

Formation of Bigger Drop.

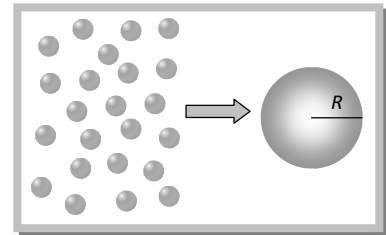
If n small drops of radius r coalesce to form a big drop of radius R then surface area of the liquid decreases.

Amount of surface energy released = Initial surface energy – final surface energy

$$E = n4\pi r^2 T - 4\pi R^2 T$$

Various formulae of released energy

$4\pi T[nr^2 - R^2]$	$4\pi R^2 T(n^{1/3} - 1)$	$4\pi T r^2 n^{2/3} (n^{1/3} - 1)$	$4\pi T R^3 \left[\frac{1}{r} - \frac{1}{R} \right]$
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(i) If this released energy is absorbed by a big drop, its temperature increases and rise in

temperature can be given by
$$\Delta\theta = \frac{3T}{J S d} \left[\frac{1}{r} - \frac{1}{R} \right]$$

(ii) If this released energy is converted into kinetic energy of a big drop without dissipation then by the law of conservation of energy.

$$\frac{1}{2} m v^2 = 4\pi R^3 T \left[\frac{1}{r} - \frac{1}{R} \right] \Rightarrow \frac{1}{2} \left[\frac{4}{3} \pi R^3 d \right] v^2 = 4\pi R^3 T \left[\frac{1}{r} - \frac{1}{R} \right] \Rightarrow v^2 = \frac{6T}{d} \left[\frac{1}{r} - \frac{1}{R} \right]$$

$$\therefore v = \sqrt{\frac{6T}{d} \left(\frac{1}{r} - \frac{1}{R} \right)}$$