



# Terrestrial experiments to understand what is inside neutron stars

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### **Facts about Neutron Sta**



R ~ 10−15 km M ~ 1.5 M⊙



additionally the study of strangeness has some impact on the modelling of neutron stars.

Scenarios with antikaon condensate is disfavoured but actually this strongly depends on the real antikaon-nucleon interaction

but there are other possibilities

- Very high density in the interior
- Strong magnetic fields

density

- Rotating object emitting Synchrotron radiation in Radio-Frequency (Pulsar character)
- Mass measured in binary systems with White Dwarfs (Shapiro Delay, WD Spectroscopy)
- Radius Measurement very difficult
- Masses ranging from 1.4 M<sub>(•)</sub> to 2 M<sub>(•)</sub>

#### What is inside Neutron Stars??



# **Speculations about Neutron Stars**





- Hadron composition
  - Only Nucleons
  - Antikaons-Nucleons condensate
  - Nucleons and Hyperons
- Nuclear Pasta
  - lasagne
  - spaghetti
- <u>Quark star</u> (Color super-conducting strange quark matter)



1) Equation of State (EoS): Dependency of the pressure upon the density

2) Given an object with a certain density the internal pressure must be compensated by gravity

3) From P(R)=0 -> the relation M(R) can be determined for each EOS as a function of the assumed density





# $Q = 2^{-8} Q_0$ ??

It is not so easy to fix the density but the EOS must cross the measured values of the masses!





# **Strange Hadron Production in NS**





Chemical Potential  $\mu = E_F + mass$ 

If the density increases also the Fermi Energy increases and hence the chemical potential



In order to have chemical equilibrium  $\mu_{neutron} = \mu_{\Lambda}$ 

In this case it is energetically favourable to convert neutrons into hyperons







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# **Strange Hadron Production in NS**





Also in this case it can be energetically favourable to convert electrons into AntiKaons. Furthermore: AntiKaons are bosons and hence they dont undergo Pauli blocking



### Scenario Nr. 1: Kaon Condensate

Since hadrons interact with each others if the 'in-medium' mass of K- drop within dense nuclear matter it is even more favorable to produce strangeness

 $1f m_{K^{-*}} < \mu_{e^{-}}$ 

 $e^- \to K^- + \nu_e$  $n \to K^- + p$ 

#### **No Pauli Blocking!**



J. Schaffner and I. N. Mishustin Phys. Rev. **C 53**, 3 (1996)



# Large Masses Issue and Strangeness in NS



Radius (km)

- Production of strangeness is energetically favourable
- It relieves the Fermi pressure of neutrons and protons
- But... a decrease of the pressure softens the EOS
- Decrease of the maximum mass of neutron stars
- $2 M_{\odot}$  neutron star measured
- EOS cannot be too soft
- Some EOS are disfavoured, for example Antikaon condensate







This scenario might also be problematic since the hyperon appearance implies new degree of freedom and hence a softening of the EOS







J. Haidenbauer, S. Petschauer et al., Nucl. Phys. A 915 (2013) 24



Ap scattering length extracted from scattering data and hypernuclei data for average Ap potential







It all depends upon the  $\Lambda$ -N and  $\Lambda$ -NN interaction and whether or not it has a repulsive core This repulsive core could stiffen again the EOS allowing for heavy neutron stars



### **EOS** with Hyperons





 Λ-N, Λ-NN Interaction, in particular the short range repulsive part determines the fate of heavy hyperon stars.

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# Λ -Nucleon Λ -Nucleon-Nucleon













### **The ALICE Experiment**



#### Experiment at the LHC Collider

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p+p at  $\sqrt{s} = 7, 13 \,\mathrm{TeV}$ 



Very good Particle Identification Energy Loss measurement in the large Volume Time Projection Chamber Measurement of the time of flight + Excellent secondary vertex reconstruction capability







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### **Experimental Evidences**





#### $\Lambda$ Hypernuclei and $\Lambda\text{-}p$ scattering

#### $\Lambda$ -Nucleon Potential



U~ -30 MeV (attractive) from Hypernuclei No idea yet about the momentum and density dependence

#### $\Sigma$ -Nucleon Potential



No Idea at all



# Femtoscopy in p+A/p+p reactions



Surface where particles are emitted from Kinematic Freeze-out surface

#### Attractive $\Lambda$ p Interaction

Repulsive  $\Lambda p$  Interaction



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Repulsive  $\Lambda p$  Interaction



- We can measure  $\Lambda p$  pairs, their momentum and hence the distribution of the momentum difference.
- The source properties are taken from simulations.
- -> By looking at the distribution of the relative momentum we can infer on the final state interaction among the two particles



### **Correlation Function**





$$C(k^*) = \mathcal{N}\frac{N_{\text{same}}(k^*)}{N_{\text{mixed}}(k^*)} \quad \frac{k^* = \frac{1}{2}|\mathbf{p}_1^* - \mathbf{p}_2^*|}{\mathbf{p}_1^* + \mathbf{p}_2^* = 0}$$

#### **Theoretical Function**

F. Wang, and S.Pratt, Phys. Rev. Lett. 83 (1999) 3138

$$C(\vec{p}_{a},\vec{p}_{b}) = \frac{\mathcal{P}(\vec{p}_{a},\vec{p}_{b})}{\mathcal{P}(\vec{p}_{a})\mathcal{P}(\vec{p}_{b})} \approx \frac{\int d^{4}x_{a} d^{4}x_{b} S(p_{a},x_{a}) S(p_{b},x_{b}) |\phi_{rel}(\vec{p}_{b}-\vec{p}_{a})|^{2}}{\int d^{4}x_{a} d^{4}x_{b} S_{a}(\vec{p}_{a},x_{a}) S_{b}(\vec{p}_{b},x_{b})}$$

The theoretical function can be expressed in terms of the scattering parameters assuming that the source can be parametrised by f.e. a Gaussian function and that the correlation function does not provide information about the short-range part of the interaction.



## The Experimental Data



#### p+p/A at 7 TeV RUN1



#### 6 Particles/Evt

2000 Particles/Evt

only 200.000  $\Lambda/\Sigma$  but "clean" environment better knowledge of the emitting source

p+p/A at 3.2 GeV



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large  $\Lambda$  and  $\Sigma$  statistics (~ 3 Mevt ) but more complicated source to be described





# The Experimental Data



#### **Examples of Correlations from Calculations**

F. Wang and S. Pratt, Phys. Rev. Lett. 83, 3138 (1999).



Strong Attraction C(k)>1

Coulomb Repulsion C(k)<1





### Sources from UrQMD





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Source extraction from transport theory (UrQMD) - LCMS:



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# p-p correlation in p+Nb collisions at 3.5 GeV

#### 1.2 Billions evts

Information about the source – proton proton correlation function:

Extract source size:  $C^{ab}(k) = N \int d^3 r' S_{\mathbf{P}}(\mathbf{r}') |\phi(\mathbf{k},\mathbf{r}')|^2$ 





scattering length values in the Lednicky's model.

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### Substitute scattering data!!



### **ALICE** data



#### p+p 7 TeV, RUN 1 ~250 Millions Events

#### Excellent Purity for $\Lambda$



p - p Correlation

Minijets background present for Baryon-Antivaryon correlation Not there for Baryon-Baryon correlation



### p+p at much larger energ

systematic error only on the experimental data and extracted paprameters, radius in this case Lines represent the fit for the standard case





# p+p at much larger energies (7 TeV)



p-p Correlation

**Ap Correlation** 



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#### **Our Afterburner**



#### Idea:

- Event generator (UrQMD or EPOS) or Gaussian distribution for the source sampling
- Schrödinger equation solver

$$C(\kappa) = \int S(r) |\phi(r,\kappa)|^2 d^3x$$
  
Source  
Model:  
UrQMD  
EPOS  
SE Solver

#### Output: Theoretic

Theoretical correlation function to be compared with the experimental data



#### Correlation Analysis Tool using the Schrödinger equation



# CATS

#### Exact solution, no asymptotic solution (large distances) as in CRAB\*

\* http://www.pa.msu.edu/~pratts/freecodes/crab/home.html





### Source in EPOS





**Cauchy Function:** 

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{\pi(1+x^2)}$$

The EPOS generator does not deliver a Gaussian source!



### **CATS and ALICE data**



k [MeV]





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### $\Lambda - \Lambda$ Correlation









### **CATS and HADES data**







# **Summary and Outlook**



- Hadron-Hadron interactions have to be understood in detail to compute a realistic EOS for neutron stars
- New tools to study Hyperon-Nucleon interaction:Femtoscopy in elementary reactions
- pp and Lambda-p correlations studied with the HADES and ALICE data.



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