Neutron P-wave superfluids in neutron stars and magnetars

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✓ Cross-pollinates mathematical knot theory and chirality knowledge across disciplines and scales

✓ Creation of designable artificial knotlike particles that exhibit highly unusual and technologically useful properties

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Neutron stars

- Radius: ~10km
- •Mass: 1.4-2M_{SUN}
- Density: 10¹² kg/cm³



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- Gravity: 10¹¹ x Earth gravity
- Rotation period: 30-1/100 sec.
- -Magnetic field: 10^{13} - $10^{15}G$ (0.5G on Earth)
- Neutrino radiation
- Gravitation waves

Magnetar Neutron star with strong magnetic fields

V. M. Kaspi and A. M. Beloborodov, Annual Review of Astronomy and Astrophysics 55, 261 (2017).

			B ^c	Agea	E^{e}		L_X^{g}			
	Name ^b	P (s)	(10 ¹⁴ G)	(kyr)	$10^{33} \text{ erg s}^{-1}$	D ^f (kpc)	$10^{33} \text{ erg s}^{-1}$	Band ^h		
	CXOU J010043.1-721134	8.02	3.9	6.8	1.4	62.4	65	_	100	
	4U 0142+61	8.69	1.3	68	0.12	3.6	105	OIR/H		
	SGR 0418+5729	9.08	0.06	36,000	0.00021	~2	0.00096	_		
	SGR 0501+4516	5.76	1.9	15	1.2	~2	0.81	R/H		
	SGR 0526-66	8.05	5.6				189	_		
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	CXOU J171405.7-381031	3.82	5.0			~13	56	_		
	SGR J1745–2900	3.76	2.3	4		8.3	< 0.11	R/H		
	SGR 1806–20	7.55	20	0.24	45	8.7	163	OIR/H		
	XTE J1810–197	5.54	2.1	11	1.8	3.5	0.043	OIR/R		
	Swift J1822.3–1606	8.44	0.14	6,300	0.0014	1.6	> 0.0004	_		
	SGR 1833–0832	7.56	1.6	34	0.32	-	-	_		
	Swift J1834.9-0846	2.48	1.	4.9		4.2	< 0.0084			
	1E 41- 45	11.79	7.	4	0.99	.5	.84			
	(PS J18 ⁴) – 02 8)	0.327		0 3	81 0	.0	19			
	3XMM J185246.6+003317	11.56	< 0.41	>1,300	<0.0036	~7	< 0.006	-		
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oi and A. M.	SGR 1935+2154	3.2~	2.2	3			-	_		
ov, Annual v and cs 55, 261	1E 2259+586	6.05	0.59	23	.056	3.2	17	OIR/H		
	SGR 0755–2933	-			-		-	_		
	SGR 1801–23		_		_		_	_		
	SGR 1808-20	-	-	-	-	-	-	_		
	AX J1818.8-1559	-	-	-	_	-	-	_		
	AX J1845.0-0258	6.97	-	-	-	-	2.9	_		
	SGR 2013+34	_	_	_	_	_	_	_		10





Neutron (fermion)→Superfluid

Note: Electrically charged fermion→superconductor (electric current)

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³P₂: Most attractive channels between two neutrons at high density



Tolerance to strong magnetic fields? Neutron ${}^{3}P_{2}$ superfluids \rightarrow Rapid neutrino cooling? Topological stars?













Hamiltonian
Fermion theory
$$\mathcal{H} = \int d\mathbf{r} \psi_a^{\dagger}(\mathbf{r}) \xi_{ab}(-i\nabla) \psi_b(\mathbf{r})$$
attractive 3P_2 channel
(LS potential) $+ \frac{1}{2} \int d\mathbf{r}_1 \int d\mathbf{r}_2 (V_{a,b}^{c,d}(\mathbf{r}_{12}) \psi_a^{\dagger}(\mathbf{r}_1) \psi_b^{\dagger}(\mathbf{r}_2) \psi_c(\mathbf{r}_2) \psi_d(\mathbf{r}_1)$ $+ \frac{1}{2} \int d\mathbf{r}_1 \int d\mathbf{r}_2 (V_{a,b}^{c,d}(\mathbf{r}_{12}) \psi_a^{\dagger}(\mathbf{r}_1) \psi_b^{\dagger}(\mathbf{r}_2) \psi_c(\mathbf{r}_2) \psi_d(\mathbf{r}_1)$ $\mathbf{k}(\mathbf{k}) = \xi_0(\mathbf{k}) - \frac{1}{2} \gamma_n \boldsymbol{\sigma} \cdot \mathbf{B}$ spin-magnetic field coupling





2. Neutron ${}^{3}P_{2}$ superfluids (nuclear physics) Ginzburg-Landau (GL) theory (A: tensor-type order parameter, B: magnetic field) Tabakin (1968), Hoffenberg, Glassgold, Richardson, Ruderman (1970), Tamagaki (1970), Takatsuka, Tamagaki (1971), Takatsuka (1972), ... boson-like field $|A_{ab} \sim \psi S^a \nabla^b \psi|_{a,b=1,2,3}$ $f = A^{2} + A^{4} + A^{6} + A^{8} + B^{2}A^{2} + B^{4}A^{2} + B^{2}A^{4} + ...$ $f[A] = K^{(0)} \left(\nabla_{xi} A^{ba*} \nabla_{xi} A^{ab} + \nabla_{xi} A^{ia*} \nabla_{xj} A^{aj} + \nabla_{xi} A^{ja*} \nabla_{xj} A^{ai} \right) \quad \mathbf{A}^2 \rightarrow \text{kinetic term}$ $A^2 \rightarrow L.O. + \alpha^{(0)}(\operatorname{tr} A^*A) + \beta^{(0)}((\operatorname{tr} A^*A)^2 - (\operatorname{tr} A^{*2}A^2))$ $A^4 \rightarrow SO(5)$ symmetry (pseudo Nambu–Goldstone boson) $+\gamma^{(0)} \Big(-3 (\operatorname{tr} A^* A) (\operatorname{tr} A^2) (\operatorname{tr} A^{*2}) + 4 (\operatorname{tr} A^* A)^3 + 6 (\operatorname{tr} A^* A) (\operatorname{tr} A^{*2} A^2) + 12 (\operatorname{tr} A^* A) (\operatorname{tr} A^* A A^* A) \quad \mathsf{A}^{\mathbf{6}} \rightarrow \quad \mathsf{SO}(5) \text{ symmetry breaking}$ $-6(\operatorname{tr} A^{*2})(\operatorname{tr} A^{*}A^{3}) - 6(\operatorname{tr} A^{2})(\operatorname{tr} A^{*3}A) - 12(\operatorname{tr} A^{*3}A^{3}) + 12(\operatorname{tr} A^{*2}A^{2}A^{*}A) + 8(\operatorname{tr} A^{*}AA^{*}AA^{*}A)$ $+\delta^{(0)} \Big((\operatorname{tr} A^{*2})^2 (\operatorname{tr} A^2)^2 + 2 (\operatorname{tr} A^{*2})^2 (\operatorname{tr} A^4) - 8 (\operatorname{tr} A^{*2}) (\operatorname{tr} A^* A A^* A) (\operatorname{tr} A^2) - 8 (\operatorname{tr} A^{*2}) (\operatorname{tr} A^* A)^2 (\operatorname{tr} A^2) \operatorname{\mathsf{A}^8} \Big) \Big| \mathbf{A}^{\mathbf{A}} \Big| \mathbf{A}^{\mathbf{A$ $-32(\operatorname{tr} A^{*2})(\operatorname{tr} A^{*}A)(\operatorname{tr} A^{*}A^{3}) - 32(\operatorname{tr} A^{*2})(\operatorname{tr} A^{*}AA^{*}A^{3}) - 16(\operatorname{tr} A^{*2})(\operatorname{tr} A^{*}A^{2}A^{*}A^{2})$ Tricritical point Global stability $+2(\operatorname{tr} A^{*4})(\operatorname{tr} A^{2})^{2}+4(\operatorname{tr} A^{*4})(\operatorname{tr} A^{4})-32(\operatorname{tr} A^{*3}A)(\operatorname{tr} A^{*}A)(\operatorname{tr} A^{2})$ Cooper pair $-64(\operatorname{tr} A^{*3}A)(\operatorname{tr} A^{*}A^{3}) - 32(\operatorname{tr} A^{*3}AA^{*}A)(\operatorname{tr} A^{2}) - 64(\operatorname{tr} A^{*3}A^{2}A^{*}A^{2}) - 64(\operatorname{tr} A^{*3}A^{3})(\operatorname{tr} A^{*}A)$ (boson-like) $-64(\operatorname{tr} A^{*2}AA^{*2}A^{3}) - 64(\operatorname{tr} A^{*2}AA^{*}A^{2})(\operatorname{tr} A^{*}A) + 16(\operatorname{tr} A^{*2}A^{2})^{2} + 32(\operatorname{tr} A^{*2}A^{2})(\operatorname{tr} A^{*}A)^{2}$ $+32(\operatorname{tr} A^{*2}A^{2})(\operatorname{tr} A^{*}AA^{*}A)+64(\operatorname{tr} A^{*2}A^{2}A^{*2}A^{2})-16(\operatorname{tr} A^{*2}AA^{*2}A)(\operatorname{tr} A^{2})+8(\operatorname{tr} A^{*}A)^{4}$ $+48(\operatorname{tr} A^*A)^2(\operatorname{tr} A^*AA^*A) + 192(\operatorname{tr} A^*A)(\operatorname{tr} A^*AA^{*2}A^2) + 64(\operatorname{tr} A^*A)(\operatorname{tr} A^*AA^*AA^*A)$ $-128(\operatorname{tr} A^*AA^{*3}A^3) + 64(\operatorname{tr} A^*AA^{*2}AA^*A^2) + 24(\operatorname{tr} A^*AA^*A)^2 + 128(\operatorname{tr} A^*AA^*AA^{*2}A^2)$ $+48(\operatorname{tr} A^*AA^*AA^*AA^*A))$ $\mathbf{B}^{2}\mathbf{A}^{2} \rightarrow \mathbf{L}_{\cdot}\mathbf{O}_{\cdot} + \beta^{(2)}B^{t}A^{*}AB + \beta^{(4)}|B|^{2}B^{t}A^{*}AB \quad \mathbf{B}^{4}\mathbf{A}^{2} \rightarrow \mathbf{Magnetic} \text{ field higher order}$ $+\gamma^{(2)} \left(-2 |\mathbf{B}|^2 (\operatorname{tr} A^2) (\operatorname{tr} A^{*2}) - 4 |\mathbf{B}|^2 (\operatorname{tr} A^* A)^2 + 4 |\mathbf{B}|^2 (\operatorname{tr} A^* A A^* A) + 8 |\mathbf{B}|^2 (\operatorname{tr} A^{*2} A^2) \quad \mathbf{B}^2 \mathbf{A}^4 \rightarrow \mathbf{Magnetic field higher order}$ $+\boldsymbol{B}^{t}A^{2}\boldsymbol{B}(\operatorname{tr} A^{*2})-8\boldsymbol{B}^{t}A^{*}A\boldsymbol{B}(\operatorname{tr} A^{*}A)+\boldsymbol{B}^{t}A^{*2}\boldsymbol{B}(\operatorname{tr} A^{2})+2\boldsymbol{B}^{t}AA^{*2}A\boldsymbol{B}$

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Various phases in neutron stars and magnetars



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What's there in neutron ${}^{3}P_{2}$ superfluids on neutron star?



What's there in neutron ${}^{3}P_{2}$ superfluids on neutron star?

Poincaré-Hopf theorem
Bulk + Boundary
$$\rightarrow$$
 Vortex
(Center) $(S^1 \times S^1)/Z_2$ on surface
 $\#(+) - \#(-) = 2$

What's there in neutron ${}^{3}P_{2}$ superfluids on neutron star?



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Poincaré-Hopf theorem applied to nuclear and astrophysics!



4. Summary

- (1) Neutron ${}^{3}P_{2}$ superfluids in neutron stars have various phases, such as UN, D₂-BN, and D₄-BN.
- (2) Structures existing in neutron ${}^{3}P_{2}$ superfluids:
 - Topological defects on surface
 - Quasistable domain wall
 - Quantum vortices (glitches)
 - ¹S₀-³P₂ coexistence phase
 - Mixed biaxial nematic (MBN) phase
 - Ferromagnetic (FM) phase
- ③ Neutron star = topological star (!?)
- ④ We should explore *topology* in neutron stars!

Appendix

Open Challenge

Phase diagram?

- Thermodynamic properties
- Transport coefficients (cooling process)
- Other New phases
- Hyperon matter
- Non-uniform phase (FFLO) D. Inotani, S. Yasui, T. Mizushima, M. Nitta, Phys. Rev. A103, 053308 (2021)

Topological objects?

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red, blue...Landau parameter $G_0^{(n)}$ =-0.7, -0.4

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Surface energy density (summary picture in next page)									
bulk UN phase	$W^2(UN)$			$W^1(UN)$			$W^{3}(UN)$		
angle	$-1/6 \leq (\phi \operatorname{mod} \pi)/\pi < 1/6$			$1/6 \le (\phi \operatorname{mod} \pi)/\pi < 1/2$			$1/2 \le (\phi \mod \pi)/\pi < 5/6$		
direction	W_1^2	W_2^2	W_3^2	W_1^1	W_2^1	W_3^1	W_1^3	W_2^3	W_3^3
$\sigma \; [\rm keV/fm^2]$	0.0154	0.0199	0.0154	0.0199	0.0154	0.0154	0.0154	0.0154	0.0199
bulk D ₂ -BN phase	$W^2(D_2BN)$			$W^{13}(D_2BN)$					
angle	$-0.129 \le (\phi \mod \pi)/\pi < 0.129$			$0.129 \le (\phi \mod \pi)/\pi < 0.870$					
direction	W_1^2	W_2^2	W_3^2	W_{1}^{13}		W_{2}^{13}		W_3^{13}	
$\sigma \; [\rm keV/fm^2]$	0.0082	0.0107	0.0082	0.0722		0.0616		0.0722	
bulk D ₄ -BN phase				$W^{13}(D_4BN)$					
angle				$0 \le (\phi \mod \pi)/\pi < 1$					
direction				W_{1}^{13}		W_{2}^{13}		W_{3}^{13}	
$\sigma \; [\rm keV/fm^2]$				0.1533		0.1353		0.1533	



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3.1 Domain wall



$\begin{array}{c} \textbf{3P}_2 \text{ order parameter (spin \times angular momentum)} \\ \hline \textbf{Solution ansatz} \\ f_1 = \left(\frac{\cos\phi}{\sqrt{2}} - \frac{\sin\phi}{\sqrt{6}}\right) f_0, \quad f_2 = \sqrt{\frac{2}{3}} (\sin\phi) f_0, \quad f_3 = \left(-\frac{\cos\phi}{\sqrt{2}} - \frac{\sin\phi}{\sqrt{6}}\right) f_0 \end{array}$





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3.3 Ferromagnetic phase What does cause spin polarization?



Fermi surface curvature can induce spin polarization.

3.3 Ferromagnetic phase

 ${}^{3}P_{2}$ order parameter (spin × momentum)

Phase	O.F. [See Eq. (20)]	H	R = G/H	$\pi_1(R)$	# _{NG}	# _{aNG} [66]
Uniaxial nematic	$r = -1/2, \kappa = 0$	$D_{\infty} \simeq O(2)$	$U(1) \times \mathbb{R}P^2$	$\mathbb{Z} \oplus \mathbb{Z}_2$ [43, 67]	3	2
Biaxial nematic	$r \in (-1, -1/2), \kappa = 0$	<i>D</i> ₂	$U(1) \times SO(3)/D_2$	$\mathbb{Z} \oplus \mathbb{Q} [43, 67]$	4	1
	$r = -1, \kappa = 0$	D_4	$[\mathrm{U}(1)\times\mathrm{SO}(3)]/D_4$	$\mathbb{Z} \times_h D_4^*$ [43, 44, 65]	4	1
Cyclic	$r = e^{i2\pi/3}, \kappa = 0$	Т	$[\mathrm{U}(1) \times \mathrm{SO}(3)]/T$	$\mathbb{Z} \times_h T^*$ [65, 68–70]	3	
Magnetized	$r \in (-1, -1/2), \kappa \in (0, 1)$	0	$SO(3) \times U(1)$	$\mathbb{Z}_2\oplus\mathbb{Z}$	4	—
biaxial nematic	$r = -1, \kappa \in (0, 1)$	C_4	$[\mathrm{U}(1) \times \mathrm{SO}(3)]/\mathbb{Z}_4$	$\mathbb{Z} imes_h C_4^*$	4	—
Ferromagnetic	$r = -1, \kappa = 1$	$\mathrm{U}(1)_{J_z+2\Phi}$	$\mathrm{SO}(3)_{J_z-2\Phi}/\mathbb{Z}_2$	\mathbb{Z}_4 [69, 71]	3	—
	Eq. (26)	$\mathrm{U}(1)_{J_z+\Phi}$	$\mathrm{SO}(3)_{J_z-\Phi}/\mathbb{Z}_2$	Z ₄ [69, 71]	3	—
Magnetized biaxial nematic (MBN) $\mathcal{A}_{\mu i} = \Delta \begin{pmatrix} 1 & i & 0 \\ i & r & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 - r \end{pmatrix}_{\mu i}$ $\kappa \in (0, 1) \text{ New parameter (off-diagonal)}}$ $\kappa \in (0, 1) \text{ New parameter spin polarization}$ $\langle S_{pair}^{z} \rangle = 2\kappa(1 - r)\Delta^{2}/3$ $\kappa \neq 0 \Rightarrow \text{ Spin polarization}$						



Magnetized biaxial-nematic (MBN)/Ferromagnetic (FM) Possible to observe in magnetars?

Glossary of basic terms

Spin (s) Intrinsic degrees of freedom in a particle. Spin 0 particle has only one component. Spin $\frac{1}{2}$ particle has two components, $+\frac{1}{2}$ and $-\frac{1}{2}$, each of which is called up (1) and down (1) components. Spin 1 particle has three components, +1, 0, -1.

Fermion A particle with half-integer spin, e.g., 1/2. One fermion can occupy one state only, and hence two fermions cannot occupy the same state. This is called the Pauli exclusion principle.

Boson A particle with integer spin, e.g., 0 or 1. (Infinitely) many boson can occupy one state. There is no exclusion rule for bosons.

Total spin (S) A sum of the spins of *n* particles: $\vec{S} = \vec{s}_1 + \vec{s}_2 + \dots + \vec{s}_n$. In case of n = 2, for example, we consider a pair of fermions, each of which fermion has spin $s_1 = s_2 = 1/2$. In this case, we have either S = 0 or S = 1, each of which is called a *singlet* state and a *triplet* state.

Angular momentum (L) A discretized angular momentum in quantum mechanics: L = 0, 1, 2, ...whose wave functions are given by harmonic spherical functions $Y_{LL_z}(\theta, \varphi)$ with $L_z = -L, -L + 1, ..., L - 1, L$ for polar coordinate (θ, φ) in three dimensional space. L = 0, 1, 2, ... are called S-wave, P-wave, D-wave, ...

Total angular momentum (J) A sum of the angular momentum (*L*) and the total spin (*S*): $\vec{J} = \vec{L} + \vec{S}$. For example, if L = 1 and S = 1, then J = 0, 1, 2. The state with *J*, *L* and *S* is denoted by ${}^{2S+1}L_J$ where *L* are conventionally denoted by L = S, P, D, ... instead of L = 0, 1, 2, ...

Proton (p) A composite fermion composed of three quarks (u,u,d). The spin of a proton is $\frac{1}{2}$. A proton has an electric charge (+1), and a finite magnetic moment.

Neutron (n) A composite fermion composed of three quarks (u,d,d). The spin of a neutron is ½. A neutron has no electric charge, but has a finite magnetic moment.

Glossary of basic terms (continued)

Nucleon (N) Generic name indicating either proton and neutron, or both, often denoted by $N = \binom{p}{n}$.

Deuteron (d) A bound state formed by a proton and a neutron. The total spin is S = 1, and the angular momentum is L = 0 (S-wave). Their combination (channel) is denoted by ${}^{1}S_{0}$.

Nuclear force (potential) An interaction between two (or more) nucleons. The nuclear force can be attractive or repulsive, depending on the spin and angular momentum between two (and more) nucleons. It can make a bound state of nucleons, called an atomic nucleus.

LS force (potential) A nuclear force acting at higher energy scattering between two nucleons. It is proportional to the inner product of the angular momentum (*L*) and the total spin (*S*), $\propto \vec{L} \cdot \vec{S}$. Either attraction or repulsion is dependent on the channels: attractive for J = 2 and repulsive for J = 0 and 1. The high-energy scattering of neutrons gives an attraction in ${}^{3}P_{2}$ channel with L = 1 (P-wave) and S = 1 (triplet).

Bardeen-Cooper-Schrieffer (BCS) theory One of the most basic theory for superconductivity and superfluidity. A pair of fermion (the Cooper pair) near the Fermi surface makes a bosonic-state, and cause the quantum transition analogous to the Bose-Einstein condensate. As a result, a gap appears in the energy-momentum dispersion relations of the fermions. The original phase transformation, i.e., U(1) symmetry, is broken in the ground state due to the gap formation. This is one of the well-known examples of the spontaneous symmetry breaking.

Bogoliubov-de-Gennes (BdG) theory General theory for superconductivity and superfluidity, which includes the nonuniform wave-functions of fermions and be applicable to vortices for example.

Ginzburg-Landau (GL) theory A pair of fermions behave like a boson. The GL theory is obtained from the BdG theory by taking the fermionic degrees of freedom into account (integrating-out) in terms of the bosonic degrees of freedom.