Impact de gouttes: étalement, splashes, etc...

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General motivations

- Why drop impacts?
- Numerous contexts from everyday-life situations to industrial applications
- large spatial range: from ink-jet printers and nanojet to comets
- typical applications: raindrop, atomisation, combustion chambers...





Questions

- what controls the splashing
- what is the influence of the surrounding gas during impacts?
- important in the «late» time dynamics, corolla, droplets, etc...
- recently it has been shown to be crucial for the short time dynamics although it was usually neglected before.



0 ms

0.276 ms

0.552 ms

2.484 ms

L. Xu, W.W. Zhang and S.R. Nagel, «Drop splashing on a dry smooth surface», Phys. Rev. Lett. 94, 184505 (2005).



Thoroddsen, S. T., Etoh, T. G. & Takehara, K., 2003, «Air entrapment under and impacting drop.» J. Fluid Mech. Vol. 478, 125-134.

Also on solid surfaces.





S.T. Thoroddsen, T.G. Etoh, K. Takehara, N. Ootsuka and Y. Hatsuki, "The air bubble entrapped under a drop impacting on a solid surface", J. Fluid Mech. 545, 203-212 (2005).

Numerical simulations of drop impacts (DNS)



GERRIS hints

- 2 fluids incompressible Navier-Stokes equation with solid boundaries
- VOF method (PLIC interface reconstruction)
- Adaptive mesh refinement (quad-oct-tress, dynamical)
- multigrid Poisson solver

$$ρ(\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} + u \cdot \nabla u) = -\nabla p + μ\Delta u + σκ\delta_s n$$



Dimensionless numbers

$$Re_l = \frac{\rho_l UD}{\mu_l}$$

$$We = \frac{\rho_l U^2 D}{\gamma}$$

$$m = rac{\mu_g}{\mu_l}$$
 $r = rac{
ho_g}{
ho_l}$ $A = rac{e}{D}$

$$Re_g = \frac{\rho_g UD}{\mu_g}$$

$$St = \frac{\mu_g}{\rho_l UD} = \frac{m}{Re_l}$$













Scaling arguments

- as the drop impacts on the thin liquid sheets it decelerates:
- first because of the air cushioning
- then because of the liquid film
- finally because the liquid film is thin
- self-similar analysis at short time



At the bottom of the drop

 $r \sim \sqrt{Dz}$

So that the impact radius follows

 $r_i \sim \sqrt{DUt}$

Mass flux inside the impact region

 $\delta \dot{m} \sim \frac{\delta(2\rho_l \pi r_i^3)}{\delta t} \sim 2\pi \rho_l r_i^2 \dot{r}_i$

If this mass is transfered into a viscous jet $\delta \dot{m} \sim 2\pi \rho_l r_i e_j U_j \sim 2\pi \rho_l r_i \sqrt{\nu_l t} U_j$

$$U_j \propto \sqrt{Re_l}U$$



Validity of the scaling theory?

- condition for the jet to emerge:
- has to win against capillary effect
- has to go faster than the geometrical intersection
- the air cushioning should perturb (delay) the whole dynamics

Jet formation

 $U_j \gg v_{TC}$ $v_{TC} = \sqrt{\frac{\gamma}{\rho_l e_j}}$ $\frac{Ut}{D} \gg \frac{1}{Re_l \cdot We^2}$

 $U_j \gg \dot{r}_i$



Air cushioning

Lubrication regime

$$\frac{\partial h}{\partial t} = \frac{1}{12\mu r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left(rh^3 \frac{\partial p}{\partial r} \right)$$

 $P_{lub} \sim \frac{\mu D}{Ut^2}$

 $P_{iner} \sim \frac{\delta \dot{m} U}{\pi r_i^2} \sim \rho_l U \dot{r}_i$

 $P_{iner} \sim P_{lub} \rightarrow \frac{Ut}{D} \propto St^{2/3}$



max of Velocity at We = 500; $\rho f/\rho g = 826$; Reynolds gaz 535













St^{-2/3} t U0/D





Surrounding gas effects?

- compressibility?
- bubble entrapment
- moving contact line-air entrapment
- aerodynamical instability

- can the initial liquid-solid contact trigger the splash?
- simplified model coupling inviscid flow in the drop with lubrication equation in the gas (S. Mandre, M. Mani, and M. P. Brenner. Precursors to splashing of liquid droplets on a solid surface. Phys. Rev. Lett., 102, 2009).
- In this 2D version, a finite time singularity is observed in the no surface tension case. With surface tension, the singularity disappears and the capillary waves look as precursors of the jets.
- Problem: alone, it cannot explain the experiment!



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Model: set of equations







No surface tension: finite time singularity



Singuarity properties

- minimal air gap hmin(t) vanishes
- maximal pressure Pmax(t) diverges
- maximal curvature Kmax diverges
- Pmax and hmin are not at the same location although they merge at the singularity
- the peak moves at a constant radial velocity



Singularity: self-similar analysis

 $p(r,t) = p_0(t)P(R)$ $h(r,t) = h_0(t)H(R)$

$$\varphi(r,z,t) = \varphi_0(t)\Phi(R,Z)$$

Moving frame:

$$R = \frac{r - r_0(t)}{l(t)}$$

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 $Z = \frac{\lambda}{l(t)}$

$$\begin{aligned} (\partial\Omega) &- \frac{\varphi_0 \dot{r}_0}{l} \partial_R \Phi + \frac{1}{2} \frac{\varphi_0^2}{l^2} \nabla \Phi^2 + p_0 P = C(t), \\ (\partial\Omega) &- \frac{h_0 \dot{r}_0}{l} H' = \frac{h_0^3 p_0 (H^3 P')'}{12 \, \mathrm{St} \, l^2}, \end{aligned}$$

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2 regimes

Crossover for $h_0 \sim St^{4/3}$

 $h_0(t) \ll l(t)$

$$p_0 \sim h_0^{-1/2}$$
 and $\kappa_0 \sim {
m St}^{4/3} h_0^{-2}$

 $l(t) \ll h_0(t)$

$$p_0 \sim \mathrm{St}^{-2/3}$$
 and $\kappa_0 \sim \mathrm{St}^{8/3} h_0^{-3}$.

Effect of surface tension

- should «regularize» the singularity
- capillary waves
- does the liquid «touch» the substrate?
- viscous film pinch-off: no finite time singularity!
- liquid viscosity









Kolinski et al, 2011



Can we explain the air influence on the impact?

- lubricated gas with inviscid liquid should not be enough!
- compressibility? (Mani, Mandre & Brenner 2009,2010, 2012)
- surface forces?
- 1-rarefied gas limit?
- 2-gas inertia?