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# Modelling Pulsar Glitches with different Equations of State



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# Pulsar Glitches

- Sudden jumps in the spin frequencies:

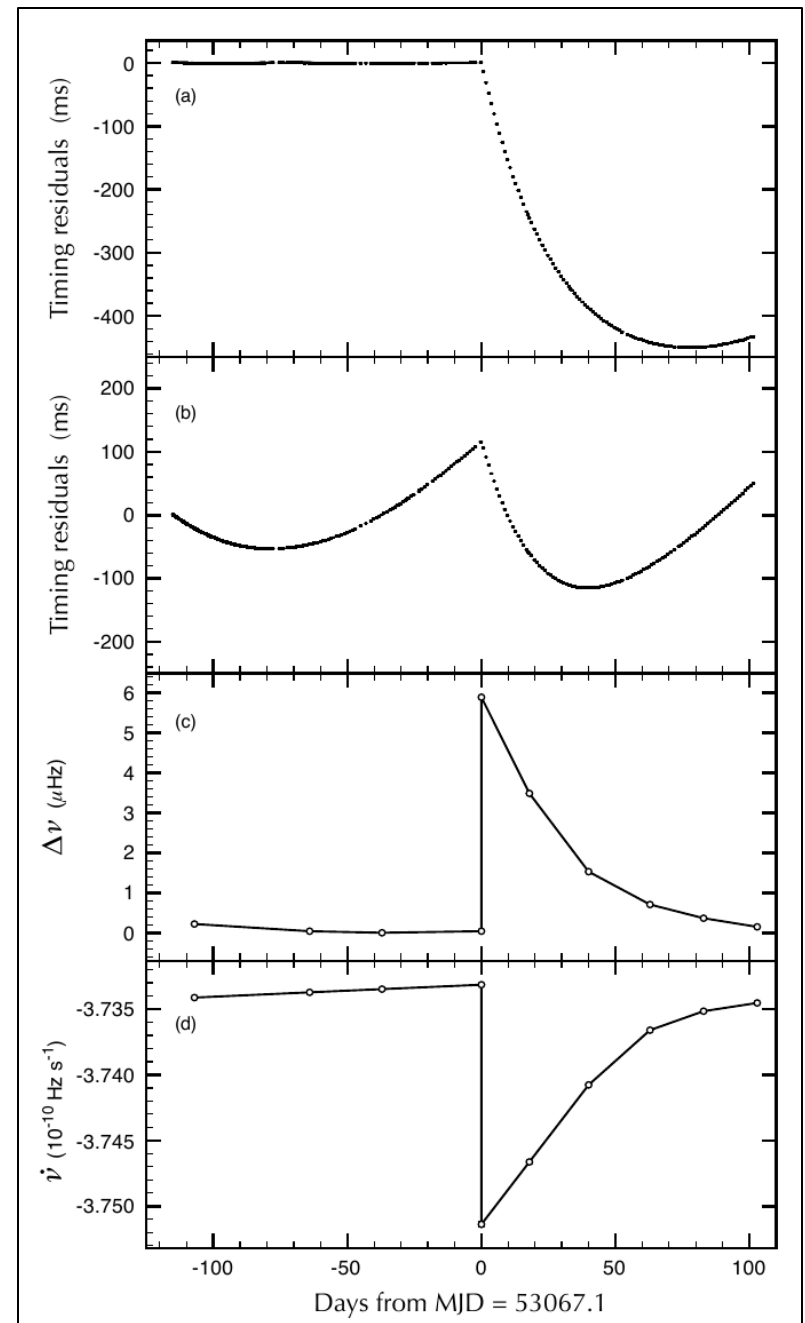
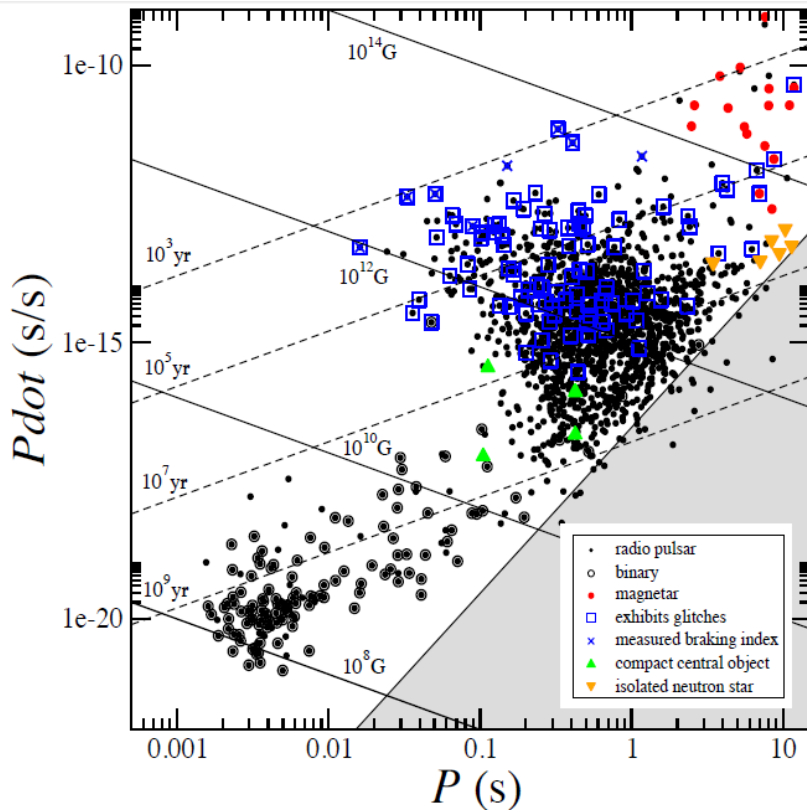
$$\frac{\Delta\nu}{\nu} \sim 10^{-11} - 10^{-5}$$

- Giant* or *Vela-like* glitches:

$$\frac{\Delta\nu}{\nu} \sim 10^{-6} - 10^{-5}, \quad \left| \frac{\Delta\nu'}{\nu'} \right| \sim 10^{-4} - 1$$

➤ rough periodicity.

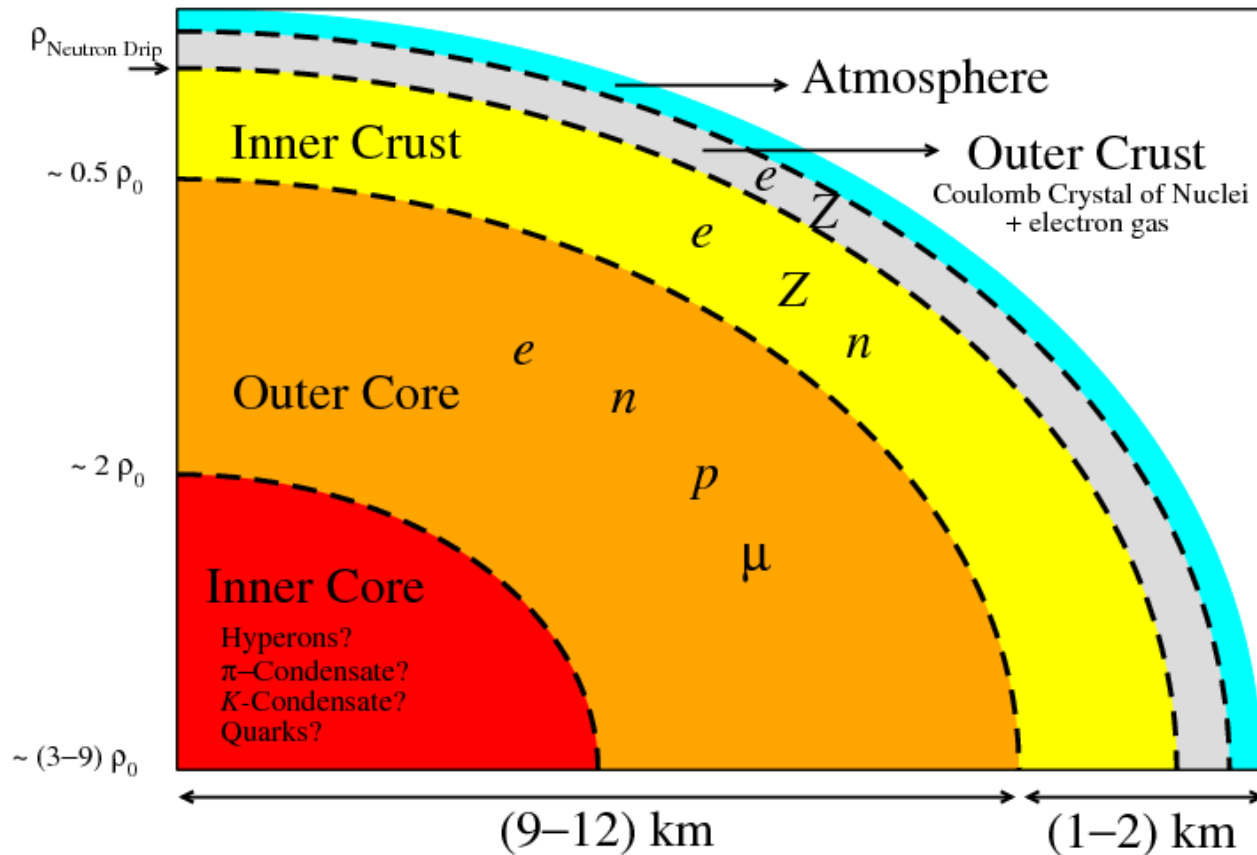
- Slow post glitch relaxation



Espinoza et al.

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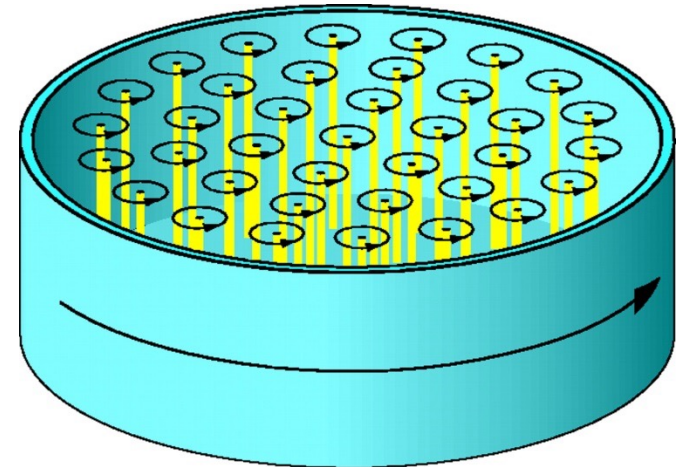


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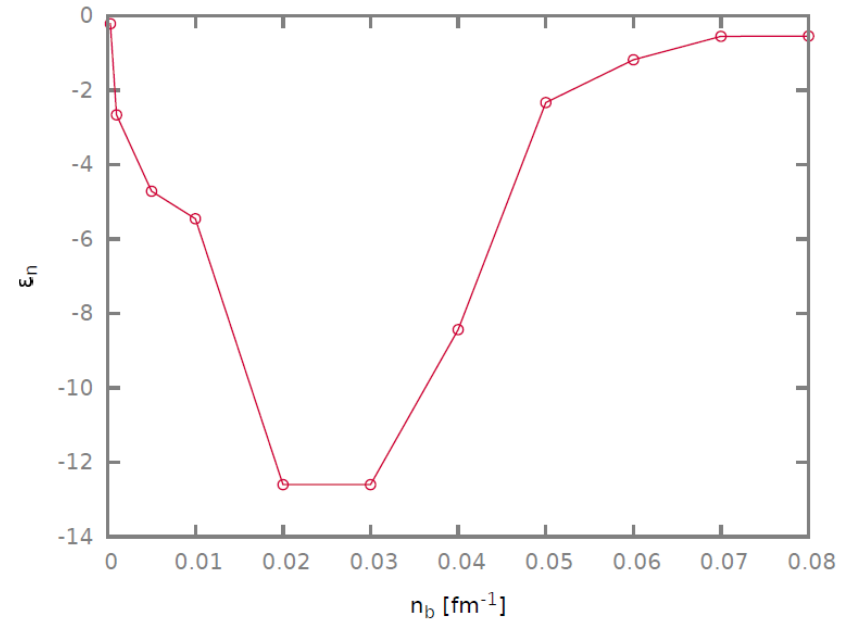
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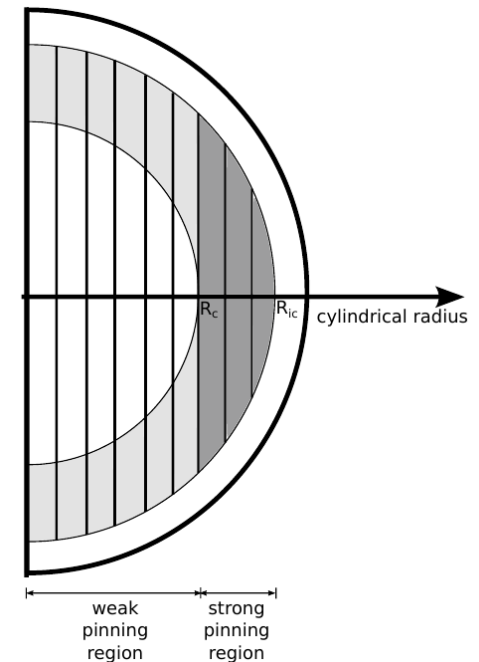
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- **Crustal pinning:** due to the interaction between a vortex line and a nucleus there is a preferred position for the vortex  $\longrightarrow$  **interstitial or nuclear pinning**  
The totality of the interactions between a vortex line and nuclei in the crustal lattice results in a potential well in which the vortex line is pinned



# The two components model for glitches

**‘Normal’ component:** charged particles (core) and ion lattice (crust)

**Superfluid component:** neutrons (core) and dripped neutrons (crust)

- The normal component slows down (external electromagnetic torque)
- The neutron superfluid can slow down only if it expels a vortex
- Vortices are pinned → a lag builds up among the two components
- When a **critical lag** is reached, vortices are set free. The stored angular momentum is transferred to the crust, causing a glitch.

# The Snowplow Model



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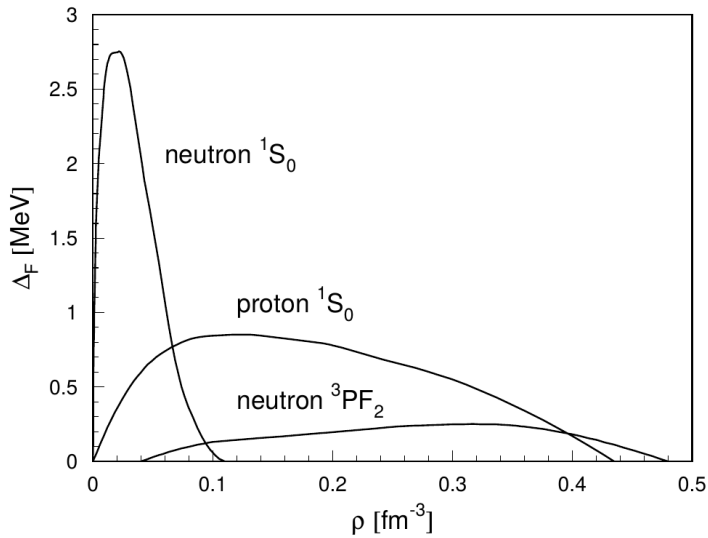




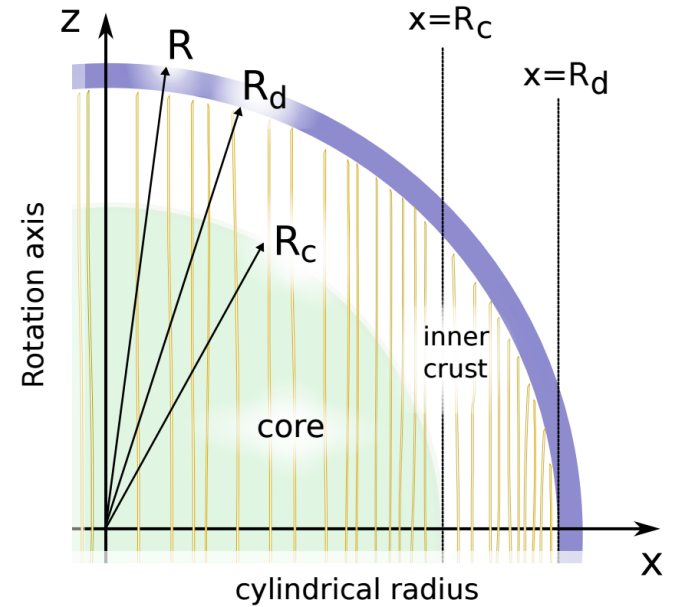
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## Assumptions:

- Vortex lines in the crust and the core are connected
- Vortex lines are straight
- No Hyperons, no quarks



Lombardo and Schulze



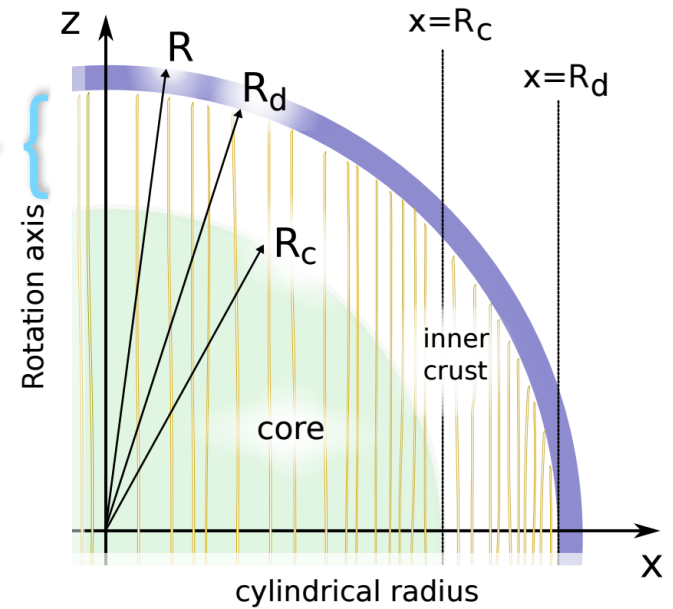
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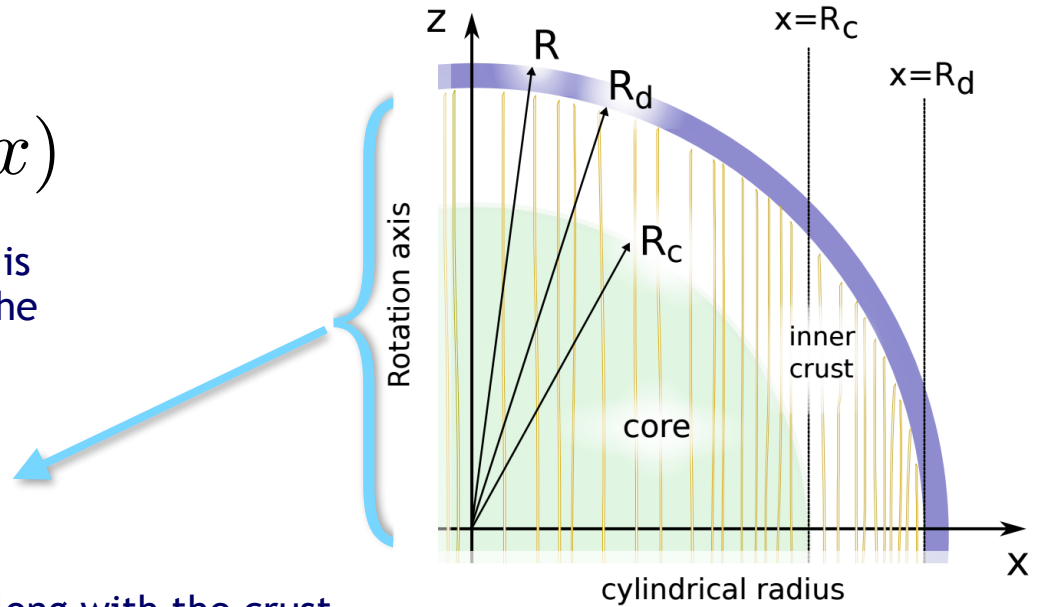
**Magnus force:**

the vortex line is forced to rotate along with the crust

→ different angular velocity with respect to the fluid in which it's immersed

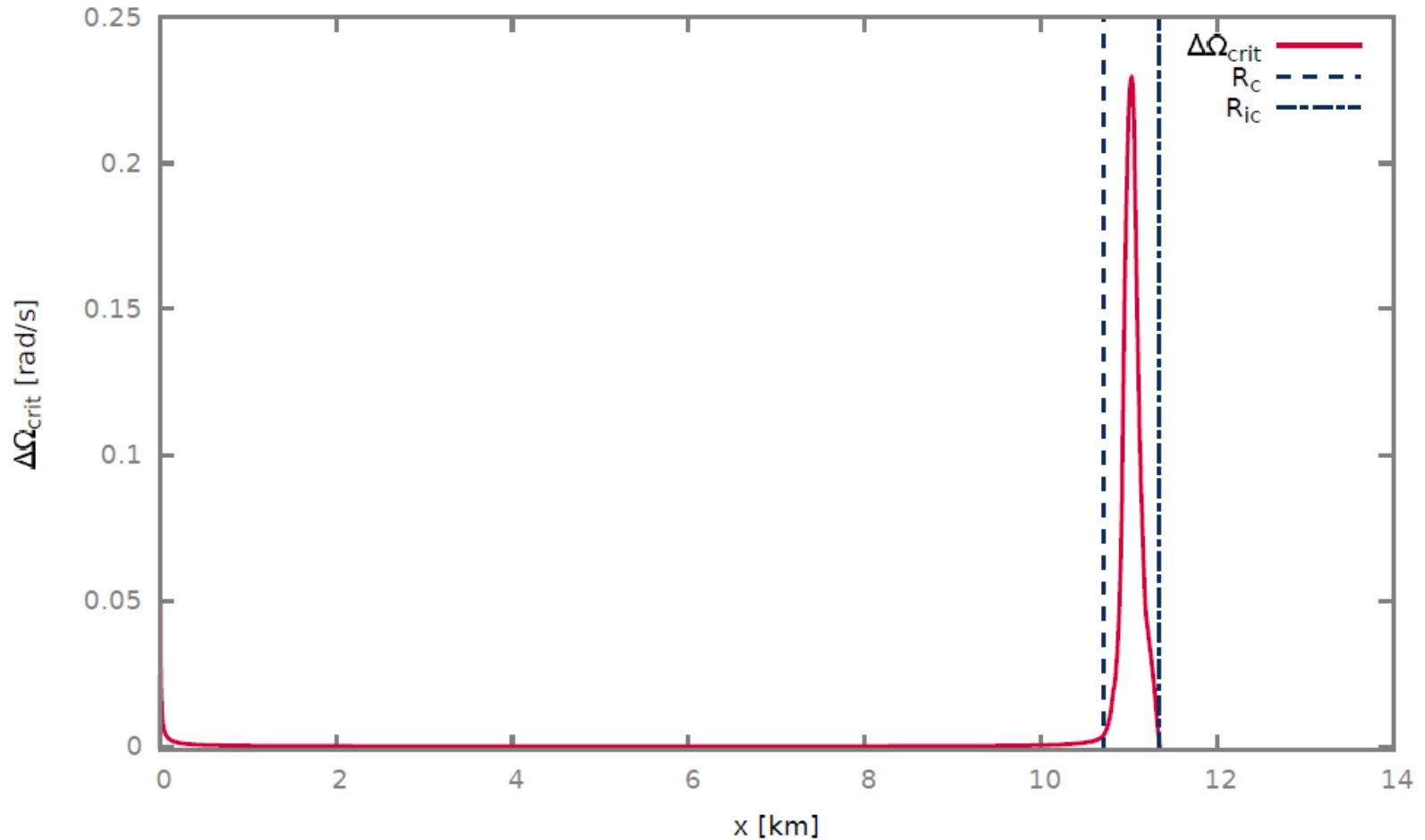
a hydrodynamical lift proportional to the lag arises

$$F_M(x, t) \propto \Delta\Omega(x, t)$$



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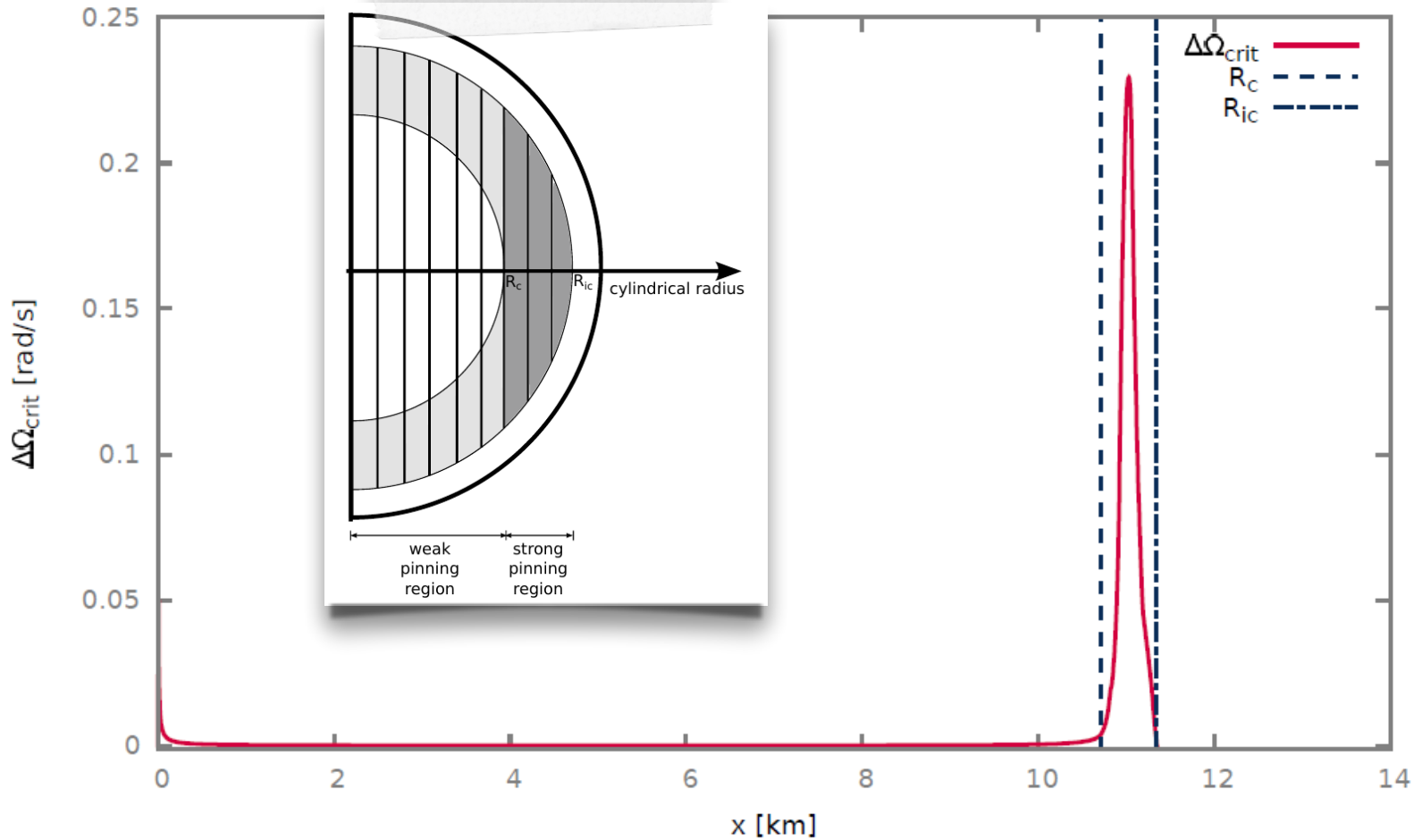
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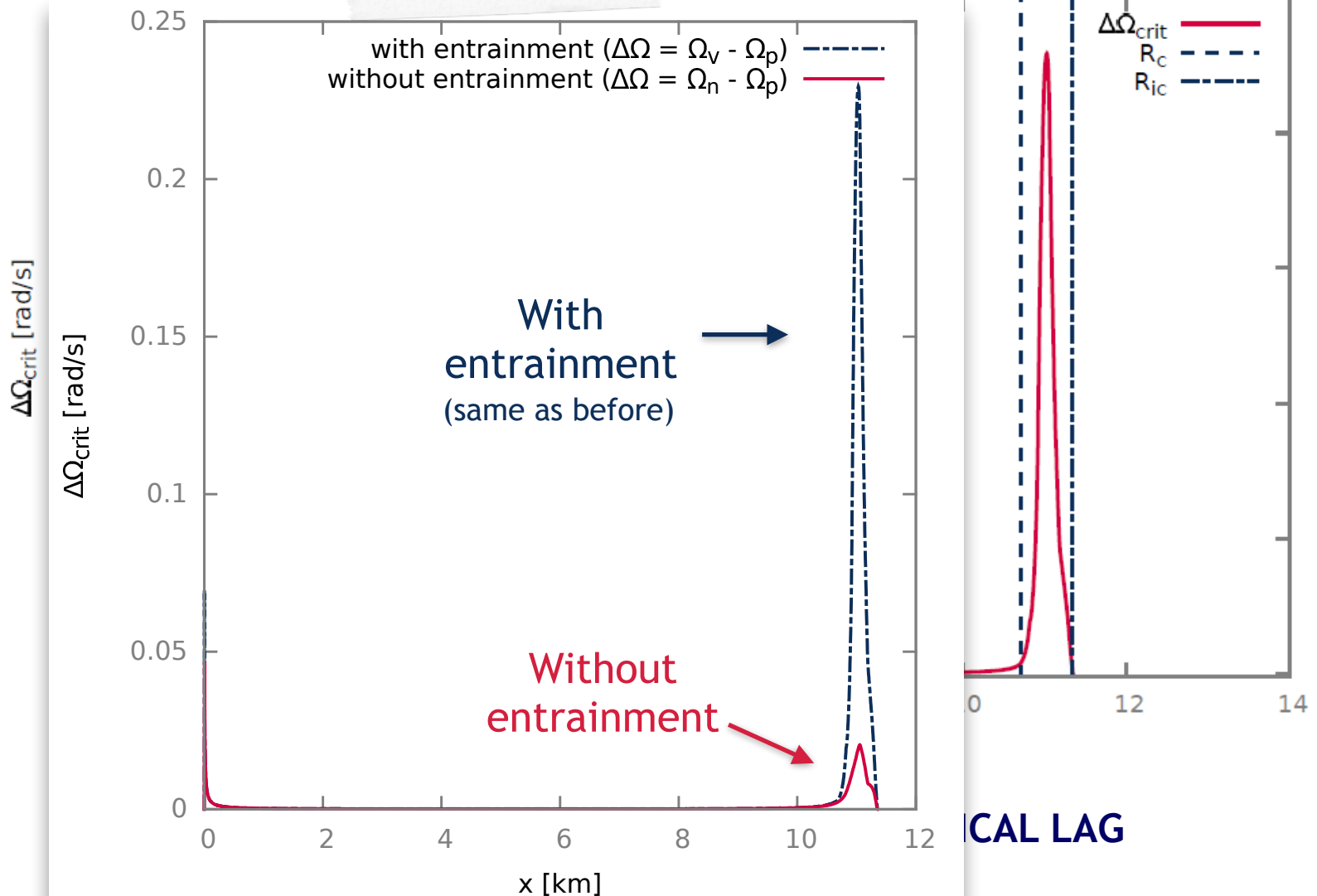
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Critical lag first reached in the core

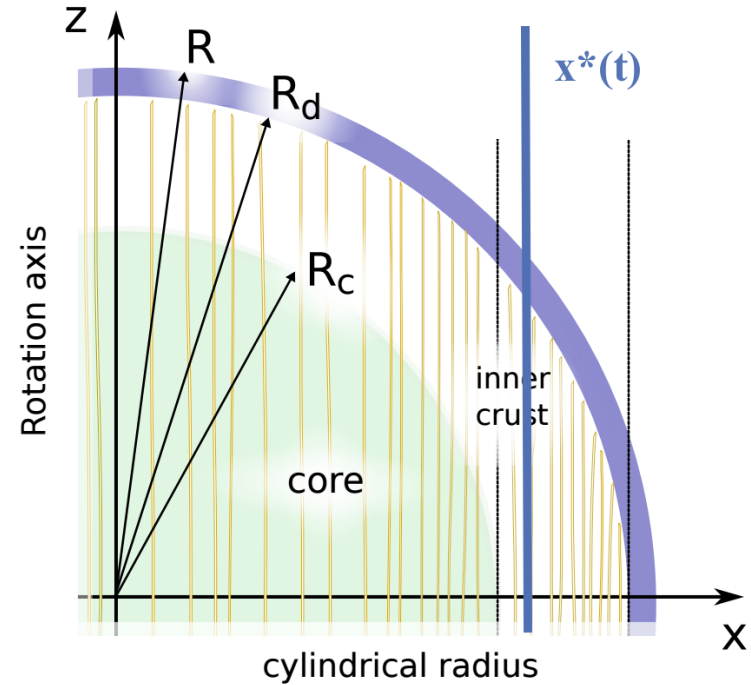
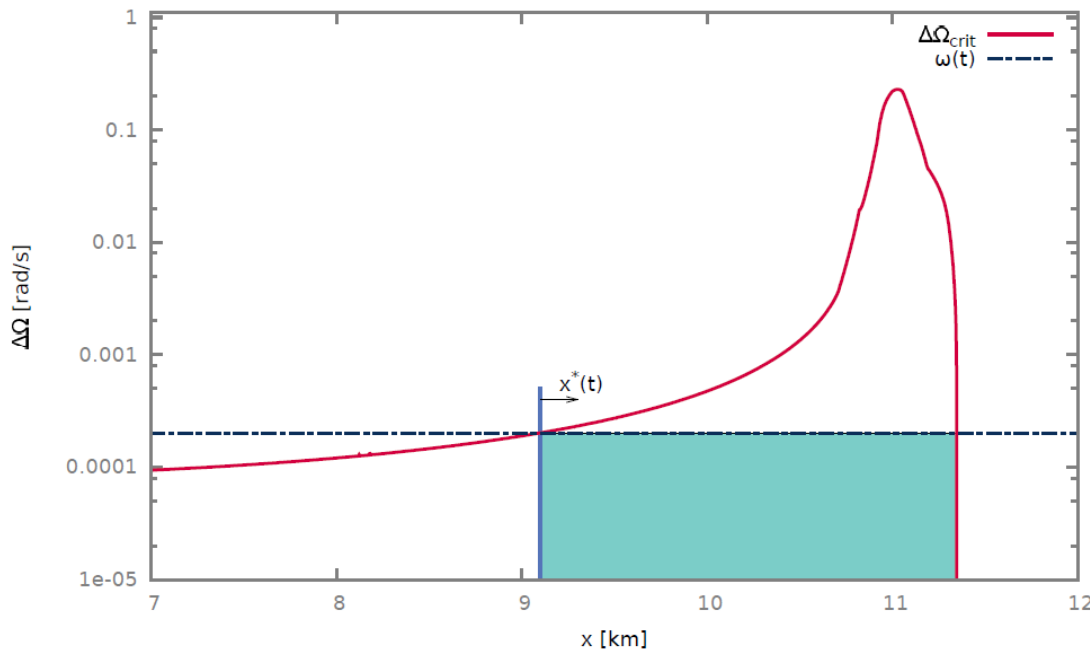
→ Formation of a **VORTEX SHEET** which moves towards the outer crust as the lag increases

lag between the two components as the crust slows down:

$$\omega(t) = |\dot{\Omega}_c|t$$

position of the vortex sheet:

$$x^*(t)$$



Highlighted region: angular momentum that can be released to the crust if a glitch is triggered at a time  $t$  after the previous glitch

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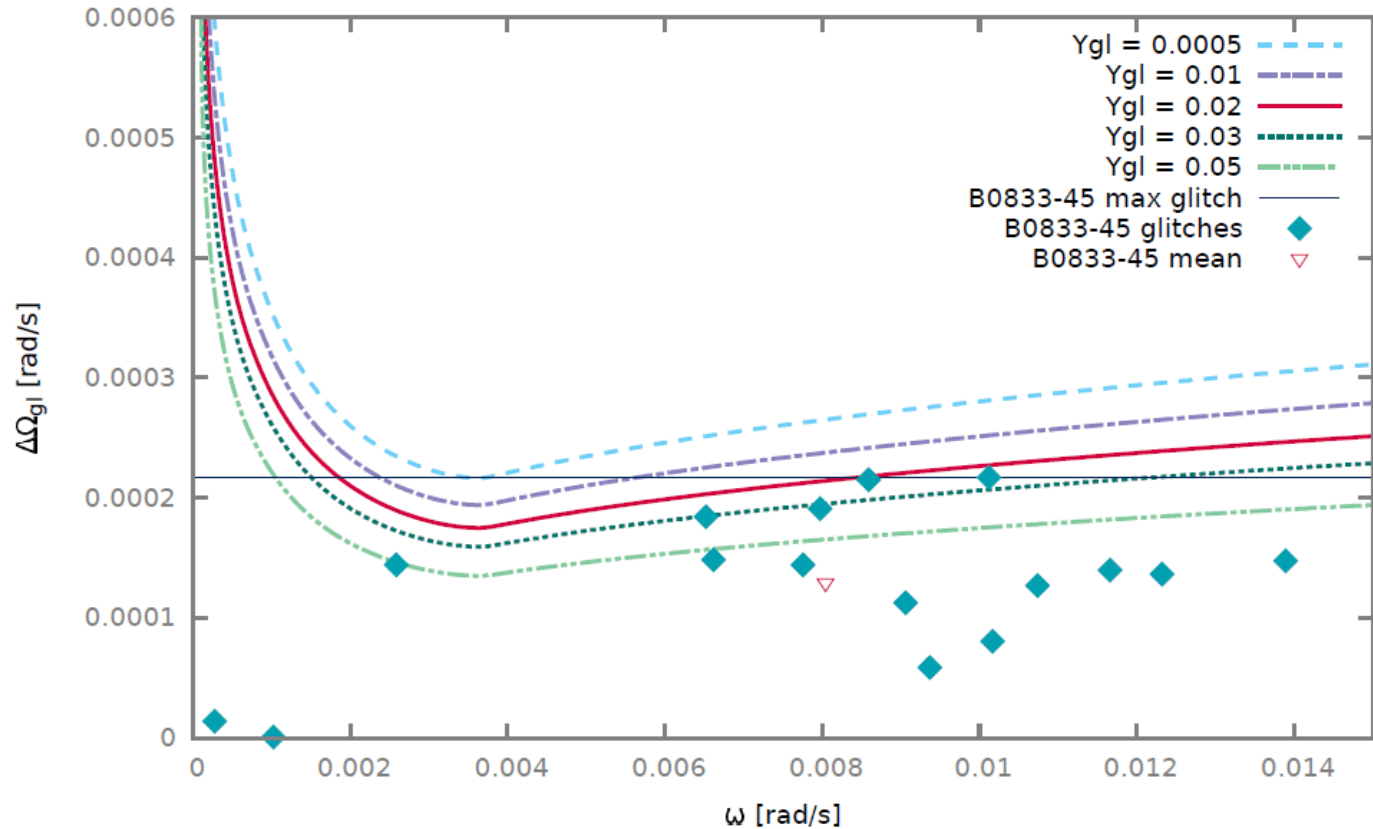
# Estimating masses with the snowplow model

$$\Delta\Omega_{gl}(t) = \Delta\Omega_{gl}(\omega)$$

$$\omega = |\dot{\Omega}_p|t$$

We have obtained a profile that depends on two parameters:

$$M, Y_{gl}$$

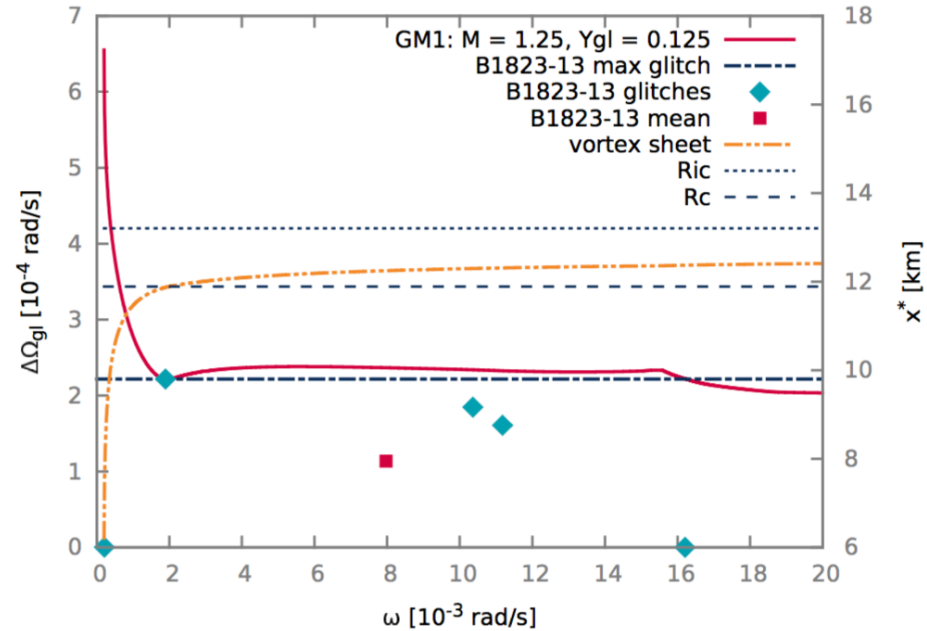
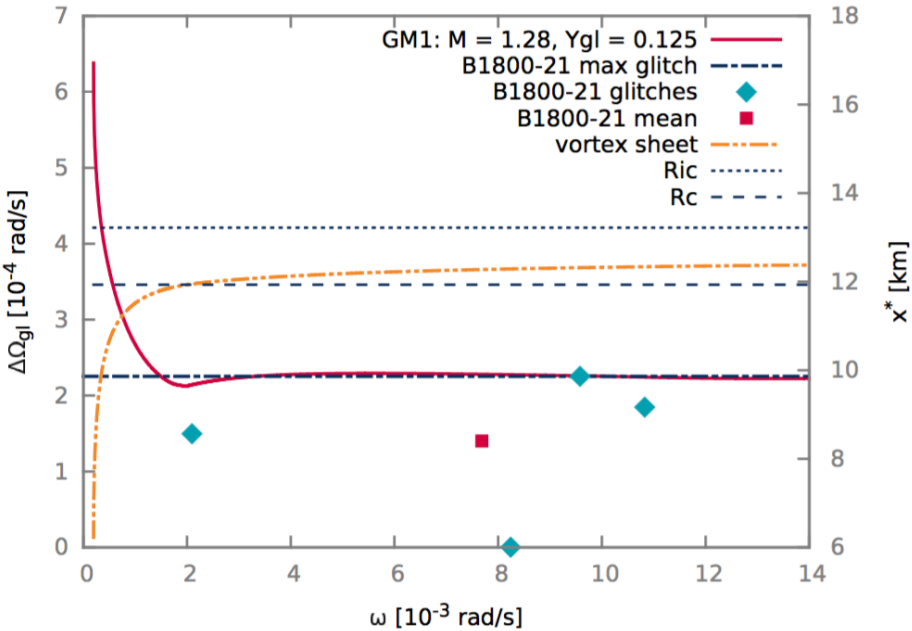
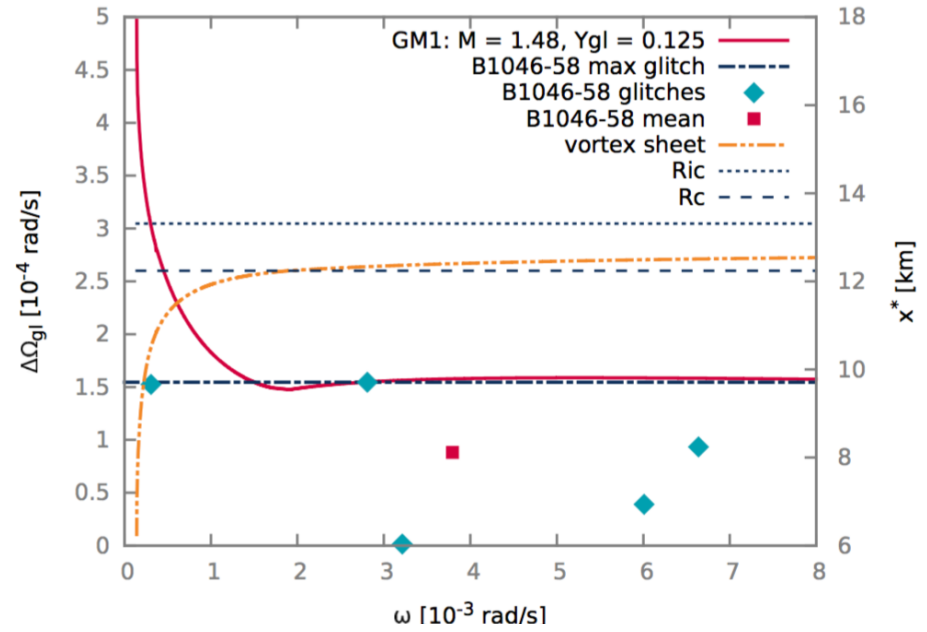
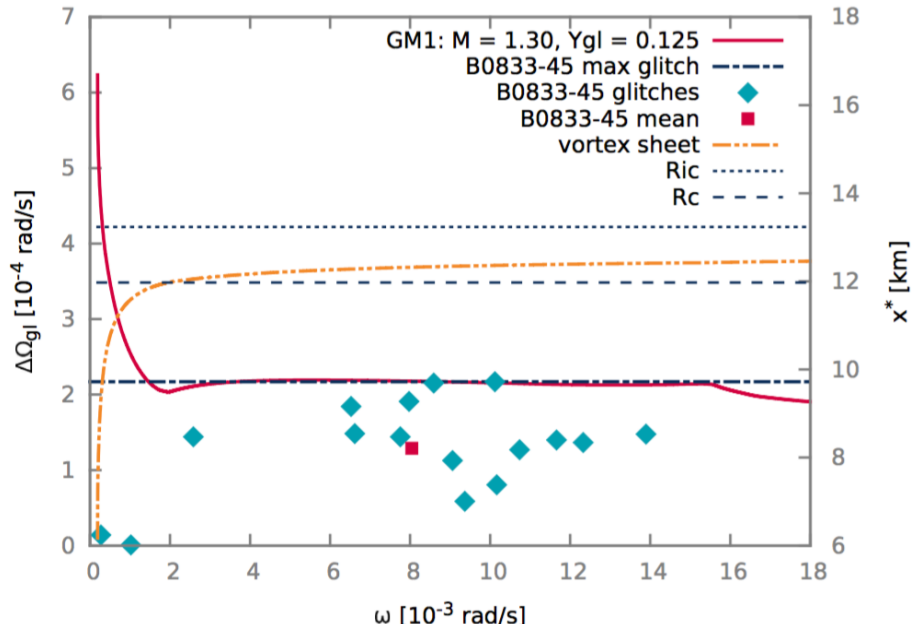


Procedure:

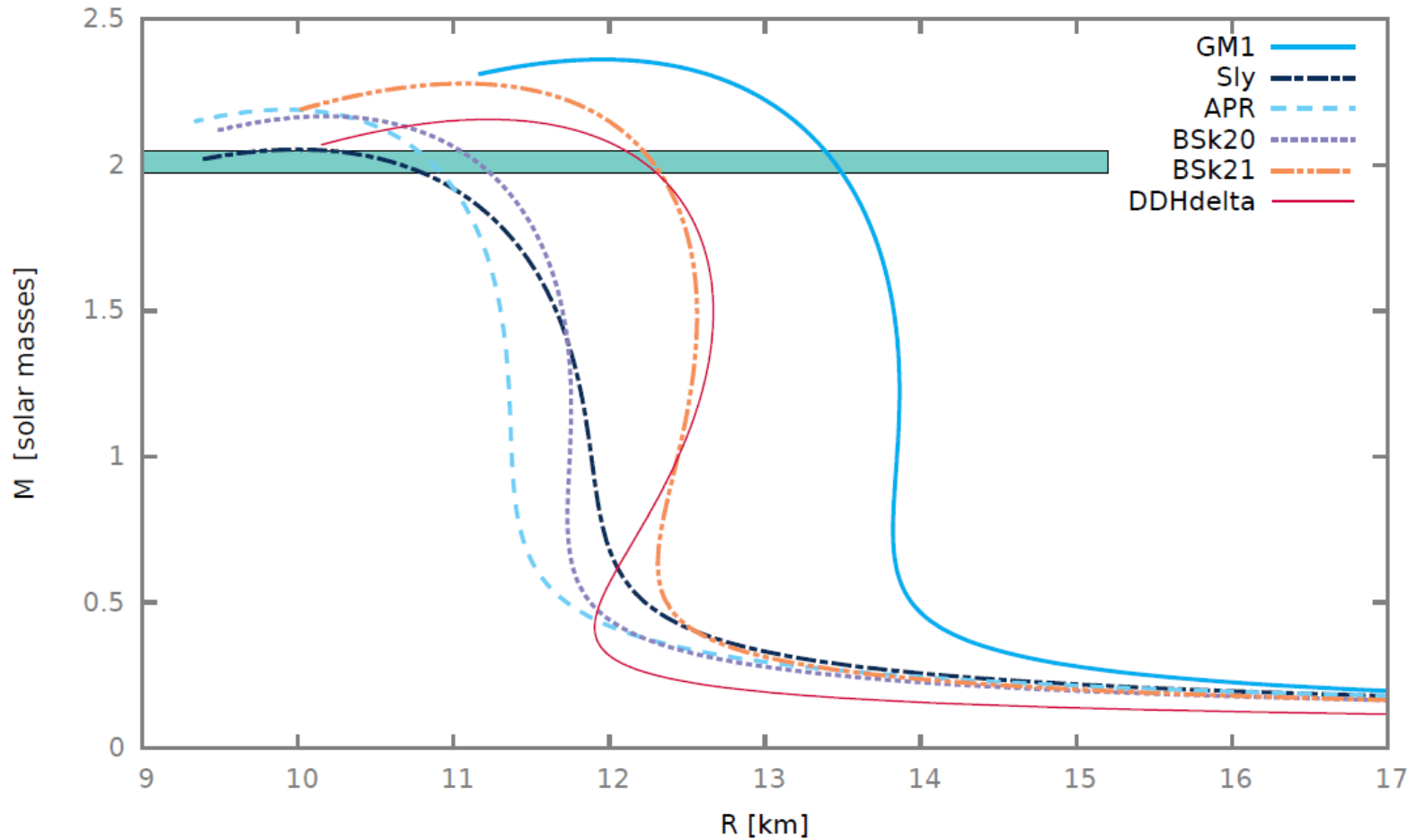
- Set  $M_{\text{Vela}}$  to a certain value (pulsar B0833-45)
- Find  $Y_{gl}$
- Employ the same  $Y_{gl}$  to find the other pulsars' masses.

**N.B.** those estimates are upper limits for the masses

# Fitting the masses



# EoS employed



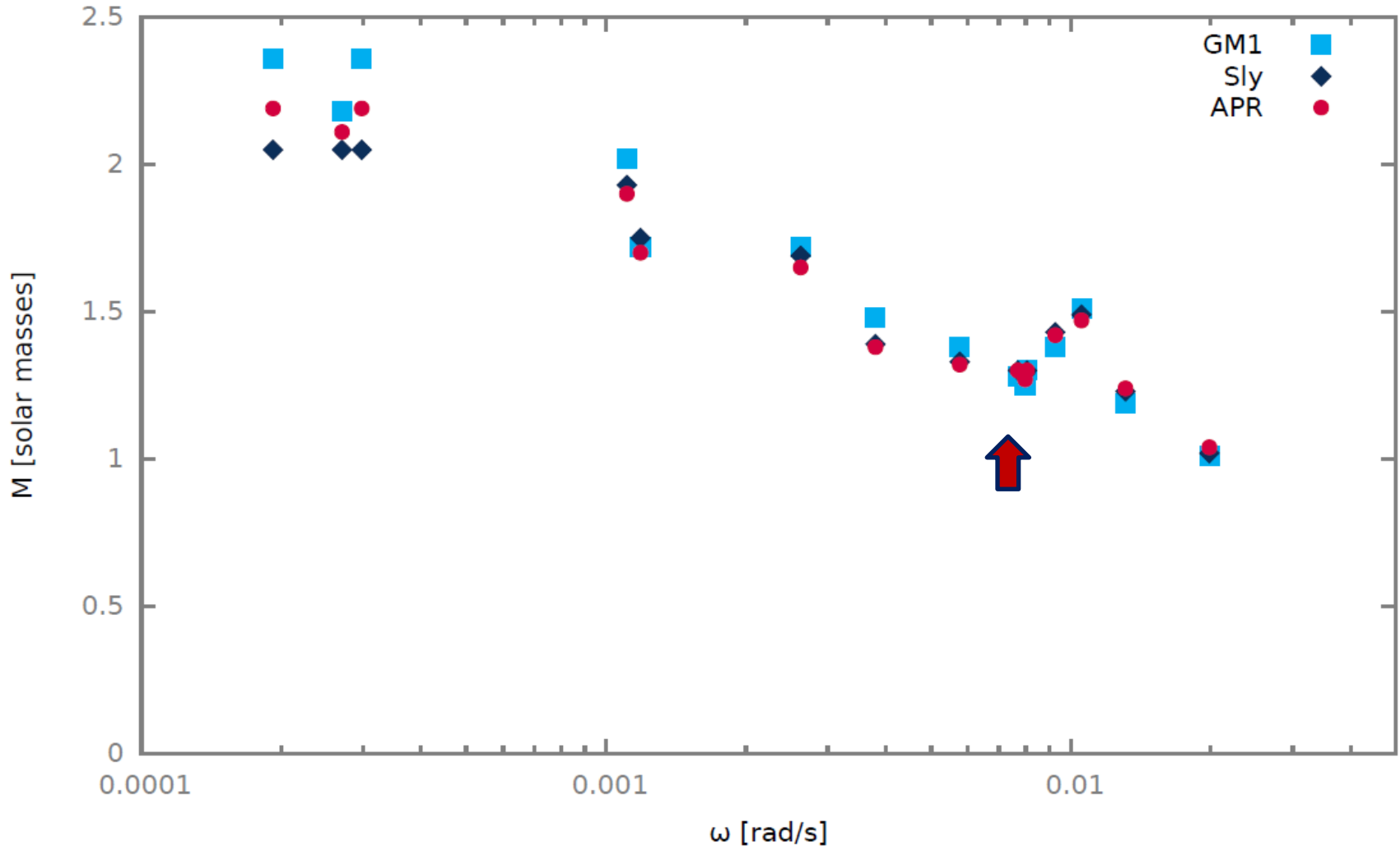
Six equations of state:  
GM1, Sly, APR, DDHdelta, BSk20 e BSk21

# EoS employed

Name	EoS in the core	Composition in the core	EoS in the crust	Composition in the crust
APR [1]	Akmal et al. 1998	Zuo et al. 2004 $AV_{18}$	Douchin and Haensel 2001	Consistent
APR [2]	Akmal et al. 1998	Zuo et al. 2004 $AV_{18} + \text{TBF}$	Douchin and Haensel 2001	Consistent
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DDHdelta [1]	Gaitanos et al. 2004	Consistent	Grill et al. 2014	Negele and Vautherin 1973
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DDHdelta [3]	Gaitanos et al. 2004	Consistent	Grill et al. 2014	Douchin and Haensel 2001
GM1	Glendenning and Moszkowski 1991	Consistent	Douchin and Haensel 2001	Consistent

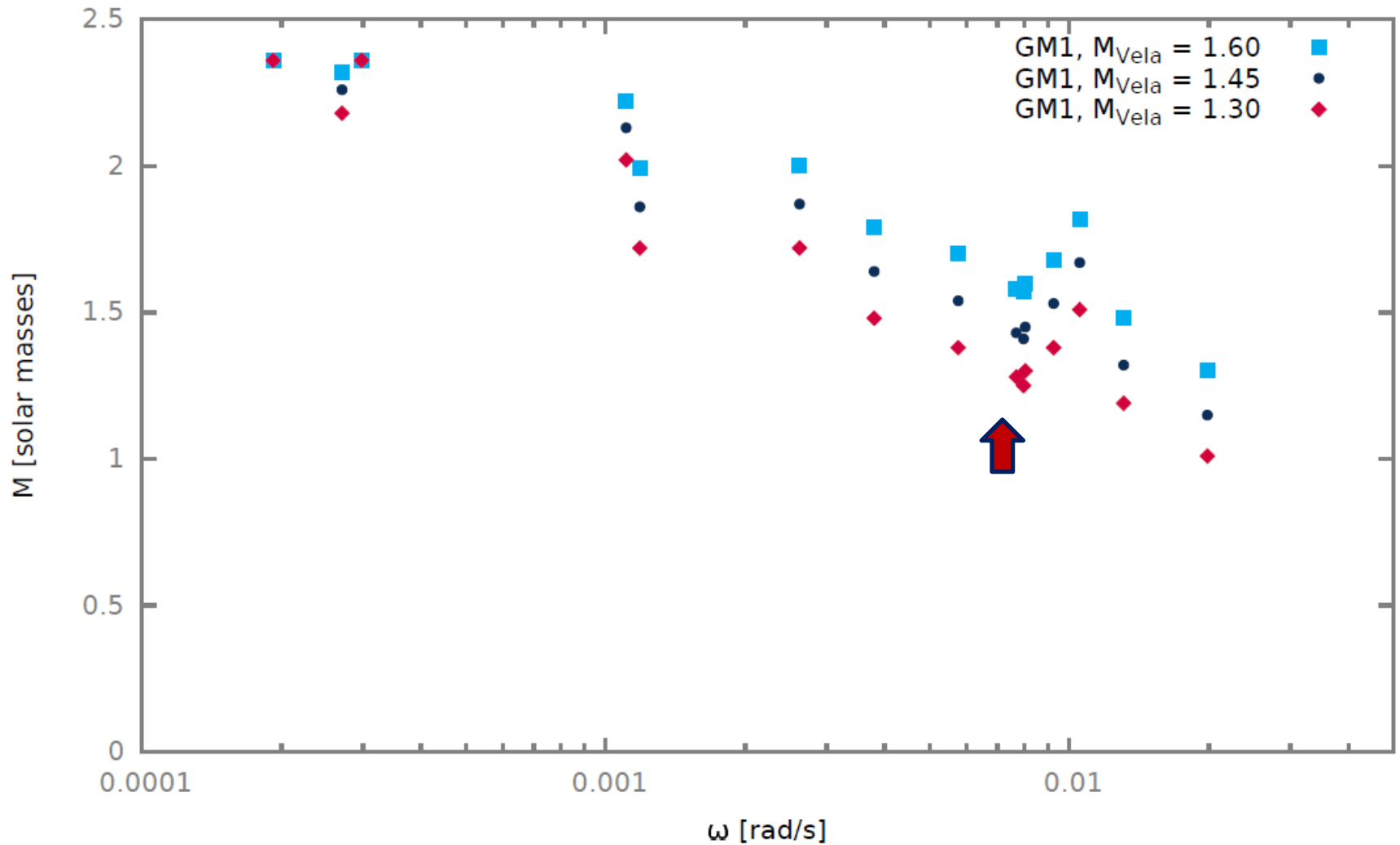
# Mass estimates for 3 EoSs

$M_{\text{Vela}} = 1.3 M_{\odot}$ , with 3 equations of state: GM1, Sly and APR



# Mass estimate for 3 values of $M_{\text{Vela}}$

GM1 for 3 values of  $M_{\text{Vela}}$  : 1.3, 1.45 e 1.6  $M_{\odot}$ .



# The ‘maximum obtainable mass’ for Vela

- Maximum obtainable mass for Vela ( $Y_{gl} = 0$ ) for each EoS:

EoS	$M_{V_{\max}} (Y_{gl} = 0)$ with $x_p$ as defined in tab 4.2 [ $M_{\odot}$ ]	with $x_p = 0.05$ in the core [ $M_{\odot}$ ]	with $x_p = 0.05$ in the crust [ $M_{\odot}$ ]	with $x_p = 0.05$ in the whole star [ $M_{\odot}$ ]
APR [1]	1.37	1.64	1.26	1.47
APR [2]	1.19	1.64	1.11	1.47
Sly	1.44	1.64	1.31	1.47
BSk20	1.29	1.39	1.30	1.41
BSk21	1.17	1.28	1.18	1.30
DDHdelta [1]	0.97	0.83	0.89	0.75
DDHdelta [2]	1.00	0.85	0.89	0.75
DDHdelta [3]	1.07	0.92	0.89	0.75
GM1	1.70	1.93	1.47	1.63

Vela’s cooling  
(Kaminker et al.)



Realistic interval: 1.4 e 1.65  $M_{\odot}$



# Conclusions

- Strong correlation between  $M$  and the averaged critical lag  $\omega$  of the 15 pulsars.
- Unified description of glitches: low-mass neutron stars correspond to the strong glitchers and more massive stars to the weaker ones.
- Results don't change much for different EoSs.
- If we change  $M_{\text{Vela}}$ , the mass estimates shift of the same value, leaving the trend unchanged.
- The 'maximum obtainable mass' for Vela, on the contrary, is heavily affected by microphysical inputs.

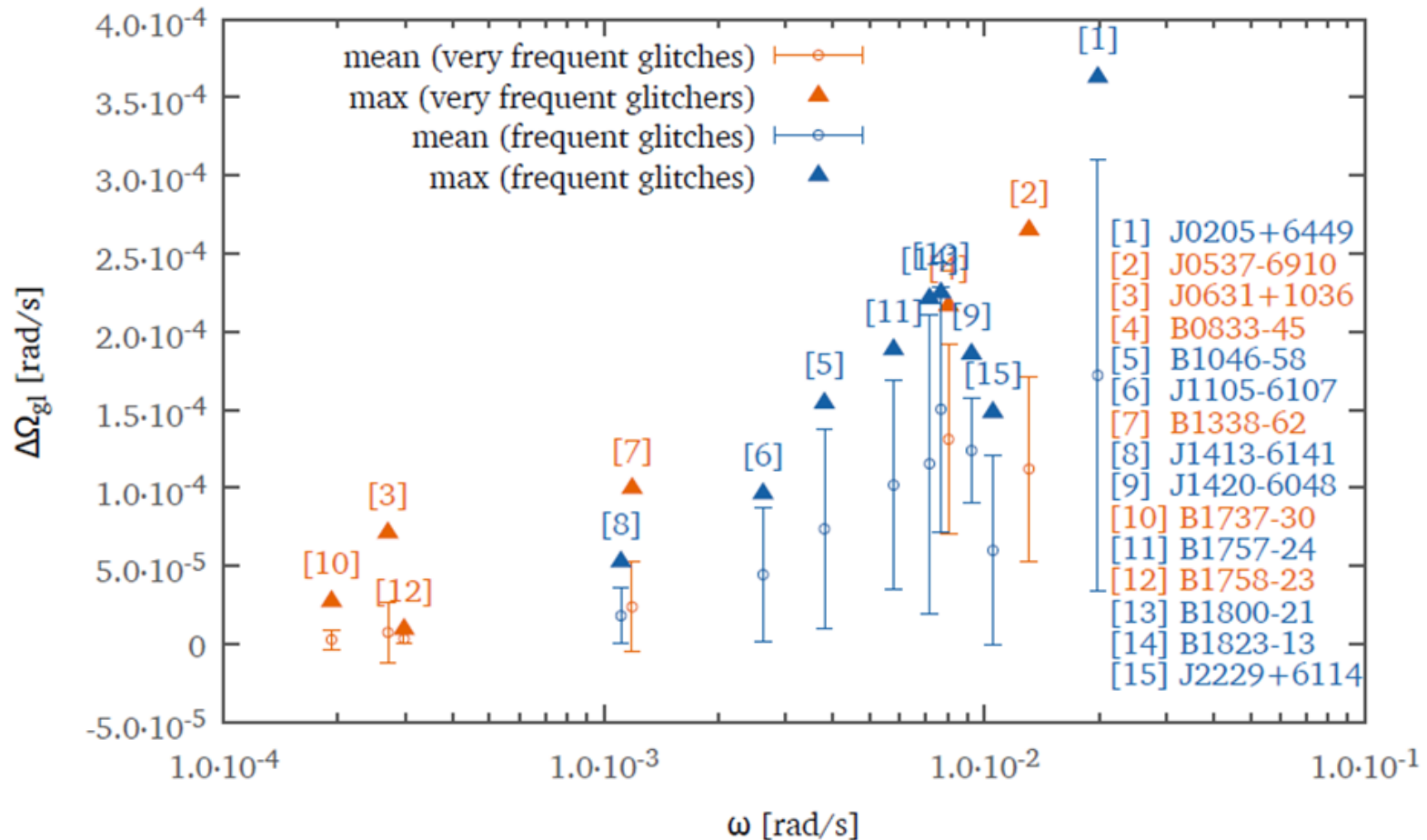
# Perspectives

- Extend the model trying to include bended vortices? Turbulence? Phase transitions?
- Parallel with hydrodynamical simulations.
- More observations.

**Thank you!**

# 15 “glitchers”

15 pulsars that have been seen glitching at least 5 times



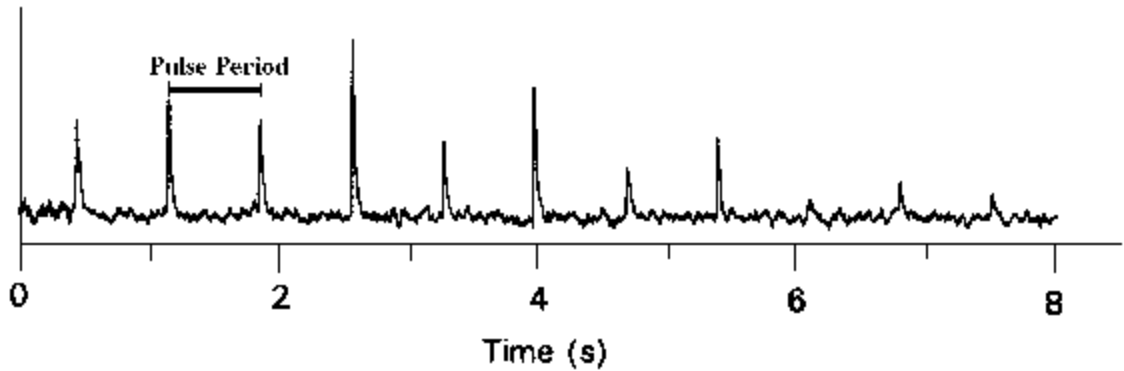
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- Frequent: 5-7
- Very frequent: > 12

$$\omega = \langle |\dot{\Omega}_p| t_{gl} \rangle$$

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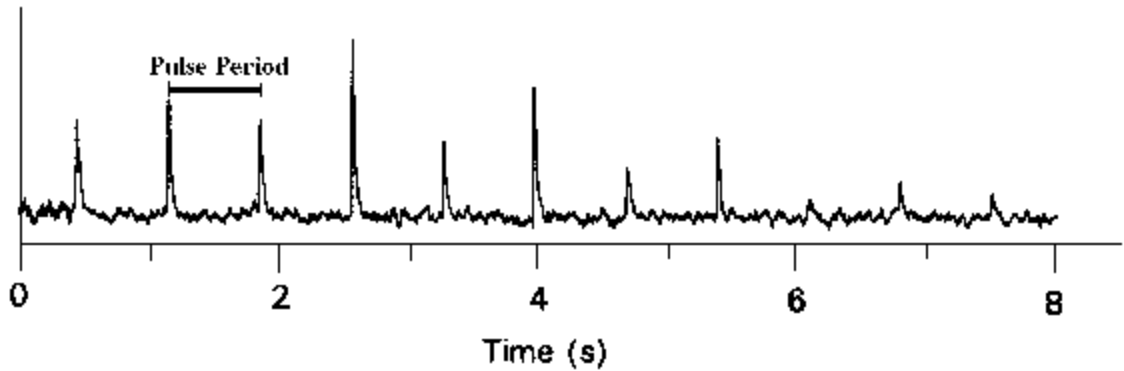
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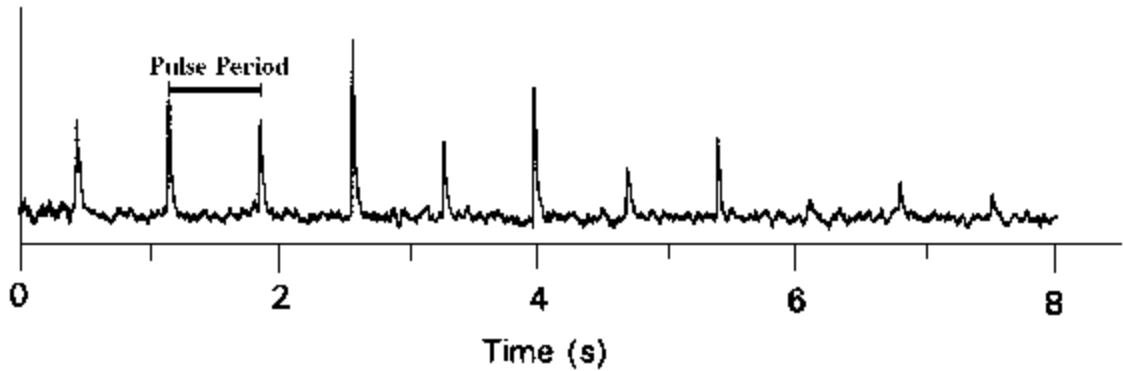
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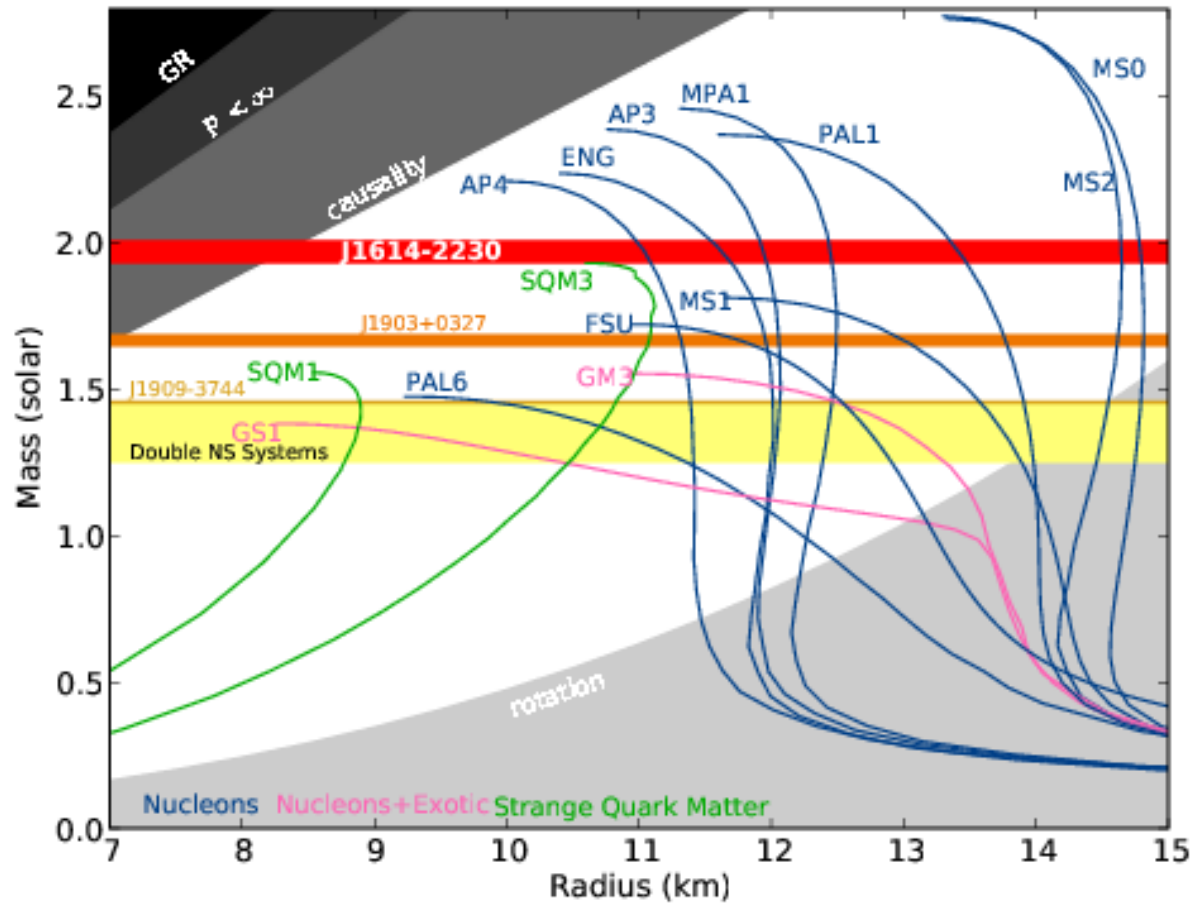
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- Minimize the fractional part of N

**Time Residual :**  $\frac{N - [N]}{\nu_0}$

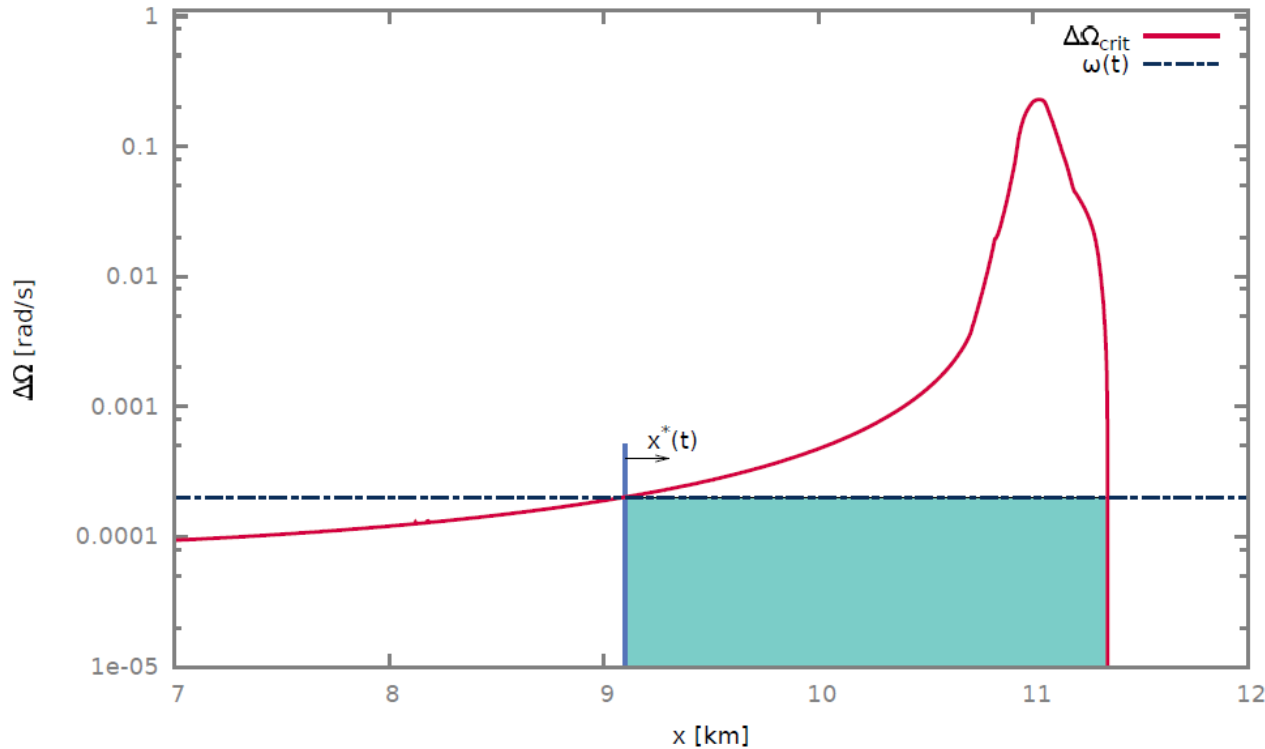
Time residuals are normally distributed around zero but ...

# Why studying glitches?



Demorest et al.

# The Snowplow Model



Highlighted region:

$$\Delta L_{gl}(t)$$

angular momentum that can be released to the crust at a certain time  $t$  after the previous glitch.

$$\Delta L_{gl}(t) = 2 \pi \int_{x^*(t)}^{R_{ic}} x^3 dx \int_0^{z(x)} \min[\omega(t), \Delta\Omega_{crit}(x)] \left( \rho(r) + \frac{P(r)}{c^2} \right) \frac{\bar{\omega}}{\Omega}(r) \frac{1 - x_p(r)}{1 - \epsilon_n(r)} e^{\lambda(r) - \phi(r)} dz$$

- $\omega(t) = |\dot{\Omega}_p|t$ ;  $x_p(r)$  = mass fraction of the normal component;
- $\phi(r)$  and  $\lambda(r)$  = structural functions of the TOV metric;
- $\bar{\omega} = \Omega - \omega_d$  = difference between the spin frequency of the star and the dragging frequency.



# Moment of inertia for slow rotation

In general relativity, the inertial frames inside a rotating fluid are not at rest with respect to the distant stars

- $\omega_d$  = dragging frequency of an inertial frame
- $\Omega$  = angular velocity of the star
- $\bar{\omega} = \Omega - \omega_d$

Hartle approach: (Hartle J. B., 1967, *Astrophys. J.* 150, 1005)

$$\frac{1}{r^4} \frac{d}{dr} \left( r^4 e^{-\phi+\lambda} \frac{d\bar{\omega}}{dr} \right) + \frac{4}{r} \left( \frac{d}{dr} e^{-\phi+\lambda} \right) \bar{\omega} = 0$$

Boundary conditions:

- regularity at  $r = 0$ ;
- vanishing of  $\omega_d$  at infinity
- $\bar{\omega}$  continuous at the stellar surface

In order to obtain the Schwarzschild solution for  $r \geq R$  we have to impose:

$$e^{-\phi+\lambda} = 1$$

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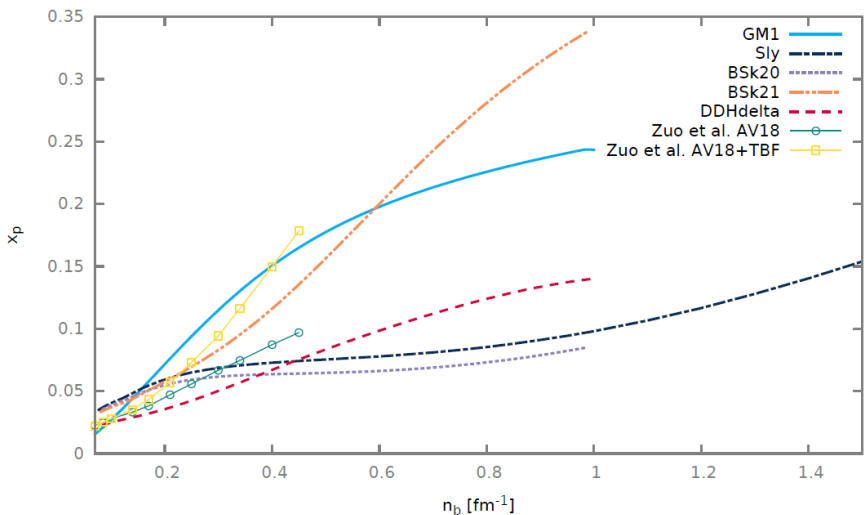
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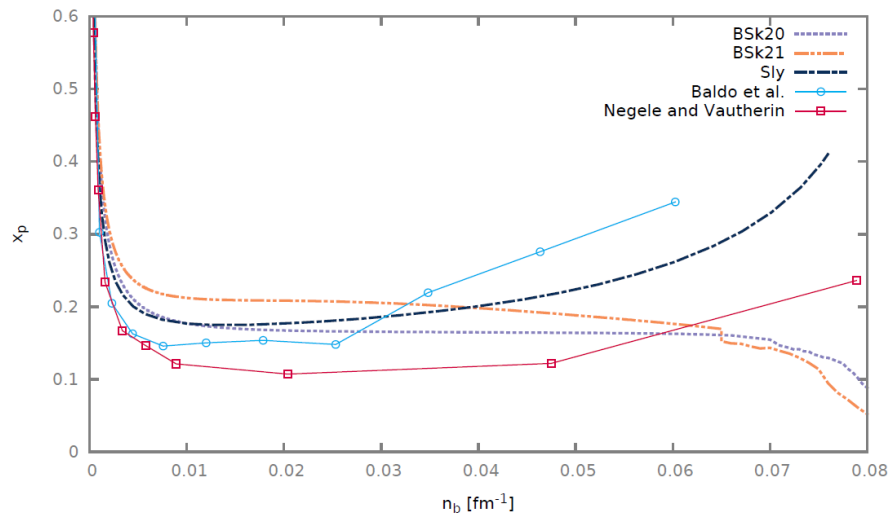
$$Q = \frac{I_v}{I_{tot}} = \frac{8\pi}{3I_{tot}} \int_0^R r^4 \left( \rho(r) + \frac{P(r)}{c^2} \right) \frac{\bar{\omega}}{\Omega}(r) \frac{1 - x_p(r)}{1 - \epsilon_n(r)} e^{\lambda(r) - \phi(r)} dr$$

# Microphysical inputs

Compositions consistent with the EoSs.

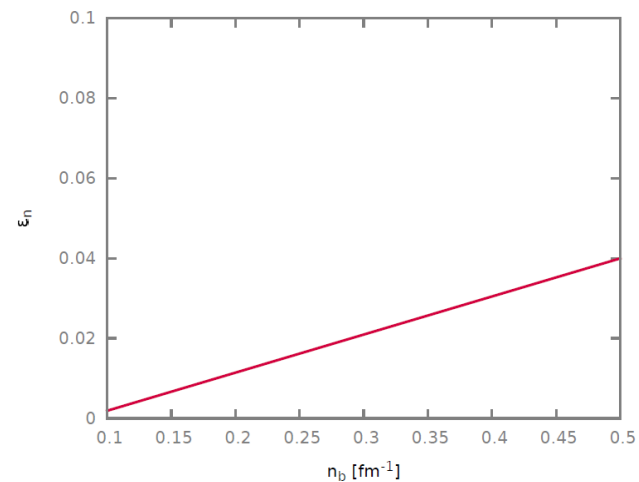


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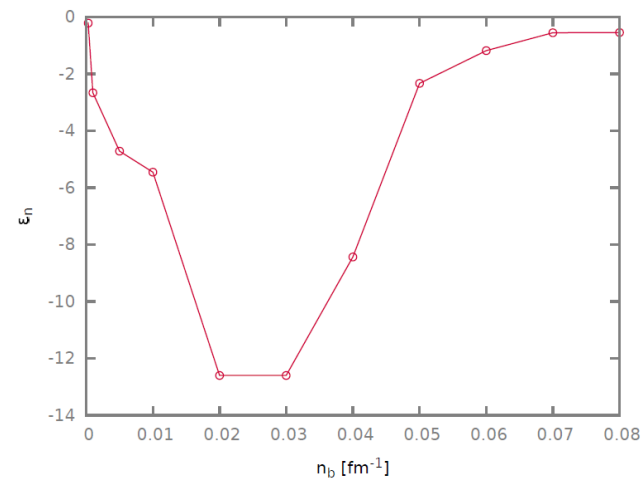


Normal fraction in the crust

Entrainment parameter  $\epsilon_n$  in the core (Chamel e Haensel) and in the crust (Chamel).

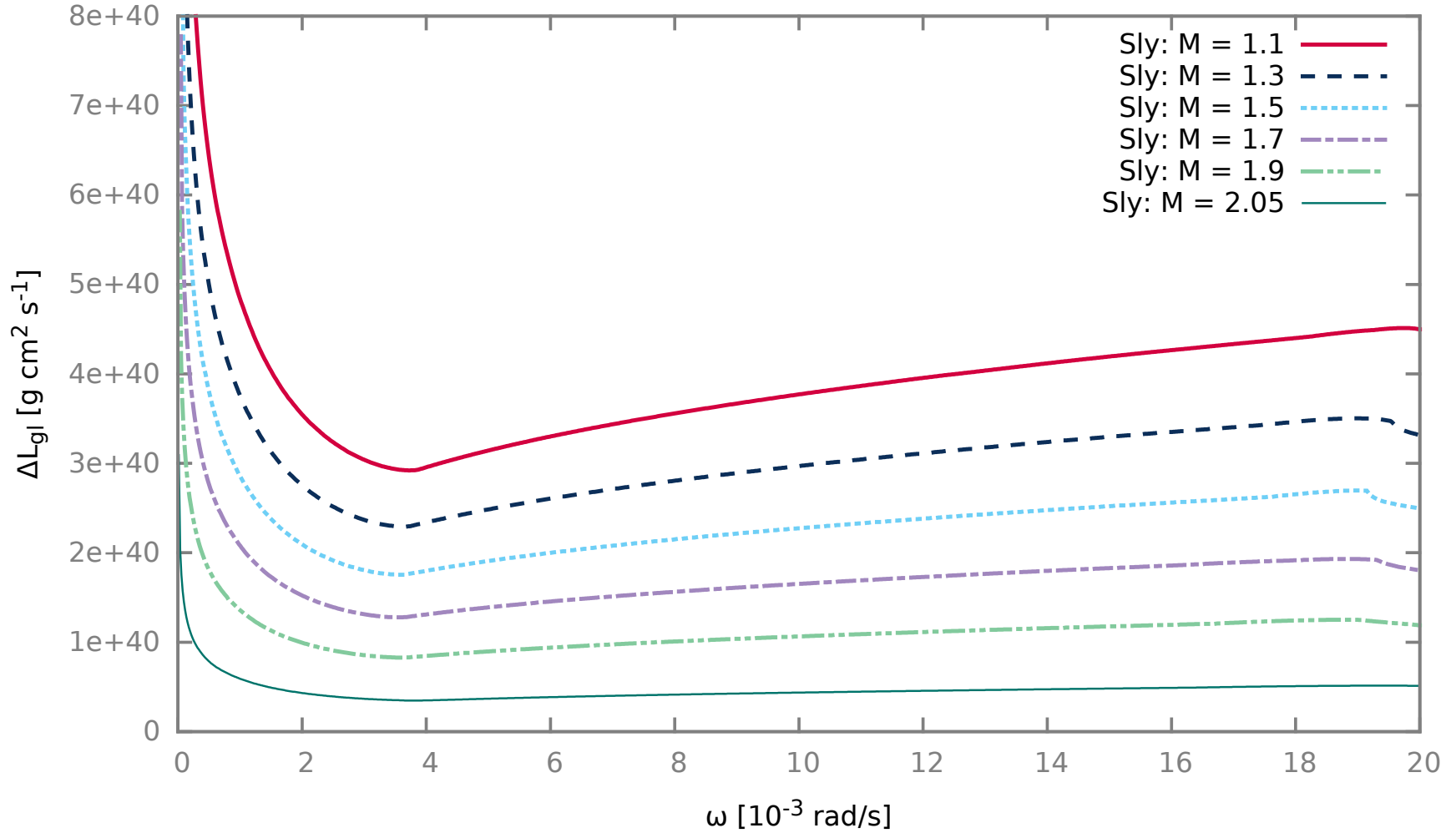


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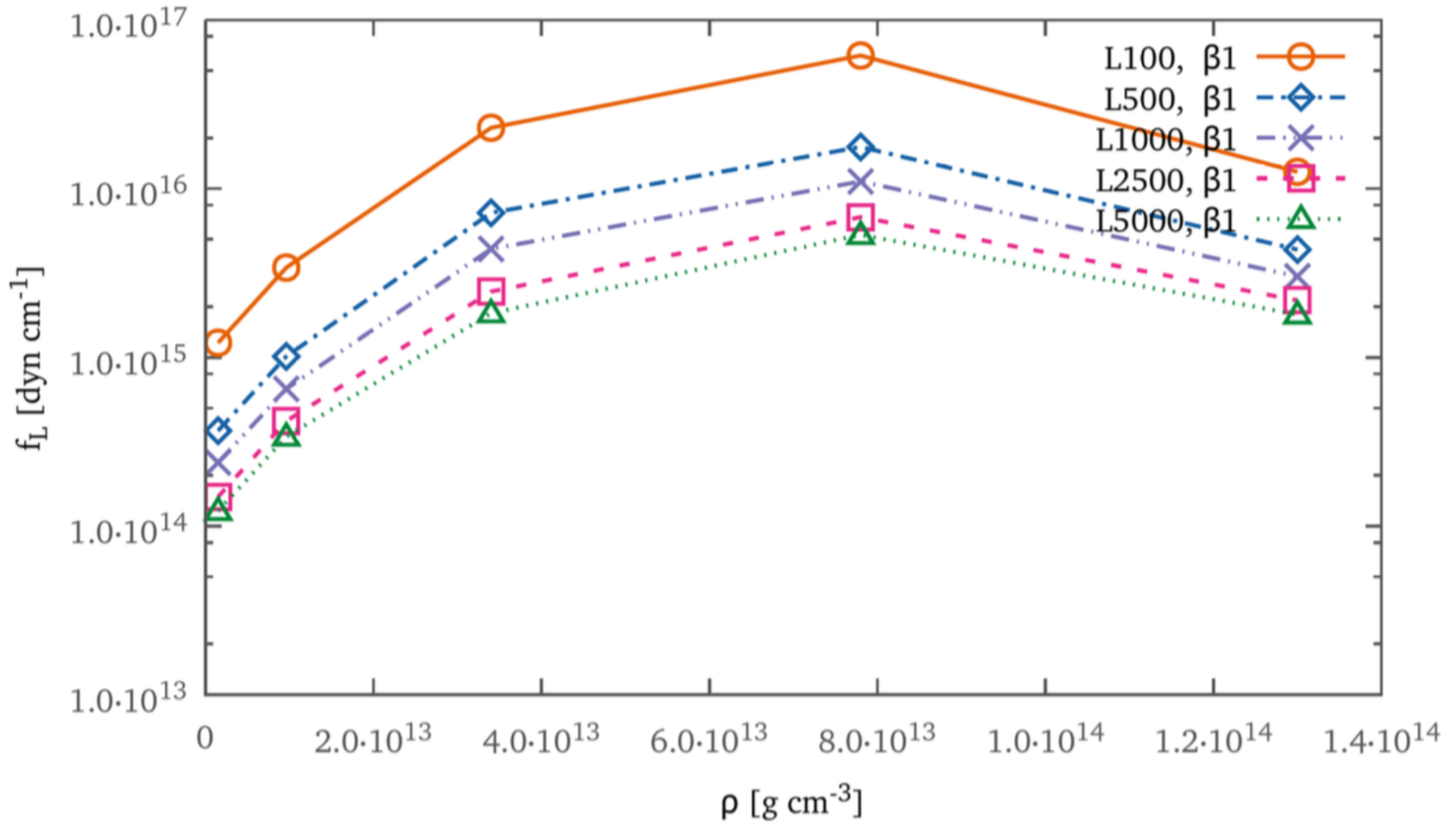


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# Angular Momentum



# Pinning Force



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Pizzochero P. M., 2011, *Astrophys. J. Lett.* 743, L20.

Seveso S., 2015, Ph.D. thesis, Università degli Studi di Mi

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Two forces act on each vortex line at a cylindrical radius  $x$ :

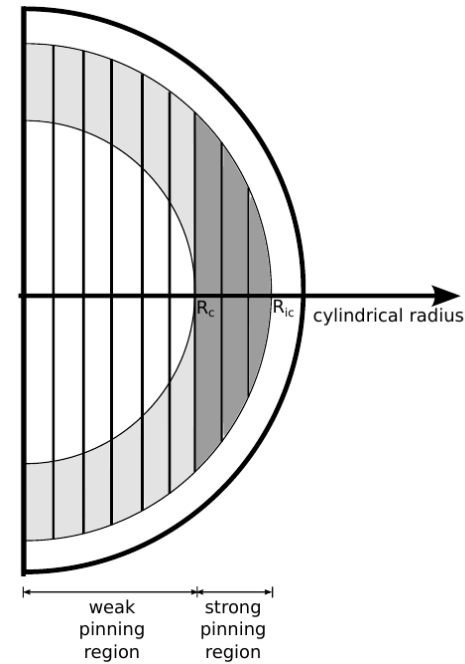
- **The Pinning Force** (only in the crust):
  - the vortex is **blocked** in a potential well

$$F_{pin}(x) = 2 \int_0^{z(x)} f_{pin}[\rho(r)] dz$$

- **The Magnus Force:**
  - the vortex line is forced to rotate along with the crust
  - $\neq$  angular velocity respect to the superfluid
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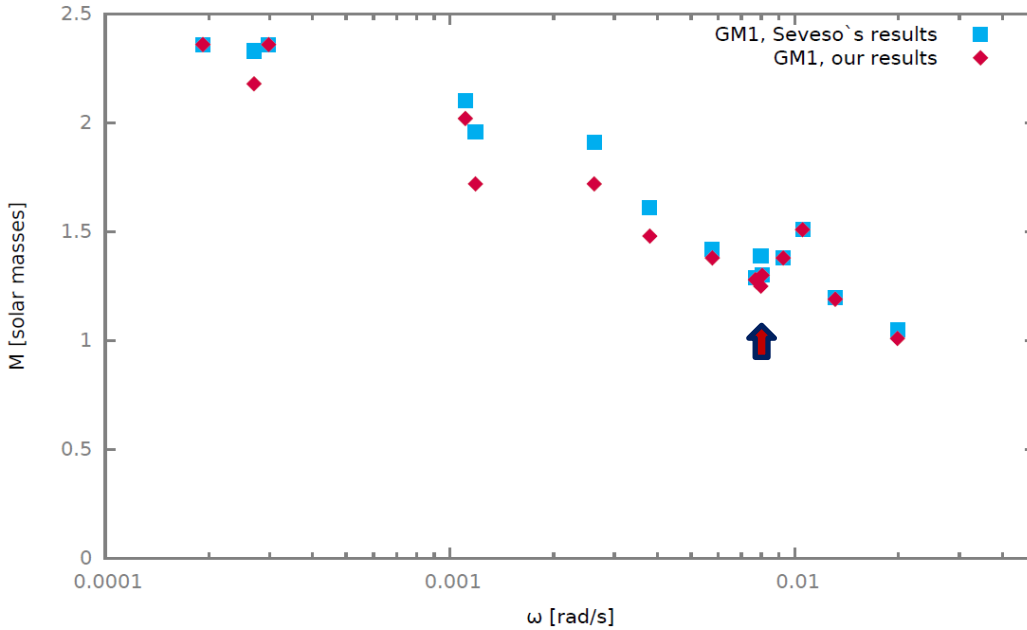
$$F_M(x) = 2 \kappa x (\Omega_v(x) - \Omega_p) \int_0^{z(x)} \frac{\rho_n(r)}{1 - \epsilon_n(r)} dz$$

- $\kappa = \frac{h}{2m_n}$ ;    -  $\Omega_v(x)$ : angular velocity of the superfluid component;
- $\Omega_p$ : angular velocity of the normal component;
- $\rho_n(r)$ : neutron superfluid density;
- $\epsilon_n(r)$ : entrainment parameter.



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# Confronto con i risultati di Seveso



← GM1 ,  $M_{\text{vela}} = 1.3 M_{\odot}$

Sly ,  $M_{\text{vela}} = 1.3 M_{\odot}$  →

