

LARGE-EDDY SIMULATION OF BUBBLY TURBULENT FLOWS BASED ON AN EULER-LAGRANGE APPROACH FOR A HUGE NUMBER OF MICROBUBBLES

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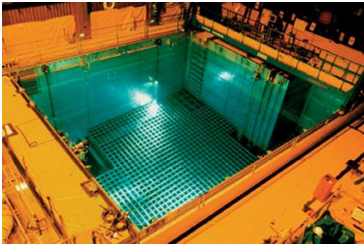
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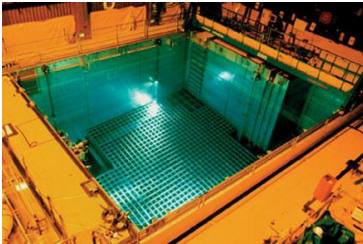
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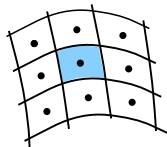
Accurate simulation of turbulent bubbly flows at high volume loadings

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LESOCC

Large Eddy Simulation On Curvilinear Coordinates

- Navier–Stokes solver (incompressible fluid)
- 3–D finite-volume approach
 - Curvilinear body–fitted coordinate system
 - Non–staggered (cell–centered) grid arrangement
 - Block–structured grids
- Spatial discretization
 - Viscous fluxes: central differences $\mathcal{O}(\Delta x^2)$
 - Convective fluxes: five different schemes, central diff. $\mathcal{O}(\Delta x^2)$, **CDS–2**



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- Temporal discretization
 - Predictor step (momentum eqns.): low-storage Runge-Kutta scheme, $\mathcal{O}(\Delta t^2)$
 - Corrector step (pressure-correction equation): SIP solver (ILU)
- Pressure-velocity coupling: Momentum interpolation of Rhie & Chow (1983)
- Various subgrid-scale and wall models
- High-performance computing techniques
 - Vectorized and parallelized

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← 4th order Runge-Kutta scheme

← Analytic solution

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- Drag

$$\mathbf{F}_D = \frac{1}{8} C_D \rho_f \pi d_b^2 |\mathbf{u}_f - \mathbf{u}_b| (\mathbf{u}_f - \mathbf{u}_b)$$

- Spherical bubble:

$$C_{D,s} = \begin{cases} \frac{16}{Re_b} \left[1 + 2 / \left(1 + \frac{16}{Re_b} + \frac{3.315}{\sqrt{Re_b}} \right) \right] & \text{clean} \\ \frac{24}{Re_b} \left[1 + 0.15 Re_b^{0.687} \right] & \text{contam.} \end{cases}$$

- Ellipsoidal bubble:

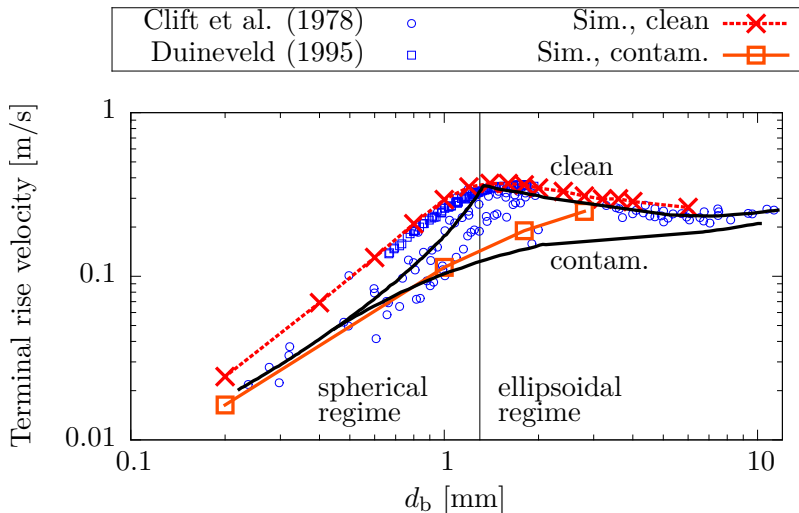
$$C_{D,e} = 4Eo / (Eo + 9.5)$$

⇒ Combine:

$$C_D = \sqrt{C_{D,s}^2 + C_{D,e}^2}$$

¹Except the Basset history force

Test: single rising bubble in a resting fluid



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- Buoyancy + Gravity

$$\mathbf{F}_B + \mathbf{F}_G = \mathbf{g} V_b (\rho_b - \rho_f)$$

- Pressure gradient

$$\mathbf{F}_{PG} = \rho_f V_b \frac{D\mathbf{u}_f}{Dt}$$

- Added-mass

$$\mathbf{F}_{AM} = \frac{1}{2} \rho_f V_b \left(\frac{D\mathbf{u}_f}{Dt} - \frac{D\mathbf{u}_b}{Dt} \right)$$

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- Lift

$$\mathbf{F}_L = C_L \rho_b V_b (\mathbf{u}_f - \mathbf{u}_b) \times \text{rot } \mathbf{u}_f$$

- $\text{Re}_b \ll 1$:

$$C_{L,s} = 6/\pi^2 (\text{Re}_b \text{Sr})^{-\frac{1}{2}} \frac{2.255}{(1 + 0.2\text{Re}_b/\text{Sr})^{\frac{3}{2}}}$$

- $\text{Re}_b \gg 1$:

$$C_{L,l} = 1/2 \frac{1 + 16/\text{Re}_b}{1 + 29/\text{Re}_b}$$

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Langevin eq. $\rightarrow \mathbf{u}'_f$ at bubble position

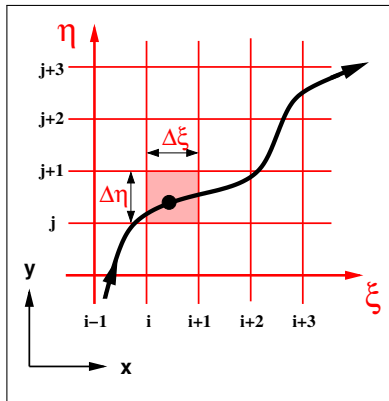
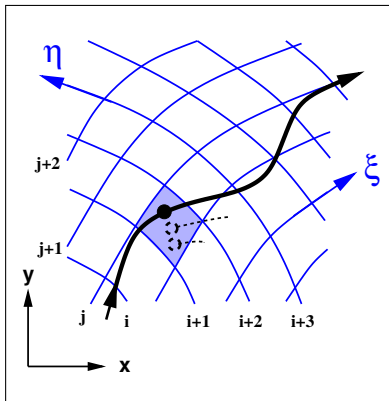
- Randomness \leftarrow Stochastic diff. term
- Temporal coupling \leftarrow Drift term
 - Crossing trajectory effect
 - Continuity effect
- Directional coupling \leftarrow Matrix form

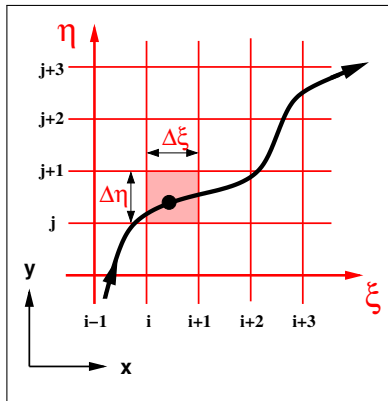
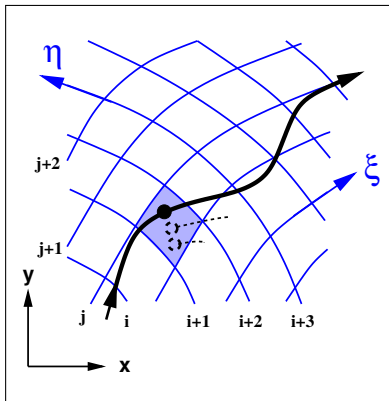
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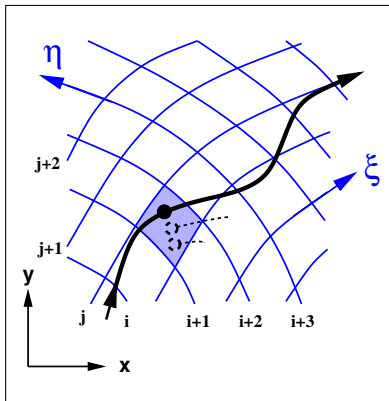
- Turbulent kinetic energy: $k_{\text{SGS}} = 1/2 (\bar{\mathbf{u}}_f - \bar{\bar{\mathbf{u}}}_f)^2$
- Estimated fluctuations: $\sigma_{\text{SGS}} = \sqrt{2/3 k_{\text{SGS}}}$
- Fluctuation length scale: Δ_{SGS}
 - Δ_{filter} (Pozorski and Apte, 2009)
 - **Here: Δ_{filter} $\mathbf{f}_{\text{van Driest}}$**
- Fluctuation time scale: $\tau'_L = C \frac{\Delta_{\text{SGS}}}{\sigma_{\text{SGS}}}$
- Crossing trajectory & continuity effect \leftarrow Csanady (1963)
- Matrix $\mathbf{G} \Rightarrow \mathbf{B} = \sqrt{\mathbf{G}}$

$$G_{ij} = \frac{1}{\tau'_{L,\perp}} \delta_{ij} + \left(\frac{1}{\tau'_{L,\parallel}} - \frac{1}{\tau'_{L,\perp}} \right) r_i r_j, \quad r_i = \frac{u_{\text{rel},i}}{|\mathbf{u}_{\text{rel}}|}$$



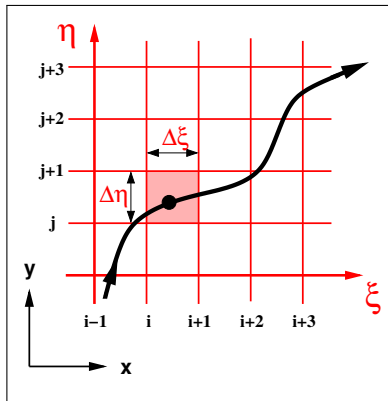


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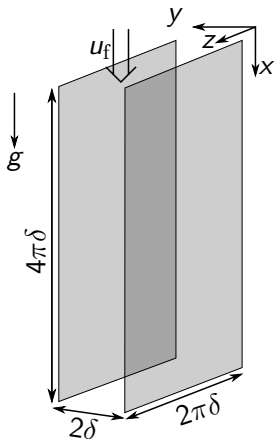


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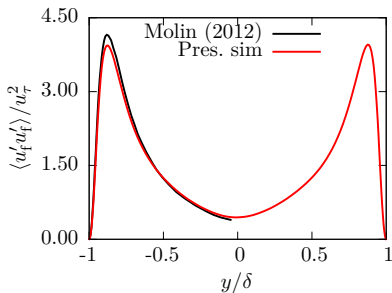
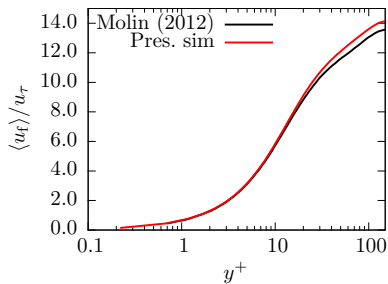
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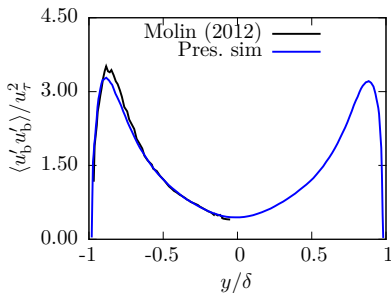
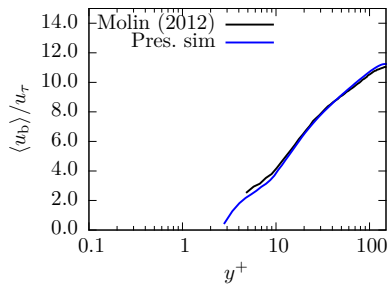
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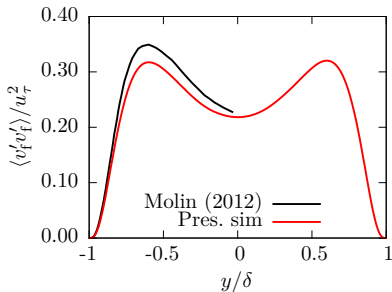
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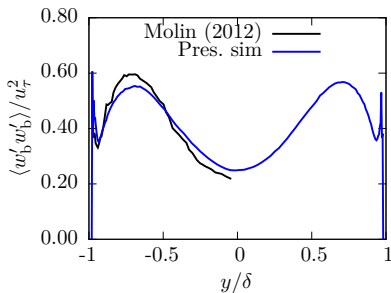
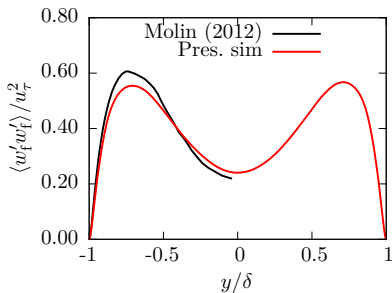
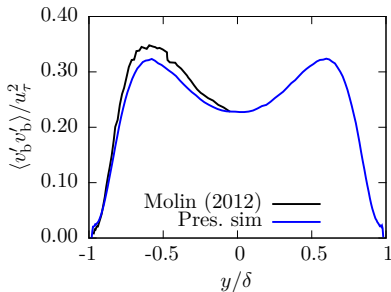
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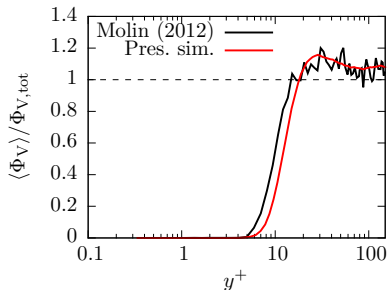


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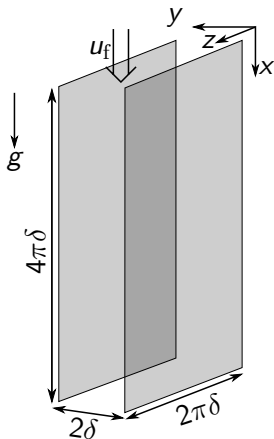
- Slight overestimation of the velocities in the channel center
- Fluctuations slightly underpredicted

- Bubbles follow fluid motion
- Close agreement for volume fraction

⇒ Close overall agreement between present sim. and reference data

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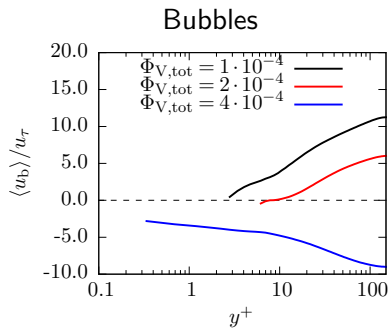
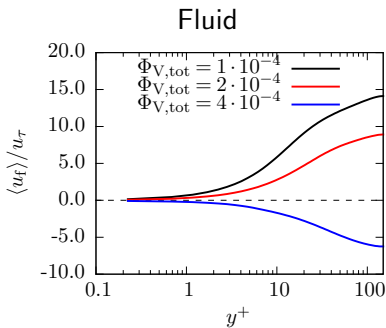
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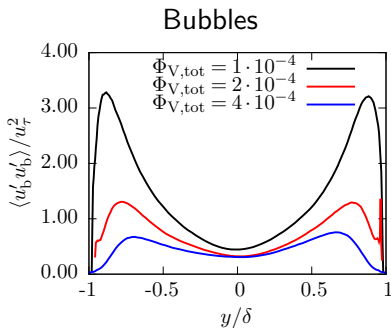
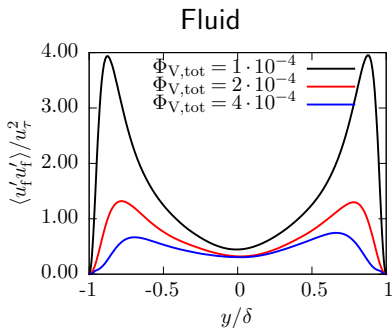
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- $\Phi_{V,\text{tot}} = 1 \cdot 10^{-4} / 2 \cdot 10^{-4} / 4 \cdot 10^{-4}$
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- $\Phi_{V,tot} = 2 \times 10^{-4}$: strongly reduced fluid velocity
- $\Phi_{V,tot} = 4 \times 10^{-4}$: reversed flow \rightarrow upflow

\Rightarrow Strong impact of momentum added by two-way coupling

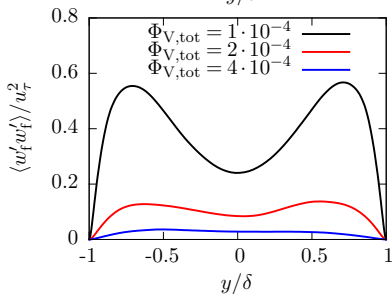
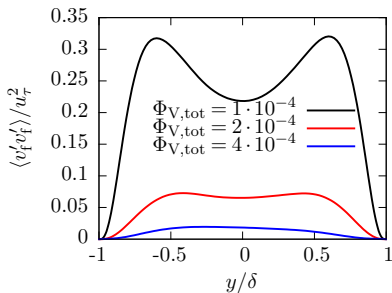


Higher volume fraction

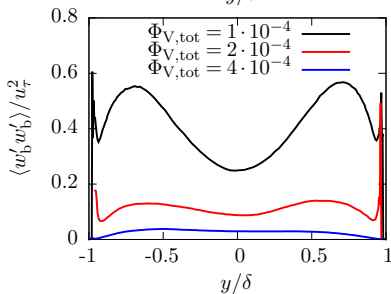
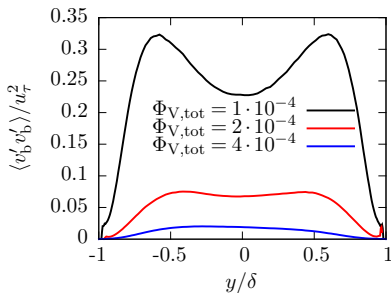
- Fluctuations strongly reduced
- Bubble and fluid fluctuations equal
 - Fluid fluctuations driven by the bubbles

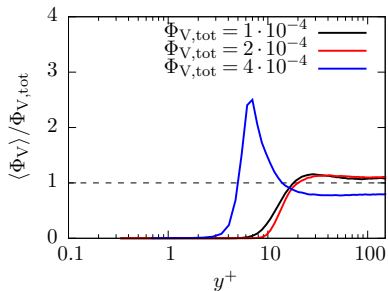
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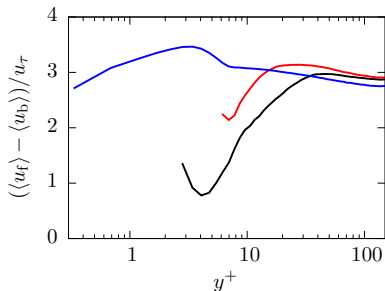
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→ Stronger lift due to higher u_{rel}



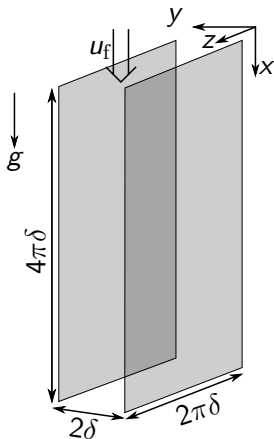
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 - Peak at $y^+ \approx 7$

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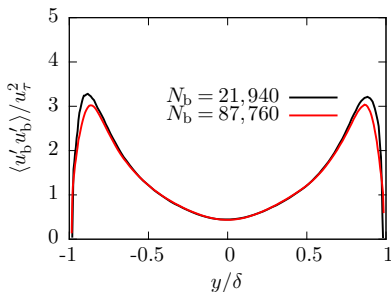
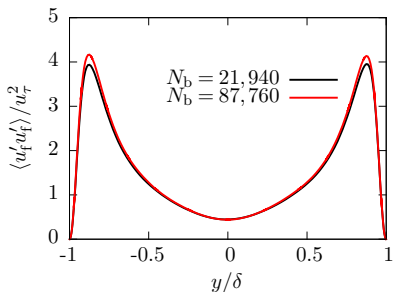
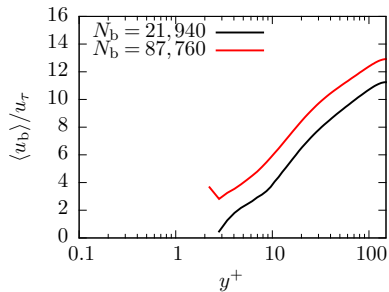
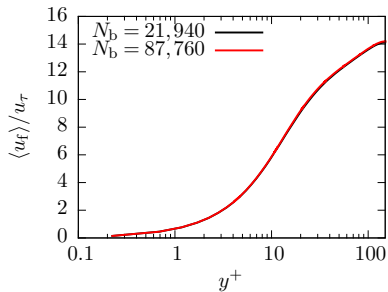
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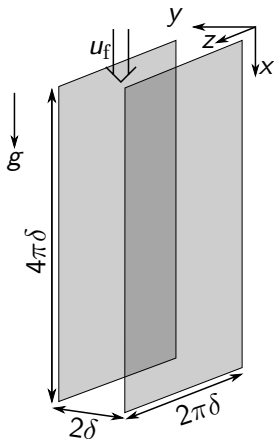
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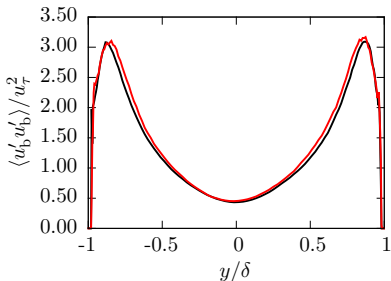
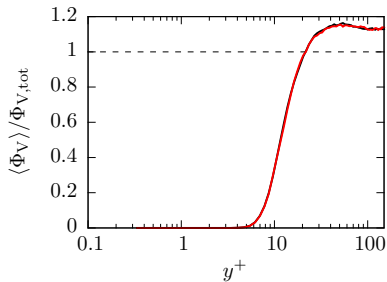
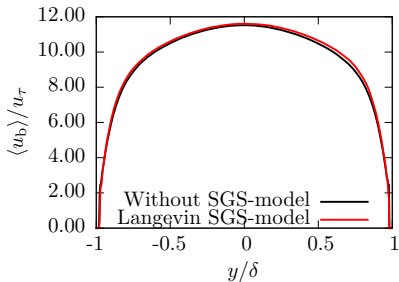
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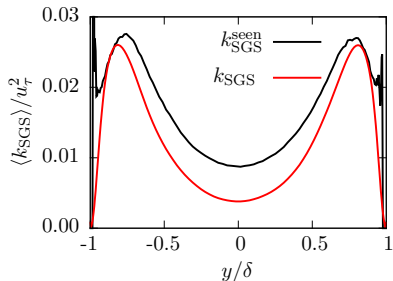
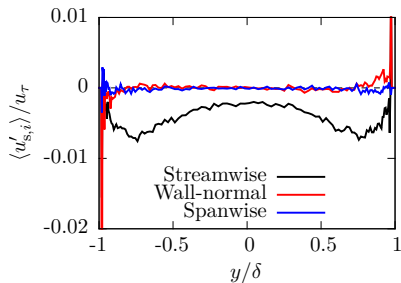
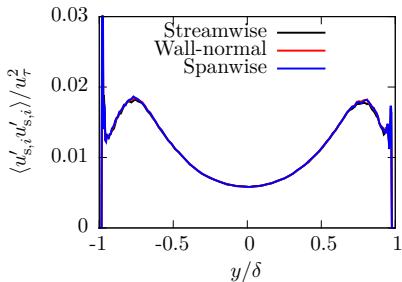
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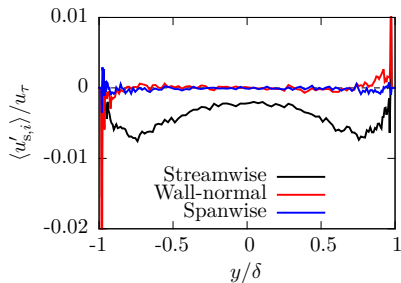
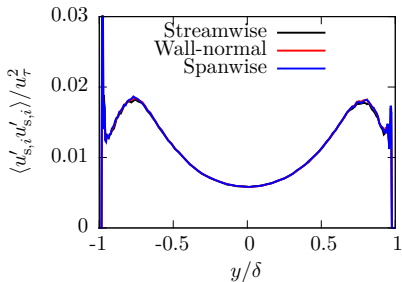
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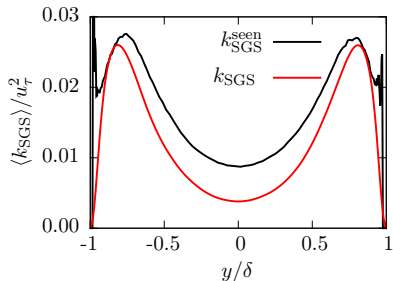
- Similar results for wall-normal and spanwise directions



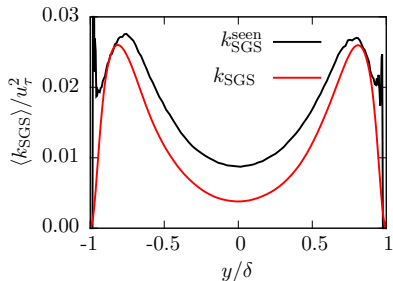
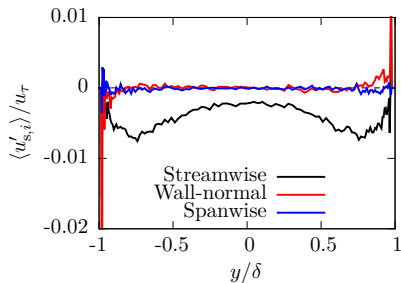
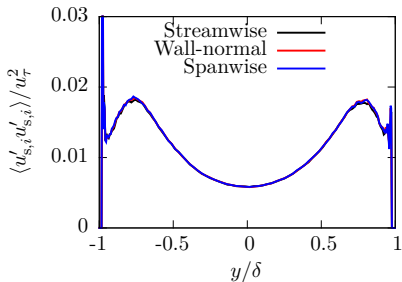
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Conclusions

- LESOCC successfully extended towards tracking of bubbles
 - Very good agreement to DNS results
- Increased volume fraction
 - Decreases/reverts fluid velocity
 - Laminarizes the flow
- Increased bubble number with marginal effect
- Subgrid-scale model for the dispersed phase
 - Small influence for bubbles

Outlook

- Extend present investigations
- Higher Re flows
- Include coalescence & break-up of bubbles

Thank you for your attention!

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Backup

Subgrid-scale model of Pozorski and Apte (2009)

$$d\mathbf{u}'_s = -\mathbf{G} \mathbf{u}'_s dt + \sqrt{2\sigma_{\text{SGS}}^2} \mathbf{B} d\mathbf{W}$$

- Turbulent kinetic energy: $k_{\text{SGS}} = 1/2 (\overline{\mathbf{u}}_f - \overline{\overline{\mathbf{u}}}_f)^2$
- Estimated fluctuations: $\sigma_{\text{SGS}} = \sqrt{2/3 k_{\text{SGS}}}$
- Fluctuation length scale: Δ_{SGS}
 - Δ_{filter} (Pozorski and Apte, 2009)
 - **Here:** $\Delta_{\text{filter}} \mathbf{f}_{\text{van Driest}}$
- Fluctuation time scale: $\tau'_L = C \frac{\Delta_{\text{SGS}}}{\sigma_{\text{SGS}}}$

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- Crossing trajectory & continuity effect \leftarrow Csanady (1963)
 - Parallel to direction of relative motion

$$\tau'_{L,\parallel} = \frac{\tau'_L}{\sqrt{1 + \mathbf{u}_{\text{rel}}^2 / \sigma_{\text{rel}}^2}}$$

- Perpendicular to direction of relative motion

$$\tau'_{L,\perp} = \frac{\tau'_L}{\sqrt{1 + 4\mathbf{u}_{\text{rel}}^2 / \sigma_{\text{rel}}^2}}$$

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- Matrix \mathbf{G}

$$G_{ij} = \frac{1}{\tau'_{L,\perp}} \delta_{ij} + \left(\frac{1}{\tau'_{L,\parallel}} - \frac{1}{\tau'_{L,\perp}} \right) r_i r_j$$

- Matrix $\mathbf{B} = \sqrt{\mathbf{G}}$

$$B_{ij} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\tau'_{L,\perp}}} \delta_{ij} + \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{\tau'_{L,\parallel}}} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{\tau'_{L,\perp}}} \right) r_i r_j$$

- Direction of relative motion $r_i = \mathbf{u}_{\text{rel},i} / |\mathbf{u}_{\text{rel}}|$

Present Simulation:

Flow

- $Re_\tau = u_\tau \delta / \nu = 644$, $\delta = 20$ mm
- Grid: $128 \times 128 \times 128$ CV
- Periodic BC stream- and spanwise
- No-slip BC at smooth wall
- Four-way coupled

Particles

- $N_p = 6 \cdot 10^6$
- $d_b = 4 \mu\text{m}$
- $\Phi_{V,\text{tot}} = 6.78 \cdot 10^{-7}$
- $\eta = 1.23 \cdot 10^{-3}$
- SGS model of [Pozorski & Apte \(2009\)](#)

