Coulomb effects in the phase diagram of neutron stars

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The QCD phase diagram of dense matter



(T,µ_B) description of dense matter in Neutron Stars

- Is a schematic nuclear-only phase diagram relevant?
- 3 good quantum numbers (ρ_B , ρ_Q , ρ_L) \leftrightarrow (μ_B , μ_Q , μ_L)
- Charge neutrality: 2 dof + 1 constraint $(\rho_B, \rho_Q = 0, \rho_L) \leftrightarrow (\mu_B, \mu_L)$
- Is a grandcanonical description adequate?
- Attractive&repulsive, short&long range interactions
- Gravity imposes a density profile => a canonical description

Collaboration (ANR SN2NS)

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- No first order phase transition
- No critical point ٠
- Instability to finite size fluctuation ٠
- **Ensemble inequivalence**

Because of Coulomb correlations Uncharged Neutral



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1st&2nd order PT; $\rho = \rho_n + \rho_p$ order parameter => »LG » Stellar Matter =n,p (short-range nuclear) +e (long range Coulomb)

• $\widehat{H} = \widehat{H}_{np} + \widehat{K}_e + \sum_{ij=p,e} \widehat{V}_{ij}$ $\frac{\sum_{ij} \langle \widehat{V}_{ij} \rangle}{\Omega} \propto \rho_Q^2 \Omega^{2/3}$

$$\hat{V}_{ii'} = \frac{\alpha q_i q_{i'}}{1 + \delta_{ii'}} \int \frac{\rho_i(\vec{r}) \rho_{i'}(\vec{r}')}{|\vec{r} - \vec{r}'|} d\vec{r} d\vec{r}$$

- Strict charge neutrality required at the thermo limit
- Multipole expansion: $E_{Coul} = \sum_{I,I',m,m'} Y_{LM}^{II'mm'}(\theta,\phi) \frac{Q_I^m Q_{I'}^{m'}}{r^{L+1}} => the longest range interaction among neutral subsystems is the D-D interaction <math>E_{coul} \propto D \cdot D'/R^3$
- Effective short range BUT Coulomb correlation imposes a constraint on the order parameter

$$(\rho_n, \rho_p, \rho_e) \leftrightarrow (\rho_n, \rho_0 = \frac{\rho_p + \rho_e}{2}, \rho_q = \rho_p - \rho_e = 0) \Longrightarrow (\rho_n, \rho_0)$$

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- This naturally leads to ensemble inequivalence in finite systems. This inequivalence might be kept up to the thermo limit, if interactions are long range.



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Thermo limit for the extensive ensemble W(E)



Thermo-limit and ensemble (in)equivalence

- Back to neutron star matter: consider a fixed temperature β^{-1} and chemical potential $\vec{\mu} = (\mu_n, \mu_P, \mu_e)$
- $P_{\beta \vec{\mu}}(\rho_n, \rho_e) \propto Z_B(\rho_n) Z_L(\rho_e)$

Uncorrelated pdf in the intensive ensemble without the constraint

• $P_{\beta\vec{\mu}}(\rho_B,\rho_p) \propto Z_B(\rho_B-\rho_p) Z_L(\rho_p)$

Conservation constraint $ho_p=
ho_e$

•
$$\chi_e = \frac{d^2 ln Z_L}{d\rho_e^2} > |\frac{\partial^2 ln Z_B}{\partial \rho_n^2}| = \chi_n$$

Inequivalence condition
is typically fulfilled



Quasi-incompressible e- gas

T. Maruyama et al. PRC 72, 015802 (2005)



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The extended NSE model

- Mixture of nucleons, clusters of all sizes, photons, $Z = Z_{lep}(\beta, \mu_e) Z_{\gamma}(\beta) Z_n(\beta, \mu_n, \mu_p) Z_N$ electrons, positrons, neutrinos
- Nucleons treated in the Skyrme-HF approximation

$$Z_{n} = \exp\left(\beta\left(V - V_{N}\right)\left(\frac{\hbar^{2}\tau_{n}}{3m_{n}^{*}} + \frac{\hbar^{2}\tau_{p}}{3m_{p}^{*}} + \left\langle\hat{h}_{sp}\right\rangle - \left\langle\hat{h}_{mf}\right\rangle\right)\right)$$
$$\cdot \exp\beta\left(\mu_{n}\rho_{n} + \mu_{p}\rho_{p}\right)$$

$$Z_{N}\left(\beta,\mu,\tilde{\mu}\right) = \prod_{\substack{a>1\\i\in(-a,a)}} \exp\left(\omega_{a,i} + \beta\mu a\right)$$
$$Z_{N}\left(\beta,A,\tilde{\mu}\right) = \sum_{\substack{n=1\\i\in\{-a,a\}}} \prod_{\substack{a=2\\i\in\{-a,a\}}}^{\infty} \frac{\omega_{a\tilde{\mu}}^{n_{a}}}{n!} = \frac{1}{A} \sum_{\substack{a=2\\i\in\{-a,a\}}}^{A} a\omega_{a\tilde{\mu}} Z_{N}\left(\beta,A-a,\tilde{\mu}\right)$$

$$\mathcal{D}_{a\tilde{\mu}} = \left(V - V_{N+n}\right) \sum_{i=-a}^{a} g_{ay}(\beta) \left(\frac{m_{ay}}{2\pi\beta}\right)^{3/2} e^{-\beta \left(e_{ai}(\rho,\rho_{p}) - \tilde{\mu}i\right)}$$

Thermodynamic consistency between the different components

 $\mu_i^{nucleons} = \mu_i^{clus} \quad i = n, p$ $P = P^{nucleons} + P^{clus} \quad ; \quad \rho_i = \rho_i^{nucleons} + \rho_i^{clus}$

The extended NSE model

Grandcanonical
 thermodynamics: first
 order phase transition



The extended NSE model

0 - 0 Canonical • . 0 (MeV fm⁻³) thermodynamics: 0.5 backbending EoS and chemical 00000000 potential discontinuity -0.5 10² 10⁶ 10⁸ 10⁴ -12.5 -17.5-15 -10 v (fm³) 0 ρ (fm⁻³) $\mu_I = 1.6 MeV$ °°°°°°°°° T = 1.6 MeVС 10 -15 -12.5 -10 -17.5 A.Raduta, F.G., PRC 82:065801 (2010) ·20 μ (MeV) PRC 85:025803 (2012)

The extended NSE model

- Canonical thermodynamics: backbending EoS and chemical potential discontinuity
- Large distribution of cluster sizes in the inequivalence region



Conclusions

- Neutron star matter: a playing ground for statistical mechanics
- Baryonic matter (n,p) unstable with respect to density fluctuations
- Ultra-relativistic electrons ~ constitute a uniform incompressible ideal gas background
- Coulomb correlations: strict constraint on the order parameter $\rho_{\!p}\!=\!\rho_{\!e}$
- ⇒ Quenching of the first order phase transition in the canonical ensemble
- => Sizeable effects on the composition of stellar matter



The order or the « L-G » transition

with a background of neutralizing charge \Rightarrow constraint on the order parameter $\rho_{\rm p} = \rho_{\rm e}$

C.Ducoin, F.G. et al NPA 771 (2006) 68, NPA 789 (2007) 403, PRC 75 (2007) 065805.

Phase transition in n+pmatter $\rho_q = \rho_p - \rho_e = \rho_p$



- First order phase transition:
- (proton) density jump at constant chemical potential
 - Phase mixture at intermediate density

 $g = -f_{\beta}(\rho_n, \rho_p) + \sum_{i=n,p} \mu_i \rho_i \quad \rho_q =$

Phase transition in n+p+e matter

- Macroscopic charge neutrality: $\rho_q = 0$
- Mean field: $f_{\beta}(\rho_n,\rho_p)=f_{np}(\rho_n,\rho_p)+f_e(\rho_e=\rho_p)$
- Model case: charged particles independently neutralized by an homogeneous background of opposite charge $\delta \rho_i(\vec{r}) = \rho_i(\vec{r}) - \langle \rho_i \rangle$

$$\hat{V}'_{ii'} = \frac{\alpha q_i q_{i'}}{1 + \delta_{ii'}} \int \frac{\delta \rho_i(\vec{r}) \delta \rho_{i'}(\vec{r}')}{|\vec{r} - \vec{r}'|} d\vec{r} d\vec{r}'$$

•
$$f_{\beta}(\rho_{n},\rho_{p})=f'_{\beta}(\rho_{n},\rho_{0},\rho_{q}=0)$$

$$\begin{cases}
\rho_{q}=\rho_{p}-\rho_{e} \\
\rho_{0}=(\rho_{p}+\rho_{e})/2 \\
g_{\mu_{n},\mu_{0},\mu_{c}}=-f_{\beta}'(\rho_{n},\rho_{0},\rho_{q})+\sum_{i=n,0,q}\mu_{i}\rho_{i}
\end{cases}$$



Phase transition in n+p+e matter

- Macroscopic charge neutrality: $\rho_q = 0$
- L and S phases do not have the same chemical potential
- They cannot coexist
 at equilibrium
- Density fluctuations can only
 appear at the microscopic level
- Continuous transition through an inhomogeneous phase?
- Need of a model beyond mean-field



Critical behavior

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C.Ducoin et al PRC 75 (2007) 065805. P.Napolitani et al, Phys.Rev.Lett 98 (2007) 131102

Critical point fluctuations

• A diverging correlation length $\sigma_c(r) \propto r^{2-d-\eta}$, would imply a diverging energy density if charge density is an order parameter

$$\frac{\langle \hat{V}_c' \rangle}{\Omega} = \frac{\alpha}{2\Omega} \int \frac{\sigma_c(\vec{r}, \vec{r}')}{|\vec{r} - \vec{r}'|} d\vec{r} d\vec{r}' = 2\pi\alpha \int \sigma_c(r) r dr,$$
$$\sigma(\vec{r}, \vec{r}') = \langle \delta \rho_c(\vec{r}) \delta \rho_c(\vec{r}') \rangle$$

=> No critical point in stellar matter

Long range Ising

• Frustrated Ising model with repulsive and attractive interactions



$$H^{(\ell)} = -\frac{\varepsilon}{2} \sum_{\langle ij \rangle} n_i n_j + \frac{\chi}{2} \sum_{ij} q_i q_j \frac{1}{r_{ij}} \quad \mathbf{n} = \mathbf{0}, \mathbf{1} \text{ occupation}$$
$$q_i = n_i - \frac{1}{N} \sum_{k=1}^N n_k \quad \text{ electron background}$$

Replicae: the lattice of finite size ℓ is repeated in all three directions N_R times $\vec{I} = \vec{i} + \vec{n}\ell$; $\vec{J} = \vec{j} + \vec{n}\ell$

$$H_{c}^{tot} = \frac{\chi}{2} \sum_{n=1}^{N_{R}} \sum_{ij} n_{i} n_{j} C_{IJ}$$
Replicae are equivalent to a
renormalization of the long range coupling
$$= \frac{\chi}{2} \sum_{ij} n_{i} n_{j} C_{ij}^{N_{R}}$$

$$C_{ij}^{N_{R}} = (N_{R} - 1) \sum_{n=1}^{N_{R}} \left(\frac{1}{r_{\vec{i},\vec{j}+\vec{n}\ell}} - \frac{1}{2N} \sum_{k=1}^{N} \left(\frac{1}{r_{\vec{i},\vec{k}+\vec{n}\ell}} + \frac{1}{r_{\vec{k}+\vec{n}\ell},\vec{j}} \right) \right)$$



$$L^{-x/\nu}Y(T,L) \propto \begin{cases} cst \quad \xi \approx L \\ \left(L^{1/\nu} \mid t \mid\right)^{-x} \quad \xi \quad L \end{cases}$$

Ising

Finite size scaling

$$\begin{aligned} |T_{c}(L) - T_{c}| \propto L^{1/\nu} \\ L^{\beta/\nu} \rho \propto (L^{1/\nu} t)^{\beta} \xi L, T < T_{c}(L) \\ L^{\gamma/\nu} \chi \propto \begin{cases} (L^{1/\nu} |t|)^{-\gamma} \xi L, T > T_{c}(L) \\ (L^{1/\nu} |t|)^{2\beta} \xi L, T < T_{c}(L) \end{cases}$$



Ising*: No scaling



The limiting temperature is a first order point



Instabilities of homogeneous matter

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with a background of neutralizing charge \Rightarrow constraint on the order parameter $\rho_p = \rho_e$

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Finite wavelength fluctuations





Phase separation replaced by cluster formation

I - Spinodal

• A direction of negative curvature in the free energy $f_{\beta}(\rho_n, \rho_{\rho}^{*}) C_{<}<0$





$$C_{ij} = \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial \rho_i \partial \rho_j}$$

$$C = \begin{vmatrix} \frac{\partial \mu_n}{\partial \rho_n} & \frac{\partial \mu_n}{\partial \rho_p} \\ \frac{\partial \mu_p}{\partial \rho_n} & \frac{\partial \mu_p}{\partial \rho_p} \end{vmatrix}$$

I - Spinodal in NM

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I - Spinodal in NM+e

• Stellar matter (n,p,e) $f_{\beta}(\rho_n, \rho) =$ $f_{\beta}(\rho_n, \rho_p = \rho, \rho_e = \rho)$

$$C = \begin{vmatrix} \frac{\partial \mu_n}{\partial \rho_n} & \frac{\partial \mu_n}{\partial \rho_p} \\ \frac{\partial \mu_p}{\partial \rho_n} & \frac{\partial \mu_p}{\partial \rho_p} + \frac{\partial \mu_e}{\partial \rho_e} \end{vmatrix}$$



I - Spinodal in NM+e

 Stellar matter : no macroscopic charge =>spinodal instabilities quenched

Finite λ fluctuations

- Independent density fluctuations of p,n,e
- Variation of the free energy

$$\delta f_{\beta} = \delta H - T \delta s$$

 Extra contribution of density gradient and Coulomb

$$\delta \rho_{q} (\mathbf{k.r}) = A_{q} e^{i\mathbf{k.r}} + A_{q}^{*} e^{-i\mathbf{k.r}} \text{ with } q=n,p,e$$

$$\delta \rho_{q} \int \mathbf{gas} cluster$$

$$r$$

$$\lambda = 2\pi/k$$
C.J.Pethick et al NPA 1995

$$C_{NMe}^{f} = \begin{pmatrix} \partial_{\rho_{n}}\mu_{n} & \partial_{\rho_{n}}\mu_{p} & 0\\ \partial_{\rho_{p}}\mu_{n} & \partial_{\rho_{p}}\mu_{p} & 0\\ 0 & 0 & \partial_{\rho_{e}}\mu_{e} \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} C_{nn}^{f} & C_{np}^{f} & 0\\ C_{pn}^{f} & C_{pp}^{f} & 0\\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} k^{2} + \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0\\ 0 & \alpha & -\alpha\\ 0 & -\alpha & \alpha \end{pmatrix} \frac{1}{k^{2}}$$

