## CAVITATION – Fall 2024

# **Learning Objectives**

- Define the cavitation phenomenon:
  - Incipience, types, effects, ...
  - Importance of cavitation nuclei tensile strength of water
  - Express the cavitation occurrence in a flowing liquid in a non-dimensional way

    Draw typical Cp curves on suction and pressure sides of a foil and discuss cavitation occurrence
- Static equilibrium of a gas bubble within a liquid (Blake/Laplace equation)
  - Critical pressure and critical bubble radius
  - Comment the case of nanobubbles and their stability
  - Solubility of gases in a liquid (Henry's law)
- Dynamics of a spherical cavitation bubble in an infinite liquid volume:
  - Establish Rayleigh and Rayleigh-Plesset equations with a careful list of hypotheses
  - Propose a way to solve the Rayleigh-Plesset equation (bubble radius vs time)
- Collapse of a spherical bubble in infinite liquid volume:
  - Express the collapse time (Rayleigh time) Hypotheses ?
  - Discuss the role of viscosity, surface tension and non condensable gas
  - Establish the pressure field in the liquid phase during the collapse of a spherical bubble
- Dynamics of a cylindrical cavitation bubble (2D)



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- Describe the collapse of a cavitation bubble in a non-uniform pressure field:
  - Case of gravity induced pressure gradient
  - Bubble collapse near a solid surface
  - Bubble collapse near a free surface
  - Bubble collapse inside a confined liquid volume (liquid drop, liquid jet)
- Describe the luminescence phenomenon
- Experimental setup to generate cavitation bubbles in a controlled manner
  - Describe the technique using a pulsed laser and relevant instrumentation to investigate the bubble dynamics and related physical phenomena
- Cavitation in flowing liquids: Leading edge cavitation
  - Describe the cavitation development on a hydrofoil
    - Discuss the transition form sheet to cloud cavitation
  - Estimation of the length of leading edge cavity using Rayleigh-Plesset equation (see exercise)



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- Cavitation in vortices
  - The case of Karman vortices in the wake of a hydrofoil
    - Describe the alternate shedding of vortices in the wake of a bluff body
    - Effect of cavitation on shedding frequency (Strouhal number)
  - Tip vortex cavitation:
    - Establish the velocity and pressure fields in a vortex, using simple models (e.g. Rankine)
    - Discuss cavitation risk in a vortex flow
    - Describe the particular role of gas content on cavitation incipience and desinence
    - Propose mitigation techniques to prevent tip vortex cavitation in hydraulic machines

