



#### <u>PROBLEM#15</u>

# **BLOWING BUBBLES** TEAM PAKISTAN

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## PROBLEM STATEMENT

• When blowing on a soap film in the ring, a bubble may be formed. The liquid film may pop or continue to exist. Investigate how the number of bubbles produced from a single soap film and the characteristics of the bubbles depend on the relevant parameters.





### PRELIMINARY OBSERVATIONS

#### ANALYSIS

#### THEORY

#### **EXPERIMENTAL SETUP**

#### CONCLUSION

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#### PRELIMINARY OBSERVATIONS



### Relation of concentration with number of bubbles

- Soap film is formed due to the surfactant.
- Increasing detergent concentration reduces surface tension and large number of bubbles are blown.
- Number of bubbles reaches peak around 100%concentration of detergent.
- 10% of surfactant exhibits a small number of bubbles.
- We took many concentrations and observe the number of bubbles.





#### Relation of concentration with number of bubbles





Relationship of concentration of soap film with duration of soap film

- The film formed from the solution with maximum concentration (80%surfactant and 20%water) exists for 19.5s(approx.)
- Whereas the film formed from the solution of (20% surfactant and 80% water ) exists for 6.04s(approx.)
- Similarly the solution with concentration(50% surfactant and 50%) exists for long time 22.02s (approx.)and produce maximum bubbles per second.
- On other hand the film formed from the solution of minimum concentration (1%surfactant and 99%) lasts for 5.54s(approx.)











#### Relationship of concentration of soap film with flowrate of air



• concentration of detergent — flowrate of air — Linear (flowrate of air)



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Proper surface tension is needed to produce soap bubbles

• Soap film is made from soap and water





#### Bubble is always spherical

- Surface tension is pulling the water molecules in all directions and creating net inward force
- Hydrostatic equilibrium between the internal pressure and surface tension. One of it is trying to expand spherically the other to contract spherically.



Moreover the air pressure present inside the soap bubble opposes this and equilibrium is obtained Moreover the air pressure present inside the soap bubble opposes this and equilibrium is obtained

Surface tension

## Popping of bubble



• Internal pressure increases

• Elastic membrane become thin







# Hypothesis



## **Hypothesis 1**

Soap bubbles are produced when the gas blowing velocity exceeds threshold vg (i.e. vg> vc)







Energy transport  $vg = \sqrt{8\gamma / \rho g R o}$ For  $\delta = 0$ Threshold velocity Distance between the soap film and nozzle

P= density of gas(kgm<sup>-2</sup>) $V_{g=} velocity of gas flow (m.s<sup>-1</sup>)$  $\gamma = surface tension of the solution(N\m)$  $R_{0} = radius of nozzle$ 

δ = 0





## Hypothesis 2

First bubble is generated when the radius of ring become equal to the curvature of bubble (Rc=Rg)







pressure outside



## **Hypothesis 4**

productivity(p is the number of bubbles one soap film can produced per second.



Ro= radius of the nozzle R<sup>,</sup> =radius of bubble







T=time P=number of bubbles one film can produced per second

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Characteristics to be discussed with respect to parameters:

- Size of bubbles
- Number of bubbles(productivity)
- life span of bubbles



## Parameters:

- Velocity of the gas
- Radius of the nozzle
- Distance of nozzle from the ring
- Surface tension of the solution
- Temperature of the solution
- Thickness of film



# **Experimental setup**









Number of bubbles

✓ Flowrate of gas
 ✓ Surface tension of solution
 ✓ Temperature of soap film
 ✓ Thickness of soap film



Number of bubbles

(single bubble analysis)

Control variables:

- Radius of ring : 1.6cm
- Diameter of nozzle:0.6cm
- Distance of nozzle from ring:
  δ:1.3cm
- Concentration of surfactant :50%
- Density of gas:1.225 kg/m<sup>3</sup>

Independent variables:

velocity of gas

Dependent variable : number of bubbles



Number of bubbles

### (single bubble analysis)



#### Results :

- Bubbles start forming at 10L/m
- Maximum number of bubbles are formed at 14L/m



## **Concentration and flowrate of**

<u>air</u>

### Control variables:

- Radius of ring : 1.6cm
- Diameter of nozzle:0.6cm
- Distance of nozzle from ring: δ:1.3cm
- Density of gas:1.225 kg/m<sup>3</sup>
- Analysis : number of bubbles and radius of bubbles

#### Independent variables:

- flowrate of gas
- Concentration of surfactant



Radius and Number of bubbles (Different concentrations)





## Temperature of soap film

#### Control variables:

- Radius of ring : 1.6cm
- Diameter of nozzle:0.6cm
- Distance of nozzle from ring:
  δ:1.3cm
- Flow rate of gas:16.1(L/m)
- Concentration of detergent : 50%
- Density of gas:1.225 kg/m<sup>3</sup>

#### Independent variables:

• Temperature of soap film







## Experiment 3 Number of bubbles



#### **Conclusion:**

- Cohesive forces decrease with the increase of molecular thermal activity
- ✓ Surface tension decrease when temperature increases.



## Thickness of soap film

#### Control variables:

- Radius of ring : 1.6cm
- Diameter of nozzle:0.6cm
- Distance of nozzle from ring:
  δ:1.3cm
- Density of gas:1.225 kg/m<sup>3</sup>

#### Independent variables:

• Amount of glycerin







## <u>Experiment 4</u> Thickness of soap film



#### **Conclusion:**

Higher the concentration of glycerin lower the number of bubbles



#### Size of bubbles at different flowrates

#### Control variables:

- Radius of ring : 1.6cm
- Diameter of nozzle:0.6cm
- Distance of nozzle from ring:
  δ:1.3cm
- Density of gas:1.225 kg/m<sup>3</sup>

#### Independent variables:

• Flowrate of gas







#### Size of bubbles at different flowrates





- ✓ Relationship between the concentrations of detergents and the number of bubbles produced from single soap film and the duration of soap film
- ✓ How and why the soap film is produced and the role of surface tension in bubble formation
- $\checkmark$  Concentration of detergent and its affects on flowrate of gas





Surfactant and its role in formation of bubble
 Popping of bubble







#### ✓ Discuss some hypothesis above the bubble formation





- ✓ The relationship between the velocity of jet and the pressure inside the bubble
- ✓ Characteristics of bubbles with respect to parameters
- ✓ The radius and the number of bubbles at different concentration and flowrate



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- Number of bubbles by varying the temperature of soap film
- ✓ The relation between the thickness of soap film and the number of bubbles



• Radius of bubbles on different flow rates





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| concentration | flowrate | radius | bubbles |
|---------------|----------|--------|---------|
| 100           | 19.01    | 1.1    | 25      |
| 80            | 17.79    | 1.4    | 21      |
| 60            | 16.44    | 1.7    | 19.5    |
| 40            | 15.67    | 2.3    | 12      |
| 20            | 14.03    | 2.6    | 7       |
| 10            | 13.98    | 3.1    | 4       |



## Number of bubbles

Maximum number of bubbles are formed22.01(L/m) (100% concentration)



#### **Conclusion:**

Higher the concentration greater the bubbles blown out



## **Hypothesis 5**

Duration or stability of soap bubbles(amount of time in which bubbles are produced from the film)



T=amount of time that film keep generating bubbles Vg=gas flow velocity

