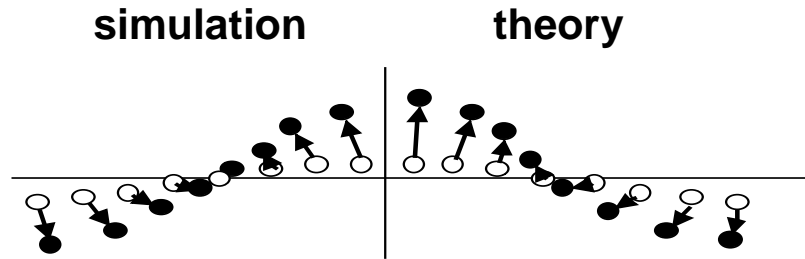
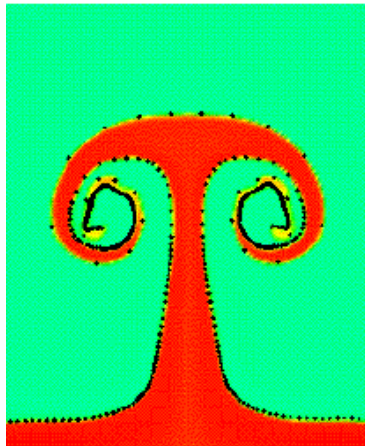
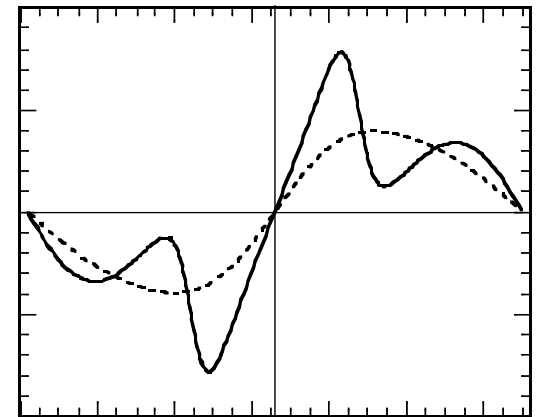


# Nonlinear Evolution of an Interface in the Richtmyer-Meshkov Instability



vorticity along interface



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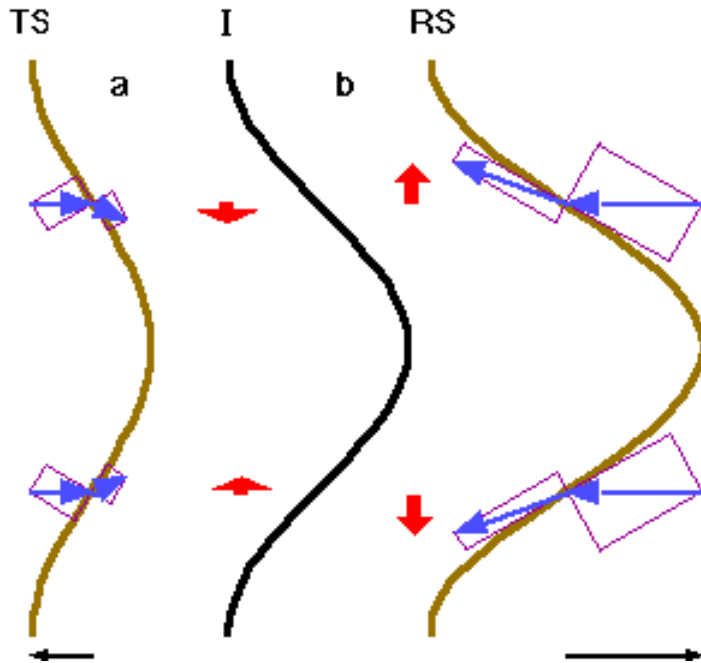
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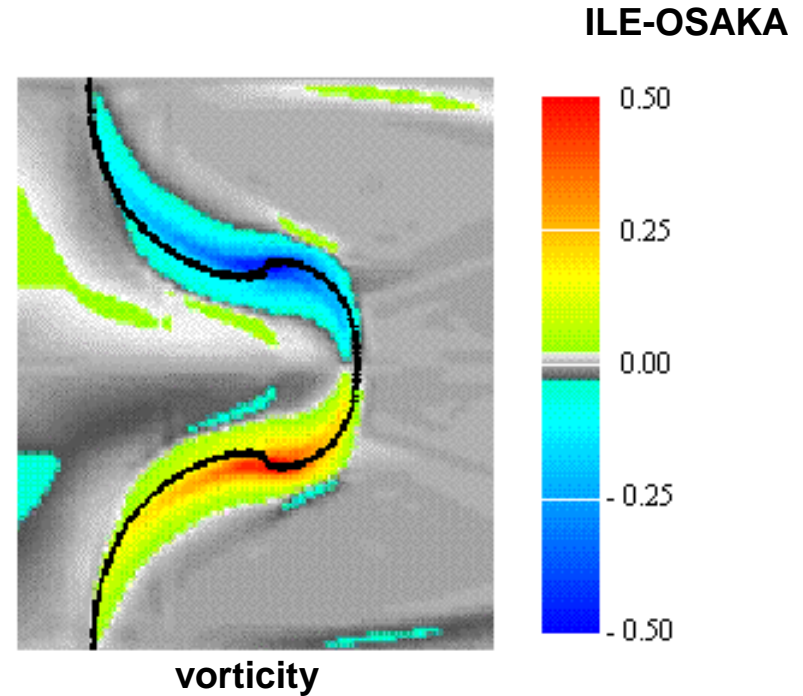
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# Introduction

Wouchuk-Nishihara formula(1997) of RMI growth rate indicates that RM instability is driven by velocity shear left by the shocks at the interface without the impulsive gravitational acceleration.



$$v_{\text{liu}} = \frac{\rho^b \delta v_0^b - \rho^a \delta v_0^a}{\rho^a + \rho^b}$$



$$\delta v_0^a = k \xi_0 \left( 1 - \frac{\mathbf{u}_{st}}{\mathbf{u}_{si}} \right) \mathbf{v}_i$$

$$\delta v_0^b = k \xi_0 \left( 1 + \frac{\mathbf{u}_{sr}}{\mathbf{u}_{si}} \right) (\mathbf{v}_1 - \mathbf{v}_i)$$

## Executive summary

- **Nonlinear evolution of Richtmyer-Meshkov instability is described with nonlinear self-interaction of a vortex sheet with a density jump across the sheet.**
- **Lagrangian description of the vortex sheet reveals nonlinear dynamics, such as local stretching and shrinking of the sheet.**
- **Theory shows local increase and decrease of vorticity along the sheet. They results in spiral formation of spike and appearance of opposite vorticity sign at joint of mushroom umbrella, respectively.**
- **We have investigated dependence of nonlinear growth and nonlinear evolution of circulation on the sheet on the Atwood number and initial corrugation amplitude of the sheet.**

## Outline of Talk

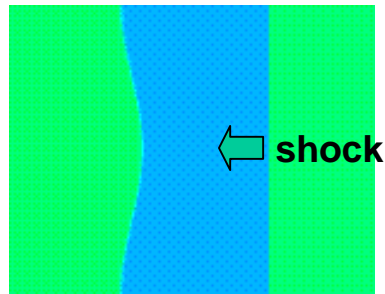
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- **Shocked interface vs vortex sheet**
- **Analytical model for nonlinear dynamics of vortex sheet**
  - Lagrangian description, finite Atwood number**
- **Result and comparison with simulations**
  - nonlinear growth of spike and bubble**
  - local stretching and shrinking of interface**
  - local increase and decrease of vorticity along interface**
  - dependence of nonlinear growth and circulation on interface on Atwood number and initial corrugation amplitude**

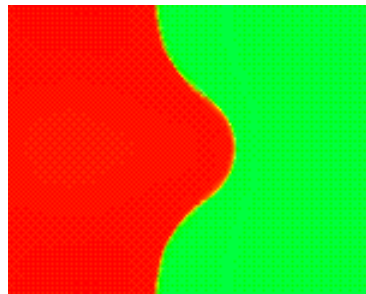
By treating the interface as a vortex sheet,  
fully nonlinear evolution of RM instability is described.

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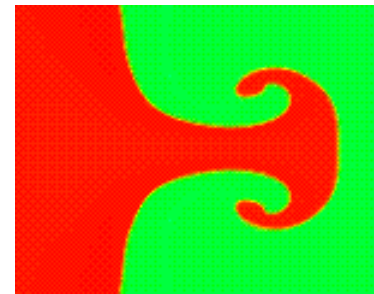
**M=2,**    **before shock**     **$A_0=0.4$**      **$\xi_0/\lambda=0.0362$**   
**shock**    **after shock**     **$A'_0=0.376$**      **$\xi'_0/\lambda=0.02$**      **$\xi'_0=\xi_0(1-u_{st}/u_{si})$**



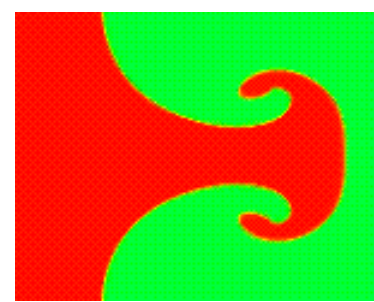
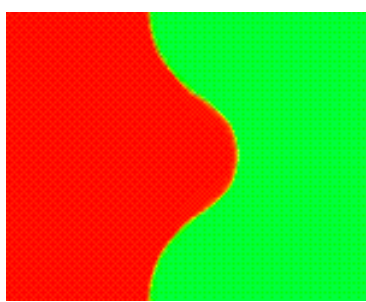
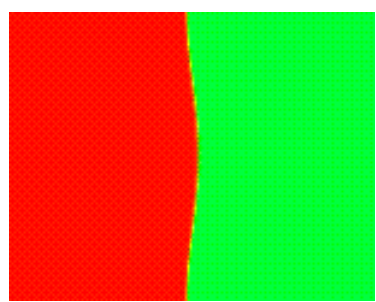
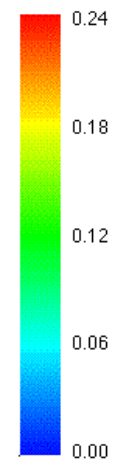
$kv_{lin}t = -0.083$   
0



$kv_{lin}t = 1$



$kv_{lin}t = 6$



velocity shear

$$\frac{\mathbf{v}}{v_{lin}} = \left( -\frac{\partial}{\partial x} \psi, \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \psi \right)$$

$$\psi = e^{\mp kx} \sin ky$$

**In case of finite Atwood number, baroclinic term induces vorticity on interface, and stretching and shrinking of interface occurs locally in tangential direction**

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**By introducing fluid velocity on the interface**

$$\mathbf{u}_+ \equiv \frac{\rho_1 \mathbf{u}_1 + \rho_2 \mathbf{u}_2}{\rho_1 + \rho_2}$$

**we obtain from Euler equation**

$$\frac{D\Gamma}{Dt} = \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial t} + \mathbf{u}_+ \cdot \nabla \right) \Gamma = 2\mathbf{A} \left[ \frac{D\Phi}{Dt} - \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{q} \cdot \mathbf{q} - \frac{1}{8} \boldsymbol{\kappa} \cdot \boldsymbol{\kappa} + \frac{\mathbf{A}}{2} \boldsymbol{\kappa} \cdot \mathbf{q} \right]$$

**where**

$$\mathbf{A} = \frac{\rho_2 - \rho_1}{\rho_2 + \rho_1} \quad (\text{Atwood number}), \quad \Gamma = \phi_1 - \phi_2 \quad (\text{circulation}), \quad \Phi = \phi_1 + \phi_2$$

$$\boldsymbol{\kappa} = \nabla \Gamma = \mathbf{u}_1 - \mathbf{u}_2 \quad (\text{vorticity}), \quad \mathbf{q} = \frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{u}_1 + \mathbf{u}_2), \quad \mathbf{u}_i = \nabla \phi_i \quad (i = 1, 2)$$

**Modified Birkhoff-Rott equation becomes**

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \mathbf{Z}^* = \mathbf{u}_+ = \mathbf{q} - \frac{\mathbf{A}}{2} \boldsymbol{\kappa} = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int \frac{\boldsymbol{\kappa} ds'}{\mathbf{Z} - \mathbf{Z}'} - \frac{\mathbf{A}}{2} \boldsymbol{\kappa}, \quad \mathbf{Z}(t) = \mathbf{x} + i\mathbf{y} \quad (\text{position of the interface})$$

## Nonlinear Theory of a Vortex Sheet(1): Basic Equations

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### Circulation on vortex sheet

$$\frac{\mathbf{D}}{\mathbf{D}t} \Gamma = \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial t} + \mathbf{u}_+ \cdot \nabla \right) \Gamma = 2\mathbf{A} \left[ \frac{\mathbf{D}\Phi}{\mathbf{D}t} - \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{q} \cdot \mathbf{q} - \frac{1}{8} \boldsymbol{\kappa} \cdot \boldsymbol{\kappa} + \frac{\mathbf{A}}{2} \boldsymbol{\kappa} \cdot \mathbf{q} \right]$$

where

$$\mathbf{A} = \frac{\rho_2 - \rho_1}{\rho_2 + \rho_1} \quad , \quad \Gamma = \phi_1 - \phi_2 \quad , \quad \Phi \equiv \phi_1 - \phi_2 \quad ,$$
$$\mathbf{u}_+ = \frac{\rho_1 \mathbf{u}_1 + \rho_2 \mathbf{u}_2}{\rho_1 + \rho_2} \quad , \quad \boldsymbol{\kappa} = \mathbf{u}_1 - \mathbf{u}_2 \quad , \quad \mathbf{q} = \frac{1}{2} (\mathbf{u}_1 + \mathbf{u}_2)$$

### incompressible and irrotational fluid

$$\nabla^2 \phi_i = 0 \quad , \quad \mathbf{u}_i = \nabla \phi_i \quad (i = 1, 2)$$

### kinematic boundary conditions

$$\mathbf{r}_t \cdot \mathbf{n} = \mathbf{u}_+ \cdot \mathbf{n} \quad , \quad \mathbf{r}_t \cdot \mathbf{t} = \mathbf{u}_+ \cdot \mathbf{t} \quad , \quad \mathbf{u}_1 \cdot \mathbf{n} = \mathbf{u}_2 \cdot \mathbf{n}$$

## Nonlinear Theory of a Vortex Sheet(2) : Expansion

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### Lagrangian marker of vortex sheet

$$\mathbf{x}(t) = \boldsymbol{\theta} + \mathbf{X}(\boldsymbol{\theta}, t)$$

$$y(t) = Y(\boldsymbol{\theta}, t)$$

### expansion

$$\mathbf{X} = \sum_n \varepsilon^n \mathbf{X}^{(n)} \quad , \quad Y = \sum_n \varepsilon^n Y^{(n)}$$

$$\phi_1 = \sum_n \varepsilon^n \phi_i^{(n)} e^{\mp nky} \cos nkx \quad ,$$

By introducing normalization,  $kx$  ,  $kv_{\text{lin}}t$ , and  $k\phi_i/v_{\text{lin}}$  , nonlinear evolution of a vortex sheet is determined from two parameters

**A** (Atwood number) and  $k\xi_0$  (initial corrugation of sheet),

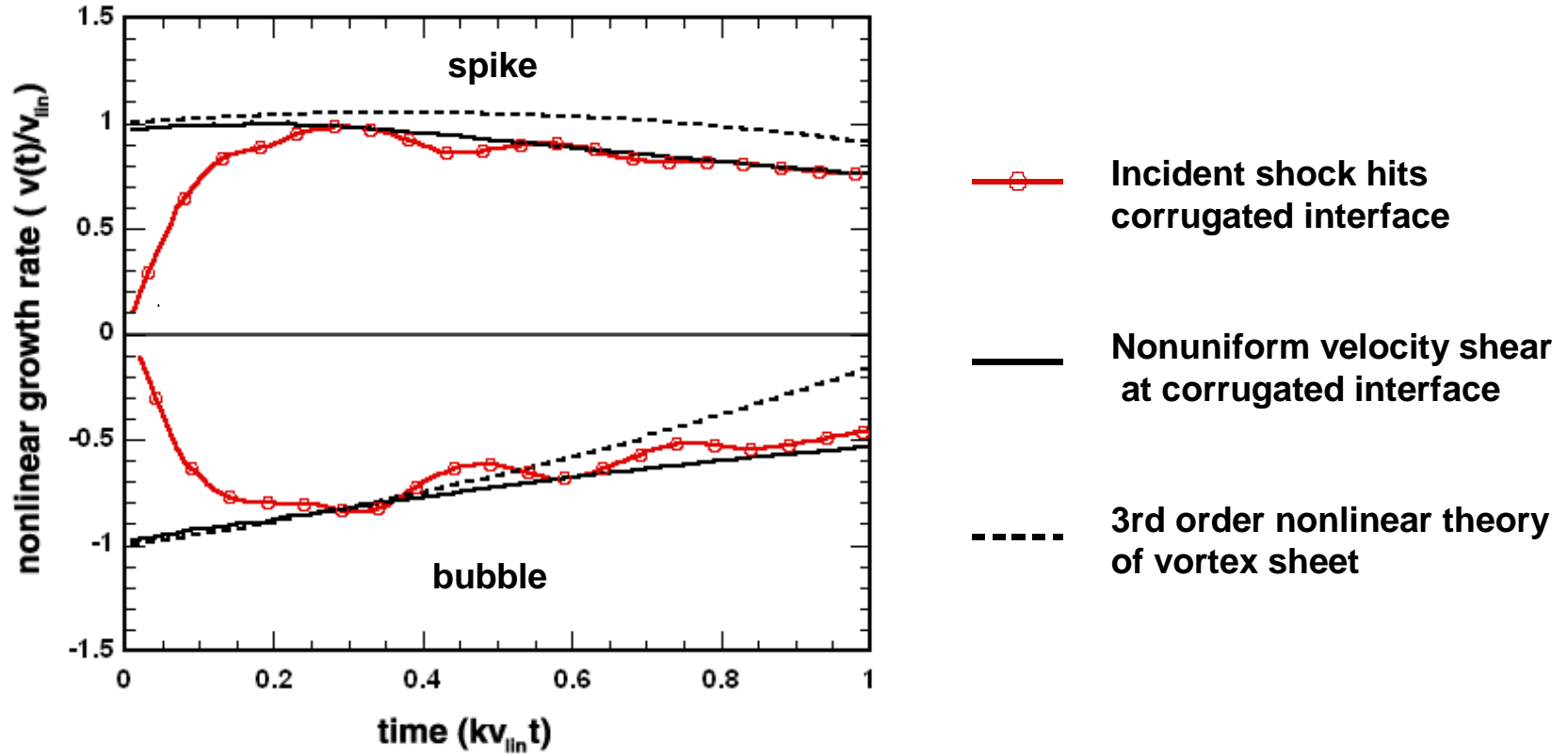
where  $v_{\text{lin}} = \frac{\rho_1 \delta v_{10} - \rho_2 \delta v_{20}}{\rho_1 + \rho_2}$  , (Wouchuk – Nishihara formula)



# Comparison of Nonlinear Growth Rates (Spike grows faster than bubble)

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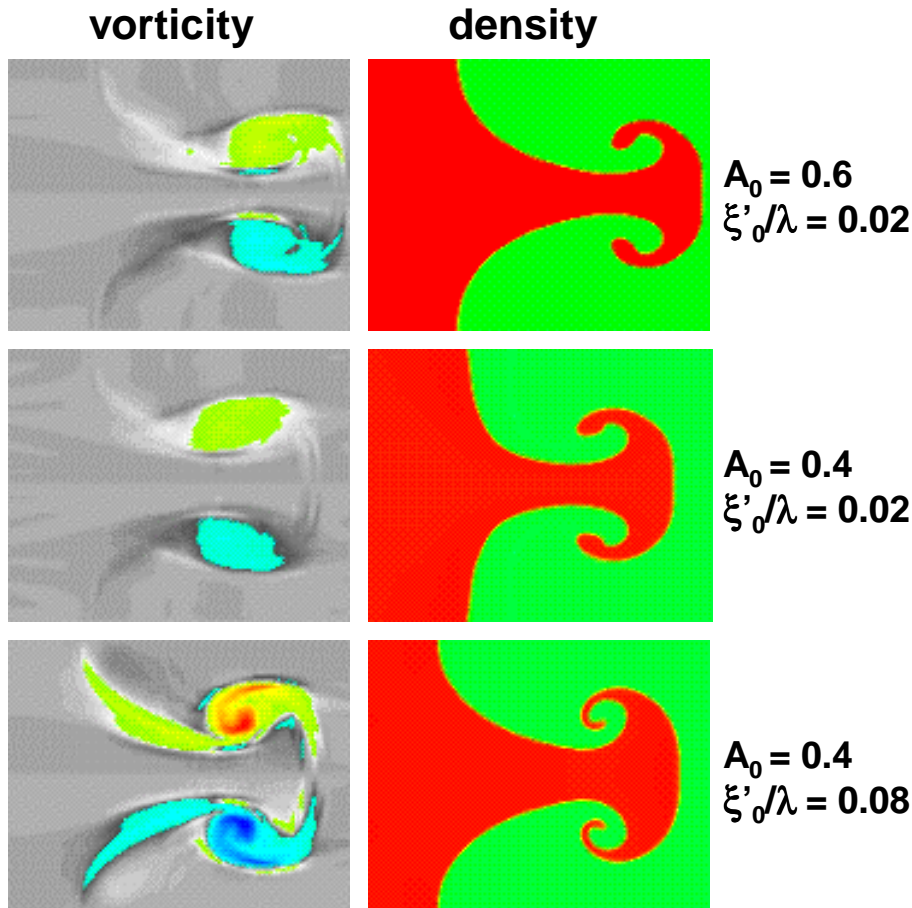
$$M=2 \quad A_0=0.4 \quad \xi'_0/\lambda = 0.02$$



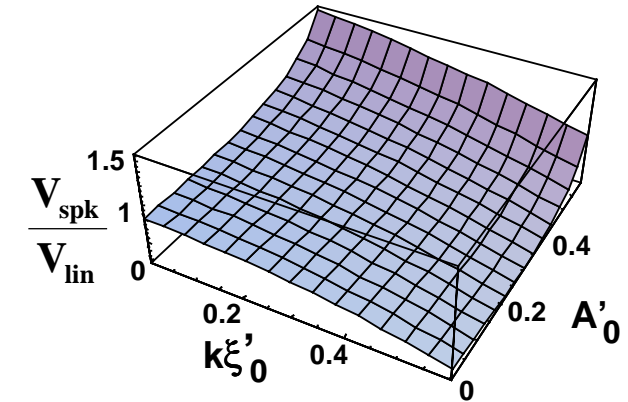
# Theoretical dependence of nonlinear growth and vorticity on Atwood number and corrugation amplitude agrees well simulations

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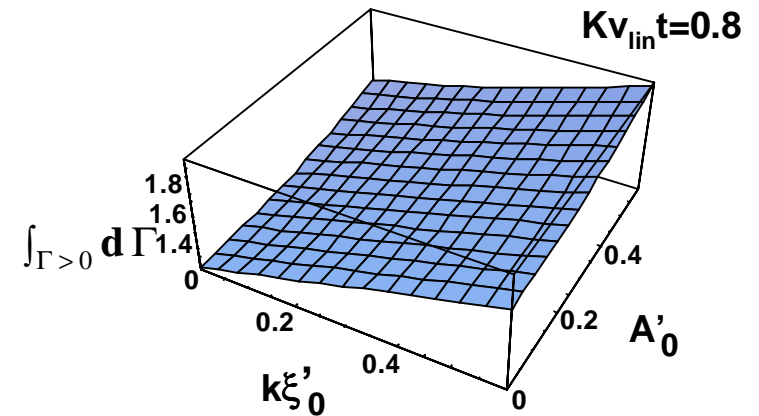
Larger Atwood number leads to larger nonlinear growth



$kv_{lin}t = 6$



Larger corrugation amplitude lead to rapid increase of circulation

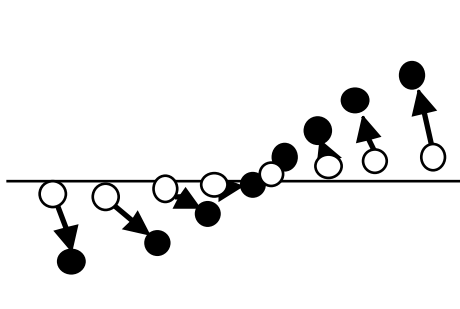


Lagrangian markers move both x and y directions.  
Stretch and shrink of vortex sheet occur locally.

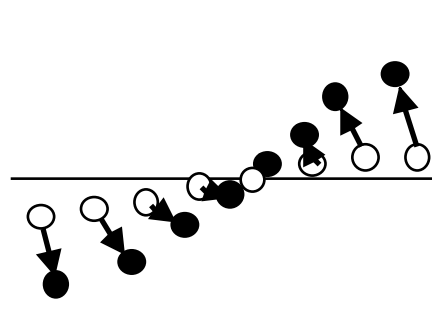
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Theoretical results agrees well with simulations

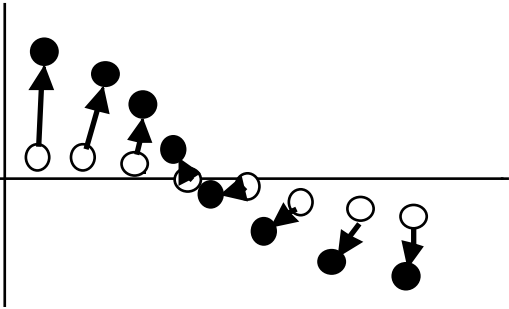
simulation  
(shocked interface)



simulation  
(vortex sheet)



theory  
(  $x(\theta, t)$ ,  $y(\theta, t)$  )



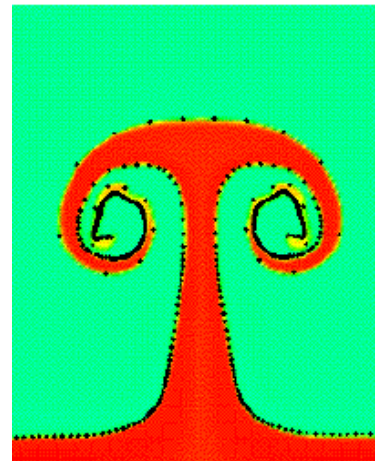
●  $Kv_{lin}t = 0.80$

○  $Kv_{lin}t = 0.05$

$A_0' = 0.376$

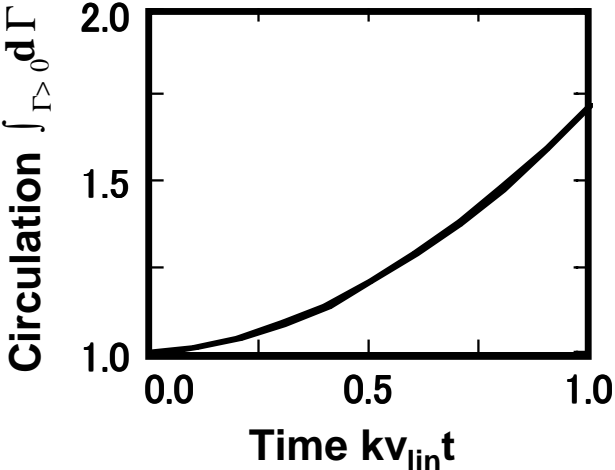
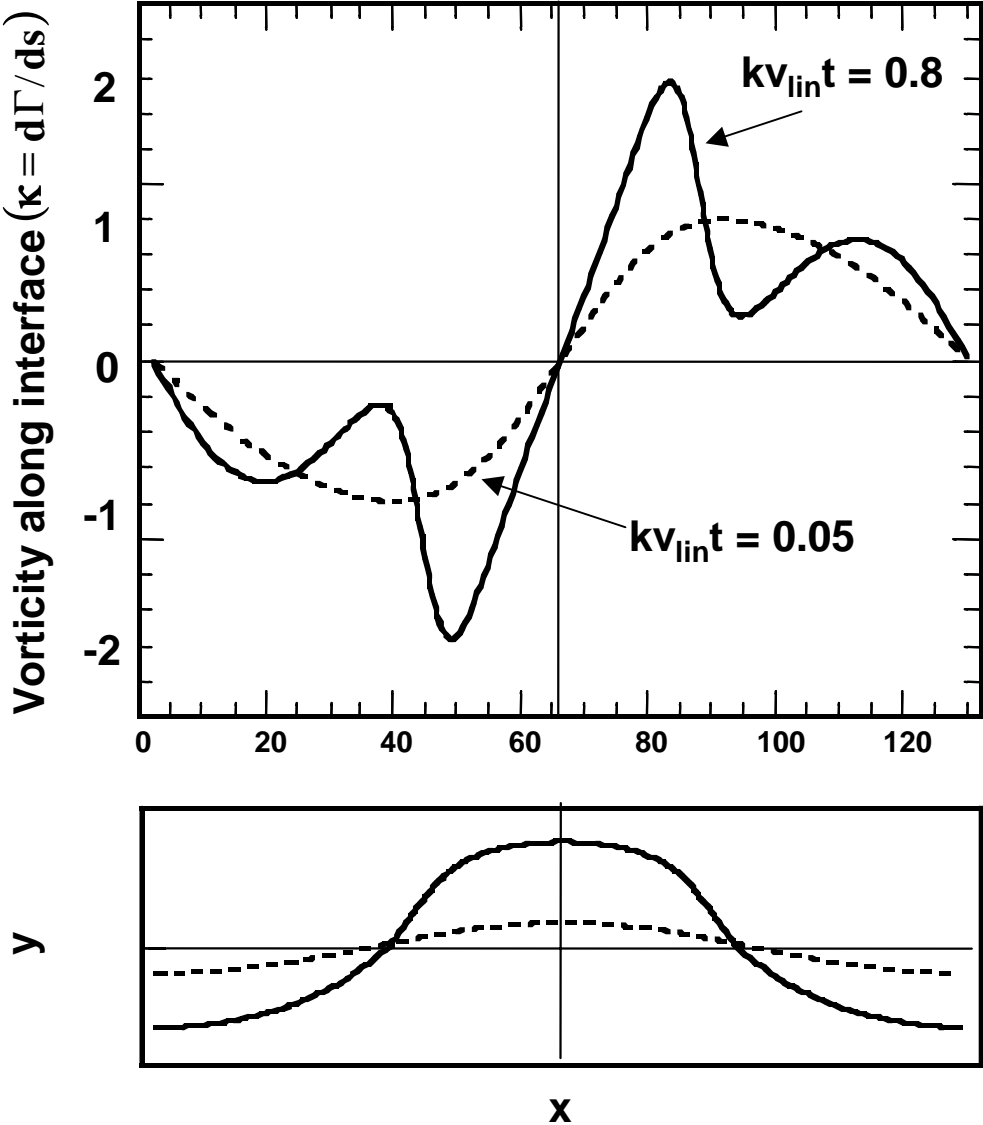
$\xi'_0 / \lambda = 0.02$

$M = 2$



Theory shows local increase of vorticity (tip of spiral), and local decrease of vorticity ( joint of mushroom umbrella ).

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## Conclusion

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