Bulk viscosity of strange quark matter

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In memory of Vic Elias, a scientist, a poet, and a friend

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- Bulk viscosity of stellar quark matter
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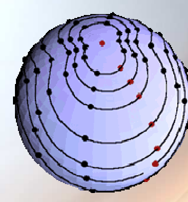
- Summary

Introduction

- **An r-mode of a rotating star, as seen by a non-rotating observer**

In *the absence of viscosity*, all rotating stars would spontaneously develop instabilities as a result of the emission of gravitational waves
[Chandrasekhar 1970, Friedman & Schutz 1978]



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- **In a reference frame co-rotating with the star**

While the total angular momentum and the total energy are decreasing, the velocity of the relative motion (as well as the intensity of the gravitational radiation) is increasing

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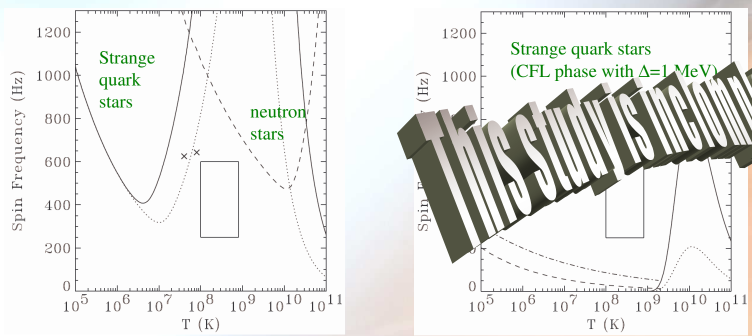
Bulk viscosity

- **The instability grows until the energy channeled into the r-mode matches the radiation energy**

[J. Madsen, Phys. Rev. Lett. 85 (2000) 10]

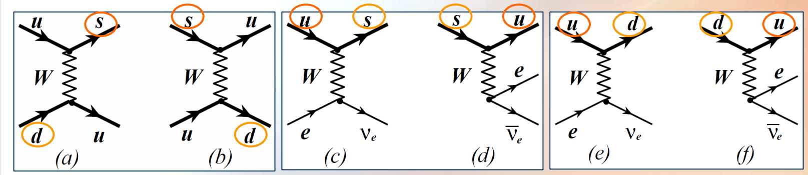


- **Role of the bulk/shear viscosity: it provides a channel to dissipate the r-mode energy (namely, into heat or neutrinos)**

Origin of bulk viscosity

- **Let the density oscillate,** $\delta n = \delta n_0 \,\mathrm{Re}(e^{i\omega t})$ **where** ω **is in the range from 10 s^{-1} to 10^3 s^{-1}**
- **These are the time scales of weak processes**

β-equilibrium	Instantaneous quasi-equilibrium
$\mu_s=\mu_d=\mu_u+\mu_e$	$\delta\mu_1=\mu_s-\mu_d\neq 0$ $\delta\mu_2=\mu_s-\mu_u-\mu_e\neq 0$



$\Gamma_a-\Gamma_b=-\lambda_1\delta\mu_1$ → heat

$\Gamma_c-\Gamma_d=-\lambda_2\delta\mu_2$ → neutrinos

$\Gamma_e-\Gamma_f=-\lambda_3(\delta\mu_2-\delta\mu_1)$ → neutrinos

"Folklore"

- **Rates**

approximate

$$\lambda_1 \simeq \frac{64}{5\pi^3} G_F^2 \cos^2\theta_C \sin^2\theta_C \mu_d^5 T^2$$

$$\lambda_2 \simeq \frac{17}{40\pi} G_F^2 \sin^2\theta_C \mu_s m_s^2 T^4$$

$$\lambda_3 \simeq \frac{17}{15\pi^2} G_F^2 \cos^2\theta_C \alpha_s \mu_d \mu_u \mu_e T^4$$

Note: $\lambda_1 \gg \lambda_2 \simeq \lambda_3$

- **Non-leptonic weak processes d+u⇔u+s give the dominant contribution to** ζ
- **However, this is true only if** $\omega \gg \omega_0$ **where**

$$\omega_0 = \frac{\sqrt{\lambda_1(\lambda_2+\lambda_3)}}{n^{2/3}} \propto T^3$$

Competition of weak processes. I.

Non-leptonic ζ**:**

$$\zeta_{\rm non} \simeq \frac{\lambda_1 C_1^2}{\omega^2 + (\lambda_1 A_1/n)^2}$$

where

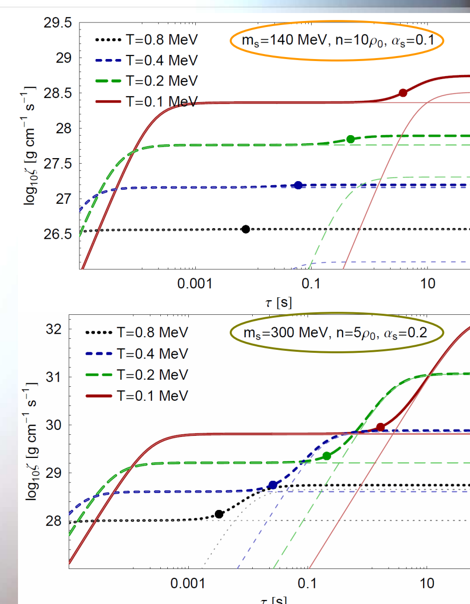
- $A_1 \propto n^{1/3}$
- $C_1 \propto m_s^2/n^{1/3}$

Change of regimes at

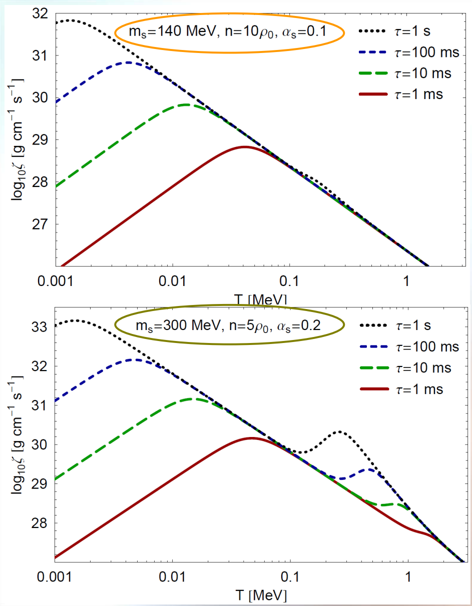
- **10^3 s^{-1}** $\lesssim \omega_0 \lesssim$ **10 s^{-1}**

The role of the Urca processes increases when

- m_s **increases (i.e.,** n **decreases)**



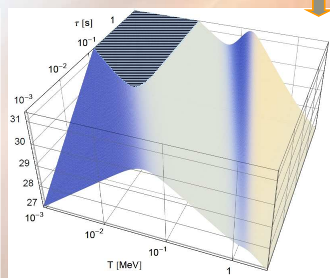
Competition of weak processes. II.



The effect of the Urca processes grows with the period and is largest for

0.1 MeV ≲ T ≲ 1 MeV

$\log_{10}[\zeta(T,\tau)]$ as a function of temperature T and period τ looks as follows:

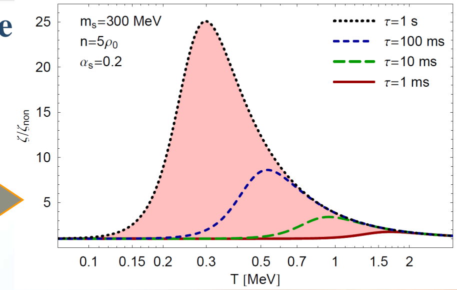


m_s=300 MeV, n=5ρ_0, α_s=0.2

Enhancement of bulk viscosity

- The importance of the Urca processes could be revealed by calculating the ratio

ζ/ζ_{non}



- A resonance type of enhancement is observed at

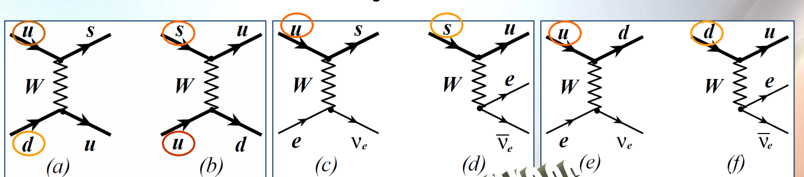
$$T_{max} \propto \tau^{-1/3}$$

which is equivalent to

$$\omega \approx \omega_0 \propto T^3$$

Competition in a color superconductor

- If quasiparticles are gapped, the rates are suppressed ($T \ll T_c$)



$\lambda_1 \propto e^{-2\Delta/T}$ $\lambda_3 \propto e^{-\Delta/T}$

Work in progress

- The “reso… is likely to occur at

$\omega \approx \omega_0 \propto e^{-2\Delta/3T}$ $\Rightarrow$ $T_{max} \propto \Delta/\ln[\tau/\tau_0]$

- The non-leptonic processes have smaller rates than the Urca processes for $T \lesssim T_{max}$

Summary

- There is a subtle interplay between non-leptonic and semi-leptonic contributions to the bulk viscosity of strange quark matter
- The “resonance” condition is $\omega \approx \omega_0$ where

$$\omega_0 = \frac{\sqrt{\lambda_1(\lambda_2+\lambda_3)}}{n^{2/3}}$$

- The interplay of various weak processes is expected to be even more interesting in a color superconductor (e.g., in the Color-Spin-Locked phase)