

INTERFACE DYNAMICS OF MODEL SYSTEMS: FROM LOCAL PROPERTIES TO BOUNDARY CONDITIONS

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OIL AND GAS ISSUES

Quantifying accurately Multiphasic Fluid Dynamics in porous medium is crucial for the Petroleum Engineering

Various tools are available for that purpose but most of them are limited when employed to deal with "new" systems:

Complex resources : Sour/Acid Gases, Shales gas/oil ...
Complex conditions : Extreme HP/HT, Tight reservoirs ...

Complex recovery methods: Smart Water, Polymer Flooding ...

Data and more physically based models are required

But experiments are hard to achieve (HSE, HP ...)



METHODOLOGY





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FROM NANO TO GIGA-SCALE: DIFFERENT TOOLS



Adapted from Gubbins & Moore, IECR (2010)

OUR GROUP STRATEGY

Develop/use molecular simulations codes to study/quantify finely fluid behavior at interfaces at the nanoscale



Thermophysical properties *Tension, Diffusion ...*







Physical mechanisms *Transport, Osmosis ...*











INTERFACE DYNAMICS: ISSUES IN A SIMPLE SYSTEM





E.g.: A nanodroplet of a simple fluid moved by body forces on a perfectly flat and rigid surface



FROM LOCAL PROPERTIES ...

Fluid Inhomogeneities? (Local density/viscosity ?)





LOCAL FLUID TRANSPORT PROPERTIES IN INHOMOGENOUS FLUIDS

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Hoang and Galliero, PRE (2012), JCP (2013), JPCM (2014), PRE (2015)





FLUID INHOMOGENEITIES ISSUES



Density of a "oil" drop in a nanopore Solid

Low

Couette like simulations of a simple fluid (LJ) in a nanoslit



High

A VARIABLE VISCOSITY ?



The fluid viscosity is variable in space !

The local viscosity computed by MD cannot be deduced from the local thermodynamic variables alone (T and ρ)

There are non local effects



Hoang & Galliero, PRE (2012)

Using the microscopic formulation of the momentum flux, shear viscosity is decomposed in two parts: $\eta = \eta_t + \eta_c$ Translation Collisions

To introduce non-local effects, η_c is assumed to be a function of the density averaged over a typical length

Similar to Bitsanis et al. J. Chem. Phys. 1987

$$\eta(x) = \eta_0 \left(\frac{\rho(x)}{\rho_{bulk}}\right)^{\alpha} + \eta_c(\overline{\rho}(x)) \quad \text{with e.g.} \quad \overline{\rho}(x) = \frac{1}{\sigma} \int_{-\sigma/2}^{\sigma/2} \rho(x+s) ds$$

This method can be more accurate using more evolved weight functions and a perturbation scheme



Hoang & Galliero, JCP (2013), JPCM (2014)

NON LOCAL VISCOSITY ?



Non local viscosity is well modeled by the simplest DFT

Effective viscosity can multiplied by an order of magnitude relatively to the bulk

Can be combined with DGT/DFT to introduce fluid inhomogeneities ...



Hoang & Galliero, PRE (2012)

TO SHEAR AT FLUID-FLUID INTERFACES ...





VELOCITY SLIP AT FLUID-FLUID INTERFACES

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Galliero, PRE (2010), Bugel et al. Micro&Nanofluid. (2011)



The partial slip (Navier B.C.) at fluid-solid interfaces is well known, but what about Fluid-Fluid interfaces ?

Slip s known to occur at polymer-polymer interfaces

Hybrid and MD simulations of Fluid-fluid interfaces under shear



Liquid-Liquid



HYBRID SIMULATIONS OF A DIPHASIC COUETTE FLOW



At the liquid-gas interface a partial slip seems to occur !

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Bugel et al., M&N (2011)

VELOCITY JUMP AT A LIQUID-LIQUID INTERFACE



The velocity profile exhibits a "jump" at the interface

Galliero, PRE (2010)

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INTERFACIAL VISCOSITY IN SIMPLE FLUIDS ?



The partial slip increases with the interfacial tension

The interfacial viscosity is lower than the one deduced from ρ profile (DGT?) In a water wet nanopore (10 nm) the theoretical oil relative permeability is roughly two times higher when the partial slip is taken into account

Interfacial self-diffusion is probably inversely proportionally increased ...



YOUNG TENSION AT THE CONTACT LINE



Uncompensated Young tension

(Dynamic microscopic angle?)

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CONTACT LINE DYNAMICS: (NANO?)DROPLETS SPECIFICITIES

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Hoang et al., in preparation



Young stress occurs at the Contact Line but is it valid at the nanoscale?



MD simulations of nanodroplets on a perfectly flat and rigid surface

<u>Equilibrium</u>

Dynamic (external force)





~10 nm

Lennard-Jones 2D droplets on LJ CFC solid surface for $0.4\pi < \theta < 0.85\pi$



EQUILIBRIUM: YOUNG TENSION (1/2)

At the **contact line** the (integrated) **shear stress** is **macroscopically** equal to the **Young tension** i.e. $\gamma \cos(\theta(z))$



At equilibrium, shear stress is localized at the Liquid Vapor interface and decreases when z increases (consistent with Young tension)



EQUILIBRIUM: YOUNG TENSION (2/2)





Shear tension at the contact line differs from $\gamma cos(\theta)$!

But Young stress = shear stress at liq/vap interface above $z_{\gamma} \sim$ some molecular sizes (z_{γ} scales with θ^{-1})

DYNAMICS: SHEAR/YOUNG TENSION ($\theta_{Eq} = \pi/2$)



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Classical (homogeneous) continuum breaks down ($\propto \theta^{-1}$)

In not too wetting cases, classical laws are really robust !

The problem becomes more complex when an adsorbed layer (macromolecules) occurs ...

How upscaling MD results when dealing with wetting case (thin films ...)?



TO BOUNDARY CONDITIONS





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LIQUID-LIQUID NANOCOUETTE FLOW: WHICH BOUNDARY CONDITIONS ?

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There exists many CL boundary conditions options but which one is the most appropriate when all scales are solved ?

Seminal works of Robbins, Koplik, Qian, Ren ...

Comparison between CFD and MD simulation on a liq-liq Couette flow





Phase I & II (Lennard-Jones fluids) have the same properties but are non miscible



CFD MODELS (JADIM)

Navier-Stokes (NS) Equations Equilibrium angle: $\theta_{Y} = \pi/2$ **Volume Of Fluids (VOF, interface)** Imposed Slip length + Dynamic angle Mesh size < Slip length Reference case : MD of Qian et al., Phys. Fluids, 2003 **Used slip length model (Navier):** $U_w - V = \left| \frac{\P U}{\P n} \right|$ where $\lambda = 1.63 \sigma$ **Tested dynamic angle models :** Static : $\theta_d = \theta_Y$ Generalized Navier BC (GNBC*): $\cos q_{Y} - \cos q_{d} = \frac{U_{cl}}{g} B_{cl} - \frac{B_{cl}}{g} B_{cl} - \frac{B_{cl}}{g} B_{cl} - \frac{B_{cl}}{g} \frac{B$

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f=14.3 (εm)^{1/2}/σ³

CONTACT ANGLE FRICTION CONTROLS THE STABILITY

NS Simulation – GNBC model

with normalized friction $B_{cl}=3.02$



NS Simulation – MKT model

with normalized friction f=14.3



Unstable case : the MKT "friction" is too large



VOF-NS VERSUS **MD**: **P**REDICTIONS



No Contact Line model seems to be fully predictive when combined with VOF-NS - 🕅 🌚 🖓 🌠 🍥

VOF-NS VERSUS **MD:** ADJUSTED MODELS

Static: $\lambda = 1.63 \Rightarrow \lambda = 1.2$

MKT: f=14.3 => f=1.7



NS+VOF describes well this nanoflow when all scales are solved

If adjusted, all CL models yield reasonable results !









OUTCOMES

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Shear viscosity can be variable in space at the Contact Line

- Non locals effects on viscosity occur close to a solid surface
- Interfacial region may lead to apparent fluid-fluid slip
- Macroscopic laws are very robust in liquids if all scales are solved
 Uncompensated Young tension dominant at the CL (but at z>0)
 For Liq-Liq Couette flow, CL models works well when fitted

And for future works ...



Include non local density/viscosity introduce upscaling ...

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MOLECULAR SIMULATIONS: WHAT FOR ?





MOLECULAR SIMULATIONS: HOW IT WORKS ?



No assumption concerning the physical phenomena that may emerge!



MOLECULAR DYNAMICS: HOW IT WORKS ?

At a time step t each centre of forces (atom or molecule) is characterised by its position r(t), its velocity v(t) and its acceleration a(t)

Newton's Equation + Effective interaction potentials (V)

$$\sum_{j} \stackrel{\mathsf{P}}{F_{ij}} = m_i \frac{d \stackrel{\mathsf{P}}{v_i}}{dt}$$

$$\hat{F}_{ij} = -\frac{\partial V}{\partial r_{ij}} \hat{r}_{ij}$$

New position at $t + \Delta t$ (various integrator)

$$\hat{F}_i(t + \Delta t) = \hat{F}_i(t) + (\Delta t)\hat{V}_i(t) + \frac{1}{2}(\Delta t)^2 \frac{\tilde{F}_i(t)}{m_i}$$



Explicit Scheme, "easily" parallelised (domain decomposition) Computation time $\propto N^2$ (can be reduced to N logN) Quasi-experimental process (data with error bars ...)



From hard-sphere representation to a full atom (ab initio) description, but no ideal model

The choice is guided by the goal (pseudo-experimental vs understanding)

Dispersive/repulsive interactions:

usually a Lennard-Jones pot. but Mie/Exp pot. are used

$$U_{LJ} = 4\varepsilon \left(\left(\frac{\sigma}{r} \right)^{12} - \left(\frac{\sigma}{r} \right)^{6} \right)$$

Polar interactions: isotropic or point charges

Internal degrees of freedom: Bonding, Flexion ...

Mixtures: Combining rules (Lorentz-Berthelot ...)



 U_{LJ}



How computing Macroscopic Quantities ?

All physical properties are "mesurable" in the ad hoc ensemble

Equilibrium/Thermodynamic properties

$$P = \frac{1}{3V_c} \left(2E_c + \left\langle \sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{j>i}^N \mathbf{F}_{ij} \cdot \mathbf{r}_{ij} \right\rangle \right) \qquad \gamma = \int_{x_1}^{x_2} \left(P_N(x) - P_T(x) \right) dx$$

Sound velocity, ...

Dynamic properties

The property is deduced from the fluctuations (*Equilibrium*) A flux is imposed (heat, momentum, ...) and the response is measured (*Non-Equilibrium*)





Field properties

The strain, velocity, temperature, pressure, concentration ... fields are deduced from averages (over time or ensemble)

METHODOLOGY

Extensive Molecular Dynamics simulations on well controlled Vapor/Liquid/Solid systems

Sessile Lennard-Jones droplets on a CFC flat rigid LJ solid

Variable wetting properties

Lennard-Jones interactions

$$U = 4\mathbf{C}\varepsilon \left[\left(\frac{\sigma}{r}\right)^{12} - \left(\frac{\sigma}{r}\right)^{6} \right]$$

Fluid-Fluid: C=1; Fluid-Solid: C =0.25-0.55



Static and migration under external force configurations

Static nanodroplet



Moving nanodroplet



EQUILIBRIUM : CONTACT ANGLE



EQUILIBRIUM: YOUNG-LAPLACE EQUATION (1/2)

When a **curved fluid-fluid interface** is present a **pressure (capillary) difference** between the fluids exist



Young-Laplace Eq.

But what occurs at the nanometer scale ?





From **liquid/vapor interfaces simulations** one can **compute surface tension** γ



and from the **droplet normal pressure** $\Rightarrow R(P_{z,Liq} - P_{z,Vap}) \approx 0.6$

Young-Laplace equation, $\gamma_{LV} = R\Delta P$, is well respected for such nano-droplets (using normal pressure)

 \Rightarrow The curvature correction to γ_{LV} (Tolman's length) is negligible !

In 3D droplets, line tension is negligible as well ... (works of Bresme ...)

At the **contact line** the three (Sol/Vap, Sol/Liq and Liq/Vap) **tensions compensate each others**

 $\gamma_{SL} \theta \gamma_{SV} \gamma_{SV}$ $\gamma_{SV} \phi \gamma_{SV} \gamma_{SV}$ $\gamma_{LV} \cos \theta_{Y} = \gamma_{SV} - \gamma_{SL}$

Young-Dupré law

From the computation of all three γ , the Young angle can be estimated





EQUILIBRIUM: YOUNG-DUPRÉ LAW (2/2)



Is there a distance from the solid surface at which $\theta_{YD} = \theta$, i.e. macro angle = micro angle?



Distance at which $\theta_{\gamma} = \theta$, noted z_{γ} , Scales $1/\theta_{\gamma}$

Why so: P_x (and so γ) is affected by the surface over long-range (cf. vdW forces)

Finite size effects on the result when $\theta \rightarrow 0$ ($z_{\gamma} > h$) *Macroscopically described by disjoining pressure (when* $h < z_{\gamma}$) - $\Re \otimes \Im$

DYNAMICS: DROPLET ($\theta_{Eq} = \pi/2$) UNDER AN EXTERNAL FIELD

Droplet under a « gravity » field





Flow field (Ca=0.2)



Slip length at Liq/Sol~1

By varying F_{ext} , the capillary number is changed $Ca=\eta V/\gamma \sim 0.05-0.35$ A friction coefficient can be deduced (here $\xi=F/V \approx 0.07$)

Non linear response occurs for smaller θ and high V

DYNAMICS: Advancing/Receding Contact angles ($\theta_{Eq} = \pi/2$) ⁵⁰

At both contact lines **advancing** and **receding angles** can be measured **Hydrodynamics model** predict that $\theta^3 \propto Ca$



A hydrodynamic behavior holds for both angles at z = 5 ! Even with nano-droplets (but not too low θ), hydrodynamics seem to be well respected above z_{γ_s} ! - ◊ι ◊ ◊ ٢