

Spectral analysis of terrestrial planets and gas giants

Characterization of the spectra of rotating truncated gas planets, part II

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- assume secular stability: $\gamma(a_2) = 0$ and $A_2^{1/2}$ is well defined on $D(A_2)$, with a nontrivial $\text{Ker}(A_2^{1/2})$ coinciding with $\text{Ker}(A_2)$
- we let

$$B_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & iA_2^{1/2} \\ iA_2^{1/2} & -2R_\Omega \end{pmatrix}, \quad D(B_2) = D(A_2) \times D(A_2) \quad (34)$$

- it is immediate that iB_2 is *self adjoint* on $H \times H$, equipped with the original inner product:

$$\left(B_2 \begin{pmatrix} u \\ v \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} u' \\ v' \end{pmatrix} \right) = (iA_2^{1/2}v, u')_H + (iA_2^{1/2}u - 2R_\Omega v, v')_H = - \left(\begin{pmatrix} u \\ v \end{pmatrix}, B_2 \begin{pmatrix} u' \\ v' \end{pmatrix} \right) \quad (35)$$

- we introduce (noting the minus sign)

$$\tilde{L}(\lambda) = B_2 - \lambda \text{Id} = \begin{pmatrix} -\lambda & iA_2^{1/2} \\ iA_2^{1/2} & -\lambda - 2R_\Omega \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad \tilde{R}(\lambda) = \tilde{L}(\lambda)^{-1} \quad (36)$$

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$$L(\lambda)v = 0, \quad u = \lambda^{-1}iA_2^{1/2}v \tag{39}$$

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- we further let π_v be projection onto the v component and define $P_\lambda = \pi_v \tilde{P}_\lambda \pi_v^*$; using (37),

$$P_\lambda = -\frac{\lambda}{2\pi i} \oint_{\Gamma_\lambda} R(\omega) \, d\omega$$

- we can now use these projectors to define the projection onto (part of) the acoustic part of the spectrum, which is

$$E = \sum_{\lambda \in \sigma(S_1)} P_\lambda$$

- we conclude that the projection onto the eigenspace of λ for \tilde{L} gives a corresponding projection, by taking the v component as in (39), onto the space $\text{Ker}(L(\lambda))$ of an acoustic mode
- this projection E shows it is possible to express the acoustic part of the wavefield as a sum of normal modes (apart from acoustic eigenvalues embedded in σ_2)

Riesz projectors and acoustic mode decomposition

- using the above mentioned Riesz projectors, we obtain a partial spectral decomposition of $\tilde{R}_{22}(\lambda)$:

$$\tilde{R}_{22}(\lambda)|_{acoustic} = \sum_{\omega \in \sigma(S_1)} \frac{P_\omega}{(\omega - \lambda)}$$

- this induces a corresponding partial spectral decomposition of $R(\lambda)$ from (37):

$$R(\lambda)|_{acoustic} = \frac{1}{\lambda} \sum_{\omega \in \sigma(S_1)} \frac{P_\omega}{(\lambda - \omega)}$$

(commonly used in computations)

Inertia-gravity modes and essential spectrum

essential spectrum of L

- because $L_{11}^{-1}(\lambda)$ is compact and the $L_{ij}(\lambda)$ are bounded from Proposition 1, using Proposition 2 we have that

$$\sigma_{ess}(L) = \sigma_{ess}(L_{22})$$

- using the formula for L_{22} given in Remark 2 and Lemma 4, this further reduces to

$$\sigma_{ess}(L) = \sigma_{ess} \left(\pi_2 \left(F(\lambda) + N^2 \hat{g}'_0 \hat{g}'_0^T \right) \pi_2^* \right) \quad (40)$$

- thus, referring to (14), we are led to consider the spectrum of

$$M(\lambda) = \pi_2 (\lambda^2 \text{Id} + 2\lambda R_\Omega + N^2 \hat{g}'_0 \hat{g}'_0^T) \pi_2^* : \text{Ker}(T) \rightarrow \text{Ker}(T)$$

Inertia-gravity modes and essential spectrum

- solutions $u \in \text{Ker}(T)$ of

$$\partial_t^2 u + 2\Omega \times \partial_t u + N^2 \hat{g}'_0 \hat{g}'^T_0 u = 0 \quad (41)$$

are modes of M , referred to as **inertia-gravity modes**

- restoring force of inertial modes is the **Coriolis force**: $2\Omega \times \partial_t(\rho_0 u)$
- restoring force of gravity modes is the **buoyancy**: $(\nabla \cdot \rho_0 u)g'_0 = N^2 \hat{g}'_0 \hat{g}'^T_0 \rho_0 u$

Inertia-gravity modes and essential spectrum

- $P_\xi^\perp = \sigma_p(\pi_2)$ defined by (22), which is the projection onto the space orthogonal to ξ
- for $\Omega \in \mathbb{R}^3$ let Ω_ξ be the component of Ω in the direction ξ given by

$$\Omega_\xi = \frac{\xi \cdot \Omega}{|\xi|}$$

Definition 2

For $x \in M$ and $\xi \in \mathbb{R}^3 \setminus \{0\}$, let $\sigma_{pt}(x, \xi)$ be the set of $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$ such that

$$\mathbb{C}^3 \ni \eta \mapsto \lambda^2 P_\xi^\perp \eta + 2\lambda P_\xi^\perp (\Omega \times P_\xi^\perp \eta) + N^2 (\hat{g}'_0 \cdot P_\xi^\perp \eta) P_\xi^\perp \hat{g}'_0 \quad (42)$$

has rank less than two (note that two is the largest possible rank due to P_ξ^\perp).

Characterization of $\sigma_{pt}(x, \xi)$

Lemma 5

If $\lambda \in \sigma_{pt}(x, \xi)$, then $\lambda = 0$ or

$$\lambda = \pm i \sqrt{4\Omega_\xi^2 + N^2 |P_\xi^\perp \hat{g}'_0|^2}. \quad (43)$$

[Link to proof](#)

if λ satisfies (43), then

$$\lambda^2 = -\frac{1}{|\xi|^2} \underbrace{\left(4(\Omega \cdot \xi)^2 + N^2 |\xi|^2 - N^2 (\hat{g}'_0 \cdot \xi)^2 \right)}_{\text{quadratic form in } \xi} \quad (46)$$

eigenvalues of the matrix corresponding to this quadratic form: N^2 and

$$\beta_{\pm} = \frac{1}{2} \left(4|\Omega|^2 + N^2 \pm \sqrt{(N^2 + 4|\Omega|^2)^2 - 16(\Omega \cdot \hat{g}'_0)^2 N^2} \right) \quad (47)$$

Range of possible λ^2 , varying ξ

–1 times the interval between the min/max of these eigenvalues:

- if $N^2 \geq 0$, then this range will be $\lambda^2 \in -[\beta_-, \beta_+]$ which leads to $\lambda \in \pm i[\sqrt{\beta_-}, \sqrt{\beta_+}]$
- if $N^2 < 0$, then the range of possible values is $\lambda^2 \in -[N^2, \beta_+]$, which gives $\lambda \in [-\sqrt{(-N^2)}, \sqrt{(-N^2)}] \cup i[-\sqrt{\beta_+}, \sqrt{\beta_+}]$

Lemma 6

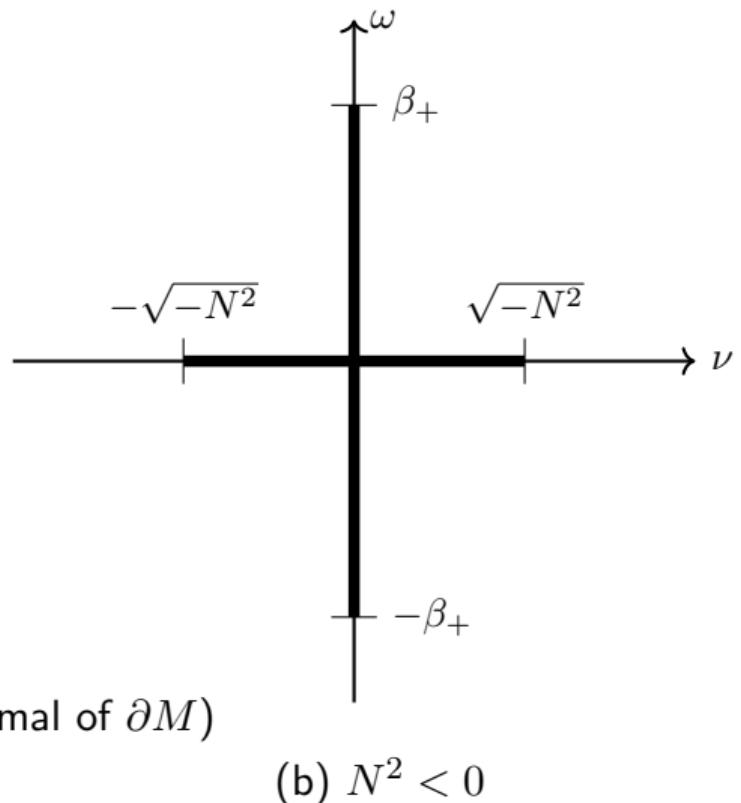
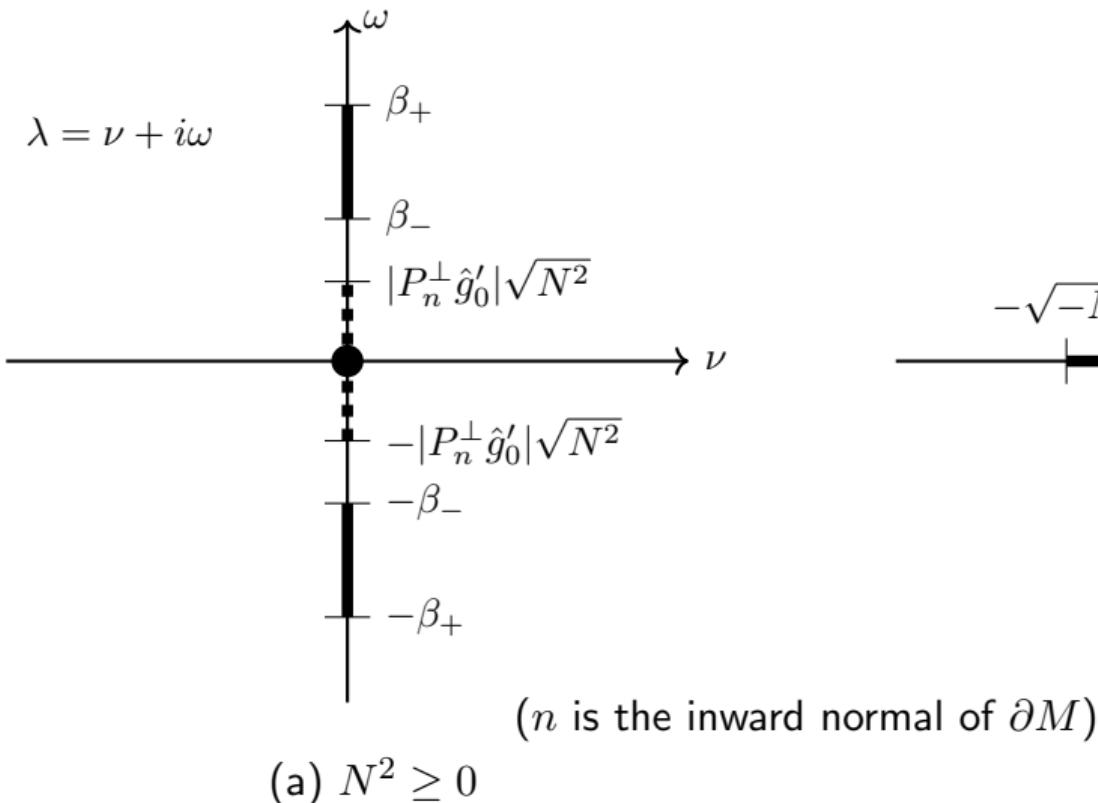
Let β_{\pm} be given by (47). Then

$$\bigcup_{\xi \in \mathbb{R}^3 \setminus \{0\}} \sigma_{pt}(x, \xi) = \bigcup_{\pm \in \{-1, 1\}} \left(\left[-\sqrt{\max(0, -N^2)}, \sqrt{\max(0, -N^2)} \right] \cup \pm i \left[\sqrt{\max(0, \beta_-)}, \sqrt{\beta_+} \right] \right) \quad (48)$$

Furthermore, this set contains $\sqrt{-N^2}$.

Set (48) for $x \in M$ fixed

dashed region: boundary



The essential spectrum

Theorem 1

For $x \in \partial M$, let $n(x)$ denote the inward pointing unit normal vector. The essential spectrum $\sigma_{ess}(L)$ is given by

$$\begin{aligned}\sigma_{ess}(L) = & \left(\bigcup_{x \in M, \pm \in \{-1,1\}} \left[-\sqrt{\max(0, -N^2)}, \sqrt{\max(0, -N^2)} \right] \cup \pm i \left[\sqrt{\max(0, \beta_-)}, \sqrt{\beta_+} \right] \right) \\ & \bigcup \left(\bigcup_{x \in \partial M} i |P_n^\perp \hat{g}'_0| \left[-\sqrt{\max(0, N^2)}, \sqrt{\max(0, N^2)} \right] \right). \end{aligned} \quad (49)$$

Proof:

- Part 1 (\supset): [Link to Part 1](#)
- Part 2 (\subset): [Link to Part 2](#)

- Part 3 (Lemma 7): [Link to Part 3](#)

Elements of the proof: interior

- suppose that $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$ is contained in $\sigma_{pt}(x_0, \xi_0)$ such that $x_0 \in M^{int}$; thus, there exists nonzero η orthogonal to ξ_0 such that

$$\lambda^2 P_{\xi_0} \eta + 2\lambda P_\xi(\Omega \times P_{\xi_0} \eta) + N^2 (P_{\xi_0} \hat{g}_0 \cdot P_{\xi_0} \eta) P_{\xi_0} \hat{g}_0 = 0$$

- then, for any $\epsilon > 0$, choose a neighborhood $U \subset M^{int}$ of x_0 such that at all $x \in U$

$$|\lambda^2 P_{\xi_0} \eta + 2\lambda P_{\xi_0}(\Omega \times P_{\xi_0} \eta) + N^2 (P_{\xi_0} \hat{g}_0 \cdot P_{\xi_0} \eta) P_{\xi_0} \hat{g}_0| < \epsilon$$

- let $\phi \in C_c^\infty(U)$ be such that $\|\phi\|_{L^2(\rho^0 dx)} = 1$ and consider

$$u(x) = \eta \phi(x) e^{itx \cdot \xi_0}$$

as $t \rightarrow \infty$, u converges to zero weakly

- using the fact that ξ_0 is orthogonal to η

$$\pi_2(u)(x) = \phi(x) e^{itx \cdot \xi_0} \eta + O\left(\frac{1}{t}\right)$$

Weyl sequence (even though such a sequence is normalized, its mass can move around the Hilbert space so that it doesn't overlap with any fixed finite part)

Elements of the proof: boundary

- introduce a certain system of PDEs, then show that this system satisfies the Lopatinskii conditions Agmon et al. [1964] if and only if λ is in the complement of the right side of (49)
- when the Lopatinskii conditions are satisfied, the system is a Fredholm operator which implies $M(\lambda)$ is also Fredholm; therefore, in this case $\lambda \in \sigma_{ess}(L)^c$
- the Lopatinskii conditions fail if either the system is not elliptic in the interior, or at the boundary

Special cases of (48); upper bound on essential spectrum

if for some value of x we have $\Omega \cdot \hat{g}_0 = 0$, then from (47) we have

$$\beta_{\pm} = \min(0, 4|\Omega|^2 + N^2), \max(0, 4|\Omega|^2 + N^2)$$

also, for general points $\beta_+ \leq 4|\Omega|^2 + N^2$; therefore, considering (49), we see that the part of $\sigma_{ess}(L)$ along the imaginary axis must be contained in

$$i \left[-\sqrt{4|\Omega|^2 + \max(0, N_{\sup}^2)}, \sqrt{4|\Omega|^2 + \max(0, N_{\sup}^2)} \right]$$

on the other hand, directly from (49) we see that the part of $\sigma_{ess}(L)$ along the real axis must be contained in

$$\left[-\sqrt{\max(0, -N_{\inf}^2)}, \sqrt{\max(0, -N_{\inf}^2)} \right]$$

Full spectrum bound

Proposition 3 (Dyson and Schutz)

The spectrum $\sigma(L)$ satisfies

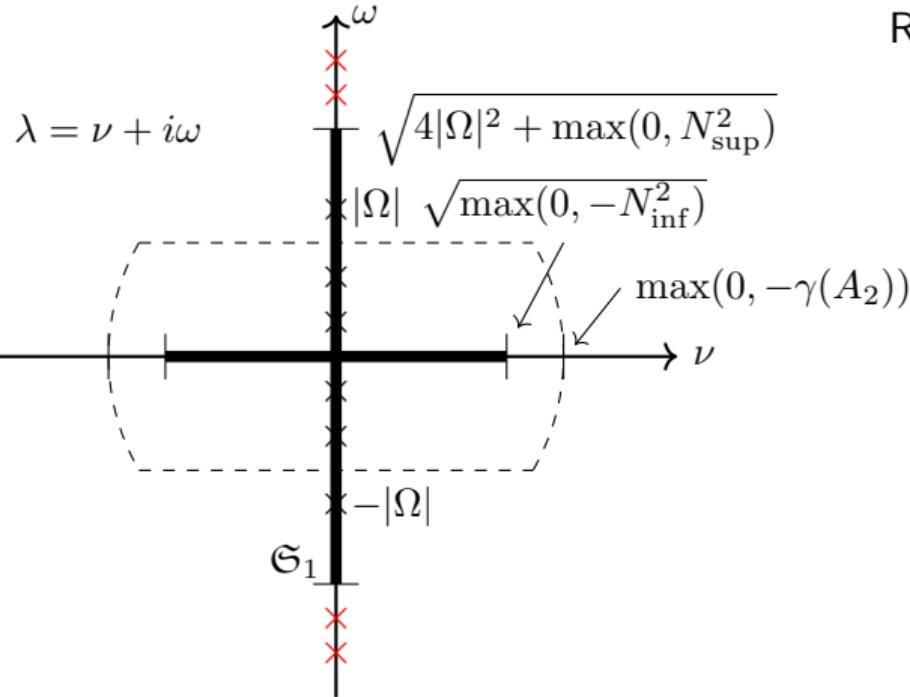
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$$\sigma(L) \subseteq i\mathbb{R} \cup \{\lambda \in \mathbb{C} : |\operatorname{Im}(\lambda)| \leq |\Omega|\};$$

② while A_2 is bounded below by $\gamma(A_2)$, $\lambda \in \sigma(L)$ and $\lambda \notin i\mathbb{R}$,

$$|\lambda|^2 \leq \max(0, -\gamma(A_2)).$$

Overview



an illustration of the spectrum $\sigma(L)$ after Register and Valette [2009]

- dark cross: must contain the essential spectrum $\sigma_{\text{ess}}(L)$ (but may be larger)
- full spectrum $\sigma(L)$ is contained in the union of the imaginary axis and region surrounded by the dashed curve
- crosses on the imaginary axis: eigenvalues, which could also occur within the dashed curve
- red crosses: outside of the essential spectrum, part of $\sigma(S_1)$ which is (part of) the acoustic component of the spectrum

Encore: Hamiltonian

recall

$$\tilde{s} = \nabla \rho_0 - \frac{\rho_0}{c^2} g'_0 \quad (78)$$

and the dynamic pressure

$$P = -c^2 [\nabla \cdot (\rho_0 u) - \tilde{s} \cdot u] \quad (79)$$

or

$$P = -\rho_0 [c^2 \nabla \cdot u + g'_0 \cdot u] \quad (80)$$

using that

$$\tilde{s} \cdot u = \frac{\tilde{s} \cdot g'_0}{|g'_0|^2} (g'_0 \cdot u) = \frac{N^2}{|g'_0|^2} (g'_0 \cdot (\rho_0 u)) \quad (81)$$

as $\nabla \rho_0$ and g'_0 must be parallel, we obtain

$$P = -c^2 \left[\nabla \cdot (\rho_0 u) - \frac{N^2}{|g'_0|^2} (g'_0 \cdot (\rho_0 u)) \right] \quad (82)$$

Hamiltonian

while introducing the particle velocity, $v = \partial_t u$, equations (10) and

$$\nabla^2 \Phi' = -4\pi G \nabla \cdot (\rho_0 u) \quad (\star)$$

are equivalent to the system

$$\partial_t \rho + \nabla \cdot (\rho_0 v) = 0, \quad (83)$$

$$\partial_t (\rho_0 v) + 2\Omega \times (\rho_0 v) = -\nabla P + \rho g'_0 - \rho_0 \nabla \Phi', \quad (84)$$

$$\partial_t P = c^2 \left[\partial_t \rho + \frac{N^2}{|g'_0|^2} (g'_0 \cdot (\rho_0 v)) \right] \quad (85)$$

supplemented with (\star)

Hamiltonian

equivalent to the system in linearized hydrodynamics

$$\partial_t \rho + \nabla \cdot (\rho_0 v) = 0, \quad (86)$$

$$\partial_t (\rho_0 v) + 2\Omega \times (\rho_0 v) = -\nabla P + \rho g'_0 - \rho_0 \nabla \Phi', \quad (87)$$

$$\partial_t P + v \cdot \nabla P_0 = c^2 [\partial_t \rho + v \cdot \nabla \rho_0] \quad (88)$$

as $\nabla P_0 = -\rho_0 g'_0$ (in the Cowling approximation, one drops the term $-\rho_0 \nabla \Phi'$) if $u \in \ker(T)$ then $P = 0$ and

$$\rho g'_0 = -(\nabla \cdot (\rho_0 u)) g'_0 = -(\tilde{s} \cdot u) g'_0 = -N^2 \hat{g}'_0 (\hat{g}'_0 \cdot \rho_0 u). \quad (89)$$

then, (84) is seen to be equivalent to

$$\partial_t v + 2\Omega \times v + N^2 \hat{g}'_0 (\hat{g}'_0 \cdot u) = 0, \quad Tu = 0$$

which is closely related to (41)

upon first introducing

$$\rho' = N \underbrace{(\hat{g}'_0 \cdot u)}_{u_{\parallel}} \quad (90)$$

this equation can be written as the system

$$(\partial_t + A) \begin{pmatrix} v \\ \rho' \end{pmatrix} = 0 \quad \text{with } A = \begin{pmatrix} 2\Omega \times & N\hat{g}'_0 \\ -N\hat{g}'_0^T & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad Tv = 0 \quad (91)$$

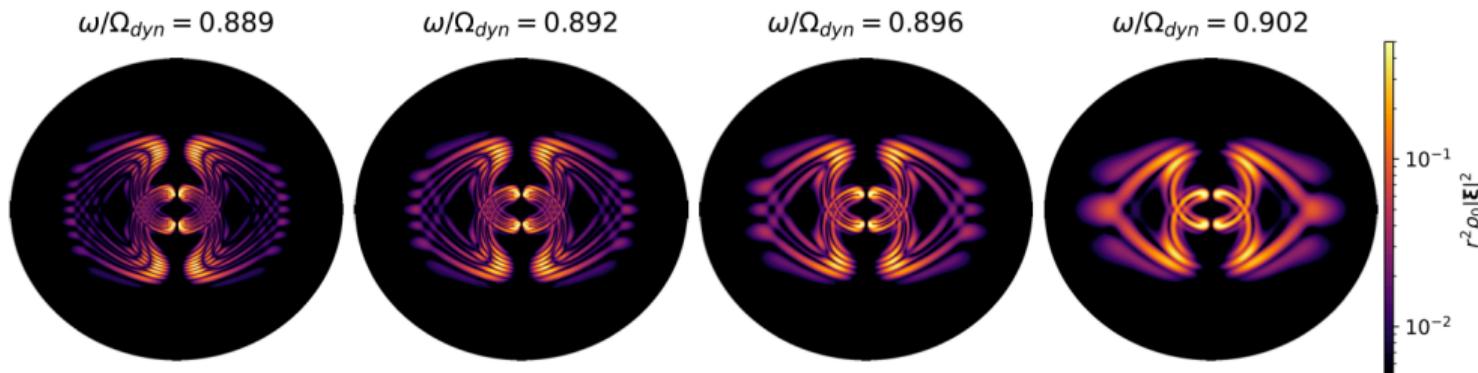
in Colin de Verdière and Vidal [2024], this system is formed by expressing v in an orthogonal basis where one of the basis vectors is \hat{g}'_0 ; including the projectors

$$\pi'_2 \begin{pmatrix} v \\ \rho' \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \pi_2 v \\ \rho' \end{pmatrix}, \quad (92)$$

the system takes the form

$$(\partial_t + H) \begin{pmatrix} v \\ \rho' \end{pmatrix} = 0 \quad \text{with } H = \pi'_2 A \pi'_2 \quad (93)$$

Inertia gravity modes: Practice



[Dewberry et al 2021]



[Prat et al 2022]

Model of terrestrial planets

- bounded $M \subset \mathbb{R}^3$, smooth boundary ∂M
- M divided into two regions:
 - Ω_F (fluid outer core), annulus
 - Ω_S (solid), two components — inner core (“ball”) and mantle (annulus)
- $\Sigma_{FS} = \partial\Omega_F$ interface between the fluid and solid regions; two smooth “spheres”
- $u = u(t, x) \in \mathbb{R}^3$ is displacement (as before)

Model of terrestrial planets

equation of motion for the oscillations of a rotating elastic and self-gravitating planet:

$$\rho^0 [\partial_t^2 u + 2 \Omega \times \partial_t u] + \rho^0 u \cdot \nabla \nabla (\Phi^0 + \Psi^s) + \rho^0 \nabla S(u) - \nabla \cdot (\Lambda^{T^0} : \nabla u) = 0 \quad (1)$$

$$\Psi^s(x) := -\frac{1}{2} (\Omega^2 x^2 - (\Omega \cdot x)^2) \quad (\text{centrifugal force}) \quad (2)$$

$$\Delta \Phi^0 = 4\pi G \rho^0 \quad (\text{reference gravitational potential}) \quad (3)$$

$$\Delta S(u) = -4\pi \nabla \cdot (\rho^0 u) \quad (\text{perturbation of the gravitational potential})$$

boundary conditions on ∂M :

$$\nu \cdot (\Lambda^{T^0} : \nabla u)|_{\partial M} = 0$$

interface conditions at Σ_{FS} :

$$[\nu \cdot (\Lambda^{T^0} : \nabla u)]_-^+ = -\nu \nabla^\Sigma \cdot (p^0[u]_-^+) - p^0 W[u]_-^+; \quad [u \cdot \nu]_-^+ = 0 \text{ on } \Sigma_{FS}$$

- $\nabla^\Sigma \cdot$ = surface divergence
- W = Weingarten operator on the interface
- $[\cdot]^\pm$ = jump across Σ_{FS} in the direction of the unit normal vector ν

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- $g'_0 := -\nabla(\Phi^0 + \Psi^s)$
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- initial hydrostatic stress: $p^0 = -\frac{1}{3}T^0$
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in the fluid region Ω_F , we have

$$\nabla \cdot (\Lambda^{T^0} : \nabla u) = \nabla(\kappa \nabla \cdot u) + \nabla(\rho^0 u) \cdot g'_0 - (\nabla \cdot (\rho^0 u)) g'_0$$

using this formula, we see that (1) is equivalent to

$$\begin{aligned} \rho^0 [\partial_t^2 u + 2 \Omega \times \partial_t u] &= \nabla(\kappa \nabla \cdot u) + \nabla(\rho^0 u) \cdot g'_0 - (\nabla \cdot (\rho^0 u)) g'_0 + \nabla g'_0 \cdot \rho^0 u - \rho^0 \nabla S(u) \\ &= \nabla(\kappa \nabla \cdot u) + \nabla(\rho^0 u \cdot g'_0) - (\nabla \cdot (\rho^0 u)) g'_0 - \rho^0 \nabla S(u). \end{aligned}$$

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$$\begin{aligned} \rho^0 [\partial_t^2 u + 2 \Omega \times \partial_t u] &= \nabla(\kappa \nabla \cdot u) + \nabla(\rho^0 u) \cdot g'_0 - (\nabla \cdot (\rho^0 u)) g'_0 + \nabla g'_0 \cdot \rho^0 u - \rho^0 \nabla S(u) \\ &= \nabla(\kappa \nabla \cdot u) + \nabla(\rho^0 u \cdot g'_0) - (\nabla \cdot (\rho^0 u)) g'_0 - \rho^0 \nabla S(u). \end{aligned}$$

Function spaces and well-posedness

$$H(\text{Div}, \Omega, L^2(\partial\Omega)) = \{u \in L^2(\Omega) : \nabla \cdot u \in L^2(\Omega), \ u|_{\partial\Omega} \cdot \nu \in L^2(\partial\Omega)\}; \quad (5)$$

$$\begin{aligned} (u, v)_{H(\text{Div}, \Omega, L^2(\partial\Omega))} = & \langle u, v \rangle_{L^2(\Omega)} + \langle \nabla \cdot u, \nabla \cdot v \rangle_{L^2(\Omega)} \\ & + \langle u|_{\partial\Omega} \cdot \nu, v|_{\partial\Omega} \cdot \nu \rangle_{L^2(\partial\Omega)} \end{aligned} \quad (6)$$

furthermore

$$H_0(\text{Div}, \Omega) = \{u \in H(\text{Div}, \Omega) : u|_{\partial\Omega} \cdot \nu = 0\} \quad (7)$$

and

$$H_0(\text{Div } 0, \Omega) = \{u \in H(\text{Div}, \Omega) : \nabla \cdot u = 0, \ u|_{\partial\Omega} \cdot \nu = 0\} \quad (8)$$

we can modify (1) to a weak form with domain given by the next definition

Function spaces and well-posedness

Definition 3

We let

$$E = \left\{ u \in L^2(M, \rho^0 \, dx) : \begin{cases} u|_{\Omega_S} \in H^1(\Omega_S) \\ u|_{\Omega_F} \in H(\text{Div}, \Omega_F, L^2(\partial\Omega_F)) \\ [u \cdot \nu]_+^0 = 0 \text{ along } \Sigma_{FS} \end{cases} \right\} \quad (9)$$
$$(u, v)_E := (u|_{\Omega_S}, v|_{\Omega_S})_{H^1(\Omega_S)} + (u|_{\Omega_F}, v|_{\Omega_F})_{H(\text{Div}, \Omega_F, L^2(\partial\Omega_F))}.$$

we observe that

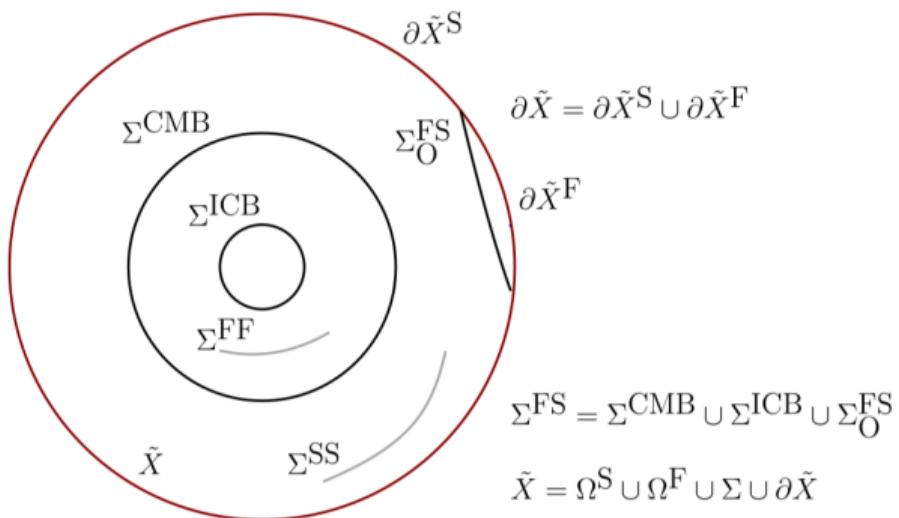
- E equipped with the inner product $(\cdot, \cdot)_E$ is a Hilbert space
- the injective inclusion of E into $H = L^2(M, \rho^0 \, dx)$ is continuous
- E is dense in $H = L^2(M, \rho^0 \, dx)$

as a result, we have the setting of a Hilbert triple

$$E \hookrightarrow H \hookrightarrow E'$$

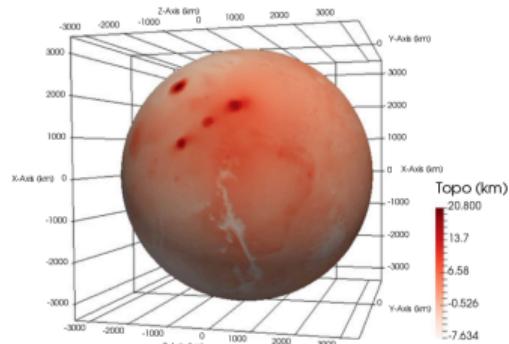
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Terrestrial planet geometry

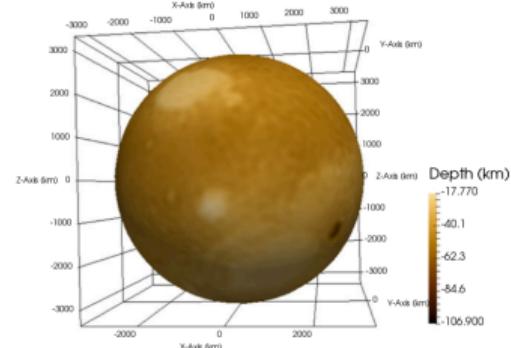


Above: Conceptual geometry of a terrestrial planet

Right: Topography and crust-mantle interface of Mars using MOLA and gravity data

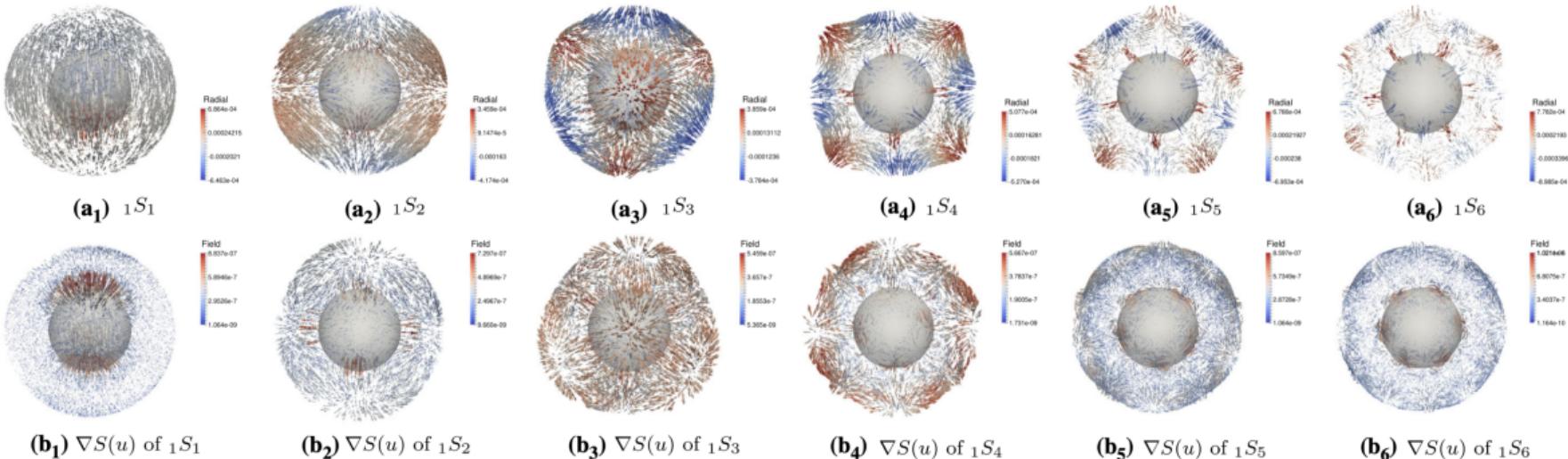


(a) Topography



(b) Crust-mantle interface

Selected normal modes of Mars



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Remark 2: No compact inverse

If we additionally assume that g'_0 and $\nabla \rho_0$ are parallel, which is a requirement for well-posedness of the system (1), and use the Brunt-Väisälä frequency N^2 (see (9)), the proof of Proposition 1 implies the following formulae

$$\begin{aligned} L_{12}(\lambda) &= \pi_1 (F(\lambda) + N^2 \hat{g}'_0 \hat{g}'_0{}^T + \nabla S \rho_0) \pi_2^*, & L_{22}(\lambda) &= \pi_2 (F(\lambda) + N^2 \hat{g}'_0 \hat{g}'_0{}^T + \nabla S \rho_0) \pi_2^*, \\ L_{21}(\lambda) &= \pi_2 (F(\lambda) + N^2 \hat{g}'_0 \hat{g}'_0{}^T + \nabla S \rho_0) \pi_1^* \end{aligned} \tag{26}$$

where

$$\hat{g}'_0 = \frac{g'_0}{\|g'_0\|}.$$

From these formulae and Lemma 4, $L_{22}(\lambda)$ cannot have a compact inverse. Thus by taking $u \in \text{Ker}(T)$ we see that $L(\lambda)^{-1}$ cannot be compact as observed earlier.

Remark 4: Geostrophic modes

For completeness of the characterization, we briefly present how the geostrophic modes (see [Dahlen and Tromp, 1999, Section 4.1.6]) appear in the analysis. Fluid motions which travel along the level surfaces of ρ_0 and preserve the density are generalized eigenfunctions of L , or geostrophic modes, corresponding to $\lambda = 0$. They are necessarily solutions to the problem

$$\begin{cases} \tilde{s} \cdot u = 0, \\ \nabla \cdot (\rho_0 u) = 0, \\ \nabla \cdot u|_{\partial M} = 0. \end{cases} \quad (31)$$

Note that if $u \in H$ satisfies (31), then $u \in H_2 = \text{Ker}(T)$. If $\varphi \in H^1(M)$ is such that

$$\nabla \varphi \cdot (\nabla \times \tilde{s}) = 0 \quad (32)$$

and we define u by

$$u = \rho_0^{-1} \nabla \varphi \times \tilde{s}, \quad (33)$$

then u satisfies the first and the second equations of (31) as

$$\nabla \cdot (\nabla \varphi \times \tilde{s}) = \tilde{s} \cdot (\nabla \times \nabla \varphi) - \nabla \varphi \cdot (\nabla \times \tilde{s}).$$

Remark 4: Geostrophic modes

Since we have also

$$\nabla \cdot (\rho_0^{-1} \nabla \varphi \times \tilde{s}) = (\nabla \varphi \times \tilde{s}) \cdot \nabla \rho_0^{-1},$$

the boundary condition in (31) is equivalent to

$$(\nabla \varphi \times \tilde{s}) \cdot \nabla \rho_0^{-1}|_{\partial M} = 0.$$

Assuming that g'_0 , $\nabla \rho_0$ and n are parallel on ∂M , which is required for well-posedness of the system, this boundary condition is automatically satisfied.

The geostrophic modes form a infinite-dimensional subspace of H_2 . This is consistent with the fact that the essential spectrum of L corresponds with the H_2 component (i.e. $L(0)$ fails to be Fredholm because of an infinite dimensional kernel contained in H_2).

Proof of Lemma 5

- first, assume that $P_\xi^\perp \hat{g}'_0 \neq 0$ and set

$$\eta = a P_\xi^\perp \hat{g}'_0 + b \xi \times P_\xi^\perp \hat{g}'_0 \quad (44)$$

where a and b are constants, not both equal to zero, to be determined; calculation shows

$$\begin{aligned} P_\xi^\perp(\Omega \times P_\xi^\perp(\xi \times P_\xi^\perp \hat{g}'_0)) &= P_\xi^\perp(\Omega \times (\xi \times P_\xi^\perp \hat{g}'_0)) \\ &= -|\xi| \Omega_\xi P_\xi^\perp \hat{g}'_0 \end{aligned}$$

and

$$P_\xi^\perp(\Omega \times P_\xi^\perp \hat{g}'_0) = \frac{\Omega_\xi}{|\xi|} \xi \times P_\xi^\perp \hat{g}'_0$$

- if $\lambda \in \sigma_{pt}(x, \xi)$ then for some a and b

$$\left(\lambda^2 a - 2\lambda |\xi| \Omega_\xi b + N^2 |P_\xi^\perp \hat{g}_0|^2 a \right) P_\xi \hat{g}'_0 + \left(\lambda^2 b + 2\lambda \frac{\Omega_\xi}{|\xi|} a \right) \xi \times P_\xi^\perp \hat{g}'_0 = 0$$

Proof of Lemma 5

- setting the two coefficients equal to zero, we see that either $\lambda = 0$ and $a = 0$ or

$$\lambda^2 = -4\Omega_\xi^2 - N^2|P_\xi^\perp \hat{g}'_0|^2 \quad (45)$$

which completes the proof in this case

- when $P_\xi^\perp \hat{g}'_0 = 0$, we choose arbitrary w orthogonal to ξ and start with

$$\eta = a w + b \xi \times w$$

instead of (44); a similar calculation gives $\lambda = 0$ or (45) in this case, and so the lemma is proven \square

Proof of Theorem 1 (Part 1)

we begin by proving the inclusion,

$$\begin{aligned}
 \sigma_{ess}(L) &\supset \bigcup_{x \in M, \pm \in \{-1, 1\}} \left[-\sqrt{\max(0, -N^2)}, \sqrt{\max(0, -N^2)} \right] \cup \pm i \left[\sqrt{\max(0, \beta_-)}, \sqrt{\beta_+} \right] \\
 &= \bigcup_{(x, \xi) \in M \times \mathbb{R}^3 \setminus \{0\}} \sigma_{pt}(x, \xi)
 \end{aligned} \tag{51}$$

- suppose that $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$ is contained in $\sigma_{pt}(x_0, \xi_0)$ such that $x_0 \in M^{int}$
- there exists nonzero η orthogonal to ξ_0 such that

$$\lambda^2 P_{\xi_0} \eta + 2\lambda P_\xi(\Omega \times P_{\xi_0} \eta) + N^2 (P_{\xi_0} \hat{g}'_0 \cdot P_{\xi_0} \eta) P_{\xi_0} \hat{g}'_0 = 0 \tag{52}$$

- for any $\epsilon > 0$, choose a neighbourhood $U \subset M^{int}$ of x_0 such that at all $x \in U$

$$|\lambda^2 P_{\xi_0} \eta + 2\lambda P_{\xi_0}(\Omega \times P_{\xi_0} \eta) + N^2 (P_{\xi_0} \hat{g}'_0 \cdot P_{\xi_0} \eta) P_{\xi_0} \hat{g}'_0| < \epsilon$$

- let $\phi \in C_c^\infty(U)$ be such that $\|\phi\|_{L^2(\rho^0 dx)} = 1$ and consider

$$u(x) = \eta \phi(x) e^{itx \cdot \xi_0}$$

Proof of Theorem 1 (Part 1)

- considering the Fourier transform, we can see that as $t \rightarrow \infty$, u converges to zero weakly
- since π_2 is a pseudodifferential operator with principal symbol given by (22), using the fact that ξ_0 is orthogonal to η , we have

$$\pi_2(u)(x) = \phi(x) e^{itx \cdot \xi_0} \eta + O\left(\frac{1}{t}\right)$$

- for t sufficiently large $\|\pi_2(u)\|_{L^2(\rho_0 \, dx)^3} > C > 0$ where C is a constant independent of t ;
since π_2 is continuous $\pi_2(u)$ converges weakly to zero as $t \rightarrow \infty$
- let

$$v = \frac{\pi_2(u)}{\|\pi_2(u)\|_H} \in \text{Ker}(T),$$

then

$$M(\lambda)v = \frac{1}{\|\pi_2(u)\|_H} \pi_2(\lambda^2 \text{Id} + 2\lambda R_\Omega + N^2 \hat{g}'_0 \hat{g}'_0^T) \pi_2 u$$

and the operator on the right side is a pseudodifferential operator with principal symbol given by the map (42)

Proof of Theorem 1 (Part 1)

- thus

$$M(\lambda)v = \frac{1}{\|\pi_2(u)\|_H} \left(\lambda^2 P_{\xi_0} \eta + 2\lambda P_{\xi_0}(\Omega \times P_{\xi_0} \eta) + N^2 (P_{\xi_0} \hat{g}'_0 \cdot P_{\xi_0} \eta) P_{\xi_0} \hat{g}'_0 \right) \phi(x) e^{itx \cdot \xi_0} + O\left(\frac{1}{t}\right)$$

and so by taking t sufficiently large

$$\|M(\lambda)v\|_{L^2(\rho_0 \, dx)^3} \leq \frac{2}{\|\pi_2(u)\|_H} \epsilon$$

- since $\epsilon > 0$ was arbitrary we see that $M(\lambda)v$ converges to zero strongly and so v defines a Weyl sequence; therefore $\lambda \in \sigma_{ess}(M) = \sigma_{ess}(L)$, and this proves $\sigma_{pt}(x_0, \xi_0) \subset \sigma_{ess}(L)$ for $x_0 \in M^{int}$
- since the essential spectrum is closed and (43) is a continuous function of x once \pm is chosen, for $x_0 \in \partial M$ we can take a limit from M^{int} to show $\sigma_{pt}(x_0, \xi_0) \subset \sigma_{ess}(L)$; this completes the proof of (51)

Proof of Theorem 1 (Part 2)

To complete the proof, we will introduce a certain system of PDEs which satisfies the **Lopatinskii conditions** if and only if λ is in the complement of the right side of (49).

- Lopatinskii satisfied \Rightarrow system is a Fredholm operator $\Rightarrow M(\lambda)$ is Fredholm, $\lambda \in \sigma_{ess}(L)^c$
- the Lopatinskii conditions fail if the system is not elliptic in the **interior** or at the **boundary**
- **interior ellipticity**: equivalent to

$$\lambda \in \left(\bigcup_{(x,\xi) \in M \times \mathbb{R}^3 \setminus \{0\}} \sigma_{pt}(x, \xi) \right)^c \quad (53)$$

we have already shown that failure of this condition leads to existence of a Weyl sequence

- assuming interior ellipticity, we will show **boundary ellipticity**: equivalent to

$$\lambda \in \left(\bigcup_{x \in \partial M} i|P_n^\perp \hat{g}'_0| \left[-\sqrt{\max(0, N^2)}, \sqrt{\max(0, N^2)} \right] \right)^c$$

we will show that failure of this condition also leads to existence of a Weyl sequence

Proof of Theorem 1 (Part 2)

Let us begin now deriving the PDE system:

- for any $v \in H$, consider the decomposition given by Lemma 2:

$$v = w + T^* \varphi$$

where $w \in \text{Ker}(T)$ and $\varphi \in H^1(M)$

- decompose w according the standard Helmholtz decomposition as

$$w = \nabla \times (\rho_0 w_v) + \nabla \varphi_v$$

where $\varphi_v \in H^1(M)$ and the vector potential $\rho_0 w_v$ is in the space

$$H_{\text{Curl},0}(M) = \{u \in L^2(\rho_0 \, dx) : \nabla \times u \in L^2(\rho_0 \, dx), \, n \times u|_{\partial M} = 0\},$$

while also satisfying

$$\nabla \cdot (\rho_0 w_v) = 0$$

- given that M is a “ball”, a unique such decomposition exists (see [Alberti et al., 2019, Section 3])

Proof of Theorem 1 (Part 2)

- set $\rho_0 z_v = \nabla \varphi_v$ which must then satisfy $\nabla \times (\rho_0 z_v) = 0$
- $w \in \text{Ker}(T)$ is equivalent to

$$\nabla \cdot (\rho_0 z_v) + \frac{g'_0}{c^2} \cdot \nabla \times (\rho_0 w_v) + \frac{\rho_0 g'_0}{c^2} \cdot z_v = 0, \quad n \cdot z_v|_{\partial M} = 0$$

- suppose that $u \in \text{Ker}(T)$ satisfies $M(\lambda)u = f$
- as described above for v , there will be w_u and z_u such that

$$u = \nabla \times (\rho_0 w_u) + \rho_0 z_u$$

where

$$\nabla \times (\rho_0 z_u) = 0 \tag{55}$$

$$\nabla \cdot (\rho_0 w_u) = 0 \tag{56}$$

$$\nabla \cdot (\rho_0 z_u) + \frac{g'_0}{c^2} \cdot \nabla \times (\rho_0 w_u) + \frac{\rho_0 g'_0}{c^2} \cdot z_u = 0 \tag{57}$$

$$n \cdot z_u|_{\partial M} = 0 \tag{58}$$

$$n \times w_u|_{\partial M} = 0 \tag{59}$$

Proof of Theorem 1 (Part 2)

- the same equations (55)–(59) will hold for w_v and z_v constructed above for arbitrary v : let $V(\lambda) = \lambda^2 I + 2\lambda R_\Omega + N^2 \hat{g}'_0 \hat{g}'_0^T$ and

$$v = V(\lambda)u$$

so that $f = \pi_2 v$; (55)–(59) become

$$\nabla \times (\rho_0 w_v) + \rho_0 z_v + T^* \varphi_v = V(\lambda) (\nabla \times (\rho_0 w_u) + \rho_0 z_u) \quad (60)$$

$$f = \nabla \times (\rho_0 w_v) + \rho_0 z_v \quad (61)$$

- to make the system elliptic, we will extend it with several potentials ψ_u , ψ_v and $\tilde{\varphi}$; setting these equal to zero, we find that the following system is satisfied:

Proof of Theorem 1 (Part 2)

$$\begin{pmatrix}
 \frac{g_0'^T}{c^2} \nabla \times \rho_0 & \nabla \cdot \rho_0 + \frac{\rho_0 g_0'^T}{c^2} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
 0 & \nabla \times \rho_0 & \nabla \rho_0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
 \nabla \cdot \rho_0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
 0 & 0 & 0 & \frac{g_0'^T}{c^2} \nabla \times \rho_0 & \nabla \cdot \rho_0 + \frac{\rho_0 g_0'^T}{c^2} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
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 0 & 0 & 0 & \nabla \cdot \rho_0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
 V(\lambda) \nabla \times \rho_0 & V(\lambda) \rho_0 & 0 & -\nabla \times \rho_0 & -\rho_0 I & 0 & -T^* & 0 \\
 0 & 0 & 0 & \nabla \times \rho_0 & \rho_0 I & 0 & 0 & -T^*
 \end{pmatrix}
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 \varphi_v \\
 \tilde{\varphi}
 \end{pmatrix}
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 0 \\
 0 \\
 0 \\
 0 \\
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 0 \\
 0 \\
 f
 \end{pmatrix} \quad (62)$$

$$n \times w_u|_{\partial M} = n \times w_v|_{\partial M} = 0, \quad n \cdot z_u|_{\partial M} = n \cdot z_v|_{\partial M} = \psi_u|_{\partial M} = \psi_v|_{\partial M} = 0$$

Proof of Theorem 1 (Part 2)

- in Lemma 7, we show that the system (62) satisfies the Lopatinskii conditions when λ is in the complement of the right side of (49)
- therefore, for such λ and by acting on $H^1(M)^{16}$ the corresponding operator is Fredholm
- considering that whenever $M(\lambda)u = f$ we have (62), we therefore conclude that $M(\lambda)$ is also Fredholm in this case
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key technical step in the proof of Theorem 1:

Lemma 7

Suppose that λ is in the complement of the right side of (49). Then the system (62) satisfies the Lopatinskii conditions. Furthermore, suppose

$$\lambda \in \left(\bigcup_{x \in \partial M} i|P_n \hat{g}'_0| \left[-\sqrt{\max(0, N^2)}, \sqrt{\max(0, N^2)} \right] \right) \cap \left(\bigcup_{(x, \xi) \in M \times \mathbb{R}^3 \setminus \{0\}} \sigma_{pt}(x, \xi) \right)^c. \quad (63)$$

Then $\lambda \in \sigma_{ess}(M)$.

[Link to proof.](#)

- let the operator on the left side of (62) be labeled $m(\lambda)$
- we collect the relevant operators for the boundary conditions in one large matrix

$$\mathcal{B} = \begin{pmatrix} n \times & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & n^T & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & n \times & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & n^T & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad (64)$$

- the principal symbol of $m(\lambda)$ is

$$\sigma_p(m(\lambda))(., \xi) = i\rho_0 \begin{pmatrix} \frac{g_0'^T}{c^2} \xi \times & \xi^T & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \xi \times & \xi & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \xi^T & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \frac{g_0'^T}{c^2} \xi \times & \xi^T & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \xi \times & \xi & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \xi^T & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ V(\lambda) \xi \times & 0 & 0 & -\xi \times & 0 & 0 & \xi & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \xi \times & 0 & 0 & 0 & \xi \end{pmatrix} \quad (65)$$

- this is invertible if $V(\lambda)$ is invertible when projected onto the space orthogonal to ξ :

we define

$$V_{\xi \perp \xi \perp}(\lambda) = P_\xi^\perp V(\lambda) P_\xi^\perp, \quad V_{\xi \xi \perp}(\lambda) = P_\xi V(\lambda) P_\xi^\perp$$

where P_ξ is the projection onto the span of ξ and P_ξ^\perp the projection onto the space orthogonal to ξ

- condition (53) is equivalent to invertibility of $\tilde{V}_\xi(\lambda) = V_{\xi \perp \xi \perp}(\lambda) + P_\xi$ at all points $(x, \xi) \in M \times (\mathbb{R}^3 \setminus \{0\})$

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- when it exists, the inverse of $\sigma_p(m(\lambda))$ is given by

$$\sigma_p(m(\lambda))(.,\xi)^{-1} = -\frac{i}{\rho_0|\xi|^2} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & \xi & 0 & 0 & 0 & -\xi \times \tilde{V}_\xi^{-1} & -\xi \times \tilde{V}_\xi^{-1} \\ \xi & -\xi \times & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -\xi \frac{g_0'^T}{c^2} P_\xi^\perp \tilde{V}_\xi^{-1} & -\xi \frac{g_0'^T}{c^2} P_\xi^\perp \tilde{V}_\xi^{-1} \\ 0 & \xi^T & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \xi & 0 & -\xi \times \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \xi & -\xi \times & 0 & 0 & -\xi \frac{g_0'^T}{c^2} P_\xi^\perp \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \xi^T & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \xi^T(I - V_{\xi\xi^\perp}) \tilde{V}_\xi^{-1} & -\xi^T V_{\xi\xi^\perp} \tilde{V}_\xi^{-1} P_\xi^\perp \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \xi^T \end{pmatrix} \quad (66)$$

Lemma 7 Proof

- **Lopatinskii condition** in boundary normal coordinates (\tilde{x}, x^3) where we freeze all coefficients at the central point where the Euclidean metric is the identity and write n for the inward pointing unit normal vector (WLOG the central point is the origin):

there is a unique non-zero bounded solution of the system

$$\sigma_p(m)(., \tilde{\xi} + nD_3)U = 0, \quad \mathcal{B}U = \eta \quad (67)$$

for any non-zero real $\tilde{\xi} \in \mathbb{R}^3$ orthogonal to n and $\eta \in \mathbb{C}^8$

- assuming $\lambda \in \sigma_{pt}((\tilde{x}, x^3), n)^c$, the ODE (67) is equivalent to

$$\frac{dU}{dx^3} = \underbrace{-\sigma_p(m) \left(., \frac{n}{i}\right)^{-1} \sigma_p(m)(., \tilde{\xi}) U}_K$$

and checking the condition amounts to analyzing the eigenvalues and eigenvectors of the matrix K on the right side of this equation

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- assuming $\lambda \in \sigma_{pt}((\tilde{x}, x^3), n)^c$, the ODE (67) is equivalent to

$$\frac{dU}{dx^3} = \underbrace{-\sigma_p(m) \left(., \frac{n}{i}\right)^{-1} \sigma_p(m)(., \tilde{\xi}) U}_K$$

and checking the condition amounts to analyzing the eigenvalues and eigenvectors of the matrix K on the right side of this equation

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- we introduce the notation

$$\hat{\xi} = \frac{\tilde{\xi}}{|\tilde{\xi}|}, \quad n_{\perp} = \hat{\xi} \times n$$

- eigenvectors for $\pm|\tilde{\xi}|$ are

$$U_{1,\pm} = \begin{pmatrix} n \pm i\hat{\xi} \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad U_{2,\pm} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ n \pm i\hat{\xi} \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad U_{3,\pm} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ n_{\perp} \\ \pm i \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad U_{4,\pm} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad U_{5,\pm} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ n \pm i\hat{\xi} \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad U_{6,\pm} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ n_{\perp} \\ \pm i \end{pmatrix}$$

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$$U_{7,\pm} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ n_{\perp} \\ a_{7,\pm}n + b_{7,\pm}\hat{\xi} \\ 0 \\ \pm i \\ \mp i \end{pmatrix}$$

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Lemma 7 Proof

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$$U_{8,\pm} = \begin{pmatrix} 2(\hat{\xi}^T \tilde{V}_n^{-1} \hat{\xi})n_{\perp} + a_{8,\pm}n + b_{8,\pm}\hat{\xi} \\ c_{8,\pm}n + d_{8,\pm}\hat{\xi} \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ (n^T V_{nn_{\perp}} \tilde{V}_n^{-1} \hat{\xi} - \hat{\xi}^T \tilde{V}_n^{-1} V_{n_{\perp}n}n) \\ \pm \sqrt{(n^T V_{nn_{\perp}} \tilde{V}_n^{-1} \hat{\xi} - \hat{\xi}^T \tilde{V}_n^{-1} V_{n_{\perp}n}n)^2 - 4(\hat{\xi}^T \tilde{V}_n^{-1} \hat{\xi})n^T (V_{nn} - V_{nn_{\perp}} \tilde{V}_n^{-1} V_{n_{\perp}n})n} \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

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- for the Lopatinskii condition we must restrict to the generalized eigenspace corresponding to eigenvalues with negative real part. Thus, existence of a unique bounded solution of (67) is equivalent to a unique solution $(c_1, \dots, c_8) \in \mathbb{C}^8$ of the system

$$\mathcal{B} \sum_{j=1}^8 c_j U_{j,-} = \eta$$

- using (64) and the equations for $U_{j,-}$ above we see that this linear system will have a unique solution if and only if $\hat{\xi}^T \tilde{V}_n^{-1} \hat{\xi} \neq 0$; calculations show

$$\tilde{V}_n^{-1} = P_n + \frac{1}{\lambda^4 + \lambda^2(N^2|P_n^\perp \hat{g}'_0|^2 + 4\Omega_n^2)} \left(\lambda^2 P_n^\perp - 2\lambda\Omega_n R_n + N^2|P_n^\perp \hat{g}'_0|^2 P_n^\perp P_{(P_n^\perp \hat{g}'_0)}^\perp P_n^\perp \right)$$

and so, since $\hat{\xi}$ is orthogonal to n ,

$$\hat{\xi}^T \tilde{V}_n^{-1} \hat{\xi} = \frac{\lambda^2 + N^2|P_n^\perp \hat{g}'_0|^2 \hat{\xi}^T P_{(P_n^\perp \hat{g}'_0)}^\perp \hat{\xi}}{\lambda^4 + \lambda^2(N^2|P_n^\perp \hat{g}'_0|^2 + 4\Omega_n^2)}$$

- therefore, for λ satisfying the interior ellipticity condition (53), the Lopatinskii condition fails if and only if

$$\lambda^2 = -N^2 |P_n^\perp \hat{g}'_0|^2 \hat{\xi}^T P_{(P_n^\perp \hat{g}'_0)}^\perp \hat{\xi}$$

- if $|P_n^\perp \hat{g}'_0| \neq 0$, then $\hat{\xi}^T P_{(P_n^\perp \hat{g}'_0)}^\perp \hat{\xi}$ takes all values in $[0, 1]$ while if $|P_n^\perp \hat{g}'_0| = 0$ then the right side of this equation is always equal zero
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Lemma 7 Proof

- it remains to show that given (63), $\lambda \in \sigma_{ess}(M)$; we will do this by showing the existence of a Weyl sequence
- by the calculations above, we see that when the Lopatinskii condition fails, for some $\tilde{\xi}$ orthogonal to n if we set $\zeta = U_{8,-} - ib_{8,-}U_{1,-} - id_{8,-}U_{2,-}$, then we have

$$\mathcal{B}\zeta = 0$$

- since ζ is composed of eigenvectors for eigenvalues with negative real part, there will be a corresponding non-zero bounded solution U_ζ of the ODE in (67) with $U_\zeta(\tilde{\xi}, x^3 = 0) = \zeta$
- given $\epsilon > 0$, let us choose a neighborhood Ω of x sufficiently small so that all coefficients of operator \mathcal{M} vary by at most ϵ within the neighborhood, and let $\phi \in C_c^\infty(\Omega)$
- then we set

$$u(x) = \phi(x) e^{it\tilde{x} \cdot \tilde{\xi}} U_\zeta(\tilde{\xi}, tx^3) \quad (68)$$

which is in $H^1(M)^{16}$

Lemma 7 Proof

- with this choice of \mathcal{U} we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 m\mathcal{U} &= m|_{x=0}\mathcal{U} + \epsilon\mathcal{O}(t) \\
 &= it\phi(x)\sigma_p(m)|_{x=0}(\tilde{\xi} + nD_3)\mathcal{U} + \epsilon\mathcal{O}(t) + \mathcal{O}(1) \\
 &= \epsilon\mathcal{O}(t) + \mathcal{O}(1) \quad \text{as } t \rightarrow \infty \text{ with norm } H^1(M)^{16}
 \end{aligned}$$

- now let w_u and z_u be the corresponding components of \mathcal{U} . Since $\tilde{\xi}^T \tilde{V}_n^{-1} \tilde{\xi} = 0$, in the case when $\alpha_- \neq -|\tilde{\xi}|$ these are explicitly given by

$$\begin{aligned}
 w_u &= e^{t(x^3\alpha_- + i\tilde{x}\cdot\tilde{\xi})}(a_{8,-}n + b_{8,-}\hat{\xi}) - ib_{8,-}e^{t(-x^3|\tilde{\xi}| + i\tilde{x}\cdot\tilde{\xi})}(n - i\hat{\xi}), \\
 z_u &= e^{t(x^3\alpha_- + i\tilde{x}\cdot\tilde{\xi})}(c_{8,-}n + d_{8,-}\hat{\xi}) - id_{8,-}e^{t(-x^3|\tilde{\xi}| + i\tilde{x}\cdot\tilde{\xi})}(n - i\hat{\xi})
 \end{aligned} \tag{69}$$

- in the case that $\alpha_- = -|\tilde{\xi}|$ and $U_{8,-}$ is a generalized eigenvector, these are replaced by

$$\begin{aligned}
 w_u &= e^{t(-x^3|\tilde{\xi}| + i\tilde{x}\cdot\tilde{\xi})}(a_{8,-} - ib_{8,-})n + tx^3e^{t(-x^3|\tilde{\xi}| + i\tilde{x}\cdot\tilde{\xi})}(n - i\hat{\xi}), \\
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 \end{aligned} \tag{70}$$

- considering the first component of (62), we have $\nabla \times (\rho_0 w_u) + \rho_0 z_u \in D(T)$ and

$$T(\nabla \times (\rho_0 w_u) + \rho_0 z_u) = \epsilon \mathcal{O}(t) + \mathcal{O}(1).$$

- by the construction of π_2 described just above Lemma 3, we have

$$\pi_2(\nabla \times (\rho_0 w_u) + \rho_0 z_u) = \nabla \times (\rho_0 w_u) + \rho_0 z_u + \epsilon \mathcal{O}(t) + \mathcal{O}(1)$$

with the H norm

- we set $u = \pi_2(\nabla \times (\rho_0 w_u) + \rho_0 z_u) \in \text{Ker}(T)$
- using the last and second to last lines in (62) and the fact that most components of \mathcal{U} are zero, we obtain

$$M(\lambda)u = \epsilon \mathcal{O}(t) + \mathcal{O}(1)$$

Lemma 7 Proof

- to construct a Weyl sequence, we need to normalize u , and so we consider $\|\nabla \times (\rho_0 w_u) + \rho_0 z_u\|_H$
- in the case $U_{8,-}$ is not a generalized eigenvector, using (69) we see

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla \times (\rho_0 w_u) + \rho_0 z_u &= t e^{t(x^3 \alpha_- + i \tilde{x} \cdot \tilde{\xi})} \left(-\frac{\alpha_-}{|\tilde{\xi}|} b_{8,-} + i a_{8,-} \right) |\tilde{\xi}| n_\perp \\ &\quad + t e^{t(-x^3 |\tilde{\xi}| + i \tilde{x} \cdot \tilde{\xi})} i b_{8,-} |\tilde{\xi}| n_\perp + \mathcal{O}(1) \end{aligned}$$

- since, from the calculation constructing $U_{8,-}$, we know that $a_{8,-}$ and $b_{8,-}$ cannot simultaneously vanish, from this last formula we see that

$$\|u\|_H = \|\nabla \times (\rho_0 w_u) + \rho_0 z_u\|_H + \epsilon \mathcal{O}(t) + \mathcal{O}(t) \approx \mathcal{O}(t)$$

(by this notation, we mean that $\|u\|_H$ is bounded below by Ct as $t \rightarrow \infty$ for some constant $C > 0$)

- a similar calculation beginning with (70) proves the same result when $U_{8,-}$ is a generalized eigenvector
- therefore

$$M(\lambda) \frac{u}{\|u\|_H} = \epsilon \mathcal{O}(1) + \mathcal{O}(t^{-1})$$

and so by choosing t sufficiently large we can obtain a sequence $v_\epsilon = u/\|u\|_H \in \text{Ker}(T)$ with H -norm equal to one and such that $M(\lambda)v_\epsilon \rightarrow 0$ as $\epsilon \rightarrow 0$

- because of the oscillatory nature of (68), it is also clear that v_ϵ converges weakly to zero, meaning it is a Weyl sequence and so $\lambda \in \sigma_{ess}(M)$

this completes the proof \square

Terrestrial weak form

we consider the weak form of (1), which can be formulated in the setting of $E \hookrightarrow H \hookrightarrow E'$ on $(0, T)$ for $T > 0$ as follows:

u is a weak solution of (1) if $u \in \mathcal{C}^0([0, T]; E)$, $\dot{u} \in \mathcal{C}^0([0, T]; H)$ and

$$\forall v \in E : \quad \frac{d}{dt}(\partial_t u, v)_H + (2R_\Omega \partial_t u, v)_H + a_2(u, v) = 0 \text{ in } \mathcal{D}'(0, T) \quad (12)$$

Terrestrial weak form

$$\begin{aligned}
a_2(u, v) := & \int_{\Omega_S} \left((\Lambda^{T^0} : \nabla u) : \nabla \bar{v} + \sigma_N \nabla u : \nabla \bar{v}^T - \sigma_N (\nabla \cdot u) (\nabla \cdot \bar{v}) \right) dV \\
& + \int_{\Omega_S} \left(-\mathfrak{S}\{(g'_0 \cdot u)(\bar{v} \cdot \nabla \rho^0)\} + \mathfrak{S}\{-(\nabla \sigma_N + \rho^0 g'_0) \cdot u (\nabla \cdot \bar{v})\} \right. \\
& \left. + \mathfrak{S}\{(\nabla \sigma_N - \rho^0 g'_0) \cdot \nabla u \cdot \bar{v}\} \right) dV \\
& + \int_{\Omega_F} \left(\frac{p^0 \gamma}{(\rho^0)^2} (\nabla \cdot (\rho^0 u) - \tilde{s} \cdot u) (\nabla \cdot (\rho^0 v) - \tilde{s} \cdot \bar{v}) \right. \\
& \left. - \tilde{s} \cdot g'_0 \frac{(g'_0 \cdot u)(\bar{v} \cdot g'_0)}{\|g'_0\|^2} \right) dV - \int_{\Sigma_{FS}} \mathfrak{S}\{(\bar{v} \cdot \nu) (u_+ \cdot [\rho^0]_+^+ g'_0)\} d\Sigma \\
& - \frac{1}{4\pi G} \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} \nabla S(u) \cdot \nabla S(\bar{v}) dV + \int_{\partial M} \mathfrak{S}\{\rho^0 (u \cdot g'_0) \bar{v} \cdot \nu\} d\Sigma
\end{aligned} \tag{13}$$

- \mathfrak{S} denotes symmetrisation in u and v ,

$$\tilde{s} = \nabla \rho^0 + \frac{g'_0(\rho^0)^2}{p^0 \gamma},$$

- σ_N is a regular scalar function which is equal to $-p^0$ in Ω^F and 0 outside of a small neighborhood of Ω^F
- \pm indicates limits from either side of the interface where the “+” side is chosen in the same direction as the unit normal vector ν to the interface
- along Σ_{FS} , ν is chosen to point from the fluid region to the solid region so that u_+ is the limit from the solid region, which is well defined since $u \in \mathcal{C}^0([0, T]; E)$

Terrestrial weak form

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in the solid region Ω_S

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Terrestrial weak form; coercivity

with these assumptions a_2 is bounded on E and for $\|\tau^0\|_{L^\infty(\tilde{X})}$ sufficiently small, σ_N such that

$$\|\sigma_N\|_{L^\infty(\Omega^S)} \leq \|\tau_0\|_{L^\infty(\tilde{X})}, \text{ and } \|\nabla \sigma_N\|_{L^\infty(\Omega^S)} \leq \|\nabla p^0\|_{L^\infty(U)}$$

there exist $\alpha, \beta > 0$ such that

$$a_2(u, u) \geq \alpha \|u\|_E^2 - \beta \|u\|_H^2, \quad \forall u \in E \quad (15)$$