

Preventing instability : Perturbation to a Magnetic Neutron Stars with Shear modulus

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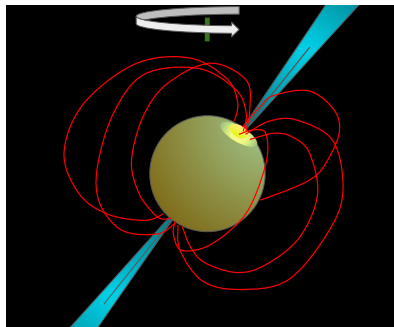
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Outline of this talk

- Degenerate stars
- Magnetic degenerate stars
- Equilibrium magnetic structure
- Stability of magnetic equilibrium structures
- Effect of shear stress in the stability
- Summary

Degenerate star : implications

- Strong **gravity**, **rotation** and **magnetic** energy play important role in the observational characteristics.
- NS Mass $1-2 M_{\odot}$ & Radius 10-20 km $\rightarrow$ **binary accretor**, **GW emitter**
- NS can rotate a few hundred times in a second $\rightarrow$ **pulsar**
- NS magnetic field : up to $\sim 10^{12}$ T ($=10^{16}$ G) $\rightarrow$ **gamma ray burst**



Magnetic degenerate star : Equilibrium structure

stellar structure eq.s (Newtonian)

- The hydrostatic force balance eq. :

$$\frac{1}{\rho} \nabla P = -\nabla \Phi_g + \frac{1}{\rho} (\mathbf{j} \times \mathbf{B})$$

- Poisson's equation:

$$\nabla^2 \Phi_g = 4\pi G \rho$$

- Maxwell's equation (with $\sigma \rightarrow \infty$):

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{B} = 0$$

$$\text{and } \nabla \times \mathbf{B} = \mu_o \mathbf{j}$$

EoS:

$$P = P(\rho)$$

virial condition:

$$3\Pi + W + \mathcal{M} = 0$$

$$\text{where, } \Pi = \int P dV; \quad W = \frac{1}{2} \int \rho \Phi_g dV \quad \text{and} \quad \mathcal{M} = \int \frac{B^2}{2\mu_0} dV$$

Assumptions and method

- stationary ($\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \rightarrow 0$)
- axisymmetric, i.e. $\frac{\partial}{\partial \phi} \rightarrow 0$.
- non-rotating.
- The source of the magnetic field (i.e. the current distribution) is confined within the surface of degenerate star.
- $\sigma \rightarrow \infty$

HSCF : integral formalism (Hachisu, 1986; Tomimura & Eriguchi, 2005)

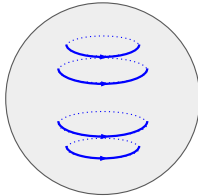
$$\frac{1}{\mu_e m_H} E_F + \Phi_g = M(u) + C$$

$$\text{here, } u = A_\phi \cdot r \sin \theta, \quad \Phi_g(\mathbf{r}) = -G \int \frac{\rho(\mathbf{r}')}{|\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}'|} d^3 \mathbf{r}',$$

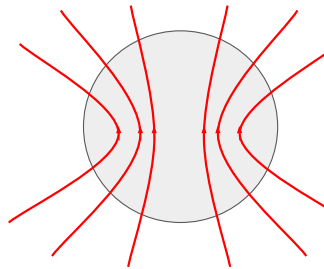
$$A_\phi(\mathbf{r}) \sin \phi = \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \int \frac{j_\phi(\mathbf{r}') \sin \phi'}{|\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}'|} d^3 \mathbf{r}'.$$

B Field components : Poloidal & Toroidal

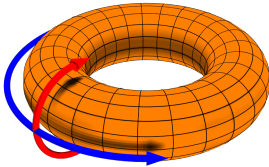
$$\mathbf{B} = B_\phi \hat{\phi} + B_r \hat{r} + B_\theta \hat{\theta}$$



Toroidal



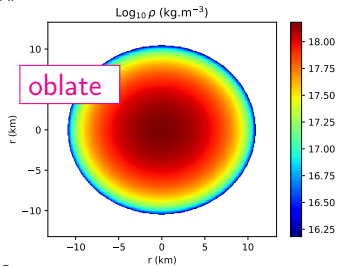
Poloidal



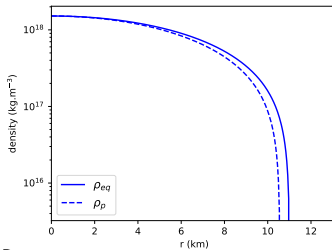
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Mass distribution & Poloidal field

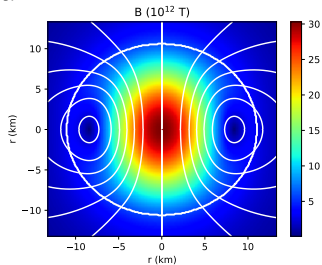
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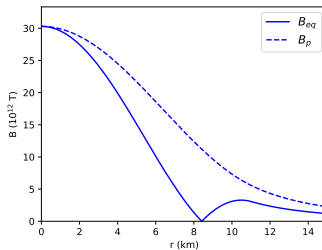
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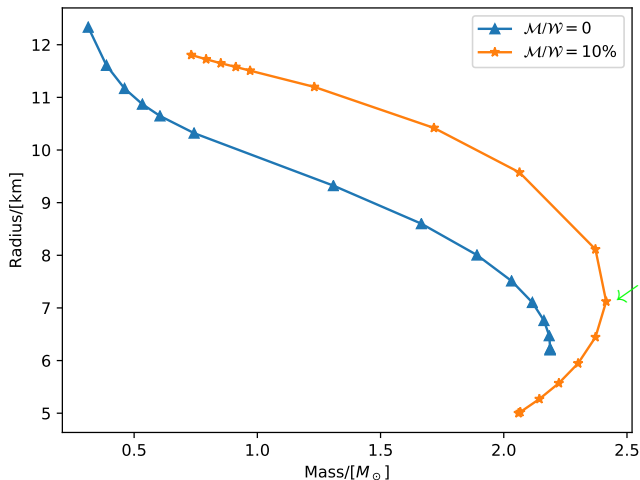


Mass-Radius of Neutron Star

EoS : APR (1998)

Magnetic field geometry: Poloidal

Used code : Lorene

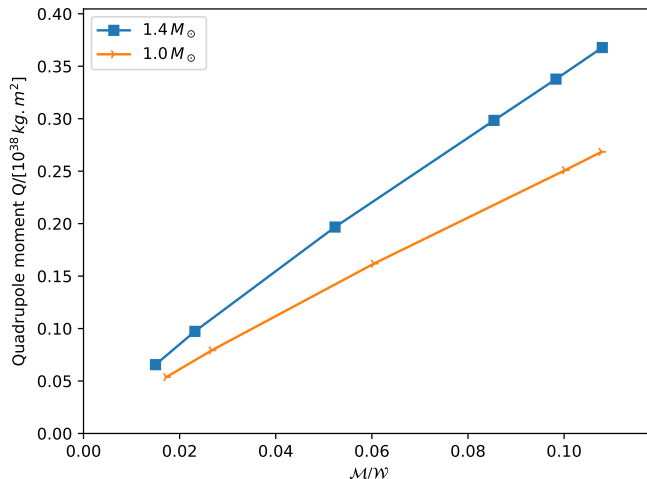


Mass : $2.41 M_{\odot}$

$B_{pole} : 1.6 \times 10^{17} \text{ T}$

Deformation of magnetic Neutron Star

$$|h_0| = \frac{6G}{c^4} Q \frac{\Omega^2}{r} \text{ [Bonazzola \& Gourgoulhon 1996]}$$



- Typical time scales (for a poloidal field configuration):

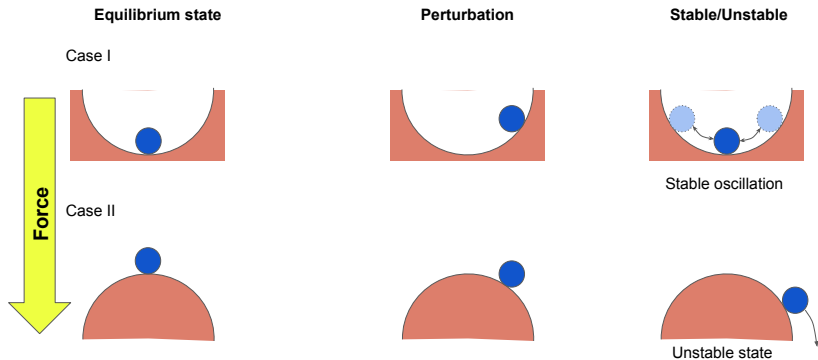
- $\tau_{sound} \equiv \frac{R}{\langle v_s \rangle} \sim 10^{-4} \text{ s}$

- $\tau_{Alfven} \equiv \frac{R}{\langle v_A \rangle} \sim 10^{-3} \text{ s}$

- $\tau_{viscous} \equiv \frac{\langle \rho \rangle R^2}{\eta_{v \text{ eff}}} \sim 10^{10} \text{ s}$ [Cutler & Lindblom 1987]

- $\tau_{ohmic} \equiv \frac{R^2}{\eta_{m \text{ eff}}} \sim 10^{13} \text{ s}$ [Baym et al. 1969]

Stable & Unstable system



Magneto-hydrodynamic Eqs

- Momentum equation : $\rho \left[\frac{\partial \mathbf{v}}{\partial t} + (\mathbf{v} \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{v} \right] = -\nabla P - \rho \nabla \Phi_g + (\mathbf{j} \times \mathbf{B})$
- Continuity equation : $\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} = -\nabla \cdot (\rho \mathbf{v})$
- Faraday equation : $\frac{\partial \mathbf{B}}{\partial t} = \nabla \times (\mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{B})$
- Adiabatic condition: $\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial t} + \mathbf{v} \cdot \nabla \right) (P \rho^{-\gamma}) = 0$
- Poisson equation : $\nabla^2 \Phi_g = 4\pi G \rho$
- EoS : $P = P(\rho)$
 - **Not considered** : viscosity, heating, conduction, radiation etc.

Uniform Radial Perturbation

Conserved Values : **Total Mass** ($\rho \times \text{Volume}$) and **Magnetic Flux** ($B \times \text{Area}$)

Length scale $L_0 \equiv V_0^{\frac{1}{3}} \rightarrow L = \left(\frac{V}{V_0}\right)^{\frac{1}{3}} L_0 = (1 + \epsilon)L_0$

$\Rightarrow \epsilon$: expansion coefficient

Equilibrium Condition : $\nabla_0 P_0 = -\rho \nabla_0 \Phi_0 + (\mathbf{j}_0 \times \mathbf{B}_0)$

Equation of State (EoS) : $P \propto \rho^\Gamma$

$$\rho \frac{d\mathbf{v}}{dt} = -\nabla P - \rho \nabla \Phi + (\mathbf{j} \times \mathbf{B})$$
$$\Rightarrow \rho \frac{d^2 \epsilon}{dt^2} = -\epsilon [3\Gamma - 4] |\nabla_0 P_0|$$

- $\Gamma > 4/3 \Rightarrow \text{Stable oscillation}$

MHD equations : Linear expansion

$$P = P_0 + \delta P, \rho = \rho_0 + \delta \rho, \mathbf{B} = \mathbf{B}_0 + \delta \mathbf{B}, \mathbf{J} = \nabla \times \mathbf{B}, \Phi_g = \Phi_{g0}$$

Consider, $\mathbf{f} = \rho_0 \mathbf{v}$ and $\boldsymbol{\beta} = \rho_0 \delta \mathbf{B}$.

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial \mathbf{f}}{\partial t} = & \underbrace{\left[-\nabla \delta P + \frac{\nabla P_0}{\rho_0} \delta \rho \right]}_{\text{term : } -\frac{1}{\rho} \nabla P} - \frac{1}{\rho_0} (\mathbf{J}_0 \times \mathbf{B}_0) \delta \rho + \frac{1}{\rho_0} (\mathbf{J}_0 \times \boldsymbol{\beta}) \\ & + \underbrace{\left[\frac{1}{\rho_0} (\nabla \times \boldsymbol{\beta}) \times \mathbf{B}_0 - \frac{1}{\rho_0^2} (\nabla \rho_0 \times \boldsymbol{\beta}) \times \mathbf{B}_0 \right]}_{\text{perturbation of } \mathbf{J} \times \mathbf{B}} \end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{\partial \delta \rho}{\partial t} = -\nabla \cdot \mathbf{f}; \quad \delta P = c_s^2 \delta \rho$$

$$\frac{\partial \boldsymbol{\beta}}{\partial t} = \nabla \times (\mathbf{f} \times \mathbf{B}_0) - \frac{\nabla \rho_0}{\rho_0} \times (\mathbf{f} \times \mathbf{B}_0) - \rho_0 \nabla \psi$$

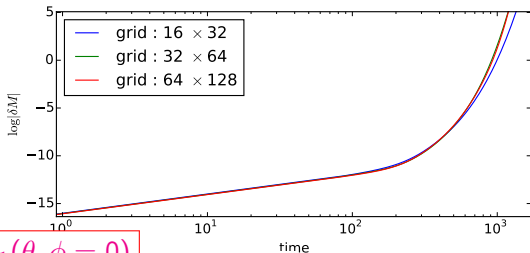
$$\frac{\partial \psi}{\partial t} = \frac{\alpha \sqrt{c_s^2 + c_A^2}}{\Delta r} \psi - (c_s^2 + c_A^2) \nabla \cdot \mathbf{B}$$

Linear Stability : Toroidal field [Normalized unit]

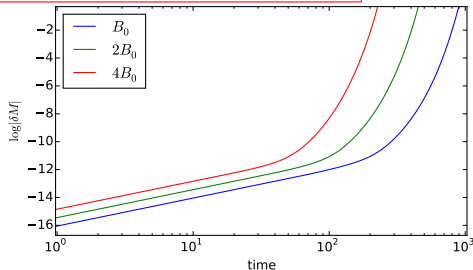
Taylor Instability ($m = 1$)

δM : total perturbed magnetic energy

$$\tau_{\text{Alfven}} \sim \frac{R}{\langle c_A \rangle} = 200$$

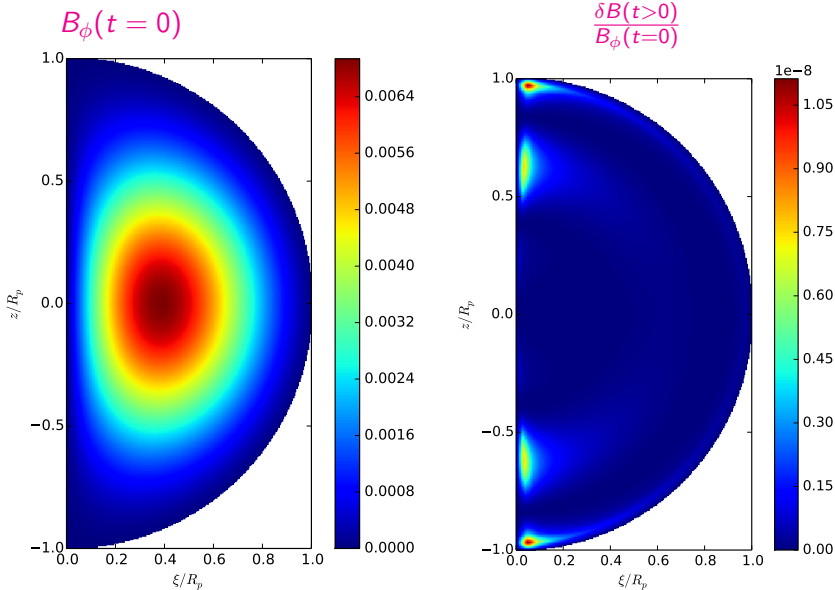


$$\mathbf{v}_{t=0} = f(r)\hat{r} \times \nabla Y_{11}(\theta, \phi = 0)$$



$$\tau_{\text{Alfven}} \sim 200, 100, 50$$

Linear Stability : Toroidal field



non-Linear Stability : Poloidal field

Polytropic star : $\Gamma = 5/3$

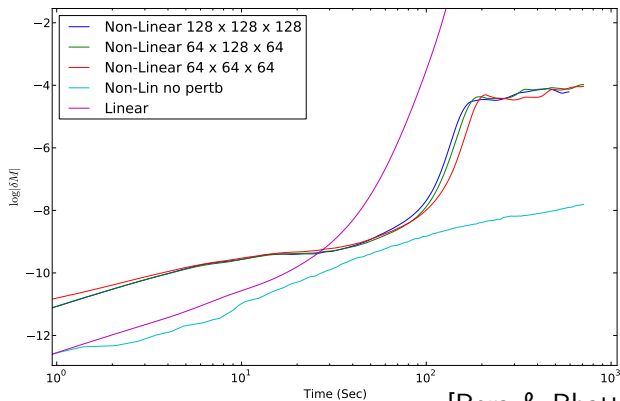
WD Mass = $0.8 M_{\odot}$

Radius = 9716 km

$\mathcal{M}/W = 8.92 \times 10^{-3}$

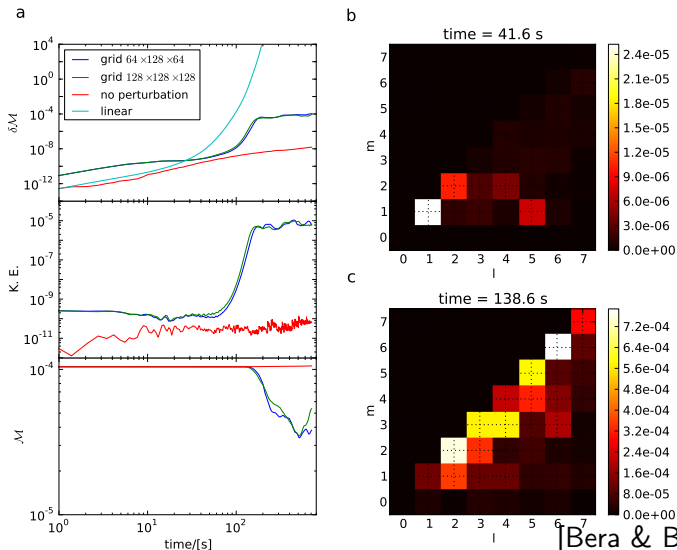
$\tau_{\text{Alfven}} \sim 32$ seconds

$$\mathbf{v}_{t=0} = f(r)\hat{r} \times \nabla Y_{11}(\theta, \phi)$$



[Bera & Bhattacharya 2017]

Non-linear evolution : axisymmetric poloidal configuration



[Bera & Bhattacharya, 2017]

EVOLUTION OF PULSAR MAGNETIC FIELDS

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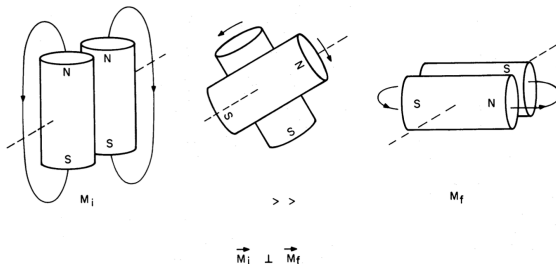
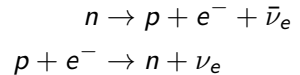
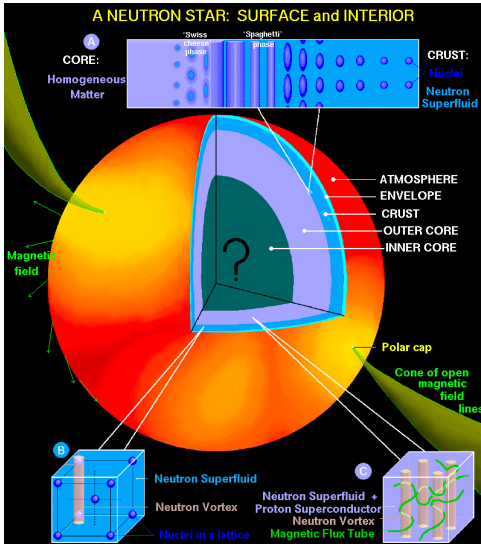


FIG. 1.—Initially parallel bar magnets which are free to rotate about a common axis perpendicular to $\vec{M}$ are unstable. Oppositely directed motions of the two magnets will bring N and S poles of the different magnets together, reducing the exterior magnetic field. In general the final total $\vec{M}$ will be much less than the initial $\vec{M}$ and approximately perpendicular to it.

Neutron Star : structure

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Shear stress in neutron star

- The matter density within NS gradially decreases towards the stellar surface from the core region.
- At the outer part of NS, ionized nuclei form crystalized structure.
- Perturbed ionic lattice structure from its minimum energy configuration stores electrostatic energy and, hence the restoring force becomes active.
- Highly densed matter at the core of NS does not get an opportunity to form lattice. Therefore the shear effect is mainly localized to the NS crust.

Formulating Shear

- Assume an applied perturbation at $\mathbf{x}$ displaces $\mathbf{x} \rightarrow \mathbf{x} + \xi(\mathbf{x})$.
- Non-uniform ξ over the space deform the system.
- Spatial gradient of ξ measures strain : $\mathbf{S} = \nabla \xi$ or, $S_{ij} = \xi_{i;j}$
- Trace-less body-shear component $\Sigma_{ij} = \frac{1}{2} (S_{ij} + S_{ji}) - \frac{1}{3} g_{ij} S_{kk}$
- In curvilinear coordinate $S_{ik} = \xi_{i;k} = \xi_{i,k} + \Gamma_{ijk} \xi_j$
- For example, in spherical polar coordinate
$$\Sigma_{rr} = \frac{2}{3} \frac{\partial \xi_r}{\partial r} - \frac{2}{3r} \xi_r - \frac{\cot \theta}{3r} \xi_\theta - \frac{1}{3r} \frac{\partial \xi_\theta}{\partial \theta} - \frac{1}{3r \sin \theta} \frac{\partial \xi_\phi}{\partial \phi}$$
- Stress due to Σ is : $\mathbf{T} = -2\mu \Sigma \Rightarrow \mathbf{f}_{shear} = -\nabla T = 2\nabla(\mu \Sigma)$
Here, μ is the shear modulus.

Shear Modulus

- Shear modulus depends on the characteristics of the state of matter.
- The studies on the crystal structure at the NS crust show [e.g. Strohmayer et al 1991 ApJ 375, 679]

$$\frac{\mu_{\text{eff}}}{n(Ze)^2/a} = \frac{0.1194}{1 + 1.781 \times (100/\Gamma)^2}$$

here, $n = 1/(4\pi/3)a^3$ is the ion number density, a is the radius of the Wigner-Seitz cell containing one single ion of charge Ze . For $^{56}\text{Fe}_{26}$, $a > 2.2 \times 10^{-16}$ cm.

- $\mu_{\text{eff}} \sim 0.1 * n(Ze)^2/a = 3.7 \times 10^{29} \text{ Jule} \cdot \text{m}^{-3} = 3.7 \times 10^{30} \text{ erg} \cdot \text{cm}^{-3}$

Evolutionary set up including Shear

$$\frac{\partial \xi}{\partial t} = \mathbf{v} \quad (1)$$

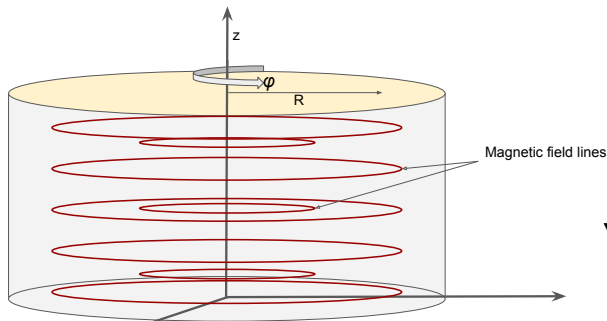
$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial f_i}{\partial t} = & \left[-\nabla \delta P + \frac{\nabla P_0}{\rho_0} \delta \rho \right]_i \\ & \left[-\frac{1}{\rho_0} (\mathbf{J}_0 \times \mathbf{B}_0) \delta \rho + \frac{1}{\rho_0} (\mathbf{J}_0 \times \boldsymbol{\beta}) \right]_i \\ & + \left[\frac{1}{\rho_0} (\nabla \times \boldsymbol{\beta}) \times \mathbf{B}_0 - \frac{1}{\rho_0^2} (\nabla \rho_0 \times \boldsymbol{\beta}) \times \mathbf{B}_0 \right]_i \\ & + S_{ijkl} \frac{\partial^2 \xi_k}{\partial x_j \partial x_l} \end{aligned} \quad (2)$$

$$\frac{\partial \delta \rho}{\partial t} = -\nabla \cdot \mathbf{f} \quad (3)$$

$$\frac{\partial \boldsymbol{\beta}}{\partial t} = \nabla \times (\mathbf{f} \times \mathbf{B}_0) - \frac{\nabla \rho_0}{\rho_0} \times (\mathbf{f} \times \mathbf{B}_0) \quad (4)$$

Local magnetic field evolution

- Assume a cylindrical volume with incompressible plasma having toroidal magnetic field $B_{0\phi} \sim R^\alpha$ in equilibrium.
- Here the current density $\Rightarrow \mathbf{j}_0 = \frac{\alpha+1}{\mu_0 R} B_{0\phi} \hat{z}$. To have a realistic current density $\alpha > 1$.



$$\rho \frac{d\mathbf{v}}{dt} = \mathbf{j} \times \mathbf{B} - \nabla p$$

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{v} = 0$$

$$\nabla \times \mathbf{B} = \mu_0 \mathbf{j}$$

$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{B}}{\partial t} = \nabla \times (\mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{B}).$$

Local magnetic field evolution : linear order

- Expansion of the perturbed variables as $e^{im\phi + ik_z z + \omega t}$

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$$\rho\omega v_R + j_{1z}B_{0\phi} + j_{0z}B_{1\phi} = \frac{\partial}{\partial R} \left\{ \frac{R\rho\omega}{m^2 + k_z^2 R^2} (R\partial_R v_R + v_R) \right\} \\ - \frac{\partial}{\partial R} \left[\frac{m^2}{m^2 + k_z^2 R^2} \frac{\alpha + 1}{\mu_0 R\omega} B_{0\phi}^2 v_R \right]$$

- In the limit $k_z \rightarrow 0$, v_R will have a bounded solution and $\omega^2 < 0$ if $\frac{B_{0\phi}^2}{\mu_0 R^2} < 0$. But it is not possible.
- Hence the pure toroidal field geometry becomes unstable.

Local magnetic field evolution : effect of shear modulus

- The force balance equation including shear:

$$\rho \frac{dv_i}{dt} = [\mathbf{j} \times \mathbf{B}]_i - \nabla_i p + S_{ijkl} \partial_j \partial_l \xi_k$$

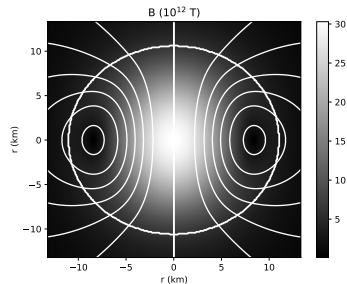
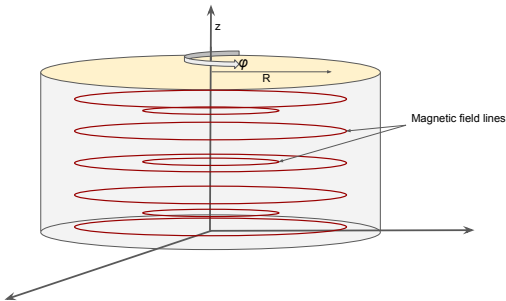
- $\frac{\partial \xi_i}{\partial t} = v_i$
- In the linear order approximation having the variables with the expansion $e^{im\phi + ik_z z + \omega t}$, $\omega \xi_i = v_i$.
- Now assuming a characteristic wavenumber k_λ in the expansion of $\xi \sim \exp(i\mathbf{k}_\lambda \cdot \mathbf{x})$, the shear term becomes $-2\mu_{\text{eff}} k_\lambda^2 v_i / \omega$
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$$\begin{aligned} \rho \omega v_R = & -j_{1z} B_{0\phi} - j_{0z} B_{1\phi} + \frac{\partial}{\partial R} \left\{ \frac{R \rho \omega}{m^2 + k_z^2 R^2} (R \partial_R v_R + v_R) \right\} \\ & - \frac{\partial}{\partial R} \left[\frac{m^2}{m^2 + k_z^2 R^2} \frac{\alpha + 1}{\mu_0 R \omega} B_{0\phi}^2 v_R \right] - 2\mu_{\text{eff}} k_\lambda^2 v_i / \omega \end{aligned}$$

- Now the stability condition becomes $\frac{B_{0\phi}^2}{\mu_0 R^2} - 2\mu_{\text{eff}} k_\lambda^2 < 0$.

Local $\rightarrow$ Global field evolution

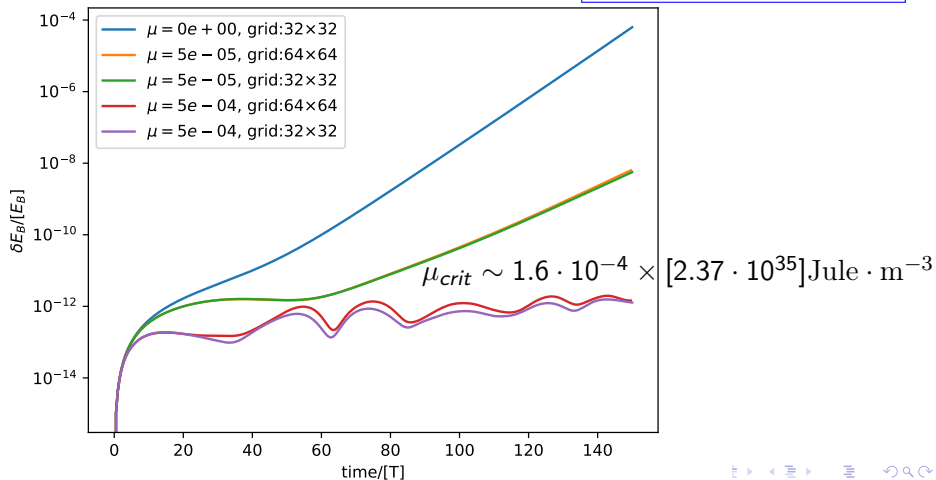
- matter density varies over space
- magnetic field and electric current density may be complex
- compressability (defined by EoS) can effect



Uniform shear modulus : Time evolution

1.3 $M_{\odot}$ neutron star with 11 km radius and pure toroidal magnetic field. $\mathcal{M}/\mathcal{W} = 8 \times 10^{-3}$
 $\langle B \rangle \sim 10^{12}$ T = 10^{16} G

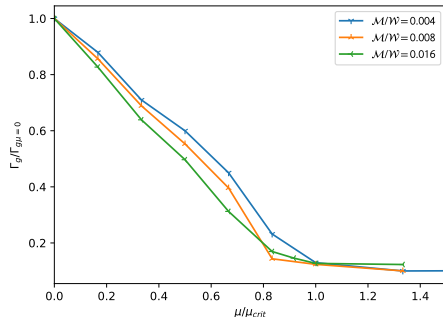
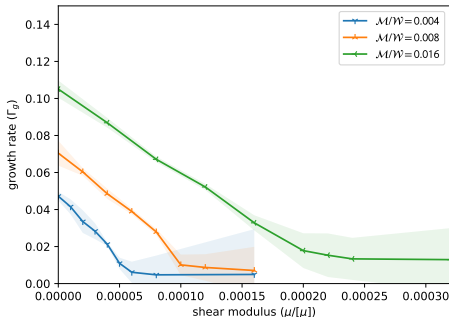
Toroidal B; ϕ mode $m=1$



Uniform shear modulus : Growth rate

$$\text{Growth rate } \Gamma_g \equiv \frac{\partial \ln \delta E_B}{\partial t}$$

Toroidal B; ϕ mode $m=1$

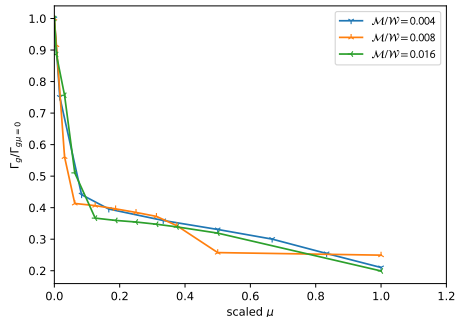
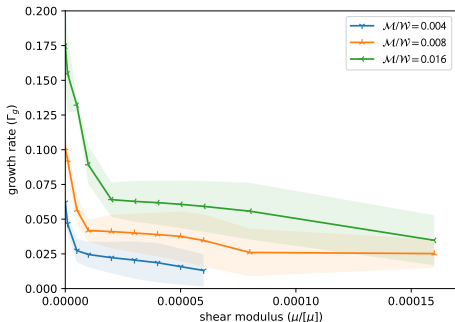


The scaling relation is closely followed.

$$\mu_{eff}|_{crit} \propto \frac{B_0^2}{\mu_0}$$

Uniform shear modulus : Growth rate

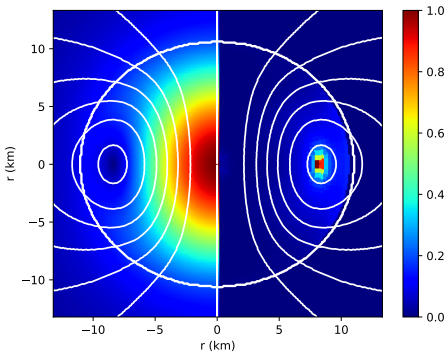
Poloidal B; ϕ mode $m=2$



Field geometry : equilibrium & perturbed components

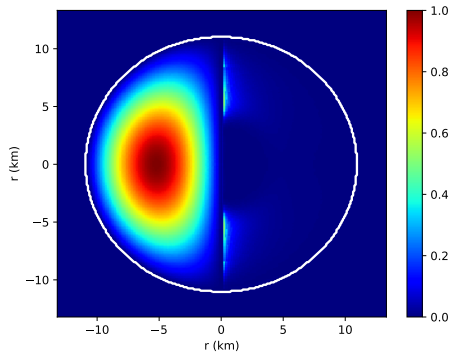
Poloidal B

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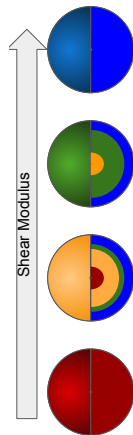
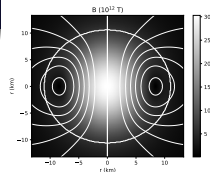
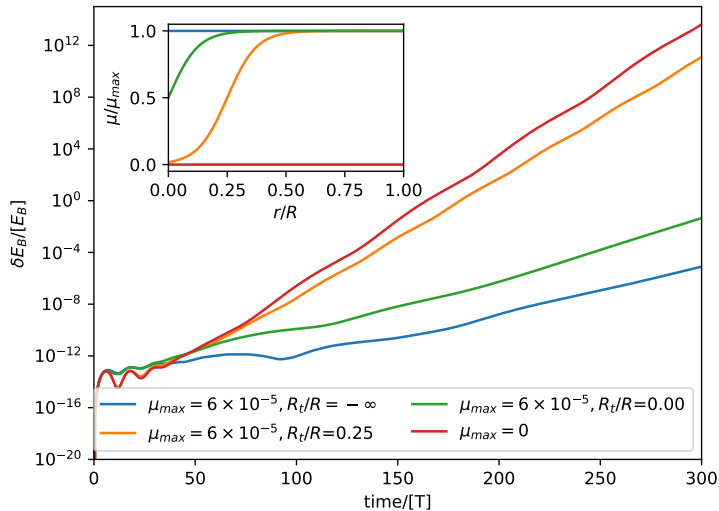


Toroidal B

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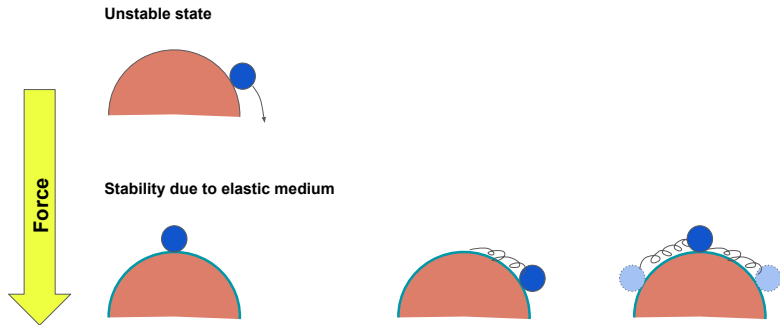
Crustal shear modulus



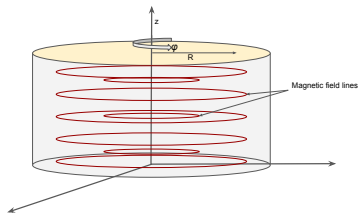
- Stability condition :: $\mu > \mu_{crit}$ depends on field geometry
- short dynamical time $\Rightarrow$ magnetic field stagnation at crust
- long NS evolutionary time $\Rightarrow$ magneto-thermal evolution may bring instability in magnetic field geometry
- Source of Event : Failure of NS crust for local B $\rightarrow$ observable as GRB/FRB [Thompson & Duncan 1995]

- Coaxial magnetic field lines, produced by a free plasma current, are unstable against perturbation.
- The instability time scale due to the axisymmetric magnetic field in a degenerate star is about a few Alfvén times.
- The inclusion of the effects due to Shear Modulus reduces the instability growth rate and it can make the system stable upto a limit.

Stability : Elastic medium



Outlook : stability condition



- Sear modulus : $\left(2\mu - \frac{2\alpha^2 + 2\alpha + 1}{k_\lambda^2} \frac{B_{0\phi}^2}{\mu_0} \right) > 0$

- Compressible fluid ($|\omega\tau_s| \gg 1$):

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left[\frac{r^2}{\Gamma p_0} \left| \frac{\partial p_0}{\partial r} \right| \frac{\Gamma_1}{\Gamma} \frac{1}{|\omega|^2 \tau_s^2} \right] - \frac{2\alpha^2 + 2\alpha + 1}{\rho r^2 |\omega|^2} \frac{B_{0\phi}^2}{\mu_0} > 0$$

- Dynamical motion : ??

Linear Stability : Poloidal field

δM : total perturbed magnetic energy

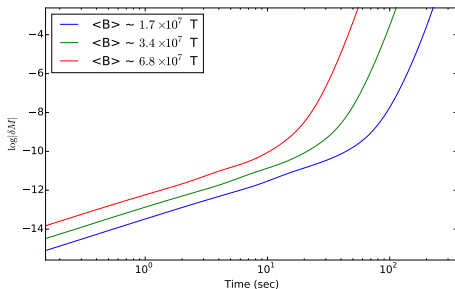
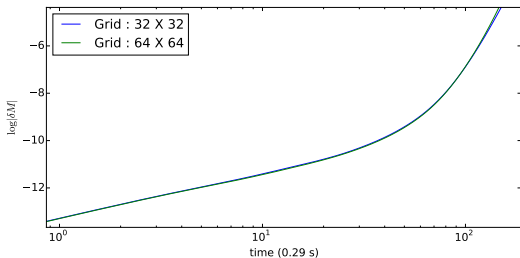
WD Mass = $0.89 M_{\odot}$

Radius = 6643 km

$\mathcal{M}/W = 8.76 \times 10^{-3}$

$$\tau_{\text{Alfven}} \sim \frac{R}{\langle c_A \rangle}$$

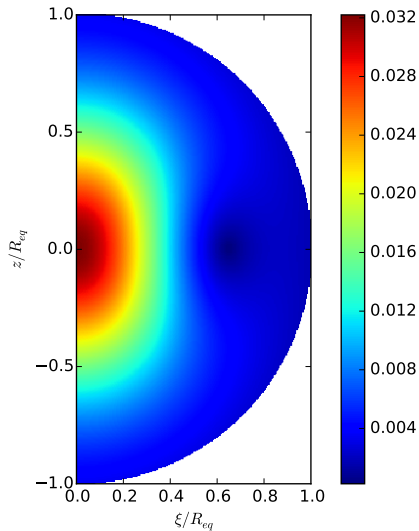
= 17 seconds



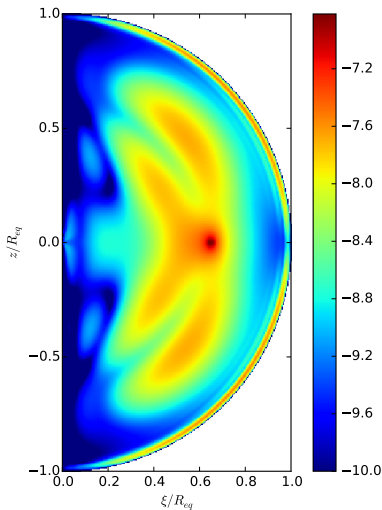
$$\tau_{\text{Alfven}} \sim 68, 34, 17 \text{ seconds}$$

Linear Stability : Poloidal field

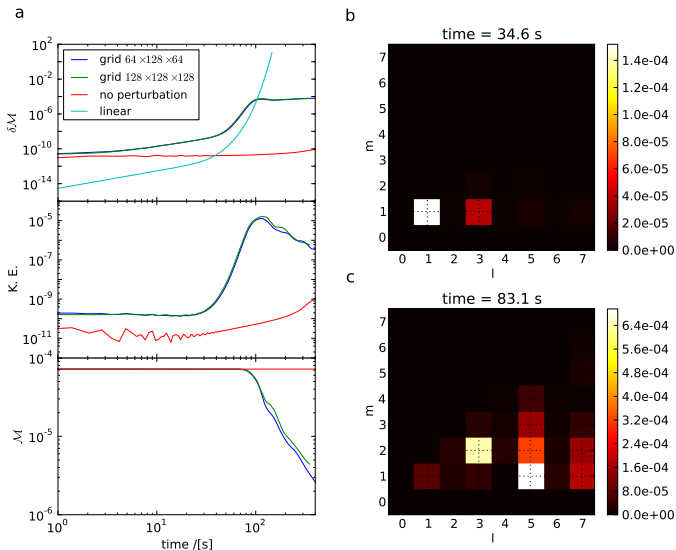
$t = 0 : B_0 (\text{unit} = 3.03 \times 10^9 \text{ T})$



$\log\left[\frac{\delta B(t=0.24\text{sec})}{B_0}\right]$

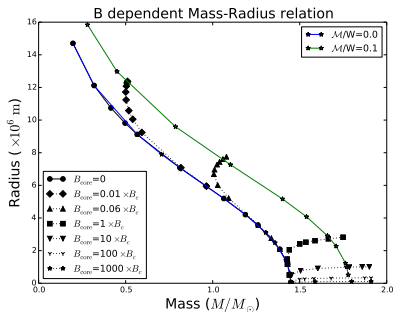


Non-linear evolution : axisymmetric toroidal configuration

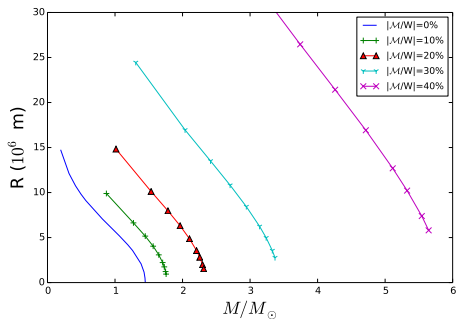


Mass-radius relation of magnetized WDs

pure poloidal field



pure toroidal field



[Bera & Bhattacharya, 2014, 2016]

ϕ -decomposition :

$$\delta\rho(t, r, \theta, \phi) = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} [\delta\rho^+(t, r, \theta) \cos m\phi + \delta\rho^-(t, r, \theta) \sin m\phi].$$

- **Initial condition (t=0)** : Equilibrium solution + Perturbation [function of Y_{lm}]
- **Spatial Boundary** : $\beta \rightarrow 0$, $\delta\rho \rightarrow 0$ and $\mathbf{f} \rightarrow 0$ as $r \rightarrow 0, R_{surf}$. θ -boundary depends on symmetry.
- **Time evolution** : 2-step (predictor-corrector) MacCormack method (1969)
- **Divergence cleaning** : Hyperbolic-parabolic cleaning [Dedner et.al. (2002)]
- **Numerical dissipations** : resolution dependent i) fourth order Kreiss-Oliger dissipation and ii) electrical resistivity for long term evolution

PLUTO : A MHD code, based on Godunov type shock-capturing schemes, solves conservative form of equations using finite volume formalism [Mignone et. al; 2007]

- **Grid** :: Spherical polar ($r = [0.1, 0.82]$, $\theta = [0.05, 3.1]$, $\phi = [0, 2\pi]$)
- **Initial condition** :: Equilibrium Solution + Perturbation
- **Time evolution** :: hll
- **Boundary** :: outer radial : Fixed gradients, inner radial and axial directions : fixed equilibrium values, ϕ : periodic
- **Gravitational potential** :: Assumed to be fixed (Φ_0)

Uniform shear and poloidal field

