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On a cavitation model including bubbles in thin film lubrication

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Abstract: In lubrication problems, cavitation is considered as a fundamental element to correctly describe the characteristics of the thin fluid flow.

We consider here a cavitation model consisting of a coupled problem between the Reynolds partial differential equation (that describes the flow) and the Rayleigh-Plesset equation (that describes micro-bubbles evolution). We study the well-posedness of this coupled problem and the existence and stability of stationary solutions.