Hadronic-to-Quark-Matter Conversion in Neutron Stars

Recent Developments and Astrophysical Implications



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What has been done, what we have learned A consensus ?

Quark-Nova (QN) simulations:

Burn-UD in 1D Burn-UD in 2D & 3D The Hyrdro-Neutrino intimacy



Quark-Novae (QNe) in Astrophysics :



15 minutes

Implications to Nuclear Astrophysics Neutrino signal? GW signal? predictions, predictions, predictions

contribution to core-collapse SNe?





Baym et al. (1985) Alcock et al. (1986)

Olinto (PLB 192, 71 (1987)): 1D Reactive-Diffusive

Diffusion of massless strange quarks across a *zero-width* interface

Rapid (0.1ms) conversion

Compression shock Prior to deflagration

Horvath & Benvenuto (1988), Cho (1984), Lugones (2002), Drago et al., ApJ 659, 1519 (2007) Strong deflagration Hydrodynamics with jump conditions



Recent Efforts/Simulations: not all cited/referenced

Group	2-step conv.	Weak deflag	Strong deflag	Detonation	Key idea
Olinto et al.		X			Diffusion of seed gives combustion
Heiselberg et		X			Diffusion of seed gives combustion
Olesen et al.		X			Diffusion of seed gives combustion
Benvenuto				Х	Deconfinement leads to shock induced detonation
Niebergal			Х		Hydrodynamics and microphysics
Herzog et al.			Х		Macroscopic Hydro instabilities
Bhattacharry	Х			Х	Advocate for 2 step conversion
Mishustin				Х	<i>Front velocity depends on hadronic matter velocity</i>
Cho et al.				Х	
Tokareva et al				Х	All combustion modes are possible
Lugones et al.	Х			Х	
Drago et al.			Х		Mixed phase
Furusawa	Х			X	Strong detonation in exothermic and endothermic regimes

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If one uses ONLY jump conditions, one is assuming that only fluid pressure differences matter.

NEUTRINOS change the temperature profile at the interface and ALTER the jump conditions quite a bit !

Non-premixed (i.e. diffusion-driven not heat-riven).



The Burn-UD code: Latest upgrade

Burn-UD





In pre-mixed, oxidant and fuel are mixed and they react when the mixture becomes hot enough.

Flame propagation is mostly controlled by heat transfer!

Heat is relatively fast and efficient.

Non Pre-mixed combustion is chemically driven and diffusion combustion is hydrodynamic. I.e. flame driven by diffusion, so hydrodynamics needed.

Even if temperature rises, there won't be combustion until fuel and oxidant mix in an interface. Mixing happens through diffusion and is <u>way slower</u> than heat transfer.

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Rate/Hydro Equations

Reactive-Diffusive Hydrodynamics



Niebergal, Ouyed, & Jaikumar, PRC Rapid Comm. 82, 062801 (2010)

Burn-UD

(Niebergal's PhD Thesis)

Burn-UD in a nutshell

Solves the equations of hydrodynamical combustion to SQM.

Equations solved explicitly in time using an RK4 scheme.

Spatial derivatives are treated separately, as per the method of lines.

The spatial derivatives include (compressible) advection - which is treated with a third-order upwinded, flux-limited, finite-volume scheme as well as diffusion and pressure terms, which are solved via a second-order, non-upwinded scheme, and treated separately from the advection terms (ie. not flux-limited).



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Burn-UD: A reactive-diffusive hydro code (1D-2D-3D)



Scratching our heads:

(1) Transition in the PNS ($\mathbf{T} \sim 50$ MeV and $\mathbf{Ye} \sim 0.3$)? Transition well after the birth of the neutron star, ($\mathbf{T} \sim 50$ keV, $\mathbf{Ye} \sim 0.01$)? Are neutrinos free-streaming through the envelope or trapped near the conversion front.

(2) How much energy is deposited by neutrinos in the surrounding unconverted matter? (neutrino energy, temperature, density, **Ye**, the electron fraction of the untransformed neutron star).







With / without Neutrinos



Contained uds core ?

Neutrino Cooling

- Cooling leads to pressure drop behind the interface.
- P goes as T⁴
- Backpressure can halt parts of the interface at lower densities, but burning continues.
 "Cavitation"
- wrinkles the interface.

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Neutrino emissivity peaks in the interface region



Halting of the interface



"Contained" Quark-Nova!





Astrophysical Implications









Neutrino Signal?



Combustion of a neutron star into a strange quark star: The neutrino signal

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There are strong indications that the process of conversion of a neutron star into a strange quark star proceeds as a strong deflagration implying that in a few milliseconds almost the whole star is converted. Starting from the three-dimensional hydrodynamic simulations of the combustion process which provide the temperature profiles inside the newly born strange star, we calculate for the first time the neutrino signal that is to be expected if such a conversion process takes place. The neutrino emission is characterized by a luminosity and a duration that is typical for the signal expected from protoneutron stars and represents therefore a powerful source of neutrinos which could be possibly directly detected in case of events occurring close to our Galaxy. We discuss moreover possible connections between the birth of strange stars and explosive phenomena such as supernovae and gamma-ray-bursts.

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Super-Novae as contained Quark-Novae?



core collapse supernova mechanism



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QN as an r-process site : site for heavy elements formation





<u>Jaikumar et al. 2007</u> <u>Charignon et al. 2012</u> <u>Kostka et al. 2014</u> <u>Kostka et al. 2015</u>





NEUTRON STAR









Gravitational waves from <u>collapsing</u> NS to a hybrid star

Earlier work by Lin et al. (ApJ 639, 382 (2006))

- Phase-transition induced collapse with *mixed phase* of hadrons+quarks in the center



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Gravitational waves from SQM burning ~ (non-axisymmetric expanding interface!)

(Staff et al. 2012, ApJ, 751, 24))



- Signal emitted due to the combustion process Starts with non-premixed fluids and quark front advances at speeds determined by previous simulation

GW Luminosity: GW Double-hump



Peak comes from competing effects of increasing mass flow and decreasing density gradient – duration of signal is set by conversion time (millsecs.)

Integrated luminosity ~ 10^{46} - 10^{48} ergs (0.01% of binding energy of neutron star)

Signal could be significant for a Galactic event





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Formation of fissile nuclei

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