

# Fast Rotating Neutron Stars: Spectra and Stability without Approximation

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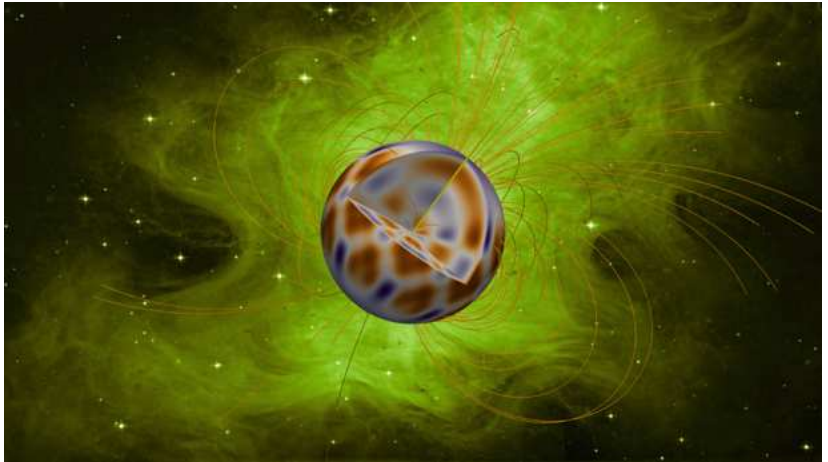
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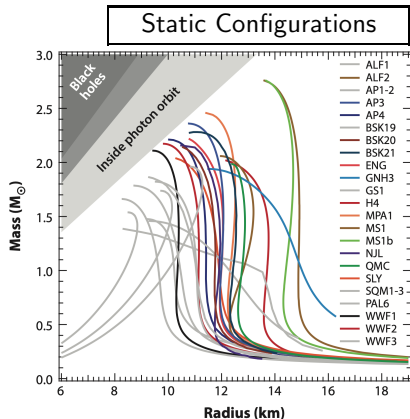


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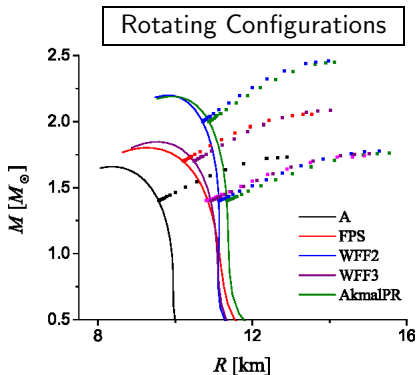
# Neutron Stars & their Oscillations



# Gravitational Wave Asteroseismology

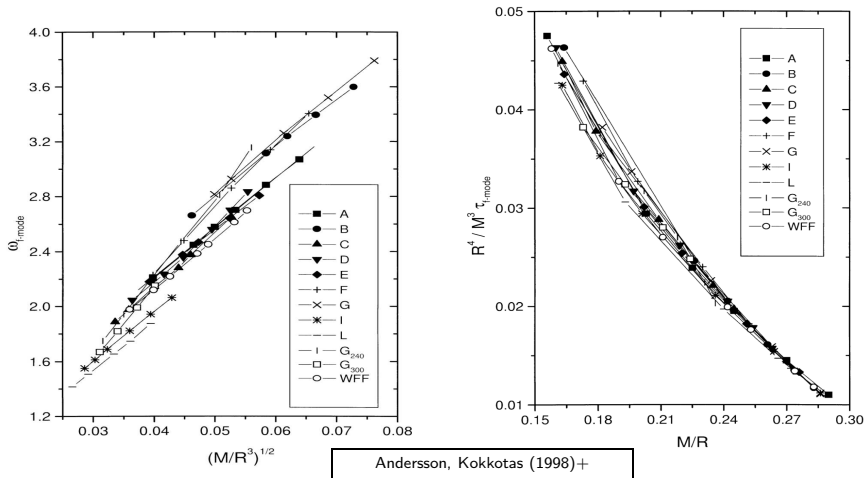


Özel, Freire (2016)



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## Universal relations for $f$ -mode frequency and damping time



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# CFS-Instability of the $f$ -mode

- fundamental acoustic mode, present even in uniform density stars.
- Frequency of 1.2 – 3 kHz for  $l = 2$ .
- Becomes CFS-unstable for  $\beta = T/W \gtrsim 0.14$  in Newtonian theory.
- In GR, the  $l = m = 2$  mode becomes unstable already at  $\beta \gtrsim 0.06 - 0.08$ .

→ GR enhances CFS-instability!

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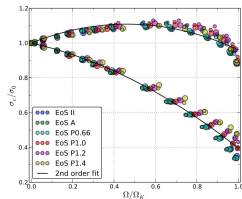
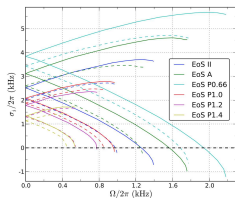
## Previous Studies - Fast Rotation

- Equilibrium Configurations of fast rotating NSs: Bonazzola (1974), Komatsu-Eriguchi-Hachisu (1988), Cook-Shapiro-Stergioulas-Friedman (1995)
- Onset of CFS-instability: Stergioulas-Friedman (1995)
- Oscillations of fast rotating NS (**Cowling**): Gaertig-Kokkotas (2008)



# $f$ -mode in the Cowling Approximation

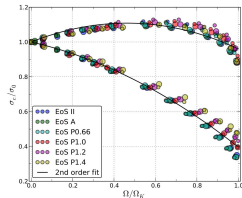
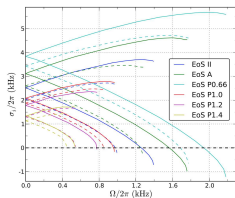
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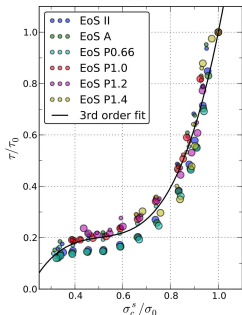
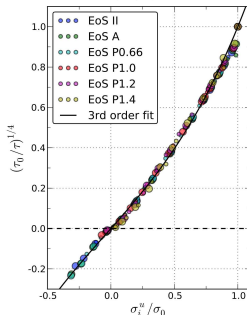
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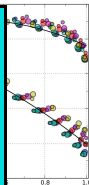
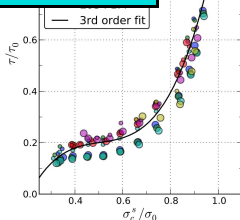
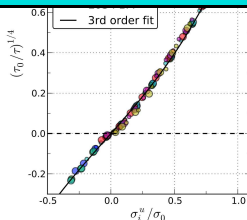
$$\frac{\sigma_c^s}{\sigma_0} = 1 - 0.235 \left( \frac{\Omega}{\Omega_K} \right) - 0.358 \left( \frac{\Omega}{\Omega_K} \right)^2$$

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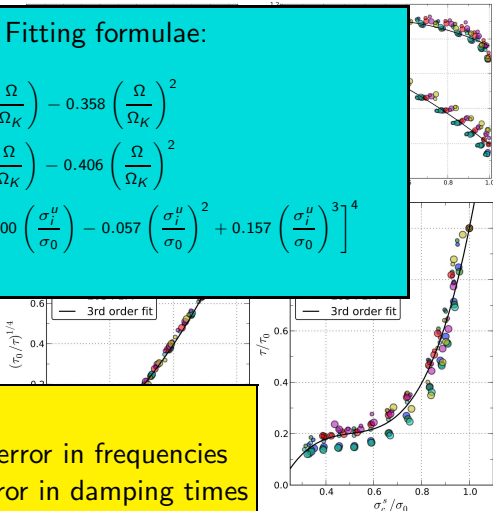
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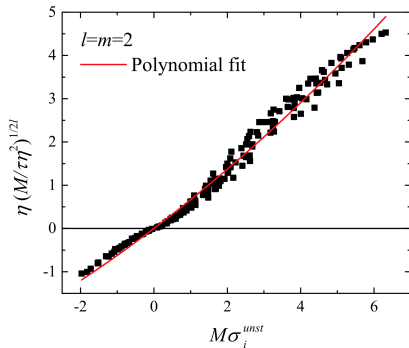
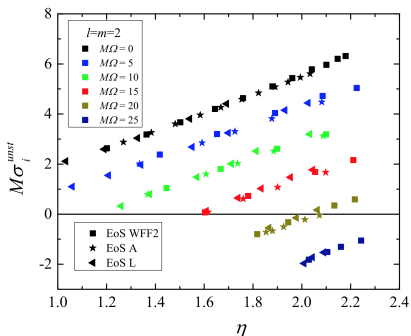
Issue:

20-40% error in frequencies

300% error in damping times



# $f$ -mode in the Cowling Approximation



$$M\sigma_i^u = \left(-1.76 - 0.143\hat{\Omega} - 0.0067\hat{\Omega}^2\right) + \left(3.64 - 0.0436\hat{\Omega} + 0.0020\hat{\Omega}^2\right)\eta$$

Independent of particular sequences of stars!

$$\eta \sim \sqrt{M^3/I}$$

Doneva, Kokkotas (2015)

## Equations for Equilibrium Configurations

- Einstein equations

$$G_{\mu\nu} = 8\pi T_{\mu\nu}, \quad \nabla_{\mu} T^{\mu\nu} = 0$$

- Neutron star modelled as perfect fluid

$$T^{\mu\nu} = (\epsilon + p)u^{\mu}u^{\nu} + pg^{\mu\nu}$$

- Metric describing a rotating star can be written as

$$ds^2 = -e^{2\nu} dt^2 + e^{2\psi} r^2 \sin^2 \theta (d\phi - \omega dt)^2 + e^{2\mu} (dr^2 + r^2 d\theta^2)$$

- Use the rns-code to solve these equations and construct equilibrium models.

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 &\quad - \left[ 2\psi_r \nu_r - \kappa + \frac{2\nu_r}{r} \right] \mathcal{H} - \left[ 2\nu_r \psi_r - 2\psi_r^2 - \kappa + \frac{2}{r} \nu_r - \frac{4}{r} \psi_r - \frac{2}{r^2} \right] \mathcal{K} \\
 &\quad - \left[ 2\psi_r^2 + \kappa + \frac{4}{r} \psi_r + \frac{2 \cot^2 \theta}{r^2} + \frac{2}{r^2} \right] \mathcal{P} + \left[ \nu_r + \psi_r + \frac{2}{r} \right] \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \mathcal{P} + \frac{\cot \theta}{r^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \mathcal{P} \\
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 &\quad - \frac{4 \cot \theta}{r^2} (\psi_r r + 1) \mathcal{P} - \left[ \nu_r^2 + 5\psi_r^2 - 2\nu_r \psi_r + 2\kappa + \frac{10\psi_r - 2\nu_r}{r} + \frac{5 + \cot \theta}{r^2} \right] \mathcal{Q} + \frac{2\nu_r}{e^{2\nu}} \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \mathcal{M} \\
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Krüger, Kokkotas (2019)

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These are for **non-rotating** configurations only!

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- + rotational corrections
- + azimuthal dependence
- + 8 more equations for spacetime
- + 4 fluid equations

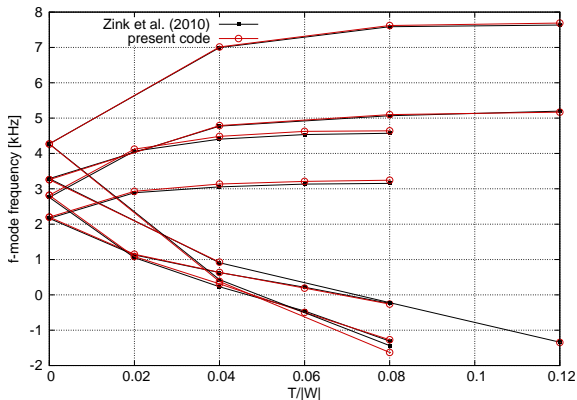
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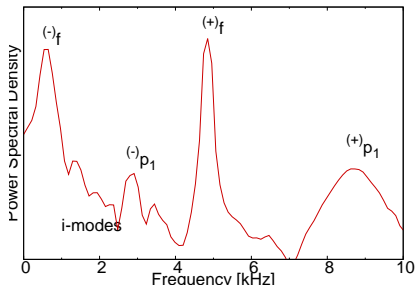
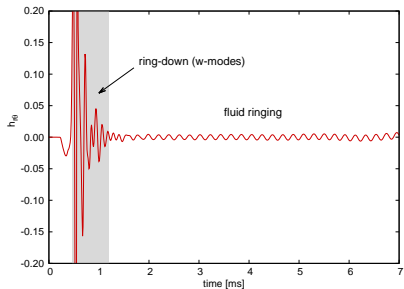
## Comparison with Published Values



Excellent agreement with values from non-linear codes.

Compared to: Zink et al. (2010), Stavropoulos (2017)

# Characteristic example



EoS SLy

$M = 2.02 M_{\odot}$

$\epsilon_c = 1.2e15 \text{ g/cm}^3$

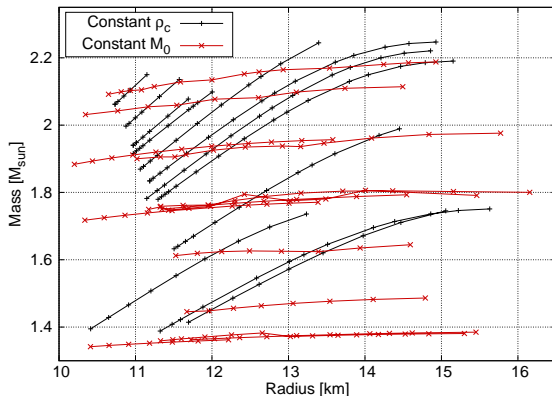
$\Omega = 1.3 \text{ kHz}$

$r_e/r_p = 0.56$

$\Omega/\Omega_K = 0.98$

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# Overview of Equilibrium Models



APR

3 - 39 fixed  $M_0$

6 - 58 fixed  $\epsilon_c$

SLy

7 - 65 fixed  $M_0$

5 - 63 fixed  $\epsilon_c$

WFF1

3 - 28 fixed  $M_0$

1 - 9 fixed  $\epsilon_c$

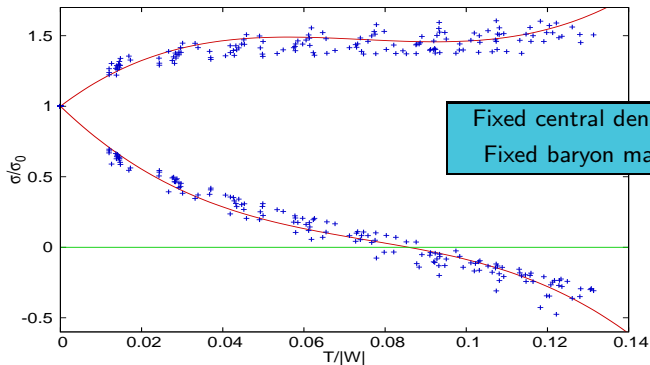
Polytropes

5 - 52 fixed  $\epsilon_c$

- Considered more than 300 equilibrium configurations.

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# Fitting formulae – $\sigma/\sigma_0$ vs. $T/W$

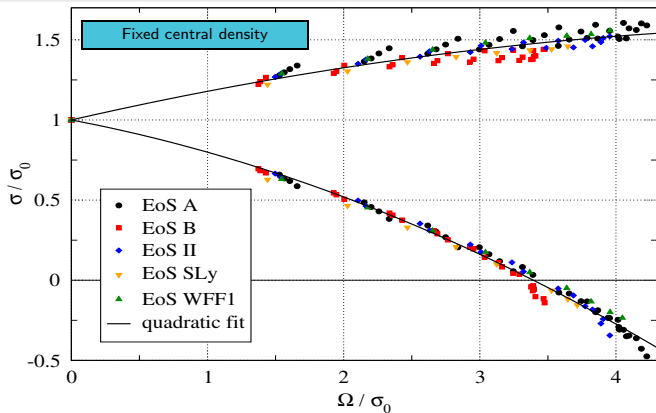


$$\frac{\sigma^u}{\sigma_0} = 1 - 27.8 \left( \frac{T}{|W|} \right) + 302 \left( \frac{T}{|W|} \right)^2 - 1320 \left( \frac{T}{|W|} \right)^3$$
$$\frac{\sigma^s}{\sigma_0} = 1 + 21.9 \left( \frac{T}{|W|} \right) - 314 \left( \frac{T}{|W|} \right)^2 + 1410 \left( \frac{T}{|W|} \right)^3$$

$f$ -mode becomes CFS-unstable  
when  $T/|W| \gtrsim 0.08$ .

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# Fitting formulae – $\sigma/\sigma_0$ vs. $\Omega/\sigma_0$



$$\frac{\sigma^u}{\sigma_0} = 1 - 0.162 \left( \frac{\Omega}{\sigma_0} \right) - 0.039 \left( \frac{\Omega}{\sigma_0} \right)^2$$

$$\frac{\sigma^s}{\sigma_0} = 1 + 0.195 \left( \frac{\Omega}{\sigma_0} \right) - 0.016 \left( \frac{\Omega}{\sigma_0} \right)^2$$

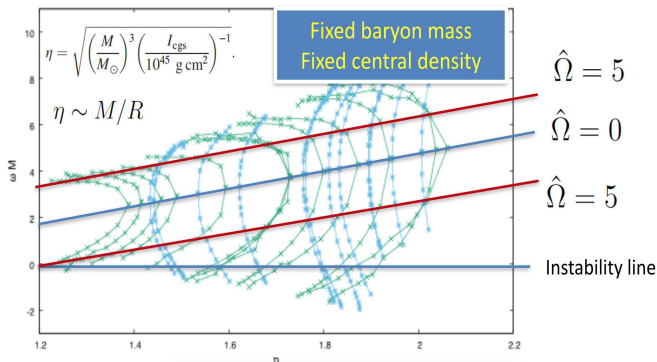
$f$ -mode becomes CFS-unstable when

$$\Omega \gtrsim 3.4\sigma_0.$$

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# Fitting formulae – $M\sigma$ vs. $\hat{\Omega}$ vs $\eta$



$$M\sigma_i^u = \left(-2.10 - 0.199\hat{\Omega} - 8.51 \cdot 10^{-3}\hat{\Omega}^2\right) + \left(3.40 + 2.2 \cdot 10^{-3}\hat{\Omega}^2\right) \eta \quad \hat{\Omega} = M\Omega$$

$$M\sigma_i^u = \left(-2.10 + 0.235\hat{\Omega} - 2.26 \cdot 10^{-3}\hat{\Omega}^2\right) + \left(3.40 + 10.9 \cdot 10^{-3}\hat{\Omega}^2\right) \eta$$

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Non-rotating case: Tsui, Leung (2005)

Cowling case: Doneva, Kokkotas (2015)

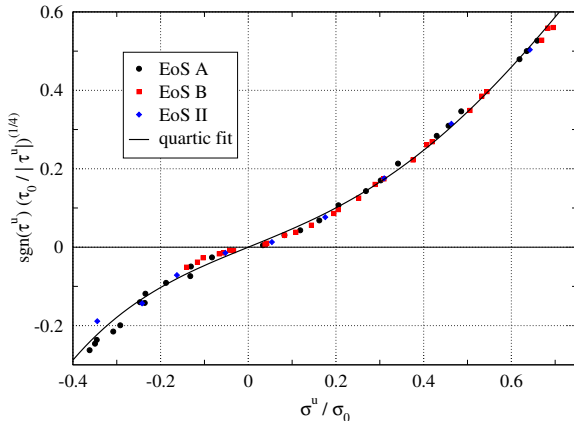
## Damping time of the $f$ -mode

- Difficult to determine from the simulation
- Approximate using quadrupole formula:

$$\tau_{\text{GW}} = - \frac{2E_{\text{kin}}}{\langle dE/dt \rangle_{\text{GW}}}$$

- Competes with bulk and shear viscosity

## Damping time of the $f$ -mode



Very similar relations in Cowling approximation  
Error now reduced from 300% in Cowling to 5-15%

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## Relevant Astrophysical Scenarios

- Collapse scenarios: excitation of  $f$ - and  $g$ -modes.
- Tidal effects during inspiral phase of binary mergers:
  - Love numbers (and  $f$ -Love-relations)
  - Impact on phase from  $f$ -mode resonance
- Early Post-Merger Phase
  - Useful for asteroseismology and constraining EoS
  - Need to implement differential rotation
  - Detection expected towards end of next decade
- Late Post-Merger Phase
  - GW emission depends on the dipole component of the B-field
  - $f$ -mode instability

# Thank you

# Violation of the Hilbert Gauge

