

# *A realistic model of a neutron star in a modified theory of gravity*

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## **Plan of the talk:**

- General remarks on **DM** and **DE**
- Minimal dilatonic gravity (**MDG**)
- The basic equations of **SSSS** in **MDG**
- The boundary conditions for **SSSS** in **MDG**
- Neutron **SSSS** with realistic **EOS** in **MDG**

**SSSS = Static Spherically Symmetric Stars**

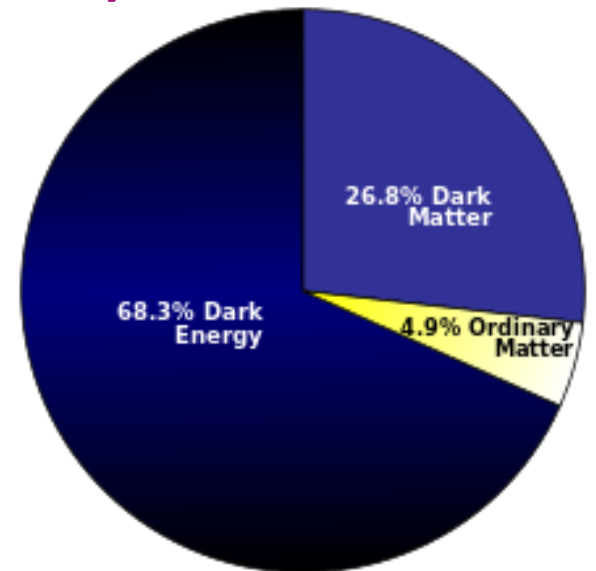
# The basic lesson from cosmology:

GR and SPM are not enough !

- One may add some new content: Dark matter (DM), Dark energy (DE)
- One may modify GR: simplest modifications are  $F(R)$  and MDG
- Some combination of the above two possibilities may work ?

## 2015 Planck results:

While the need for **DM** and **DE** is strongly established, their **nature** and their **small-scale distribution** are still largely unknown.



The **only** established part about **DM** is its **gravitational interaction**.  
We have, in fact, **no evidence that DM has any other interaction but gravity !**

Most probably we need to look  
***simultaneously and coherently*** for  
a realistic EOS

and for

**a realistic modified gravity**

which are able to describe a variety of  
cosmological, astrophysical, gravitational and star phenomena  
at different scales:

Planets, ***compact stars***, white dwarfs, **normal stars**,  
stars clusters, **dwarf sphericals**, galaxies, galaxy  
clusters, and  
the whole Universe

It is not excluded that these objects are related with  
***different de Sitter vacuums***, suitable for corresponding  
***different scales and for different time epochs.***

# *Testing General Relativity with Present and Future Astrophysical Observations*

**TOPICAL REVIEW**, arXiv:1501.07274, Emanuele Berti et al. *Class. Quant. Grav.* (2015):

1. **The very existence of compact stars** in  $f(R)$  gravity is still a matter of debate.
2. While **it is hard to construct NS equilibrium configurations** in  $f(R)$  gravity from a numerical point of view, there is no fundamental obstacle to their existence.
3. **NS configurations with realistic values** of the physical parameters have never been constructed in viable  $f(R)$  models.
4. **The properties of NS** in the most general scalar-tensor theory with second-order equations of motion (**Horndeski gravity**) have not been explored, even in the static case.
5. **The numerical challenges** they introduce may also serve as a motivation to develop more efficient integration methods.
6. The study of compact objects in  $f(R)$  gravity is particularly difficult, especially for **realistic configurations**.

# The new basic results of the talk:

1. The difficulties in numerical investigation of **realistic models** of **NS** in the modified theories of gravity **are surmounted on a general basis**.
2. We present a **realistic model** of static spherically symmetric **NS** with **MPA1 EOS** using **correct boundary conditions**.
3. The critical step is the introduction of a **new field variable** for the scalar degree of freedom which we call **“the dark scalar”**.
4. The maximal mass of the **NS** with **MPA1 EOS** turns to be around **2.7** solar masses and **depends on the mass of the dark scalar**.
5. We investigate the influence of the **dark scalar** on the gravitational field **inside** the **NS** and its **dark halo outside** the star. **The dark halo may give some 15 %** of the total mass of the **NS**.
6. The newly introduced **pressure and mass density** of the **dark matter and dark energy** are also discussed.

# Minimal dilatonic gravity (MDG)

$$\mathcal{A}_{g,\Phi} = \frac{c}{2\kappa} \int d^4x \sqrt{|g|} (\Phi R - 2\Lambda U(\Phi)) + \mathcal{A}_{matter}$$

NO  
 $\Phi$   
enters

In GR with cosmological constant  $\Lambda$ :  $\Phi \equiv 1$ ,  $U(\Phi) \equiv 1$ .

**O'Hanlon**: PRL, 1972,

**PPF**: Mod. Phys. Lett. A, 15, 1077 (2000); gr-qc/0202074;

**PRD 67**, 064016 (2003); **PRD 87**, 0044053 (2013); **PoS (FFP14)** 080 (1914);

**PPF, K. Marinov**: BAJ, 23, 1 (2015)

**NEW: variable**

$$G(\Phi) = G_N / \Phi$$

Gravitational factor

$$\Lambda U(\Phi)$$

Cosmological factor

$\Lambda > 0$   
 $\Phi > 0$   
 $U > 0$

Observed value:  $\Lambda \approx 1.087 \times 10^{-56} \text{ cm}^{-2}$

Very  
small

**MDG is locally equivalent to f(R).**

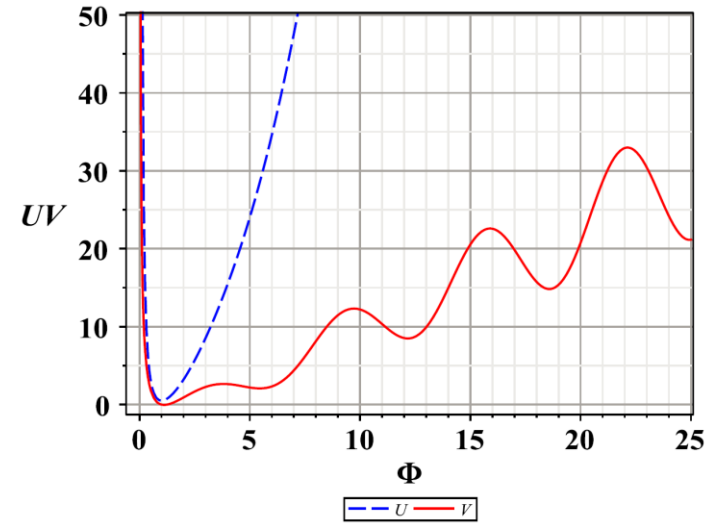
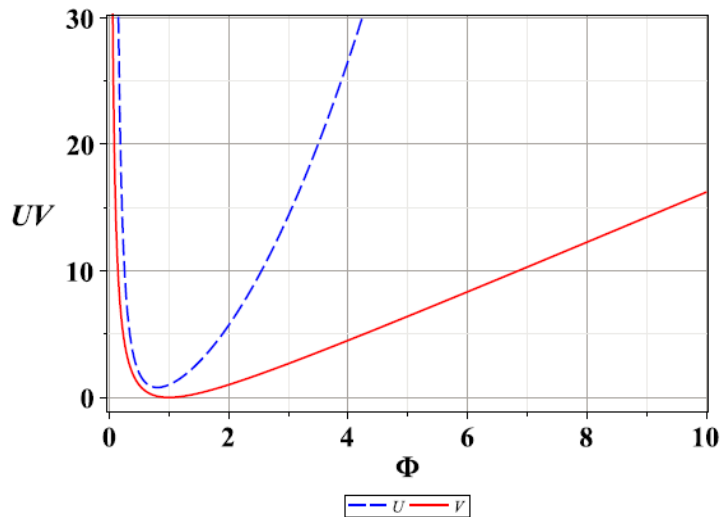
$$\Phi G_{\alpha\beta} + \Lambda U g_{\alpha\beta} + \nabla_{\alpha}\nabla_{\beta}\Phi - \square\Phi g_{\alpha\beta} + 8\pi T_{\alpha\beta} = 0$$

$$\square\Phi + \Lambda V_{,\Phi}(\Phi) = \frac{8\pi}{3}T$$

$$R = 2\Lambda U_{,\Phi}(\Phi) \Rightarrow \text{Cosmological principle respected}$$

$$\nabla_{\mu}T^{\mu\alpha} = 0 \Rightarrow \text{Energy-momentum conservation respected}$$

## No ghosts! No tachions !



MDG is consistent with Solar system experiments:

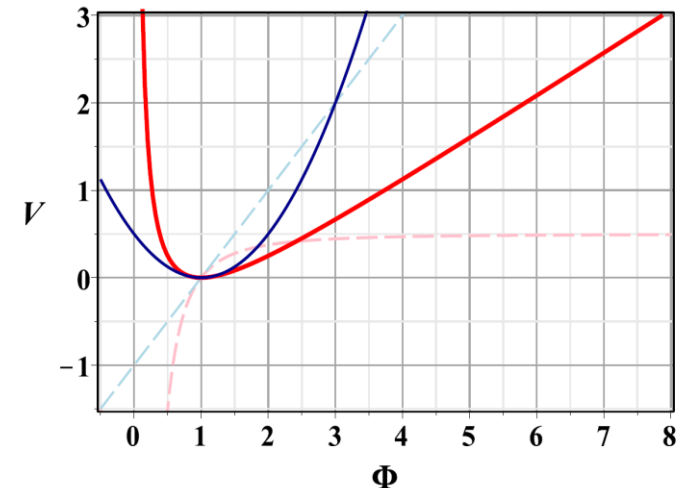
$$m_{\Phi} > 10^{-3} \text{ eV}/c^2$$

$$\lambda_c \sim 10^{-2} \text{ cm}$$

Comparison of the **Starobinsky 1980-2007** potentials  $V_{St}$  and dilatonic potential  $V$  with identical masses of the scalaron and MDG-dilaton:

$$V_{St}(\Phi) = \frac{\mu^2}{12\Lambda} (\Phi - 1)^2$$

$$m_{\text{scalaron}} = m_{\Phi} \approx 3 \times 10^{-6} M_{\text{Planck}}$$



$$\lambda_c \sim 10^{-27} \text{ cm}$$





**Generalized TOV equations:**  $ds^2 = e^{\nu(r)} dt^2 - e^{\lambda(r)} dr^2 - r^2 d\Omega^2$

Non autonomous:

$$m' = 4\pi r^2 \epsilon_{eff} / \Phi,$$

$$\Phi' = -4\pi r^2 p_{\Phi} / \Delta,$$

$$p'_{\Phi} = -\frac{p_{\Phi}}{r\Delta} \left( 3r - 7m - \frac{2}{3}\Lambda r^3 + 4\pi r^3 \frac{\epsilon_{eff}}{\Phi} \right) - \frac{2}{r} \epsilon_{\Phi},$$

$$p' = -\frac{p + \epsilon}{r} \frac{m + 4\pi r^3 p_{eff} / \Phi}{\Delta - 2\pi r^3 p_{\Phi} / \Phi}, \quad ( )' = d/dr$$

Decoupled:

$$\nu' = \frac{2m + 4\pi r^3 p_{eff} / \Phi}{r \Delta - 2\pi r^3 p_{\Phi} / \Phi}$$

In GR: 3<sup>rd</sup> order autonomous ODE

In MDG: 5<sup>th</sup> order autonomous ODE

$$\epsilon_{eff} = \epsilon + \epsilon_{\Lambda} + \epsilon_{\Phi},$$

$$p_{eff} = p + p_{\Lambda} + p_{\Phi}$$

$$\Lambda = 4\pi r^2$$

$$\Delta(r) = r - 2m(r) - \frac{1}{3}\Lambda r^3$$

# NOVEL Quantities and EOS:

**Dark energy-density**  
and pressure:

$$\epsilon_{\Lambda} = \frac{\Lambda}{8\pi} \left( U(\Phi) - \Phi \right)$$

$$p_{\Lambda} = -\frac{\Lambda}{8\pi} \left( U(\Phi) - \frac{1}{3}\Phi \right)$$

$$-\Lambda U = (\epsilon_{\Lambda} + 3p_{\Lambda}) / 2 < 0$$

**Dark matter-density** and pressure:

$$\epsilon_{\Phi} = \frac{1}{8\pi} \frac{1}{A} \frac{d}{dl} \left( A \frac{d\Phi}{dl} \right)$$

$$p_{\Phi} = -\frac{1}{8\pi} \frac{1}{A} \frac{dA}{dl} \frac{d\Phi}{dl}$$

$$ds^2 = \alpha(l)^2 dt^2 - dl^2 - A(l) d^2\Omega$$

$$d^2\Omega = (d\theta^2 + \sin^2(\theta) d\phi^2) / 4\pi$$

**Three**  
**equations**  
**of state:**

$$\epsilon_{\Lambda} = -p_{\Lambda} - \frac{\Lambda}{12\pi} \Phi; \quad \leftarrow \quad \text{DE EOS}$$

$$\epsilon_{\Phi} = p - \frac{1}{3}\epsilon + \frac{\Lambda}{8\pi} V'(\Phi) \quad \leftarrow \quad \text{DM EOS}$$

$$+ \frac{p_{\Phi}}{2} \frac{m + 4\pi r^3 p_{eff}/\Phi}{\Delta - 2\pi r^3 p_{\Phi}/\Phi};$$

$$\epsilon = \epsilon(p) \quad \leftarrow \quad \text{M EOS}$$

# Schematic procedure for calculations

Center of the star

Fixed singular boundary

$$r_c = 0$$

$$m_c = 0$$

$$p_c > 0$$

$$\Phi_c > 1$$

$$p_{\Phi c}(p_c, \Phi_c) = \left| \frac{2}{3}(\epsilon/3+p) - \frac{2\Lambda c}{3\kappa} V_{\Phi} \right|_c$$



4  
Eqs

Non autonomous

Edge of the star

Moving regular boundary

$$r_*$$

$$m_*$$

$$p_* = 0$$

$$\Phi_* > 1$$

$$p_{\Phi_*}$$



3  
Eqs

Non autonomous

Boundary of the Universe

Moving singular boundary

$$r_U$$

$$m_{tot}$$

$$\Delta = 0$$

$$\Phi_U = 1$$

$$p_{\Phi_U}$$

$$F_{\Phi}(p_{\Phi c}, p_c, \Phi_c) = 0, \quad F_{\Lambda}(p_c, \Phi_c) = 0, \quad \leftarrow \text{Two specific MDG relations}$$

One parametric ( $p_c$ ) family of SSSS – as in GR and the Newton gravity !

# Logarithmic variables

$r \in [0, r_*]$ :

$$\begin{aligned}\xi &= \log_{10}(\rho) & \leftrightarrow & & \rho &= 10^\xi \\ \zeta &= \log_{10}(p) & \leftrightarrow & & p &= 10^\zeta\end{aligned}$$

$r \in [r_*, r_U]$ :

$$x = \ln(r)$$

$\Phi = \exp(a \exp(\varphi) - 1)$  – **The dilaton**

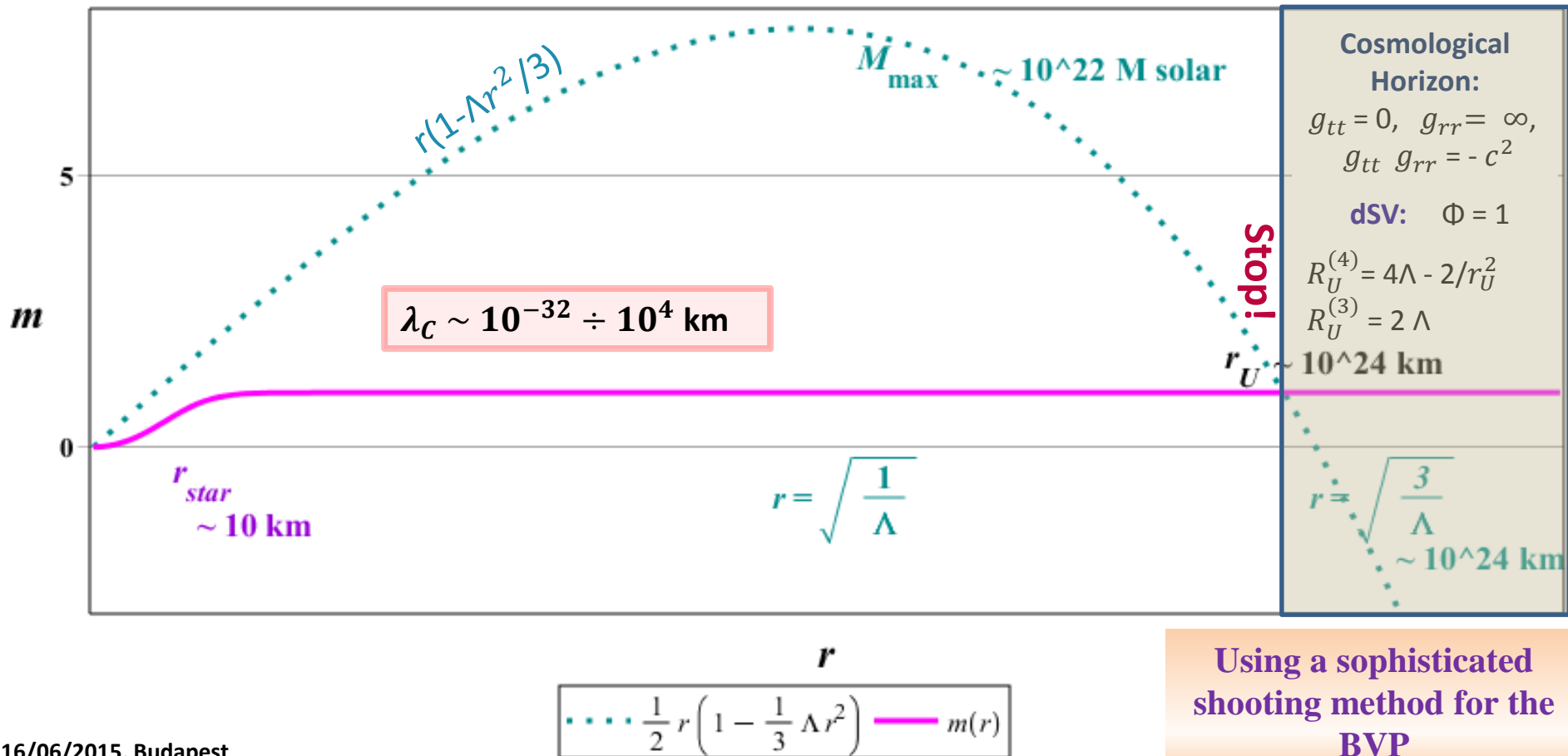
$\varphi = \ln(1 + a^{-1} \ln \Phi)$  – **The dark scalar**

$$a > 0 \rightarrow 0 < \Phi < \infty, -\infty < \varphi < \infty \quad (a = 1)$$

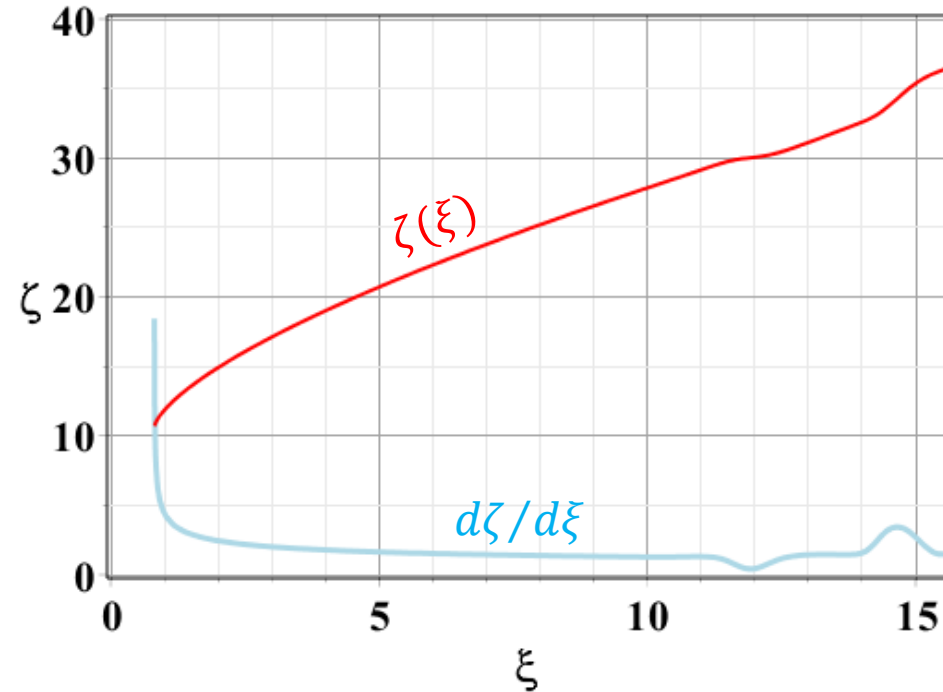
# The Border of the MDG-Kottler-Weyl-like Universe

Kottler (1918)-Weyl (1919):  $ds^2 = \left(1 - \frac{2m}{r} - \frac{\Lambda}{3} r^2\right) dt^2 - \left(1 - \frac{2m}{r} - \frac{\Lambda}{3} r^2\right)^{-1} dr^2 - r^2 d\Omega^2$   
 $m = \text{const}$  (Schwarzschild-de Sitter Universe)

## The MDG-One-Star-Universe: (non-real scales!)



# MEOS AMP1:



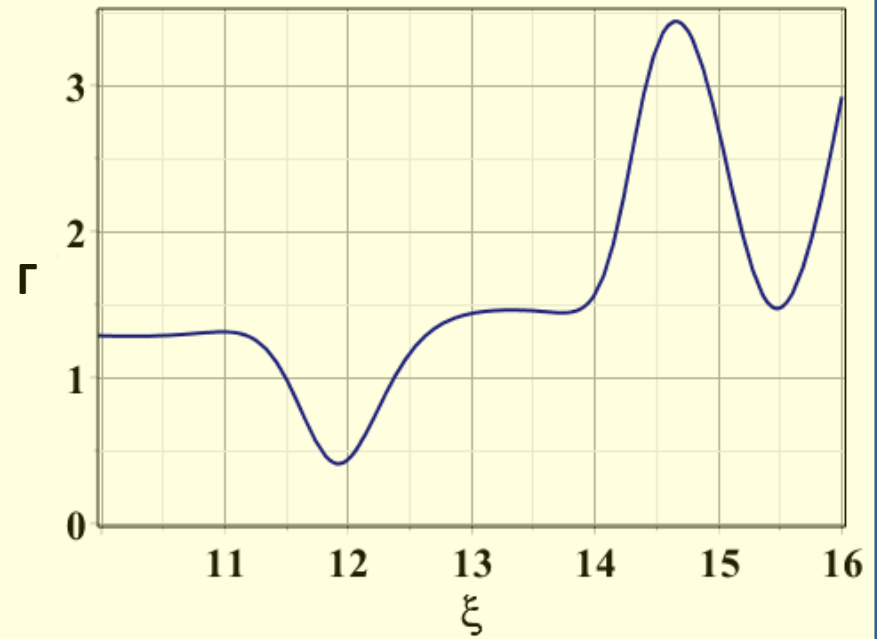
The MEOS **MPA1**

H. MÜTHER, M. PRAKASH, T. L. AINSWORTH  
Extension of the **Brueckner-Hartree-Fock**  
approach for nuclear matter to dense neutron  
matter, PHYSICS LETTERS B, **199**, (1987)

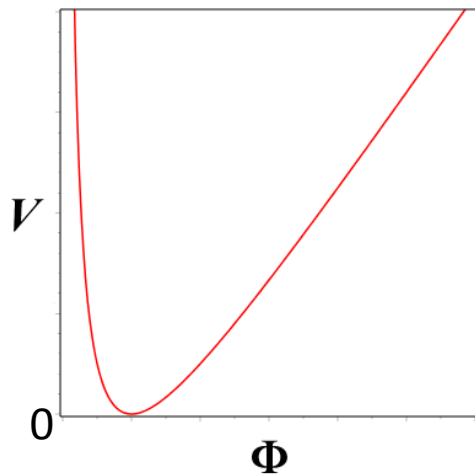
C. Güngör, K. Y. Ekşi, [arXiv:1108.2166](https://arxiv.org/abs/1108.2166)

The adiabatic index

$$\Gamma = \left[ 1 + \frac{P}{\rho c^2} \right] \frac{\rho}{P} \frac{dP}{d\rho}$$



# Some new MDG-results for MEOS AMP1:



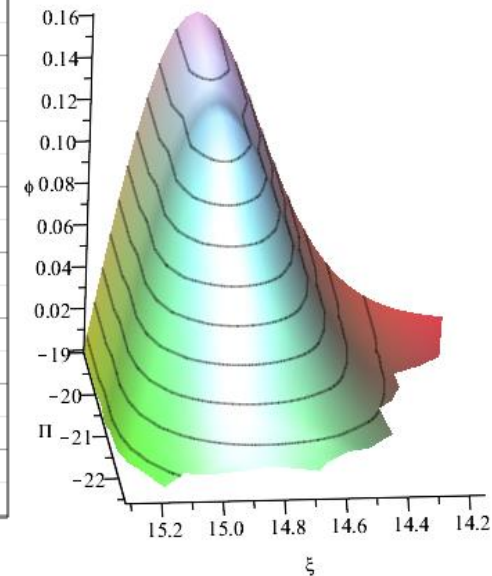
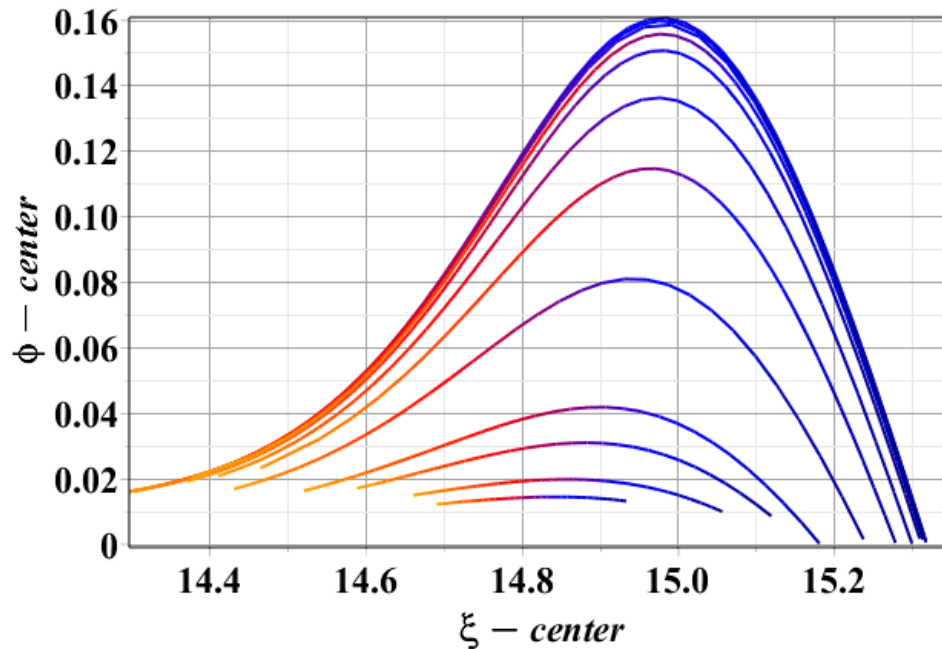
$$V(\Phi) = \frac{\Phi + \frac{1}{\Phi} - 2}{2 \Pi^2}$$

$$\Pi = \lambda_c \sqrt{\Lambda} \sim$$

$$\sim 10^{-19} \div 10^{-61}$$

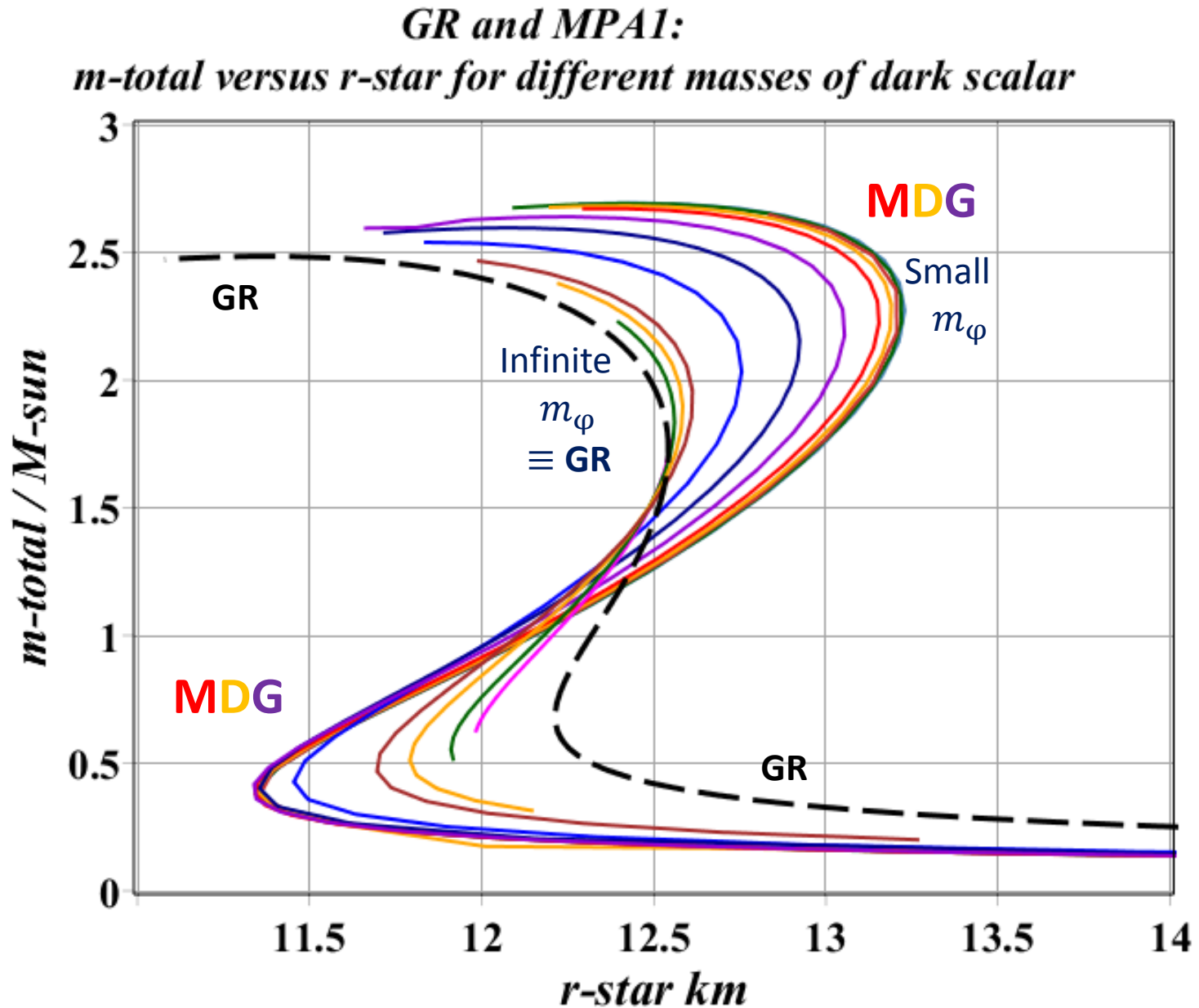
$$\lambda_c = \hbar / m_\Phi c$$

*MPA1: xi-center versus phi-center for different masses of dark scalar*



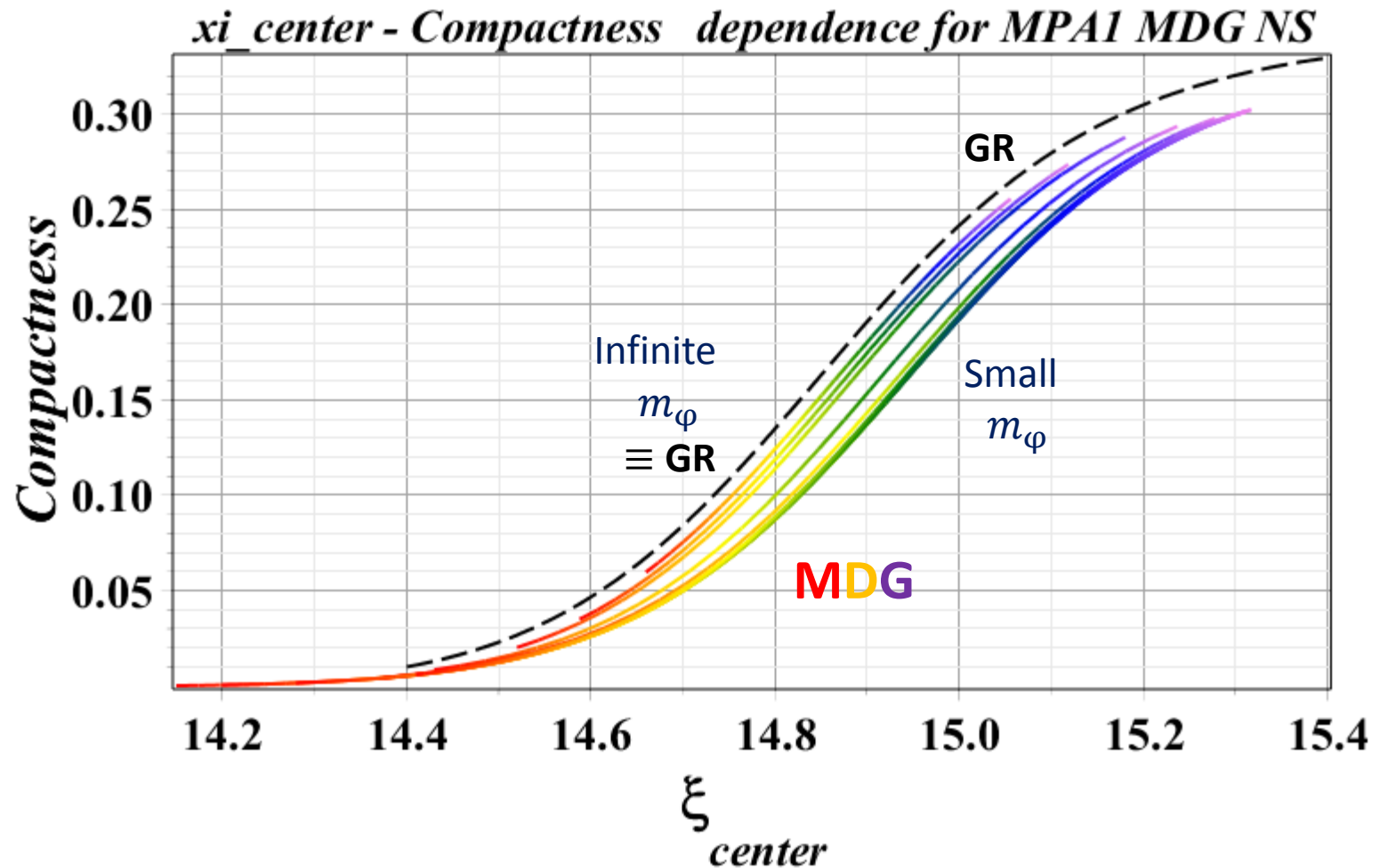
A new phenomenon:  
Shrinkage of the domain of initial conditions approaching the bifurcation point:

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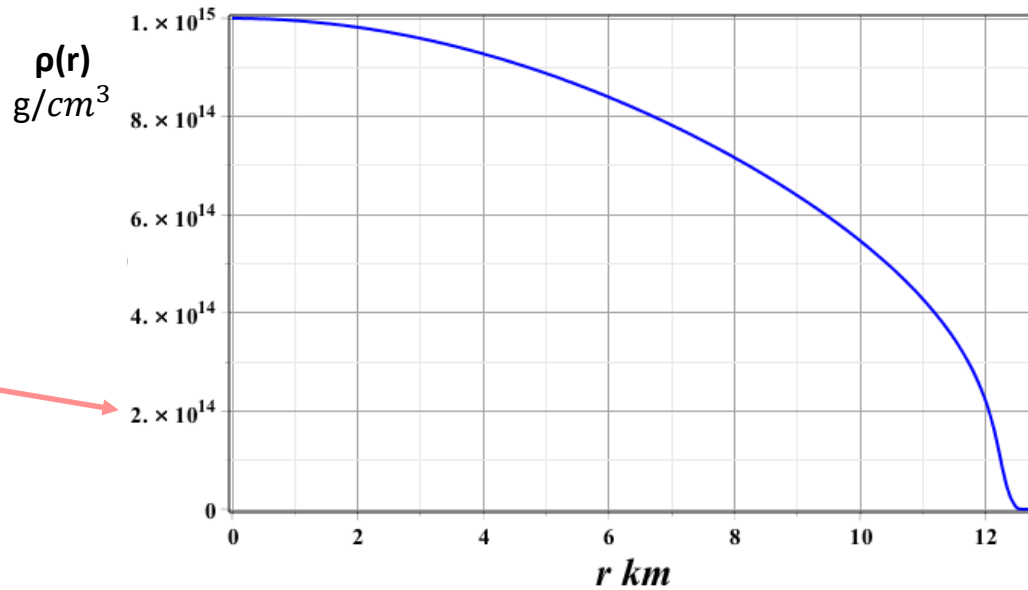




# Compactness of MDG-NS for MEOS AMP1 and for different masses of the dark field:

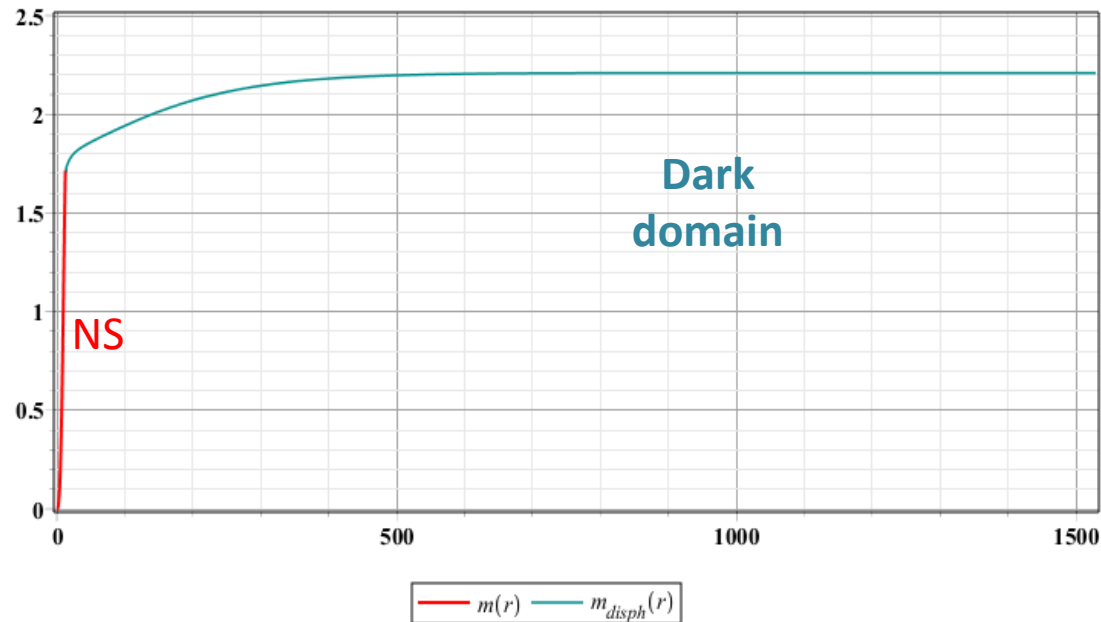
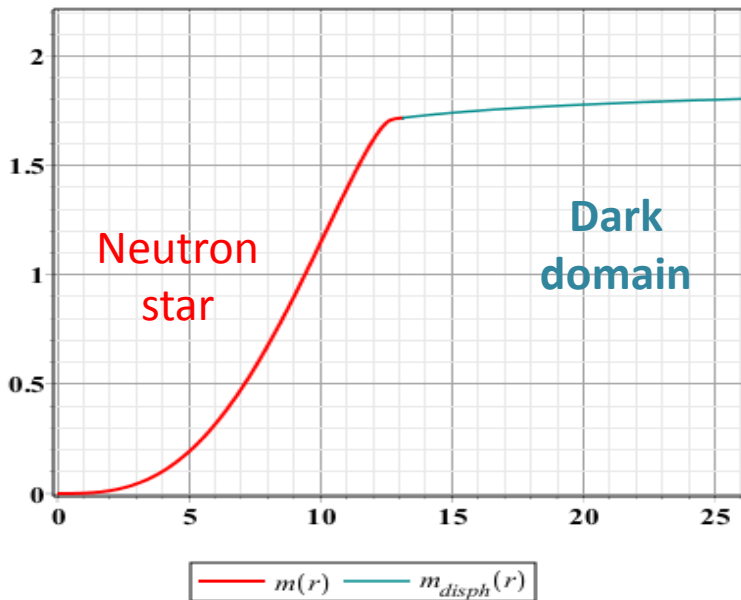


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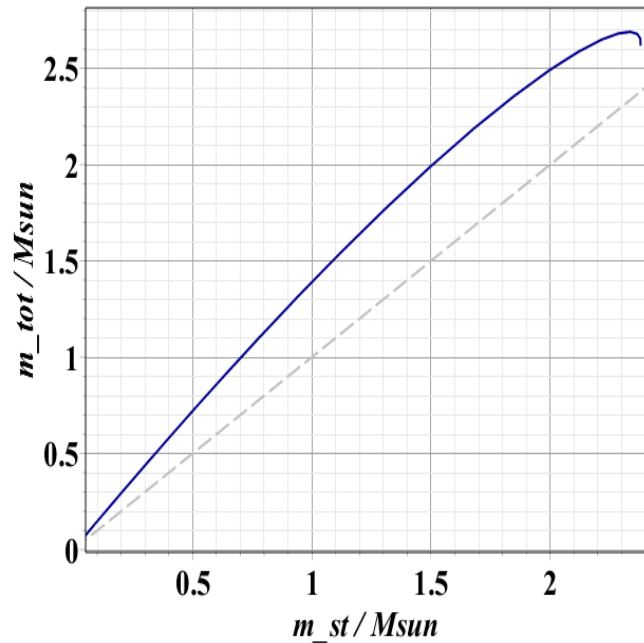


Nuclear density  
 $2.04 \times 10^{14}$   
 $g/cm^3$

Fe 56 densities  
 $6.49$   
 $g/cm^3$

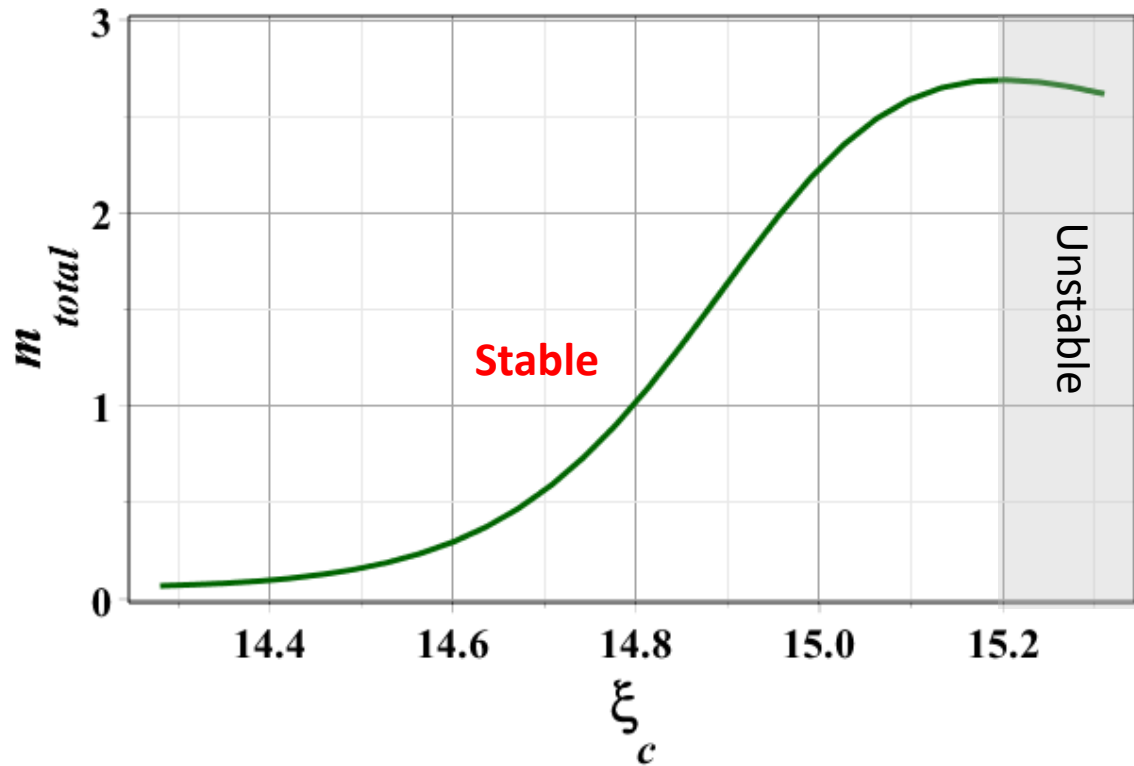


# Stability of MDG-NS with MEOS AMP1:



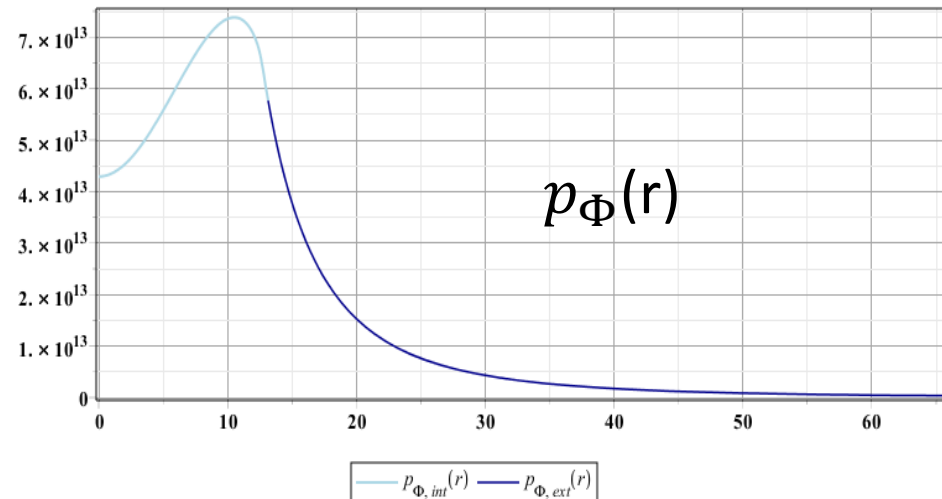
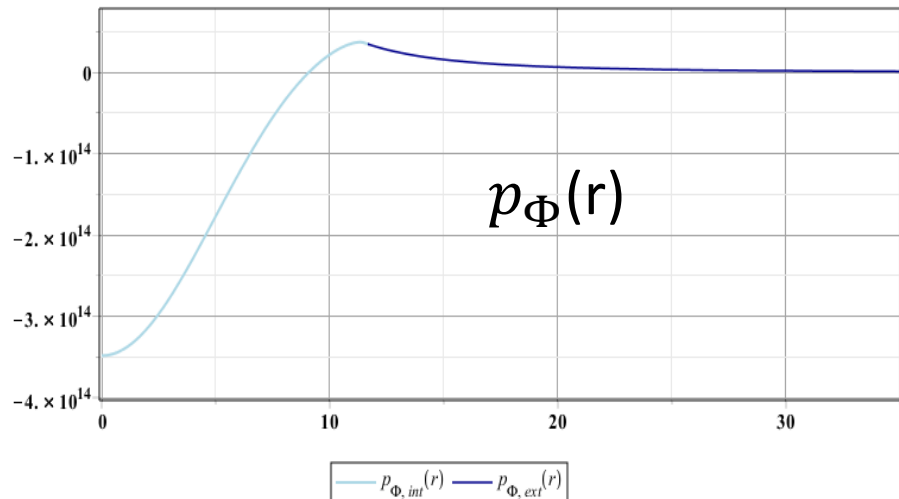
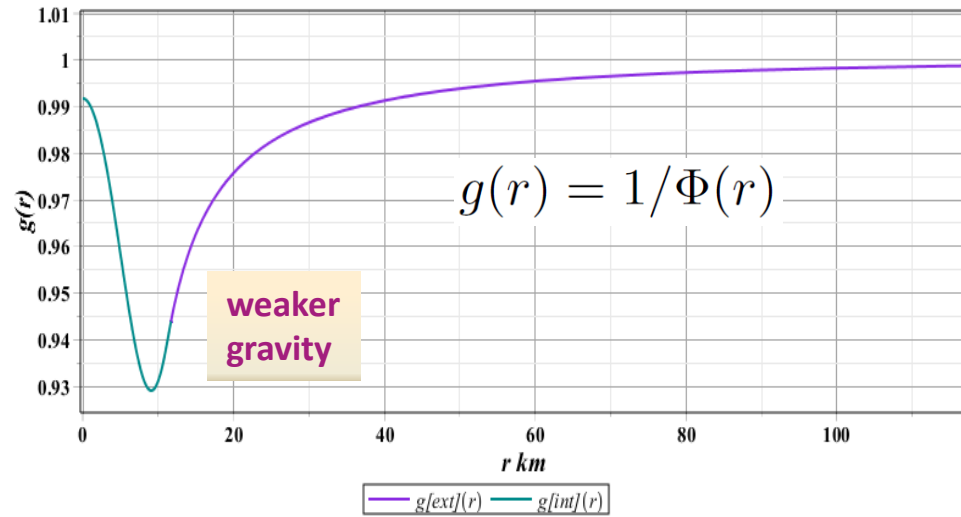
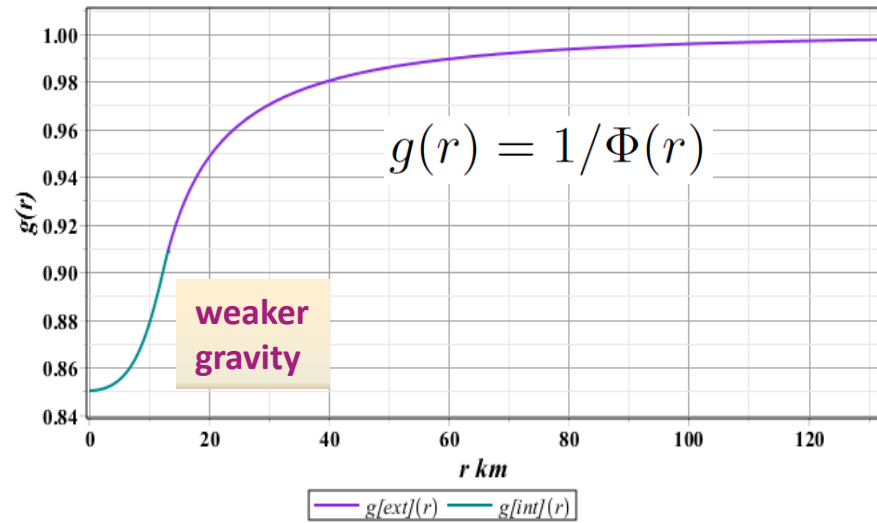
$m_{total}(r)$   
as a function of  
 $m_{ststar}(r)$   
for  $r \in [0, r_{star}]$

$m_{total}$   
as a function of central density  
 $\xi_c = \log_{10}(\rho_c \text{ in } g/cm^3)$

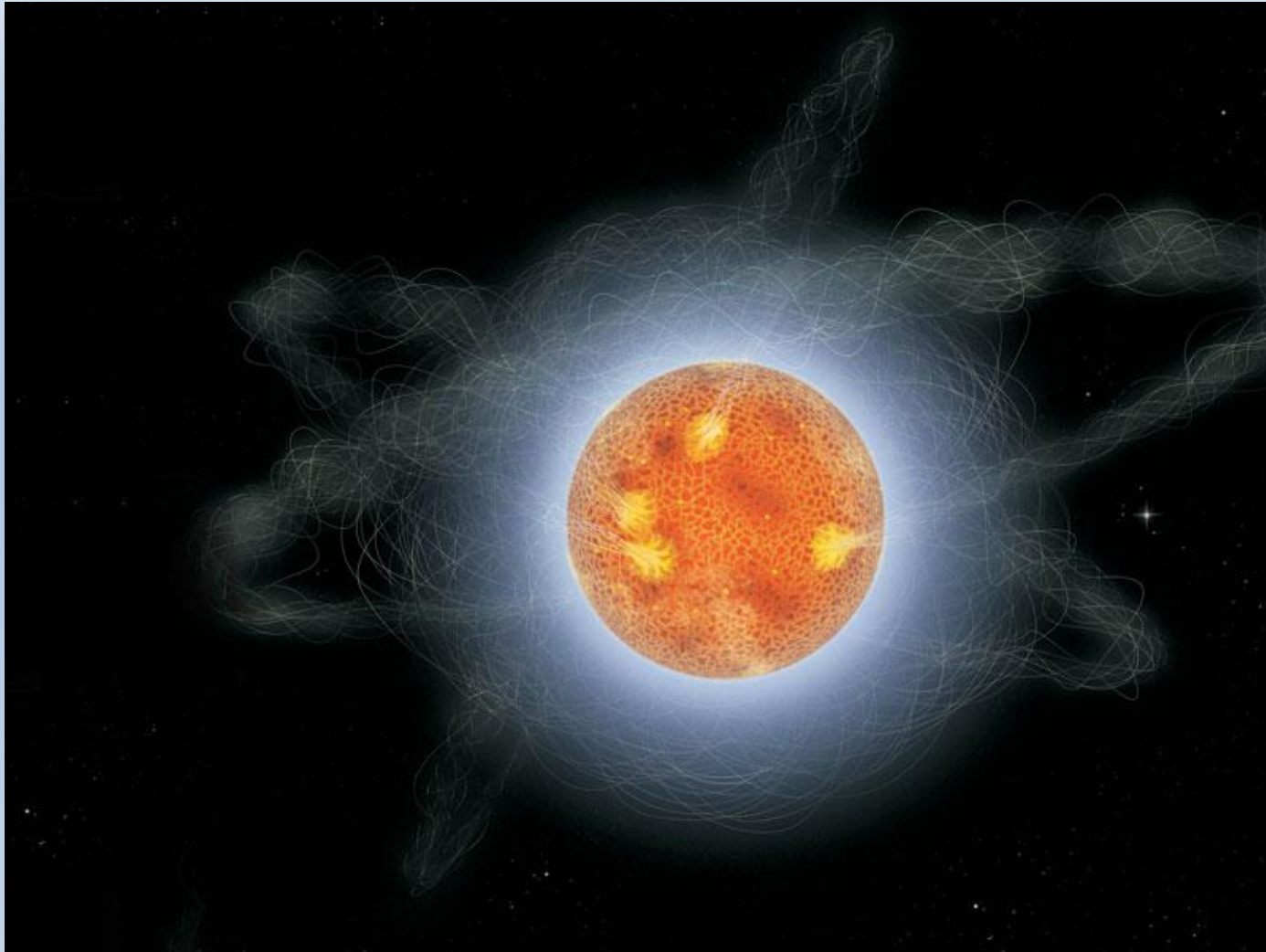


In MDG we have the same stability properties of SSSS  
as in GR

# Some new MDG-results for MEOS AMP1:



# More efforts are needed to know more about the influence of dark matter and dark energy on NS



**Thank you!**

**Assuming:**

$$r_c = 0$$

$$m(0) = m_c = 0, \quad \Phi(0) = \Phi_c, \quad p(0) = p_c,$$

$$p_\Phi(0) = p_{\Phi_c} = \frac{2}{3} \left( \frac{\epsilon(p_c)}{3} - p_c \right) - \frac{\Lambda}{12\pi} V'(\Phi_c).$$

**SSSS edge:**

$$p = 0 \Rightarrow r^*$$

$$m^* = m(r^*; p_c, \Phi_c), \quad \Phi^* = \Phi(r^*; p_c, \Phi_c),$$

$$p_\Phi^* = p_\Phi(r^*; p_c, \Phi_c).$$

**Cosmological horizon:**

$$r_U$$

$$r \in [r^*, r_U] \quad p \equiv 0 \text{ and } \epsilon \equiv 0$$

$$r_U: \Delta(r_U; p_c, \Phi_c) = 0, r_U \sim 1/\sqrt{\Lambda} \sim 10^{23} \text{ km}$$

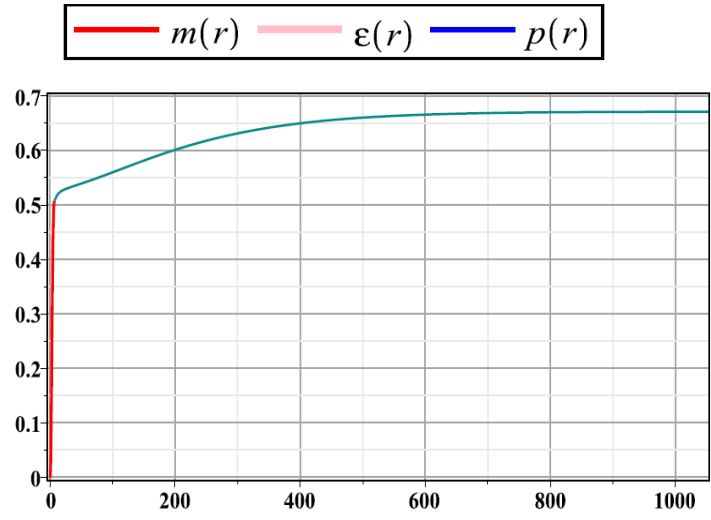
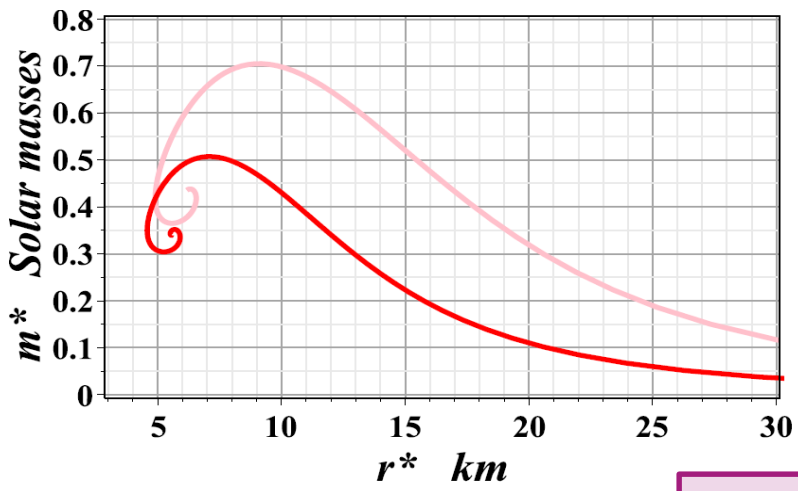
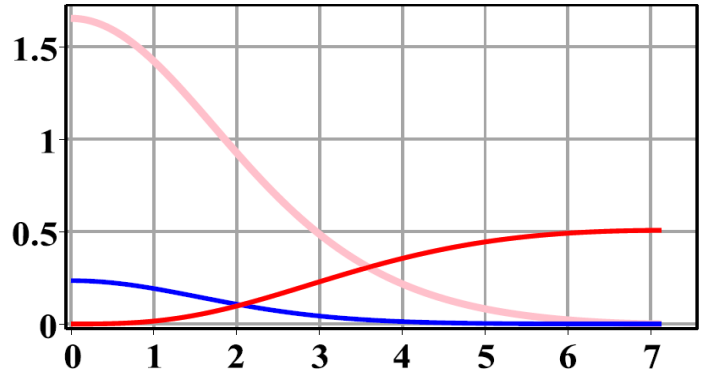
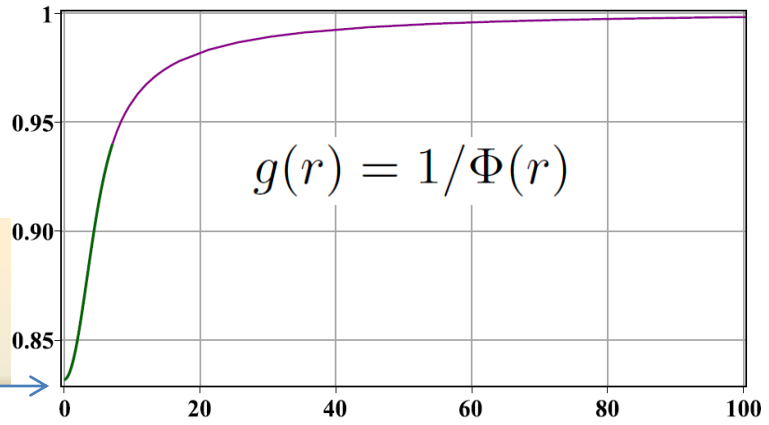
$$\Phi(r_U; p_c, \Phi_c) = 1 \quad \leftarrow \text{De Sitter vacuum}$$

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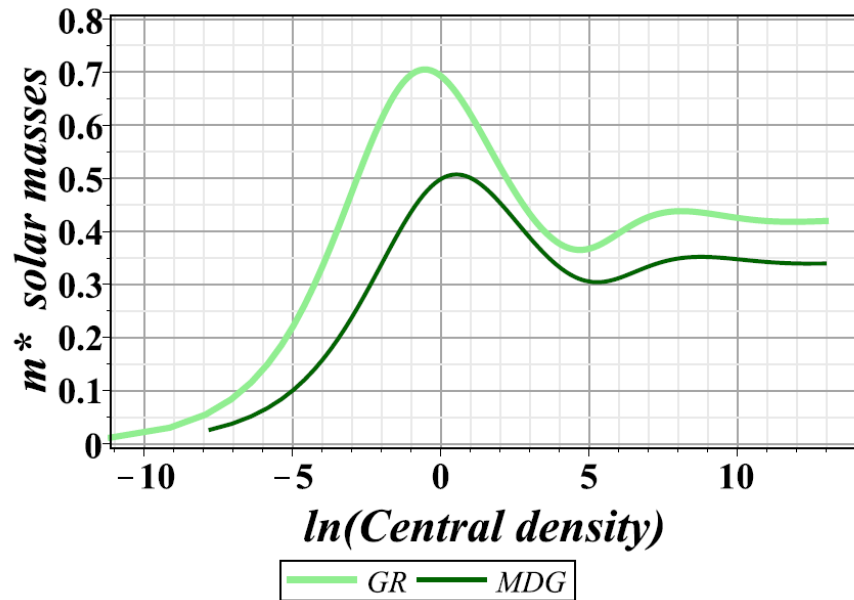
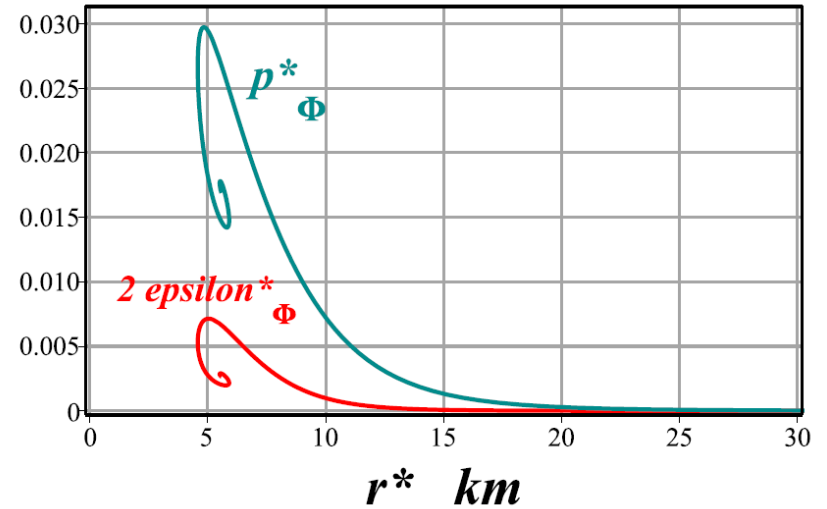
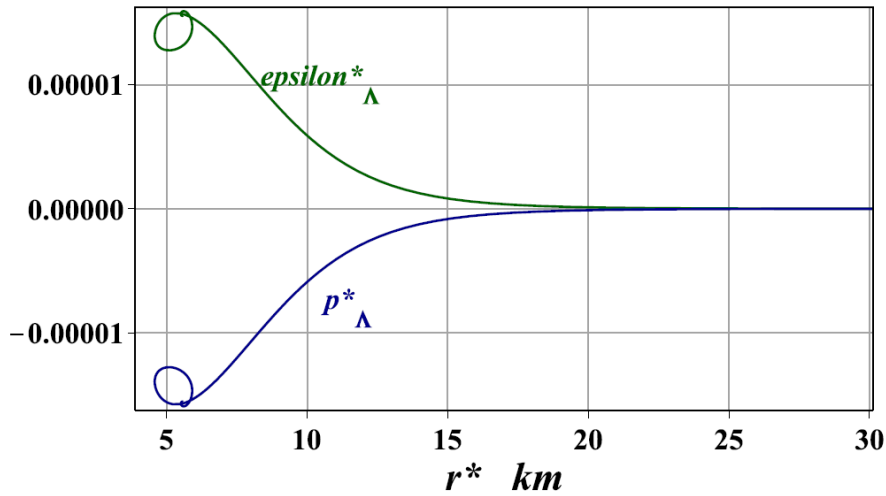
**One parametric ( $p_c$ ) family of SSSS – as in GR and the Newton gravity !**

$$\epsilon = \frac{1}{4\pi} (\sinh t - t), \quad p = \frac{1}{12\pi} (\sinh t - 8 \sinh(t/2) + 3t).$$

17% weaker gravity



$$m_{total} \approx 0.6710 M_{\odot}$$



In MDG we have the same stability properties of SSS as in GR