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Influence of Entire Turbulent Spectrum on Modeling of Breakup in Liquid-Liquid Systems

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Problem Definition



Turbulent Spectrum

- Different regions of the spectrum,
- Available models: breakup only occurs in the inertial subrange,
- Lack of modeling strategies for other subranges!



Formulation of a Breakup Rate Model



Entire spectrum vs. Inertial subrange

- Approximating the eddy velocity using the second-order structure function:
 - Kolmogorov for <u>inertial subrange</u>:

$$\langle [\delta v]^2 \rangle (\lambda) = \mathcal{C} \times (\varepsilon \lambda)^{2/3}$$

Davidson for <u>entire spectrum</u>:

$$\langle [\delta v]^2 \rangle (\lambda) = \frac{4}{3} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} E(\kappa) \left[1 - 3 \left\{ \frac{\sin(\kappa \lambda)}{(\kappa \lambda)^3} + \frac{\cos(\kappa \lambda)}{(\kappa \lambda)^2} \right\} \right] d\kappa$$

Entire spectrum vs. Inertial subrange (cont.)

- Practical definition of inertial subrange based on the overlapping zone,
- Improved understanding of the contribution of turbulent energy spectrum.



Upgrading the breakup model

- Turbulent eddy velocity,
- Number density of eddies,
- Life time of eddies,
- Comparing interaction frequency
 using two formulations





Upgrading the breakup model (cont.)

- Updated model should work for both the inertial subrange and outside this region.
- Example 1. Inertial subrange (Direct measurements)

| Phases (continuous- dispersed) | Droplet diameter [m] | Exp. Breakup rate [m ⁻³ s ⁻¹] | Opera | ational condi | Turbulent details | | |
|--|------------------------------|---|---------------------|-------------------------|-------------------|---------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| | | | $\sigma [N m^{-1}]$ | $ ho_{d} [kg m^{-3}]$ | $\mu_d[Pas]$ | $\varepsilon \left[m^2 s^{-3}\right]$ | 8.5 |
| Water-Dodecane (Andersson and Andersson, 2006) | 5×10 ⁻⁴ | 0.24 | | | | $k [m^2 s^2]$ | 0.087 |
| | 7×10 ⁻⁴ | 1.0 | | | | L [m] | 3.02×10 ⁻³ |
| | 9×10 ⁻⁴ | 3.1 | 0.053 | 750.0 | 0.0015 | $\eta \ [m]$ | 1.86×10⁻⁵ |
| | 1×10 ⁻³ | 4.9 | | | | $\lambda_T \ [m]$ | 3.21×10 ⁻⁴ |
| | | | | | | Re _L [–] | 889.35 |

Example 1. Inertial subrange

- Drop diameters within the inertial subrange.
- Similar predictions for both models (no surprise!).
- <u>The updated model works for</u> the inertial subrange.





Example 2. Entire spectrum

• Direct measurements of breakup rates:

| Phases (continuous- dispersed) | Droplet diameter [m] | Exp. Breakup rate [m ⁻³ s ⁻¹] | Operat | ional cond | Turbulent details | | |
|--------------------------------------|------------------------------|---|---------------------|------------------------|-------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| | | | $\sigma [N m^{-1}]$ | $\rho_d [kg m^{-3}]$ | $\mu_d[Pas]$ | $\epsilon [m^2 s^{-3}]$ | 200.0 |
| Water-Rapeseed oil | 1×10 ⁻⁴ | 0.0 | 0.020 | 920.0 | 0.0699 | $k [m^2 s^2]$ | 0.4 |
| | 2×10 ⁻⁴ | 25.47 | | | | L [m] | 0.0013 |
| | 3×10 ⁻⁴ | 35.78 | | | | $\eta \ [m]$ | 8.43×10 ⁻⁶ |
| | 4×10 ⁻⁴ | 126.32 | | | | $\lambda_T [m]$ | 1.42×10 ⁻⁴ |
| | 5×10 ⁻⁴ | 214.29 | | | | $Re_L[-]$ | 796.81 |
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Example 2. Entire spectrum (cont.)

- A unique data point outside the inertial subrange.
- The updated model starts to show improvements toward the dissipation subrange.
- The updated model works outside the inertial subrange.



Upgrading other breakup models

- Commonly used models,
- Improvement for the dissipation subrange,
- The model structure might not accommodate further improvements.



Upgrading other breakup models (cont.)

- Model extension depending on model formulation,
- Higher predictive capabilities toward dissipation subrange,
- Extension of breakup kernels: when the droplet diameters are not limited to the inertial subrange.



Concluding Remarks

- Importance of entire turbulent spectrum for modeling fluid particles breakup.
- A more realistic representation of turbulent structures (numbers, velocity, and inertial subrange).
- Validated model confirms the benefits of the entire turbulent spectrum for breakup formulation.