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# Relation of observables and the internal physics of neutron stars under $F(R)$ gravity

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Based on PRD 107 104019 (2023), and on-going works.

# Problems of GR and Modified Gravity



Present universe model with GR & SM matters has several problems in wide range of energy-scale.

⇒ GR can be effective theory. **More accurate gravity theory** can be exist.

⇒ **Modified Gravity**

# $F(R)$ Gravity theory

## Metric Description

**Action:**  $S_F = \frac{1}{2\kappa^2} \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} F(R)$

**EOM:**  $F_R(R)R_{\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{2}F(R)g_{\mu\nu} - [\nabla_\mu \nabla_\nu - g_{\mu\nu} \square] F_R(R) = \kappa^2 T_{\mu\nu}$

Auxiliary equation:  $F_R(R)R - 2F(R) + 3\square F_R(R) = \kappa^2 T$

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$\square \Phi = \frac{1}{3} [\Phi V'(\Phi) - 2V(\Phi) + \kappa^2 T]$

$\Phi \equiv F_R(R) (> 0)$   
 $V(\Phi) \equiv R(\Phi)\Phi - F(\Phi)$

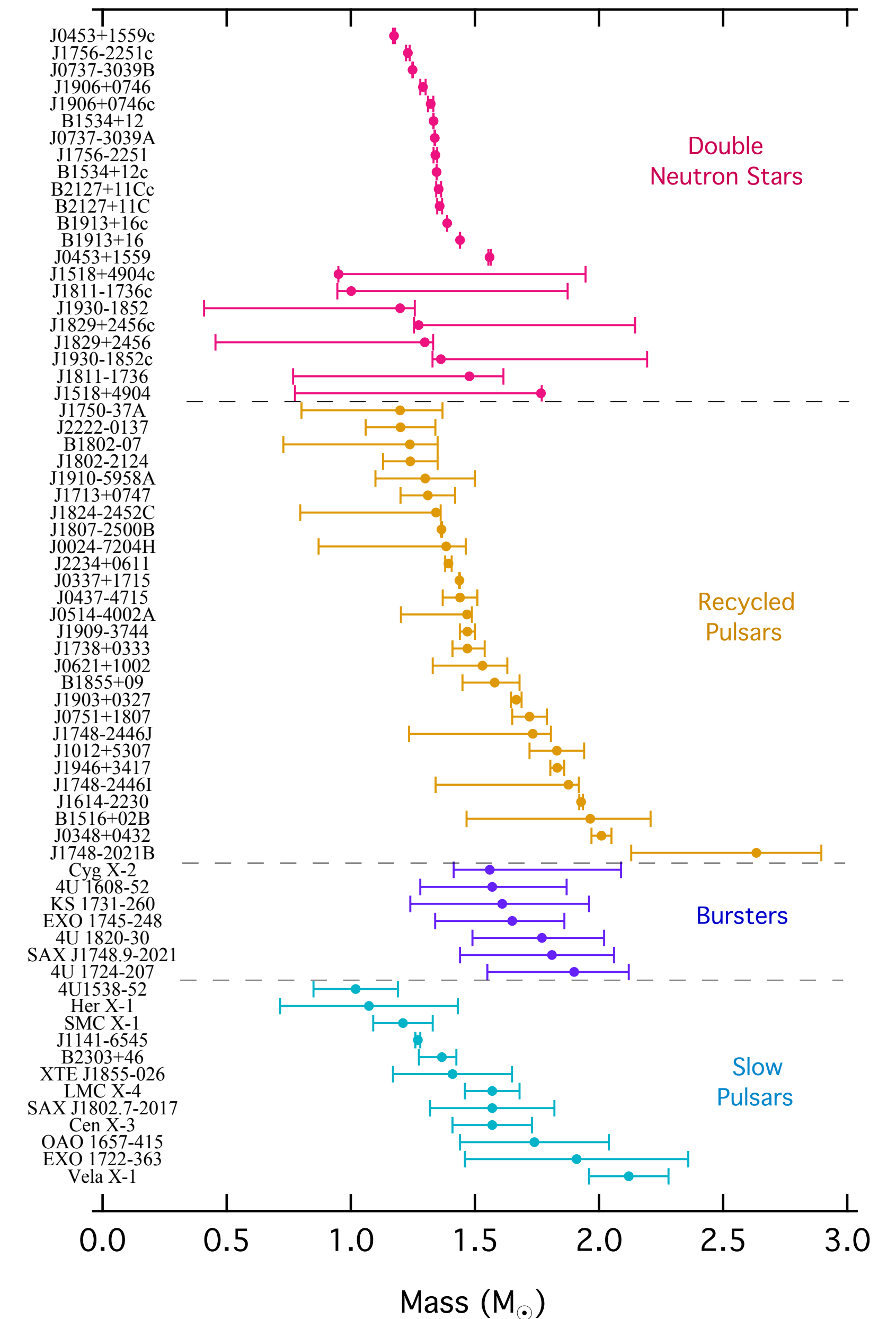
- DOF: 2+1**  $\longrightarrow$  • **Dark energy** [S. Capozziello, 2002], [S. M. Carroll+, 2004], etc...  
 • **Dark matter** [S. Nojiri+, 2008], [T. Katsuragawa+, 2017], etc...

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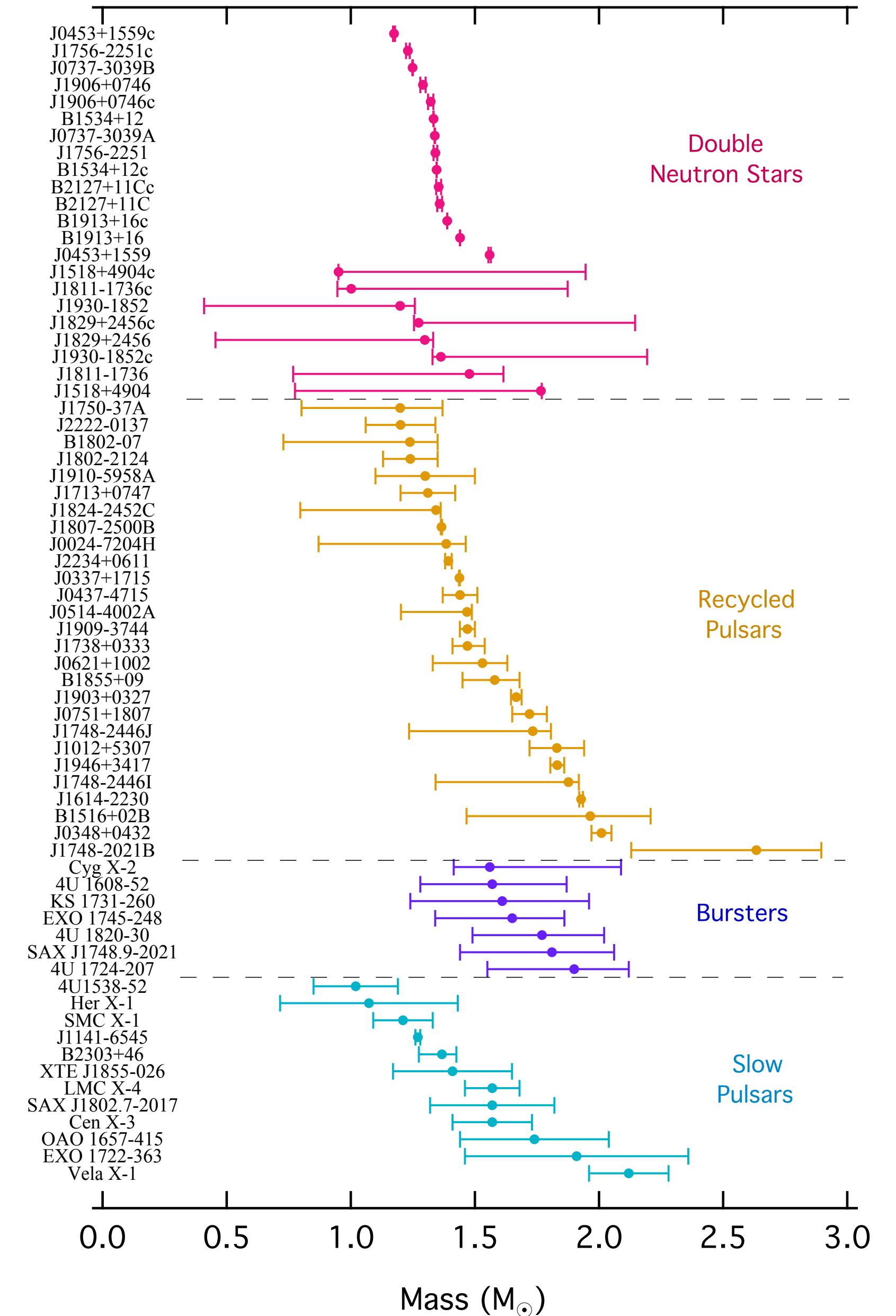
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From theoretical point of view

- ▶ **Background:** TOV problem ↔ M-R relation
- ▶ (Static) perturbation: Tidal deformation ↔ Love number
- ▶ Time evolution: Thermal evolution ↔ Surface temp.

**How does additional DOF affect NS physics & observables?**  
(internal behavior? scalar-hair?)



# $R^2$ Model as Massive Scalar Case

[A. A. Starobinsky, 1980] etc..

Model

$$F(R) = R + \alpha R^2$$

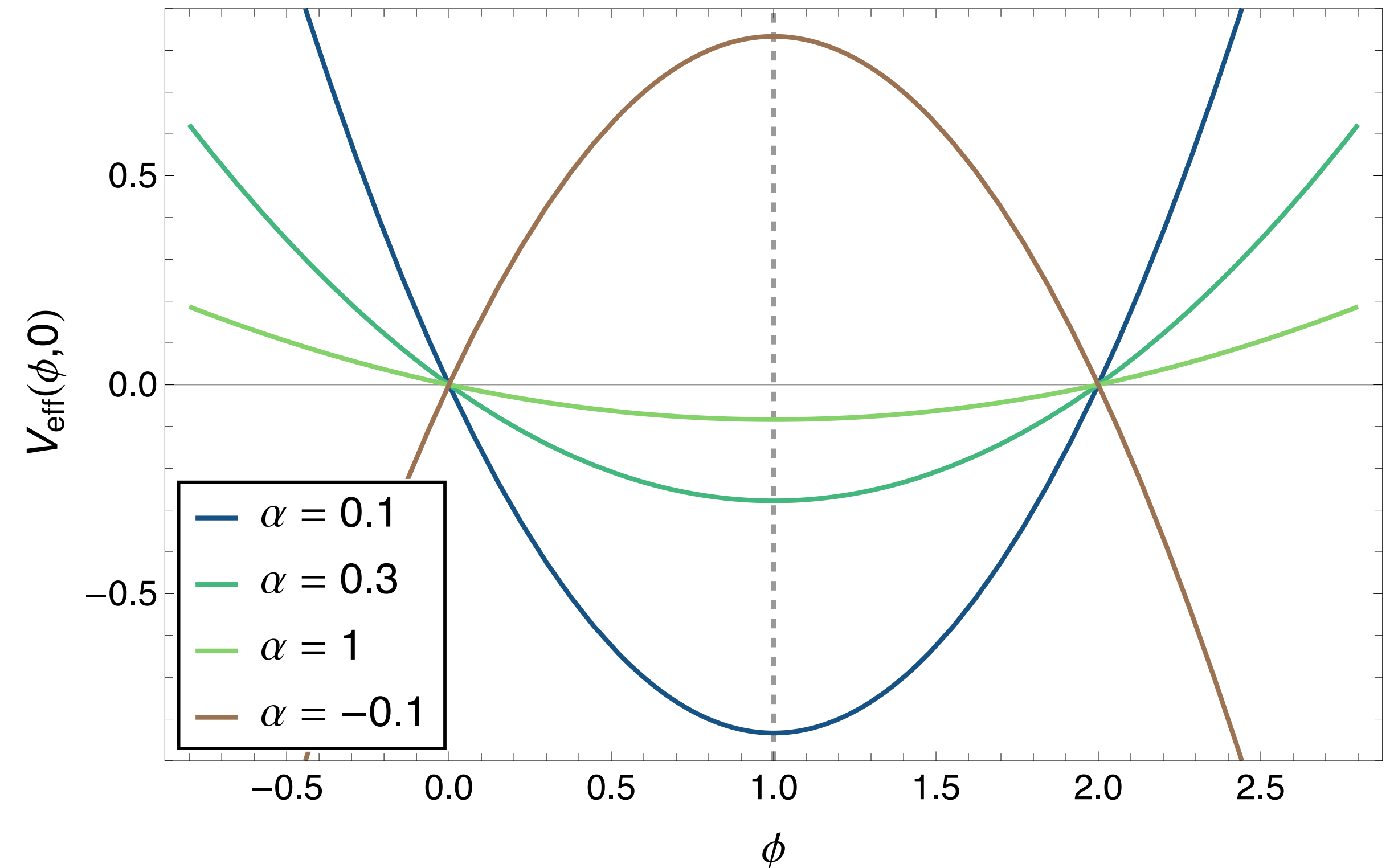
Minimal modification for high curvature regime

**Chameleon potential** (effective potential of scalar):

$$V_{\text{eff}}(\Phi, T) = \frac{1}{12\alpha}(\Phi - \Phi_{\text{min}})^2 - \frac{\Phi_{\text{min}}^2}{12\alpha} \quad \Phi_{\text{min}} = 1 - 2\kappa^2 \alpha T$$

**Chameleon mass** (effective mass):  $m_{\Phi} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{6\alpha}}$ ,

⇒ **Scalar behaves as a massive particle everywhere.**



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## Our aim

**Revisit TOV problem in  $R^2$  gravity, paying attention on**

- **Asymptotic behaviors of solutions**
- **Scalar = curvature profile inside the star**



# Proper Boundary Conditions in $R^2$ Model

## Assumption

Static, spherical symmetric, and asymptotically flat

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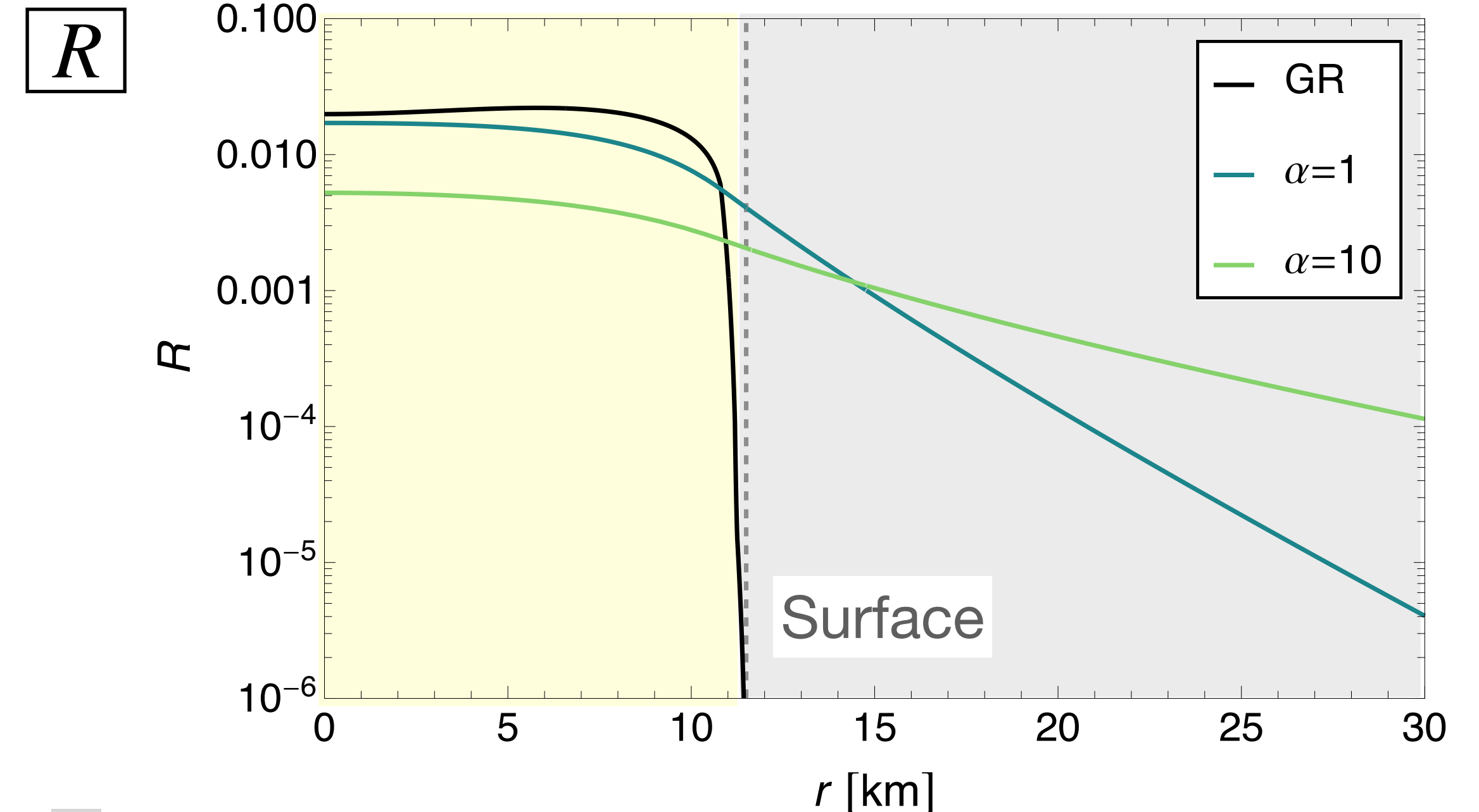
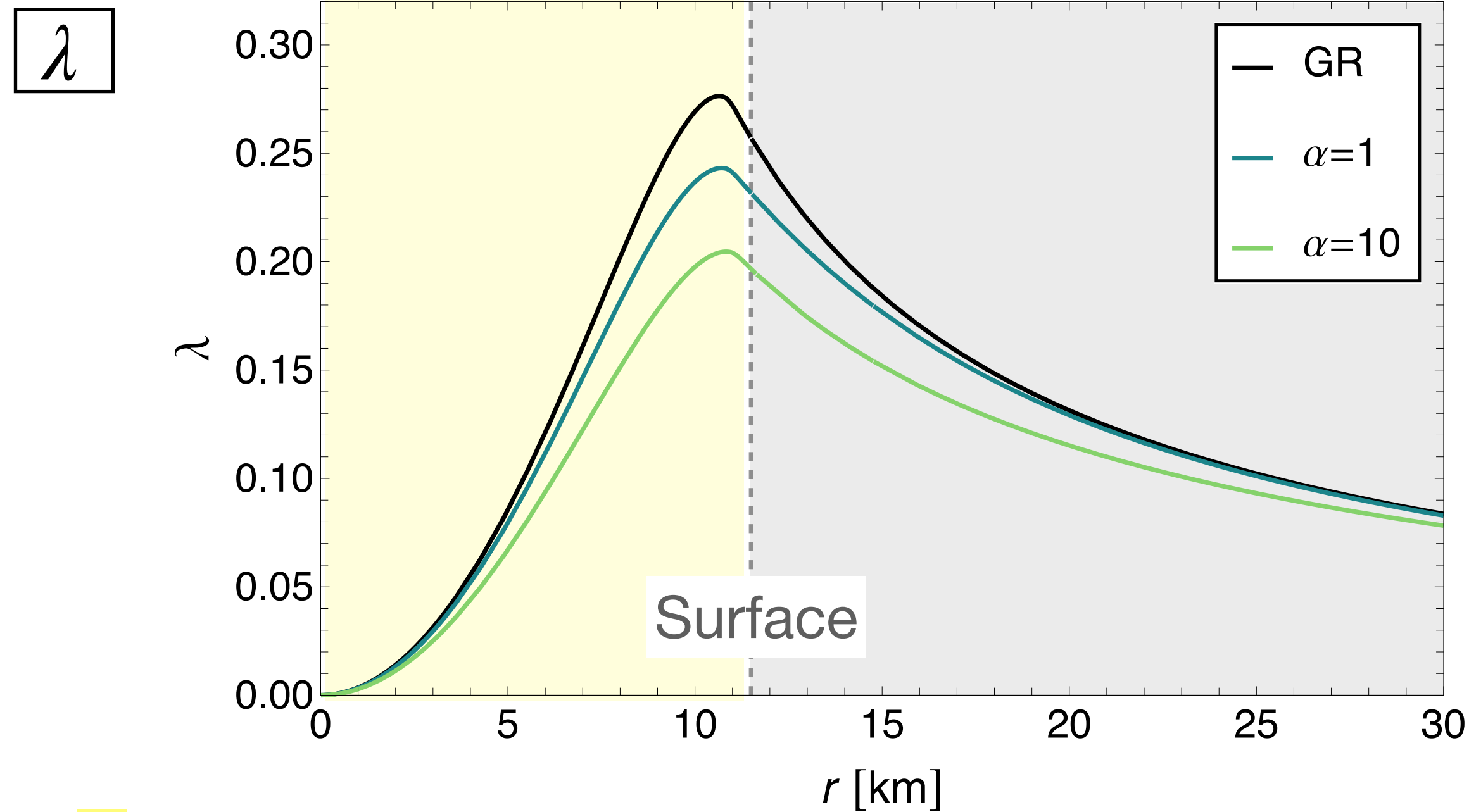
$\Rightarrow$  For distant vacuum region ( $r \gg \alpha^{-1/2}$ )  $\Phi \sim \underbrace{1}_{\text{GR}} + \underbrace{\frac{C}{r} e^{-m_\Phi r}}_{\text{Modification effect: exponentially decreasing}}$

$\rightarrow$  **Asymptotic Schwarzschild**

# Results of $R^2$ case: Geometry

[A. V. Astashenok+, 2018]

[K. Numajiri+, 2022]



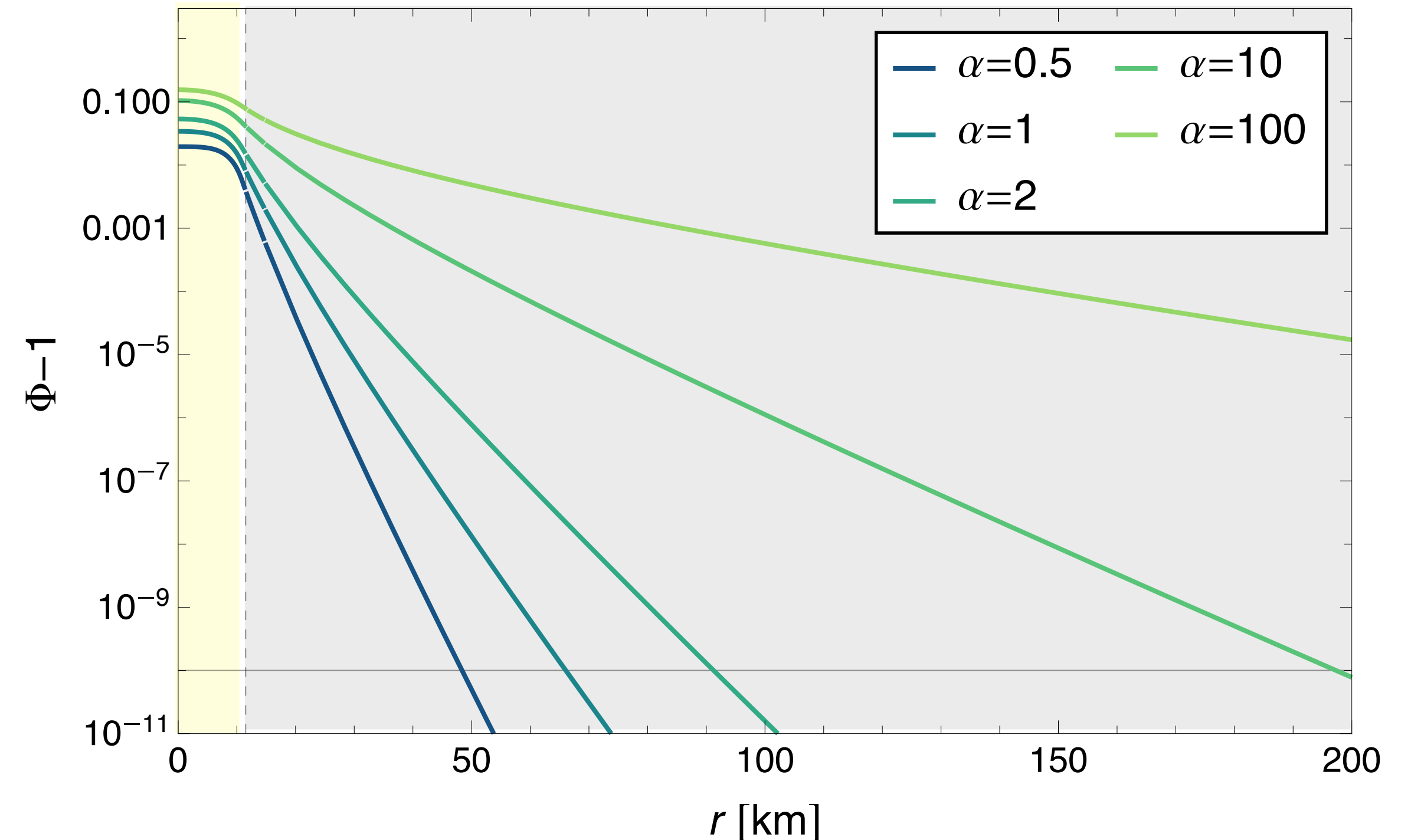
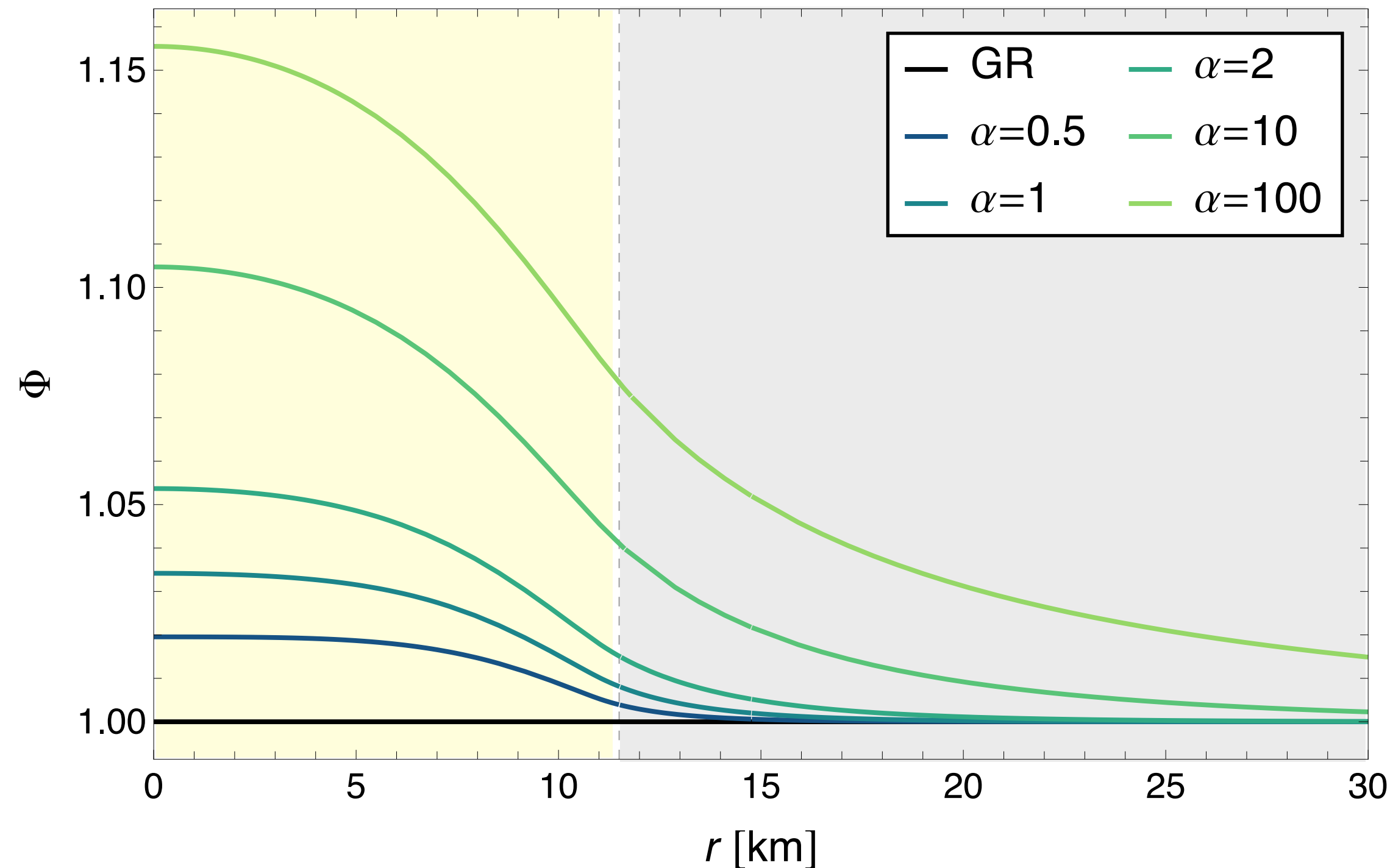
## Interior:

- ▶ Metric:  
**Largely deviates around the surface**
- ▶ Curvature  
Largely deviate for large  $\alpha$

## Exterior:

- ▶ Metric:  
Coincides with Sch. as distant from surface
- ▶ Curvature  
Exponentially decreasing (**scalar-hair**)

# Results of $R^2$ case: Scalar Distribution

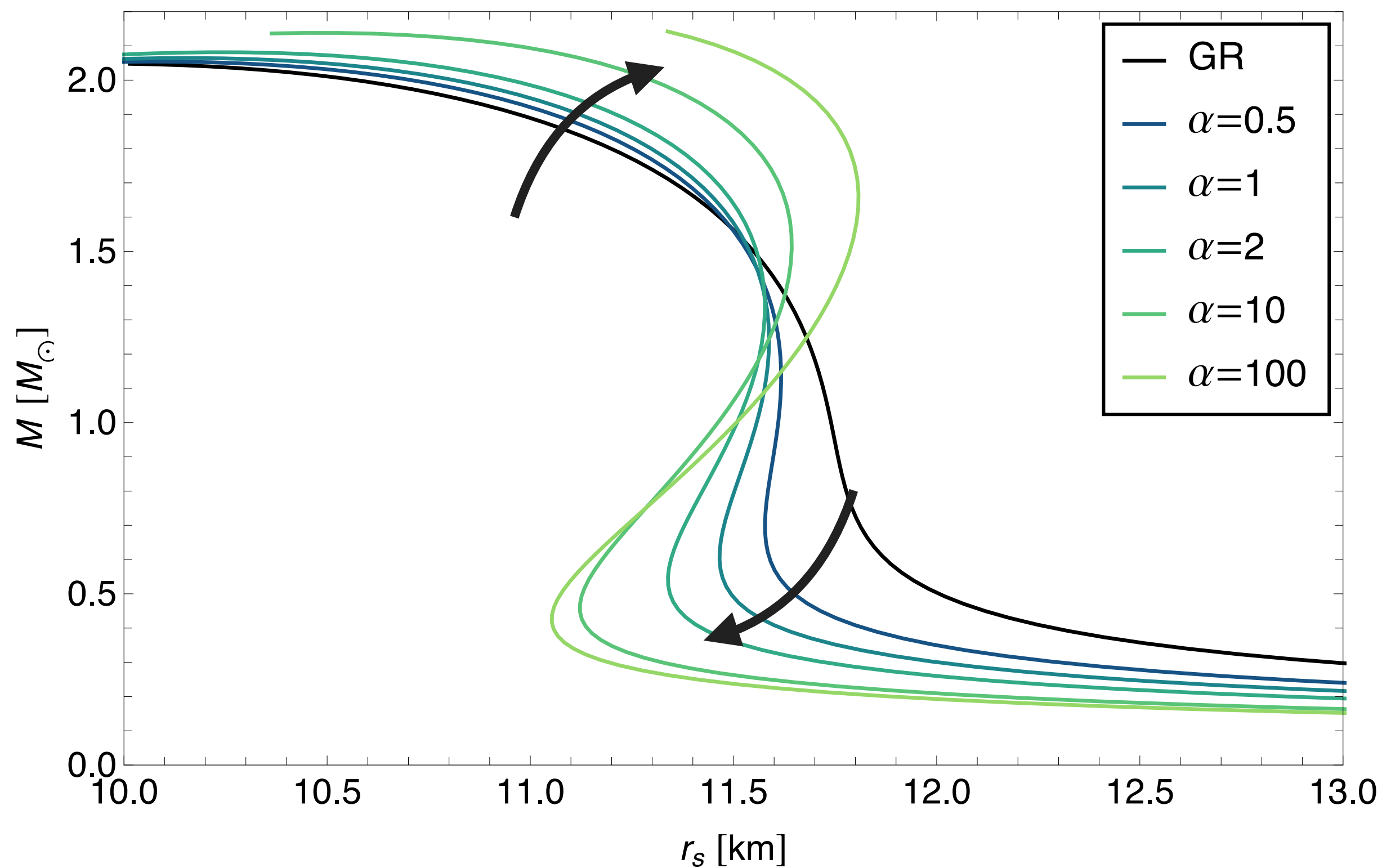


- ▶ Takes non-trivial value (particularly around **the center**)
- ▶ **Not necessarily decrease monotonically** (depending on central energy density)

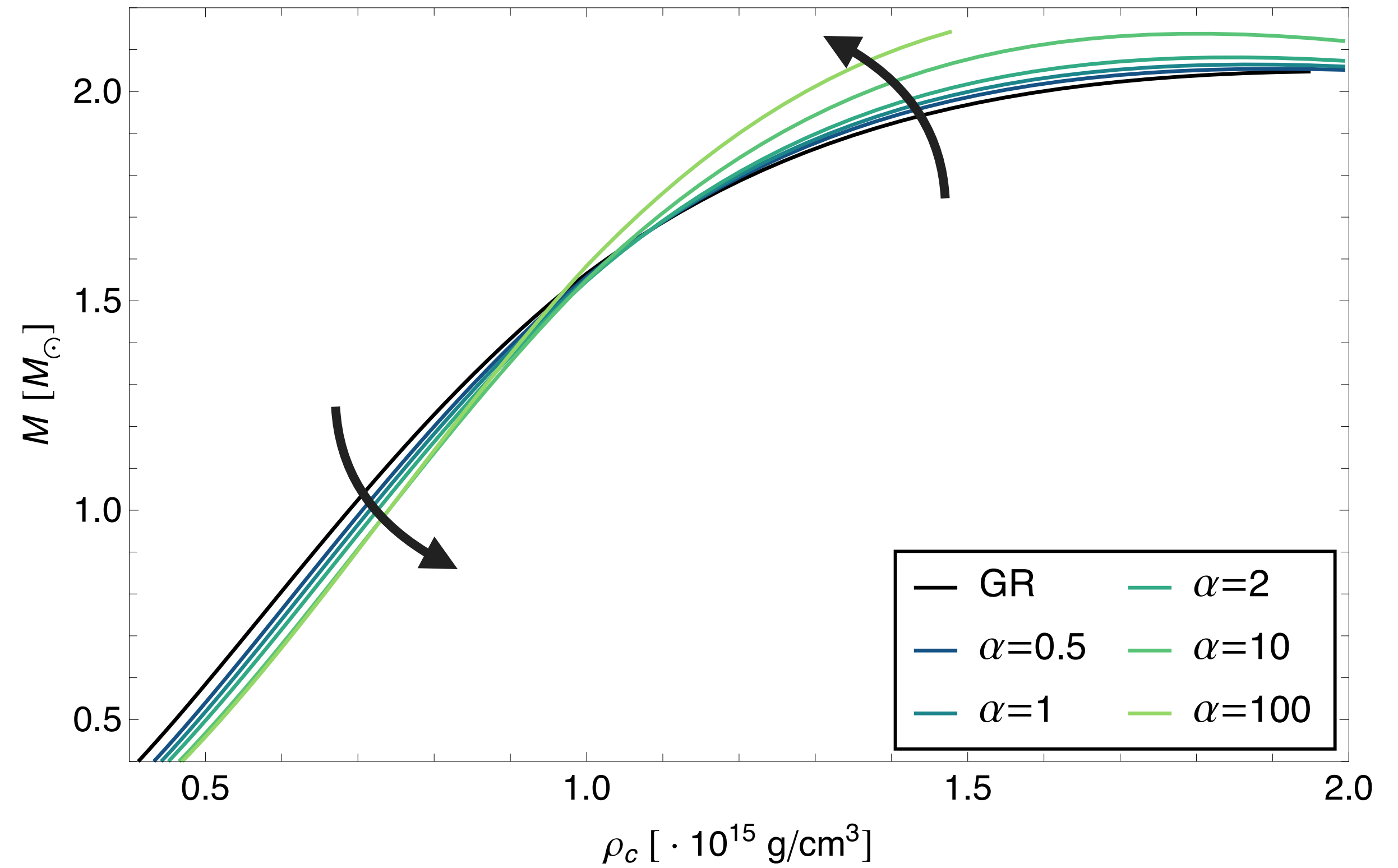
- ▶ Exponentially decreasing scalar-hair  
Hair radius  $\propto$  Compton length of scalar

# Results of $R^2$ case: M-R Relation

Mass vs Radius



Mass vs Central energy density



**The mass curve “rotates” as  $\alpha$  increases.**

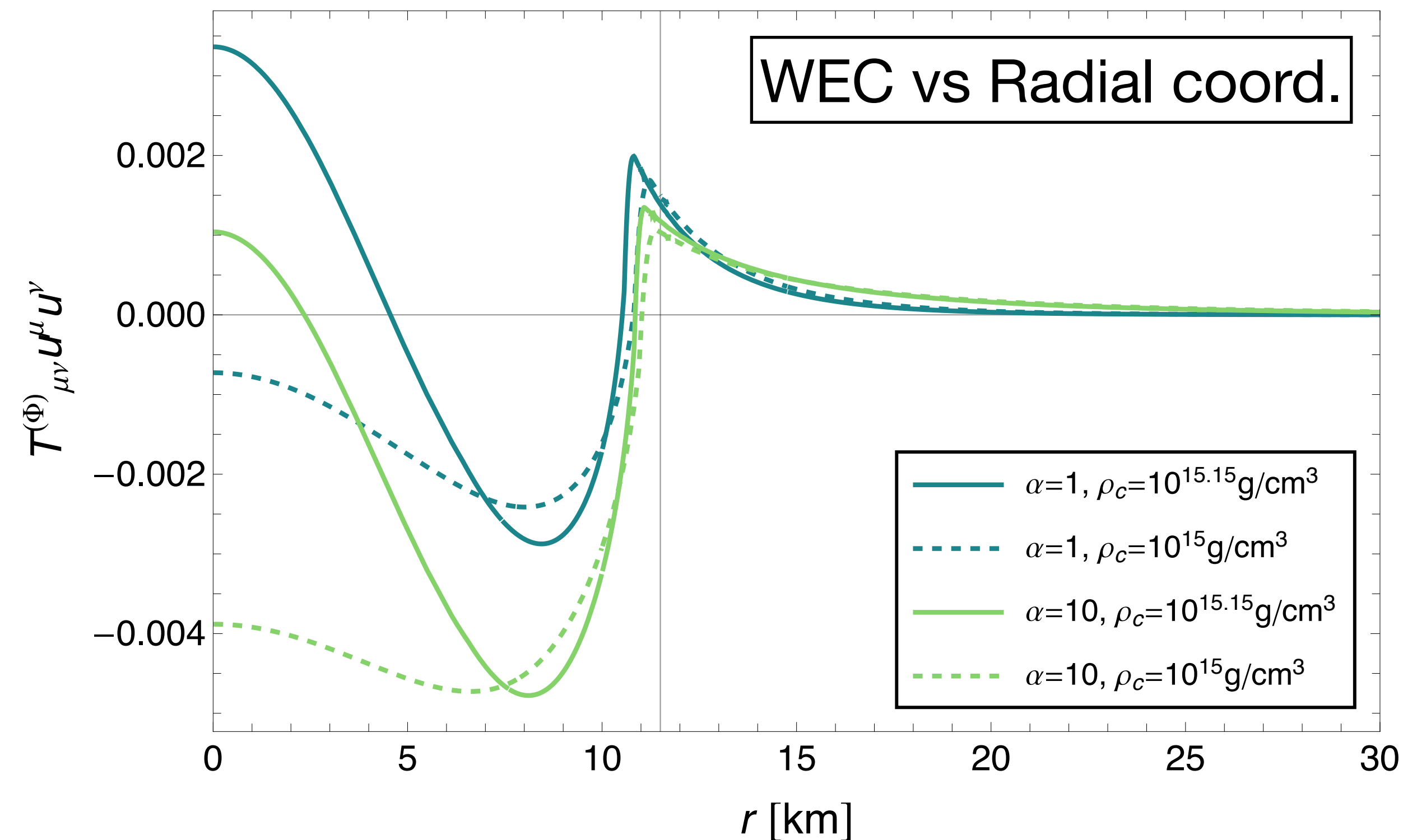
Consistent with [A. V. Astashenok+, 2018] etc...

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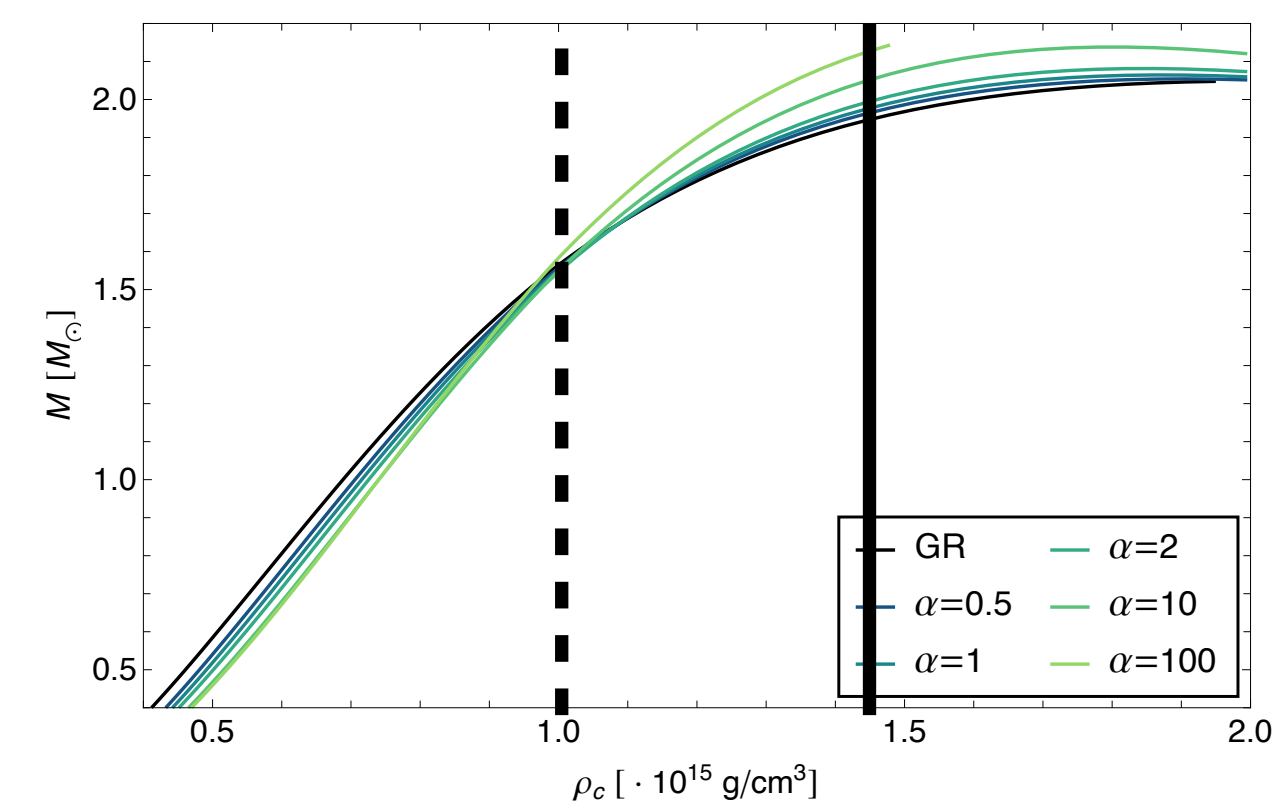
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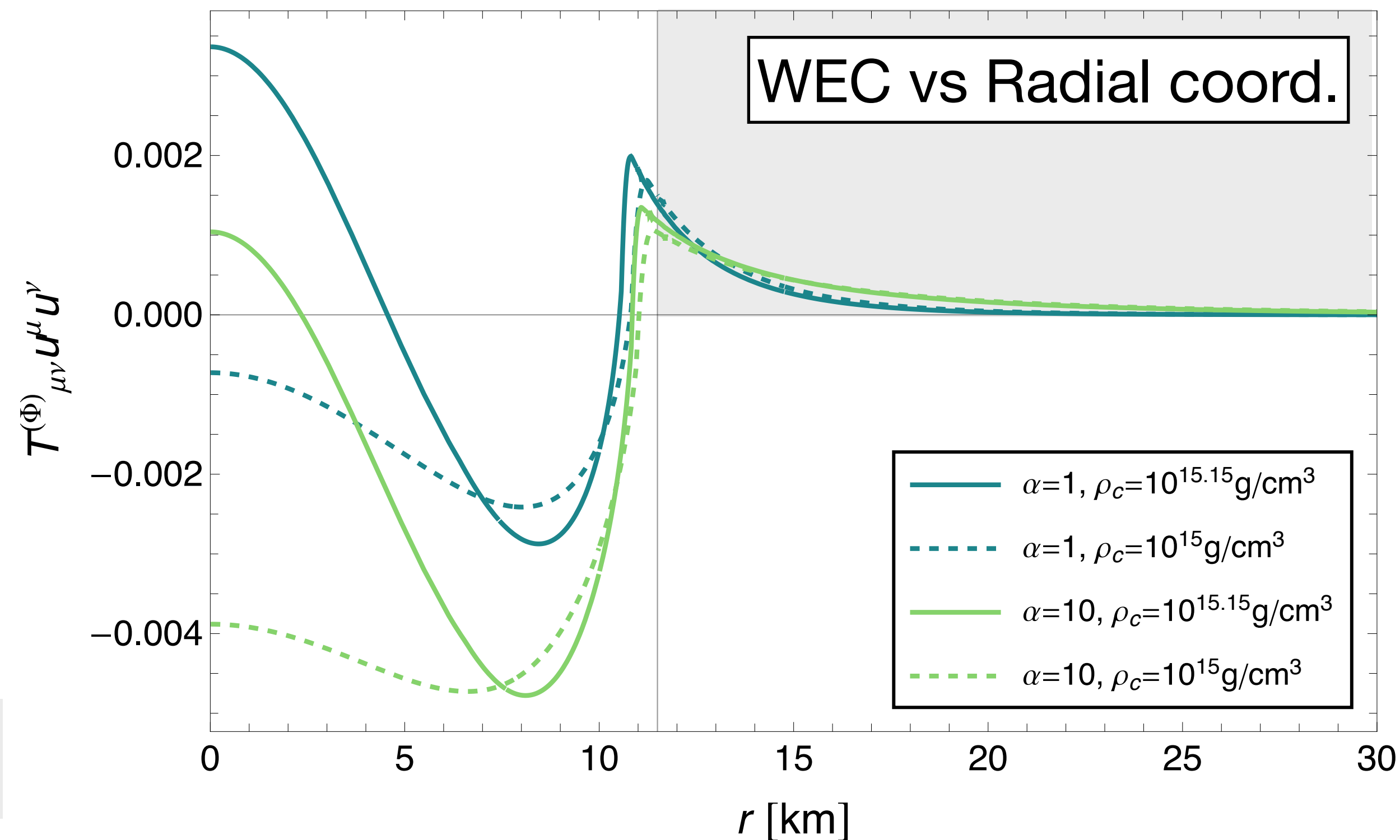
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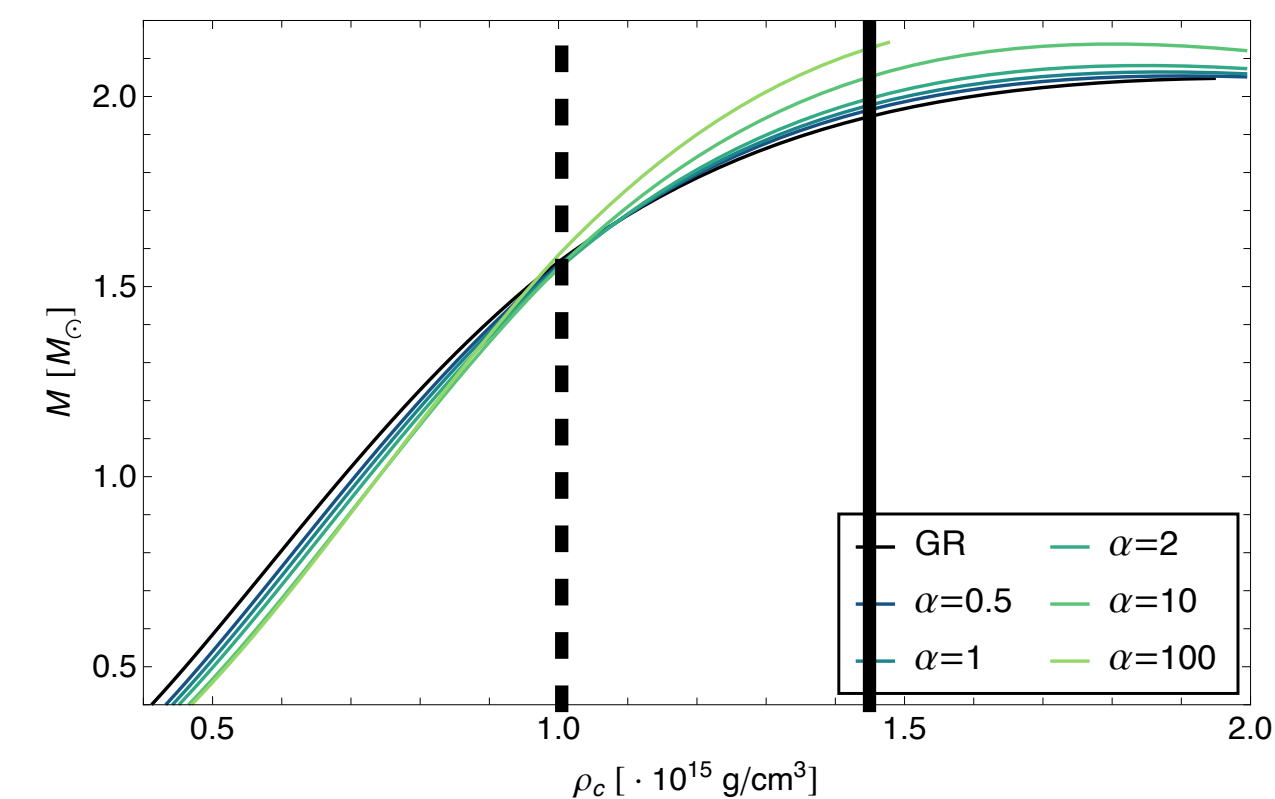
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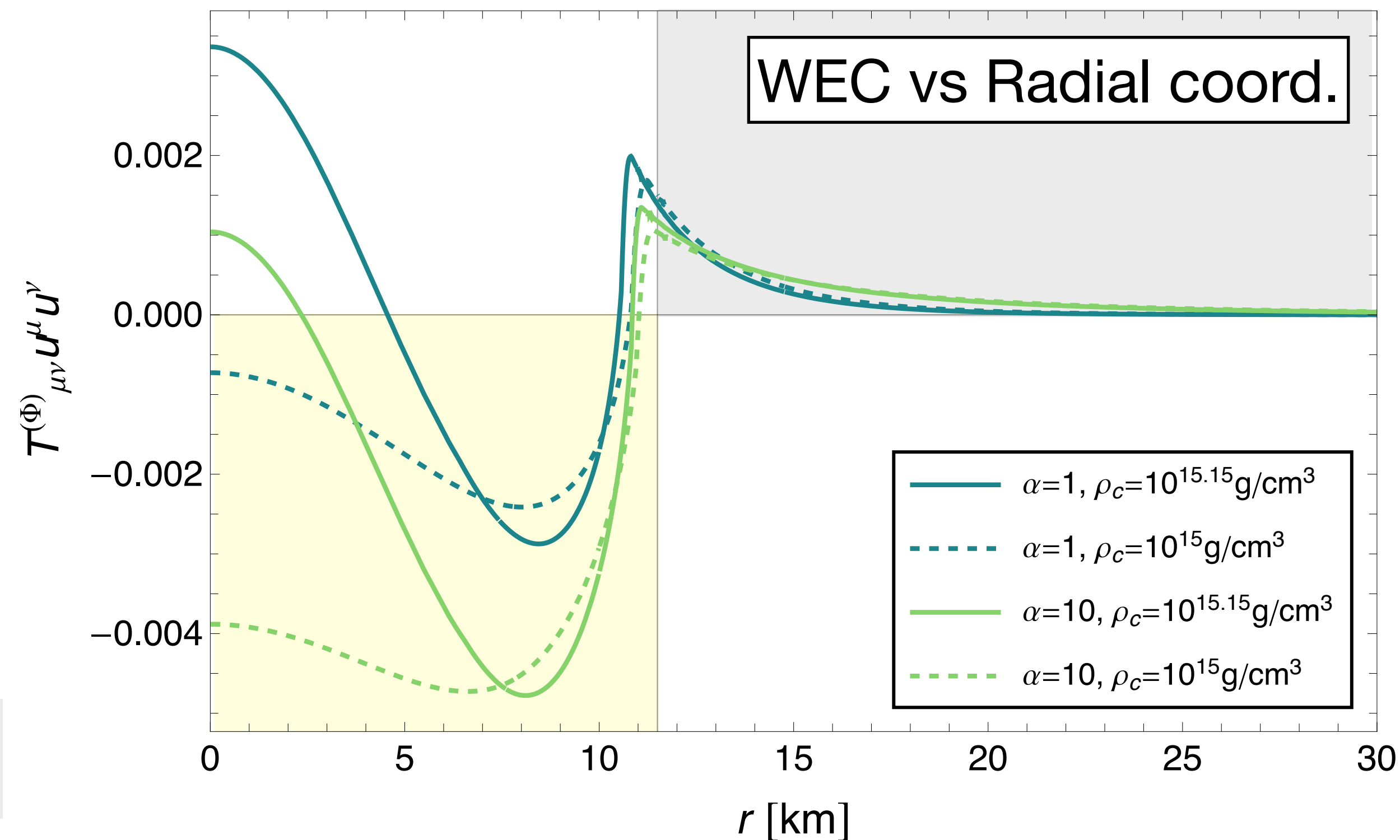
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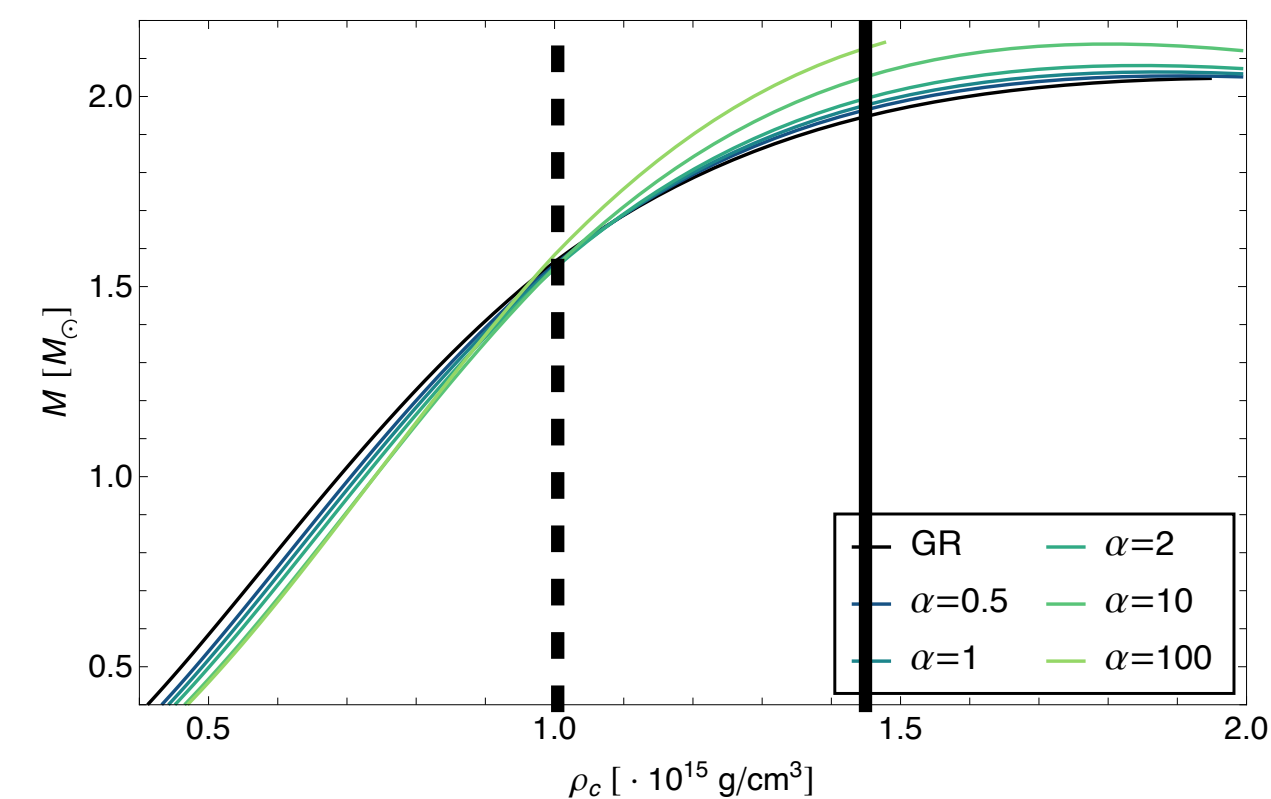
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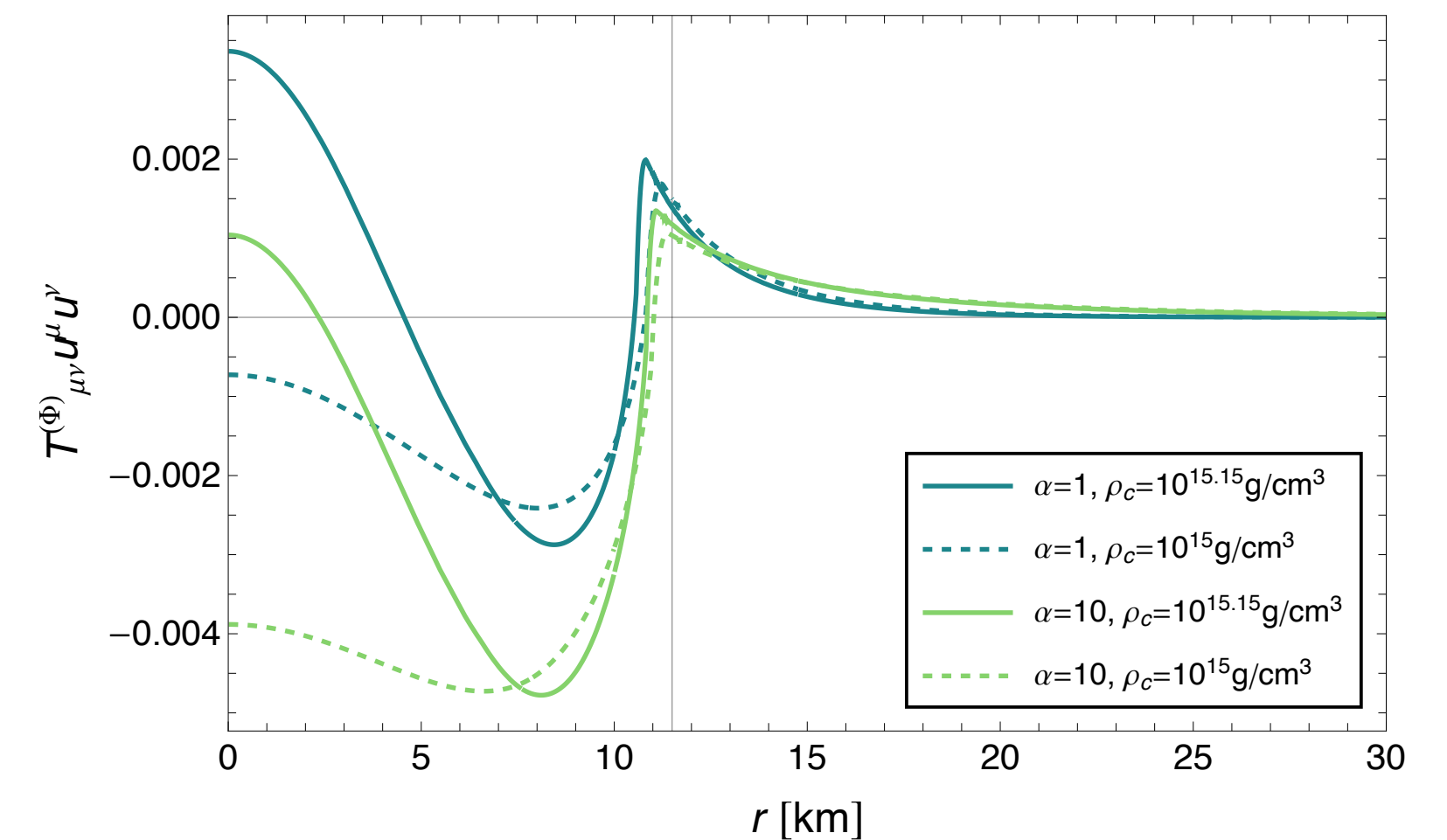
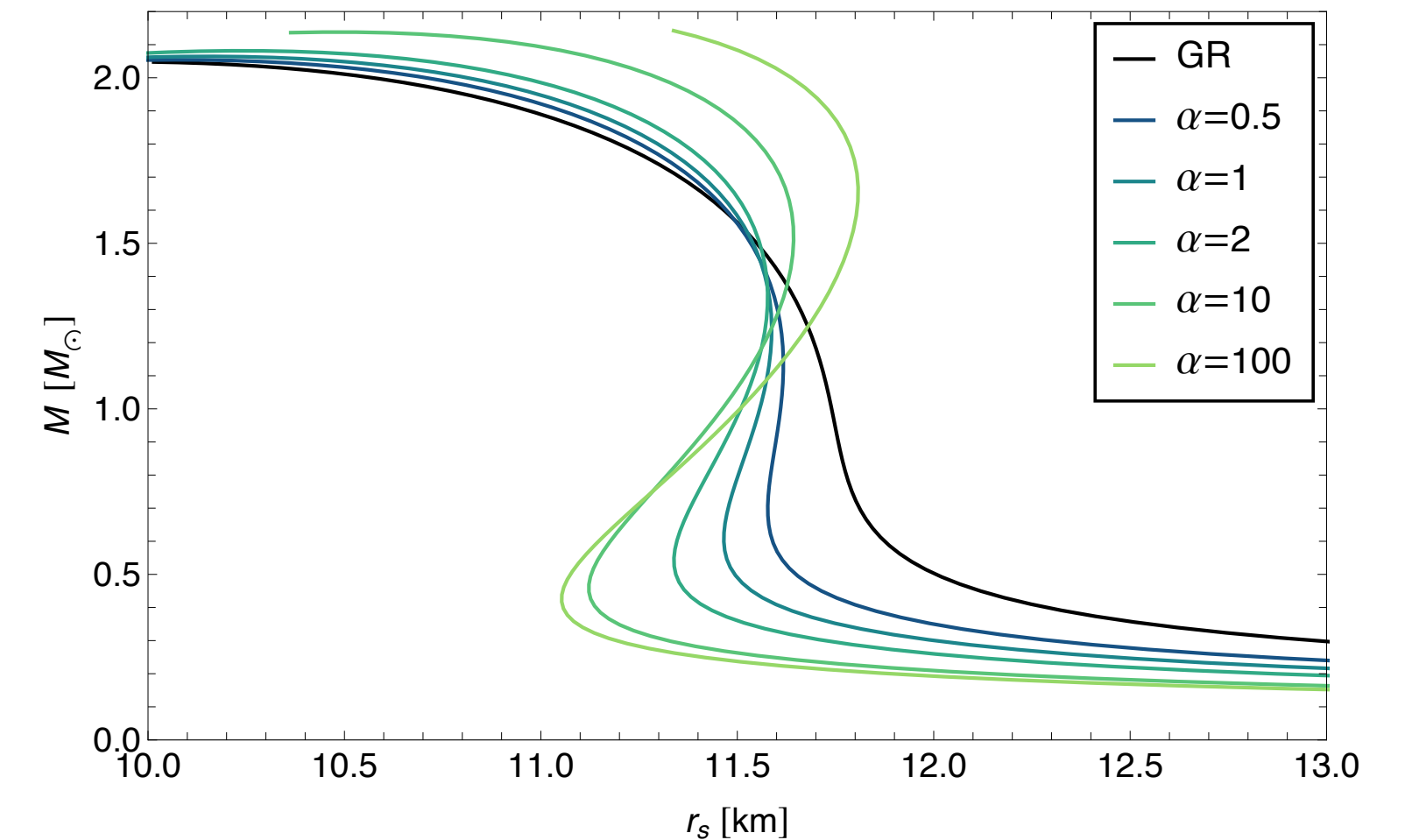


# Summary

- ▶ We revisit the TOV problem in  $R^2$  gravity enlightening the behavior of the additional scalar field.
- ▶ Stars gain mass for high central energy density region, while losing mass for low energy region.
- ▶ The scalar field becomes quintessential for interior region, while it satisfies all energy-condition at exterior. This effect is significant for lower  $\rho_c$  solutions.

## Future works

- ▶ Scalar effect on tidal deformation (Behavior around core or surface? Which is responsible?)
- ▶ Scalar effect on thermal evolution



# B-Slides

# Relation of B.C. and $F(R)$ Model

[K. Numajiri+, 2021]

**Interior:** hydrostatic sol.

EOS: Polytropic  $p = K\rho^{1+\frac{1}{n}}$  ( $0.5 \leq n \leq 1$ )

Pressure profile (around surface):

$$p(r) \sim p_0 \left(1 - \frac{r}{r_s}\right)^m \left[1 + p_1 \left(1 - \frac{r}{r_s}\right) + \dots\right]$$

$m$ : constant,  $r_s$ : surface radius

**Exterior:** Schwarzschild sol.

To be Matched

**Reconstructed  $F(R)$ :**  $F(R) = R + aR^{1+\beta}$  ( $0 < \beta < 1$ )

↔  
Contraposition

**Non-trivial exterior geometry would be realized for other  $F(R)$  models.**

# System and Equations

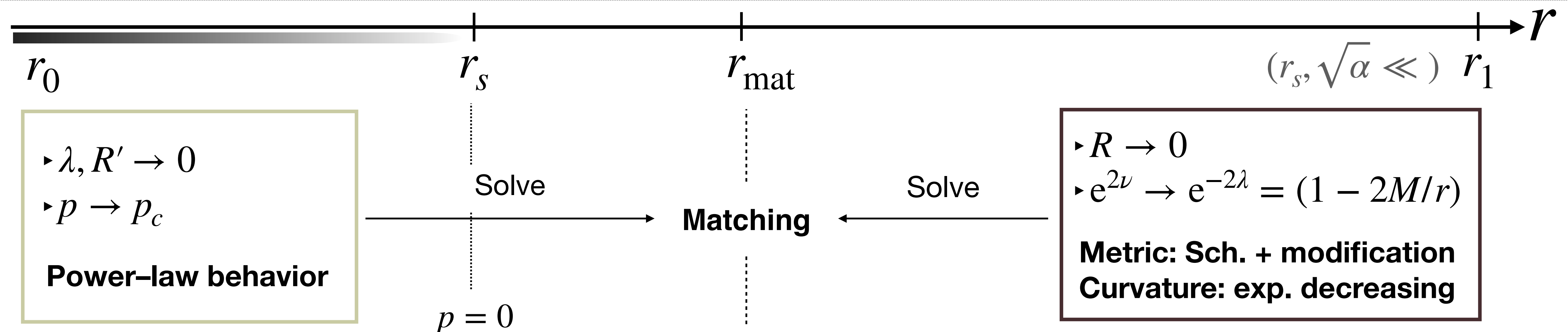
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**Equations:** Sols:  $\lambda, \nu, R, p(\epsilon)$   $ds^2 = -e^{2\nu} dt^2 + e^{2\lambda} dr^2 + r^2 \Omega_{AB} dx^A dx^B$

**Metric:**  $\lambda' = \frac{e^{2\lambda} \{2\kappa^2 r^2 \epsilon + \alpha R(r^2 R - 4) - 2\} + 4\alpha (r^2 R'' + 2rR' + R) + 2}{4r (\alpha(rR' + 2R) + 1)}$   $\nu' = \frac{e^{2\lambda} \{2\kappa^2 r^2 p - \alpha R(r^2 R - 4) + 2\} - 2(4\alpha r R' + 2\alpha R + 1)}{4r (\alpha(rR' + 2R) + 1)}$

**Curvature (scalar):**  $R'' = \frac{1 + 2\alpha R}{2\alpha} \left[ \frac{1}{r} \left( 3\nu' - \lambda' + \frac{2}{r} \right) + e^{2\lambda} \left( \frac{1}{2} R - \frac{2}{r^2} \right) \right] + \left( \lambda' + \frac{1}{r} \right) R'$

**Matter:**  
(Perfect fluid)  $p' = -\nu'(\epsilon + p)$   $p = p(\epsilon)$  (EOS: tabulated SLy/APR4 [J. S. Read+, 2009])



# Discussion for BC under $R^2$ Model

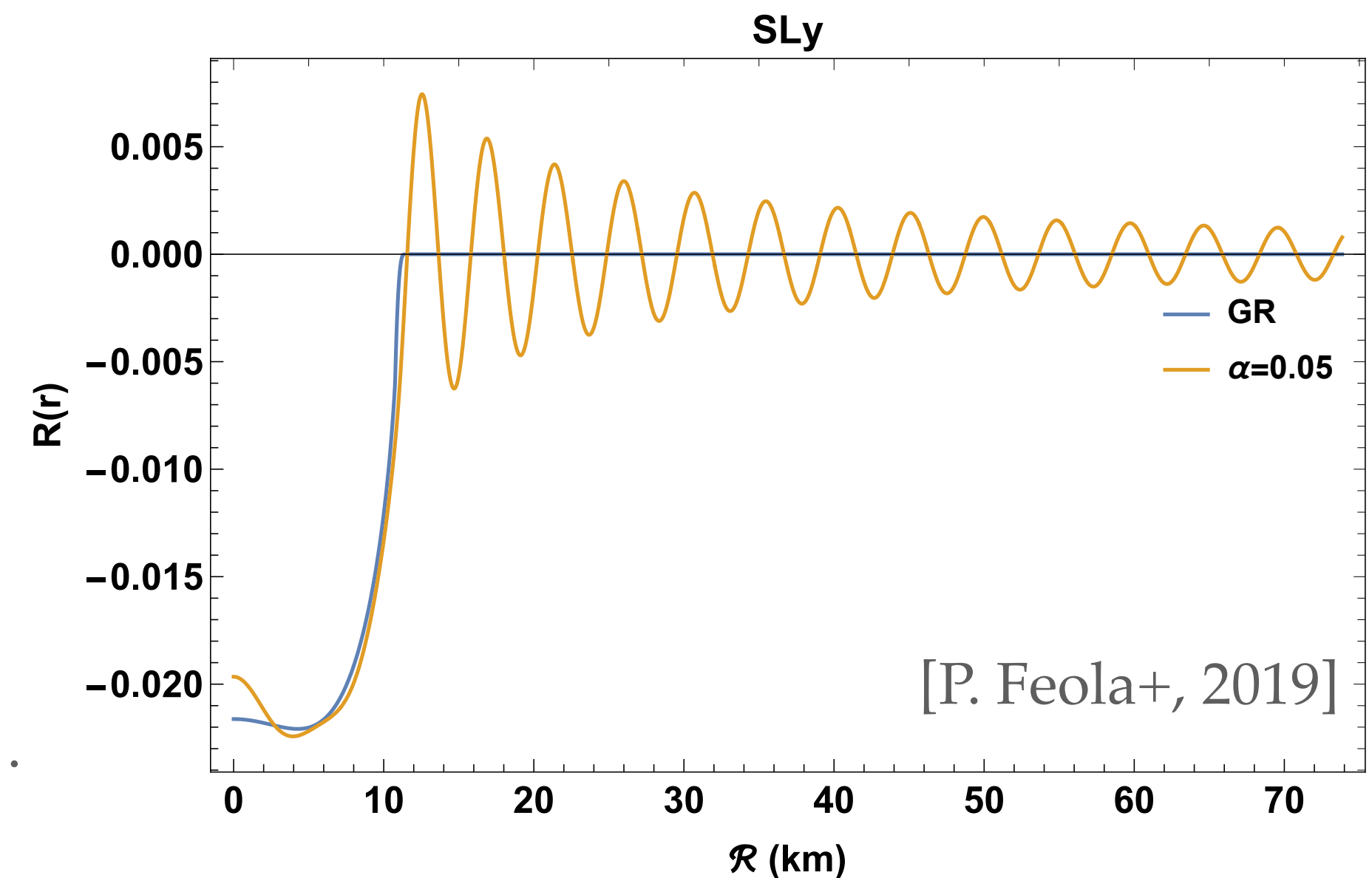
► **Decreasing oscillation?** [M. A. Resco+, 2016] etc...

Correspond to  $\alpha < 0$

→ Tachyonic due to  $m_{\Phi}^2 < 0$

- Dynamical instability
- Stellar mass is not-well defined

[A. V. Astashenok+, 2018] etc...



► **EXACT Schwarzschild?** [A. Ganguly+, 2014], [W.-X. Feng+, 2017] etc...

Guessed from BH no-hair theorem [B. Whitt, 1984], [S. Mignemi+, 1992]

→ Strongly depend on the existence of horizon/vacuum system

→ Non-trivial in the system composed of matter without conformal invariance

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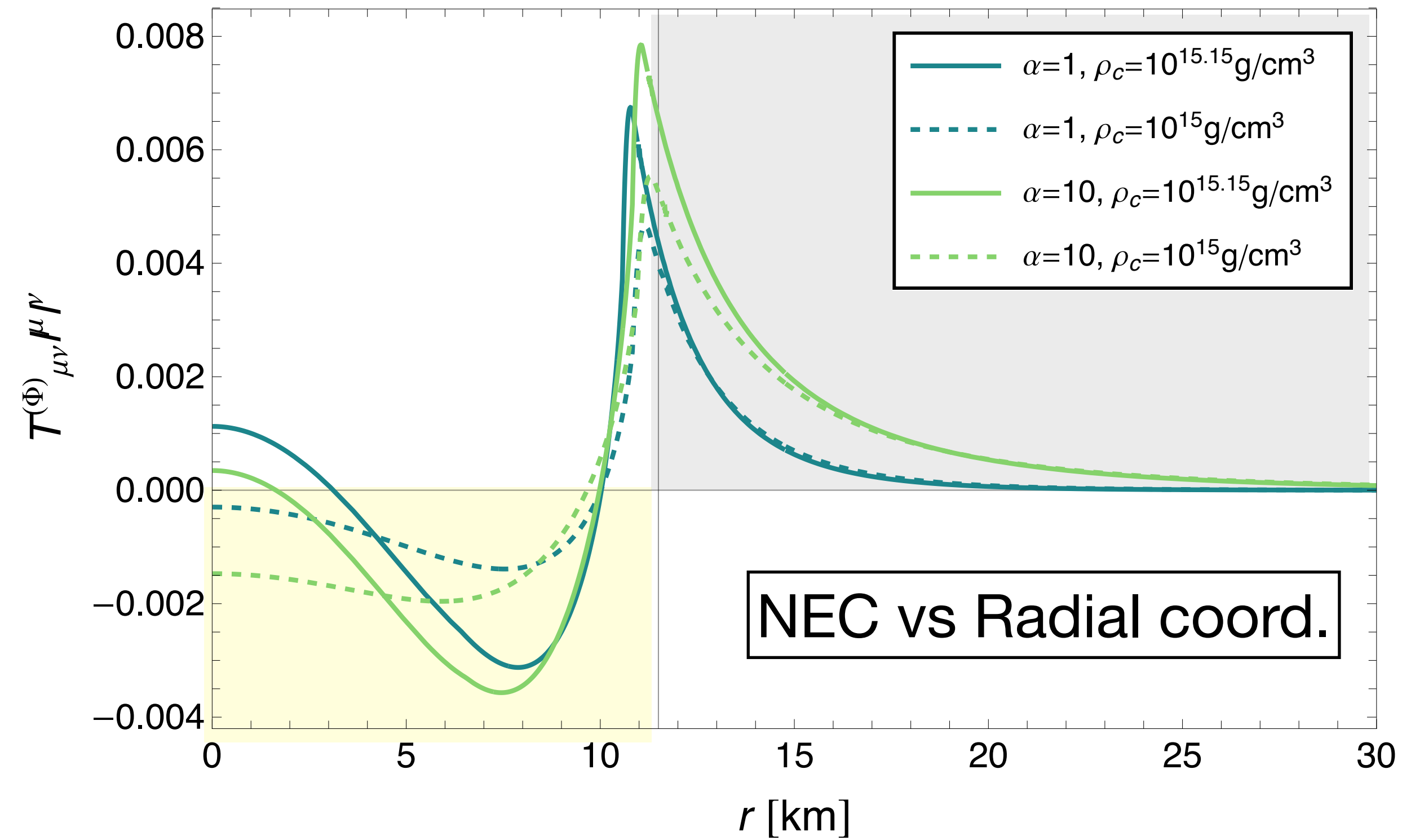
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