

Linear Theory of

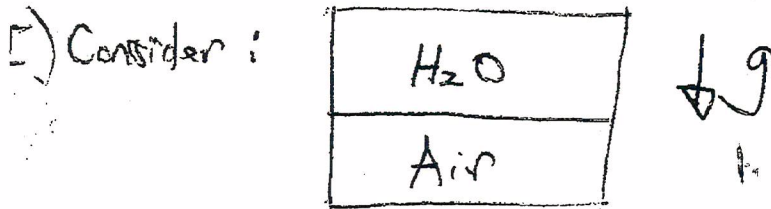
Rayleigh-Taylor Instability  
and ICF Background

Rayleigh - Taylor Instability ~~→~~ A Case Study

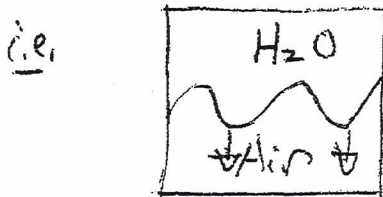
2. Motivation and ICF Overview

- RT is simple example/paradigm of non-trivial nonlinear collective dynamics
- intellectual content typical of current problems in plasma physics → { nonlinear evolution of instabilities, turbulence, transport, etc.

Overview of RT Physics:



- free energy available (i.e. gravitational potential energy) (free energy → instability? (successful storage → confinement))
- system in equilibrium (i.e. inverted glass H<sub>2</sub>O + cardboard) but small interface perturbations grow.



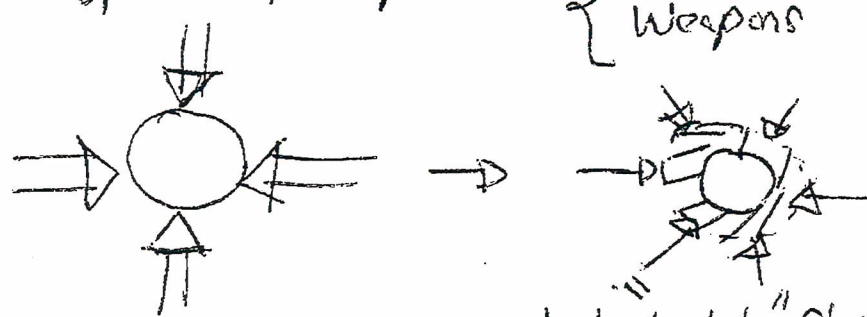
water-glass demo.

II) - typical evolutionary history:

→ instability occurs when light fluid accelerated into heavy fluid

⇔ in light fluid frame equivalent to inverted water glass

Imp: Importance R-T in ICF  $\frac{\rho_1 v_1^2}{\rho_2 v_2^2}$  ICF  
 e.g. spherical implosions } Weapons etc.



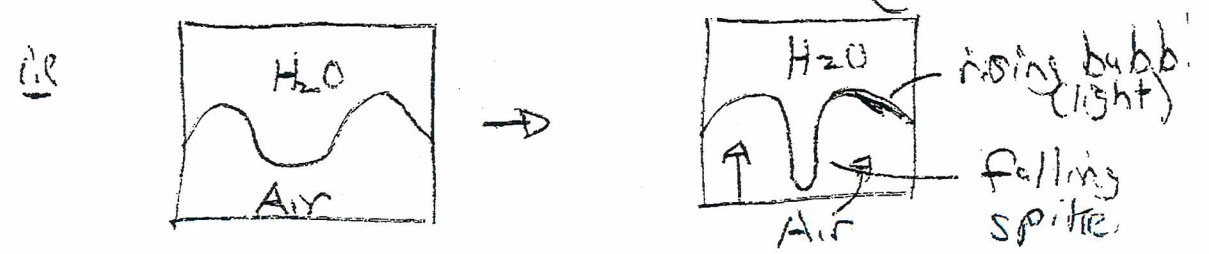
hot "light" fluid accelerated into "heavy" core  
 ablation-drives rocket

① →  $\epsilon < \lambda \rightarrow$  linear growth phase

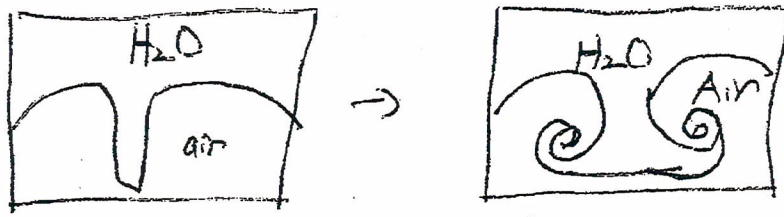
i.e.  $\vec{\epsilon}_h = \vec{\epsilon}(0) e^{\gamma t}$

↳ calculated from linear perturbation analysis

② →  $\epsilon \gtrsim \lambda \rightarrow$  Spikes and Bubble Formation Competition

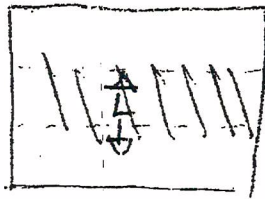


- ③  $\epsilon \gtrsim \lambda \rightarrow$  Secondary Instability / Bubble Competition
- Spike undergoes Kelvin-Helmholtz (shearing) instability
  - spike "rolls up" and is "blunted"



- ④  $\epsilon \gg \lambda \rightarrow$  Turbulent Mix

- spike undergoes KH  $\rightarrow$  turbulence generated
- spike + bubble ensemble  $\Rightarrow$  mixing layer, growing in time



phenomenological  
 $\downarrow$

$$L \sim (0.05) \frac{(\rho_w - \rho_a) g t^2}{(\rho_w + \rho_a)}$$

intuition from elementary mech.

Note:

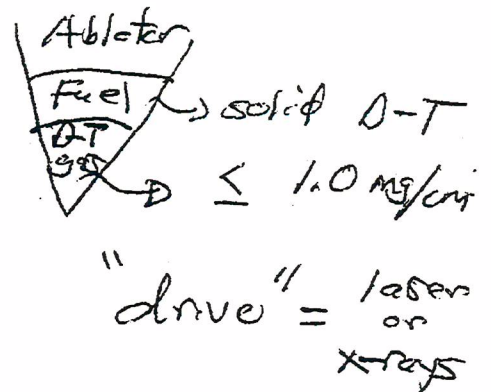
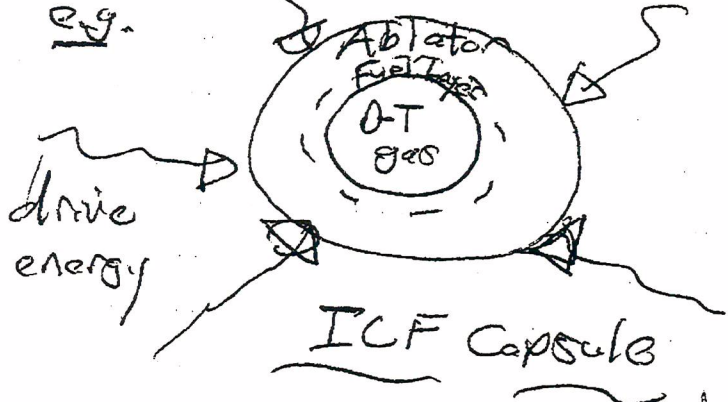
- (i) Representation
- ①  $\rightarrow$  Fourier Modes
  - ②, ③  $\rightarrow$  Structures (Spike, Bubble)
  - ④  $\rightarrow$  Turbulence

→ R-T. in ICF

a) Some Basics of ICF

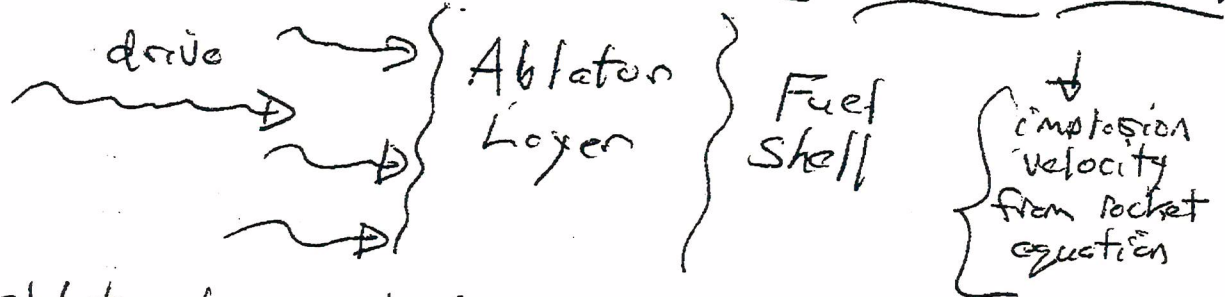
ICF: I for Inertial

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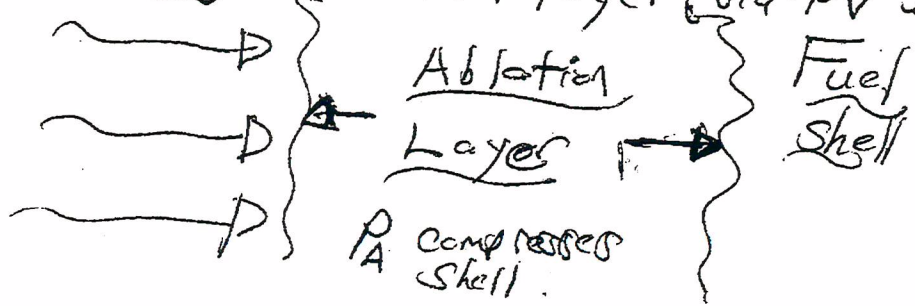


How it works:

Ablation-Driven Rocket



ablator layer heats and expands thus compressing inner fuel layer (via PV work)



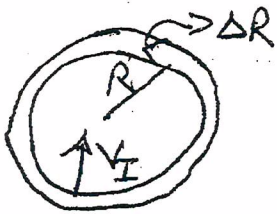
note: "implosion" is just conservation of momentum between expanding ablator layer and inner shell

$$\rightarrow W_{OF} \text{ (work on fuel)} \sim P_A \frac{V_s}{V_{shell}}$$

↓                      ↓  
ablation pressure      shell velocity

∴ for fixed  $P_A$  (determined by driver and materials), larger, thin shells can be accelerated better than small thick ones.

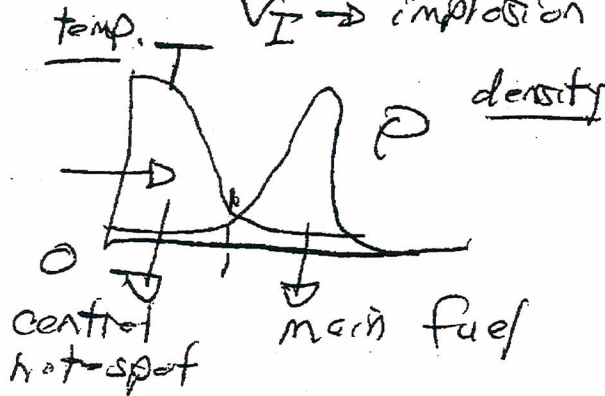
→ expected (Chapal for...) final state seq:



$R \rightarrow$  shell radius

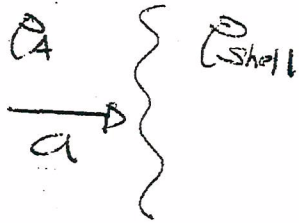
$\Delta R \rightarrow$  shell thickness

$V_I \rightarrow$  implosion velocity



idea is that burn initiates in central hot-spot, then propagates to main fuel shell.

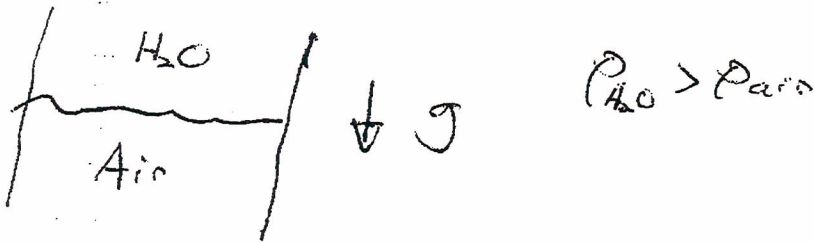
Now! Consider situation:



$$\rho_{shell} > \rho_A$$

i.e. Light fluid "pushing on" (i.e. accelerating into) heavy fluid

Compare to inverted glass of  $H_2O$ :



i.e. in frame of ablator, above:  
A interface



$\Rightarrow$  Rayleigh Taylor Instability!

$\Rightarrow$  PGS. 1-2

### Important features of Implosion :

→ IFAR - in flight aspect ratio  
(→ stability)

$$IFAR = \frac{R}{\Delta R}(t)$$

$\Delta R < \Delta R(t=0)$   
due comp.

→ seek large IFAR

→ but R-T constrains upper limit  
on IFAR → broadens  $\Delta R$  via mixing

$$i.e. 25 < IFAR < 135$$

⇒ sets minimum  $P_A$  ( $\sim 100$  Mbar)  
and impedance absorbed ( $\sim 10^{15}$  W/cm<sup>2</sup>)  
for MJ drivers in order to achieve  
 $V_I \sim 3-4 \times 10^7$  cm/sec.

⇒ R.T. is (partly) why NIF costs  
> 1 BB i.e. drives cost of laser.

→  $C_n$  - convergence ratio  
(→ symmetry)

$$C_n = R_{a,i} / r_{hot spot, f}$$

i → initial  
f → final



i.e. deviation from sphericity can destroy hot-spot (burn-through) etc.

So

$$\delta R = \frac{\pm}{2} dg t^2 = \frac{dg}{g} (R_A - r) = \frac{dg}{g} \eta (C_n - 1)$$

$\downarrow$  deviation from sphericity       $\downarrow$  deviation from eq. acceleration

Tolerable asymmetry  $\Rightarrow$  excess of k.E. above ignition threshold. If demand, say

$$\delta R < \frac{R}{4} \Rightarrow \frac{dg}{g} \sim \frac{dV}{V} < \frac{1}{4(C_n - 1)}$$

since  $C_n < 40$ , need  $\frac{dV}{V} \lesssim 1\% !!$

$\rightarrow$  Point is that R.T.  $\Rightarrow$  ripples  $\Rightarrow$  asymmetry, can destroy implosion via ~~inducing~~ inducing asymmetry, unless  $kE \gg$  ignition threshold

$\downarrow$   
Laser drive

once again, R.T.  $\Rightarrow$  ~~ripples~~

- (c) Evolution : ① → exponential  
 ②, ③ → transition to algebraic  
 ④ → algebraic

III) Application II II here  
 - ICF

Controlled Fusion  $\leftrightarrow n T T > (n T T)_{\text{Lawson}}$   
 Confinement → magnetic (tokamak, etc.)  
 → inertial (Laser acceleration, gravity (star))

→ ICF :

- confine burning plasma via implosion driven by laser-produced ablation
- implosion drives  $n T T > (n T T)_{\text{Lawson}}$

Further :

→ optimal to implode shell :



acceleration → outer surface  
 (laser pulse) → ablated  
 → RT unstable

deceleration → inner gas  
 (post pulse) → accelerated into inner shell  
 → RT unstable

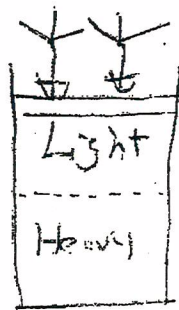
→ Implosion instability intrinsic to ICF

∴ Need understand, minimize

→ Basic Insight

- Computer Simulations
- Laboratory Experiments

Experimental Set-Up (Youngs Rocket Rig, D. Youngs, AWE)



→ Rocket Engine:

- Easy:
- diagnosis
- Flow visualizations

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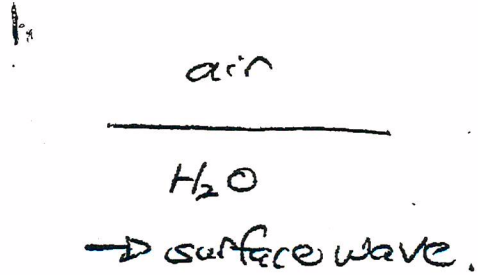
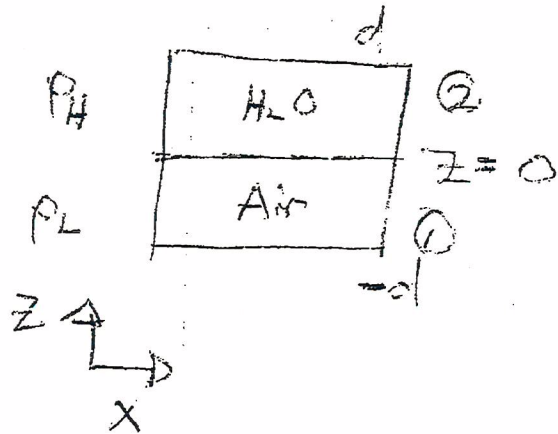
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→ critical face  
 → finite thickness

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b.) Linear Theory

I) Hydrodynamic RT / Plane Slab



Now consider:

- incompressible fluid (i.e.  $\delta \ll KC_0$ )

$$\nabla \cdot \underline{V} = 0$$

- irrotational flow (piecewise uniform density)  $\nabla \times \underline{V} = \underline{\omega} = 0$

III  $\Rightarrow$  Newton's tube

$$\nabla \times \underline{V} = 0 \Rightarrow \underline{V} = \nabla \phi$$

$\phi$   
 Stream Function

$$\nabla \cdot \underline{V} = 0$$

$\Rightarrow \nabla^2 \phi = 0 \iff$  R.T. instability is potential flow problem

Now,  $\phi = \sum_H \phi_H(z) e^{ikx}$  ( $\infty$ -ly wide or periodic box)

$$\frac{\partial^2 \phi_H(z)}{\partial z^2} - k^2 \phi_H = 0 \Rightarrow \text{origin of } \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \rho \\ \phi \end{array} \right. \text{ continuity}$$

For  $kd \gg 1$ , neglect finite depth, so

$$\phi_H = \begin{cases} \phi_H^{(1)} e^{hz} & z < 0 \quad (1) \\ \phi_H^{(2)} e^{-hz} & z > 0 \quad (2) \end{cases}$$

(satisfy  $v_n = 0$ )  
bdry

At  $z=0$ :

$$\rho^{(1)} = \rho^{(2)} \rightarrow \text{pressure continuity}$$

$$\left. \frac{\partial \phi^{(1)}}{\partial z} \right|_0 = \left. \frac{\partial \phi^{(2)}}{\partial z} \right|_0 \rightarrow \text{normal velocity continuity}$$

(else interface motion on acoustic time scale)

For dynamics:

→ described entirely by interface motion

i.e. 

→ fields:  $\eta(x, z, t) \rightarrow$  instantaneous interface position

$\phi(x, z, t) \rightarrow$  stream fn

$\downarrow$   
 $z = 0 \mp \eta$

$\downarrow$  why NLT hard.  
( $\eta$  dropped for linearized theory)

or stream function: (Bernoulli's law)

$$\rho \left( \frac{\partial \underline{v}}{\partial t} + \underline{v} \cdot \nabla \underline{v} \right) = -\nabla \rho - \rho \underline{g} \quad (\underline{g} = -g \hat{z})$$

$$\underline{v} = \nabla \phi$$

$$\rho \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \nabla \phi + \nabla \phi \cdot \nabla \nabla \phi \right) = -\nabla \rho - \rho \underline{g}$$

$$\rho \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \nabla \phi + \nabla \left( \frac{\nabla \phi \cdot \nabla \phi}{2} \right) \right) = -\nabla \rho - \rho \underline{g}$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial t} + \frac{\nabla \phi \cdot \nabla \phi}{2} = -\frac{p}{\rho} - g \eta} \quad (\nabla = \nabla_h)$$

i.e.  $\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial t} = 0 \Rightarrow \rho + \frac{\rho v^2}{2} = \text{const.}$   
 $g = 0$

For interface:

$$\boxed{\frac{\partial \eta}{\partial t} + \nabla \phi \cdot \nabla \eta = \frac{d\eta}{dt} = \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial z}} \rightarrow \text{definition}$$

Then, linearizing for R.I. mode:

$$\frac{\partial \tilde{\phi}}{\partial t} = -\frac{\tilde{p}}{\rho} - g \hat{z}$$

$$\frac{\partial \tilde{\eta}}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial \tilde{\phi}}{\partial z}$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 \tilde{\phi}^{(v)}}{\partial t^2} = g \frac{(\rho_2 - \rho_1)}{(\rho_2 + \rho_1)} \frac{\partial \tilde{\phi}^{(v)}}{\partial z}$$

$$\Rightarrow \omega_{\pm}^2 = -g A k$$

$$\boxed{\gamma = \sqrt{g A} \sqrt{k}}$$

$$A \equiv \frac{\rho_2 - \rho_1}{\rho_2 + \rho_1}$$

Atwood # - available free energy

Comments:

i.) equivalent : { fluid with vacuum }  $\rho \rightarrow A$

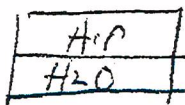
ii.)  $H_2O, air$  :  $\lambda = 1cm$   $\gamma \sim 1 sec^{-1}$   
(fast)

iii.)  $\gamma = \sqrt{g A k}$

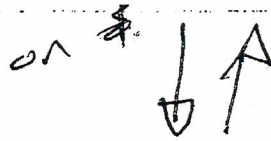
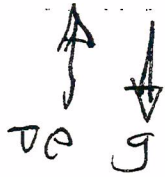
$\therefore$  in absence dissip, surface tension etc,  
shorter wavelengths grow faster

iv.)  $A < 0 \Rightarrow$  stable stratification  
 $\rightarrow$  surface buoyancy wave

$H_2O, Air \Rightarrow \omega = \sqrt{k g} \rightarrow$  surface gravity wave



light push or heavy



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- Other Effects:

(i) Surface Tension (Fluid) → III (HW)

- curvature of interface exerts force

c.e.  $\rho \rightarrow \rho - \rho \gamma_T \nabla_n^2 \mathcal{N}$  ( $\gamma_T = \frac{T_S}{\rho}$ )

(For H<sub>2</sub>O - air, only H<sub>2</sub>O feels surface tension; for fluid ①, fluid ②, T<sub>S</sub> for each interface)

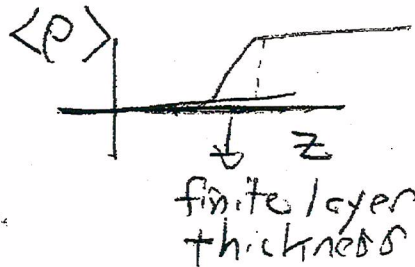
⇒  $\gamma = (kgA - \gamma_T k^3)^{1/2}$

$k_{max} = (gA / \gamma_T)^{1/2}$   
unstable

→ range of modes limited

eg. inverted glass with cardboard →  $\gamma_T \rightarrow \infty$   
→ high def. of gravity

(ii) Finite Interface Thickness -  $\nabla p$



Consider opposite limit:

$kL_p \gg 1$

$\bar{L}_p = \frac{1}{\rho} \frac{dp}{dz}$

rippled interface → cell

- fluid motion not irrotational, as  $\nabla p \neq \nabla \rho$   
Hydrostatic eqn  $\frac{dp}{dz} = -\rho g$



Review

→ Last time:  $\nabla^2 \phi = 0$   $\Rightarrow \begin{cases} \phi_H = \tilde{\phi}_H e^{-kz} \\ \phi_L = \tilde{\phi}_L e^{kz} \end{cases}$

$\left[ \begin{matrix} \rho_H \\ \rho_L \end{matrix} \right] \begin{cases} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial t} + \frac{(\nabla \phi)^2}{2} = -\frac{p}{\rho} + gM \\ \frac{\partial M}{\partial t} + \nabla \phi \cdot \nabla M = \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial z} \end{cases} \rightarrow \text{Bernoulli}$

$\rightarrow \text{defn.}$

$\tilde{v}_{Hz} = \tilde{v}_{Lz}$      $\tilde{\rho}_H = \tilde{\rho}_L$

L.T.  $\Rightarrow$

$\gamma = \sqrt{gA k}$

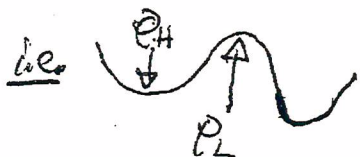
$A = \left[ \frac{\rho_H - \rho_L}{\rho_H + \rho_L} \right]$

→ Key Assumptions:

- incompressible  $\rightarrow \gamma \ll k c_s$
- inviscid  $\rightarrow \gamma \gg \nu k^2$

- irrotational  $\rightarrow \underline{v} = \nabla \phi$
- thin interface ("piecewise uniformity")
- no breaking  $\rightarrow$  amplitude restricted

$\Delta \rightarrow$  potential flow, - no k.H.



$\rightarrow$  interface ripples

but "heavy" falls  
light "rises"

then, for interface, natural to define:

$$dF_I = -S_I dT + \sigma dA$$

entropy of interface

change in free energy due to increase in surface area of interface (treat as separate phase)

$\sigma \equiv$  surface tension  
E/area ~~(by  $\frac{dF}{dA}$ )~~ ~~(force/length)~~

Hereafter, consider isothermal displacement.

$$\begin{aligned} \rightarrow dF &= -p_1 dV - p_2 (-dV) + \sigma dA \\ &= (p_2 - p_1) dV + \sigma dA \end{aligned}$$

interface expands 'into' 2nd material

Further:  $dV = dA d\varepsilon$  (for surface)  
 $\downarrow$   
displacement  $\varepsilon(x,y)$

For  $dA$ :  $dA = \int dx dy \left( 1 + \left( \frac{\partial \varepsilon}{\partial x} \right)^2 + \left( \frac{\partial \varepsilon}{\partial y} \right)^2 \right)^{1/2}$   
 $-\int dx dy$

for small displacement:

$$dA \approx \int dx dy \left( 1 + \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{\partial \varepsilon}{\partial x} \right)^2 + \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{\partial \varepsilon}{\partial y} \right)^2 \right)$$

$$dA = \int dx dy (-\nabla^2 \xi) \uparrow d\xi$$

$\downarrow$   
 curvature of  
 surface displacement

(i.e. anticipates integration by parts)

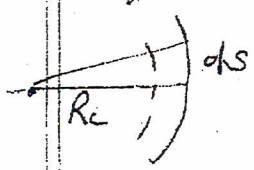
$$dF = \int [(P_2 - P_1) dA_0 - \nabla^2 \xi dA_0] d^3 \xi$$

$\Rightarrow$  condition for equilibrium:

$$P_2 - P_1 = \nabla^2 \xi(x, y)$$

More generally:  $dF = (P_2 - P_1) dA_0 d\xi + \nabla dA$

Now consider arbitrary (i.e. not weakly curved interface)



$$ds' = (R_c + d\xi) d\theta$$

$$= dl_0 \left( 1 + \frac{d\xi}{R_1} \right)$$

In general, surface parametrized by 2 radii of curvature  $R_1, R_2$

so  $dA = \int dl_1 dl_2 \left( 1 + \frac{d\xi}{R_1} \right) \left( 1 + \frac{d\xi}{R_2} \right) = \int dl_1 dl_2$

$$dA = \int \rho h_1 dh_2 \left( \frac{1}{R_1} + \frac{1}{R_2} \right) d\epsilon$$

Thus, have most general expression:

$$dF = \int \left[ (\rho_2 - \rho_1) dA_0 - \left( \frac{1}{R_1} + \frac{1}{R_2} \right) dA_0 \right] d\epsilon$$

thus, for equilibrium with interface:

$$\boxed{\gamma \left( \frac{1}{R_1} + \frac{1}{R_2} \right) = -(\rho_2 - \rho_1)}$$

Laplace's Law

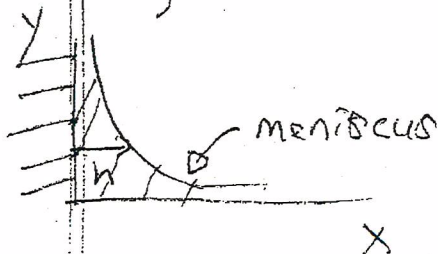
i.e.  $\rightarrow$  given 2-phase equilibrium (separated) can use to estimate droplet size for emulsion liquids

i.e. if  $\rho_2 < \rho_1$

$\therefore$  droplets of size  $R \sim \gamma / (\rho_1 - \rho_2)$  may be expected.

$\downarrow$  skip to IS

$\rightarrow$  consider liquid adjacent to fixed vertical wall, then:



$h(y) \equiv$  defines thickness of meniscus

Then, can write: → known

$$p_{\text{vis}} = p_0 - \rho g y(x) \quad (g < 0)$$

to calculate  $h(y)$ , use Laplace's Law:

i.e.  $p_0 - \rho g y = \frac{\sigma}{R_c}$

but  $\frac{1}{R_c} = \frac{-\partial^2 h / \partial x^2}{(1 + (\partial h / \partial x)^2)^{3/2}}$

i.e. don't make small curvature approx

then taking  $p_0 = 0$  (ref):

$$+ \rho g y(x) = + \frac{\partial^2 h(y) / \partial x^2}{(1 + (\partial h / \partial x)^2)^{3/2}}$$

and can get  $dh/dy$ , etc.

\*  
→ Capillary Waves.

Recall discussed ocean waves (stable R.T.)



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$$\frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial t^2} = \frac{\sigma}{\rho} \nabla^2 \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial z} - g \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial z}$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\omega^2 = kg + \frac{\sigma k^3}{\rho}} \quad \rightarrow \text{dispersion relation for capillary waves}$$

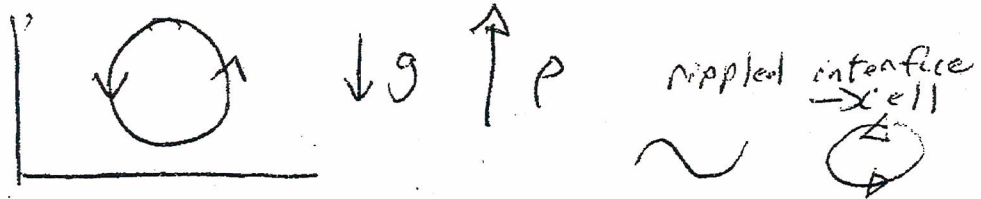
note: - capillarity estimate  $l \sim \sqrt{\sigma/\rho g}$

$$\text{d.r.} \Rightarrow k_{\text{cap}}^2 \sim \rho g / \sigma$$

- in ocean, capillarity significant at  $\leq 5\text{cm}$
- if R.T. unstable, capillarity will cut-off high  $k$  instability

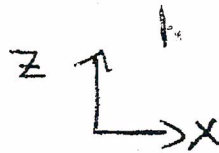
$$\text{i.e. } \omega^2 = \frac{-kg(\rho_2 - \rho_1)}{(\rho_2 + \rho_1)} + \frac{\sigma k^3}{(\rho_2 + \rho_1)}$$

- motion is that of convective cells, vortices



To calculate:

- For 2D cell



$$\frac{\partial \tilde{v}_x}{\partial t} = -\partial_x \left( \frac{p}{\rho_0} \right)$$

$$\frac{\partial \tilde{p}}{\partial t} = -\tilde{v}_z \frac{d\rho_0}{dz}$$

$$\frac{\partial \tilde{v}_z}{\partial t} = -\partial_z \left( \frac{p}{\rho_0} \right) - g \frac{\tilde{p}}{\rho_0}$$

Suggests write:  $\underline{v} = \underline{\nabla} \phi \times \underline{y}$   
 $\Rightarrow \tilde{v}_x = -\partial_z \hat{\phi}$   
 $\tilde{v}_z = \partial_x \hat{\phi}$

$$-\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \partial_z \hat{\phi} = -\partial_x \left( \frac{p}{\rho_0} \right) \quad (1)$$

$$+\frac{\partial}{\partial t} (\partial_x \hat{\phi}) = -\partial_z \left( \frac{p}{\rho_0} \right) - g \frac{\tilde{p}}{\rho_0} \quad (2)$$

$$\partial_z (1) - \partial_x (2) \Rightarrow$$

$$-\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \nabla^2 \hat{\phi} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left( g \frac{\tilde{p}}{\rho_0} \right)$$

$-\nabla^2 \phi = \omega_y$   
 $\downarrow$   
 $\hat{y}$  component  
 vorticity

Should be apparent now that:

→ For high  $k$ , curvature of crests, etc. becomes sharp

→ before, tacitly took  $\rho g \eta \gg \frac{\sigma}{R_L}$   
 now if  $R_L \sim \lambda$  s/t  $\lambda^2 \sim \sigma / \rho g$

must retain surface tension in ~~capillary~~  
 surface wave dynamics  $\Rightarrow$  capillary waves

To include:

$$\rho = \rho_0 - \sigma \nabla^2 \eta$$

Then recall:  $\frac{\partial \tilde{\phi}}{\partial t} = -\frac{\tilde{p}}{\rho} - g \tilde{\eta}$

$$\frac{\partial \tilde{\eta}}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial \tilde{\phi}}{\partial z}$$

$$\frac{\partial \tilde{\phi}}{\partial t} = \frac{\sigma}{\rho} \nabla^2 \tilde{\eta} - g \tilde{\eta}$$

$$\frac{\partial \tilde{\eta}}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial \tilde{\phi}}{\partial z}$$



$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \nabla^2 \tilde{\phi} = -\frac{\partial}{\partial x} (g \tilde{\rho} / \rho_0)$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \tilde{\rho} = -\partial_x \tilde{\phi} \frac{d\rho_0}{dz}$$

$$\frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2} \nabla^2 \tilde{\phi} = \left( \frac{g d\rho_0}{\rho_0 dz} \right) \frac{\partial^2 \tilde{\phi}}{\partial x^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow +\omega^2 k^2 = \left( \frac{g d\rho_0}{\rho_0 dz} \right) (-k_x^2)$$

$$\omega^2 = -\frac{k_x^2}{k^2} \left( \frac{g d\rho_0}{\rho_0 dz} \right)$$

$\hookrightarrow > 0$ , as  $d\rho_0/dz > 0$

$$\therefore \gamma = \sqrt{\frac{k_x^2}{k^2} \left( \frac{g}{L_p} \right)^{1/2}} \rightarrow \text{R.T. Convective cell growth-rate}$$

Then:

→ structure similar to Rayleigh - Bénard convection

∴  $\frac{\partial}{\partial t}$  vorticity = torque  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{buoyancy (RB)} \\ \text{gravitational force (RT)} \end{array} \right.$

$$\rightarrow k_x \rightarrow \infty \Rightarrow \gamma \rightarrow \frac{g}{L_p}$$

Thus, to incorporate finite interface thickness in RT growth formula

$$\begin{aligned} \gamma &\sim \sqrt{gAk} & kL_p < 1 \\ &\sim \sqrt{g/L_p} & kL_p > 1 \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \gamma = \left( gAk / (1 + kL) \right)^{1/2}$$

↓  
scale factor, interface.

∴  $kL > 1 \Rightarrow$  growth rate saturates!

→ For stable stratification  $d\rho_0/dz < 0$

$$\omega^2 = \frac{k_x^2}{k^2} \frac{g}{\rho_0} \left| \frac{d\rho_0}{dz} \right| \equiv \frac{k_x^2}{k^2} N^2 \rightarrow \text{BV freq}$$

→ dispersion relation for oceanic internal wave  
 → finite density gradient analogue of (interface) surface wave

→ interesting to note effects of  
 viscosity  
 particle diffusivity

viscosity  $\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \nabla^2 \phi \rightarrow \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial t} - \nu \nabla^2 \right) \nabla^2 \phi$

diffusivity  $\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \rho \rightarrow \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial t} - D \nabla^2 \right) \rho$

$\Rightarrow$

$$(\omega + i\nu k^2)(\omega + iDk^2) = -\frac{kx^2}{k^2} \frac{g}{\rho_0} \frac{d\rho_0}{dz}$$

i.e.  $\begin{cases} \nu k^2 \gg \omega \\ D \rightarrow \infty \end{cases}$  (viscous fluid)

$$(i\nu k^2)(i\nu) = -\frac{kx^2}{k^2} \frac{g}{\rho_0} \frac{d\rho_0}{dz}$$

$$\nu = \frac{kx^2}{k^2} \left( \frac{g}{\rho_0} \frac{d\rho_0}{dz} \right) / \nu k^2$$

$\rightarrow \nu \sim 1/\nu k^2$

$\rightarrow$  strong viscosity reduces growth rate  
but instability persists  
(i.e. molasses + air!)

i.e.

$\Rightarrow$

$$0 = \nu$$

$$\gamma^{\bullet} = \left( \frac{kx^2}{k^2} \frac{g}{\rho_0} \frac{d\rho_0}{dz} \right)^{1/2} - \nu k^2$$

i.e. viscosity and diffusivity can stabilize  
R T instability

→ defines critical  $\Delta \rho$

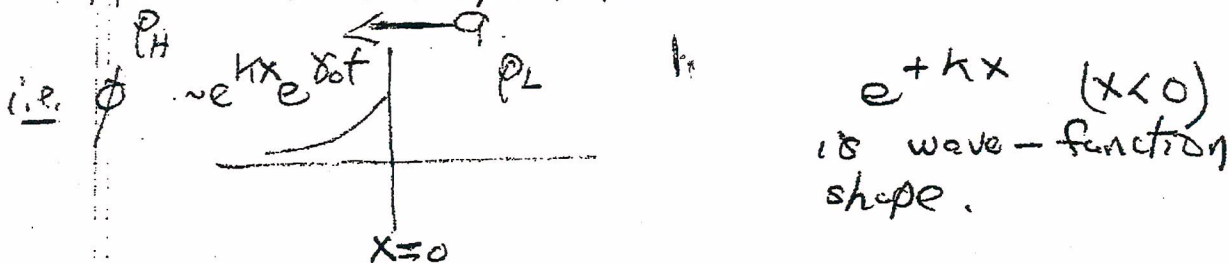
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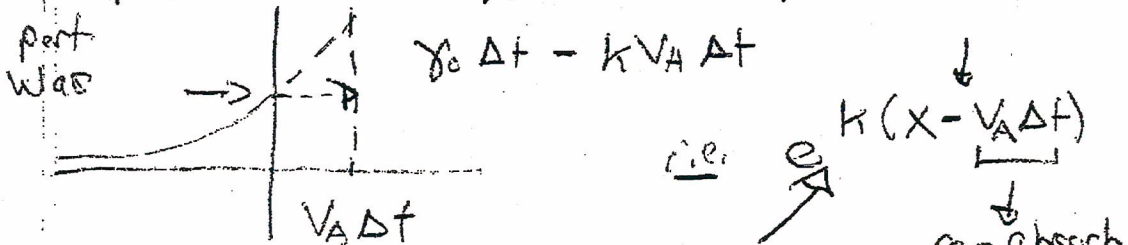
(i) Ablation (Ablation critical element of environment implosion  $\rightarrow$  ablation driven pocket)

$\rightarrow$  physical concept is that due to heating, material streams away from interface,  $\therefore$  can't participate in RT instability

$\rightarrow$  heuristic interpretation:



with ablation, hot matter "blown off"  $\Rightarrow$  interface displaced inward



burn-off  $\Rightarrow$  interface moves inward

i.e.  $\phi \sim e^{k(x - V_A \Delta t)} e^{\gamma_0 \Delta t}$   
 $\sim e^{kx} e^{(\gamma_0 - k V_A) \Delta t}$

$V_{abl} \equiv \frac{\dot{M}}{\rho A}$

$\therefore$  ablative blow-off yields stabilizing effect  $\rho \neq \#$

$\gamma = \gamma_0 - k V_A$  ;  $\gamma_0 = \sqrt{kg}$

Insert III Surface Tension

→ Consider two liquids separated by a thin (i.e. few molecules) interface

①

②



Now, consider displacing the interface toward ② by  $\delta z$

i.e.

①

②

 $(\delta z \rightarrow \delta A)$ 

∴ can determine change in free energy (i.e. thermodynamic sense) via:

$$dF = \underbrace{dF_1 + dF_2}_{\text{bulk phases}} + dF_{\text{interface}}$$

↳ treat as separate constituents

Recall:  $dF = -SdT - pdV$

(i.e.  $F = E - ST$ )

∴  $dF_{1,2} = (-SdT - pdV)_{1,2}$

(i.e. the usual)

→ no simple, rigorous analytical theory exists!

Aside: For ICF, can combine finite interface thickness and ablative stabilization to control RT growth (A=1)

i.e. simple RT  $\gamma = \sqrt{kg}$

finite interface  $\rightarrow \gamma = \left( \frac{kg}{1+kL_p} \right)^{1/2}$

ablation  $\rightarrow \gamma = \left( \frac{kg}{1+kL_p} \right)^{1/2} - kVA$

By  $\left. \begin{array}{l} - \text{target design (structure)} - L_p \\ - \text{materials, etc (doping)} - VA \end{array} \right\} \text{can minimize implosion pert. growth}$

(V<sub>0</sub>) Spherical Geometry - Postpone till later

$$\text{Credely: } \begin{cases} \omega \sim \sigma/u \\ Lu \sim \# \sqrt{g\lambda} \end{cases}$$

N.B. : { Can solve 3 bubble Layer  
model (numerically) to determine #  
is merger rule