

Global numerical simulations of giant glitches in full general relativity

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Sourie, Oertel & Novak, *PRD*, 2016; Sourie, Chamel, Novak & Oertel, *MNRAS*, 2017

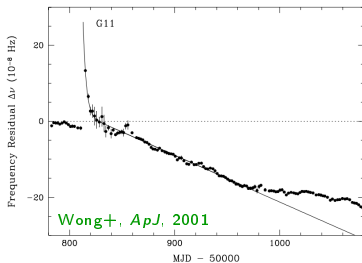
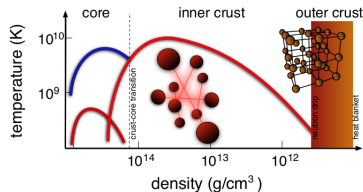
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Superfluidity in neutron stars

Theoretical predictions:

$$T \lesssim T_c^{\max} \sim 10^8 - 10^{10} \text{ K}$$

→ *superfluid neutrons* in the core & in the inner crust of NSs.



Observational evidence:

- ▶ *Long relaxation time scales in pulsar glitches,*
- ▶ *Fast cooling in Cassiopeia A,*
- ▶ *QPOs from SGRs, ...*

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Are **general-relativistic effects** important on the *global dynamics of giant pulsars glitches* ?

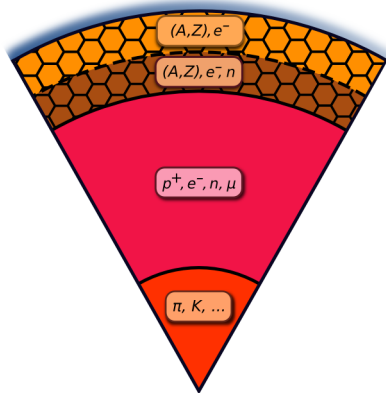
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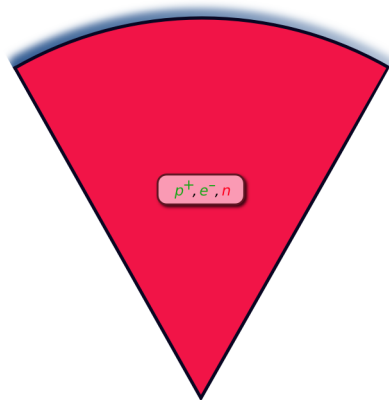


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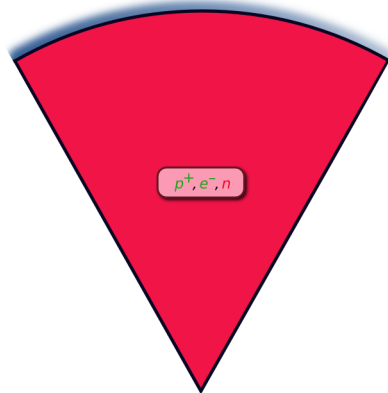


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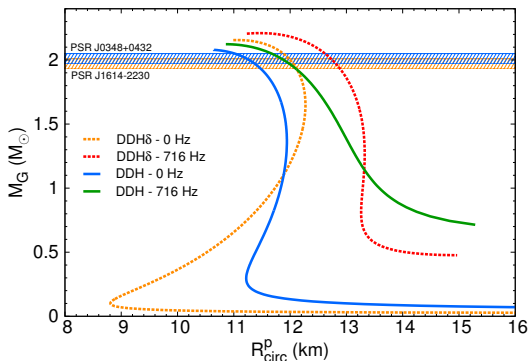


The neutron star is thus described by **two perfect fluids**:

--> a **neutron superfluid** and a fluid of **charged particles**

Equations of state

- Polytropic EoSs,
- *Density-dependent RMF models (DDH & DDH δ).*



$$\mathcal{E}(n_n, n_p, \Delta^2)$$

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→ I_{XY} contains any possible non-dissipative couplings between the fluids.

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■ entrainment effect

due to the strong interactions between nucleons *in the core*:

$$p_X^\alpha = \mathcal{K}^{XX} n_X u_X^\alpha + \mathcal{K}^{XY} n_Y u_Y^\alpha$$

Andreev & Bashkin, *SJETP*, 1976

■ relativistic frame-dragging effect

associated with the rotation of the two fluids, Ω_n and Ω_p :

$$g_{t\varphi} \neq 0$$

Carter, *Annals of Physics*, 1975

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--> *already* pointed out by [Carter, Annals of Physics, 1975](#)

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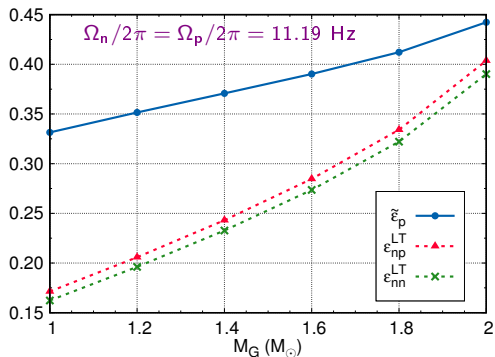
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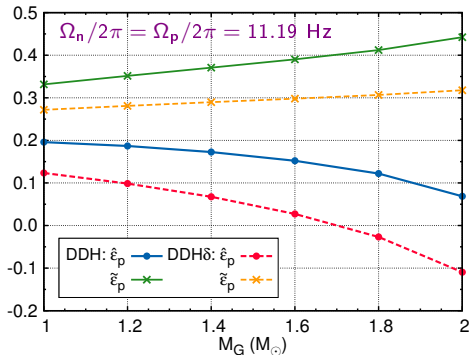
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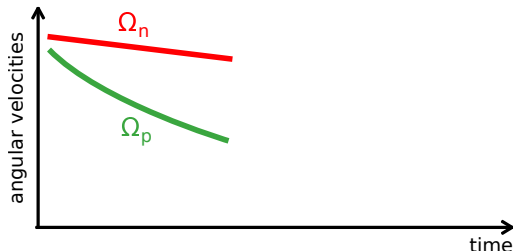
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Key assumption: the vortices can **pin** to the crust and/or to flux tubes.

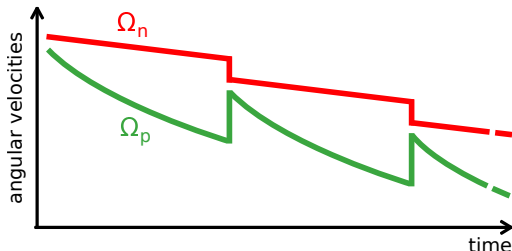
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Once a critical lag $\Omega_n - \Omega_p$ is reached:

some vortices get **unpinned** and are allowed to move **radially**

--> angular momentum **transfer** between the fluids

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resistivity coefficient (points to \mathcal{R})
superfluid vorticity (points to $\Gamma_n n_n$)
lag (points to $(\Omega_n - \Omega_p)$)
 mean mutual friction parameter (points to $\bar{\mathcal{B}}$)

\rightsquigarrow the geometry of the vortex array and the interactions between superfluid vortices and superconducting flux tubes are **poorly known**.

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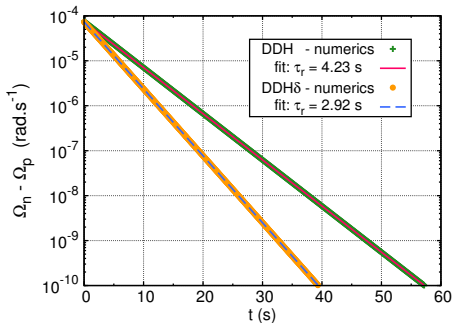
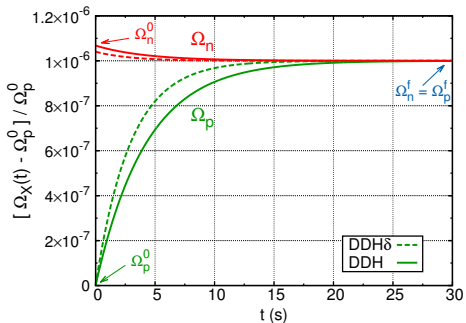
hyp.: hydrodynamical time ~ 0.1 ms \ll rise time (dissipation)

\longrightarrow Computation of $\Omega_n(t)$ & $\Omega_p(t)$ profiles from $\Omega_{n,0} > \Omega_{p,0}$ using a quasi-stationary sequence of equilibrium configurations.

Time evolution

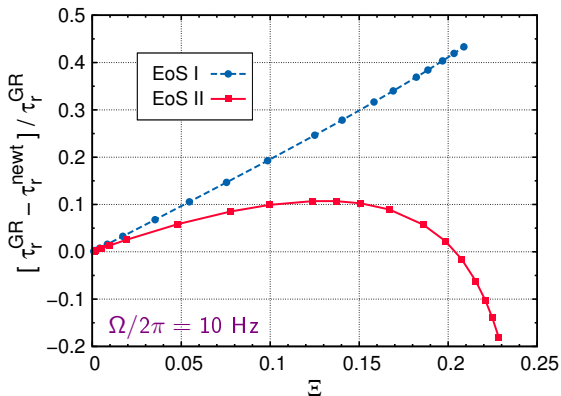
$$\Delta\Omega/\Omega = 10^{-6}, \Omega_n^f = \Omega_p^f = 2\pi \times 11.19 \text{ Hz},$$

$$M_G = 1.4 M_\odot \text{ \& } \bar{B} = 10^{-4}$$



---> the spin-up time scale can be very precisely estimated from *stationary configurations* only.

Influence of general relativity on τ_r



- ▶ polytropic EoSs
- ▶ **compactness** parameter:

$$\Xi = \frac{G M_G}{R_{c,\text{eq}} c^2}$$

NB: for NSs, $\Xi \simeq 0.2$

- ▶ these relative differences also depend on Ω

→ GR can have a **large impact** on the dynamics of pulsar glitches!

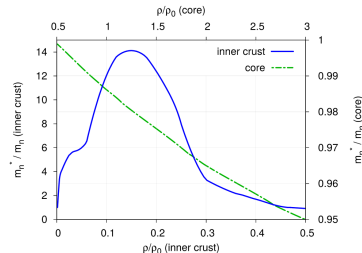
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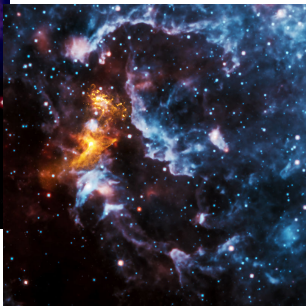
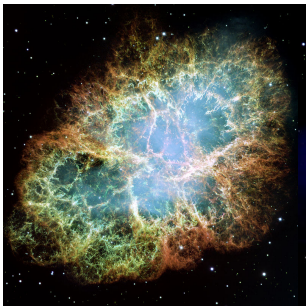
- *Additional coupling* through relativistic frame-dragging effects,
- *Relativistic corrections* on the spin-up time: $\sim 50\%$ (core),
↪ should be included in a quantitative model of glitches.

Future work:

- ▶ Build a **local** model in which only a small part of the superfluid is decoupled from the rest of the star (differential rotation),
- ▶ Take the **crust** into account!

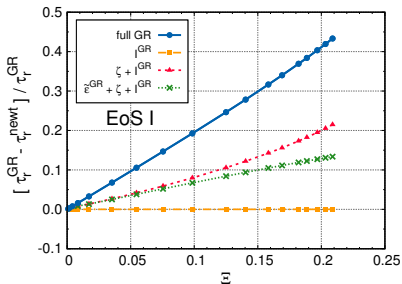


Antonelli & Pizzochero, 2017

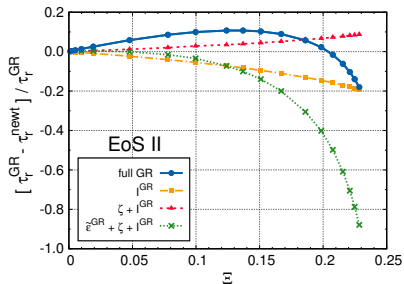


Thank you!

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EoS I



EoS II

Spacetime metric

Bonazzola, Gourgoulhon, Salgado & Marck, A&A, 1993

Rotating neutron stars, at **equilibrium**, described by $(\mathcal{E}, \mathbf{g})$:

- **asymptotically flat**: $\mathbf{g} \rightarrow \boldsymbol{\eta}$ at spatial infinity ($r \rightarrow +\infty$),
- **stationary & axisymmetric**: $\frac{\partial g_{\alpha\beta}}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial g_{\alpha\beta}}{\partial \varphi} = 0$,
- **circular**: perfect fluids \Rightarrow *purely circular* motion around the rotation axis with Ω_n, Ω_p (+ **rigid rotation**).

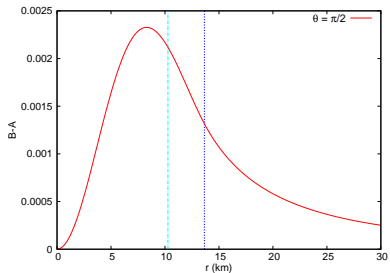
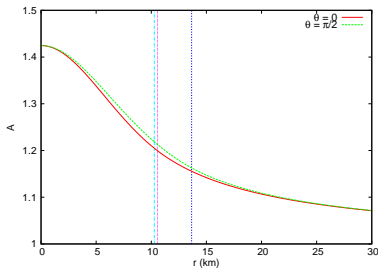
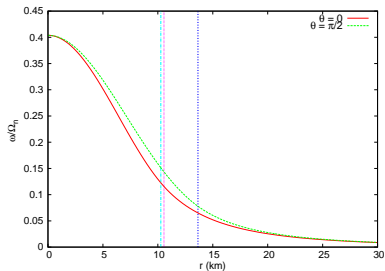
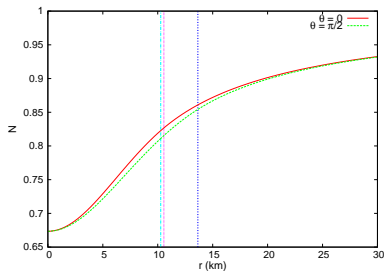
Spacetime metric in quasi-isotropic coordinates:

$$g_{\alpha\beta} dx^\alpha dx^\beta = -N^2 dt^2 + A^2(dr^2 + r^2 d\theta^2) + B^2 r^2 \sin^2 \theta (d\varphi - \omega dt)^2$$

At spatial infinity

$$N, A, B \rightarrow 1 \quad \& \quad \omega \rightarrow 0$$

Metric potentials



Relativistic two-fluid hydrodynamics

Carter, "Covariant theory of conductivity in ideal fluid or solid media", 1969 & Carter & Langlois, *Nuc. Phys. B*, 1998

System = two **perfect** fluids:

- superfluid neutrons $\rightarrow \vec{n}_n = n_n \vec{u}_n$,
- protons & electrons $\rightarrow \vec{n}_p = n_p \vec{u}_p$.

Energy-momentum tensor

$$T_{\alpha\beta} = n_{n\alpha} p_{\beta}^n + n_{p\alpha} p_{\beta}^p + \Psi g_{\alpha\beta}$$

\hookrightarrow conjugate momenta

Entrainment matrix:

$$\begin{cases} p_{\alpha}^n &= \mathcal{K}^{nn} n_{\alpha}^n + \mathcal{K}^{np} n_{\alpha}^p \\ p_{\alpha}^p &= \mathcal{K}^{pn} n_{\alpha}^n + \mathcal{K}^{pp} n_{\alpha}^p \end{cases}$$

--> entrainment effect

Equation of state

$$\mathcal{E}(n_n, n_p, \Delta^2)$$

Numerical procedure

Paramètres d'entrée :

- une EOS
- H_c^n , H_c^p
- Ω_n , Ω_p

$i = 0$

Initialisation :

- $N = A = B = 1$ et $\omega = 0, \forall (r, \theta)$
- $U_n = U_p = 0$
- $H_0^i(r, \theta) = H_c^i \left(1 - \frac{r^2}{R^2}\right)$

Convergence threshold

$$|H_{k+1}^i(r, \theta) - H_k^i(r, \theta)| < \epsilon$$

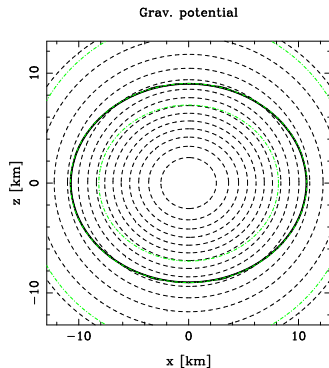
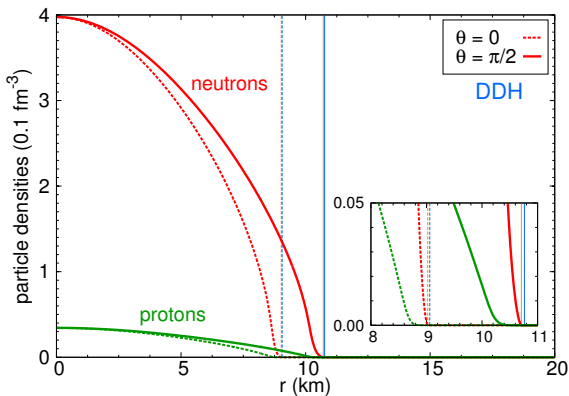
At each iteration

For given values of (μ^n, μ^p, Δ^2) , we compute:

1. Ψ , n_n , n_p and α from the EoS
2. The source terms E , p_φ , S^i_i ,
3. Einstein Equations are solved,
4. Kinetic terms U_i et Γ_i ,
5. Computation of H_{k+1}^i .

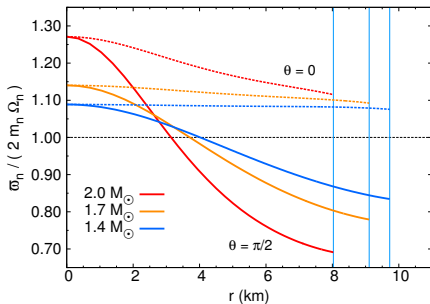
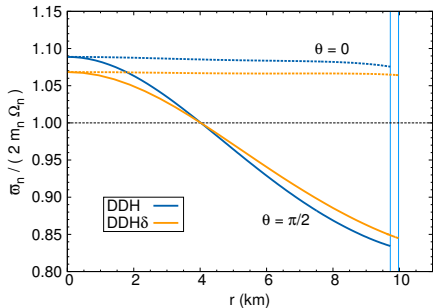
Density profiles

$$M_G = 1.4 M_\odot, \Omega_n/2\pi = \Omega_p/2\pi = 716 \text{ Hz}$$



Superfluid vorticity

$$w_{\mu\nu} = \nabla_{\mu} p_{\nu}^n - \nabla_{\nu} p_{\mu}^n \quad \longrightarrow \quad \varpi_n = \sqrt{\frac{w_{\mu\nu} w^{\mu\nu}}{2}}$$



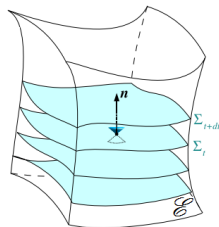
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Angular momenta

Axisymmetry $\leftrightarrow \vec{\chi}$

Komar definition:

$$J_K = - \int_{\Sigma_t} \underbrace{\mathbf{T}(\vec{n}, \vec{\chi})}_{-p_\varphi} d^3V$$



Eulerian observer \vec{n} (3+1)

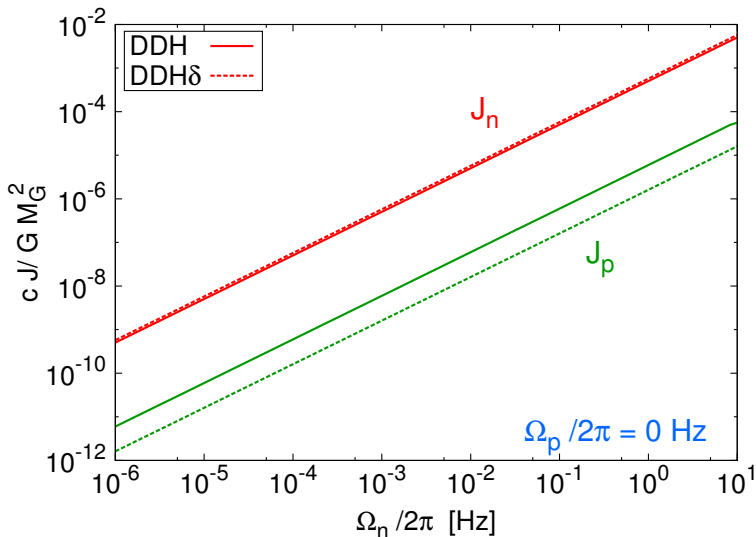
Angular momentum of each fluid

Langlois, Sedrakian & Carter, *MNRAS*, 1998

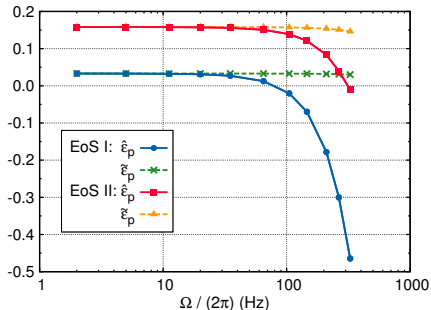
$$p_\varphi = \underbrace{\Gamma_n n_n p_\varphi^n}_{j_\varphi^n} + \underbrace{\Gamma_p n_p p_\varphi^p}_{j_\varphi^p}$$

$$J_X = \int_{\Sigma_t} j_\varphi^X A^2 B r^2 \sin \theta dr d\theta d\varphi$$

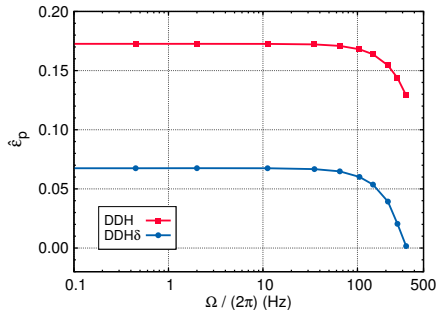
Fluid couplings



Influence of Ω on the couplings



Newtonian gravity



general relativity

Where does the vortex unpinning take place?

Glitches have been generally thought to originate from the **crust**, because:

- the core superfluid was expected to be strongly coupled to the crust
Alpar et al., ApJ, 1984
- the analysis of glitch data suggested that the superfluid represents a few percent of the total angular momentum of the star *Link et al., PRL, 1999*

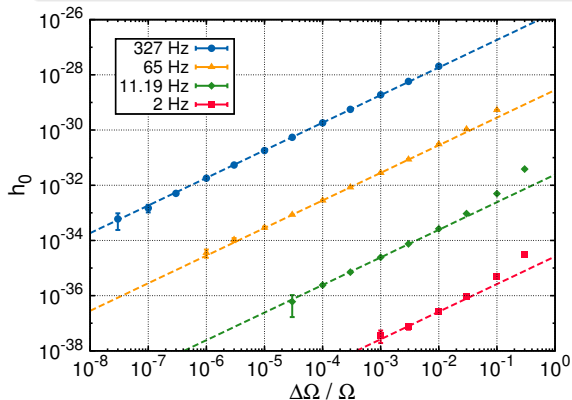
However, this scenario has been recently **challenged**:

- ▶ considering entrainment effects, the crust does not carry enough angular momentum *Andersson et al., PRL, 2012 & Chamel, PRL, 2013*
- ▶ a huge glitch has been observed in PSR 2334+61 *Alpar, AIP Conf.Proc., 2011*
- ▶ the core superfluid could be decoupled from the rest of the star, if vortices are pinned to flux tubes *Gügercinoglu & Alpar, ApJ, 2014*

The core superfluid plays a more important role than previously thought.

Gravitational wave amplitude

$$h_+(t) = -\frac{3}{2} \sin^2 i \frac{G}{Dc^4} \ddot{Q} = h_0 \sin^2 i e^{-\frac{t}{\tau_r}}$$



- $D = 1$ kpc,
- $\bar{B} = 10^{-3}$,
- $M_G = 1.4 M_\odot$,
- DDH EoS.

$$h_0 \simeq 1.0 \times 10^{-37} \left(\frac{D}{1 \text{ kpc}} \right)^{-1} \left(\frac{\bar{B}}{10^{-3}} \right)^2 \left(\frac{\Omega}{10^2 \text{ rad.s}^{-1}} \right)^4 \left(\frac{\Delta\Omega/\Omega}{10^{-6}} \right)$$

Dynamical effective mass:

$${}^3\vec{p}_X = m_X^* {}^3\vec{u}_X$$

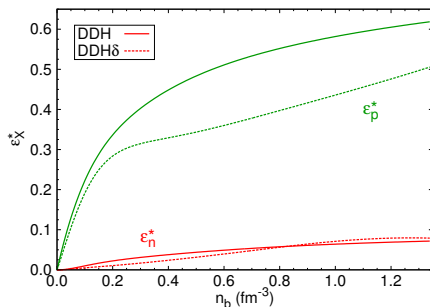
→ in the *rest frame* of the second fluid.

Zero-velocity frame:

$$m_X^* = \mu^X \times \left(1 - \epsilon_X^*\right)$$

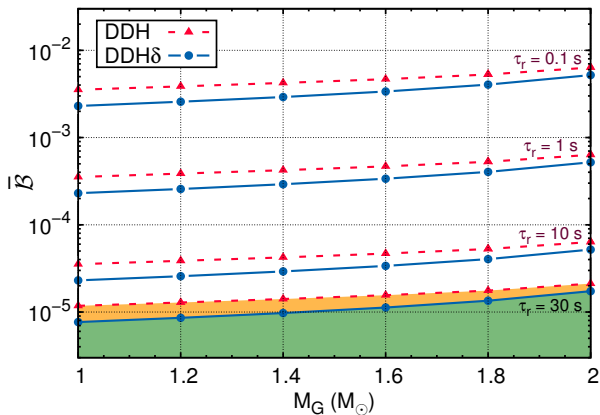
special relativity

entrainment



The Vela pulsar

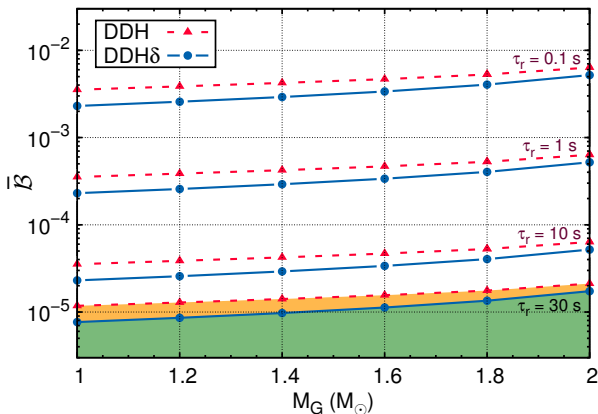
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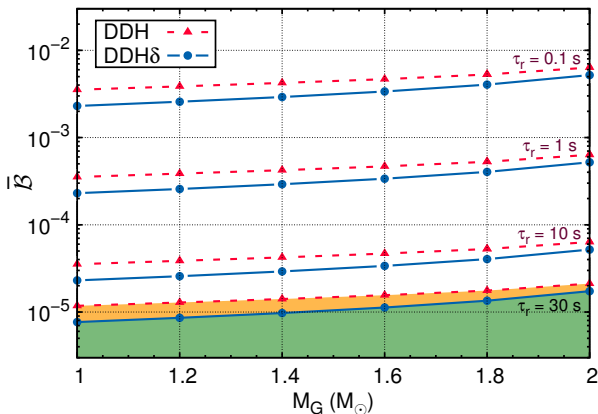
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↪ the glitch event is a quasi-stationary process

In Newtonian gravity

In the **Newtonian limit** ($\mu^X \simeq m_X$, $B = N = 1$, $\omega = 0$), we get:

$$J_X = \int_{\Sigma_t} \rho_X (1 - \varepsilon_X) \Omega_X r^2 \sin^2 \theta \, d^3V + \int_{\Sigma_t} \rho_X \varepsilon_X (\Omega_Y - \Omega_X) r^2 \sin^2 \theta \, d^3V$$

Defining the **moment of inertia** I_X and the **mean entrainment parameter** $\tilde{\varepsilon}_X$ as

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see, e.g., [Sidery, Passamonti & Andersson, MNRAS, 2010](#).

In General Relativity

Let's go back to

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Frame-dragging contribution

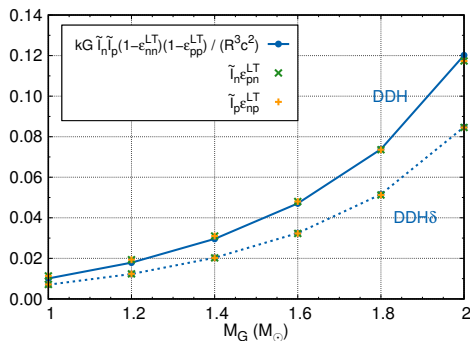
$$\rightsquigarrow I_{XY} = \frac{\partial J_X}{\partial \Omega_Y} = I_X (\tilde{\epsilon}_X - \epsilon_{Y \rightarrow X}^{LT})$$

--> additional coupling arising from **frame-dragging effects**.

Already pointed out by B. Carter in 1975. By dimensional considerations:

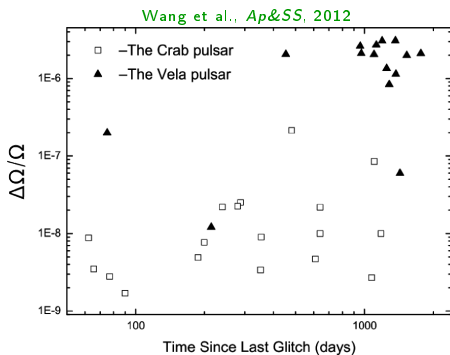
$$\begin{aligned} I_{n \in_{pn}^{LT}} &= I_{p \in_{np}^{LT}} \\ &\simeq \kappa G I_n I_p / (R^3 c^2) \\ &\times (1 - \epsilon_{nn}^{LT})(1 - \epsilon_{pp}^{LT}) \end{aligned}$$

Carter, *Annals of Physics*, 1975

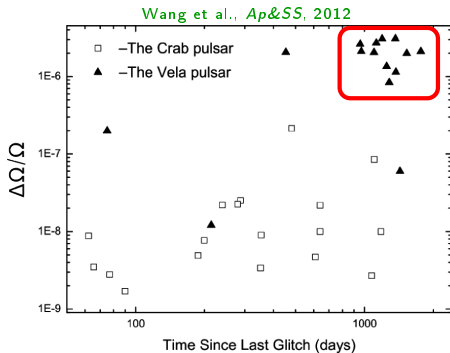


$$\kappa_{num} \simeq 3.8$$

Distinct glitching behaviors

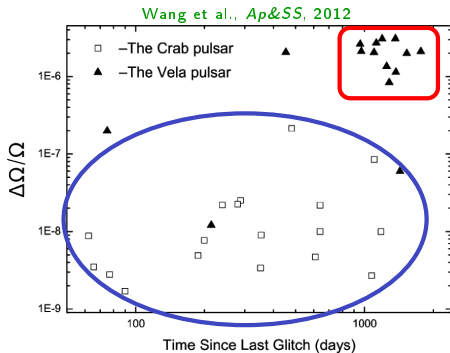


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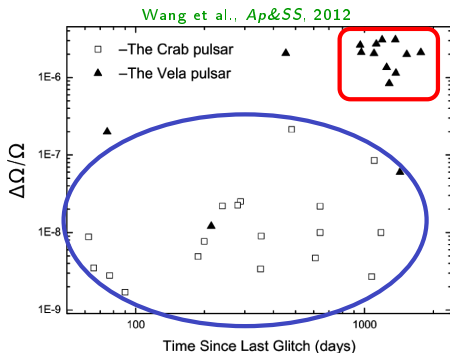
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Different models of glitches Haskell & Melatos, *IJMPD*, 2015

- ▶ Rearrangement of the moment of inertia \rightarrow crustquakes,
- ▶ Angular momentum transfer between two fluids \rightarrow **superfluidity**.