TPA 15: BUBBLE INTERACTION

Introduction

Bubbles and foams are important features of liquid surface phenomena, but they are difficult to animate due to their thin films and complex interactions in the real world. In particular, small bubbles (having diameter < 1cm) in a dense foam are highly affected by surface tension, so their shapes are much less deformable compared with larger bubbles.

Objective:

Use particle-based algorithm to simulate bubble dynamics and interactions.

Input:

Liquid density, viscosity (surface tension), bubble volume and velocity and lighting.

Output:

Animation showing

Sparse bubble formation and bursting

the interaction (merging, splitting) of bubbles due to fluid movement (within fluid, on the top of the surface).

References:

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