

# g-mode Oscillations in Neutron Stars

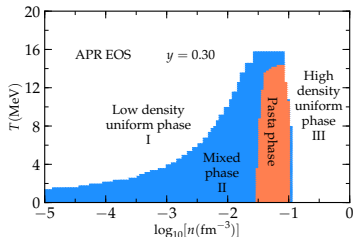
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	Core-collapse supernovae	Proto-neutron stars	Mergers of compact binary stars
Baryon Density( $n_0$ )	$10^{-8} - 10$	$10^{-8} - 10$	$10^{-8} - 10$
Temperature(MeV)	0 - 30	0 - 50	0 - 100
Entropy( $k_B$ )	0.5 - 10	0 - 10	0 - 100
Proton Fraction	0.35 - 0.45	0.01 - 0.3	0.01 - 0.6



- Phase diagram corresponding to the APR EOS at a lepton fraction of 0.3. From [Eur. Phys. J. A \(2019\) 55 :10](#)

## Phenomenological Approaches:

- ▶ Skyrme(-like):  $\hat{V}_{NN} = \sum_{i<j} \hat{V}_{ij} + \sum_{i<j<k} \hat{V}_{ijk}$ , zero-range.  
Evaluated in the Hartree-Fock approximation  $\Rightarrow \mathcal{H} = \frac{\hbar^2}{2m^*} \tau + V(n)$ .
- ▶ Relativistic meson exchange in the mean-field approximation (= negligible meson-field fluctuations, uniform and static system).
- ▶ Momentum-dependent interactions of the Yukawa type, borrowed from heavy-ion physics.

## Microscopic Approaches:

- ▶ High-precision interactions fitted to NN scattering data
  - ▶ meson-exchange models  
e.g. Nijmegen, Paris, Juelich-Bonn
  - ▶ sums of local operators  
e.g. Urbana, Argonne
- ▶ Interactions from chiral EFT
- ▶ RG-evolved potentials

Extension of the above to bulk matter by a variety of techniques: SCGF, BHF, variational, etc.

- ▶ Near the Nuclear Equilibrium Point ( $n = n_0, \alpha = 0$ ),

$$E(n, \alpha) \simeq E_0(n) + S_2(n)\alpha^2 + \mathcal{O}(\alpha^4)$$

$$E_0(n) \simeq \mathcal{E}_0 + \frac{1}{2} K_0 \left( \frac{n-n_0}{3n_0} \right)^2 + \dots$$

$$S_2(n) \simeq S_v + L \left( \frac{n-n_0}{3n_0} \right) + \dots$$

- ▶ **Saturation density**,  $n_0 = 0.16 \pm 0.01 \text{ fm}^{-3}$

High-energy electron scattering:  $r_0 \propto \pi/qR$ ,  $n_0 = \left( \frac{4}{3} \pi r_0^3 \right)^{-1}$

- ▶ **Energy per particle**,  $\mathcal{E}_0 = -16 \pm 1 \text{ MeV}$

Fits to masses of atomic nuclei :

$$B(N, Z) = \mathcal{E}_0 A - b_{surf} A^{2/3} - S_v \frac{(N-Z)^2}{A} - b_{Coul} Z^2 A^{-1/3}$$

- ▶ **Symmetry energy**,  $S_v = 30 - 35 \text{ MeV}$

(fits to masses of atomic nuclei)

- ▶ **Slope of  $S_2$** ,  $L = 40 - 70 \text{ MeV}$

(variety of experiments)

- ▶ **Compression modulus**,  $K_0 = 240 \pm 30 \text{ MeV}$

Giant monopole resonances :  $E_{GMR} = \left( \frac{K_A}{m \langle r^2 \rangle} \right)^{1/2}$

$$K_A = K_0 + K_{surf} A^{-1/3} + K_\tau \frac{(N-Z)^2}{A^2} + K_{Coul} \frac{Z^2}{A^{4/3}}$$

- ▶ Matter in  $\beta$ -equilibrium supported against gravitational collapse by neutron degeneracy.

- ▶ Structure determined by simultaneous solution of:

- ▶ Interior mass, 
$$m(r) = 4\pi \int_0^r \epsilon(r') r'^2 dr'$$

- ▶ Hydrostatic equilibrium, 
$$\frac{dp}{dr} = -\frac{Gm(r)\epsilon(r)}{r^2} \left[ 1 + \frac{p(r)}{\epsilon(r)} \right] \left[ 1 + \frac{4\pi r^3 p(r)}{m(r)} \right] \left[ 1 - \frac{2Gm(r)}{r} \right]^{-1}$$

- ▶ EOS, 
$$p = p(\epsilon)$$

- ▶ Constraints

- ▶ Largest observed mass, 
$$M \simeq 2 M_{\odot}$$
  
(binaries)

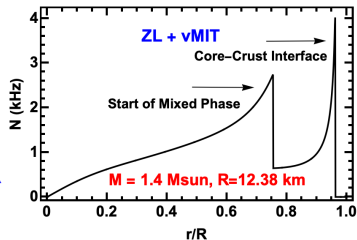
- ▶ Largest observed frequency, 
$$\Omega = 114 \text{ rad/s}$$
  
(pulsars)

- ▶ Inferred radius range, 
$$10 \text{ km} \leq R \leq 14 \text{ km}$$
  
(photospheric emission, thermal spectra)

# Binary Neutron Star Mergers

- ▶ Relativistic binaries not in equilibrium : Gravitational wave (GW) emission leads to orbital decay.
- ▶ Early stage: only gravitational interactions, GW signal contains information for the masses of the components.
- ▶ Coalescence stage: Tidal disruption of the lower-mass star, mass transfer onto the more massive one. Mass transfer rate depends on  $C = M_{NS}/R_{NS}$  and reflected in GW signal. Ejected matter is very neutron-rich and can lead to heavy element formation via the r-process.
- ▶ Late stage: Black hole or hypermassive neutron star formation.
- ▶ **EOS relevance**

- ▶ Tidal disruption of NS during coalescence of BH-NS binary depends on the stiffness of the EOS. GW frequency sensitive to orbital frequency at disruption.
- ▶ r-process production rates and abundances depend on the composition of the ejecta and thus the EOS.
- ▶ Tidal deformability,  $\Lambda = \frac{2}{3} k_2 \left( \frac{R c^2}{G m} \right)^5$ .
- ▶ g-mode frequencies:  $N^2 = g^2 \left( \frac{1}{c_e^2} - \frac{1}{c_s^2} \right) e^{\nu-\lambda}$   
 $g = -\nabla[p/(\epsilon + p)]$



# Motivation: Hybrid Stars (?)

- ▶ The size of nucleons (uncertain as it may be) implies that deconfined quark matter can exist in the cores of NSs.
- ▶ However, such a possibility lacks observational and theoretical support:
  - ▶ Measurements of  $M$ ,  $R$ ,  $\Lambda$  cannot differentiate normal and hybrid stars.
  - ▶ LQCD and PQCD not applicable to NS conditions.
- ▶ Possible solution: identify an observable with strong dependence on composition.
- ▶ Enter g-modes!

- ▶ Global, long-lived, nonradial fluid oscillations resulting from fluid-element perturbations in a stratified environment.
- ▶ Slow chemical equilibration generates buoyancy forces to oppose displacement.
- ▶ In stably-stratified systems the opposing force sets up oscillations with a characteristic frequency (Brunt-Väisälä) which depends on both the equilibrium and the adiabatic sound speeds.
- ▶ g-mode oscillations couple to tidal forces; they can be excited in a NS merger and provide information on the interior composition.
- ▶ Detection remains a challenge; but within sensitivity of 3rd generation detectors.



- ▶ In linearized GR, the calculation of g-mode frequencies, damping times, and amplitudes requires the solution of 4 coupled ODEs.
- ▶ The relativistic Cowling approximation neglects metric perturbations that must accompany matter perturbations in a GR treatment reducing complexity:

$$\frac{dU}{dr} = \frac{g}{c_{\text{ad}}^2} U + e^{\lambda/2} \left[ \frac{l(l+1)e^{\nu}}{\omega^2} - \frac{r^2}{c_{\text{ad}}^2} \right] V$$

$$\frac{dV}{dr} = e^{\lambda/2-\nu} \frac{\omega^2 - N^2}{r^2} U + g\Delta(c^{-2})V$$

where  $U = r^2 e^{\lambda/2} \xi_r$ ,  $V = \omega^2 r \xi_h$ ,  $\Delta(c^{-2}) = c_{\text{eq}}^{-2} - c_{\text{ad}}^{-2}$ ,  
 $N^2 = g^2 \Delta(c^{-2}) e^{\nu-\lambda}$ ,  $g = -\nabla P / (\varepsilon + P)$ ,  
 and  $\lambda, \nu$  are Schwarzschild metric functions.

- ▶ Accurate to a few % compared to GR.
- ▶ Cannot compute imaginary part of eigenfrequency (damping time).

► Nucleons: Zhao - Lattimer

$$\epsilon_B = \sum_{h=n,p} \frac{1}{\pi^2} \int_0^{k_{Fh}} k^2 \sqrt{M_B^2 + k^2} dk + n_B V(u, x)$$

$$V = 4x(1-x)(a_0 u + b_0 u^\gamma) + (1-2x)^2(a_1 u + b_1 u^{\gamma_1})$$

► Quarks: vMIT

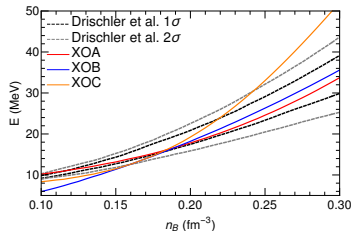
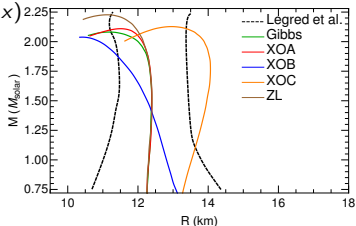
$$\mathcal{L} = \sum_{q=u,d,s} [\bar{\psi}_q (i\not{\partial} - m_q - B) \psi_q + \mathcal{L}_{\text{int}}] \Theta$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{int}} = -G_V \sum_q \bar{\psi} \gamma_\mu V^\mu \psi + (m_V^2/2) V_\mu V^\mu$$

$$\epsilon_Q = \sum_q \epsilon_{\text{FG},q} + \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{G_V}{m_V} \right)^2 n_Q^2 + B$$

► Leptons: noninteracting, relativistic fermions

$$\epsilon_L = \sum_{l=e,\mu} \frac{1}{\pi^2} \int_0^{k_{Fh}} k^2 \sqrt{m_L^2 + k^2} dk$$



► Gibbs

$$\varepsilon^* = (1 - \chi)\varepsilon_H + \chi\varepsilon_Q ; \quad 0 \leq \chi \leq 1$$

$$P_Q = P_H$$

► Crossover (Kapusta-Welle)

$$P_B = (1 - S)P_H + S P_Q$$

$$S = \exp \left[ - \left( \frac{\mu_0}{\mu} \right)^4 \right]$$

$$\mu_0 \sim 2 \text{ GeV}$$

► Neutron-star matter

► Strong equilibrium:

$$\mu_n = 2\mu_d + \mu_u ; \quad \mu_p = 2\mu_u + \mu_d$$

► Weak equilibrium:

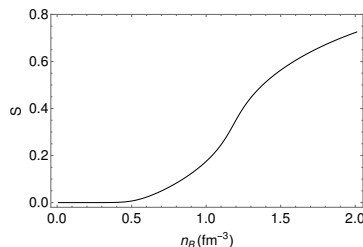
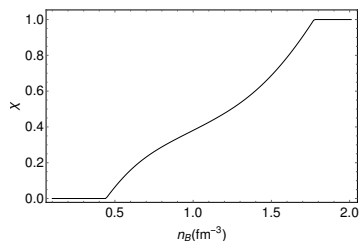
$$\mu_n = \mu_p + \mu_e ; \quad \mu_e = \mu_\mu ; \quad \mu_d = \mu_s$$

► Charge neutrality:

$$n_p^* + (2n_u^* - n_d^* - n_s^*)/3 - (n_e + n_\mu) = 0$$

► Baryon number conservation:

$$n_n^* + n_p^* + (n_u^* + n_d^* + n_s^*)/3 - n_B = 0$$



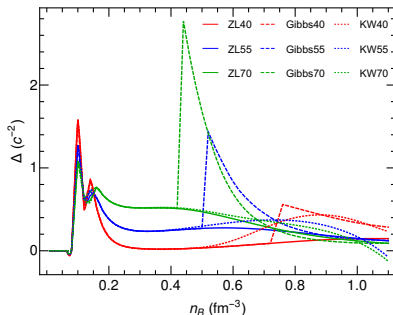
- ▶  $c_{\text{eq}}^2(n_B) = \frac{dP}{d\varepsilon} = \frac{dP_\beta}{dn_B} \left( \frac{d\varepsilon_\beta}{dn_B} \right)^{-1}$   
mechanical equilibrium restored instantaneously.

- ▶  $c_{\text{ad}}^2(n_B, x) = \left( \frac{\partial P}{\partial \varepsilon} \right)_x = \frac{\partial P}{\partial n_B} \Big|_x \left( \frac{\partial \varepsilon}{\partial n_B} \Big|_x \right)^{-1}$   
 $c_{\text{ad},\beta}^2(n_B) = c_{\text{ad}}^2[n_B, x_\beta(n_B)]$   
 $\tau_\beta \gg \tau_{\text{oscillation}}$ .

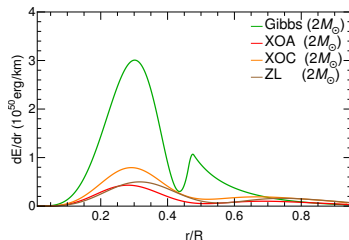
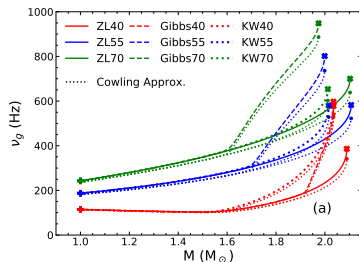
- ▶ The difference  $\Delta(c^{-2}) = c_{\text{eq}}^{-2} - c_{\text{ad}}^{-2}$  drives the restoring force for g-mode oscillations. For example, in  $npe$  matter

$$c_{\text{ad}}^2 = c_{\text{eq}}^2 + \frac{\left[ n_B \left( \frac{\partial \tilde{\mu}}{\partial n_B} \right)_x \right]^2}{\mu_n \left( \frac{\partial \tilde{\mu}}{\partial x} \right)_{n_B}}$$

$$\tilde{\mu} = \mu_e + \mu_p - \mu_n \xrightarrow{\beta\text{-eq.}} 0$$

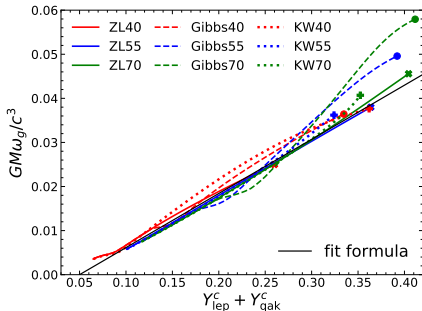


- ▶ g-modes in Gibbs hybrid matter have a larger frequency range compared to the pure-nucleon and crossover cases corresponding to the behavior of  $\Delta(c^{-2})$  in the mixed phase.
- ▶ Dramatic changes in  $\nu_g$  require new particle species not merely a smooth change in composition.
- ▶ The Cowling approx. is qualitatively similar to GR but underestimates  $\nu_g$  by up to 10%; does better for low-mass stars.
- ▶ Energy per unit radial distance in oscillatory motion: The Gibbs energy scale is one order of magnitude larger than ZL and KW once quark matter appears ( $\sim 10^{51}$  ergs/km vs.  $\sim 10^{50}$  ergs/km).



# Universal relation: $\Omega_g$ vs. $Y^c$

- ▶ Universal relations depend weakly on the EOS and can be used to break degeneracies and otherwise constrain difficult-to-access observables.
- ▶ Given the sensitivity of g-modes to departures from chemical equilibrium, it is likely that  $N$  and  $\nu_g$  depend strongly on composition
- ▶  $\Omega_g = GM\omega_g/c^3 = 1.228(Y^c - 0.05)$



- ▶ First calculation of g-mode properties under Gibbs phase rules and for the KW model (both with the Cowling approximation as well as linearized GR).
- ▶ g-modes can detect nonnucleonic matter in the cores of NS; assuming quark matter (by some other means), g-modes can distinguish between a first-order phase transition and a crossover.
- ▶ Universal relation between  $\Omega_g$  and  $Y^c$ .
- ▶ (Near) Future:
  - ▶ Extend KW to finite  $T$ .
  - ▶ Applications to protoneutron stars (cooling, superfluidity)
  - ▶ Other signals?
  - ▶ Construct EOS that uses the same underlying description for quarks and hadrons; explore hybrid matter microscopically.
  - ▶ Explore 1st-order phase transitions with intermediate surface tension.