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Bound states in many-fermion systems

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Structure of matter

energy scale	fermions	interaction	bound states	density effects	condensed phase
$1 \dots 10 \text{ meV}$	electrons, holes	Coulomb	$\operatorname{excitons}$	screening	electron-hole liquid
$1 \dots 10 \mathrm{eV}$	electrons, nuclei	Coulomb	ions, atoms	screening	liquid metal
$1 \dots 10 \text{ MeV}$	protons, neutrons	N-N int.	nuclei	Pauli blocking	nuclear matter
$0.1 \dots 1 { m GeV}$	quarks	QCD	hadrons	deconfinement	quark-gluon plasma

Fermion systems: ideal Fermi gases

Interaction - correlations

Low densities: bound states, quantum condensates High densities: condensed phase

- Plasma physics: Ionization potential depression (IPD) [PRE (2019)]
- Nuclear physics: Weakly bound nuclei in stellar matter [in preparation]
- QCD: Deconfinement, Quark Gluon phase transition in neutron-star mergers [Bauswein et al., Hadron-quark phase transition, PRL 122, 061102 (2019)]

In-medium Schrödinger equation

Consistent treatment of the two-particle problem: in-medium wave equation

$$\frac{p^2}{2m_e}\psi_n(p) + \sum_q V(q)\psi_n(p+q) - E_n\psi_n(p) = \sum_q V(q)\left[\psi_n(p+q)f_e(p) - \psi_n(p)f_e(p+q)\right]$$

Pauli blocking, Fock self-energy shift, Fermi fct. fe

V(q) --> dynamically screened Coulomb interaction

$$V_{ab}^{\rm s}(q,\omega) = V_{\rm ab}(q) \cdot \left\{ 1 + \int \frac{d\bar{\omega}}{\pi} \cdot \frac{\operatorname{Im}\varepsilon^{-1}(q,\bar{\omega}-i\eta)}{\omega-\bar{\omega}} \right\}$$

dynamical screening, dynamical self-energy

 $\epsilon(\mathbf{q},\omega+i0)$ dielectric function

R. Zimmermann, K. Kilimann, W. D. Kraeft, D. Kremp and G. Röpke Phys. Stat. sol. (b) **90**, 175 (1978) W.-D. Kraeft, D. Kremp, W. Ebeling, G. Röpke *Quantum Statistics of Charged Particle Systems*, Akademie-Verlag, Berlin 1986

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Ionization potential depression (IPD)

Degenerate plasmas: Carbon

$$\Theta = \frac{T}{T_{\rm Fermi}} = \frac{2m_e k_B T}{\hbar^2} (3\pi^2 n_e)^{-2/3} < 1$$

In-medium Schroedinger equation for $C^{5+} = C^{6+} + e$

$$[E_e(p) + \Delta_e(p)] \phi_{\hat{n}}(\mathbf{p}) + [1 - f_e(p)] \sum_{\mathbf{q}} V_{\mathbf{C}^{6+}, e}^{\mathrm{scr}}(\mathbf{q}) \phi_{\hat{n}}(\mathbf{p} + \mathbf{q}) = E_{\hat{n}, \mathrm{rel}}^{5+} \phi_{\hat{n}}(\mathbf{p})$$

Effects of degeneracy on energy level shifts

Fock shift $\Delta_e^{\text{Fock}}(p) = -\sum_q \frac{e^2}{\epsilon_0 q^2} f_e(\mathbf{p} + \mathbf{q})$ "Fermi hole" $\Delta_0^{\text{bound, Fock}} = -\sum_{p,q} \phi_0^2(p) \frac{e^2}{\epsilon_0 q^2} f_e(\mathbf{p} + \mathbf{q})$ Pauli blocking $\Delta_0^{\text{bound, Pauli}} = -\sum_{p,q} \phi_0(p) f_e(p) V_{\text{C}^{6+},e}(q) \phi_0(\mathbf{p} + \mathbf{q})$

Pauli blocking – phase space occupation



cluster wave function (atom, ions,...) in momentum space

P - center of mass momentum

The Fermi sphere is forbidden, deformation of the cluster wave function in dependence on the c.o.m. momentum *P*

momentum space

The deformation is maximal at P = 0. It leads to the weakening of the interaction (disintegration of the bound state).

Shift of binding energies

$$\lim_{n \to 0} \Delta E_{10}^{\rm PF} = \frac{n}{2} \sum_{q} \frac{4\pi e^2}{q^2} \phi_{10}(q) [\phi_{10}(0) - \phi_{10}(q)] = 32\pi n' - 20\pi n' = 12\pi n'$$



W. Ebeling, W-D. Kraeft, G.Roepke, Contr. Plasma Phys. 52, 7 (2012)

IPD and dissolution of bound states

Quantum statistical approach

(Green functions, spectral functions, self-energy, quasiparticle shifts of free states and bound clusters)

Low density limit: Chemical picture, Debye screening

Increasing density: ions are strongly correlated but classical (dynamical ionic structure factor, fluctuation-dissipation theorem) electrons become degenerated, Pauli principle

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Ionization potential depression and Pauli blocking in degenerate plasmas at extreme densities

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IPD of C⁵⁺ at T=100 eV



Stewart-Pyatt, structure factor, Fock, and Pauli shifts Improve: shift of the bound state, broadening of bound states, ionic structure factor and band formation

Ionization degree of C plasmas



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Nuclear Systems

- strongly correlated quantum systems
- nuclear structure
- heavy ion collisions
- astrophysics: compact objects

Stellar matter: Supernova explosion



Snapshot: Temperature, Density, Proton fraction, Entropy, Neutrino flux Cluster formation

Simulation by Tobias Fischer

Nuclear matter phase diagram



Composition? Ideal mixture of reacting nuclides

$$n_p(T,\mu_p,\mu_n) = \frac{1}{V} \sum_{A,\nu,K} Z_A f_A \{ E_{A,\nu K} - Z_A \mu_p - (A - Z_A) \mu_n \}$$

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mass number A,
charge
$$Z_A$$
,
energy $E_{A,v,K}$,
v internal quantum number,
K center of mass momentum
 $f_{A(z)} = \frac{1}{\exp(z/T) - (-1)^A}$

Chemical equilibrium, mass action law (Saha), Nuclear Statistical Equilibrium (NSE)

Excited states? Scattering states?

Asymmetric nuclear light clusters in supernova matter



Figure 1. Upper three panels, from left ro right: temperature *T* (in MeV), log of density ρ (in g \cdot cm⁻³) and electron fraction Y_e as a functions of mass coordinate *m*. Lower panel: mass fractions of of nuclei X_i as a function of *m*. The black dashed line marked $X_{Z>2}$ shows the total mass fraction of elements with Z > 2. EoS is pure NSE.

Figure 7. Upper three panels, from left ro right: temperature *T* (in MeV), log of density ρ (in g \cdot cm⁻³) and electron fraction Y_e as a functions of mass coordinate *m*. Lower panel: mass fractions X_i of of hydrogen and helium isotopes as a function of *m*. The black dashed line marked $X_{Z>2}$ shows the total mass fraction of all rest nuclei. Stellar profile corresponds to 200 ms after bounce approximately, calculations according to modified HS EoS.

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Nuclear statistical equilibrium (NSE)

Chemical picture:

Ideal mixture of reacting components Mass action law

Interaction between the components internal structure: Pauli principle

Physical picture:

"elementary" constituents and their interaction

Quantum statistical (QS) approach, quasiparticle concept, virial expansion

Composition of dense nuclear matter

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 Medium effects: correct behavior near saturation self-energy and Pauli blocking shifts of binding energies, Coulomb corrections due to screening (Wigner-Seitz, Debye)

Effective wave equation for the deuteron in matter

In-medium two-particle wave equation in mean-field approximation $\left(\frac{p_1^2}{2m_1} + \Delta_1 + \frac{p_2^2}{2m_2} + \Delta_2\right) \Psi_{d,P}(p_1, p_2) + \sum_{p_1', p_2'} (1 - f_{p_1} - f_{p_2}) V(p_1, p_2; p_1', p_2') \Psi_{d,P}(p_1', p_2')$

Add self-energy

Pauli-blocking

$$= E_{d,P} \Psi_{d,P}(p_1,p_2)$$

Fermi distribution function

$$f_p = \left[e^{(p^2/2m - \mu)/k_B T} + 1 \right]^{-1}$$

Correlated medium?

Thouless criterion $E_d(T,\mu) = 2\mu$

BEC-BCS crossover: Alm et al.,1993

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Shift of Binding Energies of Light Clusters

deuteron bound state -2.2 MeV

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Example: ⁵He

Partial density $n_{^{5}\mathrm{He}} = 8 \left(\frac{mT}{2\pi\hbar^{2}}\right)^{3/2} b_{\alpha n}(T) e^{(-E_{\alpha}+3\mu_{n}+2\mu_{p})/T}$

virial coefficient n

nuclear stat. equ.

$$b_{\alpha n}^{\text{NSE}}(T) = \frac{5^{3/2}}{2} e^{(-E_{5_{\text{He}}} + E_{4_{\text{He}}})/T}$$

generalized Beth-Uhlenbeck

$$b_{\alpha n}^{\mathrm{gBU}}(T) = \left(\frac{5}{4}\right)^{1/2} \frac{1}{\pi T} \int_0^\infty dE_{\mathrm{lab}} \, e^{-4E_{\mathrm{lab}}/5T} \left\{ \delta_{\alpha n}^{\mathrm{tot}}(E_{\mathrm{lab}}) - \frac{1}{2} \sin[2\delta_{\alpha n}^{\mathrm{tot}}(E_{\mathrm{lab}})] \right\}$$

Fig. 2. (Color online.) The phase shifts for elastic neutron-alpha scattering $\delta_{L_J}(E)$ versus laboratory energy *E*. As discussed in the text, the solid lines are from Arndt and Roper [37] and the symbols are from Arnos and Karataglidis [38]. For clarity, we do not show the F-waves included in our results for $b_{\alpha n}$.

C.J.Horowitz, A.Schwenk, Nucl. Phys. A 776, 55 (2006)

ratio generalized Beth-Uhlenbeck/NSE

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Quarks: Pauli – Mott - Astrophysics

Astrophysics and Space Science 95 (1983) QUANTUM STATISTICAL CLUSTER ABUNDANCES IN HOT NUCLEAR MATTER AND ELEMENTAL COMPOSITION OF COSMIC-RAY SOURCES

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"Mott mechanism and hadronic-to-quark matter phase transition", Phys. Lett. B (1985), Blaschke-Reinholz-Röpke-Kremp

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Pauli quenching effects in a simple string model of quark/nuclear matter

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1989 – falling walls

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Workshop:

Light clusters in nuclei and nuclear matter: Nuclear structure and decay, heavy ion collisions, and astrophysics

One month ago: David explains the Mott-transition

Happy Birthday to You

Core-collapse supernovae

Density.

electron fraction, and

temperature profile

of a 15 solar mass supernova at 150 ms after core bounce as function of the radius.

Influence of cluster formation on neutrino emission in the cooling region and on neutrino absorption in the heating region ?

K.Sumiyoshi et al., Astrophys.J. **629**, 922 (2005)

Composition of supernova core

X

Deuteron-like scattering phase shifts

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EOS: continuum contributions

Partial density of channel A,c at P (for instance, ${}^{3}S_{1} = d$):

$$z_{A,c}^{\text{part}}(\mathbf{P}; T, \mu_n, \mu_p) = e^{(N\mu_n + Z\mu_p)/T} \left\{ \sum_{\nu_c}^{\text{bound}} g_{A,\nu_c} \ e^{-E_{A,\nu_c}(\mathbf{P})/T} \ \Theta \left[-E_{A,\nu_c}(\mathbf{P}) + E_{A,c}^{\text{cont}}(\mathbf{P}) \right] + z_{A,c}^{\text{cont}}(\mathbf{P}) \right\}$$

separation: bound state part – continuum part ?

$$z_{c}^{\text{part}}(\mathbf{P};T,n_{B},Y_{p}) = e^{[N\mu_{n}+Z\mu_{p}-NE_{n}(\mathbf{P}/A;T,n_{B},Y_{p})-ZE_{p}(\mathbf{P}/A;T,n_{B},Y_{p})]/T} \times g_{c} \left\{ \left[e^{-E_{c}^{\text{intr}}(\mathbf{P};T,n_{B},Y_{p})/T} - 1 \right] \Theta \left[-E_{c}^{\text{intr}}(\mathbf{P};T,n_{B},Y_{p}) \right] + v_{c}(\mathbf{P};T,n_{B},Y_{p}) \right\}$$

parametrization (d – like):

$$v_c(\mathbf{P}=0;T,n_B,Y_p) \approx \left[1.24 + \left(\frac{1}{v_{T_I=0}(T)} - 1.24\right)e^{\gamma_c n_B/T}\right]^{-1}$$

 $v_d^0(T) = v_{T_I=0}^0(T) \approx 0.30857 + 0.65327 \ e^{-0.102424 \ T/\text{MeV}}$

G. Roepke, PRC 92,054001 (2015)

Few-particle Schrödinger equation in a dense medium

4-particle Schrödinger equation with medium effects

$$\begin{pmatrix} \left[E^{HF}(p_{1}) + E^{HF}(p_{2}) + E^{HF}(p_{3}) + E^{HF}(p_{4}) \right] \end{pmatrix} \Psi_{n,P}(p_{1},p_{2},p_{3},p_{4}) \\ + \sum_{p_{1}^{'},p_{2}^{'}} (1 - f_{p_{1}} - f_{p_{2}}) V(p_{1},p_{2};p_{1}^{'},p_{2}^{'}) \Psi_{n,P}(p_{1}^{'},p_{2}^{'},p_{3},p_{4}) \\ + \left\{ permutations \right\} \\ = E_{n,P} \Psi_{n,P}(p_{1},p_{2},p_{3},p_{4})$$
Thouless criterion for quantum condensate:

 $E_{n,P=0}(T,\mu) = 4\mu$

Light unstable clusters

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