Symmetry energy and the neutron star core-crust transition with Gogny forces

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Introduction

Aim of this work: Study the Core Crust Transition in NSs and their crustal properties.

Previous results of the core-crust transition using Skyrme interactions and RMF models, but not with Gogny interactions.

Core-crust transition studied from the core to the crust.

Different approaches: dynamical method, thermodynamical method.

The essential ingredient is the EoS of Asymmetric Nuclear Matter. Sometimes, it is approximated by a Taylor expansion in terms of the isospin asymmetry \( \delta = (\rho_n - \rho_p)/\rho \).
The Gogny Interaction

The Gogny two-body effective nuclear interaction in a homogeneous system reads as

\[ V(r_1, r_2) = \sum_{i=1,2} \left( W_i + B_i P_{\sigma} - H_i P_{\tau} - M_i P_{\sigma} P_{\tau} \right) e^{-\frac{r^2}{\mu_i^2}} + t_3 \left(1 + x_3 P_{\sigma}\right) \rho^\alpha(R) \delta(r) \]

We have used several representative Gogny forces: D1, D1S, D1M, D1N, D250, D260, D280 and D300.
The Asymmetric Nuclear Matter (ANM): Theory

- From $V(r_1, r_2)$, we can obtain the Equation of State (EoS), $E_b(\rho, \delta)$, in terms of the total nuclear density $\rho = \rho_n + \rho_p$ and the isospin asymmetry parameter, $\delta = (\rho_n - \rho_p)/\rho$.

- We have used the exact $E_b(\rho, \delta)$ to perform the calculations. Also, the EoS can be expressed as a Taylor expansion around $\delta = 0$:

\[
E_b(\rho, \delta) = E_b(\rho, \delta = 0) + E_{\text{sym},2}(\rho) \delta^2 + E_{\text{sym},4}(\rho) \delta^4 + \ldots + E_{\text{sym},2k}(\rho) \delta^{2k} + \mathcal{O}(\delta^{2k+2}),
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\[
E_{\text{sym},2}(\rho) = \frac{1}{2!} \left. \frac{\partial^2 E_b(\rho, \delta)}{\partial \delta^2} \right|_{\delta=0}
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The slope of the symmetry energy is defined as

\[ L = 3\rho_0 \left. \frac{\partial E_{\text{sym}, 2}(\rho)}{\partial \rho} \right|_{\rho = \rho_0} \]

with \( \rho_0 \simeq 0.16 \text{ fm}^{-3} \) the saturation density.
The Asymmetric Nuclear Matter (ANM): Theory

It is also common to use the empirical parabolic approximation (PA) in order to estimate the symmetry energy.

\[ E_b(\rho, \delta) \simeq E_b(\rho, \delta = 0) + E_{\text{sym}}^{PA}(\rho)\delta^2 \]

This \( E_{\text{sym}}^{PA}(\rho) \) corresponds to the difference between the energy in pure neutron matter and the energy in symmetric nuclear matter:

\[ E_{\text{sym}}^{PA}(\rho) = E_b(\rho, \delta = 1) - E_b(\rho, \delta = 0) \]
Taylor expansion coefficients up to 6th order

Asymmetric Nuclear Matter
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β-stable Nuclear Matter

The homogeneous \( npe \) matter in the core is in β-equilibrium, and therefore the chemical potentials obey the condition:

\[
\mu_{np} \equiv \mu_n - \mu_p = \mu_e
\]

with

\[
\mu_q = \frac{\partial H}{\partial \rho_q}
\]

We have performed the calculations with the full EoS. Moreover, if the Taylor expansion of \( E_b(\rho, \delta) \) is used, we get

\[
\mu_n - \mu_p = 2 \frac{\partial E_b(\rho, \delta)}{\partial \delta} = 4\delta E_{\text{sym,}2}(\rho) + 8\delta^3 E_{\text{sym,}4}(\rho) + 12\delta^5 E_{\text{sym,}6}(\rho) + \mathcal{O}(\delta^7) = \mu_e.
\]
The Thermodynamical Method

The thermodynamical method is driven by the mechanical and chemical stability conditions in the core

\[- \left( \frac{\partial P}{\partial V} \right)_{\mu_{np}} > 0 \quad \text{and} \quad - \left( \frac{\partial \mu_{np}}{\partial q} \right)_{v} > 0.\]

For nuclear matter in $\beta$-equilibrium, and treating the electrons as a free Fermi gas, the stability condition implies

\[2 \rho \frac{\partial E_{b}(\rho, x_{p})}{\partial \rho} + \rho^{2} \frac{\partial^{2} E_{b}(\rho, x_{p})}{\partial \rho^{2}} - \left( \rho \frac{\partial^{2} E_{b}(\rho, x_{p})}{\partial \rho \partial x_{p}} \right)^{2} \left( \frac{\partial^{2} E_{b}(\rho, x_{p})}{\partial x_{p}^{2}} \right)^{-1} > 0.\]
Neutron Star Core-Crust Transition: Density

\[ 0.094 \leq \rho_t \leq 0.118 \]

- Neutron Star Core-Crust Transition

\[ r = -0.8800 \]

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Neutron Star Core-Crust Transition: Asymmetry and Pressure

\[ 0.909 \leq \delta_t \leq 0.931 \]

\[ 0.399 \leq P_t \leq 0.665 \]
Bulk properties of neutron stars: Mass and Radius

- Integration of the TOV equations, using the exact $\beta$-equilibrium EoS.
- Use of a polytropic EoS for the inner crust $P = a + b \epsilon^{4/3}$.
- SLy unified EoS of DH.
- All Gogny functionals provide maximum NS masses below the observational limit ($M \approx 2M_{\odot}$): D1M: $1.76M_{\odot}$, D280: $1.66M_{\odot}$.
- Only D1M and D280 can generate masses above the canonical $M \approx 1.4M_{\odot}$.
- Gogny forces have not been fit to reproduce high-density matter.
Bulk properties of neutron stars: Moment of Inertia

- $I$ computed from the static mass distribution and gravitational potentials in the TOV equations.
- Moments of inertia are relatively small (below SLy).
- Case of D1M and D280, $I_{\text{max}} \approx 1.3-1.4 \times 10^{45} \text{ g cm}^2$, below the typical value of $I_{\text{max}} \approx 2 \times 10^{45} \text{ g cm}^2$.
- Dimensionless quantity $I/\mathcal{M}R^2$ vs. compactness $\chi = GM/R$. D1M results agree with the SLy results.
Crustal Properties

- Gogny interactions give good estimates for finite nuclei. Study of the extrapolation to neutron rich matter.
- Crust could be well described by them.
- D280 provides a thicker and heavier crust than D1M and SLy.
- D280 has higher $I_{\text{crust}}/I$ (%) than the other models.
- D1M overall comparable to SLy results.
Conclusions

- If we look at the results for the transition properties using different orders of approximation, we observe that even when adding terms of higher orders the results may still be rather far from the ones calculated with the exact EoS.

- We find that Gogny interactions predict an anticorrelation in the transition density values with $L$, whereas the asymmetry and pressure do not present correlations with the slope parameter $L$.

- Only the D1M, D1N, D280 and D300 forces provide numerically stable solutions of the TOV equations. Some of the bulk stellar properties predicted by the Gogny forces are incompatible with observations. In comparison with SLy results, D280 and D1M interactions seem to provide overall realistic results for the crust.
Thank you for your time.

References


Saturation properties of nuclear matter studied using Gogny interactions. The saturation density $\rho_0$ has units of $\text{fm}^{-3}$, and all other properties have units of $\text{MeV}$.

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Asymmetry and Pressure in $\beta$-stable Nuclear Matter

D1S: $L = 22.43$ MeV.
D280: $L = 46.53$ MeV.
DERIVATION OF THE THERMODYNAMICAL METHOD

In order to obtain the transition between the core and the crust of the Neutron Star, we use the thermodynamical method, which presents the following mechanical and chemical stability conditions:

\[- \left( \frac{\partial P}{\partial v} \right)_{\mu \nu} > 0 \quad (1)\]

and

\[- \left( \frac{\partial \mu_{\nu p}}{\partial q} \right)_{v} > 0, \quad (2)\]

This method is the long-wavelength limit of the dynamical method, which requires the convexity of the energy per particle in the single phase, when neglecting the Coulomb interaction.
DERIVATION OF THE THERMODYNAMICAL METHOD

First we study the mechanical stability condition. Considering the electrons as a free Fermi gas, the pressure given by them is \( P_e = \frac{\mu_e^4}{(12\pi^2)} \). Therefore, when calculating the derivative of the total pressure with respect to \( v \) it gives no contribution, and Eq. (1) can be rewritten as

\[
- \left( \frac{\partial P_b}{\partial v} \right)_{\mu np} > 0.
\]  

(3)
Knowing that in $\beta$-stable matter the proton fraction is a function of the density, $x_p(\rho)$, and that $\mu_{np} = 2\partial E_b/\partial \delta = -\partial E_b/\partial x_p$, we can rewrite the mechanical stability condition as

$$-\left(\frac{\partial P_b}{\partial v}\right)_{\mu_{np}} = \rho^2 \left[ 2\rho \frac{\partial E_b(\rho, x_p)}{\partial \rho} + \rho^2 \frac{\partial^2 E_b(\rho, x_p)}{\partial \rho^2} \right. $$

$$+ \left. \left(\rho \frac{\partial^2 E_b(\rho, x_p)}{\partial \rho \partial x_p}\right)^2 \right] > 0. \quad (4)$$
DERIVATION OF THE THERMODYNAMICAL METHOD

For the chemical stability condition in Eq. (2), we know that the chemical charge is
\[ q = x_p - \rho_e / \rho, \]
where \( \rho_e = \mu_e^3 / (3\pi^2) \) is the density of electrons. Then, we can express the inequality in Eq. (2) as

\[
- \left( \frac{\partial q}{\partial \mu_{np}} \right)_v = \left[ \frac{\partial^2 E_b(\rho, x_p)}{\partial x_p^2} \right]^{-1} + \frac{\mu_e^2}{\pi^2 \rho} > 0.
\]  

Given that Eq. (5) is usually valid, the stability condition for \( \beta \)-stable matter becomes

\[
V_{\text{ther}} = 2\rho \frac{\partial E_b(\rho, x_p)}{\partial \rho} + \rho^2 \frac{\partial^2 E_b(\rho, x_p)}{\partial \rho^2}
\]

\[
- \left( \rho \frac{\partial^2 E_b(\rho, x_p)}{\partial \rho \partial x_p} \right)^2 \left( \frac{\partial^2 E_b(\rho, x_p)}{\partial x_p^2} \right)^{-1} > 0.
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Rewriting the condition $V_{\text{ther}}$ in terms of the Taylor expansion in $\delta$ one obtains

$$V_{\text{ther}} = \rho^2 \frac{\partial^2 E_b(\rho, \delta = 0)}{\partial \rho^2} + 2\rho \frac{\partial E_b(\rho, \delta = 0)}{\partial \rho}$$

$$+ \sum_{2k} \delta^{2k} \left( \rho^2 \frac{\partial^2 E_{\text{sym},2k}(\rho)}{\partial \rho^2} + 2\rho \frac{\partial E_{\text{sym},2k}(\rho)}{\partial \rho} \right)$$

$$- \rho^2 \left( \sum_{2k} 2k \delta^{2k-1} \frac{\partial E_{\text{sym},2k}(\rho)}{\partial \rho} \right)^2$$

$$\times \left[ \sum_{2k} 2k(2k - 1) \delta^{2k-2} E_{\text{sym},2k}(\rho) \right]^{-1} > 0.$$  

(7)
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![Graph showing the thermodynamic method with curves for D280 and D1S up to different orders of approximation.]
## TRANSITION VALUES.

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Neutron Star Core-Crust Transition: Density

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$r = -0.8800$

- Red: up to $\delta^2$
- Green: up to $\delta^4$
- Blue: up to $\delta^6$
- Black Crosses: EXACT
- Orange: Parabolic

$L$ (MeV) vs $\rho_t$ (fm$^{-3}$)
Neutron Star Core-Crust Transition: Asymmetry and Pressure
$E_b(\rho, \delta)$ of ANM, obtained using the Gogny interaction.

\[ E_b(\rho, \delta) = E_b^{\text{kin}}(\rho, \delta) + E_b^{\text{zr}}(\rho, \delta) + E_b^{\text{dir}}(\rho, \delta) + E_b^{\text{exch}}(\rho, \delta), \]

where each one of them reads as follows

\[
E_b^{\text{kin}}(\rho, \delta) = \frac{3\hbar^2}{20m} \left( \frac{3\pi^2}{2} \right)^{2/3} \rho^{2/3} \left[ (1 + \delta)^{5/3} + (1 - \delta)^{5/3} \right]
\]

\[
E_b^{\text{zr}}(\rho, \delta) = \frac{1}{8} t_3 \rho^{\alpha+1} \left[ 2(x_3 + 2) - (2x_3 + 1)(1 + \delta^2) \right]
\]

\[
E_b^{\text{dir}}(\rho, \delta) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1,2} \mu_i^3 \pi^{3/2} \left[ A_i \rho + B_i \rho \delta^2 \right]
\]
\[ E_b^{\text{exch}}(\rho, \delta) = - \sum_{i=1,2} \frac{1}{\mu_i^3 k_F^3} \left\{ \frac{C_i}{2} [F(\mu_i k_{Fn}) + F(\mu_i k_{Fp})] \right. \\
- D_i \sum_{s=\pm 1} s \left[ \frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{4} \mu_i^3 (k_{Fn} + sk_{Fp}) \right. \\
\times (k_{Fn}^2 + k_{Fp}^2 - sk_{Fn} k_{Fp}) \text{erf} \left( \frac{\mu_i}{2} (k_{Fn} + sk_{Fp}) \right) \\
\left. + \left( \frac{\mu_i^2}{2} (k_{Fn}^2 + k_{Fp}^2 - sk_{Fn} k_{Fp}) - 1 \right) e^{-\mu_i^2 (k_{Fn} + sk_{Fp})^2 / 4} \right\} , \]

with

\[ F(\eta) = \frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{2} \eta^3 \text{erf}(\eta) + \left( \frac{\eta^2}{2} - 1 \right) e^{-\eta^2} - \frac{3\eta^2}{2} + 1 \]

and the error function defined as

\[ \text{erf}(x) = \frac{2}{\sqrt{\pi}} \int_0^x dt e^{-t^2} . \]
The constants $A_i$ and $B_i$ define, respectively, the isoscalar and isovector part of the direct term, and in the exchange part of the energy $E_b(\rho, \delta)$, $C_i$ relates to the interaction between particles with the same isospin (neutron-neutron or proton-proton) whereas the constant $D_i$ considers interactions between particles with different isospin (neutron-proton, proton-neutron).

$$A_i = \frac{1}{4} (4W_i + 2B_i - 2H_i - M_i)$$

$$B_i = -\frac{1}{4} (2H_i + M_i)$$

$$C_i = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi}} (W_i + 2B_i - H_i - 2M_i)$$

$$D_i = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi}} (H_i + 2M_i).$$
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\[ E_{\text{sym},2}(\rho) = \frac{\hbar^2}{6m} \left( \frac{3\pi^2}{2} \right)^{2/3} \rho^{2/3} - \frac{1}{8} t_3 \rho^{\alpha+1} (2x_3 + 1) + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1,2} \mu_i^3 \pi^{3/2} B_i \rho \]

\[ + \frac{1}{6} \sum_{i=1,2} \left[ -C_i G_1(\mu_i k_F) + D_i G_2(\mu_i k_F) \right] \]

\[ E_{\text{sym},4}(\rho) = \frac{\hbar^2}{162m} \left( \frac{3\pi^2}{2} \right)^{2/3} \rho^{2/3} \]

\[ + \sum_{i=1,2} \frac{1}{324} \left[ C_i G_3(\mu_i k_F) + D_i G_4(\mu_i k_F) \right] \]

\[ E_{\text{sym},6}(\rho) = \frac{7\hbar^2}{4374m} \left( \frac{3\pi^2}{2} \right)^{2/3} \rho^{2/3} \]

\[ + \sum_{i=1,2} \frac{1}{43740} \left[ C_i G_5(\mu_i k_F) - D_i G_6(\mu_i k_F) \right] \]
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Splitting the contributions given by the like or unlike isospin interactions, we have defined the following functions $G_j(\eta)$:

\[
\begin{align*}
G_1(\eta) &= \frac{1}{\eta} - \left(\eta + \frac{1}{\eta}\right) e^{-\eta^2} \\
G_2(\eta) &= \frac{1}{\eta} - \frac{1}{\eta} e^{-\eta^2} - \eta \\
G_3(\eta) &= -\frac{14}{\eta} + e^{-\eta^2} \left(\frac{14}{\eta} + 14\eta + 7\eta^3 + 2\eta^5\right) \\
G_4(\eta) &= \frac{14}{\eta} - 8\eta + \eta^3 - 2e^{-\eta^2} \left(\frac{7}{\eta} + 3\eta\right) \\
G_5(\eta) &= -\frac{910}{\eta} + e^{-\eta^2} \left(\frac{910}{\eta} + 910\eta + 455\eta^3 + 147\eta^5 + 32\eta^7 + 4\eta^9\right) \\
G_6(\eta) &= -\frac{910}{\eta} + 460\eta - 65\eta^3 + 3\eta^5 + e^{-\eta^2} \left(\frac{910}{\eta} + 450\eta + 60\eta^3\right).
\end{align*}
\]