

EMULSIFICATION IN TURBULENT FLOW

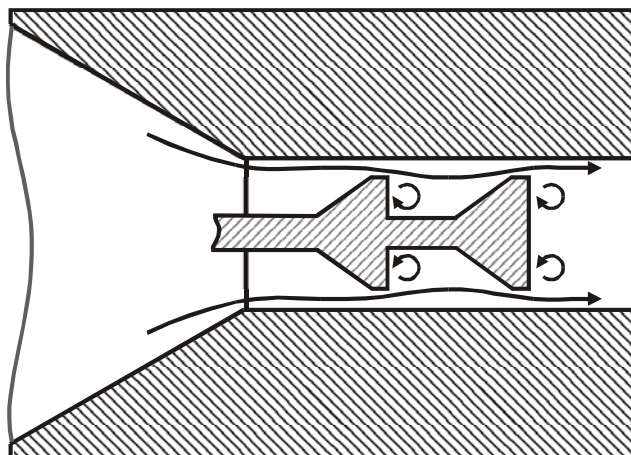
A. GOAL AND PROBLEMS

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2. NARROW SLIT HOMOGENIZER

$$\varepsilon = \frac{pQ}{V_s} = \frac{(\Delta u)^3}{L}$$



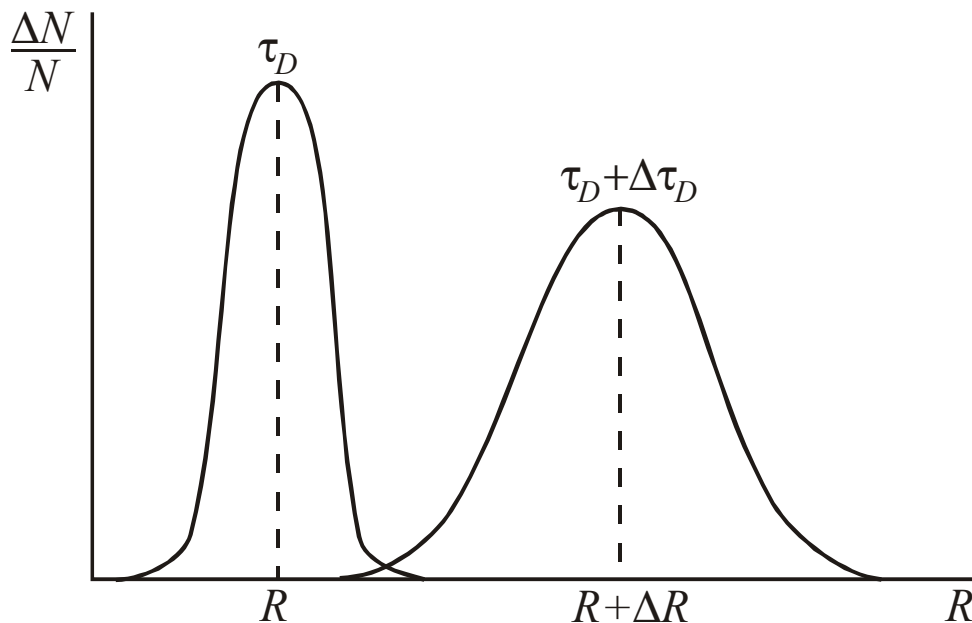
- Isotropic turbulence (chaotic and non-directional)

3. OVERALL GOAL

- (1) Drop size distribution vs. stirring (ϵ), interfacial tension (σ), viscosity ratio (η_d/η_c) and drop life-time (τ_D) (surfactant adsorption Γ and distribution).
- (2) Phase inversion

4. IMMEDIATE GOAL

- Understand the emulsification mechanism.
- Describe quantitatively variations of drop size ΔR vs. variation of life time $\Delta\tau_D$ due to surfactants.



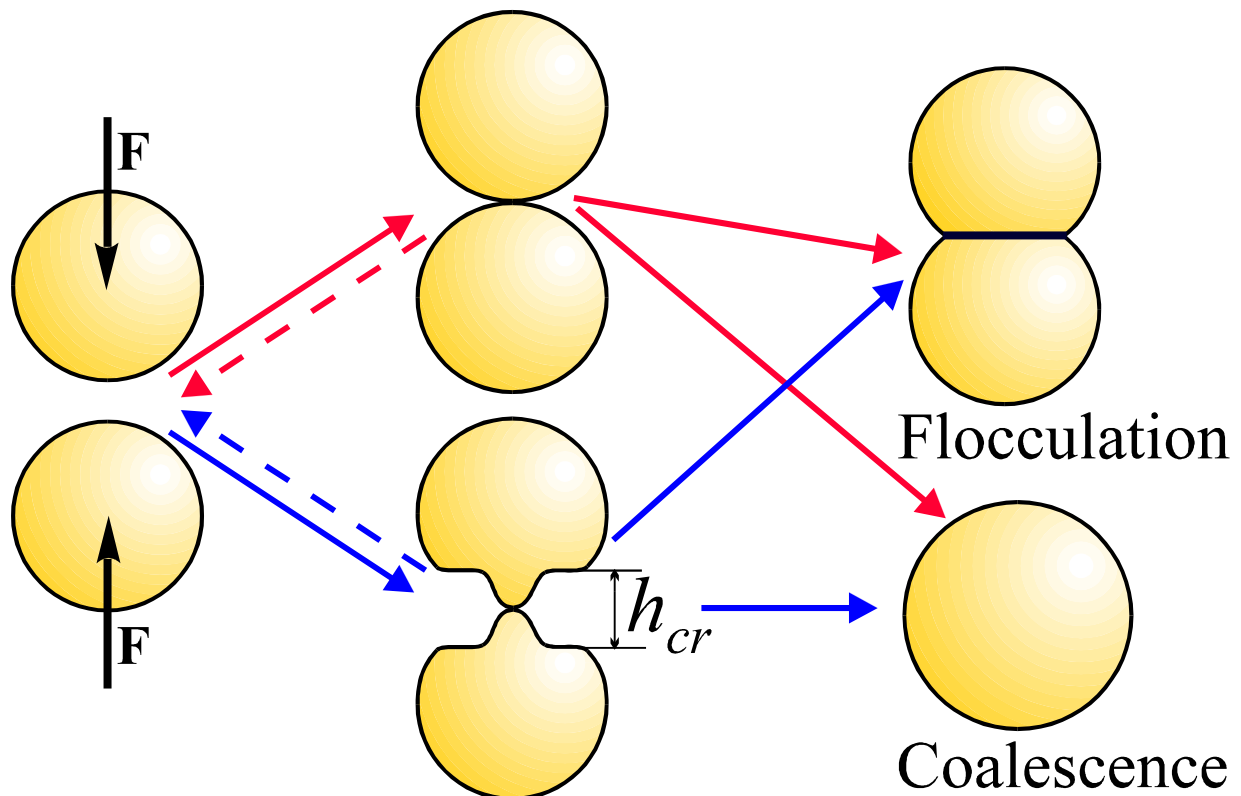
5. APPROACH

Grasp the main factors and the overall scheme

- (a) Account for polydispersity by considering discrete set of sizes
- (b) Neglect dependence of rate constants on size
- (c) Assume that drops split always on two equal size drops
- (d) Assume that only equal size drops coalesce

B. DROPS AND FILMS

1. MAIN EVENTS DURING FLOCCULATION OR COALESCENCE



F = Driving Force (Buoyancy $F = \frac{4}{3} \pi R_d^3 \Delta \rho g$, Brownian, Turbulent, Surface Interactions)

Main parameters

- Drop Shape

- Life Time, τ

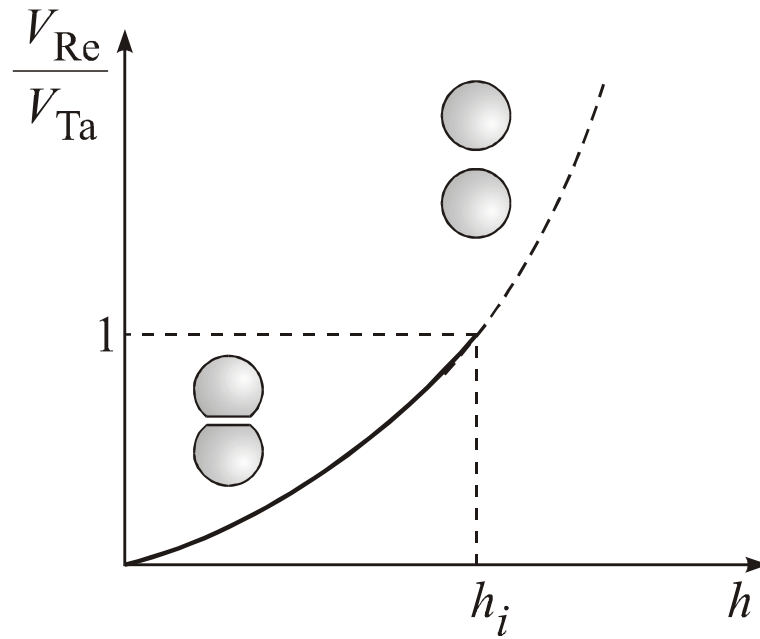
$$\tau = \int_{h_{init}}^{h_{cr}} \frac{dh}{V} \propto \frac{1}{V}$$

- Rate of Thinning, V $V = -\frac{dh}{dt}$;

- Critical Thickness of Rupture, h_{cr}

- Interfacial Mobility (Surfactant)

2. TRANSITION SPHERE - FILM



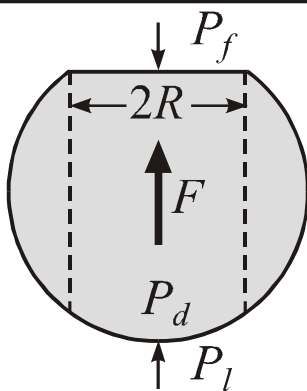
$$\frac{V_{Re}}{V_{Ta}} = \left(\frac{2\pi\sigma}{F} \right)^2 h^2$$

Inversion (Film Formation) Thickness, h_i :

$$\frac{V_{Re}}{V_{Ta}} = 1 \Rightarrow \boxed{h_i = \frac{F}{2\pi\sigma}}$$

- Inversion at the same dissipation of energy

3. FILM RADIUS



$$(P_f - P_l)\pi R^2 = F$$

$$P_f = P_d = P_l + \frac{2\sigma}{R_c}$$

$$\pi R^2 \frac{2\sigma}{R_c} = F$$

$$F = \frac{4}{3}\pi\Delta\rho g R_c^3$$

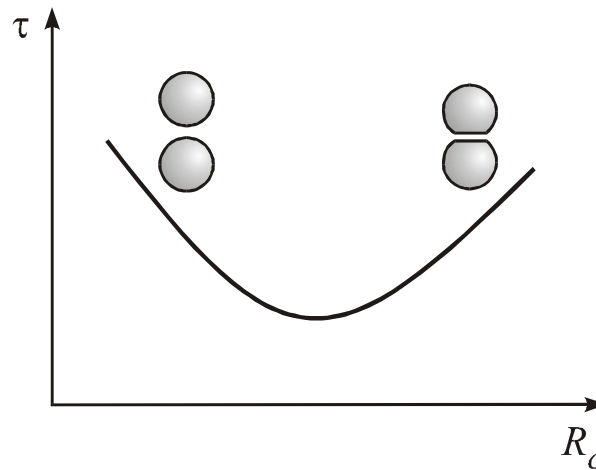
$$\boxed{R^2 = \frac{F R_c}{2\pi\sigma}}$$

4. LIFE TIME OF DROPS DRIVEN BY BUOYANCY

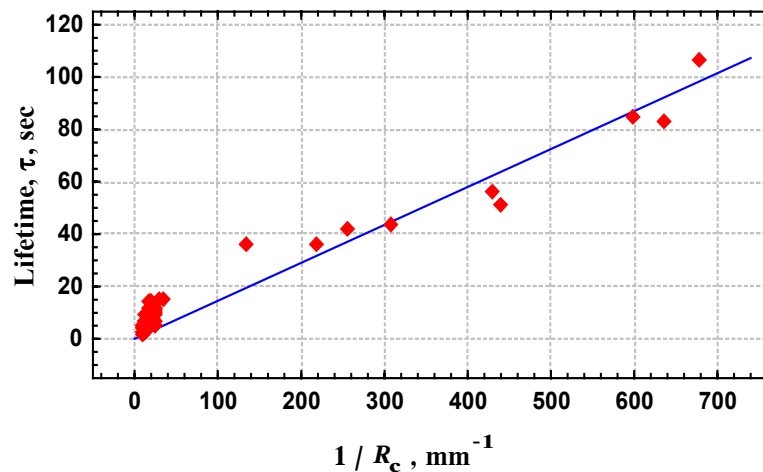
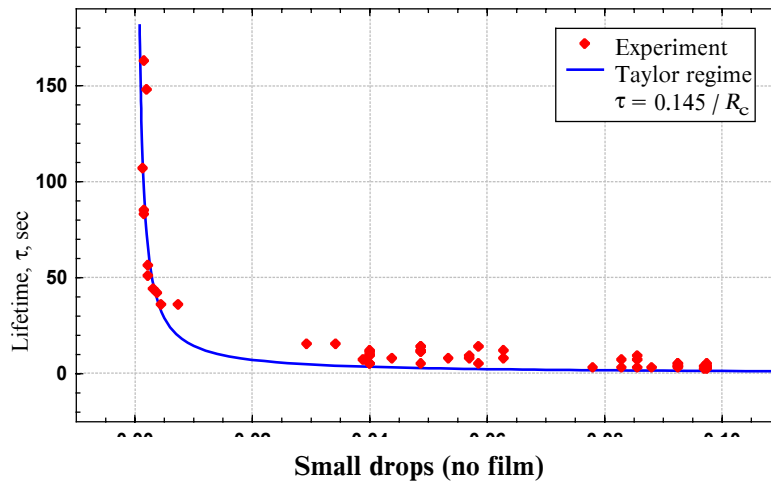
$$\tau = \int_{h_{\text{in}}}^{h_{\text{final}}} \frac{dh}{V} \sim \frac{1}{V}$$

$$V_{\text{Ta}} = \frac{2}{3\pi\eta} \frac{hF}{R_c^2} \sim R_c$$

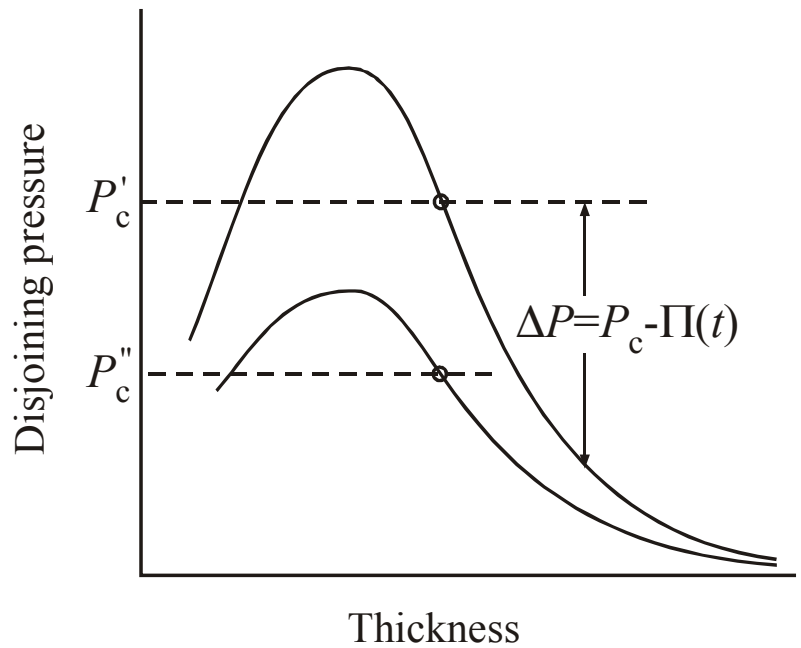
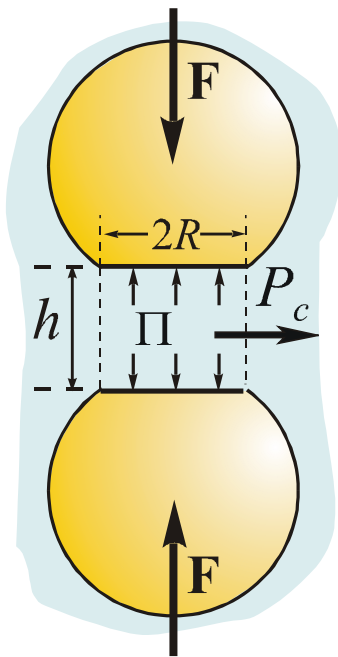
$$V_{\text{Re}} = \frac{2(2\pi\sigma)^2}{3\pi\eta} \frac{h^3}{FR_c^2} \sim \frac{1}{R_c^5}$$



- Increasing drop radius increases the driving force but thereby increases also the film radius, thus decreasing the drainage rate and increasing life time.

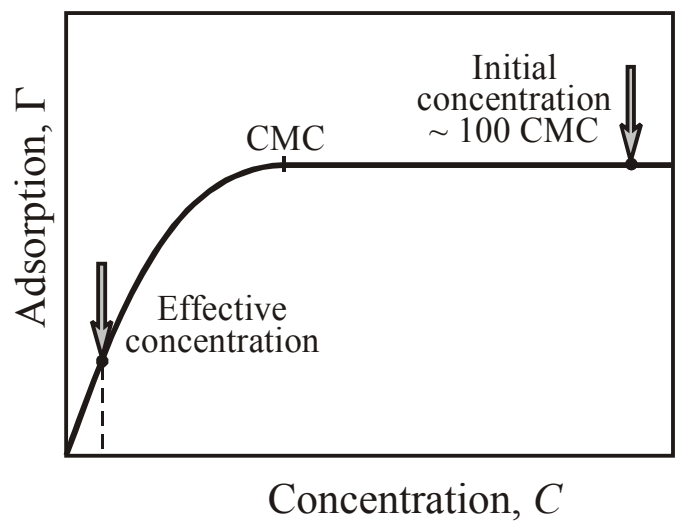
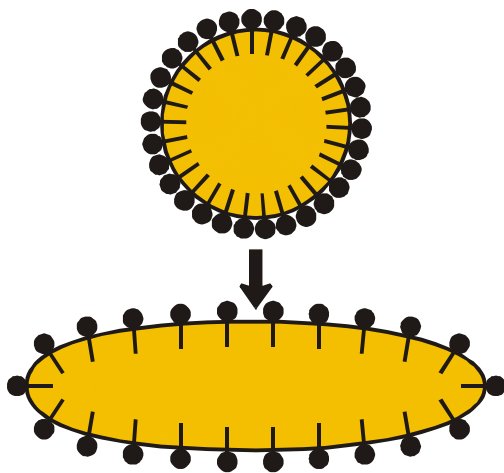


5. ROLE OF THE ADSORPTION



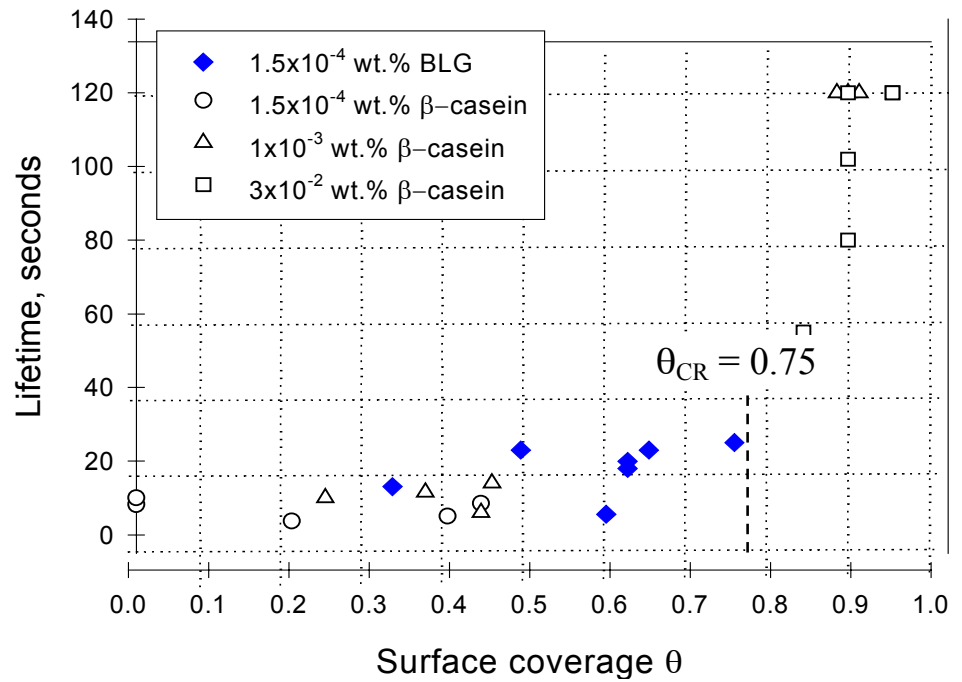
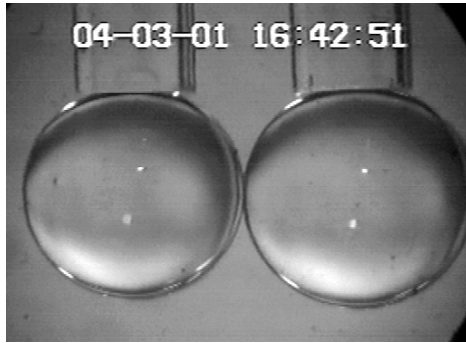
$$\Delta P = \frac{2\sigma}{R_d} - \Pi$$

$$\Pi = -\frac{A}{6\pi h^3} + B e^{-\kappa h}$$



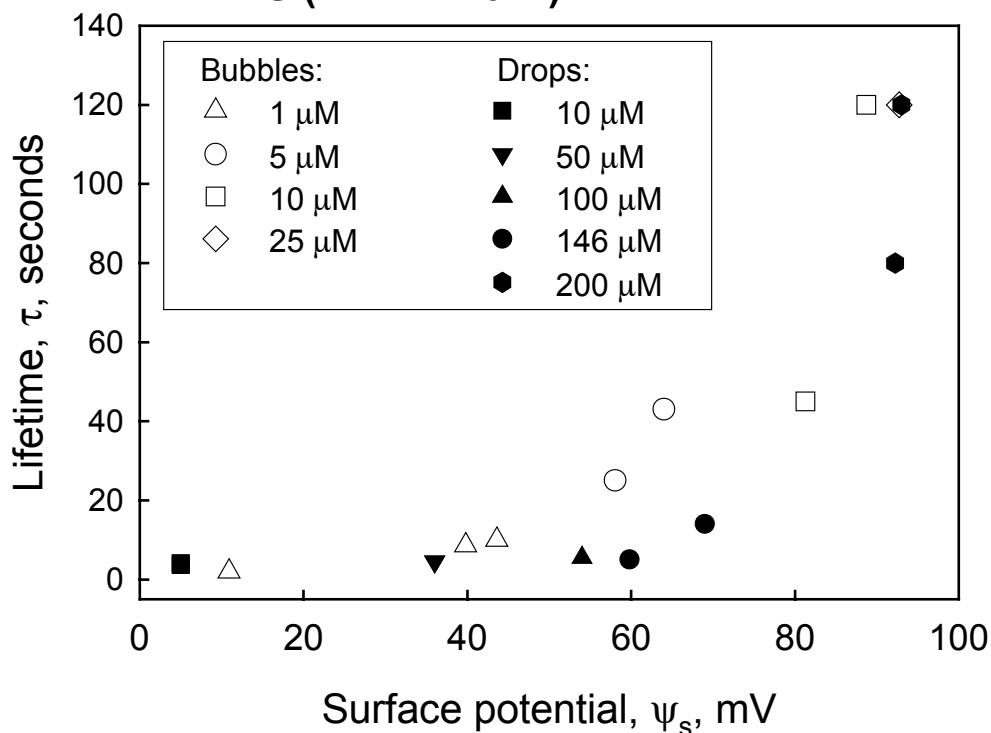
- The effective concentration is much lower than the real bulk concentration.

Colliding Drop Technique



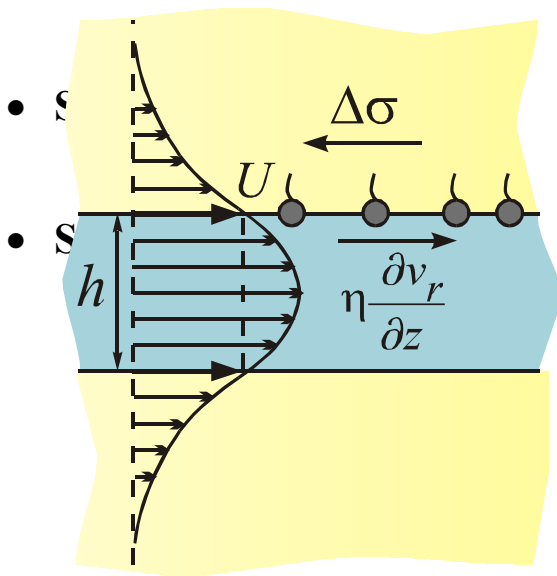
- Variation of bulk concentration, C , and surface age, t_w .
- Both lead to change of Γ .

DDBS (12 mM NaCl)



- For DDBS there is a rather sharp transition between unstable and stable films, depending on the surface potential.
- The bubbles are stable with surface potential higher than $\psi_S^{th} = 70 - 80$ mV.

6. DRAINAGE RATE AND LIFE TIME OF THIN FILMS



Convection + Diffusion = 0

Shear = Elastic + Viscous

$$\boxed{\frac{V}{V_{\text{Re}}} = 1 + \frac{h_S}{h}}$$

$$V_{\text{Re}} = \frac{2h^3 \Delta P}{3\eta R^2}$$

$$h_S = \frac{6\eta D_S}{\Gamma k T}$$

$$\tau = \frac{3\eta R^2}{2P_C h_{cr}^2} \left(x - x^2 \ln \frac{1+x}{x} \right); \quad x = h_{cr} / h_S$$

- with $\theta = 0.1$, $h_S = 300$ nm – strong surface mobility

- with $h_{cr} = 40$ nm, $\tau = 21$ s

- Role of the surface viscosity

$$\frac{\text{Surface viscosity}}{\text{Surface elasticity}} \sim \frac{\eta_S h_S}{\eta R^2}$$

- The true surface viscosity, η_S , can play a role only for small films and mobile surfaces when $h_S \gg h$, but then $\eta_S \approx 0$.
- For dense monolayers $h_S \sim 0.5 \div 1$ nm - the surface mobility is not important.

Interfacial Viscosity

$$\eta \frac{\partial v_r}{\partial z} = \frac{\partial \sigma}{\partial \Gamma} \frac{\partial \Gamma}{\partial r} + \eta_S \frac{\partial^2 v_r}{\partial r^2}$$

$$\frac{\text{Elastic}}{\text{Viscous}} \sim \frac{\partial \sigma / \partial r}{\eta_S (\partial^2 v_r / \partial r^2)} \sim \frac{E_G / D_S}{\eta_S / R^2} \frac{\eta}{\eta} \sim \frac{\eta R^2}{\eta_S h_S}$$

- **Surface viscosity is coupled with surface mobility (through h_S) and can play a role ONLY for mobile surfaces.**
- **But then the TRUE surface viscosity is small.**
- **Even for small films ($R = 10 \mu\text{m}$) and mobile surfaces ($h_S = 10 \text{ nm}$) the effect of surface viscosity is comparable to surface elasticity only if $\eta_S > 0.1 \text{ sp}$.**

Apparent Dilatational Viscosity

$$\frac{h_S}{h} \sim \frac{\eta D_S}{h E_G} \frac{R^2}{R^2} \sim \frac{\eta R^2}{h \eta_d^{app}} ;$$

$$\eta_d^{app} = E_G \frac{R^2}{D_S} = E_G t_{diff}$$

- **The apparent surface viscosity is due to dissipation through diffusion and is NOT related to intermolecular interaction**
- η_d^{app} depends on the film radius, i.e. it is NOT a property of the adsorbed layer and CANNOT be directly measured in a separate experiment.
- **It is extremely high even at low concentration:**

$$\eta_d^{app} \sim 1 \frac{(10^{-3})^2}{10^{-5}} \sim 0.1 \text{ sp}$$

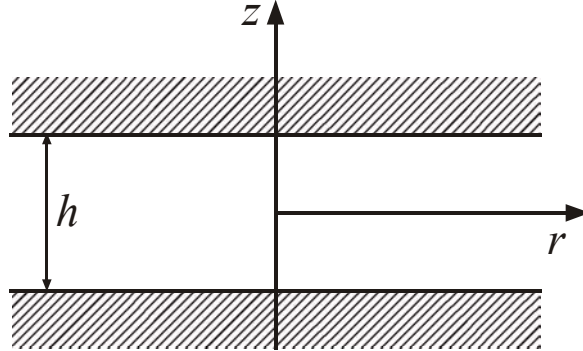
7. BASIC EQUATIONS FOR FILM DRAINAGE

Lubrication

$$\frac{\partial p}{\partial r} = \eta \frac{\partial^2 v_r}{\partial z^2}$$

$$\frac{\partial p}{\partial z} = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial v_r}{\partial r} + \frac{\partial v_z}{\partial z} = 0$$



Boundary Condition at $z = \pm h/2$

$$v_r = U \quad v_z = -\frac{V}{2} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{dh}{dt}$$

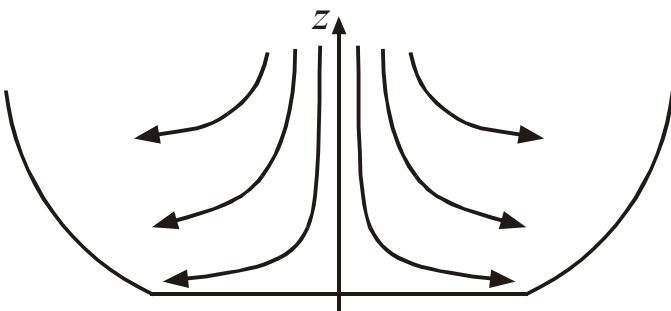
$$\eta \frac{\partial v_r}{\partial z} = \frac{\partial \sigma}{\partial r} + \eta_s \frac{\partial^2 v_r}{\partial r^2}$$

$$\Gamma_0 \frac{\partial U}{\partial r} - D_s \frac{\partial^2 \Gamma}{\partial r^2} = -D \frac{\partial c}{\partial z}$$

$$c = C_0(r) + C_1 \frac{z^2}{R^2}$$

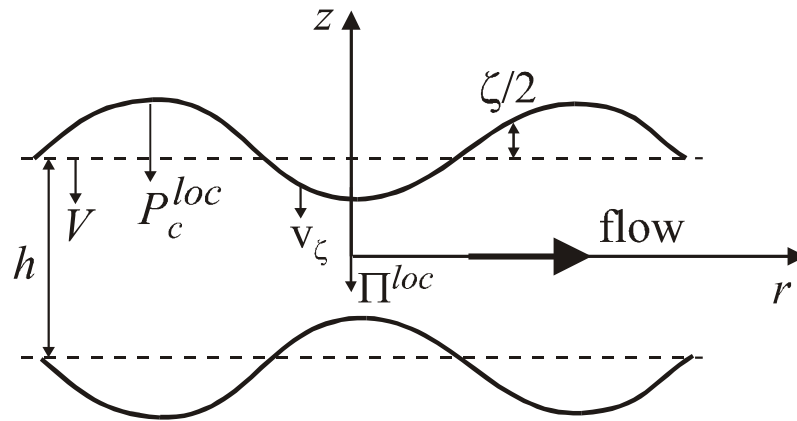
$$F = 2\pi \int_0^{R_F} (p - p_0) r dr$$

Emulsions



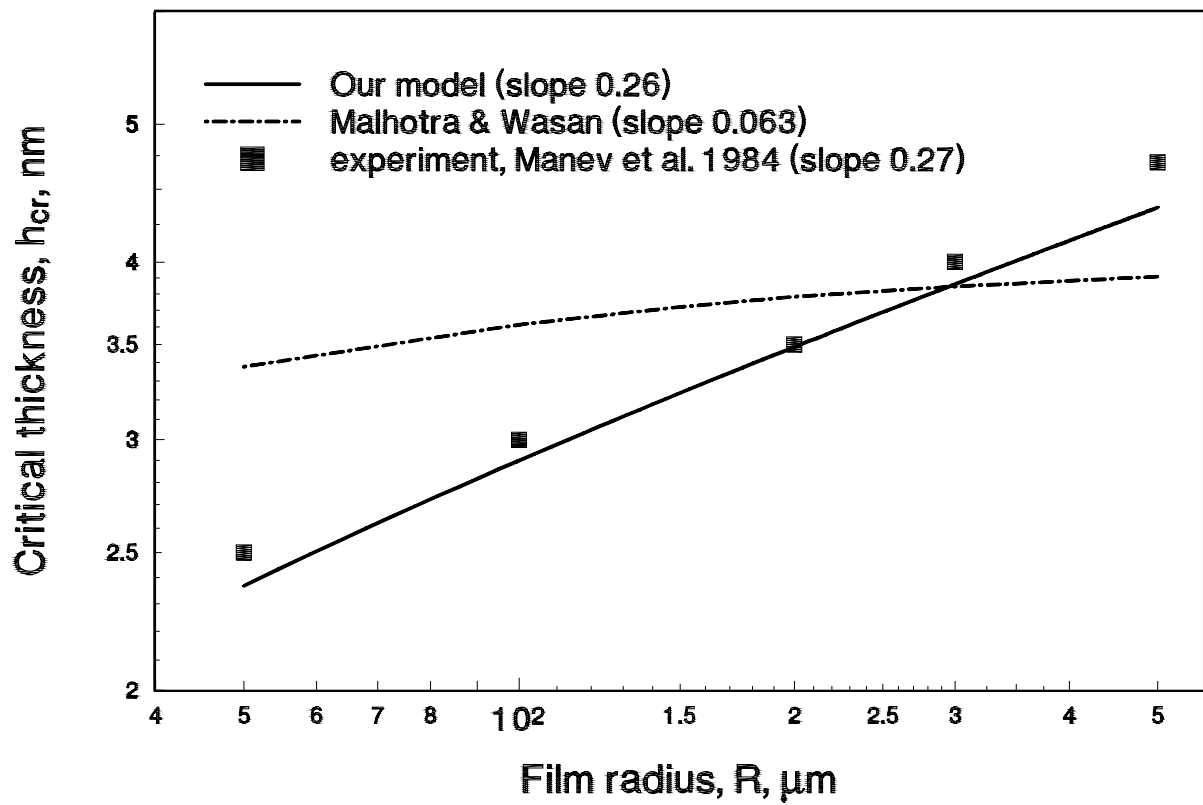
$$\rho v_r \frac{\partial v_r}{\partial r} = \eta \left(\frac{\partial^2 v_r}{\partial r^2} + \frac{\partial^2 v_r}{\partial z^2} \right)$$

8. RUPTURE OF THINNING FILMS



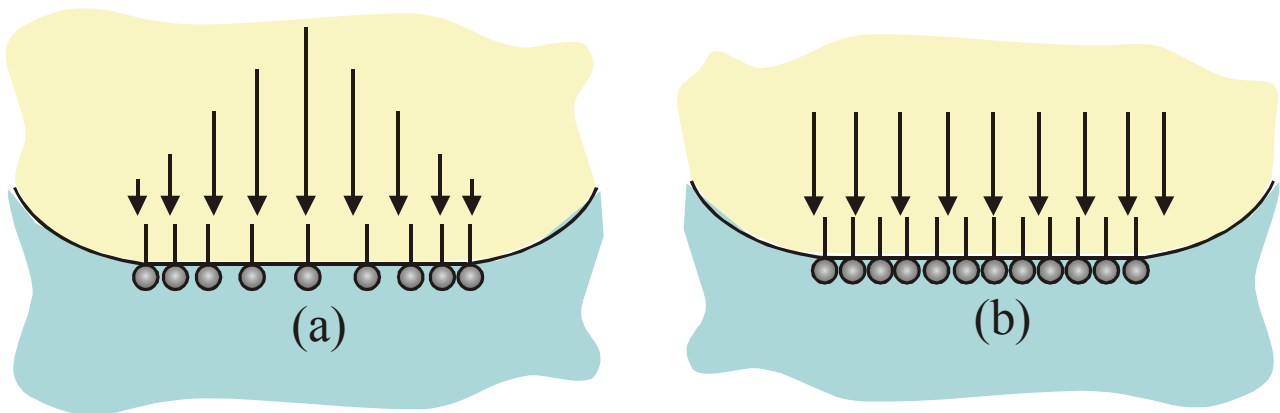
Wave pressure:

$$P_w = P_{pl} + \Pi'(h) \zeta + \frac{\sigma}{2} \zeta''$$



9. EMULSION FILMS SURFACTANT IN THE DROP PHASE (SYSTEM II)

Uniform Distribution of the Surfactant on the Film Surface

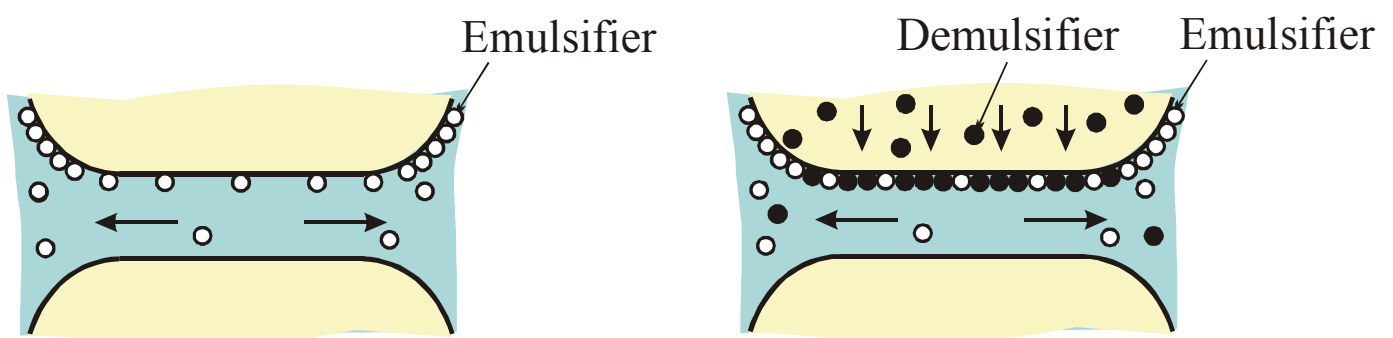


$$\Delta\Gamma = 0 \rightarrow \Delta\sigma = E_G \frac{\Delta\Gamma}{\Gamma} = 0$$

$$\rightarrow \boxed{V_{II} = V_{pure} \gg V_{Re}}$$

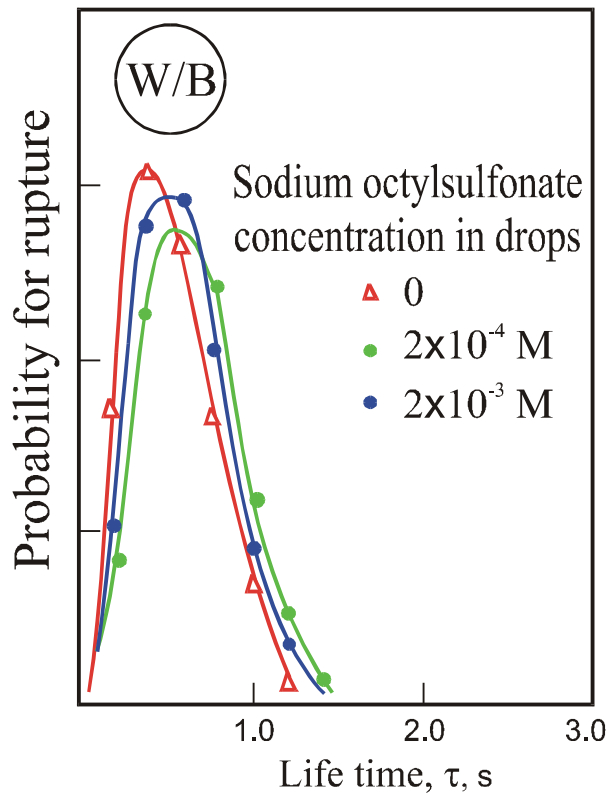
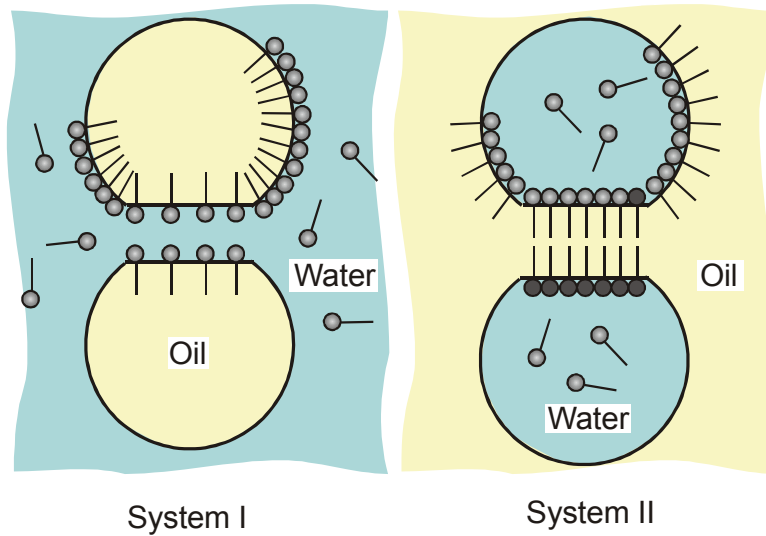
- The surfactant has no effect on the rate of thinning.

Chemical Demulsification



- The demulsifier fills in the spaces between the adsorbed emulsifier molecules damps the interfacial tension gradient $\Delta\sigma$ and increases many times the rate of thinning and coalescence.

Comparison of the Life Times of Systems I and II

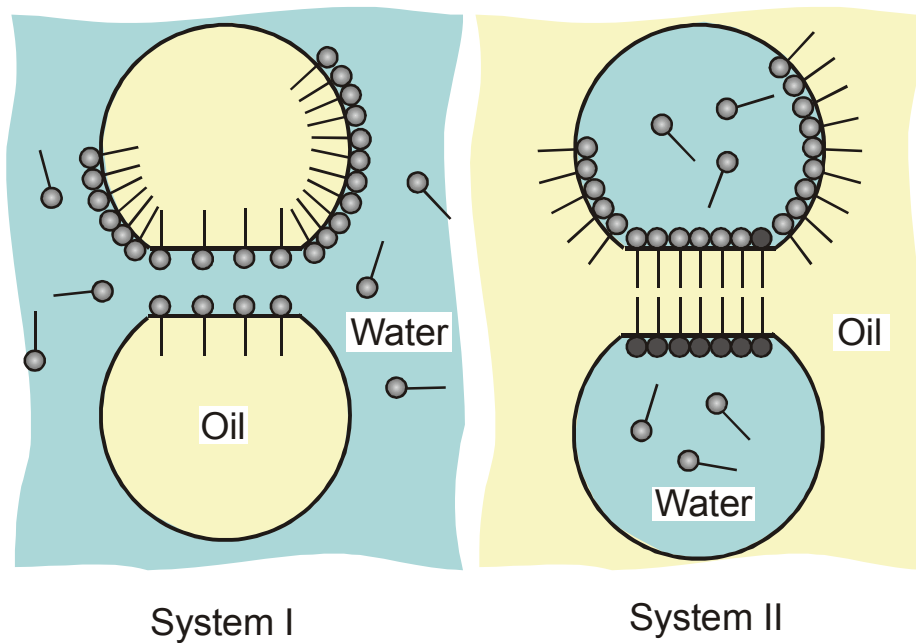


$$\tau = - \int_{\infty}^{h_{cr}} \frac{dh}{V}$$

$$\frac{\tau_{O/W}}{\tau_{W/O}} \sim \frac{V_{W/O}}{V_{O/W}} \approx \frac{V_{pure}}{V_{Re}} = 100 \div 1000 \quad \tau_{W/O} = 0.3 \text{ s}; \quad \tau_{O/W} = 35 \text{ s}$$

- The **ONLY DIFFERENCE** between the two systems is the **SURFACTANT LOCATION**.
- The surfactant concentration does not affect the life time of the emulsion W/O (system II).

10. GENERALIZED BANCROFT RULE



$$\tau \sim \frac{1}{V}; \quad V = \left(1 + \frac{h_s}{h}\right) V_{Re} \sim \frac{P_c - \Pi}{E_G}$$

$$\frac{\tau_{W/O}}{\tau_{O/W}} \approx \underbrace{\frac{8 \times 10^{-5}}{E_G}}_{\text{HYDRODYNAMICS}} \times \underbrace{\frac{P_c - \Pi_{O/W}}{(P_c - \Pi_{W/O})^{2/3}}}_{\text{INTERACTION}}$$

- If Π in both phases is zero, $\tau_{W/O} \ll \tau_{O/W}$ and the emulsion O/W (THE ONE WITH SURFACTANT IN THE CONTINUOUS PHASE) will survive – BANCROFT'S RULE.
- The surface interaction can play a decisive role through Π : If $\Pi_{W/O} = P_c$ (but $\Pi_{O/W} < P_c$), $\tau_{W/O}/\tau_{O/W} \rightarrow \infty$, emulsion W/O becomes *thermodynamically* stable and will survive in spite of the prediction of Bancroft's rule.

C. DROP SIZE DISTRIBUTION

1. ISOTROPIC TURBULENCE (KOLMOGOROV)

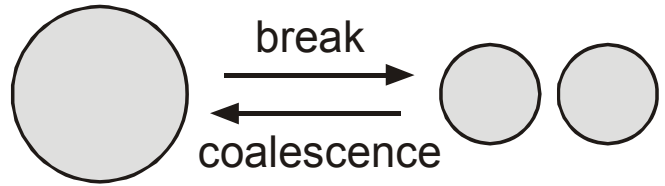
ε - rate of energy dissipation per unit mass

$$\rho \varepsilon \frac{1}{\tau} \rho u^2 \sim \frac{\rho u^2}{l/u} \sim \frac{\rho u^3}{l}$$

$$u^2 \sim \varepsilon^{2/3} l^{2/3}; \quad p_0 \sim \rho u^2$$

2. PRESENT THEORIES (STEADY DISTRIBUTION)

$$\left. \frac{\Delta N}{\Delta t} \right|_{\text{break}} = \left. \frac{\Delta N}{\Delta t} \right|_{\text{coalesce}}$$



$$\Delta N_{\text{br}} = \frac{N_{\text{br}}}{\tau_{\text{br}}} = \frac{N_{\text{br}}}{\tau_{\text{br}}} e^{-\frac{E_{\sigma}}{E}}$$

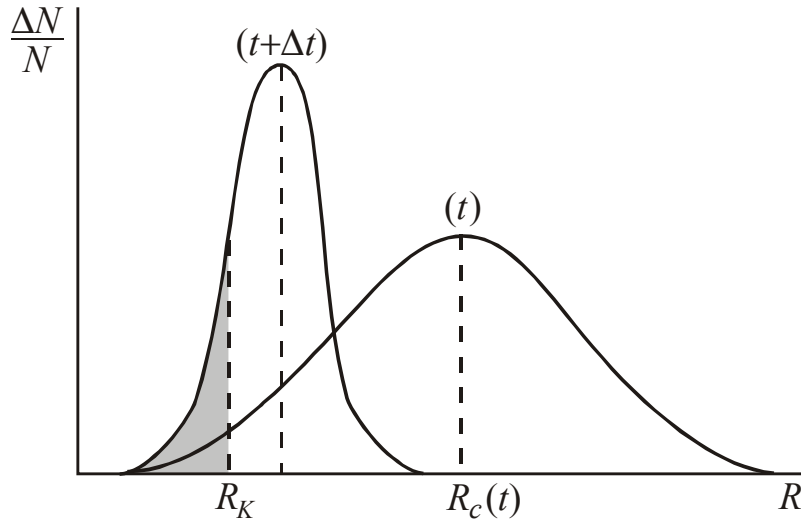
$$E_{\sigma} \sim \sigma d^2; \quad \bar{E} \sim \rho d^3 u^2; \quad \tau_{\text{br}} \sim d/u$$

$$\left. \frac{\Delta N}{\Delta t} \right|_{\text{coalesce}} = \underbrace{(u d^2 N^2)}_{\text{coll. frequency}} \times \underbrace{(e^{-\tau_{\text{eife}} / \tau_{\text{contact}}})}_{\text{efficiency}}$$

$$\tau_{\text{contact}} \sim d/u; \quad N \sim \Phi / d^3$$

$$\frac{\sigma}{\varepsilon^{2/3}} = -\ln \Phi d^{4/3} + \tau_{\text{eife}} \frac{d}{\varepsilon^{1/2}}$$

3. APPROXIMATION OF $\Delta N/N$ BY δ - FUNCTION



$$\frac{dN(R, t)}{N(t)} = \sqrt{\frac{\alpha}{\pi}} e^{-\alpha(R-R_c)^2} dR \quad \boxed{\alpha = \alpha(t)}$$

- Kolmogorov's drops become important at longer times

$$N_K(t) = \int_0^{R_K} dN(R, t)$$

Since

$$\int \frac{dN}{N} = \int f(R) dR = 1$$

one can set

$$\frac{dN}{N} = \frac{1}{a} \delta\left(\frac{R-R_c}{a}\right) dR \quad a = \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{\alpha}}$$

- This reduces most equations to the monodisperse case, including those for coalescence rate:

$$V_{\text{coal}} \sim \int dN_R dN_{R'} \sim N(R_c)^2$$

- Justifies assumptions (b) and (d).
- Fails at $R_c \gtrsim R_K$ (small drops).
- Works better when coalescence is present.

D. TURBULENT PRESSURE AND DROP SHAPE

- Eddies are NOT molecules

$$[\text{TL}] \text{ Correlation coefficients} = \begin{cases} 10^{-6} & \text{for molecules} \\ 0.5 - 1 & \text{for eddies} \end{cases}$$

(H., p. 310) For large Reynolds numbers and small distance, r , the pressure gradient does NOT depend on time

$$(p_A - p_B)^2 = 4A^2 \rho^2 (\epsilon r)^{4/3}$$

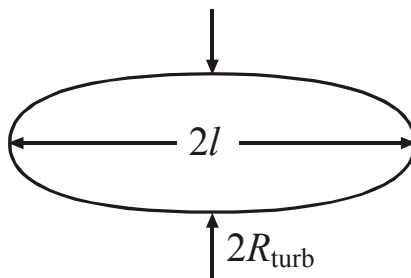
$$\overline{\Delta p} \sim \sqrt{(\overline{\Delta p})^2} \sim 2 A \rho (\epsilon r)^{2/3}$$

$$\bar{p}(r) = \bar{p}(0) + \overline{\Delta p}$$

- Laplace equation [P]

Outside pressure $p = p(r)$, inside pressure $p_{\text{in}} = \text{const.}$

$p(r) - p_{\text{in}} = \sigma \times (\text{curvature}) \rightarrow$ “Equilibrium” shape of stable drops.

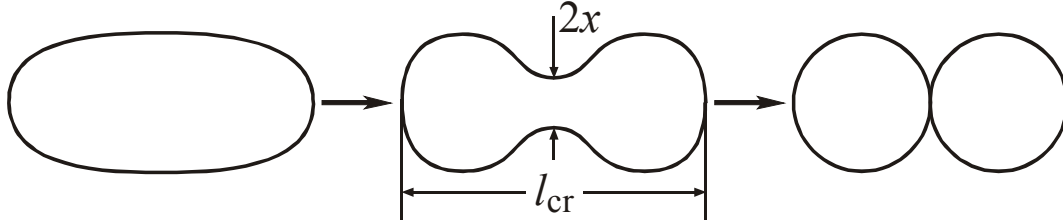


- Under dynamic conditions – inside pressure is replaced by the viscous normal stress p_{nn} .
- Possible role of time and temporal pressure fluctuations
 - (a) Through the time dependence of the velocity correlation function $Q_{pp}(r, t)$ (H, p. 308 Eqs. (3.298), (3.296)).
 - (b) Through the time spectra and distribution functions (TL, p. 274 and Chapter 6).

E. DROP BREAKAGE

1. CRITICAL (KOLMOGOROV) SIZE, R_K

If $\Delta p(r) > \sigma / R$



- Find local capillary pressure $P_c(x)$.
- Determine l_{cr} from drop volume and the maximum P_c :

$$\frac{\partial P_c(x)}{\partial x} = 0$$

- Determine the drop radius R_K , at which the maximum in P_c disappears – this will give a generalized form of Kolmogorov size with numerical coefficient:

$$R_K \sim \sigma^{0.6} \varepsilon^{-0.4} \rho^{-0.6}$$

2. BREAKAGE TIME, τ_B

- Time needed for deformation from sphere to breakage at l_{cr}

$$\rho \frac{\partial v}{\partial t} = -\frac{\partial p}{\partial r} + \eta \frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial r^2}$$

- Scalling

$$t \sim \tau \left(= \tau^B \right) \quad r \sim l \quad v \sim l / \tau \quad p \sim \sigma / R$$

- **Inertia regime**

$$\rho \frac{\partial v}{\partial t} \sim \frac{\partial p}{\partial r}$$

$$\rho \frac{l/\tau}{\tau} \sim \frac{\sigma/R}{l}$$

$$\tau_{\text{in}} \sim \left(\frac{\rho l^2 R}{\sigma} \right)^{1/2} \sim \left(\frac{\rho}{\sigma} \right)^{1/2} R^{3/2}$$

- **Viscous regime**

$$\frac{\partial p}{\partial r} \sim \eta \frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial r^2}$$

$$\frac{\sigma/R}{l} \sim \eta \frac{l/\tau}{l^2}$$

$$\tau_{\text{visc}} \sim \frac{\eta}{\sigma} R$$

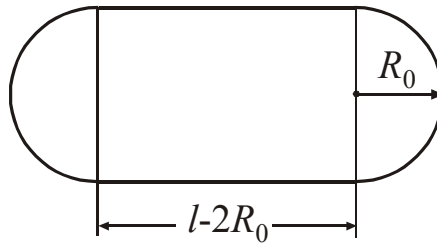
- **Limiting radius between the two regimes**

$$Re = \frac{\rho(\partial v / \partial t)}{\eta(\partial^2 v / \partial r^2)} \sim \frac{\rho(l/\tau^2)}{\eta(l/\tau l^2)} \sim \frac{\rho l^2}{\eta \tau}$$

From $Re = 1$ and τ_{visc} (or τ_{in})

$$\left(\frac{l^2}{R} \right)_{\text{lim}} = \frac{\eta^2}{\rho \sigma} \rightarrow R_{\text{lim}} \sim \frac{\eta^2}{\rho \sigma}$$

- **Rayleigh instability – only inertia regime** (Shih-I Pai, Fluid dynamics of jets, § 1.9)



- Determine R_0 and l from the conservation of volume
- Critical wave with length $\lambda_{cr} \approx (l - 2R_0)_{cr} = 2\pi R_0$

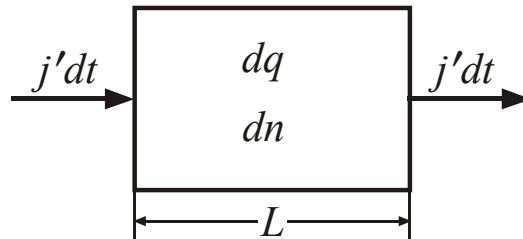
$$\frac{1}{\tau_{\text{Ray}}^2} = \frac{\sigma}{\rho R_0^3} \frac{i x J_0'(i x)}{J_0(i x)} (1 - x^2); \quad (x = k R_0)$$

$$\tau \sim \left(\frac{\rho}{\sigma} \right)^{1/2} R_0^{3/2}$$

- Formally coincides with the previous result but with different quantities.
- The total breakage time is obtained by adding to τ_{Ray} the time for expansion to length l .

- **Goal** – Solve Stokes equation inside the drop with Laplace equation at least for small deformations (from sphere and/or cylinder) to obtain dynamic shape and breakage time with numerical coefficients.

F. GENERAL KINETIC SCHEME



- “Convective diffusion“ in time ”space”

$$S(j_i' - j_i')dt + L S dq = dn_i$$

n_i and N_i = total number and concentration of i – drops

j = flux = $N_i V$

N_{if} = const – concentration of i -drops in the feed

V = linear velocity

dq_i = production of i per unit volume in the element

$\theta = L/V$ = residence time in the element

$$\frac{j S}{L S} = \frac{N_i V}{L} = \frac{N_i}{\theta}$$

$$\boxed{\frac{dN_i}{dt} = \frac{N_i^f - N_i}{\theta} + \frac{dq_i}{dt}}$$

- Source terms

$$dq_i = dq_i^{\text{break}} + dq_i^{\text{coal}}$$

G. KINETIC SCHEME WITH ONLY BREAKAGE

1. MAIN ASSUMPTIONS

- Drops break in half, forming two smaller drops

$$v_i = \frac{v_1}{2^{i-1}} \quad R_i = \left(\frac{R_1}{2^{i-1}} \right)^{1/3}$$

- Drops with size smaller than Kolmogorov's ($R_i \leq R_K$) do not break.
- The rate constant are assumed eventually independent of R_i ($k_i = k$).
- Since $\tau_i^B = a R_i$ (or $B R_i^{3/2}$), all $N_i(t)$ drops break simultaneously after time τ_i^B .

$$\boxed{N_i(t + \tau_i^B) = 0}$$

$$N_i(t + \tau_i^B) = N_i(t) + \frac{\partial N_i}{\partial t} \tau_i^B = 0$$

$$\boxed{\frac{\partial N_i}{\partial t} = -\frac{1}{\tau_i^B} N_i = -k_i^B N_i}$$

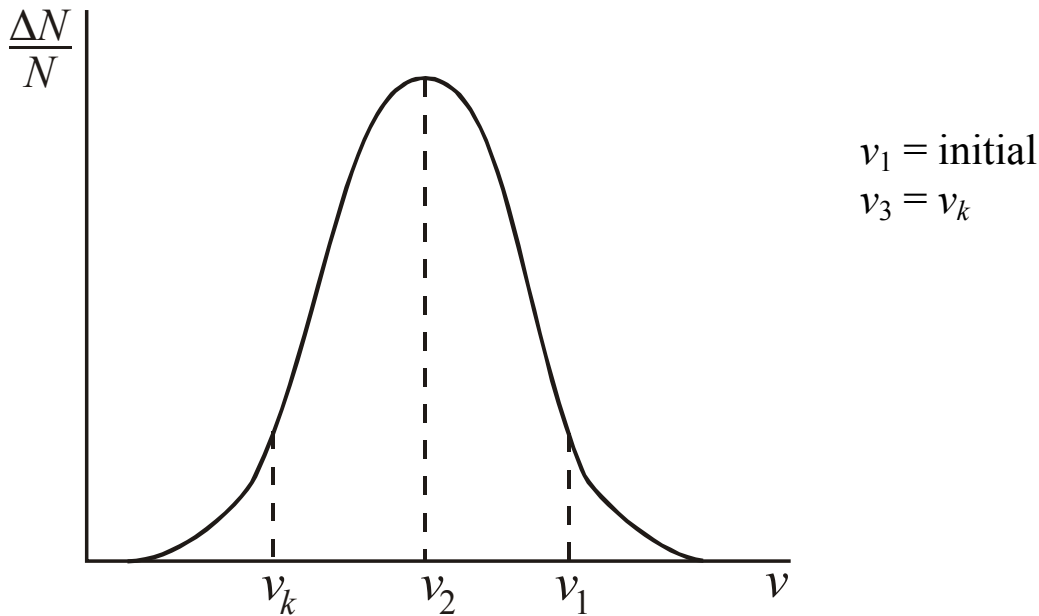
$$\boxed{k_i^B = \frac{1}{\tau_i^B}}$$

- τ_i^B depends weakly on v_i and is assumed constant, τ^B .

$$\tau_i^B = a R_i = a \left(\frac{3}{4\pi} \right)^{1/3} \frac{v_1^{1/3}}{2^{\frac{i-1}{3}}}$$

$$\frac{\tau_{i+1}}{\tau_i} = 2^{-\frac{1}{3}} = 0.8$$

2. THREE-SIZE SYSTEM



- Assume that $k_1^B = k_2^B = k^B$. Dubious approximation even for a monodisperse emulsion, since N and thereby R and τ^B changes with t , so that τ^B and k^B must depend at least on $R_c(t)$.

$$\frac{dN_1}{dt} = -k^B N_1$$

$$\frac{dN_2}{dt} = 2k^B N_1 - k^B N_2$$

$$\frac{dN_k}{dt} = 2k^B N_2$$

$$\frac{dN}{dt} = k^B (N_1 + N_2) = k^B (N - N_k)$$

$$N = N_1 + N_2 + N_k$$

- The process stops at $R = R_K$ ($N=N_k$).

- N_k can be determined from the volume fraction Φ :

$$\Phi = \sum_1^k N_i v_i = v_1 \sum_1^k N_i / 2^{i-1}$$

$$2^{1-k} \frac{dN_k}{dt} = - \sum_{i=1}^{k-1} 2^{i-1} \frac{dN_i}{dt}$$

- At short times ($kt = X \ll 1$) $N_k \ll N$ and

$$\ln Y = X \quad (Y = N / N_0)$$

- Exact solution:

$$Y_1 = e^{-X}; \quad Y_2 = 2X e^{-X}; \quad Y_k = 4[1 - (1 + X)e^{-X}]$$

$$Y_{\text{exact}} = Y_1 + Y_2 + Y_k = 4 - (3 + 2X)e^{-X}$$

- If N_k can be neglected

$$\frac{d \ln Y}{dt} = k^B \quad \text{or} \quad \frac{d \ln Y}{dX} = 1$$

- If the exact function (i.e. experimental data) is approximated by $\ln Y$, the apparent rate “constant” $k_{\text{app}}^B(t)$ is much smaller than k^B (see the second figure below):

$$\frac{d \ln Y_{\text{exact}}}{dX} = k_{\text{app}}^B(X) \ll k^B$$

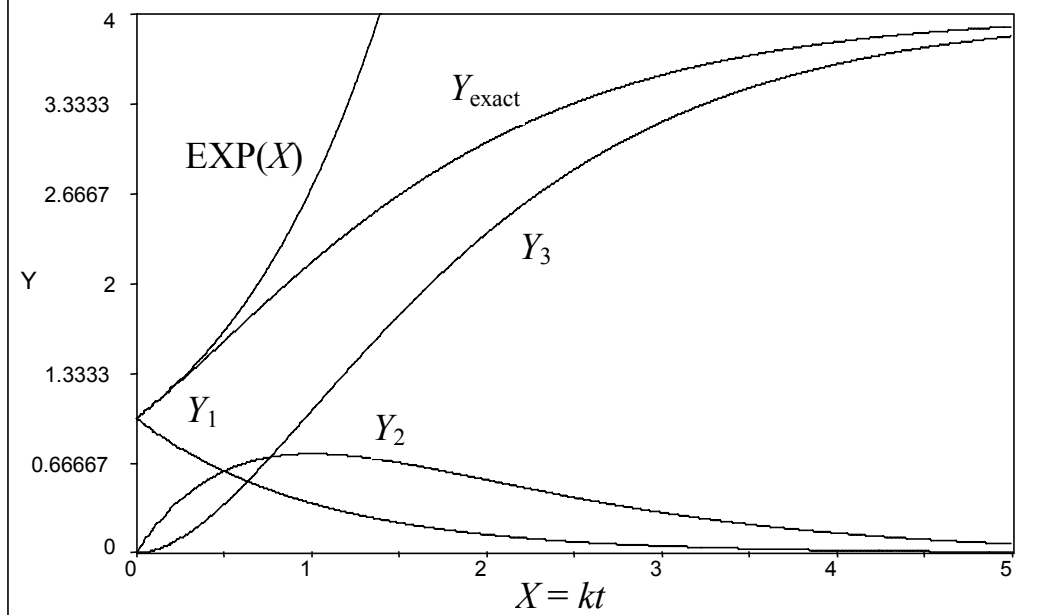
$$Y_{\text{exact}} = 4 - (3 + 2X) \cdot \text{EXP}(-X)$$

$$Y_1 = \text{EXP}(-X)$$

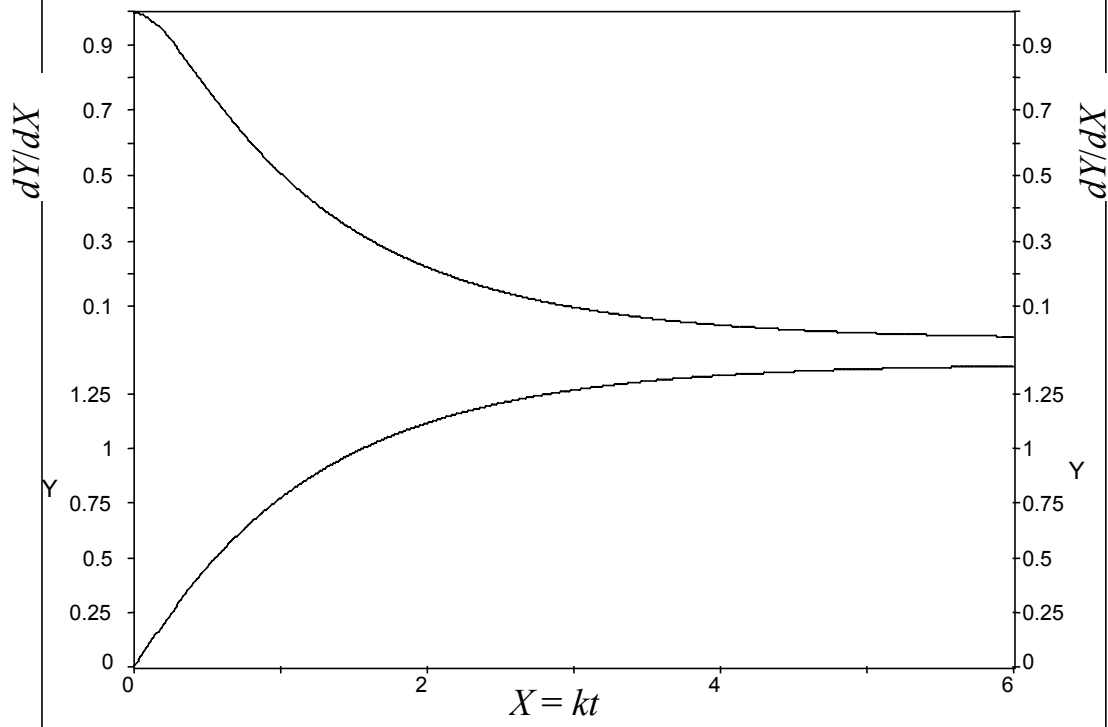
$$Y_2 = 2X \cdot \text{EXP}(-X)$$

$$Y_3 = 4 \cdot (1 - (1 + X) \cdot \text{EXP}(-X))$$

$$\text{EXP}(X)$$



$$Y_{\text{exac}} = \ln(N/N_0) = \text{LN}(4 - (3 + 2X) \cdot \text{EXP}(-X))$$



3. CONTINUOUS PROCESS WITHOUT COALESCENCE

For the i -size in moment t :

$$\frac{dN_i}{dt} = \frac{N_{if}}{\theta} - \frac{N_i(t)}{\theta} + 2k_{i-1}^B N_{i-1} - k_i^B N_i(t) \quad (i=1, \dots, K)$$

- **Sum up over all i .**
- **Summation stops at Kolmogorov size with $N_i = N_k$.**
- **Assume $k_i^B = k^B = 1/\tau^B$.**
- **For the n -th pass:**

$$\sum_{i=1}^K N_i^n(t) = N^n(t)$$

$$\boxed{\frac{dN^n}{dt} = \frac{N_f^n}{\theta} + \left(\frac{1}{\tau^B} - \frac{1}{\theta} \right) [N^n(t) - N_k^n(t)]}$$

(a) Slow Breakage ($\tau^B > \theta$)

$$\frac{1}{\tau^B} - \frac{1}{\theta} = -k^{sl} \quad (k^{sl} > 0)$$

- **Neglect N_k^n**

$$\boxed{N^n(t) = \frac{N_f^n}{1 - \theta/\tau^B} \left(1 - \frac{\theta}{\tau^B} e^{-k^{sl}t} \right)}$$

$$\boxed{N^n(t \rightarrow 0) = N_f^n \left(1 + \frac{t}{\tau^B} \right)}$$

- **Steady state $k_{sl}t \rightarrow \infty$ (follows also from $dN^n/dt=0$):**

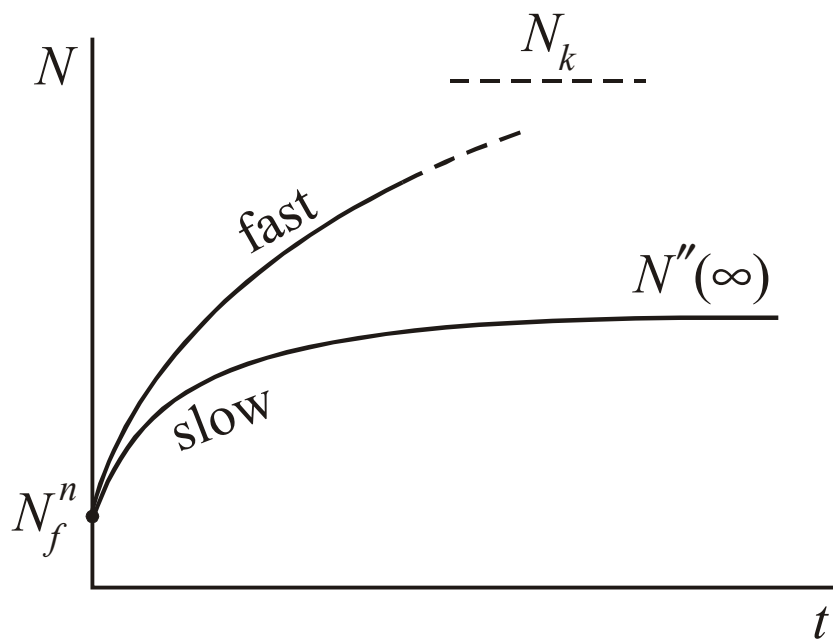
$$N^n(t \rightarrow \infty) = \frac{N_f^n}{1 - \theta/\tau^B}$$

(b) Fast Breakage ($\tau^B < \theta$)

$$\frac{1}{\tau^B} - \frac{1}{\theta} = k^f > 0$$

$$N^n(t) = \frac{N_f^n}{\theta/\tau^B - 1} \left(\frac{\theta}{\tau_B} e^{k^f t} - 1 \right)$$

$$N^n(t \rightarrow 0) = N_f^n \left(1 + \frac{t}{\tau^B} \right)$$



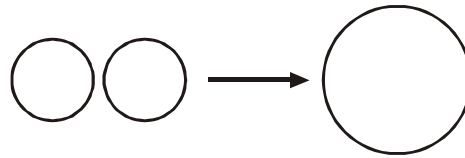
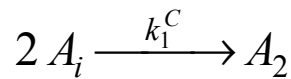
- In the fast regime there can be also a plateau if the Kolmogorov size is reached.

H. COALESCENCE RATE

$$\frac{dN_i}{dt} = \frac{N_{if}}{\theta} - \frac{N_i}{\theta} + 2k^B N_{i-1} - k_B N_i + \frac{\partial Z_{i+1}}{\partial t} - 2 \frac{\partial Z_i}{\partial t}$$

$\frac{\partial Z_i}{\partial t}$ = number of coalescence events between drop of volume v_i in unit time.

1. COALESCENCE OF SPHERICAL DROPS (BIMOLECULAR REACTION)



$\frac{\partial Z}{\partial t}$ = number of successful collisions

$$\frac{\partial Z}{\partial t} = \pi \epsilon^{1/3} d^{7/3} N^2 E$$

E = efficiency factor, analog of activation energy

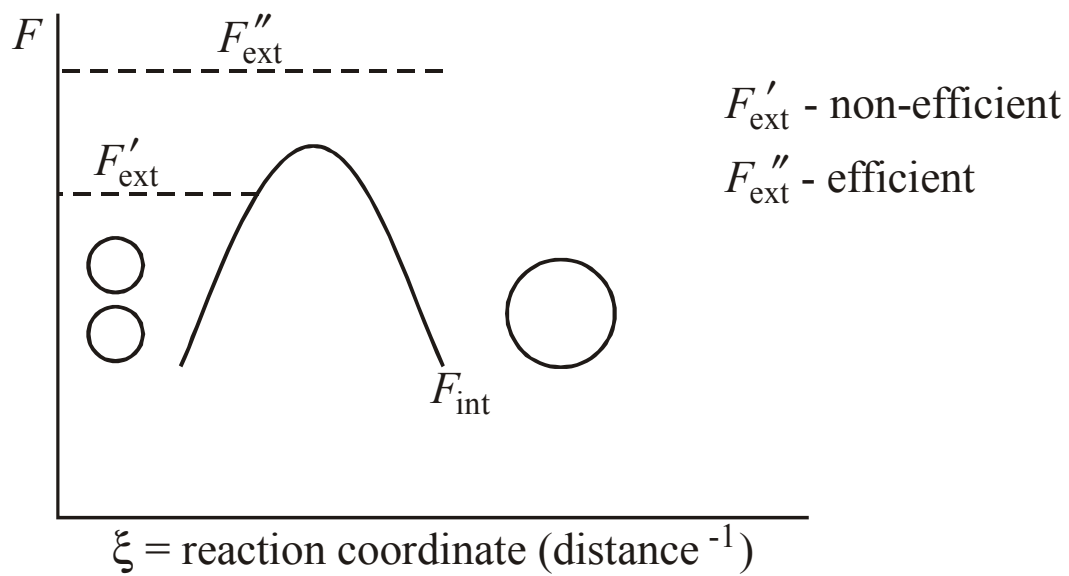
F = driving force for coalescence

F_{ext} = external (turbulent) force

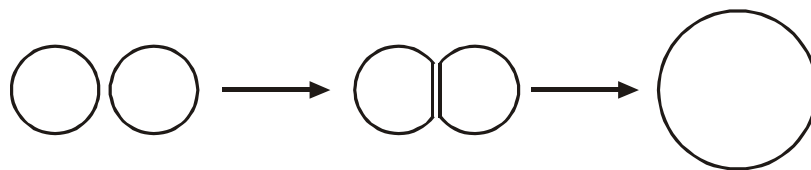
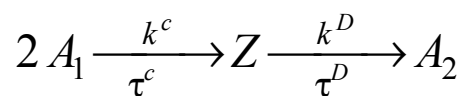
F_{int} = interaction (repulsive) force between the drops

$$F = F_{\text{ext}} - F_{\text{int}}$$

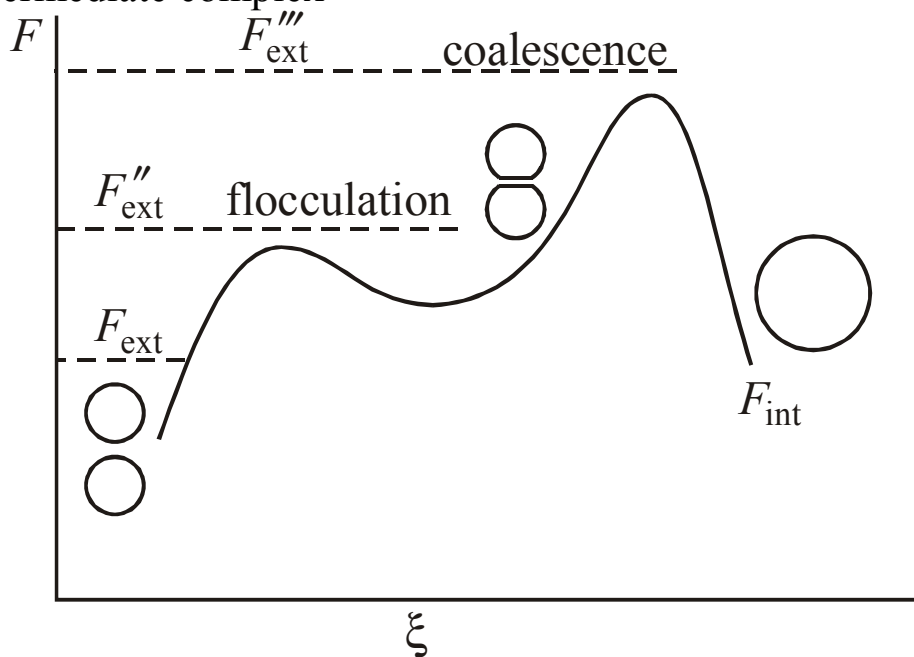
- Since both F_{ext} and F_{int} depend on R , some collisions (for which $F < 0$) will NOT be efficient.



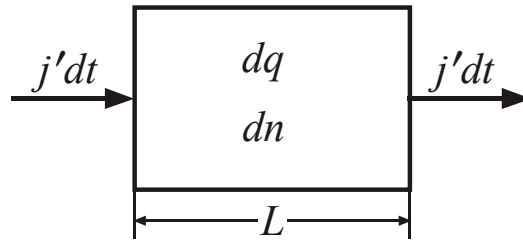
2. CONSECUTIVE IRREVERSIBLE REACTIONS FOR DROPS FORMING A FILM



Z = intermediate complex

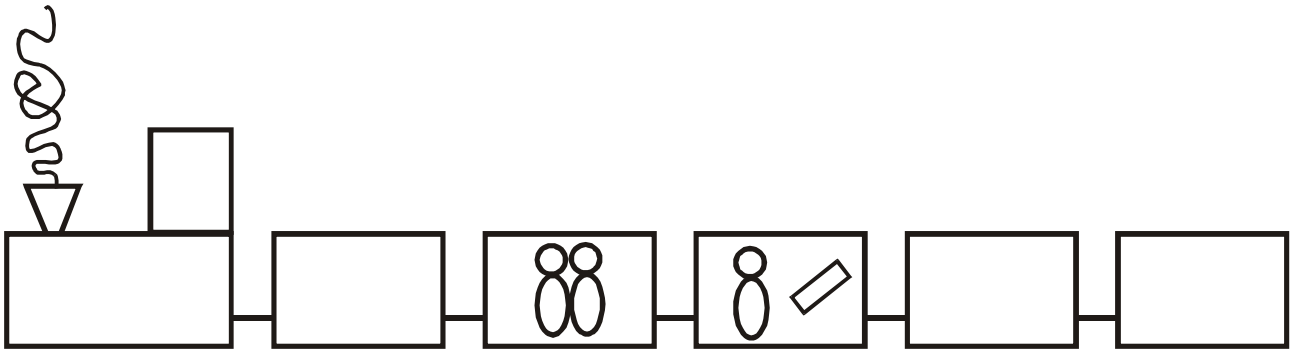


SINGULAR PERTURBATION



$$\frac{\tau}{\theta} \frac{dN_i}{dt} = \frac{\tau}{\theta} \Delta N_i + \frac{dq_i}{dt}$$

- **Macroscale**



- **Microscale**



- **Back to macroscale – coupling of macro and micro events:**

- The rocket slows down the train
- The speed of the train affects the taking aim

- The barrier depends also on the size, since the driving pressure is $\Delta P = 2\sigma/R - \Pi$.
- Successful coalescence corresponds to

$$\Delta P = \frac{2\sigma}{R} - \Pi_{\max} > 0$$

Kinetic Scheme

$$\frac{dN_i}{dt_0} = \frac{\Delta N_i}{\theta} + \frac{dq_i}{dt_0}; \quad dq_i = dq_i^B + dq_i^C$$

t_0 and θ = macroscopic time and time scale

τ = microscopic time scale

scaled times: $t = t_0/\theta$ and $t = t_0/\tau$

$$\frac{\tau}{\theta} \frac{dN_i}{dt} = \frac{\tau}{\theta} \Delta N_i + \frac{dq_i}{dt}$$

If $\tau/\theta \rightarrow 0$, then $\frac{dq_i}{dt} = 0 \rightarrow$ blow up of the micro-events.

- **Micro-kinetic scheme in microtime t (scaling time is the collision time – scale, τ_c).**

$$\frac{1}{\tau} \frac{dN_1}{dt} = -2k_1^c N_1^2$$

$$\frac{1}{\tau} \frac{dZ}{dt} = k_1^c N_1^2 + \frac{\partial Z}{\partial t_0}$$

$$\frac{1}{\tau} \frac{dN_2}{dt} = -\frac{\partial Z}{\partial t_0}$$

Z = number of complexes (2 drops with film which can rupture). They must rupture at time $t_0 + \tau^D$, where τ^D is the drainage time:

$$Z(t_0 + \tau^D) = Z(t) + \frac{\partial Z}{\partial t_0} \tau^D = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial Z}{\partial t_0} = -\frac{1}{\tau^D} Z = -k_2^c Z$$

Estimate of τ_c

Scale N_1 by N_{10} , the number of drops 1 at $t = 0$ ($N_1 = N_{10}N_1'$)

$$\frac{N_{10}}{\tau} \frac{dN_1'}{dt} = -2k_1^c N_{10}^2 (N_1')^2 \rightarrow \boxed{\tau_c = 1/k_1^c N_{10}}$$

$$\frac{dN_1}{dt} = -\frac{2}{N_{10}} N_1^2 \quad (a)$$

$$\frac{dZ}{dt} = \frac{1}{N_{10}} N_1^2 - \frac{\tau_c}{\tau_D} Z \quad (b)$$

with $N_1(0) = N_{10}$ from (a) and (b):

$$N_1 = \frac{N_{10}}{1 + 2t}$$

$$\frac{dZ}{dN_1} = -\frac{1}{2} - \frac{K}{N_1^2} Z \quad K = \frac{\tau_c N_{10}}{2\tau_D}$$

Introduce $x = K/N_1 \ll 1$

The solution of the linear equation is

$$Z = -\frac{1}{x} + 2 \left(\ln x + x + \frac{x^2}{2 \times 2!} + \dots + \text{const} \right) e^{-x}$$

Keep only $1/x$. With $Z = 0$ at $x = x_0 = K/N_{i0}$ (i.e. at $t = 0$) one obtains

For $x \rightarrow 0$ it becomes

$$Z = -\frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{x_0} = \frac{N_{i0}}{K} \frac{2t}{1+2t}$$

Going back to macro-time t_0 by substituting $t = t_0/\tau_c$, one obtains for any i (Note that N_{i0} is $N_i(t_0)$)

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dN_i}{dt_0} &= -2k_i^c N_i^2 = -2k_i^c \frac{N_{i0}^2}{\left(1 + 2N_{i0} k_i^c t_0\right)^2} \\ \frac{dN_{i+1}}{dt_0} &= -\frac{1}{\tau_D} Z_i = k_i^c N_{i0}^2 \frac{4t_0}{1 + 2N_{i0} k_i^c t_0} \end{aligned} \quad (c)$$

- For simplicity we have implicitly assumed (by taking $x \ll 1$) that the first process, collision, is the slow one – this is the inner solution. That is why the results depend only on τ_c (i.e. k_i^c).
- The realistic case, $\tau_D \gg \tau_c$, corresponds to the outer solution and to scaling $t = t_0/\tau_D$. The determination of the integration constants for this solution requires matching of the inner and outer solution (A.H. Nayfeh, Perturbation methods, John Wiley, 1973, p.114).
- The coalescence contribution to the balance of N_i is:

$$\frac{dq_i^{\text{coal}}}{dt} = \left(\begin{array}{c} \text{rate of coalescence} \\ \text{of two } i+1 \end{array} \right) - 2 \times \left(\begin{array}{c} \text{rate of death} \\ \text{of complexes } Z_i \end{array} \right)$$

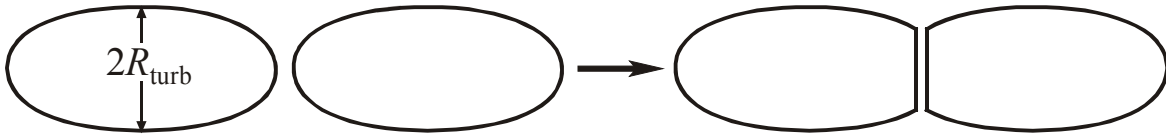
$$\boxed{\frac{dq_i^{\text{coal}}}{dt} = \frac{dN_{i+1}(t)}{dt} - 2x \frac{dN_i(t)}{dt}}$$

Here t is macro-time and the two derivatives are given by (c).

3. TURBULENT FORCE F_{ext} AND FILM RADIUS R_F

(a) Collision probability

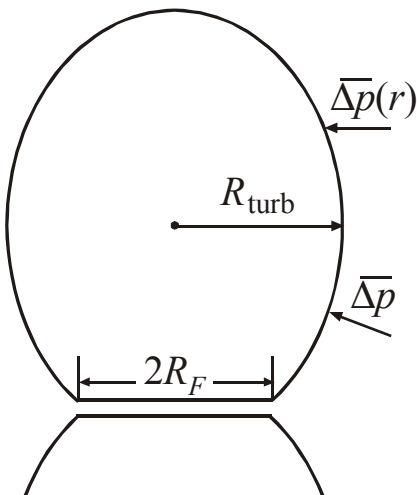
- The coalescence process in the emulsion is an ensemble of parallel events, occurring between different pairs of drops. Hence, the overall speed will be determined by the fastest ones.
- Since $\tau^D \sim 1/R$, the most favorable collisions between the deformed drops are head on (corresponding to smaller R_F):



- If Z_{sph} are the collisions between spherical drops, the number of favorable collisions, Z , will be roughly

$$Z = Z_{\text{sph}} \left(\frac{R_{\text{turb}}}{R} \right)^2$$

(b) Force Balance on Film



$$F_{\text{ext}} = \int \Delta p(r) 2\pi r dr$$

(area outside film)

$$F_{\text{ext}} \approx \frac{2\sigma}{R} \pi R_F^2$$

