LIFE OF NEUTRON STARS WITH EVOLVING MAGNETIC FIELD

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During last ~10 years many attempts have been made to build a model of "GRAND UNIFICATION FOR NEUTRON STARS".

Pires et al. 2015

Main ingredients of a unified model: magnetic field evolution



- Field decay
 - Emerging magnetic field
 - Magnetic field topology



Magnetic field decay

Magnetic fields of NSs are expected to decay due to decay of currents which support them.



Crustal field of core field?

It is easy to decay in the crust.

In the core the filed is in the form of superconducting vortices. They can decay only when they are moved into the crust (during spin-down).

Still, in most of models strong fields decay.

Field evolution in the core

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Left figure – before the field is re-arranged. Right – after. Then the field evolves slower.

$$\tau_1 \sim \frac{L}{V_{\rm L}} \sim \frac{\tau}{C} \sim \frac{3 \times 10^8}{C} \frac{L_6^2}{H_{\rm c1,15}} \text{ yr.}$$
 $C \sim 10,$

Panels (a) and (b) present, respectively, poloidal and $\left[cm/s \right]$ toroidal components of the relative velocity $, \boldsymbol{u}_{e}^{(\mathrm{pol})}|,$ of muons and electrons.

Panel (c) presents poloidal component of the velocity of electrons.

The homogeneous magnetic field is directed upwards.



Period evolution with field decay



An evolutionary track of a NS is very different in the case of decaying magnetic field.

The most important feature is slow-down of spin-down. Finally, a NS can nearly freeze at some value of spin period.

Several episodes of relatively rapid field decay can happen.

Number of isolated accretors can be both decreased or increased in different models of field decay. But in any case their average periods become shorter and temperatures lower.

Magnetars, field decay, heating

A model based on field-dependent decay of the magnetic moment of NSs can provide an evolutionary link between different populations (Pons et al.).



Magnetic field decay vs. thermal evolution

Magnetic field decay can be an important source of NS heating.



Joule heating for everybody?



It is important to understand the role of heating by the field decay for different types of INS.

In the model by Pons et al. the effect is more important for NSs with larger initial B.

Note, that the characteristic age estimates (P/2 Pdot) are different in the case of decaying field!

Magnetic field vs. temperature



The line marks balance between heating due to the field decay and cooling. It is expected that a NS evolves downwards till it reaches the line, then the evolution proceeds along the line: $T_{eff} \sim B_d^{-1/2}$

Selection effects are not well studied here. A kind of population synthesis modeling is welcomed.





Characteristic timescales



Aguilera et al. 2008

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$$au_{\mathrm{Hall}} = rac{4\pi e n_e L^2}{c B(t)},$$

$$au_{\mathrm{Hall}} = au_{\mathrm{Hall},0} \frac{B_0}{B(t)}.$$

Hall time scale strongly depends on the current value of the field.

 $\tau_{\rm Ohm} = \frac{4\pi\sigma L^2}{c^2},$

Ohmic decay depends on the conductivity

 $\sigma_Q = 4.4 imes 10^{25} \mathrm{s}^{-1} \left(rac{
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ight) \left(rac{Y_e}{0.05}
ight)^{1/3} \left(rac{Z}{30}
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 $\sigma = rac{\sigma_{
m Q}\sigma_{
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m ph}}. \quad au_{
m Ohm}^{-1} = au_{
m Ohm,ph}^{-1} + au_{
m Ohm,Q}^{-1}.$

 $Q = n_{\rm ion}^{-1} \Sigma_i n_i \times (Z^2 - \langle Z \rangle^2).$

$$rac{\partial m{B}}{\partial t} = -rac{c}{4\pi\mathrm{e}}
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abla imes m{B}}{n_\mathrm{e}} imes m{B}
ight) - rac{c^2}{4\pi}
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ight)$$

Resistivity can be due to

- Phonons
- Impurities

$$\sigma_{\rm ph} = 1.8 \times 10^{25} {\rm s}^{-1} \left(\frac{\rho_{14}^{7/6}}{T_8^2} \right) \left(\frac{Y_e}{0.05} \right)^{5/3}$$

See Cumming et al. 2004

P-Pdot diagram and field decay



$$B = B_0 \frac{\exp\left(-t/\tau_{\rm Ohm}\right)}{1 + \frac{\tau_{\rm Ohm}}{\tau_{\rm Hall}} \left(1 - \exp\left(-t/\tau_{\rm Ohm}\right)\right)}$$

 $T_{Ohm} = 10^{6} \text{ yrs}$ $T_{Hall} = 10^{4} / (B_{0} / 10^{15} \text{ G}) \text{ yrs}$





Using the model by Pons et al. (arXiv: 0812.3018) we plot realistic tracks for NS with masses 1.4 Msolar.

Initial fields are: 3 10¹², 10¹³, 3 10¹³, 10¹⁴, 3 10¹⁴, 10¹⁵

Color on the track encodes surface temperature.

Tracks start at 10^3 years, and end at 2 10^6 years.

See newer calculations in Gullon et al.

Joint description of NS evolution with decaying magnetic field

The idea to describe all types of NSs with a unique model using one initial distribution (fields, periods, velocities) and to compare with observational data, i.e. to confront vs. all available observed distributions:

- P-Pdot for PSRs and other isolated NSs
- Log N Log S for cooling close-by NSs
- Luminosity distribution of magnetars (AXPs, SGRs)

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The first step is done in Popov et al. (2010)

The initial magnetic field distribution with <log B₀>~13.25 and σ ~0.6 gives a good fit. ~10% of magnetars.

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Cooling curves with decay







Extensive population synthesis: M7, magnetars, PSRs

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All three populations are compatible with a unique distribution.

Of course, the result is model dependent.

Using one population it is difficult or impossible to find unique initial distribution for the magnetic field







Magnetars bursting activity due to field decay

In the field decay model it is possible to study burst activity. Bursts occur due to crust cracking. The decaying field produce stresses in the crust that are not compensated by plastic deformations. When the stress level reaches a critical value the crust cracks, and energy can be released.

At the moment the model is very simple, but this just





Another model

Initially the toroidal field is large.

Initially the poloidal field is large.



If the toroidal field dominates initially then significant energy is transferred to the poloidal component during evolution. In the opposite case, when the poloidal component initially dominates, energy is not transferred. The toroidal component decouples.



Evolution of different components





New calculations support the idea of a kind of stable configuration.

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Core and crust field evolution



Magnetic field decay on P-Pdot diagram



It is not clear if magnetic field significantly decays during at least some episodes of lifetime of normal radio pulsars.

Modified pulsar current

We applied our methods to large observed samples of radio pulsars to study field decay in these objects:

- ATNF catalogue (Manchester et al. 2005).
- PMSS (Parkes Multibeam and Swinburne surveys) (Manchester et al. 2001).



We reconstructed the magnetic field decay in the range of true (statistical) ages: 8 $10^4 < t < 3.5 \ 10^5 \text{ yrs}$

In this range, the field decays roughly by a factor of two. With an exponential fit this corresponds to the decay time scale $\sim 4 \ 10^5$ yrs. Note, this decay is limited in time.

Thermal evolution. Low fields

All types of heating are neglected.

Calculations are made by Shternin et al. (2011).

We fit the numerical results to perform a population synthesis of radio pulsars with decaying field.

$$T = b \left(rac{t}{1 {
m yr}}
ight)^a \exp(-t/ au_{
m c}).$$

Also valid when the Hall cascade is off.





What kind of decay do we see? Ohmic decay due to phonons Hall cascade

$$B = B_0 \frac{\exp\left(-t/\tau_{\rm Ohm}\right)}{1 + \frac{\tau_{\rm Ohm}}{\tau_{\rm Hall}} (1 - \exp\left(-t/\tau_{\rm Ohm}\right))}$$

Both time scales fit, and in both cases we can switch off decay at $\sim 10^6$ yrs either due to cooling, or due to the Hall attractor.

Comparison of different options



We think that in the range $\sim 10^5 - 10^6$ yrs in the case of normal pulsars we see mostly Ohmic decay, which then disappears as NSs cool down.





SXP 1062

A peculiar source was discovered in SMC. Be/Xray binary, P=1062 sec. A SNR is found. Age $\sim 10^4$ yrs. (1110.6404; 1112.0491)

Typically, it can take ~1 Myr for a NS with B~10¹² G to start accretion.






A model of a NS with initial field $\sim 10^{14}$ G which decayed down to $\sim 10^{13}$ G can explain the data on SXP 1062.

Some new data in <u>arXiv: 1706.05002</u>

Many other scenarios have been proposed. We need new observational data.

Accreting magnetars

Typically magnetic fields of neutron stars in accreting X-ray binaries are estimated with indirect methods.



- Spin-up
- Spin-down

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- Equilibrium period
- Accretion model



• ULX. NuSTAR J095551+6940.8 (M82 X-2). Ekşi et al. (2015).

- ULX. NGC 5907. Israel et al. (2017a)
- ULX. NGC 7793 P13. Israel et al. (2017b).
- 4U0114+65. Sanjurjo et al. (2017).
- 4U 2206+54. Ikhsanov & Beskrovnaya (2010).
- SXP1062. Fu & Li (2012)
- Swift J045106.8-694803. Klus et al. (2013).



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Field evolution in a magnetar



Parameters of ULX M82 X-2



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Anti-magnetars



Note, that there is no room for antimagnetars from the point of view of birthrate in many studies of different NS populations.

New results 1301.2717 Spins and derivative are measured for PSR J0821-4300 and PSR J1210-5226



Among young isolated NSs about 1/3 can be related to CCOs.

If they are anti-magnetars, then we can expect that 1/3 of NSs in HMXBs are also low-magnetized objects. They are expected to have short spin periods. However, there are no many sources with such properties. The only good example - SAX J0635+0533. An old CCO?

Possible solution: emergence of magnetic field (see physics in Ho 2011, Vigano, Pons 2012).

Observations vs. theory

We use observations of Be/X-ray binaries in SMC to derive magnetic field estimates, and compare them with prediction of the Pons et al. model.





According to cooling studies they have to be bright till at least 10⁵ years. But only one candidate (2XMM J104608.7-594306 Pires et al.) to be a low-B cooling NS is known (Calvera is also a possible candidate).

We propose that a large set of data on HMXBs and cooling NSs is in favour of field emergence on the time scale $10^4 \le \tau \le 10^5$ years (arXiv:1206.2819).

Some PSRs with "additional heating" can be descendants of CCOs with emerged field. 44







1809.07057



Another model

2D model with field decay

Ohmic diffusion dominates in field emergence, but Hall term also can be important.

Calculations confirm that emergence on the time scale 10^{3} - 10^{5} years is possible.

 $B_{0p} = 10^{14} \text{ G}$



Emerged pulsars in the P-Pdot diagram



arXiv: 1109.2740, 1211.5276

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Espinoza

Emerged pulsars are expected to have $P\sim0.1-0.5$ sec $B\sim10^{11}-10^{12}$ G Negative braking indices or at least n<2. About 20-40 of such objects are known.

Parameters of emerged PSRs: similar to "injected" PSRs (Vivekanand, Narayan, Ostriker).

The existence of significant fraction of "injected" pulsars formally do not contradict recent pulsar current studies (Vranesevic, Melrose 2011).

Part of PSRs supposed to be born with long (0.1-0.5 s) spin periods can be matured CCOs.



Evolution of PSRs with evolving field

Three stages:

- 1. n<=3 Standard + emerging field
- 2. n>3 Ohmic field decay
- 3. oscillating and large n Hall drift



Buried field in Kes79?

The idea is to reconstruct surface temperature distribution, and then calculate which field configuration can produce it.





Very large pulse fraction (64%) in the anti-magnetar Kes 79. Large sub-surface magnetic field can explain the existence of compact hot spots.

Then the field must have been buried in a fall-back episode.





Pulsar timing

Recently, Parthasarathy et al. (2019) presented detailed timing of 85 pulsars.

For many of them braking indices were measured.

We analyze different approaches to explain these results, and conclude that the best explanation is related to an episode of field decay in young, still relatively hot, NSs.



Braking index measurements





Large braking indices due to field decay



Field decay is due to phonons



Lighter NSs (M~1-1.2 Msun) have higher temperatures, and so – more rapid field decay due to phonons at ages ~few kyrs. This can explain large braking indices of radio pulsars.

What we have

We analyzed different models to explain large braking indices recently measured for a sample of normal radio pulsars.

We conclude that these results can be better explained in the model of magnetic field decay in low-mass NSs due to scatter of electrons off crystal phonons.

These findings are in correspondence with our previous results on magnetic field decay in young normal radio pulsars.





Conclusions

- Decaying magnetic field results in additional heating of a NS and decreasing its spin-down rate.
- Field decay can be more important for large initial fields, for "standard" fields (~10¹² G) it is not important, but can be detectable. Recent studies indicate that in the life of normal radio pulsars there is a period when their magnetic field decay.
- It is possible to describe different types of young NSs (PSRs, magnetars, M7 etc.) in the model with decaying magnetic field.
- Re-merging magnetic field can be an important ingredient.
- With re-emerging field we can add to the general picture also CCOs.

•Hall cascade (and attractor) can be an important ingredient of the field evolution:

- At the moment we cannot state that we see the Hall attractor in the population of normal radio pulsars;
- Also, we do not see that any of the M7 are at the Hall attractor stage with properties predicted by GC2013;
- Probably, the attractor stage is reached later, or its properties are different form the predicted ones.

Papers to read

• Cumming et al.

"Magnetic field evolution in neutron star crust due to Hall effect and Ohmic decay" astro-ph/0402392

- Pons, Vigano
 "Magnetic, thermal and rotational evolution of isolated neutron stars" arXiv: 1911.03095
- Gusakov et al. "Magnetic field evolution timescales in superconducting neutron stars" arXiv: 2010.07673
- Igoshev, Popov "Braking indices of young radio pulsars: theoretical perspective" arXiv: 2008.11737



Core field evolution



Typical timescales for the magnetic field dissipation as functions of temperature and the magnetic field strength.

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Field evolution due to ambipolar diffusion



Evolution on the P-Pdot diagram



Different types of companions

binaries with a CO-WD





Wide initial spin period distribution



Based on kinematic ages. Mean age – few million years. Note, that in Popov & Turolla (2012) only NSs in SNRs were used, i.e. the sample is much younger! Can it explain the difference?

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Magnetic field decay and P_0

One can suspect that magnetic field decay can influence the reconstruction of the initial spin period distribution.

> Exponential field decay with $\tau=5$ Myrs. <P₀>=0.3 s, $\sigma_P=0.15$ s; <log B₀/[G]>=12.65, $\sigma_B=0.55$

$$P_0 = P \sqrt{1 - \frac{t}{\tau}}.$$



Real vs. reconstructed P₀



goshev, Popov 2013

Arrows point to initial parameters of pulsars if the exponential magnetic field decay was operating.

How significantly the reconstructed initial periods changed due to not taking into account the exponential field decay.

Tracks on the P-pdot diagram



Kinematic age is larger for 0720, but characteristic age – for 1856.

It seems that 1856 is now on a more relaxed stage of the magneto-rotational evolution.

RX J0720 shows several types of activity, but RX J1856 is a very quiet source.

Non-monotonic evolution?





GRBs and fallback onto magnetars




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