Influence of membrane wrinkling on vesicle motion in strong stationary flow

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Vesicle in shear flow









Free energy $\mathcal{F}_{\text{free}} = \int \left(\kappa \frac{H^2}{2} + \sigma\right) dA$,



Tank-Treading regime: the vesicle conserves its form and orientation

Trembling (or swinging or vacillating-breathing) regime:

the vesicle does not perform full revolution

Tumbling regime:

Characteristic times and transition from TT to TU



The phase (regime) diagram



Vesicle motion in strong external flow

Vesicle form $r = R [1 + u(\theta, \phi)],$

Expansion over angular harmonics: $u(\theta, \phi) = \sum_{l \ge 2} u^{(l)}(\theta, \phi)$



Excitation of high order harmonics on the vesicle surface



surface tension of the vesicle membrane becomes negative during some time interval.

Negative surface tension leads to instability of short-wave harmonics develops.



Membrane wrinkling



Membrane (with possible surface flow)



- H -- mean curvature
- κ -- bending modulus
- dA -- area of surface element
- σ -- surface tension, which guaranteeslocal surface area conservation



$$F_{free} = \sum_{\vec{\mathbf{k}}} \left(\kappa k^4 + \sigma k^2 \right) |u_{\vec{k}}|^2$$

 $\mathcal{U}_{\vec{k}}$ – Fourier mode of u(x, y)

If $\sigma < 0$, then modes $u_{\vec{k}}$ with

$$|\vec{k}| < \frac{|\sigma|}{\kappa}$$

Buckling instability

becomes unstable

Weak excitation of high order harmonics

Vesicle volume

$$\mathcal{V}=\frac{4\pi}{3}R^3,$$

Surface area of the membrane

$$\mathcal{A} = (4\pi + \Delta)R^2$$

Excess area

$$\Delta = \Delta(\Delta_2 + \Delta_3 + \dots)$$



Vesicle form is almost smooth

$$\Delta_{3} = 1 - \Delta_{2} \ll 1$$

$$S^{-1}\tau_{*} \partial_{t} \Theta = -\frac{\sin \Theta \sin(2\Phi)}{\sqrt{\Delta_{2}}} - \frac{1}{S}\cos(3\Theta) + DF_{\Theta} + \xi_{\Theta}$$

$$S^{-1}\tau_{*} \partial_{t} \Phi = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{\cos \Phi}{\sqrt{\Delta_{2}} \cos \Theta} - \Lambda \right) + \xi_{\Phi}$$
Thermal noise
$$S^{-1}\tau_{*} \frac{\partial_{t}(1 - \Delta_{2})}{2} = *(1 - \Delta_{2}) \left(\cos \Theta \sin(2\Phi) - \frac{*}{S\sqrt{\Delta}} \right) + DF_{3} + \xi_{3}$$
(Negative)
surface tension
$$\left\langle \xi_{3}(t) \xi_{3}(t') \right\rangle = \ll \frac{1}{S^{2}} \frac{T}{\kappa \Delta^{3/2}} \tau_{*} \delta(t - t')$$
and the same for ξ_{Θ}, ξ_{Φ}

$$DF_{\Theta}, DF_{\Phi} = \ll \frac{1}{S} \frac{T}{\kappa \Delta^{3/2}}$$

The phase diagram of the vesicle dynamical regimes in presence of thermal noise



Extremely large shears



Viscosity of a suspension



Special geometry: shear flow $V_x = \dot{\gamma} y$ (Shear) viscosity $\eta_s = \frac{F}{\dot{\gamma} L}$

W-applied external power, with suspension

 $W^{(0)}$ – applied external power, with pure solvent

Flow is slow, thus is described by Stokes equation $\eta \Delta \mathbf{v} = \nabla p - \mathbf{f}_{ext}, \quad \text{div } \mathbf{v} = 0$

Viscosity of the suspension

$$\eta = \frac{W}{W^{(0)}} \eta_{\text{solvent}}$$

Viscosity of a suspension

Applied external power for suspension Velocity of solvent near a particle

$$W = \int_{\Gamma} \mathrm{d}S^{i} \Pi^{ik} \mathbf{v}_{(0)}^{k} = W^{(0)} + \sum_{a} W^{a}$$
$$\eta = \eta_{\text{solvent}} \left[1 + \frac{1}{W^{(0)}} \sum_{a} W^{a} \right]$$

$$\boldsymbol{v} = \boldsymbol{v}_{(0)} + \delta \boldsymbol{v}$$



Power, wich is dissipated on the particle

$$W^{a} = -\frac{5\eta \mathcal{V}}{2} \int \frac{do}{4\pi} \partial_{i} \mathbf{v}_{(0)}^{k} n^{i} n^{k} \left[\frac{12 \,\delta \mathbf{v}^{r}}{R} + 3\partial_{r} \,\delta \mathbf{v}^{r} \right]_{r=R}$$

for limit when volume fraction $\phi << 1$

Rigid balls with radius *R* (Einstein)

 $W^{a} = \frac{5\eta \mathcal{V}}{2} \ \partial_{i} \mathbf{v}_{(0)}^{k} \ \left(\partial_{i} \mathbf{v}_{(0)}^{k} + \partial_{k} \mathbf{v}_{(0)}^{i}\right), \quad \mathcal{V} - \text{volume of the particle}$

Viscosity of the suspension

$$\eta = \eta_{\text{solvent}} \left(1 + \frac{5}{2} \varphi \right)$$

Viscosity of vesicle suspension

Viscosity of the vesicle suspension



Conclusions

- Influence of short wave excitations on the vesicle membrane during motion in stationary flow was considered
- Limit of small influence from short wave excitation on the vesicle motion was investigated: correction to regime diagram was obtained
- Limit of extremely strong flows was considered: membrane wrinkling was established and power law for typical wave vector was found
- Rheology properties of the vesicle suspension was discussed, in particular for limit of extremely strong flows.