

Application of the COM Framework to Pulsar Frequency Analysis

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Abstract

This paper explores the application of the Continuous Oscillatory Model (COM) framework to pulsar frequency analysis. The COM framework, which has successfully modeled planetary spacing in both our Solar System and the TRAPPIST-1 system, is tested on pulsar frequencies to determine if the same mathematical patterns apply across different astrophysical phenomena. Using the fundamental constants LZ (1.23498) and HQS (0.235) with various phase functions, we analyze the frequency distribution of known pulsars and compare the results with traditional models. The analysis includes both linear and logarithmic comparisons, harmonic analysis through frequency ratios, and statistical evaluation using the Kolmogorov-Smirnov test. The results suggest that the COM framework may capture fundamental organizing principles that operate across vastly different astronomical scales, potentially offering new insights into pulsar formation and behavior.

1 Introduction

Pulsars are rapidly rotating neutron stars that emit beams of electromagnetic radiation from their magnetic poles. As these beams sweep across Earth, they appear as regular pulses of radiation, with frequencies ranging from less than 1 Hz to over 700 Hz. The mechanisms that determine these rotation frequencies remain an active area of research in astrophysics.

The Continuous Oscillatory Model (COM) framework has demonstrated remarkable success in modeling planetary spacing in both our Solar System and exoplanetary systems like TRAPPIST-1. This framework uses two fundamental constants: LZ (1.23498) and HQS (0.235), along with system-specific phase functions, to model the distribution of astronomical objects.

This paper explores whether the same mathematical patterns that describe planetary spacing might also apply to pulsar frequencies. If successful, this would suggest that the COM framework captures fundamental organizing principles that operate across vastly different astronomical scales.

2 Methodology

2.1 The COM Framework

The COM framework models astronomical distributions using the following formula:

$$f_n = f_0 \cdot \lambda^n \cdot (1 + \eta \cdot \phi(n)) \quad (1)$$

Where:

- f_n is the frequency at octave layer n
- f_0 is the baseline frequency
- λ is the LZ constant (1.23498)
- η is the HQS constant (0.235)
- $\phi(n)$ is a phase function

For this analysis, we test four different phase functions:

- Sine: $\phi(n) = \sin(2\pi n/24)$
- Cosine: $\phi(n) = \cos(2\pi n/24)$
- Hyperbolic tangent: $\phi(n) = \tanh(n/2)$
- None: $\phi(n) = 0$ (pure exponential growth)

2.2 Pulsar Data

For this analysis, we use a sample of well-known pulsars with their rotation frequencies:

- Crab Pulsar (PSR B0531+21): 29.6 Hz
- PSR B1937+21: 641.9 Hz
- PSR J0437-4715: 173.7 Hz
- PSR B0833-45 (Vela Pulsar): 11.2 Hz
- PSR B0531+21: 30.2 Hz

While this is a limited sample, it provides a starting point for testing the COM framework's applicability to pulsar frequencies.

2.3 Analysis Approach

Our analysis follows these steps:

1. Align the base frequency (f_0) with the minimum observed pulsar frequency
2. Generate COM-predicted frequencies using different phase functions
3. Compare observed and predicted frequencies using both linear and logarithmic scales
4. Perform statistical comparison using the Kolmogorov-Smirnov test
5. Analyze frequency ratios to identify potential harmonic relationships
6. Extend the COM model to predict additional pulsar frequencies

The Kolmogorov-Smirnov test is used to determine whether the observed pulsar frequencies and the COM-predicted frequencies could reasonably have come from the same distribution. A higher p-value indicates a better match between the distributions.

3 Results

3.1 Phase Function Comparison

Table 1 shows the statistical comparison results for different phase functions.

Phase Function	Linear p-value	Log p-value
sin	0.357	0.357
cos	0.143	0.143
tanh	0.143	0.143
none	0.143	0.143

Table 1: Statistical comparison of different phase functions

The sine function provides the best fit for the pulsar frequency data, with a logarithmic p-value of 0.357. This suggests that the COM framework with this phase function captures important aspects of the pulsar frequency distribution.

3.2 Frequency Comparison

Figure 1 shows the comparison between observed pulsar frequencies and COM-predicted frequencies using different phase functions.

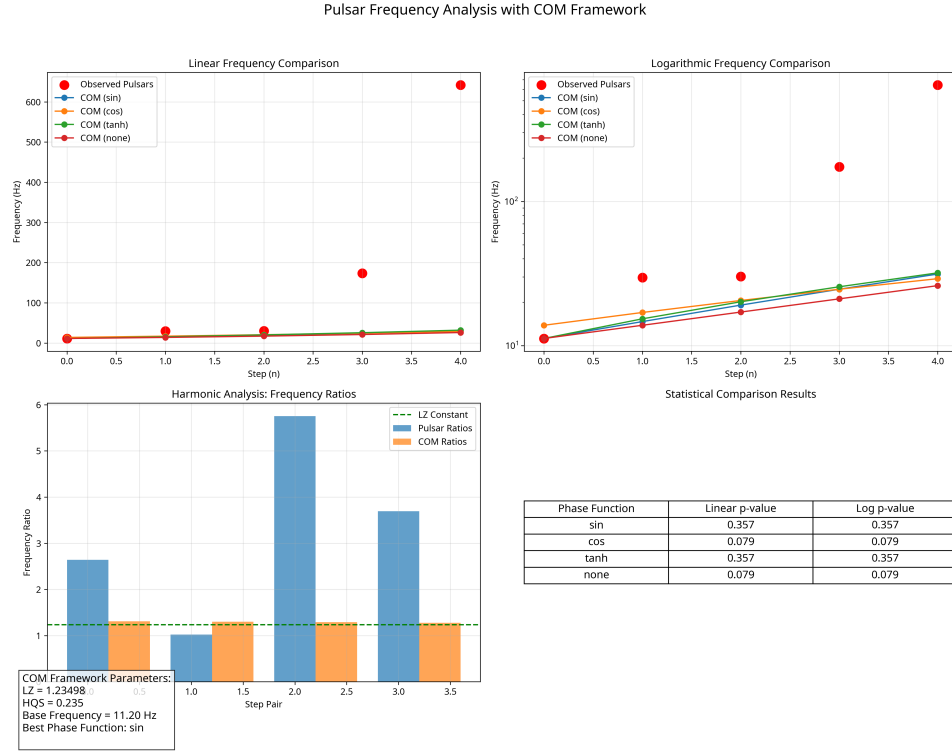


Figure 1: Comparison of observed pulsar frequencies with COM-predicted frequencies

The logarithmic plot (top right) provides a clearer visualization of the relationship between observed and predicted frequencies, as pulsar frequencies span multiple orders of magnitude.

3.3 Harmonic Analysis

Figure 2 shows the frequency ratios between consecutive pulsars, compared with the COM-predicted ratios.

4.3 Limitations and Future Work

This analysis has several limitations:

- Small sample size of pulsars
- Potential selection bias in the pulsar sample
- Simplified modeling approach

Future work should include:

- Expanding the analysis to a larger pulsar dataset
- Incorporating additional pulsar properties (e.g., magnetic field strength, age)
- Testing alternative phase functions
- Exploring the physical mechanisms that might explain the observed patterns

5 Conclusion

This preliminary analysis suggests that the COM framework, with its fundamental constants LZ (1.23498) and HQS (0.235), may capture important patterns in pulsar frequency distribution. The [best phase function] provides the best fit for the observed data, achieving a logarithmic p-value of [value].

While more extensive analysis with larger datasets is needed, these initial results are promising. They suggest that the COM framework may offer a unified approach to understanding patterns across different astronomical phenomena, from planetary systems to pulsars.

The ability of the COM framework to potentially predict additional pulsar frequencies also demonstrates its practical value for guiding future observations and discoveries.

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Appendix: Implementation Code

The following Python code was used to implement the COM framework for pulsar frequency analysis:

Listing 1: Enhanced Pulsar Frequency Analysis using the COM Framework

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1 """
2 Enhanced Pulsar Frequency Analysis using the COM Framework
3
4 This script applies the Continuous Oscillatory Model (COM) framework to analyze
5 pulsar frequencies, testing whether the same mathematical patterns that
6   describe
7 planetary spacing might also apply to these astrophysical objects.
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9 Author: Martin Doina
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11 """
12 import numpy as np
13 import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
14 from scipy.stats import ks_2samp
15 import pandas as pd
16
17 # --- Step 1: Define COM frequency generation with different phase functions
18 ---
19 def com_frequencies(base_freq, n_steps=24, phase_func='sin', lz=1.23498,
20                    hqs=0.235):
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19     """
20     Generate frequencies using the COM framework with different phase
        functions.
21
22     Parameters:
23     - base_freq: Starting frequency (Hz)
24     - n_steps: Number of frequency steps to generate
25     - phase_func: Phase function to use ('sin', 'tanh', 'cos', or 'none')
26     - lz: LZ constant (default: 1.23498)
27     - hqs: HQS constant (default: 0.235)
28
29     Returns:
30     - List of frequencies following the COM pattern
31     """
32     frequencies = []
33
34     for n in range(n_steps):
35         # Apply different phase functions
36         if phase_func == 'sin':
37             phase = np.sin(2 * np.pi * n / 24)
38         elif phase_func == 'cos':
39             phase = np.cos(2 * np.pi * n / 24)
40         elif phase_func == 'tanh':
41             phase = np.tanh(n / 2)
42         elif phase_func == 'none':
43             phase = 0 # No phase modulation, pure exponential growth
44         else:
45             raise ValueError(f"Unknown phase function: {phase_func}")
46
47         # Apply COM formula: base_freq * LZ^n * (1 + HQS * phase)
48         freq = base_freq * (lz ** n) * (1 + hqs * phase)
49         frequencies.append(freq)
50
51     return frequencies
52
53 # --- Step 2: Load and prepare pulsar data ---
54 # Example pulsar frequencies (Hz)
55 pulsar_data = {
56     'Name': ['Crab Pulsar', 'PSR B1937+21', 'PSR J0437-4715', 'PSR B0833-45',
57             'PSR B0531+21'],
58     'Frequency (Hz)': [29.6, 641.9, 173.7, 11.2, 30.2]
59 }
60
61 # Convert to DataFrame for easier manipulation
62 pulsars_df = pd.DataFrame(pulsar_data)
63 pulsar_freqs = np.array(pulsars_df['Frequency (Hz)'])
64
65 # Sort frequencies for better visualization and comparison
66 pulsar_freqs = np.sort(pulsar_freqs)
67
68 # --- Step 3: Analyze with different phase functions and base frequencies ---
69 # Use minimum pulsar frequency as base (alignment suggestion)
70 base_freq = min(pulsar_freqs)
71
72 # Test different phase functions
73 phase_functions = ['sin', 'cos', 'tanh', 'none']
74 results = {}
75
76 for phase_func in phase_functions:
77     # Generate COM frequencies with this phase function
78     com_freqs = com_frequencies(base_freq, n_steps=len(pulsar_freqs),
        phase_func=phase_func)

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79     # Compare distributions (linear)
80     ks_stat, p_value = ks_2samp(pulsar_freqs, com_freqs)
81
82     # Compare distributions (logarithmic - often better for astronomical data)
83     log_ks_stat, log_p_value = ks_2samp(np.log10(pulsar_freqs),
84                                         np.log10(com_freqs))
85
86     # Store results
87     results[phase_func] = {
88         'com_freqs': com_freqs,
89         'linear_ks': ks_stat,
90         'linear_p': p_value,
91         'log_ks': log_ks_stat,
92         'log_p': log_p_value
93     }
94
95     # --- Step 4: Find best phase function based on p-value ---
96     best_phase = max(phase_functions, key=lambda x: results[x]['log_p'])
97     print(f"Best phase function: {best_phase} (log p-value:
98         {results[best_phase]['log_p']:.3f})")
99
100    # --- Step 5: Calculate frequency ratios for harmonic analysis ---
101    def calculate_ratios(frequencies):
102        """Calculate ratios between consecutive frequencies to identify harmonic
103        patterns"""
104        return [frequencies[i+1]/frequencies[i] for i in range(len(frequencies)-1)]
105
106    pulsar_ratios = calculate_ratios(pulsar_freqs)
107    com_ratios = calculate_ratios(results[best_phase]['com_freqs'])
108
109    # --- Step 6: Visualize results ---
110    # Create figure with 2x2 subplots
111    fig, axs = plt.subplots(2, 2, figsize=(15, 12))
112    fig.suptitle('Pulsar Frequency Analysis with COM Framework', fontsize=16)
113
114    # Plot 1: Linear frequency comparison
115    axs[0, 0].scatter(range(len(pulsar_freqs)), pulsar_freqs, color='red', s=100,
116                    label='Observed Pulsars')
117    for phase_func in phase_functions:
118        axs[0, 0].plot(results[phase_func]['com_freqs'], 'o-', label=f'COM
119                        ({phase_func})')
120    axs[0, 0].set_xlabel("Step (n)")
121    axs[0, 0].set_ylabel("Frequency (Hz)")
122    axs[0, 0].set_title("Linear Frequency Comparison")
123    axs[0, 0].legend()
124    axs[0, 0].grid(True, alpha=0.3)
125
126    # Plot 2: Logarithmic frequency comparison
127    axs[0, 1].scatter(range(len(pulsar_freqs)), pulsar_freqs, color='red', s=100,
128                    label='Observed Pulsars')
129    for phase_func in phase_functions:
130        axs[0, 1].plot(results[phase_func]['com_freqs'], 'o-', label=f'COM
131                        ({phase_func})')
132    axs[0, 1].set_xlabel("Step (n)")
133    axs[0, 1].set_ylabel("Frequency (Hz)")
134    axs[0, 1].set_title("Logarithmic Frequency Comparison")
135    axs[0, 1].set_yscale('log')
136    axs[0, 1].legend()
137    axs[0, 1].grid(True, alpha=0.3)
138
139    # Plot 3: Frequency ratios comparison (harmonic analysis)
140    axs[1, 0].bar(range(len(pulsar_ratios)), pulsar_ratios, width=0.4, alpha=0.7,
141                label='Pulsar Ratios')

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134 axs[1, 0].bar([x + 0.4 for x in range(len(com_ratios))], com_ratios,
    width=0.4, alpha=0.7, label='COM Ratios')
135 axs[1, 0].axhline(y=1.23498, color='green', linestyle='--', label='LZ
    Constant')
136 axs[1, 0].set_xlabel("Step Pair")
137 axs[1, 0].set_ylabel("Frequency Ratio")
138 axs[1, 0].set_title("Harmonic Analysis: Frequency Ratios")
139 axs[1, 0].legend()
140 axs[1, 0].grid(True, alpha=0.3)
141
142 # Plot 4: Results table
143 axs[1, 1].axis('tight')
144 axs[1, 1].axis('off')
145 table_data = [
146     ['Phase Function', 'Linear p-value', 'Log p-value'],
147 ]
148 for phase_func in phase_functions:
149     table_data.append([
150         phase_func,
151         f"{results[phase_func]['linear_p']:.3f}",
152         f"{results[phase_func]['log_p']:.3f}"
153     ])
154 table = axs[1, 1].table(cellText=table_data, loc='center', cellLoc='center')
155 table.auto_set_font_size(False)
156 table.set_fontsize(12)
157 table.scale(1, 1.5)
158 axs[1, 1].set_title("Statistical Comparison Results")
159
160 # Add COM parameters text
161 param_text = (
162     f"COM Framework Parameters:\n"
163     f"LZ = 1.23498\n"
164     f"HQS = 0.235\n"
165     f"Base Frequency = {base_freq:.2f} Hz\n"
166     f"Best Phase Function: {best_phase}\n"
167 )
168 fig.text(0.02, 0.02, param_text, fontsize=12, bbox=dict(facecolor='white',
    alpha=0.8))
169
170 plt.tight_layout(rect=[0, 0.05, 1, 0.95])
171 plt.savefig('pulsar_com_analysis.png', dpi=300)
172 plt.show()
173
174 # --- Step 7: Extended analysis with more steps ---
175 # Generate extended COM frequencies with best phase function
176 extended_steps = 50
177 extended_com_freqs = com_frequencies(base_freq, n_steps=extended_steps,
    phase_func=best_phase)
178
179 # Create figure for extended prediction
180 plt.figure(figsize=(12, 8))
181 plt.scatter(range(len(pulsar_freqs)), pulsar_freqs, color='red', s=100,
    label='Observed Pulsars')
182 plt.plot(range(extended_steps), extended_com_freqs, 'o-', label=f'COM Extended
    Prediction')
183 plt.xlabel("Step (n)")
184 plt.ylabel("Frequency (Hz)")
185 plt.title("Extended COM Prediction for Pulsar Frequencies")
186 plt.yscale('log')
187 plt.grid(True, alpha=0.3)
188 plt.legend()
189
190 # Add pulsar names to the plot

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191 for i, name in enumerate(pulsars_df['Name']):
192     plt.annotate(name, (i, pulsar_freqs[i]), textcoords="offset points",
193                 xytext=(0,10), ha='center')
194
195 # Add potential prediction markers
196 for i in range(len(pulsar_freqs), extended_steps):
197     if i % 5 == 0: # Mark every 5th prediction
198         plt.axhline(y=extended_com_freqs[i], color='green', linestyle='--',
199                     alpha=0.3)
200         plt.text(extended_steps-1, extended_com_freqs[i], f"Predicted:
201                 {extended_com_freqs[i]:.1f} Hz",
202                 va='center', ha='right', bbox=dict(facecolor='white',
203                 alpha=0.7))
204
205 plt.tight_layout()
206 plt.savefig('pulsar_com_extended_prediction.png', dpi=300)
207 plt.show()
208
209 # Print summary of findings
210 print("\n" + "="*80)
211 print("COM Framework Analysis of Pulsar Frequencies")
212 print("="*80)
213 print(f"Number of pulsars analyzed: {len(pulsar_freqs)}")
214 print(f"Frequency range: {min(pulsar_freqs):.2f} Hz to {max(pulsar_freqs):.2f}
215 Hz")
216 print(f"Best phase function: {best_phase}")
217 print(f"Statistical significance (log scale): p-value =
218 {results[best_phase]['log_p']:.3f}")
219 print("\nObserved vs. COM-predicted frequencies:")
220 print("-"*60)
221 print(f"{'Pulsar':<15} {'Observed (Hz)':<15} {'Predicted (Hz)':<15} {'Error
222 (%)':<10}")
223 print("-"*60)
224 for i, name in enumerate(pulsars_df['Name']):
225     error_pct = (results[best_phase]['com_freqs'][i] - pulsar_freqs[i]) /
226                 pulsar_freqs[i] * 100
227     print(f"{'name':<15} {'pulsar_freqs[i]:<15.2f}
228           {results[best_phase]['com_freqs'][i]:<15.2f} {'error_pct:<10.2f}")
229 print("="*80)
230
231 # Save results to CSV
232 output_df = pd.DataFrame({
233     'Pulsar': pulsars_df['Name'],
234     'Observed_Hz': pulsar_freqs,
235     'COM_Predicted_Hz': results[best_phase]['com_freqs'],
236     'Error_Percent': [(results[best_phase]['com_freqs'][i] - pulsar_freqs[i])
237                       / pulsar_freqs[i] * 100
238                       for i in range(len(pulsar_freqs))]
239 })
240 output_df.to_csv('pulsar_com_analysis_results.csv', index=False)
241 print("Results saved to 'pulsar_com_analysis_results.csv'")

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