

# MESOSCALE TRANSPORT AND RHEOLOGY

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## 2 Multiple scales and their decoupling

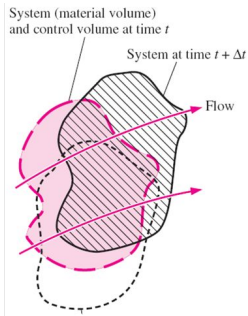
Microscopic Laws

Mesosopic Lawlessness  
(cf. R. Laughlin)

Macroscopic Laws

Often it is not clear how to decouple time and length scales.

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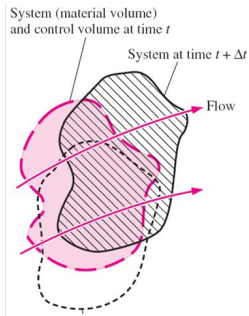
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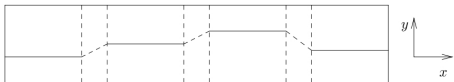
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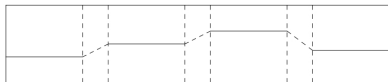
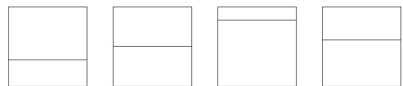
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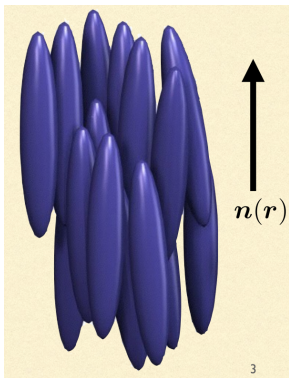
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$$E[\hat{\mathbf{n}}(\mathbf{x})] = \frac{1}{2} \int d\mathbf{x} K_{ijkl} (\partial_i n_j) (\partial_k n_l)$$

$$Td(\rho s) = \dots - h_{ij} d(\partial_j n_i)$$

$$h_{ij} = \left( \frac{\partial E}{\partial(\partial_j n_i)} \right)_{\rho, s, \mathbf{g}_i} = K_{jikl} \partial_k n_l$$

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**Structural stresses** - Legendre transform

$$df = \dots + g_i dv_i + \varphi d(\partial_i \xi_i)$$

Reversible stresses (low frequency/quasistatic) follow from Maxwell relation

$$\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial(\partial_j \xi_j) \partial v_i} = \frac{\partial g_i}{\partial(\partial_j \xi_j)} \quad \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial v_i \partial(\partial_i \xi_i)} = \frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial v_i}$$

$$\underbrace{\frac{\partial \dot{g}_i}{\partial(\partial_j \xi_j)}}_{\text{Reversible force}} = \underbrace{\frac{\partial \dot{\varphi}}{\partial v_i}}_{\text{Advection}} \quad \partial_t \varphi + \mathbf{v} \cdot \nabla \varphi = \dots$$

## Ginzburg Landau type

$$\mathcal{F} = \frac{1}{2} \int d\mathbf{x} \left[ K |\nabla\psi|^2 + g(\psi) \right] \quad \partial_t\psi + v_i\partial_i\psi = L\nabla^2 \frac{\delta\mathcal{F}}{\delta\psi}$$

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## Oriental order

$$\frac{\partial \dot{g}_i}{\partial (\partial_j h_{kj})} = \frac{\partial \dot{n}_k}{\partial v_i}$$

$$\partial_t n_k - \lambda_{kij} \partial_i v_j + \mathbf{X}_k^D = 0, \quad \frac{\partial \dot{n}_k}{\partial v_i} = \lambda_{kmi} \partial_m \delta(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}')$$

$$\partial_t g_i + \partial_i p - \partial_l \lambda_{mli} \partial_n h_{mn} = \partial_j \sigma_{ij}^D$$

# CONTINUUM MECHANICS

$$s = s(\mathbf{e}, \rho, \varphi, \partial_i \varphi) \quad \dot{s} = \dots - \frac{\sigma_{ij} - p\delta_{ij}}{T} \partial_i v_j - \frac{\xi_i}{T} (\partial_i \dot{\varphi}) - \frac{\mu_\varphi}{T} \dot{\varphi}$$

$$(\partial_i \dot{\varphi}) = \partial_i \dot{\varphi} - (\partial_i v_j)(\partial_j \varphi)$$

$$\dot{s} = \dots - \frac{\sigma_{ij} - p\delta_{ij} - \xi_i \partial_j \varphi}{T} \partial_i v_j + \partial_i (J_i^\varphi - \varphi v_i) \left( \frac{\mu_\varphi}{T} - \partial_i \frac{\xi_i}{T} \right)$$

Reversible stress when entropy/free energy depends on gradients of order parameter

# CAHN-HILLIARD FLUID

Non classical stress:

$$(\sigma_{ij})^R = p\delta_{ij} + \xi_i\partial_j\varphi$$

so that (Ginzburg-Landau)

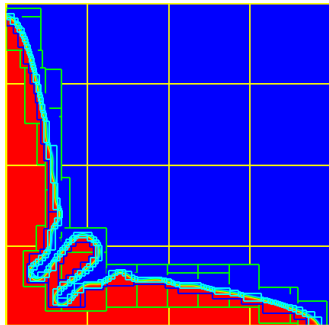
$$\partial_j(\sigma_{ij})^R = \partial_i p + K(\nabla^2\psi)\partial_i\psi$$

- High order in gradients - negligible except at interfaces.
- In the limit of a sharp interface

$$K(\nabla^2\psi)\partial_i\psi \simeq K|\nabla\psi|^2\kappa\hat{\mathbf{n}} \simeq \sigma\kappa\delta(\zeta)\hat{\mathbf{n}}$$

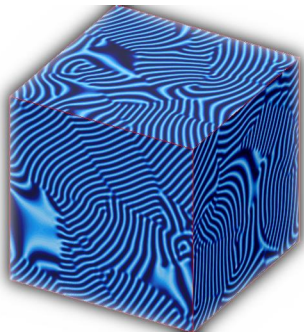
$$\sigma = K \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dz \left( \frac{d\psi_0}{dz} \right)^2$$

Normal stress discontinuity at the interface.



# RHEOLOGY - UNIAXIAL FLUID

$$\mathcal{F} = \int d\mathbf{x} \left\{ \frac{1}{2} \left[ (\mathbf{q}_0^2 + \nabla^2) \psi \right]^2 - \frac{\epsilon}{2} \psi^2 + \frac{g}{4} \psi^4 \right\} \quad \partial_t \psi + v_i \partial_i \psi = -L \frac{\delta \mathcal{F}}{\delta \psi}$$



$$\psi_0(\mathbf{x}) = \epsilon^{1/2} A_0 \cos(\mathbf{q}_0 \cdot \mathbf{x}) + \dots$$

Reversible stress

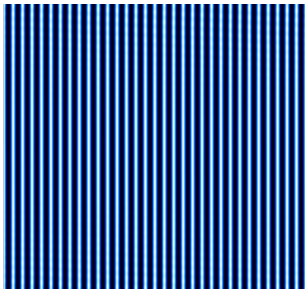
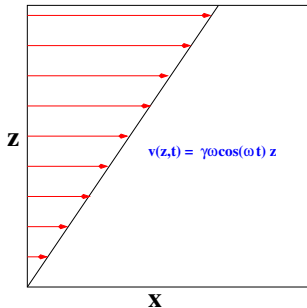
$$\psi(\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{u}(\mathbf{x})) = \psi(\mathbf{x}), \quad \sigma_{ij} = \frac{\delta \mathcal{F}}{\delta (\partial_i u_j)}$$

$$\sigma_{ij} = \left[ \partial_i (\mathbf{q}_0^2 + \nabla^2) \psi \right] \partial_j \psi - \left[ (\mathbf{q}_0^2 + \nabla^2) \psi \right] \partial_i \partial_j \psi$$

Complex modulus

$$\sigma_{ij}(\mathbf{k}, \omega) = G_{ijkl}(\mathbf{k}, \omega) \gamma_{kl}(\mathbf{k}, \omega) \quad G_{ijkl}(\mathbf{k}, \omega) = G'_{ijkl}(\mathbf{k}, \omega) + i G''_{ijkl}(\mathbf{k}, \omega)$$

## Order parameter relaxation causes viscoelastic response



$$G' = \frac{4\epsilon}{3} (2q_x^2 q_z^2 + \mathcal{O}(\gamma^2))$$

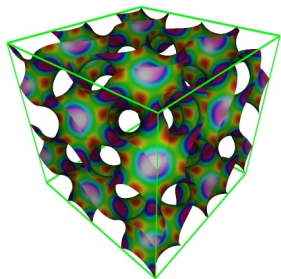
$$G'' = \frac{32\epsilon\gamma^2}{3} q_x^4 q_z^4 \frac{\omega}{\epsilon^2 + \omega^2}$$



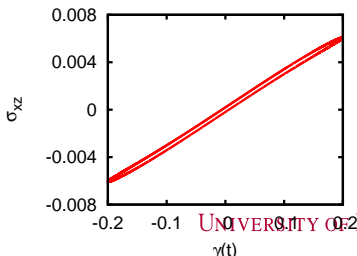
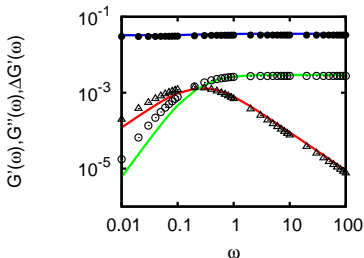
# GYROID - PERIODIC MINIMAL SURFACE (Ia $\bar{3}d$ )

$$\psi(\mathbf{r}) = \bar{\psi} + \left[ \sum_{j=1}^{12} A_j e^{i\mathbf{q}_j \cdot \mathbf{r}} + \sum_{k=1}^6 B_k e^{i\mathbf{p}_k \cdot \mathbf{r}} + \text{c.c.} \right]$$

with 18 reciprocal lattice vectors with  $q^2 = 3p^2/4 \neq 1$ .

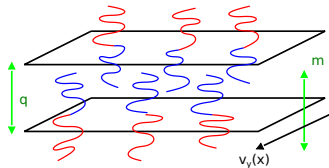


$$G' = \sum_{j=1}^8 \Gamma_j \left[ \frac{(\omega/\lambda_j)^2}{1 + (\omega/\lambda_j)^2} - 1 \right] + 8q_0^2 \left( \phi_a^2 + \frac{2}{3}\phi_b^2 \right), \quad G'' = \sum_{j=1}^8 \Gamma_j \left[ \frac{\omega/\lambda_j}{1 + (\omega/\lambda_j)^2} \right]$$

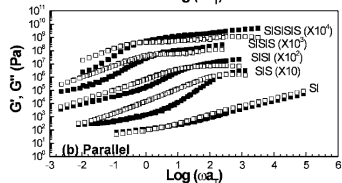
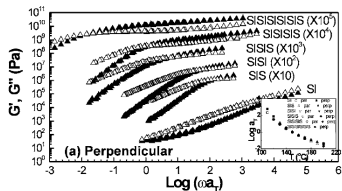
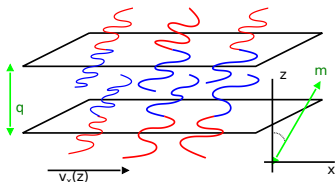


# BLOCK COPOLYMER RHEOLOGY

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Parallel Orientation



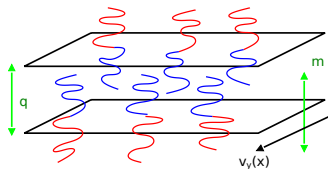
[L. Wu, T.P. Lodge, and F. Bates, *J. Rheol.* **49**, 1231 (2005)]

$$G_{ijkl}(t) = G_{11}(t)q_i q_j q_k q_l + G_4(t)(\delta_{ik}\delta_{jl} + \delta_{il}\delta_{jk}) + G_{56}(t) \left[ q_i(q_k\delta_{jl} + q_l\delta_{kj}) + q_j(q_k\delta_{il} + q_l\delta_{ki}) \right]$$

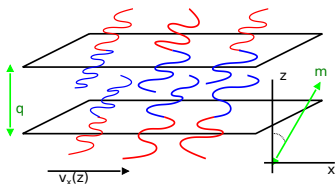
Perpendicular  $G_4$ . Parallel  $G_4 + G_{56}$ .

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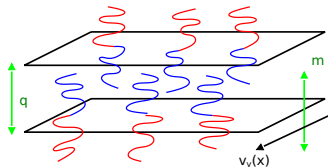
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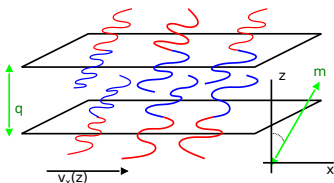
$$Q_{ij}(\mathbf{x}, t) = \langle m_i m_j - \frac{1}{3} \delta_{ij} \rangle$$

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## Free energy:

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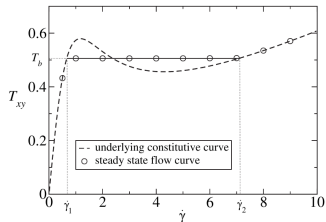
- Some model for polymer chains  $\mathcal{F}_Q(Q_{ij}, \partial_k Q_{ij})$
- Minimal coupling  $-\partial_i \psi Q_{ij} \partial_j \psi$

Only simple chain diffusive relaxation studied so far (Maxwell viscoelasticity)

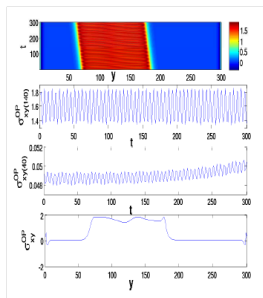
[C. Yoo, and J. Viñals, *Macromolecules* **45**, 4848 (2012), S. Yabunaka and T. Ohta, *Soft Matter* **9**, 7479 (2013)].

# RHEOCHAOS AND SHEAR BANDING

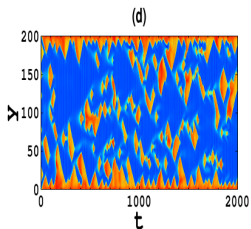
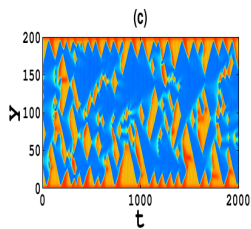
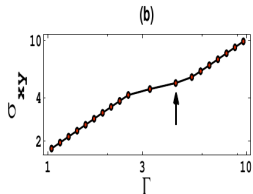
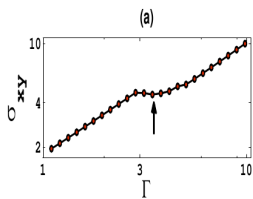
- Shear instability to bands of different shear rates. Non monotonic shear stress/shear rate curve due to the microstructural response of the fluid.
- Observed in many complex fluids: wormlike micelles, liquid crystalline polymers, colloidal suspensions, soft glasses.
- Elastic bursts, and rheochaos.
- Introduce a structure order parameter  $Q_{ij}$  instead of phenomenological constitutive laws for the flow curve.



[S. Fielding, Phys. Rev. Lett. **95**, 134501 (2005)]



[C. Dasgupta]

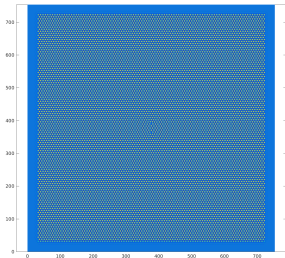


$$\sigma_{ij}^R = \alpha_0 \frac{\delta F}{\delta Q_{ij}} + \alpha_1 \left[ Q_{ik} \frac{\delta F}{\delta Q_{kj}} \right]$$

# TOPOLOGICAL DEFECT MOTION AT THE MESOSCALE

Hexagonal phase

$$\mathcal{F}_S = \int d\mathbf{x} \left\{ \frac{1}{2} \left[ (q_0^2 + \nabla^2)\psi \right]^2 + g(\psi) \right\}$$

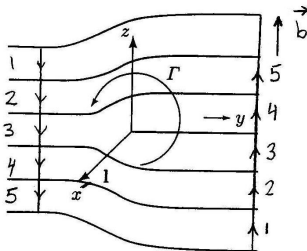


$\psi$  around “defects” is regular.

Envelope equations on the other hand

$$\psi(\mathbf{x}, t) = A(\mathbf{X}, T)e^{i\mathbf{q}\cdot\mathbf{x}} = \rho(\mathbf{X}, T)e^{i\theta(\mathbf{X}, T)}e^{i\mathbf{q}\cdot\mathbf{x}}$$

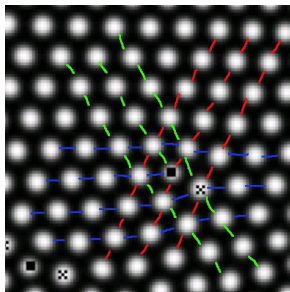
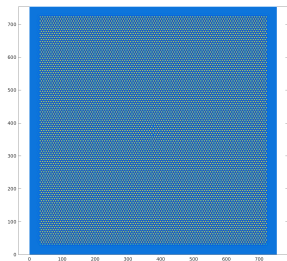
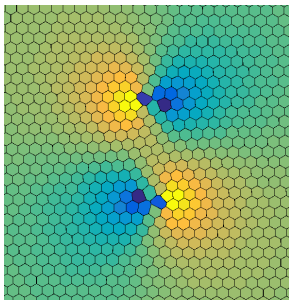
$$\oint \nabla\theta \cdot d\mathbf{l} = \pm 2\pi.$$



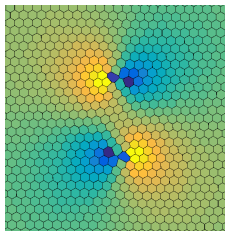
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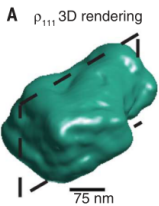
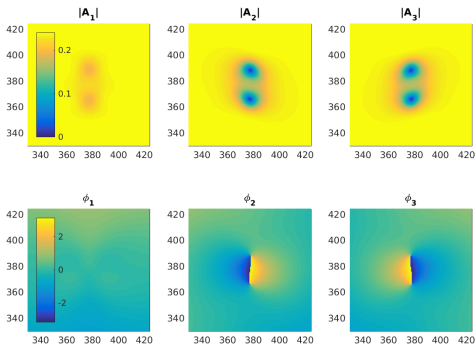
$$\sigma_{ij} = \left[ \partial_i (q_0^2 + \nabla^2)\psi \right] \partial_j \psi - \left[ (q_0^2 + \nabla^2)\psi \right] \partial_i \partial_j \psi$$



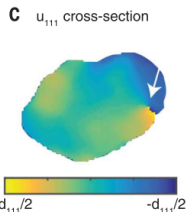
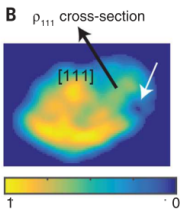




[A. Skaugen and L. Angheluta]

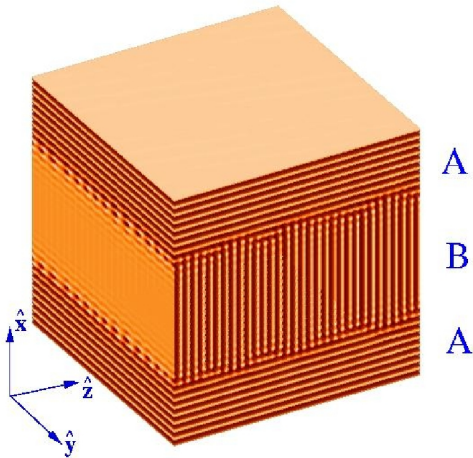


**As-synthesized State**



[A. Yau, W. Chak, M. Kanan, G.B. Stephenson, Science **356**, 739 (2017)]

# REDUCTION FROM MESOSCALE TO MACROSCALE



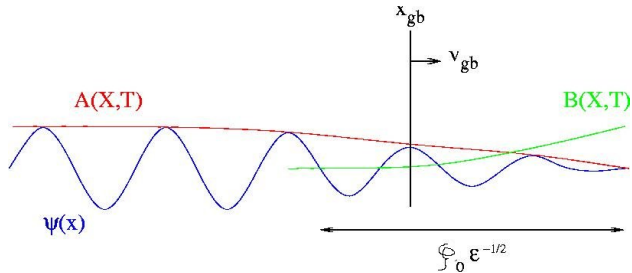
Order parameter expanded  
in slowly varying  
amplitudes:

$$\psi = A e^{ik_0 x} + B e^{ik_0 z} + \text{c.c.}$$

where

$$A = A(\epsilon^{1/2} x, \epsilon^{1/4} y, \epsilon^{1/4} z, \epsilon t)$$

$$B = B(\epsilon^{1/4} x, \epsilon^{1/4} y, \epsilon^{1/2} z, \epsilon t)$$

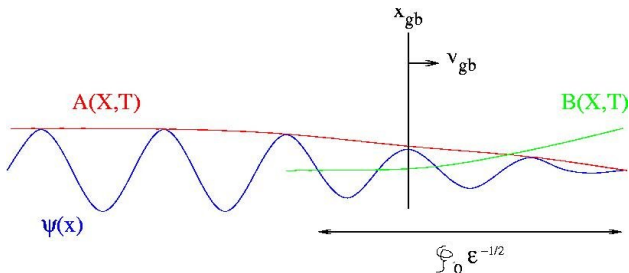


$$\frac{\partial A}{\partial t} = \epsilon A + \xi_0^2 \left( \partial_x - \frac{i}{2q_0} \partial_y^2 \right)^2 A - 3|A|^2 A - 6|B|^2 A,$$

$$\frac{\partial B}{\partial t} = \epsilon B + \xi_0^2 \left( \partial_y - \frac{i}{2q_0} \partial_x^2 \right)^2 B - 3|B|^2 B - 6|A|^2 B.$$

Two, coupled, Ginzburg-Landau equations!

# CAREFUL ...



- As  $\epsilon \rightarrow 0$ , interface width  $\xi = \xi_0/\epsilon^{1/2} \gg \lambda_0$ .
- Null terms in the solvability condition to derive GL look like (e.g.,)

$$\int_x^{x+\lambda_0} dx' A^3 e^{2iq_0 x'} = 0.$$

- What if  $A(X, x)$  is allowed to have some residual dependence on  $x$  (the  $\mathcal{O}(1)$  scale) ?

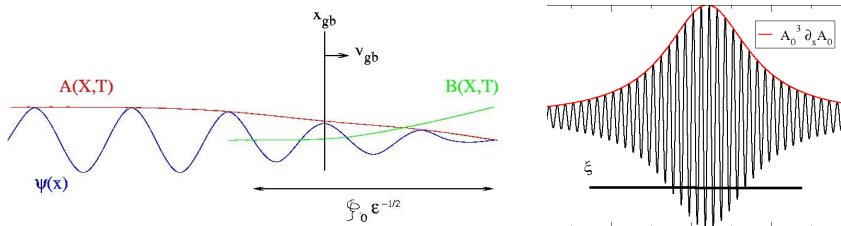
# NONPERTURBATIVE CORRECTIONS

Allowing this possibility, the lowest order envelope equations are

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial A}{\partial t} &= \epsilon A + \xi_0^2 \left( \partial_x - \frac{i}{2q_0} \partial_y^2 \right)^2 A - 3|A|^2 A - 6|B|^2 A \\ &- \int_x^{x+\lambda_0} \frac{dx'}{\lambda_0} \left( A^3 e^{2iq_0 x'} + A^{*3} e^{-4iq_0 x'} \right), \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial B}{\partial t} &= \epsilon B + \xi_0^2 \left( \partial_y - \frac{i}{2q_0} \partial_x^2 \right)^2 B - 3|B|^2 B - 6|A|^2 B \\ &- 3 \int_x^{x+\lambda_0} \frac{dx'}{\lambda_0} \left( A^2 B e^{2iq_0 x'} + A^{*2} B e^{-2iq_0 x'} \right). \end{aligned}$$

Assume an interface, and project amplitude equations onto  $\partial_x A_0$  and  $\partial_x B_0$



Estimate terms of the type

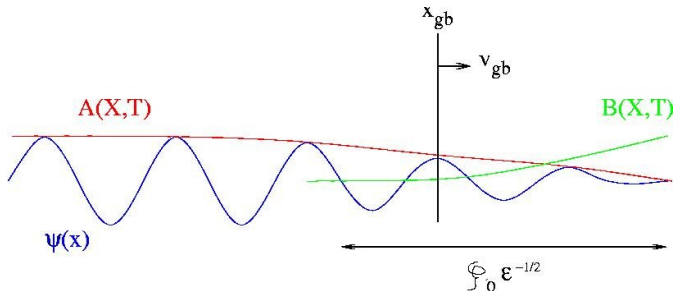
$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dx A_0^3 (\partial_x A_0) e^{2iq_0 x} \quad \text{when} \quad \xi q_0 \gg 1$$

Continue  $x$  into complex plane, and assume that envelope on real axis results from a singularity at  $z = x_{gb} + i\alpha\xi$ . Then

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dx A_0^3 (\partial_x A_0) e^{2iq_0 x} \approx i(\sqrt{\epsilon})^4 e^{-2q_0 \alpha \xi} e^{2iq_0 x_{gb}}$$

Depends explicitly on  $x_{gb}$  and is of the order of  $e^{-\xi} = e^{-\xi_0/\sqrt{\epsilon}}$ .

# LAW OF BOUNDARY MOTION



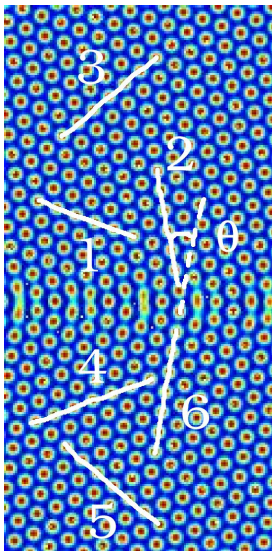
For a grain boundary, we find,

$$v_{gb} = \frac{\epsilon}{3k_0^2 D(\epsilon)} k^2 - \frac{p(\epsilon)}{D(\epsilon)} \cos(2k_0 x_{gb} + \phi)$$

The function  $D(\epsilon)$  is a friction coefficient, and  $p(\epsilon)$  is a pinning force

$$p(\epsilon) \sim \epsilon^2 e^{-\alpha/\sqrt{\epsilon}}.$$

$p(\epsilon) \rightarrow 0$  exponentially as  $\epsilon \rightarrow 0$  (essential singularity). Grows quickly with  $\epsilon$ .



$$v_{gb}(t) = \frac{\Delta f}{D(\epsilon)} - \frac{p(\epsilon)}{D(\epsilon)} \sin [2q_0 x_{gb}(t) \sin(\theta/2)],$$

with (Peierls stress)

$$p \sim A_0^4 e^{-2aq_0 \sin(\theta/2)\xi}.$$

Supercritical (second order)

$$\xi \sim 1/\sqrt{\epsilon} \quad p \sim e^{-1/\sqrt{\epsilon}} \rightarrow 0.$$

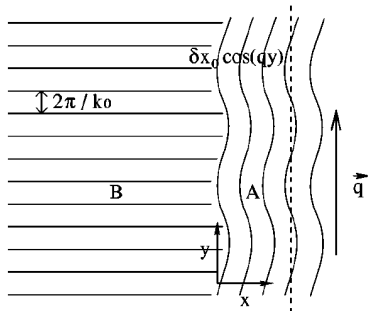
Subcritical (first order)

$$\xi \rightarrow \xi_0 = \frac{15\lambda_0}{8\sqrt{6}\pi g_2} \text{ finite.}$$

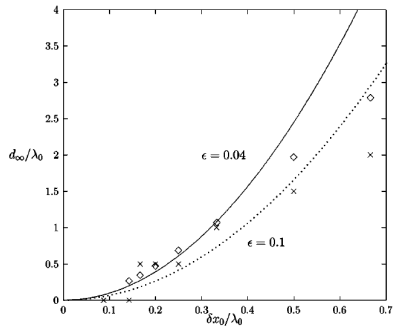


# BOUNDARY PINNING

Relaxation of a weakly distorted boundary,



Boundary relaxes **and** moves to the right.

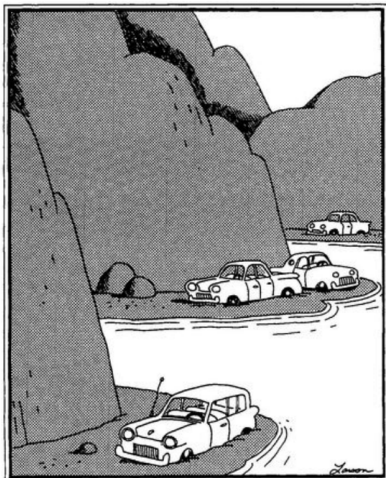


$\epsilon = 0.04$  - smooth curve. Agrees with analytic calculation.

$\epsilon = 0.1$ , steps.

# SUMMARY

- 1 Linear response/irreversible thermodynamics are widely used frameworks for the construction of nonequilibrium theories at the mesoscale.
- 2 Nontrivial response/rheology can be described from the existence of structural fields and the resulting micro stresses.
- 3 The mesoscale provides useful regularization schemes for the study of the dynamical evolution of moving boundaries and topological defects.
- 4 No general theoretical framework exists at the mesoscale. Not generally possible to decouple it from micro and macro scales. A large amount of phenomenology is required.



The fords of Norway