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Singular jets from the collapse of craters at a pool surface¹

YUANSI TIAN, SIGURDUR THORODDSEN, KAUST — The collapse of drop-impact craters can generate a fast singular jet from a dimple which forms at its bottom. A finite-time singularity in the bottom curvature of the crater has in the past been considered as the cause of this singular jet. Self-similar capillary-inertial solutions predict that the radius of the cavity will collapse with time, as R to t of the power $2/3$. However, Thoroddsen et al.[1] used a high-speed camera to demonstrate that the final collapse has a power-law closer to a purely inertial collapse, with R to t of the power $1/2$. They also observed no curvature singularity. Herein, we use two synchronized high-speed cameras to study the dimple collapse, at even higher time resolution. One is an ultra-fast camera, capable of up to 5 Mfps, which tracks the crater collapse. The second high-speed camera captures the corresponding speed of the singular jet, at up to 400 kfps. The experiment is performed inside a vacuum chamber to control the ambient pressure. The fastest velocity of singular jets is found to be around 130 m/s and occurs at reduced pressure without crater pinch-off. REFERENCES: 1. Thoroddsen S. T., Takehara K., Nguyen H. D. and Etoh T. G. ‘Singular jets during the collapse of drop-impact craters’, *Journal of Fluid Mechanics*, 2018, 848, R3.

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