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# A Study of Effects from $a_0(980)$ Meson to Asymmetric Matter Based on a Parity Doublet Model

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**Abstract:** In the present work, we study the effect of the isovector scalar meson  $a_0(980)$  (also called  $\delta$ ) to the asymmetric matter properties by constructing a parity doublet model with including the  $a_0(980)$  meson based on the approximate chiral  $U(2)_L \times U(2)_R$  symmetry. The effect of  $a_0(980)$  to the properties of symmetric matter such as symmetry energy  $S(n_B)$ , symmetry incompressibility  $K_{\text{sym}}$ , symmetry skewness  $Q_{\text{sym}}$  is investigated. We find that,  $a_0(980)$  meson has significant effect to these nuclear matter properties especially when the chiral invariant mass of nucleon  $m_0$  is small. We also study the effect of the  $a_0(980)$  meson to the neutron star (NS) properties and find that it increase the radius of NSs, especially those having intermediate mass. Finally, we further constrain the value of the chiral invariant mass of the nucleon to  $640 \text{ MeV} \lesssim m_0 \lesssim 860 \text{ MeV}$  for  $L_0 = 57.7 \text{ MeV}$  by comparing with the recent accepted value of  $K_{\text{sym}}$  and neutron star (NS) observational data.

**Key words:** parity doublet model; neutron star; asymmetric matter; isovector scalar meson  $a_0(980)$

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## 0 Introduction

Chiral symmetry and its spontaneous breaking is one of the most important ingredient in the low-energy hadron physics. The spontaneous chiral symmetry breaking is expected to generate a part of hadron masses, and also causes mass difference between chiral partners. Here we would like to raise a question: How much mass of nucleon is from the spontaneous chiral symmetry breaking? This question can be addressed using, so called parity doublet models for nucleons<sup>[1]</sup>.

In the parity doublet model (PDM)<sup>[1-2]</sup> an excited nucleon  $N(1535)$  is regarded as the chiral partner to the ordinary nucleon, and both of them have a chiral invariant mass. In this model, the mass of nucleon is schematically written as a sum of chiral invariant mass  $m_0$  and the part coming from the spontaneous chiral symmetry breaking. Since the chiral symmetry is expected to be restored in the high density matter while the chiral invariant mass will be intact, we can study the origin of nucleon mass by applying the parity doublet model to study high-density matter.

There are many works which studied high-density

matter based on PDMs. Here, we just list several works closely related to the present work: In Ref. [3], a PDM with a six-point interaction of sigma meson was proposed, the result of which shows that the incompressibility  $K_0 = 240 \text{ MeV}$  is reproduced for  $m_0 = 500 \sim 900 \text{ MeV}$ . In Ref. [4], a constraint to the chiral invariant mass in the PDM was obtained from the neutron star (NS) properties. In Ref. [5], a unified equation of state (EoS) for NS was constructed by connecting the PDM and an NJL-type quark model, based on the crossover picture in Ref. [6], to obtain a constraint to  $m_0$  from the NS properties. A novel way to obtain the density dependence of the quark condensate was proposed in Ref. [7]. The effect of  $U(1)_A$  axial anomaly was studied in Ref. [8]. These analyses based on the PMD-NJL crossover model are summarized in the review published in Ref. [9]. Ref. [10] studies properties of nuclei such as the binding energy and charge radius using the PDM and shows that  $m_0 = 700 \text{ MeV}$  is preferred. Recently in Ref. [11], the effect of the isovector scalar meson  $a_0(980)$  meson to the nuclear matter and neutron star properties was studied. The PDM was also used to study the hadron-quark phase transition in Ref. [12].

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It is an important topic in nuclear and hadron physics to understand the EoS of the dense hadronic matter. Study of the EoS will provide some clues to understand the properties of the high density nuclear matter as well as the neutron star. Symmetry properties of the nuclear matter such as the symmetry energy are very important for the study of asymmetric matter. In this work, we also study the symmetry properties such as the symmetry energy  $S$ , the symmetry incompressibility  $K_{\text{sym}}$ , and the symmetry skewness coefficient  $Q_{\text{sym}}$ , focusing on the effects from the isovector scalar meson  $a_0(980)$  which mediates the attractive force in the isovector channel. We find that, the  $a_0(980)$  meson has a significant effect to the symmetry properties and the asymmetric matter when  $m_0$  is small. Comparing our predictions with the constraints from the NS observation and the terrestrial experiments, we are able to constrain the size of the chiral invariant mass  $m_0$ .

This work is organized as follows. The model used in this work is presented in Section 1. Then, we discuss the results of nuclear matter such as the symmetry energy  $S$ , symmetry incompressibility  $K_{\text{sym}}$ , and symmetry skewness coefficient  $Q_{\text{sym}}$ , as well as the neutron star properties computed from the present model and the effect of  $a_0(980)$  meson to these matter properties in Section 2. We then constrain the chiral invariant mass of nucleon  $m_0$  by comparing the results to the recent accepted constraints to the symmetric properties and the neutron star observations. Finally, we summarize this work in Section 3.

## 1 A parity doublet model with $a_0(980)$ meson

We construct a parity doublet model with  $a_0(980)$  meson based on  $U(2)_L \times U(2)_R$  chiral symmetry. The effective Lagrangian is given by

$$\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{L}_N + \mathcal{L}_M + \mathcal{L}_V, \quad (1)$$

where the Lagrangian is separated into three parts: the Lagrangian for baryons including the Yukawa interactions to the scalar and pseudoscalar mesons expressed by  $\mathcal{L}_N$ , the Lagrangian for the scalar and pseudoscalar mesons expressed by  $\mathcal{L}_M$ , and the vector meson Lagrangian for the vector mesons including the Yukawa interaction of the baryons to vector mesons expressed by  $\mathcal{L}_V$ . In  $\mathcal{L}_M$ , the scalar and pseudoscalar meson field  $M$  is introduced as the  $(2,2)_{-2}$  representation under the  $SU(2)_L \times SU(2)_R \times U(1)_A$  symmetry which transforms as

$$M \rightarrow e^{-2i\theta_A} g_L M g_R^\dagger, \quad (2)$$

where  $g_{R,L} \in SU(2)_{R,L}$  and  $e^{-2i\theta_A} \in U(1)_A$ . We parameterize  $M$  as

$$M = [\sigma + i\pi \cdot \tau] - [a_0 \cdot \tau + i\eta], \quad (3)$$

where  $\sigma, \pi, a_0, \eta$  are scalar and pseudoscalar meson fields, and  $\tau$  are the Pauli matrices. The vacuum expectation value (VEV) of  $M$  is given by

$$\langle 0 | M | 0 \rangle = \begin{pmatrix} \sigma_0 & 0 \\ 0 & \sigma_0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad (4)$$

where  $\sigma_0 = \langle 0 | \sigma | 0 \rangle$  is the VEV of the  $\sigma$  field. The explicit form of the Lagrangian  $\mathcal{L}_M$  is given by

$$\mathcal{L}_M = \frac{1}{4} \text{tr} [\partial_\mu M \partial^\mu M^\dagger] - V_M, \quad (5)$$

where  $V_M$  is the potential for  $M$ . In the present model,  $V_M$  is taken as

$$\begin{aligned} V_M = & -\frac{\bar{\mu}^2}{4} \text{tr}[M^\dagger M] + \frac{\lambda_{41}}{8} \text{tr}[(M^\dagger M)^2] - \\ & \frac{\lambda_{42}}{16} \{\text{tr}[M^\dagger M]\}^2 - \frac{\lambda_6}{12} \text{tr}[(M^\dagger M)^3] - \\ & \frac{m_\pi^2 f_\pi}{4} \text{tr}[M + M^\dagger] - \frac{K}{8} \{ \text{det}M + \text{det}M^\dagger \}. \end{aligned} \quad (6)$$

For the vector meson, the iso-triplet  $\rho$  meson and iso-singlet  $\omega$  meson are included based on the hidden local symmetry<sup>[13-14]</sup> to account for the repulsive force in the matter. In this work, we just show the Lagrangian after taking the mean-field approximation later. The complete Lagrangian for the vector mesons is seen in Ref. [15].

Finally, the baryonic Lagrangian  $\mathcal{L}_N$  based on the parity doubling structure<sup>[1-2]</sup> is given by

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}_N = & \bar{N}_1 i\cancel{\partial} N_1 + \bar{N}_2 i\cancel{\partial} N_2 - m_0 [\bar{N}_1 \gamma_5 N_2 - \bar{N}_2 \gamma_5 N_1] - \\ & g_1 [\bar{N}_{1l} M N_{1r} + \bar{N}_{1r} M^\dagger N_{1l}] - \\ & g_2 [\bar{N}_{2r} M N_{2l} + \bar{N}_{2l} M^\dagger N_{2r}], \end{aligned} \quad (7)$$

where  $N_{ir}$  ( $N_{il}$ ) ( $i = 1, 2$ ) is the right-handed (left-handed) component of the nucleon fields  $N_i$ . By diagonalizing  $\mathcal{L}_N$ , we obtain two baryon fields  $N_+$  and  $N_-$  corresponding to the positive parity and negative parity nucleon fields, respectively. Their masses at vacuum are obtained as<sup>[1-2]</sup>

$$m_\pm^{(\text{vac})} = \frac{1}{2} \left[ \sqrt{(g_1 + g_2)^2 \sigma_0^2 + 4m_0^2} \pm (g_1 - g_2) \sigma_0 \right]. \quad (8)$$

In the present work,  $N_+$  and  $N_-$  are identified as  $N(939)$  and  $N(1535)$  respectively, with  $m_+$  ( $m_-$ ) to be the mass of  $N(939)$  ( $N(1535)$ ).

To construct the finite matter, we adopt the mean-field approximation following<sup>[5, 9]</sup>, by taking

$$\sigma(x) \rightarrow \sigma, \quad \pi(x) \rightarrow 0, \quad \eta(x) \rightarrow 0. \quad (9)$$

The  $a_0(980)$  mean field is assumed to have non-zero value only in the third axis of iso-spin as

$$a_0^i(x) \rightarrow a \delta_{i3} . \quad (10)$$

We note that the mean field of  $a_0(980)$  vanishes ( $a = 0$ ) in the symmetric nuclear matter as well as vacuum, due to the iso-spin invariance. The mean fields for vector mesons are taken as

$$\omega_\mu(x) \rightarrow \omega \delta_{\mu 0}, \quad \rho_\mu^i(x) \rightarrow \rho \delta_{\mu 0} \delta_{i3} . \quad (11)$$

Redefining the parameters as

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{\mu}_\sigma^2 &\equiv \bar{\mu}^2 + \frac{1}{2} K, \\ \bar{\mu}_a^2 &\equiv \bar{\mu}^2 - \frac{1}{2} K = \bar{\mu}_\sigma^2 - K, \\ \lambda_4 &\equiv \lambda_{41} - \lambda_{42}, \\ \gamma_4 &\equiv 3\lambda_{41} - \lambda_{42}, \end{aligned} \quad (12)$$

we write  $V_M$  in terms of the meson mean fields as

$$\begin{aligned} V_M = -\frac{\bar{\mu}_\sigma^2}{2} \sigma^2 - \frac{\bar{\mu}_a^2}{2} a^2 + \frac{\lambda_4}{4} (\sigma^4 + a^4) + \frac{\gamma_4}{2} \sigma^2 a^2 - \\ \frac{\lambda_6}{6} (\sigma^6 + 15\sigma^2 a^4 + 15\sigma^4 a^2 + a^6) - m_\pi^2 f_\pi \sigma. \end{aligned} \quad (13)$$

The Lagrangian  $\mathcal{L}_V$  is written in terms of the mean fields of the vector mesons as

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}_V = -g_\omega \sum_{aj} \bar{N}_{aj} \gamma^0 \omega N_{aj} - g_\rho \sum_{aj} \bar{N}_{aj} \gamma^0 \frac{\tau_3}{2} \rho N_{aj} + \\ \frac{1}{2} m_\omega^2 \omega^2 + \frac{1}{2} m_\rho^2 \rho^2 + \lambda_{\omega\rho} g_\omega^2 g_\rho^2 \omega^2 \rho^2. \end{aligned} \quad (14)$$

We note that the  $\omega$ - $\rho$  mixing is included in our model to reduce the slope parameter following Ref. [8].

Now, the thermodynamic potential for the nucleons is written as

$$\Omega_N = -2 \sum_{\alpha=\pm, j=p,n} \int^{k_f} \frac{d^3 p}{(2\pi)^3} \left[ \mu_j^* - E_{aj} \right], \quad (15)$$

where  $\alpha = \pm$  denotes the parity and  $j = p, n$  the iso-spin of nucleons.  $\mu_j^*$  is the effective chemical potential given by

$$\mu_j^* \equiv (\mu_B - g_\omega \omega) + \frac{j}{2} (\mu_I - g_\rho \rho), \quad (16)$$

and  $E_{aj}$  is the energy of the nucleon defined as  $E_{aj} = \sqrt{(\mathbf{p})^2 + (m_{aj}^*)^2}$  where  $\mathbf{p}$  and  $m_{aj}^*$  are the momentum and the effective mass of the nucleon. The effective mass  $m_{aj}^*$  is given by

$$m_{aj}^* = \frac{1}{2} \left[ \sqrt{(g_1 + g_2)^2 (\sigma - ja)^2 + 4m_0^2} + \alpha(g_1 - g_2)(\sigma - ja) \right]. \quad (17)$$

We stress that the masses of proton and neutron become non-degenerate in the asymmetric matter due to the non-zero mean field of  $a_0(980)$ .

By combining the above contributions, the entire thermodynamic potential for hadronic matter is expressed as

$$\begin{aligned} \Omega_H = \Omega_N &\frac{\bar{\mu}_\sigma^2}{2} \sigma^2 - \frac{\bar{\mu}_a^2}{2} a^2 + \frac{\lambda_4}{4} (\sigma^4 + a^4) + \frac{\gamma_4}{2} \sigma^2 a^2 - \\ &\frac{\lambda_6}{6} (\sigma^6 + 15\sigma^2 a^4 + 15\sigma^4 a^2 + a^6) - \\ &m_\pi^2 f_\pi \sigma - \frac{1}{2} m_\omega^2 \omega^2 - \frac{1}{2} m_\rho^2 \rho^2 - \lambda_{\omega\rho} g_\omega^2 g_\rho^2 \omega^2 \rho^2 - \Omega_0, \end{aligned} \quad (18)$$

where we subtracted the potential at the vacuum

$$\Omega_0 \equiv -\frac{\bar{\mu}_\sigma^2}{2} f_\pi^2 + \frac{\lambda_4}{4} f_\pi^4 - \frac{\lambda_6}{6} f_\pi^6 - m_\pi^2 f_\pi^2. \quad (19)$$

## 2 Results

In the present model, there are 10 parameters to be determined for a given value of the chiral invariant mass  $m_0$ :  $g_1, g_2, \bar{\mu}_\sigma^2, \bar{\mu}_a^2, \lambda_4, \gamma_4, \lambda_6, g_\omega, g_\rho, \lambda_{\omega\rho}$ . We determine them from the vacuum properties as well as nuclear saturation properties as follows: The vacuum expectation value of  $\sigma$  is taken to be  $\sigma_0 = f_\pi$  with the pion decay constant  $f_\pi = 92.4$  MeV. The Yukawa coupling constants  $g_1$  and  $g_2$  are determined to reproduce the nucleon masses at vacuum given by Eq. (8), with  $m_+ = m_N = 939$  MeV and  $m_- = m_{N^*} = 1535$  MeV. The parameters  $\bar{\mu}_\sigma^2, \lambda_4, \lambda_6$  and  $g_\omega$  are determined from the saturation density  $n_0$ , binding energy  $B_0$  and incompressibility  $K_0$  listed in Table 1 together with the vacuum condition:  $-\bar{\mu}_a^2 f_\pi + \lambda_4 f_\pi^3 - \lambda_6 f_\pi^5 - m_\pi^2 f_\pi = 0$ . Then,  $\bar{\mu}_a^2 = \bar{\mu}_\sigma^2 - K$  is determined from  $K$  given by

$$K = m_\eta^2 - m_\pi^2. \quad (20)$$

Similarly,  $\gamma_4$  is given by

$$\gamma_4 = \frac{m_a^2 + 5\lambda_6 f_\pi^4 + \bar{\mu}_a^2}{f_\pi^2}, \quad (21)$$

from the mass of  $a_0(980)$ . We summarize the values of masses of mesons in Table 2.

The values of the parameters  $g_1, g_2, \bar{\mu}_\sigma^2, \lambda_4, \lambda_6, g_\omega$  for given values of the chiral invariant mass  $m_0$  are shown in Table 3.

Table 1 Saturation properties used to determine the model parameters: saturation density  $n_0$ , binding energy  $B_0$ , incompressibility  $K_0$ , symmetry energy  $S_0$ , and slope parameter  $L_0$ .

$n_0/\text{fm}^{-3}$	$B_0/\text{MeV}$	$K_0/\text{MeV}$	$S_0/\text{MeV}$	$L_0/\text{MeV}$
0.16	16	240	31	57.7

Table 2 Values of meson masses at vacuum in unit of MeV.

$\pi$	$a_0(980)$	$\eta$	$\omega$	$\rho$
140	980	550	783	776

Table 3 Values of  $g_1$ ,  $g_2$ ,  $\bar{\mu}_\sigma^2$ ,  $\lambda_4$ ,  $\lambda_6$ ,  $g_\omega$  for  $m_0 = 500 \sim 900$  MeV.

$m_0$ /MeV	500	600	700	800	900
$g_1$	9.02	8.48	7.81	6.99	5.96
$g_2$	15.47	14.93	14.26	13.44	12.41
$\bar{\mu}_\sigma^2/f_\pi^2$	22.70	22.35	19.28	11.93	1.50
$\lambda_4$	41.94	40.39	35.46	23.12	4.43
$\lambda_6 f_\pi^2$	16.94	15.75	13.89	8.89	0.64
$g_\omega$	11.34	9.13	7.30	5.66	3.52
$\bar{\mu}_a^2/f_\pi^2$	-10.43	-10.79	-13.86	-21.21	-31.64
$\gamma_4$	191.41	185.07	172.70	140.38	88.67

**Tables 4** and **5** show the values of the parameters  $g_\rho$  and  $\lambda_{\omega\rho}$  that are determined from fitting  $S_0$  and  $L_0$ . We note that the existence of  $\omega$ - $\rho$  mixing interaction allows to tune the slope parameter  $L_0$  in the present model. Reference [16] shows that  $L_0 = 57.7 \pm 19$  MeV, so we take  $L_0 = 40 \sim 80$  MeV as the physical input to compare the effect of  $a_0(980)$ . In this work, we just show the results for  $L_0 = 57.7$  MeV. The results for other choices of  $L_0$  are seen in Ref. [11].

Table 4  $g_\rho$  of model with  $a_0(980)$  meson.

$m_0$ /MeV	500	600	700	800	900
$L_0 = 40$ MeV	19.43	15.52	13.89	12.64	11.40
$L_0 = 50$ MeV	18.75	15.03	13.35	12.00	10.69
$L_0 = 57.7$ MeV	18.54	14.84	13.08	11.63	10.24
$L_0 = 60$ MeV	18.14	14.59	12.87	11.45	10.09
$L_0 = 70$ MeV	17.58	14.18	12.44	10.97	9.59
$L_0 = 80$ MeV	17.07	13.81	12.05	10.54	9.15

Table 5  $\lambda_{\omega\rho}$  of model with  $a_0(980)$  meson.

$m_0$ /MeV	500	600	700	800	900
$L_0 = 40$ MeV	0.0127	0.0251	0.0761	0.2916	2.4595
$L_0 = 50$ MeV	0.0119	0.0221	0.0649	0.2415	1.9427
$L_0 = 57.7$ MeV	0.0113	0.0199	0.0563	0.2034	1.5507
$L_0 = 60$ MeV	0.0110	0.0192	0.0537	0.1914	1.4259
$L_0 = 70$ MeV	0.0101	0.0162	0.0425	0.1413	0.9091
$L_0 = 80$ MeV	0.0092	0.0132	0.0313	0.0911	0.3923

To compare how the matter properties are affected by  $a_0(980)$  meson, we eliminate the  $a_0(980)$  meson by taking the mean field  $a = 0$  in the potential (18) and the masses in Eq. (17). The parameters are determined by fitting them to nuclear saturation properties and vacuum properties. We note that, in the model without  $a_0(980)$ , the model parameters  $g_1$ ,  $g_2$ ,  $\bar{\mu}_\sigma^2$ ,  $\lambda_4$ ,  $\lambda_6$  are the same as in the  $a_0(980)$  model, since these parameters are determined from the properties of symmetric matter. We also note that  $\gamma_4$ -terms do not exist in the model without  $a_0(980)$  which takes ac-

count of the cross interactions between  $\sigma$  and  $a_0(980)$ . We summarize the values of the parameters  $g_\rho$  and  $\lambda_{\omega\rho}$  in the model without  $a_0$  meson in Tables 6 and 7.

Table 6  $g_\rho$  of model without  $a_0(980)$  meson.

$m_0$ /MeV	500	600	700	800	900
$L_0 = 40$ MeV	12.48	10.99	10.72	10.64	10.61
$L_0 = 50$ MeV	10.72	10.01	9.91	9.90	9.91
$L_0 = 57.7$ MeV	9.78	9.40	9.39	9.42	9.46
$L_0 = 60$ MeV	9.54	9.24	9.25	9.29	9.34
$L_0 = 70$ MeV	8.68	8.63	8.71	8.78	8.86
$L_0 = 80$ MeV	8.02	8.13	8.26	8.35	8.44

Table 7  $\lambda_{\omega\rho}$  of model without  $a_0(980)$  meson.

$m_0$ /MeV	500	600	700	800	900
$L_0 = 40$ MeV	0.0554	0.0857	0.1695	0.4159	2.5186
$L_0 = 50$ MeV	0.0451	0.0671	0.1301	0.3153	1.8903
$L_0 = 57.7$ MeV	0.0372	0.0529	0.0998	0.2378	1.4064
$L_0 = 60$ MeV	0.0348	0.0486	0.0907	0.2147	1.2619
$L_0 = 70$ MeV	0.0245	0.0301	0.0513	0.1140	0.6336
$L_0 = 80$ MeV	0.0142	0.0116	0.0120	0.0134	0.0052

Let us first study the effect of  $a_0(980)$  to the symmetry energy. The results are shown in Fig. 1. We observe that, in most cases, the symmetry energy is stiffened by the existence of  $a_0(980)$  and the difference of the symmetry energy between the model with  $a_0(980)$  indicated by solid curves and the models without  $a_0(980)$  by dashed curves is larger for smaller  $m_0$ . At  $n_B = 2n_0$ , the symmetry energy  $S(2n_0)$  can be enlarged as large as 45% in the  $a_0$  model when  $m_0 = 500$  MeV. This increase of symmetry energy can be understood as a result of the competition between the repulsive  $\rho$  meson interaction (modified by the  $\omega$ - $\rho$  mixing interaction) and the attractive  $a_0(980)$  interaction, in addition to the kinetic contribution from the nucleons. In the model without  $a_0(980)$ , on the other hand, only repul-

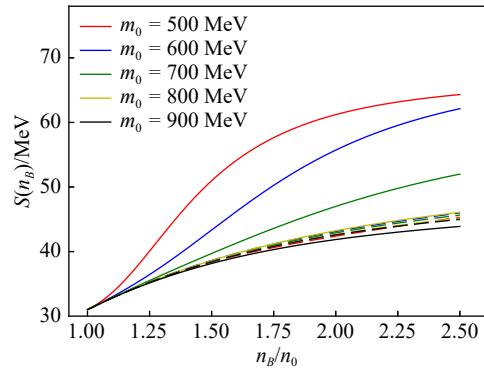


Fig. 1 (color online) Symmetry energy  $S(n_B)$  for  $m_0 = 500 \sim 900$  MeV and  $L_0 = 57.7$  MeV. Solid curves represent the  $S(n_B)$  of the model including  $a_0(980)$ , while dashed curves show the results of the model without  $a_0(980)$ .

itive contribution from the  $\rho$  meson exists. Since the symmetry energy at saturation density is fixed as  $S_0 = 31$  MeV in both the models with and without  $a_0(980)$  meson, the  $\rho$  meson coupling  $g_\rho$  is strengthened by the existence of the attractive  $a_0(980)$  contribution in the model with  $a_0$  comparing to the model without  $a_0$ . Actually, from Tables 4 and 6 it is clear that  $g_\rho$  is larger in the  $a_0$  model than in the no- $a_0$  model for a fixed  $m_0$ .

The symmetry incompressibility  $K_{\text{sym}}$  and the symmetry skewness coefficient  $Q_{\text{sym}}$  are important properties to study the asymmetric matter. It is highly related to the asymmetric matter EoS and symmetry energy at higher density  $n_B > n_0$ .  $K_{\text{sym}}$  and  $Q_{\text{sym}}$  are defined as the coefficients of the Taylor expansion of symmetry energy  $S(n_B)$  at density around  $n_0$  as

$$S(n_B) = S_0 + \left( \frac{n_B - n_0}{n_0} \right) \frac{L_0}{3} + \left( \frac{n_B - n_0}{n_0} \right)^2 \frac{K_{\text{sym}}}{18} + \left( \frac{n_B - n_0}{n_0} \right)^3 \frac{Q_{\text{sym}}}{162} + O(n_B^4), \quad (22)$$

where

$$K_{\text{sym}} = 9n_0^2 \frac{\partial^2 S}{\partial n_B^2} \Big|_{n_0}, \quad Q_{\text{sym}} = 27n_0^3 \frac{\partial^3 S}{\partial n_B^3} \Big|_{n_0}. \quad (23)$$

Figure 2 shows the  $m_0$  dependence of  $K_{\text{sym}}$  in the present models with and without  $a_0$  meson for different  $L_0$  together with the recent accepted value  $K_{\text{sym}} = -107 \pm 88$  MeV given in Ref. [16] which is shown by pink region. We observe that the presence of  $a_0$  meson has strong effect on the  $K_{\text{sym}}$ . In particular, the  $K_{\text{sym}}$  becomes very large when  $m_0 \lesssim 600$  MeV in the  $a_0$  model and reach  $K_{\text{sym}} \approx 1200$  MeV when  $m_0 = 500$  MeV for  $L_0 = 57.7$  MeV. We note that the  $K_{\text{sym}}$  become positive when  $m_0$  is small. This seems to imply that the pure neutron matter is more stable than symmetric nuclear matter at saturation when  $m_0$  is small. By

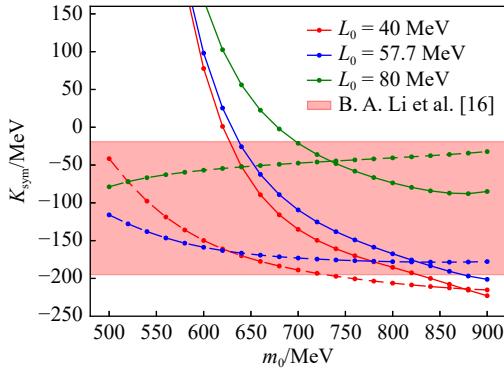


Fig. 2 (color online)  $m_0$  dependence of  $K_{\text{sym}}$  with different  $L_0 = 40, 57.7, 80$  MeV. Solid curves represent the results from the model with  $a_0$  meson and dashed curves are from the model without  $a_0$  meson. The pink region shows the recent accepted value of  $K_{\text{sym}}$  as summarized in Ref. [16].

comparing with the constraint shown by pink region, the present results seem to give strong constraint to the value of  $m_0$  as  $640 \lesssim m_0 \lesssim 860$  MeV for  $L_0 = 57.7$  MeV. We also note that larger  $L_0$  results in larger  $K_{\text{sym}}$  and the effect of  $L_0$  is much smaller than the effect of  $m_0$  when  $m_0$  is small ( $m_0 \lesssim 600 \sim 700$  MeV) in the present  $a_0$  model. However, when  $m_0$  is large where the effect of  $m_0$  is small,  $L_0$  effect dominates.

Figure 3 shows the  $m_0$  dependence of  $Q_{\text{sym}}$  of the present models with and without  $a_0$  meson for different  $L_0$  together with the range of  $Q_{\text{sym}}$  calculated in the models with Skyrme parameterization[17] which is shown by blue region. Similar to the  $K_{\text{sym}}$ , the isovector scalar  $a_0$  have huge effect to the  $Q_{\text{sym}}$ . While  $Q_{\text{sym}}$  can be negative for small  $m_0$  in the model without  $a_0$  meson,  $Q_{\text{sym}}$  becomes very large in the  $a_0$  model when  $m_0$  becomes small. When  $m_0 = 500$  MeV,  $Q_{\text{sym}} \approx 12000$  MeV in the present model which is very large comparing to other models with Skyrme parameterization. The  $m_0$  dependence of  $K_{\text{sym}}$  and  $Q_{\text{sym}}$  also agree with the fact that the matter becomes softer when  $m_0$  is smaller. When  $m_0 \gtrsim 700$  MeV, the effect of  $m_0$  reduces rapidly and  $L_0$  effect dominates. We also note that increasing  $L_0$  reduces  $Q_{\text{sym}}$  in the  $a_0$  model. We see that the results from the present model with  $L_0 = 57.7$  MeV agree with those from other models shown by blue region when  $m_0 \gtrsim 700$  MeV. While  $Q_{\text{sym}}$  is very difficult to be measured in the experiment, we believe that further experimental constraint on the  $Q_{\text{sym}}$  will bring valuable insight to the understanding of asymmetric matter as well as the chiral invariant mass of nucleon.

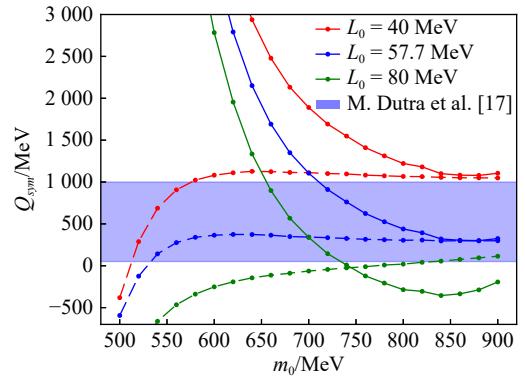


Fig. 3 (color online)  $m_0$  dependence of  $Q_{\text{sym}}$  with different  $L_0$ . Solid curve represents the model with  $a_0$  meson and dashed curve represents the model without  $a_0$ . The blue region is the recent accepted value of  $Q_{\text{sym}}$  as summarized in Ref. [17].

We also study the effect of  $a_0(980)$  meson to the neutron star properties by constructing a unified EoS using the interpolation method as introduced in Ref. [6]. We smoothly connect the hadronic matter EoS to the quark matter EoS constructed from an NJL-type quark model, assuming a crossover phase transition. Then, we compute the

$M$ - $R$  relation by solving the Tolman-Oppenheimer-Volkoff (TOV) equation<sup>[18-19]</sup>, and compare the results with the observational data. We first examine how the existence of  $a_0(980)$  affects to the  $M$ - $R$  relation. In Fig. 4, we show some typical examples of the  $M$ - $R$  relations computed with and without the existence of  $a_0(980)$  for  $m_0 = 500 \sim 900$  MeV where  $L_0 = 57.7$  MeV is taken. This clearly shows that inclusion of the  $a_0(980)$  meson increases the radius for the neutron stars with the mass of  $0.5 \lesssim M/M_\odot \lesssim 2$ , by the amount of  $\lesssim 1$  km depending on the parameters. We see that the difference becomes smaller for larger  $m_0$  similarly to the one for the symmetry energy. This is because the  $a_0(980)$  meson couples to the matter weaker for larger  $m_0$ . In addition, we observe that the  $a_0(980)$  meson has a little effect on the maximum mass, since the core of such heavy neutron star includes the quark matter and the maximum mass is mainly determined by the parameters of the NJL-type quark model.

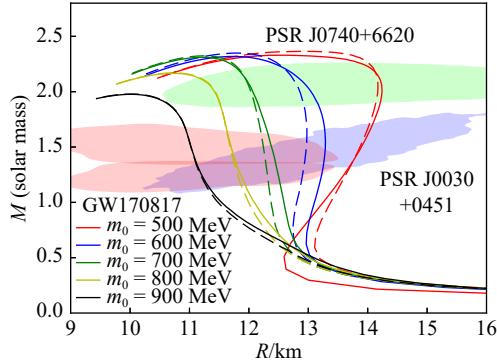


Fig. 4 (color online)  $M$ - $R$  relations computed from models with and without the existence of  $a_0(980)$  for different  $m_0$  with  $L_0 = 57.7$  MeV. Solid curves represent the  $M$ - $R$  relations from the model with  $a_0(980)$  meson and dashed curves the ones of the model without  $a_0(980)$ .

We compare the results with the observational constraints on neutron star mass and radius obtained from PSR J0030+0451<sup>[20]</sup>, PSR J0740+6620<sup>[21]</sup>, and GW170817<sup>[22]</sup>, which restricts the value of the chiral invariant mass as

$$580 \text{ MeV} \lesssim m_0 \lesssim 860 \text{ MeV}, \quad (24)$$

for  $L_0 = 57.7$  MeV. This should be compared with the constraint obtained in the model without  $a_0(980)$ :  $540 \text{ MeV} \lesssim m_0 \lesssim 870 \text{ MeV}$ . We see that the constraint is slightly changed by the inclusion of  $a_0(980)$  meson.

Since the  $K_{\text{sym}}$  is determined from the nuclear matter at saturation density while the NS observational constraints are at high density,  $K_{\text{sym}}$  and NSs provide independent constraints at high and low density to the  $m_0$ . Figure 5 shows the constraints to  $m_0$  from  $K_{\text{sym}}$  and the neutron star observations in the present model with  $a_0$  meson, as a function of  $L_0$ . When we require both constraints are satisfied,  $m_0$

is constrained as

$$640 \text{ MeV} \lesssim m_0 \lesssim 860 \text{ MeV}, \quad (25)$$

for  $L_0 = 57.7$  MeV. We note that due to the difficulty of determining  $Q_{\text{sym}}$  experimentally, we do not obtain any constraints to  $m_0$  from  $Q_{\text{sym}}$  at this moment. We expect that future experimental study on  $Q_{\text{sym}}$  will provide further constraint to  $m_0$ .

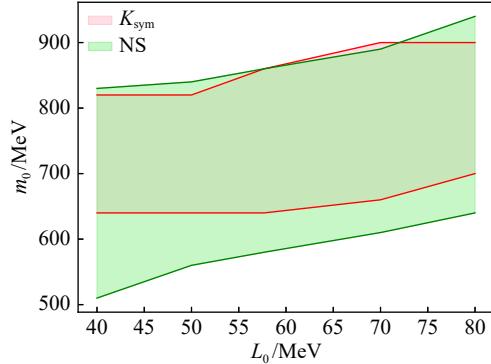


Fig. 5 (color online) Summary of the constraints on  $m_0$  from  $K_{\text{sym}}$  and NSs with different  $L_0$  in the  $a_0$  model. Pink region is the constraint from the recent accepted value of  $K_{\text{sym}}$  as summarized in Ref. [16]. Green region is the constraint from the NS observations PSR J0030+0451<sup>[20]</sup>, PSR J0740+6620<sup>[21]</sup>, and GW170817<sup>[22]</sup>.

### 3 Summary

In this work, we studied the effect of isovector scalar meson  $a_0(980)$  to the nuclear matter and neutron star matter properties. In particular, we focused on studying the asymmetric matter properties such as symmetry energy, symmetry incompressibility  $K_{\text{sym}}$ , symmetry skewness coefficient  $Q_{\text{sym}}$ , and the neutron star  $M$ - $R$  relation. We find that,  $a_0(980)$  has significant impact on the asymmetric matter: The symmetry energy in the high density as well as  $K_{\text{sym}}$  and  $Q_{\text{sym}}$  is largely enhanced when  $m_0$  is small. The EoS of the neutron star matter is stiffened, which results in the increase of the radius of the neutron star. Finally, we constrain the value of the chiral invariant mass to  $580 \text{ MeV} \lesssim m_0 \lesssim 860 \text{ MeV}$  for  $L_0 = 57.7$  MeV by comparing with the recent observational data on neutron stars. The constraint is further restricted to  $640 \text{ MeV} \lesssim m_0 \lesssim 860 \text{ MeV}$  for  $L_0 = 57.7$  MeV by considering the constraint from  $K_{\text{sym}}$ . We believe that further experimental constraint on the asymmetric matter properties such as  $K_{\text{sym}}$ ,  $Q_{\text{sym}}$ , and  $S(n_B > n_0)$  will bring valuable insight to the understanding of asymmetric matter as well as the constraint of chiral invariant mass of nucleon.

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## 基于手征双重模型研究 $a_0(980)$ 介子对非对称物质的影响

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**摘要:** 在本工作中, 通过基于近似  $U(2)_L \times U(2)_R$  对称性构建包含  $a_0(980)$  介子的手征双重模型, 研究了同位旋矢量标量介子  $a_0(980)$  (即  $\delta$ ) 对不对称物质性质的影响, 并研究了  $a_0(980)$  对对称物质性质的影响, 如对称能  $S(n_B)$ 、对称能不可压缩系数  $K_{\text{sym}}$ 、对称能偏斜系数  $Q_{\text{sym}}$ 。发现  $a_0(980)$  介子对这些核物质性质有显著影响, 特别是在核子手征不变质量  $m_0$  较小的情况下。还研究了  $a_0(980)$  介子对中子星(NS)性质的影响, 发现它增加了 NS 的半径, 特别是那些具有中等质量的中子星。最后, 通过与最近约束的  $K_{\text{sym}}$  和 NS 观测数据比较, 进一步将  $L=57.7$  MeV 时核子的手征不变质量值限制在  $640 \text{ MeV} < m_0 < 860 \text{ MeV}$ 。

**关键词:** 手征双重模型; 中子星; 非对称核物质; 同位旋矢量标量介子  $a_0(980)$