



# EP stability WF

## part I: LIGKA model

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# schedule & organisation

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## EP-Stability-WF Training course - please register before July 10th, 2023

18 Jul 2023, 09:30 → 19 Jul 2023, 15:30 Europe/Berlin

Zoom

Description: <https://eu01web.zoom.us/j/6025051719?pwd=ZFhRdjdWVjUyMVZVZWVaRkladjFDQT09>

Registration: 🔑 You are registered for this event.

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### TUESDAY, 18 JULY

**09:30** → 11:30 **Introduction: physics model: EP stability WF: introduction** 🔗

Convener: Philipp Lauber (IPP)

**09:30** **EP stability WF, part 1: LIGKA model** 🕒 1h 🔗

Speaker: Philipp Lauber (IPP)

**10:30** **EP stability WF, part 2: WF design and some results** 🕒 45m 🔗

Speaker: Alin Popa (IPP)

**13:30** → 15:00 **Hands-on Session, part 1** 🔗

### WEDNESDAY, 19 JULY

**09:30** → 11:00 **Hands-on Session, part 2** 🔗

**13:30** → 15:00 **Troubleshooting, Q&A** 🔗



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- please check your SDCC login (ssh -X.., nomachine)
- or: check gateway access
- register to slack channel: [#ep-workflow-training](https://imasusers.slack.com)
- we plan to record first session for later use (Q&A not recorded)

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- Lauber PhD Thesis 2003: <http://nbn-resolving.de/urn/resolver.pl?urn:nbn:de:bvb:91-diss2003111814131>
- **LIGKA: Lauber JCP 2007: [10.1016/j.jcp.2007.04.019](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jcp.2007.04.019)**
- Lauber PPCF 2009: <http://stacks.iop.org/0741-3335/51/i=12/a=124009>
- Lauber PREP 2013: <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.physrep.2013.07.001>
- Bierwage NF 2017: <https://doi.org/10.1088/1741-4326/aa80fe>
- T. Hayward-Schneider NF 2021 <https://doi.org/10.1088/1741-4326/abdca2>
- Lauber JPC 2018 <https://doi.org/10.1088/1742-6596/1125/1/012015>
- ITPA EP: <https://sharepoint.iter.org/departments/POP/ITPA/EP/Pages/default.aspx>
- EP WF confluence page: <https://confluence.iter.org/pages/viewpage.action?pageId=289069024>
- Ph. Lauber, Energetic particle driven instabilities during the L-H transition in ASDEX Upgrade; Proceedings EPS 2022 paper
- **WF: Popa V.A. et al subm. NF 2023**
- more information: [Homepage Philipp Lauber](#)
- and git ITER repository: `git clone ssh://git@git.iter.org/stab/ligka.git`

**cite:**

**WF and all actors you use  
(Helena, CHEASE, LIGKA)**

**HELENA:** G.T.A. Huysmans, J.P. Goedbloed, and W. Kerner. Isoparametric bicubic Hermite elements for solution of the Grad-Shafranov equation. Proc. CP90 Conf. on Comp. Phys. Proc., page 371, 1991.

**CHEASE: H. Luetjens, A. Bondeson, O. Sauter, The CHEASE code for toroidal MHD equilibria, Comput. Phys. Commun. 97 (1996) 219**





continuous improvement

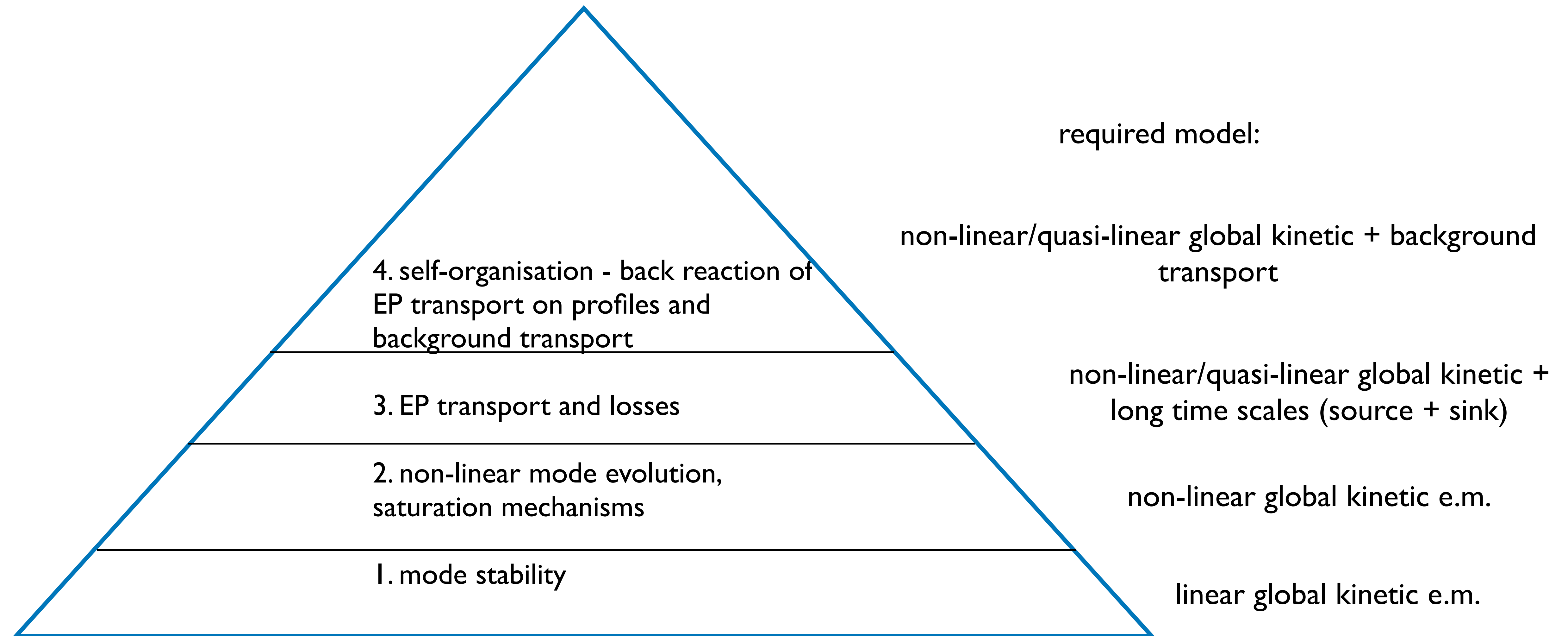
is better than

delayed perfection

please report bugs and shortcomings!

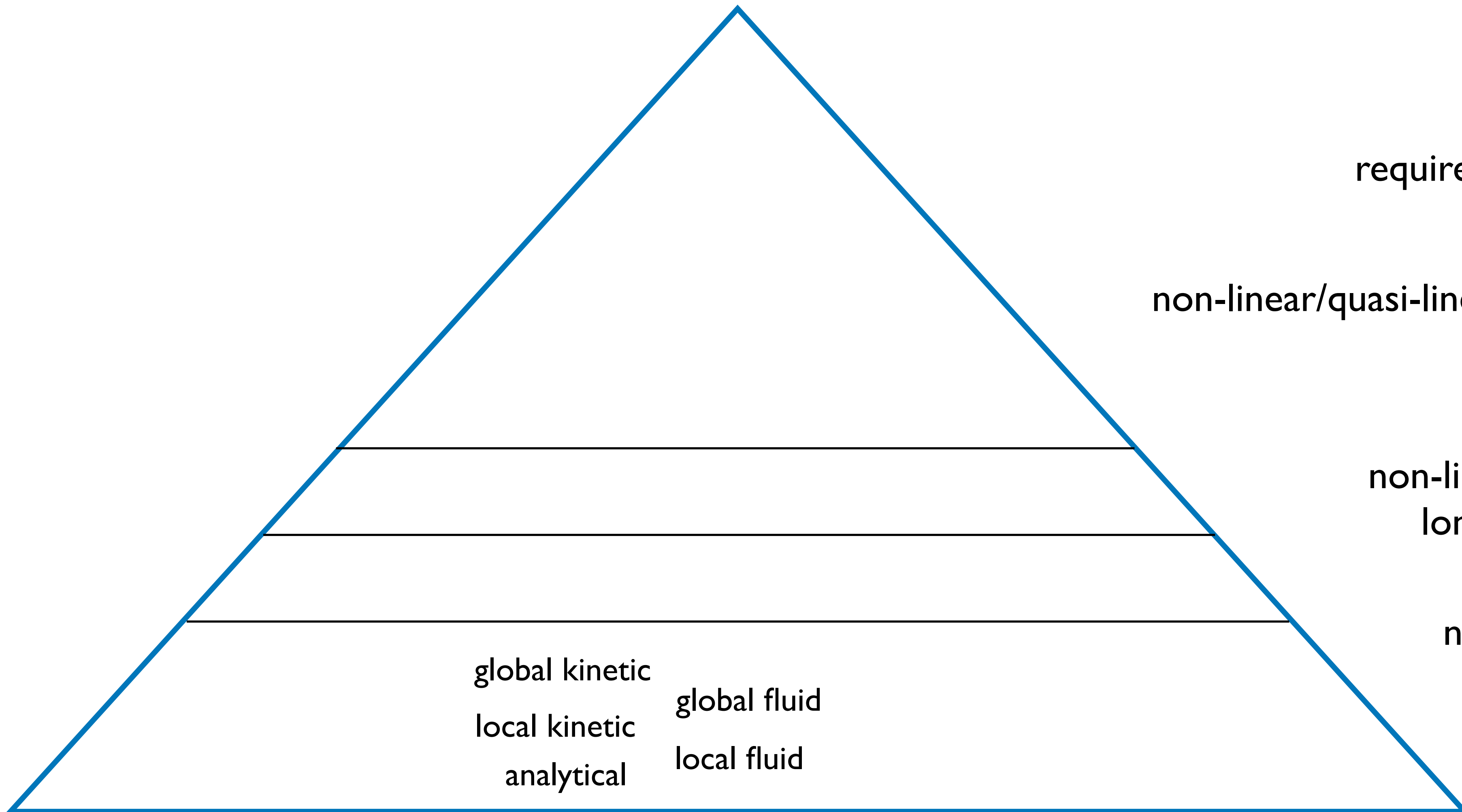


for scaling from TCV-AUG-JET,... to JT-60SA-DTT-ITER-DEMO-any other other device, we need:





linear modelling hierarchy: linear Alfvénic mode structures are non-linearly robust →  
important ingredient for non-linear/ transport models



required model:

non-linear/quasi-linear global kinetic + background transport

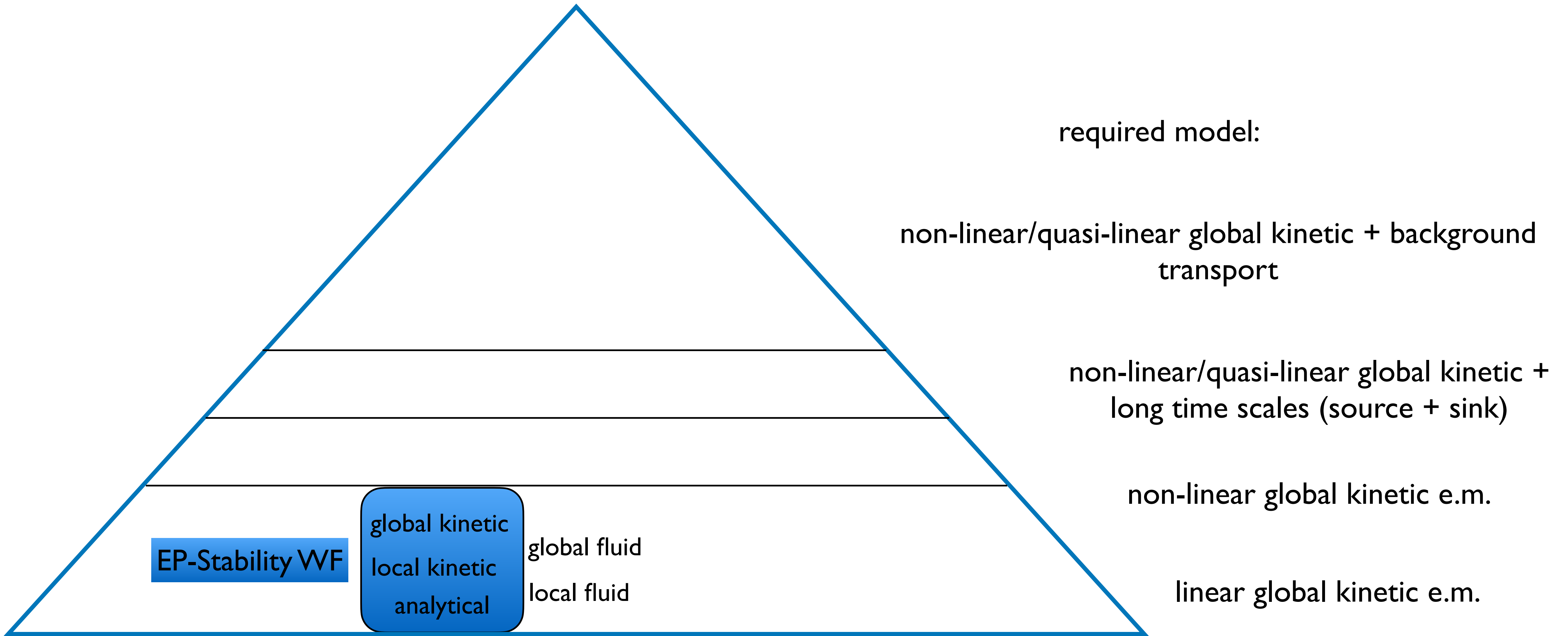
non-linear/quasi-linear global kinetic + long time scales (source + sink)

non-linear global kinetic e.m.

linear global kinetic e.m.



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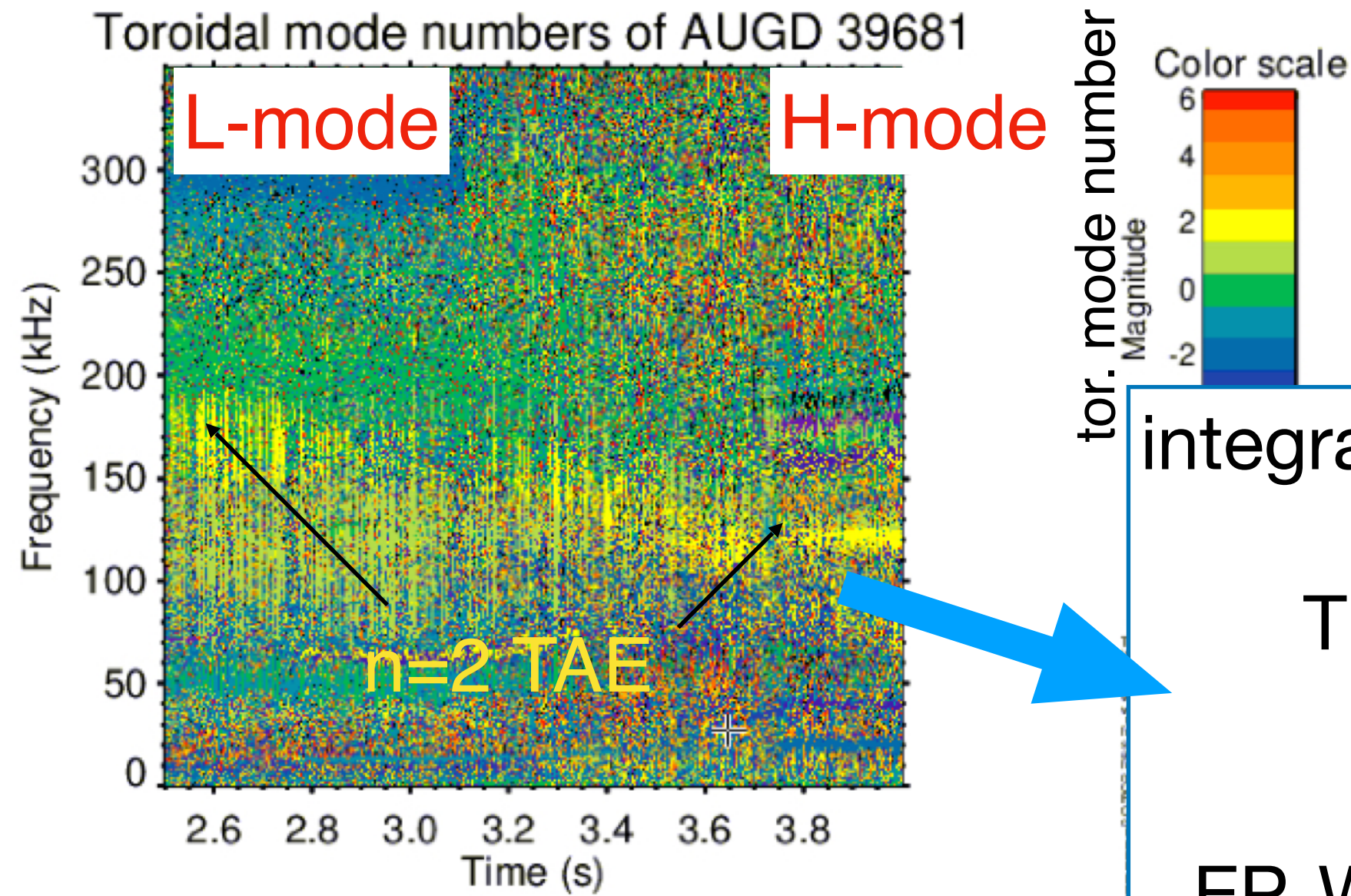


- **automate analysis of stable/unstable Alfvén eigenmodes:**
  - for many equilibrium time slices
  - for many relevant toroidal mode number (Tokamak only, axisymmetry)
  - relevant types of modes
- **use hierarchy:**
  - start with simple, analytical model
  - use local model
  - use global model
- **understand physics and numerical challenges:**
  - determine (kinetic) continuous spectra
  - investigate local vs global damping mechanisms
  - determine resolution requirements for expensive runs
- **determine sensitivity of AEs:** look at series of equilibria, include uncertainties
- **be general:** use IMAS mhd\_linear IDS to store results - each model is exchangeable (e.g. spectrum: LIGKA or Falcon)
- **be fast:** use reduced models where possible
- **be robust** enough to use it as fundamental ingredient for transport models



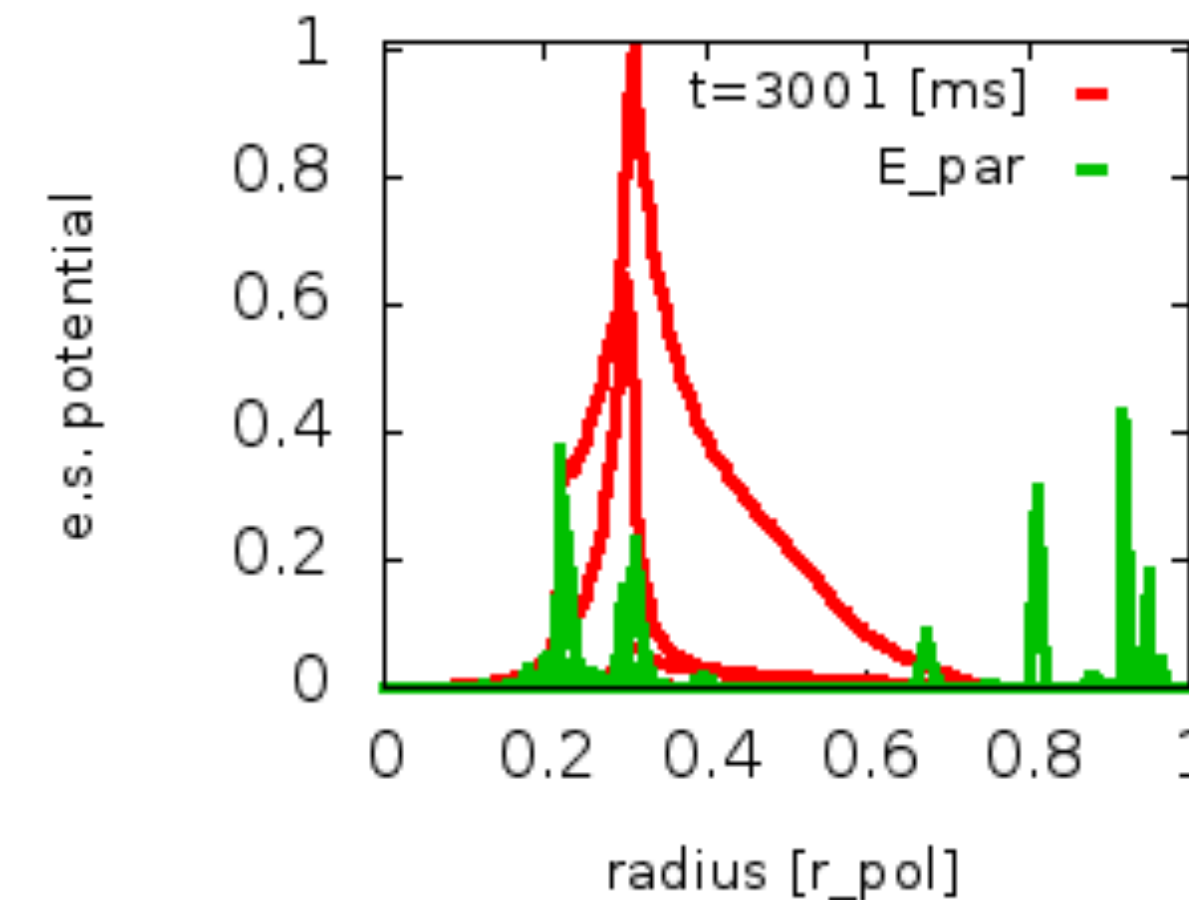
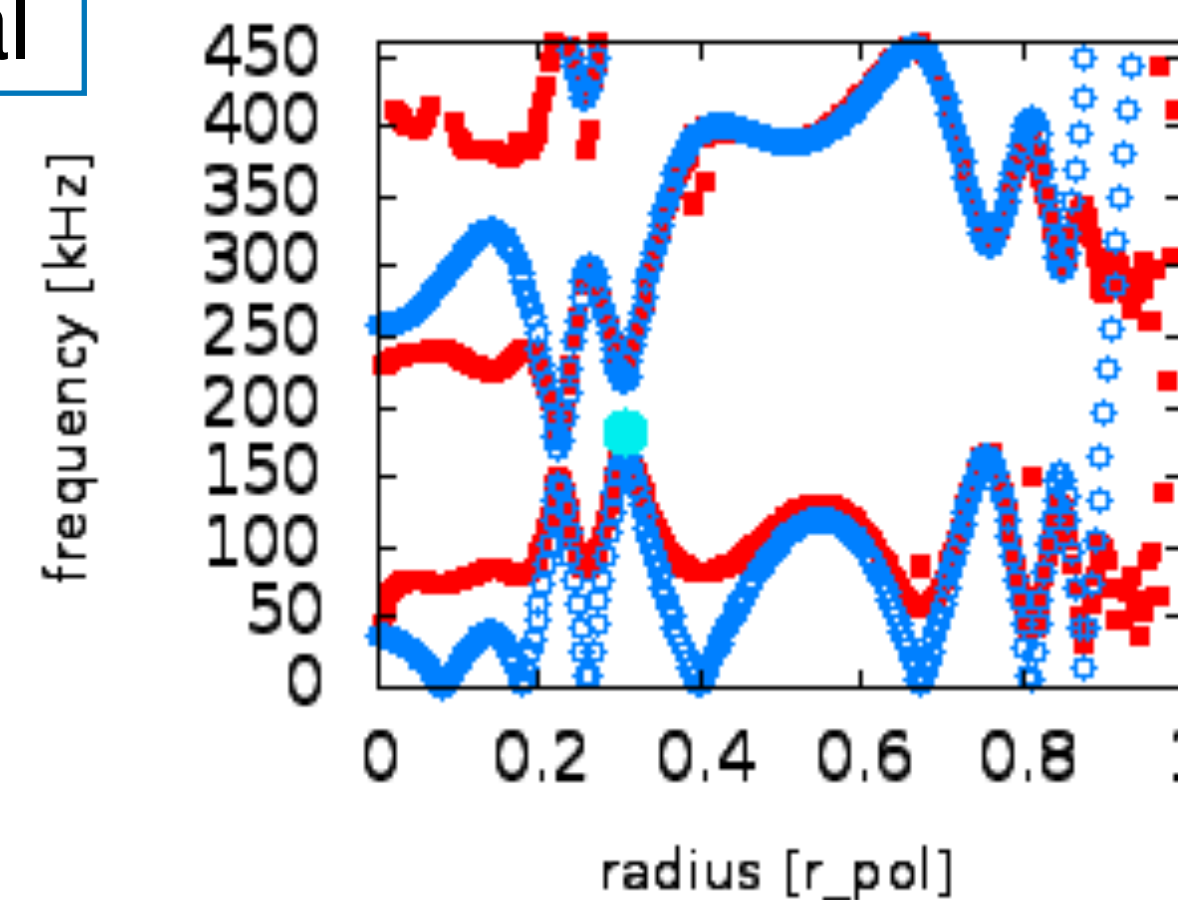
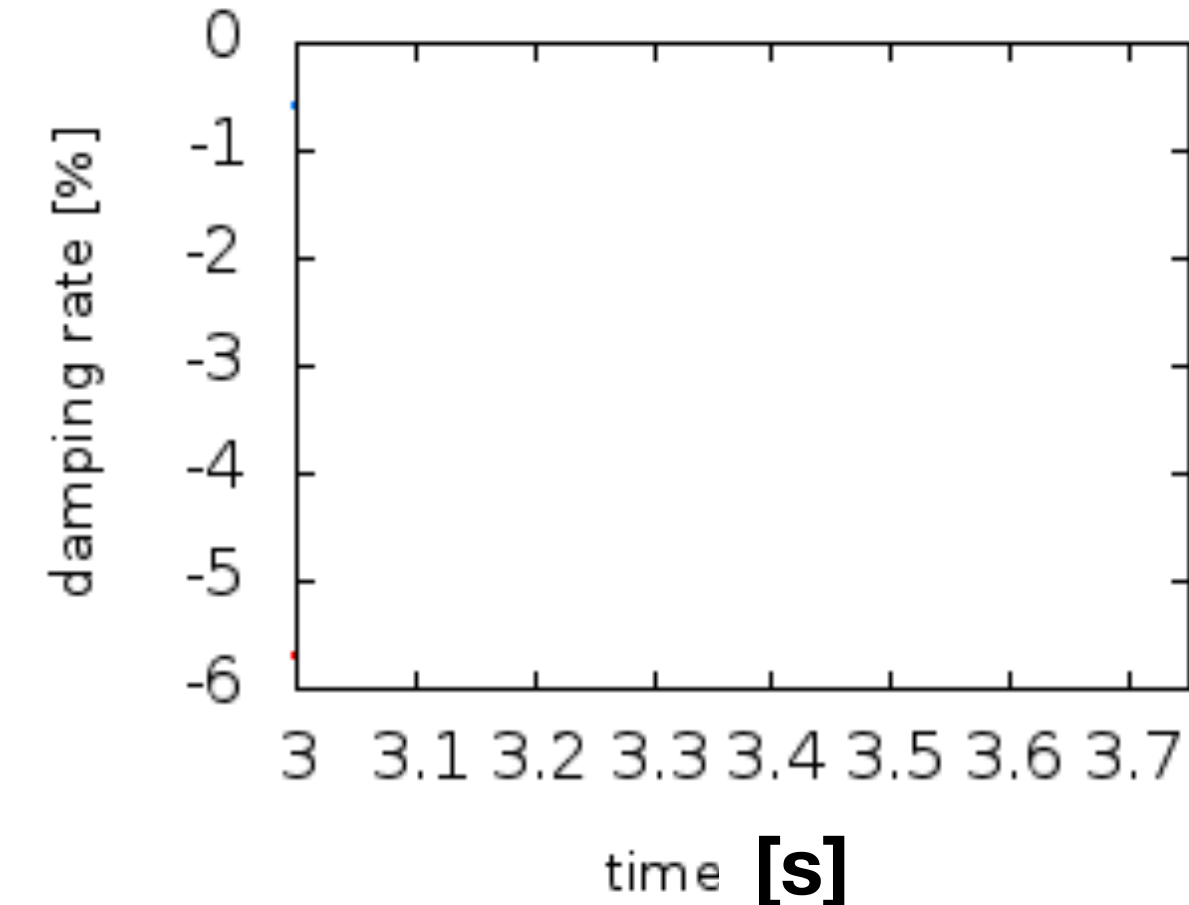
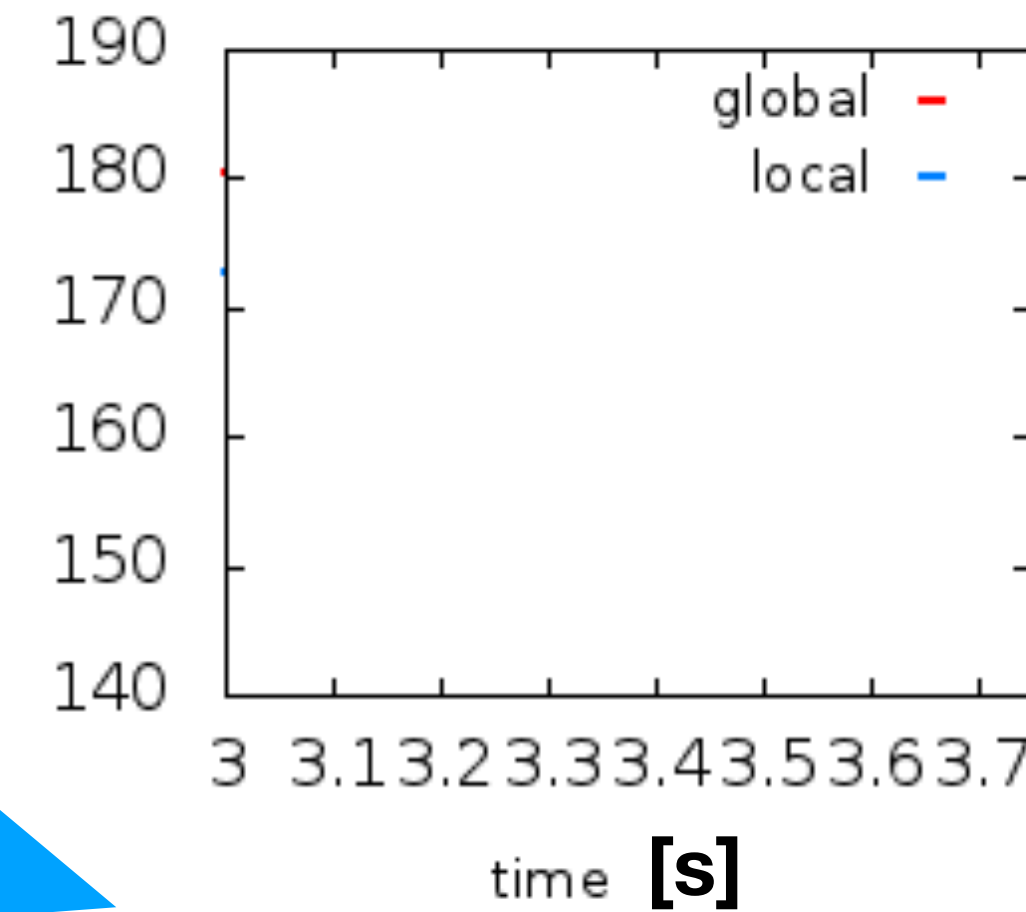


# motivation: present-day experiments



- automated processing of 160 time slices based on IDA equilibria and profiles
- fully implemented in IMAS, ensuring reproducibility

integrated data analysis  
 +  
 TRVIEW(IMAS interface)  
 +  
 EP-WF: LIGKA local  
 +  
 EP-WF: LIGKA global

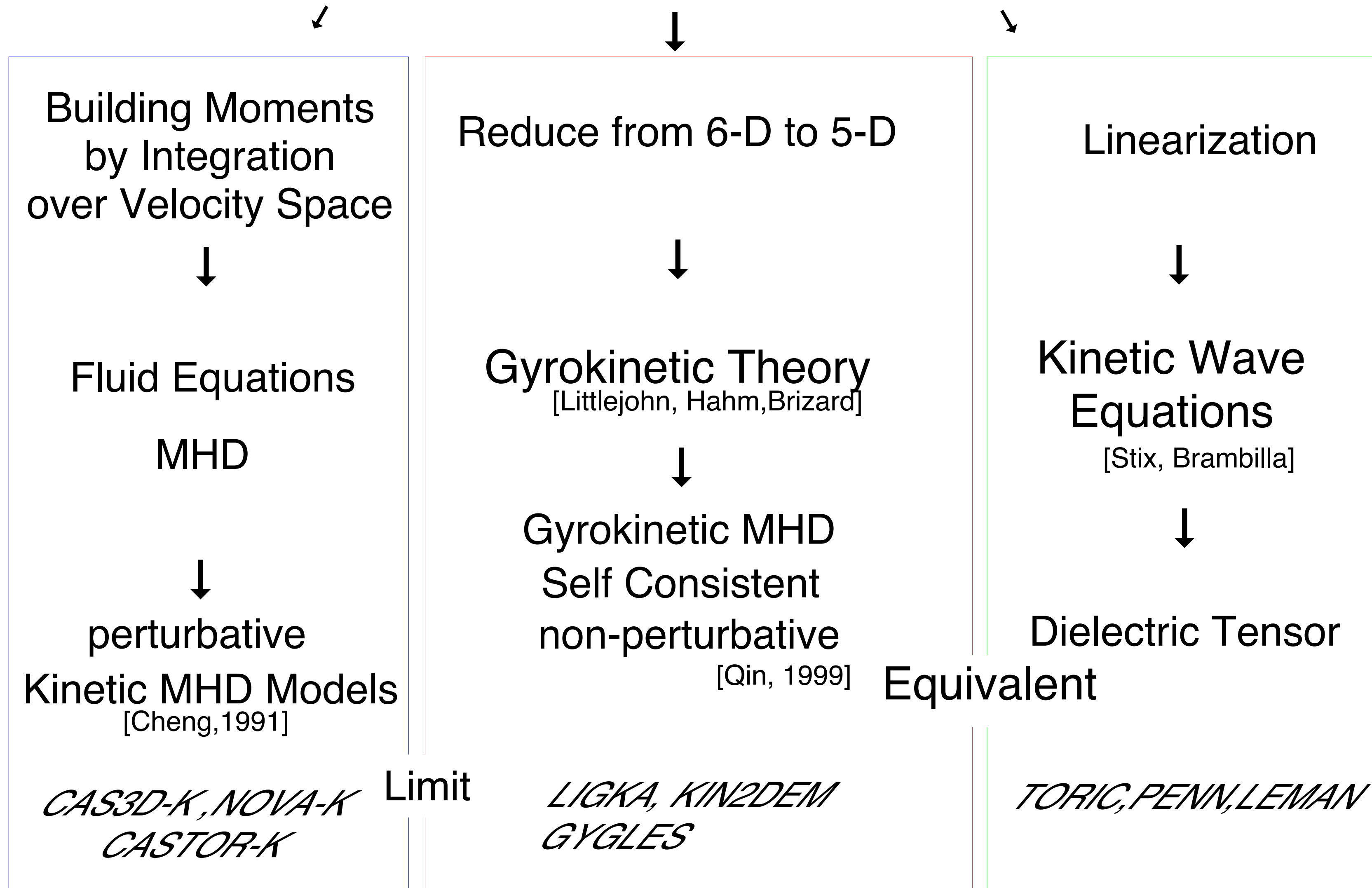


- analyse L-mode, H-mode and transition phases: beat infamous problem of AE stability sensitivity to profiles - compare trends instead of single time slices
- compare local and global models
- systematic uncertainty quantification feasible
- applied also to TCV, JET, JT-60SA, ITER

[Lauber, EPS 2022, Popa 2020-2023]

# Kinetic Description

## Vlasov, Fokker-Planck Equation



non-linear: ORB5, EUTERPE, GENE, GTC





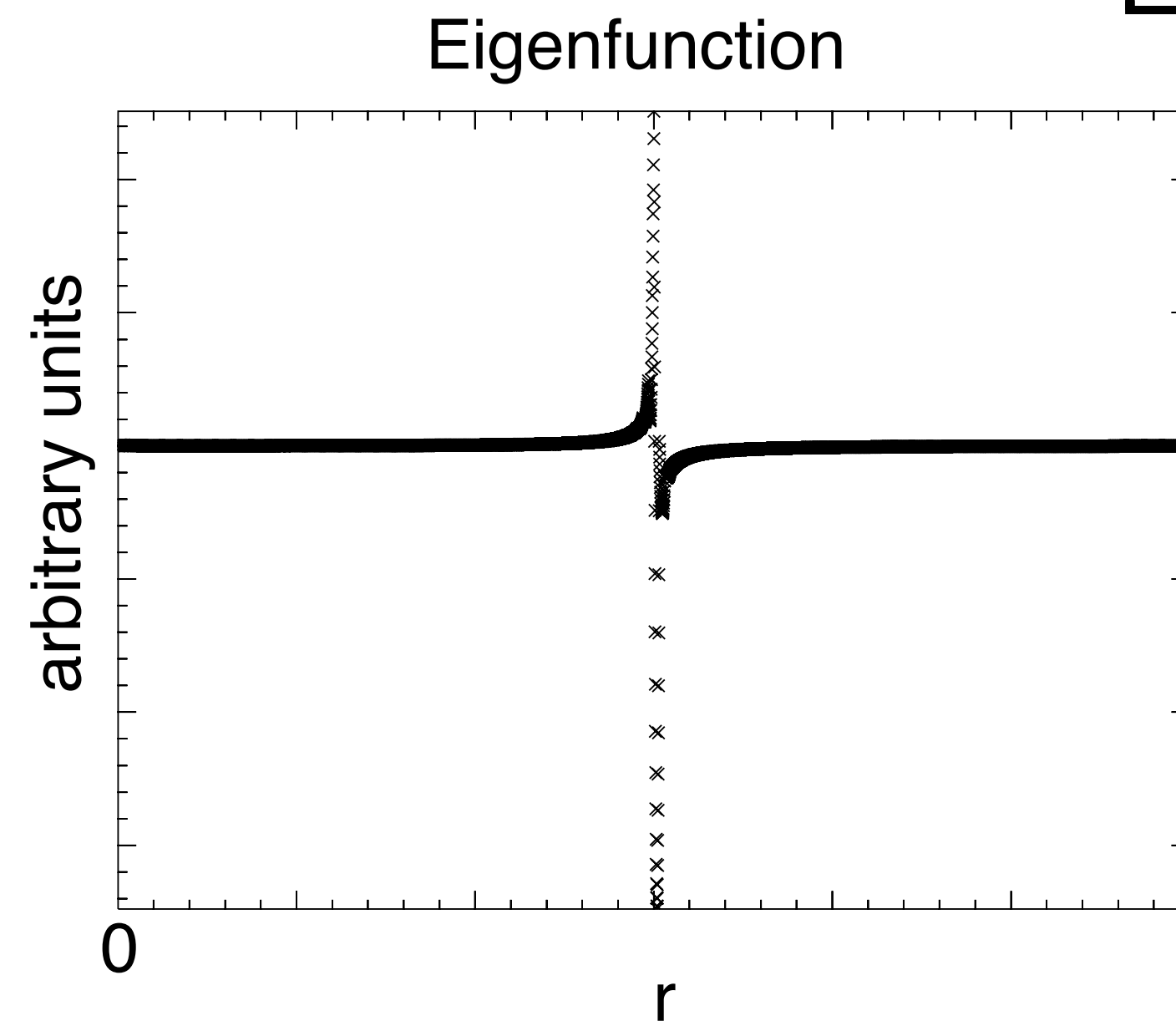
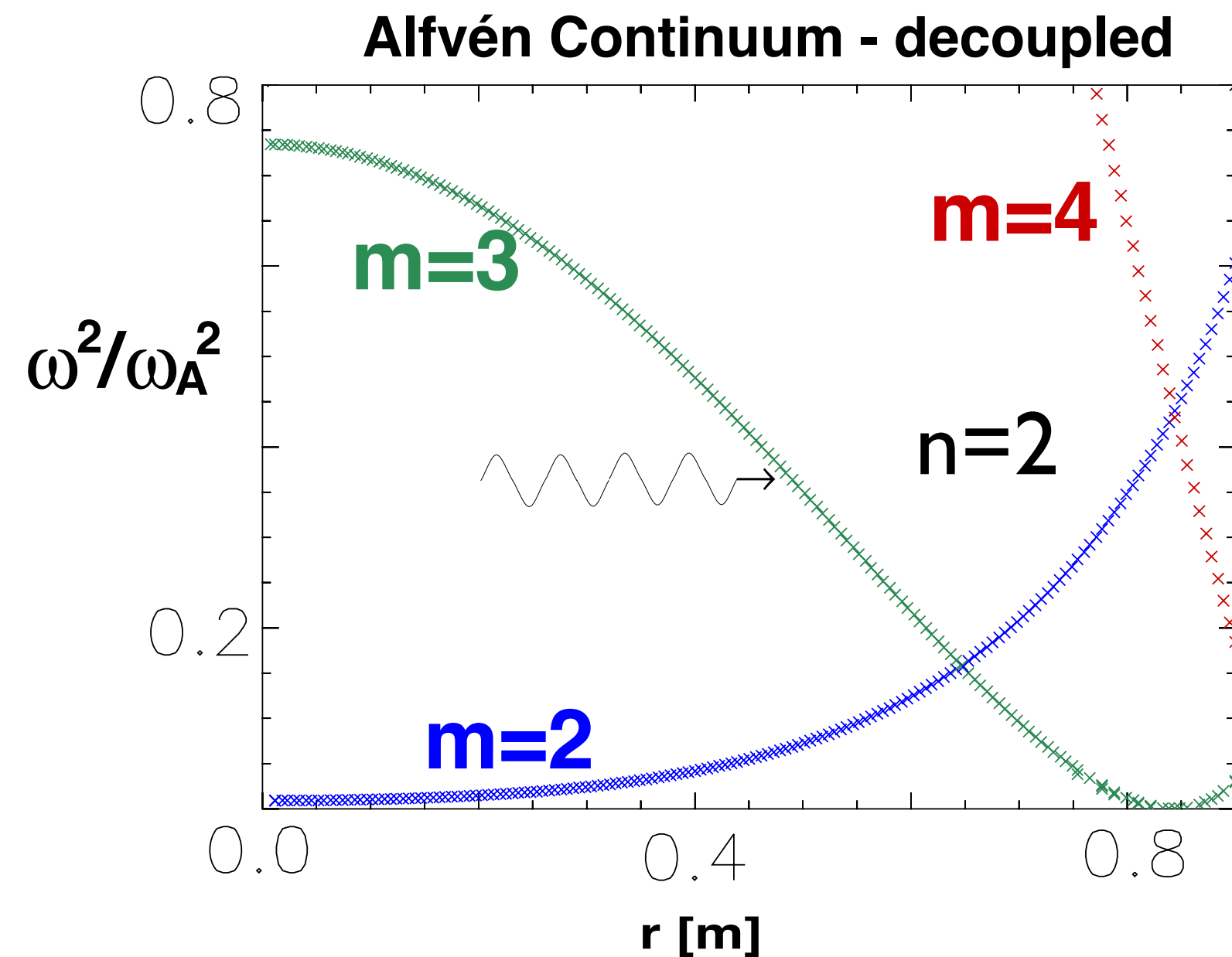
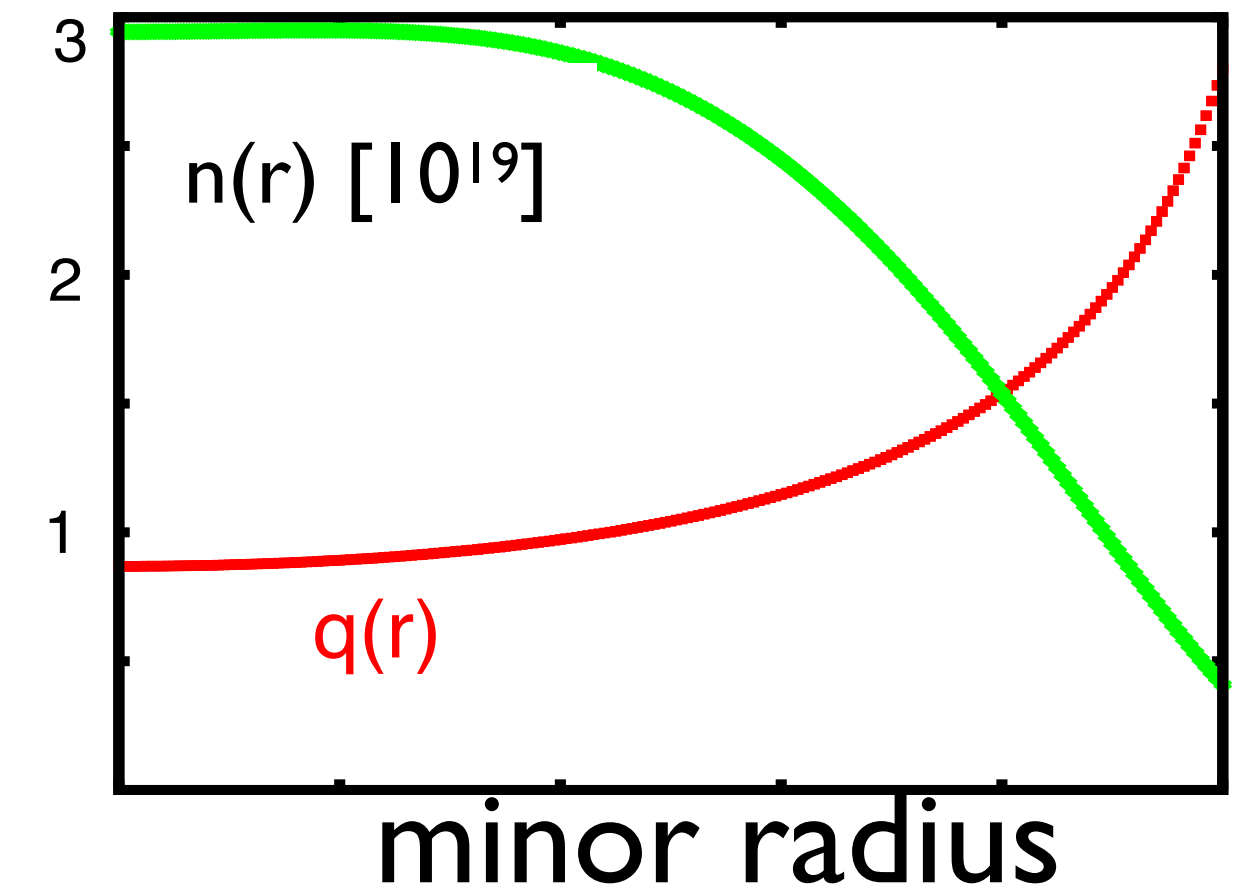
# why a kinetic model?

dispersion relation:  $\omega = k_{\parallel} v_A$ ;

periodic cylinder: phase mixing, i.e. strong damping

$$k_{\parallel} = \frac{1}{R_0} \left( n - \frac{m}{q(r)} \right); \quad v_A(r) = B(r) / \sqrt{\mu_0 m_i n(r)}; \quad q(r) = r B_z / R B_{\theta}$$

n: toroidal/axial mode number m: poloidal mode number



idea of Alfvén wave heating: efficient absorption of external wave at resonant location  
[W. Grossmann, J. Tataronis, Z. Phys. 261, 217 (1973); A. Hasegawa, L. Chen, Phys. Rev. Lett. 35, 370 (1975) ]





# why a kinetic model?

- it was early recognised that kinetic effects need to be included to understand the absorption mechanism [A. Hasegawa, L. Chen, Phys. Rev. Lett. 35, 370 (1975), A. Hasegawa, L. Chen, Phys. Fluids 19 (1976) 1924]
- use quasi-neutrality and shear-Alfvén law including lowest order finite Larmor radius effects and Landau damping-like terms (LD):

$$\mathbf{E} = -\nabla\phi - \frac{\partial \mathbf{A}}{\partial t}; \quad A_{\parallel} = \frac{1}{i\omega}(\nabla\psi)_{\parallel}$$

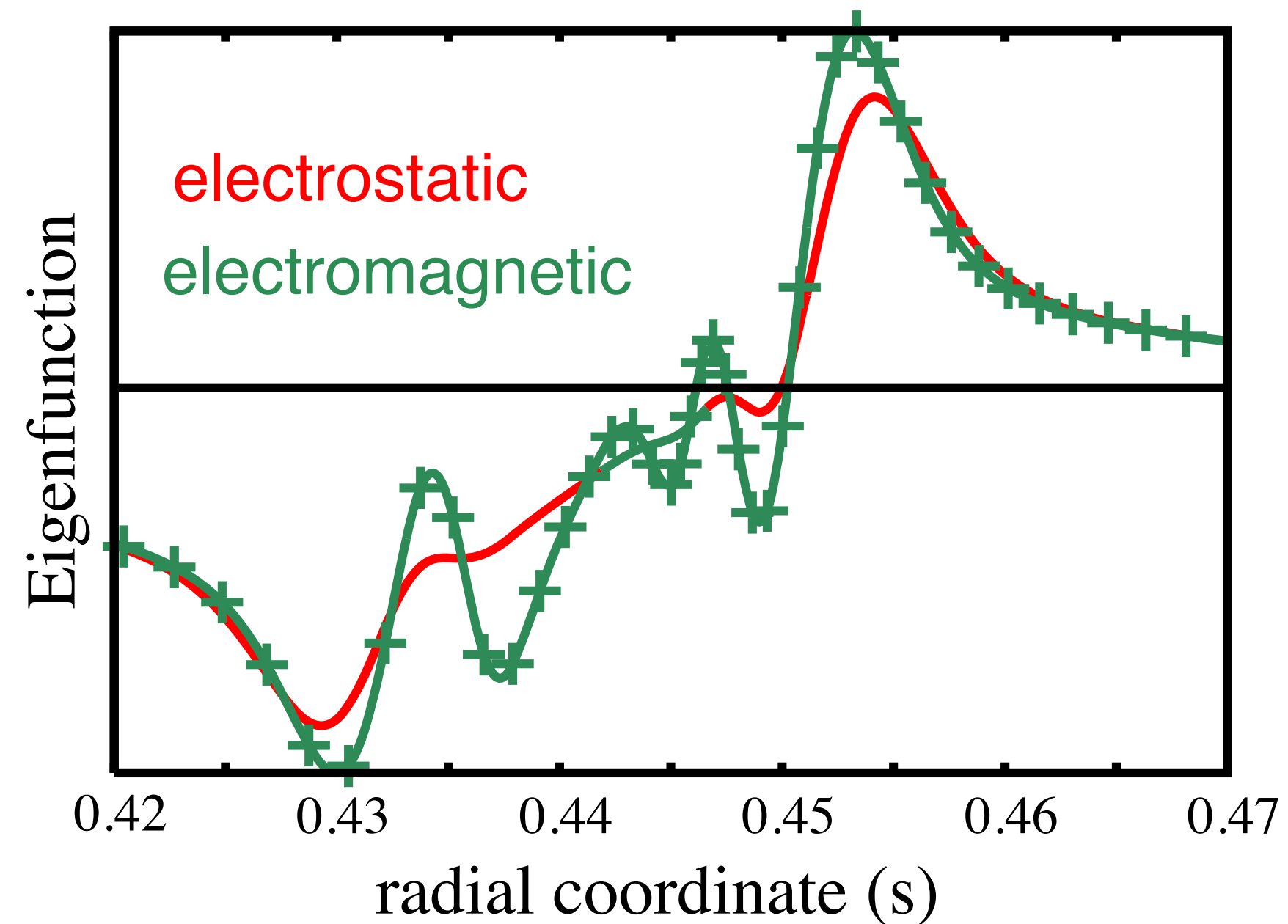
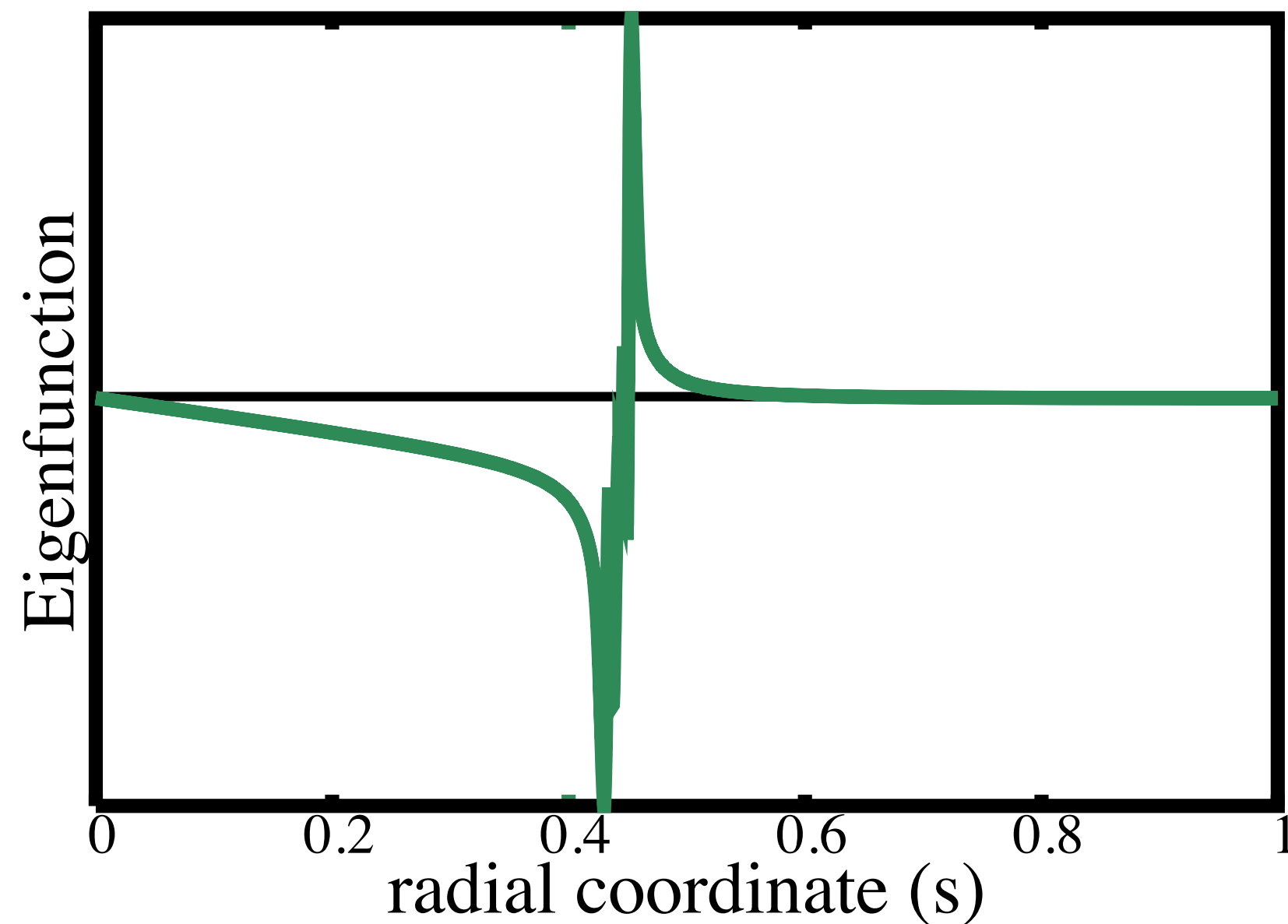
$$[1 + \xi_e Z(\xi_e) + 1 + \xi_i Z(\xi_i)](\phi - \psi) = T_e/T_i \rho_i^2 \nabla_{\perp}^2 \phi$$

$$\nabla_{\perp} \cdot \frac{\omega^2}{v_A^2} \nabla_{\perp} \phi + \frac{\partial}{\partial s} \nabla_{\perp}^2 \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial s} = \frac{3}{4} \rho_i^2 \frac{\omega^2}{v_A^2} \nabla_{\perp}^4 \phi$$

- if mode is purely Alfvénic,  $\Phi = \psi$  and  $E_{\parallel} = k_{\parallel}(\Phi - \psi) = 0$  *is result of model 1/2*
- polarisation gives important information on nature of perturbation: in Tokamaks, predominantly Alfvénic, predominantly electrostatic and mixed polarisation are very common
- Alfvénicity can be determined in MHD limit - FALCON code [M. Falessi]

# global solutions change character

$$\left. \begin{aligned} S(\phi - \psi) &= T_e/T_i \rho_i^2 \nabla_{\perp}^2 \phi \\ \nabla_{\perp}^2 \frac{\omega^2}{v_A^2} \phi + \nabla_{\perp}^2 k_{\parallel}^2 \psi &= \frac{3}{4} \rho_i^2 \frac{\omega^2}{v_A^2} \nabla_{\perp}^4 \phi \end{aligned} \right\} \Rightarrow \omega^2 = k_{\parallel}^2 v_A^2 \left[ 1 + k_{\perp}^2 \rho_i^2 (3/4 + T_e/T_i) \right] \text{ long-wavelength-limit}$$



Singularity of the MHD operator is resolved by fourth order terms

deviations due to KAW coupling 'break Alfvénic state' [Walén 1944, Chen&Zonca RMP 2016]

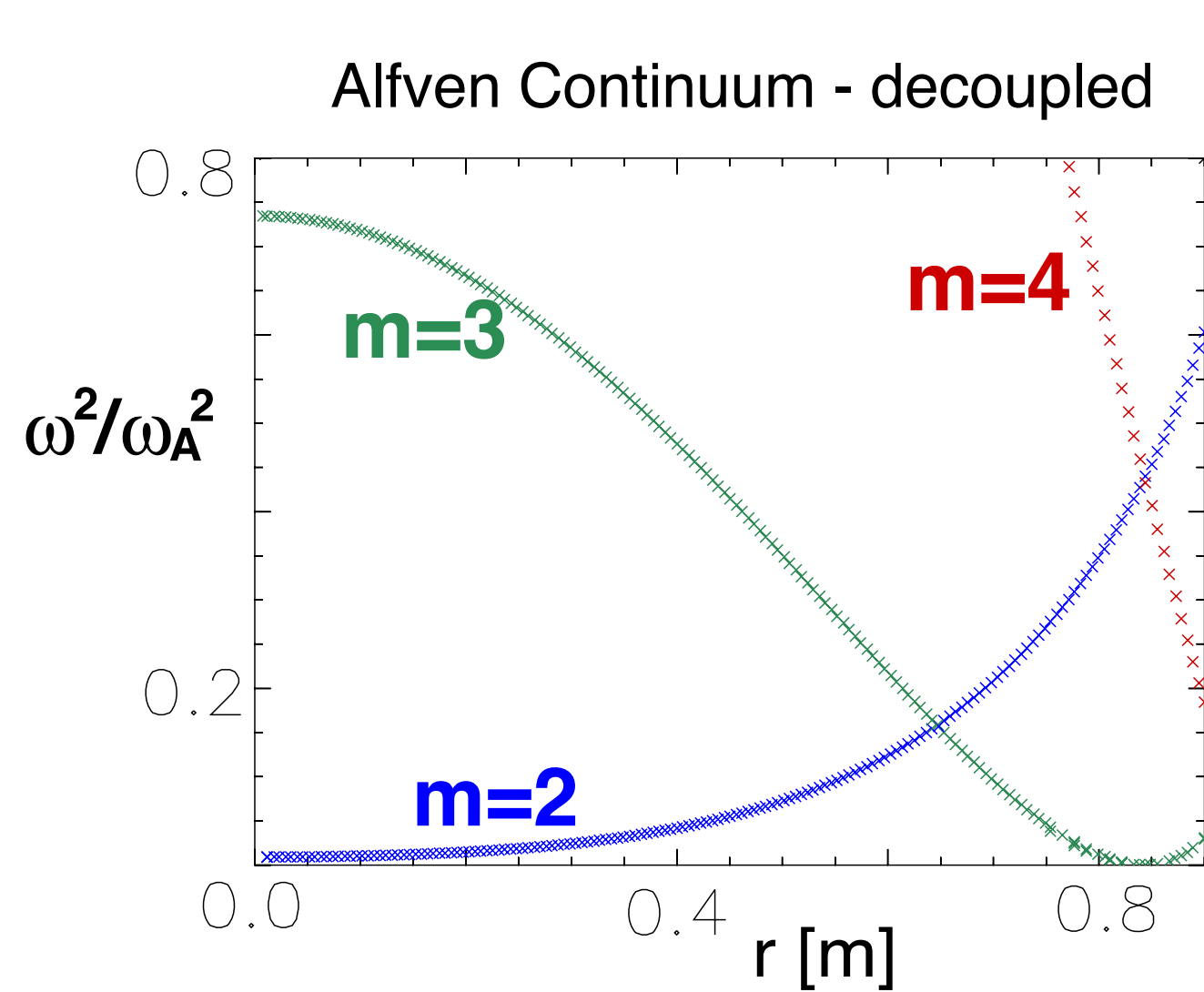
*this helps when trying to find least damped modes in presence of dense continuum - automatisisation!*



# toroidal Alfvén eigenmodes (TAE)



[Cheng, Chen & Chance Ann. Phys. 1985, Cheng & Chance 1986 Phys. Fluids 29]



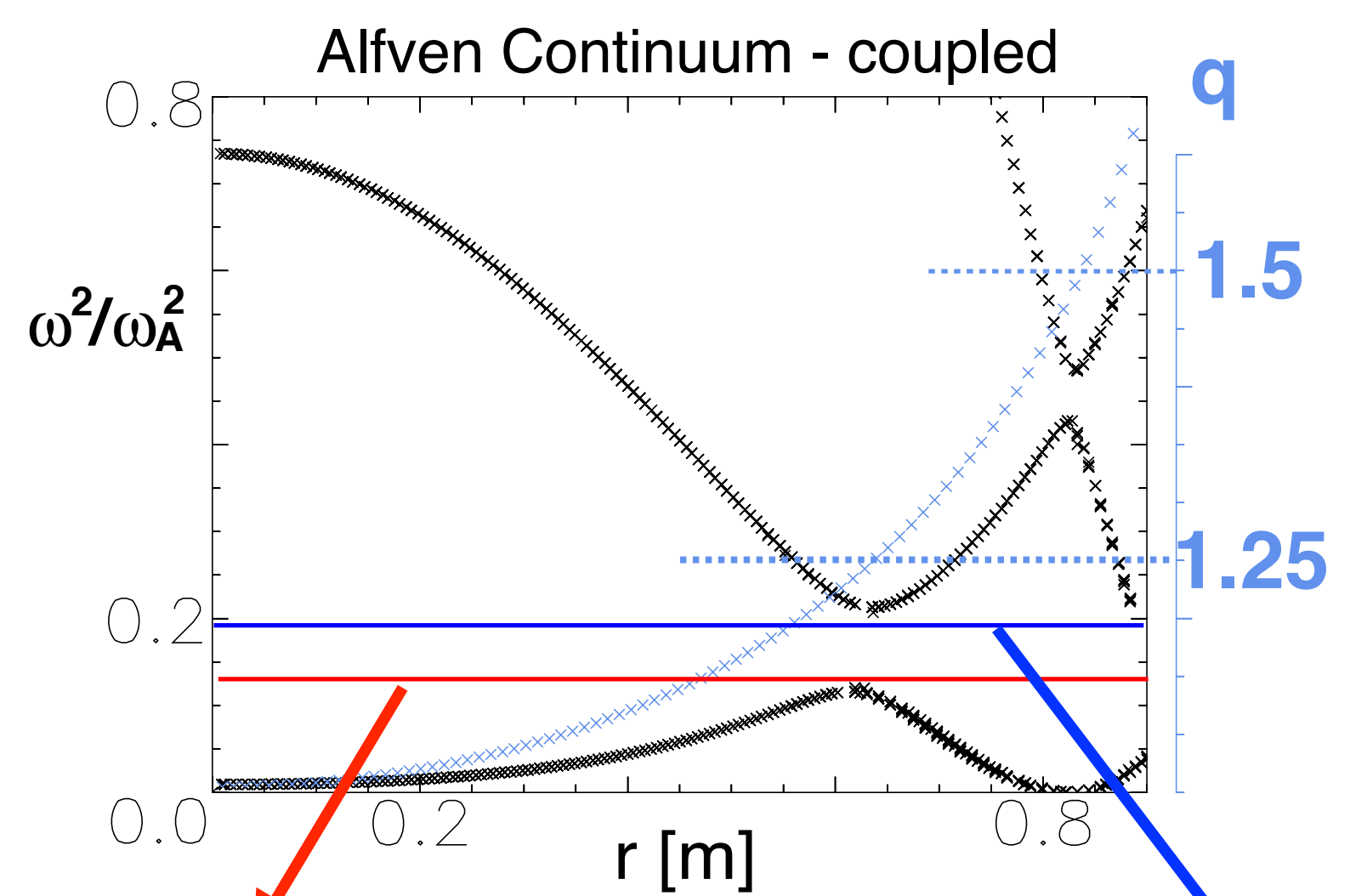
(n=2)

⇒

$$R \approx R_0(1 + \epsilon \cos \theta)$$

$$B \approx B_0(1 - \epsilon \cos \theta)$$

$$\epsilon = r/R_0$$

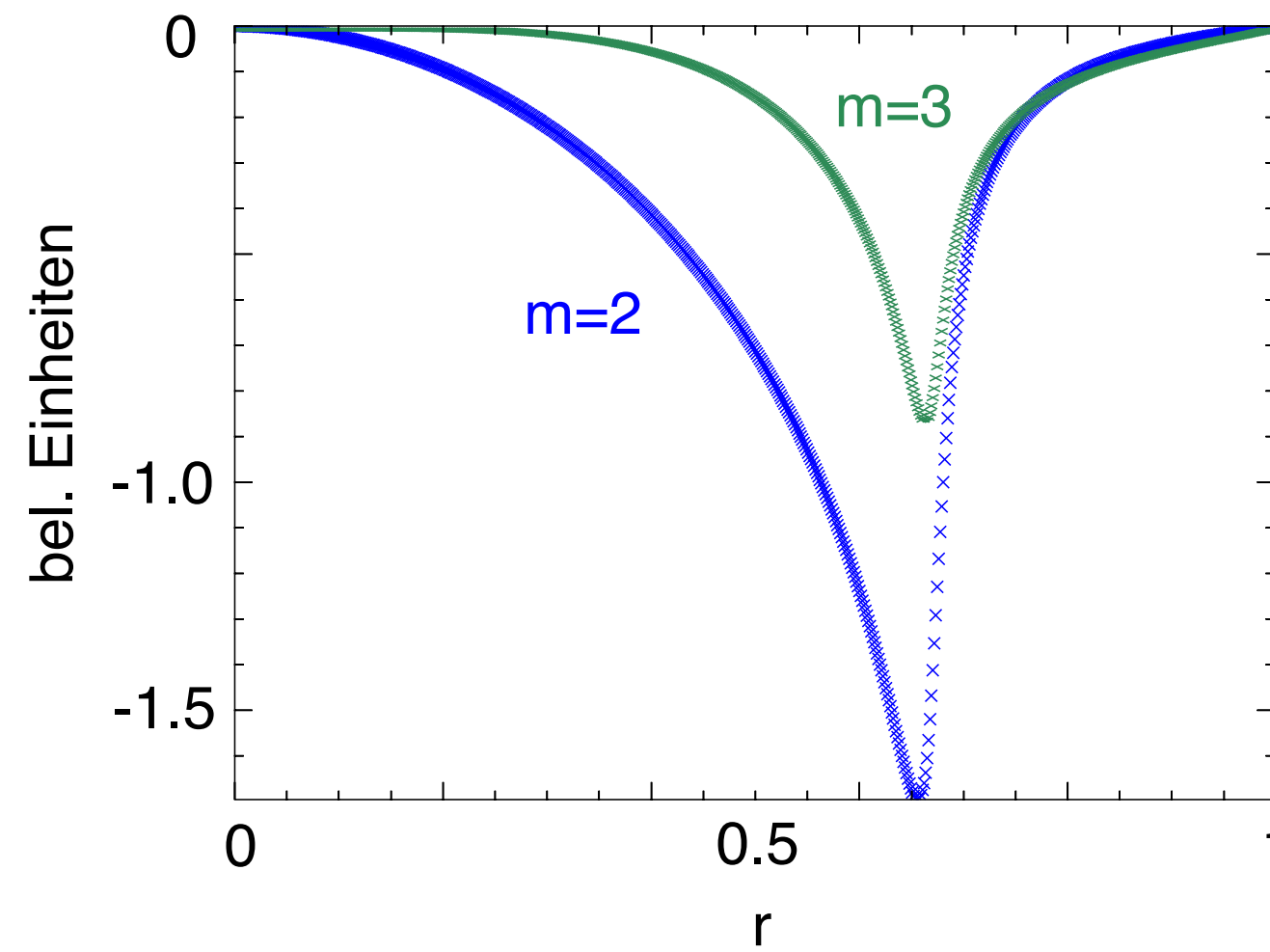


TAE: even mode

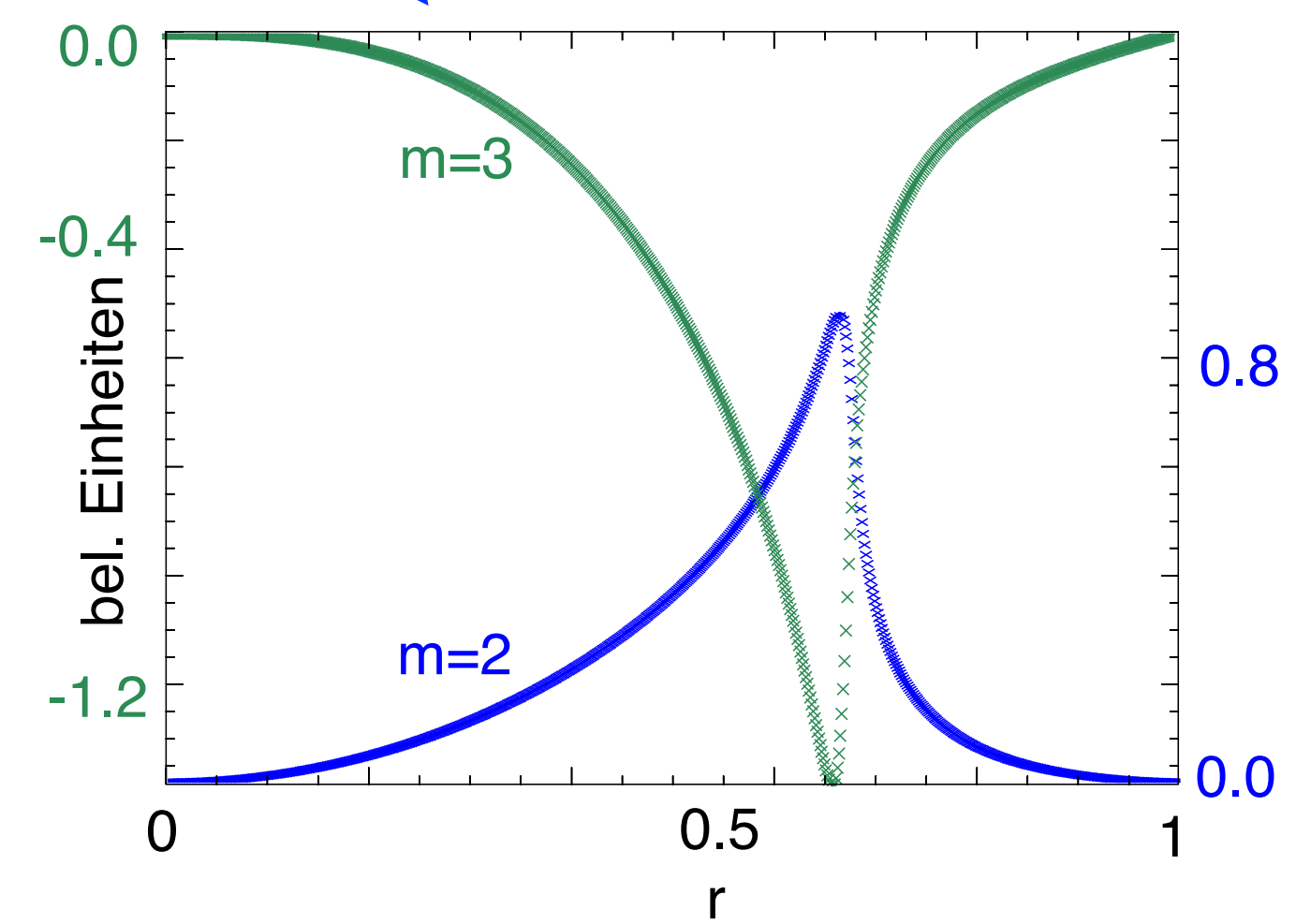
TAE: odd mode

analogous to electron bands in solid state physics

$$q_{TAE} = (m + 1/2)/n$$



niedrigere Frequenz



höhere Frequenz



# Global analysis:

[e.g. Berk 1992]

Physics of Fluids B: Plasma Physics 4, 1806 (1992); <https://doi.org/10.1063/1.860455>

cylinder:

$$\frac{d}{dr} \left[ r^3 \left( \frac{\omega^2}{v_A^2} - k_{\parallel m}^2 \right) \frac{dE_m}{dr} \right] + \omega^2 r^2 E_m \frac{d}{dr} \left( \frac{1}{v_A^2} \right) - (m^2 - 1) \left( \frac{\omega^2}{v_A^2} - k_{\parallel m}^2 \right) r E_m = -iL_k(\omega) E_m.$$

→ delta functions, continuum damping

torus:

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{d}{dr} \left[ r^3 \left( \frac{\omega^2}{v_A^2} - k_{\parallel m}^2 \right) \frac{dE_m}{dr} \right] + r^2 E_m \frac{d}{dr} \left( \frac{\omega}{v_A} \right)^2 \\ & - (m^2 - 1) \left( \frac{\omega^2}{v_A^2} - k_{\parallel m}^2 \right) r E_m + iL_k(\omega) E_m \\ & + \frac{d}{dr} \left[ r^3 \left( \frac{\omega}{v_A} \right)^2 \left( \Delta' + \frac{2r}{R_0} \right) \left( \frac{dE_{m+1}}{dr} + \frac{dE_{m-1}}{dr} \right) \right. \\ & \left. - r^3 \Delta' k_{\parallel m} \left( k_{\parallel m+1} \frac{dE_{m+1}}{dr} + k_{\parallel m-1} \frac{dE_{m-1}}{dr} \right) \right] = 0. \end{aligned}$$

coefficient for 2nd order operator does not vanish for certain  $\omega$ ;

- no local, delta-type functions
- possible for bands of certain  $\omega$
- global solutions possible





# TAE visualisation:

$$\text{TAE: } k_{m,\parallel} = -k_{m+1,\parallel}$$

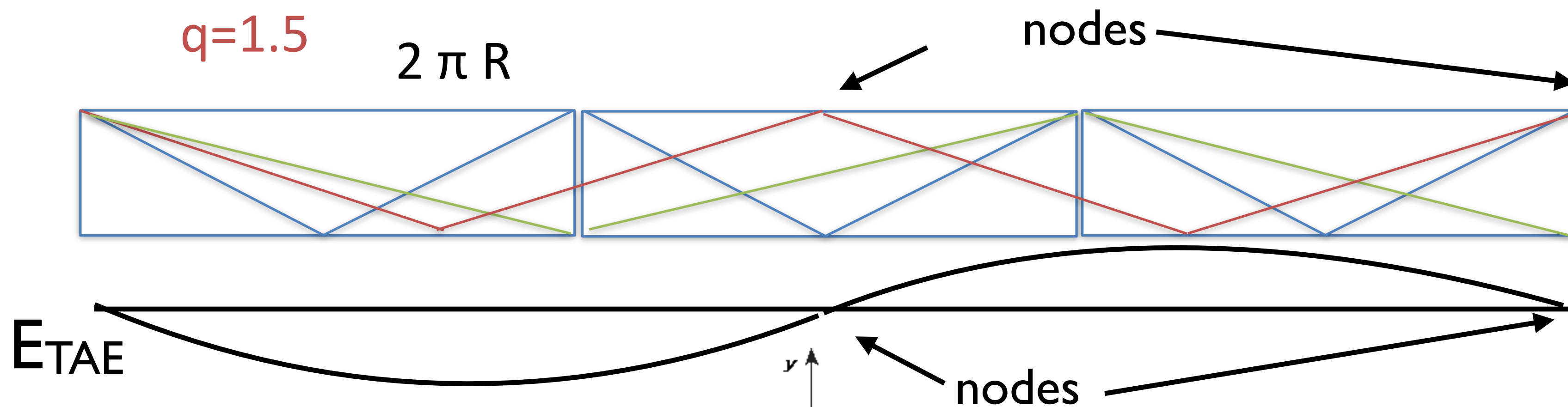
$$k_{\text{TAE}} = 1/(2q_{\text{TAE}}R) = (q=1.5, n=1, m=1, m+1=2) = 1/(3R)$$

$$q=1$$

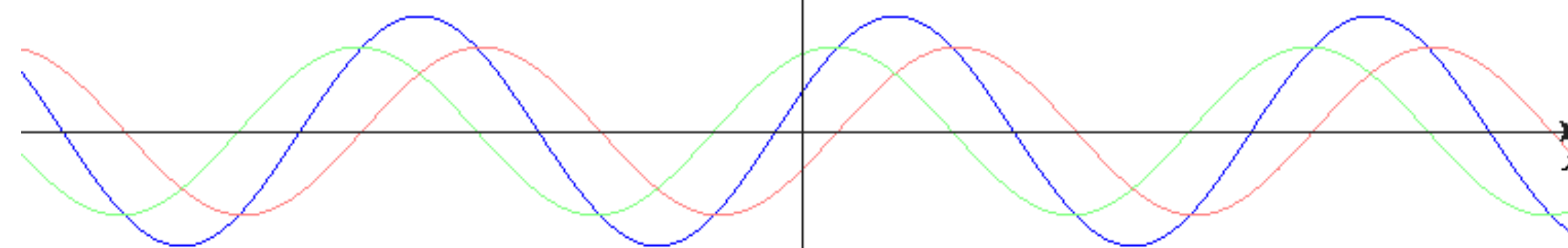
$$q=2$$

$$q=1.5$$

$$\lambda_{\text{TAE}} = 2\pi/k = 2(2\pi R q_{\text{TAE}}) = 3(2\pi R)$$



TAE is formed by two counter-propagating waves:

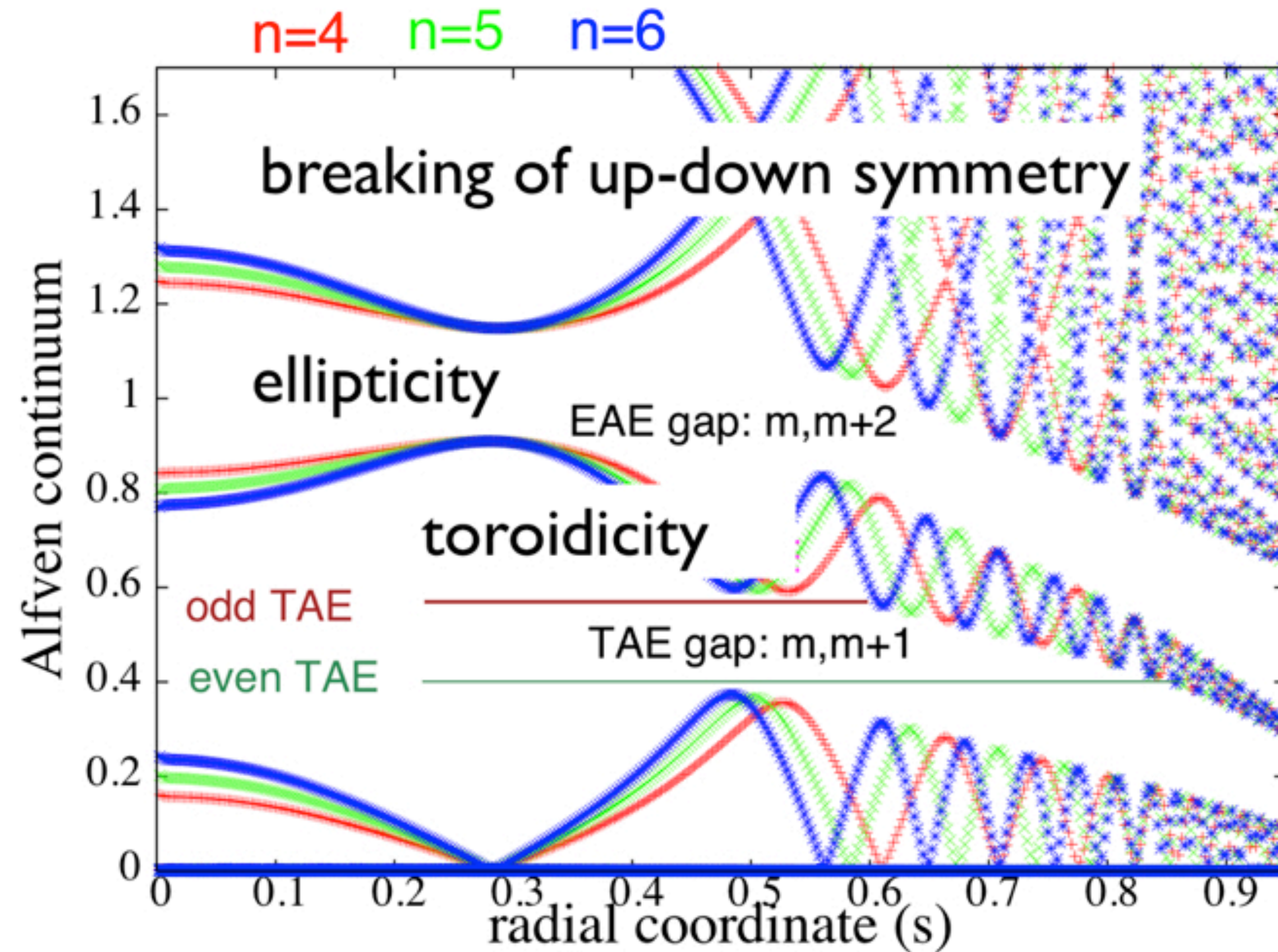


$$\omega_{\text{TAE}} = v_A / 2q_{\text{TAE}}R$$

*formula implemented  
in reduced model 5 + beta correction [Fesenyuk PoP 2013]*



# symmetry-breaking induces more gaps



ASDEX Upgrade Alfvén continuum

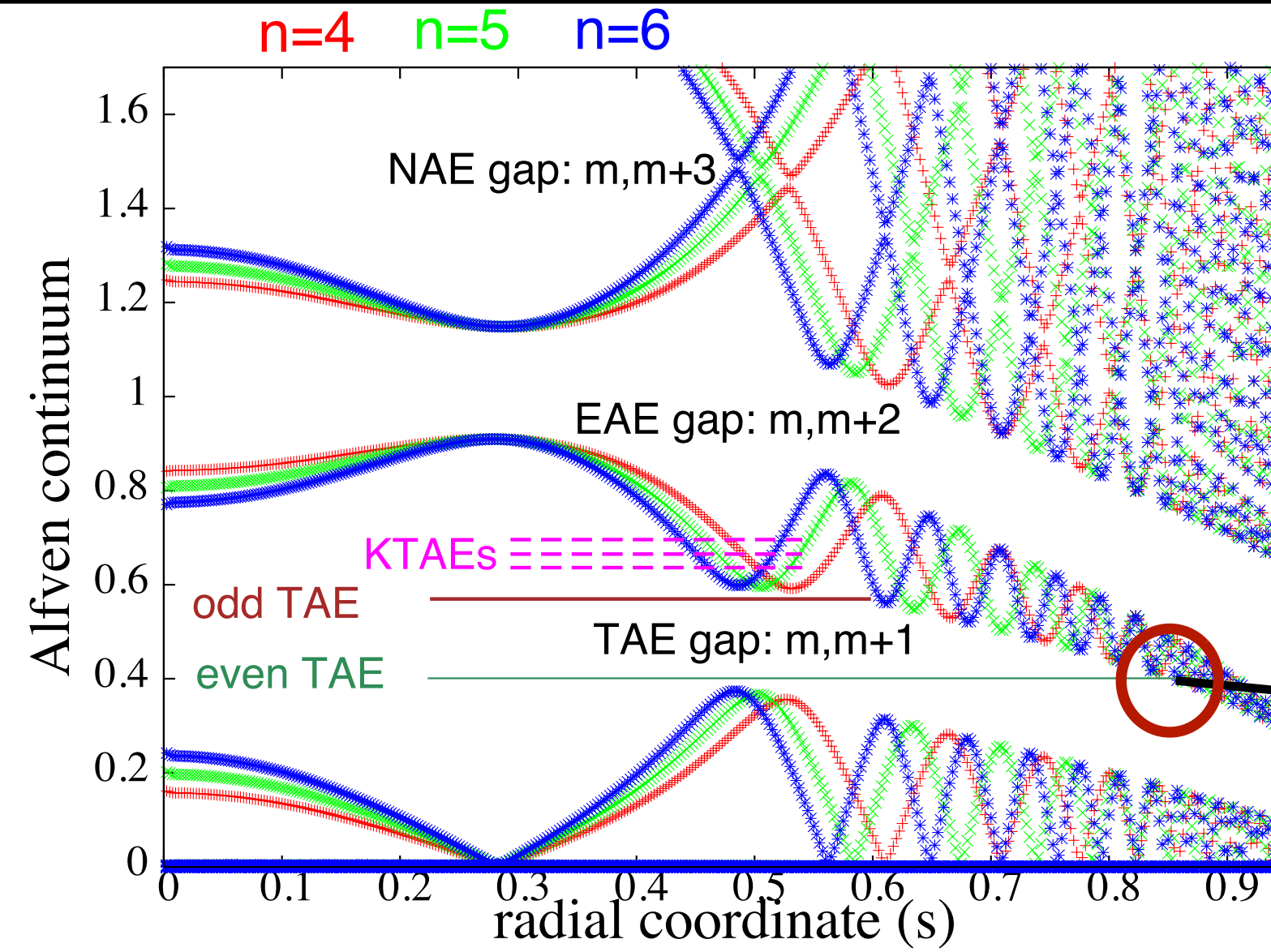
*reduced MHD spectra available using model 6*



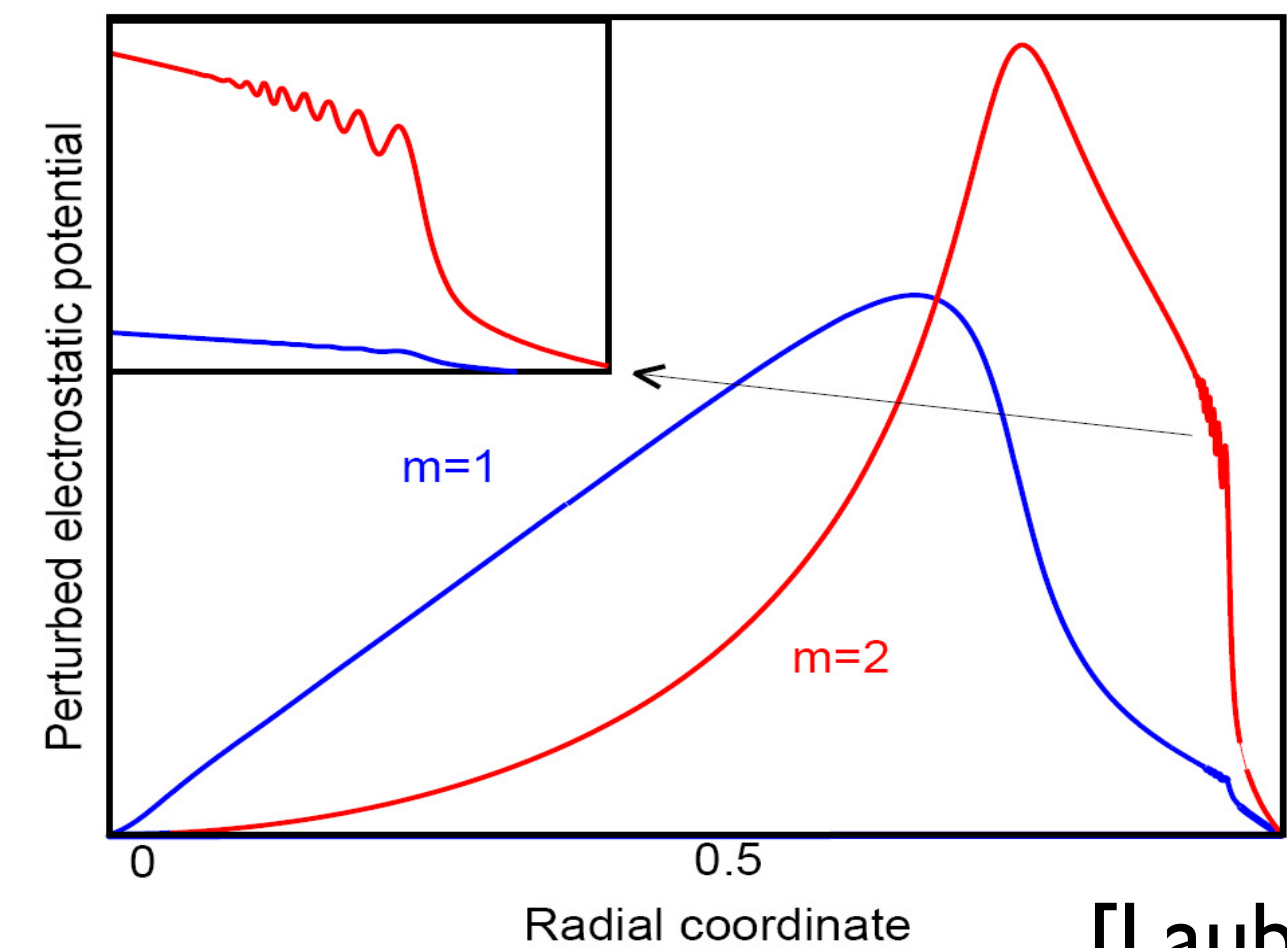


# non-local continuum damping

[F. Zonca et al PRL 1992, Rosenbluth et al 1992, Berk et al 1992]



continuum damping:  
mode conversion to  
kinetic Alfvén wave



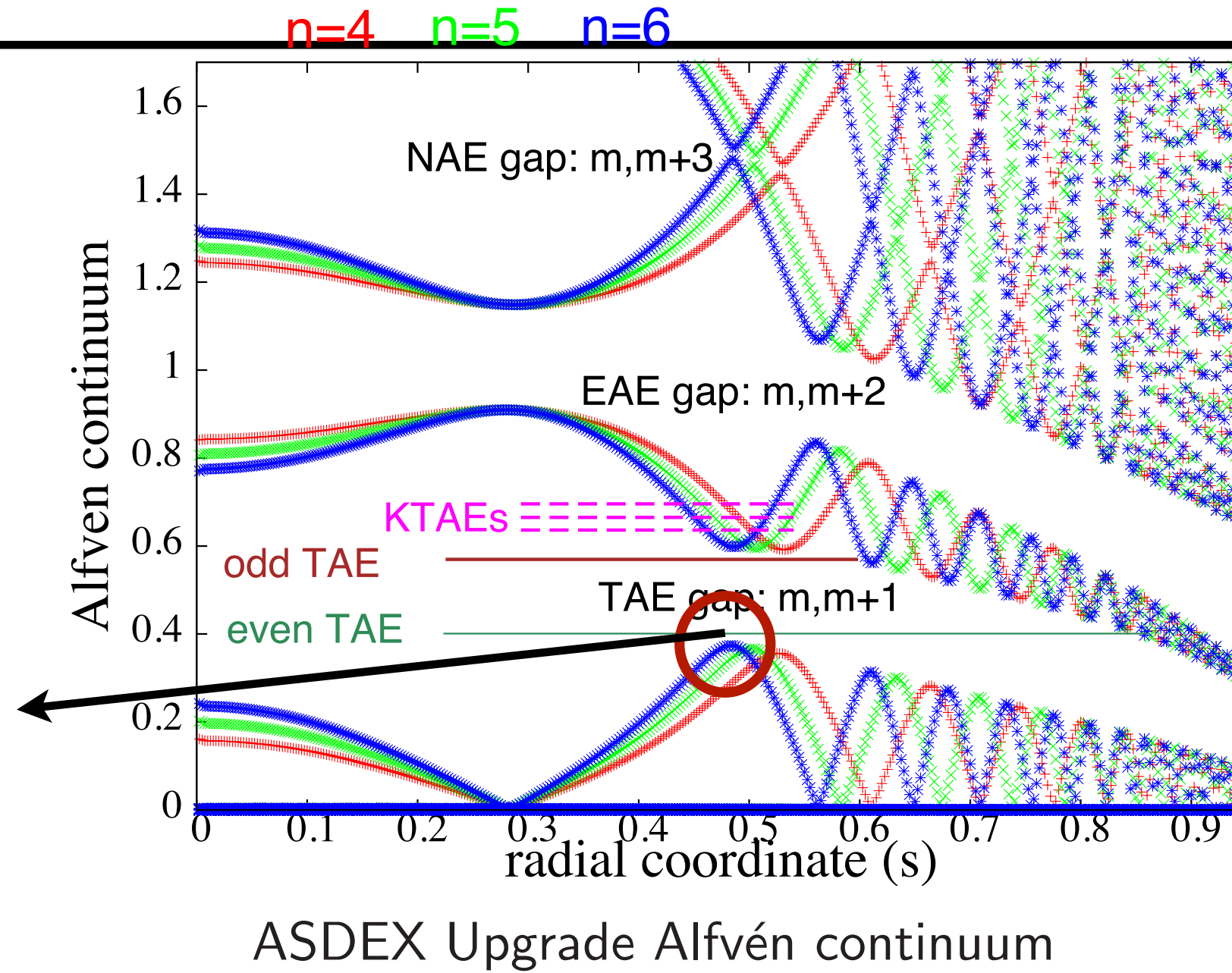
[Lauber, 2005]



# radiative damping: cross-scale coupling of global shear Alfvén waves and KAWs

radiative damping:  
kinetic Alfvén waves  
'tunnels' into TAE

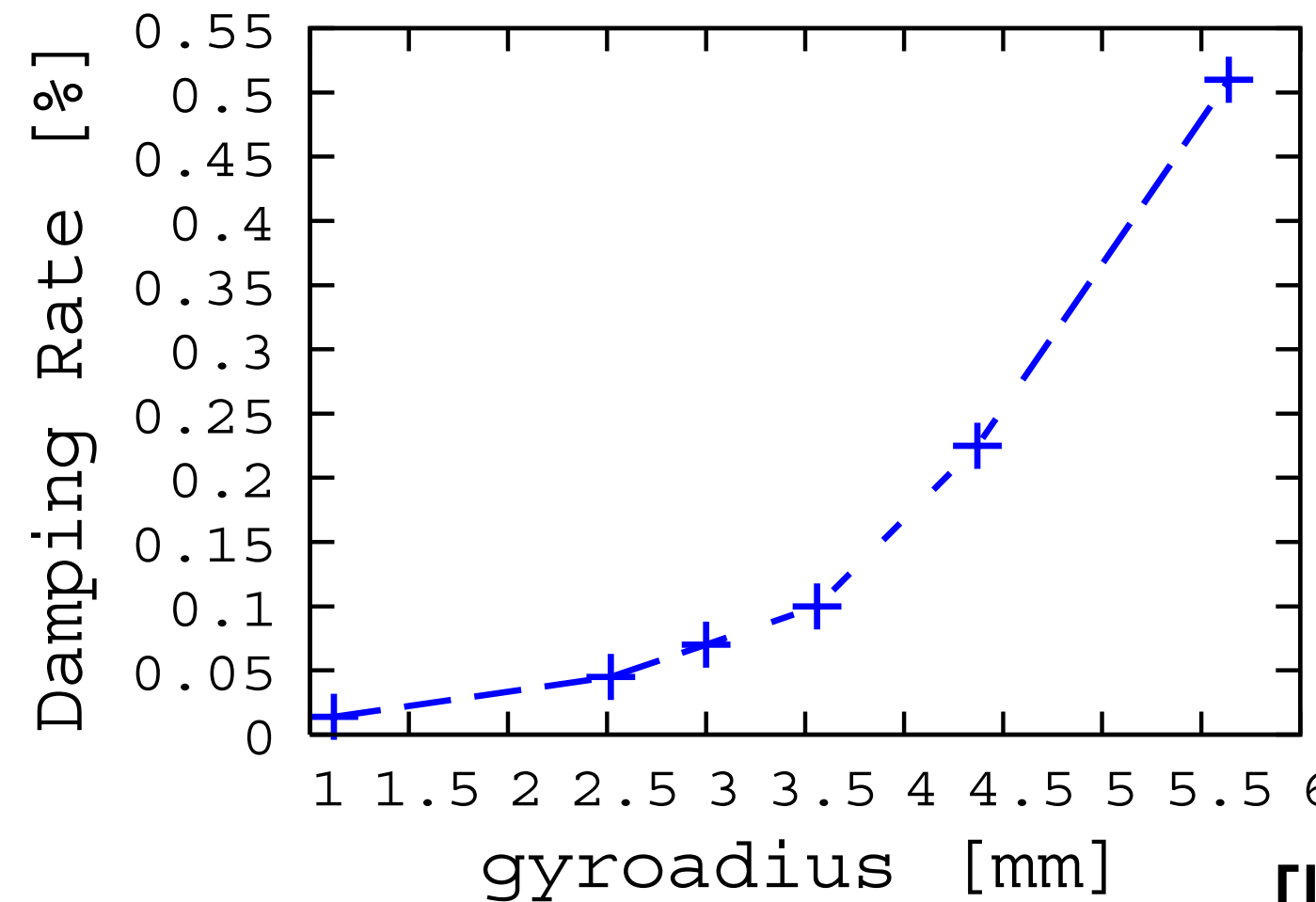
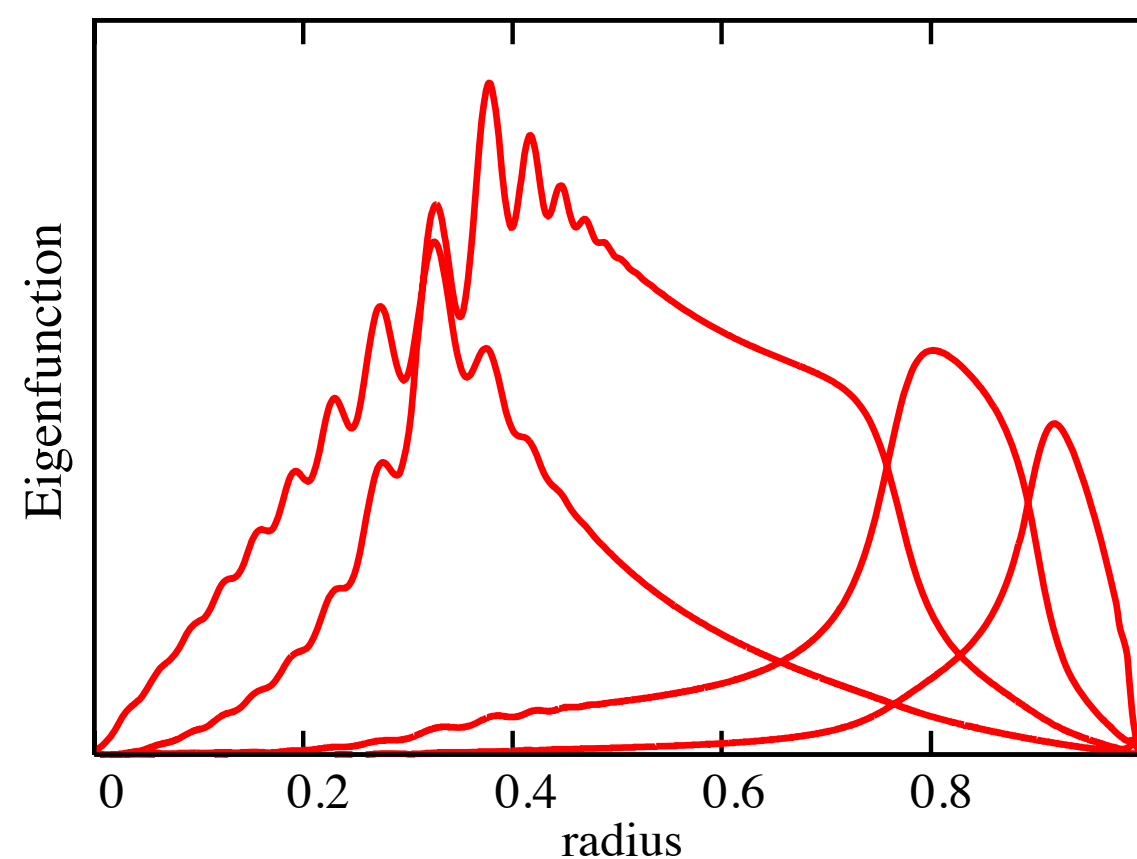
[Mett, Mahajan, 1992  
Berk 1993, Candy & Rosenbluth 1994,  
Breizman & Sharapov 1995, Pinches  
2015]



coupling strength  
determined by non-  
ideal parameter:

$$\lambda \equiv 4 \frac{\rho_i}{r_m} \frac{mS}{\epsilon^{3/2}} \left( \frac{3}{4} + \frac{T_c}{T_i} \right)^{1/2}$$

*formula implemented  
in reduced model 5*



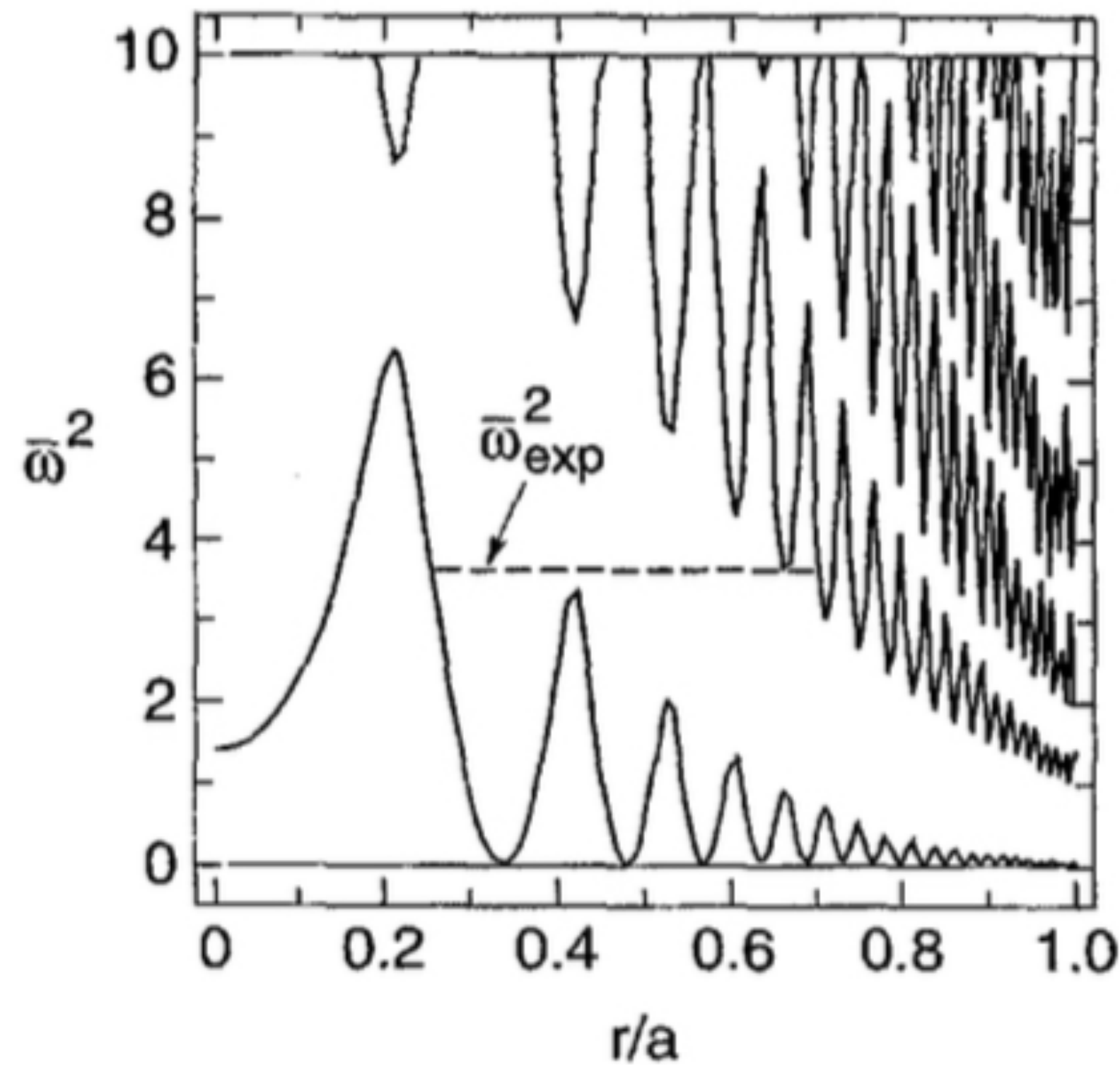
[Lauber, PoP 2005]



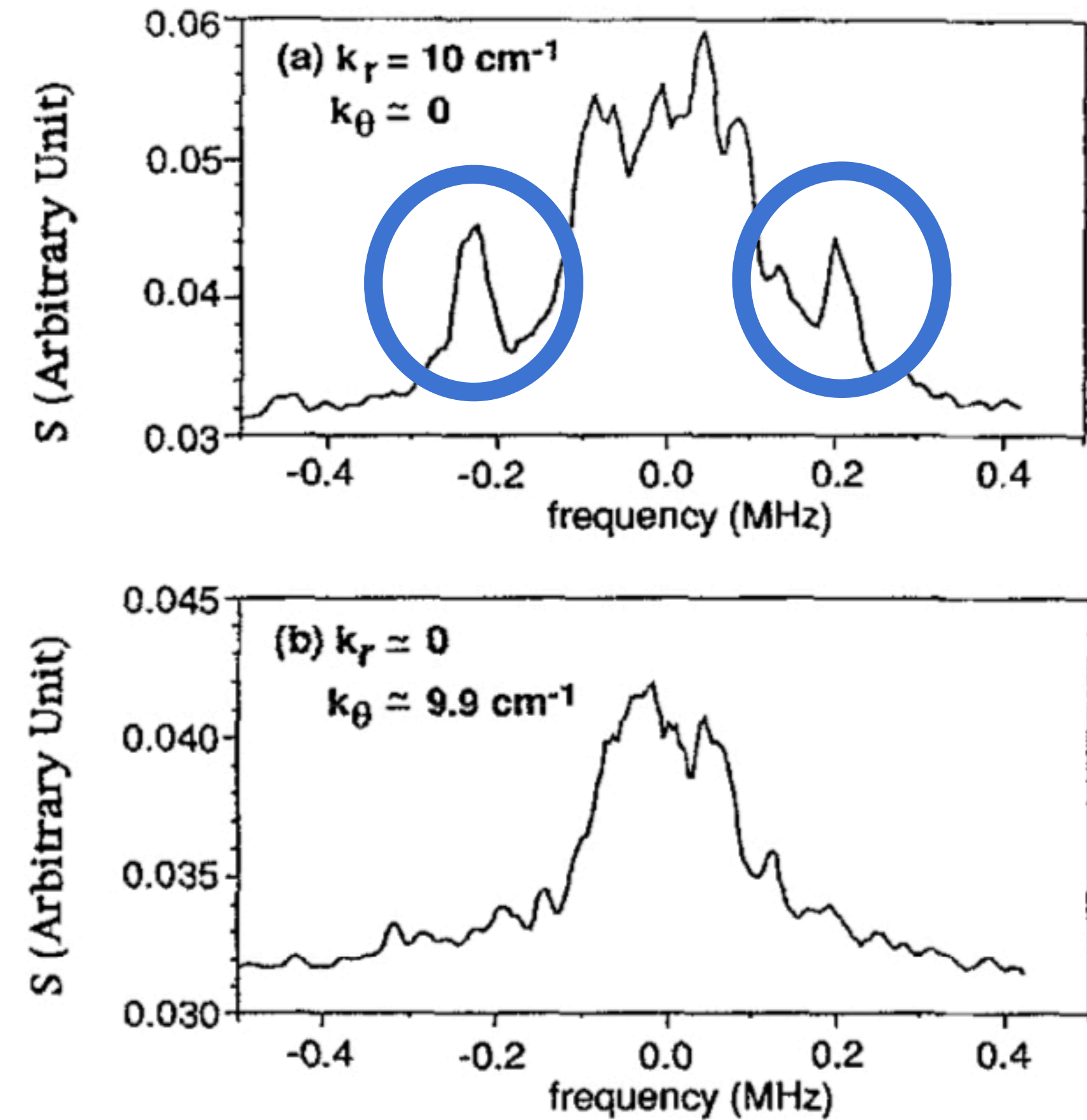
# KAWs in the experiment

TFTR: [Wong, Phys. Lett A, 1996]

global mode driven by EPs - short wave-length structure detected at intersection points with continuum



microwave scattering



great confirmation of theory - demonstrating non-local nature of KAW physics



# global, linear GK model



- gyrokinetic moment equation (GKM):

shear Alfvén law

<https://git.iter.org/projects/STAB/repos/ligka/>

$$\begin{aligned}
 & - \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left[ \nabla \cdot \frac{1}{v_A^2} \nabla_{\perp} \phi \right] + \mathbf{B} \cdot \nabla \frac{\nabla \times (\nabla \times (\frac{\nabla \psi}{i\omega})_{\parallel} \mathbf{b})}{B} + (\mathbf{b} \times \nabla (\frac{\nabla \psi}{i\omega})_{\parallel} \mathbf{b}) \cdot \nabla \frac{\mu_0 j_{\parallel}}{B} \\
 & = - \sum_a \mu_0 \int d^2v e_a \{ \mathbf{v}_d \cdot \nabla J_0 f \}_a + \sum_a \left[ \mathbf{b} \times \nabla \left( \frac{\beta_{a\perp}}{2\Omega_a} \right) \right] \cdot \nabla \nabla_{\perp}^2 \phi \\
 & + \sum_a \frac{3v_{th,a}^2}{8v_A^2 \Omega_a^2} \nabla_{\perp}^4 \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial t} + \mathbf{B} \cdot \nabla \frac{1}{B} \sum_a \frac{\beta_a}{4} \nabla_{\perp}^2 (\frac{\nabla \psi}{i\omega})_{\parallel} \mathbf{b}
 \end{aligned}$$

'pressure' tensor - curvature drift coupling

reduced MHD as limit; contains formally 'all' electrostatic and electromagnetic instabilities

- quasi neutrality (QN):

$$0 = \sum_a e_a \int d^2v \{ J_0 f \}_a + \nabla_{\perp} \cdot \frac{m_i n_i \nabla_{\perp} \phi}{B^2}$$

- non-adiabatic response for perturbed distribution function:

resonances (circ/trapped):

$$\begin{cases} \omega_{AE-} - \omega_{prec} - (nq - m + k) \cdot \omega_t = 0 \\ \omega_{AE-} - \omega_{prec} - k \cdot \omega_b = 0 \end{cases}$$

$$\hat{h} = ie \sum_m \int_{-\infty}^t dt' e^{i[n(\varphi' - \varphi) - m(\theta' - \theta) - \omega(t' - t)]} e^{-im\theta}$$

$$\frac{\partial F_0}{\partial E} [\omega - \hat{\omega}_*] J_0^2(k_{\perp} \rho_i) \left[ \phi_m(r') - \left( 1 - \frac{\omega_d(r', \theta')}{\omega} \right) \psi_m(r') \right]$$

free energy

for all species, including electrons and energetic particles



**GKE:** neglect non-adiabatic part:  $h=0$

**QN:** neglect polarisation, FLR:  $\phi=\Psi$

**GKM:**

$$-\frac{\omega^2}{\omega_{A0}^2} \nabla_{\perp} \frac{\hat{n} B_0^2}{B^2} \nabla_{\perp} \psi + \nabla(\nabla_{\parallel} \psi) \times \mathbf{b} \cdot \nabla \left( \frac{\nabla \times \mathbf{B}_0}{B} \right) + (\mathbf{B} \cdot \nabla) \frac{(\nabla \times \nabla \times \nabla_{\parallel} \psi) \cdot \mathbf{B}}{B^2} +$$

$$+ \mu_0 P_0 \frac{\mathbf{b}}{B} \times \left[ (\mathbf{b} \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{b} + \frac{\nabla B}{B} \right] \cdot \nabla \left[ \frac{\nabla \hat{P}}{B} (\mathbf{b} \times \nabla) \psi \right] = 0$$

$$\mu_0 \nabla P_1 \cdot \nabla \times \frac{\mathbf{B}}{B^2}$$

with  $P_1 = \frac{\nabla P}{i\omega B} (\mathbf{b} \times \nabla) \psi$





# the e.m. kinetic dispersion relation in Tokamak geometry part I: QN



QN: write equations for neighbouring poloidal harmonics, since coupling due to curvature drifts arises:

$$\mathbf{v}_d \cdot \nabla \phi / i = \left[ -\hat{\omega}_d^r \sin \theta / i \frac{\partial}{\partial r} + \omega_d^n \cos \theta + \omega_{prec} \right] \phi$$

$$\phi = \sum_m \phi_m(r) e^{-i\omega t - im\theta + in\varphi}$$

geodesic curvature  $\omega_d^r = (\mathbf{v}_d \cdot \nabla)_r \approx \sin(\theta) \frac{v_{thi}^2}{\Omega_{ci} R_0} \frac{\partial}{\partial r}$  (circular geometry)

$$\sum_{m'=m-1}^{m+1} \delta_{m',p} D^m(x_{m'}) (\phi_{m'} - \psi_{m'}) =$$

contains electrostatic waves (sound, drift)

polarisation terms

$$\begin{pmatrix} P_{m-1} & \tau N^m(x_{m-1}) \omega_{di}^+ / \omega & 0 \\ \tau N^{m-1}(x_m) \omega_{di}^- / \omega & P_m & \tau N^{m+1}(x_m) \omega_{di}^+ / \omega \\ 0 & \tau N^m(x_{m+1}) \omega_{di}^- / \omega & P_{m+1} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \psi_{m-1} \\ \psi_m \\ \psi_{m+1} \end{pmatrix}$$

off-diagonal elements (sidebands)



with

$$\tilde{D}^m(x) = \left(1 - \frac{\omega_*^m}{\omega}\right)xZ(x) - \frac{\omega_*^m}{\omega}\eta\left(x^2 + xZ(x)\left(x^2 - \frac{1}{2}\right)\right)$$

$$2\tilde{N}^m(x) = \left(1 - \frac{\omega_*^m}{\omega}\right)\left[x^2 + xZ(x)\left(x^2 + \frac{1}{2}\right)\right] - \frac{\omega_*^m}{\omega}\eta\left[x^2\left(x^2 + \frac{1}{2}\right) + xZ(x)\left(\frac{1}{4} + x^4\right)\right]$$

$$P = \tau(\Gamma_0 - 1)\left[1 - \frac{\omega_i^*}{\omega}\left(1 + \eta_i\frac{\Gamma_0 G_0}{\Gamma_0 - 1}\right)\right].$$

$$H^m(x_m) = \tilde{H}^m(x_{m,i}) + \tau\tilde{H}^m(x_{m,e}) \text{ and } \tilde{H}^m(x) = \frac{1}{2}\left[\left(1 - \frac{\omega_*^m}{\omega}\right)\tilde{F}(x) - \eta\frac{\omega_*^m}{\omega}\tilde{G}(x)\right],$$

$$2\tilde{F}(x) = xZ(x)\left(\frac{1}{2} + x^2 + x^4\right) + \frac{3x^2}{2} + x^4,$$

$$\omega_d^\pm \approx \frac{v_{th,i}^2}{\Omega_i} \frac{1}{R_0} \left(\frac{m}{r} \pm \frac{\partial}{\partial r}\right) = \omega_d^n \pm \omega_d^r$$

$$2\tilde{G}(x) = xZ(x)\left(\frac{3}{4} + x^2 + \frac{x^4}{2} + x^6\right) + 2x^2 + x^4 + x^6$$

Assuming a Maxwellian  $F_0$  with  $\partial F_0/\partial E = -F_0/T$  and using

$$\int_0^\infty \frac{dt e^{-t^2}}{x_m^2 - t^2} = \frac{-\sqrt{\pi}Z(x_m)}{2x_m}; \quad \int_0^\infty \frac{dt t^2 e^{-t^2}}{x_m^2 - t^2} = \frac{-\sqrt{\pi}}{2}(x_m + x_m^2 Z(x_m))$$

where

$$x_m = \frac{\omega}{|k_{||,m}|v_{th}}; \quad t = \frac{v_{||}}{v_{th}}; \quad v_{th} = \sqrt{\frac{2T}{m}} \quad \tau = T_e/T_i$$

presently being  
extended to other  
distributions





# the e.m. kinetic dispersion relation in Tokamak geometry part II: GKM

$$- \omega^2 \nabla_{\perp} \frac{1}{v_A^2} \nabla_{\perp} \phi + \left[ \nabla(\nabla\psi)_{\parallel} \times \mathbf{b} \right] \cdot \nabla \left( \frac{\mu_0 j_{0\parallel}}{B} \right) + (\mathbf{B} \cdot \nabla) \frac{(\nabla \times \nabla \times (\nabla\psi)_{\parallel}) \cdot \mathbf{B}}{B^2}$$

$$= \boxed{-(i\omega)^2 \mu_0 \sum_a e_a \int \frac{\mathbf{v}_{d,a} \cdot \nabla}{i\omega} J_0 f_a d^3\mathbf{v}} \quad \text{(current equation)}$$

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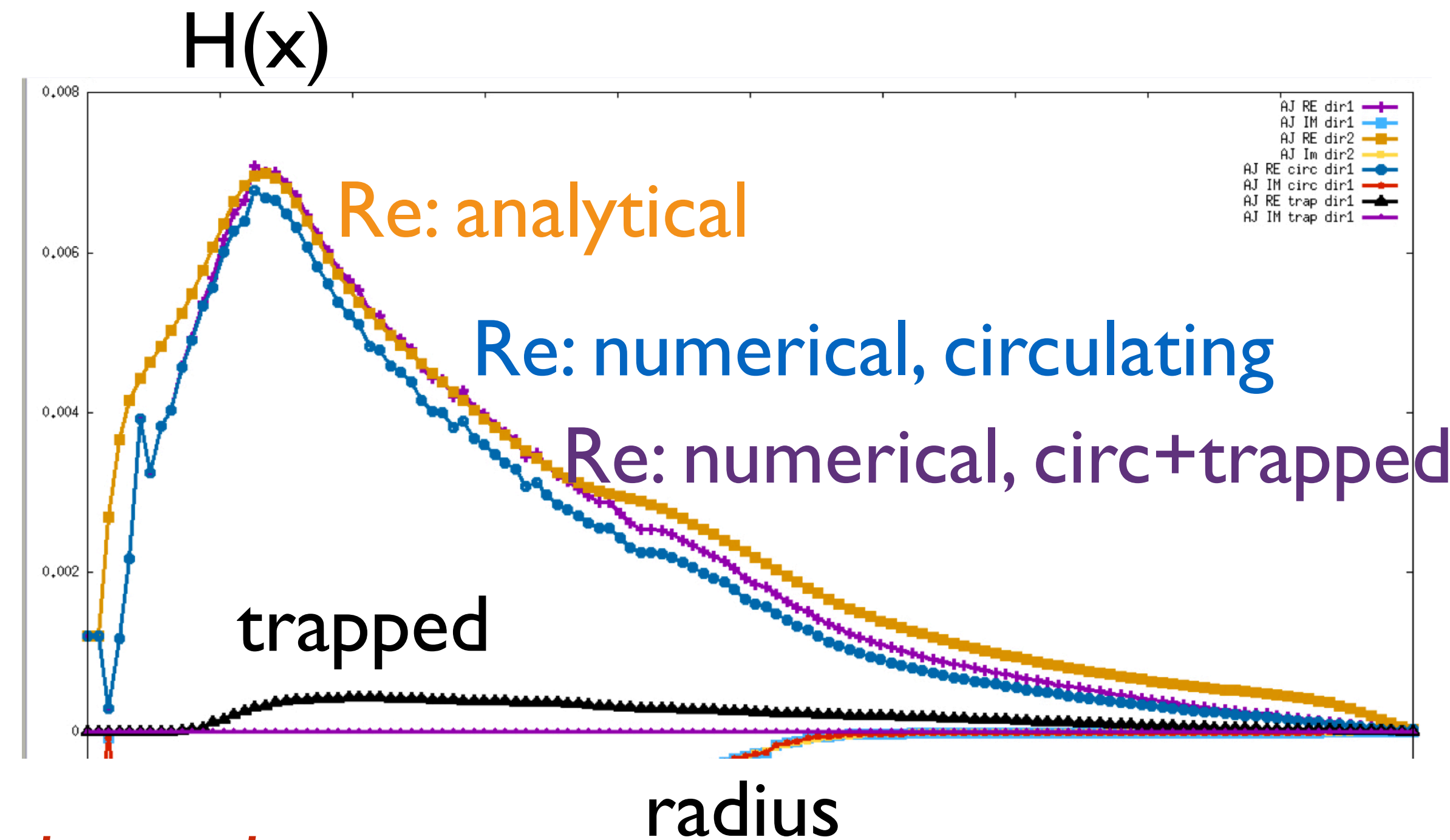
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circulating ion approximation; extension trapped particles [I. Chavdarovski et al, 2014...]

$$h = -e_a \sum_m \sum_k \underbrace{\frac{\frac{\partial F_0}{\partial E}(\omega - \hat{\omega}_*) e^{-im\theta} J_0}{(\omega - \omega_D^0 - H\sigma S_m^0 \omega_t - k\omega_{b,t})}}_{=\mathcal{R}_{m,k}} \left[ a_{km} \phi_m(r) - \left( a_{km} - \frac{a_{km}^G \bar{\omega}_d(r)}{\omega} \right) \psi_m(r) \right]$$

numerical results are available (LIGKA):  
for TAE-range modes often good approximation - deviations for low-f regime!



*orbit-based-kinetic version ready - to be packaged and tested*

$\omega = 0.3\omega_A$

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features are available in fully numerical LIGKA; not yet packaged; WF 2.0 to arrive soon

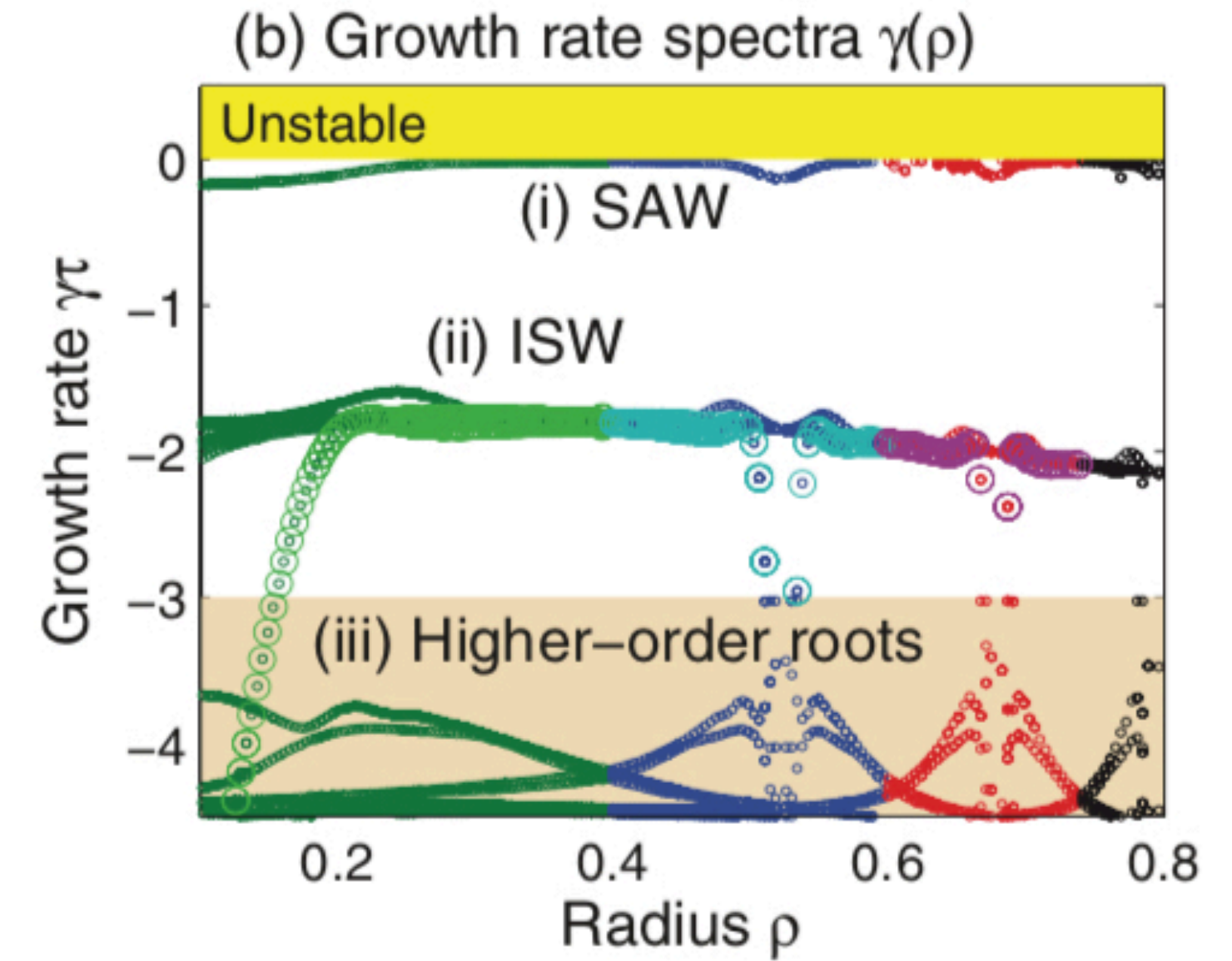
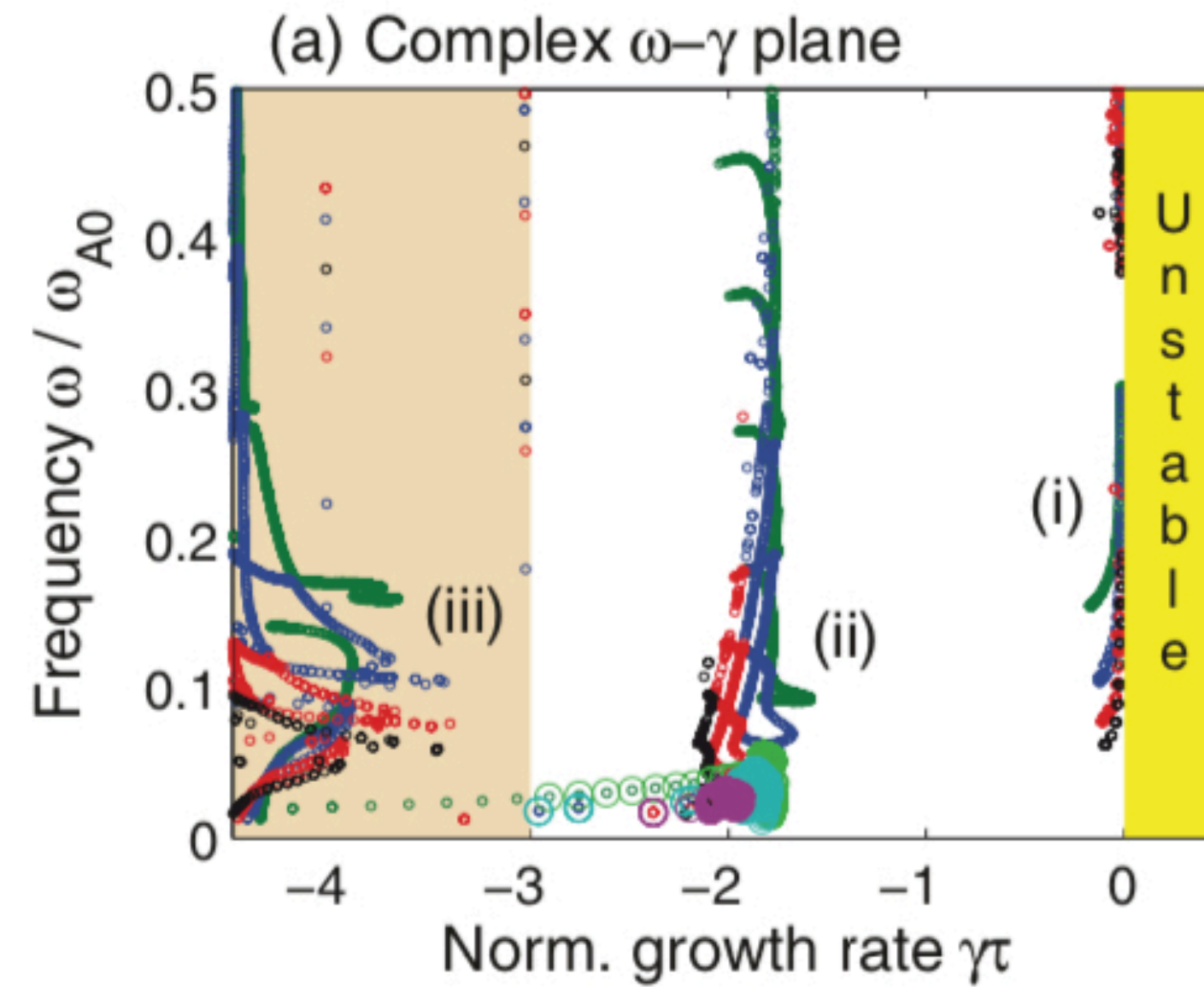
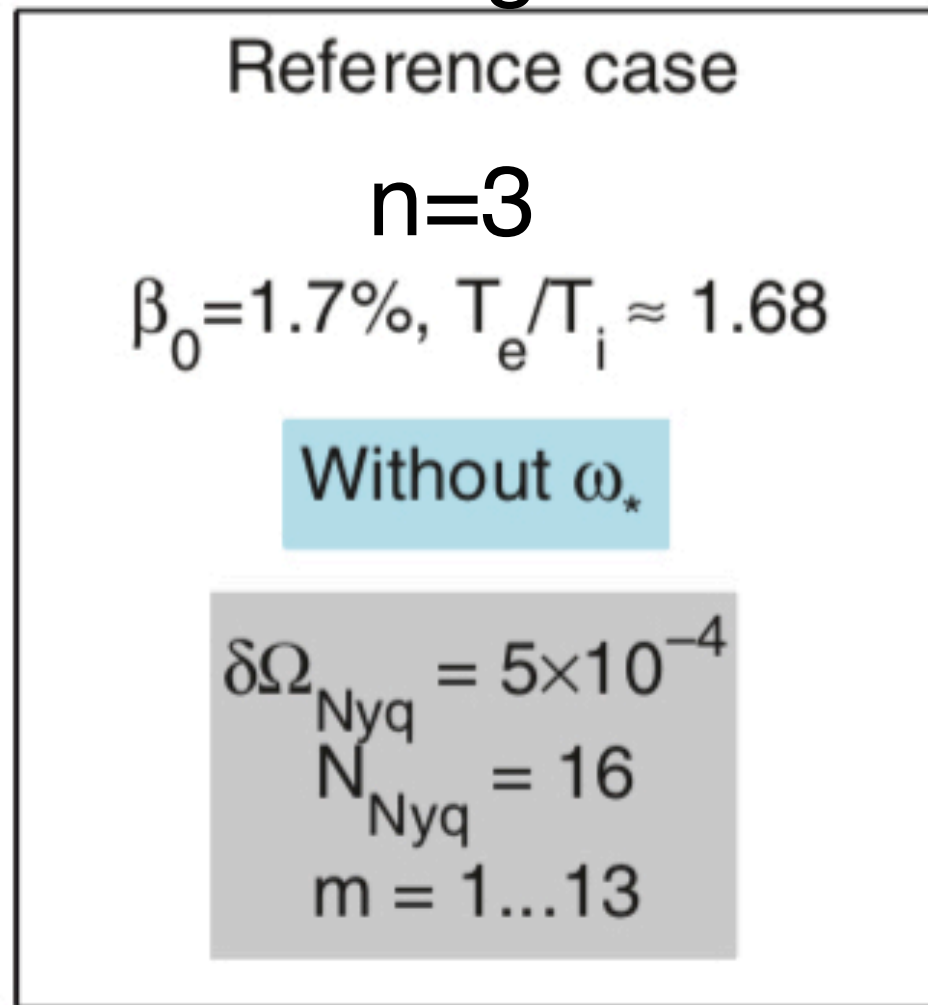
but: will be (much) more expensive - for overview and transport studies, present version is very useful



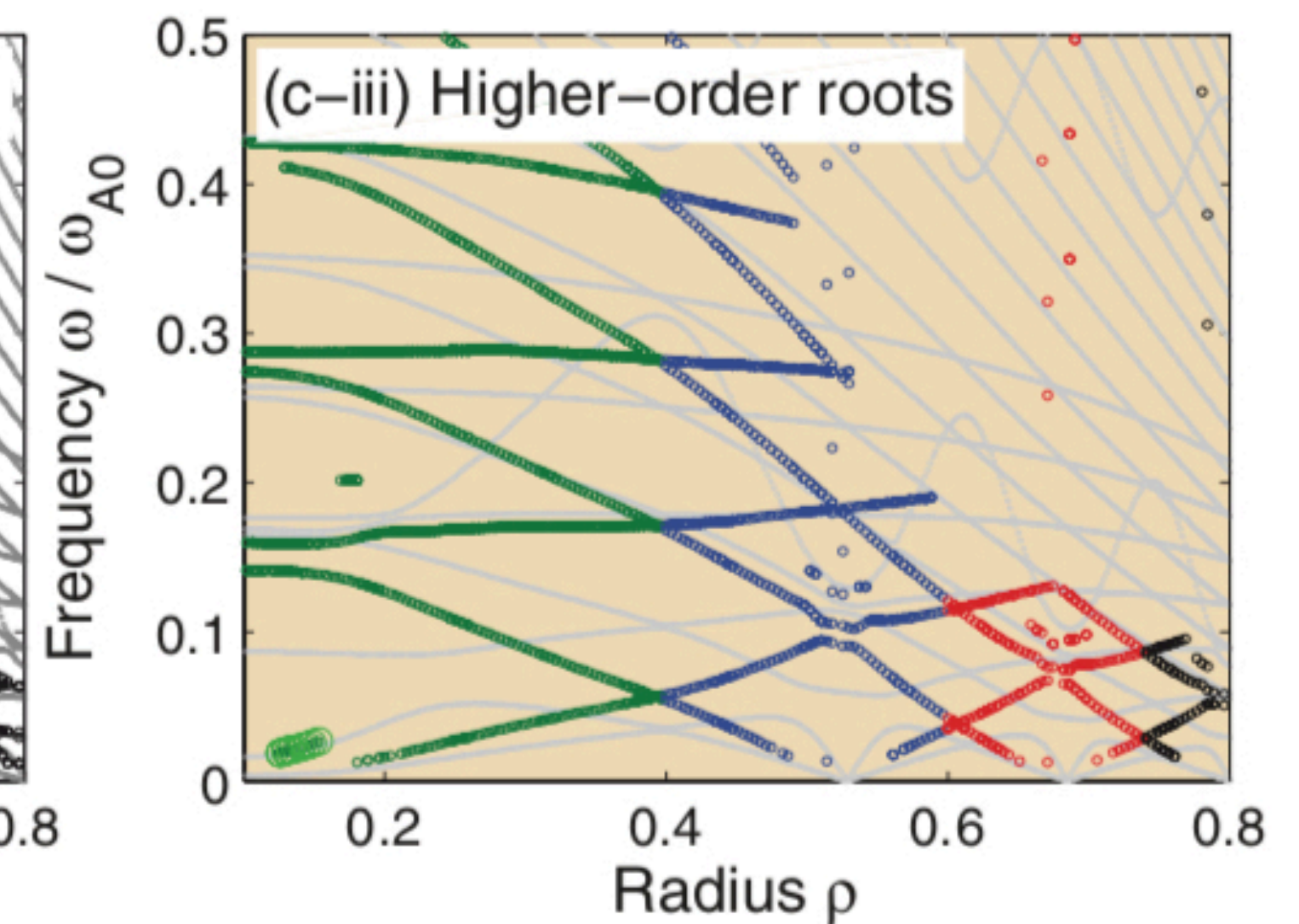
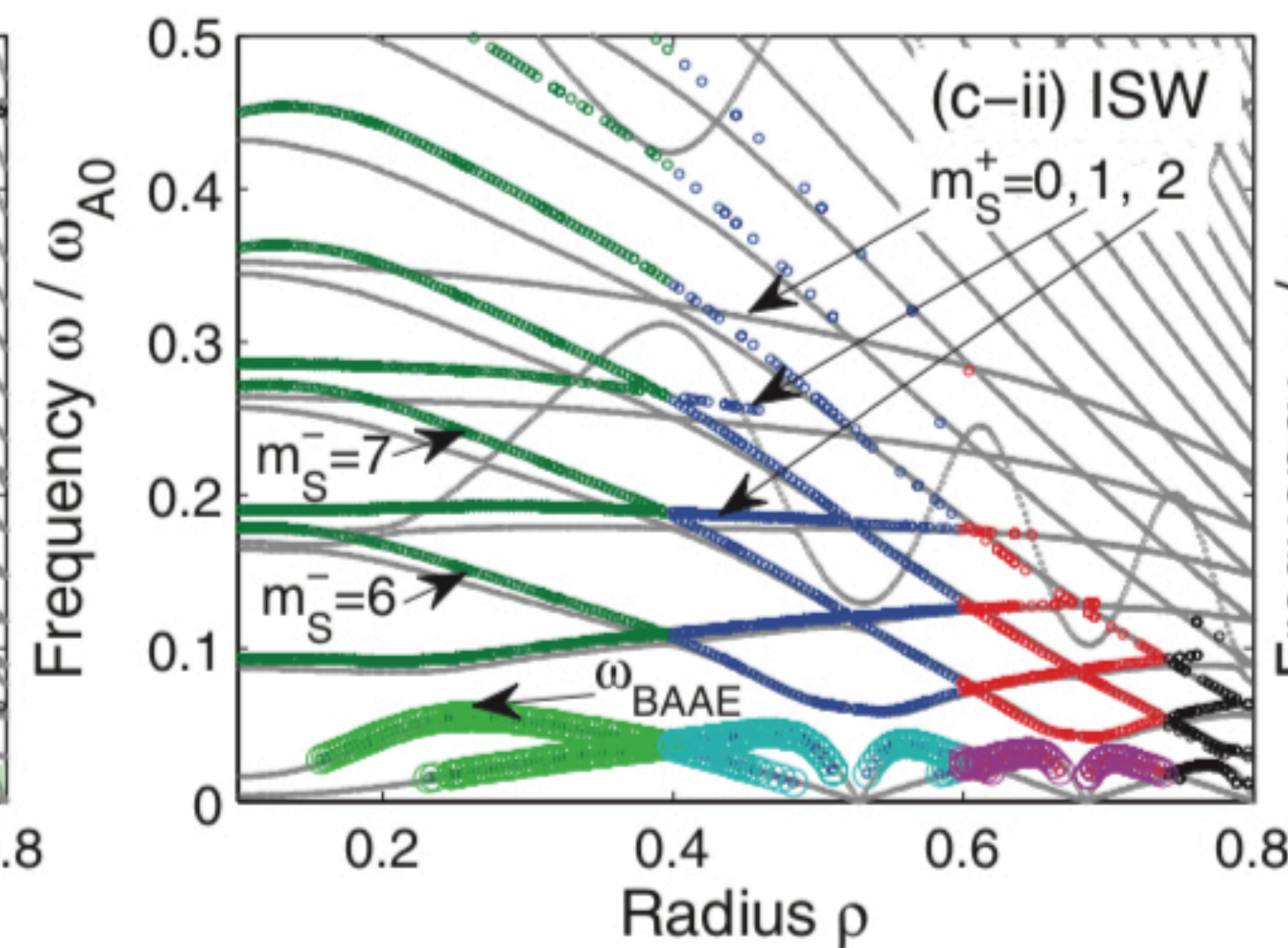
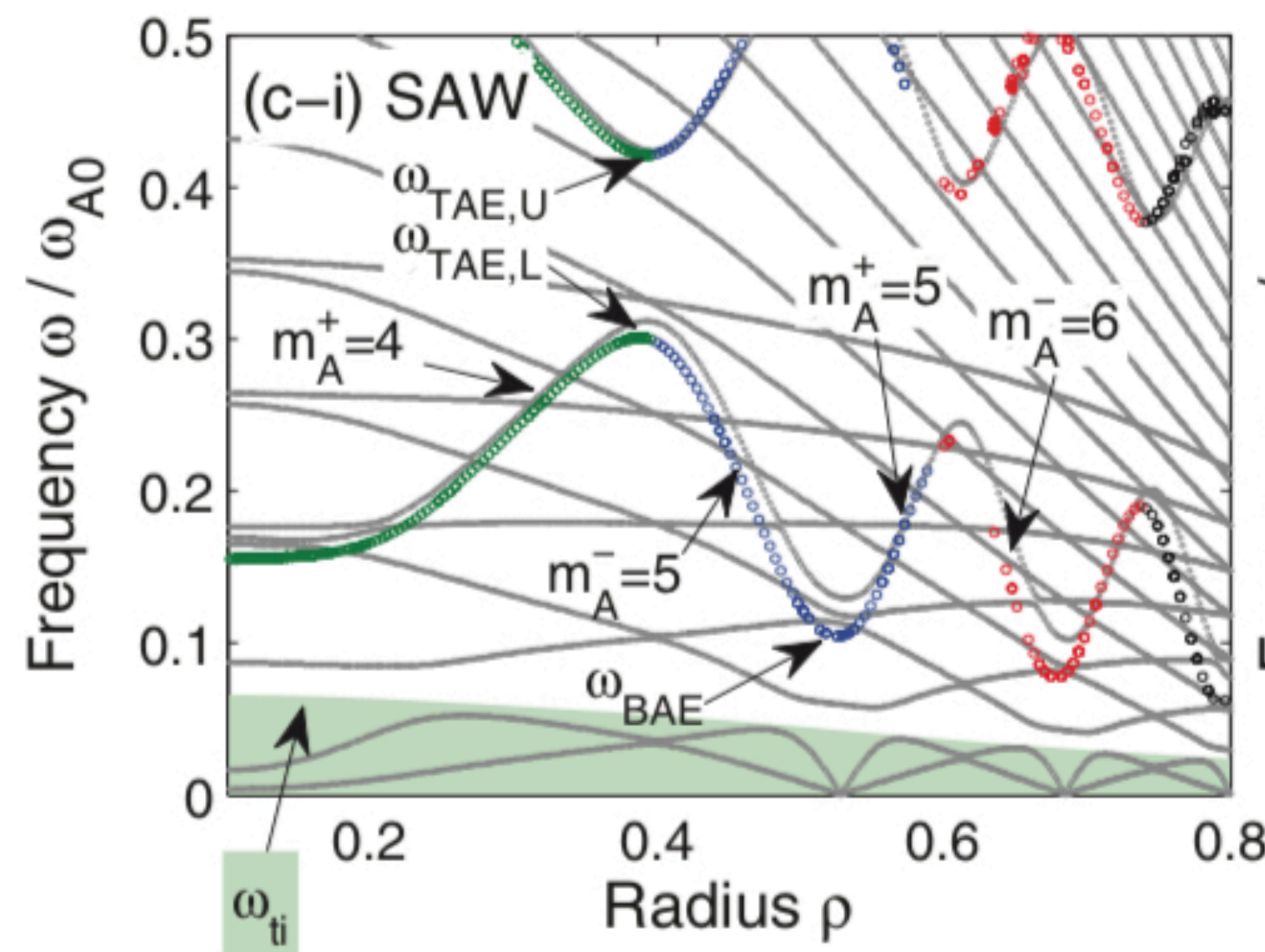


without diamagnetic effects

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(c) Frequency spectra  $\omega(\rho)$  for classes (i), (ii), (iii)

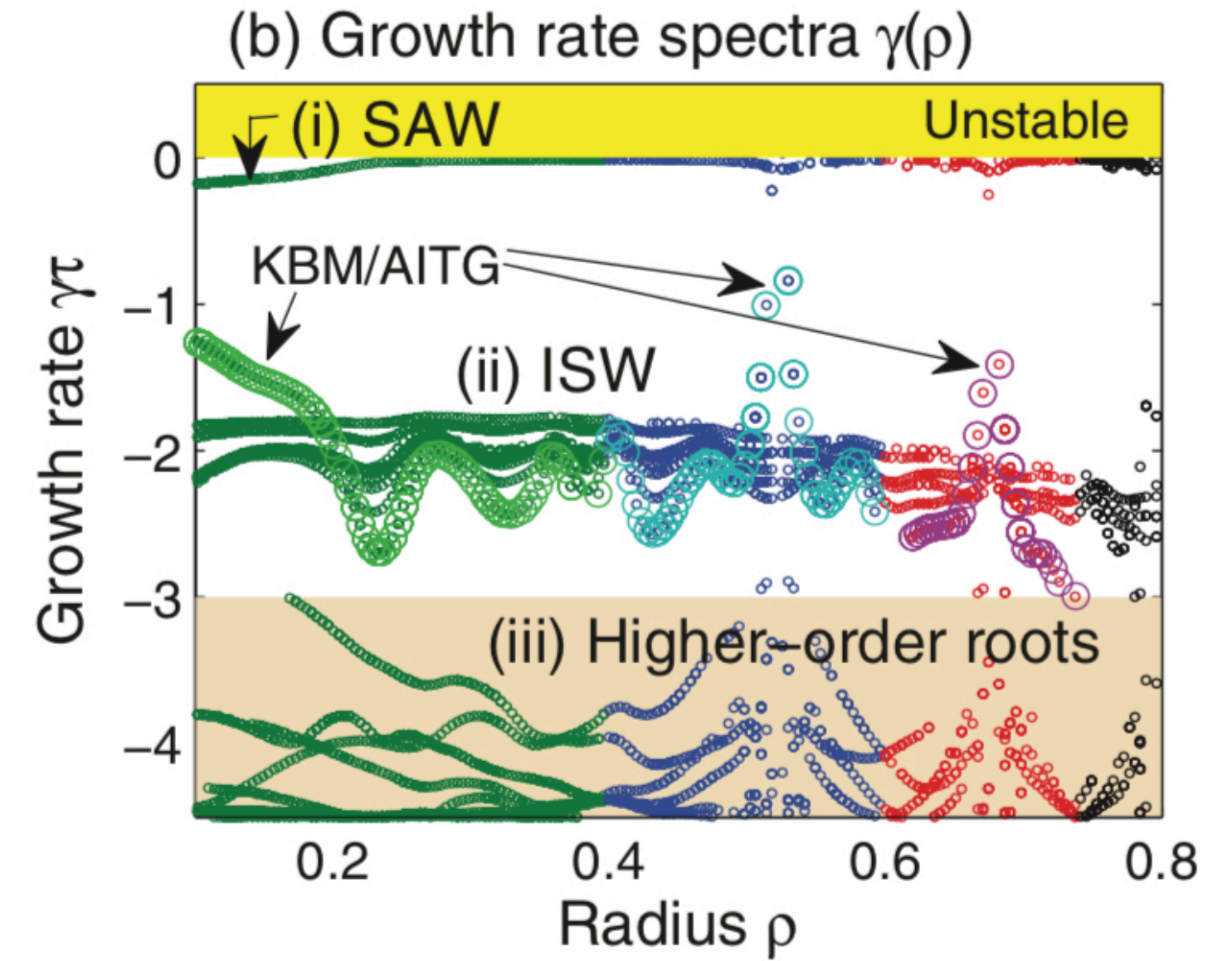
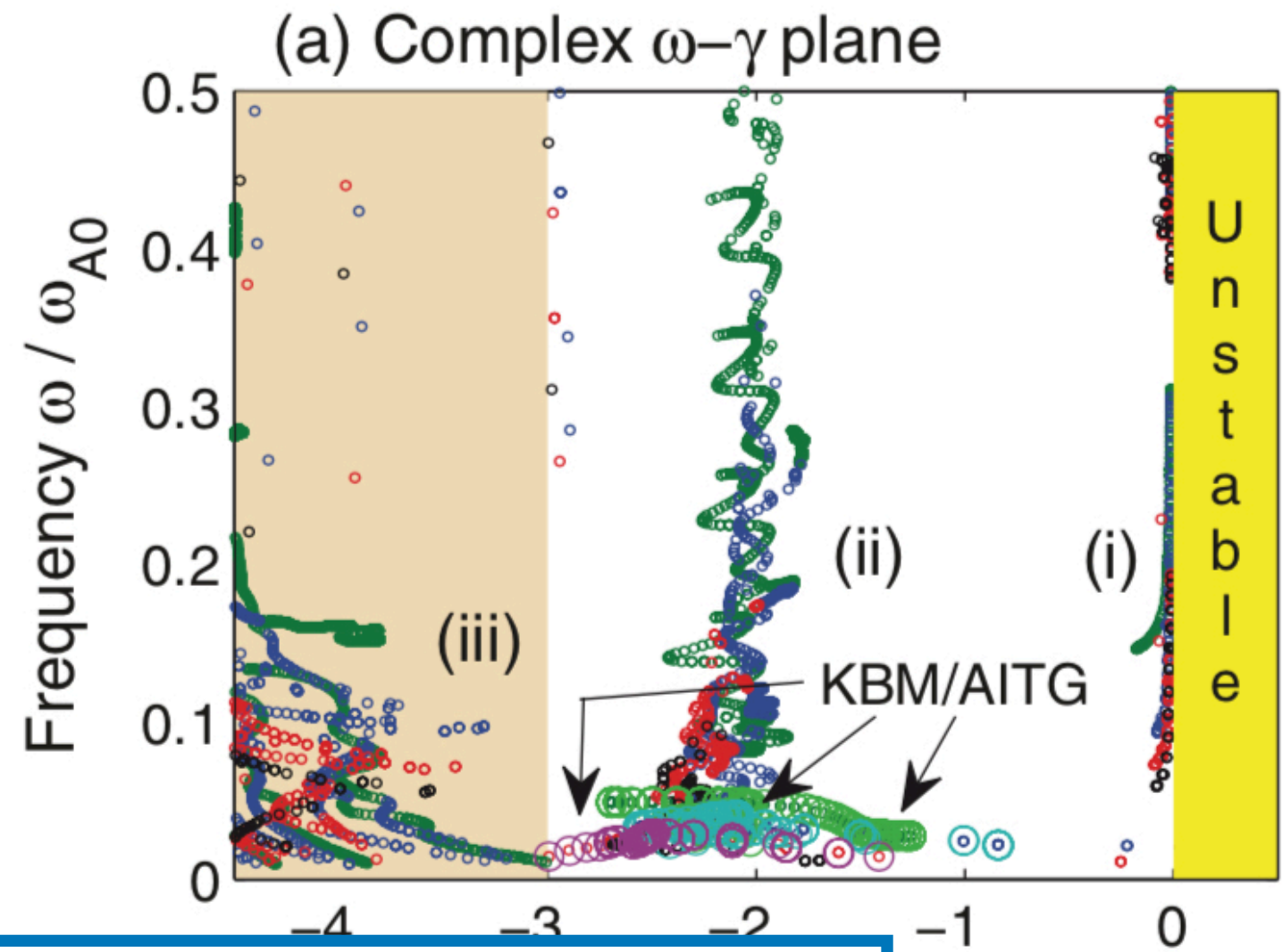
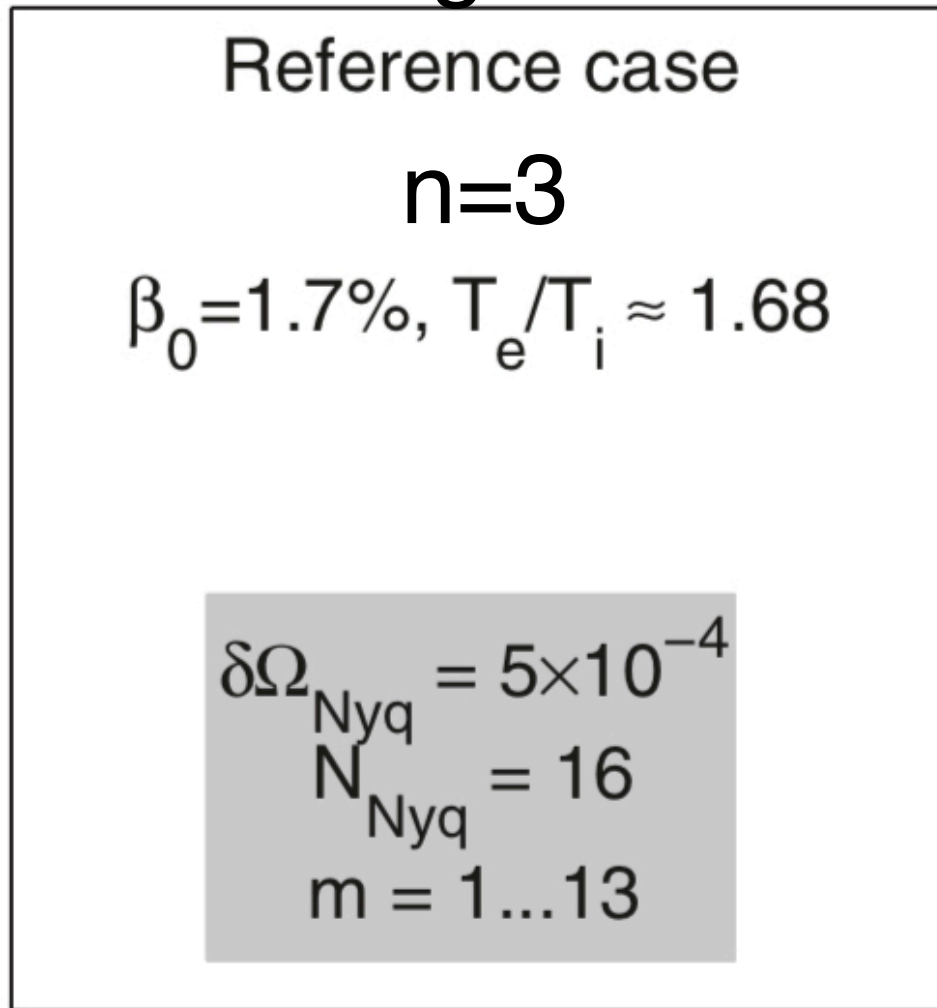




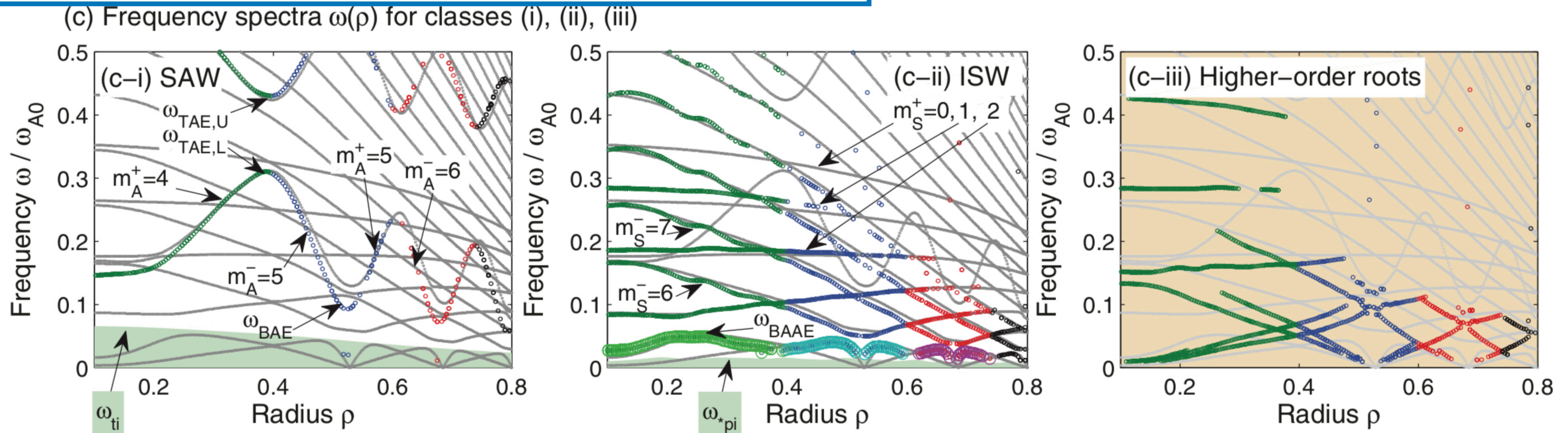


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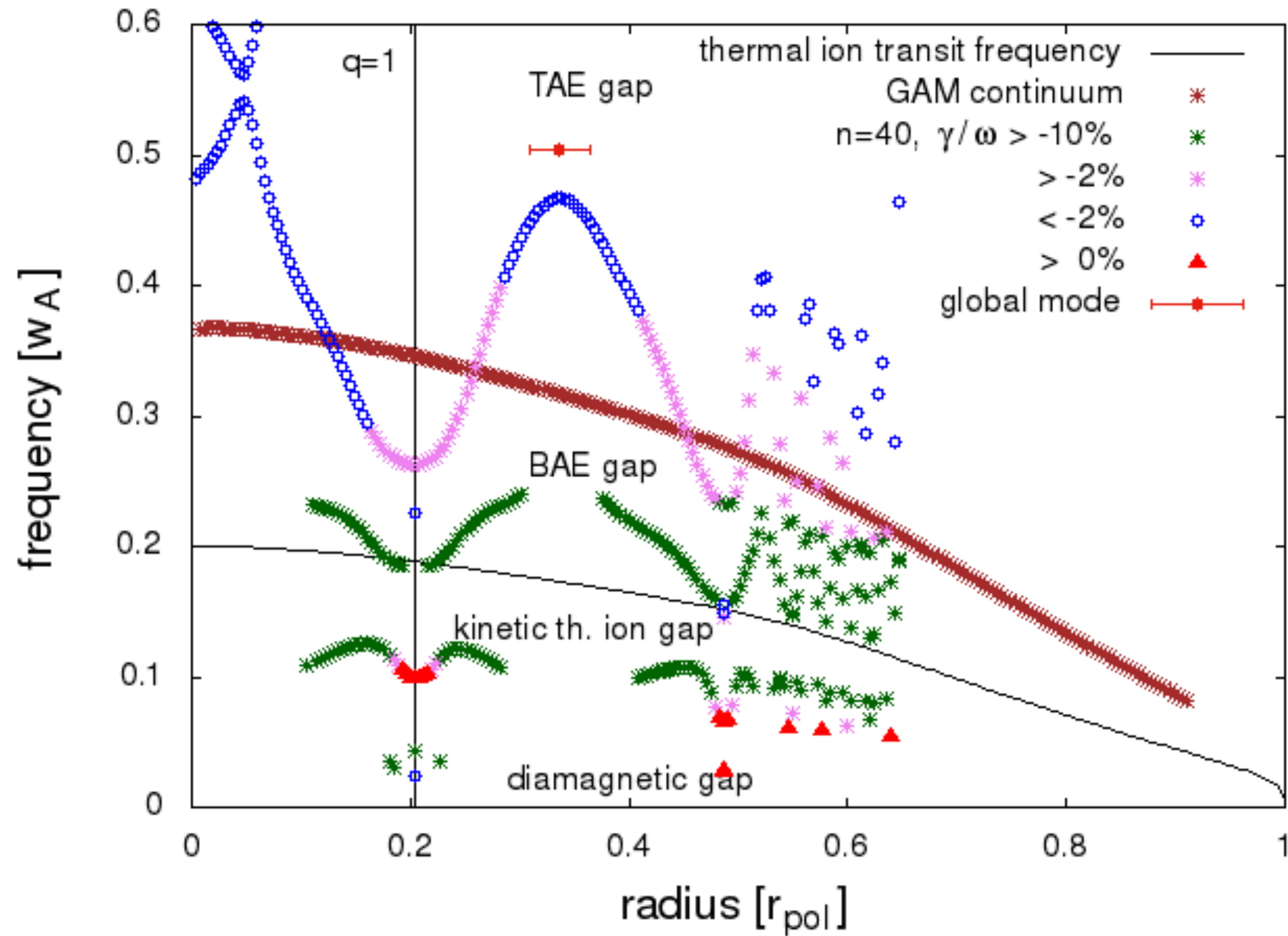
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$$\omega^* = T/(ieB) \mathbf{b} \times \nabla n/n(1+\eta) \cdot \nabla \approx -T/(ieB) (\nabla_r n/n)(1+\eta) \cdot m/r$$





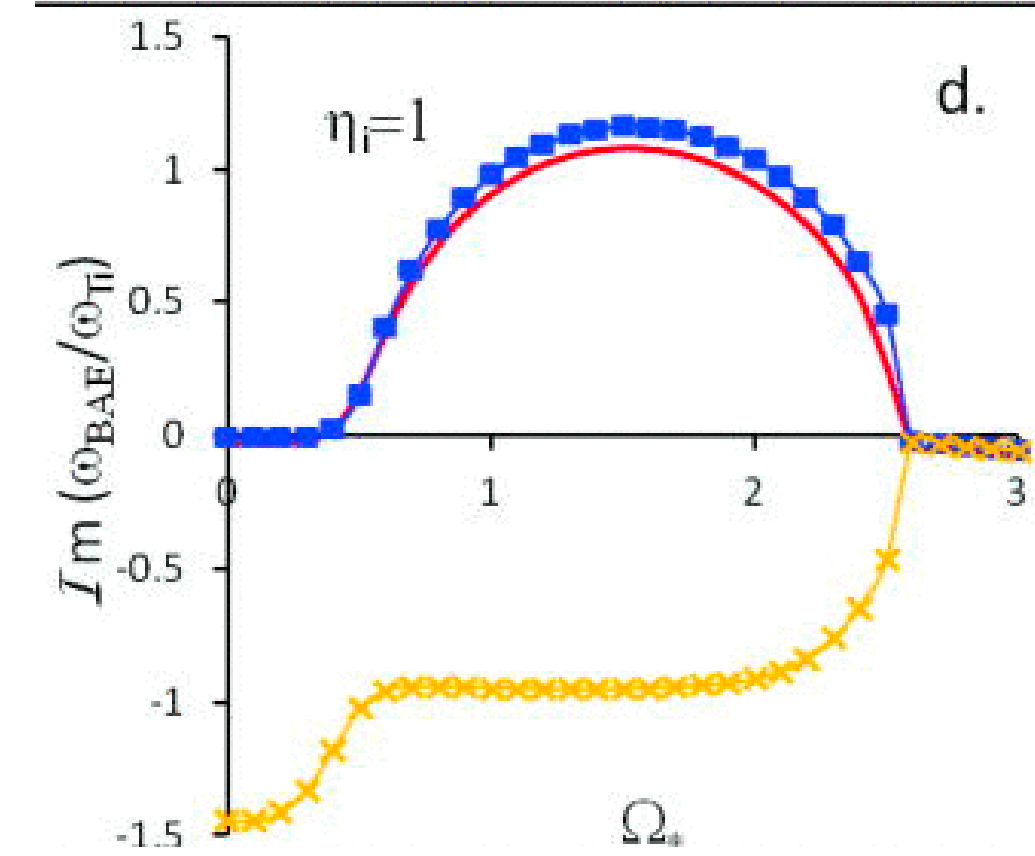
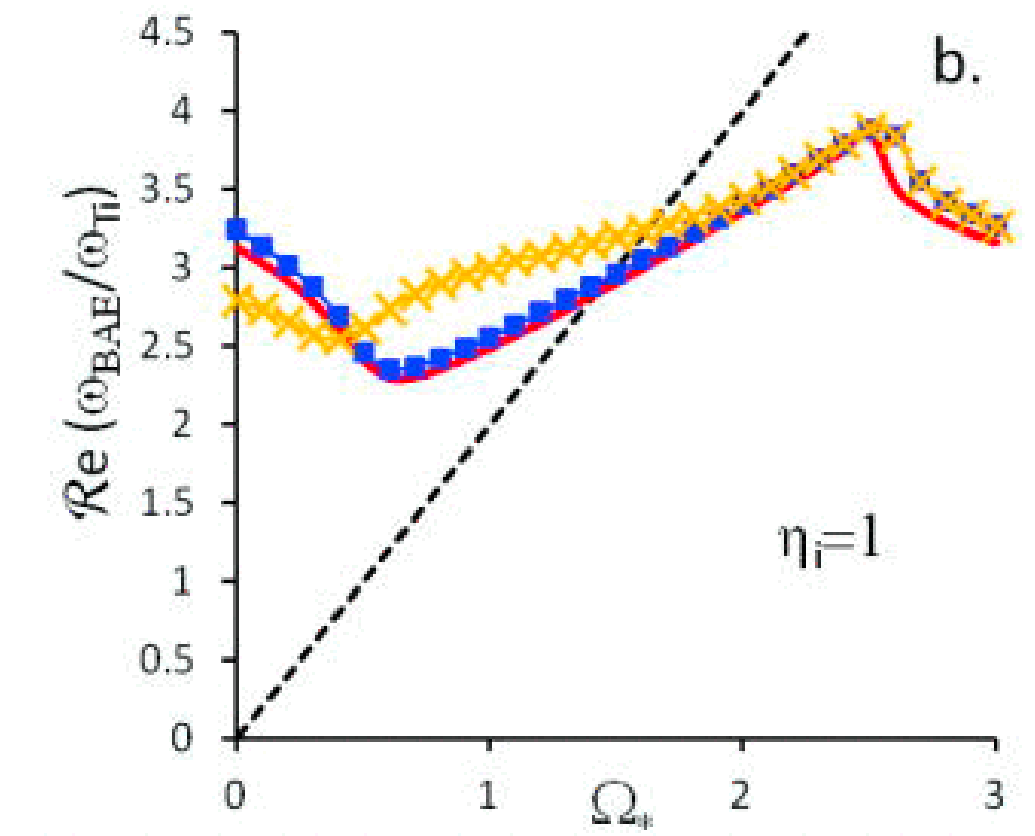
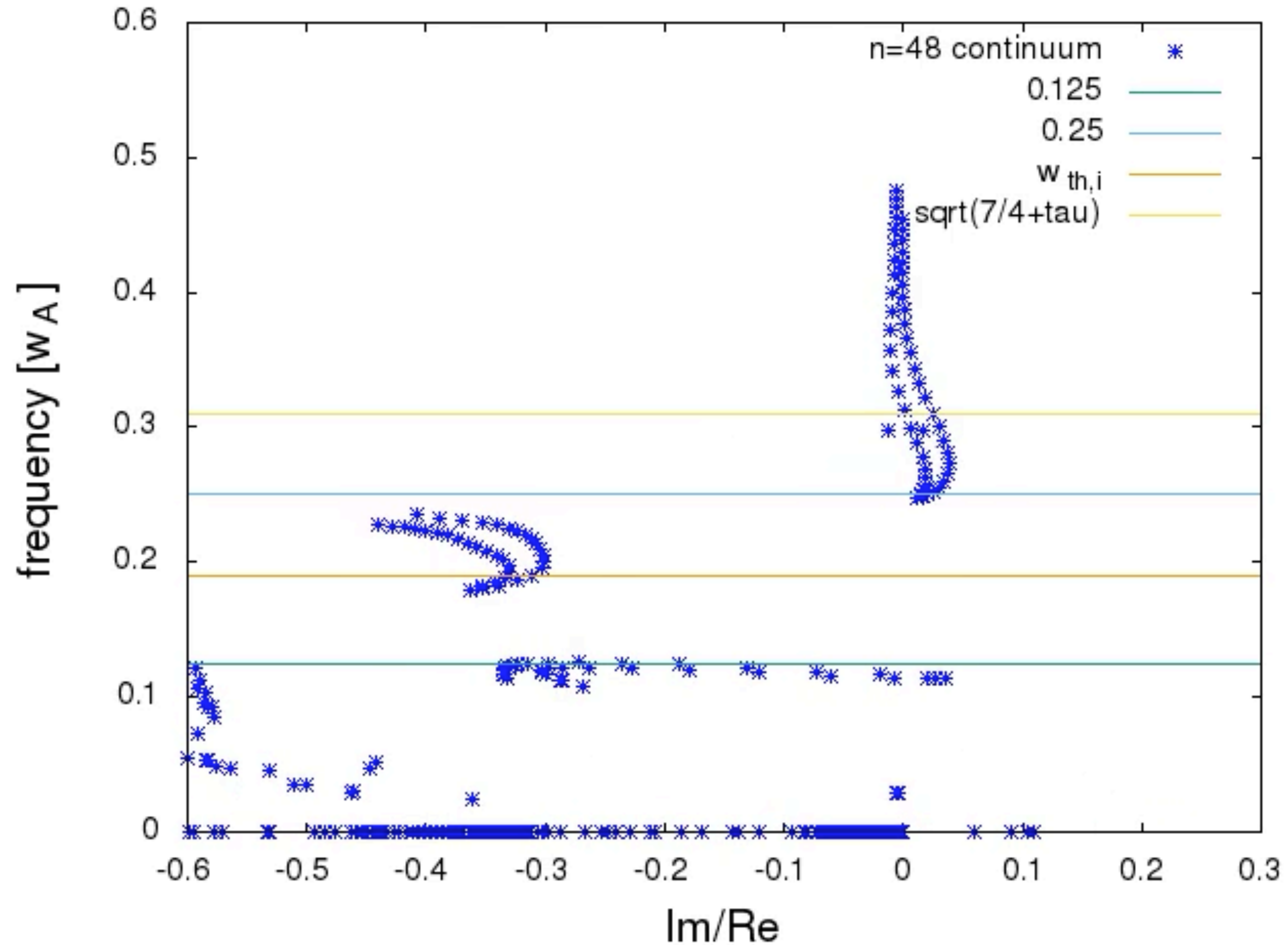


- use Nyquist contour integrals in complex plane to determine roots of dispersion relation
- physics: good estimate of ion LD damping, simplified electron LD
- use values at gaps to estimate  $f$ ,  $\gamma$  of mode belonging to this gap,
- runtime: seconds to minutes

**(LIGKA MODE 3/4):**



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[Chavdarovski 2014]

$$\omega^* = -T/(ieB) (\nabla_r n/n)(1+\eta) \cdot m/r$$

shows qualitative beta stabilisation, AITG/KBM unstable for  $n > \sim 40$ , see also ORB5 results [T Hayward-Schneider, 2022 but: global effects, trapped electrons etc need to be considered [e.g. G. Falchetto, PoP 2003 ]





# connection to the generalised fishbone dispersion relation [Chen, Zonca, 1984... ]

$\Lambda^2$

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$$- i\Lambda + \delta W_{core} + \delta W_{hot} = 0,$$

$$\delta W_{hot} \sim \int dE d\mu dP_{\varphi} d\theta d\varphi \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{\partial F}{\partial E} \frac{(\omega - \bar{\omega}_*) |\mathcal{L}_k|^2}{\omega - \omega_{prec} - (nq - k)\omega_{t,b}}$$

$$\delta \hat{W}'_{core} = 3\pi \Delta q_0 (13/144 - \beta_{ps}^2) (r_s^2 / R_0^2)$$

with  $\beta_{ps} = -(R_0/r_s^2)^2 \int_0^{r_s} r^2 (d\beta/dr) dr$ ,  $\Delta q_0 = 1 - q(r=0)$  and  $\beta = 8\pi P / B_0^2$



# the fishbone dispersion relation

[Chen, 1984]

$$-i\Lambda + \delta W_{core} + \delta W_{hot} = 0,$$

$\text{Re}[\Lambda^2] < 0$  : gap modes

$\text{Re}[\Lambda^2] > 0$  : EP modes in continuum

the combined effect of  $\delta W_{core}$  and  $\text{Re}[\delta W_{hot}]$  is to 'move' the mode away from the local continuum solution and determines if the mode can exist -> 'Alfven zoo'

for EPMs, the mode frequency is set by the EPs  
the drive has to overcome continuum damping i.e.

$$\text{Im}(\delta W_{hot}) > \text{Re}(\Lambda)$$

theory for linear onset well developed [Zonca PoP, 2005, R.-R. Ma, 2019-2023]



# Finite orbit width dispersion relation for LIGKA

$$\omega^2 \left(1 - \frac{\omega_{*p}}{\omega}\right) - k_{\parallel}^2 \omega_A^2 R_0^2 = 2 \frac{v_{thi}^2}{R_0^2} \left( - \left[ H(x_{m-1}) + H(x_{m+1}) \right] + \tau \left[ \frac{N^m(x_{m-1}) N^{m-1}(x_{m-1})}{D^{m-1}(x_{m-1})} + \frac{N^m(x_{m+1}) N^{m+1}(x_{m+1})}{D^{m+1}(x_{m+1})} \right] \right)$$

no FOW,  
circulating particle  
approximation

[Zonca 1996,2009 Lauber 2009]

$$\left( \frac{N_{-1,0} N_{0,-1}^G}{D_{-1,-1}} + \frac{N_{1,0} N_{0,1}^G}{D_{1,1}} \right) + \rho^2 \left[ D_{0,0} \left[ D_{-2,-2} D_{1,1} D_{-1,-1} \left( D_{2,2} \left( D_{-1,-1} \left( Q_{1,0} N_{0,1}^G + N_{1,0} Q_{0,1}^G \right) - F_{-1,1} \left( N_{1,0} N_{0,-1}^G + N_{-1,0} N_{0,1}^G \right) \right) - D_{-1,-1} \left( E_{1,2} P_{2,0} N_{0,1}^G + E_{2,1} N_{1,0} P_{0,2}^G \right) \right] + D_{1,1}^2 \left( D_{2,2} \left( E_{-2,-1} N_{-1,0} \left( E_{-1,-2} N_{0,-1}^G - D_{-1,-1} P_{0,-2}^G \right) + D_{-1,-1} P_{-2,0} \left( D_{-1,-1} P_{0,-2}^G - E_{-1,-2} N_{0,-1}^G \right) + D_{-2,-2} \left( D_{-1,-1} \left( Q_{-1,0} N_{0,-1}^G + N_{-1,0} Q_{0,-1}^G \right) - F_{-1,-1} N_{-1,0} N_{0,-1}^G \right) \right) + D_{-2,-2} D_{-1,-1}^2 P_{2,0} P_{0,2}^G \right] + D_{-2,-2} D_{-1,-1}^2 N_{1,0} N_{0,1}^G \left( E_{1,2} E_{2,1} - D_{2,2} F_{1,1} \right) \right] + D_{-2,-2} D_{2,2} \left( D_{1,1} \left( E_{0,-1} N_{-1,0} - D_{-1,-1} P_{0,0} \right) + D_{-1,-1} E_{0,1} N_{1,0} \right) \left( D_{1,1} \left( E_{-1,0} N_{0,-1}^G - D_{-1,-1} P_{0,0}^G \right) + D_{-1,-1} E_{1,0} N_{0,1}^G \right) \right] / \left( D_{-2,-2} D_{-1,-1}^2 D_{0,0} D_{1,1}^2 D_{2,2} \right)$$

2nd order FOW

[Zonca 1998, Z.X. Lu 2017, Lauber JPC 2018]

- equivalent to EGAM FOW equations: Qiu [2009], Miki & Idomura [2015]
- fast analytical model for FOW effects: **solve equations both locally (scan  $k_r$ )** and globally
- **LIGKA model 9 (specification of  $k_r$  needed)**
- **rationale: implement global effects in local model - can be improved by estimating analytically AE mode structures (ongoing...)**



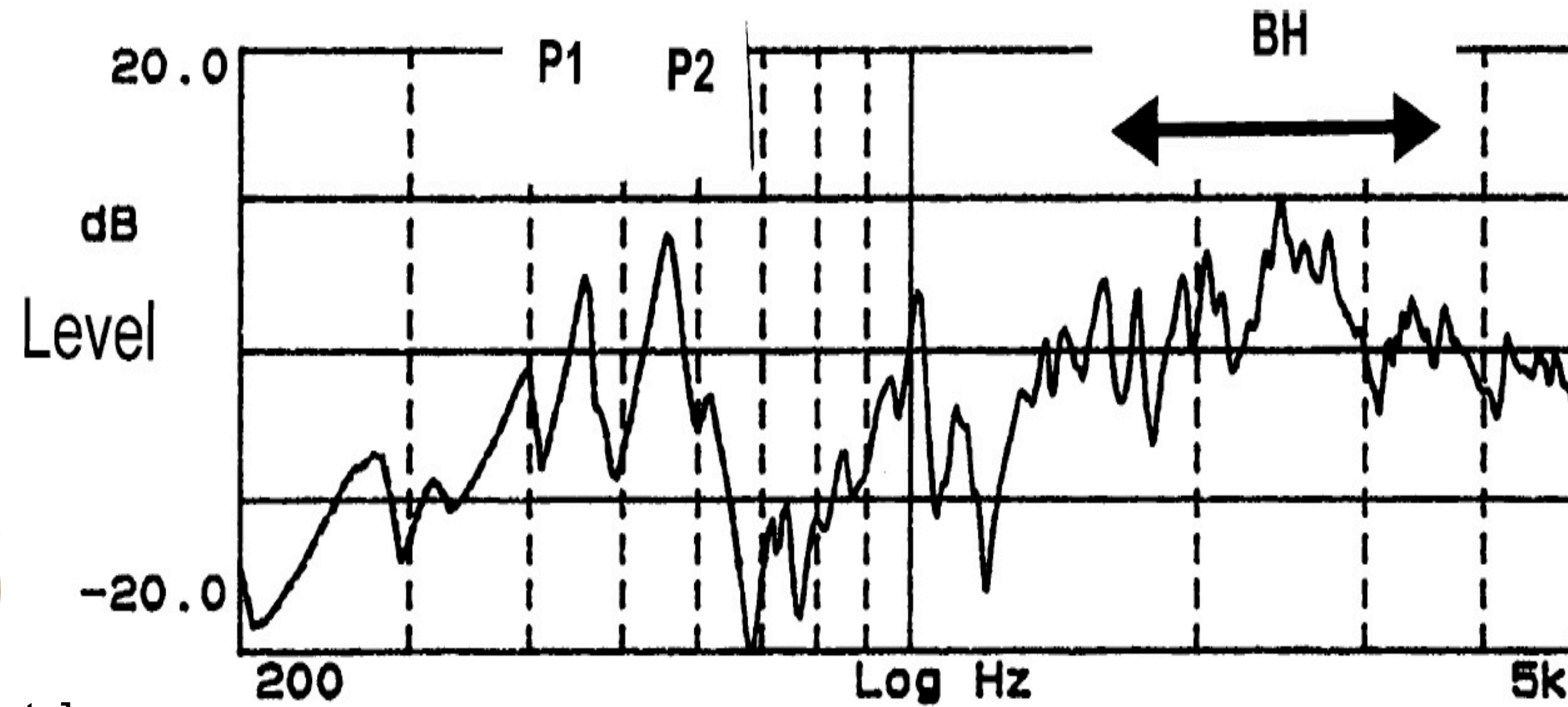


# global solver - antenna response model

## Stradivari frequency response [Jansons,2004]



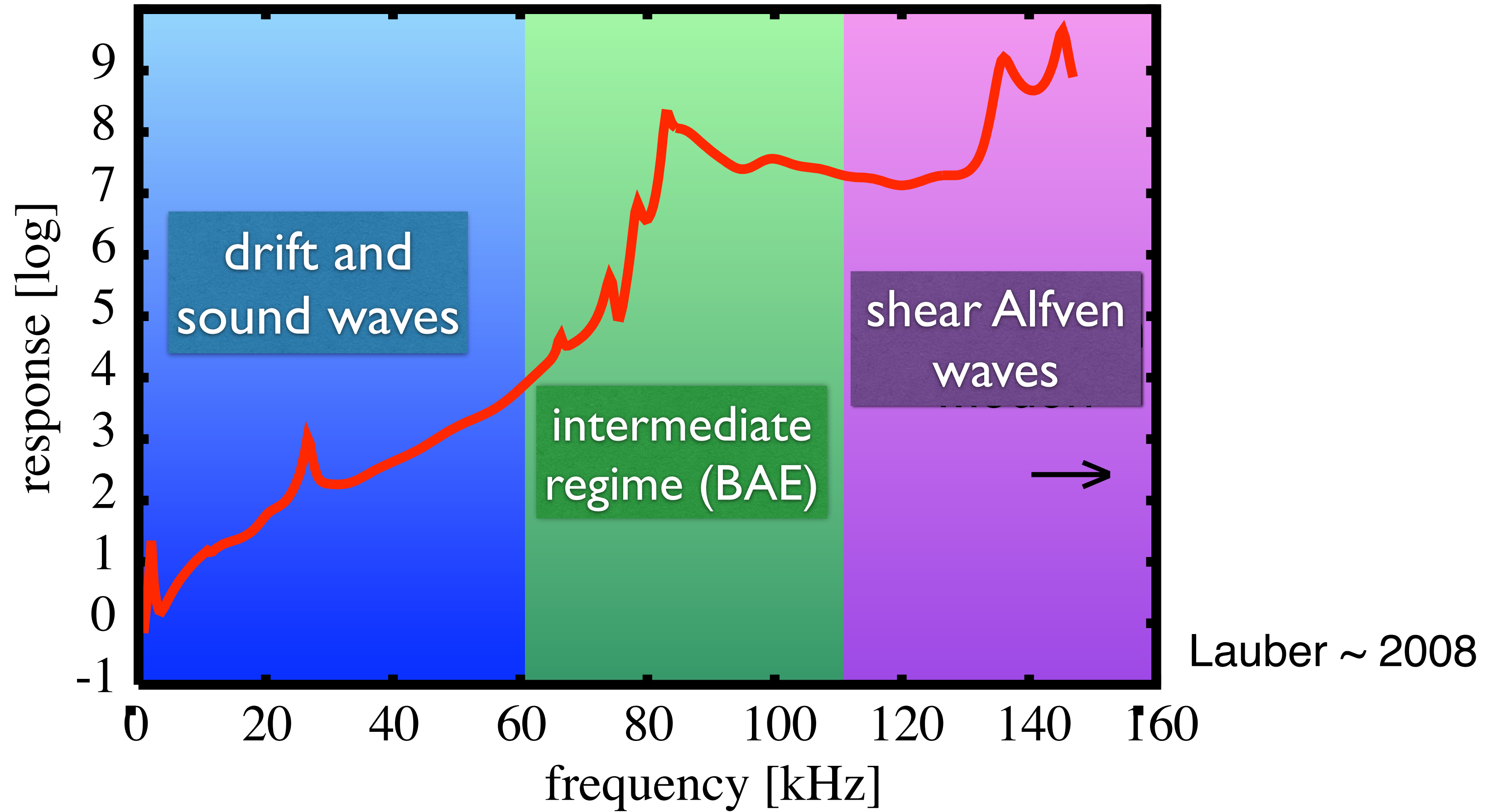
[Stradivari Society]





# global solver - antenna model

frequency response of ASDEX Upgrade (using linear GK model)



Lauber ~ 2008

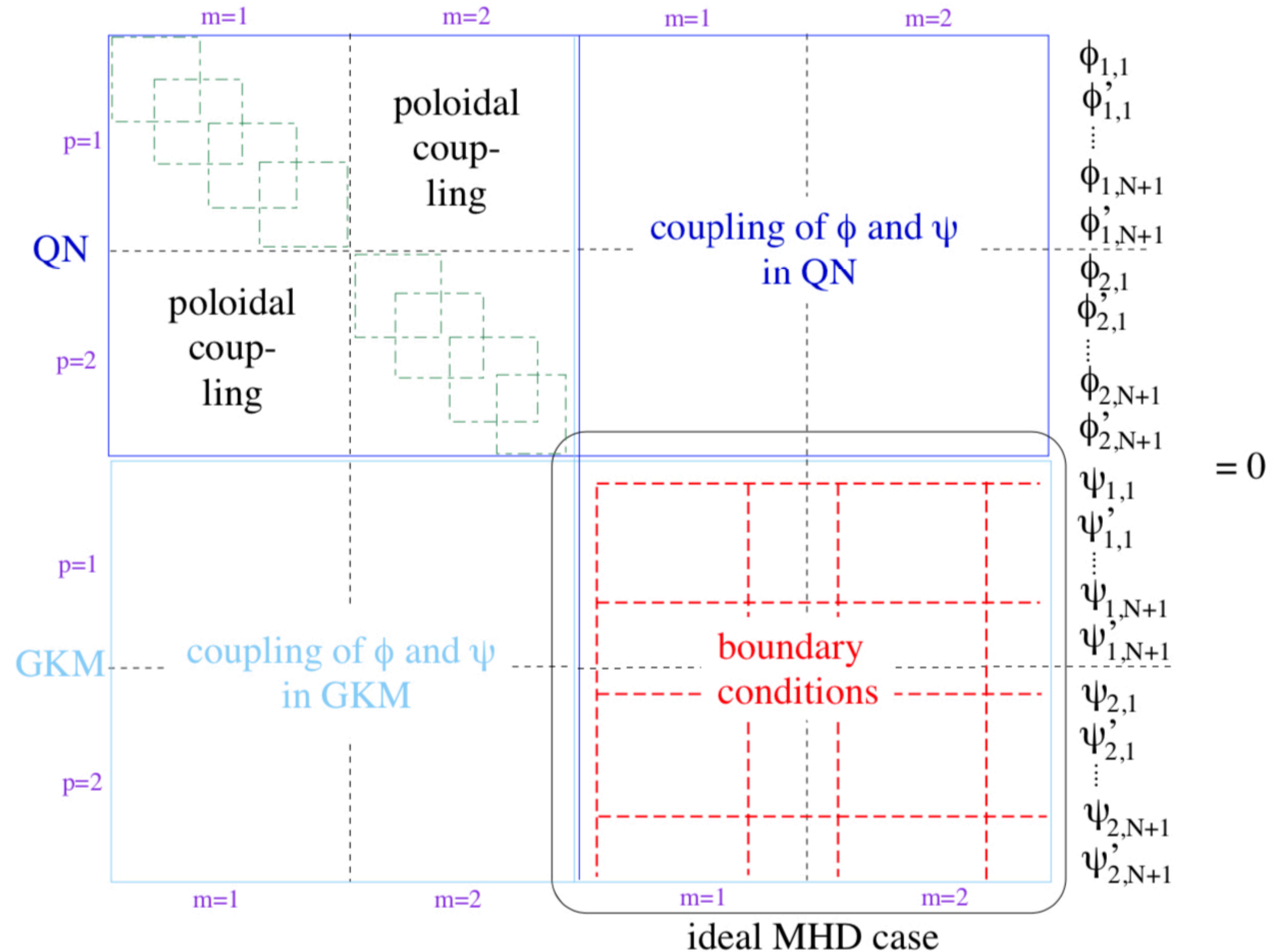




# numerics



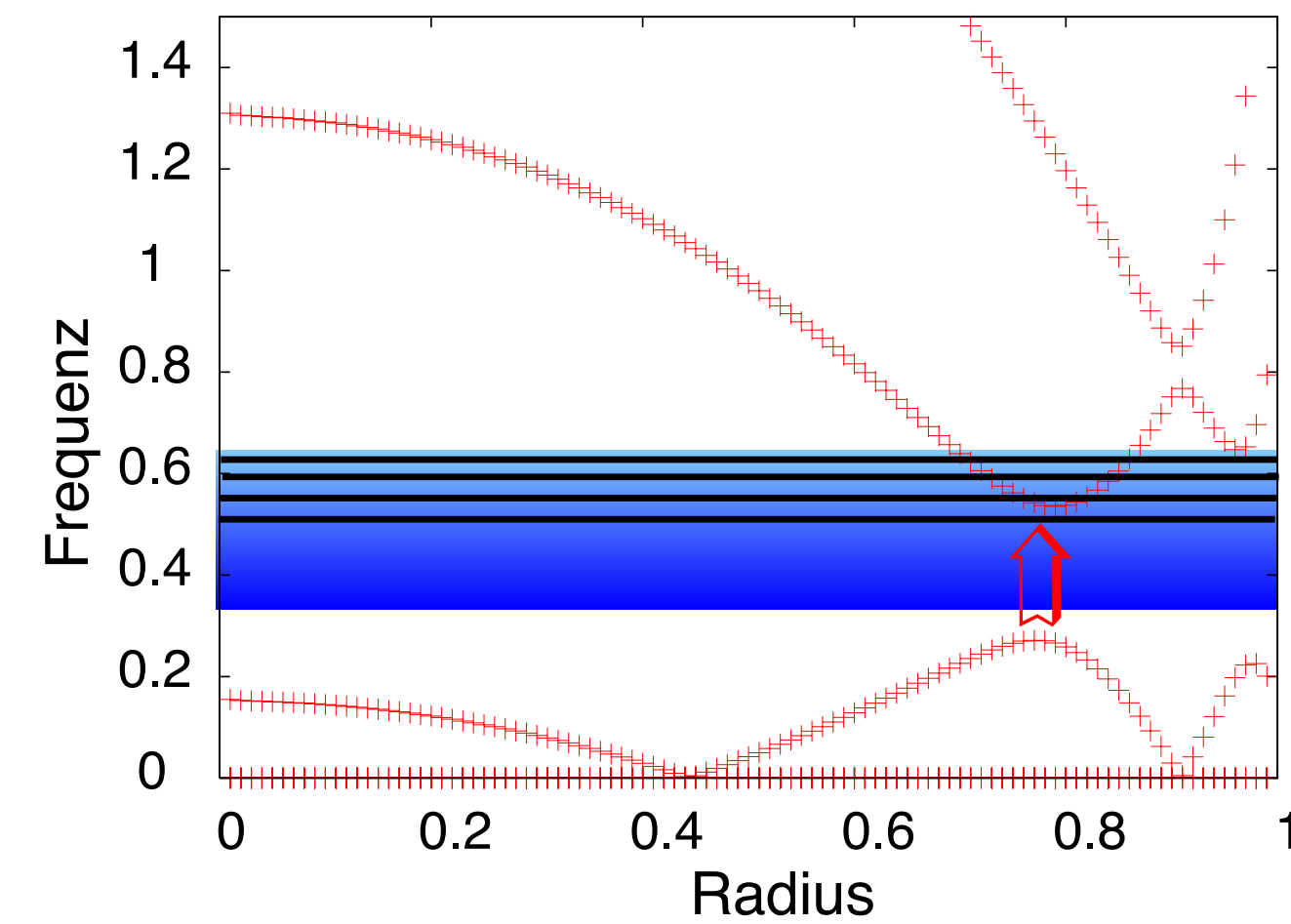
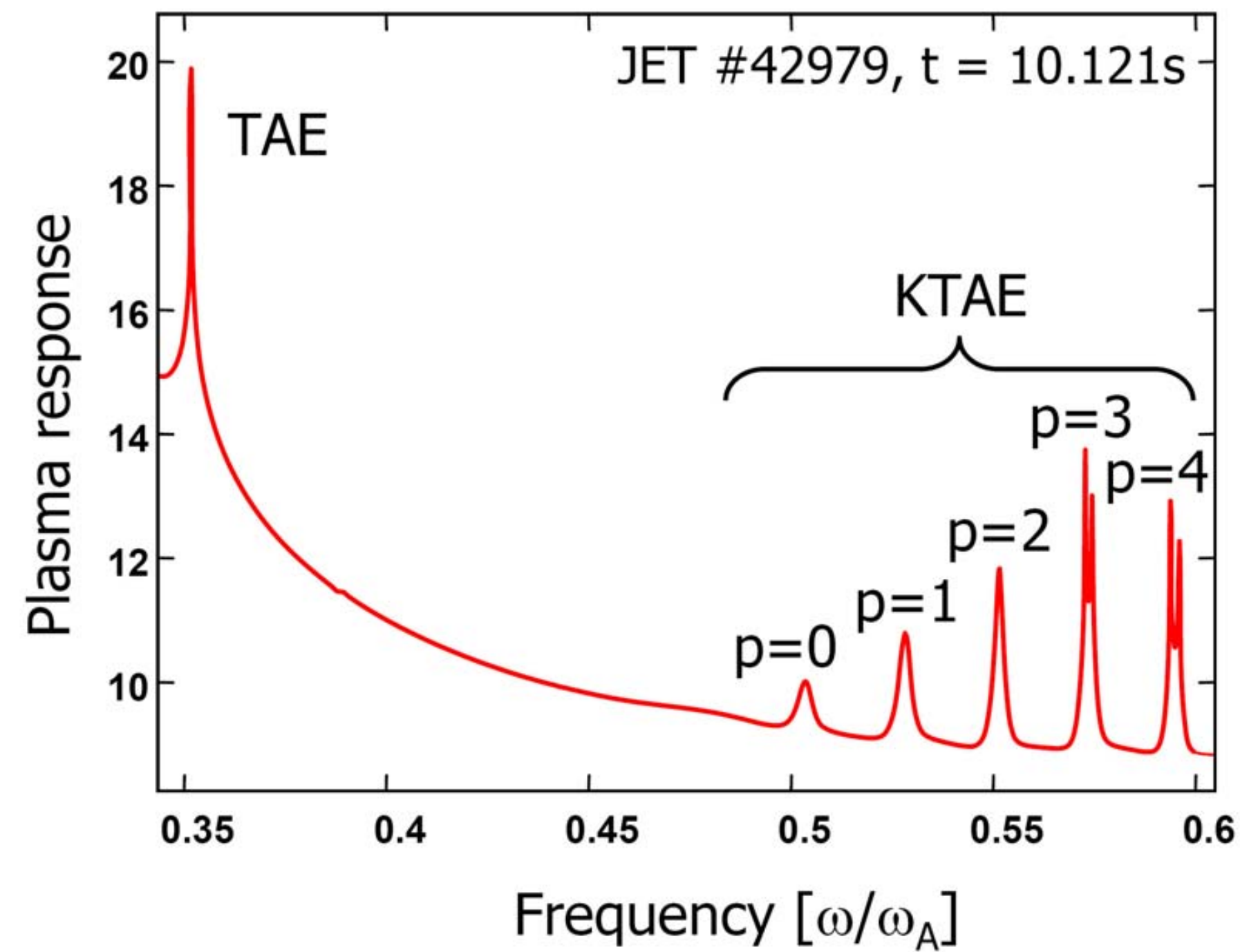
- Fourier in n and m, couple m
- finite cubic Hermite polynomials
- antenna solver
- inverse vector iteration  
(available for up to 7 pol harms.)
- using the same infrastructure for all models;
- wrapper for IMAS selects, and fills relevant settings automatically





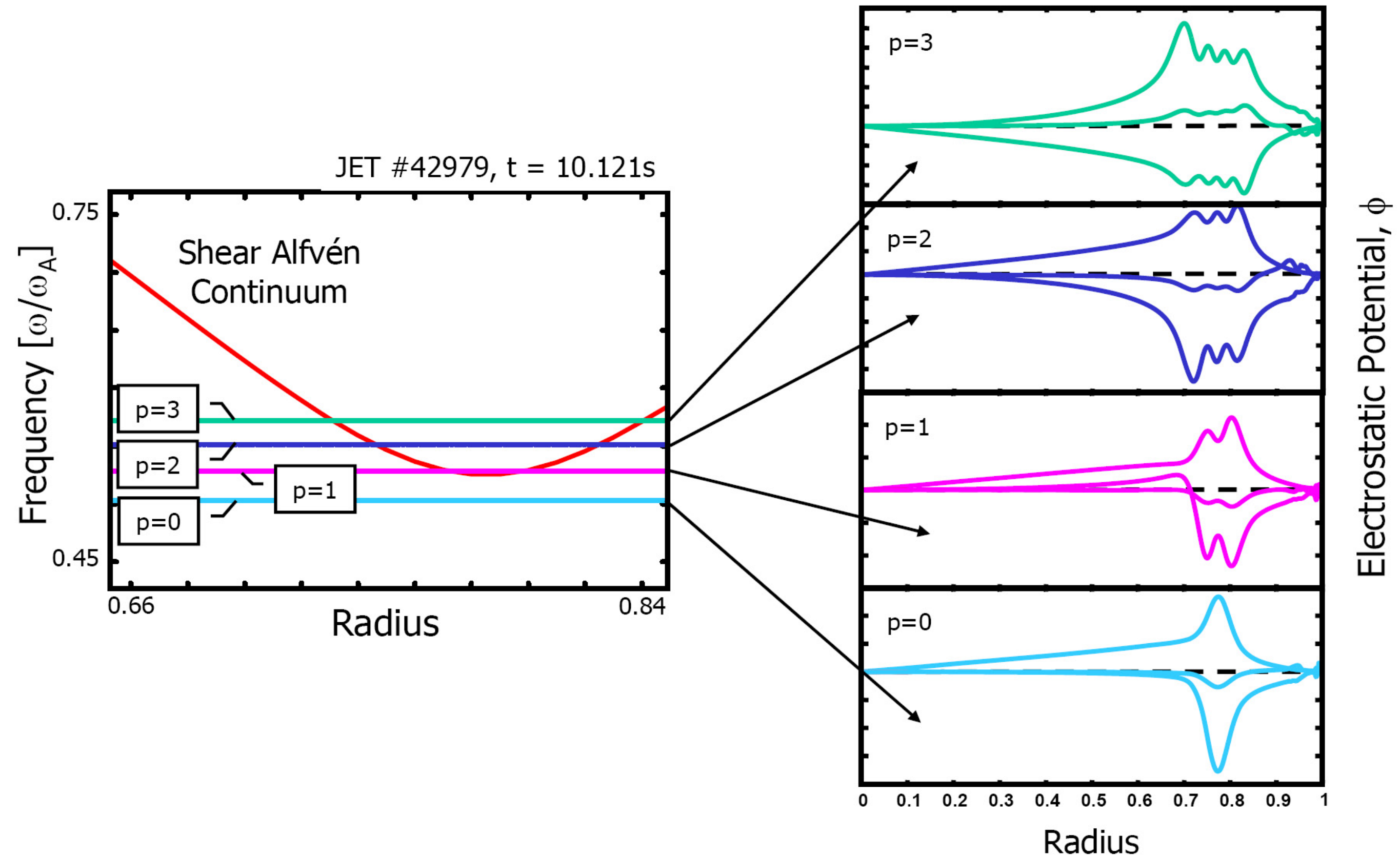
# Scan through the gap region

in order to find all the modes in and around the gap: drive perturbation at boundary, or at mode location, sweep frequency and measure plasma response





# Kinetic TAEs



two KAWs propagating in opposite directions form a standing wave: KTAE

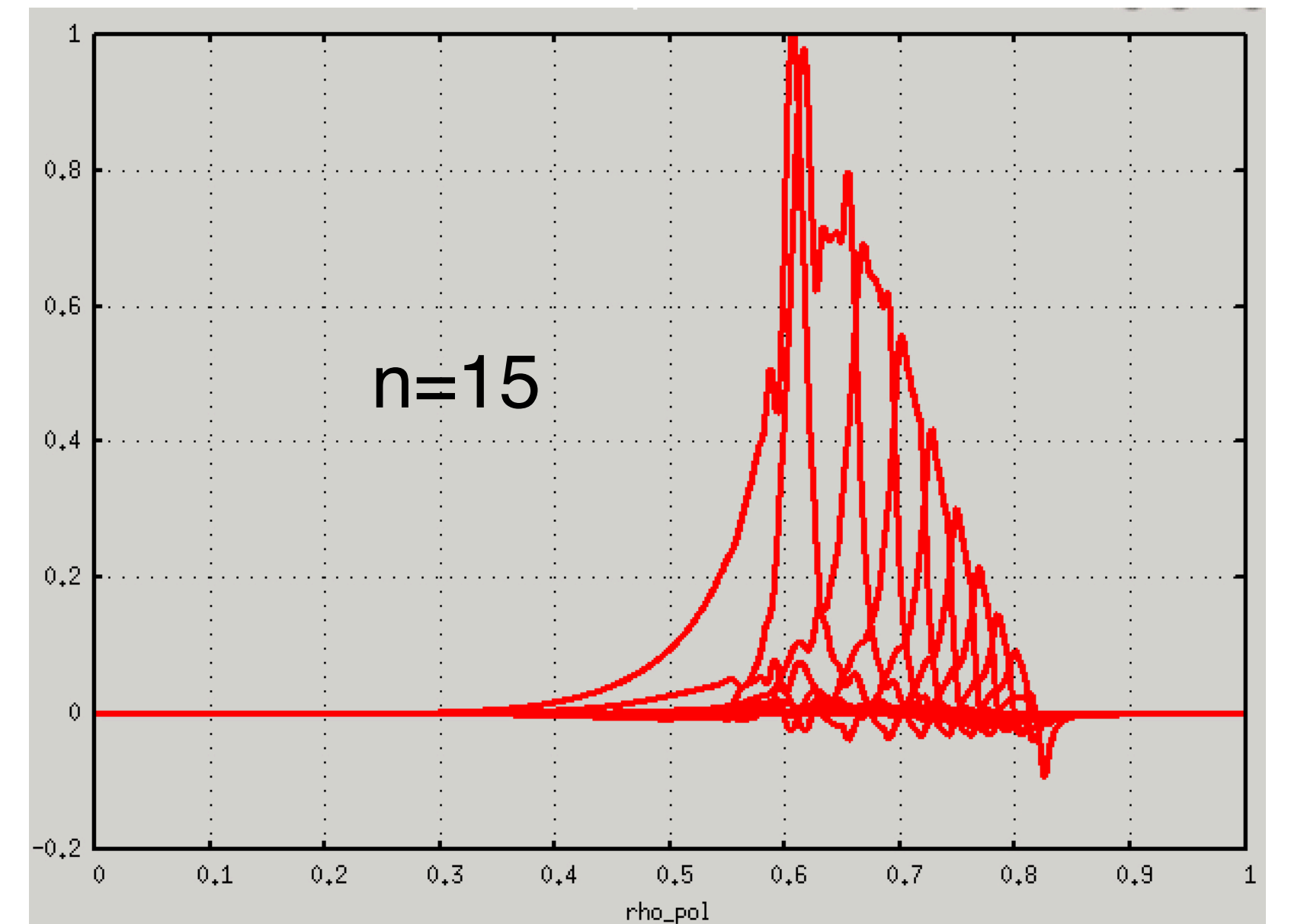
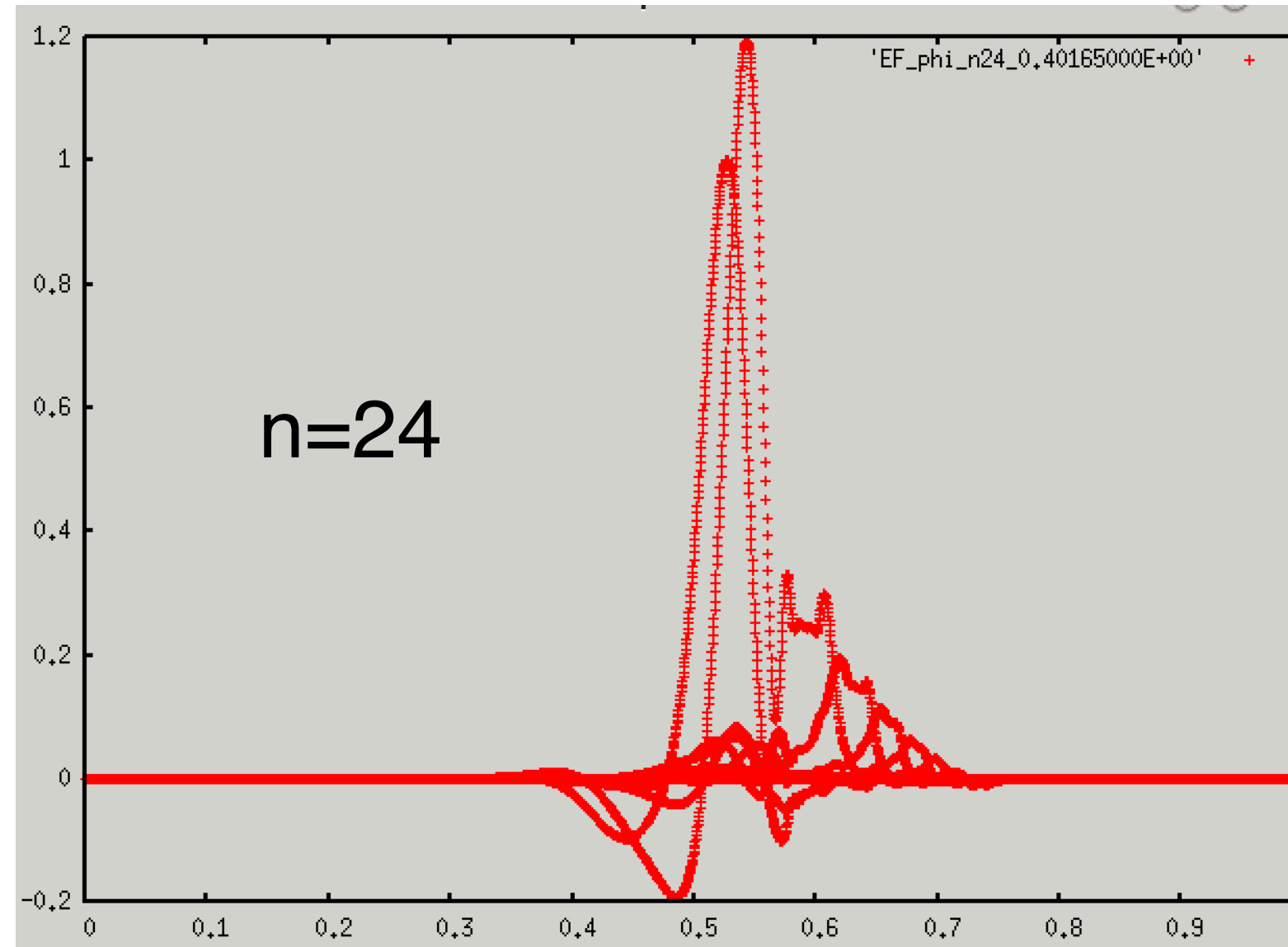
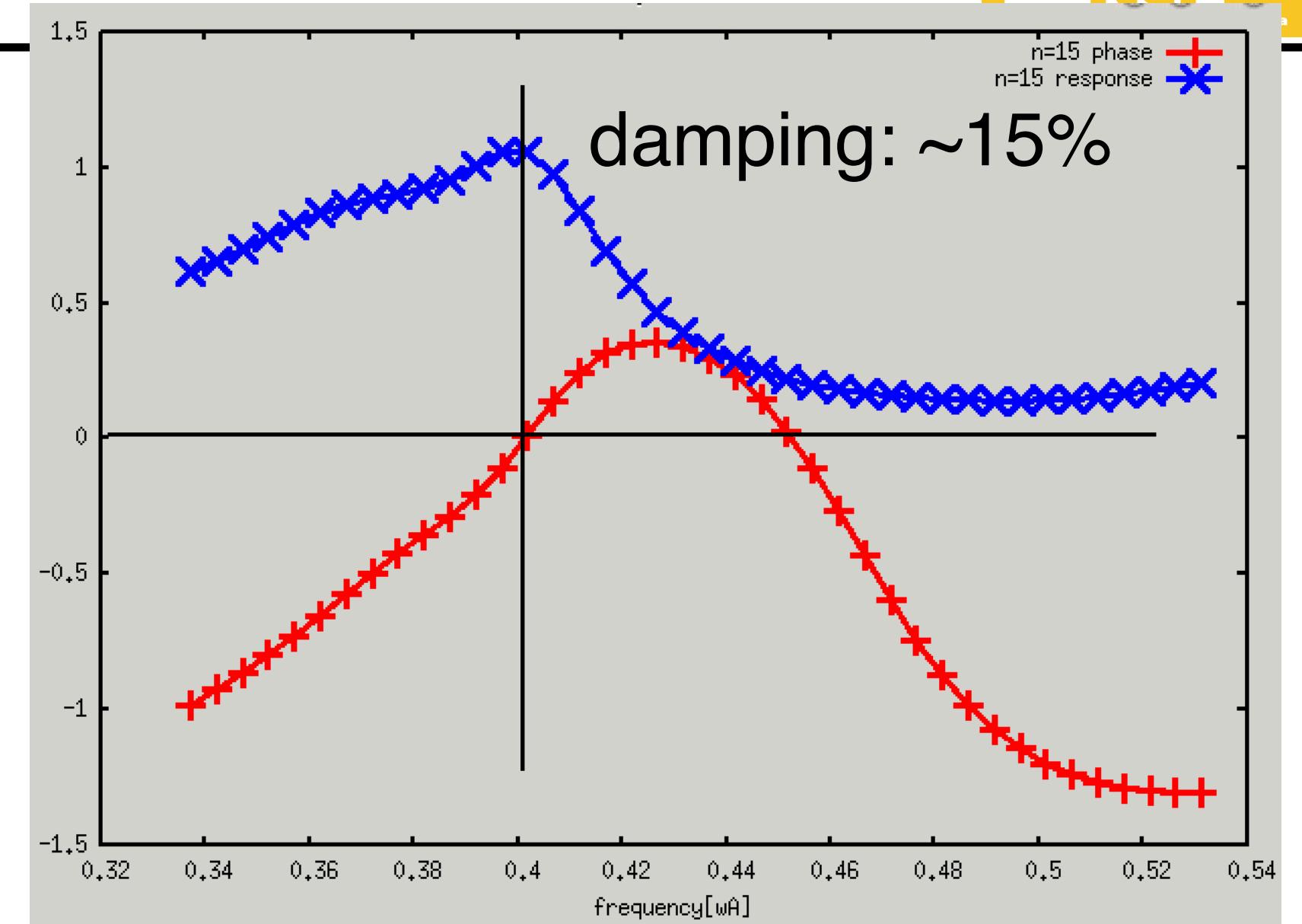
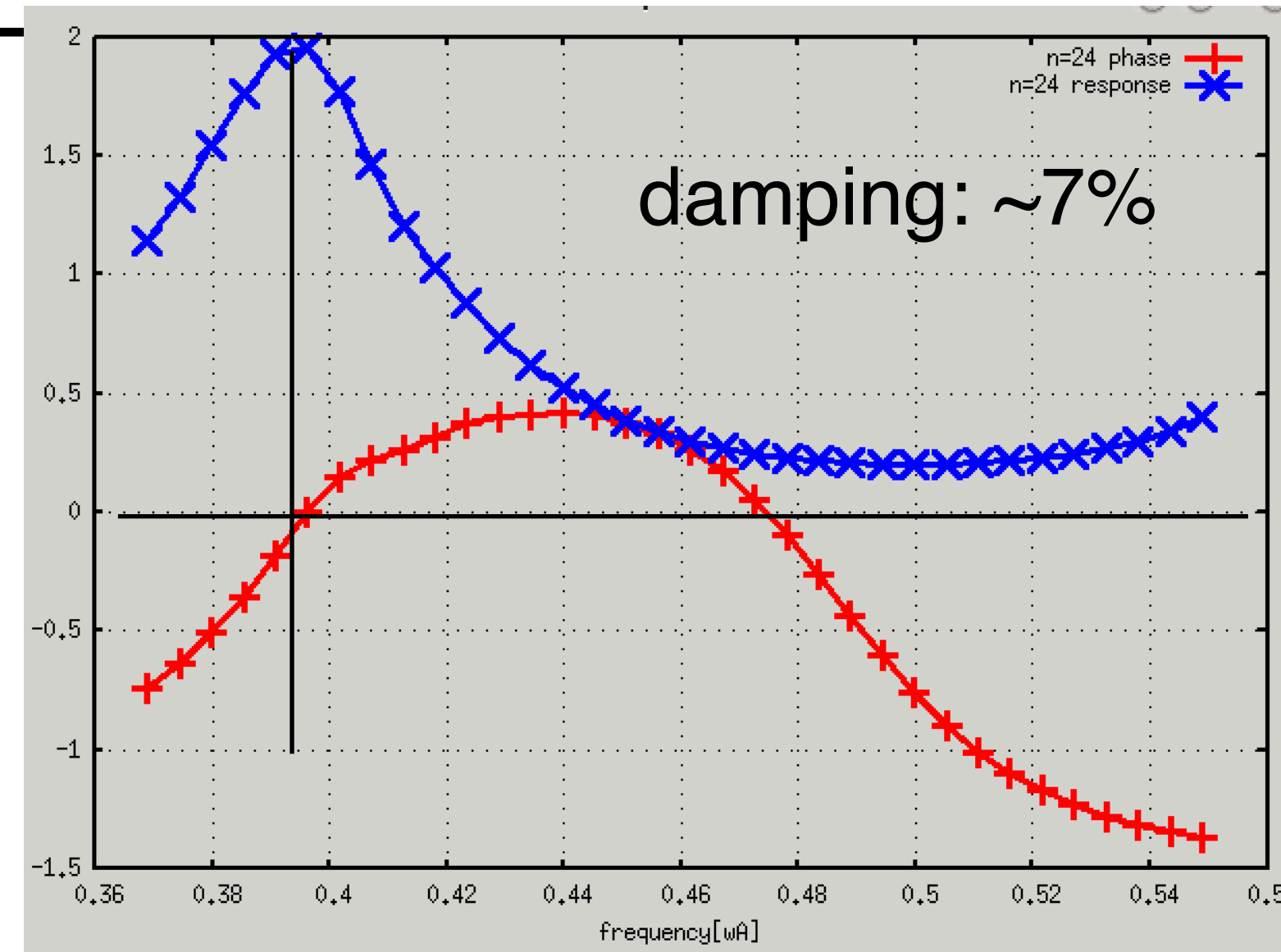


# global solver (example antenna solver, **LIGKA mode 1**)



$$M(\omega) \begin{pmatrix} \phi \\ \psi \end{pmatrix} = \mathbf{d}$$

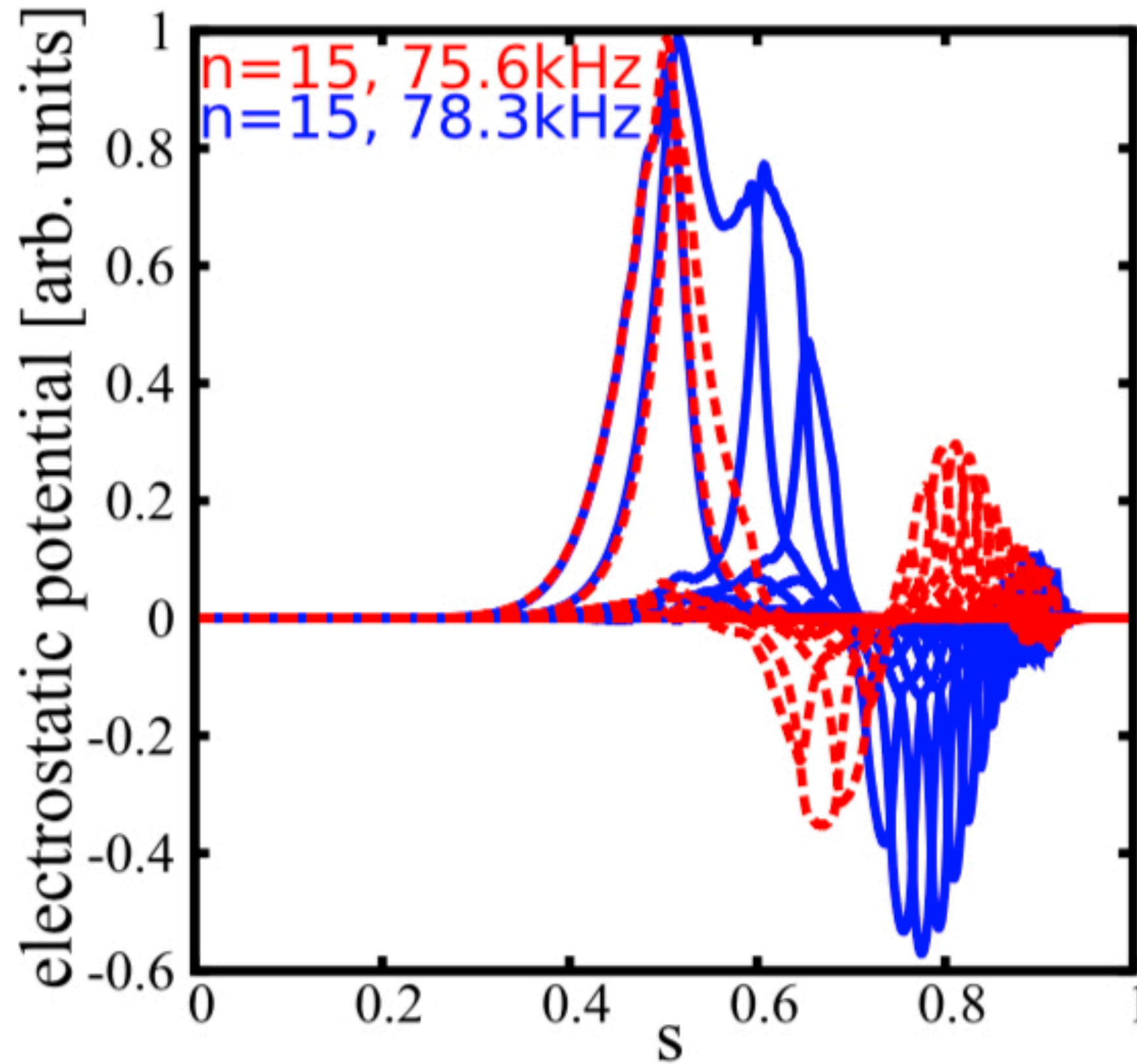
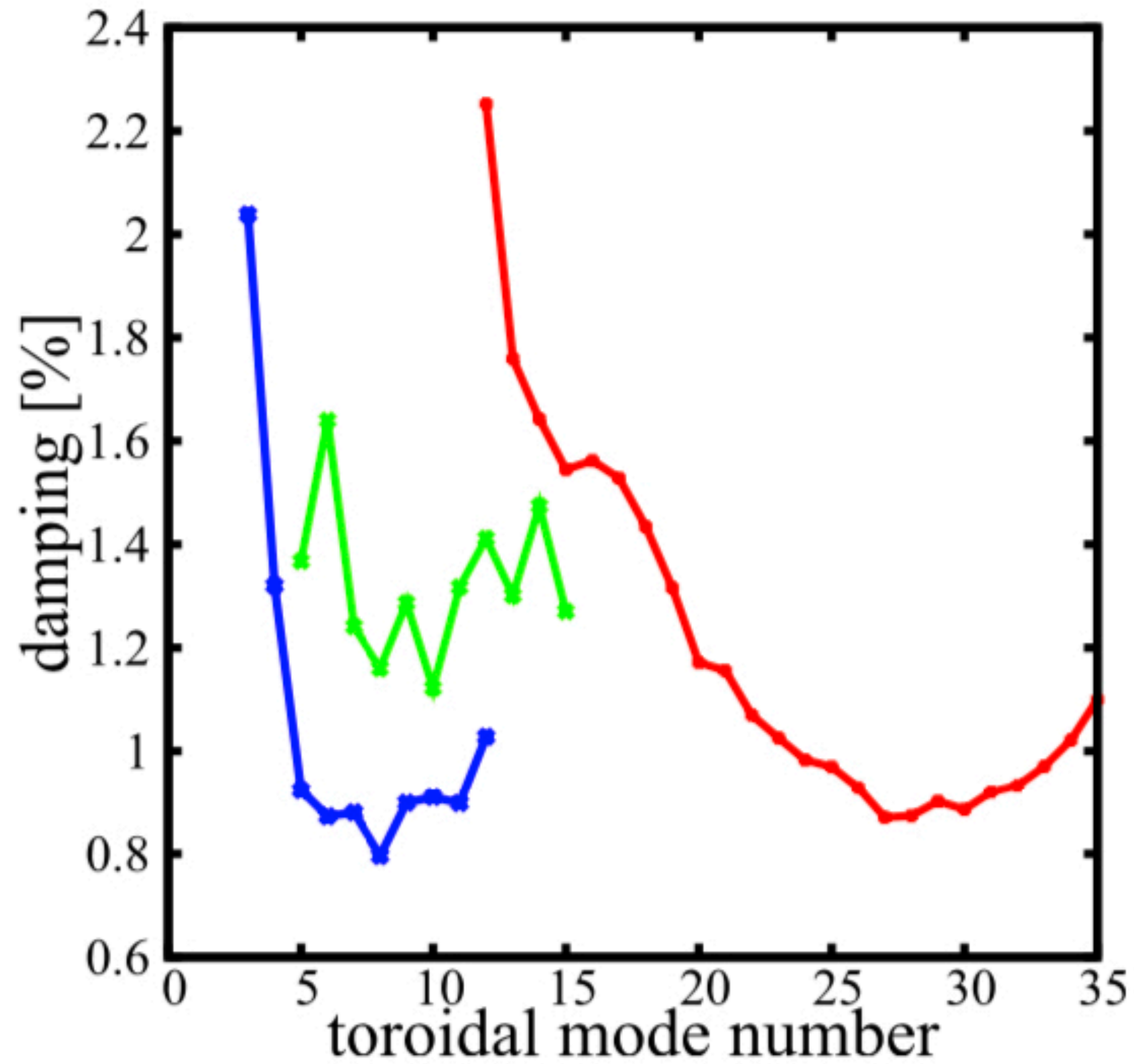
$$\mathcal{R} = \sum_m \int_0^a \phi_m \phi_m^* dr.$$



**LIGKA mode 1** scans entire gap

**LIGKA mode 2** can be used to 'follow' just one mode as given by mode 1





damping  $> \sim 1\%$

for  $n < 15$  more than one TAE branch is found to be weakly damped

different alignment of TAE gaps from core-edge

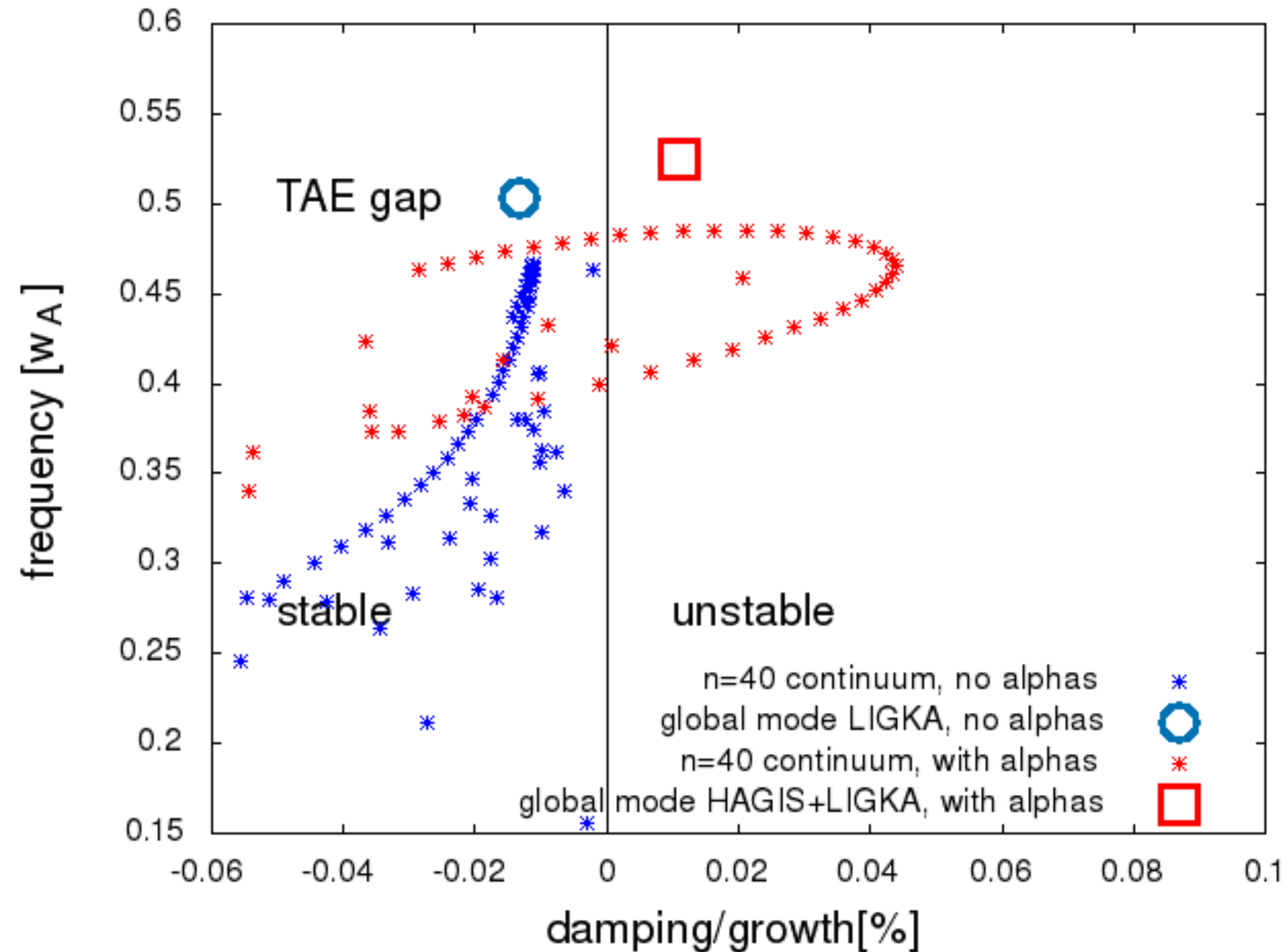
may destabilise subdominant modes with lower  $n$  in outer core



# comparison of local and global results: ITER ITPA case

blue: local continuum (\*)  
and global LIGKA  
solution (○) without  $\alpha$ -  
particles

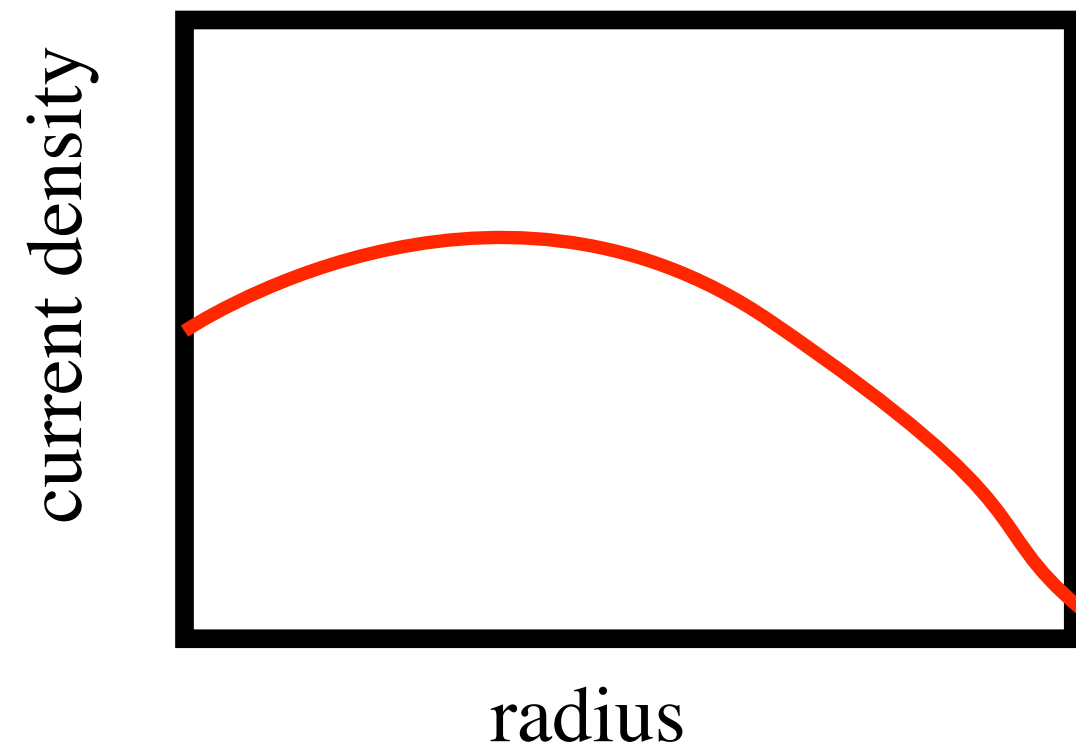
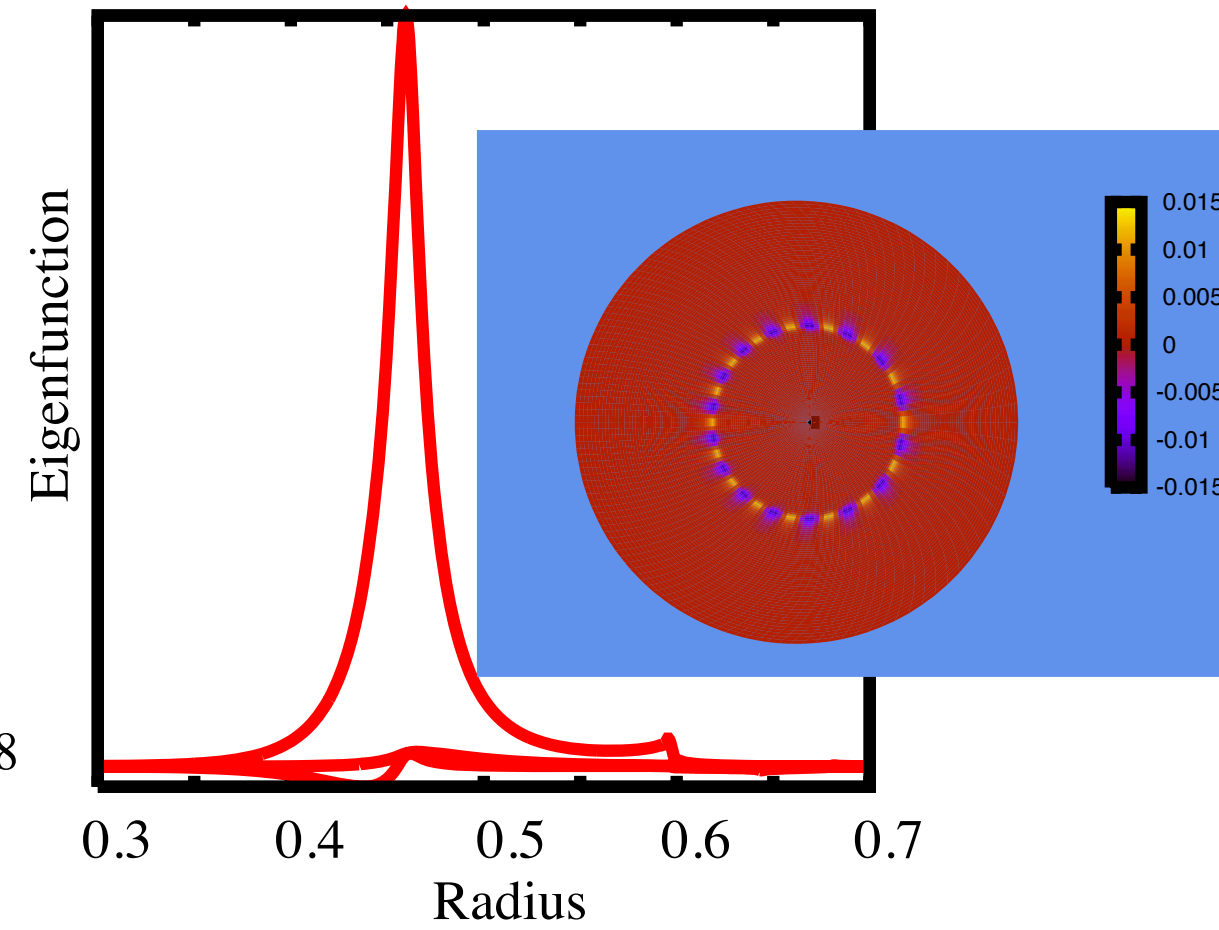
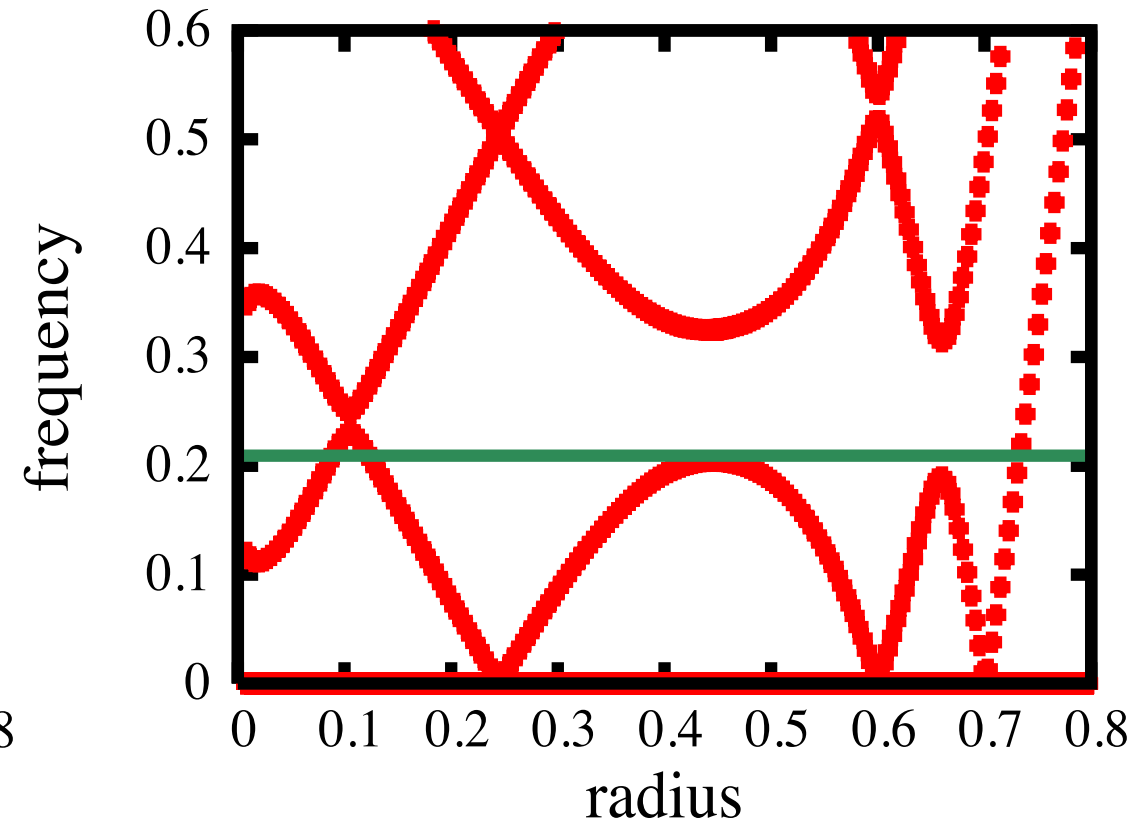
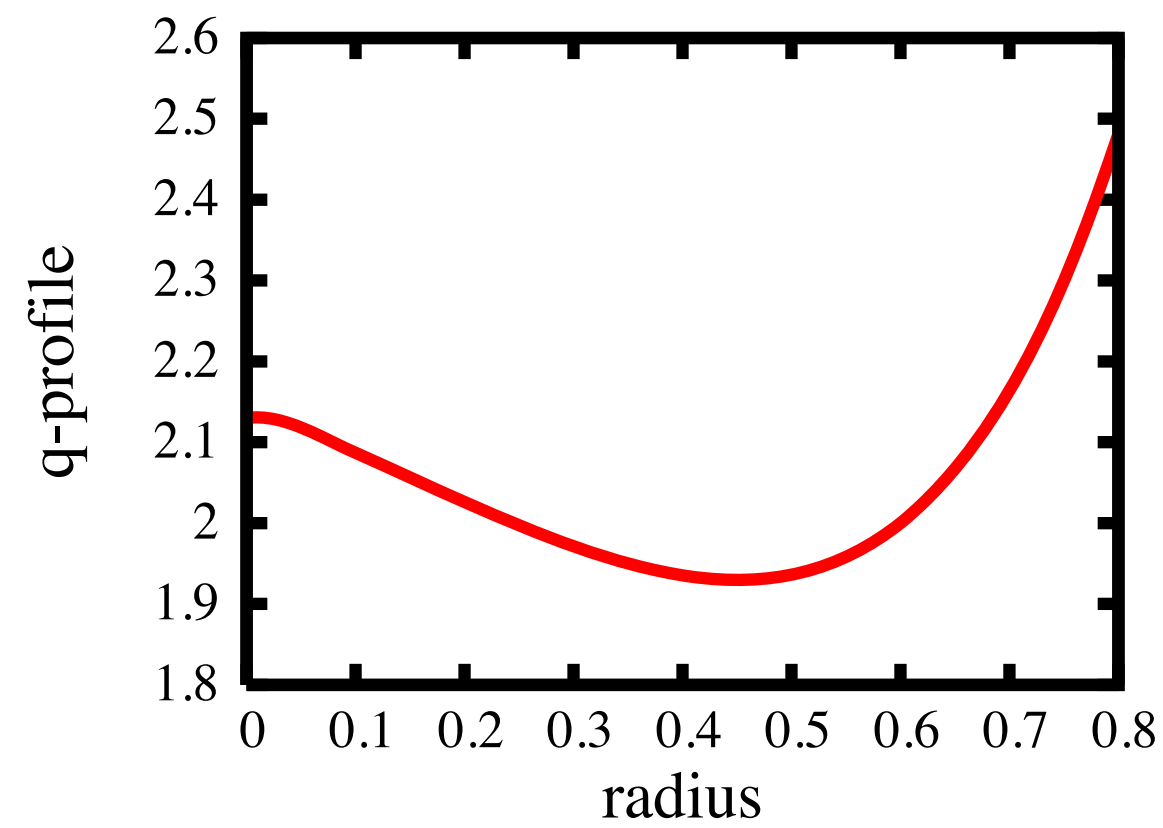
red: local continuum  
including finite orbit  
width effects (\*) and  
global LIGKA+HAGIS  
solution (□) with  $\alpha$   
particles



sophisticated local model (~100 times cheaper than global model) predicts instability threshold and linear damping/growth rates reasonably well: deviations low toroidal mode numbers - switch to global solver

**caveat: for global modes with continuum interaction, local solver underestimates damping considerably!**

# 'Reversed shear' Alfvén Eigenmodes (RSAE)



off axis peaked current profile:  
“advanced tokamaks” - steady state

⇒ q-profile has minimum

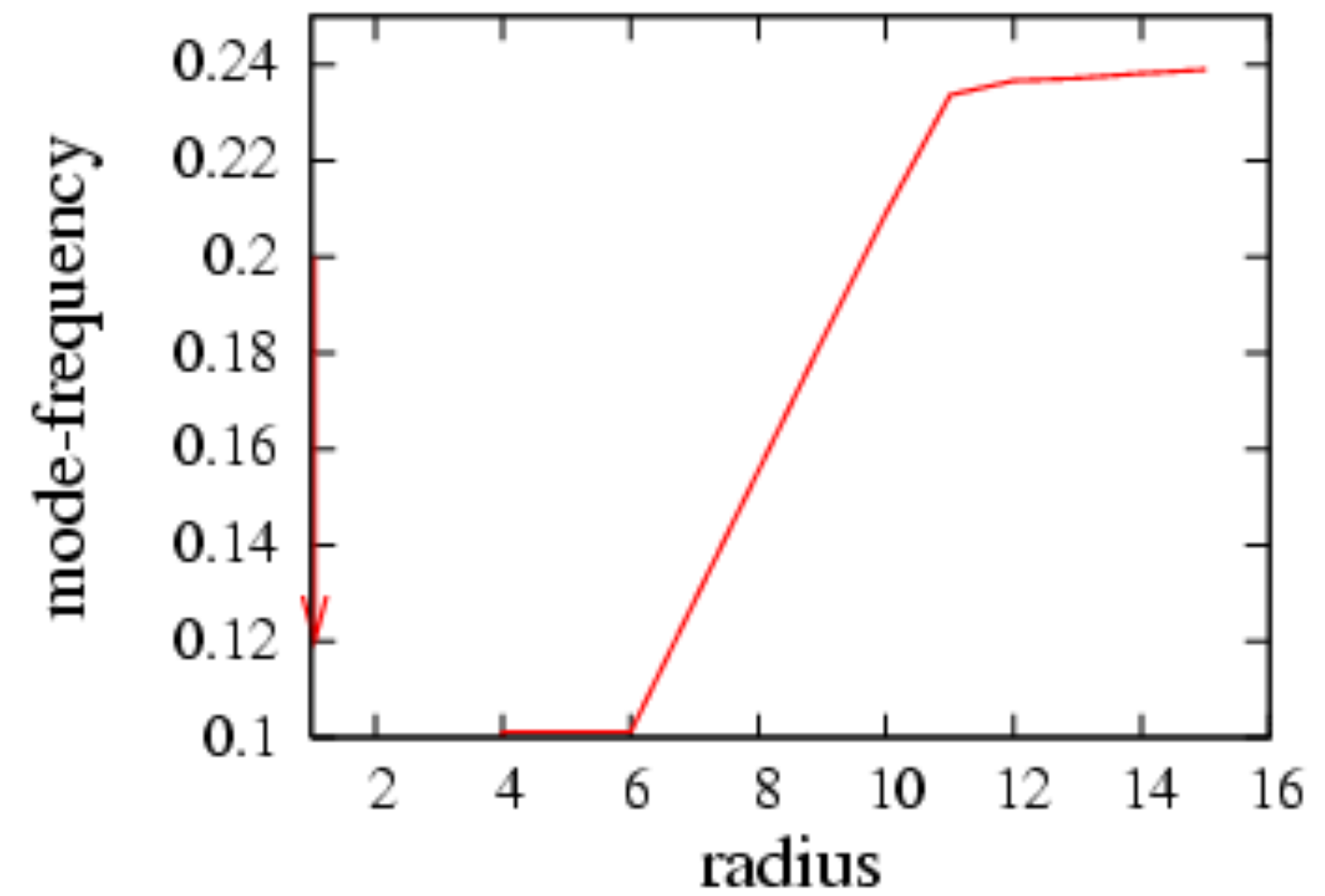
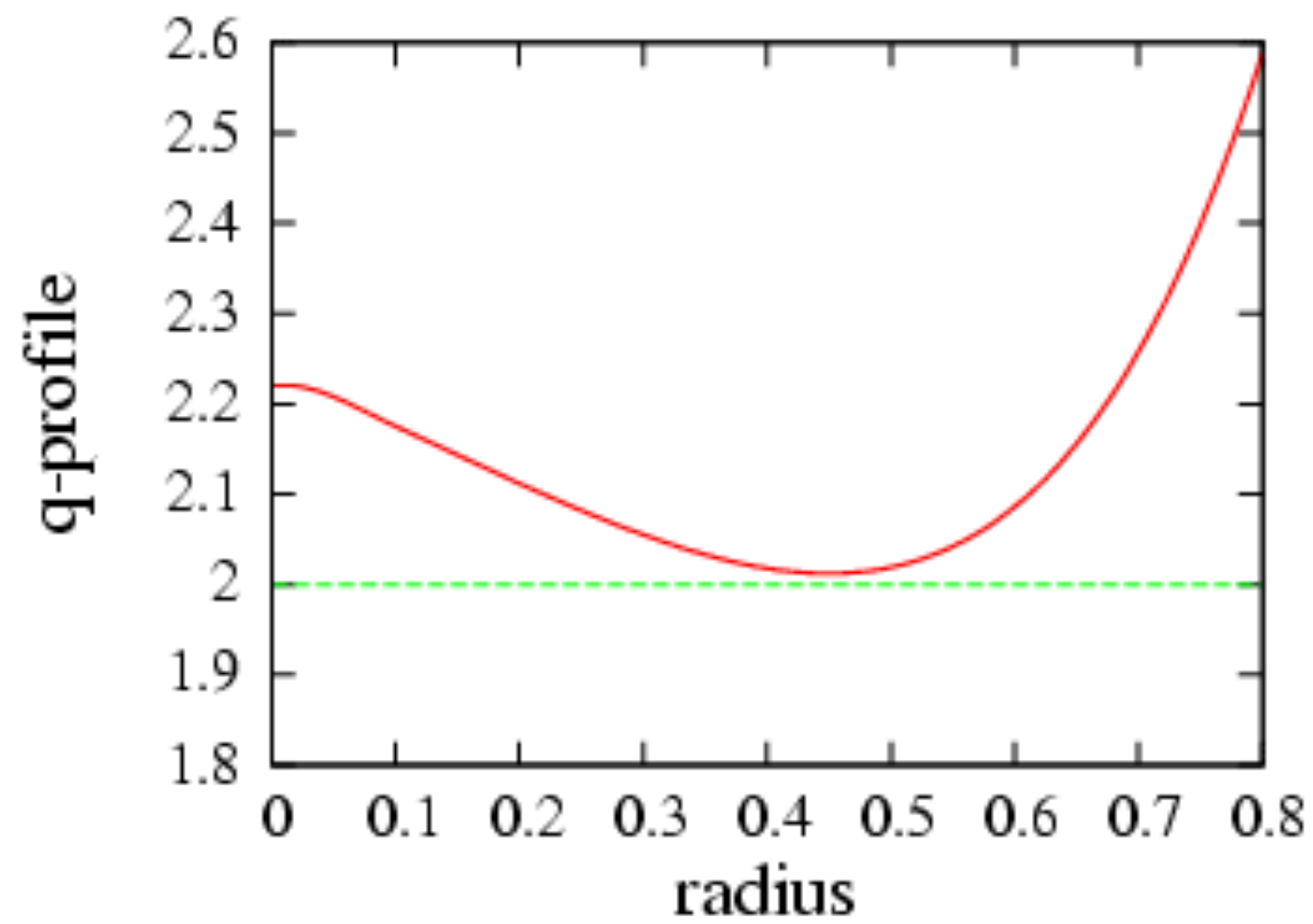
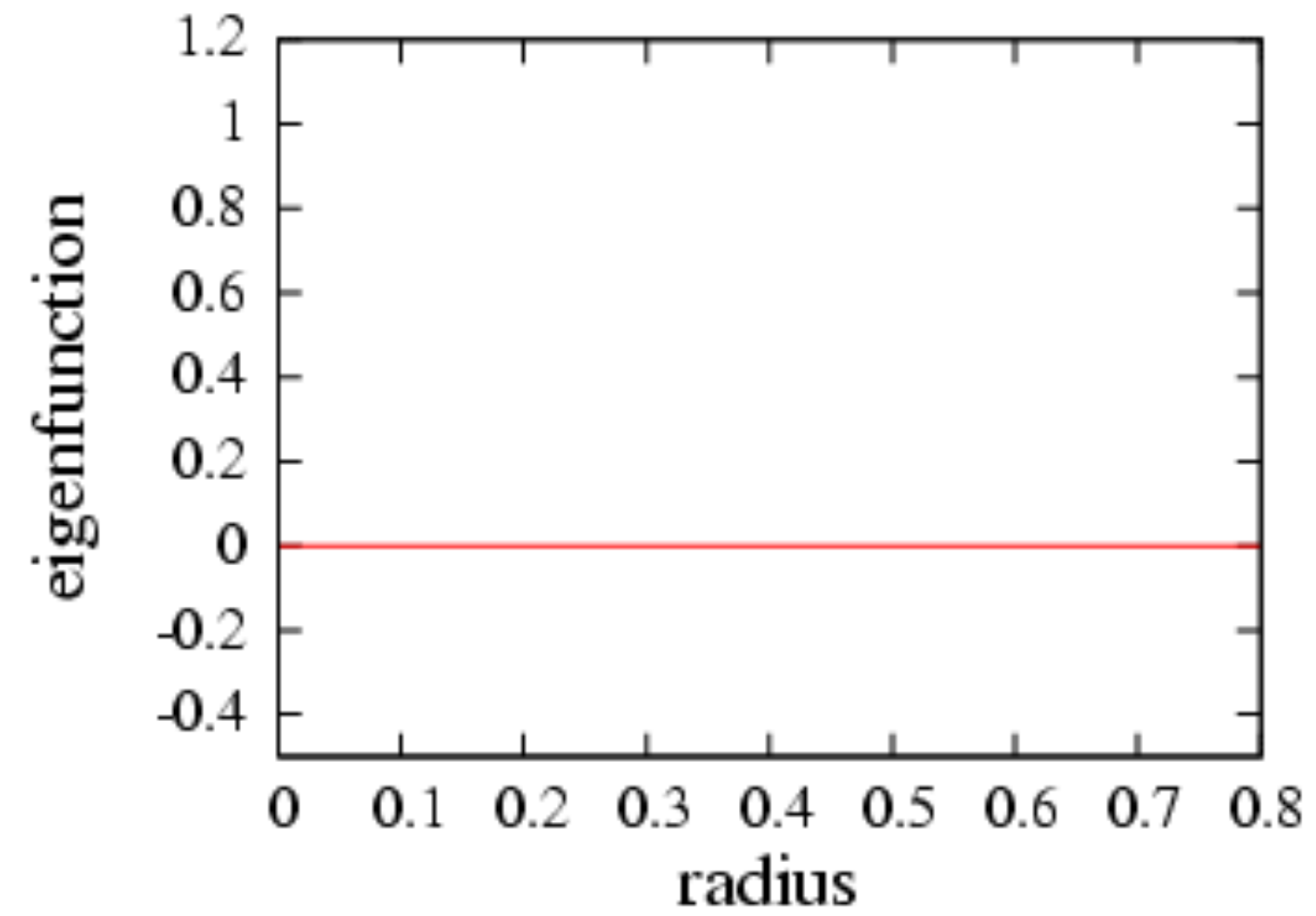
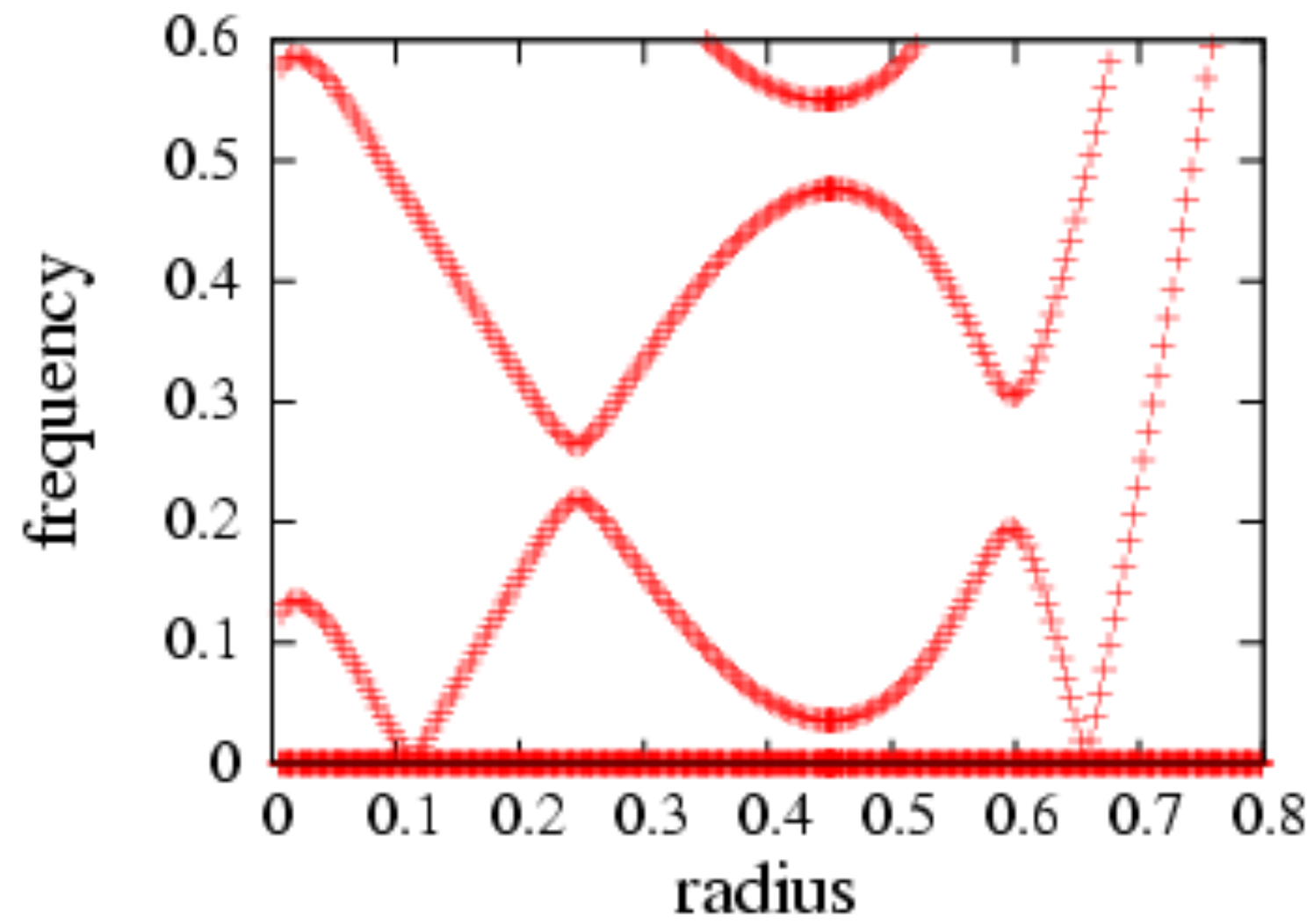
⇒ region without continuum damping

[Berk, Breizman, Fu, Sharapov, Konovalov, Lauber 2000-2006]



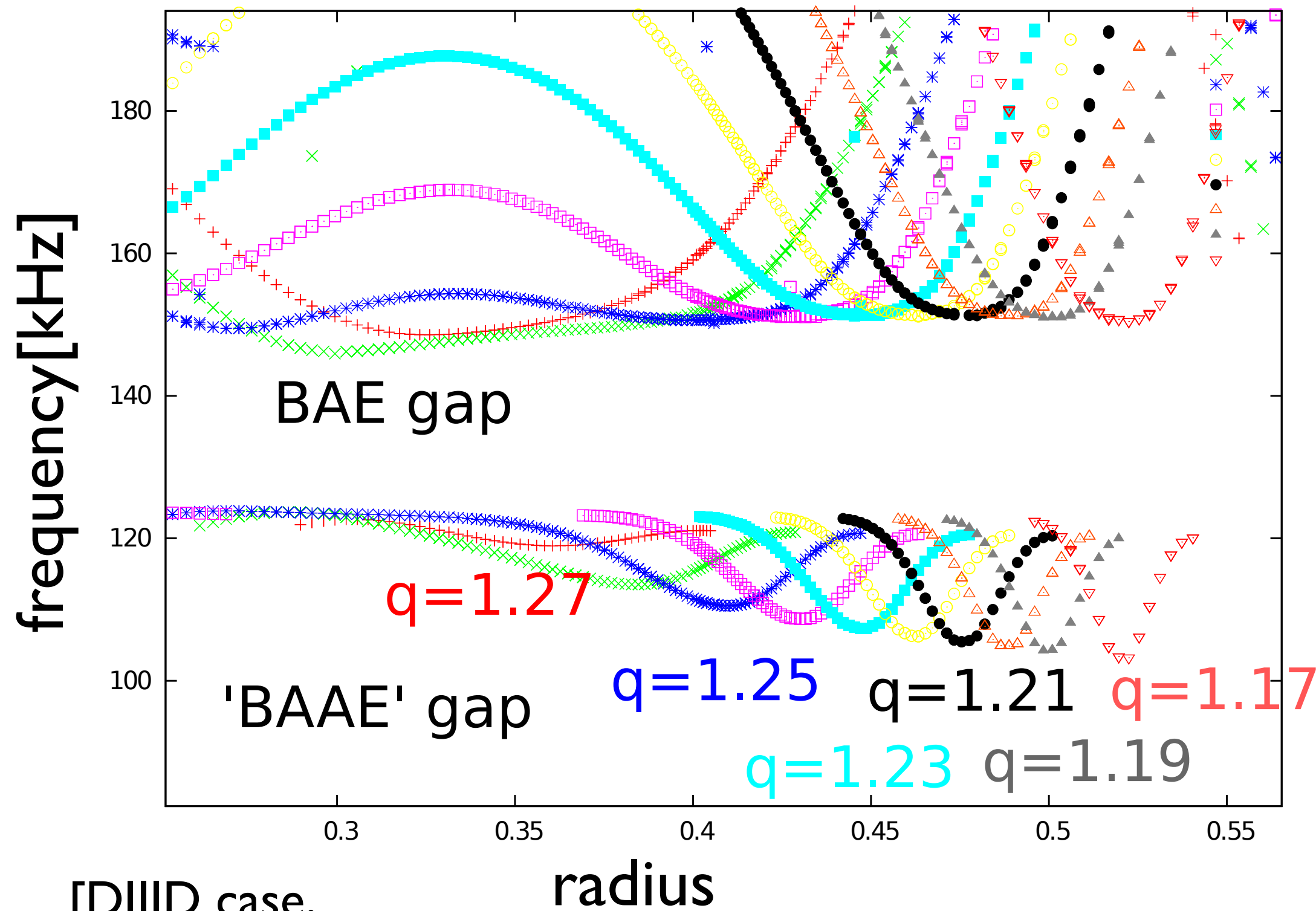


# RSAE-TAE conversion



# further gaps due to geodesic curvature and coupling between Alfvén and acoustic waves (see below)

$$\sum_m (\omega/v_A)^2 - k_{||m}^2 = \beta * F(\omega^2/c_s^2 - k_{||m}^2)$$



[DIID case,  
Lauber, 2012]

gaps scale with plasma beta:

$$\beta = \frac{\text{kinetic pressure}}{\text{magnetic pressure}}$$

⇒ beta induced Alfvén  
eigenmode : BAE

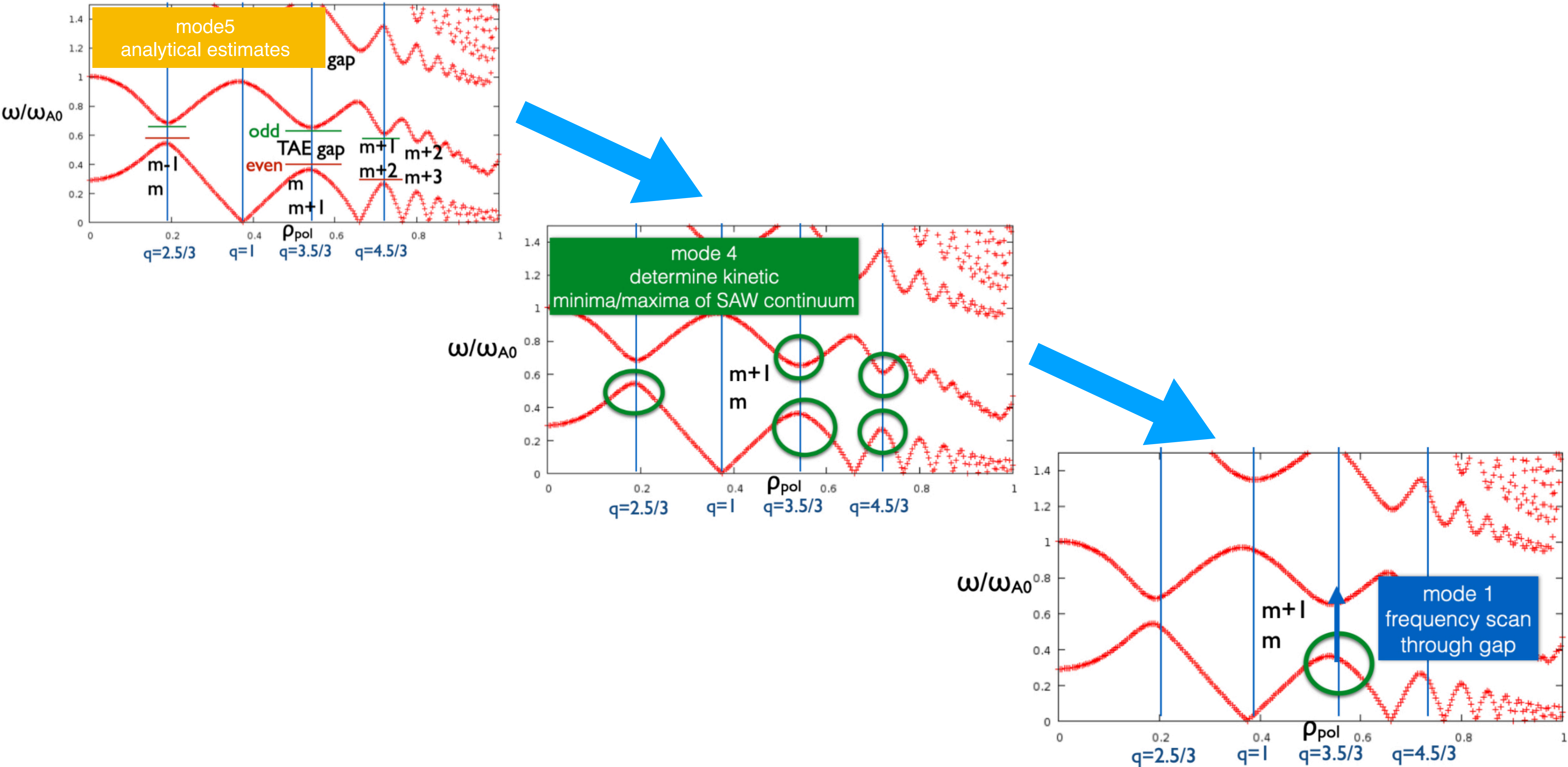
⇒ beta induced Alfvén- Acoustic  
eigenmode : BAAE  
**strongly modified in kinetic  
description! ( $\omega \sim \omega_{t,b}$ )**

MHD BAAE cannot be excited - strongly damped;  
drift-Alfvén-type instabilities at rational surfaces - can  
be excited by thermal gradients

[Heidbrink 1992, Zonca 1996, Gorelenkov 2006, Lauber 2013, Heidbrink 2020, Ma 2021-23]

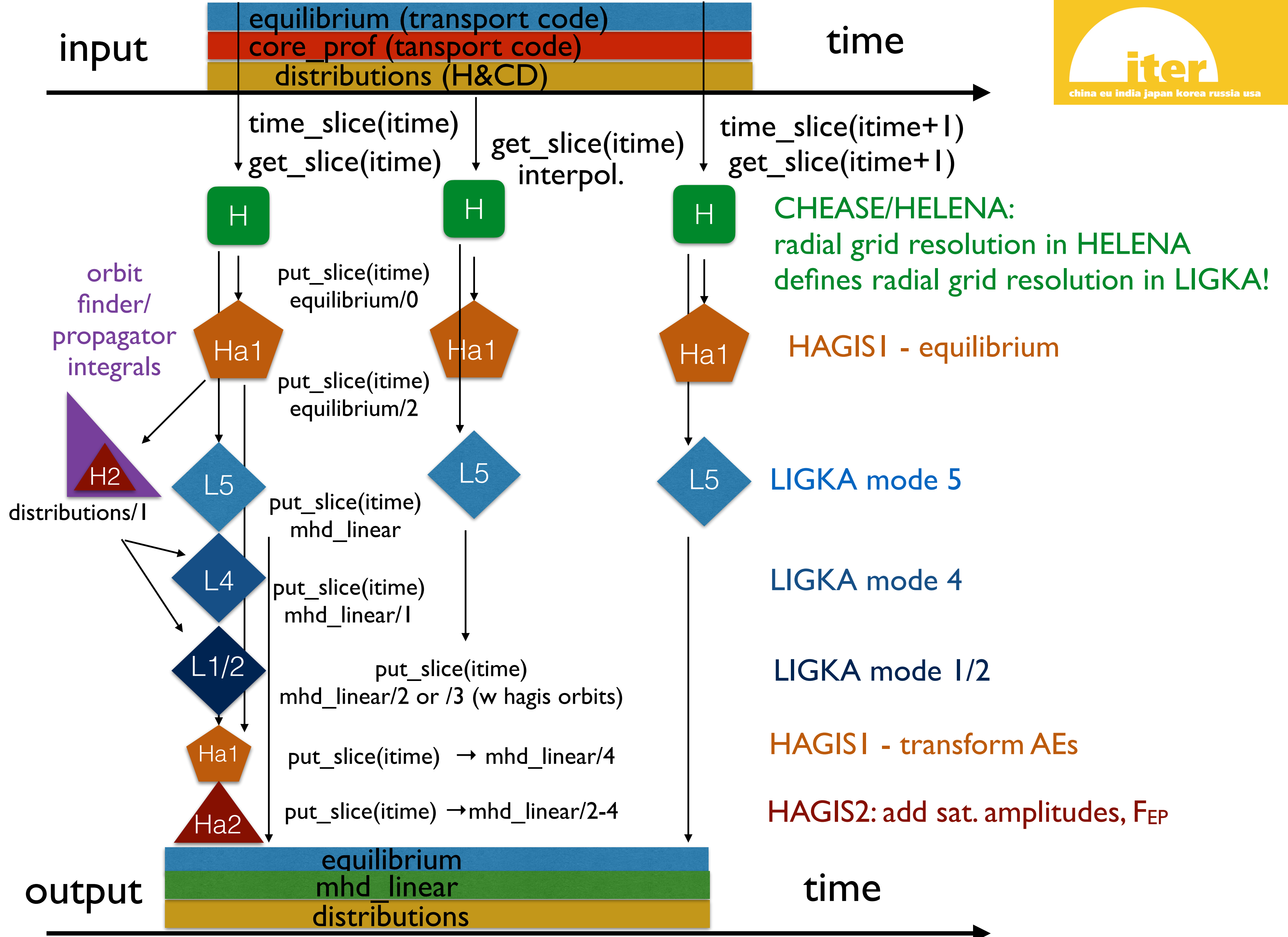


# go global: use local information for setting up global simulation





# EP WORKFLOW SCHEMATICS





equations are solved in different limits and approximations, sharing same infrastructure:

- local, analytical estimates
- local reduced MHD - shear Alfvén spectra
- local kinetic (w/o numerical coefficients, i.e. orbits given by GC code) [Zonca 1996, Lauber 2009]
- local kinetic with FLR/FOW (w/o numerical coefficients) [Zonca 1998, Lauber JPC 2018]
  
- global reduced MHD - global eigenfunction
- global kinetic (w/o numerical coefficients): 2 solvers
- global kinetic track mode (w/o numerical coefficients)
- typically modes are called in sequence - to large part automated (workflow, IMAS format)
  
- for technical details and introduction into various options, please refer to talk by V.-A. Popa
  
- toolbox ready for the use in various transport models: Eurofusion ‘ATEP’ Enabling research project [Lauber, Falessi et al 2021]