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On some finite and infinite-time free-surface singularities



2D Rayleigh–Taylor instability

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$$A_T = \frac{\rho_h - \rho_l}{\rho_h + \rho_l} = 1$$

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$$t = T(s)\sqrt{gk}$$

- (x,y) = (X,Y)k
- $\varphi = \phi \sqrt{k^3/g}$
- Bubble velocity : $\sqrt{g/3k}$



Theory

- Free surface : $y = \alpha(x, t)$
- Euler equations : $\frac{d\mathbf{U}}{dt} = -\nabla P + \mathbf{e}_{\mathbf{y}}, \qquad \mathbf{U} = (u, v), \qquad u_x + v_y = 0$

• Kinematic condition :
$$\frac{\partial \alpha(x,t)}{\partial t} + u \frac{\partial \alpha(x,t)}{\partial x} = v$$

• In the spike, quasi-parallel flow :

$$v v_y \sim 1 \Rightarrow v \sim \sqrt{2y} \Rightarrow y_p \sim \frac{1}{2}t^2$$

Theory

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$$v \sim \sqrt{2y} \Rightarrow u \sim -\frac{x}{\sqrt{2y}}$$

•
$$\frac{\partial \alpha(x,t)}{\partial t} - \frac{x}{\sqrt{2\alpha(x,t)}} \frac{\partial \alpha(x,t)}{\partial x} = \sqrt{2\alpha(x,t)}$$

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$$\gamma(x,t) \ll t/2 \implies \alpha(x,t) = t(\frac{t}{2} - \gamma(x,t)).$$

• Self-similar solution :
$$\gamma(x,t) = \theta(xt)$$
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•
$$v(x, y, t) = \sqrt{2(y + f(x, y, t))}, \qquad f(x, y, t) \ll y$$

•
$$\alpha(x,t) = \frac{t^2}{2} - t\theta(xt), \qquad \kappa = t^3\theta''(0), \qquad \frac{d^2y_s}{dt^2} = 1 + \frac{2}{t^5\theta''(0)}$$

Boundary integral method



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$$\Delta \varphi = 0$$

- Boundary conditions : $\frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial t} = -\frac{1}{2} (\nabla \varphi)^2 + y, \qquad \frac{d\mathbf{x}}{dt} \cdot \mathbf{n} = \nabla \varphi \cdot \mathbf{n}$
- Complex potential : $\beta(z) = \varphi + i\psi$, Complex velocity : $\frac{d\beta}{dz} = u iv$

Boundary integral method





- Conformal map : $\zeta = f(z) = e^{-iz}$
- $\gamma(\zeta) = \beta(f(z))$
- Cauchy theorem : $Im\left(\int_{\mathcal{C}} \frac{\gamma(\zeta)}{\zeta-\zeta_e} dz\right) = 0$

$$y_s \sim \frac{1}{2}g(t-t_0)^2$$



Vertical position of the spike as a function of time



Spike curvature as a function of time in a log-log plot

Self-similar profiles : $x \sim 1/t \text{, } y \sim t$



Left : Rescaled profiles. Right : Successive profiles.





Overshoot in acceleration as a function of time in a log-log plot.

General theory

• $\Delta \varphi = 0$

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$$\varphi = \varphi_0(z,t) + x^2 \varphi_2(z,t) + y^2 \varphi'_2(z,t)$$

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$$\Rightarrow \varphi = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{\dot{a}}{a} x^2 + \frac{\dot{b}}{b} y^2 + \frac{\dot{c}}{c} z^2 \right)$$

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$$\Delta \varphi = 0 \Rightarrow abc = M$$

•
$$-2p = 2\varphi_t + \varphi_x^2 + \varphi_y^2 + \varphi_z^2 + f(t) = 0$$

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$$\frac{d}{dt}(-2p) = (\partial_t + \nabla \varphi \cdot \nabla)(-2p) = 0$$

• Dirichlet hyperboloid :
$$-\frac{x^2}{a^2} - \frac{y^2}{b^2} + \frac{h^2(x,y,t)}{c^2} = 1$$



General theory

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$$c(t) = c_0 t - \frac{M}{8c_0^2 t^2} + o(t^{-2})$$

• In 3D :
$$\kappa_0 = 2\partial_{xx}h(0,0,t) = 2\frac{c}{a^2} = 2\frac{c^2}{M} \sim 2\frac{t^2}{M}$$

•
$$a_t = \partial_{tt} h(0, 0, t) = \ddot{c} = g - \frac{3M}{4t^4} + o(t^{-4})$$

• In 2D :
$$\kappa_0 = \partial_{xx} h(0,t) = \frac{c^3}{M^2} \sim \frac{t^3}{M^2}$$

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$$a_t|_{R'} = g - \frac{2M^2}{t^5} + o(t^{-5})$$

2D Richtmyer–Meshkov instability



Successive profiles

Curvature and acceleration



Self-similar profiles



Left : Successive profiles. Right : Rescaled profiles and self-similar curve.

Comparison with experiments?



Antkowiak, A., Bremond, N., Le Dizèse, S. & Villermaux, E., 2007 Short-term dynamics of a density interface following an impact. *J. Fluid. Mech.* **577**, 241–250.

RTI in ICF



2D ablation front

 X_f la coordonnée du front d'ablation Φ le potentiel de vitesse et on a $\Phi_+ = \theta$

$X < X_f$	$\Delta \Phi_{-} = 0$
X→-∞	$\Phi_{-}=0$

 $g \downarrow \Phi_{-} \qquad Y \\ \Phi_{+} \qquad X = X_{f}$

$$\frac{\partial \Phi_{-}}{\partial \tau} + \frac{1}{2} (\vec{\nabla} \Phi_{-})^{2} + \frac{1}{2} (\vec{\nabla} \Phi_{+})^{2} - X_{f} = 0$$
$$\frac{dX_{f}}{d\tau} = \nabla \vec{\Phi}_{-} \cdot \vec{e}_{x} \text{ et } \frac{dY_{f}}{d\tau} = \nabla \vec{\Phi}_{-} \cdot \vec{e}_{y}$$
$$\Phi_{+} = 0$$

Nouveaux termes par rapport à Rayleigh-Taylor pur (At=1)

Almarcha, Clavin, Duchemin, Sanz JFM 2007 Clavin, Almarcha C.R. Méc 2005



Influence of the wave number



Different shapes for k = 0.1, 0.5 and 0.9 (from left to right)

Streamlines in the hot gas



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Finite-time curvature singularity



Scalings around the singularity



Rescaled curvature



Lack of symmetry in the scalings : hypothesis

- $\Delta \varphi = 0$, but x and y scale differently. Possible issue : different self-similar order for x en y (or s and n).
- Second type singularity/self-similar solution.
- Numerical accuracy $\Rightarrow 3^{rd}$ degree interpolation of the complex potential.