



On the mutual penetrations of two gases submitted to the Richtmyer-Meshkov instability

Part 1 - experiments



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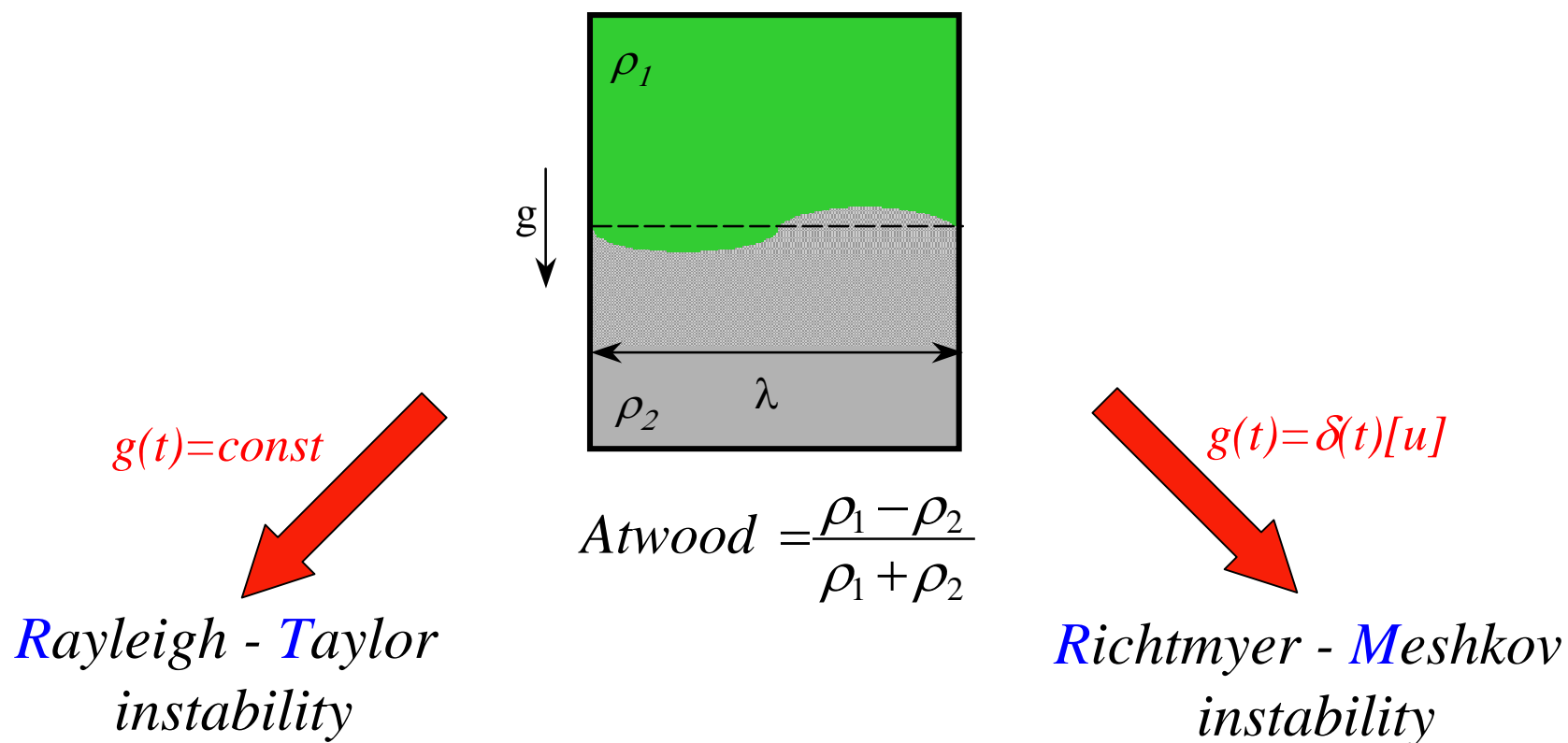
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Topics of discussion

- *Aim of the work*
- *Experimental description*
- *Results*
- *Summary and next step?*

Aim of the Work

Hydrodynamic instability

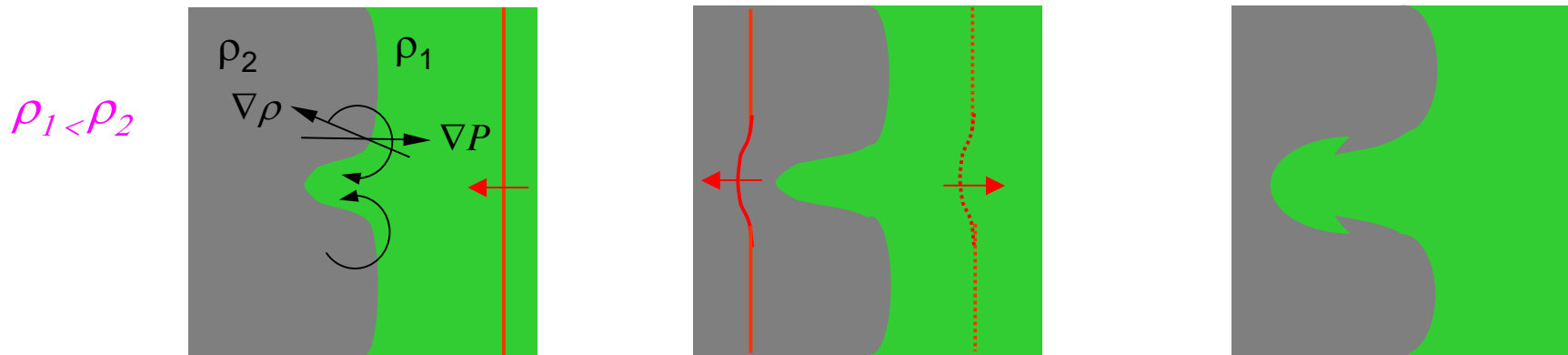


•Application

- laser implosion of D - T fusion targets
- stellar formation due to pressure fronts
- supersonic and hypersonic combustion
- interaction of pressure wave and flame front

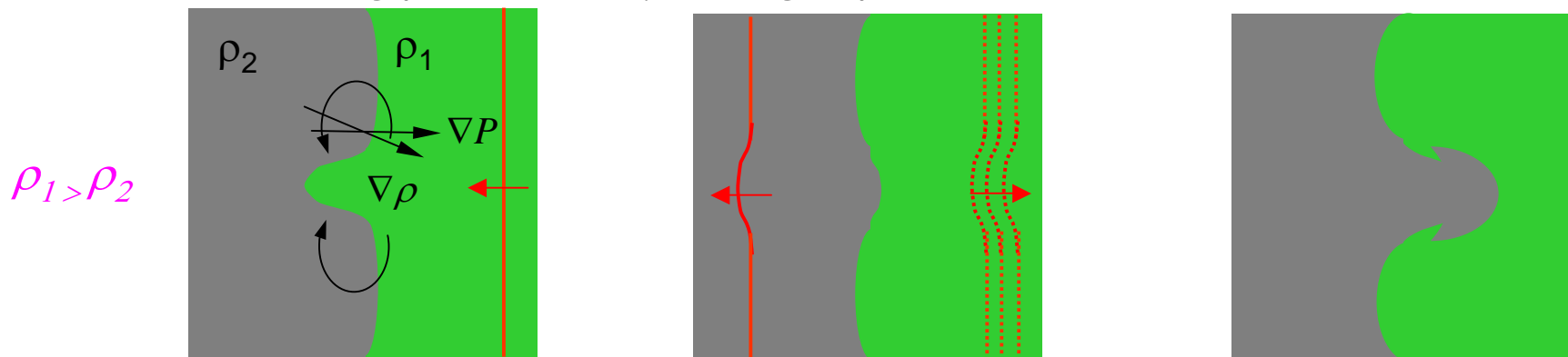
The Richtmyer-Meshkov instability

- Shock traveling from light to heavy fluid ($A > 0$) – *Direct amplification*

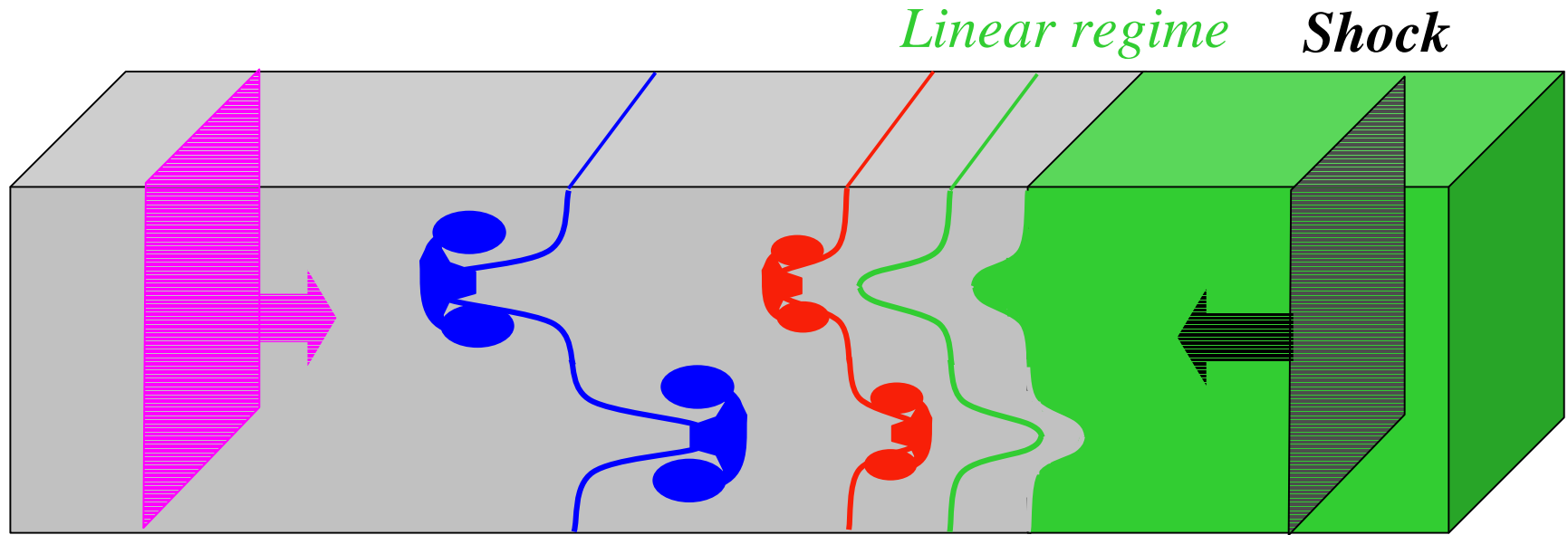


$\vec{\nabla}\rho \times \vec{\nabla}P \neq 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad \text{Baroclinic generation of vorticity}$

- Shock traveling from heavy to light fluid ($A < 0$) – *Reversal phase*



Mutual penetration: bubbles and spikes?



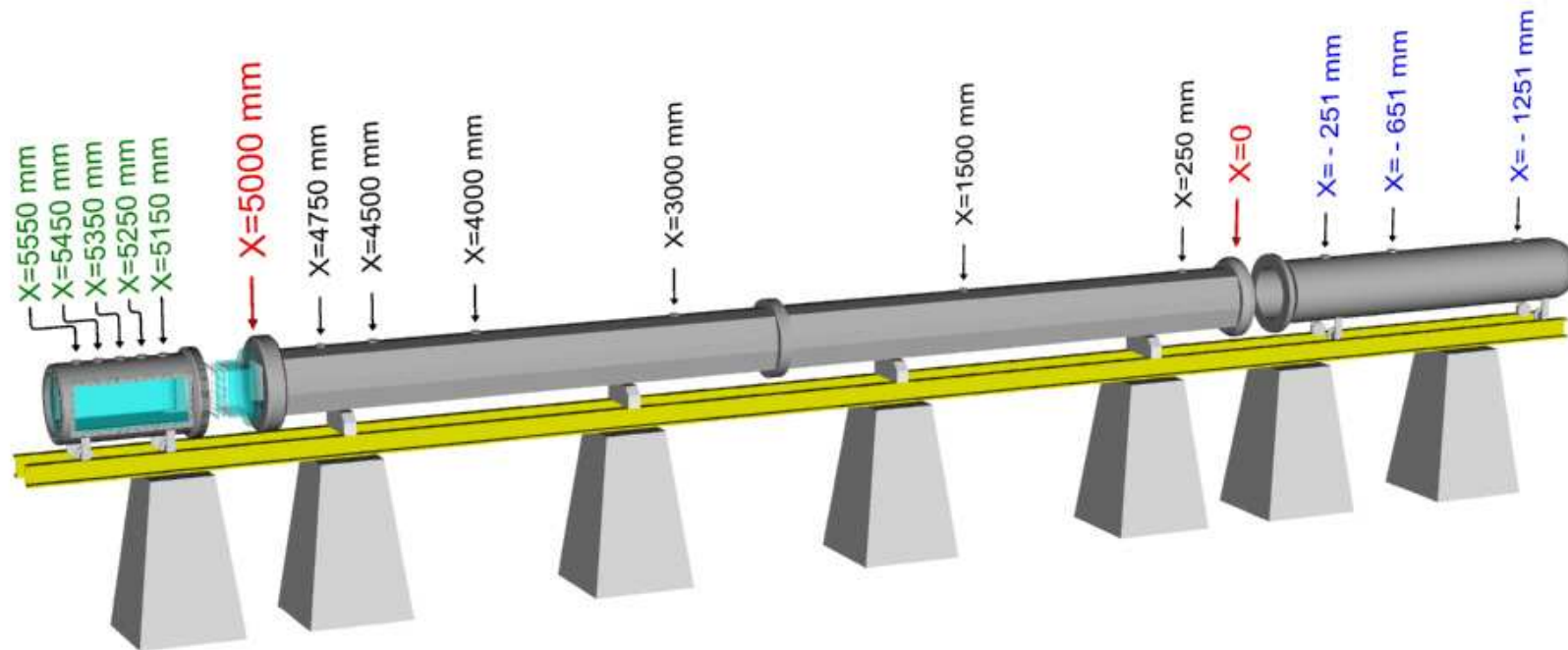
Transition ? ← Non-linear regime ?
Re-shock ? → Inter-penetration of the fluids?

- Positive and negative 2D large
 - amplitude perturbations
- $\frac{2\pi \eta_0}{\lambda} \sim 1$ - Heavy/light case
 - Light/heavy case

- Large cross section shock tube
- Knowledge of initial perturbation
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- Planar laser sheet technique

Experimental *description*

The shock-tube



• Description and performances

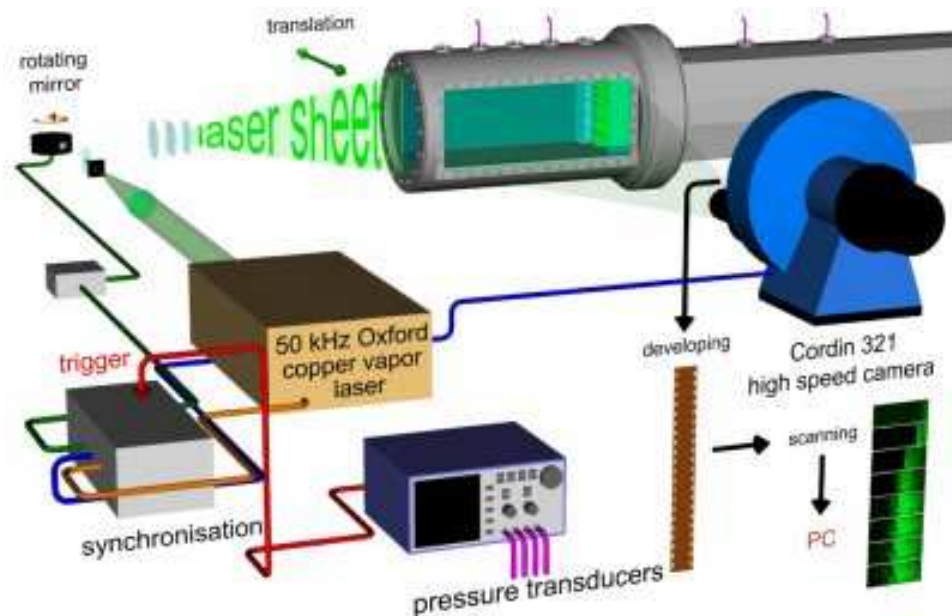
- Horizontal orientation
- Large square cross section: 200 mm
- Total length: 7 m
 - Driver chamber length: 1.5 m
 - Driven and test chamber length: 5 m + 0.5 m
- Shock Mach number range: from 1.1 to 3
- Initial pressure: from 1 to 10^{-3} atm.



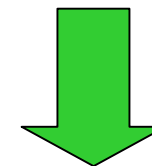
The laser sheet technique

Laser sheet visualisation technique

- Oxford copper vapor laser
20 watts, 50 kHz, 530 nm
- Drum camera up to 100 m/s (strobodrum) to
300 m/s (cordin)
- PCB pressure gauges
- 4 channel digital scope



Planar Mie scattering



Seeding with smoke

The membrane

- Nitrocellulose membrane

- 2 layers
(thickness <math>< 1 \mu\text{m}</math>)

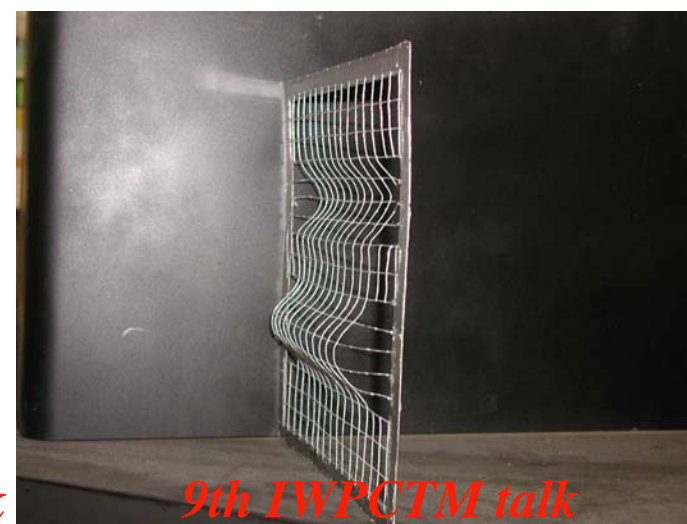


- Membrane frame

- Shaped grid
($12.5 \times 12.5 \text{ mm}^2$), 0.8 mm thick



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The preparation

- Driver/driven chamber close
- First diaphragm

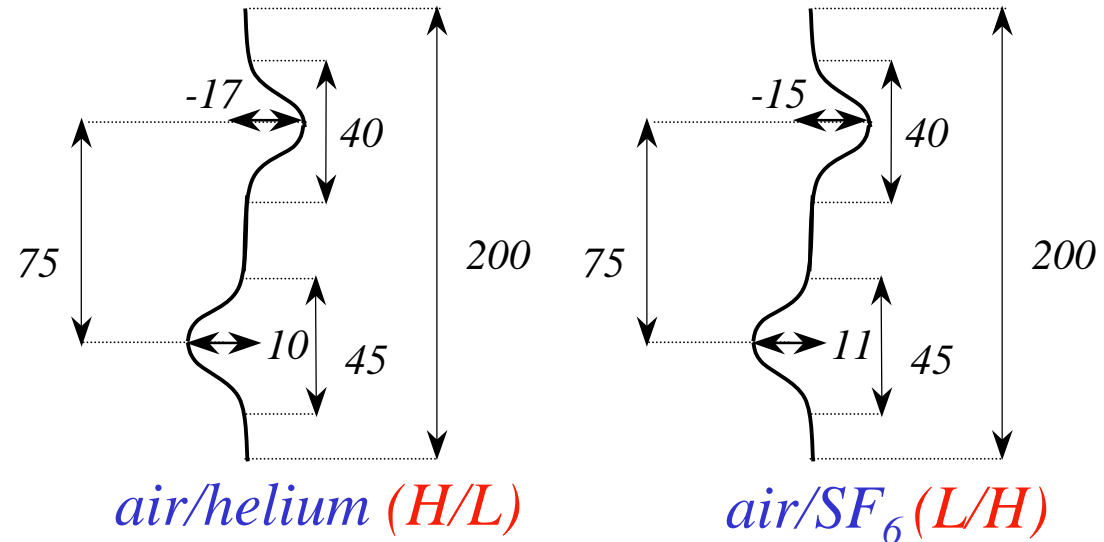


- Driven/test chamber close
- Second diaphragm



The initial conditions

- 2D large perturbations



- Heavy/light case

- Smoked air/helium
- Atmospheric pressure
- Shock wave Mach number ~ 1.3
- $At = -0.7$ and $\Delta U = 220$ m/s

- Light/heavy case

- Smoked air/SF₆ + small leak
- Atmospheric pressure
- Shock wave Mach number ~ 1.3
- $At = +0.7$ and $\Delta U = 103$ m/s



The run

- Experimental parameters

- Laser frequency: 10 kHz (1 frame per 100 μ s)
- Camera speed: 80 m/s
- Time seeding: 10 mn
- Time gas circulation: 7 mn

- Laser shot running

- 10 kHz normal running
- Trigger
- 10 ms stop (diaphragm opening)
- 100 flashes at 10 kHz
- 500 ms stop (diaphragm closing)
- 10 kHz normal running

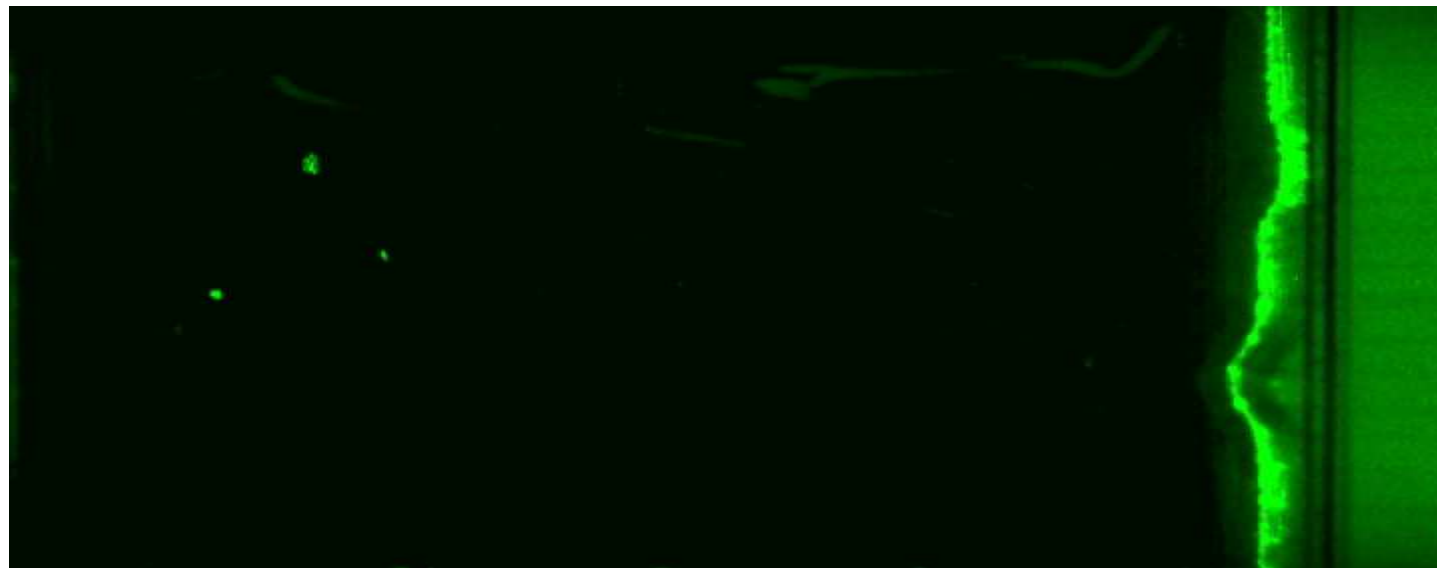


Results

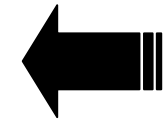
Heavy/light (air/He) visualization

Helium

Air seeded
with smoke

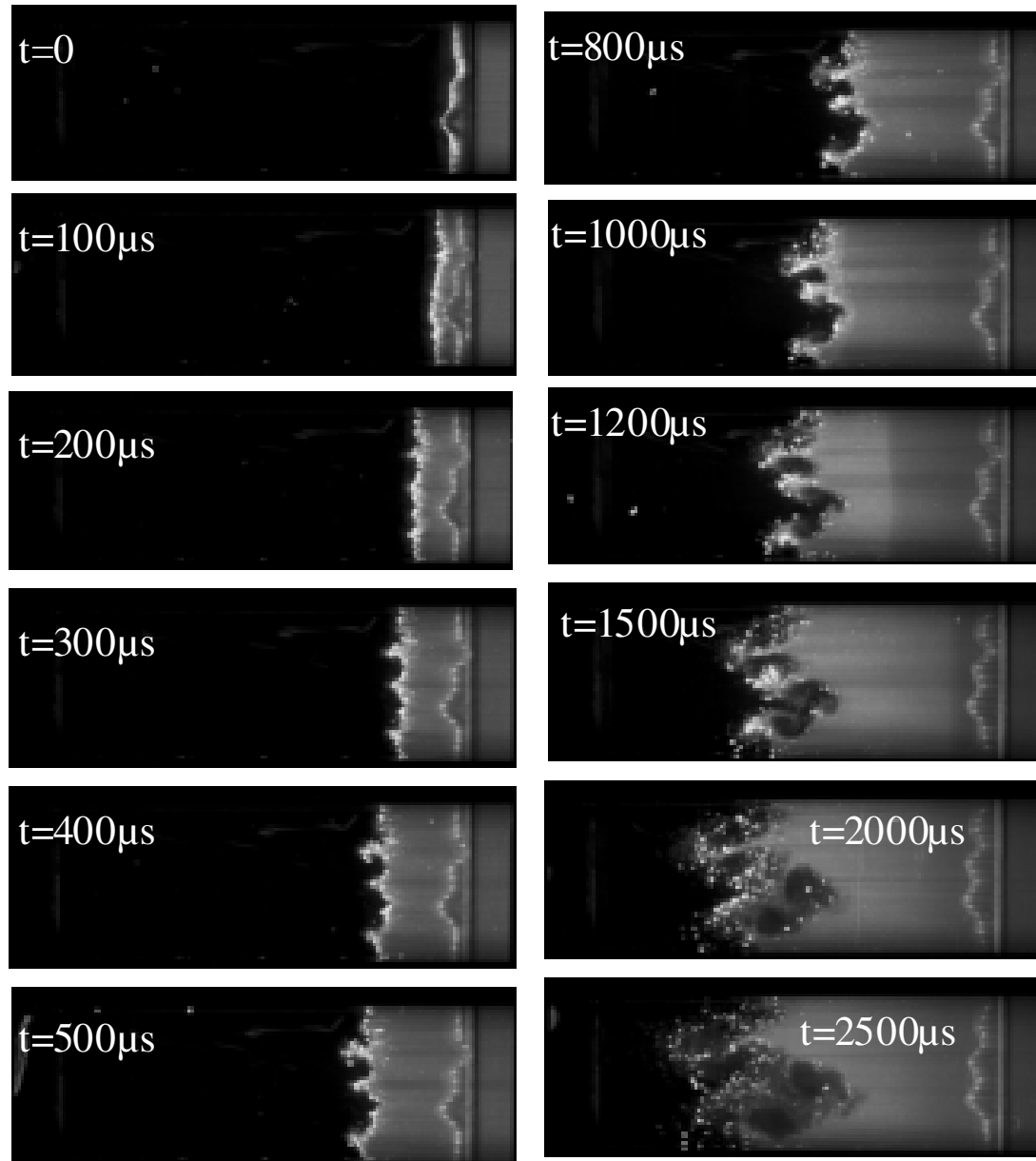


$M_{is} = 1.3$

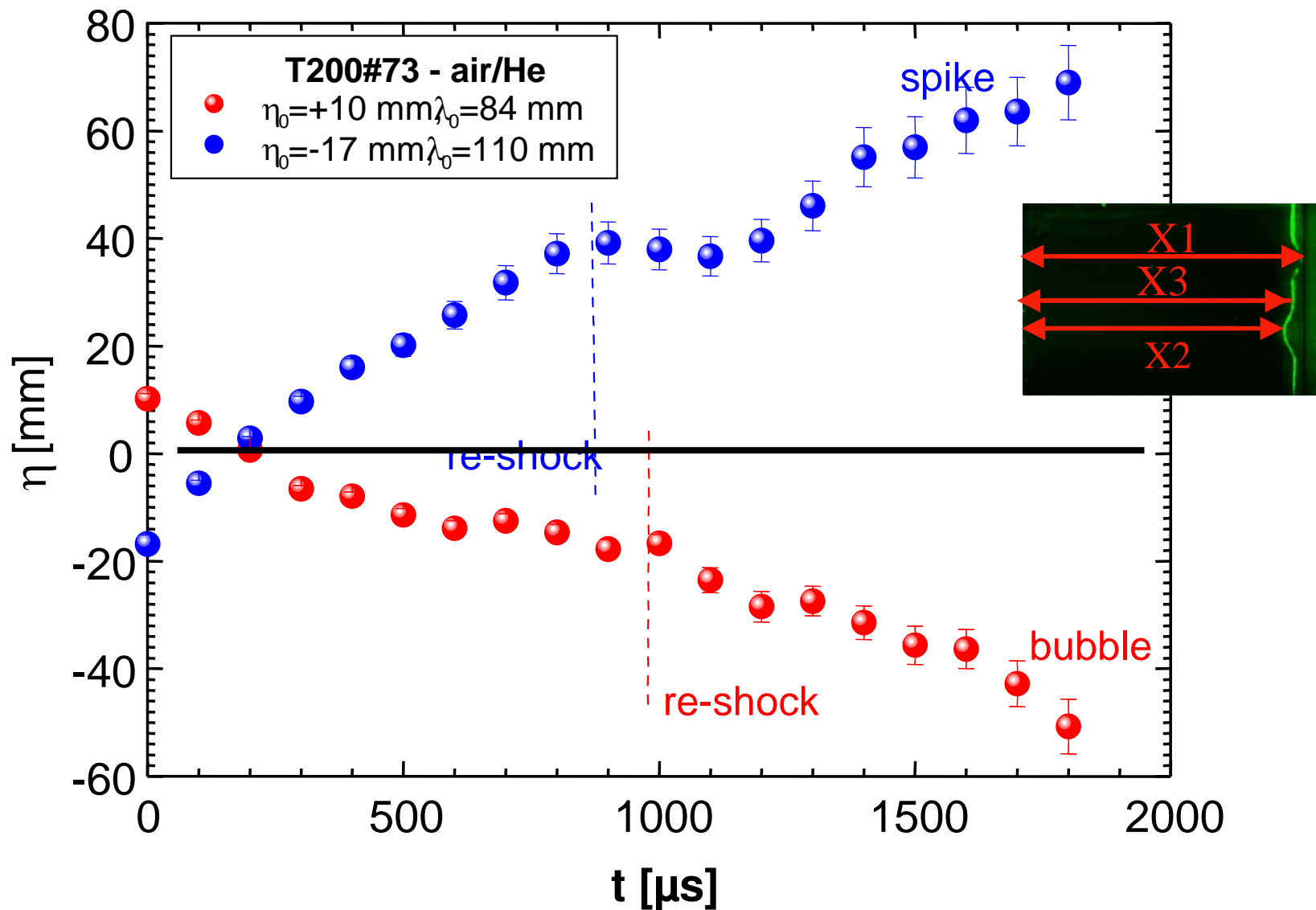


$P_{init} = 1 \text{ atm.}, A_{post} = -0.7$ - Reversal phase

Heavy/light (air/He) visualization

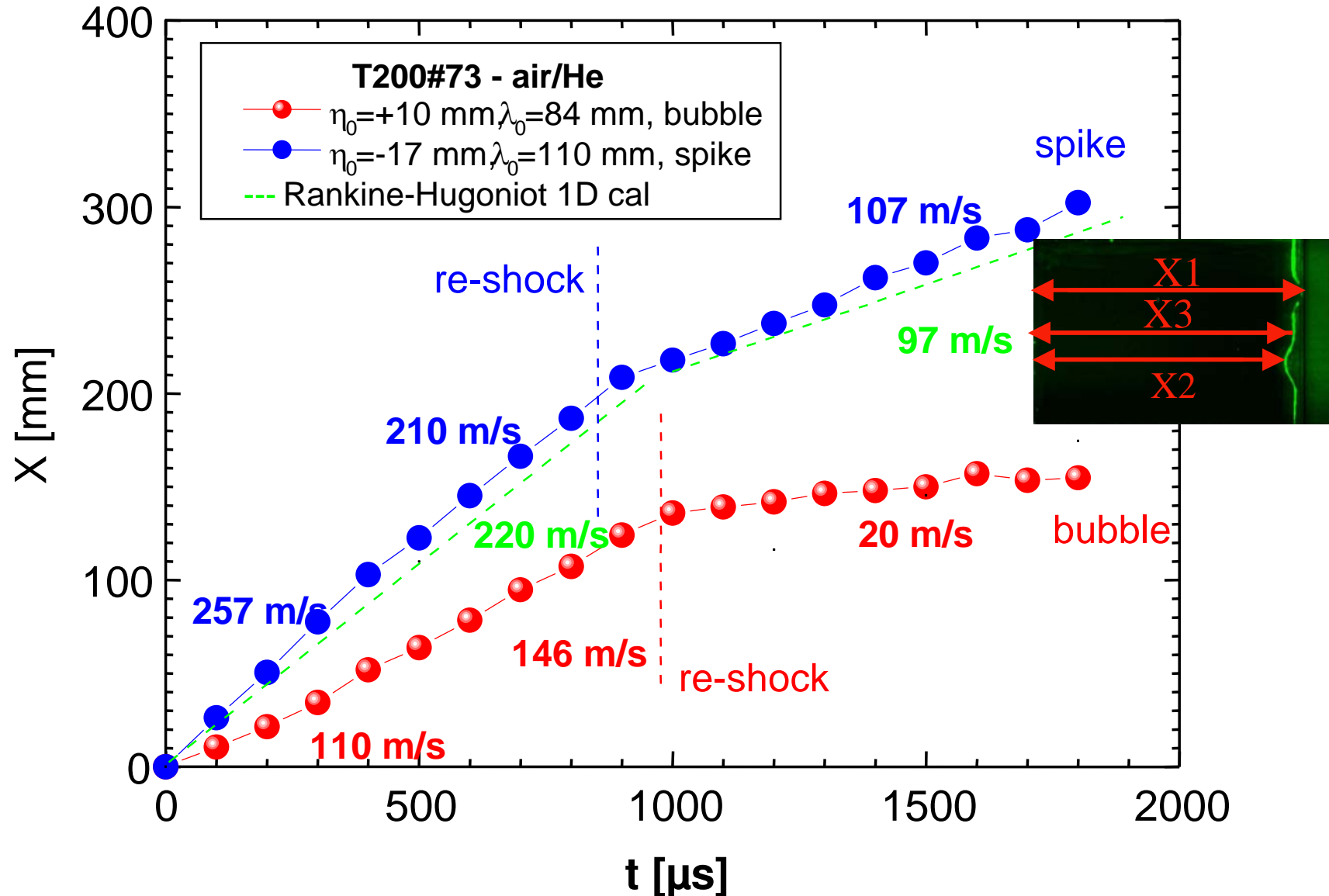


Heavy/light results (air/He)



Peak to peak perturbation amplitude measurements

air/He bubble and spike displacements

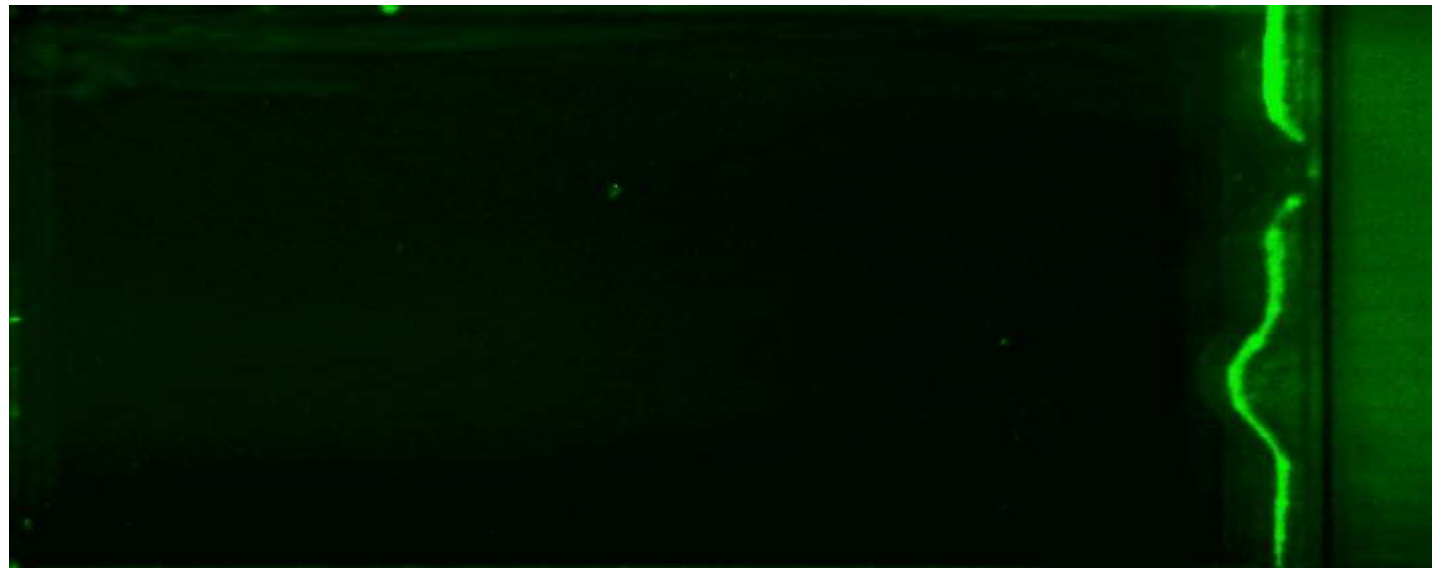


Crest and hollow displacements of the interface from their initial position

Light/heavy (air/SF6) visualization

SF6 + leak of air

*Air seeded
with smoke*

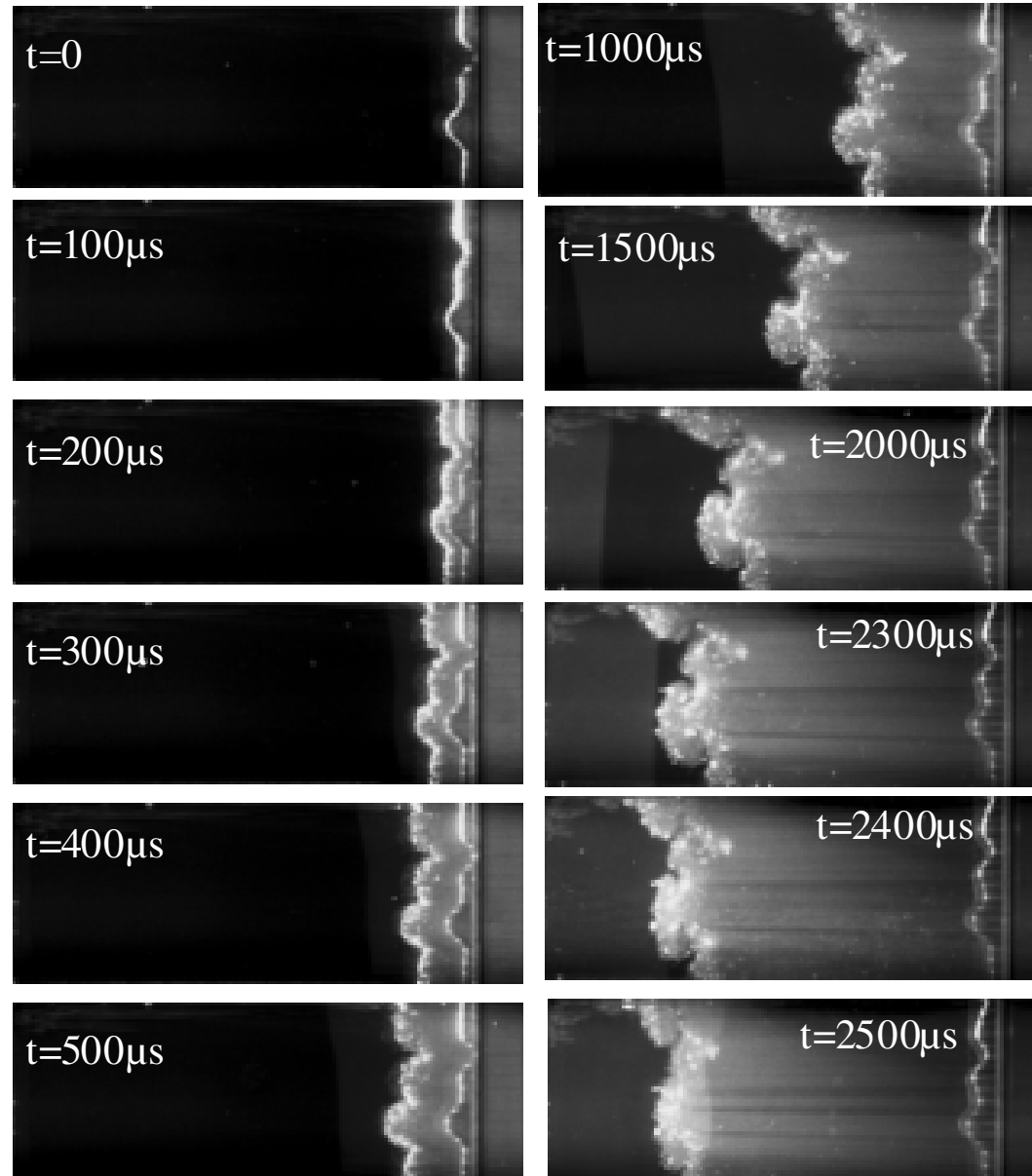


$M_{is} = 1.3$

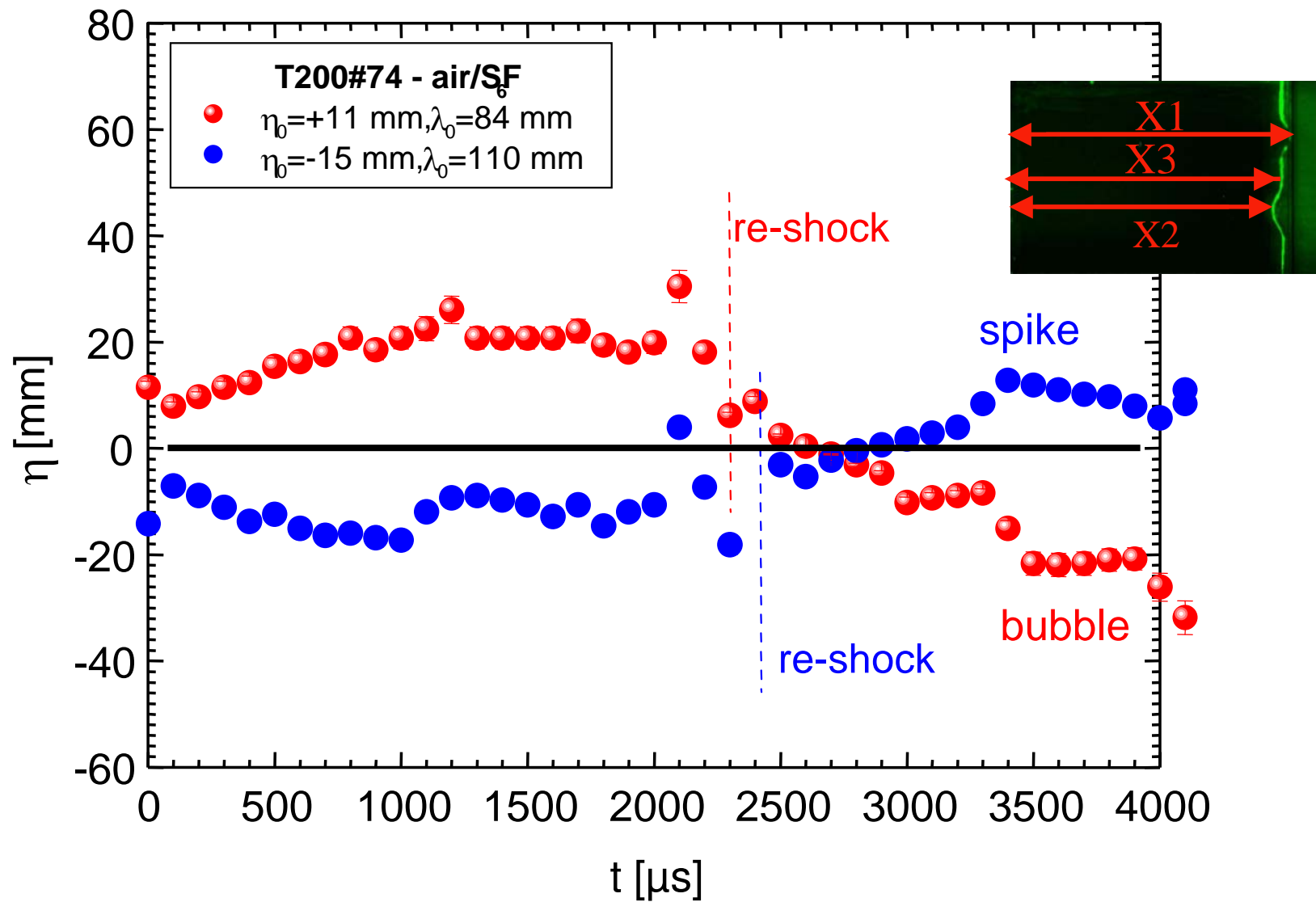


$P_{init} = 1 \text{ atm.}, A_{post} = +0.7$ - *No reversal phase*

Light/heavy (air/SF6) visualization

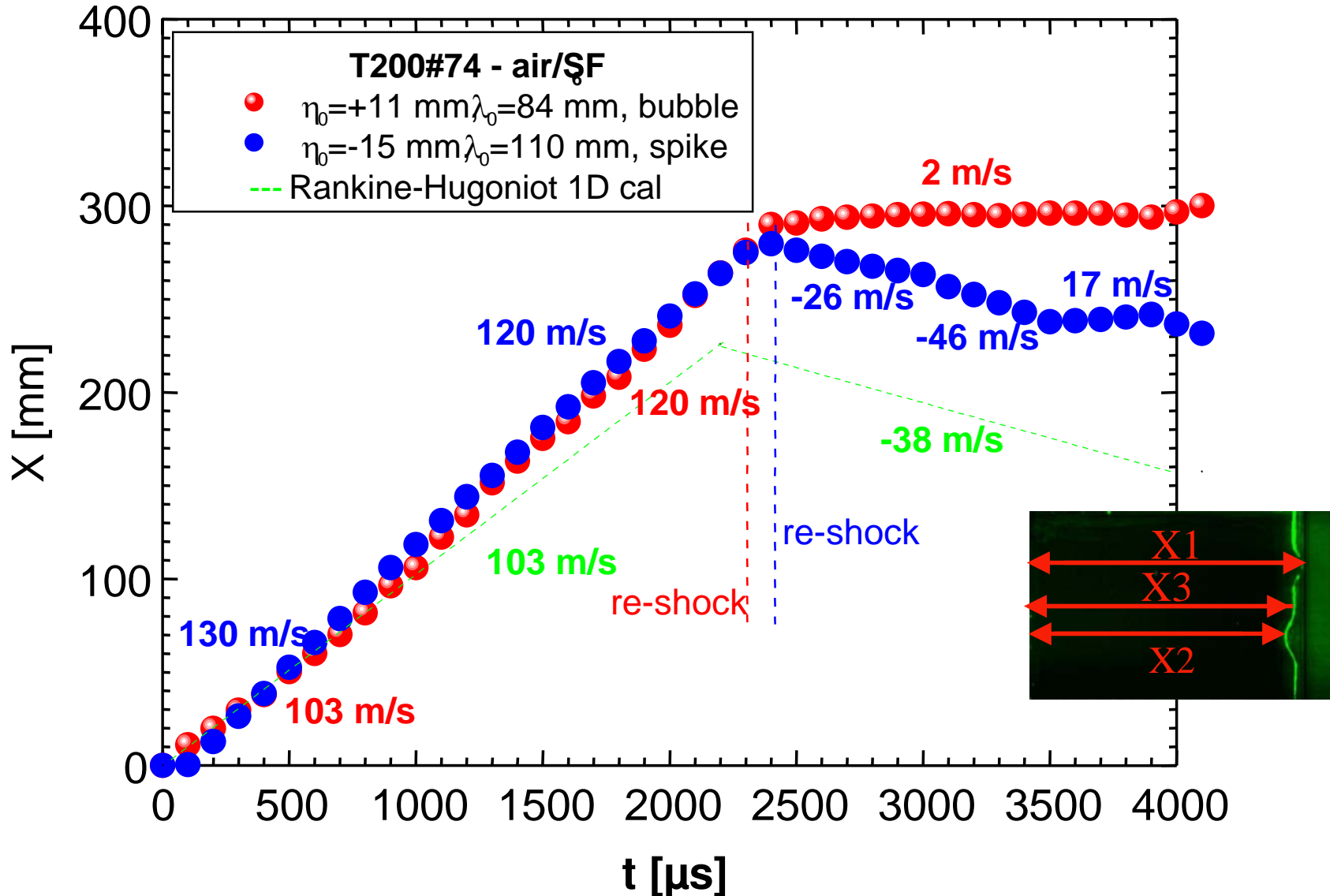


Light/heavy results (air/SF6)



Peak to peak perturbation amplitude measurements

air/SF6 bubble and spike displacements



Crest and hollow displacements of the interface from their initial position

Growth rate analytic theories

- Richtmyer (1960) impulsive model

$$\eta(t) = k U_{rm} A \eta_0 t$$

- Alon et al. (1995) non-linear theory

$$\eta(t) = \eta_0 t^\theta$$

- Zhang & Sohn (1997) non-linear theory

$$\left(\frac{d\eta(t)}{dt}\right)_{zhang} = \frac{\left(\frac{d\eta(t)}{dt}\right)_{RM}}{1 + \left(\frac{d\eta(t)}{dt}\right)_{RM} \eta_0 k^2 t + \max\left[0, \eta_0^2 k^2 - A^2 + \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{d\eta(t)}{dt}\right)_{RM}^2 k^2 t^2\right]}$$

- Sadot et al. (1998) non-linear theory

$$\left(\frac{d\eta(t)}{dt}\right)_{Sadot} = \left(\frac{d\eta(t)}{dt}\right)_{RM} \left(\frac{1+Bt}{1+Dt+Et^2}\right)$$

$$D_b = (1+A) \left(\frac{d\eta(t)}{dt}\right)_{RM} k$$

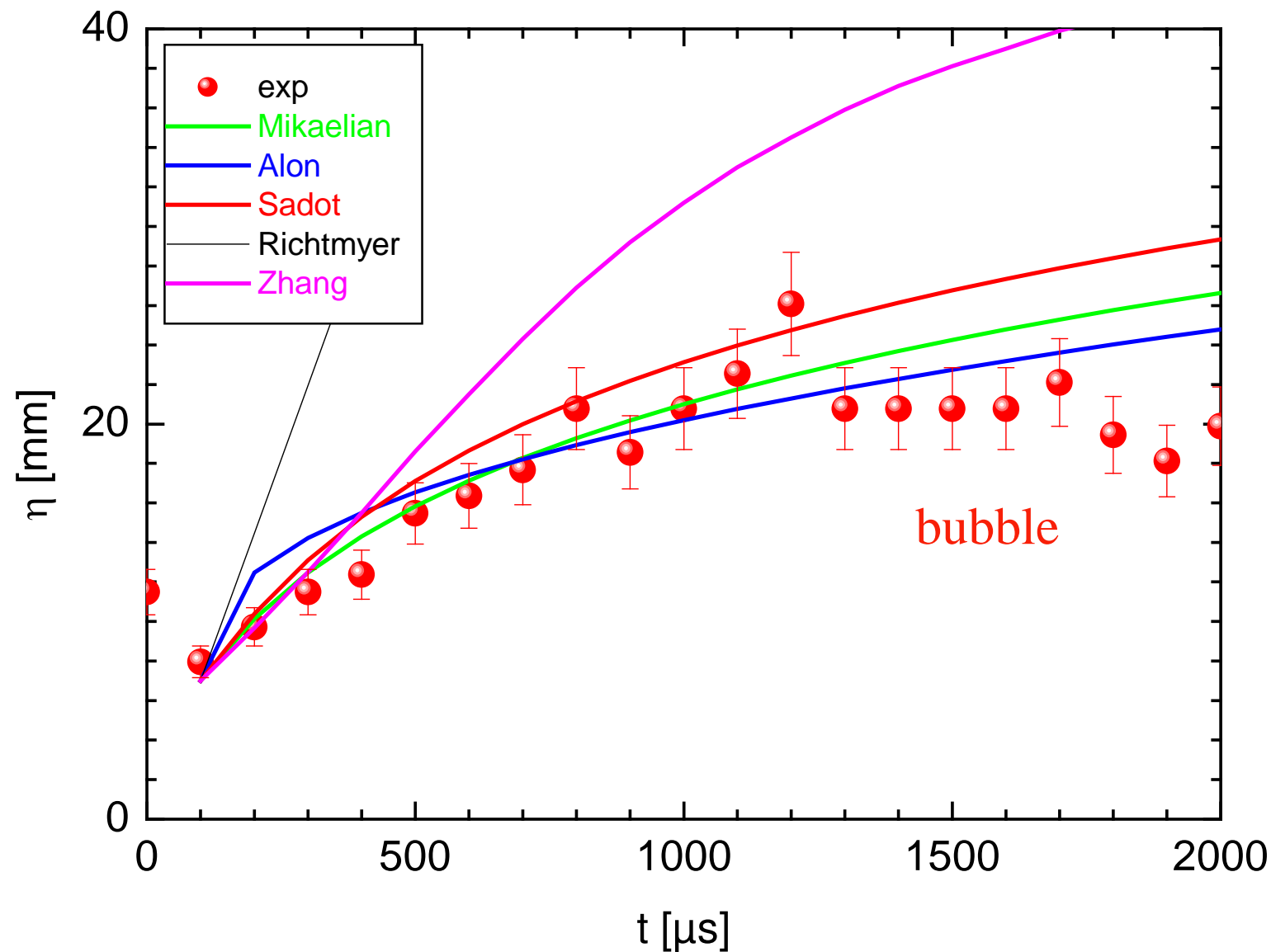
$$E_b = \left(\frac{1}{2\pi C}\right) \left(\frac{d\eta(t)}{dt}\right)_{RM}^2 k^2$$

$$C = \frac{1}{3\pi} \quad \text{pour } A > 0.5$$

- Mikaelian (1998) non-linear theory

$$\eta(t)k = \eta_0 k + \frac{2}{3} \ln \left(1 + \frac{3}{2} k t \left(\frac{d\eta(t)}{dt}\right)_{RM} \right)$$

air/SF6 perturbation amplitude

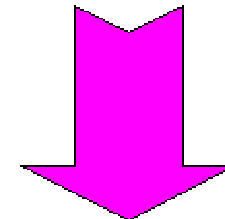


Comparison of peak-to-peak perturbation amplitude measurements with theories

Summary and next step

Summary

- *An investigation of shock induced gas mixing*
 - *Large cross section shock tube*
 - *Large 2D positive and negative perturbations*
 - *Heavy/Light and Light/Heavy cases*
 - *laser sheet technique*
- *In the present experiments we have got better accuracy for bubble measurements than for spike*
- *Strong asymmetric mutual penetration for the Heavy/Light case and less pronounced for the Light/Heavy one*
- *Spike moves very faster than bubble in the Heavy/Light case and slightly faster than bubble in the Light/Heavy one*
- *Agreement with existing theories*
 - *Light/Heavy (air/SF6) bubble case*



Needed improvements

Next step

- Different perturbations
 - Change shapes, amplitudes and wave lengths
- Increase the laser frequency up to 50 kHz
- Increase the shock wave Mach number
 - $M \sim 3$
 - $P \sim 0.5 \text{ atm.}$
- Delay the return of the reflected shock wave in order to increase the time observation
 - Lengthen the test chamber
- Reduce the membrane effects
 - Burn the membrane before the shock interaction

