

Extracting equation of state from neutron star observation using machine learning

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1. Introduction: dense matter equation of state (EoS)

- Equation of State (EoS): static relation between pressure p and density ρ
- The current status of the EoS:
 - At lower density Nuclear calculation, well-constrained around ρ_0 ... but reliability above ρ_0 decline with growing density
 - At higher density Perturbative QCD calculation is feasible ... but plagued with large uncertainty

$\rho_0 \sim 0.16 \text{ fm}^{-3}$; normal nuclear density

We extract this lacking information of the EoS from neutron star observables using machine learning

2. Neutron star phenomenology

- TOV equation connects EoS and neutron star observables:
 - Tolman-Oppenheimer-Volkoff (TOV) equation: General relativistic equation for hydrostatic equilibrium

Observables: mass M , radius R

If M - R curve is given, there is one-to-one correspondence Lindblom (1992)

- Observables: X-ray measurement of neutron star masses and radii
- 14 of them are distributed on the website

Contour plot (68 %) for each stars Ozel et al. (2016)

Using the one-to-one mapping between M - R and EoS, estimate the EoS from the real observables

3. Machine learning method for EoS estimation

- In reality, however, above one-to-one correspondence is not exact because the M - R is not curve anymore:
 - finding this Ψ_{TOV}^{-1} becomes nontrivial task
- To get "EoS predictor," express this mapping in terms of deep neural network
 - Prepare training data (input and answer)
 - Compare prediction with answer and evaluate error
 - Fit neural network parameters to minimize the error
- Use bootstrapping method for uncertainty estimation

4. Mock data analysis

- EoS reconstruction accuracy: typical examples

- Reconstruction accuracy in M - R space

Mass (M_\odot)	0.6	0.8	1.0	1.2	1.4	1.6	1.8
σ_R (km)	0.16	0.12	0.10	0.099	0.11	0.11	0.12

$\sigma_R = \text{RMS}[\delta R(M)]$

- Reconstruction accuracy: ~ 0.1 km surpassing the current observational uncertainties!

5. Results and discussion

- Inferred result

- Sound velocity
 - Sound velocity: $c_s^2 = \frac{\partial p}{\partial \rho}$
 - Upper limit for ultra-relativistic particle: $c_s^2 = 1/3$ (Conformal limit)
 - Sound velocity exceeds conformal limit!
- Consistency check with independent result
 - Chiral effective theory: shown above in grey region, consistent Hebel et al. (2013)
 - Nuclear theory: EoS based on realistic potential such as APR, consistent
 - Quark-hadron continuity: three-window EoS (QHC19), consistent Baym et al. (2019)
 - GW170817: calculated tidal deformability with our result, consistent
 - $\Lambda_{\text{ours}}(1.4 M_\odot) = 320_{-110}^{+120}$, $\Lambda_{\text{GW170817}}(1.4 M_\odot) = 190_{-120}^{+390}$ Annala et al. (2017), Abbott et al. (2018)
- Relation with Bayesian inference of EoS
 - We want to find Ψ_{TOV}^{-1} such that $\theta = \Psi_{\text{TOV}}^{-1}(\mathcal{D})$ (θ : EoS parameter, \mathcal{D} : observation)
 - Bayesian (e.g. Maximum posterior estimator)
 - $\Psi_{\text{MAP}}^{-1} = \text{argmax}_\theta \Pr(\theta | \mathcal{D}) = \text{argmax}_\theta \Pr(\theta) \Pr(\mathcal{D} | \theta)$
 - Neural network
 - find Ψ^{-1} through minimizing: $\langle \ell[\Psi^{-1}] \rangle = \int d\theta d\mathcal{D} \Pr(\theta) \Pr(\mathcal{D} | \theta) \ell(\theta, \Psi^{-1}(\mathcal{D}))$
 - approximated estimate of loss function \rightarrow Bayesian

6. Conclusions and future prospects

- ### Conclusions
- We established the method to estimate EoS using machine learning
 - Put significant constraint on EoS based the real neutron star observations
 - Result seems to be consistent with independent study
- ### Future prospects
- Rigorous treatment of the uncertainty; bootstrapping is known to be optimistic
 - Study the bias effect of other contributions