# 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)



#### The Wisconsin shock tube



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45.72 cm

#### Details of R-M experiment

Planar shock wave Spherical soap bubble D = 5 cmDriver: He Driven:  $N_2$  Test: Ar

Initial conditions:

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





Formation of a ~5 cm diameter bubble and controlled release of bubble

Bubble free falls from injector stabilizing and a shock interacts with the bubble just out of view this view

Laser sheet intersects bubble in diametral plane after shock interaction



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#### Shock Accelerated Bubble M#2.88











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*t* =295 μs





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# Computational experiments

- <u>Raptor code (LLNL)</u>
- Godunov-based PLM, with AMR
- 2-D axial symmetry; 3-D cartesian
- Grid:
  - 2-D: 3 AMR levels (4,4,2),  $\Delta x_{min} = 0.078$  mm
  - 3-D: 2 AMR levels (4,4),  $\Delta x_{min} = 0.195 \text{ mm}$
  - M = 2.88, 3.38
- ~5 cm dia. Ar bubble in  $N_2$  initially at 98.274 kPa
- Film model: match film mass



#### Setup of 3-D problems and visualization:

- Shock propagates along the *y*-axis
- Bubble is centered at  $(0, y_{center}, 0)$
- 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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#### Geometrical features





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#### Vortex diameter growth rate





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#### Experiments vs. computations (H<sub>2</sub>; M=2.88)



#### Height growth rate



#### Width growth rate



## 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 improved agreement to intermediate times
  - Improve 3-D model and computational diagnostics
- Develop "tomography" experiment
- Develop experiment to measure species concentration



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