



Dense Hadronic Matter in Neutron Stars



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What is a Neutron Star?

Stellar compact remnant from gravitational collapse of a massive star ($8 M_{\odot} < M < 25 M_{\odot}$) in a supernova event, observed as pulsars

Mass: M ~ 1-2 M_{\odot}

Radius: R ~ 10-12 km

Density:

 $\begin{array}{ll} n \sim 10^{14} \text{--}10^{15} \ \text{g/cm^3} & n_{\text{universe}} \sim 10^{\text{--}30} \ \text{g/cm^3} \\ n_{\text{sun}} \sim 1.4 \ \text{g/cm^3} \\ n_{\text{earth}} \sim 5.5 \ \text{g/cm^3} \end{array}$

Magnetic field: B ~ 10^{8...16} G (10^{4...12} T)

Temperature: T ~ 10^{6...11} K

Rotational periods: P ~ ms ... s







Pulsars are magnetized rotating neutron stars emitting a highly focused beam of electromagnetic radiation oriented long the magnetic axis. The misalignment between the magnetic axis and the spin axis leads to the lighthouse effect

Since 1967, \sim 2500 pulsars have been discovered.

http://www.atnf.csiro.au/research/pulsar/psrcat/





Mostly detected as radio pulsars, but also observed in X-rays and an increasingly large number detected in gamma rays.

Their period P ranges from 1.396 ms for PSRJ1748-2446ad up to 8.5 s for PSR J2144-3933

Masses

credit: P. Freire



Radius

NICER PSR J0030+0451

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NICER PSR J0740+6620

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 $\begin{array}{l} {\sf R}_{eq} = 12.39_{\text{-}0.98}^{\text{+}1.30} \, \text{km} \\ {\sf M} = 2.072 \, _{\text{-}0.066}^{\text{+}0.067} \, M_{\odot} \\ {\sf Riley \ et \ al. \ `21} \end{array}$

Observations

GW170817

Abbot et al. (LIGO-VIRGO) '17 '18



..also GW190425, GW190814

(see S. Bernuzzi lectures)

Observations: Masses



credit: P. Freire

1975

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Measurements of Neutron Stars with Large Masses

Since 2010 neutron stars with 2 M_{\odot} have been observed by measuring Post-Keplerian parameters of their orbits:

- Advance of the periastron $\dot{\omega}$
- Shapiro delay (range s and shape r)
- Orbital decay P_b
- Gravitational redshift and time dilation γ



PSR J1614-2230 Demorest et al. '10; Arzoumanian et '15; Fonseca et al. '16	PSR J0348+0432 Antoniadis et al. '13	MSP J0740+6620 Cromartie et al. '20 Fonseca et al. '21
M=1.928 ± 0.017 M _☉	M=(2.01 ± 0.04) M _☉	M=(2.08 ± 0.07) M _☉

Observations: Radius

adapted from Fortin's talk @ NewCompstar Annual Meeting '16; Fortin, Zdunik, Haensel and Bejger '15

analysis of X-ray spectra from NS atmosphere

difficult task due to its size, its distance to the source, its magnetic field and the composition of its atmosphere

- RP-MSP: rotation-powered radio millisecond pulsars
- BNS: bursting NSs
- QXT: quiescent thermal emission of accreting NSs

theory + pulsar observations: R_{1.4M}~11-13 Km Lattimer and Prakash '16

Fortin et al '15

- RP-MSP: Bodganov '13
- BNS-1: Nattila et al '16
- BNS-2: Guver & Ozel '13
- > QXT-1: Guillot & Rutledge '14
- BNS+QXT: Steiner et al '13



Conclusion????

NICER: Neutron Star Interior Composition Explorer





Credit: Morsink/Moir/Arzoumanian/NASA-GSFC

To measure the NS radius by tracking the X-ray emission from hot spots on the star's surface as the star rotates. M/R is extracted by modeling the pulse profile of the hot spots

PSR J0030+0451
$R_{eq} = 13.02_{-1.06}^{+1.24} \text{ km}$ M=1.44 $_{-0.14}^{+0.15} \text{ M}_{\odot}$ Miller et al. '19
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Abbot et al. (LIGO-VIRGO) '18

	Low-spin prior ($\chi \le 0.05$)	High-spin prior $(\chi \le 0.89)$
Binary inclination θ_{JN}	146^{+25}_{-27} deg	152^{+21}_{-27} deg
Binary inclination θ_{JN} using EM distance constraint [108]	151^{+15}_{-11} deg	153^{+15}_{-11} deg
Detector-frame chirp mass Mdet	$1.1975^{+0.0001}_{-0.0001}$ M _{\odot}	1.1976 ^{+0.0004} _{-0.0002} M _☉
Chirp mass M	$1.186^{+0.001}_{-0.001}$ M _{\odot}	$1.186^{+0.001}_{-0.001}$ M _{\odot}
Primary mass m ₁	(1.36, 1.60) M _o	(1.36, 1.89) M _o
Secondary mass m_2	(1.16, 1.36) M _o	(1.00, 1.36) M _o
Total mass m	2.73 ^{+0.04} _{-0.01} M _☉	2.77 ^{+0.22} _{-0.05} M _☉
Mass ratio q	(0.73, 1.00)	(0.53, 1.00)
Effective spin χ_{eff}	$0.00^{+0.02}_{-0.01}$	$0.02^{+0.08}_{-0.02}$
Primary dimensionless spin χ_1	(0.00, 0.04)	(0.00, 0.50)
Secondary dimensionless spin x2	(0.00, 0.04)	(0.00, 0.61)
Tidal deformability $\tilde{\Lambda}$ with flat prior	$300^{+500}_{-190}(\text{symmetric})/300^{+420}_{-230}(\text{HPD})$	(0, 630)



$Q_{ij} = -\lambda \mathcal{E}_{ij}$

tidal deformability



dimensionless tidal deformability

using tidal deformability sets constraints on $M_{max} \precsim 2.2~M_{\odot}$

Margalit and Metzger '17, Rezzolla, Most and Weih '18,.. 9-10 Km $\preceq R_{1.4M\odot} \preceq$ 13 Km

Annala et al '18, Kumar et al '18, Abbott et al '18, Fattoyev et al '18, Most et al '18, Lim et al '18, Raithel et al '18, Burgio et al '18, Tews et al '18, De et al '18, Abbott et al '18, Malik et al '18, ..

The Structure of Neutron Stars..

A. Watts et al. '15 magnetosphere electron-positron plasma outer core (3-4 km) inner crust (1 km) superfluid neutrons and superfluid neutrons and vortices deep core (5-6 km) vortices superconducting vortex pinning and nuclear hyperons and/or deconfined guarks? color superconductor? outer crust (100 m) lattice of neutron-rich nuclei 10¹⁵g/cm³ 5x1014g/cm3 2x1014g/cm

Figure 1: Schematic structure of a NS. The outer layer is a solid ionic crust supported by electron degeneracy pressure. Neutrons begin to leak out of nuclei at densities $\sim 4 \times 10^{11}$ g/cm³ (the neutron drip line, which separates inner and outer crust), where neutron degeneracy also starts to play a role. At densities $\sim 2 \times 10^{14}$ g/cm³, the crust-core boundary, nuclei dissolve completely. In the core, densities may reach up to ten times the nuclear saturation density $\rho_{sat} = 2.8 \times 10^{14}$ g/cm³ (the density in normal atomic nuclei).

10"g/cm

.. The Inner Core



Nucleons in the Inner Core



- Why n,p,e,µ?
- The Nuclear EoS
- Constraints on the Nuclear EoS
- Ab-initio versus
 Phenomenological
 Nuclear Models
- Connecting Observations with Theory

Why n,p,e,µ?



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The Nuclear Equation of State

Neutrons, protons and electrons are in β -equilibrium

 $\begin{array}{c} n
ightarrow p \; e^- \; \overline{
u}_e \ p \; e^-
ightarrow n \;
u_e \end{array}$

This equilibrium can be expressed in terms of the chemical potentials. Since the mean free path of the v_e is >> 10 Km, neutrinos freely escape

 $\mu_n = \mu_p + \mu_e$

Charge neutrality is also ensured by demanding

n_p= n_e

Note that baryon number is conserved too: $n = n_n + n_p$

The Nuclear Equation of State (EoS) is a relation between thermodynamic variables describing the state of nuclear matter. At T=0, we can make an expansion...

$$E(n_B, \delta) = E(n_B, 0) + S(n_B)\delta^2 + \dots \text{ with } \begin{cases} \delta = (N-Z)/A \text{ proton} \\ A = N+Z \text{ number} \end{cases}$$
energy of symmetric nuclear matter
$$E(n_B, 0) = E(n_0) + \frac{1}{18}K_0\varepsilon^2 + \dots$$
symmetry energy
$$S(n_B) = S_0 + \frac{1}{3}L\varepsilon + \frac{1}{18}K_{\text{sym}}\varepsilon^2 + \dots$$

$$E(n_0)/A \equiv E_0/A \\ n_0 = 0.16 \pm 0.01 \text{ fm}^{-3} \\ E_0/A = -16.0 \pm 1.0 \text{ MeV} \\ \text{binding energy per nucleon at saturation density } n_0 \end{cases}$$

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$$S_0 \equiv \frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{\partial^2 E}{\partial\delta^2}\right)_{n_B = n_0, \delta = 0} \\ \text{symmetry energy at } n_0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$L \equiv 3n_0 \left(\frac{\partial S(n_B)}{\partial n_B}\right)_{n_B = n_0} \\ K_{\text{sym}} \equiv 9n_0^2 \left(\frac{\partial^2 S(n_B)}{\partial n_B^2}\right)_{n_B = n_0} \end{cases}$$

Constraints on the Nuclear Equation of State Constraints from Nuclear Physics Experiments

• E/A from experimentally measured nuclear

masses

 $n_0 = 0.16 \pm 0.01 \text{ fm}^{-3}$ $E_0/A = -16.0 \pm 1.0 \text{ MeV}$

• K₀ from isoscalar giant monopole resonances in heavy nuclei and HiCs (difficult experimentally)

? 180 MeV < K₀ < 270 MeV ?

 S₀ from nuclear masses, isobaric analog state phenomenology, neutron skin thickness and HiCs; aditionally from NS data (fairly well constrained)

S₀~30-32 MeV

- L from dipole resonances, electric dipole polarizability and neutron skin thickness (very uncertain)
- Other higher order coefficients are very uncertain, such as K_{sym}



constraints close to saturation density !!!

Constraints on Nuclear Equation of State Constraints from Astrophysical Observations

NS masses

precise values for NSs in binary system with ${\rm \sim}2M_{\odot}$

• NS radii

- precise estimations of NS radii were very difficult because observations were indirect up to recently

- recent simultaneous NICER M/R measurements
- future: NICER, eXTP, STROBE-X..
- NS cooling

depends on composition and on occurrence of superfluidity, thus giving complementary information on EoS

- NS moment of inertia mass and radius constrained by determination of moment of inertia, but not measured yet
- Gravitational waves and quasi-periodic oscillations



Ozel et al '16





Ab-initio versus Phenomenological Models Microscopic Ab-initio Approaches

Based on solving the many-body problem starting from two- and three-body interactions

- Variational method: APR, CBF,..
- Quantum Montecarlo : VMC, AFDMC, GFDMC..
- Coupled cluster expansion
- Diagrammatic: BBG (BHF), SCGF..
- Relativistic DBHF
- RG methods: SRG from *x*EFT..
- Lattice methods

Advantage: systematic addition of higher-order contributions

Disadvantage: applicable up to? (SRG from $\chi EFT \sim 1-2 n_0$)



Burgio and Fantina '18

Ab-initio versus Phenomenological Models Phenomenological Models

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Based on density-dependent interactions adjusted to nuclear observables and neutron star observations

- Non-relativistic EDF: Gogny, Skyrme..
- Relativistic Mean-Field (RMF) and Relativistic Hartree-Fock (RHF)
- Liquid Drop Model: BPS, BBP,...
- Thomas-Fermi model: Shen

- Statistical Model: HWN,RG,HS..

Advantage: applicable to high densities beyond n₀

Disadvantage: not systematic

Burgio and Er



Connecting Observations with Theory

Watts et al. '16; Burgio and Fantina '18; Tolos and Fabbietti '20; Burgio, Schulze, Vidana and Wei '21



Structure Equations for Neutron Stars



Figure 1. The radial force acting on a small mass element a distance r from the centre of the star.

 $\overline{\rho(r)}$: matter density!!!!

$$\frac{\mathrm{d}P}{\mathrm{d}r} = -\frac{GM(r)\overline{\rho}(r)}{r^2}, \qquad P(r=0) \equiv P_{\mathrm{c}};$$
$$\frac{\mathrm{d}M}{\mathrm{d}r} = +4\pi r^2 \overline{\rho}(r), \qquad M(r=0) \equiv 0,$$

Newtonian formulation

General Relativity Corrections

Since neutron stars have masses M \sim 1-2 M $_{\odot}$ and radii R \sim 10-12 Km, the value of the gravitational potential on the neutron star surface is \sim 1



with escape velocities of order c/2

Therefore, general relativistic effects become very important!!!

We have to solve Einstein's field equations, $G^{\mu\nu}$, with the energy-density tensor of the stellar matter, $T^{\mu\nu}(\epsilon, P(\epsilon))$: $G^{\mu\nu} = 8\pi T^{\mu\nu}(\epsilon, P(\epsilon))$ $\epsilon = \bar{\rho}c^2$

For spherically symmetric non-rotating star, the Einstein's equations reduce to the Tolman-Oppenheimer-Volkoff (TOV) equations:

$$\frac{dP}{dr} = -\frac{Gm\epsilon}{c^2 r^2} \left(1 + \frac{P}{\epsilon}\right) \left(1 + \frac{4\pi r^3 P}{c^2 m}\right) \left(1 - \frac{2Gm}{c^2 r}\right)^{-1}$$

$$\frac{dm}{dr} = \frac{4\pi r^2 \epsilon}{c^2} \qquad P(r=0) = P(\epsilon_c) \qquad m(r=0) = 0$$

$$P(r=R) = 0 \qquad m(r=R) = M$$

R/M constraints

for M=1.4 $M_{\odot} \rightarrow GM/c^2 \sim 2 \text{ km}$

The radius R for a given mass M must fulfill some constraints coming from:

1) General relativity arguments (neutron stars are not black holes)

$$R > \frac{2GM}{c^2}$$

2) Compressibility (stability) of matter

$$R > \frac{9}{4} \frac{GM}{c^2}$$

3) Causality constraint (c_s< c) $R > 2.9 \frac{GM}{c^2}$

4) Rotation must not pull the star apart

$$\nu < \nu_K = \frac{1}{2\pi} \sqrt{\frac{GM}{R^3}} \longrightarrow R < \left(\frac{GM}{2\pi}\right)^{1/3} \frac{1}{\nu^{2/3}}$$

5) 2M $_{\odot}$ observations, NICER and GW constraints on R



"Recipe" for neutron star structure calculation

- Energy density $\epsilon(\rho, x_e, x_p, x_n, ..); x_i = \frac{\rho_i}{\rho_i}$
- Chemical potentials $\mu_i = \frac{\partial \epsilon}{\partial \rho_i}$ β equilibrium and charge neutrality

$$\mu_i = b_i \mu_n - q_i \mu_e$$
$$\sum_i x_i q_i = 0$$

- Composition and EoS $x_i(\rho)$; $P(\rho)$
- TOV equations

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Structure of the neutron star $\rho(r), M(R), ..$ Shulze@Compstar07



https://compose.obspm.fr/



S. Typel, M. Oertel, T. Klaehn, D. Chatterjee, V. Dexheimer, C. Ishizuka, M. Mancini, J. Novak, H. Pais, C.Providencia, A. Raduta, M. Servillat and L. Tolos **CompOSE Reference Manual, Eur. Phys. J. A 58 (2022) 11, 221**

Next lecture:

Strangeness in Neutron Stars



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Strange Baryons (Hyperons) in the Inner Core



Hyperon (Y)	Mass (MeV/c ²)	
Λ	1115.57 ± 0.06	
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- Why n,p,e,µ,Y?
- YY and YN Interactions
- Hyperons in Matter
- Hyperons in Neutron Stars
- The Hyperon Puzzle

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- the Fermi gas model ignores **nuclear interactions**, which give important contributions to the energy density

- more exotic degrees of freedom are expected, in particular hyperons, due to the high value of density at the center and the rapid increase of the nucleon chemical potential with density so the small energy difference between nucleons and hyperons is overcome



YN and YY Interactions

- Study strangeness in nuclear physics
- Provide input for hypernuclear physics and astrophysics



Scarce YN scattering data due to the short life of hyperons and the low-density beam fluxes

AN and ΣN: < 50 data points \equiv N very few events

NN: > 5000 data for E_{lab}<350 MeV Data from hypernuclei:

- more than 40 ∧-hypernuclei
 (∧N attractive)
- few $\Lambda \Lambda$ hypernuclei
- $(\Lambda\Lambda$ weak attraction)
- few Ξ-hypernuclei(ΞN attractive)
- evidence of one Σ -hypernuclei (Σ N repulsive) ?

Data on femtoscopy!

Theoretical approaches to YN and YY

• Meson exchange models (Juelich/Nijmegen models)

To build YN and YY from a NN meson-exchange model imposing SU(3)_{flavor} symmetry Juelich: Holzenkamp, Holinde, Speth '89; Haidenbauer and Meißner '05 Nijmegen: Maesen, Rijken, de Swart '89; Rijken, Nagels and Yamamoto '10

Chiral effective field theory approach (Juelich-Bonn-Munich group)
 To build YN and YY from a chiral effective Lagrangian similarly to NN
 interaction Juelich-Bonn-Munich: Polinder, Haidenbauer and Meißner '06; Haidenbauer,

Petschauer, Kaiser, Meißner, Nogga and Weise '13 Kohno '10; Kohno '18

• Quark model potentials

To build YN and YY within constituent quark models

Fujiwara, Suzuki, Nakamoto '07 Garcilazo, Fernandez-Carames and Valcarce '07 '10

V_{low k} approach
 Garcilazo, Fernandez-Carames and Valcarce '07'10
 To calculate a "universal" effective low-momentum potential for YN and YY
 using RG techniques
 Schaefer, Wagner, Wambach, Kuo and Brown '06

• Lattice calculations (HALQCD/NPLQCD)

To solve YN and YY interactions on the lattice

HALQCD: Ishii, Aoki, Hatsuda '07; Aoki, Hatsuda and Ishii '10; Aoki et al '12 **NPLQCD:** Beane, Orginos and Savage '11; Beane et al '12

ΛN and ΣN scattering



 $T = V + V \frac{1}{E_0 - H_0 + i\eta} T$

LO: H. Polinder, J.H., U. Meißner, NPA 779 (2006) 244 NLO: J.H., N. Kaiser, et al., NPA 915 (2013) 24 Jülich '04: J.H., U.-G. Meißner, PRC 72 (2005) 044005



Hyperons in Matter

A and Σ in dense matter



 $k_F = 1.35 \text{ fm}^{-1} \ (\rho_0 = 0.166 \text{ fm}^{-3})$

	EFT LO	EFT NLO
<mark>∧ [</mark> MeV]	550 • • • 700	500 • • • 650
<i>U</i> ∧(0)	-38.0 · · · -34.4	-28.222.4
<i>U</i> _Σ (0)	28.0 • • • 11.1	17.3 • • • 11.9

- Empirical value of Λ binding in nuclear matter ~27-30 MeV

- ΣN (I=3/2): discussion about repulsion or attraction, where ${}^{3}S_{1}$ - ${}^{3}D_{1}$ component is decisive. A repulsive ${}^{3}S_{1}$ - ${}^{3}D_{1}$ interaction is chosen in accordance to data on Σ^{-} atoms ${}^{60.6}_{-}$ and (π^{-}, K^{+}) inclusive spectra for Σ^{-} formation in heavy nuclei as well as lattice* indications

50 -10 EFT NLO 40 alich '04 -20 (NeW) (0= 0) (MeV) 30 U₂ (p₂=0) (MeV) 20 10 -50 -186 0.8 1.2 08 10 14 16 12 14 10 16 k_F (fm⁻¹) k_F (fm⁻¹)

Haidenbauer and Meißner'15

* Nemura et al'18

Λ in dense matter: including three-body forces

Three-body forces are required to reproduce few-nucleon binding energies, scattering observables and nuclear saturation in non-relativistic many-body approaches



Λ in dense matter in χ EFT: Hyperon puzzle?



n,p,e⁻, μ^- , Λ in β -equilibrium χ EFT (NN, NNN, NNA) + meson-exchange (NY)

 Λ concentration is small but still present in 2M_o NS

Only symmetric and neutron matter

 χ EFT NN, NNN,NY, NN Λ

 Λ in NS energetically unfavorable, but only neutrons and Λ are considered

Hyperons in Neutron Stars

First proposed in 1960 by Ambartsumyan & Saakyan

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 $p e^- \rightarrow n \nu_e$

Traditionally neutron stars were modeled by a uniform fluid of neutron rich matter in β -equilibrium $n \rightarrow p \ e^- \ \overline{\nu}_e$

but more exotic degrees of freedom are expected, such as **hyperons**, due to:

- high value of density at the center and
- the rapid increase of the nucleon chemical potential with density

Hyperons might be present at $n \sim (2-3)n_0$!!!

β-stable hyperonic matter

 μ_N is large enough to make N->Y favorable

$$n + n \rightarrow n + \Lambda$$

$$p + e^{-} \rightarrow \Lambda + v_{e^{-}}$$

$$n + n \rightarrow p + \Sigma^{-}$$

$$n + e^{-} \rightarrow \Sigma^{-} + v_{e^{-}}$$

$$\mu_i = b_i \mu_n - q_i \mu_e$$
$$\sum_i x_i q_i = 0$$





The Hyperon Puzzle



Experimental information is increasing, but still less than desirable:

- data from several single Λ - and few Ξ - hypernuclei, and few $\Lambda\Lambda$ -hypernuclei
- few YN scattering data
 (~ 50 points) due to
 difficulties in preparing
 hyperon beams and no
 hyperon targets available
- YN data from femtoscopy

The presence of hyperons in neutron stars is energetically probable as density increases. However, it induces a strong softening of the EoS that leads to maximum neutron star masses < $2M_{\odot}$

Solution?

- ➤ stiffer YN and YY interactions
- hyperonic 3-body forces
- ➢ push of Y onset by ∆-isobars or meson condensates
- quark matter below Y onset
- dark matter, modified gravity theories...

Solutions to the Hyperon Puzzle

I. Stiffer YN and YY interactions

mainly explored in RMF models: coupling of ϕ to hyperons to shift the onset of hyperons to higher densities Bednarek et al '12; Weissenborn et al '12; Oerte et al '15; Maslov et al '15..

results still compatible with $\Delta B_{\Lambda\Lambda}$ (⁶He_{$\Lambda\Lambda$})

Fortin et al '17

II. Hyperonic 3-body forces

not yet a general consensus: for some models $2M_{\odot}$ are reached Taktasuka et al '02 '08; Yamamoto et al '13 '14; for others M_{max} is $1.6M_{\odot}$ Vidana et al '11; while Lonardoni et al '15 shows no a conclusive outcome due to the strong dependence on Λ NN; more recently, Λ NN from χ EFT gives enough repulsion to have Λ in $2M_{\odot}$ Logoteta et al '19 whereas Λ are unfavoured in NS Gerstung et al '20

Weissenborn et al '12



Solutions to the Hyperon Puzzle

III. Push of Y onset by Δ -isobars or meson condensates

appearance of another degree of freedom that push Y onset to higher densities. It might (or not) reach $2M_{\odot}$

Δ

Drago et al '14 '15, Jie Li et al '19 ; Ribes et al '19... **K condensate** Kaplan et al' 86, Brown et al '94; Thorsson et al '94; Lee '96; Glendenning et al '98..

IV. Quark matter below Y onset

early transition to quark matter below Y onset, with quarks providing enough repulsion to reach $2M_{\odot}$ Weissenborn et al '11; Klaehn et al '13; Bonanno et al '12; Lastowiecki et al '12, Zdunik and Haensel '12...

V. Others: modified gravity, dark matter..



0.1

0.8

0.9

η

3.0 n.

-- 3.25 n₀

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Strange Mesons (Antikaons) in the Inner Core



$$\overline{\mathbf{K}} = \begin{pmatrix} \overline{\mathbf{K}}^0 \\ \\ -\mathbf{K}^- \end{pmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \overline{\mathbf{d}} \ \mathbf{s} \\ \\ \overline{\mathbf{u}} \ \mathbf{s} \end{bmatrix} \stackrel{\mathbf{s}=-1}{\mathbf{s}}$$

- Why antikaons?
- KN interaction:
 Λ(1405) resonance
- Antikaons in matter
- Experiments and observations:
 from HiCs to stars

Why antikaons?

Kaon condensation in neutron stars

Kaplan and Nelson '86 Brown and Bethe '94



K⁻ feels attraction in the medium
 → Kaon condensation in neutron stars? (Medium)

$$n \leftrightarrow p \ e^- \ \bar{
u}_e \quad
ightarrow \quad \mu_n = \mu_p + \mu_{e^-}$$

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$\overline{K}N$ interaction: the $\Lambda(1405)$

• $\overline{K}N$ scattering in the I=0 channel is governed by the presence of the $\Lambda(1405)$ resonance, located only 27 MeV below the $\overline{K}N$ threshold

 $\pi\Sigma$

- 50's: idea originally proposed by Dalitz and Tuan
- since 90's: the study of KN scattering has been revisited by means of unitarized theories using meson-exchange models or chiral Lagrangians

 $\overline{K}N$

meson-exchange models

Mueller-Groeling, Holinde and Speth '90; Buettgen, Holinde, Mueller-Groeling, Speth and Wyborny '90; Hoffmann, Durso, Holinde, Pearce and Speth '95; Haidenbauer, Krein, Meissner and Tolos '11..

chiral Lagrangian

Kaiser, Siegl and Weise, '95; Oset and Ramos '98; Oller and Meissner '01; Lutz, and Kolomeitsev '02; Garcia-Recio et al. '03; Jido et al. '03; Borasoy, Nissler, and Weise '05; Oller, Prades, and Verbeni '05; Oller '06; Borasoy, Nissler and Weise '05; Khemchandani, Martinez-Torres, Nagahiro and Hosaka '12 Feijoo, Magas and Ramos '19; Feijoo, Gazda, Magas and Ramos '21; Ren, Epelbaum, Gegelia and Meissner '20 '21; Bruns and Cieply '22..

more channels, next-to-leading order, Born terms beyond WT (s-channel, u-channel), fits including new data, higher partial waves...



d

A* (1405)

n d

K=

11

S

11

 \mathbf{K}^{-}

Double-pole structure of Λ(1405)

 $\Lambda(1405)$ results from the superposition of two poles in the complex plane,

$$T_{ij} \approx rac{g_i g_j}{z - z_R}$$

with different coupling to $\pi\Sigma$ and $\overline{K}N$ states

Pole positions for the $\Lambda(1405)$ coming from recent chiral effective models including the SIDDHARTA constraint.

Model		First Pole [MeV]	Second Pole [MeV]
NLO	Ikeda, Hyodo and Weise '12	$1424^{+7}_{-23} - i26^{+3}_{-14}$	$1381^{+18}_{-6} - i81^{+19}_{-8}$
Fit II	Guo and Oller '13	$1421^{+3}_{-2} - i19^{+8}_{-5}$	$1388^{+9}_{-9} - i114^{+24}_{-25}$
Solution	Nr. 2 Mai and Meissner '1	$51434^{+2}_{-2} - i 10^{+2}_{-1}$	$1330^{+4}_{-5} - i56^{+17}_{-11}$
Solution	n Nr. 4	$1429^{+8}_{-7} - i 12^{+2}_{-3}$	$1325^{+15}_{-15} - i90^{+12}_{-18}$



the measured spectra of the $\Sigma\pi$ final states associated to the $\Lambda(1405)$ for kaon- and pion-induced reactions supports the double-pole structure of the $\Lambda(1405)$

Magas, Oset and Ramos '05

Antikaons in matter

RMF schemes, QMC models...

RMF: early works based on mesonexchange picture or the chiral approach for the KN interaction on the mean-field level and fit the parameters to the KN scattering length



Phenomenological models

density dependent potentials fitted to kaonic atoms



recent K⁻N scattering amplitudes from χ SU(3) EFT supplemented with phenomenological terms for K⁻ multinucleon interactions: kaonic atoms test densities $\rho < \rho_0$

Friedman and Gal '17

Unitarized theory in matter:

selfconsistent coupled-channel procedure



K spectral function in matter





Koch '94; Waas and Weise '97; Kaiser et al '97; Oset and Ramos'98; Lutz '98; Schaffner-Bielich et al '00; Ramos and Oset '00; Lutz et al '02; Tolos et al '01 '02; Jido et al '02 '03; Magas et al '05; Tolos et al '06 '08; Lutz et al '08; Cabrera et al '14...

 $\begin{array}{l} \text{Re } U_{\text{K-}}(\rho_0) \thicksim -50 \text{ to } -80 \text{ MeV} \\ \text{Im } U_{\text{K-}}(\rho_0) \gtrsim \text{Re } U_{\text{K-}}(\rho_0) \end{array}$

•s-wave $\overline{K}N$ interaction governed by $\Lambda(1405)$:

attraction due to modified $\Lambda(1405)$ in the medium using a self-consistent coupled-channel approach

•p-wave (and beyond)

contributions to KN interaction: not important for atoms but important for heavy-ion collisions due to large momentum

Experiments and observations: from HICs....

strangeness production in matter

is one of the major research domains in heavy-ion collisions from SIS/GSI to LHC and RHIC up to the future FAIR/NICA/BESII/J-PARC-HI

credit: DOE



Iow-energy HICs:(FOPI) Ritman et al '95; Crochet et al '00; Bastid et al, '07; Zinyuk '14..
(KaoS) Menzel et al '00; Ploskon '05; Uhlig et al '05;Foerster et al '07..
(HADES) Agakishiev et al '09 '10 '11 '13 '14;FOPI/SIS18: K+,K-, $\phi(1020)$...Galatyuk '17; Adamczewski-Musch '18 '19...HADES/SIS18: K+, K*(892)⁰, K_s⁰, $\phi(1020)$, Λ, Ξ(1321),Ω..

high-energy HICs:

STAR/RHIC: K*(892)⁰, φ(1020), Ω.. ALICE/LHC: K*(892)⁰, φ(1020), Σ⁺⁻(1385), Ξ(1530)⁰...

Adams et al. (STAR) '05 Aggarwal et al (STAR) '11 Kumar et al (STAR) '15 Abelev (ALICE) '15 Adam (ALICE) '16 Badala (ALICE) '17..

future:

CBM/FAIR BM@N/NICA BESII/RHIC J-PARC-HI

CBM (FAIR) Physics Book '11 NICA: http://theor0.jinr.ru/twiki-cgi/view/NICA Aggarwal et al (BES STAR White Paper) '10 JPARC: http://silver.j-parc.jp/sako/white-paper-v1.21.pdf-HI

K⁻ and K+ at high μ_{B} (FOPI/HADES @ SIS18)

KaoS: from systematics of the experimental results and detailed comparison to transport model calculations₁₅₀ Foerster et al (KaoS) '07

K⁺ probe a soft EoS

• K⁺ and K⁻ yields are coupled $NN \rightarrow K^+YN$ by strangeness exchange: $K^-N \Leftrightarrow \pi Y$

- K⁺ and K⁻ exhibit different freeze-out conditions
- repulsion for K+ and attraction for K- seemed to be confirmed

but, for example, what is the role of $\phi \rightarrow K^+ K^-$?

Results from HADES and FOPI indicate

Zinyuk et al (FOPI)'14; Gasik et al (FOPI) '16; Piasecki et al (FOPI) '16; Adamczewski-Musch et al (HADES) '17..

- K⁺ in-medium potential is repulsive: U_{KN} (ρ₀)≈ 20...40 MeV
- K⁻ from Φ decay wash out the effects of the potential (spectra and flow!!)
- separate direct kaons (\rightarrow COSY)/elementary reactions
- more systematic, high statistic data on K⁻ production necessary



conclusions from Leifels-SQM2017

Recent results on kaon and antikaon production in HiCs using a PHSD model with in-medium strange mesons compared to KaoS, FOPI and HADES experimental data

- The nuclear effects on (anti)kaon are more prominent in the collision of large nuclei
- (Anti)kaon production is (enhanced)suppressed due to (broadening of spectral function)repulsive kaon potential
- (Anti)kaon spectrum becomes (softer)harder in nuclear matter, whereas y-distribution (shrinks)broadens
- Different behaviour of v1/v2 for antikaons and kaons due to the attractive vs repulsive character of the interaction with nucleons
- A moderate EoS (K~300 MeV) reproduces the experimental HiC data better



Song, LT, Wirth, Aichelin and Bratkovskaya '21

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Glendenning '85 Kaon condensation irrelevant as antikaons have to lower mass drastically

Kaplan and Nelson '86

Medium effects on antikaons important: kaon condensation is possible!

Brown, Kubodera, Rho and Thorsson'92; Thorsson, Prakash and Lattimer '94; Fujii, Maruyama, Muto and Tatsumi '96; Li, Lee and Brown '97; Knorren, Prakash and Ellis '95; Schaffner and Mishustin '96; Glendenning and Schaffner-Bielich '98 '99

Renewed interest on antikaon-nucleon interaction



Knorren, Prakash and Ellis '95

Hyperonization on kaon condensation

Knorren, Prakash and Ellis '95

electron fraction decreases once hyperons appear, thus, the presence of hyperons increases the critical density for kaon condensation



Later on different groups have worked on **improved relativistic-mean field models** to include kaon condensation and to fulfill neutron star properties and to study proto-neutron stars, supernova or neutron star mergers



RMF models

Gupta and Arumugam '12 '13



Using microscopic unitarized schemes...

The condition $\mu_{e-} \ge m^*_{K-}$ for a given ρ_c implies that $m_{K-} - m^*_{K-} (\rho_c) \approx 200, 300 \text{ MeV}.$

However, unitarized schemes based on meson-exchange models or chiral Lagrangians predict a moderate attraction in nuclear matter

Lutz '98 Ramos and Oset '00 Tolos, Polls, Ramos '01 Tolos, Ramos and Oset '06 Tolos, Cabrera and Ramos '08 Cabrera, Tolos, Aichelin and Bratkovskaya'14...

 $V_{ii} G_i(\rho,T) T_{ii}(\rho,T)$

Tolos and Fabbietti '20



 $T_{ii}(\rho,T) =$

Kaon condensation seems very unlikely!



Present and Future



A lot of observational and theoretical effort has been invested in studying hadronic matter in neutron stars, in particular strangeness inside the core

The presence of hyperons in neutron stars is energetically probable as density increases. However, it induces a strong softening of the EoS that leads to maximum neutron star masses $< 2M_{\odot}$. This is known as The Hyperon Puzzle

The presence of antikaons in neutron stars is controversial

Present and future: NICER, eXTP, STROBE-X... and GW observations



Space missions to study NS



Constraints from pulse profile modelling of rotation-powered pulsars with eXTP

and multimessenger astronomy!

https://compose.obspm.fr/



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