Neutron Star Matter



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topics to be discussed:

- bulk properties
- quark core



equation of state





symmetry energy



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nuclear EoS



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nuclear polarizability





P. G. Reinhard and W. Nazarewicz 2010

 $\Delta r_{np} = 0.156 \pm 0.025 \, fm$

systematics





Binary NS mergers

gravitational-wave signal





Neutron Star Interior

quark matter



QCD phase diagram (schematic):



- ► frequent assumption: (q̄q), (qq) constant in space
- how about inhomogeneous phases ?

Inhomogeneous phases:

(incomplete) historical overview



1960s:

- spin-density waves in nuclear matter (Overhauser)
- crystalline superconductors (Fulde, Ferrell, Larkin, Ovchinnikov)
- 1970s 1990s:
 - p-wave pion condensation (Migdal)
 - chiral density wave (Dautry, Nyman)
- after 2000:
 - 1+1 D Gross-Neveu model (Thies et al.)
 - crystalline color superconductors (Alford, Bowers, Rajagopal)
 - quarkyonic matter (Kojo, McLerran, Pisarski, ...)





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- \mathcal{H}_{MF} time-independent \Rightarrow Matsubara sum as usual



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- different momenta coupled by $M_{\vec{q}_k} \Rightarrow \mathcal{H}$ is nondiagonal in momentum space!
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 - minimize w.r.t. 2 parameters: Δ, ν
 - (almost) as simple as CDW, but more powerful
 - $m \neq 0$: 3 parameters

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Two-dimensional modulations

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- hexagonal lattice ► $M(x, y) = \frac{M}{3} \left[2\cos\left(Qx\right)\cos\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}Qy\right) + \cos\left(\frac{2}{\sqrt{3}}Qy\right) \right]$
- minimize both cases numerically w.r.t. M and Q









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