

Damping of Magnetar Oscillations induced by Giant Flares

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QPOs in Magnetar Giant Flare

Energetic events in our Galaxy

○ SGR1806-20 (Galactic 6-15 kpc) Event in 2004

$$P = 7.5 \text{ sec}, B_d = 2.1 \times 10^{15} \text{ G}$$

$$\Delta E_{EM} \approx 10^{46} \text{ ergs}$$

[>> Bursts, Brightening AXP $\Delta E_{EM} \approx 10^{41-42} \text{ ergs}$]

$$E_G \approx 10^{53}, E_{Rot} \approx 10^{45}, \underline{E_B \approx 10^{48}}, E_T \approx 10^{43}, \dots \text{ergs}$$

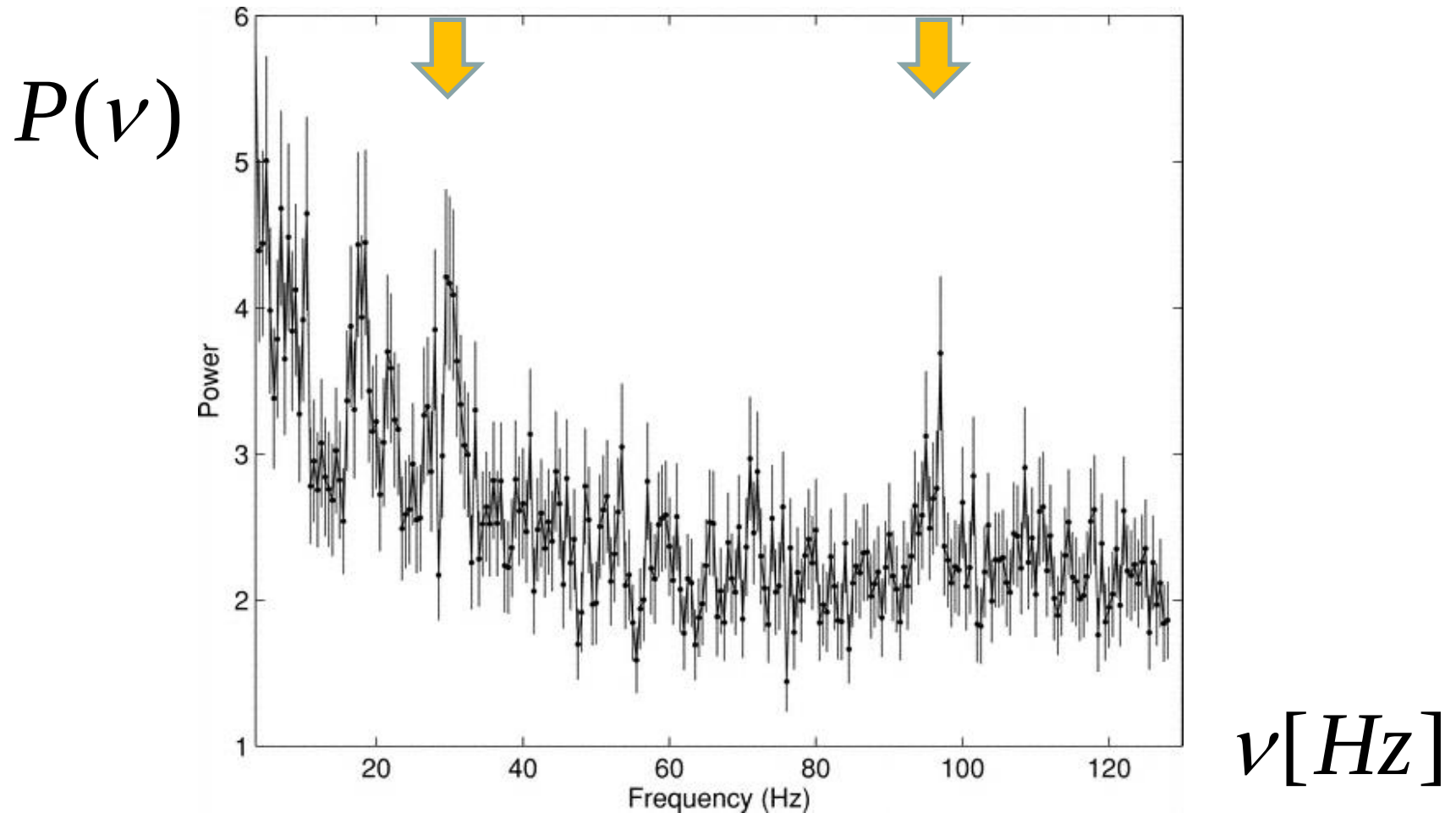
✓ Magnetic Energy Source $B \approx 10^{15} \text{ G}$

✓ QPO observed in hard X-rays (<200 keV)

30 Hz(2,0) 92 Hz(6,0) 150 Hz(10,0),... Magneto-shear oscillation

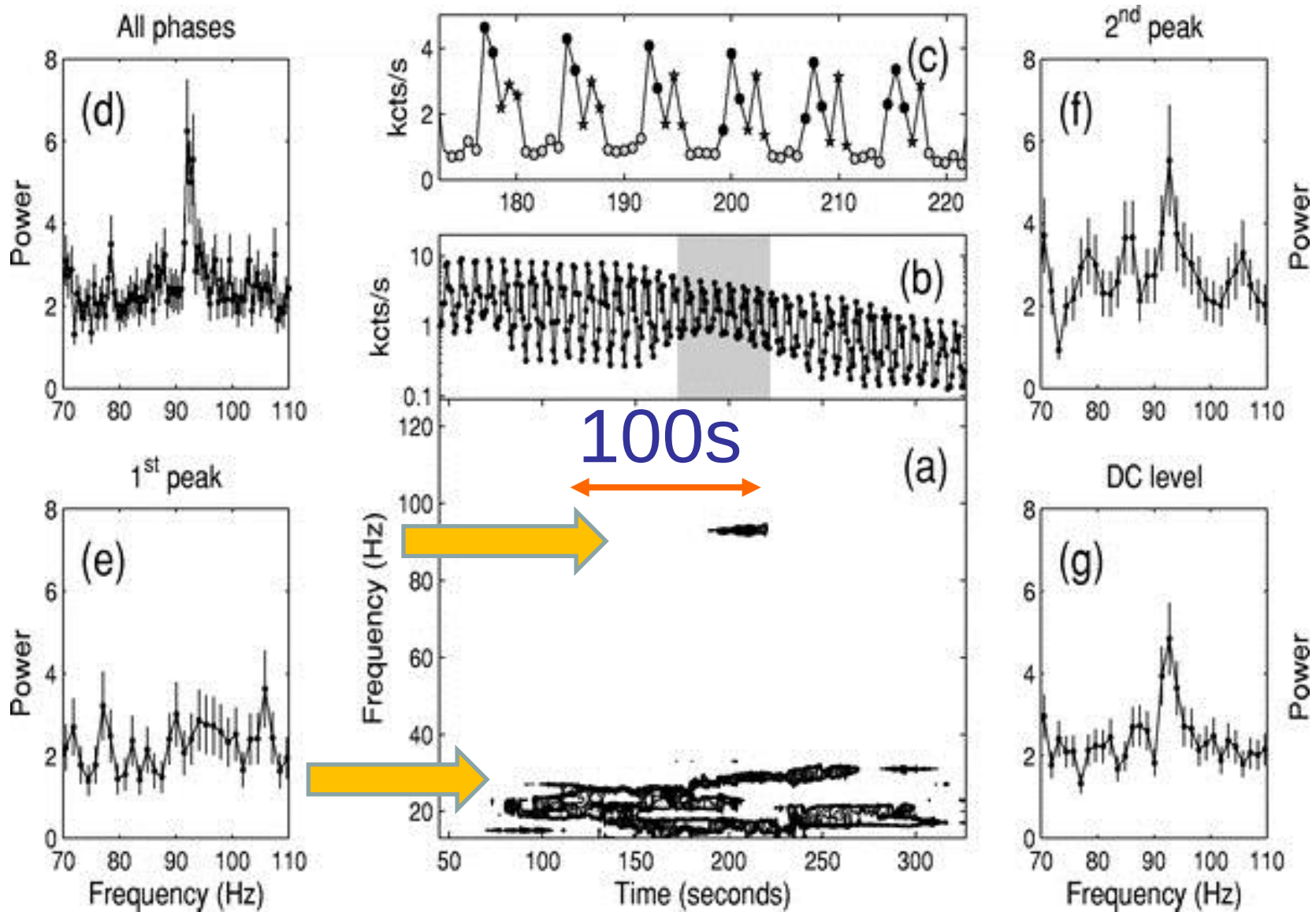
Important timescale puzzle $\leftrightarrow$ GW emission ²

SGR1806-20 Israel+ 2005



Peaks at 20, 30, 95Hz during 200-300s

SGR1806-20 Israel+ 2005



Timescale Puzzle

QPO observed in a specific time ~ 1000 s

- Long timescale $\gg$ dynamical one

$$R / c \approx 10^{-3}, R / c_s \approx R / c_A \approx 0.1 \text{ sec}$$

- **Short** compared with damping timescales discussed later

-> Theoretical task to identify the mechanism

Numerical simulation < 10 sec

(Gabler +, Sotani, Lasky, Zink, Kokkotas+

-> It is necessary to follow thousands of oscillations

Site of energy deposit

$$\Delta E_{EM} \approx 10^{46} \text{ ergs}$$

Energy associated with mag. configuration change

Order-of-magnitude
estimate in magnetars

$$E_{EM} \approx 2 \times 10^{48} B_{15.5}^2 R_6^3 \text{ ergs}$$

$$\varepsilon_{mag} \approx 1 (B_{15.5})^2 [\text{kev} / \text{fm}^3]$$

$$\varepsilon_g \approx 200 \text{ Mev} / \text{fm}^3$$

Strong force allows ‘small’ deviations

- Core
- Crust

$$\varepsilon_{str} \approx 0.1 [\text{kev} / \text{fm}^3]$$

(Horowitz & Kadau 2009)

NS with mountain



$$\varepsilon \approx E_{str} / E_{gr} < 4 \times 10^{-6}$$

- Magnetosphere

Change between twisted magnetic configurations

1 Triggered in Core

If (hypothetical) phase transition is a trigger,

$$\Delta E_{Flare} \sim \Delta E_{Osc} \gg \Delta E_{EM} \approx 10^{46} \text{ ergs}$$

magneto-shear oscillation in crust may be induced.

GW burst is expected before initial EM spike.

Otherwise, it is difficult to excite core vibration except for extreme field $B > 10^{18} \text{ G}$

Observational upper bound in GW is important

Upper limit of GW (LIGO S5 PR07)

$$h_{rms} \leq 4.5 \times 10^{-22} \text{ Hz}^{-1/2}, \Delta E \leq 7.7 \times 10^{46} \text{ erg}$$

$$\Delta E \approx (c^5 / G)(vhd / c)^2 \Delta t$$

-> Hope for upper limit by aLIGO, KAGRA

2 Triggered in Crust

Strongly coupled with exterior

$$\Delta E = \Delta E_{cr} + \Delta E_{ex}$$

$$\Delta E_{cr} \approx 10^{41} R_6^2 \Delta R_1, \Delta E_{ex} \approx 10^{47} B_{15}^2 R_6^3 \text{ergs}$$

Dipole almost unchanged

Toroidal, higher multipoles



Reflection/transmission is important

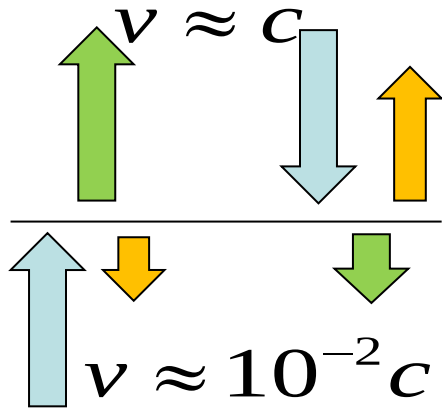
Initial spike by Alfvén wave collision at top of flux tube (Takamoto+ 2014)

Transmission & Reflection of Alfven waves at surface

Propagation from interior to exterior

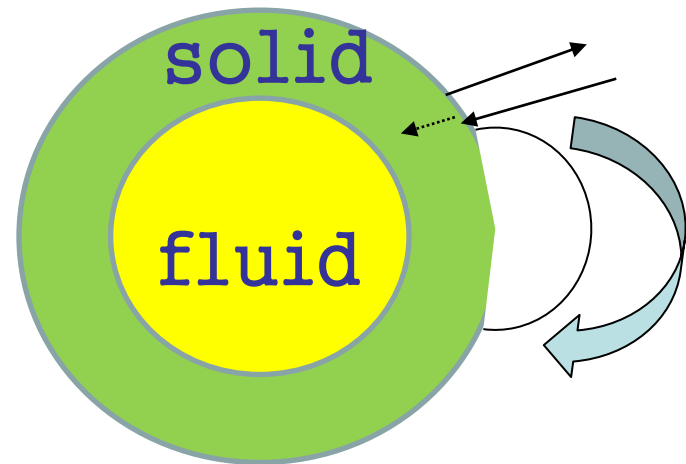
at $(R/c_A)r_{tr} \approx 1\text{sec}$

In the evolution after 1sec., global structure is important.



$$r_{tr} \approx 0.1 B_{15}^2 v_3^7 \cos \alpha$$

@ $v = \text{kHz}, B = 10^{15} \text{ G}$



$$\Delta R / R \approx 0.1$$

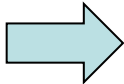
Melting crust by incoming Alfven wave
> 1sec (Li & Beloborodov 2015)

Damping of mechanisms for oscillations

➤ EM radiation approximated by Poynting flux

No wave propagation with low freq.

Actual mechanism : pair creation, current, ...
outward energy flows


$$P_{EM} \approx P_{Poynt}$$

By analogy with pulsars

$$\tau \approx E / P \approx 10^7 \text{ sec} (l = 2); \quad P_{Poynt} = a(\omega R / c)^6 B^2$$

Too long

Differences

Pulsar (stationary) $\dot{E}_{Rot} \gg \dot{E}_{EM}$

Magnetar $\Delta E_{EM} ? < \text{or} > \Delta E_{Osc} ?$ strong B

➤ Joule loss

- Power $P \approx \int \sigma^{-1} j^2 dV \approx 10^{33} \sigma_{22}^{-1} B_{15}^2 R_6 [\text{erg} / \text{s}]$

- Damping timescale $> 10^5 \text{ years}$

- Conductivity $\sigma = e^2 n_e \tau_c / m_e$

core surface atmosphere (fully ionized gas)

$$\sigma \approx 10^{29}, 10^{22}, 10^{18} [\text{s}^{-1}]$$

- Or anomalous resistivity required

$$\sigma \approx 10^{14} [\text{s}^{-1}]$$

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➤ Damping by neutrino viscosity

Unkown, but expected to be small.

$$\delta\rho \approx 0 \approx \delta T \Rightarrow L \approx 0$$

Estimate by energy

Emissivity by plasmon, brem, pair

$$\varepsilon \approx 10^{20} \text{ erg / s / cm}^3 \quad \text{@crust is small}$$

Except for dir. Urca $\varepsilon \approx 10^{26} \text{ erg / s / cm}^3$ @core

Cooling ~1 year

Summary

Giant flare is attractive to GW astronomy, but involves many uncertainties.

Timescale puzzle is briefly discussed, but the relevant mechanism is unknown.