8 times viscosity of water

50 µm



dt = 5 μs

Neck Rupture?



Helium

$50 \ \mu m$ $dt = 10 \ \mu s$



100 000 fps

Helium in water

$50 \ \mu m$ $dt = 1 \ \mu s$



1 000 000 fps

Air in water







Increasing viscosity

Higher liquid viscosity









"Local" importance of viscous forces





Higher viscosity



100,000 fps

Higher viscosity

75% glycerin, $\mu = 20 \mu_w$



dt = 2 µs

dt = 4 µs



dt = 10 µs

50 times viscosity of water

$50 \ \mu m$







100 µm

650 µs later

Summary on bubble pinch-off

- Most results consistent with Burton et al. (2005)
- Exponent > 1/2. For water = 0.54 0.60
- No 'Rupture' of air tube in water at 50 µm
- For viscous liquid find ~ 3 μ m air tube
- No power laws for intermediate viscosities

Outline

- **1. How fast do free-surface flows move?** why 1,000,000 fps?
- 2. Imaging and high-speed camera types
 high-speed CCD video cameras
- 3. The pinch-off of a drop or a bubble from a nozzle
 Different dynamics!

4. Coalescence of two drops or bubbles
 or Miscible drops

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What determines the speed of the coalescence?

Simple Capillary-Inertial Motions Contraction of an air disc

- High surface curvature produces capillary pressure, Young-Laplace
- Inertia or surface tension resists this motion



$$\frac{26}{R} = \frac{2 \times 0.010}{0.5 \times 10^{-6}} = 2.9 \times 10^5 N/m^2 \simeq 3 P_{atm}$$

Surface tensionviscous balance



air

- Viscous force $\sim \mu U / \delta$
- Surface tension $\sim \sigma / \delta$
- Become equal when $\mu U / \delta = \sigma / \delta$

$$U = \sigma / \mu$$
 or $Ca = U\mu / \sigma = 1$

- For water $\sigma = 0.073$ N/m
- Dynamic viscosity $\mu = 0.001 Pa s$

$$\rightarrow U = 73 \text{ m/s!}$$



- Including inertia, dynamic pressure ~ ρU^2
- Capillary pressure ~ σ / δ
- In balance $U \sim C (\sigma / \rho \delta)^{1/2}$
- Disc thickness: $\delta \pi R^2 = Vol. \implies \delta = Vol. / \pi R^2$

$$U = -dR/dt = (\sigma / \rho \delta)^{1/2} = (\sigma \pi R^2 / \rho Vol.)^{1/2}$$
$$-dR/dt = (\sigma \pi / \rho Vol.)^{1/2} R$$
$$R = R_o \exp[-(\sigma \pi / \rho Vol.)^{1/2}] t$$



Experimental Setup







Osaka, July, 35°C



Civil Engineering, Kinki University, Osaka, Japan, 5° C

Air entrapment



Bubbles $30 - 50 \ \mu m$



Thoroddsen, Etoh & Takehara, JFM, 478 (2003)







Thin film under drop



Low Re / We

Bars 0.5 mm



<u>Coalescence of Miscible Drops</u>

 Water drop coalescing with an ethanol drop (lower σ)

What controls the speed of coalescence?

Thoroddsen, Qian, Etoh & Takehara, (2007) The initial coalescence of miscible drops, *Phys. Fluids*, **19**, 072110



Water on water

Ethanol on top Water on bottom 1 ms

Speed of coalescence

Is determined by the lower surface tension



Selfsimilar Marangoni waves





Wedges or Cones Self-similar geometry



Water drop coalescing with an ethanol pool



Image difference













Water cone

Entering ethanol pool

Overview and Conclusions

- Ultra-high-speed imaging required for small drops/bubbles
- Time-resolved imaging of pinch-off and coalescence
- Interesting capillary-inertial dynamics below to 1 µm length scale
- Possible dynamics below optical limit?