Effect of Temporal Density Variation and Convergent Geometry on Nonlinear Bubble Evolution in the Classical Rayleigh–Taylor Instability



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Layzer's nonlinear RT model is only valid for planar geometry



Bubble tip velocity saturates at $\sqrt{g}/3k$

Density variation can be easily included in the model

$$\nabla^2 \Phi = -\frac{\dot{\rho}}{\rho} \qquad \Phi = \mathbf{a}(\mathbf{t}) \cos(\mathbf{k}\mathbf{x}) \mathbf{e}^{-\mathbf{k}(\mathbf{y}-\eta_0)} - \frac{\dot{\rho}}{\rho} \frac{\mathbf{y}^2}{2}$$



Asymptotic solution

$$\eta_{0} \xrightarrow{t \to \infty} \sqrt{\frac{g}{3k}} \frac{\int \rho(t') dt'}{\rho(t)}$$

The Layzer's model is extended to include the spherical convergence effect

Solid sphere: ρr₀³=const • $\Phi = \mathbf{a}(\mathbf{t}) \mathbf{r}^{\ell} \mathbf{P}_{\ell}(\mathbf{cos}\theta) - \left(\dot{\mathbf{r}}_{\mathbf{0}} + \frac{\mathbf{r}_{\mathbf{0}}}{\mathbf{3}}\frac{\dot{\mathbf{p}}}{\mathbf{p}}\right) \frac{\mathbf{r}_{\mathbf{0}}^{2}}{\mathbf{r}} - \frac{\mathbf{r}_{\mathbf{0}}^{2}}{\mathbf{r}}\frac{\dot{\mathbf{p}}}{\mathbf{p}}$ ρ_h $\eta = \eta_0 + \eta_2 \theta^2$ r₀(t • $\frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial r} = \dot{r}_0$ at equilibrium • $\frac{d}{dt}\left(\frac{\eta_2}{r_0}\right) = \frac{d}{dt}\left(\frac{\eta_0}{r_0}\right)\left(2\ell\frac{\eta_2}{r_0} - \frac{\ell(\ell+1)}{4}\right)$ $\frac{\eta_2}{r_0} \xrightarrow{t \to \infty} \frac{\ell+1}{8}$ • $-\frac{1}{r_0^2}\frac{d}{dt}(r_0^2\dot{\xi}) + \ell\dot{\xi}^2 = -\frac{\ddot{r}_0}{r_0}, \quad \xi = \frac{\eta_0}{r_0}$

• $\dot{\xi} = -\sqrt{-\frac{\ddot{r_0}}{\ell r_0}}$ $\ell >> 1$

Asymptotic analysis agrees with an exact solution of the model





Even though bubble amplitude decreases in solid sphere, η_0/r_0 always increases



If $\rho r_0^3 \neq \text{const}$ (shell), asymptotic amplitude is determined by a first-order nonlinear differential equation

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$$\ell \dot{\xi}^2 - \dot{m} \left\{ \dot{\xi} \left[1 + 2(\ell+1) \left(\frac{\xi}{m} \right)^2 \right] - 2\xi \frac{\dot{r}_0}{r_0} \right\} + \frac{\ddot{r}_0}{r_0} m^2 = 0$$
 $\xi = \rho r_0^2 \eta_0, \ m(t) = \rho(t) r_0^3(t),$
 $t \rightarrow \infty, \quad \frac{\eta_2}{r_0} \rightarrow \frac{\ell+1}{8}$

•
$$r_0(t) = 400 - \frac{100t^2}{2}$$
, $\rho(t) = \rho_0 e^{\epsilon t}$



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Bubble amplitude in spherical geometry does not decrease with radius



• Similar results are derived for cylindrical geometry in Reference 1.

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