



Viscous–inviscid interaction of a just detached planar liquid film near the Taylor–Culick speed: waves, blow-up, reversed-flow breakdown

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Publications

- Sch., B. & P. (JFM 850, 2018 & 926, 2021)
- Sch., B. & P. (JFM) & Sch. (QJMAM): submitted soon talk gives a taste

Motivation: fully detached inviscid free-surface layer

Outset: Taylor–Culick (TC) retraction speed $U_{\rm TC}$: "infinitely strong Marangoni effect"



Taylor (1959), Culick (1960), Keller (AXI, 1983)

Motivation: modes on detached layer - we found a further interpretation

Momentum-flux-based reciprocal Weber number

$$T = \frac{\tau}{J} \to 1/2-, \quad J = \rho \int_0^{h_0} U^2(z) \, \mathrm{d}z,$$

in high-Re & long-wave limit of steady planar sinusoidal perturbations



Linear inviscid waves, U = const: anomalous dispersion

$$(c-U)^{2} = \frac{\tau k}{\rho} \times \begin{cases} \coth(kh_{0}/2) \dots \text{ sinuous: } kh_{0} \to 0 \\ \tanh(kh_{0}/2) \dots \text{ varicose} \end{cases}$$

Squire (1953), Taylor (1959), Drazin & Reid (1981)



Asymptotic theory: 2-tiered interaction to include viscosity & gravity

Developed flow negotiating trailing edge



Least-degenerate limit: 2 control groups

$$T = \frac{\tau}{J} = O(1), \quad G = \frac{gh_0^3}{Q^2} \frac{1}{(\lambda^6 \epsilon^4)^{1/7}} = O(1)$$
$$Re = Q/\nu \to \infty, \quad \epsilon = (|T - 1|\lambda)^{1/2}/Re \to 0$$

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Lower-deck scalings & expansions: $X = \frac{1}{Re} \frac{\lambda^{5/7}}{\epsilon^{6/7}} \frac{x}{h_0} = O(1), \quad Z = \frac{\lambda^{4/7}}{\epsilon^{2/7}} \frac{z}{h_0} = O(1)$

$$\frac{\psi}{Q} \sim \frac{\epsilon^{4/7}}{\lambda^{1/7}} \Psi(X, Z), \quad \frac{p h_0^2}{\rho Q^2} \sim (\epsilon^4 \lambda^6)^{1/7} P(X), \quad \left[\frac{h_-}{h_0}, \frac{h_+}{h_0} - 1\right] \sim \frac{\epsilon^{2/7}}{\lambda^{4/7}} \left[H_-(X), H_+(X)\right]$$

Well-posed marching problem: $X \ge 0$, jet-type P/A law

$$\begin{split} \Psi_{Z}\Psi_{ZX} - \Psi_{X}\Psi_{ZZ} &= -P'(X) + \Psi_{ZZZ} \\ X > 0, \ Z = 0: \ \Psi = \Psi_{ZZ} = 0 \\ \Psi_{ZZ}(X,\infty) &= 1, \quad A(X) = \lim_{z \to \infty} (\Psi_{Z} - Z) \\ P &= C(G + SA''), \quad C = T/(2T - 1), \quad S = \operatorname{sgn}(T - 1) \\ \Psi_{0}(Z) &:= \Psi(0+, Z) = \Psi(0-, Z), \quad A'(0+) = A'(0-), \quad A''(0+) = -SG \ \Leftarrow \ P(0) = 0 \end{split}$$

Classification — streamline curvature vs. capillarity

$$P' = \sigma A''', \quad \sigma(T) = SC \begin{cases} > 0 & (0 < T < 1/2 \text{ or } T > 1) & \dots \text{ stabilising feedback: waves} \\ < 0 & (1/2 < T < 1) & \dots \text{ compressive/expansive} \\ = \mp \infty & (T = 1/2\pm) & \dots \text{ choking (cf. linear waves)} \\ = \pm 1 & (T = 1\pm) & \dots \text{ regular limits} \\ = 0 & (T = 1) & \dots \text{ choking (excluded)} \end{cases}$$

 $T \rightarrow 1/2-, A'' \rightarrow G$: wavelenght $\rightarrow \infty$, interaction condensed, layer "falls down"

Four fundamental detached-jet manifestations



upwards, non-wavy reversed-flow breakdown: 1/2 < T < 1

upwards, symmetric (varicose) modes, phase shift indefinite: 1 < T

cf. inviscid slender jets (Keller & Weitz 1957, Benilov 2023)

downwards, antisymmetric (sinuous) modes, self-consistent for all X: 0 < T < 1/2

Classification — numerical results: H-, H_++5 , P vs. X

Sinuous / "flapping" modes: supercritical



Super-exponential branching from separatrix: compressive flow reversal

VS.

expansive blow-up

Varicose / "sausage-type" modes: subcritical — fixing phase for X < 0?



Choking of a capillary wave & non-wavy breakdown: $\alpha = (4 | T - 1/2 |)^{1/7} \rightarrow 0$

P/A or interaction law

$$P = \frac{T}{2T-1} \left[G + \operatorname{sgn}(T-1)A'' \right]$$

entails least-degenerate distinguished limit (self-similarity) near condensed interaction:

Let first

$$0 < X \ll \alpha^{-3}.$$

Then the 2-term inviscid-flow expansion

 $\Psi = \Psi_0 + A(X) \Psi'_0 + \cdots, \quad [P, A] = O[X^{2/3}, \alpha^7 X^{8/3}], \quad Z \gg X^{1/3}$

collapses in Hakkinen-Rott near wake where

$$\Psi = O(Z^2), \quad Z = O(X^{1/3})$$

for

$$A \Psi_0' \sim \Psi_0$$
 or $Z \sim X^{1/3} \sim lpha^{-1}.$

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$$\begin{split} [\hat{X}, \hat{Z}, \hat{\Psi}, \hat{A}, \hat{P}, \hat{G}] &\sim \left[\alpha^{3} X, \, \alpha Z, \, \alpha^{2} \Psi, \, \alpha A, \alpha^{2} P, \, \alpha^{-5} G\right] = G \\ \hat{S} \hat{P} &= \hat{G} - \hat{A}'', \ \hat{S} = \text{sgn}(T - 1/2) \\ \hat{\Psi}(0, \hat{Z}) &= \hat{Z}^{2}/2, \ \hat{A}'(0) = 0, \ \hat{A}''(0) = \hat{G} \end{split}$$

$$\begin{split} \hat{S} &= -1 \colon \text{(cnoidal) waves } (\hat{G} \to \infty) \\ \hat{S} &= +1 \colon 4^{5/7} \hat{G} \begin{cases} < \varGamma \colon \text{flow reversal} & (\hat{X} \to \infty) \\ = \varGamma \colon \text{Goldstein far wake} & (\hat{X} \to \infty) \\ > \varGamma \colon \text{finite-} \hat{X} \text{ blow-up} \end{cases} \end{split}$$



WKBJ analysis for $X \to \infty$: recovers linear long-wave limit

$$\frac{\Psi}{X^{2/3}} = \underbrace{G(\eta)}_{\text{Goldstein wake}} + X^{\mu} \exp\left(\frac{6iK}{7}X^{7/6} + \cdots\right) \begin{bmatrix} \underline{f(\eta)} + \cdots \end{bmatrix} + c.c., \quad \eta = \frac{Z}{X^{1/3}}$$

Secularity conditions: wavenumber growth & amplitude decay

$$K = \frac{1}{\sqrt{I \sigma(T)}}, \quad I = \int_0^\infty \frac{\mathrm{d}\eta}{G'^2(\eta)} \approx 0.8525, \quad \mu = -\frac{5}{12} - \int_0^\infty \frac{Gf''/3 + f'''/2}{G'^2} \,\mathrm{d}\eta \approx -0.4704$$

WKBJ vs. numerical analysis: A(X) for $X \gg 1$, G = 0.2, T increased

Numerical trends confirm: amplitude $\rightarrow \infty$, $k_0 \rightarrow 0$ as $T \rightarrow 1/2-$ (choking)



Achievements & further outlook

Central results

- Surprisingly rich self-consistent theory of developed film passing plate edge
- ▶ T < 1/2, T > 1: nonlinear extension of stationary Squire–Taylor modes
- ▶ $T \sim T_{\rm TC} = 1/2$, $T \sim 1$: choking
- ▶ 1/2 < T < 1: breakdowns by flow reversal or blow-up

To-dos

- Regularise: breakdowns, $T \sim 1$
- Unsteadiness & stability
- Axial-symmetry breaking in pipe exit problem
- Careful experiments!

Thanks for your attention!