



# Neutron Stars in Bumblebee Theory

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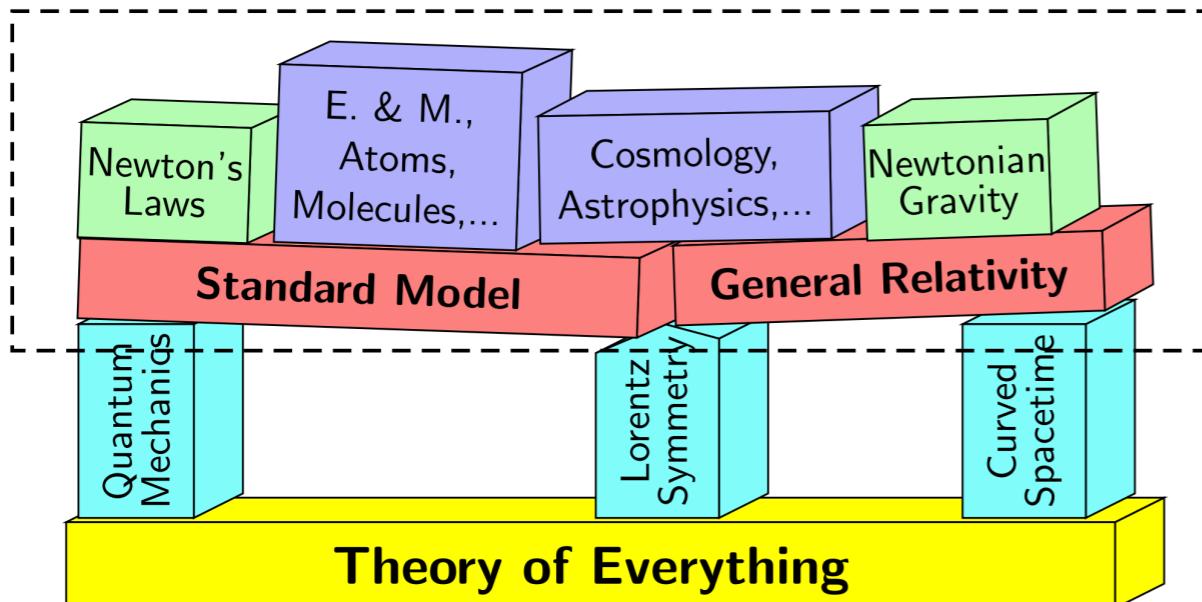
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# Bumblebee Theory

$$S = \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \left( \frac{R}{2\kappa} + \frac{\xi}{2\kappa} B^\mu B^\nu R_{\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{4} B^{\mu\nu} (B_{\mu\nu} - V) \right) + S_m[g_{\mu\nu}, \Psi_m]$$

$B_{\mu\nu} = \partial_\mu B_\nu - \partial_\nu B_\mu \quad V = V(B^\mu B_\mu - b^2)$

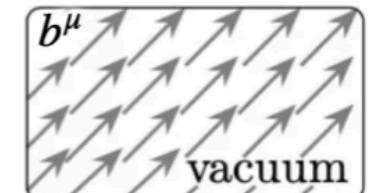
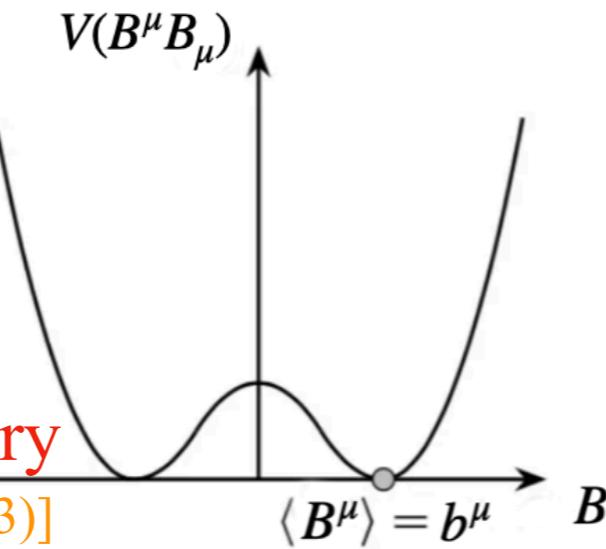
SME = general description of LV and low energies



$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{SME}} = \mathcal{L}_{\text{GR}} + \mathcal{L}_{\text{SM}} + \mathcal{L}_{\text{LV}}$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{LV}} = uR + s^{\mu\nu}R_{\mu\nu}^T + t^{\kappa\lambda\mu\nu}R_{\kappa\lambda\mu\nu}$$

$$u_B = \frac{1}{4} g^{\mu\nu} B_\mu B_\nu \quad s_B^{\mu\nu} = \xi B^\mu B^\nu - g^{\mu\nu} u_B$$



[c.f. M. Mewes]

$$V|_{B_\mu = b_\mu} = 0 \quad \left. \frac{dV}{d(B^\lambda B_\lambda)} \right|_{B_\mu = b_\mu} = 0$$

$$V = \frac{\lambda}{2} (B^\mu B_\nu - b^2)$$

Hellings-Nordtvedt theory  
[R. Hellings & K. Nordtvedt (1973)]

# EoM & Ansatz

Equations of motion:

$$G_{\mu\nu} = \kappa(T_{\mu\nu}^m + T_{\mu\nu}^{\text{vec}} + T_{\mu\nu}^\xi)$$

$$\nabla_\nu B^{\mu\nu} - \frac{\xi}{\kappa} R^{\mu\nu} B_\nu = 0$$

Static and spherical ansatz:

$$ds^2 = -e^{2\nu(r)}dt^2 + e^{2\mu(r)}dr^2 + r^2(d\theta^2 + \sin^2\theta d\phi^2)$$

$$b_\mu = (b_t(r), b_r(r), 0, 0)$$

$$\left(1 - \frac{2Gm(r)}{r}\right)^{-1}$$

Two classes of solutions:

Class I :  $b_r = 0$

Class II :  $R_{rr} = 0$

Reduced geometric unit  
 $\kappa = 1$     $G = 1/8\pi$

# Integration

At center

$$m = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} m_i r^i, \quad \nu = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \nu_i r^i, \quad b_t = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} b_i r^i,$$

$$p = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} p_i r^i, \quad \rho = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \rho_i r^i.$$

$$\nu_1 = 0 \quad b_1 = 0 \quad \rho_1 = p_1 = 0$$

Time transformation

$$t \rightarrow e^{-\Delta\nu} t$$

$$\mathbf{g} : g_{tt} \rightarrow e^{2\Delta\nu} g_{tt}$$

$$\mathbf{b} : b_t \rightarrow e^{\Delta\nu} b_b$$

System is invariant under

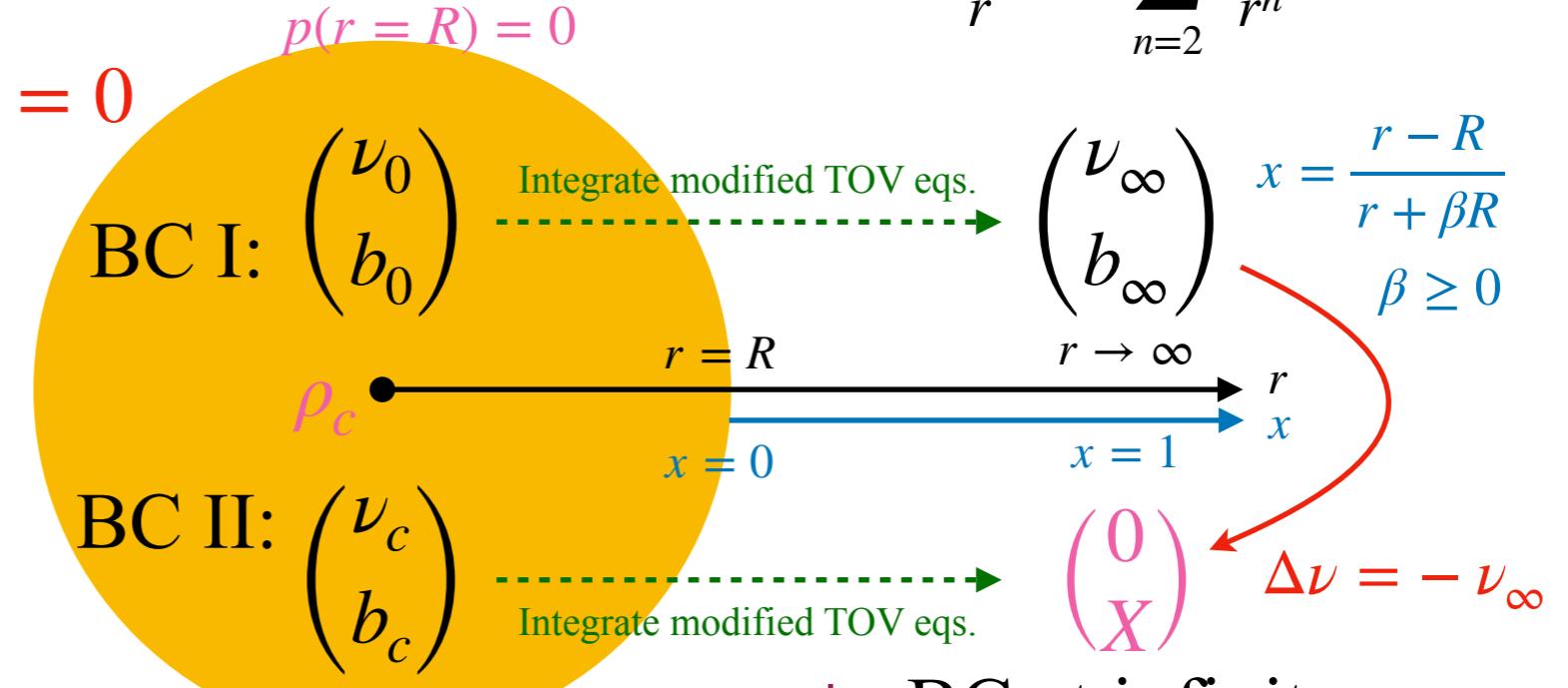
$$\nu \rightarrow \nu + \Delta\nu, \quad b_t \rightarrow e^{\Delta\nu} b_t$$

At infinity

$$\nu(r) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\nu_{-n}}{r^n},$$

$$m(r) = M + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{m_{-n}}{r^n},$$

$$b_t(r) = X + \frac{2\sqrt{\pi}Q}{r} + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{b_{-n}}{r^n}.$$



$$M = 8\pi(1 + \beta)R \left. \frac{d\nu}{dx} \right|_{x=1}$$

$$Q = -\frac{1 + \beta}{2\sqrt{\pi}} R \left. \frac{db_t}{dx} \right|_{x=1}$$

$$M \rightarrow M$$

$$X \rightarrow e^{\Delta\nu} X$$

$$Q \rightarrow e^{\Delta\nu} Q$$

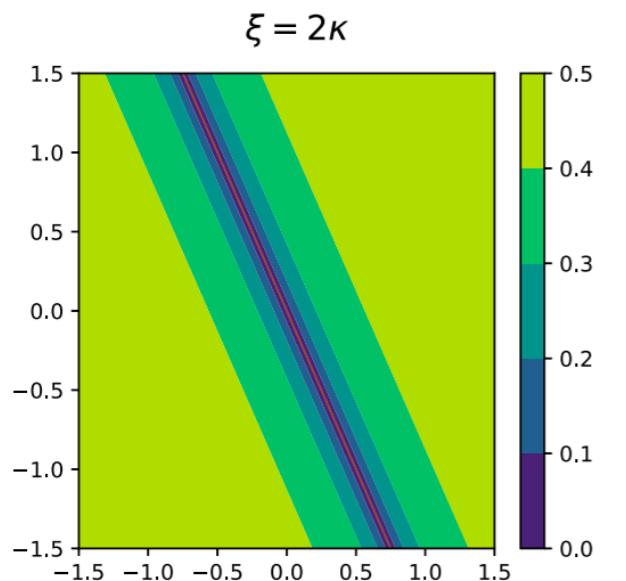
# Back to GR

$$\begin{aligned} m_3 &= \frac{4\pi}{3} \frac{3p_0 b_0^2 (2\kappa - \xi)\xi + 2e^{2\nu_0} \kappa \rho_0}{2e^{2\nu_0} \kappa + \xi(\xi - 2\kappa)b_0^2}, \\ b_2 &= \frac{\kappa}{6} \frac{e^{2\nu_0} (3p_0 + \rho_0)}{2e^{2\nu_0} \kappa + \xi(\xi - 2\kappa)b_0^2} \xi b_0, \\ \nu_2 &= \frac{\kappa^2}{6} \frac{e^{2\nu_0} (3p_0 + \rho_0)}{2e^{2\nu_0} \kappa + \xi(\xi - 2\kappa)b_0^2}, \\ p_2 &= -\frac{\kappa^2}{6} \frac{e^{2\nu_0} (3p_0 + \rho_0)(p_0 + \rho_0)}{2e^{2\nu_0} \kappa + \xi(\xi - 2\kappa)b_0^2}. \end{aligned}$$

Einstein-Maxwell theory ( $\xi = 0$ )

$$b_t(r) = b_0 + \int_0^r \frac{q_0}{r'^2} e^{\mu(r') + \nu(r')} dr'$$

Stealth Schwarzschild ( $\xi = 2\kappa$ )



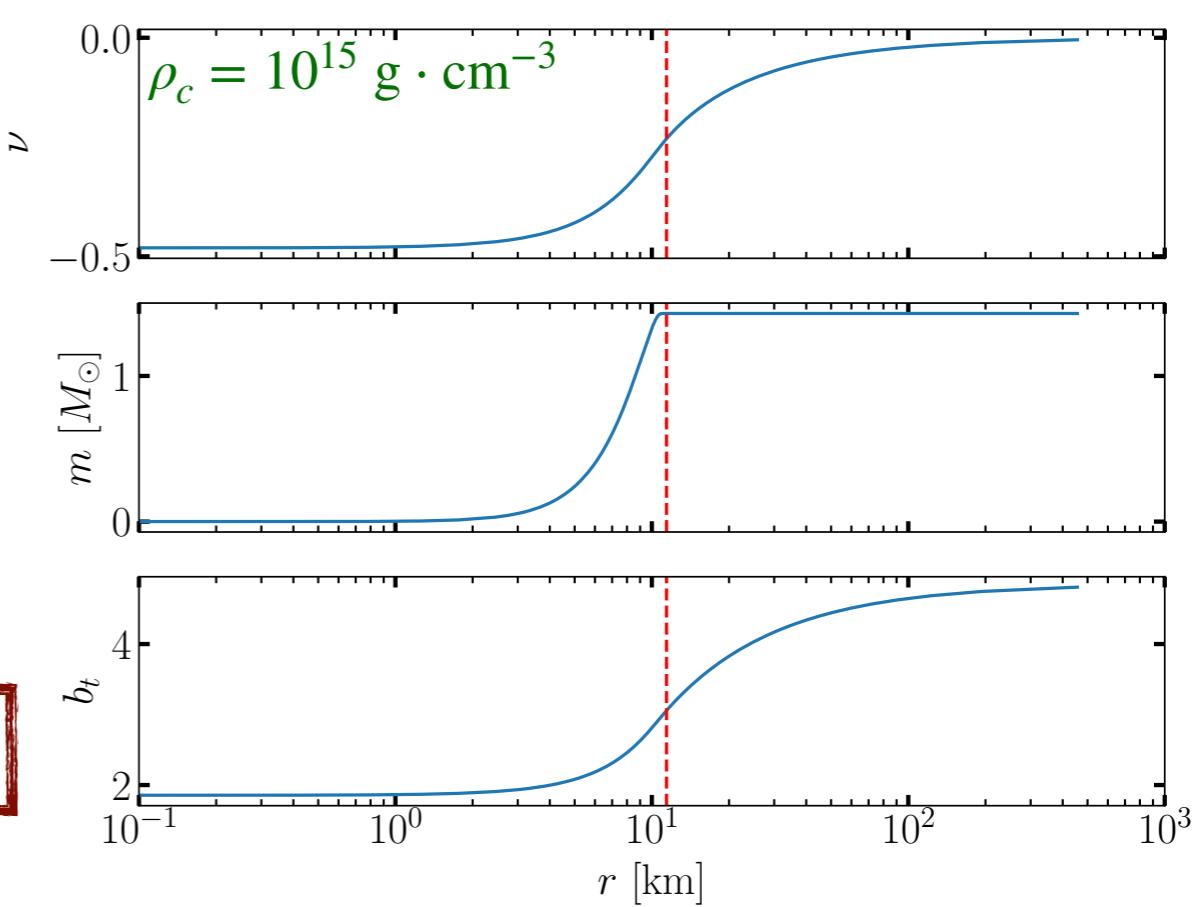
$GMX + \sqrt{\pi}Q = 0$   
Only 2 of  $M, X, Q$  are independent!

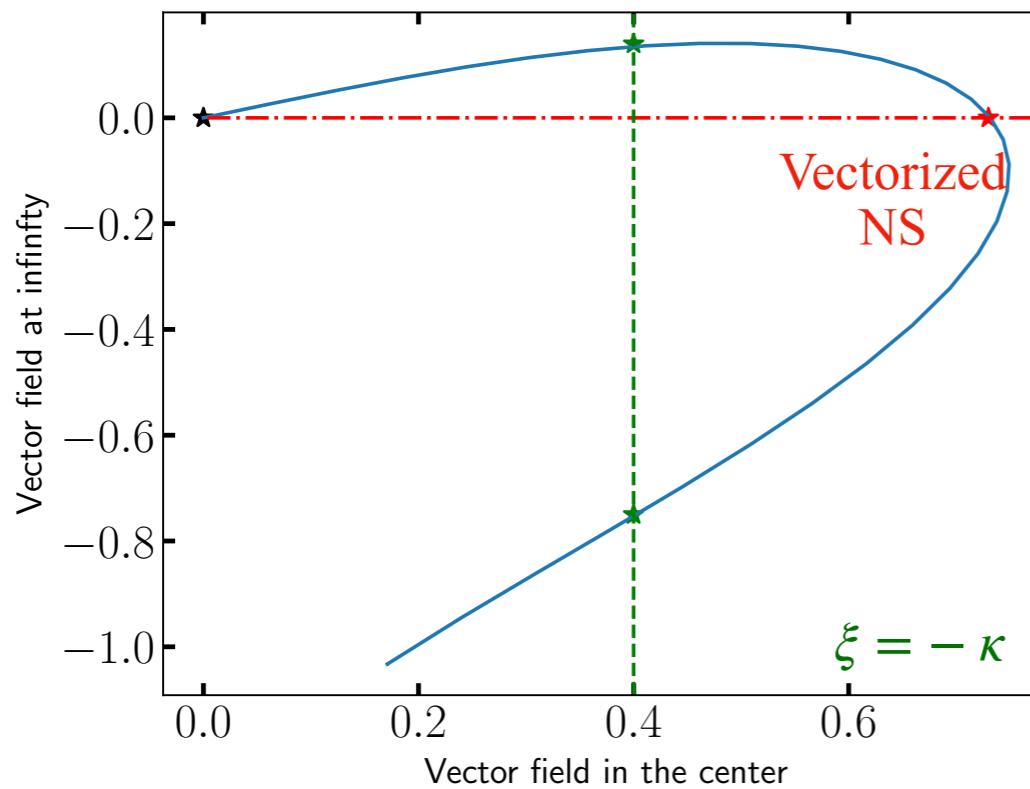
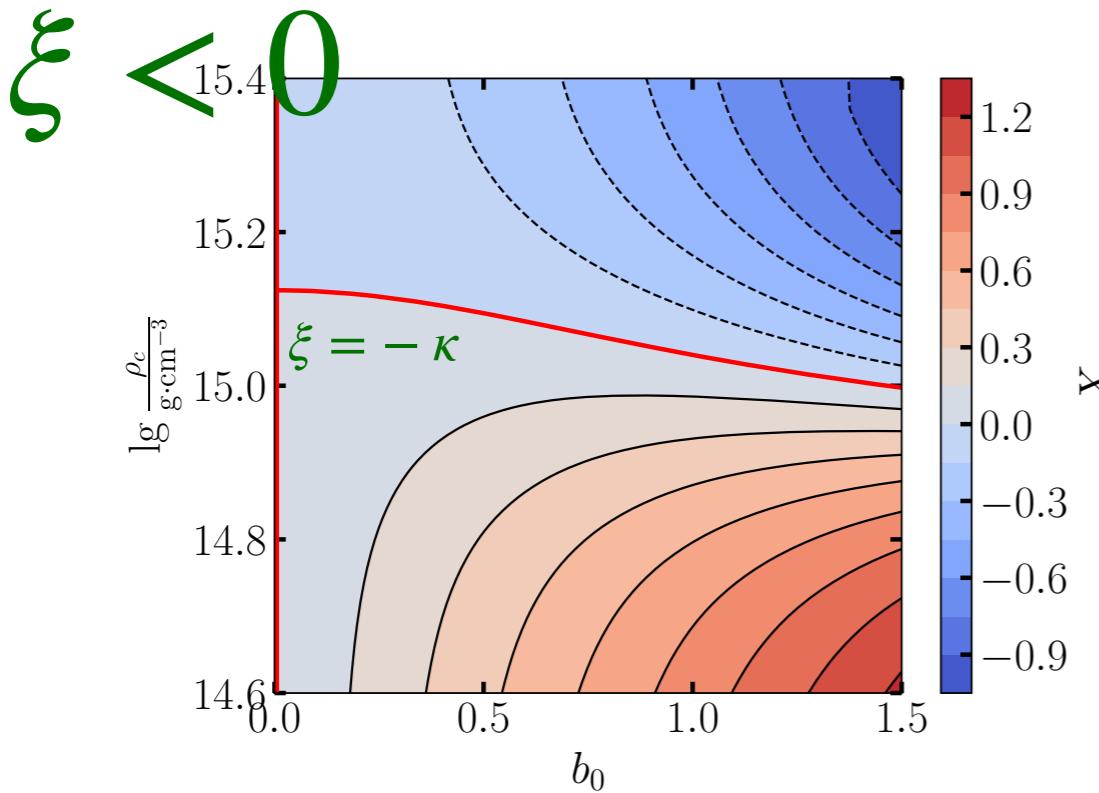
Brikhoff Theorem

[R. Xu, D. Liang & L. Shao (2023)]

$$\begin{array}{l} b_0 = 0 \\ \longrightarrow \\ \xi = 0, 2\kappa \end{array}$$

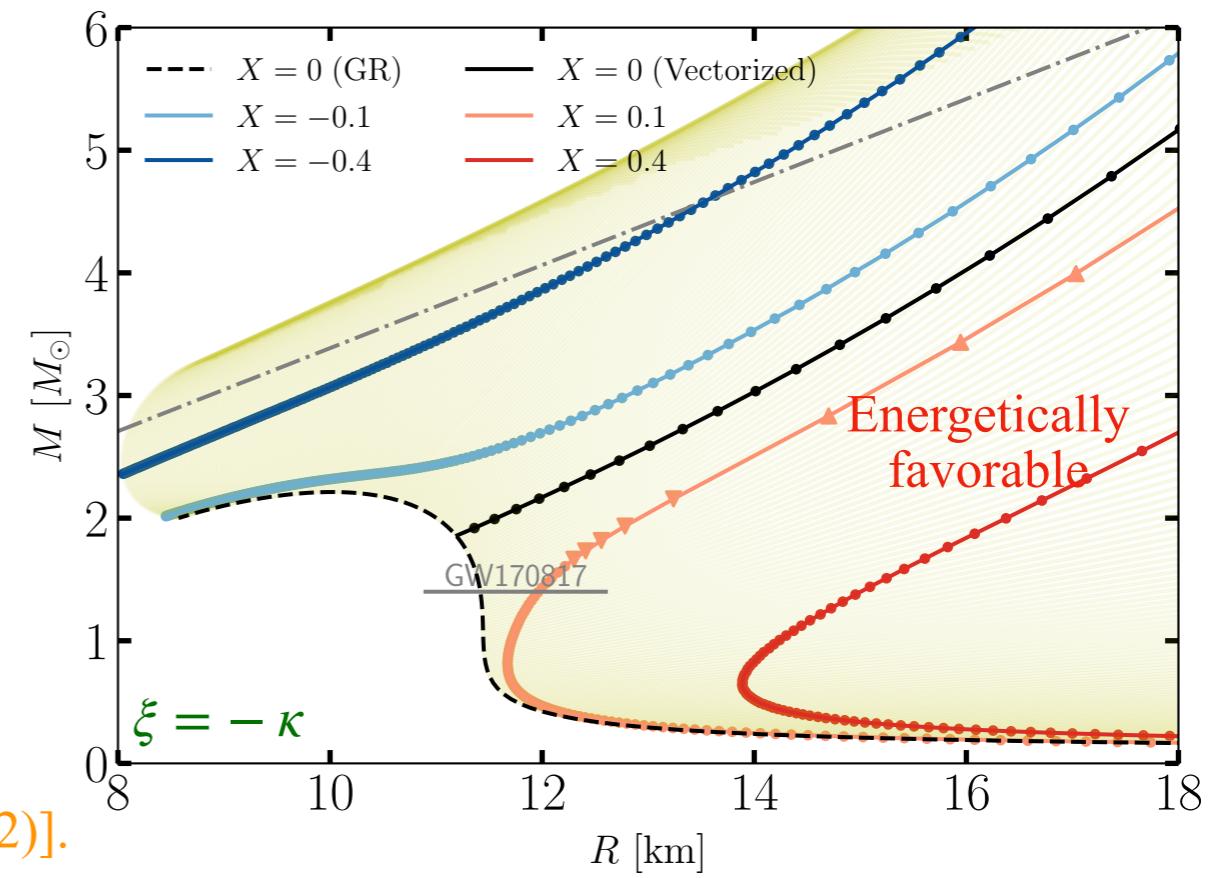
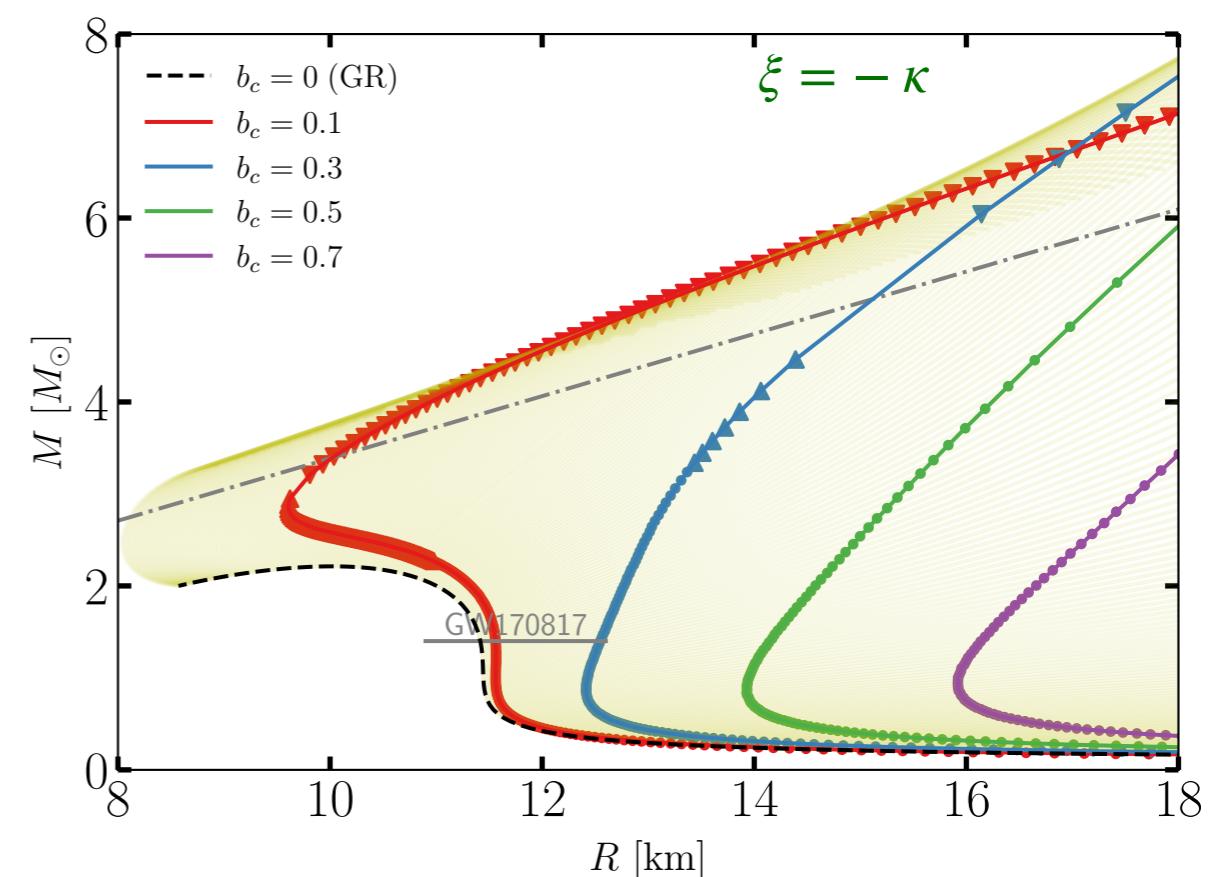
$$\begin{aligned} m_3 &= \frac{4\pi}{3} \rho_0 \\ \nu_2 &= \frac{2\pi}{3} G(3p_0 + \rho_0) \\ p_2 &= -\frac{2\pi}{3} G(3p_0 + \rho_0)(p_0 + \rho_0) \\ b_2 &= \frac{1}{6} (3p_0 + \rho_0) b_0 \end{aligned}$$



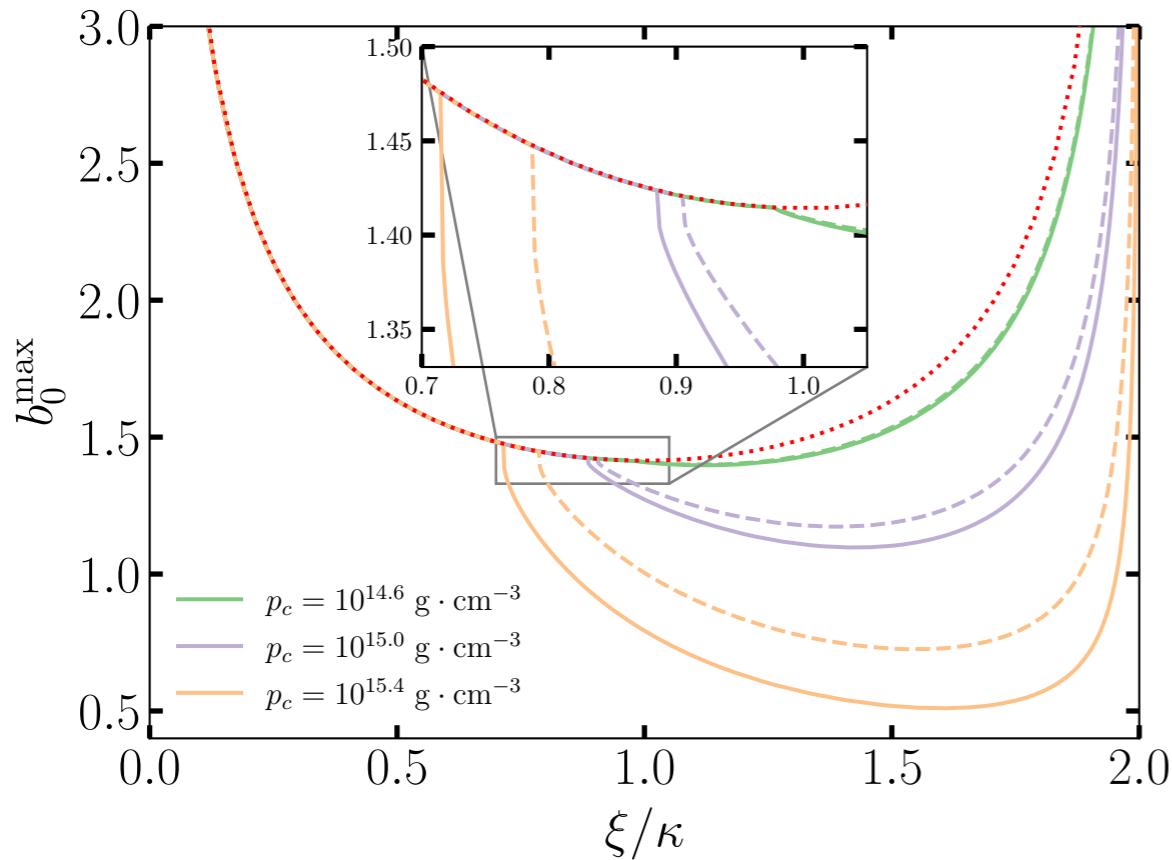


No spontaneous vectorization so far!

See [L. Annunzi et al. (2019)] & [H. Silva et al. (2022)].



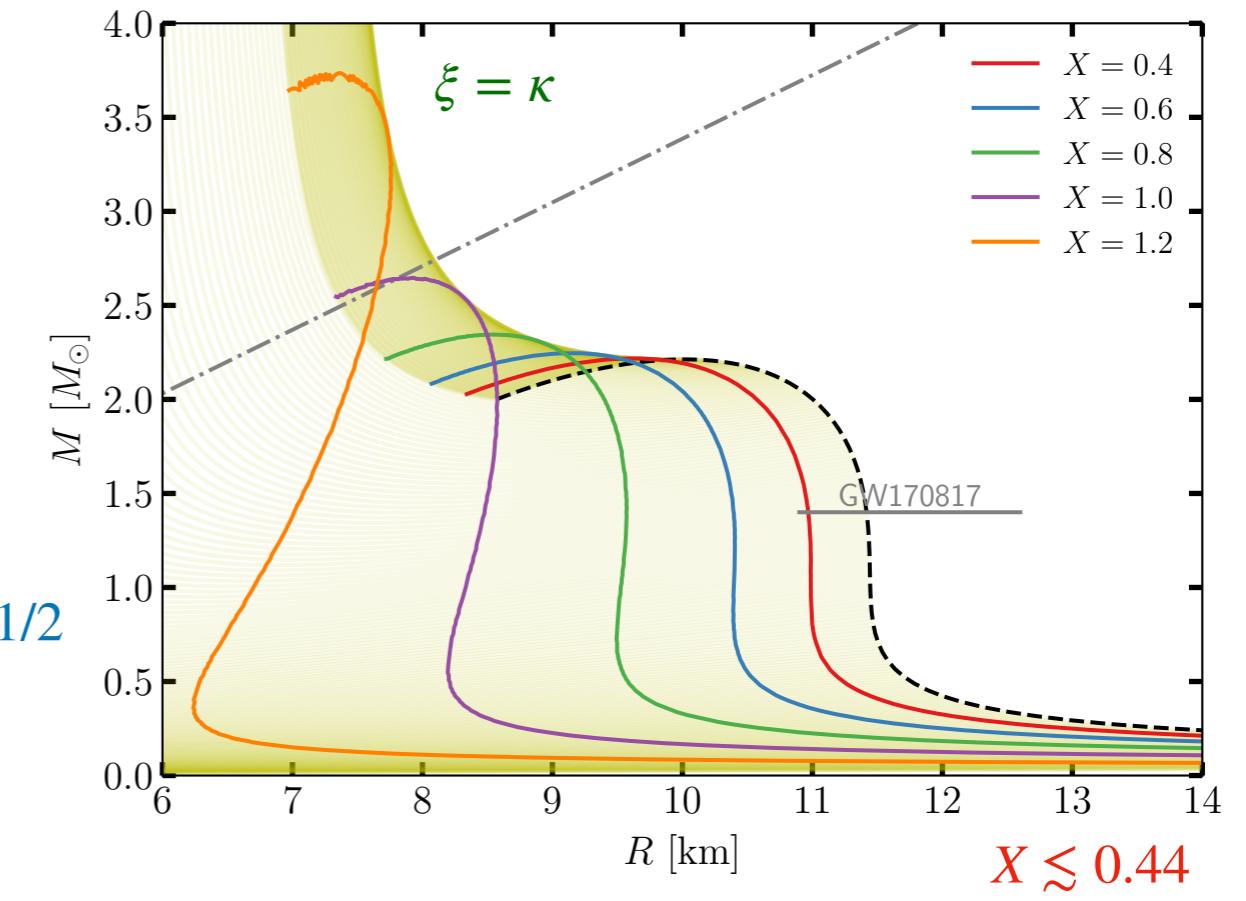
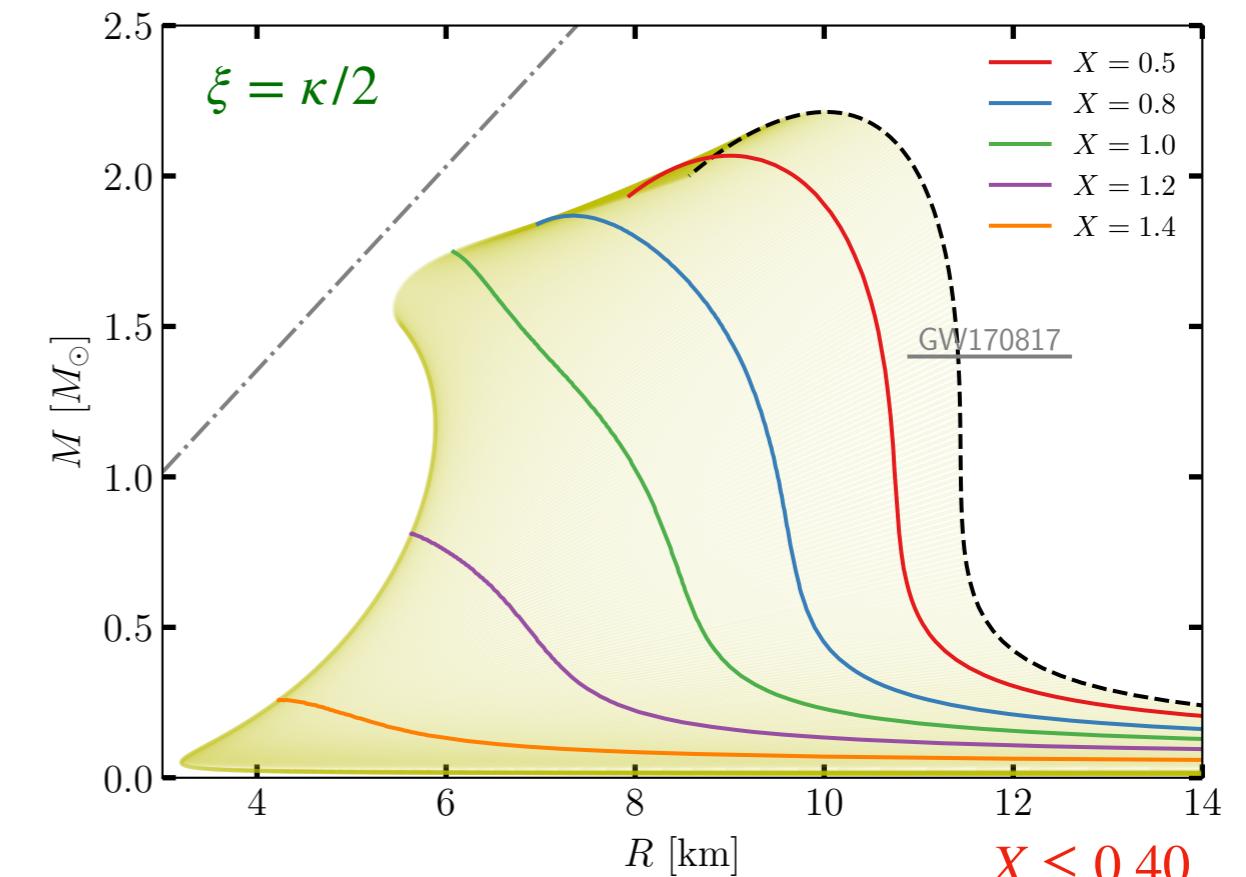
$$0 < \xi < 2\kappa$$



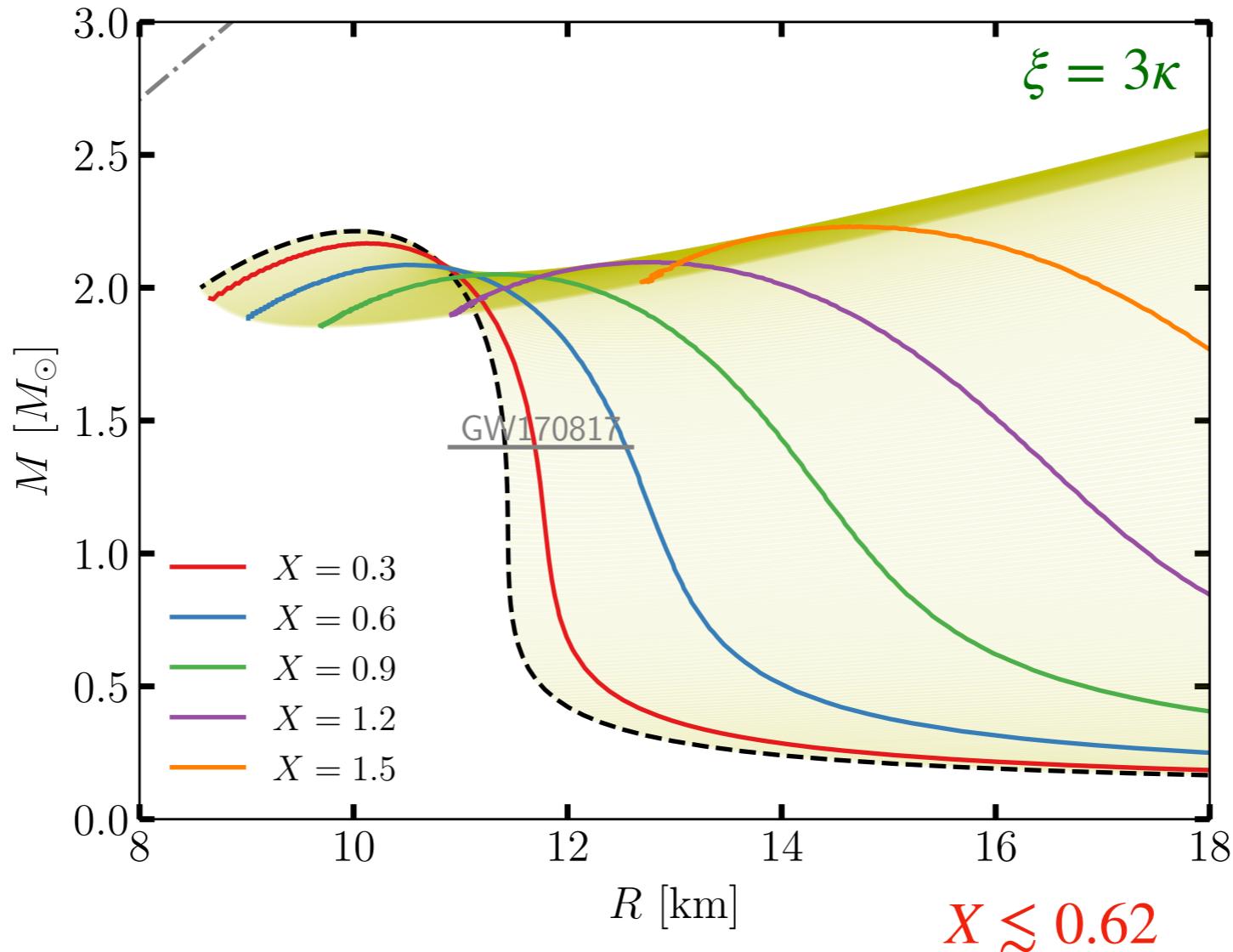
► Asymptotic behavior at center  
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$$M, Q \rightarrow \infty \text{ as } X \rightarrow \left( \frac{2\kappa}{\xi(2\kappa - \xi)} \right)^{1/2}$$



$\xi > 2\kappa$



We are able to get both large radius and large mass in this range of non-minimal coupling without divergence.

# Summary

- We systematically studied NSs in bumblebee theory
  - ▶ Differences between the well-studied scalar-tensor theory
- Some interesting cases
  - ▶ Large compactness ( $\mathcal{C} > 0.5$ ) generally
  - ▶ Vectorized NSs when  $\xi < 0$
  - ▶ Extremely massive (ADM mass) star with a relative small radius
  - ▶ Stealth Schwarzschild NS solutions
- Something to do
  - ▶ Perturbations on static spherical solutions
    - ✓ Tidal deformability — more constraints
    - ✓ Time-dependent perturbation — stability
  - ▶ Different possible potentials in the SME framework

Thank you!