Experimental and computational investigations of shock-accelerated gas bubbles

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Overview

- Planar shock wave accelerates spherical soap bubble: Ar inside, N_2 outside, A_{init} =0.176
- Time evolution of geometrical properties
- Mach number effects $M = 2.88, u_p = 745 \text{ m/s}, A_{\text{shock}} = 0.00216$ $M = 3.38, u_p = 907 \text{ m/s}, A_{\text{shock}} = -0.0219$
- Laboratory and computational experiments
- Comparison with RAPTOR (2D and 3D model)

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Details of R-M experiment

Planar shock wave Spherical soap bubble D = 5 cmDriver: He Driven: N₂ Test: Ar

Initial conditions: Continuous white light from the front Motion picture at 220 fps

Post shock: Mie-scattering from the soap film acting as flow tracer 2 laser pulses 2 images per run on same frame

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Initial conditions



In free fall, bubble exhibits almost no left to right motion

Deduce that front to back motion is also negligible

Laser sheet intersects bubble in diametral plane

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t = 90 μs





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2-D Computational experiments

- <u>Raptor code (LLNL)</u>
- Navier-Stokes; Godunov with PLM; Richardson's error estimation
- 2-D cross section (w/ axial symmetry)
- Grid:
 - 3 AMR levels (4,4,2)
 - $-\Delta xmin = 0.078 \text{ mm}$
- M = 2.88,3.38
- 2-inch-dia. Ar bubble in N_2 initially at 98.274 kPa
- No soap film; sharp interface
- Richardson on only while shock interacts
- Times given relative to initial shock-bubble interaction $(\pm 4 \ \mu s \ error)$

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Geometrical features



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Width growth rate



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Height growth rate



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Vortex diameter growth rate



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Experiments vs. computations (H₂; M=2.88)



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Height growth rate (power law fit)



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2D Simulation with different initial conditions



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Height growth rate M#2.88



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Width growth rate M#2.88



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Conclusions from comparison with 2D simulation

- Observed bubble distortion, formation of vortex ring
- Measured growth rates of relevant large scale features
- Axial compression and expansion is observed
- Growth rate predicted are good for early timings
- No upstream vortex or jet is observed in simulation
- Absence of small scale features in simulation
- Need 3-D numerical simulations

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3-D Computational experiments

- <u>Raptor code (LLNL): 3-D</u>
- Euler (no artificial viscosity used in 3-D runs); Godunov with PLM; Richardson's error estimation
- 3-D Cartesian, ¹/₄ symmetry about bubble center
- Grid:
 - -2 AMR levels (4,4)
 - $\Delta xmin = 0.195$ mm (factor of >2 coarser than 2-D runs)
- M = 2.88
- 2-inch-dia. Ar bubble in N2 initially at 98.274 kPa
- Film:
 - Thickness: 1 cell-width
 - Density: 0.1 g/cm3
- Times given relative to initial shock-bubble interaction (±4 ms error)

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3-D Computational experiments

- Shock propagates along the *y*-axis
- Bubble is centered at (0,*ycenter*,0)
- Results are viewed using 3 planar slices: one perpendicular to each axis, at a selected location on that axis.
- *x-y* and *z-y* plots are shown at z = 0 and x = 0 locations, respectively.
- *x-z* plots are shown at a *y* location selected to be near the main vortex ring (indicated by red line).





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z-y plane

Width growth rate



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Height growth rate



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Conclusions

- Developed new bubble-release technique
- Used strong (M>2.5) shocks
- Observed bubble distortion, formation of vortex ring
- Measured growth rates of relevant large scale features
- $\tau = D/u_p$ appears to be appropriate time scale
- 3D simulation with film resolved internal structures and small scale perturbations.
- Need full 3-D numerical simulations
- Develop "tomography" experiment
- Develop experiment to measure species concentration

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