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The maximum SR luminosity is given at $r = R_{lc}$ (even the model extends to $r > R_{lc}$).



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Low-L_{sd} pulsars require additional emission mechanisms in X-ray and optical.

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