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Resonant dynamics of newly discovered inner Saturn moons

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Saturn's Satellites and Ring Structure

1. INTRODUCTION



Gallery of Pictures(Cassini spacecraft) and some key references Remark: On ring arc dynamics, see the recent publication:

Rodríguez and Callegari 2021, MNRAS 506.



(Hedman et al. 2009 Icarus 199)

1 km

METHONE <R>=1.45 km ±0.03

"The only two clear images of Aegaeon obtained prior to mid-2008 found to Date..." (fig. 3 in *Hedman et al. 2010, Icarus 207*)

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The 15:14 Mimas-Methone MMR

- •Methone: (probably) one of the first discoveries of the Cassini Mission (Porco 2004, IAU Circ. 8401).
- •Spitale et al. 2006 (AJ 132) for the first time suggested the angular combination $\psi_2 = 15\lambda_Me 14\lambda_M \varpi_Me$, as being the critical angle associated to the 15:14 resonance, where λ_Me , λ_M refer to the mean longitudes of Methone and Mimas, and ϖ_Me to the longitude of pericenter of Methone.
- •Hedman et al. (2009) presented a puzzle characteristic of the orbit of Methone: they were the first to report that besides ψ_2 , another angle, namely, $\psi_1 = 15\lambda_Me 14\lambda_M \varpi_M$, *also oscillates around zero*, where ϖ_M is the longitude of pericenter of Mimas.

Explanation: FORCED ECCENTRICITY of Methone

Results given in Callegari, Rodríguez and Ceccatto 2021, CMDA 133



Color caption: Current resonant Orbit Nonresonant

orbit

Pink and Black: Linear Generalized Secular Laplace-Lagrange theory

Dynamical Maps: The Phase Space (e x a) of the 15:14 Mimas-Anthe MMR

The (isolated) Corotation resonance



The Phase Space of the 11:10 Mimas-Anthe MMR

C: $\Phi_1 = 11\lambda_A - 10\lambda_M - \varpi_M$ librates around zero with amplitude ~80 deg, where λ_A , λ_M refer to the mean longitudes of Anthe and Mimas, and ϖ_M to the longitude of pericenter of Mimas.



The PhaseSpaceof the 6:7Aegaeon-MimasMMR

<u>S: secular mode</u>

N: forced mode in inclination

+: current position of Aegaeon (Jan 1, 2016)



Conclusions: Fundamental new results and interpretations on resonances

- •A key point on the quantitative interpretation of resonant dynamics of these systems is that the equilibrium states of the 11:10, 15:14 and 6:7 MMRs with Mimas occurs around ϖ_M , the longitude of pericenter of Mimas (the corotation angles);
- •The three Corotation resonances are well-defined, all of them stable, and the critical angles librate around zero.
- •Their chaotic separatrices delimitate their phase space volume. (Recall perturbed pendulum.)



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