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Abstract

We analyzed the influence of the density profile on neutron star cooling by neutrino emission, considering four different equations of state. After interpolated density profiles are obtained from discrete data, we calculate numerically, as a function of the radial distance to the center of the star, the following quantities: the neutron and proton number densities, their Fermi momenta, the proton fractions and the neutrino emissivities for two models of neutron stars with masses $1.33M_{\odot}$ and $1.4M_{\odot}$. For a specific equation of state and considering the effects of the density profile, we calculate the neutrino and photon luminosities and the cooling curve for these two models, taking into account two different possibilities for their particle composition. The photon luminosities for isolated neutron stars with the measurements of the bolometric luminosities for isolated neutron stars with thermal emission presented in the literature. The cooling curves are in good agreement with empirical data for the surface temperatures observed in several neutron stars.

Keywords: Neutron star; equation of state; density profile; neutrino cooling.

Introduction

Neutron stars (NSs) are considered one of the densest manifestations of matter in the universe, as they concentrate a mass of the order of the solar mass, M_{\odot} , in spheres with a radius of the order 10km. NS physics started with the "superficial anticipation"

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