# So How Do Radio Pulsars Slow-Down?

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# STEP #I

Vacuum: magneto-dipole radiation

# Vacuum: magneto-dipole losses



 $W_{
m tot} = - \mathbf{\Omega} \mathbf{K}$  $\mathbf{K} = \frac{1}{c} \int \left[ \mathbf{r} \times \left[ \mathbf{J}_{s} \times \mathbf{B} \right] \right] \mathrm{d}S$  $K_{z'} = \frac{2}{3} \frac{\mathfrak{m}^2}{R^3} \left(\frac{\Omega R}{c}\right)^3 \sin^2 \chi$  $K_{x'} = \frac{2}{3} \frac{\mathfrak{m}^2}{R^3} \left(\frac{\Omega R}{c}\right)^3 \sin \chi \cos \chi$ 

## Vacuum: magneto-dipole

Energy losses  $W_{\rm tot} = -\Omega {f K}$ 

$$K_{z'} = \frac{2}{3} \frac{\mathfrak{m}^2}{R^3} \left(\frac{\Omega R}{c}\right)^3 \sin^2 \chi$$

$$\varepsilon = \frac{\Omega R}{c}$$
  $\beta_{\rm R} = \frac{\Omega \times \mathbf{r}}{c}$   $K_{x'} = \frac{2}{3} \frac{\mathfrak{m}^2}{R^3} \left(\frac{\Omega R}{c}\right)^3 \sin \chi \cos \chi$ 

$$\mathbf{K} = \frac{R^3}{c} \int \mathbf{J}_{s} \left(\mathbf{B}\mathbf{n}\right) do = \frac{R^3}{4\pi} \int \{ [\mathbf{n} \times \mathbf{B}^{(3)}] (\mathbf{B}^{(0)}\mathbf{n}) + [\mathbf{n} \times \mathbf{B}^{(0)}] (\mathbf{B}^{(3)}\mathbf{n}) \} do$$

$$W_{\rm tot} = \frac{c}{4\pi} \int (\beta_{\rm R} \mathbf{B}) (\mathbf{B} \mathrm{d} \mathbf{S})$$

## Vacuum: magneto-dipole

Energy losses 
$$\begin{split} & \beta_{\rm R} = \frac{\Omega \times \mathbf{r}}{c} \\ & W_{\rm tot} = \frac{c}{4\pi} \int (\beta_{\rm R} \mathbf{B}) (\mathbf{B} \mathrm{d} \mathbf{S}) \\ \end{split}$$
Vacuum (Deusch) 
$$\begin{split} & 1 \quad \Omega \quad \Omega^3 \quad 1 \quad 1 = \Omega^4 \end{split}$$

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## Landau-Lifshits, Field Theory

$$\begin{split} B_r^{\perp} &= \frac{|\mathbf{m}|}{r^3} \sin \theta \operatorname{Re} \left( 2 - 2i \frac{\Omega r}{c} \right) \exp \left( i \frac{\Omega r}{c} + i \varphi - i \Omega t \right), \\ B_{\theta}^{\perp} &= \frac{|\mathbf{m}|}{r^3} \cos \theta \operatorname{Re} \left( -1 + i \frac{\Omega r}{c} + \frac{\Omega^2 r^2}{c^2} \right) \exp \left( i \frac{\Omega r}{c} + i \varphi - i \Omega t \right), \\ B_{\varphi}^{\perp} &= \frac{|\mathbf{m}|}{r^3} \operatorname{Re} \left( -i - \frac{\Omega r}{c} + i \frac{\Omega^2 r^2}{c^2} \right) \exp \left( i \frac{\Omega r}{c} + i \varphi - i \Omega t \right), \\ E_r^{\perp} &= 0, \\ E_{\theta}^{\perp} &= \frac{|\mathbf{m}|\Omega}{r^2 c} \operatorname{Re} \left( -1 + i \frac{\Omega r}{c} \right) \exp \left( i \frac{\Omega r}{c} + i \varphi - i \Omega t \right), \\ E_{\varphi}^{\perp} &= \frac{|\mathbf{m}|\Omega}{r^2 c} \cos \theta \operatorname{Re} \left( -i - \frac{\Omega r}{c} \right) \exp \left( i \frac{\Omega r}{c} + i \varphi - i \Omega t \right). \end{split}$$

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# **IMPORTANT CONCLUSION**

Two terms can play role in energy losses

$$\mathbf{K} = \frac{R^3}{c} \int \mathbf{J}_{s} \left( \mathbf{B} \mathbf{n} \right) do = \frac{R^3}{4\pi} \int \{ [\mathbf{n} \times \mathbf{B}^{(3)}] (\mathbf{B}^{(0)} \mathbf{n}) + [\mathbf{n} \times \mathbf{B}^{(0)}] (\mathbf{B}^{(3)} \mathbf{n}) \} do$$

# STEP #II

Pulsar magnetosphere

#### Force-free approximation

One can neglect energy of particles

$$\frac{1}{c}\mathbf{j}\times\mathbf{B}+\rho_{\mathrm{e}}\mathbf{E}=0$$

Mestel equation (1973)  $\nabla \times \mathbf{\tilde{B}} = \psi \mathbf{B}$ 

$$\mathbf{\tilde{B}} = \left\{ B_r \left( 1 - \frac{\Omega^2 r^2}{c^2} \right), B_{\theta}, B_z \left( 1 - \frac{\Omega^2 r^2}{c^2} \right) \right\}$$

Pulsar equation\_

$$-\left(1-\frac{\Omega_{\rm F}^2\varpi^2}{c^2}\right)\nabla^2\Psi + \frac{2}{\varpi}\frac{\partial\Psi}{\partial\varpi} - \frac{16\pi^2}{c^2}I\frac{{\rm d}I}{{\rm d}\Psi} + \frac{\varpi^2}{c^2}\left(\nabla\Psi\right)^2\Omega_{\rm F}\frac{{\rm d}\Omega_{\rm F}}{{\rm d}\Psi} = 0$$

(Michel 1973, Mestel 1993, Scharlemann & Wagoner 1973, Okamoto 1974, Mestel & Wang 1979)

#### First solutions



#### **Orthogonal Rotator**



VB, A.V.Gurevich, Ya.N.Istomin, Sov. Phys. JETP, **58**, 235 (1983)

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Equatorial plane

No energy flux through the light cylinder

$$B_{\varphi} \propto (1 - x_r^2)^2$$

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# Spitkovsky solution, $\chi = 60^{\circ}$



VB, YA.N.Istomin, A.A.Philippov, Phys. Uspekhi, 56, 164 (2013)

# **IMPORTANT CONCLUSION**

No energy losses for zero longitudinal current

## STEP #III

**Current losses** 

PPdot – death line



For current losses mechanism is necessary to have







#### **Orthogonal rotator**



## Orthogonal rotator

VB, A.V.Gurevich, Ya.N.Istomin JETP 58, 235 (1983)

$$\mathbf{K} = \frac{1}{c} \int \left[ \mathbf{r} \times [\mathbf{J}_{s} \times \mathbf{B}] \right] dS$$

$$W_{\text{tot}} = c_{\perp} \frac{B_{0}^{2} \Omega^{4} R^{6}}{c^{3}} \left( \frac{\Omega R}{c} \right) i_{\text{A}} \quad \Omega \uparrow$$

$$\mathbf{I}_{\text{sep}} = 3/4 \mathbf{I}_{\text{vol}}$$

#### Magnetospheric currents



Oppositely flowing currents can occupy the same open flux tube. Does this have any obervational implications?

There is always a null-current field line in the open zone.

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 $\beta_{\rm R} = \frac{\mathbf{\Omega} \times \mathbf{r}}{c}$ 

#### **Energy losses**

$$W_{\rm tot} = \frac{c}{4\pi} \int (\beta_{\rm R} \mathbf{B}) (\mathbf{B} \mathrm{d} \mathbf{S})$$

Current axisymmetric  $i_s \sim 1$  $\Omega^{3/2}$  $\Omega^{3/2}$ 1 Ω 1  $= \Omega^4$  $\Omega$   $\Omega^2$  1  $\Omega$  =  $\Omega^5$ Current orthogonal  $i_a \sim 1$ Ω 1 1 Vacuum (L&L) (2/3)  $= \Omega^4$ 1  $\Omega^3$  $\Omega$ 



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## **IMPORTANT CONCLUSION**

$$W_{\rm tot} = I\delta U$$



#### Current losses correspond to first term only

$$\mathbf{K} = \frac{R^3}{c} \int \mathbf{J}_{s} \left(\mathbf{B}\mathbf{n}\right) do = \frac{R^3}{4\pi} \int \{ [\mathbf{n} \times \mathbf{B}^{(3)}] (\mathbf{B}^{(0)}\mathbf{n}) + [\mathbf{n} \times \mathbf{B}^{(0)}] (\mathbf{B}^{(3)}\mathbf{n}) \} do$$

## **IMPORTANT REMARK**

VB, E.E.Nokhrina. Astron. Letters, 30, 685 (2004)

$$W_{\rm tot} = \frac{\Omega R^3}{c} \int J_{\theta} B_n \mathrm{d}o$$

No longitudinal currents in close magnetosphere. No additional currents along the separatrix.

$$\Omega^{\uparrow}$$

$$I_{sep} = 3/4 I_{vol}$$
$$< J_{\theta} > = 0$$

Closed field lines

> Open field

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$$I_{sep} < 3/4 I_{vol} < J_{\theta} > \neq 0$$

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$$W_{\rm tot} = \frac{\Omega R^3}{c} \int J_{\theta} B_n {\rm d}o$$

Current direction corresponds to energy losses.



# STEP #IV

"Universal solution"

#### Inclined rotator

A.Spitkovsky, ApJ Lett., 648, L51 (2006)

$$W_{\rm tot}^{\rm (MHD)} \approx \frac{1}{4} \frac{B_0^2 \Omega^4 R^6}{c^2} (1 + \sin^2 \chi) \xrightarrow[1]{B_0} \xrightarrow[1]{B_0}$$

## Inclined rotator – numerically





Figure 12. Colour-coded surface distribution of  $B_i^2$  in the split-monopole solution (Bogovalov 1999). The current sheet, in which the radial magnetic field vanishes, describes the orientation of the current sheet in the numerical force-free solutions shown in Fig. 6.



A.Tchekhovskoy, A.Philippov, A.Spitkovsky, MNRAS, 457, 3384 (2016)



I.Contopoulos et al

$$<\!\!B_r > \sim \sin\theta$$
$$<\!\!E\!\!>, <\!\!B_{\varphi} > \sim \sin^2\theta$$

$$W_{\rm tot}(\theta) = \sin^2 \theta B_r^2(\theta)$$

#### Inclined rotator



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#### Polar cap



Fig. 4.12. Dependence of the parameter  $f^*(\chi)$  on the angle  $\chi$ .

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A.Spitkovsky, J.Li, MNRAS, **431**, 1 (2013)

10% precision!





### Orthogonal rotator – numerically

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#### $W_{\rm tot}(\theta) = \sin^2 \theta B_r^2(\theta)$

No current sheet!

$$B_r \approx B_0 \frac{R^2}{r^2} \sin \theta \cos(\varphi - \Omega t + \Omega r/c),$$
  
$$B_{\varphi} = E_{\theta} \approx -B_0 \frac{\Omega R^2}{cr} \sin^2 \theta \cos(\varphi - \Omega t + \Omega r/c).$$

# STEP #V

Pulsar braking

## Pulsar braking

 $I_{\rm r} \dot{\Omega} = K_{\parallel} \cos \chi + K_{\perp} \sin \chi,$  $I_{\rm r} \Omega \dot{\chi} = K_{\perp} \cos \chi - K_{\parallel} \sin \chi,$ 

$$I_{\rm r}\dot{\Omega} = K_{\parallel}^A + [K_{\perp}^A - K_{\parallel}^A]\sin^2\chi,$$
  
$$I_{\rm r}\Omega\dot{\chi} = [K_{\perp}^A - K_{\parallel}^A]\sin\chi\cos\chi.$$

$$\begin{split} K_{\parallel} &= -c_{\parallel} \frac{B_0^2 \Omega^3 R^6}{c^3} i_{\rm s}, \\ K_{\perp} &= -c_{\perp} \frac{B_0^2 \Omega^3 R^6}{c^3} \left(\frac{\Omega R}{c}\right) i_{\rm a}. \\ K_{\perp}^A \approx \left(\frac{\Omega R}{c}\right) K_{\parallel}^A \\ \dot{i}_{\rm s} &\approx i_{\rm a} \approx 1 \end{split}$$

$$i_{\rm s} = i_{\rm s}^A \cos \chi,$$
  
 $i_{\rm a} = i_{\rm a}^A \sin \chi.$ 

$$i_{\rm A} \sim (\Omega R/c)^{-1}$$

Princeton (MHD)?

BGI

## Pulsar braking

Current losses

•Direct current losses

$$K_{\parallel} = -c_{\parallel} \frac{B_0^2 \Omega^3 R^6}{c^3} i_{\rm s},$$
  

$$K_{\perp} = -c_{\perp} \frac{B_0^2 \Omega^3 R^6}{c^3} \left(\frac{\Omega R}{c}\right) i_{\rm a}.$$

Mismatch ('second term')

$$\mathbf{K} = \frac{R^3}{c} \int \mathbf{J}_{s} \left( \mathbf{B} \mathbf{n} \right) do = \frac{R^3}{4\pi} \int \{ [\mathbf{n} \times \mathbf{B}^{(3)}] (\mathbf{B}^{(0)} \mathbf{n}) + [\mathbf{n} \times \mathbf{B}^{(0)}] (\mathbf{B}^{(3)} \mathbf{n}) \} do$$

•Separatrix currents

## Pulsar braking

$$I_{\rm r} \dot{\Omega} = K_{\parallel} \cos \chi + K_{\perp} \sin \chi,$$
  
$$I_{\rm r} \Omega \dot{\chi} = K_{\perp} \cos \chi - K_{\parallel} \sin \chi,$$

$$\begin{split} K_{\parallel} &= -c_{\parallel} \frac{B_0^2 \Omega^3 R^6}{c^3} i_{\rm s}, \\ K_{\perp} &= -c_{\perp} \frac{B_0^2 \Omega^3 R^6}{c^3} \left(\frac{\Omega R}{c}\right) i_{\rm a}. \\ K_{\perp}^A \approx \left(\frac{\Omega R}{c}\right) K_{\parallel}^A \\ &i_{\rm s} \approx i_{\rm a} \approx 1 \end{split}$$

VB, A.V.Gurevich, Ya.N.Istomin, JETP **58**, 235 (1983)

#### How to write down the current

**Drift approximation** 

$$\mathbf{j} = c \,\rho_{\mathrm{e}} \frac{[\mathbf{E} \times \mathbf{B}]}{B^2} + a \,\mathbf{B}$$

$$\mathbf{j} = 
ho_{\mathrm{e}} \left[ \mathbf{\Omega} imes \mathbf{r} 
ight] + i_{\parallel} \mathbf{B}$$

$$\mathbf{j} = \frac{(\mathbf{B} \cdot \nabla \times \mathbf{B} - \mathbf{E} \cdot \nabla \times \mathbf{E})\mathbf{B} + (\nabla \cdot \mathbf{E})\mathbf{E} \times \mathbf{B}}{B^2}$$

 $(\nabla i_{\parallel} \mathbf{B}) = 0$ 

Mestel, BGI

Gruzinov

$$i_{\rm a} \sim \left(\frac{\Omega R}{c}\right)^{-1/2}$$

### Separatrix current?

VB, A.V.Gurevich, Ya.N.Istomin JETP 58, 235 (1983)



## Orthogonal rotator – analytically

$$B_r \approx B_0 \frac{R^2}{r^2} \sin \theta \cos(\varphi - \Omega t + \Omega r/c),$$
  
$$B_{\varphi} = E_{\theta} \approx -B_0 \frac{\Omega R^2}{cr} \sin^2 \theta \cos(\varphi - \Omega t + \Omega r/c).$$

In the wind 
$$i_{\parallel} = -3 \, \frac{\Omega}{c} \cos \theta$$

Polar cap 
$$i_{\rm a}^{\rm A} \approx f_*^{-1/2} \left(\frac{\Omega R}{c}\right)^{-1/2}$$

#### TOO LOW!

## Inclined rotator – MHD

- No monopole Michel-Bogovalov poloidal field
- No magneto-dipole radiation

 $B_{\phi}$ 

Larger energy losses for orthogonal rotator

$$W_{\rm tot}^{\rm (MHD)} \approx \frac{1}{4} \frac{B_0^2 \Omega^4 R^6}{c^2} (1 + \sin^2 \chi)$$

• Alignment: inclination angle evolves to 0 deg.

**Problem 5.2.** Show that the relation similar to (5.24) can be obtained for the conical solutions  $\Psi = \Psi(\theta)$ , but only at large distances  $r \gg R_{\rm L}$  from the compact object. It has the form [Ingraham, 1973, Michel, 1974]

$$4\pi I(\theta) = \Omega_{\rm F}(\theta) \sin \theta \, \frac{\mathrm{d}\Psi}{\mathrm{d}\theta}.\tag{5.25}$$

S.Gralla, T.Jacobson, G.Menon, C.Dermer ( $B_p = 0$ )

#### Pulsar evolution – current losses?

 $I_{\rm r} \dot{\Omega} = K_{\parallel} \cos \chi + K_{\perp} \sin \chi,$  $I_{\rm r} \Omega \dot{\chi} = K_{\perp} \cos \chi - K_{\parallel} \sin \chi,$ 

 $D^2 \cap 3 D^6$ 

$$I_{\rm r}\dot{\Omega} = K_{\parallel}^A + [K_{\perp}^A - K_{\parallel}^A]\sin^2\chi,$$
  
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$$i_{\rm s} = i_{\rm s}^A \cos \chi,$$
  
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$$i_{\rm A} \sim (\Omega R/c)^{-1}$$

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# What to do?

- Two possibilities:
- 2. Mismatch (second term)
- 3. Separatrix currents



Torque

$$I_{\rm r}\dot{\Omega} = K_{\parallel}^A + [K_{\perp}^A - K_{\parallel}^A]\sin^2\chi,$$
  
$$I_{\rm r}\Omega\dot{\chi} = [K_{\perp}^A - K_{\parallel}^A]\sin\chi\cos\chi.$$







# STEP #VI

An answer

#### An answer



## **Final Conclusion**

To explain energy losses of the 'universal solution' in addition to direct current losses.

In BGI model they ar to be neglected, as was proposed.