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Observed massive pulsars in binaries with WD $M \sim 2M_{\odot}$



- Compatibility of hyperonization with large masses of pulsars "hyperon puzzle"
- Microscopic hypernuclear BHF calculations produce max $M \leq 1.5\,M_{\odot}$
- Quark deconfinement softens the EOS as well
- Are new degrees of freedom compatible with observations?

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DF includes hadronic degrees of freedom



$$= \sum_{B} \bar{\psi}_{B} \left[\gamma^{\mu} \left(i\partial_{\mu} - g_{\omega BB} \omega_{\mu} - \frac{1}{2} g_{\rho BB} \boldsymbol{\tau} \cdot \boldsymbol{\rho}_{\mu} \right) - (m_{B} - g_{\sigma BB} \sigma) \right] \psi_{B} \\ + \frac{1}{2} \partial^{\mu} \sigma \partial_{\mu} \sigma - \frac{1}{2} m_{\sigma}^{2} \sigma^{2} - \frac{1}{4} \omega^{\mu\nu} \omega_{\mu\nu} + \frac{1}{2} m_{\omega}^{2} \omega^{\mu} \omega_{\mu} - \frac{1}{4} \boldsymbol{\rho}^{\mu\nu} \boldsymbol{\rho}_{\mu\nu} + \frac{1}{2} m_{\rho}^{2} \boldsymbol{\rho}^{\mu} \cdot \boldsymbol{\rho}_{\mu\nu} \\ + \sum_{\lambda} \bar{\psi}_{\lambda} (i \gamma^{\mu} \partial_{\mu} - m_{\lambda}) \psi_{\lambda} - \frac{1}{4} F^{\mu\nu} F_{\mu\nu},$$

- Nuclear DF: DD-ME2 parametrization P. Ring et al. Phys. Rev. C 71, 024312 (2005). - Hypernuclear DF extension SU(3) couplings + variations in the coupling $\sigma - \Lambda$ and $\sigma - \Sigma^-$

- Parameters of nuclear functional:

$$\rho_0 = 0.152 \text{fm}^{-3}, \quad E/A = -16.14 \text{MeV} \quad K_0 = 250.90 \text{MeV},$$
 (1)

$$J = 32.30 \text{MeV}, \quad L = 51.24 \text{MeV}, \quad K_{sym} = -87.19 \text{MeV}$$
 (2)

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	$E_{Mass}[\Lambda 1s_{1/2}]$	$E[\Lambda 1s_{1/2}]$	E/A	rp	r _n	r_{Λ}
	[MeV]	[MeV]	[MeV]	[fm]	[fm]	[fm]
17 AO	-12.109	-11.716	-8.168	2.592	2.562	2.458
⁻¹⁶ O	_	-	-8.001	2.609	2.579	_
$^{41}_{\Lambda}C$	-17.930	-17.821	-8.788	3.362	3.309	2.652
⁴⁰ Ca	—	_	-8.573	3.372	3.320	_
$^{49}_{\Lambda}$ Ca	-19.215	-19.618	-8.858	3.379	3.562	2.715
⁴⁸ Ca	-	-	-8.641	3.389	3.576	-

Single-particle energies of the $\Lambda 1s_{1/2}$ states, binding energies, and rms radii of the Λ -hyperon, neutron, and proton of $1^{7}_{\Lambda}O, 1^{4}_{\Lambda}C$, and $1^{4}_{\Lambda}C$ are presented for optimal model. In addition, single-particle energies of the $\Lambda 1s_{1/2}$ states, i.e. separation energies of the Λ -particle, obtained from the mass formula are given for these Λ -hypernuclei. Furthermore, the properties of $1^{6}O, 4^{0}Ca$, and $4^{8}Ca$ are given for the optimal model; (van Dalen, Colucci, Sedrakian, PLB 734, 383 (2014)).



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Left panel: T = 0, soft vs hard EOS, right panel: T = 50 MeV, neutrino-less vs neutrino-full matter Ξ) Ξ ~ 0 \propto



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- blue region - allowed by the inequality, NSC value - the blue dot - red line - Λ -hypernuclei, - left of square (inset) along red line – constraint from stars - best values of parameters:

$$x_{\sigma\Lambda} = 0.6164, \qquad 0.15 \le x_{\sigma\Sigma} \le 0.45.$$

Proof of principle of bracketing parameters by combination of NS and hyper-nuclei.

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General form of order parameter

 $\Delta \propto \langle 0 | \psi^a_{\alpha\sigma} \psi^b_{\beta\tau} | 0 \rangle$

- Antisymmetry in spin σ, τ for the BCS mechanism to work
- Antisymmetry in color a, b for attraction
- Antisymmetry in flavor to avoid Pauli blocking

At low densities 2SC phase (Bailin and Love '84)

$$\Delta(2SC) \propto \Delta \epsilon^{ab3} \epsilon_{\alpha\beta}$$

At high densities we expect 3 flavors of u, d, s massless quarks. The ground state is the color-flavor-locked phase (Alford, Rajagopal, Wilczek '99)

 $\Delta(\mathit{CFL}) \propto \langle 0 | \psi^a_{\alpha L} \psi^b_{\beta L} | 0 \rangle = - \langle 0 | \psi^a_{\alpha R} \psi^b_{\beta R} | 0 \rangle = \Delta \epsilon^{abC} \Delta \epsilon_{\alpha \beta C}$

Important variations on 2SC phase (crystalline-color-superconductor)

$$\Delta(CSC) \propto \Delta \epsilon^{ab3} \epsilon_{\alpha\beta}, \qquad \delta\mu \neq 0, \qquad m_s \neq 0.$$

Color-superconductivity within the NJL model

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$$\begin{split} \Phi &= \bar{\psi}(i\gamma^{\mu}\partial_{\mu} - \hat{m})\psi + G_{V}(\bar{\psi}i\gamma^{0}\psi)^{2} + G_{S}\sum_{a=0}^{8}[(\bar{\psi}\lambda_{a}\psi)^{2} + (\bar{\psi}i\gamma_{5}\lambda_{a}\psi)^{2}] \\ &+ G_{D}\sum_{\gamma,c}[\bar{\psi}_{\alpha}^{a}i\gamma_{5}\epsilon^{\alpha\beta\gamma}\epsilon_{abc}(\psi_{C})_{\beta}^{b}][(\bar{\psi}_{C})_{\rho}^{r}i\gamma_{5}\epsilon^{\rho\sigma\gamma}\epsilon_{rsc}\psi_{\sigma}^{8}] \\ &- K\left\{\det_{f}[\bar{\psi}(1+\gamma_{5})\psi] + \det_{f}[\bar{\psi}(1-\gamma_{5})\psi]\right\},\end{split}$$

quark spinor fields ψ_{α}^{a} , color a = r, g, b, flavor ($\alpha = u, d, s$) indices, mass matrix $\hat{m} = \text{diag}_{f}(m_{u}, m_{d}, m_{s}), \lambda_{a} a = 1, ..., 8$ Gell-Mann matrices. Charge conjugated $\psi_{C} = C\bar{\psi}^{T}$ and $\bar{\psi}_{C} = \psi^{T}C C = i\gamma^{2}\gamma^{0}$.

Simple but efficient model to treat CSC phases:

- a sum is over the 8 gluons

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- G_S is the scalar coupling fixed from vacuum physics
- G_D is the di-quark coupling, which is related to the G_S via Fierz transformation
- G_V and $ho_{
 m tr}$ are treated as a free parameter

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- Phase equilibrium is constructed via Maxwell prescription
- Sequential phase transition $NM \rightarrow 2SC \rightarrow CFL$

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- Dashed only 2SC, grey includes CFL.
- Stability is achieved for $G_V > 0.2$ and transition densities few ρ_0

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- Below dashed-dotted: 2SC stars are stable
- To the right of dashed curves CFL stars are stable few ρ_0

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36.0 M=1.0,1.4,1.6 M=1.0,1.4,1.6 34.0 log(L_s/erg s⁻¹) 1.7 1.7 32.0 1.9 1.9 30.0 28.0 L -1.0 1.0 3.0 5.0 7.0 1.0 3.0 5.0 7.0 log(τ/yr) log(τ/yr)

Cooling simulations of neutron stars (surface photon luminosity vs age)

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Cas A and QCD phase diagram Transport of thermal energy and energy balance equations $(T' = Te^{\Phi})$

$$\frac{dT'}{dr} = \frac{-3\kappa\rho}{16\sigma T^3} \frac{L_{\gamma}e^{\Phi}}{4\pi r^2 \sqrt{1 - \frac{2Gm}{\kappa^2}}}, \qquad \frac{d}{dr} \left(Le^{2\Phi}\right) = \frac{-4\pi r^2}{\sqrt{1 - \frac{2Gm}{\kappa^2}}} nT' \frac{ds}{dt}.$$

L is the total luminosity (neutrino + photon)

$$\left(\int\limits_0^{R_c} nc_{\nu}dV_p\right)\frac{dT'}{dt} = -(L_{\nu}+L_{\gamma})e^{2\Phi_c}.$$

The final equation to solve

$$\left(\int_{0}^{R_c} nc_{\nu}(r,T)dV_p\right)\frac{dT'}{dt} = -\int_{0}^{R_c} n\mathcal{Q}_{\nu}(r,T)e^{2\Phi}dV_p + 4\pi\sigma R^2 T_S^4 e^{2\Phi_c}\right)$$

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Cas A and QCE phase diagram Quark cores of NS emit neutrons via: $d \to u + e + \bar{\nu}_e$ $u + e \to d + \nu_e$. The rate of the process is

$$\epsilon_{\nu\bar{\nu}} \propto \Lambda^{\mu\lambda}(q_1, q_2) \Im \Pi^R_{\mu\lambda}(q).$$



via the response function

 $\Pi_{\mu\lambda}(q) = -i \int \frac{d^4p}{(2\pi)^4} \operatorname{Tr}\left[(\Gamma_-)_{\mu} S(p)(\Gamma_+)_{\lambda} S(p+q)\right], \quad \Gamma_{\pm}(q) = \gamma_{\mu}(1-\gamma_5) \otimes \tau_{\pm}$

with propagators

$$S_{f=u,d} = i\delta_{ab}\frac{\Lambda^+(p)}{p_0^2 - \epsilon_p^2}(\not p - \mu_f\gamma_0), \quad F(p) = -i\epsilon_{ab3}\epsilon_{fg}\Delta\frac{\Lambda^+(p)}{p_0^2 - \epsilon_p^2}\gamma_5C$$

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CSC phases show non-trivial dependence on gap: $\zeta = \Delta/\delta\mu$

 $\zeta > 1$ gapped $\zeta \leq 1$ un-gapped



• Two-flavor phase (2SC) - No gapless excitations - suppressed emissivities

Crystalline (LOFF) phase - Gapless excitations - unsuppressed emissivities

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Cooling simulation of stars with quark matter cores, (D. Hess, A. Sedrakian, Phys. Rev. D 84, 063015 (2011))

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- Can Cas A be a massive compact star with a quark core?
- Cas A cooling can be explained by a $1.4M_{\odot}$ star using as a cooling agent the pair-breaking processes.

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- Two-parameter fit to the Cas A: *w* the width of the transition and *T** the temperature of the transition
- The blue quark gap is a further parameter.