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# Modelling, analysis and simulation of transport processes at fluidic interfaces

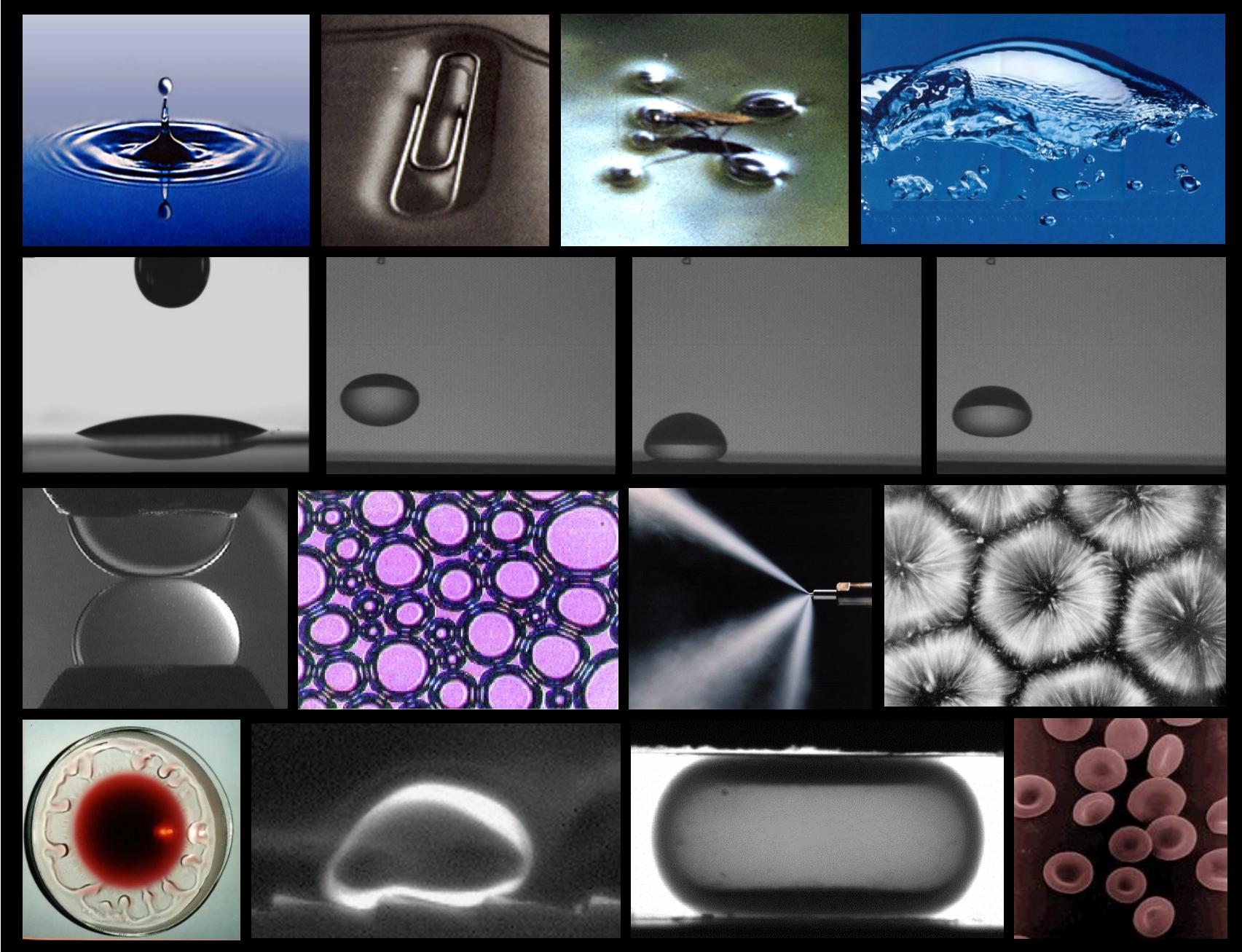
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*Mathematical Modelling and Analysis*

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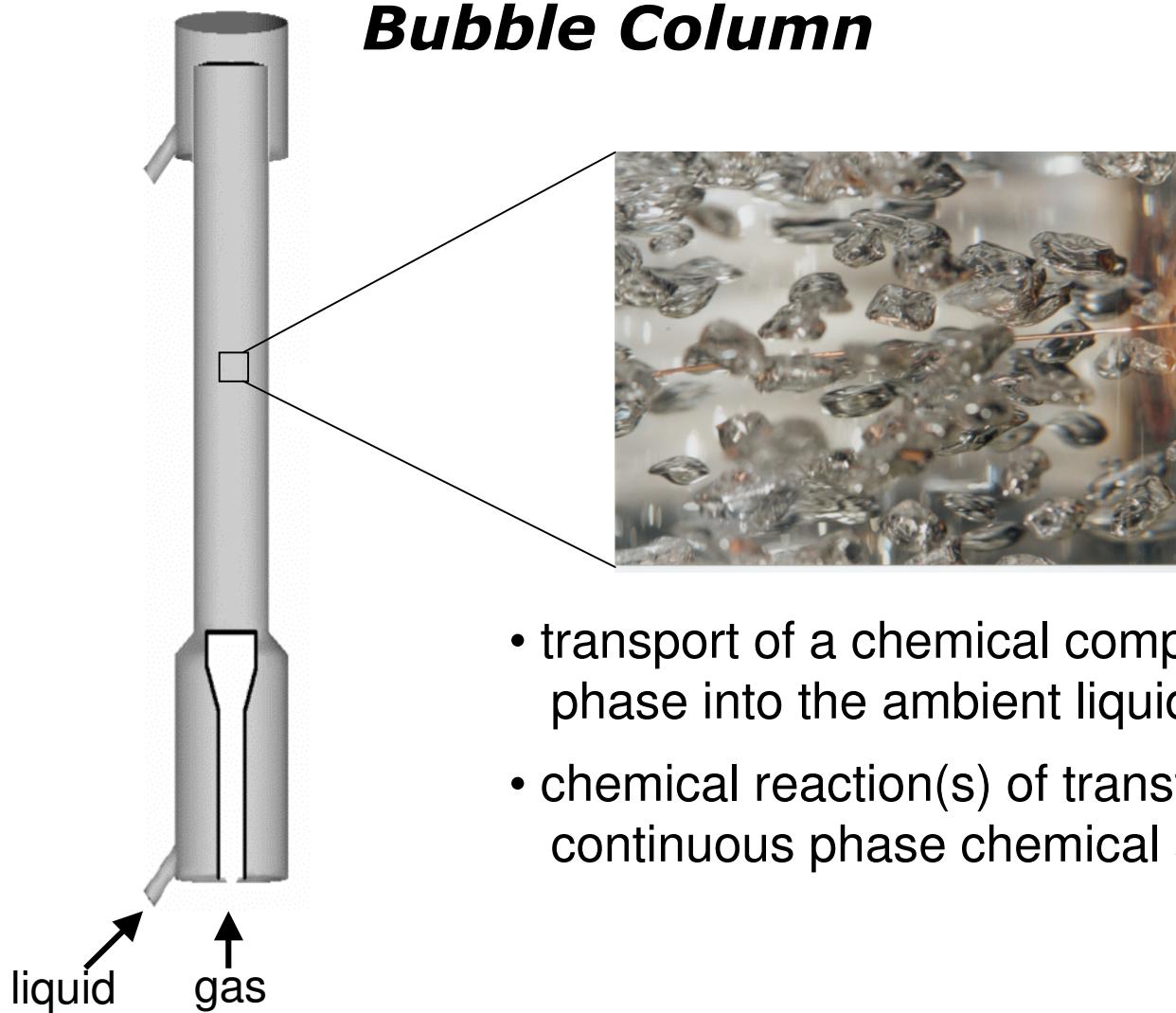
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# Reactive Gas-Liquid-Processes

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# Bubble Column

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multi-scale two-phase process

## **macro scale**

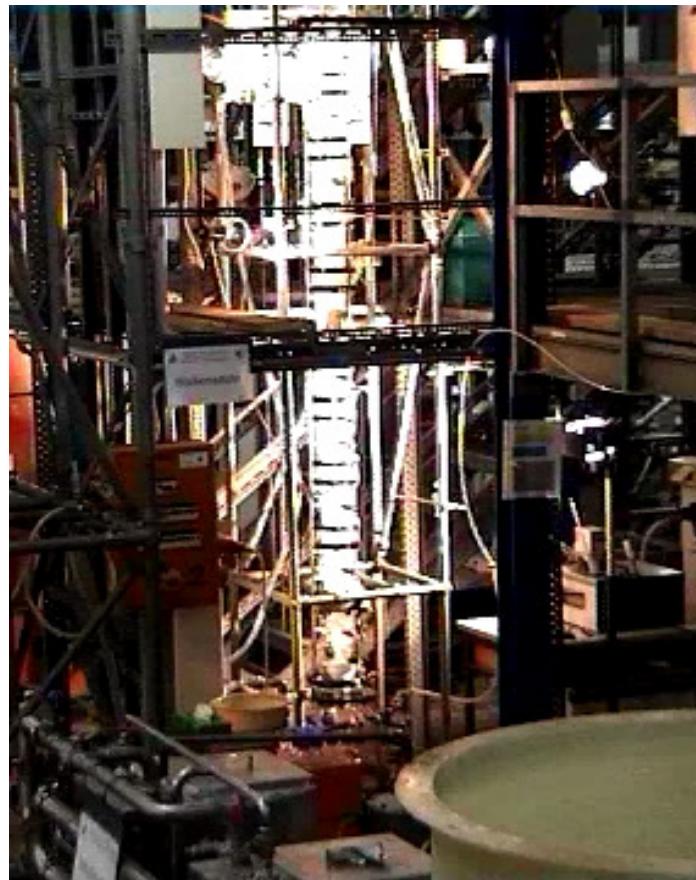
- dispersion (backmixing)
- bubble movement
- convection

## **meso scale**

- coalescence vs. bouncing

## **micro scale**

- mass transfer
- diffusion (micro mixing)
- chemical reaction

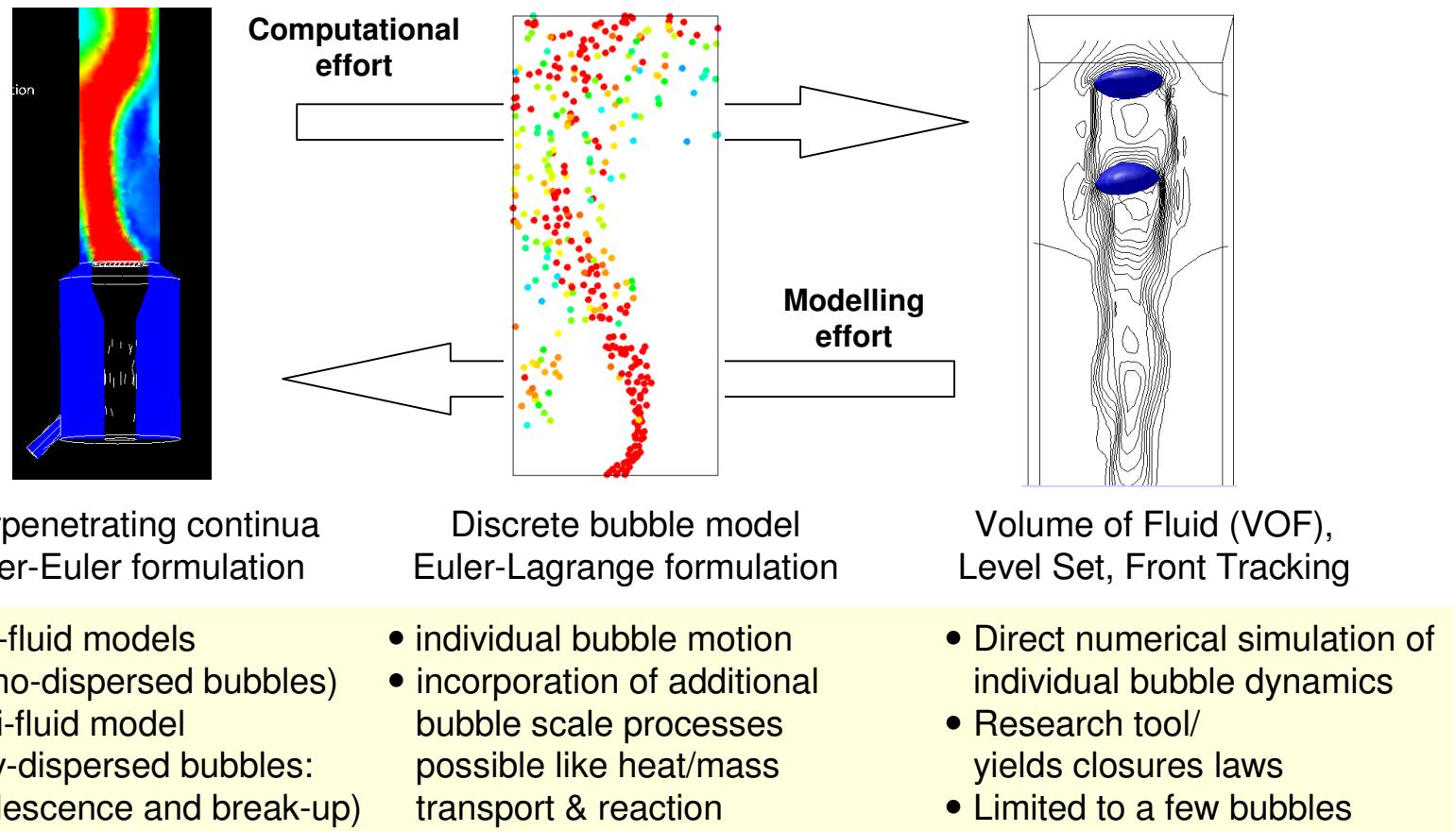


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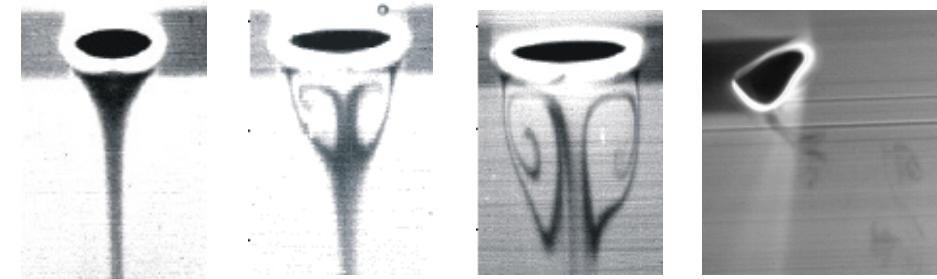
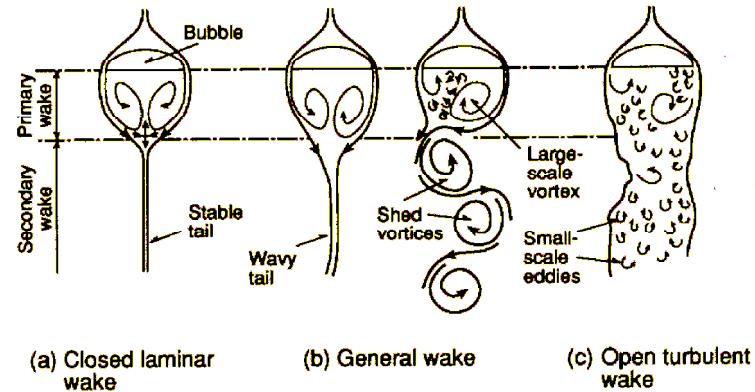
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# Model Hierarchy

- Multi-scale Modelling



# Bubble Wake Reactor



Bork, Schlüter, Scheid, Räbiger, IUV, University of Bremen

complex interplay between hydrodynamics, mass transfer, convective and diffusive mass transport and chemical reaction at dynamical interfaces

insufficient knowledge of the underlying  
***local*** physico-chemical phenomena

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# computational bubble dynamics

# Forces on Bubbles

Equation of motion for single bubbles:

$$(\rho_g + a \rho_l) \frac{d \mathbf{v}_P}{dt} = -\frac{3 C_D \rho_l}{4 d_B} |\mathbf{v}_R| \mathbf{v}_R - C_L \rho_l \mathbf{v}_R \times \text{rot } \mathbf{v}_l + \Delta \rho \mathbf{g}$$

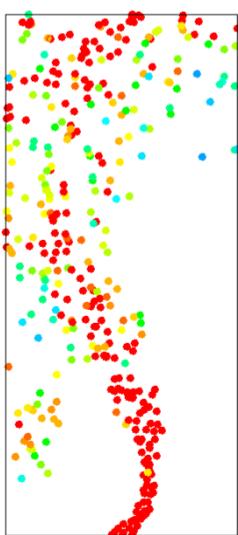
Inertial Force

Drag Force

Lift Force

Buoyancy  
Force

DBM



$\mathbf{v}_P$

particle velocity

$a$

virtual mass coefficient

$\mathbf{v}_l$

liquid velocity

$C_D$

drag coefficient

$\mathbf{v}_R$

relative velocity

$C_L$

lift coefficient

Multi-scale  
modelling:

*Closure laws for  $C_D$ ,  $C_L$  etc. from  
Direct Numerical Simulations*

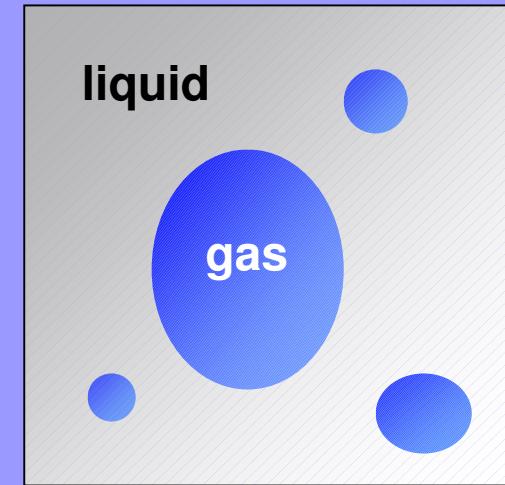
# Modeling of Two-Phase Flow

Basis of mathematical model: continuum mechanics

- captures all relevant macroscopic phenomena
- existence of continuous densities of all balanced quantities

Multi-Phase System:

- continuous physical quantities  
inside the bulk phases
- jump discontinuities  
at the phase boundaries



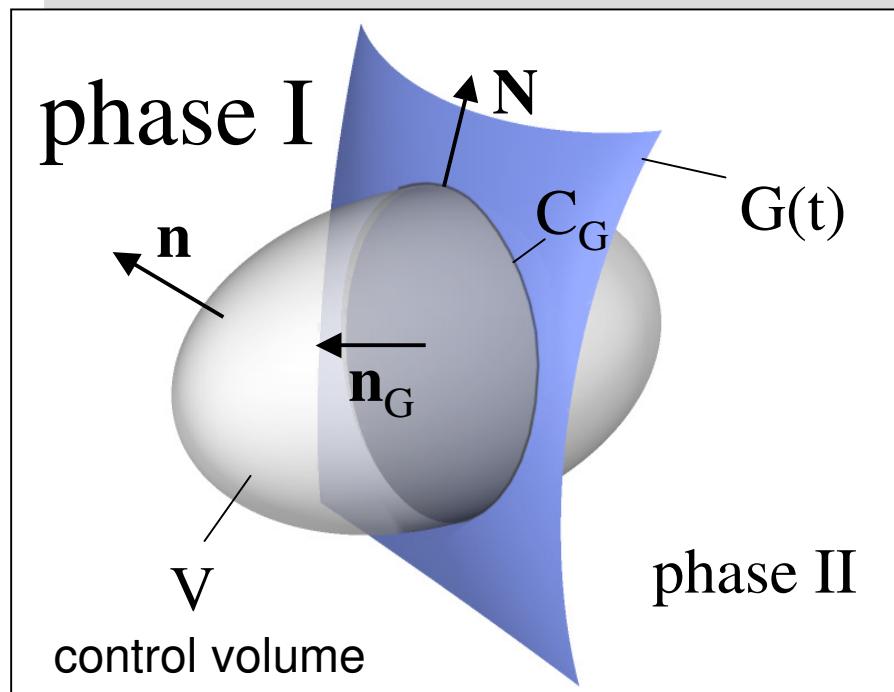
**Moving Boundary Problem**

shape and distribution of interfaces implicitly determined

# Continuum Mechanical Modeling

Balance of an extensive physical quantity with density  $\phi$

$$\frac{d}{dt} \int_V \rho \phi dV = \int_V S dV \quad \text{sources/sinks}$$
$$- \int_{\partial V} \rho \phi \mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{n} dA - \int_{\partial V} \mathbf{J} \cdot \mathbf{n} dA \quad \text{convective and molecular flux}$$



$$+ \int_{V \cap G} S_G dA \quad \text{interfacial sources/sinks}$$
$$- \int_{C_G} \mathbf{J}_G \cdot \mathbf{N} dS \quad \text{interfacial flux}$$

# Local Balances

## integral balance equations

### local balance equations

$$\partial_t \rho \phi + \nabla \cdot \rho \phi \mathbf{u} + \nabla \cdot \mathbf{J} = S$$

accum.    conv. flux    mol. flux    source

### interfacial jump conditions

$$[\rho \phi (\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{u}_G) + \mathbf{J}] \cdot \mathbf{n}_G = S_G$$

conv. flux    mol. flux    source

apply to

- *mass*               $\phi = 1$
- *momentum*     $\phi = \mathbf{u}$
- *energy*               $\phi = e + \frac{1}{2} u^2$

jump of a quantity  $\Psi$  at the interface:

$$[\Psi](x) := \lim_{h \rightarrow 0+} \Psi(x + h\mathbf{n}_G) - \Psi(x - h\mathbf{n}_G)$$

# Two-Phase Navier-Stokes Eqs

Mathematical model of isothermal incompressible two-phase flow without phase change for *constant* surface tension :

mass

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{u} = 0$$

$$[\mathbf{u}] = 0$$

momentum

$$\partial_t(\rho_{\pm}\mathbf{u}) + \nabla \cdot (\rho_{\pm}\mathbf{u} \otimes \mathbf{u}) = \nabla \cdot \mathbf{T}$$

$$[-\mathbf{T}] \cdot \mathbf{n} = \sigma \kappa \mathbf{n}$$

phase

$$\partial_t f + \mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla f = 0$$

$$V = \mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{n}$$

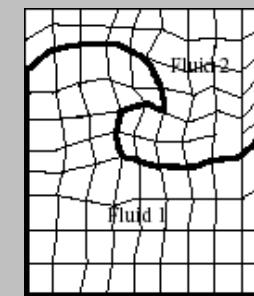
$$\mathbf{T} = -p_{\pm}\mathbf{I} + \mathbf{S}, \quad \mathbf{S} = \eta_{\pm}(\nabla \mathbf{u} + \nabla \mathbf{u}^T)$$

# Principal Approaches

## Numerical methods for simulation of two-phase flows

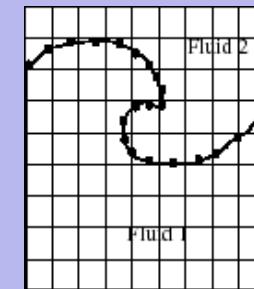
### - *moving grid methods (Lagrangian)*

Each phase represented by a separate grid.  
Computational grid advected with the flow.



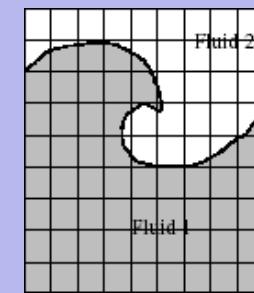
### - *fixed grid methods (Eulerian)*

Common computational grid for both phases.  
Interface is independent of this grid.



#### - *surface tracking*

marker particles / surface grid (front tracking)



#### - *volume tracking*

Volume of Fluid (VOF) / Level Set

# Volume of Fluid - Method

## Phase conservation

$$V = \mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{n}$$

$$\partial_t f + \mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla f = 0$$

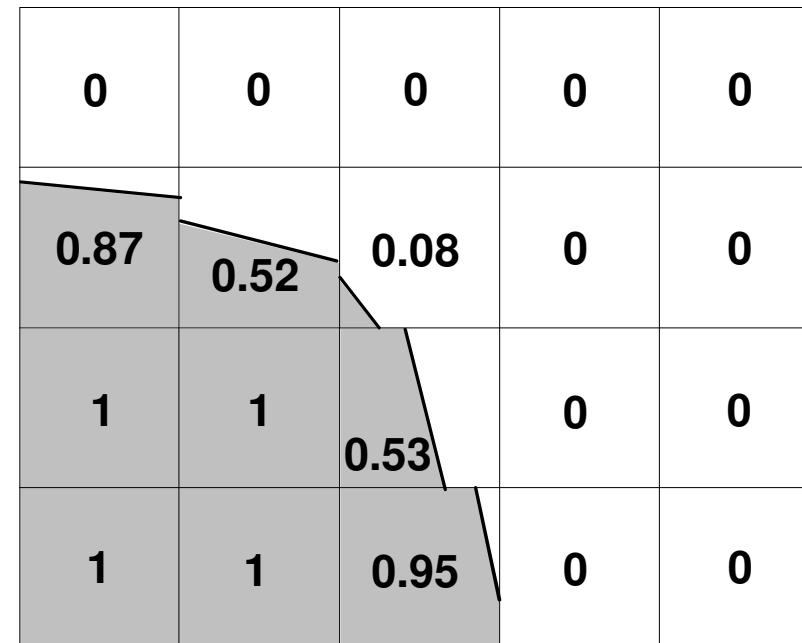
$f$  = phase indicator function

## Volume of Fluid (VOF) - Method

phase I (gas)  
 $f = 0$

interface  
 $0 < f < 1$

phase II (liquid)  
 $f = 1$



C.W. Hirt, B.D. Nicholls, J. Comput. Phys. 39 (1981).

# Volume of Fluid - Method

## one-field formulation & incorporation of surface tension

local balance equation

$$\partial_t \rho \mathbf{u} + \nabla \cdot \rho \mathbf{u} \otimes \mathbf{u} = \nabla \cdot \mathbf{T} + \rho \mathbf{g}$$

T: stress tensor,  $\mathbf{T} = -p\mathbf{I} + \mathbf{S}$

p: pressure

S: viscous stress tensor

g: body forces

interfacial jump condition

$$[\rho \mathbf{u} \otimes (\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{u}_G) - \mathbf{T}] \cdot \mathbf{n}_G = \sigma \kappa \mathbf{n}_G$$

$\kappa$ : curvature (twice the mean curvature)

$\sigma$ : surface tension

$\nabla_G \sigma$  surface gradient of  $\sigma$   
(vanishes for constant  $\sigma$ )

curvature:

$$\kappa = -\nabla \cdot \mathbf{n}_G$$

interface unit normal:

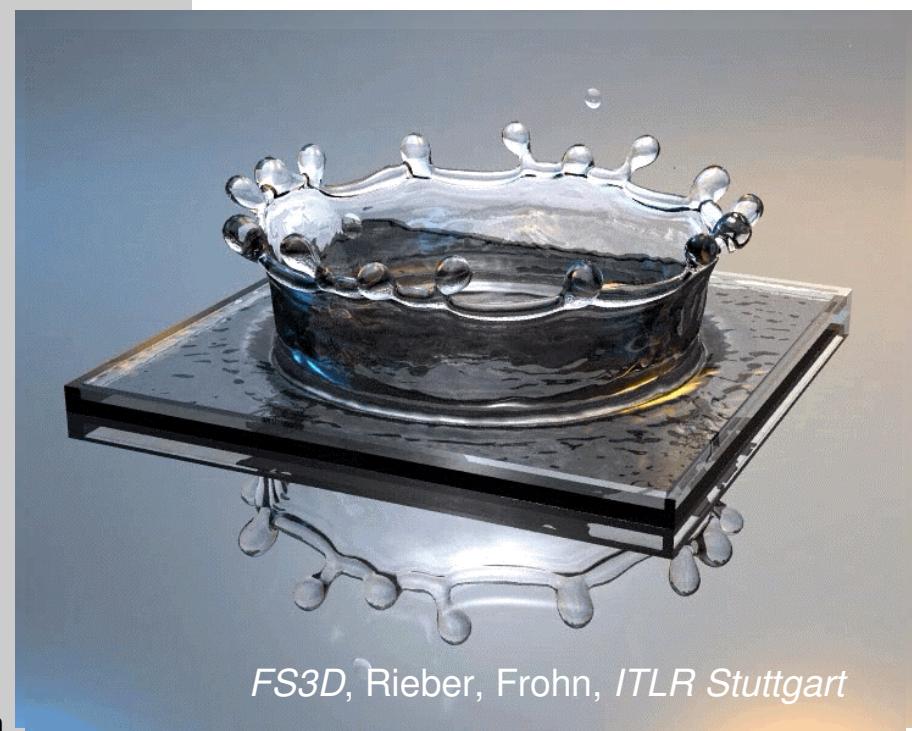
$$\mathbf{n}_G = \nabla f / |\nabla f|$$

Dirac distribution  $\delta_G$  w.r.t. interface:  $\delta_G = |\nabla f|$

$$\partial_t \rho \mathbf{u} + \nabla \cdot \rho \mathbf{u} \otimes \mathbf{u} = \nabla \cdot \mathbf{T} + \rho \mathbf{g} + \sigma \kappa \nabla f$$

# VOF - Code *FS3D*

- Direct Numerical Simulation of Navier-Stokes equations for two-phase flows
- implicit representation of interface : volume tracking, fractional volume  $f$  of dispersed phase
- additional advection equation for  $f$ 
$$\partial_t f + \mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla f = 0$$
- piecewise linear interface reconstruction
- surface tension: conservative model
- massively parallelized
- well validated for collision of drops

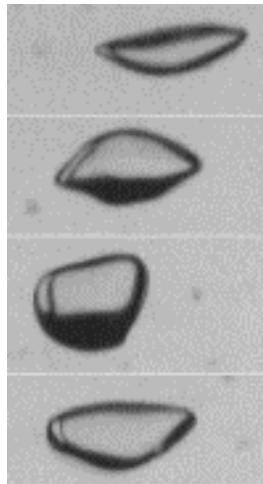


*FS3D, Rieber, Frohn, ITLR Stuttgart*

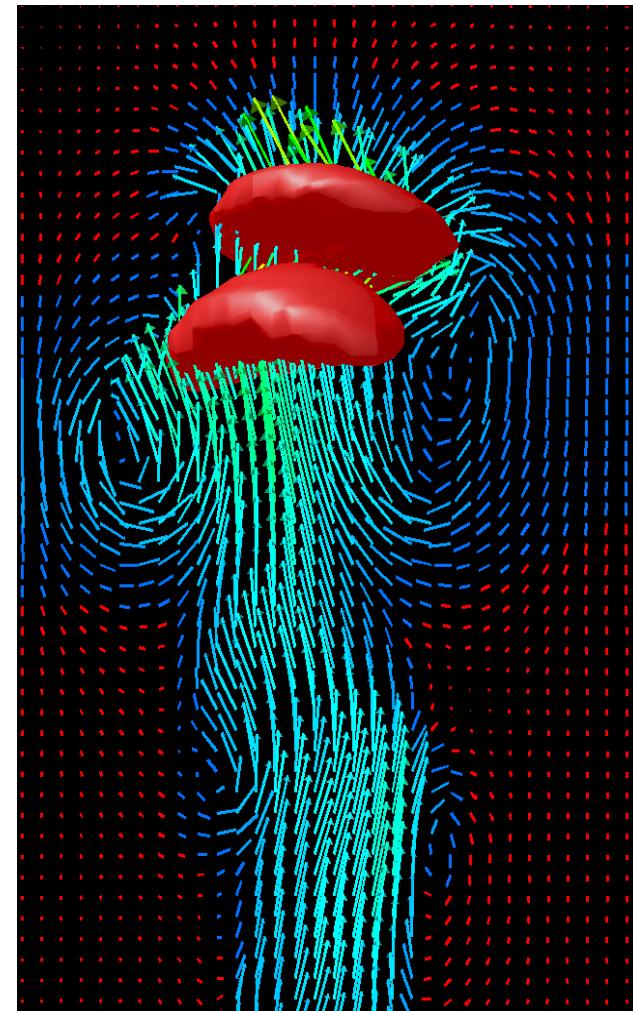
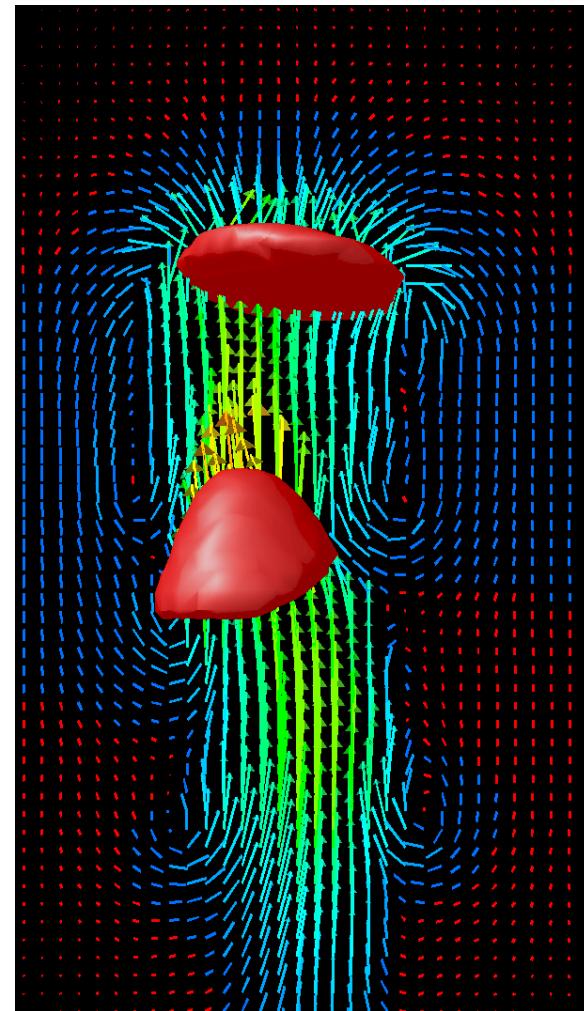
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# DNS of Air Bubbles in Water

8 mm bubbles, counterflow  
initial separation  $2,5 d_B$



256 x 64 x 64 cells



# Terminal Rise Velocity

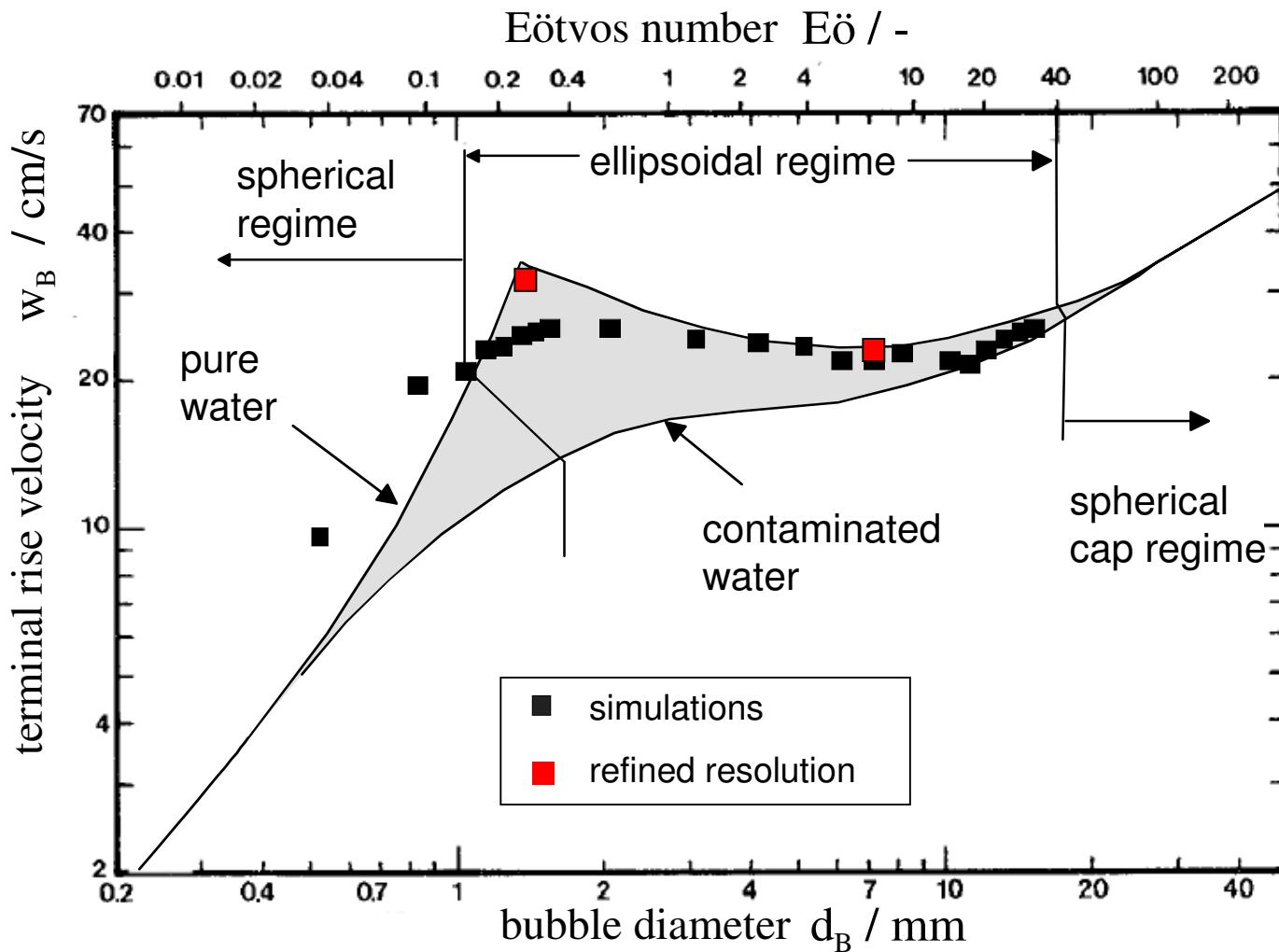
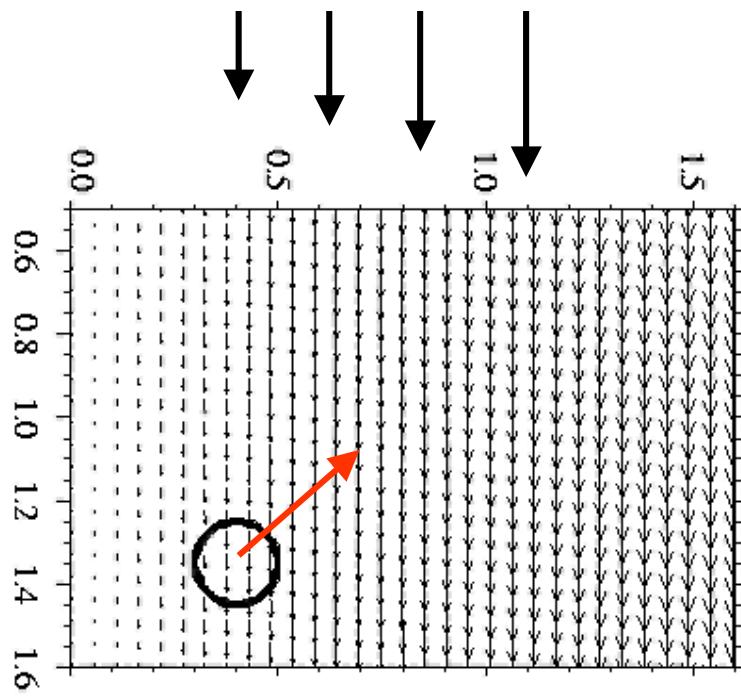


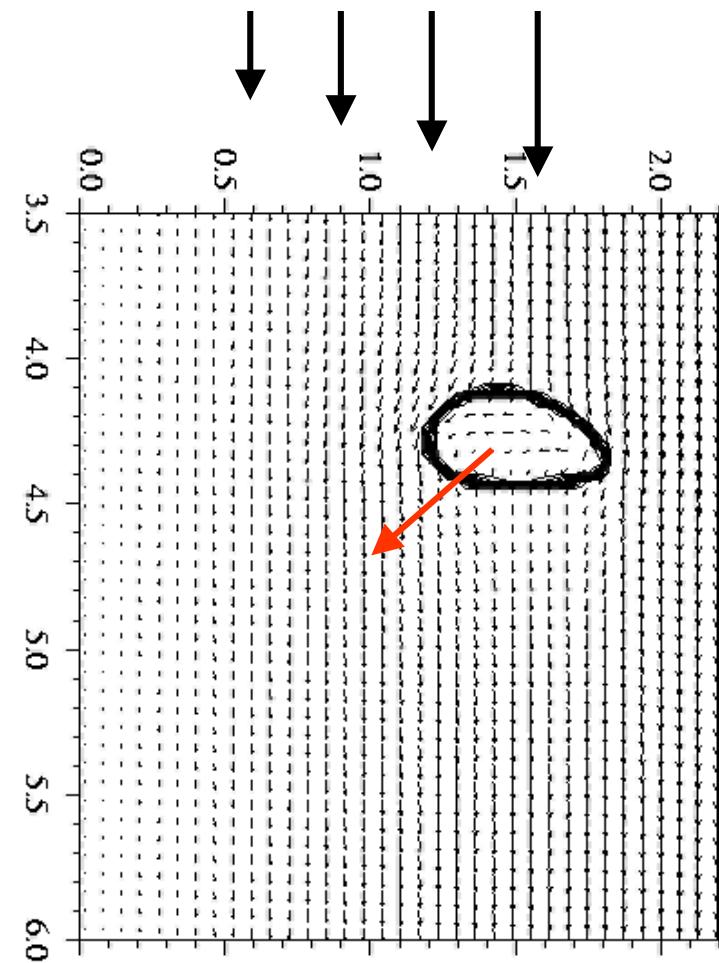
Diagram from Clift, Grace, Weber: *Bubbles, drops and particles*, Academic Press, 1978

# Bubbles in Shear Flow



air bubble in water

$$d = 2 \text{ mm} \quad \frac{\partial w}{\partial y} = 25 \text{ s}^{-1}$$

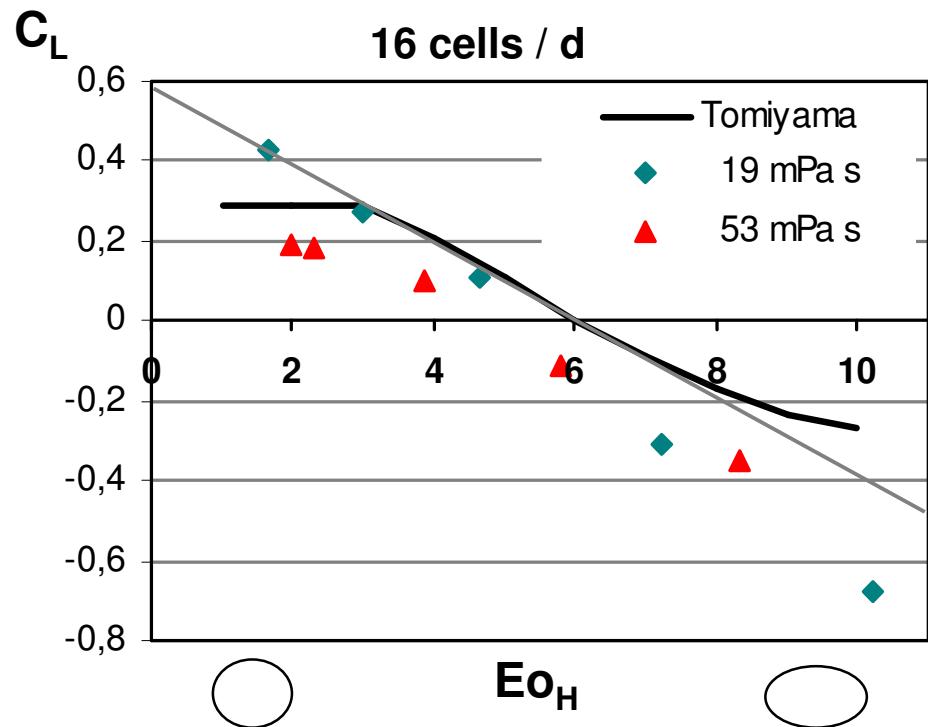


air bubble in water/glycerol

$$d = 10 \text{ mm} \quad \frac{\partial w}{\partial y} = 10 \text{ s}^{-1}$$

# Variation of Bubble Diameter

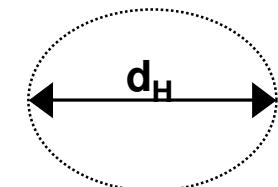
Bubbles with  $d = 2.8 \dots 5.7$  mm in water/glycerol mixtures, 19 and 53 mPa s  
(cf. Tomiyama et al. 2002)



Tomiyama's experimental result:

$$C_L = f(Eo_H)$$

$$Eo_H = \frac{g(\rho_l - \rho_g)d_H^2}{\sigma}$$



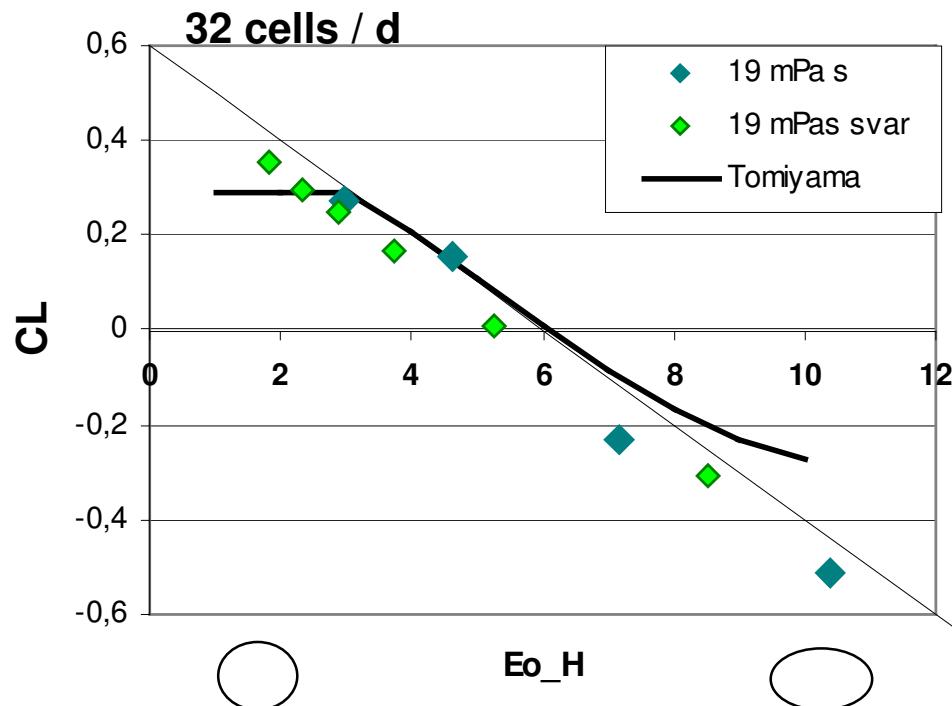
$Eo = \text{buoyancy} / \text{surface tension}$

Simulated lift coefficients (colored symbols) are below the curve given by Tomiyamas correlation:  $C_L = f(Eo_H)$

# Variation of Surface Tension

Bubbles with  $d = 3,2 \text{ mm}$  in model fluid  
Surface tension  $\sigma = 15 \dots 75 \text{ mN / m}$

$(\mu_l = 53 \text{ mPa s}; \rho_l = 1200 \text{ kg/m}^3)$



Variation of  $\sigma$  has an effect on  
 $Eo_H$  and on Morton Number Mo

$$Eo_H = \frac{g(\rho_l - \rho_g) d_H^2}{\sigma}$$

$$Mo = \frac{g(\rho_l - \rho_g) \mu_l^4}{\rho_l^2 \sigma^3}$$

Here:  $\log Mo = -3.8 \dots -1.7$

Variation of g also effects Eo

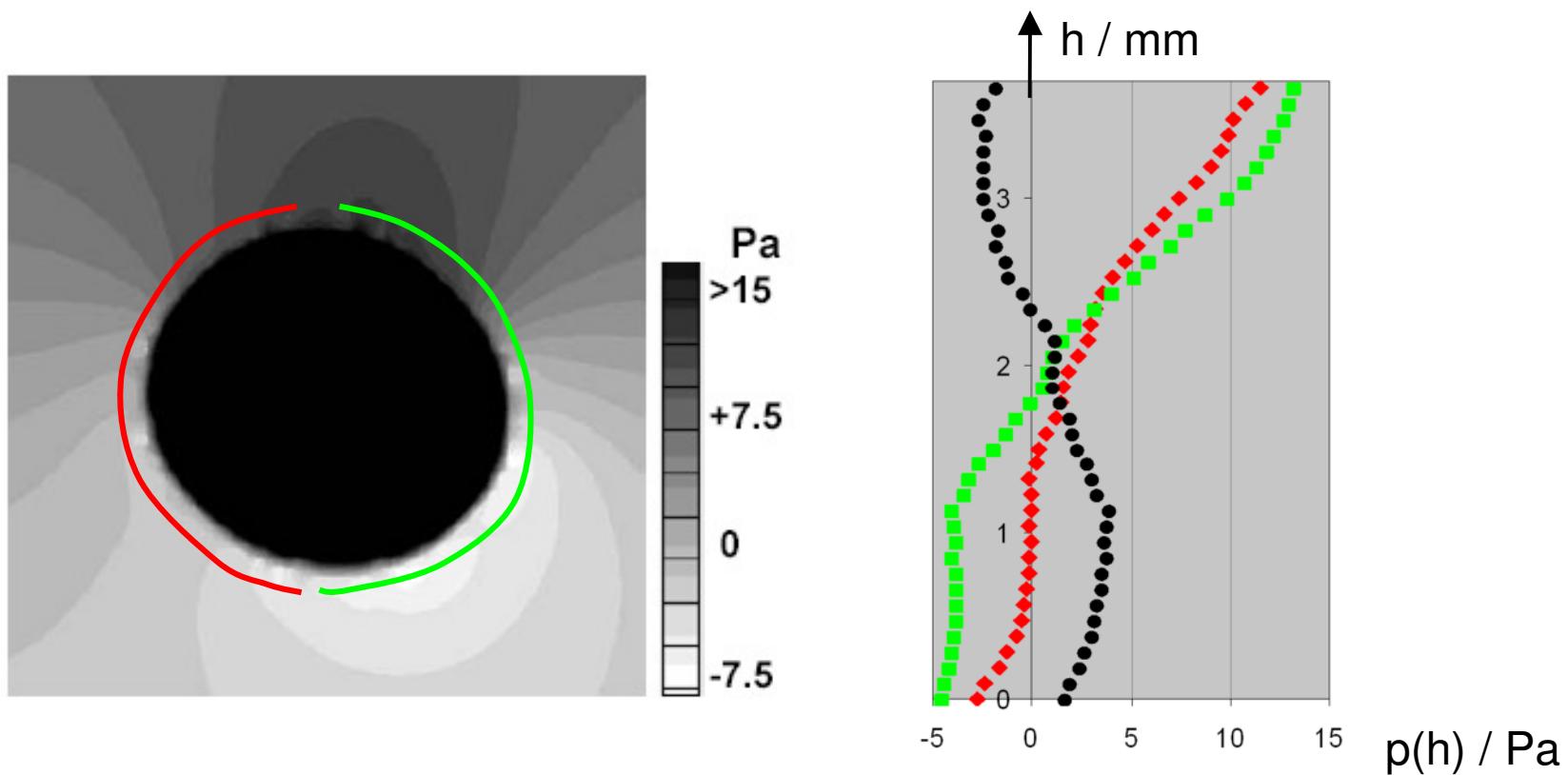
$Eo \rightarrow 0 : C_L = 0.6$  (Spheres: Auton)

→  $C_L$  depends on  $Eo_H$ , but Morton has little influence

# 2D Bubbles in Shear Flow

Small 2D bubble in glycerol ( $d = 3\text{mm}$ ): Dynamic pressure *near* interface

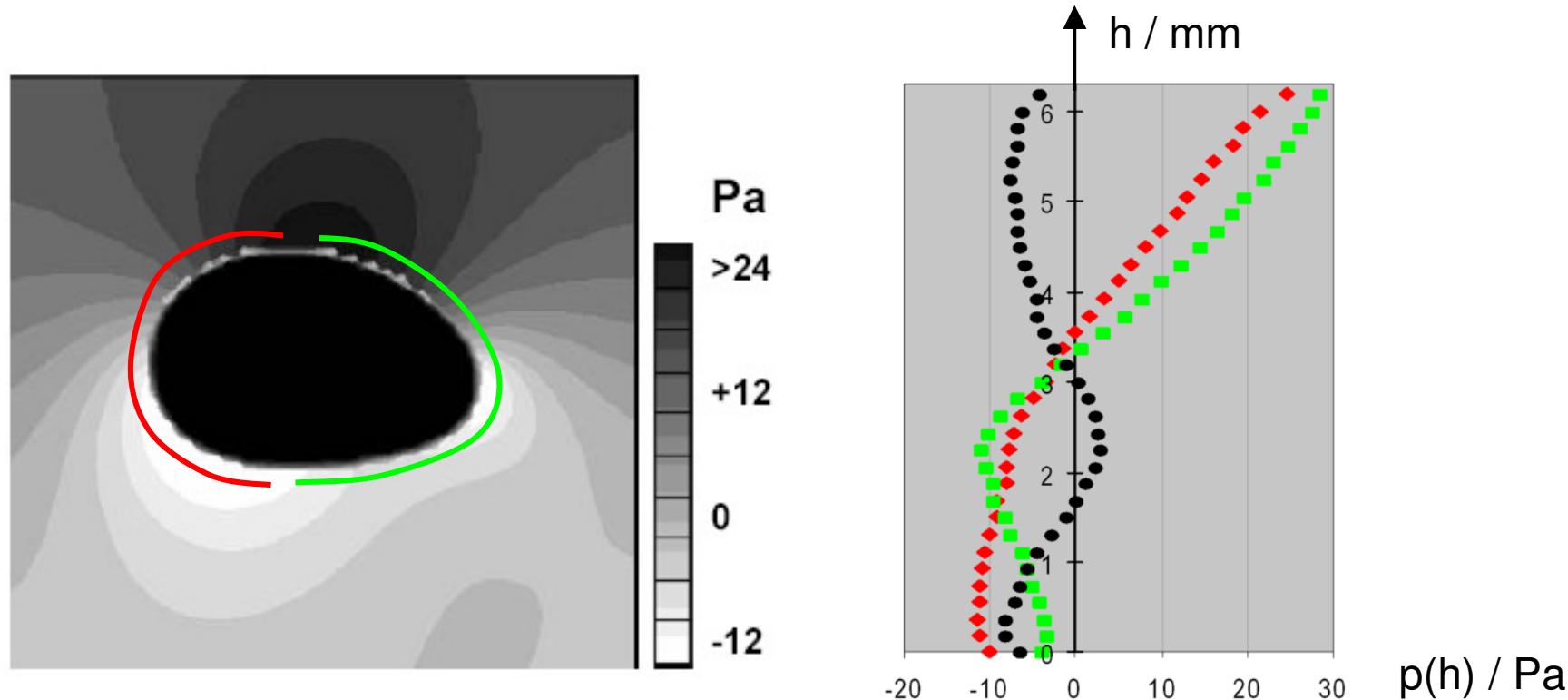
(Numerical smearing of pressure jump:  
dynamic pressure can *not* be detected directly at the interface)



→ Bubble migrates to the side of the average pressure difference

## 2D Bubbles in Shear Flow

Large 2D bubble in glycerol ( $d = 6 \text{ mm}$ ): Dynamic pressure *near interface*



Distance of **control lines** to interface: 3 cells

→ *Bubble migrates to the side of the average pressure difference  
not fully understood in 3D!*

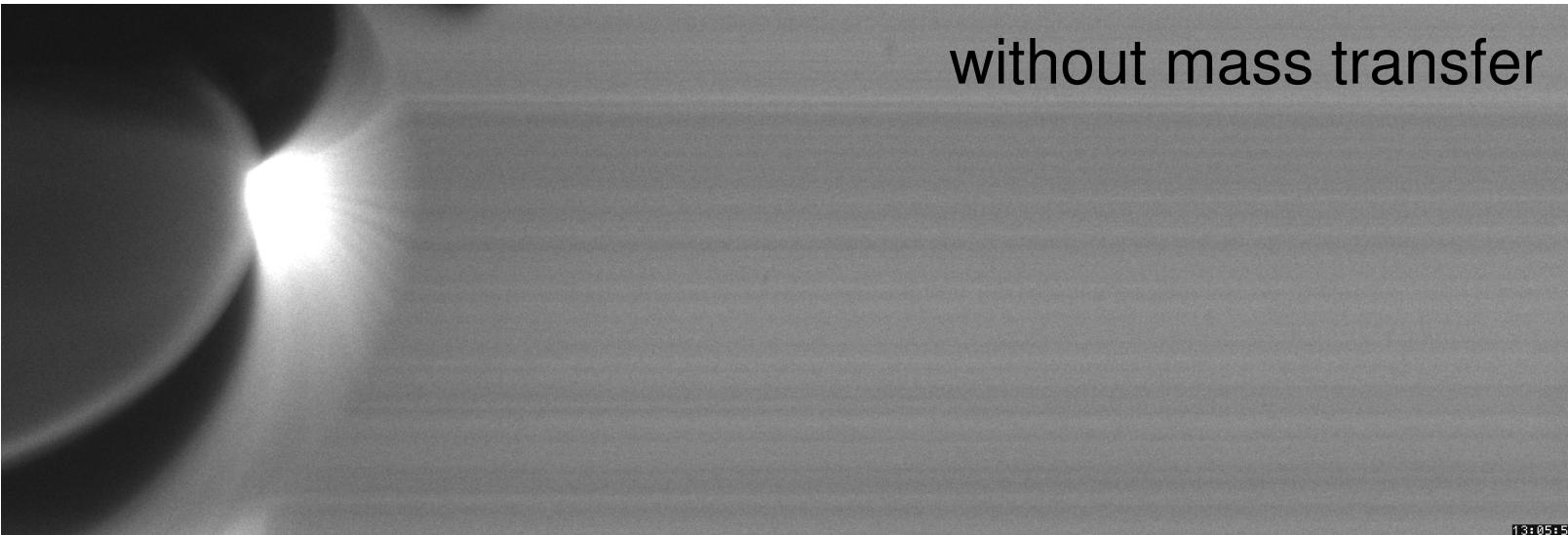
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mass transfer across  
deformable interfaces

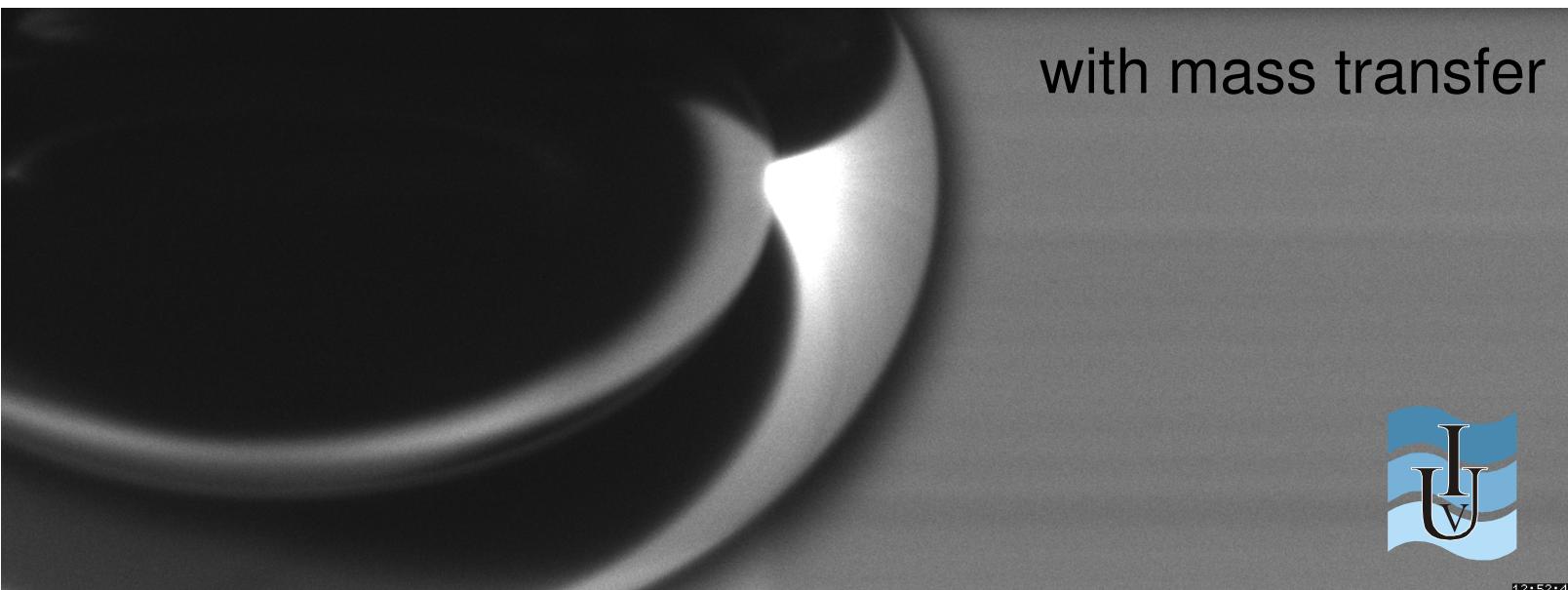
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# LIF-Measurements

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without mass transfer

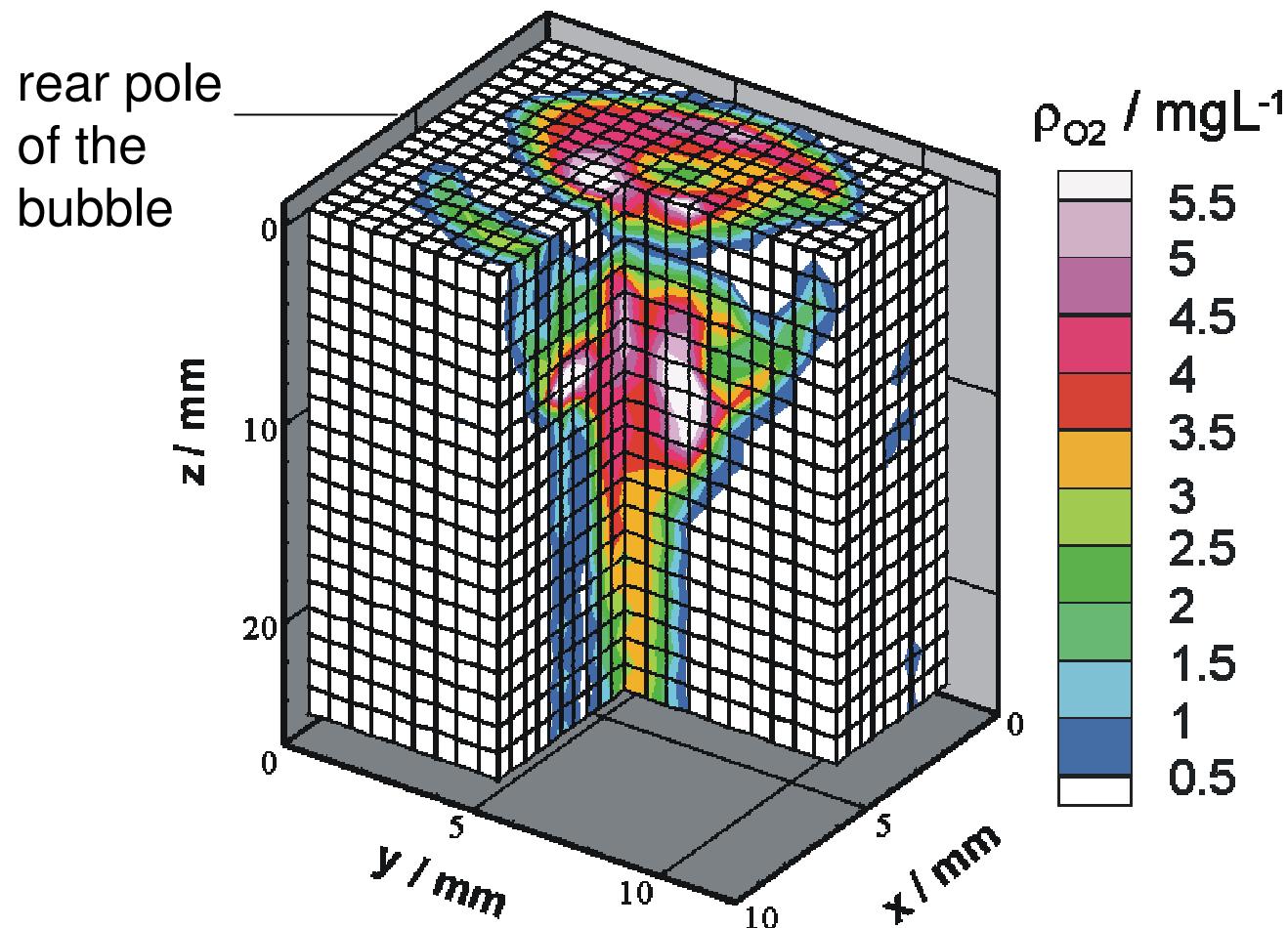


with mass transfer



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# Concentration Wake



3D-reconstruction of the concentration wake

Experiments: O. Bork, M. Schlüter, N. Räßiger, IUV, Universität Bremen



## Two-Phase Species Equations

species mass balance (dilute case) in terms of molar concentration  $c_i$ :

### local balance equation

$$\partial_t c_i + \nabla \cdot c_i \mathbf{u} + \nabla \cdot \mathbf{J}_i = R_i$$

### interfacial jump condition

$$[c_i(\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{u}_G) + \mathbf{J}_i] \cdot \mathbf{n} = 0$$

- molecular fluxes according to Fick's law  $\mathbf{J}_i^j = -D_i^j \nabla c_i^j$      $j = l$ : liquid  
 $j = g$ : gas
- no phase change  $\mathbf{J}_i^l \cdot \mathbf{n} = \mathbf{J}_i^g \cdot \mathbf{n}$
- constitutive equation: local thermodynamical equilibrium  
continuity of chemical potentials at phase boundaries

$$\mu_i = \mu_i^0 + RT \ln a_i$$

$a_i$  activity,  $a_i = \gamma_i c_i$

**Henry's law:**  $\frac{c_i^g}{c_i^l} = H_i$

## Two-Variable Mass Transfer Approach

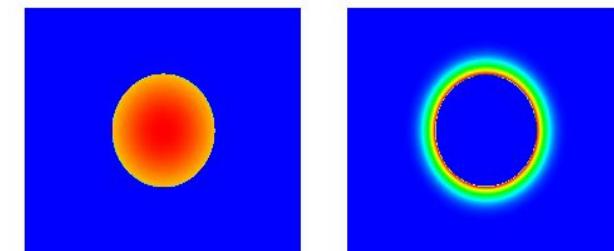
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- two separate variables for *one* species in each phase

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- convective species transport linked to *VOF-transport*

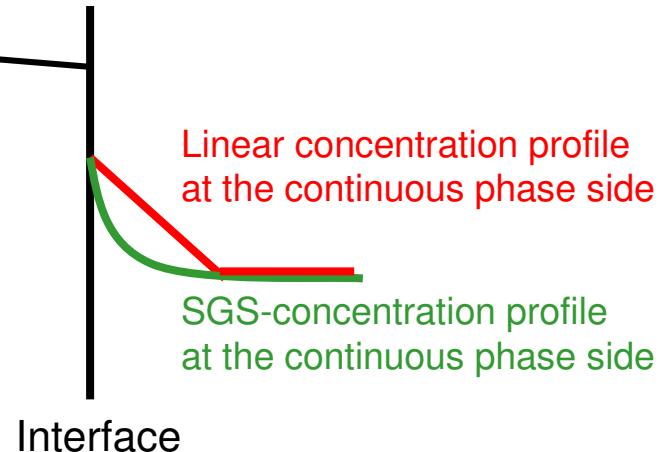
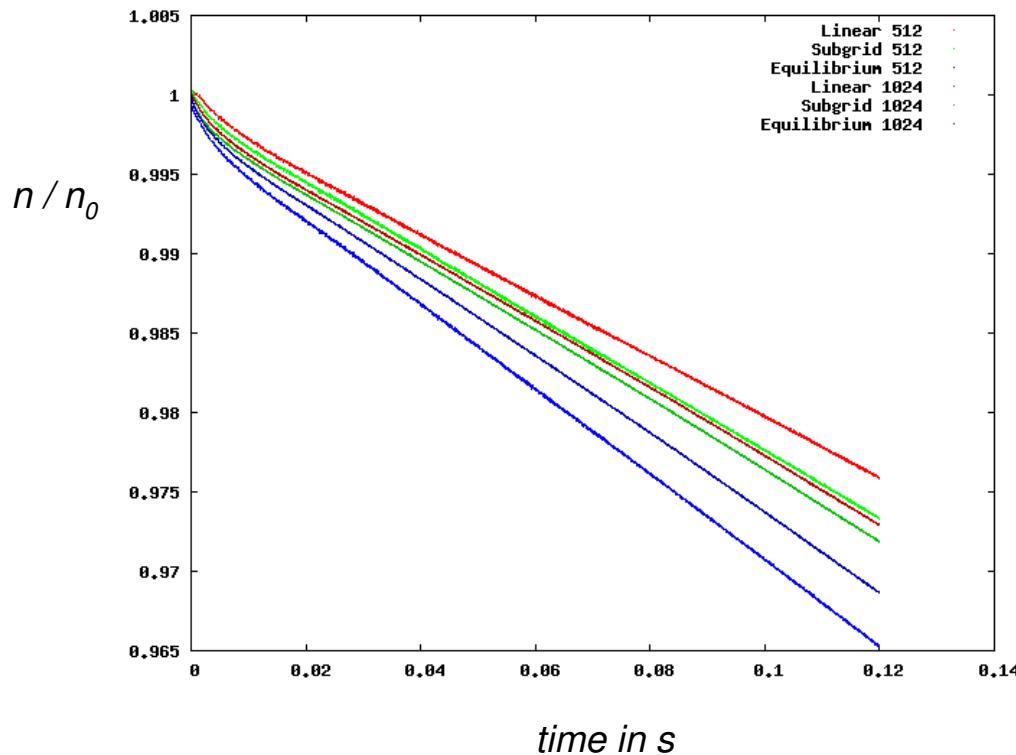
- *no* artificial mass transfer



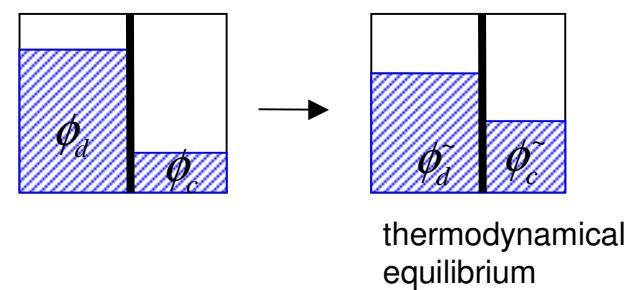
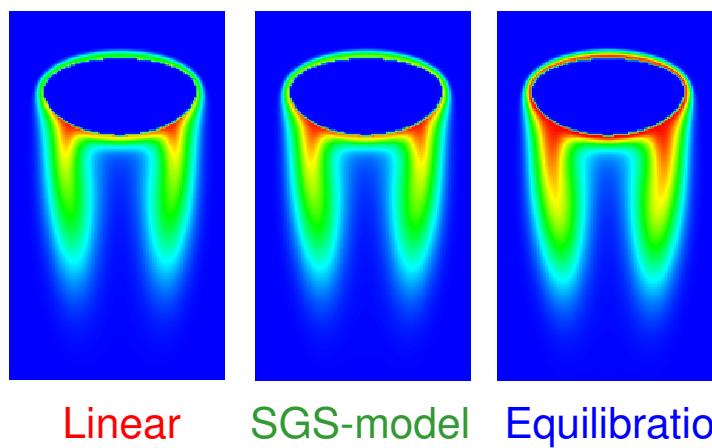
- *mass conservation* for transfer component

- mass transfer computation accounts for concentration gradients at the interface and local thermodynamical equilibrium (Henry's law)
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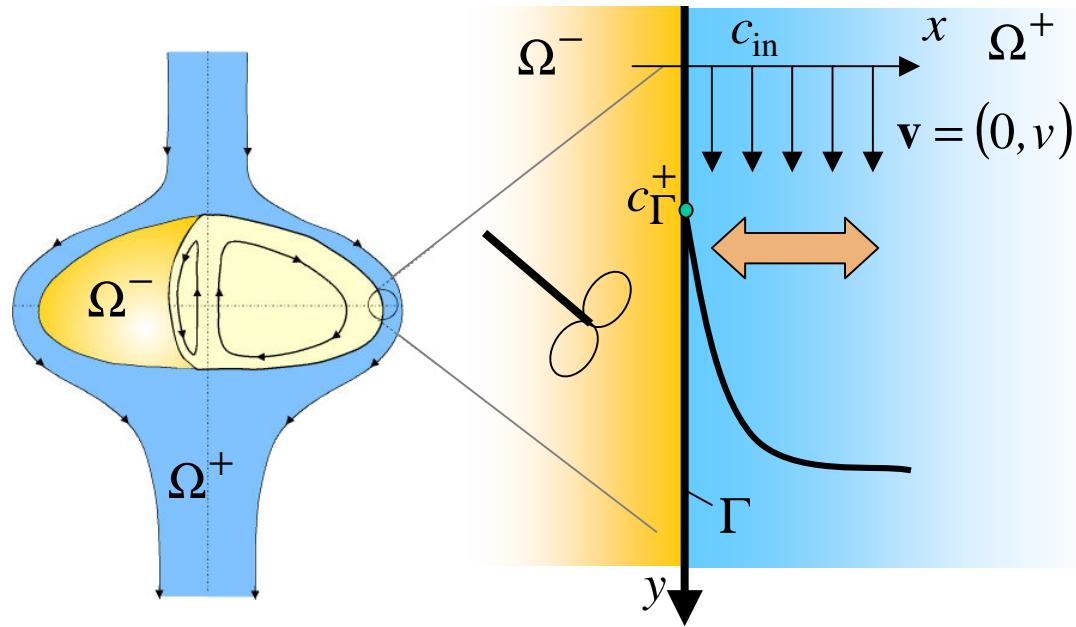
# Mass Transfer Source Term



Redistribution of species mass in interfacial cells according thermodynamical equilibrium



# Subgrid-Scale Model



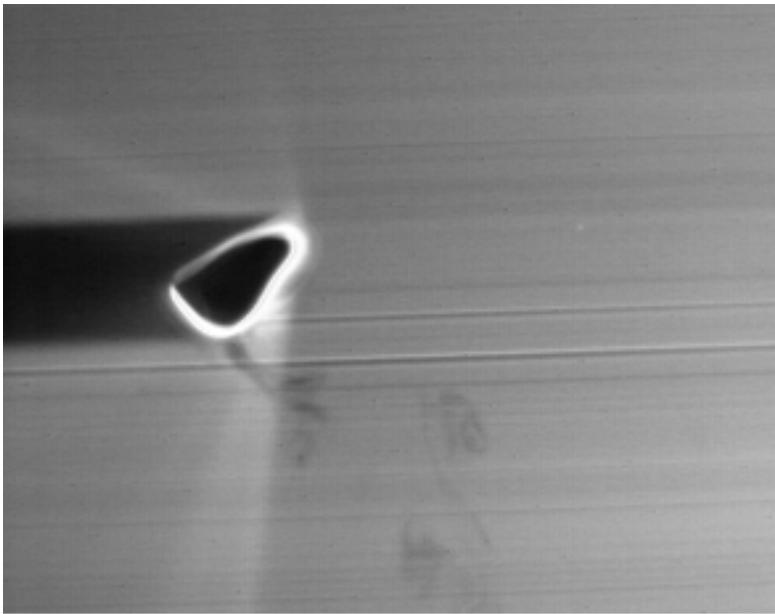
$$\partial_t c + \mathbf{v} \cdot \nabla c = D \Delta c$$
$$t > 0, x > 0, y > 0$$

$$c|_{y=0} = c_{\text{in}}$$
$$c|_{x=0} = c_{\Gamma}^{+}$$
$$c|_{x=\infty} = 0$$

$$c(x, y) = c_{\Gamma}^{+} \left( 1 - \operatorname{erf} \frac{x}{d(y)} \right)$$

Local structure of solutions

# Mass Transfer from Single Bubbles



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Experiments: O. Bork, M. Schlüter, N. Räbiger,  
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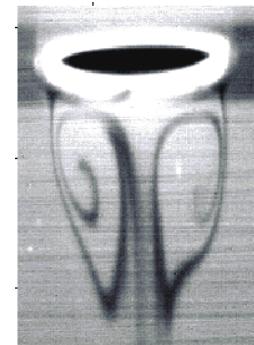
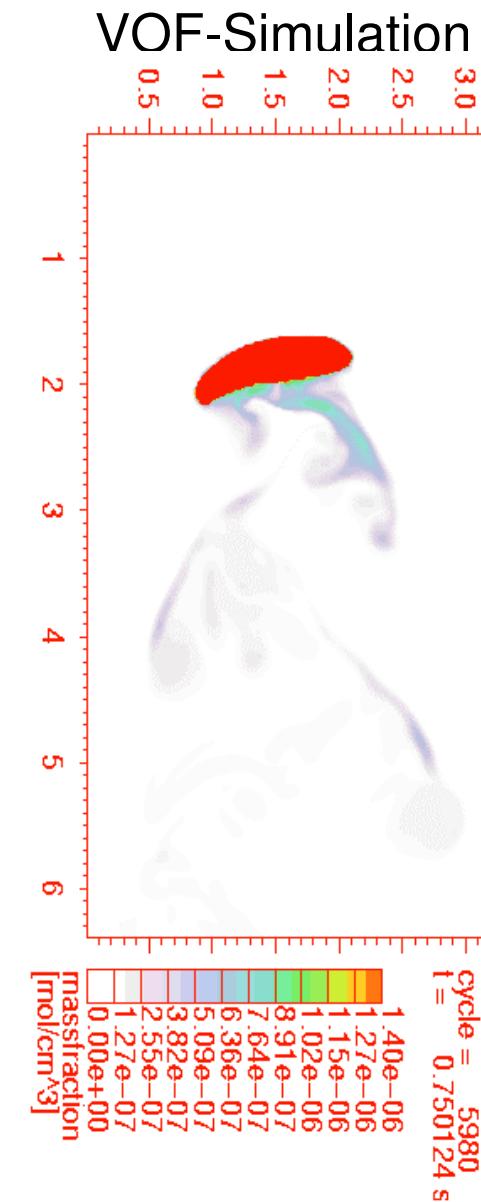
## computed mass transfer coefficients

$1.12 \cdot 10^{-4}$  m/s for 4mm bubbles

$1.28 \cdot 10^{-4}$  m/s for 6 or 8mm bubbles

bubble-induced turbulence  
increases mass transfer

$$H = 33$$



6,9 mm bubble  
25 mPa s  
aqueous  
CMC-solution



10 mm bubble  
25 mPa s  
Newtonian  
liquid

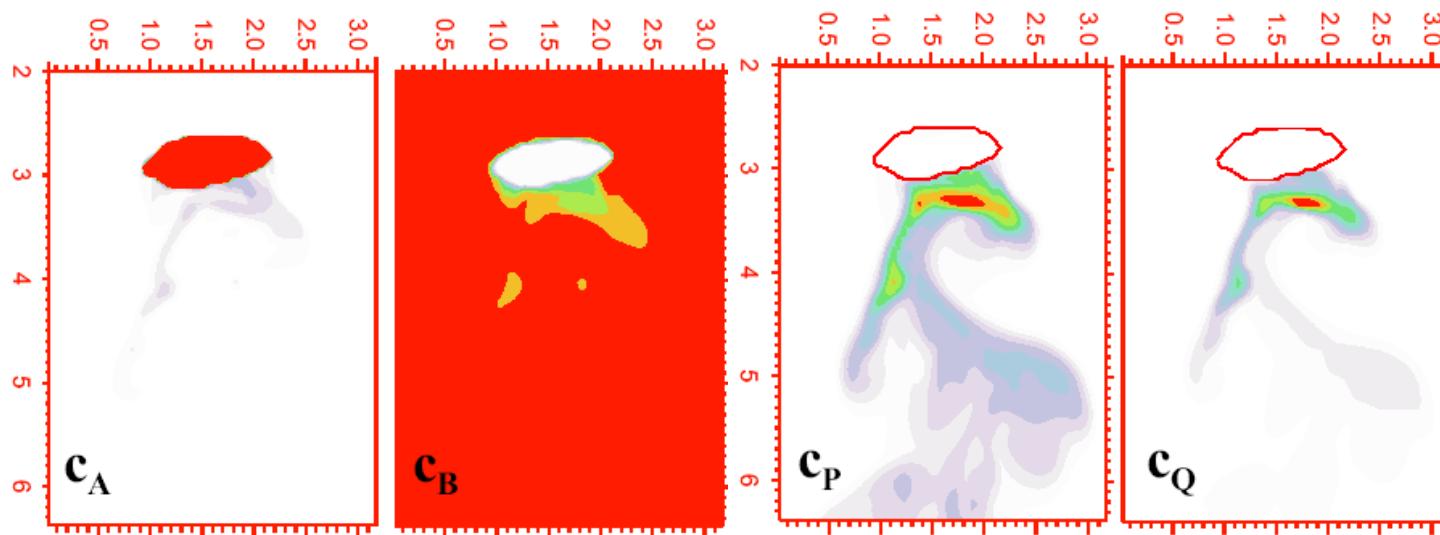
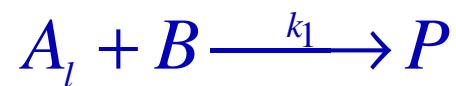
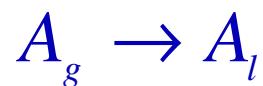
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reactive  
mass transfer

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# Reactive Mass Transfer

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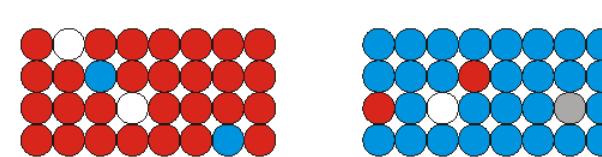
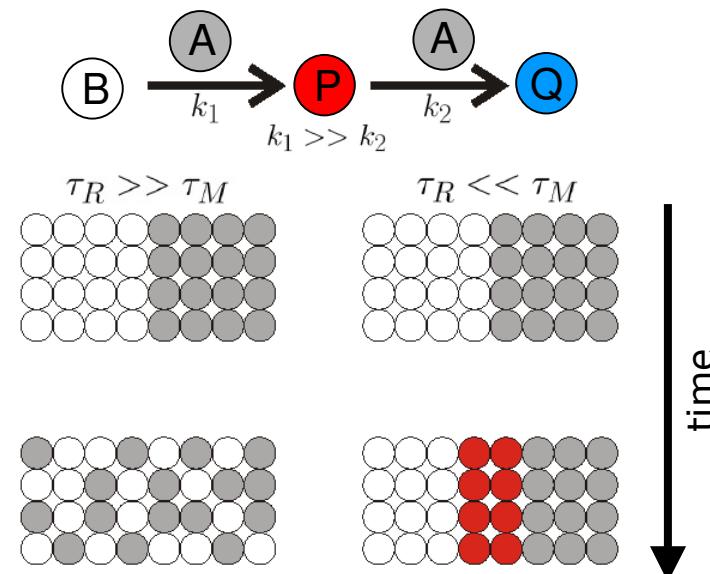
3D VOF-simulation

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## Objectives: Conversion & Selectivity

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- Influence of mixing on conversion and selectivity in case of (fast) chemical reactions



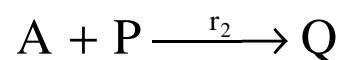
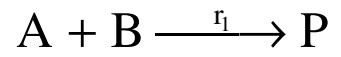
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## Local Selectivities

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Integral selectivity for a pair of competitive, consecutive reactions:



$r_1, r_2$  reaction laws

$$S_{P,B} = \frac{n_P}{n_B^0 - n_B} = \frac{\int (r_1(c_A, c_B) - r_2(c_A, c_P))dVdt}{\int r_1(c_A, c_B)dVdt}$$

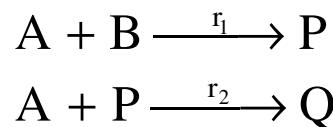
for local analysis: introduction of local selectivities as

$$S_{P,B}^{loc} = \frac{r_1 - r_2}{r_1}$$

$$S_{P,A}^{loc} = \frac{r_1 - r_2}{r_1 + r_2}$$

# Local Selectivities

Local selectivities in the wake  
of a rising bubble in  
water/CMC-solution  
left: 3 mm, right: 6 mm

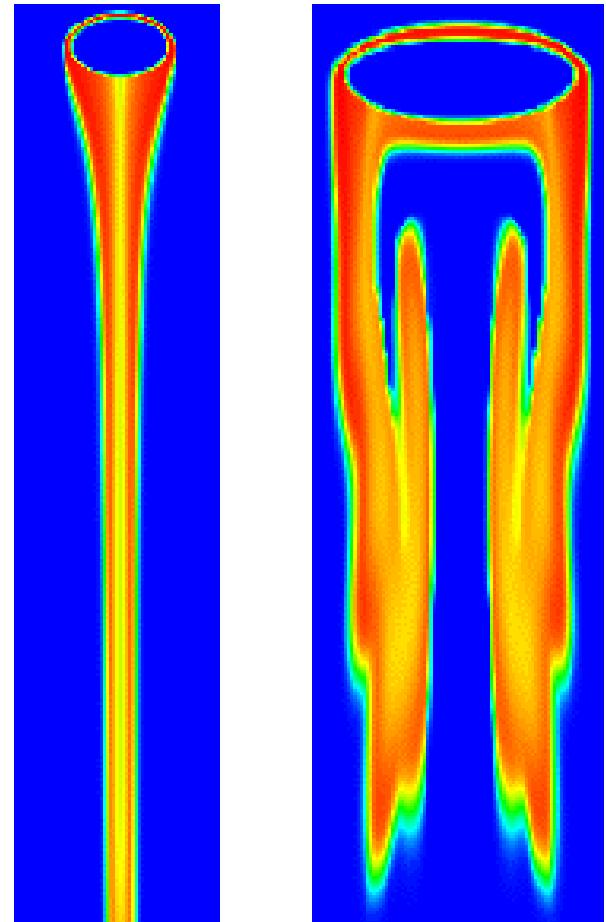


$$r_1 = k_1 c_A c_B$$

$$r_2 = k_2 c_A c_P$$

$$k_1 : k_2 = 1 : 1$$

requires knowledge  
of intrinsic kinetics!



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# interfacial physico-chemistry surfactants

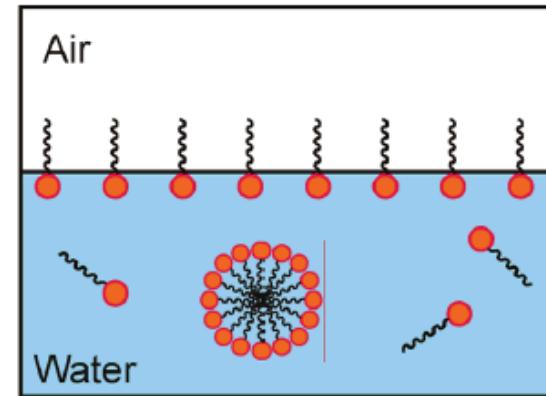


# Surfactants

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## surface active agent

*A substance which lowers the surface tension of the medium in which it is dissolved, and/or the interfacial tension with other phases, and, accordingly, is positively adsorbed at the liquid/vapour and/or at other interfaces.*

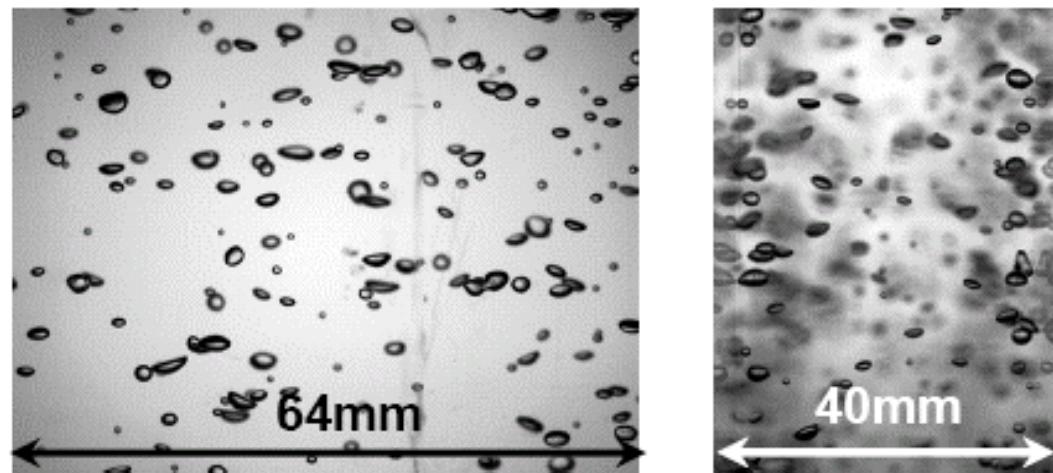
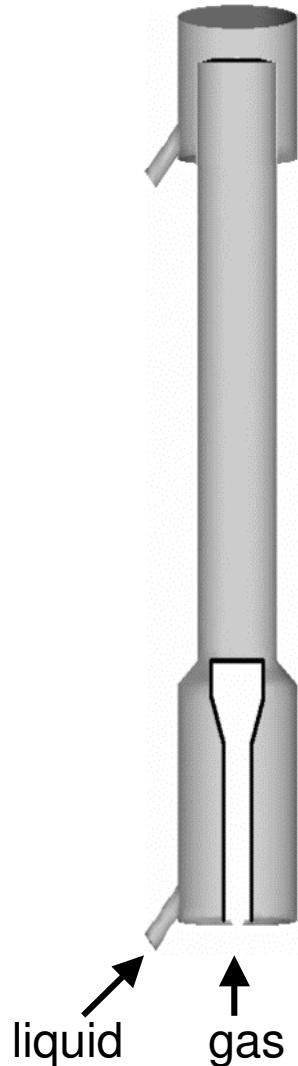


## **multiphase processes**

- emulsions
  - foams
  - coatings
  - polymer blends
  - bubbly flows
  - free surface flows in  $\mu$ -g
  - respiratory system
  - bio-membrane modelling
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# Influence on Bubble Population

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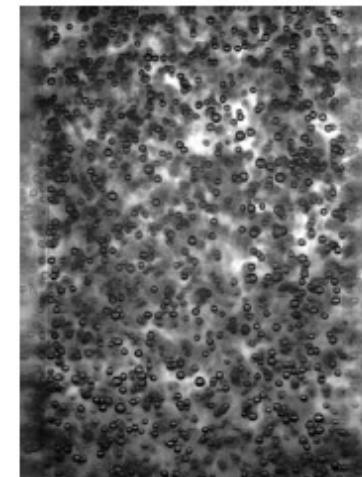
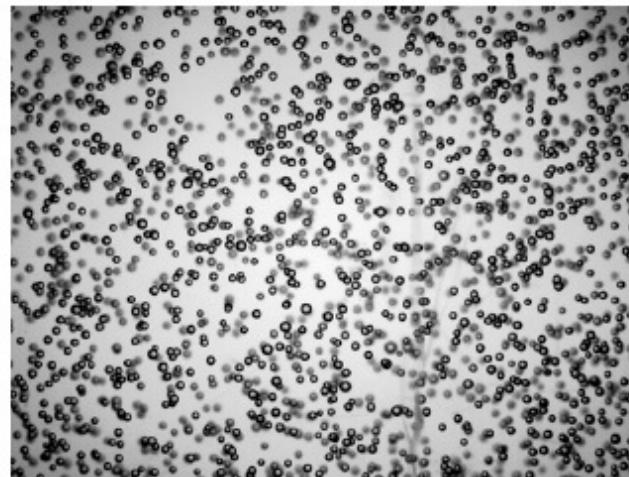
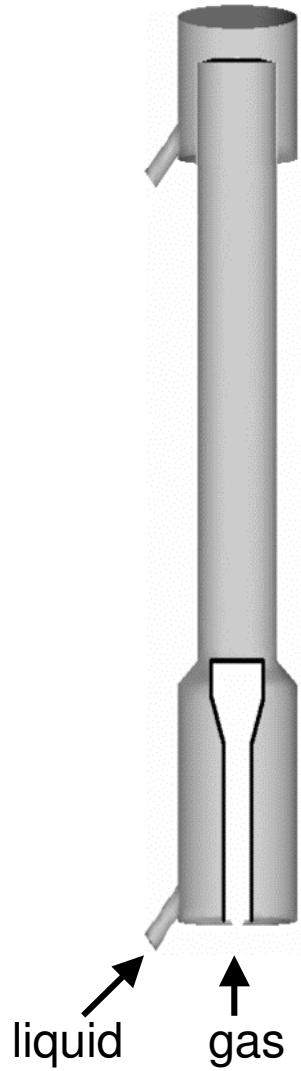


Photographs of bubbly flow  
( $Re_b=8200$ , the average void fraction of about 0.6%).  
Left; front view, Right; side view.

Experiments: S. Tagaki, Tokyo University

# Influence on Bubble Population

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Photographs of bubbly flow with 2ppm Triton-X100.  
Left; front view, Right; side view.

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# Stagnant Cap Model

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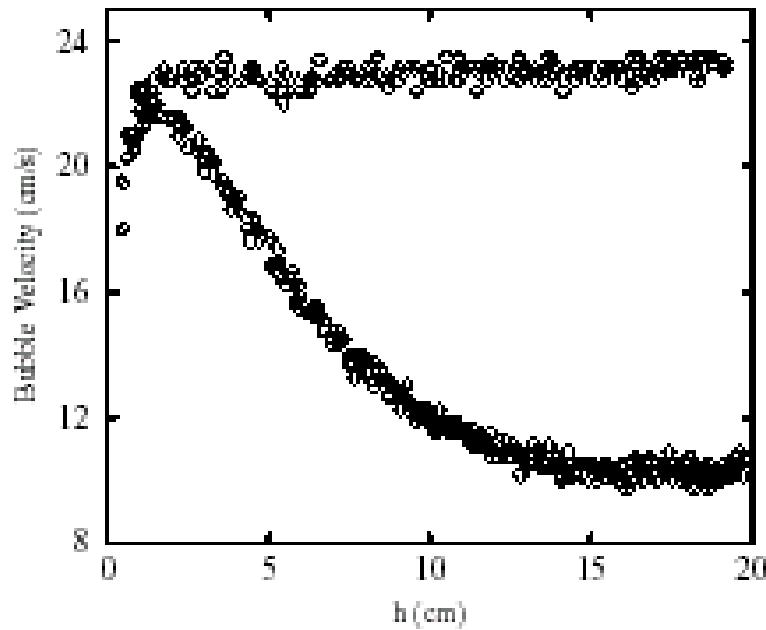
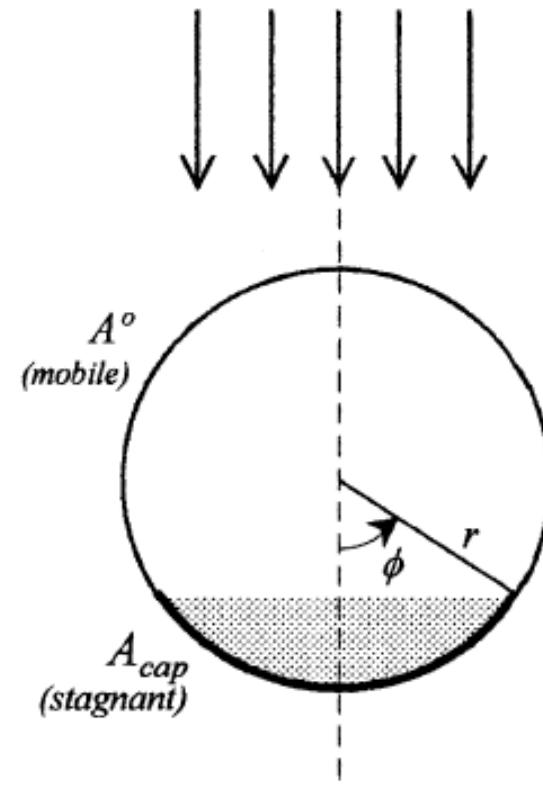


Fig. 2. Evolution of the bubble velocity with  $h$ ,  $R = 0.43$  mm;  
( $\circ$ ) pure water, ( $\phi$ ) BSA solution  $c = 10$  mg/l.



**stagnant cap model**

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# **mathematical modelling**

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## Two-Phase Navier-Stokes Eqs

Mathematical model of isothermal incompressible two-phase flow without phase change for *variable* surface tension :

mass	<i>bulk</i>	<i>interface</i>
	$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{u} = 0$	$[\mathbf{u}] = 0$
momentum	$\partial_t(\rho_{\pm}\mathbf{u}) + \nabla \cdot (\rho_{\pm}\mathbf{u} \otimes \mathbf{u}) = \nabla \cdot \mathbf{T}$	$[-\mathbf{T}] \cdot \mathbf{n} = \sigma \kappa \mathbf{n}_{\Gamma} + \nabla_{\Gamma} \sigma$
phase	$\partial_t f + \nabla \cdot (f \mathbf{u}) = 0$	EOS $\sigma = \sigma(c_{\Gamma})$

$c_{\Gamma}$  area-specific concentration  
of adsorbed surfactants

# Balance of a soluble surfactant

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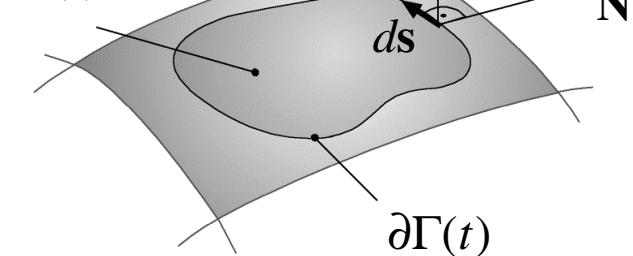
surfactant mass (bulk phase)

$$\partial_t c + \nabla \cdot (c\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{J}) = 0 \quad \text{in } V^+$$

$$c = 0 \quad \text{in } V^-$$

material part of  
the interface

$$\Gamma(t)$$



surfactant mass (interface)

$$\Gamma(t) = \Sigma(t) \cap V(t)$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} \int_{\Gamma(t)} c_\Gamma dA = - \int_{\partial\Gamma(t)} \mathbf{J}_\Gamma \cdot \mathbf{N} ds + \int_{\Gamma(t)} r(c_\Gamma, c_{|\Gamma}) dA$$

Fick's law:

$$\mathbf{J}_\Gamma = -D_\Gamma \nabla_\Gamma c_\Gamma, \quad D_\Gamma > 0$$

ad- & desorption:

$$r(c_\Gamma, c_{|\Gamma}) = r_{\text{ad}}(c_\Gamma, c_{|\Gamma}) - r_{\text{de}}(c_\Gamma)$$

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## Local Balance Equation

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$$\frac{d}{dt} \int_{\Gamma(t)} \psi dA = \int_{\Gamma(t)} \left( \frac{D\psi}{Dt} + \psi \nabla_{\Gamma} \cdot \mathbf{u} \right) dA$$

$$\frac{D\psi}{Dt} = \left[ \frac{d}{ds} \psi(t+s, \mathbf{x}(t+s)) \right]_{s=0} \quad \dot{\mathbf{x}}(s) = \mathbf{u}(s, \mathbf{x}(s))$$

$$\nabla_{\Gamma} \cdot \mathbf{u} = \nabla_{\Gamma} \cdot \mathbf{u}_{\Gamma} - K_{\Gamma} V \quad K_{\Gamma} = -\nabla \cdot \mathbf{n} \quad \text{sum of principal curvatures}$$

$$\frac{Dc_{\Gamma}}{Dt} + c_{\Gamma} \nabla_{\Gamma} \cdot \mathbf{u}_{\Gamma} - c_{\Gamma} K_{\Gamma} V - D_{\Gamma} \Delta_{\Gamma} c_{\Gamma} = r_{\text{ad}} - r_{\text{de}}$$



# Balance Eqs for Soluble Surfactant

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mass

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{u} = 0$$

$$[\mathbf{u}] = 0$$

momentum

$$\partial_t(\rho_{\pm}\mathbf{u}) + \nabla \cdot (\rho_{\pm}\mathbf{u} \otimes \mathbf{u}) = \nabla \cdot \mathbf{T}$$

$$[-\mathbf{T}] \cdot \mathbf{n} = \sigma \kappa_{\Gamma} \mathbf{n} + \nabla_{\Gamma} \sigma$$

phase

$$V = \mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{n}$$

surfactant mass (bulk phase)

$$\partial_t c + \nabla \cdot (c \mathbf{u} - D \nabla c) = 0 \quad \text{in } V^+ \qquad \qquad c = 0 \quad \text{in } V^-$$

surfactant mass (interface)

$$\frac{Dc_{\Gamma}}{Dt} + c_{\Gamma} \nabla_{\Gamma} \cdot \mathbf{u}_{\Gamma} - c_{\Gamma} \kappa_{\Gamma} V - D_{\Gamma} \Delta_{\Gamma} c_{\Gamma} = r_{\text{ad}} - r_{\text{de}}$$

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## Alternative Formulation

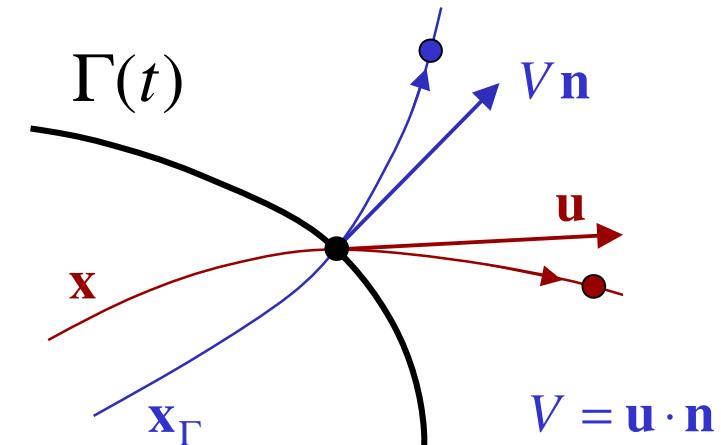
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$$\dot{\mathbf{x}}_\Gamma(s) = (V\mathbf{n})(s, \mathbf{x}_\Gamma(s)), \quad \mathbf{x}_\Gamma(s) \in \Gamma(t+s)$$

$$\left[ \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial t} \right]_{\mathbf{n}} = \left[ \frac{d}{ds} \psi(t+s, \mathbf{x}_\Gamma(t+s)) \right]_{s=0}$$

normal-path derivative

$$\frac{D\psi}{Dt} = \left[ \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial t} \right]_{\mathbf{n}} + \mathbf{u}_\Gamma \cdot \nabla_\Gamma \psi$$



$$\left[ \frac{\partial c_\Gamma}{\partial t} \right]_{\mathbf{n}} + \nabla_\Gamma \cdot (c_\Gamma \mathbf{u}_\Gamma) - c_\Gamma K_\Gamma V - D_\Gamma \Delta_\Gamma c_\Gamma = r_{\text{ad}} - r_{\text{de}}$$

## The Case of Fast Sorption

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additional balance equation at the interface:

$$\begin{aligned}-D\nabla c \cdot \mathbf{n} &= r_{\text{ad}}(c_\Gamma, c_{|\Gamma}) - r_{\text{de}}(c_\Gamma)) \\&= k(r_{\text{ad}}^0(c_\Gamma, c_{|\Gamma}) - r_{\text{de}}^0(c_\Gamma))\end{aligned}$$

$$k \rightarrow \infty$$

$$r_{\text{ad}}^0(c_\Gamma, c_{|\Gamma}) = r_{\text{de}}^0(c_\Gamma)$$

quasi-instantaneous sorption:

$$c_\Gamma = g(c_{|\Gamma}), \quad g \uparrow, \quad g(0) = 0, \quad g(\infty) = c_\Gamma^\infty$$

e.g.: Langmuir isotherm

$$\frac{c_\Gamma}{c_\Gamma^\infty} = \frac{c_{|\Gamma}}{K + c_{|\Gamma}}$$

## Model for Soluble Surfactant

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{u} = 0$$

$$[\mathbf{u}] = 0$$

$$\partial_t(\rho_{\pm}\mathbf{u}) + \nabla \cdot (\rho_{\pm}\mathbf{u} \otimes \mathbf{u}) = \nabla \cdot \mathbf{T} \quad [-\mathbf{T}] \cdot \mathbf{n} = \sigma \kappa_{\Gamma} \mathbf{n} + \nabla_{\Gamma} \sigma$$

$$V = \mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{n}$$

$$\text{EOS} \quad \sigma = \sigma(c_{\Gamma})$$

$$\partial_t c + \nabla \cdot (c \mathbf{u} - D \nabla c) = 0 \quad \text{in } V^- \quad c = 0 \quad \text{in } V^+$$

$$\left[ \frac{\partial c_{\Gamma}}{\partial t} \right]_{\mathbf{n}} + \nabla_{\Gamma} \cdot (c_{\Gamma} \mathbf{u}_{\Gamma}) - c_{\Gamma} \kappa_{\Gamma} V - D_{\Gamma} \Delta_{\Gamma} c_{\Gamma} = -D (\nabla c \cdot \mathbf{n})|_{\Gamma}$$

$$c_{\Gamma} = g(c_{\Gamma}), \quad g \text{ increasing}, g(0) = 0, g(\infty) = c_{\Gamma}^{\infty}$$

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# **mathematical analysis**

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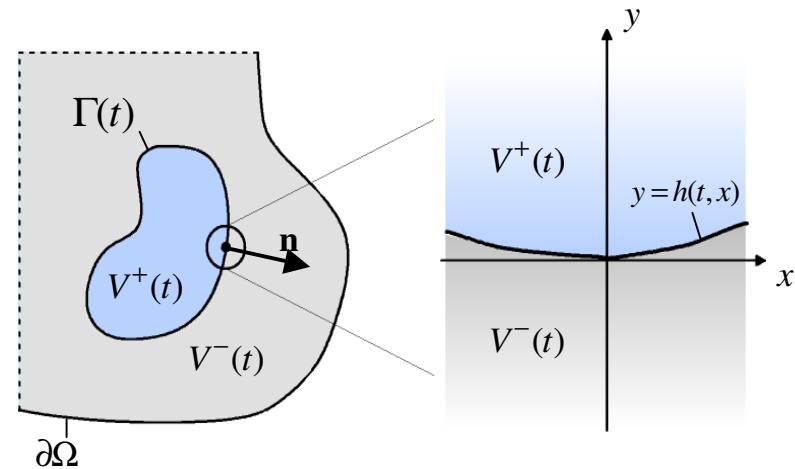
# Local Existence of Strong Solutions

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- vast amount of literature in the Engineering Sciences
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mathematical analysis for the full model:

1. Localization
2. Reduction to halfspace
- 3.  $L_p$ -max Reg of linearized problem**
4. Fixed-point argument



- model problem: *slightly deformed halfspace*
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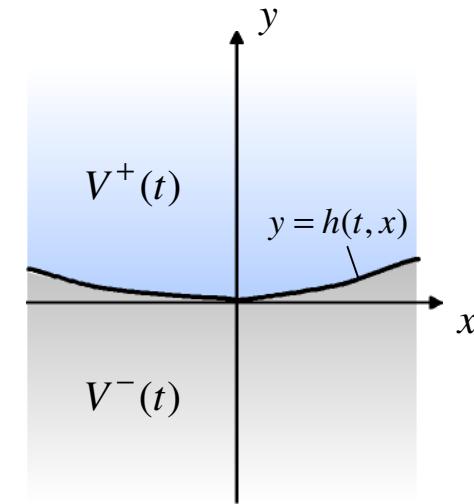
# Local Existence of Strong Solutions

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Theorem (B., Prüss, Simonett '05).

- slightly deformed halfspace
- $L_p$ -setting with  $p > n+3$
- $g, \sigma$  are  $C^2$ -functions with  $\sigma > 0$
- natural regularity assumption on initial data
- compatibility conditions
- small variation of initial surfactant concentration

=> Local-in-time existence and uniqueness



# Lyapunov-Functional

## Gibbs free energy

$$\Phi(\mathbf{u}, c, c_\Gamma, \Gamma) = \frac{1}{2} \int_{\Omega} \rho \|\mathbf{u}\|^2 dx + \int_{\Omega^+} G(c) dx + \int_{\Gamma(t)} G_\Gamma(c_\Gamma) dA$$

with

$$G_\Gamma(c_\Gamma) = \sigma(c_\Gamma) + c_\Gamma \mu_\Gamma(c_\Gamma)$$

$$G'(c) = \mu(c) \text{ chemical potential}$$

$$\mu_\Gamma(c_\Gamma) = \mu(g^{-1}(c_\Gamma))$$

surface chemical potential

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dt} \Phi(\mathbf{u}, c, c_\Gamma, \Gamma) = & -2 \int_{\Omega} \mu \|\mathbf{E}\|^2 dx - \int_{\Omega^+} G''(c) D \|\nabla c\|^2 dx \\ & - \int_{\Gamma(t)} G_\Gamma''(c_\Gamma) D_\Gamma \|\nabla c_\Gamma\|^2 dA \end{aligned}$$

Gibbs-Duhem

$$d\sigma = -c_\Gamma d\mu \Rightarrow \sigma'(s) = -s \mu'_\Gamma(s), G_\Gamma''(s) = -\frac{1}{s} \sigma'(s) = \mu'_\Gamma(s)$$

$\sigma$  decreasing  $\Rightarrow G_\Gamma$  convex; also  $g$  increasing  $\Rightarrow G$  convex

# Mannigfaltigkeit der Equilibria

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Implication for equilibria of the systems:

$$2 \int_{\Omega} \mu \| \mathbf{E} \|^2 dx + \int_{\Omega^+} G''(c) D \| \nabla c \|^2 dx + \int_{\Gamma(t)} G''_T(c_T) D_T \| \nabla c_T \|^2 dA = 0$$

$\Rightarrow$

$$\mathbf{u} \equiv 0, \quad c \equiv const, \quad c_T \equiv g(c)$$

$g(\uparrow), \sigma(\downarrow)$

$$\sigma \equiv const, \quad \kappa \equiv const, \quad \Gamma = S_R(\mathbf{x})$$

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Theorem (B., Prüss '09).

- $n+2$  dimensional manifold of equilibria: spheres of radius  $R>0$ , center  $x$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  and given surfactant mass
- The energy quality is valid for smooth solutions. The energy functional is a strict Lyapunov functional. Its critical points are the equilibria of the system
- linearization at equilibrium has only  $\lambda=0$  as eigenvalue with  $\text{Re } \lambda \geq 0$  and eigenspace for  $\lambda=0$  corresponds to the spheres of radius  $R>0$ , center  $x$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  and given surfactant mass

=> Stability of stationary solutions for linearised system if:  $g(\uparrow), \sigma(\downarrow)$

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# **numerical simulation**

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# Principal Approach

Numerical solution of the surfactant balance equation based on:

- *FVM requires extended surface transport theorem*

$$\frac{d}{dt} \int_{\Omega \cap \Gamma(t)} \phi dA =$$

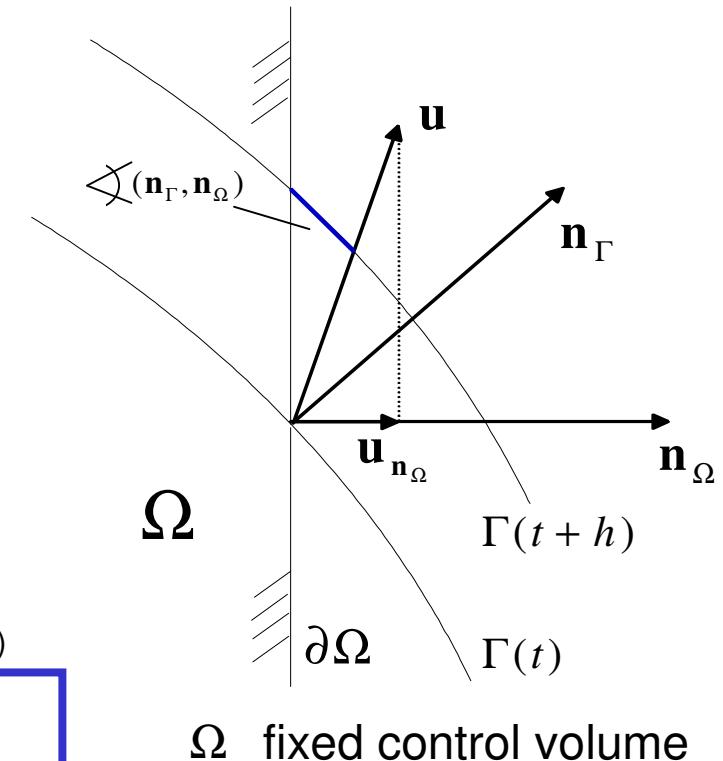
$$\int_{\Omega \cap \Gamma(t)} \left( \frac{D\phi}{Dt} + \phi \nabla_{\Gamma} \cdot \mathbf{u} \right) dA$$

$$- \int_{\partial(\Omega \cap \Gamma(t))} \phi \frac{\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{n}_{\Omega}}{\sqrt{1 - (\mathbf{n}_{\Gamma} \cdot \mathbf{n}_{\Omega})^2}} ds$$

cf. M.E. Gurtin et al.: A Transport Theorem for Moving Interfaces (1989)

no additional scalar needed!

- the Finite Volume Method
- the assumption of fast sorption



# Numerical Computation

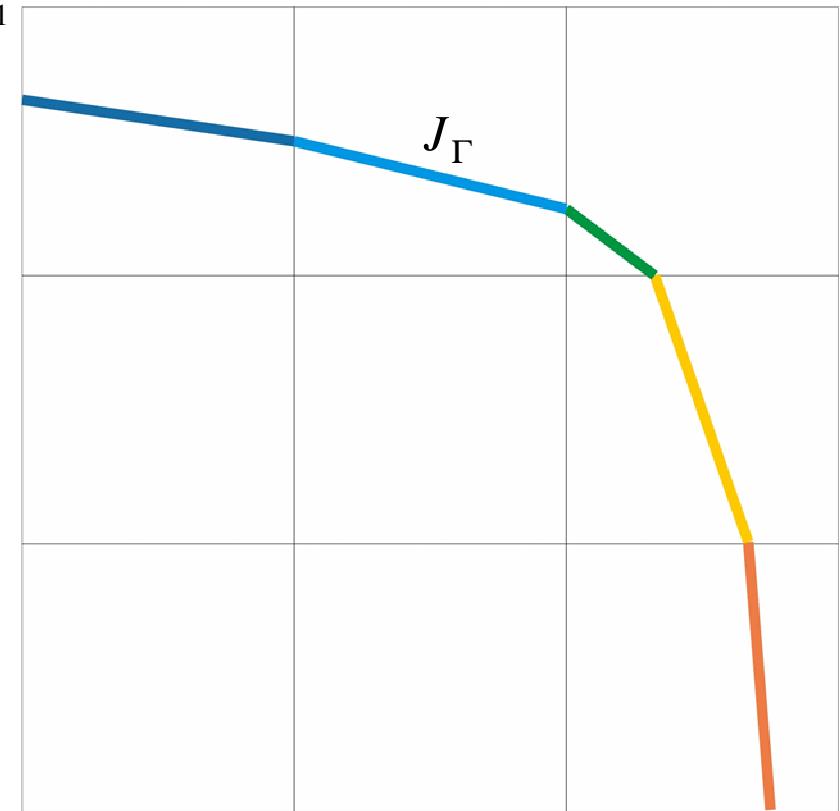
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- **transport steps separately for bulk and interface**

*output of time step  $t^n$  : discrete values  $f^n, \mathbf{u}^n, c^n$  on the volume grid*

- *transport of bulk quantities:  $f^{n+1}, \mathbf{u}^{n+1}, \tilde{c}^{n+1}$*
- *construction of connected interface grid*
- *compute  $\tilde{c}_\Gamma^{n+1}$  due to equilibrium with  $\tilde{c}^{n+1}$*
- *compute interfacial fluxes,*  
*changes in interfacial mass,*  
*then  $n_{tot}^{surf}$  in interface carrying cells*
- *mass conservation & equilibrium*

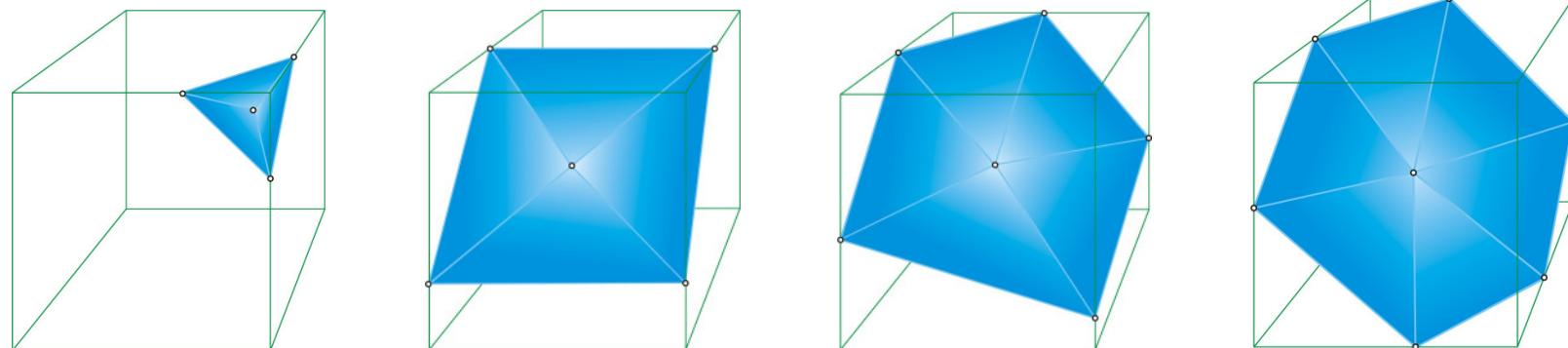
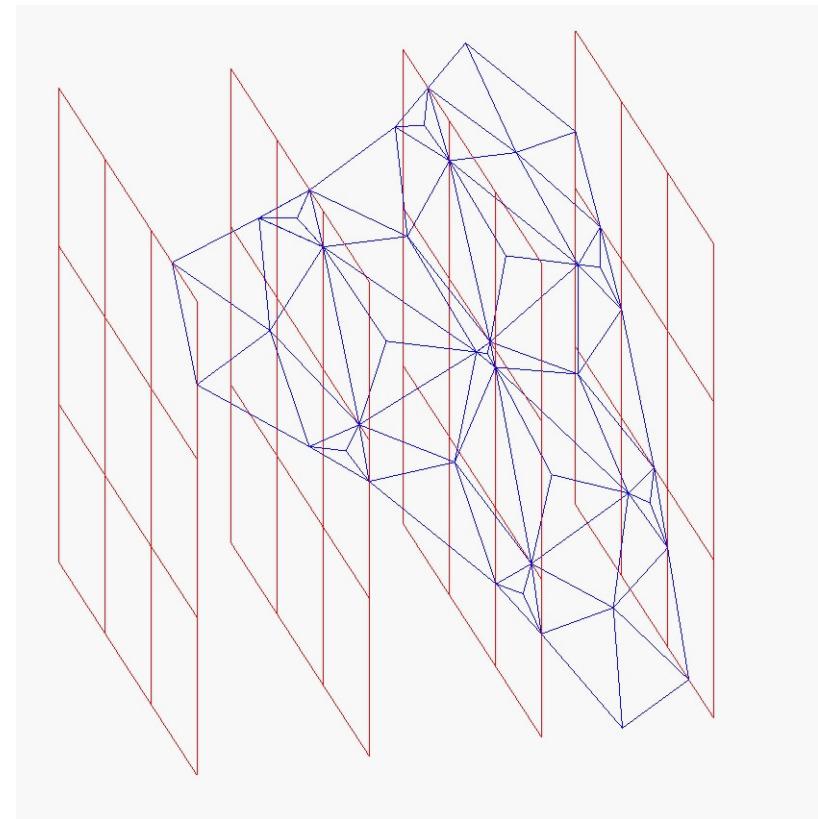
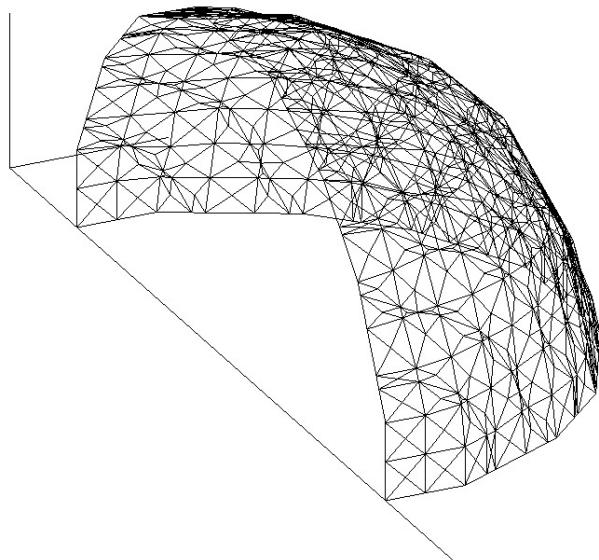
$$\rightarrow \quad c^{n+1} \quad c_\Gamma^{n+1}$$



# VOF-Iso-Surface

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connected interface  
approximation in 3D



# Surfactant Evolution

*Surfactant concentration on the interface*

*Surfactant: Triton X 100*

*Maximum Concentration:*  $\Gamma_{\infty} = 2,91 \cdot 10^{-6} \text{ mol}/\text{m}^2$

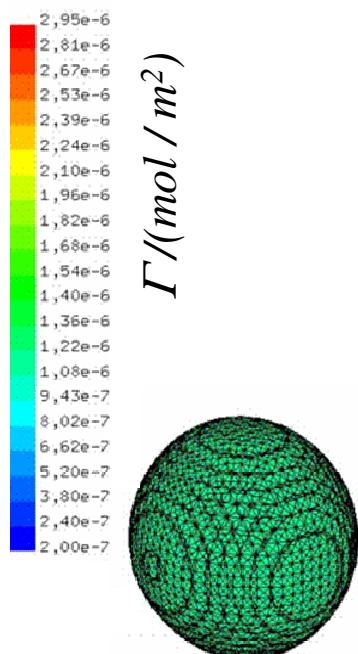
*Langmuir-Coefficient:*  $b = 6,63 \cdot 10^{-4} \text{ mol}/\text{m}^3$

*Diffusion coefficients:*  $D = 2,7 \cdot 10^{-10} \text{ m}^2/\text{s}$

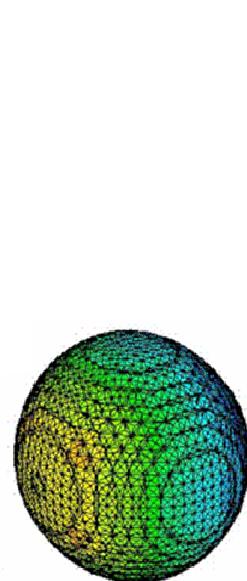
$D^{\Sigma} = 10^{-5} \text{ m}^2/\text{s}$

*initial concentration:*  $c_0 = 4,443 \cdot 10^{-4} \text{ mol}/\text{m}^3$

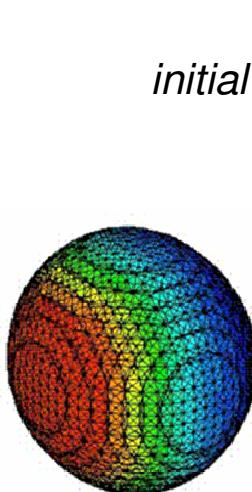
$$\Gamma_{eq}(c_0) = 1,17 \cdot 10^{-6} \text{ mol}/\text{m}^2$$



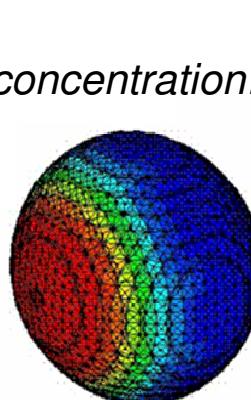
$t = 0,013 \text{ s}$



$t = 0,017 \text{ s}$



$t = 0,021 \text{ s}$



$t = 0,029 \text{ s}$

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interfacial rheology  
surface viscosities

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## Two-Phase Navier-Stokes Eqs

Mathematical model of isothermal incompressible two-phase flow without phase change for *variable* surface tension :

mass

*bulk*

*interface*

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$$[\mathbf{u}] = 0$$

momentum

$$\partial_t(\rho_{\pm}\mathbf{u}) + \nabla \cdot (\rho_{\pm}\mathbf{u} \otimes \mathbf{u}) = \nabla \cdot \mathbf{T}$$

$$[-\mathbf{T}] \cdot \mathbf{n} = \nabla_{\Gamma} \cdot \mathbf{T}_{\Gamma}$$

phase

$$\partial_t f + \nabla \cdot (f \mathbf{u}) = 0$$

$$V = \mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{n}$$

# Stress Tensors

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*bulk*

$$\mathbf{T} = -p_{\pm} \mathbf{I} + \mathbf{S}, \quad \mathbf{S} = \eta_{\pm} [\nabla \mathbf{u} + (\nabla \mathbf{u})^T]$$

*interface*

without surface viscosity:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{T}_{\Gamma} = \sigma \mathbf{I}_{\Gamma} &\Rightarrow \nabla_{\Gamma} \cdot \mathbf{T}_{\Gamma} = \nabla_{\Gamma} \cdot (-\mathbf{n}) \mathbf{n} \sigma + \mathbf{I}_{\Gamma} \nabla_{\Gamma} \sigma \\ &\Rightarrow \nabla_{\Gamma} \cdot \mathbf{T}_{\Gamma} = \sigma \kappa \mathbf{n} + \nabla_{\Gamma} \sigma \end{aligned}$$

with  $\mathbf{I}_{\Gamma} = \mathbf{I} - \mathbf{n} \otimes \mathbf{n}$  projection onto tangent space

EOS  $\sigma = \sigma(c_{\Gamma})$   $c_{\Gamma}$  area-specific concentration  
of adsorbed surfactants

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# Surface Viscosities

Edwards, Brenner, Wasan: *Interfacial Transport Processes and Rheology*, 1991.

$$\mathbf{T}_\Gamma = (\boldsymbol{\sigma} + (\lambda_\Gamma - \eta_\Gamma) \nabla_\Gamma \cdot \mathbf{u}) \mathbf{I}_\Gamma + 2\eta_\Gamma \mathbf{D}_\Gamma \quad \text{interfacial shear viscosity } \eta_\Gamma$$
$$\mathbf{D}_\Gamma = \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{I}_\Gamma (\nabla \mathbf{u} + (\nabla \mathbf{u})^\top) \mathbf{I}_\Gamma \quad \text{interfacial dilatational viscosity } \lambda_\Gamma$$
$$\mathbf{I}_\Gamma = \mathbf{I} - \mathbf{n} \otimes \mathbf{n} \quad (\lambda_\Gamma > \eta_\Gamma > 0)$$

Boussinesq-Scriven surface fluid (Newtonian surface fluid)

first steps of the analysis: slightly deformed halfspace (B., Prüss '08)

- linearization at a reference solution

$$\mathbf{u}^* = (\mathbf{v}, w) \quad \mathbf{E} = (\nabla_{\mathbf{x}'} \mathbf{v} + (\nabla_{\mathbf{x}'} \mathbf{v})^\top)/2$$

$$d = (\boldsymbol{\sigma} + (\lambda_\Gamma - \eta_\Gamma) \operatorname{tr} \mathbf{E}) + 2\eta_\Gamma \inf \{ \langle \mathbf{E} \zeta, \zeta \rangle : \|\zeta\| = 1 \}$$

- well-posedness of the linearized localized problem if  $d > 0$ ,  
**ill-posedness** of the linearized localized problem if  $d < 0$

*Note:  $d < 0$  can appear at high rates of (local) interface compression!*

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