

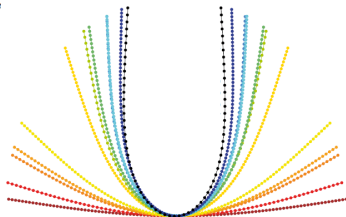
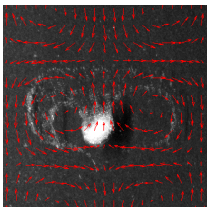
# Sedimentation of particles: collective effects and deformable filaments

## PhD Defense

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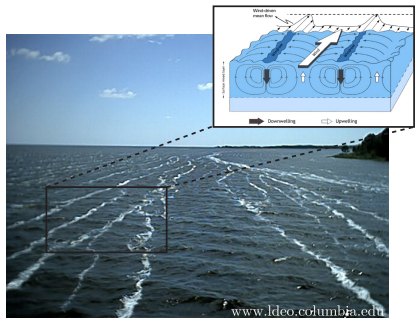
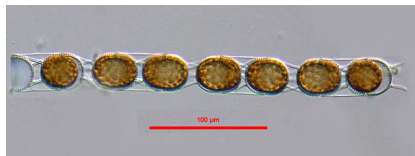
# Flow of particles in industry



Figure 1: Paper industry (upper left) ; Fiber-reinforced concrete (upper right) ; Paris (2014) (middle)



# Flow of particles in nature



**Figure 2:** *Stephanopyxis nipponica* (source: Phycokey, University of New Hampshire) ; Langmuir circulation (source: Tejada-Martinez *et al.* (Phys. Scr., 2013))

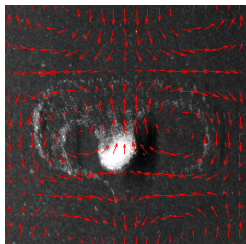


**Figure 3:** Eyjafjöll, Island (source: British Met Office (2010))

## Sedimentation of

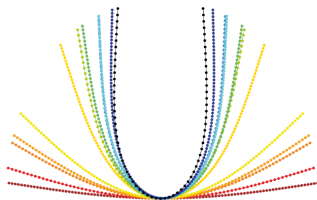
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Cloud of particles  
in vortical flow



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Flexible fiber in a  
quiescent viscous fluid

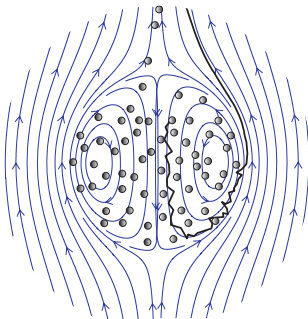


Experimental and numerical investigations

# Part 1

## Sedimentation of cloud of particles in a vortical flow

# Collective dynamics: viscous regime ( $Re_a \sim 10^{-4}$ )

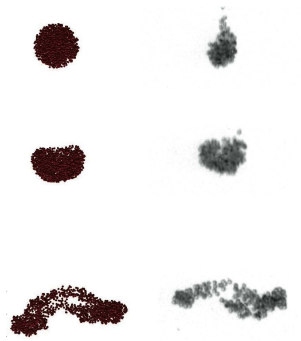


**Figure 4:** Flow produced by a cloud of particles (**source:** Metzger, B. and Guazzelli, E. (2008), *Reflets de la physique*)

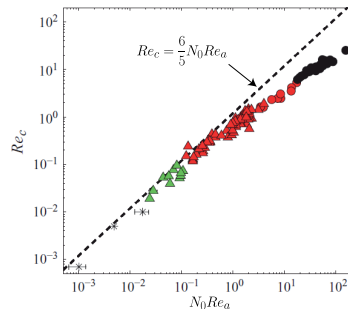


**Figure 5:** Snapshots of a cloud of particles settling in a quiescent fluid. (Left) Numerical simulation, (Right) Experimental (**source:** Metzger, B. *et al.* (2007), *JFM*)

# Collective dynamics: weak inertia regime ( $Re_a \sim 10^{-2}$ )

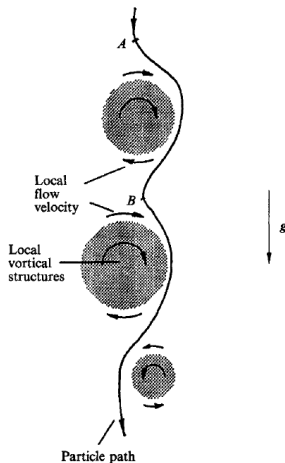


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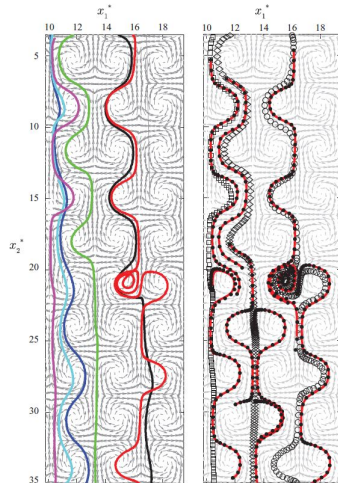


**Figure 7:**  $Re_c$  vs  $N_0 Re_a$  (source: Pignatel, F. et al. (2011), JFM)

# Dynamic in turbulent or vortical flow

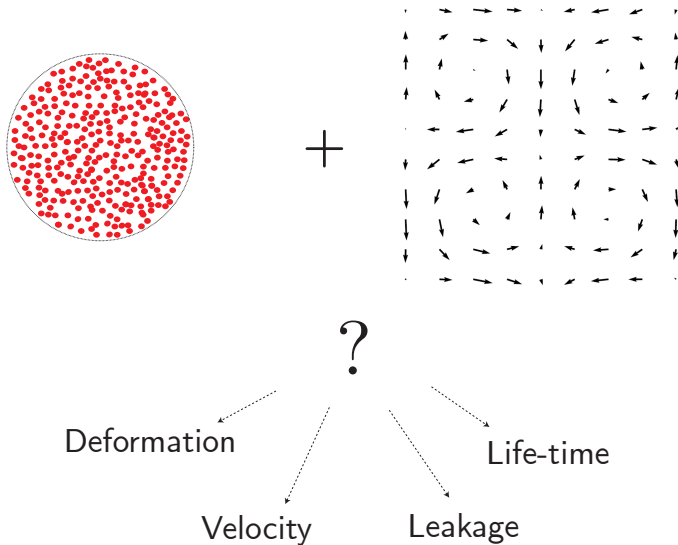


**Figure 8:** Sketch showing the preferential sweeping mechanism for a heavy particle interacting with local flow vortical structures. (source: Wang, L. and Maxey, M.R., JFM (1993))



**Figure 9:** Experimental and numerical trajectories of a particle settling in a vortical flow (source: Bergougnoux, L. *et al.* (2014), PoF)

# Collective dynamics in vortical flow



# Dimensional analysis

## Physical quantities

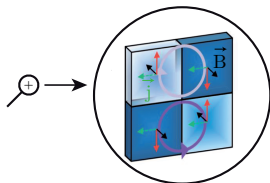
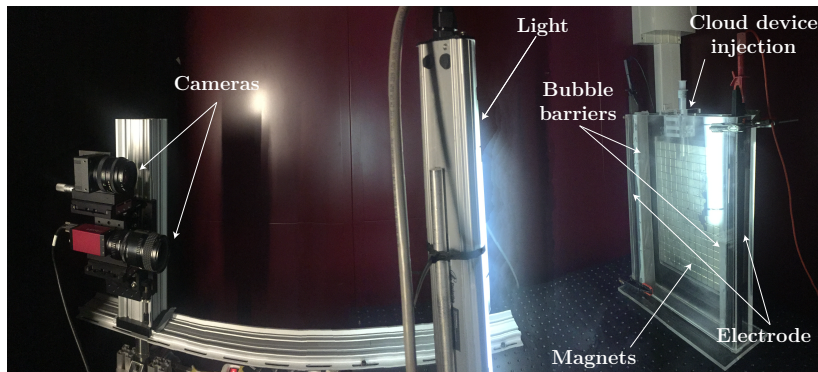
- Fluid:  $\rho_f$ ,  $\mu$ ,  $U_0$  and vortex size  $k^{-1} = L/\pi$
- Particles:  $a$  and  $\rho_p$
- Cloud: radius,  $R_c$ , and number of particles,  $N_0$
- Gravitational acceleration  $g$

## 6 independent dimensionless numbers

- Flow Reynolds number:  $Re_k = \rho_f U_0 k^{-1} / \mu$
- Stokes to flow velocity ratio:  $W = U_s / U_0$
- Number of particles  $N_0$
- Particle Reynolds number:  $Re_a = \rho_f U_s a / \mu$  or alternatively the dimensionless inertial length  $kl$  or  $\ell / R_c$  with  $\ell = a / Re_a$
- Particle to vortex size ratio:  $P = a / k^{-1}$  or alternatively cloud to vortex size ratio:  $Q = R_c / k^{-1}$
- Stokes number,  $St = \frac{2}{9}(\rho_p + \frac{\rho_f}{2}) \frac{a^2 k U_0}{\mu}$ , always kept small in the present experiment



# Experimental setup

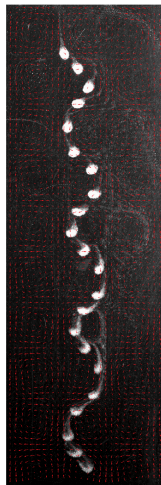
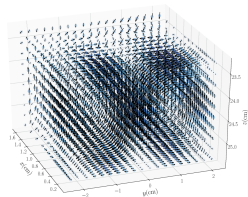


- Particles: Polystyrene ( $a = 70\mu m$ ,  $a = 115\mu m$ ) and PMMA particle ( $a = 175\mu m$ )
- 2 fluids:
  - 1) 83% water + 7% citric acid + 10% Ucon<sup>TM</sup> oil
  - 2) 64% water + 36% citric acid

Tabeling *et al.*, Europhys. Lett.(1987)

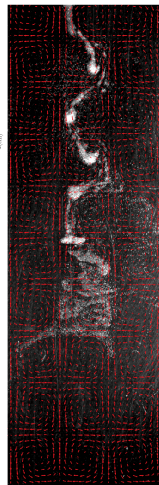
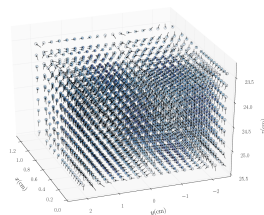
# Two regimes: viscous and weak inertia

Viscous regime



$$\begin{aligned}
 2200 < N_\theta < 20000 \\
 2 \cdot 10^{-3} < W < 2 \cdot 10^{-2} \\
 0.7 < Re_k < 2.9 \\
 Re_a \sim 10^{-4} \\
 0.01 < P < 0.02 ; 0.2 < Q < 0.4
 \end{aligned}$$

Weak inertia regime



$$\begin{aligned}
 300 < N_\theta < 700 \\
 5 \cdot 10^{-2} < W < 10^{-1} \\
 6.8 < Re_k < 13.6 \\
 Re_a \sim 10^{-2} \\
 P \sim 0.03 ; 0.4 < Q < 0.6
 \end{aligned}$$

# Numerical method: Stokeslet in viscous regime

Validity:  $Re_a \ll 1$

- Linearity of equations
- Sum of interactions

A cloud of size  $Q$  with  $N_0$  particles

$$\hat{r}_i^\alpha = \hat{V}_i^{PIV}(\hat{r}_i^\alpha) + W \delta_{i3} + \frac{3}{4} P W \sum_{\alpha \neq \beta}^{N_0-1} \left[ \frac{\delta_{i3}}{\hat{r}^{\alpha\beta}} + \frac{\hat{r}_i^{\alpha\beta} \hat{r}_3^{\alpha\beta}}{(\hat{r}^{\alpha\beta})^3} \right]$$

with  $P = a/k^{-1}$  and  $W = U_s/U_0$

Length scale:  $k^{-1}$ , Velocity scale:  $U_0$

Metzger *et al.*, JFM (2007)

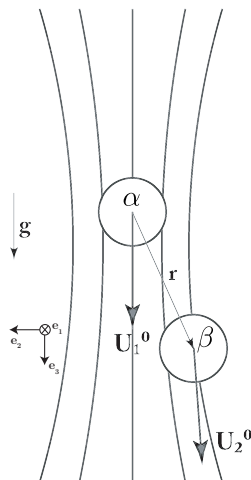


Figure 10: Two spheres settling in a quiescent viscous fluid (source: Guazzelli, E. and Morris, J.F., A Physical Introduction to Suspension Dynamics, Cambridge University Press (2011))

# Numerical method: Oseenlet in weak inertia regime

A cloud of size  $Q$  with  $N_0$  particles

$$\hat{r}_i^\alpha = \hat{V}_i^{PIV}(\hat{r}_i^\alpha) + \mathbf{W} \delta_{i3} + \frac{3}{4} \mathbf{PW} \sum_{\alpha \neq \beta}^{N-1} \left\{ \frac{\hat{r}_i^{\alpha\beta}}{(\hat{r}^{\alpha\beta})^2} \left[ \frac{2\ell^*}{\hat{r}^{\alpha\beta}} (1 - \hat{E}) - \hat{E} \right] + \frac{\hat{E}}{\hat{r}^{\alpha\beta}} \delta_{i3} \right\}$$

$$\hat{E} = \exp \left[ - \left( 1 + \frac{\hat{r}_3^{\alpha\beta}}{\hat{r}} \right) \frac{\hat{r}^{\alpha\beta}}{2\ell^*} \right]$$

$$\ell^* = (a/Re_a)/R_c$$

Pignatelli et al., JFM (2011)

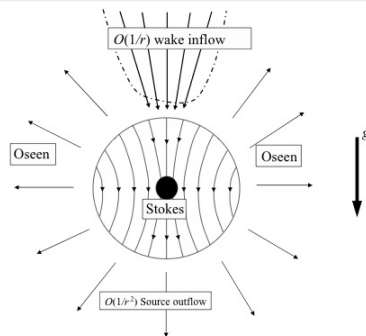
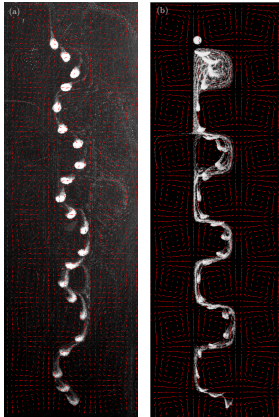


Figure 11: Oseen solution: flow around a sphere settling in a quiescent fluid at weak inertia (source: Subramanian and Koch, JFM (2008))

# Qualitative comparisons



**Figure 12:** Viscous regime.  
Experimental (a) and numerical (b) results.  
 $N_0 \approx 2500$ ,  $Re_a = 10^{-4}$  and  
 $Re_k \approx 2.9$

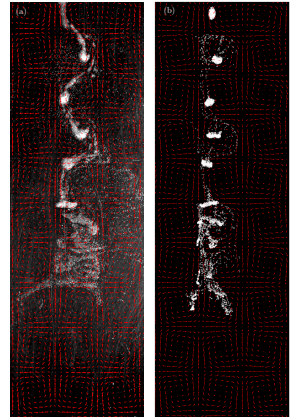
## Motion of the cloud

The cloud tends to settle along the downstream flow regions.

→ zigzagging motions  
**Preferential sweeping**

The cloud successively **expands** and **shrinks** when settling through the successive elongational portions of the flow.

Increasing inertia enhances the cloud deformation.



**Figure 13:** Weak inertia regime.  
Experimental (a) and numerical (b) results.  
 $N_0 \approx 500$ ,  $Re_a = 10^{-2}$  and  
 $Re_k \approx 13.6$

# Quantitative comparisons: cloud velocity and deformation

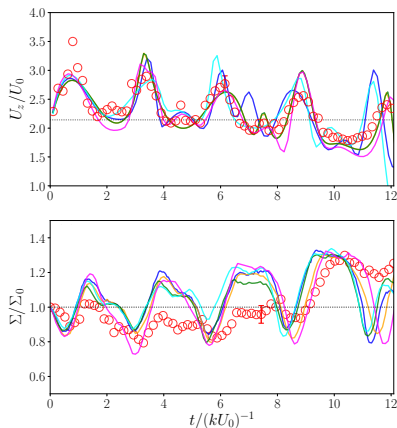


Figure 14: Viscous regime

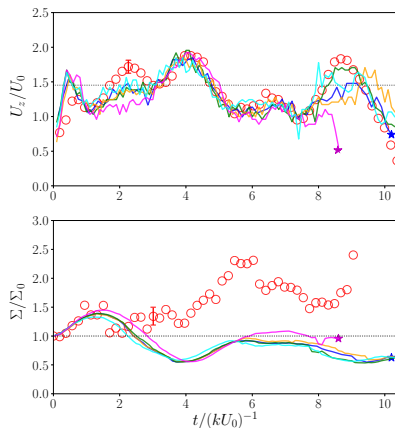
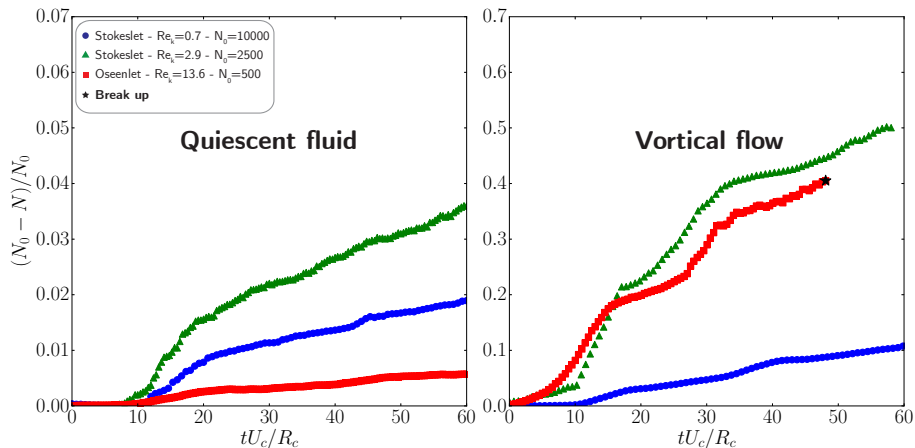


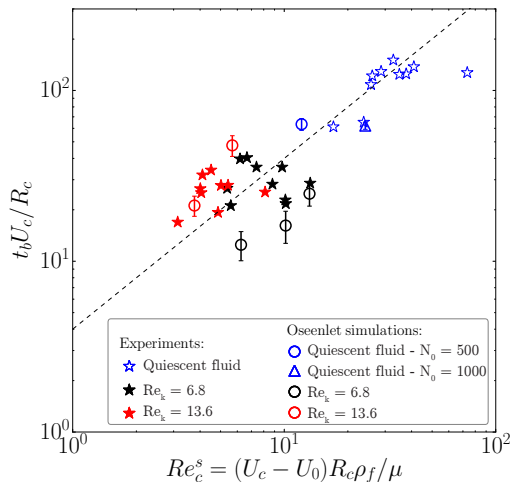
Figure 15: Weak inertia regime

# Leakage of particles



- The leakage is intensified by the vortical flows
- The leakage is amplified with inertia (using the Oseenlet modeling)

# Life-time of the cloud



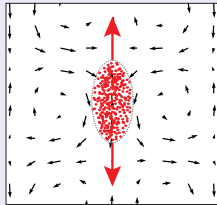
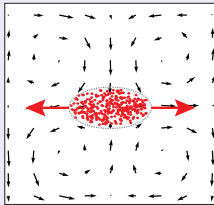
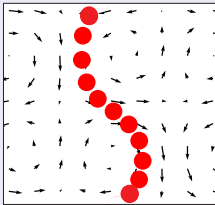
## Break-up time of the cloud versus the slip Reynolds number

- The cloud life-time is reduced by the presence of vortex flows
- Increase of  $t_b U_c / R_c$  with increasing  $Re_c^s$
- Great sensitivity to the initial position and the 3D velocity field



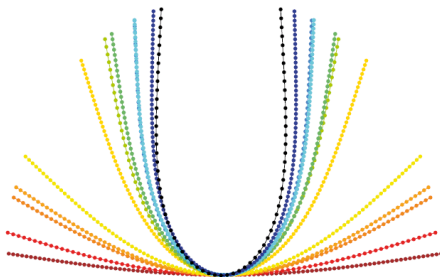
## Conclusion

- Joint experimental and numerical investigation to examine the dynamics of clouds of particles settling in cellular flows composed by counter-rotating vortices
- Success of the point-particle simulation by using Stokeslet for the viscous regime and Oseenlet for the finite inertia regime
- The cellular structure affects the cloud aspect ratio, increases particle leakage, and decreases the cloud life-time (for finite inertia)

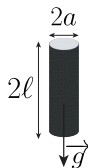
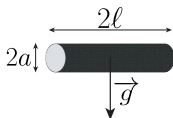


## Part 2

# Sedimentation of a flexible fiber in a quiescent viscous fluid



# Sedimentation of a rigid fiber in viscous regime



## Drag force $\perp$

$$F_{\perp}^{drag} = C_{\perp} \mu U_{\perp} (2\ell)$$

$$C_{\perp} = \frac{4\pi}{\ln(4\kappa^{-1}) - 1/2}$$

$$U_{\perp} = \frac{\Delta\rho g a^2 [\ln(4\kappa^{-1}) - 1/2]}{4\mu}$$

## Drag force $\parallel$

$$F_{\parallel}^{drag} = C_{\parallel} \mu U_{\parallel} (2\ell)$$

$$C_{\parallel} = \frac{2\pi}{\ln(4\kappa^{-1}) - 3/2}$$

$$U_{\parallel} = \frac{\Delta\rho g a^2 [\ln(4\kappa^{-1}) - 3/2]}{2\mu}$$

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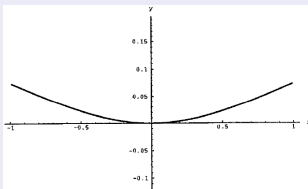
$$\kappa^{-1} = \frac{\ell}{a} \text{ and } U_{\parallel}/U_{\perp}(\kappa^{-1}) = C_{\perp}/C_{\parallel}(\kappa^{-1}) \approx 1.5 - 1.7$$

Cox, JFM (1970)

# Deformation of a flexible fiber: various types of modeling

## Slender body theory

- Analytical solution for small deformation



Xu and Nadim, PoF (1994)

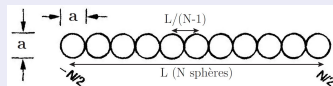
- Numerical simulation for  $\ell/a \gg 1$



Li *et al.*, JFM (2013)

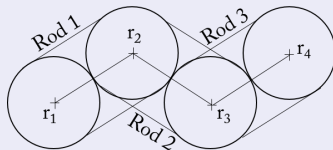
## Connected beads

- String of connected bead with bending moments



Cosentino Lagomarsino *et al.*, PRL (2005)

- Gear model



Delmotte *et al.*, J. Comp. Phys. (2015)

# Dimensional analysis

## Physical quantities

- Fluid:  $\rho_f$  and  $\mu$
- Fiber:  $a$ ,  $\ell$ ,  $\rho_{fiber}$  and  $E$
- Gravitational acceleration  $g$

## 4 independent dimensionless numbers

- Aspect ratio  $\kappa^{-1} = \ell/a$
- Elasto-gravitational number:  $\mathcal{B} = \frac{\text{Gravity force}}{\text{Elastic force}} = \frac{F_G(2\ell)^2}{EI}$   
 With  $F_G = \Delta\rho(2\ell)\pi a^2 g$  and  $I = \pi a^4/4$   
 or Elasto-viscous number:  $\mathcal{V} = \frac{\text{Viscous force}}{\text{Elastic force}} = \frac{\mu U(2\ell)^3}{EI}$
- Fiber Reynolds number  $Re = \frac{U\ell\rho_f}{\mu} \ll 1$  or  $Re_a = \frac{Ua\rho_f}{\mu} \ll 1$
- Fiber Stokes number  $St_{fiber} = \frac{1}{3} \frac{a\rho_s U}{\ln(\kappa^{-1})\mu} \ll 1$

# Sedimentation and deformation of flexible fibers

## Elasto-gravitational number

$$\mathcal{B} = \frac{\text{Gravity force}}{\text{Elastic force}} = \frac{F_G(2\ell)^2}{E\pi a^4/4}$$

with  $F_G = \Delta\rho(2\ell)\pi a^2 g$

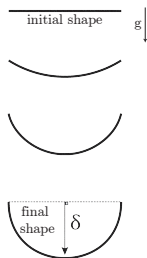


Figure 16: Definition of  $\delta$

- X. Xu and A. Nadim, PoF (1994)
- M. Cosentino Lagomarsino *et al.*, PRL (2005)
- L. Li *et al.*, JFM (2013)
- B. Delmotte *et al.*, J. Compu. Phys.(2015)

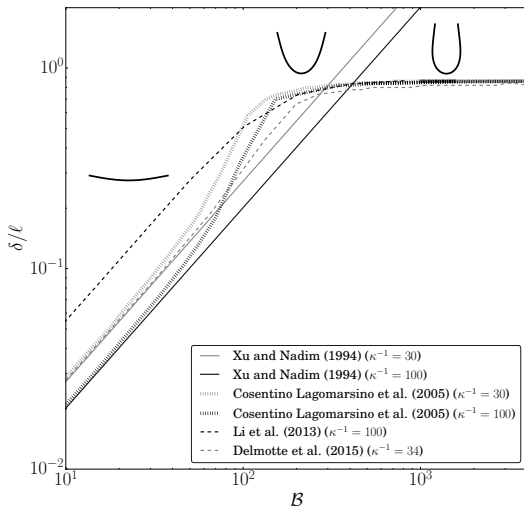
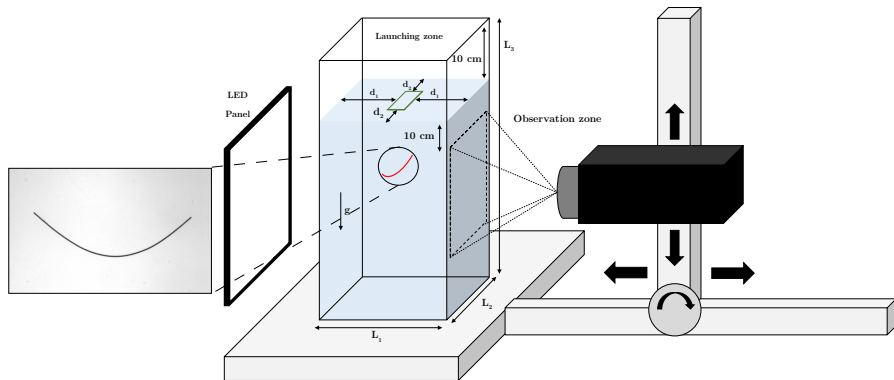


Figure 17: Amplitude of deflection depending on the value of  $\mathcal{B}$

# Experimental setup with V. Raspa and C. Duprat (LadHyX, Palaiseau) and A. Lindner and O. Du Roure (PMMH ,Paris)



Fibers fabricated from silicon-based elastomer (Zermak Elite double 8) and iron molded in capillary tubes

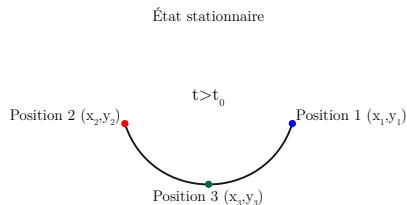
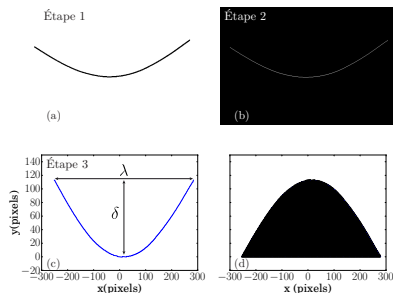
$$30 \lesssim \mathcal{B} \lesssim 1000$$

$$70 < \kappa^{-1} < 300$$

$$Re \lesssim 0.2$$

$$St_{fiber} < 10^{-3}$$

# Experimental parameters

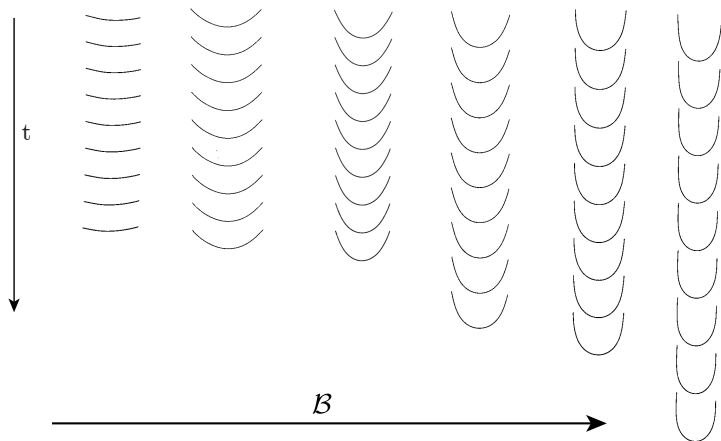


## Parameters measured

- $\delta$  maximum amplitude of deflection
- $\lambda$  end-to-end distance
- $U$  velocity



# Chronophotographies in the stationary state



**Figure 18:** Flexible filaments settling in a quiescent viscous fluid for different  $B$ ; ( $B = 57; 111; 207; 222; 329; 439; 549$ );  $\Delta t = 10a/U_{\perp}$ . (source: V. Raspa and C. Duprat, LadHyX).

# Bead-spring model

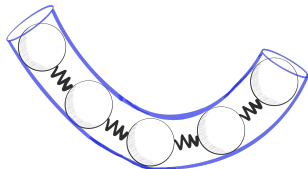


Figure 19: Sketch of a fiber

## Position at each time step

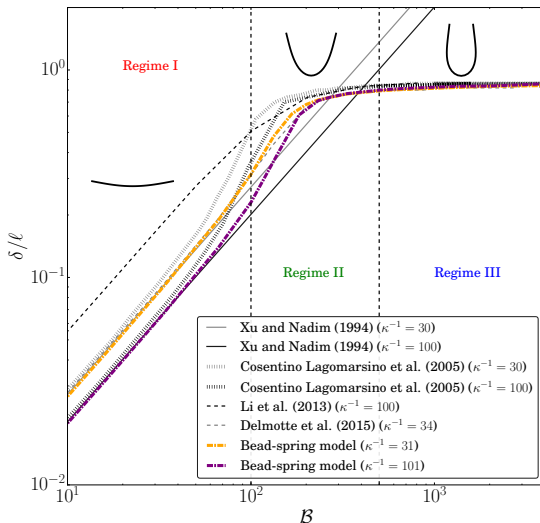
$$\hat{r}_i^\alpha = \sum_{\alpha \neq \beta}^{N-1} \hat{\mathcal{M}}_{ij}^{\alpha\beta} \left( \hat{F}_j^\beta - \varepsilon \frac{\partial \hat{\mathcal{U}}}{\partial \hat{r}_j^\beta} \right)$$

with  $\varepsilon = 24\kappa^{-3}/\mathcal{B}$

- $\mathcal{M}$ : mobility matrix Rotne-Prager-Yamakawa. Sum of hydrodynamic interactions of the spheres
- $F^\beta$ : external force due to the gravity on each particle
- $\mathcal{U}$  elastic potential combining stretching and bending force

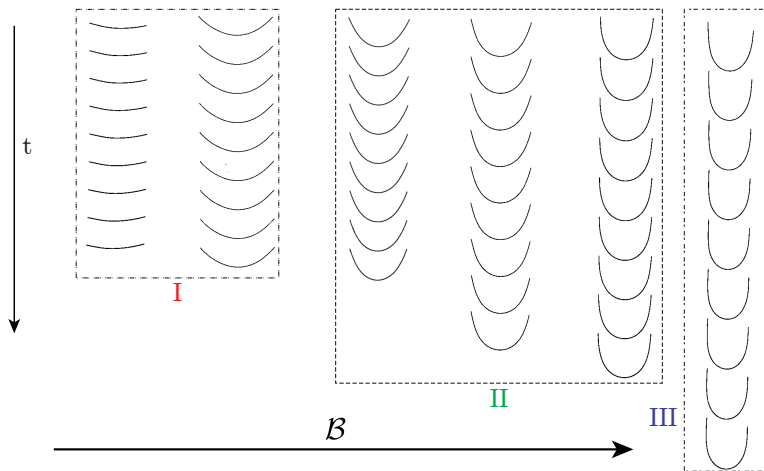
length scale:  $a$  and time scale:  $a/U_s$

# Comparison of amplitude



- **Regime I** : linear deformation with  $B$
- **Regime II** : difference observed between models in the intermediate (reconfiguration) regime
- **Regime III** : saturation at large  $B$

# Chronophotographies in the stationary state



# Three regimes



I

Weak deformation  
 $\mathcal{B} < 100$

$$F_{drag} \approx C_{\perp} \mu U_{\perp} 2\ell$$

$$U \approx U_{\perp}$$

$$\mathcal{B} = C_{\perp} \mathcal{V}$$

$$\frac{\delta}{\ell} \sim \mathcal{B} \text{ and } \frac{\lambda}{\ell} \simeq 2$$



II

Elastic reconfiguration  
 $100 < \mathcal{B} < 500$

$$F_{drag} \sim \mu U \ell_{app}$$

$$\sim \mu U \left[ \frac{S}{\mu U} \right]^{1/2}$$

$$\sim (\mu U)^{1/2} S^{1/2}$$

$$U \approx \mathcal{V}^{1/2} U_{\perp}$$

$$\mathcal{B} \sim \mathcal{V}^{1/2}$$

$$\frac{\delta}{\ell} \sim \mathcal{V}^{1/2} \text{ and } \frac{\lambda}{\ell} \sim \mathcal{V}^{-1/2}$$



III

Large deformation  
 $\mathcal{B} > 500$

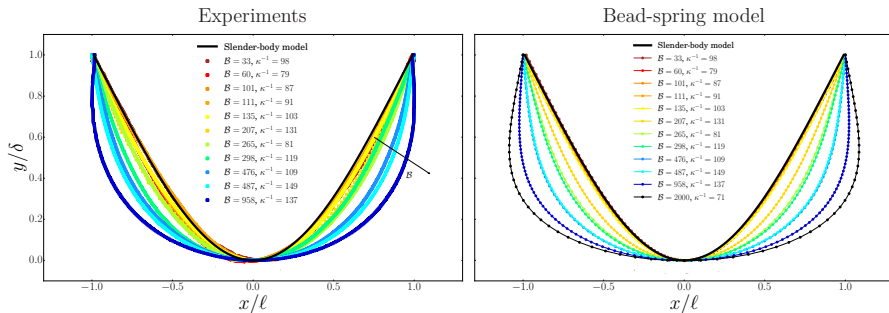
$$F_{drag} \approx 2C_{\parallel} \mu U_{\parallel} \ell$$

$$U \approx U_{\parallel}$$

$$\mathcal{B} = C_{\parallel} \mathcal{V}$$

$$\frac{\delta}{\ell} \simeq 1 \text{ and } \frac{\lambda}{\ell} \simeq \text{small} < 1$$

# Steady shape of the fiber

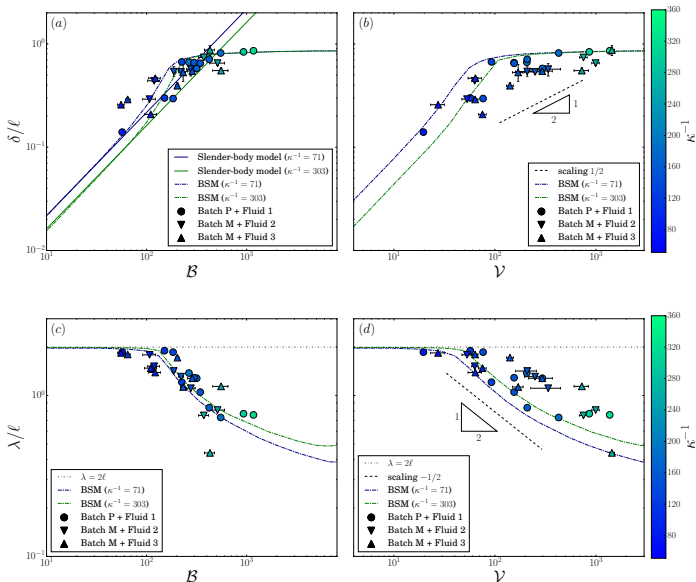


Steady shape scaled by  $\delta$

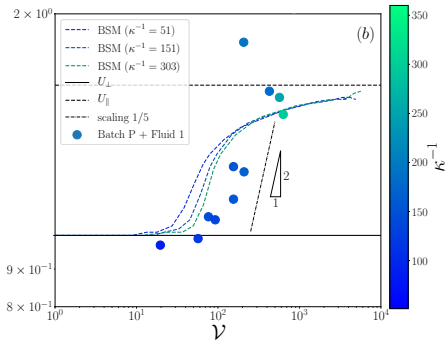
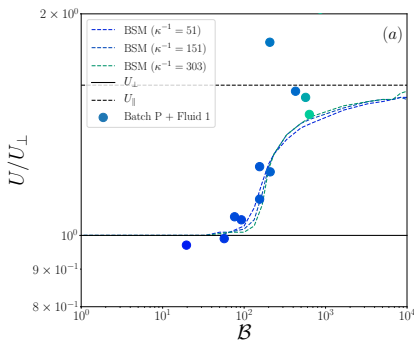
Evolution from a "V" to a "U" shape as  $B$  increased.

⇒ Good agreement between experiments and simulations

# Amplitude and end-to-end distance



# Velocity

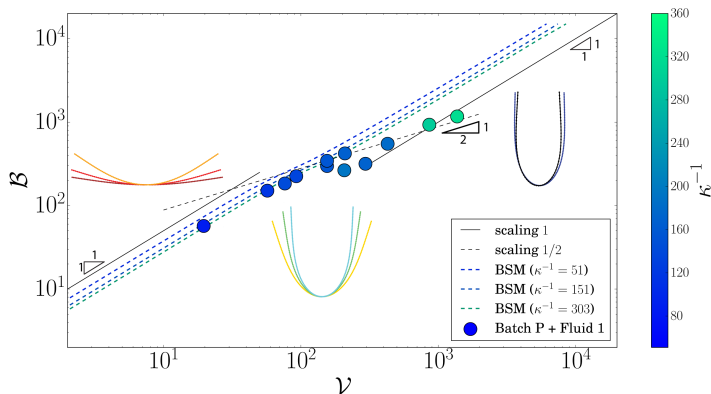


Scaled velocity,  $U/U_{\perp}$ , versus  $B$  and  $V$  for different  $\kappa^{-1}$

- Weak deformation:  $U \simeq U_{\perp}$
- Reconfiguration:  $U/U_{\perp} \sim V^{1/2}(\kappa^{-1})$
- Saturation:  $U = 1.6U_{\perp}$



# Dimensionless drag versus dimensionless velocity



Dimensionless drag,  $\mathcal{B}$ , versus dimensionless velocity,  $\mathcal{V}$ , for different  $\kappa^{-1}$

- Weak deformation:  $\mathcal{B} \approx C_{\perp} \mathcal{V}$
- Reconfiguration:  $\mathcal{B} \sim \mathcal{V}^{1/2}$
- Saturation:  $\mathcal{B} \approx C_{\parallel} \mathcal{V}$

## Conclusion

- Joint experimental, analytical, and numerical investigation of the equilibrium deformation of a flexible fiber settling in a quiescent viscous fluid
- Identification of **3 regimes**:
  - I **weak deformation** ( $\mathcal{B} < 100$ )
  - II **intermediate elastic reconfiguration** ( $100 < \mathcal{B} < 500$ )
  - III **large deformation(saturation)** ( $\mathcal{B} > 500$ )

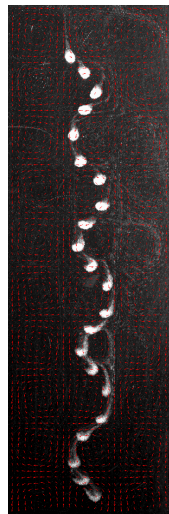
# Conclusion & perspectives

# Conclusion

## Sedimentation of cloud of particles in cellular flows

- Joint experimental and numerical investigation on the cloud dynamic
- Success of Stokeslets in viscous regime and Oseenlets in weak inertia regime
- The cloud zigzags around vortices
- The cloud aspect ratio changes (vertical or horizontal expansion)
- The leakage is amplified by cellular flows
- The life-time is reduced by cellular flows

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# Conclusion

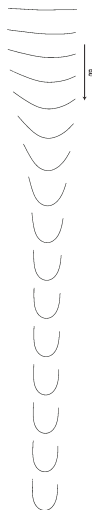
## Sedimentation of flexible fibers

- Joint experimental, analytical, and numerical investigation of the equilibrium deformation
- The identification of three regimes (weak deformation I, intermediate elastic reconfiguration II and large deformation III )

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- Study of the dynamic of deformation of fiber  
→ time to reach the final steady shape

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# Perspectives

## Sedimentation of cloud of particles

- Effect of an increase of the Reynolds number of the flow ( $Re_k > 15$ )
- Sedimentation of a dilute suspension in cellular flows

## Sedimentation of flexible fibers in cellular flows

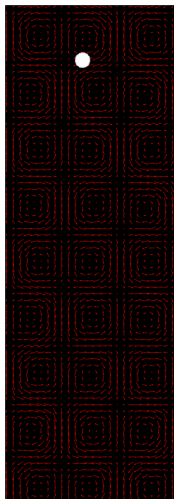
- Individual fiber or a “cloud” of fibers
- Preliminary study: flexible fiber in a shearing flow  
→ contribution of the flow in the fiber deformation

# Thank you for your attention

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# Influence of collectif effects



$$\begin{aligned}N_0 &\approx 2500 \\ P &\approx 0.02 \\ W &\approx 0.02 \\ St_p &< 3 \cdot 10^{-4} \\ Re_k &\approx 0.7 \\ Re_a &= 2 \cdot 10^{-4}\end{aligned}$$

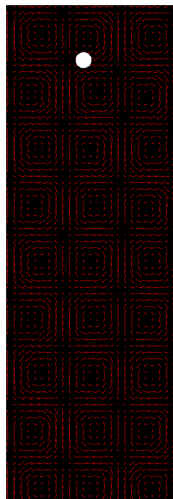
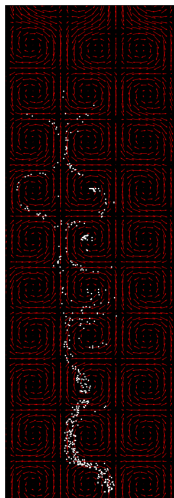


Figure 20: Numerical simulation with interaction between particles (accelerated x8)

Figure 21: Numerical simulation without interaction between particles (accelerated x8)



# Influence of 3D flow field



$$\begin{aligned}N_0 &\approx 500 \\P &\approx 0.03 \\W &\approx 0.05 \\St_p &< 4 \cdot 10^{-3} \\Re_k &\approx 13.6 \\Re_a &= 2 \cdot 10^{-2}\end{aligned}$$

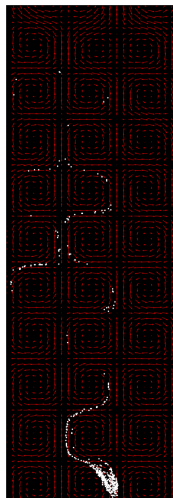
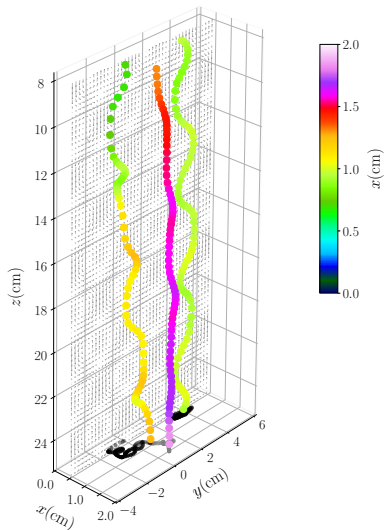


Figure 22: Numerical simulation with 3D flow field

Figure 23: Numerical simulation with 2D flow field

# 3D trajectory of the cloud



# Oseen interactions

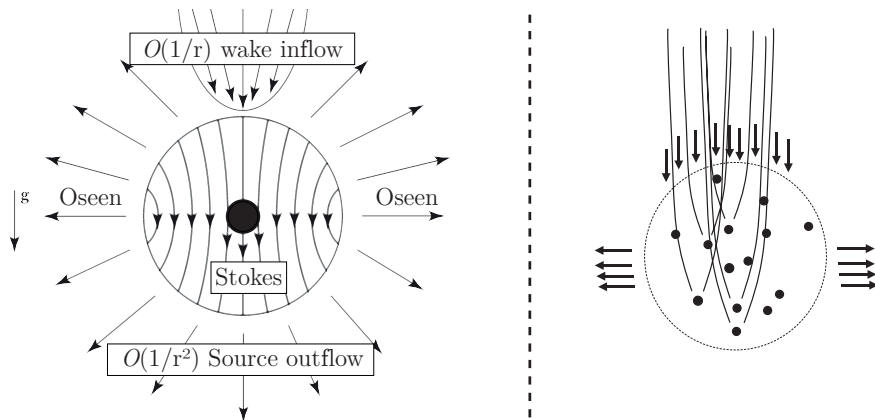


Figure 24: Oseen interactions for an isolated sphere and for suspension(source: Subramanian and Koch, JFM (2008))

# Interaction with vortices

Perturbed streamlines together with the original PIV flow fields

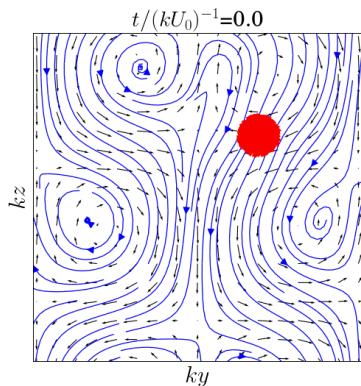


Figure 25: Stokeslet  $N_0 = 2500$  (accelerated x3)

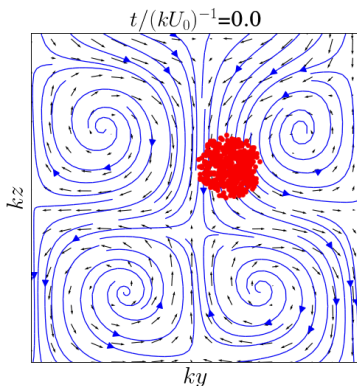
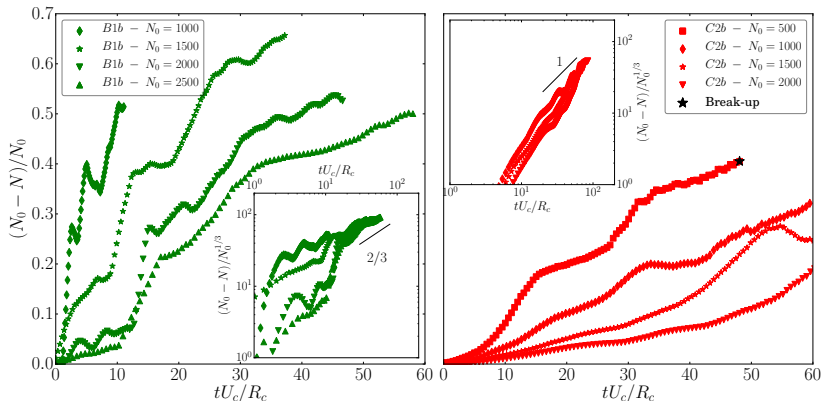


Figure 26: Oseenlet  $N_0 = 500$

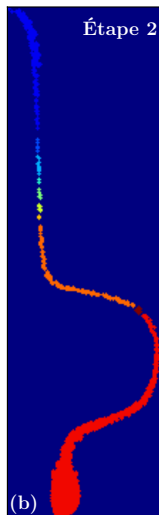
# Leakage of particles



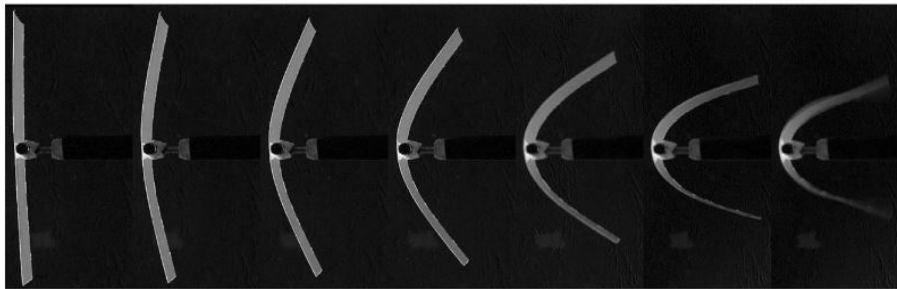
## Particle leakage from the cloud

- The rate of leakage decreases as  $N_0$  increases
- Normalizing the leakage  $N_0 - N$  by  $N_0^{1/3}$  produces a collapse of the data

# Newell algorithm

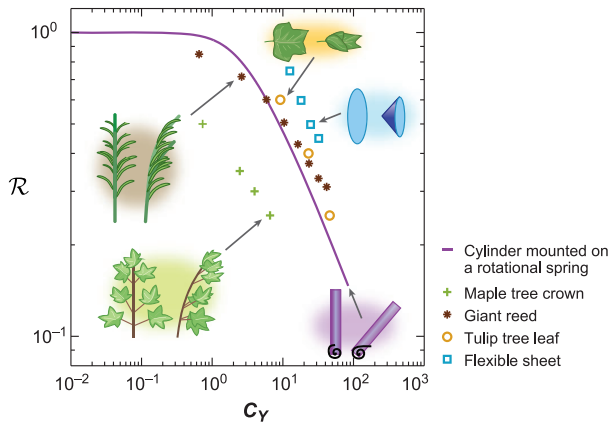


## Typical deformation of a rectangular plate



**Figure 27:** Top view photographs of the deforming plate subjected to flow velocities of 0, 2.4, 3.6, 5, 8.6, 14.2 and  $16.6 \text{ m.s}^{-1}$  (source: Gosselin et al, JFM (2010))

# Typical deformation of a rectangular plate



**Figure 28:** Reconfiguration, with a variation of the drag factor with the Cauchy number (**source:** de Langre et al, Ann. Rev. Fluid Mech (2008))

$$F^{drag} \propto U^{2+E_V} \quad C_Y = \frac{\rho_f L^3 U^2}{16 B_f} \quad \mathcal{R} = \frac{F^{drag}}{\frac{1}{2} \rho_f L W C U^2}$$



# Comparisons

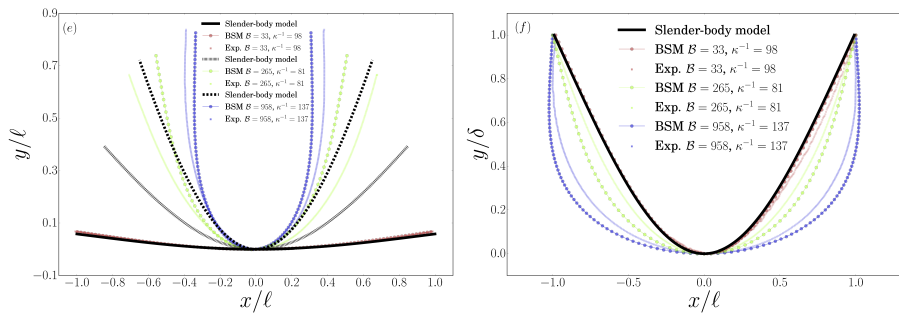


Figure 29: Comparison between experimental and numerical shapes for different  $B$  and  $\kappa^{-1}$

# Shape along the time

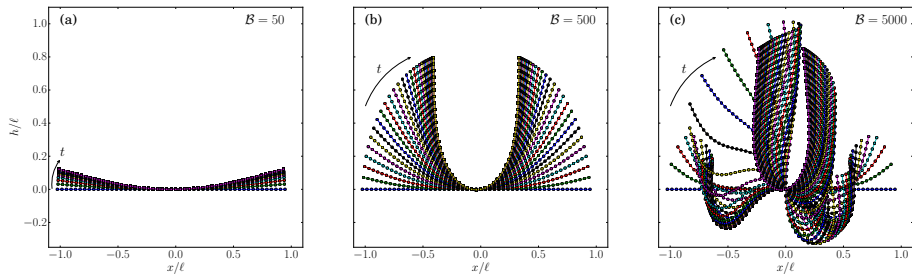


Figure 30: Shape along the time for different  $B$

# Velocity and deformation along the time

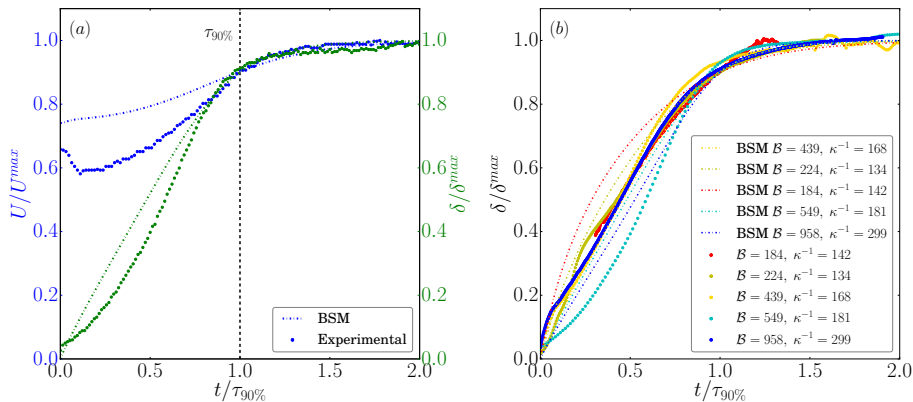


Figure 31:  $U/U^{max}$  and  $\delta/\delta^{max}$  along the time

# Time, $\tau_{90\%}$ to reach the steady shape

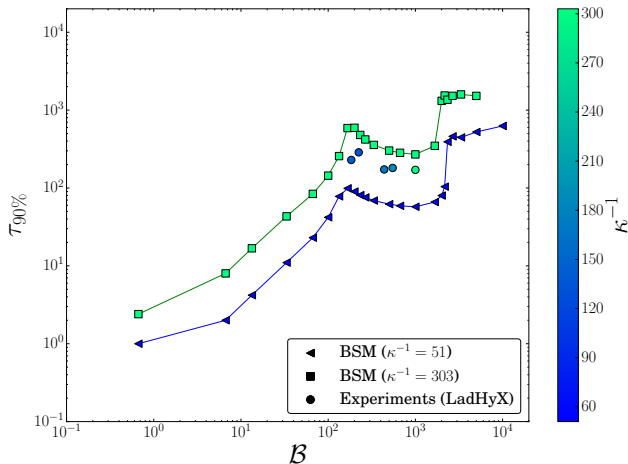


Figure 32:  $\tau_{90\%}$  for different value of  $B$  and  $\kappa^{-1}$

# Fibers settling with different initial angle

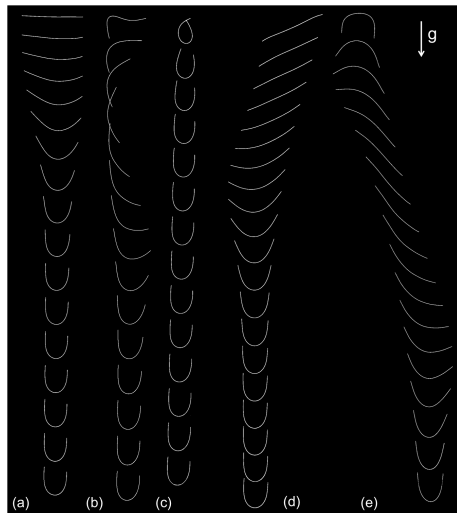


Figure 33: Experimental results from V. Raspa and C. Duprat (LadHyX)

# Slender body analytical deflection for small deformation of a long filament perpendicular to gravity

Net external force density along a slender body in a viscous fluid

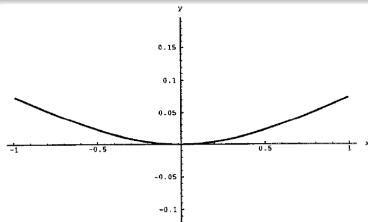
$$f^{ext} = \frac{2\pi\mu U_{\perp}}{\ln(\kappa)^2} \left( 2\ln(2) - 2 - \ln \left[ 1 - \left( \frac{x}{\ell} \right)^2 \right] \right)$$

Final and stationary deformation by solving Euler-Bernoulli equation

$$EI \frac{d^4 y}{dx^4} = f^{ext} \quad (\text{with } y(0) = 0, y'(0) = 0, y''(\ell) = 0, y'''(\ell) = 0)$$

$\vdots$

$$y(x) = -\frac{1}{24} \left[ (1+x)^4 \ln(1+x) + (1-x)^4 \ln(1-x) - \left( \frac{3}{16} + 2\ln(2) \right) x^4 - (1 + 12\ln(2)) x^2 \right]$$



Xu and Nadim, PoF (1994)