Dynamics of small heavy droplets – results from experiments and simulations

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2 Pictures: Sling and Caustics



Inertia causes singularity in particles velocity gradient.

- Large relative velocities between neighboring particles.
- Should enhance droplet coalescence in cloud But...
- Extreme velocities \rightarrow coalescence or breakup ?

Presentation

- 1. Describe experiment, simulation.
- 2. Monodisperse results (same Stokes).
- 3. Two Stokes (bi-disperse)results.
 (St₁ ≠ St₂)



Setup : The Acrylic Soccer Ball



- Acrylic shell , D = 1m.
- 32 Independent-randomly pulsating jets.
- $R_{\lambda} \approx 100 400$ (200)
- L ≈ 10 cm

- $u_{std,y}/u_{std,z} \approx 1.05$
- $U_{mean}/u_{std} \le 10\%$
- Droplet generator \rightarrow next slide
- Size resolved Lagrangian Particle
 Tracking → next slide

Similar earlier version: Chang, et al., J. Fluid Mech. (2012)

Setup : Spinning Disk Droplet Generator.



K. May, J. Appl. Phys. 20, 932 (1949).

- 60,000 rpm spinning disk .
- Liquid wets disk surface.
- Droplets ejected from disk edge . (Rayleigh-Taylor Instability)
- 40% ethanol 60% water
- $D_{std} = \pm 3 \ \mu m$.

Bi-disperse droplets:

- Big: 19.4 μm mean diameter.
 St = 0.19, 0.31, 0.5
- Small: 6.8 μm mean diameter.
 St = 0.02, 0.05, 0.06

High-Res. Particle Tracking with Shadow Imaging



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Compare experiment with DNS using the Stokes drag model.

DNS with Heavy Particles

- Pseudo-spectral Navier–Stokes solver.
- Constant homogenous-isotropic forcing at large scales.
- Point particles with standard yet simplistic Stokes-drag-model:

$$\frac{d\mathbf{v}}{dt} = \frac{1}{\tau_p}(\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{v}) + \mathbf{g}$$

• Conditions matched to the experiment:

R_λ≈ 200

St = 0.05, 0.31, 0.5

 $S_q < 0.3$ (found negligible influence)



Direct Comparison of Velocity Statistics

PDF (radial relative velocity | separation distance)



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- Missing physics: History force? ($d/\eta \approx 0.1$)
- Different energy injection mechanisms?

Miss-match of large Scale Energy Injections ?





Forcing localized in space & time

Volumetric constant forcing (DNS)



r- scaling, Frozen Tails and saturated exponents



Tail has similar shape, simple scaling w.r.t. R.

$$P(v|r) \sim r^{\xi_{\infty}} \phi(v)$$

Core scales like tracers in dissipative scale ((linear):

$$P(v|r) \sim r^{-1}\psi(v/r)$$

Structure function has exponents that plateau at large order.

$$S_{ll}^{n}(r) = \langle \left| \delta \mathbf{v} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{r}} \right|^{n} \rangle \sim r^{\xi_{n}}$$

K. Gustavsson & B. Mehlig (2011), (2013)
A. Celani, A. Lanotte, A. Mazzino, and M. Vergassola, Physical Review Letters 84, 2385 (2000).
J. Bec, L. Biferale, M. Cencini, A. Lanotte, and F. Toschi, J. Fluid Mech. 646, 527 (2010).



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Structure function of modulus of $\Delta \mathbf{v}$: $S(r) = \left\langle |\mathbf{v_1}(\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{r}) - \mathbf{v_2}(\mathbf{x})|^2 \right\rangle_{\mathbf{x}}$

Only experiment data...



Relative motion between 2 Stokes Numbers



- Largest discrepancy ~ 20%.
- Role of g significant (~ 20% increase) for lowest $\Delta St = (0.19 - 0.02)$ case. ($\varepsilon = 0.45 \text{ m}^2/\text{s}^3$)

Theory:

Chang K, Shaw R, Malec B (submitted)

Start with

$$\vec{v} = \vec{u}_f + \tau(\vec{g} - \vec{a}_f)$$

$$\frac{S_{\Delta St}(r)}{u_{\eta}^{2}} = \frac{S_{f}(r)}{u_{\eta}^{2}} + (\Delta St)^{2}(a_{0} + \frac{g^{2}}{a_{\eta}^{2}})$$

 $\langle \boldsymbol{a}^2
angle = a_0 \, a_\eta^2,$

Values of a_0 from Ishihara et al. (2007), Hills (2002)

Relative motion between 2 Stokes Numbers



- Seen by simulation: θ⁻⁴ in intermediate θ, at r=0.
- Check with our Experiment data.

Summary

- Stokes drag (DNS) reproduced qualitative trends of the experiment
- Excellent agreement for inertia dominated regime (large St, v/r).
- Discrepancies for low St, separating particles. Likely due to energy injection peculiarity or missing physics.
- Droplets with different St have much larger relative velocities.
- Simple phenomenology capture main features of cross-St velocity statistics.



DNS with heavy particles

Effect of Measurement Noise



Does not account for the discrepancy.

Accuracy of Measured ϵ

We used dissipative scaling of structure function:

$$\left< \delta v_{\parallel}^2 \right> = \frac{1}{15} \frac{\epsilon}{\nu} r^2$$

Use DNS to evaluate the accuracy of such method.



Expected Accuracy of ~ 15%

Inaccurate Sizing, Intermittency (Re effect) ?

$$St = \frac{1}{18} \frac{\rho_p}{\rho_f} \frac{d^2}{\eta^2}$$



r = 5-5.6 η	
Red:	Experiment, St=0.5, R_{λ} = 190
Cyan:	Experiment, St=0.06, R_{λ} = 190
Blue:	DNS, St=0.5, $R_{\lambda} = 182$
Purple:	DNS, St=0.4, $R_{\lambda} = 287$
Green:	DNS, St=0.63, R _λ = 287

Inaccurate viscosity ?

$$St = \frac{1}{18} \frac{\rho_p}{\rho_f} \frac{d^2}{\eta^2} \qquad \eta = (\nu^{\frac{3}{4}} / \epsilon^{\frac{1}{4}})$$

Physically, changes of ρ and v of air with humidity is at most few percents.



Effect of Increasing Re



Does not account for the discrepancy.

Testing a theory

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A theory for St >> 1.

Predicts: $P(\Delta V) \sim \exp(-C|\Delta V|^{4/3})$



 $\frac{d\mathbf{v}}{dt} = \frac{1}{\tau_p} (\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{v}) + \mathbf{g}$

Essential idea: Two particles are thrown together from large distances and follow ballistic motion under Stokes drag.

 \rightarrow extreme relative velocity

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Attempt to test the essential idea....



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Statistics of large velocities are well described by assuming:

Particles approach each other following ballistic motion under Stokes drag.

$$\frac{d}{dt}\Delta \mathbf{v} = \frac{1}{\tau_{\mathbf{p}}} (\Delta \mathbf{u} - \Delta \mathbf{v}) + \mathbf{g}$$

Stokes-Dragged Ballistic Simulation

1) Pick from experimental data, approaching trajectories that are inertia dominated.

(Criteria: $\tau_p \delta v_0 / r_0 \ge$ 1 , $~\delta {\bf v_0} \bullet {\bf r} < 0~~$)

2) Retain only the first point at which the trajectory starts to become inertia dominated.

3) Simulated the rest of the trajectory via Stokes-dragged-ballistic motion:

$$\frac{d}{dt}\Delta \mathbf{v} = \frac{1}{\tau_{\mathbf{p}}} (\Delta \mathbf{u} - \Delta \mathbf{v}) + \mathbf{g}$$



Compare simulated velocity statistics to real (measured) data....

Real data VS. Stokes-Dragged-Balistic Simulation



Summary

- Experimental study of extreme relative velocities between heavy particles.
- Compared experiment and DNS to test the accuracy of the Stokes drag model for the particle advection.
- DNS reproduced all trends of the experiment AND excellent quantitative agreement for inertia dominated regime (large St).
- Small discrepancies for lower Stokes numbers AND for separating particles at larger scale. Likely due to missing physics.
- For large velocities, Data support particle trajectories following ballistic motion under Stokes drag, (for tails of PDF(dv)).

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