

Thesis Outline

Title

Investigation of complex liquid-gas turbulent interfacial flows : A numerical study

Introduction

Multiphase Flows

- Brief description of multiphase flows in nature
- Surface tension dominated flows

Fragmentation

- Brief description of fragmentation
- Importance of drop size distributions

Numerical Platforms

- PARIS Simulator
- Basilisk

Part A : Numerical Development

Chapter 1 : Methodology

1. Governing Equations
 - Conservative vs. Non-Conservative Formulations
 - Description of Operators
 - Evolution of phase-characteristic function
 - Material Properties
2. Interface Tracking
 - Volume-of-Fluid + PLIC reconstruction
 - Flux Computation : CIAM and WY
3. Time Marching
 - Spatio-Temporal Discretization
 - Pressure-Projection Algorithm

Chapter 2 : Artificial Atomization : The Falling Raindrop

1. Computational Setup
 - Parameterization : Reynolds, Weber, Bond
2. Exploration of Blowups
 - Combinations of Advection Scheme + Flux Limiter
3. Origin of Numerical Instabilities

- Un-physical Stagnation Pressures

Chapter 3 : Consistent Mass-Momentum Transport

1. Principles of Momentum Consistent Schemes
 - Major Iterations in Literature
 - Overview of Methods
 - Our Strategies
2. Consistent Flux Computation
 - Schematic
 - Numerical Stencils
3. Reconstruction on Staggered Cells
 - Half-Fractions Method
 - Sub-Grid Method
4. Sub-Grid Strategy
 - Consistency and Conservation
 - Restriction & Prolongation Operators
5. Summary of Methods
 - Flowchart : Half-Fractions Method
 - Flowchart : Sub-Grid Method

Chapter 4 : Numerical Benchmarks

1. Static Droplet
 - Setup
 - Decay of Spurious Currents
 - Spatial Convergence
2. Moving Droplet
 - Setup
 - Evolution of Spurious Currents
 - Spatial Convergence
 - Error Dependence : Laplace & Weber numbers
3. Capillary Wave
 - Setup
 - Comparison with Prosperetti Solution
 - Spatial Convergence
4. Falling Raindrop
 - Setup
 - Temporal Evolution : KE, Mass, MOI
 - Convergence of Velocity & Acceleration

Part B : Physics of Fragmentation

Chapter 5 : Ligament Mediated Paradigm

1. Mechanism of Drop Formation

- Disintegration of Jets & Shear Layers
- Expansion of Sheets
- Effervescent Atomization
- Drop Impacts

2. Theories of Fragmentation

- Cascade Mechanism : Log-Normal
- Corrugation-Coalescence Mechanism : Gamma

Chapter 6 : Droplet Generation in Corrugated Ligaments

1. Numerical Setup

- Platform : Basilisk
- Computational Schematic
- Random Surface Generation
- Parameterization

2. Ligament Breakup

- 3D vs 2D Axisymmetric
- Effect of Spatial Resolution
- Effect of Droplet Removal
- Effect of Corrugation Amplitude
- Effect of Ohnesorge Number
- Effect of Cut-Off Wavenumber
- Quantization of Unstable Wavenumbers

Chapter 7 : Statistics of Drop Sizes

1. Monte Carlo Approach to DNS

- Characterization of Ligament Ensembles

2. Millimeter Scale Ensembles

- Diameter Distributions
- Mass Distributions
- Equivalent Diameters
- PDF of Large Drop Sizes

3. Exploration of Parameter Space

- Bifurcation Parameter : Corrugation Amplitude
- Scaling of D/W : Function of Parameter Space
- *To be added*

Conclusions & Perspectives

Appendix

Bibliography