

# Partially accreted crusts of neutron stars

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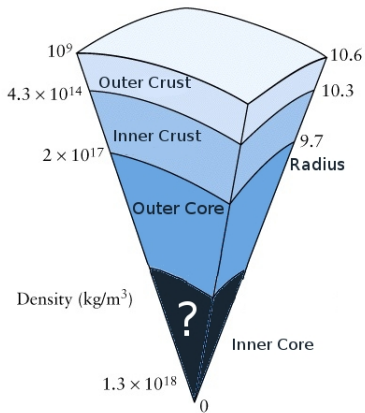
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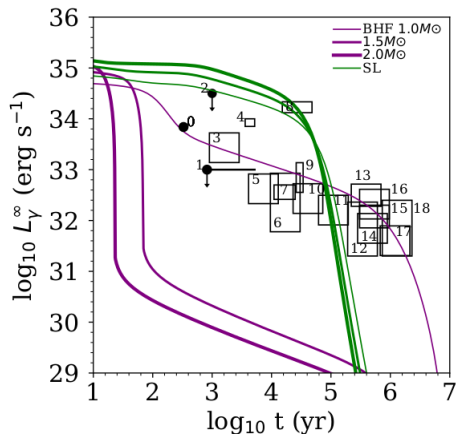
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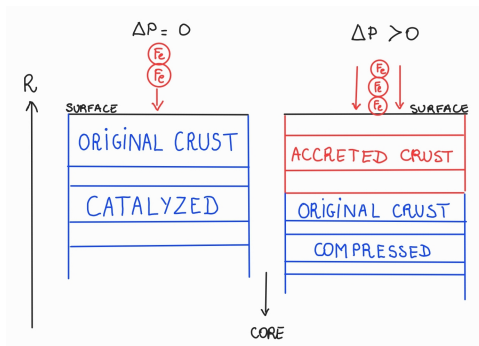


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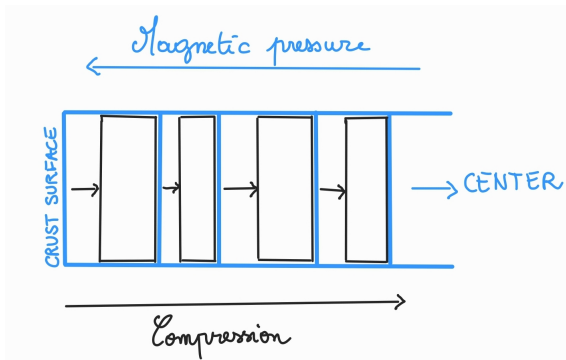
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- Accretion mechanism in a binary
- Beyond fully accreted crust approximation for small accretion
- Motivation: IGR J17480 – 2446, 1RXS J180408 – 342058 = low level of accretion
- Original crust compressed under accumulating accreted material



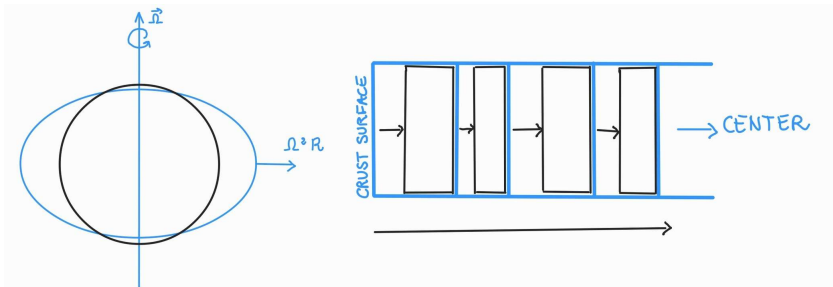
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- Magnetar's decay:
  - [Chamel, Fantina, Suleiman, Zdunik, Haensel 2021]
  - Magnetars : high magnetic field  $\simeq 10^{17}\text{G}$
  - Loss of magnetic pressure: equivalent to a compression of the crust



# Astrophysical phenomenon concerned

- Spinning down neutron stars:
  - Rotating neutron star : equator and polar radius not the same
  - Slow down: from high spin to non-rotating = asymmetry diminished





## Nuclear model for the partially accreted crust

Compression = exothermic reactions

electron captures + pycno fusions

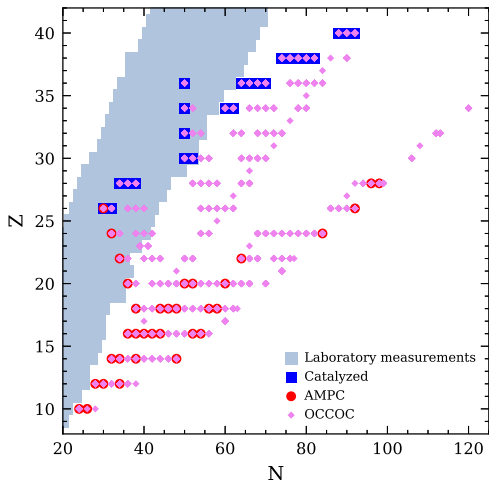
**Heat deposited** = source of luminosityHow to treat partially accreted crusts ?

Establish the (CLDM) equation of state for:

- Catalyzed matter
- Accreted matter
- Compressed original crust as a function of  $\Delta P$

Establish a catalog of heat sources as a function of  $\Delta P$  for:

- Accreted material part:  
permanent heat sources
- Compressed original crust:  
temporary sources



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## Punctal sources

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- Heat for accreted outer crust and underneath compressed originally catalyzed:  $2.2 \times 10^{46}$  erg and  $1.3 \times 10^{46}$  erg
- Originally catalyzed outer crust vs originally accreted outer crust both pushed to inner crust: practically the same  $\sim 2 \times 10^{45}$  erg

### Decaying magnetars

- Amount of heat independent of the magnetic field
- Location of heat sources: strongly depend on the magnetic field
- Sources located deeper than accretion related deep crustal heating

### Spinning down neutron stars

- Recycled pulsars  $\sim$  1ms frequency
- Relative compression of 40%
- Heat sources for the deepest layers of the outer crust

**Properties of compressed crusts**  
Neutron drip anomaly + Density related instability

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## Ongoing and additional work

- Need to put the heat sources in a cooling code
- Time dependant heat sources might be difficult to treat...

### Additional work

- Role of non-unified equations of state in the modelisation of macroscopic parameters of neutron stars [Suleiman, Fortin, Zdunik, Haensel 2021]
- Revision of analytical representation of equations of state based on unified equations of state [Suleiman, Fortin, Zdunik in prep]
- Neutrino emissivity of the Modified Urca process
- Virgo collaboration LUTH/Caen