

COMETE Training School on Direct numerical simulation of solid particles, droplets and bubbles in turbulence

# Simulation approaches to HPC of multiphase turbulent flows

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# Particle-laden flows are multi-scale

#### & require hierarchic approaches









# What's common to (almost) all particle-laden turbulent flows?





Are we looking at a particle-laden flow or at the bottom of a swimming pool on a sunny summer day?





# What's common to (almost) all particle-laden turbulent flows?







Particle number density in homogeneous isotropic turbulence (Re $_{\lambda}$ =51, St=1)

Particles concentrate preferentially in high-strain, low-vorticity regions due to their inertia





# Near-wall particles-turbulence interactions



In wall-bounded flows inertial particles concentrate preferentially but also accumulate at the wall





Time evolution of particle distribution in a turbulent channel ( $Re_H$ =9000,  $d_p$ =100 µm)





# Near-wall particles-turbulence

#### interactions



In bounded flows, inertial particles concentrate preferentially but also accumulate at the wall, segregating into low-speed fluid streaks





Streamwise direction, x





# Near-wall particles-turbulence interactions



Instantaneous particle distribution in the viscous sublayer (ref. case: St=25 Particles in TCF at Re=150)

Particles tend to sample:

**STA (Short Term Accumulation)**: regions where particles reach the near-wall layer

LTA (Long Term Accumulation): regions where particles remain trapped





# Near-wall particles-turbulence



#### interactions

Deposition & re-entrainment rates also change depending on particle inertia





# What's common to (almost) all particle-laden turbulent flows?



My answer is: particles tend to deviate from fluid streamlines!



#### Source of bias: particle inertia!

Deviations depend on the particle response time to the underlying flow field:

Particle Relaxation Time:

Flow Time Scale:

 $au_f$ 

 $\tau_p =$ 

Particle Stokes number:



 $\frac{\rho_p d_p^2}{18\mu}$ 







### A numerical approach to study preferential concentration



The simplest dynamical model to study "inertia-driven" preferential concentration considers small **pointwise** spherical particles (only source of bias is inertia!)





 $d\mathbf{v}_p =$ d*t* 

#### Force model: Drag









# Phenomenology of preferential concentration of small particles



Physics learned from this simple model (in DNS):

Qualitative explanation of particle deposition/entrainment in DILUTE turbulent boundary layers







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#### **Interlude: Coherent structures in TBL**



A (perhaps) naive question you might want to ask ("but were afraid to") is: what is a coherent structure?

**Formal definition of CS**: some spatio-temporally compact region of the flow over which some macroscopic quantity - such as velocity, vorticity or kinetic energy - is strongly correlated (see F. Waleffe, R.J. Adrian and co-workers).



Example of turbulent coherent vortices in channel flow





#### **Interlude: Coherent structures in TBL**

Observation: Structure of the fluid velocity fluctuations near the wall (ref. Case: turbulent Poiseuille channel flow)



Red: Low-speed Streaks (near-wall regions with negative streamwise velocity fluctuations)

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#### **Interlude: Coherent structures in TBL**

#### Turbulent transfer at the wall: Sweeps, ejections, low-speed streaks



**Red: Low-speed Streak** 

**Blue: Ejection** 

**Green: Sweep** 





#### **Interlude: Coherent structures in TBL**



Turbulent wall transfer: Sweeps, ejections, streamwise vortices



Red: Clockwise Streamwise Vortex

**?????: Counter Clockwise Streamwise Vortex** 

**Green: Sweep** 

**Blue: Ejection** 



#### **Interlude: Coherent structures in TBL**





#### **Red: Low Speed Streak**

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**Turbulence regeneration cycle**: Physical explanation of the Reynolds stresses







### End of the interlude...



So far, we only considered inertial effects on preferential concentration... However, inertia is not the only source of bias!





Complexity arises from

Flexibility



Anisotropy of turbulence + Anisotropy of particles!

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Motility







# Source of bias other than inertia require additional modelling







 $x(t), v(x(t),t), \omega(x(t),t)$ 

 $\mathbf{x}(t,\lambda), \mathbf{v}(\mathbf{x}(t,\lambda),t,\lambda), \boldsymbol{\omega}(\mathbf{x}(t,\lambda),t,\lambda)$ 

Additional particle functionalities must be modelled!

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# (I) Modelling shape effects: Deviations from sphericity

Colloidal suspension in continuous stirred tank

#### MACRO

Pictures: M. Soos, D. Marchisio, J. Sefcik, AIChE J. (2013) Soos, et al., J. Colloid Interface Sci. (2008)



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Particles in the colloidal and micro-meter size range stick together and form aggregates.

Fluid turbulence can produce shear-induced breakup of the aggregates.







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Pictures: M. Soos, D. Marchisio, J. Sefcik, AIChE J. (2013) Soos, et al., J. Colloid Interface Sci. (2008) Polystyrene aggregate in homogeneous and isotropic turbulent flow (resolved by PTV).

 $Re_{\lambda} \approx 70$   $\eta = 0.33 \,\mathrm{mm}$   $\tau_{\eta} = 0.1 \,\mathrm{s}$   $\langle \varepsilon \rangle \approx 0.9 \,\mathrm{cm}^2 \,\mathrm{s}^{-3}$   $L/\eta = 120$  $G = 10 \,\mathrm{s}^{-1}$ 

The aggregate is subject to **fluctuating hydrodynamic stresses** that act along its trajectory...





#### Interlude: Energy dissipation rate

(From: S.B. Pope, Turbulent Flows)



Reynolds decomposition

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From

$$\frac{\mathbf{D}k}{\mathbf{\bar{D}}t} + \nabla \cdot \mathbf{T}' = \mathcal{P} - \varepsilon, \quad \text{with} \quad T'_i \equiv \frac{1}{2} \langle u_i u_j u_j \rangle + \langle u_i p' \rangle / \rho - 2\nu \langle u_j s_{ij} \rangle.$$

$$\varepsilon \equiv 2\nu \langle s_{ij} s_{ij} \rangle$$

with 
$$S_{ij} = \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{\partial u_i}{\partial x_j} + \frac{\partial u_j}{\partial x_i} \right)$$
 Fluctuating rate of strain

or simply dissipation. The fluctuating velocity gradients  $(\partial u_i/\partial x_j)$  working against the fluctuating deviatoric stresses  $(2vs_{ij})$  transform kinetic energy into internal energy. (As illustrated in Exercise 5.22, the resulting rise in





#### Interlude: Energy dissipation rate



It can be shown that:

 $\varepsilon \equiv v \left\langle \frac{\partial u_i}{\partial x_j} \frac{\partial u_i}{\partial x_j} \right\rangle + v \frac{\partial^2 \langle u_i u_j \rangle}{\partial x_i \partial x_j}$ 

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Typically small...



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This comes from:

$$\varepsilon \equiv v \left\langle \frac{\partial u_i}{\partial x_j} \frac{\partial u_i}{\partial x_j} \right\rangle + v$$

Pseudo-dissipation

 $\epsilon =$ 

Typically small...

$$v\left\langle \frac{\partial u_i}{\partial x_j} \frac{\partial u_i}{\partial x_j} \right\rangle = \frac{15}{2} v\beta = 15 v \left\langle \left( \frac{\partial u_1}{\partial x_1} \right)^2 \right\rangle$$

1D surrogate

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In homogeneous isotropic turbulence:



#### Interlude: Energy dissipation rate



Observations:

- Dissipation of kinetic energy by viscosity in fully-developed turbulence occurs primarily at the smallest flow scales
- Dissipation is highly intermittent: Local values of  $\varepsilon$  can be orders of magnitude larger than the mean
- This because of (1) large velocity gradients AND/OR (2) tiny shear layers across which velocity varies significantly



- Dissipation can be connected to a locally varying scale, η(x,t), associated with the fluctuations in the velocity gradients field
- Dissipation occurs over a range of fluctuating scales  $\eta$





#### Interlude: Energy dissipation rate



(From: Babler et al., JFM, vol. 766, 2012)



Mean energy dissipation along the wall-normal direction in turbulent channel flow (Babler et al., JFM, 2015)

Note:  $\mathcal{E}_o$ = volume-averaged mean dissipation

PDF of mean energy dissipation for different instances of turbulent flow (Babler et al., JFM, 2015)









### End of the interlude...





## (I) Modelling shape effects: Deviations from sphericity



Non-spherical particles: translation and rotation are coupled!

Irregular (e.g. aggregates, agglomerates)



No mathematical model available!

Regular (e.g. ellipsoids, rods or disks)



Equations of motion can be derived! (e.g. slender body theory)





# (I) Modelling shape effects: Deviations from sphericity



**Duroplastic particles** 

Quartz particles

Challenges for non-spherical particles with irregular shape:

- Model all relevant forces acting on particles:
  - Correlations for aerodynamic coefficients currently based on statistical distributions
  - No measure available for shearinduced and rotation-induced lift
- Model wall-collision:
  - need to 'convert' particles into equivalent spheres
  - Need to obtain statistical measures of restitution and friction coefficients





### (II) Modelling size effects: Pointwise vs Fully-resolved





Point particles:

- Size << (DNS) grid spacing
- Flow around the particle not resolved
- Particles moved around by drag, lift, ...
- Up to O(10<sup>8</sup>) particles

Fully-resolved particles:

- Size > grid spacing
- Hydrodynamics and hydrodynamic forces resolved
- Direct coupling between particle motion and fluid flow
- Up to O(10<sup>4</sup>) particles







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Calculation of rotation rates provides access to statistics of the fluid velocity gradients

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Dispersion of rigid fibers in turbulent channel flow (Marchioli et al., 2010)

Isolated flexible fiber in unbounded shear flow (Lindstrom & Uesaka, Phys. Fluids, 2007)

Flexible fibers (with different bending stiffness) in linear shear flow (Switzer, PhD thesis, 2002) Multiphase Flow Laboratory, Dept. Engineering & Architecture University of Udine (Italy)

# (III) Modelling deformability: Rigid vs Flexible particles





#### ...or "complex" flexible fibers in "simple" shear flow



Elastic fiber in viscous cellular flow (Quennouz et al, JFM 2015)



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Flexible fiber motion in the flow field of a cylinder (Vakil & Green, IJMF, 2011)







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# Further modeling issues: Particle-fluid coupling (2-way coupling)



#### <u>One-way coupling</u> (VF<10<sup>-6</sup>; IS >100):

- Particles do not influence significantly the flow field
- → Allows to investigate the effect of flow on particle motion/dispersion/distribution
- $\rightarrow$  Suffices to solve for particle momentum balance (cheap)

#### <u>Two-way coupling</u> (10<sup>-6</sup> <VF<10<sup>-4</sup>; 10<IS<100)

Particles influence the flow field dynamics

- → allows investigation of flow modulation by particles
- → Need to solve for particle AND fluid momentum balance (fair)

More complex coupling (10<sup>-3</sup> <VF<1; 1< IS<10)

Particles influence the flow field dynamics

- → allows investigation of flow modulation by particles
- → Need to solve for particle AND fluid momentum & mass balance (expensive!)





#### 2-way coupling: The fluid *feels*

### particle momentum exchange



### **TWO-WAY EFFECT** (point-force approximation)







### Further modeling issues: Particleparticle collisions (4-way coupling)

Physics learned from our simple model (in DNS):

Depending on relative velocity between colliding particles:



Wall

Buffer layer Viscous sublayer



Wall





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#### Further modeling issues: Particleparticle collisions (4-way coupling)



PDF of the relative velocity between two colliding particles for St=10.7





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#### Further modeling issues: Particleparticle collisions (4-way coupling)











Modelling all relevant sources of bias allows us to tackle important questions:

How do particles-turbulence interactions give rise to large-scale macroscopic patterns and dynamics?

What is the underlying physics behind this macroscopic behaviour?

