

# Behaviour of a cloud of bubbles filled with vapour and a small amount of noncondensable gas (A theoretical and numerical study)

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## Nomenclature

$A$  radius of the bubble cloud ( $m$ )  
 $c$  velocity of sound ( $m \text{ sec}^{-1}$ )  
 $c^*$  specific velocity ( $m \text{ sec}^{-1}$ )  
 $C_p$  spec. heat ( $J \text{ kg}^{-1} \text{ K}^{-1}$ )  
 $f$  pressure disturbance function  
 $\underline{I}$  unit tensor  
 $n$  bubble number density  
 $p$  pressure (Pa)  
 $p_a$  applied pressure at the bubble cloud boundary (Pa)  
 $p_{ra}$  pressure due to the spherically symmetric outgoing waves (Pa)  
 $R$  radius of a bubble ( $m$ )  
 $r$  radius in the bubbly mixture ( $m$ )  
 $\mathcal{R}$  universal ideal gas constant ( $8.31 \text{ Pa m}^3 \text{ mol}^{-1} \text{ K}^{-1}$ )  
 $t$  time (sec)  
 $T$  temperature ( $K$ )  
 $u$  velocity ( $m \text{ sec}^{-1}$ )  
 $y$  dimensionless bubble mass

$\alpha$  void fraction  
 $\beta$  accommodation factor for condensation or evaporation ( $\beta \approx 0.9$ )  
 $\gamma$  isentropic exponent of the vapour ( $= 1.4$ )  
 $\varepsilon$  ratio of velocities of sound in the mixture and in pure water  
 $\kappa$  constant factor  
 $\lambda$  thermal conductivity ( $W \text{ m}^{-1} \text{ K}^{-1}$ )  
 $\rho$  density ( $\text{kg m}^{-3}$ )  
 $\tau$  dimensionless time  
 $\chi$  temperature potential  
 $\hat{x}$  scaled value of quantity  $x$ .

### Subscripts :

$b$  bubble  
 $eq$  equilibrium  
 $g$  gas  
 $l$  liquid  
 $m$  mixture gas/vapour  
 $v$  vapour  
 $o$  initial value.

## Comportement d'un nuage de bulles remplies de vapeur et d'une petite quantité de gaz incondensable

*La cavitation d'un nuage sphérique de bulles, remplies de vapeur et de gaz incondensable, a été étudiée. Des équations moyennées de mouvements à l'intérieur du nuage sont développées. En appliquant une perturbation de pression extérieure, la pression locale et le rayon d'une bulle à l'intérieur du nuage sont calculées. Deux fréquences, correspondant au comportement global d'un nuage et d'une bulle isolée, en résultent. Le comportement thermique passe de l'isothermique à l'adiabatique, en fonction de la quantité de gaz.*

**Introduction**

In cavitation a cloud of bubbles can separate from a propeller (*fig. 1*). The contents of the bubbles are unknown, it could be pure vapour or vapour with an amount of gas in it. A model for a completely gas filled bubbly cloud already exists (OMTA [1]). In this paper the behaviour of vapour bubble clouds and the difference with gas filled bubble clouds is investigated. A sudden pressure rise in the liquid surrounding a single bubble causes the bubble to collapse. A completely vapour filled bubble will show no rebound. If the bubble contains a few percent noncondensable gas, the bubble will rebound: gas is compressed in the final stage of the collapse. So even a small amount of noncondensable gas is of great importance! Some non-essential simplifications are made: spherical symmetric bubbles; condensation only occurs at the surface of a bubble; pressure is uniform within each bubble (PROSPERETTI [2]); damping is assumed to be caused mainly by thermal conduction and radiation of sound. If the radius of the bubbles is not too small and all velocities are small compared to the velocity of sound in the vapour, surface tension, viscosity and compressibility can be neglected. The bubbly cloud is also assumed to be spherical symmetric. The amount of noncondensable gas in a single bubble is unknown and is strongly dependent on the circumstances. The minimum amount of gas, which can diffuse into a bubble during the growth phase of a bubble, can be estimated to be at least 5% (volume) for a bubble of radius 0.5 mm. This gives a pressure of  $p_{g0} = 445$  Pa, compared to the vapour pressure of 2 000 Pa at 15 °C being already a considerable contribution to the total pressure. This contribution becomes more important if the bubble collapses. The velocity of sound in a bubbly mixture, containing mainly vapour bubbles is unknown and will be calculated. Unfortunately, there are almost no data concerning bubble clouds. In the data available the percentages of gas are unknown, yet important according to the present model!

**The equations of motion for a cloud of bubbles**

Conservation of mass for a purely vapour filled bubbly cloud gives:

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} (\alpha \rho_v) + \nabla \cdot (\alpha \rho_v \underline{u}_v) = \frac{3}{R} \alpha \rho_v \left( \frac{\partial R}{\partial t} + \underline{u}_v \cdot \nabla R \right) \quad (1)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial}{\partial t} [(1 - \alpha) \rho_l] + \nabla \cdot [(1 - \alpha) \rho_l \underline{u}_l] = \\ = - \frac{3}{R} \alpha \rho_v \left( \frac{\partial R}{\partial t} + \underline{u}_v \cdot \nabla R \right) \end{aligned} \quad (2)$$

On the right is per unit volume the mass flux due to evaporation and is zero for a purely gas filled cloud. Bubble conservation gives:

$$\frac{\partial n}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot (n \underline{u}_n) = 0 \quad \text{with} \quad \alpha = n \frac{4}{3} \pi R^3 \quad (3)$$

Conservation of momentum (gas bubbles) BIESHEUVEL *et al.* [3] gives:



**1. The cloud and its surroundings.**

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial}{\partial t} [(1 - \alpha) \underline{u}_l] + \nabla \cdot [(1 - \alpha) \underline{u}_l \underline{u}_l] = \\ - \frac{\nabla p}{\rho l} - \nabla \cdot \left[ \alpha \left\{ \left( \frac{\partial R}{\partial t} \right)^2 \underline{l} + \frac{1}{2} (\underline{u}_q - \underline{u}) (\underline{u}_q - \underline{u}) \right\} \right] \end{aligned} \quad (4)$$

Phase change can be neglected here since the pressure caused by the mass flux through the bubble surface multiplied by the velocity difference is:

$$p_{\text{mass flux}} = \alpha \frac{dR}{dt} \rho_v (\underline{u}_l - \underline{u}_v) \leq \alpha \left( \frac{dR}{dt} \right)^2 \rho_v \leq 10 \text{ Pa}$$

with

$$\alpha \leq 0.1, \quad \frac{dR}{dt} \leq 100 \text{ m sec}^{-1} \quad \text{and} \quad \rho_v \sim 10^{-2} \text{ kg m}^{-3}.$$

The equation of motion of the bubbles is the Rayleigh Plesset equation

$$p_m = p + \rho_l \left[ \frac{3}{2} \left( \frac{\partial R}{\partial t} \right)^2 + R \frac{\partial^2 R}{\partial t^2} \right] \quad (5)$$

$$p = (1 - \alpha) p_l + \alpha p_m \quad \text{and} \quad p_m = p_v + p_g \quad (6)$$

with  $p$  the averaged pressure of the bubbly mixture. The effect of phase change can be neglected because of the very large density difference between the vapour and the liquid ( $\rho_l \sim 10^3 \text{ kg m}^{-3}$ ): the differences between the velocities just outside and just inside the bubble boundary are negligible (PLESSET [4]). The pressure  $p_m$  consists of a vapour  $p_v$  and a gas part  $p_g$  (App. A). The temperature at the bubble boundary is constant (PLESSET [4]), so  $p_v$  only depends on the velocity of the bubble wall: phase change can't keep up with the rapidly varying bubble radius. Therefore we use the formula used by PLESSET [4, 5] based on the mass fluxes going in or out of the bubble boundary:

$$p_v = p_{v,eq} \left( 1 + \frac{\partial R}{\partial t} \frac{1}{c^*} \right)^{-1}$$

with

$$c^* = \beta c_v (2 \pi \gamma)^{-1/2} \quad (7)$$

To construct the boundary conditions concerning sound radiation the velocity of sound in a bubbly fluid ( $c_0$ ) must be known (App. B). In the case of small void fraction, we can simplify our equations considerably by scaling [1]. A typical time scale for our problem is:  $t_0 = A_0/c_0$ . All the velocities are caused by the presence of bubbles, therefore the velocities can all be scaled with

$\alpha_0$  too. The pressures are all scaled with  $p_{l0} (= p_{v,eq} + p_{g0})$ . So :

$$\begin{aligned} \underline{u} &= \alpha_0 c_0 \hat{\underline{u}} & R &= R_0 \hat{R} & p_{..} &= p_{l0} \hat{p}_{..} \\ \alpha &= \alpha_0 \hat{\alpha} & r &= A_0 \hat{r} & \langle T \rangle &= T_0 \hat{T} \\ \rho_l &= \rho_{l0} \hat{\rho}_l & \rho_v &= \rho_{v0} \hat{\rho}_v & t &= t_0 \hat{t}. \end{aligned} \quad (8)$$

Variables with index 0 are initial values. We can now simplify our equations by retaining only lowest order terms in  $\alpha_0$ .

Bubble conservation :

$$\hat{n} = 1 \Rightarrow \hat{\alpha} = \hat{R}^3. \quad (9)$$

Mass conservation in the liquid for pure ! vapour filled bubbles :

$$\frac{\partial \hat{\alpha}}{\partial \hat{t}} = \hat{\nabla} \cdot \hat{\underline{u}}_l \quad (\text{the term with } \rho_{v0}/\rho_{l0} \sim 10^{-5} \text{ is neglected}). \quad (10)$$

For pure ! gas filled bubbles we have the same equation [1] ! If the bubbles are filled with both gas and vapour, the equation is the same too. The mass equations in the vapour/gas will not be used.

Momentum :

$$c_0^2 \alpha_0 \rho_{l0} p_{l0}^{-1} \frac{\partial \hat{\underline{u}}_l}{\partial \hat{t}} = - \hat{\nabla} \hat{p}. \quad (11)$$

Pressure :

$$\hat{p} = \hat{p}_l. \quad (11)$$

Rayleigh Plesset :

$$\hat{p}_m = \hat{p}_l + \kappa \left[ \frac{3}{2} \left( \frac{\partial \hat{R}}{\partial \hat{t}} \right)^2 + \hat{R} \frac{\partial^2 \hat{R}}{\partial \hat{t}^2} \right] \quad (12)$$

with

$$\hat{p}_m = \hat{p}_g + \hat{p}_v \quad \text{and} \quad \kappa = R_0^2 \rho_l c_0^2 A_0^{-2} p_{l0}^{-1}.$$

Elimination of  $\hat{u}_l$  gives us (9), (10), (11) :

$$p_{l0} (c_0^2 \alpha_0 \rho_{l0})^{-1} \hat{\nabla}^2 \hat{p}_l + 3 \hat{R}^2 \frac{\partial^2 \hat{R}}{\partial \hat{t}^2} = - 6 \hat{R} \left( \frac{\partial \hat{R}}{\partial \hat{t}} \right)^2. \quad (13)$$

Vapour pressure :

$$\hat{p}_v = \hat{p}_{v,eq}(T_0) \left\{ 1 + \frac{\partial \hat{R}}{\partial \hat{t}} R_0 c_0 A_0^{-1} (c^*)^{-1} \right\}^{-1}. \quad (14)$$

Energy (App. A) :

$$\tau = 9 \hat{\lambda}_g \int_0^{\hat{t}} \hat{R} d\xi, \quad \hat{\lambda}_g = t_0 \lambda_g \rho_{g0}^{-1} R_0^{-2} C_{vg}^{-1} \quad (15)$$

$$\hat{p}_g = (p_{g0}/p_{l0}) \hat{R}^{-3} \left[ 1 - \frac{8}{\pi^2} \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \frac{H_j(\tau)}{(1+2j)^2} \right] \quad (16)$$

$$\begin{aligned} H_j(\tau) &= 3 \frac{p_{l0}}{p_{g0}} (\gamma - 1) \exp \left\{ - \frac{\pi^2}{4} (1 + 2j)^2 \tau \right\} \times \\ &\times \int_0^{\tau} \exp \left\{ \frac{\pi^2}{4} (1 + 2j)^2 x \right\} \hat{p}_m \hat{R}^2 \frac{\partial \hat{R}}{\partial x} dx. \end{aligned} \quad (17)$$

We will now discuss the boundary and initial conditions. The damping by sound radiation will be represented by the boundary conditions [1]. We can apply a pressure at the boundary of the cloud  $\hat{p}_a = 1 + \Delta \hat{p} f(\hat{t})$ . Outside the cloud the wave equation is valid, in dimensionless form :

$$\varepsilon^2 \frac{\partial^2 \hat{p}_l}{\partial \hat{t}^2} - \hat{\nabla}^2 \hat{p}_l = 0, \quad \varepsilon = \frac{c_0}{c_l}. \quad (18)$$

For spherical symmetric outgoing waves a solution is :

$$\hat{u}_l = \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial \hat{r}} \quad \text{with} \quad \phi = F(\hat{t}/\varepsilon - \hat{r})/\hat{r} \quad \text{and} \quad p_{l0} c_0^{-2} \alpha_0^{-1} \rho_{l0}^{-1} \hat{p}_{ra} = - \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial \hat{t}} \quad (\hat{p}_{ra} \text{ is the radiated pressure}).$$

Inside the bubble we have  $c_0^2 \alpha_0 \rho_{l0} p_{l0}^{-1} \frac{\partial \hat{u}_l}{\partial \hat{t}} = - \hat{\nabla} \hat{p}_l$ . At the cloud boundary

$$\begin{aligned} (\hat{r} = 1) \text{ the pressure must be continuous : } \hat{p}_l &= \hat{p}_a + \hat{p}_{ra} \\ \hat{p}_l + \frac{\partial \hat{p}_l}{\partial \hat{r}} + \varepsilon \frac{\partial \hat{p}_l}{\partial \hat{t}} &= 1 + \Delta \hat{p} \left[ f(\hat{t}) + \varepsilon \frac{\partial f}{\partial \hat{t}} \right], \quad \hat{r} = 1. \end{aligned} \quad (19)$$

Spherical symmetry requires

$$\frac{\partial \hat{p}_l}{\partial \hat{r}} = 0 \quad \hat{r} = 0 \quad (20)$$

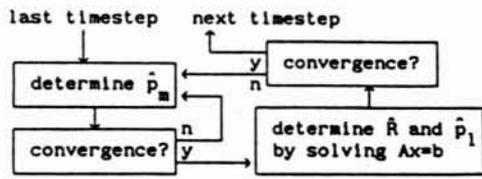
$f(\hat{t})$  is chosen to be a step function at  $\hat{t} = 0$ , the amplitude can be changed with  $\Delta \hat{p}$ . As initial conditions we have (rest) :

$$\hat{t} = 0 : \quad \hat{p}_l = \hat{R} = 1 \quad \hat{p}_g = p_{g0}/p_{l0} \quad \hat{p}_v = p_{v,eq}/p_{l0} \quad (21)$$

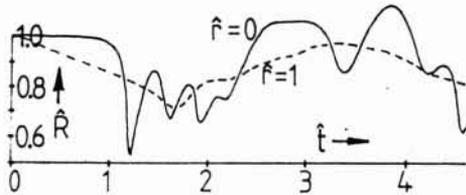
$$H_j = 0 \quad j = 1, 2, 3 \quad \frac{\partial \hat{R}}{\partial \hat{t}} = 0.$$

### The numerical method, results and conclusions

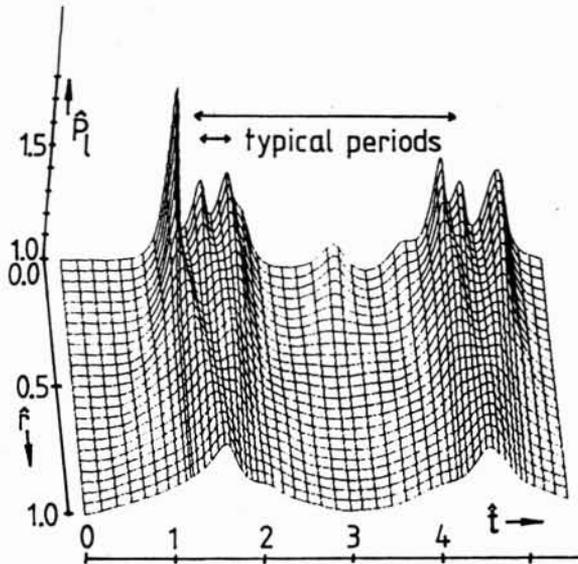
The equations (12)/(17), (19)/(21) are solved numerically. With (12), (13) a matrix equation is set up to solve  $\hat{R}$  and  $\hat{p}_l$  (implicit method);  $\hat{p}_m$  has to be calculated separately. Integrals are calculated by the trapezoidal rule. The equations determining  $\hat{p}_m$ ,  $\hat{R}$  and  $\hat{p}_l$  are non-linear, so we have to iterate (fig. 2). The dimensionless cloud radius  $\hat{r}$  is subdivided into 100 intervals and one dimensionless time unit into about 1 000 steps. The numerical procedure is strongly related to OMTA [1] with some improvements. The numerical results for a cloud filled with vapour, including some noncondensable gas, are similar to those for a cloud completely filled with gas



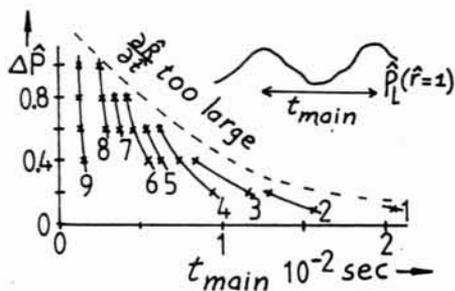
2. The numerical procedure.



3.  $\hat{R}$  vs.  $\hat{i}$  with standard parameters (10 % gas).



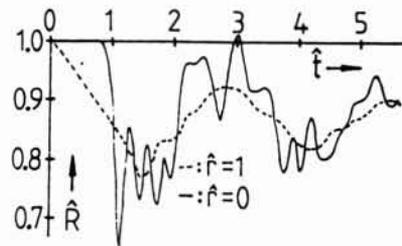
4.  $\hat{p}_l$  vs.  $\hat{i}$  and  $\hat{t}$  with standard parameters (10 % gas).



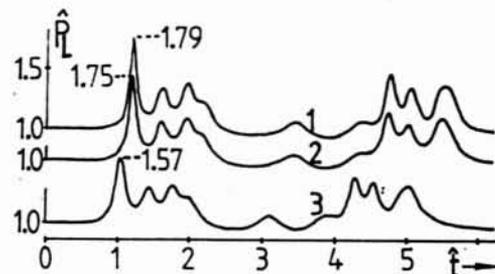
6. Typical (main) period as a function of  $p_{g0}$  and  $\Delta\hat{p}$ : 1)  $p_{g0} = 445$  Pa (10 % gas); 2) 1 094 Pa (20 %); 3) 1 875 Pa (30 %); 4) 2 920 Pa (40 %); 5) 4 375 Pa (50 %); 6) 6 560 Pa (60 %); 7) 10 200 Pa (70 %); 8) 17 500 Pa (80 %); 9) 83 100 Pa (95 %).

(the quantitative behaviour however is completely different). Apparently the noncondensable gas becomes important during the final stage of the collapse. In fact, a completely vapour filled bubble shows no rebound at all ! Results will be given for a typical case :  $T_0 = 288$  K,  $\rho_l = 1\,000$  kg m<sup>-3</sup>,  $A_0 = 0.03$  m,  $\alpha_0 = 0.03$ ,  $c_1 = 1\,465$  m sec<sup>-1</sup>,  $R_0 = 5.0 \cdot 10^{-4}$  m,  $\Delta\hat{p} = 0.1$ ,  $p_{g0} = 445$  Pa (10 % gas) and  $p_{v,eq} = 2\,000$  Pa, unless stated otherwise. In figure 4 the disturbance can be seen to move inward. If  $\hat{R}$  has a maximum,  $\hat{p}_l$  has a minimum and vice versa. Two typical periods occur (figs. 3, 4, 5) : one corresponding to the global cloud behaviour (twice the time a signal needs to go from the boundary to the centre of the cloud  $\sim 2 t_0$ ; dim. less 2) and another to single bubble behaviour (twice the Rayleigh collapse time [7]  $t_R = (\rho_l / (\rho_{l0} \Delta\hat{p}))^{1/2} 2 R_0$ ). If  $\Delta\hat{p}$  becomes too large,  $\partial\hat{R}/\partial\hat{t}$  is larger than the velocity of sound in the vapour. Our model is no longer valid in these regions (fig. 6). The low frequency (cloud behaviour) is slightly dependent on  $\Delta\hat{p}$ , but strongly dependent on  $p_{g0}$  (since  $t_0$  is dependent on  $p_{g0}$ ). The behaviour with standard parameters is almost isothermal (fig. 7) because  $\hat{\lambda}_g$  is proportional to  $p_{g0}^{-3/2}$  ( $t_0 \sim p_{g0}^{-1/2}$  and  $\rho_{g0} \sim p_{g0}$ ). Here  $\hat{\lambda}_g = 1.5 \cdot 10^2$ . However if  $p_{g0} \sim 1$  atm, then  $\hat{\lambda}_g \sim 10^{-2}$ , so the behaviour will be almost adiabatic. In general, if  $\hat{\lambda}_g \gg 1$  the behaviour is isothermal and if  $\hat{\lambda}_g \ll 1$ , it is adiabatic.

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5.  $\hat{R}$  vs.  $\hat{i}$ , standard parameters, but with  $p_{g0} = 83\,100$  Pa (95 % gas) and  $\Delta\hat{p} = 0.6$ .



7. Thermal behaviour of the solution with standard parameters :  $\hat{p}_l$  at  $\hat{f} = 0$  as a function of  $\hat{i}$   
 1) isothermal ;  $\hat{p}_g = p_{g0}/p_{l0} \hat{R}^{-3}$   
 2) equations 15-17  
 3) adiabatic ;  $\hat{p}_g = p_{g0}/p_{l0} \hat{R}^{-3\gamma}$ .

Appendix A : calculation of the gas pressure

For  $p_g$  we can follow an approach made by FLYNN [6] and OMTA [1] based on the energy equation for the noncondensable gas (thermal damping) :

$$\rho_g C_{vg} \frac{DT}{Dt} = -p \nabla \cdot \underline{u}_g + \nabla \cdot (\lambda_g \nabla T). \quad (A1)$$

Time, position and temperature-potential are made dimensionless

$$y = \rho_{g0}^{-1} R_0^{-3} 3 \int_0^r \rho_g \xi^2 d\xi \quad (A2)$$

$$\tau = \rho_{g0}^{-1} R_0^{-3} \lambda_g C_{vg}^{-1} 9 \int_0^r R(\xi) d\xi \quad C_{vg}, \lambda_g \text{ constant} \quad (A3)$$

$$\frac{\partial \chi}{\partial y} = -1 + T/T_0 \quad \text{with} \quad \chi(y, 0) = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \chi(0, \tau) = 0. \quad (A4)$$

$$3 \lambda_g R T_0 \frac{\partial \chi}{\partial \tau} = - \int_0^y p \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi} [\mu_g r^2(\xi)] d\xi + 3 \lambda_g \rho_{g0}^{-1} R_0^{-3} T_0 r^4(y) \rho_g \frac{\partial^2 \chi}{\partial y^2}. \quad (A5)$$

We will now make some approximations (OMTA [1]) : the pressure inside the bubble is almost uniform, the density  $\rho_g$  is almost equal to its averaged value over the bubble ( $= \rho_{g0} R_0^3/R^3$ ). The term  $r^4/R^4$  can be approximated by 1, since temperature gradients are largest at the bubble boundary. Furthermore, the velocity inside the bubble can be written as :  $\mu_g \approx \frac{r}{R} \frac{dR}{d\tau} \frac{d\tau}{dt}$ . The potential  $\chi$  has to satisfy :

$$\frac{\partial \chi}{\partial \tau} - \frac{\partial^2 \chi}{\partial y^2} = - \left\{ 3(\rho_{g0} R_0^3 C_{vg} T_0)^{-1} p R^2 \frac{dR}{d\tau} \right\} y. \quad (A6)$$

Setting  $\chi = W(y, \tau) - \psi(\tau)y$  and noting  $\rho_{g0} T_0 = p_{g0}/(C_{pg} - C_{vg})$  with :

$$\psi = 3(\gamma - 1)(p_{g0} R_0^3)^{-1} \int_0^\tau p(\xi) R^2(\xi) \frac{dR}{d\xi}(\xi) d\xi \quad (A7)$$

results in (since both vapour and gas contribute to  $p(= p_v + p_g)$ ) :

$$\frac{\partial W}{\partial \tau} = \frac{\partial^2 W}{\partial y^2} \quad \left( \frac{\partial W}{\partial y} \right)_{y=1} = \psi(\tau) \quad W(y, 0) = 0, \quad W(0, \tau) = 0. \quad (A8)$$

The last equation stating the fact that at the bubble boundary the temperature is constant. Solving by Laplace transform results in :

$$\frac{\partial W}{\partial \tau} = 2 \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} (-1)^j \sin \{ \pi y (1 + 2j)/2 \} H_j(\tau) \quad (A9)$$

with

$$H_j(\tau) = e^{-\frac{\pi^2}{4}(1+2j)^2 \tau} \int_0^\tau e^{\frac{\pi^2}{4}(1+2j)^2 x} \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial x} dx \quad (A10)$$

$T/T_0$  is related to  $W$  by using (A4) and (A8) as :

$$\frac{\partial T}{\partial y} / T_0 = \frac{\partial W}{\partial \tau}.$$

Now, integration leads to :

$$T/T_0 = 1 - \frac{4}{\pi} \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} (-1)^j \frac{\cos \{ (1 + 2j) \pi y/2 \}}{(1 + 2j)} H_j(\tau). \quad (A11)$$

Just as in OMTA [1] the mean temperature of the bubble contents is

$$\langle T \rangle = 3 \rho_{g0}^{-1} R_0^{-3} \int_0^R T \rho_g \xi^2 d\xi = \int_0^1 T dy = T_0 \left( 1 - \frac{8}{\pi^2} \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \frac{H_j(\tau)}{(1 + 2j)^2} \right). \quad (A12)$$

The summation in (A12) can be cut off at  $j = 2$  because 3 terms are accurate enough for our solution. The gas pressure can finally be written as :

$$p_g = \langle T \rangle / T_0 p_{g0} \left( \frac{R_0}{R} \right)^3. \quad (A13)$$

**Appendix B : the velocity of sound in a bubbly mixture**

The density in a bubbly fluid can be written as  $\rho = (1 - \alpha) \rho_l + \alpha \rho_m$ .

$$\frac{1}{c_0^2} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \frac{d\rho}{dp} = \frac{\alpha}{c_m^2} + \frac{(1 - \alpha)}{c_l^2} - (\rho_l - \rho_m) \frac{d\alpha}{dp}. \quad (\text{B1})$$

With  $\alpha = V_m/V$  ( $V_m$ : the volume of all the bubbles together in  $V = V_l + V_m$ ) and  $1 - \alpha = V_l/V$ ;  $V_m = nV V_b$  ( $V_b$  is the volume of a single bubble),  $nV$  is the total number of bubbles in  $V$  and is assumed to be constant. The total mass of the vapour and the liquid remains  $V_l \rho_l + V_v \rho_v = \text{Const}$ . So with  $\rho_m \sim 10^{-2} \text{ kg m}^{-3}$  and  $\rho_l \sim 10^3 \text{ kg m}^{-3}$  we get :

$$\frac{1}{c_0^2} = \frac{\alpha}{c_m^2} + \frac{(1 - \alpha)^2}{c_l^2} - (\rho_l - \rho_m) \left\{ \frac{(1 - \alpha) \alpha}{V_b} \frac{dV_b}{dp} + \frac{\alpha}{V} \frac{d}{dp} \left[ \frac{V_v \rho_v}{\rho_l} \right] \right\} - \frac{1}{c_l^2} \left( 1 - \frac{\rho_m}{\rho_l} \right) \alpha \frac{V_v \rho_v}{V \rho_l}.$$

Note that :  $d(\rho_m V_b) = \rho_m dV_b + V_b d\rho_m \approx \rho_v dV_b$ ; because the mass of the noncondensable gas remains constant and the vapour pressure is assumed to be almost constant, this leads to :

$$\frac{1}{c_0^2} = \frac{\alpha^2}{c_m^2} + \frac{(1 - \alpha)^2}{c_l^2} - (\rho_l - \rho_v) \frac{(1 - \alpha) \alpha}{V_b} \frac{dV_b}{dp} - \left( 1 - \frac{\rho_m}{\rho_l} \right) \frac{\alpha}{V} \frac{d}{dp} (V_v \rho_v). \quad (\text{B2})$$

The third term can be rewritten using the Rayleigh Plesset equation for small perturbations (YOUNG [7]) and  $p_{g0} + p_v = p_{l0}$  (equilibrium) :

$$- (\rho_l - \rho_v) \frac{(1 - \alpha) \alpha}{V_b} \frac{dV_b}{dp} = \alpha(1 - \alpha) \frac{\rho_l}{\gamma p_{g0}}. \quad (\text{B3})$$

The rate of evaporation (4th term) is infinite for an ideal vapour. Multiplying the maximum evaporation per unit time in a single bubble [5]  $\beta \left( \frac{RT}{2\pi} \right)^{1/2} \rho_v 4\pi R^2$  by the number of bubbles in  $V$ ,  $\alpha V / \left( \frac{4}{3} \pi R^3 \right)$ , gives us :

$$\frac{\alpha}{V} \frac{d}{dp} (V_v \rho_v) = \frac{\alpha}{V} \frac{d}{dt} (V_v \rho_v) \frac{dp}{dt} \leq \beta (\gamma 2\pi)^{-1/2} c_v \rho_v \frac{3}{R} \alpha^2 \frac{dp}{dt}. \quad (\text{B4})$$

With  $\rho_m/\rho_l \sim 10^{-5}$ ,  $\alpha \sim 10^{-2}$ ,  $\beta(\gamma 2\pi)^{-1/2} \sim 1$ ,  $c_v \sim 300 \text{ m sec}^{-1}$ ,  $R \sim 10^{-3} \text{ m}$ ,  $\rho_v \sim 10^{-2} \text{ kg m}^{-3}$  and the pressure change at least 1 pascal within a typical bubble collapse time ( $10^{-3} \text{ sec}$ ), the last term in (B2) can be neglected. So only the third term in (B2) remains, leading to a sound velocity in a mixture dominated by the presence of noncondensable gas

$$c_0^2 \approx \frac{p_{g0} \gamma}{\rho_l \alpha_0}. \quad (\text{B5})$$

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