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Constraints for the X17 boson from compact objects observations

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Motivation

We wanted to investigate the hypothetical X17 boson on:

- a) Neutron Stars
- b) Quark Stars (Qs)

using various hadronic Equation of States (EoS's) with phenomenological or microscopic origin.

Special attention on two main phenomenological parameters of the X17 boson:

- a) The **coupling constant g** that it has with hadrons or quarks
- b) The **in-medium effects regulator C**

To set realistic constraints with respect to:

- a) Causality
- b) Various (possible) upper mass limits
- c) Dimensionless tidal deformability

Motivation

Non-Newtonian Gravity model

$$V(r) = -\frac{Gm_1m_2}{r} \left(1 + \alpha_G e^{-r/\lambda}\right) = V_N(r) + V_Y(r)$$
$$\alpha_G = \pm \frac{g^2 \hbar c}{4\pi G m_b^2}, \quad \lambda = \frac{\hbar}{\mu c}$$

$$g^2/\mu^2$$

λ represents the range of the Yukawa force mediated by the exchange of a boson with mass μ

\pm sign refers to **scalar(+)** and **vector(-)** boson
 g is the boson-baryon coupling constant
 m_b is the baryon mass

Weakly Interacting Light Boson (WILB)

- Theories BSM include a number of new particles, some of which might be light and weakly coupled to ordinary matter.
- Such particles affect the EoS's of nuclear matter and can shift admissible masses of neutron stars to higher values.
- Then the internal structure of neutron stars is modified provided the ratio between coupling strength and mass squared of a weakly interacting light boson (WILB)

Equation of States (EoS's) and in-medium scaling

$$\mathcal{E} = \frac{(\hbar c)^3 g_V^2}{2(m_\nu c^2)^2} n_b^2 + \frac{(\hbar c)^3 \left(\frac{g_\sigma}{2}\right)^2}{2(m_\rho c^2)^2} \rho_I^2 + \frac{(m_s c^2)^2}{2g_s^2 (\hbar c)^3} (m_b c^2 - m_b^* c^2)^2$$

$$+ \frac{\kappa}{6g_s^3} (m_b c^2 - m_b^* c^2)^3 + \frac{\lambda}{24g_s^4} (m_b c^2 - m_b^* c^2)^4$$

$$+ \sum_{i=n,p} \frac{\gamma}{(2\pi)^3} \int_0^{k_{F_i}} 4\pi k^2 \sqrt{(\hbar c k)^2 + (m_i^* c^2)^2} dk \quad \mathbf{1}$$

$$P = \frac{(\hbar c)^3 g_V^2}{2(m_\nu c^2)^2} n_b^2 + \frac{(\hbar c)^3 \left(\frac{g_\sigma}{2}\right)^2}{2(m_\rho c^2)^2} \rho_I^2 - \frac{(m_s c^2)^2}{2g_s^2 (\hbar c)^3} (m_b c^2 - m_b^* c^2)^2$$

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$$+ \sum_{i=n,p} \frac{1}{3} \frac{\gamma}{(2\pi)^3} \int_0^{k_{F_i}} \frac{4\pi k^2}{\sqrt{(\hbar c k)^2 + (m_i^* c^2)^2}} dk \quad \mathbf{2}$$

RMF Theory

$$m_\nu^{*2} = a_X^2 m_X^2 + (1 - a_X)^2 m_\omega^2 \quad \mathbf{3}$$

The energy density and the pressure of the **WILB** ($\mu \equiv m_B$) in neutron star matter are given by:

$$\mathcal{E}_B = \pm \frac{(\hbar c)^3}{2} \left(\frac{g}{m_B c^2} \right)^2 n_b^2 \quad \mathbf{5}$$

$$P_B = \frac{(\hbar c)^3}{2} \left(\frac{g}{m_B c^2} \right)^2 n_b^2 \left(1 - \frac{2n_b}{m_B c^2} \frac{\partial(m_B c^2)}{\partial n_b} \right) \quad \mathbf{6}$$

$$\mathcal{E} = \mathcal{E}_{\text{bar}} \pm \mathcal{E}_B, \quad P = P_{\text{bar}} \pm P_B \quad \mathbf{7}$$

According to Brown & Rho, the in-medium modification follows the linear scaling:

$$m_B^* \equiv m_B \left(1 - C \frac{n_b}{n_0} \right) \text{ (MeV)} \quad \mathbf{8}$$

We consider that the coupling **g** varies in the interval $[10^{-3} - 2.2 \times 10^{-2}]$ which corresponds (for 17 MeV) to the interval for $\mathbf{g^2/m_B^2} \rightarrow [3.5 \times 10^{-3} - 1.7] \text{ GeV}^{-2}$

$$\mathcal{E}(u, I) = \frac{3}{10} E_F^0 n_0 \left[(1+I)^{5/3} + (1-I)^{5/3} \right] u^{5/3}$$

$$+ \frac{1}{3} \mathcal{A} n_0 \left[\frac{3}{2} - \left(\frac{1}{2} + x_0 \right) I^2 \right] u^2$$

$$+ \frac{\frac{2}{3} \mathcal{B} n_0 \left[\frac{3}{2} - \left(\frac{1}{2} + x_3 \right) I^2 \right] u^{\sigma+1}}{1 + \frac{2}{3} \mathcal{B}' n_0 \left[\frac{3}{2} - \left(\frac{1}{2} + x_3 \right) I^2 \right] u^{\sigma-1}}$$

$$+ u \sum_{i=1,2} \left[C_i (\mathcal{J}_n^i + \mathcal{J}_p^i) + \frac{(C_i - 8Z_i)}{5} I (\mathcal{J}_n^i - \mathcal{J}_p^i) \right] \quad \mathbf{4}$$

MDI model

Equation of States (EoS's) for Quark Stars

Color - Flavor Locked (CFL) model for Quark Stars

$$P_Q = \frac{3\mu^4}{4\pi^2(\hbar c)^3} - \frac{3(m_s c^2)^2 \mu^2}{4\pi^2(\hbar c)^3} + \frac{3\Delta^2 \mu^2}{\pi^2(\hbar c)^3} - B \quad 9$$

$$\mathcal{E}_Q = \frac{9\mu^4}{4\pi^2(\hbar c)^3} - \frac{3(m_s c^2)^2 \mu^2}{4\pi^2(\hbar c)^3} + \frac{3\Delta^2 \mu^2}{\pi^2(\hbar c)^3} + B \quad 10$$

$$\mathcal{E}_B = \pm \frac{9(\hbar c)^3}{2} \left(\frac{g}{m_B c^2} \right)^2 n_b^2 \quad 14$$

$$\mathcal{E} = \mathcal{E}_Q \pm \mathcal{E}_B, \quad P = P_Q \pm P_B \quad 15$$

$$n_b = \frac{\mu^3}{\pi^2(\hbar c)^3} - \frac{(m_s c^2)^2 \mu}{2\pi^2(\hbar c)^3} + \frac{2\Delta^2 \mu}{\pi^2(\hbar c)^3} = \frac{\mu^3}{\pi^2(\hbar c)^3} + \frac{3\mu\alpha}{\pi^2(\hbar c)^3} \quad 11$$

$$\mu^2 = -3\alpha + \sqrt{9\alpha^2 + \frac{4}{3}\pi^2(P_Q + B)(\hbar c)^3} \quad 12$$

$$\alpha = -\frac{(m_s c^2)^2}{6} + \frac{2\Delta^2}{3} \quad 13$$

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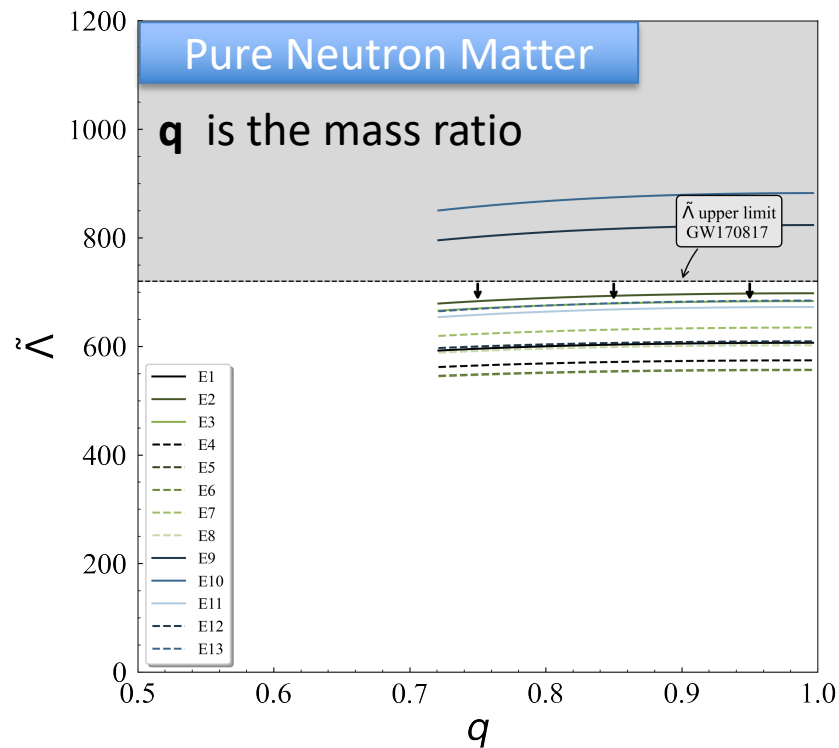
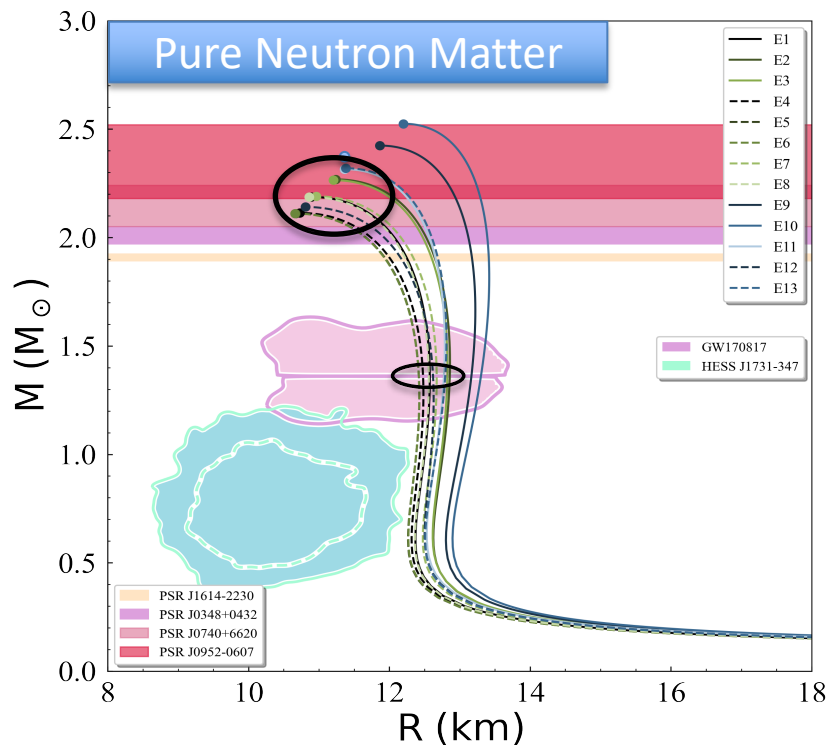
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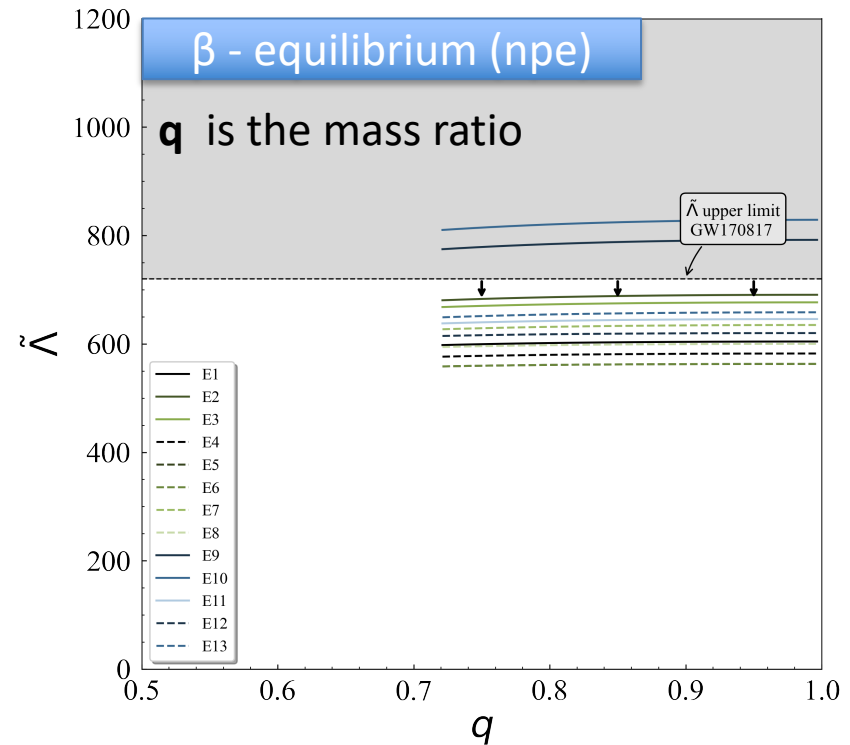
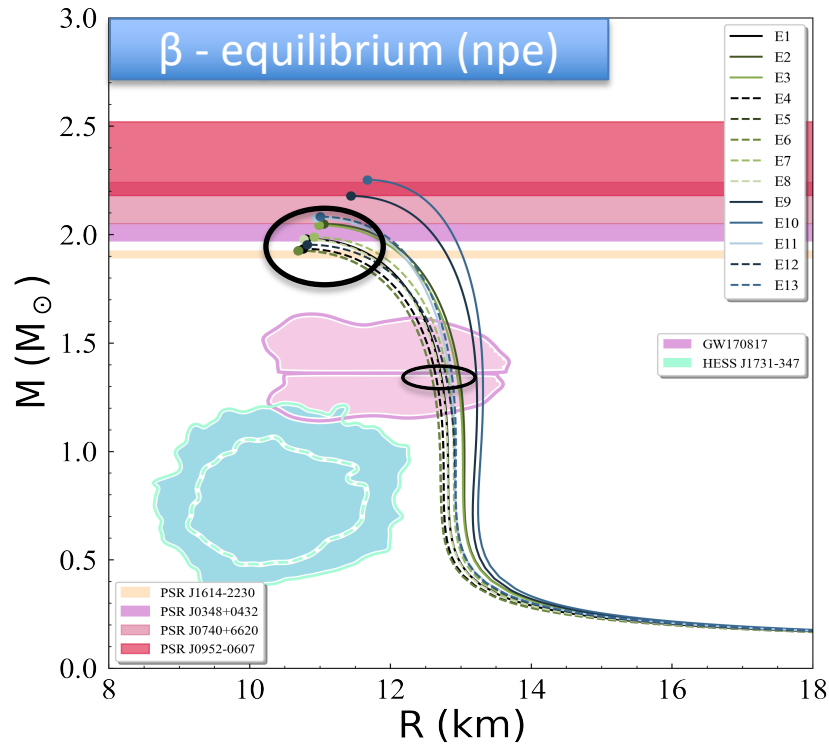
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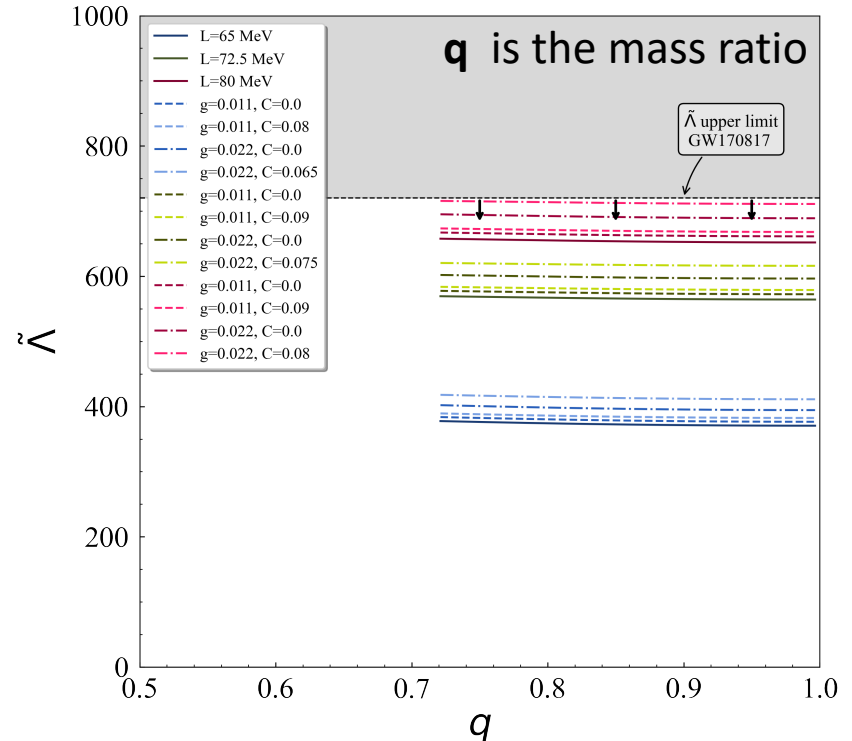
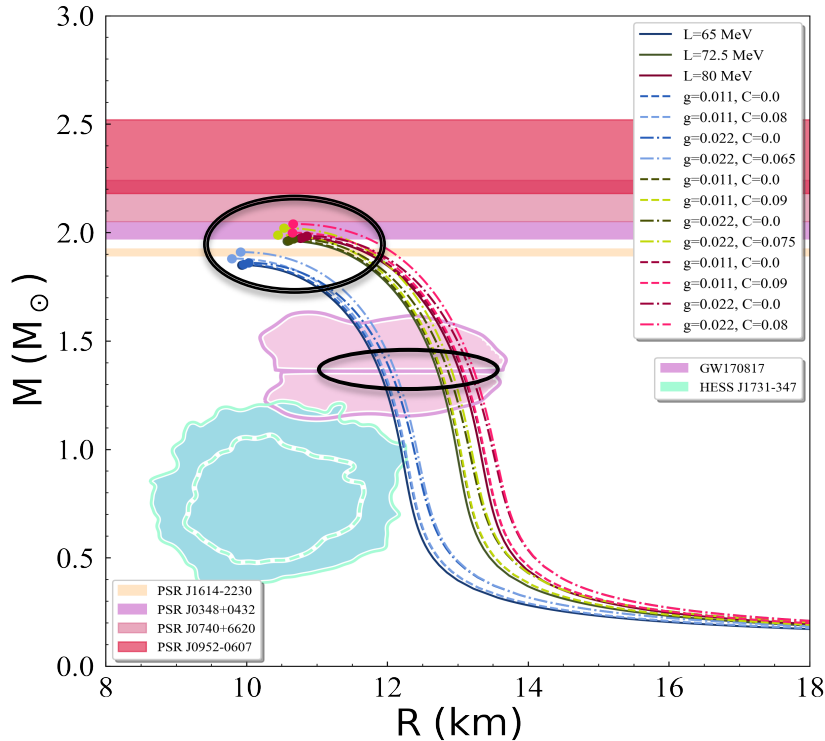
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Nuclear Models – MDI model

- Solid curves correspond to the 3 initial EoS's without the X17 boson
- Dashed and dash-dotted curves correspond to the EoS's with the X17 boson for $g = 0.011$ and $g = 0.022$
- All combinations resulting Max mass < 2 Solar Masses and in a good agreement with LIGO/VIRGO data

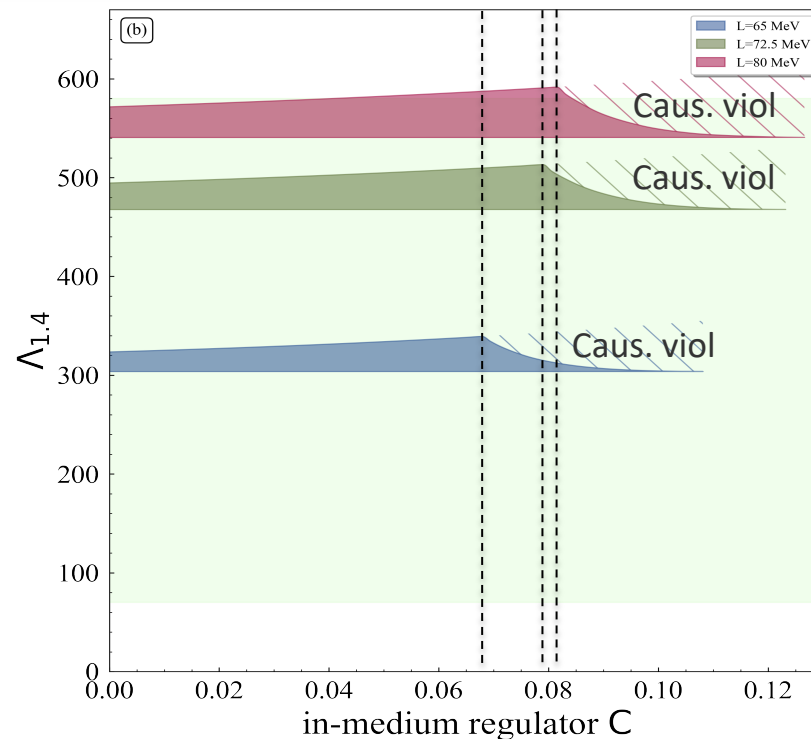
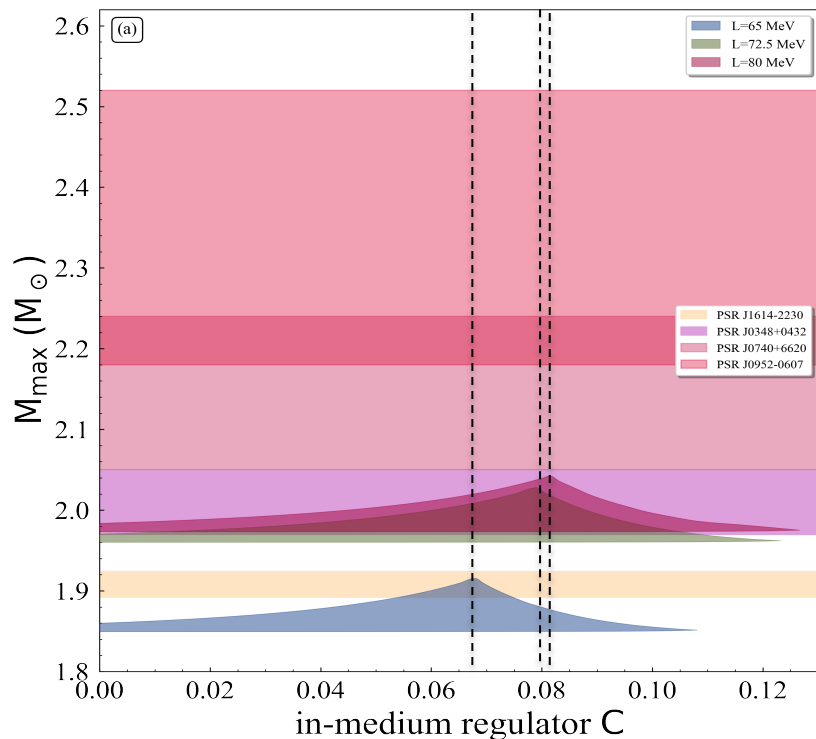
$L \Rightarrow$ slope parameter of nuclear symmetry energy



Nuclear Models – MDI model

- The **"shark-fin"** shaded region arises from the constraints that the non-violation of causality implies on the C_{\max}
- The peaks corresponding to the pair of values for each one of the 3 set EoS's ($g = 0.022$ and $C = C_{\max}$)

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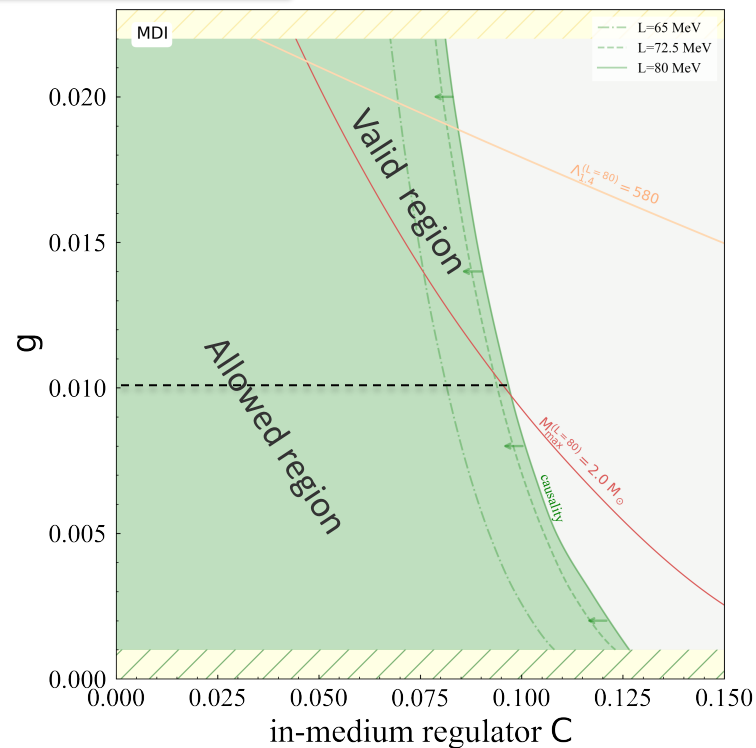
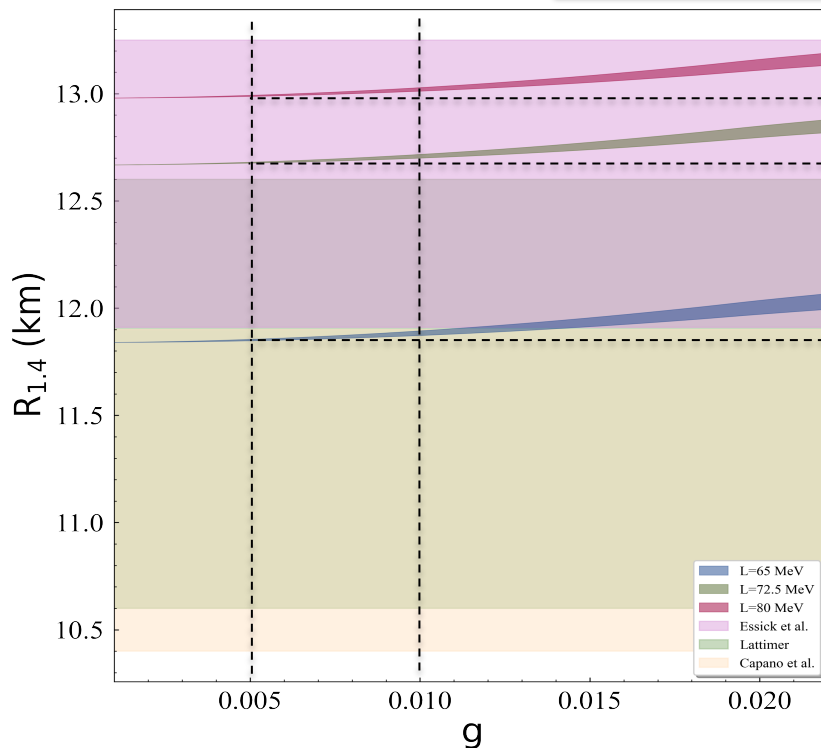
Region constraints and non-violation of causality:

- Shaded thin inclined curves represent regions for 3 set EoS's
- The effect starts at $g > 0.005$ continues $g > 0.010$ ($C = C_{max}$)

Causality constraints for g and C for three EoS's:

- Possible upper mass limit 2 Solar masses

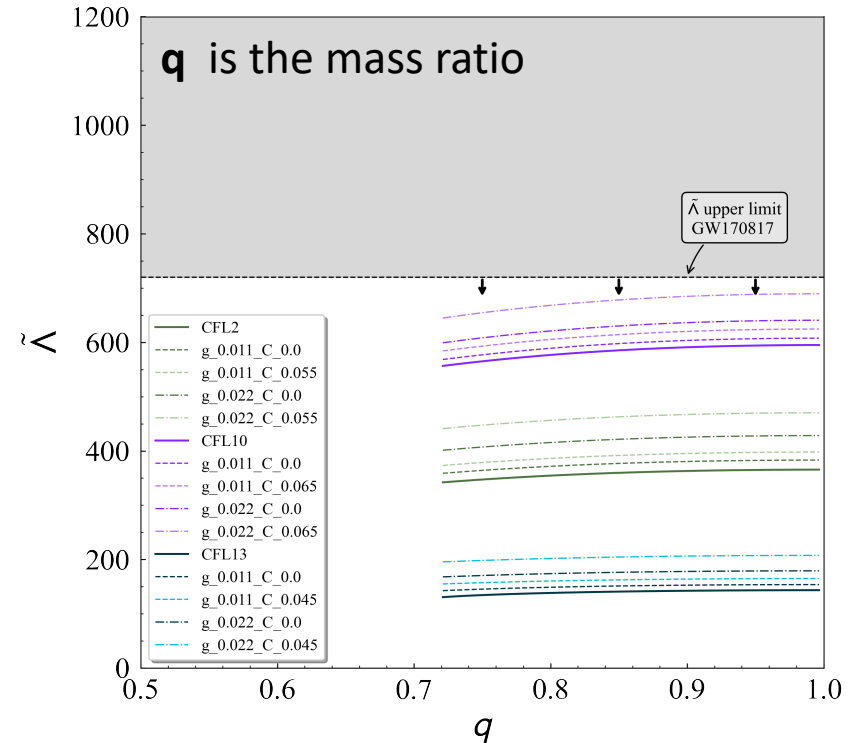
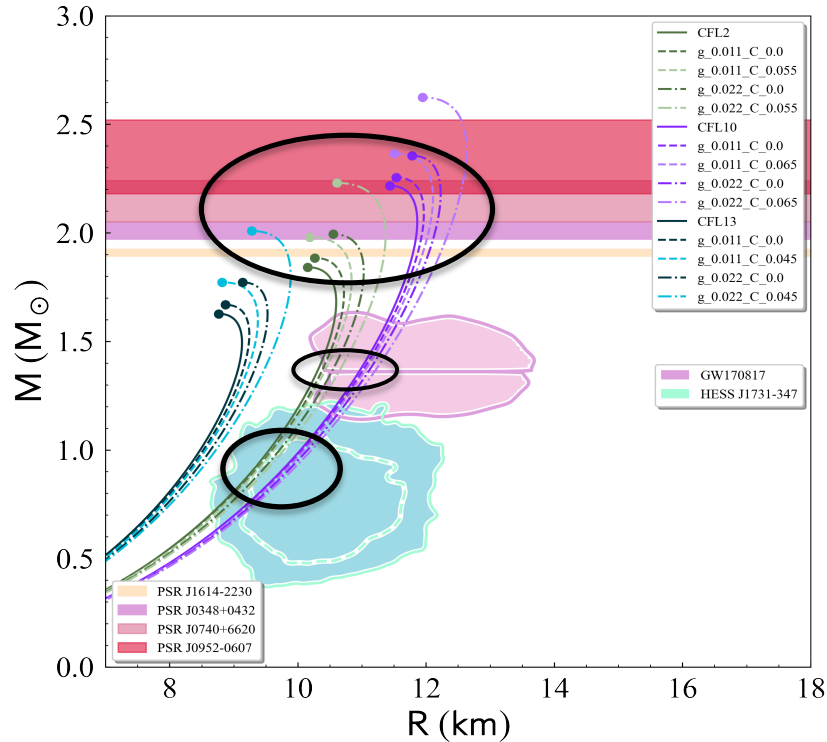
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Color Flavor Locked (CFL) model - Quark Stars

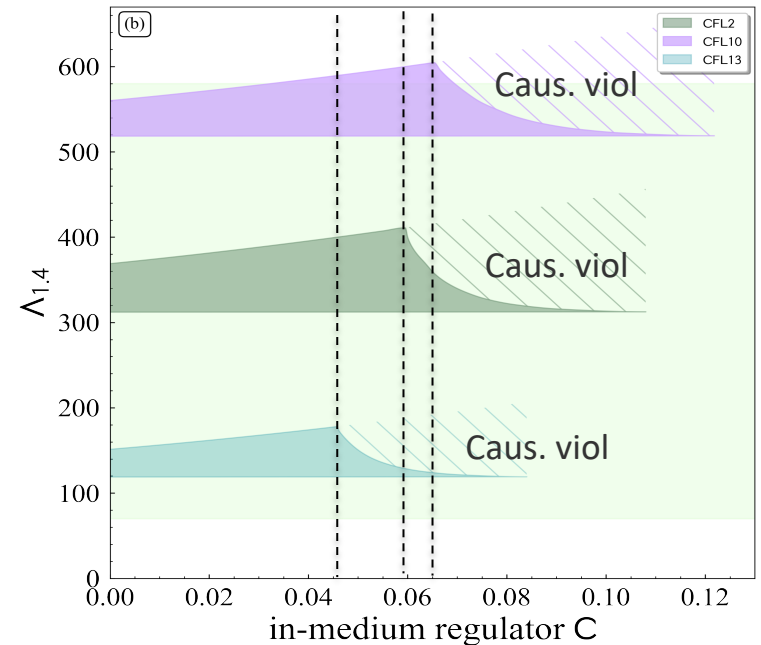
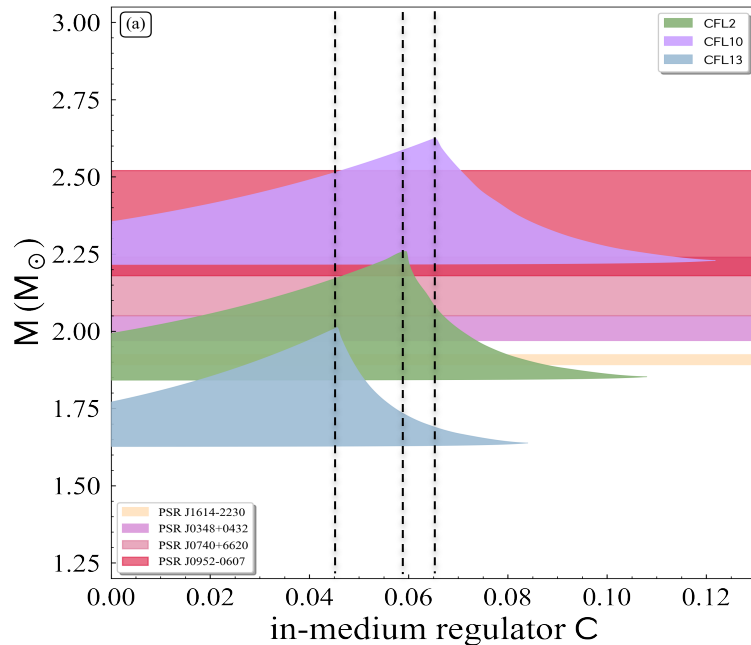
3 different parametrization sets of EoS's

- Soft (CFL13)
- Medium (CFL2)
- Stiff (CFL10)



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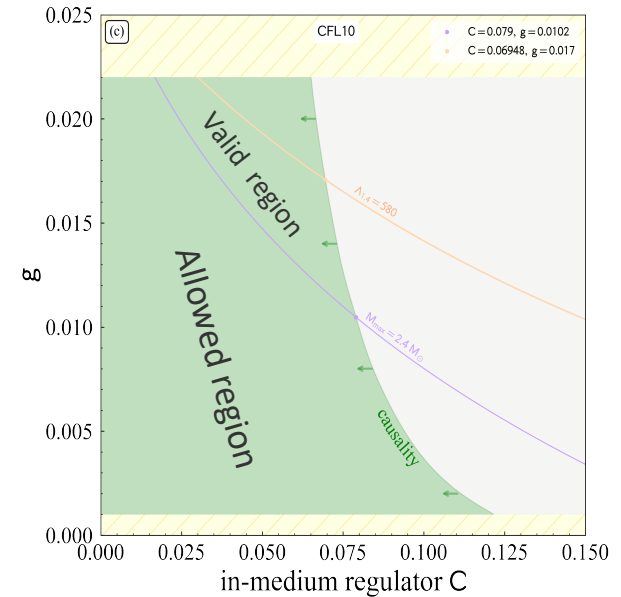
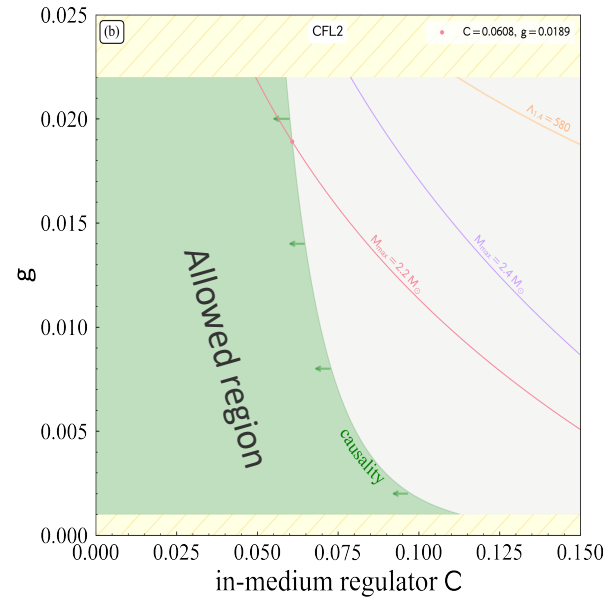
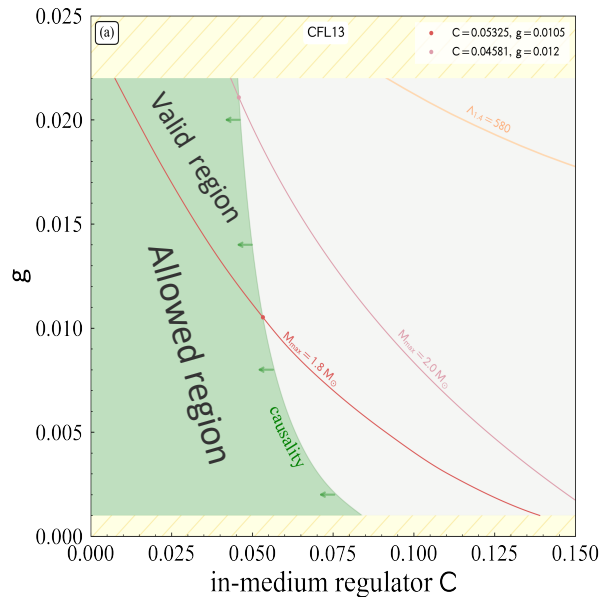
Causality constraints for **g** and **C** for three EoS's

- Possible mass limits:

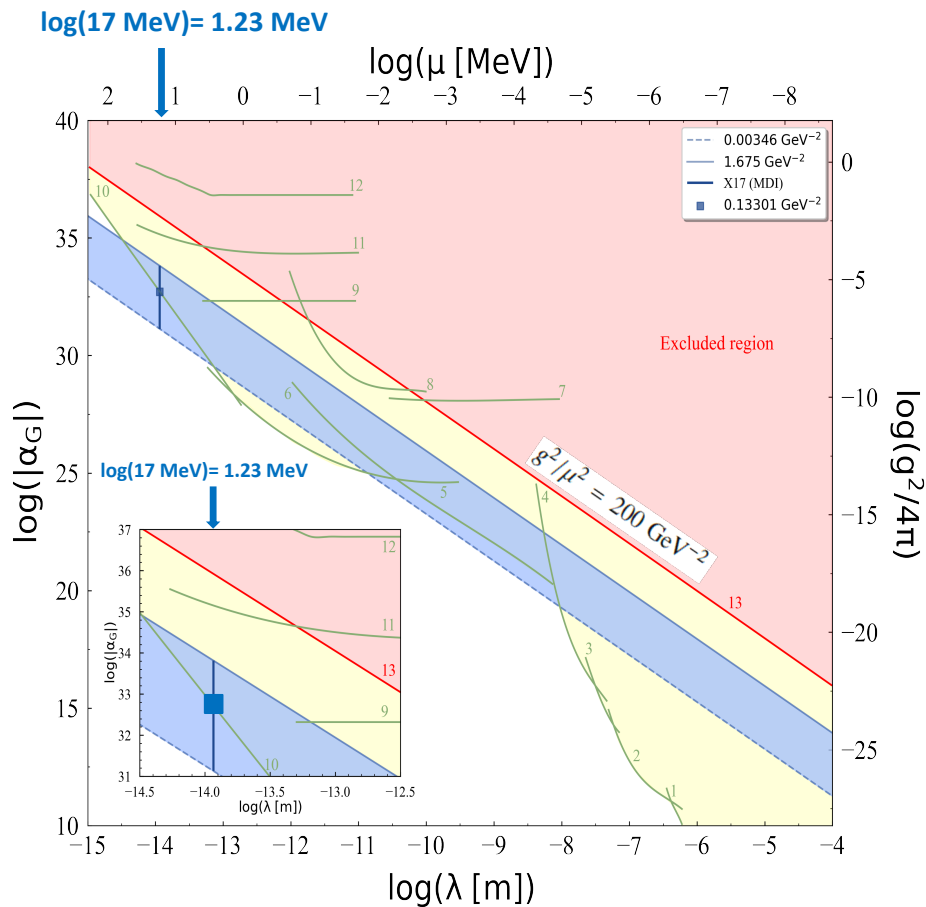
- 1.8** Solar Masses (CFL13 Soft)

- 2.2** Solar Masses (CFL2 Medium)

- 2.4** Solar Masses (CFL10 Stiff)



Concluding Remarks (MDI model)



- Specific range for the X17 boson in the MDI model is shown with **blue vertical line** among constraints from different experiments.
- The **square blue dot** indicate the constraints on the X17 boson settled by the experiment of low-energy n - ²⁰⁸Pb scattering (number 10).
- The extrapolation of our settled constraints to other masses indicated by the **blue-shaded band**.

Concluding Remarks

- We payed attention on two main phenomenological parameters of the hypothetical X17 boson:
 - a) the coupling constant g of its interaction with hadrons or quarks
 - b) the in-medium effects through a regulator C
- Extensive analysis concerning the contribution on the total energy density and pressure of compact objects.
- We suggested that it's possible to provide constraints on these parameters, with respect to causality, various possible upper mass limits and dimensionless tidal deformability.
- We found that stiffer is the EoS (hadronic or quark), the more indiscernible are the effects on the properties of compact objects.
- The effectiveness of the X17 boson in compact objects properties, is more sensitive on the coupling g than the regulator C
- The effects of the hypothetical X17 boson, are more pronounced, in the case of QSs, concerning all the bulk properties.
- It will be possible from both terrestrial and astrophysical observations, to make the best possible estimate of the properties concerning the WILB particles.

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