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# Boson Stars from Repulsive Scalar Theory and the Gravitational Wave Signature

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Ultra-light scalar theories with repulsive self-interactions admit boson stars with large compactness. I will show the origin of the maximum mass of spherically symmetric stable boson stars, which manifests only in the full equations of motion in curved space-time, but not in the approximated Schrödinger-Newton equations. The backreaction of the curvature on the scalars acts as an additional source of attraction and can overcome the repulsion, resulting in a maximum star mass and compactness. In addition, I will show that the potential in a UV completed particle physics model of light scalar dark matter is generally more complicated than the widely used  $\phi^4$  interaction, which shows up as a modified mass profile relevant for LIGO detection. In the context of LISA, EMRI involving a boson star can be distinguished by the small mass of the infalling object, as well as tidal disruption. Using LISA's sensitivity, I show the parameter space of the underlying scalar theory where the infalling boson stars can be distinguished from all other compact objects.

## Summary

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