

# Spontaneous scalarization and heavy neutron stars

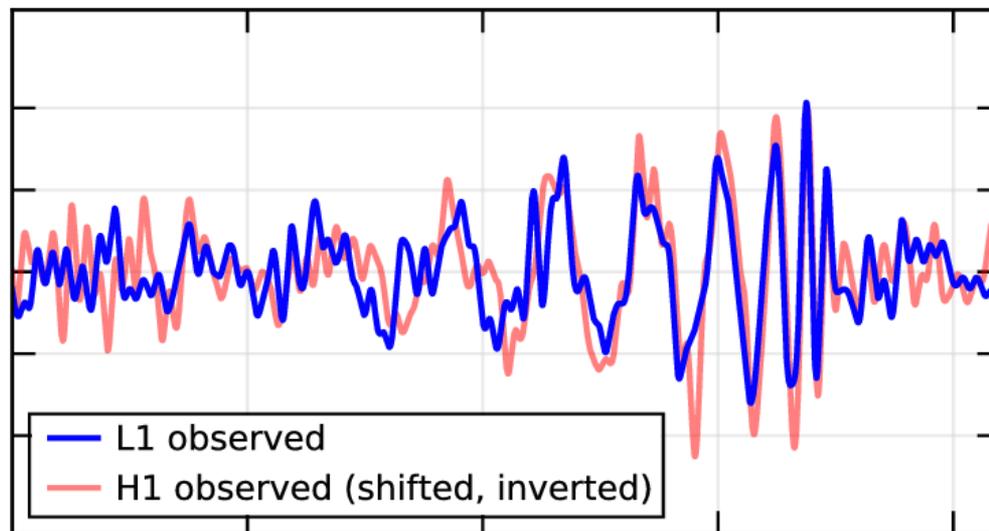
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# Introduction

Testing gravity at extreme density has become possible!

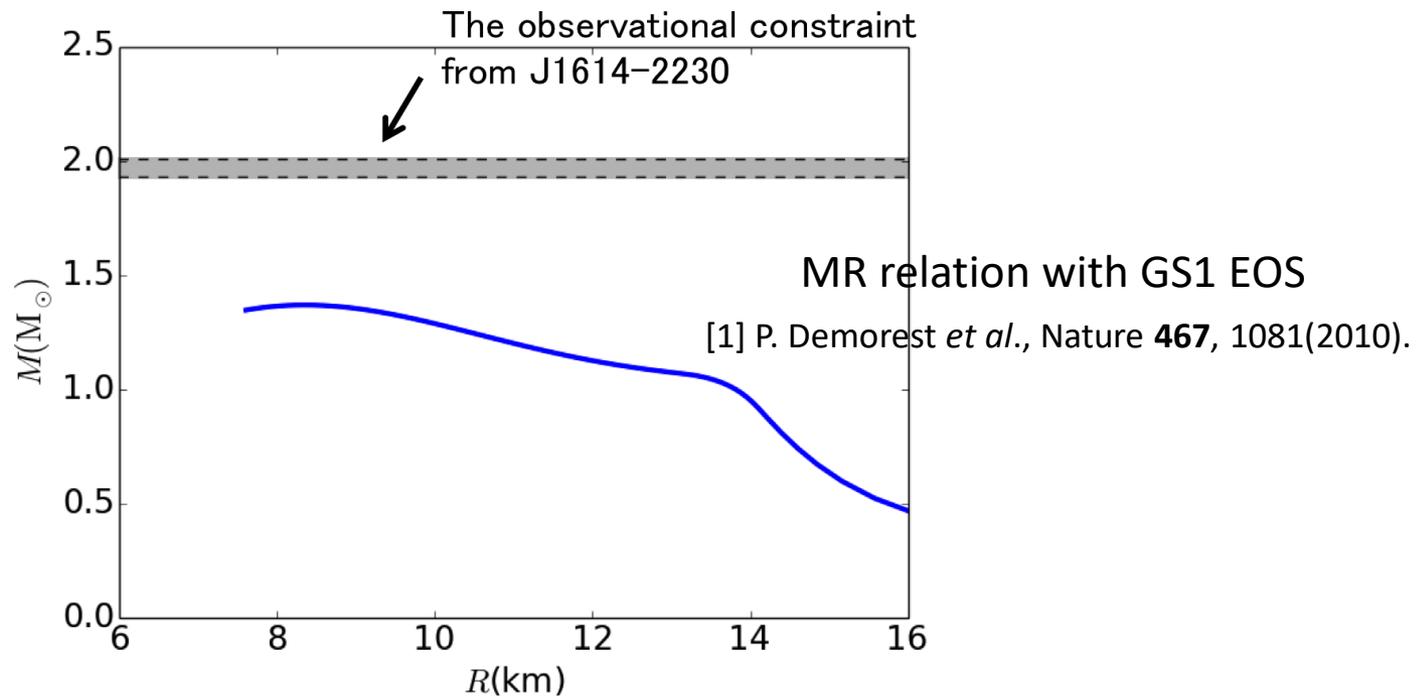
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Have we already found evidence for non-GR?<sub>2</sub>

# 2M<sub>⊙</sub> Neutron Star

It is difficult to explain the existence of **2M<sub>⊙</sub> NS** [1] if the effect of strange hadrons is taken into account.



**hyperon puzzle**

# Two possibilities

- Not complete understanding of nuclear matter
- GR is not correct

# (Simplest) scalar-tensor theory

$$S = \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \left( \frac{R}{16\pi G} - \frac{1}{2} g^{\mu\nu} \partial_\mu \phi \partial_\nu \phi - \frac{1}{2} m_\phi^2 \phi^2 \right) + S_m[\psi_m, A^2(\phi) g_{\mu\nu}]$$

**Physical metric**  
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**Including us**

**We feel  $A^2(\phi)g_{\mu\nu}$  as our metric.**

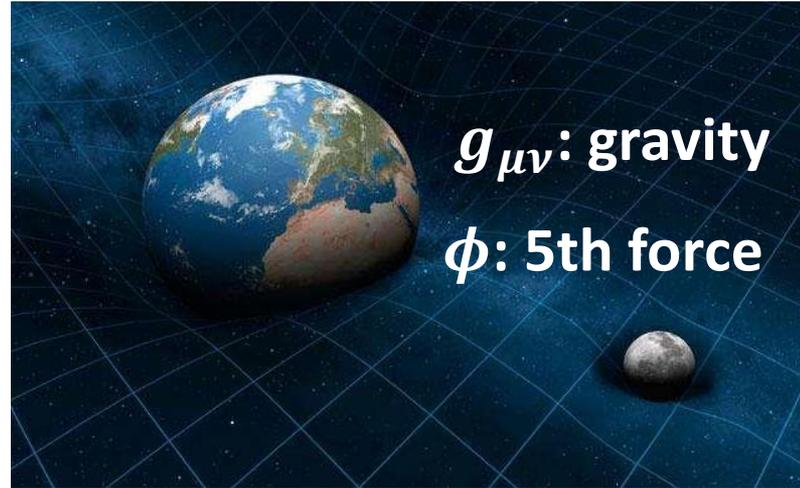
## Universal coupling $A^2(\phi)$

may arise from non-minimal coupling between  $\phi$  and  $g_{\mu\nu}$ .

$$S = \int d^4x \sqrt{-\tilde{g}} \left( \frac{\tilde{R}}{16\pi G} + f(\phi)\tilde{R} - \frac{1}{2} \tilde{g}^{\mu\nu} \partial_\mu \phi \partial_\nu \phi - V(\phi) \right) + S_m[\psi_m, \tilde{g}_{\mu\nu}]$$

I do not consider the origin of the universal coupling.

That we feel both  $g_{\mu\nu}$  and  $\phi$  means that we source  $g_{\mu\nu}$  and  $\phi$ .



## Field equations

$$G_{\mu\nu} = 8\pi G \left[ - \left( \frac{1}{2} g^{\mu\nu} \partial_\mu \phi \partial_\nu \phi + \frac{1}{2} m_\phi^2 \phi^2 \right) g_{\mu\nu} + \partial_\mu \phi \partial_\nu \phi + \underline{A^2(\phi) \tilde{T}_{\mu\nu}} \right],$$

$$\square_g \phi - \frac{dV_{\text{eff}}}{d\phi} = 0, \quad V_{\text{eff}} \equiv \frac{1}{2} m_\phi^2 \phi^2 - \frac{1}{4} \tilde{T} A^4(\phi).$$

The value  $\phi$  depends on the environment(= $\tilde{T}$ ).

The effective gravitational constant ( $GA^2(\phi)$ ) depends on the environment ( $\phi = 0$  is GR).

# Spontaneous scalarization

Damour&Esposito-Fareese 1993

$$\nabla^2 \phi - \frac{d}{d\phi} V_{eff} = 0$$

$$V_{eff} = \frac{m_\phi^2}{2} \phi^2 - \frac{T}{4} A^4(\phi) \approx \frac{m_\phi^2}{2} \phi^2 + \frac{\rho}{4} A^4(\phi)$$

from the conformal coupling

$\rho$ : energy density of matter

Around  $\phi = 0$ , approximating  $A^2(\phi) \approx 1 + \frac{1}{2} A^{2''}(0)\phi^2$ , we have

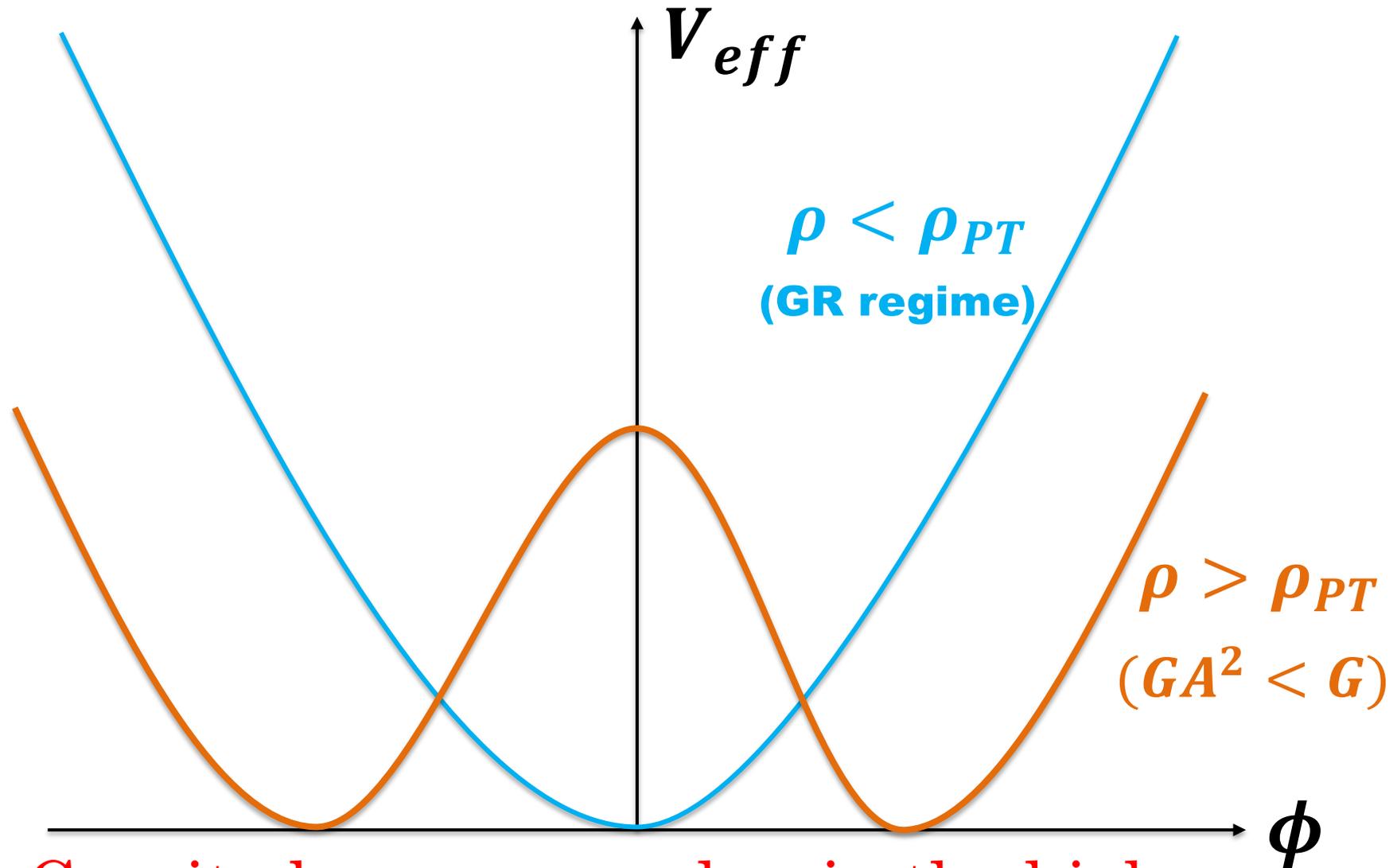
$$V_{eff} \approx \frac{\rho}{4} + \frac{1}{2} \left( m_\phi^2 + \frac{\rho}{2} A^{2''}(0) \right) \phi^2 + \dots$$

If  $A^{2''}(0) < 0$ , then  $\phi = 0$  becomes unstable for

$$\rho > \rho_{PT} = \frac{2m_\phi^2}{-A^{2''}(0)}$$

and symmetry breaking occurs (**Spontaneous scalarization**).

# Spontaneous scalarization



Gravity becomes weaker in the high density region.

# Previous researches

✓  $m_\phi = 0$  [1]

△Stringent constraints from binary pulsar[2]

△GR is not cosmological attractor.

$m_\phi \neq 0$  [4]

◎ GR is cosmological attractor

◎ Oscillating  $\phi$  behaves as dark matter

✓  $\lambda_\phi \equiv m_\phi^{-1} > 100\text{km}$  [3]

□  $\lambda_\phi \lesssim R_{NS} \sim 10\text{km}$

this talk

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[3]:F. M. Ramazanoglu and F. Pretorius, Phys. Rev. D **93**, 064005 (2016).

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# What we did in this study

S.Morisaki and TS 2017

We investigated the structure of non-spinning NSs in this model for  $\lambda_\phi \lesssim 10$  km.

The parameters in this model are

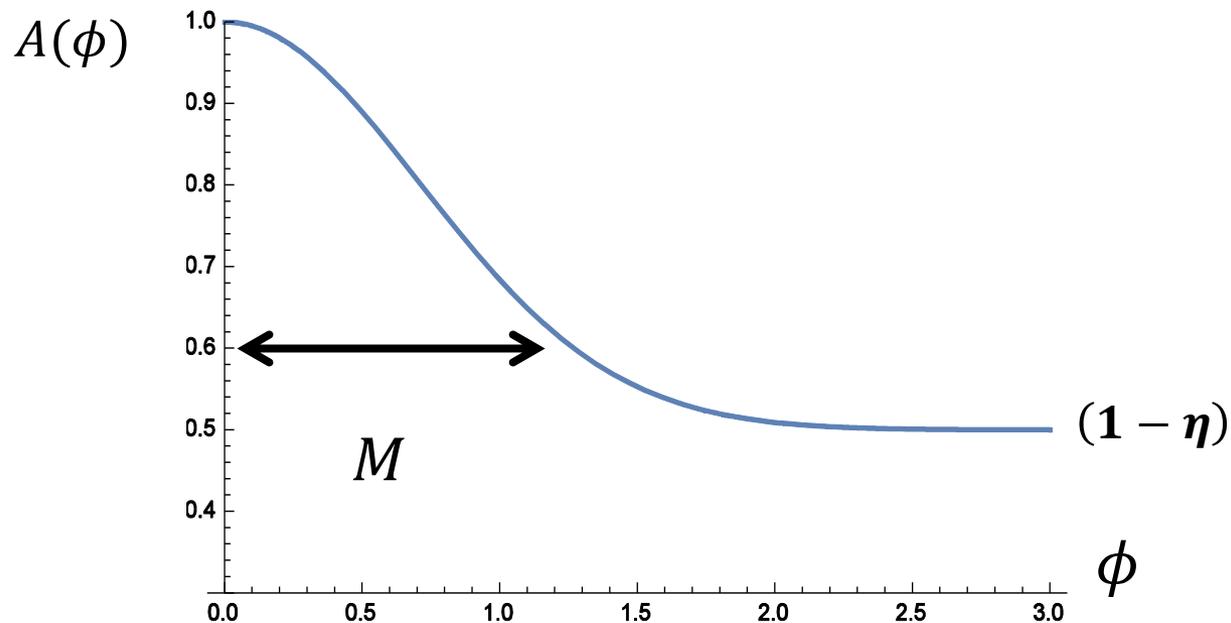
$\eta$ : How significantly gravity is weakened

$\rho_{PT}$ : Critical density for symmetry breaking

$\lambda_\phi$ : Compton wavelength

# Functional form of $A^2(\phi)$ (phenomenological)

$$A^2(\phi) = 1 - \eta + \eta \exp\left[-\frac{\phi^2}{2M^2}\right], \quad 0 < \eta < 1.$$

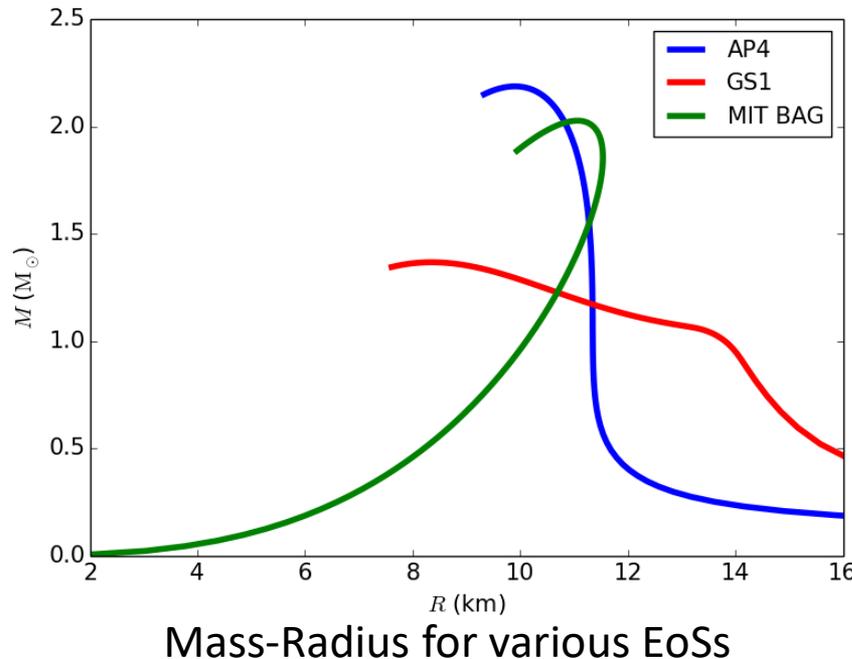


$G_{eff} = G$  for low density

$G_{eff} = (1 - \eta)G$  for high density.

# Equations of state (EoSs)

- $npe\mu$   $\longrightarrow$  AP4 EOS [1]
- With strange hadrons  $\longrightarrow$  GS1 EOS [1]  
Our main target
- Strange quark matter  $\longrightarrow$  MIT BAG model [2]



# Modified TOV equations

Static and spherically symmetric configuration

$$ds^2 = g_{\mu\nu} dx^\mu dx^\nu = -e^{\nu(r)} dt^2 + \frac{dr^2}{1 - \frac{2\mu(r)}{r}} + r^2 d\Omega^2, \quad \phi = \phi(r), \quad \tilde{p} = \tilde{p}(r), \quad \tilde{\epsilon} = \tilde{\epsilon}(r).$$

$$\frac{d\mu}{dr} = 2\pi G \left( r(r - 2\mu) \left( \frac{d\phi}{dr} \right)^2 + r^2 m_\phi^2 \phi^2 \right) + 4\pi G A^4(\phi) r^2 \tilde{\epsilon},$$

$$\frac{d\nu}{dr} = 4\pi G r \left( \frac{d\phi}{dr} \right)^2 + \frac{1}{r(r - 2\mu)} (8\pi G r^3 A^4(\phi) \tilde{p} - 4\pi G r^3 m_\phi^2 \phi^2 + 2\mu),$$

$$\frac{d\tilde{p}}{dr} = -(\tilde{\epsilon} + \tilde{p}) \left( \frac{1}{2} \frac{d\nu}{dr} + \frac{d \ln A(\phi)}{dr} \right),$$

**Scalar force contribution**

$$(r - 2\mu) \frac{d^2 \phi}{dr^2} = -2 \left( 1 - \frac{\mu}{r} \right) \frac{d\phi}{dr} + m_\phi^2 \left( 4\pi G r^2 \phi^2 \frac{d\phi}{dr} + r\phi \right) + r A^4(\phi) \left( 4\pi G r (\tilde{\epsilon} - \tilde{p}) \frac{d\phi}{dr} + \alpha(\tilde{\epsilon} - 3\tilde{p}) \right).$$

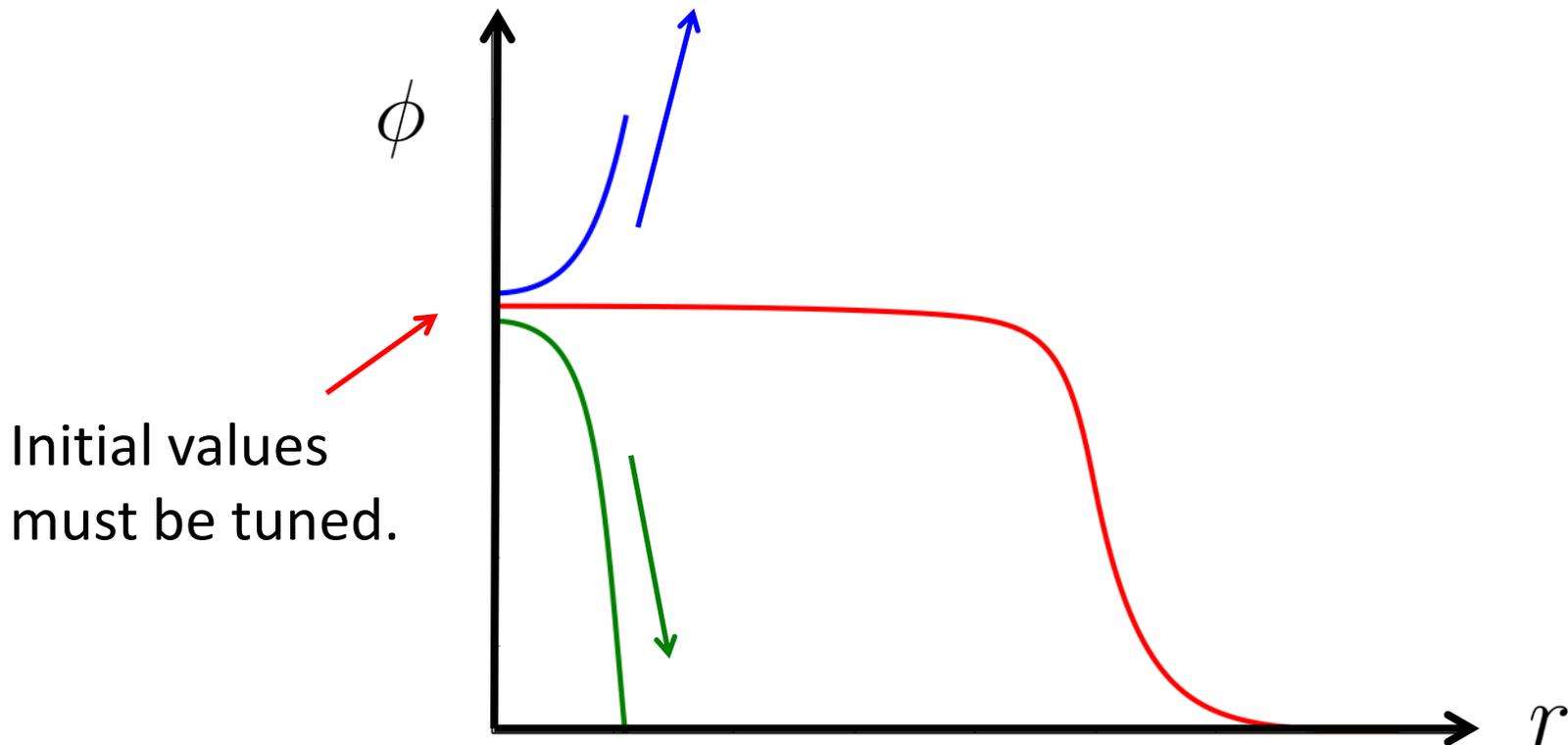
# Boundary conditions

There is only one free parameter  
(neutron star mass)

$$\mu(0) = 0, \nu(0) = 0, \tilde{p}(0) = \tilde{p}_c, \phi'(0) = 0, \lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} \phi(r) = 0.$$

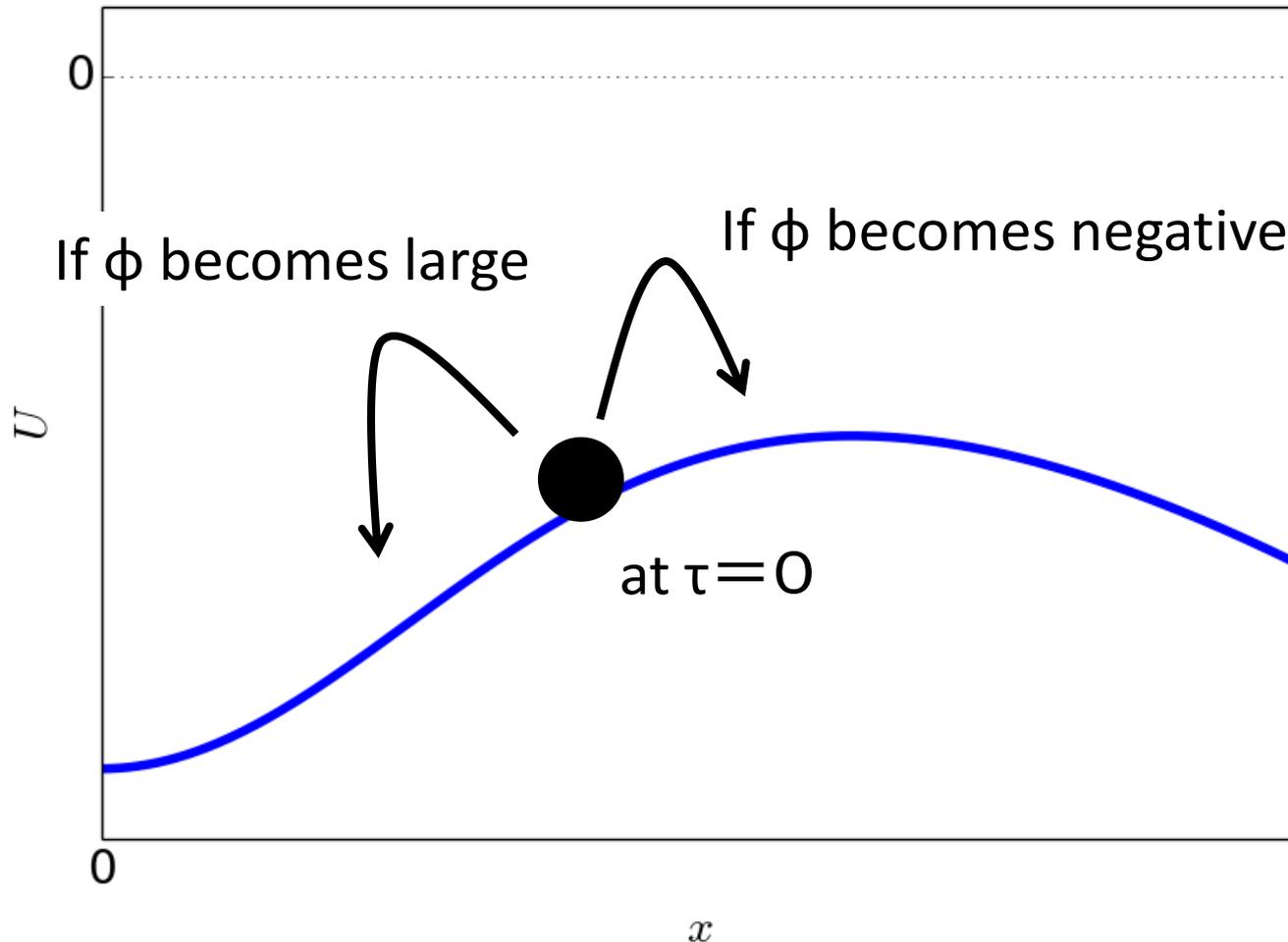
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Non-singularity at  $r=0$



Mildly massive case(  $10 \text{ km} \geq \lambda_\phi \gtrsim 1 \text{ km}$  )

We used the **shooting method**.



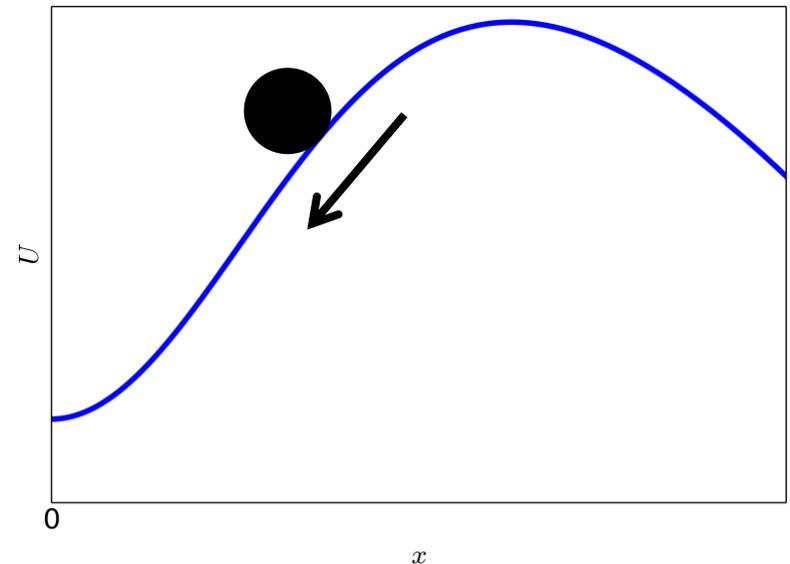
# Very massive case ( $\lambda_\phi \ll 1\text{km}$ )

Numerical integration becomes difficult.

Numerical error  
grows exponentially.

$$\propto \exp \left[ C \frac{r}{\lambda_\phi} \right]$$

with  $C = \mathcal{O}(1)$ .



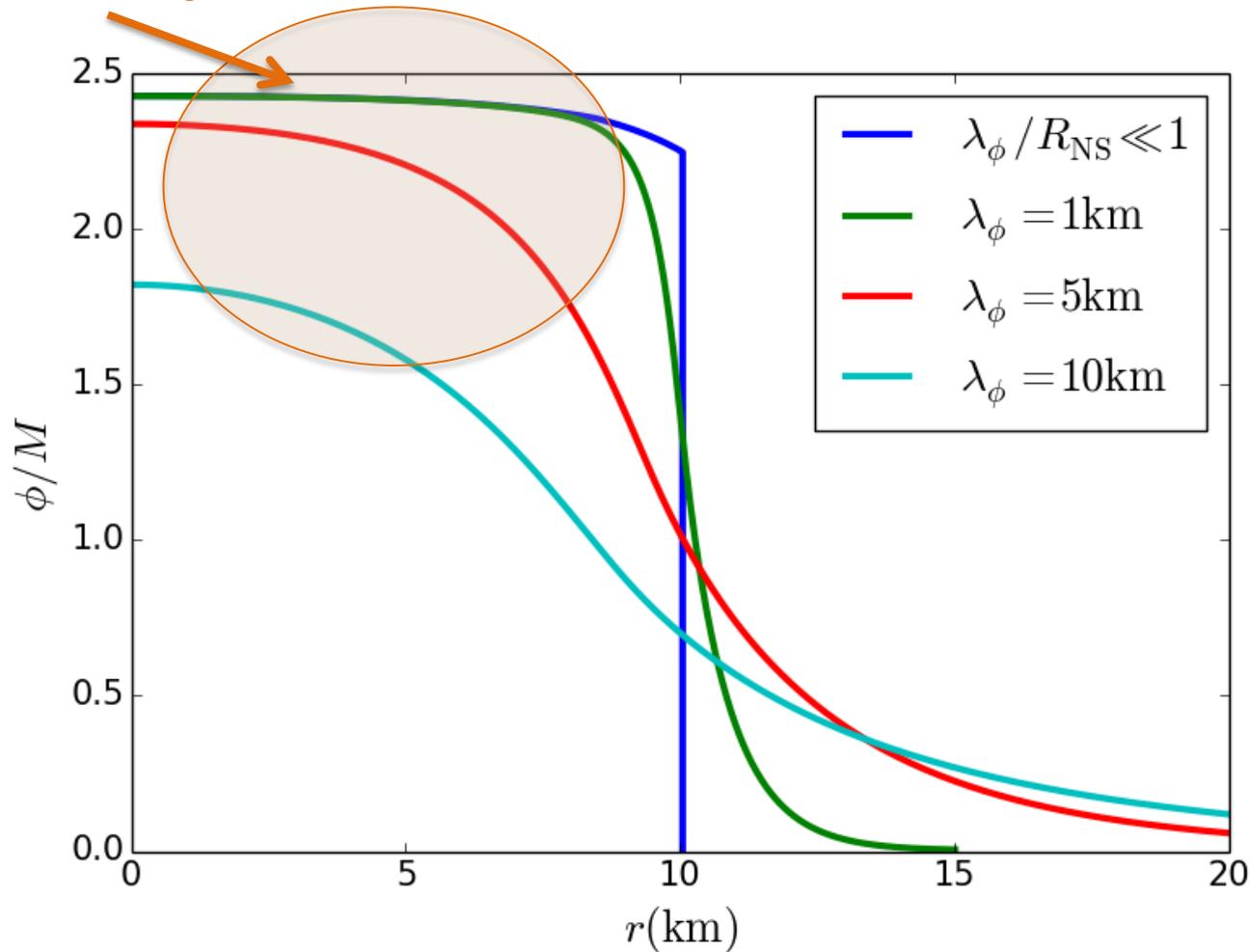
We have invented a semi-analytical method to solve this problem.

# Results

# Profile of $\phi$

Scalarization phase

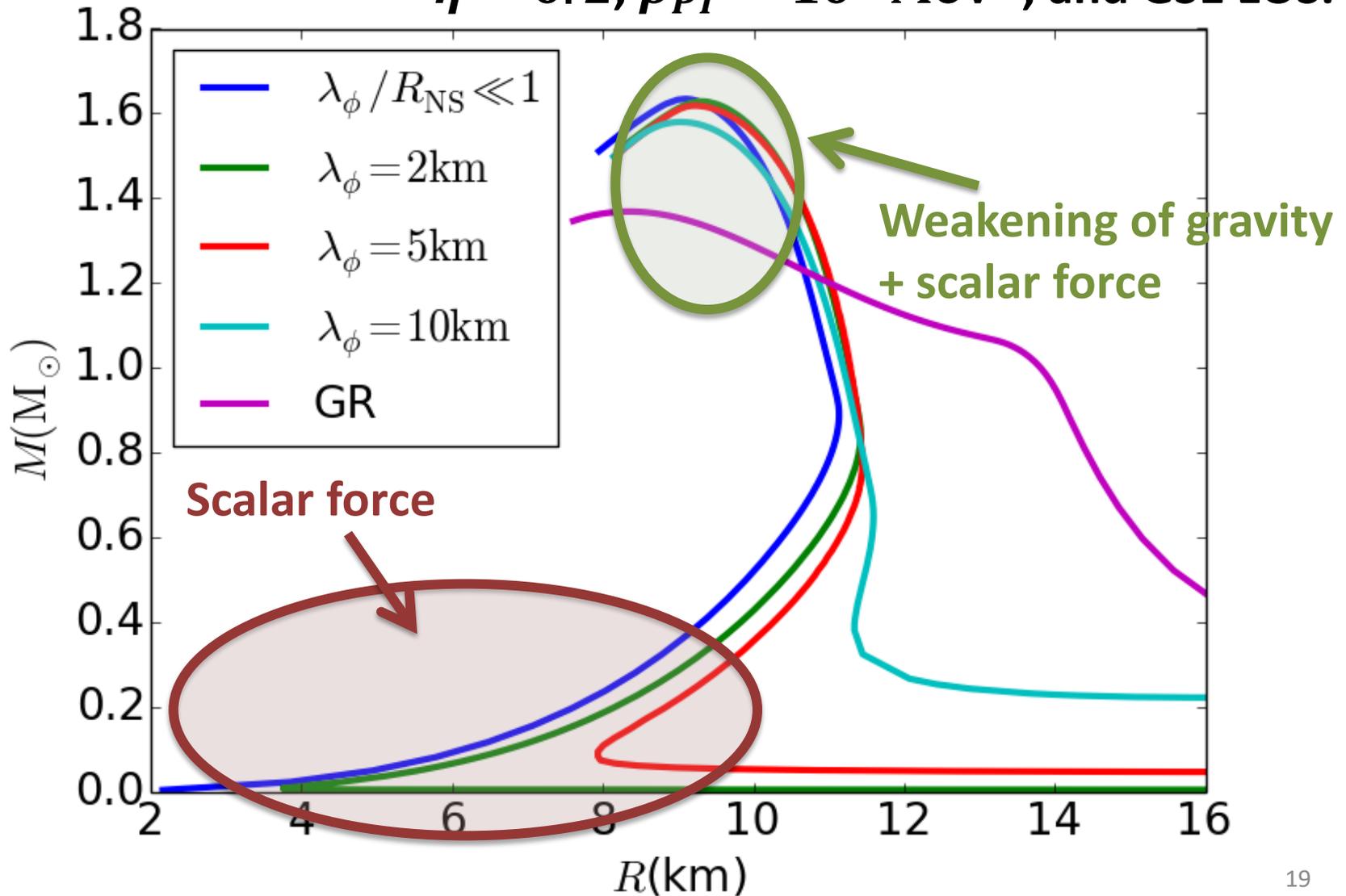
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The semi-analytical result approximates the numerical results for short Compton wavelength.

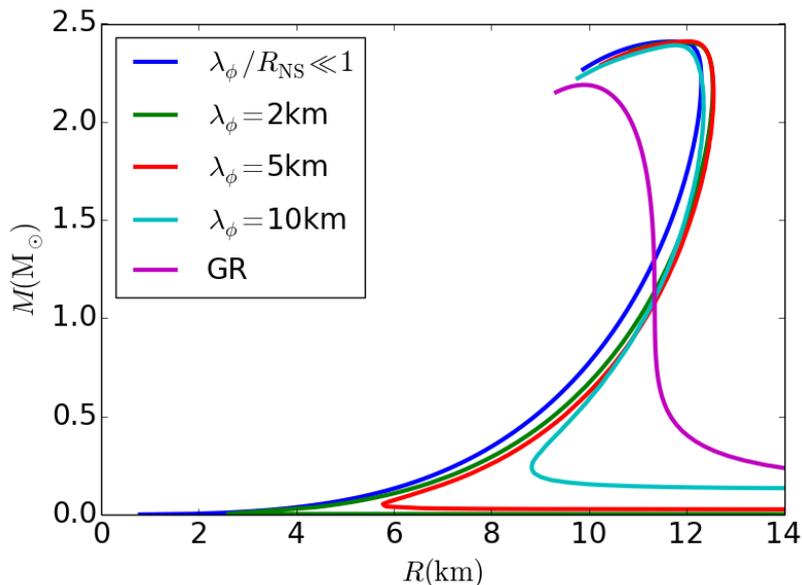
# Mass-radius relation

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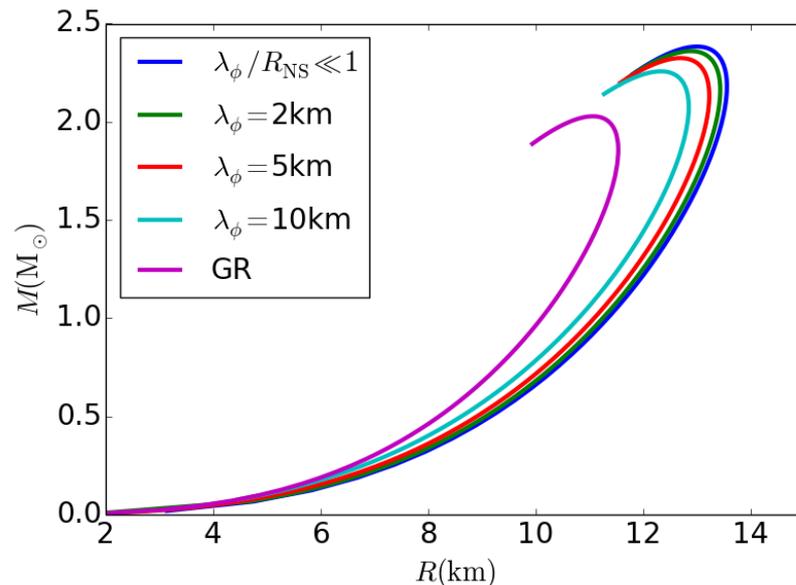


# MR relation for other EOSs

The qualitative feature does not change for the other EOSs.



[a] AP4 EOS

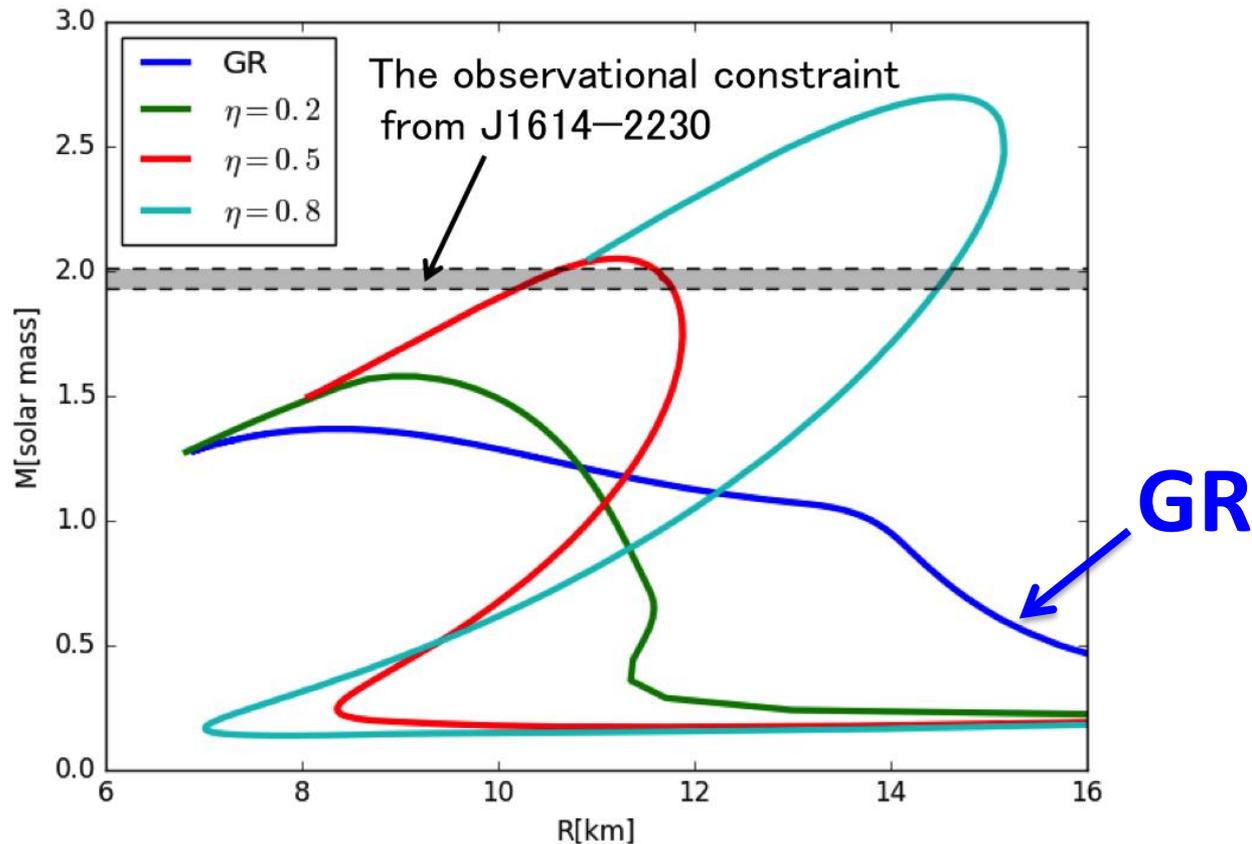


[b] MIT BAG model

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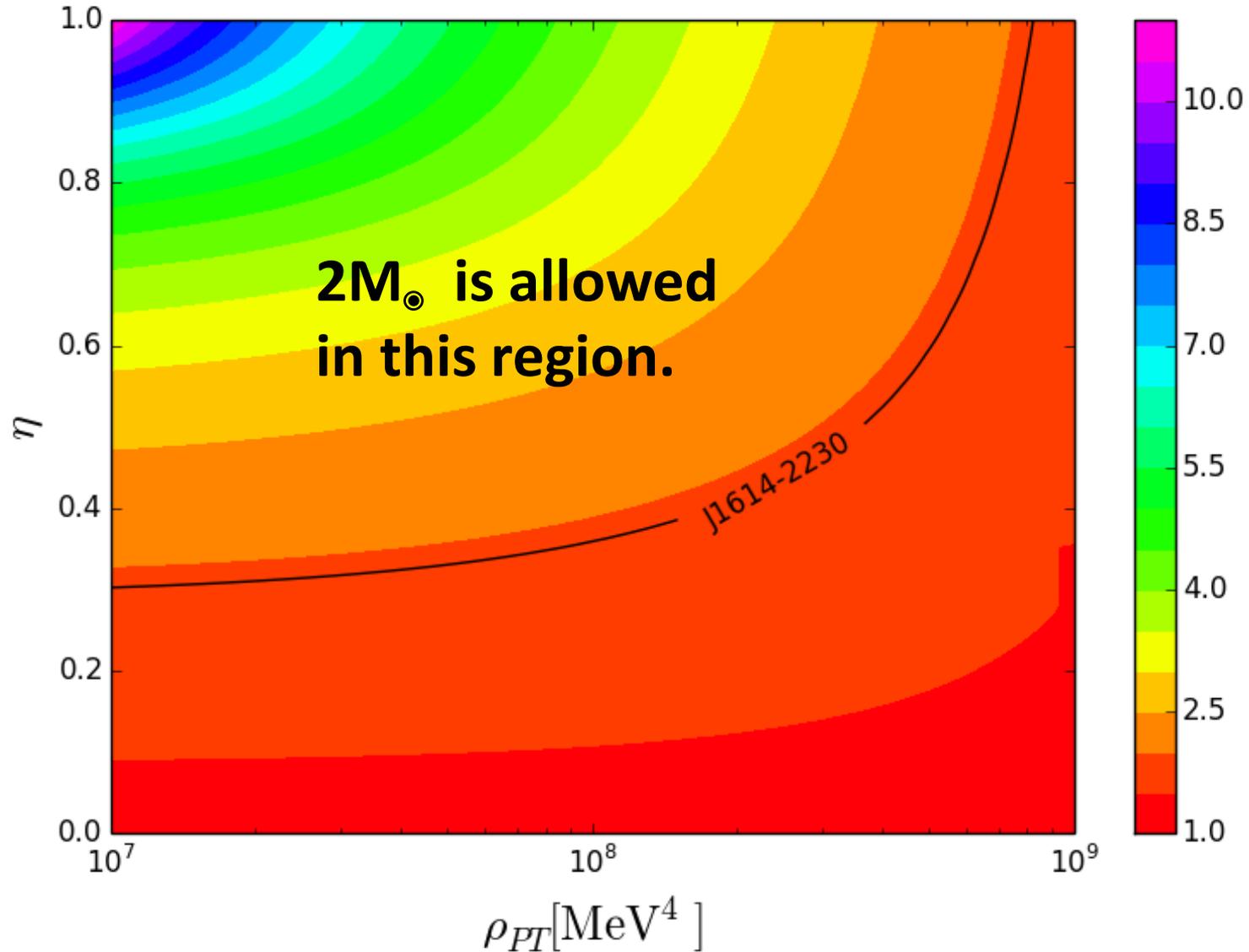
# Existence of $2M_{\odot}$ NS

**$2M_{\odot}$  is allowed!!**

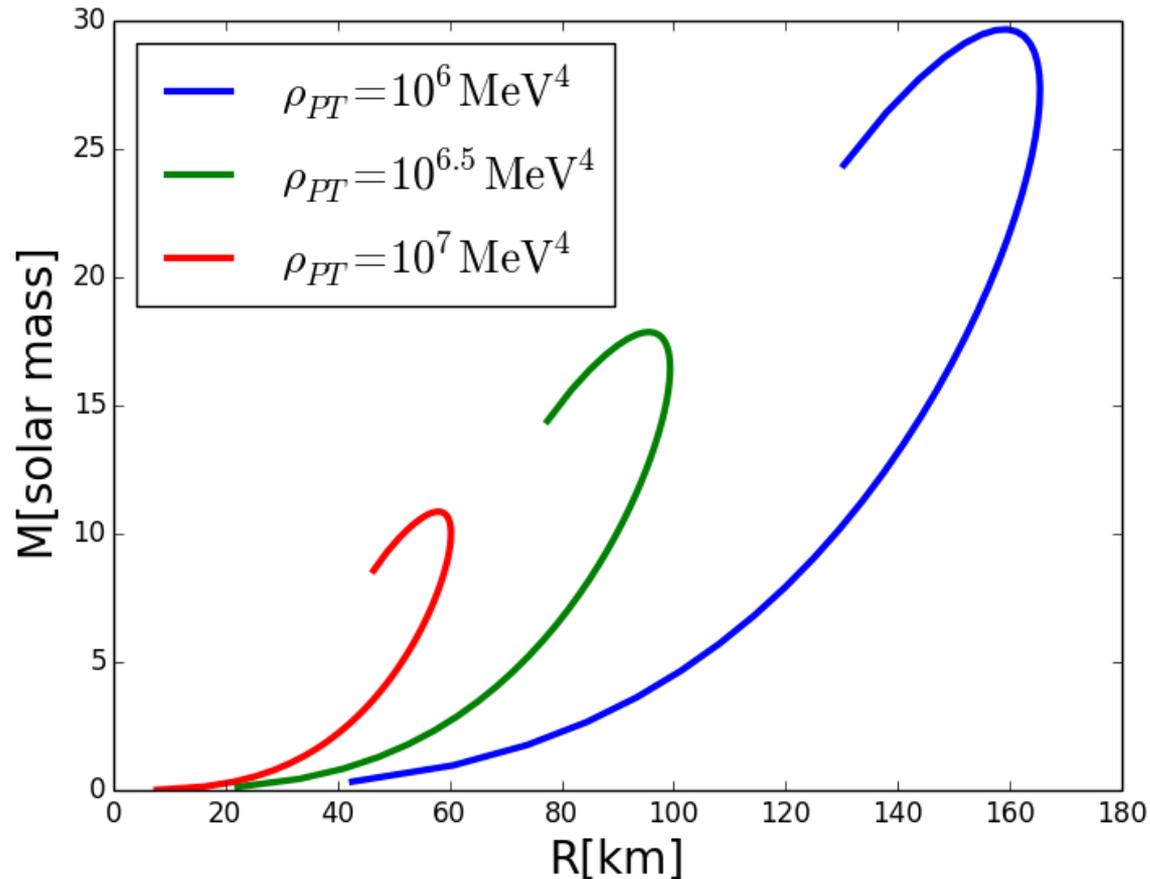


Mass-Radius for GS1 EOS,  $\rho_{\text{PT}} = 10^8 \text{ MeV}^4$ ,  $\lambda_{\phi} = 10 \text{ km}$  and various values of  $\eta$ .

# Maximum mass ( $m_\phi \rightarrow \infty$ limit)

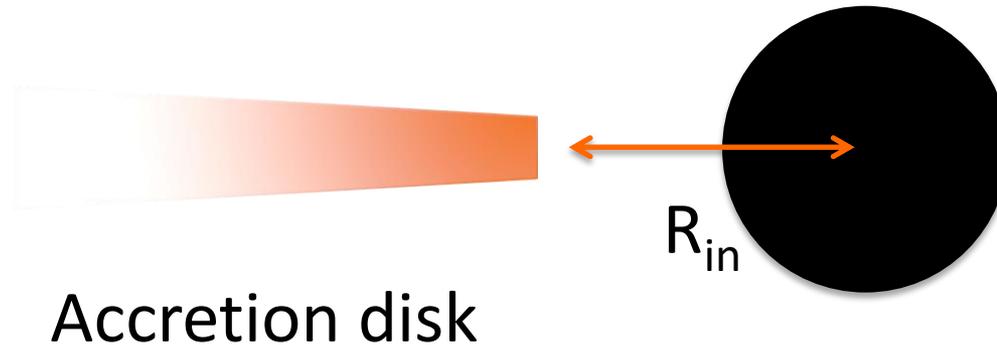


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# LMC X-3

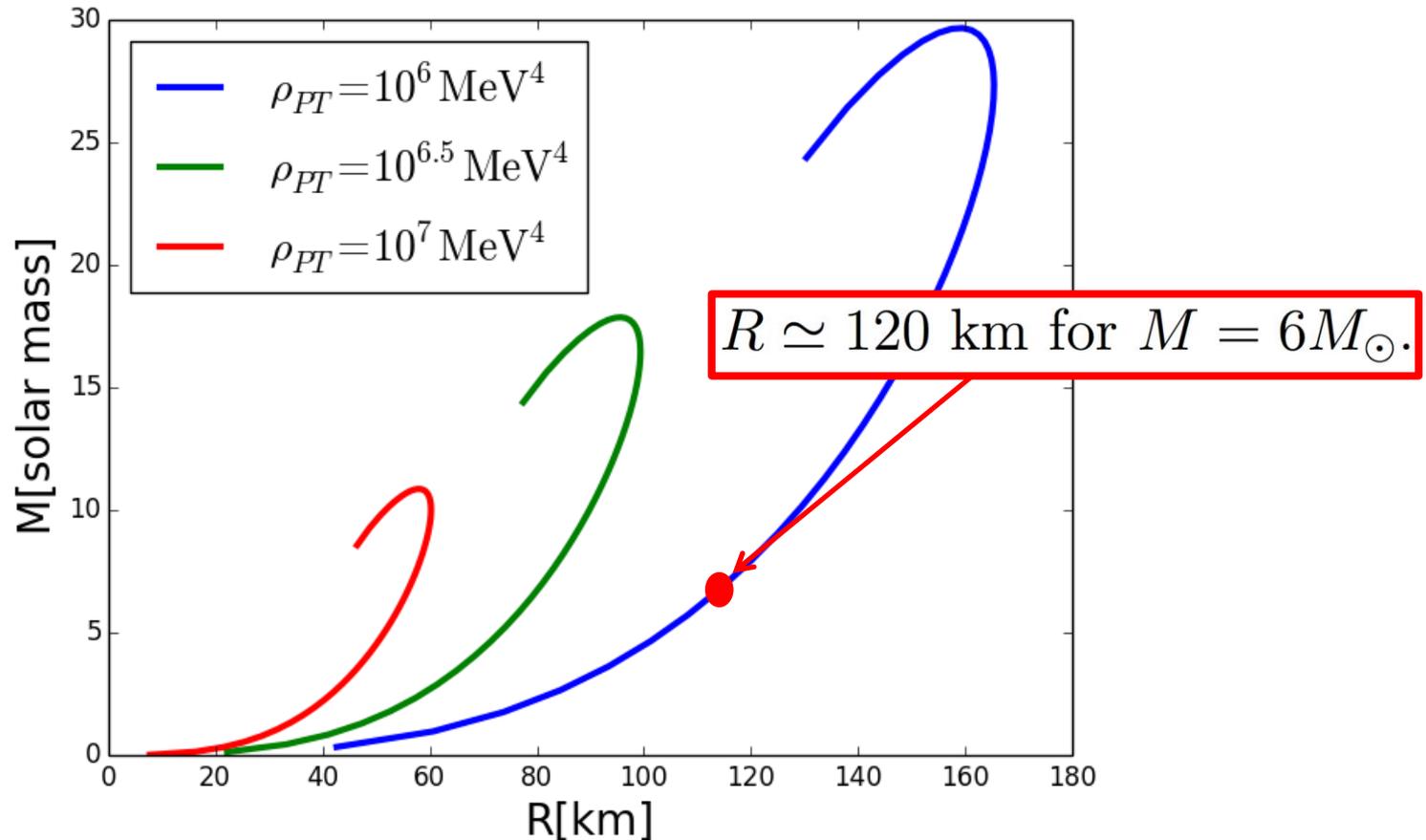


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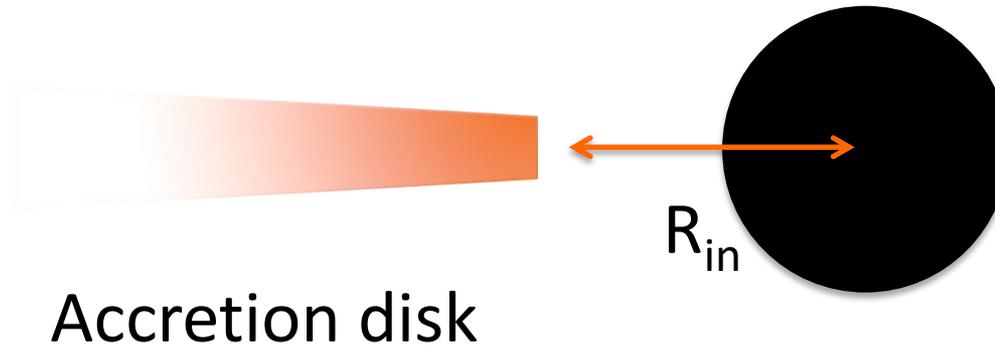
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**30  $M_{\odot}$  NS is excluded.**

# Conclusion

- The  $2M_{\odot}$  neutron star is allowed in our model.
- Scalar force affects the internal structure significantly for massive scalar cases.

# Future work

- Investigate stability
- How to test this scenario with astrophysical observations