Local stability analysis of a coaxial jet at low Reynolds number

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Goal of the project: explain the transition between dripping and jetting



Dripping and jetting regime, experimental study by Guillot



Local stability analysis in the developing region

Mathematical formulation of the problem

• Re = 0

- No gravity terms
- Axisymmetric domain
- Axisymmetric flow
- Stationary flow

$$\nabla \cdot \boldsymbol{u} = 0,$$
$$\nabla p - \mu \nabla^2 \boldsymbol{u} = 0,$$

with no-slip conditions at the wall and symmetry at the axis.

Interface conditions

• Continuity of velocities at the interface

$$\boldsymbol{u}_1(\boldsymbol{x}_{int}) = \boldsymbol{u}_2(\boldsymbol{x}_{int}).$$

• Continuity of tangential stress and balance of normal stress

$$\boldsymbol{t}^{T}(\boldsymbol{\sigma}_{2}-\boldsymbol{\sigma}_{1})\boldsymbol{n}=0, \qquad \boldsymbol{n}^{T}(\boldsymbol{\sigma}_{2}-\boldsymbol{\sigma}_{1})\boldsymbol{n}=\kappa\gamma\,\boldsymbol{n},$$

 κ being the curvature in the meridian plane.



$$u_r \cos \alpha - u_z \sin \alpha = U_\perp = 0 \Longrightarrow u_r - u_z \frac{\partial R_0}{\partial z} = 0.$$

Boundary elements method

Formulation of the Stokes equations in term of boundary integral equations (Pozrikidis 1992)

$$\boldsymbol{u}(\boldsymbol{x}_0) = -\frac{1}{8\pi\mu} \oint_l \boldsymbol{G}(\boldsymbol{x}, \boldsymbol{x}_0) \boldsymbol{f}(\boldsymbol{x}) dl(\boldsymbol{x}) + \frac{1}{8\pi} \oint_l \boldsymbol{u}(\boldsymbol{x}) \boldsymbol{T}(\boldsymbol{x}, \boldsymbol{x}_0) \boldsymbol{n}(\boldsymbol{x}) dl(\boldsymbol{x}),$$

- G and T are the Green's functions
- *f* is a vector representing the stresses and *u* the velocities



Boundary integral equation of a domain with interface



Discretization



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FreeFem simulation





Pressure field and axial velocity field

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Local stability analysis

- Base flow taken at a given axial coordinate
- Non dimensional number: $Q = \frac{Q_1}{Q_2}, \lambda = \frac{\mu_1}{\mu_2}, Ka = \frac{d_z p R_2}{\gamma}$.



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Linearize the equations adding small perturbations at the base flow

$$\begin{pmatrix} \bar{P}_2 \\ \bar{P}_1 \\ \bar{U}_{r_1} \\ \bar{U}_{z_1} \\ \bar{U}_{z_2} \\ \bar{U}_{z_2} \\ \bar{R}_0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} P_2 + \varepsilon p_2 \\ P_1 + \varepsilon p_1 \\ 0 + \varepsilon u_{r_1} \\ U_{z_1} + \varepsilon u_{z_1} \\ 0 + \varepsilon u_{r_2} \\ U_{z_2} + \varepsilon u_{z_2} \\ R + \varepsilon \eta \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\nabla \cdot \boldsymbol{u} = 0,$$

$$\nabla p - \mu \nabla^2 \boldsymbol{u} = 0.$$

Boundary conditions

wall:
$$u_{r_2} = u_{z_2} = 0$$
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axis: $u_r = 0, \frac{\partial u_z}{\partial r} = 0, \frac{\partial p}{\partial r} = 0$.

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Linearize the continuity of velocities condition at the interface

$$U_{z_1}(R_0 + \varepsilon \eta) + \varepsilon u_{z_1}(R_0 + \varepsilon \eta) = U_{z_2}(R_0 + \varepsilon \eta) + \varepsilon u_{z_2}(R_0 + \varepsilon \eta)$$

flattening hypothesis, Taylor expansion around R_0



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Modal expansion $u = \hat{u}(r)e^{i(kz-\omega t)}, p = \hat{p}(r)e^{i(kz-\omega t)}, \eta = \hat{\eta}e^{i(kz-\omega t)}.$

$$A\varphi = 0$$

where

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} domain1 & \begin{bmatrix} 0 \end{bmatrix} \\ \begin{bmatrix} 0 \end{bmatrix} & \begin{bmatrix} domain2 \end{bmatrix} \\ interface & conditions \end{pmatrix}$$
$$\varphi = \begin{pmatrix} u_{r_1} & u_{z_1} & p_1 & u_{r_2} & u_{z_2} & p_2 & \eta \end{pmatrix}^T$$

Non trivial solution if det(A) = 0, this leads to an eigenvalue problem for ω .

$$\omega = \omega_r(k) + i\omega_i(k)$$

or in a non dimensional form

$$\tilde{\omega} = \frac{16\mu_2 R_2}{\gamma}, \quad \tilde{k} = kR_{out}.$$

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Local stability analysis performed in different sections z



Real and imaginary part of $\tilde{\omega}$ for Q = 0.7, $\lambda = 0.5$, $Ka \approx 1$ and $R_1 = 0.5$ The dispersion relation can be written as in Guillot study

$$\tilde{\omega} = \alpha(z)\tilde{k} + iA(z)((\tilde{k}/b(z))^2 - (\tilde{k}/b(z))^4).$$

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Absolute instability criterion



Velocity of the back front of the perturbation



$$L_{abs} pprox 0.125 < \lambda_{min}$$
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Coaxial injector.

Region of convective and absolute instability



Analytical solution and experimental data presented by Guillot

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Results



Numerical results for Q = 0.5636, $\lambda = 0.2$, Ka = 1, $R_1 = 0.2$



Experimental study by Guillot

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Conclusions

- Better agreement with the experimental results respect to previous studies
- Change in the behavior of the perturbations from the developing region respect to the fully developed flow

Future developments

• Global stability analysis

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