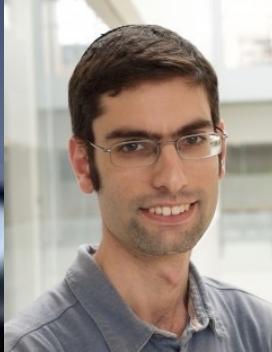




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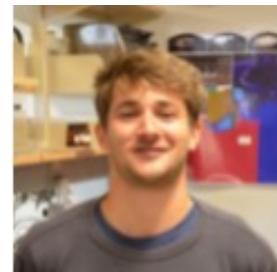
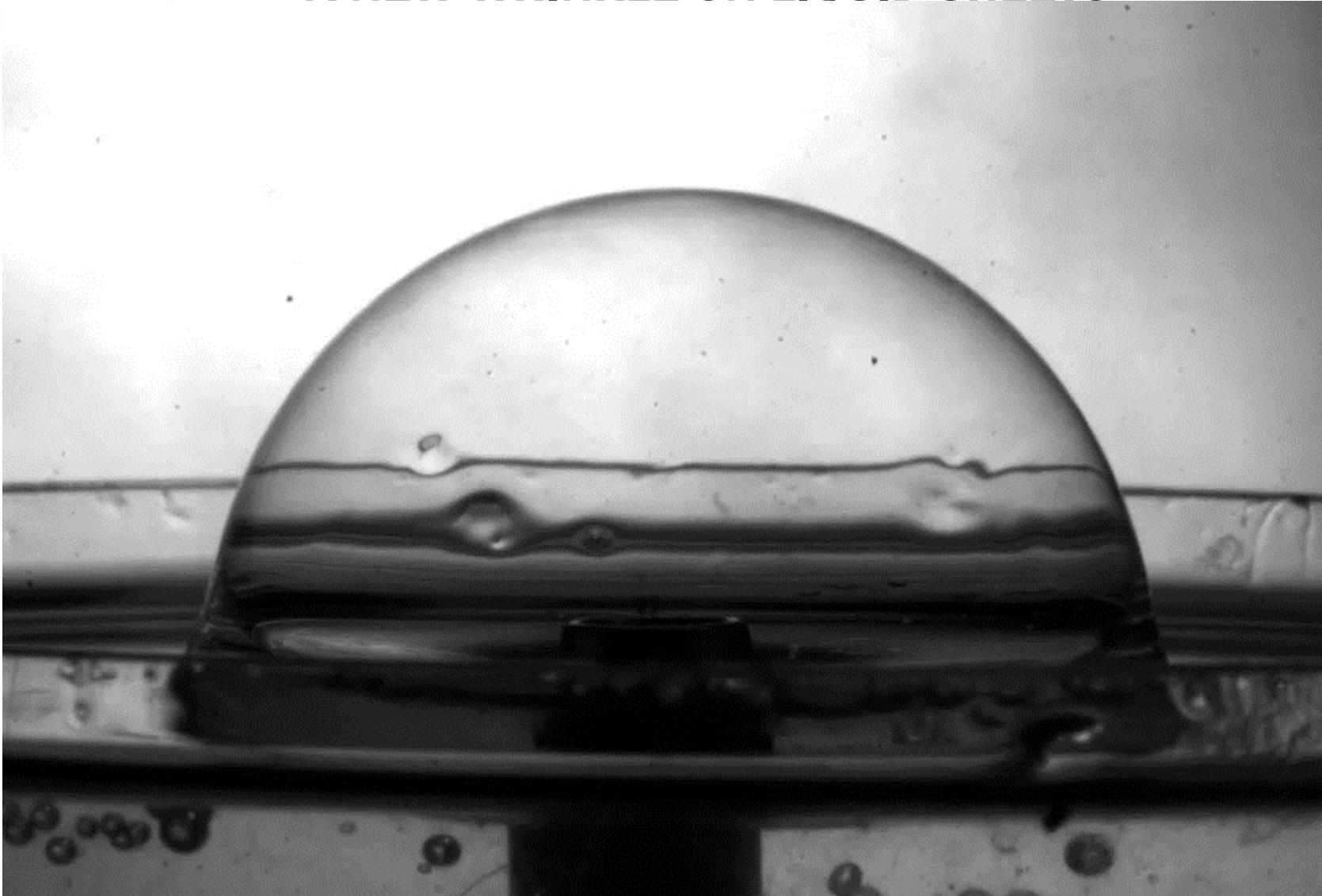


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# HOW BUBBLES COLLAPSE

## CURVATURE-DRIVEN VISCOUS 2D HYDRODYNAMICS

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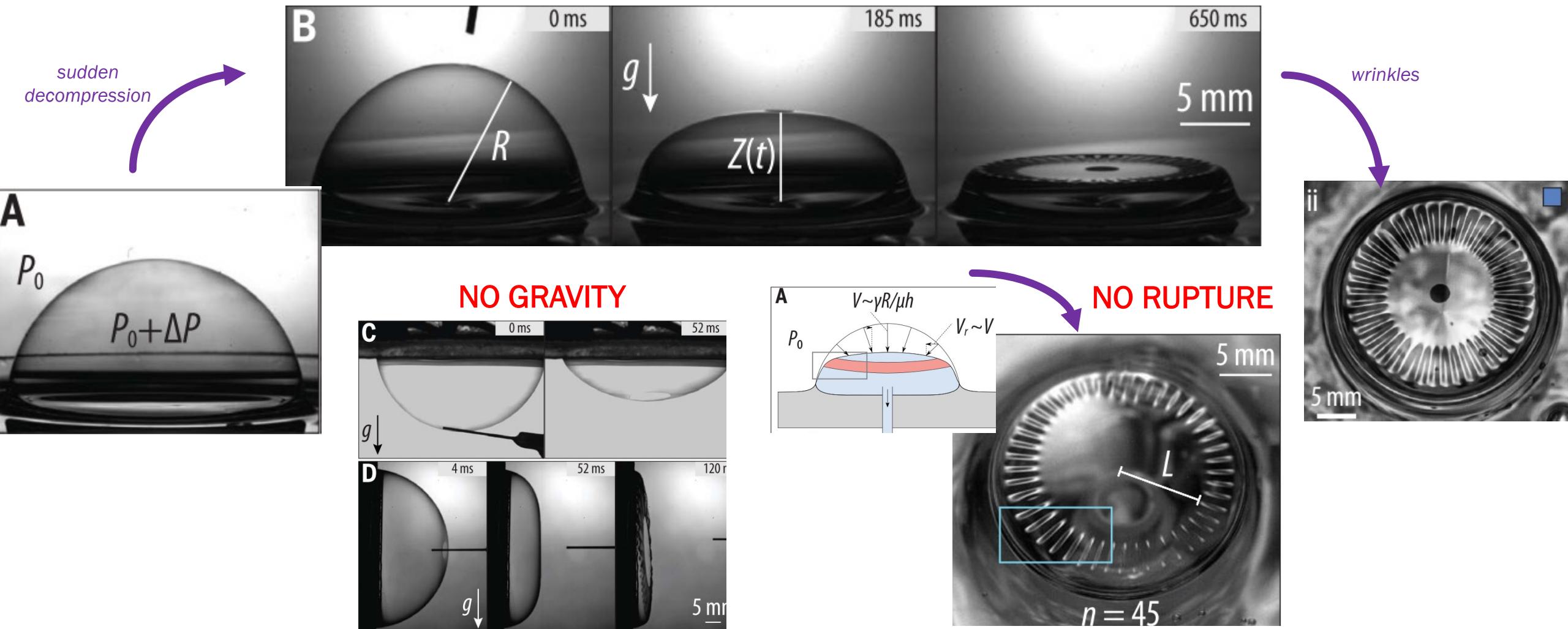


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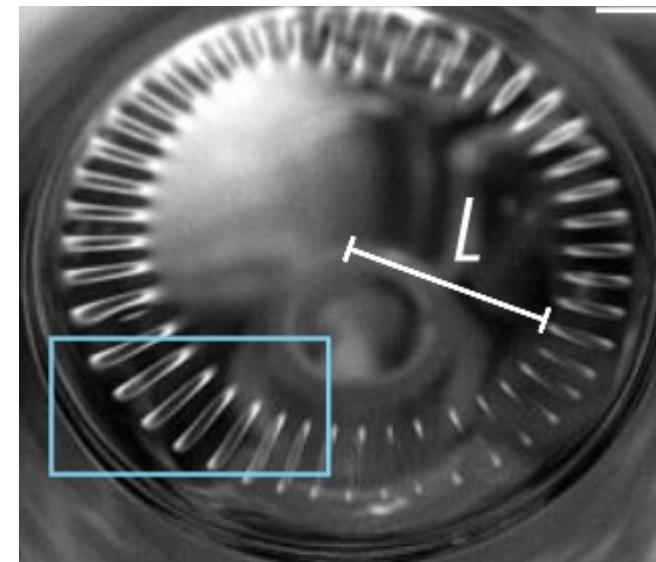
# CURVATURE DRIVEN HYDRODYNAMICS OF 2D LIQUIDS

Experiment suggests dynamics of bubble collapse is governed by:

viscous [hydrodynamics](#)



interfacial [thermodynamics](#)



# WHAT IS “HYDRODYNAMICS” ?

Macroscopic flow, characterized in the bulk by local thermodynamics & conservation laws:

“Ideal” (inviscid) fluid

Energy

Momentum

Mass

(Euler ~1750)



viscous fluid

Energy

Momentum  
(diffusion)

Mass

(Navier-Stokes ~1820)



Trouton ~ 1900

$$\rho \frac{d\mathbf{v}}{dt} \propto \nabla \sigma \quad \sigma \propto \eta \nabla \mathbf{v}$$

Films: free surfaces

Energy

Tangential Momentum

Mass



Poiseuille ~ 1840

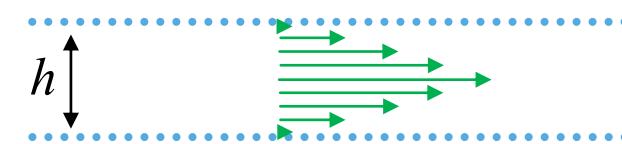
$$\rho \frac{d\mathbf{v}}{dt} \propto -\nabla p + \frac{\eta}{h^2} \mathbf{v}$$

Films (lubrication):

Energy

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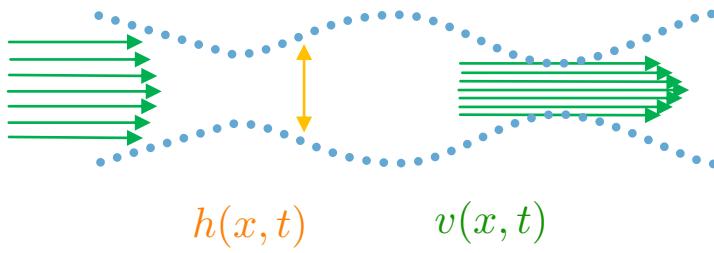
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# MOMENTUM-CONSERVING HYDRODYNAMICS OF CURVED VISCOUS FILMS



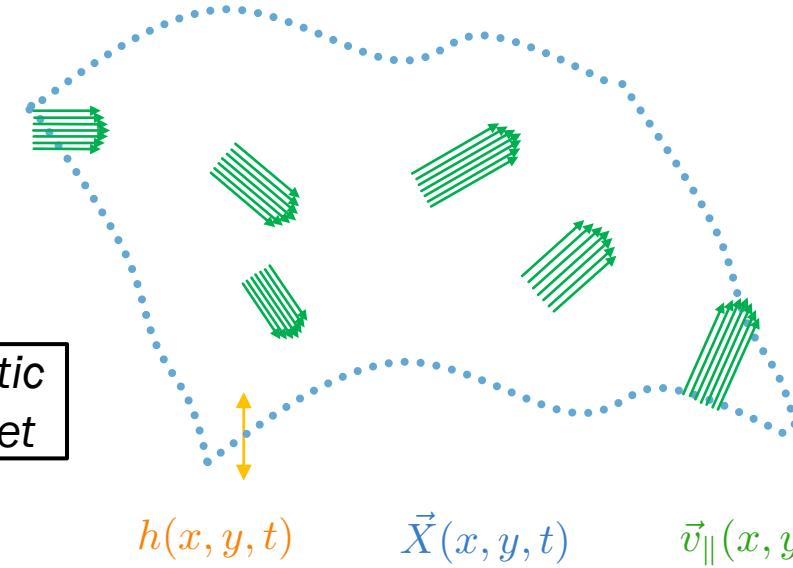
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Howell 1996

viscous film  $\longleftrightarrow$  elastic sheet

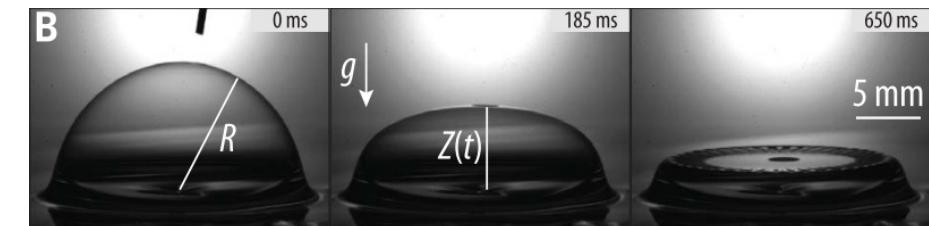
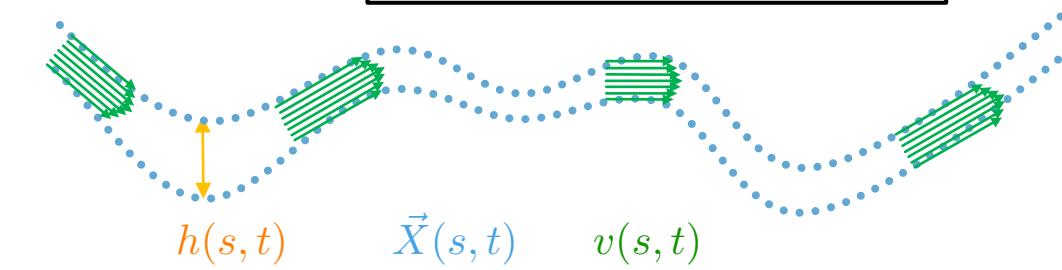
Energy  
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Taylor ~ 1960

Bucmaster-Nachman-Ting 1975

“viscida”  $\longleftrightarrow$  elastica



compression  $\longrightarrow$  buckling/wrinkling

... but why compression ??

# OUTLINE

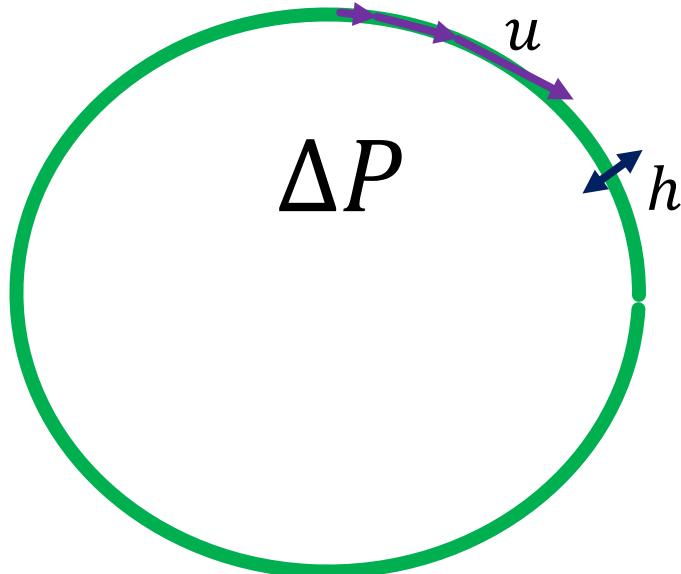
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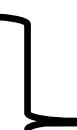
- Elastic systems:

strain  $\nabla u$  

stress  
 $\sigma \sim Eh\nabla u$

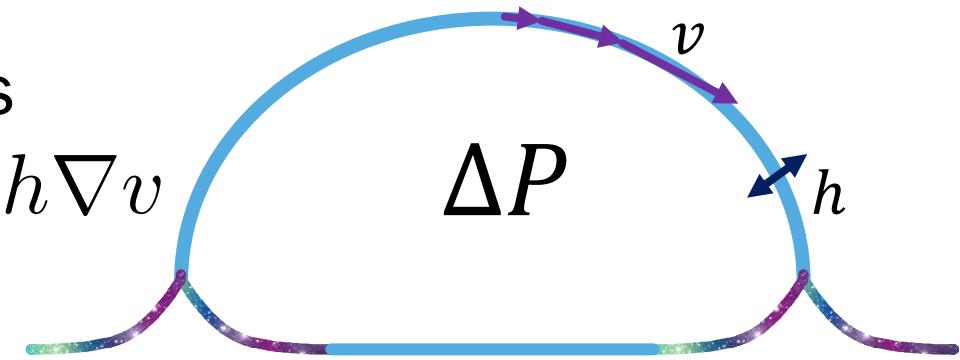


- Viscous systems:

strain rate  $\nabla v$  

surface tension  $2\gamma$  

stress  
 $\sigma \sim 2\gamma + \eta h\nabla v$

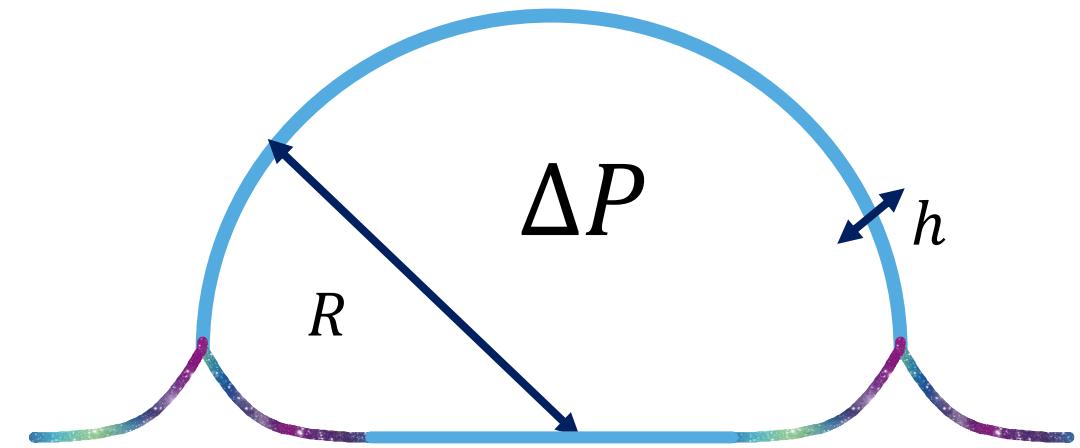


## INTRODUCTION: LAPLACE LAW (NORMAL FORCE BALANCE)



$$\Delta P = \frac{2\sigma}{R} = \frac{2(2\gamma + nh\nabla v)}{R} \approx \frac{4\gamma}{R}$$

$$R \approx \frac{4\gamma}{\Delta P}$$



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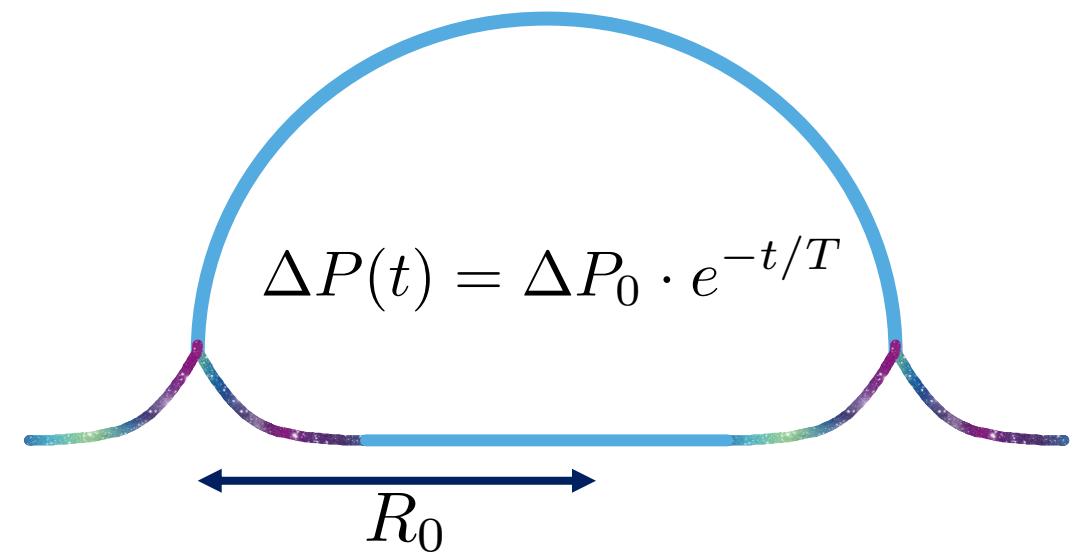
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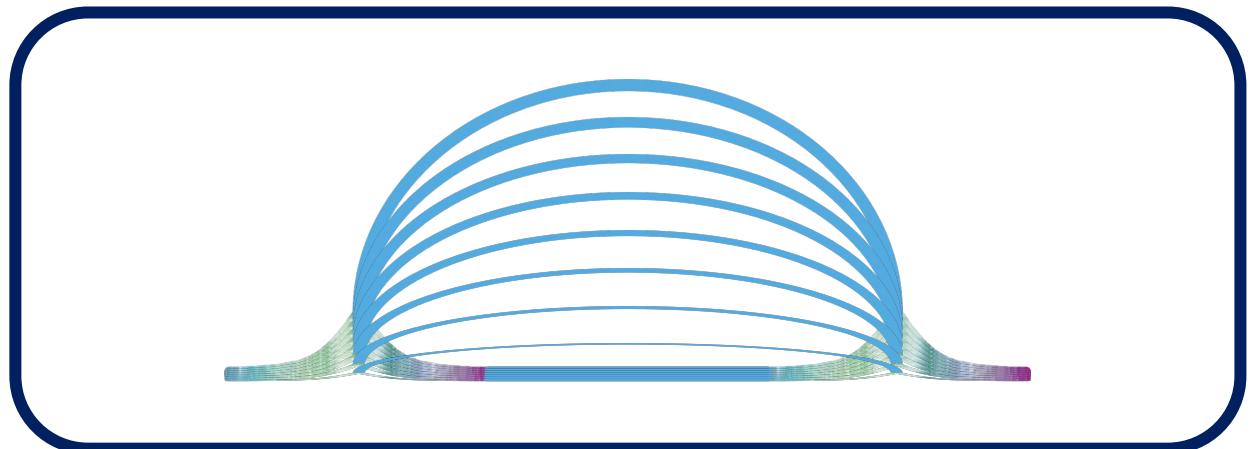
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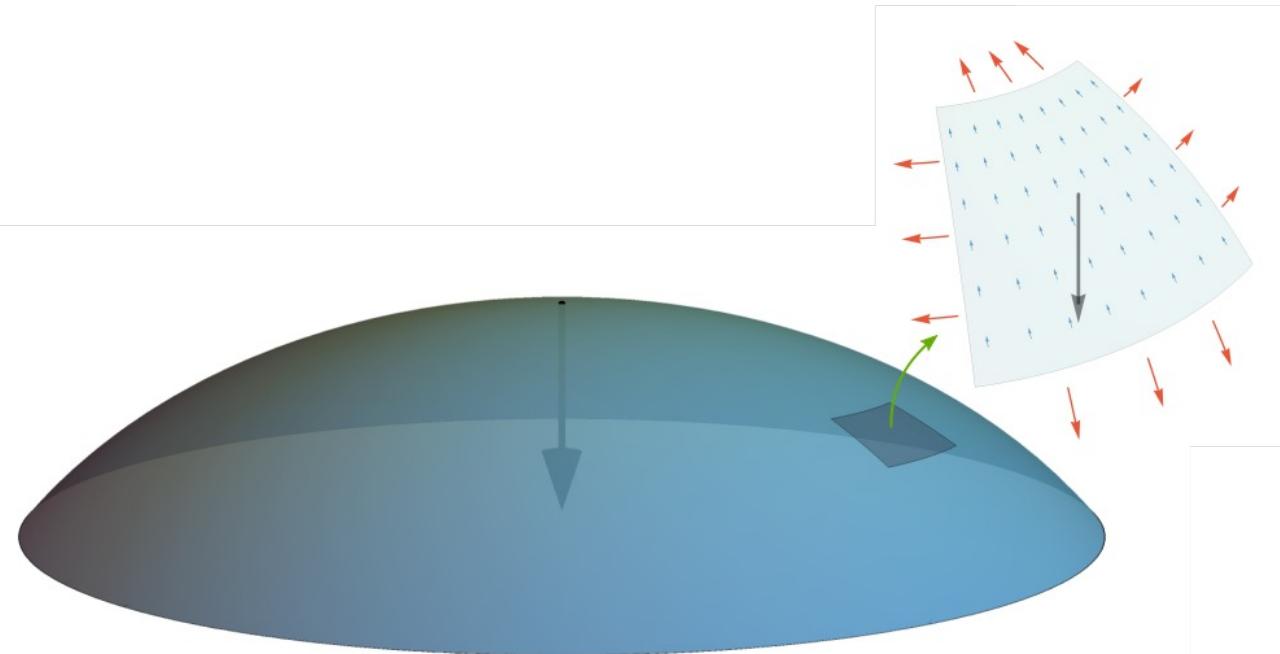
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adiabatic condition:

$$\eta h v / R_0 \ll \gamma \implies \tau_{dep} \gg \tau_{vc}$$

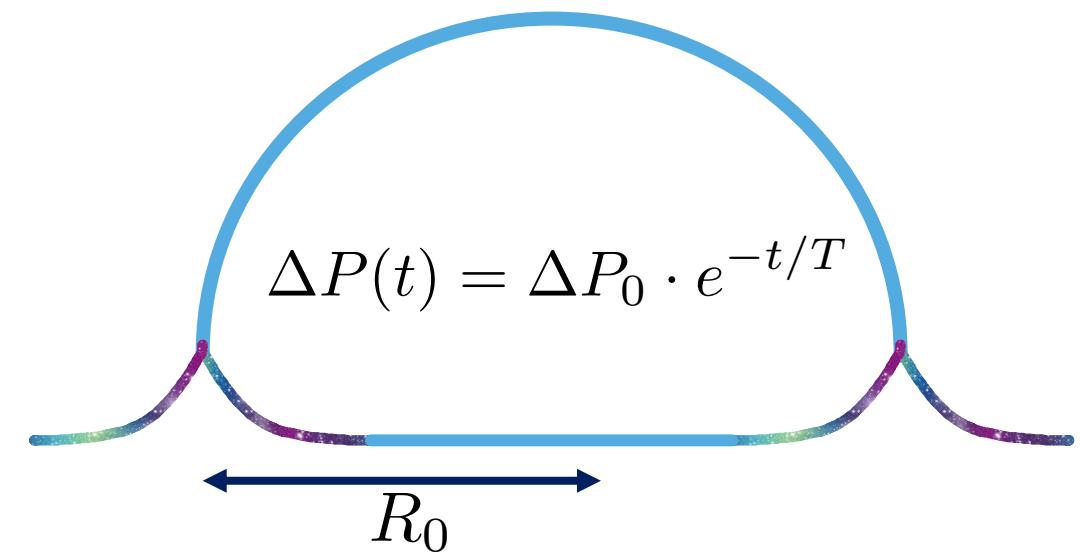
$$\tau_{vc} \equiv \frac{\eta h}{\gamma}$$



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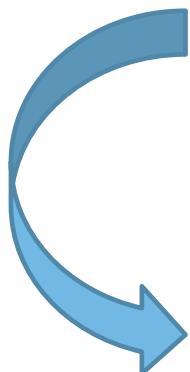
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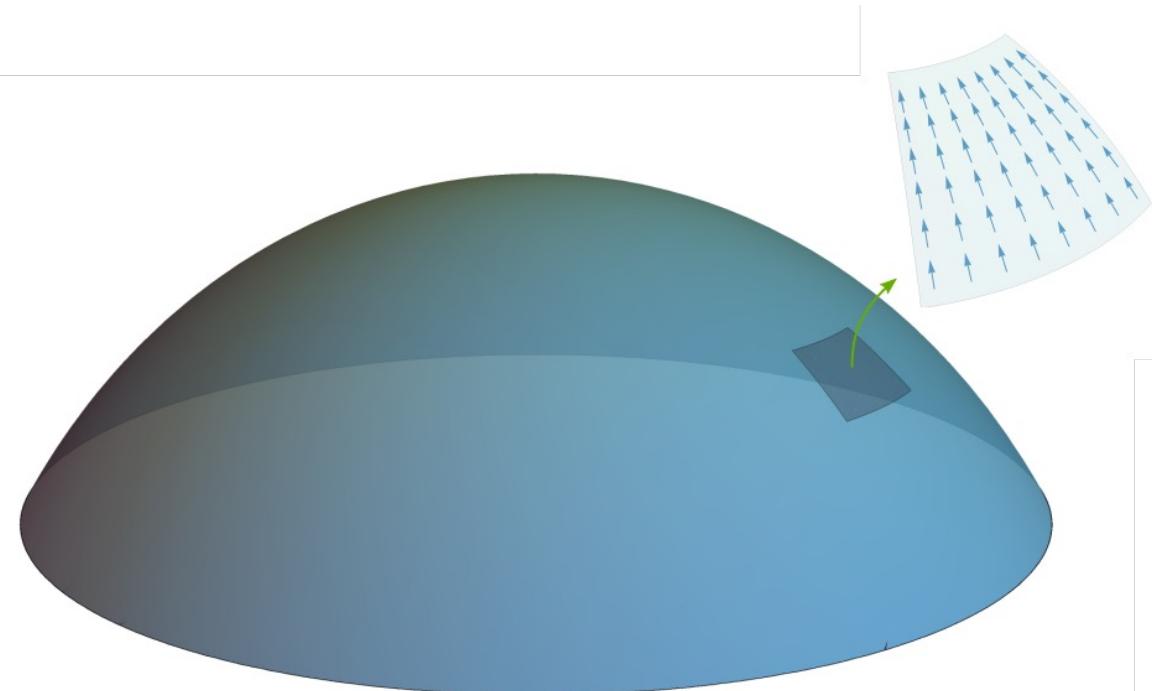
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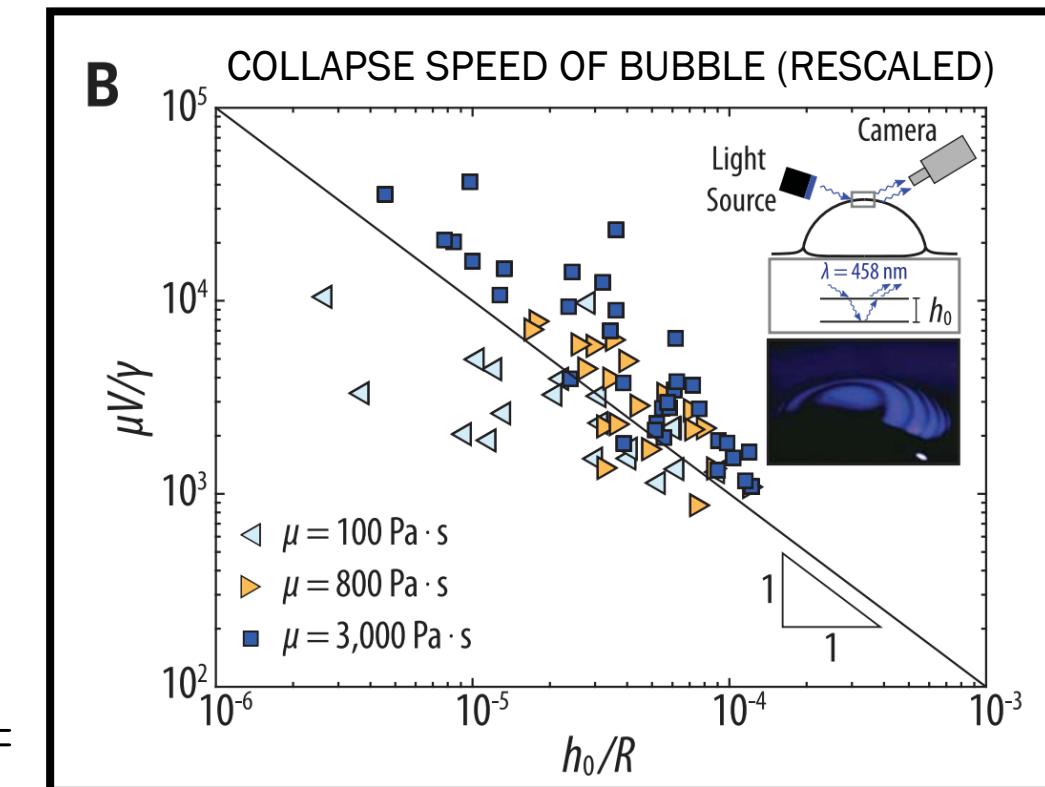


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normal flow !?



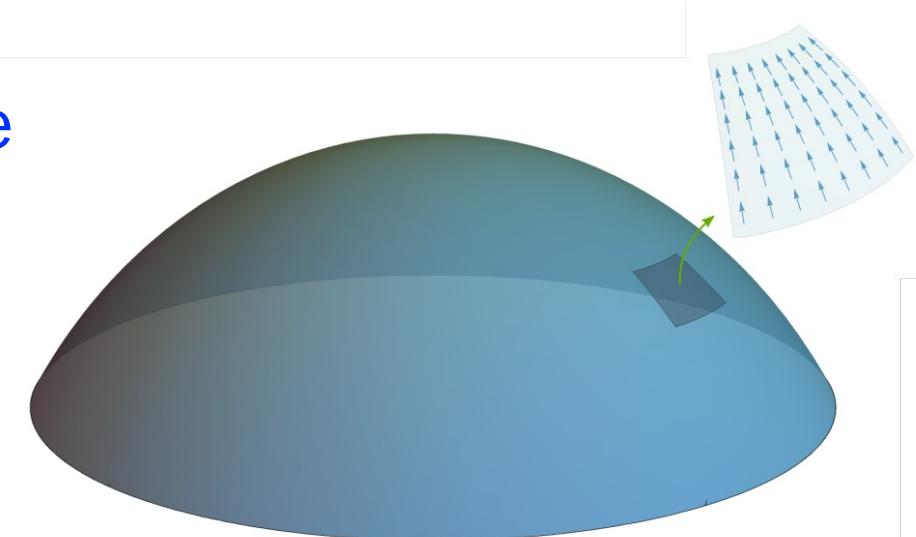
# INTRODUCTION: THE PHANTOM BUBBLE PARADOX

How does bubble's shape evolve after rapid depressurization ?

## “phantom bubble”

mass & momentum  
conserved

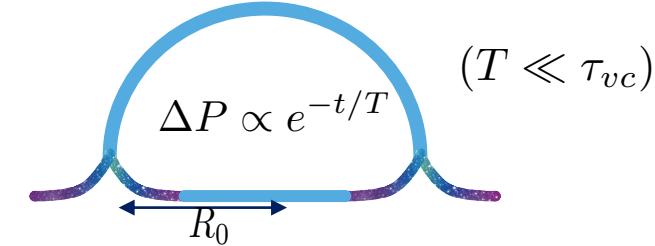
- nonequilibrium , stress-free state  
enabled by viscous flow
- steady spherical shape  
no net tangential or normal force



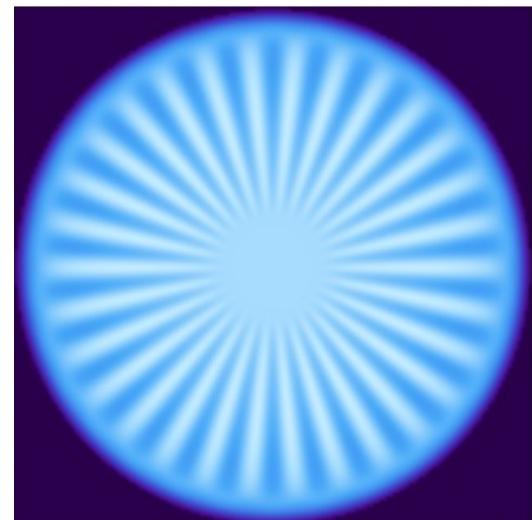
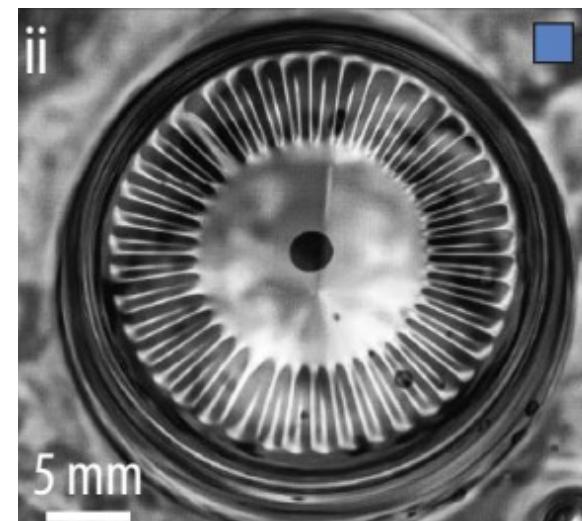
$$\Delta U \neq Q - W$$

- violating the 1<sup>st</sup> law of thermodynamics  
no source of energy to fuel heat generated by viscous flow

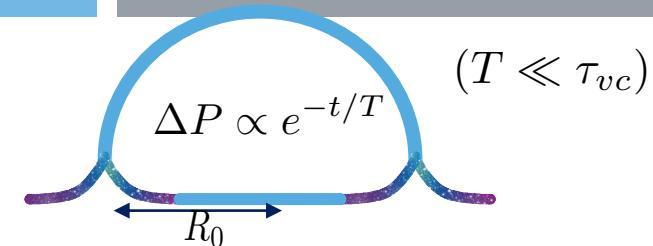
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- What drives flattening of rapidly-depressurized bubble ?
- What causes radial wrinkles ?
- How general is this behavior?

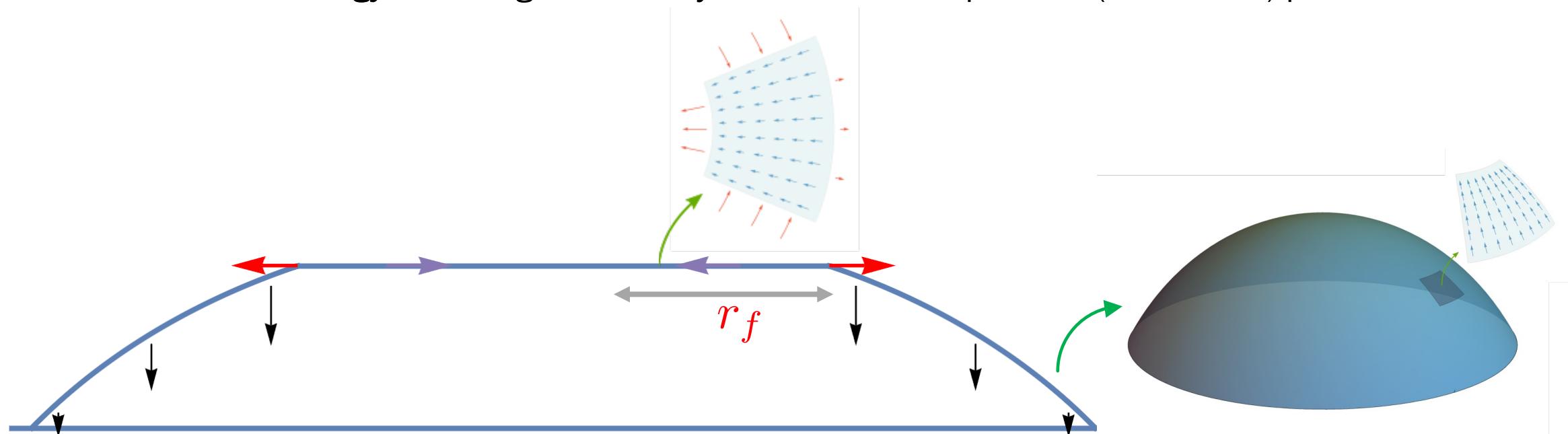


# INTRODUCTION: PARADOX RESOLVED !

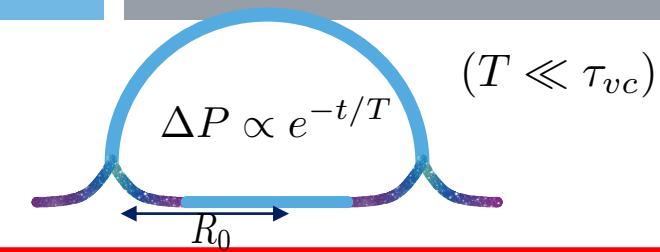


**bubble flattens by front propagation (akin to phase transformation)**

- flat “island” of radius  $r_f \sim \sqrt{T}$  nucleates in a spherical stress-free “sea” during depressurization
- planar core invades spherical periphery at velocity  $\dot{r}_f \sim R_0/\tau_{vc}$
- release of surface energy → heat generated by viscous flow in spherical (stress-free) portion

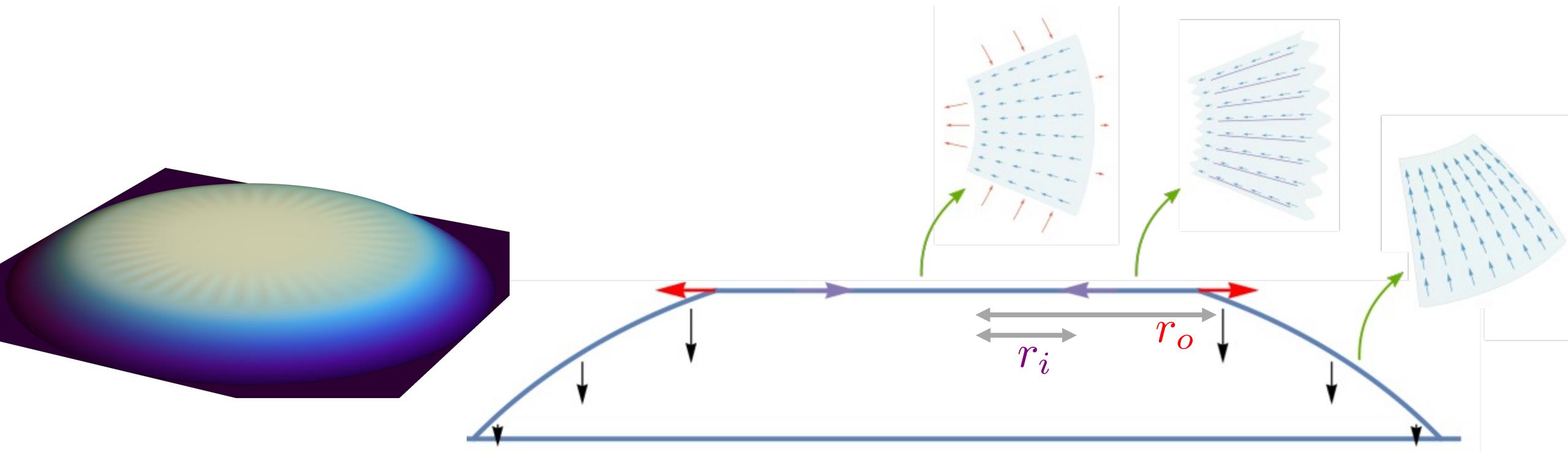


## INTRODUCTION: WHY RADIAL WRINKLES ?



planar core is under hoop compression → wrinkling instability

- planar-wrinkled annulus  $r_i < r < r_o$  expands between planar core and spherical periphery



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in-plane stress  
(force/length)

tangential velocity

metric

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$\eta$  = viscosity

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$$R_{ij}^{-1} \approx \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial x_i \partial x_j}$$

planar film

curved film

normal force balance

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"viscous bending"

tangential force balance

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$$\nabla^4 \Psi = 0$$

(2D Stokes flow)

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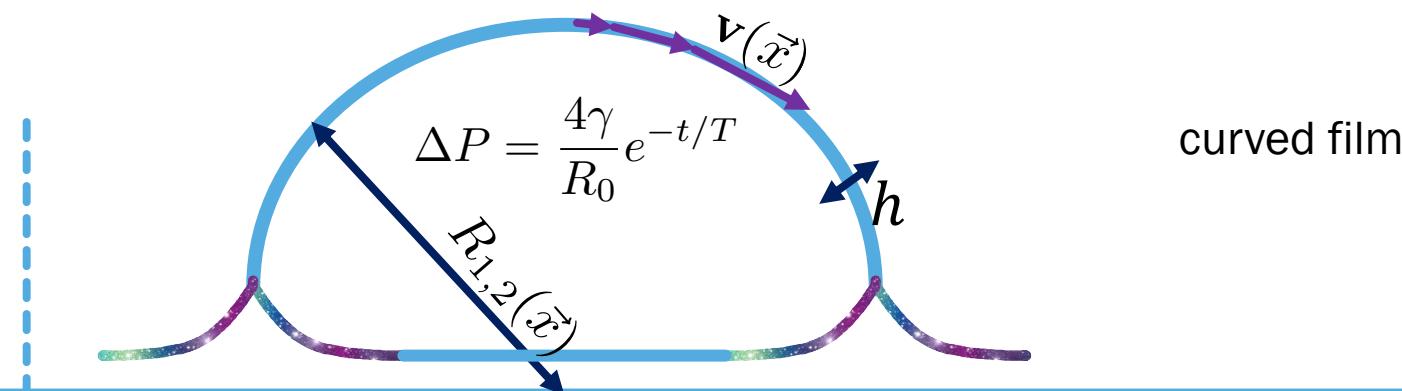
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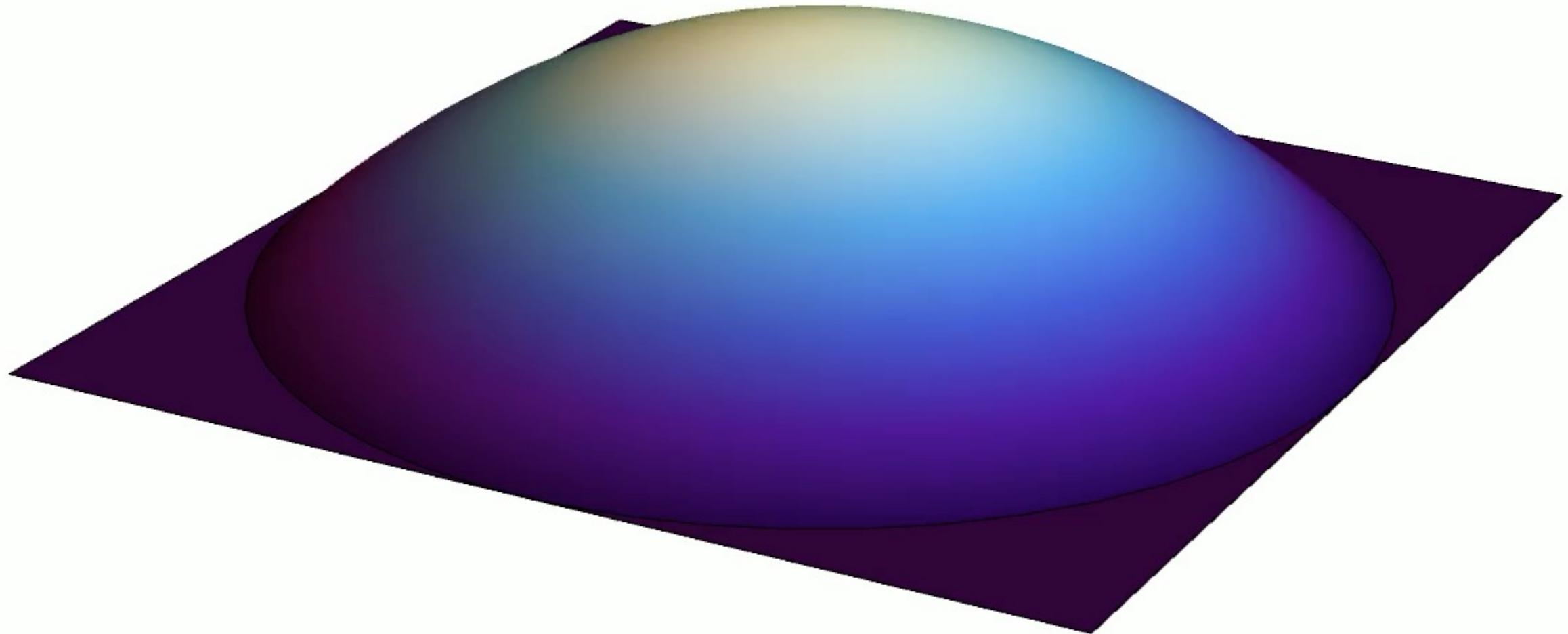
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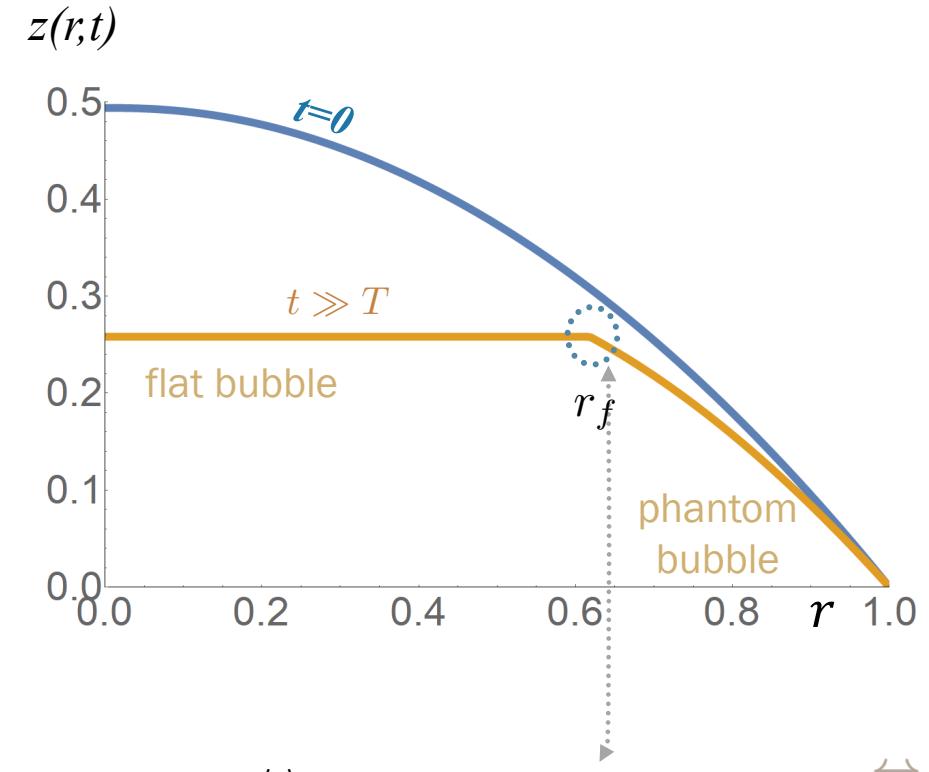
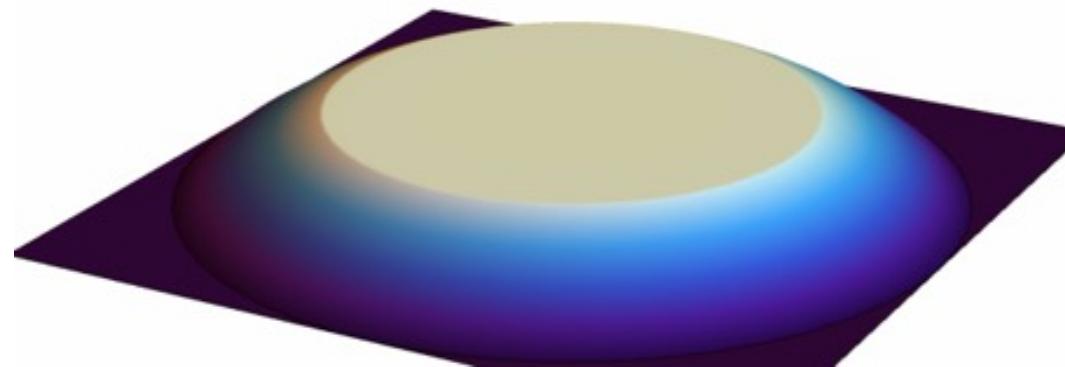
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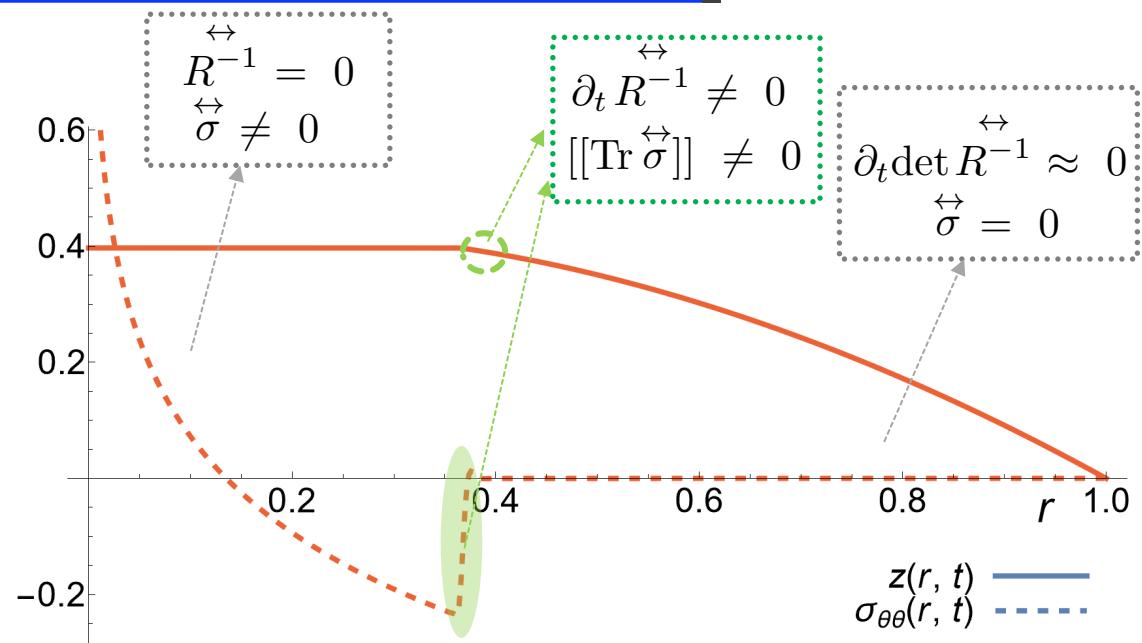
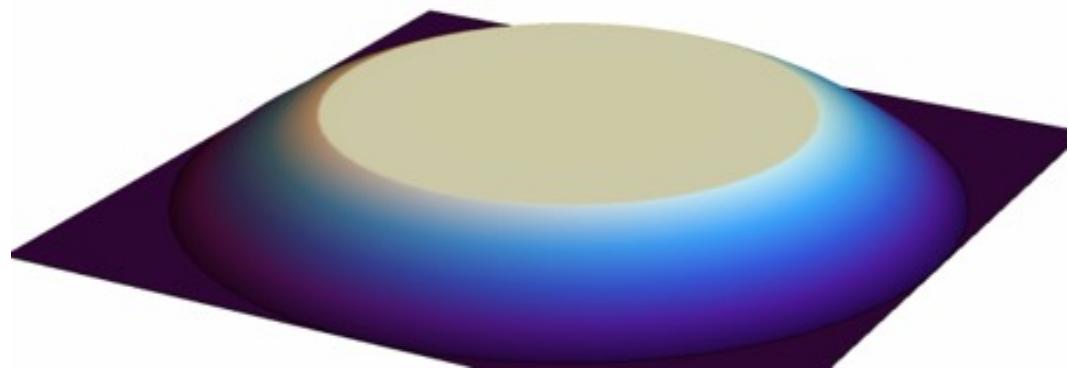
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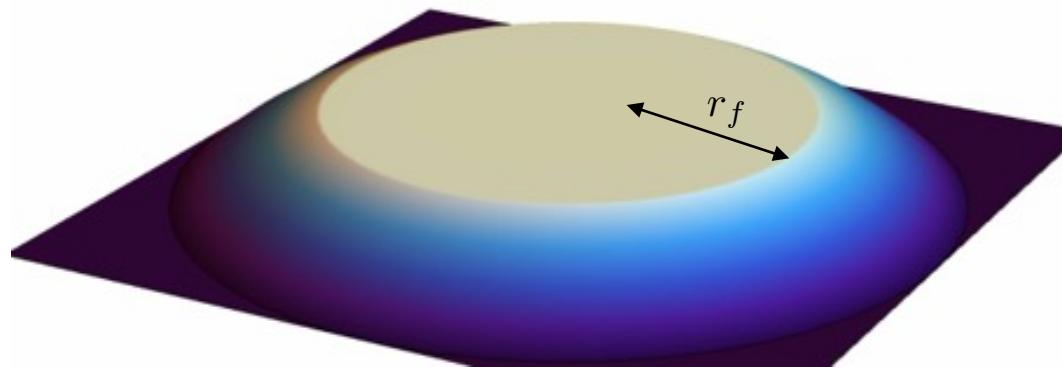
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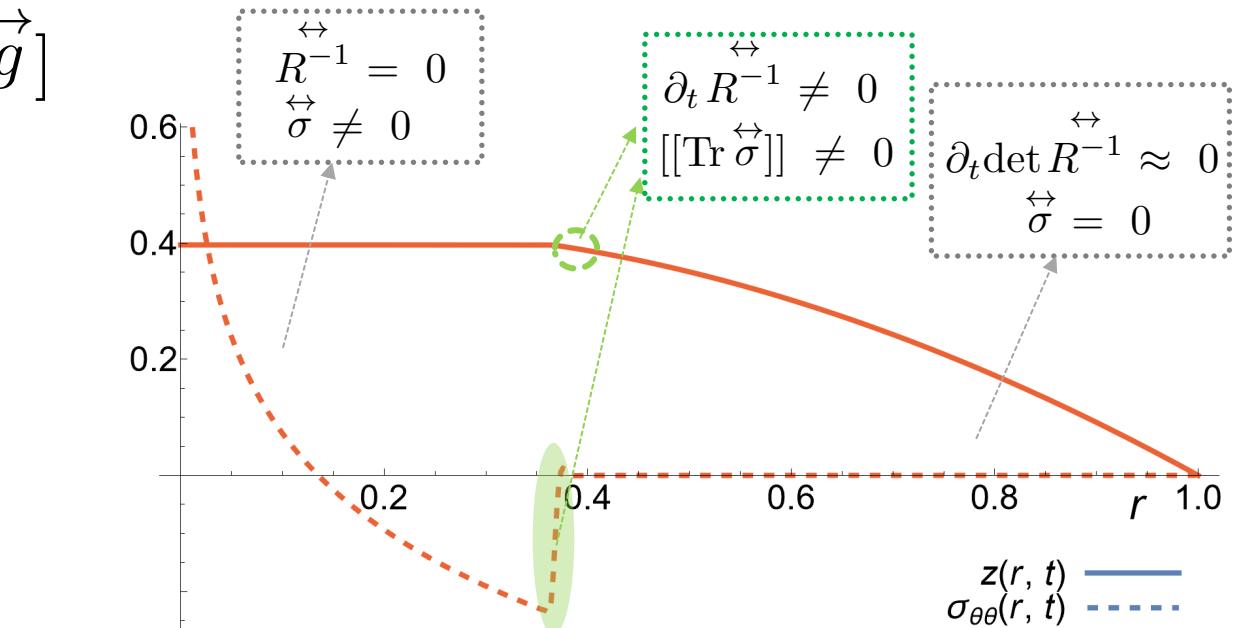


normal force balance

$$\begin{array}{ll} \overset{\leftrightarrow}{\sigma} \neq 0 & \overset{\leftrightarrow}{R}^{-1} \approx 0 \\ (\text{stressed , planar shape}) & \end{array}$$

tangential force balance

$$\begin{array}{lll} \overset{\leftrightarrow}{\sigma} \approx 0 & \partial_t \det \overset{\leftrightarrow}{R}^{-1} \approx 0 & r > r_f(t) \\ (\text{stress-free , non-planar shape}) & & \end{array}$$



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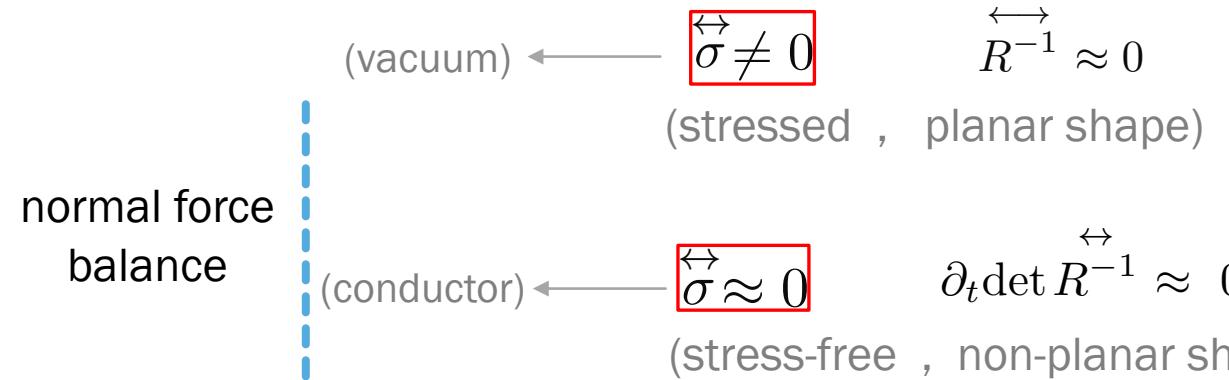
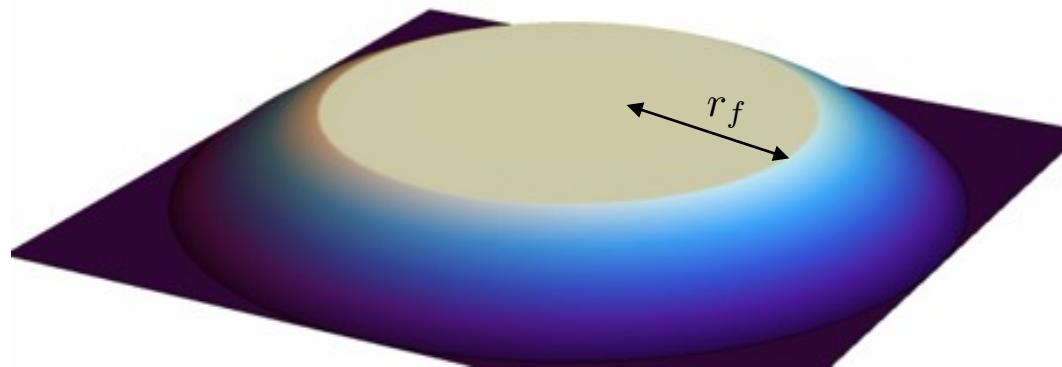
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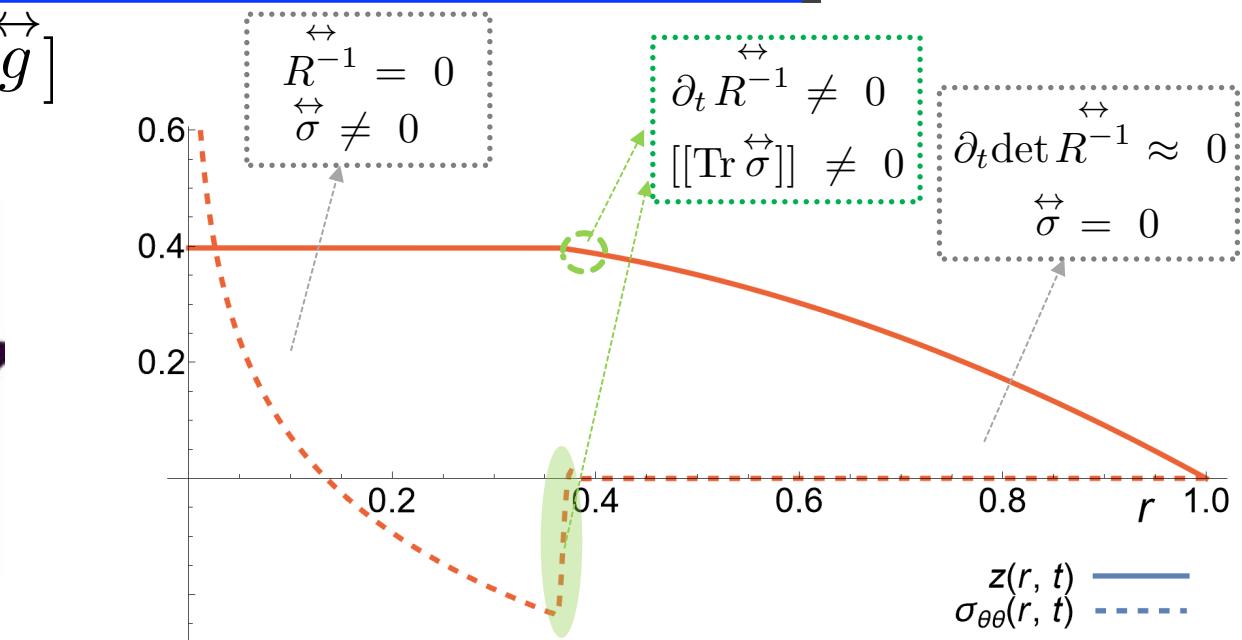
$$\nabla^2 \Psi = \text{Tr} \overset{\leftrightarrow}{\sigma}$$



tangential force balance

$$\rho_e = q \cdot \left( \frac{1}{r} \delta(r) - \frac{1}{r_f} \delta(r - r_f) \right)$$

disclination (strain rate)      propagating front



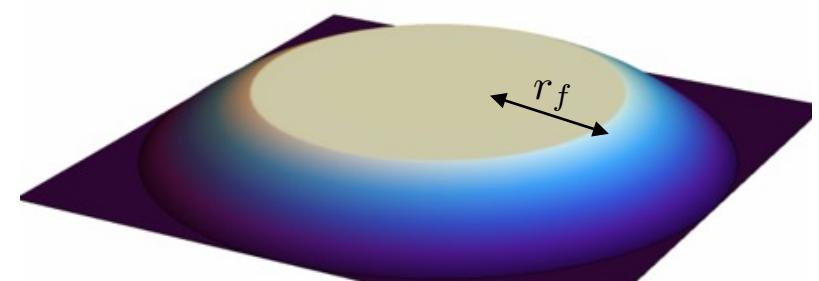
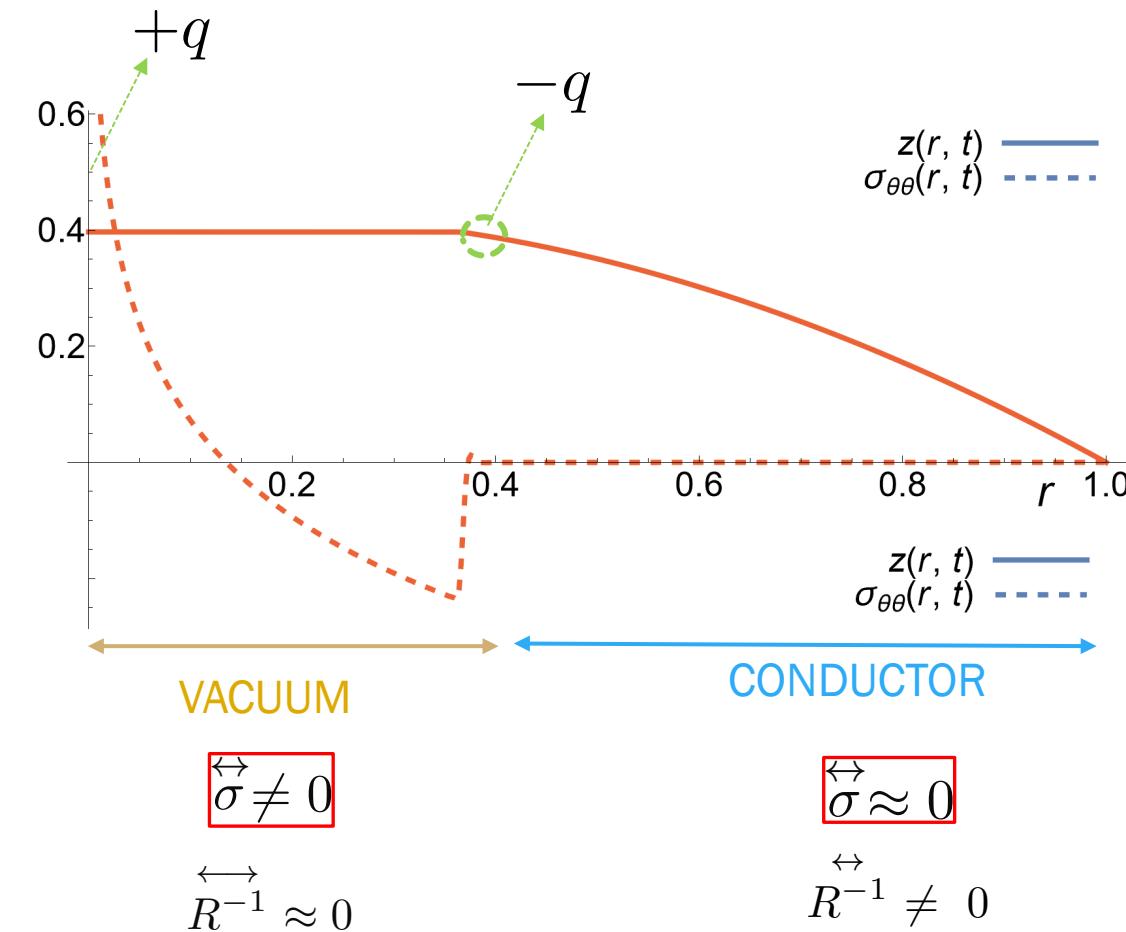
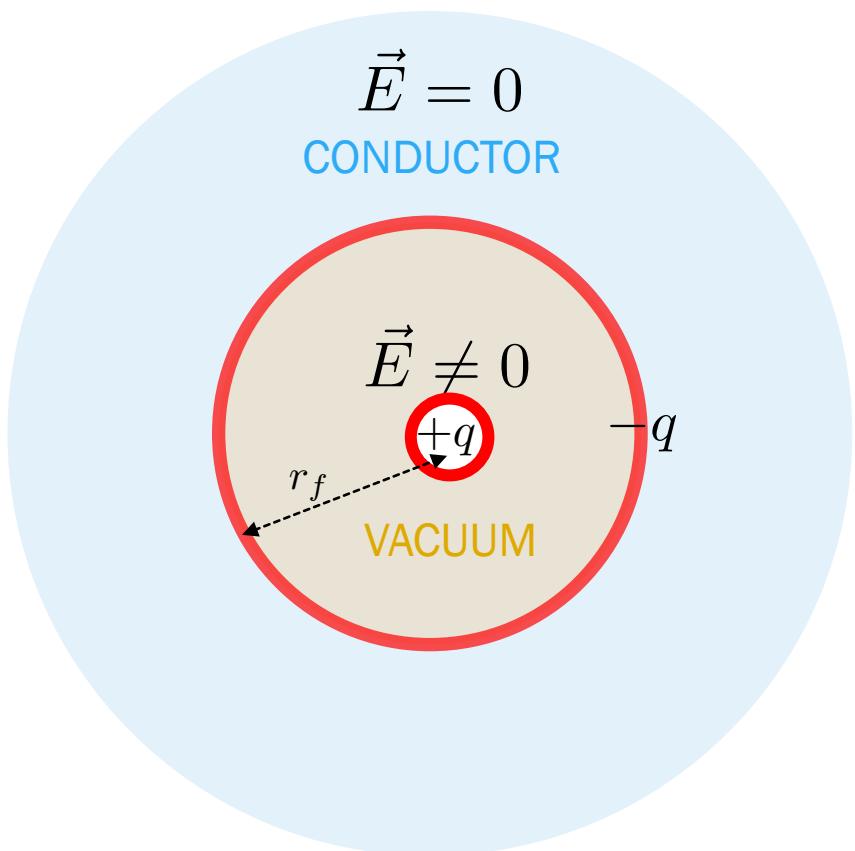
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“charge” density  $\rho(\mathbf{x}, t)$

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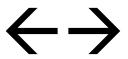
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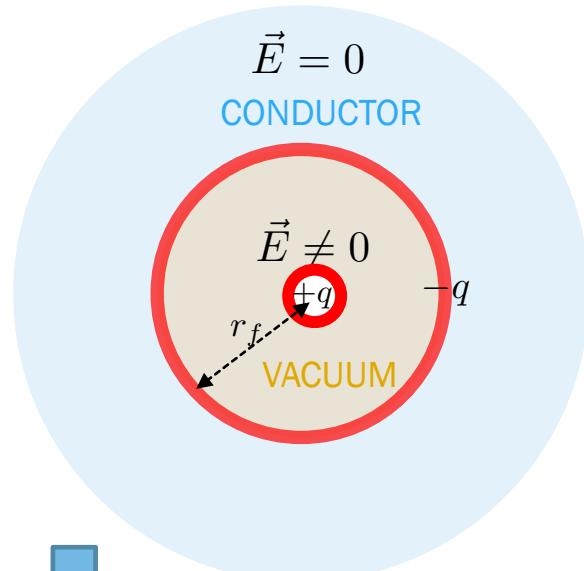
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Electrostatics of vacuum-conductor



Momentum conservation in viscous film



$$V$$

$$\vec{E} = \nabla V$$

$$q$$

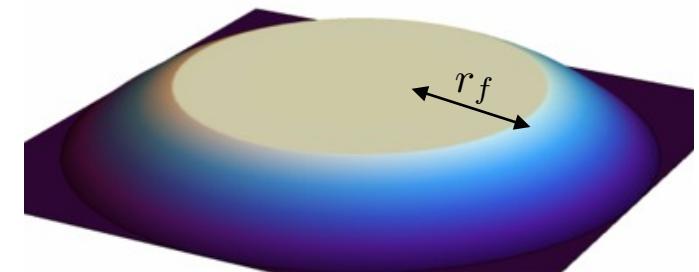
charge neutrality

$$\text{Tr } \overset{\leftrightarrow}{\sigma}$$

$$\nabla[\text{Tr } \overset{\leftrightarrow}{\sigma}]$$

$$\propto \eta h \partial_t \det R^{-1} \overset{\leftrightarrow}{\sigma}$$

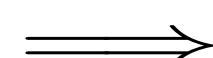
absence of normal force



Determine  $\overset{\leftrightarrow}{\sigma}$  and  $R^{-1}$  for given  $q(t)$ ,  $r_f(t)$



Dynamics (front propagation)  $[[\text{Tr } \overset{\leftrightarrow}{\sigma}]] \propto [[\det R^{-1}]]$



$$\dot{r}_f = q \frac{r_f}{r_f^2 - \int^t q(t') dt'}$$



Thermodynamics (1<sup>st</sup> law)  $\frac{\text{change of}}{\text{surface energy}} = \frac{\text{heat production}}{\text{by viscous flow}}$

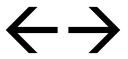


$$q = \sqrt{r_f^{-2} - 4} - r_f^{-2}$$

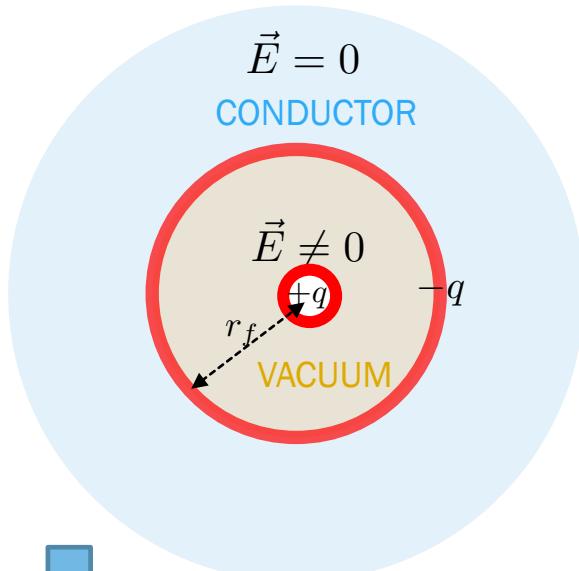
# NON-INERTIAL DYNAMICS OF MOMENTUM CONSERVING FILM

## AS FRONT PROPAGATION IMPOSED ON CHARGE-CONSERVING MEDIA

Electrostatics of vacuum-conductor



Momentum conservation in viscous film



$$V$$

$$\vec{E} = \nabla V$$

$$q$$

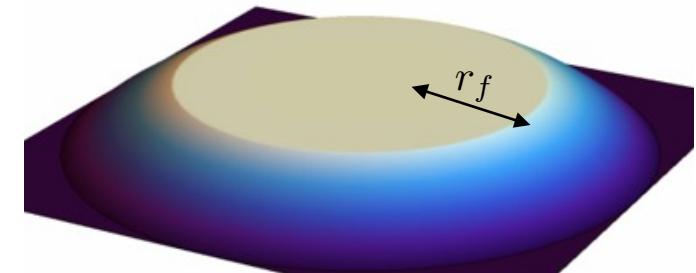
charge neutrality

$$\text{Tr} \overset{\leftrightarrow}{\sigma}$$

$$\nabla[\text{Tr} \overset{\leftrightarrow}{\sigma}]$$

$$\propto \eta h \partial_t \det R^{-1} \overset{\leftrightarrow}{\sigma}$$

absence of normal force



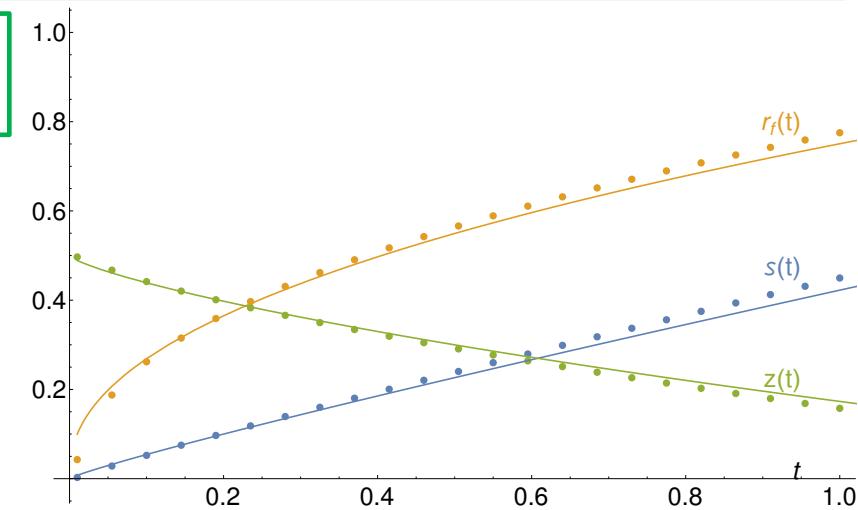
Determine  $\overset{\leftrightarrow}{\sigma}$  and  $R^{-1}$  for given  $q(t)$ ,  $r_f(t)$

Dynamics (front propagation)

$$[[\text{Tr} \overset{\leftrightarrow}{\sigma}]] \propto [[\det R^{-1}]]$$

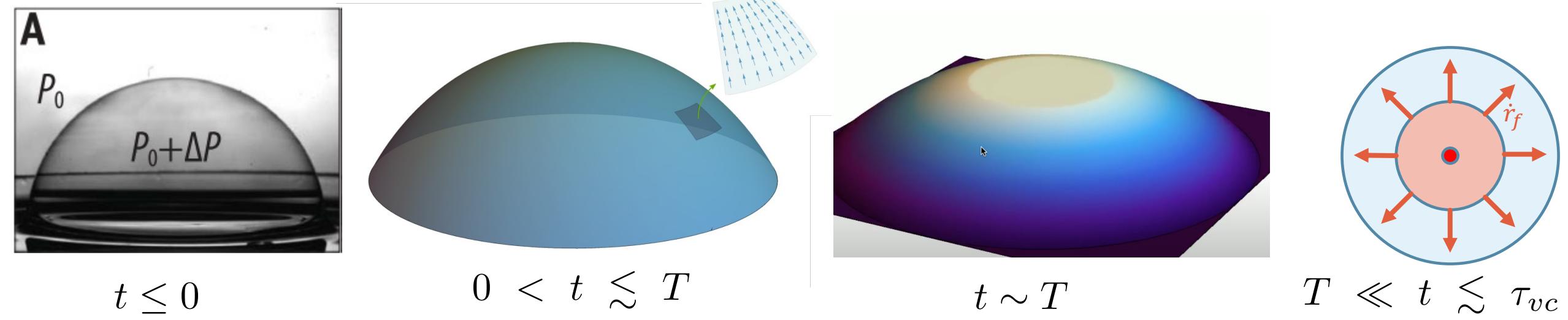
Thermodynamics (1<sup>st</sup> law)

change of surface energy = heat production by viscous flow



# INTERIM SUMMARY

- Rapid depressurization → “Phantom bubble” – steady, spherical, stress-free state
- Topological instability: dynamical nucleation of a “disclination-front” pair  
(akin to electrostatic quadrupole)
- Axisymmetric flattening process: curvature flows out, damping only on front  
(quadrupole is expanding)



## WRINKLING INSTABILITY

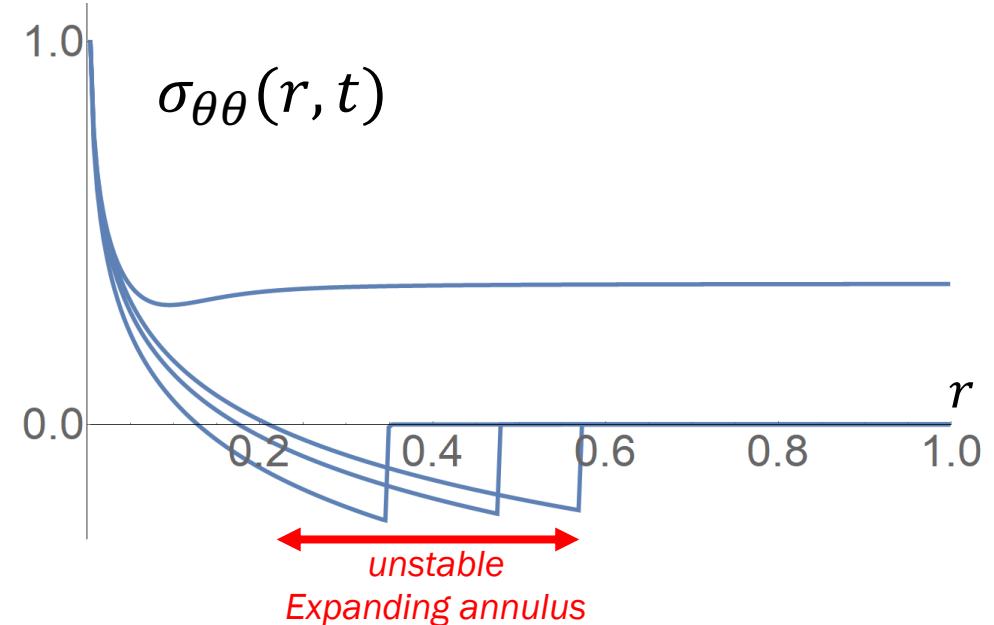
hoop compression  $\rightarrow$  Instability  
(radial wrinkles suppress compression)



dynamics captured by single-mode ansatz

$$z \approx z_0(r, t) + z_m(r, t) \cos m\theta$$

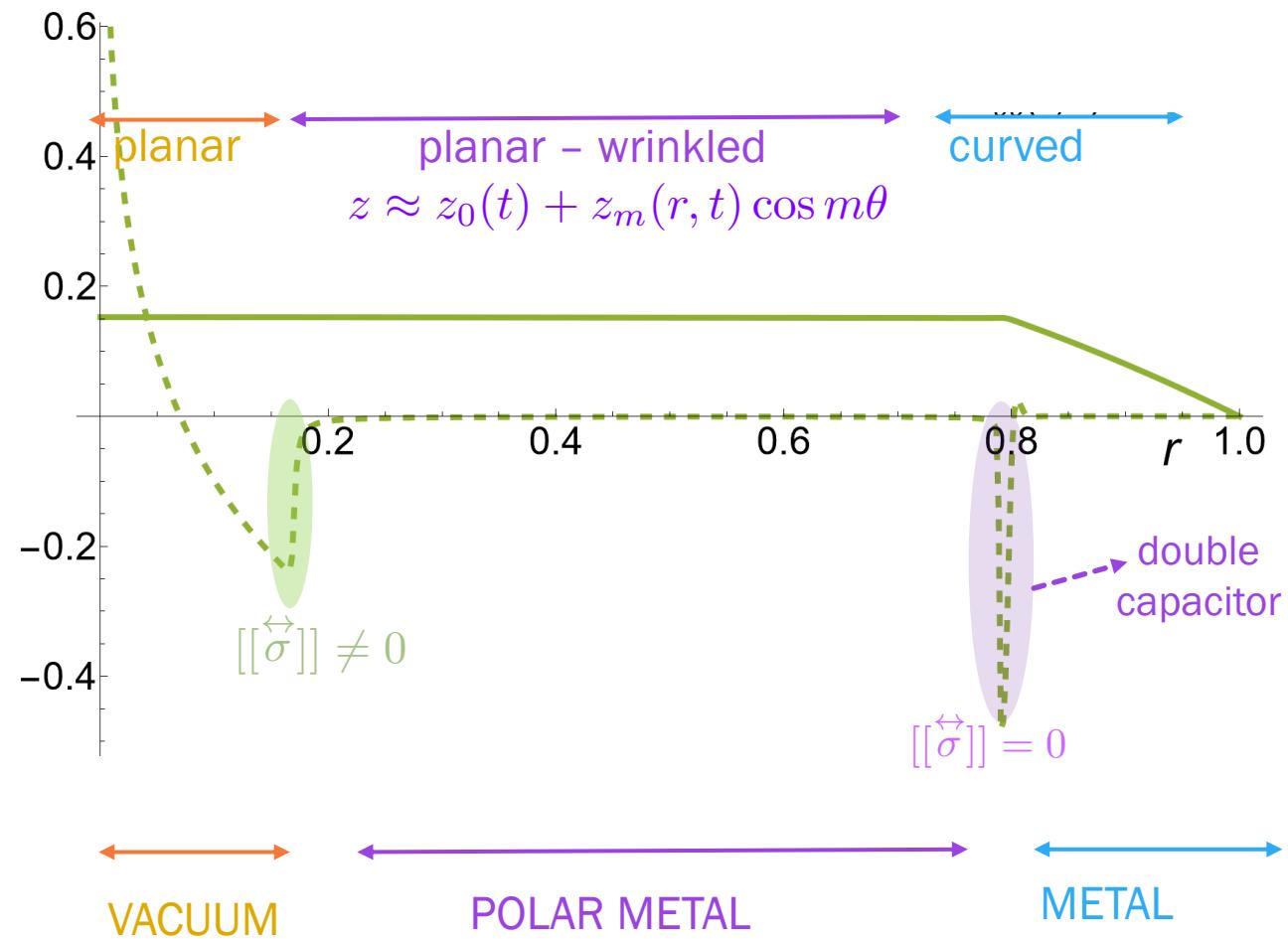
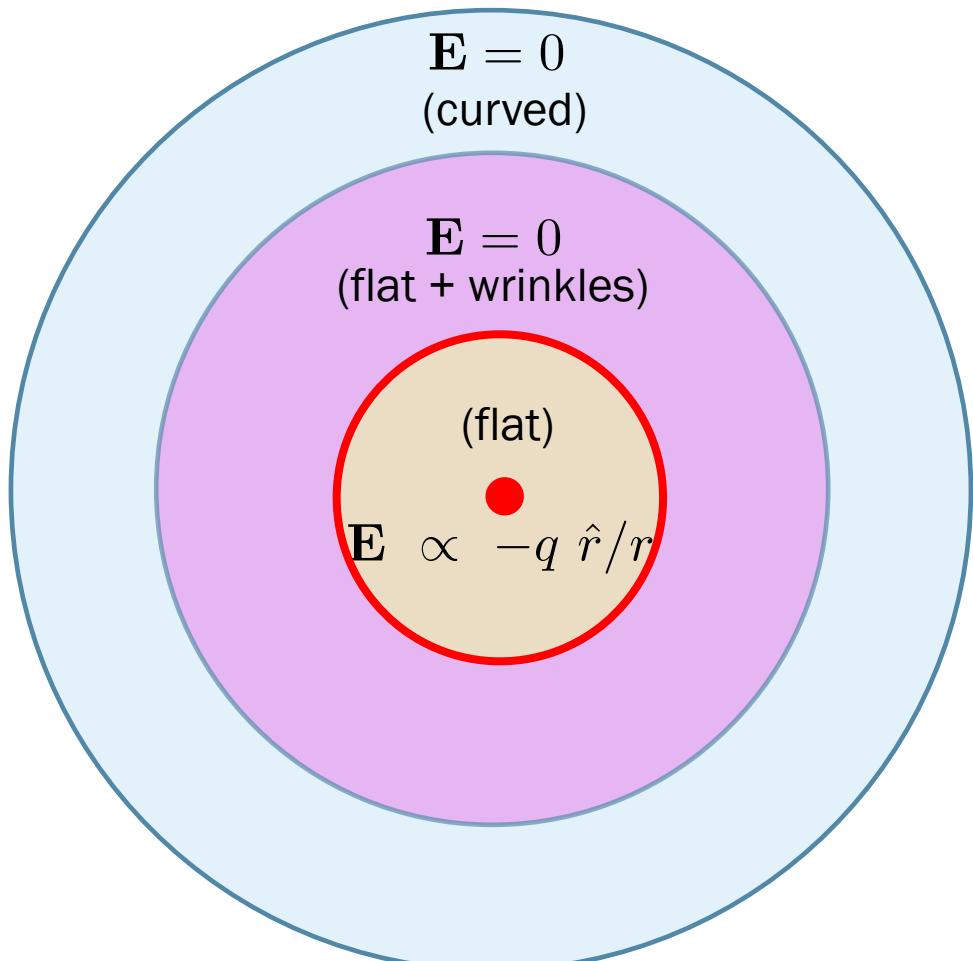
$$\sigma_{ij} \approx \sigma_{ij,0}(r, t) + \sigma_{ij,m}(r, t) \cos m\theta$$



# WRINKLED SURFACE DYNAMICS

“POLAR METAL” ANNULUS INVADES “VACUUM” CORE & “CONDUCTING” SEA

$$\vec{E} = \nabla(\text{Tr } \overset{\leftrightarrow}{\sigma})$$



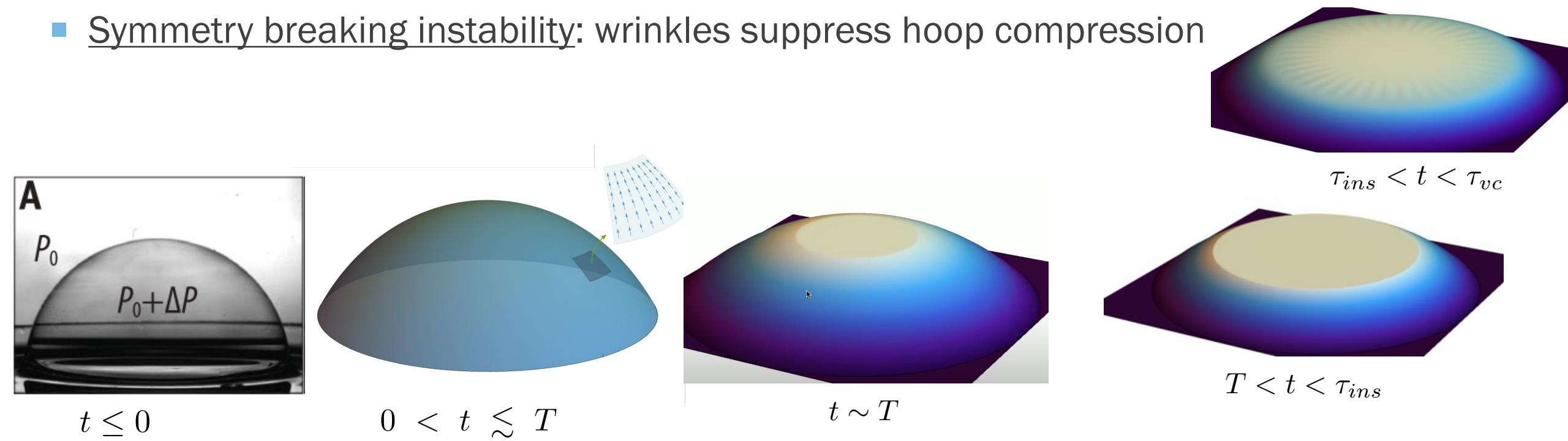
# Simulation of a rapidly collapsing bubble

Supplementary video to  
How viscous bubbles collapse: topological and symmetry-breaking instabilities driven by curvature-limited dynamics of liquid films

For numerical details see Appendix E

## SUMMARY: COLLAPSE OF VISCOUS BUBBLE

- Rapid depressurization → “Phantom bubble” – steady, spherical, stress-free state
- Topological instability: dynamical nucleation of a “dilcination-front” pair
- Axisymmetric flattening process: curvature flows out, damping only on front
- Symmetry breaking instability: wrinkles suppress hoop compression



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# OUTLINE

- Introduction
- *Hydrodynamics of viscous films vs. Electrostatics in conducting media:*  
momentum conservation  $\leftrightarrow$  *dynamo-geometric charge & curvature current*
- Hydrodynamics of viscous films *versus* elastic deformations of solids

## SOME QUESTIONS PUSHED UNDER THE RUG ...

I. Does film's thickening suppress or amplify in-plane compression ? **Amplify !**

II. What is the role of the meniscus? **Crucial !**

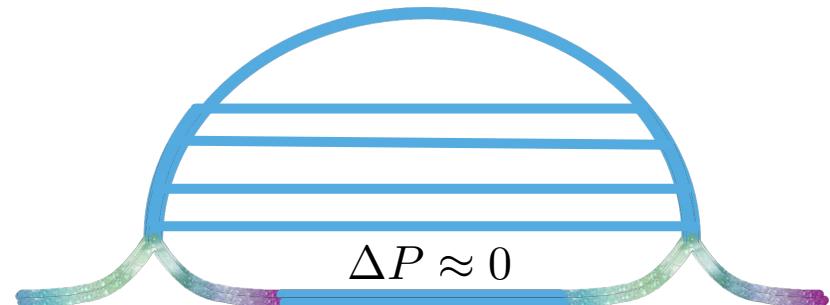
**Flatten or Shrink ?**

Meniscus (edge pinned)

inward flow →

viscous stress suppress surface tension

$$\overset{\leftrightarrow}{\sigma} \propto 2\gamma \overset{\leftrightarrow}{I} + \eta h \cdot [\nabla \vec{v} + \partial_t \overset{\leftrightarrow}{g}]$$

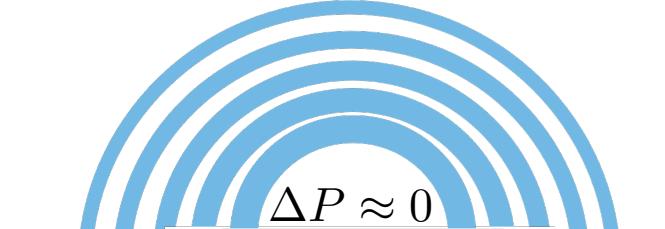


Edge free

Film's thickening →

viscous stress suppress surface tension

$$\overset{\leftrightarrow}{\sigma} \propto 2\gamma \overset{\leftrightarrow}{I} + \eta h \cdot [\nabla \vec{v} + \partial_t \overset{\leftrightarrow}{g}]$$



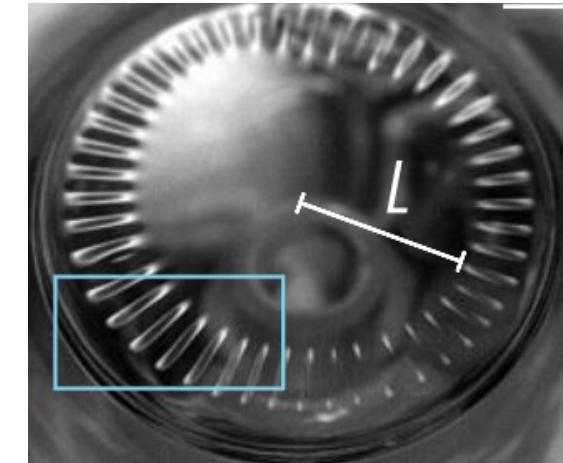
# SOME QUESTIONS PUSHED UNDER THE RUG ...

## III. What determines the number of wrinkles

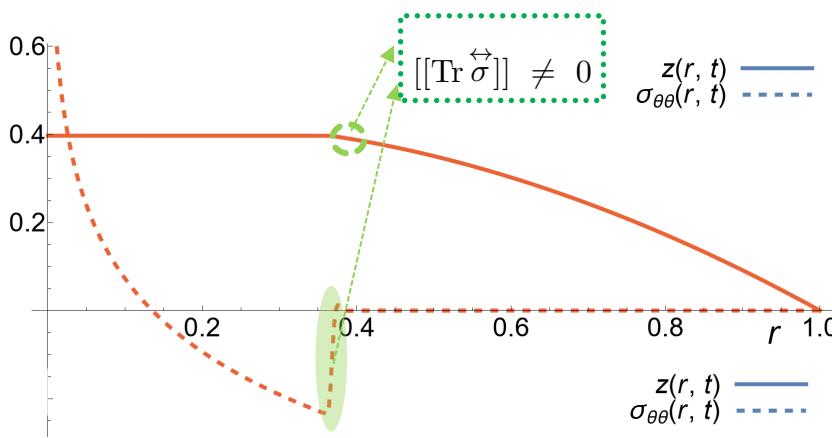
NOT linear stability analysis !

data suggests  $n \sim \sqrt{R_0/h}$

far from threshold analysis (ala elasticity) ??



## IV. What about “Stokes-Rayleigh analogy” (viscous dynamics $\leftrightarrow$ elastic deformations) ?



$$\sigma \propto \eta \nabla v \quad \xleftrightarrow{\eta \partial_t u \leftrightarrow Eu} \quad \sigma \sim E h \nabla u$$

$$\nabla^4 \Psi \propto \eta \partial_t \det R^{-1} \quad \xleftrightarrow{\eta \partial_t u \leftrightarrow Eu} \quad \nabla^4 \Psi \propto E \det R^{-1}$$

only if  $\det R^{-1} = 0$

Signature: asymptotic stress discontinuity

# MOMENTUM-CONSERVING VISCOUS FLOW IN 2D: BEYOND CLASSICAL HYDRODYNAMICS

$$\overset{\leftrightarrow}{\sigma} \propto 2\gamma \overset{\leftrightarrow}{I} + \eta h \cdot [\nabla \vec{v} + \partial_t \overset{\leftrightarrow}{g}]$$

in-plane stress  
(force/length)

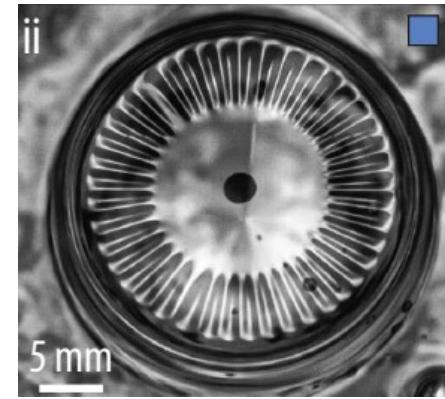
surface tension  
(homogenous, isotropic)

tangential velocity

metric

$$\nabla \cdot \overset{\leftrightarrow}{\sigma} = 0$$

no normal force



## 2D Stokes hydrodynamics in curved topography

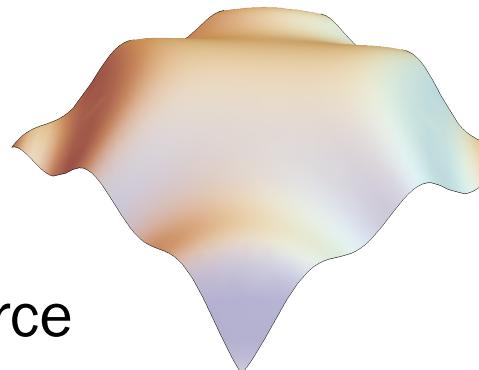
Nonlinear dynamics Imparted by surface geometry rather than by fluid inertia

$$\overset{\leftrightarrow}{\sigma} \propto \overset{\leftrightarrow}{\sigma}_{elas} + \eta h \cdot [\nabla \vec{v} + \partial_t \overset{\leftrightarrow}{g}]$$

state-dependent  
stress

$$\nabla \cdot \overset{\leftrightarrow}{\sigma} = 0$$

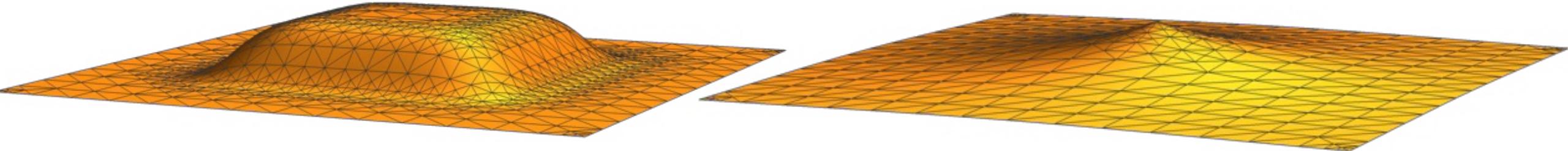
arbitrary normal force



“... if you want to innovate, don’t look for a great idea, look for a good problem” (G. Satell)

# MOMENTUM-CONSERVING VISCOUS FLOW IN 2D: BEYOND CLASSICAL HYDRODYNAMICS

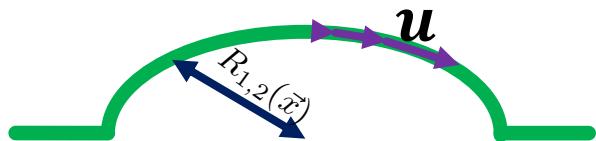
Example: Grahene drumhead (electrons are strongly correlated, forming viscous 2D fluid)



- I. at  $t < 0$ , a suspended portion of Graphene flake is deflected by constant force (e.g. AFM tip, pressure ..)
- II. at  $t = 0$ , the external force is suddenly removed
- III. Assume inertia is negligible and **energy** is dissipated solely in heat generated by electric current

**How will the curved shape flatten ?**

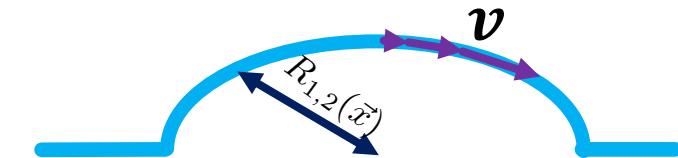
# 2D STOKES HYDRODYNAMICS OF GRAPHENE DRUMHEAD



Tangential force balance  
(ala 2<sup>nd</sup> FvK equation)

$$\nabla \cdot \overset{\leftrightarrow}{\sigma}^{(c)} = 0$$

tangential momentum conserved separately in  
crystal & electron liquid



$$\nabla^2 \Psi^{(c)} = \text{Tr } \overset{\leftrightarrow}{\sigma}^{(c)}$$

$$\nabla^4 \Psi^{(c)} \propto -\det \overset{\leftrightarrow}{R}^{-1}$$

geometric  
“charge”

$$\nabla \cdot \overset{\leftrightarrow}{\sigma}^{(\ell)} = 0$$

$$\nabla^2 \Psi^{(\ell)} = \text{Tr } \overset{\leftrightarrow}{\sigma}^{(\ell)}$$

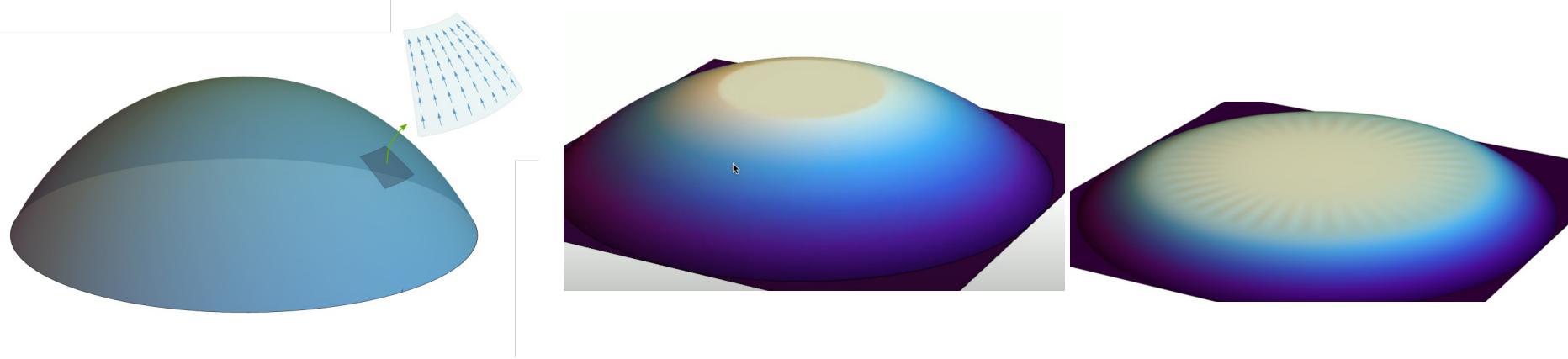
$$\nabla^4 \Psi^{(\ell)} \propto -\partial_t \det \overset{\leftrightarrow}{R}^{-1}$$

dynamo-geometric  
“charge”

Normal force balance  
(ala 1<sup>st</sup> FvK equation)

$$\left( \overset{\leftrightarrow}{\sigma}^{(c)} + \overset{\leftrightarrow}{\sigma}^{(\ell)} \right) \cdot \overset{\leftrightarrow}{R}^{-1} \approx 0$$

# SUMMARY



## Curvature driven hydrodynamics in viscous films:

Rapidly depressurized bubble – a peephole into  
a mostly unexplored branch of  
"laminar" yet geometrically-nonlinear  
fluid mechanics in 2D

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