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#### Abstract

Three-phase segmented gas-liquid-liquid (G/L/L) flows in minichannels are important to several chemical process applications involving gas-liquidliquid reactions. In the present work, we have investigated segmented G/L/L flows in a double T-junction minichannel, with cross-section of 0.95 mm x 1 mm, through high-speed imaging experiments and Volumeof-Fluids (VOF) simulations. The dynamics of bubble/slug formation at the  $1^{st}$  T-junction and importantly that of water drop/slug formation at  $2^{nd}$  T-junction was simulated under different flow conditions (Ca<sub>oil</sub> =  $2.63 \times 10^{-3} - 1.101$ ; We<sub>air</sub> =  $4.24 \times 10^{-4} - 2.62 \times 10^{-3}$ ; We<sub>water</sub> = 0.0431 - 1.0017.14) and different surfactant concentrations (0.3 and 2 wt/wt %) in aqueous phase. The predicted formation mechanisms, three-phase flow regimes, and drop/bubble/slug lengths were compared quantitatively with the measurements. The different mechanisms of bubble/slug formation, prevailing under the values of the Ca<sub>oil</sub> and We<sub>air</sub>, and bubble/slug lengths were predicted in a satisfactory agreement with the measurements. The complex formation mechanism of water drops/slugs that was governed by viscous

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