<u>Luca Biferale</u>, Charles Meneveau & Roberto Verzicco Deformation statistics of small ellipsoidal drops in isotropic turbulence

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# BACKGROUND

The **sub-Kolmogorov** size of the droplets implies that:

only viscous drag induced by the shear can distort the droplet shape (no inertial forces)

the distortion is resisted by the surface tension that tends to restore the spherical shape

Initial study by Taylor (1932) with drops in a laminar flow



See Kolmogorov (1949) and Hinze (1955) or Lasheras et al. (2002) for larger drops with inertia forces

# BACKGROUND

Detailed simulations resort to DNS of turbulence coupled with boundary integral methods (or similar) [Cristini et al. (2003), Terashima & Tryggvason (2009) and Can & Prosperetti (2012)]



http://www3.nd.edu/~gtryggva/MCFD/



L.B. M. Sbragaglia, P. Perlekar and F. Toschi PRL (2012)

 $\bigcirc$  Highly complex droplets shapes, instabilities, necks and satellite droplets are captured
  $\bigotimes$  Turbulence Re<sub>λ</sub> only moderately high and the number of droplets is few tens or hundreds

THE HIERARCHY BOTTLENECK  $L_b/\bar{\Delta}x\sim 1000-2000$ 



# The Model

#### Pointwise Lagrangians with some physics built around



Initially spherical droplets can deform only to (triaxial) ellipsoids

$$\partial_t \boldsymbol{u} + \boldsymbol{u} \cdot \boldsymbol{\nabla} \boldsymbol{u} = -\boldsymbol{\nabla} p + \boldsymbol{v} \boldsymbol{\nabla}^2 \boldsymbol{u} + \boldsymbol{F}, \quad \boldsymbol{\nabla} \cdot \boldsymbol{u} = 0.$$
  
$$\dot{\boldsymbol{X}} = \boldsymbol{u}(\boldsymbol{X}(t), t),$$

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#### ELLIPSOIDAL DROP DETERMINED BY A SYMMETRIC POSITIVE DEFINED SECOND RANK TENSOR

M's eigenvalues: squared semiaxis of the ellipsoid

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	N	Rez	η	δx	ε	ν	$ au_\eta$	t <sub>dump</sub>	δt	$T_L$	$G_t$
Run I	512	185	0.01	0.012	0.9	0.002	0.047	0.004	0.0004	2.2	5.48
Run II	2048	400	0.0026	0.003	0.88	0.00035	0.02	0.001 15	0.000 115	2.2	11.4

TABLE 1. Eulerian parameters for the two sets of data from the DNS of homogeneous and isotropic turbulence. Here N is the number of grid points in each spatial direction;  $Re_{\lambda}$  is the Taylor-scale Reynolds number;  $\eta$  is the Kolmogorov dissipative scale;  $\delta x = \mathcal{L}/N$  is the grid spacing, with  $\mathcal{L} = 2\pi$  denoting the physical size of the numerical domain;  $\tau_{\eta} = (\nu/\varepsilon)^{1/2}$  is the Kolmogorov dissipative timescale;  $\varepsilon$  is the average rate of energy injection;  $\nu = \mu_0/\rho$  is the kinematic viscosity;  $t_{dump}$  is the time interval between two successive data recordings along particle trajectories;  $\delta t$  is the time step of the model integration;  $T_L = L/U_0$  is the eddy turnover time at the integral scale  $L = \pi$ ,  $U_0$  is the typical large-scale root-mean-square velocity and  $G_t$  is the reference inverse turbulent timescale. Averages are performed over two large eddy turnover times.

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$$\frac{\mathrm{d}R_{i}}{\mathrm{d}t} = A_{ik}R_{k}$$

$$\frac{R(t)}{R(0)} \sim \exp^{\int_{0}^{t} d\tau \partial_{x} u(\tau)} = \exp^{t\left(\frac{1}{t}\int_{0}^{t} d\tau \partial_{x} u(\tau)\right)} = \exp^{t\gamma(t)}$$

$$\boxed{\gamma(t) = \frac{1}{t}\log\left(\frac{|\mathbf{R}(t)|}{|\mathbf{R}(0)|}\right),}$$
CRAMER FUNCTION
$$\frac{P(\gamma, t) \sim exp(-tS(\gamma))}{S(\gamma) = (\gamma - \lambda_{L})^{2}/(2\sigma),}$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{dM_{ij}}{dt} = \overline{\partial_i v_k M_{ik} + \partial_j v_k M_{ki}} - \frac{f_1}{\tau} (M_{ij} - g(M)I) \quad \lambda = 1 \\ & \\ & \quad \text{Finite Time Lyapunov Exponent: local stretching rate} \\ & \quad \left[ \begin{array}{c} Tr(M(t)) \sim exp(2\gamma t) \\ P(\gamma, t) \sim exp(-tS(\gamma)) \\ \langle (Tr(M(t)))^q \rangle \sim \int d\gamma \exp(t(2q\gamma - S(\gamma))) \sim \exp(tL(2q)) \\ L(2q) = \max_{\gamma} (2q\gamma - S(\gamma)) \\ \langle (Tr(M(t)))^q \rangle \sim \exp(-t\frac{f_1}{\tau}) \end{aligned} \end{aligned}$$

# RELAXATION

$$\frac{dM_{ij}}{dt} = \partial_i v_k M_{ik} + \partial_j v_k M_{ki} - \frac{f_1}{\tau} (M_{ij} - g(M)I)$$

Finite Time Lyapunov Exponent: local stretching rate

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$$L(2q) = \max_{\gamma}(2q\gamma - S(\gamma))$$

$$\langle (Tr(M(t)))^q \rangle \sim exp(-t\frac{f_1}{\tau})$$

### BALANCE

 $\langle (Tr(M(t)))^q \rangle \sim exp(-t(L(2q) -$ 

# STATIONARITY: POWER LAW TAIL $\int P(Tr(M)) \sim Tr(M)^{-(\tilde{q}+1)}$ $L(2\tilde{q}) = \frac{\tilde{q}f_1}{\tau}$

Coil-stretch transition (droplet break-up)  $L(2q)\sim 2\bar{\gamma}q$   $2\bar{\gamma}=f_1/ au_c$ 

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Two-Dimensional Turbulence of Dilute Polymer Solutions

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E. Balkovsky, A. Fouxon, and V. Lebedev, Phys. Rev. Lett. **84**, 4765 (2000).

	au=0.03	au=0.05	au=0.06	au=0.08
$ ilde{q} \mu=0.14/ au_\eta$	1.6	0.57	0.31	0
$ert  ilde{q} ert \mu = 0.19 /  au_\eta$	1.2	0.41	0.23	0





For  $\mu \neq 1$  (different viscosities) the importance of strain and rotation is unequal and the analogy with polymers fails (the prediction underestimates Ca<sub>c</sub>)

$$\frac{dM_{ij}}{dt} = \Omega_{ik}M_{kj} - M_{ik}\Omega_{kj} + f_2(S_{ik}M_{kj} + M_{ik}S_{kj}) - \frac{f_1}{\tau_c}(M_{ij} - g(II_M, III_M)\delta_{ij}),$$



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#### CONCLUSIONS

SMALL DROPLETS/BUBBLES DYNAMICS: BREAK-UP TRANSITION + PDF OF DEFORMATION -> Large Deviation Theory.

PROBLEMS WHEN ROTATION RATE IS EFFICIENT?

COARSE GRAINED DYNAMICS FOR INTERIAL RANGE BUBBLES/DROPLETS ?

ESTIMATE APRIORI FEEDBACK ON THE FLOW BY DROPLET DEFORMATION -> BUBBLE-DRAG REDUCTION?

ESTIMATE EFFECTS OF INERTIA: FOLLOWING TRAJECTORIES OF HEAVY/LIGHT OBJECTS

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DROPLET BREAK-UP IN NON-HOMOGENEOUS TURBULENCE?

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Deformation statistics of sub-Kolmogorov-scale ellipsoidal neutrally buoyant drops in isotropic turbulence

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