PULSAR DIFFERENTIAL ROTATION WITH SUPERFLUID ENTRAINMENT

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Pulsar timing

Period derivative (s/s)



 Period and spin-down rate (period derivative) are precisely determined.

- Different classes populate different regions (inferred age and magnetic field).

Stable clocks with predictable spin-down... except for random timing irregularities
→ it's interesting to study the rotational dynamics:
evidence of superfluidity
alternative to cooling

Observed pulsation period (s)

PULSAR GLITCHES (basic facts)

- Lack of radiative/pulse profile changes

 \rightarrow Evidence for internal origin

- Long recoveries

→ Thought to be due to superfluid component in the star



- Diverse phenomenology

Time (days, weeks...)

 \rightarrow different ages/mass/rotational parameters...

Key point: to describe glitches we need that a NS is comprised of (at least) two

components that exchange angular momentum.

Can we identify the (two?) components ?

Which part of the NS provides the angular momentum to spin-up the "observable component" ?

The "minimal" model

The inner crust & core contain a neutron superfluid (superfluid n-component). Everything else (proton superconductor, electron gas) is locked with the solid crust into the magnetic field (rigid p-component).

> "Starquake model" of Baym, Pethick, Pines, Ruderman (1969): Two rigid components differentially rotating

braking

$$\int_{c}^{\frac{t}{2}} I_c \dot{\Omega}_c = -\alpha - \frac{I_c}{\tau_c} (\Omega_c - \Omega_n)$$

$$\underbrace{I_{n}\dot{\Omega}_{n}}_{\mathbf{y}} = \underbrace{I_{c}}_{\tau_{c}}(\Omega_{c} - \Omega_{n})$$





Spin-up is given by the settling of the crust under gravitational stresses Phenomenological coupling timescale → postglitch relaxation "Linear" mutual friction → exponential relaxation IMPOSSIBLE TO EXPLAIN LARGE VELA GLITCHES!

Glitch mechanism (vortex-mediated)

- The "p" follows the observed spin down of the pulsar

Where vortex lines are pinned, the n-component cannot follow p...
...a velocity lag builds up between "n" and "p"
...motion of a neutron vortex is affected by fluid flow past it



- Hydrodynamical effect: when the Magnus force \simeq pinning force the vortex line unpins and is expelled \rightarrow n looses angular momentum, p gains the same amount (dissipative MF)

UNPINNING → (thermally activated) (soc, "external" trigger..?) Local: vortex creep Global: avalanche



Mesoscopic pinning forces





Vortex-nucleus interaction → Vortex-lattice interaction per unit length of vortex line IDEA: consider a segment of vortex line (the length L is given by the tension) Average over traslations and rotations of the total pinning force divided by L (S. Seveso et al., MNRAS, 2016)



Core:

Vortex-flux tube interaction \rightarrow Vortex-array interaction Pinning to flux-tubes negligible for normal pulsars

> $\xi_p \approx 16 x_p^{1/3} \rho_{14}^{1/3} \Delta_p (\text{MeV})^{-1} \text{fm}$ $\xi_n \approx 16 x_n^{1/3} \rho_{14}^{1/3} \Delta_n (\text{MeV})^{-1} \text{fm}$

Entrainment effect:

- Andreev-Baskin (1975): Three-velocity Hydrodynamics of Superfluid solutions

Viscosity \rightarrow different velocity fields cannot coexist inside the same fluid Superfluid mixture \rightarrow each superfluid can flow with its own velocity Interactions between particles \rightarrow non-dissipative entrainment

$$\mathbf{p}_{1} = \rho_{11}^{(s)} (\mathbf{v}_{1} - \mathbf{v}_{n}) + \rho_{12}^{(s)} (\mathbf{v}_{2} - \mathbf{v}_{n})$$

Superfluid momenta in the frame of the normal fluid $p_2 = \rho_{21}^{(s)} (v_1 - v_n) + \rho_{22}^{(s)} (v_2 - v_n)$

1: velocity of the superfluid "1" 2: velocity of the superfluid "2" n: velocity of the normal component

...the momentum of one fluid is a linear combination of the velocities of all fluids!

- N. Chamel & collaborators:

Entrainment also arise when a fluid is flowing through a solid...

- ...like electrons in metals or "free" neutrons in NS crust!
- \rightarrow non dissipative coupling between "n" and "p"

 \rightarrow NOT to be confused with the mutual friction

$$\frac{\bar{p}_i^{n}}{m_{n}} = v_i^{n} + \varepsilon_n (v_i^{p} - v_i^{n})$$
$$\frac{\bar{p}_i^{p}}{m_{p}} = v_i^{p} + \varepsilon_p (v_i^{n} - v_i^{p})$$

Entrainment effects in neutron stars

- In the crust:

- The entrainment parameters can be expressed in terms

 \bar{n}^{n}

of effective masses:

$$\frac{\overline{p_i}}{\overline{m_{\rm n}}} = v_i^{\rm n} + \varepsilon_{\rm n} (v_i^{\rm p} - v_i^{\rm n})$$

$$\frac{\overline{p}_i^{\rm p}}{\overline{m_{\rm p}}} = v_i^{\rm p} + \varepsilon_{\rm p} (v_i^{\rm n} - v_i^{\rm p})$$



- In the core:

Entrainment is due to:

- Interaction between protons and neutrons

Effects: vortex lines are magnetized!

Scattering of electrons \rightarrow vortex is dragged

Dipole-Dipole interaction with fluxtubes (core pinning?)

 → the conclusion is that the core should be coupled to the crust on the timescale of a second (el. scattering drag)
 → glitches originate in the crust... but thanks to entrainment THE CRUST IS NOT ENOUGH!



"The crust is not enough" (Andersson et al., 2012)

For systems that glitch regularly, one can estimate the moment of inertia of the superfluid component.

Need to involve up to 2% of the total moment of inertia.

The **crust superfluid** would be sufficient to explain the observations; as long as we do not worry about the entrainment.

However, the large effective neutron mass in the crust (due to Bragg scattering of neutrons by the nuclear lattice) lowers the effective superfluid moment of inertia by a factor of 5 or so.

Entrainment correction on the moment of inertia of the superfluid

Activity parameter

$$J_{s} = I_{ss} \Sigma_{s} + (I_{s} - I_{ss}) \Sigma_{c}$$

 $A_g = \frac{1}{t} \sum_{i} \frac{\Delta \Omega_i}{\Omega}$

 $I \cap I$

$$rac{(I_s)^2}{I_{ss}I} \geq A_g rac{\Omega}{|\dot{\Omega}|^2}$$

$$\frac{(I_s)^2}{I_{ss}I} \geq 1.6\%$$





Two fluids with entrainment

Motivation:

- Exchange of angular momentum \rightarrow 2 components
- Long timescales \rightarrow one component is superfluid
- Non realtivistic fluids (vel. equator < 20% c)

Conservation of mass and momenta

$$\frac{\bar{p}_i^{n}}{\frac{\bar{p}_i^{p}}{m_p}} = v_i^{n} + \varepsilon_n (v_i^{p} - v_i^{n})$$
$$\frac{\bar{p}_i^{p}}{m_p} = v_i^{p} + \varepsilon_p (v_i^{n} - v_i^{p})$$

$$\begin{array}{l} \textbf{2 fluids hydro} \\ \textbf{with} \\ \textbf{entrainment} \\ \textbf{Chemical index:} \\ \textbf{X}, \textbf{Y} = \texttt{"n"}, \texttt{"p"} \end{array} \begin{cases} \partial_t \rho_{\textbf{x}} + \nabla_i (\rho_{\textbf{x}} v_{\textbf{x}}^i) = 0 \\ (\partial_t + v_{\textbf{x}}^j \nabla_j) (v_i^{\textbf{x}} + \widehat{\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_{\textbf{x}}} w_i^{\textbf{yx}}) + \nabla_i (\tilde{\mu}_{\textbf{x}} + \Phi) + \widehat{\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_{\textbf{x}}} w_{\textbf{yx}}^j \nabla_i v_j^{\textbf{x}} = f_i^{\textbf{x}} / \rho_{\textbf{x}} + \nabla_j D_i^j \\ (\partial_t + v_{\textbf{x}}^j \nabla_j) (v_i^{\textbf{x}} + \widehat{\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_{\textbf{x}}} w_i^{\textbf{yx}}) + \nabla_i (\tilde{\mu}_{\textbf{x}} + \Phi) + \widehat{\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_{\textbf{x}}} w_{\textbf{yx}}^j \nabla_i v_j^{\textbf{x}} = f_i^{\textbf{x}} / \rho_{\textbf{x}} + \nabla_j D_i^j \\ f_i^{\textbf{x}} = 2\rho_{\textbf{n}} \mathcal{B}' \epsilon_{ijk} \Omega^j w_{\textbf{xy}}^k + 2\rho_{\textbf{n}} \mathcal{B} \epsilon_{ijk} \hat{\Omega}^j \epsilon^{klm} \Omega_l w_m^{\textbf{xy}} \end{array}$$
(Vortex mediated mutual friction)



"Cylindrical reduction"

By assuming columnar flow we can project the complicated 3D problem into a simpler one (1D radial) \rightarrow this means that inside the star the vorticity of the superfluid is assumed to be parallel to the rotation axis of the star

1D cylindrical model:

- Embeds the most important physical ingredients in a simple (but consistent) way
- Non uniform star, realistic EOS & layered structure: cylindrical projection "micro(r)" \rightarrow "hydro(x)"
- Quantitative test without "tuning"



Macroscopic equations

- Total angular momentum "conservation"
- Vortex lines must have a radial velocity is "v" is changing
- Just carry out the integrations on the z axis, from 0 to: $z(x) = \sqrt{R^2 x^2}$
- Evolution slowly driven by external torque

- Non linear mutual friction (Drag functional) & no phenomenological timescales

$$I_c \dot{\Omega}_c = -\alpha - \frac{I_c}{\tau_c} (\Omega_c - \Omega_n)$$

$$I_n \dot{\Omega}_n = \frac{I_c}{\tau_c} (\Omega_c - \Omega_n),$$

Formal analogy with the early model of Baym





Macroscopic quantities:



Angular momentum reservoir

(Figures: examples with the Sly EOS)



...simulation of a **GIANT** glitch

$$\begin{cases} \partial_t \Omega_v(x,t) = -\mathcal{B}[\Omega_v, \Omega_p, x] \left(2\Omega_v + x \partial_x \Omega_v\right) (\Omega_v - \Omega_p) \\ \partial_t \Omega_p(t) = -(1+q) \dot{\Omega}_\infty - q \langle \partial_t \Omega_v(t) \rangle \end{cases}$$

Glitch amplitude (Vela): $\Delta v / v \sim 10^{-6} \rightarrow \Delta v \sim 10^{-5}$ Hz

Here: rigid vortices approximation \rightarrow Snowplow like drag functional $\mathcal{B}[\Omega_v, \Omega_p, x] \approx Y[\omega, x] \mathcal{B}^x(x)$ $Y[\omega, x] = \theta(|\omega(x)| - \omega_{cr}(x))$

Differential rotation of the superfluid + non uniform structure of the star \rightarrow different timescales in the relaxation



(Dynamical simulation: S. Seveso)

Mass upper bounds...



For every pulsar, consider:

- The glitch amplitude of its maximal glitch $\delta\Omega_{max}$ - The waiting time mutiplied by the observed spin down rate \rightarrow "nominal lag" $\omega * = \dot{\Omega}$ (t-tprev)

In the plane $\delta\Omega_{max} - \omega *$ we also plot the curves obtained by filling the critical lag as $\omega *$ increases For different masses. We must have that:

 $\delta\Omega$ max (ω *) > $\delta\Omega$ max "observed"

This constrains the mass of the glitching pulsar!

In the "mean time" between two large glitches the pulsar must be able to build a reservoir of angular momentum that is (at least) enough to produce the observed angular velocity jump .



NOTE: it is possible to do the same job by using thedirectly the dynamical equations instead of using this simple prescription

Final remarks

- Entrainment challenges our understanding of pulsar glitches...

- The crust is not enough (Andersson/Chamel...)
- New mesoscopic pinning forces (Seveso)
- Vortex lines that cross the superfluid core

- MAIN WORKING ASSUMPTION:

- Axial symmetry \rightarrow at the end the dynamical equations will depend only on "x"
- The charged component is a rigid body

- Results:

- General set of equations valid for any "cylindrical model"
- Consistent model with entrainment & stratification
- Estimate of superfluid angular momentum reservoir → **upper limits on NS masses**

Details of the cylindrical model are on ArXiv (submitted to MNRAS):

M. Antonelli, P. Pizzochero "Axially symmetric equations for differential pulsar rotation with superfluid entrainment" Mass estimates: in preparation!

M. Antonelli, B. Haskell, P. Pizzochero, S. Seveso

Need to understand superfluid turbulence in NS... does it affects the amount of angular momentum that can be stored in the superfluid?

> Quantitative test of the widespread assumption of a "vortex array"

$$\begin{split} \boldsymbol{v}_{n}(x,z) &= x \frac{\Omega_{v}(x) - \epsilon_{n}(r)\Omega_{p}}{1 - \epsilon_{n}(r)} \hat{e}_{\theta} \int_{x} p_{n} \cdot dl = h \pi \int_{0}^{x} dy \, y \, n_{v}(y) \\ I_{p} &= \frac{8\pi}{3} \int_{0}^{R} dr \, r^{4} \, p_{p}(r) \frac{1 - \epsilon_{n}(r) - \epsilon_{p}(r)}{1 - \epsilon_{n}(r)} \qquad \tau^{-1} = 2(1 + q) \langle \mathcal{B}_{\text{eff}}^{x} \rangle \Omega_{p} \\ \Omega_{v}(x) &= \frac{\kappa}{3} \frac{N(x)}{2\pi r^{2}} \Omega_{v}(x) = \frac{p_{n}(x)}{m_{n} r} \langle x \rangle = 2 \int_{0}^{z(x)} dz \, \rho_{n}(r) \\ \Omega_{v}(x) &= \frac{\kappa}{7} \frac{N(x)}{2\pi r^{2}} \Omega_{v}(x) = \frac{p_{n}(x)}{m_{n} r} \langle x \rangle = 2 \int_{0}^{z(x)} dz \, \frac{\rho_{n}(r)}{1 - \epsilon_{n}(r)} \\ \Omega_{n}(x, z) &= \mathbf{Thanks for the attrivulue} \\ \mathbf{The attribution} \quad \mathbf{b}(x) = 2 \int_{0}^{z(x)} dz \, \frac{\rho_{n}(r)}{1 - \epsilon_{n}(r)} \\ p_{n}(x) \cdot \hat{e}_{\theta} &= p_{n}(x) \quad \mathcal{B}^{x}(x) \quad (x, \theta, z) \qquad d(x) = \frac{2}{k} \int_{0}^{z(x)} dz \, \eta(r), \\ \mathcal{B}[\Omega_{v}, \Omega_{p}, x] \approx Y[\omega, x] \, \mathcal{B}^{x}(x) \, \mathbf{c}(\mathbf{J}\mathbf{J}\mathbf{F}\mathbf{f}\mathbf{f}\mathbf{f}\mathbf{o}\mathbf{N}\mathbf{f}\mathbf{s}^{2} = \sqrt{R^{2} - x^{2}} \\ \kappa &= \kappa \nabla \times p_{n} / |\nabla \times p_{n}| \qquad \langle f(\ldots) \rangle = \int_{0}^{R} dx \, g(x) \, f(x, \ldots) \\ \mathbf{F}_{tot} &= \int_{L} dl(x) \left[f_{M}(x) + f_{D}(x) \right] = 0 \qquad \langle f(\ldots) \rangle = \int_{0}^{R} dx \, g(x) \, f(x, \ldots) \\ \omega_{post} \rangle = 0, \, L_{v}(t) = I_{v} \langle \Omega_{v}(x, t) \rangle \quad g(x) = 2\pi x^{3} \, b(x) / I_{v} \\ \Delta L[\omega] &= L_{v} - I_{v} \Omega_{p} = I_{v} \langle \omega(x) \rangle \qquad I_{v} = \frac{8\pi}{2} \int_{0}^{R} dr \, r^{4} - \frac{\rho_{n}(r)}{1 - \epsilon_{n}(r)} \\ \partial_{t}\Omega_{v}(x, t) &= -\left(2\Omega_{v}(x, t) + x\partial_{x}\Omega_{v}(x, t)\right) \frac{v_{x}^{x}(x, t)}{x} \quad \langle \omega_{pre} \rangle = \langle \tau_{p}$$
 view of an array of $I\Omega_{p} + I_{v} \langle \omega_{pre} \rangle = I(\Omega_{p} + \delta\Omega_{p}) + I_{v}$ (supstived votex lines wit mathematical symbols) \\ \end{array}

Turbulence?

(Andersson, Sidery, Comer - 2007) Study of mutual friction (force per unit volume) based on superfluid He analogy

Mutual friction for straight vortices...

$$f_{i}^{\mathrm{mf}} = \mathcal{B}' \rho_{\mathrm{n}} n_{v} \epsilon_{ijk} \kappa^{j} w_{\mathrm{np}}^{k} + \mathcal{B} \rho_{\mathrm{n}} n_{v} \epsilon_{ijk} \epsilon^{klm} \hat{\kappa}^{j} \kappa_{l} w_{m}^{\mathrm{np}} - \rho_{\mathrm{n}} \tilde{\nu} n_{v} \left[\mathcal{B}' \hat{\kappa}^{j} \nabla_{j} \kappa_{i} + \mathcal{B} \epsilon_{ijk} \kappa^{j} \hat{\kappa}^{l} \nabla_{l} \hat{\kappa}^{k} \right]$$
...and with curvature

$$f_i^{\rm mf} = \frac{8\pi^2 \rho_{\rm n}}{3\kappa} \left(\frac{\chi_1}{\chi_2}\right)^2 \mathcal{B}^3 w_{\rm pn}^2 w_i^{\rm pn}$$

$$f_{\rm HV} \approx \mathcal{B}\rho_{\rm n}\kappa n_v w_{\rm pn}$$

Gorter-Mellink

Straight vortex array: "Hall-Vinen type" force

$$\chi_1/\chi_2 \sim 1 \qquad n_v \kappa \approx 2\Omega_{\rm n}, \quad \kappa = h/2m_n$$
$$w_{\rm pn} = r\Delta\Omega = r(\Omega_{\rm p} - \Omega_{\rm n})$$
$$\frac{f_{\rm GM}}{f_{\rm HV}} \approx 250 \left(\frac{r}{10^6 \,\rm cm}\right)^2 \left(\frac{\Delta\Omega/\Omega_{\rm n}}{5 \times 10^{-4}}\right)^2 \left(\frac{P}{1\rm s}\right)^{-1}$$

Here r is the cylindrical radius, GM more important wrt HV at great $r \rightarrow$ where vortices are "more pinned"

Mesoscopic pinning forces



Mesoscopic pinning forces (vortex-lattice interaction per unit length of vortex line)

> S. Seveso, F. Grill, P. Pizzochero, B. Haskell

Resulting critical lag for unpinning (without entrainment)

$$Y[\omega, x] = \theta(|\omega(x)| - \omega_{cr}(x))$$

Example of entrainment corrections



Macroscopic equations (similar eqs without entrainment \rightarrow Alpar et al. 1984)

Equ

- The star spins-down under a constant external torque:

$$\int d^{3} x \rho_{p}(\mathbf{r}) \left(\mathbf{x} \times \dot{\mathbf{v}}_{p}(x)\right) = -\mathbf{T}_{ext} - \int d^{3} x \rho_{n}(\mathbf{r}) \left(\mathbf{x} \times \dot{\mathbf{v}}_{n}(x)\right)$$

$$p_{n}(x) = m_{n} \left[\left(1 - \epsilon_{n}(x)\right) \mathbf{v}_{n}(x) + \epsilon_{n}(x) \mathbf{v}_{p}(x)\right]$$

$$- \text{v-component:} \quad \Omega_{v}(x) = \frac{p_{n}(x)}{m_{n} x} \quad \rightarrow \text{Feynman relation + continuity}$$
Bundle of
vortices
$$\partial_{t} n_{v} + \frac{1}{x} \partial_{x} \left(x n_{v} \ v_{L}^{x}\right) = 0$$

$$2D \text{ density of} \qquad \text{Radial vel. of vortices}$$

$$n_{v}(x) = \frac{(\nabla \times \mathbf{p}_{n}) \cdot \hat{\mathbf{e}}_{z}}{\kappa m_{n}} = \frac{1}{\kappa} (2\Omega_{v}(x) + x \partial_{x} \Omega_{v}(x))$$

$$\mathbf{v}_{L}^{x} = x \quad \mathcal{B}[\Omega_{v}, \Omega_{p}, x] \quad (\Omega_{v}(x) - \Omega_{p})$$
Dimensionless drag functional Angular velocity lag v-p

Radial (avereage) velocity of vortices

Macroscopic equations

- Just carry out the integrations on the z axis, from 0 to: $z(x) = \sqrt{R^2 - x^2}$. The general form of the equations \rightarrow formally the same for the case without entrainment

 v_L^x

like drag functional

Equation of motion for (rigid) vortex lines:



$$F_{tot} = \int_{L} dl(x) \left[f_{M}(x) + f_{D}(x) + f_{P}(x) \right] = 0$$

$$= x \mathcal{B}^{x}(x) \omega(x, t)$$
Here: rigid vortices
approximation \rightarrow Snowplow
$$F_{P}(x) = |F_{M}(x)|_{v_{L}=v_{P}}$$

$$Y[\omega, x] = \theta(|\omega(x)| - \omega_{cr}(x))$$

 $\mathcal{B}[\Omega_v, \Omega_p, x] \approx Y[\omega, x] \mathcal{B}^x(x)$

Some results for Sly & GM1 equations of state



Moments of inertia weights look the same (also because of normalization on the unit interval)

Estimates of the rise time

(all vortices unpinned)

Maximal glitch amplitude



 $\delta \Omega_p^{max}$

 $\delta\Omega_p^{obs}$

 $\langle \omega_{cr} \rangle$

 Ω_p

...why a **simple** but **consistent** model?

Dynamical simulation with:

- Polytropic EOS
- Proton fractions by hand
- Entrainment by hand
- Drag by hand (rise times are the same!)
- "Similar" pinning force profile
 (Pizzochero, "snowplow model")

Important: Large glitch \rightarrow high mass



...why a **simple** but **consistent** model?

Dynamical simulations with:

- GM1 EOS

- EOS consistent proton fractions
- Entrainment in the core & crust (Chame
- Consistent drag in the core (el. scattering, Alpar, Andersson...)
- Drag in the crust (phonons, Jones 1991)
- New MESOSCOPIC pinning forces (Seveso, Haskell, Pzzochero 2016)

Large glitch \rightarrow low mass (true for all the EOSs that we used)



Vortex-mediated glitch theory in a nut shell

