Limit on the Axion Decay Constant from the Cooling Neutron Star in Cassiopeia A

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Outline

- Cassiopeia A (Cas A) Neutron Star
- Standard Neutron Star Cooling and Cas A
- Axion Emission from Neutron Star
- Limit on Axion Decay Constant
- Conclusion



Cas A NS

3 Cassiopeiae





ATLAS COELESTIS. TOHN FLAMSTEED

Atlas Coelestis (1729)



John Flamsteed **First Astronomer Royal** He recorded 3 Cassiopeiae on August 16, 1680.

Never been observed since then.

Cassiopeia A (Cas A)





Supernova remnant

 $d = 3.4^{+0.3}_{-0.1} \text{ kpc}$

Explosion date estimated from the remnant expansion: 1681 ± 19 . Neutron star (NS) was found in the center.

Cas A NS Cooling

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DIRECT OBSERVATION OF THE COOLING OF THE CASSIOPEIA A NEUTRON STAR

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Cooling of Cas A NS directly observed.

- This was rather rapid.
- This is the only NS whose cooling curve is observed for the moment.

Chandra

Today's topic

Observed cooling curve of the Cas A NS can be explained by the standard cooling theory.

D. Pager, M. Prakash, J. M. Lattimer, and A. W. Steiner, Phys .Rev. Lett. **106**, 081101 (2011); P. S. Shternin, D. G. Yakovlev, C. O. Heinke, W. C. G. Ho, and D. J. Patnaude, MNRS **412**, L108 (2011).

Neutron superfluidity plays an important role.

This might be spoiled if there is an extra cooling source such as axion.

We may give a limit on such a cooling source.

Standard NS Cooling and Cas A

Size of neutron star vs Osaka

Radius ~10 km
1−2 M_☉

As high as nuclear density.

Neutrons, protons, electrons are degenerate.

Neutrons and protons are in superfluidity and superconductivity.

Neutron star structure

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, μ)

Nucleon superfluidity taken into account.

Equation for temperature evolution

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

C(T): Stellar heat capacity L_v: Luminosity of neutrino emission L_{γ}: Luminosity of photon emission

Thermal relaxation completed at $t \leq 100$ yrs

Cooling sources

Two cooling sources:

Dominant for $t \leq 10^5$ years

cf.) Cas A NS: ~ 338 yrs

Photon emission (from surface)

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

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

These processes can occur in a non-superfluid NS core.

These processes occur only near the Fermi surface.

$$p_{\rm F} \simeq 300 \times \left(\frac{\rho_0}{2 \times 10^{14} \text{ g/cm}^3}\right)^{\frac{1}{3}} \text{MeV} \qquad \begin{matrix} \mathsf{f}(\mathsf{p}) \\ \mathsf{1} \\ \mathsf{p}_F \gg T, \ m_n - m_p \\ \mathsf{0} \end{matrix} \qquad \begin{matrix} \mathsf{f}(\mathsf{p}) \\ \mathsf{1} \\ \mathsf{p}_F \end{pmatrix} = 0$$

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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 β -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

 $\begin{cases} zN^{A} + e^{-} \rightarrow z_{-1}N^{A} + \text{antineutrino} \\ z_{-1}N^{A} \rightarrow zN^{A} + e^{-} + \text{neutrino,} \end{cases}$ (3)

Named after a casino in Rio de Janeiro:

Cassino da Urca

which we shall call, for brevity, "urca-processes."

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.

Direct Urca process $n \rightarrow p + e^- + \nu$, $e^- + p \rightarrow n + \nu$

To satisfy the momentum conservation in the DUrca process

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

is required.

(Neutrino momentum, ~ T, is negligible.)

Emissivity (energy loss rate per unit time & volume)

$$Q_D \simeq 4 \times 10^{27} \times \left(\frac{T}{10^9 \text{ K}}\right)^6 \Theta(p_{F,p} + p_{F,e} - p_{F,n}) \text{ erg} \cdot \text{cm}^{-3} \cdot \text{s}^{-1}$$

This dominates other processes (if occurs).

Direct Urca condition

This process can occur only at high-density regions.

Only massive stars ($\gtrsim 2 M_{\odot}$) allow this process.

W/ APR equation of state.

Direct Urca in Cas A NS

The mass of Cas A NS is estimated to be

 $M \simeq (1.4 \pm 0.3) M_{\odot}$

K. G. Elshamouty, C. O. Heinke, W. C. Ho, A. Y. Potekhin, Phys .Rev. C91, 015806 (2015).

Direct Urca does not operate in Cas A NS.

Slow neutrino emission processes

Nucleon pairing

Nucleons in a NS form pairings below their critical temperatures:

- Neutron singlet ¹S₀
- Proton singlet ¹S₀
- Proton triplet ³P₂

Proton singlet pairing gap

— Only in the crust. Less important.

— Form in the core. Important.

Neutron singlet pairing gap

D. Page, J. M. Lattimer, M. Prakash, A. W. Steiner [arXiv: 1302.6626].

Effects of nucleon parings

In the presence of pairing gap, the energy of quasi-particle is

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

This gap introduces a suppression factor to

Slow neutrino emission processHeat capacity

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

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

Pair-breaking and formation (PBF) process

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

Unimportant in Cas A NS.

Direct Urca process

Does not operate in Cas A NS.

Modified Urca & bremsstrahlung

Suppressed after the onset of nucleon superfluidity.

▶PBF

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

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.

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

g₁₄: surface gravity in units of 10^{14} cm s⁻². Δ 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.

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).

Standard cooling scenario can explain most of the data.

Cas A NS cooling

Cas A NS temperature data

TABLE I. Chandra ACIS-S Graded mode temperatures.

ObsID	Year	$T_{\rm eff}{}^{\rm a}$	$[\times 10^{6} \text{ K}]$
114	2000.08	$2.145_{-0.008}^{+0.009}$	
1952	2002.10	$2.142^{+0.009}_{-0.008}$	
5196	2004.11	$2.118^{+0.011}_{-0.007}$	
$(9117, 9773)^{\mathrm{b}}$	2007.93	$2.095\substack{+0.007\\-0.010}$	
$(10935, 12020)^{\mathrm{b}}$	2009.84	$2.080^{+0.009}_{-0.008}$	
$(10936, 13177)^{\mathrm{b}}$	2010.83	$2.070^{+0.009}_{-0.009}$	3-4% decrease
14229	2012.37	$2.050^{+0.009}_{-0.008}$	in ten vears
14480	2013.38	$2.075_{-0.009}^{+0.009}$	in ten years.
14481	2014.36	$2.045_{-0.009}^{+0.009}$	

K. G. Elshamouty, C. O. Heinke, W. C. Ho, A. Y. Potekhin, Phys .Rev. C91, 015806 (2015).

Can we explain this cooling behavior with the standard cooling scenario??

How to explain Cas A cooling

Observation

3-4% decrease in ten years.

Modified Urca/Bremsstrahlung

Only 0.3% decrease in T in ten years.

<u>PBF</u>

Rapid cooling but does not last so long.

If PBF process has just started recently, the Cas A NS cooling can be explained.

Fit in the minimal cooling paradigm

D. Pager, M. Prakash, J. M. Lattimer, and A. W. Steiner, Phys .Rev. Lett. 106, 081101 (2011).

If the critical temperature of neutrino triplet pairing is

$$T_C^{(n)} \sim 5 \times 10^8 \text{ K}$$
 PBF has just started.

Cas A NS cooling can be explained.

Direct evidence of superfluidity in NS

PRL 106, 081101 (2011)

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Rapid Cooling of the Neutron Star in Cassiopeia A Triggered by Neutron Superfluidity in Dense Matter

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We propose that the observed cooling of the neutron star in Cassiopeia A is due to enhanced neutrino emission from the recent onset of the breaking and formation of neutron Cooper pairs in the ${}^{3}P_{2}$ channel. We find that the critical temperature for this superfluid transition is $\approx 0.5 \times 10^{9}$ K. The observed rapidity of the cooling implies that protons were already in a superconducting state with a larger critical temperature. This is the first direct evidence that superfluidity and superconductivity occur at supranuclear densities within neutron stars. Our prediction that this cooling will continue for several decades at the present rate can be tested by continuous monitoring of this neutron star.

Mon. Not. R. Astron. Soc. 412, L108–L112 (2011)

doi:10.1111/j.1745-3933.2011.01015.x

Cooling neutron star in the Cassiopeia A supernova remnant: evidence for superfluidity in the core

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than the standard modified Urca process). This is serious evidence for nucleon superfluidity in NS cores that comes from observations of cooling NSs.

Cooling source and Cas A NS

Cas A NS data cannot be explained.

Limit on the cooling source!

We consider axion as a cooling source.

Axion emission from NS

Axion-nucleon couplings

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{int}} = \sum_{N=p,n} \frac{C_N}{2f_a} \bar{N} \gamma^{\mu} \gamma_5 N \,\partial_{\mu} a$$

KSVZ axion model J. E. Kim (1970); M. A. Shifman, A. I. Vainshtein, V. I. Zakharov (1980).

$$C_q = 0$$
 $P_p = -0.47(3), \quad C_n = -0.02(3)$

Note that C_n may be zero within uncertainty.

DFSZ axion model A. R. Zhitnitsky (1980); M. Dine, W. Fischler, M. Srednicki (1981).

$$C_{u,c,t} = \frac{1}{3}\cos^2\beta, \quad C_{d,s,b} = \frac{1}{3}\sin^2\beta$$

$$C_p = -0.182(25) - 0.435\sin^2\beta$$

$$C_n = -0.160(25) + 0.414\sin^2\beta \quad \text{Both can be sizable.}$$

Axion emission processes

Equation for temperature evolution

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

Axion emission processes

We have modified NSCool to implement these processes.

Technical details

APR equation of state

NS mass: $M = 1.4M_{\odot}$

Neutron ¹S₀ gap: SFB model Not so relevant.

Proton ¹S₀ gap: CCDK model

Any gap models are fine as long as it is large enough.

Neutron ³P₂ gap (Highly uncertain)

Regard gap height (\propto T_C) and width as free parameters.

Luminosity of axion emission

Axion emission can be as strong as neutrino emission.

Axion emission is sizable even if $C_n \simeq 0$

K. Hamaguchi, N. Nagata, K. Yanagi, and J. Zheng, Phys. Rev. D98, 103015 (2018).

Luminosity of axion emission

Axion emission is stronger than the KSVZ case.

K. Hamaguchi, N. Nagata, K. Yanagi, and J. Zheng, Phys. Rev. D98, 103015 (2018).

Limit on axion decay constant

Core temperature of Cas A NS

Inferred core temperature @ Cas A NS age (Jan. 30, 2000)

Core temperature is too low for $f_a \lesssim a \text{ few} \times 10^8 \text{ GeV}$

Large uncertainty due to the ignorance of the envelope properties.

K. Hamaguchi, N. Nagata, K. Yanagi, and J. Zheng, Phys. Rev. D98, 103015 (2018).

Cooling curves vs data

We obtained a bound comparable to other astrophysical limits.

K. Hamaguchi, N. Nagata, K. Yanagi, and J. Zheng, Phys. Rev. D98, 103015 (2018).

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Invisible A⁰ (Axion) Limits from Nucleon Coupling

INSPIRE search

Limits are for the axion mass in eV.

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< 6.6	90	2 ARMENGAUD	2018 EDE3	Solar axion					
< 0.085	90	3 BEZNOGOV	2018 ASTR	Neutron star cooling					
< 12.7	95	4 GAVRILYUK	2018 CNTR	Solar axion					
< 0.01		5 HAMAGUCHI	2018 ASTR	Neutron star cooling					
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Recent update

Cas A NS temperature is still decreasing!! ~ 2% in ten yrs.

Additional data, observations of different NSs, etc., allow us to test the NS cooling theory.

We are working on more detailed analysis with this new data.

K. Hamaguchi, N. Nagata, K. Yanagi, and J. Zheng, in preparation.

Conclusion

Conclusion

- Observed rapid cooling of Cas A NS can be explained in the minimal cooling scenario.
- Presence of additional cooling source may spoil the success, which thus restricts such possibilities.
- We obtain a lower limit on the axion decay constant, which is as strong as existing astrophysical bounds.

Temperature distribution

Relaxation in the Core done in ~ 100 years.

D. Page, J. M. Lattimer, M. Prakash, A. W. Steiner [arXiv: 1302.6626].

Relaxation in the presence of axion

Direct Urca process $n \rightarrow p + e^- + \nu, e^- + p \rightarrow n + \nu$

Chemical equilibrium

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

$$p_{F,e} + \frac{p_{F,p}^2}{2m_p} + m_p \simeq \frac{p_{F,n}^2}{2m_n} + m_n$$

Charge neutrality

Neutrino chemical potential is zero.

$$n_p = n_e \qquad \qquad p_{F,p} = p_{F,e} \qquad \qquad p_F = (3\pi^2\hbar^3)^{\frac{1}{3}}n^{\frac{1}{3}}$$

So, as long as the above approximation is valid, the typical size of the Fermi momenta of protons and electrons are O(10) MeV.

Momentum conservation

 $p_p + p_e > p_n$ Neutrino momentum is negligible.

Therefore, the Direct Urca process can occur only where the density is huge so that the above approximation is not valid.

Cooling curves

The direct Urca process affects the neutron star cooling significantly.

Spectral fit of Cas A NS

K. G. Elshamouty, C. O. Heinke, W. C. Ho, A. Y. Potekhin, Phys .Rev. C91, 015806 (2015).

Non-magnetic carbon atmosphere model fits the X-ray spectrum of Cas A NS quite well.

C. O. Heinke, W. C. Ho, Nature 462, 71 (2009).

Through the gravitational redshift, we can infer the NS mass.

$$M \simeq (1.4 \pm 0.3) M_{\odot}$$

¹S₀ neutron gap

By solving the gap equation, we can obtain the pairing gap.

- BCS, GMB: a weak-limit approximated analytical solution without and with medium effects.
- Others: calculations using different models for nuclear potential.

¹S₀ proton gap

K. G. Elshamouty, C. O. Heinke, W. C. Ho, A. Y. Potekhin, Phys .Rev. C91, 015806 (2015).

We use the CCDK model to suppress neutron emission before the onset of neutron triplet pairing.

³P₂ neutron gap

D. Page, J. M. Lattimer, M. Prakash, A. W. Steiner [arXiv: 1302.6626].

Large theoretical uncertainty

Core and boundary temperature

Slow neutrino emission

Temperature evolution

Heat capacity

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

$$C(T) = C_9 T_9, \quad C_9 \sim 10^{39} \text{ erg} \cdot \text{K}^{-1}$$

T₉ = T/(10⁹ K)

Modified Urca + Bremsstrahlung

$$L_{\nu} = L_9 T_9^8, \quad L_9 \sim 10^{40} \text{ erg} \cdot \text{s}^{-1}$$

$$T_9 = \left(\frac{C_9 \cdot 10^9 \text{ K}}{6L_9 t}\right)^{\frac{1}{6}} \sim \left(\frac{1 \text{ year}}{t}\right)^{\frac{1}{6}}$$

Internal temperature goes as $T \propto t^{-\frac{1}{6}}$

Surface vs internal temperatures

$$T_9 \simeq 0.1288 \times \left(\frac{T_{s6}^4}{g_{14}}\right)^{0.455}$$
 $T_{s6} = T_s/(10^6 \text{ K})$

E. H. Gudmundsson, C. J. Pethick, and R. I. Epstein (1983).

Slow neutrino emission and Cas A NS

From the above formulae, we finally obtain $T_s \propto t^{-0.09}$

Only 0.3% decrease in T in ten years.

The slow neutrino emission cannot explain the observed rapid cooling of the Cas A NS.

Solution in the minimal cooling paradigm

Use the PBF process to enhance the cooling rate.

This process does not last so long.

We need to take the critical temperature to be just above the internal temperature of Cas A NS (~ 5×10^8 K).

Fit with minimal cooling

K. G. Elshamouty, C. O. Heinke, W. C. Ho, A. Y. Potekhin, Phys .Rev. C91, 015806 (2015).

Axion

Axion is a Nambu-Goldstone boson associated with the Peccei-Quinn symmetry. R. D Peccei and H.

Lagrangian

$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{1}{2} (\partial_{\mu} a)^2 + \frac{a}{f_a} \frac{\alpha_s}{8\pi} G_{\mu\nu} \widetilde{G}^{\mu\nu} + \sum_q \frac{C_q}{2f_a} \bar{q} \gamma^{\mu} \gamma_5 q \, \partial_{\mu} a + \dots$$

Axion-nucleon couplings

Spin fractions

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{int}} = \sum_{N=p,n} \frac{C_N}{2f_a} \bar{N} \gamma^{\mu} \gamma_5 N \,\partial_{\mu} a$$

$$C_N = \sum_{q=u,d,s} \left(C_q - \frac{m_*}{m_q} \right) \Delta q^{(N)}$$

$$m_* \equiv \frac{m_u m_d m_s}{m_u m_d + m_u m_s + m_d m_s}$$

$$2s_{\mu}^{(N)}\Delta q^{(N)} \equiv \langle N|\bar{q}\gamma_{\mu}\gamma_{5}q|N\rangle$$

Gluon contribution can be taken into account as quark contributions through a field rotation.

Large η in KSVZ

For large η , the core temperature gets small.

Cannot explain the rapid cooling of Cas A.

K. Hamaguchi, N. Nagata, K. Yanagi, and J. Zheng, Phys. Rev. D98, 103015 (2018).

Other possibilities

Other possibilities to explain the rapid cooling in Cas A NS are

Direct Urca

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Slow thermal relaxation

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Stellar fluid oscillations

S. H. Yang, C. M. Pi, X. P. Zheng, APJ. 735, L29 (2011).

Quark color superconducting

T. Noda, et. al., APJ. 765, 1 (2013).

Pairing in Nuclei

Lowest excitation levels of nuclei

A. Bohr, B. R. Mottelson, and D. Pines, Phys. Rev. 110, 936 (1958).

A nucleon in even-even nuclei requires a minimum energy for excitation.

Suggests the presence of a gap.

Pairing in Nuclei

Binding energy per nucleon

E. Segre, Nuclei and Particles.

Even-even nuclei are more bound than odd-even/odd-odd nuclei.

Pairing in Nuclei

Phase shifts for nucleon-nucleon scattering

R. Tamagaki, Prog. Theor. Phys. 44, 905 (1970).

A positive phase-shift implies an attractive interaction.

From this result, we expect

- Nucleons pair in a spin-singlet state at low densities.
- A spin-triplet pairing occurs at high densities.

Medium effects may modify the interactions.

Pairing effects on neutron star cooling

D. Page, J. M. Lattimer, M. Prakash, A. W. Steiner [arXiv: 1302.6626].

Due to the energy gap, available phase space is limited at low temperatures.

- Cooling by neutrino emission is suppressed.
- Specific heat is suppressed.
- Cooper pair breaking and formation enhance neutrino emission