

# On the WIMP dark matter signature in old neutron stars

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# Introduction

# WIMP

## Weakly-Interacting Massive Particles (WIMPs)

- ▶ Electrically neutral and colorless particles.
- ▶ Stable.
- ▶ Masses of  $O(100 - 1000)$  GeV.
- ▶ Have interactions comparable to EW interactions.



Observed Dark Matter (DM) density can be explained by their **thermal relic**.

# WIMP dark matter heating in NS

It has been discussed that the signature of WIMP DM may be detected via the **neutron star temperature observations**.

PHYSICAL REVIEW D **77**, 023006 (2008)

## WIMP annihilation and cooling of neutron stars

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## Can neutron stars constrain dark matter?

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(Received 29 May 2010; published 28 September 2010)

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## Neutron stars as dark matter probes

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## Dark Kinetic Heating of Neutron Stars and an Infrared Window on WIMPs, SIMPs, and Pure Higgsinos

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## Mechanism

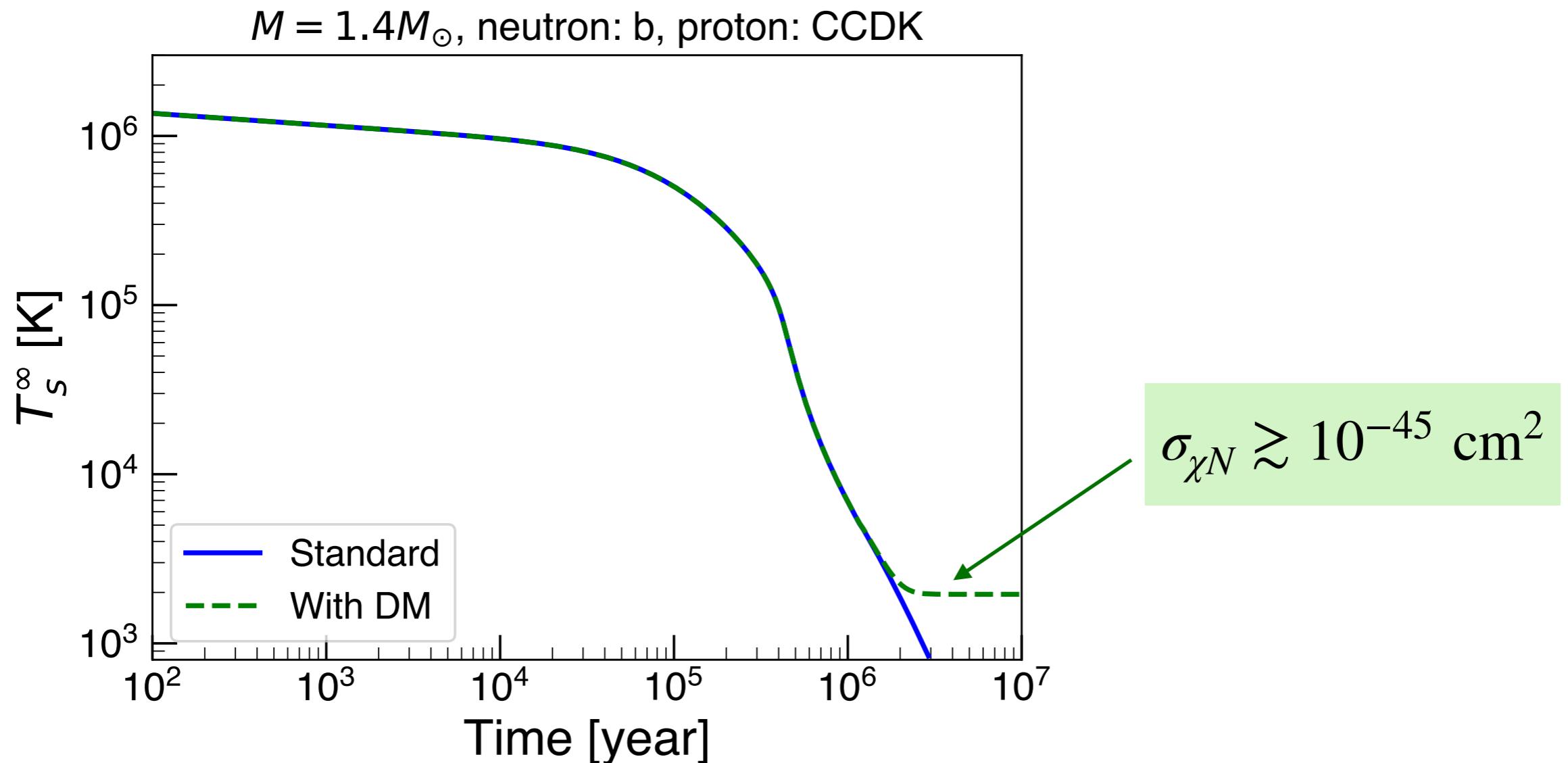
WIMP DM accretes on a neutron star (NS).



Annihilation of WIMPs in the NS core causes **heating effect**.

# WIMP dark matter heating in NS

Dark matter heating effect may be observed in old NSs.



- In the standard cooling scenario, temperature becomes very low for  $t > 10^7$  years.
- With DM heating effect,  $T_s^{\infty} \rightarrow \sim 2 \times 10^3$  K at later times.

# Old warm neutron stars?

Recently, “old but warm neutron stars” have been observed.

## Milli-second pulsars

- ▶ J0437-4715:  $t_{\text{sd}} = (6.7 \pm 0.2) \times 10^9$  years,  $T_s^\infty = (1.25 - 3.5) \times 10^5$  K  
O. Kargaltsev, G. G. Pavlov, and R. W. Romani, *Astrophys. J.* **602**, 327 (2004);  
M. Durant, *et al.*, *Astrophys. J.* **746**, 6 (2012).
- ▶ J2124-3358:  $t_{\text{sd}} = 11^{+6}_{-3} \times 10^9$  years,  $T_s^\infty = (0.5 - 2.1) \times 10^5$  K  
B. Rangelov, *et al.*, *Astrophys. J.* **835**, 264 (2017).

## Ordinary pulsars

- ▶ J0108-1431:  $t_{\text{sd}} = 2.0 \times 10^8$  years,  $T_s^\infty = (1.1 - 5.3) \times 10^5$  K  
R. P. Mignani, G. G. Pavlov, and O. Kargaltsev, *Astron. Astrophys.* **488**, 1027 (2008).
- ▶ B0950+08:  $t_{\text{sd}} = 1.75 \times 10^7$  years,  $T_s^\infty = (1 - 3) \times 10^5$  K  
G. G. Pavlov, *et al.*, *Astrophys. J.* **850**, 79 (2017).

These observations **cannot** be explained in the standard cooling.

# Topics of this talk

- We need an extra **heating** source to explain the observations.
  - ▶ **Out of  $\beta$  equilibrium effect** was not included in the standard cooling scenario.
  - ▶ This causes **late-time heating**.
  - ▶ The observed data can be explained by this effect.
- Can we still observe the DM heating effect in the presence of this extra heating effect??
- Advantage of DM heating as a WIMP probe??

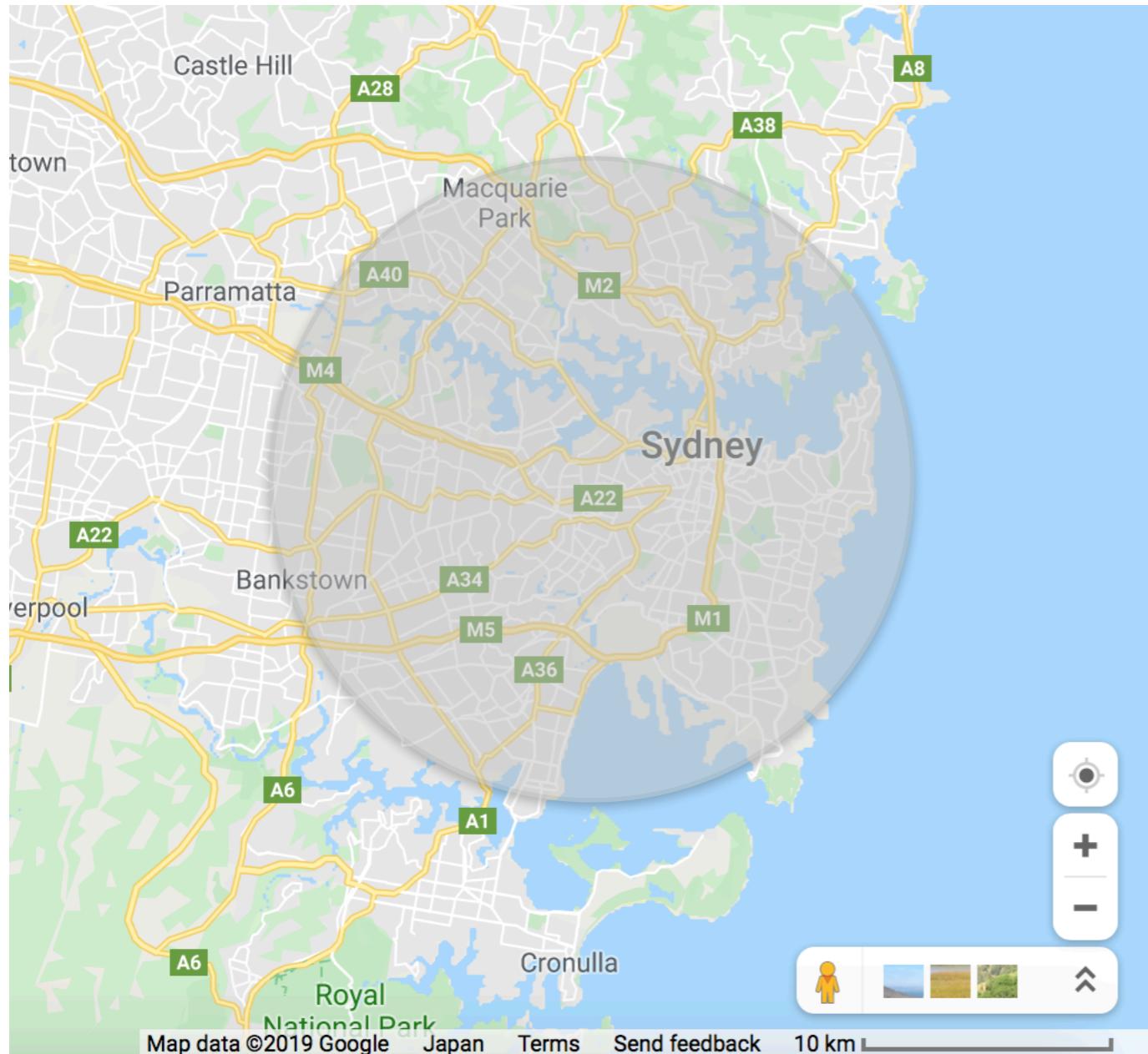
# Outline of this talk

- Introduction
- Standard Cooling Theory
- Dark Matter Heating
- Non-Equilibrium  $\beta$  Process
- Results and implications
- Conclusion

# **Standard Cooling Theory**

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# Size of neutron star vs Paris



- ▶ Radius:  $\sim 10$  km
- ▶ Mass:  $1 - 2 M_{\odot}$

As high as  
nuclear density.

- Neutrons, protons, electrons, muons are Fermi degenerate.
- Neutrons and protons form Cooper pairings.

# Standard Cooling of NS

D. Pager, J. M. Lattimer, M. Prakash, A. W. Steiner, *Astrophys. J. Suppl.* **155**, 623 (2004);  
M. E. Gusakov, A. D. Kaminker, D. G. Yakovlev, O. Y. Gnedin, *Astron. Astrophys.* **423**, 1063 (2004).

Consider a NS composed of

- ▶ Neutrons
  - ▶ Protons
  - ▶ Leptons ( $e$ ,  $\mu$ )
- 
- Supposed to be in the  $\beta$  equilibrium.
  - In Fermi degenerate states.

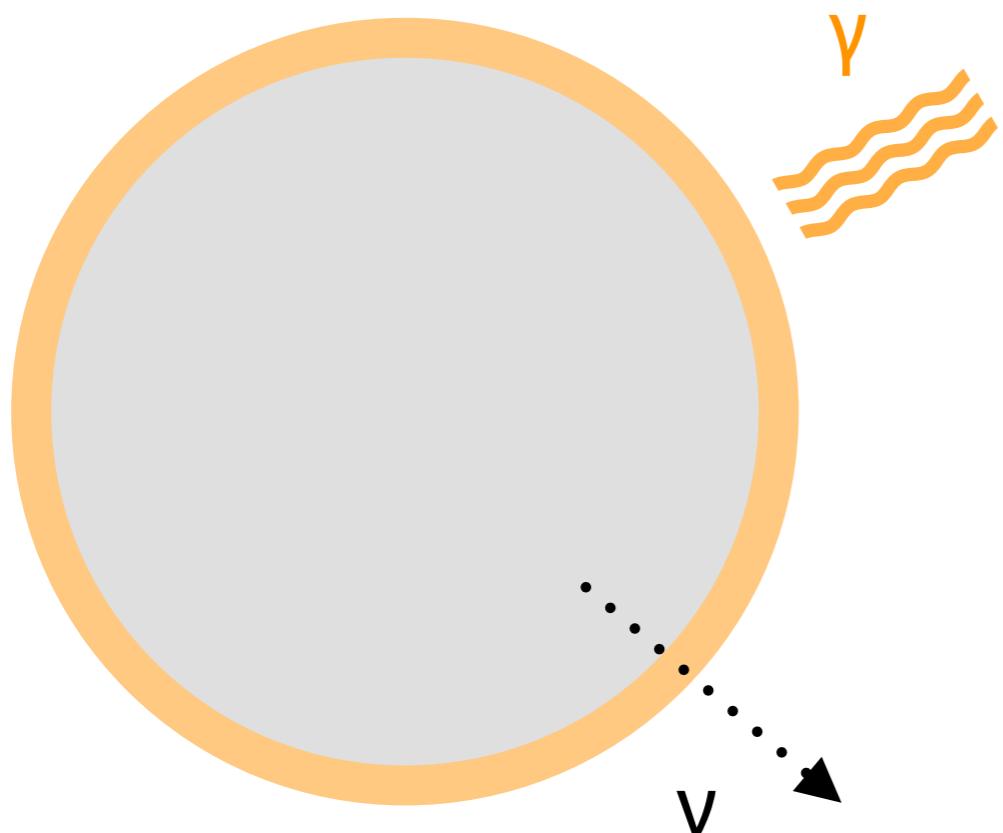
Equation for temperature evolution

$$C(T) \frac{dT}{dt} = -L_\nu - L_\gamma$$

$C(T)$ : Stellar heat capacity  
 $L_\nu$ : Luminosity of neutrino emission  
 $L_\gamma$ : Luminosity of photon emission

# Cooling sources

Two cooling sources:



Dominant for  $t \lesssim 10^5$  years

## Photon emission (from surface)

$$L_\gamma = 4\pi R^2 \sigma_{\text{SB}} T_s^4$$

Dominant for  $t \gtrsim 10^5$  years

## Neutrino emission (from core)

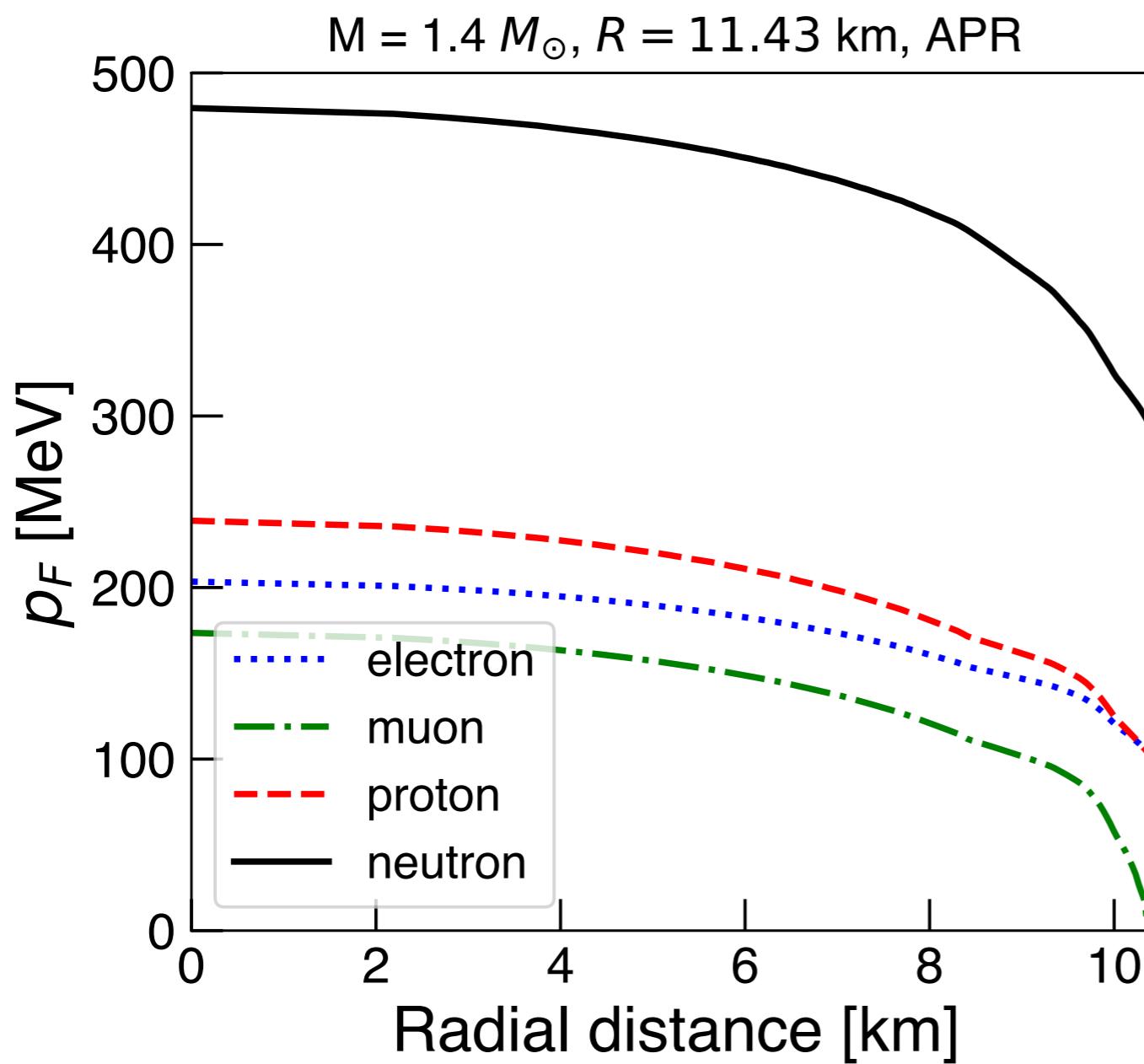
- ▶ Direct Urca process (DUrca)
- ▶ Modified Urca process (MUrca)
- ▶ Bremsstrahlung
- ▶ PBF process

PBF process occurs only in the presence of nucleon superfluidity.

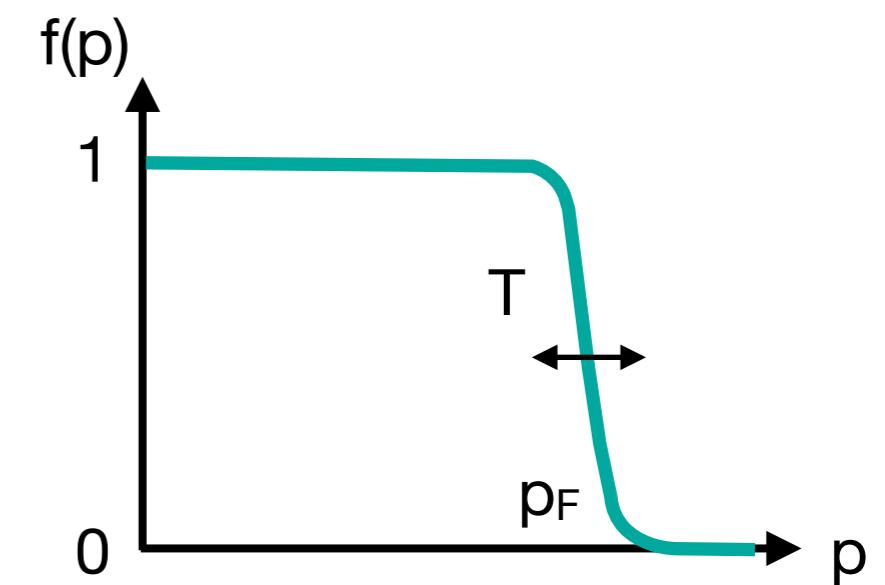
# Neutrino emission

Neutrino emission processes occur only near the **Fermi surface**.

## Fermi momenta in neutron star

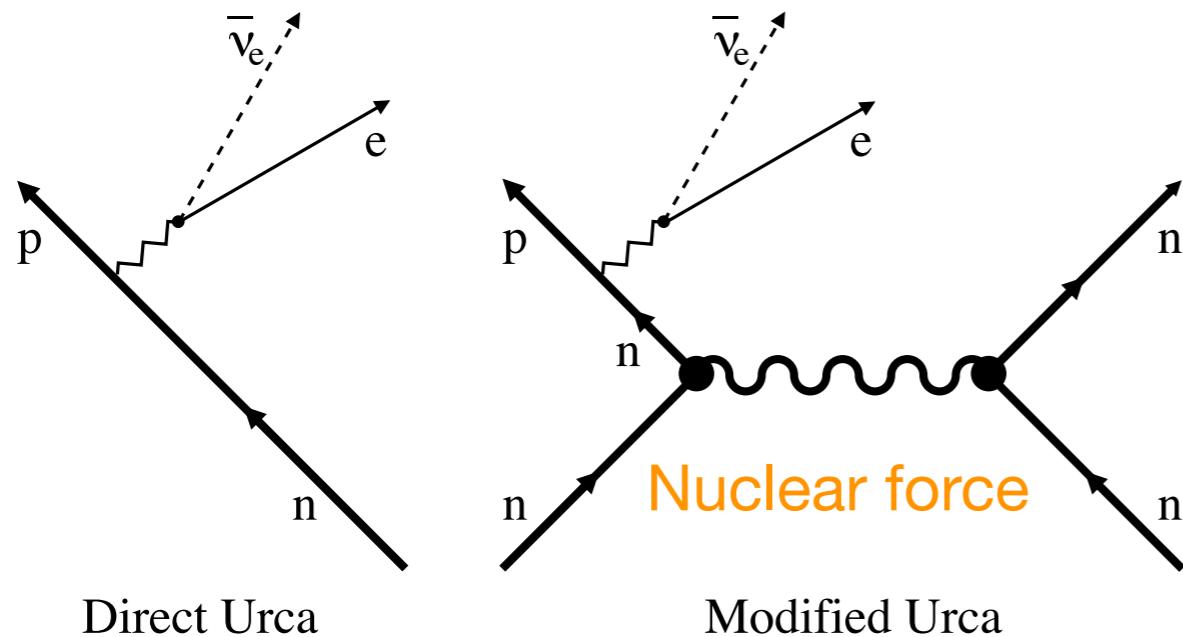


$$p_F \gg T, m_n - m_p$$



# Urca processes

Urca processes keep NSs into  $\beta$  equilibrium:



Chemical equilibrium

$$\mu_n = \mu_p + \mu_\ell$$

$$n (+N) \rightarrow p + \ell^- + \bar{\nu}_\ell (+N), \quad \ell^- + p (+N) \rightarrow n + \bar{\nu}_\ell (+N)$$

Rapid **Direct Urca** process can occur only in **heavy stars**.

For the APR equation of state,  $M \gtrsim 1.97M_\odot$

# Name: Urca

APRIL 1, 1941

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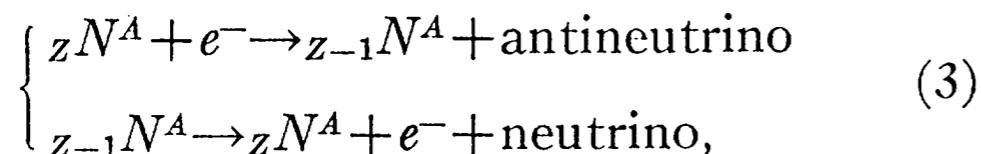
## Neutrino Theory of Stellar Collapse

G. GAMOW, *George Washington University, Washington, D. C.*

M. SCHOENBERG,\* *University of São Paulo, São Paulo, Brazil*

(Received February 6, 1941)

of  $\beta$ -particles. In fact, when the temperature and density in the interior of a contracting star reach certain values depending on the kind of nuclei involved, we should expect processes of the type



which we shall call, for brevity, “urca-processes.”

Named after a casino in  
Rio de Janeiro:

Cassino da Urca

- ▶ To commemorate the casino where they first met.
- ▶ Rapid disappearance of energy (money) of a star (gambler).
- ▶ UnRecordable Cooling Agent.
- ▶ “Urca” means “thief” in Russian.

# Effects of nucleon parings

Nucleons in a NS form Cooper parings.

## Energy spectrum

$$\epsilon_N(p) \simeq \sqrt{\Delta_N^2 + v_{F,N}^2(p - p_{F,N})^2}$$

$\Delta_N$ : paring gap

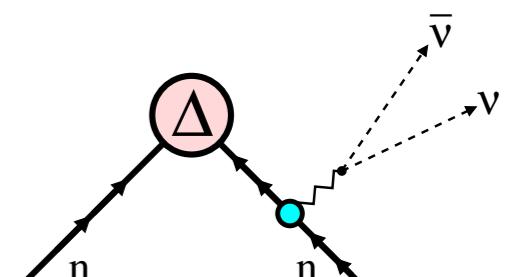
The paring gap introduces a suppression factor to

- ▶ Neutrino emission processes
- ▶ Heat capacity

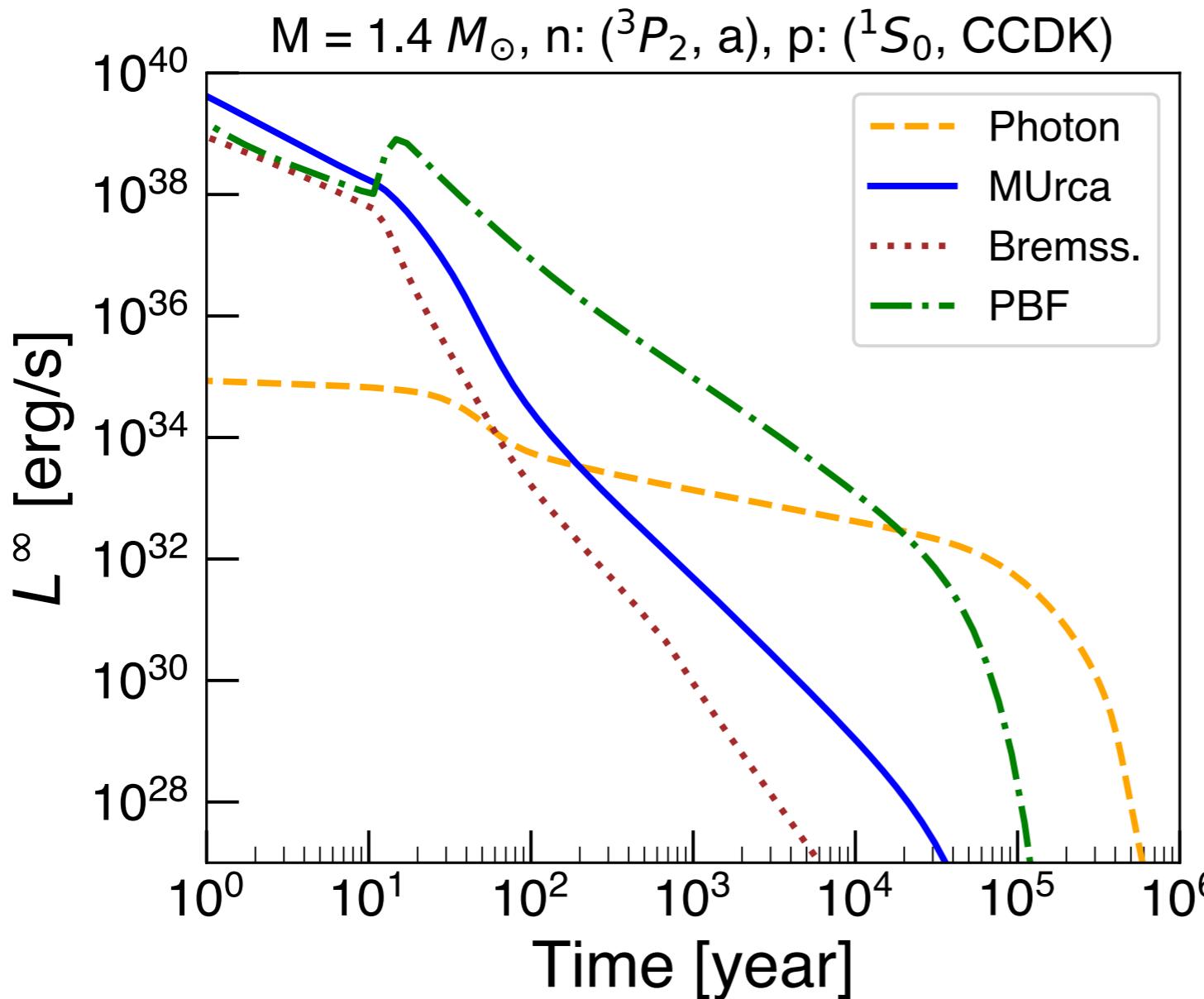
$$\propto e^{-\frac{\Delta_N}{T}}$$

In addition, a new neutrino emission process is turned on:

- ▶ Pair-breaking and formation (PBF) process

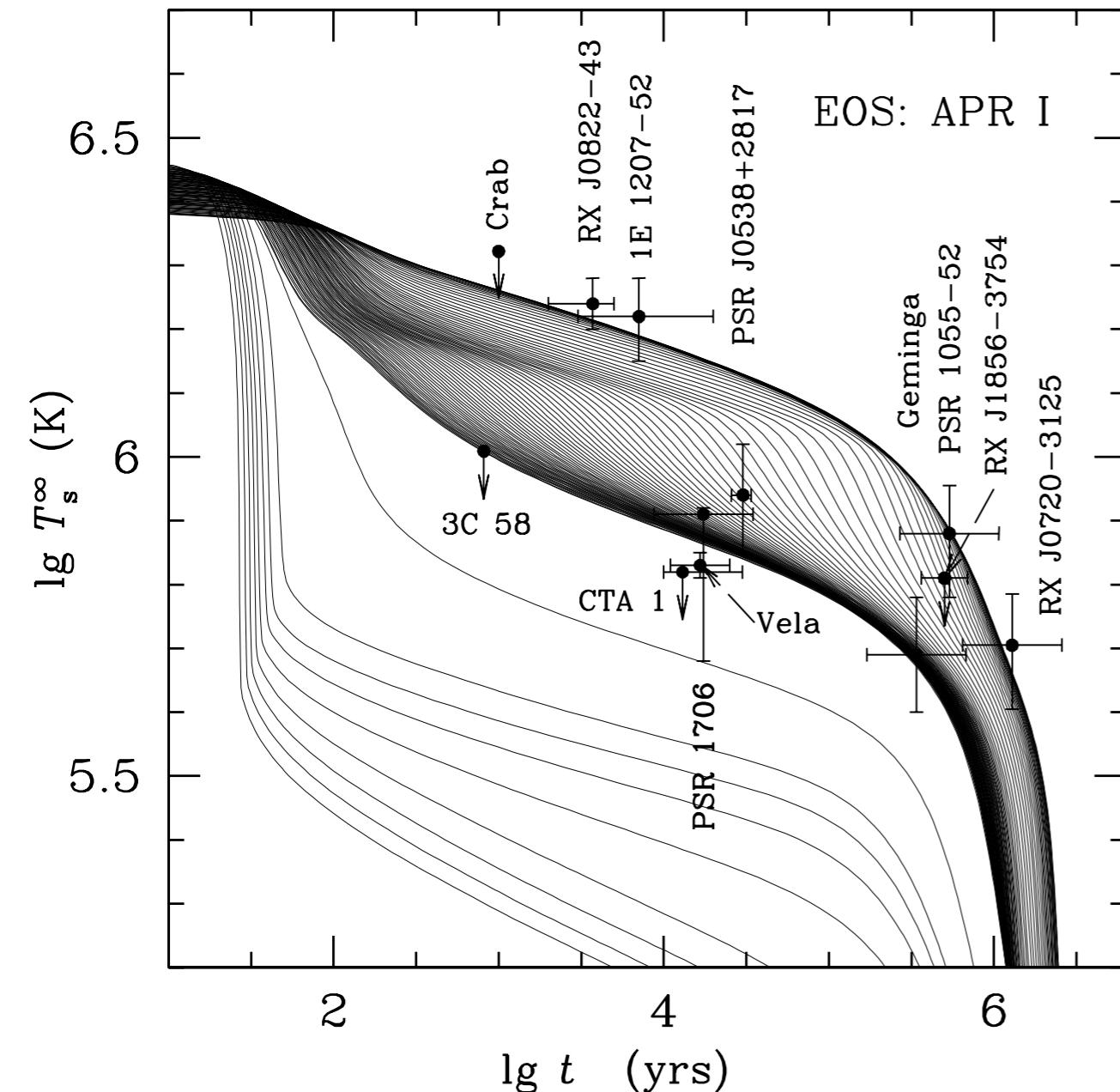


# Luminosity



- **Photon emission** becomes dominant after  $\sim 10^5$  years.
- **Urca process** is extremely suppressed at later times.

# Success of Standard Cooling



$$M = (1.01 - 1.92)M_\odot$$

O. Y. Gnedin, M. Gusakov, A. Kaminker, D. G. Yakovlev,  
Mon. Not. Roy. Astron. Soc. 363, 555 (2005).

- Temperature gets very low for  $t \gtrsim 10^6$  years.
- Consistent with the observations.

Except for those recently observed for old NSs.

# **Dark Matter Heating**

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# Dark matter accretion in NS

Consider a WIMP with mass  $m_{\text{DM}}$ , incoming from infinity with speed  $v_\infty$  and impact parameter  $b$ .



Energy

$$\frac{m_{\text{DM}} v_\infty^2}{2} = \frac{m_{\text{DM}} v_n^2}{2} - \frac{G m_{\text{DM}} M}{r_n}$$

Angular momentum

$$m_{\text{DM}} v_\infty b = m_{\text{DM}} v_n r_n$$



$$r_n = \frac{GM}{v_\infty^2} \left[ \sqrt{1 + \frac{v_\infty^4 b^2}{G^2 M^2}} - 1 \right]$$

# Dark matter accretion in NS

For a WIMP to be captured by a NS,  $r_n \leq R$  is required.



$$b \leq R \left[ 1 + \frac{v_{\text{esc}}^2}{v_{\infty}^2} \right]^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$v_{\infty} \simeq 230 \text{ km/s}$$

## Escape velocity

$$v_{\text{esc}} = \sqrt{\frac{2GM}{R}} \simeq 2 \times 10^8 \times \left( \frac{M}{1.4M_{\odot}} \right)^{1/2} \left( \frac{R}{10 \text{ km}} \right)^{-1/2} \text{ m/s}$$

## Maximum impact parameter

Close to the speed of light!

$$b_{\text{max}} \simeq R \frac{v_{\text{esc}}}{v_{\infty}} \simeq 0.8 \times 10^7 \times \left( \frac{M}{1.4M_{\odot}} \right)^{1/2} \left( \frac{R}{10 \text{ km}} \right)^{1/2} \text{ m}$$

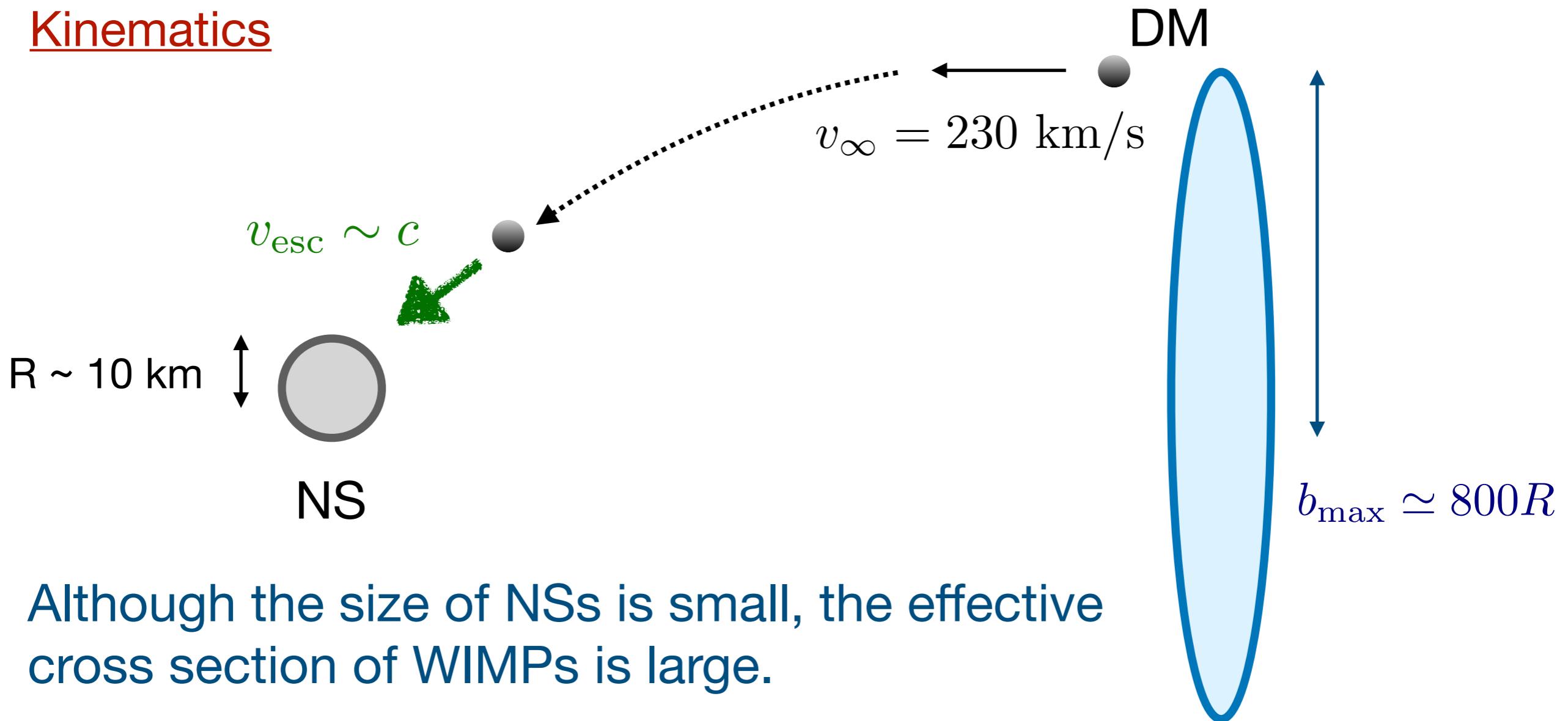
Much larger than the NS radius.

# Dark matter accretion in NS

WIMP accretion rate is thus evaluated as

$$\dot{N} \simeq \pi b_{\max}^2 v_\infty \cdot \frac{\rho_{\text{DM}}}{m_{\text{DM}}} \quad \text{DM number density}$$

## Kinematics



Although the size of NSs is small, the effective cross section of WIMPs is large.

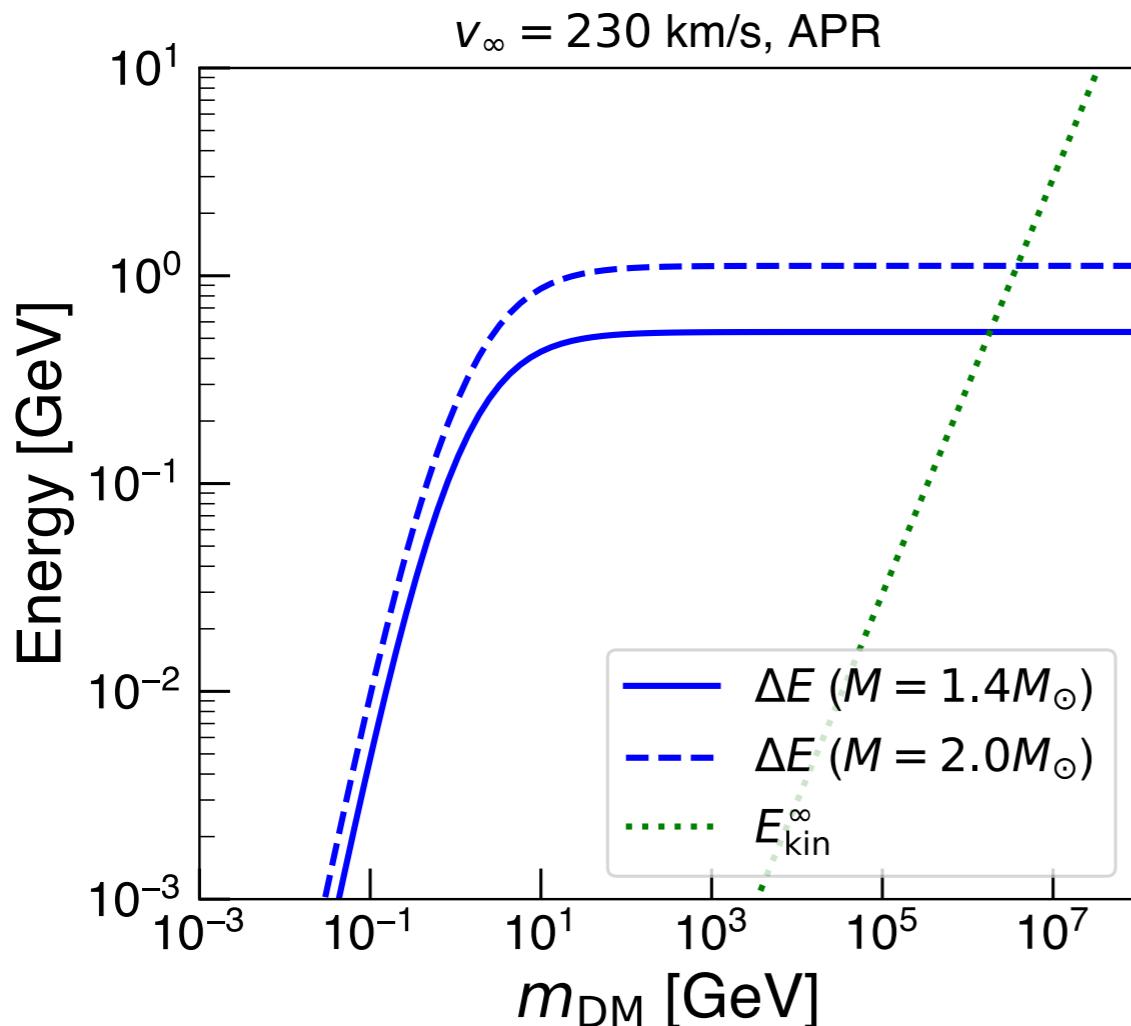
# Recoil energy

For each DM-nucleon scattering, WIMPs lose energy by

$$\Delta E = \frac{m_N m_{\text{DM}}^2 \gamma_{\text{esc}}^2 v_{\text{esc}}^2}{m_N^2 + m_{\text{DM}}^2 + 2\gamma_{\text{esc}} m_{\text{DM}} m_N} (1 - \cos \theta_c)$$

$\theta_c$  : scattering angle  
in the CM frame.  
 $\gamma_{\text{esc}} \equiv (1 - v_{\text{esc}}^2)^{-1/2}$

Let us compare this with the initial kinetic energy:  $E_{\text{kin}}^\infty = m_{\text{DM}} v_\infty^2 / 2$



- ▶ One scattering is sufficient for WIMPs to lose the initial kinetic energy.
- ▶ Energy transfer can be as large as O(100) MeV.

# One scattering in NS

WIMP-nucleon scattering occurs at least once if

$$\text{Mean Free Path} \sim (\sigma n)^{-1} \sim \frac{m_N R^3}{\sigma M} < R$$



$$\sigma > \sigma_{\text{crit}} \sim \frac{m_N R^2}{M} \sim 10^{-45} \text{ cm}^2$$

$\sigma$ : WIMP-nucleon scattering cross section.

If this is satisfied, then all of the accreted WIMPs are captured.

If not, capture rate is suppressed by  $\sigma/\sigma_{\text{crit}}$ .

# Dark matter heating

Captured WIMPs eventually **annihilate** inside the NS core.

For old NSs, we have

$$\text{Accretion rate} = \text{Annihilation rate}$$

equilibrium

If all of the accreting WIMPs are captured by the NS,

$$L_H \simeq m_{\text{DM}} \dot{N} \simeq 2\pi GMR\rho_{\text{DM}}/v_\infty$$

# NS temperature with DM heating

At later times, the DM heating balances with the cooling by photon emission.

$$L_H = L_\gamma$$

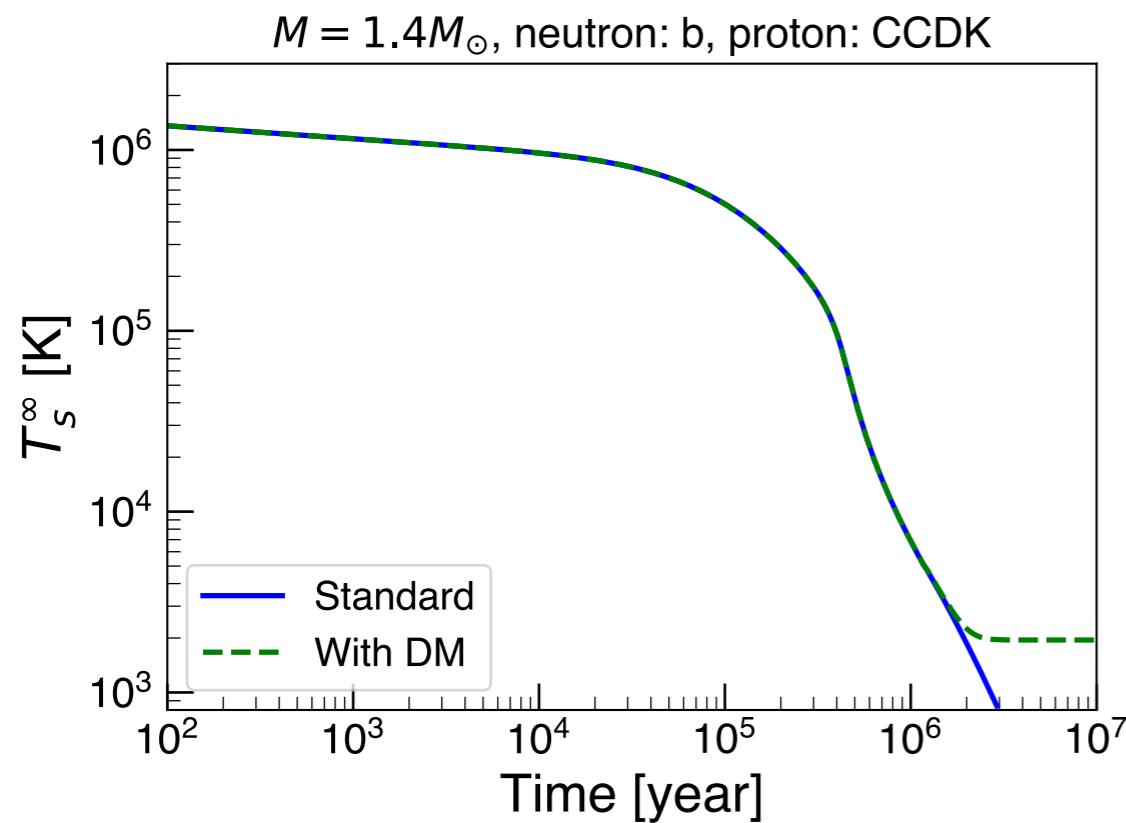


$$2\pi GMR\rho_{\text{DM}}/v_\infty \simeq 4\pi R^2\sigma_{\text{SB}}T_s^4$$



$$T_s \simeq 2500 \text{ K}$$

(for  $\sigma > \sigma_{\text{crit}}$ )

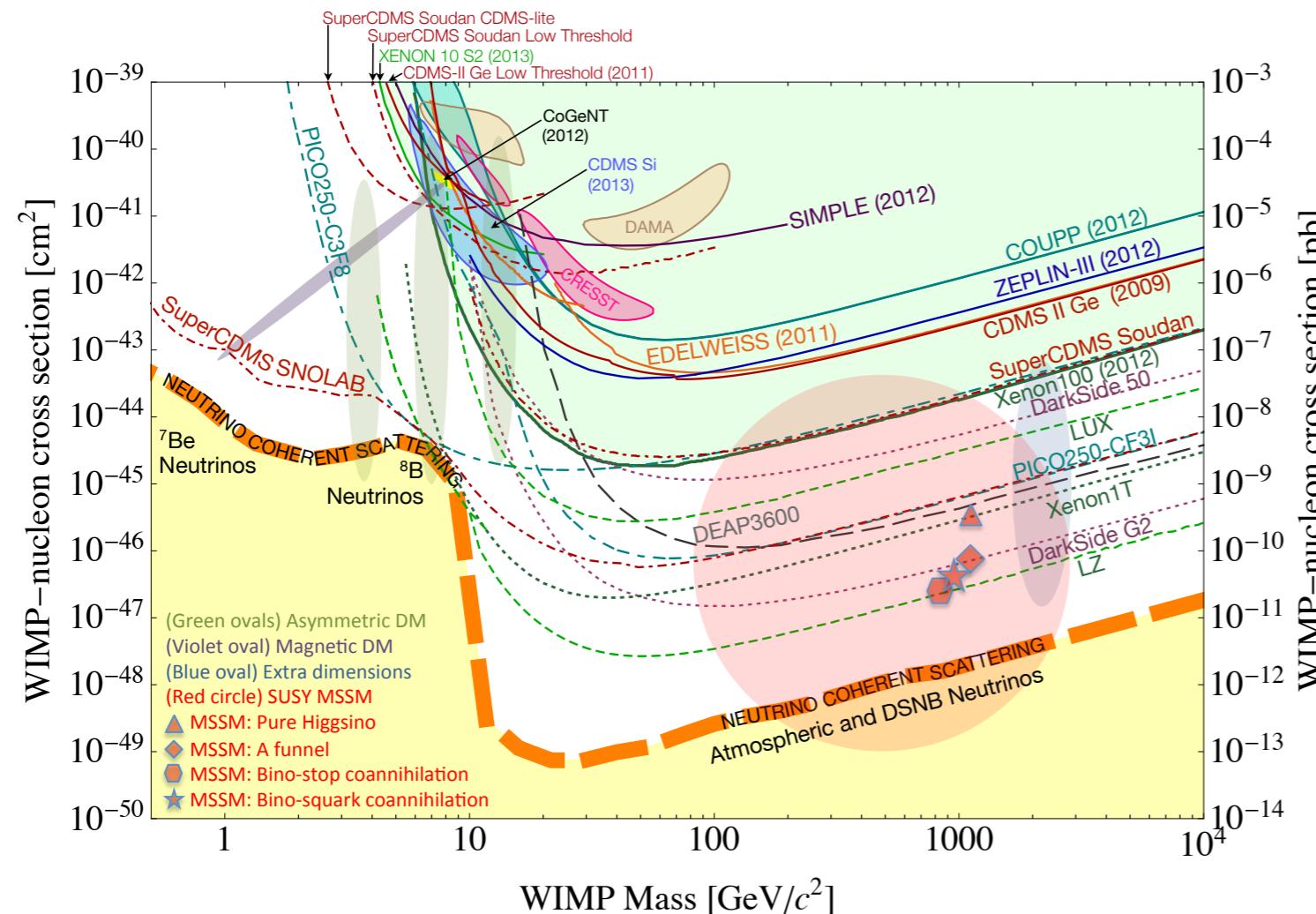


Robust, smoking-gun prediction of DM heating.

# DM heating vs direct detection

In any case, an observation of a NS with  $T_s \lesssim 2 \times 10^3$  K disfavors WIMPs which have  $\sigma > 10^{-45}$  cm<sup>2</sup>.

## Direct detection



Snowmass, arXiv:1310.8327.

Such a large scattering cross section can be probed in direct detection experiments. Why we should care about DM heating??

# Advantage of DM heating in NSs

Bound from NS temperature may surpass those from DM direct searches in the following cases:

- Inelastic scattering occurs for  $\Delta E \sim O(100)$  MeV.
- WIMP-nucleon scattering is **velocity-suppressed**.
- Spin-dependent scattering
- Light dark matter
- Heavy dark matter

# Electroweak-Interacting DM

The neutral component of  $SU(2)_L$  n-tuplet, hypercharge  $Y$  is regarded as a DM candidate.

## Examples:

- $n = 2, Y = 1/2$  (higgsino)
- $n = 3, Y = 0$  (wino)
- $n = 5, Y = 0$  (Minimal Dark Matter)

## Interactions

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{L}_{\text{int}} = & \frac{g_2}{4} \sqrt{n^2 - (2Y - 1)^2} \overline{\chi^+} W^+ \chi^0 + \frac{g_2}{4} \sqrt{n^2 - (2Y + 1)^2} \overline{\chi^0} W^+ \chi^- + \text{h.c.} \\ & + ig_Z Y \overline{\chi^0} Z \eta^0.\end{aligned}$$

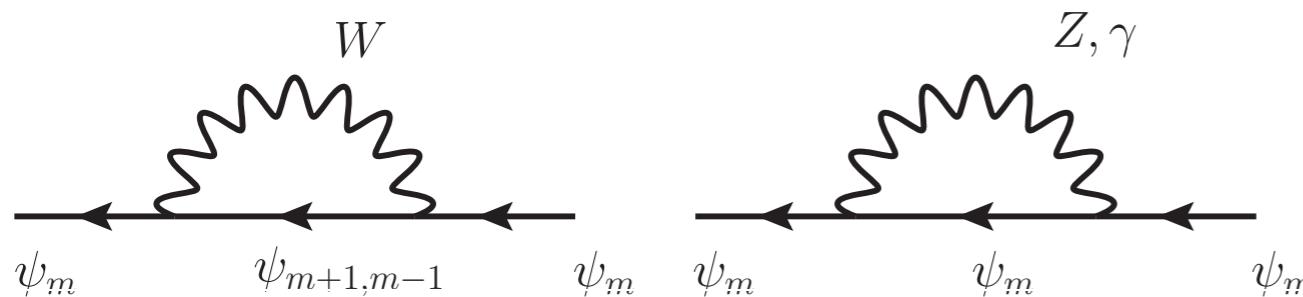
The DM phenomenology is (almost) completely determined by the gauge interactions.

For scalar DM cases, the DM-Higgs couplings also exist.

# Electroweak multiplet DM

Electroweak multiplet DM is accompanied by **charged particles**, which are **degenerate in mass**.

## Mass splitting

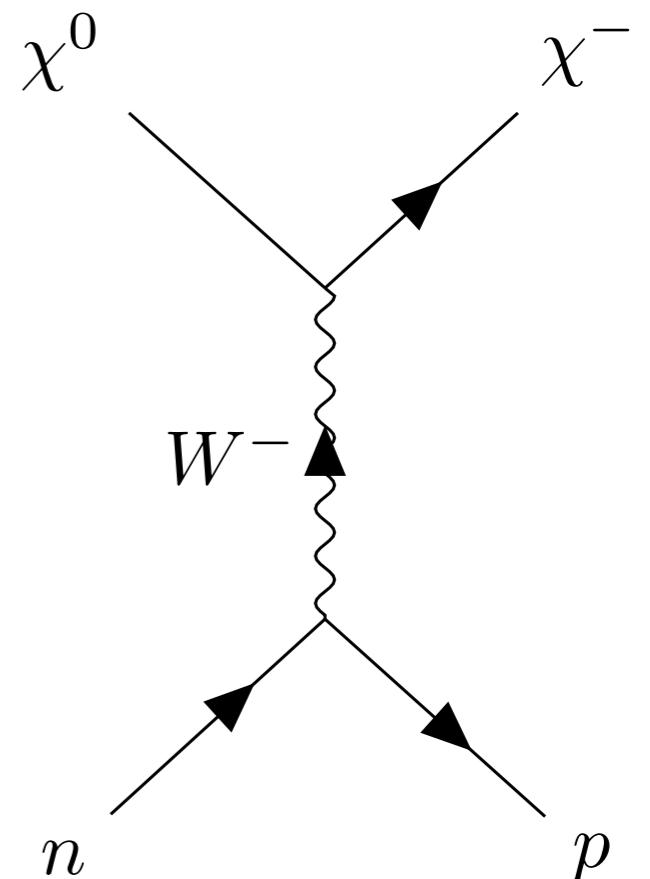


$$\Delta M \simeq \alpha_2 m_W \sin^2 \frac{\theta_W}{2} + \alpha_2 Y m_W \left( \frac{1}{\cos \theta_W} - 1 \right)$$

O(100) MeV

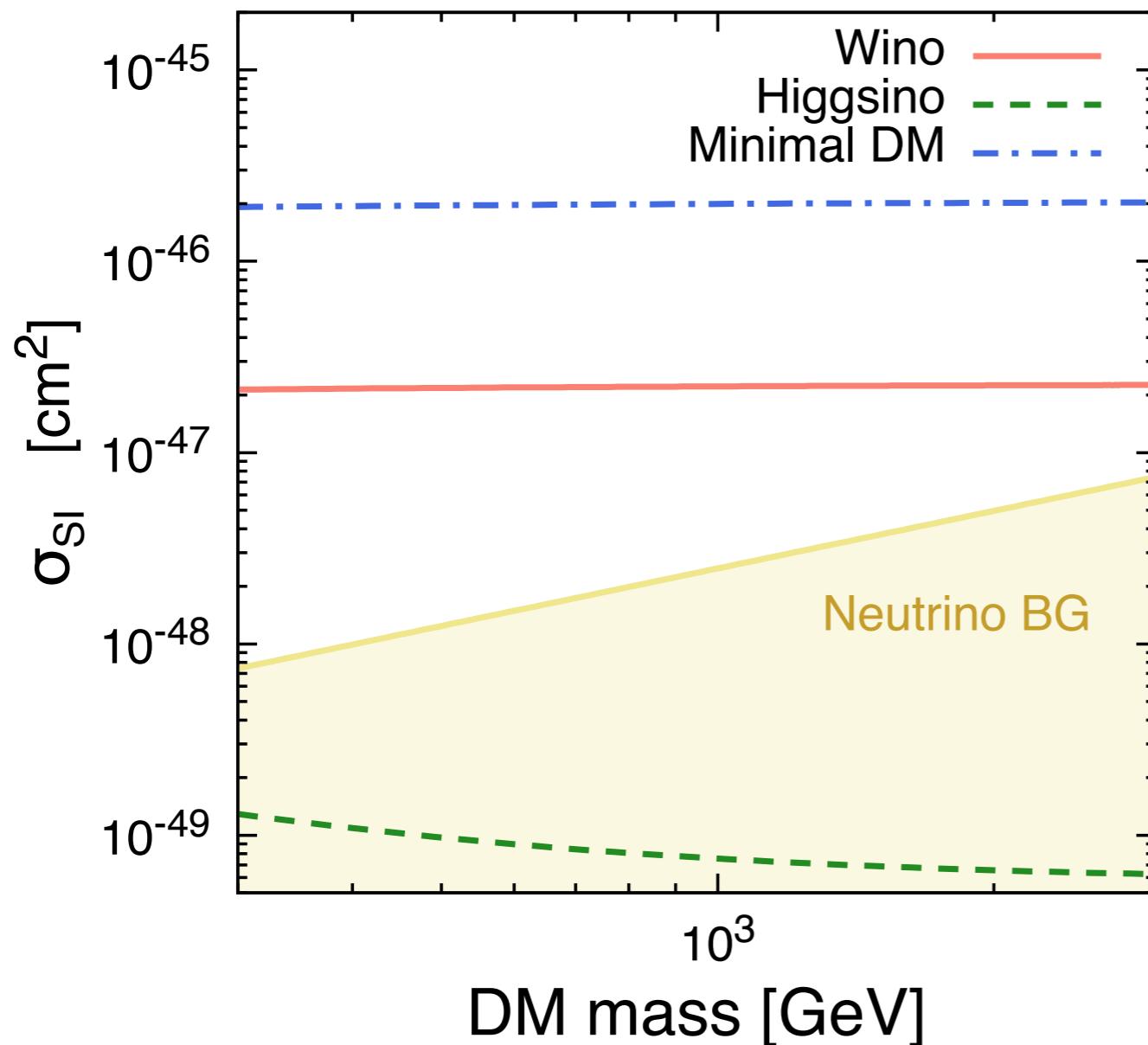
- Inelastic scattering can occur.
- Cross section is large enough for such a DM to be captured in NS.
- NS can be a promising probe for this class of DM candidates.

Detailed study ongoing.

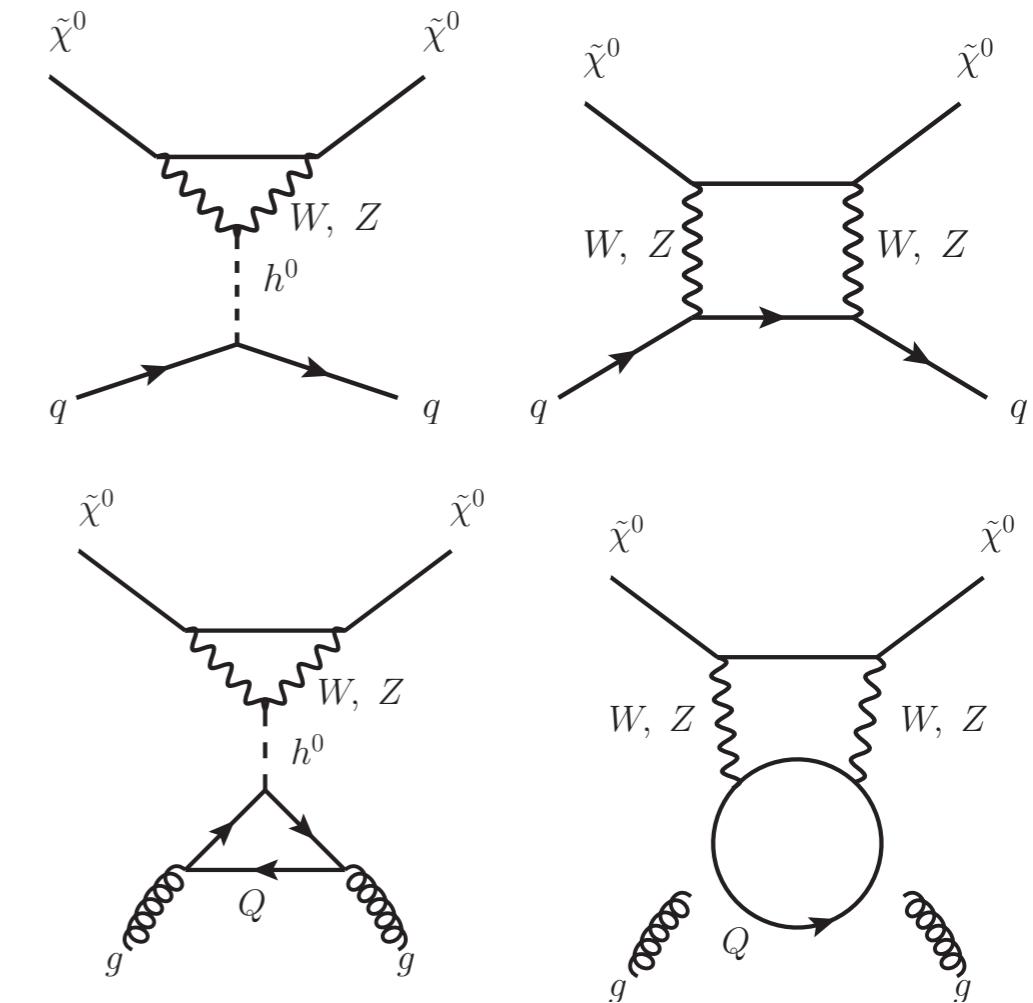


# Electroweak interacting DM

## Elastic scattering cross section

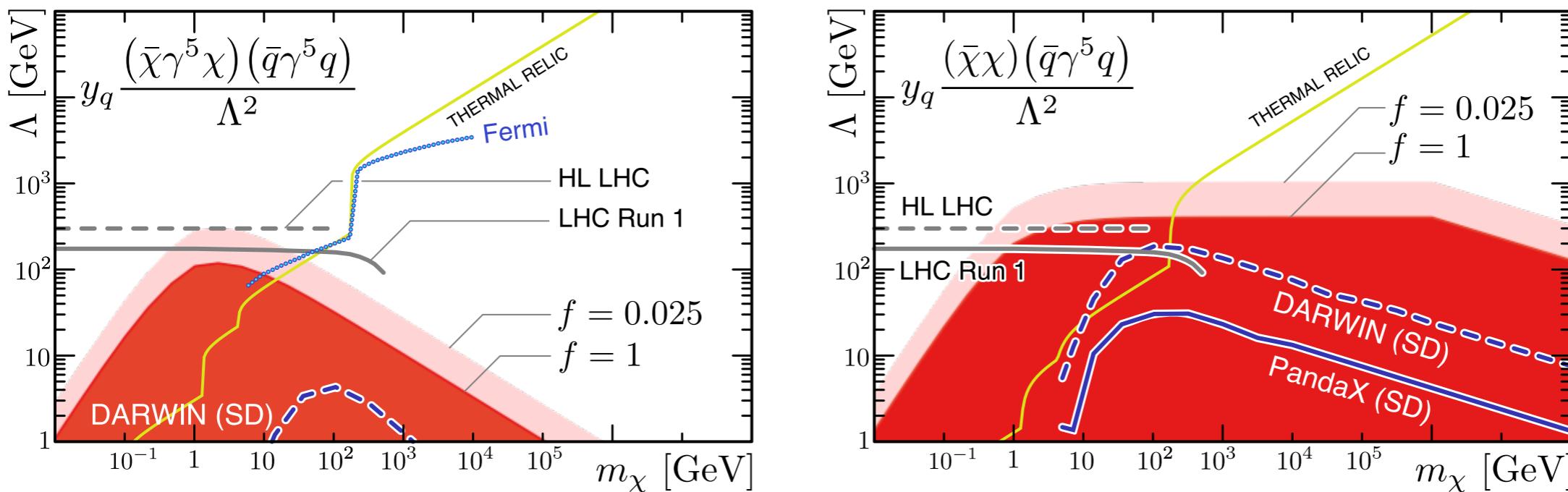
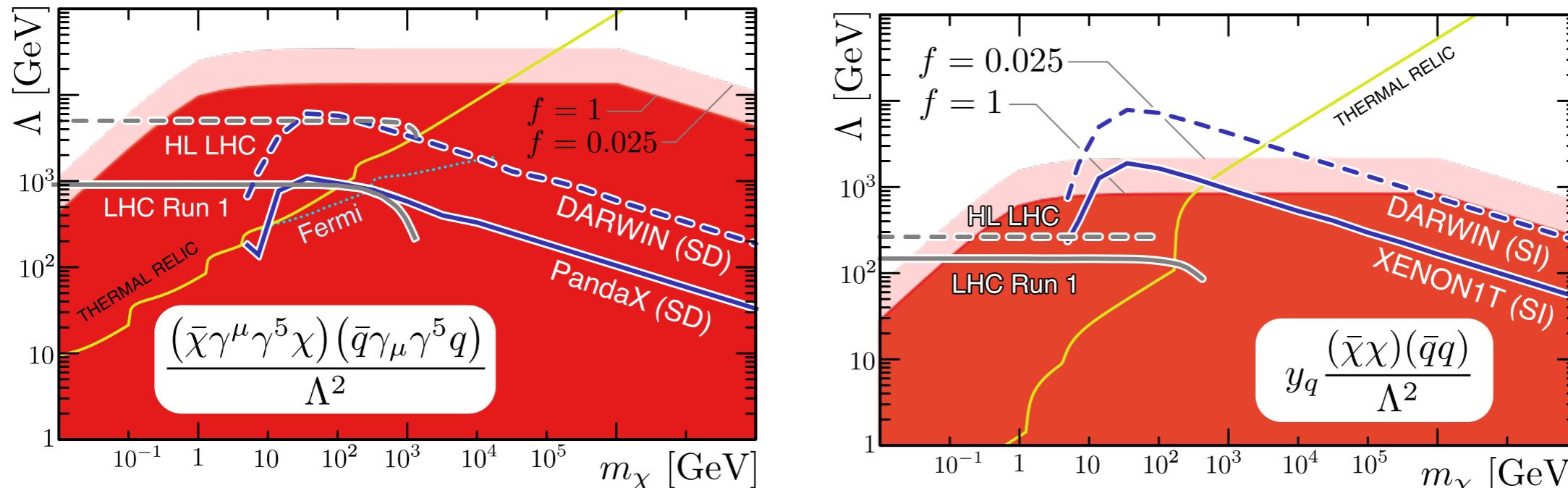
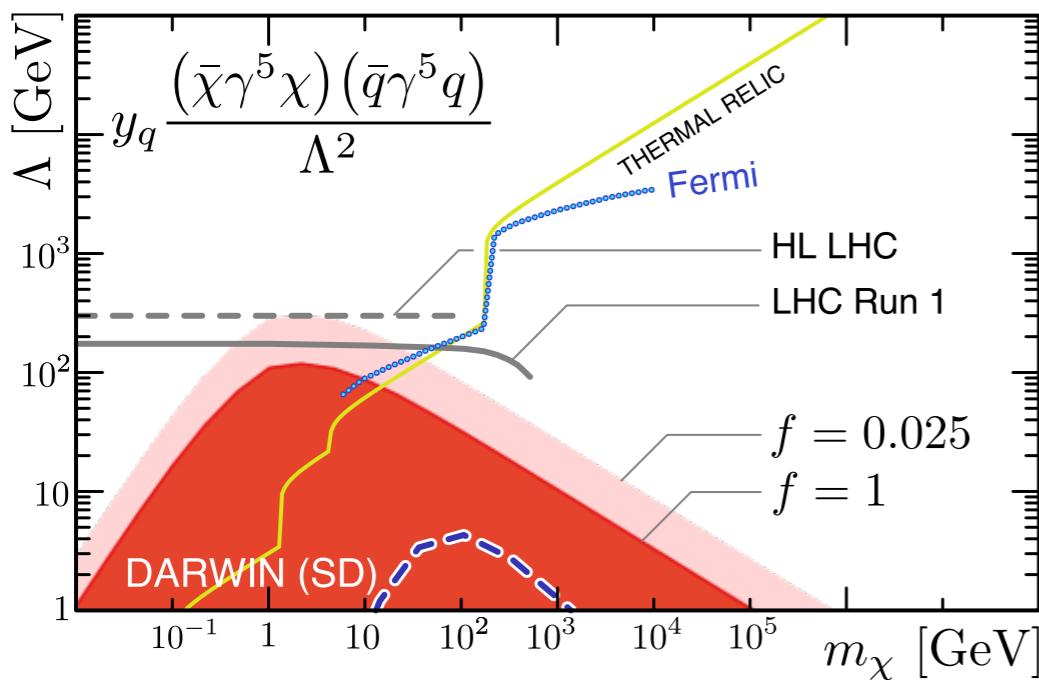
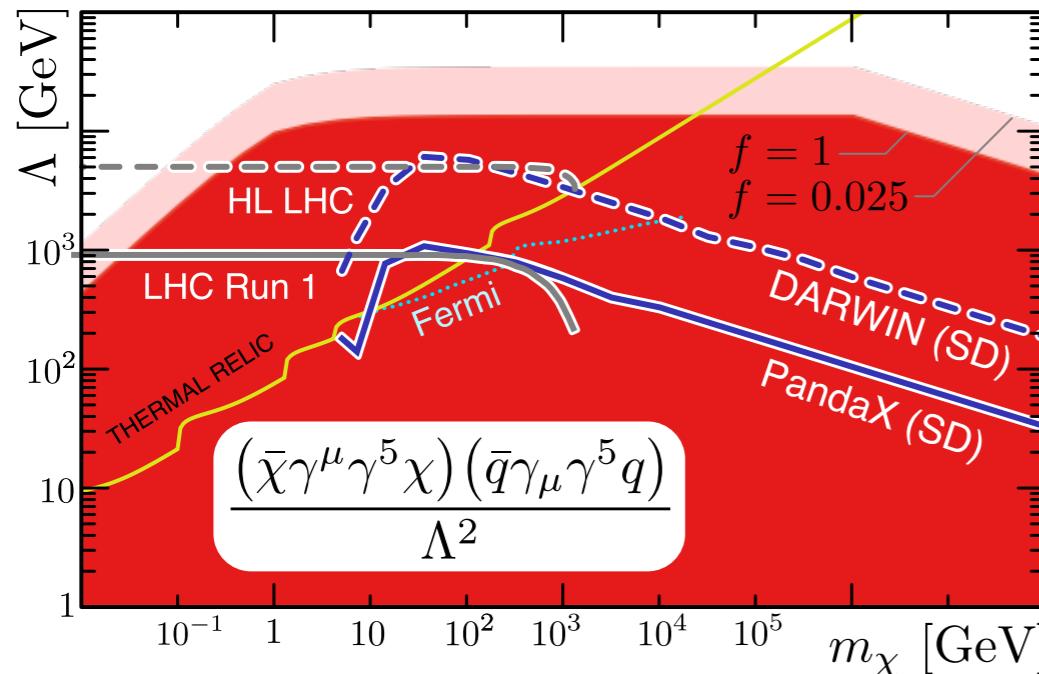


## Diagrams



Elastic scattering cross section is generically small.

# Effective operator analysis



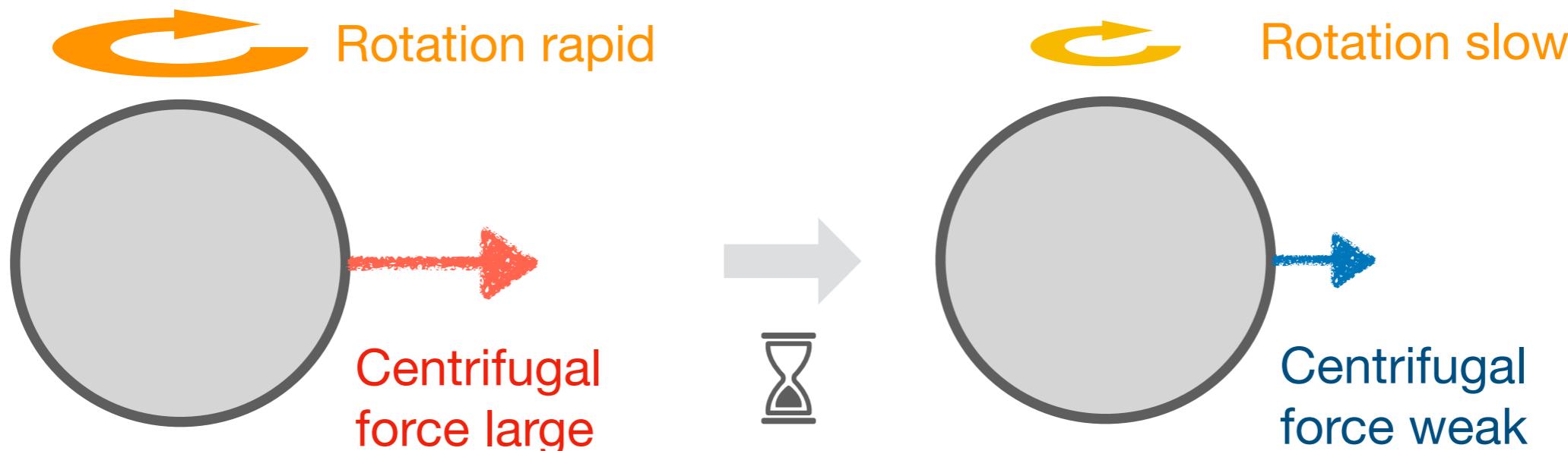
# **Role of non-equilibrium $\beta$ processes**

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# Loop hole in standard cooling

In the standard cooling,  $\beta$  equilibrium is assumed.

In a real pulsar



Local pressure changes. Chemical equilibrium condition changes.

At low temperatures, the rate of Urca process is fairly suppressed.



Deviation from  $\beta$  equilibrium

Energy excess in chemical potentials.

# Out of $\beta$ equilibrium

Deviation from  $\beta$  equilibrium is quantified by

$$\eta_\ell \equiv \mu_n - \mu_p - \mu_\ell \quad (\ell = e, \mu)$$

## At early times

Urca processes are rapid.

- NS can follow the change in the equilibrium condition.

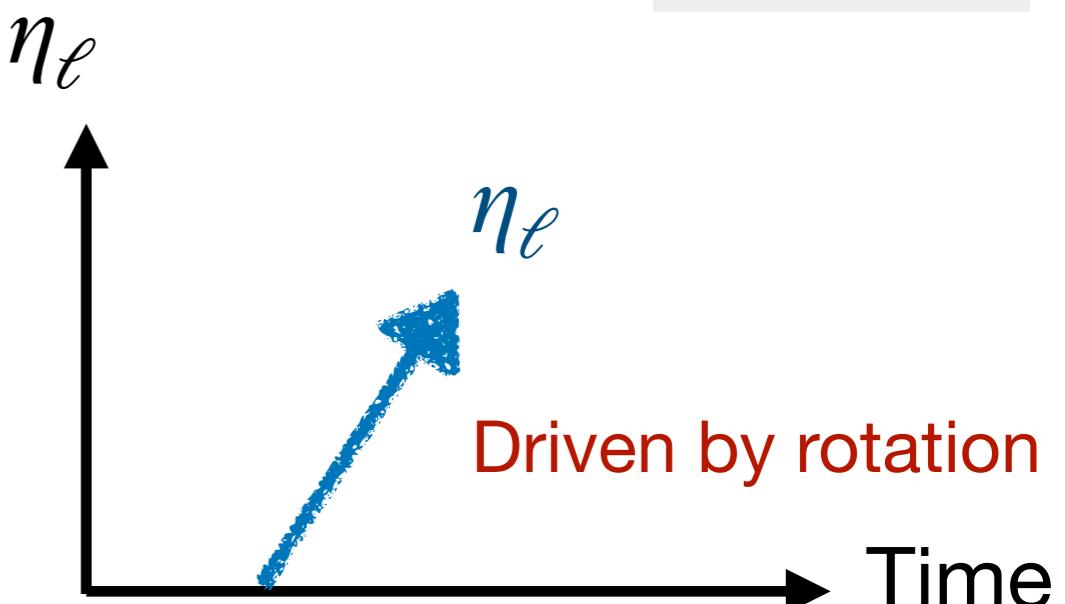
## At later times

Urca processes are too slow.

- Deviation from  $\beta$  equilibrium

- $\eta_\ell$  increases!

$$\eta_\ell = 0$$



# Rotochemical heating

R. Fernandez and A. Reisenegger, *Astrophys. J.* **625**, 291 (2005);  
C. Petrovich, A. Reisenegger, *Astron. Astrophys.* **521**, A77 (2010).

Once  $\eta_\ell$  exceeds a threshold  $\Delta_{\text{th}}$  determined by nucleon gaps,

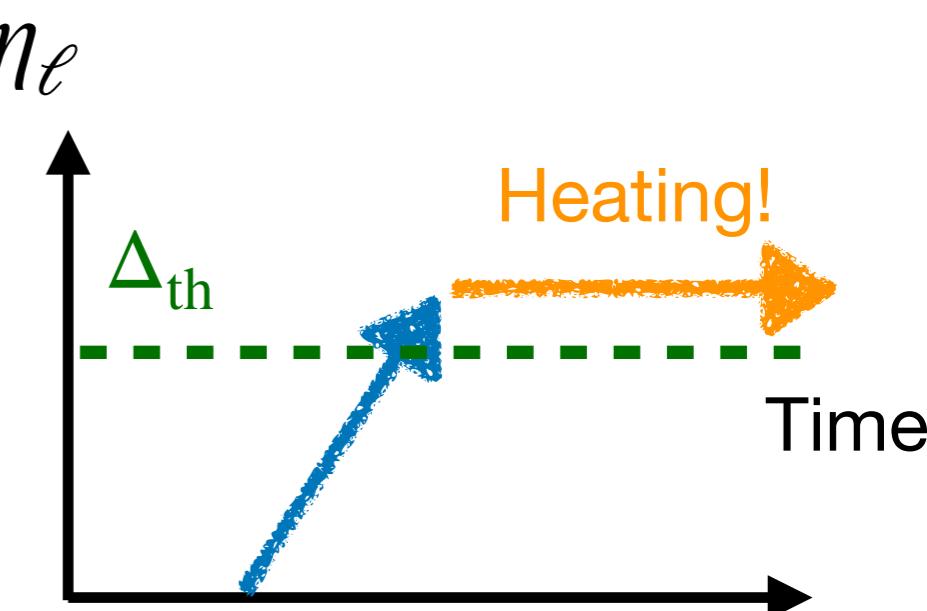
$$\Delta_{\text{th}} = \min \{3\Delta_n + \Delta_p, \Delta_n + 3\Delta_p\}$$

- ▶ Urca processes are enhanced.
- ▶ Generation of heat

Called the rotochemical heating.

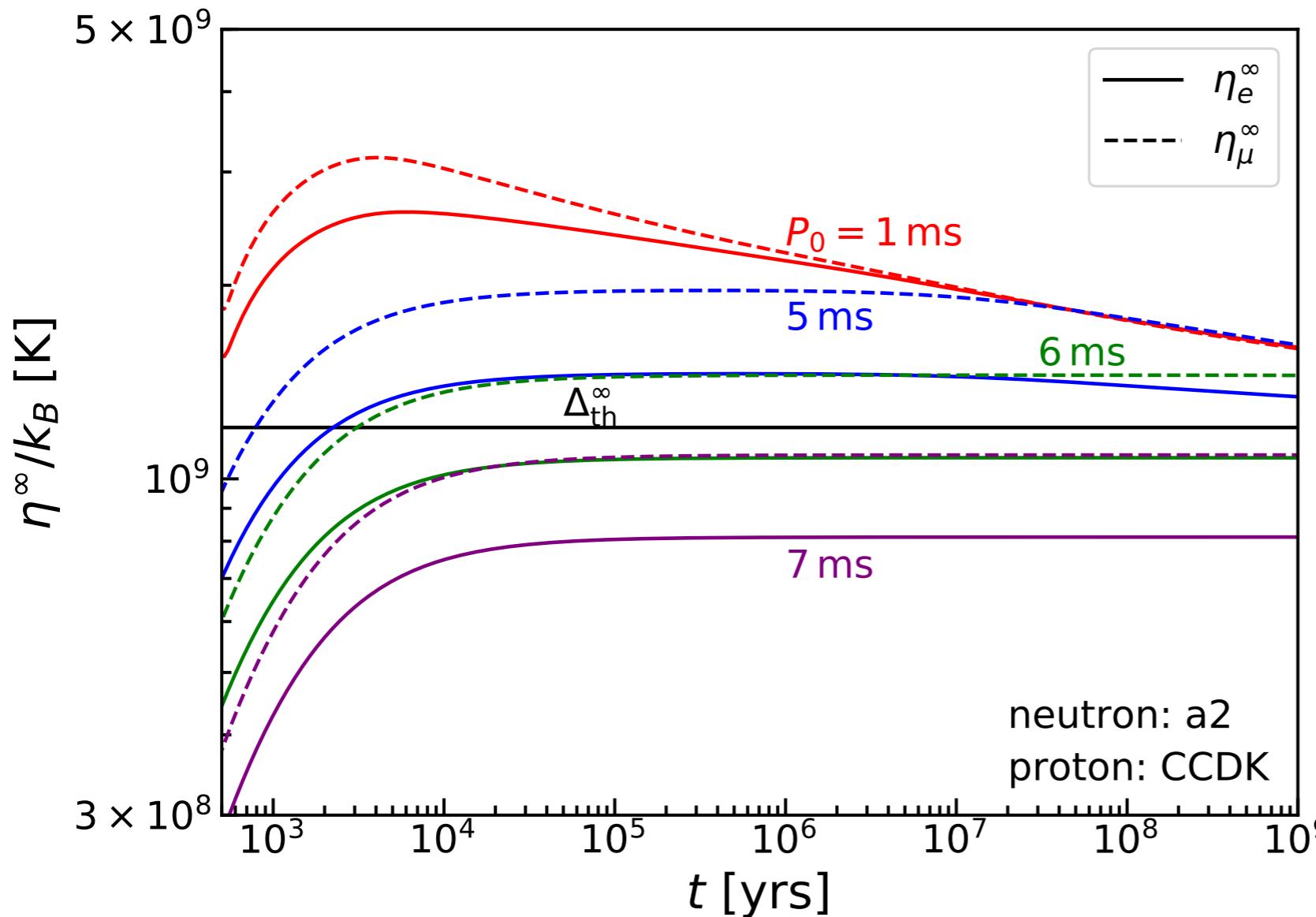
It occurs in the same setup as the standard cooling.

- No exotic physics needed.
- This effect should have been included from the beginning...



# Evolution of chemical imbalance

Since the deviation from equilibrium is driven by rotation,  
it strongly depends on the value of period.



$$M = 1.4M_\odot$$

$$P = 1\text{ s}$$

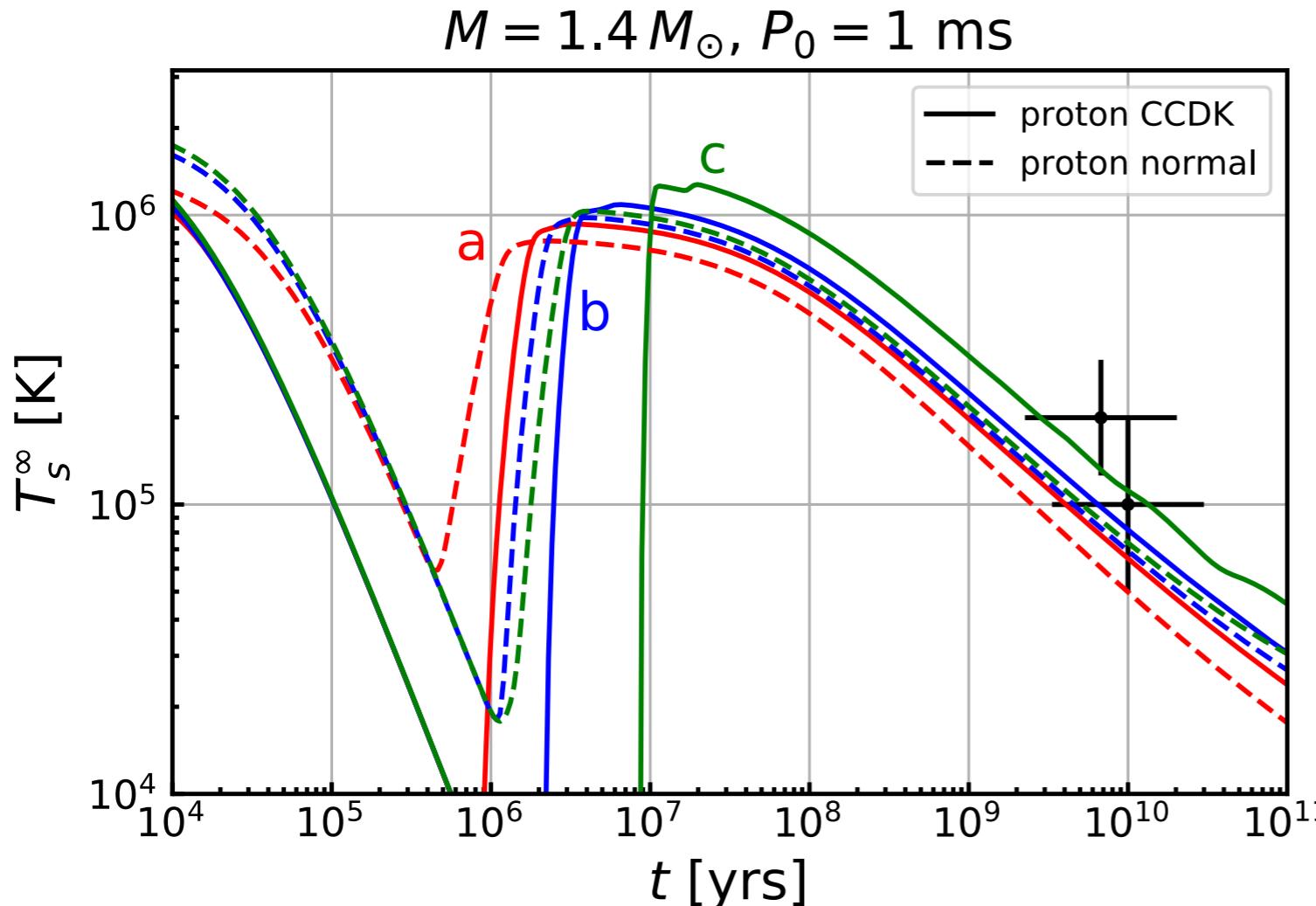
$$\dot{P} = 10^{-15}$$

Magnetic dipole radiation

$$\dot{\Omega} = -k\Omega^3$$

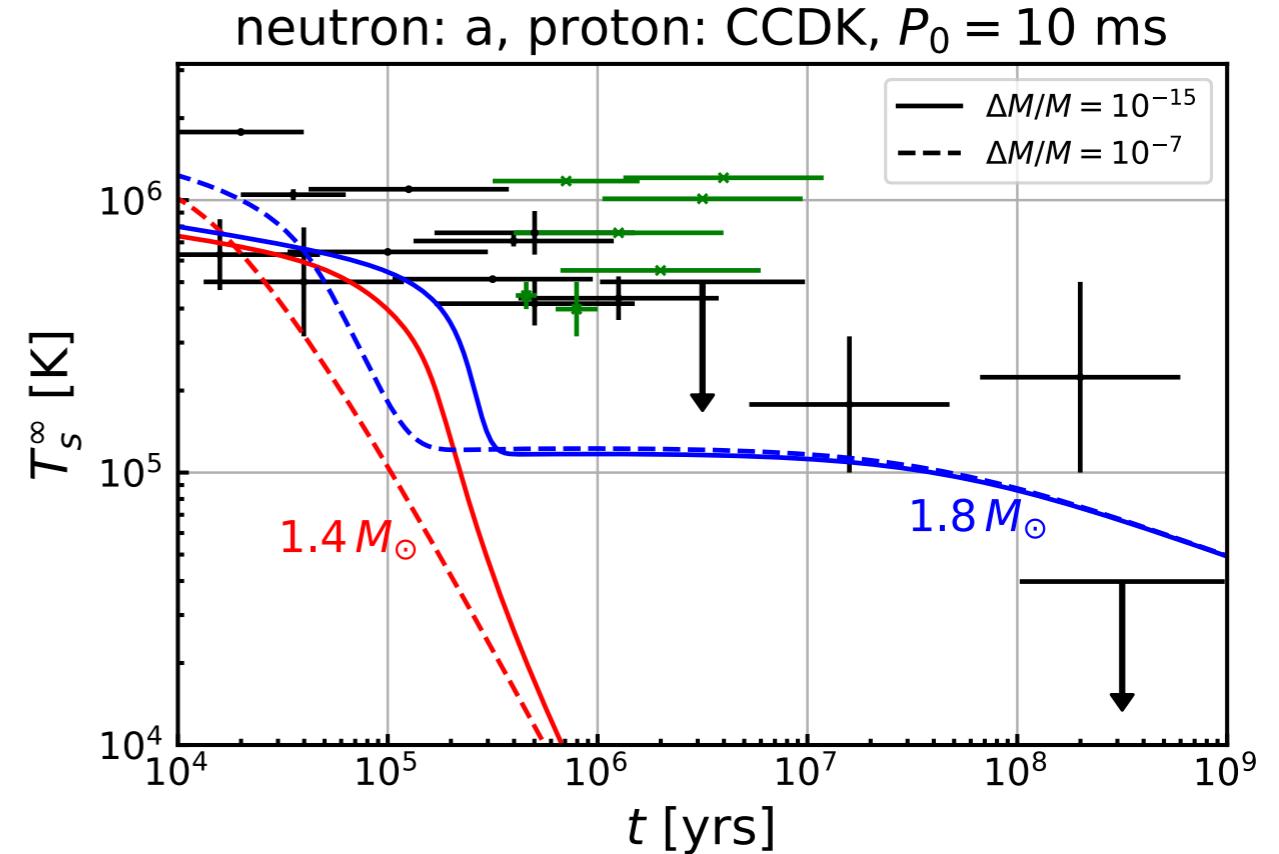
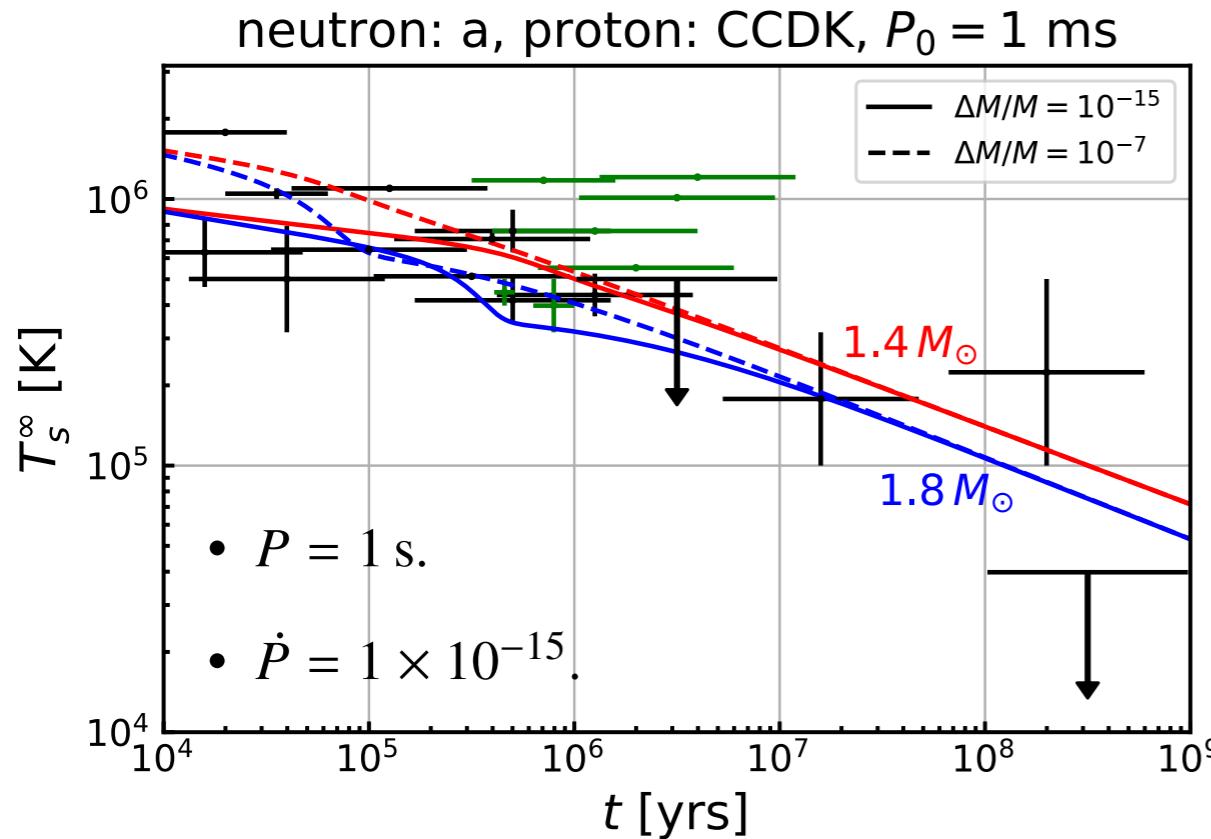
Rotochemical heating occurs if the initial period  $P_0$  is small enough.

# Millisecond pulsars



- Rotochemical heating always occurs in MSPs.
- We can explain all of the observations.

# Ordinary pulsars



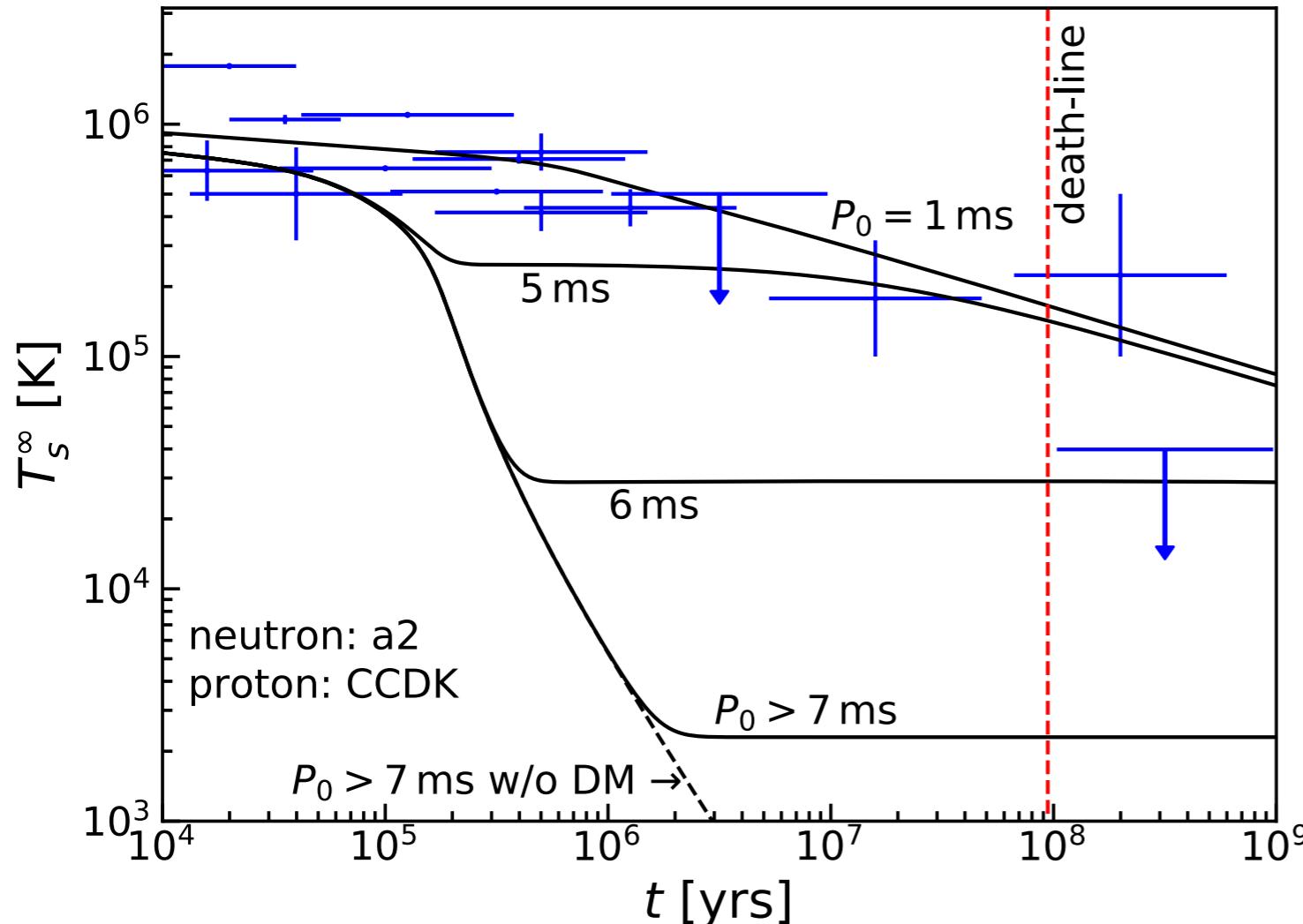
- The temperature revolution highly depends on the **initial period** of pulsars.
- We can explain all of the observations.
  - ▶ Cool star: large initial period  $\rightarrow$  no rotochemical heating.
  - ▶ Warm star: small initial period  $\rightarrow$  rotochemical heating effective.

# **Results and implications**

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# NS surface temperature evolution

Now we include both the DM and *rotochemical* heating effects.



Simulations show that  $P_0$  can be as large as  $\mathcal{O}(100)$  ms.

See, e.g., 1811.05483.

- If  $P_0$  is large enough, DM heating effect can be observed.
- It is always concealed in millisecond pulsars.

# **Conclusion**

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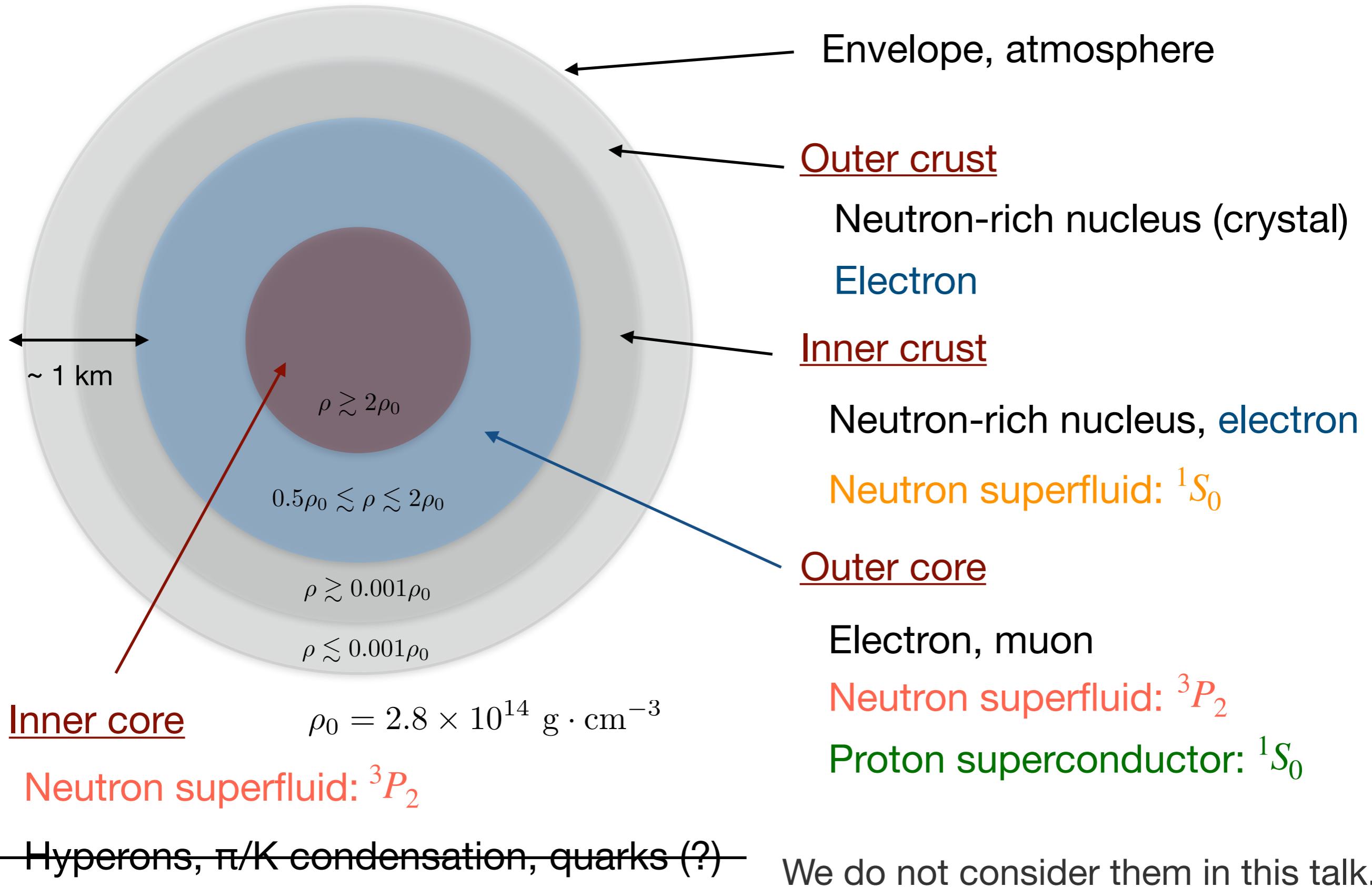
# Conclusion

- We studied the NS temperature evolution including both the **rotochemical** and **DM heating** effects.
- For **ordinary pulsars**, DM heating effect can be observed if their initial period is relatively large.
- For **millisecond pulsars**, DM heating effect is always hidden by the rotochemical heating.
- In any case, an observation of a NS with  $T_s^\infty \lesssim 10^3$  K can give a stringent constraint on WIMP DM.

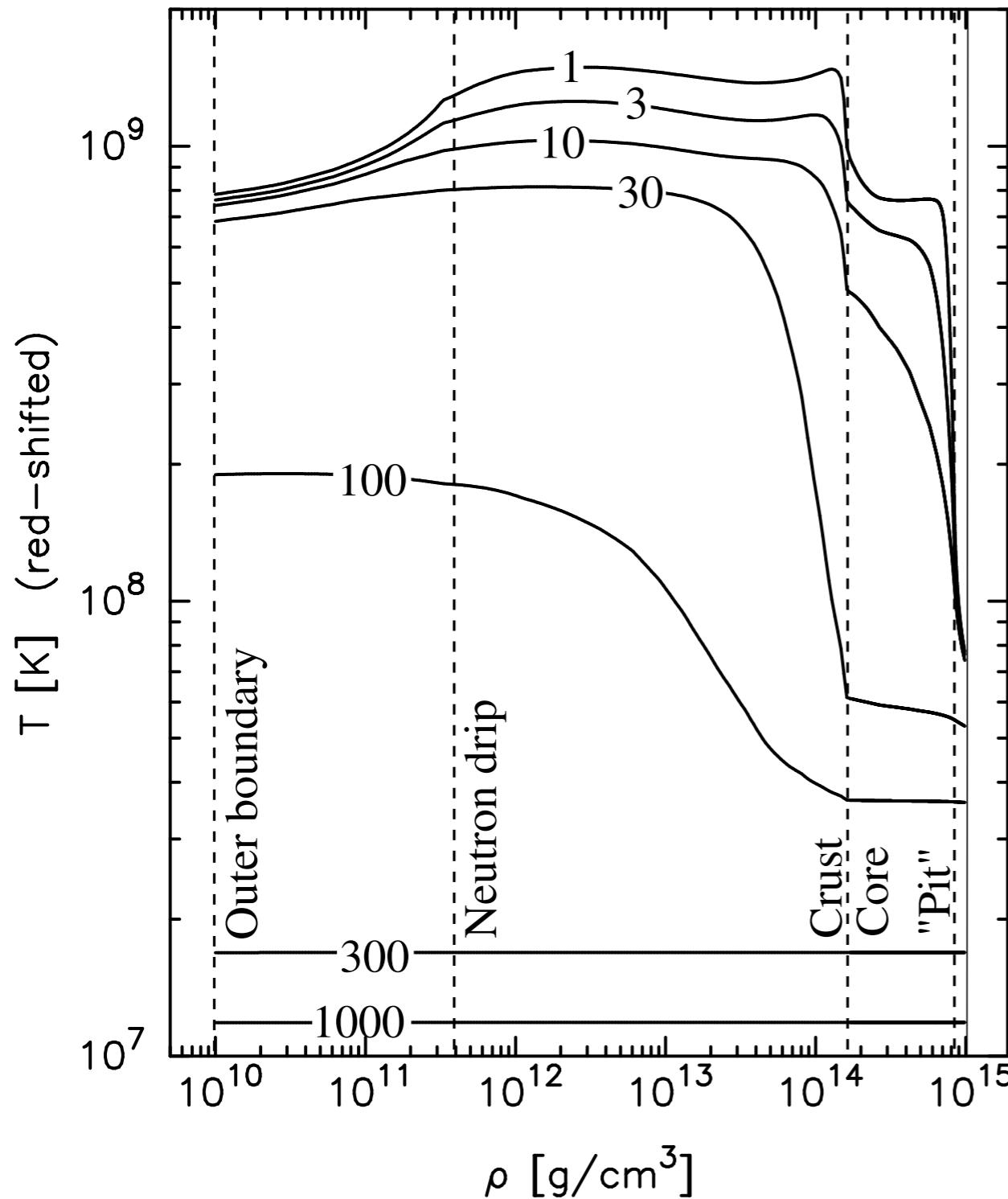
Such as electroweak-interacting DM

# **Backup**

# Neutron star structure



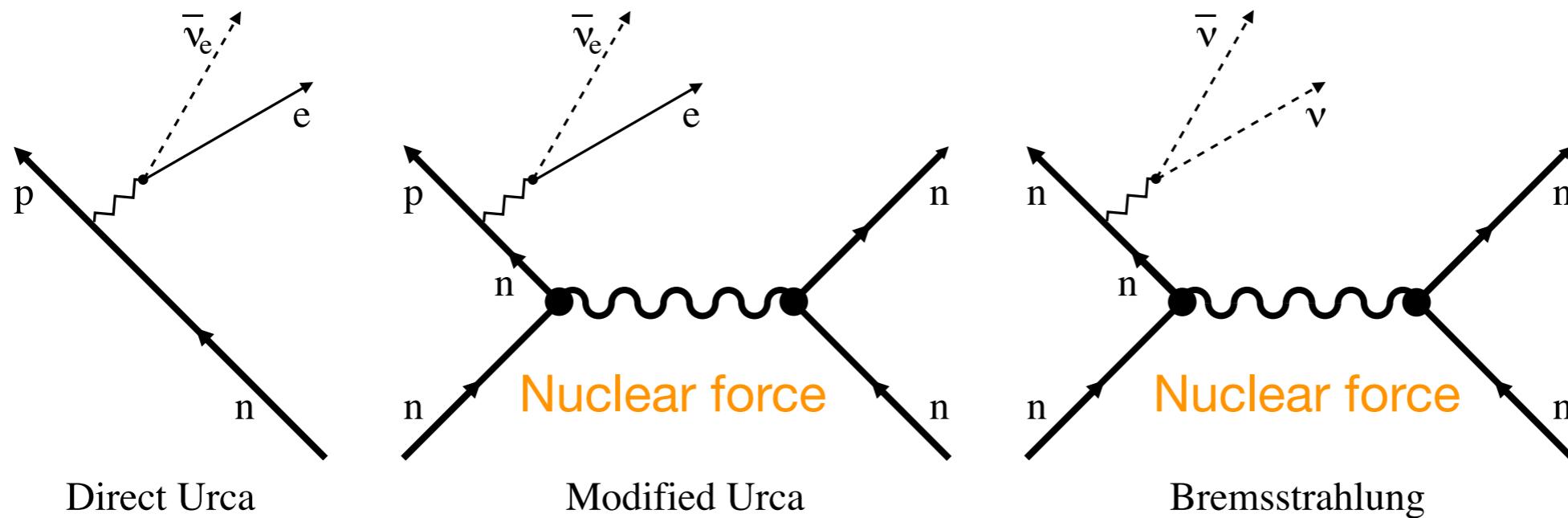
# Temperature distribution



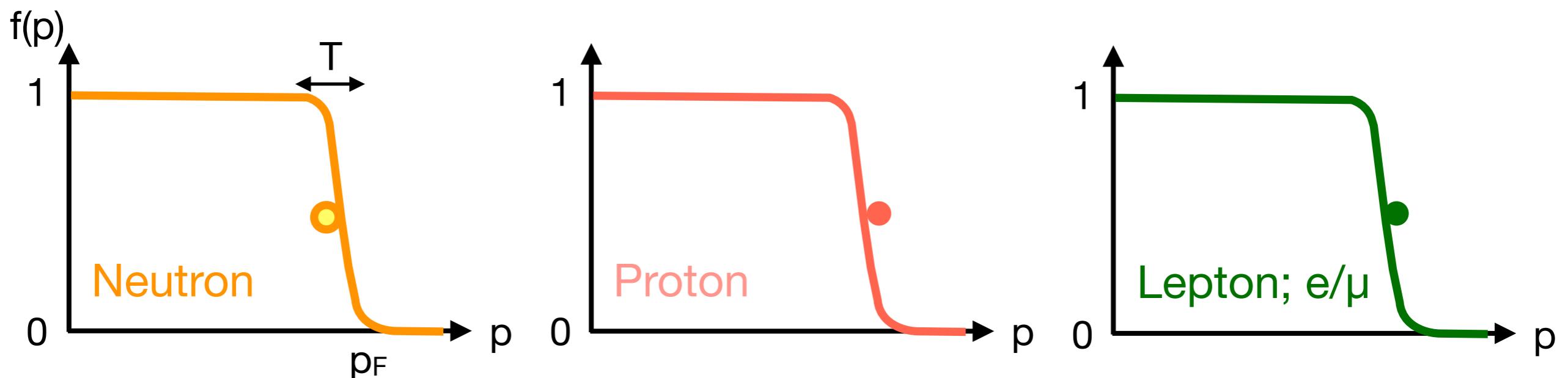
Relaxation in the Core  
done in  $\sim 100$  years.

# Neutrino emission

First we consider the processes that occur without superfluidity.



These processes occur only near the **Fermi surface**.



# $\beta$ equilibrium

Inside neutron stars,  $\beta$  equilibrium is achieved via the direct/modified Urca reactions

## Chemical equilibrium

$$\mu_e + \mu_p = \mu_n$$

Chemical potential of neutrino is zero since it can escape from neutron star.

## Charge neutrality

$$n_p = n_e$$

Muons also appear in the region where  $\mu_e > m_\mu$ .

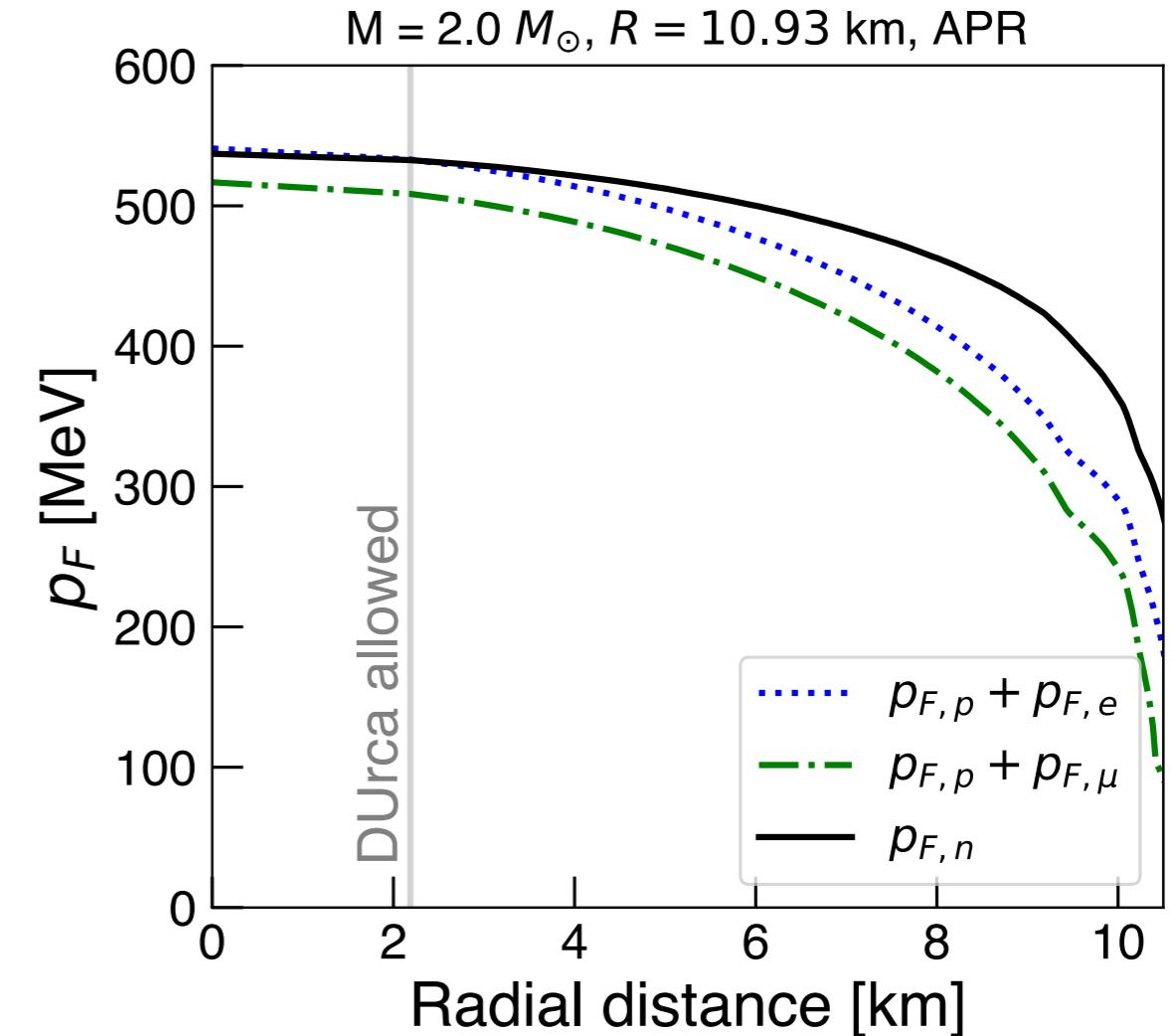
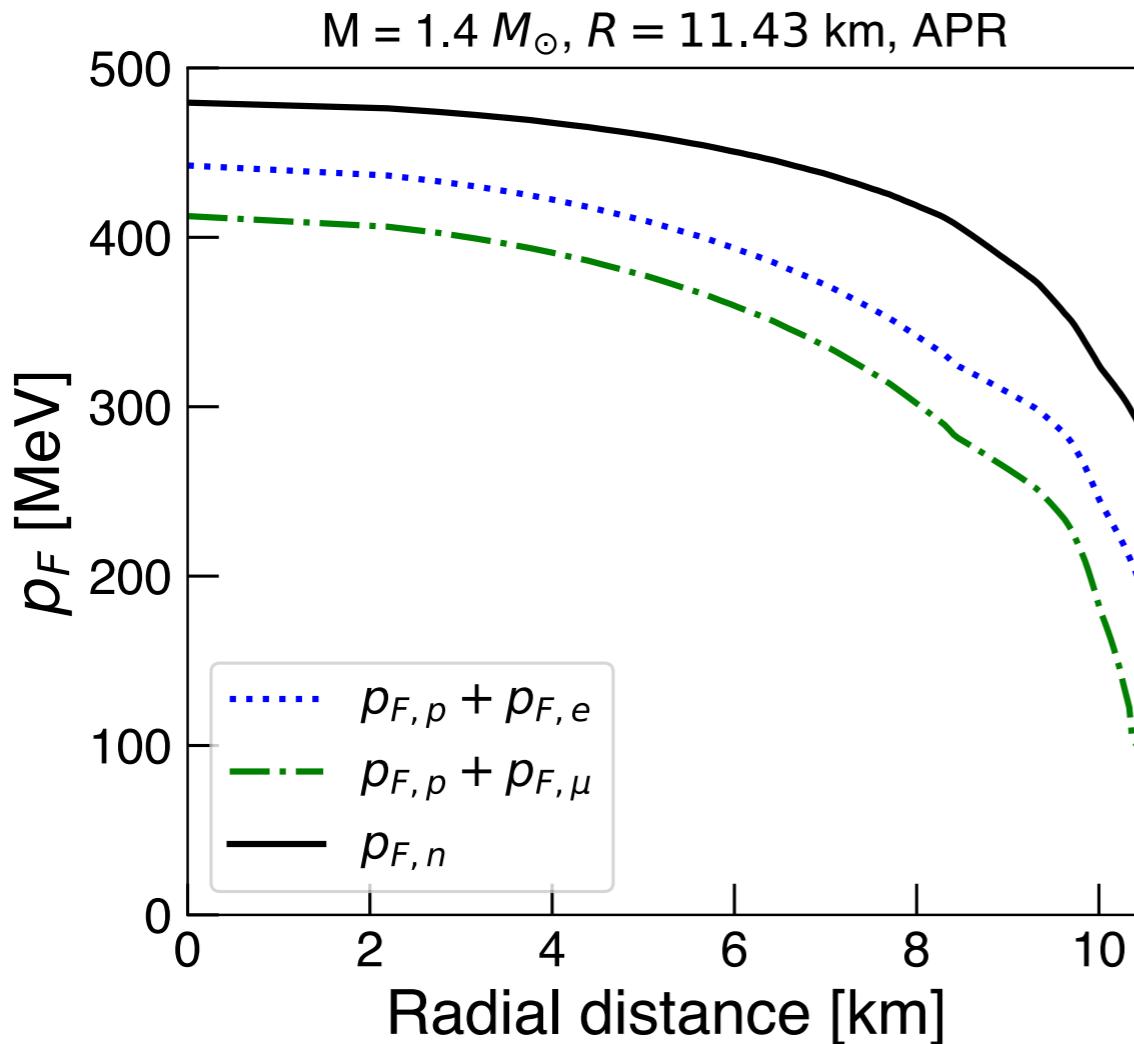
## Chemical equilibrium

$$\mu_e = \mu_\mu \quad (\mu_\mu + \mu_p = \mu_n)$$

## Charge neutrality

$$n_p = n_e + n_\mu$$

# Direct Urca condition



- Direct Urca can occur only in the **high density region**.
- It can occur only in relatively heavy stars.

For the APR equation of state,  $M \gtrsim 1.97 M_{\odot}$

# Direct Urca

Emissivity = energy loss per volume per time.

of the direct Urca process is given by

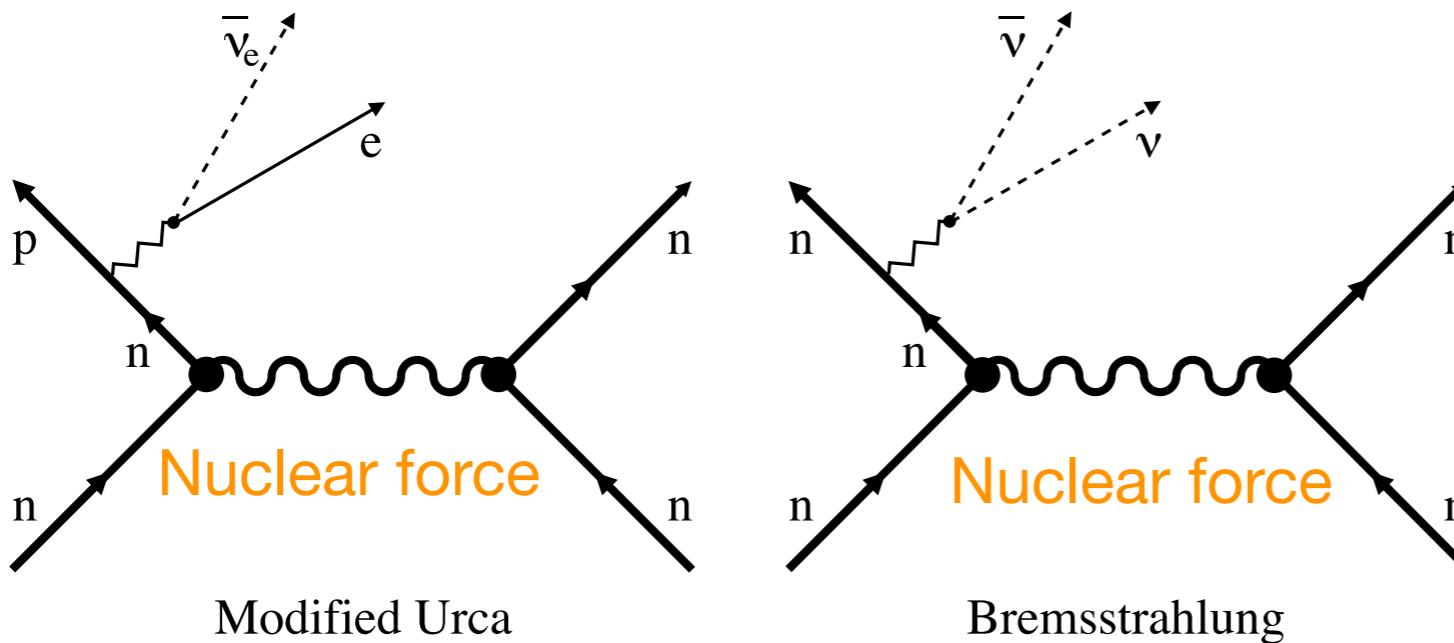
$$Q_D = \frac{457\pi}{10080} G_F^2 V_{ud}^2 (1 + 3g_A^2) m_{*,n} m_{*,p} m_{*,e} T^6 \Theta(p_{F,p} + p_{F,e} - p_{F,n})$$
$$\simeq 4 \times 10^{27} \times \left( \frac{T}{10^9 \text{ K}} \right)^6 \Theta(p_{F,p} + p_{F,e} - p_{F,n}) \text{ erg} \cdot \text{cm}^{-3} \cdot \text{s}^{-1}$$

- The step function comes from the momentum conservation.

$$p_{F,p} + p_{F,e} > p_{F,n}$$

- Direct Urca is the dominant process, if it occurs.

# Modified Urca/bremsstrahlung



If Direct Urca does not operate, Modified Urca/bremsstrahlung processes become dominant.

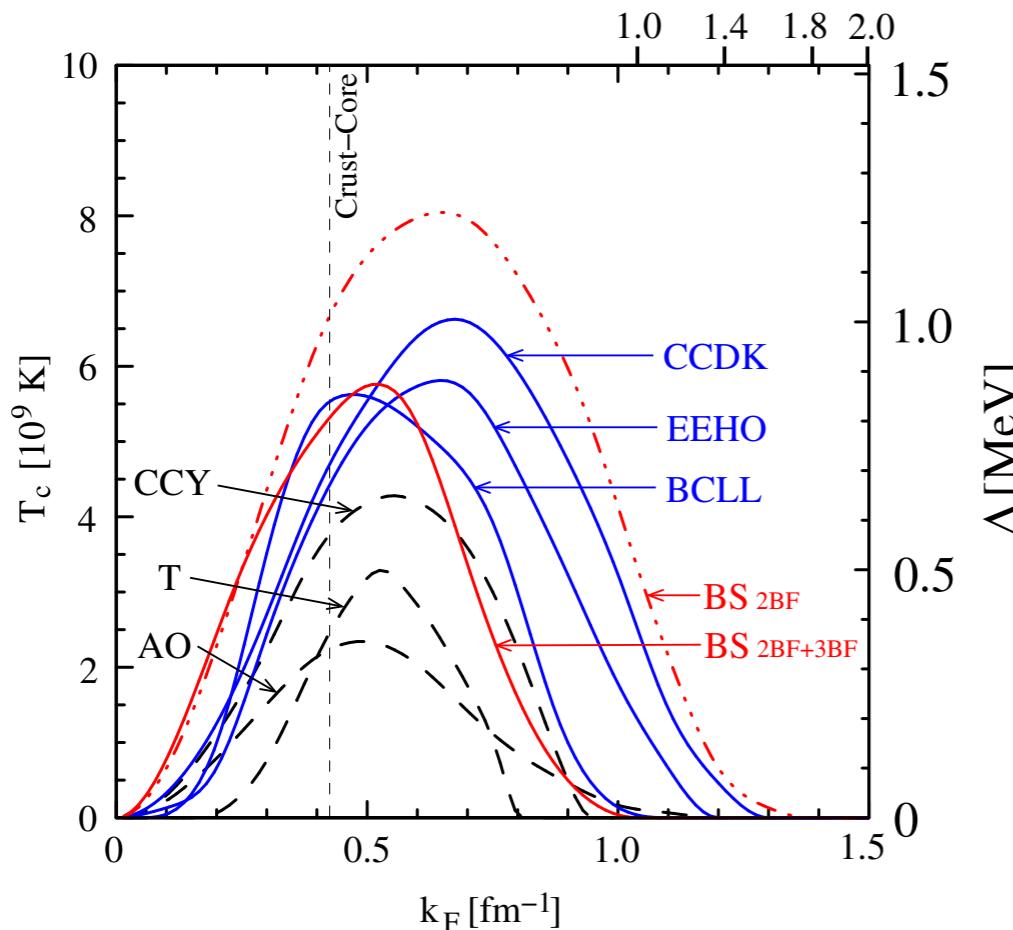
Momentum exchange with a spectator allows these processes to satisfy the momentum conservation.

# Nucleon pairing

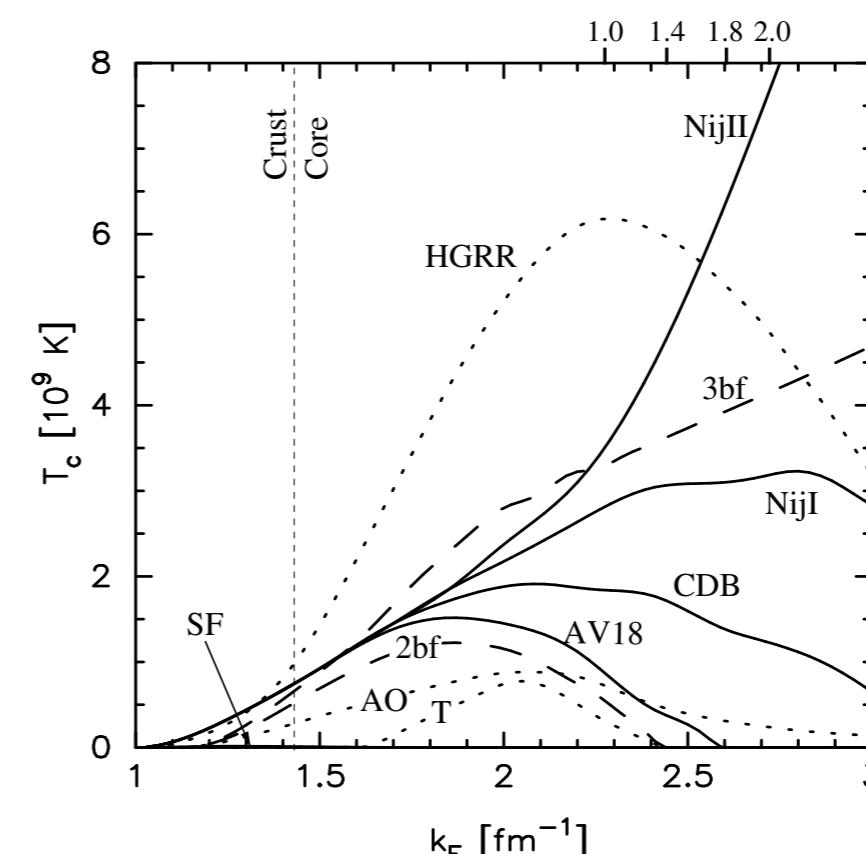
Nucleons in a NS form pairings below their critical temperatures:

- ▶ Neutron singlet  $^1S_0$  ← Only in the crust. Less important.
- ▶ Proton singlet  $^1S_0$
- ▶ Neutron triplet  $^3P_2$  } ← Form in the core. Important.

## Proton singlet pairing gap



## Neutron triplet pairing gap



# PBF process

Thermal disturbance induces the **breaking** of nucleon pairs.

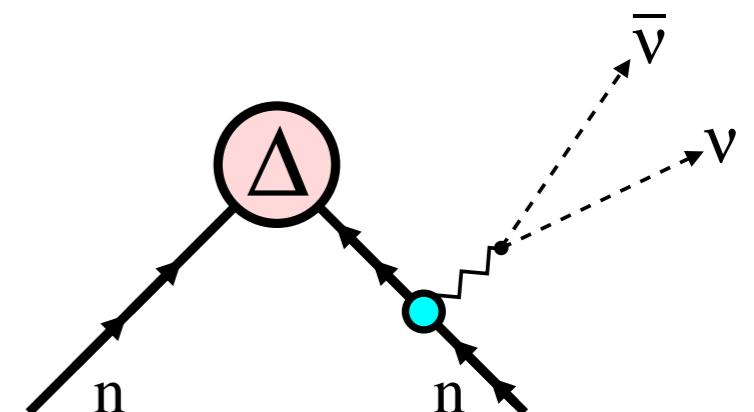


During the **reformation** of cooper pairs, the **gap energy** is released via neutrino emission.

This process significantly **enhances** the neutrino emission only when

$$T \lesssim T_C$$

- If  $T > T_C$ , this process does not occur.
- If  $T \ll T_C$ , pair breaking rarely occurs.



# Summary for standard cooling

## ► Photon emission

Emitted from the surface. Dominant for  $t \gtrsim 10^5$  years.

## ► Direct Urca process

Occurs only in heavy stars.

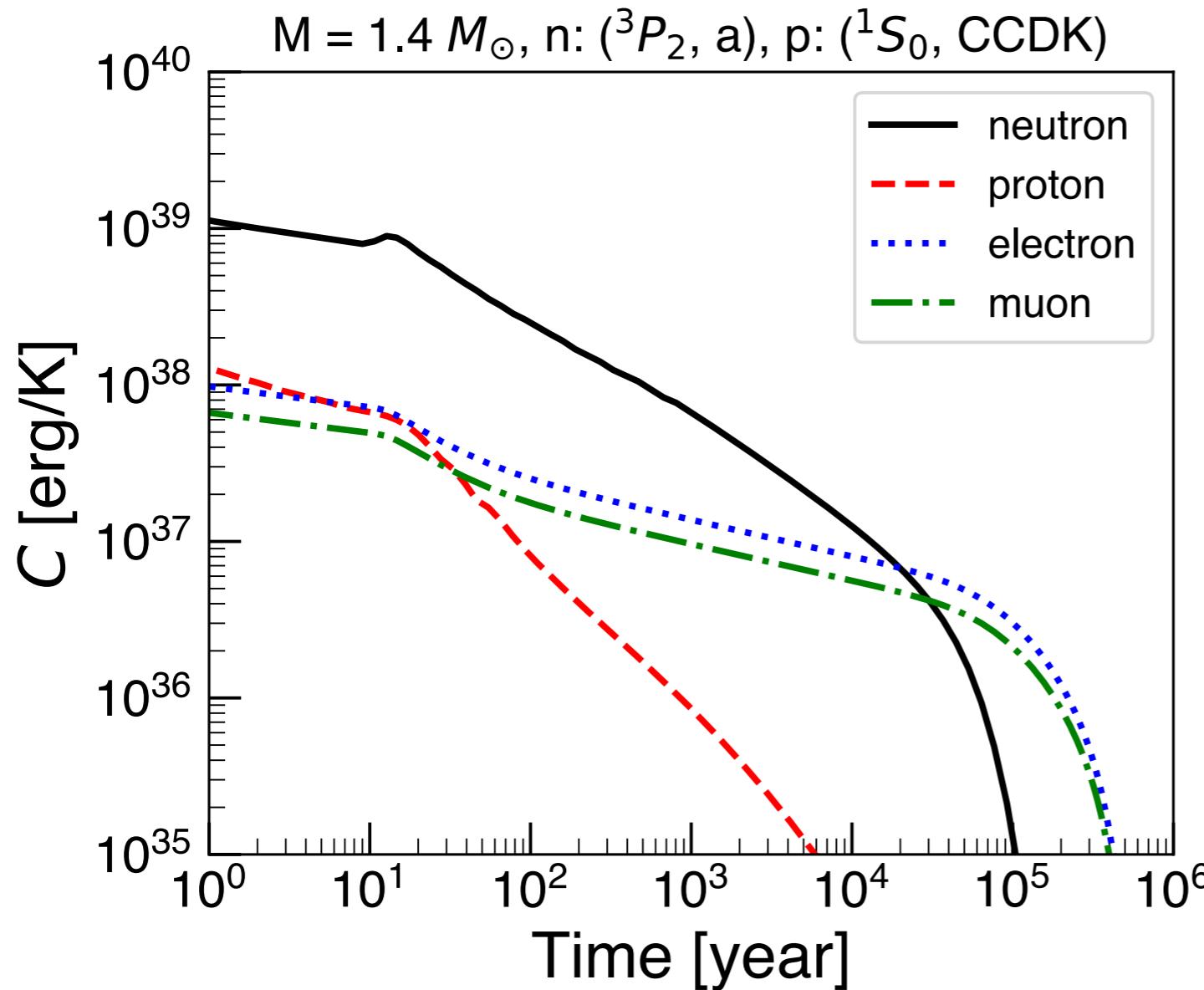
## ► Modified Urca & bremsstrahlung

Always occur, but the emission is weaker.

## ► PBF

Strongly enhances the neutrino emission at  $T \lesssim T_C$

# Heat capacity



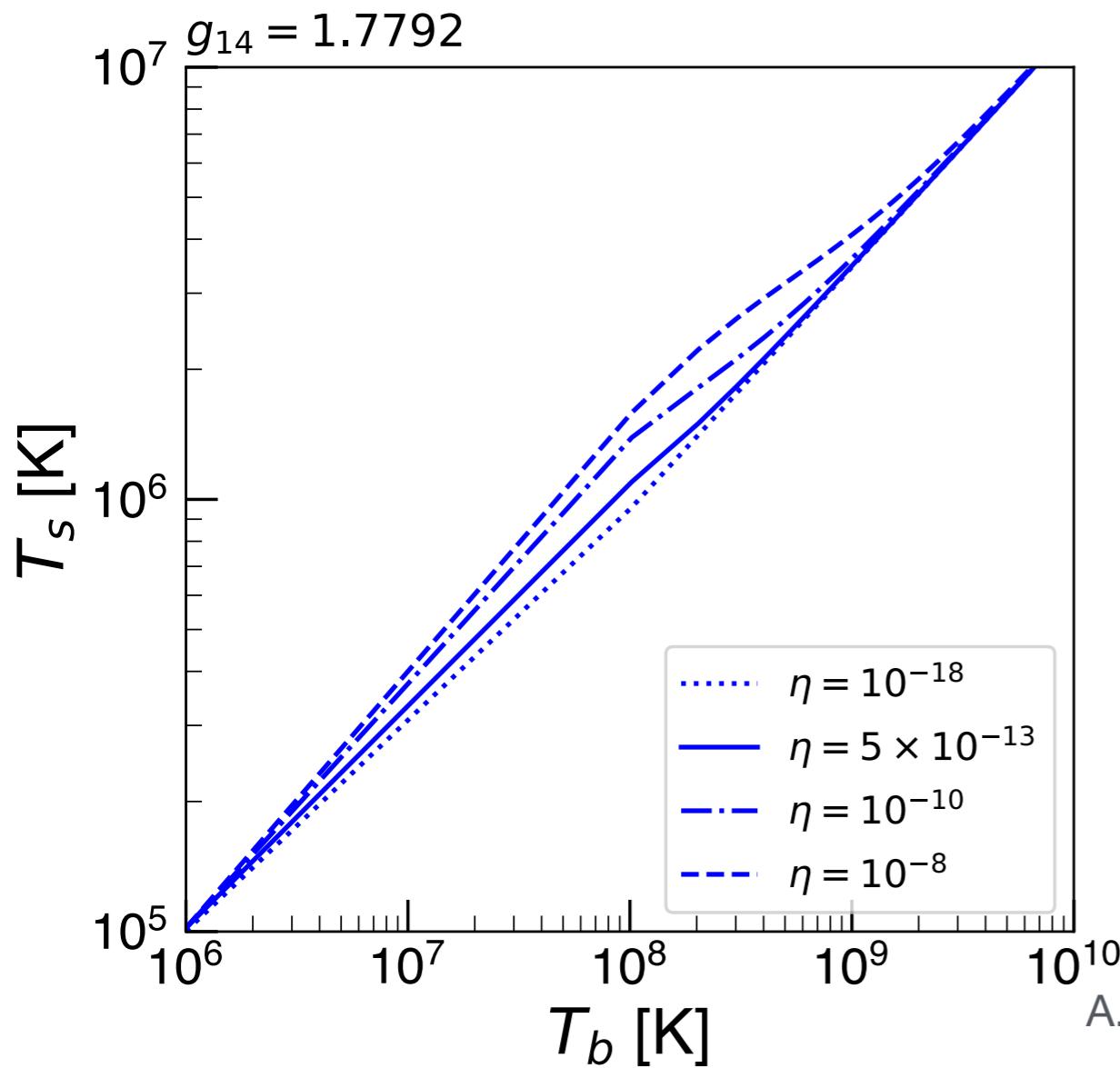
Specific heat per particle without superfluidity:

$$c_i = \frac{1}{3} m_{*,i} p_{F,i} T$$

Nucleon specific heat gets suppressed at low temperatures due to the paring gaps.

# Surface temperature

It is the **surface temperature** that we observe, so we need to relate it to the **internal temperature**.



This relation depends on the amount of **light elements** in the envelope.

$$\eta \equiv g_{14}^2 \Delta M/M$$

$g_{14}$ : surface gravity in units of  $10^{14} \text{ cm s}^{-2}$ .  
 $\Delta M$ : mass of light elements.

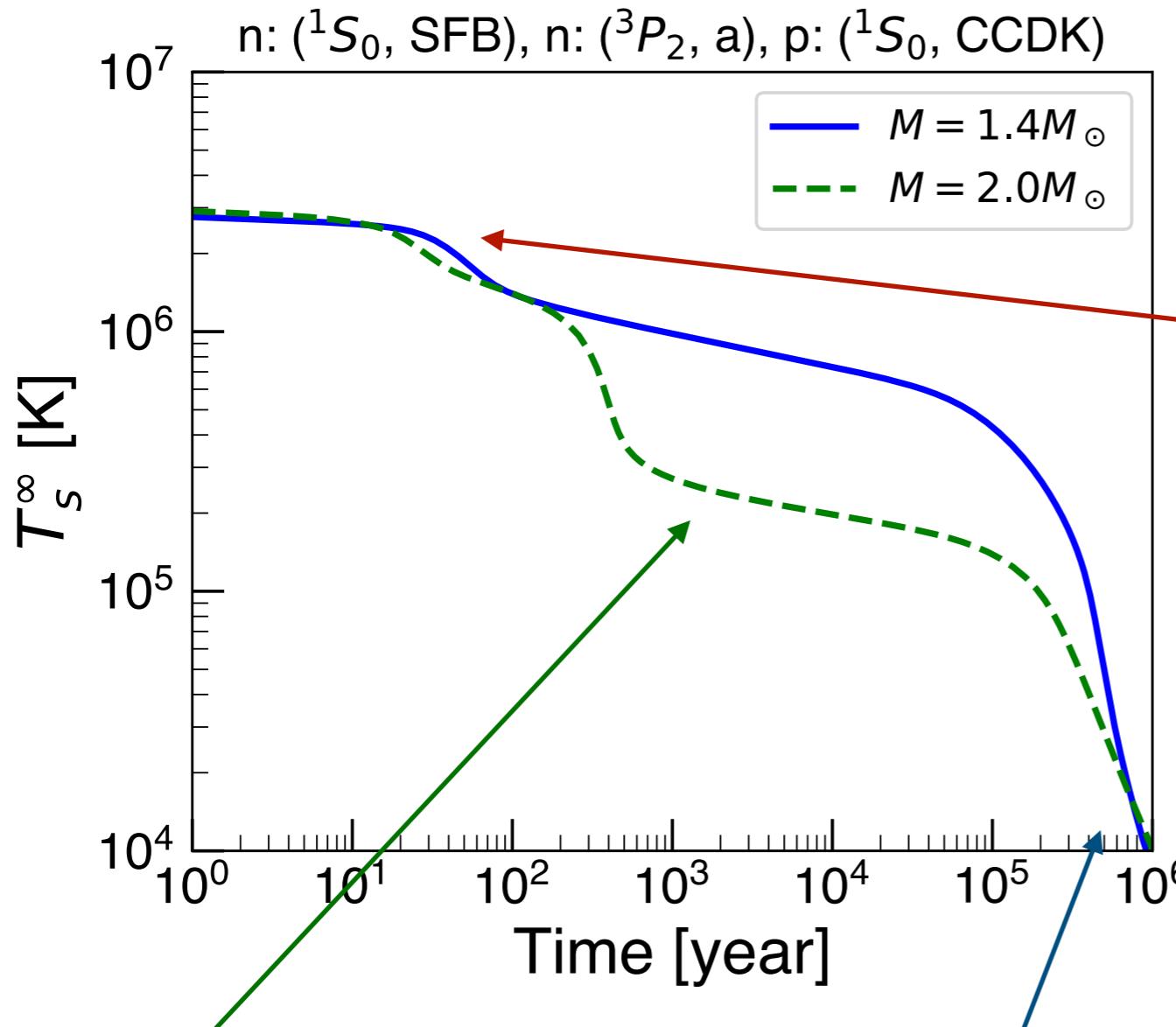
A. Y. Potekhin, G. Chabrier, and D. G. Yakovlev, A&A 323, 415 (1997).

As the amount of light elements gets increased, the surface temperature becomes larger.

Light elements have large thermal conductivities.

# Temperature evolution

We can now solve the equation for temperature evolution:

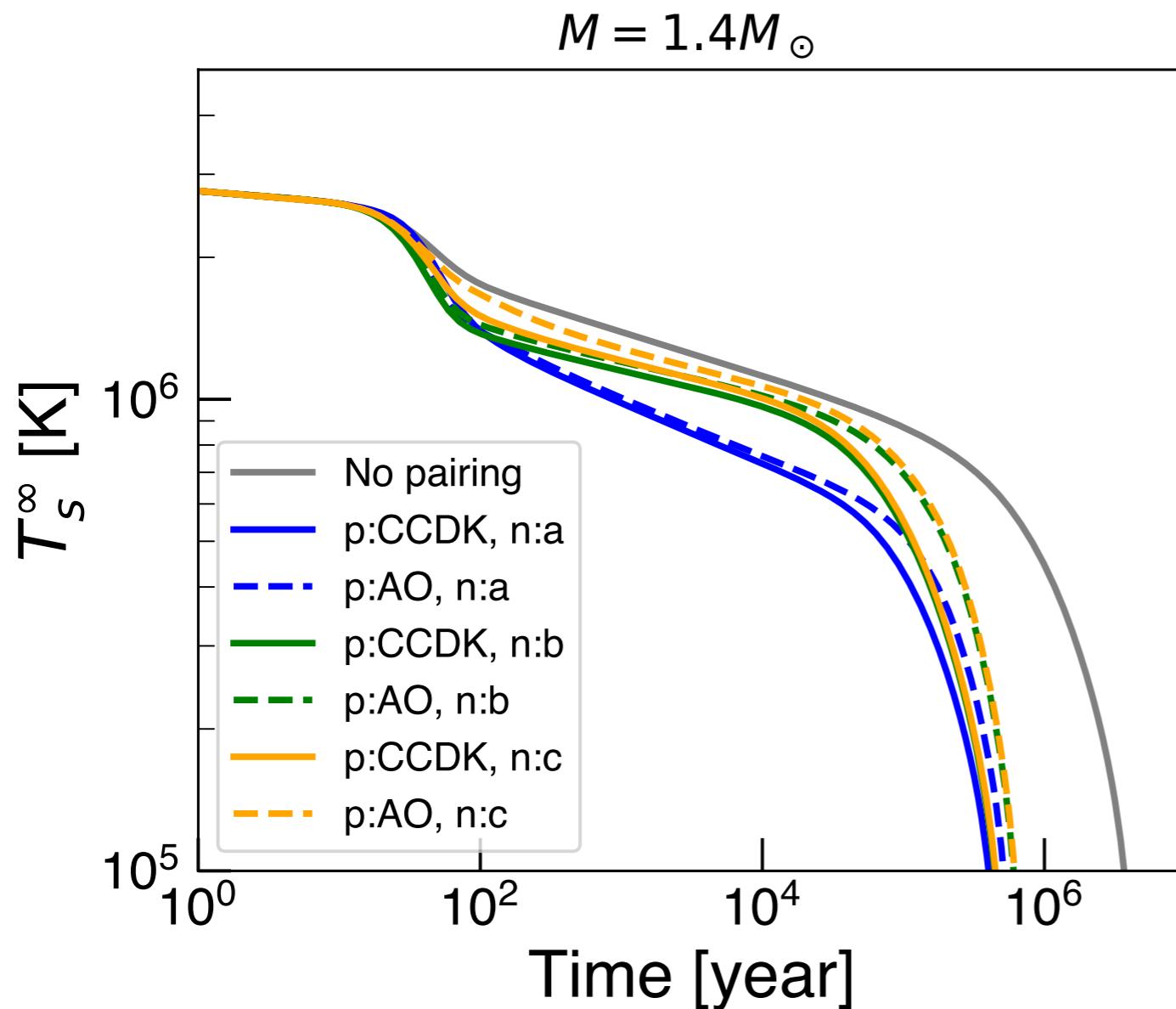


Before the thermal relaxation completed, the surface temperature does not follow the internal temperature.

If Direct Urca occurs, the neutron star cools down rapidly.

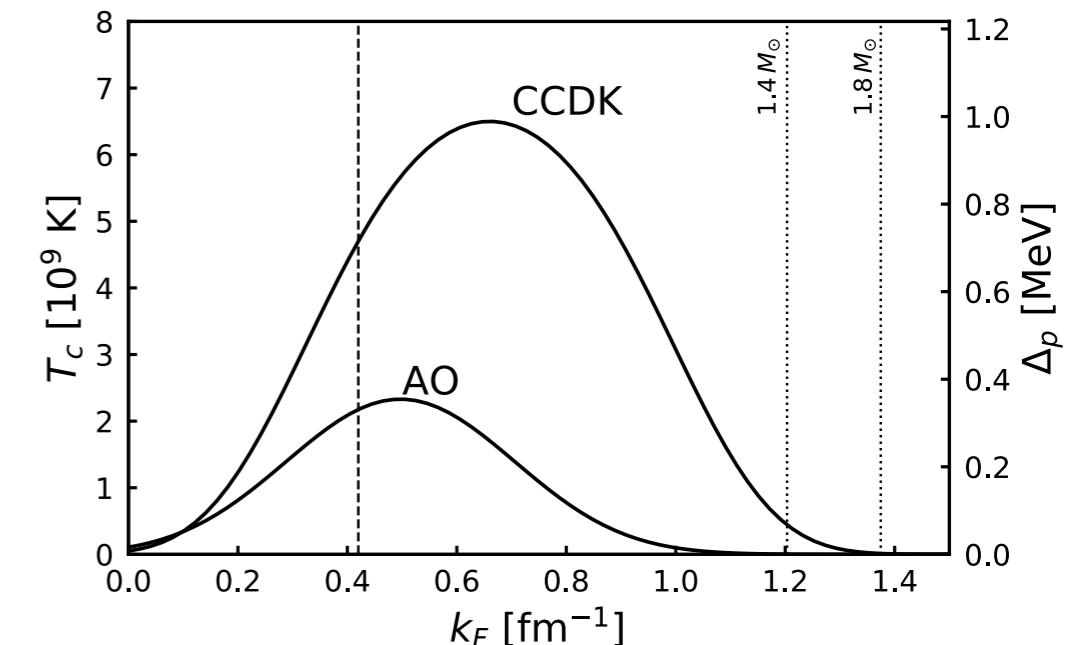
Temperature of NSs (older than  $10^6$  years) is very low.

# Temperature evolution (gap dependence)

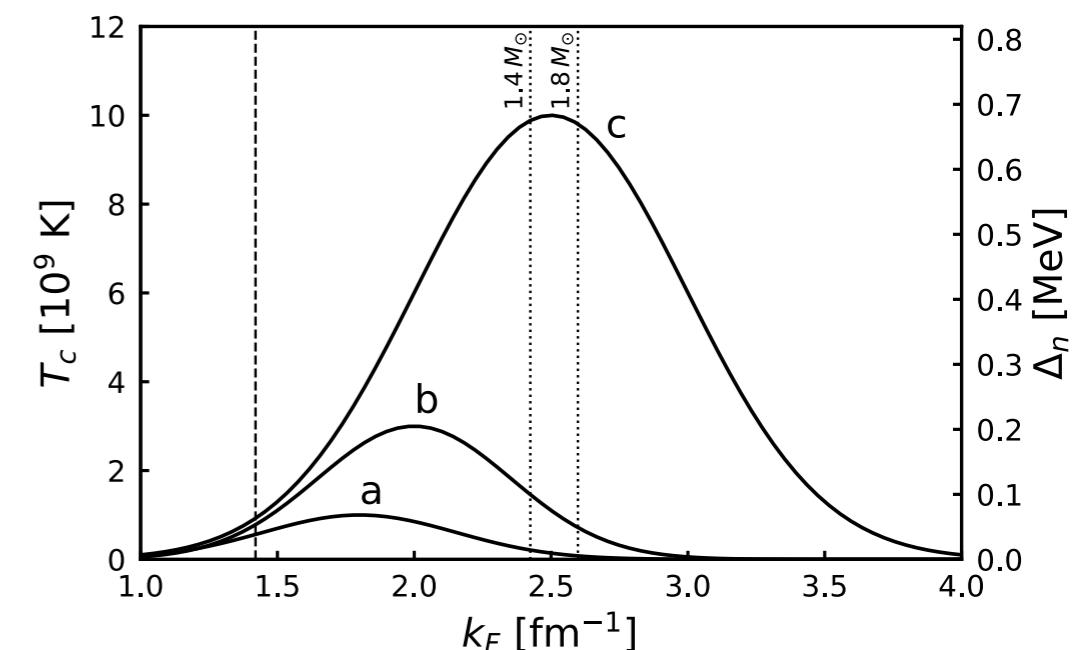


Uncertainty in nucleon gap models lead to the theoretical errors in the cooling calculation.

## Proton singlet gap

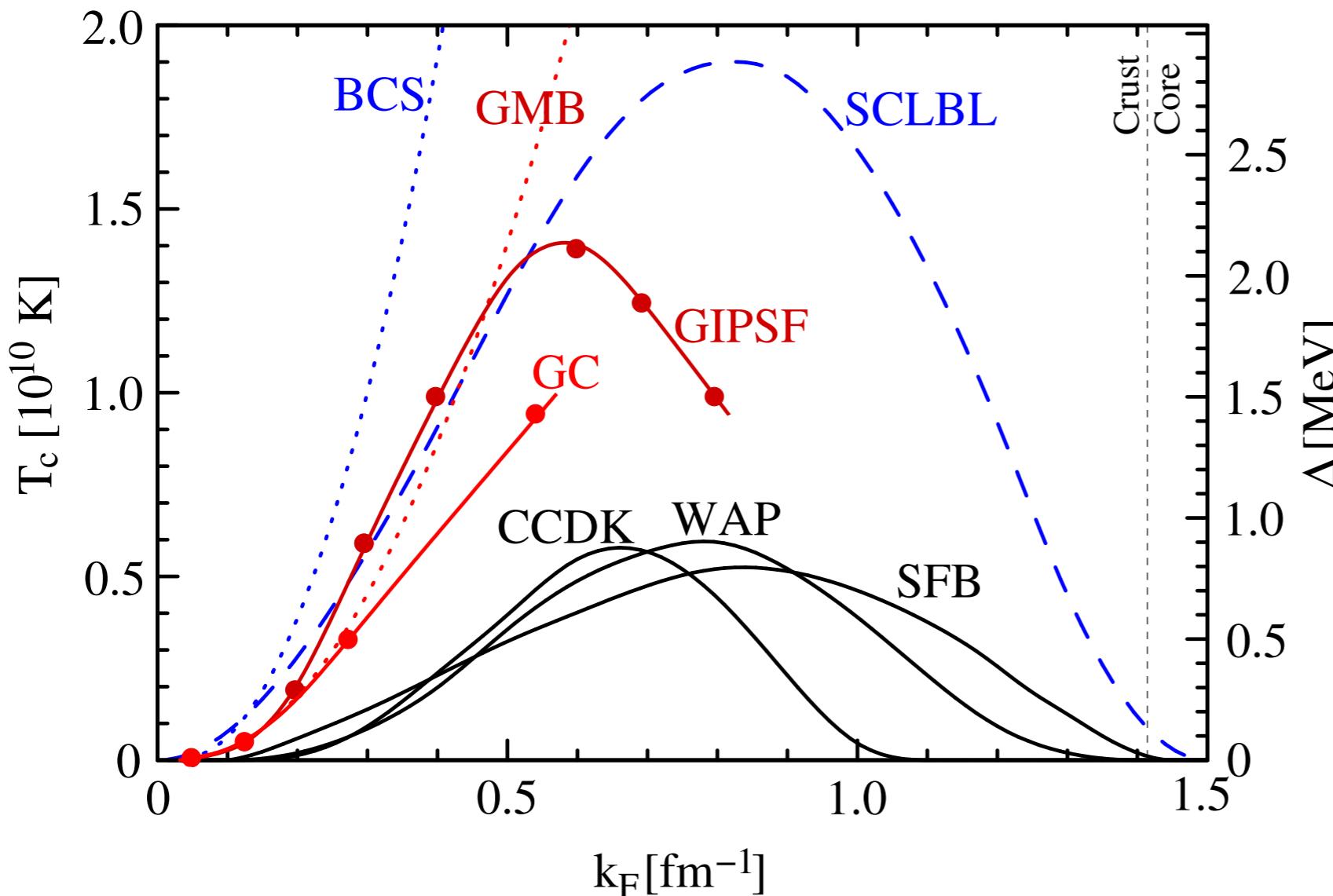


## Neutron triplet gap



# $^1S_0$ neutron gap

Neutron singlet gap vs. Fermi momentum

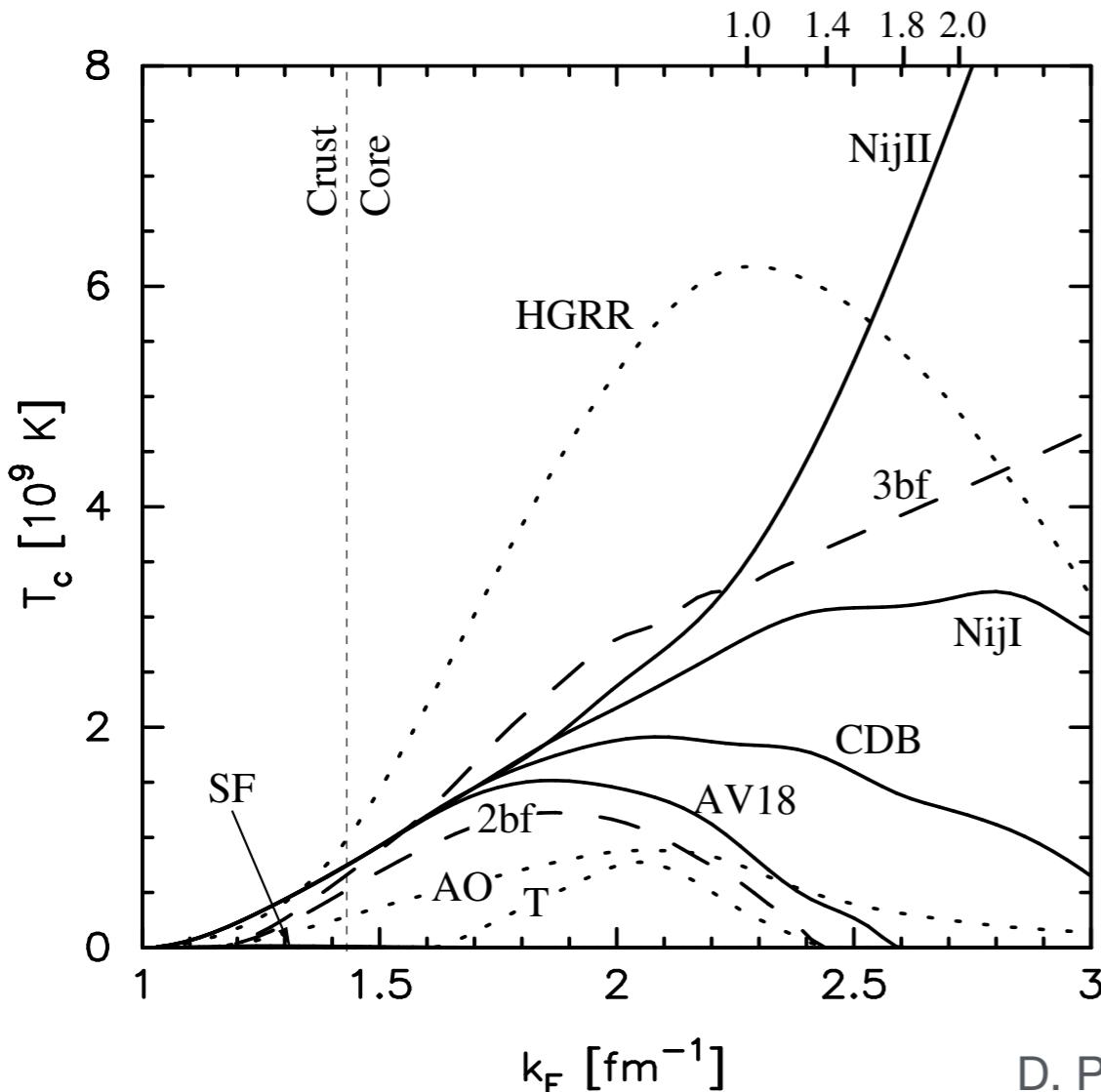


D. Page, J. M. Lattimer, M. Prakash, A. W. Steiner [arXiv: [1302.6626](https://arxiv.org/abs/1302.6626)].

Non-zero gap is obtained for a relatively **small momentum**,  
i.e., a **low density**.

# $^3P_2$ neutron gap

## Neutron triplet gap vs. Fermi momentum



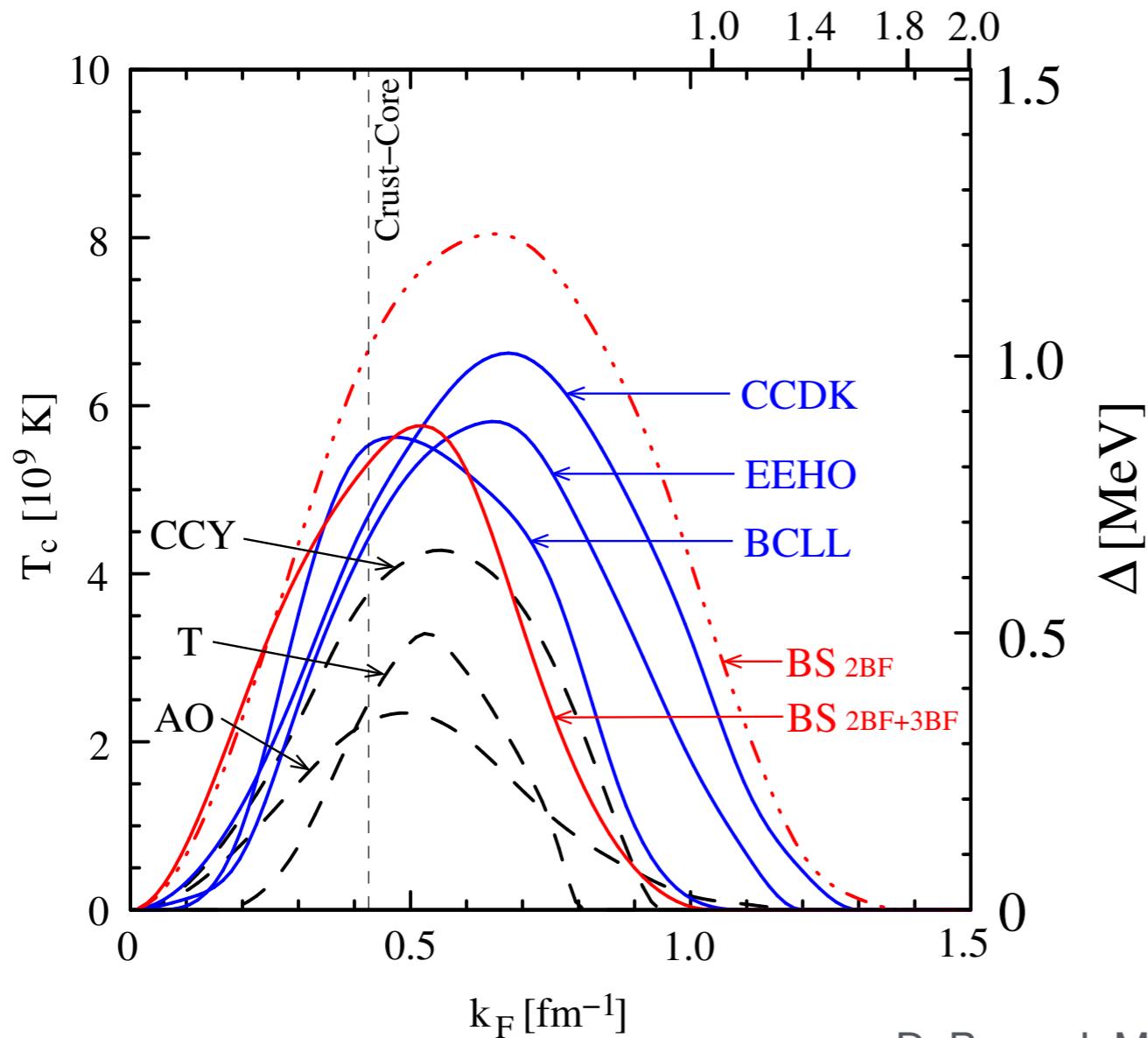
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- ▶ Paring forms for a large momentum, high density.
- ▶ Theoretical uncertainty is huge.

Because there is no nuclear potential model that can explain the observed phase shift.

# $^1S_0$ proton gap

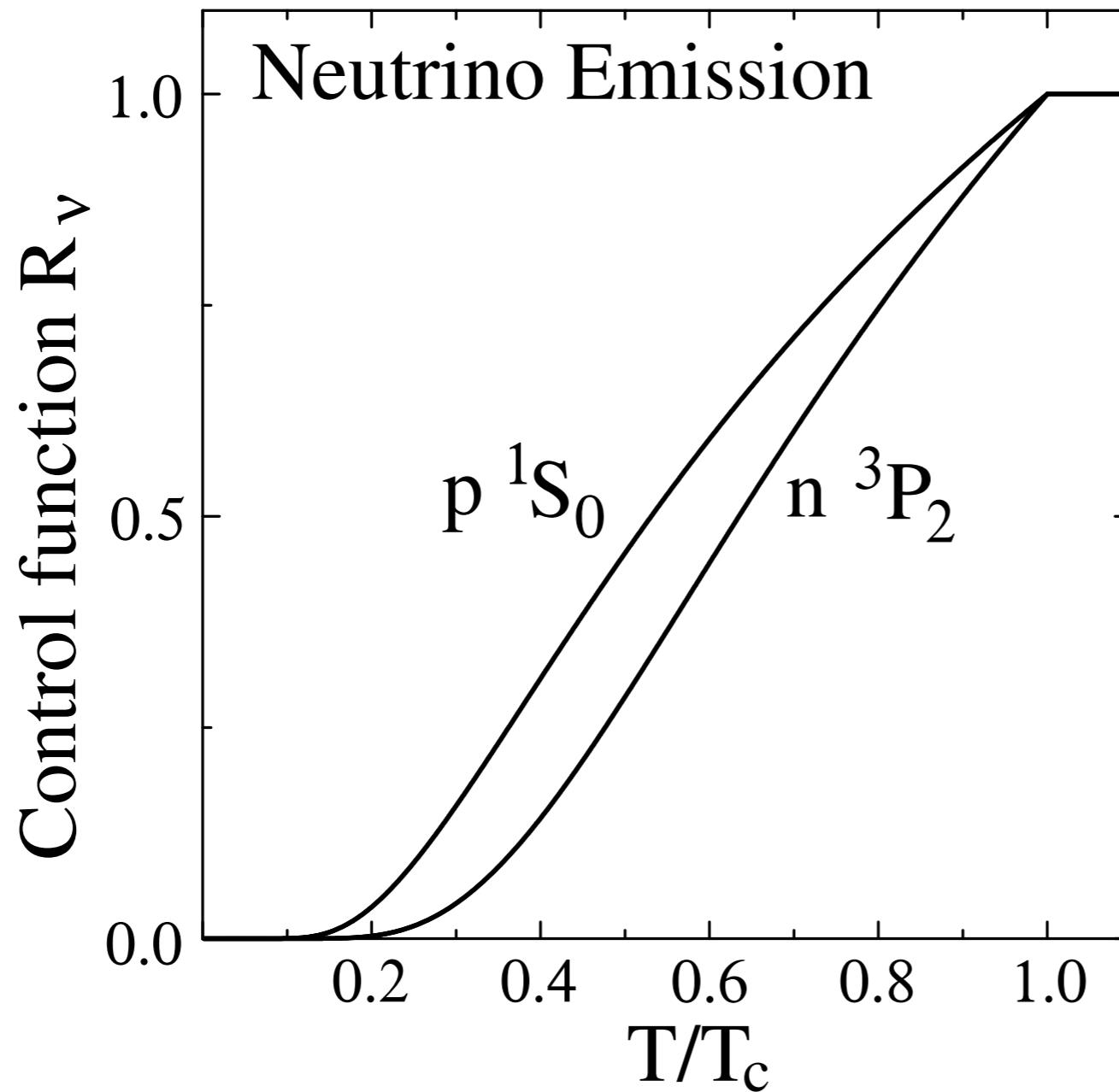
Proton singlet gap vs. Fermi momentum



D. Page, J. M. Lattimer, M. Prakash, A. W. Steiner [arXiv: [1302.6626](https://arxiv.org/abs/1302.6626)].

Proton **singlet** pairing can form deep insider the neutron star since the proton density is smaller than the neutron density.

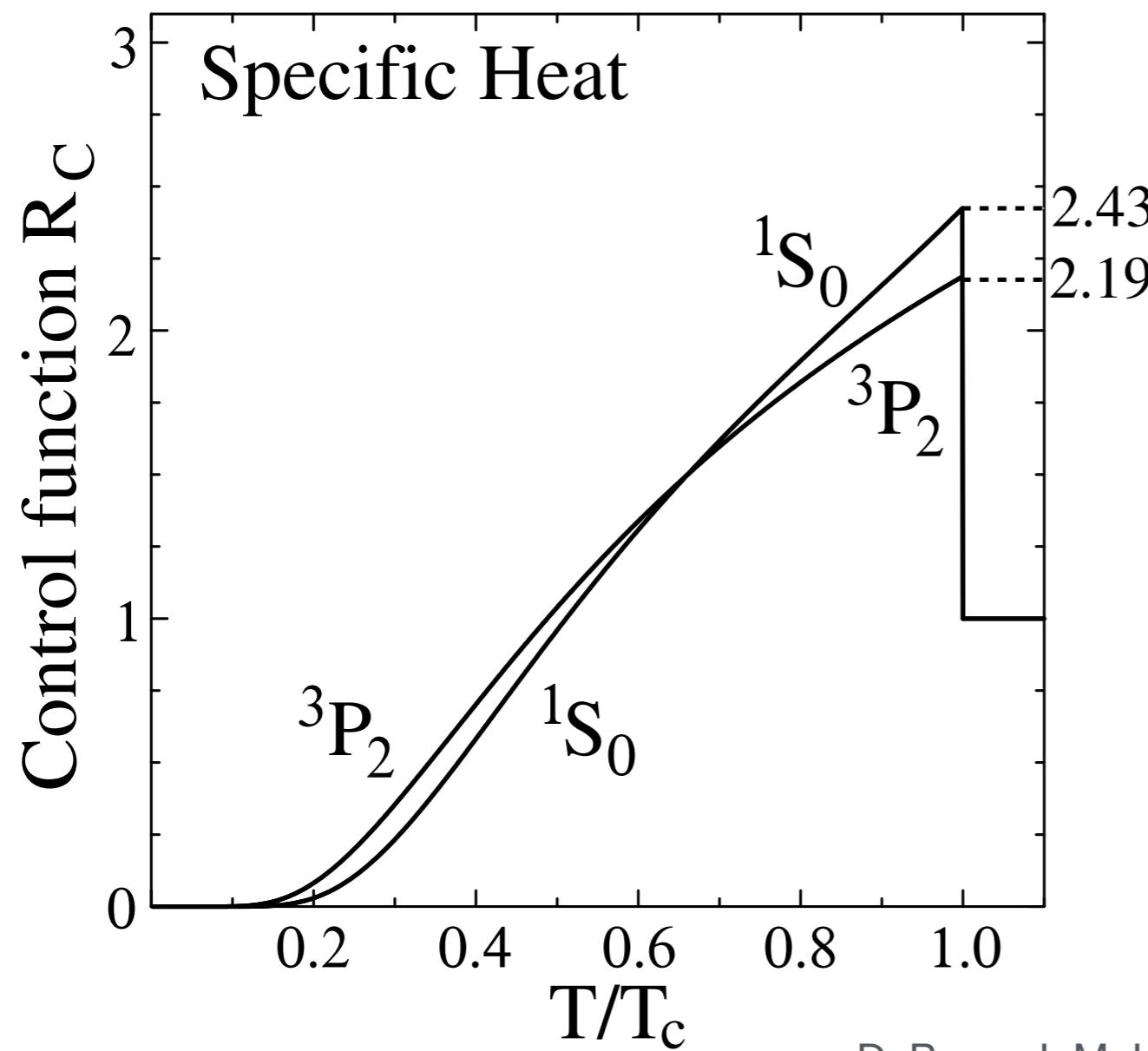
# Pairing effects on neutron emission



D. Page, J. M. Lattimer, M. Prakash, A. W. Steiner [arXiv: [1302.6626](https://arxiv.org/abs/1302.6626)].

Neutrino emission is suppressed due to the energy gap.

# Pairing effects on specific heat



D. Page, J. M. Lattimer, M. Prakash, A. W. Steiner [arXiv: [1302.6626](https://arxiv.org/abs/1302.6626)].

- Specific heat jumps at the critical temperature.
- Specific heat is fairly suppressed at low temperatures.

# Challenge for standard cooling

On the other hand, there is an example of old cool neutron star.

## Ordinary pulsar

- J2144-3933:  $t_{\text{sd}} = 3.33 \times 10^8$  years,  $T_s^\infty < 4.2 \times 10^4$  K

S. Guillot, *et al.*, *Astrophys. J.* **874**, 175 (2019).

Is there any theory that can explain these observations on the equal footing??

# Spin-down age

For magnetic dipole radiation,

$$\dot{\Omega} = -k\Omega^3$$

$$k = \frac{2B_s^2 \sin^2 \alpha R^6}{3c^3 I} = -\frac{\dot{\Omega}_{\text{now}}}{\Omega_{\text{now}}^3} = \frac{P_{\text{now}} \dot{P}_{\text{now}}}{4\pi^2}$$

By solving this, we have

$$P(t) = \sqrt{P_0^2 + 2P_{\text{now}} \dot{P}_{\text{now}} t}$$

( $P_0$ : initial period)

In particular, for  $P_0 \ll P_{\text{now}}$ , we can estimate the **neutron star age**

$$t_{\text{sd}} = \frac{P_{\text{now}}}{2\dot{P}_{\text{now}}}$$

$t_{\text{sd}}$  is called **spin-down age** or **characteristic age**.

# Pulsar age

Let us compare the spin-down age with the actual age in the case of the **Crab pulsar**.

## Actual age

It was born in 1054, so its age is 965 years old.

## Spin-down age

$$P = 0.033392 \text{ s}, \quad \dot{P} = 4.21 \times 10^{-13}$$



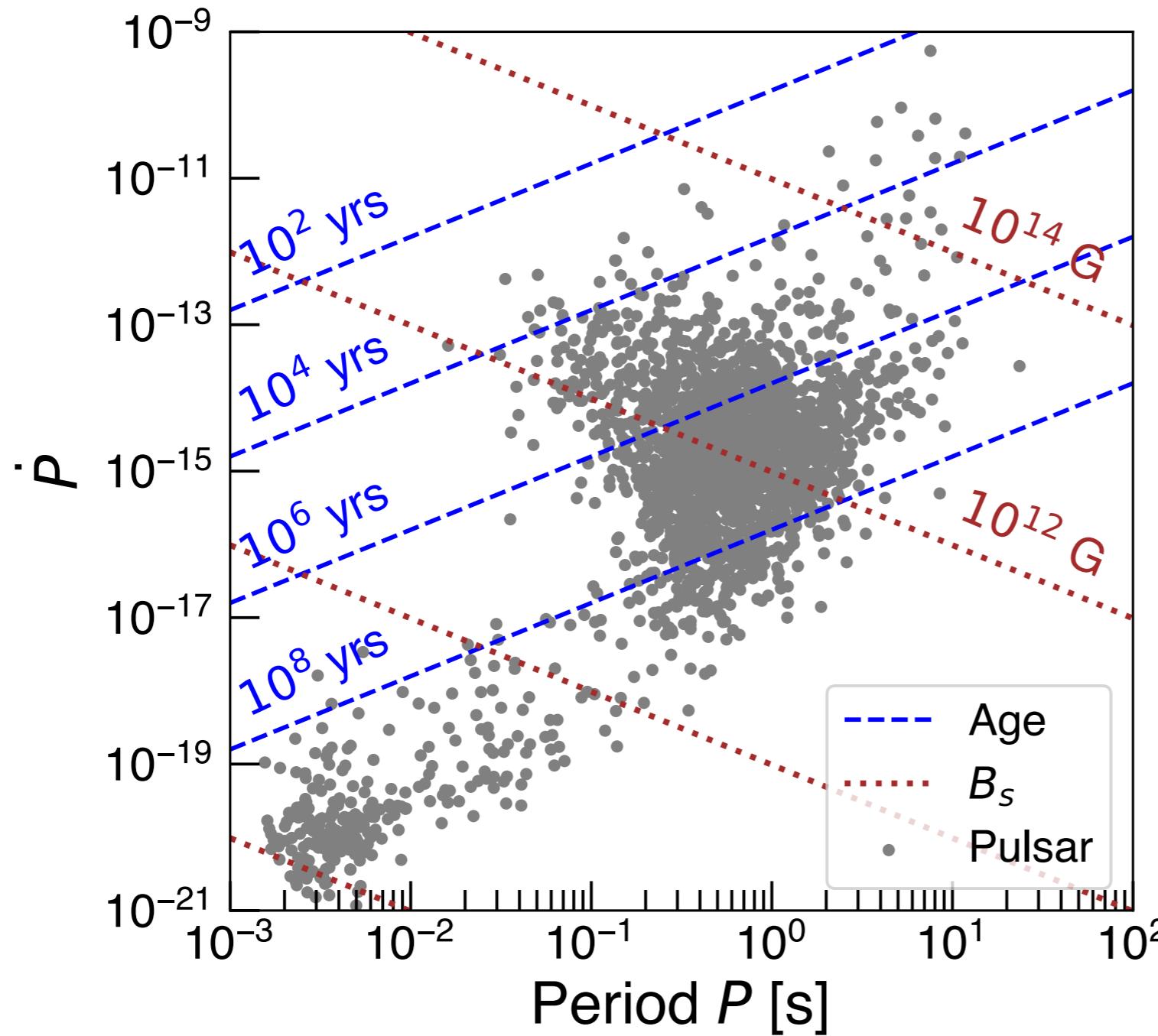
$$t_{\text{sd}} = \frac{P}{2\dot{P}} = 1.26 \times 10^3 \text{ yrs}$$

Agrees within  $\sim 30\%$ .



# $P - \dot{P}$ diagram

It is useful to show pulsars in the  $P - \dot{P}$  plane, since we can see the distribution of their age and magnetic field.



# Out of $\beta$ equilibrium

The excess of energy is dissipated by

- ▶ Increase of neutrino emission
- ▶ Generation of heat

P. Haensel, Astron. Astrophys. **262**, 131 (1992);  
A. Reisenegger, Astrophys. J. **442**, 749 (1995).

Deviation from  $\beta$  equilibrium is quantified by

$$\eta_\ell \equiv \mu_n - \mu_p - \mu_\ell \quad (\ell = e, \mu)$$

## Heating luminosity

$$L_H = \sum_{\ell=e,\mu} \sum_{N=n,p} \int dV \eta_\ell \cdot \Delta\Gamma_{M,N\ell}$$

where

$$\Delta\Gamma_{M,N\ell} \equiv \Gamma(n + N \rightarrow p + N + \ell + \bar{\nu}_\ell) - \Gamma(p + N + \ell \rightarrow n + N + \nu_\ell)$$

# Evolution of chemical imbalance

The time evolution off  $\eta_\ell$  is determined by

$$\frac{d\eta_e}{dt} = - \sum_{N=n,p} \int dV (Z_{npe} \Delta\Gamma_{M,Ne} + Z_{np} \Delta\Gamma_{M,N\mu}) + 2W_{npe} \Omega \dot{\Omega}$$

Bring the system back to equilibrium.

Drive the system out of equilibrium.

$W < 0, Z > 0$ : coefficients which depend on NS structure.

R. Fernandez and A. Reisenegger, *Astrophys. J.* **625**, 291 (2005).

Once the second term wins, the imbalance increases.

## Magnetic dipole radiation

$$\dot{\Omega} = -k\Omega^3 \quad \rightarrow \quad \Omega\dot{\Omega} = -\frac{4\pi^2 P_{\text{now}} \dot{P}_{\text{now}}}{(P_0^2 + 2P_{\text{now}} \dot{P}_{\text{now}} t)^2}$$

( $P_0$ : initial period)

# Rotochemical heating

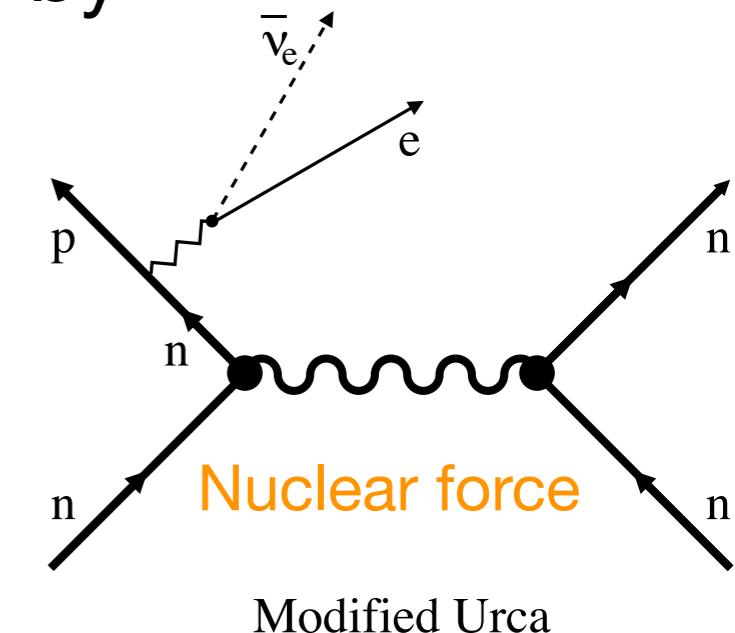
If the imbalance overcomes the threshold given by

$$\Delta_{\text{th}} = \min \{3\Delta_n + \Delta_p, \Delta_n + 3\Delta_p\}$$

Pauli blocking is overcome by the chemical imbalance.



**Heating becomes effective.**



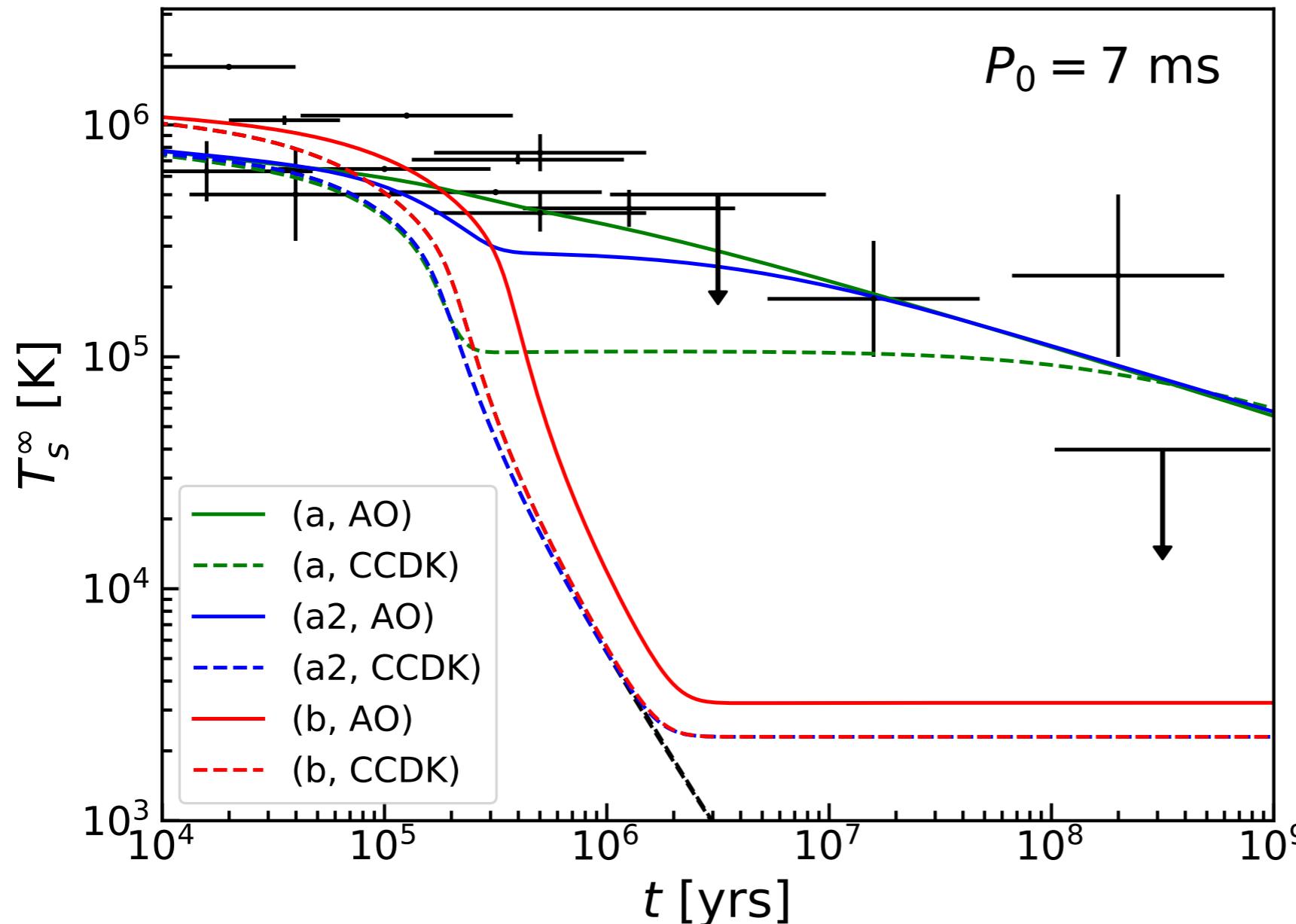
This mechanism is called the **rotochemical heating**.

A. Reisenegger, *Astrophys. J.* **442**, 749 (1995);  
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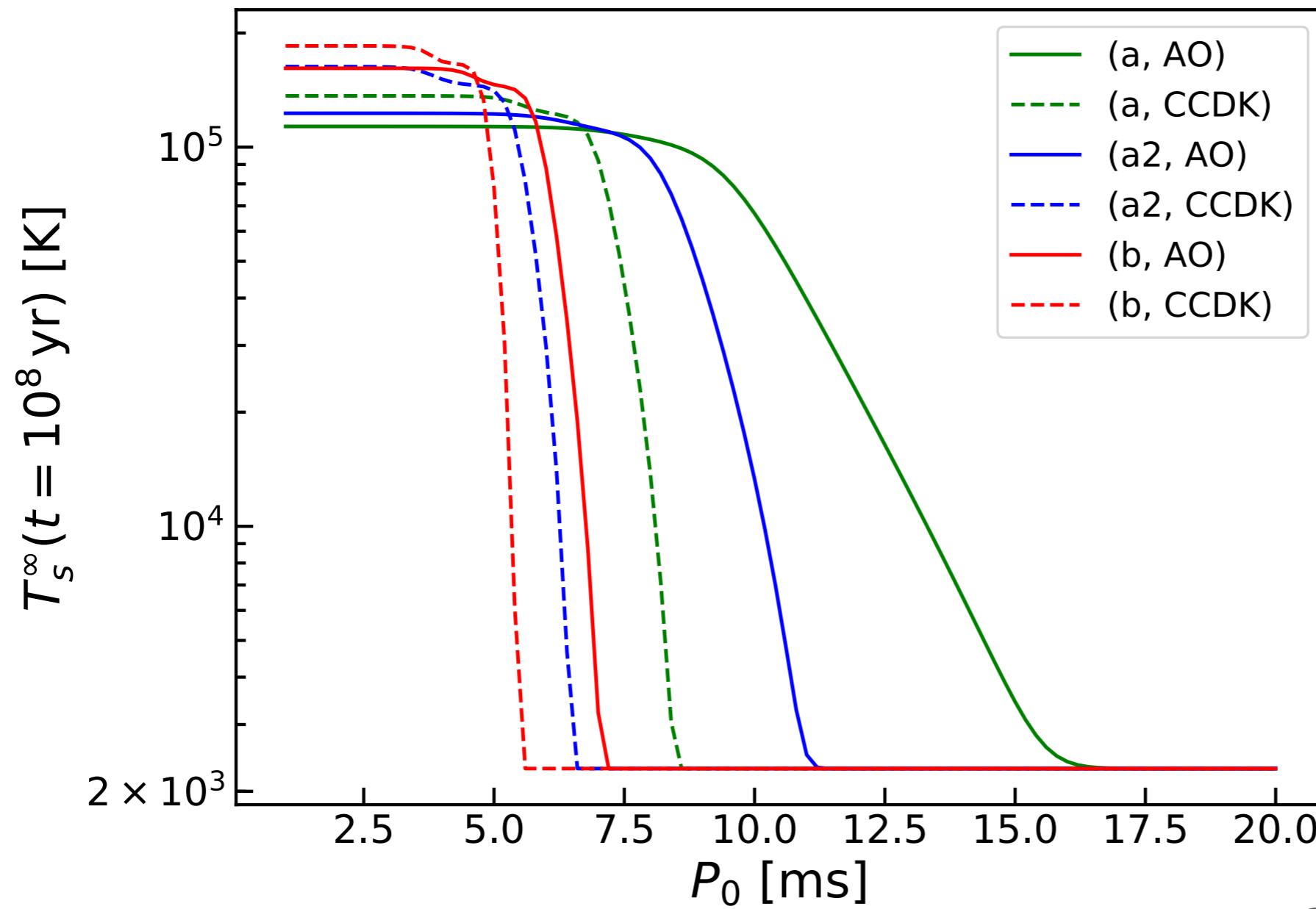
It occurs in the **same setup** as the standard cooling.

**No exotic effects are needed.**

# Gap dependence



# Gap dependence



Courtesy of K. Yanagi.

# Electroweak-Interacting DM

Quantum numbers			DM could decay into	DM mass in TeV	$m_{\text{DM}^\pm} - m_{\text{DM}}$ in MeV	Finite naturalness bound in TeV	$\sigma_{\text{SI}}$ in $10^{-46} \text{ cm}^2$
SU(2) <sub>L</sub>	U(1) <sub>Y</sub>	Spin					
2	1/2	0	<i>EL</i>	0.54	350	$0.4 \times \sqrt{\Delta}$	$(0.4 \pm 0.6) 10^{-3}$
2	1/2	1/2	<i>EH</i>	1.1	341	$1.9 \times \sqrt{\Delta}$	$(0.25 \pm 0.56) 10^{-3}$
3	0	0	<i>HH*</i>	$2.0 \rightarrow 2.5$	166	$0.22 \times \sqrt{\Delta}$	$0.12 \pm 0.03$
3	0	1/2	<i>LH</i>	$2.4 \rightarrow 2.7$	166	$1.0 \times \sqrt{\Delta}$	$0.12 \pm 0.03$
3	1	0	<i>HH, LL</i>	$1.6 \rightarrow ?$	540	$0.22 \times \sqrt{\Delta}$	$(1.3 \pm 1.1) 10^{-2}$
3	1	1/2	<i>LH</i>	$1.9 \rightarrow ?$	526	$1.0 \times \sqrt{\Delta}$	$(1.3 \pm 1.1) 10^{-2}$
4	1/2	0	<i>HHH*</i>	$2.4 \rightarrow ?$	353	$0.14 \times \sqrt{\Delta}$	$0.27 \pm 0.08$
4	1/2	1/2	<i>(LHH*)</i>	$2.4 \rightarrow ?$	347	$0.6 \times \sqrt{\Delta}$	$0.27 \pm 0.08$
4	3/2	0	<i>HHH</i>	$2.9 \rightarrow ?$	729	$0.14 \times \sqrt{\Delta}$	$0.15 \pm 0.07$
4	3/2	1/2	<i>(LHH)</i>	$2.6 \rightarrow ?$	712	$0.6 \times \sqrt{\Delta}$	$0.15 \pm 0.07$
5	0	0	<i>(HHH*H*)</i>	$5.0 \rightarrow 9.4$	166	$0.10 \times \sqrt{\Delta}$	$1.0 \pm 0.2$
5	0	1/2	stable	$4.4 \rightarrow 10$	166	$0.4 \times \sqrt{\Delta}$	$1.0 \pm 0.2$
7	0	0	stable	$8 \rightarrow 25$	166	$0.06 \times \sqrt{\Delta}$	$4 \pm 1$

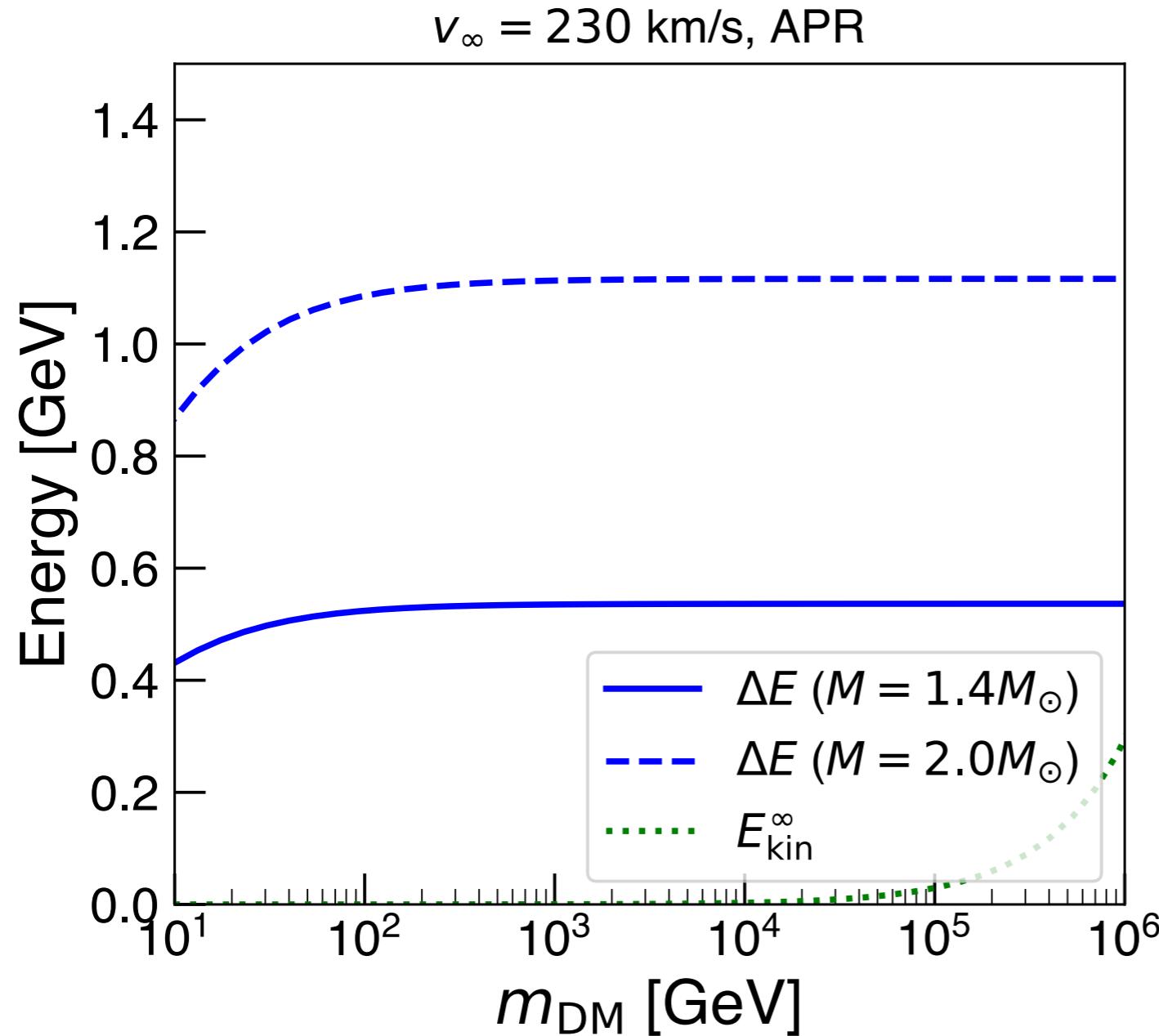
(→: Sommerfeld enhancement)

## Features

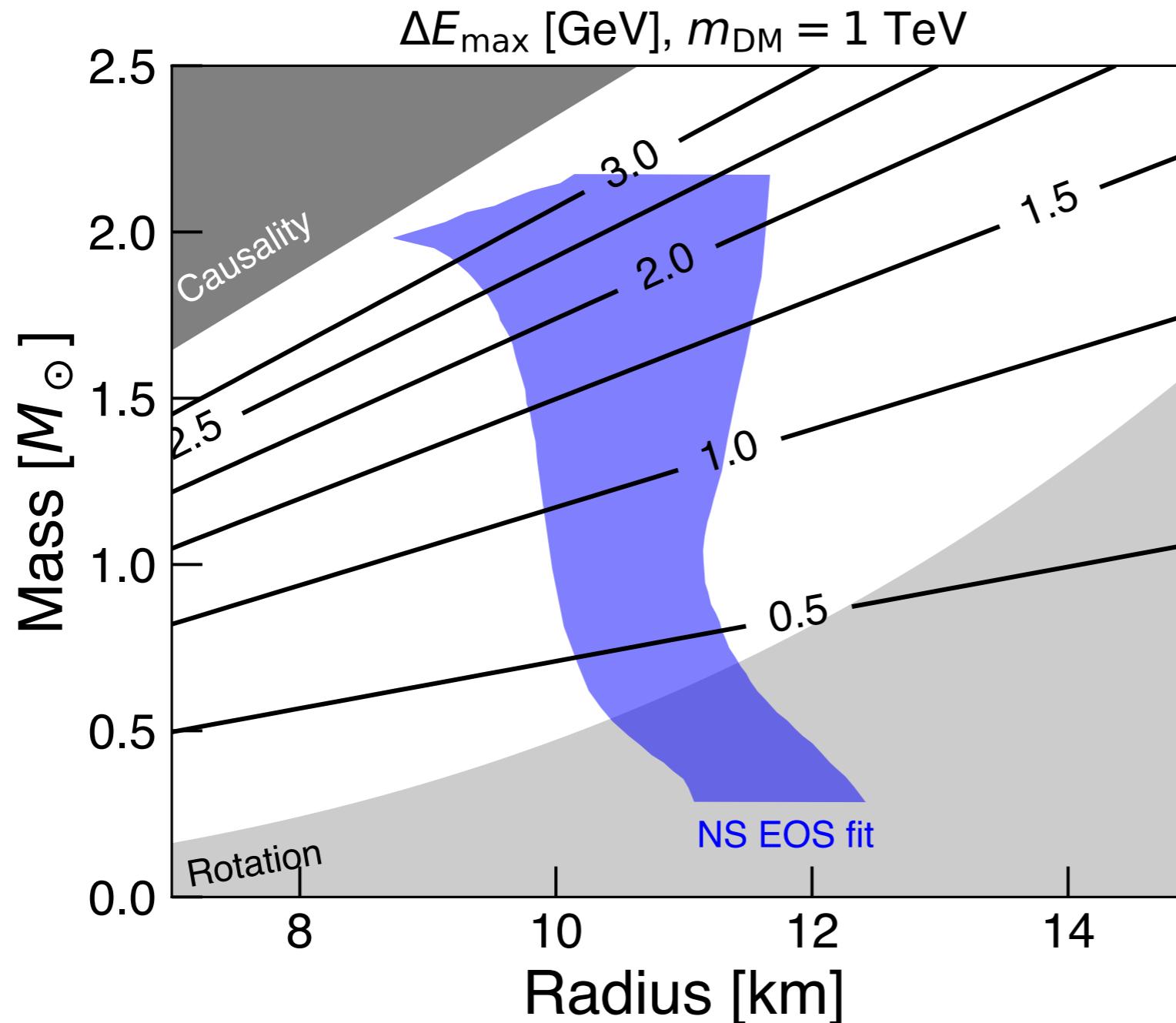
M. Farina, D. Pappadopulo, A. Strumia, JHEP **1308** (2013) 022.

- Relatively **heavy mass** gives correct DM abundance.
- Small mass difference among the multiplet components.

# Recoil energy



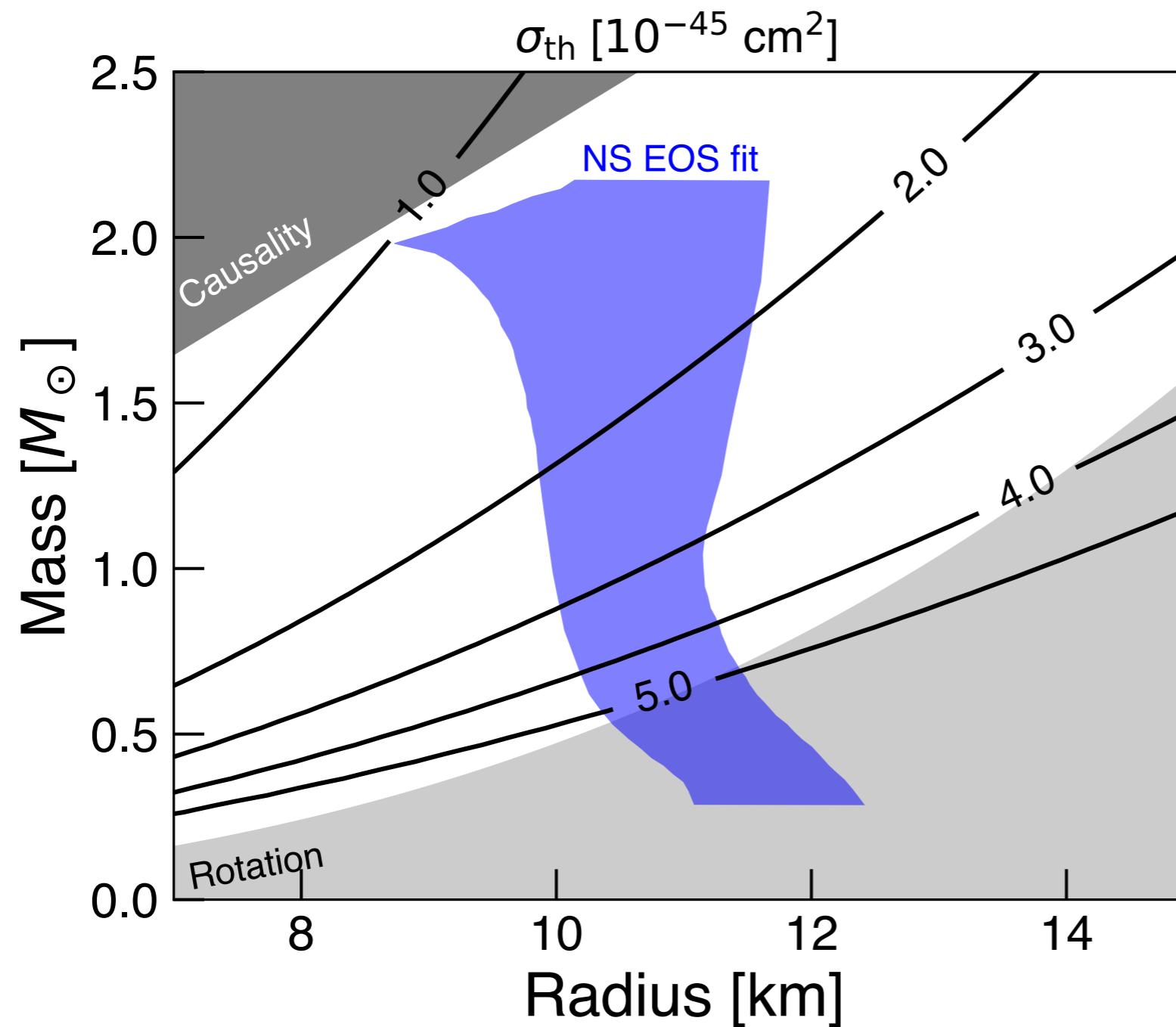
# Maximum energy transfer



NS EOS:  
1505.05155

Energy transfer can be as large as a few GeV.

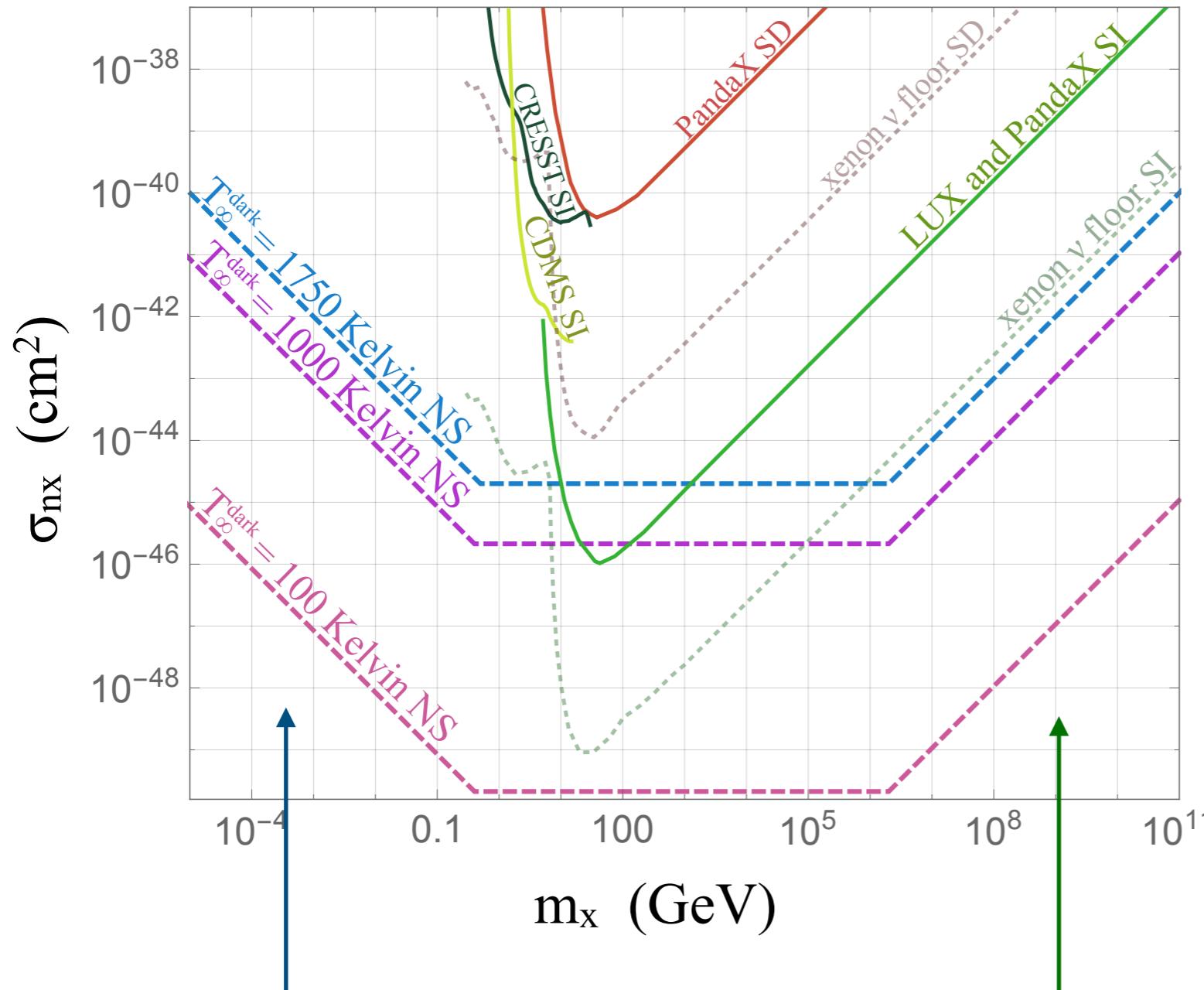
$\sigma_{\text{th}}$



NS EOS:  
1505.05155

DM is efficiently captured for  $\sigma_{\text{th}} \gtrsim (2 - 3) \times 10^{-45} \text{ cm}^2$ .

# Dark kinetic heating



Effect of Pauli blocking

Multiple scattering required

# FAST

Many pulsars are expected to be discovered by

Five-hundred-meter Aperture Spherical radio Telescope (FAST)

(五百米口径球面射电望远镜)

in China in the near future.



- Largest radio telescope
- Started on Sep. 25, 2016.

About 5000 (4000 new discovery) pulsars will be observed.

# Temperature measurement

Can we actually observe a NS temperature of a few thousand K?

2–3000 K   $\lambda \sim 2 \text{ }\mu\text{m}$   IR telescope

e.g.) NS at the distance of 10 pc emitting radiation with  $\lambda = 2 \text{ }\mu\text{m}$ :

 O(1) nanoJansky (nJy) flux density:

$$1 \text{ Jy} = 10^{-23} \text{ erg s}^{-1} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ Hz}^{-1}$$

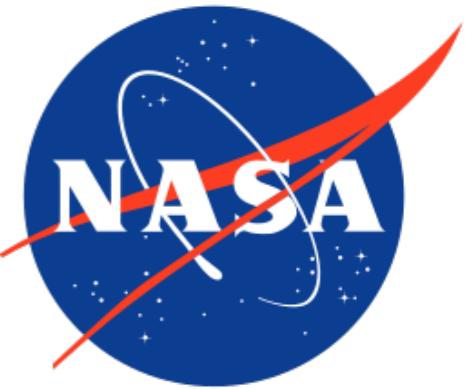
1–5 NSs are expected in this range.

O. Blaes and P. Madau, *Astrophys. J.* **403**, 690 (1993).

Candidate observatories:

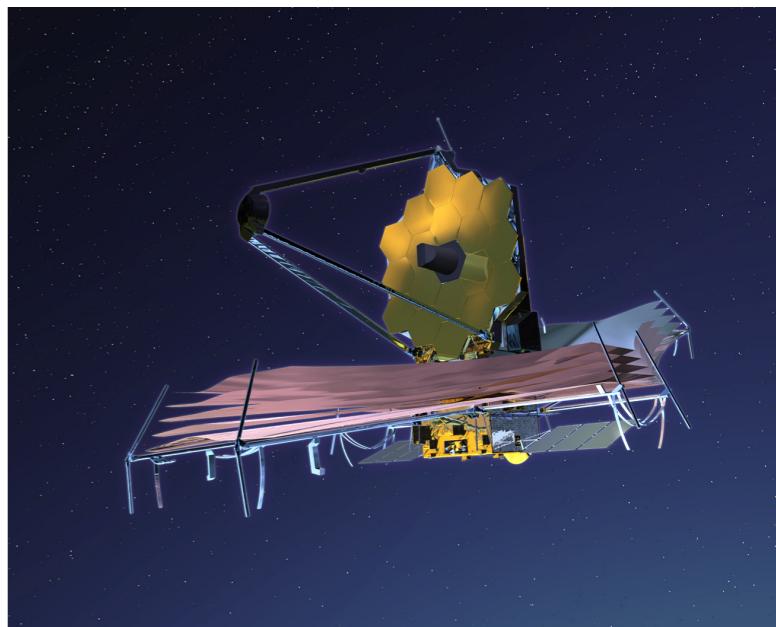
- ▶ James Webb Space Telescope (JWST)
- ▶ Thirty Meter Telescope (TMT)
- ▶ European Extremely Large Telescope (E-ELT)

# JWST



- ▶ Infrared space telescope run by NASA.
- ▶ Successor to the Hubble Space Telescope.
- ▶ Construction completed in Aug. 28, 2019.
- ▶ Launch is scheduled for Mar. 30, 2021.

Near Infrared Camera (NIRCam) has sensitivities to  $\sim\mu\text{m}$ .



# NIRCam

Sensitive to  $\sim\mu\text{m}$ .

For 7.9 nJy, S/N = 10 for  $10^4$  s.

At a Glance:		
	Short Wavelength Channel	Long Wavelength Channel
Wavelength Range	0.6 – 2.3 $\mu\text{m}$	2.4 – 5.0 $\mu\text{m}$
Nyquist Wavelength *	2.0 $\mu\text{m}$	4.0 $\mu\text{m}$
Fields of View **	$2 \times 2.2' \times 2.2'$ (with 4-5" gaps)	$2 \times 2.2' \times 2.2'$
Imaging Pixels	$8 \times 2040 \times 2040$ pixels	$2 \times 2040 \times 2040$ pixels
Pixel Scale	0.032" / pixel	0.065" / pixel
Grism Slitless Spectroscopy	(wavefront sensing across mirror edges)	R = 1200 – 1550
Coronagraphy occulters + Lyot stops	round: 2.1 $\mu\text{m}$ bar: 1.7 – 2.2 $\mu\text{m}$	round: 3.35, 4.3 $\mu\text{m}$ bar: 2.4 – 5.0 $\mu\text{m}$

\* PSF FWHM  $\sim$  2 pixels; undersampled at lower wavelengths.  
\*\* Two modules image adjacent fields in both channels simultaneously.

Filter	Sensitivity Point source S/N=10 in 10 ks	Saturation G2V star 80% full well 2 reads of 64x64 subarray
F090W	13.1 nJy	K $\sim$ 9.5 Vega
F115W	11.8 nJy	K $\sim$ 9.6 Vega
F150W	9.6 nJy	K $\sim$ 9.8 Vega
F200W	7.9 nJy	K $\sim$ 9.3 Vega
F277W	11.5 nJy	K $\sim$ 9.6 Vega
F356W	11.0 nJy	K $\sim$ 8.9 Vega
F410M	20.6 nJy	K $\sim$ 7.4 Vega
F444W	17.6 nJy	K $\sim$ 8.0 Vega

$O(10^5)$  s observation time can give  
 $S/N = 4 – 5$  for  $O(1)$  nJy.

Preliminary ETC sensitivity estimates assume:  
low zodiacal background (UDF in November)  
0.08" radius aperture for short wavelength filters  
0.16" radius aperture for long wavelength filters  
large annuli for background subtraction

# Thirty Meter Telescope (TMT)

Planned to be located on Mauna Kea on Hawaii.



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## Protesters arrested at Hawaii's Mauna Kea for blocking construction of the Thirty-Meter Telescope



By **Ryan Prior** and **Chris Boyette**, CNN

⌚ Updated 0347 GMT (1147 HKT) July 18, 2019

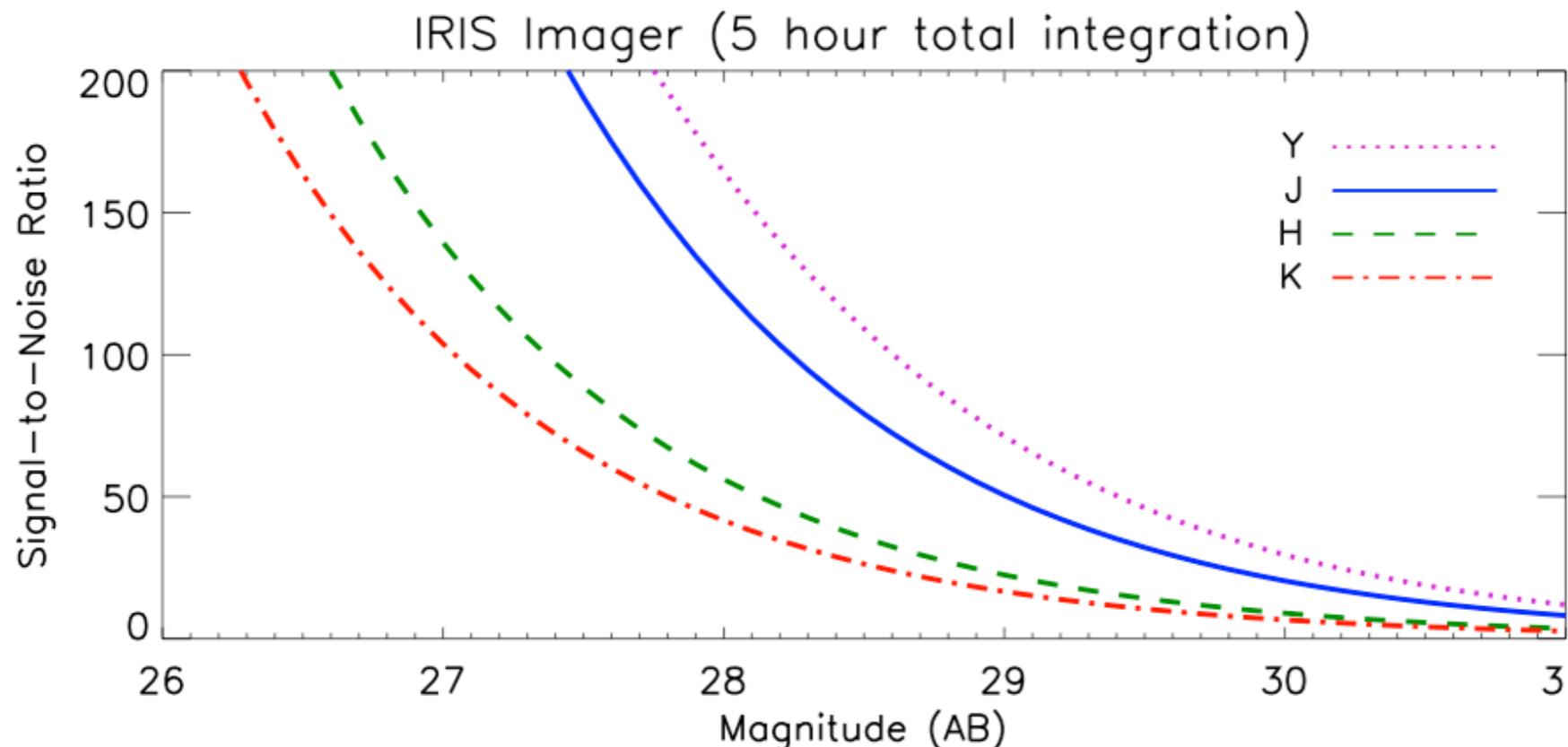
<https://edition.cnn.com/2019/07/17/us/mauna-kea-arrests-telescope-protests-trnd/index.html>



Native Hawaiians strongly protest the construction of TMT.

# IRIS

InfraRed Imaging Spectrograph (IRIS) has sensitivities to  $\sim \mu\text{m}$ .



[arXiv: 1007.1975]

$Y : \lambda = 1.09 \mu\text{m}; J : \lambda = 1.27 \mu\text{m}; H : \lambda = 1.63 \mu\text{m}; K : \lambda = 2.18 \mu\text{m}$

$$m_{\text{AB}} = 31.4 - \frac{5}{2} \log_{10} \left( \frac{f_{\nu}}{1 \text{ nJy}} \right)$$

5-10 hour observation time seems sufficient.