

Astrophysical jet formation from a magnetized npe -gas

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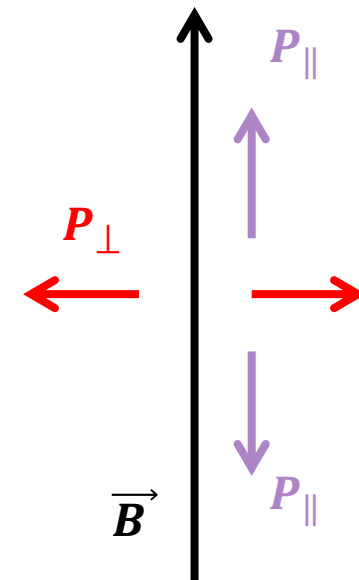
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$\Omega = \Omega(T, \mu, B)$ – thermodynamic potential

T – temperature S – entropy M – magnetization

μ – chemical potential N – particle number density

Pressures of a magnetized quantum gas



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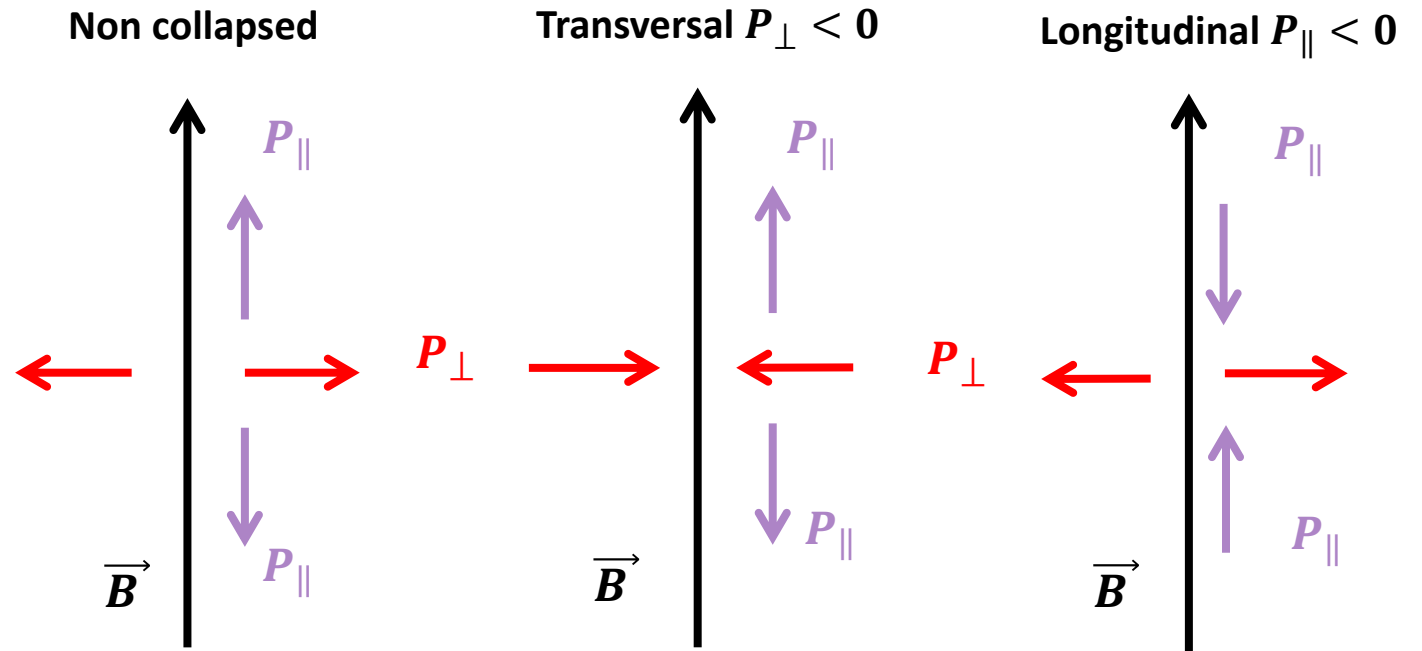
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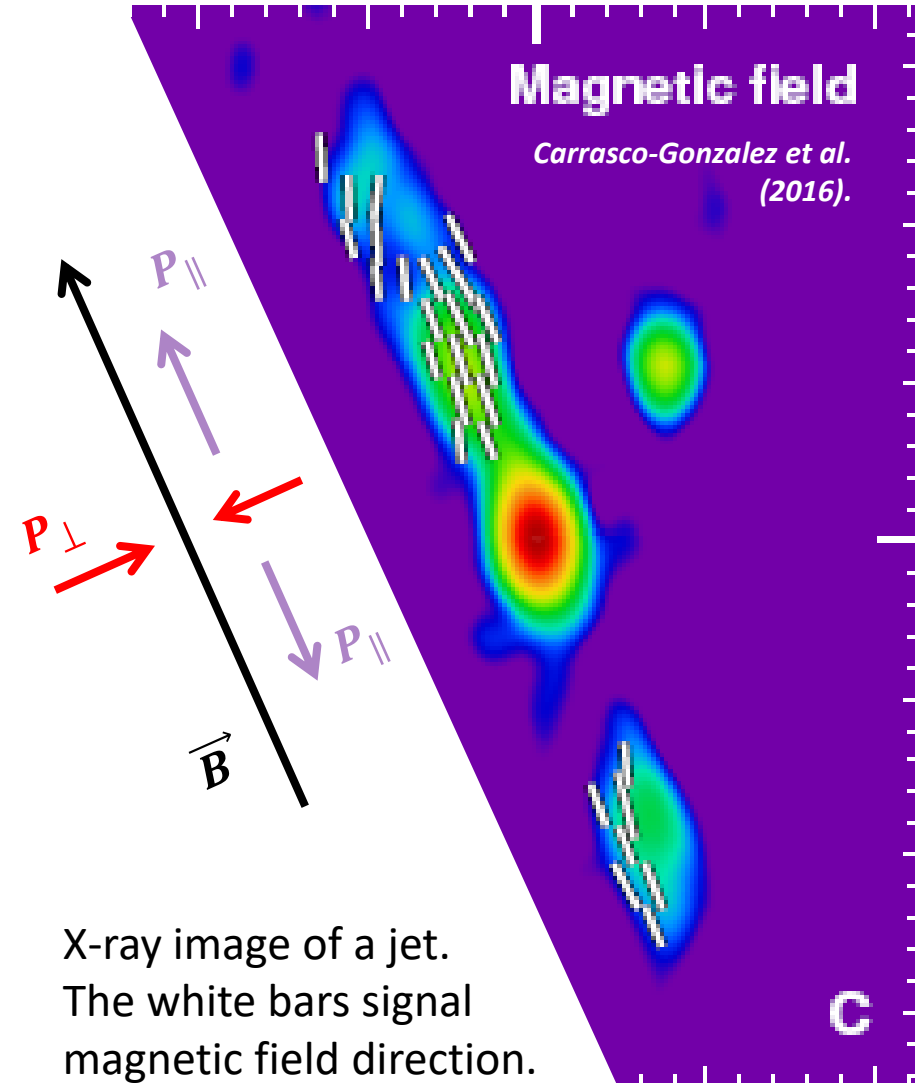
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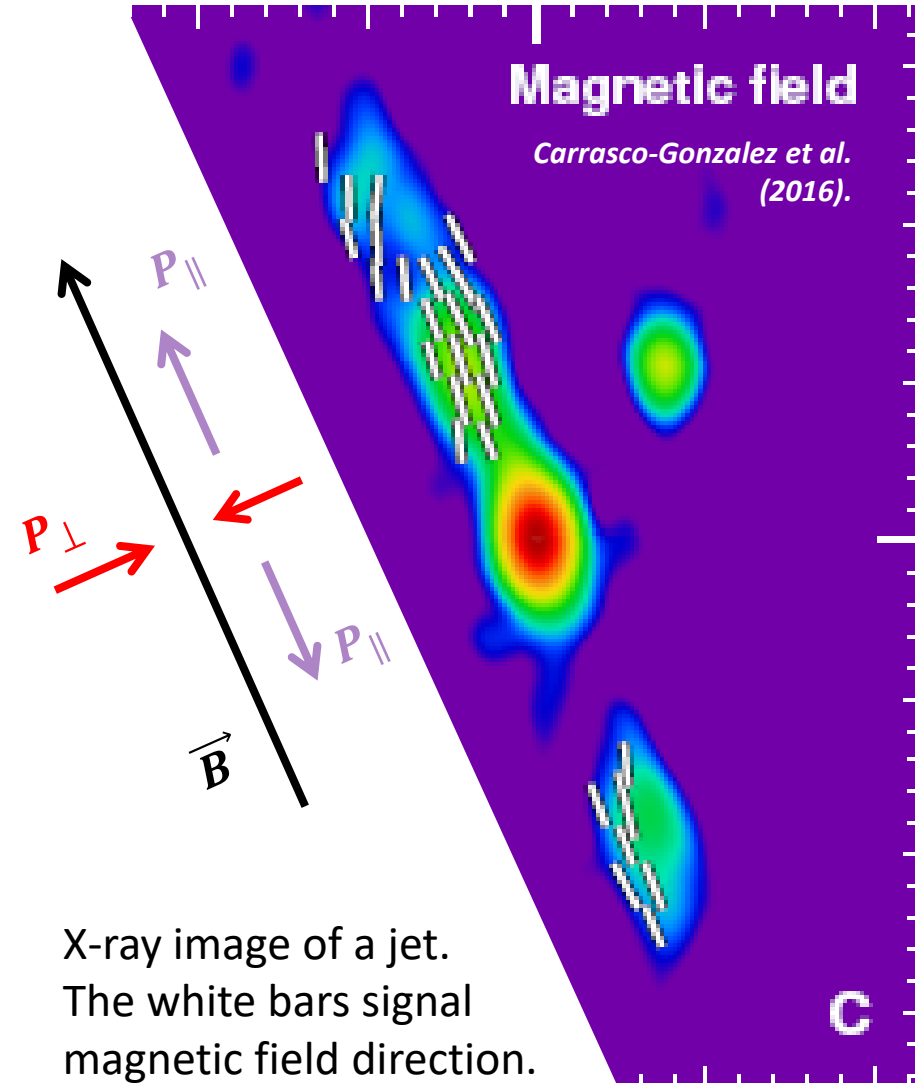
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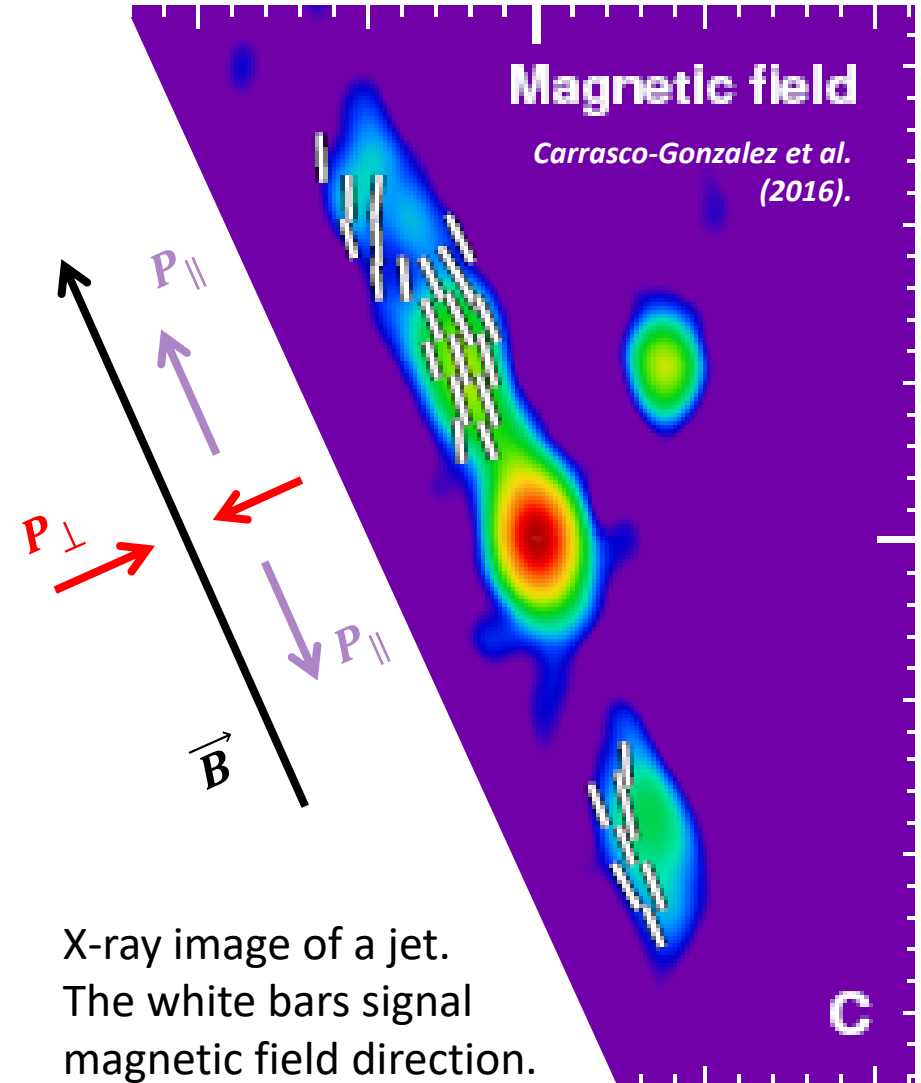
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X-ray image of a jet.
The white bars signal
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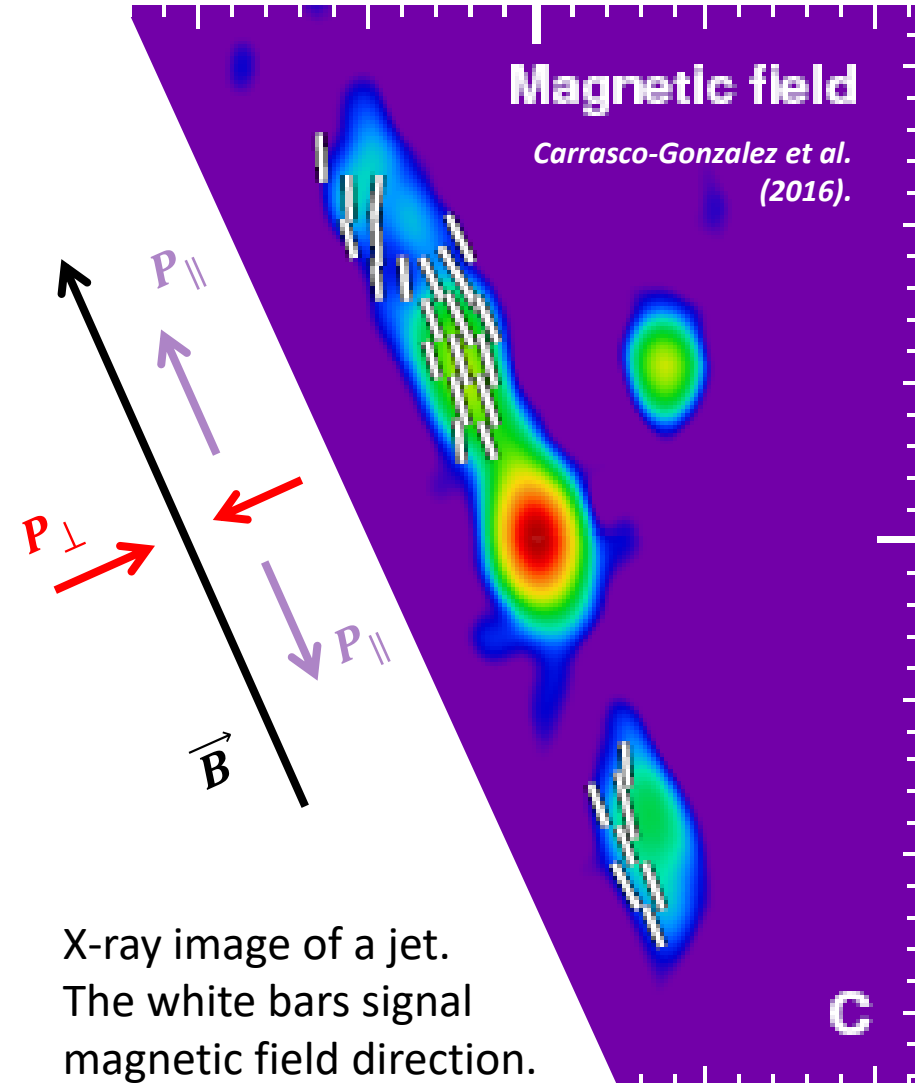
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Our proposal is that this role is played through the quantum magnetic collapse with $P_{\perp} \leq 0$.



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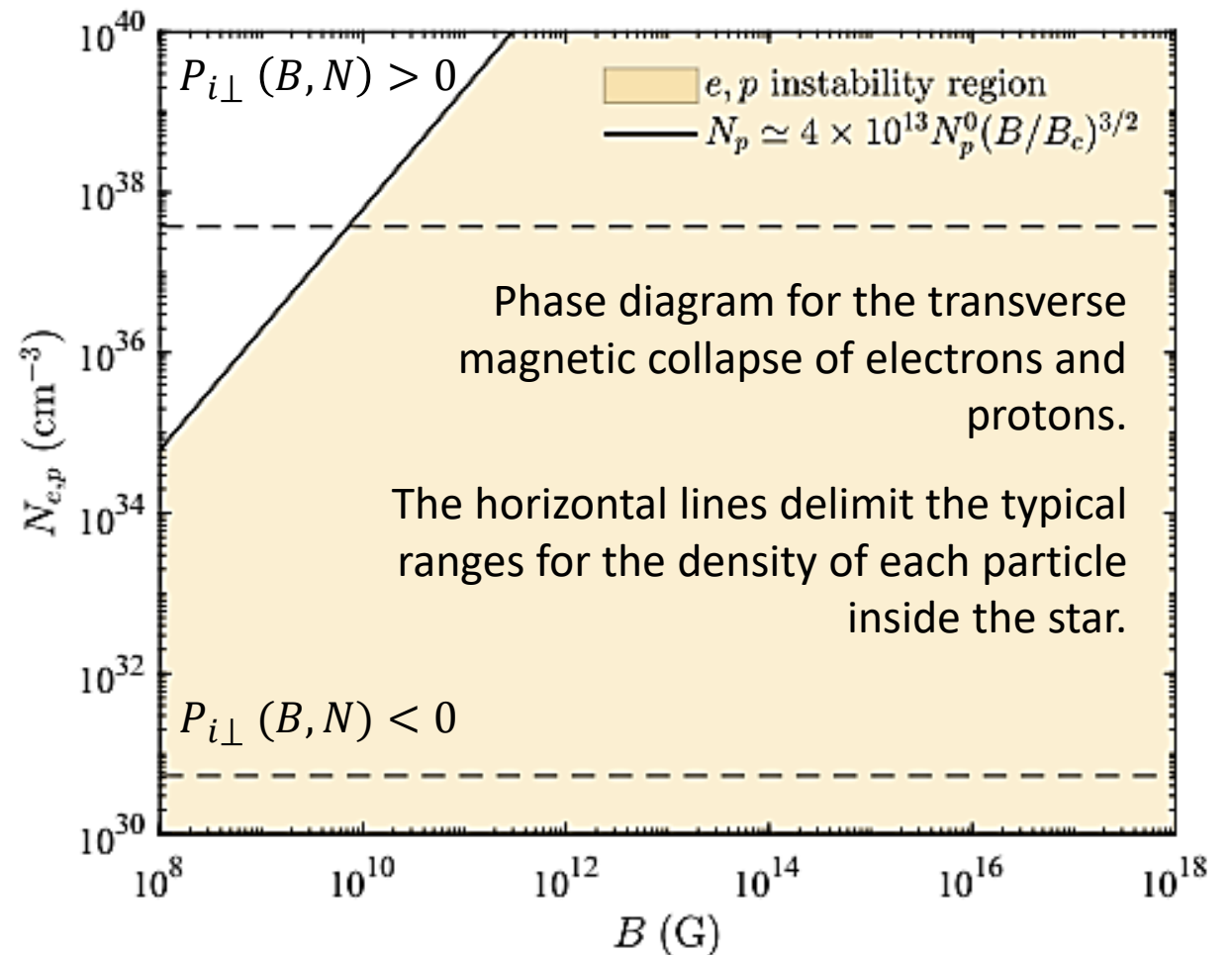
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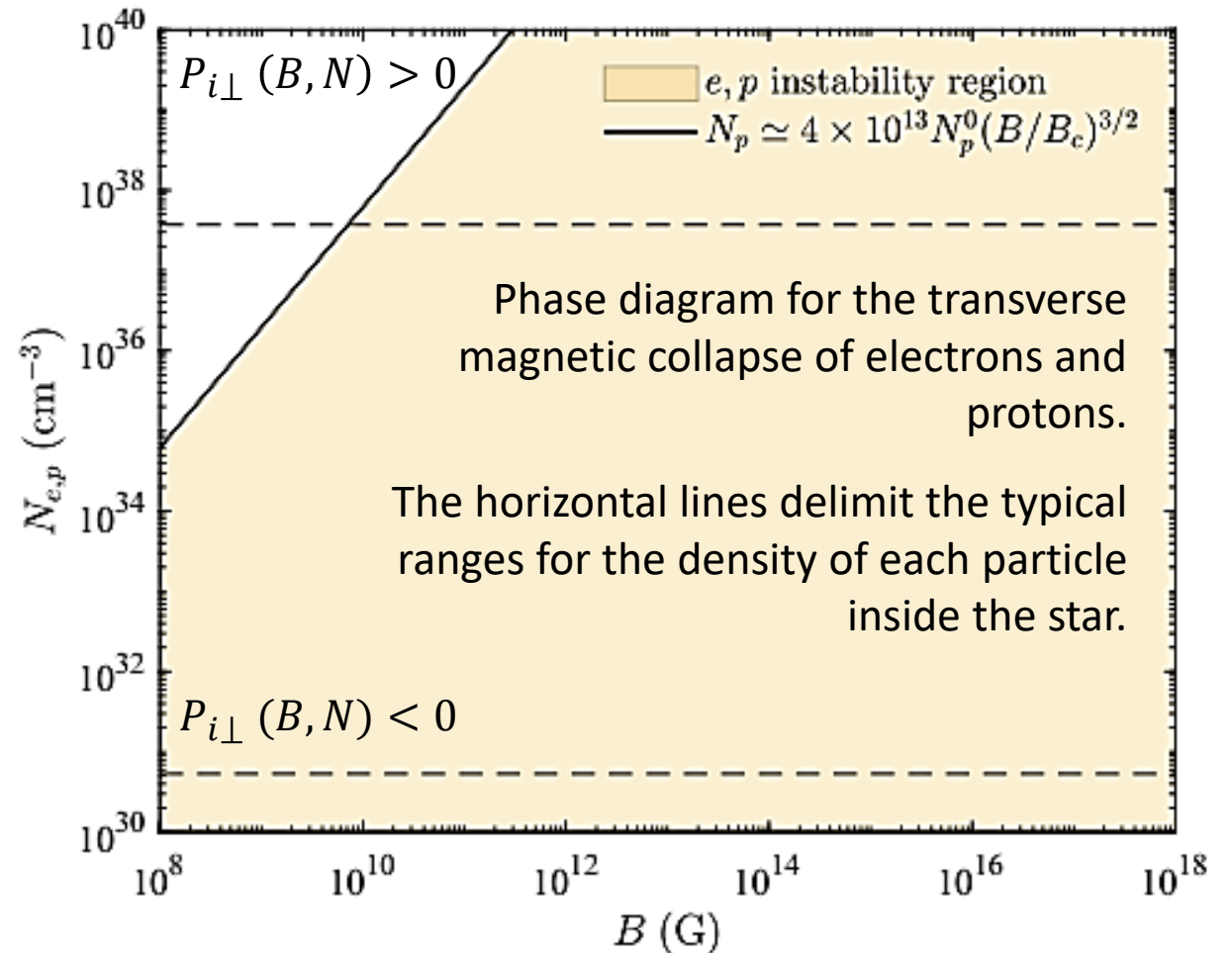


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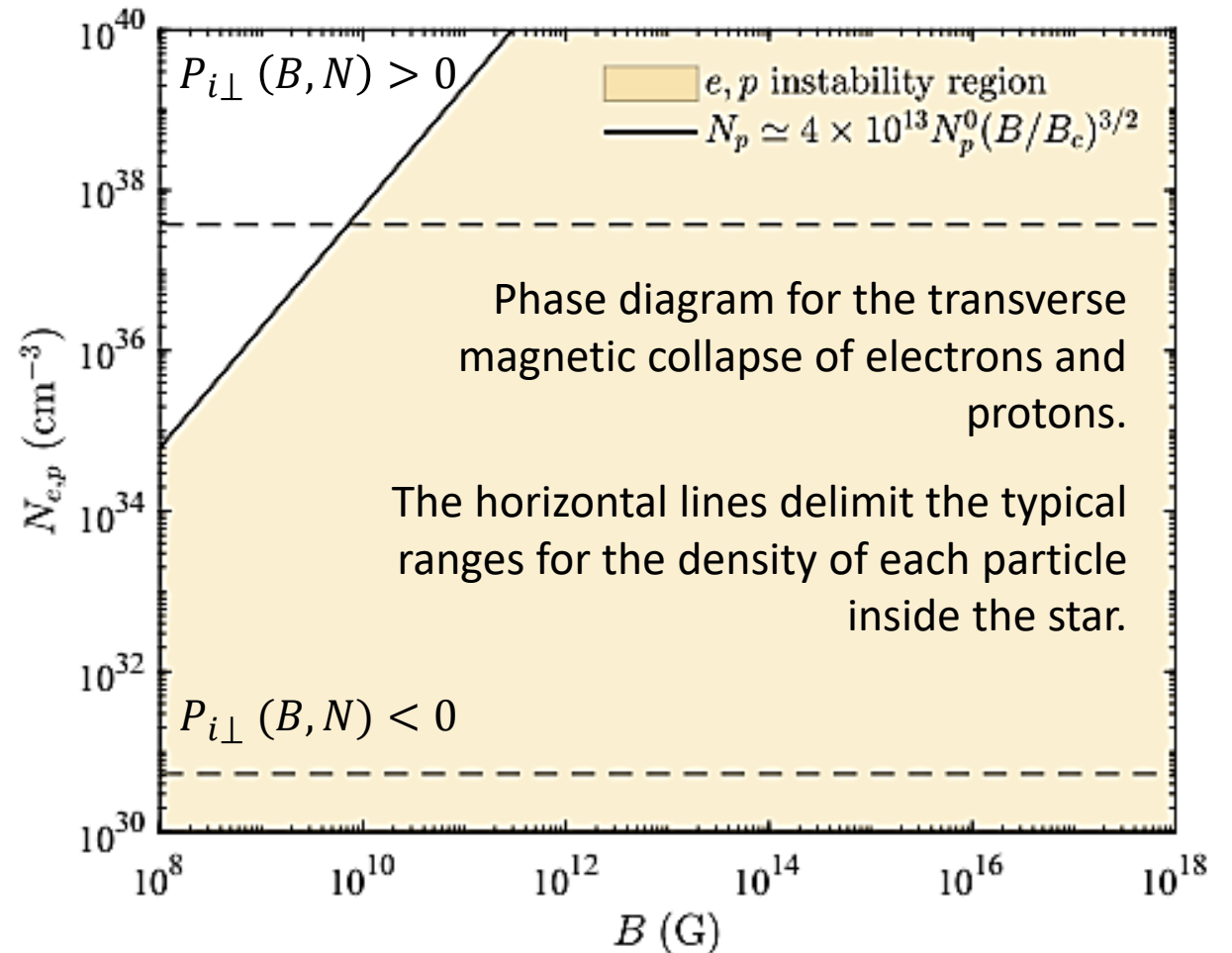
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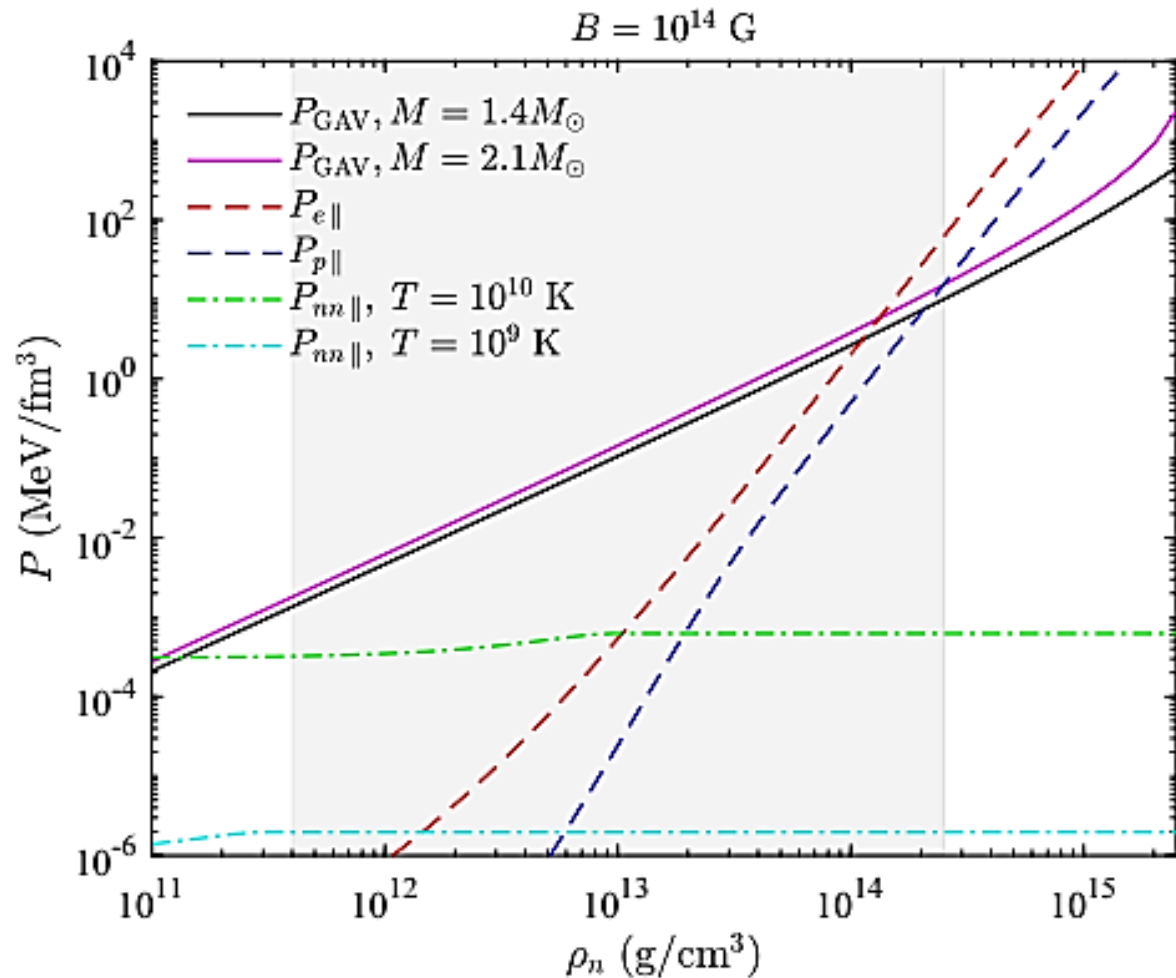
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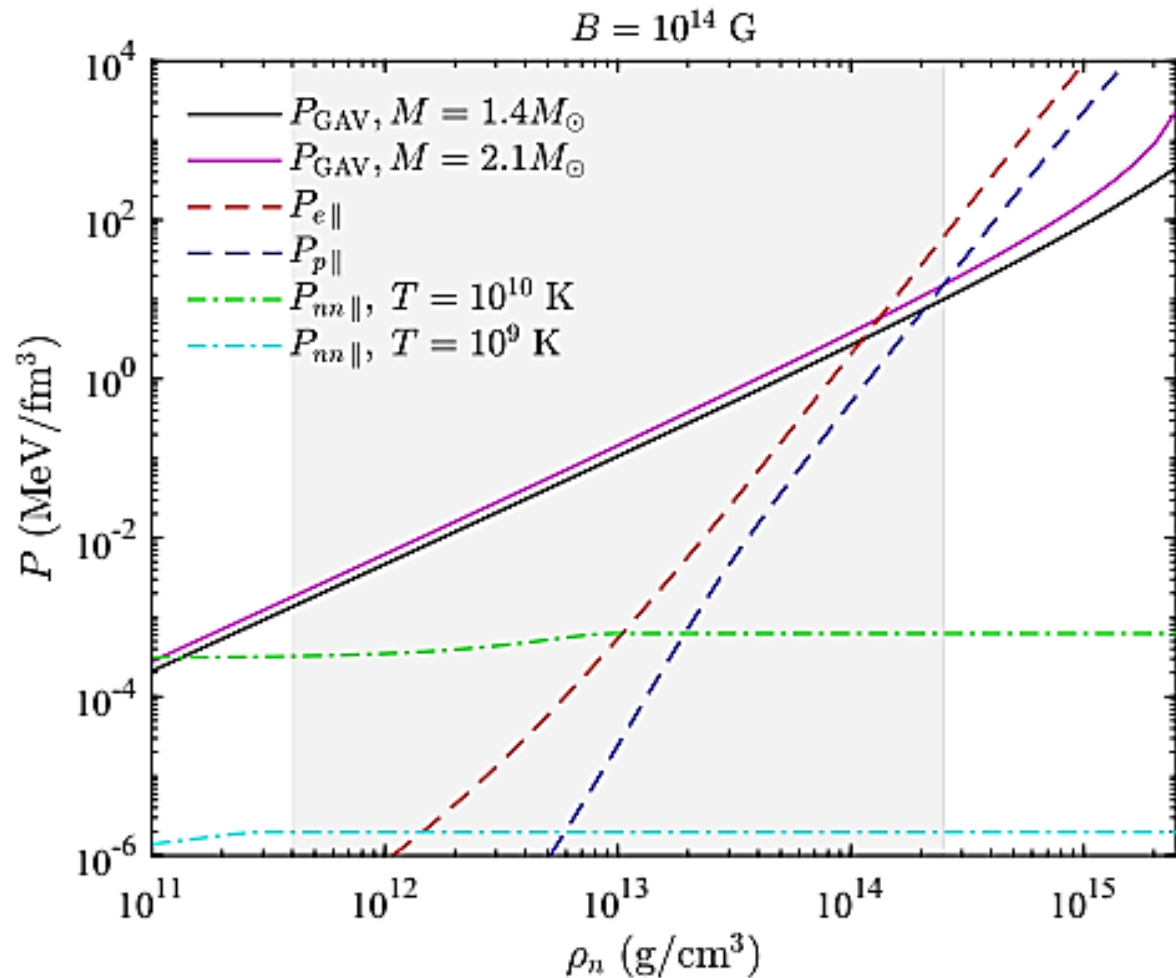


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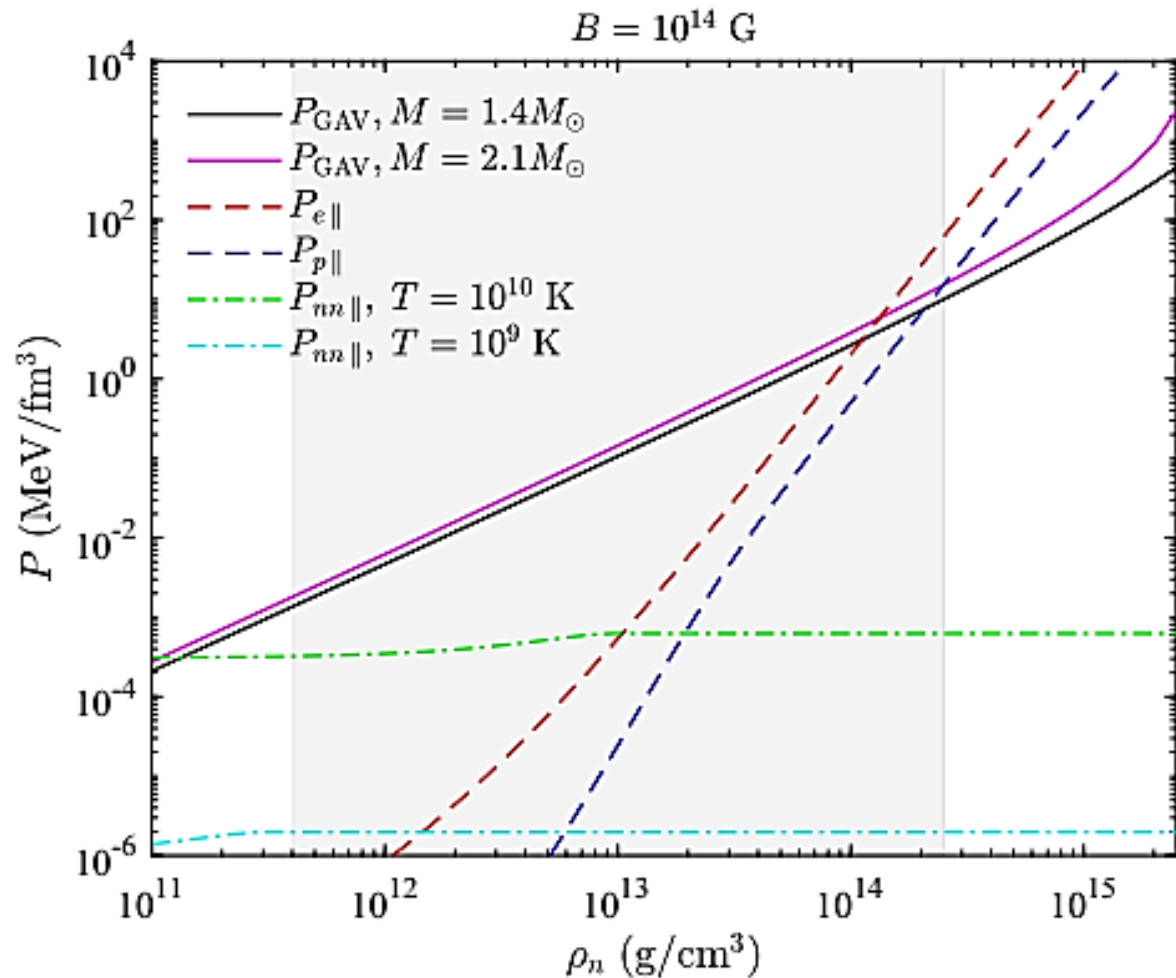
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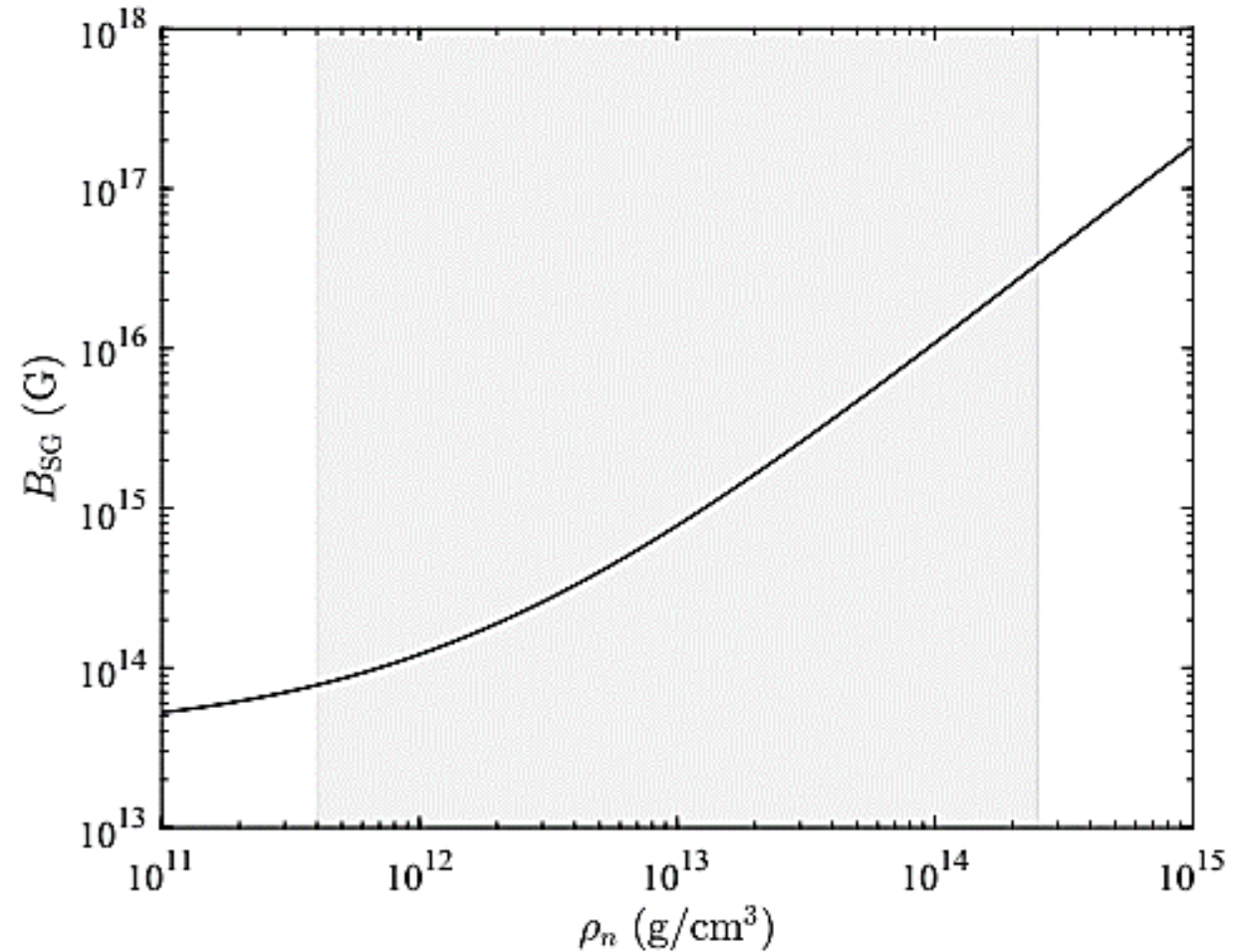
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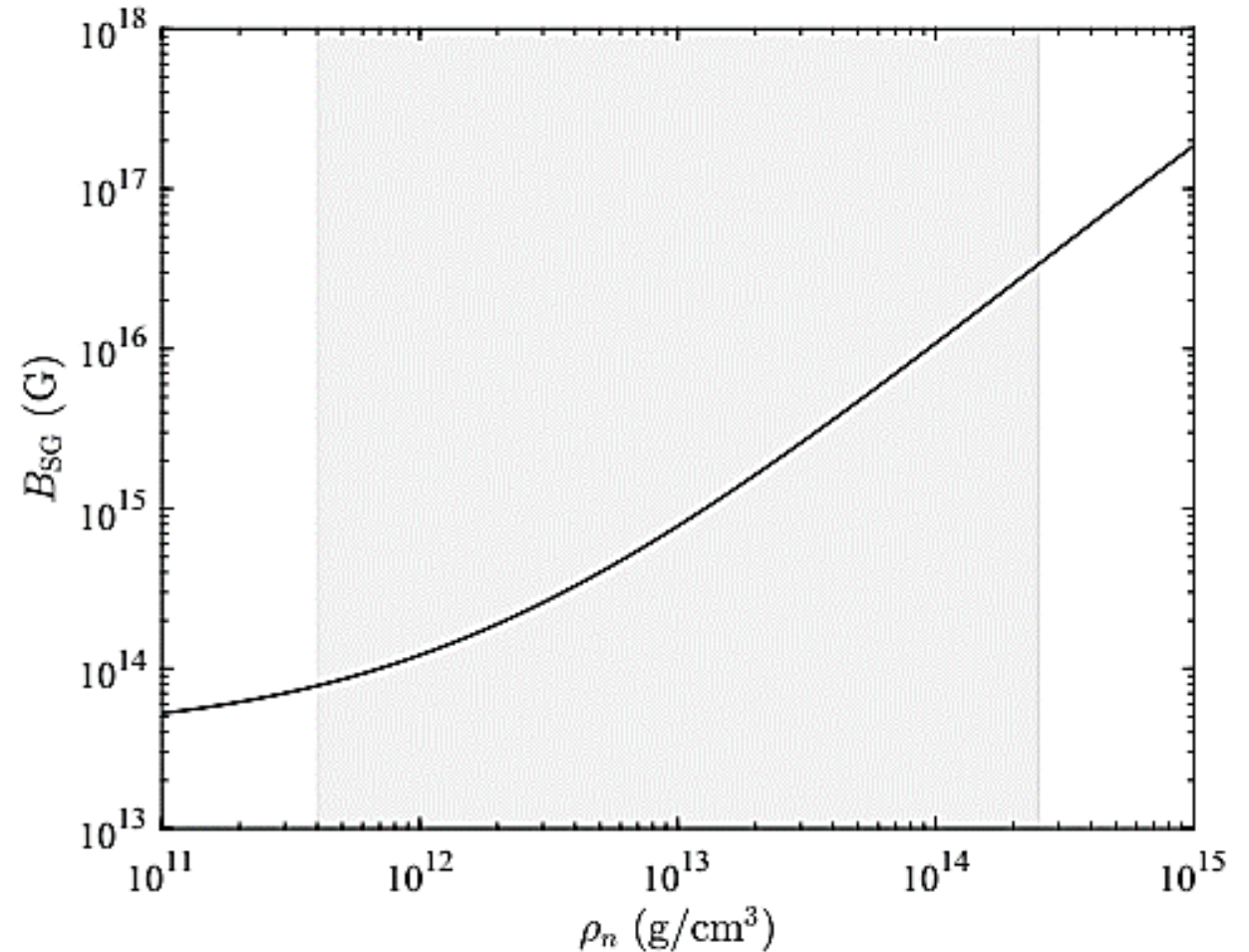
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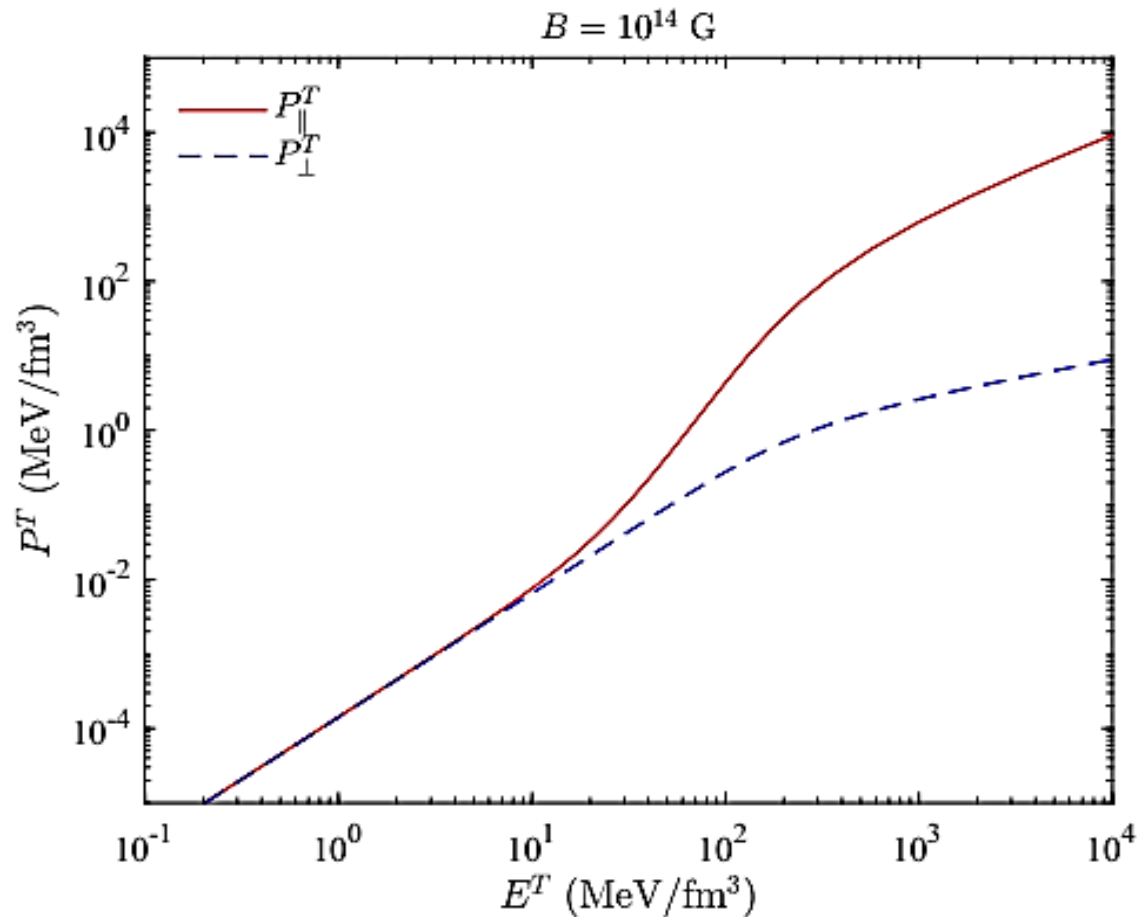
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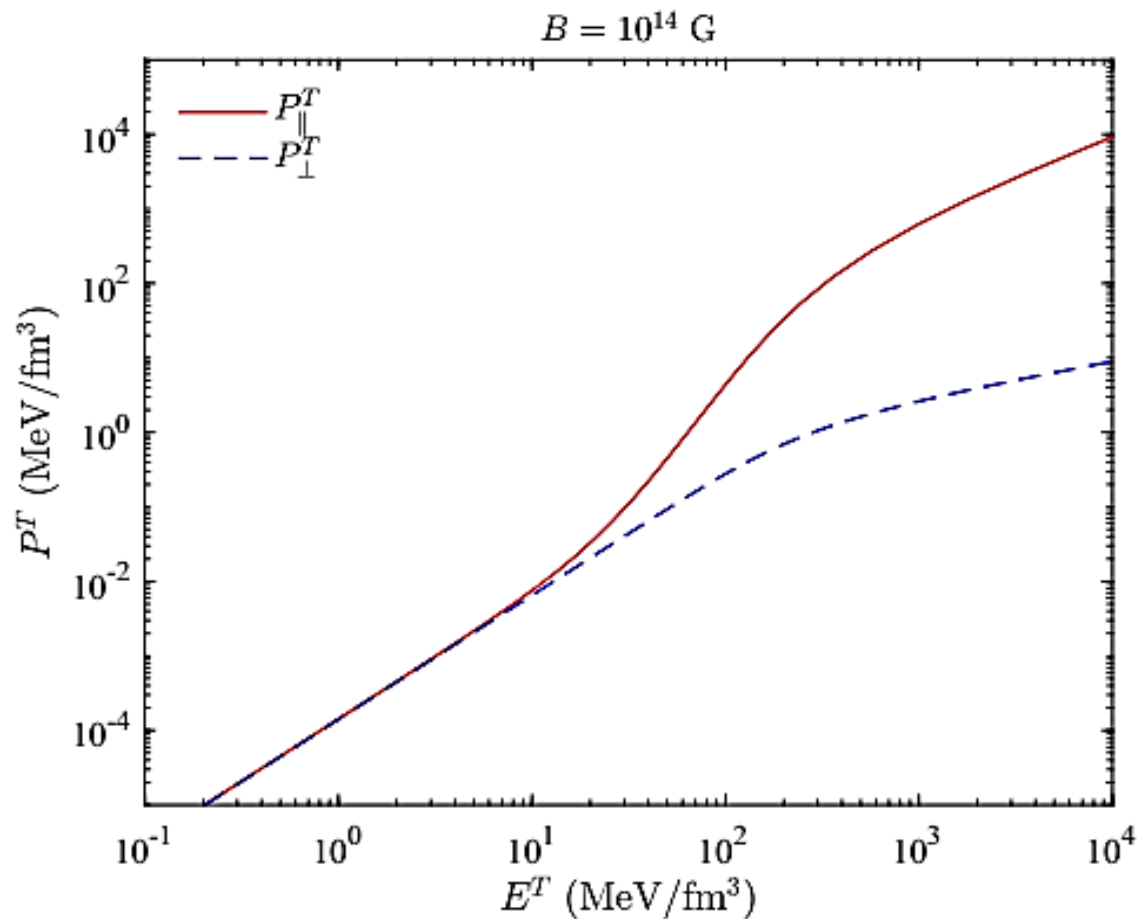


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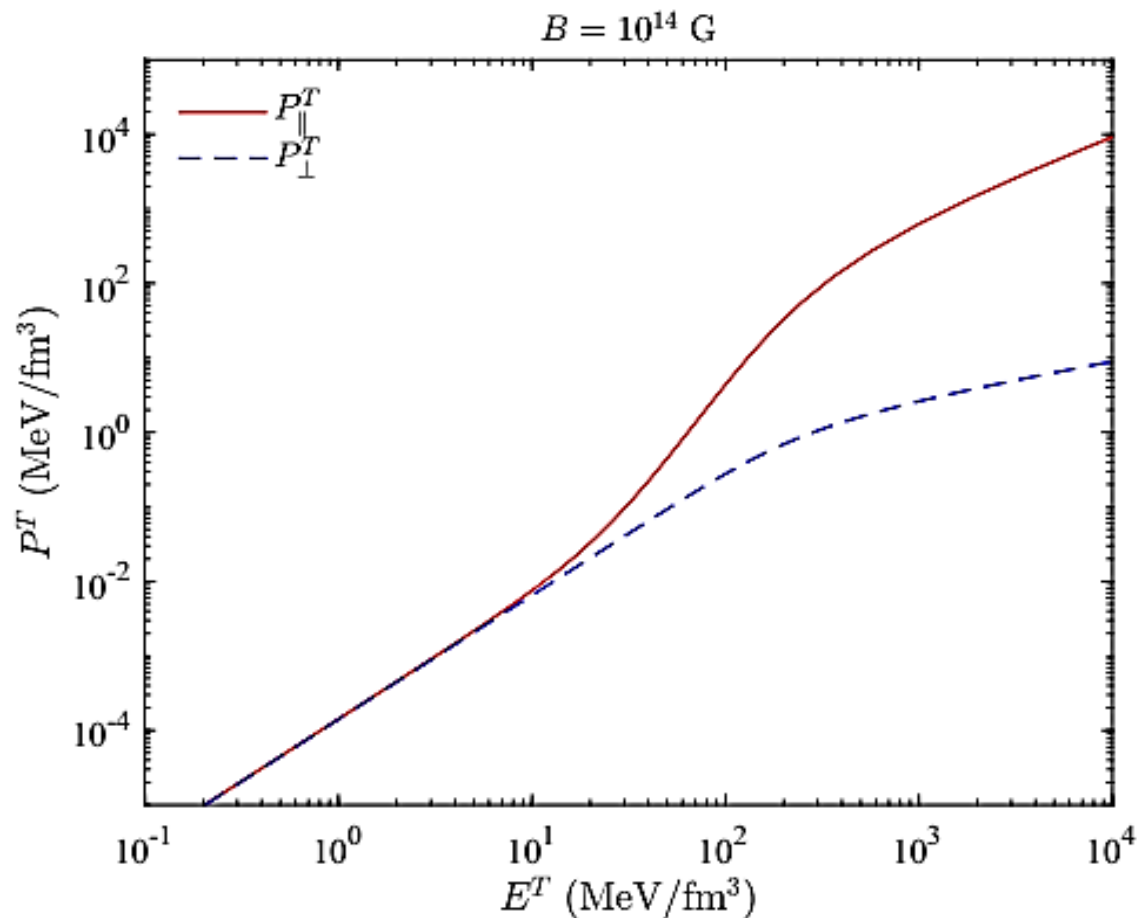
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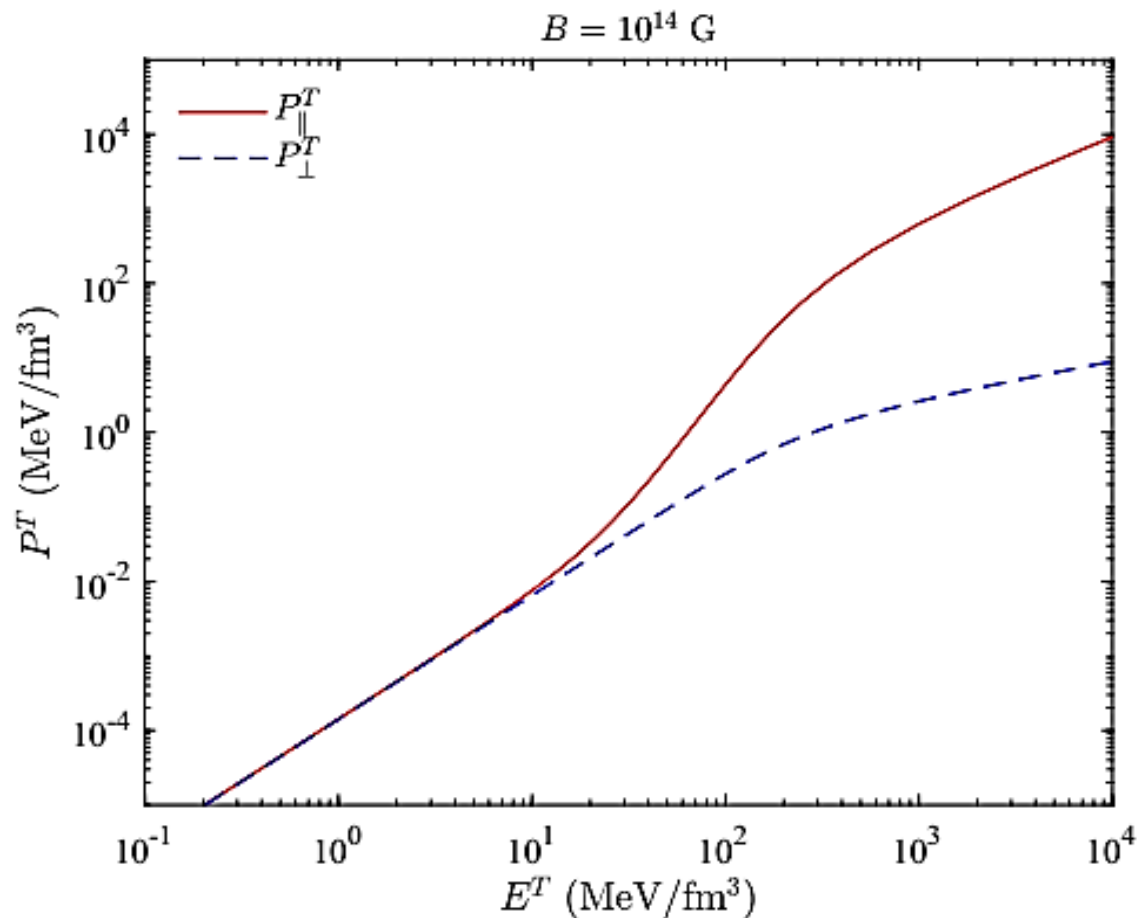
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Next steps

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- To study the gravitational stability of the collapsed matter.