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Experimental investigation of the Rayleigh-Taylor instability using magnetoreological fluids

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MR property of "freezing" under a magnetic field allows preparation of well known IC

Flow driven by gravitational acceleration







Single mode initial condition

$$\eta_b = (0.3175cm)\cos\left(\frac{2\pi}{\lambda}x\right)$$

where $\lambda = 2.12$ cm



Two - mode initial condition

$$\eta_b = (0.3175cm)\cos\left(\frac{2\pi}{\lambda}x\right) + (0.1905cm)\cos\left(\frac{2\pi}{\lambda_b}x\right)$$

where
$$\lambda = 2.12$$
 cm and $\lambda_{\rm b} = 1.27$ cm



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