
Numerical Simulation of Shock Wave Bubble Interaction using laser-induced Cavitation Bubbles¹

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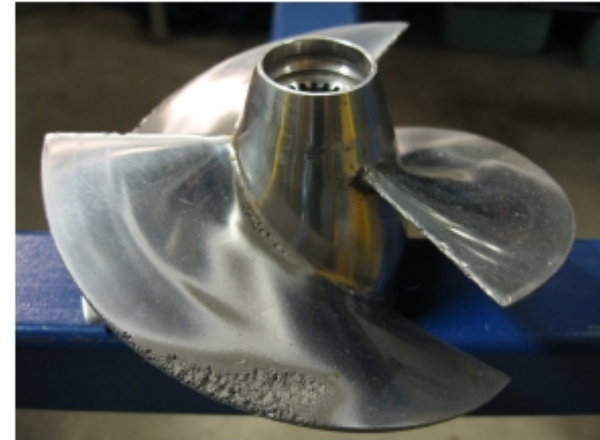
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Cavitation in Liquids

- Phenomena
 - Formation of vapor bubbles if pressure drops below vapor pressure
- Problem: Material damage
 - at ship propellers
 - in oil pumps and liquid injectors
 - in medical applications, e.g. lithotripsy
- Basic experiments with laser-induced cavitation bubbles
 - Far from and near solid boundaries of different stiffness
 - Interaction of lithotripter shock wave with bubbles
 - * Bubble oscillation, splitting and coalescing
 - * Formation of liquid jets
 - * Swarm of bubbles



Challenges for Numerical Simulation

- Physical Modelling
 - Shocks can be formed in the gas as well as in the liquid
 - Extreme changes of state due to compression and shocks in gas and liquid
 - Inhomogeneous fields even in small bubbles due to strong wave processes⇒ Compressibility of gas and liquid
- Numerical Discretization
 - Extreme change of bubble size due to bubble oscillation
 - Instability at phase boundary due to extreme difference in acoustic impedance
 - Small time steps due to fast bubble collapse
 - Highly instationary dynamics due to complicate wave interaction⇒ High resolution and accuracy in space and time
- Validation/Experiments
 - Determine gas state inside bubble
 - Measurement of physical quantities (high speed photography, PIV, infrared camera)⇒ Quantitative comparison

Mathematical Model

- **Assumption:**

high speed flows and short observation times

↪ two phases are immiscible

↪ no phase transition

- **Compressible 2D Euler equations in cylindrical coordinates for conserved quantities:**

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t}(r\rho) + \frac{\partial}{\partial r}(r\rho u_r) + \frac{\partial}{\partial z}(r\rho u_z) = 0,$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t}(r\rho u_r) + \frac{\partial}{\partial r}\left(r\left(\rho u_r^2 + p\right)\right) + \frac{\partial}{\partial z}(r(\rho u_r u_z)) = 0,$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t}(r\rho u_z) + \frac{\partial}{\partial r}(r(\rho u_r u_z)) + \frac{\partial}{\partial z}\left(r\left(\rho u_z^2 + p\right)\right) = 0,$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t}(r\rho E) + \frac{\partial}{\partial r}(r u_r (\rho E + p)) + \frac{\partial}{\partial z}(r u_z (\rho E + p)) = 0$$

- **Stiffened gas law:**

$$p(\rho, e, \varphi) = (\gamma(\varphi) - 1) \rho e - \gamma(\varphi) \pi(\varphi)$$

with γ the specific heat ratio, π the minimal pressure and φ the level set function

Evolution of Phase Boundary by **Level Set Function**

- **Level Set Function:** $\varphi < 0$ (gas), $\varphi = 0$ (interface), $\varphi > 0$ (liquid),
- **Evolution equation:** (no mass transfer)

$$\frac{D\varphi}{Dt} \equiv \frac{\partial\varphi}{\partial t} + \mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla\varphi = 0$$

- **Initialization:** Distance function

$$\varphi(\mathbf{x}, t) = \begin{cases} -d(\mathbf{x}) & , \mathbf{x} \in \text{gas} \\ 0 & , \mathbf{x} \in \Gamma \\ +d(\mathbf{x}) & , \mathbf{x} \in \text{liquid} \end{cases}, \quad \text{with } d(\mathbf{x}) = \inf_{\mathbf{y} \in \Gamma} \|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y}\|_2$$

- **Reinitialization:** (Sussman et al.)

$$\frac{\partial\tilde{\varphi}}{\partial\tau} = \text{sgn}(\tilde{\varphi}) (1 - \|\nabla\tilde{\varphi}\|_2) \quad \text{resp.}$$

$$\frac{\partial\tilde{\varphi}}{\partial\tau} + a \cdot \nabla\tilde{\varphi} = \text{sgn}(\tilde{\varphi}), \quad a = \text{sgn}(\tilde{\varphi}) \nabla\tilde{\varphi} / \|\nabla\tilde{\varphi}\|_2$$

Discretization of the Finite Volume Scheme

- **Finite Volume Discretization:**

$$\frac{\partial (r\mathbf{U})}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial (r\mathbf{F}_r)}{\partial r} + \frac{\partial (r\mathbf{F}_z)}{\partial z} = \mathbf{S}$$

– Time Evolution of conserved quantities:

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{\mathbf{U}}_i^{n+1} = \mathbf{U}_i^n & - \frac{\Delta t \Delta z}{\bar{V}} \left(r_{i+\frac{1}{2}} \mathbf{F}_{r_{i+\frac{1}{2}}, z_i}^{n,-} - r_{i-\frac{1}{2}} \mathbf{F}_{r_{i-\frac{1}{2}}, z_i}^{n,+} \right) \\ & - \frac{\Delta t \Delta r}{\bar{V}} \left(r_i \mathbf{F}_{r_i, z_{i+\frac{1}{2}}}^{n,-} - r_i \mathbf{F}_{r_i, z_{i-\frac{1}{2}}}^{n,+} \right) + \frac{\Delta t \Delta r \Delta z}{\bar{V}} \tilde{\mathbf{S}}_i^n \end{aligned}$$

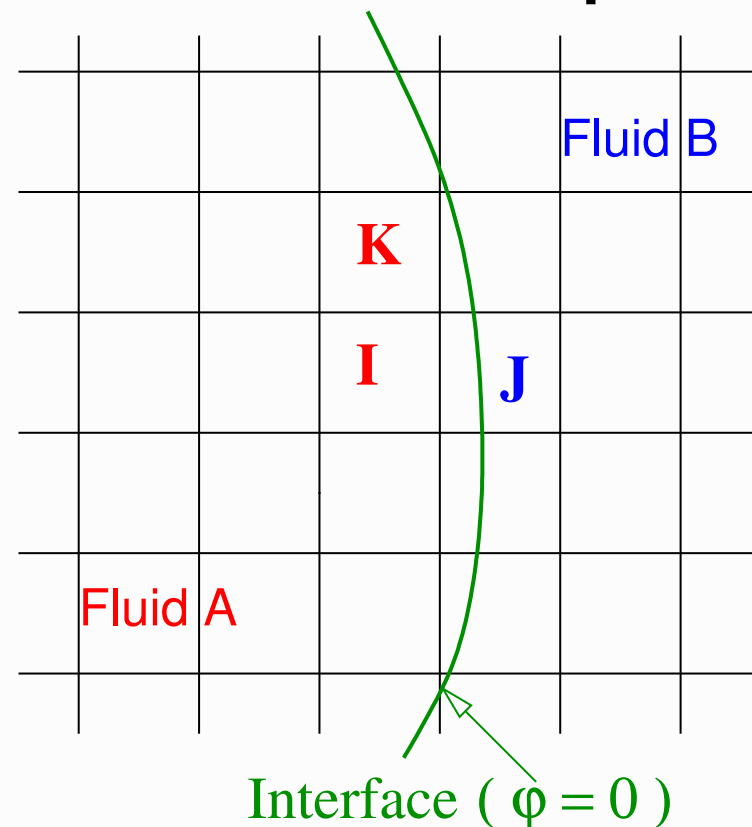
with

$$\Delta z := z_{i+\frac{1}{2}} - z_{i-\frac{1}{2}}, \quad \Delta r := r_{i+\frac{1}{2}} - r_{i-\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$r_i := \frac{1}{2} \left(r_{i+\frac{1}{2}} + r_{i-\frac{1}{2}} \right), \quad \tilde{\mathbf{S}}_i^n = (0, p_i^n, 0, 0)^T$$

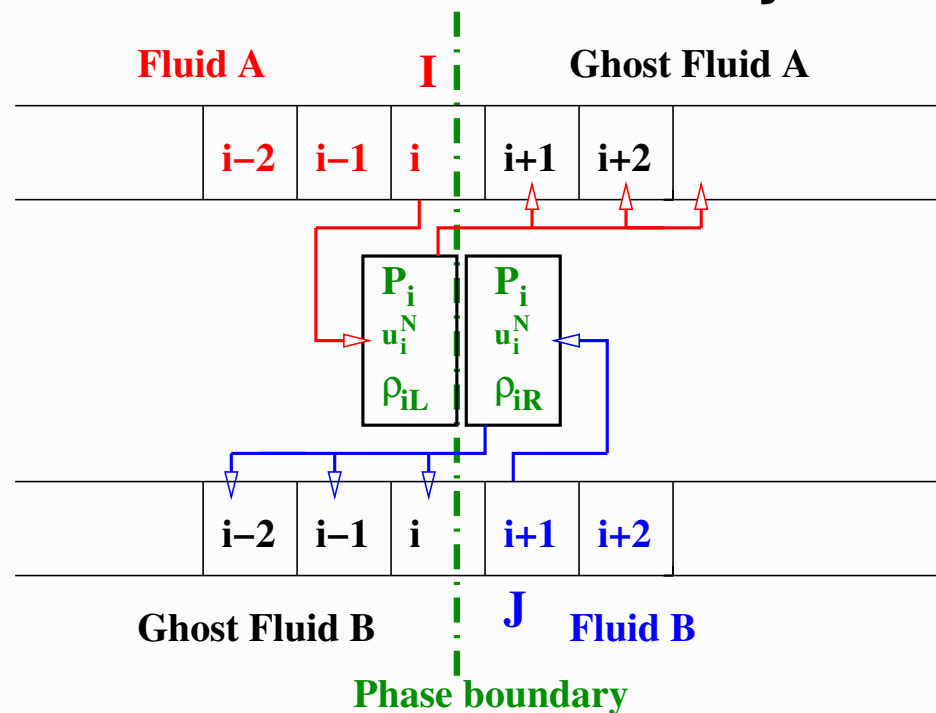
$$\bar{V} := \int_V r \, dr \, dz$$

Numerical Flux Computation



- Numerical Flux at the cell interface Γ_{IK} with $\varphi_I \times \varphi_K > 0$:
 - Compute 2nd order reconstruction of primitive variables: \mathbf{W}_{IK}^{\pm}
 - Solve single-phase Riemann problem: $\bar{\mathbf{W}}_{IK} = R(\xi = 0, \mathbf{W}_{IK}^-, \mathbf{W}_{IK}^+)$
 - Evaluate flux: $\mathbf{F}_{IK}^{n,-} = \mathbf{F}_{IK}^{n,+} = \mathbf{F}(\bar{\mathbf{W}}_{IK})$

Numerical Flux at Phase Boundary: Modified GFM



- Numerical Flux at the cell interface Γ_{IJ} with $\varphi_I \times \varphi_J < 0$
 - Solve a *two-phase* Riemann problem according to Wang, Liu and Khoo with the states $\mathbf{W}_I = (\rho_I, u_I^N, p_I)^T$ and $\mathbf{W}_J = (\rho_J, u_J^N, p_J)^T$
 \rightsquigarrow interfacial states: $\mathbf{W}_{IJ}^- := (\rho_{iL}, u_i, p_i)^T$ and $\mathbf{W}_{IJ}^+ := (\rho_{iR}, u_i, p_i)^T$
 - Define states in ghost cells (boundary cells of fluid A and B) by interfacial states:
 - ghost fluid A:** $\mathbf{W}_j := \mathbf{W}_{IJ}^-, j > i + 1$
 - ghost fluid B:** $\mathbf{W}_j := \mathbf{W}_{IJ}^+, j < i - 1$
 - Solve two *single-phase* Riemann problems for fluid A and B
 \rightsquigarrow two numerical fluxes $\mathbf{F}_{IJ}^{n,\pm}$ at the cell interface next to the phase boundary

Level Set Evolution

- Transport of the level set: 2nd order compact WENO discretization
- Reinitialization of the level set: 2nd order ENO-type discretization
- Phase change when $\varphi^{n+1} \times \varphi^n < 0$:

- Density correction (Farhat)

$$\tilde{\rho}^{n+1} \leftarrow \begin{cases} \rho_{iR}, & \text{if } I \text{ goes to fluid B} \\ \rho_{iL}, & \text{if } I \text{ goes to fluid A} \end{cases} .$$

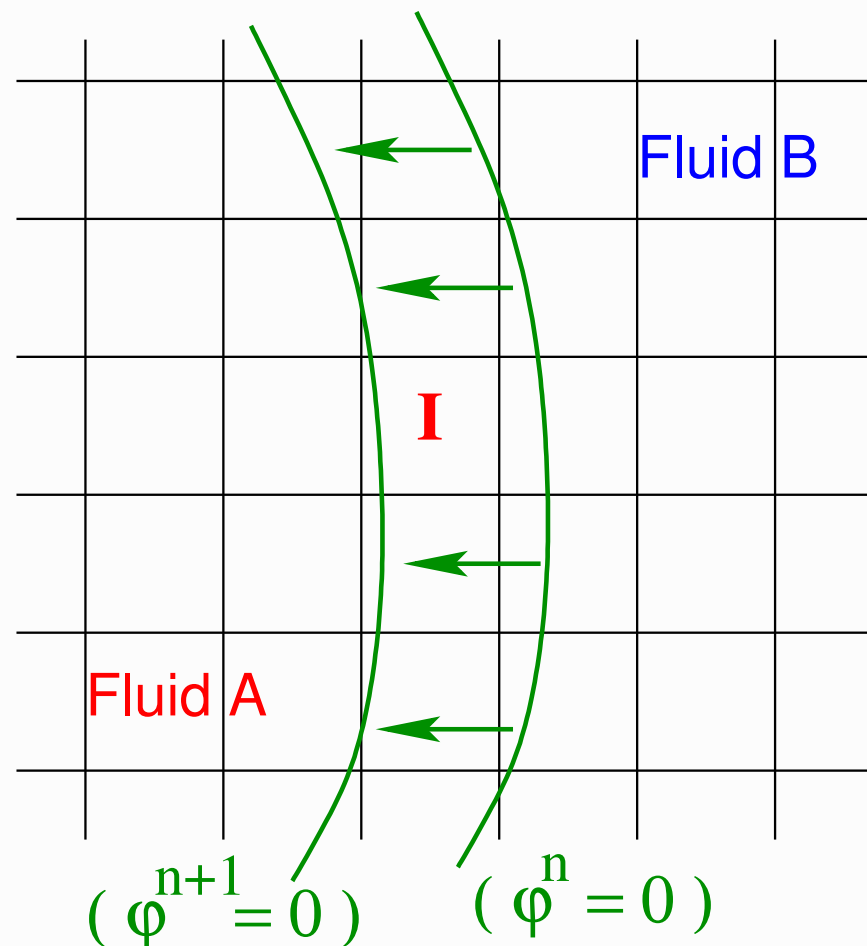
- Energy correction with constant velocity and pressure (Barberon)

$$\tilde{U}^{n+1} = \rho^{n+1} \cdot (1, u^{n+1}, E^{n+1})^T$$

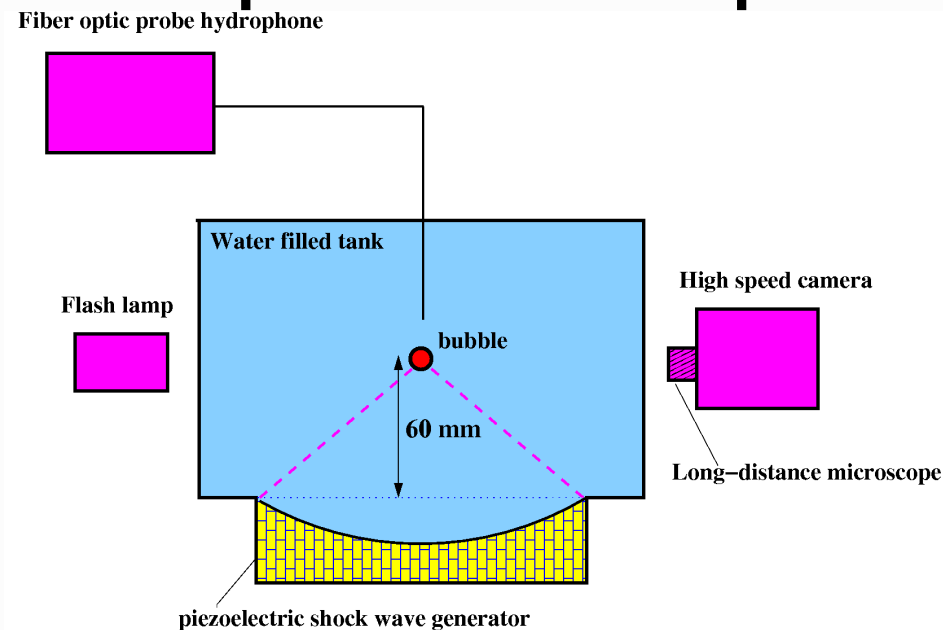
$$\rightarrow p(\rho^{n+1}, e^{n+1}, \varphi^n)$$

$$\rightarrow \tilde{e}(\tilde{\rho}^{n+1}, p^{n+1}, \varphi^{n+1}) \rightarrow$$

$$\tilde{U}^{n+1} = \tilde{\rho}^{n+1} \cdot (1, u^{n+1}, \tilde{E}^{n+1})^T$$



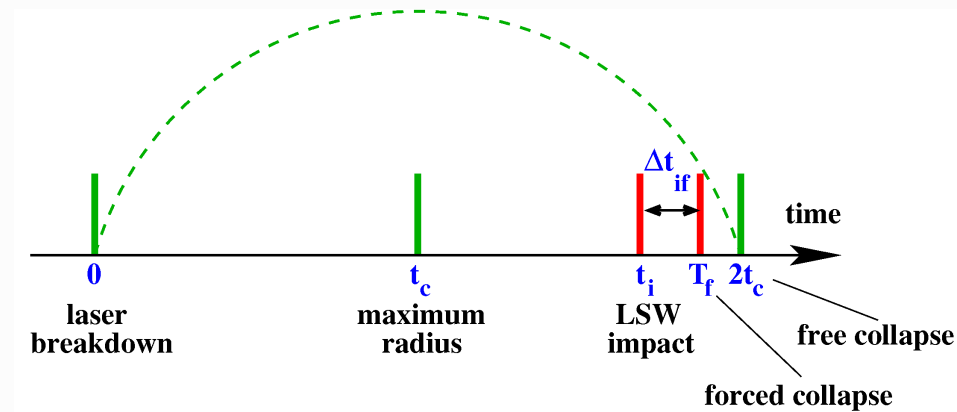
Experimental Setup²



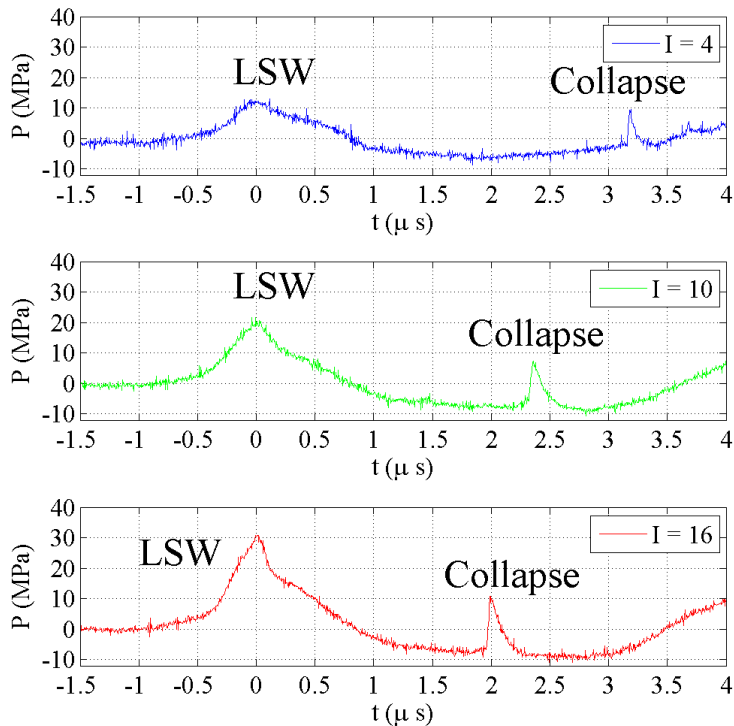
- Laser-induced cavitation bubble
- High speed camera (100 million frames per second)
- Lithotripter shock wave (LSW) generator ($20 \text{ MPa} < P < 110 \text{ MPa}$)
- Fiber optic probe hydrophone at 1.88 mm above the bubble center.

²M. Alizadeh. Experimental investigation of shock wave - bubble interaction. PhD thesis. Georg-August-Universität Göttingen, 2010.

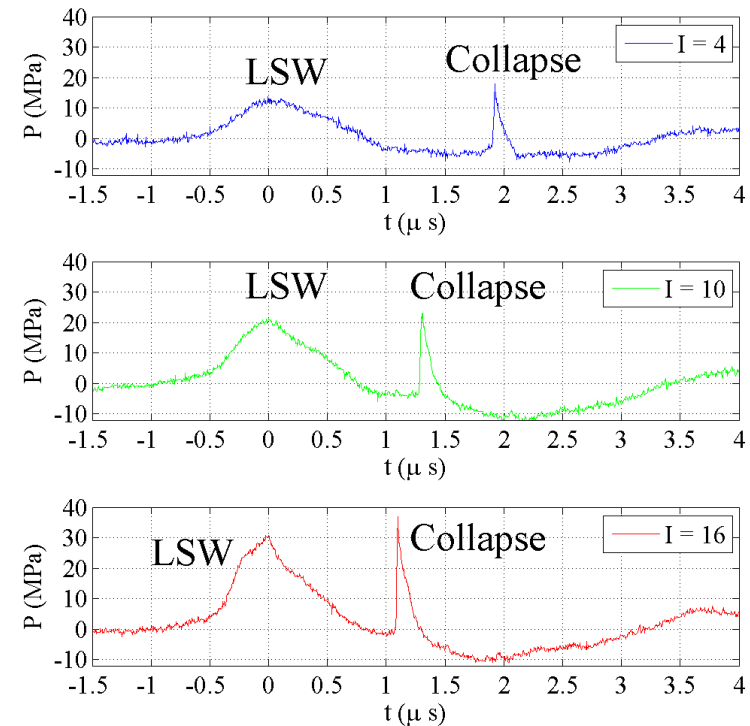
Experimental Results: Pressure Measurements



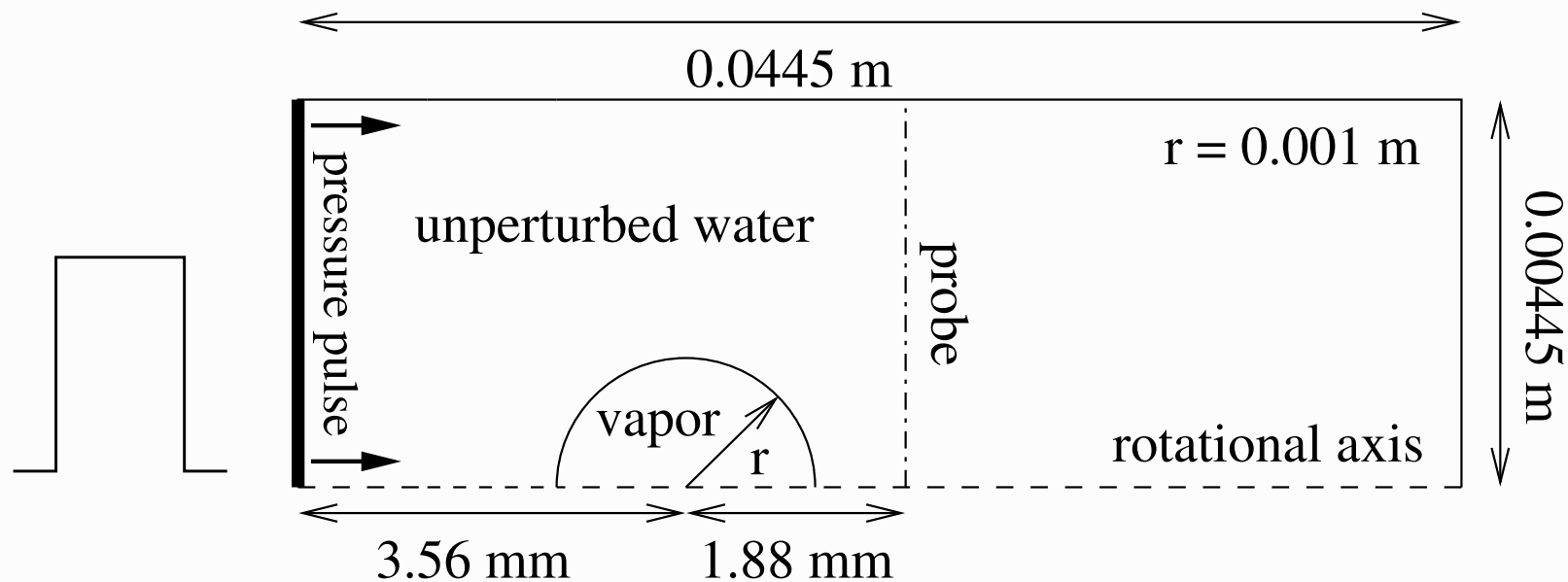
Interaction when $r = 0.39$ mm



Interaction when $r = 0.33$ mm



Computational Setup



Step 1: collapse of the bubble at its maximal radius in free field

Step 2: generation of the pressure pulse at the left boundary at $t = 44.10 \mu\text{s}$ during $0.42 \mu\text{s}$

Step 3: interaction between the bubble and the pressure pulse in free field

Material parameters

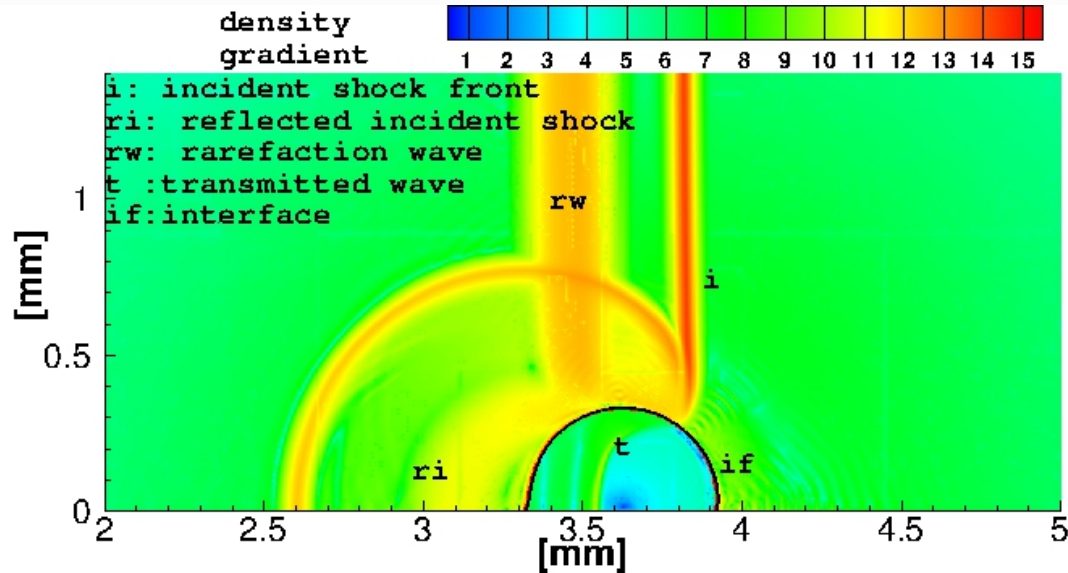
		Vapor	Water
γ		1.4	1.1
π	[Pa]	0	2045354545

Initial conditions for $M_s = 1.01$

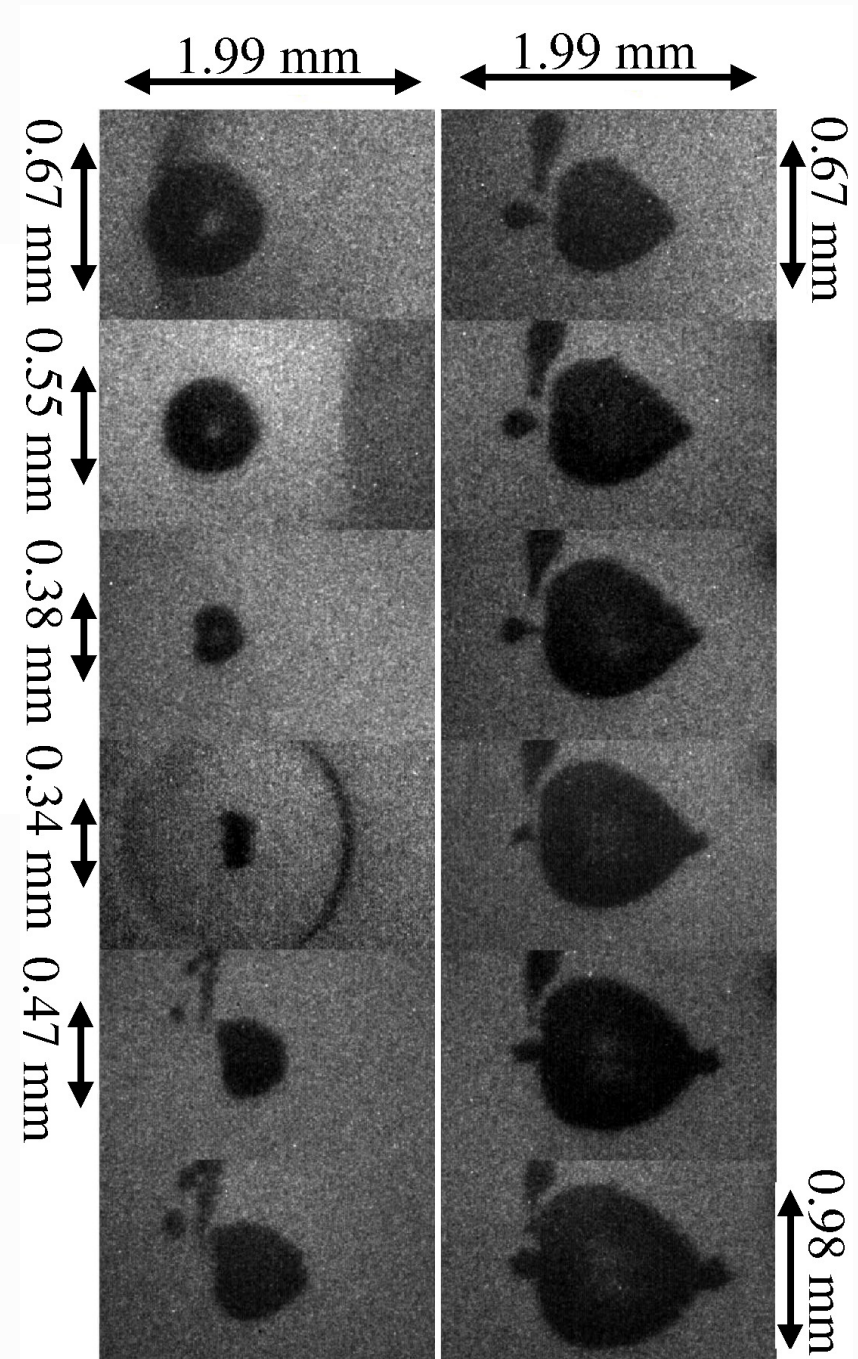
		vapor	unperturbed water	pertubed water
ρ	[kg/m ³]	0.02782	1000	1019.1
v_x	[m/s]	0	0	28.43
p	[Pa]	2339	100000	43171429
T	[K]	293	293.15	293.7

Numerical Result: Qualitative Comparison

- Interaction with the bubble

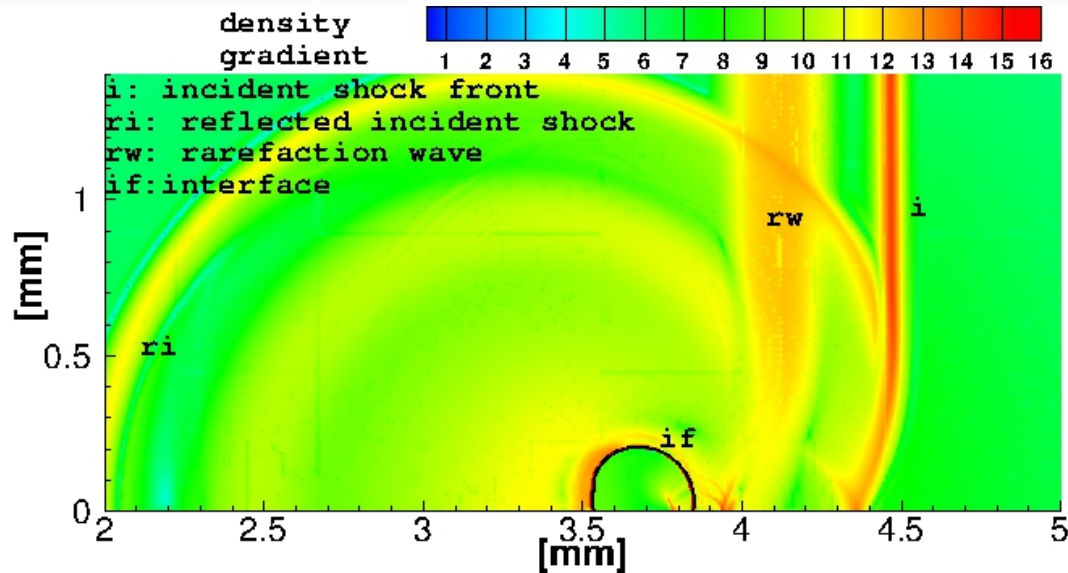


- Time: $44.09 \mu\text{s}$
- Bubble diameter: 0.66 mm



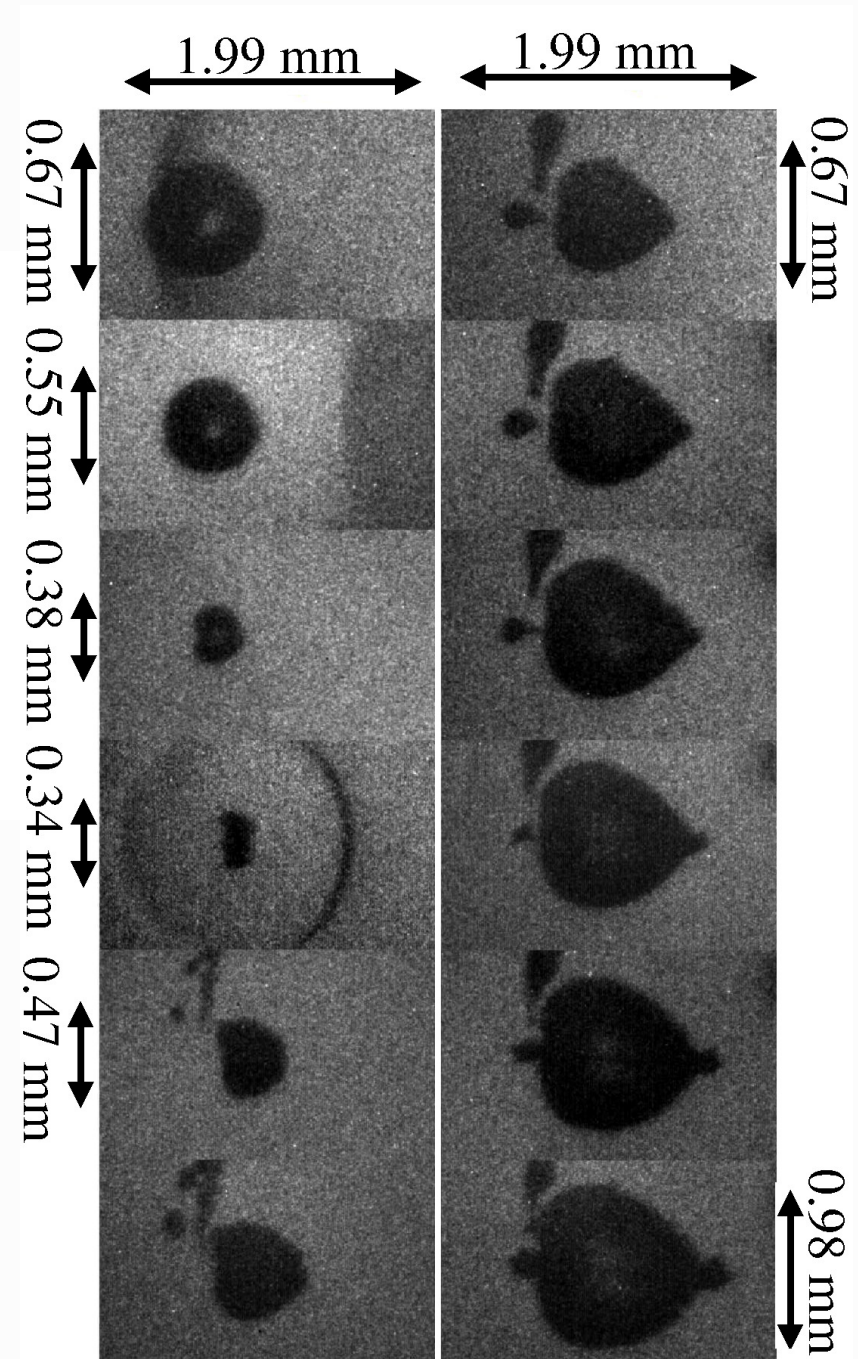
Numerical Result: Qualitative Comparison

- Collapsing bubble



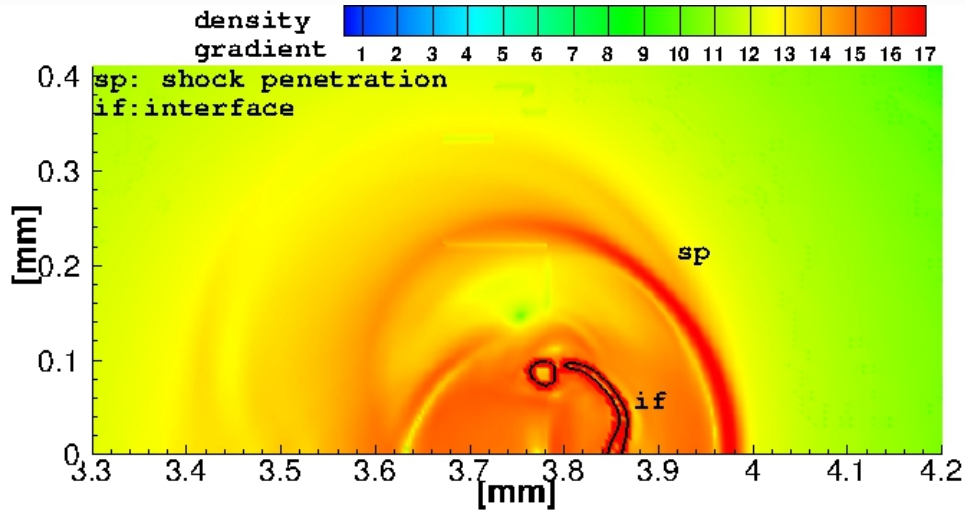
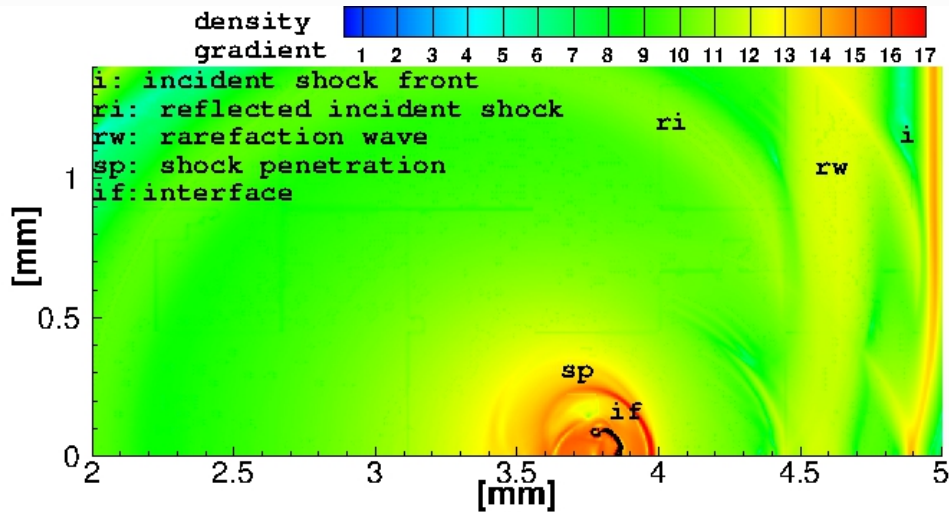
- Time: 44.52 μs

- Bubble diameter: 0.42 mm

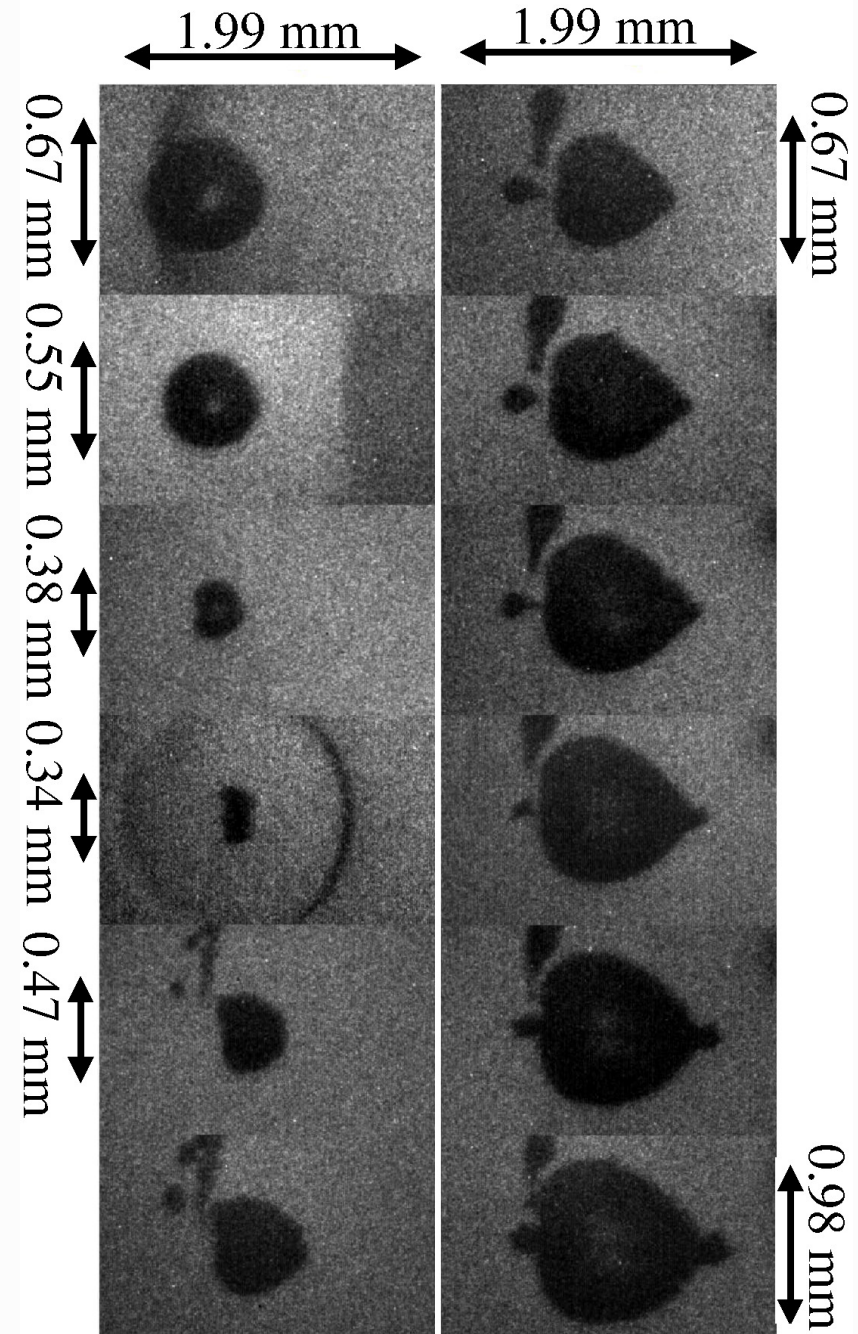


Numerical Result: Qualitative Comparison

- Penetration of the bubble

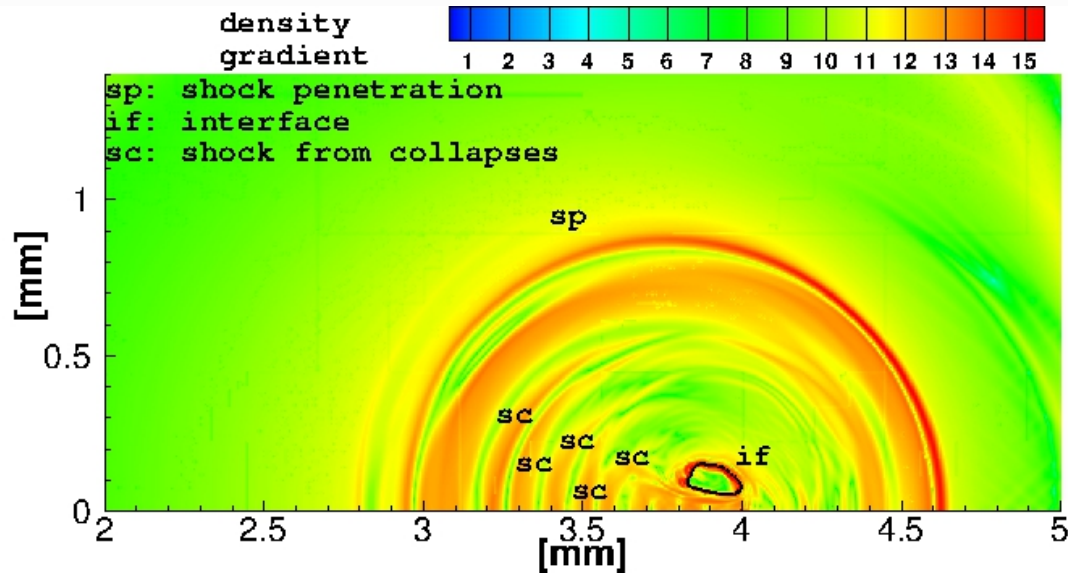


- Time: $44.85 \mu\text{s}$. Bubble diameter: 0.2 mm

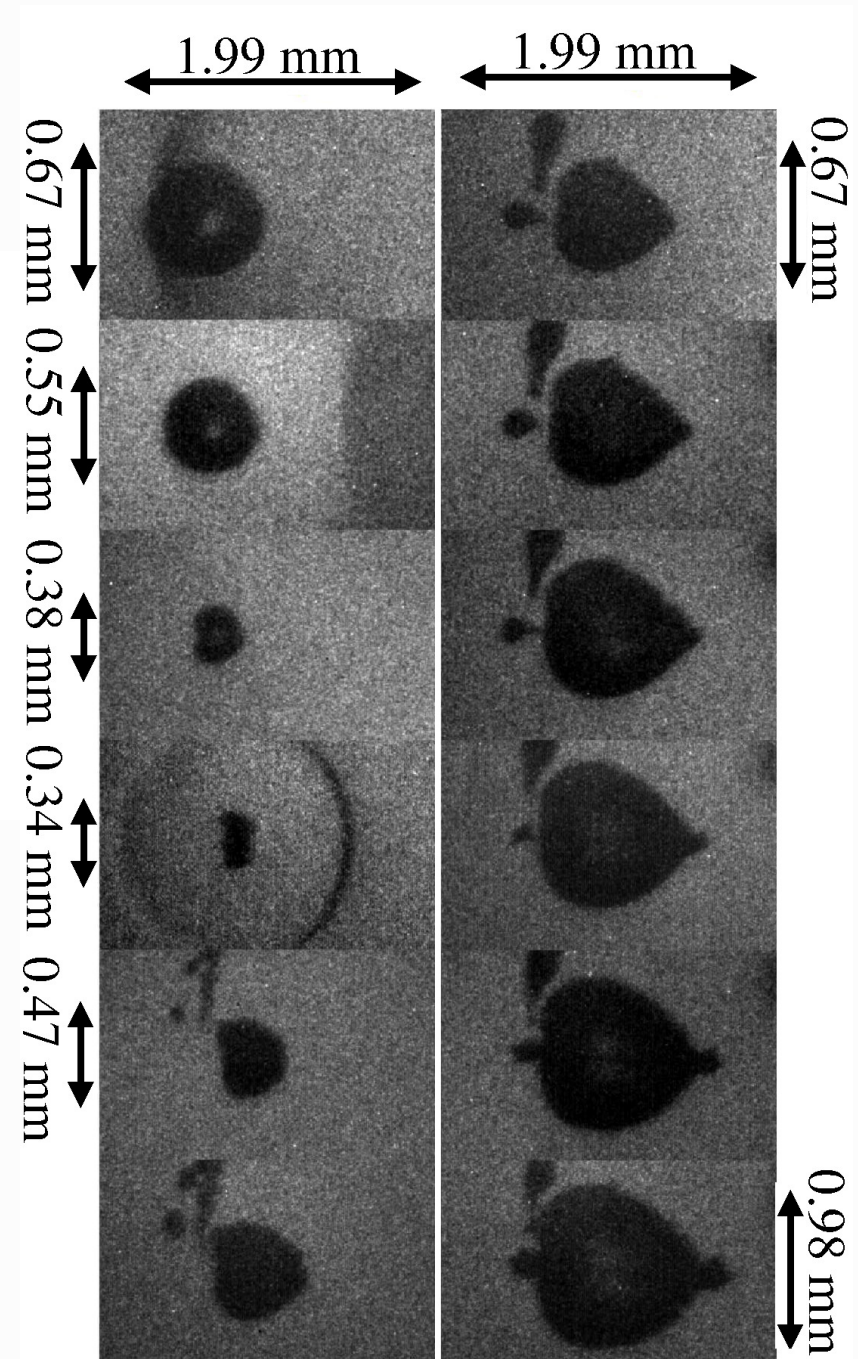


Numerical Result: Qualitative Comparison

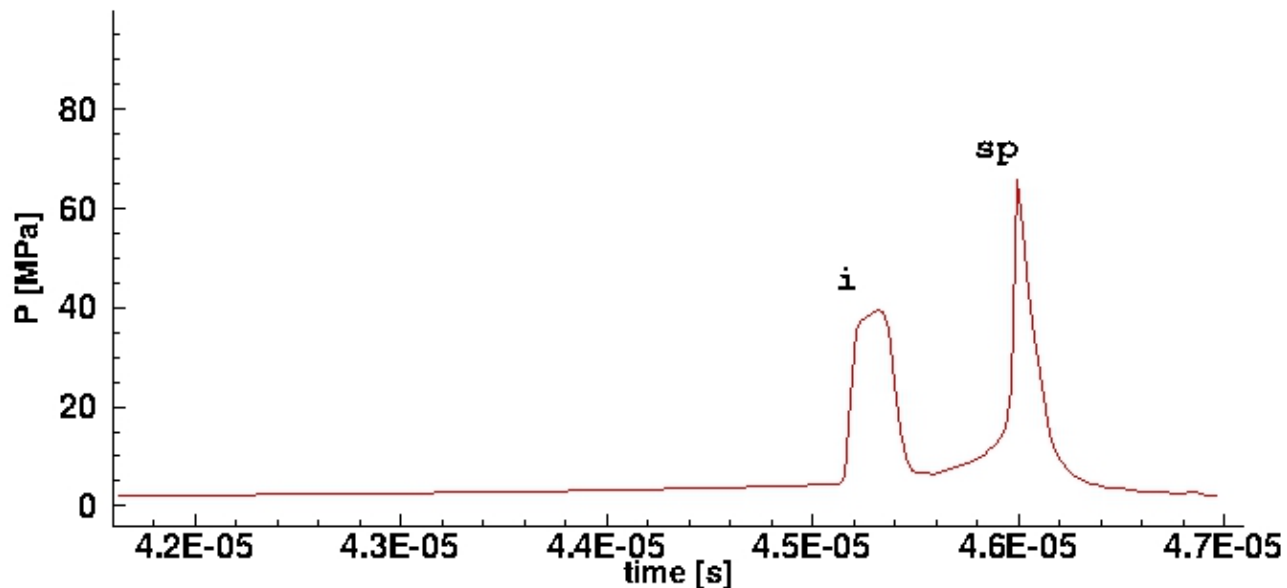
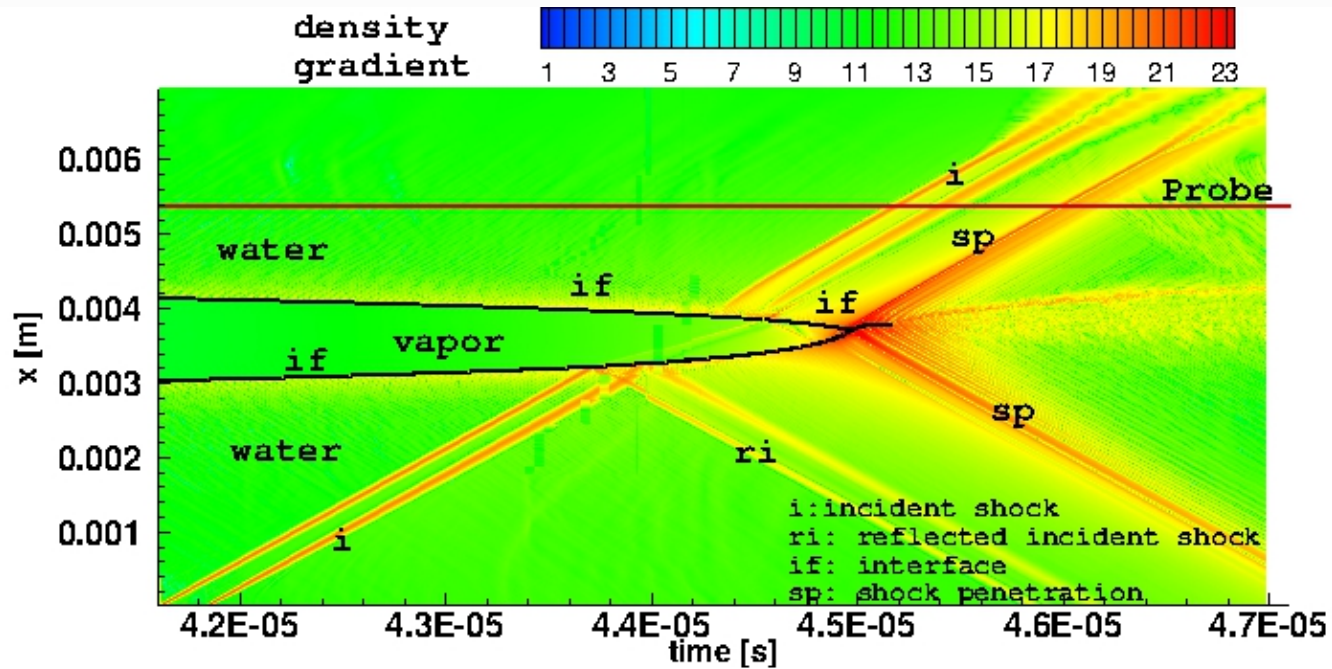
- Propagation of the shock from the collapse



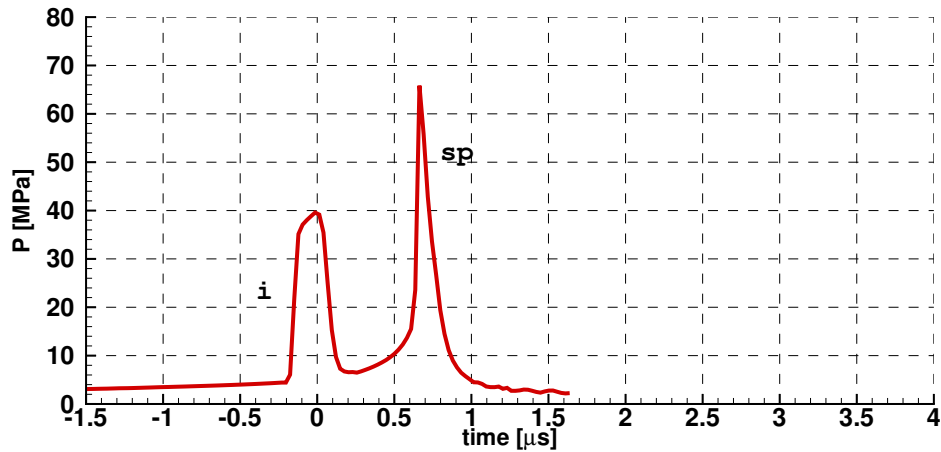
- Time: 45.25 μs
- Bubble diameter: 0.1 mm



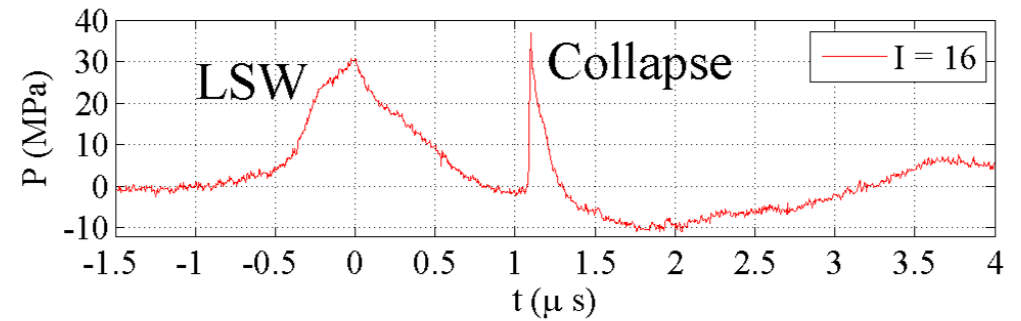
Numerical Result: Data along the Symmetry Line



Quantitative Comparison: Pressure Measurement after the Interaction



- $\Delta t = 0.67 \mu\text{s}$
- First peak: $P = 40 \text{ Mpa}$
- Second peak: $P = 66 \text{ Mpa}$



- $\Delta t = 1.1 \mu\text{s}$
- First peak: $P = 30 \text{ Mpa}$
- Second peak: $P = 36 \text{ Mpa}$

Conclusion

Qualitative comparison:

- Good agreement until collapse
 - the bubble size
 - penetration of the bubble
 - the shock from the collapse
- Limitations
 - the cloud of bubbles
 - resolution of tiny bubbles
 - quasi-2D computations

Quantitative comparison:

- Pressure amplitude depends on
 - the bubble size
 - the initial bubble state
 - the shock pulse