### **Drop deformation and breakup in laminar shear flow**

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# Background

#### Liquid-liquid biphasic systems

-Examples: emulsions, polymer blends, water-in-water biopolymer mixtures
-In many cases system microstructure is characterized by droplets in a continuous phase



Applications: detergents, personal care, food products, oil recovery

#### Flow-induced microstructure evolution

-Processing (e.g., mixing)-Final product properties and usage



# Background

Two main mechanisms governing microstructure dynamics under flow
 Droplet collision and coalescence



-Droplet deformation and breakup (this presentation)





# Topics

#### Drop deformation and breakup in simple shear flow

-Isolated droplets -No interfacial agents -Immiscible, Newtonian fluids -Laminar flow. However, results still apply in turbulent flow when eddies size is larger than droplet diameter (viscous turbulence) Vankova N, Tcholakova S, Denkov ND, Ivanov IB, Vulchev VD, Danner Th. J Colloid Interface Sci, 312, 363 (2007)

- Non-Newtonian effects
- Wall effects
- Effect of concentration



### Reviews

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# **Drop shape at small deformations**

View along vorticity (video)





Example: drop of polydimethylsiloxane in polyisobutilene



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## **Small deformation theory**

#### Newtonian case - Taylor, Chaffey-Brenner, Greco

Relevant physical quantities

- $\eta_c$  viscosity of continuous phase
- $\eta_d$  viscosity of drop phase
- $\dot{\gamma}$  shear rate
- $r_0$  drop radius at rest
- $\sigma$  interfacial tension

Nondimensional numbers

$$Ca = \frac{\eta_c r_0 \dot{\gamma}}{\sigma} \quad Capillary number \quad Can\lambda = \frac{\eta_d}{\eta_c} \quad Viscosity ratio$$

 $\tau_{\sigma}$ 

edictions 
$$\begin{cases} \frac{r_{MAX}}{r_0} = 1 + f_1(\lambda)Ca + f_2(\lambda)Ca^2 & \varphi = \frac{\pi}{4} + \frac{(19\lambda + 16)(2\lambda + 3)}{80(1 + \lambda)}Ca \\ \frac{r_{MIN}}{r_0} = 1 - f_1(\lambda)Ca + f_2(\lambda)Ca^2 & D = \frac{r_{MAX} - r_{MIN}}{r_{MAX} + r_{MIN}} = \frac{19\lambda + 16}{16\lambda + 16}Ca \end{cases}$$

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 $D \equiv Deformation parameter$ 





### **Ellipsoidal models**

#### **Maffettone-Minale model**

$$\frac{d\mathbf{S}}{dt} - \operatorname{Ca}\left(\mathbf{\Omega} \cdot \mathbf{S} - \mathbf{S} \cdot \mathbf{\Omega}\right) = -f_1^{MM} \left[\mathbf{S} - g\left(\mathbf{S}\right)\mathbf{I}\right] + f_2^{MM} \operatorname{Ca}\left(\mathbf{D} \cdot \mathbf{S} + \mathbf{S} \cdot \mathbf{D}\right)$$

$$f_1^{\text{MM}} = \frac{40(1+\lambda)}{(3+2\lambda)(16+19\lambda)};$$
  
$$f_2^{\text{MM}} = \frac{5}{3+2\lambda} + \frac{3\text{Ca}^2}{2+6\text{Ca}^{2+\delta}} \frac{1}{1+\varepsilon\lambda^2},$$

 $f_i$  functions chosen to recover Taylor's small deformation limits

Maffettone PL, Minale M, *J Non-Newton Fluid Mech*, **78**, 227–241 (1998)

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Ellipsoidal droplet described by a second order, positive-definite, symmetric tensor **S** 

 $\mathbf{\Omega} = 1/2 \ \nabla \mathbf{v} - \nabla \mathbf{v}^{\mathrm{T}}$  and  $\mathbf{D} = 1/2 \ \nabla \mathbf{v} + \nabla \mathbf{v}^{\mathrm{T}}$ , where  $\nabla \mathbf{v}$  is the velocity gradient tensor

 $g(\mathbf{S}) = 3III_S/II_S$ , where  $III_S$  and  $II_S$  are the third and the second scalar invariant of  $\mathbf{S}$  (to preserve droplet volume)





### **Interfacial tension measurement**

#### FROM STEADY STATE SHAPE





### **Interfacial tension measurement**

#### FROM DROP RETRACTION











$$D = D_0 \exp\left(-\frac{40(\lambda+1)}{(2\lambda+3)(19\lambda+16)}\tau\right)$$

 $\tau = t\sigma/(\eta_c R_0)$ 

#### Overall data

Method	σ (mN/m)
Steady state D, Taylor	$2.54 \pm 0.07$
Steady state angle, Chaffey-Brenner	$2.62 \pm 0.07$
Retraction, Rallison	$2.58 \pm 0.06$

Luciani A, Champagne M F and Utracki L A, *J. Polym. Sci. Phys. Ed.*, **35**, 1393-1403 (1997). Guido S and Villone M, J. *Colloid Interface Sci.*, **209**, 247-250 (1999).



#### Water-in-water biopolymer mixtures







Cohen A and Carriere C J, *Rheol. Acta*, **28**. 223-232 (1989)



Yamane H, Takahashi M, Hayashi R, Okamoto K, Kashihara H and Masuda T, *J. Rheol.*, **42**, 567-580 (1998)

#### **Droplet retraction after a step strain**

 $\varepsilon = \ln(L/2r_0)$ 



FE flat ellipsoid, C spherocylinder, E prolate ellipsoid, S sphere

Assighaou S and Benyahia L, Rheol Acta, 49, 677-686 (2010)



# **Drop breakup in shear flow**

• Upon increasing Ca, a critical condition  $(Ca_{cr})$  is reached where drop shape becomes unstable (video)





# Drop breakup in shear flow

# $\lambda << 1$



# **Tip streaming**

Drop: Na-caseinate rich phase Matrix: Na-alginate rich phase



# **Drop breakup in shear flow**



Grace H P, *Chem. Eng. Commun.*, **14**, 225-277 (1982) de Bruijn R A, PhD thesis, Technische Universiteit Eindhoven (1989) Jackson N E and Tucker III C L, *J. Rheol.*, **47**, 659-682 (2003)



### Breakup of a liquid thread



Tomotika S, **Proc. R. Soc. London Ser. A**, **150**, 322-337 (1935) Elemans P H M, Janssen J M H and Meijer H E H, *J. Rheol.*, **34**, 1311-1325 (1990)



### Near critical behavior

Viscous-capillary force balance (inertia is negligible)

$$\eta \partial^2 v / \partial r^2 \approx \eta_d \partial^2 v / \partial z^2 \approx \sigma \partial r^{-1} / \partial r$$

Close to breakup, the external viscous shear stresses associated with thread axial motion become comparable to the internal viscous stresses associated with thread extension







 $\zeta$  characteristic axial length in the pinch-off region l neck radius

w characteristic velocity

$$\zeta \equiv w(t_{cr} - t) \approx (\sigma/\eta)(t_{cr} - t) \qquad \qquad \ell \approx \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{\eta \eta_d}} (t_{cr} - t)$$

Lister J R and Stone H A, Phys Fluids, 10, 2758-27 (1998)

Blawzdziewicz J, Cristini V and Loewenberg M, *Phys Fluids*, **14**, 2709-2718 (2002)







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## **Determination of Ca**<sub>cr</sub>





# **Shape evolution for Ca/Cacr = 1.38**



Cristini V, Guido S, Alfani, Blawzdziewicz J and Loewenberg M, J. Rheol., 47, 1283-1298 (2003)



# **Daughter drop scaling**





Daughter drop size <br/>
scales with critical drop size



# **Drop fragment distribution**

#### **Cumulative size distribution**

The distributions for each experiment show two distinct daughter drops and three size classes of satellite drops





# **Drop fragment distribution**

dominant

Large

drops

100

(Bimodal

2Ca

Ca

3.5



 $\lambda = 0.075, Ca = 4.5 Ca_{cr}$ 





# **Non-Newtonian effects**

- Liquid-liquid dispersions are *always* viscoelastic systems, due to interfacial tension
- Our aim is to study the effect of the *intrinsic elasticity* of the fluid components on flow-induced morphology
- ♦ Model fluids: constant viscosity, highly elastic liquids (Boger fluids)

**Ca** = **0.4** 

Outer phase: viscoelastic fluid , inner phase: Newtonian,  $\lambda = 1$ 





# Small deformation theory with elastic fluids

• Constitutive equation of component liquids: second-order fluid



Greco F, J. Non-Newt. Fluid Mech., 107, 111-131 (2002)



# **Comparison with experiments**





**Outer phase: Newtonian, drop: viscoelastic,**  $\lambda = 2.6$ 

Drop breakup is hindered by elasticity of the fluid components



S. Guido University of Naples Federico II Wall effects Department of Chemical Engineering Shape parameters  $\frac{L}{2R_0}$ R<sub>0</sub> d d  $2R_0$ Nondimensional Nondimensional 50 µm major axis gap  $D = D_T \left[ 1 + \left(\frac{2R_0}{d}\right)^3 \frac{1 + 2.5\lambda}{1 + \lambda} \right]$ Shapira M and Haber S, Int. J. L *Multiphase Flow*, **16**, 305 (1990)









### Wall effects

Comparison with theoretical predictions (left) and numerical simulations (right)



Multiphase Flow, 16, 305 (1990)

Simulations: Janssen P J A and Anderson P D, Phys Fluids, 19, 043602 (2007)



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### Wall effects

![](_page_36_Figure_3.jpeg)

Even at  $\lambda > 4$  (no breakup in unbounded shear flow), droplets can still be broken in confined conditions

Van Puyvelde P, Vananroye A, Cardinaels R, Moldenaers P, Polymer, 49, 5363–5372 (2008)

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(5)

50

10

60

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### **Concentrated systems**

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The time-averaged value of D depends on Ca only

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### **Concentrated systems**

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### **Concentrated systems**

### "Mean field" scaling with blend viscosity

0.6 0.5 0.4 D 0.3 Taylor 0.2 2,5%  $\circ$ 5% 0.1 10% Single Drop Exp 0.0 0.1 0.2 0.0 0.3 0.4 0.5 0.6 Ca

Jansen K M B, Agterof W G M, Mellema J, *J Rheol*, **45**, 227-236 (2001) Caserta S, Reynaud S, Simeone M and Guido S, *J Rheol*, **51**, 585-774 (2007) (data shown here)

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# Conclusions

- Drop shape up to moderate deformations is essentially ellipsoidal and is well represented by small deformation theories and phenomenological models
- Numerical simulations are in good agreement with experiments up to breakup
- Drop fragments distribution can be estimated if the original distribution is known
- Single drop deformation and breakup results can be applied to concentrated systems by using a "mean field" scaling
- Wall effects stabilize drop shape and elicit shear banding phenomena
- Open issue: effects of surfactants