# Three-body force effect on neutrino emissivities of neutron stars within the framework of the Brueckner-Hartree-Fock approach

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The three-body force (TBF) effect on the neutrino emissivity in neutron star matter and the total neutrino emissivity of neutron stars have been investigated within the framework of the Brueckner-Hartree-Fock approach by adopting the AV18 two-body interaction plus a microscopic TBF. The neutrino emissivity from the direct Urca process turns out to be much larger than that from the modified Urca process. Inclusion of the TBF reduces strongly the density thresholds of the direct Urca processes involving electrons and muons. The TBF effect on the total neutrino emissivity of neutron stars is shown to be negligibly weak for neutron stars with small masses. For neutron stars with large masses, the TBF effect becomes visible and inclusion of the TBF may enhance the total neutrino emissivity by about 50% for neutron stars with a given mass of  $M=1.6M_{\odot}$ .

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### I. INTRODUCTION

Neutron stars provide natural astrophysical laboratories for probing the properties of superdense matter. Modeling the cooling of neutron stars is one of the potential methods of investigating the structure of neutron stars [1–4]. Neutrino emissivity of a neutron star is of a great physical interest since it is one of the most important physical inputs to solve two equations: the thermal balance equation and the thermal transport equation [5], which are used to get the cooling curves of neutron stars [2,3,6].

The standard scenario of the neutron star cooling is based on the modified Urca (MU) process. The MU process was first introduced in Ref. [7] in the context of neutron star cooling. It is believed that the MU process can go through two channels:

$$n+n \longrightarrow p+n+l+\bar{\nu}_l, \quad p+n+l \longrightarrow n+n+\nu_l;$$
(1)

$$n + p \longrightarrow p + p + l + \bar{\nu}_l, \quad p + p + l \longrightarrow n + p + \nu_l,$$
(2)

which we define as the neutron and proton branches of the MU process, respectively. By the label  $\ell$  we denote the leptons considered here, i.e., electrons and muons. The neutrino cooling rate in the neutron branches was calculated in Refs. [8–10]. The proton branch of the MU process was pointed out in Ref. [11]. The energy loss rate of the proton branch was calculated in Ref. [10], which shows that the proton branch is negligible compared with the neutron one. However, the authors of Ref. [12] pointed out that the proton branch is as efficient as the neutron one. In the nonstandard scenario of neutron star cooling, the most powerful neutrino reactions are expected to be the so-called direct Urca (DU)

processes [1,13,14]:

$$n \longrightarrow p + l + \bar{\nu}_l, \quad p + l \longrightarrow n + \nu_l.$$
 (3)

It has been pointed out in Ref. [15] that the  $\beta$ -stable matter with a proton-to-neutron ratio in excess of some critical value lying in the range of 11–15% can cool by the DU process. Furthermore, the authors of Ref. [13] have shown that matter with any proton-to-neutron ratio can rapidly cool by the DU process if  $\Lambda$  hyperons are present.

The Brueckner-Hartree-Fock (BHF) approach is an approach based on the microscopic theory. It has been well developed and has also been widely used for predicting the properties of nuclear matter [16–19]. Furthermore, the BHF approach has also been applied to investigate the structure of neutron stars [20–22], the neutrino emissivity inside neutron star cores [23], as well as other properties of neutron stars [24–27]. Within the framework of the BHF approach, the TBF effect on the structure properties of neutron stars have been studied in Refs. [21,22], and it is shown that the TBF effect may increase remarkably the predicted maximum mass of neutron stars. In the present paper, we investigate the neutrino emissivities of different processes in  $\beta$ -equilibrium neutron star matter and the total neutrino emissivity of neutron stars within the framework of the BHF method plus a microscopic three-body force (TBF). Particularly, we concentrate on the effect of the TBF on the neutrino emissivity in the interior of neutron stars.

The present paper is organized as follows. In the next section, we give a brief review of the adopted theoretical approaches including the BHF theory and the TBF model. Furthermore, we briefly show formulas adopted here to calculate the neutrino emissivities of different reactions in neutron stars. In Sec. III, the calculated results are reported and discussed. Finally, a summary is given in Sec. IV.

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### II. THEORETICAL APPROACHES

### A. The BHF approach

The theoretical description of neutron star matter adopted in the present paper is the BHF approach for asymmetric nuclear matter [19]. The BHF approach is based on the reaction G matrix, which satisfies the following isospin-dependent Bethe-Goldstone (BG) equation [28]:

$$G(n, \beta; \omega) = V_{NN} + V_{NN} \sum_{k_1 k_2} \frac{|k_1 k_2\rangle Q(k_1, k_2) \langle k_1 k_2|}{\omega - \epsilon(k_1) - \epsilon(k_2)} \times G(n, \beta; \omega), \tag{4}$$

where  $k_i \equiv (\vec{k}_i, \sigma_i, \tau_i)$  denotes the momentum and the z components of spin and isospin of a nucleon, respectively.  $V_{NN}$  is the realistic NN interaction and  $\omega$  is the starting energy;  $\beta$  is isospin asymmetry of asymmetric nuclear matter and is defined as  $\beta = (n_n - n_p)/n$ , where n,  $n_n$ , and  $n_p$  denote the total nucleon, neutron, and proton number densities, respectively. The Pauli operator  $Q(k_1, k_2)$  prevents two nucleons in intermediate states from being scattered into their respective Fermi seas.  $\epsilon(k)$  denotes the single-particle (s.p.) energy, which is given by

$$\epsilon(k) = \hbar^2 k^2 / (2m) + U(k), \tag{5}$$

where U(k) is the auxiliary s.p. potential which controls the convergent rate of the hole-line expansion [28]. The continuous choice is adopted for the auxiliary potential in the present calculation, which will result in a much faster convergence of the hole-line expansion up to high densities than the gap choice [29]. The s.p. potential under the continuous choice describes physically the nuclear mean field felt by a nucleon in nuclear medium at the lowest BHF level [30] and is calculated via the relation

$$U(k) = \operatorname{Re} \sum_{k' \le k_E} \langle kk' | G[n, \beta; \epsilon(k) + \epsilon(k')] | kk' \rangle_A, \quad (6)$$

where the subscript A denotes antisymmetrization of the matrix elements.

We adopt the Argonne  $V_{18}$  (AV18) two-body interaction [31] plus a microscopic TBF [32] for the realistic NN interaction  $V_{NN}$ . The TBF model adopted here is constructed by using the meson-exchange current approach [33] and the most important mesons, i.e.,  $\pi$ ,  $\rho$ ,  $\sigma$ , and  $\omega$  have been considered. The parameters of the TBF model, i.e., the coupling constants and the form factors, have been self-consistently determined to reproduce the AV18 two-body force using the one-boson-exchange potential model and their values can be found in Ref. [32]. In the present calculation, the TBF has been reduced to an equivalently effective two-body interaction according to the standard scheme as described in Ref. [33] and the corresponding effective two-body force  $V_3^{\rm eff}$  in r space is given as follows:

$$\langle \vec{r}_{1}' \vec{r}_{2}' | V_{3}^{\text{eff}} | \vec{r}_{1} \vec{r}_{2} \rangle$$

$$= \frac{1}{4} \text{Tr} \sum_{m} \int d\vec{r}_{3} d\vec{r}_{3}' \phi_{m}^{*} (\vec{r}_{3}') [1 - \eta(r'_{13})] [1 - \eta(r'_{23})]$$

$$\times W_{3} (\vec{r}_{1}' \vec{r}_{2}' \vec{r}_{3}' | \vec{r}_{1} \vec{r}_{2} \vec{r}_{3}) \phi_{m} (\vec{r}_{3}) [1 - \eta(r_{13})] [1 - \eta(r_{23})]. \quad (7)$$

In the BHF approximation, the energy per nucleon of asymmetric nuclear matter is given by

$$E_{A}(n,\beta) = \frac{3}{5} \frac{\hbar^{2}}{2m} \left[ \left( \frac{1-\beta}{2} \right)^{5/3} + \left( \frac{1+\beta}{2} \right)^{5/3} \right] (3\pi^{2}n)^{2/3} + \frac{1}{2n} \operatorname{Re} \sum_{\tau,\tau'} \sum_{k \leqslant k_{F}^{\tau}, k' \leqslant k_{F}^{\tau'}} \langle kk' | G[n,\beta;\epsilon(k) + \epsilon(k')] \times |kk'\rangle_{A},$$
(8)

where the first term is the contribution of the kinetic part; the second term is the potential part. It has been demonstrated by microscopic calculations [17,19,34–37] that the energy per nucleon of asymmetric nuclear matter fulfills satisfactorily a quadratic dependence on asymmetry  $\beta$  in the whole asymmetry range of  $0 \le \beta \le 1$ , i.e.,  $E_A(n, \beta) = E_A(n, \beta = 0) +$  $\beta^2 E_{\text{sym}}(n)$ , where the symmetry energy  $E_{\text{sym}}(n)$  describes the isospin dependence of the equation of state (EOS) of asymmetric nuclear matter, and it plays a decisive role in determining the proton fraction  $x \equiv n_p/n = (1 - \beta)/2$  inside  $\beta$ -stable (*npe* $\mu$ ) neutron star matter [15,17]. As soon as the G matrix is obtained by solving the BG equation selfconsistently with the s.p. potential, one can calculate the EOS of asymmetric nuclear matter and the symmetry energy. With the aid of the  $\beta$ -equilibrium and charge neutrality conditions, the EOS of  $\beta$ -stable ( $npe\mu$ ) neutron star matter can be readily obtained. By solving the Tolman-Oppenheimer-Volkov (TOV) equation, one may determine finally the properties of neutron stars, including the mass-radius relation, the neutron and proton distributions inside a neutron star with a given mass, etc.

# B. Neutrino emissivities of the DU process and the MU process

The derivation of the neutrino emissivity of the DU process under the condition of  $\beta$  equilibrium is based on the  $\beta$  decay theory and more details can be found in Ref. [38]. The neutrino emissivity of the DU process in the *npe* neutron star matter is calculated as follows [15]:

$$Q^{(D)} = 4.00 \times 10^{27} \left(\frac{n_e}{n_0}\right)^{1/3} \frac{m_n^* m_p^*}{m_n^2} T_9^6 \Theta_{npe} \text{erg cm}^{-3} \text{s}^{-1},$$
(9)

where  $m_n^*$  and  $m_p^*$  denote the neutron and proton effective masses, respectively, and they are calculated by the BHF approach in the present paper.  $T_9$  is the temperature in units of  $10^9$  K and  $\Theta_{npe}$  is the step function:  $\Theta_{npe} = 1$  if the Fermi momenta  $p_{F_n}, p_{F_p}, p_{F_e}$  satisfy the triangle condition, i.e.,  $p_{F_p} + p_{F_e} > p_{F_n}$ , and  $\Theta_{npe} = 0$  otherwise.

If muons are present, then the DU process involving muons may become possible along with the process involving electrons. Its emissivity is given by the same Eq. (9) except that  $\Theta_{npe}$  must be replaced by  $\Theta_{np\mu}$ . Thus the neutrino emissivity is increased by a factor of 2 accordingly if the DU process involving muons is allowed [15].

The practical expression for calculating the emissivity of MU process has been introduced in Ref. [9]. The emissivity in

the neutron branch is given as follows:

$$Q^{(Mn)} = 8.55 \times 10^{21} \left(\frac{m_n^*}{m_n}\right)^3 \left(\frac{m_p^*}{m_p}\right) \left(\frac{n_e}{n_0}\right)^{1/3} \times T_0^8 \alpha_n \beta_n \text{erg cm}^{-3} \text{s}^{-1},$$
 (10)

where the factor  $\alpha_n$  describes the momentum transfer dependence of the squared reaction matrix element of the neutron branch under the Born approximation and  $\beta_n$  includes the non-Born corrections and the corrections due to the NN interaction effects which are not described by the one-pion exchange and/or the Landau theory as mentioned in Ref. [12]. In the present paper, we adopt the same values of  $\alpha_n$  and  $\beta_n$  as in Refs. [9,12], i.e.,  $\alpha_n = 1.13$  and  $\beta_n = 0.68$ .

The expression for the neutrino emissivity in the proton branch is given by [12]

$$Q^{(Mp)} = 8.55 \times 10^{21} \left(\frac{m_p^*}{m_p}\right)^3 \left(\frac{m_n^*}{m_n}\right) \left(\frac{n_e}{n_0}\right)^{1/3} \times T_9^8 \alpha_p \beta_p \left(1 - \frac{p_{F_e}}{4p_{F_p}}\right) \Theta_{Mp} \text{erg cm}^{-3} \text{s}^{-1}, \quad (11)$$

where we set  $\alpha_p = \alpha_n$  and  $\beta_p = \beta_n$ . The above expression is similar to Eq. (10) and the main difference between the proton branch and the neutron branch is the threshold character: The proton branch is allowed if  $p_{F_n} < 3p_{F_p} + p_{F_e}$ , i.e.,  $\Theta_{Mp} = 1$  only under the condition of  $p_{F_n} < 3p_{F_p} + p_{F_e}$  and  $\Theta_{Mp} = 0$  otherwise. By comparing the expression for  $Q^{(Mn)}$  and  $Q^{(Mp)}$ , one can easily obtain  $Q^{(Mp)}/Q^{(Mn)} = (m_p^*/m_n^*)^2[1 - p_{F_e}/(4p_{F_p})]$ .

If muons are present in the dense neutron star matter, the MU process involving muons becomes possible. Accordingly, several modifications should be included in Eqs. (10) and (11) as discussed in Ref. [38]. First,  $\Theta_{Mp}$  and  $p_{F_e}$  should be replaced by  $\Theta_{Mp\mu}$  (muon threshold function) and  $p_{F_{\mu}}$ , respectively. Second, an additional factor  $v_{F_{\mu}}/c = (n_{\mu}/n_e)^{1/3}$  should be included in both expressions, where  $v_{F_{\mu}}$  is the Fermi velocity of muons. In addition, the muon neutron branch cannot be switched on below the threshold density  $\rho_{\mu}$  at which muons appear and the threshold density of the muon proton branch, accounted by the step function  $\Theta_{Mp\mu}$ , is also naturally restricted by  $n > \rho_{\mu}$ .

According to the discussion above, the neutrino emissivity jumps directly from the value of the MU process to that of the DU process. Thus, the DU process appears in a steplike manner. However, there should be a thermal broadening of the DU threshold for the practical situation as discussed in Ref. [38]. In the present investigation, the thermal broadening is omitted since it is expected to be weak for many applications.

# III. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

In Fig. 1 we display the TBF effect on the calculated symmetry energy (left panel) and the proton fraction (right panel) in  $\beta$ -stable neutron star matter as functions of nucleon number density. In the figure, the solid lines are obtained by adopting purely the AV18 two-body force alone; the dashed ones correspond to the results obtained by including the

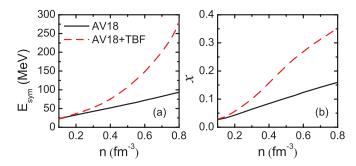


FIG. 1. (Color online) TBF effect on the symmetry energy (left panel) and the proton fraction (right panel).

TBF. We notice from Fig. 1 that including TBF increases significantly the symmetry energy at high densities and leads to a strong stiffening of the density dependence of symmetry energy at suprasaturation density as also shown in Refs. [34,39]. As a consequence, the proton fraction in the interior of neutron stars predicted by including the TBF is much larger than that of excluding the TBF [21]. One may also notice that in both the calculations with and without TBF, the proton fraction x increases monotonically as a function of nucleon number density and can exceed the threshold value, i.e.,  $x^{DU} = (11-15)\%$ , above which the DU process is allowed as mentioned before, whereas inclusion of the TBF shifts the threshold nucleon densities from  $n_e^{DU} = 0.67 \text{ fm}^{-3}$  and  $n_\mu^{DU} = 0.76 \text{ fm}^{-3}$  to much lower values of  $n_e^{DU} = 0.38 \text{ fm}^{-3}$  and  $n_\mu^{DU} = 0.42 \text{ fm}^{-3}$  for the electron and muon DU processes, respectively.

In Fig. 2, we report the dependence of the neutrino emissivity on the nucleon number density in neutron star matter. In the figure, the TBF effect is also displayed. The left panel is obtained by adopting purely the AV18 two-body interaction and the TBF is not included. Here we simply take the MU process and the DU process into account. It can be seen from the left panel of Fig. 2 that muons appear above the density of  $n = 0.16 \, \mathrm{fm}^{-3}$ . The DU processes involving electrons and muons are switched on at the threshold densities of  $n_e^{DU} = 0.67 \, \mathrm{fm}^{-3}$  and  $n_u^{DU} = 0.76 \, \mathrm{fm}^{-3}$ , respectively. Therefore, the

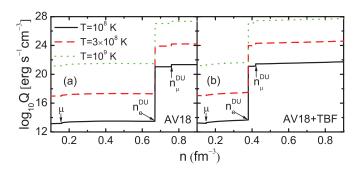


FIG. 2. (Color online) Density dependence of the neutrino emissivity in  $npe\mu$  matter at three different temperatures, i.e.,  $T=10^8$ ,  $3\times 10^8$ , and  $10^9$  K. The left panel is calculated by adopting purely the AV18 two-body force and the right one is obtained by including the TBF. Arrows mark the densities where muons appear  $(\mu)$  and where the DU processes involving electrons  $(n_e^{DU})$  and muons  $(n_\mu^{DU})$  occur.

DU process are expected to occur in neutron stars with a central density higher than  $0.67 \, \mathrm{fm^{-3}}$ . At  $n < 0.16 \, \mathrm{fm^{-3}}$ , the neutrino emissivity is completely determined by the electron MU process. At densities of  $n > 0.16 \, \mathrm{fm^{-3}}$ , the presence of muons enhances slightly the neutrino emissivity. Above  $n > 0.67 \, \mathrm{fm^{-3}}$ , the onset of the DU process turns out to amplify the neutrino emissivity by 6–8 orders of magnitude, in agreement with the previous investigations [38]. Therefore, one can expect that the DU process plays the predominant role in determining the neutron star cooling over the MU process [6,15,38,40,41].

The right panel of Fig. 2 is obtained by adopting the AV18 plus the TBF. By comparing the results in the left and right panels, one may notice that the most significant effect of the TBF is to reduce the threshold densities for the onset of the electron and muon DU processes to much lower values, i.e., from  $n_e^{DU}=0.67~{\rm fm^{-3}}$  and  $n_\mu^{DU}=0.76~{\rm fm^{-3}}$  down to  $n_e^{DU}=0.38~{\rm fm^{-3}}$  and  $n_\mu^{DU}=0.42~{\rm fm^{-3}}$ , respectively. As a result, the main difference between the neutrino emissivity predicted by including the TBF and that obtained by excluding the TBF lies in the density region of  $0.38 \text{ fm}^{-3} < n < 0.67 \text{ fm}^{-3}$  due to the different density thresholds of the DU processes in these two cases. It is clear from Fig. 2 that, in the density range from 0.38 fm<sup>-3</sup> to 0.67 fm<sup>-3</sup>, inclusion of the TBF leads to a strong enhancement of the calculated neutrino emissivity by 6-8 orders of magnitude in neutron star matter at a given temperature. As it has been pointed out in Ref. [15], the more rapidly the symmetry energy increases with density, the lower the density at which the DU process begins to operate. Therefore, the above-resulting TBF effect is expected since inclusion of the TBF stiffens the density dependence of symmetry energy and increases strongly the proton fraction in neutron star matter at high densities as displayed in Fig. 1. In other density ranges ( $n < 0.38 \text{ fm}^{-3} \text{ and } n > 0.67 \text{ fm}^{-3}$ ), the neutrino emissivity is enhanced slightly by inclusion of the TBF compared with the case of excluding the TBF.

In Fig. 2, we have displayed the density dependence of the neutrino emissivity obtained by adopting the AV18 two-body force with and without the TBF. Thus one can roughly estimate the total neutrino emissivity of a neutron star with a given mass  $(Q_t)$  by the following integral once the density distribution in the neutron star is obtained:

$$Q_t = \int_0^R 4\pi r^2 Q(r) dr, \tag{12}$$

where R denotes the radius of a neutron star with a given mass and Q(r) is the neutrino emissivity at the location r inside the neutron star (i.e., the radial distance from the center of the neutron star). In order to calculate the density distribution of a neutron star, one has to solve the well-known TOV equations [42]. In Table I, we display several properties of neutron stars with three different masses obtained by solving the TOV equations, where the physics inputs are calculated within the BHF approach by adopting the AV18 pure two-body force and the AV18 two-body force plus the TBF. We can see from Table I that inclusion of the TBF reduces greatly the central density of a neutron star with a fixed mass as compared with the case of excluding the TBF. Besides, the radii of neutron stars with certain masses obtained by adopting

TABLE I. Properties of neutron stars with three different masses  $(1.2M_{\odot}, 1.4M_{\odot}, 1.6M_{\odot})$  obtained by adopting the AV18 two body force including and excluding the TBF:  $n_c$  denotes the central density, R is the radius of neutron star, and  $R^{DU}$  is the radius range in which the DU processes are allowed.

	$n_c(\mathrm{fm}^{-3})$		R (km)		$R^{DU}(km)$	
	AV18	AV18+TBF	AV18	AV18+TBF	AV18	AV18+TBF
1.2 <i>M</i> <sub>☉</sub>	0.75	0.40	10.11	12.32	3.60	3.47
$1.4 M_{\odot}$	0.92	0.44	9.86	12.31	5.40	5.69
$1.6M_{\odot}$	1.19	0.50	9.37	12.27	6.40	7.09

AV18+TBF turn out to be much larger than the corresponding ones obtained by adopting purely the AV18 two-body force. The above results are consistent with the results in Ref. [20] within the BHF approach by adopting the Argonne AV14 and the Paris two-body force, implemented by the Urbana model for the TBF. Therefore one may expect that the density inside a neutron star obtained by adopting the pure AV18 two-body force decreases more rapidly than that calculated by including the TBF going from the center to the crust. In Table I, we also report the radius range  $R^{DU}$  of neutron star where the DU processes are allowed, i.e., the DU processes can occur from the center of neutron star up to the radius of  $R^{DU}$ . One may notice that the TBF effect on the range  $R^{DU}$  is quite weak for neutron stars with relatively small masses. For the neutron star with a larger mass of  $M = 1.6 M_{\odot}$ , inclusion of the TBF tends to increase  $R^{DU}$  by about 10% from 6.40 to 7.09 km.

In Fig. 3, we show the total neutrino emissivity of neutron stars with certain masses at three different temperatures, calculated by Eq. (12). It is noticed from Fig. 3 that the total neutrino emissivity from a neutron star increases greatly as a function of the neutron star mass. This is readily understood from the mass dependence of the radius range  $R^{DU}$  for the DU processes. It is easily seen from Fig. 2 that the total neutrino emissivity in Eq. (12) is contributed mainly from the DU processes; i.e., the radius range  $R^{DU}$  plays the dominant

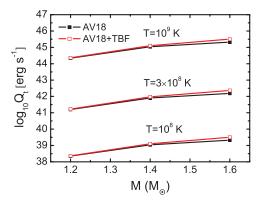


FIG. 3. (Color online) Total neutrino emissivity of neutron stars cores for three different masses  $(1.2M_{\odot},1.4M_{\odot},1.6M_{\odot})$  at three typical temperatures  $(10^8~\rm K,3\times10^8~\rm K,10^9~\rm K)$ . The filled squares are calculated by adopting purely the AV18 two body force and the open ones are obtained by including the TBF.

role in the integral of Eq. (12). We can notice from Table I that the radius range  $R^{DU}$  increases greatly as the mass of neutron star increases for the case of either including or excluding the TBF. Thus we can explain the mass dependence of the total neutrino emissivity. In Fig. 3, we also investigate the TBF effect on the total neutrino emissivity of neutron stars. By comparing the filled squares and the corresponding open ones in Fig. 3, one may notice that the TBF effect is negligibly small for neutron stars with small masses around  $1.2M_{\odot}$ . For neutron stars with larger masses, the TBF effect becomes visible. It is seen that the TBF effect is to enhance the total neutrino emissivity from neutron stars. It is worth noticing that although the TBF leads to a remarkable enhancement of the proton fraction and a strong reduction of the threshold density for the DU processes in  $\beta$ -stable neutron star matter, its effect on the total neutrino emissivity from neutron stars is not very large, as expected. For example, inclusion of the TBF enhances the total neutrino emissivity by only about 50% for a neutron star with  $M = 1.6 M_{\odot}$ . The above results concerning the TBF effect on the total neutrino emissivity can be easily understood according to the TBF effect on the range  $R^{DU}$  for the DU processes in neutron stars. As has been discussed in connection with Table I, the TBF affects the predicted  $R^{DU}$ only slightly for neutron stars with relatively low masses of less than  $1.4M_{\odot}$ . Its effects increase as the neutron star mass increases and it enhances the  $R^{DU}$  by about 10% as the neutron star mass increases to  $1.6M_{\odot}$ .

## IV. SUMMARY

In summary, we have investigated the TBF effect on the neutrino emissivity in the interior of neutron stars within the framework of the BHF approach by adopting the AV18 two-body interaction supplemented with a microscopic TBF. It is shown that the neutrino emissivity from the DU process is

much larger than that from the MU process, in agreement with the previous predictions [6,15,38,40,41]. The TBF is expected to increase the proton fraction in the  $\beta$ -stable neutron star matter [21,22], and consequently to reduce remarkably the density thresholds of the DU processes involving electrons and muons from  $n_e^{DU}=0.67~{\rm fm^{-3}}$  and  $n_\mu^{DU}=0.76~{\rm fm^{-3}}$  to  $n_e^{DU}=0.38~{\rm fm^{-3}}$  and  $n_\mu^{DU}=0.42~{\rm fm^{-3}}$ , respectively. Furthermore, it is shown that inclusion of the TBF enhances strongly the neutrino emissivity in the density region of  $0.38 \text{ fm}^{-3} < n < 0.67 \text{ fm}^{-3}$  in  $\beta$ -stable neutron star matter. In the density region out of  $0.38 \text{ fm}^{-3} < n < 0.67 \text{ fm}^{-3}$ , the TBF effect on the neutrino emissivity turns out to be quite small. In addition, we have investigated the TBF effect on the total neutrino emissivity from neutron stars. The radius range  $R^{DU}$ , in which the DU processes are possible, is calculated. It is found that the radius range  $R^{DU}$  plays the dominant role in determining the total neutrino emissivity from neutron stars and it increases considerably as the neutron star mass increases. As a consequence, the total neutrino emissivity from a neutron star increases as its mass increases. For neutron stars with small masses, the TBF effect on the total neutrino emissivity is proved to be negligibly small. The TBF effect on the total neutrino emissivity becomes visible for neutron stars with relatively large masses. However, it is not as strong as expected, and it leads an enhancement of the total neutrino emissivity of a neutron star with a given mass of  $1.6M_{\odot}$  by only about 50%.

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