THEORETICAL MODELING OF A CAVITATING MOONEY-RIVLIN MICROSHELL, 
WITH MULTIPLE SCALE ANALYSIS

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ABSTRACT
In this paper we propose a mathematical model with tensorial analysis for a single cavitating microshell bubble immersed in a Newtonian liquid, excited by an ultrasound field. We obtain a system of nonlinear differential equations Rayleigh-Plessett kind for a thin shell working as a Mooney Rivlin hyperelastic solid. Numerical solutions of the full equation are obtained, for periodic and nonperiodic oscillations, for different values of the elastic parameters. We also present a frequency analysis for the nonlinear behavior of the system by obtaining an analytical solution with the method of Multiple Scale Analysis. All of these is carried out taking into account the values of the parameters used in the Contrast Agents phenomena.

INTRODUCTION
Contrast agents used on ultrasound diagnosis, drug delivery and perforation are hollow microspheres. These can be modelled as microbubbles immersed in an infinite liquid with a gas inside, insonified by an oscillating high frequency pressure field. In recent years works are dedicated to the modelling and prediction of its behavior [1-5]. Perhaps the attempts of measurements of their mechanical properties [6], it’s difficult to identify the real nature of the substance that forms the agent [7]. Therefore we propose to consider it as a hyperelastic thin shell solid following the approximation [5], this means if the shell thickness is small compared to the radius of the bubble the whole deformation can be represented by the outside radius deformations.

In the present work we propose a mathematical model for the shell as a hyperelastic Mooney-Rivlin solid using the Rayleigh-Plessett equation. Also we give numerical solution for the time versus radius with the phase space, together with an analytical solution for the damping parameters using multiple scale perturbation analysis.

NOMENCLATURE

\[
\begin{align*}
a & \quad \text{Non dimensional outside radius} \\
a' & \quad \text{Real part in perturbation analysis} \\
A & \quad \text{Constant for the solution proposed} \\
p_l & \quad \text{Liquid pressure} \\
p_a & \quad \text{Driving pressure} \\
p_{0l} & \quad \text{Initial gas pressure inside the bubble} \\
p_{0s} & \quad \text{Non dimensional driving pressure} \\
R & \quad \text{Bubble radius} \\
r & \quad \text{Radial coordinate} \\
Re & \quad \text{Reynolds Number} \\
St & \quad \text{Strouhal Number} \\
t & \quad \text{time} \\
t_0 & \quad \text{Characteristic time} \\
T_0 & \quad \text{Time scales} \\
u' & \quad \text{Perturbation variable} \\
w_1, w_2 & \quad \text{Mooney-Rivlin Elastic first and second constants} \\
x & \quad \text{relative amplitude in perturbation analysis} \\
\alpha & \quad \text{Non dimensional Mooney-Rivlin first constant} \\
\beta & \quad \text{Non dimensional Mooney-Rivlin second constant} \\
\alpha', \beta' & \quad \text{Non dimensional Mooney-Rivlin first and second perturbation scaled constants} \\
\sigma & \quad \text{Detuning parameter} \\
\sigma_c & \quad \text{Radial stress component} \\
\sigma_{00} & \quad \text{Angular stress component} \\
\varepsilon & \quad \text{Ratio between the difference of inside and outside initial radiiuses and the initial radius of the bubble} \\
\lambda & \quad \text{Densities ratio} \\
\rho_l & \quad \text{Solid density} \\
\rho & \quad \text{Liquid density} \\
\gamma & \quad \text{Adiabatic index} \\
\xi & \quad \text{Time Scaling parameter} \\
\omega_0 & \quad \text{Dimensionless natural frequency} \\
\mu & \quad \text{Liquid viscosity} \\
\eta & \quad \text{Detune time for the solution} \\
\end{align*}
\]

Subscripts

10 & Inside initial \\
20 & Outside initial \\
g0 & Initial equilibrium

MATHEMATICAL MODEL
In the first place, for the solid shell deformations we have the Cauchy’stress equation for a spherical nonstationary symmetrical solid

\[
\frac{\partial \sigma_{rr}}{\partial r} + 2 \frac{\sigma_{rr} - \sigma_{00}}{r} = \rho \frac{\partial^2 u'}{\partial t^2} \tag{1}
\]

For the spherical deformation \( u' \) can be written

\[
u' = r - R \tag{2}
\]

The difference of the radial coordinate minus the shell radius, and writing the stress for the spherical Mooney-Rivlin stress model
\[
\sigma_{rr} - \sigma_{\theta\theta} = 2w_1 \frac{R_0^4 - R^4}{R^4} + 2w_2 \left( \frac{R^2 - r^2}{R^4} \right)
\]

(3)

With (2), substituting (3) on (1) and integrating from the inside radius \( R_1 \) to the outside radius \( R_2 \) as in [8] we get a differential equation for the difference between the outside and inside stresses of the shell

\[
\sigma_{rr} (r = R_2) - \sigma_{rr} (r = R_1) =
\]

\[
\rho_2 \left[ -R_2 \frac{d^2 R_2}{dt^2} + \frac{3}{2} \left( \frac{dR_2}{dt} \right)^2 \right] - \frac{2R_2^2}{R_2^4} \left( 4 \frac{R_2^2}{R_1^2} - 4 \frac{R_2}{R_1} \right) + w_1 \left( \frac{R_2^4}{R_1^4} + \frac{4R_2^2}{R_2^4} - 4 \frac{R_2}{R_1} \right) + w_2 \left( 2 \frac{R_2^2}{R_2^4} - 2 \frac{R_2^2}{R_1^4} + 4 \frac{R_2}{R_2^2} + 4 \frac{R_2}{R_1} \right) \]

(4)

The Rayleigh-Plesset equation for a single bubble immersed in a liquid, in this case it is assumed valid from the surface of the bubble \( R_2 \) to infinite along the radial direction

\[
\rho_2 \left[ \frac{d^2 R_2}{dt^2} + \frac{3}{2} \left( \frac{dR_2}{dt} \right)^2 \right] = p_1 (R_2) - p_\infty
\]

(5)

Equations (4) and (5), must be coupled, in (4) we have the shell motions, in (5) we have the liquid motions surrounding the shell. The coupling comes from a balance of stresses of both substances. On the outer surface we have the balance of stresses, one the radial stress of the solid and on the other side the pressure and the viscous stress in the liquid such as

\[
p_1 (R_2) + 4 \frac{\mu}{R_2} \frac{dR_2}{dt} = -\sigma_{rr} (r = R_2)
\]

(6)

On the inside we have the bubble filled with gas that obeys the adiabatic ideal gas law for compression. For this case the solid stress at the inner surface balances with the pressure of the gas.

\[
\sigma_{rr} (r = R_1) = -p_\infty \left( \frac{R_1}{R_2} \right)^{3y}
\]

(7)

On substituting (7) and (6) in (4) and adding it to (5) we get an equation for the shell on the outside surrounded by a liquid and on the inside filled with an adiabatic ideal gas. Eq. (8) is a general modified Rayleigh-Plesset equation including the Mooney-Rivlin hyperelastic model.

In the first two terms in the left we find the ratio of densities \( \lambda, \) for all values different from zero both shell and liquid move simultaneously, being these the inertial effects. The third term is the Newtonian viscous effect. On the right hand we find the pressure inside the bubble, the pressure in the bulk liquid and the stresses generated from the hyperelastic deformation, from the inside and outside surfaces of the bubble.

\[
R_2 \frac{d^2 R_2}{dt^2} \left[ 1 - \lambda \left( 1 - \frac{R_2}{R_1} \right) \right] + \\
\left( \frac{dR_2}{dt} \right)^2 \frac{3}{2} \left( \frac{3}{2} - 2 \frac{R_2}{R_1} + \frac{1}{2} \frac{R_2}{R_1} \right) + \\
4 \frac{\mu}{\rho R_2} \frac{dR_2}{dt} = p_{\infty} \left( \frac{R_1}{R_2} \right)^{3y} - \frac{p_\infty}{\rho}
\]

(8)

This equation can be simplified with the thin layer approximation [5] with the aid of

\[
R_1 = R_2 \left[ 1 - \left( \frac{3 \varepsilon}{1 + \varepsilon} \right) \left( \frac{R_{20}^3}{R_2^3} \right)^{\frac{1}{3}} \right]
\]

(9)

Where

\[
\frac{R_{20} - R_{10}}{R_{10}} = \varepsilon
\]

(10)

When \( \varepsilon \to 0 \) the thin shell approximation is reached and for \( \varepsilon = 0 \) we recover the original R-P equation.

In order to obtain the control parameters we introduce the following nondimensional variables

\[
a = \frac{R_c}{R_2}; \tau = \frac{t}{t_c} \]

And taking into account

\[
t_c = \left( \frac{\rho_1 R_{20}^2}{p_{g0}} \right)^{1/2} \]

\[
a = \frac{w_1 t_c^2}{\rho R_{20}^2}; \beta = \frac{w_2 t_c^2}{\rho R_{20}^2}; P_A = \frac{P_A}{p_{g0}}; S_t = \omega t_c
\]

\[
Re = \frac{\sqrt{\rho_1 p_{g0} R_{20}^2}}{\mu_0}
\]

Eq. (8) can be rewritten as
Linearizing again with respect to \( \varepsilon \), eliminating terms of \( O(\varepsilon^3) \) and making the product \( \lambda \varepsilon \) tend to zero the final equation is

\[
a\dddot{a} + \frac{3}{2} \alpha^2 + \frac{4}{3 \text{Re}} \frac{\dot{a}}{a} \left( 1 - \frac{4 \varepsilon}{a^3} \left( \frac{a'}{a} - \frac{1}{a} \right) - \frac{4 \varepsilon}{a^3} \left( \frac{a'}{a} - \frac{1}{a} \right) \right) - \frac{1}{4 \text{Re}} \text{cos}(St\tau) \]

(13)

The relevance of (13) is that the elastic parameters are scaled by \( \varepsilon \) the thin shell parameter, giving a balance of terms for the whole equation.

To close the model the initial conditions are

\[
a(0) = 1 \\
\dot{a}(0) = 0
\]

(14)

**PERTURBATION ANALYSIS**

There are many works that had used a perturbation analysis for the R-P equation, to get equations for small amplitude driving pressure and small oscillations around the equilibrium radius [2,9-10]. The objective of the present analysis is to get the natural frequency for the primary resonances and a steady state solution for the frequency dependent amplitude response for the shell. In this case the multiple physical events that a nonlinear oscillation can exhibit for different times, suggests that a multiple scale analysis is suitable for this. Formally speaking, “only methods that yield a nonuniform expansion can be used for nonlinear oscillations” [11].

Expanding the equilibrium radius in terms of a relative amplitude \( x \)

\[
a = 1 + \xi x
\]

(15)

Where \( \xi \) is a small parameter, taking (15) to (13) and expanding in powers of \( x \) up to the third order (cubic terms)

\[
\dddot{x} + \frac{3}{2} \dddot{\xi} \left( 1 - \xi^2 x + 3 (\xi^3) \right)^2 \xi + \frac{4}{3 \text{Re}} \left( 1 - \dddot{x} - 3 (\dddot{x}) - 4 (\dddot{x})^3 \right)
\]

\[
= \frac{1}{5} \left( 1 - (3\xi + 1) + \frac{1}{3} (\xi + 1) \right) \left[ (\xi + 1)^2 \left( \xi + 1 \right) + \frac{1}{3} \left( 3\xi + 1 \right) + \frac{1}{6} \left( 3\xi + 1 \right) \right] - \frac{4}{\xi} \left( 1 - 2\xi x + 3 (\xi^2) + 4 (\xi^3) \right)
\]

\[
= \frac{4}{\xi} \left( 1 - 2\xi x + 3 (\xi^2) + 4 (\xi^3) \right)
\]

(16)

The MS method [11] requires that the equation should be balanced so that the damping terms, the forcing and the dissipative terms must be in the same scale order, so the variables should take the following scales

\[
p_A = \frac{\xi^2 f}{\text{Re}}; x = \frac{u}{\xi}; \frac{\xi^2}{\text{Re}} \rightarrow 1
\]

For starting the MS method, the following expansions in time and derivatives should take the form
\[ u = u_0(T_0, T_1, T_2) + \xi u_1(T_0, T_1, T_2) + \xi^2 u_2(T_0, T_1, T_2) \]
\[ T_n = \varepsilon^n \tau, n = 0, 1,... \]
\[ \frac{d}{d\tau} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \varepsilon^n D_n, D_n = \frac{\partial}{\partial T_n} \]

Substituting (16) in (15) and equating powers of chi
\[ D_0^2 u_0 + \omega_0^2 u_0 = 0 \]  \hspace{0.5cm} (18)

The zeroth order with the natural frequency
\[ \omega_0^2 = 3\gamma + 24(\alpha^* + \beta^*) \]  \hspace{0.5cm} (19)

First and second order
\[ D_0^2 u_1 + \omega_0^2 u_1 = -2D_0D_1 u_0 - \frac{3}{2}(D_1^2 u_0)^2 + \]
\[ u_0^2 \left[ \frac{9\gamma^2 + 9\gamma + 2}{2} + 132\alpha^* + 64\beta^* - 1 \right] \]  \hspace{0.5cm} (20)

\[ D_0^2 u_2 + \omega_0^2 u_2 = -2D_0D_1 u_2 - (D_1^2 + 2D_0D_2) u_0 - \]
\[ 3(D_0u_0)(D_1u_0) - 3(D_1u_0)(D_0u_0) + \frac{3}{2}(D_1u_0)^2 u_0 - \frac{1}{Re}(D_1u_0) + \]
\[ 2u_0^2 \left[ (3\gamma + 1)(3\gamma + 2) + \frac{1}{2}(264\alpha^* + 168\beta^* - 2) \right] - \]
\[ -u_0^3 \left[ (3\gamma + 1) \left( 1 + \frac{3}{4}(3\gamma + 1) \left( 1 + \frac{17}{2}(3\gamma + 1) \right) \right) + \right. \]
\[ 464\alpha^* + 224\beta^* + 1 \]
\[ f \cos \left( \omega_0 T_0 + \sigma_0^2 \sigma \right) \]  \hspace{0.5cm} (21)

Where the time scale can be defined as the natural frequency with a small detune
\[ St = \omega_0 + \xi^2 \sigma \]

Proposing a complex solution derived from the homogeneous equation (17)
\[ u_0 = A(T_1, T_2) e^{i\alpha T_0} + c.c. \]  \hspace{0.5cm} (22)

Where c.c is the complex conjugate

Substituting (22) in (20), the equation can show the secular term which is
\[ -2D_0 A e^{i\alpha T_0} = 0 \]  \hspace{0.5cm} (23)

In general A is function of the two time scales but (23) shows that
\[ A = f(T_2) \]

For the next order the solution is proposed as
\[ u_1 = c_1 A^2 e^{2i\alpha T_0} + c_2 A\tilde{A} + c.c. \]  \hspace{0.5cm} (24)

and the constants can be evaluated as
\[ c_1 = -\frac{1}{3\alpha_0^2} \left[ \frac{9\gamma^2 + 9\gamma + 2}{2} + 132\alpha^* + 64\beta^* + \frac{1}{2} \right] \]
\[ c_2 = \frac{2}{\alpha_0^2} \left[ \frac{9\gamma^2 + 9\gamma + 2}{2} + 132\alpha^* + 64\beta^* - \frac{5}{2} \right] \]  \hspace{0.5cm} (25)

Applying to the second order equation the same criteria for obtaining the secular terms and proposing a solution for A
\[ A = \frac{a(T_2)}{2} e^{i\eta T_2} \]  \hspace{0.5cm} (26)

The secular terms equalled to zero gives one equation that can be separated into its real and imaginary parts
\[ \alpha_0 a \frac{\partial \eta}{\partial T_2} + \]
\[ \left[ \frac{3 + (c_1 + c_2)}{8} \left( 2(3\gamma + 1)(3\gamma + 2) + (264\alpha^* + 168\beta^* - 2) \right) \right] - \]
\[ \left[ \frac{1}{8} \left( 3\gamma + 1 \right) \left( 1 + \frac{3}{4}(3\gamma + 1) \left( 1 + \frac{17}{2}(3\gamma + 1) \right) \right) + \right. \]
\[ 464\alpha^* + 224\beta^* + 1 \]
\[ + \frac{1}{2} f \cos \eta = 0 \]  \hspace{0.5cm} (27)

\[ -\alpha_0 a \frac{\partial a}{\partial T_2} - \frac{2}{Re} \omega_0 a + \frac{1}{2} f \sin \eta = 0 \]  \hspace{0.5cm} (28)

\[ \eta = \sigma T_2 - \eta \]

To get the steady state response the partial derivatives of the equations are set to zero and combining (28) and (27) yields

\[ \frac{f^2}{4\alpha_0^2} = \frac{\sigma a + \frac{1}{8} a^2}{2} \left[ \left( 3 + (c_1 + c_2) \right) \left( 2(3\gamma + 1)(3\gamma + 2) + (264\alpha^* + 168\beta^* - 2) \right) \right] - \]
\[ \left[ \frac{3 + (c_1 + c_2)}{8} \left( 3\gamma + 1 \right) \left( 1 + \frac{3}{4}(3\gamma + 1) \left( 1 + \frac{17}{2}(3\gamma + 1) \right) \right) + 464\alpha^* + 224\beta^* + 1 \right] \]
\[ + \frac{4}{Re^2} a^2 \]  \hspace{0.5cm} (30)

**NUMERICAL SOLUTION**

Equation (13) is solved with a Runge Kutta 4th order method in INTEL Fortran. The representative values for the problem of contrast agents can be found in [5-7], for 117 < \bar{P}_A < 430MPa, 10 < \bar{w}_1 < 120MPa, 5 < \bar{w}_2 < 80MPa, R_0=4\mu m, \gamma=1.4,
$\rho = 1000 \text{kg/m}^3$, $\omega = 3 \text{MHz}$, $\varepsilon = 0.05$ and $p_0 = 100 \text{kPa}$. These values are for water and air in liquid and gas sides and the hyperelastic constants for the solid shell.

In fig. 1 dimensionless radius versus dimensionless time, for three different pairs of hyperelastic constants, starts with an irregular oscillations making a transitory regime until regular oscillations are reached. This is confirmed in Fig. 2 a limit cycle appears in an ellipsoid form and suggests that this will continue until a steady mode is reached. The other cases are very similar. In fig. the influence of Reynolds Number for Reynolds 4 it shows a little transient at the beginning, stabilizing with very regular oscillations, these are smaller in amplitude compared with the 40 and 400 case, that in both cases the amplitude is almost the same and the oscillation is regular but with many harmonics. The small Reynolds is a damping and stabilizing parameter.

Figs. 4, 5 and 6 show the numerical solution for eq. 30 these are the frequency response curves. Fig. 4 shows the influence of the hyperelastic parameters. This chart seems to contradict Fig. 1, the biggest the hyperelastic parameters the smallest the spike, this seems to happen because the fast response of the material to the forcing, just in this small restricted domain of small amplitude oscillations the material responds very fast.

Fig. 5 shows the influence of the Reynolds number with fixated hyperelastic parameters and the same forcing amplitude, in this case the Reynolds damps the spike. For Fig. 6 it is clear the influence of the forcing parameter $f$, the smallest is the smallest the spike.
TRENDS AND RESULTS
In the curves presented here the collapse was not found for the amplitudes exemplified, for higher amplitudes a sudden collapse might be found strongly dependent on the Reynolds number and not in the hyperelastic constants, in a previous work this is what happened.

For the multiple scale analysis the natural frequency and frequency response curves are clearly dependant on the hyperelastic parameters. In the process it was found that the damping influence only appeared at the third power of the expanded variable $u$ taking the problem to the second order.

CONCLUSION
The numerical results of figs. 1-3 indicate that there is not going to be a sudden collapse on the contrary the oscillations will stabilize as the limit cycle shows, although fig. 3 shows a harmonic transient, this tends to stability. The amplitude of the oscillations are of the same order comparing with low Reynolds number and low values of the hyperelastic parameters, however with a stronger material the amplitude is significantly reduced and even with an increment of one order of magnitude in the parameters the amplitude seem to keep the same value. For sure it is needed to explore more examples in order to find the collapse.

The frequency response curves show that this model can be stable and oscillatory stable, and the tendency will be towards no resonance. The hyperelastic parameters show more damping and more deviation from the middle point compared with the Reynolds damping.

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