

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



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# Euler-Lagrange description of particle-laden turbulent flows



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# Eulerian Approach: Focus on control volume





#### Lagrangian Approach:

Focus on particle trajectory





#### **Eulerian vs Lagrangian Modelling**

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<u>Eulerian approach</u>: Focus is on the velocity at fixed control volumes points in the flow where one sees different particles at a time.

Lagrangian approach: Focus is on individual fluid particles, followed along their trajectory.

Rising at 2 degrees per hour!

Dropping at 1 degree per hour!

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### Main approaches to the numerical simulation of turbulence



**Reynolds Averaged Techniques** 

- Need extensive empirical data for constants
- Geometry specific
- Underlying assumption of isotropy (sometimes)

#### Volume Averaging (LES)

- Resolve the large eddies
- Average over small scales
- Simple universal models (maybe)

#### **Direct Numerical Simulation (DNS)**

- Valid for resolution finer than smaller eddies
- Applicabile to low Reynolds number turbulent flows (computational cost limitations)



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### Eddy size and frequencies: A "dimensional" example



Water flowing through a pipe with 50 mm diameter at velocity 1.8 m/s.

*Re≈10*<sup>5</sup>

"Type" of Eddy:	Size	Frequency
Largest Eddies	25 mm	3.5 Hz
Energy Containing Eddies	0.6 mm	140 Hz
Most Dissipative Eddies	0.125 mm=125μm	450 Hz
Kolmogorov Eddies	0.025 mm=25µm	1300 Hz
(	$I^{3}(T)$	$N_x \times N_y \times N_z \propto \mathrm{Re}^{2.7}$
Computational cost for a DNS:	$\left \frac{L}{\eta_K}\right  \left(\frac{1}{\tau_K}\right) \propto \mathrm{Re}^{3.6}$	$N_t \propto \mathrm{Re}^{0.9}$





#### Compare computational costs: DNS vs LES



Grid resolution requirements for LES of turbulent boundary layers

(see Piomelli, Philos Trans A Math Phys Eng Sci, vol. 372, 2014):

"Type" of LES	Spatial resolution
Resolve outer layer eddies (domain <i>L<sub>x</sub> x L<sub>y</sub> x d</i> )	∝ <i>Re<sup>0.4</sup></i>
Resolve inner layer eddies (wall-resolved LES)	∝ <i>Re</i> <sup>1.8</sup>
LES with wall models	<i>∝ Re</i>

with  $\delta$  = boundary layer thickness (separates inner and outer layer)

Total computational cost for a LES: up to  $Re^{2.4}$ 



#### Lagrangian description of particles









**Eulerian Approach**: use separate Eulerian balance equations for both phases (treated as two inter-penetrating continua), coupled through inter-phase exchange terms.

Lagrangian Approach: the trajectory of each particle and subsequent averaging (over all tracked particles) is simulated explicitly.







# Lagrange tracking of pointwise particles





See: Poisson (1831); Stokes (1845); Basset (1888); Oseen (1911); Faxen (1922); Gatignol (1983); Maxey & Riley (1983)









#### Minimal "Stokesian" model for Lagrangian Particle Tracking



In the limit of small (pointwise) heavy particles:

$$\frac{\mathrm{d}\mathbf{v}_p}{\mathrm{d}t} = \frac{\mathbf{v} - \mathbf{v}_p}{\boldsymbol{\tau}_p \cdot f\left(\mathrm{Re}_p\right)} - \mathbf{g}\left(1 - \frac{\rho_f}{\rho_p}\right)$$

Controlling parameters: 
$$au_p$$
 and  $\operatorname{Re}_p$ 

Particle Timescale:  $\tau_p = d_p^2 \rho_p / 18 \mu$ 

Flow Timescale:  $\tau_f = L/U = v/u_{\tau}^2$ 

**Particle Stokes number:** St =  $\tau_p / \tau_f$ 



Recall: in such minimal model, inertia controls particle dynamics and particle-turbulence interactions









# Lagrange tracking of non-spherical pointwise particles





#### Modelling non-spherical particles as pointwise particles



Consider (again!) the simplest dynamical model (point-particles in creeping flow) for the simplest non-spherical shape (rod/ellipsoid):



No wake -> Stokes flow

$$\operatorname{Re}_{p} = \frac{\operatorname{u}_{rel} \mathrm{L}}{v} << 1$$

 $\lambda = L/D$  Aspect ratio  $\theta$  Orientation







#### The pointwise approximation for non-spherical particles



The simplest approach to deal with non-spherical particles is to describe their translation and rotation with a "lumped-variable" model



Basically, particle = Lagrangian point moving in 3D space. Finite-size effects neglected!





### Lagrangian equations of motion for non-spherical particles



Translational dynamics (enough for a spherical particle)

$$m_{p} \frac{d\mathbf{v}_{p}}{dt} = \sum_{i} \mathbf{F}_{i} = \mathbf{F}_{D} + \mathbf{F}_{g} + \mathbf{F}_{L} + \mathbf{F}_{PG} + \mathbf{F}_{AM} + \mathbf{F}_{B} + \dots$$

• Rotational dynamics (needed for a non-spherical particle)

$$\begin{cases} I_{x} \frac{d\omega_{x}}{dt} = \sum_{i} T_{x,i} + \omega_{y}\omega_{z} (I_{y} - I_{z}) \\ I_{y} \frac{d\omega_{y}}{dt} = \sum_{i} T_{y,i} + \omega_{z}\omega_{x} (I_{z} - I_{x}) \\ I_{z} \frac{d\omega_{z}}{dt} = \sum_{i} T_{z,i} + \omega_{x}\omega_{y} (I_{x} - I_{y}) \end{cases}$$







#### Modelling forces for non-spherical particles



Consider translational dynamics first.

We need force models that account for shape and orientation.

One option is to assume **creeping flow** conditions.







For an ellipsoid:

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#### **Modelling forces for** non-spherical particles



 $\mathbf{F}_{\mathrm{D}}(\lambda, \mathrm{Re}_{\mathrm{p}} \rightarrow 0) = 3\pi d_{\mathrm{p}} \mu_{\mathrm{f}} \left( \mathbf{u}_{\mathrm{rel},1} \cdot \mathbf{f}_{\lambda 1} + \mathbf{u}_{\mathrm{rel},2} \cdot \mathbf{f}_{\lambda 2} + \mathbf{u}_{\mathrm{rel},3} \cdot \mathbf{f}_{\lambda 3} \right)$ 

For a spheroid: 
$$f_{\lambda 1}=f_{\lambda \parallel}$$
 and  $f_{\lambda 2}=f_{\lambda 3}=f_{\lambda \perp}$ 

Note 1 - minimum drag shape is obtained:

- for a sphere averaging over all orientations
- for a prolate spheroid with  $\lambda$ =1.955 for stationary orientation (// to symmetry axis)

and/or if:

Note 2 – creeping flow conditions hold if:

$$\mathbf{u}_{\text{rel},1} = \mathbf{u}_{\text{f@p}} - \mathbf{v}_{\text{p}} \cong \mathbf{0}$$

 $d_{p} \ll \eta_{f}$ 

(small particles, yet not Brownian)







#### Modelling forces for non-spherical particles



Following Bretherton (1962), Brenner (1964, 1965, 1972), Gallily & Cohen (1979):

$$\mathbf{F}_{\mathrm{D}}(\lambda, \mathrm{Re}_{\mathrm{p}} \rightarrow 0) = 6\pi a \mu_{\mathrm{f}} \mathbf{\overline{K}} \cdot (\mathbf{u}_{\mathrm{f}@p} - \mathbf{v}_{\mathrm{p}})$$

with  $\boldsymbol{K}$  = translational resistance tensor for arbitrary-shape particle in arbitrary flow field



By analogy, the shear-induced lift force model is:

$$C_{L} = \frac{\mathbf{F}_{L}(\mathrm{Re}_{p} \rightarrow 0, \lambda)}{\frac{1}{2}\rho \mathbf{u}_{\mathrm{rel}}^{2} \frac{\pi}{4}d_{p}^{2}} \longrightarrow \mathbf{F}_{L}(\lambda, \mathrm{Re}_{p} \rightarrow 0) = \frac{\pi^{2}\mu_{\mathrm{f}}a^{2}}{\sqrt{\nu}}\Gamma \cdot \mathbf{L}^{=} \cdot \left(\mathbf{u}_{\mathrm{f@p}} - \mathbf{v}_{p}\right)$$
  
with:  
$$\Gamma = \left(\frac{\partial u_{f@p,i}}{\partial x_{j}}\right) \cdot \left(\frac{\partial u_{f@p,i}}{\partial x_{j}}\right)^{-1/2}$$





### Modelling forces for non-spherical particles



Tensors  $K\,$  and  $L\,$  can be conveniently expressed wrt a frame of reference with:

- origin at the particle center of mass
- axes being the principal axes of the particle

The "usual" approach is to consider:

- 1. Inertial Frame X=[x,y,z]
- 2. Particle Frame X'=[x',y',z']
- 3. Co-moving frame X"=[x",y",z"]







#### **Modelling forces for** non-spherical particles



In the particle frame:



See also: Brenner, 1964; Happel & Brenner, 1983

$$\mathbf{\bar{L}'} = \begin{bmatrix} 0.0501 & 0.0329 & 0.00 \\ 0.0182 & 0.0173 & 0.00 \\ 0.00 & 0.00 & 0.0373 \end{bmatrix}$$

Note: for a sphere the original Saffman model is recovered





#### Modelling forces for non-spherical particles



In the particle frame:



$$\overline{\overline{\mathbf{K}}}' = \begin{bmatrix} k_{x'x'} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & k_{y'y'} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & k_{z'z'} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \kappa'_{xx} &= \kappa'_{yy} = \frac{32\pi a (1-\lambda^2)^{3/2}}{(3-2\lambda^2)(\pi-C) - 2\lambda(1-\lambda^2)^{1/2}} \\ \kappa'_{zz} &= \frac{16\pi a (1-\lambda^2)^{3/2}}{(1-2\lambda^2)(\pi-C) + 2\lambda(1-\lambda^2)^{1/2}} \end{aligned}$$

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•  $e_2 = \sin \left[\frac{1}{2}(\psi - \varphi)\right] \sin \left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right)$ •  $e_3 = \sin \left[\frac{1}{2}(\psi + \varphi)\right] \cos \left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right)$   $\begin{pmatrix} \dot{e_0} \\ \dot{e_1} \\ \dot{e_2} \\ \dot{e_3} \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} e_0 & -e_1 & -e_2 & e_3 \\ e_1 & e_0 & -e_3 & e_2 \\ e_2 & e_3 & e_0 & -e_1 \\ e_3 & -e_2 & e_1 & e_0 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \omega_{x'} \\ \omega_{y'} \\ \omega_{z'} \end{pmatrix}$ 

•  $e_0^2 + e_1^2 + e_2^2 + e_3^2 = 1$ 

 $R_{eul} = \begin{bmatrix} e_0^2 + e_1^2 - e_2^2 - e_3^2 & 2(e_1e_2 + e_0e_3) & 2(e_1e_3 - e_0e_2) \\ 2(e_1e_2 - e_0e_3) & e_0^2 - e_1^2 + e_2^2 - e_3^2 & 2(e_2e_3 + e_0e_1) \\ 2(e_1e_3 + e_0e_2) & 2(e_2e_3 - e_0e_1) & e_0^2 - e_1^2 - e_2^2 + e_3^2 \end{bmatrix}$ 

Note: quaternions prevent gimbal lock problems (matrix singularities) but require normalization at each time step





### **Rigid body kinematics**



In summary, compute the resistance tensor in the particle frame as:

$$\mathbf{F}'_{drag} = \mu \pi a \bar{\mathbf{K}}' (\mathbf{u}' - \mathbf{v}')$$

then apply the transformation from the particle frame to the inertial frame:



$$\mathbf{F}_{drag} = R_{eul}^{-1} \mathbf{F}'_{drag} = R_{eul}^T \mathbf{F}'_{drag} = \mu \pi a R_{eul}^T \bar{\mathbf{K}}' (\mathbf{u}' - \mathbf{v}') =$$
$$= \mu \pi a R_{eul}^T \bar{\mathbf{K}}' (R_{eul} \mathbf{u} - R_{eul} \mathbf{v}) = \mu \pi a R_{eul}^T \bar{\mathbf{K}}' R_{eul} (\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{v})$$

to get:

$$\mathbf{F}_{drag} = \mu \pi a \bar{\bar{\mathbf{K}}}_{(\varphi,\theta,\psi)} (\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{v})$$







### **Rigid body kinematics**



For the lift force (Harper & Chang, JFM, 1968; Hogg, JFM, 1994):

$$\mathbf{F}_{\mathrm{L}} = \frac{\pi^{2} \mu_{\mathrm{f}} a^{2}}{\sqrt{\nu}} \Gamma \cdot \left( \overline{\overline{\mathbf{K}}} \cdot \overline{\overline{\mathbf{L}}} \cdot \overline{\overline{\mathbf{K}}} \right) \cdot \left( \mathbf{u}_{\mathrm{f@p}} - \mathbf{v}_{\mathrm{p}} \right)$$

Note that:

- Lift force is non-zero at any non-zero shear rate
- $\mathbf{F}_{\mathrm{L}} \propto \mathrm{a}^2$  with a = semi-minor axis -> lift counts for large particles!
- derived for unidirectional shear
- no wall effects included (only available for spheres)
- So far, very little effort done to lift force models for non-spherical particles









#### **Rotational dynamics**



Start from the 2<sup>nd</sup> cardinal eq. of dynamics in the particle frame:

$$\begin{cases} I_{x'x'}\dot{\omega}_{x'} + \omega_{y'}\omega_{z'}(I_{z'z'} - I_{y'y'}) = M_{x'}^{est} \\ I_{y'y'}\dot{\omega}_{y'} + \omega_{x'}\omega_{z'}(I_{z'z'} - I_{x'x'}) = M_{y'}^{est} \\ I_{z'z'}\dot{\omega}_{z'} + \omega_{x'}\omega_{y'}(I_{y'y'} - I_{x'x'}) = M_{z'}^{est} \end{cases}$$

Note - in the particle frame the inertia tensor is constant:

$$I_{x'x'} = I_{y'y'} = \frac{(1+\lambda^2)a^2}{5}m_P$$
$$I_{z'z'} = \frac{2a^2}{5}m_P$$
.

 $m_p = 4\pi a^3 \lambda \bar{\rho}_p / 3$ 







#### **Rotational dynamics**



The hydrodynamic torque acting on the particle wrt the principal axes of the particle is computed using Jeffery's formulation (Jeffery, 1922):

$$\begin{split} M_{x'}^{Jeff} &= \frac{16\pi\mu a^{3}\lambda}{3(\beta_{0}+\lambda^{2}\gamma_{0})} \left[ (1-\lambda^{2})f' + (1+\lambda^{2})(\xi'-\omega_{x'}) \right] \\ M_{y'}^{Jeff} &= \frac{16\pi\mu a^{3}\lambda}{3(\alpha_{0}+\lambda^{2}\gamma_{0})} \left[ (\lambda^{2}-1)g' + (1+\lambda^{2})(\eta'-\omega_{y'}) \right] \\ M_{z'}^{Jeff} &= \frac{32\pi\mu a^{3}\lambda}{3(\beta_{0}+\alpha_{0})} (\chi'-\omega_{z'}) \end{split}$$



For prolate speroids (Gallily & Cohen, 1979):

$$\alpha_0 = \beta_0 = \frac{2\lambda^2 \sqrt{\lambda^2 - 1} + \lambda \cdot \ln\left(\frac{\lambda - \sqrt{\lambda^2 - 1}}{\lambda + \sqrt{\lambda^2 - 1}}\right)}{2(\lambda^2 - 1)^{3/2}}$$
$$\gamma_0 = \frac{2\sqrt{\lambda^2 - 1} + \lambda \cdot \ln\left(\frac{\lambda - \sqrt{\lambda^2 - 1}}{\lambda + \sqrt{\lambda^2 - 1}}\right)}{(\lambda^2 - 1)^{3/2}}$$

For oblate speroids (Sievert et al., 2014):

$$\alpha_0 = \beta_0 = -\frac{\lambda}{2(1-\lambda^2)^{3/2}} [C - \pi + 2\lambda(1-\lambda^2)^{1/2}],$$
  
$$\gamma_0 = \frac{1}{(1-\lambda^2)^{3/2}} [\lambda C - \lambda \pi + 2(1-\lambda^2)^{1/2}],$$
  
$$C = 2 \tan^{-1}(\lambda(1-\lambda^2)^{-1/2})$$





#### **Rotational dynamics**



The hydrodynamic torques depend on the elements of:

rate of strain tensor: •

$$S_{ij} = \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{\partial u_i}{\partial x_j} + \frac{\partial u_j}{\partial x_i} \right) \qquad \begin{cases} f' = \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{\partial u_{z'}}{\partial y'} + \frac{\partial u_{y'}}{\partial z'} \right) \\ g' = \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{\partial u_{x'}}{\partial z'} + \frac{\partial u_{z'}}{\partial x'} \right) \end{cases}$$
$$\xi' = \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{\partial u_{z'}}{\partial y'} - \frac{\partial u_{y'}}{\partial z'} \right)$$

rate of rotation tensor:

$$\Omega_{ij} = \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{\partial u_i}{\partial x_j} - \frac{\partial u_j}{\partial x_i} \right) - \eta' = \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{\partial u_{x'}}{\partial z'} - \frac{\partial u_{z'}}{\partial x'} \right)$$
$$\chi' = \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{\partial u_{x'}}{\partial y'} - \frac{\partial u_{y'}}{\partial x'} \right)$$

computed in the particle frame:  $\mathbf{G}' = R_{eul} \mathbf{G} R_{eul}^{I}$ 





#### **Rotational dynamics**

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#### Caveat: How accurate is Jeffery's formulation?



Channel center...

Near the wall...

Instantaneous velocity gradient along the ellipsoid at varying aspect ratio





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#### Complete system of equations and controlling parameters



 $\frac{Kinematics:}{d\mathbf{x}_{(G)}} = \mathbf{v}$   $\dot{e_0} = \frac{1}{2}(-e_1\omega_{x'} - e_2\omega_{y'} - e_3\omega_{z'})$   $\dot{e_1} = \frac{1}{2}(e_0\omega_{x'} - e_3\omega_{y'} + e_2\omega_{z'})$   $\dot{e_2} = \frac{1}{2}(e_3\omega_{x'} + e_0\omega_{y'} - e_1\omega_{z'})$   $\dot{e_3} = \frac{1}{2}(-e_2\omega_{x'} + e_1\omega_{y'} + e_0\omega_{z'})$ 

Dynamics:

$$\begin{split} m_P \frac{d\mathbf{v}}{dt} &= (m_P - m_F)\mathbf{g} + \mu \bar{\mathbf{k}}_{(e_0, e_1, e_2, e_3)} \cdot (\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{v}) \\ I_{x'x'} \dot{\omega}_{x'} + \omega_{y'} \omega_{z'} (I_{z'z'} - I_{y'y'}) &= M_{x'}^{Jeff} \\ I_{y'y'} \dot{\omega}_{y'} + \omega_{x'} \omega_{z'} (I_{z'z'} - I_{x'x'}) &= M_{y'}^{Jeff} \\ I_{z'z'} \dot{\omega}_{z'} + \omega_{x'} \omega_{y'} (I_{y'y'} - I_{x'x'}) &= M_{z'}^{Jeff} \end{split}$$

Aspect ratio (shape)	$\lambda = \frac{b}{a}$
Specific density	$S = \frac{\rho_P}{\rho_F}$
Response time (inertia)	$St = \frac{\tau_P}{\tau_F}$

It can be anticipated that, in such model, particle behaviour is fully characterized by:

1. Stokes number (incorporates all inertial effects)

2. Aspect ratio (incorporates all shape effects)





#### Definition of response time for non-spherical particles



Response time for non-spherical particles: how to define it?

For spheres: 
$$St = \frac{2}{9}S(a^+)^2$$

For ellipsoids:

• Shapiro & Goldenberg (1993) assumed isotropic particle orientation and used the averaged mobility dyadic (inverse of the translation dyadic)

$$St = \frac{4\lambda Sa^{+^{2}}}{9} \left( \frac{1}{k_{x'x'}} + \frac{1}{k_{y'y'}} + \frac{1}{k_{z'z'}} \right) = \frac{2\lambda Sa^{+^{2}}}{9} \frac{\ln(\lambda + \sqrt{\lambda^{2} - 1})}{\sqrt{\lambda^{2} - 1}}$$

• Fan & Ahmadi (1995) used the orientation-averaged translation dyadic

$$St = \frac{4\lambda Sa^{+^{2}}}{(k_{x'x'} + k_{y'y'} + k_{z'z'})}$$





#### Definition of response time for non-spherical particles



For non-spherical particles also the rotational response time is important:

For spheres: 
$$St_r = \frac{1}{15}S(a^+)^2 = \frac{3}{10}St$$

For ellipsoids no widely-used definition provided so far. No "unique" expression based on isotropy can be obtained.

• rotation around *z*′ in the fiber frame:

$$\frac{\mathrm{d}\omega_{z'}^{+}}{\mathrm{d}t^{+}} = \frac{20}{(\alpha_{0} + \beta_{0})Sa^{+2}}\Delta\omega_{z'}^{+} = \frac{1}{\tau_{r,z'}^{+}}\Delta\omega_{z'}^{+} \to \tau_{r,z'}^{+} = \frac{\alpha_{0}Sa^{+2}}{10}$$

• rotation around x' or y' in the fiber frame:

$$\frac{\mathrm{d}\omega_{y'}^{+}}{\mathrm{d}t^{+}} = \underbrace{\omega_{x'}^{+}\omega_{z'}^{+}\left(\frac{2}{1+\lambda^{2}}-1\right)}_{A} + \underbrace{\frac{20(\lambda^{2}-1)}{(\alpha_{0}+\lambda^{2}\gamma_{0})(1+\lambda^{2})Sa^{+2}}g'}_{B} + \underbrace{\frac{20(\lambda^{2}+1)}{(\alpha_{0}+\lambda^{2}\gamma_{0})(1+\lambda^{2})Sa^{+2}}}_{1/\tau_{r,y'}}\Delta\omega_{y'}^{+} \\ \rightarrow \underbrace{\tau_{r,y'}}_{R} = \frac{(\alpha_{0}+\lambda^{2}\gamma_{0})}{20}Sa^{+2} \equiv \tau_{r,x'}}_{R}$$





### Definition of response time for non-spherical particles









Example of collective behaviour Rigid fibers in TCF





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







• ignore lubrication forces, aggregation/breakage





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# Effect of particle elongation on preferential segregation



Dilute suspension of small rigid fibers in a turbulent channel ( $Re_{\tau}$ =300)







### Example of collective behaviour Flexible fibers in TCF





### $\mathbf{x}(t,\lambda)$ , $\mathbf{v}(\mathbf{x}(t,\lambda),t,\lambda)$ , $\omega(\mathbf{x}(t,\lambda),t,\lambda)$ , $\mathbf{o}(\mathbf{x}(t,\lambda),t,\lambda)$ , $\psi(\mathbf{x}(t,\lambda),t,\lambda)$











# Near-wall accumulation of flexible fibers in turbulent channel flow



Dilute suspension of small flexible fibers in turbulent channel flow

- Shear Reynolds number: Re<sub>τ</sub>=150
- Segment Stokes
  number: St<sub>s</sub>=5, 30
- Segment aspect ratio: λ=5
- Number of segments: 7
- Number of fibers: 200,000





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# Near-wall accumulation of flexible fibers in turbulent channel flow



Effect of flexibility on near-wall segregation (for  $St_s=30$ )





#### **Constraint force acting on fiber elements (along element's axis)**





Tensile constraint force as a function of the wall-normal flow direction



#### **Constraint force acting on fiber elements (perpto element's axis)**





Bending constraint force along the wall-normal flow direction





#### **Lessons learned**



- L1. A Lagrangian framework for numerical simulation of spherical/non-spherical particles dynamics (in dilute flow conditions) has been presented
- L2. Equations for particle translation and rotation were derived for particles with arbitrary shape in the Stokes regime (creeping flow)
- L3. The resulting lumped-parameter model provides strong mathematical coupling between translation and rotation (drag and lift depend on particle orientation)
- L4. Particle rotation can be conveniently described using the quaternion formalism
- L5. Equations yield accurate results if particles are small (limit on aspect ratio) and/or have small slip velocity
- L6. Many modelling issues remain open (force models, force coupling schemes, torque coupling schemes, collisions, ...)

