Wave-structure impact and rebound at the capillary scale and Faraday pilot waves

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### Faraday wave instability



Figure 3.1: Faraday wave patterns observed in experiments with sinusoidal forcing. (a) Stripe pattern from [9]. (b) Square pattern from [63]. (c) Hexagonal pattern from [48]. (d) Target pattern from [9]. (e) Spiral pattern from [9]. (f) Region of coexisting squares and hexagons from [48].



### Benjamin & Ursell 1954

q = forcing strength

$$p = \left(\frac{\omega}{\omega_0/2}\right)^2$$

### Edwards & Fauve 1994

# What happens when a drop falls into a bath?



## Bouncing droplet on a Faraday stable vibrating bath



# Walking droplet on vibrating bath: the Faraday Pilot Wave



### Strobed droplet propelled by its Faraday pilot wave



# Confinement: particle in a corral





### HQA: Corral Experiments - particle in a box





### HQA: Particle in a potential



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# Self-organization into quantized eigenstates of a classical wave-driven particle

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A growing number of dynamical situations involve the coupling of particles or singularities with physical waves. In principle these situations are very far from the wave particle duality at quantum scale where the wave is probabilistic by nature. Yet some dual characteristics were observed in a system where a macroscopic droplet is guided by a pilot wave it generates. Here we investigate the behaviour of these entities when confined in a two-dimensional harmonic potential well. A discrete set of stable orbits is observed, in the shape of successive generalized Cassinian-like curves (circles, ovals, lemniscates, trefoils and so on). Along these specific trajectories, the droplet motion is characterized by a double quantization of the orbit spatial extent and of the angular momentum. We show that these trajectories are intertwined with the dynamical build-up of central wave-field modes. These dual self-organized modes form a basis of eigenstates on which more complex motions are naturally decomposed.





### The Fluid Mechanics Problem

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The incompressible Navier Stokes

$$\mathbf{u}_t + \mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla \mathbf{u} = -\frac{1}{
ho} \nabla p + \nu \Delta \mathbf{u} + \mathbf{F}(t), \qquad \nabla \cdot \mathbf{u} = 0,$$
  
 $\mathbf{F} = -g(t)\mathbf{e}_z = -g(1 - \Gamma \cos(\omega_0 t))\mathbf{e}_z$ 

•  $\partial B$  and  $\partial D$  are defined by the equations  $b(\mathbf{x}, t) = 0$  and  $d(\mathbf{x}, t) = 0$ 

$$[p \mathbf{n} - \rho \nu \tau \cdot \mathbf{n}] = \sigma \kappa \mathbf{n}, \qquad [\mathbf{u}] = 0, \qquad D_t b = D_t d = 0.$$

- [·] denotes the jump of the quantity across the interface,
- $D_t$  is the material derivative  $\partial_t + \mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla$ ,
- $\bullet~\sigma$  the surface tension coefficient,  $\kappa$  is the mean curvature of the surface
- $\nu$  is the viscosity,  $\rho$  is the density (with different values in each domain).
- **n** is the unit normal and  $\tau$  is the strain tensor  $(\nabla \mathbf{u} + \nabla \mathbf{u}^T)$ .

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### Single bounce of solid hydrophobic sphere



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Joint work with Radu Cimpeanu.

# Challenges

- Multiscale problem: length scales  $\sim 10^{-6}m$ . to  $\sim 10^{-1}m$ .; timescales  $\sim 10^{-2}s$ . to  $\sim 10^{3}s$ .
- Free boundary problem: bath surface and droplet deform.
- Modelling is necessary: both for feasibility and to extract the important effects.
- Removing the lubrication layer results in a "nonsmooth" (piecewise smooth) dynamical system.

# Modelling Approaches

- Discrete Waves: Eddi, Couder, Bush & others: Wavefield as a sum of discrete single Bessel (or simpler) standing waves with time decay.
- Trajectory Equation: Rosales, Oza & Bush: Discrete sum approximated by an integral, makes analysis possible.
- Wave Generation: M. et. al.: Continuous-time bath-droplet interaction droplet as a wavemaker - captures further important effects (e.g. Doppler, (m,n) modes, decay).
- Discrete Wave Generation: Durey & M.: Discrete-time bath-droplet interaction - allows for fast realistic simulations and analysis.

Discrete Impact Model (Durey & Milewski 2017)

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# Simplifying assumptions

### **Assume:**

- Period doubled vertical dynamics (i.e. (2,1) mode).
- Instantaneous impacts:  $f(t) = f_0 \delta(t t_n)$ .
- Impacts occur at a point:  $P(\mathbf{x}, t) = f(t)\delta(\mathbf{x} \mathbf{X}(t))$ .
- The result:  $f_0 = gT$ , where  $T = 4\pi/\omega_0$  is the time between impacts.

Fourier-Hankel transform introduces orthogonal basis functions:

$$\Phi_m(r, \theta; k) = J_m(kr) \cos(m\theta),$$
  
 $\Psi_m(r, \theta; k) = J_m(kr) \sin(m\theta),$ 

for all  $k \in \mathbb{R}^+$  and for all  $m \in \mathbb{N}$ . Obtain system of homogeneous ODEs with jump conditions.

### Dynamics and jump conditions

$$\eta(r,\theta,t) = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \int_0^\infty k \Big( a_m(t;k) \Phi_m(r,\theta;k) + b_m(t;k) \Psi_m(r,\theta;k) \Big) dk.$$

During flight:

$$\mathcal{L}_k a_m(t;k) = 0, \qquad \mathcal{L}_k b_m(t;k) = 0.$$

 $\mathcal{L}_k$  is a damped Mathieu differential operator.

 $\mathbf{X}^{\prime\prime}(t) + V^{\prime}\left[\mathbf{X}(t)\right] = \mathbf{0}.$ 

At impacts:

$$\begin{split} & [a'_{m}(t_{n};k)]_{-}^{+} = -P_{m}(k)\Phi_{m}\big(\textbf{X}(t_{n});k\big), \\ & [b'_{m}(t_{n};k)]_{-}^{+} = -P_{m}(k)\Psi_{m}\big(\textbf{X}(t_{n});k\big). \end{split}$$
$$[\textbf{X}'(t_{n})]_{-}^{+} = -F(c)\bigg(\frac{1}{c}\sqrt{\frac{B}{R}}\nabla\eta\big(\textbf{X}(t_{n}),t_{n}\big) + \textbf{X}'(t_{n})\bigg)$$

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# Regular walking states - orbits, walkers, pairs, trains

Walking states are found under a *periodicity under shift* condition.

Period Map = Mathieu Map  $\circ$  Graf Addition Map  $\circ$  Jump Conditions Map

- Find discrete-time travelling solutions with speed  $\delta x$ .
- Linearise map to analyse stability of steady states.
- Lower wave field energy for walking than unstable bouncing.
- Wave field has exponential spatial decay and Doppler shift.



Figure: Left: full solution (black) with analytical approximation (grey) valid for  $\delta x \ll 1$ . Right: Wave field for  $\delta x = 0.08$  and  $\Gamma/\Gamma_F = 0.96$ .

### Two orbiting droplets - quantization

- In-phase and out of phase orbiters obtained exactly. Map composition also gives stability.
- Obtain stable, weakly unstable (Hopf), strongly unstable solutions.



# Exotic orbits

- Circular orbits destabilize to more exotic orbits (lemniscate, trefoil, butterfly).
- Experimentally observed double quantization in  $\overline{R}$  and  $\overline{L}_z$  (Perrard et al 2014).



### Statistical analysis of chaotic trajectories

**Simulate** long trajectory starting from (unstable) circular orbit. **Segment trajectory** at points of maximum radius and compute mean radius  $\overline{R}$  and angular momentum  $\overline{L}_z$  over each sub-trajectory. **Compute cluster centroids** using *K*-means clustering.

 $\rightarrow$  **Double Quantization in**  $\overline{R}$  and  $\overline{L}_z$ !



- Effective potential  $\equiv$  mean wave field + harmonic potential.
- Gradient of effective potential corresponds to directions of mesh.



**Theorem 1.** The stationary probability distribution  $\mu(\mathbf{x})$  for the droplet position and the mean wave field at impact  $\bar{\eta}(\mathbf{x})$  are related by

$$\bar{\eta}(\boldsymbol{x}) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^2} \eta_B(\boldsymbol{x} - \boldsymbol{y}) \mu(\boldsymbol{y}) \, \mathrm{d}\boldsymbol{y} = (\eta_B * \mu)(\boldsymbol{x}), \tag{6}$$

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where  $\eta_B(\boldsymbol{x})$  is the radially symmetric wave field of a bouncer centred at the origin.<sup>1</sup>

Continuous-time wave generation and nonlinear spring model for bouncing

Continuous time wave generation

## Modelling the impact



Consider the droplet to be centred at  $(\mathbf{X}(t), Z(t))$ , and a free surface  $\eta(x, t)$ .

$$m\ddot{Z} = -mg(t) + \left\{-\alpha_f \dot{Z}\right\} I_f(t) + \mathcal{F}\left(Z, \dot{Z}, \eta, \eta_t\right) I_i(t),$$
  
$$m\ddot{X} = \left\{-\alpha_f \dot{X}\right\} I_f(t) + \left\{-\alpha_i \dot{X} - \nabla \bar{\eta}|_{\mathbf{x}=\mathbf{X}}\right\} \mathcal{F} I_i(t),$$

- $I_f$  and  $I_i$  are indicator functions of flight and impact
- $\mathcal{F}(Z, \dot{Z}, \eta, \eta_t)$  is the force normal to the free surface exerted on the droplet.
- *m* is the droplet mass,  $\alpha_f$  and  $\alpha_i$  are flight and impact drag coefficients
- Replacing  $\eta$  by  $\bar{\eta}$  in  $\mathcal{F}$ , an average representation of the bath's free surface (notion of a "penetration depth"  $h(t) = |Z R \bar{\eta}|$ )

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# Modelling - the waves



Linearised quasi-potential approximation for weakly damped waves

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta \phi &= 0, \quad z < 0, \\ \phi_t &= -g(t) \ \eta + \frac{\sigma}{\rho} \Delta_H \eta + 2\nu \Delta_H \phi - \frac{1}{\rho} P_D(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{X}(t), t), \quad z = 0, \\ \eta_t &= \phi_z + 2\nu \Delta_H \eta, \quad z = 0, \\ P_D &= \mathcal{F}(t) I(|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{X}| < R(t)) / \pi R(t)^2 \end{aligned}$$

- $\phi$  is the potential in a Helmholtz decomposition  $\mathbf{u} = \nabla \phi + \nabla \times \Psi(\phi)$ .
- ▶ R(t) is a contact radius modelled geometrically  $R(Z \overline{\eta})$ .
- $\Delta_H$  is the horizontal Laplacian.

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# Modelling the impact (cont)

- I<sub>i</sub>(t) must be calculated from geometric information on the waves and flight of drop.
- The dynamical system is now non-smooth: there is a switch between impact and flight.

One possible vertical dynamics (ie a model for  $\mathcal{F}$ ) (see Molacek and Bush 2014) is:

$$m\ddot{Z} = -mg(t),$$

$$\left(1+\frac{c_3}{\ln^2\left|\frac{c_1R_0}{Z-\bar{\eta}}\right|}\right)m\ddot{Z}+\frac{4}{3}\frac{\pi\mu R_0c_2}{\ln\left|\frac{c_1R_0}{Z-\bar{\eta}}\right|}\left(\dot{Z}-\dot{\bar{\eta}}\right)+\frac{2\pi\sigma}{\ln\left|\frac{c_1R_0}{Z-\bar{\eta}}\right|}\left(Z-\bar{\eta}\right)=-mg(t),$$

during flight and impact respectively.

Continuous time wave generation

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 $(m, n)^p$  states: *m* is number of forcing periods, *n* is number of bounces, *p* is an energy state. The control parameter is  $\Gamma$ .

Continuous time wave generation

### **Experimental Verification**



The model has good comparison with experiments over a range of dynamics.

### Kinematic Match Model

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Perfectly Hydrophobic Rigid Sphere

0 parameters

Same fluid equations as before but BC on impact surface impose kinematic match.

### A Non-local Formulation in Physical Space



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### Forces During Impact

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### Phase Diagram

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Experimental data from: Wind-Willassen, O., Moláček, J., Harris, D.M. & Bush, J. W. M. 2013 Exotic states of bouncing and walking droplets. Phys. Fluids 25, 082002.

### **Contact Phases**

![](_page_39_Figure_1.jpeg)

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# Conclusions

- Macroscopic system of wave-particle association with complex phenomena.
- System mimics qualitatively many quantum phenomena.
- "Virtual laboratory" and mathematical models to explore the behaviour.
- System is nonlinear, chaotic, and particle has path induced memory.

# Questions

- Other applications for kinematic match
- Drop deformation
- Hydrodynamics of Faraday pilot-waves in cavities.
- Which equation describes the probability?

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