Nozzle R&D for a 20-m/s, 1-cm-diameter Mercury Jet

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Mercury Jet Parameters

- Diameter $d = 1$ cm.
- Velocity $v = 20$ m/s.
- The volume flow rate of mercury in the jet is

Flow Rate =
$$
vA = 2000 \text{ cm/s} \cdot \frac{\pi}{4}d^2 = 1571 \text{ cm}^3/\text{s} = 1.57 \text{ l/s} = 0.412 \text{ gallon/s}
$$

= 94.2 $\text{l/min} = 24.7 \text{ gpm.}$ (1)

• The power in the jet (associated with its kinetic energy) is

Power =
$$
\frac{1}{2}\rho \cdot \textbf{Flow Rate} \cdot v^2 = \frac{13.6 \times 10^3}{2} \cdot 0.00157 \cdot (20)^2 = 4270 \text{ W} = 5.73 \text{ hp.}
$$
 (2)

• To produce the 20-m/s jet into air/vacuum out of a nozzle requires a pressure

Pressure =
$$
\frac{1}{2}\rho v^2 = 27.2
$$
 atm = 410 psi, (3)

IF no dissipation of energy.

• The mercury jet flow is turbulent: the viscosity is $\mu_{\text{Hg}} = 1.5 \text{ cP}$ (kinematic viscosity $\eta = \mu/\rho = 0.0011$ cm²/s), so the Reynolds number is

$$
\mathcal{R} = \frac{\rho dv}{\mu} = \frac{dv}{\eta} = 1.8 \times 10^6. \tag{4}
$$

• The surface tension of mercury is $\tau = 465$ dyne/cm (water = 73), \Rightarrow

Weber number, $W =$ ρdv^2 τ $= 115,000,$ Ohnesorge number, $\mathcal{O} =$ ρdv^2 τ $= 0.015.$ (5)

• The electrical conductivity of mercury is $\sigma_{\text{Hg}} = \sigma_{\text{Cu}}/60 = 9 \times 10^{15} \text{ s}^{-1}$, \Rightarrow

Hartmann number,
$$
\mathcal{M} = \frac{B_{\perp}d}{c} \sqrt{\frac{\sigma}{\eta \rho}} = 270
$$
, assuming $B_{\perp} = 10,000$ G,

Magnetic Reynolds number,
$$
\mathcal{R}_M = \frac{\sigma v d}{c^2} = 0.02.
$$
 (6)

Mercury Jet + Proton Beam + 15-T Solenoid Magnet

The centers of the mercury jet, the proton beam and the magnet should coincide.

The nozzle should be about 45 cm upstream of the center of the 15-cm-bore magnet. Mercury jet comes up from below the proton beam at about 33 mrad.

The top of the nozzle must be at least 5 mm below the proton beam. KIRK T. MCDONALD MERIT COLLABORATION MEETING, MIT, OCT. 19, 2005

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Mercury Jet Issues

Topics that can be studied without magnetic field:

- Choice of nozzle shape to keep jet together over 60 cm when $B = 0$.
- Attach the nozzle to a plenum (buffer volume)?
- Effect of gas pressure on jet stability.
- Possible backsplash of mercury by the downstream deflector.

Topics that can be only be studied with magnetic field:

- Effect of magnetic field on mercury delivery to the nozzle.
- Distortion of mercury jet by the magnetic field.

 \Rightarrow Final configuration of mercury jet can be chosen only after the systems tests at MIT in 2006.

Prior to that, nozzle R&D in zero magnetic field is underway at Princeton.

Some Nozzle Lore

From M.J. McCarthy and N.A. Molloy, Review of Stability of Liquid Jets and the Influence of Nozzle Design, Chem. Eng. J. 7, 1 (1974),

http://puhep1.princeton.edu/~mcdonald/examples/fluids/mccarthy_cej_7_1_74.pdf

By Ohnesorge's criterion, we are in a regime where the jet will break up into fine droplets (atomization), rather than into beads.

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achieve a length L before breakup of $L \approx 8 d \sqrt[3]{W} = 370$ cm (290 cm for a water jet).

However, advice on nozzle design is not very definitive.

It seems good precede the nozzle by a larger inlet tube.

It may be better to have only a very short length at the final diameter of the nozzle.

Should the transition from a large-diameter inlet to a small-diameter nozzle be abrupt or gradual?

The Best Nozzle is No Nozzle(?)

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Reservoir at pressure P with small aperture:

$$
v_{\text{reservoir}} \approx 0, \qquad v_{\text{jet}} \approx \sqrt{\frac{P}{\rho}}
$$

Jet emerges perpendicular to the plane of the aperture.

Reservoir + short nozzle:

No reservoir, just a straight tube.

 $v_{\text{jet}} = v_{\text{tube}}$:

Most nozzle R&D is concerned with making a jet break up quickly and uniformly (atomization), rather than with preserving the jet.

Conservation of Energy vs. $\mathbf{F} = d\mathbf{P}/dt$ at a Contraction? (Borda, 1766)

Incompressible fluid $\Rightarrow V_1A_1 = V_2A_2$.

 $A_2 \ll A_1 \Rightarrow V_1 \ll V_2$.

Conservation of Energy \Rightarrow Bernoulli's Law: $\overline{1}$ 11.1

$$
P_1 + \frac{1}{2}\rho V_1^2 = P_2 + \frac{1}{2}\rho V_2^2.
$$

$$
V_1 \ll V_2 \Rightarrow V_2^2 \approx 2\frac{P_1 - P_2}{\rho}.
$$

Argument does not depend on the area.

 $\mathbf{F} = d\mathbf{P}/dt$: Mass flux = ρVA . Momentum flux = $\rho V^2 A$.

Net momentum flux = $\rho(V_2^2A_2 - V_1^2A_1)$ $= \rho V_2 A_2 (V_2 - V_1) \approx \rho V_2^2 A_2.$

Force $\approx (P_1 - P_2)A_2$.

$$
\mathbf{F} = \frac{d\mathbf{P}}{dt} \Rightarrow \qquad V_2^2 \approx \frac{P_1 - P_2}{\rho}.
$$

Consistency \Rightarrow dissipative loss of energy, OR jet pulls away from the wall and contracts.

$$
P_1
$$
, A_1 , V_1
 P_2 , A_2 , V_2

Vena Contracta

Cavitation can be induced by a sharp-edged aperture.

A jet emerging from a small aperture in a reservoir contracts in area:

$$
A_{\text{jet}} = \frac{\pi}{\pi + 2} A_{\text{aperture}} = 0.62 A_{\text{aperture}}
$$

$$
d_{\text{jet}} = 0.78 \ d_{\text{aperture}}
$$

2-d potential flow (conservation of energy) \Rightarrow analytic form:

$$
x = \frac{2d}{\pi + 2} (\tanh^{-1} \cos \theta - \cos \theta), \qquad y = d - \frac{2d}{\pi + 2} (1 + \sin \theta),
$$

$$
\theta = \text{angle of streamline}, \qquad -\frac{\pi}{2} < \theta < 0.
$$

 90% of contraction occurs for $x < 0.8d$.

Good agreement between theory and experiment.

Dissipation and Cavitation Predicted by Fluid Dynamics Codes

(Mark Wendel, ORNL)

400 psi pressure drop predicted in vicinity of nozzle due to internal dissipation of energy.

Cavitation predicted at entrance to nozzle if hard edged.

 \Rightarrow Should not use a sharp transition to a nozzle of nonzero length.

Nozzle Test Mercury Loop

Mercury loop with horizontal jet viewable for $30''$ in a Lexan channel.

Lexan outer containment vessel sitting in a stainless-steel pan.

Mercury reservoir, 6" long, 5.5" diameter, with replaceable nozzle plate.

Nozzle Plate

The aperture in the nozzle plate is tilted by 35 mrad with respect to the axis of the mercury reservoir.

Nozzle plates will be built with the aperture offset from the center, with a dummy proton beam pipe, and/or a short tube-type nozzle.

Nozzle Test Components

Corcoran Centrifugal Pump

After a search for mercury-compatible commercial pumps that could meet the above requirements, we purchased a 4000 Series, Model D-DH2(AA) centrifugal pump from R.S. Corcoran, powered by a 20-hp, 480 V motor from Baldor.

FastCamera13

- Uses Micron Imaging's MI-MV13 sensor.
- 1280 x 1024 x 8 bits.
- 15.36 mm \times 12.29 mm active area.
- 12- μ m square active pixels.
- 40% Fill Factor.
- 100 rows in frame: 5,000 frames/sec.
- 256 rows in frame: 2,000 frames/sec.
- 512 rows in frame: 1,000 frames/sec.
- 1,024 rows in frame: 500 frames/sec.
- Fast trigger via TTL signal.
- Onboard memory of 512 MB, $\Rightarrow \approx 400$ full frames.
- $Cost = $8k$.
- USB2.0 readout to PC.

Lessons So Far (from Water Jets)

- Can make jets of $v = 12$ m/s with present setup.
- Jet quality is good (but should be better).
- Have tested "no nozzle" and "mini-firehose" nozzle.
- Original rectangular viewing region did not hold vacuum, \Rightarrow Replace with cylindrical viewing region.
- Air trapped is trapped in plenum, \Rightarrow Operate at vacuum, or use small "bleeder" port at top of plenum.
- Corrugated flexible hose leads to cavitation in return line, \Rightarrow Replace by smooth, flexible hose.

Next Steps

- Repeat measurements with improved plumbing.
- Study effects of gas pressure.
- Study configuration without plenum.
- Switch to mercury to confirm performance of best nozzle.