



# Neutrino Processes in Neutron Stars

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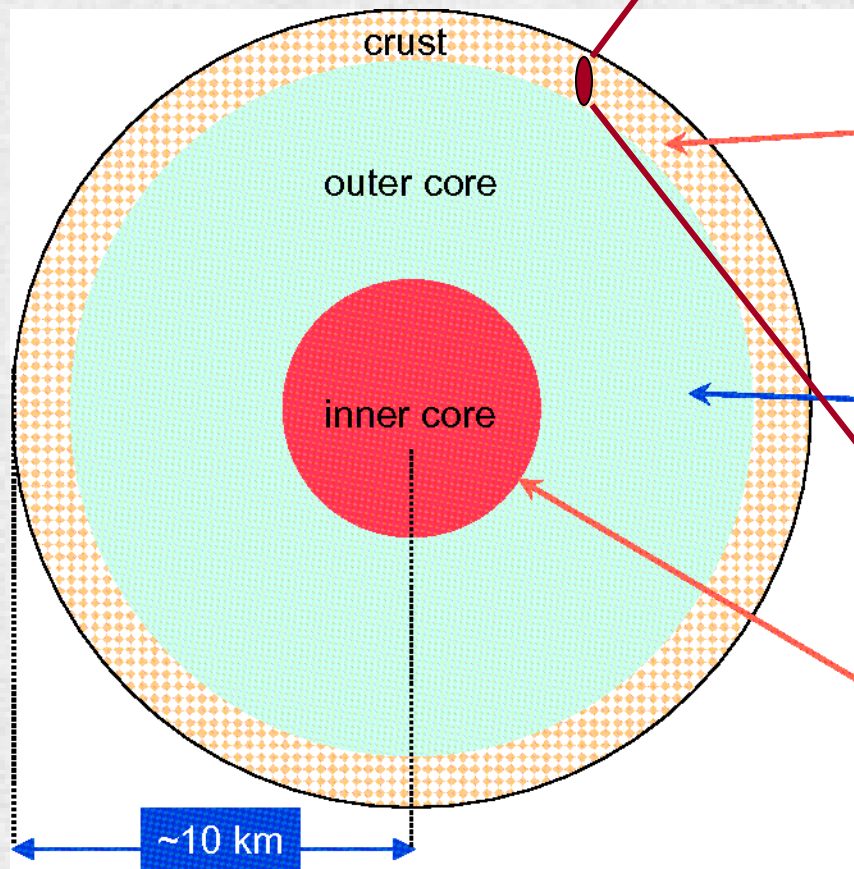


*1. Neutron star in a nutshell.  
Problems of NS cooling and r-mode stability.  
Neutrino production processes.*

*2. Inclusion of strong interactions*

*3. Viscosity of NS matter*

# Structure of neutron star



| Density [g/cm <sup>3</sup> ] | Depth     | Composition   |
|------------------------------|-----------|---|
| $10^{-3} - 10^3$             | ~1 cm     | "atmosphere"<br>electrons, ions, atoms, molecules (gas/liquid)          |
| $10^6 - 10^8$                | ~10-100 n | "ocean"<br>electrons, nuclei (Coulomb liquid)                           |
| $\sim 2 \times 10^{11}$      |           | outer crust<br>electrons, nuclei (Coulomb crystal)                      |
|                              |           | inner crust<br>electrons, neutrons, (superfluidity) neutron-rich nuclei |
| $\sim 10^{14}$               | ~1 km     | mantle<br>electrons, neutrons, (superfluidity) exotic nuclei            |
|                              |           | COFE  |

$\geq 10 \times 10^{14} \text{ g/cm}^3$   
*Exotics:*  
*hyperons,*  
*meson-condensates,*  
*quark matter*

Two basic physical principles determine the structure of compact stellar objects:

**Electroneutrality** and **Pauli exclusion principle**.

Macroscopic object held by gravity must be electrically neutral:

Consider a sphere of a radius  $R$

with the uniform charge density  $n_Q$  and the baryon density  $n$

**Coulomb energy:**

$$E_C = e^2 2 \pi R^2 n_Q = 1.5 \times 10^{36} \text{ MeV} \left( \frac{n_Q}{n_0} \right) \left( \frac{R}{1\text{km}} \right)^2$$

**Gravitational energy:**

$$E_G = -G 2 \pi R^2 n m_N = -0.7 \text{ MeV} \times \left( \frac{n}{n_0} \right) \left( \frac{R}{1\text{km}} \right)^2$$

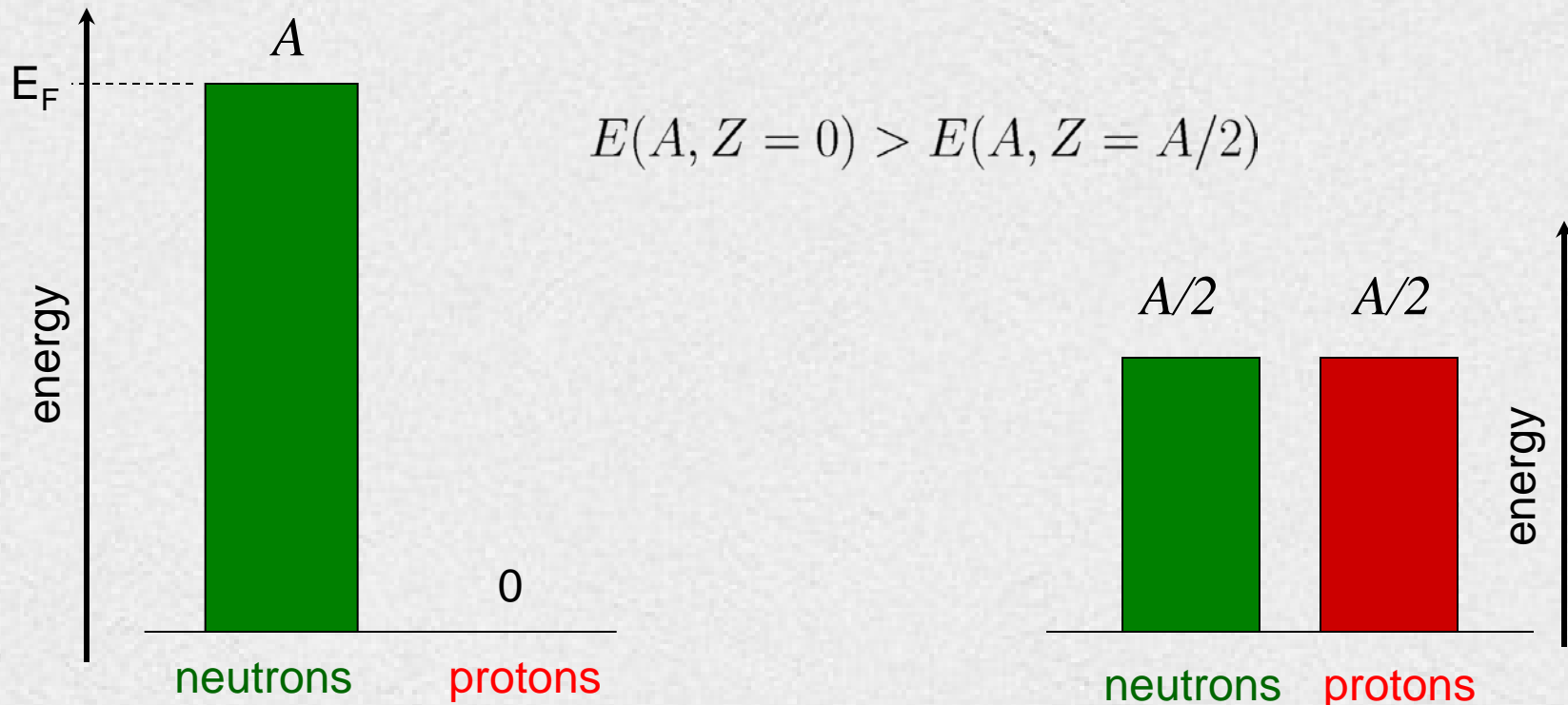
( $n_0=0.16 \text{ fm}^{-3}$ )

$$E_C + E_G = 0 \quad \implies \quad \frac{n_Q}{n} \sim 10^{-36}$$

# Pauli exclusion principle: nuclear symmetry energy

Neglect electric charge of protons: isospin symmetry.

We want to distribute  $A$  nucleons



Two Fermi seas are better than one Fermi sea!

# Pauli blocking at work: neutron star composition

Composition is determined by the minimum of energy

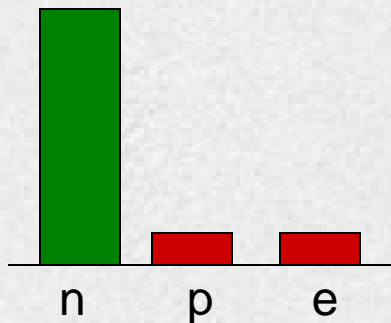
**Symmetry energy:**  $= \bar{a}_{\text{Sym}} (n_n - n_p)^2 / n \longrightarrow$  *It is favorable to have some protons.*

**Electroneutrality:**  $n_e = n_p \longrightarrow$  *There will be also some electrons*

**Electron energy:**  $\varepsilon_e = 2 \int_0^{p_{F_e}} \frac{d^3 p}{(2\pi)^3} E_e(p) = \frac{p_{F_e}^4}{4\pi^2} = \frac{3}{4} (3\pi^2)^{1/3} n_e^{4/3}$

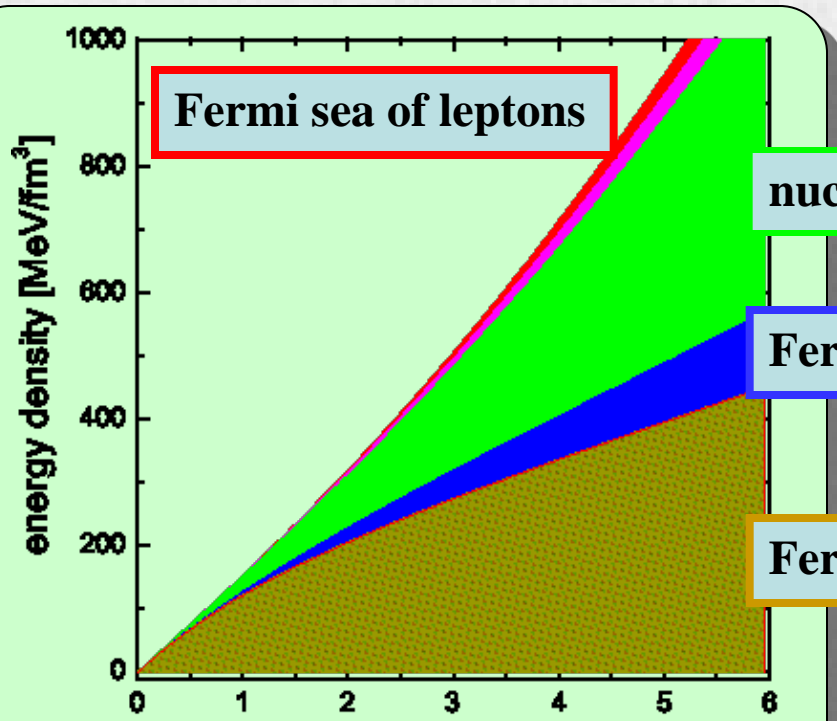
$\longrightarrow$  *Electron energy increases fast*

Energy minimization: *Mainly neutrons and small admixture of protons and electrons*

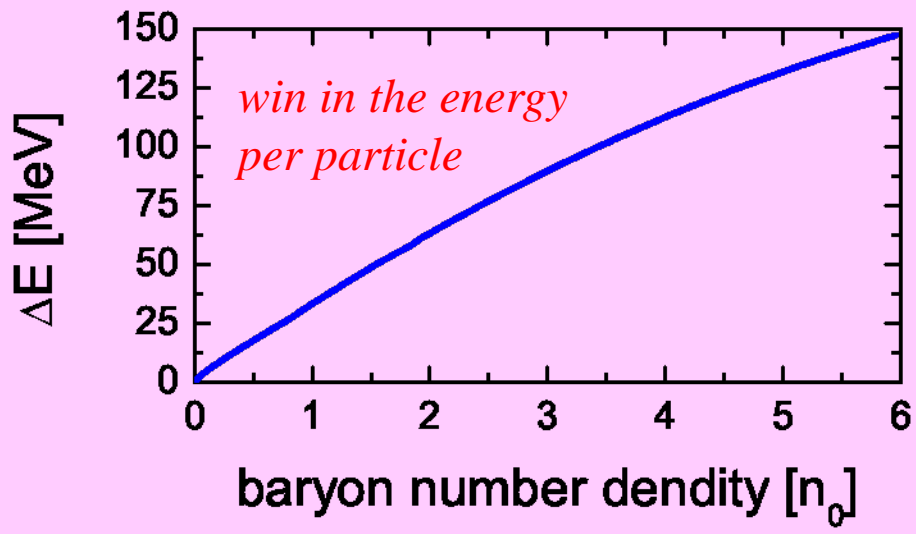
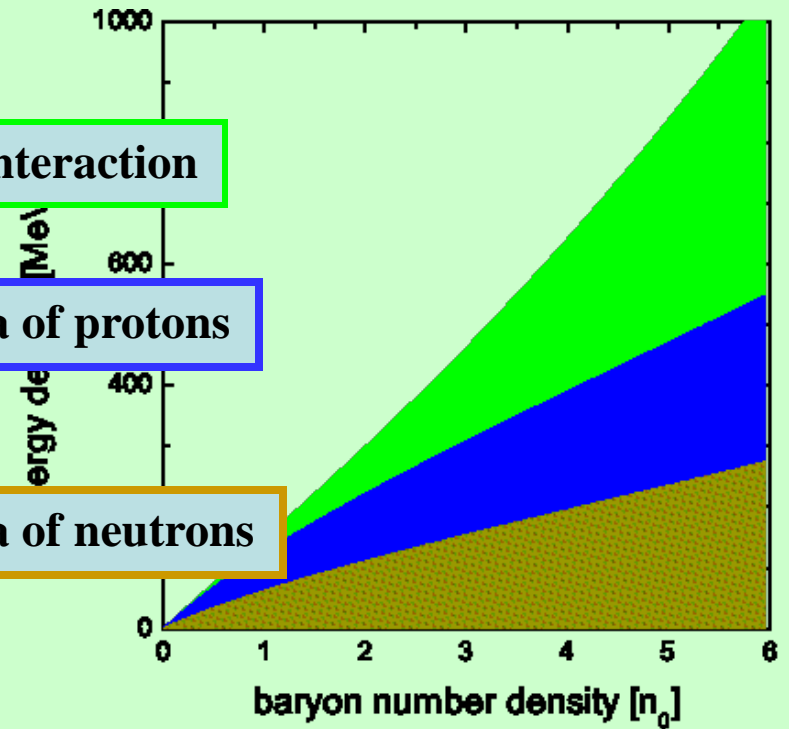


medium in  $\beta$  equilibrium  
 $n \leftrightarrow p + e^-$

$\beta$  equilibrium



isospin symmetric  $N_n=N_p$



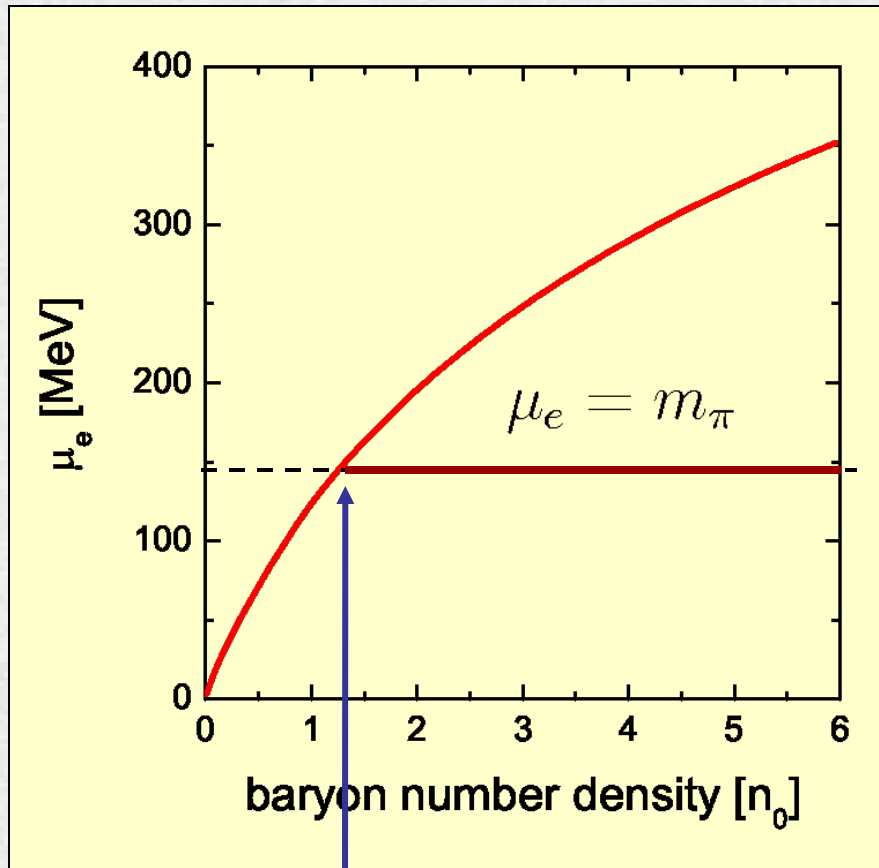
Compensate charge not by fermions but by light bosons

Lightest negatively charged bosons:  $\pi^-$  and  $K^-$  mesons:

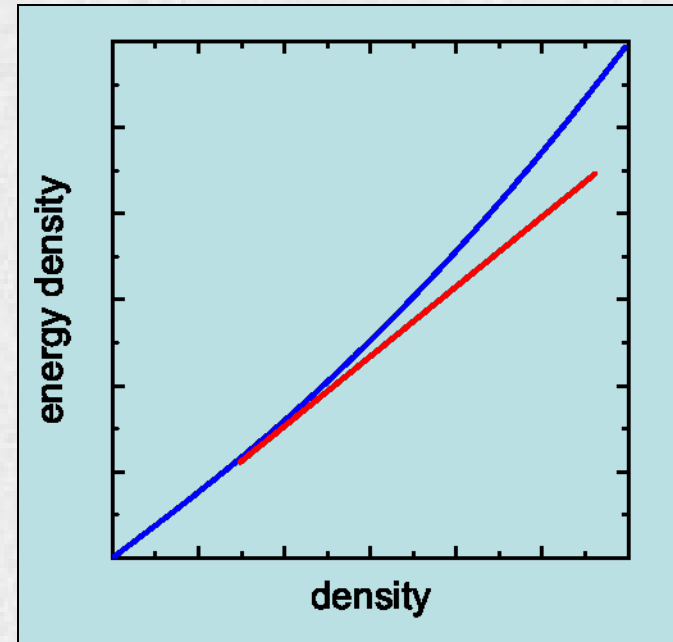
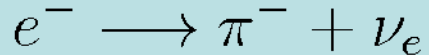
$$m_\pi = 140 \text{ MeV}$$

$$m_K = 495 \text{ MeV}$$

$\sqrt{m^2 + k^2}$   $\longrightarrow$  minimum at zero momentum



Weak reactions start



second-order phase transition



equation of state of dense matter

integral quantity

mass, size, dynamics of SN explosion

**We want to learn about properties of  
microscopic excitations in dense matter.**

*How to study response function of the NS?*

*Changes of strong and weak interactions in medium*

# Neutrino probe

At temperatures **smaller** than the opacity temperature ( $T^{pac} \sim 1\text{-few MeV}$ )  
mean free path of neutrinos and antineutrinos is **larger** than the neutron star radius

$$\lambda_\nu \gg R \simeq 10\text{km}$$

➔ **white body radiation problem**

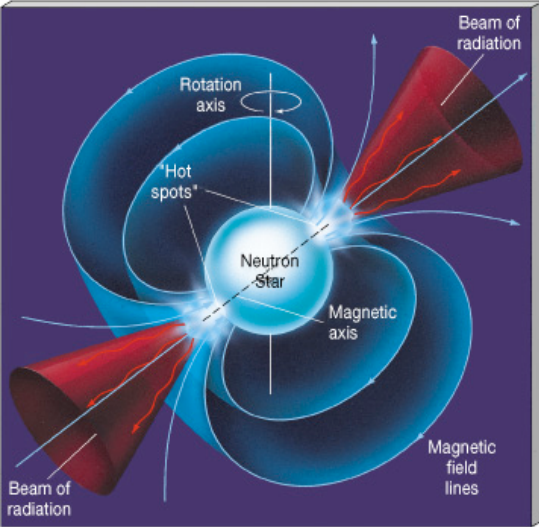
After  $>10^5$  yr –black body radiation of photons

At temperatures  $T > T^{pac}$        $\lambda_\nu < R$

➔ **neutrino transport problem**

important for supernova

$$1 \text{ MeV} = 1.16 \cdot 10^{10} \text{ K}$$



## Pulsar age

Pulsar rotation period/frequency changes with time:

$$\dot{\Omega} = -\frac{B^2 R^6}{6 c^3 I} \sin^2 \alpha \Omega^3 - G \frac{32 \varepsilon^2}{5 c^5} I \Omega^5$$

**e.m. wave  
emission**

**grav. wave  
emission**

$\alpha$  angle between rotation and magnetic axes

$\varepsilon$  neutron star eccentricity

$$\dot{\Omega} = \kappa \Omega^n$$

$$P = 2\pi / \Omega$$



$$(n-1) \frac{\dot{P}(t)}{P(t)} t = 1 - \left( \frac{P_0}{P(t)} \right)^{n-1}$$

initial period  
current period

$$P_0/P \ll 1$$

**spin-down age:**

$$\tau_{\text{sd}} = \frac{1}{n-1} \frac{P}{\dot{P}}$$

$$n = \frac{\ddot{\Omega} \Omega}{\dot{\Omega}^2}$$

**braking index:**

**kinematic age:**

- 1) age of the associated SNR
- 2) pulsar speed and position w.r. to the geometric center of the associated SNR

3) historical events

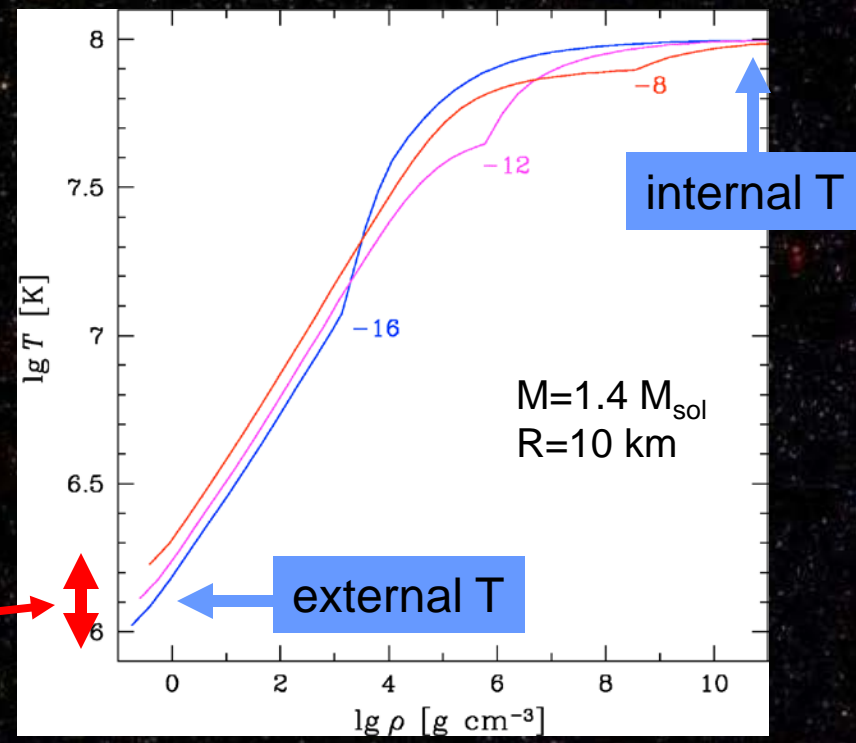
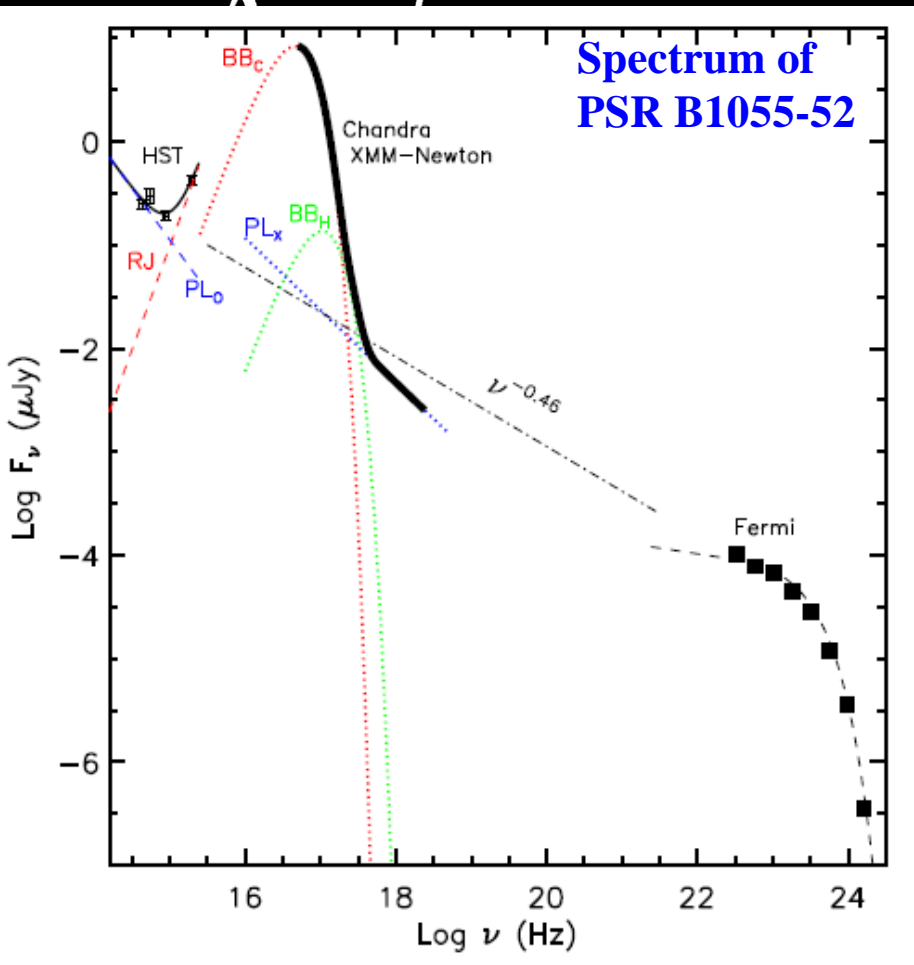
- Crab : 1054 AD
- Cassiopeia A: 1680 AD
- Tycho's SN: 1572 AD

# Measuring pulsar temperature

radiation spectrum and source geometry

internal vs. external temperature

heat transfer in envelop



envelop ← debris of supernova explosion; accreted "nuclear trash"

# Neutron star cooling data

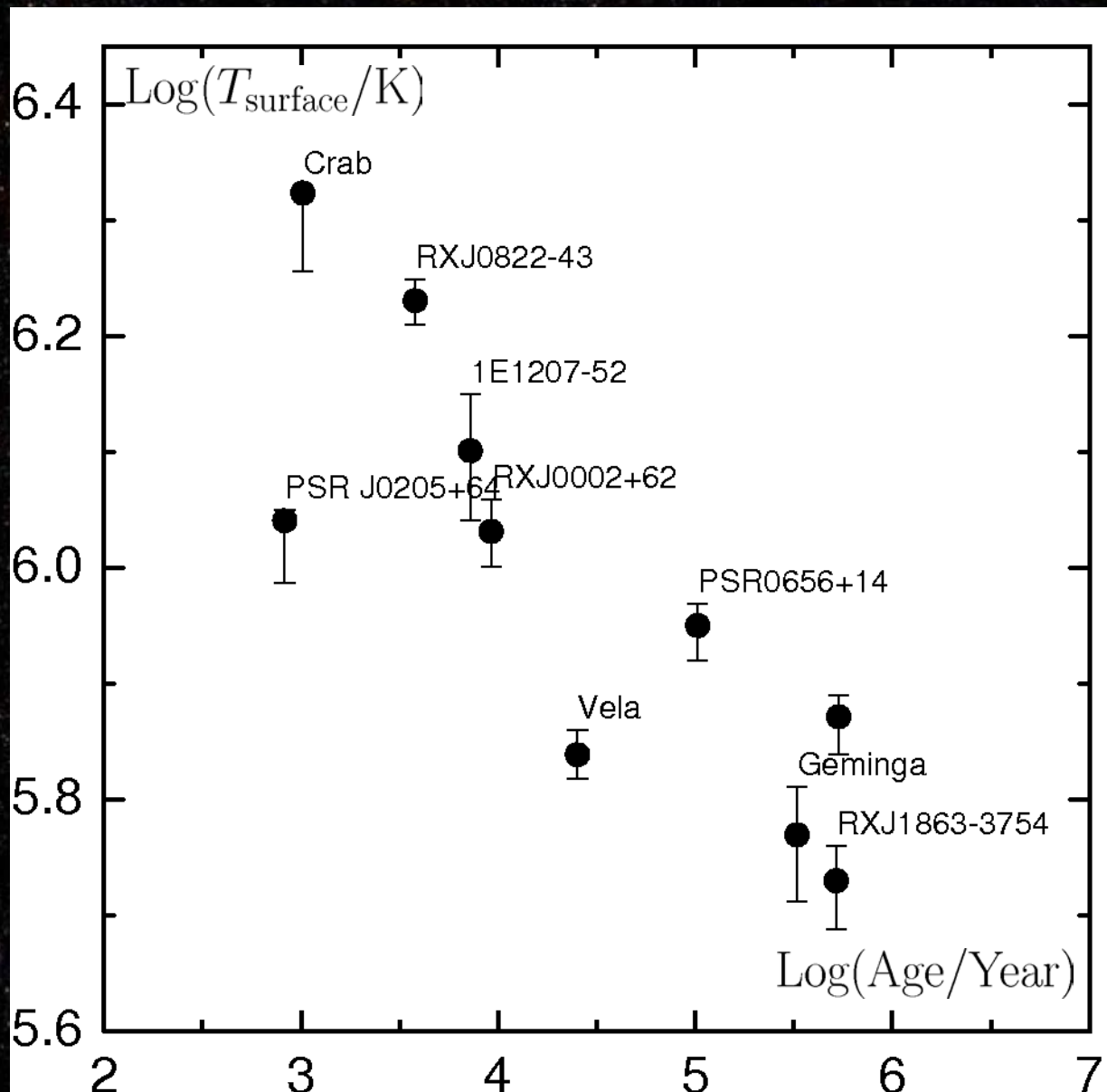
Given:

- **EoS**
- **Cooling scenario**  
*[neutrino production]*

Mass of NS



Cooling curve

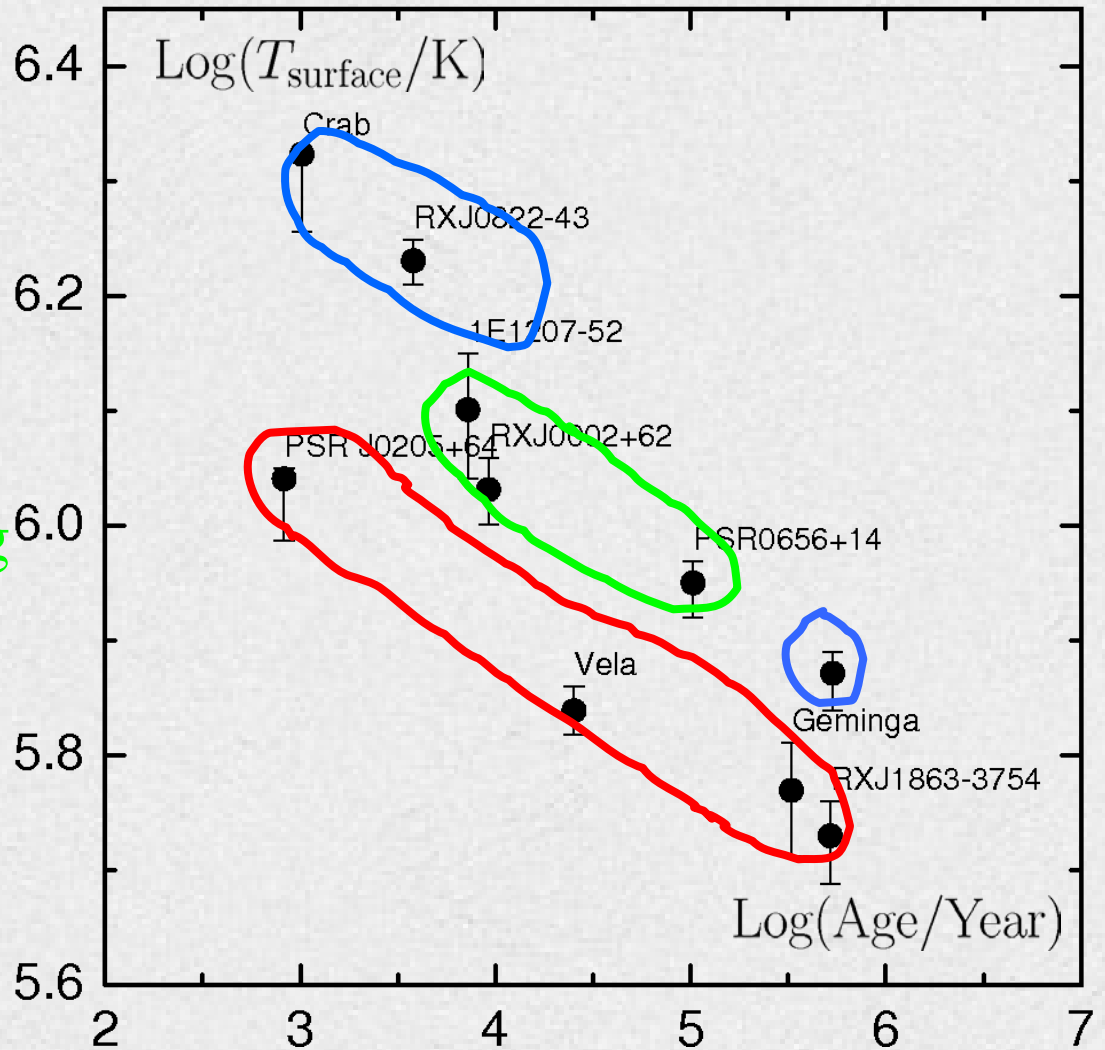


# Neutron star cooling data

3 groups:  
slow cooling

intermediate cooling

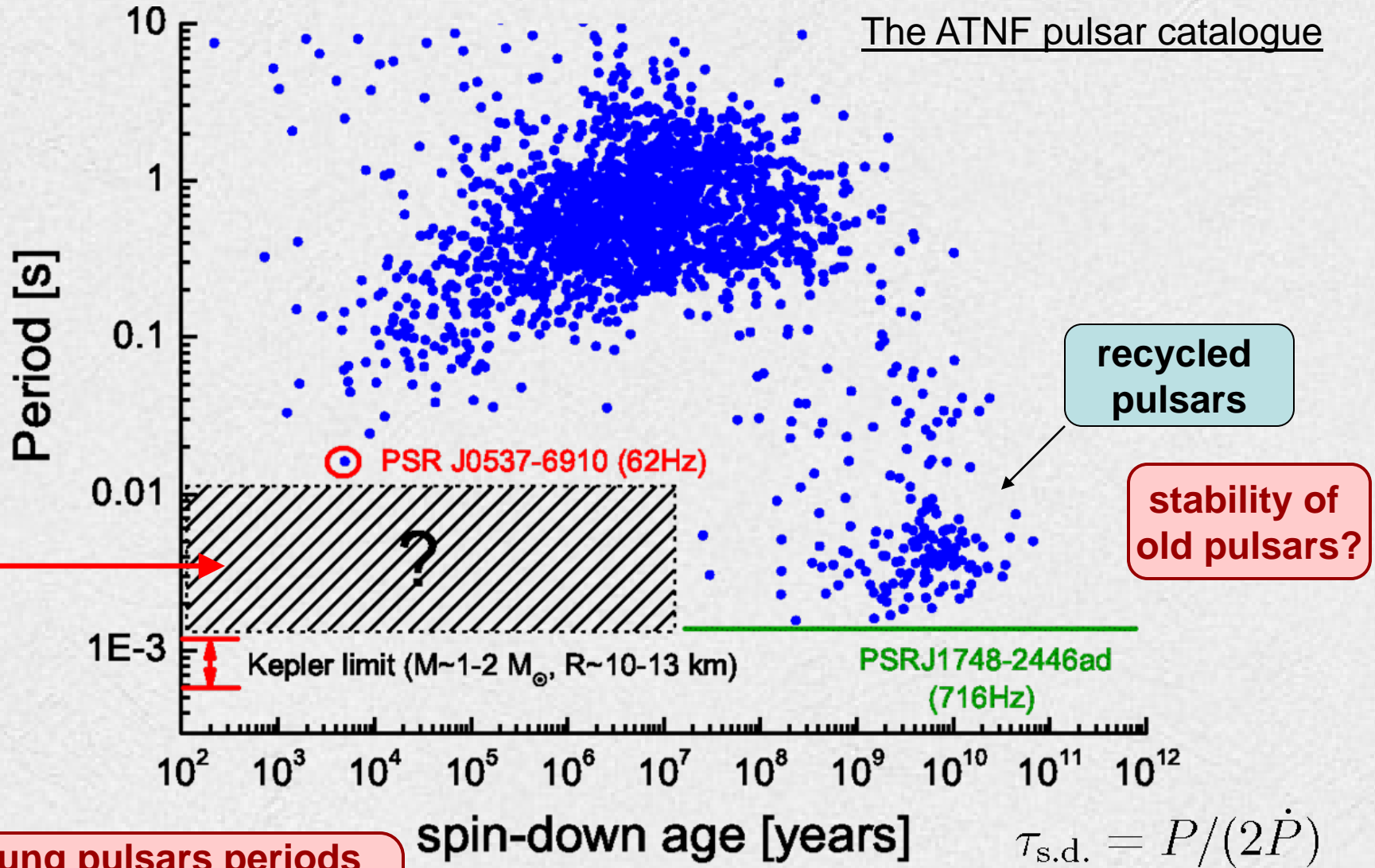
rapid cooling



How to describe all groups within one cooling scenario?

# Age-period diagram for pulsars

The ATNF pulsar catalogue



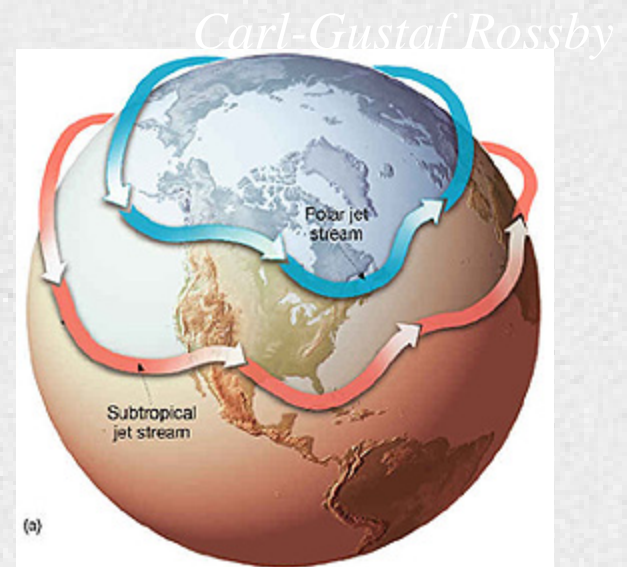
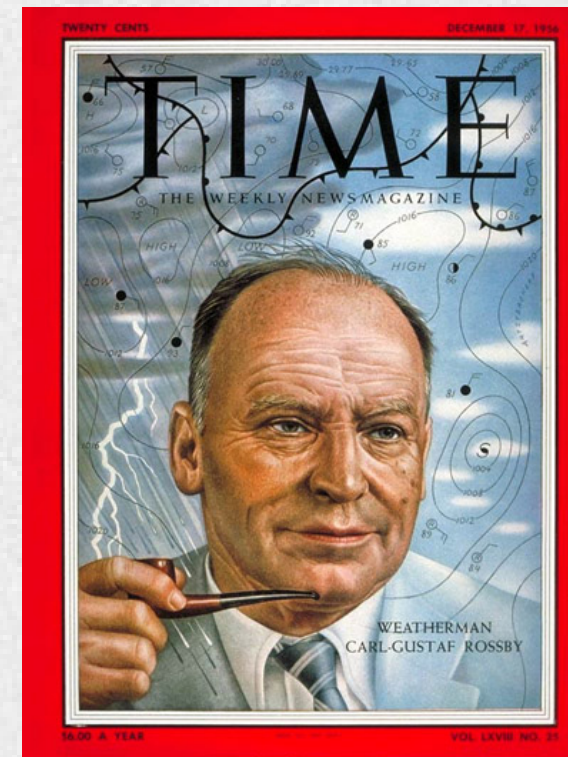
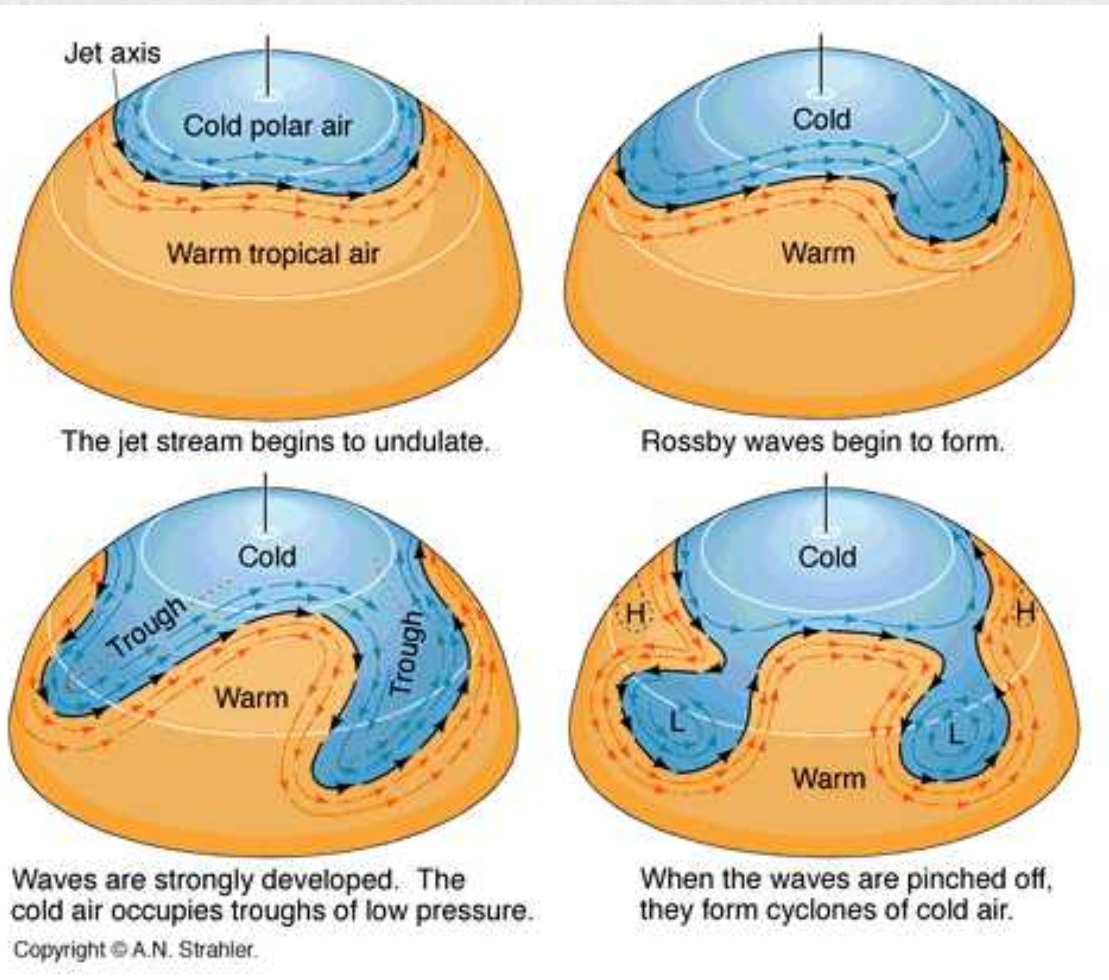
Young pulsars periods are much larger than the Kepler limit.

$$\frac{10\text{km}}{c} = 3 \cdot 10^{-5} \text{ s}$$

$$\nu_K \simeq 1.2 \text{ kHz} (M/M_{\odot})^{1/2} (10\text{km}/R)^{3/2}$$

# Rossby waves on Earth: in oceans and atmosphere

The returning force for these wave is the Coriolis force



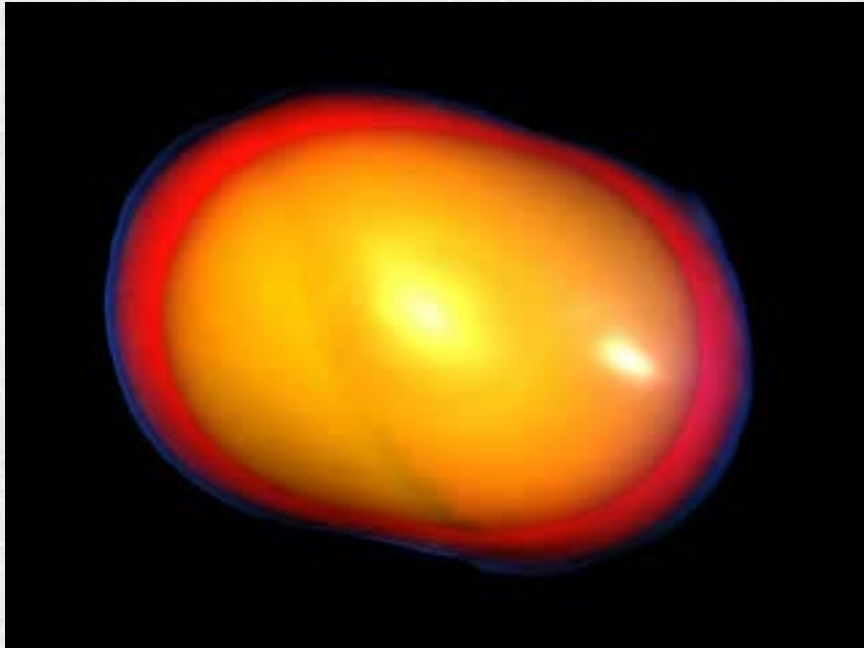


# R-mode instability of rotating neutron star and viscosity

In a **superdense** system like a neutron star the Rossby waves are sources of gravitational radiation.

1998 it was shown by Andersson, Friedman and Morsnik showed that this radiation leads to an increase of the amplitude of the mode.

so there is an **instability**



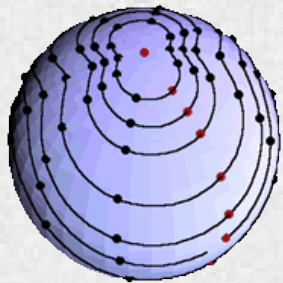
Large R-modes can either destroy the star or the star stop rotating

Viscosity of the dense nuclear matter can damp r-modes and save the rotating star

# R-modes in rotating neutron star

Consider a neutron star with a radius  $R$  rotating with a rotation frequency  $\Omega$

and a **perturbation** in the form  $\delta v(\mathbf{r}, t) = a(t) R \Omega \left(\frac{r}{R}\right)^l \mathbf{r} \times \nabla Y_{ll} e^{i\omega t - t/\tau}$



oscillation amplitude

$\omega = -\Omega \frac{(l-1)(l+2)}{(l+1)}$  oscillation frequency *(dominant modes for  $l=m=2$ )*

for  $a \ll 1$  amplitude changes

$\dot{a}(t) \approx -\frac{a}{\tau}$

[Andersson ApJ 502 (98) 708;  
Friedman, Morsink, ApJ 502 (98) 714]

$\frac{1}{\tau} = -\frac{1}{\tau_G} + \frac{1}{\tau_V}$

viscous damping

gravitational radiation drives r-mode unstable

[Lindblom, Owen, Morsnik, PRL80 (98) 4843]

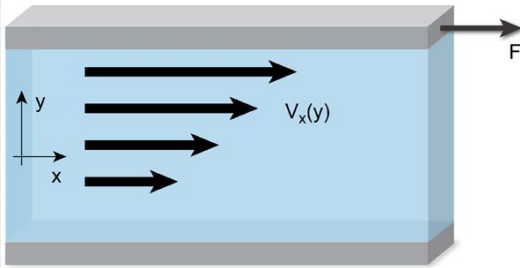
$\frac{1}{\tau_G} = \frac{6.43 \cdot 10^{-2}}{\text{s}} R_6^7 \Omega_4^6 \frac{\rho_c}{\rho_0}$  *If the r-modes are undamped, the star would lose its angular momentum on the time scale of  $\tau_G$ , because of an enhanced emission of gravitation waves.*

# Viscosity

Euler equation:  $\rho \partial_t \mathbf{v}_i + \mathbf{v}_i \text{div} \mathbf{v} = -\nabla_i p + \partial_k \sigma_{ki}$

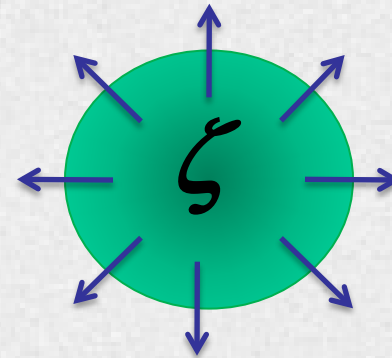
$$\sigma_{ik} = \eta \left( \nabla_k v_i + \nabla_i v_k - \frac{2}{3} \delta_{ik} \text{div} \mathbf{v} \right) + \zeta \delta_{ik} \text{div} \mathbf{v}$$

## shear viscosity



*Dissipation when there is a velocity gradient*

## bulk viscosity



*Dissipation after uniform volume change*

Maxwell (1860) kinetic theory calculations  $\eta \sim \rho v_{\text{rms}} l$

(density) x (velocity spread) x (length)

Units:  $\frac{\text{g}}{\text{cm}^3} \frac{\text{cm}}{\text{s}} \text{cm} = \frac{\text{g}}{\text{cm} \cdot \text{s}} = 1 \text{ Poise} = 0.1 \text{ Pa} \cdot \text{s}$

after Jean Léonard Marie Poiseuille

$$\eta \sim \rho v_{\text{rms}} l$$

## Viscosity estimates

Air at  
norm. cond.

$$\rho \sim 1.2 \cdot 10^{-3} \text{g/cm}^3 \quad l \sim 100 \text{ nm} = 10^{-5} \text{ cm}$$

$$v \sim \sqrt{mT} \sim 500 \text{ m/s} = 5 \cdot 10^4 \text{ cm/s}$$

$$\rightarrow \eta \sim 6 \cdot 10^{-4} \text{ Poise} \quad \text{Exp. } \eta_{\text{Air}} \approx 1.8 \cdot 10^{-4} \text{ Poise}$$

Water:

$$\text{Exp. } \eta_{\text{water}} \approx 1.0 \cdot 10^{-2} \text{ Poise}$$

Honey:

$$\text{Exp. } \eta_{\text{honey}} \sim 140 \text{ Poise}$$

Glass:

$$\text{Exp. } \eta_{\text{glass}} \sim 10^{18} \text{—} 10^{21} \text{ Poise}$$

Nuclear matter: *(naïve estimate)*

$$\rho_0 = n_0 (m_N - \mathcal{E}_{\text{bind}}/c^2) = 0.16 \text{ fm}^{-3} (940 \text{ MeV} - 16 \text{ MeV})/c^2 \simeq 2.6 \cdot 10^{14} \text{ g/cm}^3$$

$$l \sim 1 \text{ fm} = 10^{-13} \text{ cm} \quad v \sim c = 3 \cdot 10^8 \text{ cm/s}$$

$$\rightarrow \eta_{\text{n.m.}} \sim 7 \cdot 10^9 \text{ Poise}$$

## R-modes stability

R-mode is unstable if the time  $\frac{1}{\tau} = -\frac{1}{\tau_G} + \frac{1}{\tau_\eta} + \frac{1}{\tau_\zeta} > 0$

gravitational time scale  $\tau_G^{-1} = \frac{4096}{164025} G \Omega^6 R^7 \langle \rho \rangle_6 \approx \frac{6.43 \cdot 10^{-2}}{\text{s}} R_6^7 \Omega_4^6 \frac{\rho_{\text{cen}}}{\rho_0}$

damping rate due to the shear viscosity

$$\tau_\eta^{-1} = \frac{5}{R^2} \frac{\langle \eta \rangle_4}{\langle \rho \rangle_6} \approx \frac{5.98 \cdot 10^{-5}}{\text{s}} \frac{\langle \eta_{20} \rangle_4}{R_6^2 \rho_{\text{cen}} / \rho_0}$$

damping rate due to the bulk viscosity

$$\begin{aligned} R_6 &= R / 10^6 \text{ cm} \\ \Omega_4 &= \Omega / 10^4 \text{ s} \\ \eta_{20} &= \eta / (10^{20} \frac{\text{g}}{\text{cm s}}) \\ \zeta_{20} &= \zeta / (10^{20} \frac{\text{g}}{\text{cm s}}) \end{aligned} \quad \tau_\zeta^{-1} = \frac{4\pi}{690} \left( \frac{\Omega^2}{\pi G \bar{\rho}} \right)^2 \frac{\langle \zeta (1 + 0.86(r/R)^2) \rangle_8}{R^2 \langle \rho \rangle_6}$$

$$\approx \frac{2.20 \cdot 10^{-7}}{\text{s}} R_6^4 \Omega_4^4 \frac{\langle \zeta_{20} [1 + 0.86(r/R)^2] \rangle_8}{(M/M_\odot)^2 (\rho_{\text{cen}} / \rho_0)}$$

$$\langle \dots \rangle_n = \frac{1}{R^{n+1}} \int_0^R (\dots) r^n dr$$

[Lindblom, Owen, Morsnik PRL 80 (98) 4843

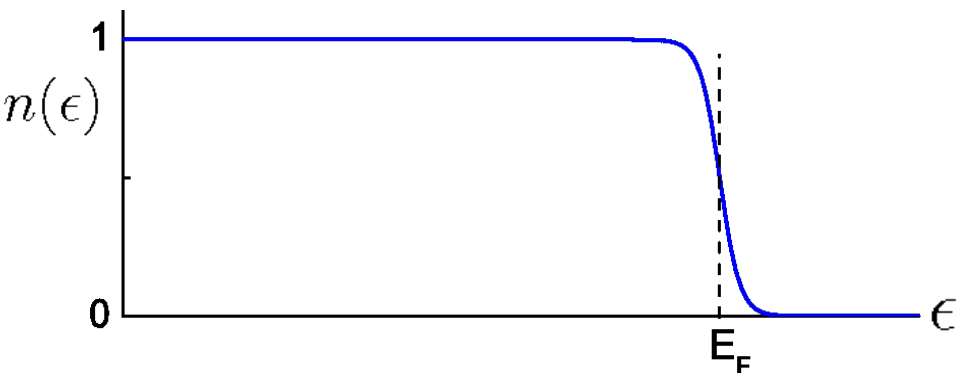
Owen, Lindblom, Cutler, Schutz, Vecchio, Andersen PRD58 (98) 084020]

*profile averages*

# NEUTRINO PRODUCTION PROCESS IN COLD NUCLEAR MATTER

# Cold fermion matter

Fermi distribution function :  $n(\epsilon) = \frac{1}{e^{(\epsilon - E_F)/T} + 1}$        $n(\epsilon) \rightarrow \theta(E_F - \epsilon)$   
 $T \rightarrow 0$



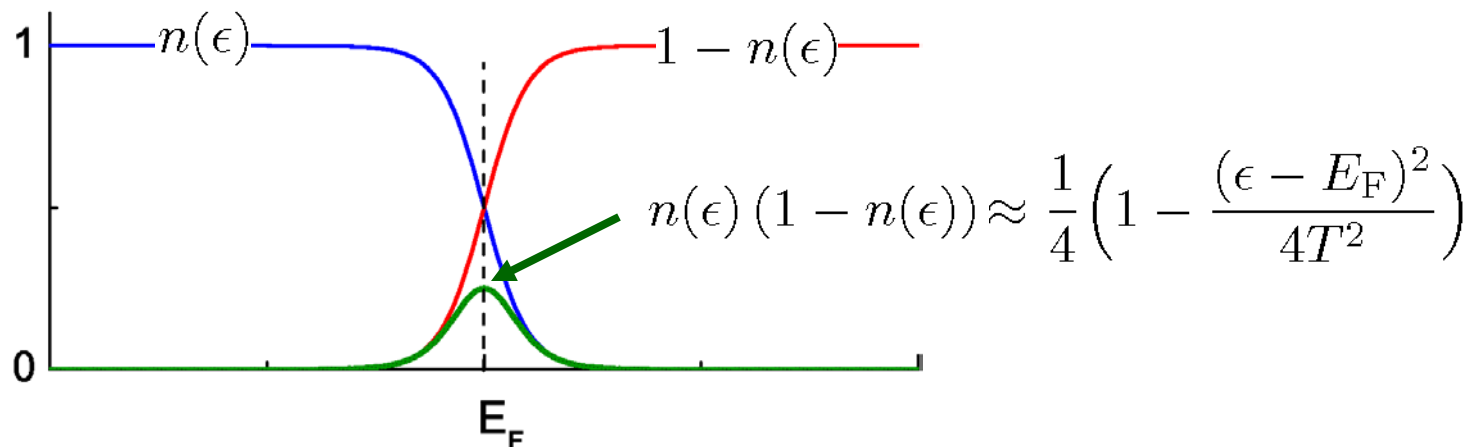
$$p_F = (3\pi^2 n)^{1/3} = 331 \text{ MeV} \left( \frac{n}{n_0} \right)^{1/3}$$

$$E_F = \frac{p_F^2}{2m_N^*} = 58.5 \text{ MeV} \left( \frac{m_N}{m_N^*} \right) \left( \frac{n}{n_0} \right)^{2/3}$$

$$T < T_{\text{opac}} \sim 10^{-1} - 10^0 \text{ MeV} \ll E_F$$

*degenerated fermion system*

in reactions with small energy transfer



# Neutrino emission reactions

$$\underline{T < T_{\text{opac}} \sim 10^{-1} - 10^0 \text{ MeV}}$$

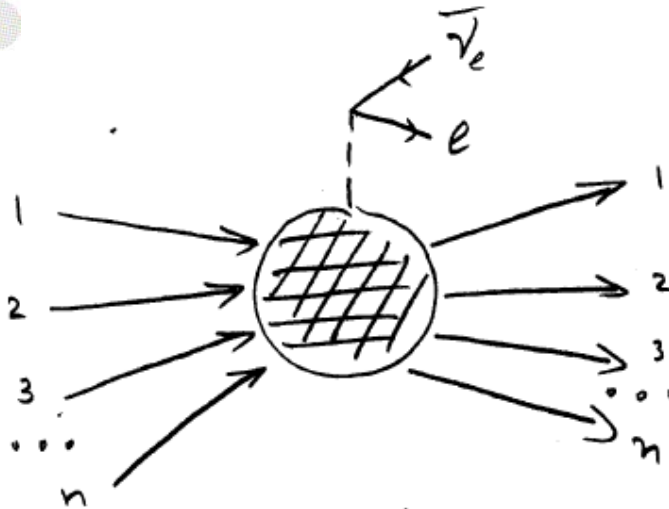
neutron star is transparent for neutrino

$$C_V \frac{dT}{dt} = -L$$

$C_V$  - heat capacity,  $L$  - luminosity

✓  $n$ -nucleon reaction

$$T \ll \epsilon_F$$



$$L = \int dV \sum_{\text{reaction } r} \epsilon_{\nu}^{(r)}$$

emissivity

$$\epsilon_{\nu} \sim T^{2n+4}$$

each leg on a Fermi surface /  $T$

neutrino phase space  $\times$  neutrino energy

$$\omega_{\bar{\nu}} \times \delta(\omega_{\bar{\nu}} - \dots) \omega_{\bar{\nu}}^2 d\omega_{\bar{\nu}} \sim T^3$$



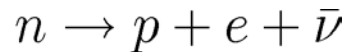
# Direct reactions

**Cooling:** role of crust and interior?

most important are reactions in the interior

(The baryon density is  $n \gtrsim n_0$  where  $n_0$  is the nuclear saturation density)

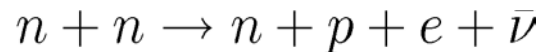
**one-nucleon reactions:**



direct URCA (DU)

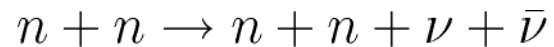
$$\sim T^6$$

**two-nucleon reactions:**



modified URCA (MU)

$$\sim T^8$$



nucleon bremsstrahlung (NB)

# NS cooling in a nutshell

black body radiation

$$L_\gamma = 4\pi R^2 \sigma_{\text{SB}} T_{\text{ext}}^4 = 7.8 \cdot 10^{43} T_{\text{ext},9}^4 \frac{\text{erg}}{\text{s}}$$

external temperature  $T_{\text{ext}}/K \simeq \begin{cases} \alpha T_{\text{int}}/K & T > T_{\text{crust}} \\ 45(T_{\text{int}}/K)^{0.65} & T < T_{\text{crust}} \end{cases}$

star is too hot;  
crust is not formed

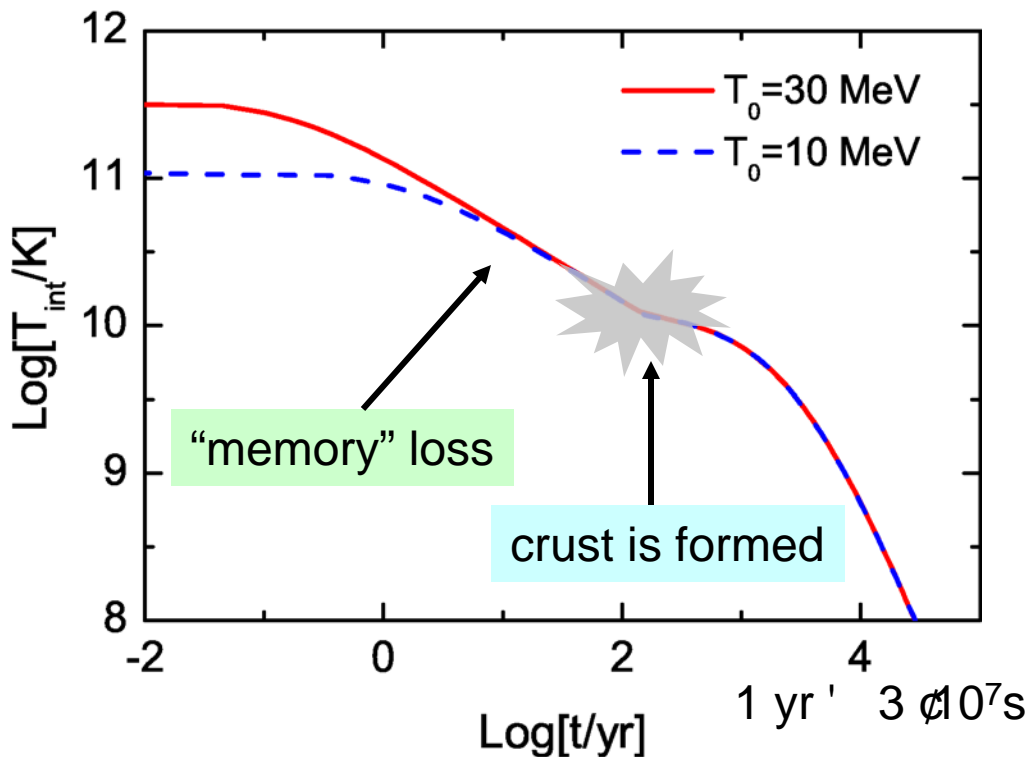
heat transport  
thru envelop

$$C_V = C \cdot T$$

$$C = 10^{30} \frac{\text{erg}}{\text{K}^2} = 10^{48} \frac{\text{erg}}{(10^9 \text{K})^2}$$

$$C \int_{T_0}^{T(t)} \frac{T dT}{L_\gamma(T)} = -t$$

$$T_9 = T/(10^9 \text{K})$$



# NS cooling in a nutshell

volume neutrino radiation  $T < T_{\text{opac}} = 1 \text{ MeV}$

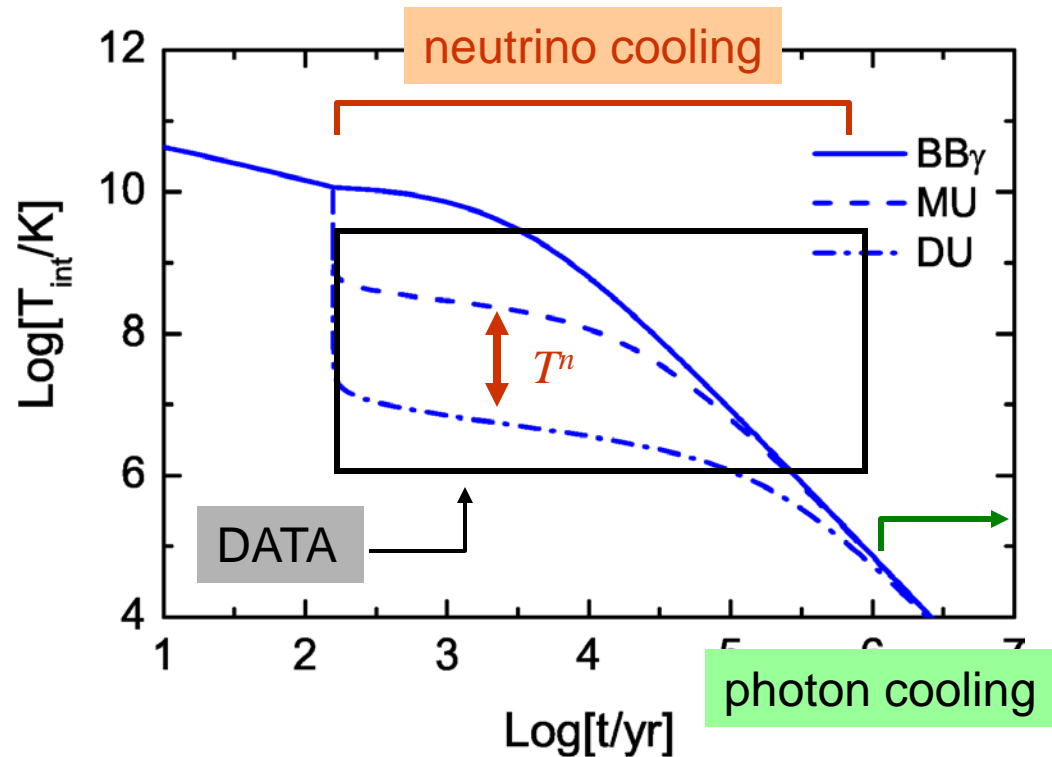
**DU:**  $\epsilon_{\text{DU}} = 10^{27} T_9^6 \frac{\text{erg}}{\text{s cm}^3}$

$L_{\text{DU}} = V \epsilon_{\text{DU}} = 4 \cdot 10^{45} T_9^6 \frac{\text{erg}}{\text{s}}$

**MU:**  $\epsilon_{\text{MU}} = 2 \cdot 10^{21} T_9^8 \frac{\text{erg}}{\text{s cm}^3}$

$L_{\text{MU}} = V \epsilon_{\text{MU}} = 8 \cdot 10^{39} T_9^8 \frac{\text{erg}}{\text{s}}$

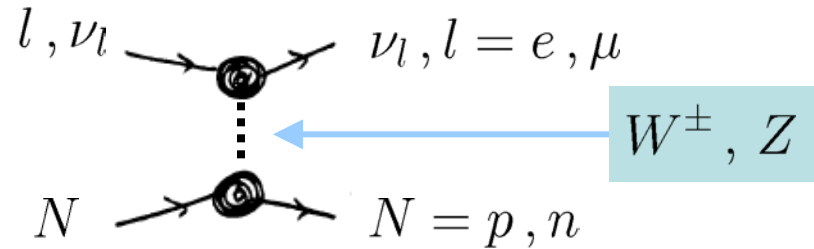
$$\int_{T(t)}^{T_0} \frac{C T dT}{L_\gamma(T) + L_\nu(T) \theta(T_{\text{opac}} - T)} = t$$



$V = \frac{4\pi}{3} R^3 = \frac{4\pi}{3} (10 \text{ km})^3 = 4 \cdot 10^{18} \text{ cm}^3$

# Weak interactions

Low-energy weak interaction of nucleons



effective weak coupling constant

$$L_{\text{weak}} = \frac{G}{\sqrt{2}} j_{\mu} \times l^{\mu}$$

nucleon current

lepton current

$$G_{\text{F}} = 1.436 \cdot 10^{-49} \frac{\text{cm}^5 \cdot \text{g}}{\text{s}^2}$$

$$\frac{G_{\text{F}}}{(\hbar c)^3} = \frac{1.16 \cdot 10^{-5}}{\text{GeV}^2}$$

$$G = G_{\text{F}} \cos \theta_{\text{C}} \quad \text{Cabibbo angle}$$

$$l_{\mu} = \bar{u}(q_1) \gamma_{\mu} (1 - \gamma_5) u(q_2)$$

$$j_{\mu} = V_{\mu} - A_{\mu} = \# (\bar{N} \gamma_{\mu} N) - \# (\bar{N} \gamma_{\mu} \gamma_5 N)$$

$$\sin \theta_{\text{C}} = 0.225$$

# Weak interactions

Weinberg's Lagrangian:

$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{g}{\sqrt{2}} (J_\mu^- W_\mu^+ + J_\mu^+ W_\mu^-) + \frac{g}{\cos \theta_W} (J_\mu^{(3)} - \sin^2 \theta_W J_\mu^{\text{e.m.}}) Z_\mu + g \sin \theta_W J_\mu^{\text{e.m.}} A_\mu$$

lepton current  $l_\mu = \bar{u}(q_1) \gamma_\mu (1 - \gamma_5) u(q_2)$

nucleon current  $\langle N | j_\mu | N \rangle = V_\mu^{NN} - A_\mu^{NN} = g_V (\bar{N} \gamma_\mu N) - g_A (\bar{N} \gamma_\mu \gamma_5 N)$

$$V_\mu^{np} \approx g_V \chi_p^\dagger(p') (1, \mathbf{v}) \chi_n(p)$$

$$V_\mu^{nn} \approx -\frac{g_V}{2} \chi_n^\dagger(p') (1, \mathbf{v}) \chi_n(p)$$

$$V_\mu^{pp} \approx +\frac{g_V}{2} \mathbf{c}_v \chi_p^\dagger(p') (1, \mathbf{v}) \chi_p(p)$$

$$\begin{aligned} A_\mu^{np} &= -2 A_\mu^{pp} = -2 A_\mu^{nn} \\ &\approx g_A \chi_p^\dagger(p') (\boldsymbol{\sigma} \cdot \mathbf{v}, \boldsymbol{\sigma}) \chi_n(p) \end{aligned}$$

$$g_A = 1.26$$

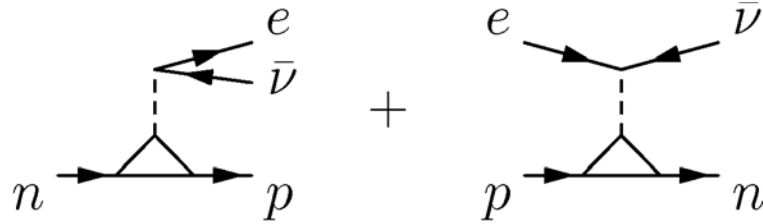
$$g_V = 1 \quad \mathbf{v} = \frac{\mathbf{p} + \mathbf{p}'}{2 m_N}$$

$$\mathbf{c}_v = 1 - 4 \sin^2 \theta_W \simeq \mathbf{0.08}$$

Note 1/2 in neutral channel,  
since Z boson is neutral and W is charged!

# ONE-NUCLEON PROCESS DIRECT URCA

# One-nucleon processes (DU)

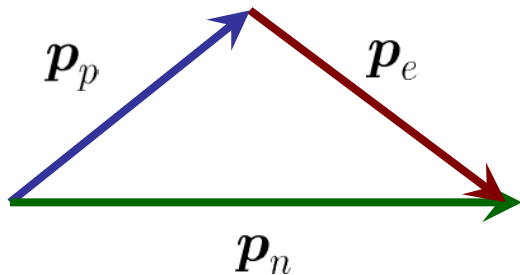


**emissivity:**

$$\epsilon_{\nu}^{\text{DU}} = 2 \int \frac{d^3 p_n}{(2\pi)^3} f_n \int \frac{d^3 p_p}{(2\pi)^3} (1 - f_p) \int \frac{d^3 q_e}{2\omega_e (2\pi)^3} (1 - f_e) \times \int \frac{d^3 q_{\bar{\nu}} \omega_{\bar{\nu}}}{2\omega_{\bar{\nu}} (2\pi)^3} (2\pi)^4 \delta^{(4)}(P_f - P_i) \sum_{\text{spins}} |M|^2$$

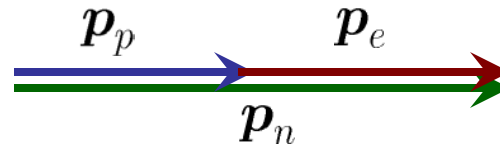
simplifications for  $T \ll \epsilon_{Fn}, \epsilon_{Fp}$   $\omega_{\bar{\nu}} = q_{\bar{\nu}} \sim T$

**triangle inequality**



$$|\mathbf{p}_p| = |\mathbf{p}_e|$$

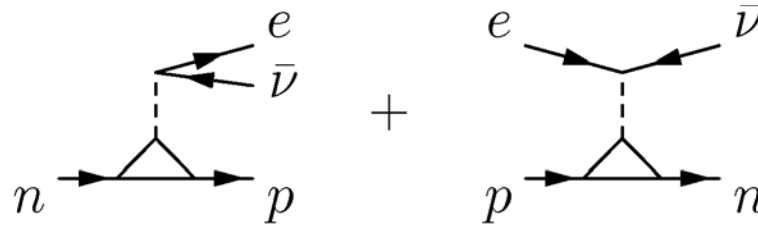
**critical condition**



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$$\epsilon_{\nu}^{\text{DU}} = \frac{457 \pi}{10080} G^2 (1 + 3 g_A^2) m_n m_p p_{F,e} T^6 \Theta(2 p_{Fp} - p_{Fn})$$

# One-nucleon processes (DU)



allowed if  $|p_{F,n} - p_{F,p}| < p_{F,e}$   $\longrightarrow$  proton concentration  $> 11-14\%$

$$\epsilon_{\nu}^{\text{DU}} \simeq 4 \cdot 10^{27} \left( \frac{n_e}{n_0} \right)^{1/3} T_9^6 \Theta(2p_{F,p} - p_{F,n}) \frac{\text{erg}}{\text{cm}^3 \cdot \text{s}}$$

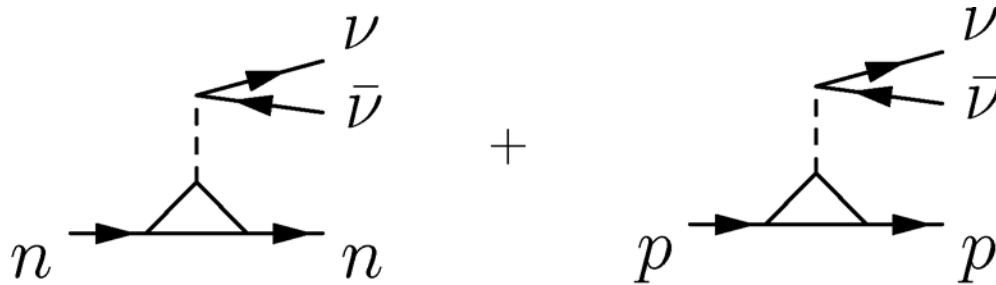
- large prefactor  $\sim 10^{27} - 10^{28}$
  - weak temperature dependence  $T^6$
- ✓ very efficient reaction

**BUT** does not always occur

$$n > n_c^{\text{DU}} \quad (M > M_c^{\text{DU}})$$



# One-nucleon processes on neutral currents



energy-momentum conservation

$$\delta(\mathbf{p}_1 - \mathbf{p}_2 - \mathbf{q}_1 - \mathbf{q}_2) \delta(E_1 - E_2 - \omega_1 - \omega_2)$$

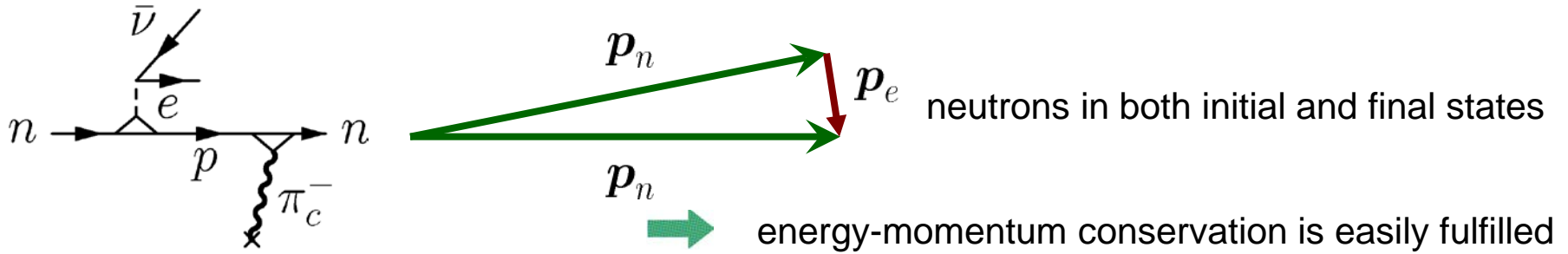
$$\begin{aligned} \rightarrow E_1 = E(p_1) &= \frac{p_1^2}{2m_N} = \frac{(\mathbf{p}_1 - \mathbf{q}_1 - \mathbf{q}_2)^2}{2m_N} + \omega_1 + \omega_2 \\ &\approx \frac{p_1^2}{2m_N} - v_F |\mathbf{q}_1 + \mathbf{q}_2| \cos \theta + |\mathbf{q}_1| + |\mathbf{q}_2| \end{aligned}$$

→ requires  $v_F \geq 1$

**processes on neutral currents are forbidden!**

# Process on $\pi^-$ condensate (PU)

assume  $\mu_e$  reaches  $m_\pi$   $e^- \rightarrow \pi^-$  **Bose condensate of pions**  $k_\mu = (m_\pi, 0)$   
 $n \rightarrow p + \pi^-$



$$\epsilon_{\nu}^{\pi_c^-} = \frac{457 \pi}{5040} G^2 (1 + 3 g_A^2) m_n^2 p_{F,e} a_\pi^2 T^6 \Theta(n - n_c) \quad a_\pi^2 = \frac{\langle |\pi|^2 \rangle}{4 f_\pi^2}$$

condensate amplitude

$$a^2 \sim (0.01-0.1) \quad \rightarrow \quad \epsilon_{\nu}^{\pi_c^-} \sim (0.1-1) \epsilon_{\nu}^{\text{DU}}$$

Migdal's pion condensate  $\mathbf{k}=(\mu_\pi, \mathbf{k}_c)$ :  $\mu_\pi < m_\pi$ ,  $\mathbf{k}_c \gg p_{F,e}$  *p-wave condensate*

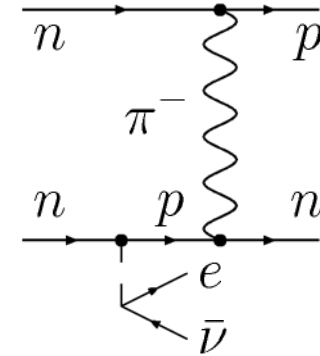
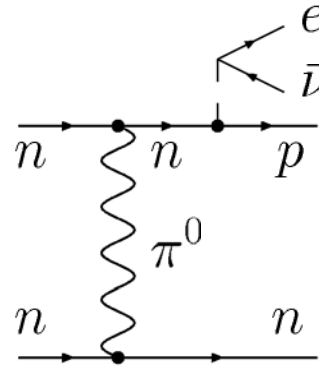
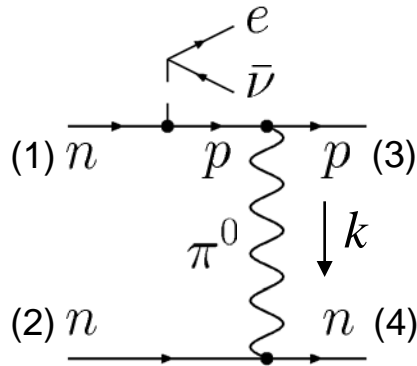
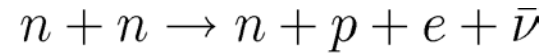
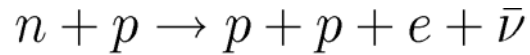
$$\epsilon_{\nu} \sim 10^{26} T_9^6 (n/n_0)^{1/3} \frac{\text{erg}}{\text{cm}^3 \text{ sec}}$$

Kaon condensate processes yield a smaller contribution [ $\propto \sin^2 \theta_C \simeq (0.23)^2$ ]

All "exotic" processes start only when the density exceeds some critical density

# TWO-NUCLEON PROCESSES MODIFIED URCA

# Two-nucleon process (Modified Urca)



Additionally one should take into account exchange reactions (identical nucleons)

✓ no critical density

✓ 5 fermions → suppressed phase-space volume  
(compared to one-nucleon processes)

✓  $T^8$  dependence of the emissivity

(5 fermions →  $\sim T^5$ ,  $\omega_{\bar{\nu}} \delta(\omega_{\bar{\nu}} + \dots) \omega_{\bar{\nu}}^2 d\omega_{\bar{\nu}}$  →  $T^3$ )

# Two-nucleon process (Modified Urca)

**Emissivity:**

$$\epsilon_{\nu}^{\text{MU}} = \prod_{i=1}^4 \int \left[ \frac{d^3 p_i}{(2\pi)^3} \right] f_1 f_2 (1 - f_3) (1 - f_4) \frac{d^3 q_e (1 - f_e)}{2 \omega_e (2\pi)^3} \\ \times \frac{d^3 q_{\bar{\nu}}}{2 \omega_{\bar{\nu}} (2\pi)^3} \omega_{\bar{\nu}} (2\pi)^4 \delta^{(4)}(P_f - P_i) \frac{1}{s} \sum_{\text{spins}} |M|^2,$$

$s=2$  is symmetry factor. Reactions with the electron in an initial state yield extra factor 2.

Finally

$$\epsilon_{\nu}^{\text{MU}} = \frac{11513}{60480 \pi} G^2 g_A^2 f_{\pi NN}^4 m_n^3 m_p p_{F,e} T^8 1.3 \simeq 8 \cdot 10^{21} (n_p/n_0)^{1/3} T_9^8 \times \frac{\text{erg}}{\text{cm}^3 \cdot \text{s}}$$

↑  
due to exchange reactions

**Coherence:** only axial-vector term contributes (!)  
whereas for PU processes both vector and axial-vector terms contribute

# Standard scenario. DU scenario

standard scenario (MU)

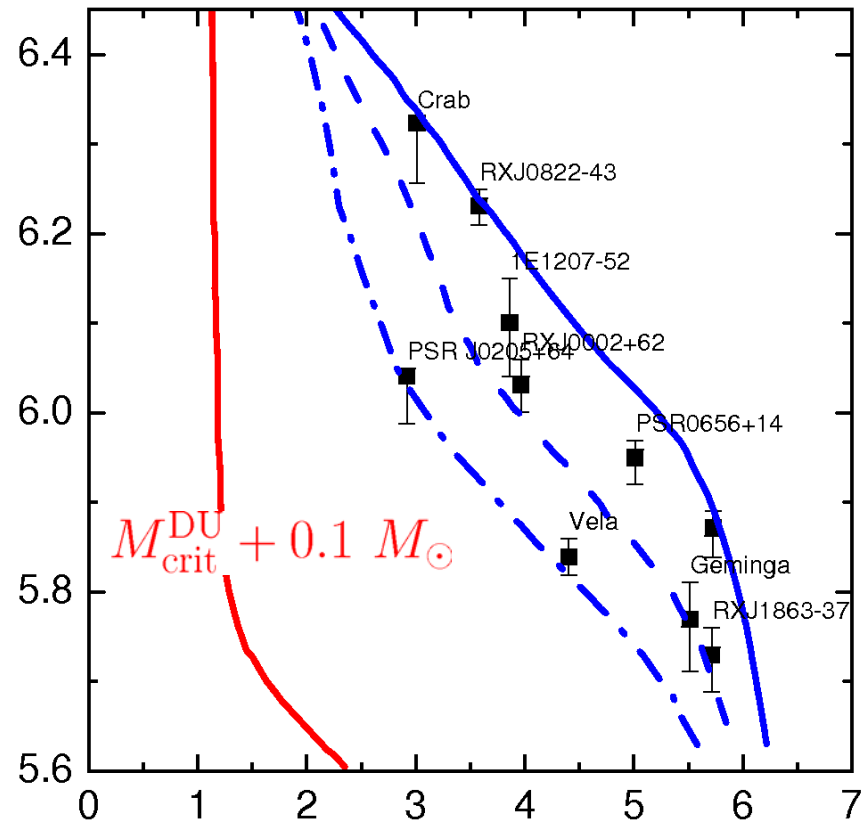
only part of the data can be described

Direct-Urca scenario

NS masses close to  $M_{\text{crit}}^{\text{DU}}$

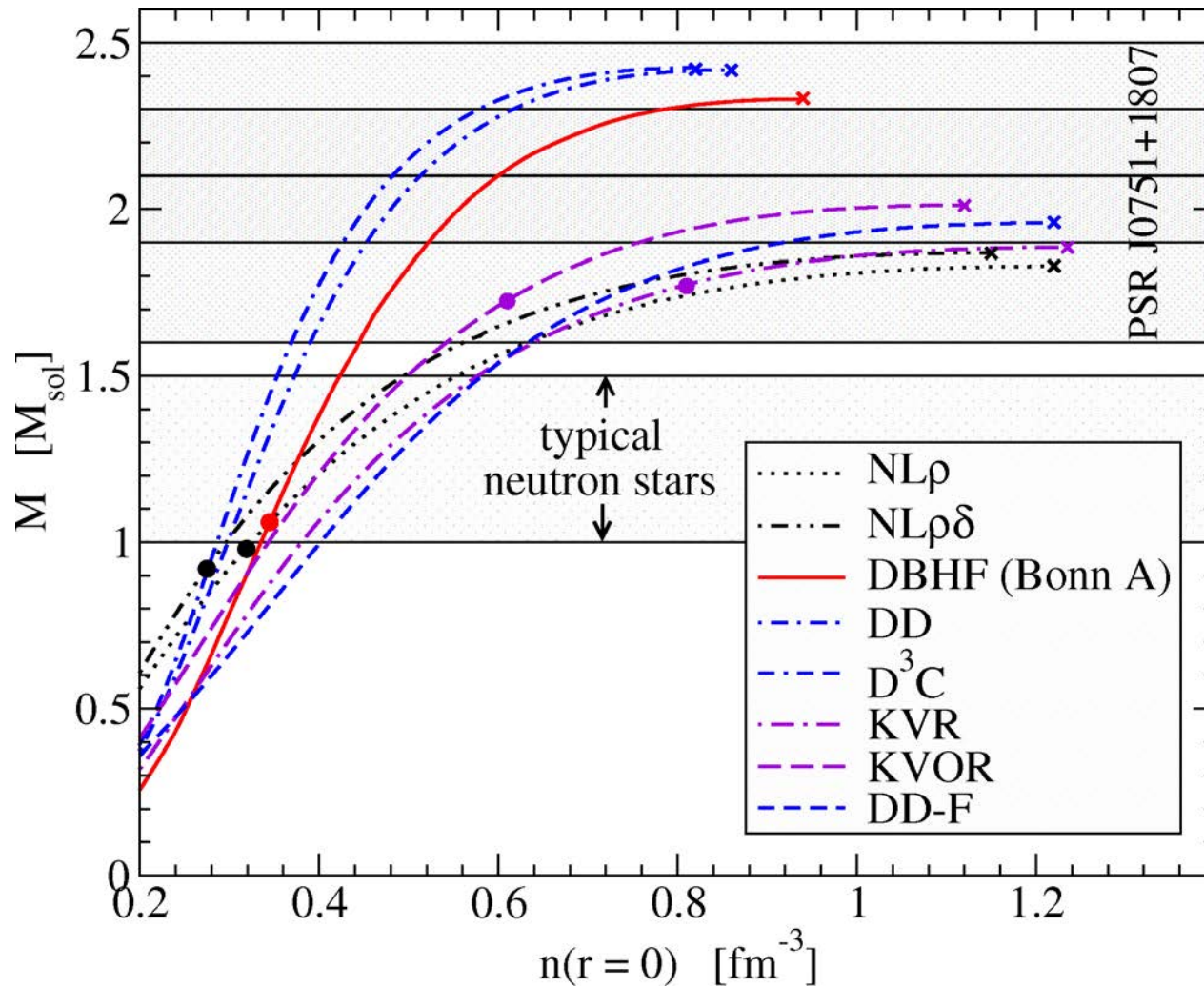
Neutron stars with  $M > M_{\text{crit}}^{\text{DU}}$   
will be **too cold**

**But masses of NS**  
**are not close to each others**



[Blaschke, Grigorian, Voskresensky A&A 424 (2004) 979]

# DU thresholds



# SUPERFLUID MATTER



# Pairing in nuclei

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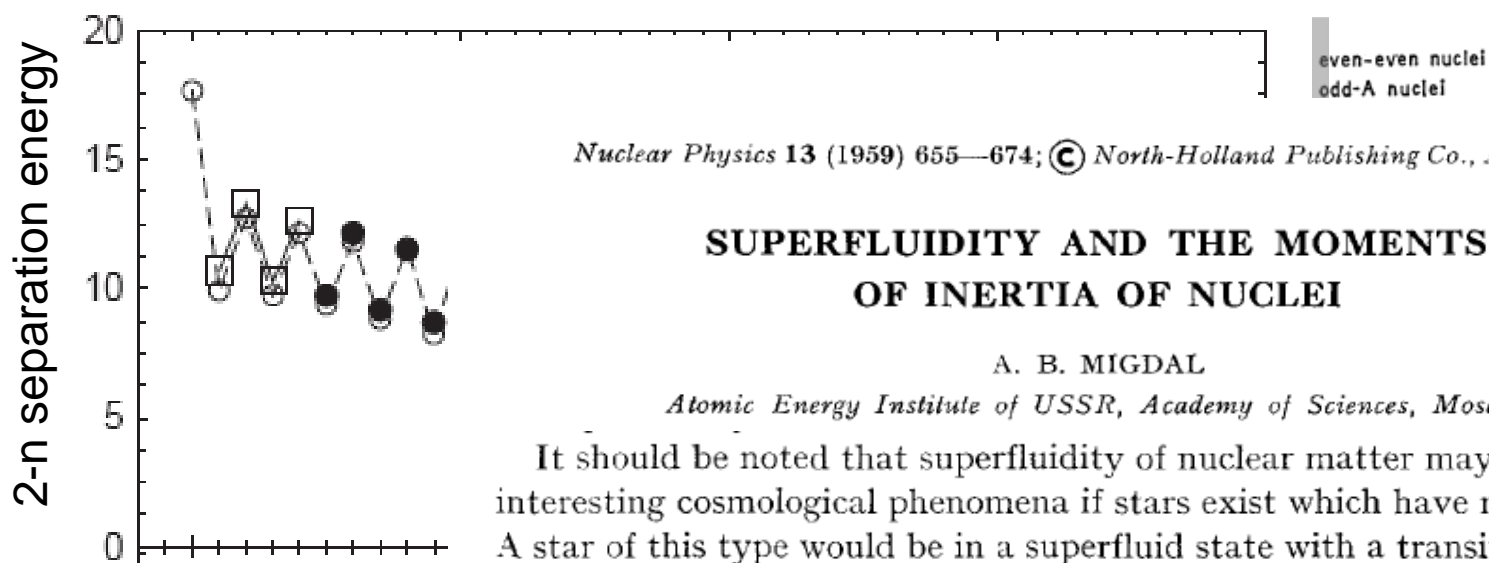
## Possible Analogy between the Excitation Spectra of Nuclei and Those of the Superconducting Metallic State

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## SUPERFLUIDITY AND THE MOMENTS OF INERTIA OF NUCLEI

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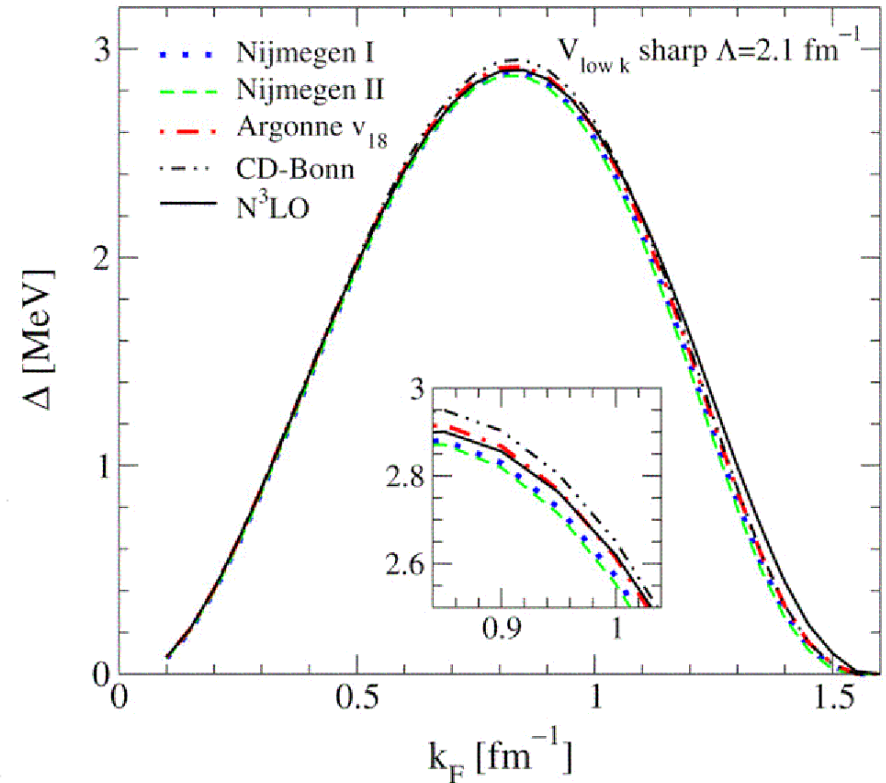
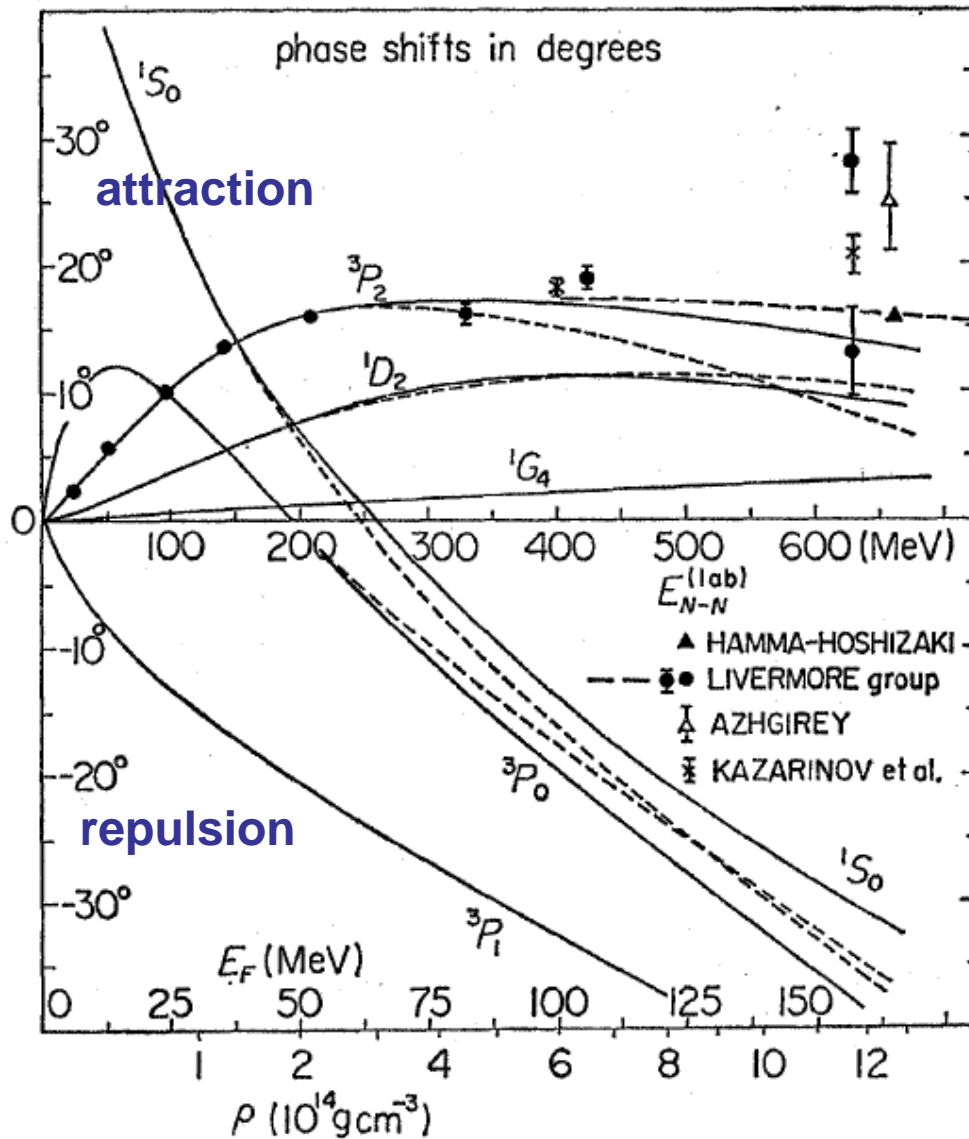
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It should be noted that superfluidity of nuclear matter may lead to some interesting cosmological phenomena if stars exist which have neutron cores. A star of this type would be in a superfluid state with a transition temperature corresponding to 1 MeV.

# Pairing gaps in nuclear matter

✓ nucleon-nucleon interaction

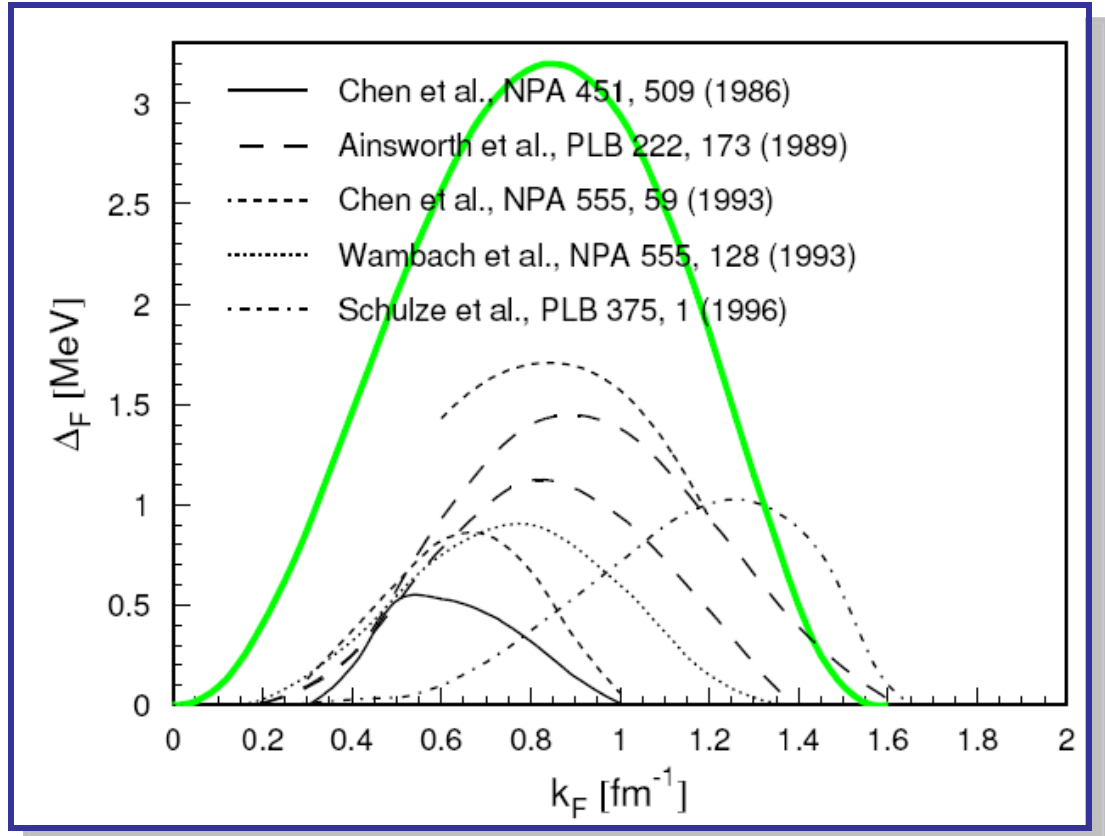
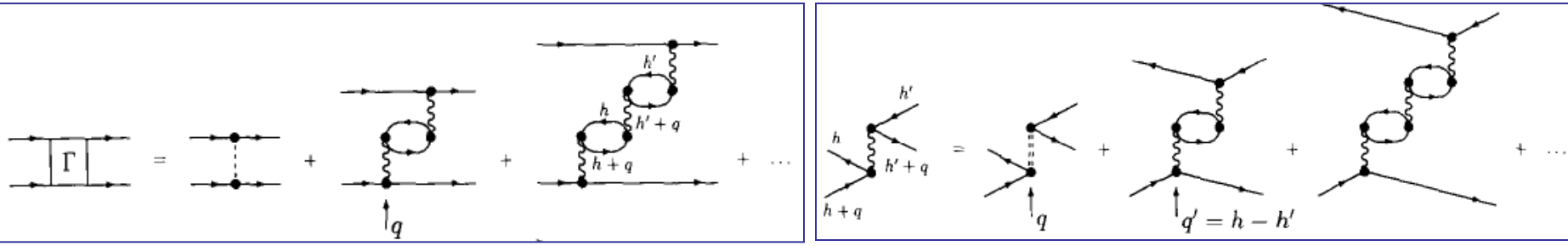
✓  $1S_0$  pairing gaps



Hebeler, Schwenk, and Friman,  
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✓ medium polarization effects on superfluidity

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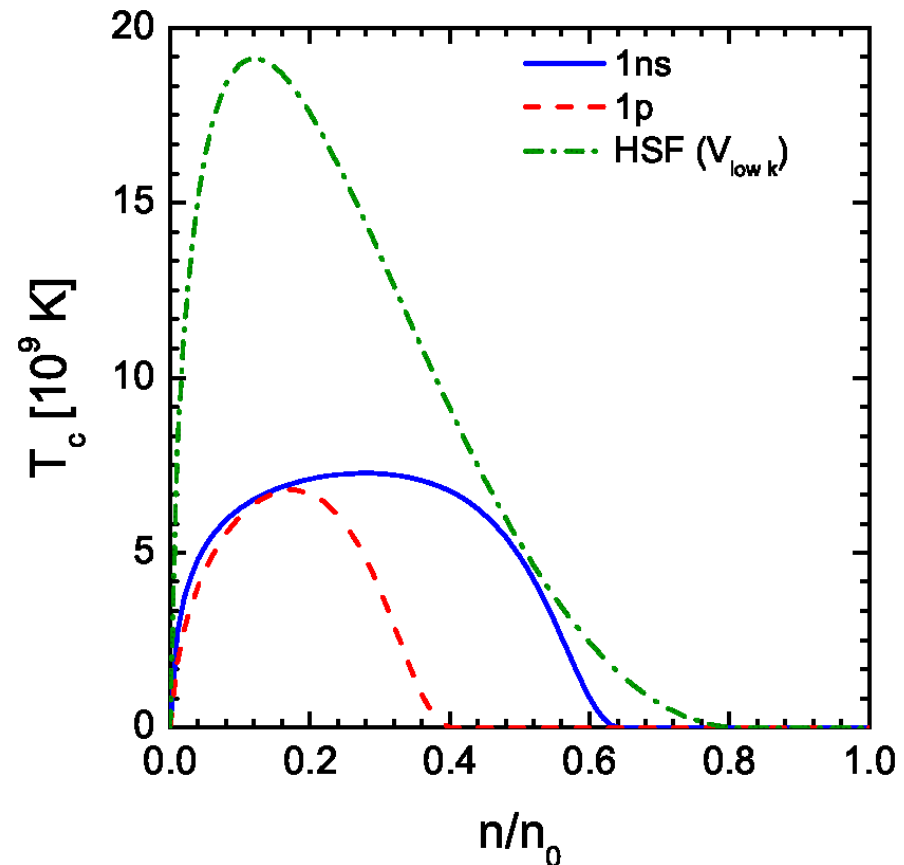
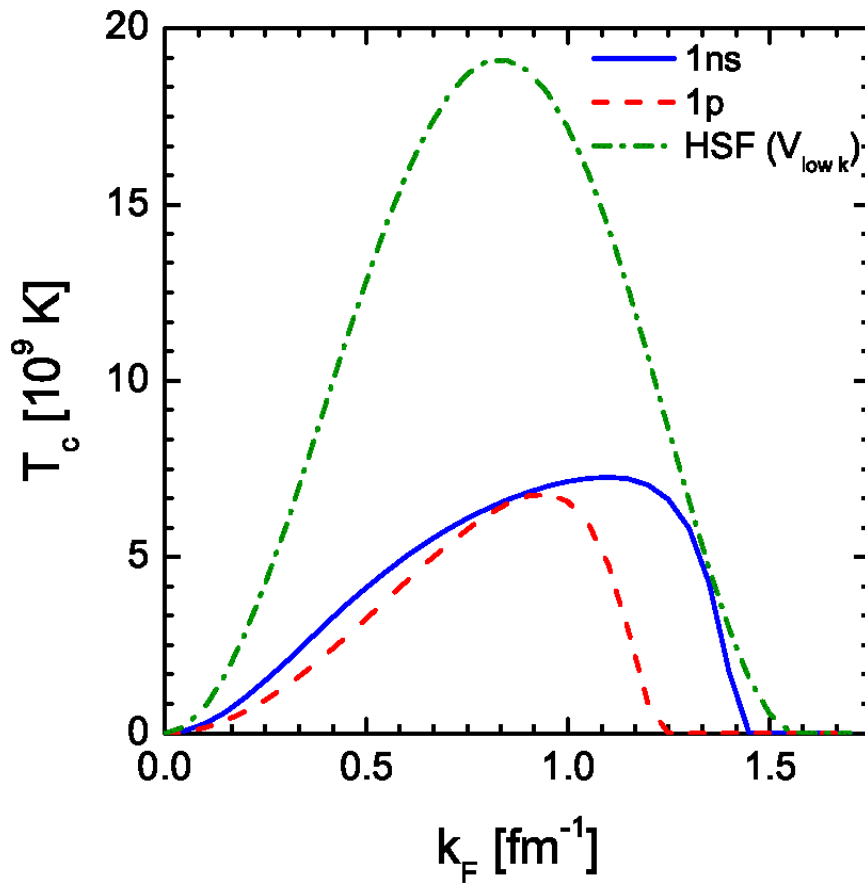
$$T_c(k_F) = T_0 \frac{(k_F - k_0)^2}{(k_F - k_0)^2 + k_1^2} \frac{(k_F - k_2)^2}{(k_F - k_2)^2 + k_3^2}$$

[Kaminker, Yakovlev, Gnedin,  
A&A 383 (2002) 1076]

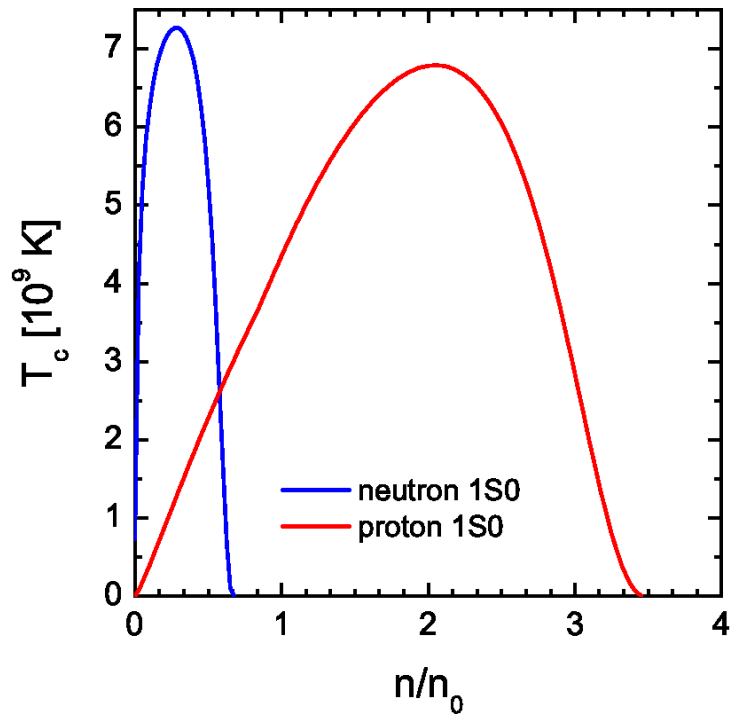
1ns for neutrons  $T_0 = 10.2 \cdot 10^9 \text{K}$   $k_0 = 0$ ,  $k_1 = 0.6$ ,  $k_2 = 1.45$ ,  $k_3 = 0.1$  [in  $\text{fm}^{-1}$ ]

1p for protons  $T_0 = 20.29 \cdot 10^9 \text{K}$   $k_0 = 0$ ,  $k_1 = 1.117$ ,  $k_2 = 1.241$ ,  $k_3 = 0.1473$  [in  $\text{fm}^{-1}$ ]

HSF  $T_0 = 98.81 \cdot 10^9 \text{K}$   $k_0 = 0$ ,  $k_1 = 1.069$ ,  $k_2 = 1.571$ ,  $k_3 = 0.830$  [in  $\text{fm}^{-1}$ ]



✓  $T_c$  in the neutron star matter

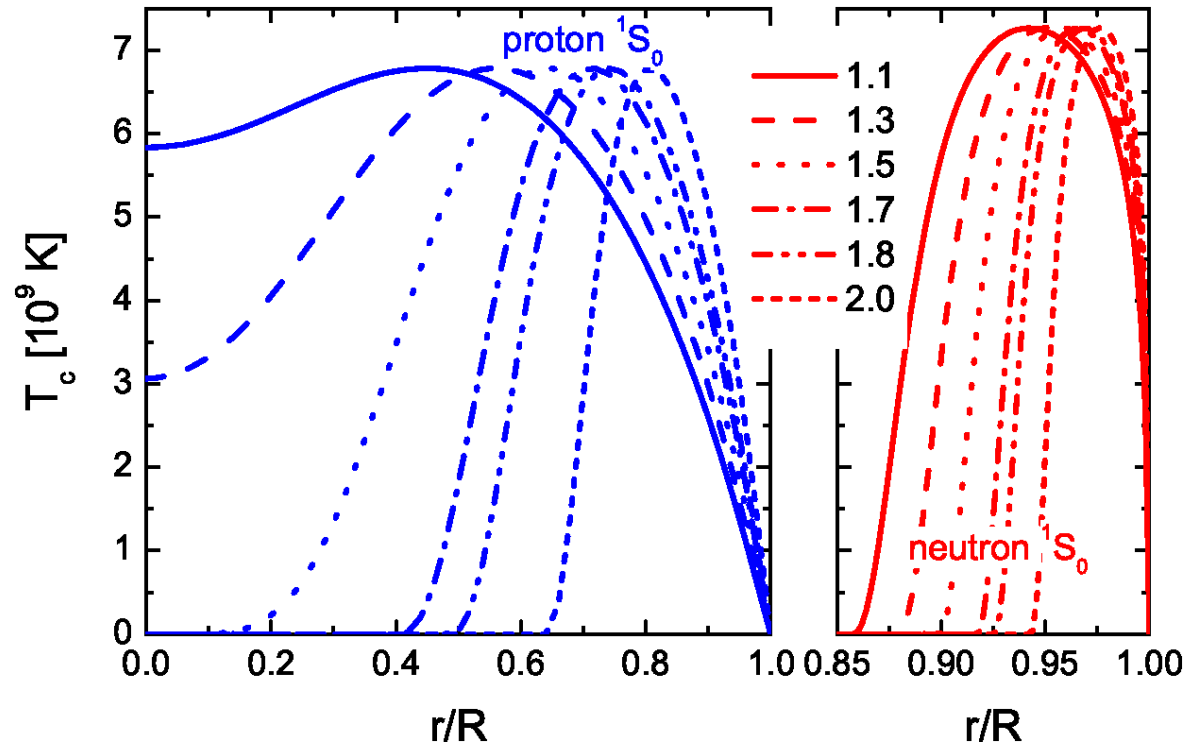


for HDD EoS from  
[Blaschke, Grigorian, Voskresnesky PRC 88, 065805(2013)]

For the s-wave pairing

$$T_c = 0.5669 \Delta(T=0)$$

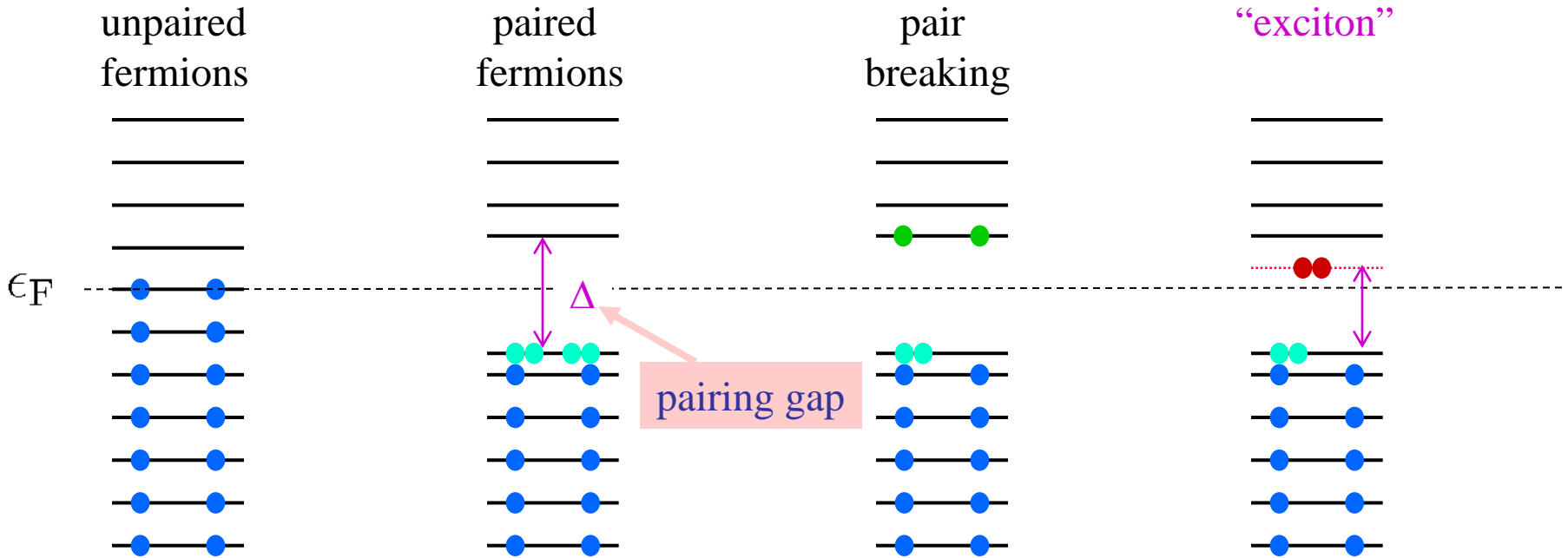
$$\Delta(T=0) = 1.764 T_c$$



# Fermi system with pairing

Ground state

Excited state



• quasiparticle spectrum

$$\xi_p = \frac{p^2}{2m^*} - \epsilon_F$$

$$\simeq v_F (p - p_F)$$

$$E_p = \pm \sqrt{\xi_p^2 + \Delta^2}$$

• excitation spectrum

$$\epsilon > 2\Delta$$

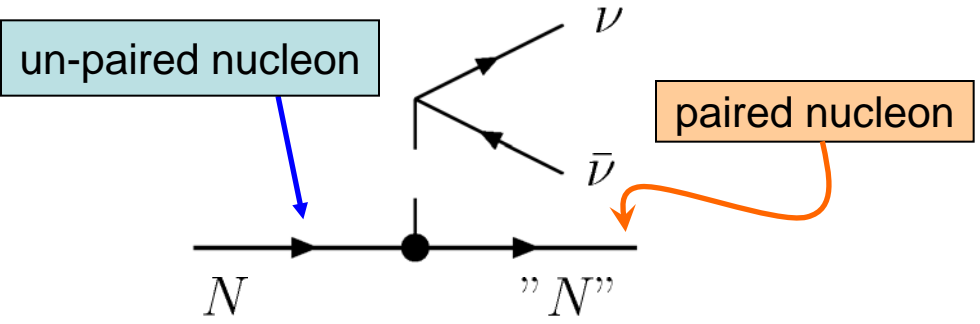
$$\epsilon \sim \omega_c < 2\Delta$$



# Breaking and Formation of Cooper pairs (PBF)

In superfluid ( $T < T_c < 0.1-1$  MeV) all two-nucleon processes are suppressed by factor  $\exp(-2\Delta/T)$

new “quasi”-one-nucleon-like processes (one-nucleon phase space volume) become permitted



[Flowers, Ruderman, Sutherland, AJ 205 (1976), Voskresensky & Senatorov, Sov. J. Nucl. Phys. 45 (1987) ]

$$\epsilon_\nu \sim 10^{29} \left[ \frac{\Delta_{nn}}{\text{MeV}} \right]^7 \left[ \frac{T}{\Delta_{nn}} \right]^{1/2} (n/n_0)^{1/3} e^{-2\Delta_{nn}/T}, \quad \frac{\text{erg}}{\text{cm}^3 \text{ sec}}$$

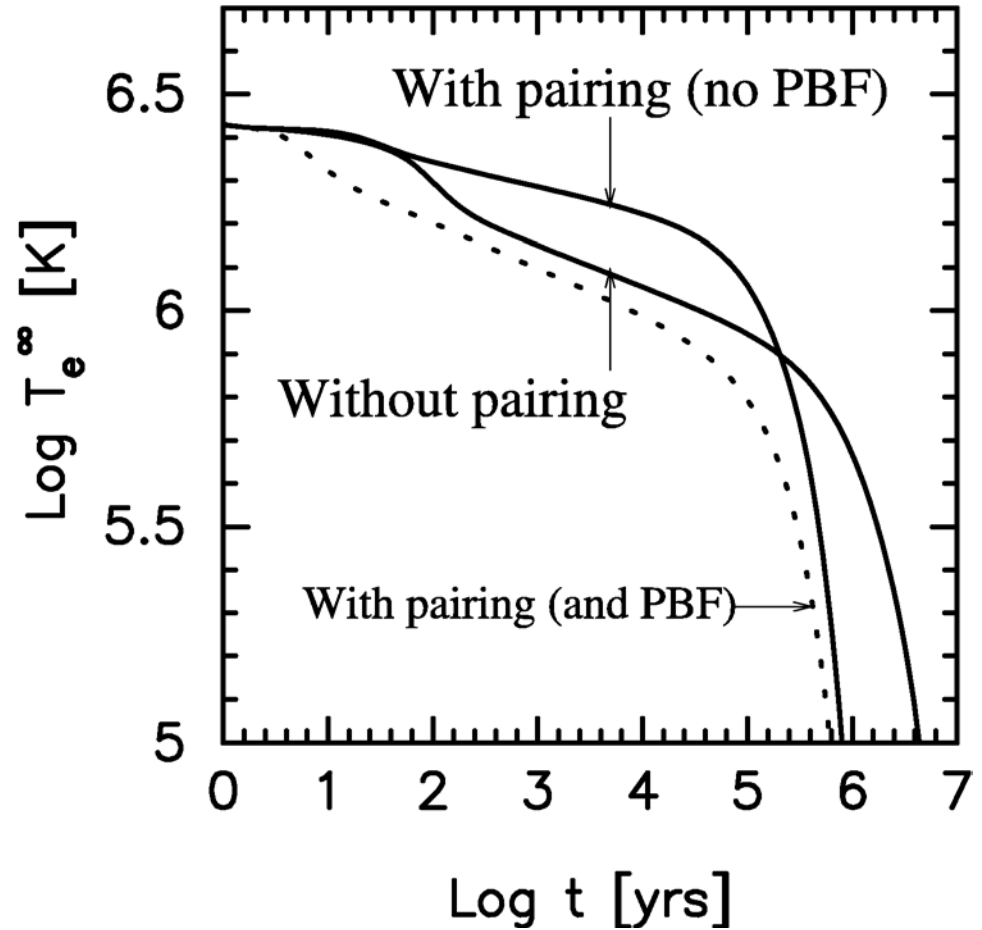
$\Delta_{nn}$  is neutron gap [ Voskresensky, Senatorov, Sov. J. Nucl. Phys. 45 (1987); Senatorov, Voskresensky, Phys. Lett. B184 (1987); Voskresensky astro-ph/0101514 ]

**not**  $\epsilon_\nu \sim 10^{20} T_9^7 \xi_{nn}^2$  as in Flowers et al. (1976)

Naively one expect the emissivity of  $p \rightarrow p \bar{\nu} \nu$  to be suppressed by extra  $c_V^2 \sim 0.006$  factor.

# Effects of pairing on the neutron star cooling

- ✓ enhanced cooling
- ✓ mass dependence



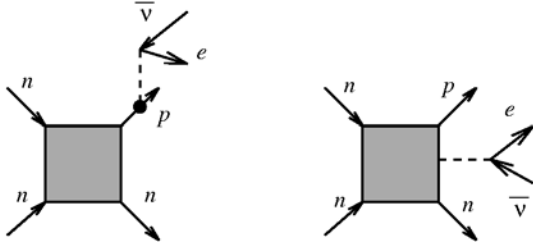
pair breaking and formation (PBF) processes are important!



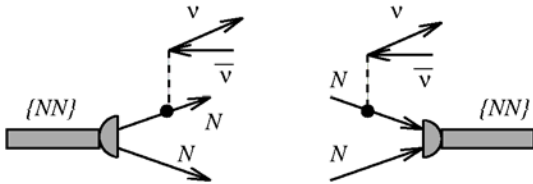
# Neutrino emission reactions

standard

$$T < T_{\text{opac}} \sim 10^{-1} - 10^0 \text{ MeV}$$

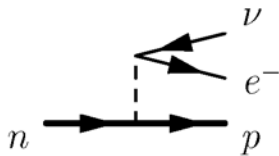


$$10^{22} \times \left(\frac{m_N^*}{m_N}\right)^4 T_9^8 \left(\frac{n_e}{n_0}\right)^{\frac{1}{3}} \frac{\text{erg}}{\text{cm}^3 \text{ s}} \times e^{-2\Delta/T}$$



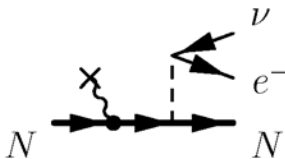
$$10^{29} \times \left(\frac{m_N^*}{m_N}\right) \left(\frac{\Delta}{\text{MeV}}\right)^7 \left(\frac{T}{\Delta}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}} e^{-2\Delta/T} \frac{\text{erg}}{\text{cm}^3 \text{ s}}$$

exotic



$$10^{27} \times \left(\frac{m_N^*}{m_N}\right)^2 T_9^6 \left(\frac{n_e}{n_0}\right)^{\frac{1}{3}} \frac{\text{erg}}{\text{cm}^3 \text{ s}} \times e^{-\Delta/T}$$

allowed if  $|p_{F,n} - p_{F,p}| < p_{F,e}$



$$7 \cdot 10^{26} \times \left(\frac{m_N^*}{m_N}\right)^2 T_9^6 \frac{|\varphi_c|^2}{m_\pi^2} \frac{\text{erg}}{\text{cm}^3 \text{ s}} \times e^{-\Delta/T}$$