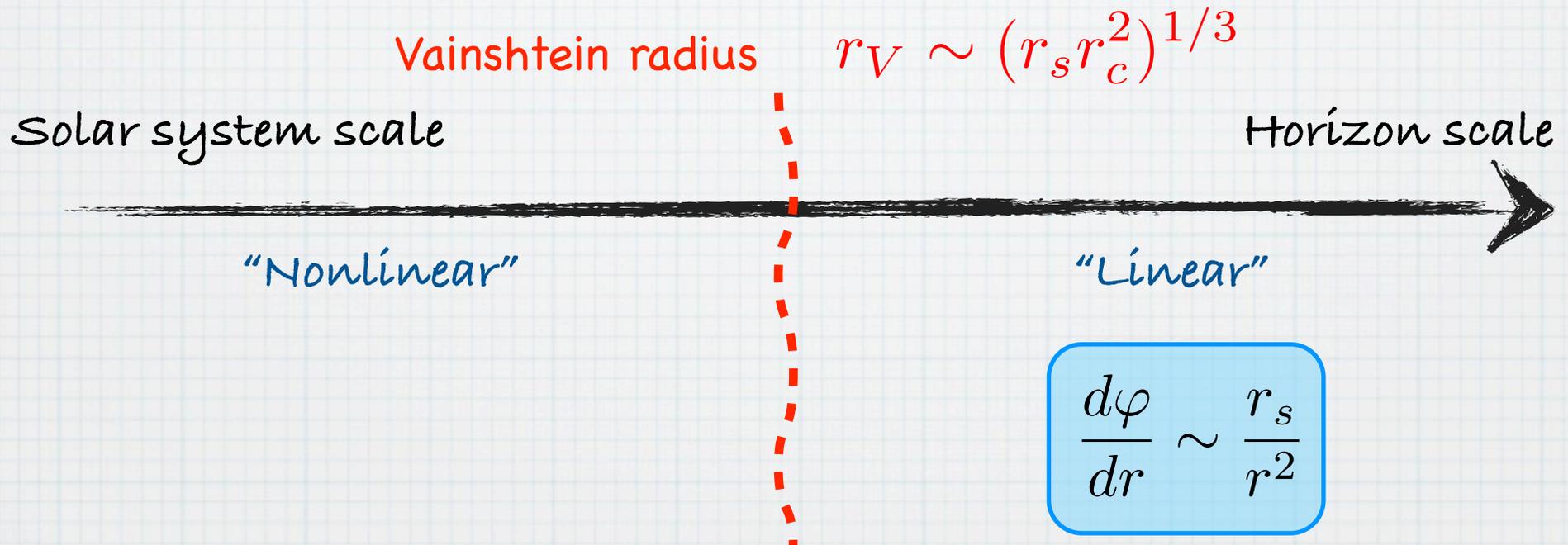
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Vainshtein radius

$$r_V \sim (r_s r_c^2)^{1/3}$$

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$$\frac{d\phi}{dr} \sim \frac{r_s}{r^2} \left( \frac{r}{r_V} \right)^{3/2} \ll \frac{r_s}{r^2}$$

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(Germani et al. 2011;  
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Does Vainshtein mechanism work  
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in a cosmological background???

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Picking up the terms like

$$\partial^2 \epsilon, (\partial^2 \epsilon)^2, (\partial^2 \epsilon)^3, (\partial^2 \epsilon)^4, \delta$$

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$$\mathcal{F}_T \equiv 2 \left[ G_4 - X \left( \ddot{\phi} G_{5X} + G_{5\phi} \right) \right],$$

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✓ The propagation speed of the gravitational waves

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✓ Kinetic gravity braiding (with non-minimal coupling) (Deffayet et al. 2010)

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(Will 2005)

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