

## 5. Amplitude eqn and pattern selection

Turing: finite wavelength instability

Q: What "happen" to the unstable modes?

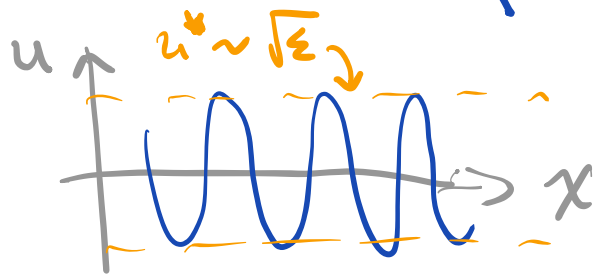
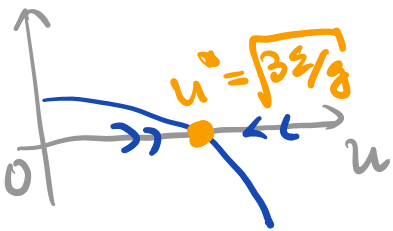
A: Analyze their dynamics using "amplitude eqn"

a). derivation of amplitude eqn:

To simplify the math, we consider an isotropic one-variable model with built-in finite wavelength instability

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = \underbrace{\varepsilon u - \frac{g}{3} u^3}_{u^0 > 0} + \underbrace{X(\nabla^2) u}_{\text{finite-}k \text{ instability}}$$

$\varepsilon > 0, g > 0$ :



Simplest form of  $X(k)$ :

$$X = - (q^2 - k^2)^2 = - (q^4 - 2q^2 k^2 + k^4)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{in real space, } X \cdot u &= - (q^4 u + 2q^2 \nabla^2 u + \nabla^2 \cdot \nabla^2 u) \\ &= - (q^2 + \nabla^2)^2 u \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = \left[ \varepsilon - (q^2 + \nabla^2)^2 \right] u - \frac{g}{3} u^3; \quad 0 < \varepsilon \ll 1; \quad g > 0$$

- Swift-Hohenberg model (1977)

(describes the dynamics of Rayleigh-Bénard instability)  
(which occurs for fluid heated from below)

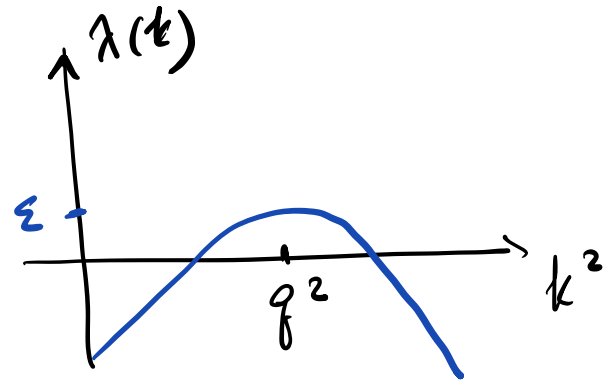
- include  $u^2$  term (Haken model)
- if  $u \rightarrow -u$  symmetry absent

### \* linear stability

$$\text{let } u = \delta u(t) e^{ikx}$$

$$\text{then } \partial_t \delta u = [\varepsilon - (q^2 - k^2)^2] \delta u$$

$$\rightarrow \lambda(k) = \varepsilon - (q^2 - k^2)^2$$



- dispersion mimics those of dynamical systems exhibiting Turing instability
- model system for studying rules of pattern formation

### \* include nonlinearity:

Consider system in 2d, and linear instability results in **strips** along  $\hat{x}$ -direction:  $\vec{q} = q \hat{x}$

$$\text{Set } \partial_t u = 0 \xrightarrow{\text{SH}} u_0(x, y) = \int_n a \cos(nqx) + b \sin(nqx)$$

⇒ is the sol'n  $u_0(x, y)$  stable to perturbation?  
allow variation in amplitude:

$$u(\vec{r}, t) = A(\vec{r}, t) \cdot u_0(\vec{r})$$

↪ spatial variation with  $k \ll q$

Approx:  $u_0 \approx a \cdot \cos qx + b \cdot \sin qx$   
 (ignore higher-order harmonics)

write as:  $u(\vec{r}, t) = A(\vec{r}, t) e^{iqx} + A^*(\vec{r}, t) e^{-iqx}$   
 (more convenient representation) ↖ Complex conjugate of A

→ substitute  $u(\vec{r}, t)$  into Swift-Hohenberg eqn

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial A}{\partial t} e^{iqx} + \frac{\partial A^*}{\partial t} e^{-iqx}$$

$$\nabla^2 u = \nabla^2 A e^{iqx} + \nabla^2 A^* e^{-iqx} - q^2 A e^{iqx} - q^2 A^* e^{-iqx}$$

$$+ 2iq \partial_x A e^{iqx} - 2iq \partial_x A^* e^{-iqx}$$

$$(q^2 + \nabla^2) u = (\nabla^2 A) e^{iqx} + (\nabla^2 A^*) e^{-iqx}$$

$$+ 2iq(\partial_x A) e^{iqx} - 2iq(\partial_x A^*) e^{-iqx}$$

$$\left[ \varepsilon - (q^2 + \nabla^2) \right] u = e^{iqx} \left[ \varepsilon - \left( 2iq \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y^2} \right) \right] A$$

$$+ e^{-iqx} \left[ \varepsilon - \left( -2iq \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y^2} \right) \right] A^*$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\partial A}{\partial t} = \left[ \varepsilon - \left( 2iq \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y^2} \right) \right] A$$

+ contribution from  $u^3$  term.

$$u^3 = \underbrace{A^3 e^{3iqx}}_{\text{higher-harmonic}} + 3|A|^2 A e^{iqx} + 3|A|^2 A^* e^{-iqx} + \underbrace{A^{*3} e^{-3iqx}}_{\text{higher-harmonic}}$$

higher-harmonic

higher-harmonic

$$\frac{\partial A}{\partial t} = \left[ \varepsilon - (2ig \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y^2})^2 \right] A - g|A|^2 A$$

Amplitude eqn for SH system.

Stationary sol'n:  $A(\vec{r}) = \hat{A}_k e^{i\vec{k}\cdot\vec{r}}$  (note:  $\hat{u}(k)$  peaked at  $k=g$ )

$$\rightarrow 0 = \left[ \varepsilon - (2gk_x + k_x^2 + k_y^2)^2 \right] \hat{A}_k - g|\hat{A}_k|^2 \hat{A}_k$$

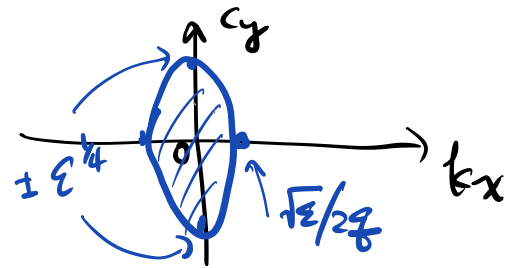
$$\rightarrow |\hat{A}_k| = \frac{1}{\sqrt{g}} \left[ \varepsilon - (2gk_x + k_x^2 + k_y^2)^2 \right]^{1/2}$$

for  $0 < \varepsilon \ll 1$ ,  $|\hat{A}_{k=0}| \approx \sqrt{\varepsilon/g}$

$|\hat{A}_k| > 0$  also for small  $k_x, k_y$

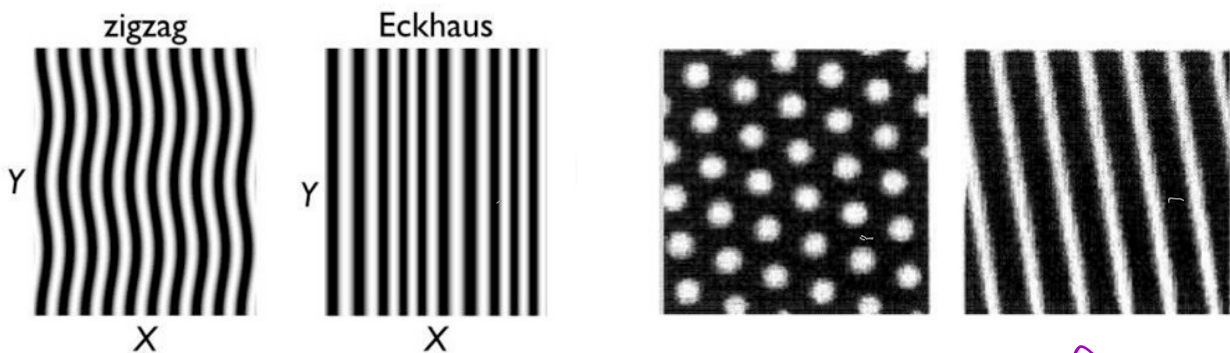
$$(2gk_x + k_x^2 + k_y^2)^2 < \varepsilon/g$$

$$\text{or } (2gk_x + k_y^2)^2 < \varepsilon/g$$



$\Rightarrow$  assume stripe, get stripe and more!

Q1: are stripes stable to low- $k$  perturbations?



Q2: are stripes stable to squares or hexagons?



b). Stability of the Stripe phase to spatial variation  
 Consider perturbation in amplitude and phase (set  $g=1$ )

$$A(x, y, t) = \left[ \underbrace{\epsilon - 4g^2 k^2}_{A_0} + \underbrace{\rho(x, y, t)}_{\text{density fluctuation}} \right] e^{\underbrace{ikx + i\phi(x, y, t)}_{\text{phase fluctuation}}}$$

linear order:

$$\partial_t A = \rho_t e^{ikx + i\phi} + A_0 i \phi_t e^{ikx + i\phi}$$

$$\partial_x A = \rho_x e^{ikx + i\phi} + (A_0 + \rho) i (k + \phi_x) e^{ikx + i\phi}$$

$$\partial_y A = \rho_y e^{ikx + i\phi} + A_0 i \phi_y e^{ikx + i\phi}$$

$$\partial_y^2 A = \rho_{yy} e^{ikx + i\phi} + \cancel{\rho_y \cdot i \phi_y e^{ikx + i\phi}}$$

$$+ i \phi_{yy} A_0 e^{ikx + i\phi} - \cancel{A_0 \phi_y^2 e^{ikx + i\phi}}$$

$$\left( 2g \frac{\partial}{\partial x} - i \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y^2} \right) A = (2g \rho_x - i \rho_{yy}) e^{ikx + i\phi}$$

$$+ \left[ (A_0 + \rho) 2ig(k + \phi_x) + A_0 \phi_{yy} \right] e^{ikx + i\phi}$$

$$2g \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \cdot \left( 2g \frac{\partial}{\partial x} - i \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y^2} \right) A$$

$$= \left[ (2g)^2 \rho_{xx} - i 2g \rho_{xyy} + 2igk (2g \rho_x - i \rho_{yy}) \right] e^{ikx + i\phi}$$

$$+ \left[ 4ig^2 k \rho_x + 4ig^2 \phi_{xx} A_0 + 2g \phi_{xyy} A_0 \right] e^{ikx + i\phi}$$

$$+ \left[ (A_0 + \rho) (2ig(k + \phi_x))^2 + 2ig(k + \phi_x) \cdot \phi_{yy} A_0 \right] e^{ikx + i\phi}$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left( 2g \frac{\partial}{\partial x} - i \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y^2} \right) A = (2g p_{xy} - i p_{yyy}) e^{ikx+i\phi} + [2ig\phi_{xy} + \phi_{yyy}] A_0 e^{ikx+i\phi}$$

$$-i \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y^2} \left( 2g \frac{\partial}{\partial x} - i \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y^2} \right) A = (-2ig p_{xy} - p_{yyy}) e^{ikx+i\phi} + [2g\phi_{xy} - i\phi_{yyy}] A_0 e^{ikx+i\phi}$$

$$\Rightarrow \left( 2g \frac{\partial}{\partial x} - i \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y^2} \right)^2 A = [(2g)^2 p_{xx} - 2ig p_{xy} + 2igk(2g p_x - i p_y) + A_0(4ig^2 \phi_{xx} + 2g \phi_{xy}) + 4ig^2 k p_x + (A_0 + p)(-4g^2)(k^2 + 2k\phi_x) + 2igk \phi_{yy} A_0 + (-2ig p_{xy} - p_{yyy}) + (2g\phi_{xy} - i\phi_{yyy}) A_0] e^{ikx+i\phi}$$

$$\frac{\partial A}{\partial t} = \varepsilon A + \left( 2g \frac{\partial}{\partial x} - i \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y^2} \right)^2 A - |A|^2 A \text{ becomes}$$

$$p_t + A_0 i \phi_t = \varepsilon (A_0 + p) - \underbrace{(A_0 + p)^3}_{A_0^3 + 3A_0^2 p + 3A_0 p^2 + p^3} + [\dots]$$

- fluctuation in  $p(x, y, t)$

$$p_t = \varepsilon A_0 - \cancel{A_0^3} - \cancel{4A_0 g^2 k^2} + \varepsilon p - 3A_0^2 p - 4g^2 k^2 p + (2g)^2 p_{xx} + 2gk p_{yy} + A_0 4g \phi_{xy} - 4A_0 g^2 (2k\phi_x) - p_{yyy}$$

$$= (\varepsilon - 3A_0^2 - 4g^2 k^2) p - 8A_0 g^2 k \phi_x + \mathcal{O}(p_{xx}, p_{yy}, \phi_{xy}, p_{yyy})$$

$$\Rightarrow \varepsilon - 3A_0^2 - 4g^2 k^2 = A_0^2 - 3A_0^2 = -2A_0^2$$

$$\rho_t = -2A_0^2 \left( \rho + \frac{4g^2 k}{A_0} \phi_x \right) + O(\rho_{xx}, \rho_{yy}, \dots)$$

$$\rightarrow \rho \approx -\frac{4g^2 k}{A_0} \phi_x \quad (\rho_t \ll \rho; \text{ see below})$$

- fluctuation in  $\phi(x, y, t)$

$$A_0 \phi_t = 2(2g)^2 k \rho_x + A_0 (4g^2) \phi_{xx} + 2gk \phi_{yy} A_0 \\ - 4g \rho_{xy} - \phi_{yyyy} A_0$$

$$\text{use } \rho_x = -\frac{4g^2 k}{A_0} \phi_{xx}$$

$$\rightarrow \phi_t = (4g^2) \cdot \left[ 1 - \frac{2k^2 \cdot 4g^2}{A_0^2} \right] \phi_{xx} + 2gk \phi_{yy} \\ + O(\rho_{xy}, \phi_{yyyy})$$

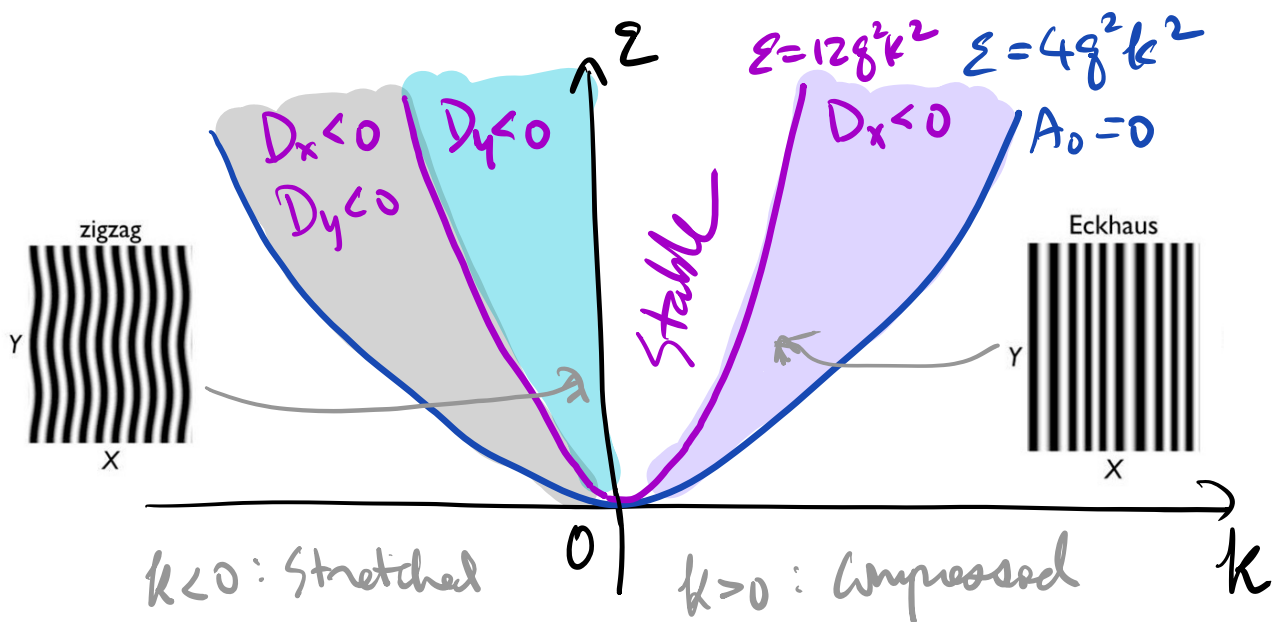
Anisotropic diffusion eqn for phase field:

$$\phi_t = D_x \phi_{xx} + D_y \phi_{yy} + O(\phi_{xxyy}, \phi_{yyyy})$$

$$D_x = 4g^2 \cdot \frac{\varepsilon - 12g^2 k^2}{\varepsilon - 4g^2 k^2} ; \quad D_y = 2gk$$

Instability if  $D_x < 0$  (Sckhaus instability)

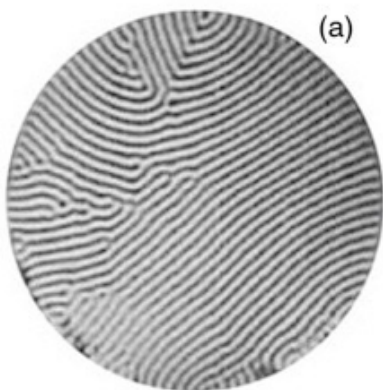
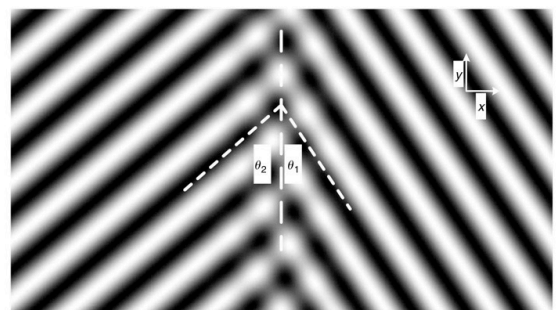
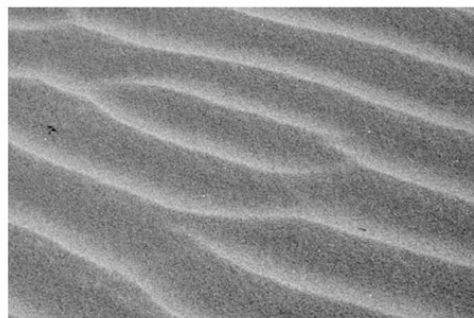
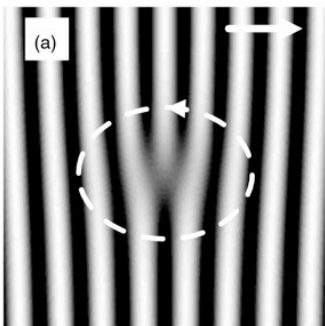
or  $D_y < 0$ . (zigzag instability)



⇒ Slightly compressed stripes are stable  
 ⇒ Still subject to additional "defects"

dislocations and their interaction

grain boundary



Stability of "structure" from underlying energy function:

$$\frac{\partial U}{\partial t} = -\frac{\delta}{\delta u} \mathcal{H};$$

$$\mathcal{H} = \int dr^2 \left[ -\frac{\epsilon}{2} u^2 + \frac{g}{12} u^4 + \frac{1}{2} [(g^2 + v^2) u]^2 \right]$$

## c) Pattern Selection in 2d:

Stability of stripes against array of spots?

Spots as superposition of stripes

$$\text{let } u(\vec{r}, t) = \sum_{l=1}^m \left( A_l(t) e^{i\vec{q}_l \cdot \vec{r}} + A_l^*(t) e^{-i\vec{q}_l \cdot \vec{r}} \right)$$

$$\text{where } \vec{q}_l = q \hat{n}_l \text{ and } \hat{n}_l^2 = 1$$

↑ unit vector in direction of  $l^{\text{th}}$  stripe

in 2d:  $m=1 \rightarrow$  stripes

$m=2 \rightarrow$  square or rhomboid

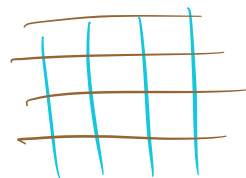
$m=3 \rightarrow$  hexagonal

\* Square vs Stripes:

$m=2$ : Square pattern (orthogonal stripes)

↑  $\hat{q}_y$   
→  $\hat{q}_x$

$$\text{let } u(x, y, t) = A_1(t) e^{iqx} + A_1^*(t) e^{-iqx} + A_2(t) e^{iqy} + A_2^*(t) e^{-iqy}$$



(Same as  $u = a_1 \cos qx + b_1 \sin qx + a_2 \cos qy + b_2 \sin qy$ )

$$\begin{aligned} u^2 &= A_1^2 e^{2iqx} + A_1^{*2} e^{-2iqx} + 2|A_1|^2 \\ &+ A_2^2 e^{2iqy} + A_2^{*2} e^{-2iqy} + 2|A_2|^2 \\ &+ 2A_1 A_2 e^{iqx+iqy} + 2A_1^* A_2^* e^{-iqx-iqy} \\ &+ 2A_1 A_2^* e^{iqx-iqy} + 2A_1^* A_2 e^{-iqx+iqy} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
u^3 = & 2(|A_1|^2 + |A_2|^2) \cdot u + |A_1|^2 A_1 e^{i\varphi x} + |A_1|^2 A_1^\nu e^{-i\varphi x} \\
& + |A_2|^2 A_2 e^{i\varphi y} + |A_2|^2 A_2^\nu e^{-i\varphi y} \\
& + 2A_1 |A_2|^2 e^{i\varphi x} + 2|A_1|^2 A_2 e^{i\varphi y} \\
& + 2|A_1|^2 A_2^\nu e^{-i\varphi y} + 2A_1^\nu |A_2|^2 e^{-i\varphi x} \\
& + 2|A_1|^2 A_2^\star e^{-i\varphi y} + 2A_1 |A_2|^2 e^{i\varphi x} \\
& + 2|A_1|^2 A_2 e^{i\varphi y} + 2A_1^\nu |A_2|^2 e^{-i\varphi x} \\
& + \mathcal{O}(A_1^3 e^{3i\varphi x}, A_1^2 A_2 e^{2i\varphi x + i\varphi y}, \text{etc})
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
u^3 = & 3(|A_1|^2 + |A_2|^2) (A_1 e^{i\varphi x} + A_1^\nu e^{-i\varphi x} + A_2 e^{i\varphi y} + A_2^\nu e^{-i\varphi y}) \\
& + 3|A_1|^2 (A_2 e^{i\varphi y} + A_2^\nu e^{-i\varphi y}) + 3|A_2|^2 (A_1 e^{i\varphi x} + A_1^\nu e^{-i\varphi x}) \\
& + \text{higher harmonics.}
\end{aligned}$$

Insert into Swift-Hohenberg eqn

$$\partial_t u = [\varepsilon - (\varphi^2 + \beta^2)] u - \frac{1}{3} u^3$$

$$\rightarrow \begin{cases} \dot{A}_1 = \varepsilon A_1 - |A_1|^2 A_1 - 2|A_2|^2 A_1 \\ \dot{A}_2 = \varepsilon A_2 - |A_2|^2 A_2 - 2|A_1|^2 A_2 \end{cases}$$

2-variable dynamical system!

fixed points:  $\varepsilon \bar{A}_1 = \bar{A}_1 (|\bar{A}_1|^2 + 2|\bar{A}_2|^2)$   
 $(\bar{A}_1, \bar{A}_2) \quad \varepsilon \bar{A}_2 = \bar{A}_2 (|\bar{A}_2|^2 + 2|\bar{A}_1|^2)$

Sol'n: 1)  $\bar{A}_1=0, \bar{A}_2=0$ . (no pattern)

2)  $\bar{A}_1=0 \rightarrow \varepsilon \bar{A}_2 = \bar{A}_2 |A_2|^2 \rightarrow |A_2|^2 = \varepsilon$ .

$A_2 = \sqrt{\varepsilon} e^{i\varphi_2}$  *Stripes in y-direction*  
 shift of phase along y.

3)  $\bar{A}_1 = \sqrt{\varepsilon} e^{i\varphi_1}, \bar{A}_2=0$  *Stripes in x-direction*

4)  $\bar{A}_1 \neq 0, \bar{A}_2 \neq 0$  *Square array*

$$\begin{aligned} \varepsilon &= |A_1|^2 + 2|A_2|^2 \rightarrow A_1 = \sqrt{\frac{\varepsilon}{3}} e^{i\varphi_1} \\ \varepsilon &= |A_2|^2 + 2|A_1|^2 \rightarrow A_2 = \sqrt{\frac{\varepsilon}{3}} e^{i\varphi_2} \end{aligned}$$

- Stability of these fixed points?

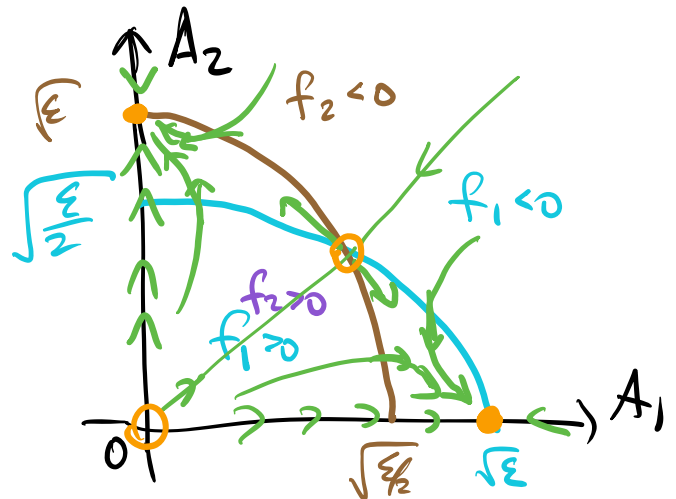
treat  $A_i$  as real (= fixing phase)

$$\dot{A}_1 = A_1 f_1(A_1, A_2)$$

$$A_2 = A_2 f_2(A_1, A_2)$$

$$f_1 = \varepsilon - A_1^2 - 2A_2^2$$

$$f_2 = \varepsilon - A_2^2 - 2A_1^2$$

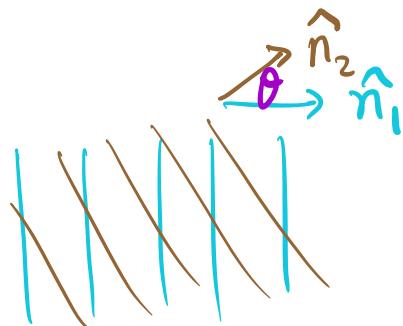


$\Rightarrow$  Square array unstable to stripes

What about a general rhomboid?

$$u(\vec{r}, t) = \sum_{\ell=1}^2 \left( A_{\ell}(t) e^{i\vec{g}_{\ell} \cdot \vec{r}} + A_{\ell}^*(t) e^{-i\vec{g}_{\ell} \cdot \vec{r}} \right)$$

$$\vec{g}_{\ell} = g \hat{n}_{\ell}$$





General form of the amplitude eqn:

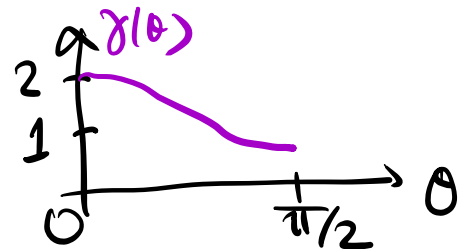
$$\frac{\partial A_1}{\partial t} = \varepsilon A_1 - (|A_1|^2 + \gamma(\theta) |A_2|^2) A_1$$

$$\frac{\partial A_2}{\partial t} = \varepsilon A_2 - (|A_2|^2 + \gamma(\theta) |A_1|^2) A_2$$

- form of  $\gamma(\theta)$  depends on details of nonlinear interaction  
 e.g. for the generalized Swift-Hohenberg model

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = [\varepsilon - (g^2 + \nabla^2)^2] u - \frac{g_1}{3} u^3 + g_3 (\nabla u)^2 \nabla^2 u$$

$$\gamma(\theta) = 2 - \frac{2}{3} \frac{g_3}{g_1 + g_3} (1 - \cos 2\theta)$$



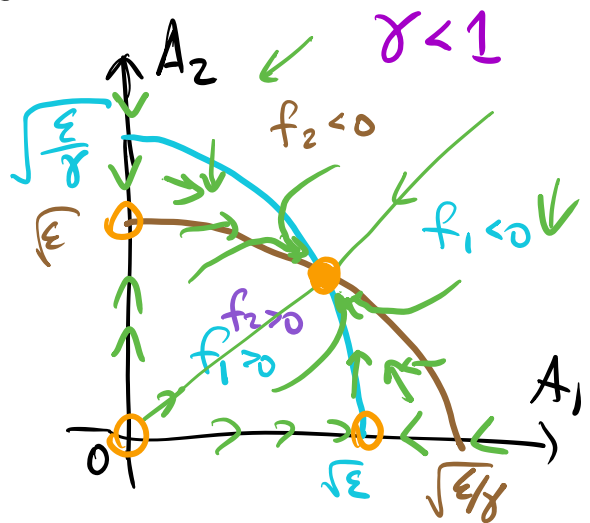
Analyze stability for general  $\gamma$ :

$$\dot{A}_1 = A_1 f_1(A_1, A_2)$$

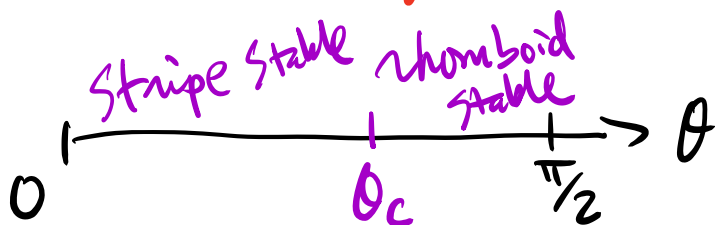
$$\dot{A}_2 = A_2 f_2(A_1, A_2)$$

$$f_1 = \varepsilon - A_1^2 - \gamma A_2^2$$

$$f_2 = \varepsilon - A_2^2 - \gamma A_1^2$$



$\Rightarrow$  rhomboid/square phase stabilized if  $\gamma(\theta) < 1$ .



For generalized SH model  
 $\theta_c < \pi/2$  if  $g_3 > 3g_1$



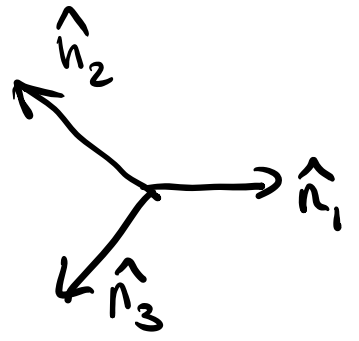
# \* hexagon vs stripe

hexagon ( $m=3$ ):  $\hat{n}_1 = \hat{x}$ ,

$$\vec{q}_\ell = q \cdot \hat{n}_\ell$$

$$\hat{n}_2 = -\frac{1}{2}\hat{x} + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\hat{y}$$

$$\hat{n}_3 = -\frac{1}{2}\hat{x} - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\hat{y}$$



$$u(\vec{r}, t) = A_1(t)e^{i\vec{q}_1 \cdot \vec{r}} + A_1^\dagger(t)e^{-i\vec{q}_1 \cdot \vec{r}} \\ + A_2(t)e^{i\vec{q}_2 \cdot \vec{r}} + A_2^\dagger(t)e^{-i\vec{q}_2 \cdot \vec{r}} \\ + A_3(t)e^{i\vec{q}_3 \cdot \vec{r}} + A_3^\dagger(t)e^{-i\vec{q}_3 \cdot \vec{r}}$$

Consider the more general Haken model

(w/o  $u \rightarrow -u$  symmetry)

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = [\varepsilon - (q^2 + \sigma^2)u^2]u + \nu u^2 - g u^3$$

Set  $\nu=1, g=1$  (aids to rescaling  $u + t$ )  
 ( $\nu > 0$ : HO hexagon;  $\nu < 0$ : HO stripe)

Amplitude eqn:

$$\dot{A}_1 = \varepsilon A_1 + A_2^\dagger A_3^\dagger - [ |A_1|^2 + \gamma (|A_2|^2 + |A_3|^2) ] A_1$$

$$\dot{A}_2 = \varepsilon A_2 + A_3^\dagger A_1^\dagger - [ |A_2|^2 + \gamma (|A_3|^2 + |A_1|^2) ] A_2$$

$$\dot{A}_3 = \varepsilon A_3 + A_1^\dagger A_2^\dagger - [ |A_3|^2 + \gamma (|A_1|^2 + |A_2|^2) ] A_3$$

$\gamma(\theta = 2\pi/3)$

Use  $A_\ell = R_\ell e^{i\phi_\ell}$

Get  $\frac{d}{dt}(\phi_1 + \phi_2 + \phi_3) = -\# \sin(\phi_1 + \phi_2 + \phi_3)$

$\rightarrow \phi_1 + \phi_2 + \phi_3 = 0$  (Stable)

$\rightarrow \dot{R}_1 = \epsilon R_1 + R_2 R_3 - R_1^3 - \gamma R_1 (R_2^2 + R_3^2)$

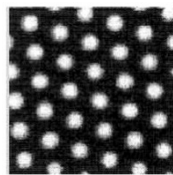
$\dot{R}_2 = \epsilon R_2 + R_3 R_1 - R_2^3 - \gamma R_2 (R_3^2 + R_1^2)$

$\dot{R}_3 = \epsilon R_3 + R_1 R_2 - R_3^3 - \gamma R_3 (R_1^2 + R_2^2)$

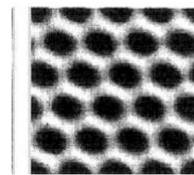
nontrivial fixed pts:

i)  $R_1 = R_2 = R_3 \equiv R^H$  (hexagonal)

$R^H = \frac{1 \pm \sqrt{1 + 4\epsilon(1 + 2\gamma)}}{2(1 + 2\gamma)}$



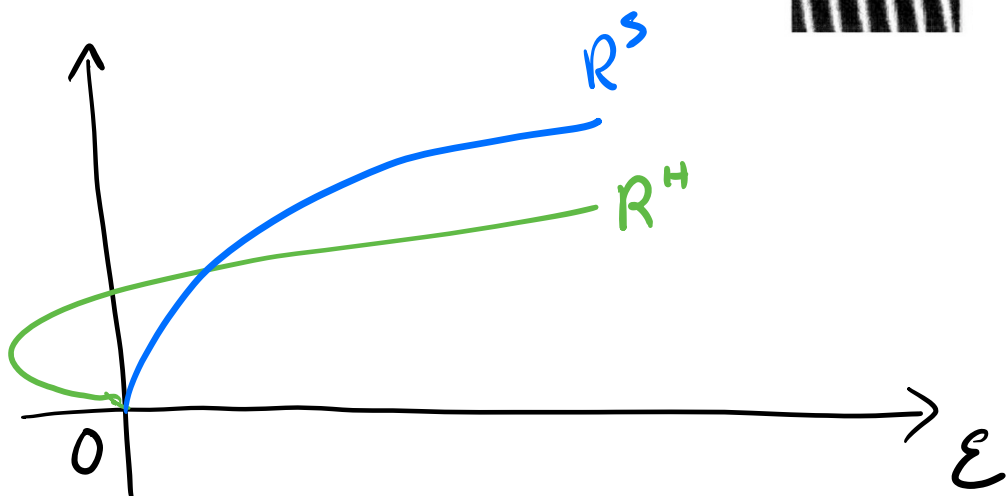
HO ( $\nu > 0$ )



HT ( $\nu < 0$ )

ii)  $R_\ell = R^S, R_{\ell \neq \ell} = 0$  (Stripe)

$R^S = \sqrt{\epsilon}$



Next Analyze Stability:

$$R_e(t) = \bar{R}_e + \delta R_e(t) \rightarrow \delta \dot{R}_e = M_{ee} \delta R_e$$

$$M^R = \begin{pmatrix} a & b & b \\ b & a & b \\ b & b & a \end{pmatrix}$$

$$M^S = \begin{pmatrix} -2\varepsilon & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & (1-\delta)\varepsilon & \sqrt{\varepsilon} \\ 0 & \sqrt{\varepsilon} & (1-\delta)\varepsilon \end{pmatrix}$$

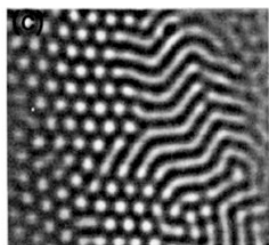
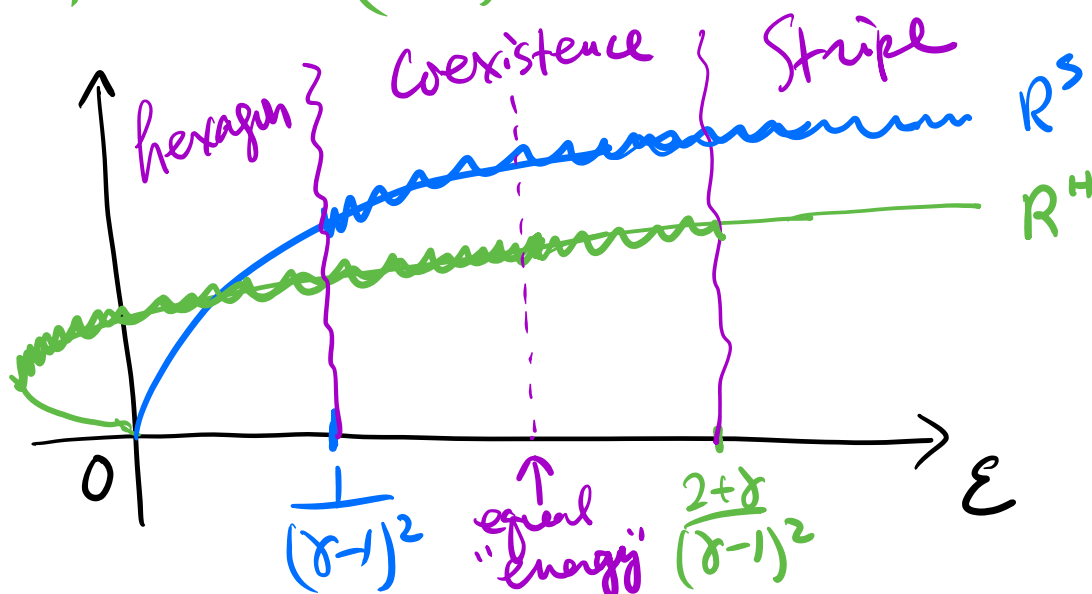
$$a = \varepsilon - (3+2\delta)(R^+)^2$$

$$b = R^+ - 2\delta(R^+)^2$$

Stable range:

$$-\frac{1}{4(1+2\delta)} < \varepsilon < \frac{(2+\delta)}{(\delta-1)^2}$$

$$\varepsilon > \frac{1}{(1-\delta)^2}$$



hexagon-stripe coexistence  
slow invasion by the more stable state