

## Changes in the area and composition of the surface of cavitation bubbles in liquid aluminum under acoustic influence

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*Total surface area of liquid aluminium is calculated from average radius of cavitation bubbles at different cavitation index values. At the same time, it was found that the total surface area increases with a decrease in the radius of cavitation bubbles, and at certain parameters it can reach  $0.4 \text{ m}^2$ . The total number of atoms on the surface of cavitation bubbles from the radius of  $1 \text{ cm}^3$  of liquid aluminum was estimated. The number of impurity atoms was also calculated for each impurity separately and their total amount on the surface of cavitation bubbles depending on their radius for liquid aluminum of grade A4N6 (aluminum content 99.996 %) with a volume of  $1 \text{ cm}^3$ . For example, with a cavitation index of 0.3 and a radius of cavitation bubbles of  $10 \text{ }\mu\text{m}$ , the number of atoms on the surface is  $\sim 10^{20} \text{ at/cm}^2$ , and the total number of impurity atoms reaches  $\sim 10^{16} \text{ at/cm}^2$ . Thermodynamic calculation of interfacial layer composition was carried out and it was revealed that surface-active impurities for aluminium are silicon, magnesium and zinc. Time dependencies of average diffusion coefficient for hydrogen and magnesium in liquid aluminium at different frequencies of acoustic impact on melt and indices of cavitation are presented. The average diffusion coefficient is shown to increase with increasing cavitation index.*

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