Pulsed emission from a rotating off-centred magnetic dipole in vacuum

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- We study the consequences of this field topology (first order correction) on radiation properties [Kundu(2017)]

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Off-centred geometry

- Magnetic moment: $\vec{\mu} = m(\sin \alpha \cos \beta, \sin \alpha \sin \beta, \cos \alpha)$
- Located at $\vec{d} = D(\sin \delta, 0, \cos \delta)$
- Condition : $\epsilon = D/R \ll 1$
- α, β, δ shuffled to change orientations
- 2 ms period pulsar
- $\epsilon = 0.2$ for off-centred calculations

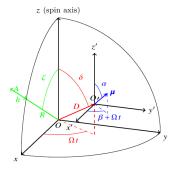


Figure : Geometry of an off-centred pulsar ([Pétri(2017)])

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PC : Why and How?

- PC locus of the feet of the last closed field lines
- Central to the pulsed emission
- Radio emission : polar cap model [Sturrock(1971)]
- High energy emission : slot gap model [Arons(1983)]
- θ calculated corresponding to field lines grazing the light cylinder

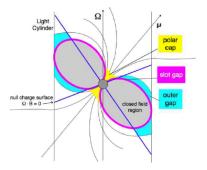
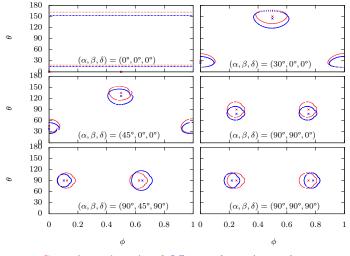


Figure : A schematic representation of the different geometric pulsar models ([Harding (2004)])

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Centred case ($\epsilon = 0$) and Off-centred case ($\epsilon = 0.2$)

- Light curves give insight into magnetic topology
- Two-pole caustic model explained by [Dyks & Rudak(2003)], revised by [Bai & Spitkovsky(2010)].
 - Aberration formula to transform photon propagation direction from the corotating frame β_c to the lab frame β_0

$$\beta_0 = f\mathbf{B} + \beta_c$$

where f is a coefficient determined by $|\beta_0| \rightarrow 1$.

- Considering photon travel delays, phase ϕ is

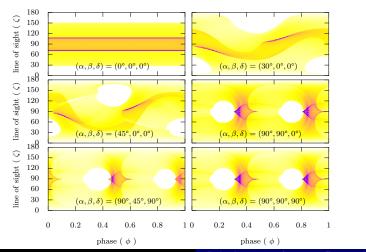
$$\phi = -\phi_{em} - \mathbf{r} \cdot \boldsymbol{\beta}_0 / R_L$$

where ϕ_{em} is the azimuth for the direction β_0 and R_L is the radius of the light cylinder.

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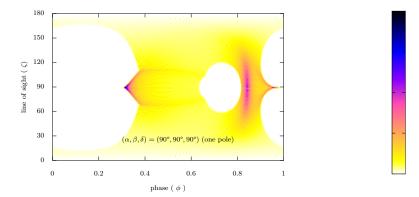
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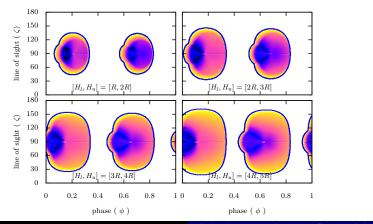
High energy emission for an off-centred ($\epsilon = 0.2$) case of $(\alpha, \beta, \delta) = (90^{\circ}, 90^{\circ}, 90^{\circ})$ for one pole.



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Radio emission

Radio emission for sections of heights from surface within range $[H_l, H_u] = [R, 5R]$ for $(\alpha, \beta, \delta) = (90^\circ, 90^\circ, 90^\circ)$ for off-centred case $(\epsilon = 0.2)$. Blue boundary depicts the outer rim of the emission region.

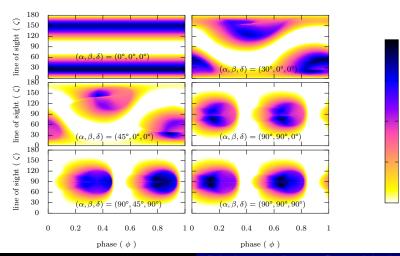


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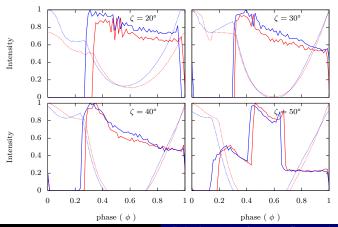




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Light curves for $\alpha = 30^{\circ}$

Phase zero light curves for $(\alpha, \beta, \delta) = (30^{\circ}, 0^{\circ}, 0^{\circ})$ for $\zeta = 20^{\circ}, 30^{\circ}, 40^{\circ}, 50^{\circ}$ Centred case $(\epsilon = 0)$ and Off-centred case $(\epsilon = 0.2)$ High energy emission : Solid; Radio emission : Dashed

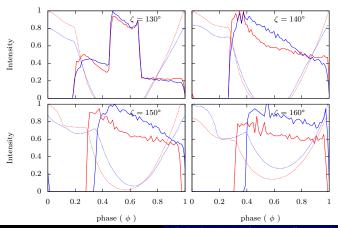


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Pulsed emission from an off-centred dipole

- The off-centred topology is a reliable approach trying to better explain the polar caps and fit the light curves.
- Polar cap comparison shows shift highlighting difference in size and phase difference, could justify the pulse widths away from the power law fit.
- Phase diagrams gives insight into site of production of pulsed radiation for better understanding of the emission mechanism.
- Comparison of the emission light curves shows phase contrasts between the radio and high-energy profiles, could explain observational signatures of time lags between the two.

• Future works:

Work in progress to create the broadband spectrum of pulsar radiation. All this work will then be extended to pulsar force-free magnetospheres.

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Thank You!

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#include <iostream>
using namespace std;
int main()
{
    bool YouAreStillAwake = true;
    YouAreStillAwake : cout << "Thank you for your attention!" << endl;
}</pre>
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