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When a drop of a **water mixture** (e.g. water-alcohol) is deposited on the surface of a **hydrophobic liquid** (e.g. vegetable oil), the resulting drop may sometimes fragment into smaller droplets. Investigate the **parameters that affect the fragmentation** and the **size of the final droplets**.

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Marangoni Bursting: Evaporation-Induced Emulsification of a Two-Component Droplet

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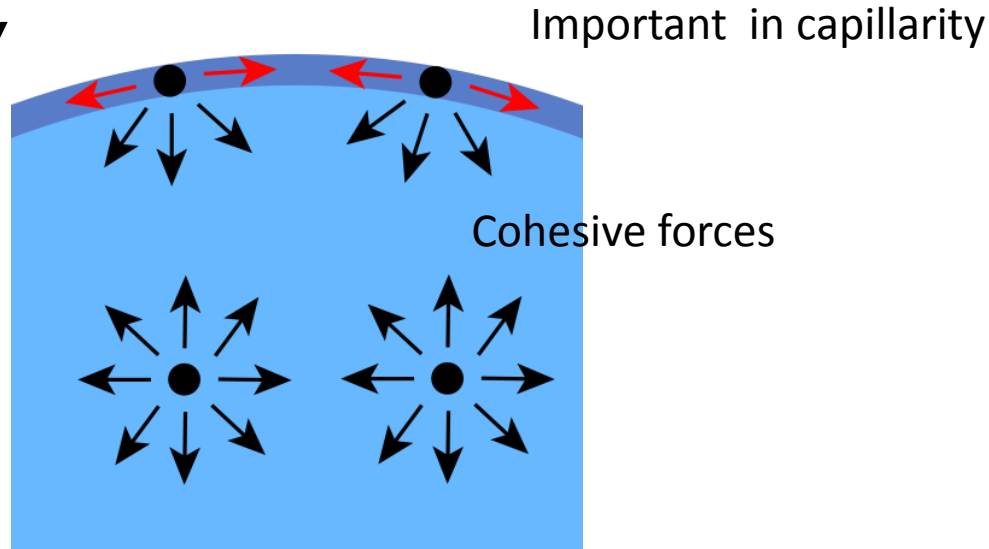
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Surface tension γ

[N/m] , [J/m²]



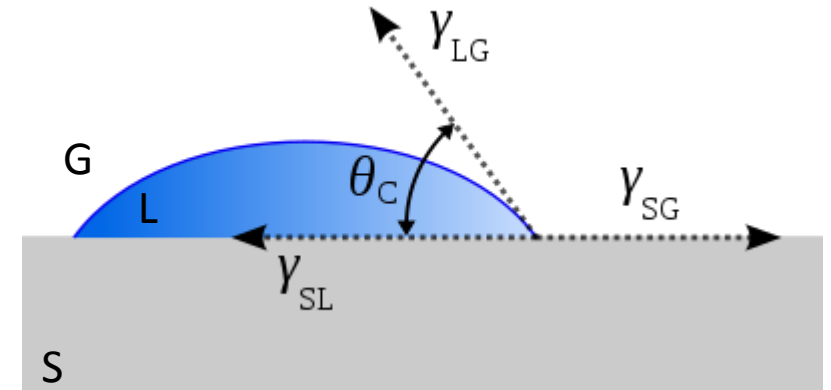
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Plateau-Rayleigh instability

Fluid stream breaks up into smaller drops with less surface area



Hydrophobicity $\gamma > 90^\circ$



$$\gamma_{SG} = \gamma_{SL} + \gamma_{LG} \cos \theta$$

θ – contact angle

Young – Laplace equation

$$\Delta p = \gamma \left(\frac{1}{R_x} + \frac{1}{R_y} \right)$$

Δp – Laplace pressure

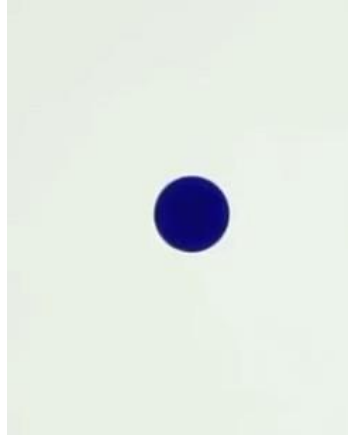
$R_{x,y}$ – radii of curvature of surface

Marangoni effect/flow

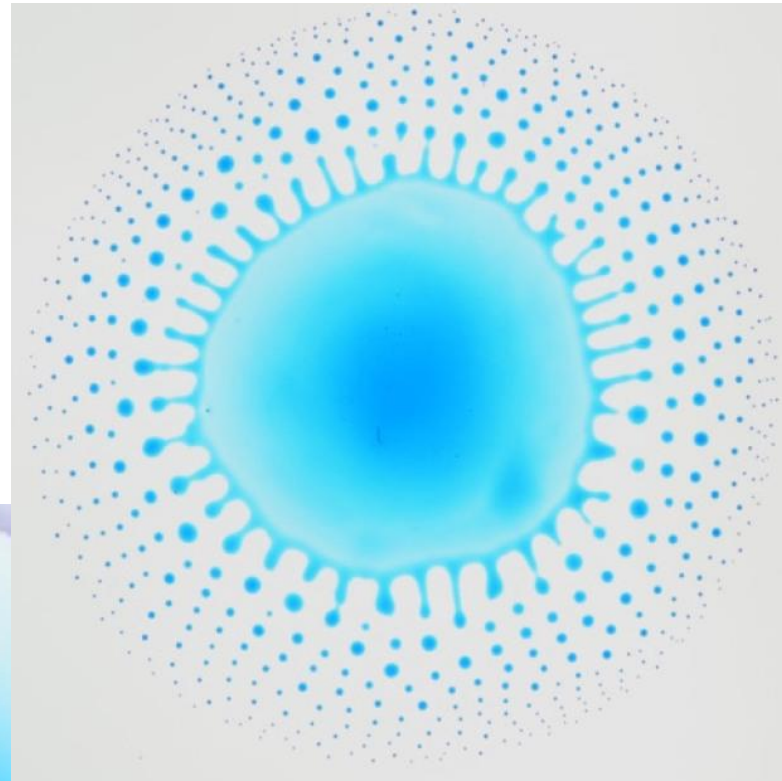
Marangoni effect

The mass transfer along an interface between two fluids due to a gradient of the surface tension.
The surface tension gradient can be caused by concentration gradient or by a temperature gradient.
Liquid with a high surface tension pulls more strongly on the surrounding liquid

Pure water drop in oil



Alcohol/water > 0.3



After longer time
droplets size decreases
and droplets agglutinate into
clusters

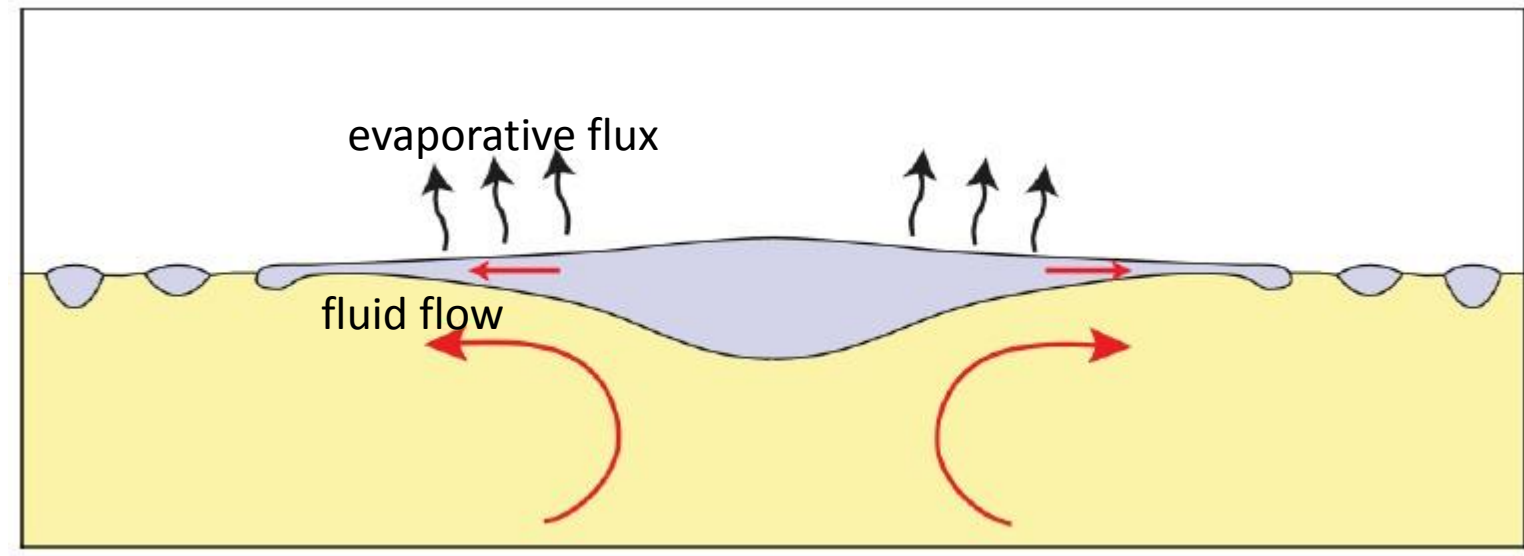
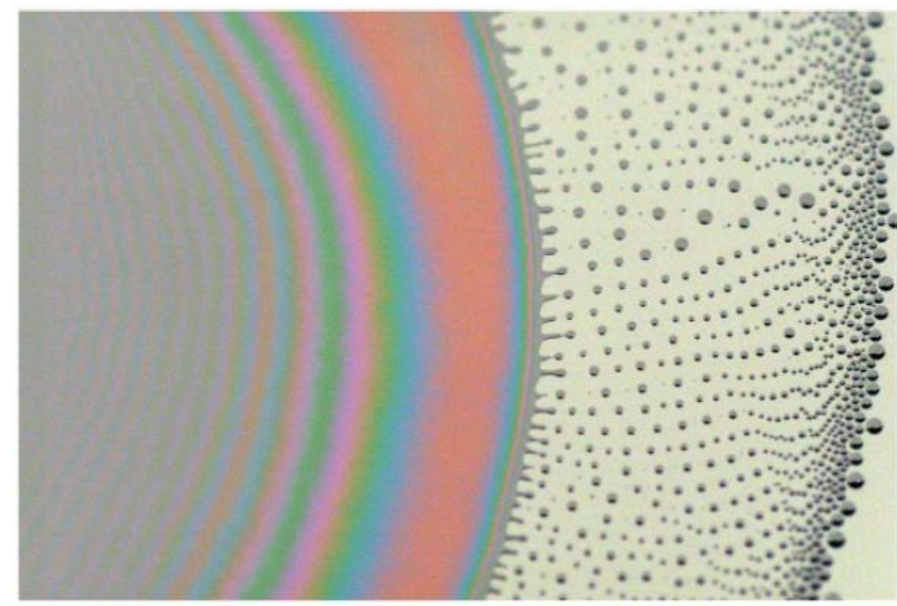
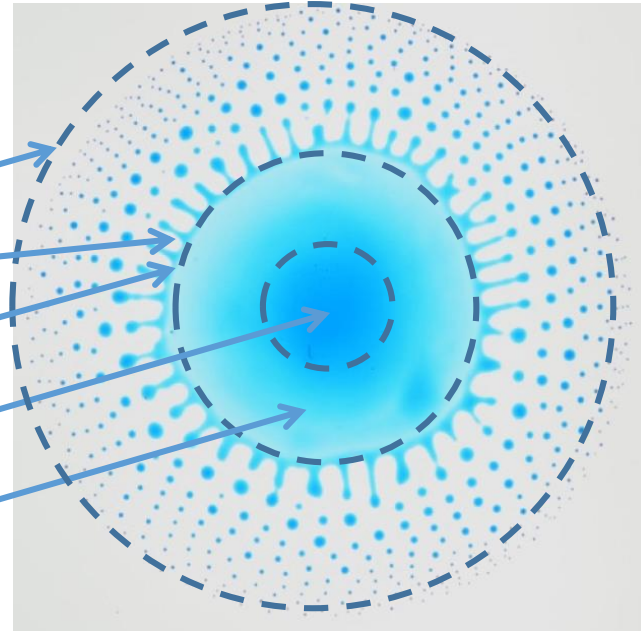
Final droplets

Alcohol in oil

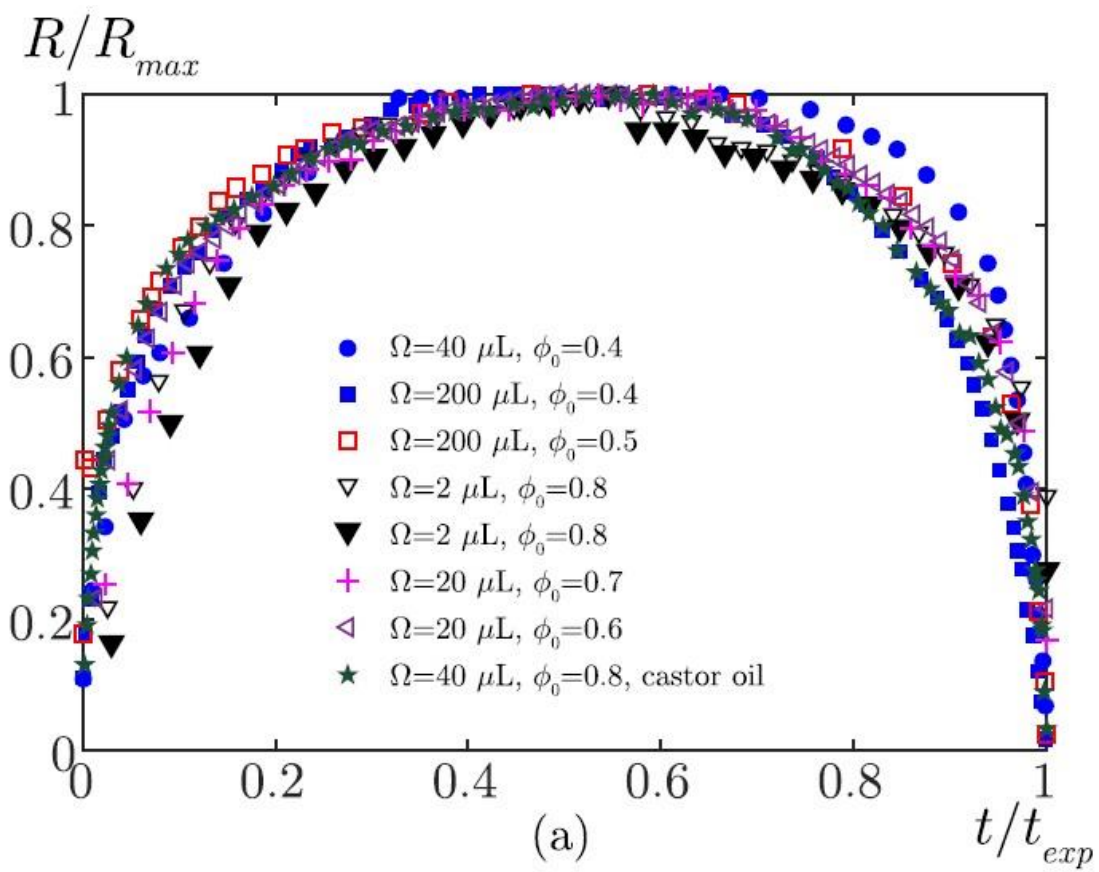
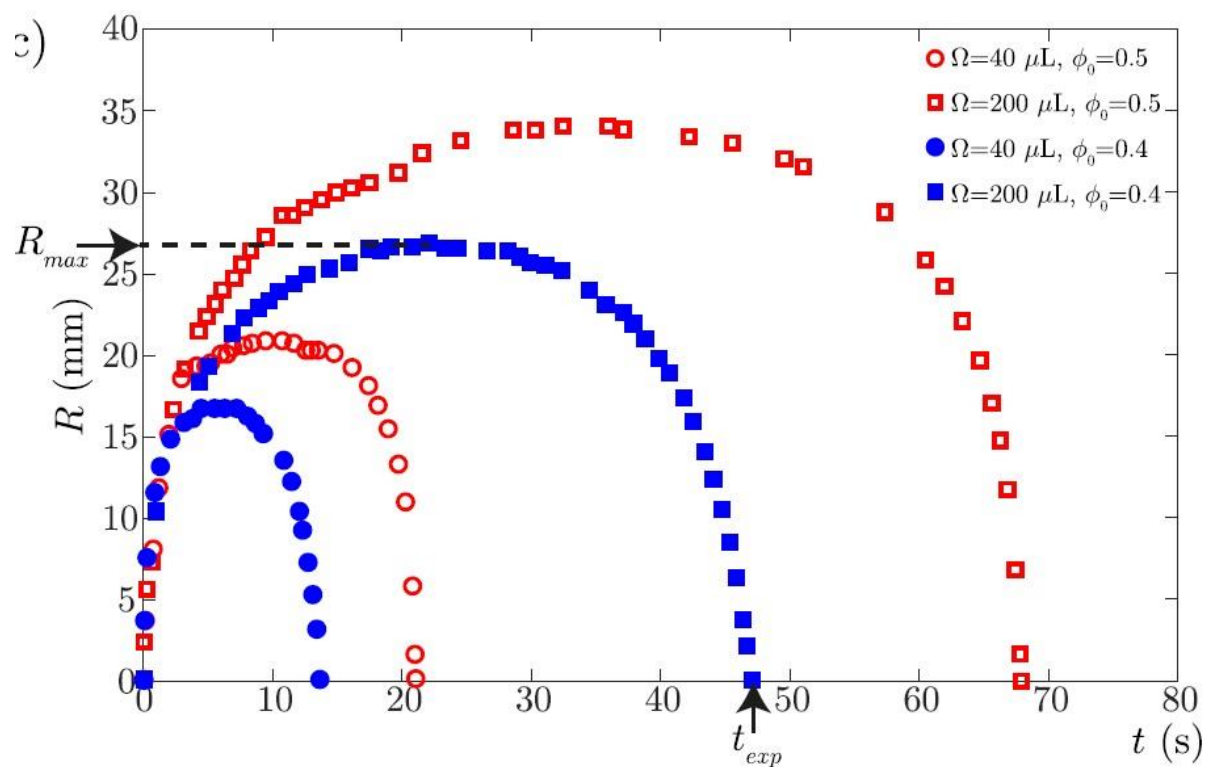
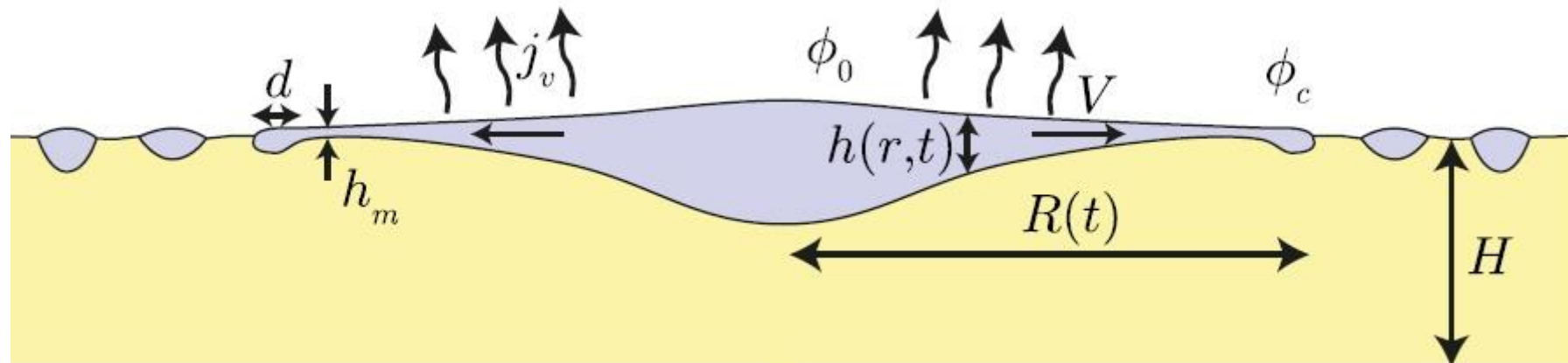


evaporation rate of alcohol \gg water

Outer rim
inner rim
higher concentration
Lower concentration
Fragmentation
Fingering instability
Final droplets



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characteristic radius and time scale

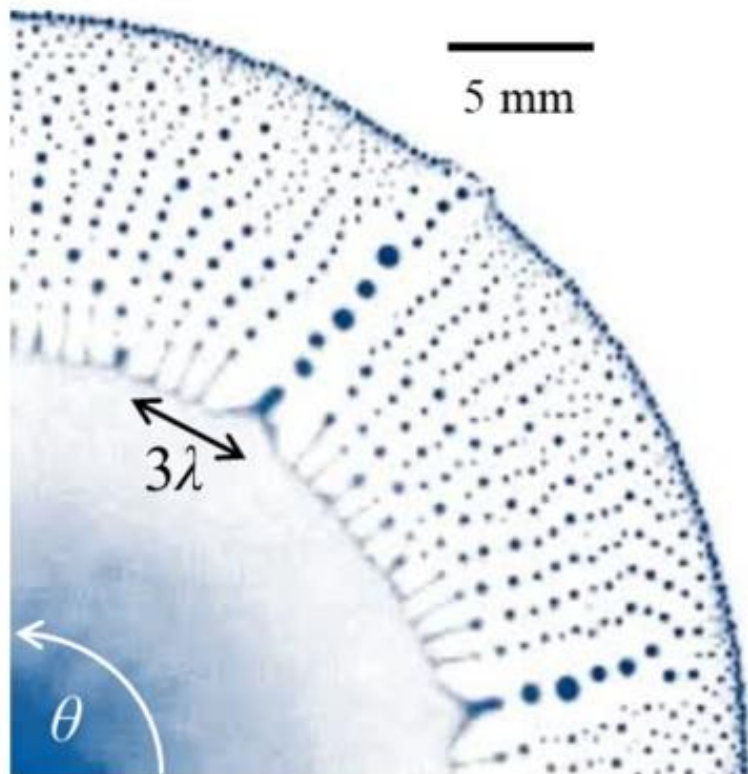
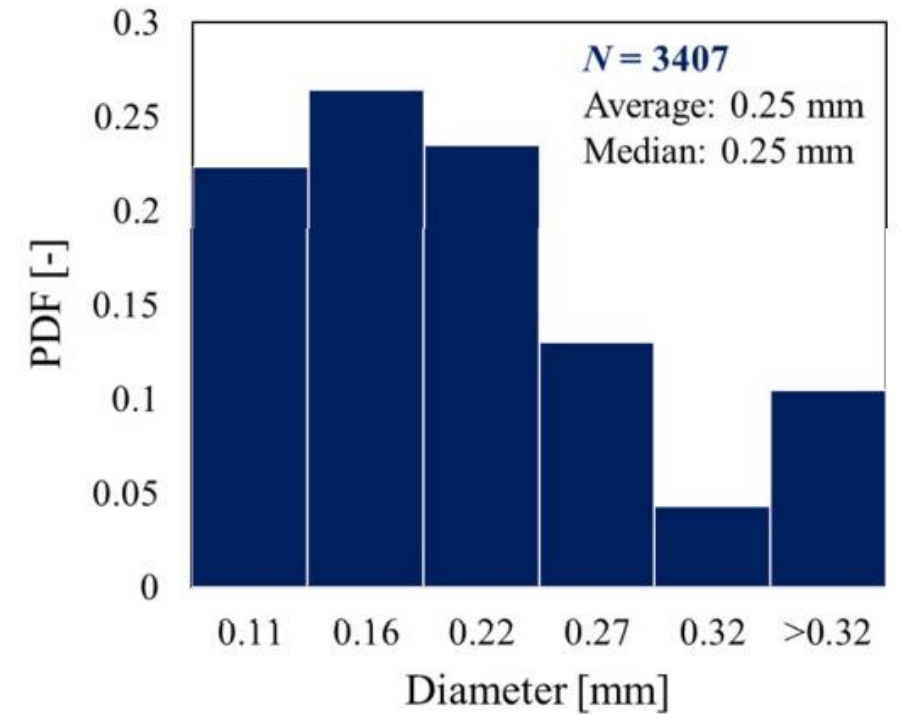
$$R^* \sim \left(\frac{(\phi_0 - \phi_c) \Delta \gamma H \Omega_0}{(1 - \phi_c) \eta_o j_v} \right)^{1/4}$$

$$\tau \sim \left(\frac{(\phi_0 - \phi_c) \eta_o \Omega_0}{(1 - \phi_c) \Delta \gamma H j_v} \right)^{1/2}$$

- ϕ_0 Initial alcohol concentration
- H Maximum droplet thickness
- Ω_0 Initial volume
- γ Effective tension
- η_o Viscosity constant
- j_v Evaporation constant
- ϕ_c Critical concentration (0.35+/-0.2)

Test sample	Density ρ (kg/m ³)	Dynamic viscosity ν (mm ² /s)	Surface tension σ (mN/m)
Water ³²	997	0.89	72
Ethanol ³²	785	1.37	22
IPA ³²	781	2.61	21
Sunflower oil	916	58	32 (Ref. 21)
Silicone oil ³³ (1000 cSt)	970	1000	21

Final droplets size distribution



Capillary length of liquid-liquid (IPA-oil) interface:

$$\lambda_c \sim \sqrt{\frac{\gamma_{so}}{(\rho_o - \rho_s)g}}, \quad \sim 1.5 \text{ mm (for } \gamma_{so} = 3 \text{ mN/m, } \rho_o = 9.16 \text{ g/cm}^3, \rho_a = 7.81 \text{ g/cm}^3, g = 9.81 \text{ m/s}^2\text{)}$$

Fragmentation period 0.65 .. 2.2mm

[K.Hasegawa, Y. Manzaki, Phys. Fluids **33**, 034124 (2021); <https://doi.org/10.1063/5.0041346>]

Experimental parameters

Initial concentration of alcohol in water solution ϕ_0

Temperature (room, elevated 90°C)

Initial drop size

Experimental setup

Flat and wide Petri dish – oil level few mm

Pipete for droplet injection

Cell phone with suitable camera resolution

For higher alcohol content and resulting small drops microscope optics or magnifying lens needed

Desinfection alcohol, IPA, ethanol, + food color, (red wine)

For better visualization and tracking of the fluid movement use some fine particle powder deposit on the drop surface

SW: ImageJ – for droplets analysis: <https://imagej.nih.gov/ij/>

<https://imagej.nih.gov/ij/docs/pdfs/examples.pdf>

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