Turbulent Modulation in Particulate Flow: A Review of Critical Variables

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Abstract

A review of the main mechanisms influencing turbulent modulation in the presence of spherical and non-spherical particles is presented. The review demonstrates the need for more numerical and experimental work with higher accuracy than obtained so far and the need to resolve the flow near the surface of particles with the aim to re-evaluate the quantitative effect of different parameters on turbulent modulation. The review reveals that non-spherical particles have more adverse effect on turbulence as compared to spherical ones, for the same ambient conditions.

Keywords

Two Phase Flow, Turbulent Modulation, Non-Spherical Particle, Stokes Number, Particle Reynolds Number, Length Scale, Density Ratio

1. Introduction

Turbulent flows can be found everywhere in nature and industry, but a unifying theory of turbulence does not exist. When spherical particles are suspended into such a flow, the flow becomes even more intricate and the resulting interactions between the particles and turbulent structures are not fully understood. For non-spherical particles that often appear in fluids in industrial processes, like paper making, iron ore pelletization, pneumatic conveying [1], cyclone filters [2] [3], and biomass gasification and combustion, the interactions of the particles and the fluid in turbulent flow are extremely complex while theories exist for creeping flow [4]-[8]. In turbulent flow, the particles will wobble or move chaotic, depending on their size and density [9]. Hence, the carrier phase turbulence alters the dispersed phase translational and rotational motion and the particles influence the detailed and overall flow of the carrier phase.

It is important to study turbulent modulation, or in other words the influence of the dispersed phase on the
carrier phase due to its large effect on the behavior and performance of many industrial systems involving solid-gas flow. Already in the middle of the former century, researchers highlighted that the presence of particles can significantly influence the rate of, for instance, heat transfer and chemical reaction. Such features can be explained with turbulent modulation. The study of turbulent dispersion in two-phase flows has a long history as described for spherical particle motion in [10] and for non-spherical particle motion in [11] while studies on the physics of how the particles affect the fluid turbulence has gained less attention over the last few decades [12] and is still an open topic. To achieve a valuable mathematical description for issues such as turbulent combustion or chemical processes involving solid-gas flow for computational fluid dynamic CFD codes, the knowledge and understanding of the mutual interaction between phases should be improved before additional relationships such as chemical reactions are included.

In two phase two-way coupling flow several mechanisms contribute to the modification of the turbulence like additional dissipation caused by the particles, the transfer of a portion of particle kinetic energy to the carrier phase, turbulence due to vortex shedding behind the particles and increase of dissipation due to no-slip boundary conditions at the surface of the particles. Secondary motion, due to the higher degree of freedom of motion, associated with non-spherical particles can transfer kinetic energy into Turbulent Kinetic Energy TKE in more moods than spheres. The importance of each of these mechanisms for turbulent modulation will now be discussed regarding both rigid spherical and non-spherical particles.

2. Two-Phase Flow Turbulence Modulation

The addition of particles to the carrier phase tends to affect the TKE, dissipation rate, and turbulence intensity. Many researchers have categorized the alterations in turbulence into augmentation and attenuation and suggested correlations that quantitatively describe these phenomena. In general, observations suggest that small particles attenuate the turbulence of the carrier phase and large particles amplify it [13]. It can be argued that a heavy particle sinking in a fluid at rest will transfer its potential energy to the fluid around it and that particles moving in turbulent flow maybe seen in a similar manner where both kinetic and potential energy may be transferred to the surroundings. On the other hand, heavy particle in turbulent flow needs energy if they are to be moved in the direction of flow but it is not obvious how the TKE production and dissipation will be affected. In vertical up-flow, gravity and buoyancy will play major roles and heavy particles attenuate the kinetic energy. A point-particle approach is a sound tactic when the particle diameter \( dp \) is smaller than the Kolmogorov length scale \( \eta \). For a large number of particles fully resolved simulations are, however, not possible to carry out [10] [14]. In the case of non-spherical particles, the shape effect of particles on the solid-liquid turbulence interaction has been investigated for particles with a diameter almost equal to the Taylor micro-scale and with a small relative density, \( \rho_p/\rho_f \approx 1 \) [15]. One result was attenuation in TKE of 3% and 15% for prolate ellipsoidal particles and spherical particles, respectively. A spectral analysis showed that the ellipsoidal particles distributed more TKE to the smaller scales with less energy loss than the spherical particles. Capone [16] injected rod-like particles into a fully developed water jet, which resulted in a significant change in turbulent structure. Mandø [17] investigated turbulence intensity modulation for spheres, discs and prolate ellipsoids. The results indicate that the discs and the prolate spheroids cause more attenuation than the spherical particles. In most of non-spherical particle studies, particles dampen turbulence more than spherical particles and amplify turbulence less than spherical particles. This may partly be related to non-suitable parameters used to compare spherical and non-spherical particles or related to the preferential orientation and rotation of particles that affect the formation of the wake behind the particles. A summary of published results on different types of particles is presented in Table 1.

3. Scaling of Turbulence Modulation

In the context of turbulence modulation the carrier phase may be characterized and described by its physical properties in addition to the turbulent length and time scales, dissipation and TKE of the flow. The dispersed phase, in its turn, can in addition to particle shape be described by particle density, size, surface and volume/mass fraction. Hence, a number of relationships can be formed that may be of importance. For qualitative evaluation of turbulence modulation the Stokes number \( Sr \), the particle Reynolds number \( Rep = (u_f - u_p)dp/\nu \), and the ratio of \( dp \) to turbulent length scales are frequently applied. Here also \( \eta \) may play a role. To determine the magnitude of the modulation, the mass loading ratio and volume fraction of particles may be used. Recently,
Table 1. Previous experimental work.

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<td>1130 - 1150</td>
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<td>glass, polystyrene</td>
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<td>42 Dia</td>
<td>6.7, 8, &amp; 9</td>
<td>air</td>
<td>ZrO₂ (Zirconium oxide) &amp; glass</td>
<td>3800 &amp; 2500</td>
<td>0.530 &amp; 0.518</td>
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<td>LDA &amp; PIV</td>
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<td>45 inclined circular pipe</td>
<td>40 Dia.</td>
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<td>air</td>
<td>polypropylene, PP</td>
<td>1123</td>
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<td>quartz and duroplastic</td>
<td>2650, 1480</td>
<td>0.185 and 0.24</td>
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<td>air</td>
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Tanaka and Eaton [18] introduced a new dimensionless particle momentum number derived from the particle-laden Navier-Stokes Equations. For non-spherical particles additional parameters are introduced to describe new features that come into play like particle shape, aspect ratio and mass distribution.

4. Stokes Number

The Stokes number \( St = \frac{\tau_p}{\tau_g} \) denotes how well the particles are able to follow alterations in the magnitude and direction of the flow where \( \tau_p \) is the time it takes for a particle to accelerate from rest to a velocity being 63% of the ambient flow velocity and \( \tau_g \) is the carrier phase time scale. For \( St \) less than unity the particles just follow the streamlines while for \( St \) larger than one the particles detach from the flow. For particles of \( St \approx 1 \), \( St \) can be used to describe the alteration of the carrier phase turbulence. For small particles \( dp \sim \eta \), observations yield an increase in the rate of TKE dissipation and a corresponding reduction of turbulence for \( St = O(1) \sim O(10) \), hence the particles extract the turbulent energy from the flow and dissipate it. Elgobashi et al. [19] used a two-way coupling approach to study the TKE production and dissipation for a system with small spherical particle, \( Re_p \leq 1 \) and \( St \) based on the Kolmogorov time scale \( \tau_\eta \approx O(10^{-2}) \) to \( O(10^1) \). The aim was to update previous results, especially regarding small particles, Zone A in Figure 1, and they found that TKE and its dissipation rate \( \varepsilon \) are functions of \( St \). Luo Fan et al. [20] studied a two phase solid-gas jet flow by developing a DNS technique with a two-way coupling method at moderate \( Re \) and \( St = 0.01 \), 1 and 50. They found attenuation in TKE for the cases that were studied.

The particles will not be able to follow the motion of smaller eddies perfectly as their size increases and they will follow eddies of larger scale, more frequency [21]. Larger particles lead to an increase in TKE, as detected by [22]. The reason to this may be vortex shedding behind the particle. For very high \( St \) or particles with diameter around the Taylor length scale, \( St \) cannot be used to describe the characteristics of the turbulent modification [23]-[25]. The particle relaxation time definition based on the analytical solution of Stokes equation for creeping flow (for particle falling from rest in stagnant fluid) can be safely applied to small particles of \( dp \sim \eta \) following the Kolmogorov theorem, \( Re_\eta \sim 1 \). For larger particles inertia becomes important and the carrying phase has no obvious influence on the motion of the particles [26]. In this region, where inertia is significant, the assumptions, \( Re_\eta \sim 1 \), for which relaxation time scales have been derived is no longer valid. Mandø [17] investigated particles with \( St = 10 - 1000 \). For \( 10 < St < 60 \), the turbulent intensity TI is attenuated or stay unchanged as shown in Figure 2. Increasing \( St \) over 60 may however result in as well amplification as attenuation of TI and notice that the attenuation can be substantial. Based on a review, Tanaka and Eaton [18] could not find any trend for turbulent modification that is independent on the fluid studied, as shown in Figure 3.

The discussion, so far, on \( St \) is based on the assumption of spherical particles. For non-spherical particles additional mechanism with coupled translational and rotational motion should be included. To exemplify, on top of
the translational relaxation time scale there is a rotational relaxation time scale that is strongly depend on the rotation axis of the particle making it rather difficult to define a single relaxation time [27].

5. Particle Reynolds Number & Reynolds Number

Reynolds number \( Re = u_L/\nu \) is the ratio of fluid inertia fluid viscosity and \( Re_p \) can be identified as the ratio of inertia to viscosity in the fluid close to the surface of the particle. \( Re_p \) decides the nature of the flow around a particle, the type of boundary layer around the particle (laminar or turbulent) and the occurrence of vortex shedding. In general, studies yield turbulent attenuation for low \( Re_p \) and turbulent amplification for \( Re_p \geq 400 \) [28]. The latter may be explained with a transfer of some of the flow kinetic energy into turbulence through vortex shedding. Geiss [28] found significant turbulence production also for \( Re_p \) less than 400. Mando [17] measured in most cases a decrease in TI when adding spherical particles of \( Re_p < 200 \) while for \( Re_p > 400 \), nearly all measurements on spherical particles gave an amplification in TI, see Figure 4 where the variation in TI is plotted as a function of \( Re_p \) for spherical and non-spherical particles. Mando [17], and the reference therein, argued that wake instability occurs at \( Re_p \approx 130 \) and vortex shedding start at \( Re_p \approx 270 \), which give the indication that the increase in TI could not be solely because of vortex shedding, otherwise, the lower critical value of vortex shedding formation \( Re_p \approx 270 \) would have been the value which distinguishes between increasing and decreasing in

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**Figure 2.** Relation between TI and \( St \) for different particles [17]; Note that particles size are in mm.

**Figure 3.** Turbulent modulation as function of \( St \) and \( Re \) for air and water [18].
Figure 4. Alteration in TI as function of $Re_p$ when adding spherical and non-spherical. Non-spherical $Re_p$ is a function of the equivalent particle diameter and sphericity. The magnitude of vortex shedding now also becomes dependent on the rotation and orientation of the particle axis with respect to the mean flow direction.

In turbulent flow, length scales are affected by the turbulent Reynolds number $Re_t$. Tanaka, Eaton [18] found that Reynolds number based on the integral length scale $Re_t^i$ relates to the ratio of $dp$ and $\eta$ since $Re_t$ sets $\eta$. Reynolds number and the shape of the particles have a major influence on the secondary motion related to non-spherical particle. The particles may move in different ways like slow motion in orbits, translating with maximum cross-section aligned normal to the flow and large periodic swings around the mean path or chaotic tumbling [11]. All these motions will affect the interaction between the two phases.

6. Length Scales

When particles with $dp \sim \eta$ are added to the flow experiments yield that TKE decreases considerably as compared to a case without particles. This implies that $dp/\eta$ is an important non-dimensional variable. However, Eaton [29] argued that most experimental works leading to this conclusion have been conducted with velocities in the range of 10 - 50 m/s and with a large length scale in the order of 10 - 50 mm. With the resulting rather narrow Re range it is not clear if it is correct to scale $dp$ with. On the other hand, Eaton concluded that for $dp \sim \eta$ turbulent eddies may be distorted by individual particles rather than be effected by a cloud of particles. The strong decrease in TKE is thus partly a reflection of local dissipation of turbulence around individual particles. Hwang and Eaton [30] examined isotropic turbulent with no mean flow in a tank with particles where $dp \sim \eta$ and found attenuation in TKE of as much as 35% - 40%. Mando [31] and Gore and Crowe [32] reported that it is better to use the ratio of $dp$ to the characteristic length of the most energetic eddy, $Le$, of the single phase to scale the turbulent modulation. Poelma et al. [33] argued that $Le$ and $\eta$ have a fixed ratio so these length scales will play the same role. This conclusion was based on experiments with spherical particle in solid-gas, solid-liquid and gas-liquid turbulent upward and downward jet and pipe flow. Gore [32] analyzed about 15 studies in order to categorize the modification of the TI at the central region of the flow with usage of the $dp/Le$ ratio. A critical value of $dp/Le \approx 0.1$ was observed, as illustrated in Figure 5, and over this value the relative TI was considerably increased. Gore and Crowe [34] also summarized that with the range of parameters examined there was no large influence of adding particles on $Le$. 
As shown in Figure 5, Mandø [17] found attenuation for \( dp/Le < 0.1 \) and only amplification for \( dp/Le > 0.3 \) for the range of parameters studied. Mandø [17] and references therein defined 200 \( \mu\text{m} \) as the critical diameter above which \( \text{TI} \) increases for a case with particles compared to one without. Small particles follow the dissipative scale eddies and there is momentum transfer from the carrier phase to the particles increasing energy dissipation and reducing the life time of the eddies. In agreement with the results in Figure 4, Figure 5 results in [18] indicate that a variation in \( dp/Le \) has a large effect on the carrier-phase flow.

For non-spherical particles different definitions of the equivalent diameter have been presented and each of them will give different values so the application will decide which one is the most appropriate. To exemplify, [17] used the equivalent volume diameter while [35] used the diameter of the sphere that has the same average Stokesian response time as an ensemble of randomly oriented ellipsoids.

### 7. Particle Volume Fraction and Mass Loading

The volume fraction \( \Phi_v \) may be defined as the volume occupied by the dispersed phase to the unit volume of the carrier phase in two phase flow, while, the mass loading \( \Phi_m \) is defined as the ratio of dispersed to carrier phase mass flow rates. The intermediate volume loading fraction, which is defined by the lower and upper limits for two-way solid-gas interaction, is \( 10^{-6} < \Phi_v < 10^{-3} \). For cases with \( \Phi_v > 10^{-3} \) the particle-particle interaction will be important and the situation is denoted four way-coupling. If \( \Phi_v < 10^{-6} \) the particles are few and there is a large distance between the particles which is referred to a one way coupling case, as shown in Figure 6. Notice that these limits are restricted to spherical particles and that the limits for respectively coupling is typically lower for non-spherical particles.

Some researchers argued that even with a very low \( \Phi_v \) (lower than \( 10^{-4} \)) there is change in turbulence of the carrier phase (two-way coupling) [36] [37], Balachandar, Eaton [10], Hwang and Eaton [30] and Wu et al. [36] (2006) show that there is generally attenuation of turbulence when adding particles and for small particles \( dp < \eta \), the attenuation increased with increased \( \Phi_m \). It was concluded that turbulence modulation was observed even for very small \( \Phi_v \) and \( \Phi_m \). For very small particles with very small \( \Phi_v \) the turbulence is, however, generated almost as for single-phase flow.

Li [38] investigated a fully develop horizontal channel gas-solid flow with \( dp = 60 \) and 110 \( \mu\text{m} \) for small \( \Phi_m \). By a simultaneous two-phase PIV measurement technique they found a reduction in the relative mean velocity in the core region and increase of it in the near wall region when adding particles. It was also found an overall...
attenuation of turbulence, in the boundary layer and in the core region. Hence, although turbulence is attenuated there is an increase in transport of momentum form the core to the boundaries. Li [39] used the same experimental set-up with simultaneous two-phase PIV high spatial resolution and a small interrogation window to enhance the accuracy. One result was that particle inertia changes the viscous sub-layer of the carrier fluid turbulence another result was a modification in turbulence with a very small $\Phi$.

Tanaka [22] studied the microscopic particle-fluid interaction around particles with a high resolution PIV system. In general, there was attenuation of turbulence for the parameters studied with a maximum reduction of 25%. By using the two-point correlation it was found that the dissipation rate was significantly less altered as compared to the TKE. This finding was explained with two mechanisms. First, as the large scale turbulence attenuate there is less energy to be transferred to the smaller scales and less dissipation can be predicted. On the other hand, the particles were heavy, relative to the gas and owing to this, the particles themselves produce vortices and amplify the rate of dissipation. Measurements near the particles show that the TKE attenuated because of the large density ratio, $\approx 10^{-3}$, so the particles behave like localized dampers for the turbulence, with strong energy dissipation around them. Hence the particles contribute to transport of the momentum as previously discussed.

Other studies show small $\Phi_v$ has no influence on the carrier phase turbulence modulation, indicating that a one-way coupling approach is sufficient, [40]. Sad Chemloul [41] studied the effect of glass particles on water pipe flow with LDA and found a reduction in TI as a function of an increase in volume fraction particles. Mandø [17] investigated large particles in the form of spheres, disks, and prolate spheroids, in a vertical jet setup with a standard LDA system. Both attenuation and amplification was found for the St investigated. The author established a clear relation between turbulent modulation and $\Phi_v$. Only amplification was observed for $\Phi_v > 2 \times 10^{-4}$ while only attenuation was observed for $\Phi_v < 2 \times 10^{-5}$. In agreement with [39] it was confirmed that $\Phi_v = 10^{-6}$ is a distinguishing limit between one-way and two-way coupling. Li [39] and Mandø [17] found more attenuation in turbulence when moving from spherical to non-spherical shaped particles (actually in conflict with [35], see Figure 7 showing the relation between TI and volume fraction $\Phi_v$ as derived from the literature with spherical and non-spherical particles. Goswami [42] investigated a two-dimensional fully developed vertical solid-gas turbulent flow (1 m developing section, and length to width ratio = 25). At low $\Phi_v$ they found no significant effect from of the solid phase on the carrier phase.

It has been observed that the fractions $\Phi_m$ and/or $\Phi_v$ of non-spherical particles influence the flow. It has, for instance, been shown that the turbulence intensity increased in regions with increase in fiber volume concentration [16]. In the cases where qualitative effect was found, [31] for instance, it has been argued that this is a result of interactions with the length scale. This may be an evidence of that the mechanism of the carrier phase turbulent modulation takes place near the particle size scale or at least the important part of it.
8. Particle Momentum Number

A relatively new dimensionless number, the Particle momentum number $Pa$, was proposed by [18] for the particle laden Navier-Stokes equation in order to classify results from the literatures into TKE amplification and attenuation respectively. The definition is $Pa = \frac{St}{Re^2} \left( \frac{\eta}{Le} \right)$ which is equal to $Pa \approx \frac{St}{\left(ReLe\right)^{1/4}}$ [43]. By plotting $Pa$ as function of $ReL$, Tanaka and Eaton found that there was augmentation in TKE for $Pa < 10^3$ and attenuation for $10^3 < Pa < 10^5$. Another area of augmentation was found after $Pa = 10^5$, as shown in Figure 8. As usually when dealing with $St$, Tanaka and Eaton derived the particle response time with the assumption of creeping flow which is valid for $Re < 1$. Lohse [43] had two viewpoints related to the non-monotonic behavior of TKE with $Pa$ and the relation of $Pa$ with $St$ and $Re^{1/4}$. By usage of data from numerical simulations with two-way-coupled point-particles in Navier-Stokes turbulence and data for lower $Re$ a systematic trend may be found. Also, data for particles lighter than the carrier phase could be a good extension. In general, more data is required before decisive conclusion can be made. At the moment, $Pa$ may be rescaled with the aim to eliminate the effect of using different fluids by multiplying $Pa$ with relevant properties of the fluid like relative density and relative viscosity or both. As shown in Figure 9 a monotonic behavior of TKE with $Pa$ multiplied with fluid to water viscosity $Pa \frac{\mu_f}{\mu_w}$ is then obtained.

9. Conclusions

A critical review of the most important mechanisms and variables for the classification of turbulent modulation in the presence of spherical and non-spherical particles has been presented. At the moment there is no agreement in the scientific community on a single dimensionless number that can safely describe the influence of particles in turbulent flow. Hence, additional evaluations of turbulent modulation are required to estimate the interaction of several mechanisms at the level of single particles.

For non-spherical particles additional levels of freedom are introduced and the dependence on drag and lift from the orientation of the particles as and a function of $Re$ adds to the complexity. Therefore, for non-spherical particles, the most convenient solution presently is to use length scales. Alternatively, $Re$ and the response time describe phenomenon related to rotation, orientation and shape.

We showed that each of the important dimensionless numbers has their advantages and drawbacks and none of them covers all parameters relevant to turbulent modulation. The particle momentum number seems promising but need more analyzing and data especially for attenuation in water. Table 2 gives a summary for the
Figure 8. Particle momentum number $Pa$ as function of Reynolds number $ReLe$.

Figure 9. $Pa \mu_f/\mu_w$ as function of Reynolds number $ReLe$.

Table 2. Non-dimensional parameters range for turbulence modulation.

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<th>Factor</th>
<th>Dimensionless parameter</th>
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<td>Response effects</td>
<td>Stokes No.</td>
<td>$St$</td>
<td>$St &lt; 60$ turbulent attenuation, $60 &lt; St$ both attenuation and augmentation</td>
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<td>Inertial effects</td>
<td>Particle Reynolds No.</td>
<td>$Rep$</td>
<td>$Re_f &lt; 200$ only attenuation, $400 &lt; Rep$ only augmentation (spherical particles)</td>
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<td>$Re_f &lt; 200$ only attenuation, $650 &lt; Rep$ augmentation (non-spherical particles)</td>
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<td>Surface effect</td>
<td>length scale ration</td>
<td>$dp/le$</td>
<td>$dp/le &lt; 0.1$ only attenuation, $0.25 &lt; dp/le$ only augmentation</td>
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<tr>
<td>Loading effect</td>
<td>Mass loading, article volume fraction</td>
<td>$\Phi_m, \Phi_r$</td>
<td>$\Phi_r &lt; 10^{-4}$ one way coupling, $10^{-4} &lt; \Phi_r &lt; 10^{-3}$ two way coupling, $10^{-3} &lt; \Phi_r$ four way coupling</td>
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ranges of the parameters describe qualitatively the turbulent modulation.

Many studies were oriented toward introducing a particle source term based on the Euler/Lagrange approach that can account for the effect of spherical particles on the turbulence equations models regarding both augmentation and attenuation. No such source term has successfully been introduced for non-spherical particles.

The review demonstrates the need for more numerical and experimental work with higher accuracy than presented so far and the need to resolve the flow near the surface of particles with the aim to re-evaluate the quantitative effect of different parameters on turbulent modulation. It is very expensive to use the DNS method to resolve the flow of hundreds of particles and the use of LES with point force coupling is limited for small particles $d \leq \eta$.

An interesting observation overall is that the particles may absorb a lot of turbulent energy at the same time as they themselves transport momentum from areas of high flow rate to areas of low flow rate.

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