

First we write down the spin-down torque in component form

$$\mathbf{T}_s = \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{\omega_x}{2} (\cos(2\chi) + 1) + \frac{\omega_z}{2} \sin(2\chi) \\ -\omega_y \\ \frac{\omega_x}{2} \sin(2\chi) + \frac{\omega_z}{2} (\cos(2\chi) - 1) \end{pmatrix} \quad (0.0.1)$$

First we will assume that the wobble-angle is small, such that $\omega = \omega_z + \eta$ where $\eta \sim \omega_x, \omega_y$ and is small. Second, we assume that the magnetic dipole is close to the equator such that $\chi \approx \pi/2$. Expanding the trig. functions about this point we have

$$\sin(2\chi) \approx -2(\chi - \pi/2) + \mathcal{O}((\chi - \pi/2)^2) \quad (0.0.2)$$

$$\cos(2\chi) \approx -1 + \mathcal{O}((\chi - \pi/2)^2) \quad (0.0.3)$$

Under these assumptions, the spin-down torque is given by

$$\mathbf{T}_s = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ -\omega_z \end{pmatrix} + \mathcal{O}(\eta) + \mathcal{O}(\chi - \pi/2) \quad (0.0.4)$$

Considering the three coupled ODEs for the components of $\boldsymbol{\omega}$, unlike in the free-precession case where $\dot{\omega}_z = 0$, we now have:

$$\dot{\omega}_z = -\frac{2R}{3c} \epsilon_A \omega_z^3 \quad (0.0.5)$$

This has a physical solution (where $\omega_z > 0$) given by

$$\omega_z(t) = \left(\frac{4R}{3c} \epsilon_A t + C_0 \right)^{-1/2} \quad (0.0.6)$$

Solving for C using the initial condition

$$\omega_z(t) = \left(\frac{4R}{3c} \epsilon_A t + \frac{1}{\omega_z(0)^2} \right)^{-1/2} \quad (0.0.7)$$

Without the EM torque, the solution to Eulers rigid body equations are given by

$$\omega_x = C_2 \cos(\epsilon_I C_1 t) - C_3 \sin(\epsilon_I C_1 t) \quad (0.0.8)$$

$$\omega_y = C_3 \cos(\epsilon_I C_1 t) + C_2 \sin(\epsilon_I C_1 t) \quad (0.0.9)$$

$$\omega_z = C_1 \quad (0.0.10)$$

We fix the integration constants by specifying the initial conditions: as in the simulation results we begin with the spin vector $\boldsymbol{\omega}$ in the $x - z$ plane at an angle a_0 to the z axis such that $\omega_z(0) = \omega_0 \cos(a_0)$. Under the assumptions made above then we obtain a set of solutions for the spin-vector in the body frame:

$$\omega_x = \omega_0 \sin(a_0) \cos(\epsilon_I \omega_z t) \quad (0.0.11)$$

$$\omega_y = \omega_0 \sin(a_0) \sin(\epsilon_I \omega_z t) \quad (0.0.12)$$

$$\omega_z = \left(\frac{4R}{3c} \epsilon_A t + (\omega_0 \cos(a_0))^{-2} \right)^{-1/2} \quad (0.0.13)$$

0.0.1 Euler angles

Having obtained approximate solutions for the components of the spin-vector in the body frame we now need to use these to find approximate solutions for the Euler angles θ, ϕ, ψ . This can be done by solving the differential equations with these approximate solutions

$$\dot{\psi} = -\omega_z \epsilon_I \quad (0.0.14)$$

$$= -\epsilon_I \left(\frac{4R}{3c} \epsilon_A t + (\omega_0 \cos(a_0))^{-2} \right)^{-1/2} \quad (0.0.15)$$

Integrating and using the initial condition $\psi(t=0) = \pi/2$ we get

$$\psi(t) = \frac{-3\epsilon_I c}{2R\epsilon_A} \left(\frac{4R}{3c} \epsilon_A t + (\omega_0 \cos(a_0))^{-2} \right)^{1/2} + \frac{\pi}{2} + \frac{3\epsilon_I c}{2R\epsilon_A \omega_0 \cos(a_0)} \quad (0.0.16)$$

Writing this in terms of ω_z we have

$$\psi(t) = \frac{-3\epsilon_I c}{2R\epsilon_A} \left(\frac{1}{\omega_z} - \frac{1}{\omega_z(t=0)} \right) + \frac{\pi}{2} \quad (0.0.17)$$