A Lead-off-Pub-Crawl-Full-Meeting-Overview



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Non-dimensional Parameters

- Ratios of terms, or times or lengths, or...
 - Focus here on time scales

 $\tau_{\Omega} = 1/(2\Omega) \qquad \tau_{\nu} = L^{2}/\nu$ $\tau_{U} = L/U \qquad \tau_{\kappa} = L^{2}/\kappa$

Non-dimensional Parameters

- * Ekman $E = \tau_{\Omega}/\tau_{\nu} = \nu/(2\Omega L^2)$
- * Reynolds $Re= au_{
 u}/ au_U=UL/
 u$
- * Rossby $Ro = \tau_\Omega / \tau_U = U/(2\Omega L) = ReE$
- Rayleigh $Ra = \tau_{\nu}\tau_{\kappa}/\tau_{U}^{2} = \alpha g \Delta T L^{3}/(\nu\kappa)$
- Supercriticality $\widetilde{Ra} = Ra/Ra_{crit}$

Non-dimensional Parameters

- Prandtl $Pr = \tau_{\kappa}/\tau_{\nu} = \nu/\kappa$
- Convective Rossby $Ro_C \approx Ro_\ell = \sqrt{RaE^2/Pr}$
- Nusselt $Nu \approx \tau_\kappa / \tau_U \approx (uL/\kappa) (\theta/\Delta T)$
- Cylinder Aspect Ratio $\Gamma = D/H$
- Spherical Radius Ratio $\chi = R_i/R_o$





rotating

Momentum Conservation in a Rotating Fluid

$$\rho \frac{d\vec{u}}{dt} + 2\rho \Omega \hat{z} \times \vec{u} = -\nabla p + (\rho \vec{g} + \rho \Omega^2 \vec{s}) + \mu \nabla^2 \vec{u}$$

Coriolis

Inertia

Pressure Gravity Centrifugal Viscosity

Momentum Conservation in a Rotating Fluid

$$\rho \frac{d\vec{u}}{dt} + 2\rho \Omega \hat{z} \times \vec{u} = (\nabla p + (\rho \vec{g} + \rho \Omega^2 \vec{s}) + \mu \nabla^2 \vec{u}$$
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Fluid Physics











Pr-dependent Bulk RC Onset

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$$Pr > 0.67$$
: Station
* $Ra_{S} \sim E^{-4/3}$; $\ell_{S} = 39.5$
* $Pr < 0.67$: Oscillatory onset
* $Ra_{O} \sim (E/Pr)^{-4/3}$; $\ell_{O} \sim (E/Pr)^{1/3}H$
* Does turbulence vary with Pr at $\widetilde{Ra} \gg 1$?



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Wall Mode Onset

- $\blacksquare Ra_W \sim E^{-1}$
 - * First convective mode in $Pr\gtrsim 1$ fluids
- $Ra_W \sim \Gamma^{-1}E^{-1}$ in slender cylinders (Vasil et al. 2025) • $\rightarrow Ra_W \sim E^{-4/3}$ as $\Gamma \sim E^{1/3}$



Wall Mode Onset

- WM's oft invade the bulk and get
 - When/how can cylindrical ex GAFD systems? (b)
 - Can we truncate with fins (Terrien et al. 2023)?
 - Why should we want to?: Fluid Physics vs. GAFD







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Boundary Conditions

- Uniform
- Heterogeneous





Boundary Conditions

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- Uniform
- Heterogeneous
- Melting
- Topographic







Internal Heating



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Asymptotics



Asymptotics

- How do asymptotically extreme RC systems behave?
- Can laboratory-numerical experiments reach these regimes?







Reduced Models

• Under what conditions do reduced systems accurately model GAFD flows?











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