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# Faraday Waves Excited by Random Vibration

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# Faraday Waves



View of Faraday waves from above a vibrating free surface at: 80 Hz, 5 g, 76 mm dia, 25 mm depth, 20 cSt PDMS silicone oil

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- Liquid-gas or liquid-liquid interfaces subjected to vertical vibration will form surface waves when the vibration amplitude exceeds a critical value.
- The initially flat free surface then becomes unstable to the formation of standing surface waves.
- These waves have a frequency half of the driving frequency (the first sub-harmonic resonance), often referred to as period-doubling
- These waves were first reported by Michael Faraday in 1831, who performed experiments using water, ink, turpentine, egg whites, alcohol, and mercury



# Faraday Waves

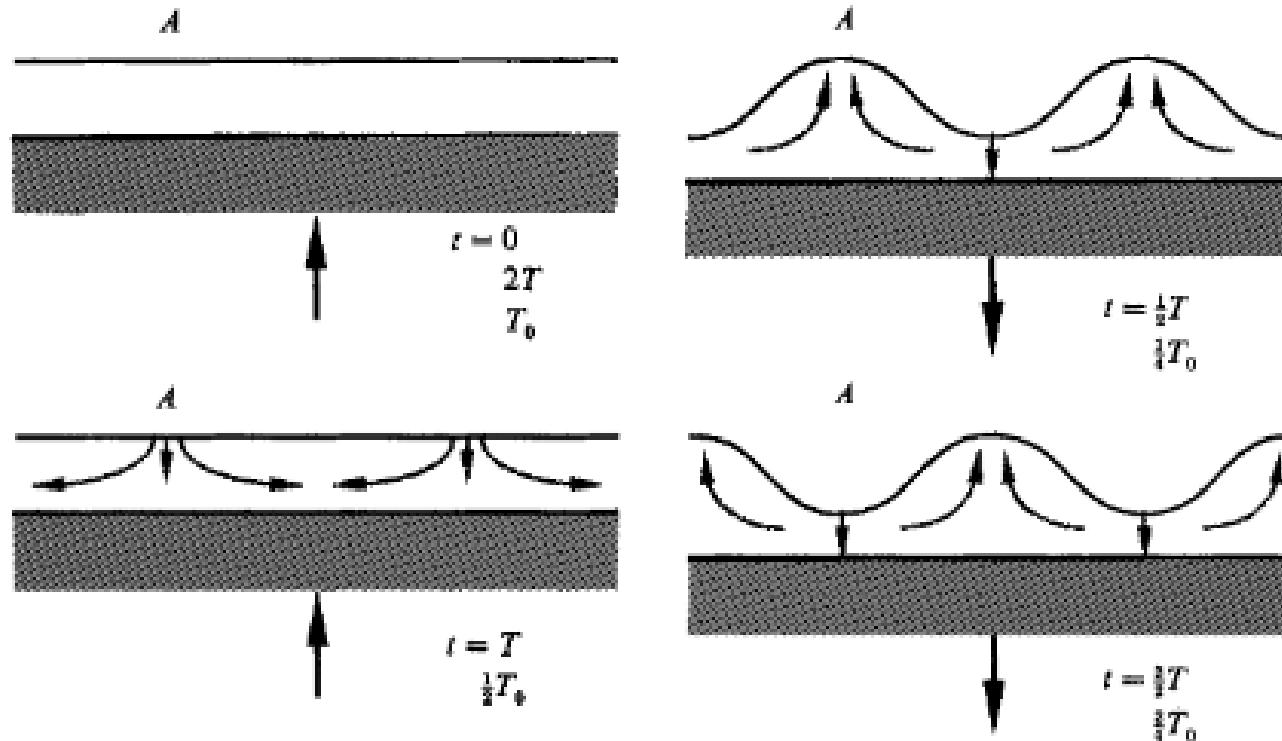
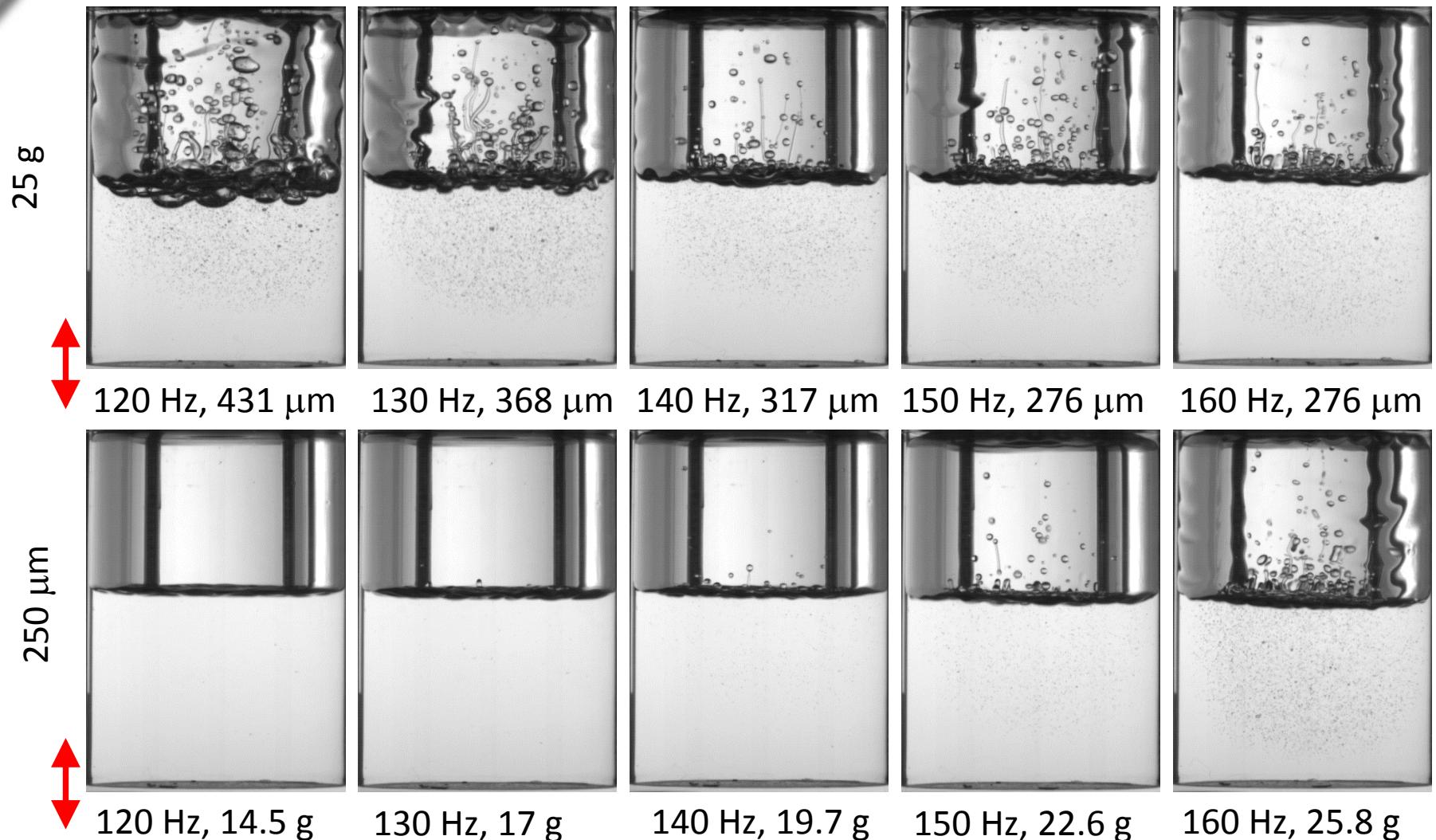


FIGURE 1. Excitation at half the excitation frequency of a fluid layer undergoing a vertical oscillation. When the vessel goes down, the fluid inertia tends to create a surface deformation, as in the Rayleigh-Taylor instability. This deformation disappears when the vessel comes back up, in a time equal to a quarter-period of the corresponding wave ( $T_0$ ). The decay of this deformation creates a flow which induces, for the following excitation period  $T$ , the exchange of the maxima and the minima. Thus one obtains  $T_0 = 2T$ .

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# Why do we care about Faraday Waves?



As part of a larger study on the effect of vibration on bubbles we need to understand when free surface breakup occurs and when breakup acts as a bubble source (20 cSt PDMS silicone oil with air above)



# Why do we care about Faraday Waves?



**175  $\mu\text{m}$  p-p displacement, 4.3 g**

**10 cSt PDMS, 110 Hz**



**250  $\mu\text{m}$  p-p displacement, 6.1 g**



# Single Sine Frequency Vibration



Labworks ET-140 shaker

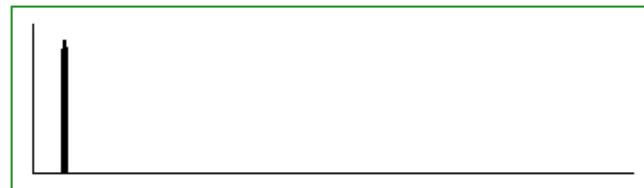
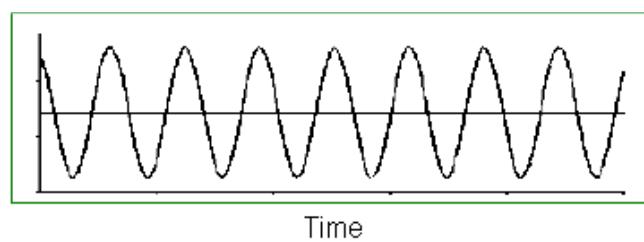
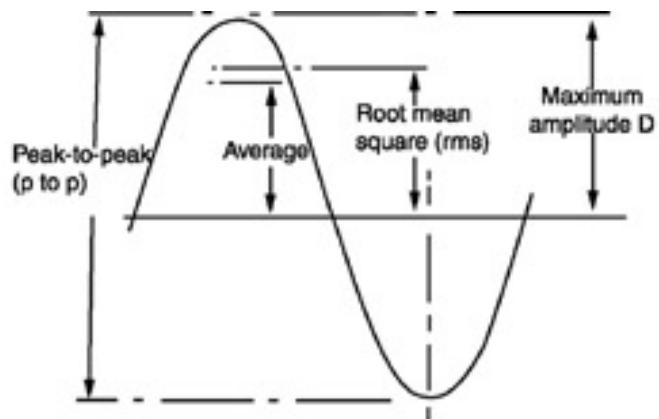
## Single frequency vibrations

$$z = z_0 \sin \omega t$$

$$v = \frac{dz}{dt} = \omega z_0 \cos \omega t$$

$$a = \frac{d^2z}{dt^2} = -\omega^2 z_0 \sin \omega t$$

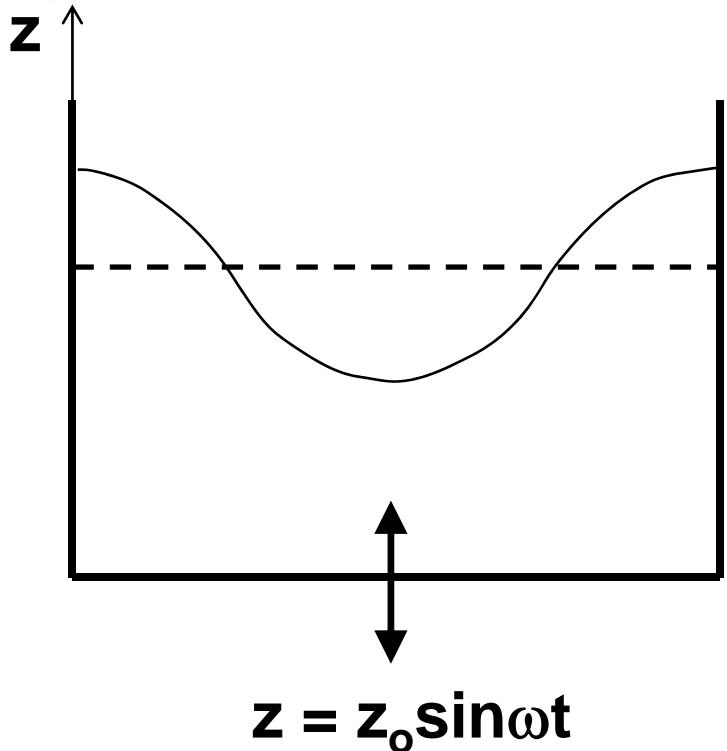
**Vibration conditions completely defined by  $\omega=2\pi f$ ,  $z_0$ , and  $a$  (pick 2, third is determined)**



The Spectrum of a Sine Wave



# Single Sine Frequency Faraday Waves



- Vibration leads to a modulated gravity  
$$g' = g - \omega^2 z_0 \sin \omega t$$
- Small amplitude waves in a vessel undergoing sinusoidal vertical oscillations can be described by the Mathieu equation (when damping is small):  
$$\frac{d^2 z}{dt^2} + \gamma \frac{dz}{dt} + [\omega_0^2 + z_0 \sin(\omega t)] z = 0$$
where  $\omega$  is the excitation frequency and  $\varepsilon$  is the amplitude (proportional to  $z_0$ ). This describes a simple harmonic oscillator with a periodically time-varying spring constant.
- After a spatial Fourier transform, each wavenumber  $k$  also satisfies the Mathieu equation

$$\frac{d^2 z}{dt^2} + 4\nu k^2 \frac{dz}{dt} + k[g - \omega^2 z_0 \sin(\omega t)] z = 0$$



# Single Sine Frequency Faraday Waves



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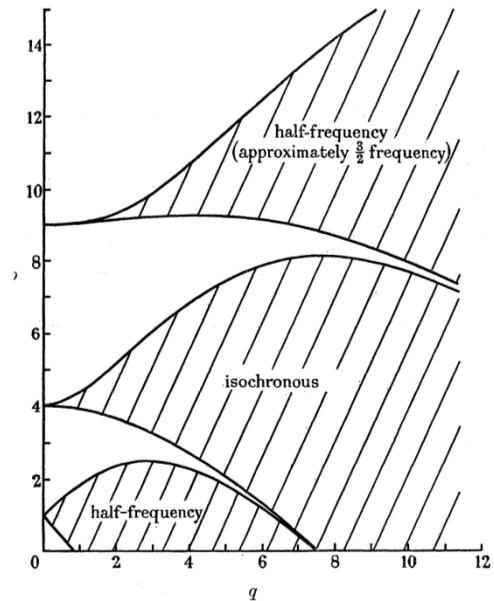


FIGURE 2. Stability chart for the solutions of Mathieu's equation

$$\frac{d^2a}{dT^2} + (p - 2q \cos 2T) a = 0.$$

There are instabilities for certain ranges of the unperturbed frequency  $\omega_0$ , the damping  $\gamma$ , the forcing frequency  $\omega$ , and the forcing amplitude  $z_0$ . The easiest instability to excite gives free surface oscillation at half the forcing frequency  $\omega$ .

•Benjamin and Ursell, The Stability of the Plane Free Surface of a Liquid in Vertical Periodic Motion, *Proc. R. Soc. Lond. A*, 1954, 225



# Single Sine Frequency Faraday Waves



Wave patterns depend on excitation frequency, the shape of the container, fluid properties (esp. viscosity), and the depth.

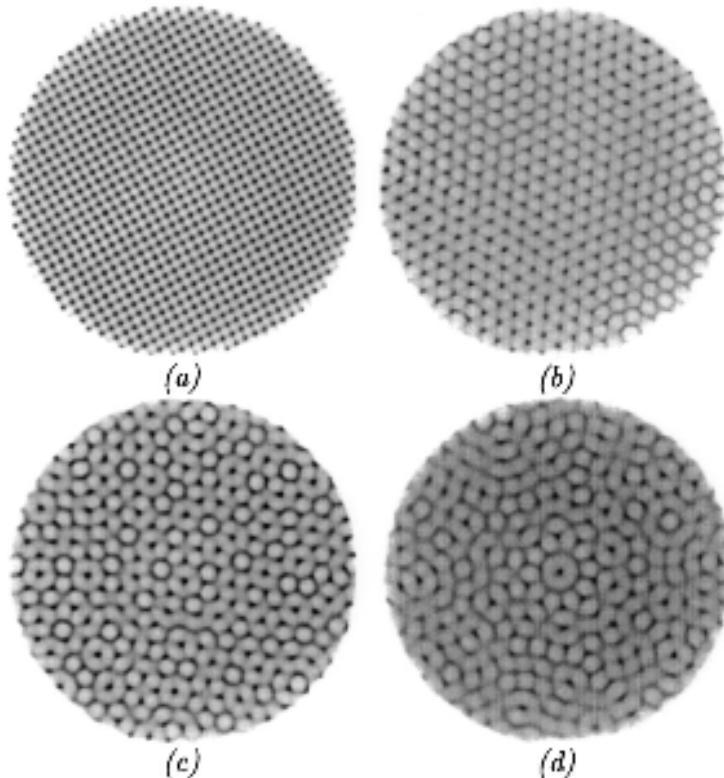
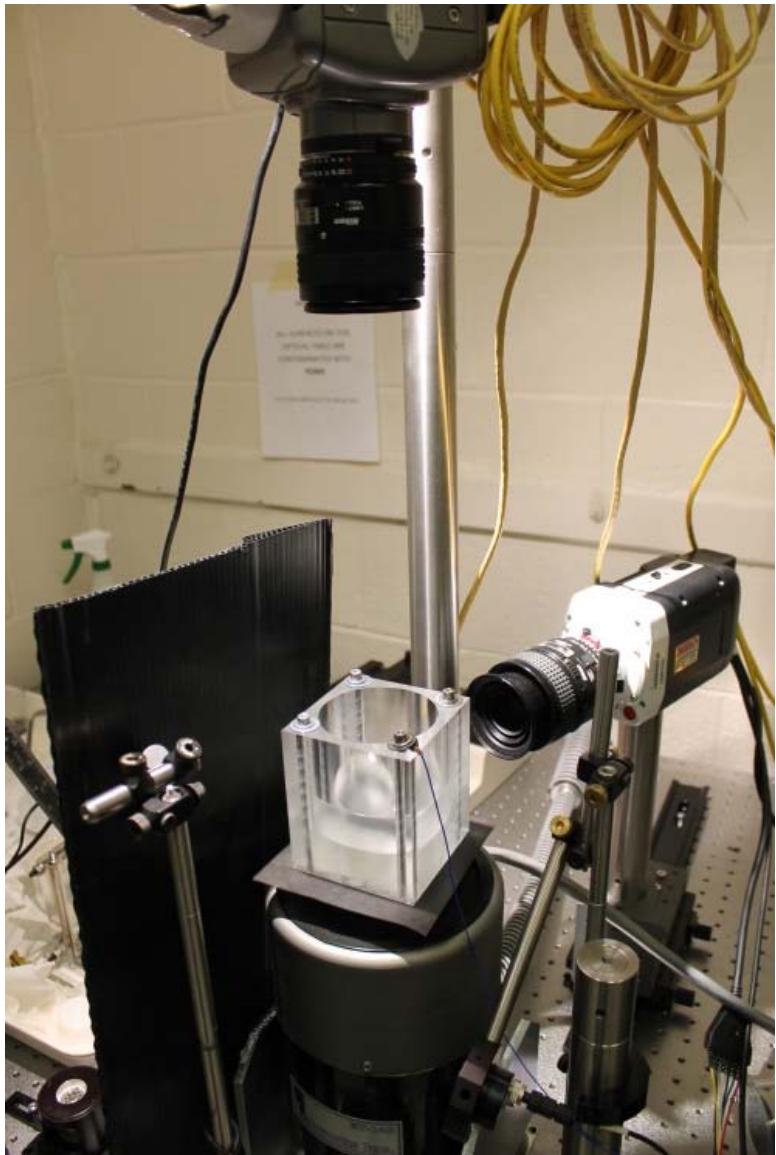


FIG. 1. Images of the fluid surface at frequencies  $f$  where patterns of square symmetry are observed: (a)  $f = 45.0$  Hz, hexagonal symmetry; (b)  $f = 30.0$  Hz, 8-fold quasiperiodic; (c)  $f = 29.0$  Hz, and 10-fold quasiperiodic; (d)  $f = 27.0$  Hz. The visualized region is of diameter 26 cm, approximately 1/2 the diameter of the container.



# Experimental Setup



**Labworks ET-140  
electrodynamic shaker  
Acrylic boxes of several  
shapes and sizes mounted on  
top of shaker**

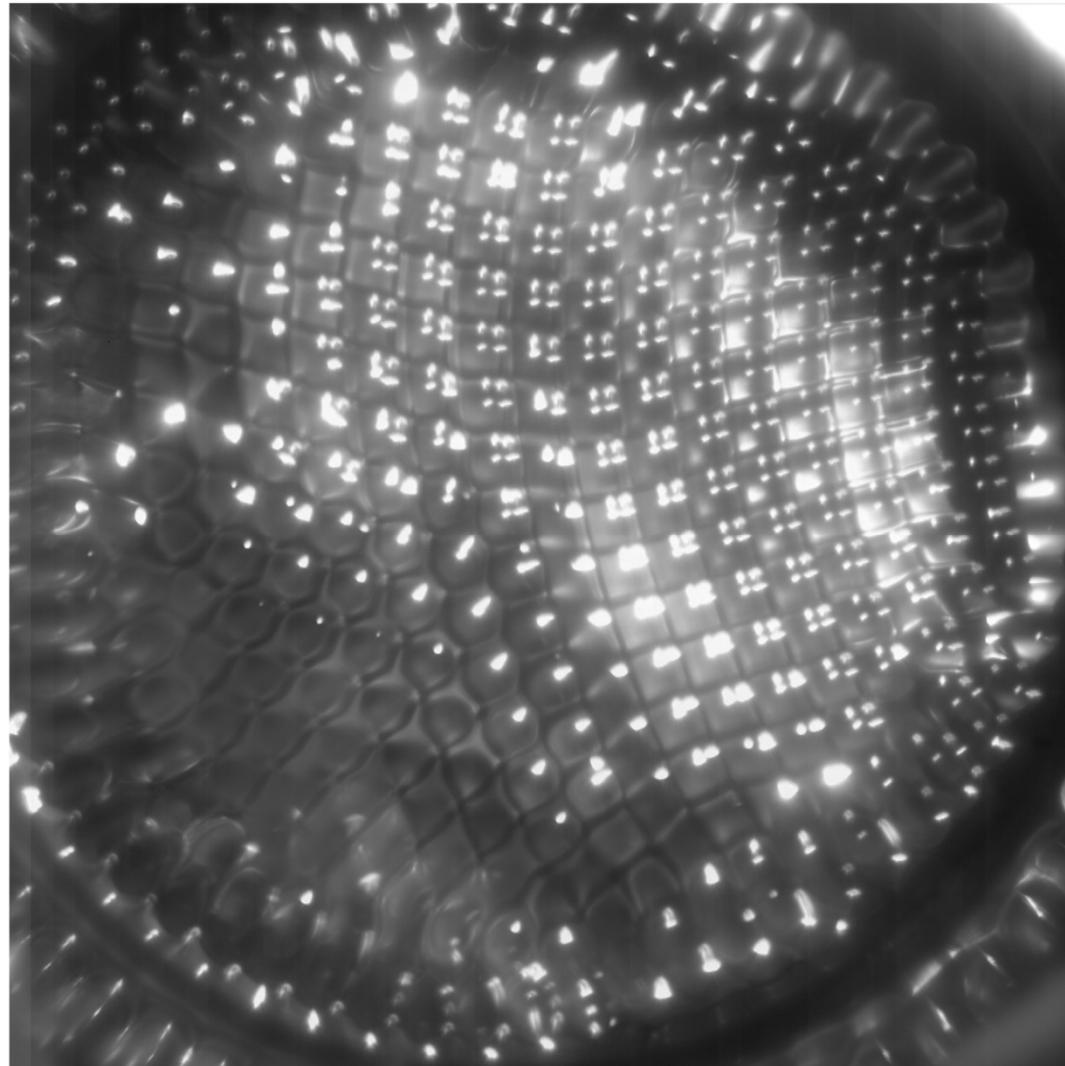
**PDMS silicone oil in box  
( $\nu = 20$  cSt for most  
experiments to date)**

**Size and depth considerations**

**Aspect ratio: Bechhoefer et  
al. (JFM, 1995) discuss  
sidewall meniscus wave  
influence at different  
width:depth ratios. Ours  
range from 3:1 to 10:1.**



## Results – Sine excitation



**View of Faraday waves from directly above a vibrating free surface at:  
130 Hz, 9.4 g, 76 mm dia, 25 mm depth, 20 cSt PDMS silicone oil**



# Results – Sine excitation



80 Hz, 5 g  
388  $\mu\text{m}$  displacement



130 Hz, 9.4 g  
276  $\mu\text{m}$  displacement



200 Hz, 20 g  
248  $\mu\text{m}$  displacement

**Faraday waves on  
vibrating free surface**  
**76 mm dia, 25 mm depth**  
**20 cSt PDMS silicone oil**



# Random Vibrations

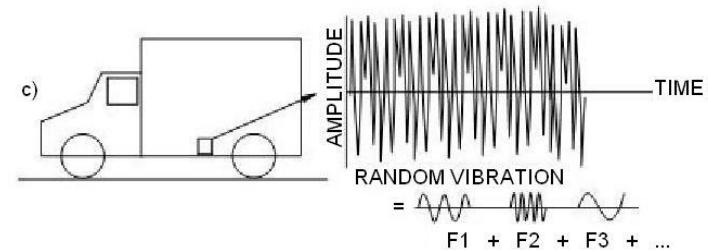


**Most real world vibrations don't occur at a single frequency, but are a combination or distribution of frequencies**

**Random vibration is motion at many frequencies simultaneously, with the amplitude of each frequency varying randomly with time.**

**Random vibration is usually described through its Power Spectral Density (PSD) with units of  $g^2/Hz$**

**Acceleration, velocity, displacement no longer directly related to frequency as in sine excitation. The RMS amplitude vs. time is statistically defined.**

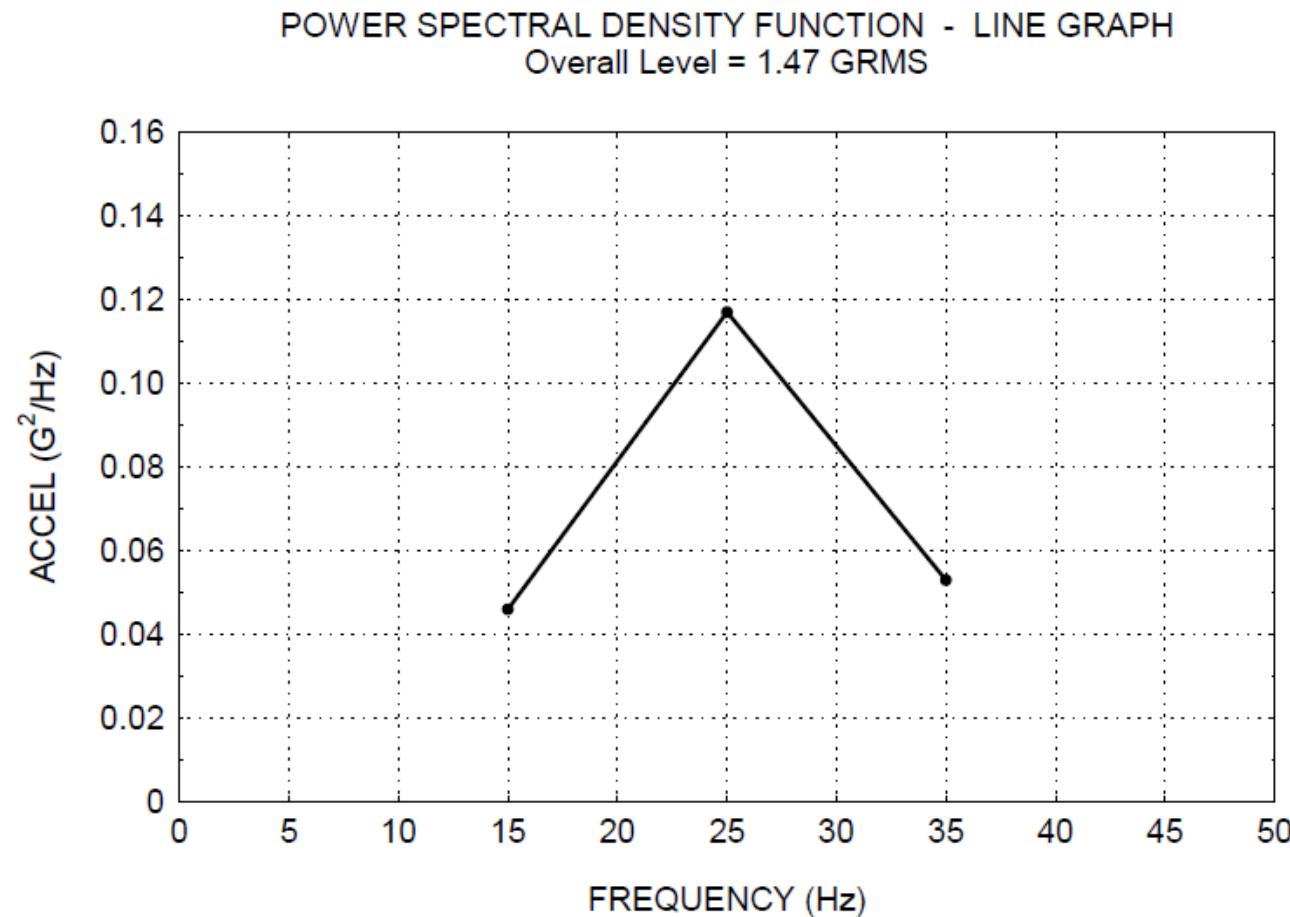




# Random Vibration PSD



## Example



• <http://www.vibrationdata.com/tutorials2/psd.pdf>



# Random Vibration PSD



## Strange Units ( $\text{g}^2/\text{Hz}$ )

- PSD defined by mean squared acceleration ( $\text{g}^2$ ) divided by the bandwidth (Hz)

**PSD (Power Spectral Density) really should be ASD (Acceleration Spectral Density).**

- However, commonly used PSD indicates the "power" from the output of accelerometers during structural test.

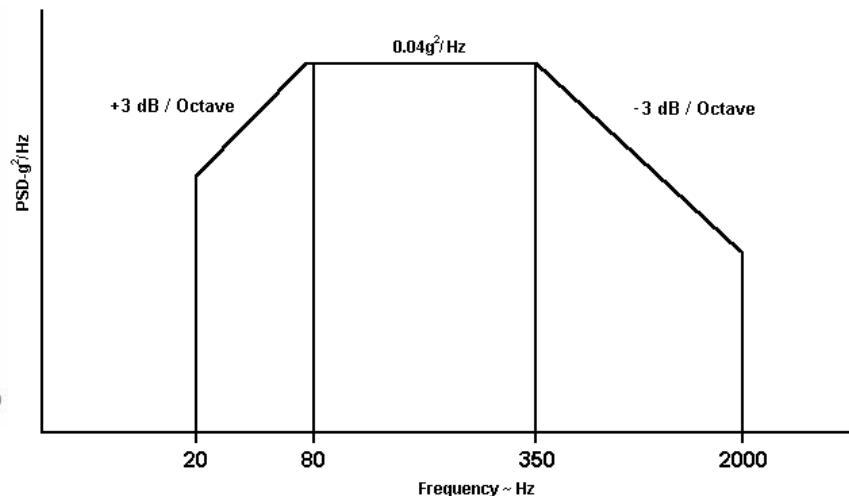
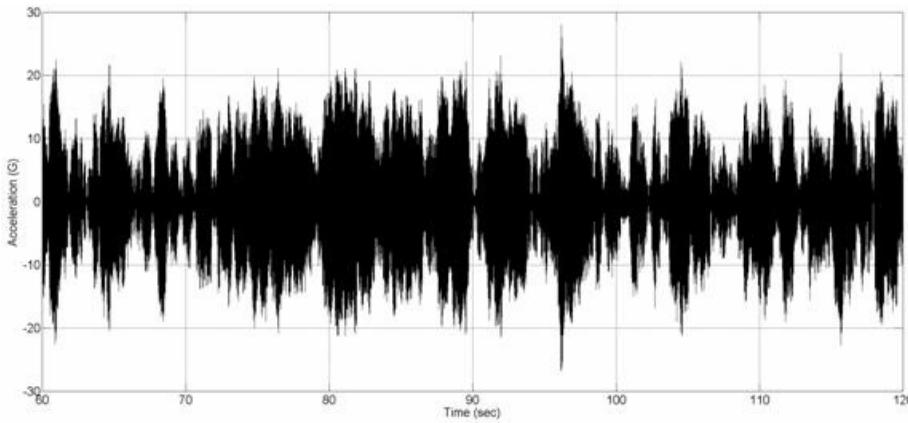
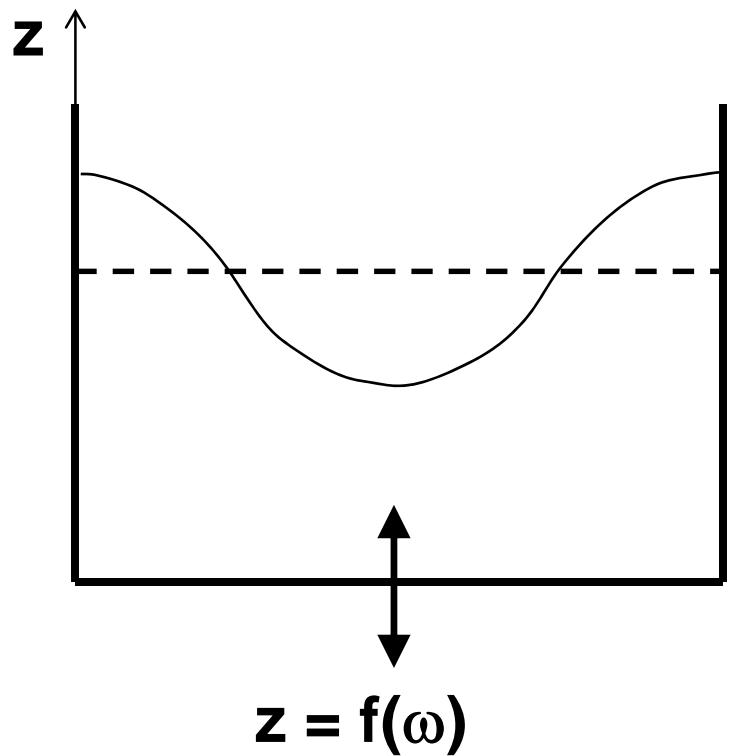


Figure 5. Random Vibration Spectrum



# Random Frequency Faraday Waves



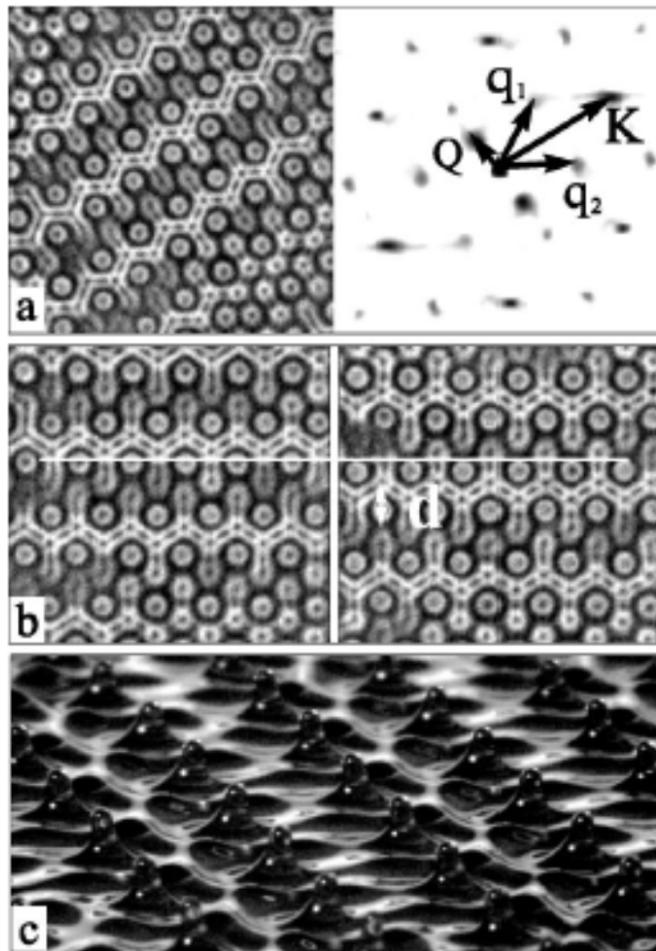
- Most literature on Faraday waves considers single sine frequencies
- A few groups have examined multiple discrete frequency excitation (Zhang and Viñals, JFM, 1997)
- For most or all applications, the forcing is via a continuous spectrum.
- Zhang et al. (Phys. Fluids, 1993) showed that random forcing broadens the unstable frequency range and that the threshold acceleration needed to form waves increases as the spectrum broadens.
- Repetto and Galletta (JFM, 2002) performed theoretical study showing that the range of unstable frequencies broadens under narrow-band spectrum random forcing compared to single frequency forcing



# Random Frequency Faraday Waves

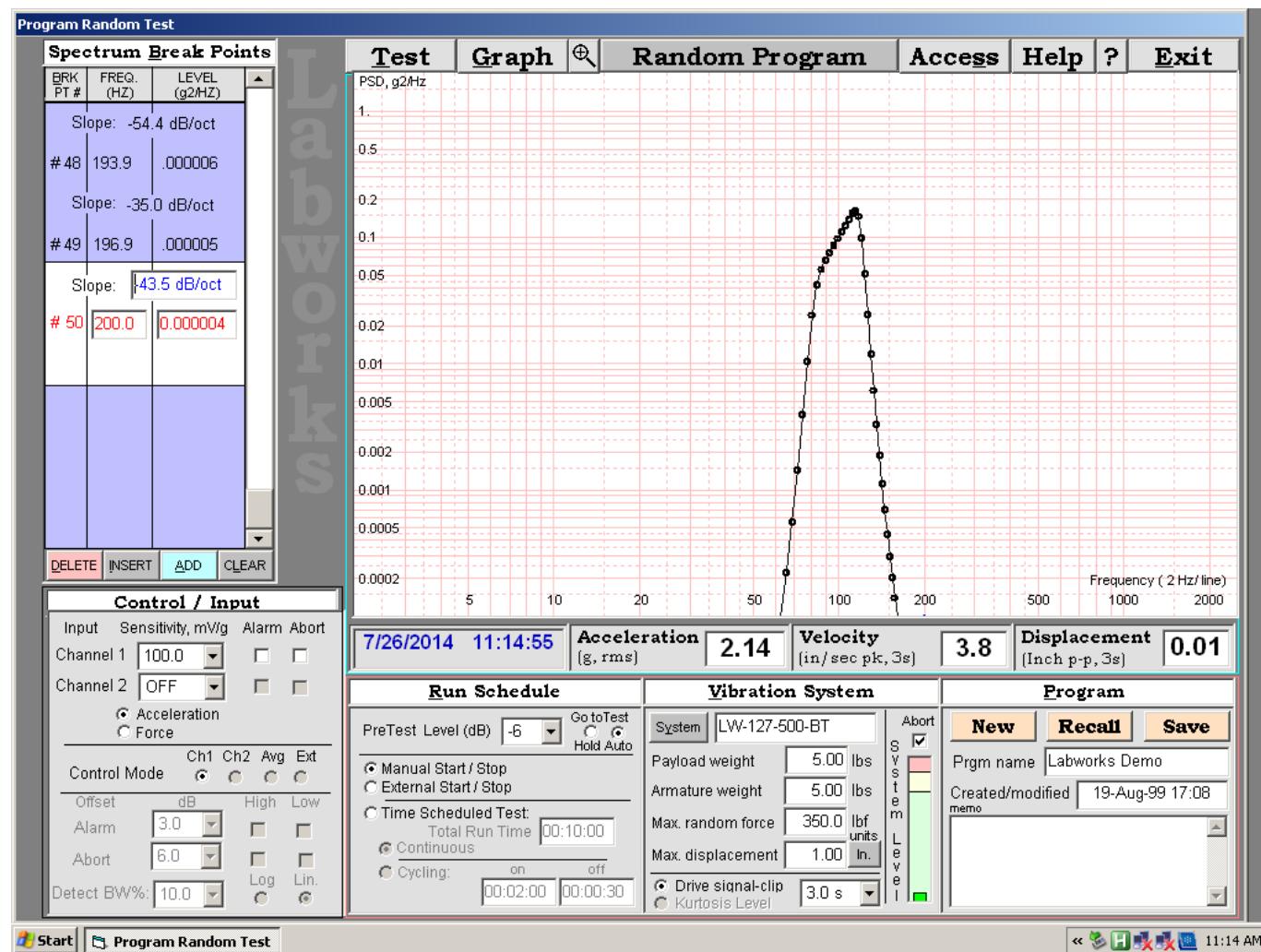


Wave patterns caused by each forcing frequency and interactions between waves





# Results – Random excitation

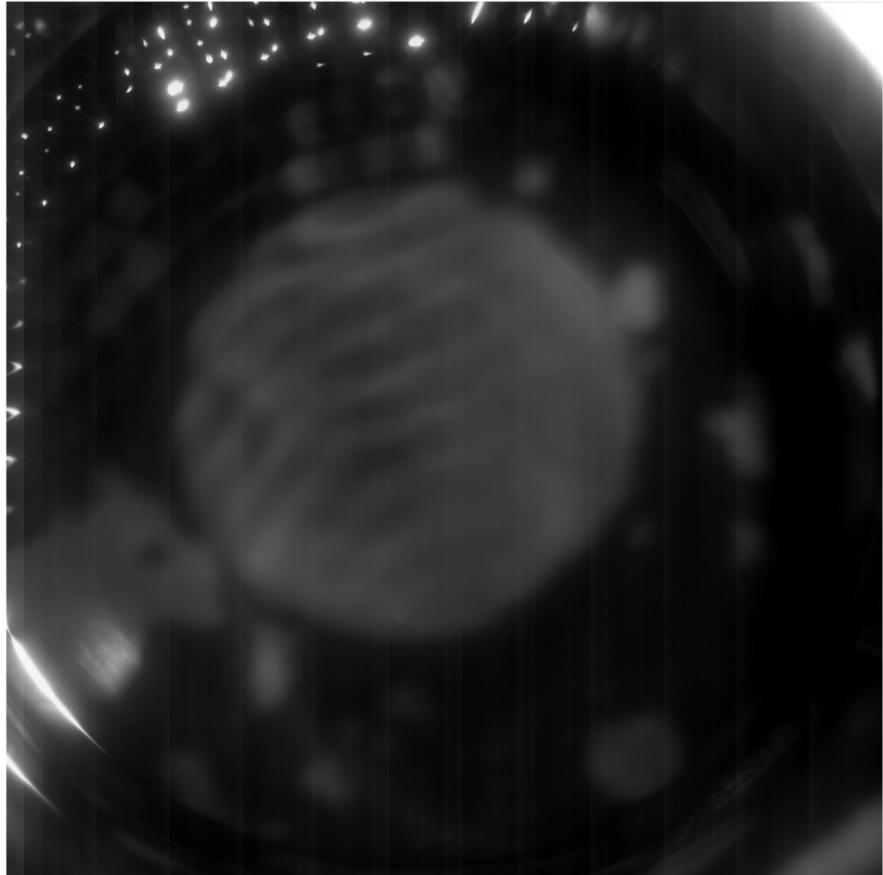


**PSD defined as shown here**

– 1x scaling or 2.14 g rms amplitude



## Results – Random excitation



20 cSt PDMS, 4.23 g rms

**Critical amplitude**

**75 mm dia, 25 mm depth**

**2 cSt PDMS: 0.96 g rms**

**10 cSt PDMS: 2.03 g rms**

**20 cSt PDMS: 4.23 g rms**

**50 cSt PDMS: 4.49 g rms**

**Defining transition difficult.  
For single frequency  
excitation Faraday waves can  
be distinguished from  
meniscus wave sloshing by  
their frequency. Not the case  
for random excitation.**



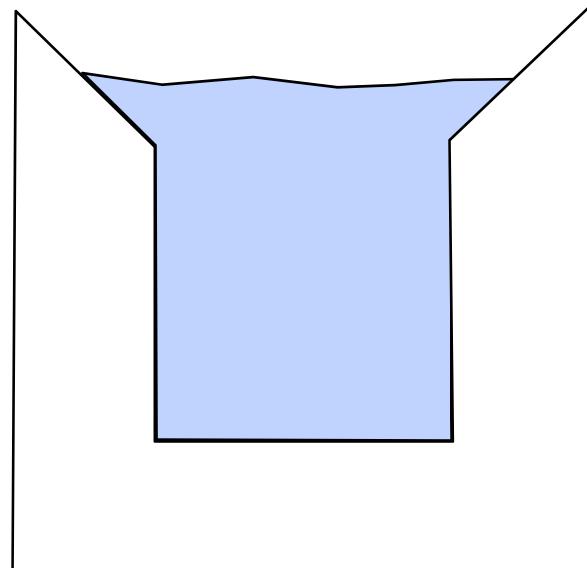
## Conclusions and Future Work



**Early results show that random excitation Faraday waves ... Theory**

**Continue experiments and comparison with model**

**Vary aspect ratio**



**Determine quantitative test for instability**

- Distinguish from sloshing (period doubling works for single frequency sine excitation, not clear for random vibe)

**Minimize sloshing and wave reflection**

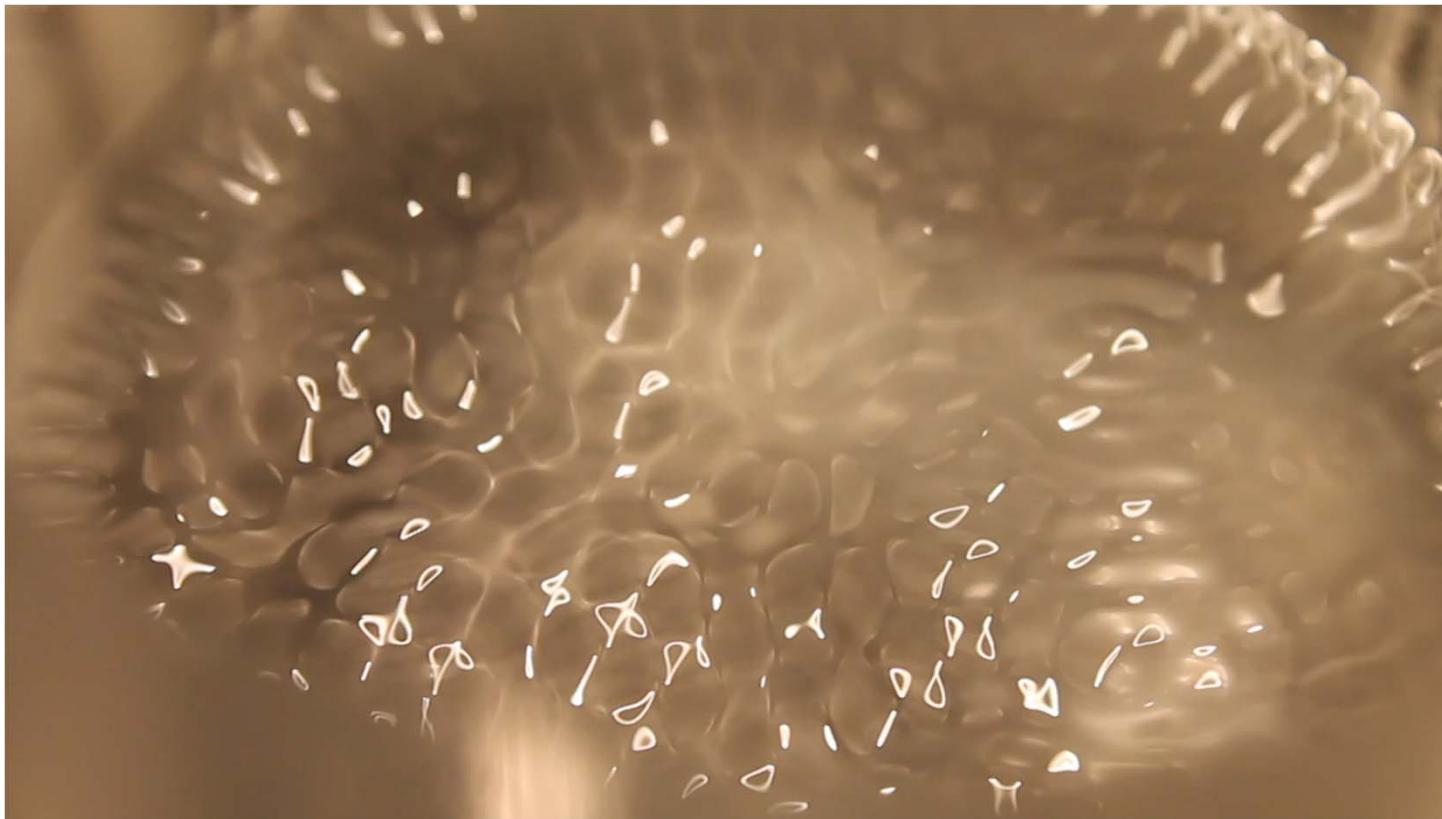
- Angled walls (Arbell and Fineberg, 2002)
- Fill to brim (Douady, 1990)



# Faraday Waves



## Questions?



**View of Faraday waves on a vibrating free surface.  
80 Hz, 5 g, 20 cSt PDMS**

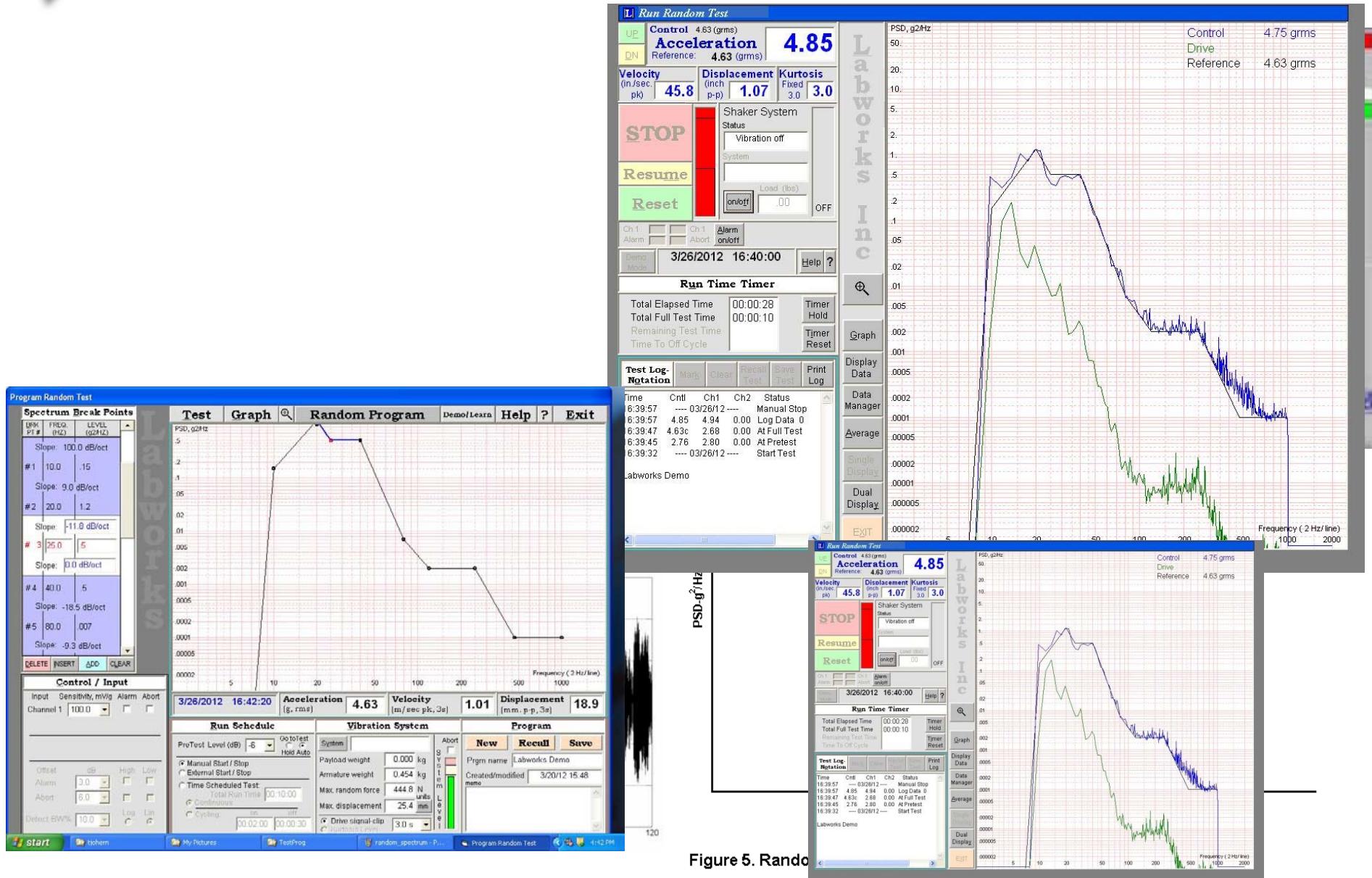


- Faraday waves are generated at the interface between two fluids when parametrically excited by vertical vibration. This is most commonly seen at liquid-gas interfaces where Faraday waves can form a variety of patterns on the free surface, with wave period twice the excitation period (Faraday, 1831). Many studies have examined Faraday waves in a wide range of liquids and containers under a wide range of single frequency vibration excitation conditions, both experimentally and analytically (Benjamin and Ursell (1954); Wright et al., 1996; Wernet et al., 2001). Most vibrations encountered in the real world are composed of multiple simultaneous frequencies, with the vibration amplitude varying randomly with time. However, very few studies have examined the effect of multiple frequencies on the generation of Faraday waves (Zhang, 1993; Repetto and Galletta, 2002). In the present work we review the literature on random vibration experiments and Faraday waves excited by such vibrations. Experimental results will be presented and discussed, and compared with analytical predictions. These phenomena have been observed in several PDMS oils over a broad range of viscosities, as well as in water. Random vibration conditions are varied, and include fairly broad power spectra.

- 6 talks in 2 hours – shoot for 15-17 minutes
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# Random Vibration PSD



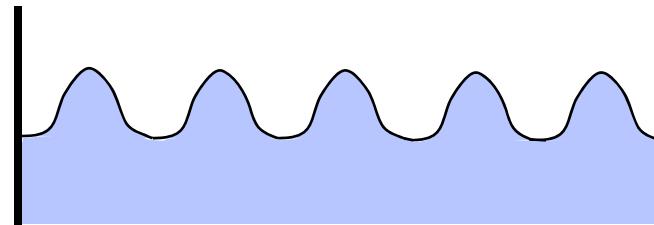


# Measuring Wave Pattern and Height



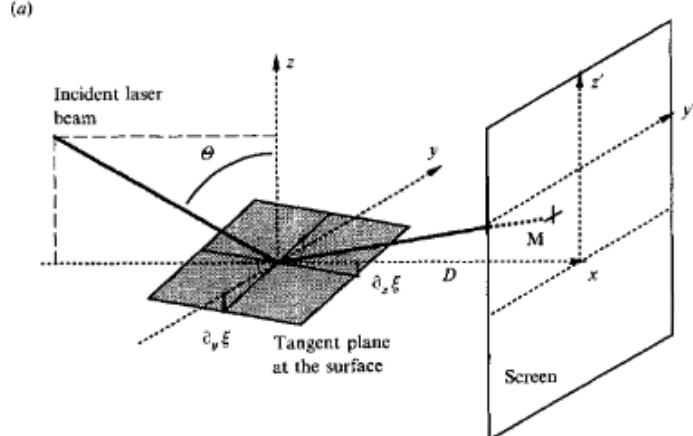
Difficult since the interface is not very reflective (Wernet et al., 2001). Techniques include:

- Shadowgraphy: Pass parallel beam of diameter equal to container size through interface and record pattern caused by peaks and valleys acting as array of lenses. Limited to small surface deflections.
- Laser reflection: Track focused laser beam reflection onto position-sensitive detector
- Diffusive scattering: Seed liquid with dye or particles to scatter light. Wave crests contain more liquid so absorb or scatter more light than thinner valleys do.
- Contacting permittivity
- Interferometry
- Radar back scatter
- X-ray absorption





# Measuring Wave Height



(b)

$$\text{if } \partial_x \xi = 0$$

$$\partial_x \xi = -b + (b^2 + 1)^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$b = (\cotan \theta + D/z' \sin^2 \theta)$$

$$\partial_x \xi = -b - (b^2 + 1)^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

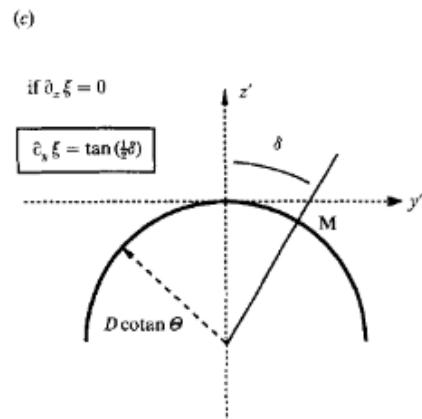


FIGURE 16. (a) The principle of the measurement method of the surface wave amplitude: a laser beam is reflected at the free surface, and one looks at the image point M on a vertical screen far away. The origin is chosen as the reflection with a horizontal surface. In the geometrical approximation, M only depends on the slope of the surface at the reflection point. (b) and (c) The image points on the screen in two cases: the relation can be easily inverted to give the local slopes, and thus to measure the amplitude.

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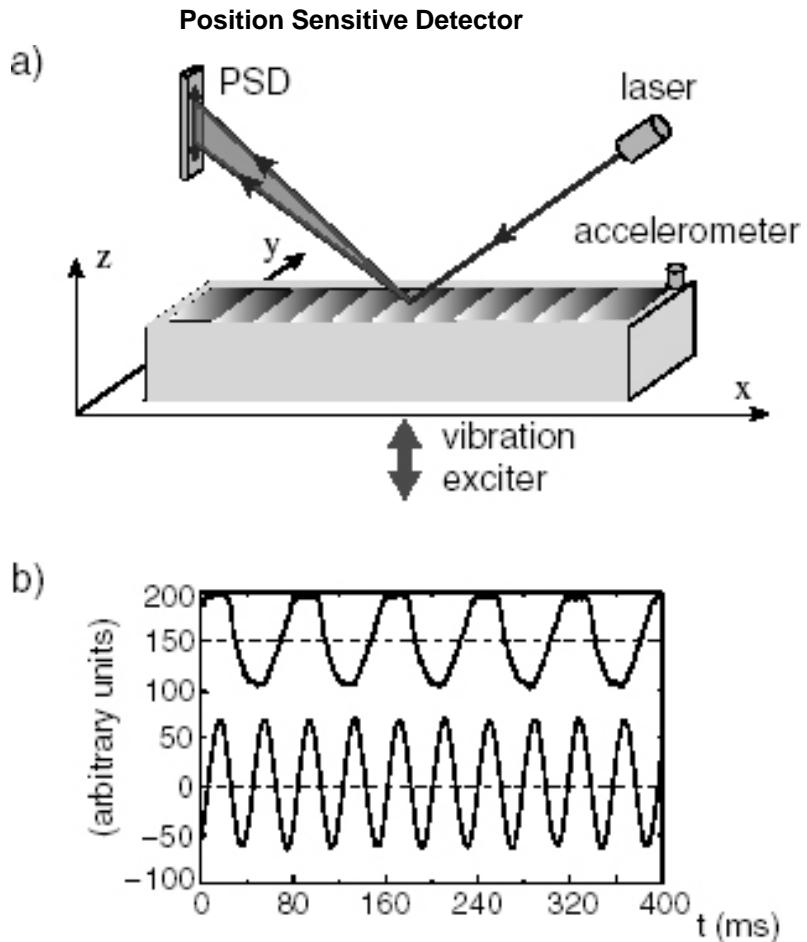


Figure 1. a) Experimental setup; b) typical signal recordings for the PSD (upper trace) and the accelerometer (lower trace), showing the parametric resonance of the surface oscillations.

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## Defining Transition



- Photos or movies: Left clear wave pattern, right unclear

**Quantitative definition of transition from undisturbed to Faraday waves is difficult**

- Sloshing, or meniscus waves, formed at the walls have no stability threshold so are always present. These waves have a frequency equal to the driving frequency