Bulk Turbulence of Dilute Polymer Solutions: Lagrangian Particle Tracking Measurements

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### **Flexible Polymers in Flow Field**



### **Control Parameters**

Reynolds number  $Re, R_{\lambda}$ 

Weissenberg number Wi



## **Turbulence Energy Cascade**



 $\epsilon_I = \epsilon_T = \epsilon_D$ 

## **Turbulence Energy Cascade**



 $\epsilon_I \neq \epsilon_T \neq \epsilon_D$ 

Polyacrylamide (PAM): 18 x 10<sup>6</sup> amu

$$R_G = 0.5 \mu m, \quad R_{\max} = 77 \mu m, \quad au_p = 43 ms$$

Turbulence property at  $R_{\lambda} = 350$ :

$$\eta=84\mu m, \quad au_\eta=7.1ms$$
 $Wi=rac{ au_p}{ au_\eta}=6$ 

Change concentration from 0 to 20 wppm.

#### **Acceleration Statistics: Small Scales**

A. M. Crawford, N. Mordant, HX, E. Bodenschatz (NJP, 2008)

von Karman swirling flow between counter-rotating disks



 $L \approx 7 \text{ cm}$  $R_{\lambda} = 140 - 485$  $\eta = 320 - 50 \ \mu\text{m}$  $\tau_{\eta} = 105 - 2.6 \text{ ms}$ 

Size of the meas. vol.  $(4 mm)^3$ 

Tracer particles: neutrally buoyant polystyrene spheres.

 $d_p = 26 \mu m, \ \rho_p / \rho_w = 1.06$ 

#### **Acceleration PDF**

$$R_{\lambda} = 285, \ \phi = 5 \text{ ppm}$$



#### Acceleration PDF, normalized

$$R_{\lambda} = 285, \ \phi = 5 \text{ ppm}$$



#### **Acceleration Variance**



 $R_{\lambda} = 140(\Box), 200(\circ), 285(\bigtriangleup), 485(\diamond); \phi = 0 - 10 \text{ ppm}$ 

### **Acceleration Autocorrelation**

$$\tilde{c}_{ij}(\tau) = \frac{\langle a_i(t)a_j(t+\tau)\rangle_{t\&\tau}}{\left(\langle a_i(t)^2\rangle_{t\&\tau} \langle a_j(t+\tau)^2\rangle_{t\&\tau}\right)^{1/2}} \left\langle a(t)^2 \right\rangle_t$$

$$\tilde{C}_{ij}(\tau) = \frac{\tilde{c}_{ij}(\tau)}{\langle a^2 \rangle}$$

### **Acceleration Autocorrelation**



e-folding time  $au_{1/e}$  :

$$\tilde{C}(\tau_{1/e}) = 1/e$$

 $R_{\lambda} = 285, \ \phi = 0, 3.5, 5, 10 \text{ ppm}$ 

#### What is Changed at the Small Scale?

$$\langle a^2 \rangle \sim \frac{\varepsilon_D^{3/2}}{\nu^{1/2}} \qquad \qquad \tau_{1/e} \sim \frac{\nu^{1/2}}{\varepsilon_D^{1/2}}$$

If  $\nu$  is increased, but  $\varepsilon_D$  stays the same:

$$\langle a^2 \rangle \sim \frac{\varepsilon_D}{\tau_{1/e}}$$

If  $\varepsilon_D$  stays the same, but  $\nu$  is decreased:

$$\langle a^2 \rangle \sim \frac{\nu}{\tau_{1/e}^3}$$

### What is Changed at the Small Scale?



- Polymers suppress the magnitude of fluid acceleration, but the shape of the acceleration PDF.
- The decrease of acceleration variance and the increase of acceleration correlation time suggest that the dissipation rate at the small scales is decreased by the presence of polymers.
- These effects depend on polymer concentration.

### Acceleration Statistics: "Inertial Range"

von Karman swirling flow between counter-rotating disks



 $egin{aligned} R_\lambda &= 350 \ \eta &= 84 \mu m \ au_\eta &= 7.1 ms \ L &= 7 cm \end{aligned}$ 

Size of the meas. vol.  $(2cm)^3$ 

Tracer particles: neutrally buoyant fluorescent polystyrene spheres.  $d_p=33\mu m,~
ho_p/
ho_w=1.06$ 

## **Experiment Setup**



- Phantom v7.1 CMOS cameras: 5000 fps at 512 x 512 pixels
- Q-switched Nd:YAG laser: 60W, up to 120 kHz

#### **Acceleration PDF**

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### **Spatial Correlations**



$$R_{LL}(r) = \langle a_{\parallel}(\mathbf{x})a_{\parallel}(\mathbf{x}+\mathbf{r})\rangle$$
$$R_{NN}(r) = \langle a_{\perp}(\mathbf{x})a_{\perp}(\mathbf{x}+\mathbf{r})\rangle$$

### **Spatial Correlations of Acceleration**



HX, Ouellette, Vincenzi, Bodenschatz (PRL, 2007)

### **Spatial Correlations of Acceleration**

$$R_{\lambda} = 350$$



$$\mathbf{a} = -
abla p + 
abla \cdot \mathbf{T}^p$$

$$\Rightarrow \quad R_{NN}(r) \stackrel{\bullet}{\to} \frac{1}{r} \int_0^r R_{LL}(r) dr$$















## Isotropic Relation: Large r



- Fluid acceleration in polymer solutions correlation over much larger range.
- At large separations, the correlations seem to still satisfy the isotropic relation.
- What constraints would this observation impose on the constitutive equations for the polymer stress tensor?

#### **Velocity Structure Functions**

N. T. Ouellette, HX, E. Bodenschatz (JFM, 2009)

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$$egin{aligned} R_\lambda &= 200 - 415 \ \eta &= 190 - 64 \ \mu \mathrm{m} \ au_\eta &= 37 - 4.1 \ \mathrm{ms} \ L &\equiv rac{u'^3}{\epsilon} pprox 7 \ \mathrm{cm} \end{aligned}$$
Size of the meas. vol.  $(5 \mathrm{cm})^3$   
Tracer particles: nearly neutrally buoyant fluorescent polystyrene spheres. $d_p &= 33 \mu m, \ 
ho_p / 
ho_w = 1.06 \end{aligned}$ 

## **Experiment Setup**



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#### **Eulerian Structure Functions**



$$egin{aligned} D_{NN}(r) &= \langle |u_{\perp}(\mathbf{x}+\mathbf{r}) - u_{\perp}(\mathbf{x})|^2 
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### **Polymer Effect on Structure Function**



## Viscosity Effect?



## Wi Dependence



 $r_p \sim \eta_p W i^n$  $\eta_p \equiv (\nu \tau_p)^{1/2}$ 

## Length Scale



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$$\eta_p W i^{-0.58} = (\nu \tau_p)^{1/2} W i^{-0.58} = \eta_w W i^{-0.08}$$



### **Concentration Effect**

### **Eulerian Structure Functions**



#### **Eulerian Structure Functions**



### **Energy Transfer and Dissipation Rates**



Change of  $\epsilon_T$  can not be explained by  $u_{\rm rms}$  alone.

### **Eulerian Structure Functions**



 $D_{LL}(r) = C_2(\epsilon_T r)^{2/3}; \quad (\eta \ll r \ll L)$ 

#### **Eulerian Structure Functions**



### **Energy Transfer and Dissipation Rates**



Sharp transition in  $\epsilon_T$  between 5 and 7 wppm.

# Wi Dependence?



Berti et al. (EPL, 2006)

• Effect of polymers at varying Wi (by varying  $R_{\lambda}$ ) on Eulerian velocity structure functions may be normalized with re-scaled separation. The length-scale has a (weak?) Wi dependence.

• The effect of polymer concentration on apparent energy transfer rate and energy dissipation rate is different. There exist a critical concentration on energy transfer rate

#### Velocity Structure Functions: New Experiments

with H.-D. Xi and E. Bodenschatz

#### How to Isolate Wi Effect?

$$L \approx \text{const.} \qquad \eta = \frac{\nu^3}{\varepsilon}$$
$$R_\lambda \propto (L/\eta)^{2/3}$$
$$Wi = \frac{\tau_p}{\tau_\eta} \propto \frac{\mu/k_b T}{(\nu/\varepsilon)^{1/2}} \propto \nu^2$$

$$R_{\lambda} = \sqrt{\frac{15u^4}{\nu\varepsilon}} \qquad \qquad \tau_{\eta} = \sqrt{\frac{\nu}{\varepsilon}} \propto \frac{1}{\nu}$$

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Thanks!