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# Spontaneous scalarization in anisotropic configurations

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# The importance of neutron stars

Neutron stars are ideal objects to test physics:

- Mass  $\sim M_{\odot}$  and radius  $\sim 10 {\rm km}$ . Density  $\sim 10^{14} {\rm g/cm}^3$ .
- Neutron star are highly relativistic objects test gravity!
- Matter in extreme conditions: High pressure, temperature, magnetic fields...

Highly relativistic, quantum matter, with magnetic fields, radiative transfer... This should be complicated to deal.



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# Maybe not... Fluid description

The bulk characteristics of NS can be described by a fluid model:

$$T^{ab} = (p+\rho)u^a u^b + p g^{ab}.$$

Note that this assumes that the fluid which compose the NS is isotropic.

Einstein equations:

$$G_{ab} = \kappa T_{ab},$$
$$\nabla_a T^{ab} = 0,$$

provided with an EOS  $p = p(\rho)$ . TOV equations.





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# Why study anisotropy?

Anisotropic may be relevant for the properties of NS.

Herrera & Santos, P. Rep. 286 53, 1997.

- Magnetic fields; Yazadjiev, PRD **85** 044030, 2012.
- Nuclear matter at high densities; Nelmes & Piette, PRD 85 123004, 2012. Adam et al., PLB 742 136, 2014.
- Effective models; Letelier, PRD 20 807, 1980. P. Boonserm *et al.*, arXiv:1501.07044, 2015.
- Exotic objects; Schunck & Mielke, CQG 20 R301, 2003. Cattoen et al., CQG 25 4189, 2005.
- Rotating stars; Bavin, PRD 26 1262, 1982.

Here: Slowly rotating NS stars with anisotropic pressure – Within GR and ST theories.



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## Scalar-Tensor theories of gravity

Among the simplest and well studied extensions of GR.

$$S = \frac{c^4}{16\pi G_*} \int d^4x \frac{\sqrt{-g_*}}{c} \left( R_* - 2g_*^{\mu\nu} \partial_\mu \varphi \partial_\nu \varphi \right) + S_{\rm M} \left[ \psi_{\rm M}; A^2(\varphi) g_{*\mu\nu} \right], \qquad (1)$$

$$R_{*\mu\nu} = 2\partial_{\mu}\varphi\partial_{\nu}\varphi + 8\pi \left(T_{*\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{2}T_{*}g_{*\mu\nu}\right), \qquad (2)$$
$$\Box_{*}\varphi = -4\pi\alpha(\varphi)T_{*}, \qquad (3)$$

#### where

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$$T_*^{\mu\nu} \equiv \frac{2}{\sqrt{-g_*}} \frac{\delta S_M \left[\psi_M, A^2(\varphi)g_{*\mu\nu}\right]}{\delta g_{*\mu\nu}}.$$
 (4)

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# Slowly rotating approximation

First order in rotation Hartle, APJ 150 1005, 1967, and Hartle & Thorne, APJ 153 807, 1068.

We shall take  $A(\varphi) = \exp(\beta \varphi^2/2)$ . The metric is

$$d\tilde{s}^{2} = A^{2}(\varphi) \Big[ -e^{2\Phi(r)}dt^{2} + e^{2\Lambda(r)}dr^{2} + r^{2}d\theta^{2} + r^{2}\sin^{2}\theta \,d\phi^{2} - 2\,\omega(\mathbf{r},\theta)\mathbf{r}^{2}\sin^{2}\theta \,\mathrm{dt}\,\mathrm{d}\phi \Big], \qquad (5)$$

where

$$e^{-2\Lambda(r)} \equiv 1 - \frac{2\mu(r)}{r},\tag{6}$$

and

$$\tilde{u}^{\mu} = A^{-1}(\varphi) \left( e^{-\Phi}, 0, 0, \Omega e^{-\Phi} \right).$$
(7)

With this, assuming the an explicitly form for the stress-energy tensor, we obtain the modified TOV equations.

# Anisotropic matter

The energy-momentum tensor

In the Jordan frame, we have

$$\tilde{T}_{\mu\nu} = \tilde{\epsilon} \, \tilde{u}_{\mu} \tilde{u}_{\nu} + \tilde{p} \, \tilde{k}_{\mu} \tilde{k}_{\nu} + \tilde{q} \, \tilde{\Pi}_{\mu\nu},$$

where  $\tilde{u}_{\mu}$  is the fluid four-velocity,  $\tilde{k}_{\mu}$  is a unit radial vector (i.e.  $\tilde{k}_{\mu}\tilde{k}^{\mu} = 1$ ), satisfying  $\tilde{u}^{\mu}\tilde{k}_{\mu} = 0$  and  $\tilde{\Pi}_{\mu\nu} \equiv \tilde{g}_{\mu\nu} + \tilde{u}_{\mu}\tilde{u}_{\nu} - \tilde{k}_{\mu}\tilde{k}_{\nu}$ .

#### **Anisotropic models**

$$\tilde{\sigma} \equiv \tilde{p} - \tilde{q}.$$

#### Quasi-local EOS:

Horvat et al., Class.Quant.Grav. 28 025009, 2015.

$$\tilde{\sigma} \equiv \lambda_{\rm H} \tilde{p} \frac{2\mu}{r}.$$

#### Bowers-Liang model:

Bowers and Liang, ApJ 188 657, 1974.

$$\tilde{\sigma} \equiv \frac{1}{3} \lambda_{\rm BL} \left( \tilde{\epsilon} + 3\tilde{p} \right) \left( \tilde{\epsilon} + p \right) \left( 1 - \frac{2\mu}{r} \right)^{-1} r^2.$$

# The modified TOV equations

$$\frac{d\mu}{dr} = 4\pi A^4(\varphi) r^2 \tilde{\epsilon} + \frac{1}{2} r(r-2\mu) \psi^2, \qquad (8)$$

$$\frac{d\Phi}{dr} = 4\pi A^4(\varphi) \frac{r^2 \tilde{p}}{r - 2\mu} + \frac{1}{2}r\psi^2 + \frac{\mu}{r(r - 2\mu)},$$
(9)

$$\frac{d\psi}{dr} = 4\pi A^4(\varphi) \frac{r}{r-2\mu} \left[ \alpha(\varphi)(\tilde{\epsilon}-3\tilde{p}) + r(\tilde{\epsilon}-\tilde{p})\psi \right]$$

$$-\frac{2(r-\mu)}{r(r-2\mu)}\psi + 8\pi A^4(\varphi)\alpha(\varphi)\frac{r\tilde{\sigma}}{r-2\mu},$$
(10)

$$\frac{d\tilde{p}}{dr} = -(\tilde{\epsilon} + \tilde{p}) \left[ \frac{d\Phi}{dr} + \alpha(\varphi)\psi \right] - 2\tilde{\sigma} \left[ \frac{1}{r} + \alpha(\varphi)\psi \right], \quad (11)$$

$$\frac{d\varpi}{dr} = 4\pi A^4(\varphi) \frac{r^2}{r-2\mu} (\tilde{\epsilon}+\tilde{p}) \left(\varpi + \frac{4\bar{\omega}}{r}\right) + \left(r\psi^2 - \frac{4}{r}\right) \varpi$$

$$+16\pi A^4(\varphi)\frac{r\sigma}{r-2\mu}\bar{\omega}.$$
 (12)

# Boundary conditions

We integrate the equations from the origin, requiring regularity. For a large r, we match with:

$$\mu(r) = M - \frac{Q^2}{2r} - \frac{MQ^2}{2r^2} + \mathcal{O}(r^{-3})$$
(13)

$$e^{2\Phi} = 1 - \frac{2M}{r} + \mathcal{O}(r^{-3}),$$
 (14)

$$\varphi(r) = \varphi_{\infty} + \frac{Q}{r} + \frac{MQ}{r^2} + \mathcal{O}(r^{-3}), \qquad (15)$$

$$\bar{\omega}(r) = \Omega - \frac{2J}{r^3} + \mathcal{O}(r^{-4}).$$
(16)

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# Results

The effect of anisotropy in GR: Mass-radius relation.



Mass-radius relation (top panels) and dimensionless compactness  $G_*M/Rc^2$ a function of as the central density (bottom panels) for anisotropic stars in GR using EoS APR. In the left panels we use the quasi-local model; in the right panels, the Bowers-Liang model.

# Results

The effect of anisotropy in GR: Moment of inertia.



Figure: The moment of inertia I as function of the mass M for anisotropic stars i n GR using EoS APR, increasing  $\lambda_{\rm H}$  (or  $\lambda_{\rm BL}$ ) in increments of 0.5 between -2 (top curves) and 2 (bottom curves).

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Spontaneous scalarization

Damour & Esposito-Farèse, PRL 70 2220, 1993, and Damour & Esposito-Farèse, PRD 54 1474, 1996.

Assuming  $A(\varphi) = \exp(\beta \varphi^2/2)$ , and  $\varphi_{\infty} = 0$ , NS structures can be very different from the GR counterpart. Depending on  $\beta$  and the star structure, the scalar field may acquire a charge. This is called spontaneous scalarization.

- Harada found that for spontaneous scalarization to occur in isotropic configuration  $\beta \lesssim -4.35.$  Harada, PRD 57 4802, 1998.
- Doneva et~al showed that if the star rotates scalarization happens for  $\beta>-4.35.$  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Doneva et~al., PRD 88 084060, 2013.
- Binary pulsar observations require  $\beta\gtrsim-4.5.$  Freire et al., MNRAS 423 3328, 2012.

# Can spontaneous scalarization be enhanced if the matter is anisotropic?

The effect in spontanous scalarization



Spontaneous scalarization in the quasi-local model.

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The effect in spontanous scalarization



Spontaneous scalarization in the Bowers-Liang model.

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The effect in spontanous scalarization



Spontaneous scalarization into the moment of inertia.

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Critical scalarization point

We can make a linear approximation in the scalar field to find the threshold for scalarization. Redefining the scalar field as  $\varphi(t,r) = r^{-1}\Psi(r)$ , we have Schrödinger-like equation:

$$\frac{d^2\Psi}{dx^2} + [V_{\text{eff}}(x)]\Psi = 0,$$
(17)

where effective potential is

$$V_{\rm eff}(r) \equiv e^{2\Phi} \left[ \mu_{\rm eff}^2(r) + \frac{2\mu}{r^3} + 4\pi (\tilde{p} - \tilde{\epsilon}) \right], \tag{18}$$

where we have introduced an effective (position-dependent) mass

$$\mu_{\rm eff}^2(r) \equiv -4\pi\beta T_*.$$
 (19)

Critical scalarization point



Critical  $\beta$  for scalarization as a function of the central density (left panel) and of the stellar compactness (right panel) for nonrotating NS models constructed using different nuclear-physics based EoSs, in the absence of anisotropy.

Critical scalarization point



Left panels:  $\beta$  versus critical central densities for different values of  $\lambda_{\rm H,BL}$ . Right panels:  $\beta$  versus compactness  $G_*M/\tilde{R}c^2$  of the critical solutions for different values of  $\lambda_{\rm H,BL}$ .

 $\beta_{\rm max} \sim -4.15$  and -4.13!

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# Summary

- Anisotropy have a big influence in the mass-radius curves and in the moment of inertia, even for GR.
- It strongly affects the spontaneous scalarization in neutron stars.
- Observation of binary pulsars with  $\beta > -4.35$  would be a strong evidence for anisotropy.
- The work can be extended (and should) to microphysics anisotropic models.
- It would be interesting to identify exclusion regions in the  $(\beta, \lambda)$  parameter space.

### THANK YOU!