
nonlinear electrohydrodynamic marangoni stability

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This thesis deals with the nonlinear electrohydrodynamic Marangoni stability of both Rayleigh-Taylor and Kelvin-Helmholtz models in the presence of different electric field distributions. This thesis consists of six chapters: In chapter I, we explain the main aspects, the previous studies of electrohydrodynamics and their various applications. We discuss the concepts of electrohydrodynamics and stability. The equations governing the motion, the electric field and the associated boundary conditions are introduced. We explain the surface tension and adsorption and the related differential equations. The concept of Marangoni instability is explained. We present a review of both Rayleigh-Taylor and Kelvin-Helmholtz models in the last section. In chapter II, we study the problem of electrohydrodynamic Marangoni stability in Kelvin-Helmholtz flow in the presence of a tangential electric field of an interface between two semi-infinite, dielectric, inviscid and incompressible fluids. The two fluids are assumed to be streaming in the x direction. Also, the motion in either fluids is assumed to be irrotational. We use the method of multiple scales to expand the various perturbation quantities to yield the linear and nonlinear partial differential equations of the various orders. The solutions of these equations are obtained. Chapter III is connected with the second chapter presented in this thesis, where the linear electrohydrodynamic Marangoni stability is discussed in both Rayleigh-Taylor and Kelvin-Helmholtz models. We obtained a third-order dispersion relation with real and complex coefficients for the Rayleigh-Taylor and Kelvin-Helmholtz instabilities respectively. The necessary and sufficient conditions of stability are discussed theoretically and numerically in both models. For Rayleigh-Taylor instability, we find that the critical value of the field increases with the increase of adsorption which means that the adsorption is destabilizing while the surface tension is stabilizing. For Kelvin-Helmholtz instability, the behavior is similar to that of Rayleigh-Taylor instability. Only the Kelvin-Helmholtz instability requires larger values of the field than those in the Rayleigh-Taylor instability. In chapter IV, we study the nonlinear electrohydrodynamic Marangoni stability in both Rayleigh-Taylor and Kelvin-Helmholtz models. We get the nonlinear Schrödinger equation with complex coefficients. The surface elevation and the cutoff wavenumber in the marginal state are obtained. We discuss the stability conditions of nonlinear Schrödinger equation with complex coefficients in different cases. The numerical analysis in the marginal state is discussed for both models. For nonlinear Rayleigh

Taylor instability, we observe that the nonlinearity plays a dual role in the stability criterion regarding the effect of the electric field, the adsorption and the surface tension. For nonlinear Kelvin-Helmholtz instability, we observe that the surface tension and the adsorption are playing a dual role, but in a manner different from that in the Rayleigh-Taylor instability. In chapter V, we study the stability of the system at the critical point. We get the nonlinear Klein-Gordon equation with complex coefficients, while the nonlinear Klein-Gordon equation with real coefficients is obtained in the absence of interfacial adsorption. • The stability conditions of the latter nonlinear Klein-Gordon equation are obtained and the stability analysis of that equation is discussed. We find that the necessary condition of stability is that either of the following conditions should be satisfied: (i) 0.283