Shocking views of bubble dynamics



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- Bubble-shock interaction
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Introduction

- Bubbles = ubiquitous two-phase systems
 - high-speed liquid flow (turbo-machinery)
 - ultrasonic processing
 - medicine: lithotripsy, laser surgery
- Experimental investigation of single bubble:
 - high-speed imaging
 - acoustic measurements
- Experimental difficulties:
 - range of time scales and spatial scales
 - dynamic generation of secondary bubbles
 - translational motion

How to image bubbles sharply

Problem: small depth of field, moving bubbles



Solution: laser generation of bubbles – precise placement and timing

Experimental setup for optic cavitation



water-filled cuvette

- laser pulse at 1064 nm
- energy E_D≈ a few mJ
- duration 8 ns
- avalanche ionization
- max. T≈ 15000 K
- rapid expansion
- breakdown shock emission



Breakdown shock propagation



Transient oscillation of free bubble



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bubble in silicone oil, 75000 frames/s, max bubble size 2 mm

Spherical bubble collapse



Maximum pressure at collapse



Multiple shocks upon aspherical collapse



 γ =2.6, Δ t=10 ns, t_{exp}=10 ns, R_{max}=1.5 mm frame size 1.0 mm x 0.7 mm (data by O. Lindau)



Counterjet formation



Counterjet = secondary microcavitation due to on-axis rarefaction wave

(data by O. Lindau)

 Multiple shock waves in bubble clouds: interaction of bubbles by shock waves in a multi-bubble system





 Reflection of collapse shock waves from boundaries

Δt=400 ns Dennis Kroeninger

• interaction of bubbles with external shock waves (e.g., lithotripsy)



Experimental setup for bubble-shock interaction studies

Experiment on bubble-shock interaction



Pressure profile of applied shock



- asymmetric collapse with jet formation
- reduction of collapse time





 $\Delta t= 1 \mu s$ frame width = 1.44 mm



shock arrives 210 µs after breakdown (bubble near collapse)





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shock arrives 150 µs after breakdown (bubble collapsing)





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shock arrives 70 µs after breakdown (bubble expanding)







Secondary cavitation



Conclusions & Outlook

- bubble collapse:
 - strong shock waves possible
 - complicated multi-shock wave scenario upon asymmetric collapse
 - counter jet formation
- bubble-shock interaction:
 - shortening of collapse time
 - jet formation
 - secondary cavitation induced by rarefaction waves
- further experiments:
 - measurements of jet velocities and shock-induced flow
 - dependence on bubble size
- shock propagation in bubble clusters