

# Convection Patterns I

So far:

- Basics of dynamics  
(information)      dimension, attractors
- Patterns I - Phase dynamics  $\rightarrow$  Time:  
 - single oscillator sync, noise      (CGL)  
 - local coupling  $\rightarrow$  phase diffusion  
 $\uparrow$  (KPFZ) model       $\rightarrow$  domains of  
 $\downarrow$  sync.       $Pdf(\phi)$        $\equiv$   
 - global coupling (vs. dispersion, noise)  $\rightarrow$   
 $k$  transition  $\rightarrow$  global sync.  
(note: range of coupling is key)  
 - phase turbulence, repressive coupling  
 $\rightarrow$  K-S eqn, etc.

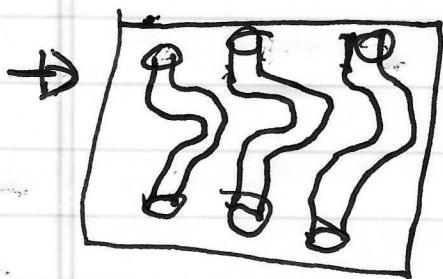
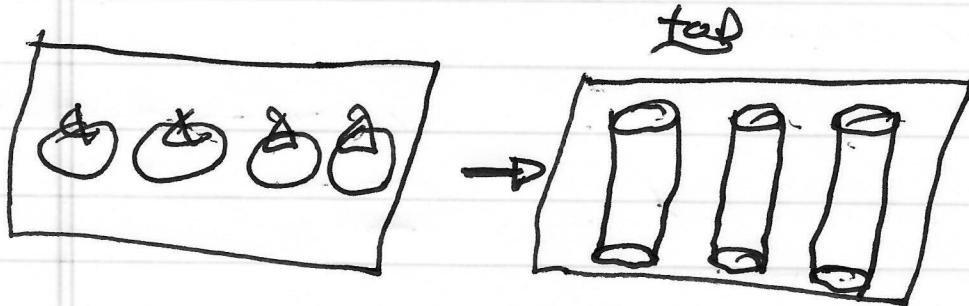
Now:

- $\rightarrow$  Patterns II = Convection near marginal  
 $\rightarrow$  Space

Focus: Secondary instability in ensemble  
of convection cells / rolls near

Marginality (i.e. "weakly nonlinear")

i.e.



Zig = Zag

i.e. development

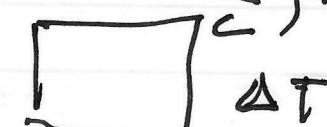
- Eckhaus  $\rightarrow$  modulate array
- zig-zag  $\rightarrow$  bending

- subject is classic, as easily invertable to experiment, tractable at near equilibrium.
- approach:

- basic model of  $\odot$  marginal roll  $\Rightarrow$  Swift - Hohenberg model.
- modulations in ensemble of rolls (some similarity to WKE).  
i.e. Pattern dynamics on scales larger than that of individual roll...  
 $\Rightarrow$  envelope equations (Landau Theory)

- implications of envelope formalism for patterns

Comments:

- more elegant and 'classical' they useful. A must for a basic course...
- Related, more relevant models:
  - fixed flux convection? 
  - (Chapman - Proctor) vs. 
  - convection driving flows: 
  - (Howard - Krishnamurti)

Refs:

- several posts → Cross + Hohenberg B encyclopedic.
  - books:
    - Cross + Greenside
    - P. Manneville
    - Rebecca Hoyle
  - later:
    - Chapman - Proctor
    - Howard, Krishnamurti
- } Key papers.

→ Physics of Convection (Rayleigh-Benard)

(See Lectures VI, Phys. 216, W2017 or any book).



$$\nabla \cdot \underline{V} = 0 \quad \text{as} \quad T > \theta/c_s;$$

→ parcel will rise by buoyancy if:

$$\frac{dS}{dz} < 0 \Rightarrow \frac{\frac{1}{T} \frac{dT}{dz}}{\frac{\rho}{\rho_0} \frac{d\rho}{dz}} < \frac{(Y-1)}{c_p} \quad (\text{geos})$$

$$\frac{1}{T_b^2} \approx \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial z} \frac{\partial S}{\partial z}$$

→ if dissipation:

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \partial_t \tilde{T} &\rightarrow \partial_t \tilde{T} - \chi \nabla^2 \tilde{T} \\ \partial_t \tilde{V} &\rightarrow \partial_t \tilde{V} - \nu \nabla^2 \tilde{V} \end{aligned} \right\} \begin{array}{l} \text{viscosity,} \\ \text{heat diffusion} \\ \text{can damp} \\ \text{convection} \end{array}$$

so, natural to require for stability:

5.

$$\frac{T_x - T_b}{T_b^2} > 1 \Rightarrow g \frac{\partial \langle \sigma \rangle}{\partial z} l^4 / \rho \chi \equiv Ra$$

$$Ra > Ra_{crit.}$$

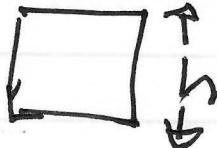
in box:

$$Ra \equiv \frac{g \Delta T \chi h^3}{\rho \chi}$$

Rayleigh #

$$\delta \phi = -\alpha \delta T$$

$\alpha$   
coeff of  
thermal  
expansion



basic equations:

$$\nabla_t \cdot \nabla_\perp^2 \phi - \kappa \nabla_\perp^2 \nabla_t^2 \phi = -g \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left( \hat{T} / T_0 \right) \quad (20)$$

$$\nabla_t \left( \gamma \frac{\hat{T}}{T_0} \right) = -\hat{V}_z \frac{d \langle \sigma \rangle}{dz} + \kappa \nabla_\perp^2 T$$

$$(v = \nabla \phi \times \hat{j})$$

$$\text{or } (\omega, \text{ with } w = v_z)$$

6.

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \nabla^2 W = gX \left( \frac{\partial^2 \theta}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \theta}{\partial y^2} \right) + r \nabla^2 \nabla^2 W \quad (\text{Eq. } 6)$$

$$\frac{\partial \theta}{\partial t} = \beta W + X \nabla^2 \theta$$

What sets (behavior of) critical Rayleigh #  $\rightarrow$  dissipation, and boundary conditions }

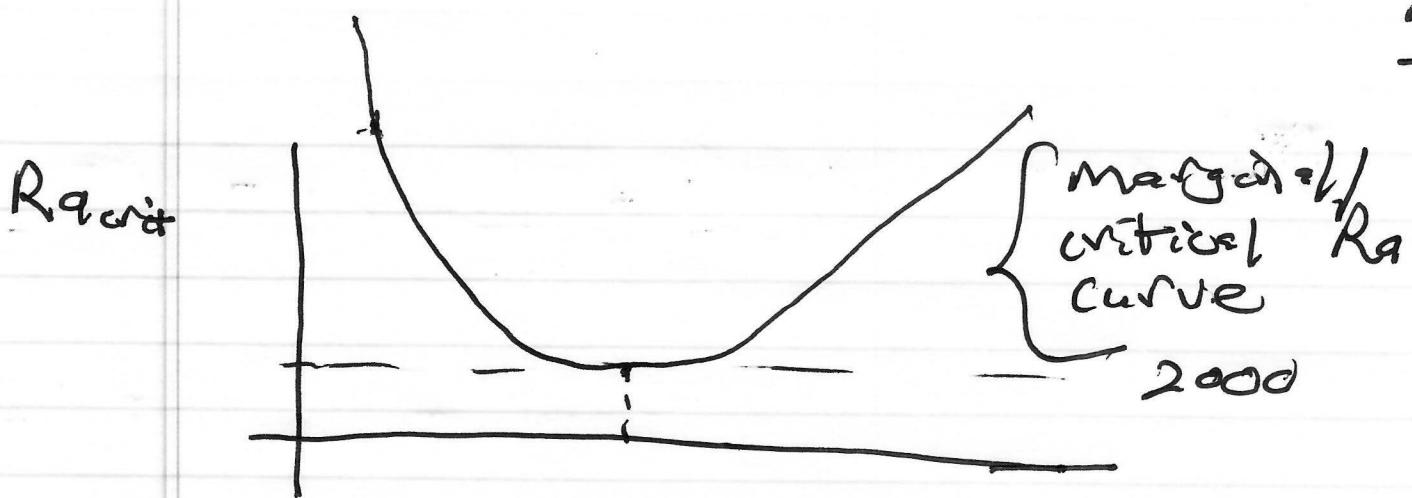
case for no slip:

$$\tilde{V}_z \Big|_{\partial_s h} = 0 ; \quad \tilde{V}_h \Big|_{\partial_s h} = 0$$

$$\text{A.b.: } \nabla_h \tilde{V}_h + \nabla_z \tilde{V}_z = 0$$

$$\text{no slip} \Rightarrow \nabla_h \tilde{V}_h = 0$$

$$\text{so } \nabla_z W \Big|_{\partial_s h} = 0.$$



$\rightarrow$  high  $k_n$   
 $\sim \sqrt{k_n^2}$ , etc

$k_n \text{ crit}$

$$\alpha = k_n h$$

$\rightarrow$  minimum  $Ra_{\text{crit.}}$

$\rightarrow$  low  $k_n$



$\sim$  no slip ( $V_h = 0$ ) damping.

N.B.: In stress free numbers change,  
but similar structure.

$\rightarrow$  Now, how describe convection for

$$Ra = Ra_{\text{crit}} + \epsilon$$

$\delta Ra$

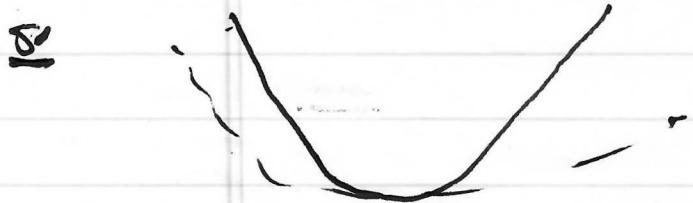
?

i.e. small excitation  
into super-  
critical

1D Key elements:

- $Ra_{\text{crit}}$
- $k_n \text{ crit}$

-  curve
- saturation
- ~ system approaches steady state.



fit with parabola.

oo

$$\gamma \ddot{v}_0 = (Ra - Ra_{crit}) - \gamma_0 \sum_k (k - k_{crit})^2$$

model of growth near marginal.

oo, schematically:

$$\begin{aligned} \gamma_0 \frac{\partial w}{\partial t} &= (Ra - Ra_{crit}) w \\ &- \gamma_0 \sum_k \left( \sqrt{w^2} - k_{crit} \right)^2 w \\ &- |w|^2 w \end{aligned}$$

has form of Landau Eqn.  
How simplify?

This is a step toward Swift - Hohenberg  
Model a reduced model of

convection near onset. See Swift, Hohenberg  
 1977 for derivation.

Now, beyond 1D; consider: (de-1D)

- uniform base state
- rotationally invariant in 2D plane  
 ( $\perp$  rolls).

so  $\underline{\delta}_\Sigma$  can depend only on  $|Z| = \Sigma$ .  
 not  $Z$ .

$\Rightarrow$  control parameters ( $R_a - R_{a \text{ crit}}$ )

$$\underline{\delta}_\Sigma = P - C(Z - Z_c)^2$$

$\stackrel{\oplus}{\text{min}} \Sigma$   
 growth

$$\Rightarrow \partial_t W = \left( P - C \left( \frac{-D^2}{\Gamma} - Z_c \right)^2 \right) W + \dots$$

Now, near onset:

$z + z_c \approx 2z_c$ , so can write 1  
in a "creative way":

$$\begin{aligned} \gamma &= p - c(z - z_c)^2 \\ &\approx p - c \frac{(z + z_c)^2}{(2z_c)^2} (z - z_c)^2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\approx p - \frac{c}{4T_0^2} (z^2 - z_c^2)^2$$

$\Rightarrow$  re-scale:

$$\partial_t w = rw - (D^2 + z_c^2) w$$

↑  
frequently  $\rightarrow 1$

Finally to estimate need restrict growth at finite amplitude and:

- respect conserving symmetry  
 $w \rightarrow -w$  (cf. basic case)
- respect phase symmetry

$$\Rightarrow -\nabla^2 w, -|w|^2 w$$

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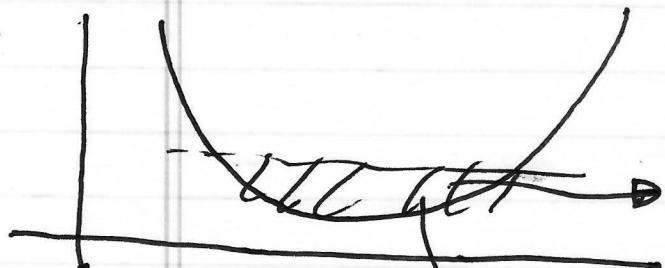
$$\partial_t w = r w - (\nabla^2 + \zeta^2)^2 w - |w|^2 w$$

$\Rightarrow$  Swift - Hohenberg Model

$\rightsquigarrow$  describes convection near onset

$\rightsquigarrow$  can't quantify its own breakdown.

i.e. describes:



interaction above marginality.  
Narrow band of modes required for envelope.

Now:

- S-H can be derived from basic eqns. systematically,  
Tedious, not instructive.

-  $\mathcal{S}-H$  is derivable from variational principle - i.e. Lyapunov Function

Now, for  $W^3$  form:

$$\begin{aligned} V[W] = & \int dx \int dy \left[ -\frac{1}{2} \nabla W^2 + \frac{1}{4} W^4 \right. \\ & \left. + \frac{1}{2} [(\nabla^2 + 1)W]^2 \right] \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\frac{dV}{dt} = - \int dx \int dy (\partial_t W)^2$$

i.e. any evolution of  $W$  tends to decrease  $V$ .  $V$  is minimum at stationarity of  $W$ .

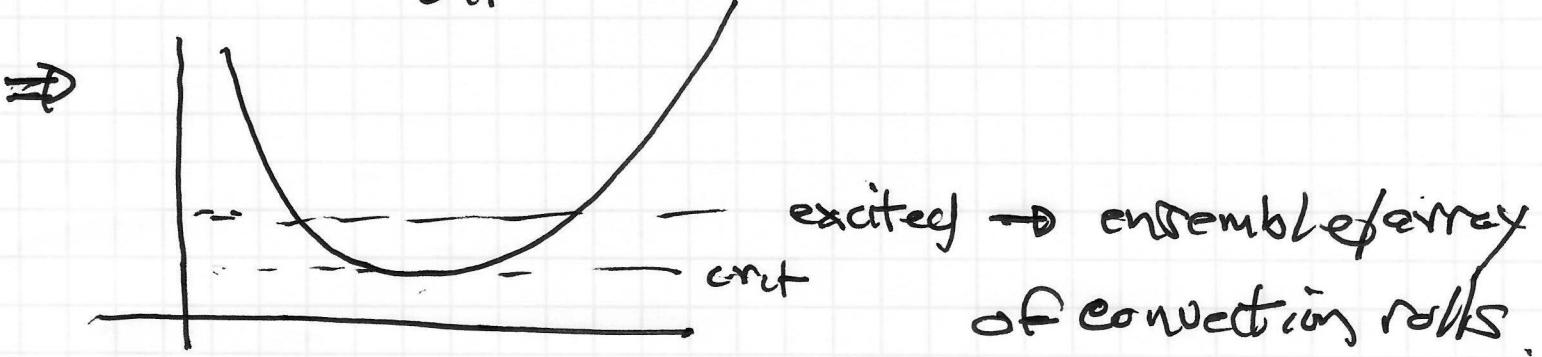
→ easily shown.

$$\Rightarrow \text{can write: } \partial_t W = - \frac{\delta V}{\delta W}$$

13.

→ J-H Model is a reduced model, applicable to band of modes near  $Ra_{crit}$ .

$$\rightarrow Ra = Ra_{crit} + \delta Ra$$



what happens? → 132.

With models:

→ How does pattern of excited cell evolve? What configuration does it adopt.

classic:

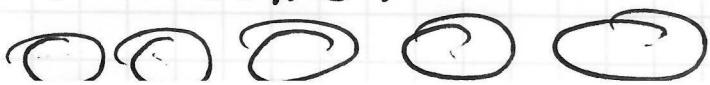
→ explore stability of band of modes with:

$$\underline{Z} = Z_0 \hat{X} + \underline{\eta}$$

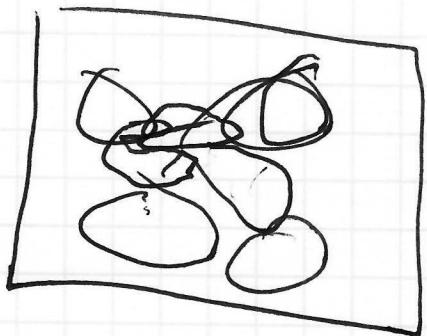
breaks

symmetry

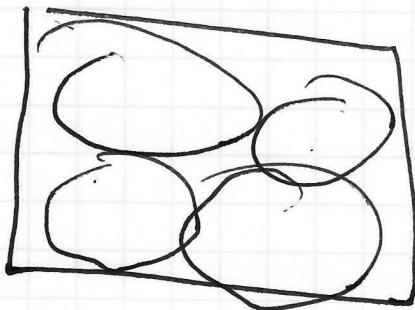
$-Z_0 \hat{X}$  → base state is array of cells:



→ See 184 - 185 of Crooks, Greenside 13e.



$t \rightarrow$



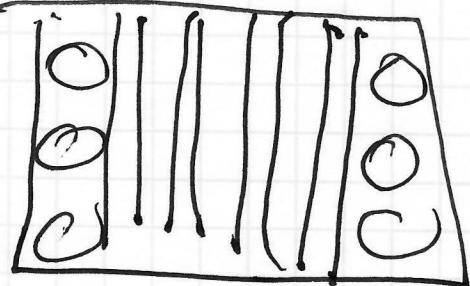
domains, periodic  
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larger  
domains

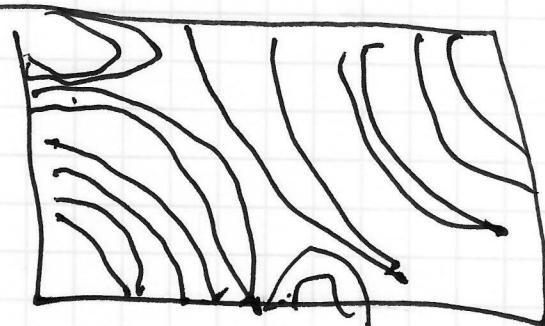
→ coarsening

⇒ Eckhaus  
process.

or



$\Rightarrow$



$$- |k| / |Z_0| \ll 1, \text{ so}$$

14.

$$W = [W_0 A(x, y) + e^{j\frac{2\pi}{\lambda}x} + \text{c.c.}] + O(\epsilon)$$

amplitude  $\downarrow$  carrier

Now, back to the up:

$$\gamma T_0 = \underbrace{\epsilon - \Sigma^2}_{\text{Ra-Riccat}} (Z - Z_0)^2$$

Ra-Riccat

$$\text{Now, } \underline{Z} = Z_0 \hat{x} + \underbrace{k}_{\begin{matrix} S \\ 1D \end{matrix}} \underbrace{\hat{y}}_{\begin{matrix} 2D \\ \text{base} \end{matrix}}$$

so

$$\gamma T_0 = \epsilon - \Sigma^2 (1 Z_0 \hat{x} + \hat{y} l - Z_0)^2$$

$$= \epsilon - \Sigma^2 \left( Z_0 \left( \left( 1 + \frac{kx}{Z_0} \right)^2 + \frac{ky^2}{l^2} \right)^{1/2} - Z_0 \right)^2$$

expanding, etc.

$$\delta \gamma_0 = \epsilon - \varepsilon_0^2 \left( k_x + \frac{k_y^2}{2\varepsilon_0} \right)^2$$

15.

↓  
 envelope  $\underline{A}$   
 { dc pendence }

h.o. on  
kx const.

Note:

- $k_x, k_y$  asymmetry due to symmetry breaking / direction set of the base state
- envelope even !

$$\partial_f W = \epsilon - \varepsilon_0^2 (z - z_0)^2$$

$$= \epsilon W - \varepsilon_0^2 \left( [z_0 + \underline{\frac{1}{2}}] | - | z_0 | \right)^2 W$$

$$W = W_0 A e^{i \tilde{I}_0 X} \quad \underbrace{\qquad\qquad\qquad}_{\sim \text{op.}}$$

$$\underline{\frac{1}{2}} \rightarrow \partial_{\pm} A$$

$$\gamma \rightarrow \partial_f A$$

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$$\gamma \rightarrow \partial_t$$

$$k_x \rightarrow -i \partial_x$$

$$k_y \rightarrow -i \partial_y$$

16.

and:  $w \rightarrow -w \Rightarrow w^3$  saturation

$w \rightarrow w e^{i\phi} \Rightarrow$  spatial shift  
of pattern

irrelevant

(boundaries ?)

$\Rightarrow$  Newell - Whitehead Egn. (Amplitude)

$$\begin{aligned} \partial_t A &= A + \left( \partial_x - \frac{i}{2} i \partial_y^2 \right)^2 A \\ &\quad - |A|^2 A \end{aligned}$$

where:

$$x = l \epsilon^{1/2} x / \epsilon_0$$

$$y = l \epsilon^{1/4} y (q_0 / \epsilon_0)^{1/2}$$

$$\bar{T} = \epsilon t / \gamma_0$$

$$A = (g_0 / l \epsilon)^{1/2} A.$$

→ NW has Lyapunov Function

17.

→ Difference of  $\begin{cases} \text{SH} \\ \text{NW} \end{cases} \rightarrow$  maintains rotational symmetry bare state  
 $\rightarrow$  breaks symmetry by  $\underline{I} = \underline{\epsilon}_0 \hat{x}$   
assumption.

Now, have N-W eqn:

$$\mathcal{T}_0 \Delta t A = rA + \sum_0^2 \left( \partial_x + \frac{1}{2ik_c} \partial_x^2 \right)^2 A - g |A|^2 A$$

(akin CGC)

and useful to re-write as:

$$A = |A| e^{i\phi} \rightarrow a e^{i\phi}$$

as complex structure guarantees phase dynamics relevant;

ignoring  $\gamma$  dec,

$$\mathcal{T}_0 \partial_t a = (r - \sum_0^2 (\partial_x \phi)^2) a + \sum_0^2 \partial_x^2 a - g (a)^2 a$$

$\frac{1}{a^3}$   
amplitude.

$$\partial_t \phi = \frac{\varepsilon_0^3}{\pi} \left( \partial_x^3 \phi + 2 \frac{\partial_x q}{a} \partial_x \phi \right)^{1/2}$$

phase

Observe:

- amplitude evolves via  $r$  and  $q^3$ , favoring long wavelengths
- phase diffusive. Can  $2 \frac{\partial_x q}{a} \partial_x \phi$  (effectively) flip sign of effective diffusivity?

Time independent solutions;

→ phase winding

$$\partial_x a = 0$$

$$\phi = \partial_k x + \phi_0$$

$$\Rightarrow \partial_t \phi = (r - \varepsilon_0^2 \partial_k^2) q - j a^3$$

$$a = \left[ (r - \varepsilon_0^2 \partial_k^2) / j \right]^{1/2}.$$

$$\stackrel{?}{=} A = e^{i \partial_k x + \phi_0} a.$$