

核子の有効質量と multineutron 状態が超新星核物質に与える影響

Impact of the effective nucleon mass and multineutron states on supernova nuclear matter

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1. Introduction

Neutrino reactions strongly depend on the nuclear composition

Nuclear Statistical Equilibrium

Nuclei $\mu_{A,Z}$

Nuclear Reaction

Unbound nucleons μ_p, μ_n

$$\mu_{A,Z} = (A - Z)\mu_n + Z\mu_p$$

Nuclear Composition

At the center, the abundance of light nuclei becomes significant

Neutrino reactions involving light nuclei are not negligible

N. Ohnishi et al. (2007) S. Furusawa et al. (2013)

S. Furusawa et al. (2023)

However, uncertainties in nuclear matter remain

(1) **Multineutron states** are not yet included in SN simulations

A weakly bound state or resonant state consisting only of neutrons

dineutron (2n) $B_{2n} = -0.066\text{ MeV (resonant)}$ Panov et al. (2019)

tetra-neutron (4n) $B_{4n} = -2.37\text{ MeV (resonant)}$ Deur et al. (2022)

(2) The **effective nucleon mass M^*** alters SN dynamics

A larger M^* leads to lower pressure \Rightarrow Rapid contraction, Faster explosion

Schneider et al. (2019), Yasin et al. (2020)

We investigate the impact of these factors on the composition

2. Model

To minimize the free energy, we impose the following conditions

$$n_n + n_p + \sum_{A,Z} n_{A,Z} A = n_B \quad n_p + \sum_{A,Z} n_{A,Z} Z = Y_p n_B$$

Local baryon number conservation Local charge conservation

Nuclei

$$n_{A,Z} = \kappa g_{A,Z}(T) \left(\frac{M_{A,Z} k_B T}{2\pi} \right)^{3/2} \exp \left(-\frac{(A-Z)\mu_n + Z\mu_p - M_{A,Z} - E_{Coul} - p_{nuc} A / n_0}{k_B T} \right)$$

- $\kappa \left(= 1 - \frac{n_B}{n_0} \right)$: Excluded volume effect (Hempel et al. (2010))
- $g_{A,Z}(T)$: Internal degrees of freedom (incl. excited states) (Rauscher (2003))
- E_{Coul} : Coulomb energy between nuclei and electrons
- $p_{nuc} A / n_0$: Contribution from surrounding nucleon gases

Unbound Nucleon

Relativistic Mean-Field Theory (TM1m · TM1e)

Li et al. (2025) H. Shen et al. (2020)

- Constrained by NS observations and nuclear experiments
- TM1m model has a larger effective mass $M^* = M + g_\sigma \sigma$

$$\mathcal{L} = \sum_{i \in \text{pp,n}} \bar{\psi}_i \left[\gamma_\mu (i\partial^\mu - g_\omega \omega^\mu - \frac{g_\rho}{2} \tau_a \rho_a^\mu) - (M + g_\sigma \sigma) \right] \psi_i$$

$$+ \frac{1}{2} (\partial_\mu \sigma \partial^\mu \sigma - m_\sigma^2 \sigma^2) - \frac{1}{3} g_2 \sigma^3 - \frac{1}{4} g_3 \sigma^4 - \frac{1}{4} W_{\mu\nu} W^{\mu\nu}$$

$$- \frac{1}{4} R_{\mu\nu}^{\alpha\beta} R^{\mu\nu\alpha\beta} + \frac{1}{2} m_\omega^2 \omega_\mu \omega^\mu + \frac{1}{2} m_\rho^2 \rho_\mu^\alpha \rho^{\mu\alpha} + \frac{1}{4} c_3 (\omega_\mu \omega^\mu)^2 + \Lambda_\nu (g_\nu^2 \omega_\mu \omega^\mu) (g_\rho^2 \rho_\mu^\alpha \rho^{\mu\alpha})$$

Energy per nucleon E/A Symmetry energy E_{sym}

The density dependence of E_{sym} in TM1m is weaker

3. Mass fractions ($X_{A,Z} = n_{A,Z} A / n_B$)

$n_B = 10^{-3} \text{ fm}^{-3}, Y_p = 0.1, T = 5\text{ MeV}$

TM1e without ${}^2n, {}^4n$ TM1e with ${}^2n, {}^4n$

$n \cdot p \cdot \text{light } (Z \leq 5) \cdot \text{heavy } (Z \geq 6)$

Mean A and Z of heavy nuclei

- X_{2n} and X_{4n} are large under typical SN conditions
- The abundance of neutron-rich nuclei becomes smaller
- $X_p = 3.63 \times 10^{-2} \Rightarrow X_p = 4.38 \times 10^{-2}$
- $X_n = 0.811 \Rightarrow X_n = 0.623$
- v_e emission may increase
- v_e emission may decrease

- 2n and 4n decrease X_n and increase X_p
- The TM1m shows smaller E_{sym} at low densities $\Rightarrow \mu_n \downarrow, \mu_p \uparrow \Rightarrow X_{\text{heavy}} < A > < Z >$ increase
- Neutrino-nucleus coherent scattering may increase
- Neutrino emission duration may increase

Summary

- Multineutron states appear significantly, leading to a decrease in X_n and an increase in X_p and X_{heavy} .
- The model with a large effective nucleon mass increases X_{heavy} .

Outlook

- A larger M^* and the existence of 2n and 4n may significantly affect neutrino emission and scattering processes.
- We are constructing EOS data for SN simulations based on TM1m/TM1e, with and without 2n and 4n .