Evolution and thermal radiation areas of neutron star caps

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ABSTRACT: The quantized vortices and flux-tubes in the cores of spinning-down and spinning-up neutron stars determines the evolution of the stars' surface magnetic fields. The resulting polar cap areas are consistent with the blackbody radiating areas of young spinning-down neutron stars and of spunup millisecond pulsars.

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