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ANISOTROPIC SUPERFLUIDITY IN NEUTRON STAR MATTER*

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The magnitude of the expected superfluid transition temperature and the form of the gap are obtained for regimes of neutron density expected in neutron-star cores. For neutron densities exceeding $1.5 \times 10^{14} \text{ g cm}^{-3}$ the gap is anisotropic but nodeless, leading to thermodynamic properties of a conventional BCS-type superfluid.

In the density regime $5 \times 10^{13} \text{ g cm}^{-3} < \rho < 6 \times 10^{14} \text{ g cm}^{-3}$, characteristic of neutron-star cores, the neutron density varies from about $\frac{1}{3}$ to near 4 times the density of neutrons in normal nuclei. The attraction between appropriately paired neutrons at the top of their Fermi sea causes a BCS-type superfluid behavior.¹⁻³ The magnitude and form of the gap in the single-particle excitation spectrum depends sensitively upon density. This is because the appropriate Fermi energy varies as $\rho^{2/3}$ and the known neutron-neutron phase shifts depend strongly on energy. When $\rho \lesssim 1.5 \times 10^{14} \text{ g cm}^{-3}$, 1S_0 attraction gives conventional Cooper pairing; when $\rho \gtrsim 1.5 \times 10^{14} \text{ g cm}^{-3}$, the significant attraction is in the 3P_2 state. All other *S* and *P* phase shifts are much smaller or repulsive in this latter regime, and the resulting gap is nonisotropic. Anisotropic superfluidity has been considered earlier for liquid He^3 with *P*- and *D*-wave pairing.^{4,5}

We assume that for neutrons near the top of their Fermi sea, all interactions vanish except

1S_0 and 3P_2 , and that these can be adequately described by a separable-type potential chosen to fit the scattering data.⁶ Inside normal, symmetrical nuclear matter the effective phase shift δ^* and mass m^* differ from their values appropriate to free space. In an almost pure neutron environment, these differences are expected to be much smaller because the *n-p* interactions, which give the dominant contribution to them in normal nuclear matter, are not present. We assume $\delta^* \approx \delta$ and $m^* \approx m$, which is also supported by explicit numerical calculations at densities near those of neutrons in nuclei.⁷

The superfluid transition temperature T_c obtained numerically from the usual BCS linear equation⁸ with this interaction is given in Fig. 1. A qualitative fit³ to these results and to others with slightly different m^* is

$$\ln \frac{kT_c}{2E_F} \approx -\frac{\pi}{2} \frac{m}{m^*} \cot \delta^*, \quad (1)$$

where δ^* is either the 1S_0 or 3P_2 phase shift, whichever is the dominant attractive one at the

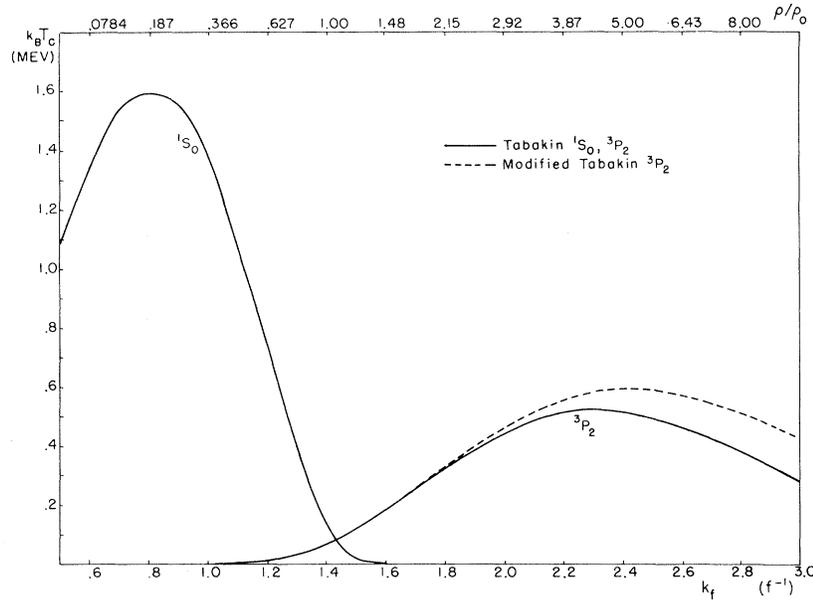


FIG. 1. Computed superfluid transition temperature for neutron matter as a function of Fermi wave number k_F (bottom scale) and of neutron density ρ (top scale) with $\delta^* = \delta$ and $m^* = m$. The neutron density ρ_0 in normal nuclei is $1.5 \times 10^{14} \text{ g cm}^{-3}$ and the density at the core-crust interface of a neutron star is about $5 \times 10^{13} \text{ g cm}^{-3}$. The solid curves were obtained with Tabakin's potentials (see Ref. 6), and the dashed curve with a one-term modification of the Tabakin potential.

Fermi momentum appropriate to the given neutron density. The computed transition temperatures are well above temperatures expected for neutron-star interiors.⁹ Coexisting with the neutrons is a degenerate proton fluid a few percent as dense. A very substantial superfluid transition temperature ($>10^9 \text{ }^\circ\text{K}$) seems likely also for the protons.

Although the transition-temperature calculations are essentially unchanged for pairing in any spin and angular-momentum state, the elucidation of the form of the gap below T_c requires an extension of conventional BCS theory. We use the generalization to triplet pairing of Balian and Werthamer¹⁰ in which the gap is a matrix $\Delta_{m_1 m_2}(\vec{k})$, where m_i is dichotomic and corresponds to the two values of the z component of

the spin of either paired electron. Balian and Werthamer¹⁰ applied their formalism to J -independent 3P interactions and showed that, in this case, the spin and angular dependence of the gap matrix is that of a 3P_0 state. An important condition that is placed on the gap matrix in this formalism is

$$\sum_m \Delta_{m m_1}^*(\vec{k}) \Delta_{m m_2}(k) = D^2(\vec{k}) \delta_{m_1 m_2}. \quad (2)$$

We have obtained this condition from the time-reversal invariance of the Hamiltonian and the assumption that, except for rotational degeneracy, the condensed state is unique. The quantity D^2 in (2) is the square of the energy gap in the quasiparticle spectrum. In the case treated by Balian and Werthamer this energy gap is isotropic. However, in the case of 3P_2 pairing, the gap matrix must have the form

$$\begin{pmatrix} \sqrt{2}\Delta_0 Y_{1-1} + 6^{1/2}\Delta_1 Y_{10} + 12^{1/2}\Delta_2 Y_{11} & -\sqrt{3}\Delta_1^* Y_{1-1} + 2\Delta_0 Y_{10} + \sqrt{3}\Delta_1 Y_{11} \\ -\sqrt{3}\Delta_1^* Y_{1-1} + 2\Delta_0 Y_{10} + \sqrt{3}\Delta_1 Y_{11} & \sqrt{2}\Delta_0 Y_{11} - 6^{1/2}\Delta_1^* Y_{10} + 12^{1/2}\Delta_2^* Y_{1-1} \end{pmatrix}, \quad (3)$$

and D^2 is a linear combination of spherical harmonics of orders 0 and 2. In a principal-axis system for $D^2(\vec{k})$, in which there is no longer rotational degeneracy, we have the additional restrictions

$$\begin{aligned} 8^{1/2}\Delta_0 \text{Im}\Delta_2 &= \sqrt{3} \text{Im}(\Delta_1)^2, \\ \Delta_0 \Delta_1 + 6^{1/2}\Delta_1^* \Delta_2 &= 0, \end{aligned} \quad (4)$$

where Δ_0 is chosen real. We find that the solution of the gap equation with the lowest energy has $\Delta_1 = \Delta_2 = 0$, i.e., the gap has the spin and angular dependence of a 3P_2 state with $M_J = 0$. Then $D^2(\vec{k})$ has the form

$$D^2(\vec{k}) = \Delta_0^2(k)(1 + 3 \cos^2\theta), \quad (5)$$

and $\Delta_0(k_F) = 1.2kT_c$. The energy gap is nodeless; this is expected for the lowest energy state whenever a nodeless solution of the gap equation exists.⁵ An important consequence of the nodeless gap is that the single-particle contribution to neutron-matter heat capacity contains the exponentially vanishing factor $e^{-T_c/T}$, just as for an isotropic superfluid.

The rotational degeneracy associated with the arbitrariness of the $\theta = 0$ direction is resolved in a neutron star by considerations of its stability. The lowest-energy configuration for the star is achieved when the gap polar axis ($\theta = 0$), along which the compressibility is greatest, orients itself in the radial direction in the star. There will, of course, exist some collective excitation modes⁵ in the star in which the gap polar axis departs from its locally preferred direction.

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EVIDENCE FOR Ξ RESONANCES IN THE $\Xi(1530)\pi$ SYSTEM*

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Evidence is presented for the decay of the $\Xi(1820)$ and $\Xi(1930)$ resonances to $\Xi(1530)\pi$, and for an $I = \frac{1}{2}$ assignment to these states. By combining data from the $\Xi\pi$ and $\Xi(1530)\pi$ decays of these resonances, we have determined their masses (1820 ± 7 , 1963 ± 8) MeV, widths (64 ± 23 , 89 ± 33) MeV, and branching ratios [$\Xi\pi/\Xi(1530)\pi = 1.5^{+0.6}_{-0.4}$, $2.8^{+0.7}_{-0.6}$].

The existence of Ξ resonant states in the $\Xi(1530)\pi$ system has yet to be convincingly demonstrated.¹⁻⁴ In this paper, evidence is presented for the decay of $\Xi(1820)$ and $\Xi(1930)$ into $\Xi(1530)\pi$ channels. The data have been analyzed to determine mass, width, and isospin values

for these resonances. In addition, a comparison with our previously reported result⁵ on resonant states in the $\Xi\pi$ system yields branching-ratio information for these particles.

The data are based on the analysis of 10^6 pictures of K^-p interactions at 2.87 GeV/c momen-