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ABSTRACT

It is suggested that the bumps on the velocity curves of nonlinear Cepheid models may be understood as the consequence of a resonance between the fundamental and the second overtone modes of the pulsating star. Thus the presence of bumps can be inferred from linear calculations. The region of the observational instability strip containing bumps is compared with the location of the calculated resonances. As was the case for the nonlinear calculations, we find that masses considerably less than evolutionary values are required to bring agreement between the observations and the theory.

Subject headings: stars: Cepheids — stars: evolution — stars: pulsation

I. CEPHEID BUMPS AND THE RESONANCE

$$P_2/P_0 = 0.5$$

The purpose of this section will be to establish a strong qualitative relationship between the bumps reported by Stobie (1969*a, b, c*) on his nonlinear theoretical velocity curves, and a fundamental-second overtone resonance ($P_2/P_0 \approx 0.5$) occurring in the linear adiabatic periods for the same models.

In the present investigation, the thermodynamics employed is that described in the Appendix of Stobie (1969*a*), while the opacities used are those given by the analytic formula of Christy (1966). The mechani-

cal boundary condition is taken from Baker and Kippenhahn (1965) and is applied at the photosphere. Convection is neglected. Linear adiabatic periods are determined as described by Baker and Kippenhahn (1965), with integrations extending down to about 2 million degrees. The second overtone period P_2 is generally good to less than $\frac{1}{2}$ percent in either direction; the fundamental periods are considerably more accurate.

Results are given in Table 1 which refer to models investigated by Stobie (1969*b*). The first column gives Stobie's model number, except for the last six entries, where no such number exists; for these cases, the

TABLE 1
 BUMPS ON THEORETICAL VELOCITY CURVES (Stobie 1969*b*) VERSUS RESONANCE IN THE
 LINEAR ADIABATIC PERIODS

Model or Figure	M/M_\odot	L/L_\odot	T_e	$P_0(\text{NL})$	$P_0(\text{LA})$	P_2/P_0	Bump
1h.....	5	1000	5600	3.4	3.29	0.59	X
2e.....	6	2500	5600	6.4	6.27	0.57	X
3c.....	7	5000	5900	8.76	8.50	0.56	X
3d.....	7	5000	5600	10.5	10.2	0.55	X
3e.....	7	5000	5300	12.6	12.5	0.53	D
3f.....	7	5000	5000	15.8	15.6	0.50	D
4b.....	9	10000	5600	16.0	15.8	0.53	X
4c.....	9	10000	5300	19.6	19.4	0.51	D
4d.....	9	10000	5000	24.2	24.3	0.48	M
5c.....	5	2000	5600	5.9	5.86	0.56	X
5d.....	5	2000	5300	7.3	7.15	0.54	X
6c.....	6	3500	5600	8.5	8.38	0.55	X
6d.....	6	3500	5300	10.4	10.2	0.53	D
7b.....	6	5000	5600	11.7	11.5	0.52	D
7c.....	6	5000	5300	14.1	14.1	0.50	D
7d.....	6	5000	5000	17.7	17.7	0.48	A
8b.....	8	10000	5600	17.4	17.2	0.51	D
8c.....	8	10000	5300	21.3	21.2	0.49	M
8d.....	8	10000	5000	26.4	26.7	0.46	A
F8.....	4	2500	5300	10.2	10.3	0.49	M
F8.....	4	2500	5000	13.1	13.0	0.46	A?
F8.....	4	2500	5900	6.94	6.92	0.54	X
F8.....	4	2500	5600	8.49	8.37	0.52	D
F8.....	3	2500	5900	8.58	8.57	0.50	M?
F8.....	3	2500	5600	10.5	10.5	0.48	A

code "F8" refers to Figure 8 of Stobie (1969*b*), where data on the corresponding models are presented. Stobie's nonlinear fundamental periods are listed in the fifth column, and the corresponding linear adiabatic periods from the present investigation in the sixth column. The seventh column gives the ratio of the linear adiabatic periods, P_2/P_0 . In the last column, the absence of a bump on Stobie's theoretical velocity curves is denoted by X; if a bump appears, the designations M, D, and A indicate, respectively, its location at maximum, or on the descending, or ascending, branch of the theoretical curves. The bump designations for all but the last six entries are those of Stobie himself; for the cases marked F8, the designations are ours, based upon the plots appearing in Figure 8 of Stobie (1969*b*). The chemical composition is always $X = 0.66$, $Y = 0.30$, except for the F8 entries, for which the composition is given by Stobie in his Figure 8. It is important to note that Table 1 includes with a single exception every model in Stobie's (1969*b*) two surveys that had $X = 0.66$, $Y = 0.30$ and was unstable in the fundamental mode. The exception mentioned is model 4d($T_e = 4700$), which, due to some bug in our computer program, could not be integrated.

A look at the last two columns of Table 1 suffices to show the striking relationship between the resonance $P_2/P_0 \approx 0.5$ and the bumps on Stobie's theoretical velocity curves. In every case where a bump exists, P_2/P_0 is between 0.46 and 0.53, whereas if P_2/P_0 falls on the high side of this range, there is no bump. Although the low end of the range is not well delineated by the data in Table 1, the weakness of the bump in the "F8" model $M/M_\odot = 4$, $L/L_\odot = 2500$, $T_e = 5000$ (see Fig. 8 of Stobie 1969*b*) indicates that $P_2/P_0 \approx 0.46$ constitutes the low boundary of the bump region. Furthermore, there is a definite connection between the location of the bump and the value of P_2/P_0 . The D case always corresponds to $0.53 \geq P_2/P_0 \geq 0.50$, while the A case corresponds to $0.48 \geq P_2/P_0 \geq 0.46$.

The information in Table 1 suggests that the bumps in the velocity curves of nonlinear theoretical models are a consequence of the second overtone being driven by the fundamental in those cases where a near-resonance occurs. The driving of higher harmonics during pulsation has been studied by Simon (1972) and Simon and Sastri (1972), who have emphasized the pervasive influence of resonances on the harmonic structure of nonlinear oscillations. Simon and Sastri (1972) suggested that Cepheid pulsators might be classifiable according to the resonance characteristics of their linear normal modes.

On the other hand, Christy (1967) attributed the bumps in his nonlinear Cepheid velocity curves to the reflection of a pressure wave off the stellar core. This explanation was supported in a single case by Karp (1975), who nonetheless concluded that an alternate mechanism was required to reconcile certain of the observations. Fricke, Stobie, and Strittmatter (1972) pointed out that the reflected-wave theory does not explain why some stars exhibit strong bumps while others with large amplitudes do not. Furthermore, the

high regularity observed among the bump Cepheids (see below) argues for a single underlying cause, such as might be provided by the resonance. The main shortcoming of the resonance hypothesis lies in the need to demonstrate that an unstable fundamental is able to drive and maintain pulsations at a period corresponding to that of the resonant overtone. This question can only be approached via further nonlinear calculations.

If it is indeed true that the resonance and the bump are causally related, then the bump structure of Stobie's velocity curves (and also those of Christy 1968) cannot be merely a numerical artifact attributable to coarse zoning (see, e.g., Keller and Mutschlechner 1971). On the contrary, this structure must be physically real. Thus the derivation of nonevolutionary Cepheid masses from the location of the bump should be essentially correct. This question is discussed further below.

II. COMPARISON WITH OBSERVATIONAL DATA

Employing a linear adiabatic code with the input physics described in § I, we have determined the location of resonance regions in the period-luminosity and temperature-luminosity diagrams. In accord with Table 1, the hot (short-period) boundary of the region is defined by models for which $P_2/P_0 = 0.53$. Since the cool (long-period) boundary is not as well determined by the data in Table 1, we have taken it to be defined by $P_2/P_0 = 0.47$, so as to be symmetric about the resonance center. We have also determined the locus of models with $P_2/P_0 = 0.50$ in the two diagrams.

The calculations have been performed for evolutionary masses and for masses one-half the evolutionary values. The models are described in Table 2, and the results plotted in Figure 1, where solid lines indicate the location of the resonance region for models of one-half evolutionary mass. The short-period boundary of the resonance region for models of evolutionary mass is given by the dashed lines. In the same diagram we have plotted data for the 41

TABLE 2
MODELS DEFINING RESONANCE REGIONS IN
FIGURE 1

M/M_\odot	L/L_\odot	T_{eff}	P_0	P_2/P_0
$M = M_{\text{ev}}/2$				
4.....	7500	7200	8.89	0.53
4.....	7500	6600	12.2	0.50
4.....	7500	6200	15.5	0.47
3.5.....	5000	7000	7.56	0.53
3.5.....	5000	6400	10.5	0.50
3.5.....	5000	6000	13.4	0.47
3.0.....	2500	6400	6.33	0.53
3.0.....	2500	5900	8.55	0.50
3.0.....	2500	5500	11.2	0.47
$M = M_{\text{ev}}$				
9.0.....	10000	5600	15.8	0.53
7.0.....	5000	5300	12.5	0.53
6.0.....	2500	5000	9.46	0.53

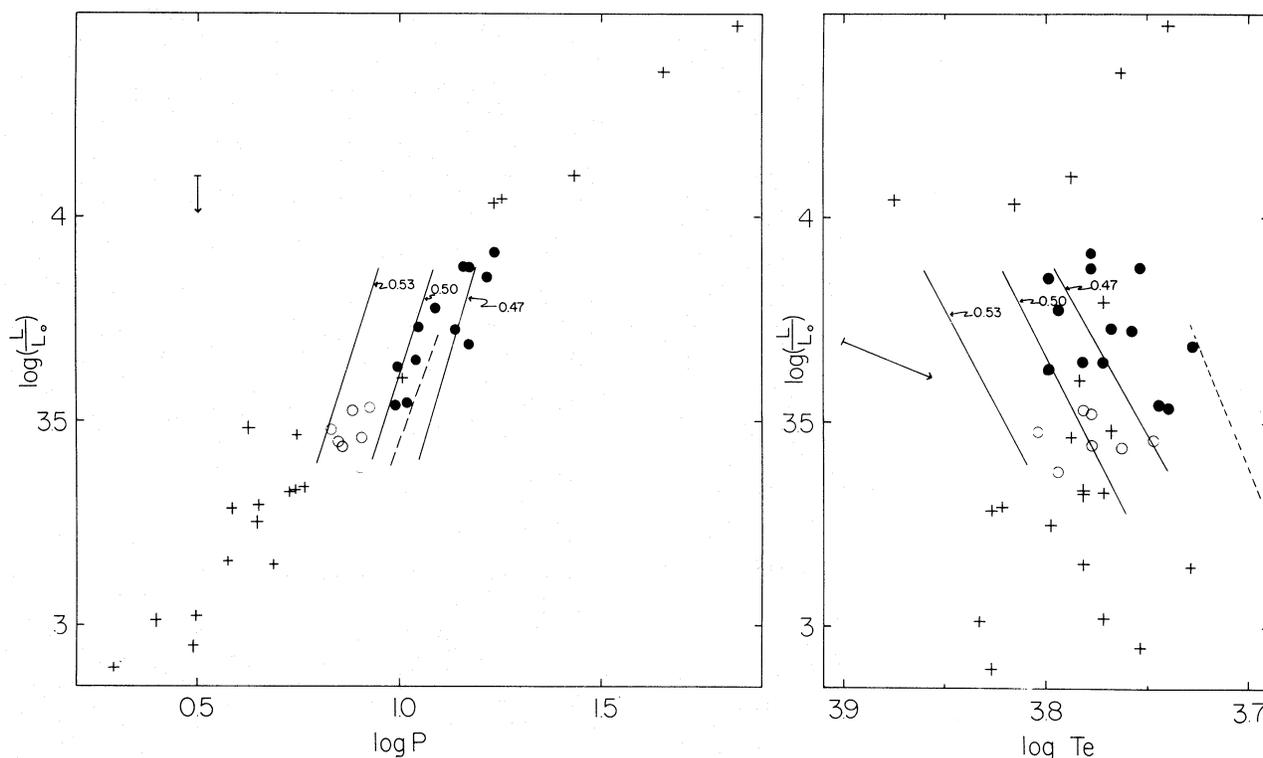


FIG. 1.—Period-luminosity and luminosity-temperature diagrams of the Cepheid region. *Solid circles*, Cepheids with the bump before light maximum (A case); *open circles*, those with a bump after maximum (D case); *crosses*, those without a bump. *Solid lines*, the location of the calculated resonance region for masses which are one-half of the evolutionary mass. They are labeled with P_2/P_0 . *Dashed line*, the hot boundary ($P_2/P_0 = 0.53$) of the resonance region for evolutionary mass. The arrows show the effect on the observed points of decreasing $E_B - V$ by 0.1 mag.

Cepheids for which $(R - I)$ photometry is available (Schmidt 1973, 1976). Crosses indicate stars for which there is no bump, while the circles indicate the presence of bumps—solid circles when the bump precedes light maximum (the A case), open circles when the bump follows light maximum (the D case). In the period-luminosity diagram, the data display great regularity. Not only are the A stars well separated from the D stars, but only a single cross appears among the circles. This star is ζ Gem.

It can be seen from Figure 1 that the resonance lines correspond well to the region of the instability strip containing the bump Cepheids if one-half evolutionary mass is assumed. This correspondence includes the approximate division of D from A Cepheids by the resonance line $P_2/P_0 = 0.50$. On the other hand, the

evolutionary mass calculations fall far from the observed region. In this way we recover from the linear theory the conclusion of Christy (1968) and Stobie (1969*b, c*), that the location of bumps indicates low masses. If the suggested causal relationship between the resonance and the bumps can be confirmed by further investigation strong new evidence will thus have been provided supporting the contention that Cepheid masses are nonevolutionary.

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