## Nuclear Equation of State and Neutron Stars

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- Formed after core collapsing supernovae.
- Suggested by Walter Baade and Fritz Zwicky (1934) Only a year after the discovery of the neutron by James Chadwick
- Jocelyn Bell Burnell and Antony Hewish observed pulsar in 1965.
- $\bullet\,$  Neutron star is cold after 30s  $\sim$  60s of its birth
  - inner core, outer core, inner crust, outer crust, envelope
  - R :  $\sim$  10km
  - M : 1.2 ~ 2.x  $M_{\odot}$  (2.14<sup>+0.1</sup><sub>-0.09</sub>(2.08<sup>+0.07</sup><sub>-0.07</sub>)  $M_{\odot}$  PSR J0704+6620; 2.01 ± 0.04  $M_{\odot}$  PSR J0348+0432 ; 1.97 ± 0.04  $M_{\odot}$  PSR J614-2230 )
  - $2 \times 10^{11}$  earth  $g \rightarrow$  General relativity
  - B field :  $10^8 \sim 10^{12} G.$
  - Central density :  $3 \sim 10 \rho_0 \rightarrow \text{Nuclear physics}!!$

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#### • Inner structure of neutron stars



- Neutron Stars:
  - Dense nuclear matter physics

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• TOV equations for macroscopic structure

$$\frac{dp}{dr} = -\frac{G(M(r) + 4\pi r^3 p/c^2)(\epsilon + p)}{r(r - 2GM(r)/c^2)c^2},$$

$$\frac{dM}{dr} = 4\pi \frac{\epsilon}{c^2} r^2,$$
(1)

• Nuclear physics provide the information for  $\epsilon$  and p.

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## Nuclear matter properties

• Nuclear equation of state at T = 0 MeV



Figure: Energy per baryon for symmetric nuclear matter and pure neutron matter

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#### **Hartree-Fock:**



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Figure: Many body diagrams for nuclear matter calculation (C. Drischler, Phd thesis)

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• Most neutron matter results can be fitted using the quadratic expansion.



$$\mathcal{E}(n,x) = \frac{1}{2m}\tau_n + \frac{1}{2m}\tau_p + (1-2x)^2 f_n(n) + \left[1 - (1-2x)^2\right] f_s(n), \quad (2)$$

$$f_{s}(n) = \sum_{i=0}^{3} a_{i} n^{(2+i/3)}, \quad f_{n}(n) = \sum_{i=0}^{3} b_{i} n^{(2+i/3)}$$
(3)

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# Neutron Star EOS constraints



- Experiments
  - SNM properties, Neutron skin thickness, binding energies
- Theory
  - Neutron matter calculations (QMC, MBPT, ..)
- Observation

Gravitation wave : tidal deformabilities, Moment of inertia, Nicer (mass-radius), maximum mass( $M_{\rm max} > 2.0 M_{\odot}$ )

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- Nuclear EOS constraints
  - Microscopic calculation(Pure neutron matter)
  - Nuclear structure: Neutron skin, binding energies of nuclei
  - Maximum mass of neutron stars(  $M_{
    m max} > 2.0 M_{\odot})$
  - Gravitational wave: tidal deformabilities( $\Lambda_{1.4}$ )
  - (Moment of inertia)
  - NICER(Neutron Star Interior Composition Explorer): mass and radius

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• Statistical uncertainties from EOSs (Theory + Experiment)



Y. Lim & J.W. Holt, PRL 2018.

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# Tidal deformability from EOSs

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$$\Lambda_{1.4} = 350^{+169}_{-114}$$
(EOSs) vs  $\Lambda_{1.4} = 190^{+380}_{-120}$  (LIGO).



Y. Lim & J.W. Holt, PRL 2018.

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# Probability distribution of central density I



Figure: Lim & Holt, Eur. Phys. J. A 55, 209 (2019)

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# Probability distribution of central density II



Figure: Lim & Holt, Eur. Phys. J. A 55, 209 (2019)

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Figure: Lim & Holt, EPJA 2019

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Figure: Mass radius confidence intervals, NICER, PNM, SNM, GW170817, GW190425, arXiv:2007.06526

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• Mass radius of neutron stars using various constraints (Y.Lim and A. Schwenk *in preparation*)



Figure: Mass radius confidence intervals, NICER(J003+0451), PNM, SNM, GW170817,  $M_{\rm max} > 2.01$ , NICER2(J0704+6620)

What is it and why is it important?

- Nuclear EOS is thermodynamic relation for given  $\rho$ ,  $Y_e$ , T with wide range of variables. (1 MeV  $\simeq 10^{10}$  K)

 $(
ho = 10^4 \sim 10^{14} {
m g/cm^3}, \; Y_e = 0.01 \sim 0.65, \; T = 0.1 \sim 200 {
m MeV})$ 

- core collapsing supernova explosion, proto-neutron stars, and compact binary mergers involve neutron stars.

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How can we construct EOS table ?

We need nuclear force model and numerical method.

Nuclear force model	Numerical technique
Skyrme Force model	Liquid Drop(let) approach (LDM)
(non-relativistic potential model)	
Relativistic Mean Field model (RMF)	Thomas Fermi Approximatoin (TF)
Finite-Range Force model	Hartree-Fock Approximation (HF)
	Nuclear Statistical Equilibrium (NSE)

- LS EOS  $\Rightarrow$  Skyrme force + LDM (without neutron skin)
- STOS  $\Rightarrow$  RMF + Semi TF (parameterized density profile)
- SHT  $\Rightarrow$  RMF + HARTREE
- HSB  $\Rightarrow$  RMF + NSE

Nuclear force model should be picked up to represent both finite nuclei and neutron star observation + Neutron matter calculation.

## • LS EOS (Lattimer Swesty 1991) Use Skyrme type potential with Liquid droplet approach

- Consider phase transition, several K
- STOS EOS (H. Shen, Toki, Oyamastu, Sumiyoshi 1998), new version (2011) Use RMF with TF approximation and parameterized density profile (PDP)
  - Old : awkward grid spacing
  - New : finer grid spacing, adds  $\mathsf{Hyperon}(\Lambda,\Sigma^{+,-,0})$
- SHT EOS (G. Shen, Horowitz, Teige 2010) Use RMF with Hartree approximation
- HSB (M. Hempel and J. Schaffner-Bielich). 2010, 2012
  - Use Relativistic mean field model (TM1, TMA, FSUgold)
  - Nuclear statistical equilibrium (alpha, deutron, triton, helion)

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# Domains for a supernova simulation



Figure from Oertel et al., Rev. Mod. Phys. 89, 015007.

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# Items in EOS tables

- 1 Total pressure P
- 3 Total entropy per baryon s
- 5 Neutron chemical potential
- 7 Neutron mass fraction (external to nuclei)
- 9 Alpha particle mass fraction
- 11 Baryon free energy per baryon
- 13 Baryon internal energy per baryon
- 15 Baryon density inside heavy nucleus
- 17 dP/dT
- 19 ds/dT
- 21 Mass number of heavy nucleus
- 23 Number of neutrons in neutron skin of heavy nucleus
- 24 Baryon density of nucleons external to heavy nucleus and alpha particles
- 25 Proton fraction of nucleons external
- to heavy nucleus and alpha particles 26 Out of whackness:

 $\mu_{\it n}-\mu_{\it P}-\mu_{\it e}{+}1.293~{
m MeV}$ 

- 2 Total free energy per baryon f
- 4 Total internal energy per baryon e
- 6 Proton chemical potential
- 8 Proton mass fraction
- 10 Baryon pressure
- 12 Baryon entropy per baryon
- 14 Nuclei filling factor u
- 16 dP/dn
- 18 dP/dYe
- 20 ds/dYe
- 22 Proton fraction of heavy nucleus

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• Schematic picture of inhomogeneous nuclear matter(neutron star crust)



- Liquid Drop Model(Fast and accurate)
- Most difficult part: inhomogeneous matter, low temperature
- Adopt state-of-the-art neutron matter results
   -ex) MBPT(Drischler *et al.*, PRL 2019), QMC(Tews *et al.*, PRC 2016)

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• New energy density functional for the nuclear EOS. (Y. Lim, S. Huth, and A. Schwenk *in preparation*)



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## Free energy

Total free energy density consists of

$$F = F_N + F_o + F_\alpha + F_d + F_t + F_h + F_e + F_\gamma$$
(4)

where  $F_N$ ,  $F_o$ ,  $F_\alpha$ ,  $F_e$ , and  $F_\gamma$  are the free energy density of heavy nuclei, nucleons out the nuclei, alpha particles, electrons, and photons.

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$$F_N = F_{bulk,i} + F_{coul} + F_{surf} + F_{trans}$$

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$$F_o = F_{bulk,o}$$

- α, d, t, h particles : Non-interacting Boltzman gas
- e,  $\gamma$  : treat separately

For  $F_{bulk,i}$ ,  $F_{bulk,o}$ , and  $F_{surf}$ , we use the same force model.  $F_{surf}$  from the semi infinite nuclear matter calculation

The is the modification of LPRL (1985), LS (1991, No skin)

- Consistent calculation of surface tension
- Deuteron, triton, helion
- The most recent parameter set

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For fixed independent variables ( $\rho$ ,  $Y_p$ , T), we have the 11 dependent variables ( $\rho_i$ ,  $x_i$ ,  $r_N$ ,  $z_i$ , u,  $\rho_o$ ,  $x_o$ ,  $\rho_\alpha$ ,  $\rho_d$ ,  $\rho_t$ ,  $\rho_h$ ).

where *i* heavy nuclei, *o* nucleons outside, *x* proton fraction, *u* filling factor, and  $\nu_n$  neutron skin density.

From baryon and charge conservation, we can eliminate  $x_o$  and  $\rho_o$ .

Free energy minimization,  $\frac{\partial F}{\partial \rho_i} = \frac{\partial F}{\partial x_i} = \frac{\partial F}{\partial r_N} = \frac{\partial F}{\partial z_i} = \frac{\partial F}{\partial u} = \frac{\partial F}{\partial \rho_{\alpha}} = \frac{\partial F}{\partial \rho_d} = \frac{\partial F}{\partial \rho_t} = \frac{\partial F}{\partial \rho_h} = 0.$ • Finally, we have 6 equations to solve and 6 unknowns.  $z = (\rho_i, \ln(\rho_{no}), \ln(\rho_{po}), x_i, \ln(u), z_i).$ 

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# Results : Relative pressure difference bewteen the current code & LS ${\rm SkM^*}$



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# Phase Boundary



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Figure: Phase boundaries using Model C from EOS table (Left) and representative EOSs (Right)

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# Simulation



Fig.1 Case with heating factor



Fig.2 Case with no heating factor

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# Particle fraction



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## Neutron star and Nuclear equation of state

- Nuclear Model : Energy density functional (Exp. + Theory + Obs.)
  - should be consistent with finite nuclei,
  - neutron matter calculation
  - maximum mass of neutron stars, gravitational wave, MR(NICER), (moment of inertia in the future)
- Numerical Method: Liquid Drop Model
  - fast and accurate

- surface tension, critical temperature, effective charge (Screening from outside particles)

- deuteron, triton, helion

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