

# PRIMARY ATOMIZATION UNDER THE SIMULTANEOUS ACTION OF RAYLEIGH-TAYLOR AND KELVIN-HELMHOLTZ MECHANISMS

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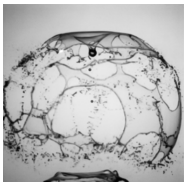
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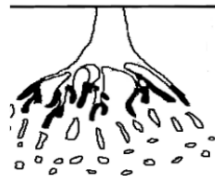
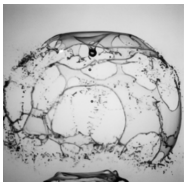
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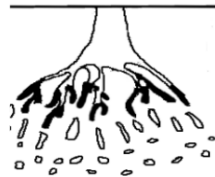
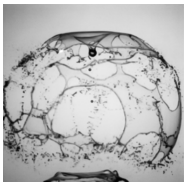
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# PRIMARY ATOMIZATION

- Acceleration at a two fluid interface

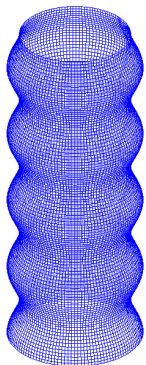
Accelerating inwards

Accelerating outwards

# DESTABILIZATION

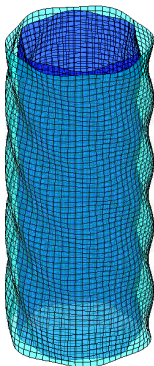
## K-H mechanism

Single interface



Yang, 1992

Annular interface



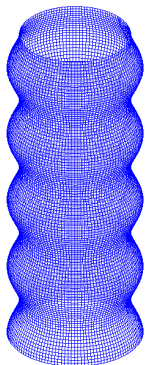
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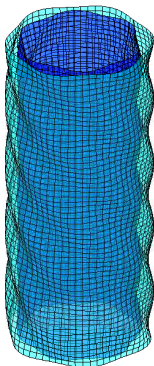
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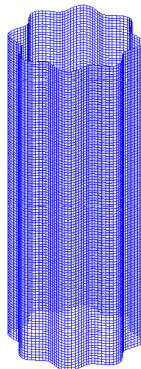
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## R-T mechanism

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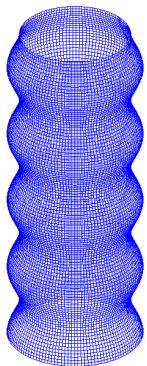
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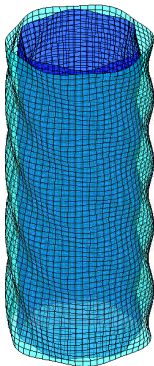
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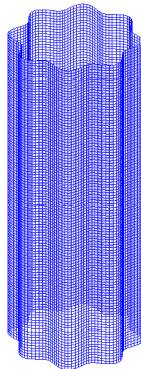
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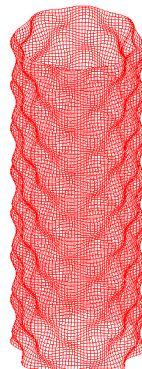
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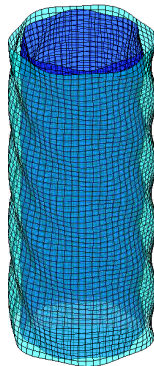
## R-T-K-H mechanisms

Single interface



Present study

Annular interface



Present study

$$We = \frac{\rho_1(\Delta W)^2 R}{\sigma}$$

$$Bo = \frac{\Delta \rho \tilde{R} R^2}{\sigma}$$

$$Bo + We??$$

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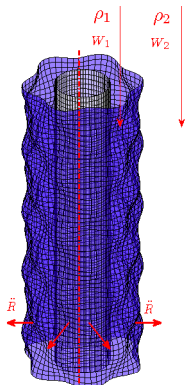
## ASSUMPTIONS

- Inviscid
- Incompressible
- Immiscible
- Non-evaporating

## SINGLE INTERFACE

## MEAN FLOW DESCRIPTION

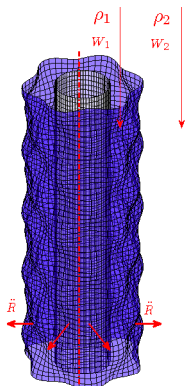
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GE:

$$\nabla^2 \phi_j = 0 \quad (2)$$

KBC:

$$\left. \frac{\partial \phi_j}{\partial r} \right|_{r=r_{sj}} = \frac{\partial r_s}{\partial t} + W_j \frac{\partial r_s}{\partial z}; \quad j = 1, 2 \quad (3)$$

DBC:

$$p_1 - p_2 = \sigma \kappa \quad (4)$$

$$p_j(r, t) = P_j(t) - \rho_j \left[ \frac{\partial \phi_j}{\partial t} + \frac{1}{2} |\nabla \phi_j|^2 \right] \quad (5)$$

## RADIAL MOTION

## MEAN FLOW DESCRIPTION

$$\Phi_j(r, z) = W_j z + R_0 \dot{R}_0 \ln \left( \frac{r}{R_\infty} \right); \quad j = 1, 2$$

- Cross sectional area of each fluid is constant in time

$$R_0 \dot{R}_0 = R_1 \dot{R}_1 \quad (6)$$

$$\dot{R}_0^2 + R_0 \ddot{R}_0 = \dot{R}_1^2 + R_1 \ddot{R}_1 \quad (7)$$

# LINEAR STABILITY ANALYSIS

$$r_{sj}(\theta, z, t) = R_j(t) + a_j e^{(\omega t + ikz + im\theta)} \quad (8)$$

## FROZEN FLOW APPROXIMATION

$$a_j(t) \ll R_j(t)$$

$$\dot{a}_j(t) \gg \dot{R}_j(t)$$

$$\ddot{a}_j(t) \gg \ddot{R}_j(t)$$

$$\phi_j = \Phi_j(r, z) + \phi_j'(r) e^{(\omega t + ikz + im\theta)} \quad (9)$$

Movement of the interface

$$\nabla^2 \phi_j = 0 \quad (10)$$

Growth of the disturbance

## DISPERSION RELATION - SINGLE INTERFACE

$$|A| = 0$$

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} A_{11} & 0 & \omega + ikW_1 + \frac{\dot{R}}{R} \\ 0 & kK'_m(kR) & \omega + ikW_2 + \frac{\dot{R}}{R} \\ \rho_1 A_{31} & -\rho_2 A_{32} & A_{33} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$A_{11} = I'_m(kR)K'_m(kR_0) - K'_m(kR)I'_m(kR_0)$$

$$A_{31} = -(\omega + ikW_1)B_1 - \dot{R}A_{11}$$

$$A_{32} = (\omega + ikW_2)K_m(kR) - \dot{R}kK'_m(kR)$$

$$A_{33} = (\rho_1 - \rho_2)\ddot{R} - \frac{\sigma}{R^2}(1 - m^2 - k^2R^2)$$

$$B_1 = (I_m(kR)K'_m(kR_0) + K_m(kR)I'_m(kR_0))$$

$I'_m(x)$  and  $K'_m(x)$  are the first derivatives of  $I_m(x)$  and  $K_m(x)$  with respect to its argument.



## DISPERSION RELATION - ANNULAR INTERFACE

$$|A| = 0$$

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} -kI'_m(kR_i) & kK'_m(kR_i) & 0 & 0 & 0 & A_{16} & 0 \\ kI'_m(kR_0) & -kK'_m(kR_0) & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & kK'_m(kR_o) & 0 & 0 & 0 & A_{37} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -kI'_m(kR_i) & kK'_m(kR_i) & A_{46} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -kI'_m(kR_o) & kK'_m(kR_o) & 0 & A_{57} \\ A_{61} & 0 & 0 & A_{64} & A_{65} & A_{66} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & A_{73} & A_{74} & A_{75} & 0 & A_{77} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$A_{16} = \omega + ikW_i + \frac{\dot{R}_i}{R_i}; A_{37} = \omega + ikW_o + \frac{\dot{R}_o}{R_o}; A_{46} = \omega + ikW_l + \frac{\dot{R}_i}{R_i}$$

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## DISPERSION RELATION

## NON-DIMENSIONAL DISPERSION RELATION

$$\mathcal{D}(\omega, k, m) := \mathcal{G}_2 \omega^2 + \mathcal{G}_1 \omega + \mathcal{G}_0 = 0 \quad (\text{Single interface})$$

$$\mathcal{D}(\omega, k, m) := \mathcal{F}_4 \omega^4 + \mathcal{F}_3 \omega^3 + \mathcal{F}_2 \omega^2 + \mathcal{F}_1 \omega + \mathcal{F}_0 = 0 \quad (\text{Annular interface})$$

$$R_m = R_1; \quad \alpha = \frac{R_0}{R_m} = 10^{-2}; \quad \omega = \omega \sqrt{\frac{\sigma}{\rho R_m^3}}; \quad k = k R_m;$$

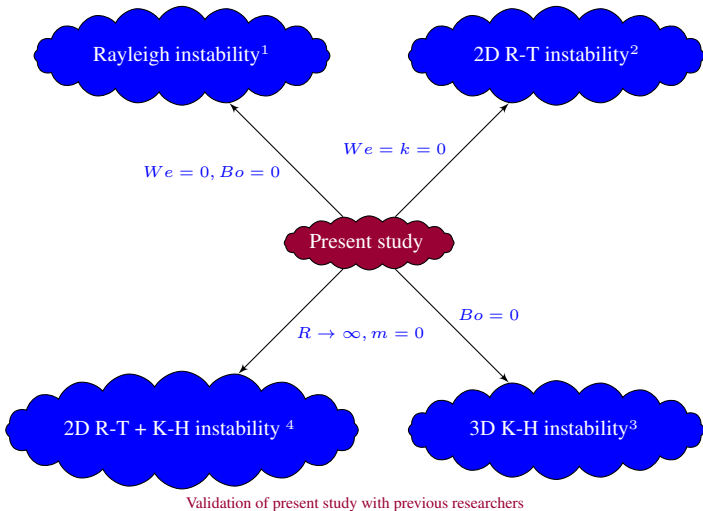
$\rho = \max(\rho_1, \rho_2)$  and  $\rho_1 > \rho_2$  for single interface,

$$Bo = \frac{(\rho_2 - \rho_1) \ddot{R} R_m^2}{\sigma} \quad We = \frac{\rho_1 (W_1 - W_2)^2 R_m}{\sigma} \quad Q = \frac{\rho_2}{\rho_1} = 10^{-3}$$

$\rho_{1(i)} < \rho_{2(l)} > \rho_{3(o)}$  for an annular interface,  $j = i, o(1, 3), 2 = l$

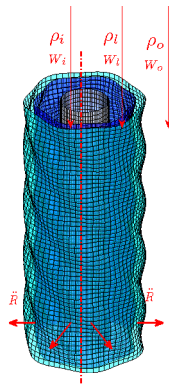
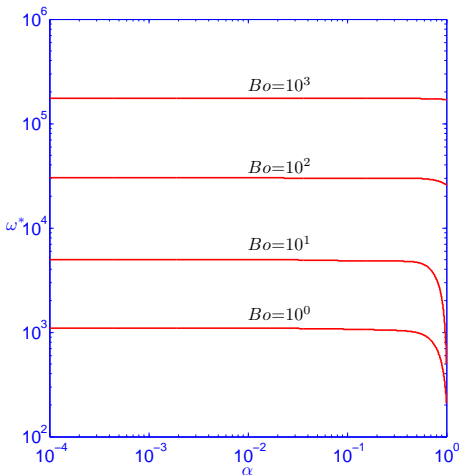
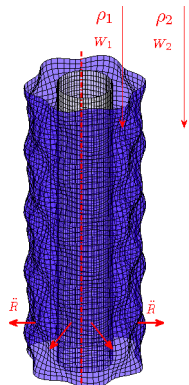
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## LIMITING CASES



<sup>1</sup>Rayleigh,1878, <sup>2</sup>Chen et al,1997, <sup>3</sup>Yang,1992, <sup>4</sup>Chandrasekhar ,1961

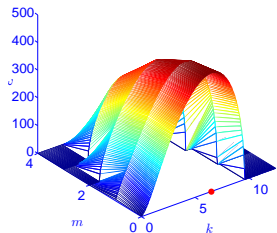
## INFLUENCE OF 'INNER' WALL



- Inner wall does not affect the stability characteristics

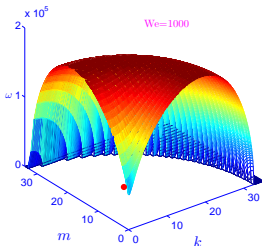
## RESULTS - DISPERSION DIAGRAMS (SINGLE INTERFACE)

Taylor mode  
 $(k^* > 0, m^* = 0)$   
 $Bo = 0, We = 1200$



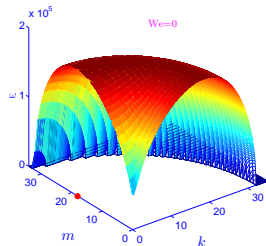
$$\mathcal{L}^* = \frac{2\pi}{k^*}$$

Helical mode  
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 $Bo = 1000, We = 1000$



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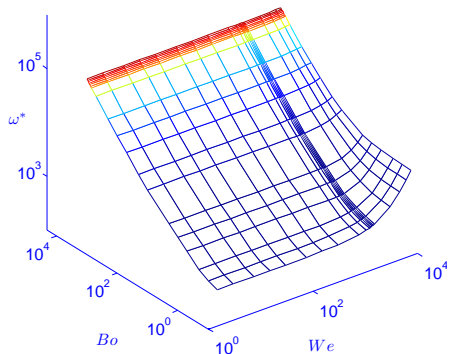
Flute mode  
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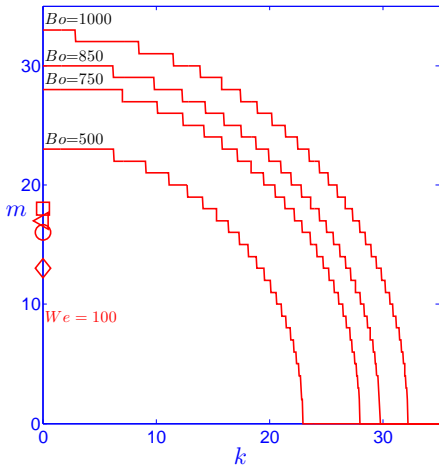
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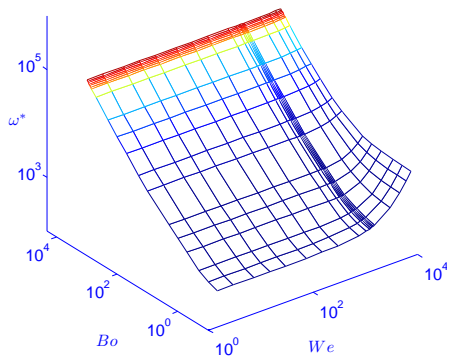
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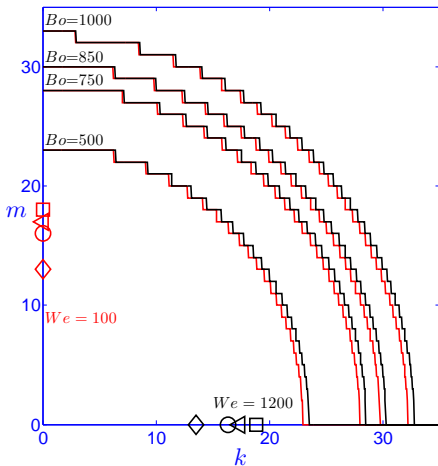
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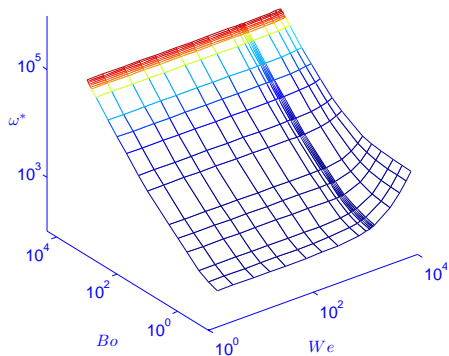
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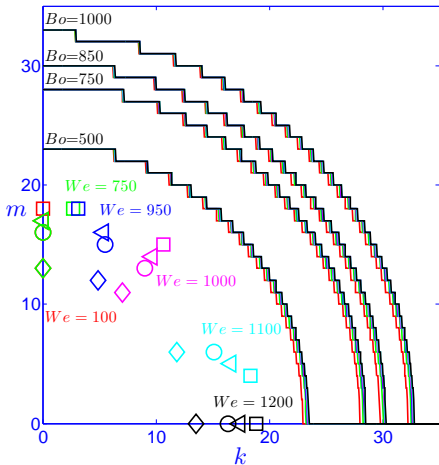
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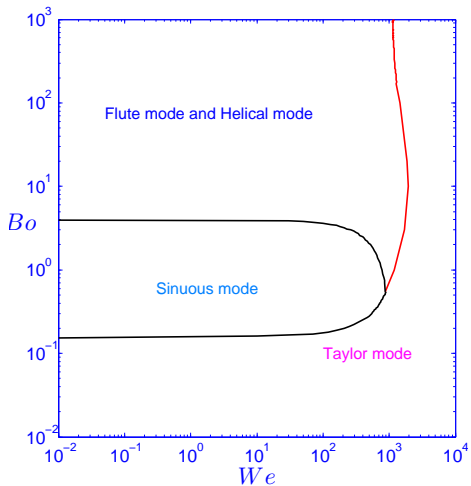
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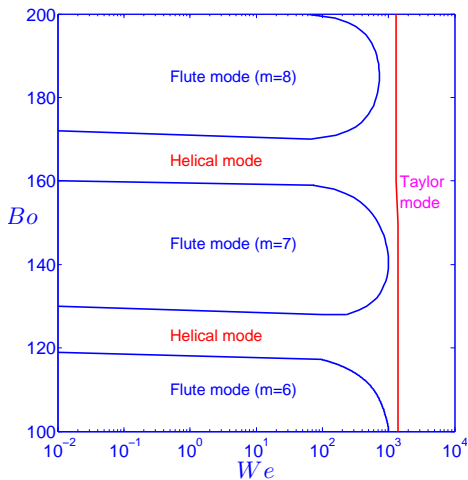
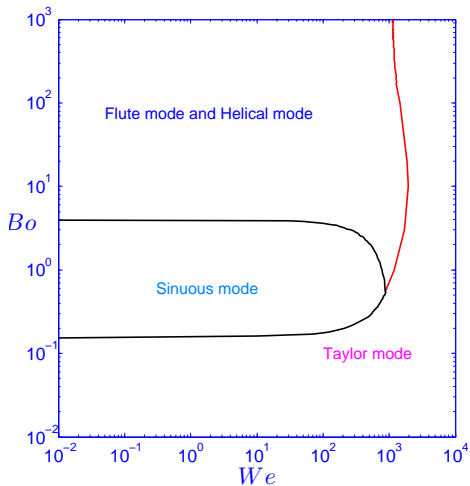
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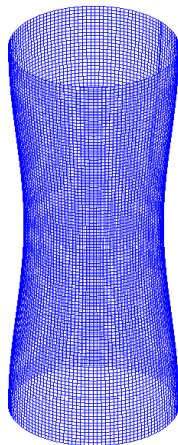
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- Shortwave helical wavelength ( $800 < We < 1200$ )

R-T-K-H SINGLE INTERFACE-ENERGY BUDGET ( $Bo + We = 1200$ )

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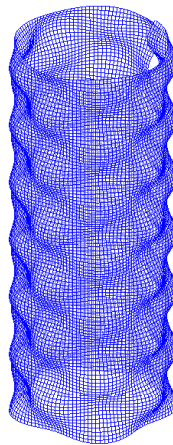


$$Bo = 0, We = 1200$$

$$(k^* = 1.105, m^* = 0)$$

$$\mathcal{L}^* = 5.6$$

Helical mode

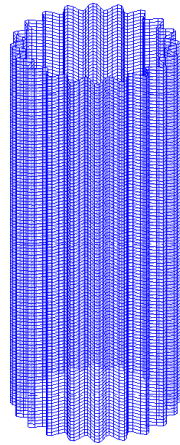


$$Bo = 200, We = 1000$$

$$(k^* = 4.51, m^* = 7)$$

$$\mathcal{L}^* = 0.19$$

Flute mode



$$Bo = 1200, We = 0$$

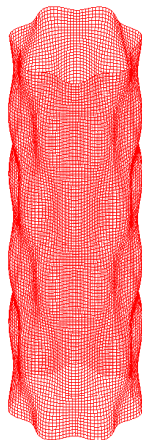
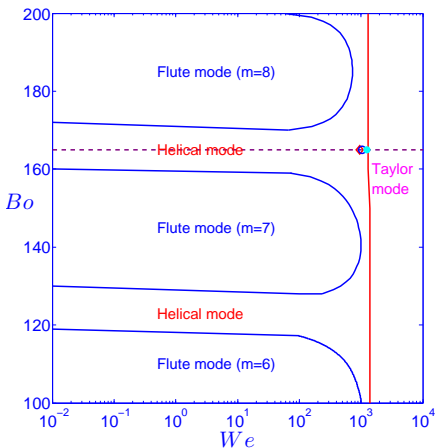
$$(k^* = 0, m^* = 20)$$

$$\mathcal{L}^* = 0.31$$

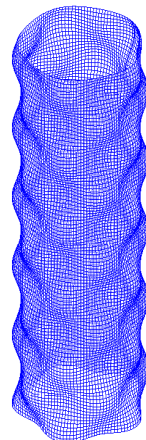
## ENERGY BUDGET

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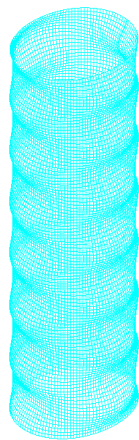
$$R\mathcal{E}/\sigma = Bo + We$$

R-T-K-H SINGLE INTERFACE-LENGTH SCALES ( $Bo = 165$ )

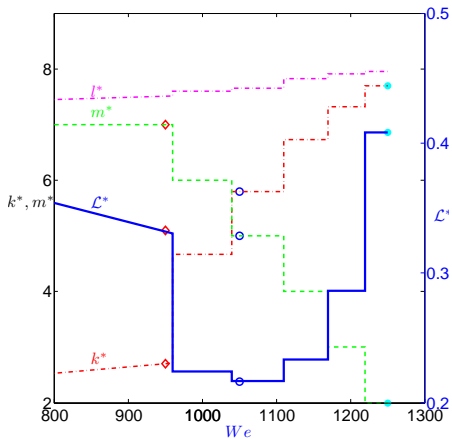
$Bo = 165,$   
 $We = 950$   
 $(k^* = 2.7,$   
 $m^* = 7)$   
 $\mathcal{L}^* = 0.33$



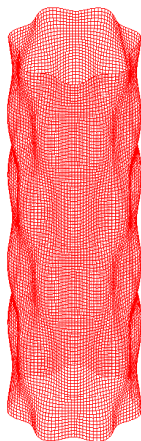
$Bo = 165,$   
 $We = 1050$   
 $(k^* = 5.8,$   
 $m^* = 5)$   
 $\mathcal{L}^* = 0.21$



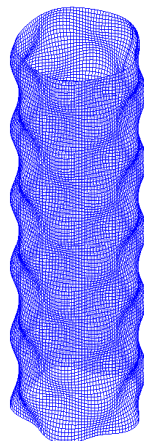
$Bo = 165,$   
 $We = 1250$   
 $(k^* = 7.7,$   
 $m^* = 2)$   
 $\mathcal{L}^* = 0.40$

R-T-K-H SINGLE INTERFACE-LENGTH SCALES ( $Bo = 165$ )

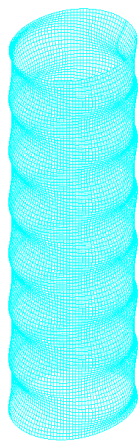
- Optimum  $We$  occurs when  $k^* \approx m^*$



$Bo = 165,$   
 $We = 950$   
 $(k^* = 2.7,$   
 $m^* = 7)$   
 $\mathcal{L}^* = 0.33$



$Bo = 165,$   
 $We = 1050$   
 $(k^* = 5.8,$   
 $m^* = 5)$   
 $\mathcal{L}^* = 0.21$



$Bo = 165,$   
 $We = 1250$   
 $(k^* = 7.7,$   
 $m^* = 2)$   
 $\mathcal{L}^* = 0.40$

## COMBINED R-T-K-H INSTABILITIES OF A CYLINDRICAL INTERFACE - SUMMARY

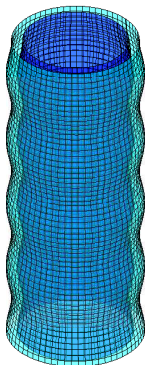
- Neutral stability and growth rate are influenced by Bond number
- Deformation mode is influenced mostly by Weber number
- Optimum Weber number exists for a given Bond number
- Radial acceleration ( $Bo$ ) based destabilization is significantly more efficient than shear induced ( $We$ ) destabilization.

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$$Bo = \frac{(\rho_i - \rho_l) \ddot{R}_i R_m^2}{\sigma} \quad We_j = \frac{\rho_l (W_j - W_l)^2 R_m}{\sigma} \quad Q_j = \frac{\rho_j}{\rho_l} = 10^{-3} \quad \lambda = \frac{R_i}{R_0} = 0.98;$$

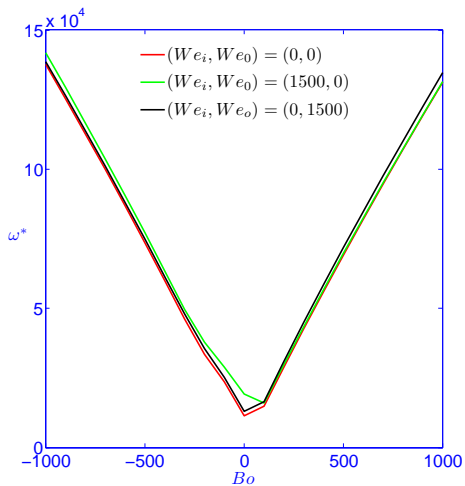
Accelerating inwards



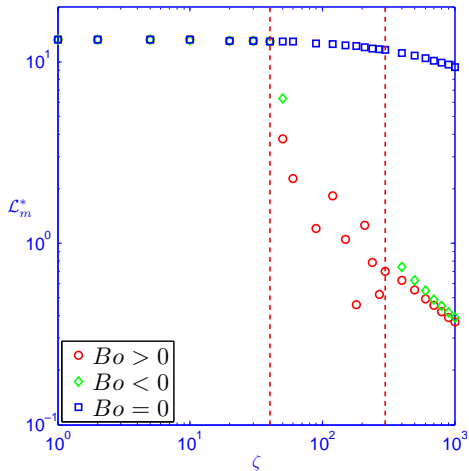
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## ANNULAR INTERFACE

Growth rate



- $|Bo|$  is significant

 $Bo + We_i + We_o = \xi$ 

- $|Bo|$  occupies 90 percent of the  $\xi$

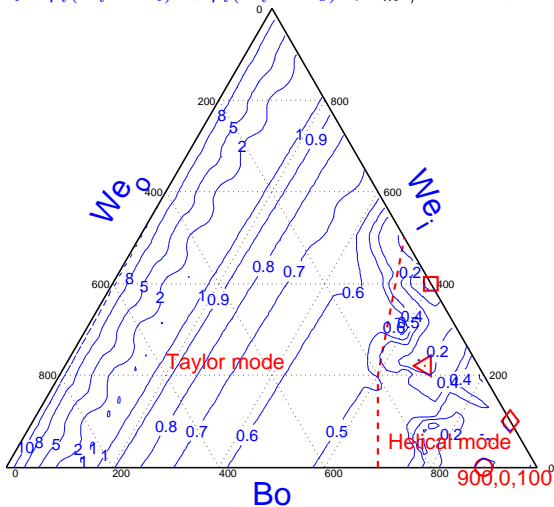


ANNULAR INTERFACE,  $Bo + We_i + We_o = \xi = 1000$ 

$$\epsilon = (\rho_i - \rho_l)R_m \ddot{R}_i + \rho_l(W_l - W_i)^2 + \rho_l(W_l - W_o)^2; R_m \epsilon / \sigma = Bo + We_i + We_o = \xi$$

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- Highest Bond number yields lowest length scale

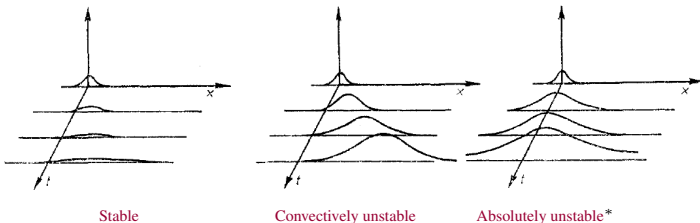
## COMBINED R-T-K-H INSTABILITIES OF AN ANNULAR INTERFACE - SUMMARY

- Neutral stability and growth rate are influenced by Bond number
- Deformation mode is influenced mostly by Weber number
- Radial acceleration ( $Bo$ ) based destabilization is significantly more efficient than shear induced ( $We_j$ ) destabilization.
- **A novel principle of primary atomization is proposed**

## ABSOLUTE/CONVECTIVE INSTABILITY

## ABSOLUTE AND CONVECTIVE INSTABILITY

- If the disturbances spread both upstream and downstream
- If the disturbances are swept downstream or upstream



\* Huerre et al, 1990.

## BRIGGS-BERS CRITERIA

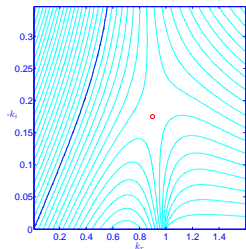
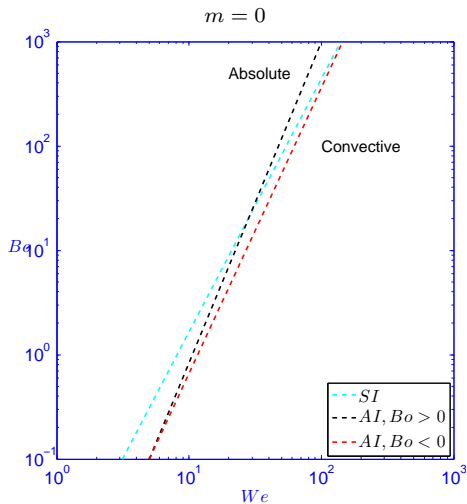
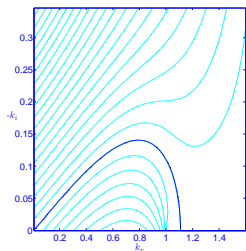
$$D_m(k_o, \omega_o) = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial D_m}{\partial k}(k_o, \omega_o) = 0$$

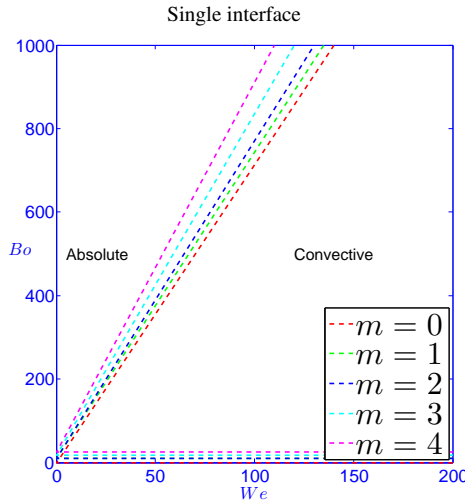
$$\frac{\partial^2 D_m}{\partial k^2}(k_o, \omega_o) \neq 0$$

Briggs (1964) Bers (1975)

## ABSOLUTE/CONVECTIVE INSTABILITY

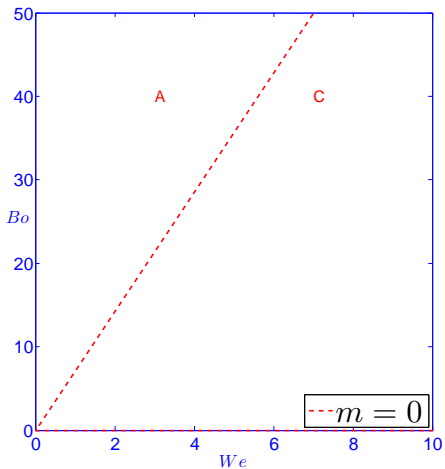
Absolutely unstable ( $We = 1, Bo = 0, Q = 10^{-3}$ )Convectively unstable ( $We = 4, Bo = 0, Q = 10^{-3}$ )

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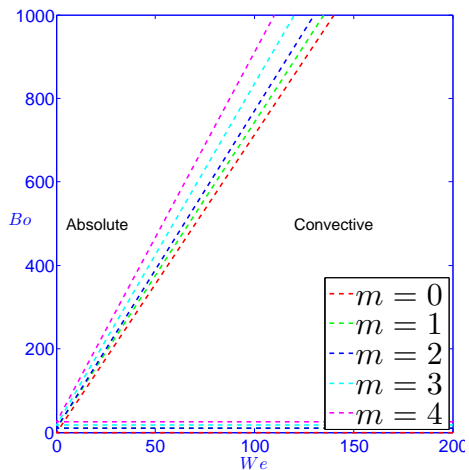


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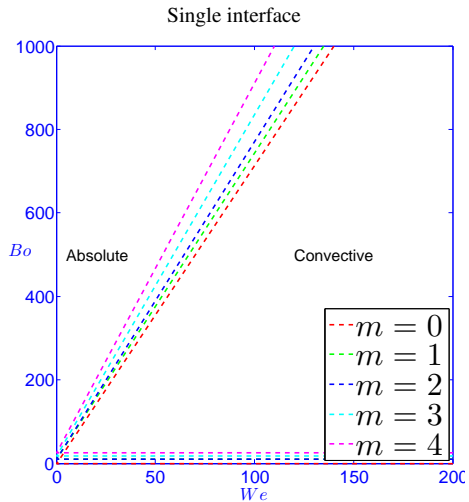
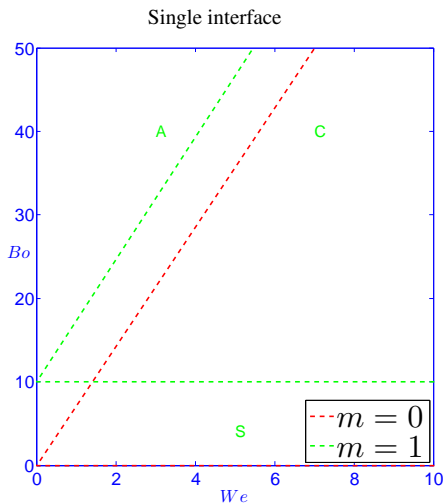
Single interface



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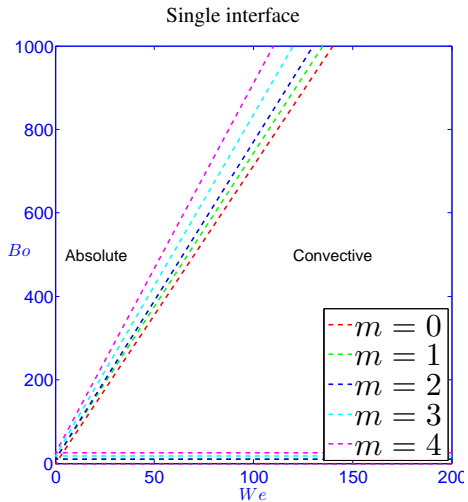
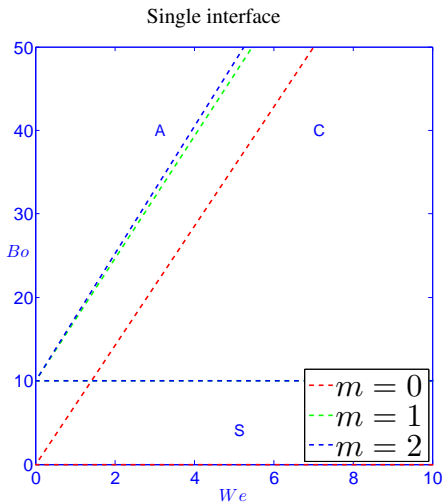


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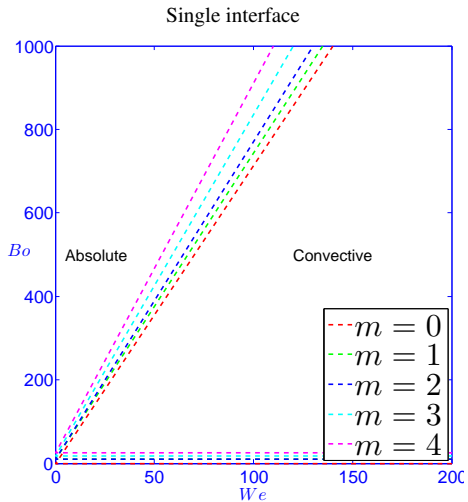
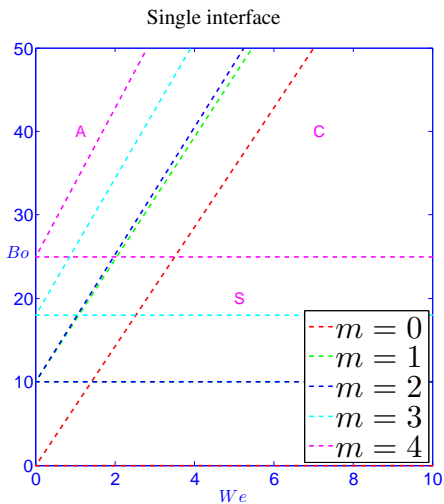




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## SUMMARY

## COMBINED R-T-K-H INSTABILITIES

- Helical modes (Ligaments) are observed
- Radial acceleration based destabilization is significantly more efficient than shear induced destabilization.
- A novel principle of primary atomization is proposed.
- Nature of absolute convective transition is identified.

