Suspensions: From Micromechanics to Macroscopic Behavior

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- We see that particles undergo a random walk and diffuse, even though there are no thermal effects.
- But what does this have to do with the phase behavior in two-phase flow?
- Diffusion usually smoothes out concentration variations and makes the system more homogeneous.
- But ...

$$D \sim \dot{\gamma} a^2 d(\phi)$$

• If the shear rate varies in a flow, then particles will migrate to regions of low shear rate (Leighton & Acrivos 1987).











The Minimal Model

- Stress is function of concentration and shear rate.
- Normal stresses are important
- Motion of concentration relative to the mean

Particle phase:

$$\rho_{p}\phi \frac{D\boldsymbol{u}_{p}}{Dt} = -\phi R(\phi)(\boldsymbol{u}_{p} - \boldsymbol{u}) + \nabla \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma}_{p} \quad , \quad \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot \phi \boldsymbol{u}_{p} = 0$$

No particle inertia:

$$\phi(\boldsymbol{u}_p - \boldsymbol{u}) = \frac{1}{R(\phi)} \nabla \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma}_p \implies \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot \phi \boldsymbol{u} = -\nabla \frac{1}{R(\phi)} \nabla \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma}_p$$

Stress-induced diffusion







The (next) Minimal Model• Stress is function of concentration and shear rate.• Normal stresses are important• Motion of concentration relative to the mean• Nonlocal behavior:
$$\sigma_p(x,t) = \int \eta_p(x-x')e(x')dx'$$
Suspension Temperature: $T = \frac{1}{2}(u'_p \cdot u'_p)$ Energy balance: $\rho C_p \frac{DT}{Dt} = \sigma : e - \alpha(\phi)T - \nabla \cdot q$, $q = -k(\phi)\nabla T$ $\Pi(\phi,\dot{\gamma}) = p(\phi)T$













