Saturation of the f-mode instability

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Outline

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Assuming $\boldsymbol{\xi}(\boldsymbol{r}, t) = \boldsymbol{\xi}(\boldsymbol{r}) e^{i\omega t}$:

$$\boxed{-\omega^2 \boldsymbol{\xi} + i\omega \boldsymbol{\mathcal{B}}(\boldsymbol{\xi}) + \boldsymbol{\mathcal{C}}(\boldsymbol{\xi}) = \boldsymbol{0}}$$

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boundary conditions

$\Downarrow$

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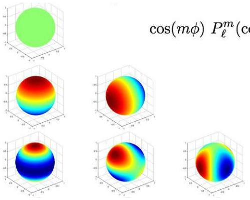

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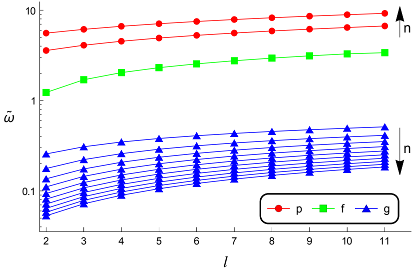

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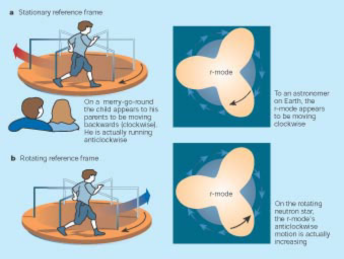

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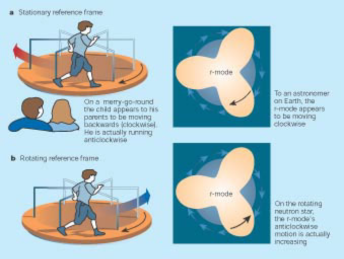

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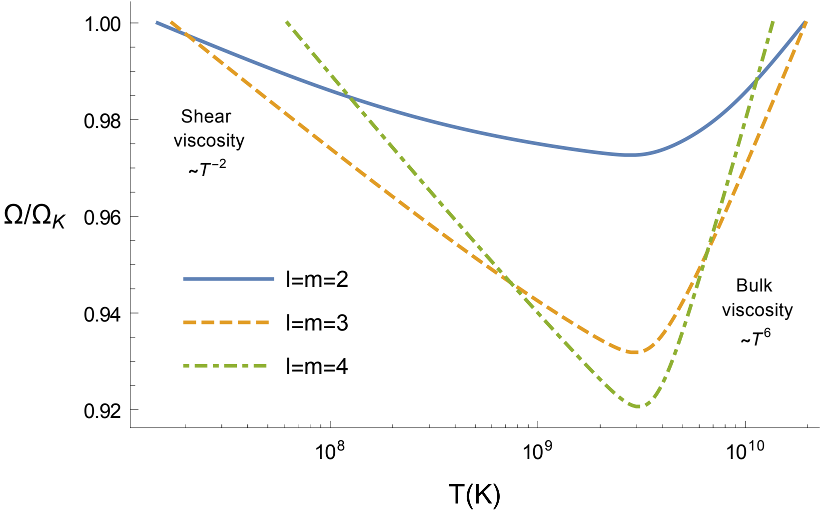

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  The system exhibits *internal resonances*

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- Growth/damping rates $\gamma_i = \dfrac{1}{2E_i}\dfrac{\mathrm{d}E_i}{\mathrm{d}t} \gtrless 0$

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Detuning $\Delta\omega$
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Growth/damping rates γ_i

- *Parent mode:* unstable f-mode ($\gamma_\alpha > 0$)
- *Daughter modes:* other (stable) polar modes ($\gamma_{\beta,\gamma} < 0$)

Parametric resonance instability

- Parent feeds daughters and makes them grow
- *Parametric instability threshold:* daughters grow when

$$|Q_\alpha|^2 > |Q_{\rm PIT}|^2 \equiv \frac{\gamma_\beta\gamma_\gamma}{\omega_\beta\omega_\gamma\mathcal{H}^2}\left[1 + \left(\frac{\Delta\omega}{\gamma_\beta + \gamma_\gamma}\right)^2\right]$$

- *Saturation amplitude:* parent saturates at

$$|Q_{\rm sat}|^2 \equiv \frac{\gamma_\beta\gamma_\gamma}{\omega_\beta\omega_\gamma\mathcal{H}^2}\left[1 + \left(\frac{\Delta\omega}{\gamma_\alpha + \gamma_\beta + \gamma_\gamma}\right)^2\right] \approx |Q_{\rm PIT}|^2$$

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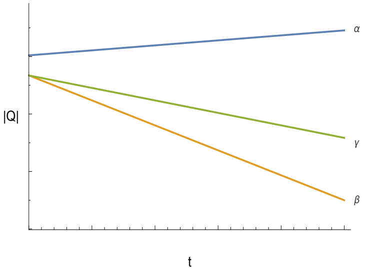
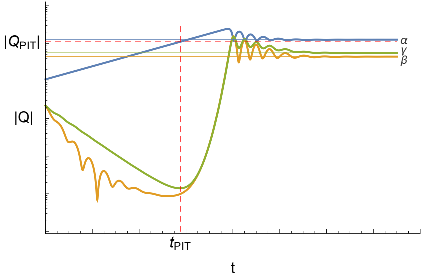


$\mathcal{H} \neq 0$ and $\Delta\omega \approx 0$



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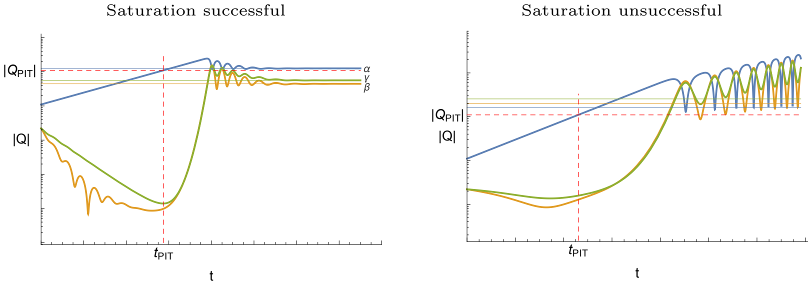
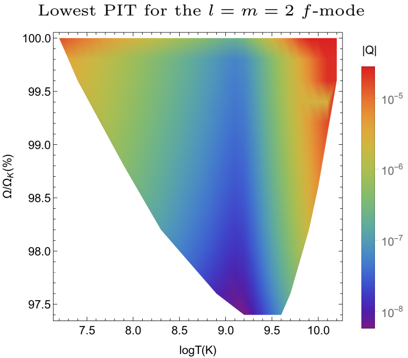
- Saturation successful if:

$$|\gamma_\beta + \gamma_\gamma| \gtrsim \gamma_\alpha \quad \text{and} \quad \Delta\omega \gtrsim |\gamma_\alpha + \gamma_\beta + \gamma_\gamma|$$



Results and remarks



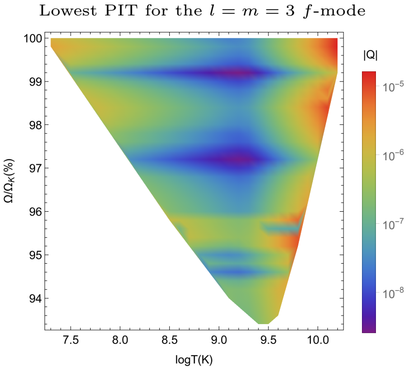


Figure: Model: $M = 1.4\,M_\odot$, $R = 10\,\text{km}$, $p \propto \rho^3$, $\Gamma_1 = 3.1$

- Neutron star *equation of state* probing: GW asteroseismology
- Post-merger remnants: high angular velocities, large growth rates
- Competing mechanisms: r-mode instability, magnetic field
- r-mode saturation amplitude $\sim 10^{-6} - 10^{-5}$ [Brink et al., 2004]