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Multiple eigenvalues and singularities
in MHD:

Oscillatory dynamo
and helical magnetorotational instability

1. Outline

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Operator matrix, fundamental symmetry

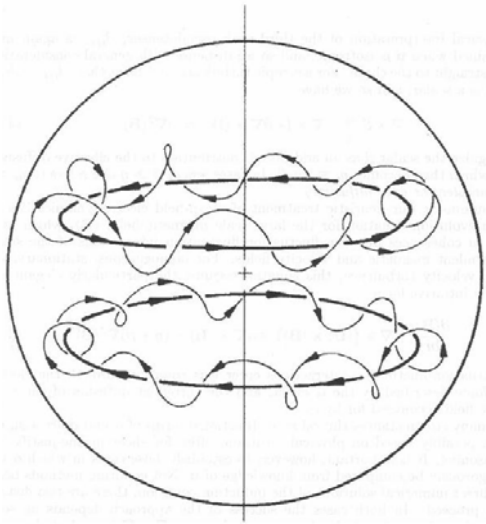
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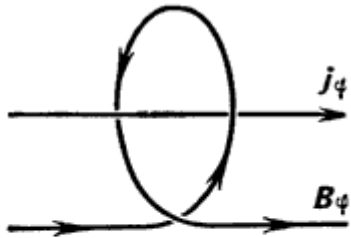
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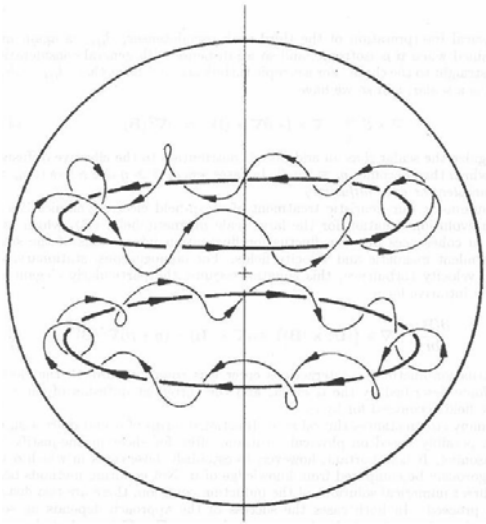
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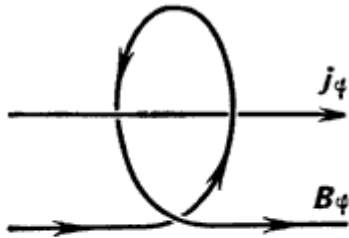
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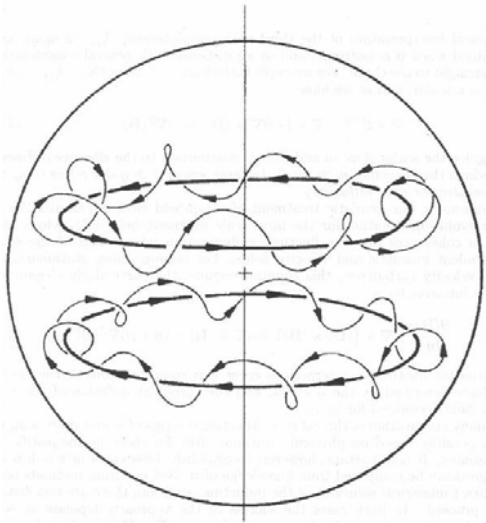
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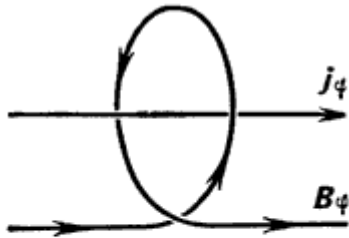
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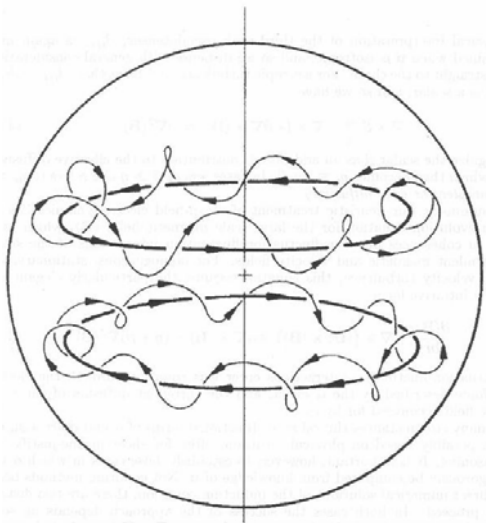
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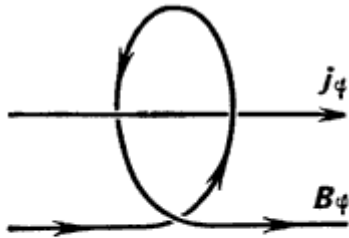
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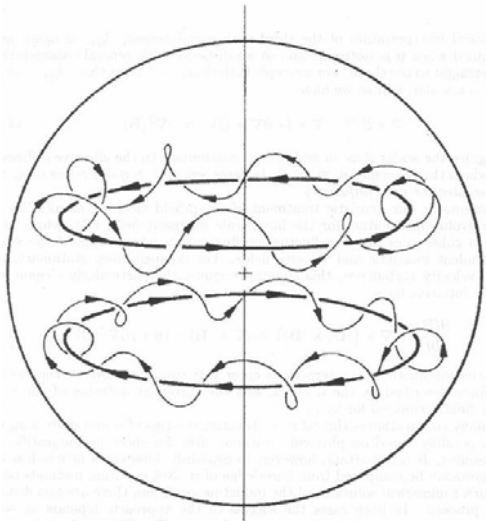
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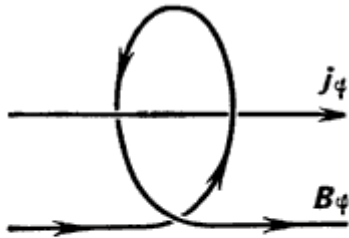
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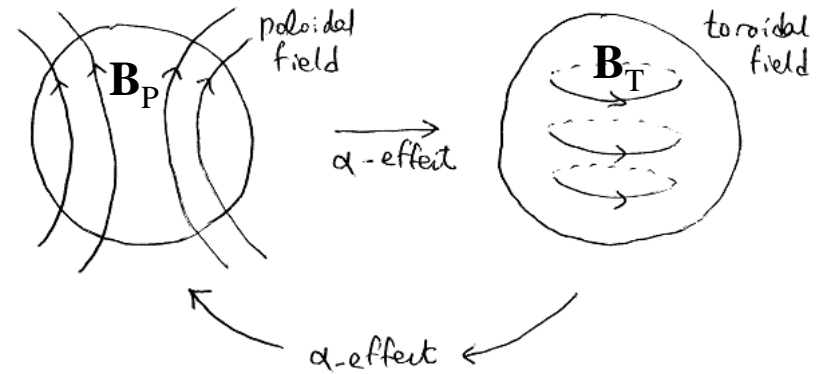
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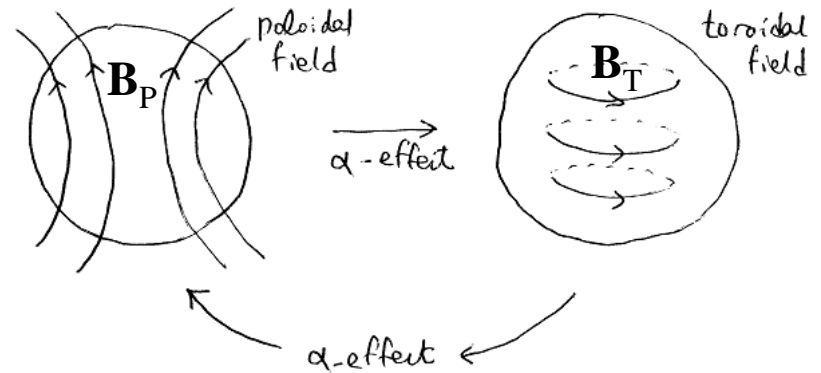
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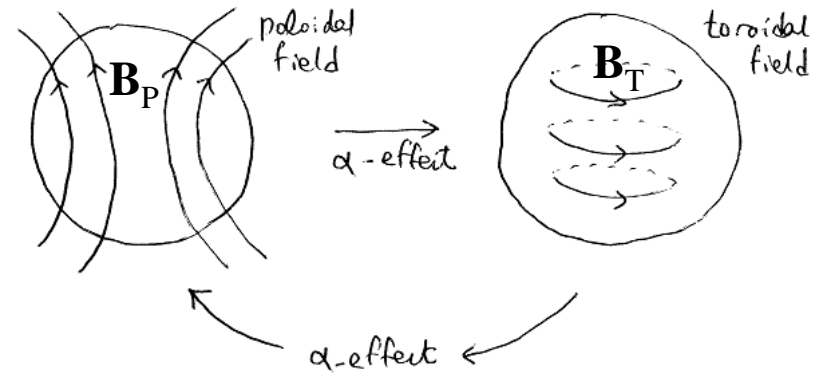
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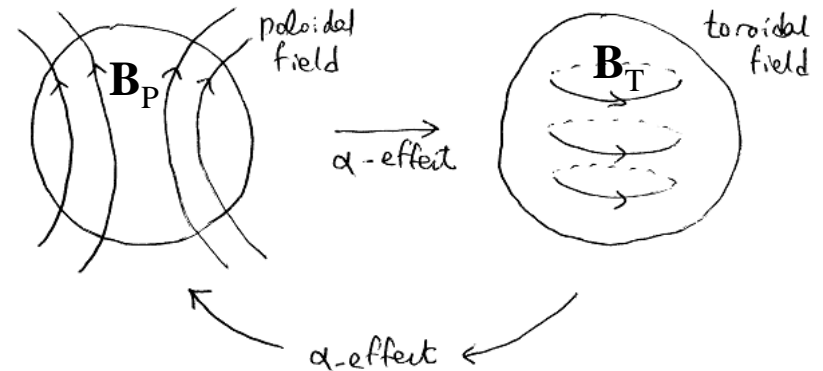
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Radial α -coupled equations for a spherical harmonic of degree l

$$\Delta_l F_1^{(l,m,n)} + \alpha F_2^{(l,m,n)} = \lambda_{l,n} F_1^{(l,m,n)}$$

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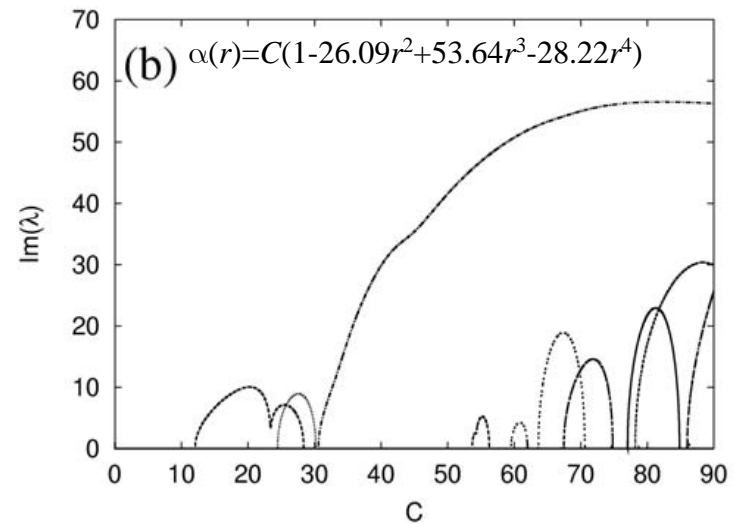
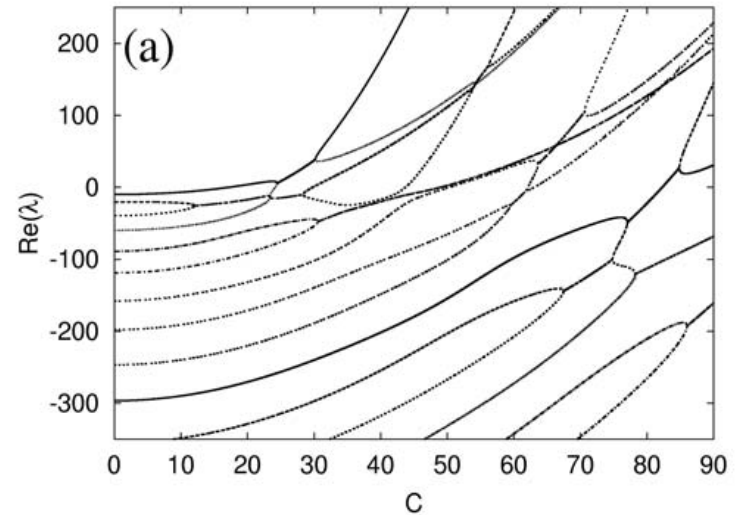
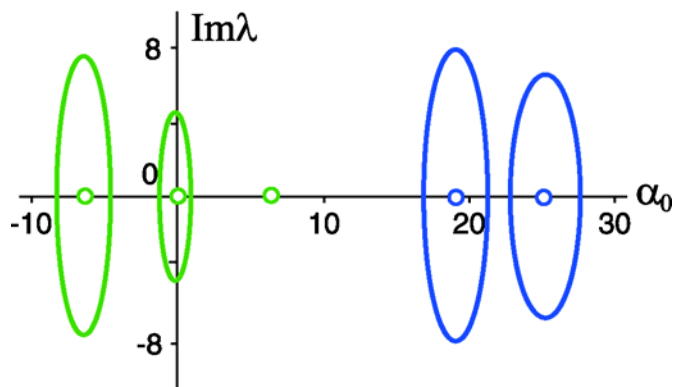
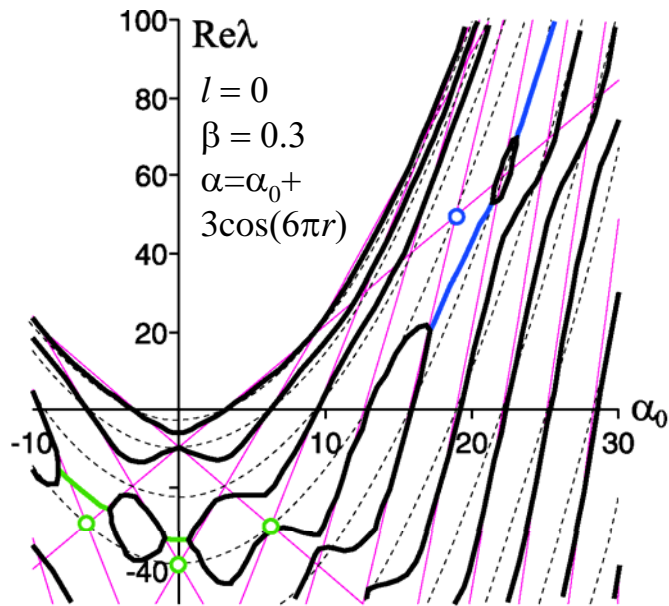
Boundary eigenvalue problem

$$A_\alpha u = \lambda u, \quad D(A_\alpha) = \left\{ u \in \tilde{H} = L_2(0,1) \oplus L_2(0,1) \mid u(0) = 0, Bu|_{r=1} = 0 \right\}$$

with (indices (l,m,n) omitted) $u = \begin{pmatrix} F_1 \\ F_2 \end{pmatrix}$, $B = \begin{pmatrix} \beta\partial_r + \beta l + 1 - \beta & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$, $0 \leq \beta \leq 1$

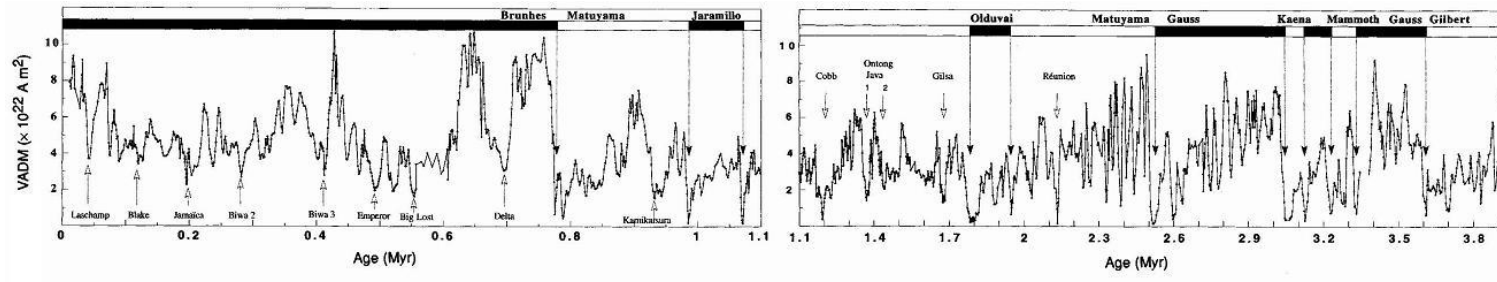
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Typical spectra (eigencurves)



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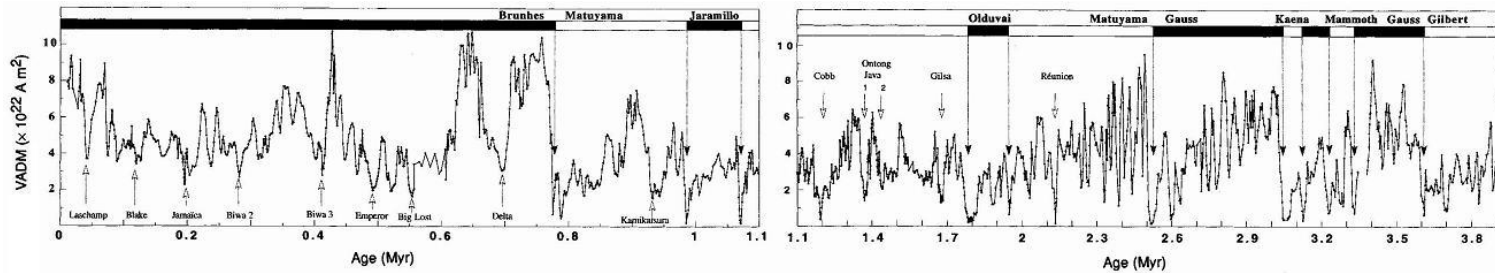
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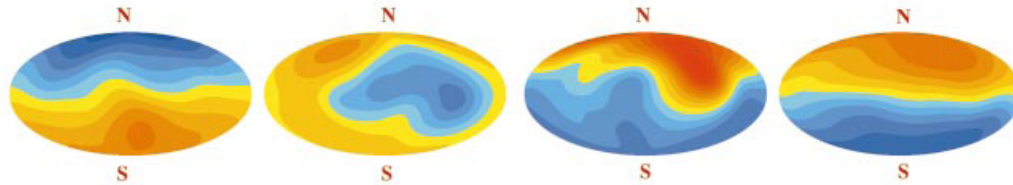
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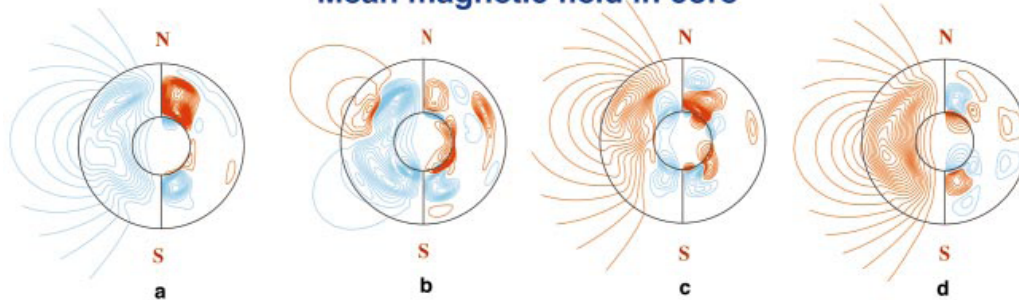


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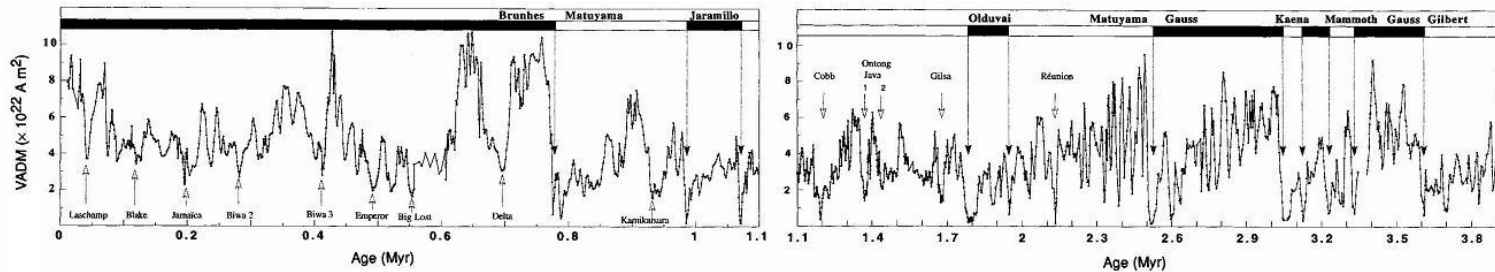


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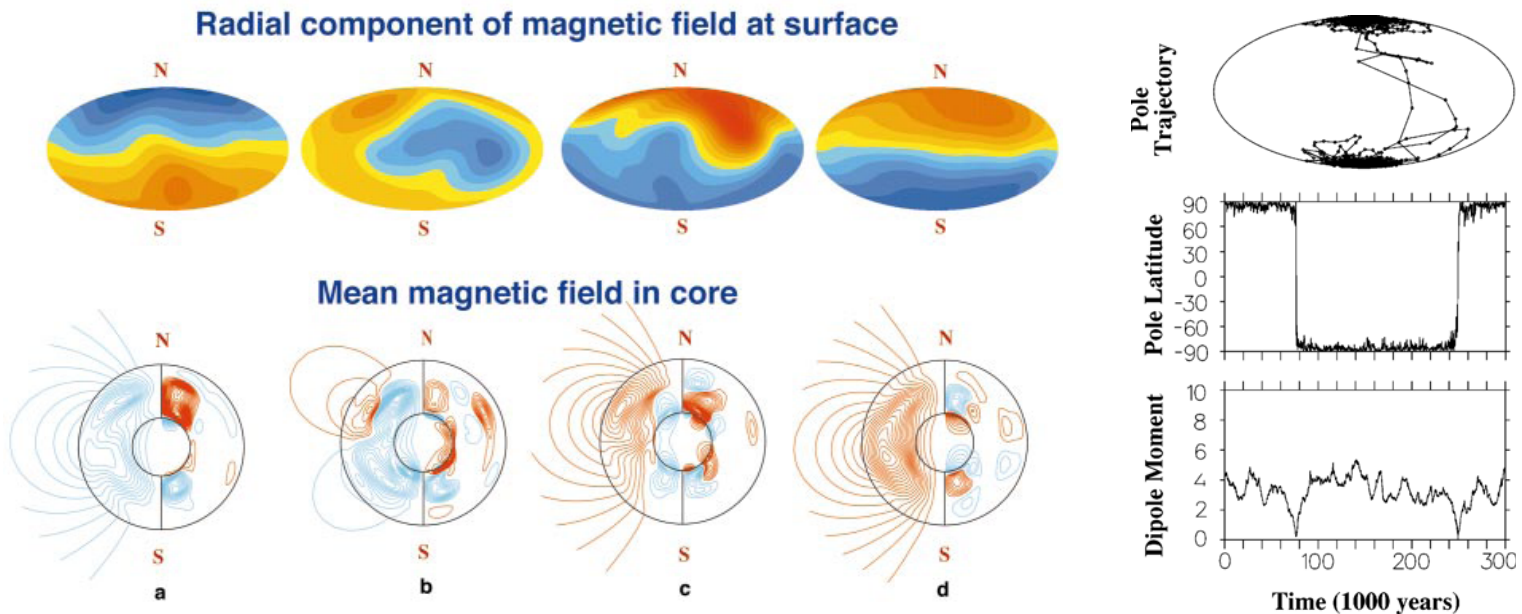


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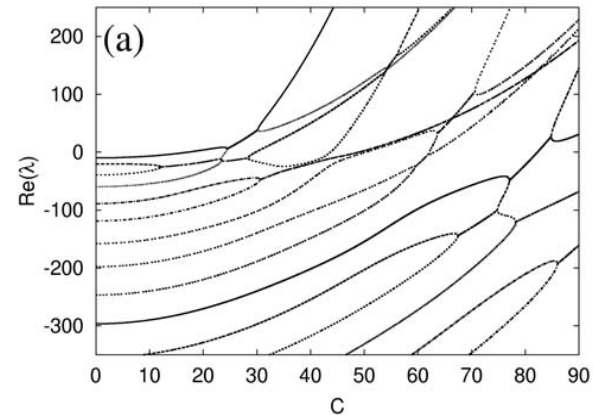
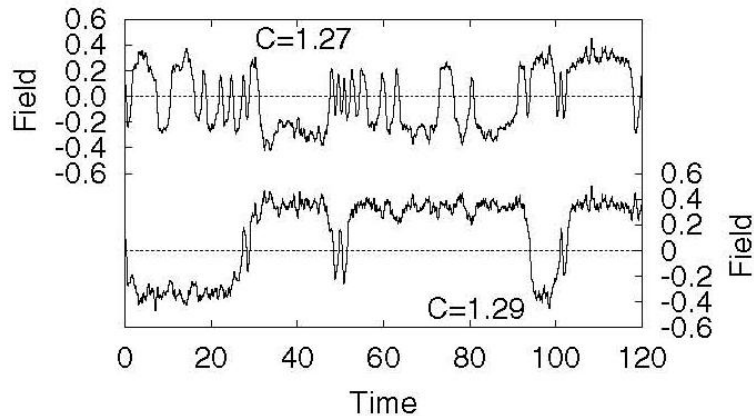


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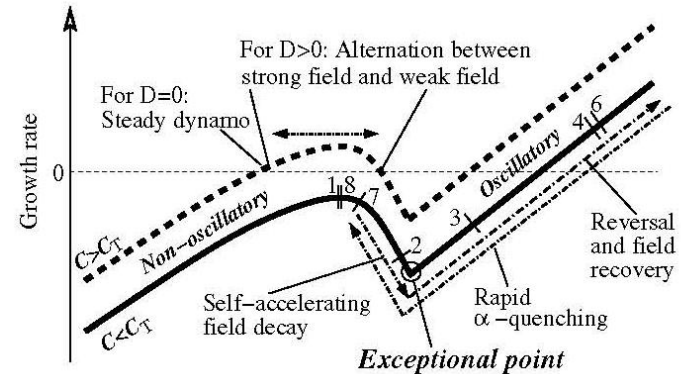
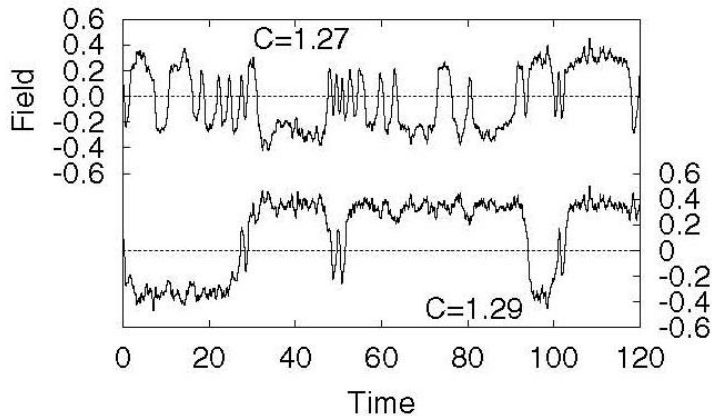
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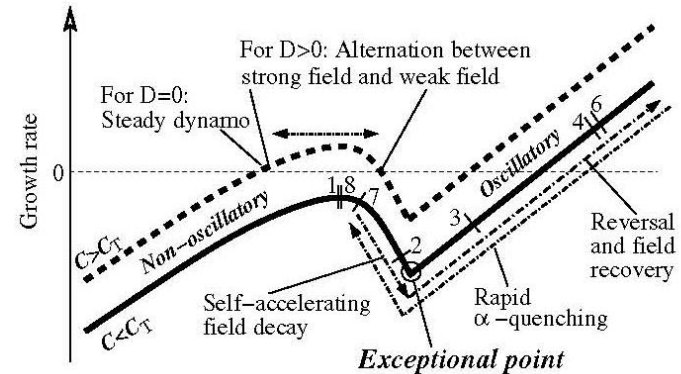
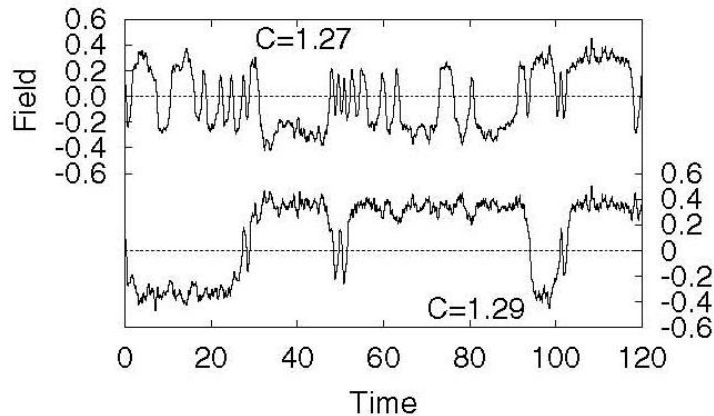
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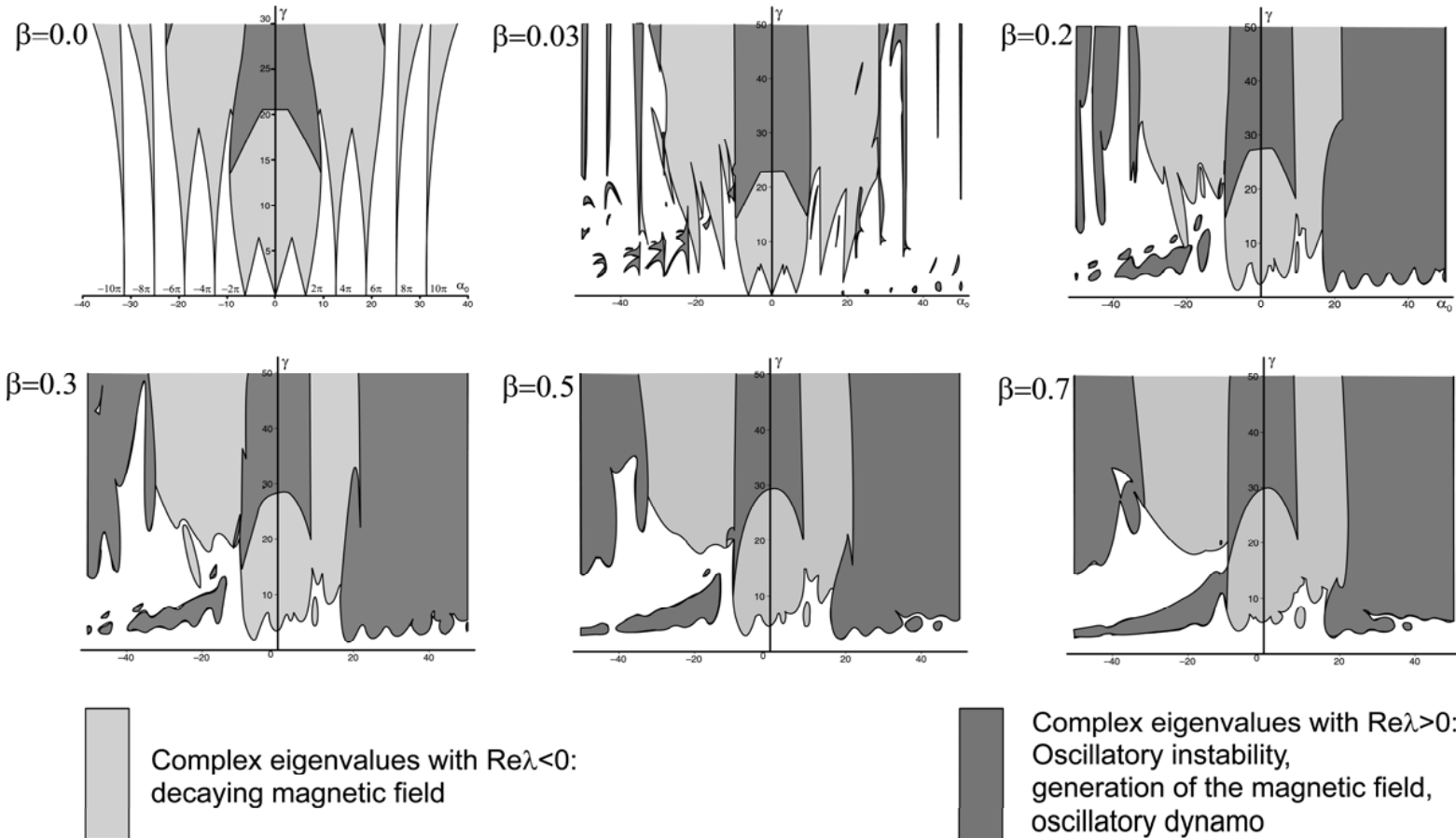
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Note: Numerically possible (hard); without clear rule ⁸

Why exciting the oscillatory dynamo is not easy?

We look for the α -profiles of the form $\alpha(r) = \alpha_0 + \gamma \varphi(r)$

The problem reduces to description of Arnold's tongues in $(\alpha_0, \beta, \gamma)$ -space



Pictured above: Numerical results for various boundary conditions

Eigencurves and spectral mesh

For $\alpha(r) = \alpha_0 = \text{const}$, eigenvalue problem can be solved exactly in 2 cases ¹⁰

Isolating b. c. ($\beta = 1$):

$$D(A_{\alpha_0}) \neq D(A_{\alpha_0}^*)$$

For $l = 0$:

$$\lambda_n(\alpha_0) = \frac{1}{4}(\alpha_0^2 - \pi^2 n^2), \quad n \in \mathbb{N}$$

Superconducting b. c. ($\beta = 0$):

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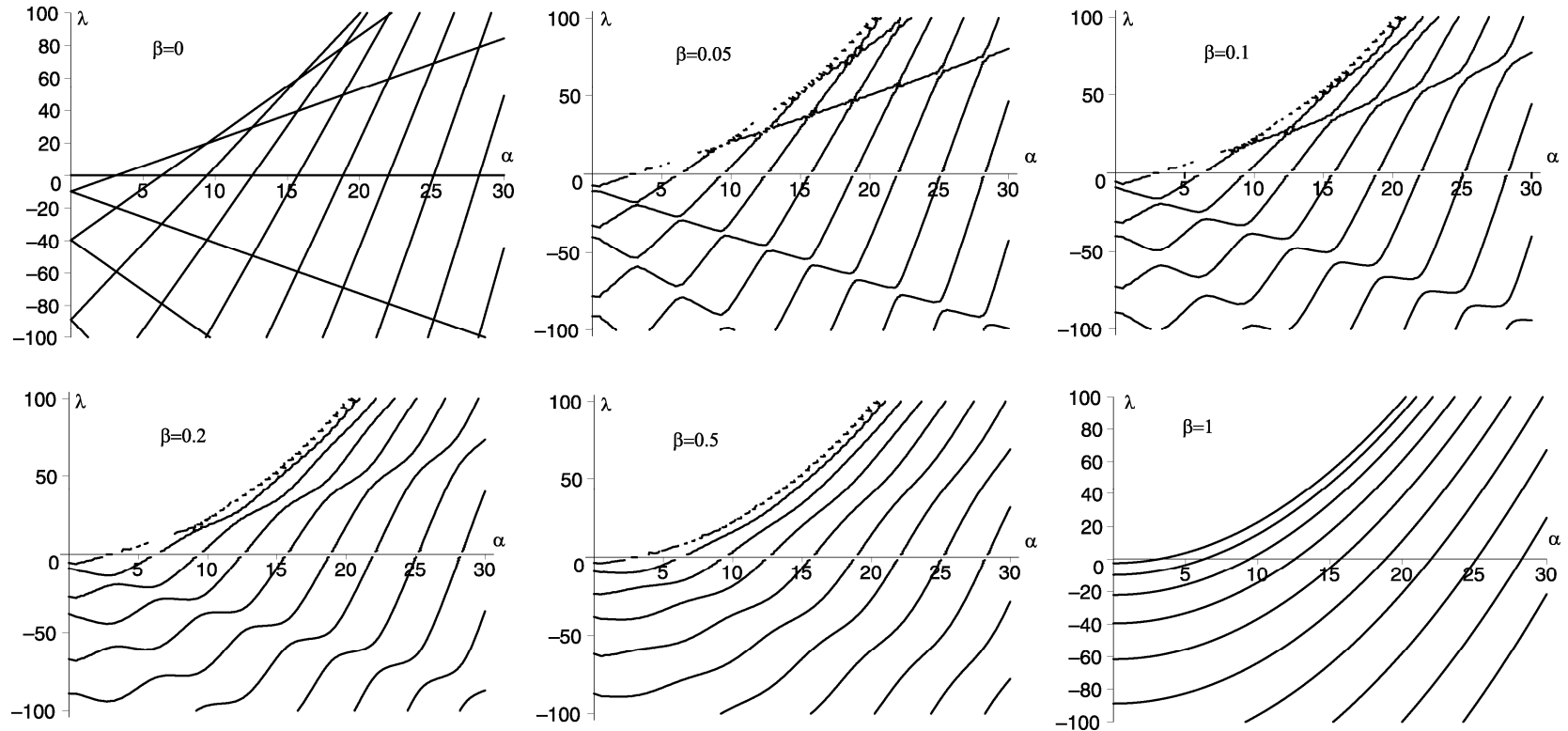
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Zeros of Bessel functions:

$$J_{l+1/2}(\sqrt{\rho_n}) = 0, \quad 0 < \sqrt{\rho_1} < \sqrt{\rho_2} < \dots$$

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Transition from **superconducting** to **isolating** boundary conditions ⁹



Spectral mesh deforms to parabolic **eigencurves** when $\beta \in [0,1], \gamma = 0$

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Krein signature $\sigma_n = \text{sgn}[u_n, u_n] = \text{sgn}(Ju_n, u_n)$

Spectral mesh: $\sigma_n =$ sign of the slope of an eigenline $\lambda(\alpha_0)$

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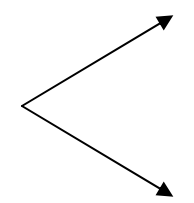
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$$\lambda_n^{\sigma_n} = -\rho_n + \sigma_n \alpha_0 \sqrt{\rho_n}, \quad u_n^{\sigma_n} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ \sigma_n \sqrt{\rho_n} \end{pmatrix} N_n r^{\frac{1}{2}} J_{l+\frac{1}{2}}(\sqrt{\rho_n} r), \quad N_n = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{J_{l+\frac{3}{2}}(\sqrt{\rho_n})}$$

Krein signature $\sigma_n = \text{sgn}[u_n, u_n] = \text{sgn}(Ju_n, u_n)$

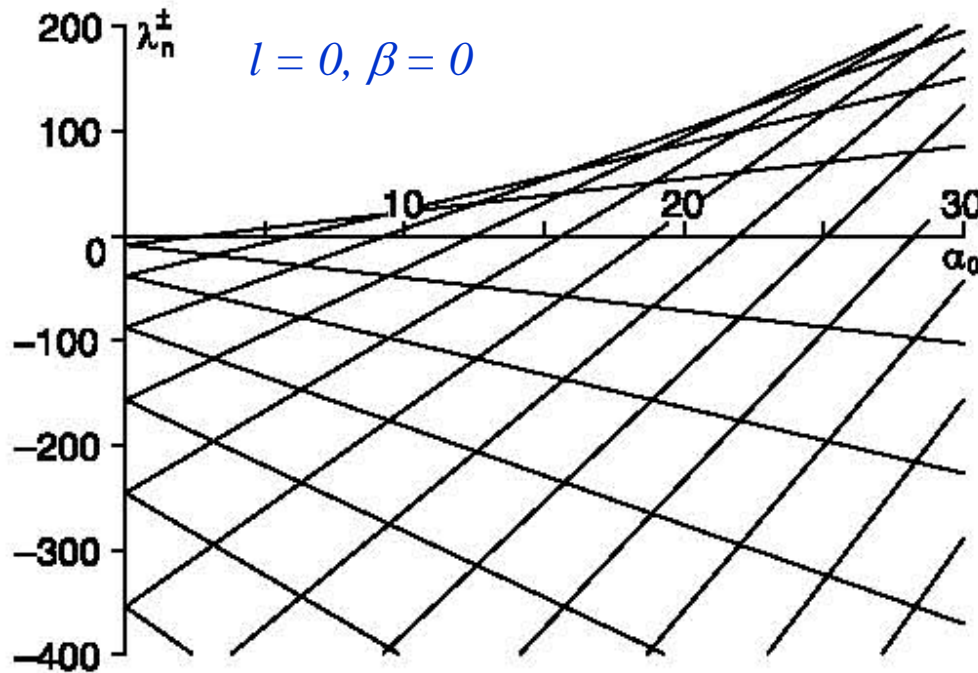
Spectral mesh: $\sigma_n =$ sign of the slope of an eigenline $\lambda(\alpha_0)$

Double eigenvalue $\lambda_1 = \lambda_2$ 

- $\sigma_1 = \sigma_2$ **definite** Krein signature
- $\sigma_1 \neq \sigma_2$ **mixed** Krein signature

Eigencurves and spectral mesh

Crossing of eigenlines: $\lambda_n^\varepsilon = \lambda_m^\delta$, $\lambda_n^\varepsilon = -\rho_n + \varepsilon\alpha_0\sqrt{\rho_n}$, $\varepsilon, \delta = \pm$



Nodal point: $(\alpha_0^v, \lambda_0^v)$

$$\alpha_0^v = \varepsilon\sqrt{\rho_n} + \delta\sqrt{\rho_m}$$

Doublet (semi-simple):

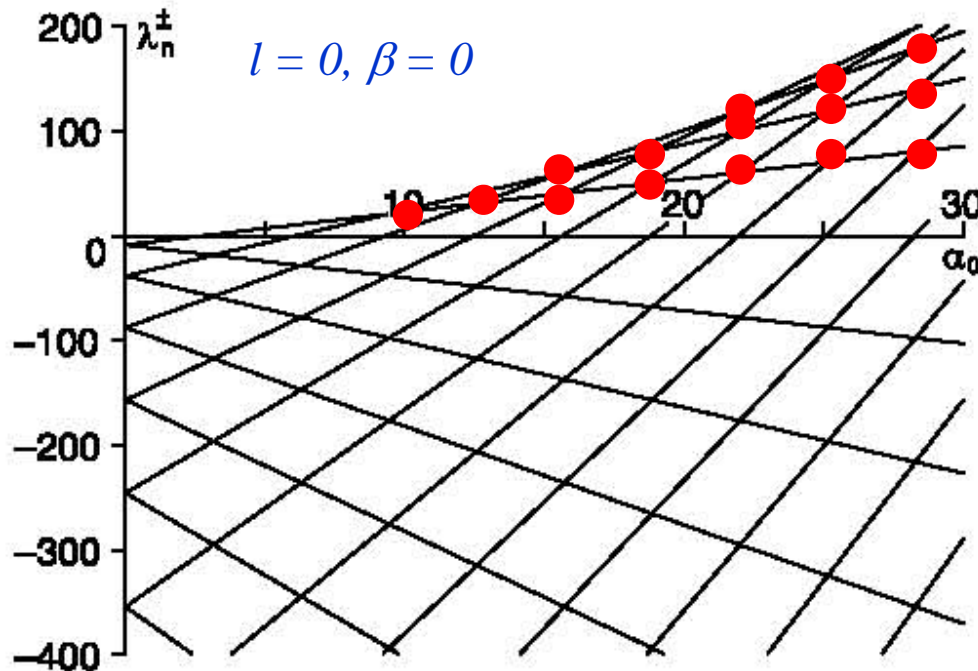
$$\lambda_0^v = \varepsilon\delta\sqrt{\rho_n\rho_m}$$

Two eigenvectors:

$$u_n^\varepsilon, u_m^\delta$$

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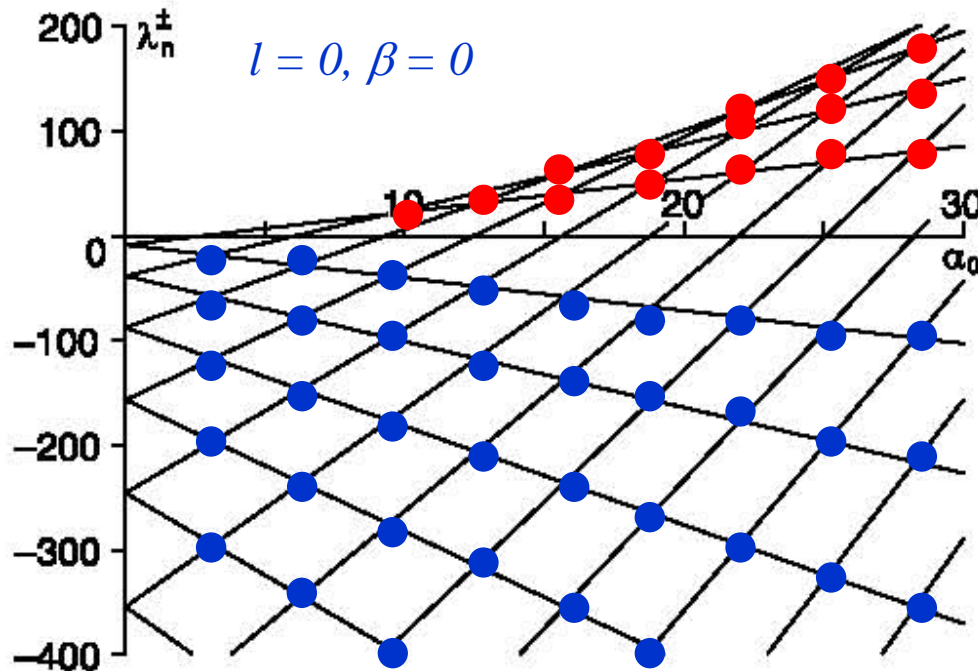
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Doublets at the crossings with $\lambda < 0$ have **mixed Krein signature**

Eigencurves and spectral mesh

Unfolding doublets by perturbation $\alpha(r) = \alpha_0^\nu + \gamma\varphi(r)$, $\beta = 0$

Indefinite inner product in the Krein space: $[\cdot, \cdot] = (J\cdot, \cdot)$

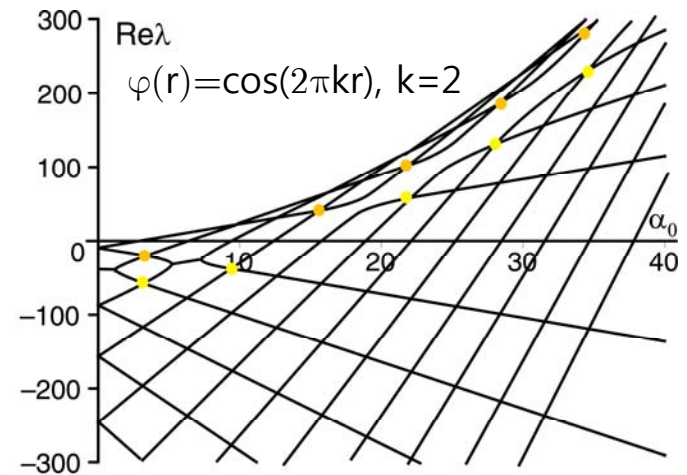
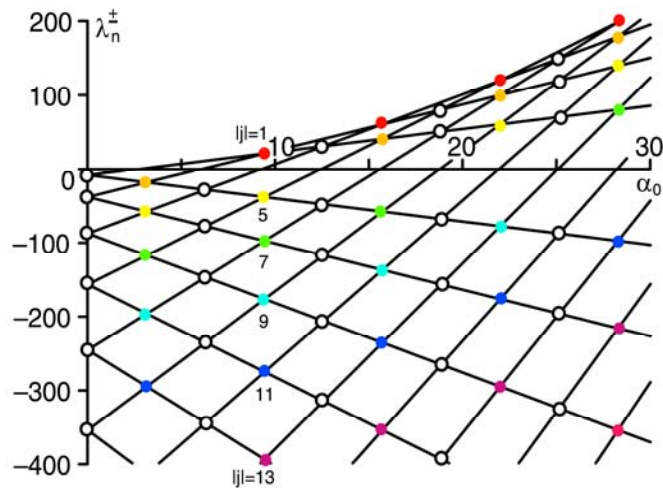
Define: $a_1 = \varepsilon \frac{[Ku_n^\varepsilon, u_n^\varepsilon]}{\sqrt{\rho_n}}$, $a_2 = \delta \frac{[Ku_m^\delta, u_m^\delta]}{\sqrt{\rho_m}}$, $b^2 = \frac{[Ku_n^\varepsilon, u_n^\varepsilon][Ku_m^\delta, u_m^\delta]}{\sqrt{\rho_n\rho_m}}$

$$[Ku_n^\varepsilon, u_m^\delta] = \gamma \int_0^1 \varphi \left[\left(\varepsilon\delta \sqrt{\rho_n\rho_m} + \frac{l(l+1)}{r^2} \right) u_m u_n + u'_m u'_n \right] dr$$

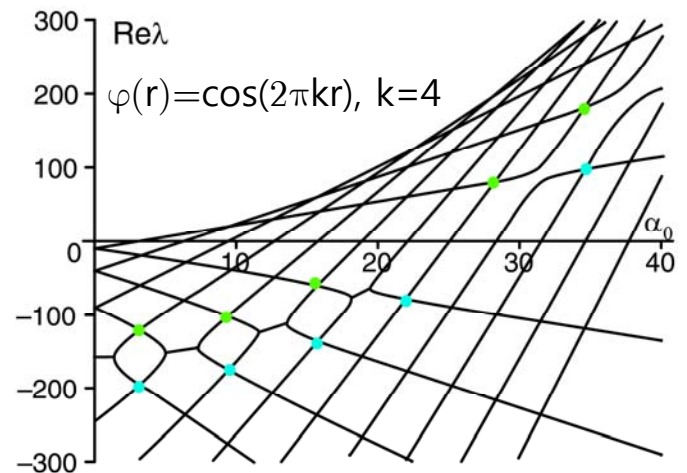
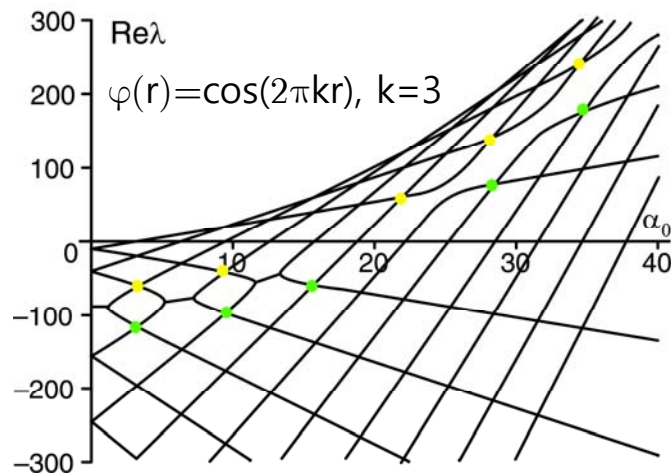
Splitting: $\lambda = \lambda_0^\nu + \Delta\lambda$, $\Delta\lambda = [(a_1 + a_2) \pm \sqrt{(a_1 - a_2)^2 + \varepsilon\delta b^2}] / 2$

$\varepsilon = \delta$ ($\lambda_0^\nu > 0$): $\Delta\lambda$ is real; $\varepsilon = -\delta$ ($\lambda_0^\nu < 0$): $\Delta\lambda$ can be complex

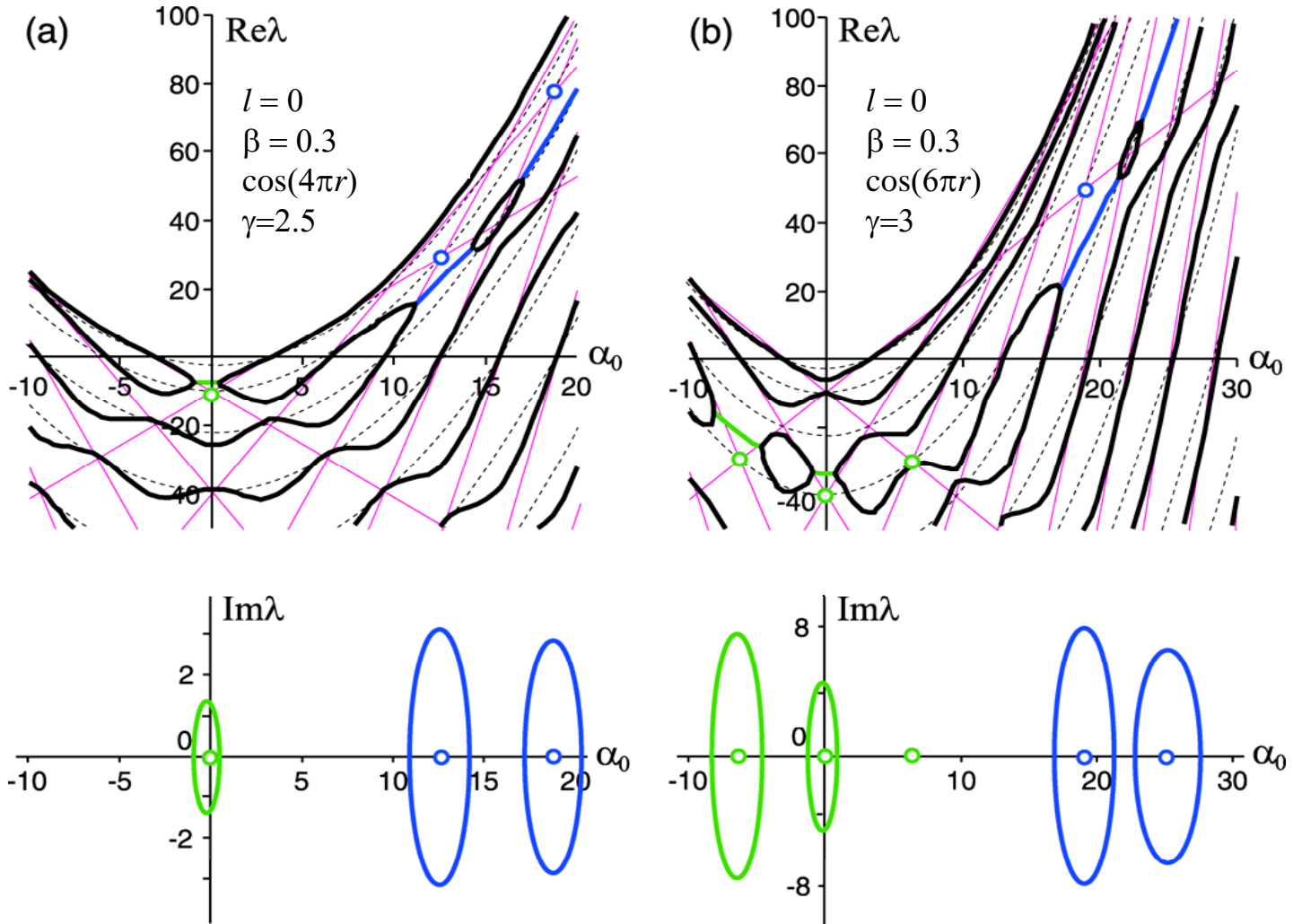
Two branches with the slopes of the same sign – real splitting



Two branches with the slopes of different signs – complex splitting



Fourier coefficients select sequences of resonant crossings



α, β, γ – unfolding of the crossings

Node: $(\alpha_0^v, \lambda_0^v)$, $\lambda_0^v = \varepsilon\delta\pi^2 nm$, $\alpha_0^v = \varepsilon\pi n + \delta\pi m$, $\varepsilon, \delta = \pm$

After the splitting *:

$$\lambda(\alpha_0, \beta, \gamma) = \lambda_0^v - \varepsilon\delta\pi^2 nm\beta + \frac{\pi}{2}(\delta m + \varepsilon n)\Delta\alpha_0 \\ \pm \frac{\pi}{2}\sqrt{((\delta m - \varepsilon n)\Delta\alpha_0)^2 + 4mn(\varepsilon\gamma\Delta\alpha - (-1)^{n+m}\pi n\beta)(\delta\gamma\Delta\alpha - (-1)^{n+m}\pi m\beta)}$$

Condition for existence of the complex eigenvalues:

$$((\varepsilon n - \delta m)\Delta\alpha_0)^2 + \\ mn((\varepsilon + \delta)\gamma\Delta\alpha - (-1)^{n+m}(n+m)\beta\pi)^2 - mn((\varepsilon - \delta)\gamma\Delta\alpha - (-1)^{n+m}(n-m)\beta\pi)^2 < 0$$

$$*: \quad \Delta\alpha_0 := \alpha_0 - \alpha_0^v, \quad \Delta\alpha := \int_0^1 \varphi(r) \cos((\varepsilon n - \delta m)\pi r) dr, \quad \int_0^1 \varphi(r) dr = 0$$

Three dimensional Arnold tongues of oscillatory dynamo

$$\varphi(r) = \cos(2\pi k r), \quad \Delta\alpha = \int_0^1 \varphi(r) \cos((\varepsilon n - \delta m)r) dr = \begin{cases} 1/2, & 2k = \pm(\varepsilon n - \delta m) \\ 0, & 2k \neq \pm(\varepsilon n - \delta m) \end{cases}$$

Two sorts of the resonance domains in the plane (α_0, γ)

Hyperbolic regions for $\varepsilon = -\delta$ (decaying magnetic field):

$$mn(\varepsilon\gamma - (n - m)\beta\pi)^2 - 4k^2(\alpha_0 - \alpha_0^v)^2 > mn((n + m)\beta\pi)^2$$

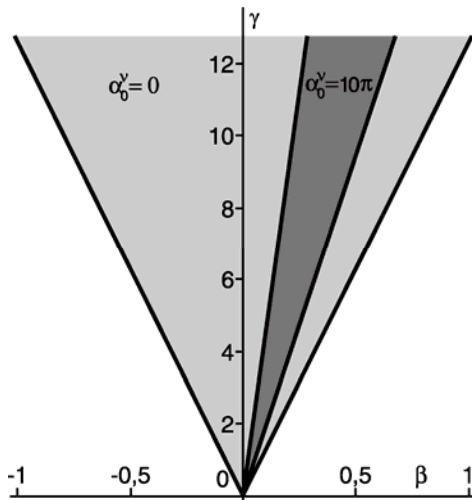
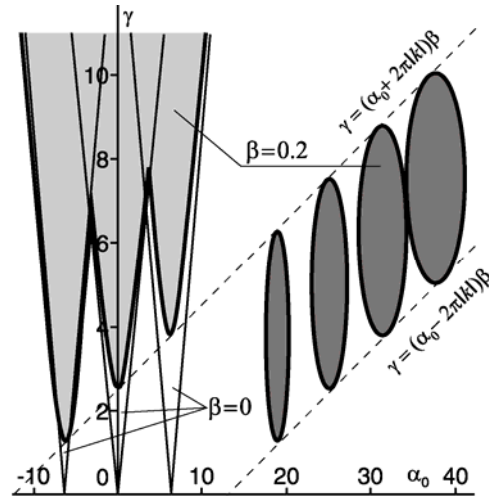
$$\operatorname{Re} \lambda = -\pi^2 mn(1 - \beta) + \varepsilon \frac{\pi}{2}(n - m)(\alpha_0 - \alpha_0^v) < 0$$

Elliptic regions for $\varepsilon = \delta$ (growing magnetic field):

$$4k^2(\alpha_0 - \alpha_0^v)^2 + mn(\varepsilon\gamma - (n + m)\beta\pi)^2 < mn((n - m)\beta\pi)^2$$

$$\operatorname{Re} \lambda = \pi^2 mn(1 - \beta) + \varepsilon \frac{\pi}{2}(n + m)(\alpha_0 - \alpha_0^v) > 0$$

Resonance tongues and islands $(\varphi(r)=\cos(2\pi kr), k=2)$



- $\beta = 0$: only resonant tongues with $\text{Re}\lambda < 0$ are visible in the plane (α_0, γ)
- $\beta > 0$: resonance “islands” of oscillatory dynamo with $\text{Re}\lambda > 0$ appear in the “prohibited” zone in the plane (α_0, γ)
- Separate variation of γ or β does not yield the oscillatory dynamo
- Simultaneous changing of γ and β easily produces the non-trivial oscillatory dynamo regions
- γ is bounded from above (in a corridor)

Oscillatory dynamo domains (Arnold tongues)

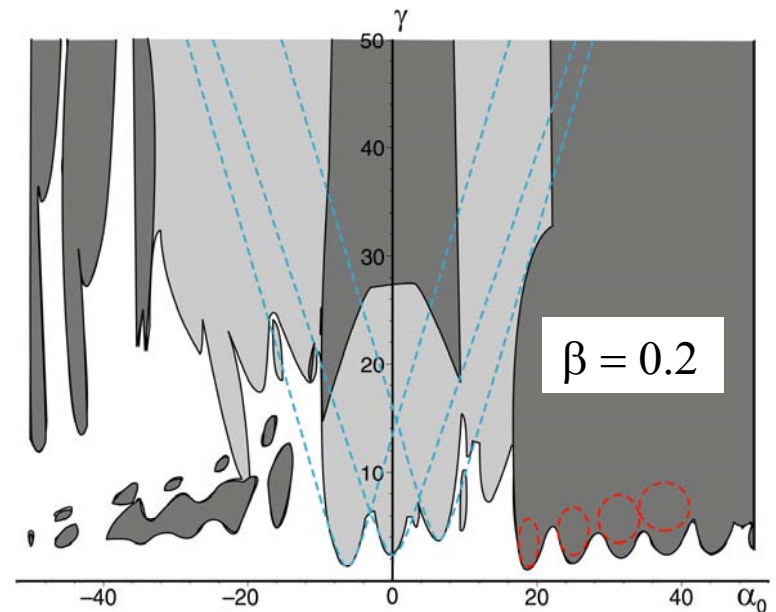
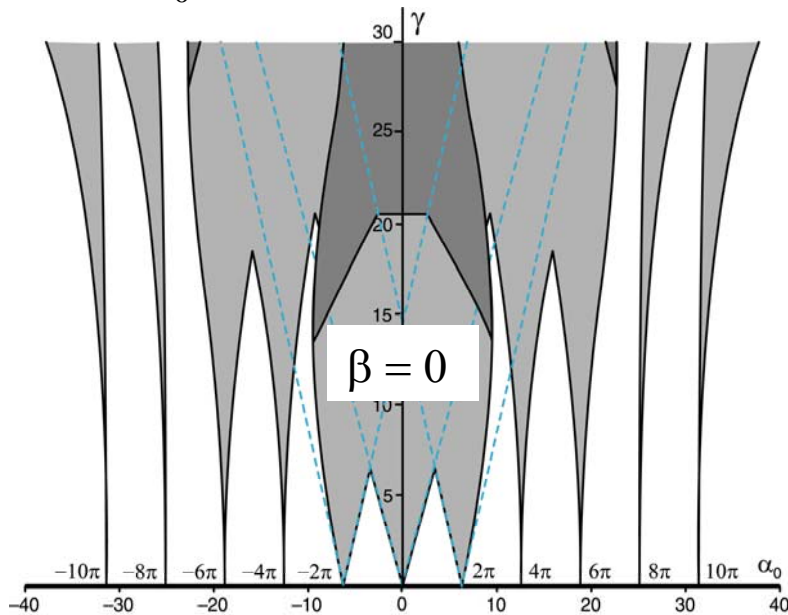
Numerical vs. perturbative (dashed)

3 principal tongues:

$$\gamma^2 - 4\alpha_0^2 > 16\pi^2\beta^2, \quad 16(\alpha_0 \pm 2\pi)^2 + (\gamma \pm 10\pi\beta)^2 < 4(\gamma \pm 4\pi\beta)^2$$

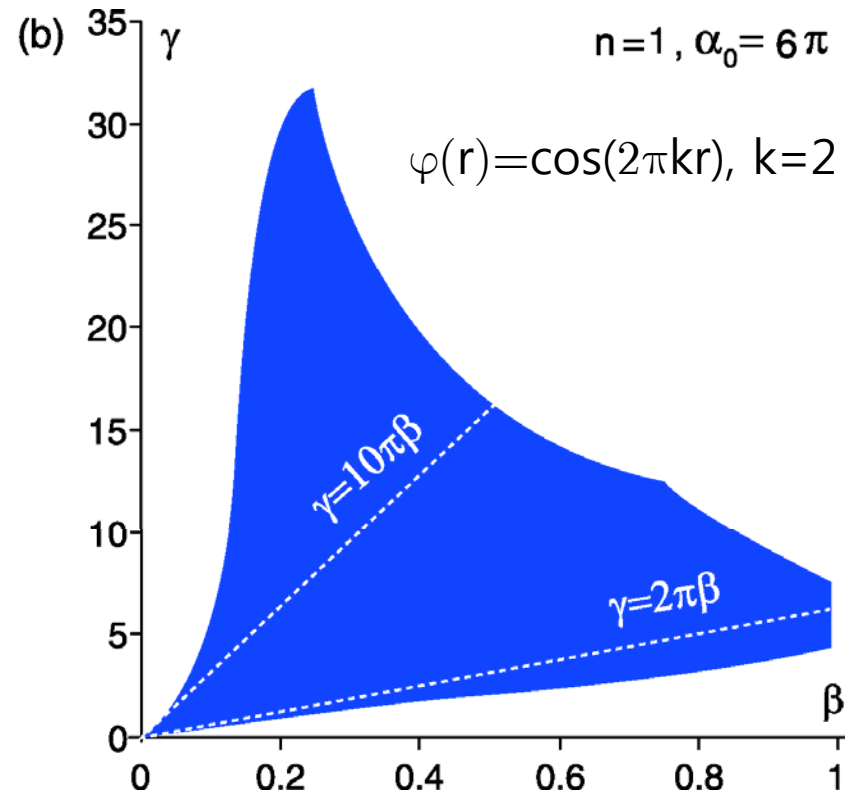
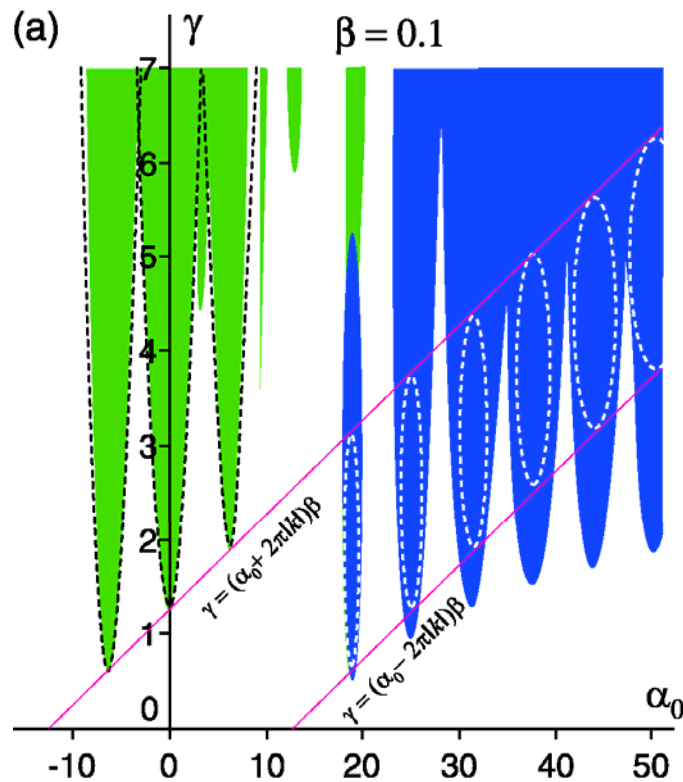
Infinitely many islands: $n = 1, 2, \dots$

$$16(\alpha_0 - (4 + 2n)\pi)^2 + n(4 + n)(\gamma + 2(n + 2)\beta\pi)^2 < 4n(4 + n)(k\beta\pi)^2$$



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Numerical vs. perturbative (dashed)

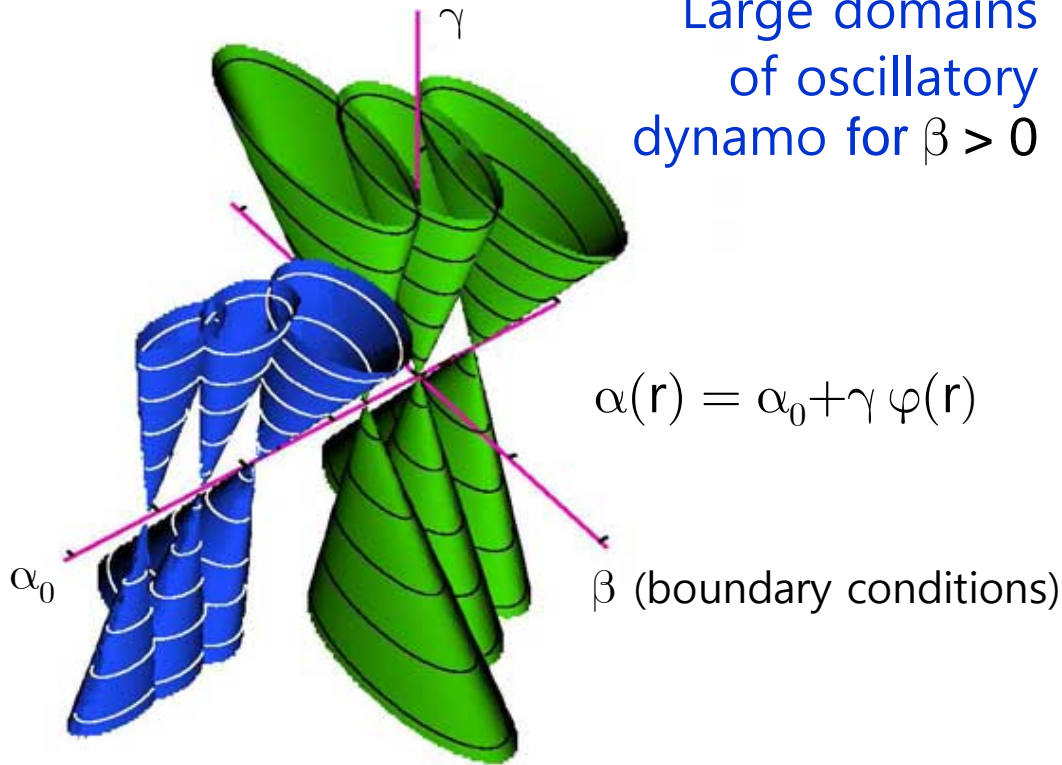


green (blue) – decaying (growing) oscillatory modes

Krein signature (KS) determines orientation of the resonance zones

Definite KS (blue) – no instability at $\beta=0$

Large domains of oscillatory dynamo for $\beta > 0$



3D Arnold tongues in $(\alpha_0, \beta, \gamma)$ -space



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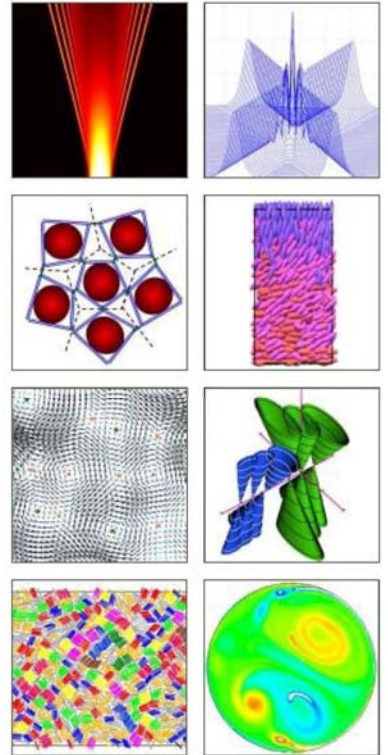
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Mathematical setting

Navier-Stokes equation for the fluid velocity \mathbf{u}

$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{u}}{\partial t} + (\mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{u} = -\frac{1}{\rho} \nabla \left(p + \frac{B^2}{2\mu_0} \right) + \frac{1}{\mu_0 \rho} (\mathbf{B} \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{B} + \nu \nabla^2 \mathbf{u}$$

Induction equation for the magnetic field \mathbf{B}

$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{B}}{\partial t} = \nabla \times (\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{B}) + \eta \nabla^2 \mathbf{B}$$

Mass continuity for incompressible flows and the solenoidal condition

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{u} = 0, \quad \nabla \cdot \mathbf{B} = 0$$

p : pressure, $\rho = \text{const}$: density, $\nu = \text{const}$: kinematic viscosity

$\eta = (\mu_0 \sigma)^{-1}$: magnetic diffusivity, σ : conductivity of the fluid

μ_0 : magnetic permeability of free space

Linearization w. r. t. axi-symmetric perturbations, cf. [Liu et al. 2006]

Steady state: A magnetized Taylor-Couette flow

$$\mathbf{u}_0 = R\Omega(R)\mathbf{e}_\phi, \quad p = p_0(R), \quad \mathbf{B}_0 = B_\phi^0(R)\mathbf{e}_\phi + B_z^0\mathbf{e}_z$$

$$B_\phi^0(R) = \frac{\mu_0 I}{2\pi R}, \quad \Omega(R) = a + \frac{b}{R^2}, \quad R\Omega^2 = \frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial p_0}{\partial R}, \quad \kappa^2 = 2\Omega \left(2\Omega + R \frac{d\Omega}{dR} \right)$$

Axi-symmetric perturbation: $\mathbf{u}' = \mathbf{u}'(R, z)$ $\mathbf{B}' = \mathbf{B}'(R, z)$ $p' = p'(R, z)$

Operators: $D_1 = \partial_R \partial_R^\dagger + \partial_z^2$, $\partial_t = \frac{\partial}{\partial t}$, $\partial_R = \frac{\partial}{\partial R}$, $\partial_z = \frac{\partial}{\partial z}$, $\partial_R^\dagger = \partial_R + \frac{1}{R}$, $\tilde{E} = \text{diag}(D_1, 1, 1, 1)$

Linearized equations:

$$\partial_t \tilde{E} \xi' = \tilde{H} \xi' \quad \tilde{H} = \begin{pmatrix} \nu D_1^2 & 2\Omega \partial_z^2 & \frac{B_z^0}{\mu_0 \rho} D_1 \partial_z & -\frac{2B_\phi^0}{\mu_0 \rho R} \partial_z^2 \\ -\frac{\kappa^2}{2\Omega} & \nu D_1 & 0 & \frac{B_z^0}{\mu_0 \rho} \partial_z \\ B_z^0 \partial_z & 0 & \eta D_1 & 0 \\ \frac{2B_\phi^0}{R} & B_z^0 \partial_z & R \partial_R \Omega & \eta D_1 \end{pmatrix} \quad \xi' = \begin{pmatrix} u'_R \\ u'_\phi \\ B'_R \\ B'_\phi \end{pmatrix}$$

Local stability analysis [Pessah & Psaltis 2005]

Local stability analysis around a fiducial point (R_0, z_0)

Local coordinates $\tilde{R} = R - R_0$ $\tilde{z} = z - z_0$

PDEs with constant coefficients $\partial_i \tilde{E}_0 \xi' = \tilde{H}_0 \xi'$

$$\tilde{E}_0 = \begin{pmatrix} D_1^0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \tilde{H}_0 = \begin{pmatrix} \nu(D_1^0)^2 & 2\Omega_0 \partial_{\tilde{z}}^2 & \frac{B_z^0}{\mu_0 \rho} D_1^0 \partial_{\tilde{z}} & -\frac{2B_\phi^0}{\mu_0 \rho R_0} \partial_{\tilde{z}}^2 \\ -\frac{\kappa_0^2}{2\Omega_0} & \nu D_1^0 & 0 & \frac{B_z^0}{\mu_0 \rho} \partial_{\tilde{z}} \\ B_z^0 \partial_{\tilde{z}} & 0 & \eta D_1^0 & 0 \\ \frac{2B_\phi^0}{R_0} & B_z^0 \partial_{\tilde{z}} & \frac{\kappa_0^2}{2\Omega_0} - 2\Omega_0 & \eta D_1^0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\Omega_0 = \Omega(R_0), \quad \kappa_0^2 = 2\Omega_0 \left(2\Omega_0 + R_0 \frac{d\Omega}{dR} \Big|_{R=R_0} \right), \quad B_\phi^0 = B_\phi^0(R_0), \quad D_1^0 = \partial_{\tilde{R}}^2 + \partial_{\tilde{z}}^2 + \frac{\partial_{\tilde{R}}}{R_0} - \frac{1}{R_0^2}$$

WKB approximation, cf. [Lakhin & Velikhov 2007, Rüdiger et al. 2008]

A plane wave $\xi' = \tilde{\xi} \exp(\gamma t + ik_R \tilde{R} + ik_z \tilde{z}), \quad \tilde{\xi} = (\tilde{u}_R, \tilde{u}_\phi, \tilde{B}_R, \tilde{B}_\phi)^T$

Restriction to the modes with $k_R R_0 \gg 1$

Eigenvalue problem $(H - \gamma I) \tilde{\xi} = 0 \quad H = -\text{diag}(\omega_\nu, \omega_\nu, \omega_\eta, \omega_\eta) + H_1 + H_2$

$$H_1 = \frac{i\omega_A}{\sqrt{\mu_0\rho}} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ \mu_0\rho & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \mu_0\rho & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad H_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 2\Omega_0\alpha^2 & 0 & -2\omega_{A\phi} \frac{\alpha^2}{\sqrt{\mu_0\rho}} \\ -2\Omega_0 - R_0 \frac{d\Omega}{dR} \Big|_{R=R_0} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -2\omega_{A\phi} \sqrt{\mu_0\rho} & 0 & R_0 \frac{d\Omega}{dR} \Big|_{R=R_0} & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Alfvén frequencies

$$\omega_A^2 = \frac{k_z^2 (B_z^0)^2}{\mu_0\rho}, \quad \omega_{A\phi}^2 = \frac{(B_\phi^0)^2}{\mu_0\rho R_0^2}$$

Viscous and resistive frequencies

$$\omega_\nu = \nu k^2, \quad \omega_\eta = \eta k^2 \quad k^2 = k_z^2 + k_R^2 \quad \alpha = \frac{k_z}{k}$$

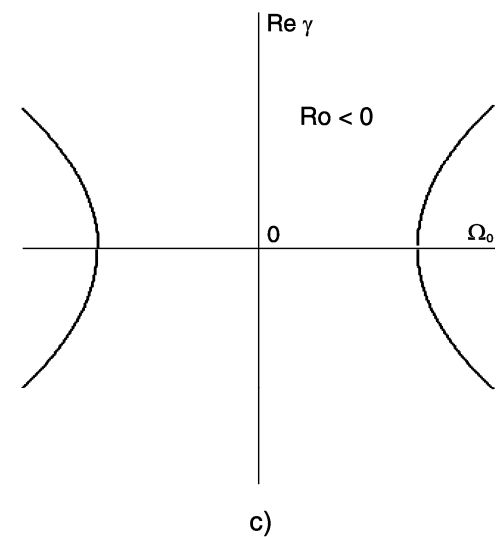
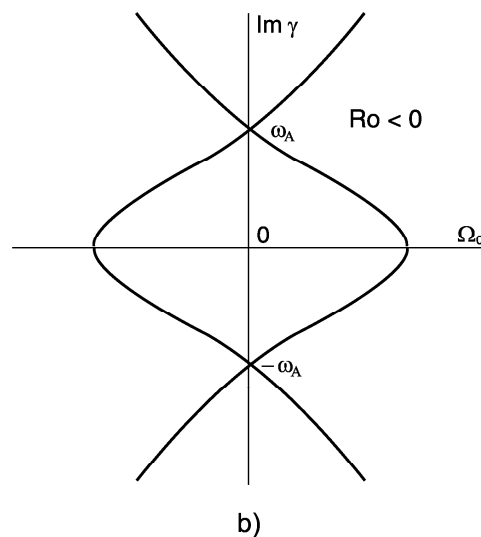
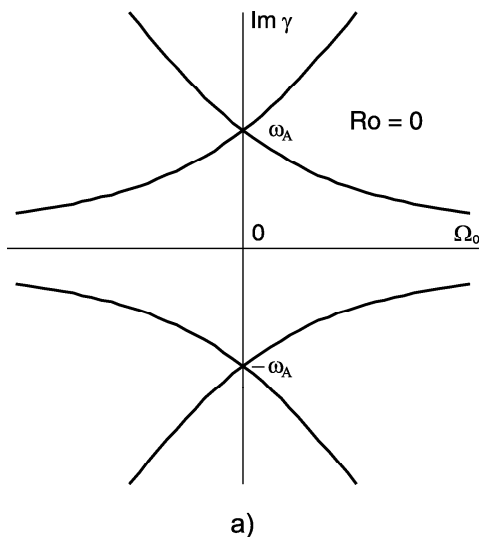
Splitting the Alfvén frequencies, cf. [Lehnert 1954, Nornberg et al. 2009]

Damped Alfvén modes ($H_2 = 0$)

$$\gamma_{1,2} = -\frac{\omega_v + \omega_\eta}{2} + \sqrt{\left(\frac{\omega_v - \omega_\eta}{2}\right)^2 - \omega_A^2}, \quad \gamma_{3,4} = -\frac{\omega_v + \omega_\eta}{2} - \sqrt{\left(\frac{\omega_v - \omega_\eta}{2}\right)^2 - \omega_A^2}$$

Fast and slow Magneto-Coriolis waves ($\omega_{A_\phi} = 0 \quad \left. \frac{d\Omega}{dR} \right|_{R=R_0} = 0$)

$$\gamma_{1,2} = i\sqrt{\omega_A^2 + \Omega_0^2 \alpha^2} \pm i\alpha\Omega_0, \quad \gamma_{3,4} = -i\sqrt{\omega_A^2 + \Omega_0^2 \alpha^2} \pm i\alpha\Omega_0$$



Dispersion relation $P(\gamma) = \det(H - \gamma I) = 0$ [LV07, Rüdiger & Schultz 2008]

Dimensionless dispersion relation

$$P(\lambda) = \lambda^4 + a_1 \lambda^3 + a_2 \lambda^2 + (a_3 + ib_3) \lambda + a_4 + ib_4 = 0 \quad \gamma = \lambda \sqrt{\omega_\nu \omega_\eta}$$

Rossby, magnetic Prandtl, Reynolds, and Hartmann numbers

$$\text{Ro} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{R_0}{\Omega_0} \frac{d\Omega}{dR} \Big|_{R=R_0}, \quad \text{Pm} = \frac{\nu}{\eta} = \frac{\omega_\nu}{\omega_\eta}, \quad \beta^* = \alpha \frac{\omega_{A\phi}}{\omega_A}, \quad \text{Re}^* = \alpha \frac{\Omega_0}{\omega_\nu}, \quad \text{Ha}^* = \alpha \frac{B_z^0}{k \sqrt{\mu_0 \rho \nu \eta}}$$

Coefficients

$$a_1 = 2 \left(\sqrt{\text{Pm}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{\text{Pm}}} \right) \quad a_4 = \left(1 + \text{Ha}^{*2} \right)^2 + 4\beta^{*2} \text{Ha}^{*2} + 4\text{Re}^{*2} + 4\text{Re}^{*2} \text{Ro} (\text{Pm} \text{Ha}^{*2} + 1)$$

$$a_2 = \frac{a_1^2}{4} + 2(1 + \text{Ha}^{*2}) + 4\beta^{*2} \text{Ha}^{*2} + 4\text{Re}^{*2} \text{Pm} (1 + \text{Ro}) \quad b_3 = -8\beta^* \text{Ha}^{*2} \text{Re}^* \sqrt{\text{Pm}}$$

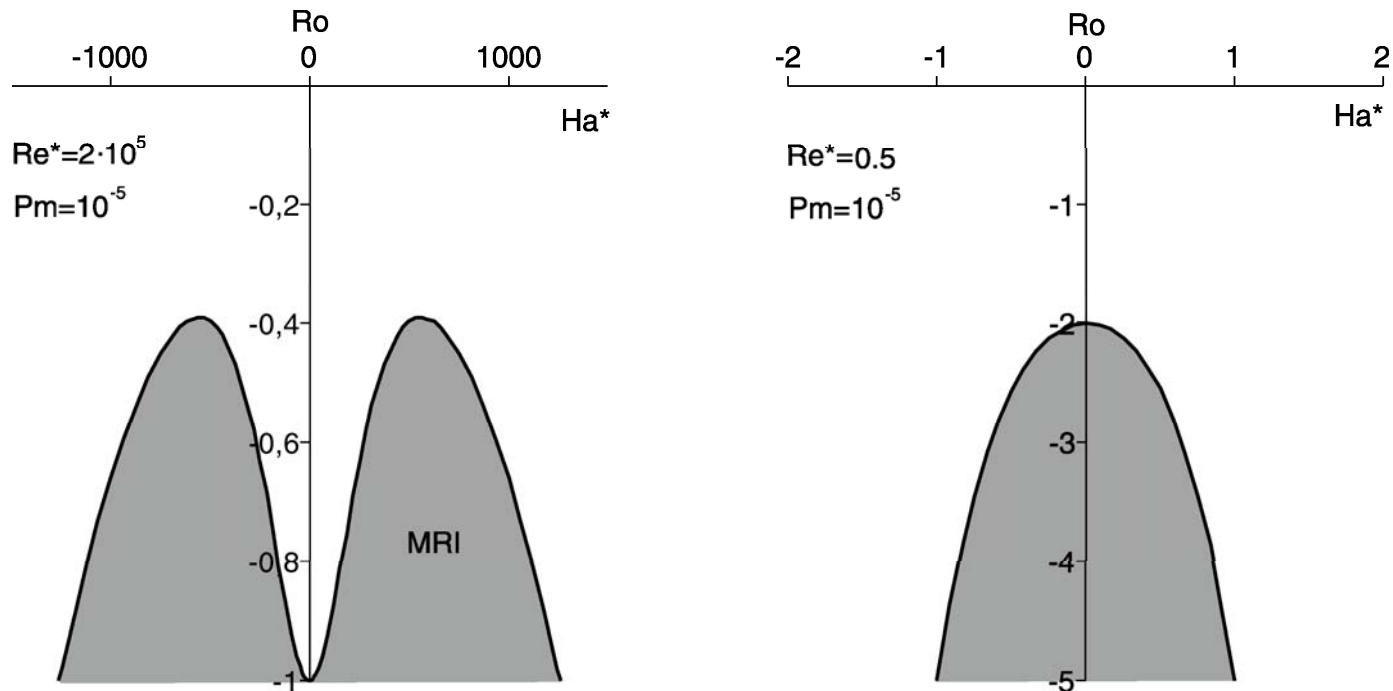
$$a_3 = a_1 (1 + \text{Ha}^{*2}) + 2a_1 \beta^{*2} \text{Ha}^{*2} + 8\text{Re}^{*2} (1 + \text{Ro}) \sqrt{\text{Pm}} \quad b_4 = -4\beta^* \text{Ha}^{*2} \text{Re}^* (2 + (1 - \text{Pm}) \text{Ro})$$

SMRI in the absence of the azimuthal magnetic field ($\beta^* = 0$)

$b_3=0, b_4=0$ Real coefficients: Routh-Hurwitz criterion

$$Ro < Ro^c := -\frac{(1 + Ha^{*2})^2 + 4Re^{*2}}{4Re^{*2}(PmHa^{*2} + 1)}$$

Standard magneto-rotational instability (SMRI), cf. [Ji et al. 2001]



SMRI as destabilization of slow Magneto-Coriolis waves [Nornberg 2008]

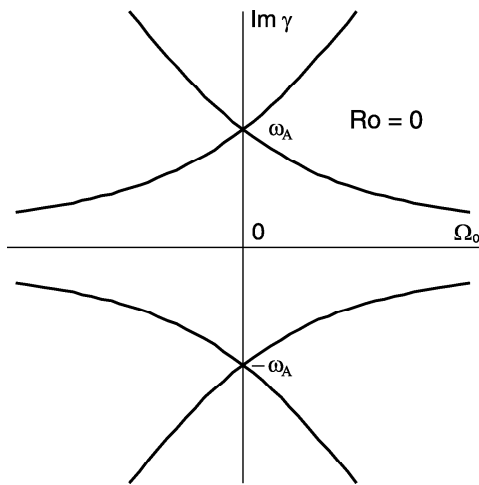
No dissipation ($\omega_v = 0, \omega_v = 0$)

$$\gamma = \pm \sqrt{-2\Omega_0^2 \alpha^2 (1 + \text{Ro}) - \omega_A^2 \pm 2\Omega_0 \alpha \sqrt{\Omega_0^2 \alpha^2 (1 + \text{Ro})^2 + \omega_A^2}}$$

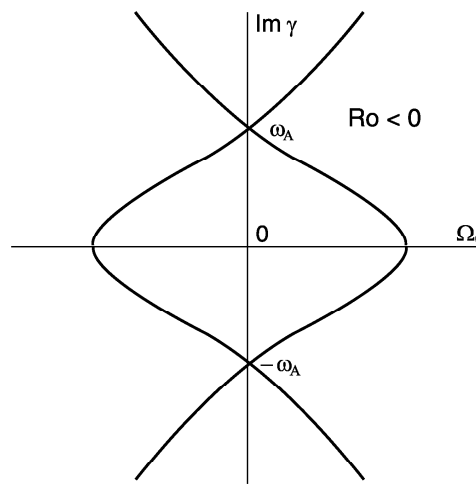
Threshold of
SMRI

$$\Omega_0^c = -\frac{\omega_A^2}{2\alpha^2 R_0 \partial_R \Omega}$$

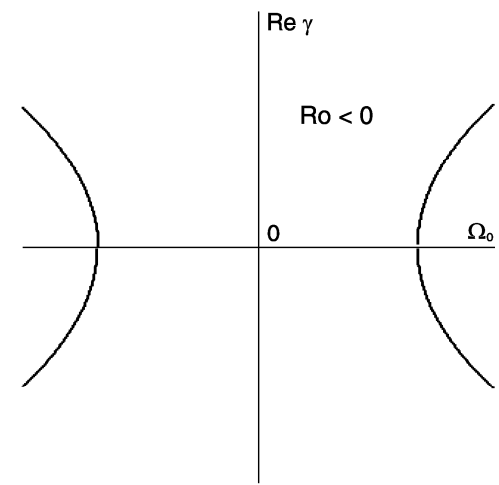
$$\text{Ro} = -\frac{\text{Ha}^{*2}}{4\text{Re}^{*2} \text{Pm}}$$



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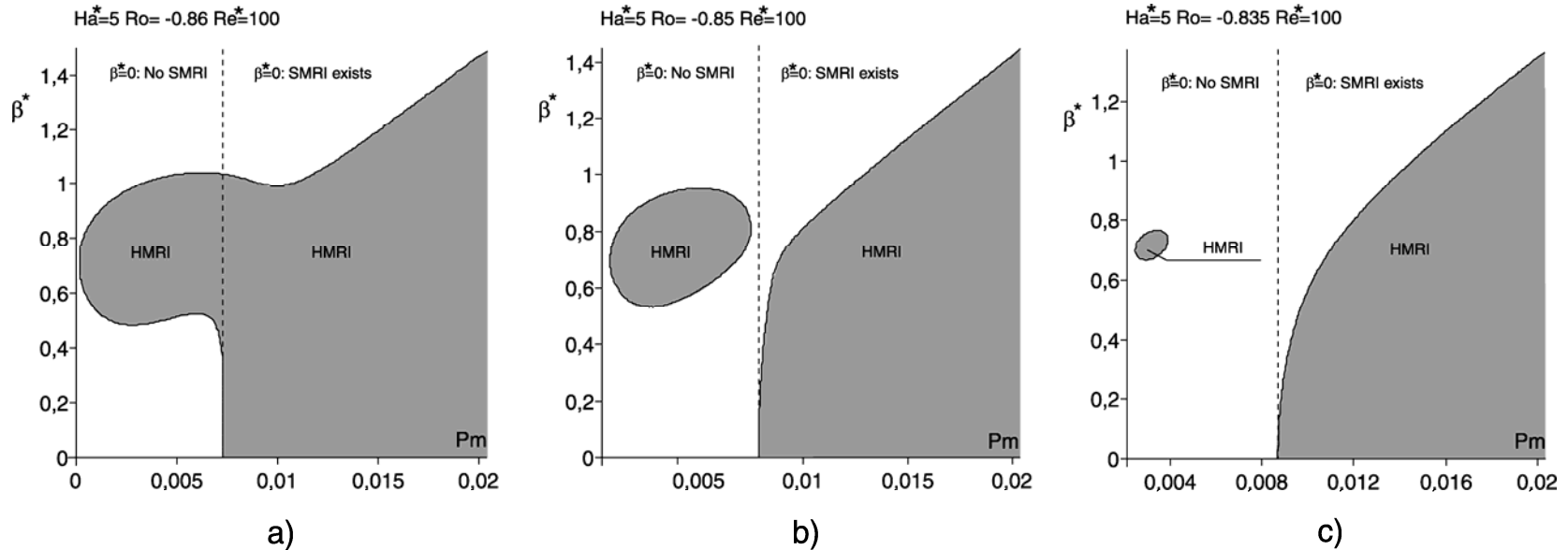


b)



c)

Helical magnetorotational instability (HMRI)



Dashed line: **SMRI – threshold for $\beta^* = 0$**

$$Pm = Pm^c := - \frac{\left(1 + Ha^{*2}\right)^2 + 4Re^{*2}(1 + Ro)}{4RoRe^{*2}Ha^{*2}}$$

Left to the dashed line – a (semi-) „island” of the *essential HMRI*

Right to the dashed line – a „continent” of the *helically modified SMRI*

Essential HMRI as a weakly destabilized inertial oscillation

Series expansions of the roots in the vicinity of $\beta^* = 0$, $\text{Pm} = 0$

$$\lambda_{2,4} = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{\text{Pm}}} + \text{Ha}^{*2} \sqrt{\text{Pm}} + o(\text{Pm}^{1/2})$$

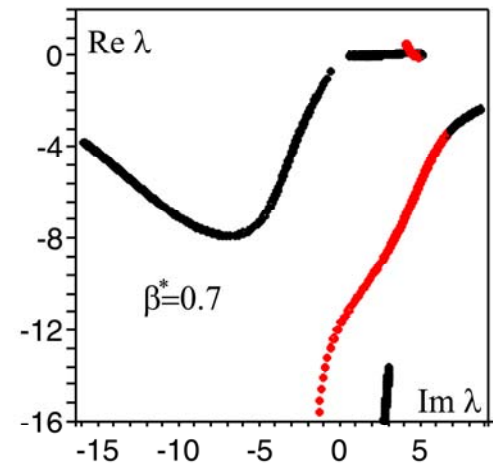
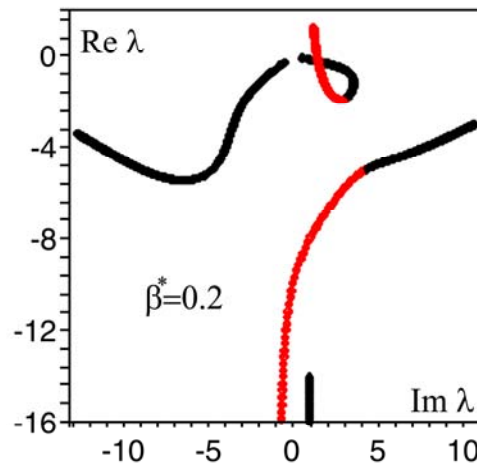
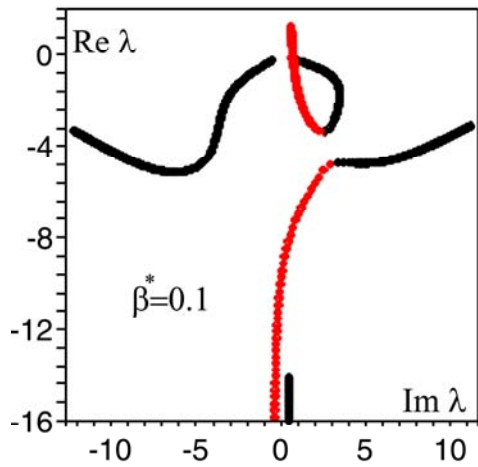
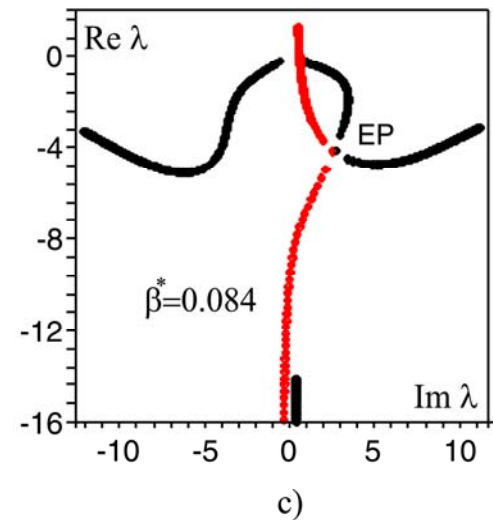
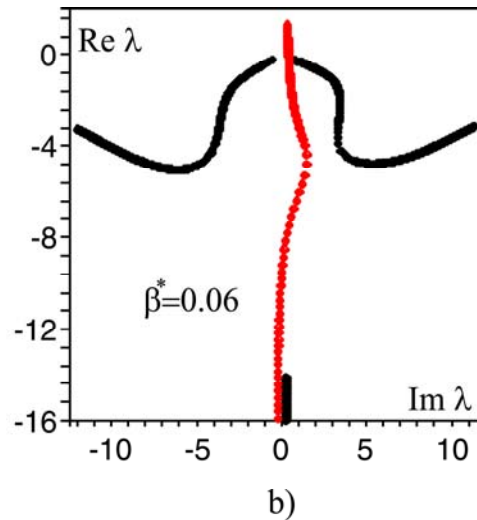
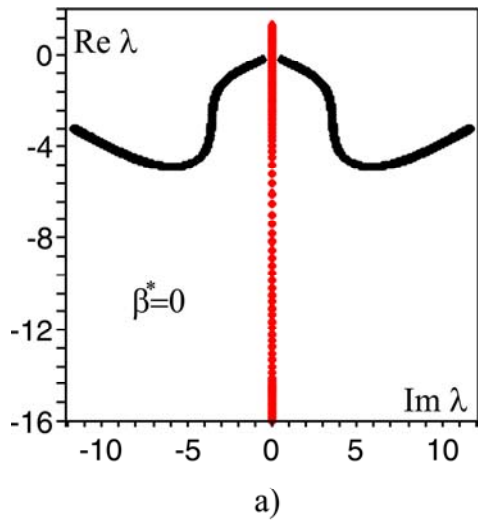
$$\lambda_{1,3} = \left[-1 - \text{Ha}^{*2} \pm 2\text{Re}^* \sqrt{-(1 + \text{Ro})} \right] \sqrt{\text{Pm}} + o(\text{Pm}^{1/2})$$

The roots $\lambda_{1,3}$ are complex for $\text{Ro} > -1$

Frequency of the inertial wave

$$\omega = 2\Omega_0 \frac{k_z}{k} \sqrt{\text{Ro} + 1}$$

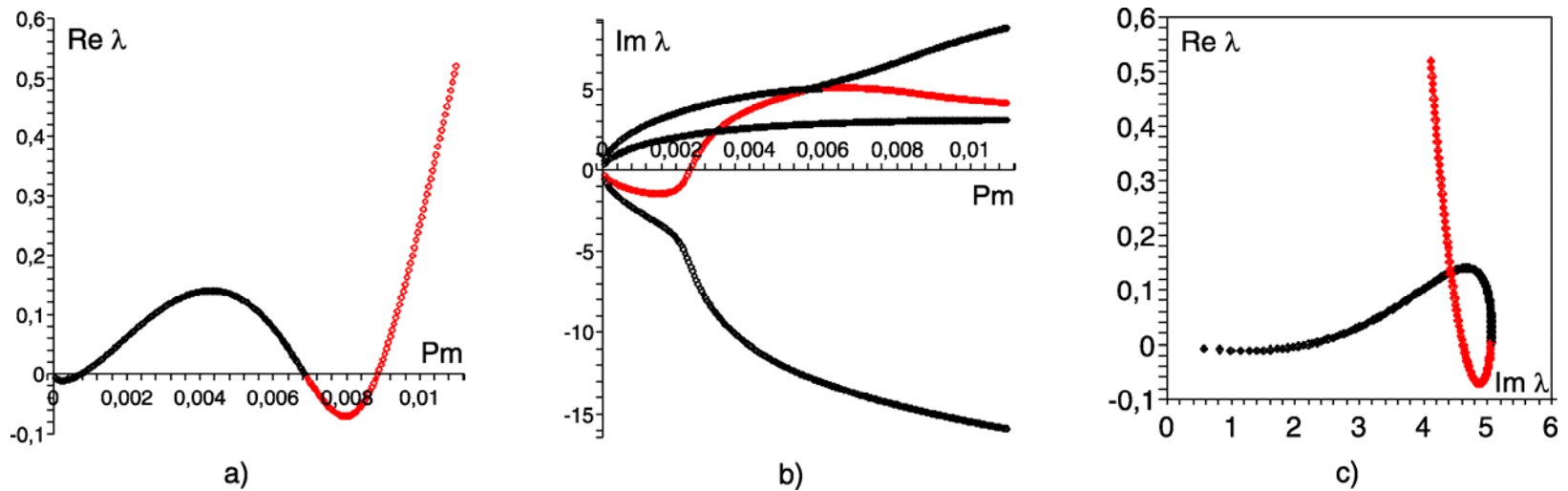
The mechanism of continuous transition from SMRI to HMRI



Inertial wave (black) gets destabilized through an **exceptional point**

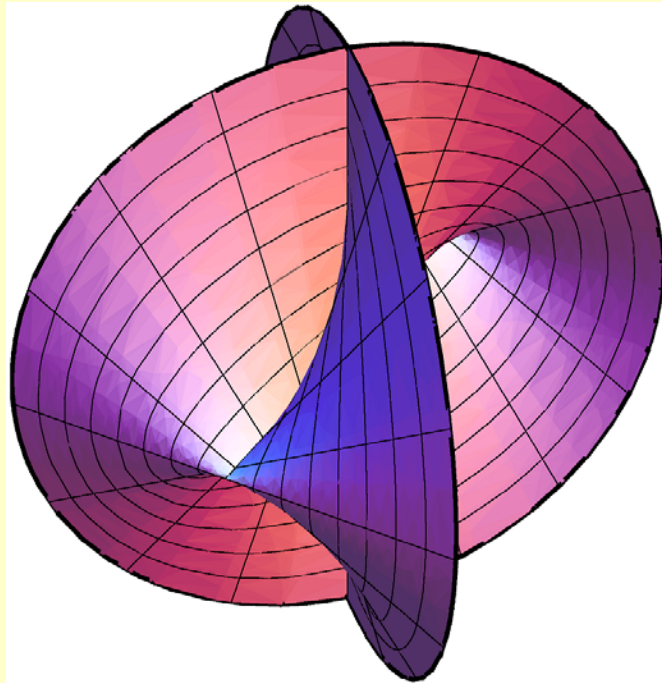
Continuous connection between SMRI and HMRI – a paradox?

[Hollerbach & Rüdiger 2005]: There exist continuous and monotonic connection between SMRI (a destabilized slow magneto-Coriolis wave) and HMRI (a weakly destabilized inertial oscillation, [Liu et al. 2006])



The **hidden exceptional point** governs transfer of instability between the branch of (helically modified) SMRI and a complex branch of the inertial wave and **thus reconciles both findings** !

Thank you!



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