

Modelling falling film flow: an adjustable formulation

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Falling films down an inclined plane

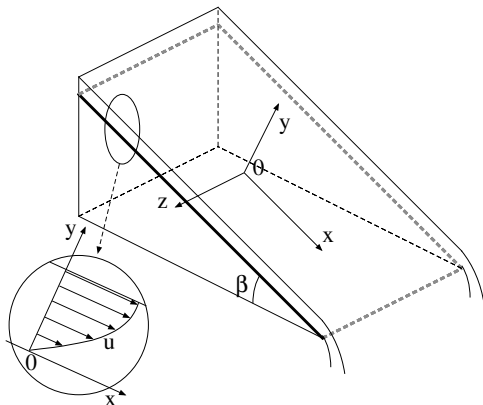


Raining days¹



¹Thanks to Frédéric Moisy !

Position



surface tension σ , viscosity μ , density ρ , gravity g
inclination angle β , inlet flow rate per wetted perimeter \bar{q}_N
streamwise x , spanwise z , cross-stream y directions

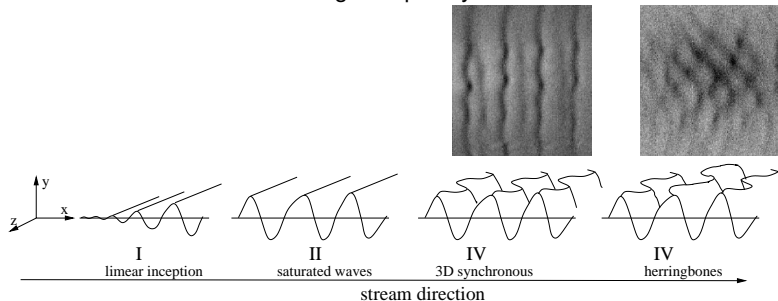
A series of symmetry breakings

Introduction

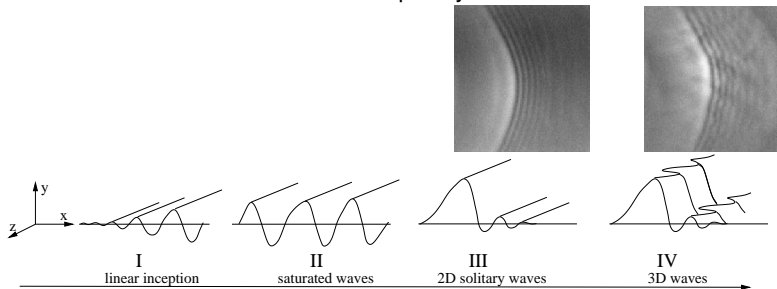
EVP formulation

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high frequency



low frequency

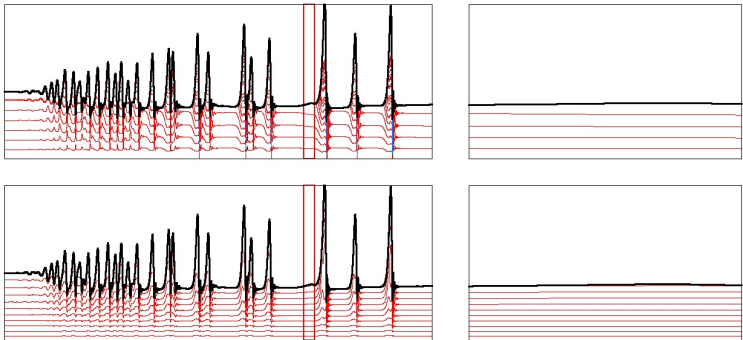


Noise-driven dynamics

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Kapitza experiments² alcohol film on vertical wall $R = 6.07$, $\Gamma = 529$,
length $L = 80$ cm, decelerated 8 times

²Kapitza & Kapitza Zh. Ekper. Teor. Fiz. 19, 105-120 (1949)

Parameters

scales based on kinematic viscosity $\nu = \mu/\rho$ and gravity :

$$l_\nu = \nu^{2/3}(g \sin \beta)^{-1/3} \quad \text{and} \quad t_\nu = \nu^{1/3}(g \sin \beta)^{-2/3}.$$

and Nusselt solution

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\leadsto parameters :

- dimensionless Nusselt thickness $h_N = \bar{h}_N/l_\nu$
- inverse slope $Ct = \cot \beta$
- Kapitza number $\Gamma = \sigma / [\rho \nu^{4/3} (g \sin \beta)^{1/3}] = (l_c/l_\nu)^2$ with
 $l_c = \sqrt{\sigma/(\rho g \sin \beta)}$

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Reduced parameters

Shkadov notations (Shkadov, 1977)

length scale h_N in the y direction

stretched length scale κh_N in the x and z directions

κ tuned such that $g \sin \beta$ and $\sigma \partial_{xxx} h$ are of same order

$$\leadsto \kappa = We^{1/3} = (l_c / \bar{h}_N)^{2/3} \text{ with } l_c = \sqrt{\sigma / (\rho g \sin \beta)}$$

- reduced Reynolds number $\delta = h_N^3 / \kappa = 3R / \kappa^3$
which measures inertia
- viscous dispersion parameter $\eta = 1 / \kappa^2 \ll 1 = (\bar{h}_N / l_c)^{4/3}$
compares viscous and capillary dampings
- reduced inverse slope $\zeta = Ct / \kappa$

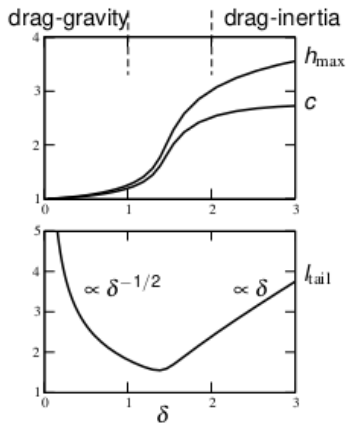
³In fact this definition is 45 times Shkadov's original definition

Solitary waves: two regimes

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Velocity c , amplitude h_{\max} and length of the upstream tail, l_{tail}

Question

How to obtain simple equations to handle both regimes ?

- long-wave expansion $\varepsilon = \bar{h}_N/\lambda \ll 1$ assumes inertia is only a corrective term.
- difficulty arises in drag-inertia regime (capillary roll waves)
- need to introduce at least two degrees of freedom h (kinematic) and $q = \int_0^h u dy$ (dynamic)
- We limit ourselves here to the simplest two-equation model formulations. . .

Ellipse Velocity Profile formulation

Most of the material of this presentation is published in :

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- Nusselt solution

$$u = h^2 \left(\frac{y}{h} - \frac{1}{2} \frac{y^2}{h^2} \right) \equiv h^2 g_0(\bar{y}) \quad \text{where } \bar{y} = y/h.$$

- Variation around Nusselt profile

$$\begin{aligned} u &= u^{(0)}(h, q) + \varepsilon u^{(1)}(h, q) \\ &\equiv h^2 g_0(\bar{y}) + \left(\frac{q}{h} - \frac{h^2}{3} \right) f_A(\bar{y}) + \varepsilon u^{(1)}(h, q), \end{aligned}$$

- flow rate definition

$$q = \int_0^h u dy, \quad \int_0^h u^{(0)}(h) dy = \frac{h^3}{3}$$

$$\int_0^1 f_A(\bar{y}) d\bar{y} = 1, \quad f_A(0) = 0, \quad \frac{df_A}{d\bar{y}}(1) = 0,$$

- gauge condition

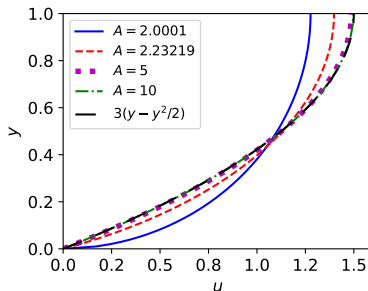
$$\int_0^h u^{(1)}(h, q) dy = 0$$

Ellipse profile

$$f_A(\bar{y}) = K_p \left[\sqrt{A^2 - 4(\bar{y} - 1)^2} - B \right]$$

with

$$K_p = \frac{1}{\frac{A^2}{4} \sin^{-1} \left(\frac{2}{A} \right) - \frac{1}{2} B}, \quad B = \sqrt{A^2 - 4}.$$



$$\begin{aligned} \varepsilon \delta (u_t + u u_x + v u_y) &= b(h) + u_{yy} + \varepsilon^2 \eta (2u_{xx} + [u_x|_{y=h}]_x), \\ u_x + v_y &= 0, \quad u|_{y=0} = v|_{y=0}, \\ u_y|_{y=h} &= \varepsilon^2 \eta (4h_x u_x|_{y=h} - v_x|_{y=h}), \\ v|_{y=h} &= h_t + u|_{y=h} h_x, \end{aligned}$$

where $b(h) = 1 - \varepsilon \zeta h_x + \varepsilon^3 h_{xxx}$

$$\int_0^h g_0 u_{yy}^{(1)} dy = \frac{1}{2} u_y^{(1)}|_{y=h} - \int_0^h u^{(1)} dy = \varepsilon \eta \left(2h_x u_x^{(0)}|_{y=h} - \frac{1}{2} v_x^{(0)}|_{y=h} \right).$$

- EVP formulation

$$\begin{aligned}
 h_t &= -q_x, \\
 \delta S q_t &= \delta \left[\left(G \frac{q^2}{h^2} - G_1 q h - G_2 h^4 \right) h_x - \left(F \frac{q}{h} + F_1 h^2 \right) q_x \right] \\
 &\quad + \frac{h}{3} \left[b(h) - \frac{3q}{h^2} \right] + \eta \left[\left(J \frac{q}{h^2} - J_1 h \right) h_x^2 \right. \\
 &\quad \left. - K \frac{q_x h_x}{h} - \left(L \frac{q}{h} + L_1 h^2 \right) h_{xx} + M q_{xx} \right],
 \end{aligned}$$

- using $q = \frac{1}{3} h^3 + O(\varepsilon)$ we get (EVPM formulation)

$$\begin{aligned}
 \delta S q_t &= \delta \left[\left(G - 3 G_1 - 9 G_2 \right) \frac{q^2}{h^2} h_x - \left(F + 3 F_1 \right) \frac{q}{h} q_x \right] \\
 &\quad + \frac{h}{3} \left[b(h) - \frac{3q}{h^2} \right] + \eta \left[\left(J - 3 J_1 \right) \frac{q}{h^2} h_x^2 - K \frac{q_x h_x}{h} \right. \\
 &\quad \left. - \left(L + 3 L_1 \right) \frac{q}{h} h_{xx} + M q_{xx} \right].
 \end{aligned}$$

Solitary wave speed

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- moving frame $\xi = x - ct$
- mass balance gives $q = ch + q_0$ where $q_0 = \int_0^h (u - c) dy$
- three dimensional dynamical system

$$\frac{dV}{d\xi} = f(V), \quad \text{with} \quad V = (h, h', h'')^t$$

- limit $\delta \gg 1$, introduce slow variable $\tilde{\xi} = \xi/\delta$

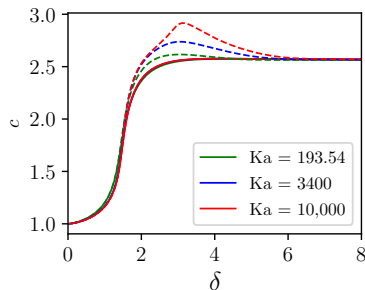
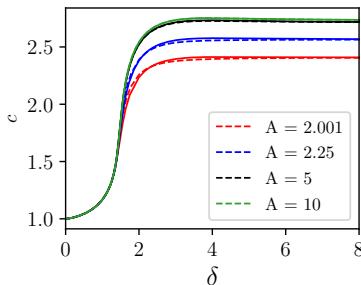
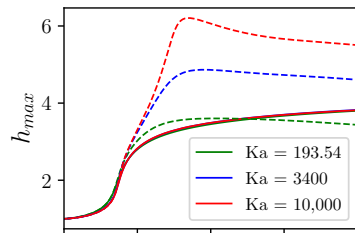
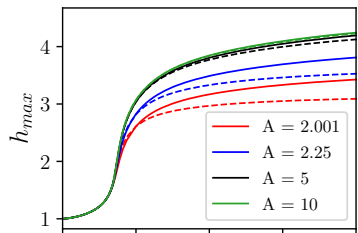
$$\mathcal{N}(h, c)h' \approx \underbrace{\left[h - \frac{3q}{h^2} \right]}_{\mathcal{H}(h, c)}$$

- c_∞ given by solving $\mathcal{N}(h, c) = \mathcal{H}(h, c) = 0$

location $h_{II} = -1/2 + \sqrt{3(c - 1/4)}$ corresponds to the critical level at which inertia terms cancel out, which gives

$$c^2 + \left(\frac{G - 3G_1 - 9G_2}{S} \right) \frac{h_{II}^4}{9} - c \left(\frac{F + 3F_1}{S} \right) \frac{h_{II}^2}{3} = 0$$

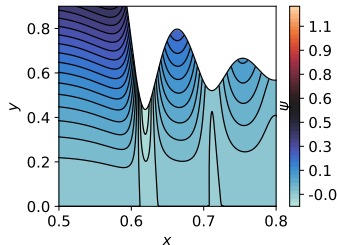
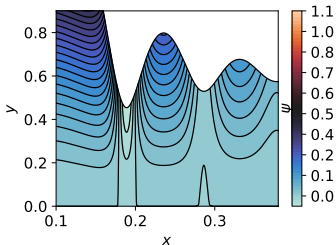
Adjusting c_∞ to its prediction 2.560 found by DNS, gives $A = A^* \approx 2.23219$.



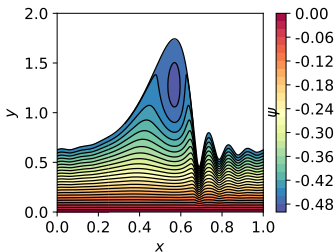
Influence of A

EVPM versus DNS⁴

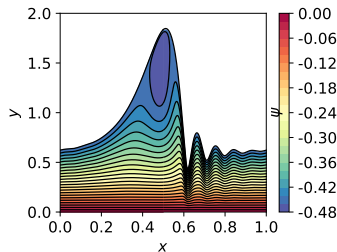
⁴Chakraborty et al. JFM (2014) 745 pp. 564-591



(EVPm) moving frame



DNS moving frame



(EVPm) moving frame

DNS moving frame

Vertical wall water-DMSO mixture $Re = 15$, $f = 16$ Hz,
 $\mu = 3.13 \times 10^{-3}$ Pa.s, $\rho = 1098.3$ kg/m³, $\sigma = 0.0484$ N/m

Conclusion

- adjustable velocity profiles enable to adjust wave properties
- direct link between velocity profiles and models (compatibility conditions)
- useful alternative to CMA (less algebra)