

Plasma instabilities:

- 3 different ways to study stability of a system:

→ restoring force: a deflection from an unstable equilibrium leads to a force F_{defl} that increases the initial deflection and is \propto to the angle of deflection and will grow exponentially in time

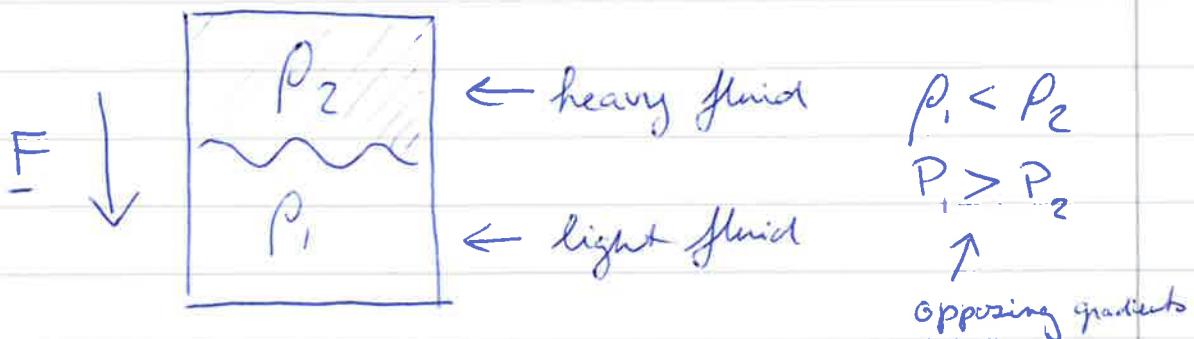
in a stable situation a restoring force F_{res} will drive the system back to stable equilibrium
⇒ harmonic oscillations

→ Potential energy: W_{pot} , the system is stable, when the potential energy increases upon any possible perturbation, i.e. stable point is a minimum in W_{pot}

→ mode analysis: decompose small perturbation into Fourier components → modes $\propto \exp(-i\omega t)$
⇒ if frequencies of all modes are real
→ system stable
⇒ if any mode has a complex frequency ω with a positive imaginary part
→ this mode will grow in time
→ unstable

Rayleigh-Taylor instability

→ macroscopic fluid instability



→ fluid description, start from continuity and momentum equations:

$$\frac{d\rho}{dt} + \underline{u} \cdot \nabla \rho = 0$$

gravity (in z-direction)

$$\rho \frac{d\underline{u}}{dt} + \rho \underline{u} \cdot \nabla \underline{u} = -\nabla P - \rho g \hat{z}$$

at equilibrium fluid is at rest: $\underline{u} = 0$

→ z-dependency: $P = P(z)$, $\rho = \rho(z)$

→ introduce perturbation:

$$P \rightarrow P + \delta P$$

$$\rho \rightarrow \rho + \delta \rho$$

$$\underline{u} \neq 0$$

(remember initial $\underline{u} = 0$)

(as system starts from rest !)

→ insert into the continuity equation:

$$\frac{\partial(\rho + \delta\rho)}{\partial t} + \underline{u} \cdot \nabla (\rho + \delta\rho) = 0$$

→ linearize and subtract the equilibrium equation:

$$\cancel{\frac{\partial(\rho + \delta\rho)}{\partial t}} + \underbrace{\underline{u} \cdot \nabla (\rho + \delta\rho)}_{\approx 0 \text{ (linearize)}} - \cancel{\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t}} - \cancel{\underline{u} \cdot \nabla \rho} = 0$$

perturbed ≠ 0
no initial velocity
(system at rest)

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\partial(\delta\rho)}{\partial t} + u_z \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial z} = 0 \quad (\text{only consider } z\text{-direction})$$

→ do the same with the momentum equation

$$\cancel{(\rho + \delta\rho) \frac{du_z}{dt}} + \cancel{(\rho + \delta\rho) u_z \frac{du_z}{dz}} + \cancel{\frac{\partial(\rho + \delta\rho)}{\partial z}} + (\rho + \delta\rho) \cdot g$$

perturbation products
 ≈ 0
drop perturbation products
 ≈ 0

$$-\rho \frac{du_z}{dt} - \rho u_z \frac{du_z}{dz} - \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial z} - \rho g$$

≈ 0
(no initial velocity!)

NOTE: u_z only a perturbation, i.e. all products of u_z and $\partial u_z = 0$!

$$\Rightarrow 0 = \frac{\partial(\delta\rho)}{\partial z} + \delta\rho g + \rho \frac{du_z}{dt}$$

$\cancel{\frac{du_z}{dt}}$ survives linearization

→ also ripples in x -direction (no g -component):

$$\Rightarrow \rho \frac{du_x}{dt} = - \frac{\partial(\delta\rho)}{\partial x}$$

(same for y -direction,
but here we consider only
 x for simplicity)

→ assume wave-like solution with exponential growth rate γ :

$$\begin{aligned} u &= u_0 \exp(ikx) \exp(\gamma t) \\ \delta\rho &= \delta\rho_0 \exp(ikx) \exp(\gamma t) \\ \delta P &= \delta P_0 \exp(ikx) \exp(\gamma t) \end{aligned}$$

ripples in x -direction

→ substitute wave-like solutions for density into continuity eq:

$$\text{derivatives: } \frac{\partial(\delta\rho)}{\partial t} = \gamma \delta\rho \Rightarrow \gamma \delta\rho = -u_z \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial z} \quad \begin{matrix} (\text{exp terms}) \\ (\text{cancel out}) \end{matrix}$$

→ substitute wave-like solutions for δP and u into momentum eq:

$$\text{derivatives: } \frac{du}{dt} = \gamma u \Rightarrow \rho \frac{du}{dt} = \gamma \rho u$$

$$\frac{\partial(\delta P)}{\partial x} = ik \delta P \Rightarrow -\frac{\partial(\delta P)}{\partial x} = -ik \delta P$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{for } x: \gamma \rho u_x = -ik \delta P \Rightarrow \delta P = -\frac{\gamma \rho u_x}{ik} //$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{for } z: \gamma \rho u_z = -\frac{\partial(\delta P)}{\partial z} - g \delta \rho$$

→ amplitude of the perturbations grows in z -direction but velocity has x -component as well

→ for incompressible fluid:

$$\frac{\partial u_x}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial u_z}{\partial z} = 0 \quad \text{as } u = u_0 \exp(i k_x) \exp(rt)$$

$$\Rightarrow iku_x + \frac{\partial u_z}{\partial z} = 0 \quad \Rightarrow u_x = -\frac{\partial u_z}{ik \partial z}$$

→ and substitute for u_x in $\delta P = -\frac{\gamma \rho u_x}{ik}$:

$$\Rightarrow \delta P = -\frac{\gamma \rho}{k^2} \frac{\partial u_z}{\partial z}, \quad (\text{as } i \times i = -1)$$

$$\text{and we had: } \delta P = -\frac{u_z \partial \rho}{\gamma \partial z},$$

→ Substitute for δP and $\delta \rho$:

$$\gamma \rho u_z = -\frac{\partial (\delta P)}{\partial z} - g \delta \rho$$

$$= + \frac{\gamma}{k^2} \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \left(\rho \frac{\partial u_z}{\partial z} \right) + g \frac{u_z}{\gamma} \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial z} / \cancel{\frac{k^2}{\gamma}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \left(\rho \frac{\partial u_z}{\partial z} \right) = k^2 \rho u_z - \frac{g k^2}{\gamma^2} u_z \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial z}$$

↳ This equation describes the evolution of the fluid after the perturbation

→ since $iku_x + \frac{\partial u_x}{\partial z} = 0$ and the conservation of u_z (continuous across the fluid boundary) also the spatial derivative of u_z must be continuous

→ integrate across the boundary:

$$\frac{d}{dz} \left(\rho \frac{\partial u_z}{\partial z} \right) = k^2 \rho u_z - \frac{g k^2}{\gamma^2} u_z - \frac{g k^2}{\gamma^2} u_z \frac{d\rho}{dz}$$

→ $\Delta \left(\rho \frac{\partial u_z}{\partial z} \right) = - \frac{g k^2}{\gamma^2} u_z \Delta(\rho)$

where $\Delta f \equiv f(0)_+ - f(0)_-$

↑ jump quantities across
the boundary, signs for
+ve and -ve sides of the
boundary, i.e. jump in ρ !

→ i.e. for our fluids 1 and 2:

$$\rho_2 \left(\frac{\partial u_z}{\partial z} \right)_2 - \rho_1 \left(\frac{\partial u_z}{\partial z} \right)_1 = - \frac{g k^2}{\gamma^2} u_z (\rho_2 - \rho_1)$$

→ assuming exponential growth in z :

$$u_z = A \exp(kz) + B \exp(-kz)$$

$\rightarrow u_z$ continuous at the boundary, but must be zero at $\pm\infty$:

$$u_z = A \exp(kz) \quad \text{for } z < 0 \quad (1)$$

$$u_z = A \exp(-kz) \quad \text{for } z > 0 \quad (2)$$

\rightarrow substitute for u_z :

$$\rho_2 \left(\frac{\partial u_z}{\partial z} \right)_2 - \rho_1 \left(\frac{\partial u_z}{\partial z} \right)_1 = - \frac{g k^2}{\gamma^2} u_z (\rho_2 - \rho_1)$$

$$\Rightarrow \left(\frac{\partial u_z}{\partial z} \right)_2 = -k u_z \quad \text{and} \quad \left(\frac{\partial u_z}{\partial z} \right)_1 = +k u_z //$$

$$\Rightarrow -\rho_2 k u_z + \rho_1 k u_z = - \frac{g k^2}{\gamma^2} u_z (\rho_2 - \rho_1)$$

\rightarrow thus R-T instability growth rate:

$$\gamma = \sqrt{\left(\frac{\rho_2 - \rho_1}{\rho_2 + \rho_1} \right) g k}$$

\uparrow
acceleration due to gravity
(or different force)

$$\rightarrow \text{in ICF growth rate} = \sqrt{k a}$$

\uparrow
acceleration

\rightarrow consider any small perturbation in D-T pellet surface smoothness or laser illumination:

\rightarrow grows exponentially

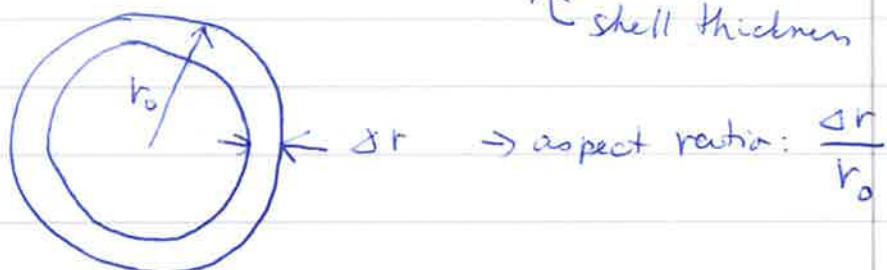
→ fastest growing perturbation mode has largest $k \Rightarrow$ shortest λ -mode

→ any mode must reach saturation, cannot grow forever

- typically saturation reached when amplitude $\propto \lambda$

\Rightarrow i.e. fastest mode: $k \approx 1/\delta r$ (most dangerous)

↑ shell thickness



→ aspect ratio: $\frac{\delta r}{r_0}$

→ cannot let γt exceed some constant of this mode
to avoid shell break up

\Rightarrow i.e. for 50 μm shell thickness δr , we can afford 100 \AA° (typical)
surface roughness.

$$\gamma t = \sqrt{k a' t} = \sqrt{\frac{a'}{\delta r}} t \leq 8.5,$$

and shell acceleration limited by shell radius:

$$a = \frac{2 r_0}{t^2} \Rightarrow \sqrt{\frac{2 r_0}{\delta r}} \leq 8.5,$$

↑ shell aspect ratio

\Rightarrow need high aspect ratio for strong ICF compression!

Parametric instabilities

→ incident light (EM radiation) can transfer energy to plasma through various processes including / driving plasma waves (plasmons, ion acoustic, etc.)

→ e.g. resonance absorption

⇒ can result in unstable situations

→ parametric instabilities

- laser beam incident onto plasma can produce real charge separation → generate plasma waves
↳ ω_0

- random fluctuations always exist in plasmas (thermal effects)
↳ ω_i

→ laser can couple to the waves in plasma
↳ $\omega_0 \pm \omega_i$

→ laser light with ω_0 propagates into plasma with wave ω_i

→ laser oscillates with plasma wave @ $\omega_2 = \omega_0 - \omega_i$,

$$\omega_3 = \omega_0 + \omega_i$$

if ω_2, ω_3 not heavily damped, can rebeat with the light and enhance wave @ ω_i

→ +ve feedback ⇒ instability ↗

⇒ parametric instabilities of different kind

→ Common formalism to obtain growth rate for the parametric instabilities:

→ incident light A_0, ω_0 , and two different plasma waves A_1, ω_1 , and A_2, ω_2 with damping rates Γ_1 and Γ_2 :

$$\frac{d^2 A_1}{dt^2} + \Gamma_1 \frac{dA_1}{dt} + \omega_1^2 A_1 = c_1 A_2 A_0 \quad \begin{matrix} \leftarrow \text{coupling to } A_1 \\ \downarrow \text{constants} \end{matrix}$$

$$\frac{d^2 A_2}{dt^2} + \Gamma_2 \frac{dA_2}{dt} + \omega_2^2 A_2 = c_2 A_1 A_0 \quad \begin{matrix} \leftarrow \text{coupling to } A_2 \end{matrix}$$

→ assume laser produces coupling between the waves and this coupling is proportional to both the laser and coupled waves amplitudes

→ apply Fourier mode solution:

$$A(\omega) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \exp(i\omega t) A(t) dt$$

→ laser not depleted in interaction (assumption):

$$A_0 = E_0 \cos(\omega_0 t) = \frac{E_0}{2} [\exp(i\omega_0 t) + \exp(-i\omega_0 t)]$$

→ Fourier transform of mode 1:

$$A_1(\omega_1) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \exp(i\omega_1 t) A_1(t) dt$$

$$\text{and } \frac{d^2 A_1}{dt^2} + T_1 \frac{dA_1}{dt} + \omega_1^2 A_1 = C_1 A_2 A_0$$

$$\text{and } A_0 = \frac{E_0}{2} [\exp(i\omega_0 t) + \exp(-i\omega_0 t)]$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{d^2 A_1}{dt^2} = -\omega_1^2 A_1, \quad \frac{dA_1}{dt} = i\omega_1 A_1 \Rightarrow T_1 \frac{dA_1}{dt} = i\omega_1 T_1 A_1$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{collect terms on LHS: } -\omega_1^2 A_1(\omega) + i\omega_1 T_1 A_1(\omega) + \omega_1^2 A_1(\omega)$$

\rightarrow on RHS: add up exponential terms:

$$\frac{C_1 E_0}{2} \cdot A_2 \exp(i\omega t) \cdot [\exp(i\omega_0 t) + \exp(-i\omega_0 t)]$$

$$\Rightarrow [\omega^2 - \omega_1^2 + i\omega T_1] A_1(\omega) + \frac{C_1 E_0}{2} [A_2 (\omega + \omega_0) + A_2 (\omega - \omega_0)] = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow D_1(\omega) A_1(\omega) + \frac{C_1 E_0}{2} [A_2 (\omega + \omega_0) + A_2 (\omega - \omega_0)] = 0$$

$$\text{for } D_1(\omega) = \omega^2 - \omega_1^2 + i\omega T_1$$

\rightarrow mode 2 couples at $\omega + \omega_0$ and $\omega - \omega_0$, take

Fourier transforms at these frequencies: (same form by analogy)

$$D_2(\omega - \omega_0) A_2(\omega - \omega_0) + \frac{C_2 E_0}{2} [A_1(\overset{\omega}{\cancel{\omega - \omega_0 + \omega_0}}) + A_1(\overset{\omega - 2\omega_0}{\cancel{\omega - \omega_0 - \omega_0}})] = 0$$

$$D_2(\omega + \omega_0) A_2(\omega + \omega_0) + \frac{C_2 E_0}{2} [A_1(\overset{\omega + 2\omega_0}{\cancel{\omega + \omega_0 + \omega_0}}) + A_1(\overset{\omega}{\cancel{\omega + \omega_0 - \omega_0}})] = 0$$

\rightarrow in reality ω close to the incoming ω_0

$$\Rightarrow i.e. A(\omega) \gg A_1(\omega \pm 2\omega_0) \rightarrow \text{neglect } A_1(\omega \pm 2\omega_0)$$

\rightarrow so small that SBS satisfies: $\omega_0 \neq \omega \approx \omega_1$

\rightarrow for the instability to develop the pump laser must transfer energy to the wave: hence $A_2(\omega - \omega_0)$ finite
 neglect $A_2(\omega + \omega_0)$ as mode 2.
 ω_2 must be less than the incoming light (by energy conservation) $\omega_2 < \omega_0$

\Rightarrow Coupled equations:

$$D_1(\omega) A_1(\omega) + \frac{c_1 E_0}{2} [A_0(\omega + \omega_0) + A_2(\omega - \omega_0)] = 0$$

$$D_2(\omega - \omega_0) A_2(\omega - \omega_0) + \frac{c_2 E_0}{2} [A_1(\omega) + A_1(\omega - 2\omega_0)] = 0$$

$$D_2(\omega + \omega_0) A_2(\omega + \omega_0) + \frac{c_2 E_0}{2} [A_1(\omega) + A_1(\omega + 2\omega_0)] = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} D_1(\omega) & c_1 E_0 / 2 \\ c_2 E_0 / 2 & D_2(\omega - \omega_0) \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} A_1(\omega) \\ A_2(\omega - \omega_0) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\rightarrow \text{non-trivial solution: } D_1(\omega) D_2(\omega - \omega_0) - \frac{c_1 c_2 E_0^2}{4} = 0$$

make approximations: $\omega_0 - \omega \approx \omega_2$, $\omega + \omega_1 \approx 2\omega$,
 (close frequencies)

we had: $\omega_2 = \omega_0 - \omega_1$, \leftarrow mode grows due to beading,
 $\omega_3 = \omega_0 + \omega_1$

and $D_i(\omega) = \omega^2 - \omega_i^2 + i\omega \Gamma_i$

$$\Rightarrow D_1(\omega) = \omega^2 - \omega_1^2 + i\omega \Gamma_1 = (\underbrace{\omega + \omega_1}_{\approx 2\omega}) \cdot (\underbrace{\omega - \omega_1}_{\approx 2\omega} + i\omega \Gamma_1) = 2\omega_1(\omega - \omega_1 + i\frac{\Gamma_1}{2})$$

$$\Rightarrow D_2(\omega - \omega_0) = (\omega - \omega_0)^2 - \omega_2^2 + i(\omega - \omega_0)\Gamma_2 \quad \begin{matrix} \nearrow \\ \approx (-\omega_2)^2 - \omega_2^2 - i\omega_2 \Gamma_2 \end{matrix} \quad \begin{matrix} \uparrow \\ \text{to keep the} \\ \text{same form} \end{matrix}$$

$$\approx -2\omega_2 \left(\omega - \omega_0 + \omega_2 + i\frac{\Gamma_2}{2} \right)$$

\Rightarrow Substitute:

$$-4\omega_1\omega_2 \left(\omega - \omega_1 + i\frac{\Gamma_1}{2} \right) \left(\omega - \omega_0 + \omega_2 + i\frac{\Gamma_2}{2} \right) - \frac{c_1 c_2 E_0^2}{4} = 0$$

\rightarrow for growing (instability) mode, need complex frequency:

$$\omega = \omega_r + i\Gamma \quad \begin{matrix} \nearrow \\ \text{real} \end{matrix} \quad \begin{matrix} \nwarrow \\ \text{growth/decay} \rightarrow \text{imaginary} \end{matrix}$$

\rightarrow Substitute:

$$-4\omega_1\omega_2 \left[\omega_r + i\Gamma - \omega_1 + i\frac{\Gamma_1}{2} \right] \left[\omega_r + i\Gamma - \omega_0 + \omega_2 + i\frac{\Gamma_2}{2} \right] - \frac{c_1 c_2 E_0^2}{4} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \left[\omega_R - \omega_1 + i\left(\Gamma + \frac{\Gamma_1}{2}\right) \right] \left[\omega_R - \omega_0 + \omega_2 + i\left(\Gamma + \frac{\Gamma_2}{2}\right) \right] - \underbrace{\frac{c_1 c_2 E_0^2}{16\omega_1 \omega_2}}_{= 4E_0^2} = 0$$

\Rightarrow only take the imaginary product and equating the real part to zero:

real parts $\rightarrow \Rightarrow (\omega_R - \omega_1) \cdot (\omega_R - \omega_0 + \omega_2) + 4E_0^2 = \left(\Gamma + \frac{\Gamma_1}{2}\right)\left(\Gamma + \frac{\Gamma_2}{2}\right)$

$$\Rightarrow (\omega_R - \omega_1) \cdot (\omega_R - \omega_1 - \Delta) + 4E_0^2 = \left(\Gamma + \frac{\Gamma_1}{2}\right)\left(\Gamma + \frac{\Gamma_2}{2}\right)$$

where: $\Delta \equiv \omega_0 - \omega_1 - \omega_2$ and $\Psi \equiv \frac{c_1 c_2}{16\omega_1 \omega_2}$

\Rightarrow Now equate imaginary parts

Starting from: $4\omega_1 \omega_2 \left(\omega - \omega_1 + i\frac{\Gamma_1}{2} \right) \left(\omega - \omega_0 + \omega_2 + i\frac{\Gamma_2}{2} \right) + 4E_0^2 = 0$

but complex frequency: $\omega = \omega_R + i\Gamma \rightarrow$ substitute

$$\Rightarrow 4\cancel{\omega_1 \omega_2} \left(\omega_R - \omega_1 + i\Gamma + i\frac{\Gamma_1}{2} \right) \left(\underbrace{\omega_R - \omega_0 + \omega_2}_{\omega_R - \omega_1 - \Delta} + i\Gamma + i\frac{\Gamma_2}{2} \right) + 4E_0^2 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \cancel{(\omega_R - \omega_1)}^{\text{real}} \left(\omega_R - \omega_0 + \omega_2 \right) + (\omega_R - \omega_1 - \Delta) \left(i\Gamma + i\frac{\Gamma_1}{2} \right) + (\omega_R - \omega_1) \left(i\Gamma + i\frac{\Gamma_2}{2} \right) + \cancel{i^2}^{\text{-1}} \left(\Gamma + \frac{\Gamma_1}{2} \right) \left(\Gamma + \frac{\Gamma_2}{2} \right) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (\omega_R - \omega_1) \cdot \left(i\Gamma + i\frac{\Gamma_2}{2} \right) + (\omega_R - \omega_1) \left(i\Gamma + i\frac{\Gamma_1}{2} \right) - \Delta \left(i\Gamma + i\frac{\Gamma_1}{2} \right) = 0$$

only imaginary parts left \rightarrow drop the i 's:

$$\Rightarrow (\omega_R - \omega_1) \cdot \left(2\Gamma + \frac{\Gamma_2}{2} + \frac{\Gamma_1}{2} \right) - \Delta \left(\Gamma + \frac{\Gamma_1}{2} \right) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \omega_R - \omega_1 = \frac{(\Gamma + \frac{\Gamma_1}{2})\Delta}{2\Gamma + \frac{\Gamma_1}{2} + \frac{\Gamma_2}{2}}$$

$$\therefore \omega_R = \omega_1 + \frac{(\Gamma + \frac{1}{2}\Gamma_1)\Delta}{2\Gamma + \frac{1}{2}\Gamma_1 + \frac{1}{2}\Gamma_2} \quad \text{↗ now have expression for } \omega_R$$

→ eliminate ω_R by substitution into:

$$(\omega_R - \omega_1)(\omega_R - \omega_1 - \Delta) + \gamma E_0^2 = (\Gamma + \frac{\Gamma_1}{2})(\Gamma + \frac{\Gamma_2}{2})$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow E_0^2 &= -\frac{1}{4} \left\{ \left[\frac{(\Gamma + \frac{1}{2}\Gamma_1)\Delta}{2\Gamma + \frac{1}{2}\Gamma_1 + \frac{1}{2}\Gamma_2} \right] \cdot \left[\frac{(\Gamma + \frac{1}{2}\Gamma_1)\Delta}{2\Gamma + \frac{1}{2}\Gamma_1 + \frac{1}{2}\Gamma_2} - \Delta \right] - \left(\Gamma + \frac{\Gamma_1}{2} \right) \left(\Gamma + \frac{\Gamma_2}{2} \right) \right\} \\ &= \frac{1}{4} \left\{ \left(\Gamma + \frac{\Gamma_1}{2} \right) \left(\Gamma + \frac{\Gamma_2}{2} \right) - \left(\frac{\left(\Gamma + \frac{\Gamma_1}{2} \right)^2 \Delta}{2\Gamma + \frac{1}{2}\Gamma_1 + \frac{1}{2}\Gamma_2} \cdot \frac{\Delta^2 \Gamma + \frac{\Gamma_1}{2} \Delta - \Delta^2 \Gamma - \frac{\Gamma_1}{2} \Delta}{2\Gamma + \frac{1}{2}\Gamma_1 + \frac{1}{2}\Gamma_2} \right) \right\} \\ &= \frac{1}{4} \left\{ \left(\Gamma + \frac{\Gamma_1}{2} \right) \left(\Gamma + \frac{\Gamma_2}{2} \right) - \left[\frac{\left(\Gamma + \frac{\Gamma_1}{2} \right) \cdot \Delta}{2\Gamma + \frac{\Gamma_1}{2} + \frac{\Gamma_2}{2}} \cdot \frac{-\Delta \Gamma - \Delta \frac{\Gamma_2}{2}}{2\Gamma + \frac{\Gamma_1}{2} + \frac{\Gamma_2}{2}} \right] \right\} \\ &= \frac{1}{4} \left\{ \left(\Gamma + \frac{\Gamma_1}{2} \right) \left(\Gamma + \frac{\Gamma_2}{2} \right) \cdot \left[1 + \frac{\Delta^2}{\left(2\Gamma + \frac{\Gamma_1}{2} + \frac{\Gamma_2}{2} \right)^2} \right] \right\} \end{aligned}$$

→ for instability to grow $\Gamma > 0$, \Rightarrow threshold @ $\Gamma = 0$:

$$\text{i.e. } \Rightarrow E_{0,\text{th}}^2 = \frac{4\omega_1\omega_2\Gamma_1\Gamma_2}{c_1 c_2} \left[1 + \frac{4\Delta^2}{(\Gamma_1 + \Gamma_2)^2} \right] \quad \div 4$$

$$\rightarrow \text{minimum intensity when } \Delta = 0, \Rightarrow E_{0,\text{min}}^2 = \frac{4\omega_1\omega_2\Gamma_1\Gamma_2}{c_1 c_2}$$

\Rightarrow resonance $\Gamma^2 = E_0^2/4 \Rightarrow$ growth rate:

$$\gamma = \frac{c_1 c_2}{16\omega_1\omega_2} \quad \rightarrow$$

$$\Gamma_{\text{max}} = E_0 \sqrt{\frac{c_1 c_2}{16\omega_1\omega_2}} \quad \text{↗}$$