

# ***THERMAL EVOLUTION OF ORDINARY NEUTRON STARS AND MAGNETARS***

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- Comparison of ordinary neutron stars and magnetars
- Conclusions

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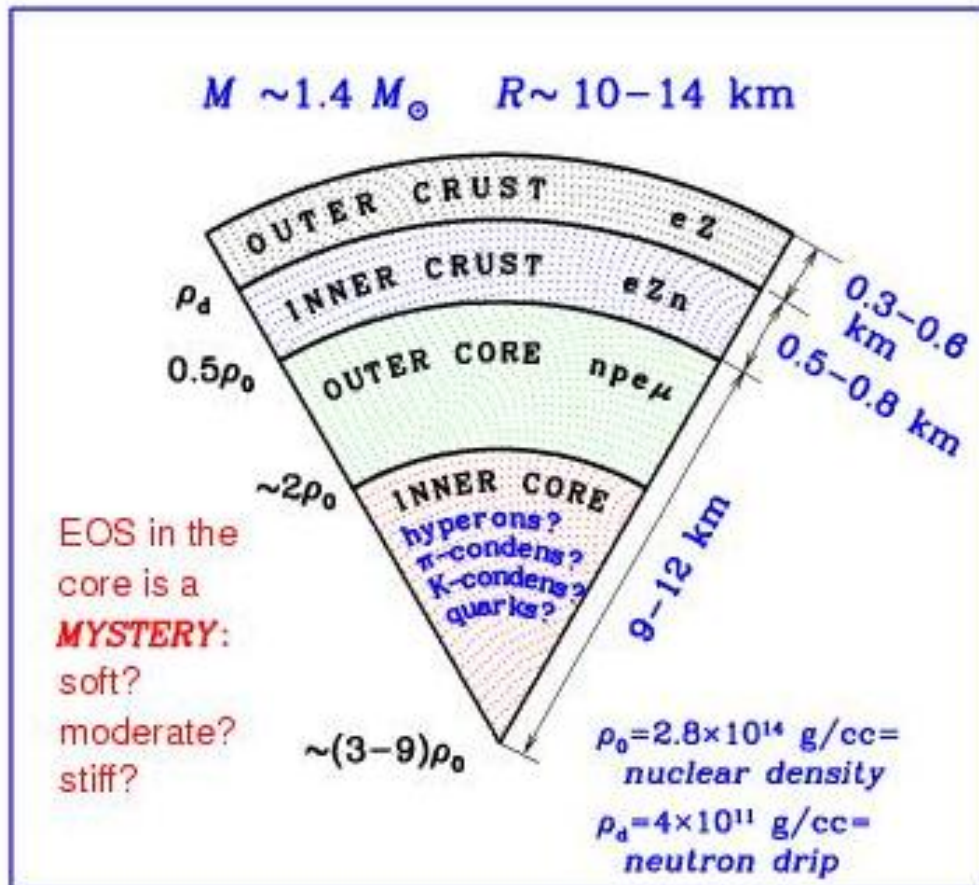


# HARD WORK ON MAGNETAR PHYSICS





# Neutron star structure

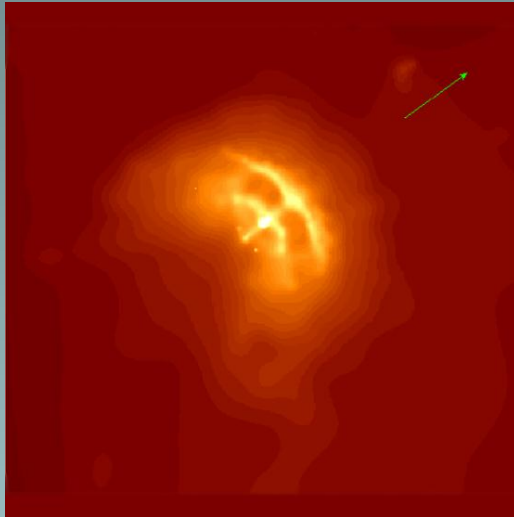


*Mystery:  
EOS of superdense matter  
in the core*

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

# Cooling of ordinary neutron stars

Chandra  
image of  
the Vela  
pulsar  
wind nebula  
NASA/PSU  
Pavlov et al

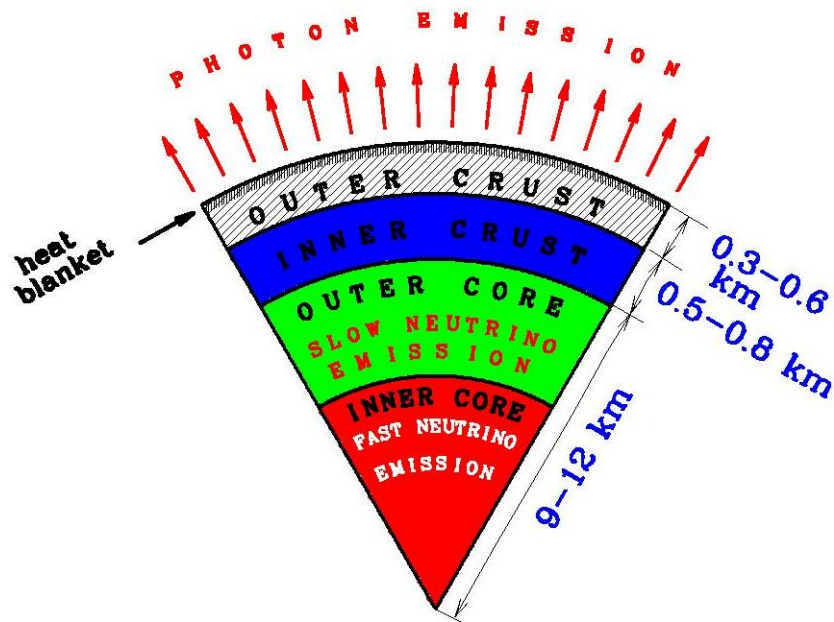


## *Ordinary neutron stars:*

- *Isolated neutron stars which cool by losing their internal heat*
- *Middle-aged ( $t < 1$  Myr)*
- *Show surface thermal radiation (mainly in X-rays)*

# Cooling of ordinary neutron stars

## Heat diffusion with neutrino and photon losses



Photon luminosity:  $L_\gamma = 4\pi\sigma R^2 T_s^4$

Heat blanketing envelope:  $T_s = T_s(T)$

Heat content:  $U_T \sim 10^{48} T_9^2 \text{ ergs}$

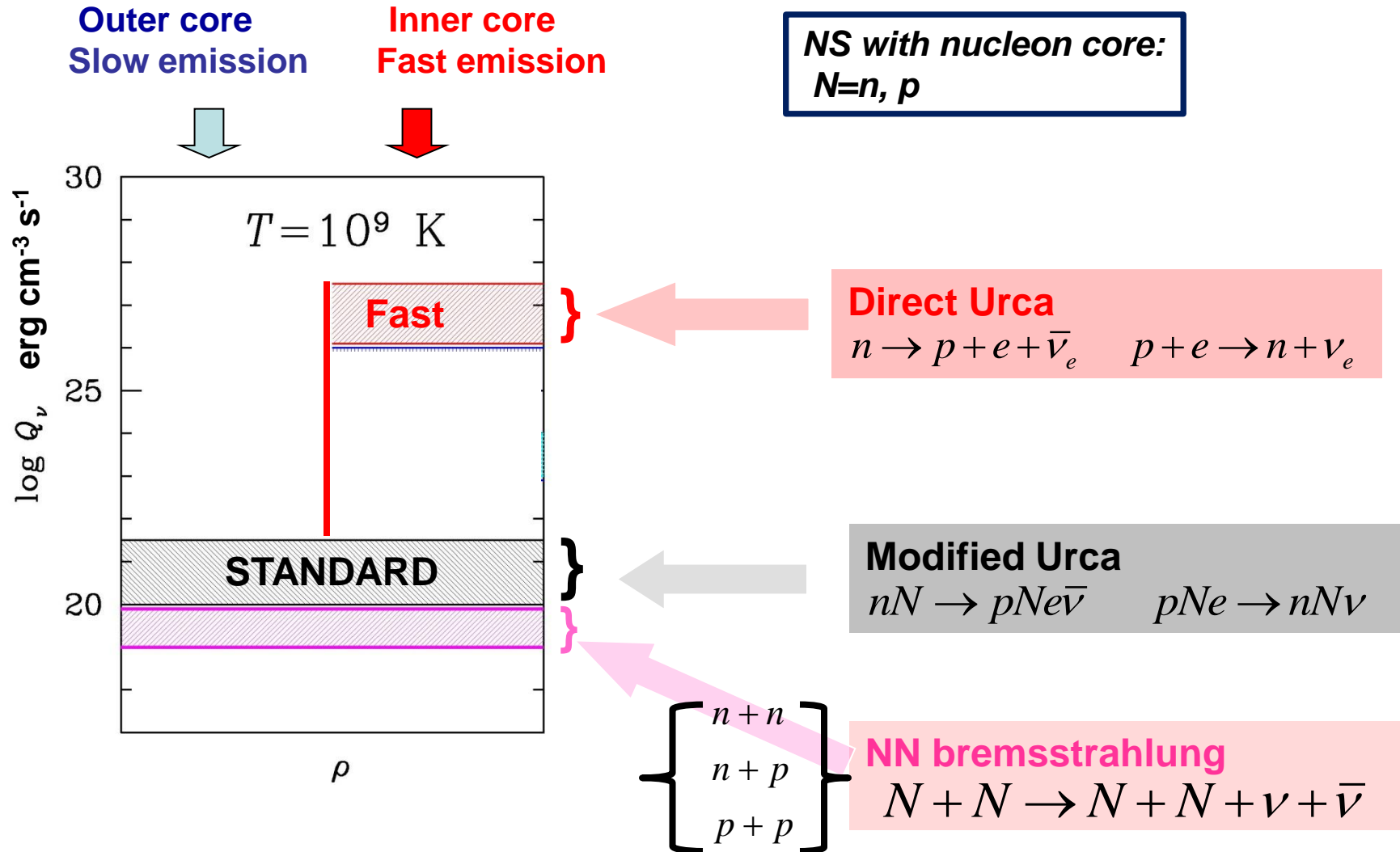
### Main cooling regulators:

1. EOS
2. Neutrino emission
3. Superfluidity
4. Magnetic fields
5. Light elements on the surface

**Testing:**

Internal structure of neutron stars

# Neutrino emission from cores of non-superfluid NSs



**Enhanced emission in inner cores of massive neutron stars:**

**Everywhere in neutron star cores:**

$$Q_{\text{FAST}} = Q_{0\text{F}} T^6 \quad L_{\text{FAST}} = L_{0\text{F}} T^6$$

$$Q_{\text{SLOW}} = Q_{0\text{S}} T^8 \quad L_{\text{SLOW}} = L_{0\text{S}} T^8$$



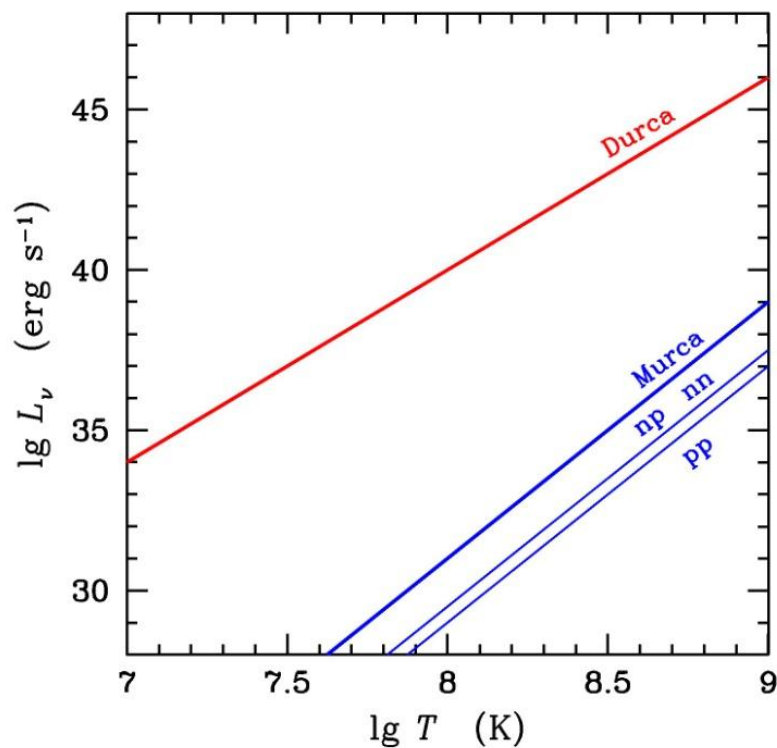
# Neutrino emission of non-superfluid Neutron star



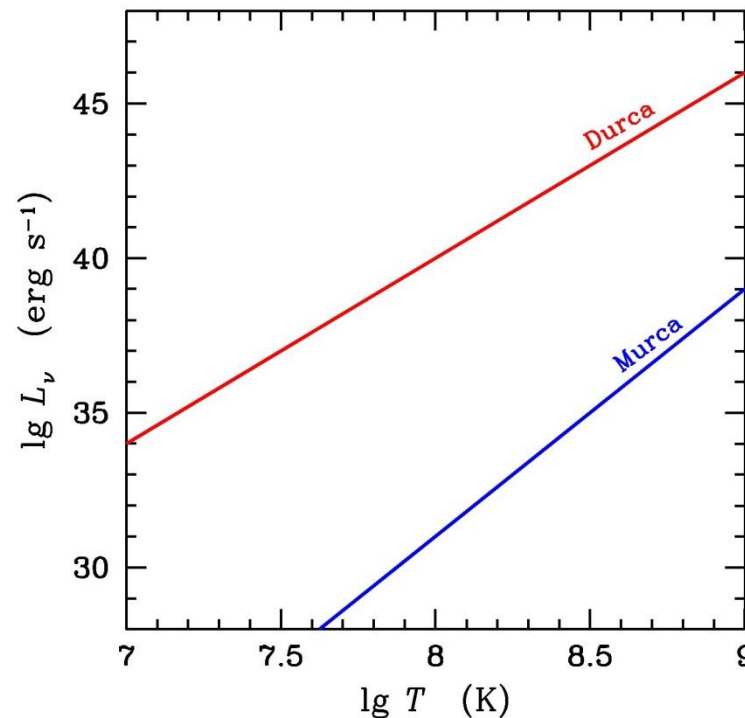
Casino da Urca – Urca – Durca – Murca – Kurca

*K.P. Levenfish*

*G.A. Gamow*



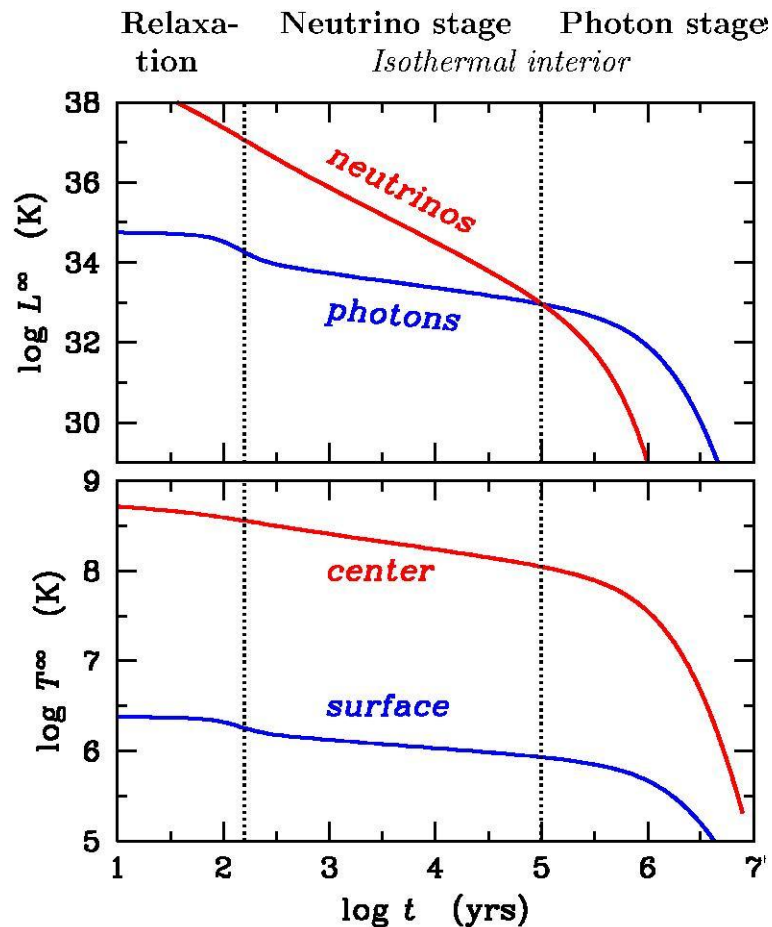
*Main neutrino mechanisms*



*Neutrino emission levels*



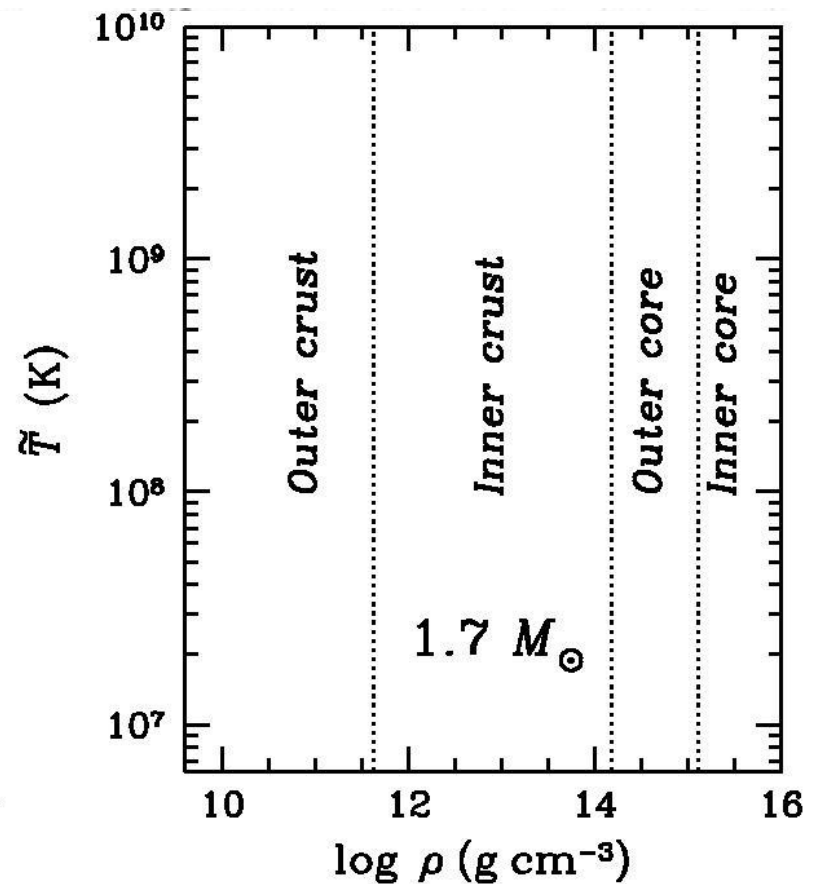
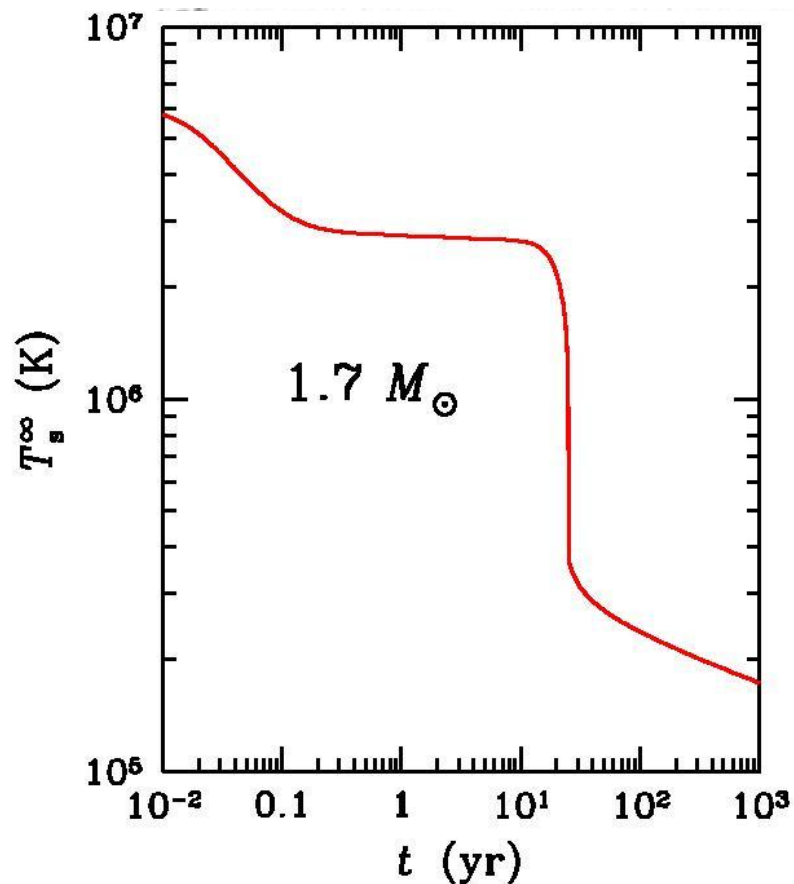
# THREE COOLING STAGES



Stage	Duration	Physics
Relaxation	10—100 yr	Crust
Neutrino	10-100 kyr	Core, surface
Photon	Infinite	Surface, core, Reheating

# THERMAL RELAXATION

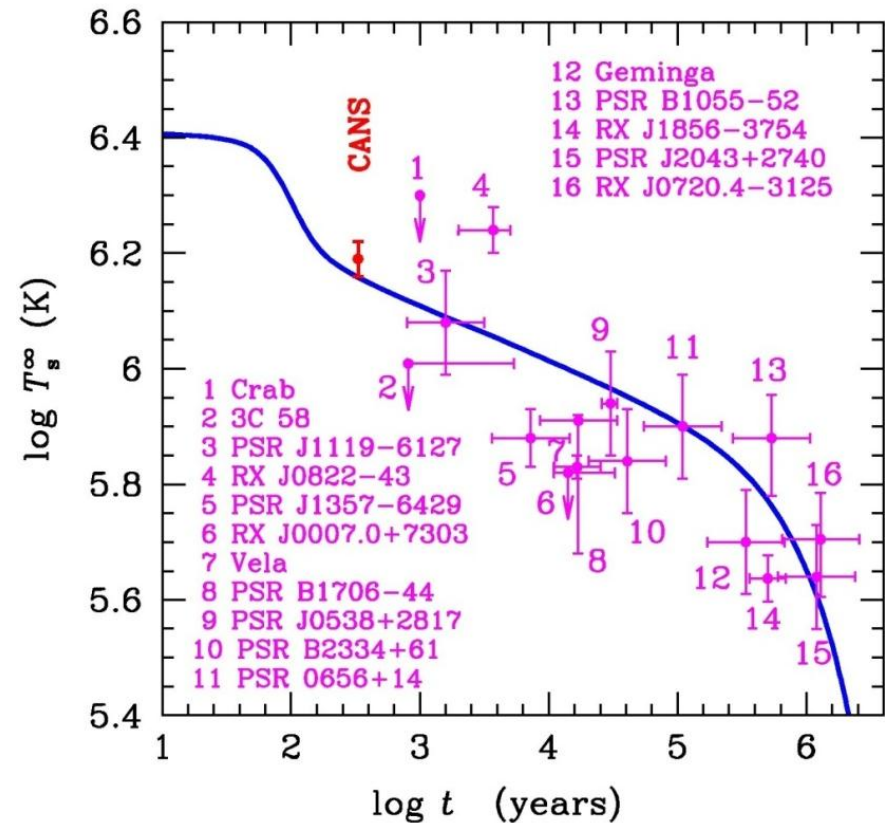
## Look From Inside and Outside



*Gnedin et al. (2001)*

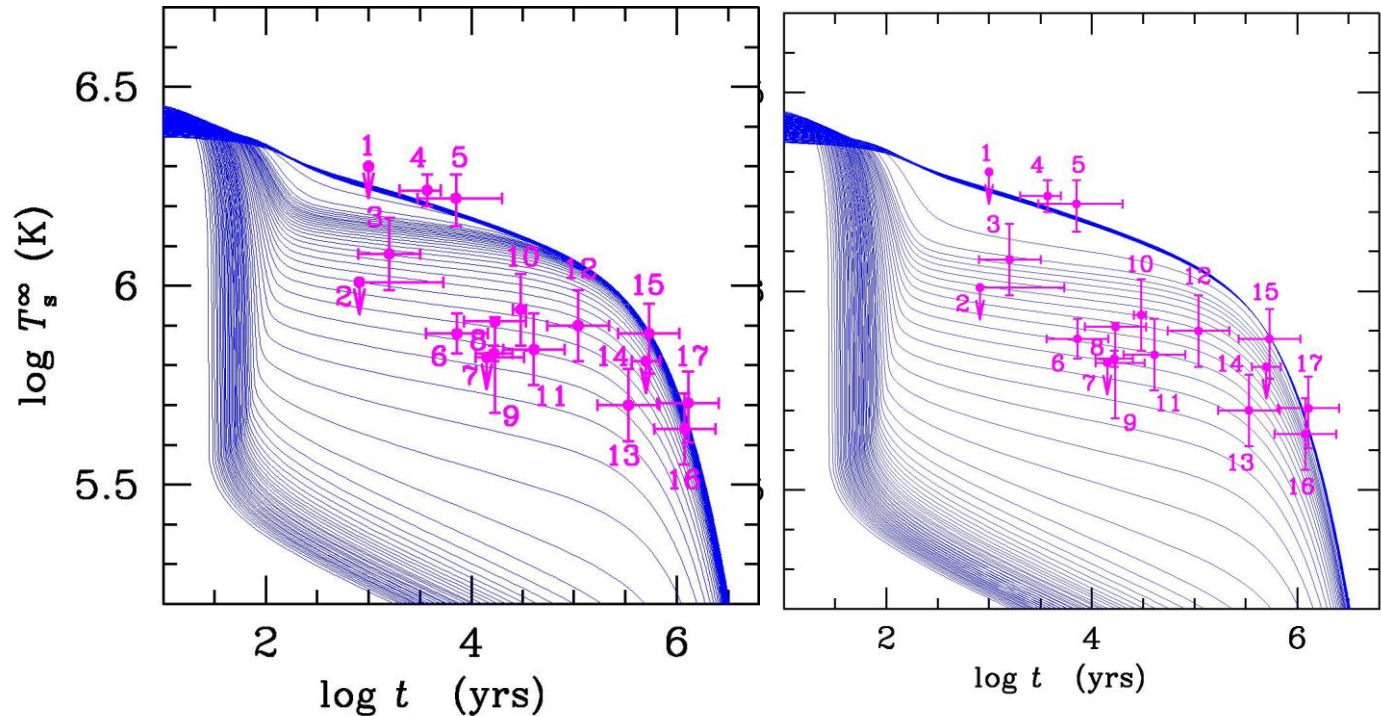
# OBSERVATIONS OF ORDINARY COOLING NEUTRON STARS

- 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



# Interpretation of all observations of ordinary neutron stars

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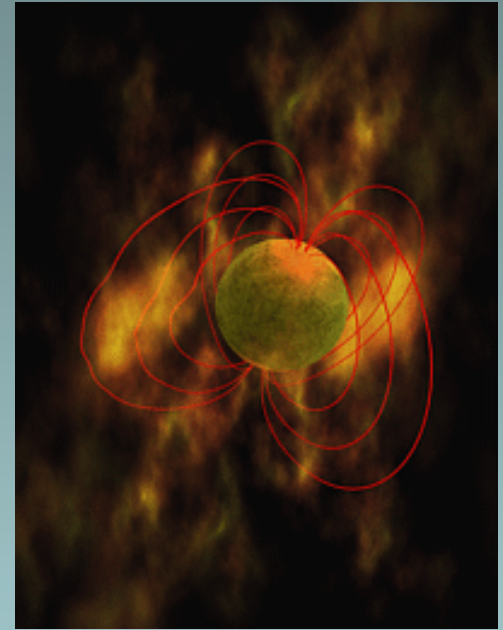
Models of cooling neutron stars with different masses  
for two models of proton superfluidity

- *Observed middle-aged ordinary cooling NSs are mainly on neutrino cooling stage*
- *They cool from inside via neutrino emission; powered by internal thermal energy*
- *They have isothermal interiors = cores and surface are thermally coupled*
- *Good natural laboratories of superdense cores (neutrinos + superfluidity)*
- *They are just cooling; no extra heat sources required*

# Thermal evolution of magnetars

## *Magnetars:*

- *AXPs + SXR*s
- *Neutron stars which are powered neither by accretion nor by rotation*
- *Possibly are powered by strong magnetic fields*
- *Activity: quasi-persistent thermal emission, flares and giant flares, QPOs*
- *Magnetospheric activity (twisted magnetospheres)*



## *Main problem:*

- *Are spending a lot of energy*
- *Could be the energy of superstrong B-field within the star (in the core)*

## *Main question:*

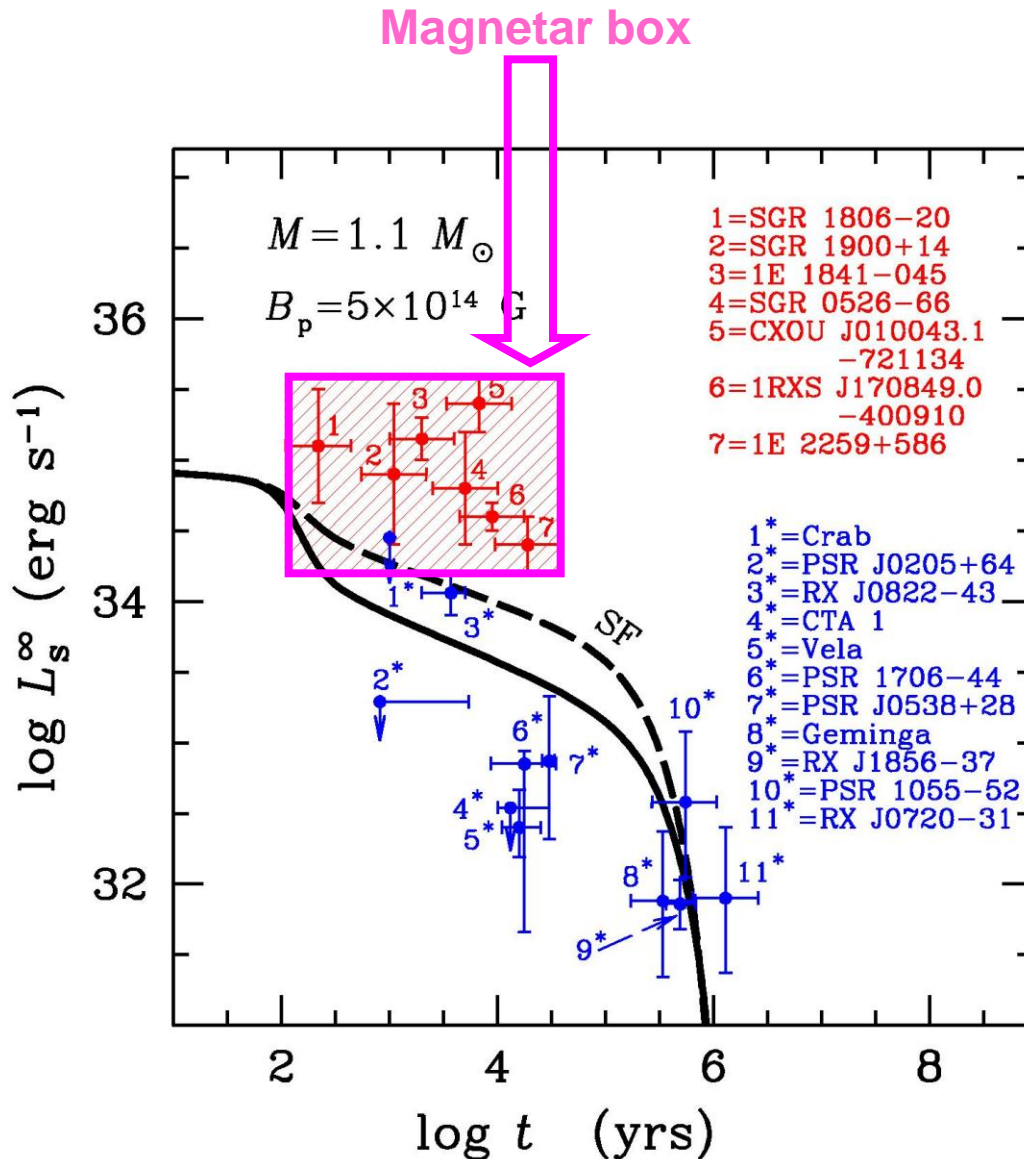
- *Where is this energy released and how?*

Example: Supergiant flare of SGR 1806–20 on Dec. 27, 2004:  $W_X \sim 10^{46}$  erg  $\Rightarrow W_{\text{INPUT}} \sim 10^{50}$  erg



# Magnetars versus ordinary cooling neutron stars

## The need for heating: Luminosity representation

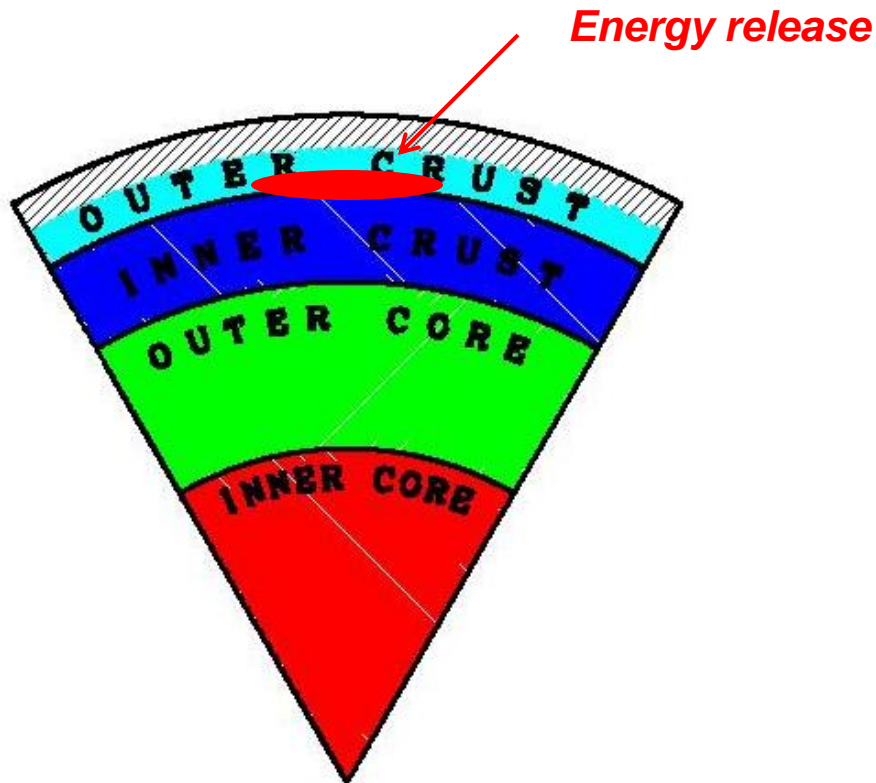


Two assumptions:  
 (1) The magnetar data reflect persistent thermal surface emission  
 (2) Magnetars are cooling neutron stars

There should be a HEATING!  
 Which we assume to be INTERNAL

# Statement of the Problem

- *To explain quasi-persistent thermal emission of magnetars*
- *Assume: the emission is powered by internal heat sources*
- *The maximum stored energy  $E_{TOT}=10^{49}—10^{50}$  erg can be the energy of internal magnetic field  $B=(1—3)\times 10^{16}$  G in the magnetar core*
- *The stored energy is released in the crust*

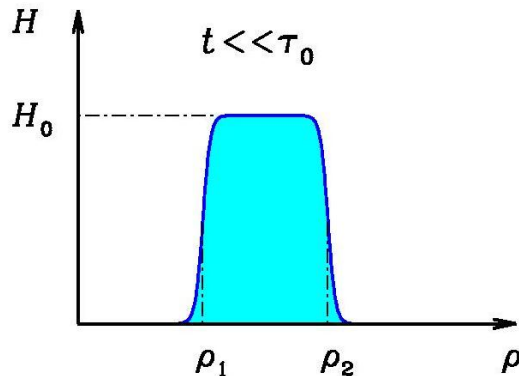


# Neutron star model

- *EOS: Akmal, Pandharipande, Ravenhall (APR III); neutrons, protons, electrons, and muons in NS cores*
- *Direct Urca: central density  $> 1.275 \times 10^{15}$  g/cc,  $M > 1.685 M_{\text{SUN}}$*
- *Maximum mass:  $M_{\text{MAX}} = 1.929 M_{\text{SUN}}$*
- *Example of slow cooling:  $M = 1.4 M_{\text{SUN}}$ ,  $R = 12.27$  km, central density  $= 9.280 \times 10^{14}$  g/cc*
- *Effects of superfluidity are neglected*
- *Iron heat blanketing envelopes (densities  $< 10^{10}$  g/cc)*
- *Radial magnetic field  $B = 5 \times 10^{14}$  G above hot spots*
- *Cooling codes: either 2D, or 1D*

# Phenomenological heater and calculations

**Radial heat power distribution:**



$$H(\rho, t) = H_0 \Theta(\rho_1, \rho_2) \exp(-t / \tau_0)$$

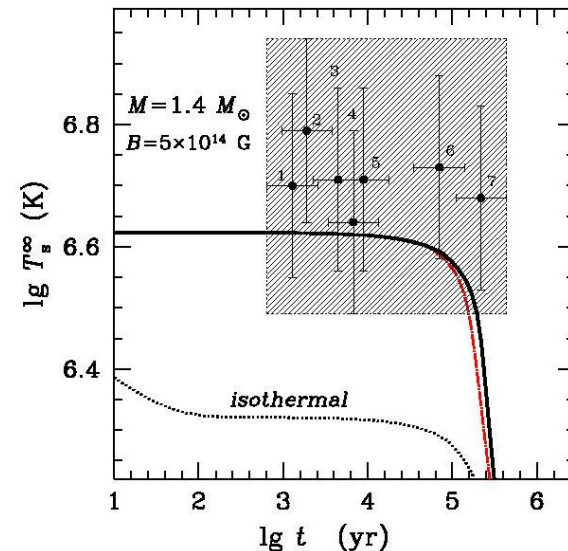
Four parameters:  $\rho_1$ ,  $\rho_2$ ,  $H_0$ ,  $\tau_0$

$$\tau_0 = 5 \times 10^4 \text{ yr}$$

**Angular heat power distribution:**

**Either hot spot: 2D code**

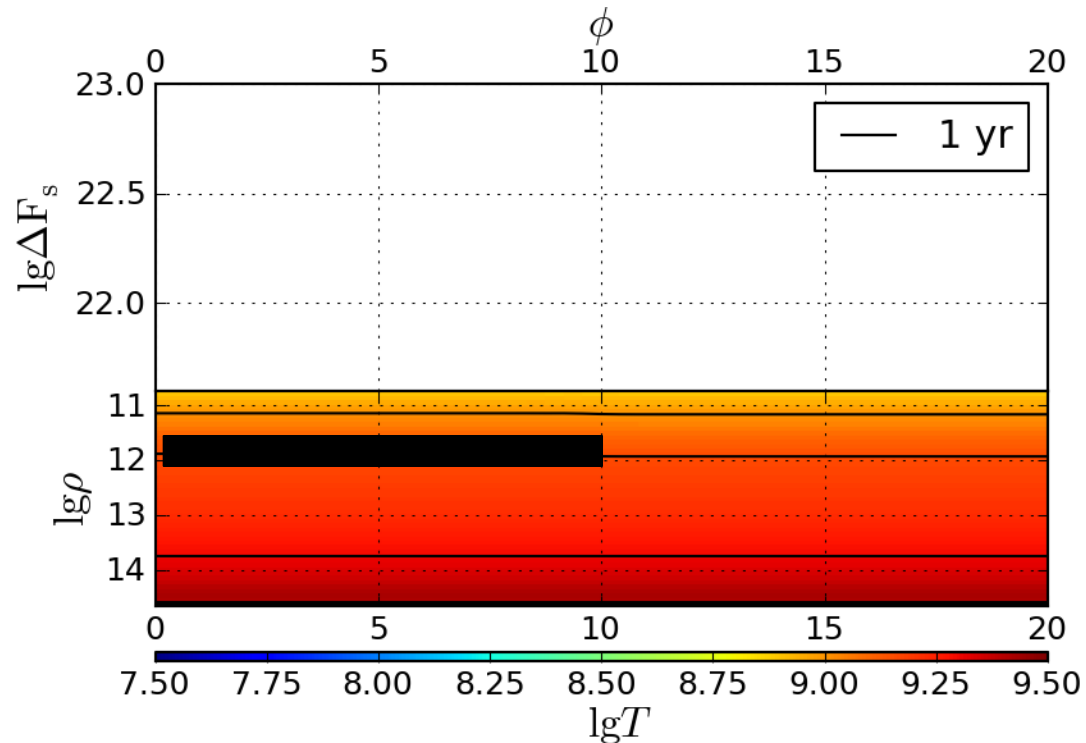
**Or spherical layer: 1D code**



**Run cooling code: in about 100 years – quasi-stationary temperature distribution determined by the heat source**

# Results of 2D code

Heater: angles  $\phi < 10^\circ$



**Heater:**

**~400 m under  
surface**

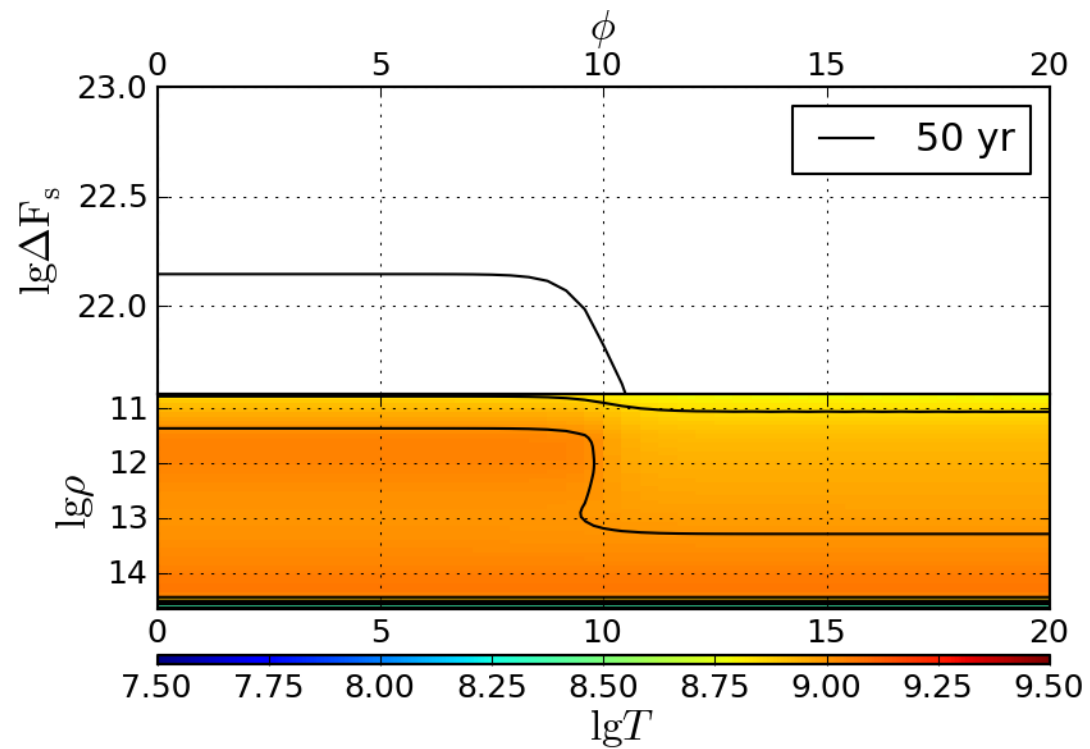
**~80 m width**

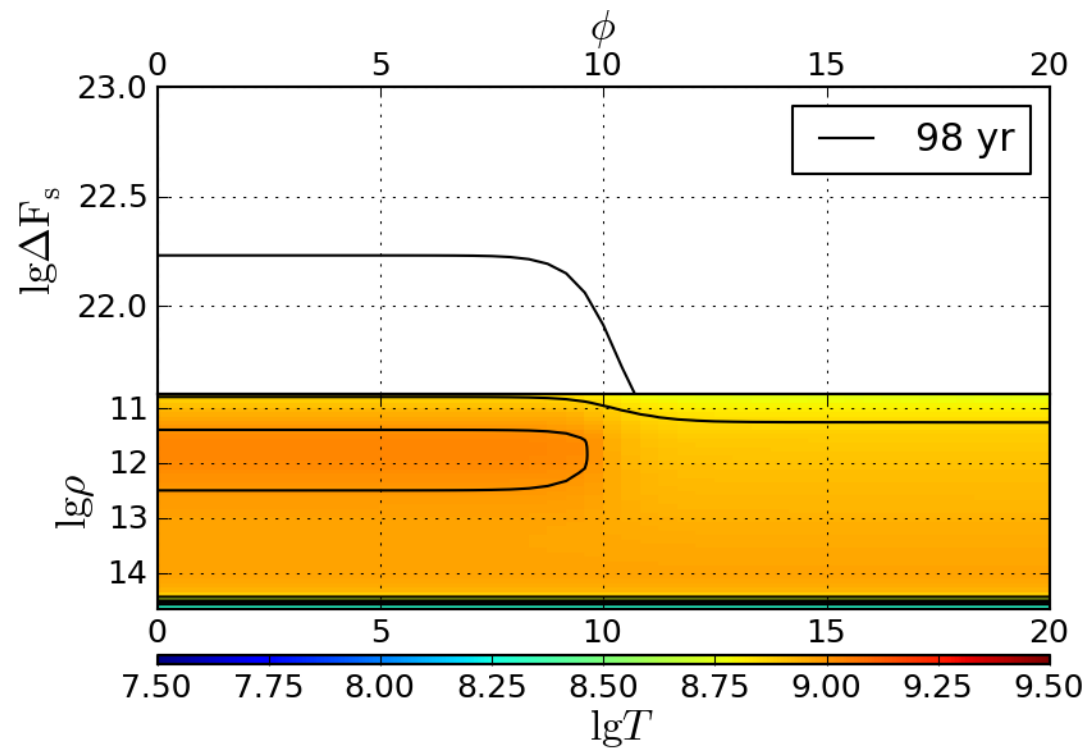
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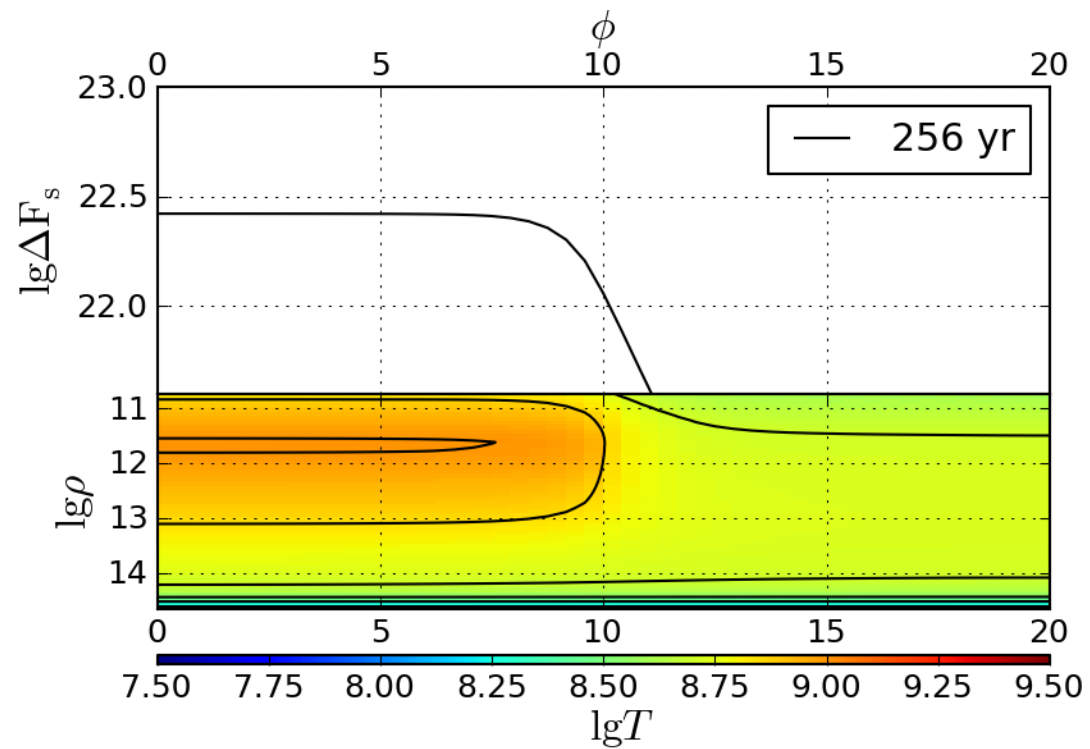
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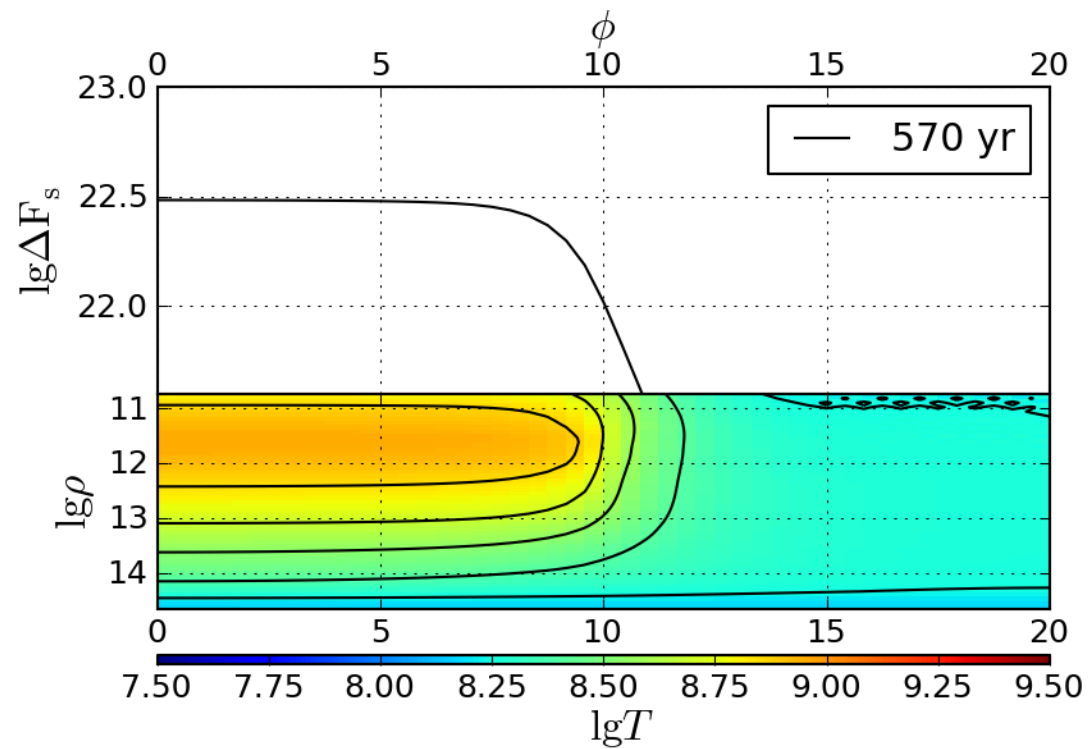
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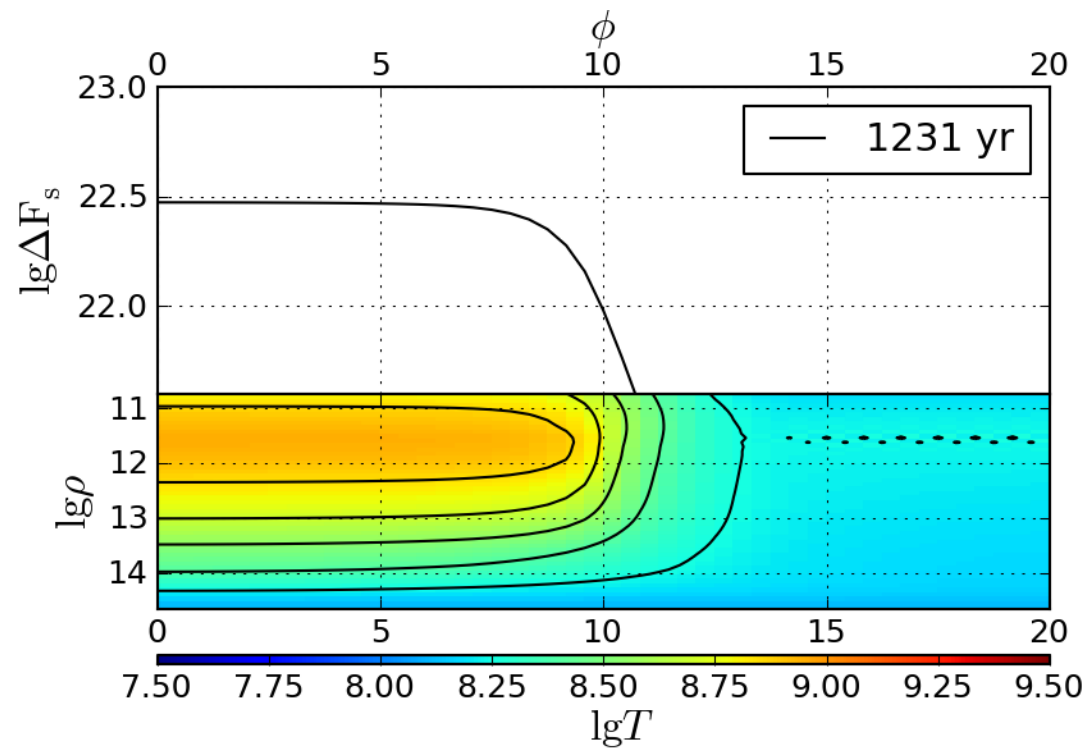




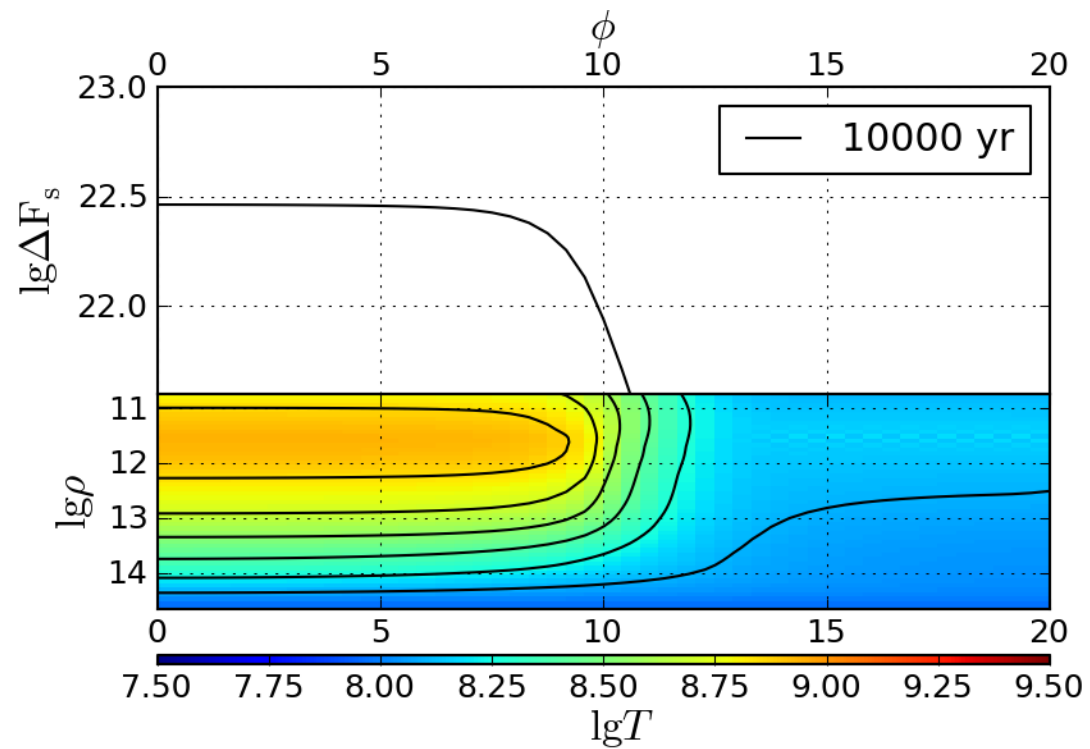










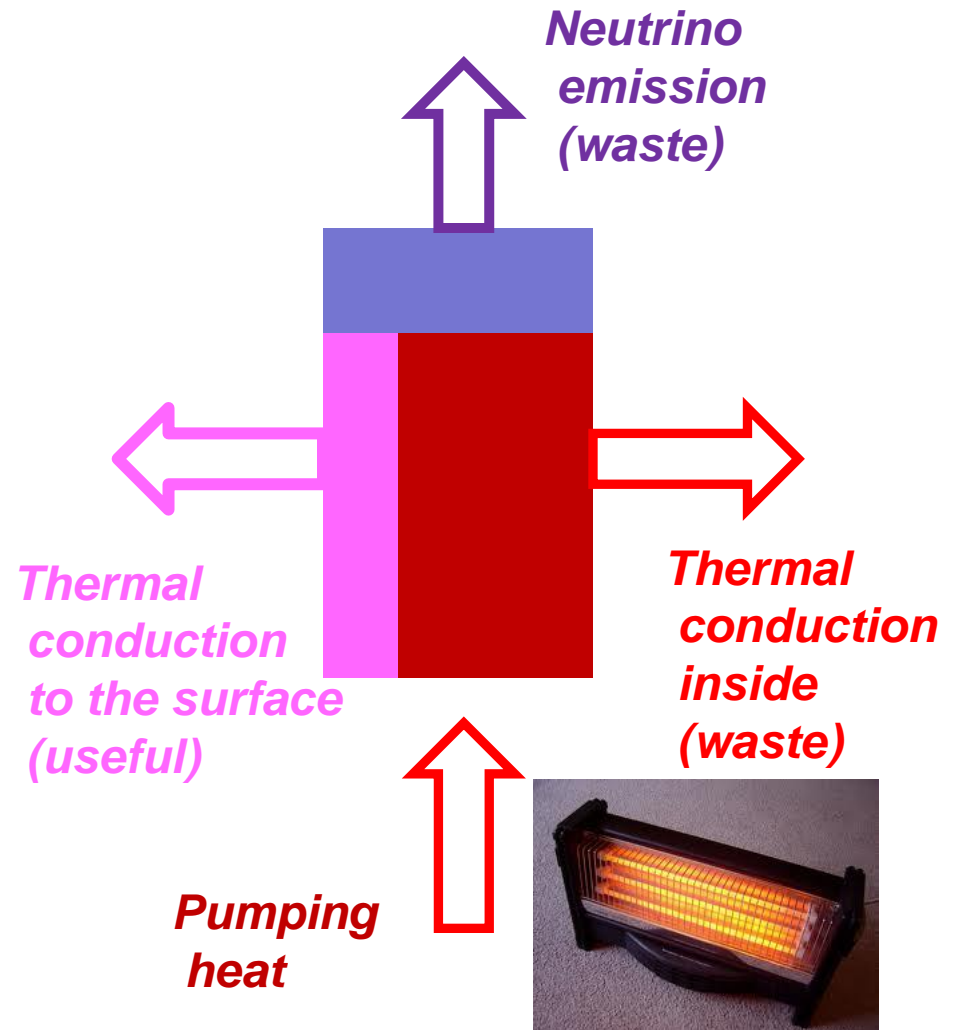


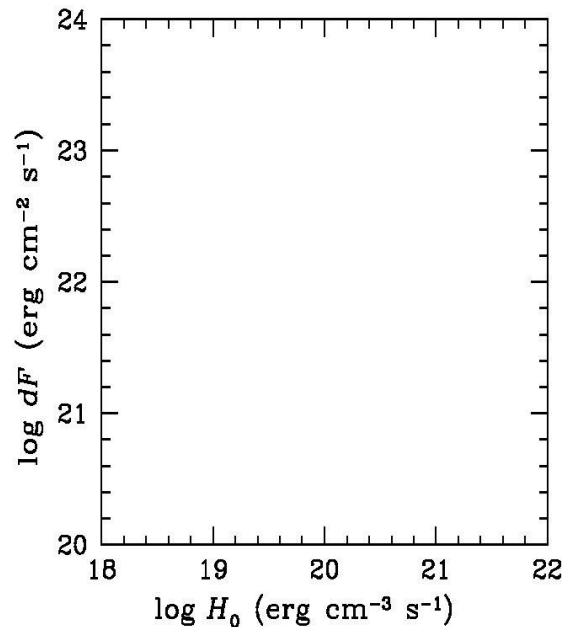
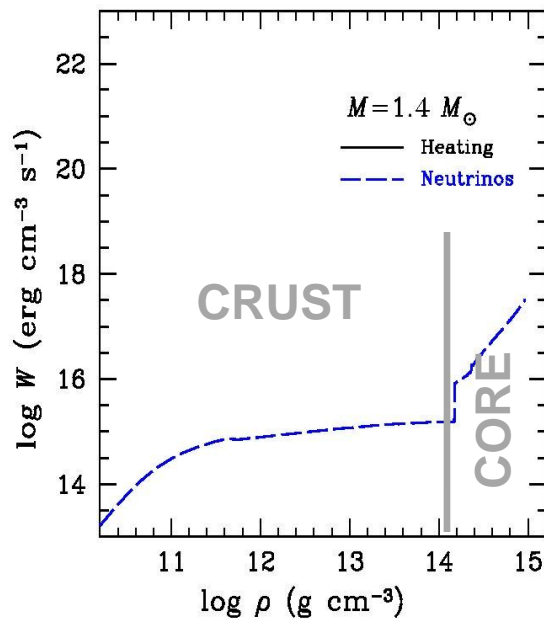
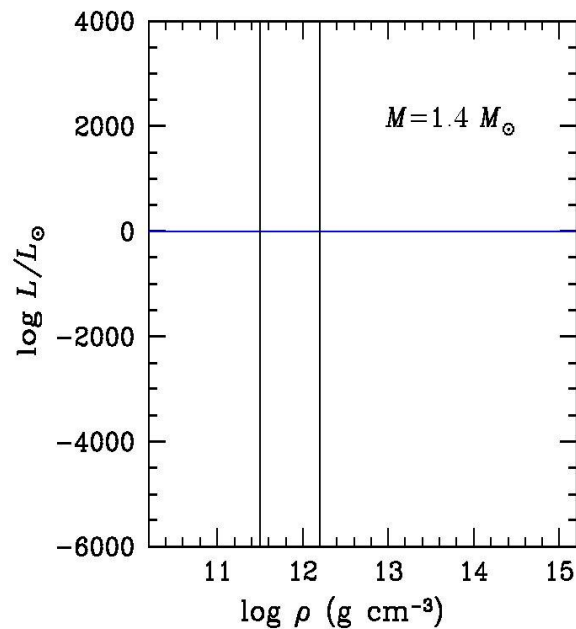
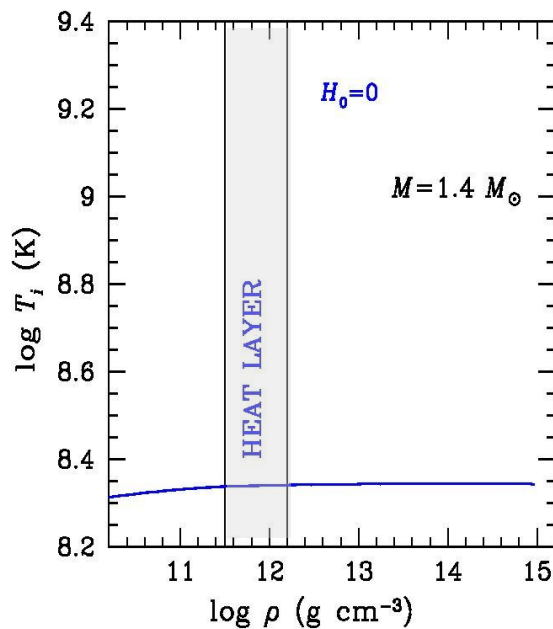
# Weak heat spreading along the surface

*Heat does not want to spread along the surface:  
Heater's area is projected on the surface  
1D and 2D codes give similar results*

*As in  
Pons and Rea 2012  
but see  
Pons, Miralles, Geppert 2009*

**Carrying away  
pumped heat**





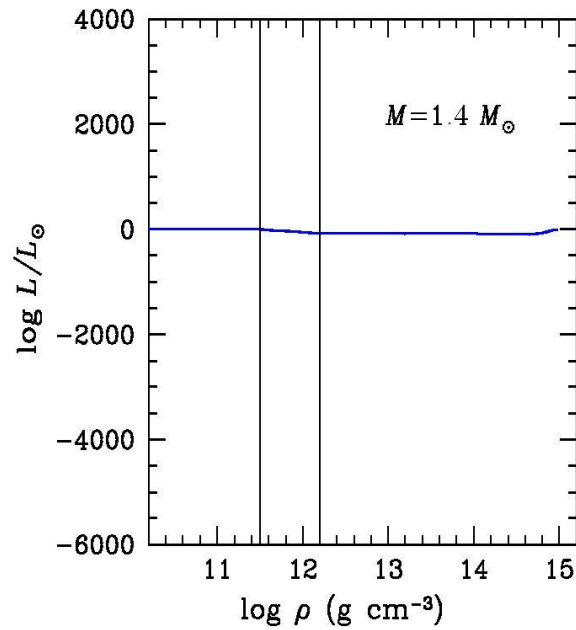
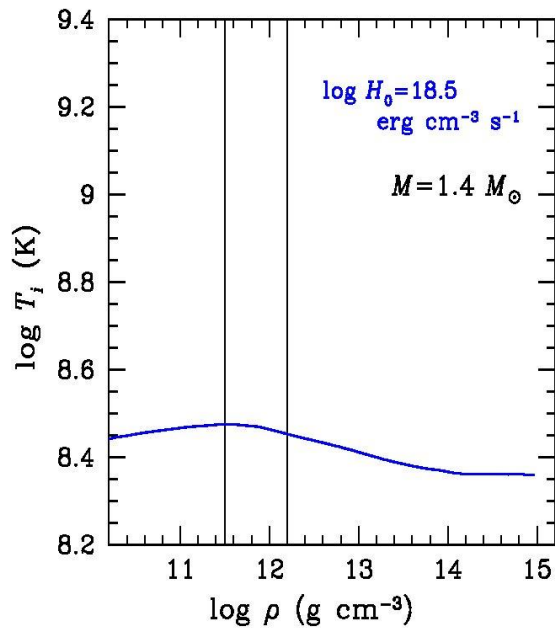
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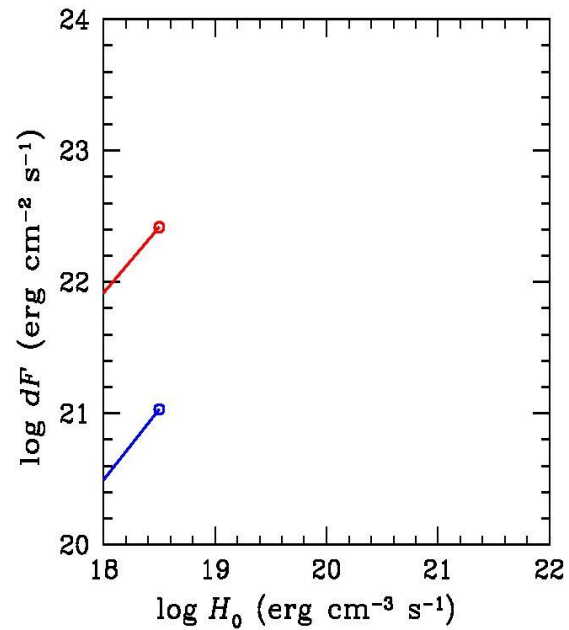
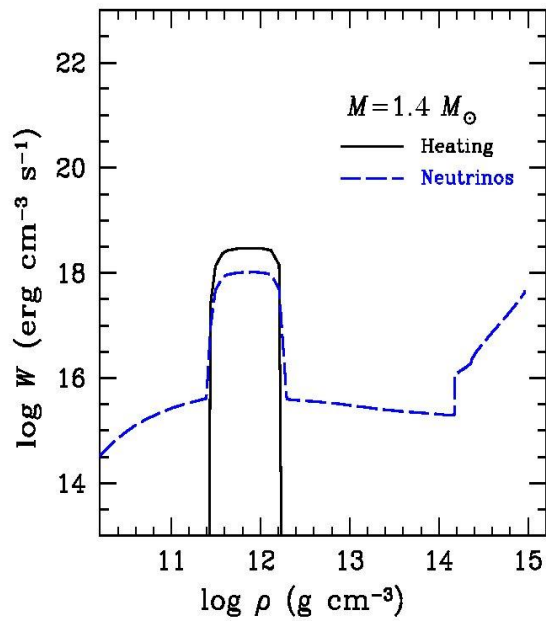
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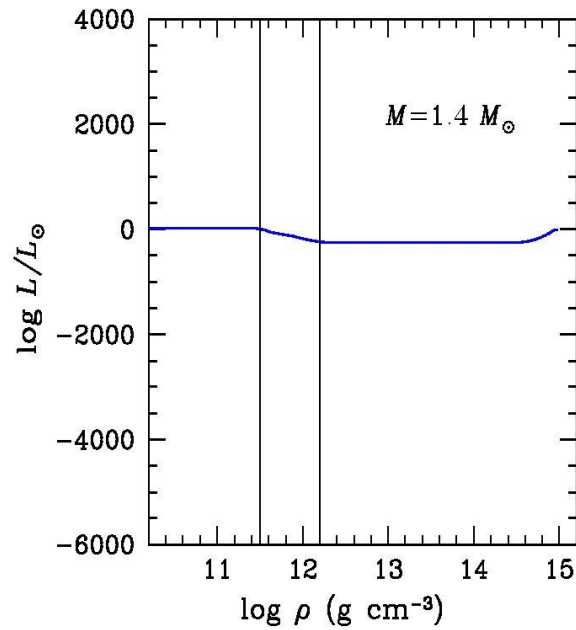
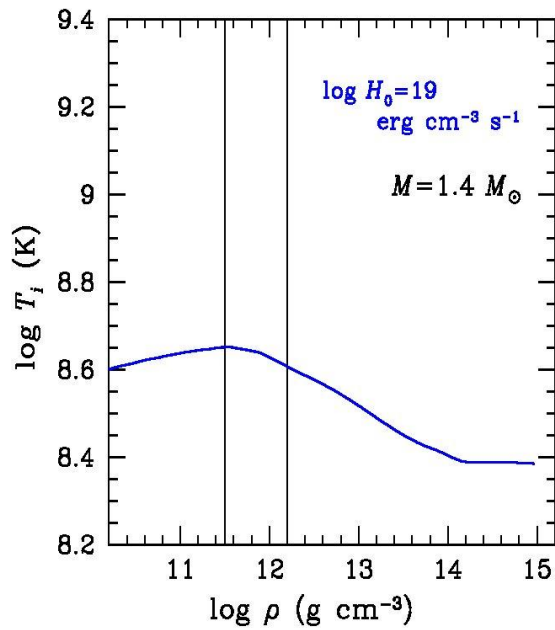
**Heat layer:**  
**~400 m under**  
**surface**  
**~80 m width**

**Age = 1000 yrs**

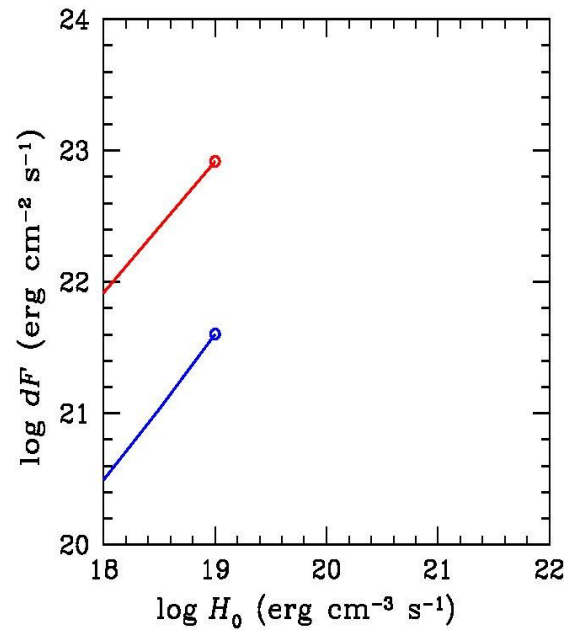
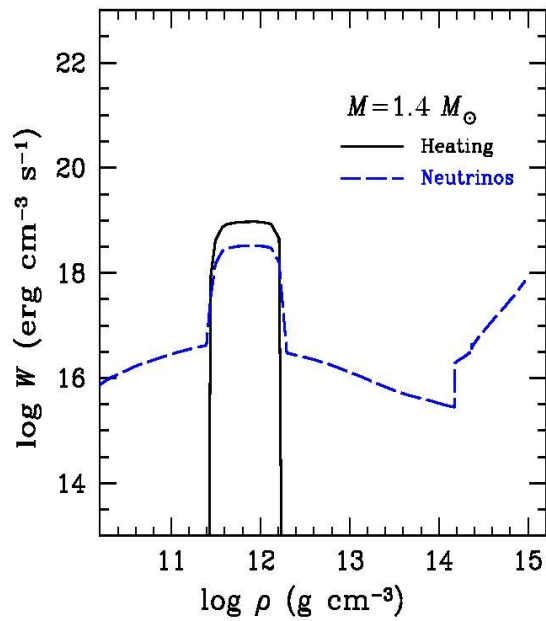


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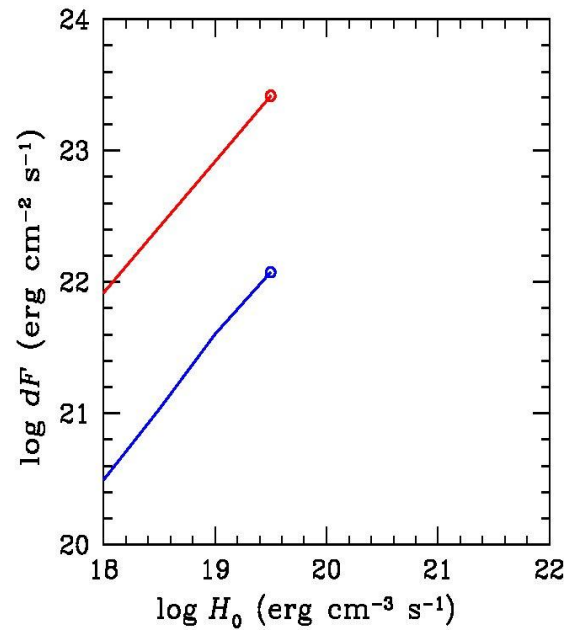
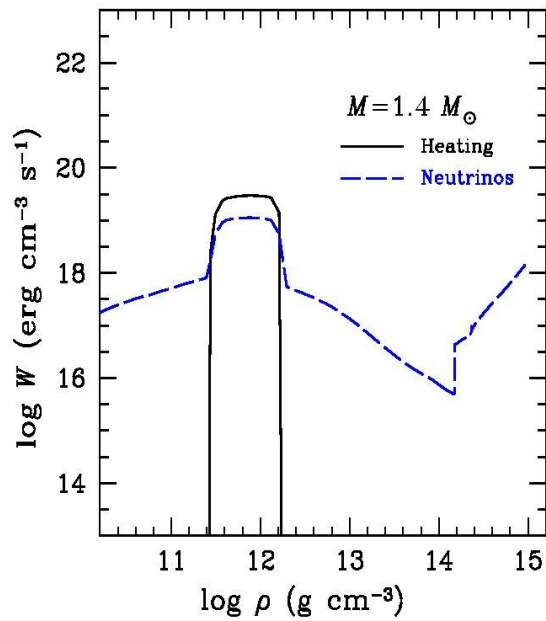
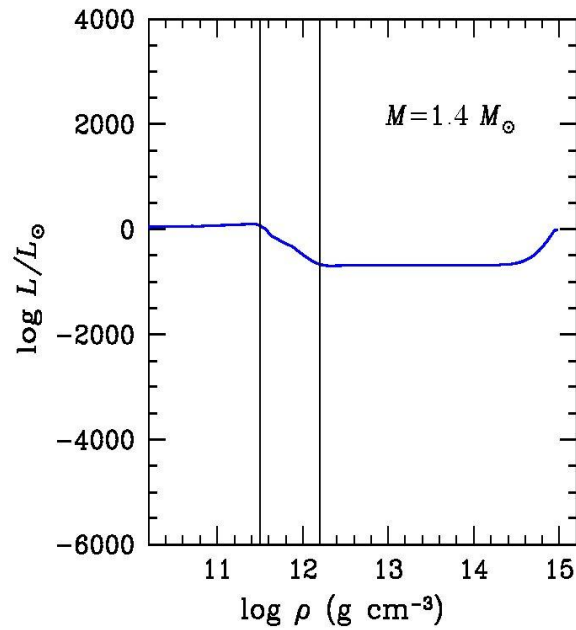
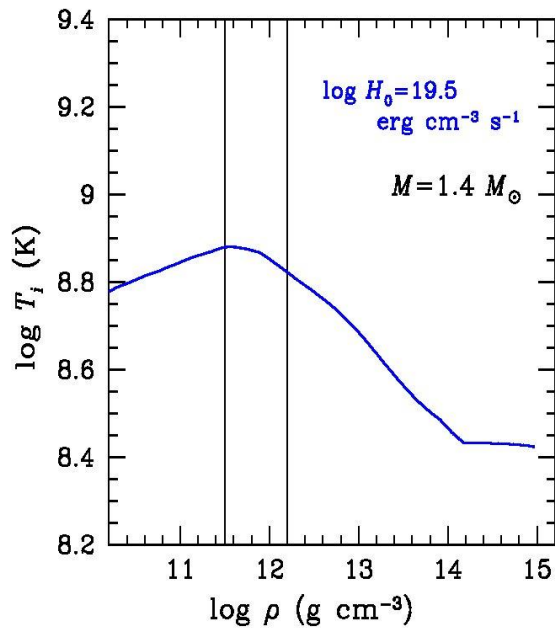


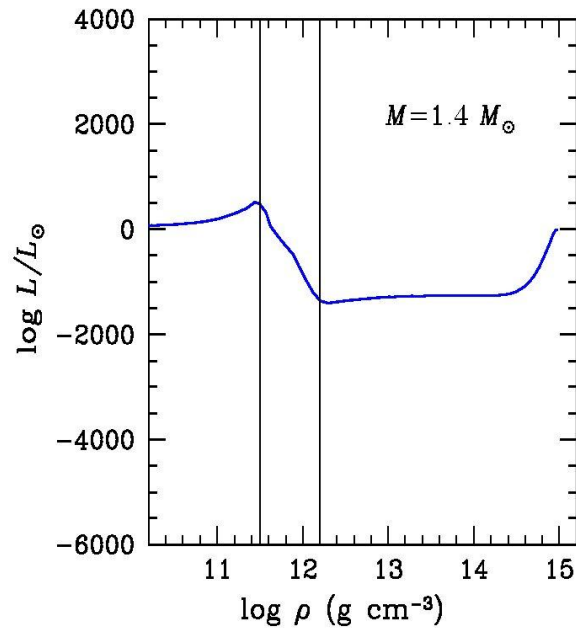
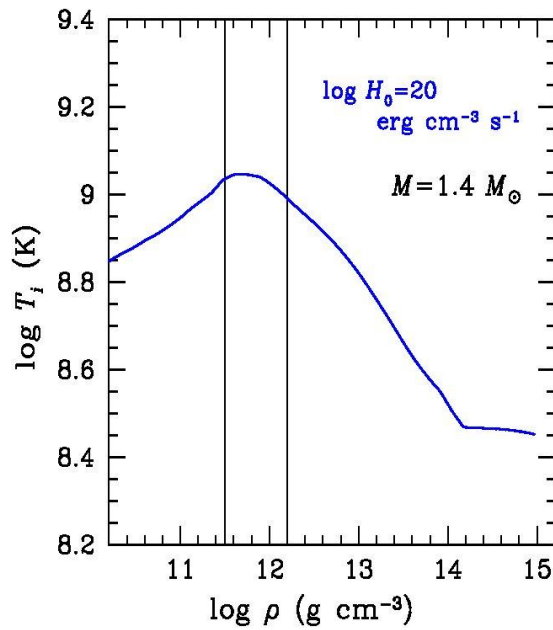
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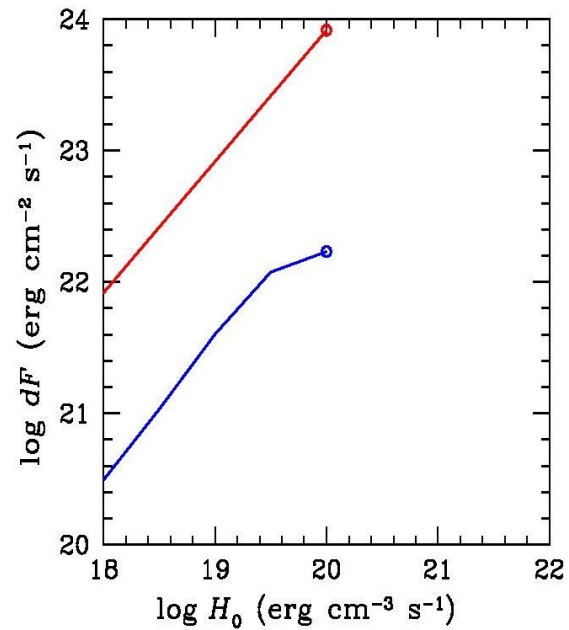
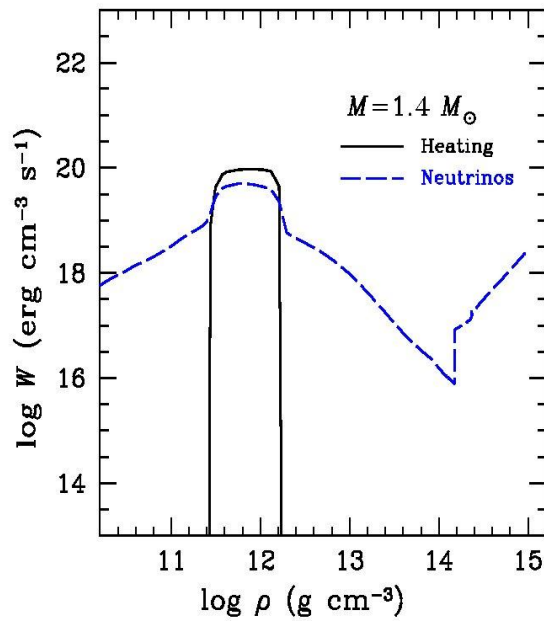


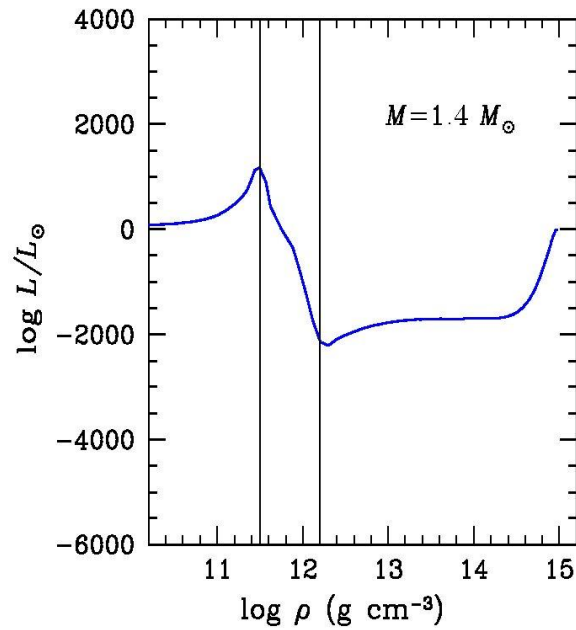
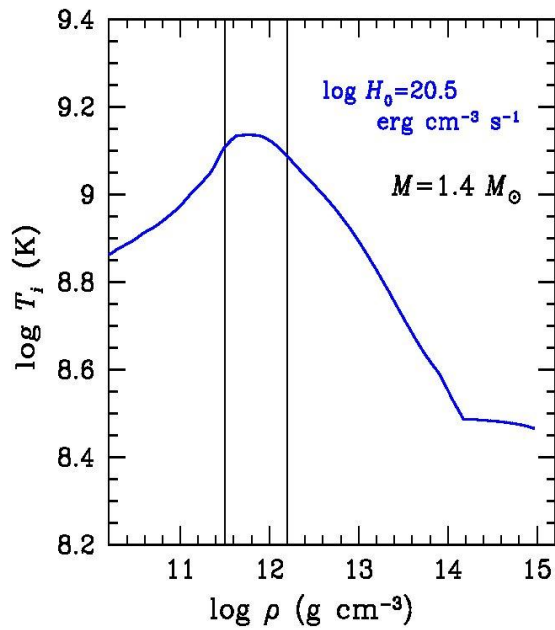
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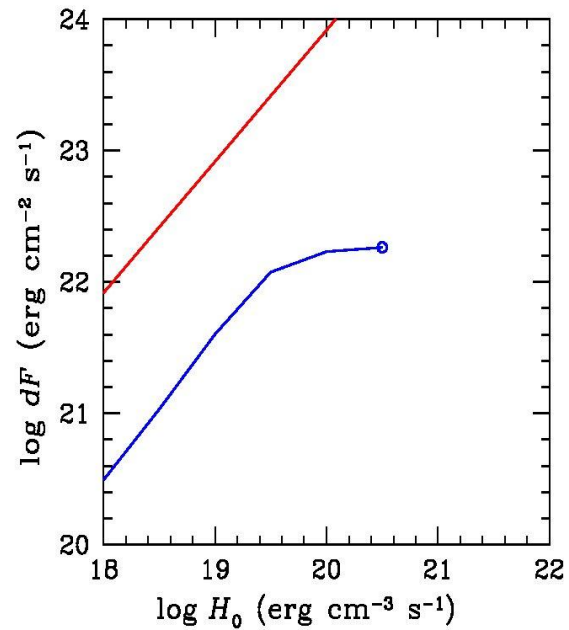
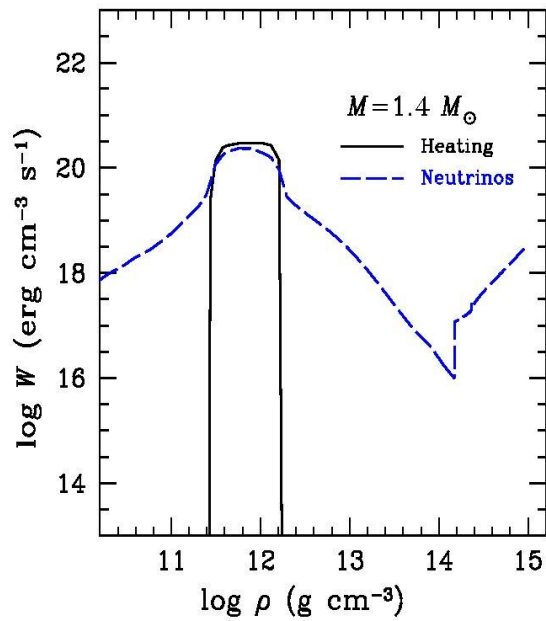


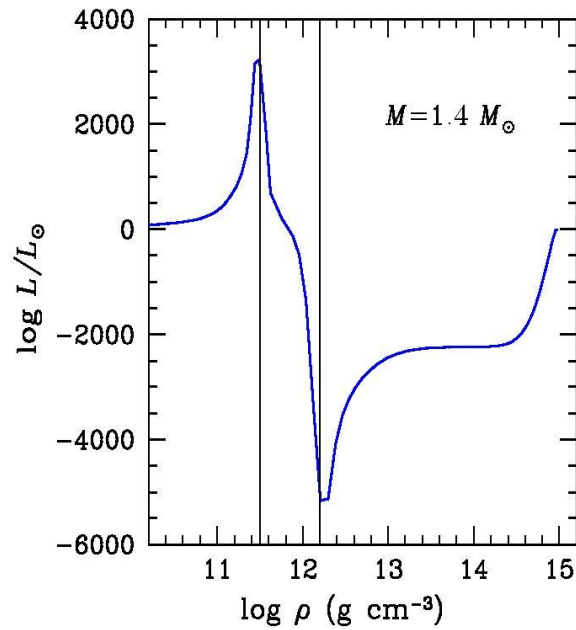
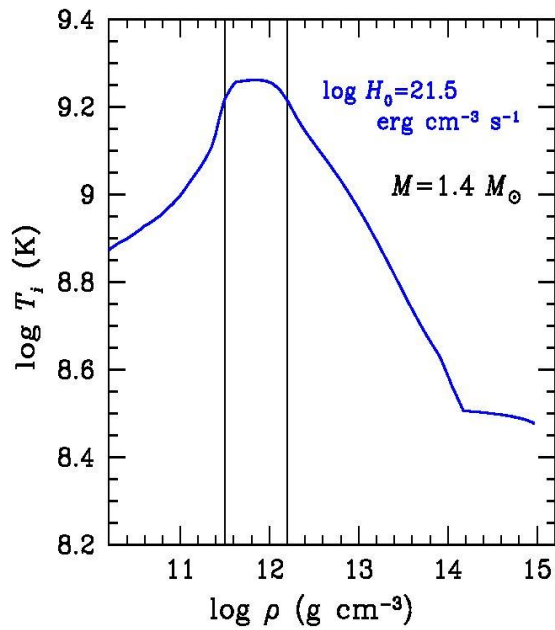
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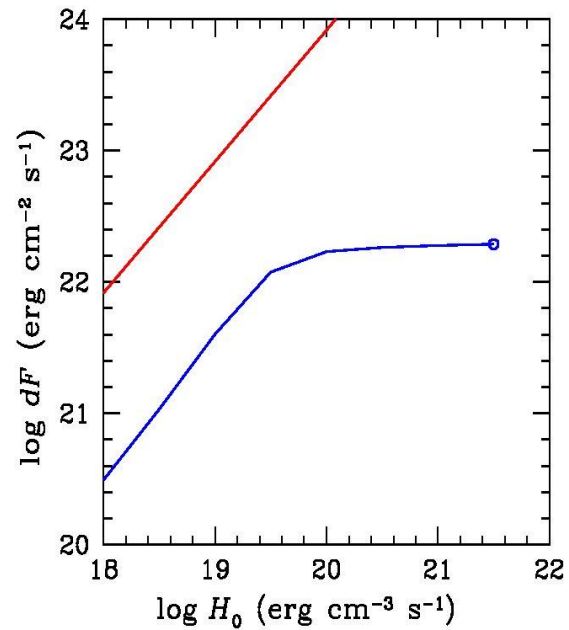
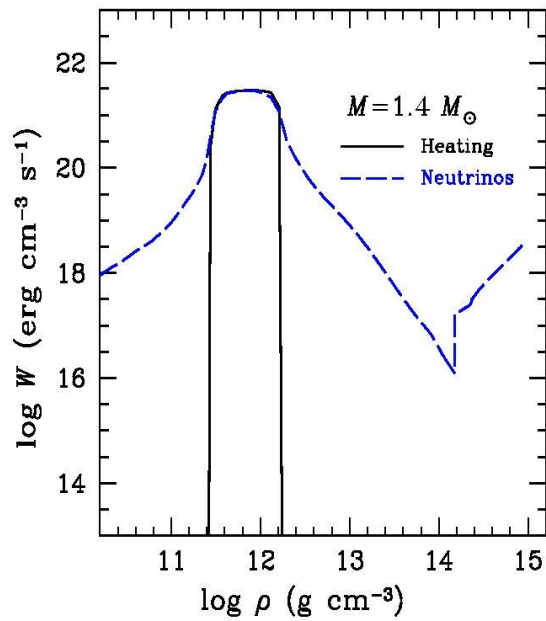


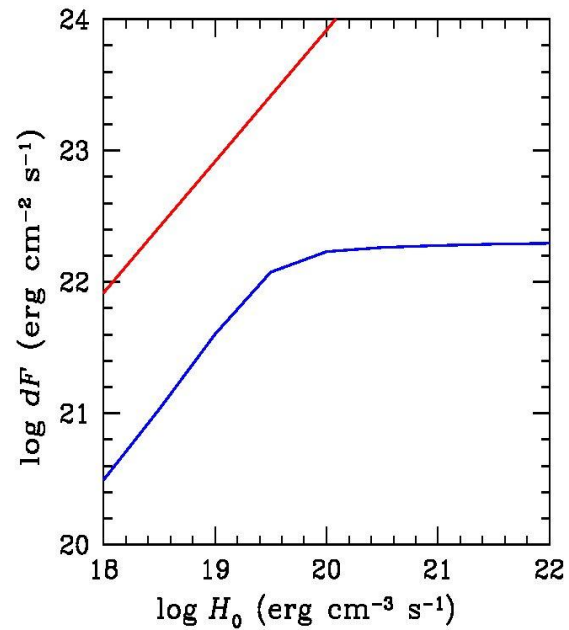
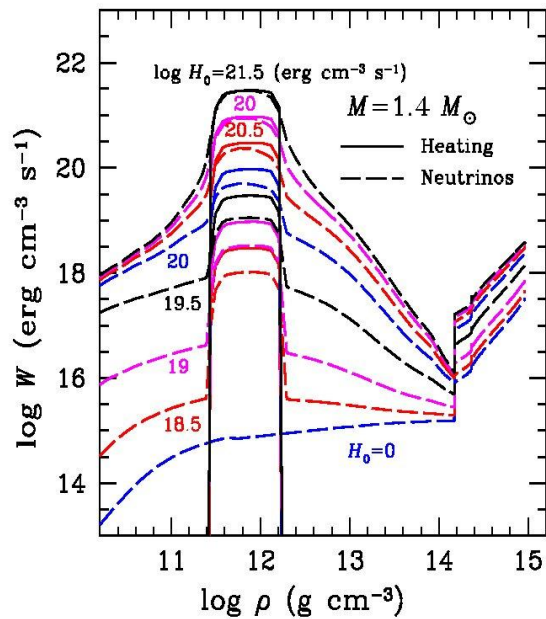
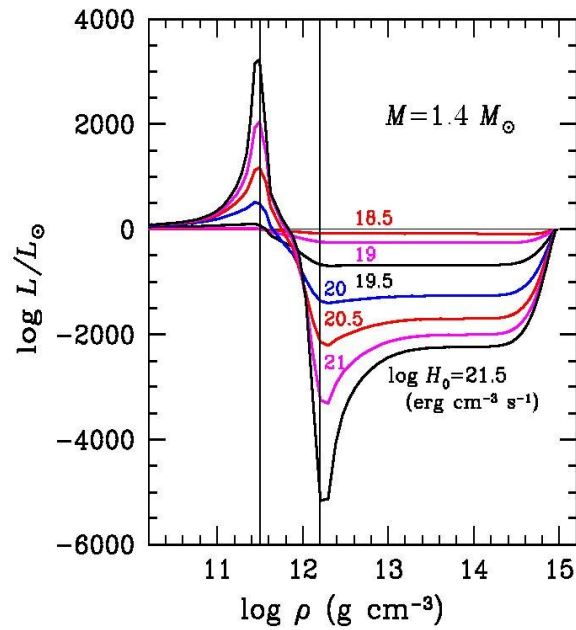
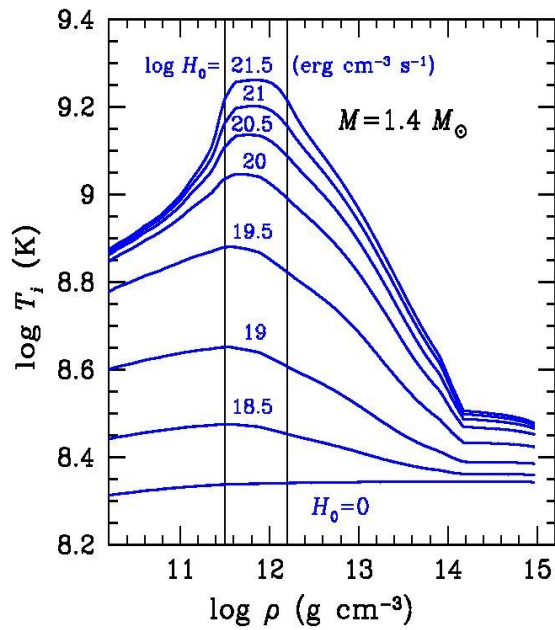
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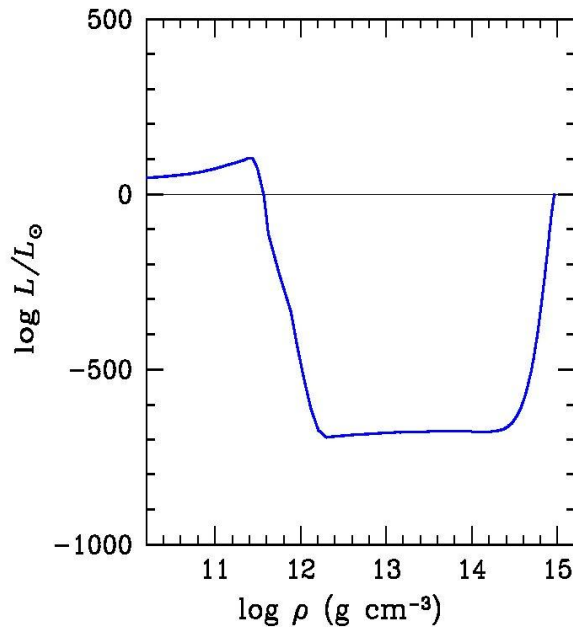
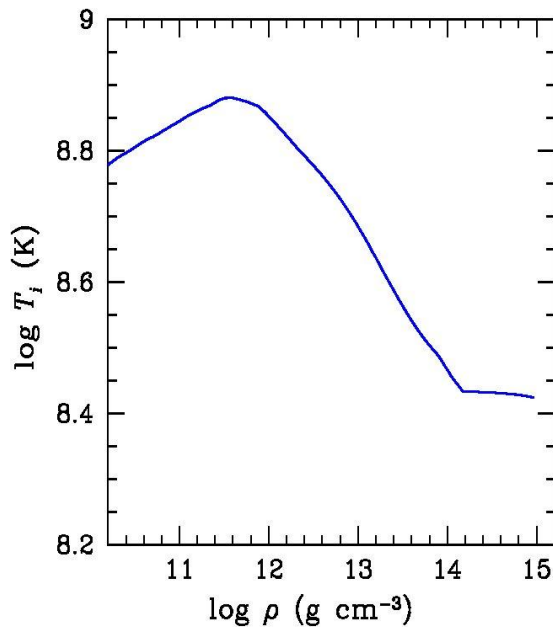


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**“Eddington”  
limit:**  
*Kaminker et al. 2006*  
*Pons and Rea 2012*



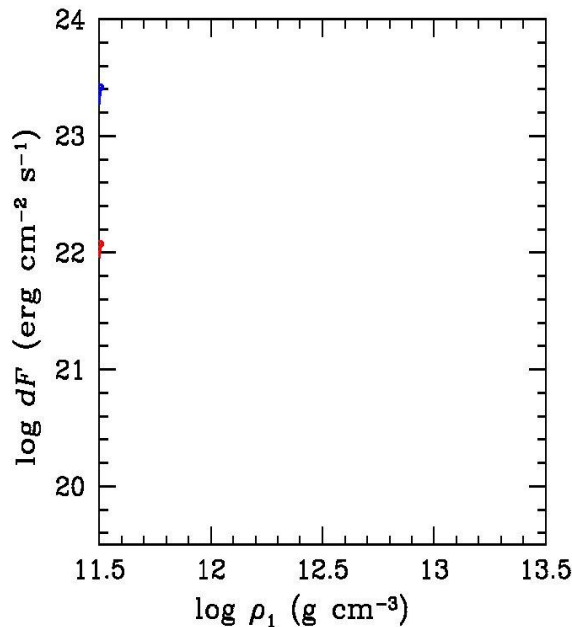
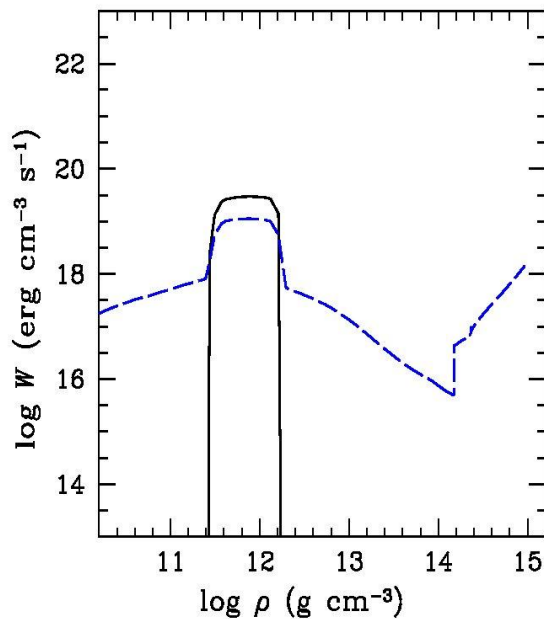
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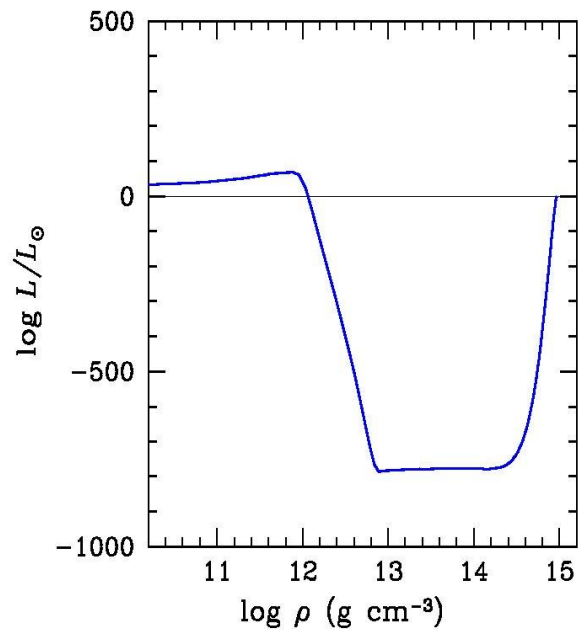
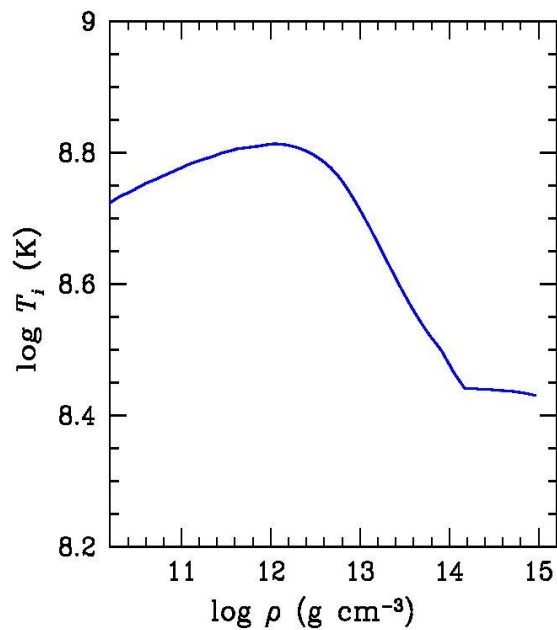
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FIXED HEATER:

$$W^\infty = 2.6 \times 10^{23} \text{ erg cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$$

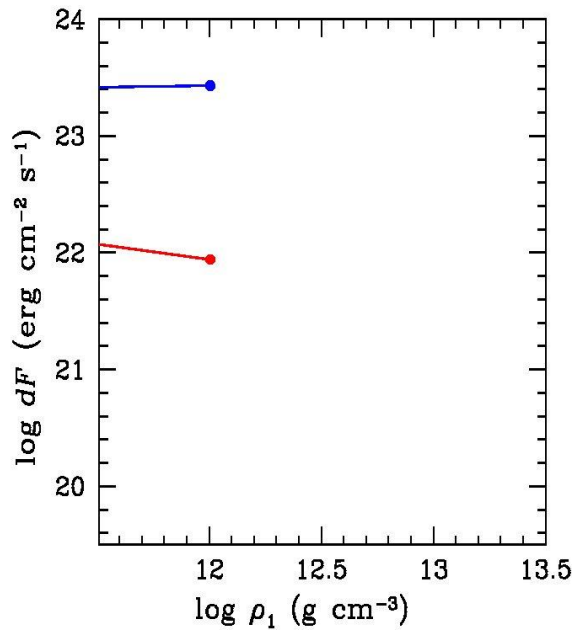
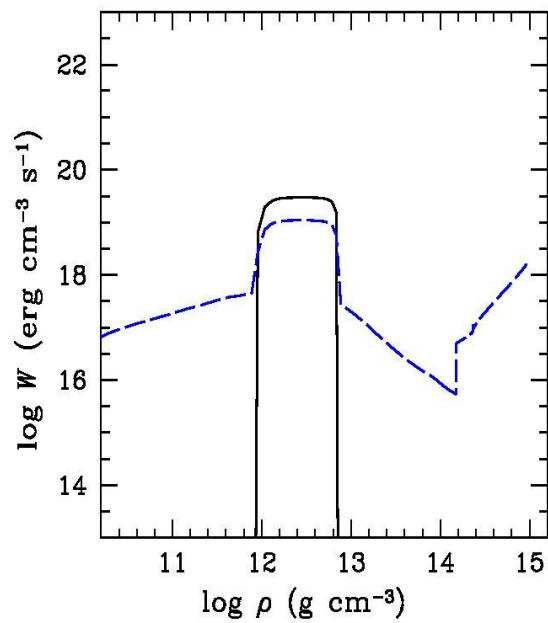
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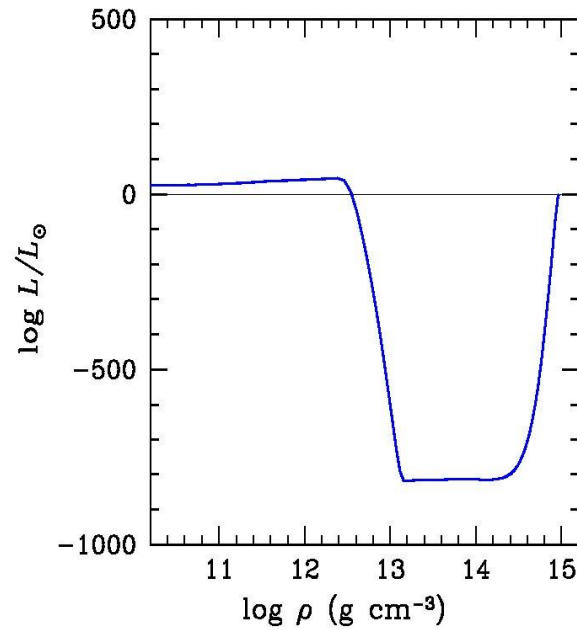
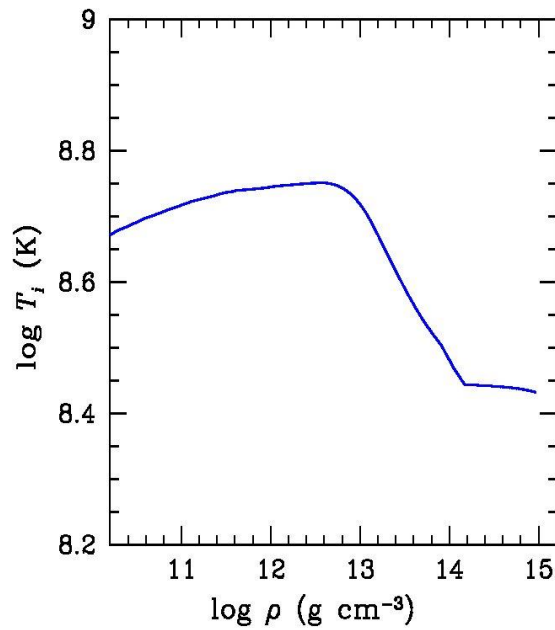




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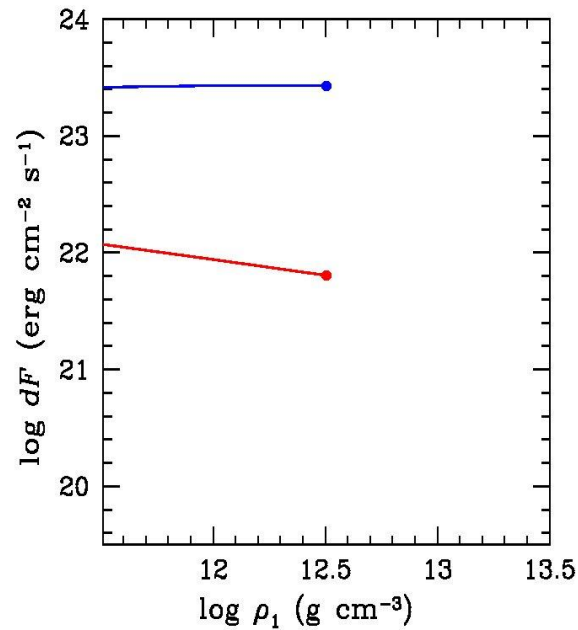
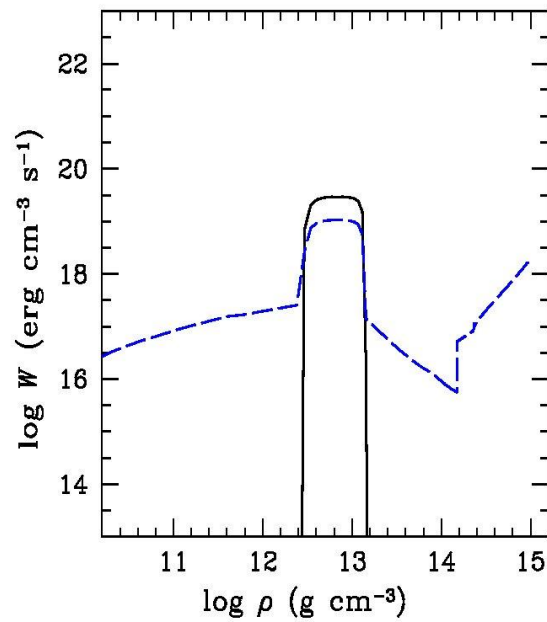
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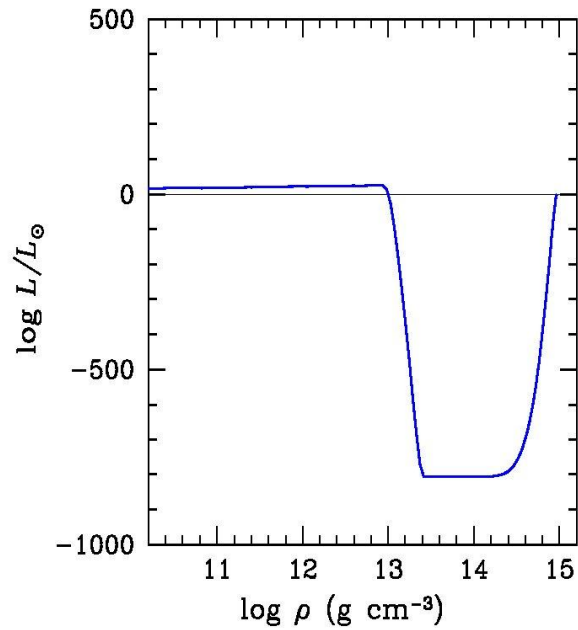
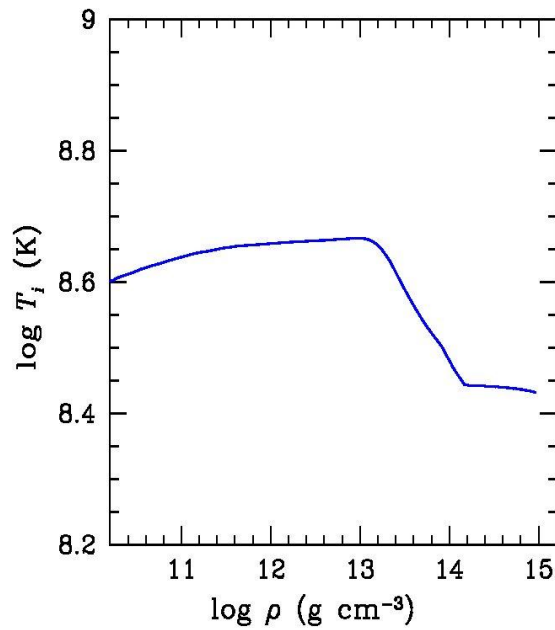


$$\rho_1 = 3.2 \times 10^{12} \text{ g cm}^{-3}$$

$$\rho_2 = 1.3 \times 10^{13} \text{ g cm}^{-3}$$

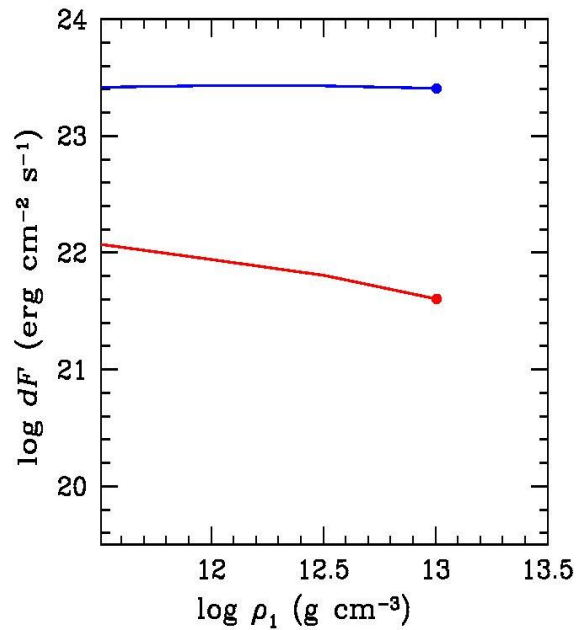
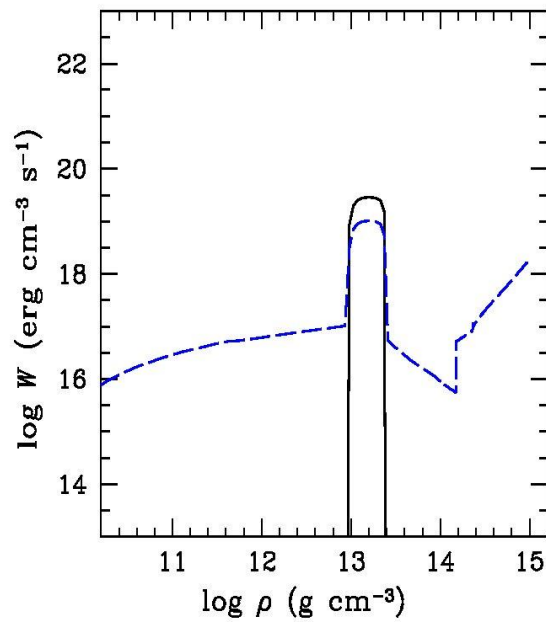


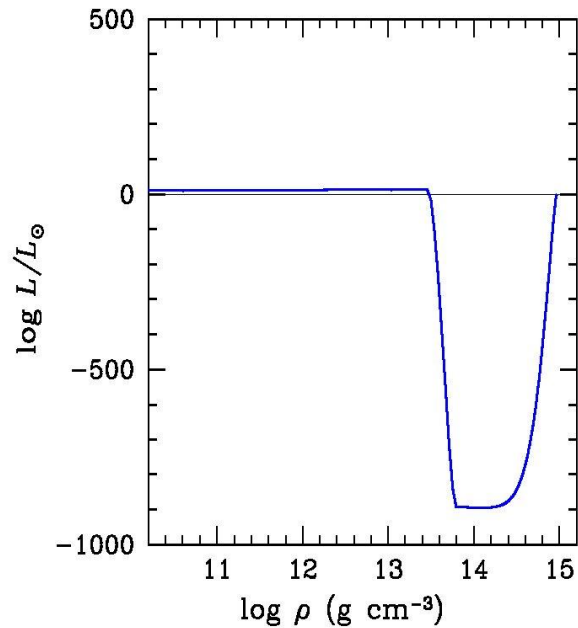
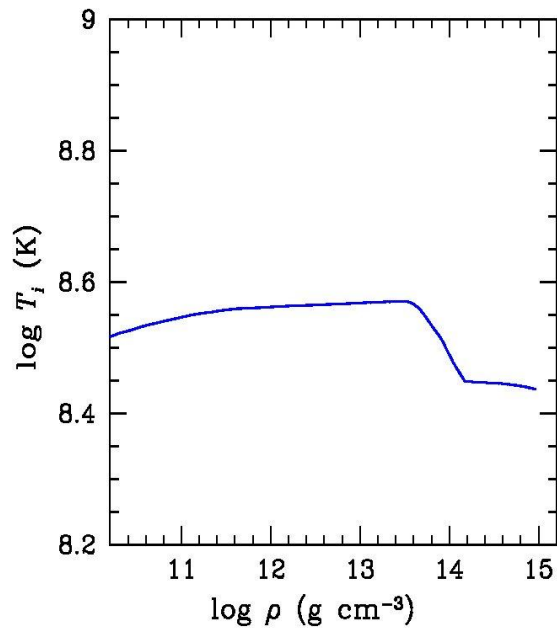




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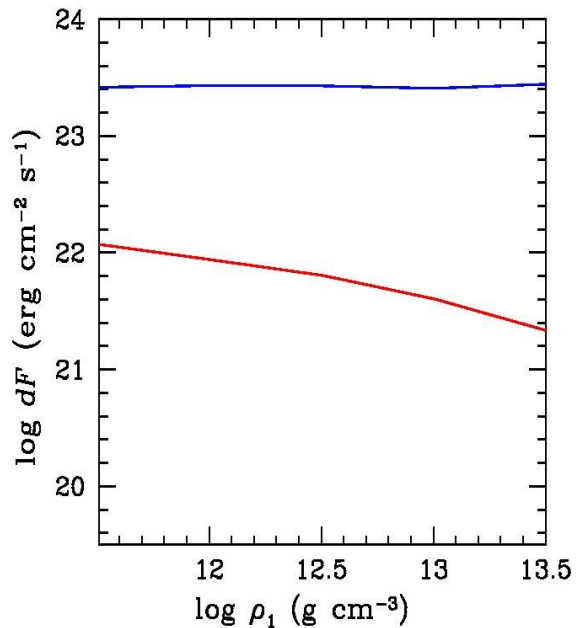
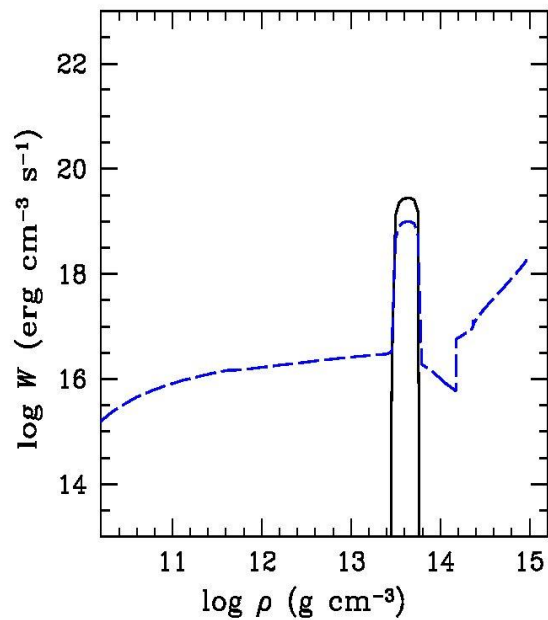
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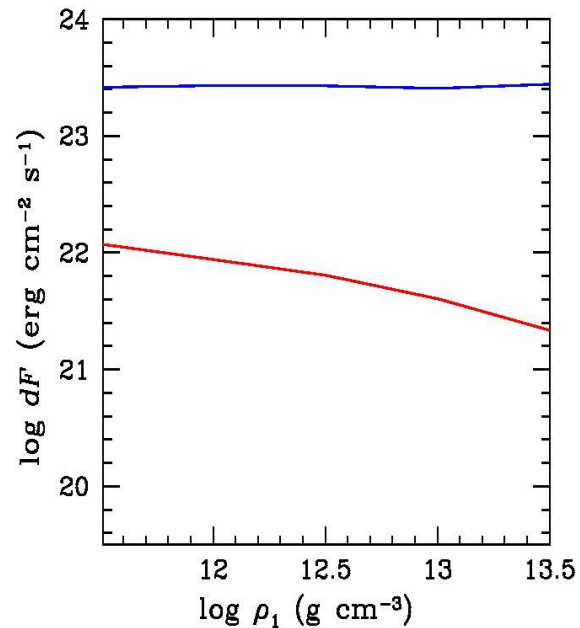
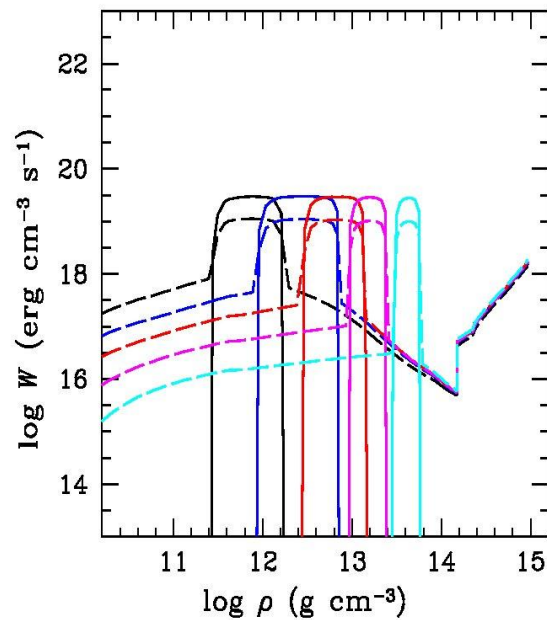
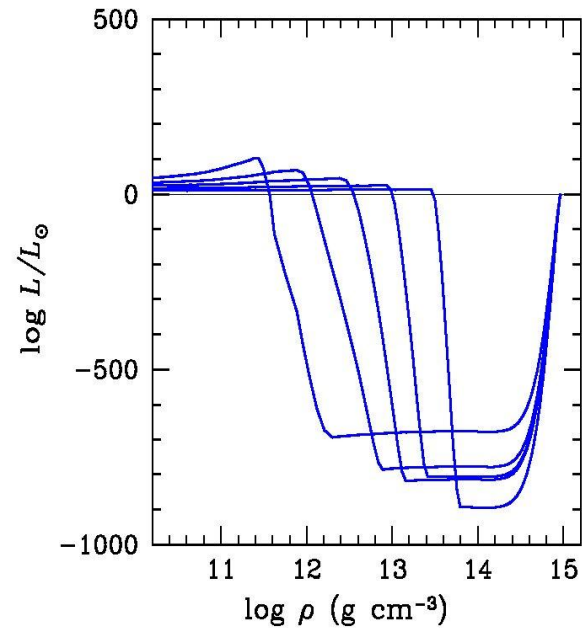
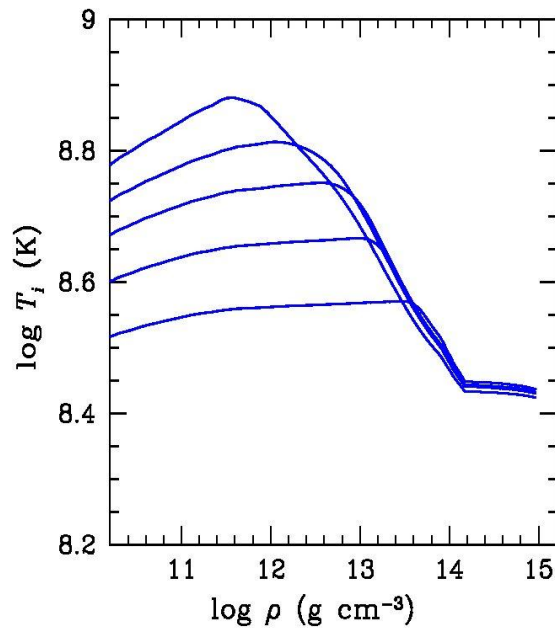




$$\rho_1 = 3.2 \times 10^{13} \text{ g cm}^{-3}$$

$$\rho_2 = 5.6 \times 10^{13} \text{ g cm}^{-3}$$





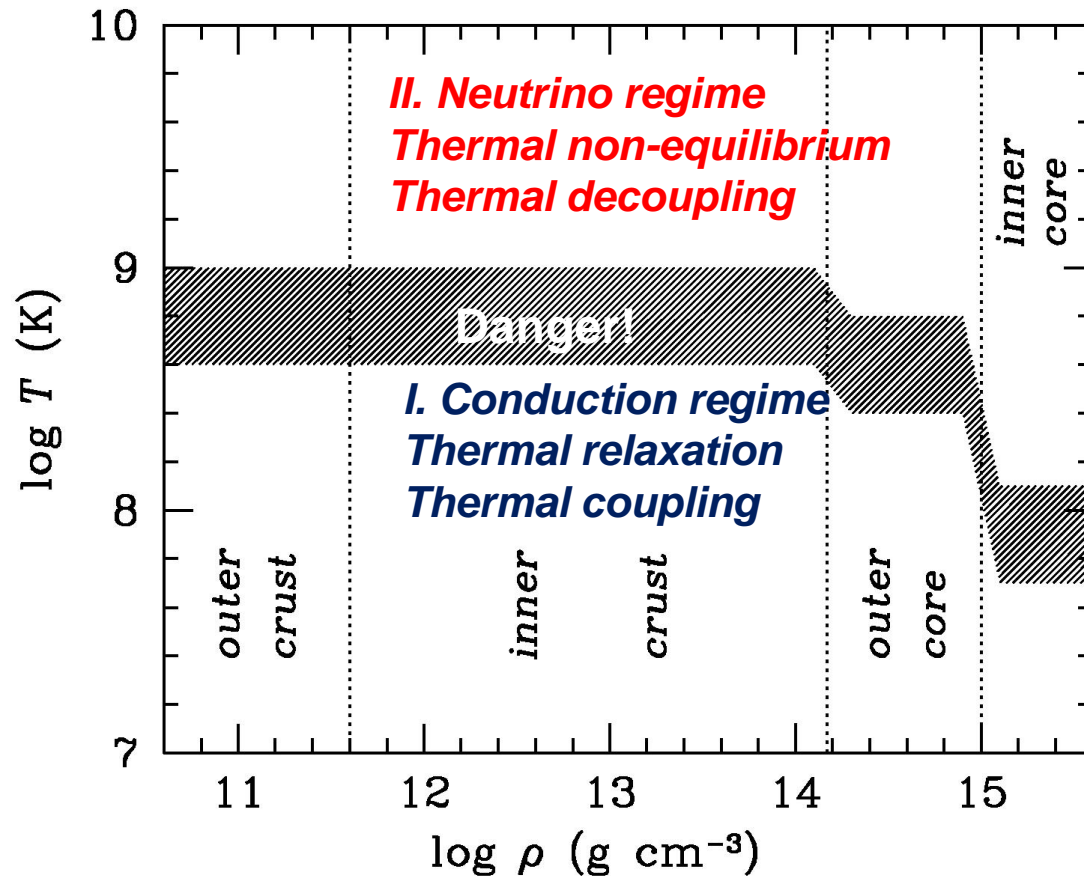
**Moving heater  
towards core  
reduces  
efficiency**

*Kaminker et al. 2006*

*Pons and Rea 2006*

# TWO THERMAL REGIMES

$$C \frac{\partial T}{\partial t} = \text{div} (\kappa \nabla T) - Q_\nu + H$$

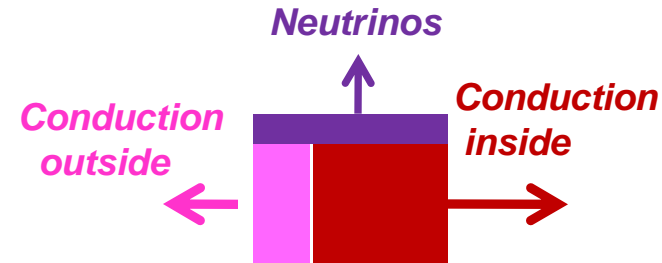


# HEATING REGIMES

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$$T < 10^9 \text{ K}, H_0 < 10^{20} \text{ erg cm}^{-3} \text{ s}^{-1}$$

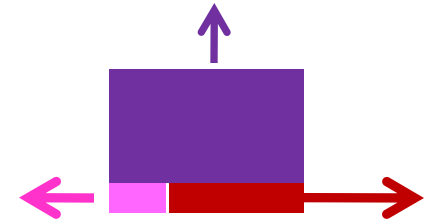
*Regulated by thermal conduction*



2

$$T > 10^9 \text{ K}, H_0 > 10^{20} \text{ erg cm}^{-3} \text{ s}^{-1}$$

*Regulated by neutrino emission*



## BASICALLY NON-ECONOMICAL HEATER

*What is observed as quasi-persistent emission is basically a small fraction of input energy*

## MOST ECONOMICAL HEATER

**Position:**

**Outer crust**

**Heat power:**

$$H_0 < 10^{20} \text{ erg cm}^{-3} \text{ s}^{-1}$$

**Efficiency to heat surface:**

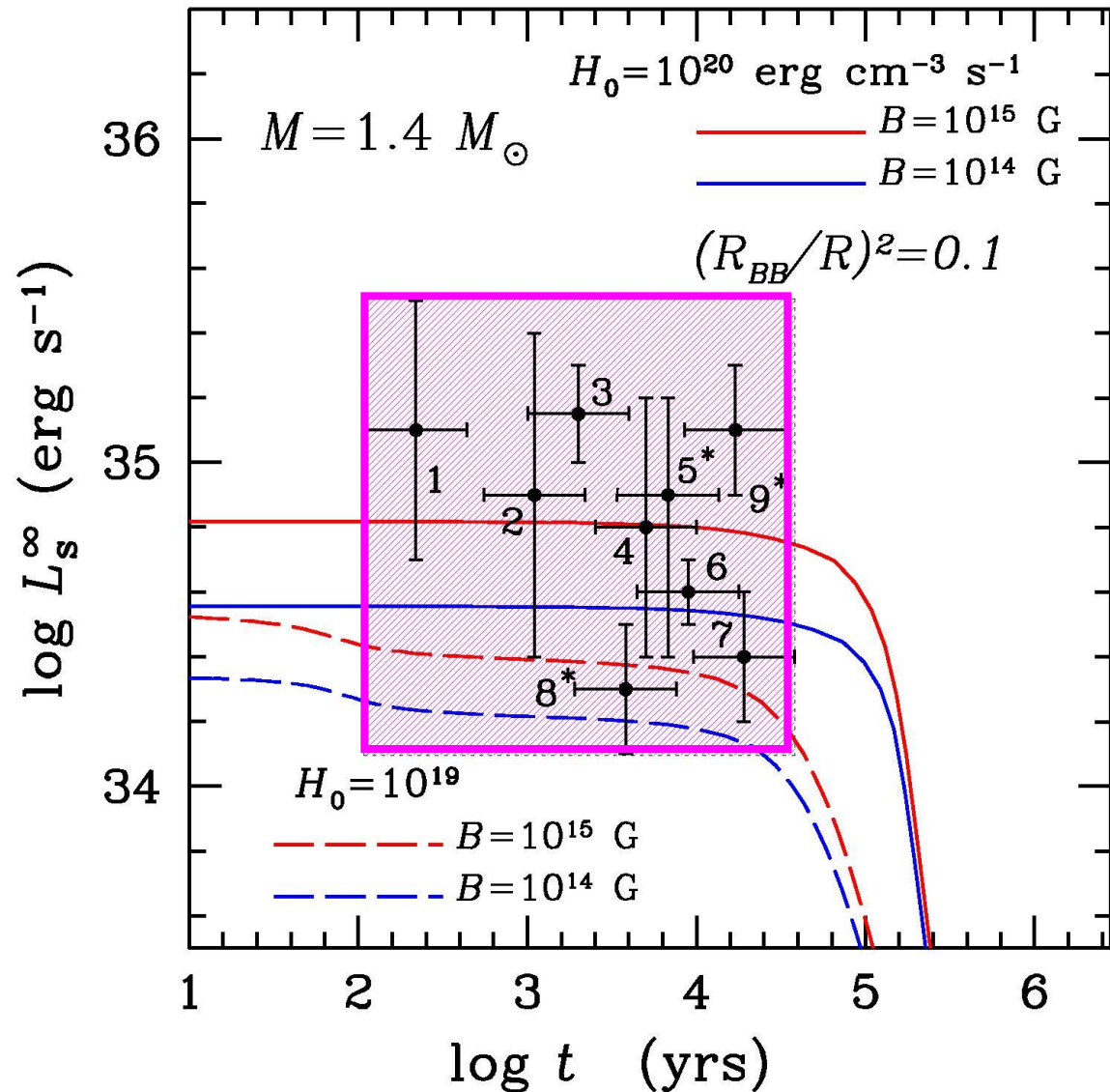
**<3%**

**Angular distribution:**

**Hot spot**

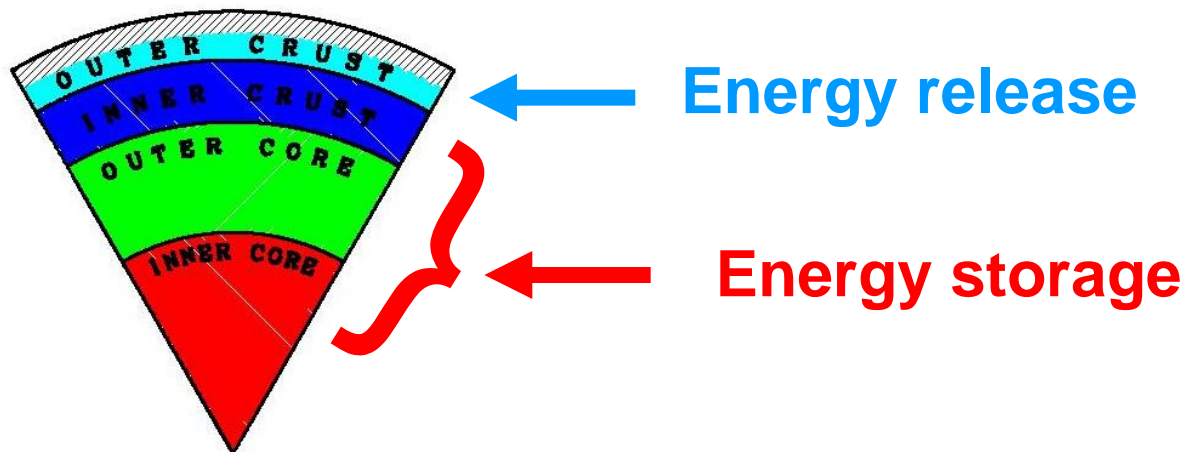
# Most economical model of magnetars

*Magnetic spots  
under surface  
heated by  
Ohmic dissipation*



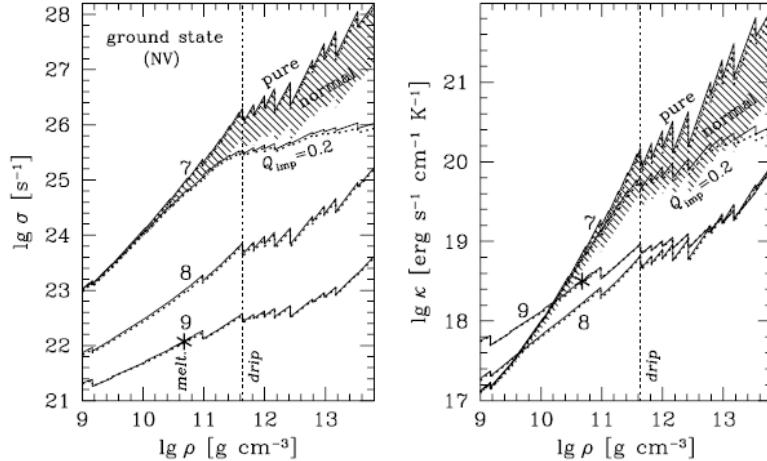
# THE NATURE OF INTERNAL HEATING

*The energy can be stored in the entire star or in inner crust but released in the outer crust?*



# Nature of heating: Ohmic dissipation

## Numerical example



**High temperature is needed:**

- Low electric conduction
- Low thermal conduction

*Similar matters:*

*Aguilera, Pons, Miralles 2008*

*Pons, Miralles, Geppert 2009*

**Ohmic dissipation  
heat rate**

$$H \sim \frac{j^2}{\sigma} \sim \frac{c^2 B^2}{\sigma h^2 (4\pi)^2}$$

For  $B \sim 10^{15}$  G,  $\sigma \sim 10^{22}$  s<sup>-1</sup>,  $h \sim 30$  m  $\Rightarrow H \sim 6 \times 10^{19}$  erg cm<sup>-3</sup> s<sup>-1</sup>

For  $(R_{BB}/R)^2 \sim 0.1 \Rightarrow W_{\text{OHMIC}} \sim 10^{36}$  erg s<sup>-1</sup>,  $L_S \sim 3 \times 10^{34}$  erg s<sup>-1</sup>

**HEAT EFFICIENCY:**  $L_S / W_{\text{OHMIC}} \sim 1/30$

**TOTAL ENERGY NEEDED:**  $W_{\text{OHMIC}} \tau \sim 10^{44} - 10^{45}$  erg  
( $\tau \sim 5 \times 10^4$  yr)



# Energy deposition to heater?

***Mechanism: Unknown***

***Possibilities:***

- ***Hall drift (and instability), e.g. Geppert and Rheinhardt (2002), Aguilera et al. (2008), Pons and Geppert (2010), Price et al. (2012)***
- ***Thermomagnetic effects (thermopower) at large temperature gradients***
- ***Instability (e.g., loss of mechanical stability due to magnetic forces); emission of hydromagnetic waves, etc.***

# *Main features of magnetars*

- *Magnetars may be cooling neutron stars with internal heating.*
- *It is economical to place heat sources in the outer crust.*
- *The heat rate in the outer crust can be  $H \sim 10^{20} \text{ erg s}^{-1} \text{ cm}^{-3}$ , the total heat rate exceeding the thermal surface luminosity with by a factor of  $\geq 30$ .*
- *The outer crust is thermally decoupled from deeper interior; the thermal radiation tests the physics of the outer crust.*
- *The heating may be supported by Ohmic decay under hot spots.*
- *Mechanism of magnetic field deposition to the heater is not clear*

# Ordinary cooling neutron stars versus magnetars

<i><b>Objects</b></i>	<i><b>Ordinary stars</b></i>	<i><b>Magnetars</b></i>
<i><b>Interiors</b></i>	<i><b>Isothermal</b></i>	<i><b>Non-isothermal</b></i>
<i><b>Powered by</b></i>	<i><b>Thermal energy of core</b></i>	<i><b>Heat sources in crust</b></i>
<i><b>Thermal coupling</b></i>	<i><b>Surface and core</b></i>	<i><b>Surface and heater</b></i>
<i><b>Natural laboratories of</b></i>	<i><b>Superdense core</b></i>	<i><b>Heater</b></i>
<i><b>Allow to study of</b></i>	<i><b>Neutrino emission and superfluidity in core</b></i>	<i><b>Energy release in heater (Ohmic dissipation?)</b></i>