

THEORY OF COOLING NEUTRON STARS

Self-similarity and model-independent data analysis

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- **Superfluidity**
- **Standard neutrino candle**
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- **Conclusions**

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This conference and cooling neutron stars



The Structure and Signals of Neutron Stars, from Birth to Death

H.-J. Schulze (*INFN Catania*) "The Equation of State of Neutron Star Matter "

N. Chamel (*Brussels University*) "Vela Pulsar Glitches and Nuclear Superfluidity"

A. Melatos (*University of Melbourne*) "Superfluidity and superconductivity in neutron stars"

14:50 - 15:10 L. Tolos (*ICE Barcelona*) "Transport coefficients in superfluid neutron stars"

15:10 - 15:30 W. Ho (*University of Southampton*) "Tests of the nuclear equation of state and superfluid and superconducting gaps using the Cassiopeia A neutron star"

15:30 - 15:50 A. Bonanno (*INAF Catania*) "The neutron star in Cassiopeia A: equation of state, superfluidity, and Joule heating"

15:50 - 16:10 A. Sedrakian (*University of Frankfurt*) "Effects of superfluidity on cooling of compact stars"

16:10 - 16:30 T. Noda (*Kurume Institute of Technology*) "Thermal Evolution of Compact Stars with Color Superconducting Quark Matter"

N. Rea (*CSIC-IEEC, Barcelona*) "The extreme activity of strong and low magnetic magnetars"

J. Pons (*University of Alicante*) "Towards the great unification of neutron stars"

D. Viganò (*CSIC Barcelona*) "Physics of isolated neutron stars from their X-ray emission"

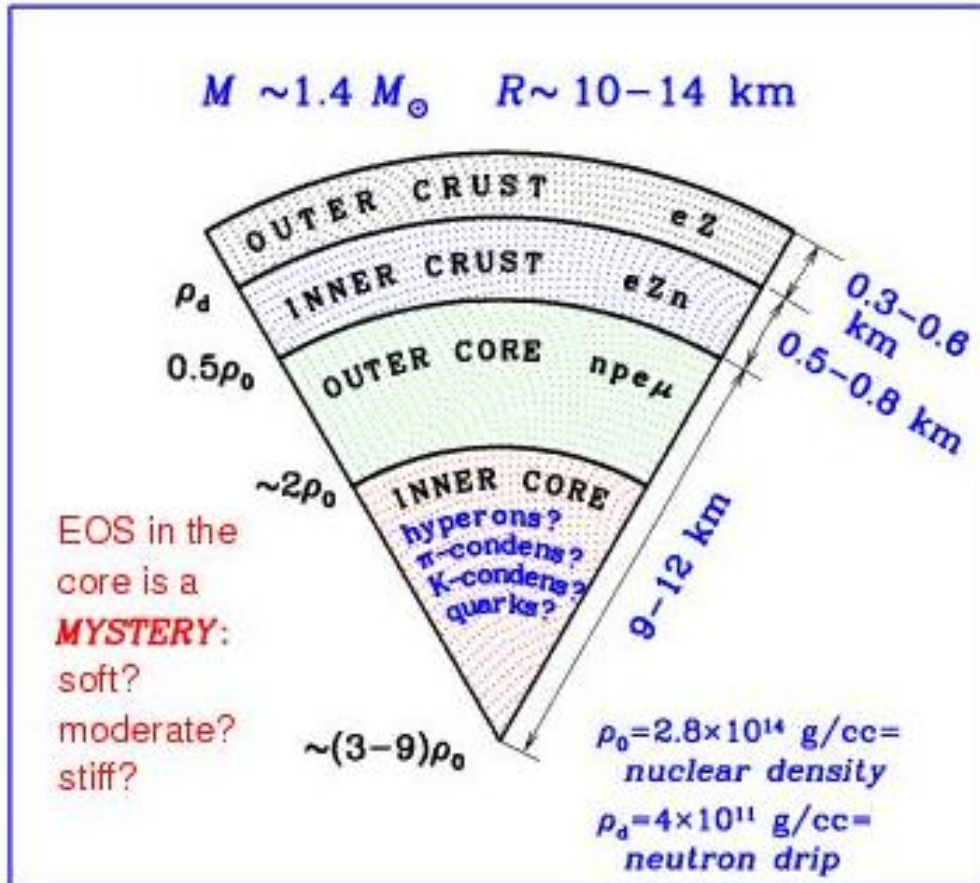
N. Degenaar (*Univ. of Michigan*) "Probing the crusts of transiently accreting neutron stars"

D. Aguilera (*DLR Bremen*) "Quiescent thermal emission of neutron stars in LMXBs"

M. Gusakov (*Ioffe Inst. San Petersburg*) "Instability windows and evolution of rapidly rotating neutron stars"

A. Chugunov (*Ioffe Inst. San Petersburg*) "New possible class of rapidly rotating neutron stars"

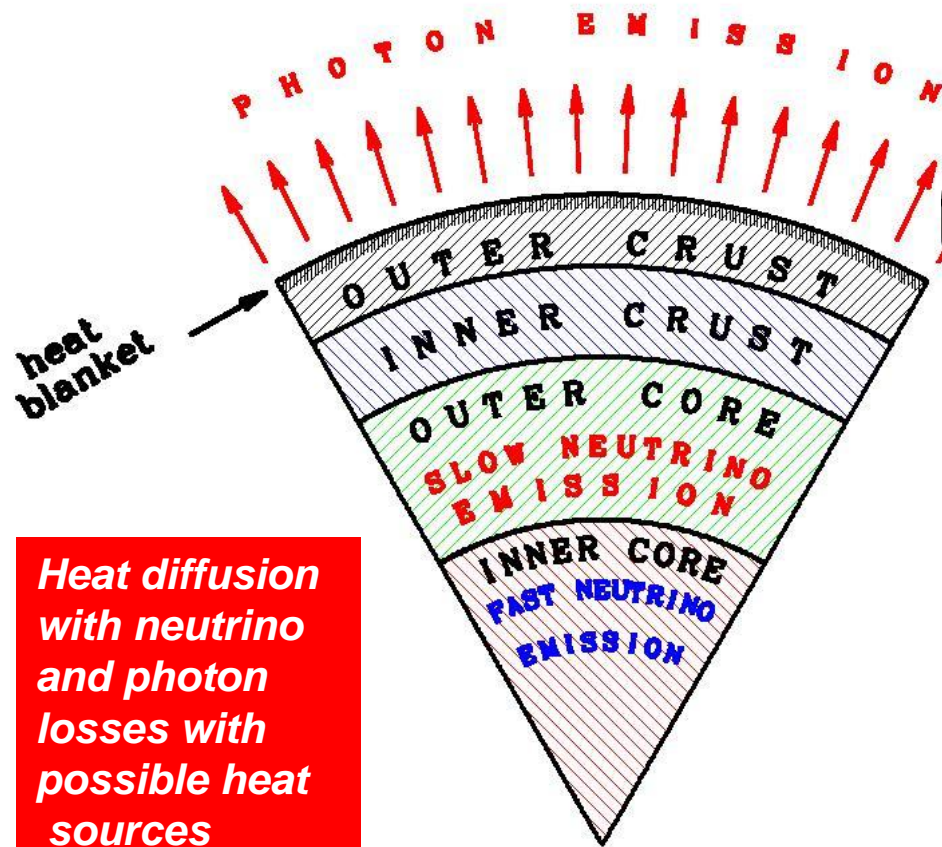
Neutron star structure



Mystery:
*EOS of superdense matter
in the core*

*For simplicity, consider
nucleon core:
neutrons
protons
electrons
muons
EOS=?
Superfluidity=?*

Cooling of isolated neutron stars

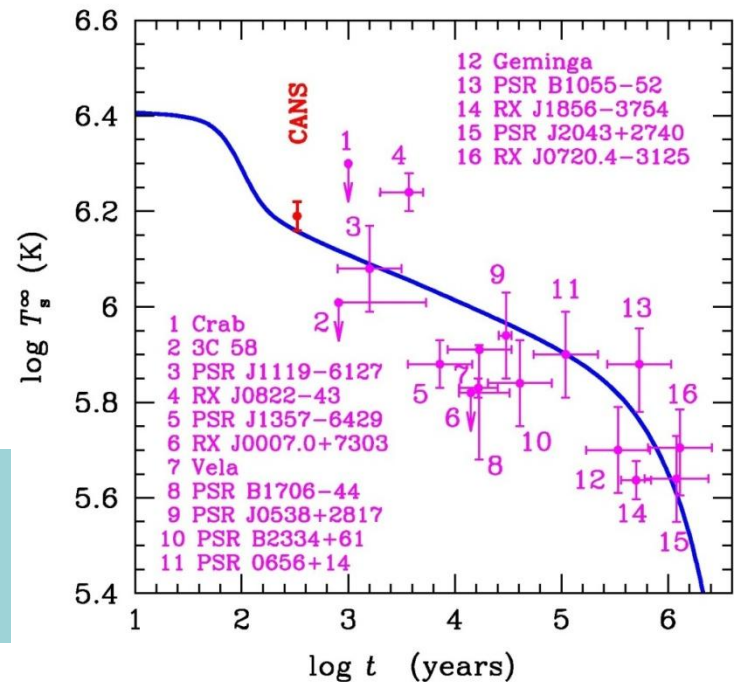


Heat diffusion with neutrino and photon losses with possible heat sources

Cooling regulators:

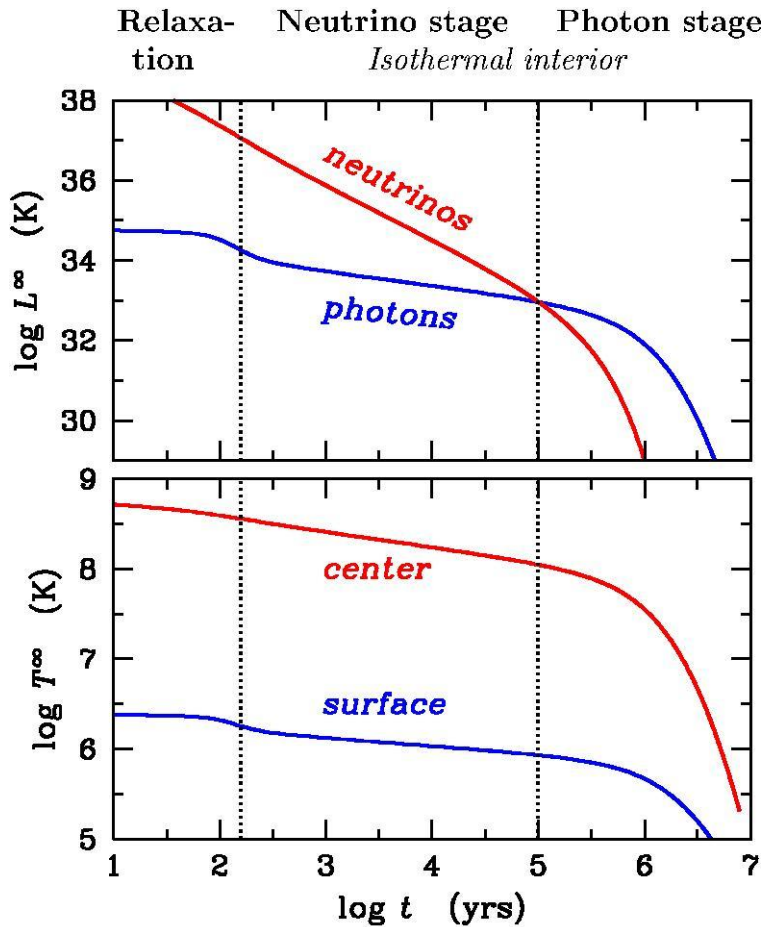
- EOS
- Neutrino emission
- Heat capacity
- Thermal conductivity
- Superfluidity
- Internal heat sources?

What information can be extracted from observations?



THREE COOLING STAGES

Example: *non-superfluid NS*
Modified Urca cooling



| Stage | Duration | Physics |
|------------|------------|--------------------------|
| Relaxation | 10—100 yr | Crust |
| Neutrino | 10-100 kyr | Core, surface |
| Photon | infinite | Surface, core, reheating |

Isothermal Interior

Isothermal interior:

$$\tilde{T}(t) = T(r, t) \exp \Phi(r) \quad = \text{redshifted internal temperature, independent of } r$$

Equations of thermal evolution reduce to global thermal balance:

$$C(\tilde{T}) \frac{d\tilde{T}}{dt} = -L_\nu^\infty(\tilde{T}) + L_h^\infty - L_\gamma^\infty(T_s)$$

$$L_\nu^\infty(\tilde{T}) = \int dV Q(T) e^{2\Phi}, \quad L_h^\infty = \int dV Q_h e^{2\Phi}, \quad C(\tilde{T}) = \int dV c_T(T)$$

= redshifted total neutrino luminosity, heating power and heat capacity of NS

$$L_\gamma^\infty(T_s) = 4\pi\sigma R_\infty^2 (T_s^\infty)^4 \quad = \text{redshifted thermal photon luminosity of NS}$$

$$T_s = T_s(\tilde{T}) \sim \sqrt{\tilde{T}} \quad = \text{solution for heat blanket}$$

$$R_\infty = R \sqrt{1 - 2GM / Rc^2}$$

$$dV = \frac{4\pi r^2 dr}{\sqrt{1 - 2Gm / c^2 r}} \quad = \text{proper volume element}$$

$$T_s^\infty = T_s \sqrt{1 - 2GM / Rc^2}$$

Cooling of isolated middle-aged neutron star

Global thermal balance:

$$C(\tilde{T}) \frac{d\tilde{T}}{dt} = -L_\nu^\infty(\tilde{T}) + \cancel{L_h^\infty} - \cancel{L_\gamma^\infty(T_s)}$$

Star is cooling from inside via neutrino emission from its core

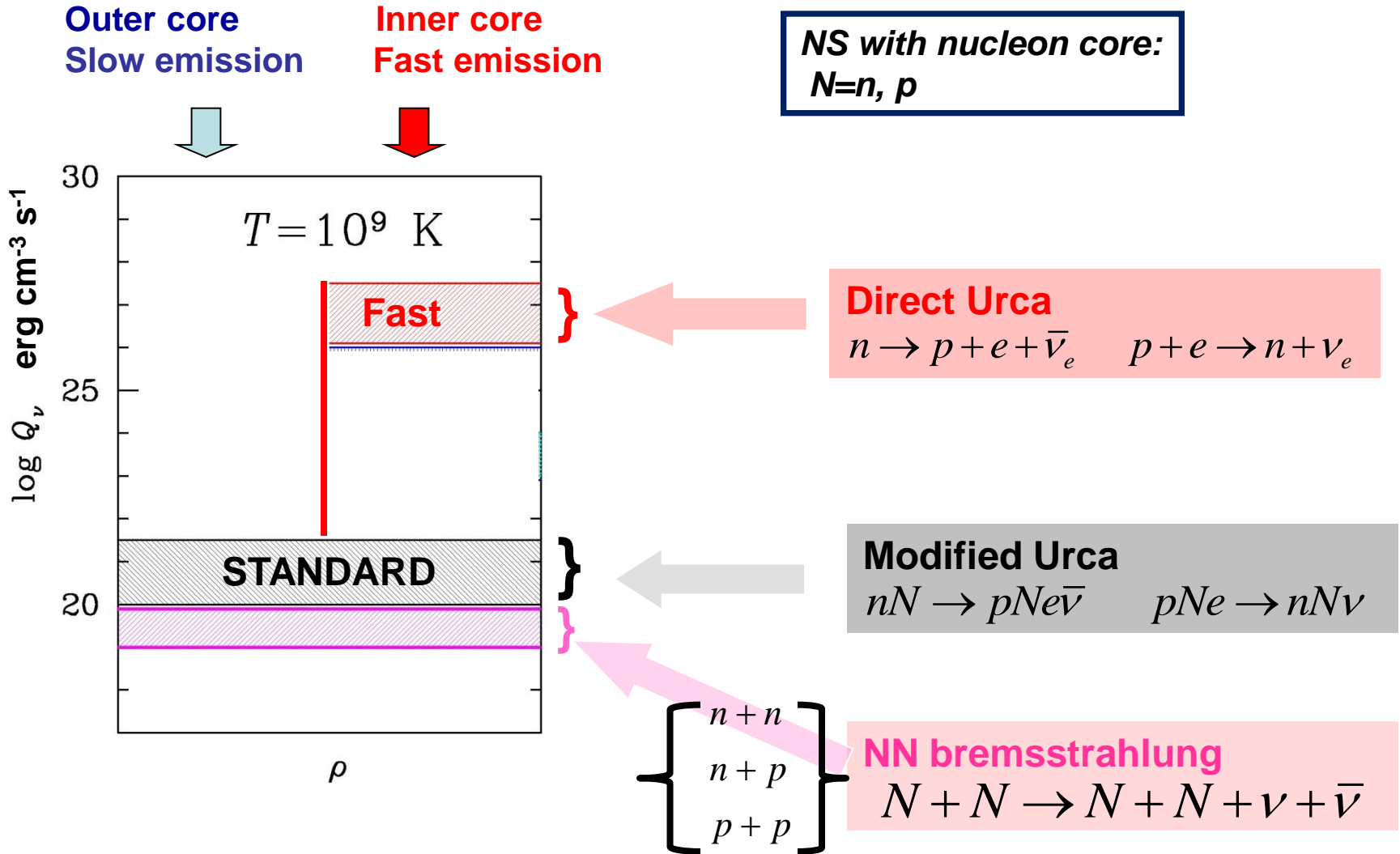
The equation is immediately integrated \Rightarrow $\frac{d\tilde{T}}{dt} = -l(\tilde{T}), \quad l(\tilde{T}) \equiv \frac{L_\nu^\infty}{C} = \frac{\int dV Q \exp(2\Phi)}{\int dV c_T}$

$l(\tilde{T}, M)$ = neutrino cooling rate [K/yr] = the only one function that drives cooling

Using cooling theory one can only determine this one function, and nothing else!

The function is insensitive to details of NS structure; but sensitive to extraordinary things: EOS, neutrino emission, superfluidity

Neutrino emission from cores of non-superfluid NSs



Enhanced emission in inner cores of massive neutron stars:

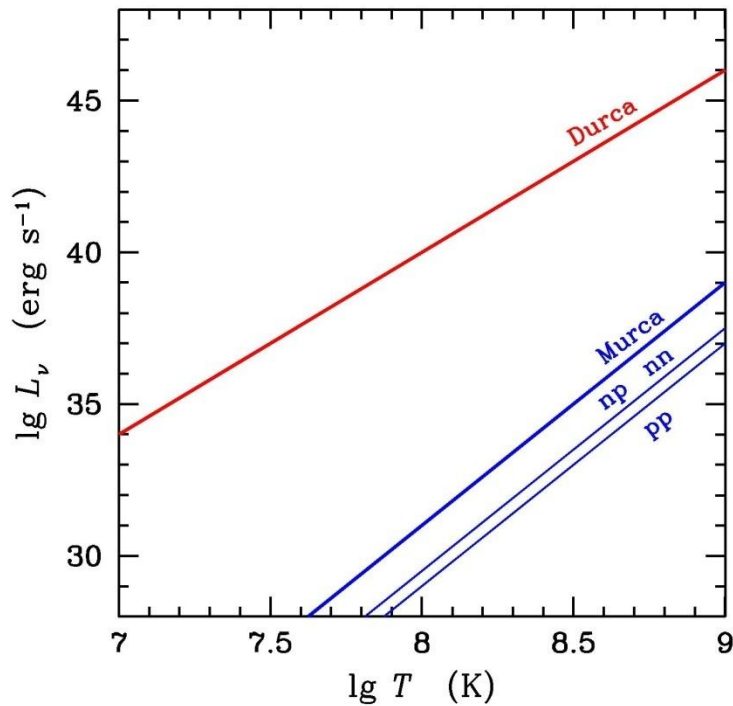
Everywhere in neutron star cores:

$$Q_{\text{FAST}} = Q_{\text{OF}} T^6 \quad L_{\text{FAST}} = L_{\text{OF}} T^6$$

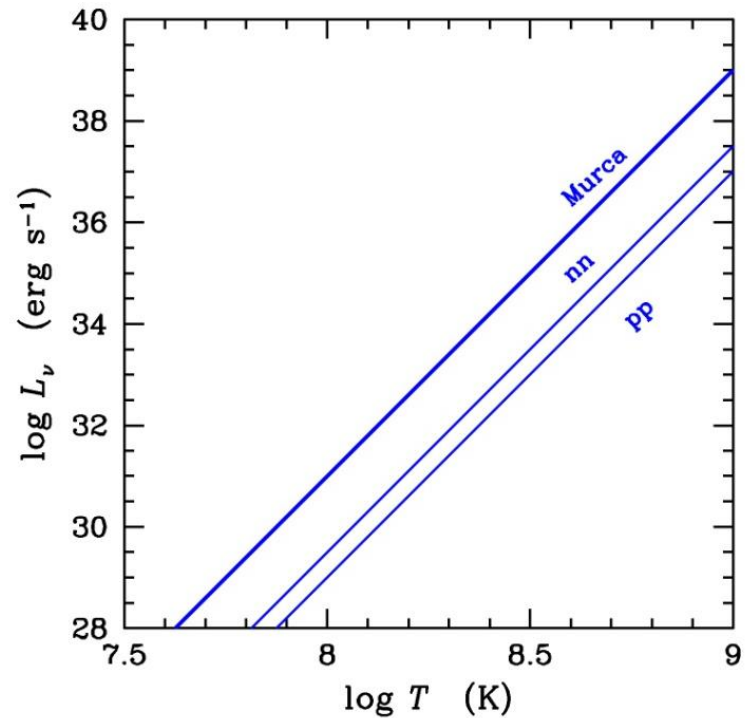
$$Q_{\text{SLOW}} = Q_{\text{OS}} T^8 \quad L_{\text{SLOW}} = L_{\text{OS}} T^8$$

Neutrino emission of non-superfluid neutron star

*Direct Urca is allowed
(maximal cooling)*



*Direct Urca is forbidden
(minimal cooling)*



1. $nN \rightarrow pNe\bar{\nu}$ $pNe \rightarrow nN\nu$
2. $nn \rightarrow nn\nu\bar{\nu}$ 3. $np \rightarrow np\nu\bar{\nu}$ 4. $pp \rightarrow pp\nu\bar{\nu}$

Superfluid neutron stars

Mechanism of superfluidity: Cooper pairing of degenerate neutrons and/or protons due to nuclear attraction

Any superfluidity is defined by critical temperature T_c ***that depends on density***

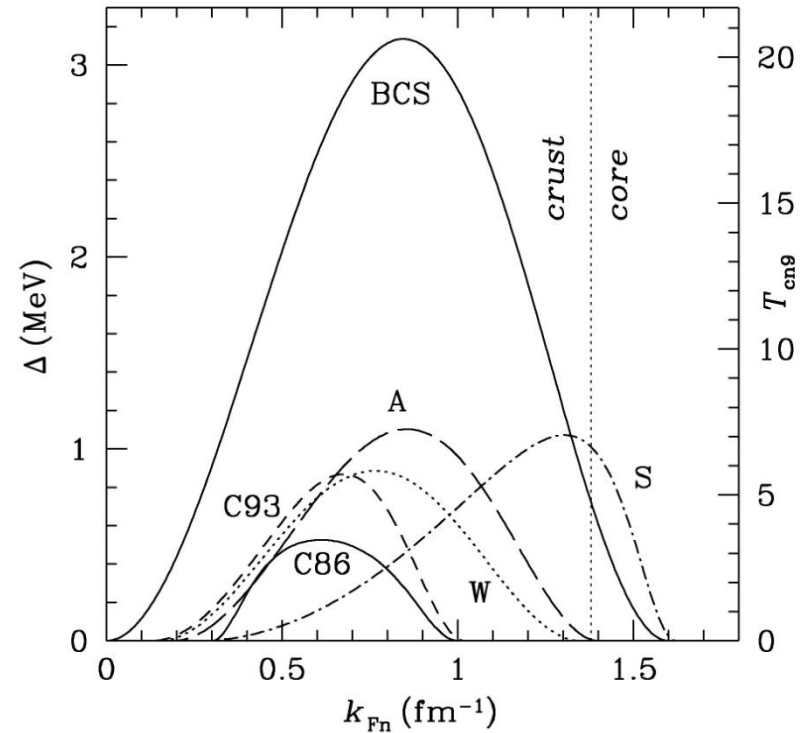
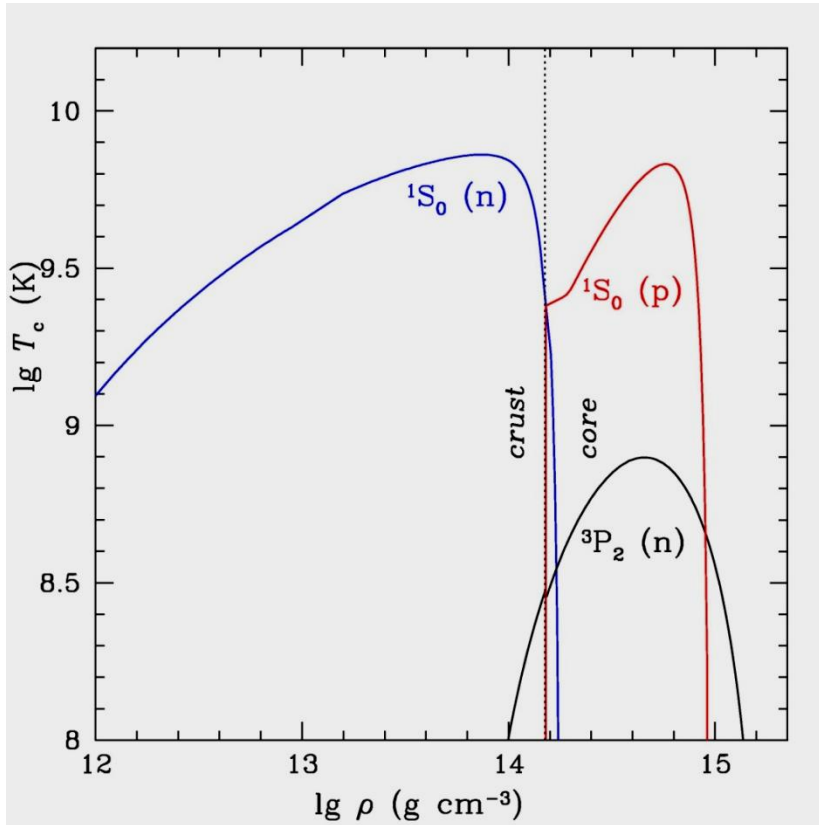
Main effects:

- has almost no effect of EOS and hydrostatic structure of neutron stars
- suppresses ordinary neutrino processes (especially at $T \ll T_c$)
- creates a new mechanism of neutrino emission due to Cooper pairing of nucleons
- affects heat capacity

Superfluidity – Critical temperatures

Dependence of T_c on density

$\Delta_0 \sim 1$ MeV $T_c \sim 10^{10}$ K high T_c !!!



After Lombardo & Schulze (2001)
 A=Ainsworth, Wambach, Pines (1989)
 S=Schulze et al. (1996)
 W=Wambach, Ainsworth, Pines (1993)
 C86=Chen et al. (1986)
 C93=Chen et al. (1993)

At high densities superfluidity disappears

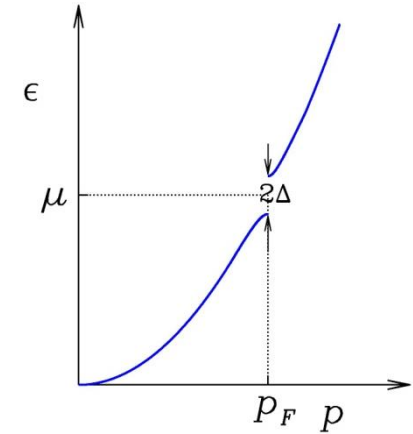
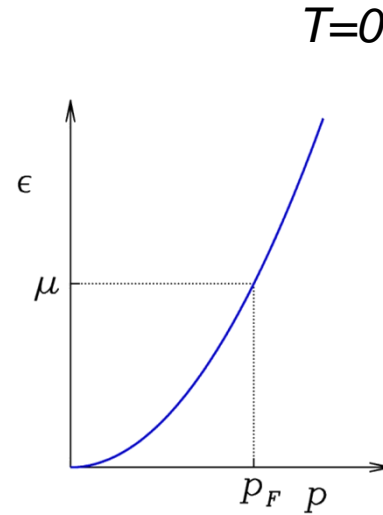
Our task is to study $T_{cn}(\rho)$, $T_{cp}(\rho)$ in neutron star core

Superfluidity – microscopic manifestations

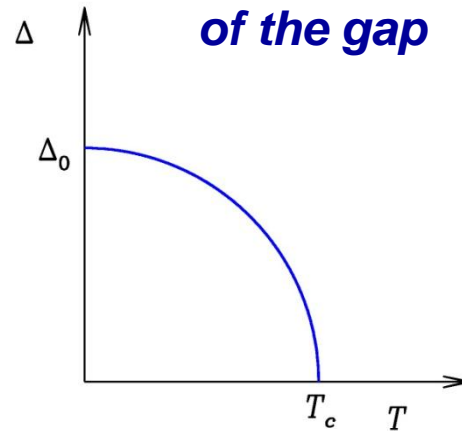
**Creates gap $\Delta(\rho, T)$
in energy spectrum
near Fermi level**

**Microscopic calculations
of the gap are very model
dependent
(nuclear interaction;
many-body effects)**

$$\varepsilon = \frac{p^2}{2m}$$



**Temperature dependence
of the gap**

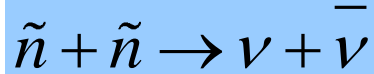


Neutrino emission due to Cooper pairing

Flowers, Ruderman and Sutherland (1976)

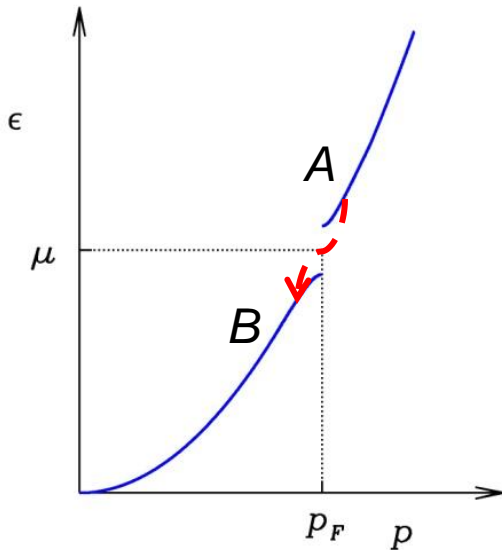
Voskresensky and Senatorov (1987)

Schaab et al. (1997)



Physics:

Jumping over cliff from branch A to B



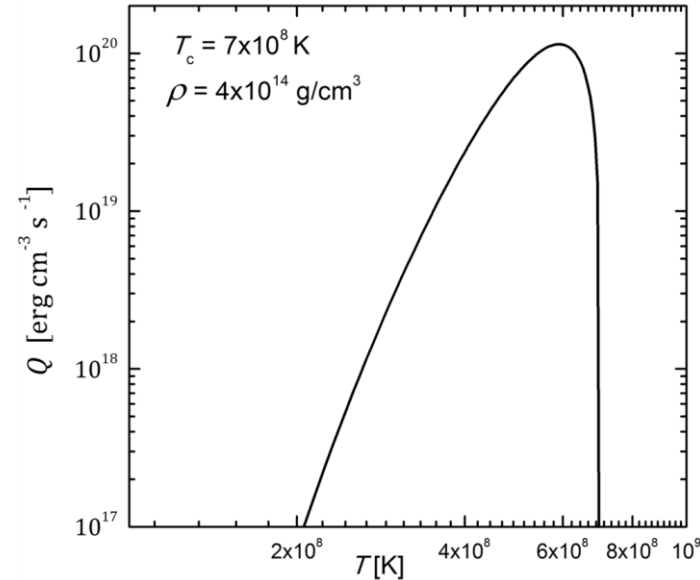
Features:

- **Efficient only for triplet-state pairing of neutrons**
- **Non-monotonic $Q(T)$**
- **Strong many-body effects**

Single state proton superfluidity suppresses neutrino emission

Triple state neutron superfluidity can enhance

Leinson (2001)
Leinson and Perez (2006)
Sedrakian, Muether, Schuck (2007)
Kolomeitsev, Voskresensky (2008)
Steiner, Reddy (2009)
Leinson (2010) S

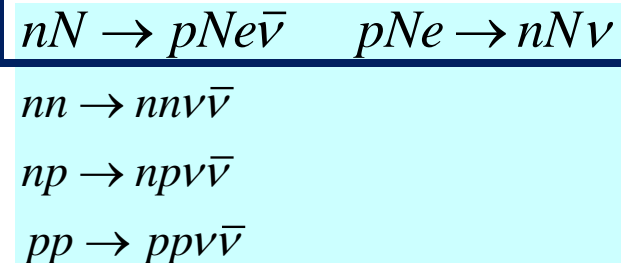
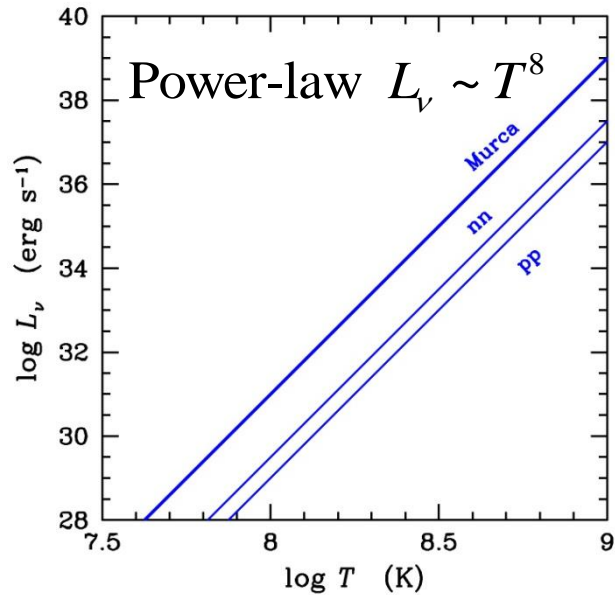


Temperature dependence of neutrino emissivity due to Cooper pairing

Neutrino luminosity of superfluid neutron star

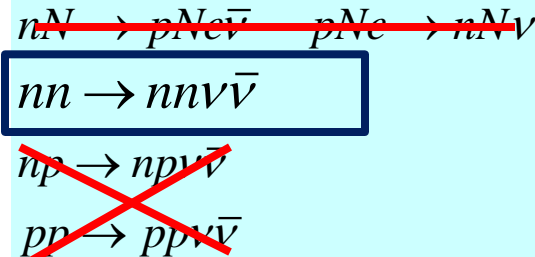
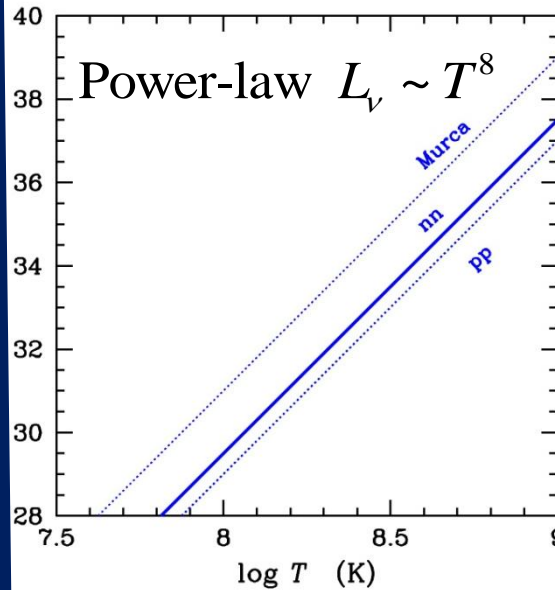
Non-superfluid star
with nucleon core
Standard Murca cooling

$$L_\nu = L_\nu^{Murca}$$



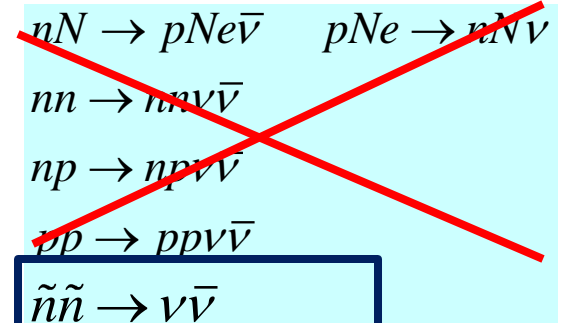
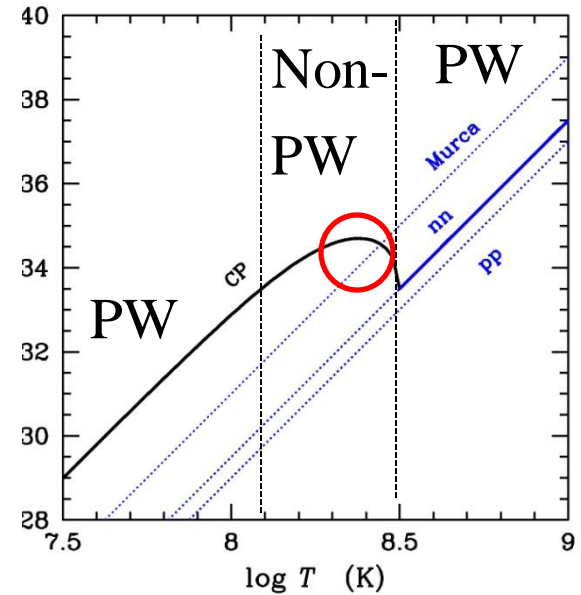
Add strong proton superfluidity
Very slow cooling

$$L_\nu \sim 0.01 L_\nu^{Murca}$$



Add moderate neutron superfluidity:
CP neutrino outburst

$$L_\nu^{Cooper} \sim (10-100) L_\nu^{Murca}$$

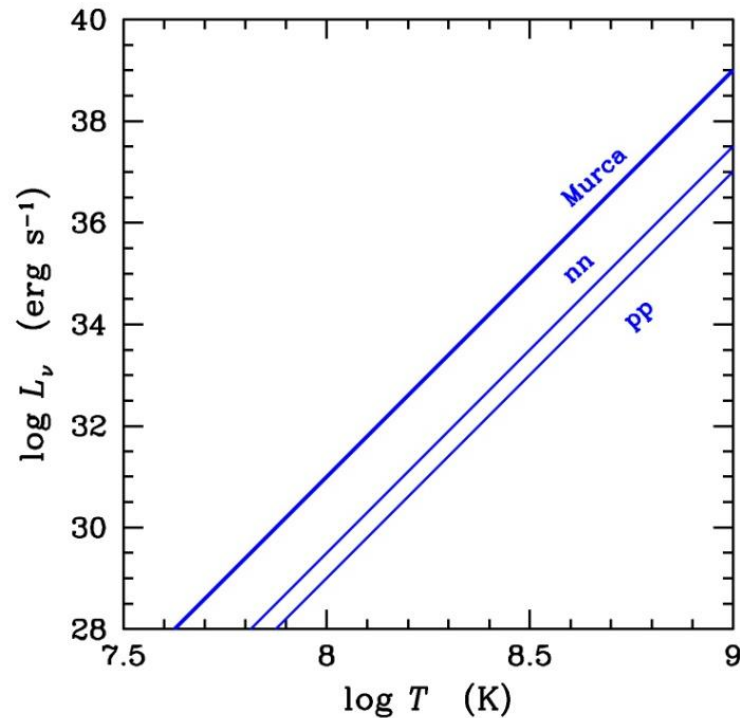


Pow-law $L_\nu \sim T^8$ is violated only when superfluidity appears

STANDARD NEUTRINO CANDLE

Def: *Standard neutrino candle = a neutron star which cools as a nonsuperfluid star through modified Urca process at given M and R = convenient cooling model to compare with observations*

*Nonsuperfluid star
with nucleon core
Murca cooling*



BASIC COOLING CURVE AND STANDARD NEUTRINO CANDLE

Universal at neutrino cooling stage with isothermal interior

*Nonsuperfluid star
Nucleon core
EOS PAL (1988)*

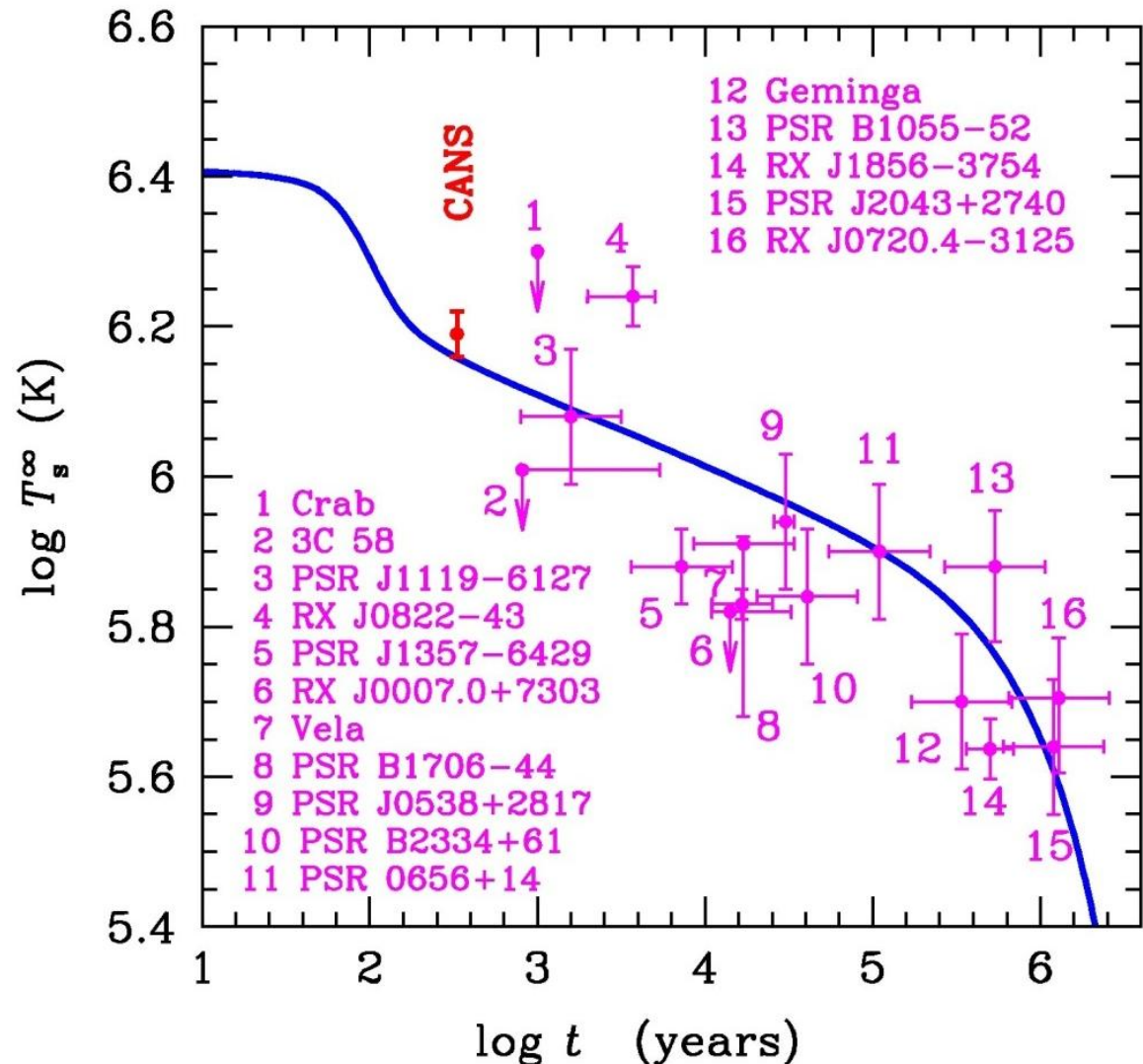
*Standard neutrino
candle*



Oleg Gnedin

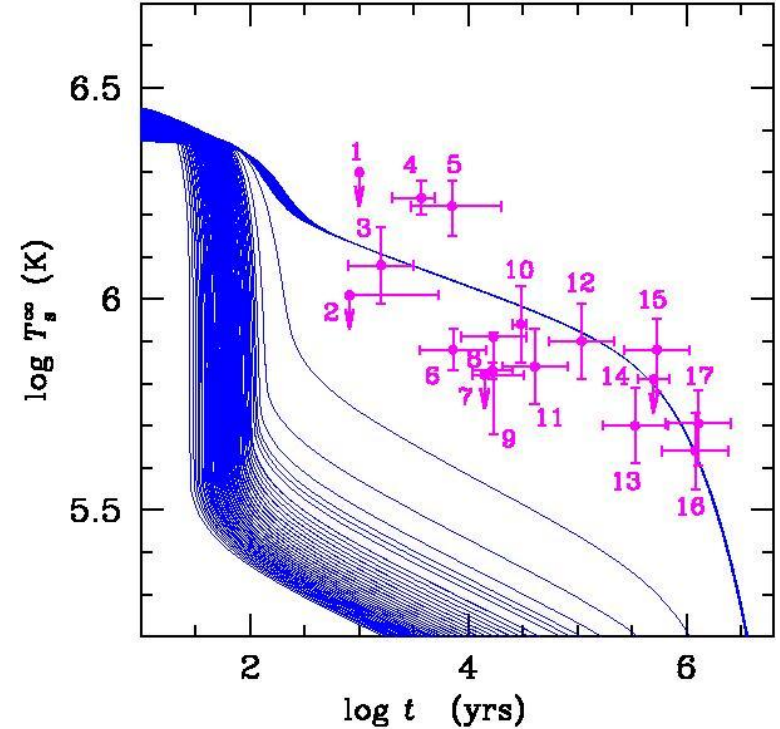
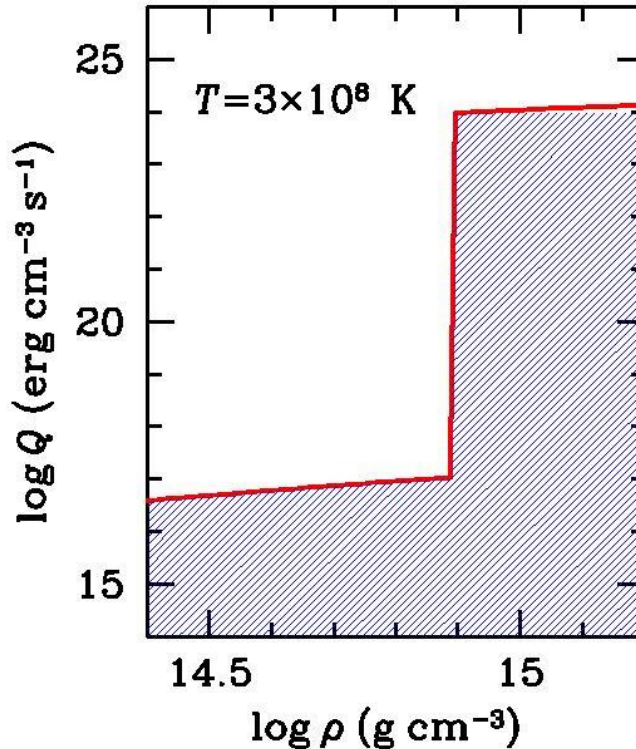


Cooling code



Unsuccessful explanation: Mucra and Durca, no superfluidity

- 1=Crab
- 2=PSR J0205+6449
- 3=PSR J1119-6127
- 4=RX J0822-43
- 5=1E 1207-52
- 6=PSR J1357-6429
- 7=RX J0007.0+7303
- 8=Vela
- 9=PSR B1706-44
- 10=PSR J0538+2817
- 11=PSR B2234+61
- 12=PSR 0656+14
- 13=Geminga
- 14=RX J1856.4-3754
- 15=PSR 1055-52
- 16=PSR J2043+2740
- 17=PSR J0720.4-3125



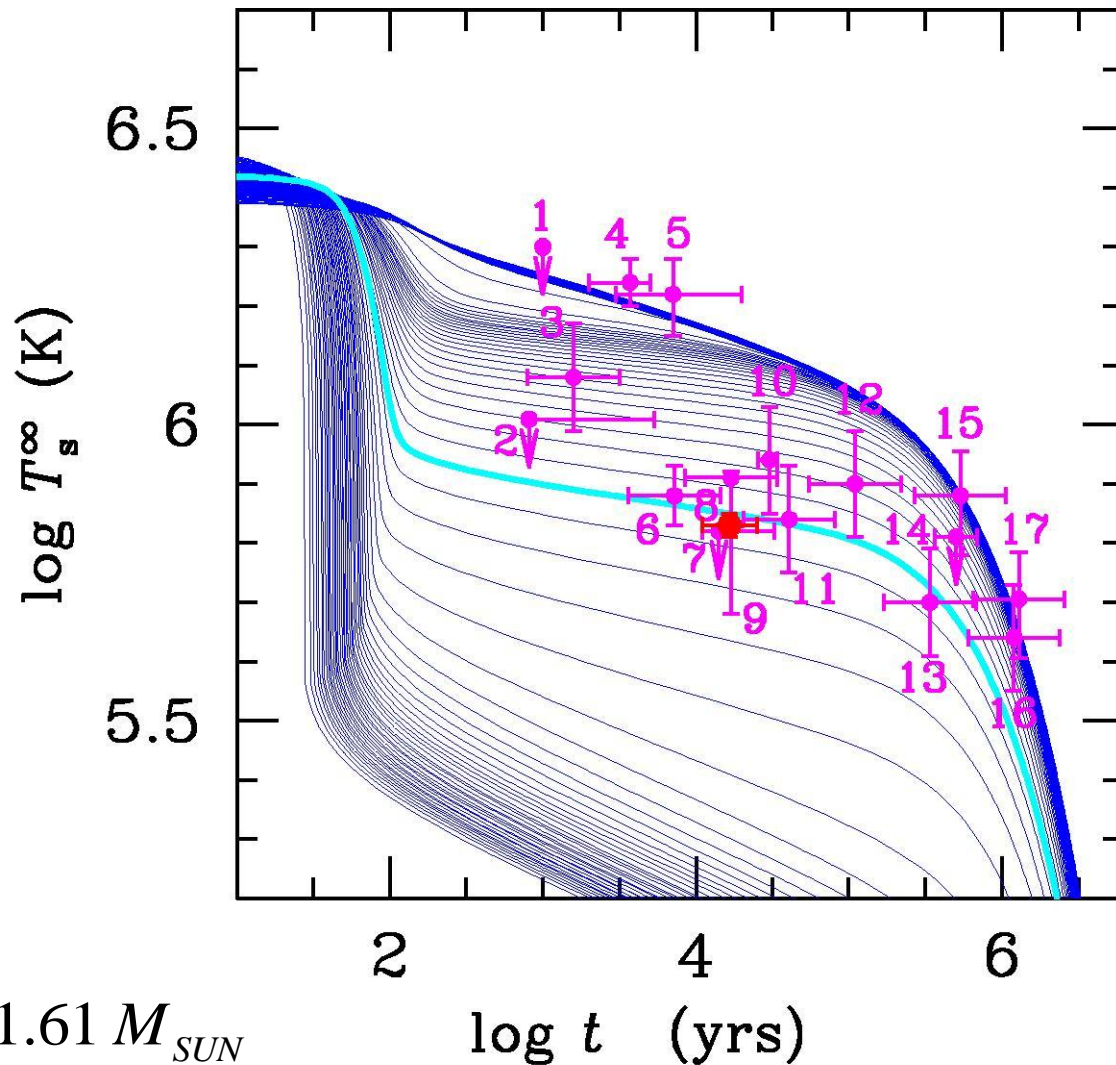
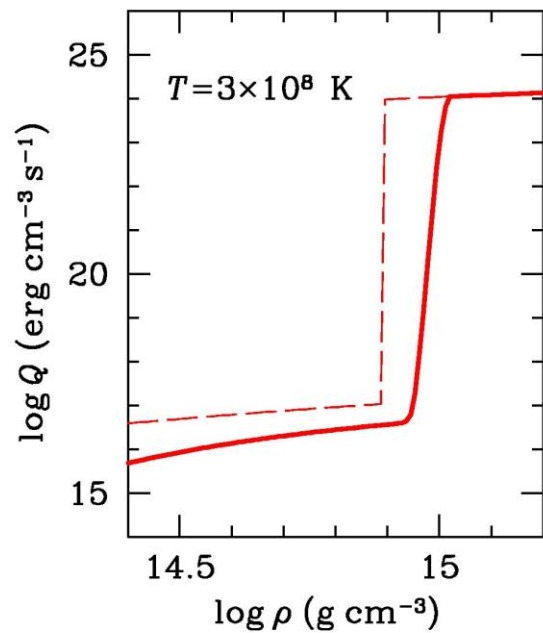
*Does not explain
the data*

$$M_{\text{MAX}} = 1.977 M_{\text{SUN}} \quad \rho_c = 2.578 \times 10^{15} \text{ g/cc}$$

$$M_{\text{D}} = 1.358 M_{\text{SUN}} \quad \rho_c = 8.17 \times 10^{14} \text{ g/cc}$$

From $1.1 M_{\text{SUN}}$ to $1.98 M_{\text{SUN}}$ with step $\Delta M = 0.01 M_{\text{SUN}}$

Direct Urca and strong proton SF in outer core

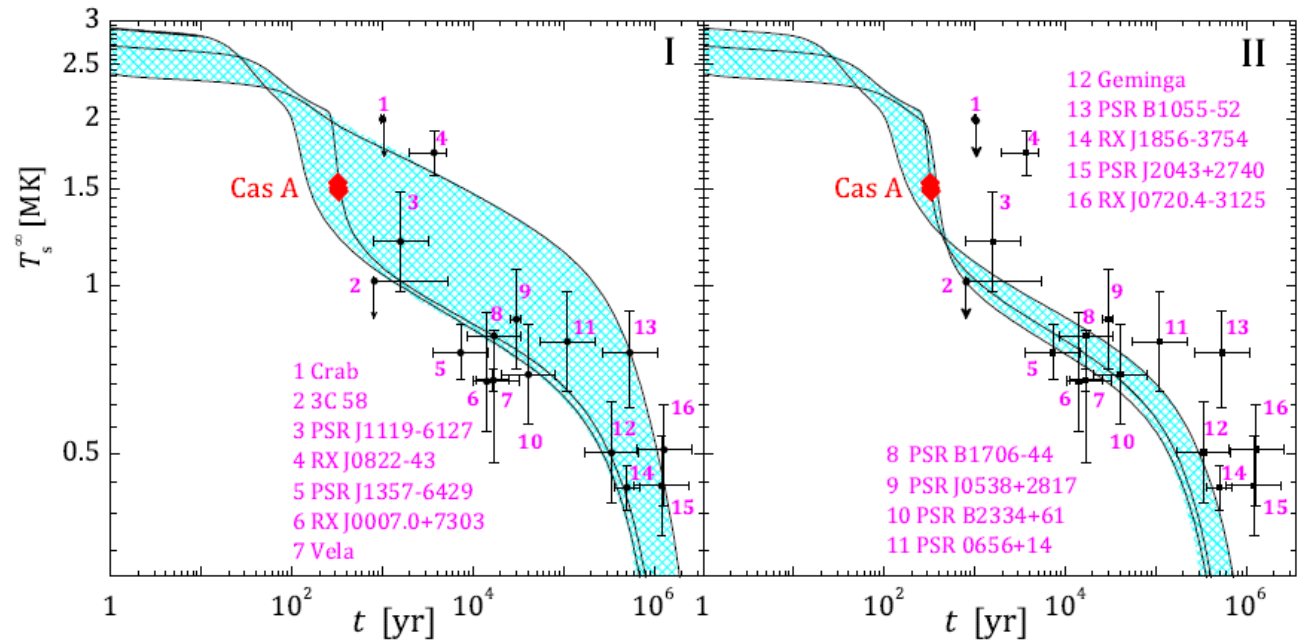


$$M_{\text{VELA}} = 1.61 M_{\text{SUN}}$$

Strong proton SF, moderate neutron SF, no Durca

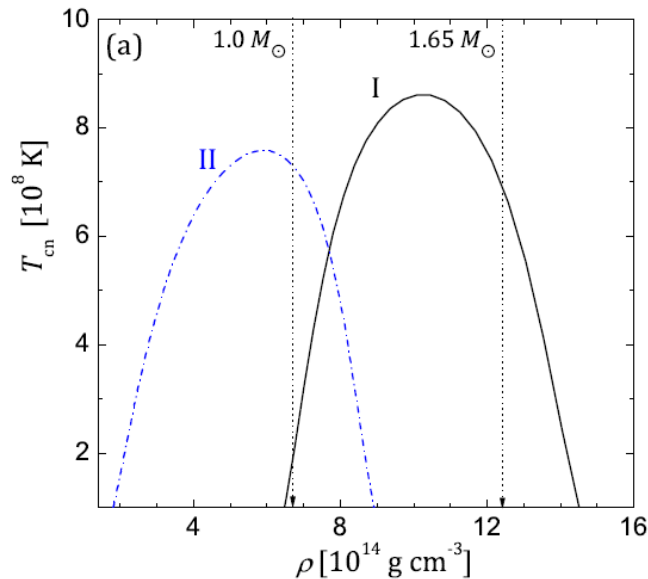
$$M = 1.0 M_{\odot} - M_{\max}$$

One model of superfluidity for all neutron stars



Only T_{cn} superfluidity I explains all the sources

Gusakov et al. (2004)



Alternatively: wider $T_{cn}(\rho)$ profile, but the efficiency of CP neutrino emission at low densities is weak

MODEL-INDEPENDENT STANDARD NEUTRINO CANDLE

Isothermal interior, neutrino cooling stage, lower-law cooling

$$\frac{d\tilde{T}}{dt} = -l(\tilde{T}), \quad l(\tilde{T}) \equiv \frac{L_\nu^\infty}{C} \quad = \text{cooling equation for INSs}$$

Assume: $L_\nu^\infty(\tilde{T}) \sim \tilde{T}^n$, $C(\tilde{T}) \sim \tilde{T} \Rightarrow l(\tilde{T}) = q\tilde{T}^{n-1}$

Solution:
$$\tilde{T}(t) = \frac{1}{[(n-2)qt]^{1/(n-2)}}, \quad l(t) = \frac{\tilde{T}(t)}{(n-2)t}$$

Case $n=8$: Slow cooling
$$\tilde{T}(t) \sim t^{-1/6}, \quad T_s^\infty(t) \sim t^{-1/12} \quad T_s^\infty \sim \sqrt{\tilde{T}}$$

Model-independent solution for standard candles (many EOSs):

$$\tilde{T}_{SC}(t) = 3.45 \times 10^8 \text{ K} (1-x) \left[1 + 0.12 \left(\frac{R}{10 \text{ km}} \right)^2 \right] \left(\frac{t_c}{t} \right)^{1/6}$$

$$x = \frac{2GM}{Rc^2}$$

$$t_c = 330 \text{ yrs}$$

Yakovlev, Ho, Shternin, Heinke, Potekhin (2011)

Extracting neutrino luminosity function (power-law cooling)

Step 1. Observe thermal emission of NS. Assume some M , R + NS atmosphere model and infer T_s (or L_s).

Step 2. Assume some composition of the heat blanketing envelope, use the theoretical $T_s - T_b$ relation and find the internal current temperature of the star $T(t)$.

Step 3. Assume standard cooling ($T(t) \sim t^{1/6}$) and determine the internal current neutrino luminosity function $l(M, R, t)$.

Step 4. Use the theory and find the internal current temperature $T_{sc}(t)$ of the standard candle for given M , R , t .

Step 5. Compare $T(t)$ with $T_{sc}(t)$ and determine the neutrino luminosity function in units of standard candles,

$$f_l = l(\tilde{T}) / l_{sc}(\tilde{T})$$

Congrats! You can now reconstruct the cooling history of the star in a model-independent way. The problem you solved is selfsimilar, with one selfsimilarity parameter f_l .

You can obtain f_l and analyze it later

Analyzing model-independent results (PL cooling)

You have some $f_l = 1, >1$ or <1 . How to analyze?

If $f_l \approx 1 \Rightarrow$ consistent with standard non-SF star cooling via modified Urca

If $0.01 \leq f_l \leq 1 \Rightarrow$ warmer star, can cool via *NN* bremsstrahlung, modified Urca suppressed by SF

If $f_l \leq 0.01 \Rightarrow$ very warm star, needs internal reheating

If $1 \leq f_l \leq 100 \Rightarrow$ colder star, can cool via CP neutrino emission

If $f_l > 100 \Rightarrow$ very cold star, needs enhanced cooling inside (direct Urca or something like)

EXAMPLES

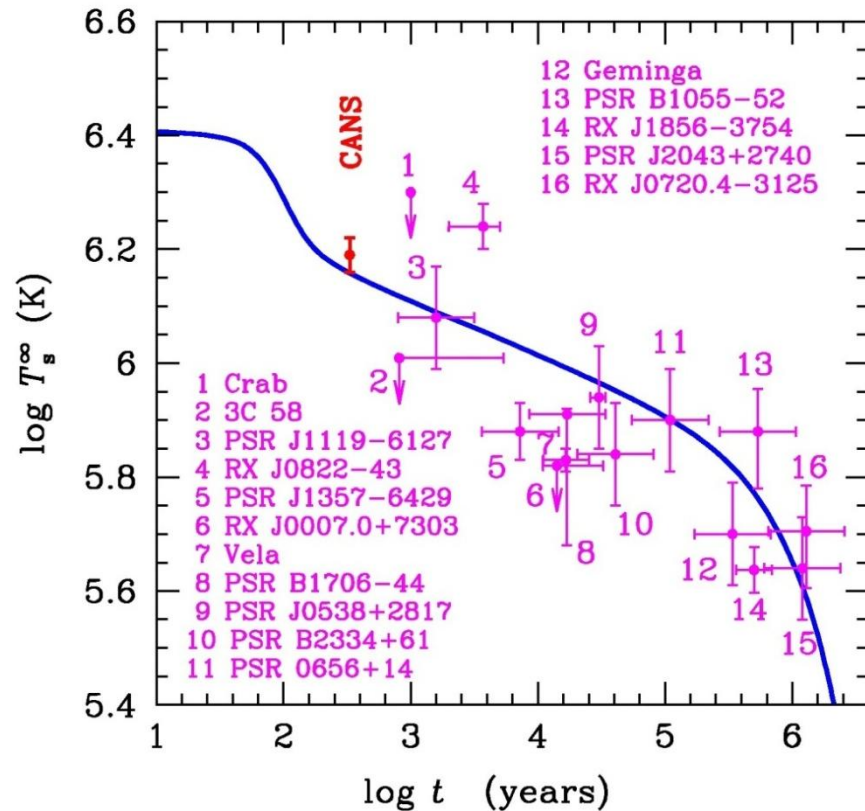
of model-independent analysis

Fe heat blanketing envelope

Vela: $f_1=100$ = enhanced cooling

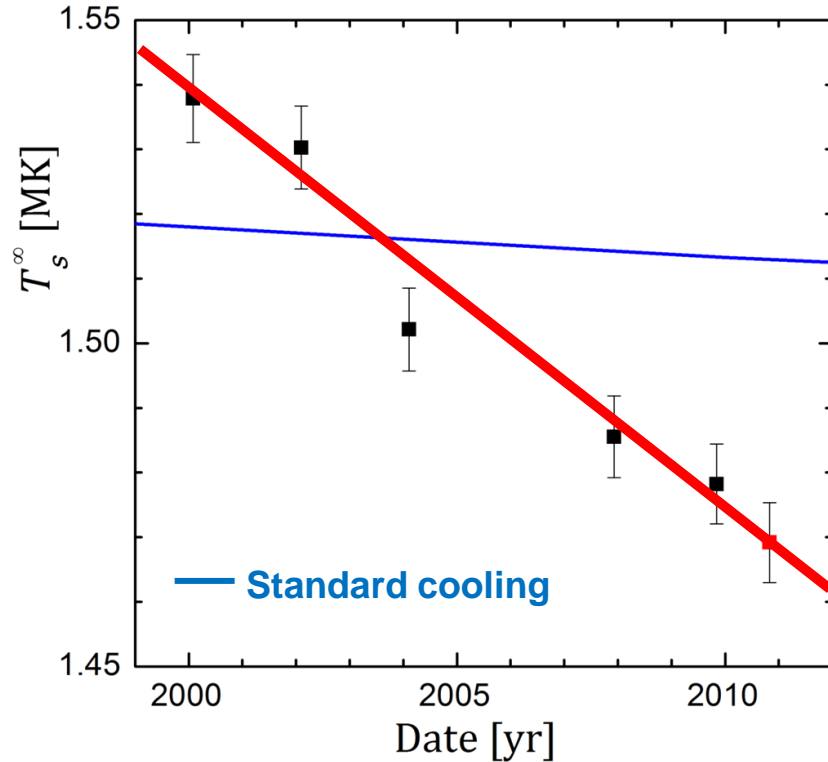
Cas A: $f_1 \sim 1$ = good standard candle?

INSs hotter for their age:
 $f_1 \sim 0.01$ = strong proton SF inside?

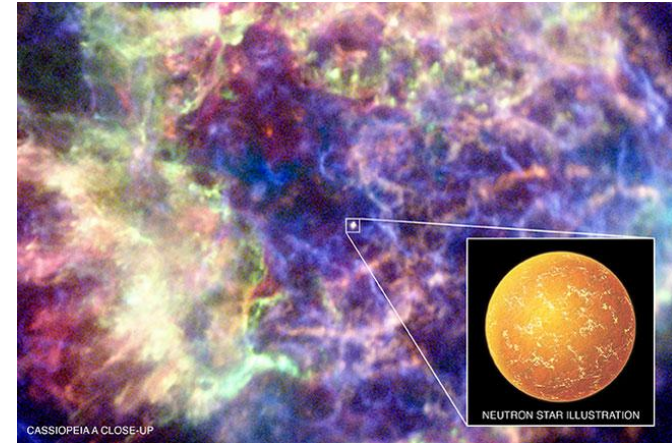


Cas A NS (2010)

Heinke & Ho, ApJL (2010): Surface temperature decline by 4% over 10 years



M, R, d, N_H are fixed



“Standard cooling”
cannot explain these
observations

*Observed
cooling
curve slope*

$$s = -\frac{d \ln T_s}{d \ln t} \approx 1.35 \pm 0.15 (2\sigma)$$

*Standard
cooling
curve slope*

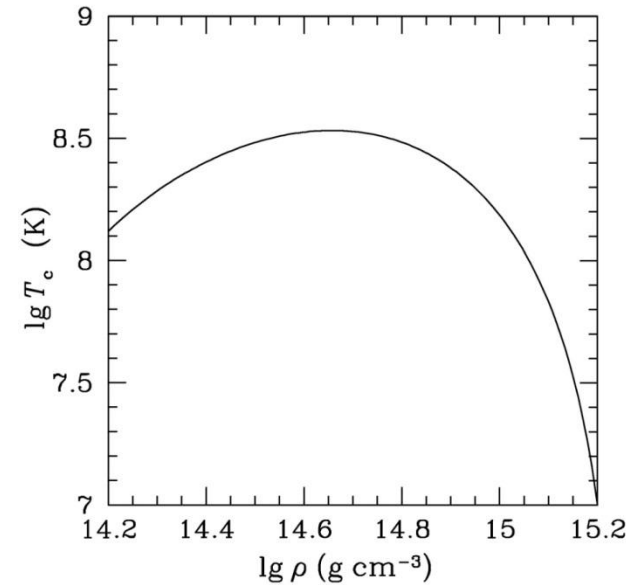
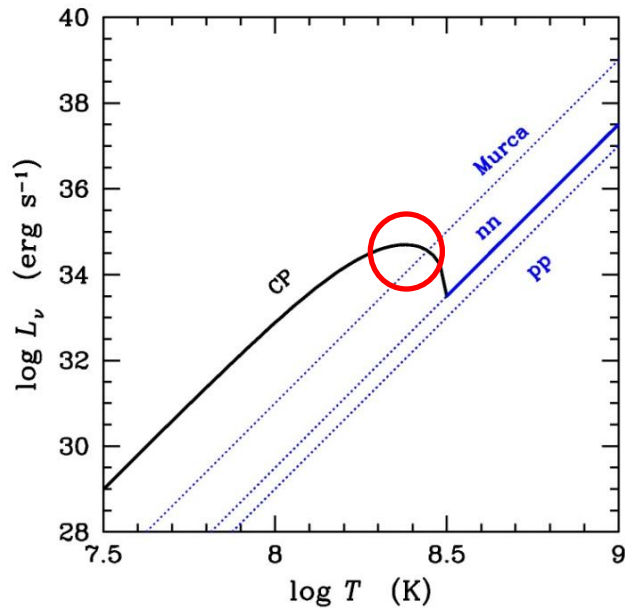
$$s = -\frac{d \ln T_s}{d \ln t} \approx 0.1$$

Cas A neutron star:

- 1. Is warm as for standard cooling**
- 2. Cools much faster than for standard cooling**

Slow cooling accelerated by neutron superfluidity

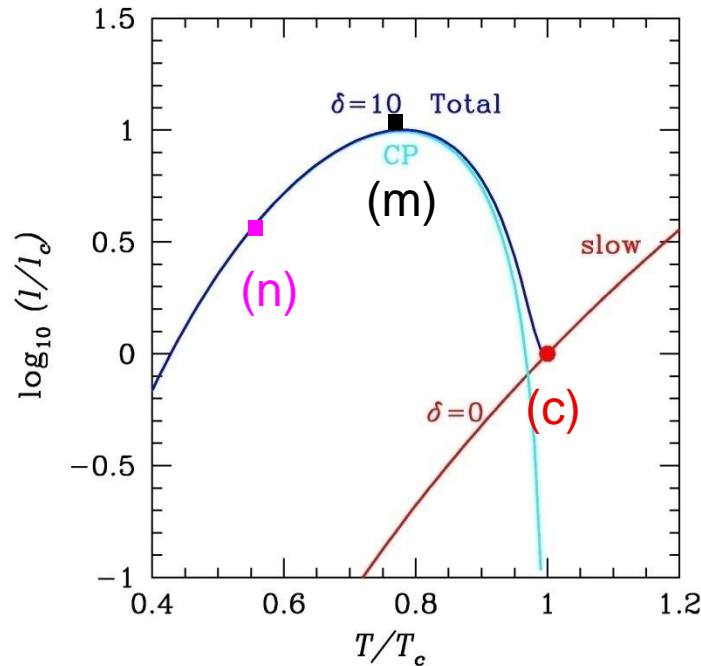
Cooling is accelerated by neutron superfluidity (Page et al. 2011, Shternin et al. 2011):



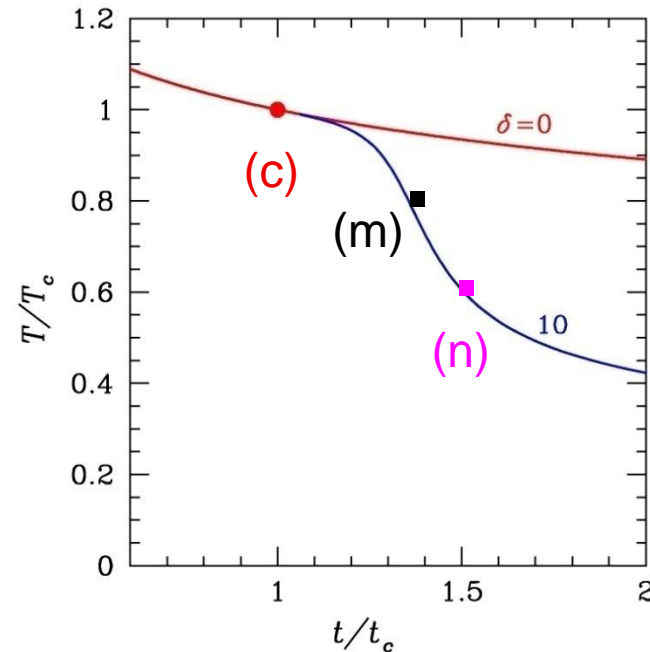
At $0.6T_c < T < T_c$ the problem is selfsimilar again

Self-similarity after superfluidity onset regulated by delta

Neutrino luminosity function



Cooling curve



Three points:

(c) Superfluidity onset ($t=t_c, T=T_c^{\max} = T_c$)

(m) Maximum of neutrino luminosity function ($T=0.765 T_c$)

(n) Observation (=now)

T = convenient independent variable

$\delta = l_{CP}(T_m) / l_0(T_c)$ = convenient parameter of power of CP neutrinos

with $l_{CP}(T_m) / l_0(T_m) = 5.6\delta$ and $l_{CP}(0.6 T_c) / l_0(0.6 T_c) = 18.56\delta$

Self-similarity after superfluidity onset

Analytic neutrino cooling function after superfluidity onset: Gusakov et al. (2004)

$$l(T) = l_c \left(\frac{T}{T_c} \right)^7 \left(1 + 116 \delta \left(1 - \frac{T}{T_c} \right)^2 \right)$$

Slow
cooling

Cooper pairing

Convenient universal
fit at $0.6 T_c < T < T_c$

$$T_C = T_C^{\max}$$

Then cooling equation is integrated and **analytic self-similar solution** emerges:

$$\frac{t}{t_c} = 1 + 6I_7 \left(\frac{T}{T_c} \right) \quad \text{at } 0.6T_c \leq T \leq T_c$$

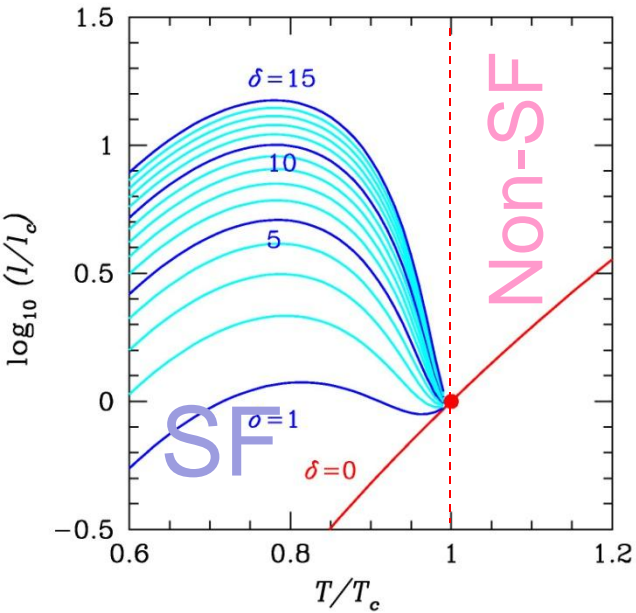
$$I_m(\tau) = \int_{\tau}^1 \frac{dx}{x^m [1 + 116 \delta (1 - x)^2]}$$



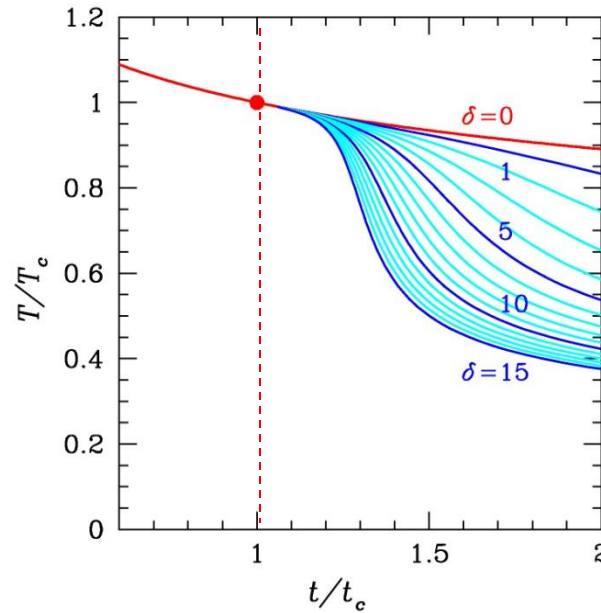
Analytic function

Self-similar solutions after SF onset

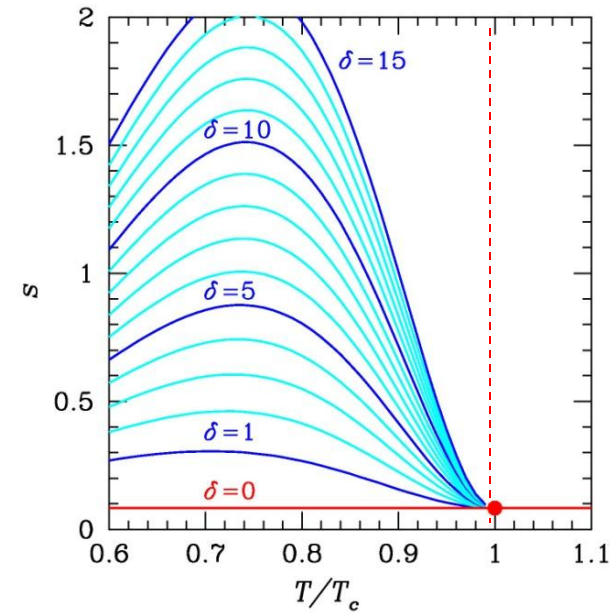
Neutrino luminosity function



Cooling curves

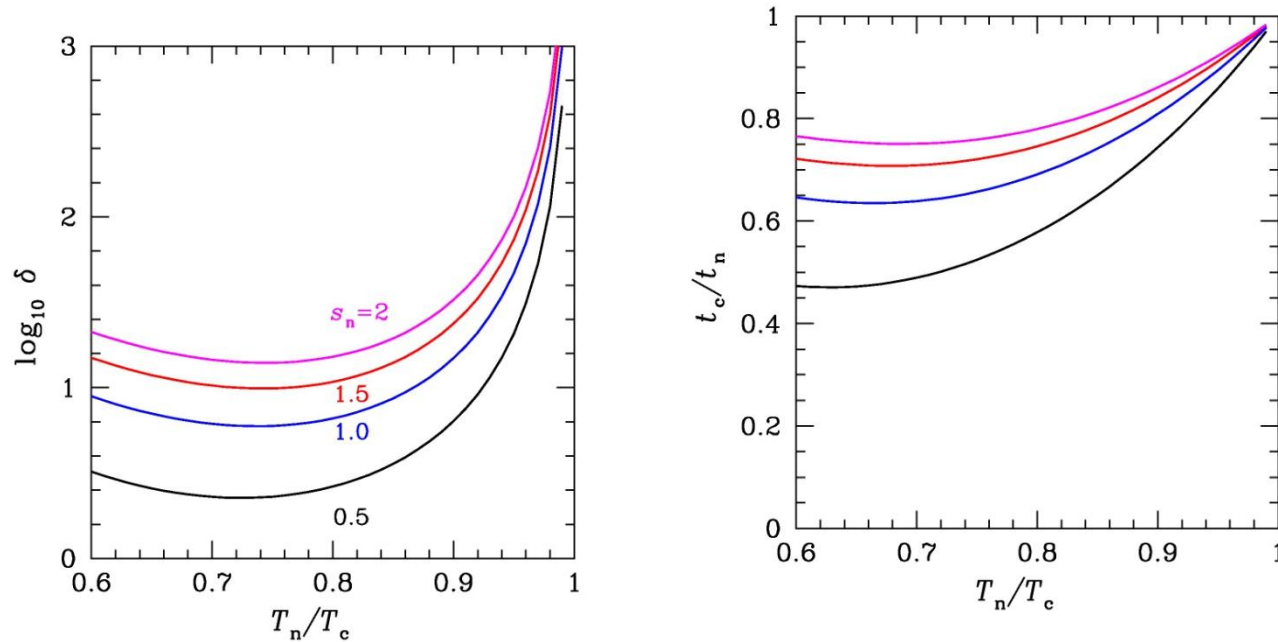


Slopes of cooling curve



$$s = -\frac{d \ln T_s}{d \ln t} = \text{slope of cooling curve, observable?}$$

Self-similar solutions for given s



If $s=s_n$ is known from observations: (e.g., 2, 1.5, 1, 0.5)

There is a family of solutions parameterized by T_n/T_c and s
For each solution we know all dimensionless quantities,
e.g., δ , t_c/t_n , ...

Self-similar solutions after SF onset

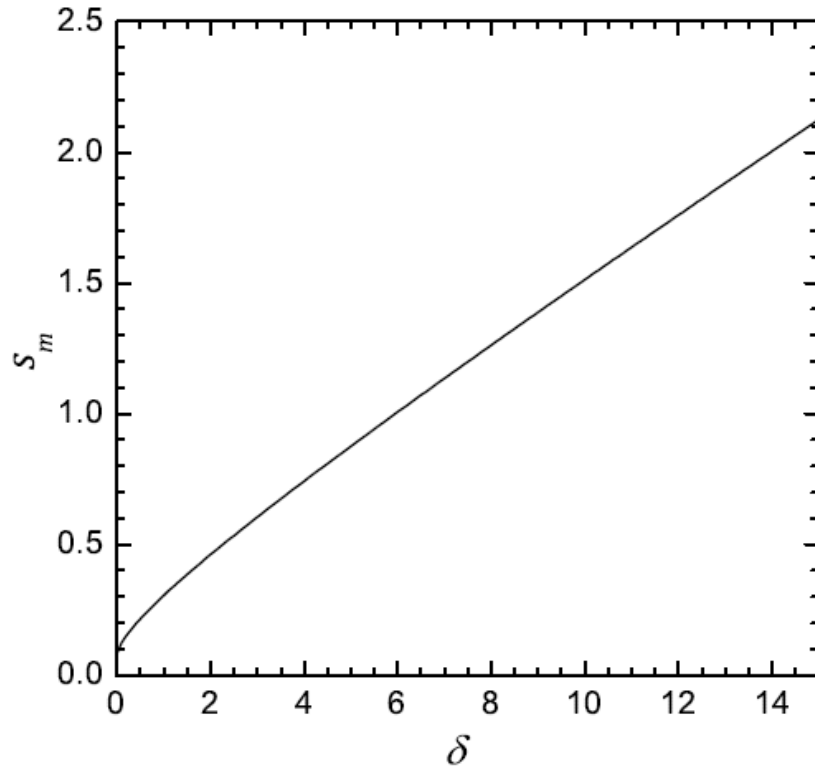
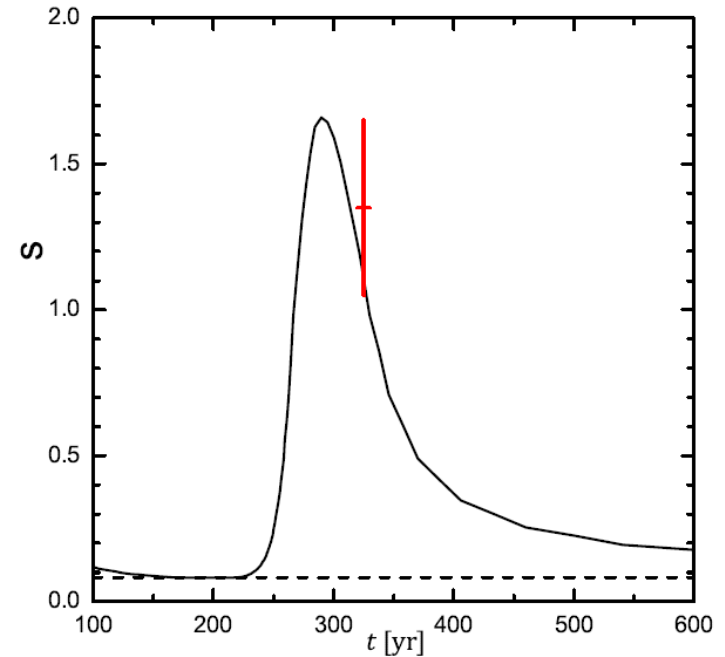


Figure 4. The maximum value s_m of the surface temperature decline versus δ .



Theoretical model for Cas A NS
Shternin et al. (2011)
Now: $s = 1.35$ = very big number
=> unique phenomenon!

Self-similar solutions for given s

Model-independent determination of neutrino emission rate

Step 1. Assume M , R , composition of heat blanket, find T_{sn} , s_n , t_n

Step 2. Use s_n , assume T_n/T_c , and perform dimensionless analysis

Step 3. Use T_{sn} , properties of heat blanket, and find T_n and T_c

Step 4. Use t_n and t_c/t_n to find t_c

Step 5. Use t_c and T_c to find neutrino emission level at slow cooling (before superfluidity onset) [Yakovlev et al. 2011]

Step 6. Use δ and find neutrino emission level due to Cooper pairing

Now neutrino cooling function is reconstructed (at any given s_n and T_n/T_c)
in terms of parameters which are independent of specific EOS
and $T_c(\rho)$ model

Use physical constraints to reject unphysical solutions!

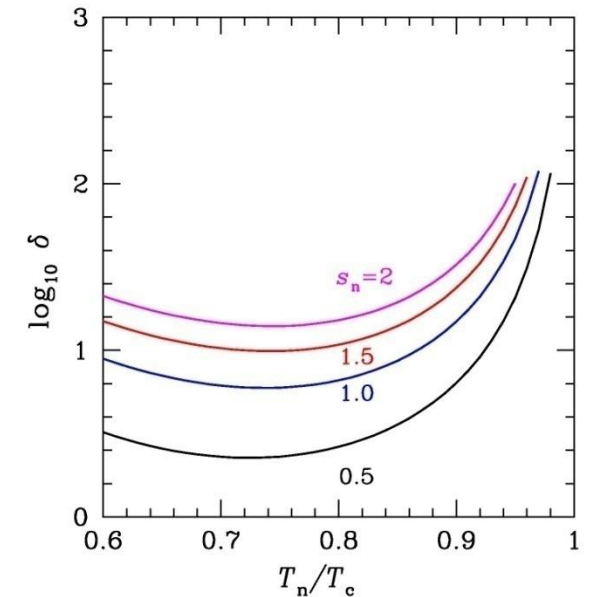
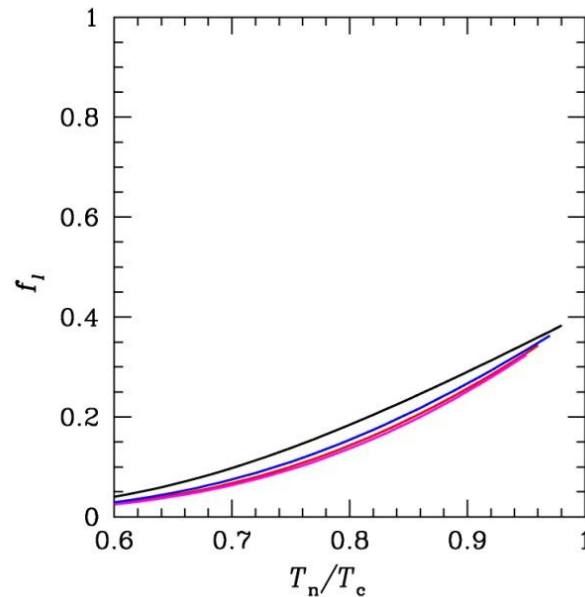
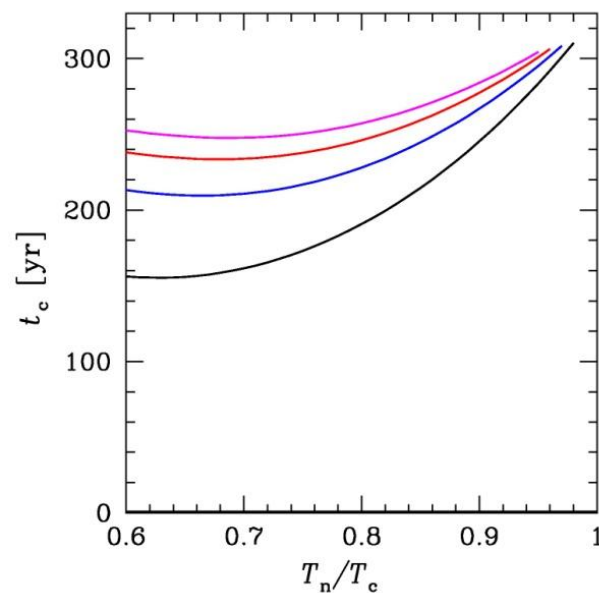
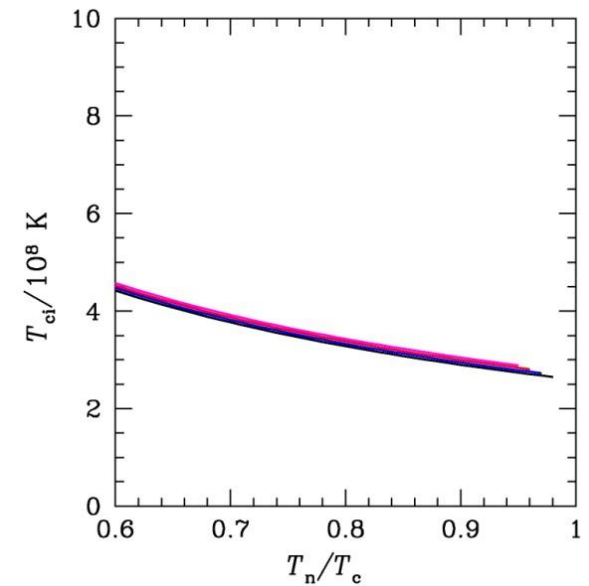
Example: Self-similar solutions for Cas A NS

APR I: $M = 1.65 M_{SUN}$; $R = 11.8$ km

Fe heat blanketing envelope

$$T_s = 2 \times 10^6 \text{ K} \Rightarrow T_b = 3.6 \times 10^8 \text{ K}$$

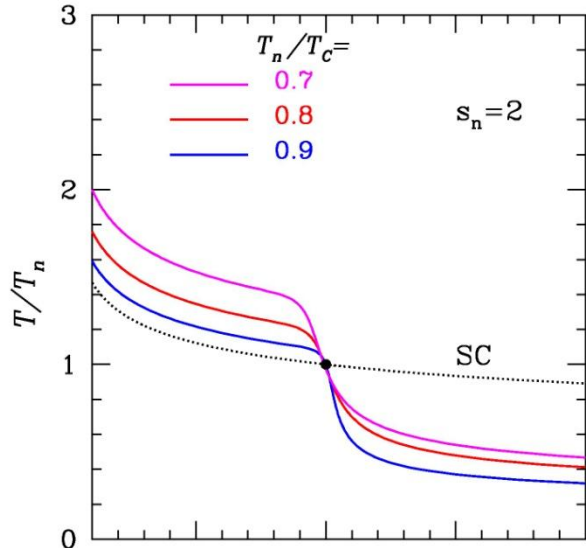
Four cases $s=s_n = 2, 1.5, 1, 0.5$



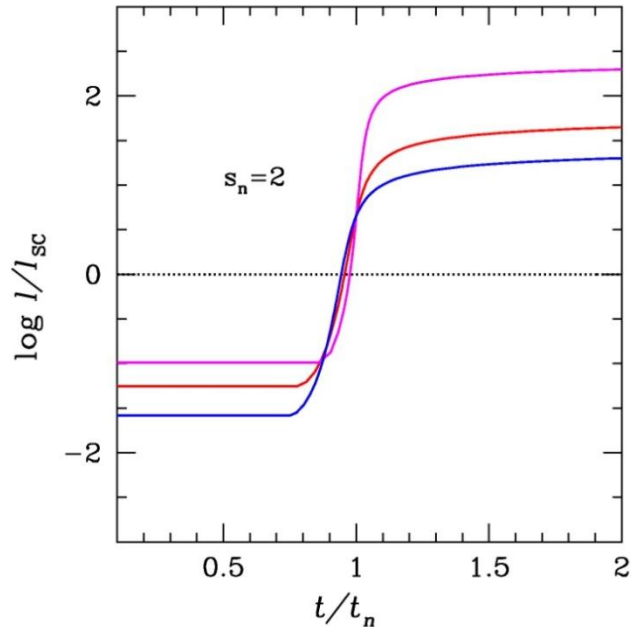
Example: Self-similar solutions for Cas A NS

$S_n=2$

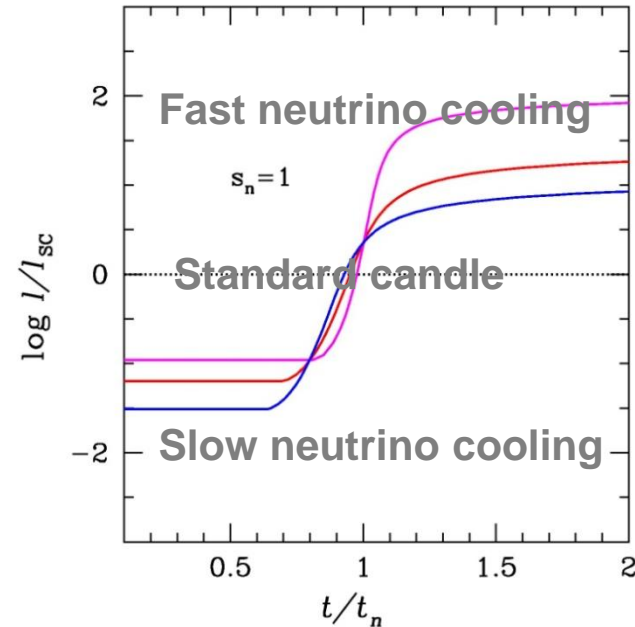
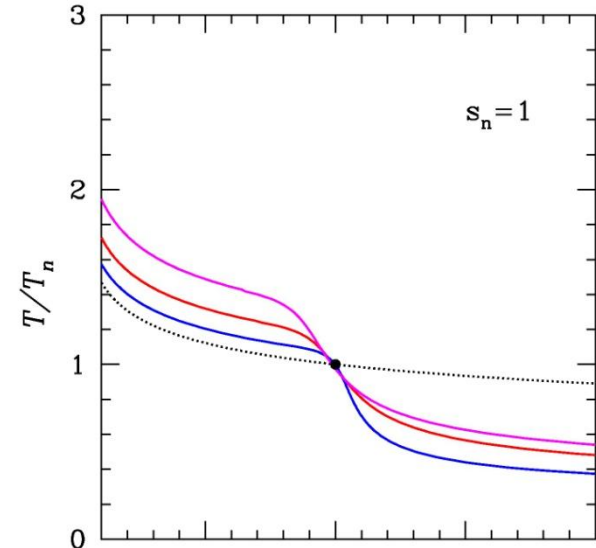
Internal temperature drop



Neutrino emission level evolution



$S_n=1$



Is there rapid cooling of Cas A NS real (2013)?

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Table 6
Temperature Decline Percentages for the NS in Cas A over 2000–2010

| Detector | Case | Temperature Decline % over 10 yr | χ^2_{ν} |
|-----------------------------------|------|------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|
| HRC-S ^a | I | $1.0 \pm 0.7_{\text{stat}}^{+1.0}_{-0.1} \text{ sys } \%^{\text{b}}$ | 0.90 |
| HRC-S | II | $0.9 \pm 0.6_{\text{stat}}$ | 1.4 |
| HRC-S | III | $2.0 \pm 0.7_{\text{stat}}$ | 0.62 |
| HRC-S | IV | $1.8 \pm 0.7_{\text{stat}}$ | 0.15 |
| ACIS-S (Graded Mode) ^a | I | $3.5 \pm 0.4_{\text{stat}}^{+1.6}_{-0.3} \text{ sys } \%^{\text{b}}$ | 0.39 |
| ACIS-S (Graded Mode) | II | $3.1 \pm 0.3_{\text{stat}}$ | 0.65 |
| ACIS-S (Graded Mode) | III | $5.0 \pm 0.4_{\text{stat}}$ | 1.4 |
| ACIS-S (Graded Mode) | IV | $4.9 \pm 0.4_{\text{stat}}$ | 0.67 |
| HRC-I ^a | I | $2.1 \pm 1.0_{\text{stat}}$ | 2.2 |
| ACIS-I ^a | V | $2.6 \pm 2.0_{\text{stat}}$ | 1.5 |
| ACIS-S (Faint Mode) ^a | II | $2.1 \pm 1.9_{\text{stat}}$ | 0.56 |
| All except ACIS-S (Graded Mode) | ... | $1.3 \pm 0.6_{\text{stat}}^{+1.6}_{-0.3} \text{ sys } \%^{\text{c}}$ | ... |
| All | ... | $2.9 \pm 0.9_{\text{stat}}^{+1.6}_{-0.3} \text{ sys } \%^{\text{c,d}}$ | ... |

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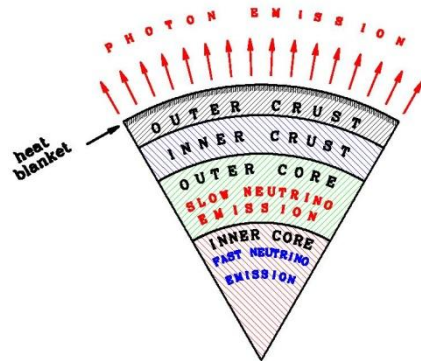
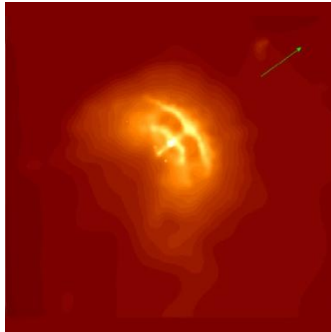
Overall, our results (2006-2012) are consistent with no temperature decline at all, or a smaller temperature decline than that reported for the data suffering from pile-up and acquired in Graded mode during the time interval 2000-2012. A longer time base of data with negligible pile-up and a better knowledge of the ACIS filter contamination changes are needed to assess any temperature or flux change with higher certainty.



Main Cooling Objects

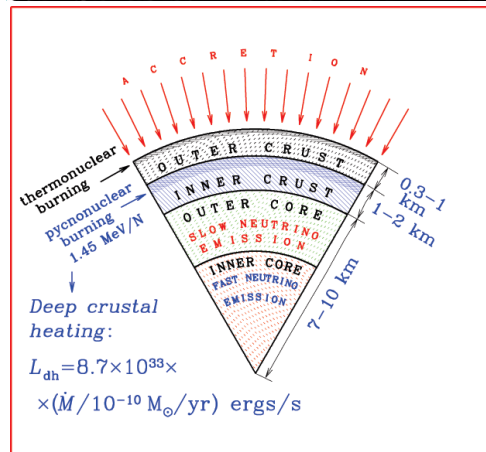
- *Isolated (cooling) neutron stars*
- *Accreting neutron stars in X-ray transients (heated inside)*
- *Sources of superbursts*
- *Magnetars (heated inside)*

INSs



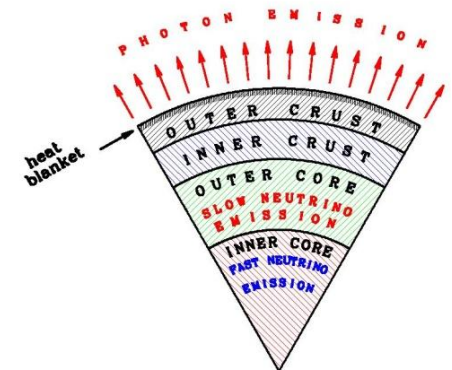
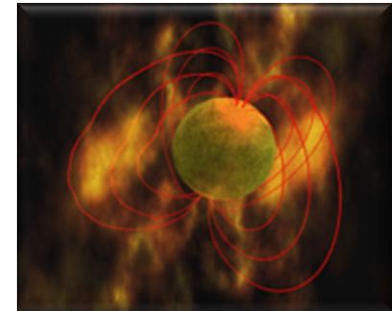
Cooling of initially hot star

XRTs



Deep crustal heating:
Theory: Haensel & Zdunik (1990)
Applications to XRTs:
Brown, Bildsten & Rutledge (1998)

Magnetars



Magnetic heating

Main Cooling Objects

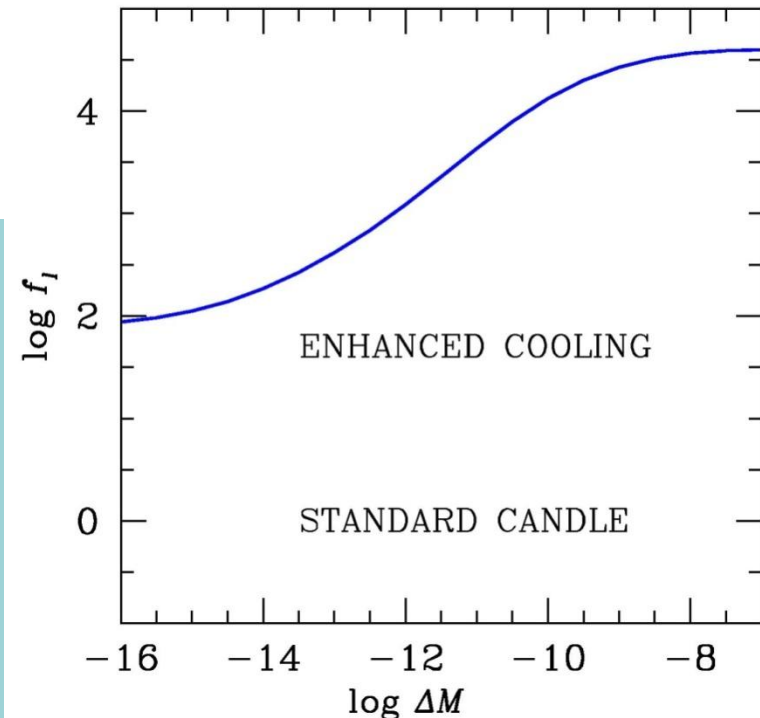
| Objects | Physics which is tested |
|---------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Middle-aged isolated NSa | Neutrino luminosity function Composition and B-field in heat-blanketing envelopes |
| Young isolated NSs | Crust |
| Quasistationary XRTs | Neutrino luminosity function Composition and B-field in heat-blanketing envelopes Deep crustal heating |
| Quasipersistent XRTs KS 1731—260; MXB 1659—29 | Crust Deep crustal heating |
| Superbursts | Crust |
| Magnetar outbursts | Crust |
| Magnetars in quasistationary states | Crustal heating |

Important warning about heat blankets



Chemical composition of heat blanketing envelope is basically unknown => extracting neutrino cooling rate from observations is basically uncertain => internal neutrino cooling is disguised by unknown thermal insulation

Important issue: to study composition of envelopes (Bildsten et al.)



Vela pulsar, $M=1.4 M_{SUN}$, APR I EOS

$$T_s^\infty \approx 6.8 \times 10^5 \text{ K}$$

CONCLUSIONS

OBSERVATIONS

- *Include sources of different types*
- *Observations seem more important than theory*
- *Are still insufficient to solve NS problem*

THEORY

- *Main cooling regulator: neutrino luminosity function*
- *Warmest observed stars INs are low-massive; their neutrino luminosity ≤ 0.01 of modified Urca*
- *Coldest observed stars INs are massive; their neutrino luminosity ≥ 100 of modified Urca*

Evidence for SF from NS cooling

- *Warmest observed isolated INs and NSs in quasi-stationary XRTs require very slow cooling \Rightarrow consistent with strong proton superfluidity which suppresses many neutrino processes*
- *Unusual cooling behavior of Cas A NS*

CONCLUSIONS

Warning

- *Do not expect from cooling theory more than it can give*
- *Cooling theory by itself will hardly allow accurate mass and radius measurements – it has to be calibrated by independent measurements and/or reliable theory of nuclear matter*
- *Info on internal neutrino emission is disguised by unknown composition of heat blanket*

Future

- *New observations => good practical theories of dense matter*
- *Proper inclusion of B-field, rotation, superfluidity*
- *Independent measurements of masses, radii, etc.*
- *Good luck*