P-wave superfluid in neutron star matter at low and high densities -Perspective from cold atomic physics-

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Endeavor in neutron star physics

• Only system which consists of extremely dense nuclear or quark matter in nature



Known NSs No glitches Only small glitches Large glitches Magnetar's glitches

• Existence of nucleon superfluidity

Nucleon-nucleon scattering phase shift and pairing gaps



A. Gezerlis, *et al*, arXiv:1406.6109v2

Eur. Phys. J. A (2019) 55: 167

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Rev. Lett. 112, 171102 (2014).

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Temperature profile (simulation)

1.00

0.75

0.50

0.25

0.00

Astrophys Space Sci (2007) 308: 403–412

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Fermi energy around neutron drip density

$$E_{\rm F}(\rho = 10^{-3}\rho_0) = \frac{(3\pi^2 \times 10^{-3}\rho_0)^{2/3}}{2M} \simeq 0.6 \text{MeV} \sim h$$

${}^{3}P_{0}$ pairing in dilute neutron matter under the strong magnetic field

Spin-triplet pairing can survive even under the strong magnetic field

The attractive ${}^{3}P_{0}$ channel is stronger than the ${}^{3}P_{2}$ one up to $E_{lab} \simeq 90 \text{MeV}$

 ${}^{3}P_{0}$ superfluid at low densities under the strong magnetic field?



Properties of dilute neutron matter and ultracold Fermi gases

• The low-density neutron matter can be mimicked by an ultracold Fermi gas



	Cold atom	Neutrons
a_s	$-\infty \sim \infty$	-18.5 fm
$r_{ m eff}$	~0	2.8 fm
density	$\sim 10^{15} \text{ cm}^{-3}$	$\sim 0.17 \text{ fm}^{-3}$
$(k_{\rm F}a_s)^{-1}$	$-\infty \sim \infty$	$-\infty \sim 0$



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* $k_{\rm F}$: Fermi momentum

Atomic Fermi gas and neutron matter

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M. Horikoshi, M. Koashi, HT, Y. Ohashi, and M. Kuwata-Gonokami, PRX, 7, 041004 (2017).



When is a Fermi gas fully spin-polarized?

When spin down neutrons start to be occupied \rightarrow saturation Zeeman shift h_s





 $E_{\rm P}$: Fermi polaron energy (energy gain by dressing majority components)



Attractive Fermi-polaron energy

Fermi polaron energy has been studied in strongly interacting Fermi gases



Possible ground-state phase diagram



Neutron-neutron scattering length : a = -18.5 fm

Estimation of the critical temperature

$3P_0$ NN interaction

$$V_{^{3}P_{0}} = 2\pi \sum_{\boldsymbol{k},\boldsymbol{k}',\boldsymbol{P}} \sum_{m} \sum_{S_{z}} \sum_{s_{z},s_{z}'} V(\boldsymbol{k},\boldsymbol{k}') Y_{1,m}(\hat{\boldsymbol{k}}) Y_{1,m}^{*}(\hat{\boldsymbol{k}}')$$

$$\times \langle 1,m;1,S_{z}|0,J_{z}\rangle^{2} \langle s,s_{z};s,s_{z}|1,S_{z}\rangle^{2}$$

$$\times c_{\boldsymbol{k}+\boldsymbol{P}/2,s_{z}}^{\dagger} c_{-\boldsymbol{k}+\boldsymbol{P}/2,s_{z}'}^{\dagger} c_{-\boldsymbol{k}'+\boldsymbol{P}/2,s_{z}'} c_{\boldsymbol{k}'+\boldsymbol{P}/2,s_{z}},$$

$$c_{\boldsymbol{k},s_{z}}^{(\dagger)}: \text{ neutron annihilation (creation) operator}$$

Scattering volume, effective range $v = -2.638 \text{ fm}^3$ $r = 3.182 \text{ fm}^{-1}$

Phys. Rev. C 82, 034003 (2010).

Separable interaction: $V(k, k') = g\gamma_k \gamma_{k'}$

Form factor:
$$\gamma_k = \frac{k}{1 + (k/\Lambda)^2}$$

$$v^{-1} = \frac{12\pi}{M} \left(\frac{1}{g} + \frac{M_{\nu}\Lambda^3}{24\pi} \right),$$
$$r = -\frac{24\pi}{M} \left(\frac{2}{g\Lambda^2} + \frac{M\Lambda}{8\pi} \right) = -\frac{48\pi}{gM\Lambda^2} - 3\Lambda$$

BCS-Leggett theory for ${}^{3}P_{0}$ superfluid

<u>*T*</u>_c equation

$$1 = -\frac{Mg}{6\pi^2} \int_0^\infty q^2 dq \frac{\gamma_q^2}{2M\xi_{q,+1/2}} \tanh\left(\frac{\xi_{q,+1/2}}{2T_{\rm c}}\right)$$

Neutron number density

$$\rho_{+1/2} = \frac{1}{4\pi^2} \int_0^\infty k^2 dk \left[1 - \tanh\left(\frac{\xi_{k,+1/2}}{2T_c}\right) \right]$$

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Topological properties of ${}^{3}P_{0}$ superfluid

Similar to $p_x + ip_y$ Fermi superfluid and A₁ phase of ³He superfluid

Pairing gap

Quasiparticle dispersion

$$\Delta_{\mathbf{k}} = \gamma_k \frac{k_x - ik_y}{\sqrt{2k}} d, \qquad \qquad E_{\mathbf{k}} = \sqrt{\xi_{\mathbf{k},+1/2}^2 + |\Delta_{\mathbf{k}}|^2}$$



G. E. Volovik, Lect. Notes Phys.718:31-73, (2007).

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K. Maeda, G. Baym, and T. Hatsuda, PRL **103**, 085301 (2009)

P. Ding, et al., CPC 10.1088/1674-1056/ad334d

Is the continuity between atom and molecular superfluids possible?

Hamiltonian of Bose-Fermi mixture

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"Both" $\Delta_{ff}(\mathbf{k}) \neq 0$ and $\Delta_{FF}(\mathbf{k}) \neq 0$

 $\langle FF \rangle \neq 0$ "or" $\langle ff \rangle \neq 0$

Supporting continuity

Suhl-Mattias-Walker-type pair-exchange interaction

Continuity can be understood via **two-band superconducting theory**

<u>SMW interband pair-exchange coupling U_{12} in a two-band superconductor</u>

Infrared singularity

Anomalous propagator in Bogoliubov theory

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Summary

- We have explored a possibility of ${}^{3}P_{0}$ neutron superfluid, which has been overlooked because of several reasons regardless of a long history of nucleon-superfluid studies in neutron stars.
- ${}^{3}P_{0}$ neutron superfluid can appear at $T \leq 10^{8}$ K and $B \geq 10^{17}$ G. While it is still elusive if ${}^{3}P_{0}$ neutron superfluid can realize in nature or not, such a possibility for newly discovered astrophysical environments such as magnetars in the future.
- At high densities, we discuss the possible continuity between nucleon and quark *P*-wave superlfuids from the perspective of an ultracold Bose-Fermi mixture.
- The continuity between atomic and molecular *P*-wave superfluids in a Bose-Fermi mixture can be understood as an analog of a two-band superconductor with pair-exchange coupling. This might give a hint to understand the hadron-quark superfluid continuity.

Future work: Competition of S- and P-waves, finite nuclei, backaction to BEC, strong coupling,...

Appendix

Competition between ${}^{1}S_{0}$ and ${}^{3}P_{0}$?

What happens in the region between ${}^{3}P_{0}$ and ${}^{1}S_{0}$ superfluids?

Low dim. in pasta arXiv:1112.2018

➡ Analogue system in cold atoms?

Sci. China Phys. Mech. Astron. 60, 127011 (2017).

S- and P-wave interactions in q1D fermions

Pairing and tripling due to *S*- and *P*-wave interactions

Y. Guo and HT, Phys. Rev. B 107, 024511 (2023).

Landau damping effect on the pair-exchange interaction

$$U_{\rm SMW}(\boldsymbol{q},\omega) = g^2 D_{12}(\boldsymbol{q},\omega) = g^2 g_{bb} \rho_b e^{2i\theta_{\rm BEC}} \frac{\omega^2 - E_{\boldsymbol{q},b}^2 + \Gamma^2(\boldsymbol{q},\omega) - 2i\omega\Gamma(\boldsymbol{q},\omega)}{[(\omega - E_{\boldsymbol{q},b})^2 + \Gamma^2(\boldsymbol{q},\omega)][(\omega + E_{\boldsymbol{q},b})^2 + \Gamma^2(\boldsymbol{q},\omega)]}$$

Damping factor: $\Gamma(\boldsymbol{q},\omega) \equiv -\mathrm{Im}\Sigma_b(\boldsymbol{q},\omega) \simeq \frac{m_f m_F g^2}{4\pi^2} \frac{\omega}{q} \equiv \alpha \frac{\omega}{q}$

Density-dependent interaction at weak coupling

$$U_{\rm SMW}(\boldsymbol{q},\omega) \to U_{\rm SMW}(|\boldsymbol{q}| = \bar{q},\omega = \bar{\omega}).$$

$$\bar{q} = \sqrt{k_f^2 + k_F^2 - 2k_f k_F \cos \theta_{kk'}}, \quad \bar{\omega} = E_f - E_F$$
$$k_i = (6\pi^2 \rho_i)^{1/3}, \quad E_i = \frac{k_i^2}{2m_i} \quad (i = f, F)$$

$$U_{\rm SMW}(\bar{q},\bar{\omega}) \simeq g^2 g_{bb} \rho_b e^{2i\theta_{\rm BEC}} \frac{\alpha^2 \frac{\bar{\omega}^2}{\bar{q}^2} - v_b^2 \bar{q}^2}{\left(\alpha^2 \frac{\bar{\omega}^2}{\bar{q}^2} + v_b^2 \bar{q}^2\right)^2}$$

Relation to two-band superconductor

Hadron-quark continuity \simeq Atomic-molecule continuity \simeq Two-band superconductor

Spin polarization in the Skyrme interaction model

A. A. Isaev and J. Yang, Phys. Rev. C 80, 065801 (2009).

Itinerant ferromagnetism (Stoner-type) at very high density ($\rho \gtrsim 3.8\rho_0$)

Is it possible to study spin polarization of dilute matter in more definite way? → low-energy universality with cold atoms