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



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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

- η_c viscosity of continuous phase
- η_d viscosity of drop phase
- $\dot{\gamma}$ shear rate
- r_0 drop radius at rest
- σ interfacial tension

Nondimensional numbers

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

 τ_{σ}

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

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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 ± 0.07
Steady state angle, Chaffey-Brenner	2.62 ± 0.07
Retraction, Rallison	2.58 ± 0.06

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Water-in-water biopolymer mixtures







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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



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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







 ζ characteristic axial length in the pinch-off region l neck radius

w characteristic velocity

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

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Determination of Ca_{cr}





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

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 $\frac{L}{2R_0}$ R₀ 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)



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





Wall effects



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

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S. Guido **Concentrated systems** University of Naples Federico II Department of Chemical Engineering 0.24 0.22 Shape fluctuations due to 0.20 drop interactions D 0.18 0.16 0.14 10 20 20

(5)

50

10

60



Concentrated systems



The time-averaged value of D depends on Ca only



Concentrated systems





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

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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