

Skyrme interaction with 2-, 3- and 4-body terms : Pairing and surface properties.

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1 Introduction

- Motivations : surface and pairing properties, how to calculate it ?
- New Skyrme interaction with 2-,3- and 4-body terms

2 A pocket formula for the surface energy

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- Results and comparison with other semi-classical or quantal approaches

3 Pairing gap in the symmetric infinite nuclear matter

- Pairing in the SINM
- Solving the gap equation in the SINM
- Pairing Gaps : What's new with 3 and 4-body terms ?

Motivations

- Need for fast and robust tools to calculate and then constrain :
 - surface properties ;
 - pairing properties.

Basic ingredients

- General form of the interaction :

$$V_{\text{Sk}}(\mathbf{r}) = V_{\text{Sk}}^{(2)}(\mathbf{r}) + V_{\text{Sk}}^{(3)}(\mathbf{r}) + V_{\text{Sk}}^{(4)}(\mathbf{r}),$$

- Possibility including spin-orbit and tensor terms (14 up to 16 parameters)
- Leads to a Skyrme EDF of the form :

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{E}_{\text{Sk}}(\mathbf{r}) = & \mathcal{E}_{\text{Sk}}^{\rho\rho}(\mathbf{r}) + \mathcal{E}_{\text{Sk}}^{\kappa\kappa}(\mathbf{r}) + \mathcal{E}_{\text{Sk}}^{\rho\rho\rho}(\mathbf{r}) + \mathcal{E}_{\text{Sk}}^{\kappa\kappa\rho}(\mathbf{r}) \\ & + \mathcal{E}_{\text{Sk}}^{\rho\rho\rho\rho}(\mathbf{r}) + \mathcal{E}_{\text{Sk}}^{\kappa\kappa\rho\rho}(\mathbf{r}) + \mathcal{E}_{\text{Sk}}^{\kappa\kappa\kappa\kappa}(\mathbf{r}). \end{aligned}$$

The modified Thomas-Fermi method : Cooking recipe

- Skyrme EDF in symmetric semi-infinite nuclear matter, without pairing :

$$\mathcal{E}_{(\text{Sk})} = \mathcal{E}_{(\text{Sk})} [\rho_0, \tau_0, J_0] ,$$

- Modified Thomas-Fermi approximation (MTF) = truncated \hbar expansion [Brack, Phys.Rep. (1985)] :

$$\tau^{(\text{MTF})} = \alpha \rho + \beta \frac{(\nabla \rho)^2}{\rho} + \gamma \Delta \rho + \tau^{(\text{SO})} ,$$

$$J^{(\text{MTF})} = - \frac{2m}{\hbar^2} \frac{\rho}{f[\rho]} \frac{\partial \mathcal{E}_{\text{Sk}}}{\partial J}$$

- α, β, γ extracted from Wigner-Kirkwood transformation
- MTF : no effective mass dependant terms in developpement + modified β values.
- Euler-Lagrange equation analytically solvable :

$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{E}_{\text{Sk}}}{\partial \rho} + \nabla \frac{\partial \mathcal{E}_{\text{Sk}}}{\partial \nabla \rho} = \frac{\partial \mathcal{E}_{\text{Sk}}}{\partial \rho} \Big|_{\rho_{\text{sat}}} .$$

- Extract surface energy coefficient from the solution of the Euler equation.

Results : MTF

- A pocket formula for the surface energy coefficient

$$E_s = 8\pi r_0^2 \int_0^{\rho_{sat}} d\rho [F[\rho](E/A(\rho) - E/A(\rho_{sat}))]^{1/2},$$

$$\text{with } F[\rho] = \beta \frac{\hbar^2}{2m} + d\rho + g\rho^2 + V_{so}[\rho].$$

Results : How does it compare with other methods ?

HF

- Trial wave function.
- Iterative process → minimize the energy density and find the associate states.
 - MTF Advantages : No CPU time consuming ! While, ETF4 calculation or HF are more time demanding.

ETF4

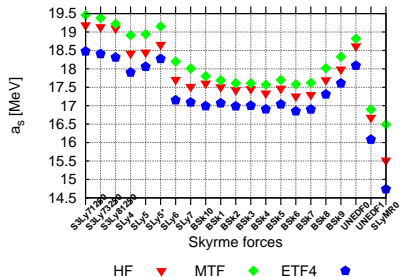
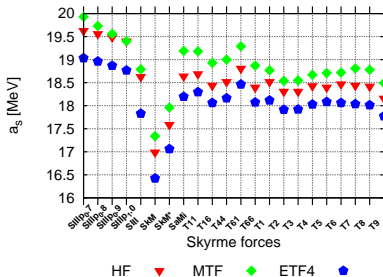
- Trial density profile.
- Iterative process → minimize the energy density and find the associate density profil.

MTF

- A standalone pocket formula dependending only on ρ_{sat} and Skyrme parameters.

Is MTF calculations reliables ?

- Interest of constraining surface energy : control fission and deformation properties.
- Comparison between HF, ETF4 and MTF surface energy calculations.
- Large set of different Skyrme parametrizations with different properties :
 - effective masses (BSk, SIII...)
 - including tensor part (Tij)
 - etc...



Solving the pairing gap equation in SINM

- motivation : hard to constrain in nuclei (evaluation of $f7/2$ shell pairing matrix element in ^{40}Ca). [Gomez, NPA (1992)] :
- Skyrme EDF in symmetric infinite nuclear matter, with pairing :

$$\mathcal{E}(\text{Sk}) = \mathcal{E}(\text{Sk}) [\rho_0, \tau_0, \tilde{\rho}_0, \tilde{\tau}_0] ,$$

- Non-zero densities in SINM [Takahara, PLB (1994)] :

$$\rho_0 = \frac{2}{\pi^2} \int_{k_{\min}}^{k_{\max}} dk k^2 v^2(k) + \frac{2}{3\pi^2} k_{\min}^3 , \quad \tilde{\rho}_0 = -\frac{2}{\pi^2} \int_{k_{\min}}^{k_{\max}} dk k^2 u(k) v(k) ,$$

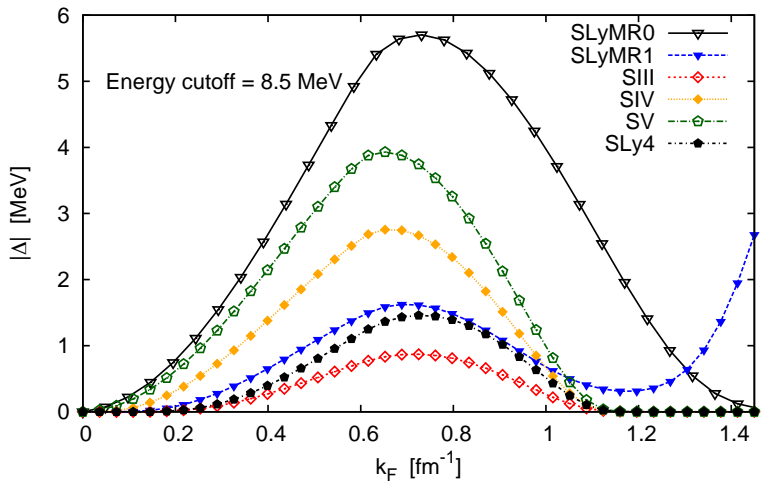
$$\tau_0 = \frac{2}{\pi^2} \int_{k_{\min}}^{k_{\max}} dk k^4 v^2(k) + \frac{2}{5\pi^2} k_{\min}^5 , \quad \tilde{\tau}_0 = -\frac{2}{\pi^2} \int_{k_{\min}}^{k_{\max}} dk k^4 u(k) v(k) ,$$

- A new parameter of the interaction \rightarrow the energy cutoff E_c .
 $\rightarrow E_c$ choosed at 8.5 MeV for SLyMR0 and SLyMR1.
- SLyMR0 : 2-body NLO interaction + 3- and 4-body contact terms.
- SLyMR1 : 2-,3-body NLO interaction + 4-body contact term.

Gap equation

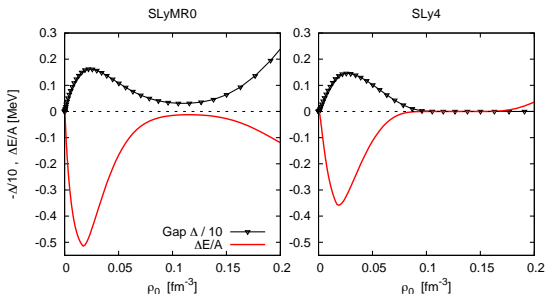
$$\Delta(k) = - \sum_{\mathbf{k}_1} V_{\text{Sk}}(|\mathbf{k} - \mathbf{k}_1|) u(k_1) v(k_1) \quad \Rightarrow \quad \Delta(k) = - \left[\frac{\partial \mathcal{E}_{\text{Sk}}}{\partial \tilde{\rho}} + k^2 \frac{\partial \mathcal{E}_{\text{Sk}}}{\partial \tilde{\tau}} \right] .$$

Pairing gaps for different Skyrme forces



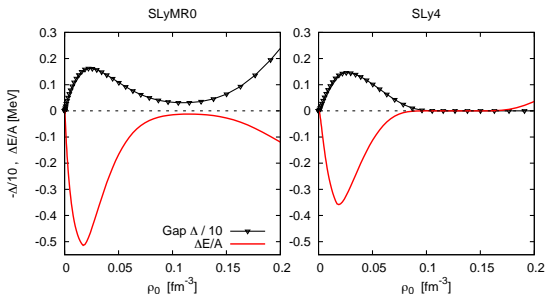
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- Solutions :
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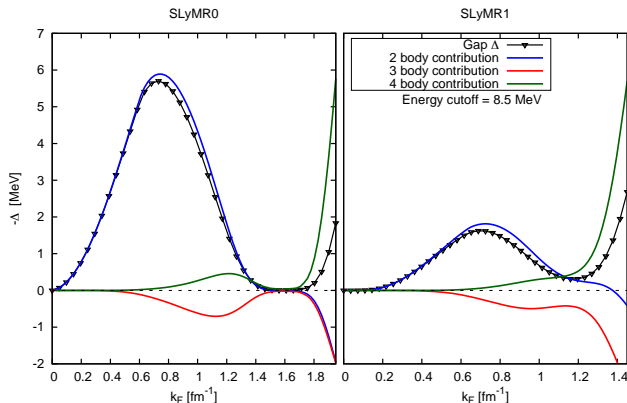


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→ Need to look if the solutions with pairing is minimizing the Hamiltonian density otherwise, pairing gap is zero.

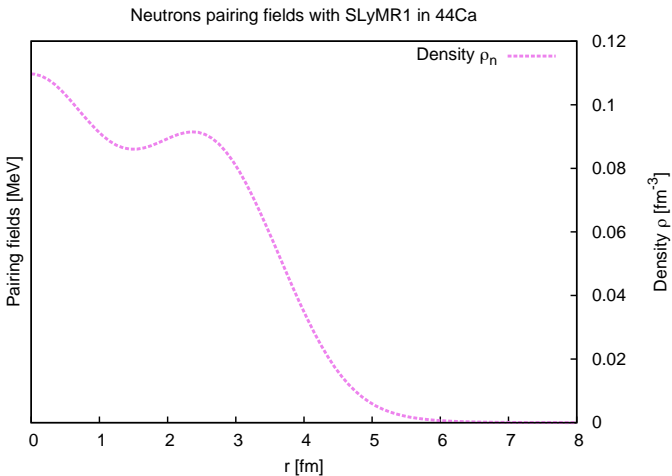


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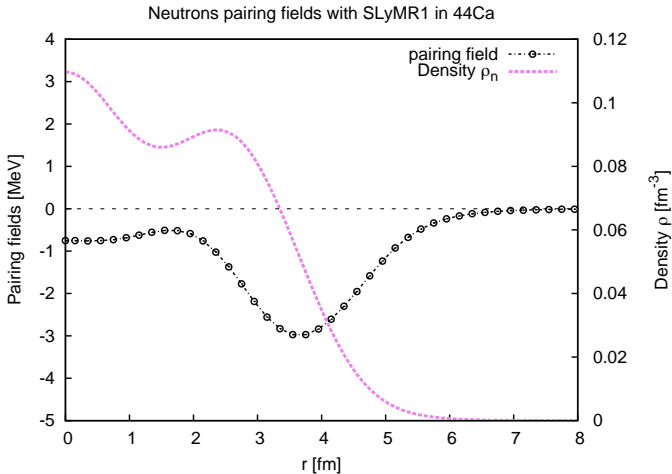


- For densities around saturation $\simeq 90\%$ of the gap is due to the 2-body interaction.
- 3-body interaction lowers pairing correlations.
- Attractive 4-body dominates at very high densities.
- SLyMR0 mainly gives a surface pairing while SLyMR1 gives a mixed pairing.

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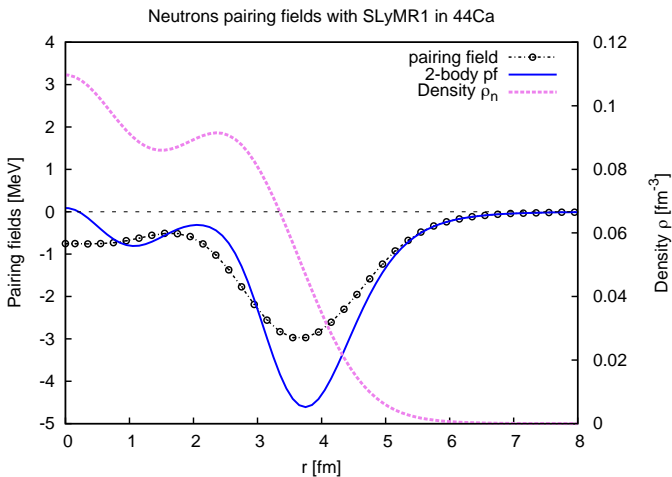


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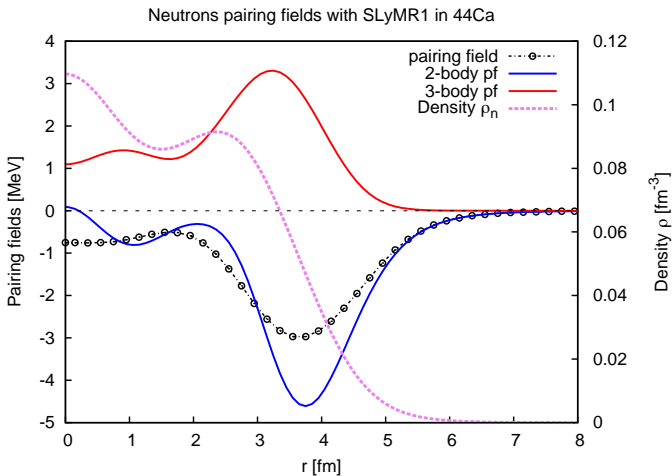


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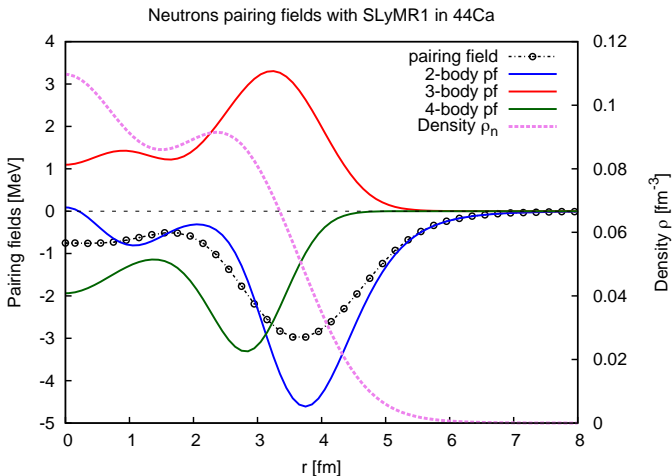
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Conclusions

- MTF is a fast and reliable method to calculate the surface energy coefficient.
- It can be incorporated in fit procedure.
- SLyMR1 gives a mixed pairing mainly governed by the 2-body part on the surface and by 4-body in the bulk.

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