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On the detectability of a 1st order phase transition

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Motivation: GW and the phase diagram of QCD



Motivation

$(T=0 - \beta eq. for this talk)$



 Different compositions => different EoS => different gravitational signals! Indeed, GR imposes a 1-to-1 correspondence between the nuclear EoS and static properties of NS (M(R)- M(Λ))



S.De et al, Phys. Rev. Lett. 121, 091102 (2018)

Problem: no ab-initio theory of dense matter



J.J.Li, A.Sedrakian, M.Alford, PRD101 (2020) 063022

• Even qualitatively, the effect of quark dof is not clear

R.Somasundaram, J.Margueron ArXiv 2104.13612



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⇒ A null hypothesis for exotic Nucleonic Meta-modeling degrees of freedom

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- Flexible functional $e(\rho_n, \rho_p)$ able to reproduce existing effective nucleonic models and interpolate between them
- Parameter space = empirical parameters that can be constrained by experiment (fixed N/Z)
- NS EoS via beta equilibrium imposed $\forall \rho$

$$e(\rho_n,\rho_p) \Rightarrow \mathbf{p}(\boldsymbol{\rho})$$

 \Rightarrow Physical correlations between isoscalar and isovector sector

A.Bulgac et al, PRC 2018 J.Margueron et al, PRC 2018 T.Carreau et al, EPJA 2019 H.Gil et al, PRC 2019 I.Tews et al, EPJA 2019 H.Guven et al, PRC 2020 R.Essick et al, PRC 2021 S.Ghosh et al, EPJA 2022 H.Dinh Thi et al, A&A 2021 H.Dinh Thi et al, Universe 2021

Nucleonic Meta-modeling

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- Our choice: expansion around ρ_0 :
- $m_q^*(
 ho)$ and $\delta^{2/3}$ terms included
- Unified treatment of the inhomogeneous crust
- Flat prior $P(\vec{X})$



$$X_k^{bulk} = \frac{d^k e_{0(sym)}}{d\rho^k} |_{\substack{\rho = \rho_0\\\delta = 0}}$$

$$E_{0}, K_{0}, J, L, K_{sym}, \dots$$

$$\sigma_{0}, \sigma_{c}, \dots$$

$$\vec{X} = (\vec{X}_{bulk}, \vec{X}_{surf}, m^{*}, \Delta m^{*}) \sim 15 \text{ parameters}$$

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Filters:
$$P(\vec{X}|\vec{f}) = \frac{P(\vec{X})\prod_{i}P(f_{i}|\vec{X})}{P(\vec{f})}$$

 f_{1} . ab-initio EoS (MBPT)
 f_{2} . empirical uncertainties on \vec{X}_{bulk}
 f_{3} . nuclear masses
 f_{4} . max.mass from radio timing*
 f_{5} . tidal polarizability from GW**
 f_{6} . M(R) from X-ray***

* PSR J0348+0432 M= 2.01 ± 0.04 M_o ** GW170817 $\tilde{\Lambda}(M)$ LVK

*** PSR J0030+0451, PSR J0740+6620 NICER

EoS Constraints from nuclear physics (1): « ab-initio »



- Diagrammatic expansion: controlled uncertainties!
- Power counting & regularization valid only up to ~ 1,5ρ₀
 => constrain low order parameters

R.Somasundaram et al, Phys.Rev.C 103, 045803 (2021). I. Tews, T. Krüger, K. Hebeler, and A. Schwenk, Phys. Rev. Lett. **110**, 032504 (2013). C. Drischler, K. Hebeler, and A. Schwenk, Phys. Rev. C **93**, 054314 (2016).

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- Many different observables: masses, radii, skins, collective modes, polarizability, IAS, flows
- Also sensitive to low densities up to
 ~ ρ₀
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M.Fortin et al PRC 2016

Experimental versus theoretical constraints



Strong challenge for nuclear models





Strong challenge for future observation

C.Mondal et al., in preparation



$$\mathcal{R}_{chirp} = 2\mathcal{M}_{chirp}\widetilde{\Lambda}^{1/5}$$

- Nucleonic hypothesis compatible with all observations
- But potential challenge with upcoming measurements

If $\tilde{\Lambda}$ could be very precisely measured, an (early) 1st order phase transition would be detectable



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How precise should be the observation to recognize the phase transition from the PN(5) waveform analysis?



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$$log(\langle B \rangle_{PT,nucl}^{\mathcal{M}_0,q_0}) = \int d\tilde{\Lambda} \, p_{GW}^0(\tilde{\Lambda}) log\left[\frac{p_{PT}^0(\tilde{\Lambda})}{p_{nucl}^0(\tilde{\Lambda})}\right]$$

=> High detectability potential with G3 detectors!

Summary & Conclusions

- The metamodeling technique allows predictions with controlled uncertainties within the hypothesis of nucleonic matter
- Astrophysical and nuclear physics constraints can be treated on the same footing
- \Rightarrow No present indication of exotic degrees of freedom
- ⇒ Relatively tight observable prediction within the nucleonic hypothesis: potential challenge with post-O5 and 3G detectors!

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