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# Numerical Simulation of Elongated Fibres in Horizontal Channel Flow

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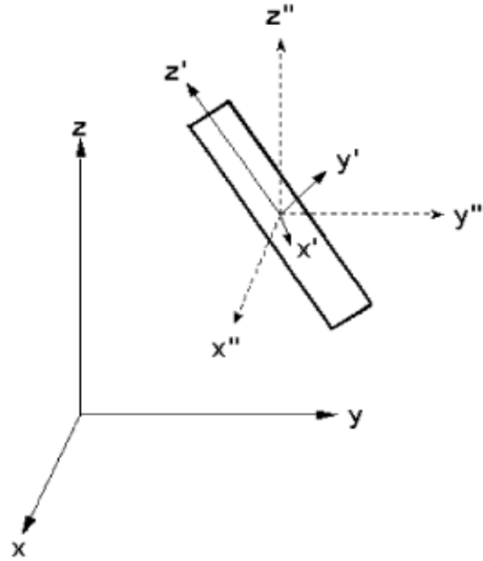
# Introduction

- In engineering predictions of dispersed two-phase flow spherical shape for particles is the general assumption.
- Most practical situations particles are irregular or have certain shape (e.g., granulates or fibres)
- Dynamics of non-spherical particles are substantially different from that of spherical (i.e., pitching and rotational torques)
- Analytical expressions of forces & moments are known for non-spherical regular particles in Stokes regime ( $Re_p \ll 1$ )
- For moderate  $Re_p$ , not much information available
- In such case, fully resolved DNS can be used to extract flow coefficients depending on  $Re_p$  and particle shape (e.g., Hölzer & Sommerfeld, 2009; Vakil & Green, 2009; Zastawny et al., 2012)
- Final goal: develop an engineering tool to predict dispersed two-phase flows laden with non-spherical particles

# Numerical approximation

- System of interest: behaviour of non-spherical particles immersed in turbulent channel flow
- System described by the Euler-Lagrange approach
- Particles considered as point masses with dynamics given by linear and angular (orientation) momentum equations
- Fluid field computed by RANS (Reynolds Stress Model), modified by the presence of particles (two-way coupling)
- Non-spherical particles motion due to drag and lift forces, whose coefficients were previously obtained by DNS, as well as pitching and rotational torques.
- Here, elongated fibres at intermediate Reynolds numbers are considered. Expressions for the interaction with solid walls have been developed.
- Outputs: particle mean velocity, fluctuating velocity components (stream-wise and vertical) and concentration profiles in the channel.

# Non-spherical particles governing equations



$$\vec{x}' = A \cdot \vec{x}''$$

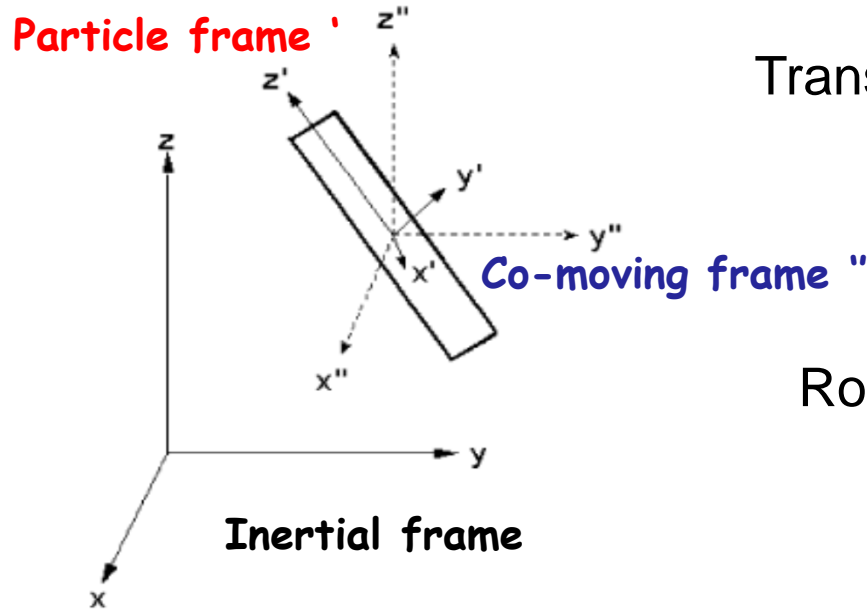
Rotation matrix **A** written in terms of Euler parameters

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 - 2(\varepsilon_2^2 + \varepsilon_3^2) & 2(\varepsilon_1\varepsilon_2 + \varepsilon_3\eta) & 2(\varepsilon_1\varepsilon_3 - \varepsilon_2\eta) \\ 2(\varepsilon_1\varepsilon_2 - \varepsilon_3\eta) & 1 - 2(\varepsilon_1^2 + \varepsilon_3^2) & 2(\varepsilon_3\varepsilon_2 + \varepsilon_1\eta) \\ 2(\varepsilon_1\varepsilon_3 + \varepsilon_2\eta) & 2(\varepsilon_3\varepsilon_2 - \varepsilon_1\eta) & 1 - 2(\varepsilon_2^2 + \varepsilon_1^2) \end{bmatrix}$$

Time evolution of Euler parameters

$$\begin{bmatrix} \frac{d\varepsilon_1}{dt} \\ \frac{d\varepsilon_2}{dt} \\ \frac{d\varepsilon_3}{dt} \\ \frac{d\eta}{dt} \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} \eta\omega_{x'} - \varepsilon_3\omega_{y'} + \varepsilon_2\omega_{z'} \\ \varepsilon_3\omega_{x'} + \eta\omega_{y'} - \varepsilon_1\omega_{z'} \\ -\varepsilon_2\omega_{x'} + \varepsilon_1\omega_{y'} + \eta\omega_{z'} \\ -\varepsilon_1\omega_{x'} - \varepsilon_2\omega_{y'} - \varepsilon_3\omega_{z'} \end{bmatrix}$$

# Non-spherical particles governing equations



Translational motion (inertial frame)

$$m_p \frac{d\vec{u}_p}{dt} = \vec{F}$$

Rotational motion (particle frame)

$$I_{x'} \frac{d\omega_{x'}}{dt} - \omega_{y'} \omega_{z'} (I_{y'} - I_{z'}) = T_{x'}$$

$$I_{y'} \frac{d\omega_{y'}}{dt} - \omega_{x'} \omega_{z'} (I_{z'} - I_{x'}) = T_{y'}$$

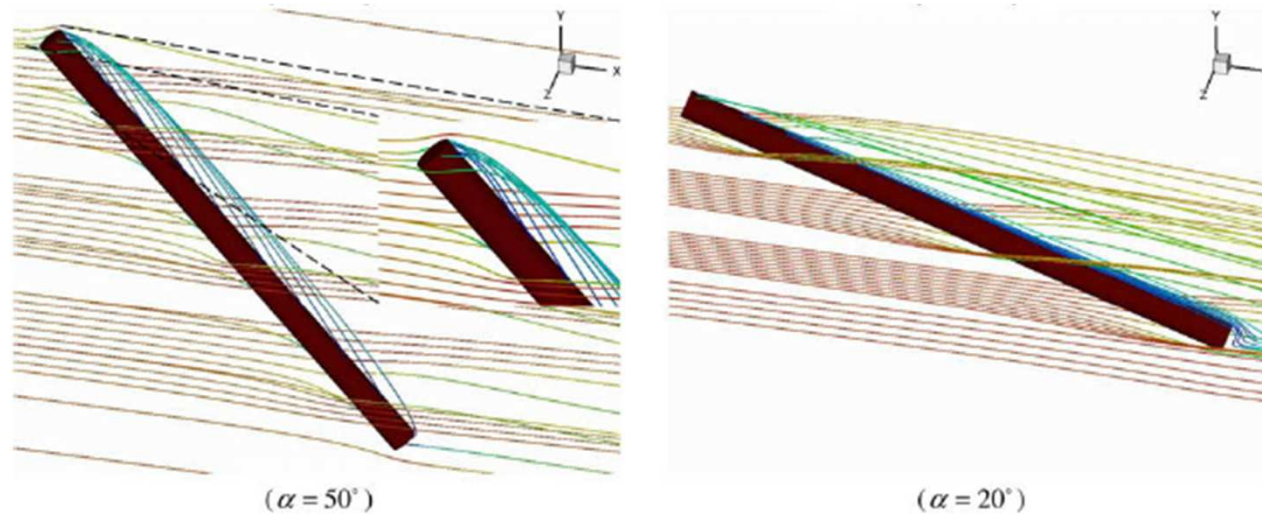
$$I_{z'} \frac{d\omega_{z'}}{dt} - \omega_{y'} \omega_{x'} (I_{x'} - I_{y'}) = T_{z'}$$

**Forces:** drag and lift

**Torques:** pitching and rotational

# Flow coefficients cylindrical fibres

Cylinders Vakil & Green, C&F (2009)



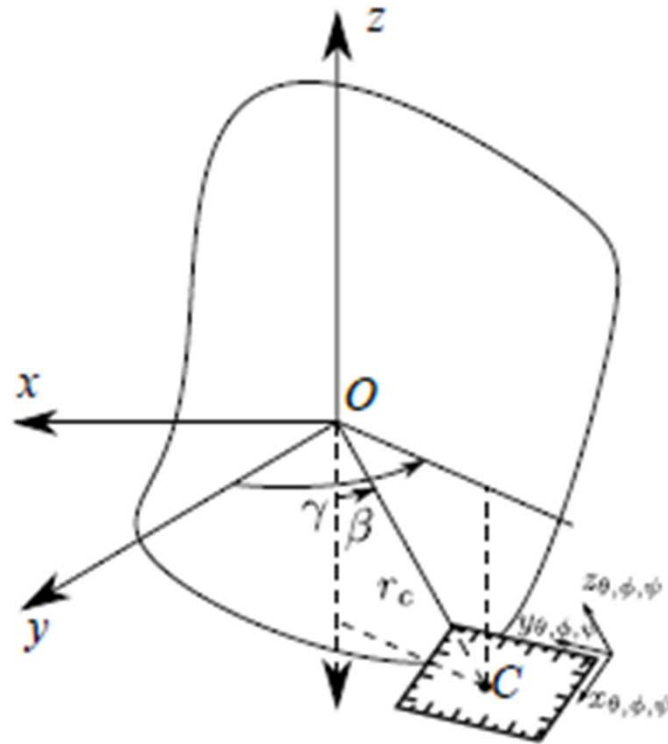
Correlations flow coefficients obtained by DNS depending on particle Reynolds numbers, orientation and aspect ratio (AR)

$$C_{D,cyl} = \frac{F_D}{\frac{1}{2} \rho \tilde{u}^2 LD}$$

$$C_{L,cyl} = \frac{F_L}{\frac{1}{2} \rho \tilde{u}^2 LD}$$

Torque coefficients follow the approach of Yin et al., CES (2003)

# Non-spherical particle - wall interaction



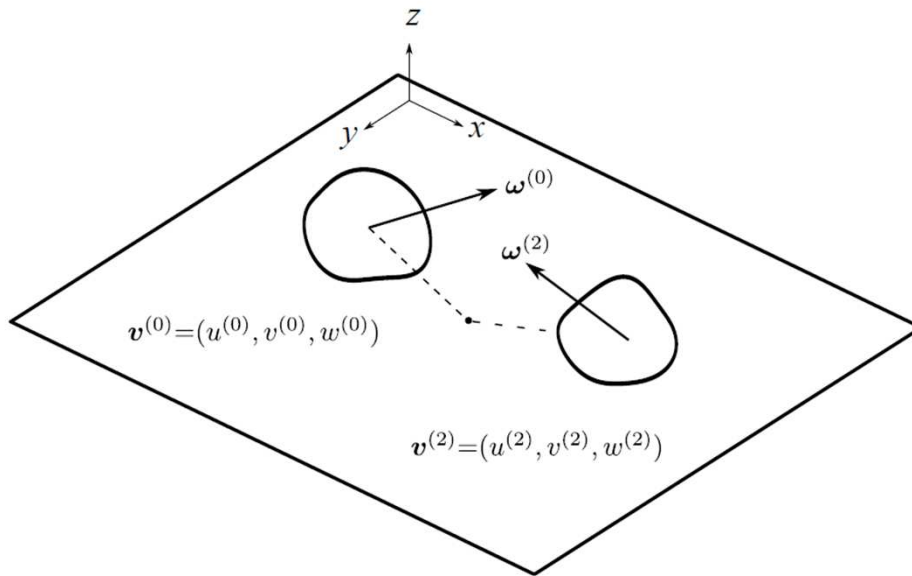
$$C : (x, y, z) \rightarrow (r_c, \beta, \gamma)$$
$$0 \leq \gamma \leq 2\pi; 0 \leq \beta \leq \pi$$

- $\beta$ ,  $\gamma$  and  $r_c$  depend on shape and orientation of particle
- $\beta$ ,  $\gamma$  and  $r_c$  are determined using real values of  $\theta$ ,  $\phi$  and  $\psi$  before wall collision and are determined using an analytic model
- A orientation matrix **A** is necessary defined to get the orientation the particle before wall collision



# Non-spherical particle - wall interaction

Hard particle approximation



$$m(\mathbf{v}^{(2)} - \mathbf{v}^{(0)}) = \mathbf{J}$$

$$I(\boldsymbol{\omega}^{(2)} - \boldsymbol{\omega}^{(0)}) = -\mathbf{r} \times \mathbf{J}$$

Crowe et al. (2011)

- I. Particle stops sliding in compression period
- II. Particle stops sliding in recovery period
- III. Particle slides throughout compression and recovery period

Additional Assumptions:

Collision is modeled by the coefficient of restitution and friction is modeled by Coulomb's law

# Non-spherical particle - wall interaction

Case I

Linear velocities

$$u^{(2)} = \omega_y^{(2)} r_c \cos \beta - \omega_z^{(2)} r_c \sin \beta \sin \gamma$$

$$v^{(2)} = \omega_z^{(2)} r_c \sin \beta \cos \gamma - \omega_x^{(2)} r_c \cos \beta$$

$$w^{(2)} = w^{(0)} + (1 + e) J_z^{(1)} / m_p$$

Angular velocities

$$\omega_x^{(2)} = \frac{l_x \omega_x^{(0)} - m_p v^{(0)} r_c \cos \beta - (1 + e) r_c \sin \beta \sin \gamma J_z^{(1)} + m_p \omega_z^{(2)} r_c^2 \sin \beta \cos \beta \cos \gamma}{l_x + m_p r_c^2 \cos^2 \beta}$$

$$\omega_y^{(2)} = \frac{l_y \omega_y^{(0)} + m_p u^{(0)} r_c \cos \beta + (1 + e) r_c \sin \beta \cos \gamma J_z^{(1)} + m_p \omega_z^{(2)} r_c^2 \sin \beta \cos \beta \sin \gamma}{l_y + m_p r_c^2 \cos^2 \beta}$$

$$\omega_z^{(2)} = \frac{l_z \omega_z^{(0)} + m_p v^{(0)} r_c \sin \beta \cos \gamma - m_p u^{(0)} r_c \sin \beta \sin \gamma + m_p \omega_y^{(2)} r_c^2 \sin \beta \cos \beta \sin \gamma - m_p \omega_x^{(2)} r_c^2 \sin \beta \cos \beta \cos \gamma}{l_z + m_p r_c^2 \sin^2 \beta}$$

Linear impulse normal to the wall

$$J_z^{(1)} = m_p (\omega_x^{(1)} r_c \sin \beta \sin \gamma - \omega_y^{(1)} r_c \sin \beta \cos \gamma - w_0)$$

$$\omega_y^{(1)} = \frac{m_p l_y l_{22} \omega_y^{(0)} + m_p l_x l_{12} \omega_x^{(0)} + m_p l_z l_{31} \omega_z^{(0)} + m_p r_c \cos \beta u_0 l_1^2 - m_p r_c \sin \beta \cos \gamma v_0 l_2^2 - m_p r_c \sin \beta \cos \gamma w_0 l_3^2}{m_p l_y r_c^2 \sin^2 \beta \sin^2 \gamma (l_x + l_z + m_p r_c^2) + m_p l_x r_c^2 \cos^2 \beta \sin^2 \gamma (l_y + l_z + m_p r_c^2) + m_p l_y r_c^2 \cos^2 \beta (l_x + l_y + m_p r_c^2) + l_x l_y l_z}$$

$$\omega_x^{(1)} = \frac{m_p l_x l_{11} \omega_x^{(0)} + m_p l_y l_{23} \omega_y^{(0)} + m_p l_z l_{32} \omega_z^{(0)} + m_p r_c \cos \beta u_0 l_4^2 - m_p r_c \sin \beta \cos \gamma v_0 l_5^2 + m_p r_c \sin \beta \cos \gamma w_0 l_6^2}{m_p l_y r_c^2 \sin^2 \beta \sin^2 \gamma (l_x + l_z + m_p r_c^2) + m_p l_x r_c^2 \cos^2 \beta \sin^2 \gamma (l_y + l_z + m_p r_c^2) + m_p l_y r_c^2 \cos^2 \beta (l_x + l_y + m_p r_c^2) + l_x l_y l_z}$$

# Non-spherical particle - wall interaction

Case I

Extra relations

$$I_1^2 = m_p r_c^2 \sin^2 \beta \cos^2 \gamma I_x + m_p r_c^2 \sin^2 \beta \sin^2 \gamma I_z + m_p r_c^2 \cos^2 \beta I_z + I_x I_z$$

$$I_2^2 = m_p r_c^2 \sin \beta \sin \gamma \cos \beta I_z - m_p r_c^2 \sin \beta \sin \gamma \cos \beta I_x$$

$$I_3^2 = m_p r_c^2 \sin^2 \beta \cos^2 \gamma I_x + m_p r_c^2 \sin^2 \beta \sin^2 \gamma I_x + m_p r_c^2 \cos^2 \beta I_z + I_y I_z$$

$$I_4^2 = m_p r_c^2 \sin \beta \cos \gamma \cos \beta I_z - m_p r_c^2 \sin \beta \cos \gamma \cos \beta I_x$$

$$I_5^2 = m_p r_c^2 \sin^2 \beta \cos^2 \gamma I_z + m_p r_c^2 \sin^2 \beta \sin^2 \gamma I_y + m_p r_c^2 \cos^2 \beta I_z + I_y I_z$$

$$I_6^2 = m_p r_c^2 \sin^2 \beta \cos^2 \gamma I_y + m_p r_c^2 \sin^2 \beta \sin^2 \gamma I_y + m_p r_c^2 \cos^2 \beta I_z + I_y I_z$$

$$I_{11} = m_p r_c^4 \sin^2 \beta \cos^2 \gamma + r_c^2 \cos^2 \beta I_z + r_c^2 \sin^2 \beta \sin^2 \gamma I_y + r_c^2 \sin^2 \beta \cos^2 \gamma (I_y + I_z) + I_y I_z / m_p$$

$$I_{22} = m_p r_c^4 \sin^2 \beta \sin^2 \gamma + r_c^2 \cos^2 \beta I_z + r_c^2 \sin^2 \beta \cos^2 \gamma I_x + r_c^2 \sin^2 \beta \cos^2 \gamma (I_x + I_z) + I_x I_z / m_p$$

$$I_{12} = I_{23} = m_p r_c^2 \sin^2 \beta \sin \gamma \cos \gamma + r_c^2 \sin^2 \beta \sin \gamma \cos \gamma I_z$$

$$I_{31} = m_p r_c^2 \sin \beta \sin \gamma \cos \beta + r_c^2 \sin \beta \sin \gamma \cos \beta I_x$$

$$I_{32} = m_p r_c^2 \sin \beta \cos \gamma \cos \beta + r_c^2 \sin \beta \cos \gamma \cos \beta I_x$$

# Non-spherical particle - wall interaction

Case II

Linear velocities

$$u^{(2)} = \omega_y^{(2)} r_c \cos \beta - \omega_z^{(2)} r_c \sin \beta \sin \gamma$$

$$v^{(2)} = \omega_z^{(2)} r_c \sin \beta \cos \gamma - \omega_x^{(2)} r_c \cos \beta$$

$$w^{(2)} = w^{(0)} + (1 + e)J_z^{(1)} / m_p$$

Angular velocities

$$\omega_x^{(2)} = \frac{I_x \omega_x^{(0)} - m_p v^{(0)} r_c \cos \beta - (1 + e) r_c \sin \beta \sin \gamma J_z^{(1)} + m_p \omega_z^{(2)} r_c^2 \sin \beta \cos \beta \cos \gamma}{I_x + m_p r_c^2 \cos^2 \beta}$$

$$\omega_y^{(2)} = \frac{I_y \omega_y^{(0)} + m_p u^{(0)} r_c \cos \beta + (1 + e) r_c \sin \beta \cos \gamma J_z^{(1)} + m_p \omega_z^{(2)} r_c^2 \sin \beta \cos \beta \sin \gamma}{I_y + m_p r_c^2 \cos^2 \beta}$$

$$\omega_z^{(2)} = \frac{I_z \omega_z^{(0)} + m_p v^{(0)} r_c \sin \beta \cos \gamma - m_p u^{(0)} r_c \sin \beta \sin \gamma + m_p \omega_y^{(2)} r_c^2 \sin \beta \cos \beta \sin \gamma - m_p \omega_x^{(2)} r_c^2 \sin \beta \cos \beta \cos \gamma}{I_z + m_p r_c^2 \sin^2 \beta}$$

Linear impulse normal to the wall

$$J_z^{(1)} = \frac{m_p I_x I_y (\omega_x^{(0)} r_c \sin \beta \sin \gamma - \omega_y^{(0)} r_c \sin \beta \cos \gamma - w^{(0)})}{I_x I_y + m_p r_c^2 [I_x (\epsilon_x \mu \sin \beta \cos \beta \cos \gamma + \sin^2 \beta \cos^2 \gamma) + I_y (\epsilon_y \mu \sin \beta \cos \beta \sin \gamma + \sin^2 \beta \sin^2 \gamma)]}$$

# Non-spherical particle - wall interaction

Case III

$$u^{(2)} = u^{(0)} - \varepsilon_x \mu (1 + e) \frac{J_z^{(1)}}{m_p}$$

Linear velocities

$$v^{(2)} = v^{(0)} - \varepsilon_y \mu (1 + e) \frac{J_z^{(1)}}{m_p}$$

$$w^{(2)} = w^{(0)} + (1 + e) \frac{J_z^{(1)}}{m_p}$$

Angular velocities

$$\omega_x^{(2)} = \omega_x^{(0)} - (1 + e) [\varepsilon_y \mu \cos \beta + \sin \beta \sin \gamma] \frac{J_z^{(1)} r_c}{I_x}$$

$$\omega_y^{(2)} = \omega_y^{(0)} + (1 + e) [\varepsilon_x \mu \cos \beta + \sin \beta \cos \gamma] \frac{J_z^{(1)} r_c}{I_y}$$

$$\omega_z^{(2)} = \omega_z^{(0)} + (1 + e) [\varepsilon_y \mu \cos \gamma - \varepsilon_x \mu \sin \gamma] \sin \beta \frac{J_z^{(1)} r_c}{I_z}$$

Linear impulse normal to the wall

$$J_z^{(1)} = \frac{m_p I_x I_y (\omega_x^{(0)} r_c \sin \beta \sin \gamma - \omega_y^{(0)} r_c \sin \beta \cos \gamma - w^{(0)})}{I_x I_y + m_p r_c^2 [I_x (\varepsilon_x \mu \sin \beta \cos \beta \cos \gamma + \sin^2 \beta \cos^2 \gamma) + I_y (\varepsilon_y \mu \sin \beta \cos \beta \sin \gamma + \sin^2 \beta \sin^2 \gamma)]}$$

# Non-spherical particle - wall interaction

Conditions for occurrence of the cases

Case I & II

$$\frac{w^{(0)}}{u^{(0)} - \omega_y^{(0)} r_c \cos \beta + \omega_z^{(0)} r_c \sin \beta \sin \gamma} < - \frac{1}{(1 + m_p r_c^2 \cos^2 \beta / I_y) \mu (e + 1)}$$

Case III

$$- \frac{1}{(1 + m_p r_c^2 \cos^2 \beta / I_y) \mu (e + 1)} < \frac{w^{(0)}}{u^{(0)} - \omega_y^{(0)} r_c \cos \beta + \omega_z^{(0)} r_c \sin \beta \sin \gamma} < 0$$

Above equations reduce in the 2D case to those of Sommerfeld (2002) and in the case of spherical particles to those of Crowe, Sommerfeld, Tsuji (1998).

# Non-spherical particle - wall interaction

Case IV, ideal collision ( $e = 1, \mu = 0$ )

Linear velocities

$$u^{(2)} = u^{(0)}$$

$$v^{(2)} = v^{(0)}$$

$$w^{(2)} = w^{(0)} + \frac{2J_z^{(1)}}{m_p}$$

Angular velocities

$$\omega_x^{(2)} = \omega_x^{(0)} - 2 \sin \beta \sin \gamma \frac{J_z^{(1)} r_c}{I_x}$$

$$\omega_y^{(2)} = \omega_y^{(0)} + 2 \sin \beta \cos \gamma \frac{J_z^{(1)} r_c}{I_y}$$

$$\omega_z^{(2)} = \omega_z^{(0)}$$

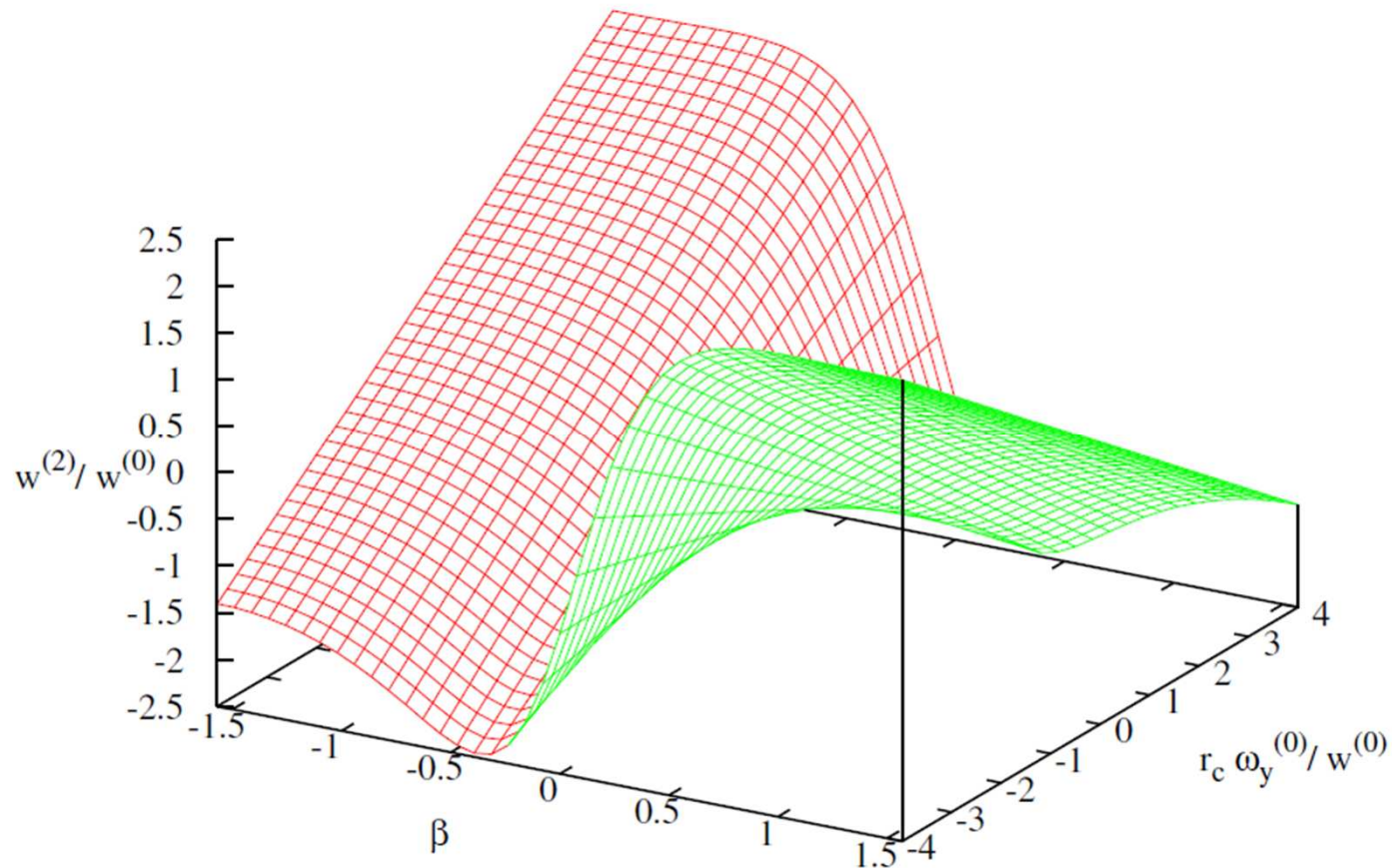
Linear impulse normal to the wall

$$J_z^{(1)} = \frac{m_p I_x I_y (\omega_x^{(0)} r_c \sin \beta \sin \gamma - \omega_y^{(0)} r_c \sin \beta \cos \gamma - w^{(0)})}{I_x I_y + m_p r_c^2 \sin^2 \beta (I_x \cos^2 \gamma + I_y \sin^2 \gamma)}$$

# Non-spherical particle - wall interaction

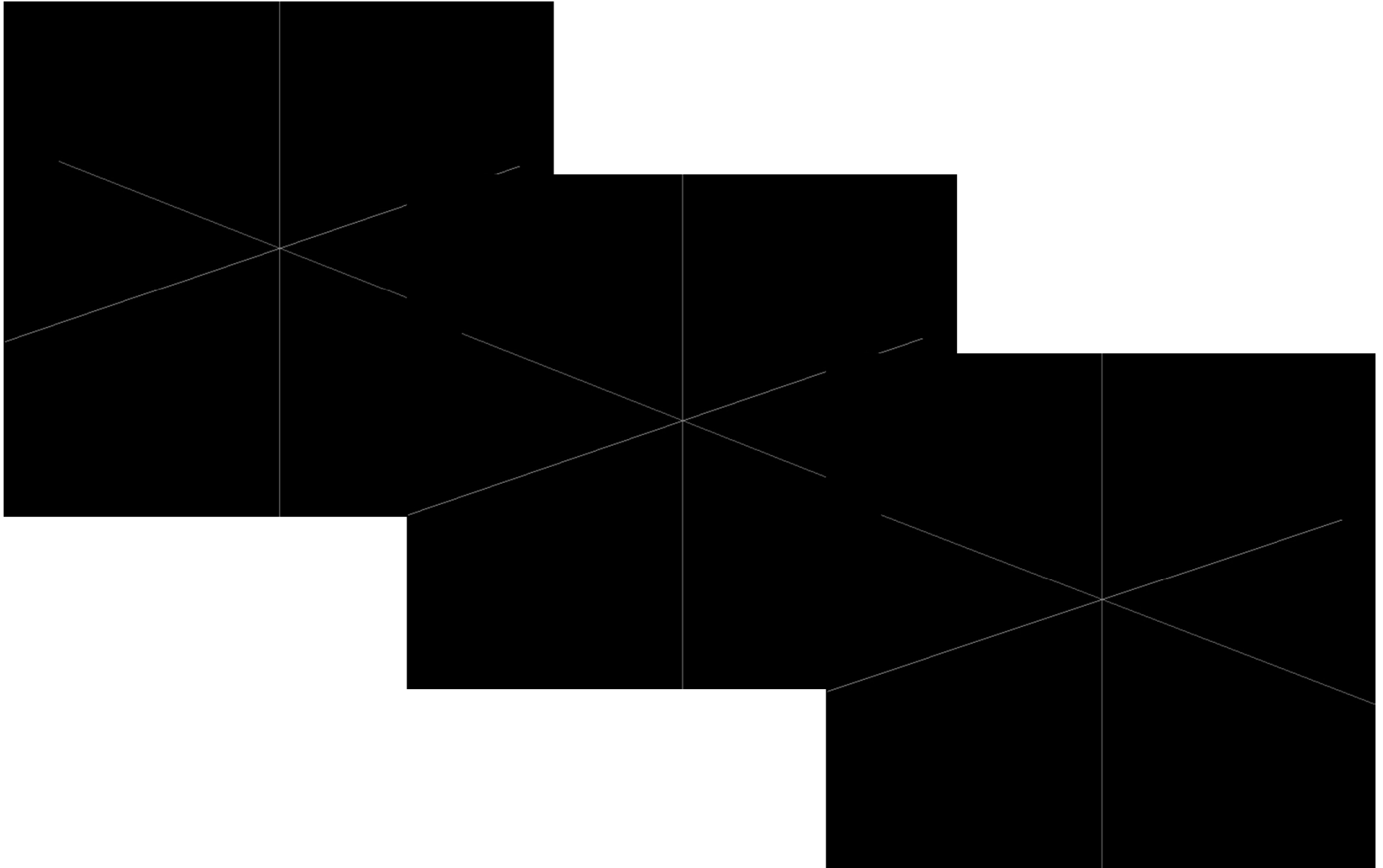
Simplified 2D equation cylinders (ideal case)

$$\frac{w^{(2)}}{w^{(0)}} = 1 - 2 \left( \frac{1 + r_c \omega_y^{(0)} \sin \beta / w^{(0)}}{1 + (r_c / k_y)^2 \sin^2 \beta} \right)$$





# Fibre - wall interaction visualisation



# Experimental rig

## Channel Flow Configuration

Experimental studies by Kussin (2004)

### Horizontal Channel:

Length: 6 m

Width: 350 mm

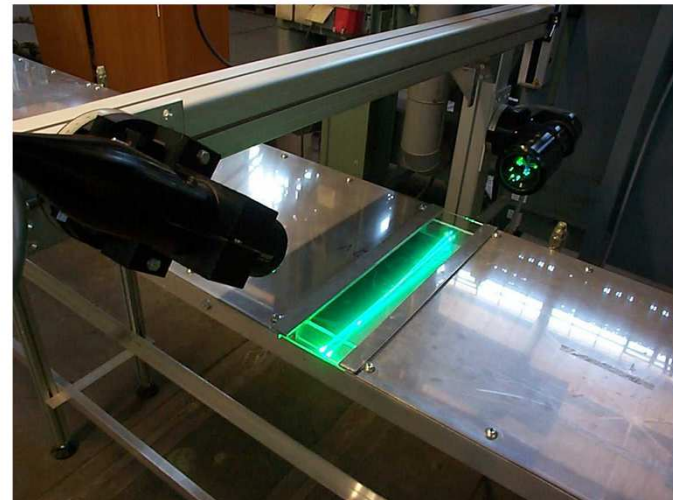
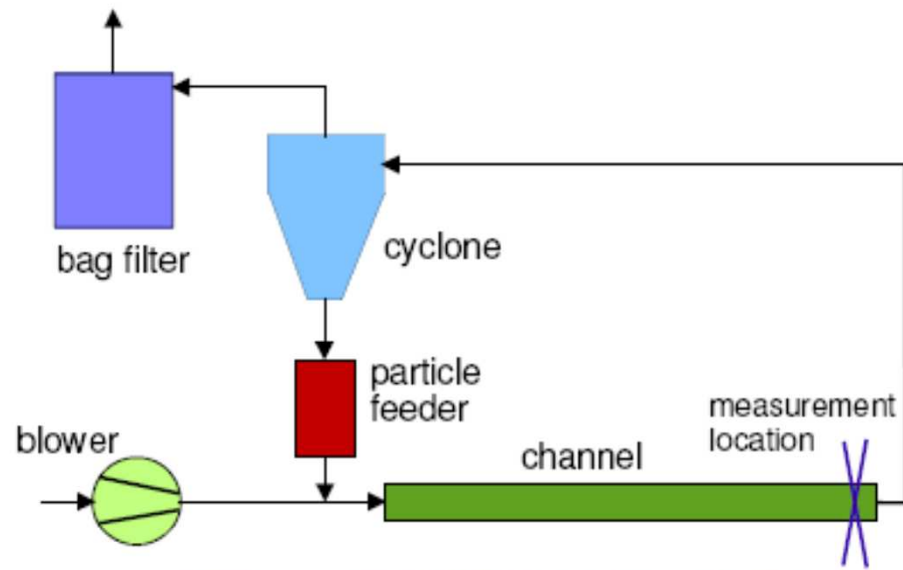
Height: 35 mm

$U_{av} = 20$  m/s

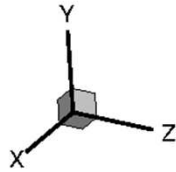
Measuring section: 5.8 m



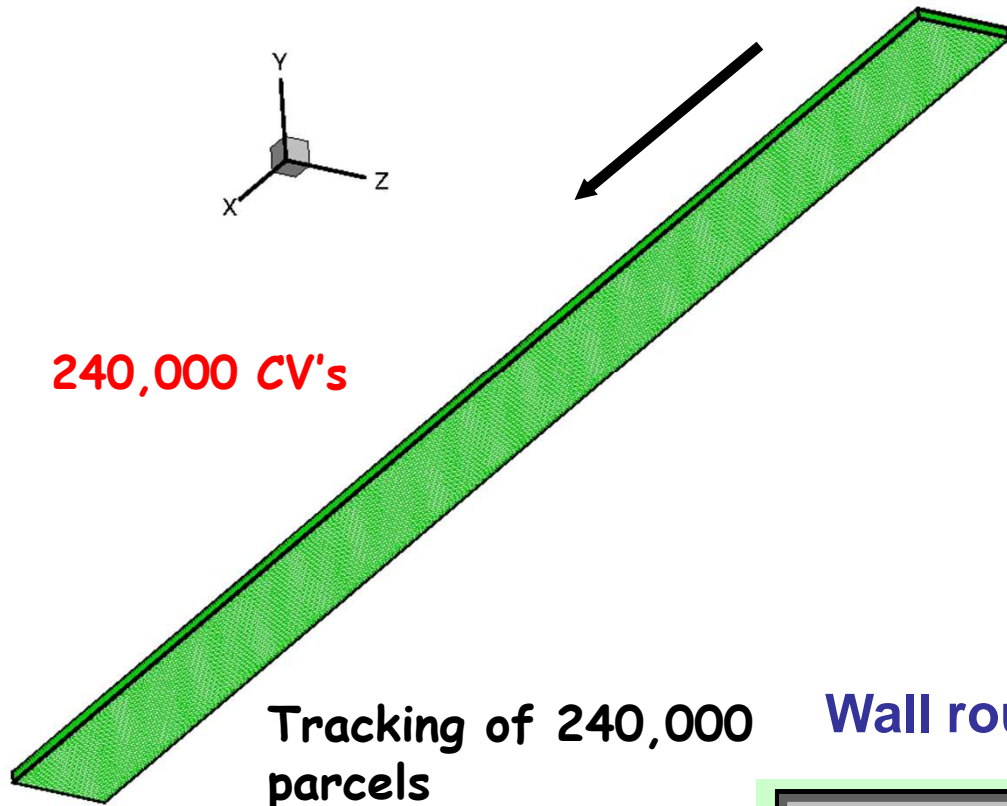
Spherical glass beads,  $\rho_p = 2450$  kg/m<sup>3</sup>



# Numerical set-up



240,000 CV's



Tracking of 240,000 parcels

Tracked particles

Spheres

Fibres (aspect ratio 13)

## Horizontal Channel:

6 m x 350 mm x 35 mm

$U_{av} = 20$  m/s

Measuring section: 5.8 m

$\rho = 1.25$  kg/m<sup>3</sup>

$\mu = 1.8 \cdot 10^{-5}$  N·s/m<sup>2</sup>

$\rho_p = 2450$  kg/m<sup>3</sup>

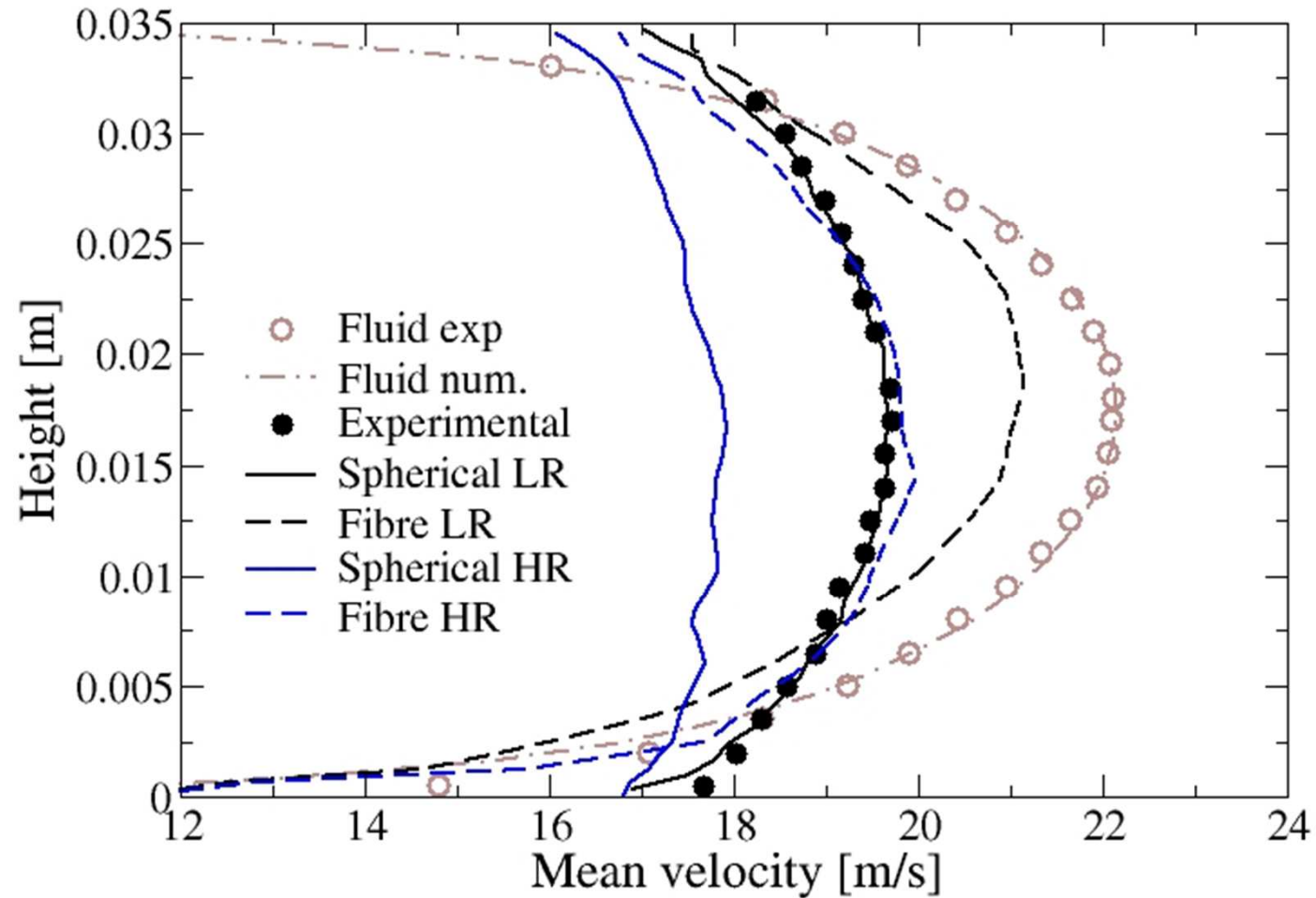
$D_p = 130$   $\mu$ m

$\eta = 0.1$

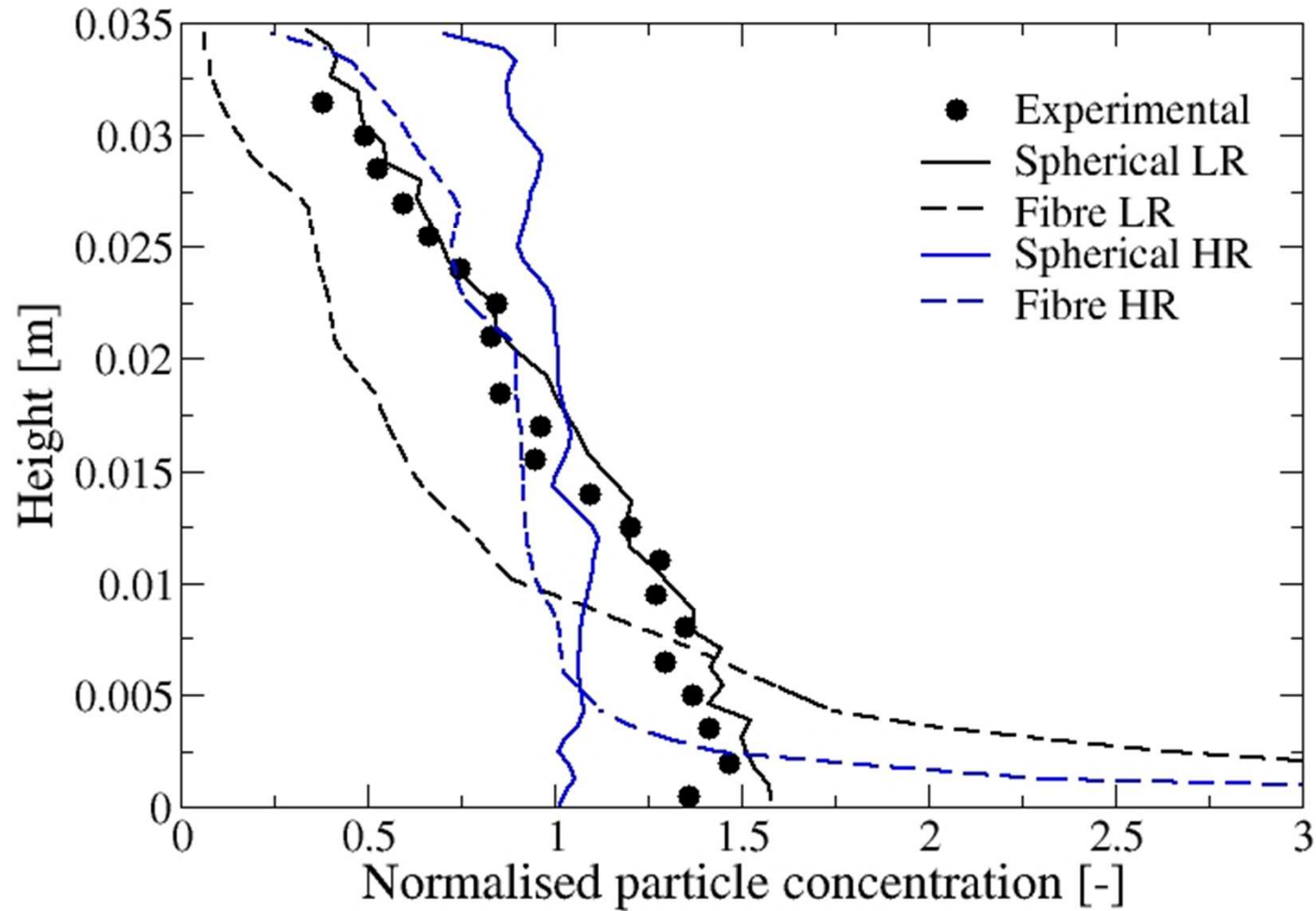
## Wall roughness (stochastic model)

Degree of roughness	Mean roughness in stream-wise direction [ $\mu$ m]	Mean roughness in lateral direction [ $\mu$ m]
R0 (LR)	2.32	2.09
R2 (HR)	6.83	6.89

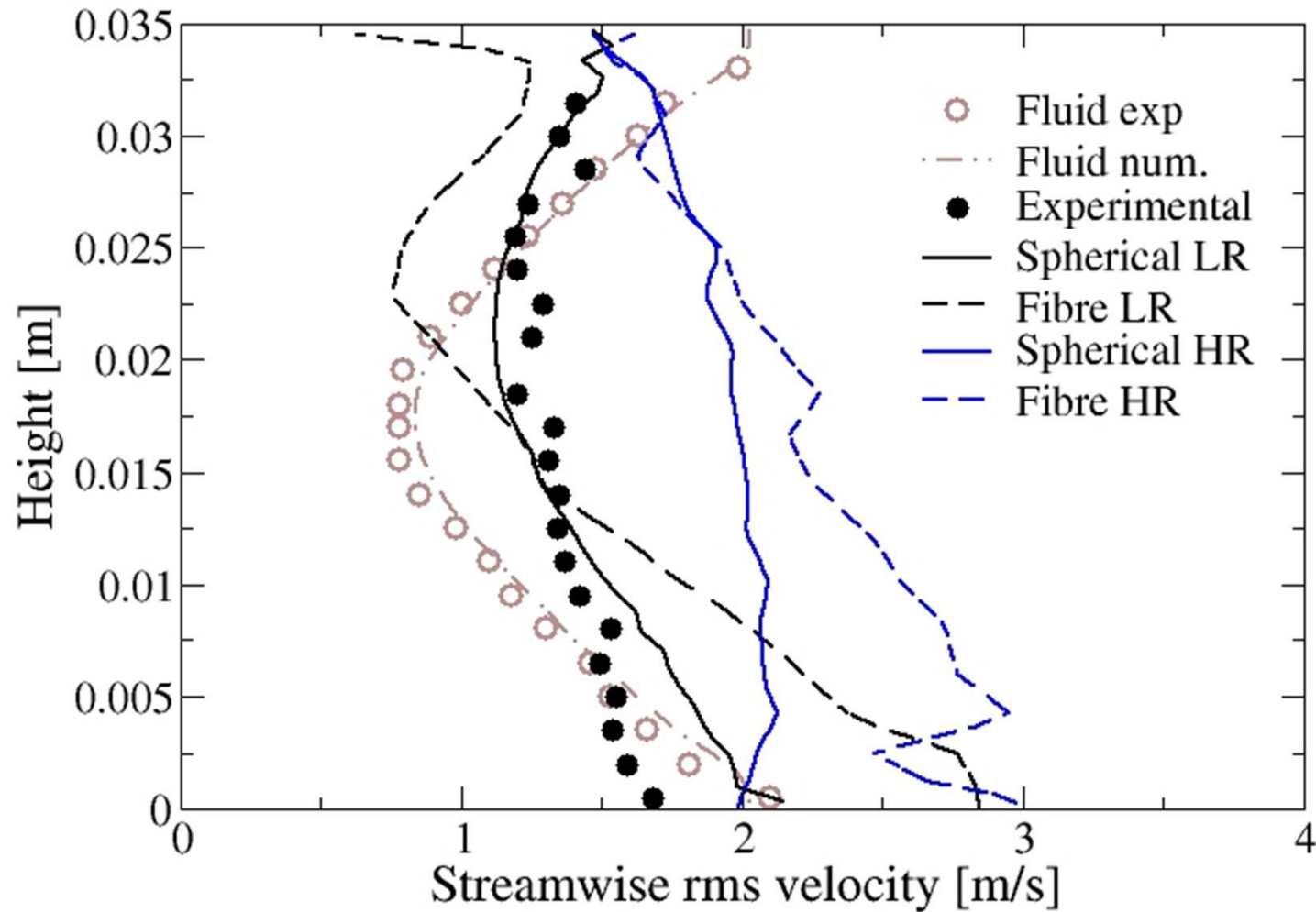
# Results cylindrical particles



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# Conclusions

- **The Euler/Lagrange approach has been used to investigate the transport of spheres and elongated fibres in a turbulent channel flow**
- **Equations for the interaction of general non-spherical particles with walls have been presented in the context of “hard particles”**
- **Depending of angle of impact and rotational velocity one or two collisions with the wall can be observed.**
- **As expected, fibres follow better than spheres the fluid flow, as they tend to be aligned perpendicular to the relative velocity, maximizing the drag**
- **From the concentration profiles, fibres show more gravitational settling than spheres of the same size**
- **Streamwise rms velocity of fibres is more asymmetric than that of spheres**
- **Vertical rms velocity is remarkably lower in the case of elongated cylinders than for spherical particles, as happens with other type of irregular shapes**