

Radiation from neutron stars with internal variable heating

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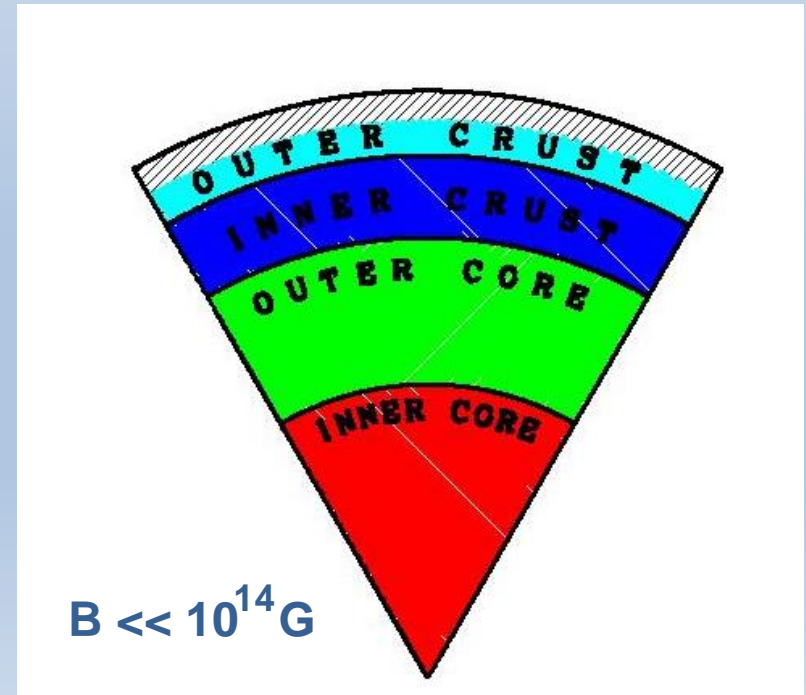
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Heating and cooling of neutron stars

Oversimplified equation of thermal diffusion with account of neutrino emissivity Q_ν and heating power per unit volume H :

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

- a) The thermal balance equation (GR)
- (b) The heat transport equation (GR)

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

Heat blanketing envelope

Including Q_ν :

$$T_s = T_s(T_b)$$

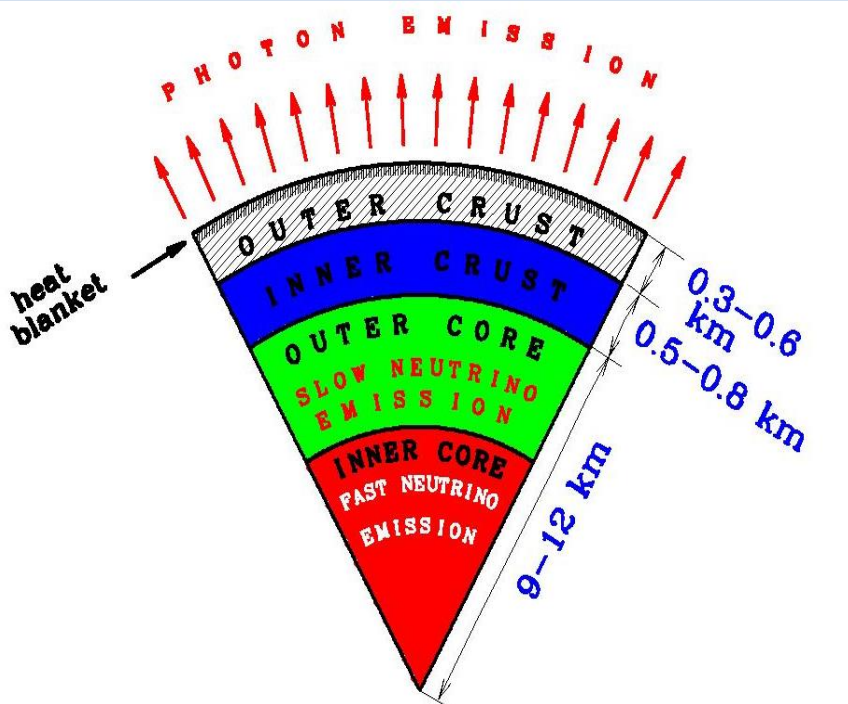
$\rho_b = 10^{10} \text{ g cm}^{-3}$; thickness $\sim 100 \text{ m}$;
mass of the envelope $< 10^{-6} M_{\text{Sun}}$

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

1D code: $L_\gamma(r) = 4\pi r^2 F_\gamma(r, t),$

$T(r, t)$

$\tilde{T}(\rho) = T(\rho) \exp(\Phi)$ – redshifted T



Equation of state and model parameters

Analytical parametrizations of the family **BSk** EOSs: Potekhin et al. (2013)

We use **one** representative of the **BSk** – family: **BSk 21**
by Goriely et al. (2010), Chamel et al. (2010), Pearson et al. (2011, 2012)

with maximum NS mass: $M_{\max} = 2.28 M_{\text{Sun}}$

$M = 1.40 M_{\odot}$	$R = 12.60 \text{ km}$	$\rho_b = 10^9 \text{ g cm}^{-3}$	- standard cooling
$M = 1.85 M_{\odot}$	$R = 12.25 \text{ km}$	$\rho_b = 10^{10} \text{ g cm}^{-3}$	- fast cooling: direct URCA

Stationary heaters

Initially NS cools down up to the moment when a const. heating is switched on

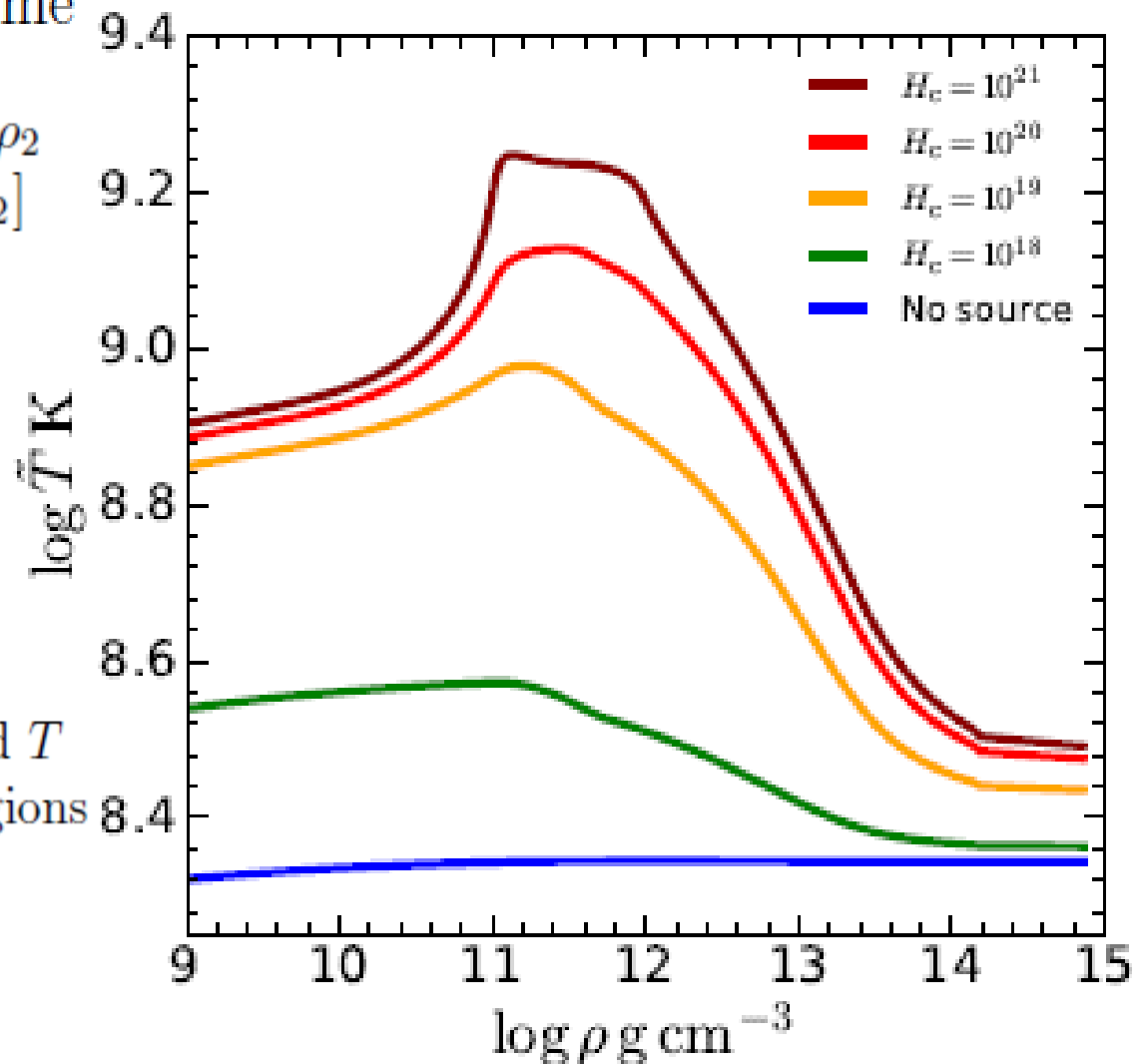
At the first stage -- constant heat power H_c (erg cm⁻³ s⁻¹)

$t_c = t_1$; t_c -- cooling time

$$Q_{hc} = \begin{cases} H_c, & \text{if } \rho_1 \leq \rho \leq \rho_2 \\ 0, & \text{if } \rho \notin [\rho_1, \rho_2] \end{cases}$$

$$\rho_1 = 10^{11} \text{ g cm}^{-3}$$

$$\rho_2 = 10^{12} \text{ g cm}^{-3}$$



$\tilde{T}(\rho) = T(\rho) \exp(\Phi)$ -- redshifted T

$\tilde{T}(\rho) = \text{const}_\rho$ in isothermal regions

Quasi-stationary state:

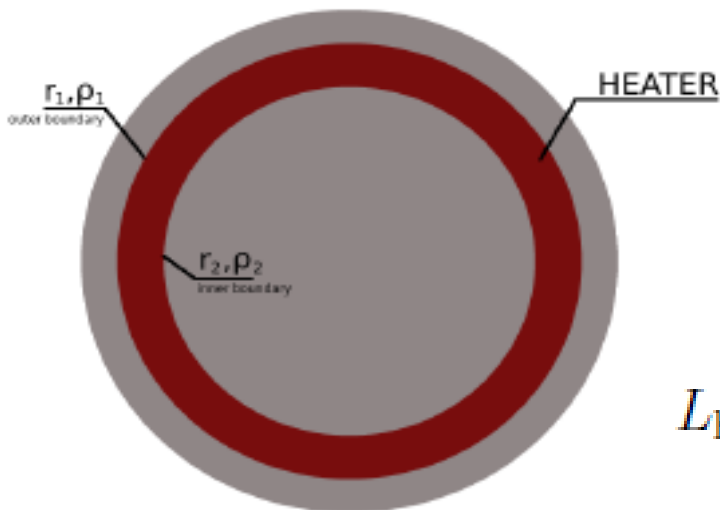
$$\frac{\partial \tilde{T}}{\partial t} = 0$$

Variable heaters: basic positions

At the second stage – variable heat power $Q_h(\rho, t)$ (erg cm⁻³ s⁻¹)

$t_c = t_2$; $t_2 > t_1$; t_c – cooling time;

$$Q_h(\rho, t) = \begin{cases} H_c + (H_0 - H_c) \sin^2 \left(\frac{\pi t}{\Delta t} \right), & \text{if } \rho_1 \leq \rho \leq \rho_2, \\ & \text{and } 0 \leq t \leq \Delta t, \\ H_c, & \text{if } \rho_1 \leq \rho \leq \rho_2, \\ & \text{and } t \notin [0, \Delta t], \\ 0, & \text{if } \rho \notin [\rho_1, \rho_2], \\ & \text{and } t \notin [0, \Delta t] \end{cases}$$



H_0 – is the variation amplitude,

Δt – is the variation duration,

Redshifted heat power (erg s⁻¹):

$$L_{h, hc}^\infty(t) = \int Q_{h, hc}(\rho, t) \exp(2\Phi) dV,$$

$$L_{hc} \equiv L_c$$

dV – a proper volume element (GR)

Φ – metric function

Variable heaters: basic parameters

Redshifted heat power (erg s^{-1}):

A variable heater may increase or decrease its power and produce a peak or a dip in the thermal surface emission.

At which parameters these variations become observable ?

Two types of variations:

- peaks – $H_0 = 10H_c$ $Q_h = H_c + 9H_c \sin^2(\pi t/\Delta t)$
- drops – $H_0 = 0$ $Q_h = H_c - H_c \sin^2(\pi t/\Delta t)$

Parameters of variable heaters at the second stage:

- stationary heat intensities –
 $H_c = 5 \times 10^{17}$ (A), 5×10^{18} (B), $5 \times 10^{19} \text{ erg cm}^{-3} \text{ s}^{-1}$ (C)
- corresponding steady heat powers –
 $L_c^\infty = 1.7 \times 10^{35}$ (A), 1.7×10^{36} (B), $1.7 \times 10^{37} \text{ erg s}^{-1}$ (C)

- variation durations – $\Delta t = 1, 10, 100 \text{ yr}$

- two positions of the heater:

outer heater – $\rho_1 = 10^{11} \text{ g cm}^{-3}$, $\rho_2 = 10^{12} \text{ g cm}^{-3}$

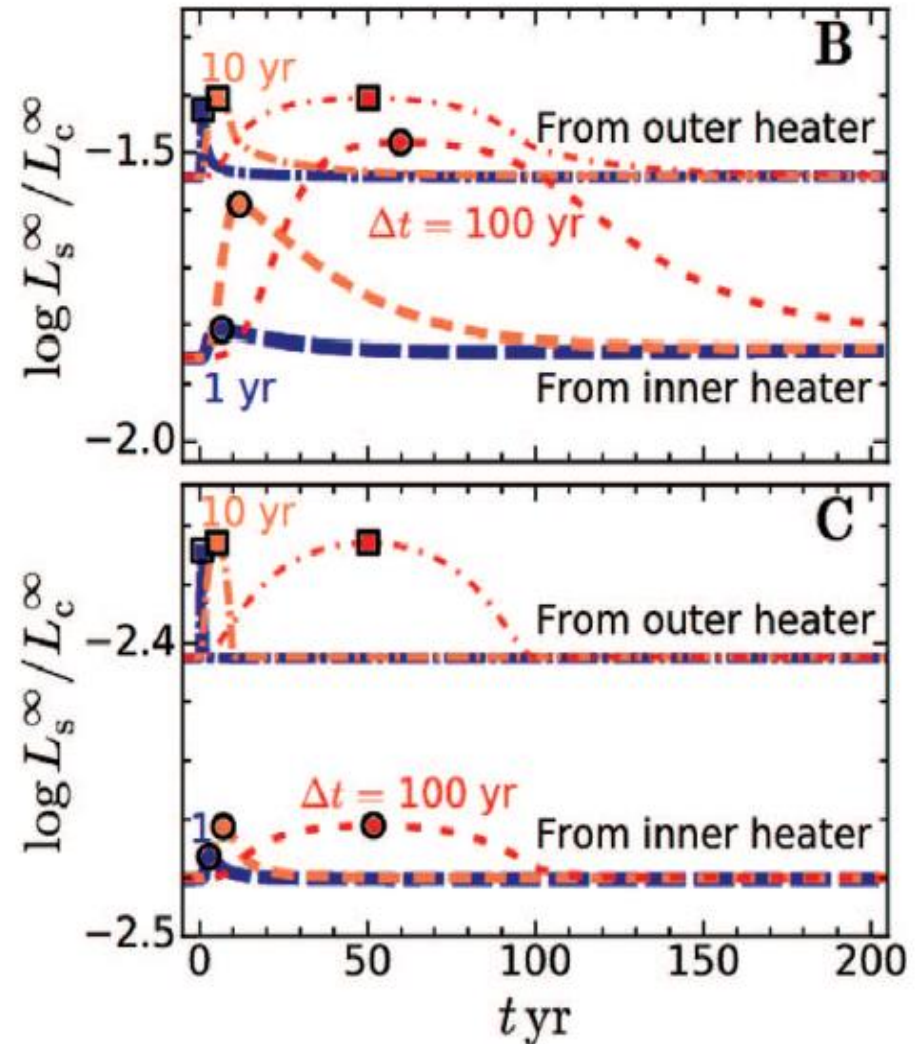
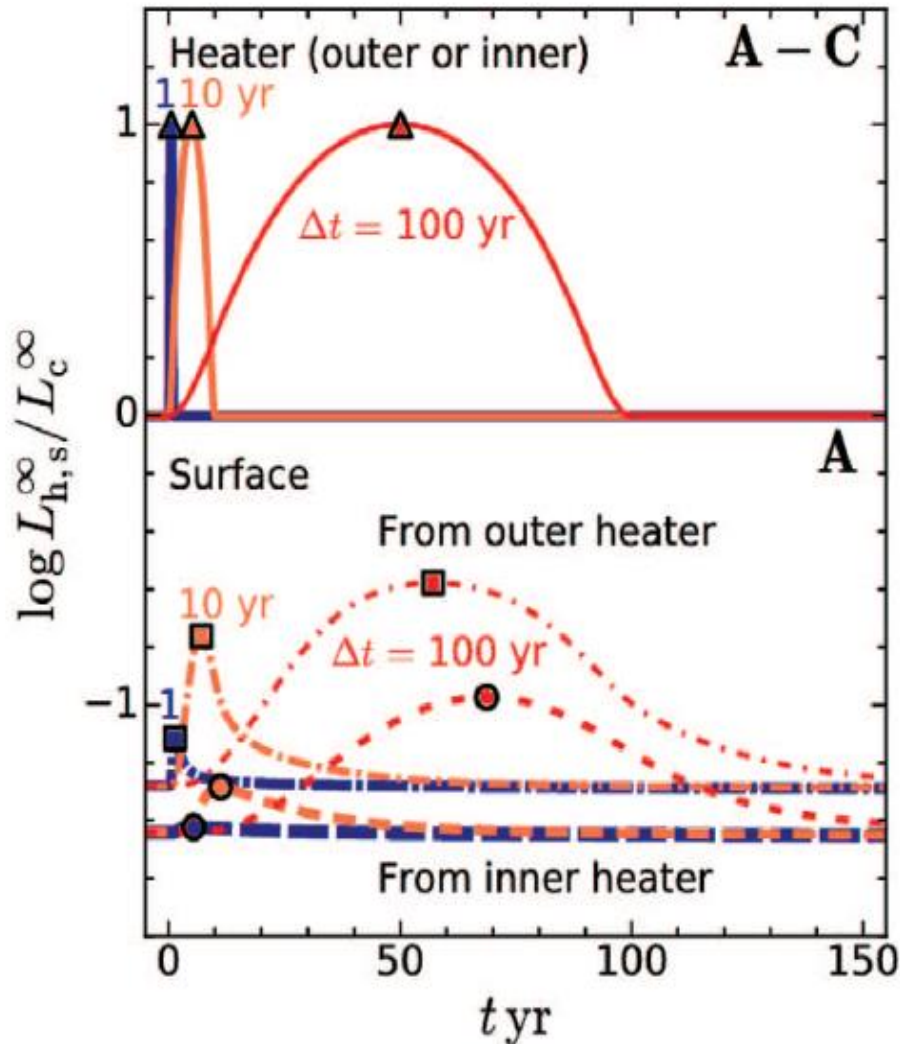
inner heater – $\rho_1 = 10^{12} \text{ g cm}^{-3}$, $\rho_2 = 1.27 \times 10^{12} \text{ g cm}^{-3}$

Variable heaters: heat peaks

- two positions of the heater:

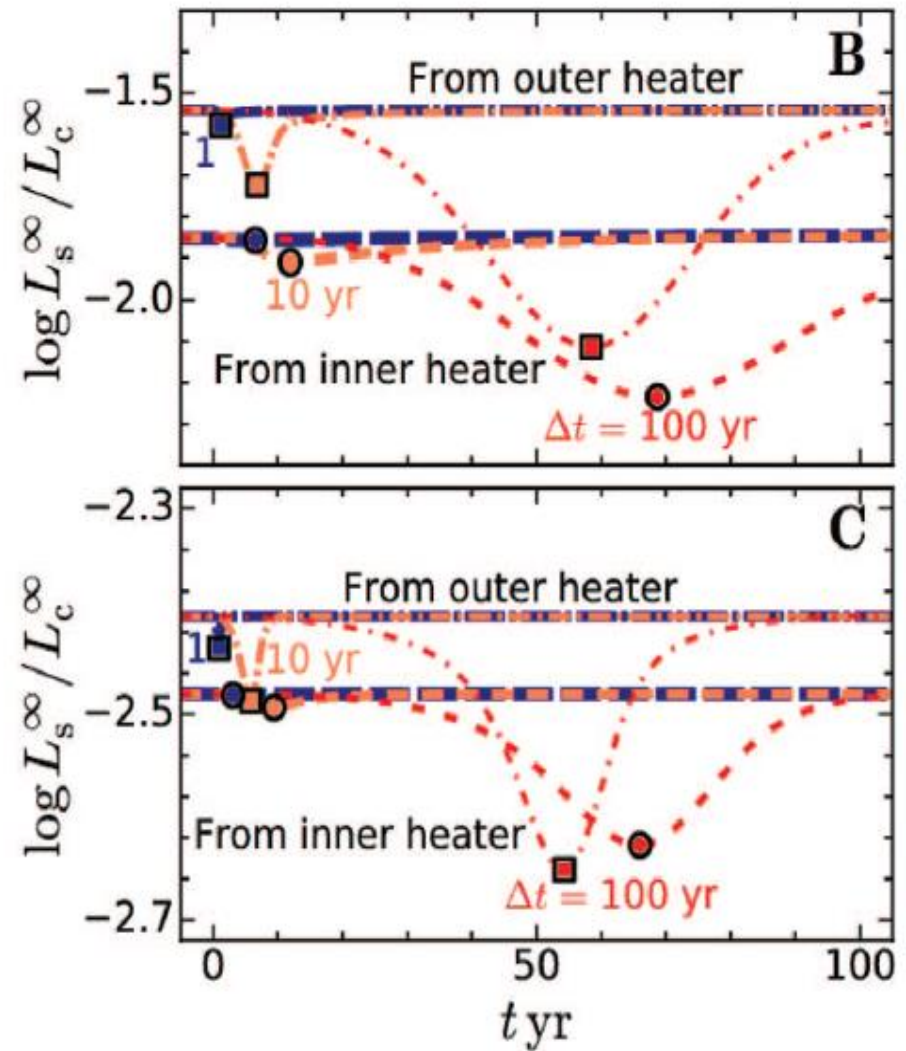
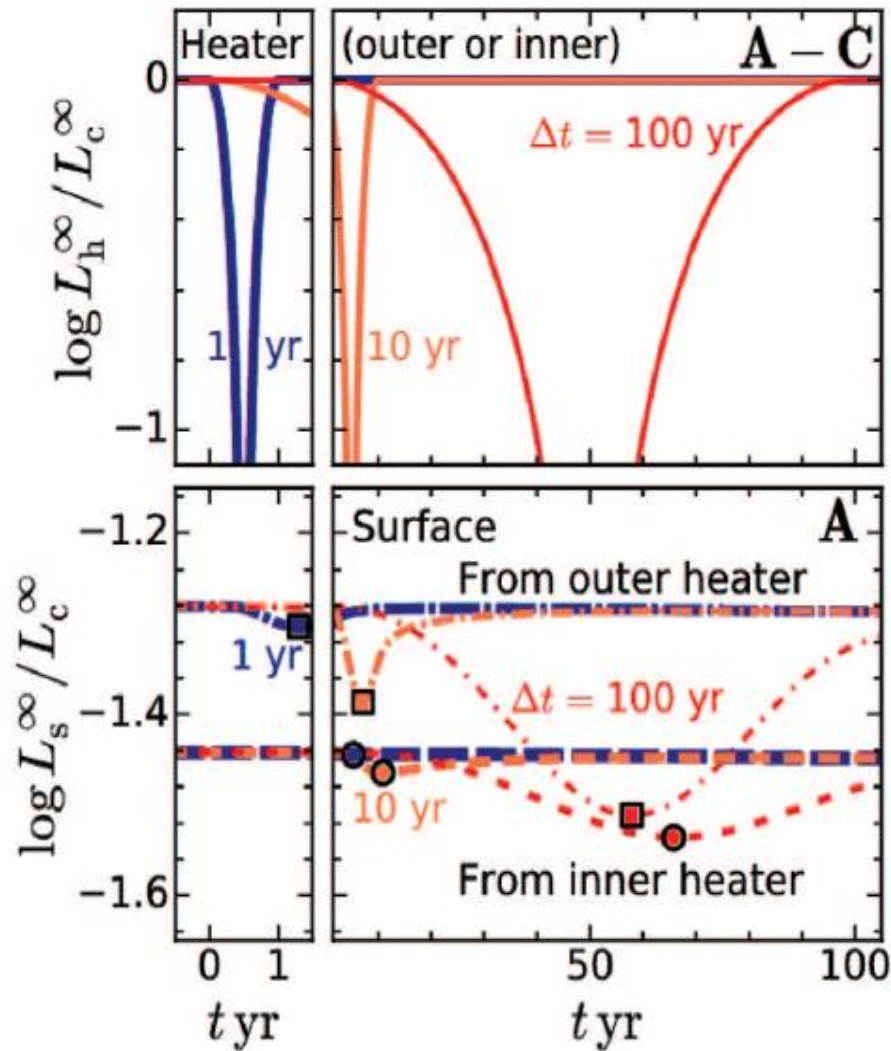
outer heater – $\rho_1 = 10^{11} \text{ g cm}^{-3}$, $\rho_2 = 10^{12} \text{ g cm}^{-3}$

inner heater – $\rho_1 = 10^{12} \text{ g cm}^{-3}$, $\rho_2 = 1.27 \times 10^{12} \text{ g cm}^{-3}$



Variable heaters: heat drops

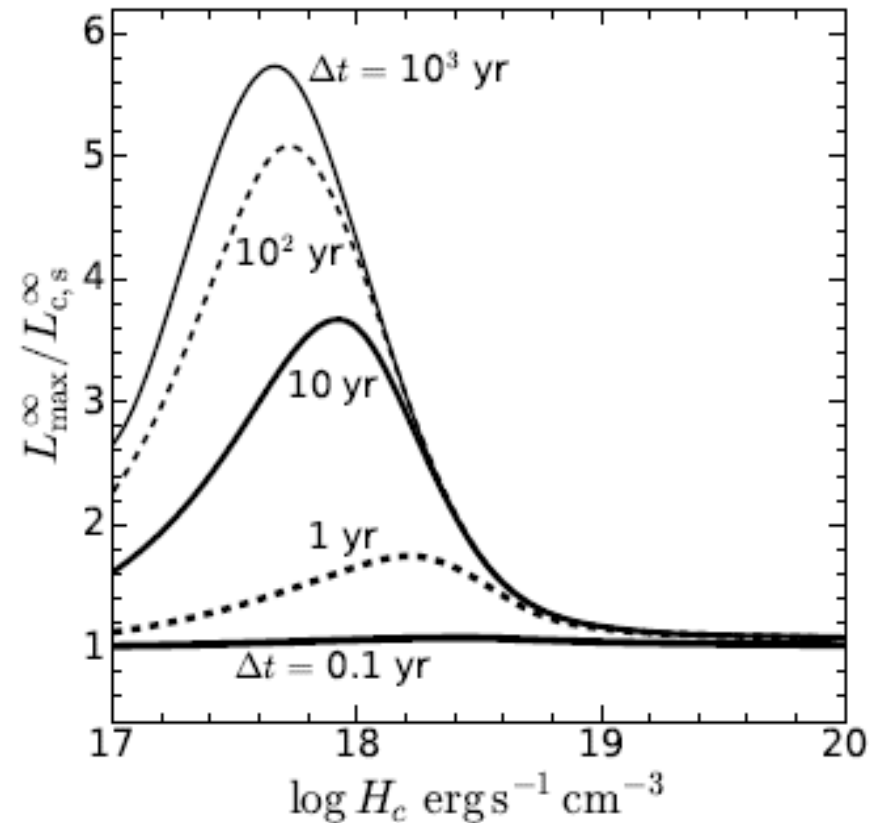
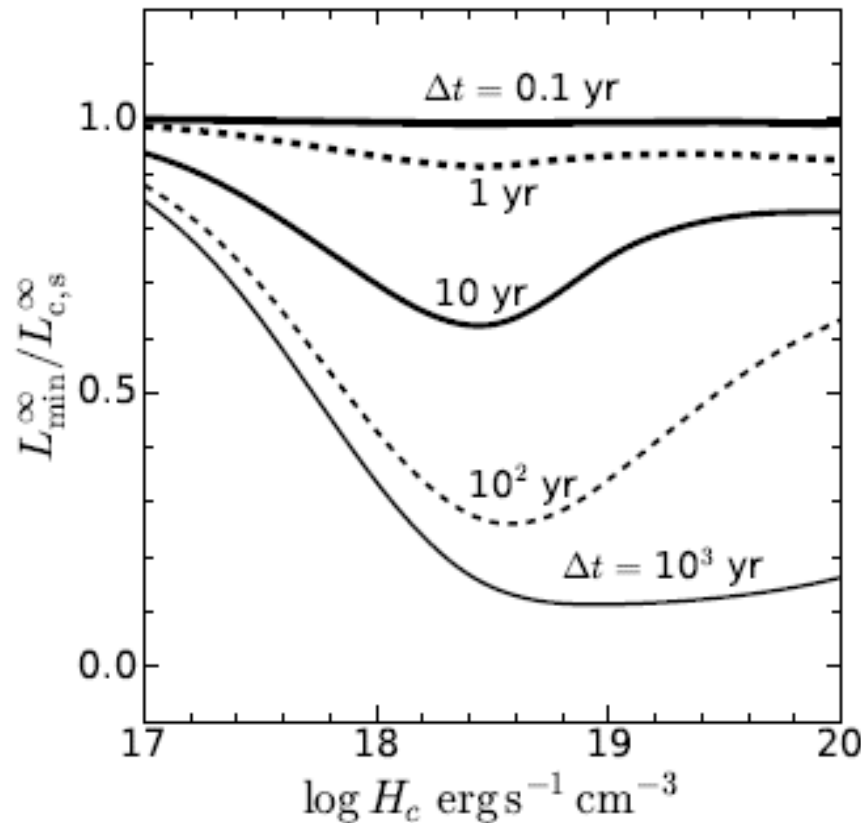
$$\text{drops} - H_0 = 0 \quad Q_h = H_c - H_c \sin^2(\pi t / \Delta t)$$



Maximum of peaks and minimum of dips

ratios of $L_{\max}^{\infty}/L_c^{\infty}$ vs. H_c at $H_0 = 10 H_c$ for maximums of peaks
ratios of $L_{\min}^{\infty}/L_c^{\infty}$ vs. H_c at $H_0 = 0$ for minimums of dips

for five values $\Delta t = 0.1, 1, 10, 100$ and 1000 yr



To obtain noticeable variations of the surface emission we need:
an intermediate heater – $H_c \sim (1 - 5) \times 10^{18} \text{ erg cm}^{-3} \text{ s}^{-1}$
and sufficiently long energy input $\Delta t \gtrsim 10$ yr

Intermediate conclusions

We introduce t_{diff} – characteristic diffusion time

$$(t_{\text{diff}} \sim C_V l^2 / \kappa),$$

l – characteristic length scale,

κ – thermal conductivity ($\text{erg cm}^{-1} \text{s}^{-1} \text{K}^{-1}$),

Δt_s – characteristic time scale of the surface emission

and T_h – typical heater's temperature

Three main regimes of the surface variability:

1) *dynamic response* to an internal rapid energy input

$$(\Delta t \lesssim t_{\text{diff}})$$

rapid rise and longer decay

at not too hot star ($T_h \lesssim 10^9 \text{ K}$):

$$\Delta t_s \sim t_{\text{diff}}.$$

2) *quasi-stationary response* at not too hot star

($T_h \lesssim 10^9 \text{ K}$) to a slow energy release

$$(\Delta t \gtrsim t_{\text{diff}}):$$

the surface emission approximately follows the internal energy release.

3) *efficient neutrino cooling* in a hot star

($T_h \gtrsim 10^9 \text{ K}$):

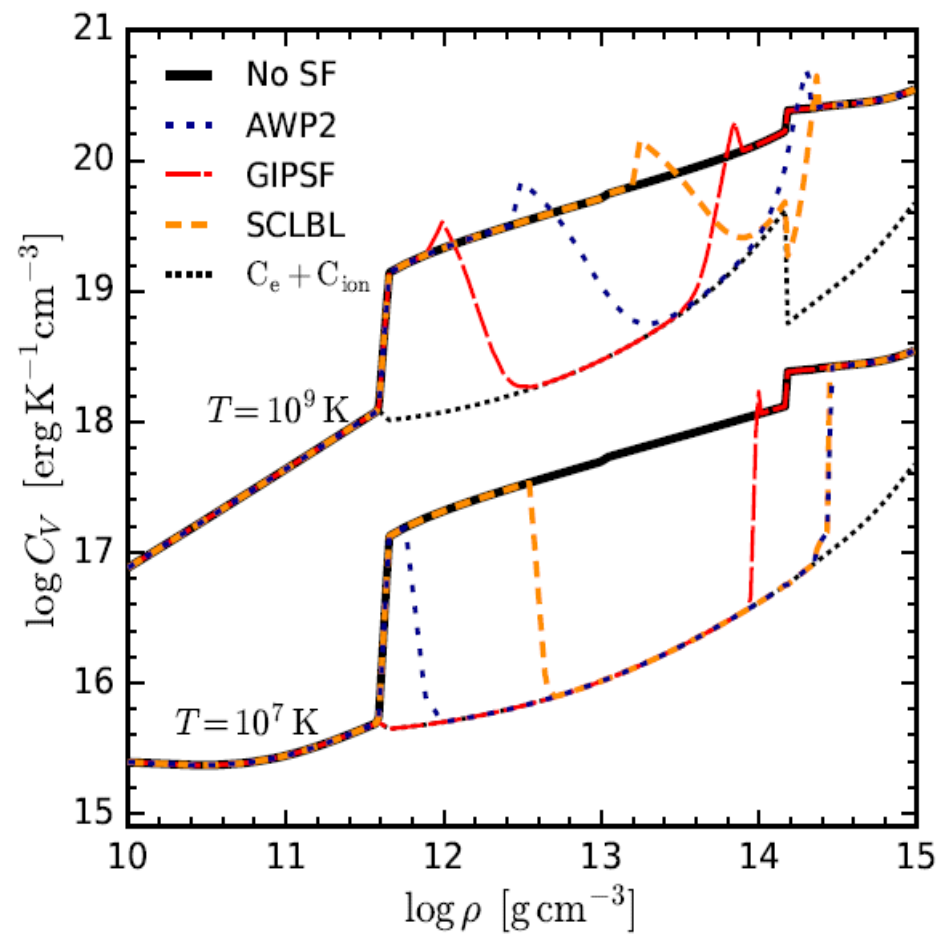
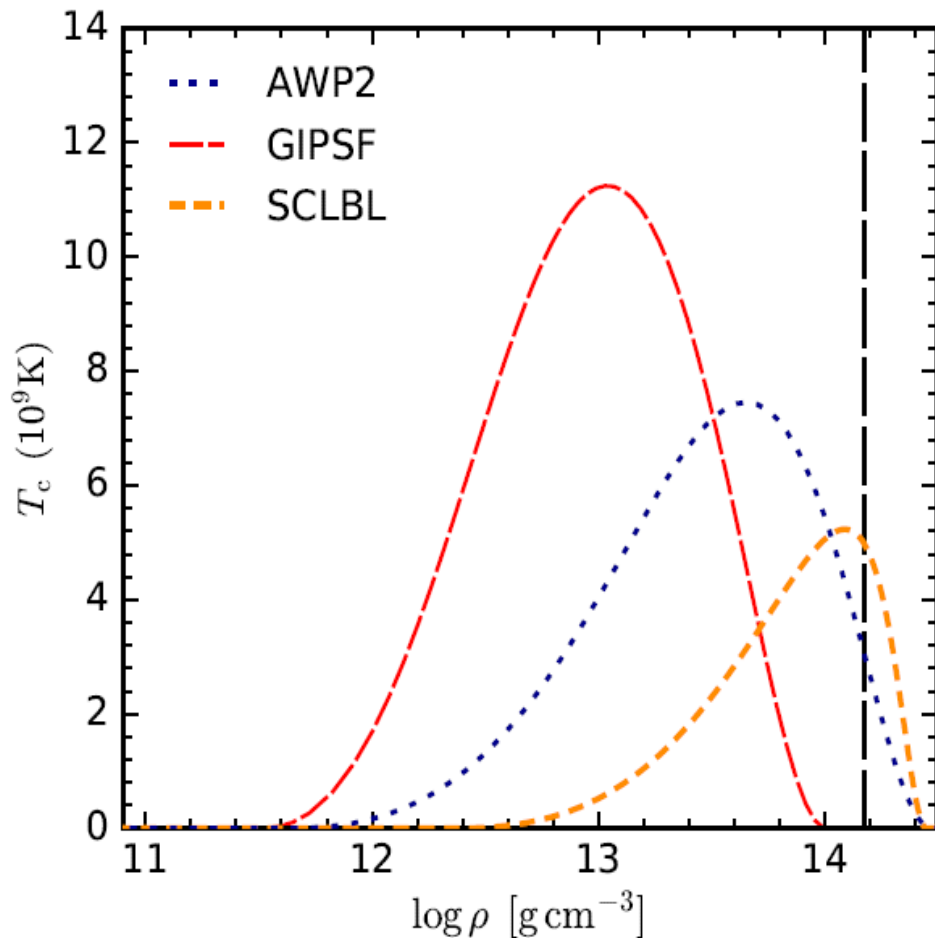
weak variations of the surface emission.

Superfluidity (SF) and heat capacity

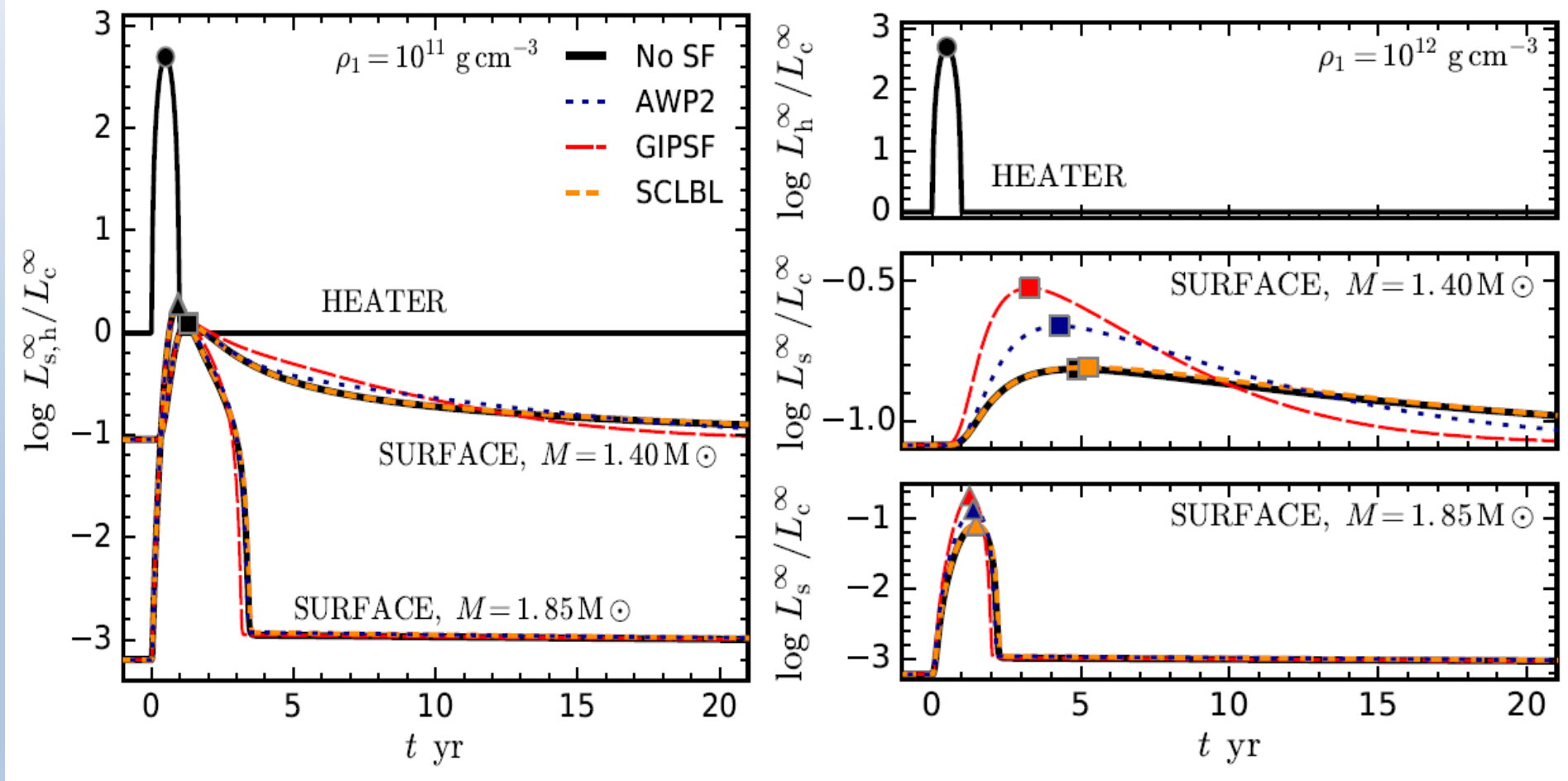
Neutron superfluidity in the crust 1S_0 - type.

The main effect – suppression of the heat capacity ($\text{erg cm}^{-3} \text{K}^{-1}$):

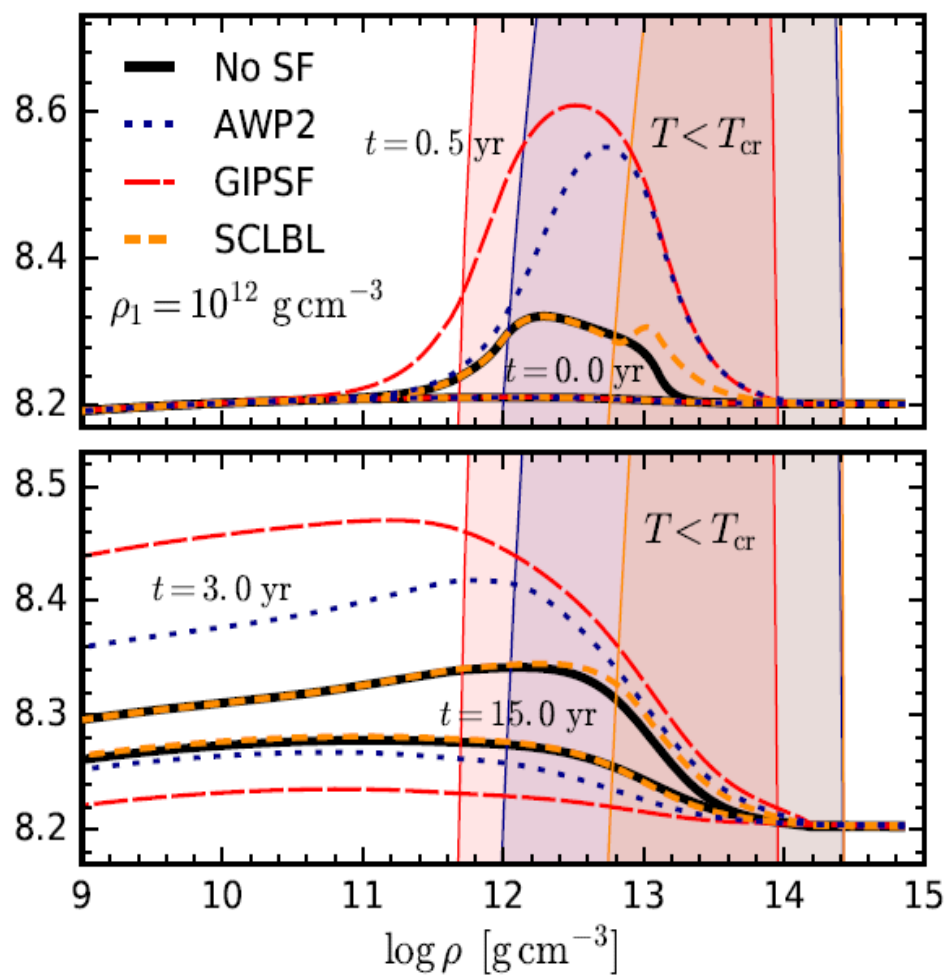
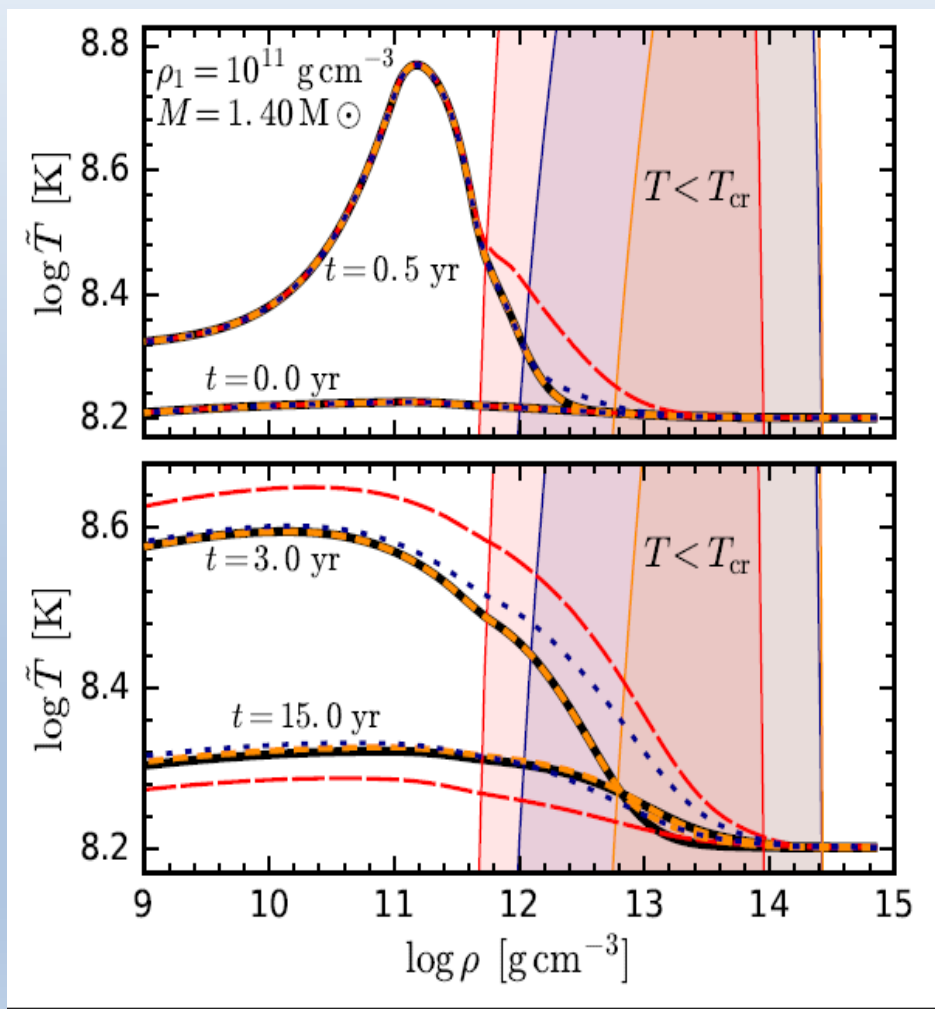
$$C_{n, V} \propto C_{n, V}^0 \exp\left(-\frac{b T_c}{T}\right), \quad \text{where } T_c \text{ – critical temperature, } b \text{ – const.}$$



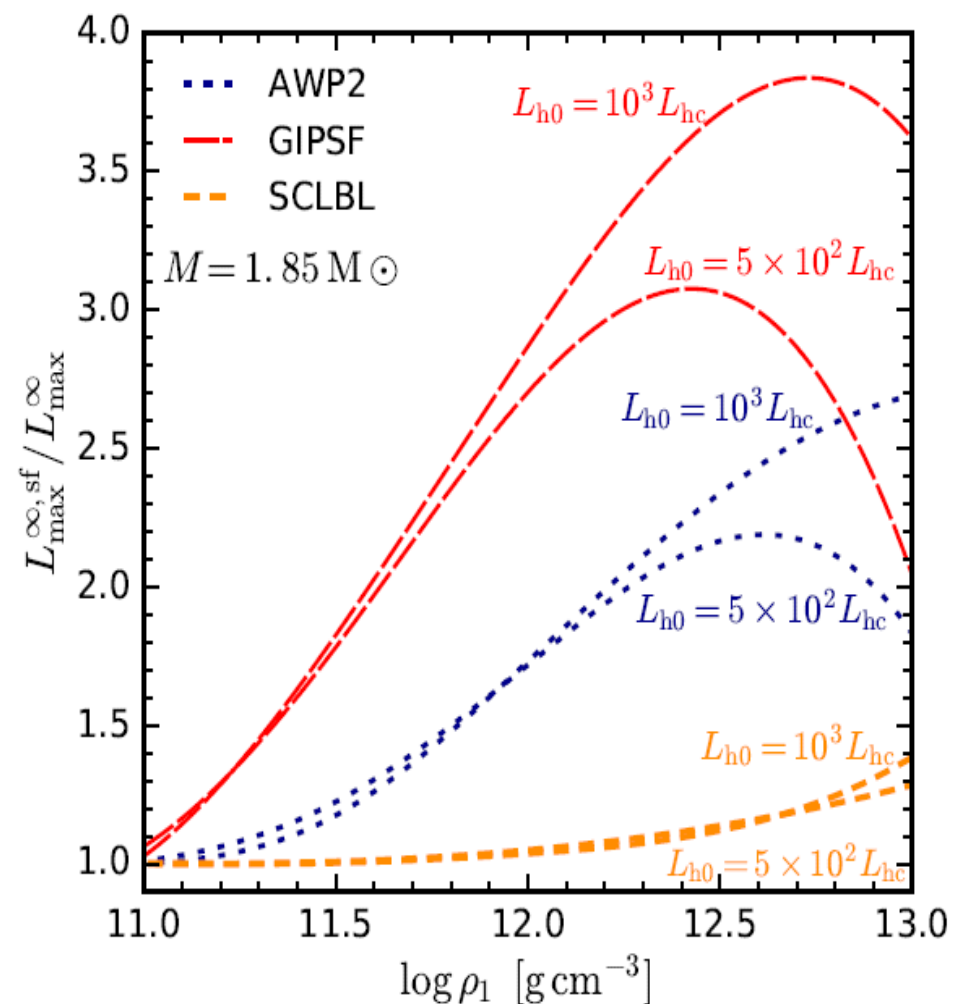
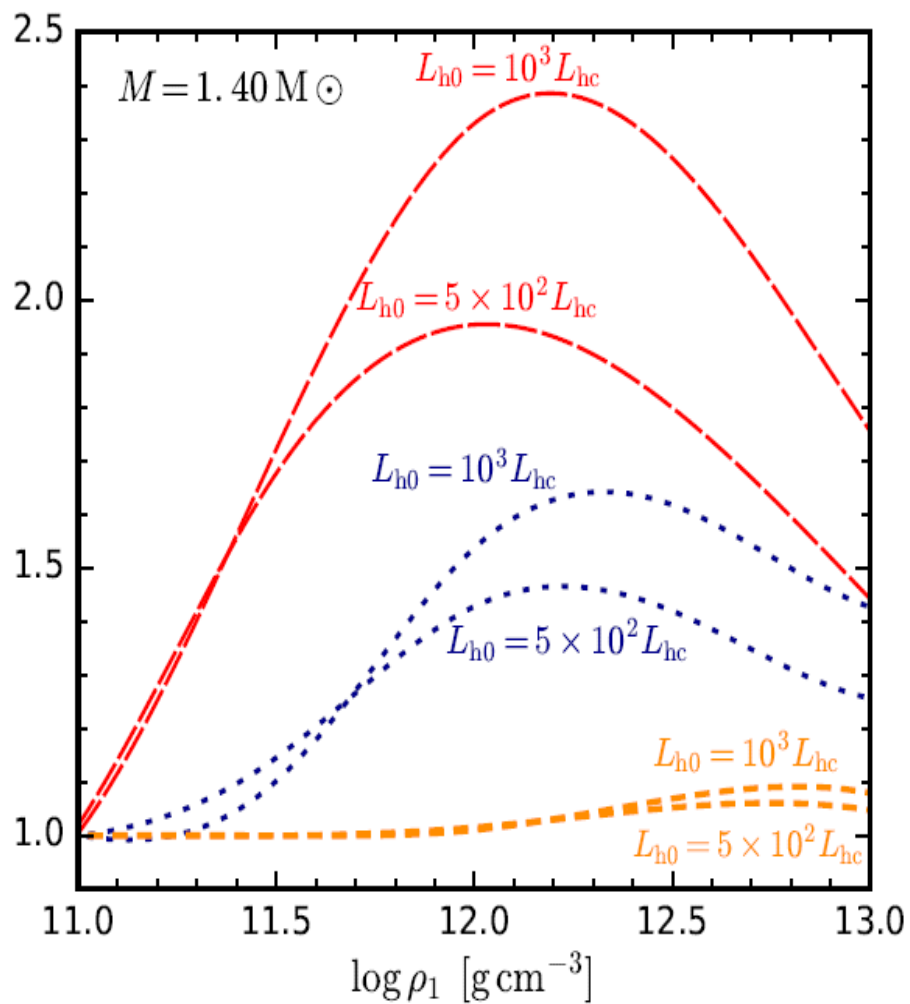
Peaks: heat power versus surface luminosities



Temperature profiles



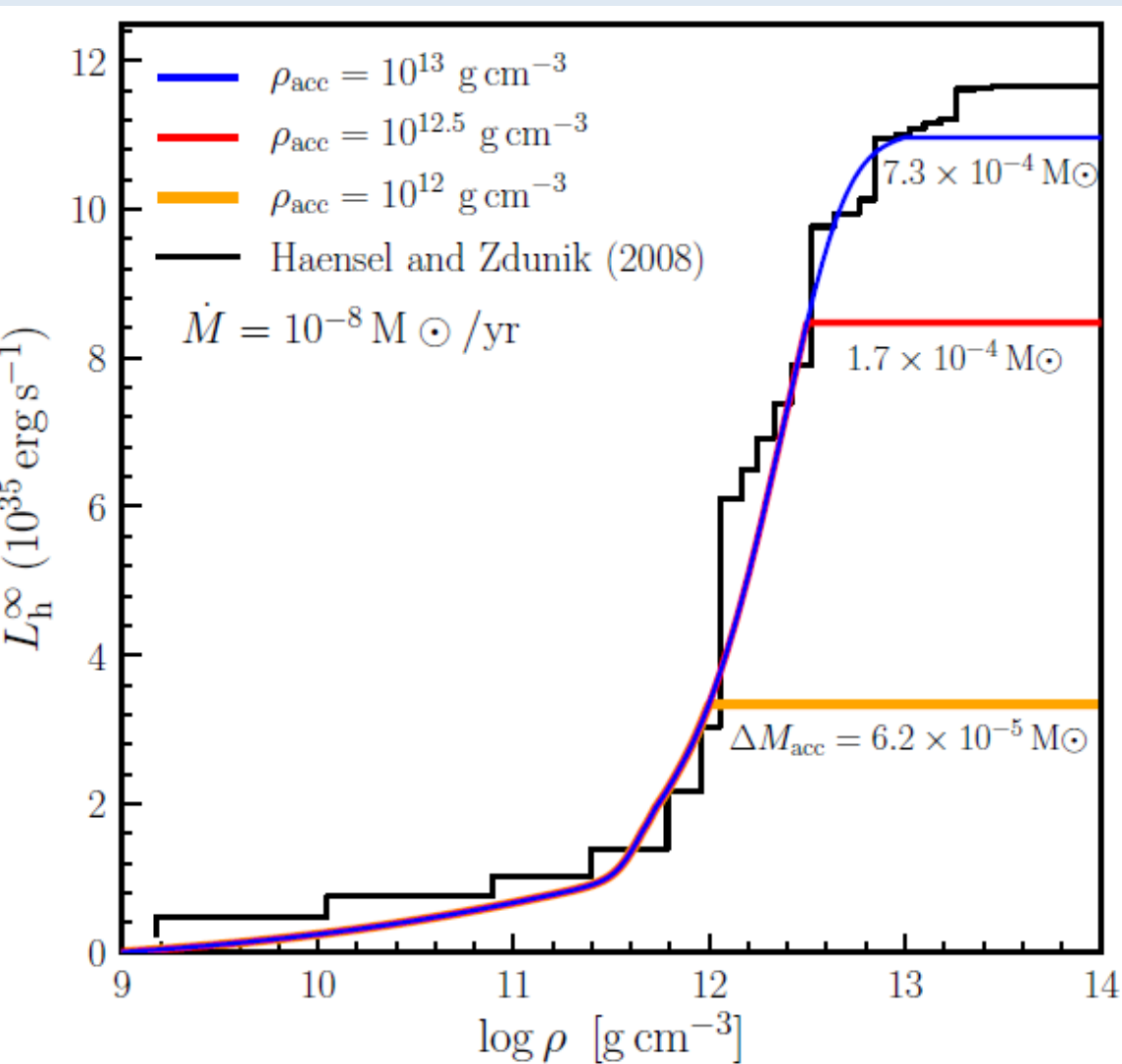
Enhancement of luminosity by SF



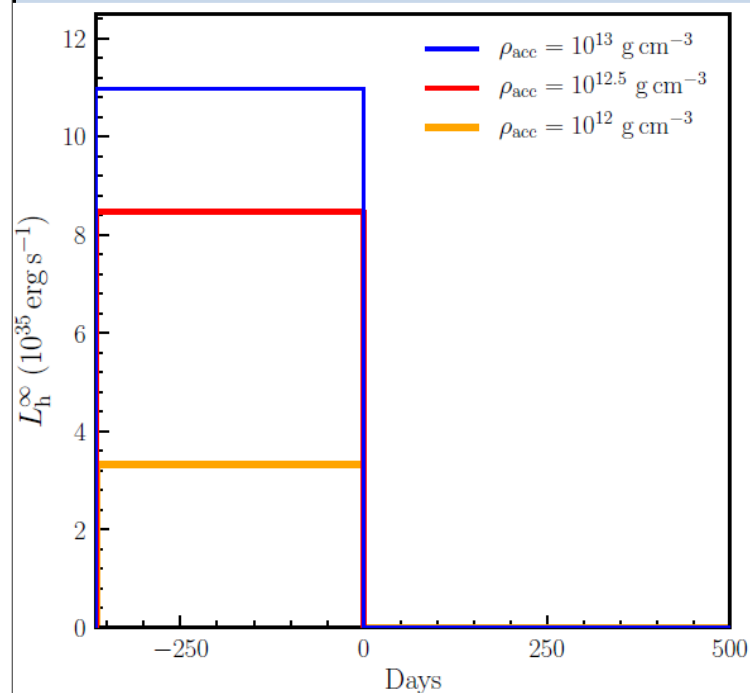
Integrated heat release in the crust : fully and not fully accreted crust

Transient accretion

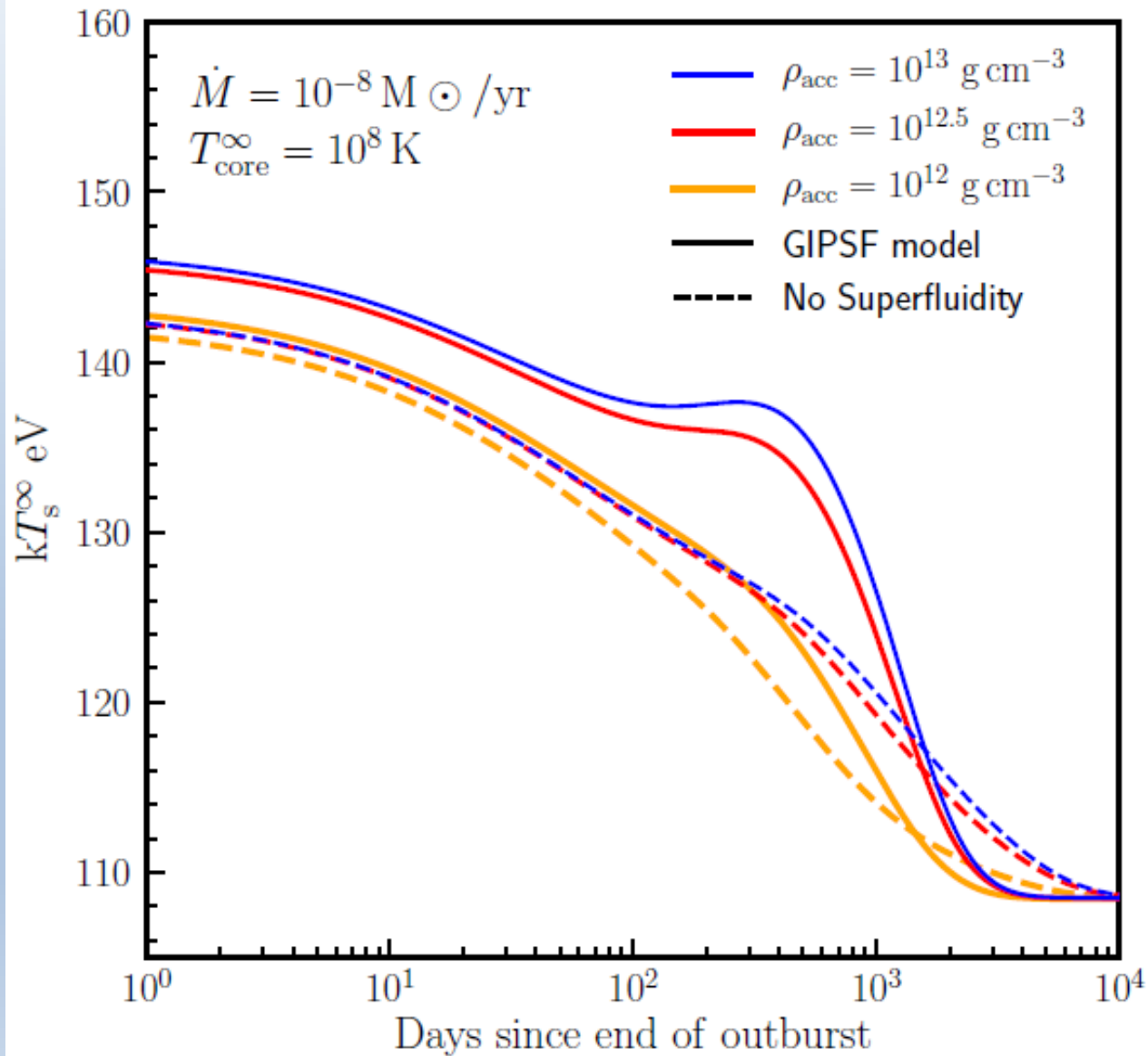
LMXB – active period – bright X-ray sources



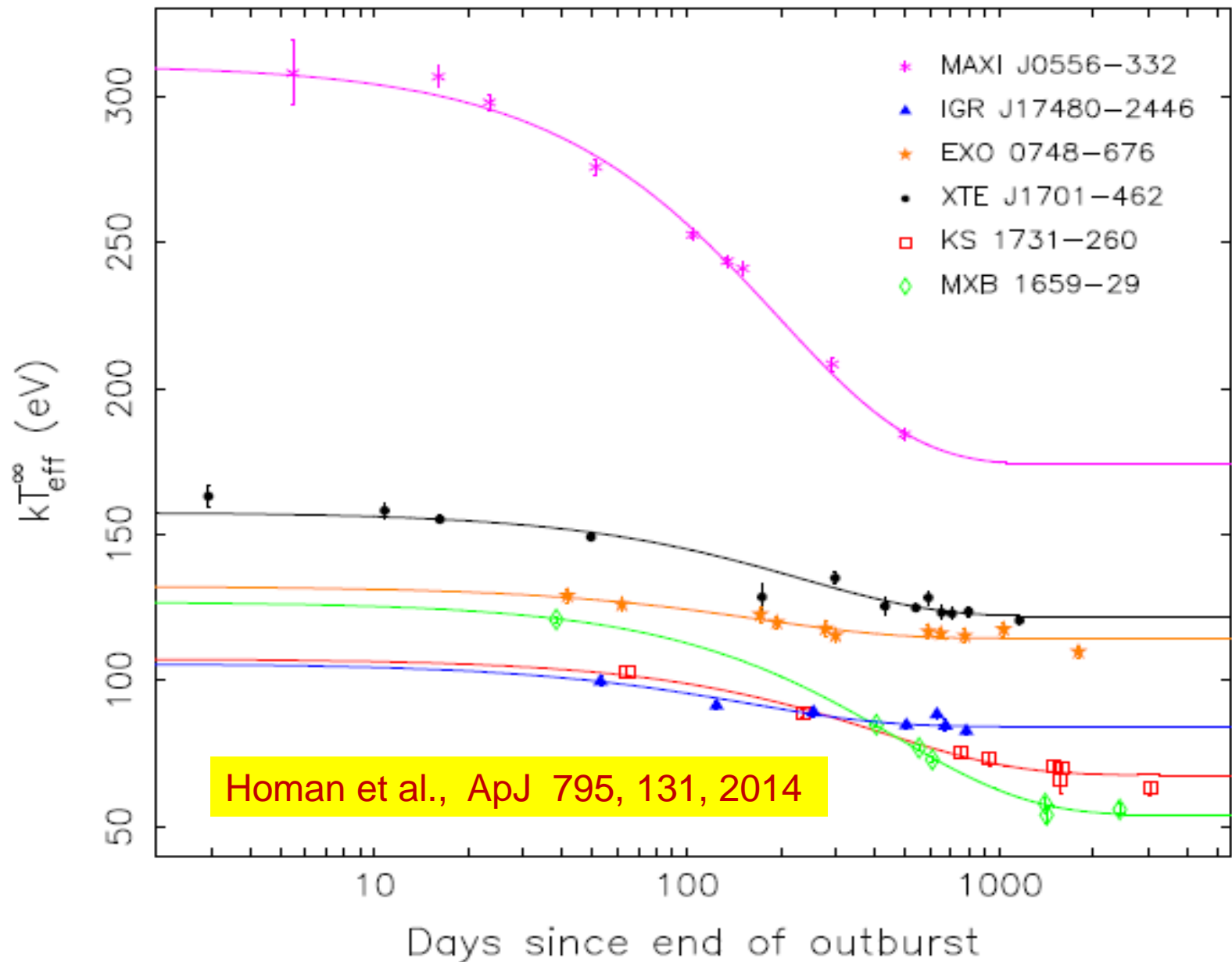
**Deep crustal heating --
nuclear transformations
In the crust**
Energy release 1- 2 MeV



Partly accreted crusts: transitions to a quiescent state



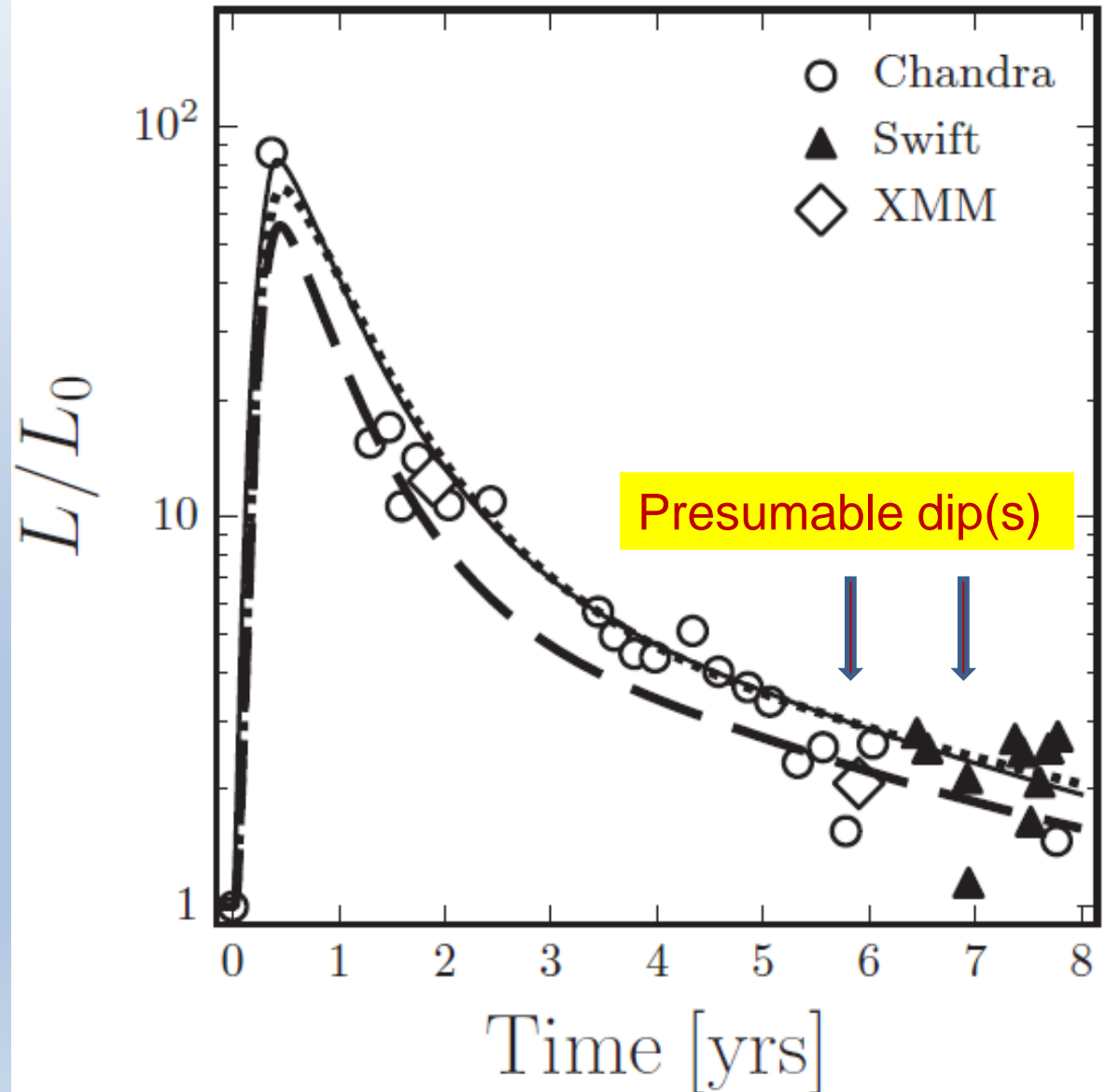
Six quasi-persistent LMXBs in quiescence



Conclusions

- Neutron stars tends to hide their internal activity: the surface luminosities are smaller, broader and asymmetrical
- To obtain noticeable variations of the surface emission one needs intermediate heater $H_c \sim (1-5) \times 10^{18} \text{ erg cm}^{-3} \text{ s}^{-1}$ and sufficiently long $\sim 10 \text{ yr}$
- The heater has to be rather close to the surface
- Neutron superfluidity in the crust enhances surface luminosities and makes them steeper in time – decreases relaxation time

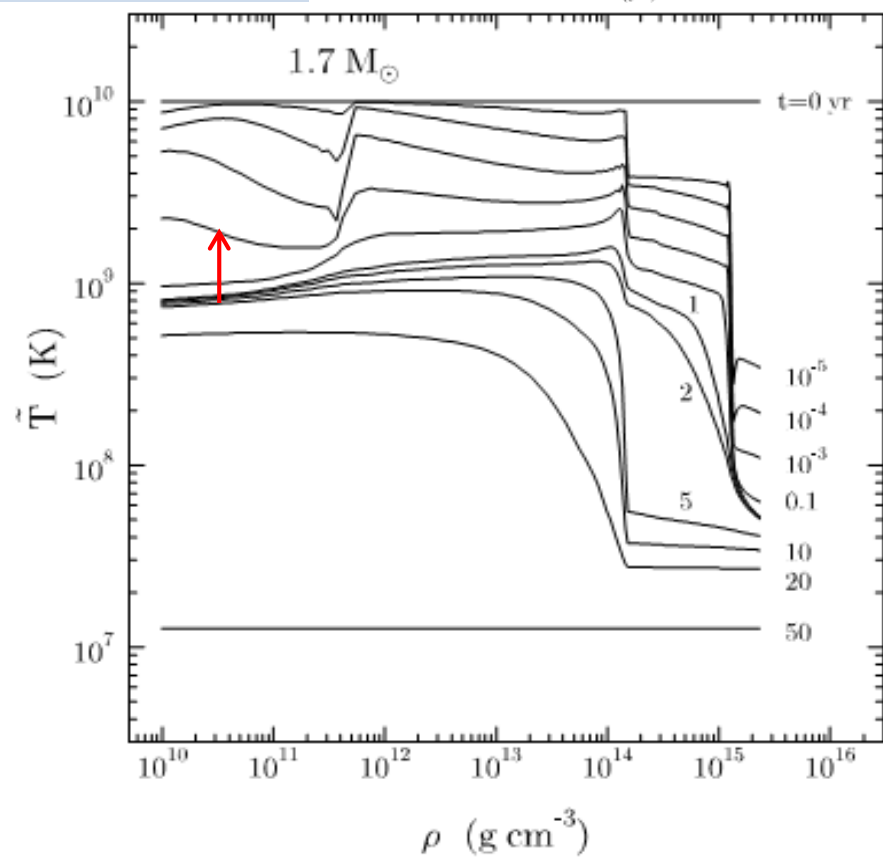
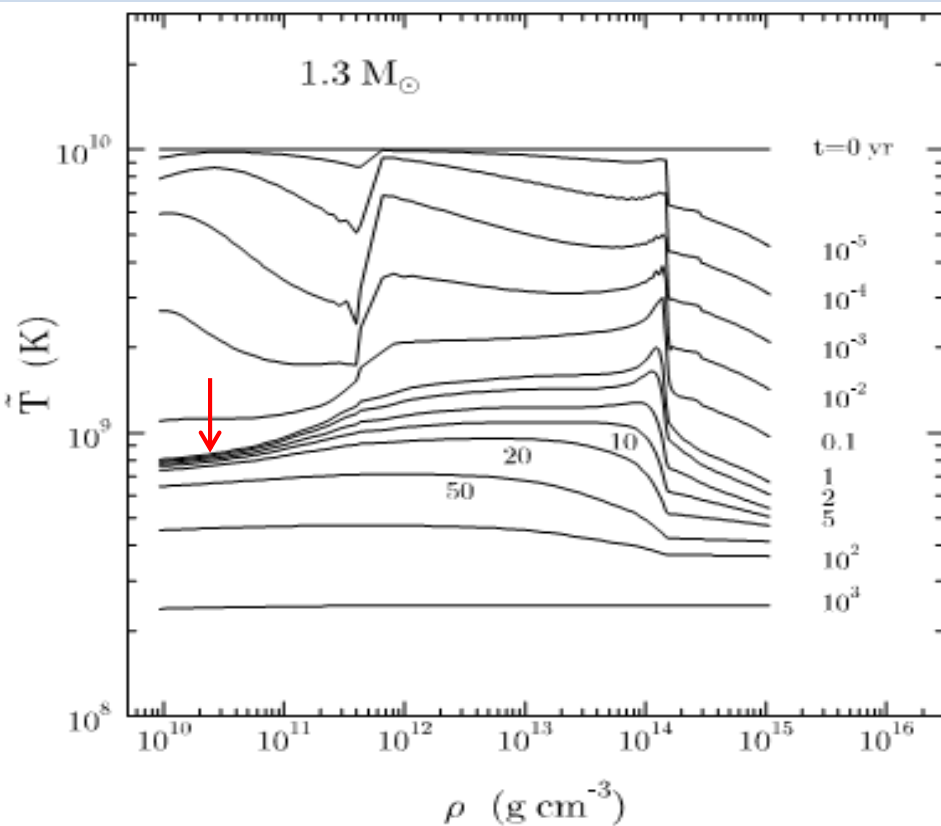
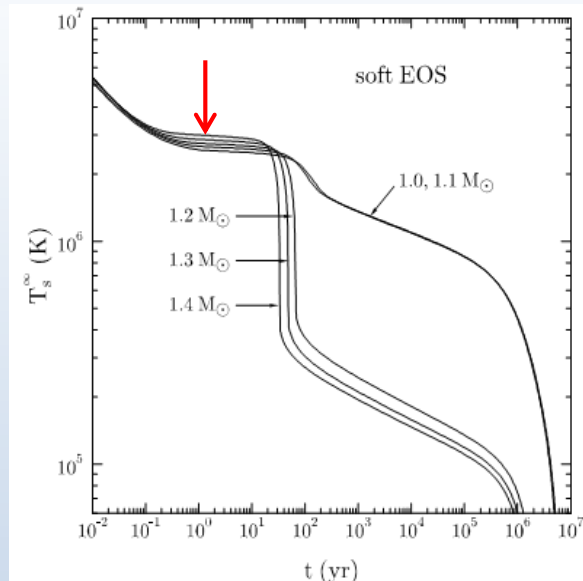
Simulated X-ray luminosities $L(t)$ versus observational data 1E 161348-5055 in RCW 103



Thermal relaxation of the neutron star crust

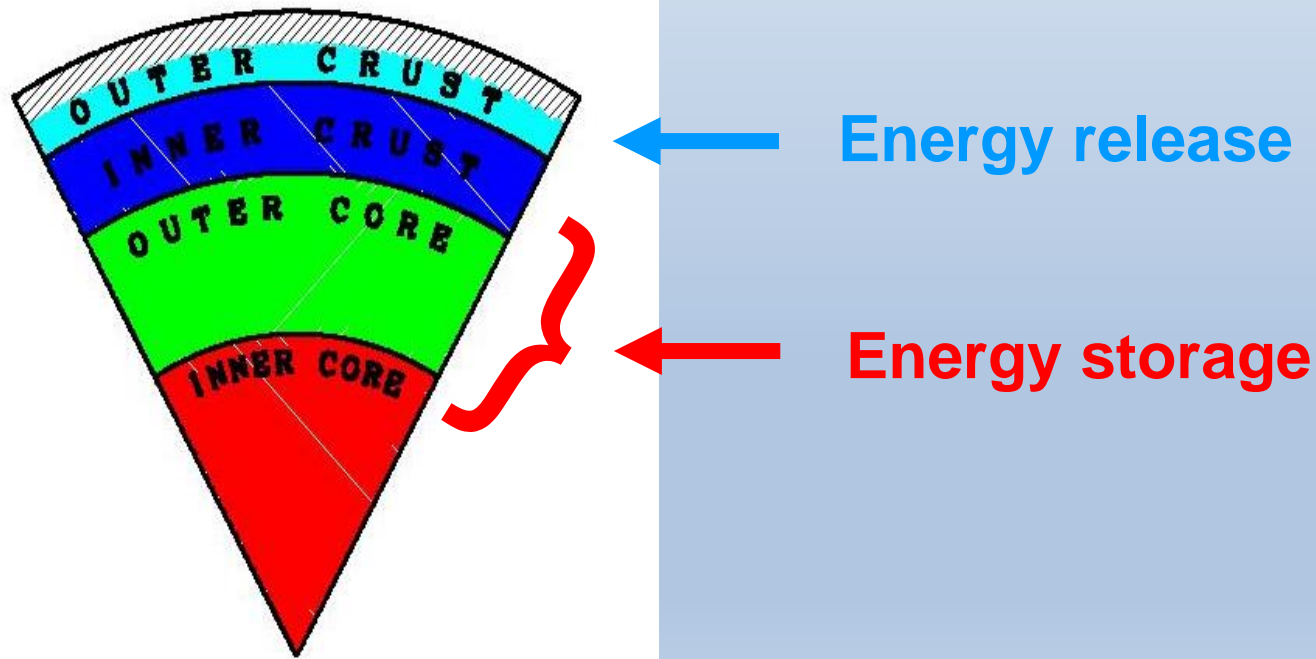
Energy **storage** in the crust of young NS is analogous to the hot layer heater: the **neutrino** outflow regime $T \geq 10^9$ K.

Thermal **decoupling** of NS **crust** and **core** at $t < 10 - 100$ years



Features of internal heating

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

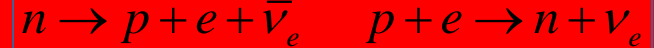
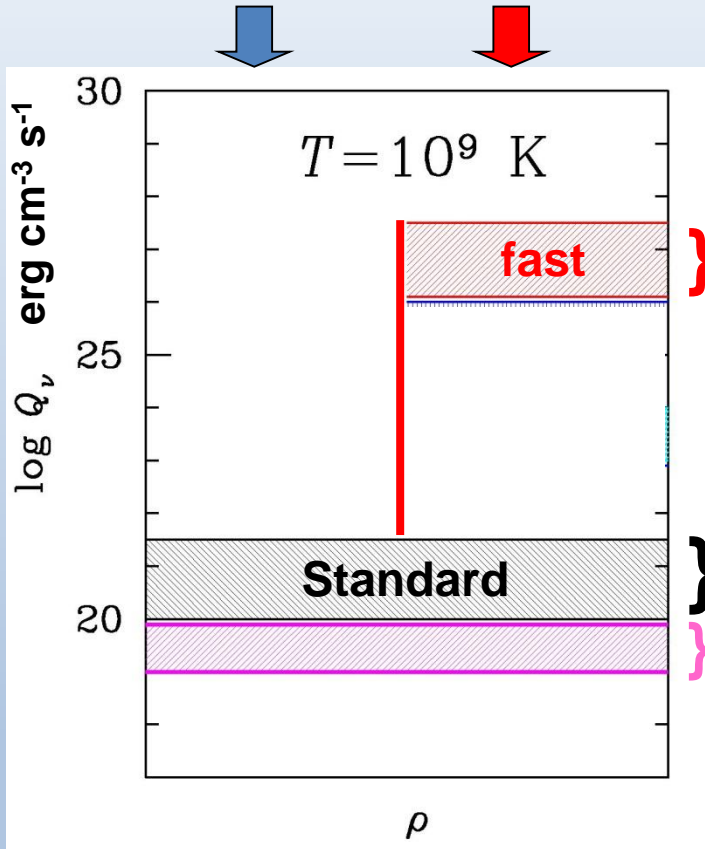


Neutrino emission from NS core

Outer core
Standard cooling

Inner core
Fast cooling

Nucleon composition:
 $N=n, p$



Modified Urca



NN bremsstrahlung



Amplified neutrino emission in the internal core of NS:

Neutrino emission from the entire stellar body:

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

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