



# Fluid-particle drag in polydisperse gas-solid suspensions

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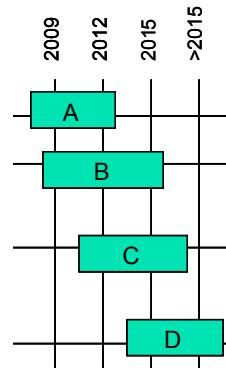
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- Bidisperse drag formulation
- Simulation procedures
- Low Re results
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- Summary



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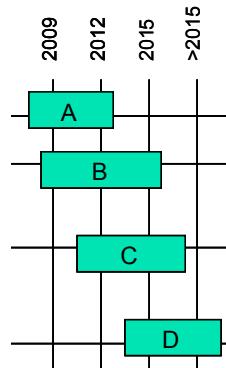


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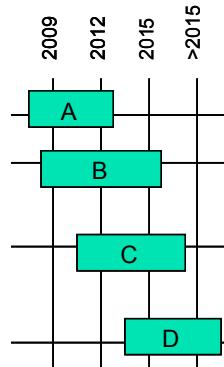


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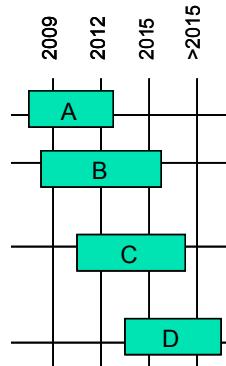


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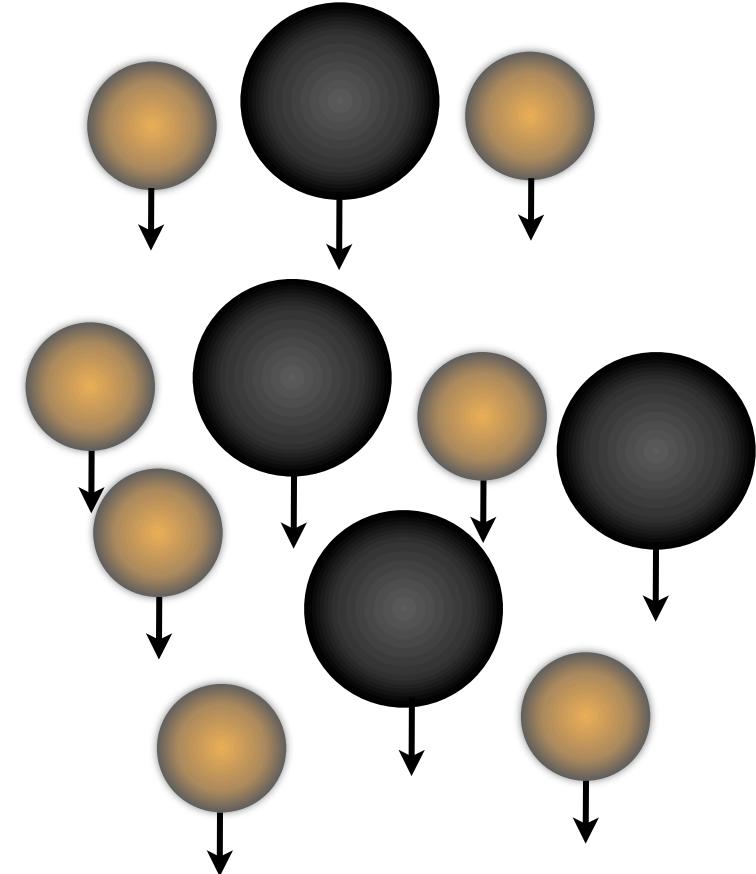
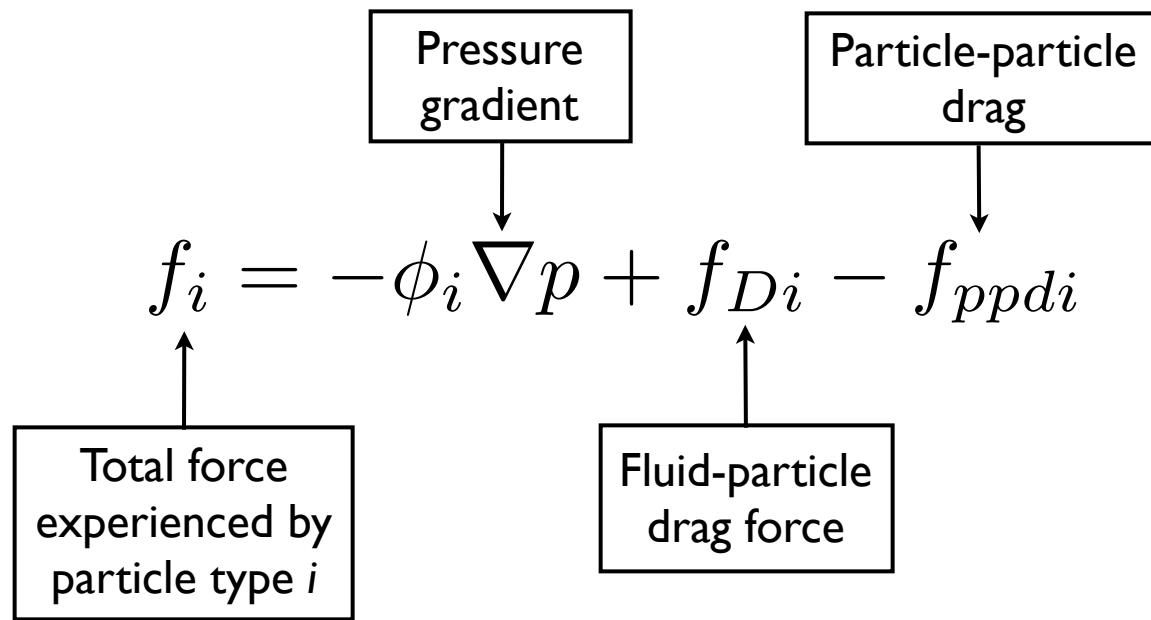
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### Mid-term:

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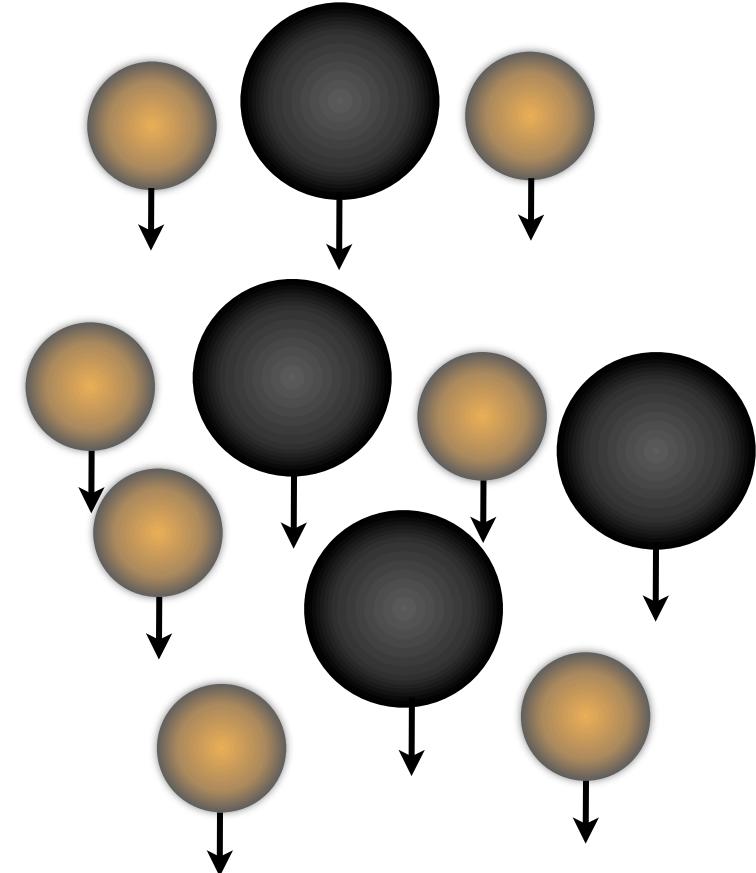
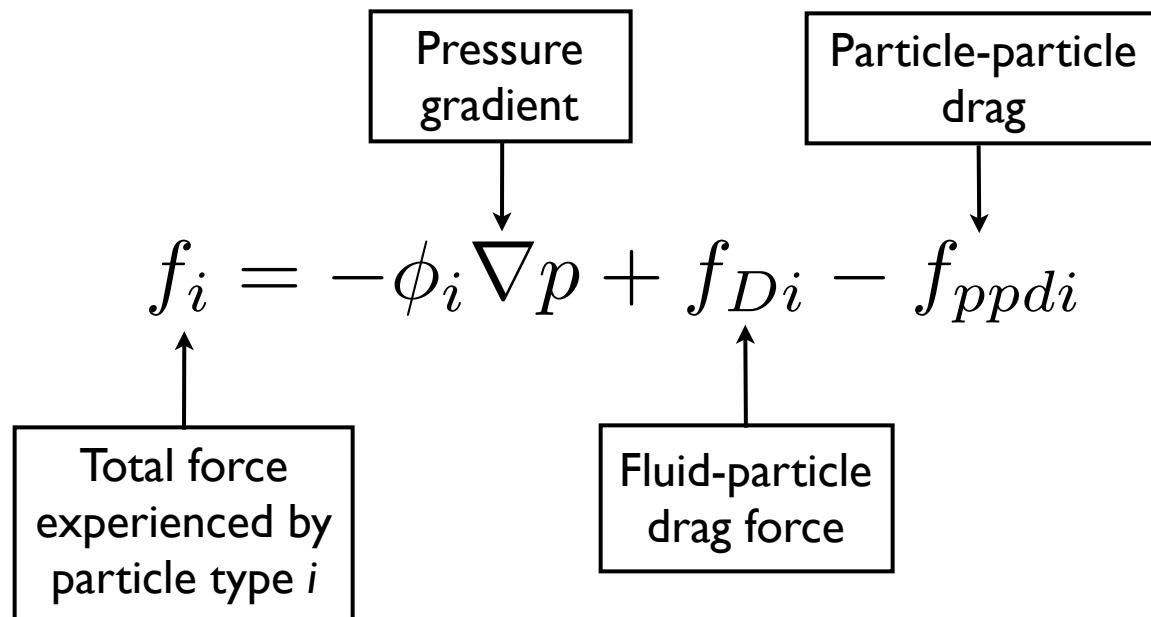


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Average fluid-particle drag per unit volume of suspension

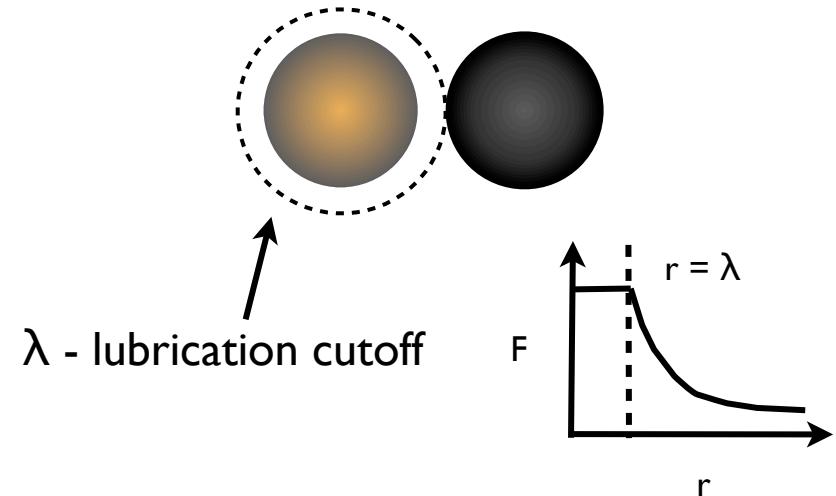


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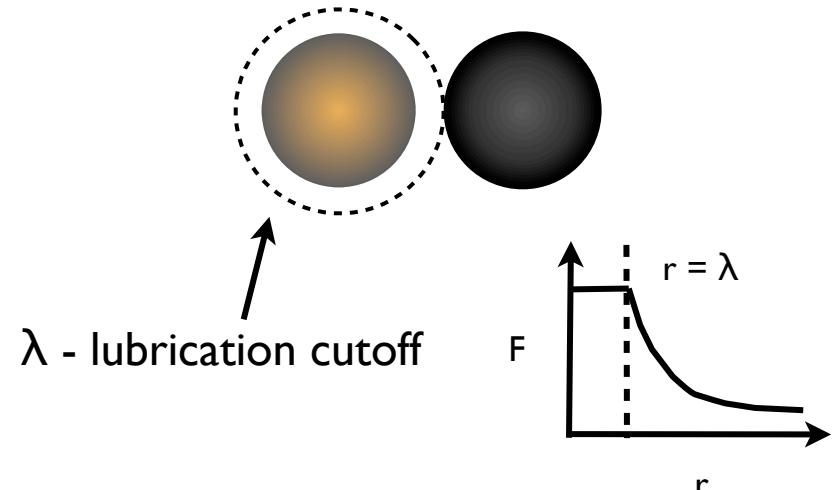
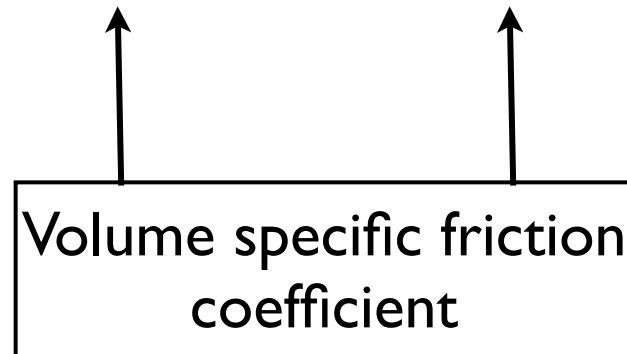




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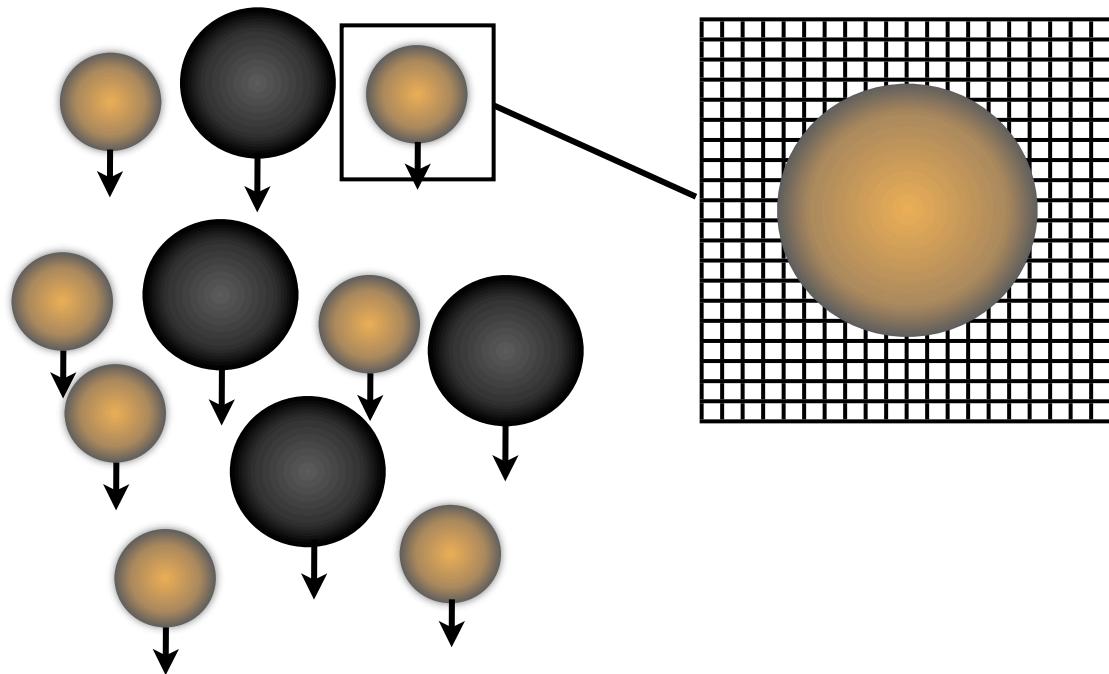
**moderate Re**  $\longrightarrow$

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Fluctuating particle velocities found to be small contribution to the fluid-particle drag force (Wylie and Koch, *JFM* (2003), vol. 480, pp. 95-118)



# Simulation Procedures



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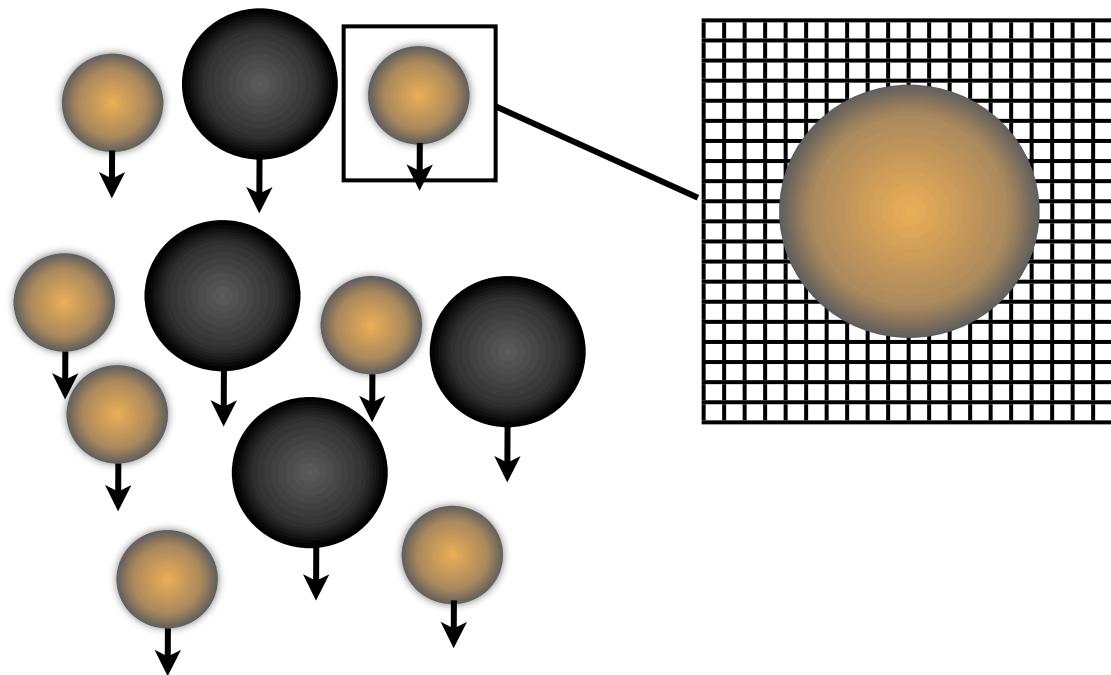
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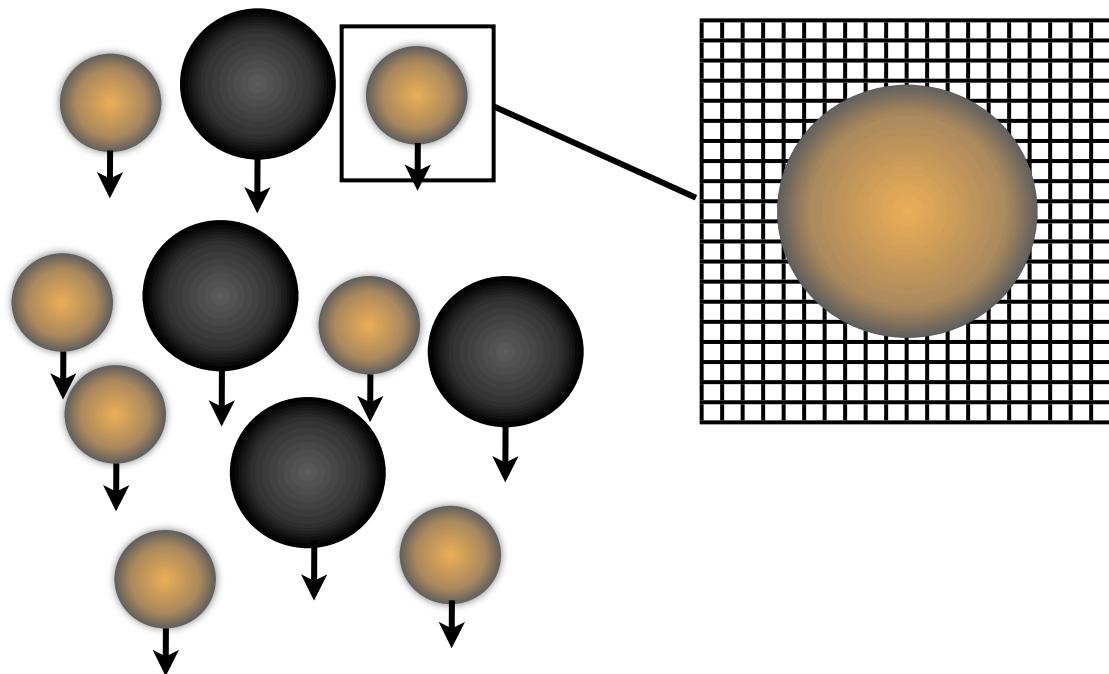
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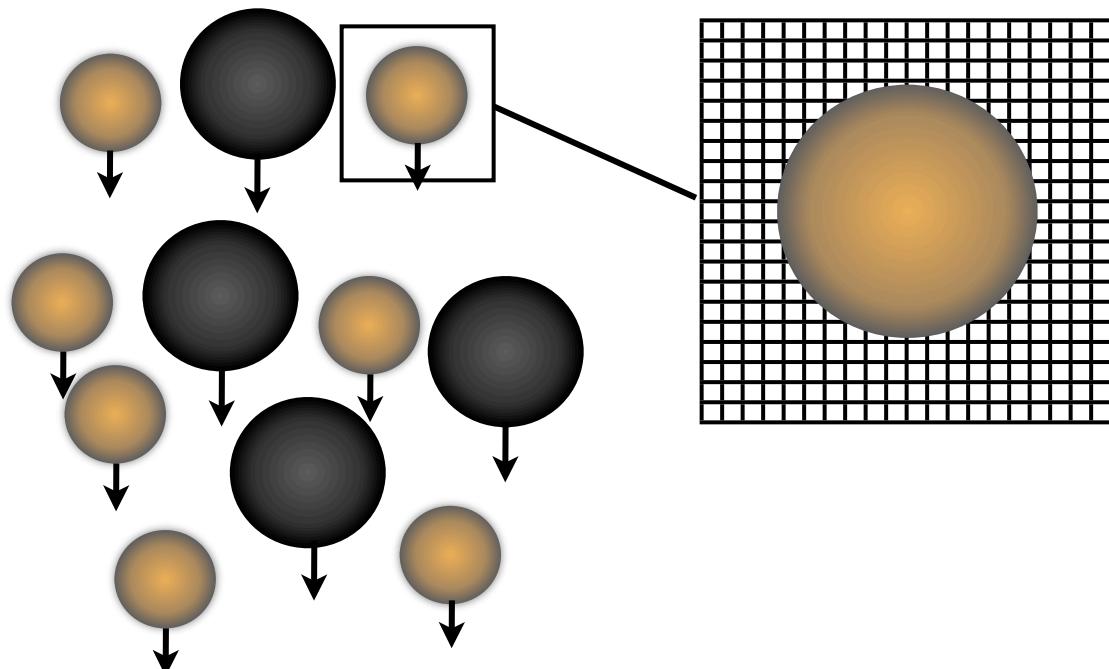
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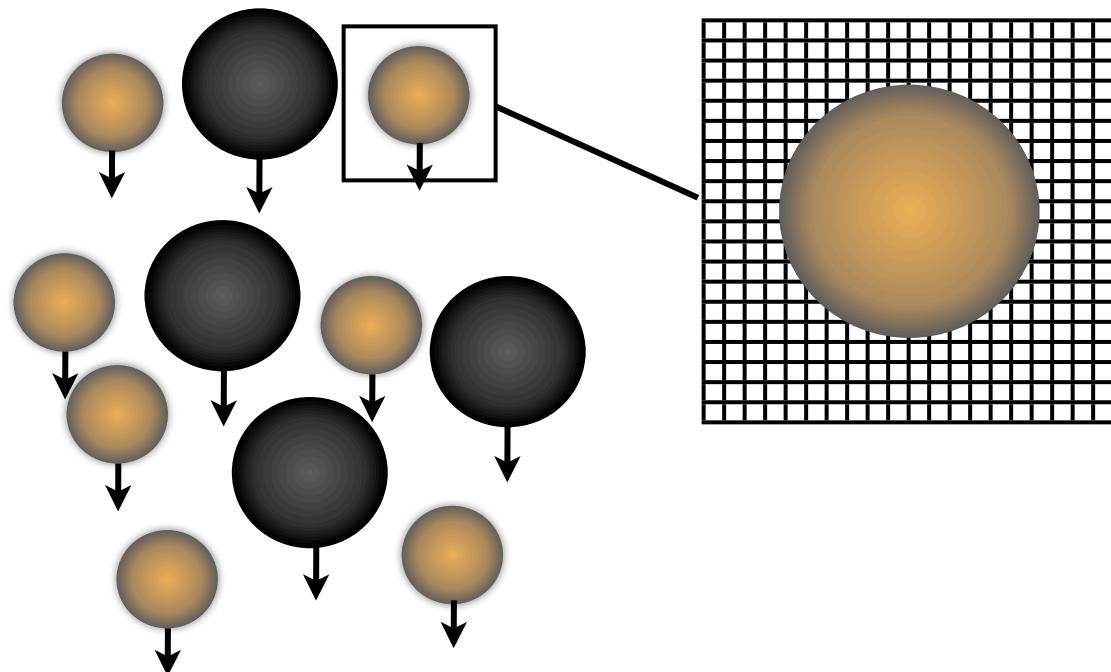
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- Ensemble average multiple independent realizations.
- Solve for  $\beta_{ij}$



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One free parameter

$\Delta U_1 = \Delta U_2$  ('fixed bed') simulations: Extract  $\beta_1$  and  $\beta_2$   
 $\Delta U_1 \neq \Delta U_2$  ('moving suspension') simulations: Extract  $\beta_{12}$



# Low Re Bidisperse fixed beds

## Fixed bed friction coefficient

$$\beta_i = \frac{18\mu\phi_i(1-\phi)}{d_i^2} F_{Di-fixed}^*(\phi, y_i)$$

Dimensionless drag force on particle of type i in a bidisperse fixed bed

## Dimensionless size ratio

$$y_i = \frac{d_i}{\langle d \rangle}$$

## Sauter mean diameter

$$\langle d \rangle = \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{n_i d_i^3}{n_i d_i^2}$$

Definitions follow van der Hoef et al., JFM (2005), vol. 528, pp. 233-258



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$$\frac{dP}{dx} = \frac{18\phi\mu\Delta U}{\langle d \rangle^2} \left( F_{D\text{-}fixed}^* + \frac{1}{1-\phi} \left( \frac{\sigma_I \sigma_{III}}{\sigma_{II}^2} - 1 \right) \right)$$

Integrating over a continuous size  
distribution we can obtain the  
pressure drop through a  
polydisperse fixed bed

$\sigma_I$ ,  $\sigma_{II}$ , and  $\sigma_{III}$  are first, second, and third order moments of a  
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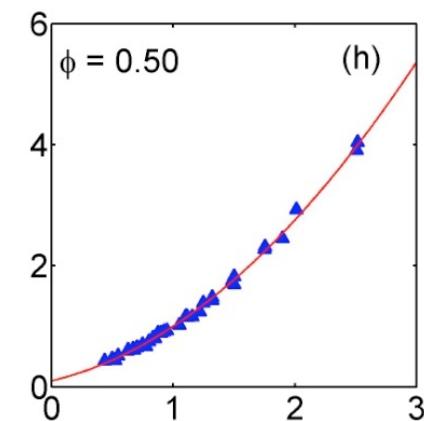
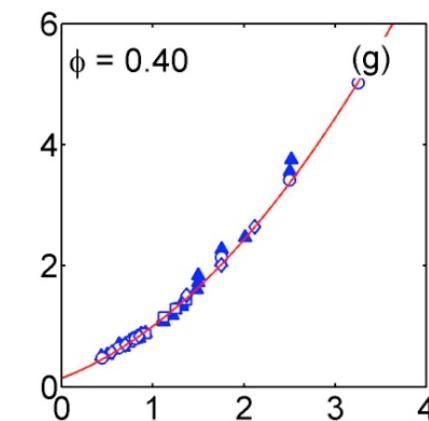
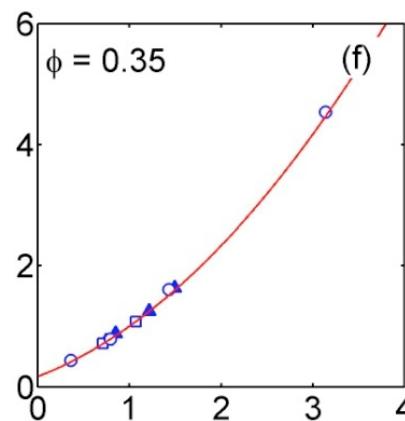
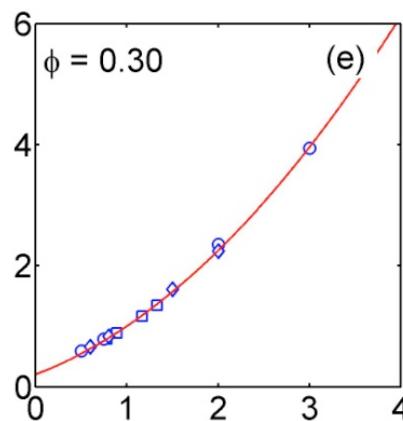
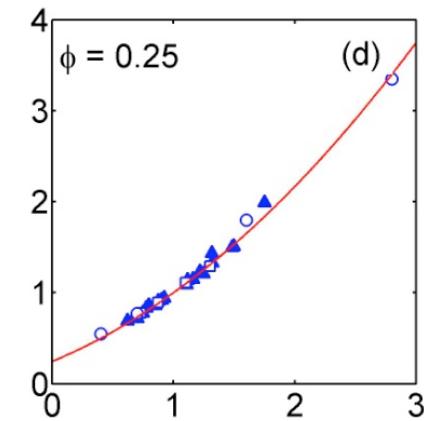
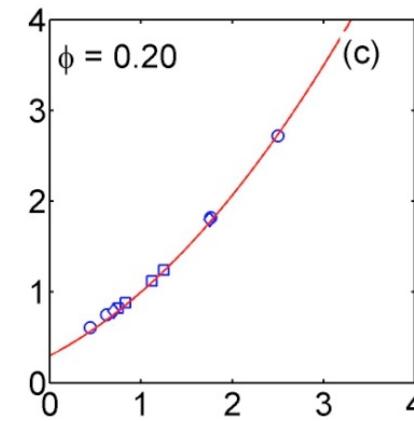
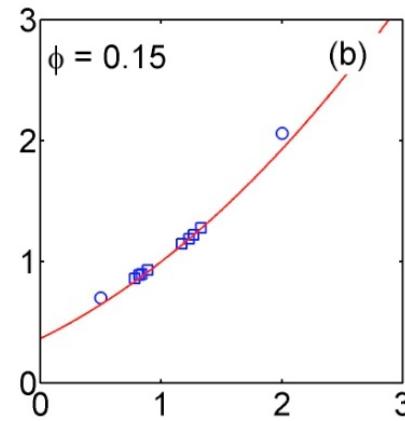
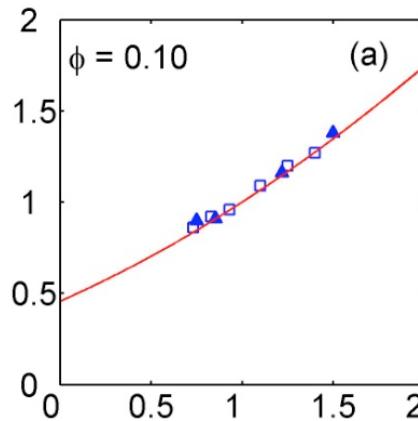


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Horizontal Axis:  $y_i$

Vertical Axis:

$$\frac{F_{Di-fixed}^*}{F_{D-fixed}^*}$$



Average error: 3.9%  
Max error: 9.4%



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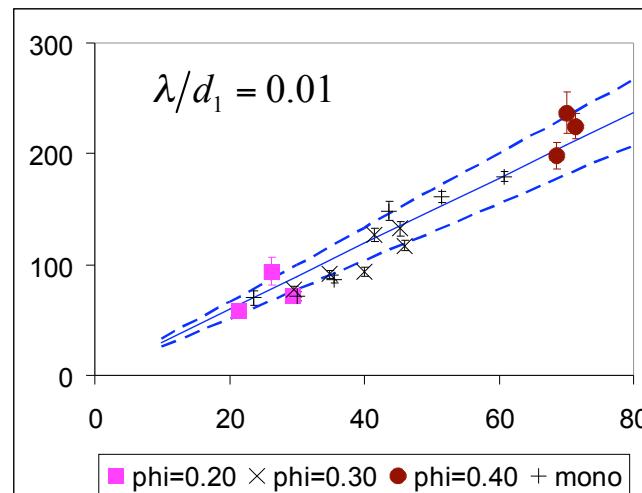
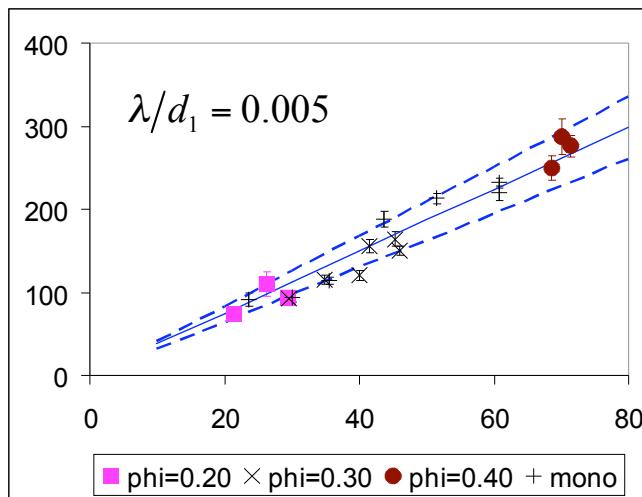
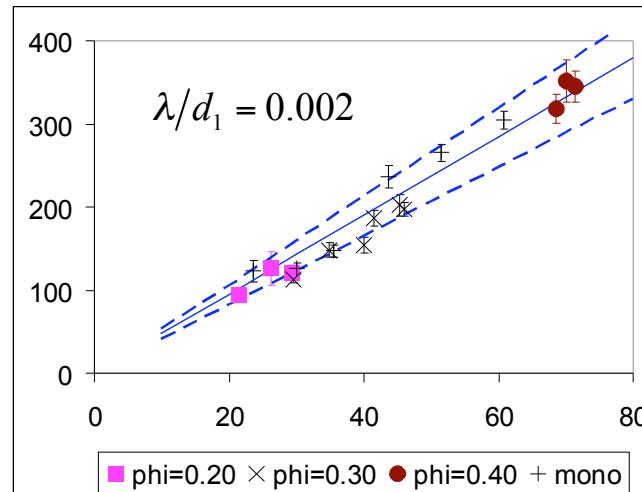
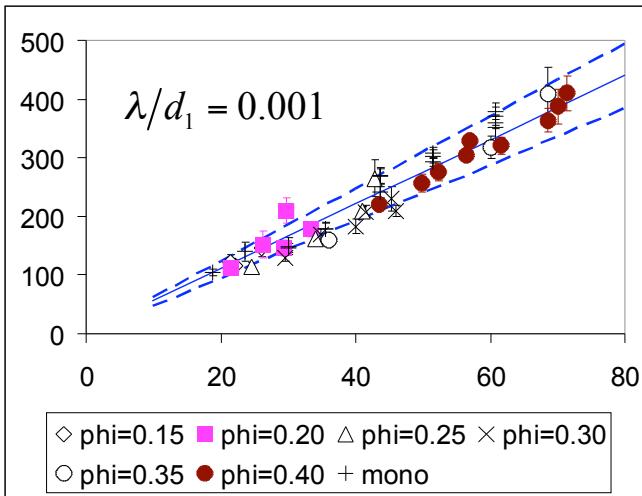
← Harmonic mean

Particle-particle interaction proportional to the probability of mutual contact



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$\beta_{12}$  is a linear function of the harmonic mean of  $\frac{\beta_1}{\phi_1}$  and  $\frac{\beta_2}{\phi_2}$



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$$-\frac{\beta_{12}^*}{\phi_1 \phi_2}$$

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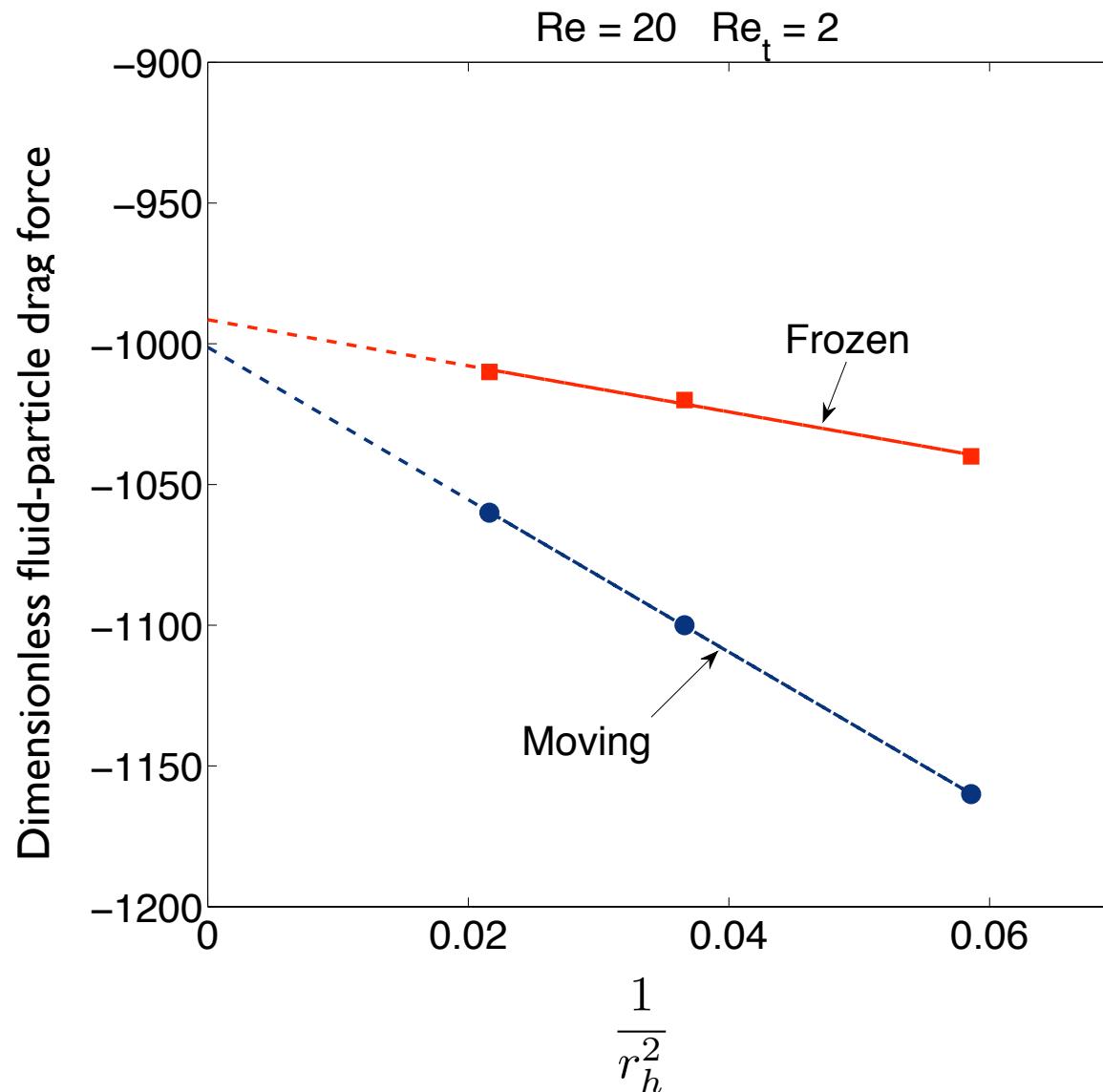
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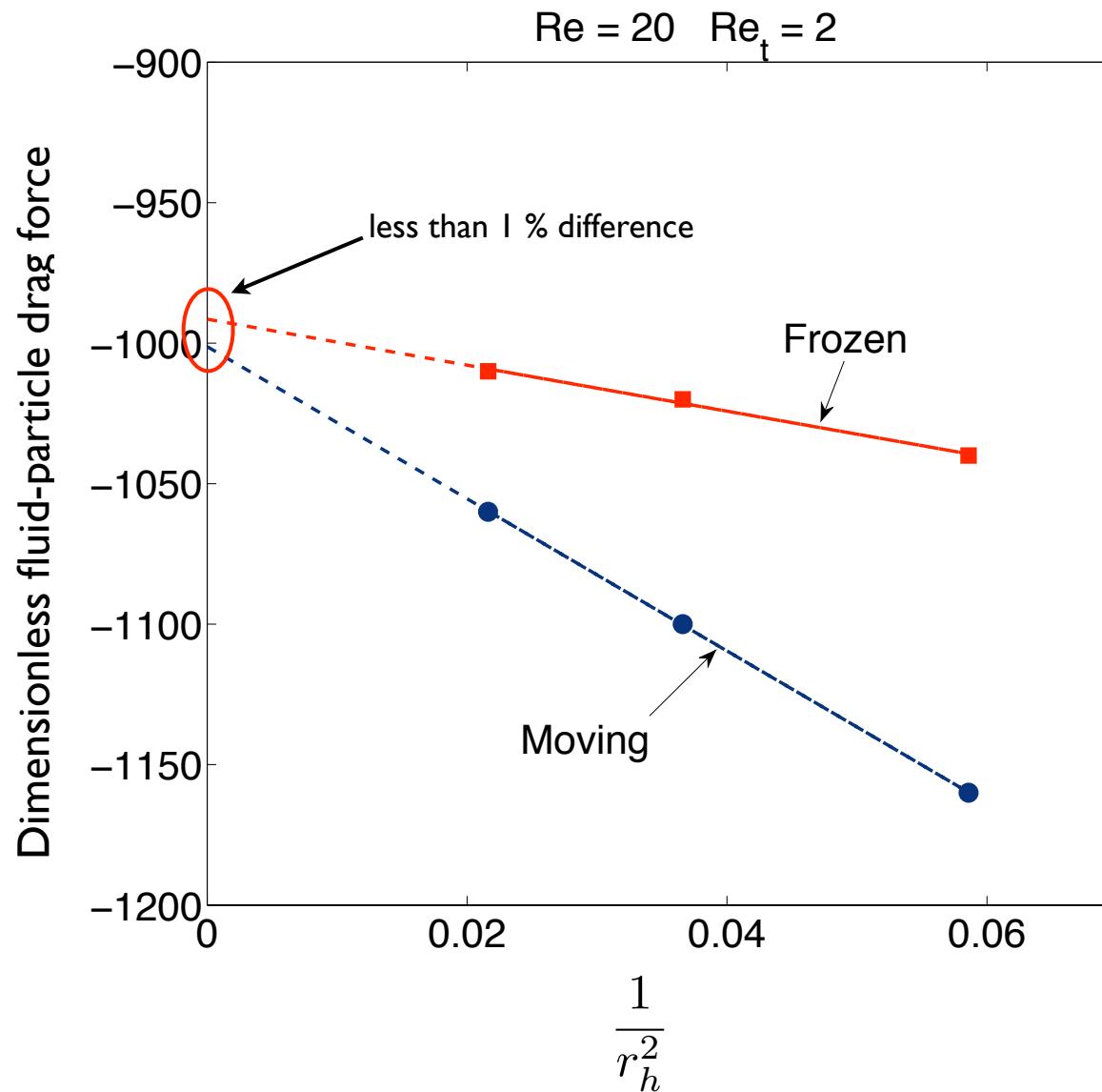
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$$\beta_i = \frac{18(1-\phi)\phi_i\mu}{d_i^2} F_{Di-fixed}^* \quad \frac{\beta_{12}}{\phi_1\phi_2} = -2\alpha \left( \frac{\frac{\beta_1}{\phi_1} \frac{\beta_2}{\phi_2}}{\frac{\beta_1}{\phi_1} + \frac{\beta_2}{\phi_2}} \right) \quad \alpha \left( \frac{\lambda}{d_1} \right) = 1.313 \log_{10} \left( \frac{d_1}{\lambda} \right) - 1.249$$

$$F_{Di-fixed}^* = \frac{1}{1-\phi} + \left( F_{D-fixed}^* - \frac{1}{1-\phi} \right) (ay_i + (1-a)y_i^2)$$

$$F_{D-fixed}^* = \left( \frac{10\phi}{(1-\phi)^2} + (1-\phi)^2(1+1.5\sqrt{\phi}) \right) (1 + \chi_{BVK})$$

$$\chi_{BVK} = \frac{0.413 Re_{mix}}{240\phi + 24(1-\phi)^4(1+1.5\sqrt{\phi})} \frac{(1-\phi)^{-1} + 3\phi(1-\phi) + 8.4 Re_{mix}^{-0.343}}{1 + 10^{3\phi} Re_{mix}^{\frac{-(1+4\phi)}{2}}}$$

$$Re_{mix} = \frac{|\Delta U_{mix}| < d > (1-\phi)}{\nu}$$



# Drag law for finite Re

$$f_{D1} = -\beta_1 \Delta U_1 - \beta_{12} (\Delta U_2 - \Delta U_1)$$

$$f_{D2} = -\beta_2 \Delta U_2 - \beta_{12} (\Delta U_1 - \Delta U_2)$$

$$\beta_i = \frac{18(1-\phi)\phi_i\mu}{d_i^2} F_{Di-fixed}^* \quad \frac{\beta_{12}}{\phi_1\phi_2} = -2\alpha \left( \frac{\frac{\beta_1}{\phi_1} \frac{\beta_2}{\phi_2}}{\frac{\beta_1}{\phi_1} + \frac{\beta_2}{\phi_2}} \right) \quad \alpha \left( \frac{\lambda}{d_1} \right) = 1.313 \log_{10} \left( \frac{d_1}{\lambda} \right) - 1.249$$

$$F_{Di-fixed}^* = \frac{1}{1-\phi} + \left( F_{D-fixed}^* - \frac{1}{1-\phi} \right) (ay_i + (1-a)y_i^2)$$

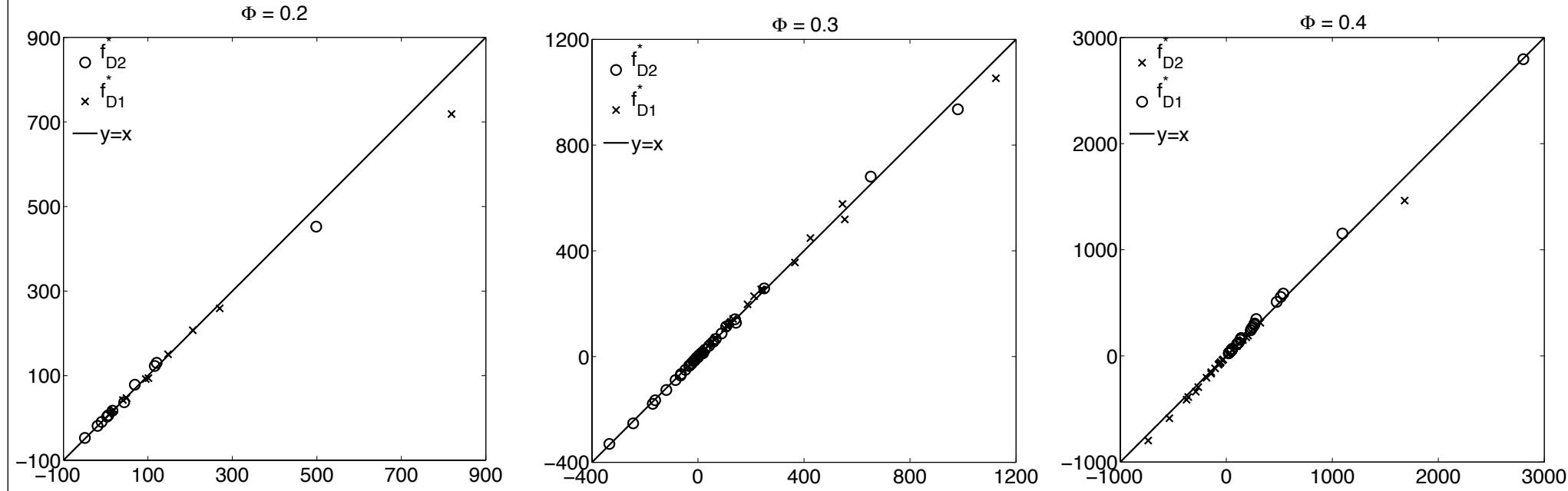
$$F_{D-fixed}^* = \left( \frac{10\phi}{(1-\phi)^2} + (1-\phi)^2(1+1.5\sqrt{\phi}) \right) (1 + \chi_{BVK})$$

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$$Re_{mix} = \frac{|\Delta U_{mix}| < d > (1-\phi)}{\nu} \quad \Delta U_{mix} = \frac{1}{\phi} \sum_{i=1}^n \phi_i \Delta U_i$$



# Finite Re bidisperse suspension data



Re<sub>mix</sub> range: 0-40  
 $\Phi_1:\Phi_2$  range: 1-3  
 $d_1:d_2$  range: 1-2  
Re<sub>1</sub>:Re<sub>2</sub> range: -1:3

Horizontal axis: Simulated  $f_{D_i}^*$   
Vertical axis: Predicted  $f_{D_i}^*$

Average error: 5%  
Max error: 25%



# Looking ahead

- Combine LBM results at moderate Re together with IBM results from Subramaniam group at higher Re.
- Perform freely evolving bidisperse simulations to investigate particle-particle collisional interactions in sedimenting systems.



# Summary

- Fluid-particle drag relation developed that accurately predicts fluid-particle drag in Stokesian suspensions with particle-particle relative motion and size differences.
- Drag relation extended to account for moderate fluid inertia in bidisperse suspension flows.

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