

Neutron Stars

Lecture 2: Evolution and Cooling

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NS 1987A
in
SN 1987A

The Supernova 1987A

The Event: 23rd February, 1987

Discovery: Ian Shelton, in La Campanas (Chile),
processing an image sees a “spot” ...

Reaches (in March ‘87) magnitude 3:
 $L \sim 10^8 L_\odot$ for several months

The first supernova visible by eye since Kepler (1604) . . .

. . . or Flamsteed, 1680?

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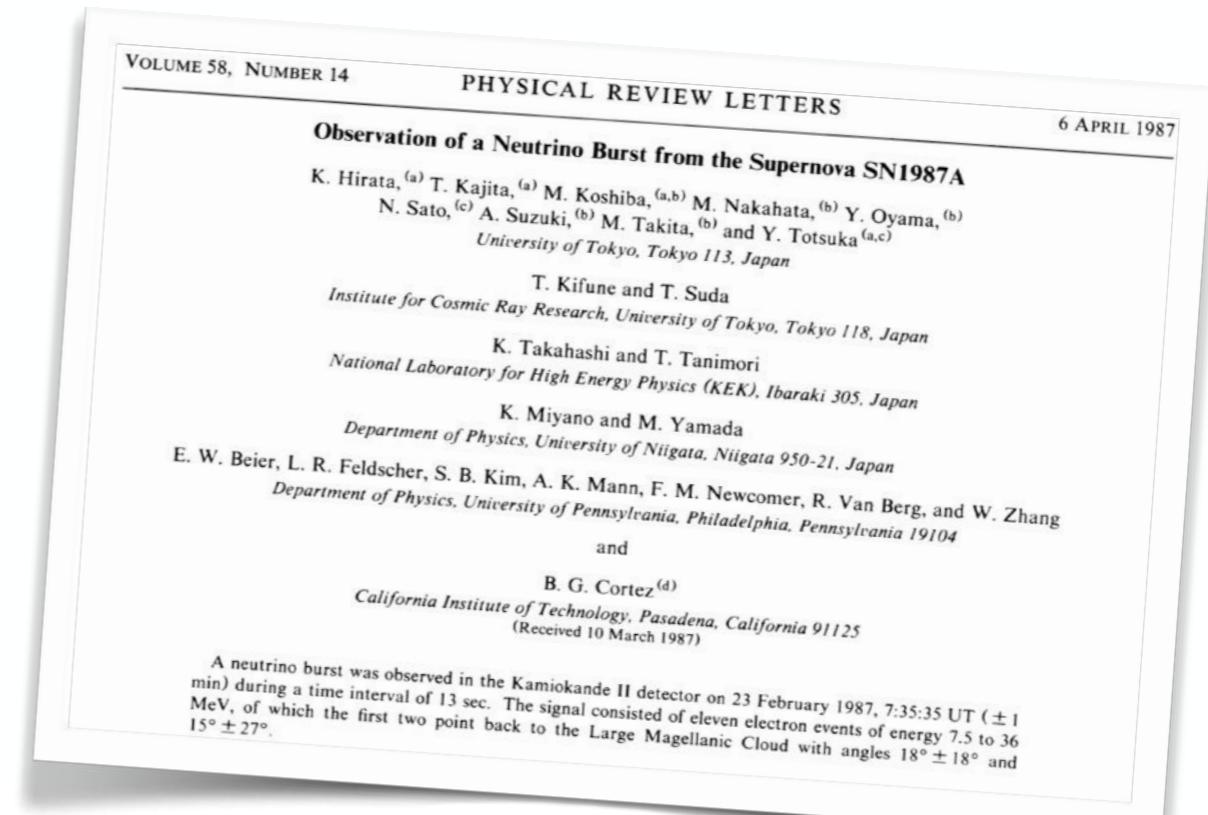
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The Neutrinos from SN 1987A



IMB recorded
8 neutrinos
20-40 MeV
over 6 sec.



Kamiokande II
recorded 12 neutrinos

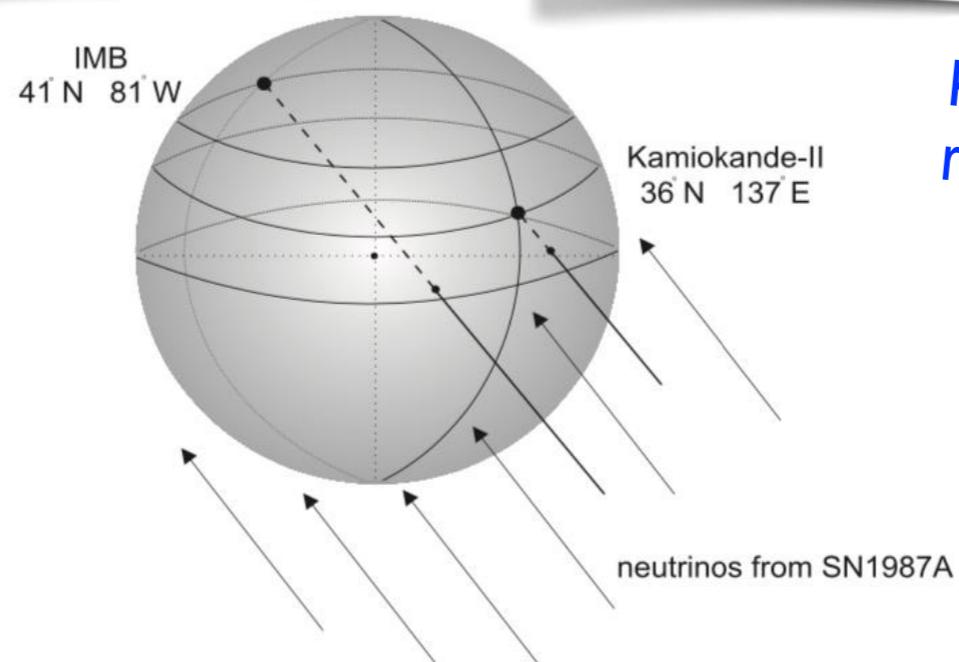
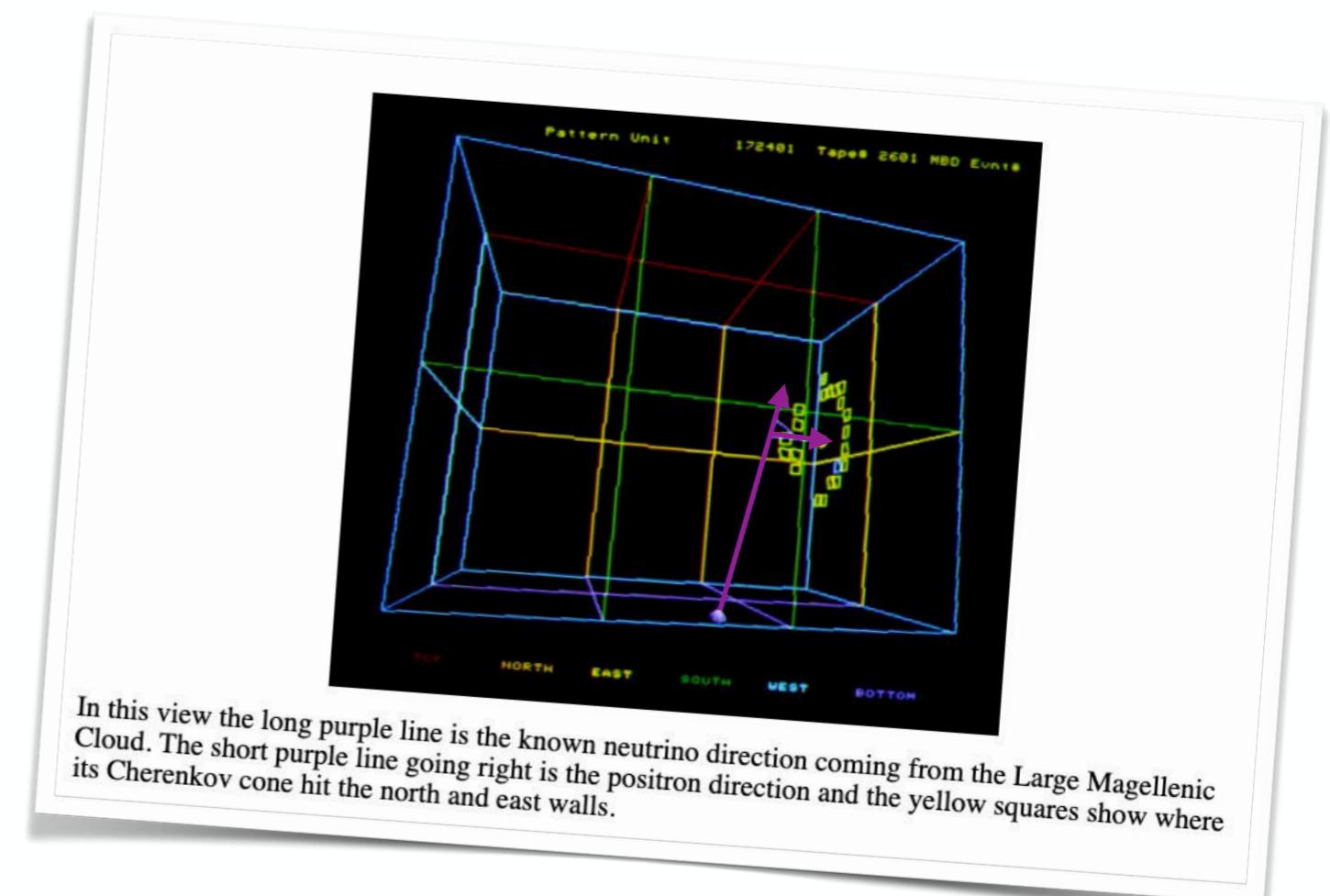
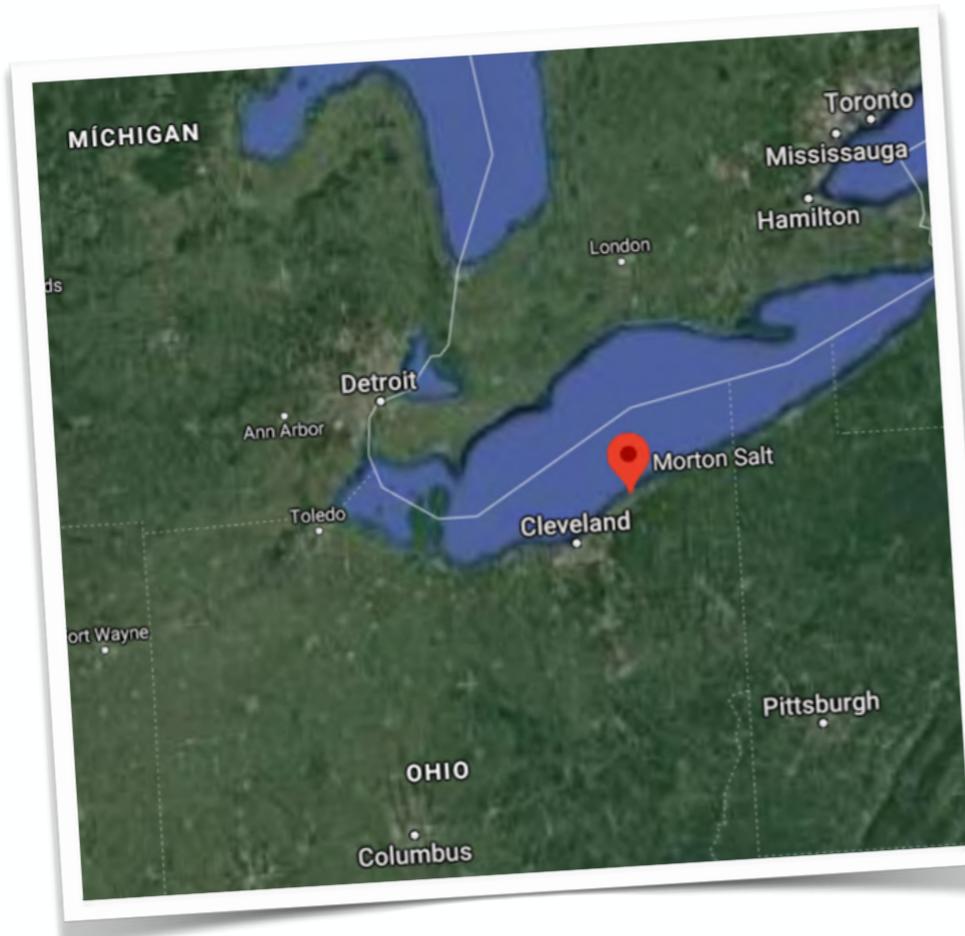


Fig. 1. The sketch of the positions of Kamiokande-II and IMB detectors at the time of the arrival of SN1987A neutrinos.

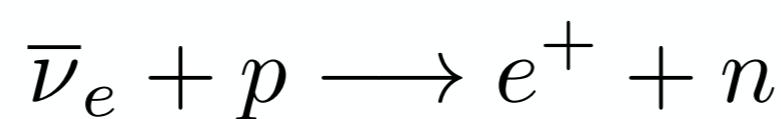
IMB Detector

In Fairport Harbor, nearby Cleveland (Ohio, USA), in a salt mine, 600 meters underground



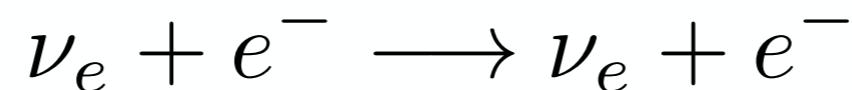
Detector: cubical tank filled with $\sim 7,000 \text{ m}^3$ of ultra pure water covered by 2,048 PMTs.

For SN neutrinos:



$$\sigma_{\bar{\nu}_e p} \sim 100 \sigma_{\nu_e e^-}$$

For Solar neutrinos:



<http://www-personal.umich.edu/~jcv/imb/imb.html>

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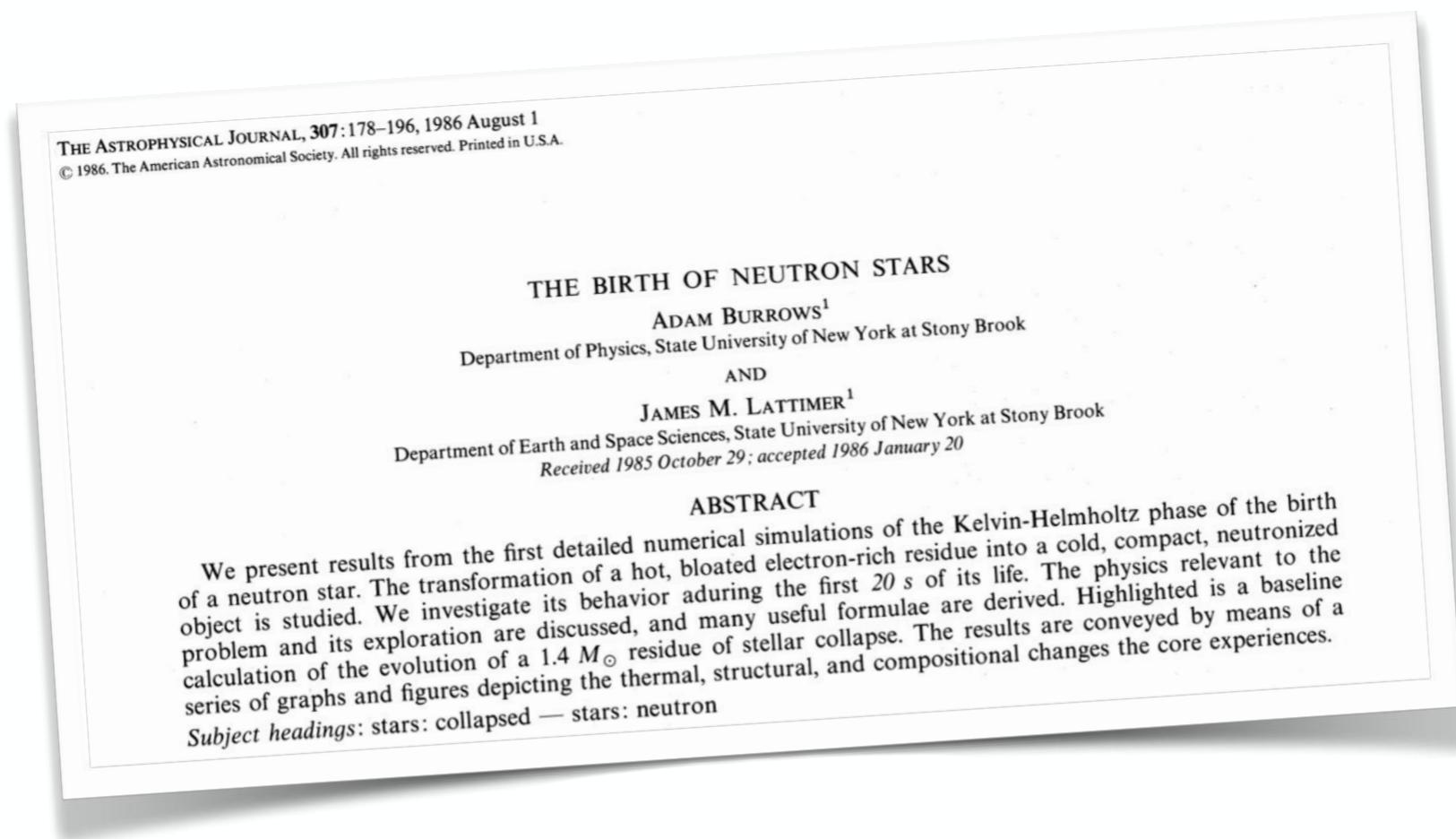
$$E_G \simeq \frac{GM^2}{R} \approx 4 \times 10^{53} \text{ erg}$$

$$M \simeq 1.6M_\odot \implies N \approx 3 \times 10^{57} \text{ part.}$$

$$\frac{E_G}{N} \simeq 10^{-4} \text{ erg} \simeq 60 \text{ MeV} \implies T \approx 6 \times 10^{11} \text{ K}$$

Detected neutrinos: $E \sim 10 \text{ MeV} \Rightarrow \sim 2 \times 10^{58}$ neutrinos emitted

At a distance of 55 kpc: 10^{11} neutrinos per cm^2 passed by !



The Proto-Neutron Star Phase: First Min.

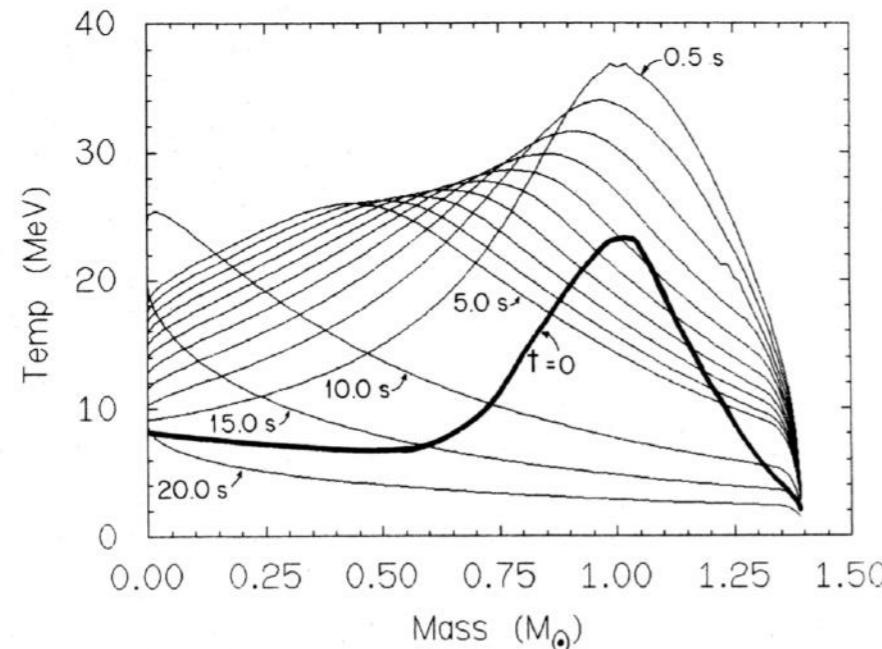


FIG. 1.—Temperature vs. enclosed baryon mass profiles at various times for the baseline simulation (see text). Snapshots are taken every 0.5 s for 5.0 s, and then every 5.0 s until 20.0 s is reached. Temperature is given in MeV, and baryon mass in solar masses. The $t = 0$ profile is the bold line.

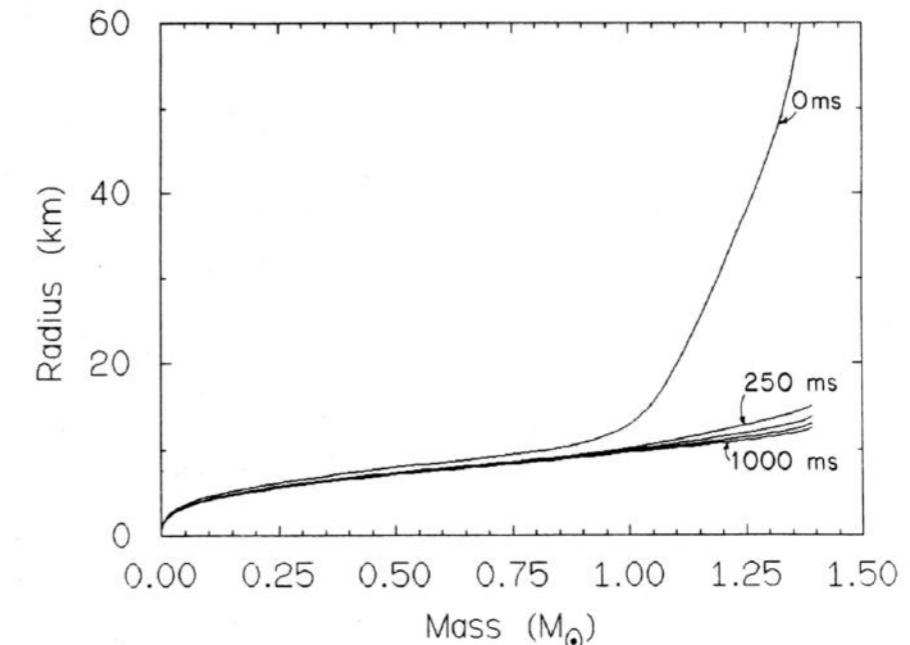


FIG. 5.—Radius vs. baryon mass. Radius is the coordinate radius and is in kilometers. Dumps are every 250 ms for 1.0 s.

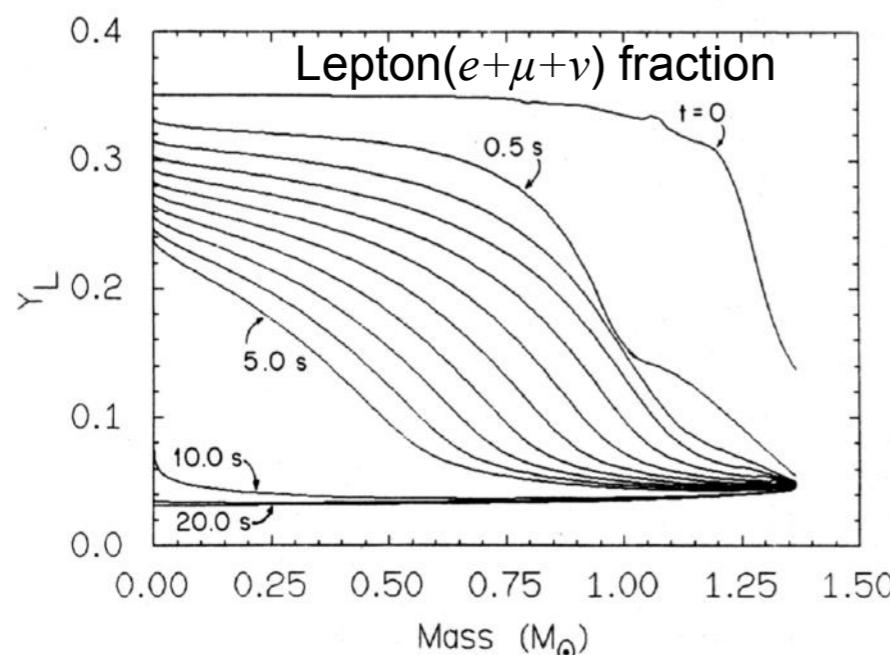


FIG. 7.—Lepton fraction, $Y_L (= Y_e + Y_\mu)$, vs baryon mass. Snapshots are at intervals given in Fig. 1 legend. Notice that $0.0 < t < 10.0$ s.

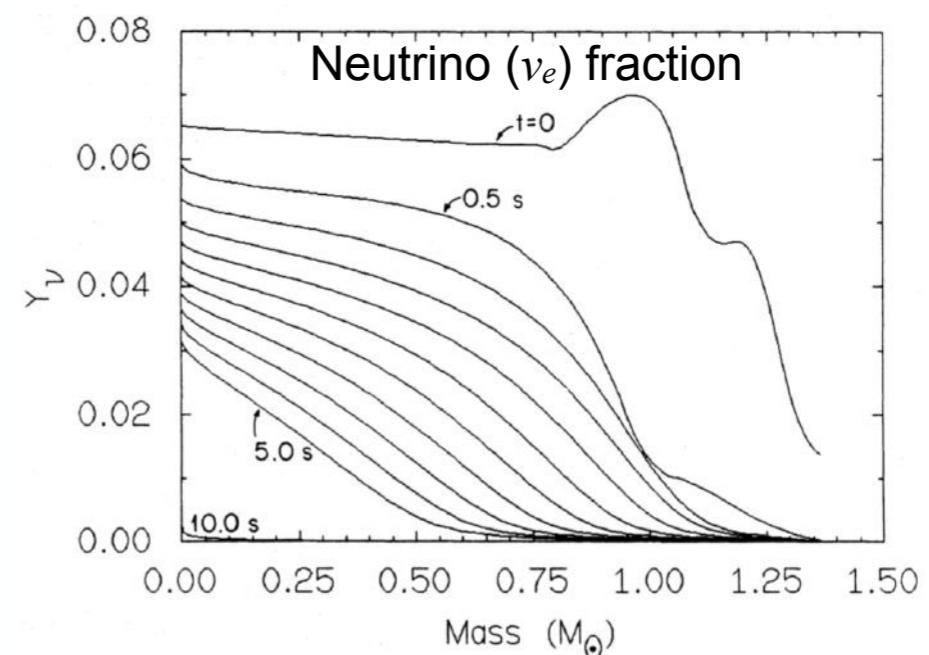
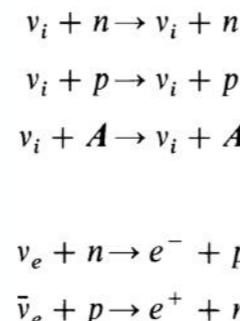


FIG. 8.—Same as Fig. 7, but Y_e vs. baryon mass. The quantity Y_e is the electron-neutrino fraction.

After 20 seconds neutrinos have left and we have a 5% lepton ($e+\mu$) fraction:
 $n_p = n_e + n_\mu$ gives a 4% proton and 96% neutron fractions: it is now a neutron star

[The birth of neutron stars](#)
 Burrows, A.; Lattimer, J. M.
 1986ApJ...307..178B

Expected Mass of NS 1987A

From the detected neutrinos: if about 1/6 of the total binding energy was radiated as the observed electron anti-neutrinos then

$$E_{\text{bind}} = (2.9 \pm 1.2) \times 10^{53} \text{ ergs}$$

and its gravitational mass is

$$M = (1.38 \pm 0.43) M_\odot$$

[Analysis of the Neutrino Events from Supernova 1987A](#)
Lattimer, James M.; Yahil, A.
[1989ApJ...340..426L](#)

Explosion models of Utrobin et al (2019) for state-of-the-art progenitor models of SN 1987A indicate the baryonic mass, M_B , of its compact remnant to be $(1.35 - 1.66) M_\odot$.

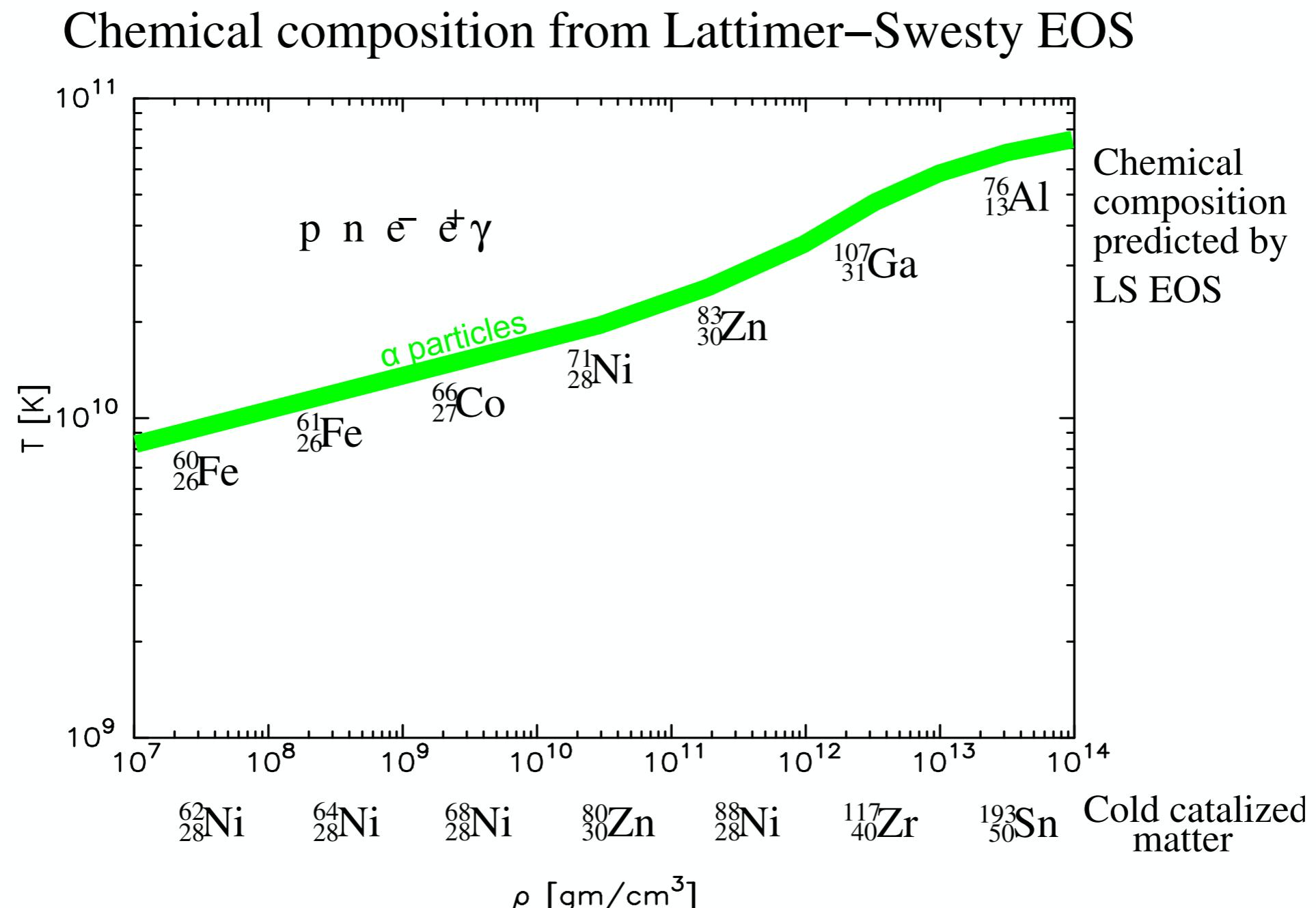
Results of Ertl et al. (2020) predict $(1.48 - 1.56) M_\odot$ for single-star progenitors and $(1.38 - 1.75) M_\odot$ for binary progenitors.

Together these give a gravitational mass

$$M \approx (1.22 - 1.62) M_\odot$$

This expected mass range is well below the measured masses of several pulsars and thus makes it very unlikely that the compact remnant of SN 1987A be a black-hole.

Formation of Nuclei in the Neutron Star Crust



Swesty, Lattimer & Myra, ApJ 425 (1994), p. 195–204

Phases of Neutron Star Cooling

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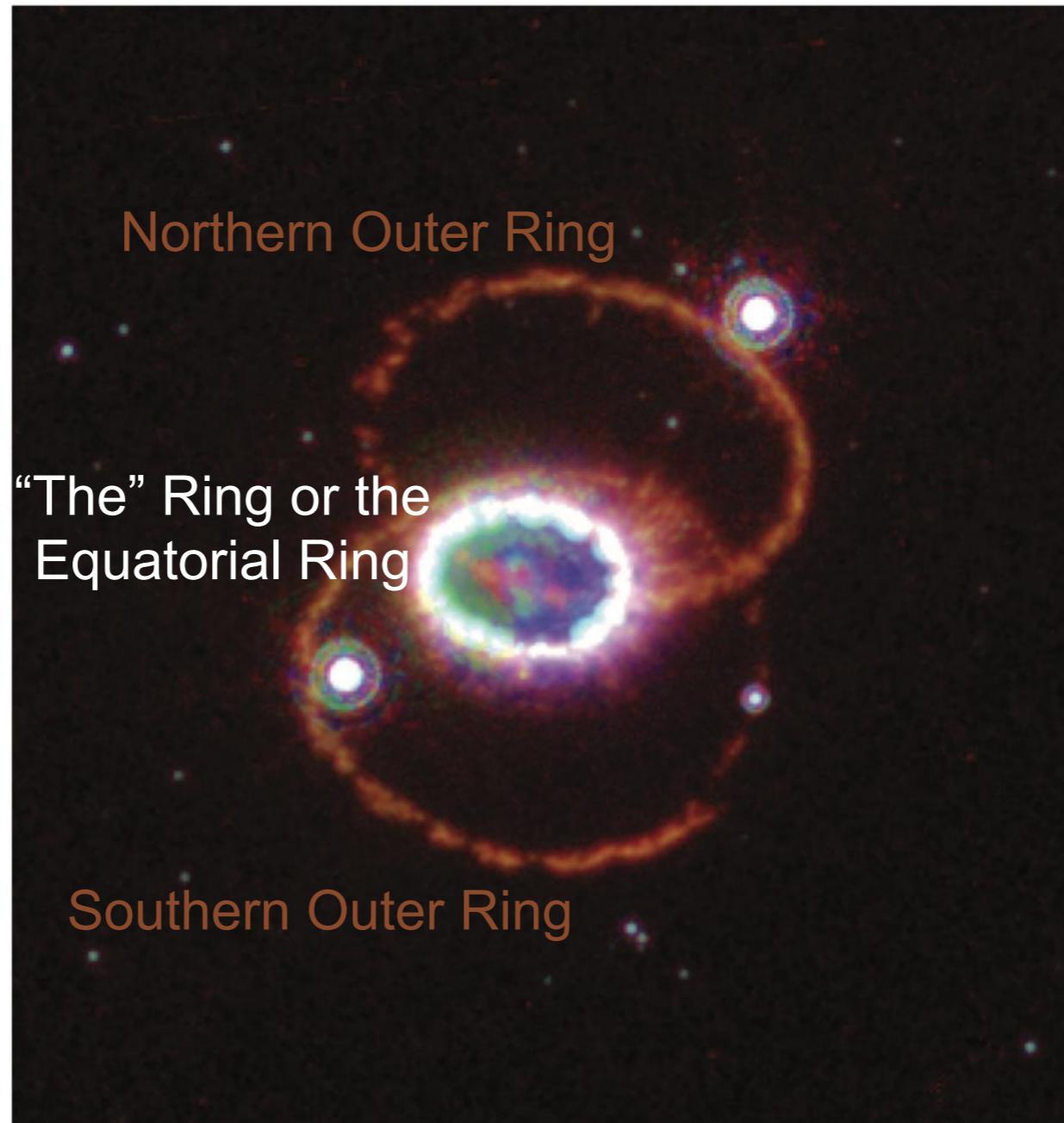
Evolution of the isothermal star is driven by surface photon emission.

- Dark Phase: >> 10^6 years :

Star possibly kept not too cold by internal heating (mag. field decay, friction from differential rotation, baryonic/dark matter accretion, ...)

The Remnant of SN 1987A

The SN 1987A “Remnant”



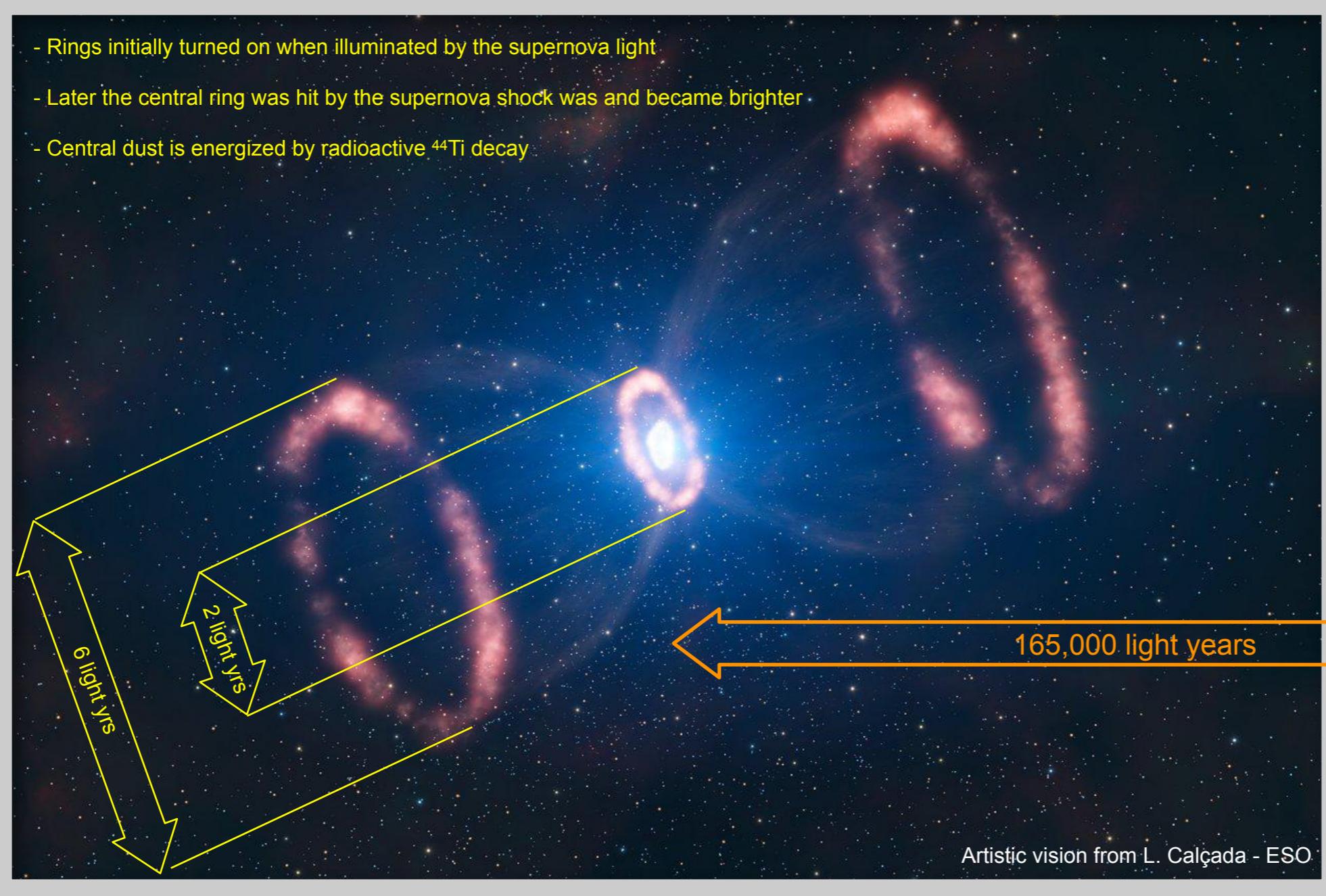
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McCray, Richard; Fransson, Claes
[2016ARA&A..54...19M](#)

Figure 1

Composite image of SN 1987A in H α taken with the *Hubble Space Telescope* (HST). Images from three epochs have been stretched and combined to enhance different components. Red, as seen by HST/WFPC2 in 1994–1997; blue, as seen by HST/ACS in 2001–2004; and green, as seen by HST/WFPC3 in 2009–2014. Courtesy of Peter Challis.

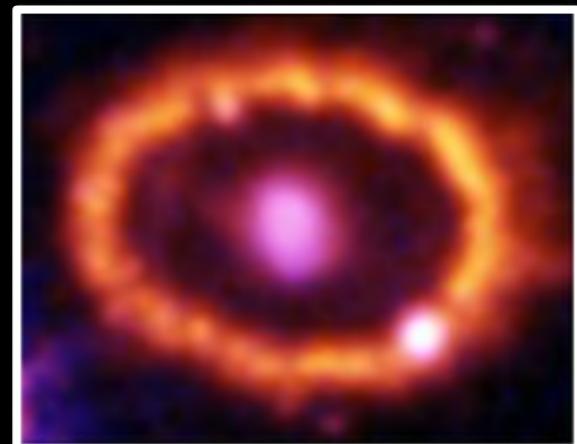
The Three Rings of SN 1987A

- Rings initially turned on when illuminated by the supernova light
- Later the central ring was hit by the supernova shock wave and became brighter
- Central dust is energized by radioactive ^{44}Ti decay

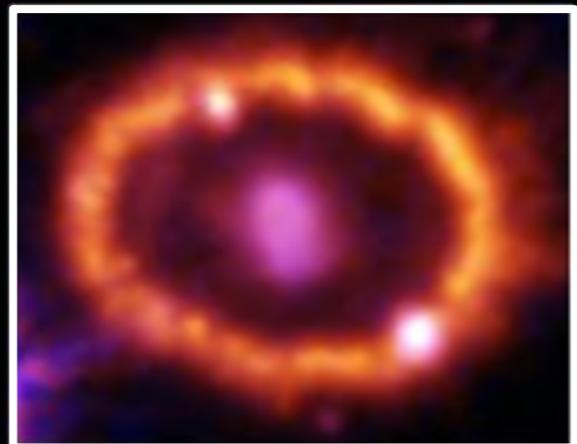


<https://www.eso.org/public/news/eso1032/>

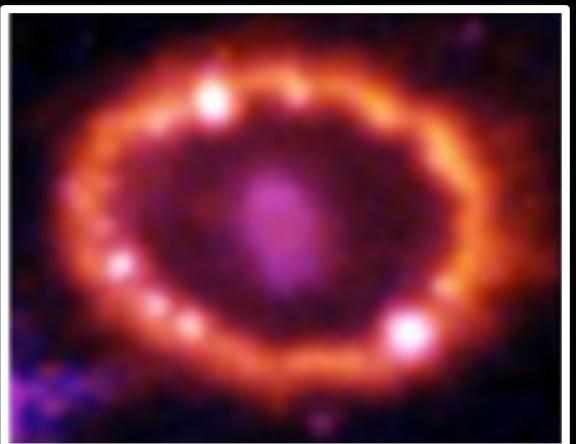
SN Shock Wave Reaches the Inner Ring



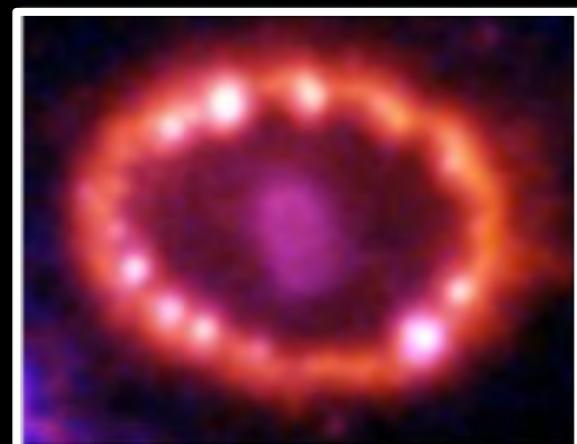
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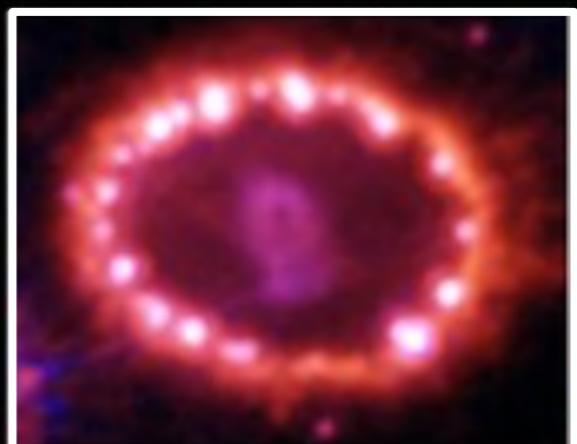
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16 June, 2000



7 December, 2001



5 January, 2003



6 December, 2006

Supernova 1987A - 1995 to 2006
Hubble Space Telescope - WFPC2 - ACS
NASA & R. Kirshner (Harvard - Smithsonian Center for Astrophysics)

“The” Ring and the SN Material

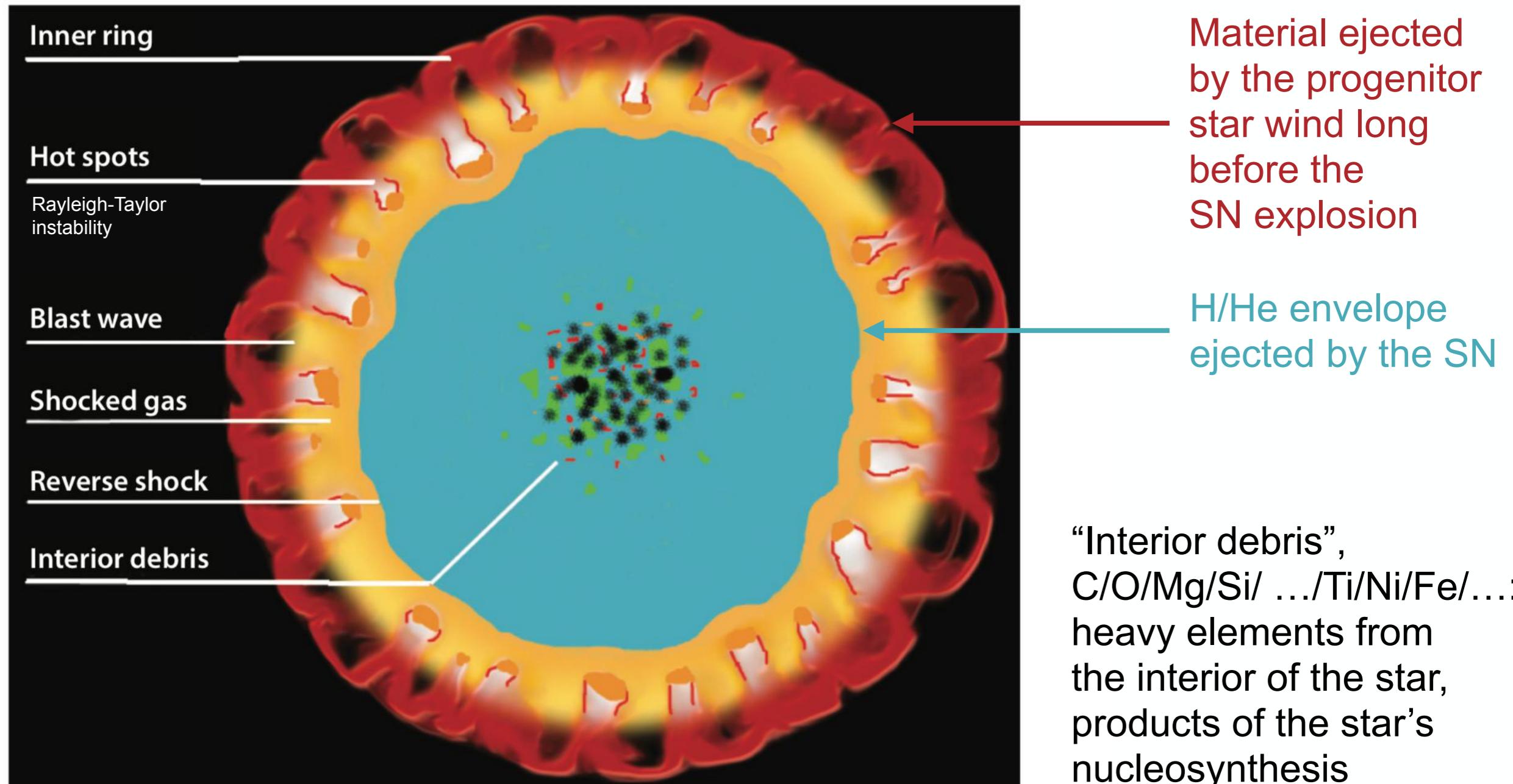
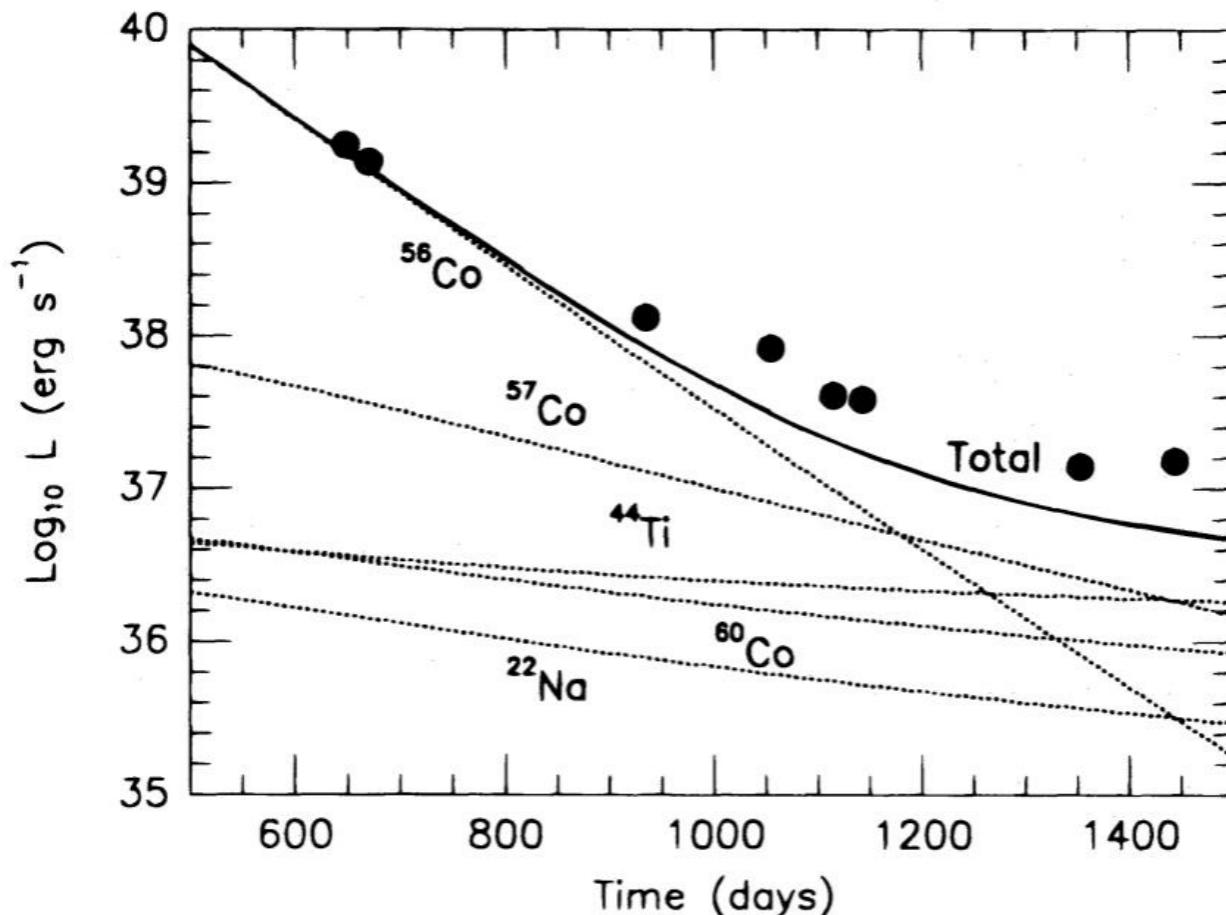


Figure 10

Diagram illustrating the interaction of the supernova debris with the equatorial ring.

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Bolometric Light-Curve of SN 1987A



^{44}Ti decay: electron capture



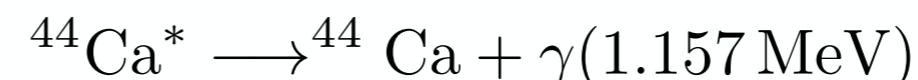
^{44}Sc de-excitation: two photons



^{44}Sc decay: β^+ -decay

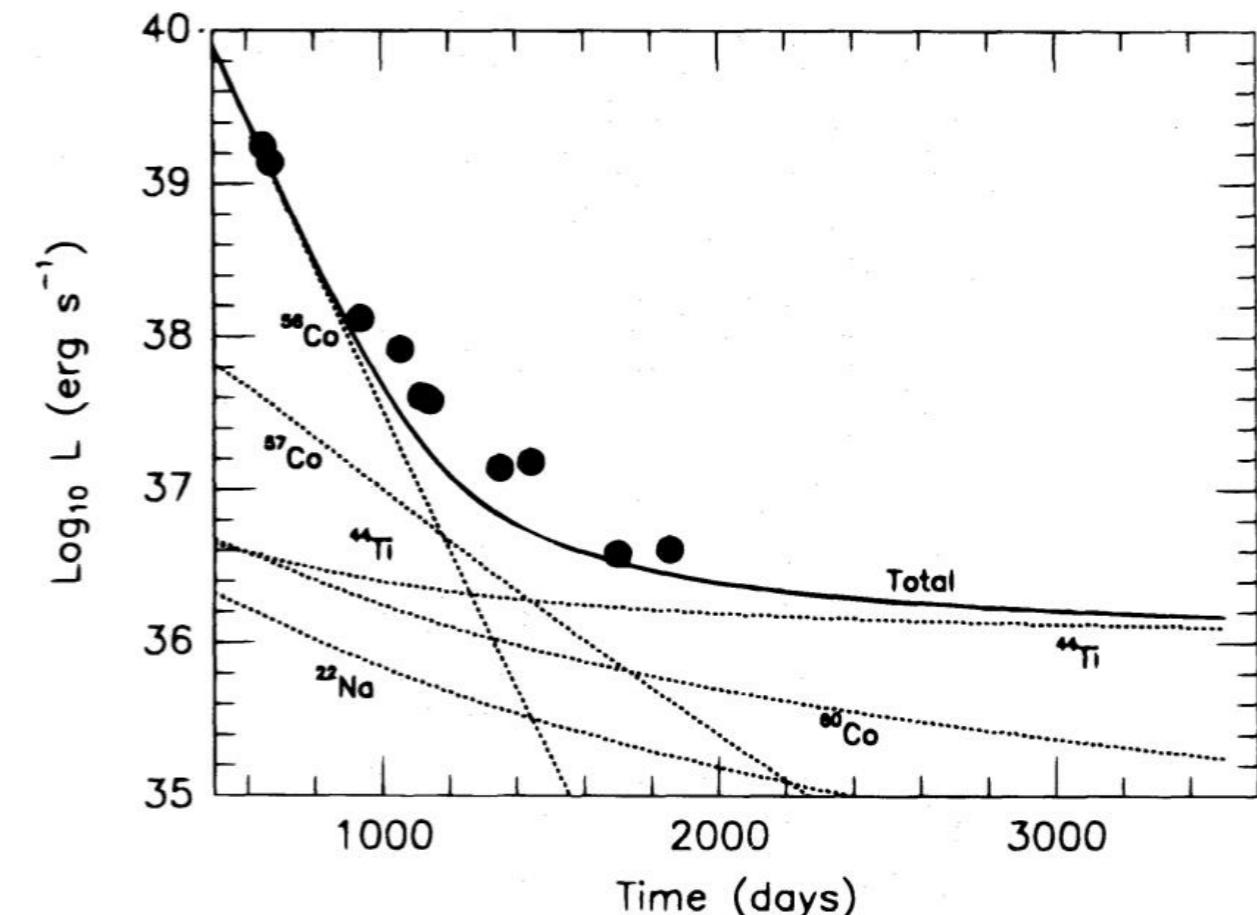


^{44}Ca de-excitation: one photons



$e^+ - e^-$ annihilation: two photons of 0.511 MeV

The Production of ^{44}Ti and ^{60}Co in Supernovae
 Timmes, F. X.; Woosley, S. E.; Hartmann, D. H.; Hoffman, R. D.
 1996ApJ...464..332T



A Compact Source in SN 1987A

Dust in the Inner Part of SN 1987A

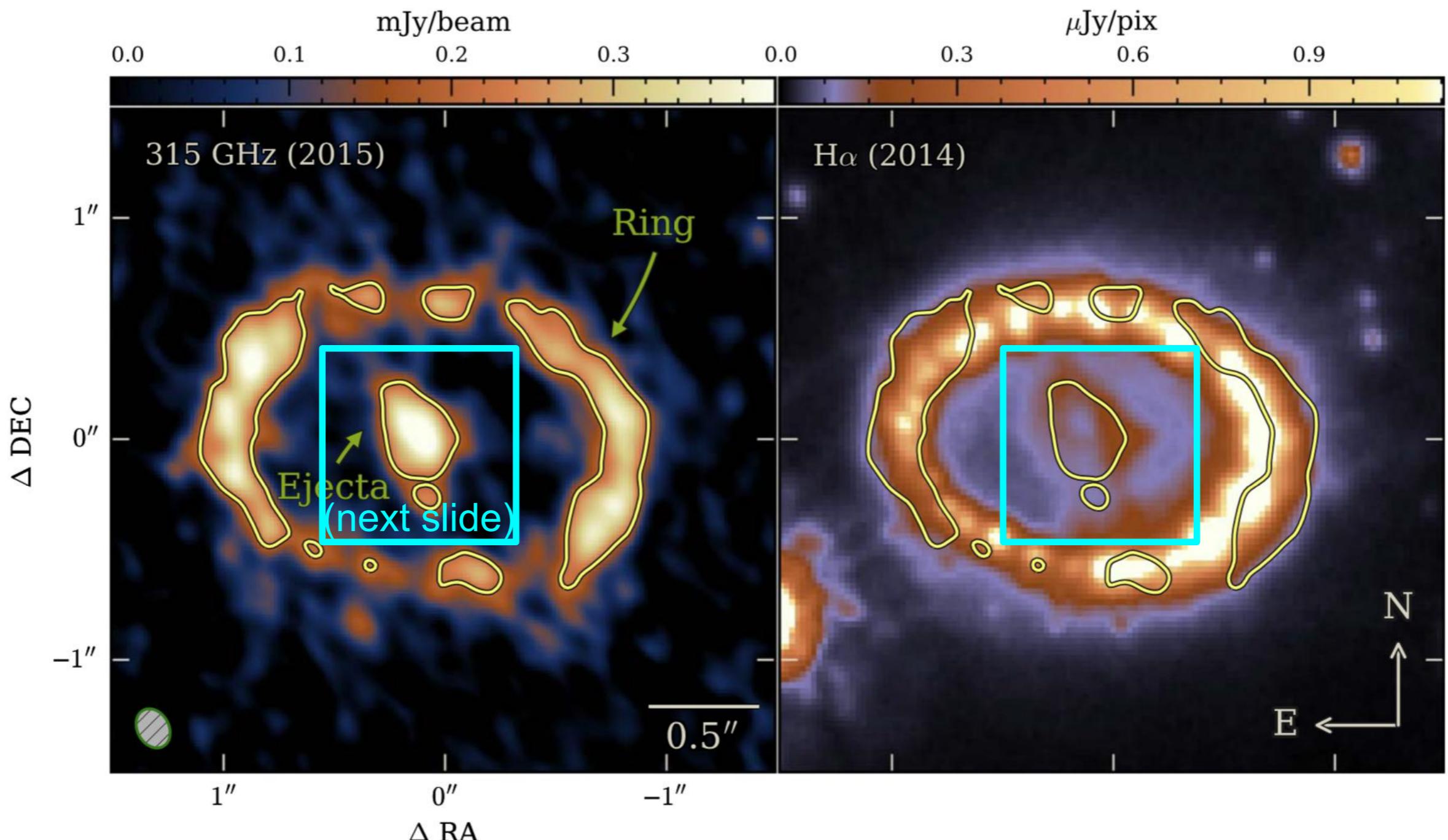
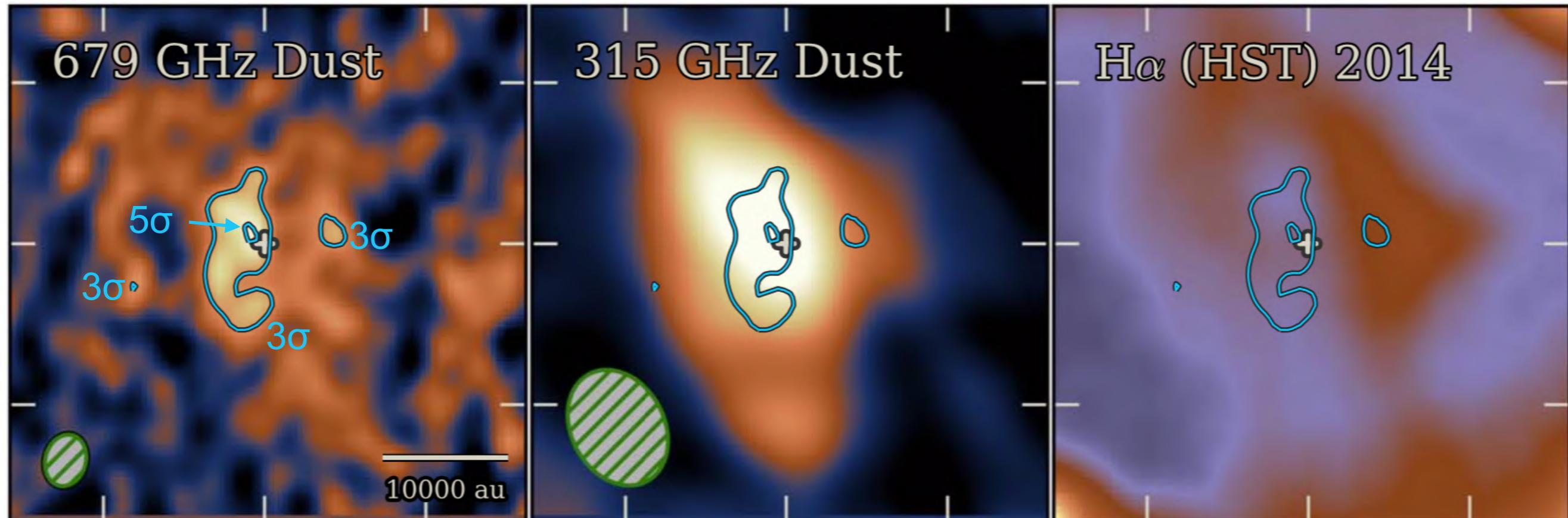


Figure 2. ALMA 315 GHz (with beam) and 2014 *HST* F625W band image (Fransson et al. 2015), which includes H α . The yellow contours display 315 GHz emission at 0.2 mJy beam $^{-1}$. The 315 GHz continuum in the inner ejecta originates from thermal dust emission, while in the ring it is due to synchrotron emission. The 18 mas uncertainty on the relative alignment due to Band 7 astrometric error (12 mas) and *HST* image registration based on fitting the ring (6 mas) is of order 1 pixel in these images.

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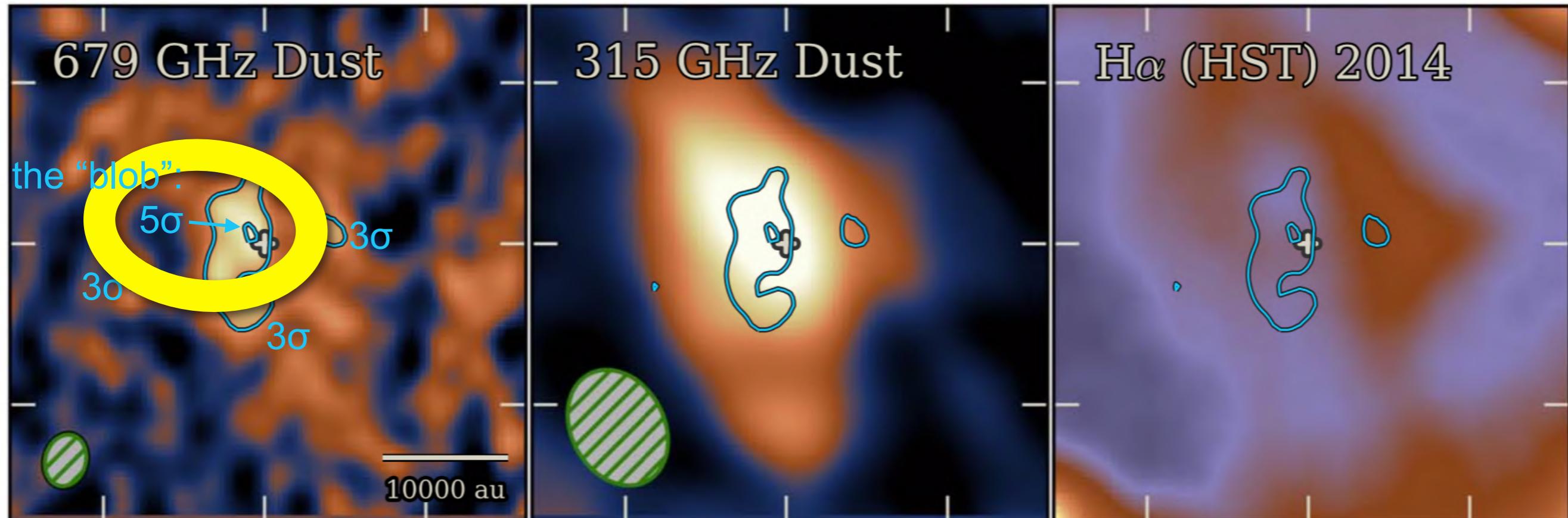
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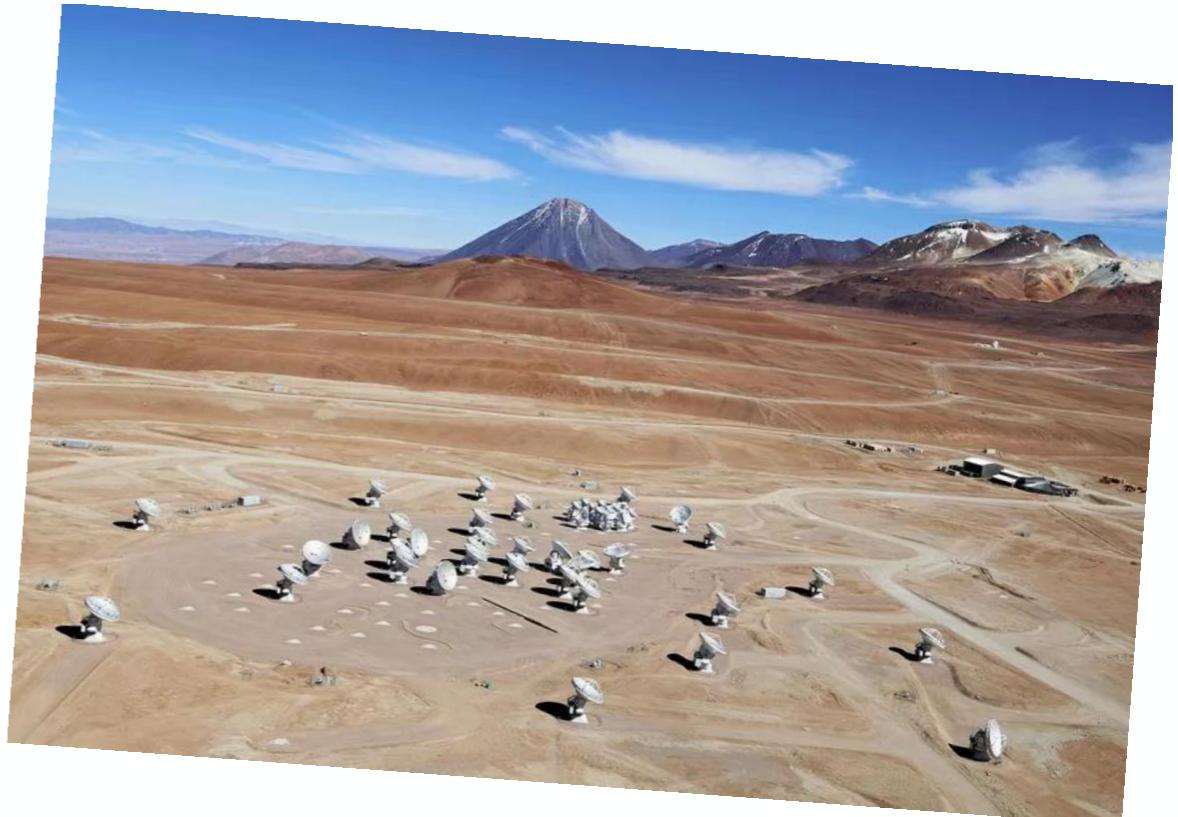


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Energy injection by the Central Compact Object: $40\text{-}90 L_{\odot} \sim 1.5\text{-}3.5 \times 10^{35} \text{ erg s}^{-1}$

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The ALMA Observatory



Located in the Atacama desert (altitud: 5,000 m)
66 antenas (54 of 12m and 12 of 7m diameter)
movable with maximum separation of 16 km.
Observes from 0.32 mm to 3.2mm (100 to 1000 GHz).
Cost: US\$1,4 billions, began operating in 2011.



Each antenna weighs 115 tons



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Abstract

We present high angular resolution (~ 80 mas) ALMA continuum images of the SN 1987A system, together with CO $J = 2 \rightarrow 1$, $J = 6 \rightarrow 5$, and SiO $J = 5 \rightarrow 4$ to $J = 7 \rightarrow 6$ images, which clearly resolve the ejecta (dust continuum and molecules) and ring (synchrotron continuum) components. Dust in the ejecta is asymmetric and clumpy, and overall the dust fills the spatial void seen in H α images, filling that region with material from heavier elements. The dust clumps generally fill the space where CO $J = 6 \rightarrow 5$ is fainter, tentatively indicating that these dust clumps and CO are locationally and chemically linked. In these regions, carbonaceous dust grains might have formed after dissociation of CO. The dust grains would have cooled by radiation, and subsequent collisions of grains with gas would also cool the gas, suppressing the CO $J = 6 \rightarrow 5$ intensity. The data show a dust peak spatially coincident with the molecular hole seen in previous ALMA CO $J = 2 \rightarrow 1$ and SiO $J = 5 \rightarrow 4$ images. That dust peak, combined with CO and SiO line spectra, suggests that the dust and gas could be at higher temperatures than the surrounding material, though higher density cannot be totally excluded. One of the possibilities is that a compact source provides additional heat at that location. Fits to the far-infrared–millimeter spectral energy distribution give ejecta dust temperatures of 18–23 K. We revise the ejecta dust mass to $M_{\text{dust}} = 0.2\text{--}0.4 M_{\odot}$ for carbon or silicate grains, or a maximum of $<0.7 M_{\odot}$ for a mixture of grain species, using the predicted nucleosynthesis yields as an upper limit.

Unified Astronomy Thesaurus concepts: Interstellar dust (836); Supernovae (1668); Interstellar molecules (849)



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NS 1987A in SN 1987A

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Cooling of Neutron Stars

The Neo-Neutron Star Phase (1 year)

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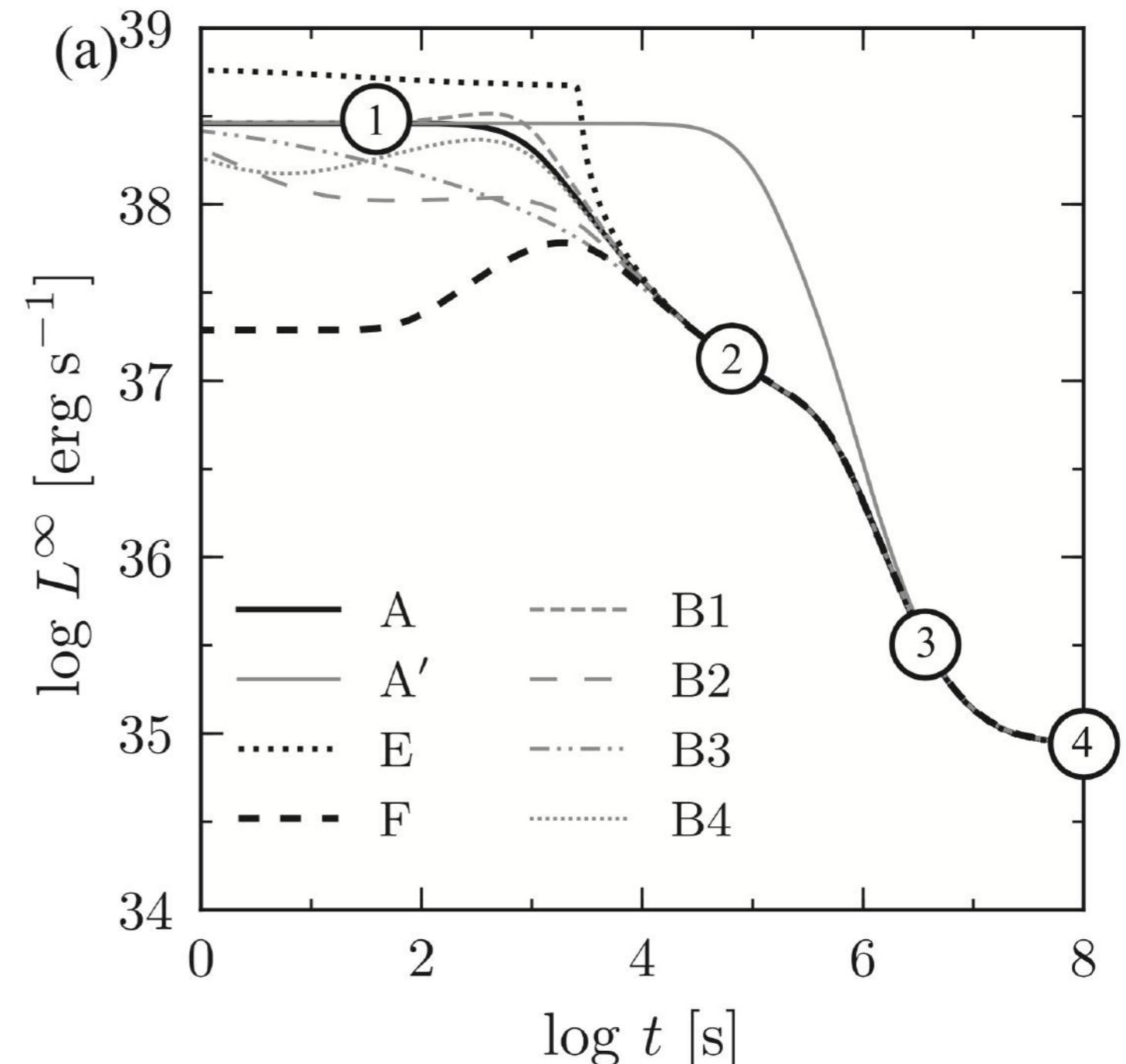
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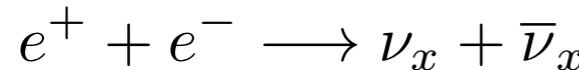
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- 3: Cooling by plasma neutrinos
- 4: Early plateau: young NS phase



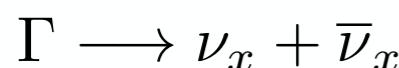
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Neutrino (Pair) Emission in the Crust

Pair annihilation:



Plasmon decay::



e-ion bremsstrahlung:

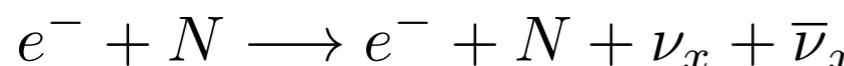
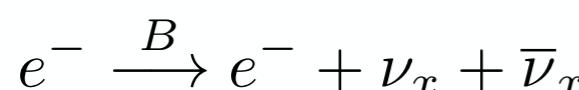


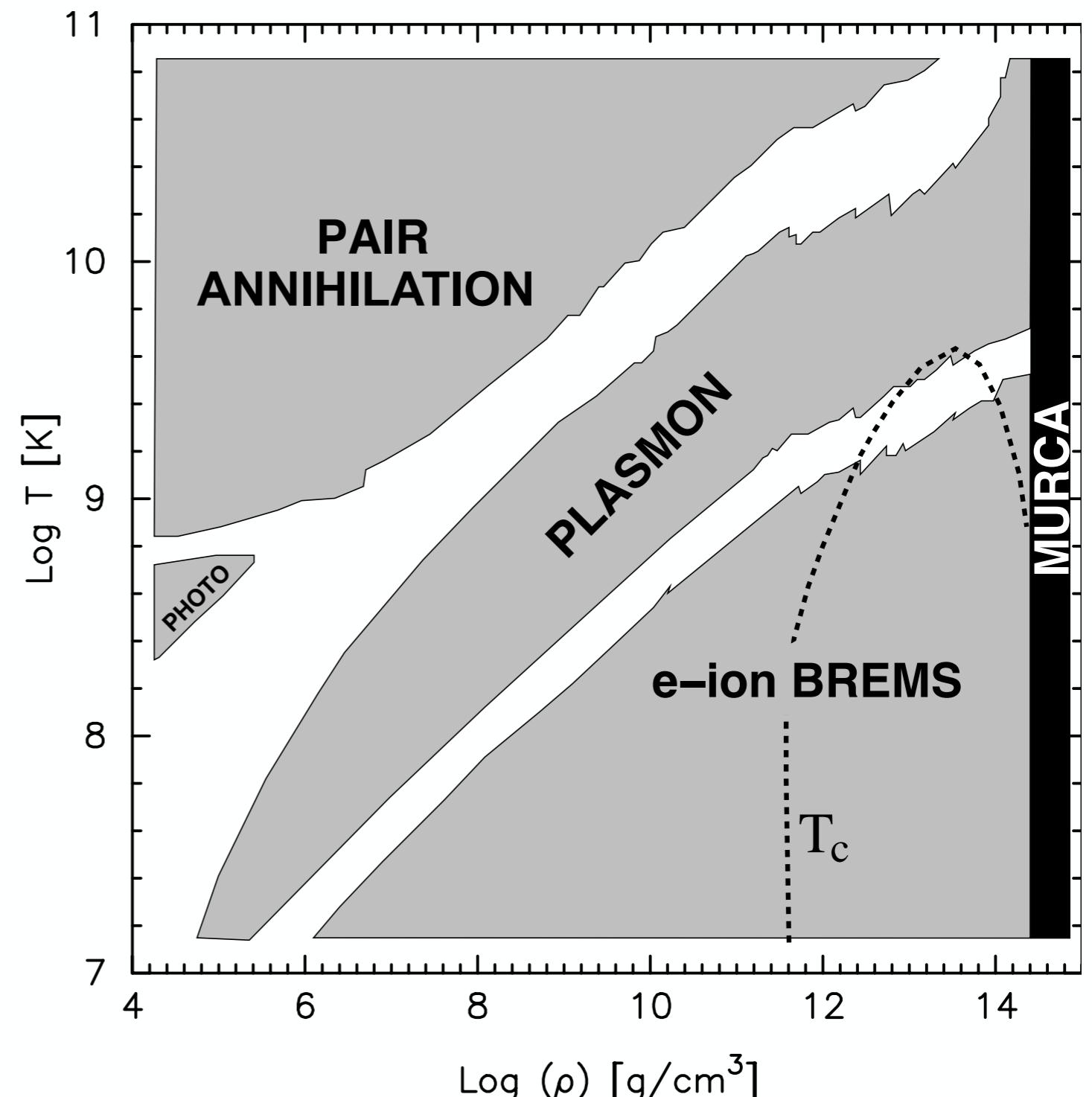
Photo-neutrino emission:



Synchrotron radiation:



Cooper pair formation:



Early Cooling of the Envelope

Background color: pressure
(contour lines are isobars)

P independent of density:
pair plasma

Outermost layer contracts
at constant pressure: —
from pair plasma to
degenerate matter

P independent of temperature:
degenerate matter

- Layers "a" cool by neutrinos:
"a₂" by pair neutrinos
"a₃" by plasmon neutrinos
(separated by white dotted line)
- Layers "b" follow cooling of deeper ones
- Later cooling is driven by
deeper layers once thermal
time scale of envelope \sim age

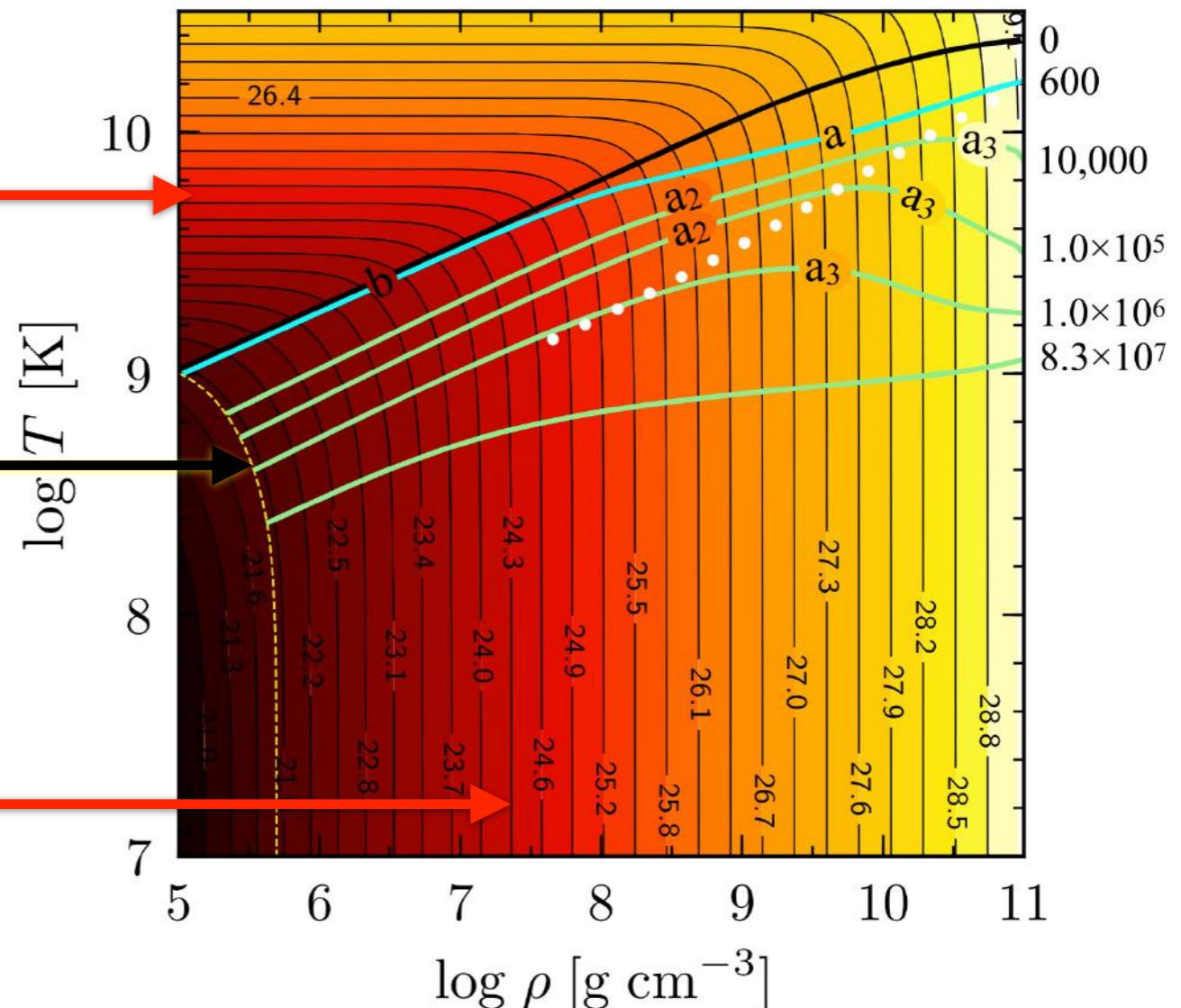


Figure 7. Selected local temperature profiles of model A. Ages, in seconds, are indicated on the right margin. Background color shows the pressure, and contours are isobars labeled with the decimal logarithm of pressure (in dyn cm^{-2}). The dashed (yellow) contour corresponds to the initial P_b and the thick dotted (white) line reproduces the one from Figure 17.

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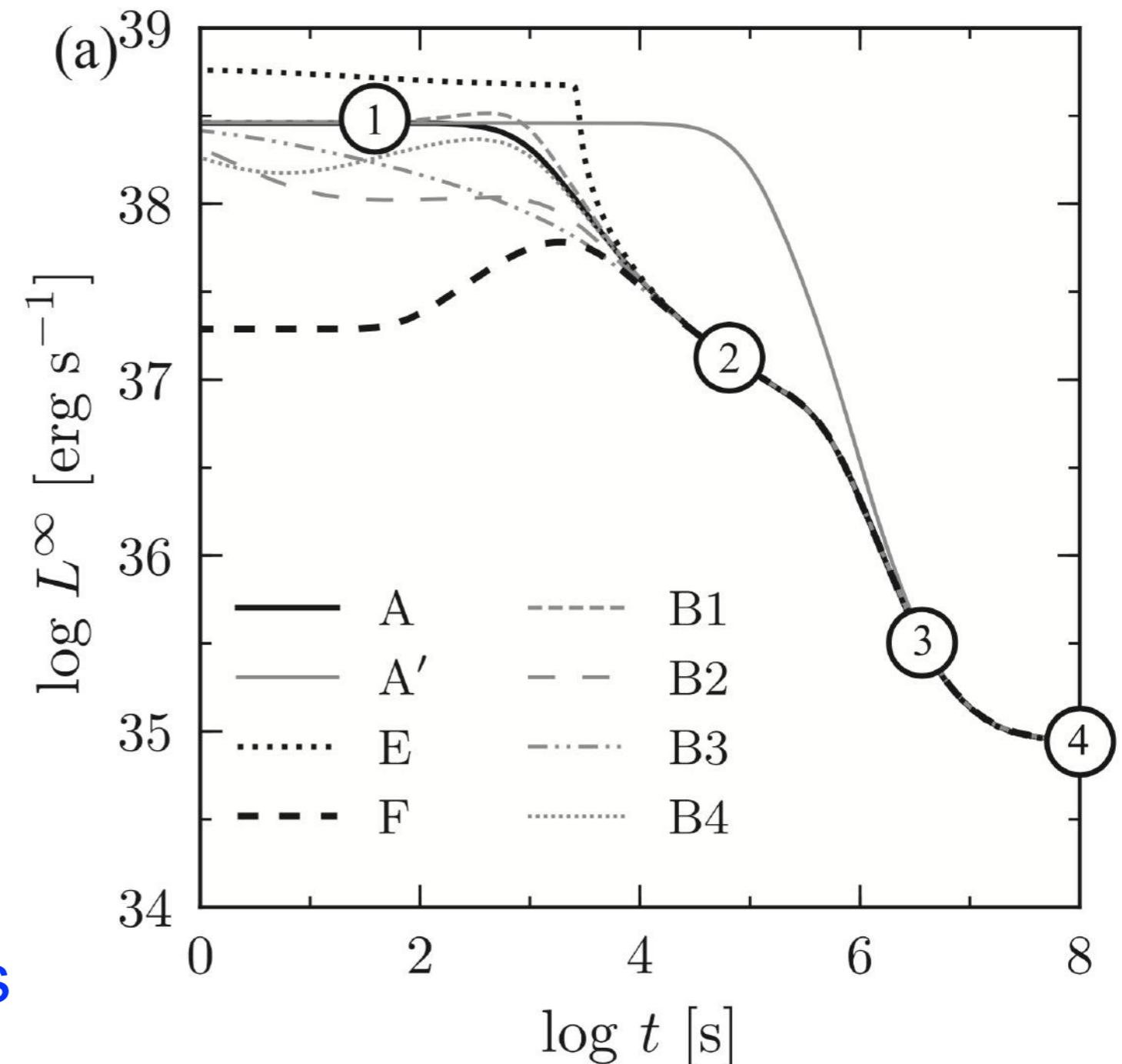
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**At stage 4: $L \sim 10^{35}$ erg/s
 ~ luminosity of the
 blob in SN 1987A !!!**



[Thermal Evolution of Neo-neutron Stars. I. Envelopes, Eddington Luminosity Phase, and Implications for GW170817](#)
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Long Term Cooling of Neutron Stars

Phases of Neutron Star Cooling

- Proto-Neutron Star: ~30 seconds:
 - Matter from the collapsed iron core: $x_p = 40\%$.
 - Neutrinos are trapped, once they have left $x_p = 5\%$ and we have a "Neutron Star".
 - "Exotic matter" (hyperons, quarks, ...) will form at the end of this phase: needs low x_p .
- Neo-Neutron Star: ~1 year:
 - Rapid cooling of outer layers by neutrino emission.
 - Eddington luminosity for about an hour.
 - Ends with $T_{\text{eff}} \sim 2\text{-}4 \times 10^6$ K.
- Young Neutron Star: ~50 years:
 - Early plateau: crust relaxation phase whose heat flows into the core.
 - Crust neutrino emission is not very efficient.
 - At its end the interior is isothermal and T_{eff} reflects the core temperature.
- Neutrino Cooling Phase: $\sim 10^5$ years:
 - Evolution of the isothermal star is driven by core neutrino emission.
- Photon Cooling Phase: $\sim 10^6$ years:
 - Evolution of the isothermal star is driven by surface photon emission.
- Dark Phase: $>> 10^6$ years :
 - Star possibly kept not too cold by internal heating (mag. field decay, friction from differential rotation, baryonic/dark matter accretion, ...)

Neutrino Processes

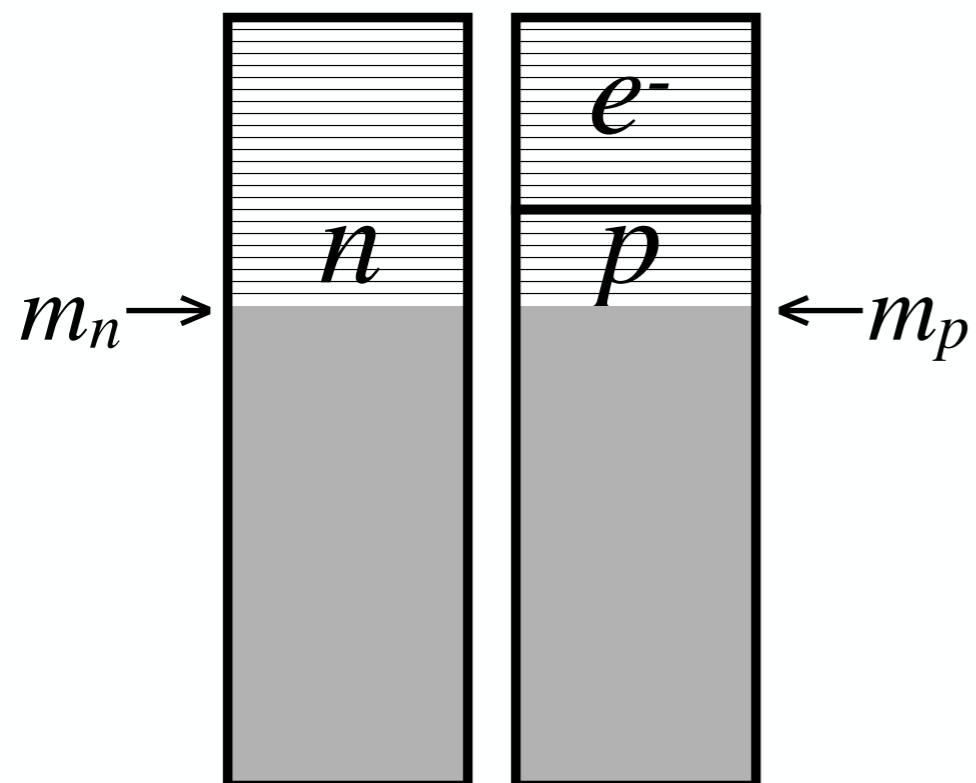
The Direct Urca Process

Basic mechanism: β and inverse β decays:



Energy conservation:

$$E_{Fn} = E_{Fp} + E_{Fe}$$



Momentum conservation:

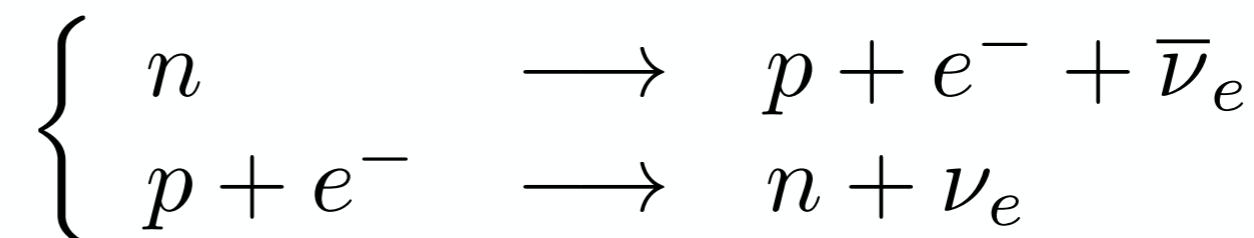
“Triangle rule”: $p_{Fn} < p_{Fp} + p_{Fe}$

$$n_i = \frac{k_F^3 i}{3\pi^2} \Rightarrow n_n^{1/3} \leq n_p^{1/3} + n_e^{1/3} = 2n_p^{1/3}$$

$$x_p \equiv \frac{n_p}{n_n + n_p} \geq \frac{1}{9} \approx 11\%$$

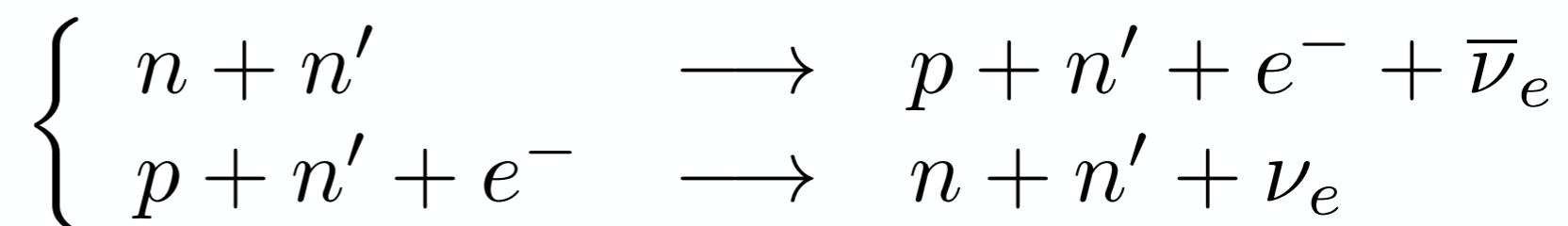
The Modified Urca Process

Direct Urca process:



DUrca needs $x_p > 11\%$: possible only at high densities

Modified Urca process:



The “spectator” neutron n' gives or take the needed extra momentum:
possible at any density

$$\epsilon_{\text{DUrca}} \simeq 10^{27} \cdot T_9^6 \text{ erg cm}^{-3} \text{ s}^{-1}$$

← One cubic meter of matter at $T=10^9$ K emits 10^{33} erg s⁻¹ $\sim L_\odot$

$$\epsilon_{\text{MUrca}} \simeq 10^{21} \cdot T_9^8 \text{ erg cm}^{-3} \text{ s}^{-1}$$

The Murca-Bremsstrahlung Family & Durca

Name	Process	Emissivity (erg cm ⁻³ s ⁻¹)	
Modified Urca cycle (neutron branch)	$n + n \rightarrow n + p + e^- + \bar{\nu}_e$	$\sim 2 \times 10^{21} R T_9^8$	Slow
	$n + p + e^- \rightarrow n + n + \nu_e$		
Modified Urca cycle (proton branch)	$p + n \rightarrow p + p + e^- + \bar{\nu}_e$	$\sim 10^{21} R T_9^8$	Slow
	$p + p + e^- \rightarrow p + n + \nu_e$		
	$n + n \rightarrow n + n + \nu + \bar{\nu}$		
Bremsstrahlung	$n + p \rightarrow n + p + \nu + \bar{\nu}$	$\sim 10^{19} R T_9^8$	Slow
	$p + p \rightarrow p + p + \nu + \bar{\nu}$		
Direct Urca cycle	$n \rightarrow p + e^- + \bar{\nu}_e$	$\sim 10^{27} R T_9^6$	Fast
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$\left(\frac{T}{E_F} \right) = 10^{-3} \left(\frac{T/10^9 \text{K}}{E_F/100 \text{MeV}} \right)$		$\sim 10^{19} R T_9^8$	Slow
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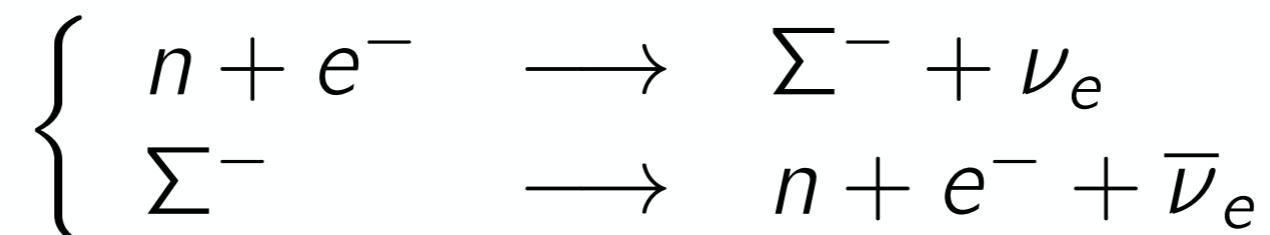
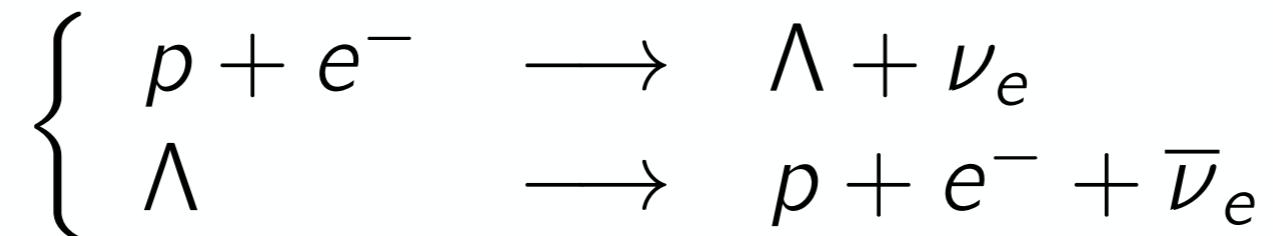


URCA =
“Un-Recorded
Cooling
Agent” !



Neutrino Emission from Hyperons

Hyperons, as Λ and Σ^- , can be produced through reactions as, e.g.



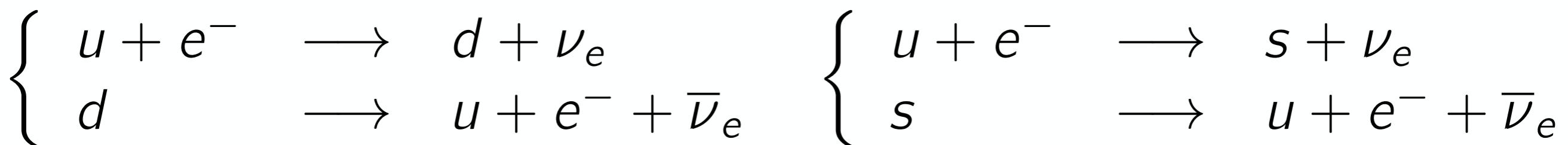
Energy conservation requires: $\mu_\Lambda = \mu_n$ and $\mu_{\Sigma^-} = \mu_n + \mu_e$

Momentum conservation: very easily satisfied for Λ
and not very difficult to satisfy for Σ^-

Hyperons will result in DUrca processes if they can be present

Neutino Emission from Deconfined Quarks

2 DUrca processes are possible (energy and momentum are easily conserved):



In $d \rightarrow u + e^- + \bar{\nu}_e$ the matrix element (squared)

$$|M_{fi}|^2 = 32G_F^2 \cos^2 \theta_C (p_1 \cdot p_2)(p_3 \cdot p_4)$$

vanishes if $\mu_q = cp_{Fq}$ \Rightarrow need α_c correction: $\mu_q = \left(1 + \frac{8\alpha_c}{3\pi}\right) cp_{Fq}$

$$\epsilon^{\text{ud-DUrca}} = \frac{914}{315} \frac{G_F^2 \cos^2 \theta_C}{\hbar^{10} c^9} \alpha_c \mu_u \mu_d \mu_e (k_B T)^6$$

Deconfined Quarks will result in DUrca processes if they can be present

A sample of neutrino emission processes

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Cooper pair formations	$n + n \rightarrow [nn] + \nu + \bar{\nu}$ $p + p \rightarrow [pp] + \nu + \bar{\nu}$	$\sim 5 \times 10^{21} R T_9^7$ $\sim 5 \times 10^{19} R T_9^7$	
Direct Urca cycle (nucleons)	$n \rightarrow p + e^- + \bar{\nu}_e$ $p + e^- \rightarrow n + \nu_e$	$\sim 10^{27} R T_9^6$	Fast
Direct Urca cycle (Λ hyperons)	$\Lambda \rightarrow p + e^- + \bar{\nu}_e$ $p + e^- \rightarrow \Lambda + \nu_e$	$\sim 10^{27} R T_9^6$	
Direct Urca cycle (Σ^- hyperons)	$\Sigma^- \rightarrow n + e^- + \bar{\nu}_e$ $n + e^- \rightarrow \Sigma^- + \nu_e$	$\sim 10^{27} R T_9^6$	
π^- condensate	$n + <\pi^-> \rightarrow n + e^- + \bar{\nu}_e$	$\sim 10^{26} R T_9^6$	Fast
K^- condensate	$n + <K^-> \rightarrow n + e^- + \bar{\nu}_e$	$\sim 10^{25} R T_9^6$	Fast
Direct Urca cycle (u-d quarks)	$d \rightarrow u + e^- + \bar{\nu}_e$ $u + e^- \rightarrow d + \nu_e$	$\sim 10^{27} R T_9^6$	Fast
Direct Urca cycle (u-s quarks)	$s \rightarrow u + e^- + \bar{\nu}_e$ $u + e^- \rightarrow s + \nu_e$	$\sim 10^{27} R T_9^6$	Fast

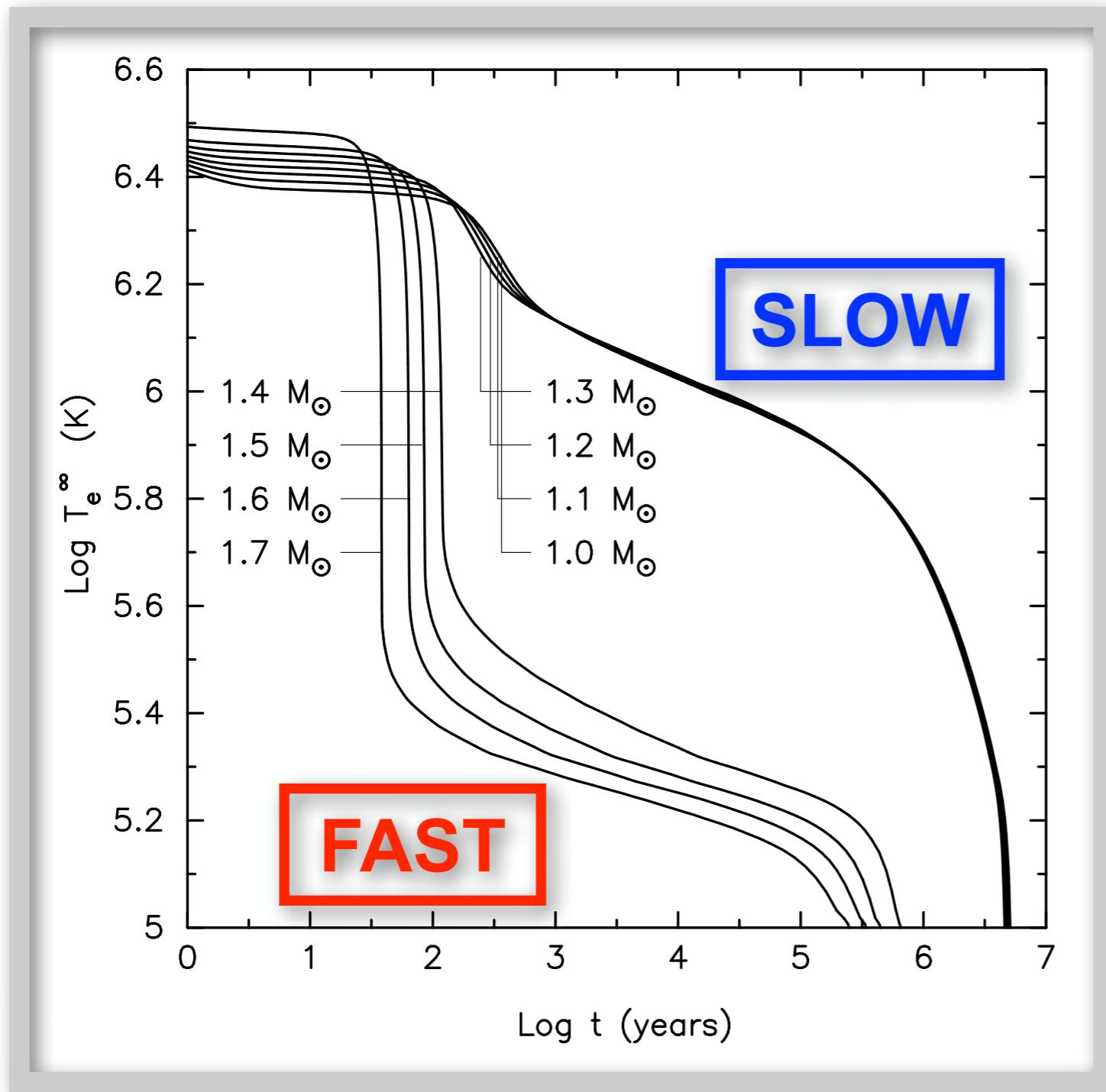
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Bremsstrahlung	$n + n \rightarrow n + n + \nu + \gamma$ $n + p \rightarrow n + p + \gamma$ $p + p \rightarrow p + p + \gamma$ $n + \gamma \rightarrow n + \gamma$	$\sim 10^{27} R T_9^6$	Slow
Cooper pair formations		$\sim 10^{27} R T_9^6$	Medium
Direct Urca cycles (nucleons)		$\sim 10^{27} R T_9^6$	Fast
Direct Urca cycles (Σ baryons)	$n + \Sigma^+ \rightarrow n + e^- + \bar{\nu}_e$ $n + e^- \rightarrow \Sigma^- + \nu_e$	$\sim 10^{27} R T_9^6$	Fast
π^- capture	$n + < \pi^- > \rightarrow n + e^- + \bar{\nu}_e$	$\sim 10^{26} R T_9^6$	Fast
K^- capture	$n + < K^- > \rightarrow n + e^- + \bar{\nu}_e$	$\sim 10^{25} R T_9^6$	Fast
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Anything beyond just neutrons and protons
 (and only a small amount of them)
 results in enhanced neutrino emission

Naive Neutron Star Cooling

Direct vs Modified Urca Cooling

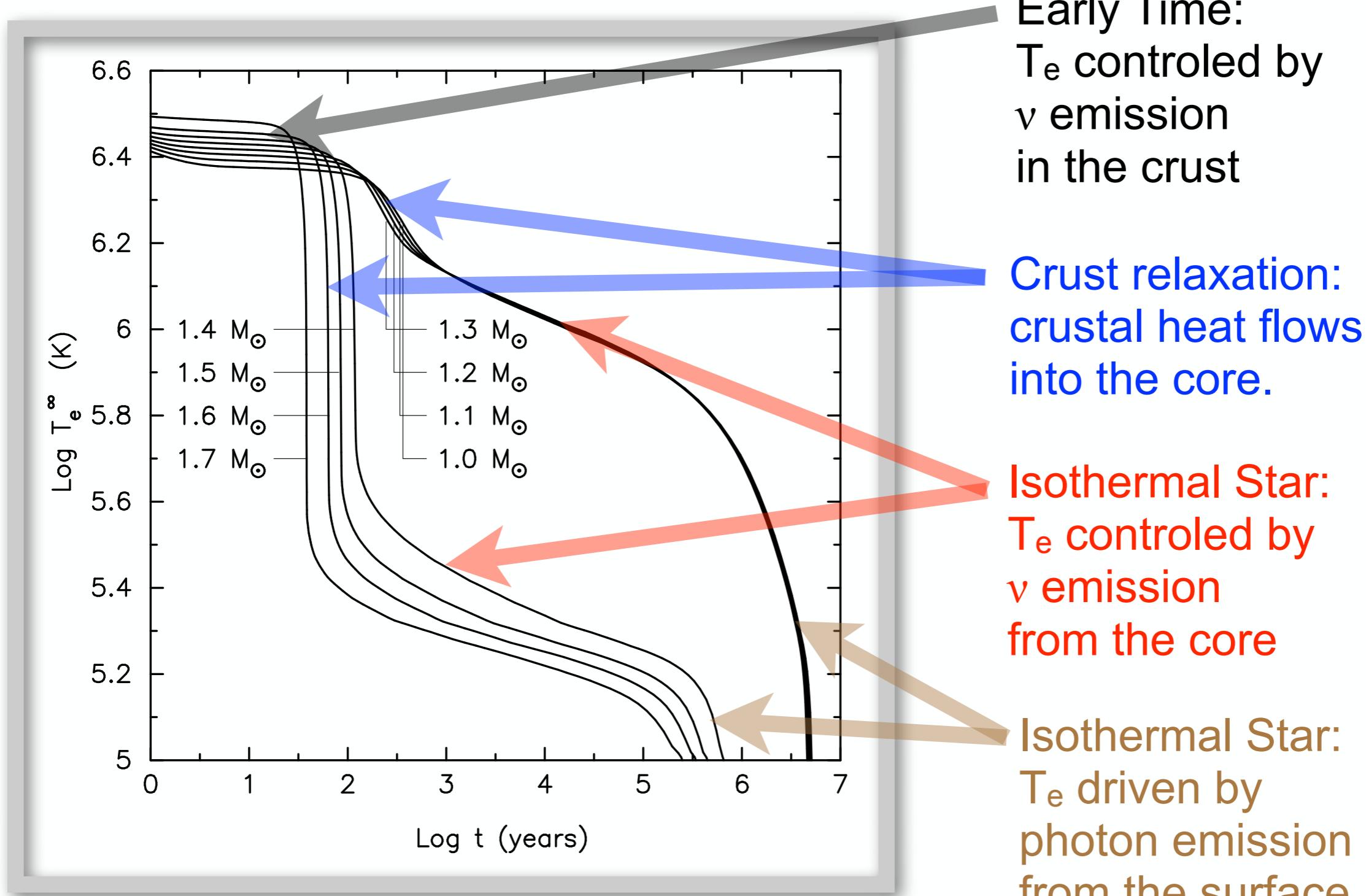


Models based on the PAL EOS:
adjusted (by hand) so that
DURCA becomes allowed
(triangle rule !) at $M > 1.35 M_\odot$.

This value is arbitrary:
we DO NOT know the value of
this critical mass, and hopefully
observations will, some day, tell
us what it is !

GR models, solving
numerically the energy
balance and heat transport
equations, with lots of
microphysics involved.

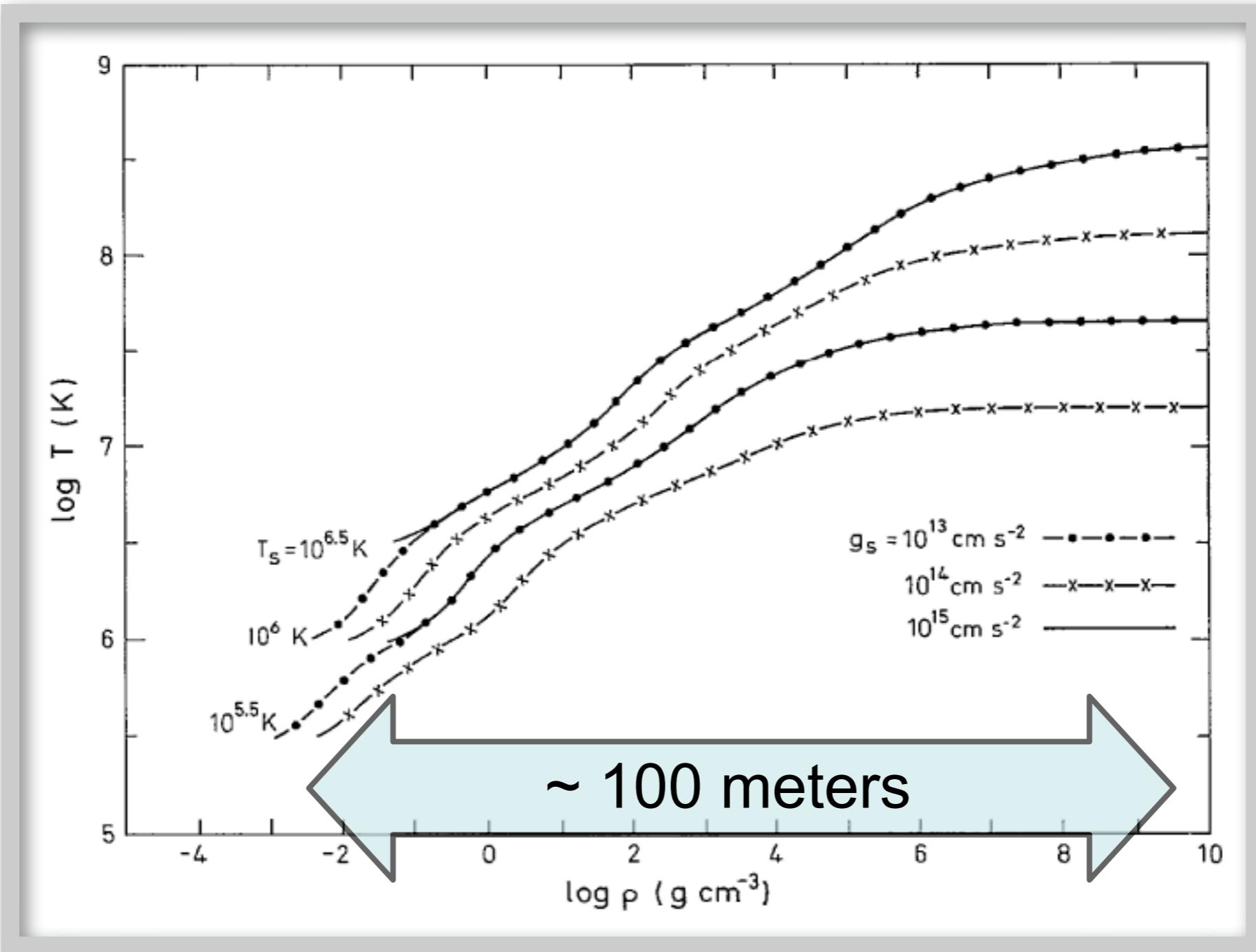
Successive Phases of Cooling



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Surface Thermal Emission: The envelope

Neutron Star Envelopes



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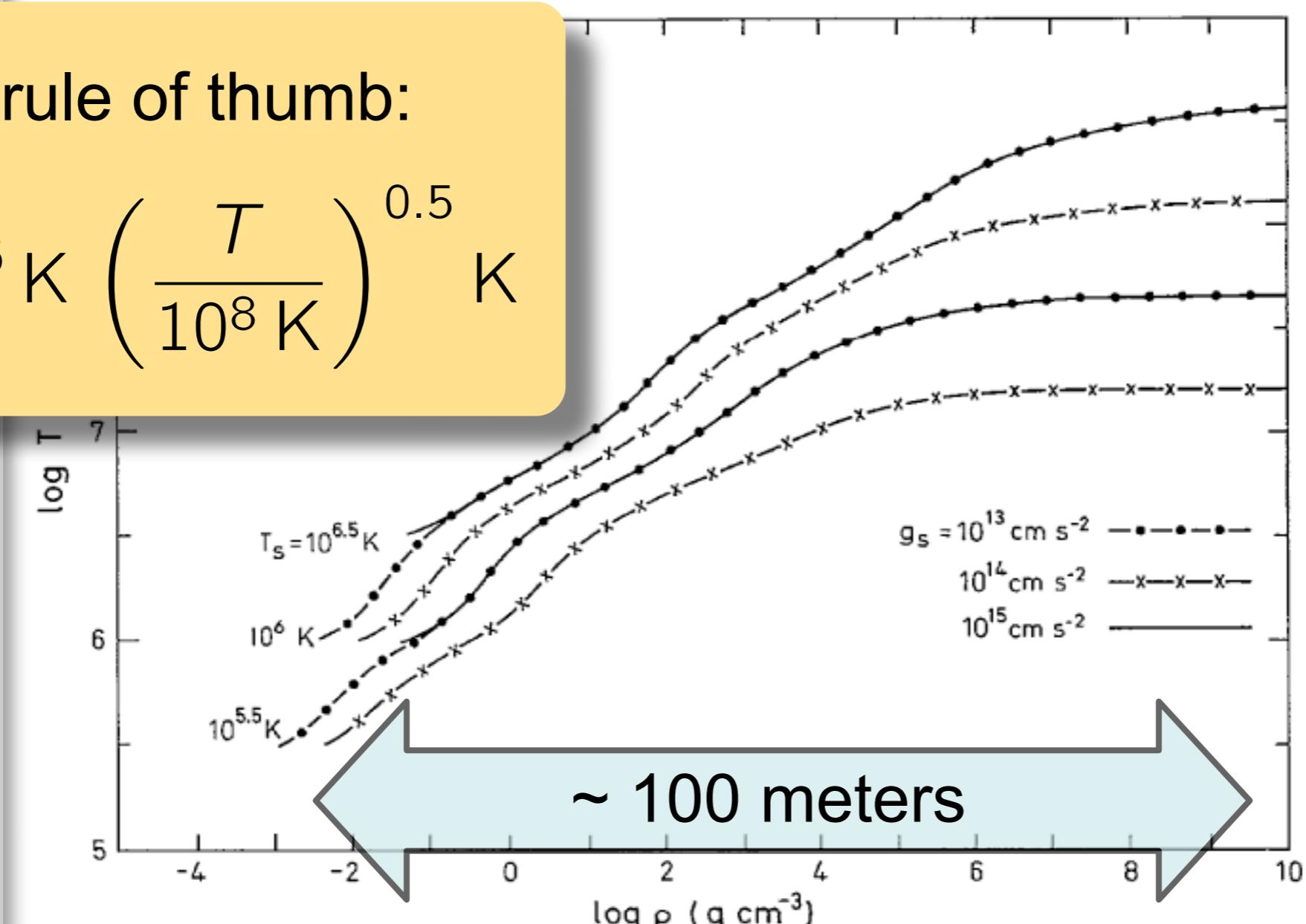
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Neutron Star Envelopes

As a rule of thumb:

$$T_e \approx 10^6 \text{ K} \left(\frac{T}{10^8 \text{ K}} \right)^{0.5} \text{ K}$$



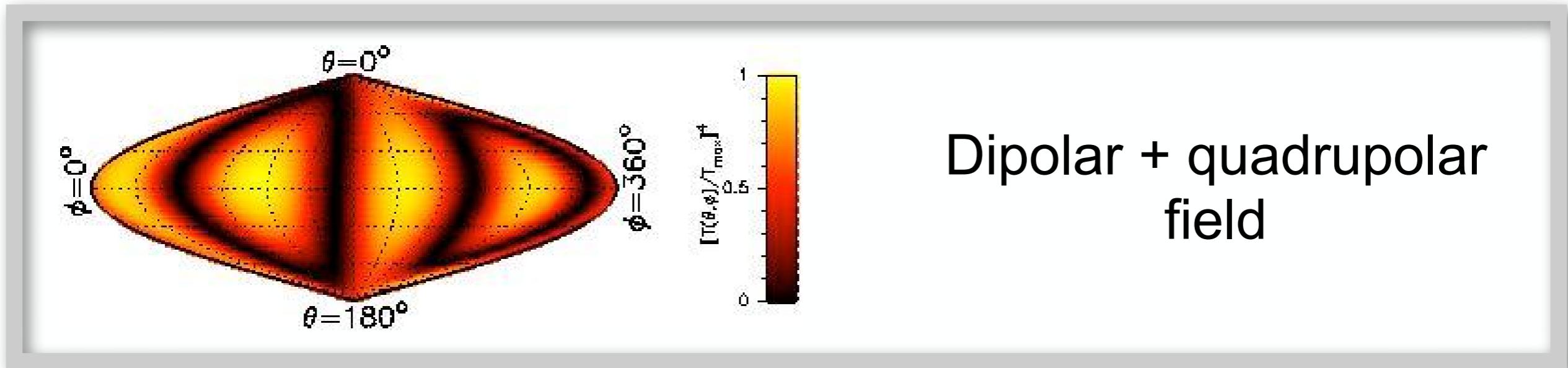
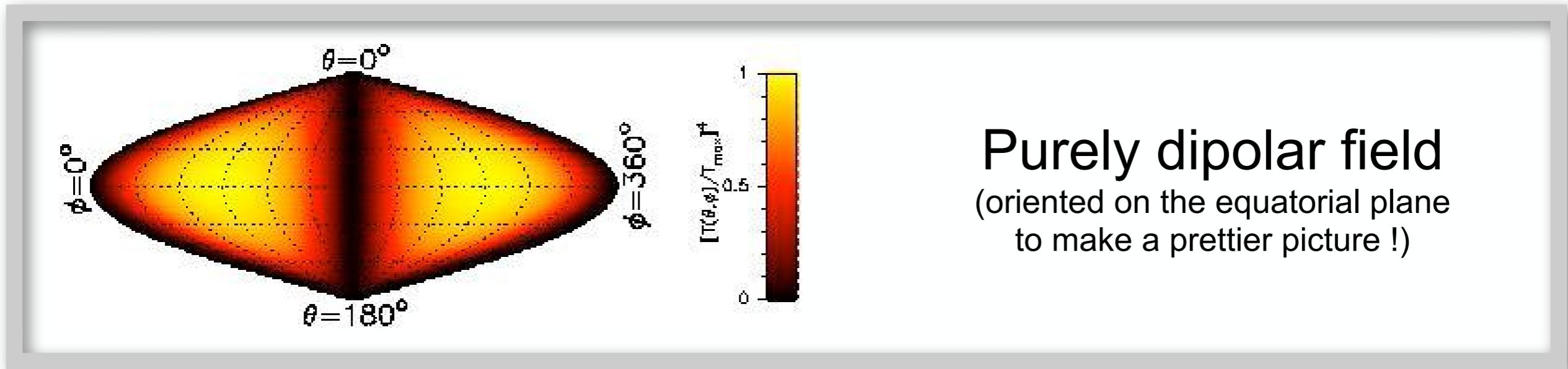
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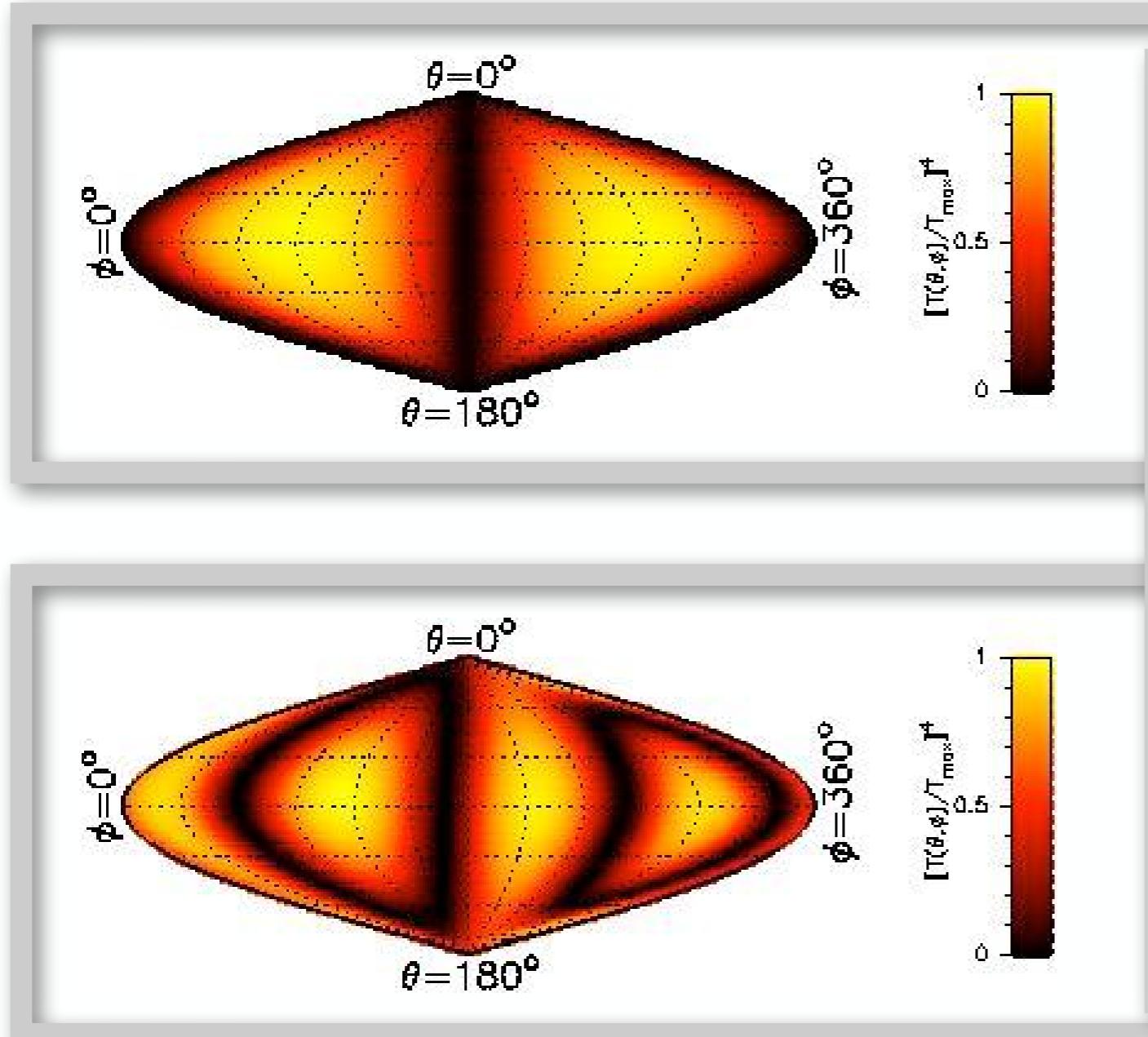
Neutron Star Envelope: Magnetic Fields



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The star's effective temperature is then easily calculated:

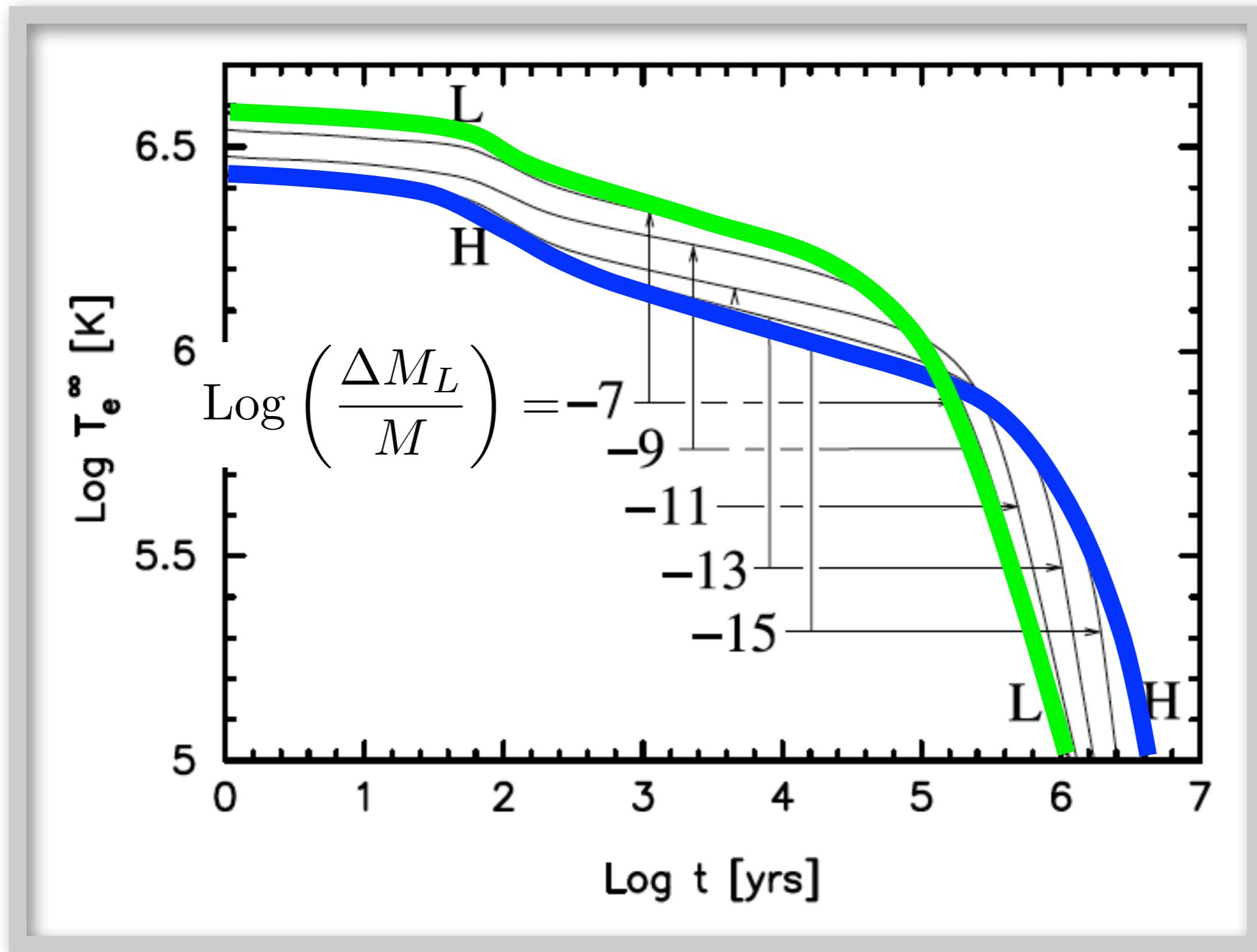
$$L = \iint \sigma_B T_s(\theta, \phi)^4 dS = 4\pi R^2 \sigma T_e^4$$

$$(dS = R^2 \cdot d\Omega)$$

$$T_e^4 = \frac{1}{4\pi} \iint T_s(\theta, \phi)^4 d\Omega$$

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Effects of Light Elements Envelopes



Pairing: Superfluidity & Superconductivity

Brief History of Superconductivity & Superconductivity

- 1911: Heike Kamerlingh Onnes discovers superconductivity
- 1937: Pyotr Kapitsa discovers superfluidity of ^4He
- 1940: Lev Landau proposes his theory of superfluidity
- 1954: F. London proposes a simple explanation of superconductivity
- 1956: Leon Cooper ‘discovers’ the Cooper pairs
- 1957: J. Bardeen, L.N. Cooper, & J.R. Schrieffer present the ‘BCS’ theory of superconductivity.
- 1958: A. Bohr, B.R. Mottelson, & D. Pines argue that neutrons and protons in nuclei form Cooper pairs
- 1959: A. Migdal suggests that neutrons in neutron stars may be superfluid
- 1960’s: theoretical work on possibility of ^3He superfluidity à la BCS
- 1972: D.D. Osheroff, R.C. Richardson, & D. Lee discover ^3He superfluidity
- 1967: J. Bell & A. Hewish discover pulsars (= neutron stars)
- → numerous theoretical works on neutron/proton superfluidity/superconductivity in neutron stars ...

Bosons versus Fermions

Fermions obey the Pauli exclusion principle:
only one particle per wave function

Bosons do not:
many particles can be described by the same wave function

Bose-Einstein Condensation (**BEC**):
when $T < T_c$ most particles occupy the ground state

De Broglie wave length: $\lambda_{dB}^2 = \frac{2\pi\hbar^2}{mk_B T}$

Thermal energy $\frac{p^2}{2m} \approx k_B T$ Heisenberg: $\Delta p \cdot \Delta x \sim \hbar$ $\Delta p \approx p \implies (\Delta x)^2 \sim \frac{\hbar^2}{2mk_B T}$

Bose-Einstein Condensation when $\lambda_{dB} >$ interparticle distance

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Superfluidity of ${}^4\text{He}$
is some kind of

Bose-Einstein condensation state

De Broglie wave length: $\lambda_{dB}^2 = \frac{2\pi\hbar}{mk_B T}$

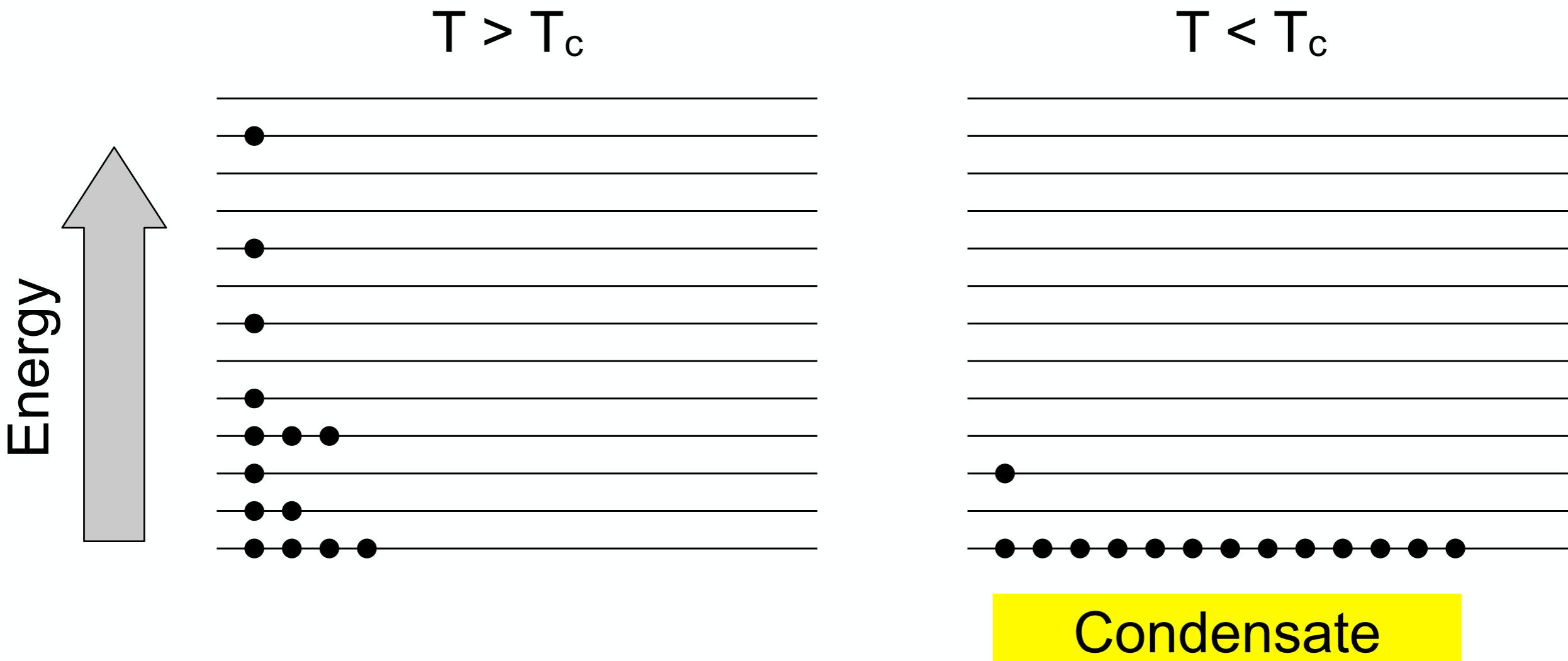
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Bosons Energy Levels and BEC



BEC versus BCS

Superfluidity/superconductivity o fermions:
fermionic condensation

BCS Theory (Bardeen-Cooper-Schrieffer):

- 1 - fermions form Cooper pairs (=bosons)
 - 2 - and then the pairs can condense
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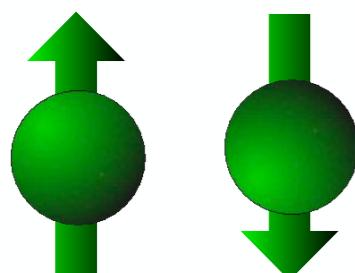
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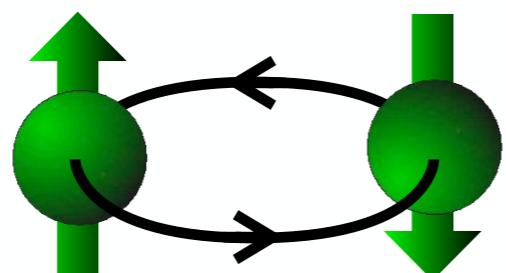
Cooper pairs spin-angular momentum

spin singlet pairs

$$L = 0$$

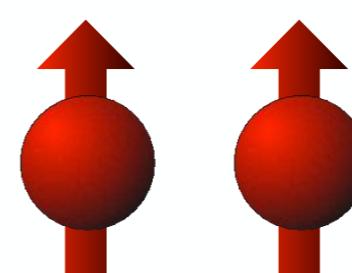


$$L > 0$$

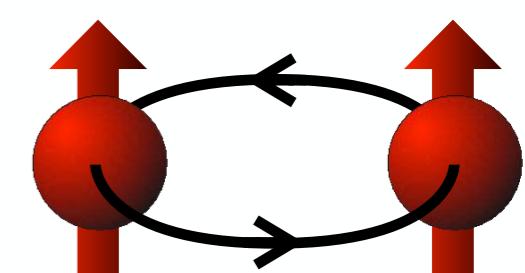


spin triplet pairs

$$L = 0$$



$$L > 0$$



Fermions Energy Levels and BCS

Non degenerate
Fluid

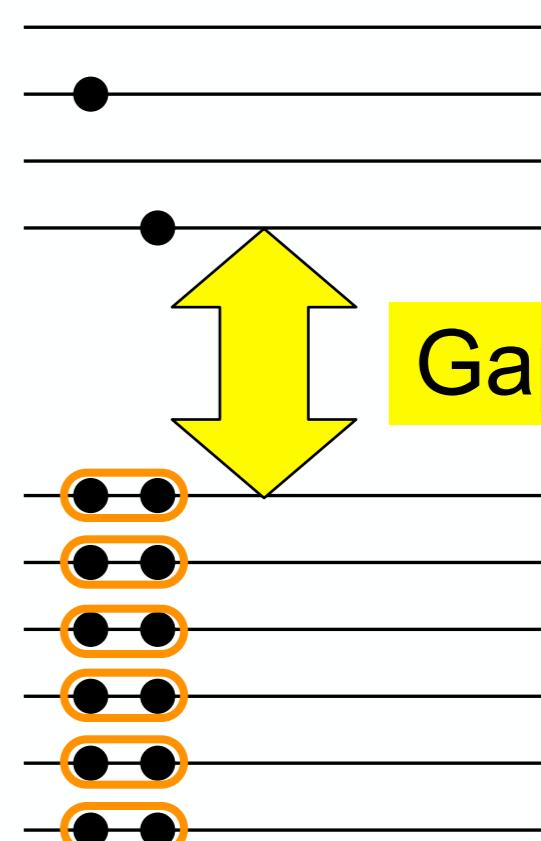
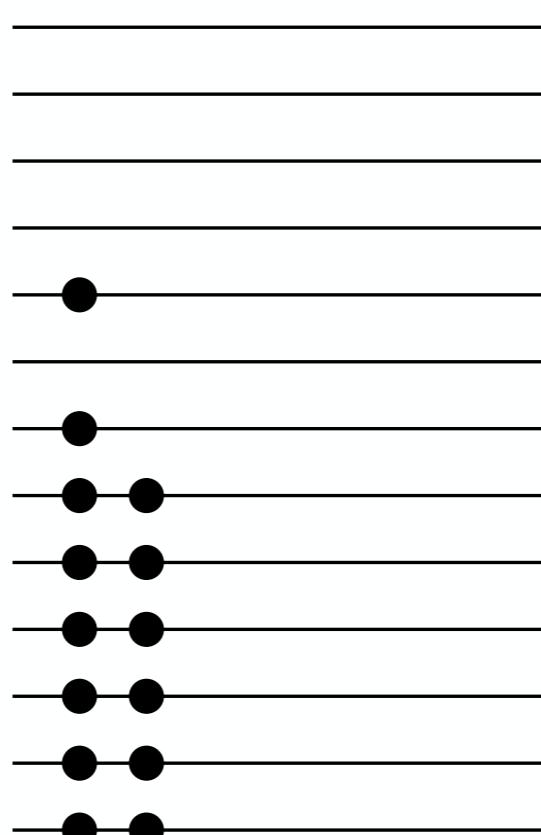
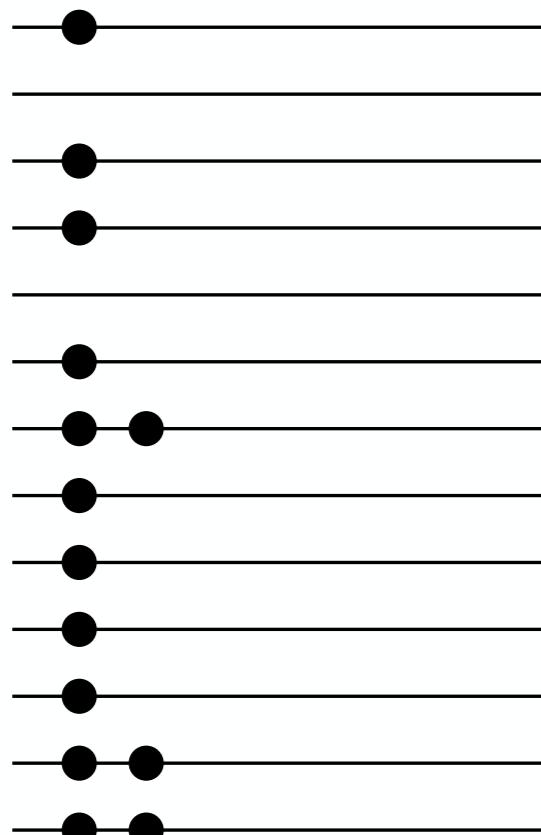
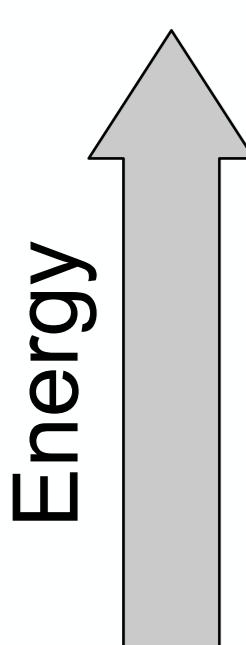
Normal
Degenerate Fluid

BCS
Superfluid

$T \gg T_F$

$T \ll T_F$

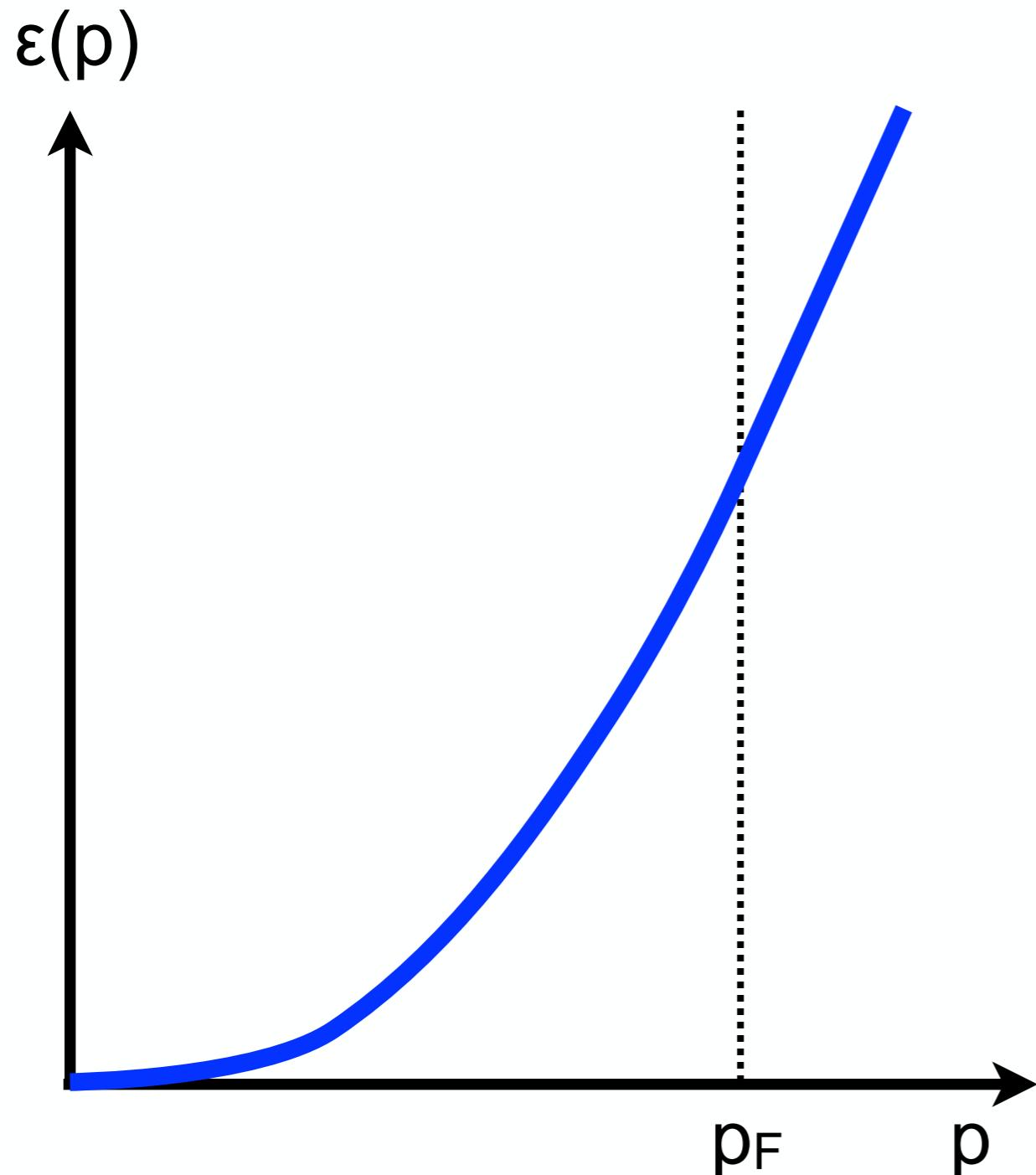
$T < T_c \ll T_F$



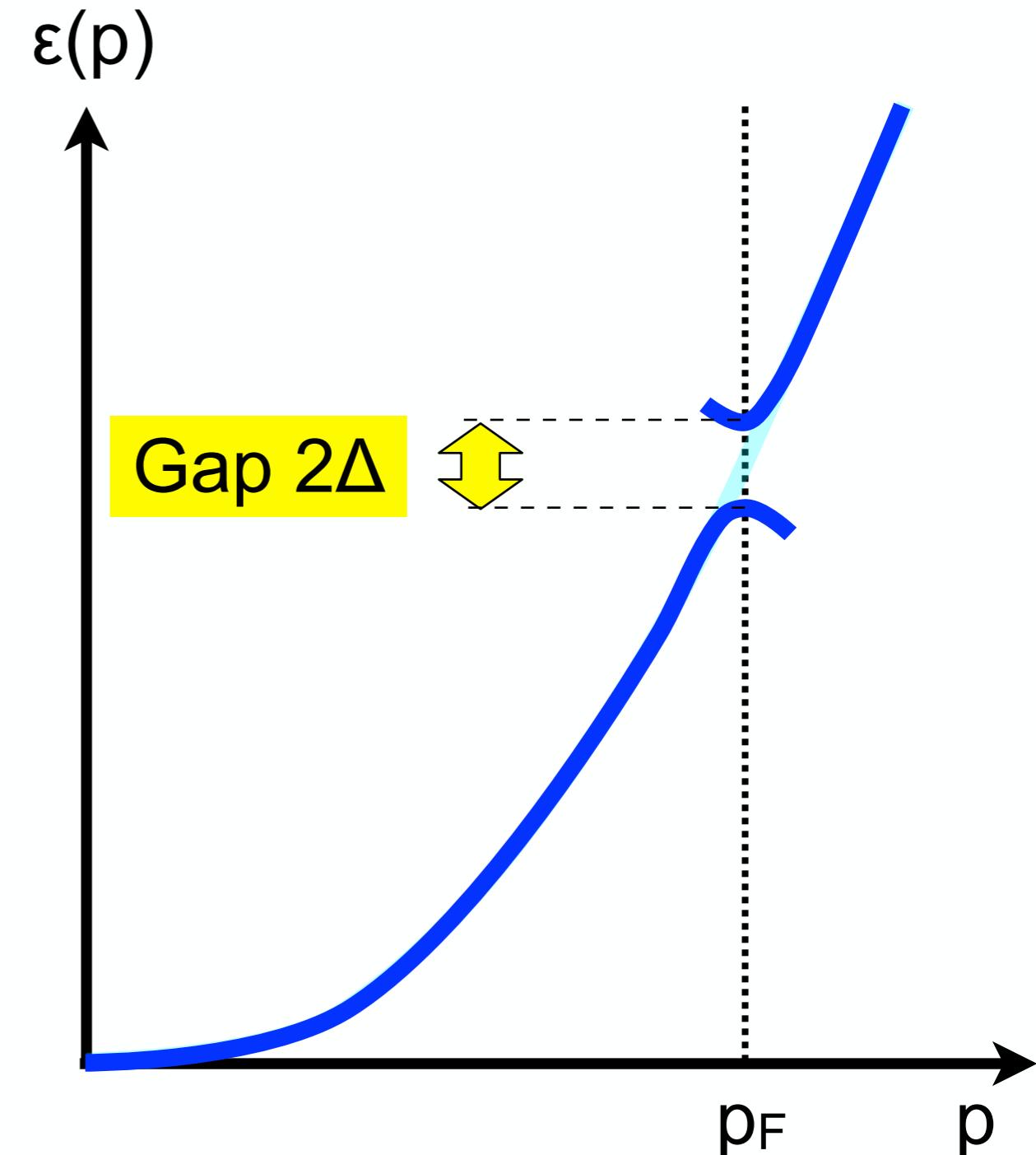
Cooper
pairs

Single-Particle Excitations Spectra

Normal Fermion Liquid



Superfluid Fermions



First vs Second Order Phase Transition

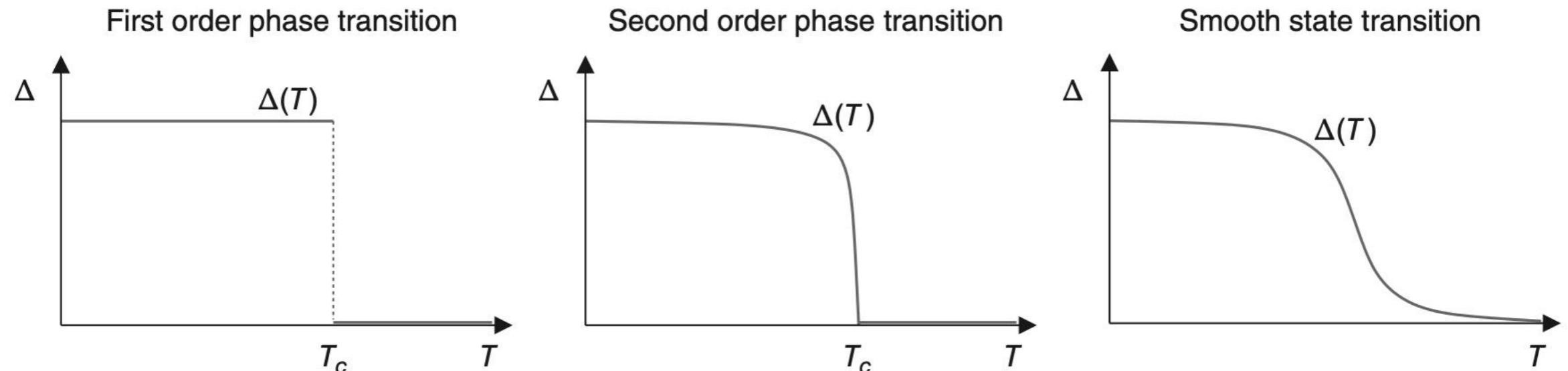


Fig. 21.6 Temperature evolution of the state of a system parametrized by an “order” parameter, $\Delta(T)$.

First order phase transition : everything happens at T_c , latent heat is released.

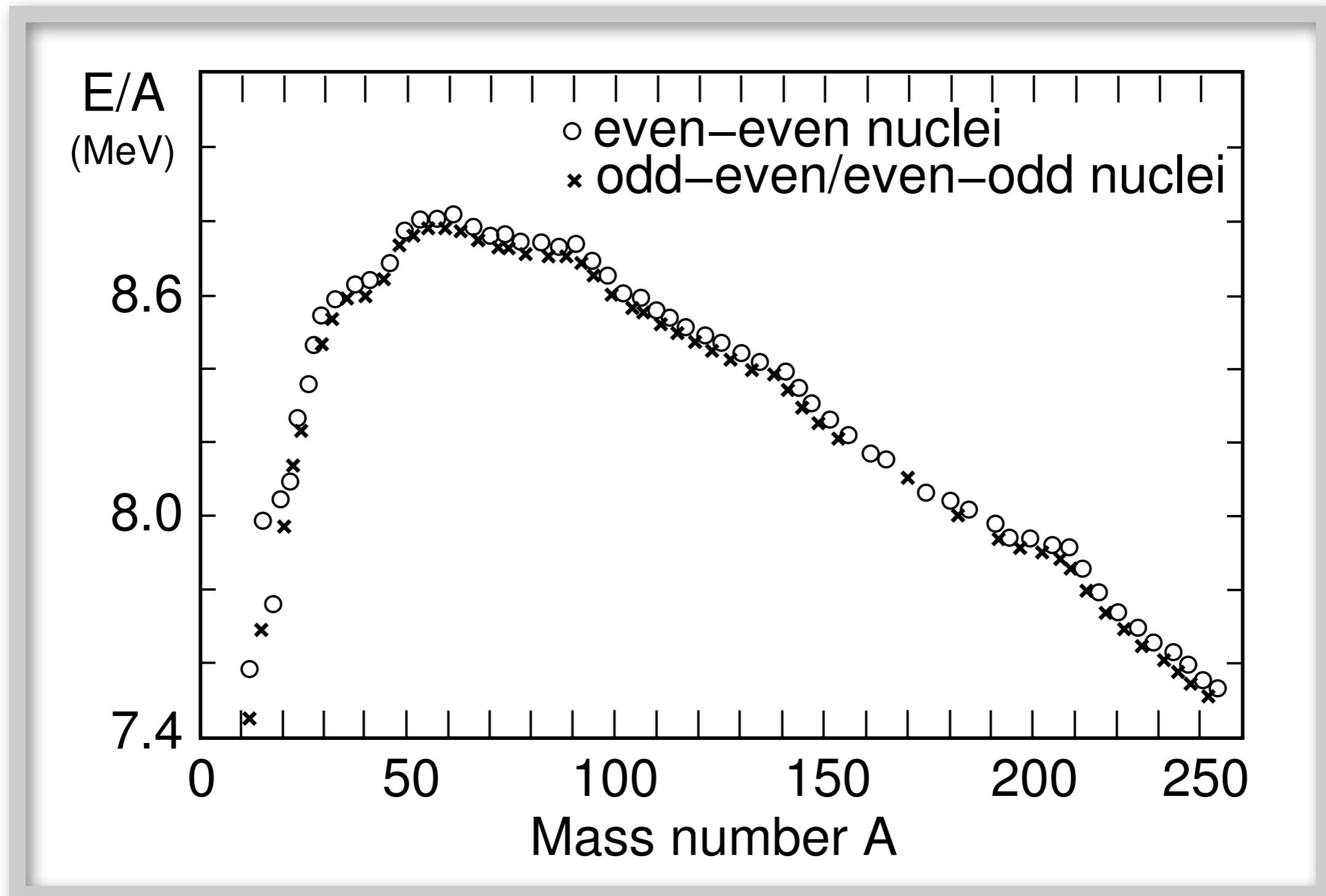
Second order phase transition: transition is initiated at T_c and keeps going on as T decreases.

Smooth state transition: no collective effects, no critical temperature

Pairing in Nuclei

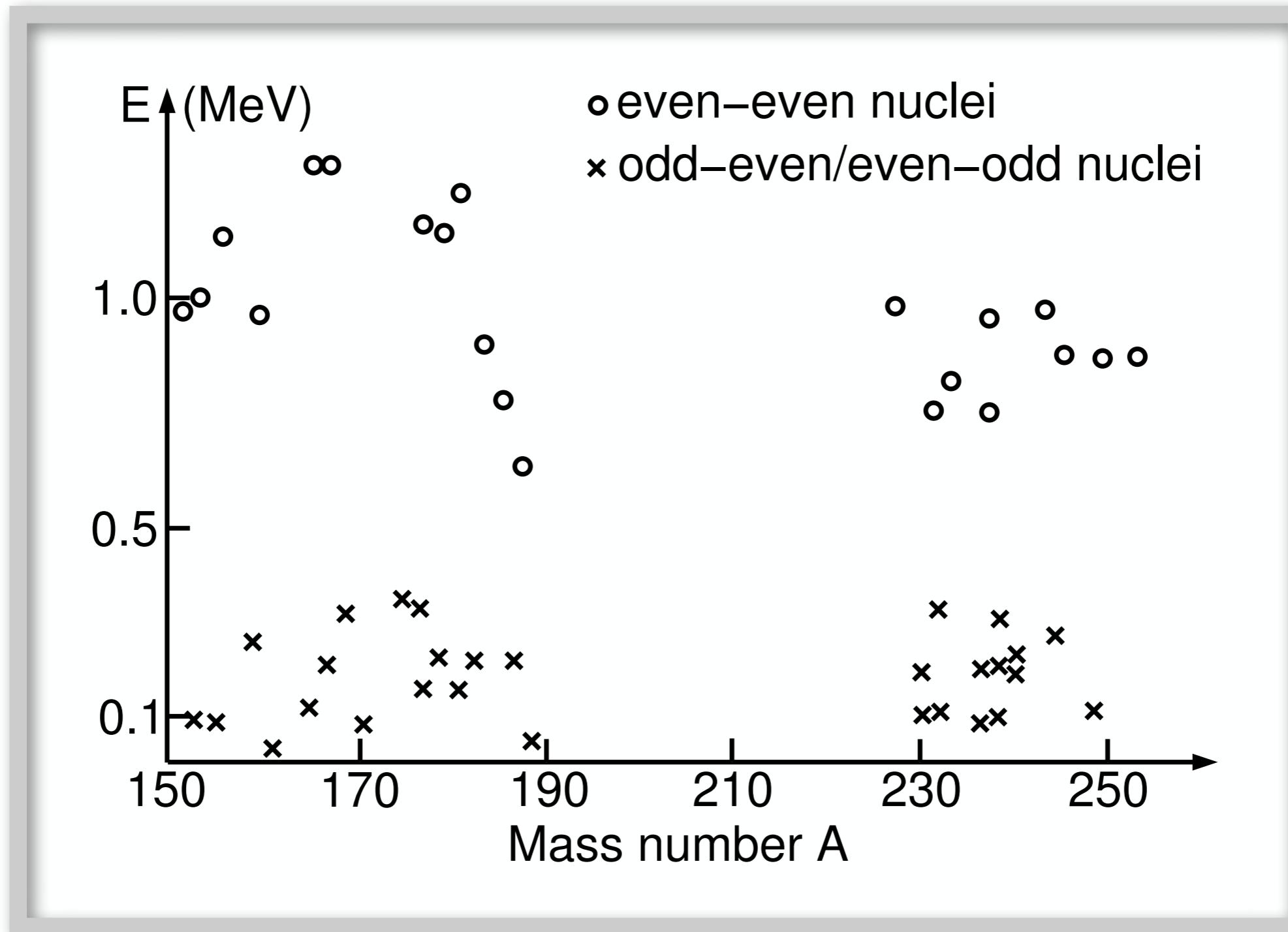
Nuclear Binding Energy

Binding energy per nucleon of the most beta-stable isobars



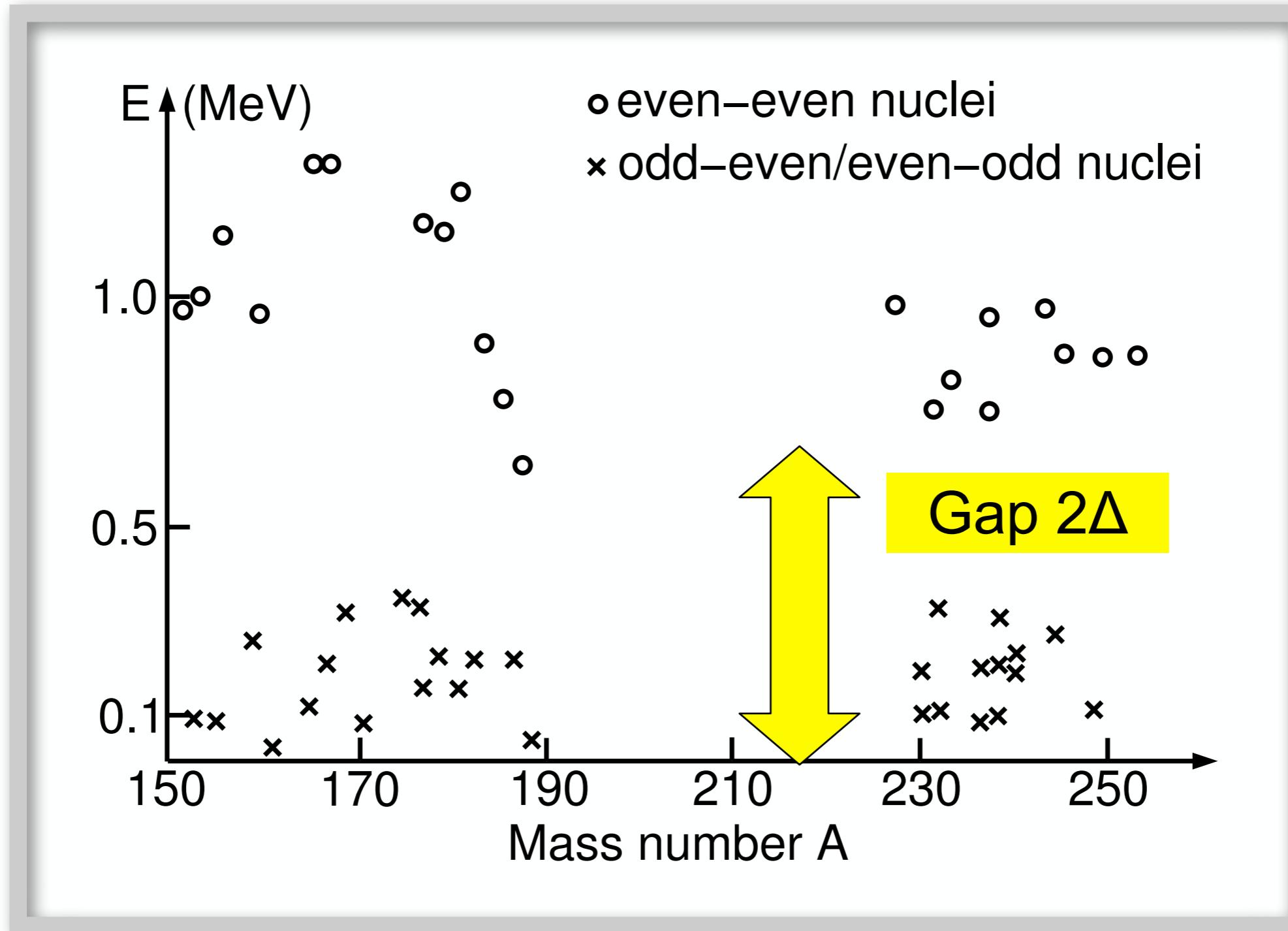
odd-odd nuclei: ^2H (1,1), ^6Li (3,3), ^{10}B (5,5) and ^{14}N (7,7)

Lowest Excitation Levels in Nuclei



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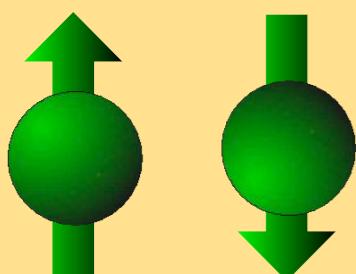
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Pairing in Neutron Stars

Pairing of Nucleons

spin singlet pairs

$S=0 \ L=0 \ J=0$



At low k_F :

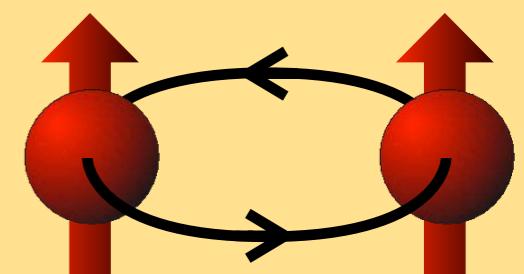
1S_0 pairing

spin triplet pairs

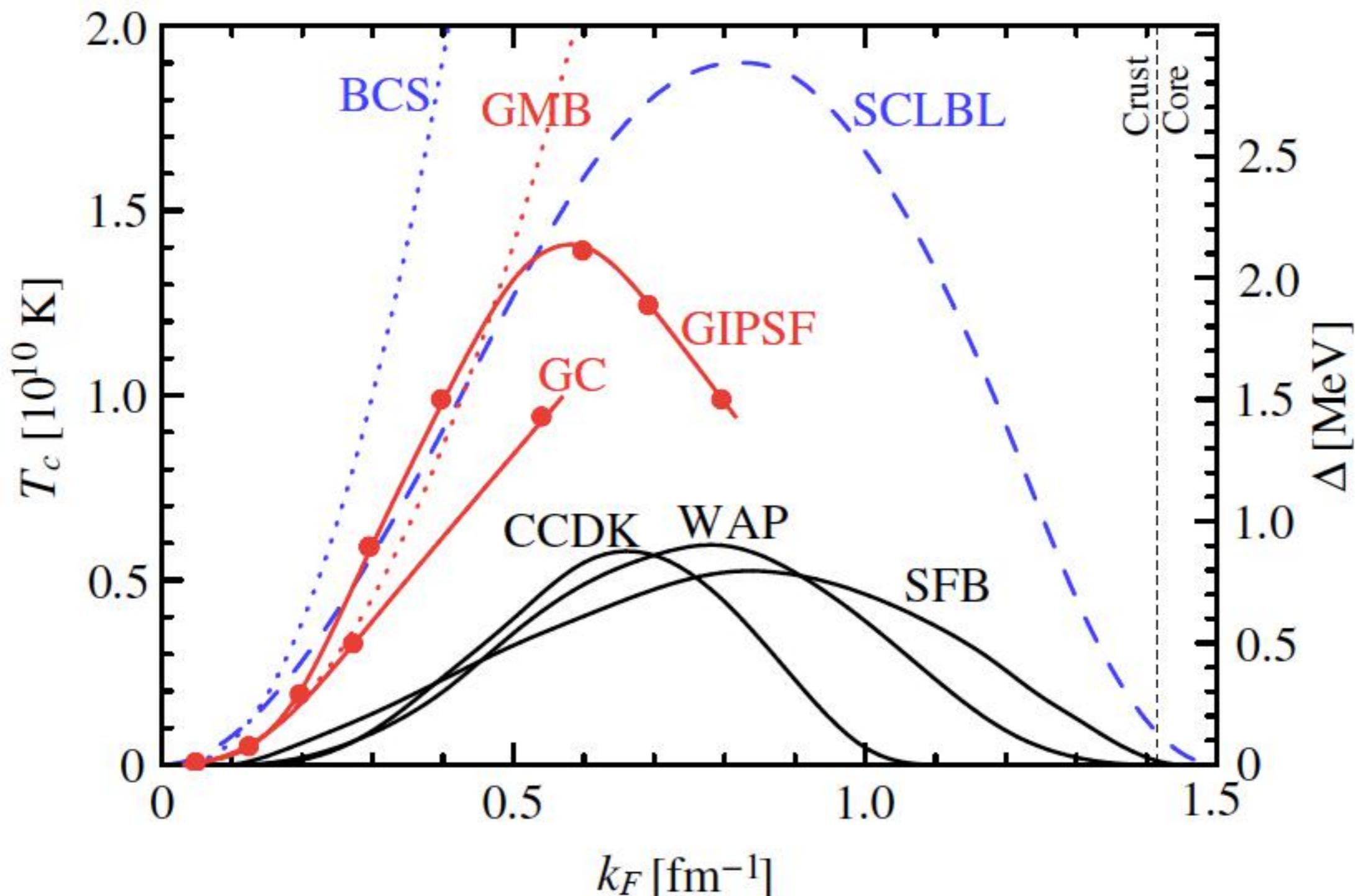
$S=1 \ L=1 \ J=2$

At high k_F :

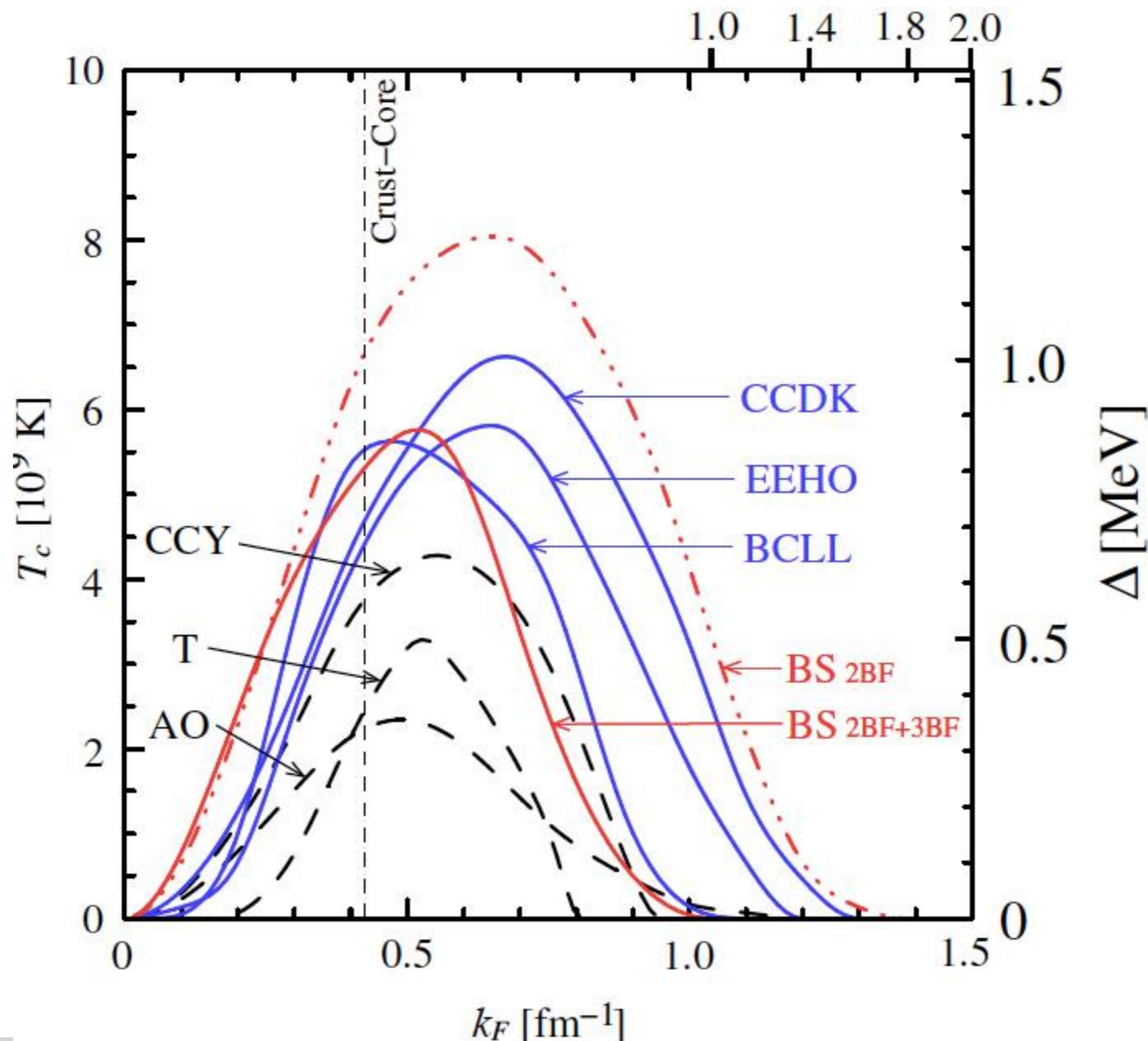
3P_2 pairing



Prediction for Neutron 1S_0 Pairing



Prediction for Proton 1S_0 Pairing

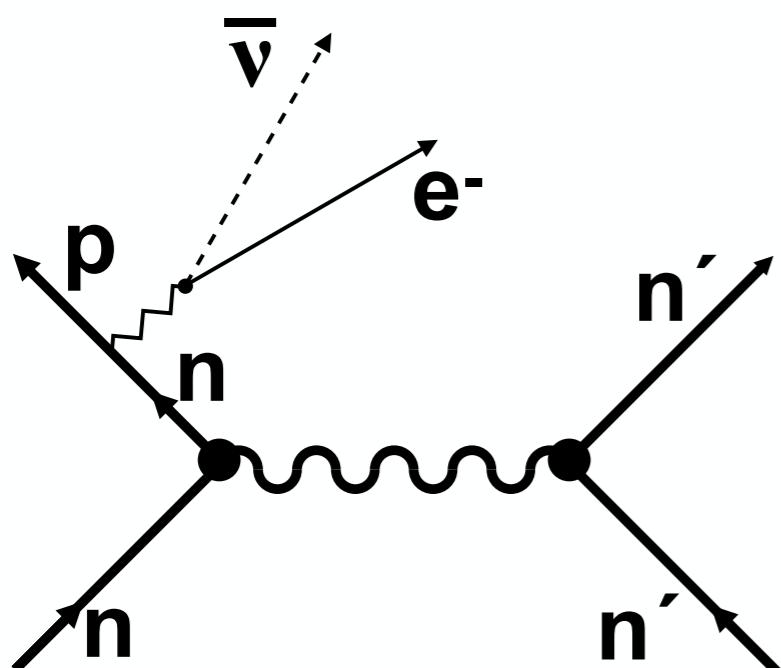


A sample of neutrino emission processes

Name	Process	Emissivity (erg cm ⁻³ s ⁻¹)	
Modified Urca cycle (neutron branch)	$n + n \rightarrow n + p + e^- + \bar{\nu}_e$ $n + p + e^- \rightarrow n + n + \nu_e$	$\sim 2 \times 10^{21} R T_9^8$	Slow
Modified Urca cycle (proton branch)	$p + n \rightarrow p + p + e^- + \bar{\nu}_e$ $p + p + e^- \rightarrow p + n + \nu_e$	$\sim 10^{21} R T_9^8$	
Bremsstrahlung	$n + n \rightarrow n + n + \nu + \bar{\nu}$ $n + p \rightarrow n + p + \nu + \bar{\nu}$ $p + p \rightarrow p + p + \nu + \bar{\nu}$	$\sim 10^{19} R T_9^8$	Slow
Cooper pair formations	$n + n \rightarrow [nn] + \nu + \bar{\nu}$ $p + p \rightarrow [pp] + \nu + \bar{\nu}$	$\sim 5 \times 10^{21} R T_9^7$ $\sim 5 \times 10^{19} R T_9^7$	
Direct Urca cycle (nucleons)	$n \rightarrow p + e^- + \bar{\nu}_e$ $p + e^- \rightarrow n + \nu_e$	$\sim 10^{27} R T_9^6$	Fast
Direct Urca cycle (Λ hyperons)	$\Lambda \rightarrow p + e^- + \bar{\nu}_e$ $p + e^- \rightarrow \Lambda + \nu_e$	$\sim 10^{27} R T_9^6$	
Direct Urca cycle (Σ^- hyperons)	$\Sigma^- \rightarrow n + e^- + \bar{\nu}_e$ $n + e^- \rightarrow \Sigma^- + \nu_e$	$\sim 10^{27} R T_9^6$	
π^- condensate	$n + <\pi^-> \rightarrow n + e^- + \bar{\nu}_e$	$\sim 10^{26} R T_9^6$	Fast
K^- condensate	$n + <K^-> \rightarrow n + e^- + \bar{\nu}_e$	$\sim 10^{25} R T_9^6$	Fast
Direct Urca cycle (u-d quarks)	$d \rightarrow u + e^- + \bar{\nu}_e$ $u + e^- \rightarrow d + \nu_e$	$\sim 10^{27} R T_9^6$	Fast
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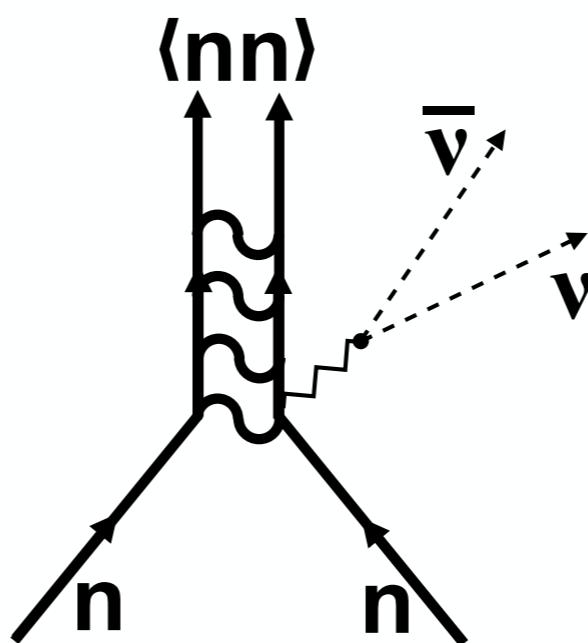
The Three Basic Neutrino Processes

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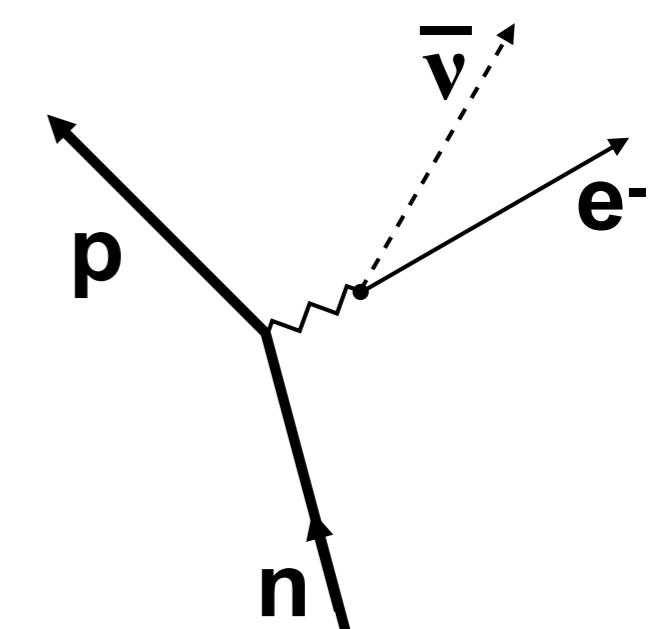
Modified Urca

MEDIUM



Cooper pair
formation
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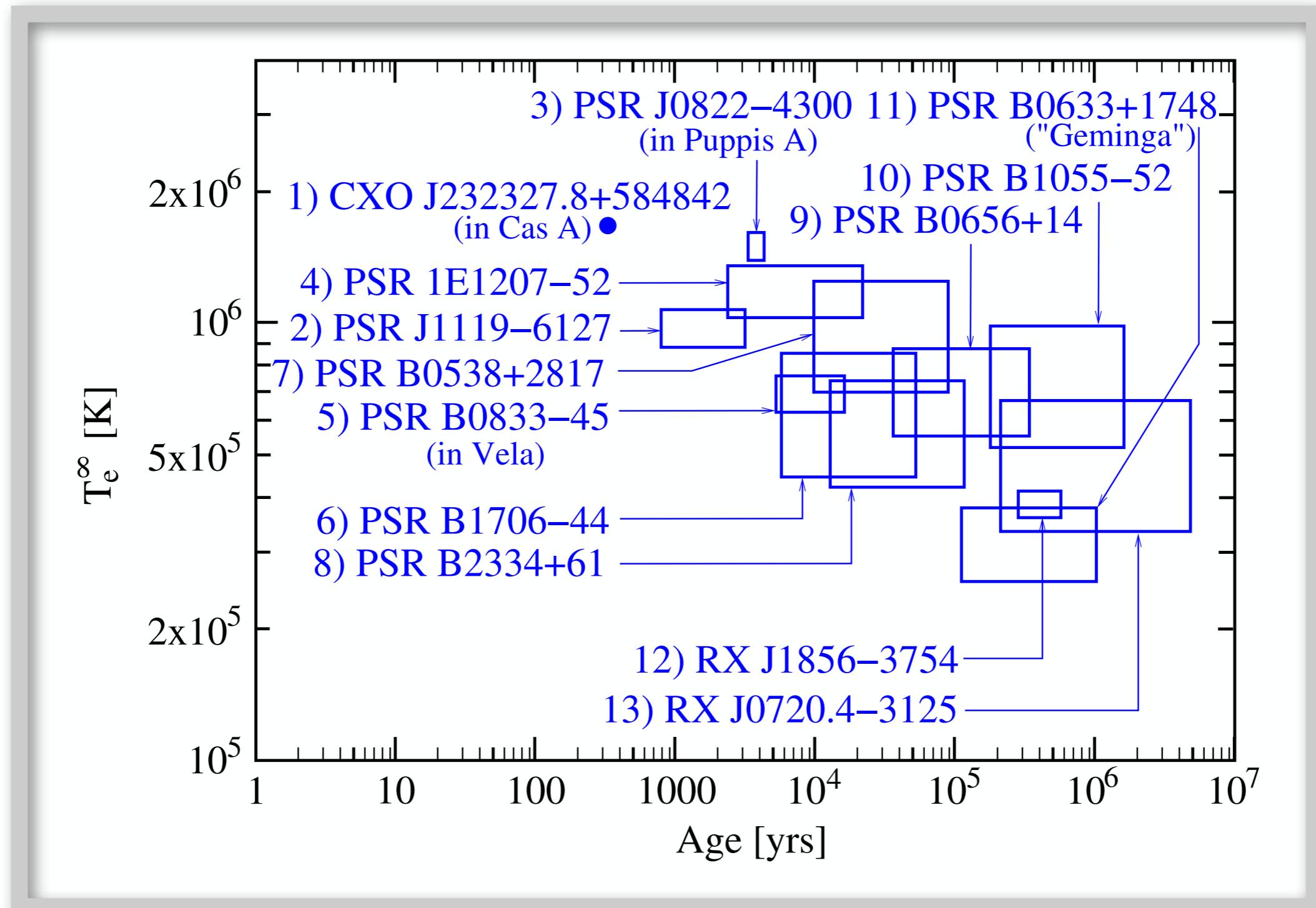
FAST



Direct Urca

Data for Neutron Star Cooling

Isolated Cooling Neutron Stars I



Neutron stars with clearly detected thermal emission

One Example: PSR 0656+14

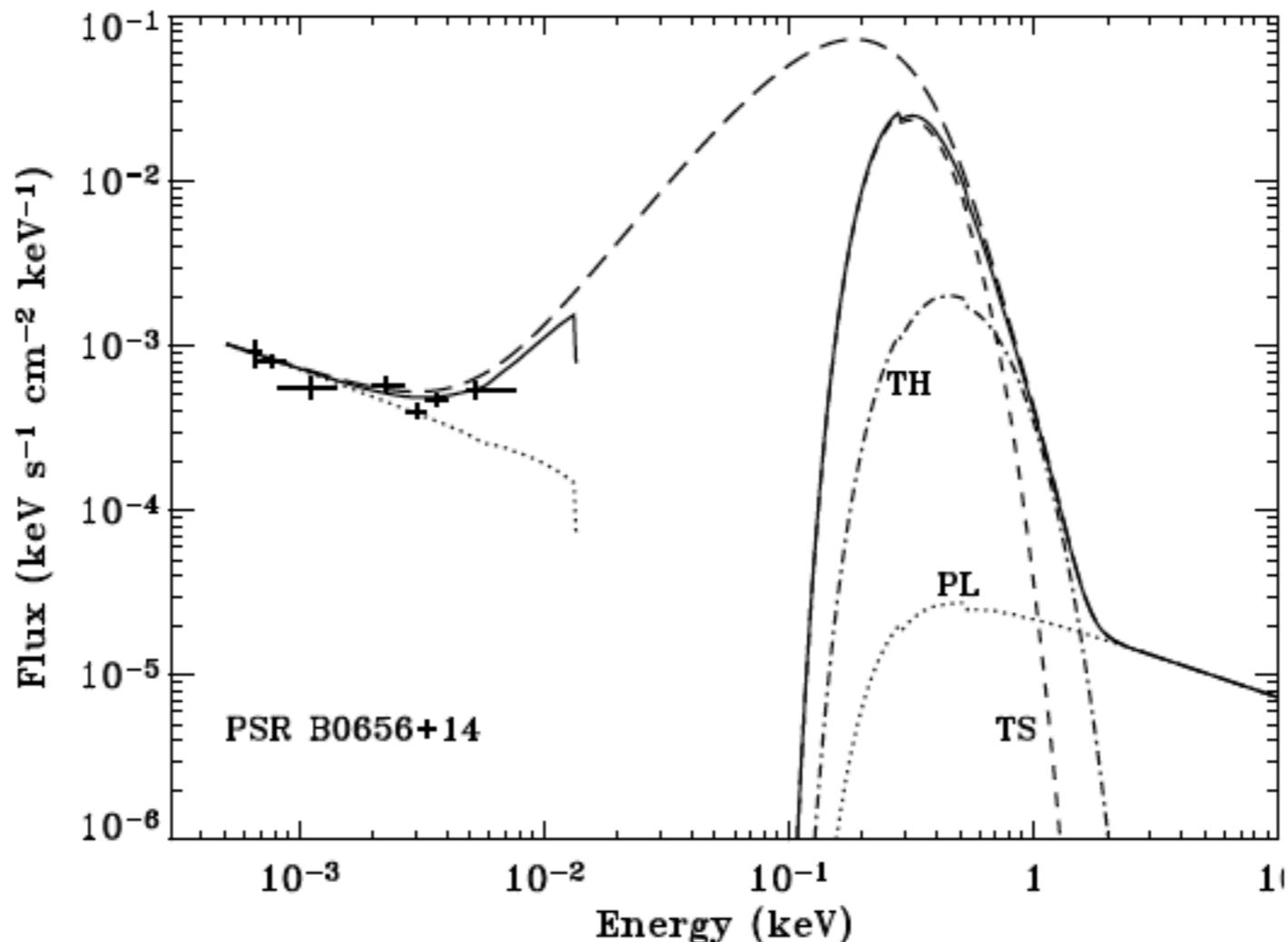
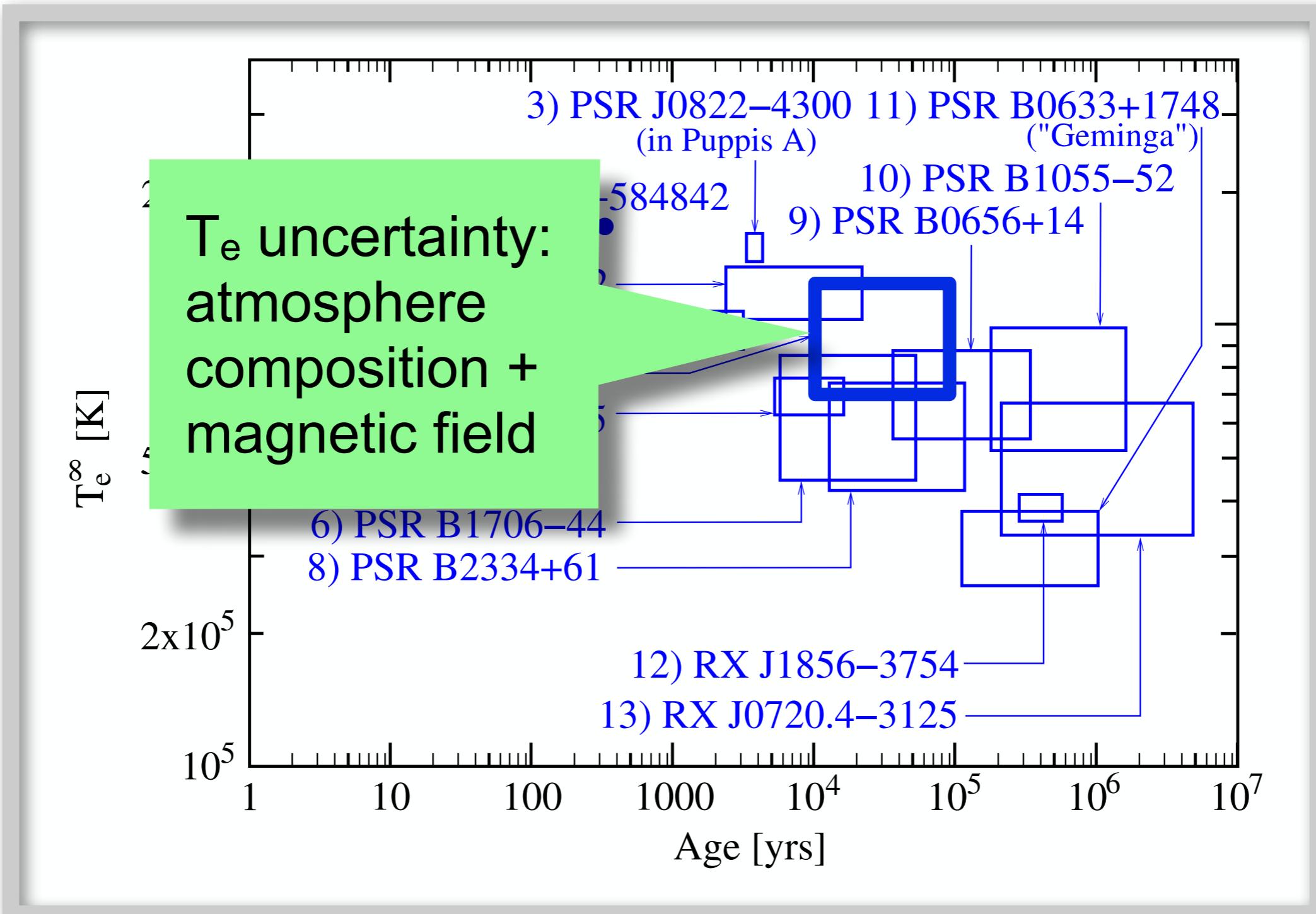


Fig. 9. Broadband spectrum of PSR B0656+14 for a three-component model (TS+TH+PL; see § 4.4) extrapolated in optical. The solid and long-dashed curves show the absorbed and unabsorbed spectra, respectively. Crosses indicate the IR-optical fluxes.

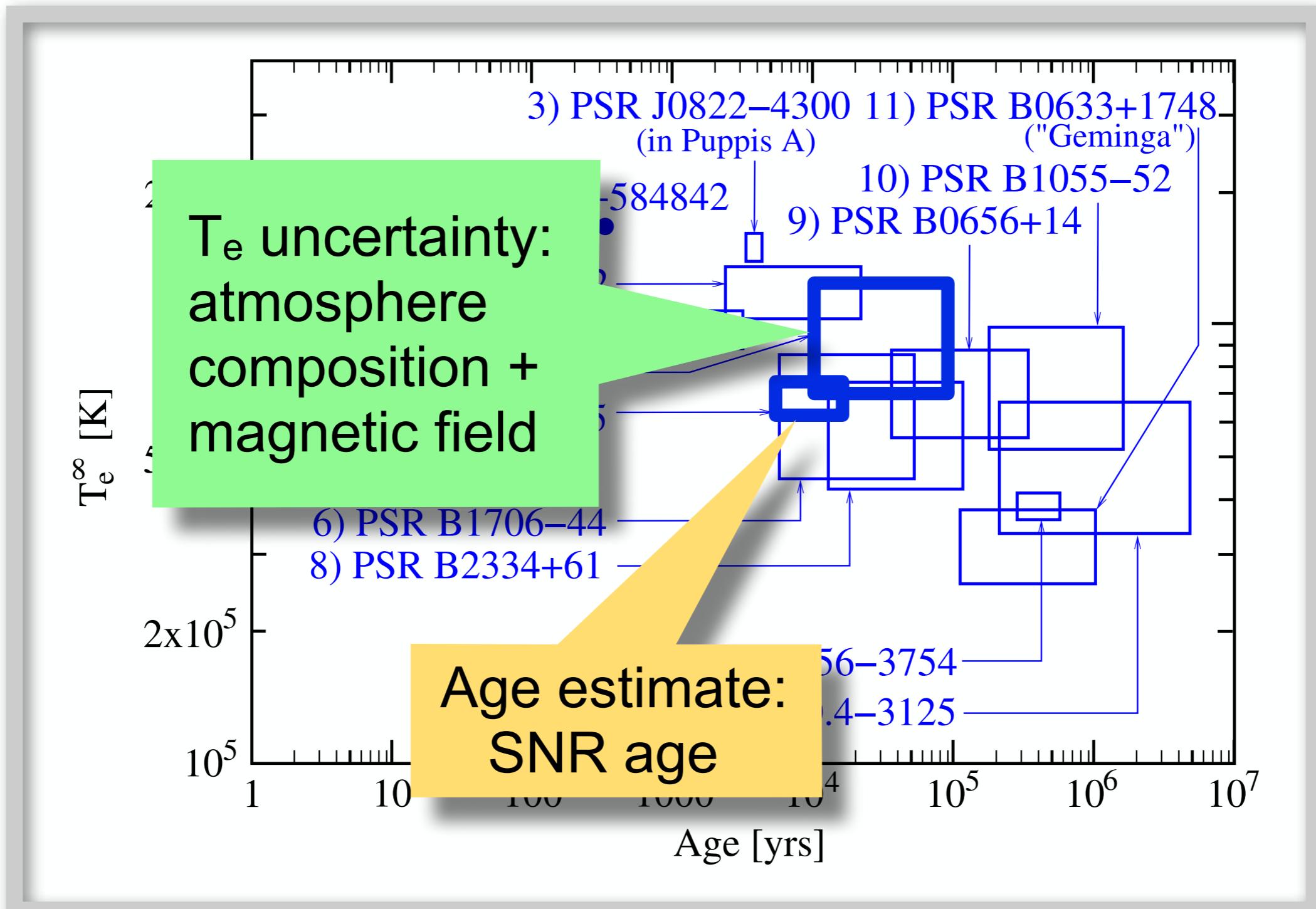
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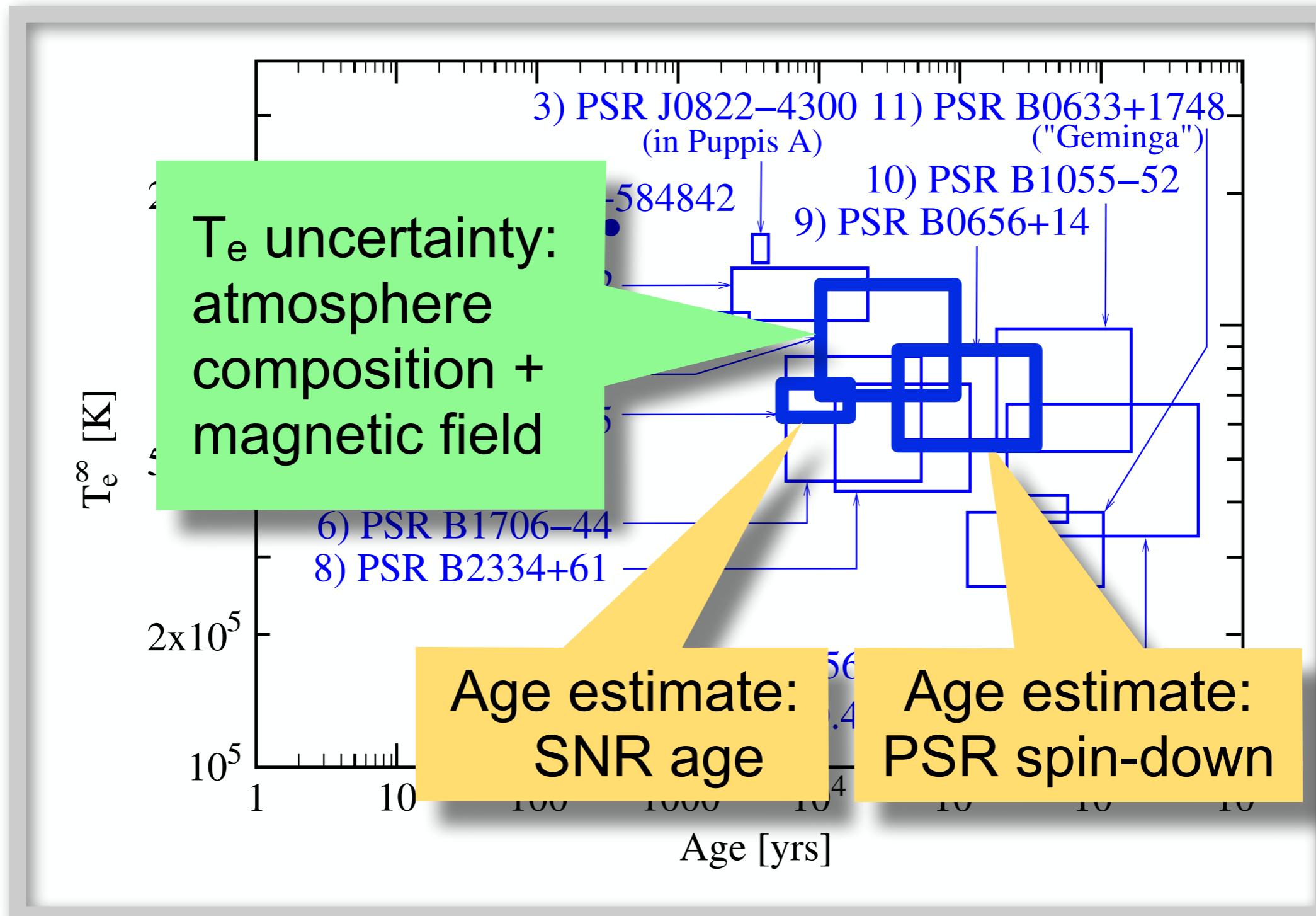
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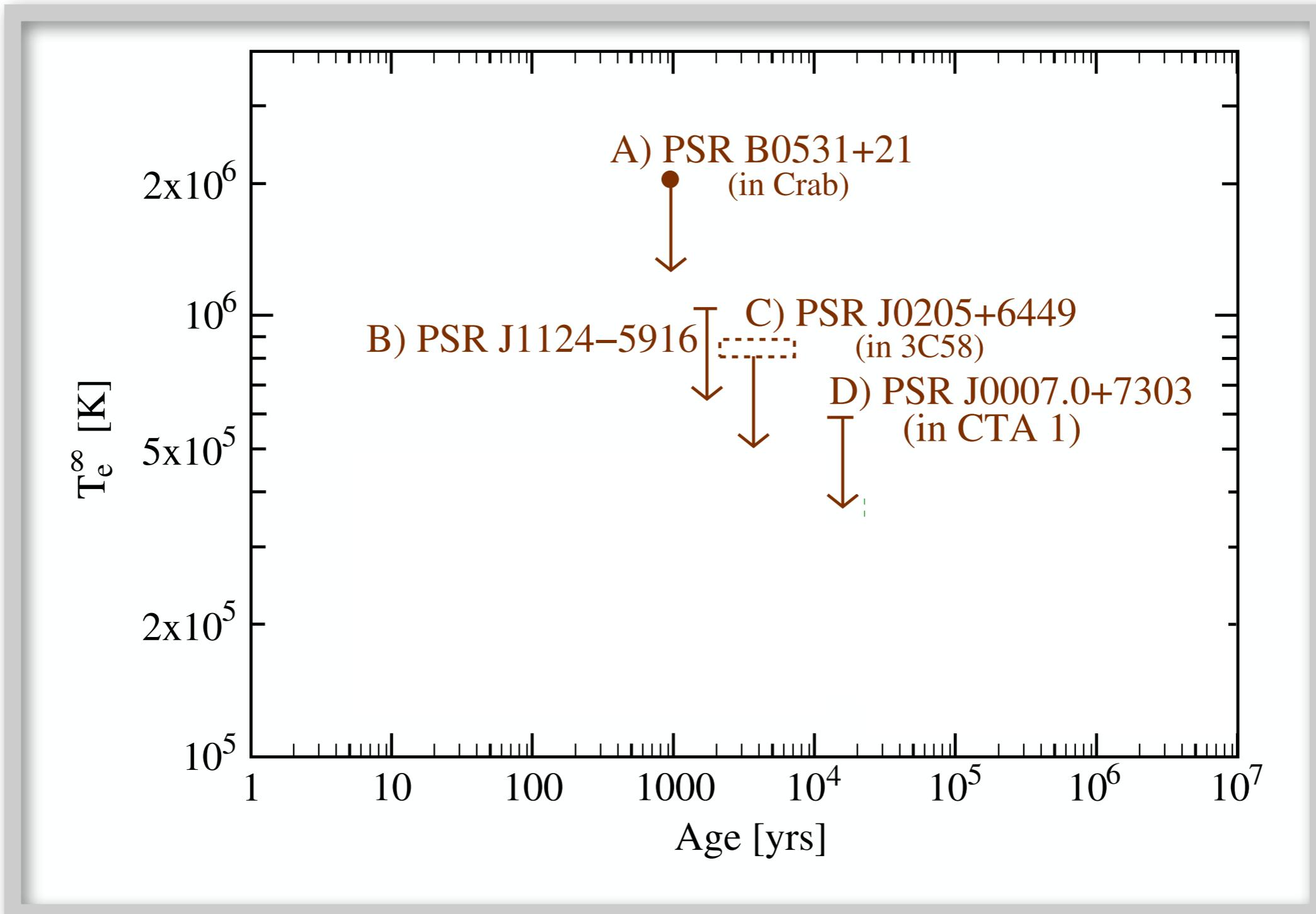
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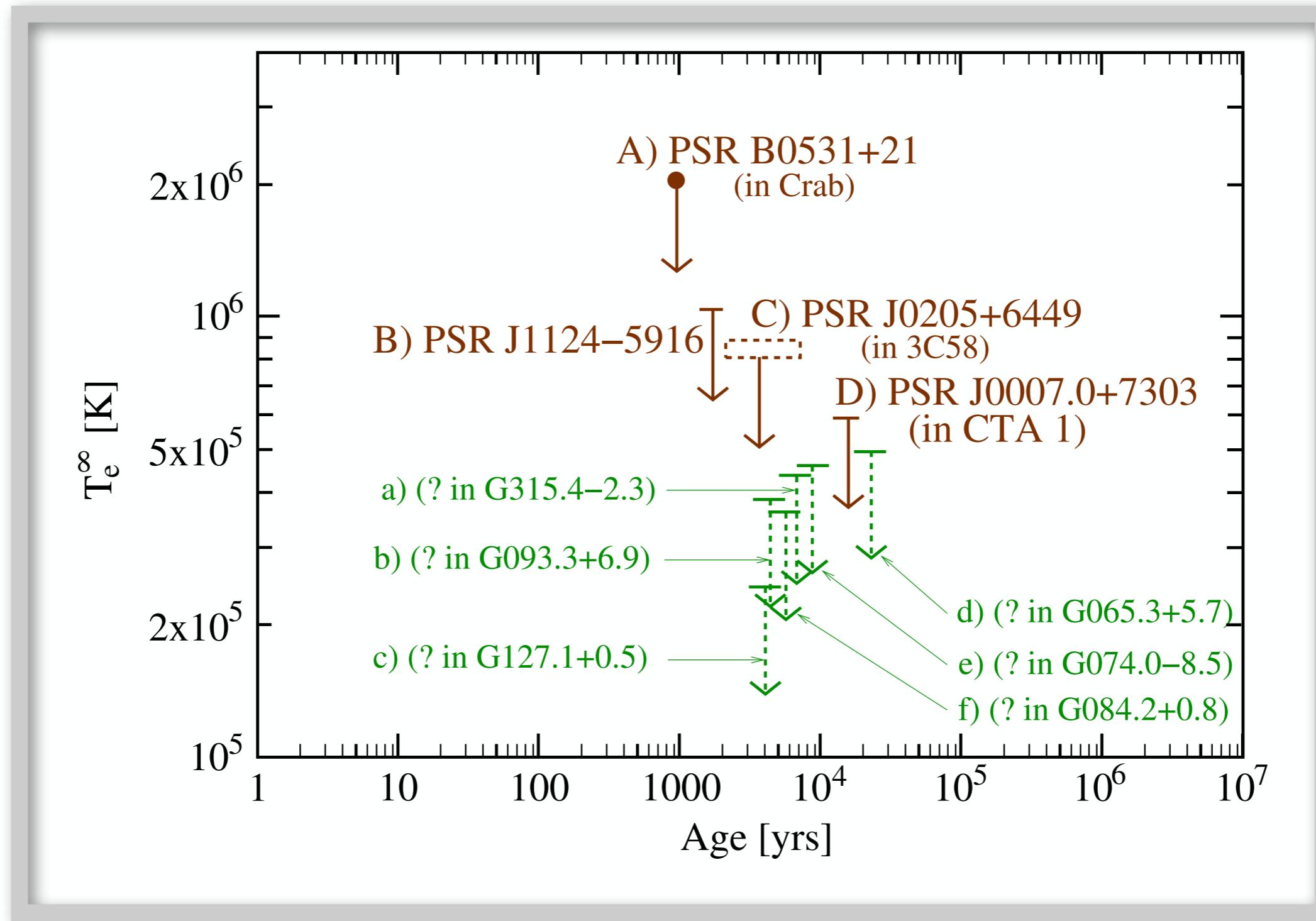
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Isolated Cooling Neutron Stars II



Detected neutron stars with undetected thermal emission

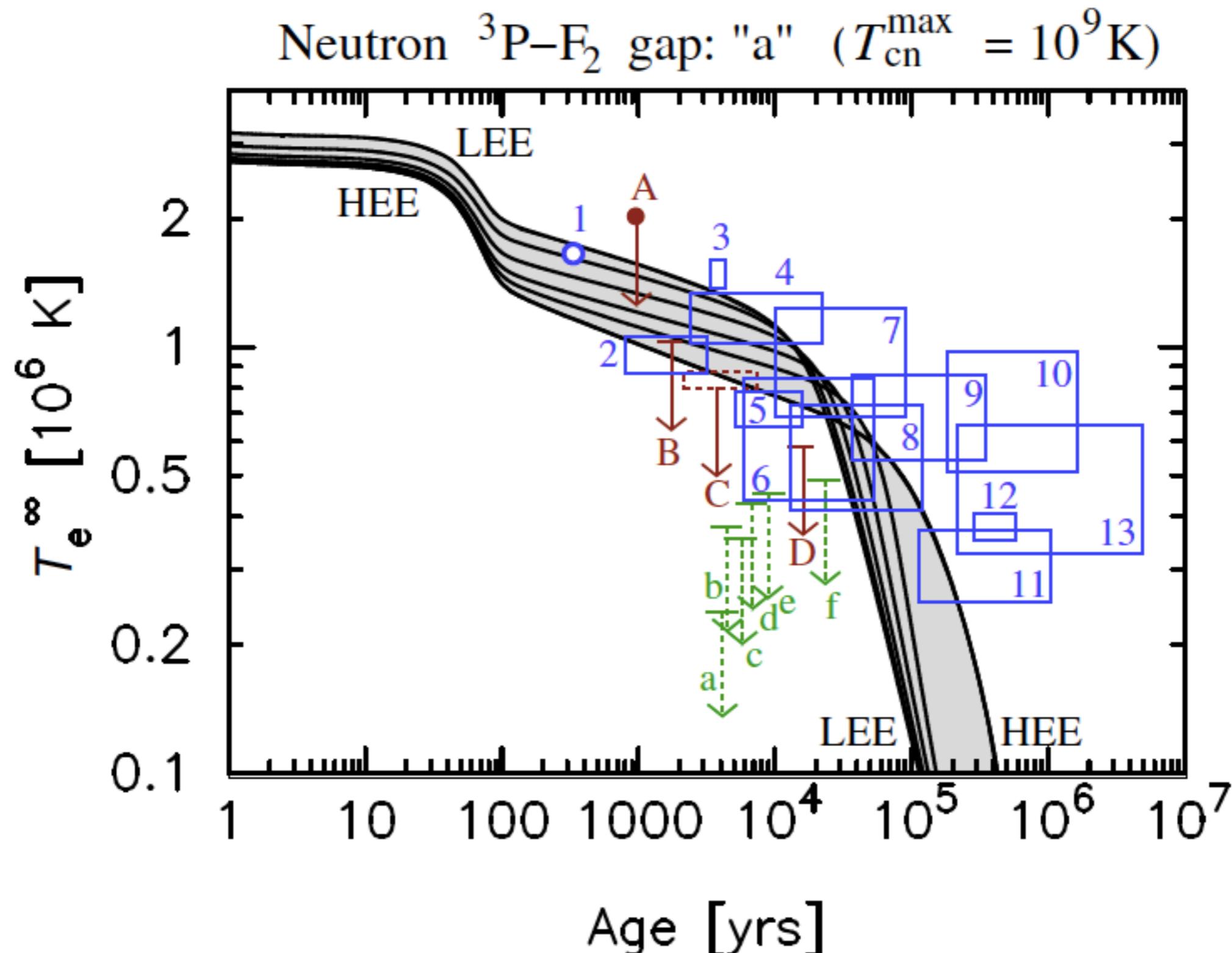
Isolated Cooling Neutron Stars ?



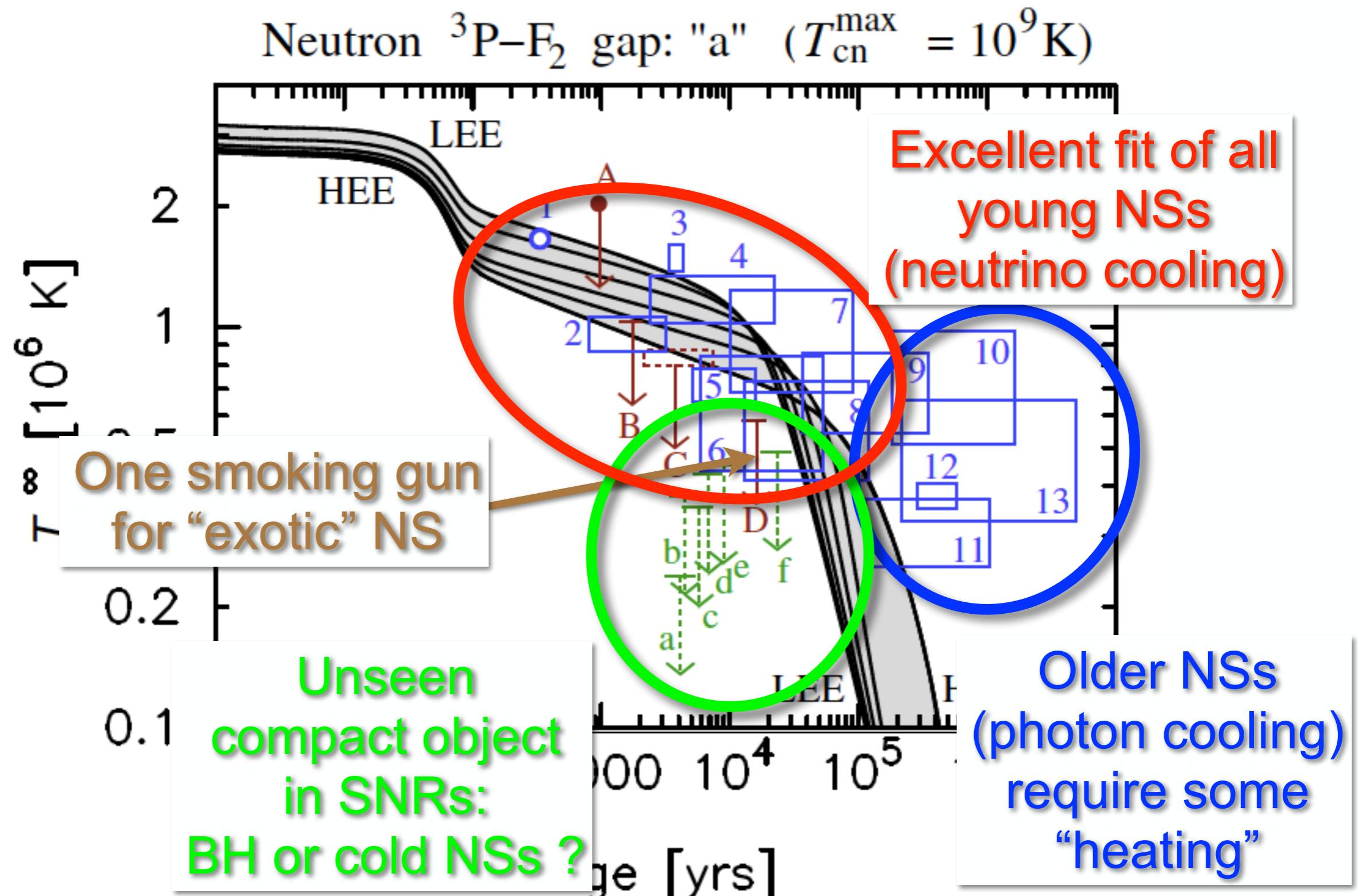
Upper limits on undetected neutron stars

Minimal Cooling

Minimal Cooling with Medium n 3P_2 Gap



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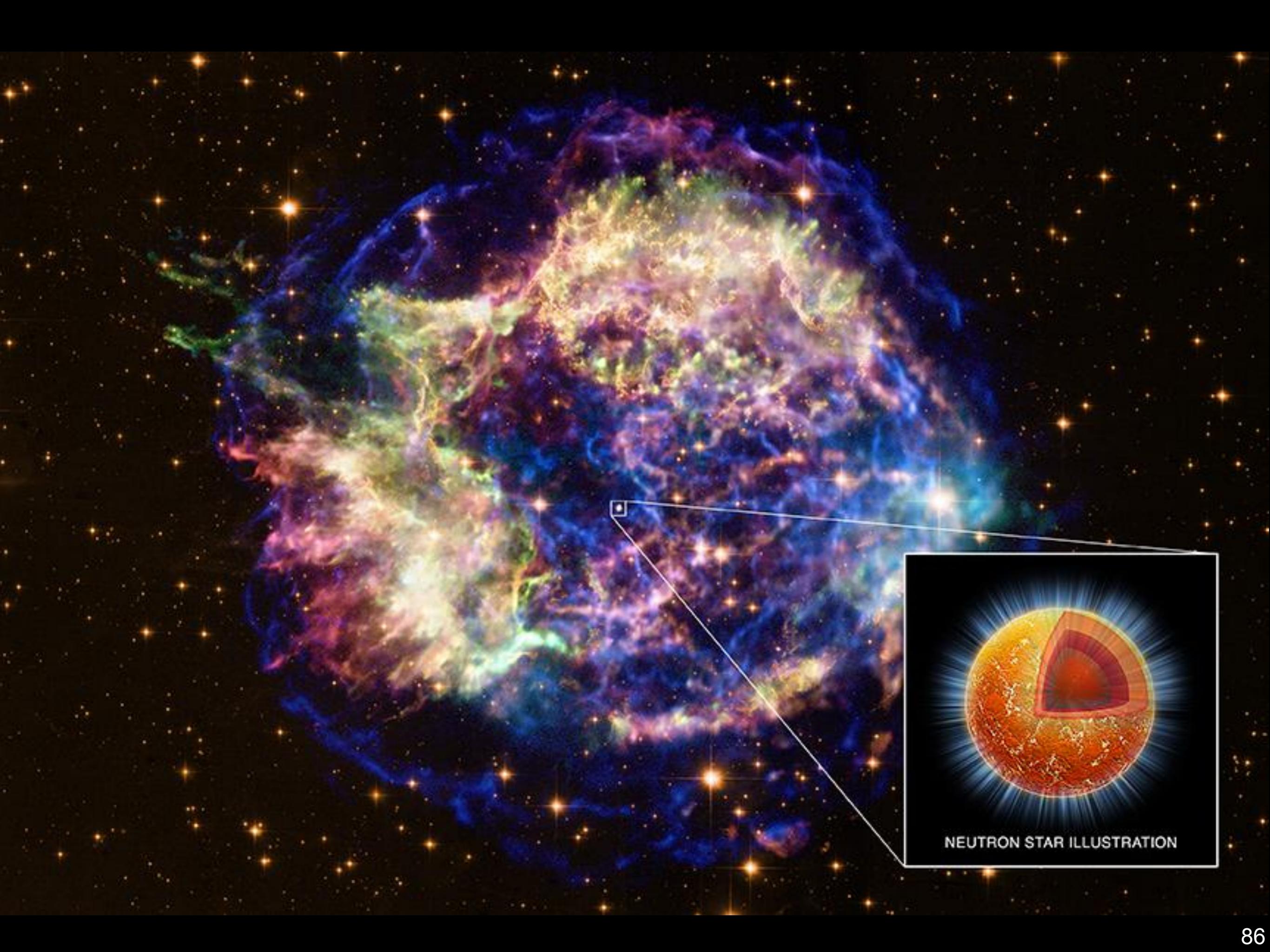
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Minimal vs “exotic”: do we have evidence for “exotic”:
MAYBE or MAYBE NOT

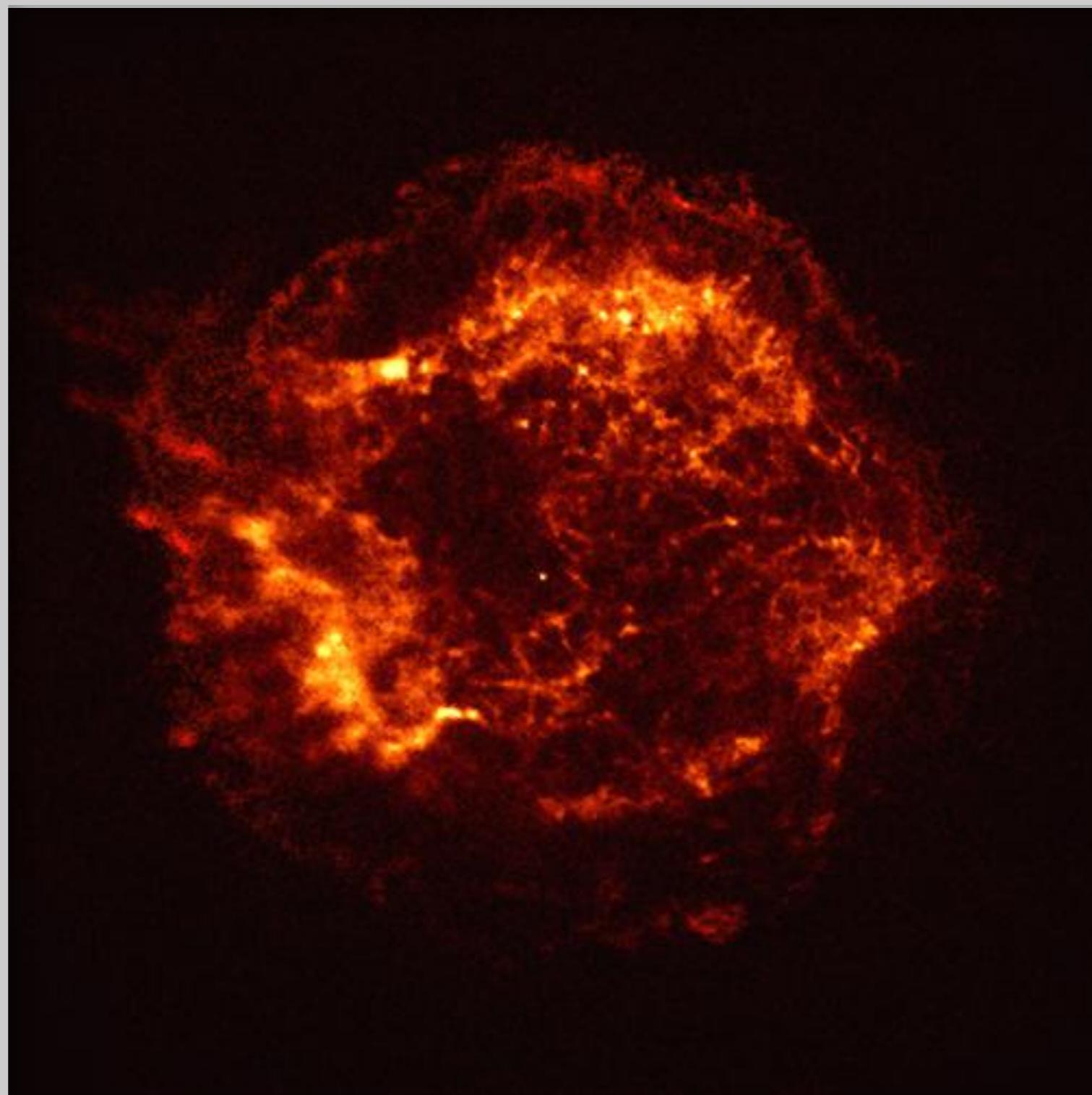
It depends on the values of neutron $^3P_2 T_c$ that are unknown
(Still bad)

Minimal Cooling and Cas A



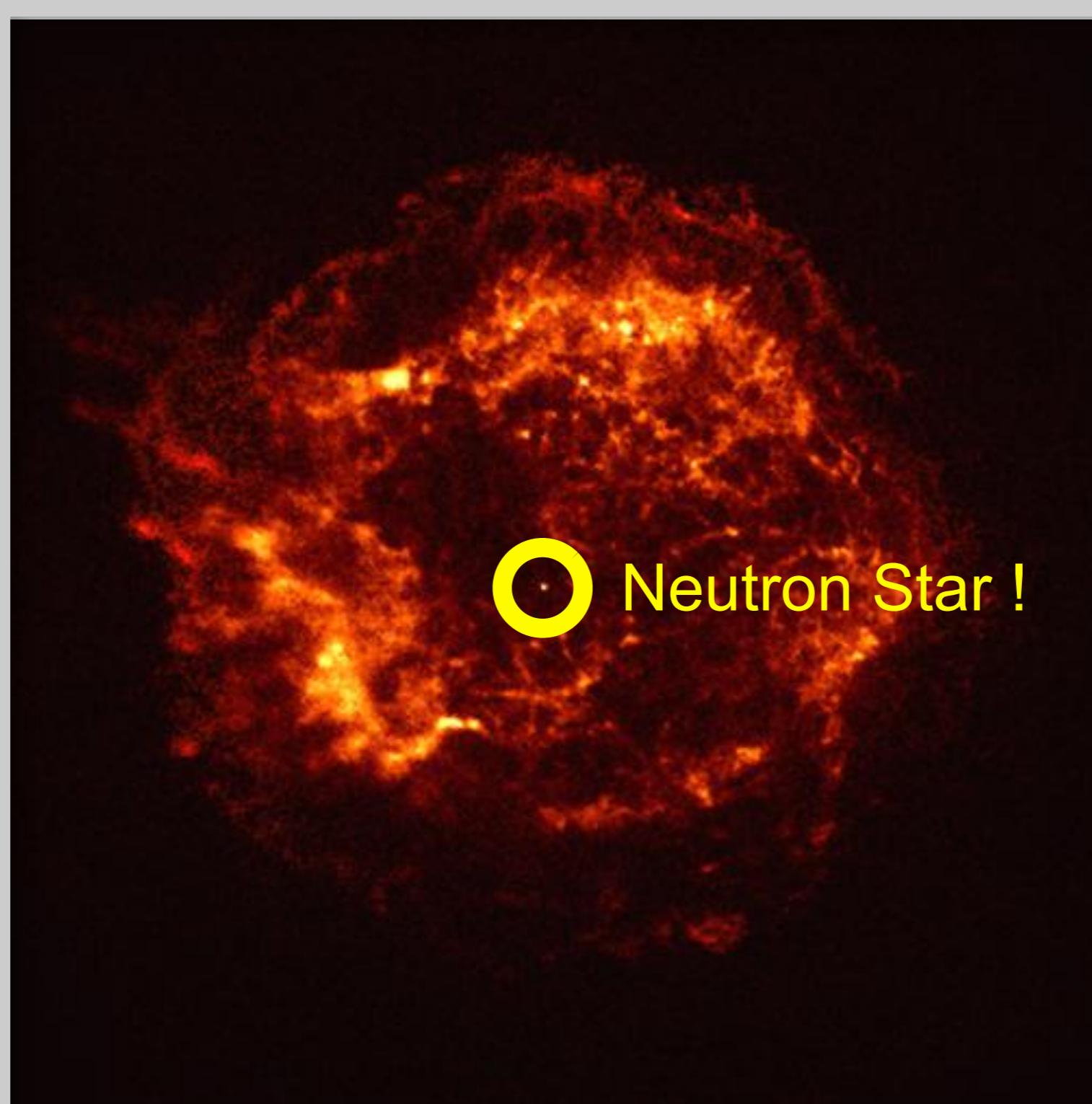
NEUTRON STAR ILLUSTRATION

Chandra's First Light: Cassiopeia A



August 1999

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SNR Expansion and Age:

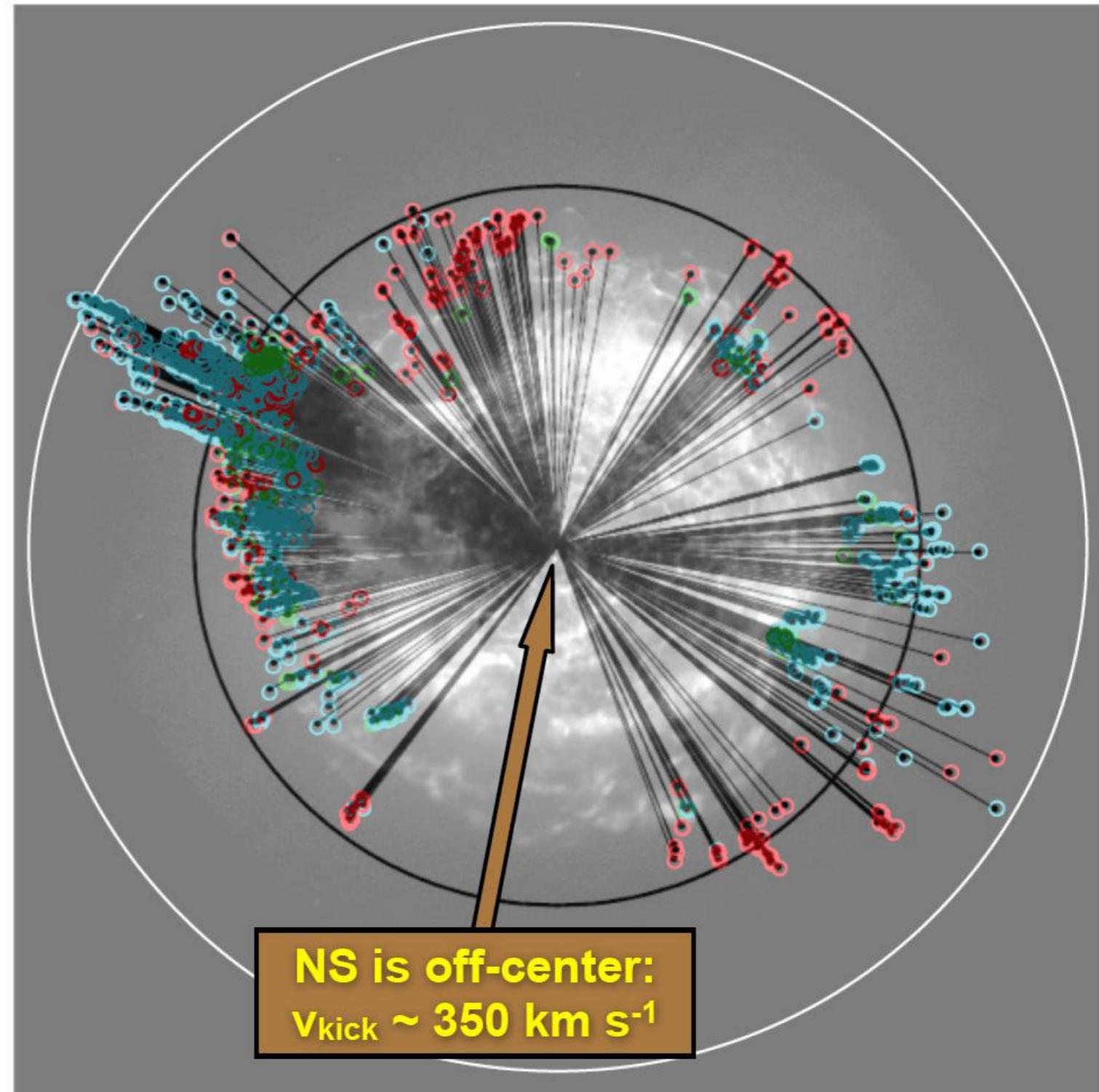
Chandra image + Hubble knots:
 N_{II} O_{II} S_{II} emission lines

March to December 2004:
knots expansion clearly seen.

COE (Center Of Expansion)

Supernova explosion time:

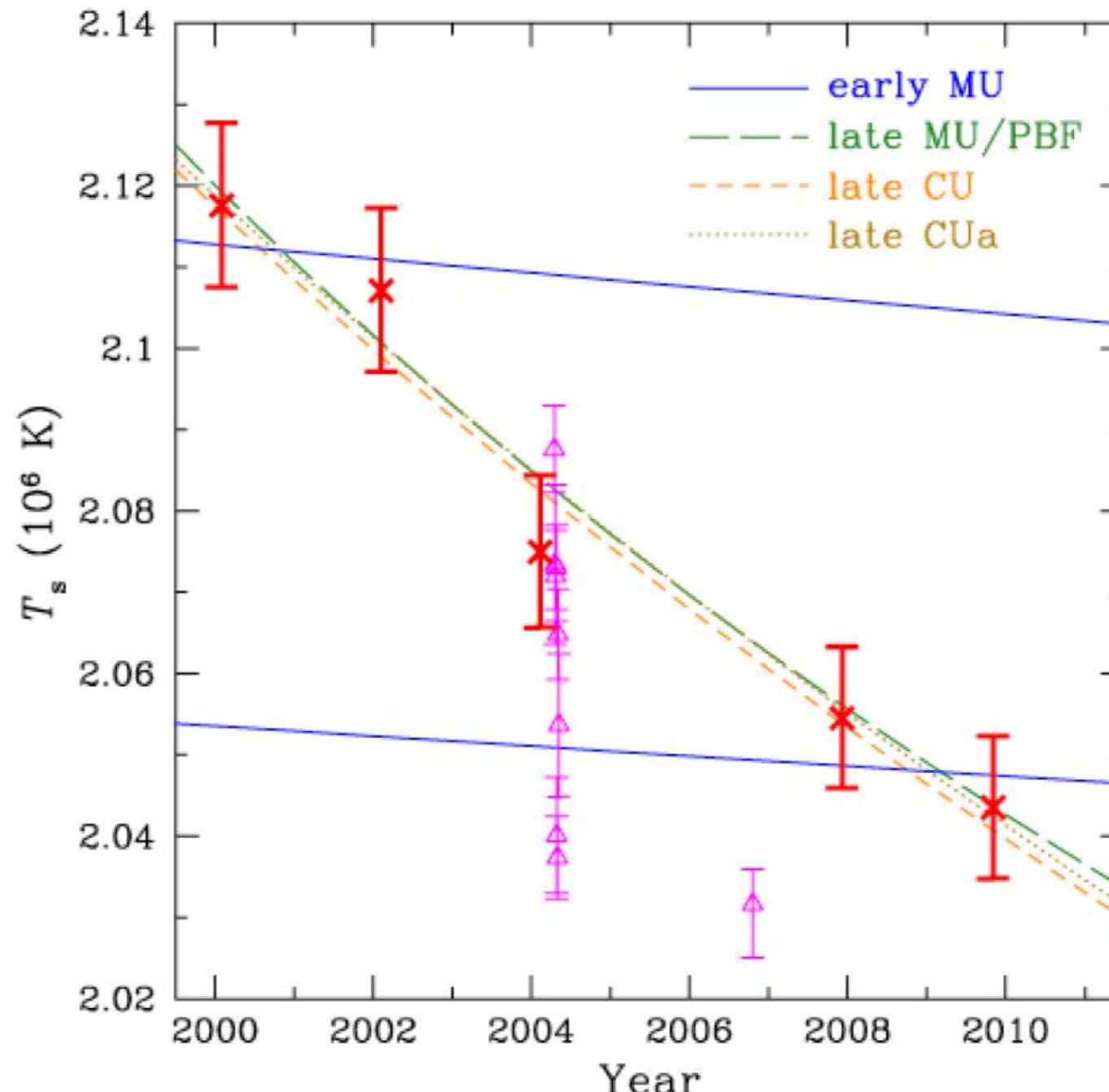
- 1825 outer ejecta knots give
AD 1662 ± 27
- 72 bright compact knots give
AD 1672 ± 18



[The Expansion Asymmetry and Age of the Cassiopeia A Supernova Remnant](#) Fesen, R. A. et al. [2006ApJ...645..283F](#)

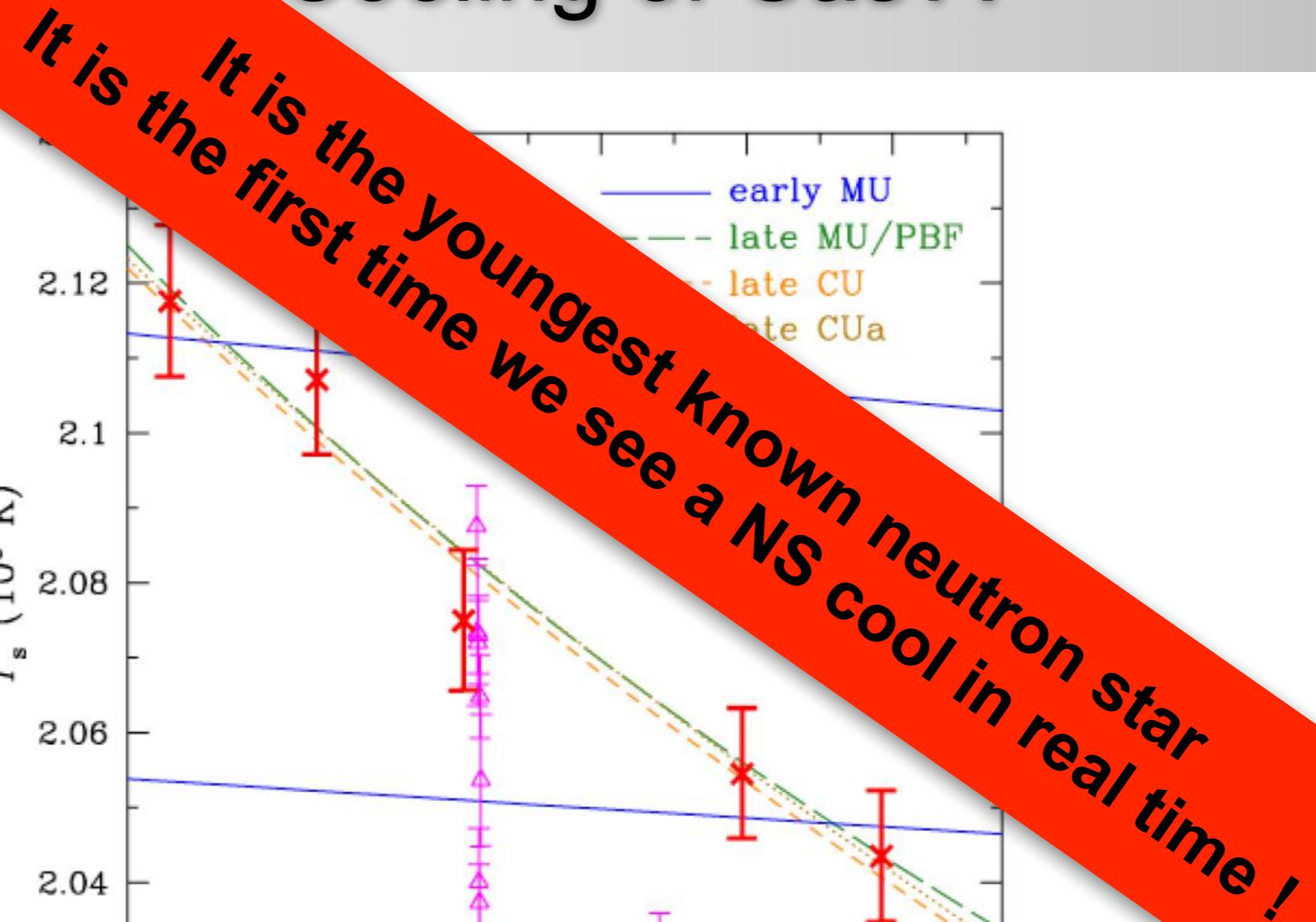
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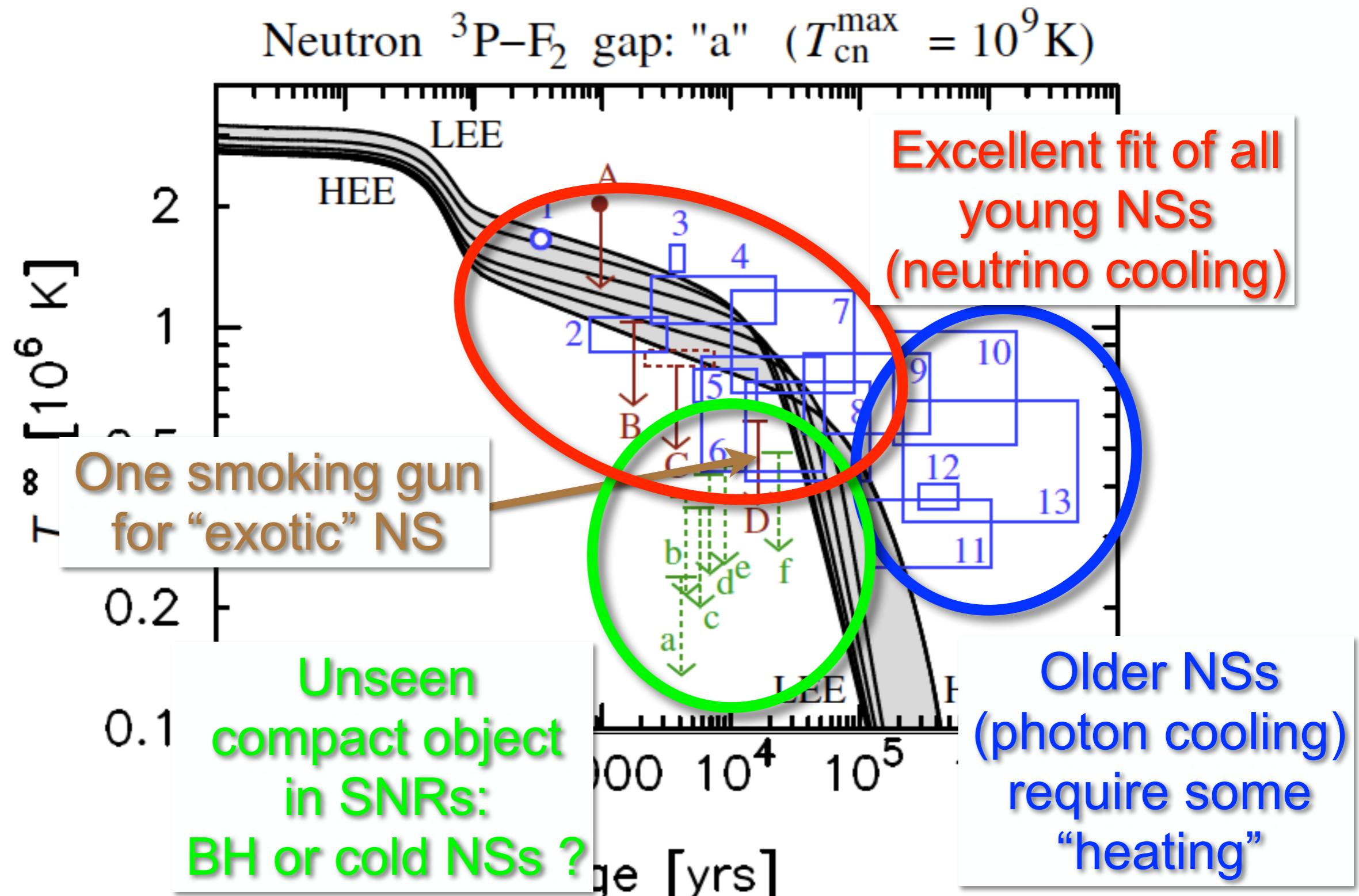
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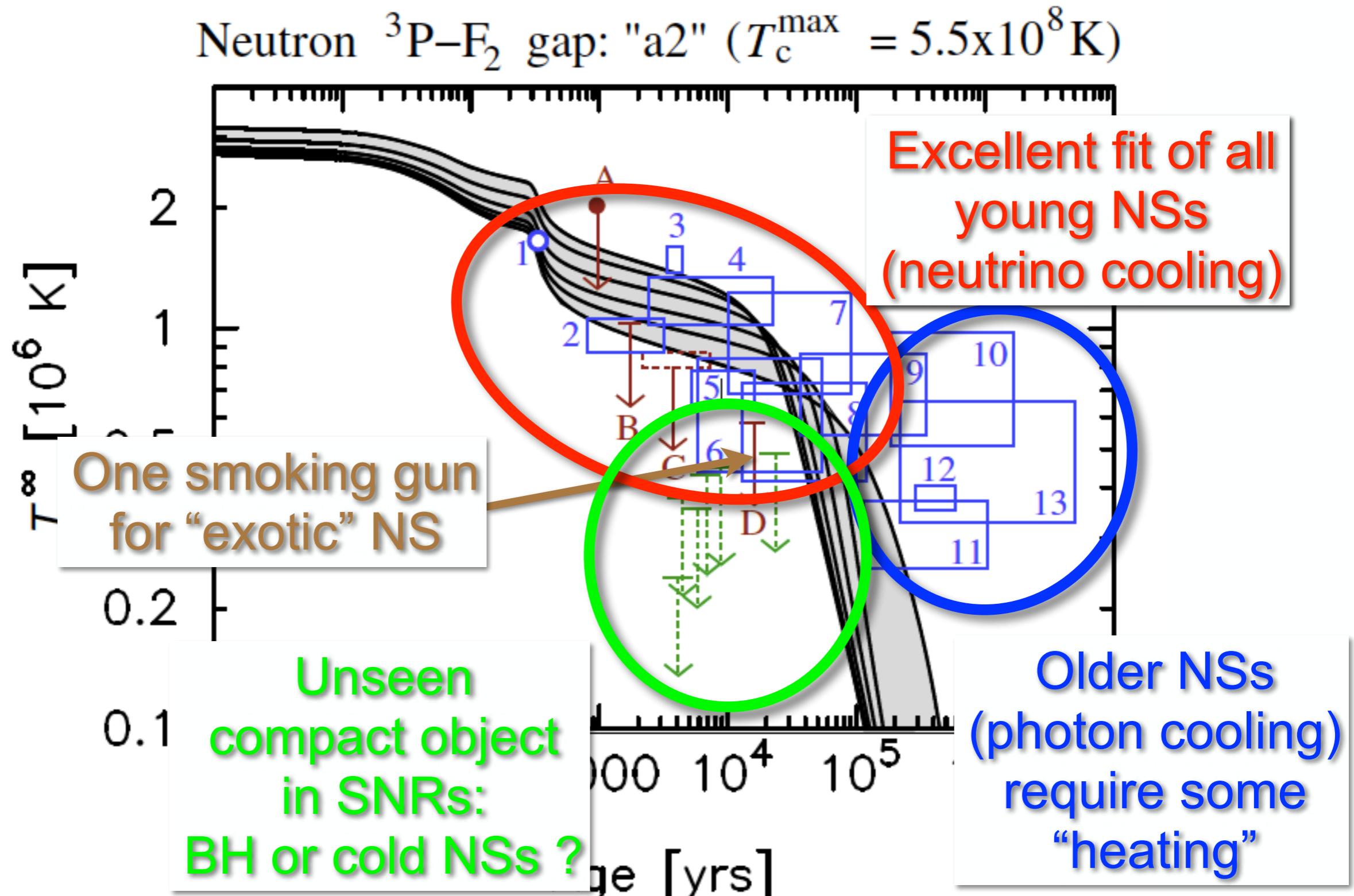
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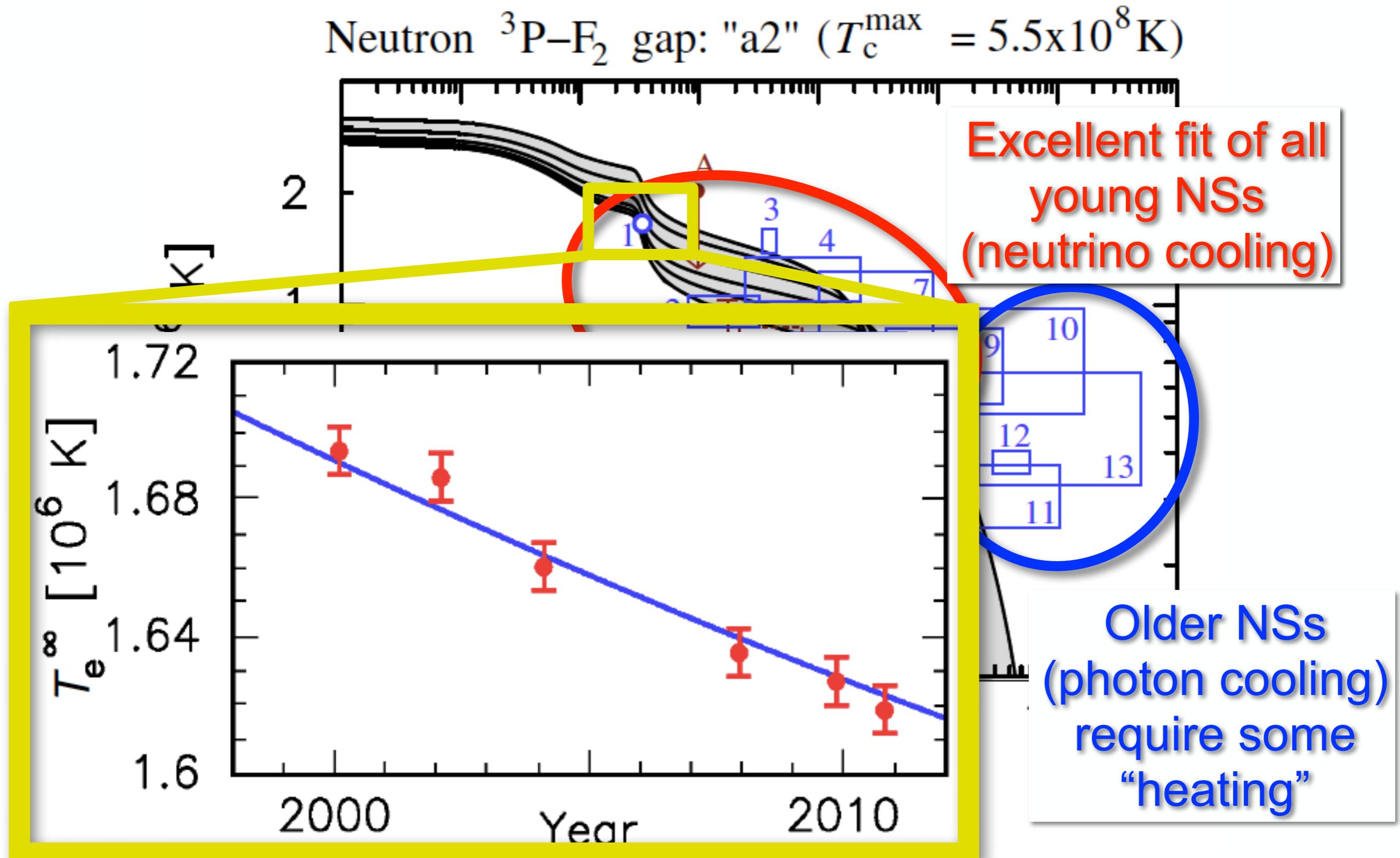
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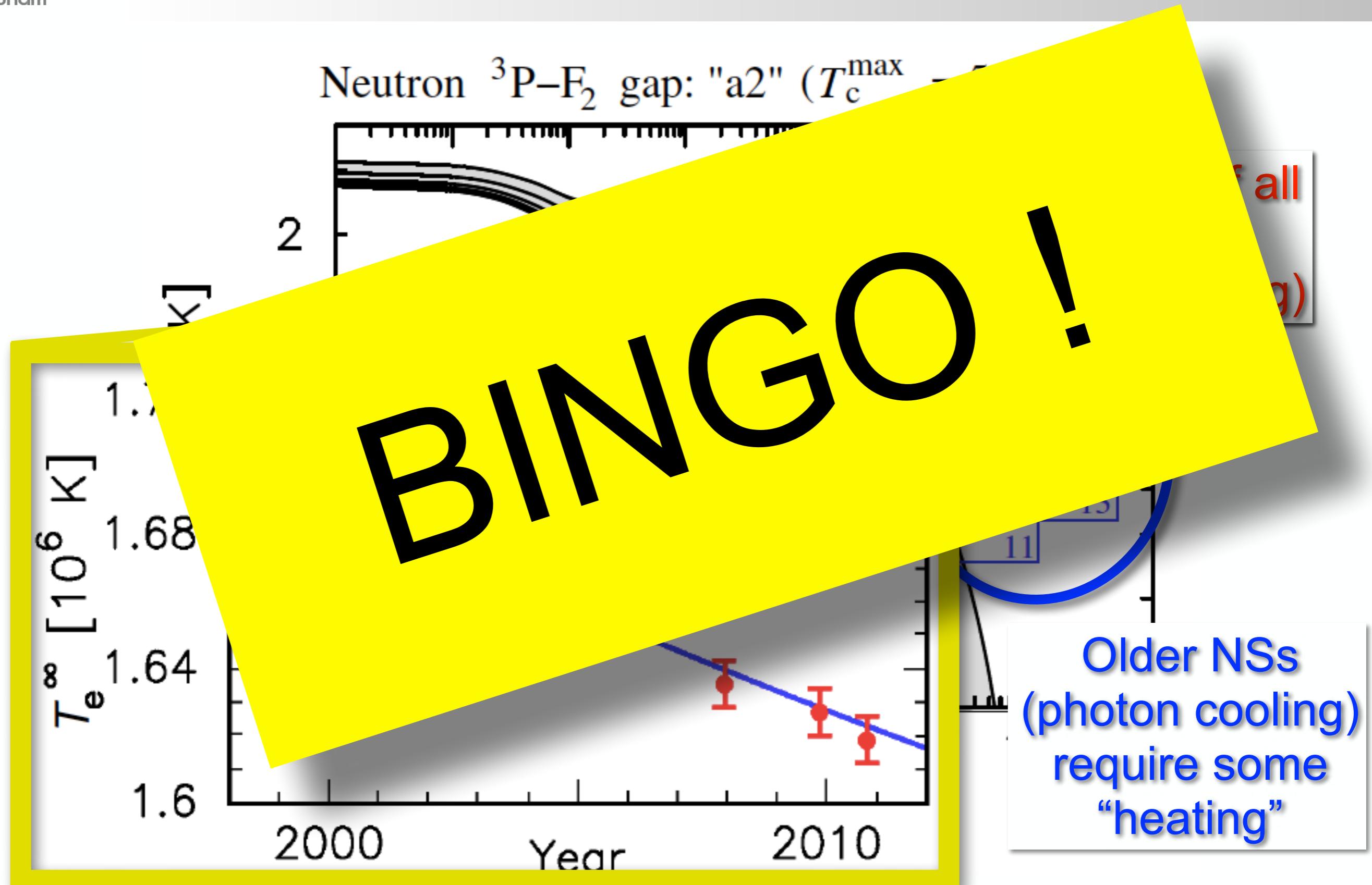
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The first direct evidence that superfluidity and superconductivity occur at supranuclear densities within neutron stars.

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The Crust Relaxation Phase (50 years): NS 1987A (again)

Phases of Neutron Star Cooling

- Proto-Neutron Star: ~30 seconds:

Matter from the collapsed iron core: $x_p = 40\%$.

Neutrinos are trapped, once they have left $x_p = 5\%$ and we have a "Neutron Star".

"Exotic matter" (hyperons, quarks, ...) will form at the end of this phase: needs low x_p .

- Neo-Neutron Star: ~1 year:

Rapid cooling of outer layers by neutrino emission.

Eddington luminosity for about an hour.

Ends with $T_{\text{eff}} \sim 2\text{-}4 \times 10^6$ K.

- Young Neutron Star: ~50 years:

Early plateau: crust relaxation phase whose heat flows into the core.

Crust neutrino emission is not very efficient.

At its end the interior is isothermal and T_{eff} reflects the core temperature.

- Neutrino Cooling Phase: ~ 10^5 years:

Evolution of the isothermal star is driven by core neutrino emission.

- Photon Cooling Phase: ~ 10^6 years:

Evolution of the isothermal star is driven by surface photon emission.

- Dark Phase: >> 10^6 years :

Star possibly kept not too cold by internal heating (mag. field decay, friction from differential rotation, baryonic/dark matter accretion, ...)

Luminosity Evolution

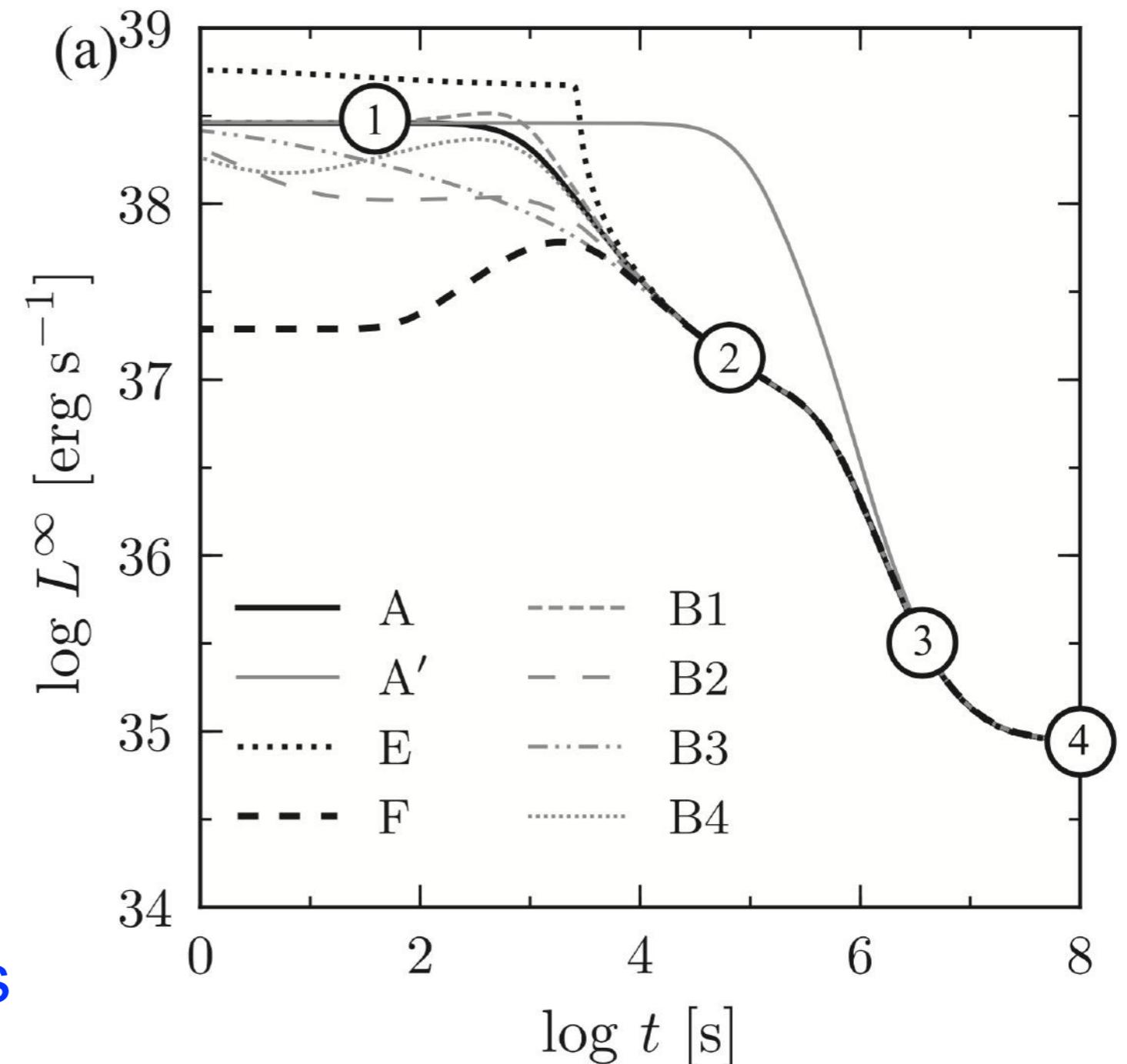
1: Eddington phase: relaxation from initial condition ~ 1 hour

2: Cooling by pair neutrinos

3: Cooling by plasma neutrinos

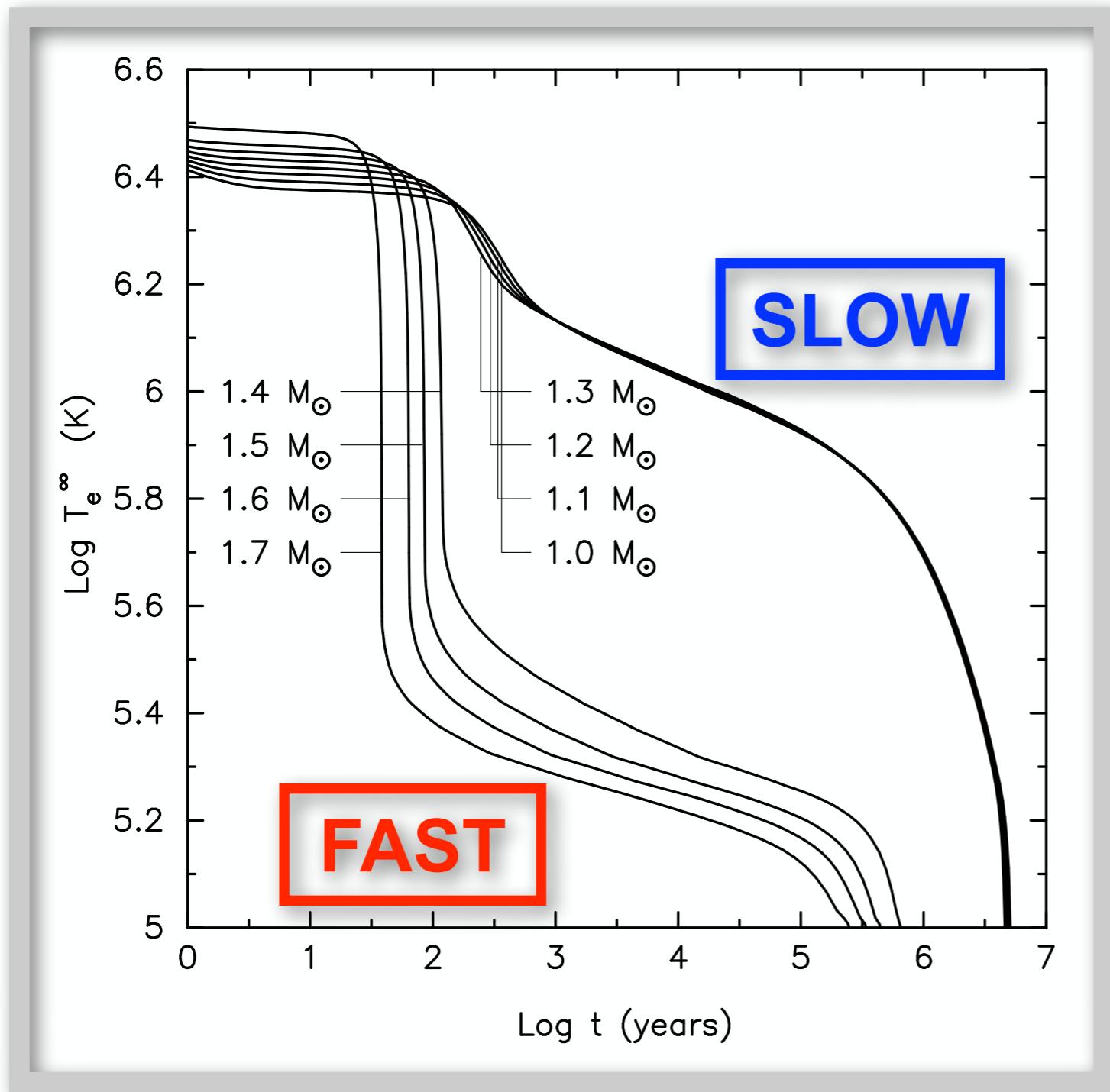
4: Early plateau: young NS phase

**At stage 4: $L \sim 10^{35}$ erg/s
 ~ luminosity of the
 blob in SN 1987A !!!**



[Thermal Evolution of Neo-neutron Stars. I. Envelopes, Eddington Luminosity Phase, and Implications for GW170817](#)
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Direct vs Modified Urca Cooling



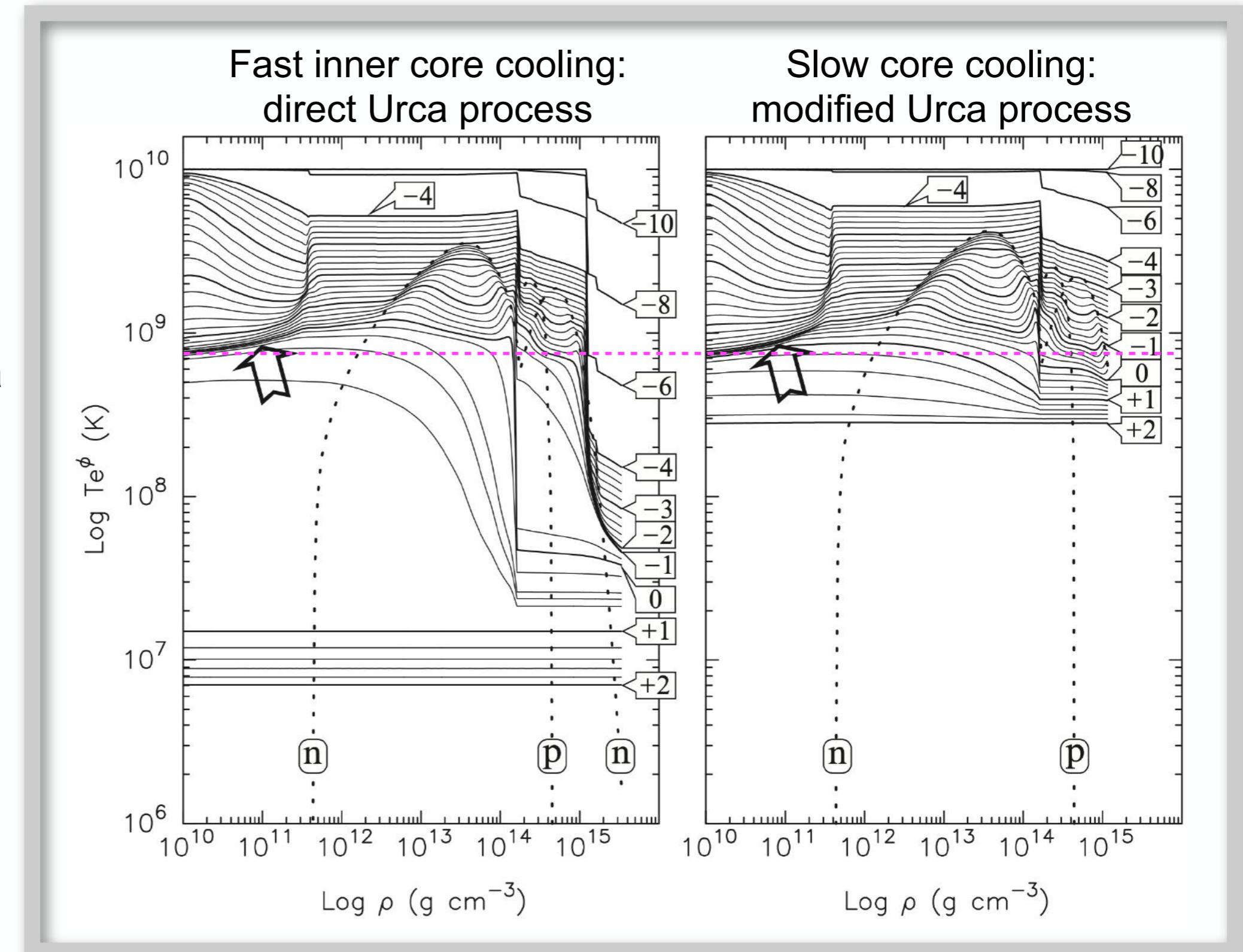
Models based on the PAL EOS:
adjusted (by hand) so that
DURCA becomes allowed
(triangle rule !) at $M > 1.35 M_\odot$.

This value is arbitrary:
we DO NOT know the value of
this critical mass, and hopefully
observations will, some day, tell
us what it is !

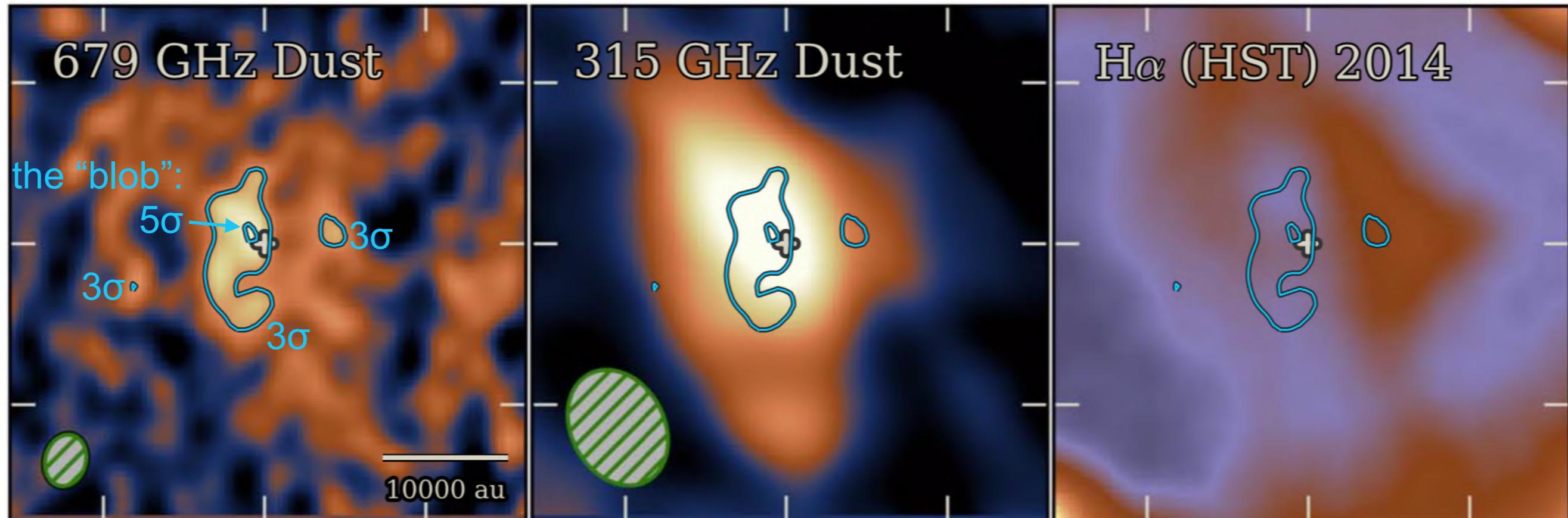
GR models, solving
numerically the energy
balance and heat transport
equations, with lots of
microphysics involved.

Early Plateau

The cooling of the outer crust slow down when plasma neutrinos shut off: early plateau



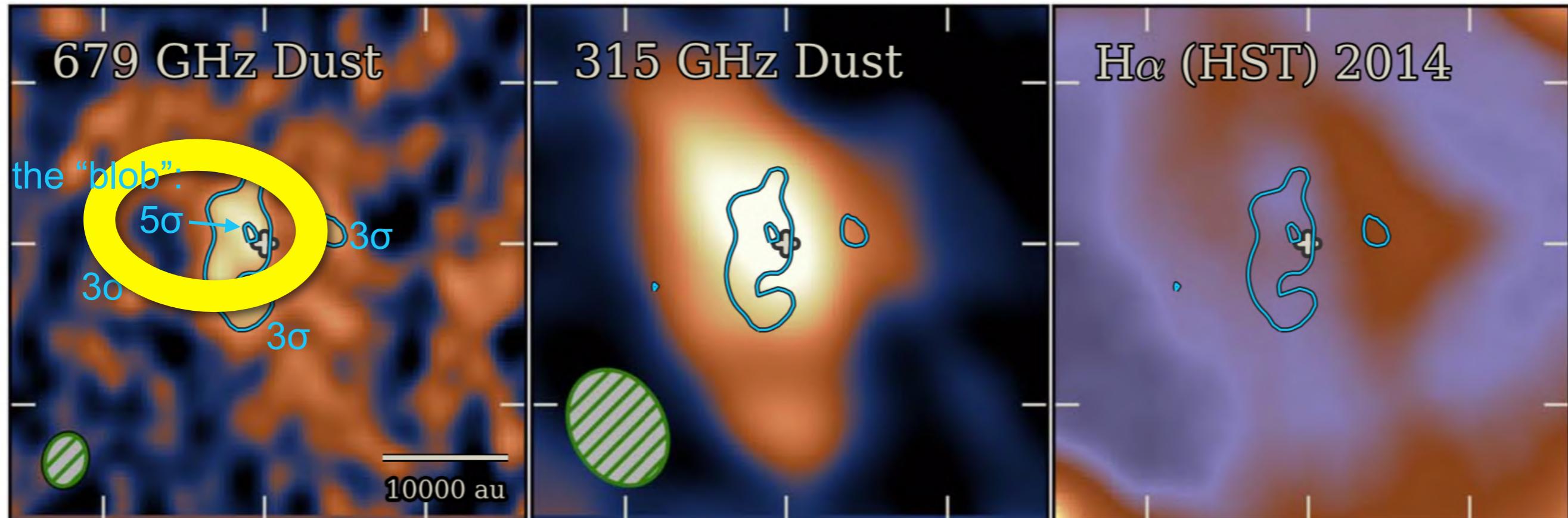
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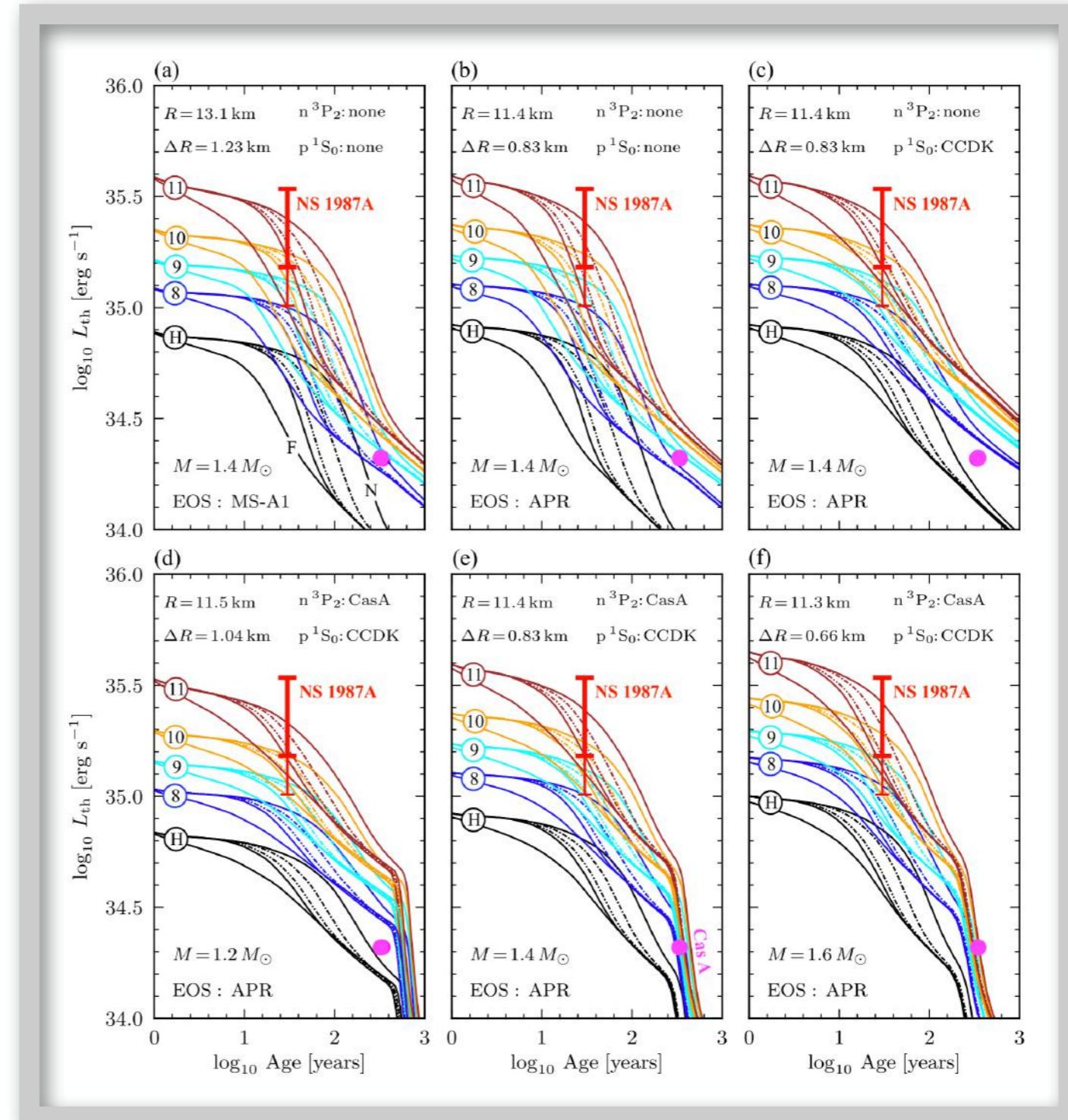
NS 1987A and the Plateau Phase

NS 1987A:
 luminosity inferred from the
 "blob" luminosity.

Each panel corresponds to
 different assumptions about
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Within panels:
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