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- Members in 2014-2016
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  - A. Cipollone (former PhD student, now at University of Surrey)
  - A. Loreti (former MS student, now at Aarhus University)
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# **Topics**

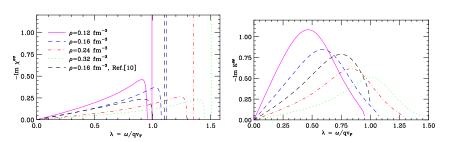
- Equilibrium and non equilibrium properties of neutron star matter
  - Development of an effective interaction within the correlated basis function (CBF) formalism (A. Lovato, OB)
  - Calculation of the nuclear matter response to interactions with low energy (few MeV) neutrinos (A. Cipollone, A. Lovato, A. Loreti, C. Losa, OB)
- Neutrino-nucleus interactions in the few GeV region
  - Limits of applicability of the impulse approximation (A. Ankowski, OB)
  - Role of two-nucleon currents (Noemi Rocco, OB)
- Variational derivation of the FHNC approach within the formalism of path integrals (A. Mecca, R. Cenni, OB)
- Correlation effects on the nuclear matrix elements of double  $\beta$ -decay (R. Biondi, E. Speranza, OB)

## Landau theory + CBF effective interaction

★ The mean free path of non degenerate neutrinos in cold neutron matter is obtained from

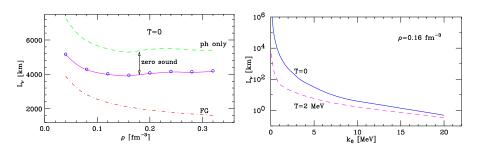
$$\frac{1}{L_{v}} = \frac{G_F^2}{4} \rho \int \frac{d^3q}{(2\pi)^3} \left[ (1 + \cos\theta) S(\mathbf{q}, \omega) + \mathbf{C}_{\mathbf{A}}^2 (\mathbf{3} - \cos\theta) S(\mathbf{q}, \omega) \right]$$

where S and S are the density (Fermi) and spin (Gamow Teller) response, respectively

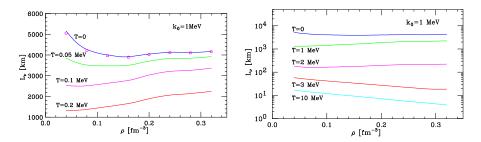


the collective mode is only excited in the spin channel

★ Mean free path of a non degenerate neutrino in neutron matter. Left: density-dependence at  $k_0 = 1$  MeV and T = 0; Right: energy dependence at  $\rho = 0.16$  fm<sup>-3</sup> and T = 0, 2 MeV



★ Density and temperature dependence of the mean free path of a non degenerate neutrino at  $k_0 = 1$  MeV and  $\rho = 0.16$  fm<sup>-3</sup>



- ★ Comparison between the responses obtained from Landau theory and those obtained from direct calculations of the transition matrix elements with the CBF effective interactions is under way
- ★ Preliminary results look quite promising