



# Mechanisms for microbubble transfer in the near-wall region of turbulent boundary layer.

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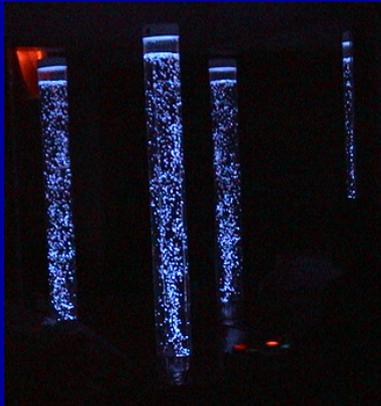




# Bubbles in turbulent flows. Applications

## *Process industry*

*Bubble columns*



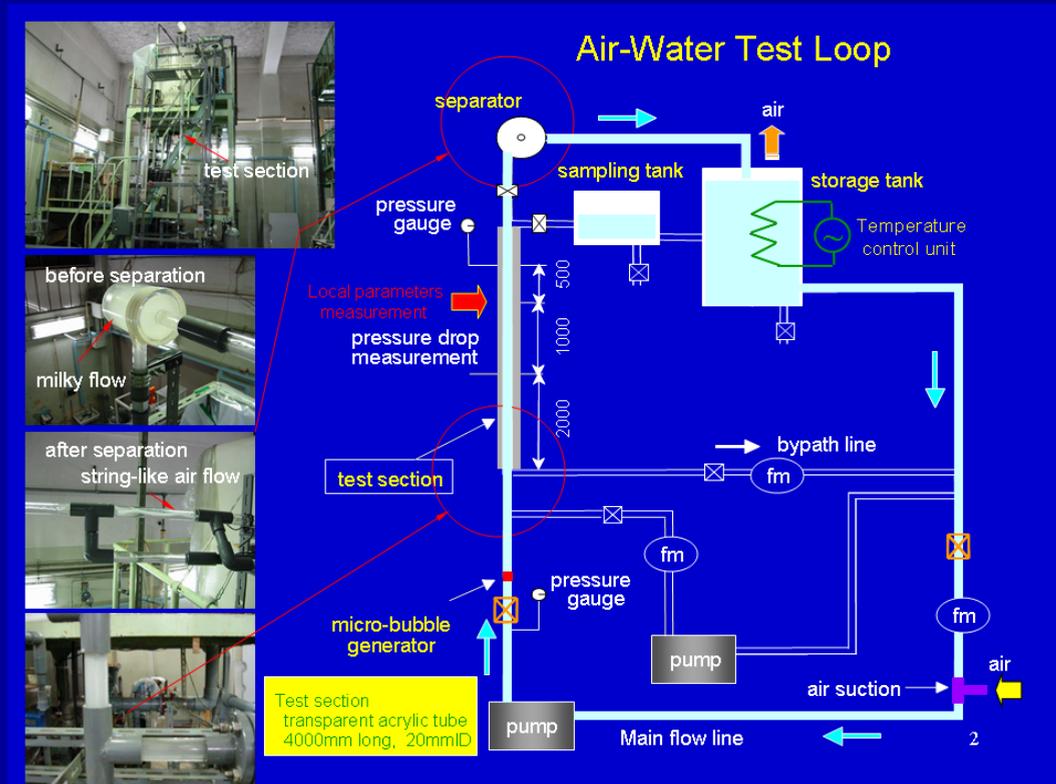
## *Skin friction reduction*

*Microbubbles applied to a tanker*





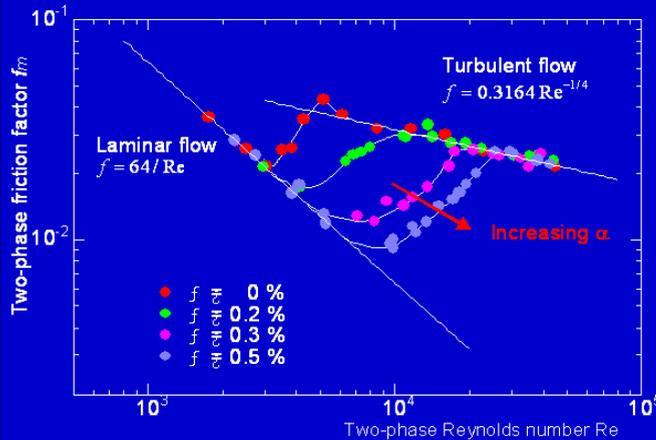
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## Frictional Pressure Drop - Results



Single-phase flow : follows

Laminar flow  $f_m = 64 / Re$

Turbulent flow  $f_m = 0.3164 Re^{-0.25}$

Laminar-turbulent transition  
 $Re = 2300 \sim 2500$

Milky bubbly flow :

Significant reduction in wall friction  
 (provisionally called as  
 pseudo-laminarization )

Laminar-turbulent transition

$\alpha = 0.2\%$   $Re \sim 4,000$

$\alpha = 0.3\%$   $Re \sim 5,500$

$\alpha = 0.5\%$   $Re \sim 7,000$

### Possible applications

low drag fluid transport in pipe line  
 without chemical additives  
 No pollution  
 towards smart fluids

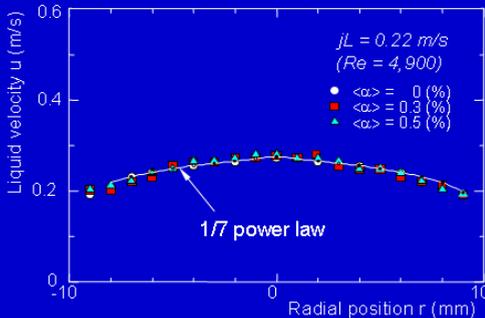
"WHY" such significant  
 reduction occurs? 3





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## Liquid Velocity Profiles - Results

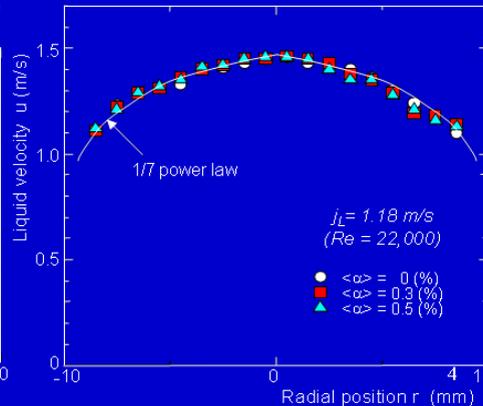
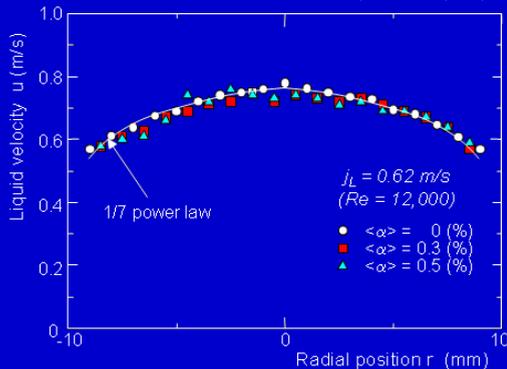


Flow conditions (friction factor)

	Re=4,900	Re=12,000	Re=22,000
$\alpha = 0\%$	turbulence	turbulence	turbulence
$\alpha = 0.3\%$	pseudo-laminar	transition	turbulence
$\alpha = 0.5\%$	pseudo-laminar	transition	turbulence

Liquid velocity profile – experimental evidence  
turbulence profile at all conditions

**Why still pseudo-laminarizaiaon ?**

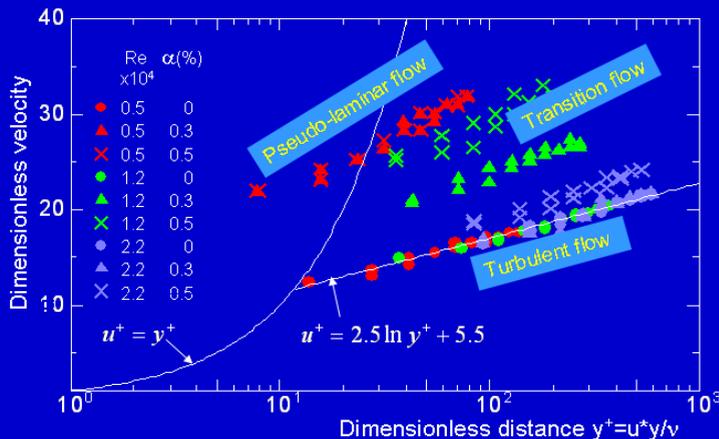




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## A Change of Laminar Sublayer Structure ? (Comparison with Universal Velocity Profile)

- Single-phase water flow : well correlated by the von Karman's universal velocity profile
- Milky bubbly flow : turbulent flows follow the universal velocity profile  
 psuedo-laminar flows are far from the universal velocity profile.  
 not on the extension of the velocity in the laminar sublayer  
 transition flows are intermediate between the two





# Objects of the talk

1. *Examine macroscopic behavior of bubbles in turbulent boundary layers;*
2. *Review the dynamics of coherent structures in TBL;*
3. *Examine bubble dynamics in connection with turbulence structures;*
4. *Discuss limitations and advantages of current modelling approaches.*





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# Obs. 1: Bubbles rise in still fluid

*Rising velocity determined by equilibrium between drag (Stokes) and gravity:*

$$v_s = \frac{d_p^2 g (\rho_f - \rho_b)}{18\mu}$$





# Obs. 2: Bubble segregation in vortices

*Bubbles rising under gravity*

*Bubbles segregate in high vorticity, low strain regions*





# Observation on bubbles

## Observation:

*Due to fluid forces → local bubble accumulation in high vorticity, low strain regions (Caporaloni et al., 1975 J. Atmos. Sci., Reeks, 1983, J. Aero. Sci., Wang & Maxey, 1993, JFM, ...);*

## Consequences:

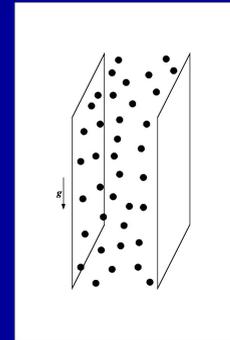
- 1. Bubbles do not sample the vortical flow field homogeneously;*
- 2. The flow field (statistics) perceived by bubbles may be different from the fluid flow field. Thus, bubble advection is different from fluid.*



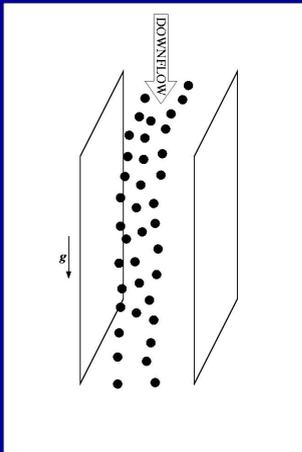


# Microbubbles in vertical channel flow

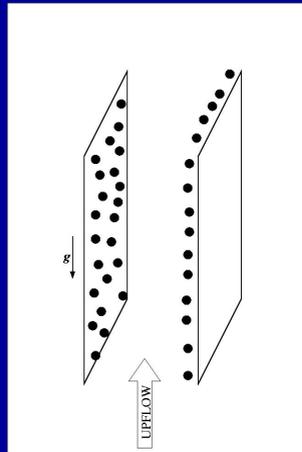
Experiments shows that *bubbles with initial uniform distribution* in vertical turbulent flows... (Hibiki & al., 2004, Int. J. Heat and Mass Transf.)



...move away from the wall (downflow)



...move towards the wall (upflow)



## Reasons ?

It is not clear if this phenomenon is "a product of the turbulence gradients, bubble lift forces, weak pressure gradients, bubble sizes, eddy dynamics, or a combination of these factors" (Felton K., Loth E., 2002, Int. J. Multiphase Flow)





# Turbulence is not only Statistics: it is a world of phenomena, much like an ecosystem

*“Fluid motions in turbulent boundary layers are intermittent and have a strongly organized and coherent nature represented by the large scale motions. These motions, even though not exactly repeatable and only quasi-deterministic, control the transport of the dispersed species in such a way that the overall distribution will resemble not at all those given by methods in which these motions are ignored” (thanks to G. Mungal)*

*F.Hussain, Coherent Structures: Reality or Myth, PoF, 1983*

*Revolution one:*

*Fast Computers*

*Revolution two:*

*Concept of Coherent Structure (Brown & Roshko)*





# Near-wall Turbulent Structures

*quasi-streamwise vortices*

*blue: clockwise*

*gold: counter-clockwise*

*wall shear*

*blue: low-shear*

*red: high-shear*

*quasi-streamwise vortices*

*red: clockwise*

*pale green: counter-clockwise*

*blue: ejections*

*green sweeps*





# Simulations data

- DNS of Turbulent Flow Field
- Lagrangian Tracking of Microbubbles

## Hypotheses

spherical bubbles  
one-way coupling

## Fluid simulation

$$Re_{\tau} = 150$$

$$\text{grid } 64 \times 64 \times 65$$

$$128 \times 128 \times 129$$

B.C.  $x$  and  $y$  dir. : periodic

B.C.  $z$  dir.: solid wall

## Bubble simulation

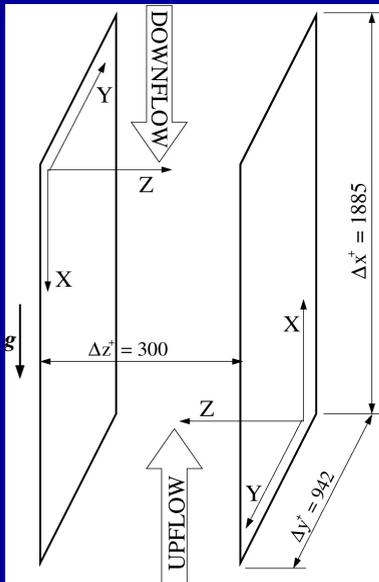
$10^5$  bubbles

diameter  $220 \mu\text{m}$  (1.65 w.u.)

## Configurations of the channel

downflow

upflow





# Bubble equation of motion

$$\underbrace{\frac{d\mathbf{v}_p^+}{dt^+}}_{\text{inertia}} = \underbrace{\frac{(\mathbf{v}^+ - \mathbf{v}_p^+)}{\tau_p^+} f(Re_p)}_{\text{drag}} + \underbrace{\left(1 - \frac{1}{\rho_p^+}\right) \mathbf{g}^+}_{\text{grav}}$$

*Basic equation*

(  $\mathbf{v}_p$  bubble velocity;  $\mathbf{v}$  fluid velocity at bubble position )



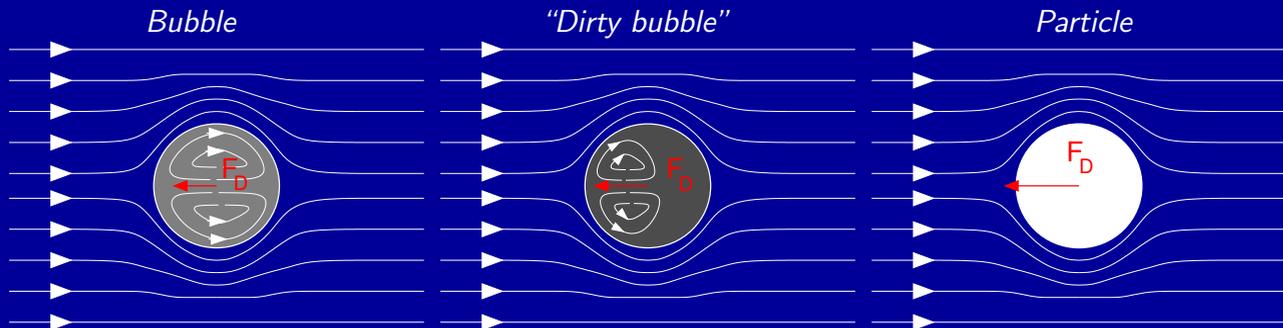


# Steady-state Drag force (Crowe et al., 1998)

- Acts on particle/droplet in a **uniform pressure field** when there is **no acceleration of the relative velocity** between the particle and the conveying fluid

$$F_D = \frac{1}{2} \rho_c C_D A |\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{v}| (\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{v}) = 3\pi \mu_c D \frac{C_d Re}{24} (\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{v})$$

- Is different for bubbles or particles due to motion induced inside the bubble





# Bubble equation of motion

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*Effect of the non-uniformity of the flow-field around the particle*



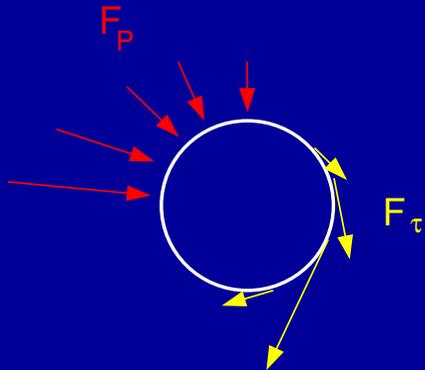


# Pressure gradient and Buoyancy (Crowe et al., 1998)

- *Effect of local pressure gradient and shear on bubble surface*

$$F_P + F_\tau = \int_S -p \mathbf{n} dS + \int_S \tau_{ij} \mathbf{n} dS = \int_V -\nabla p + \nabla \cdot \boldsymbol{\tau} dV$$

- *From N-S:*



$$-\nabla p + \nabla \cdot \boldsymbol{\tau} = \rho_c \frac{Du}{Dt} - \rho_c \mathbf{g}$$

$$F_P + F_\tau = V \rho_c \frac{Du}{Dt} - V \rho_c \mathbf{g}$$





# Bubble equation of motion

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 &+ \underbrace{\frac{1}{\rho_p^+} \frac{D\mathbf{v}^+}{Dt^+}}_{\text{press.grad.}} + \underbrace{\frac{9}{d_p^+ \rho_p^+ \sqrt{\pi}} \int_0^{t^+} \left( \frac{d\mathbf{v}^+}{dt^+} - \frac{d\mathbf{v}_p^+}{dt^+} \right) \frac{d\tau^+}{(t^+ - \tau^+)^{0.5}}}_{\text{Basset}} \\
 &+ \underbrace{\frac{1}{2\rho_p^+} \left( \frac{D\mathbf{v}^+}{Dt^+} - \frac{d\mathbf{v}_p^+}{dt^+} \right)}_{\text{added mass}}
 \end{aligned}$$

Eq. from "Maxey M.R., Riley J.J. (1983), Phys. Fluids 26(4)"

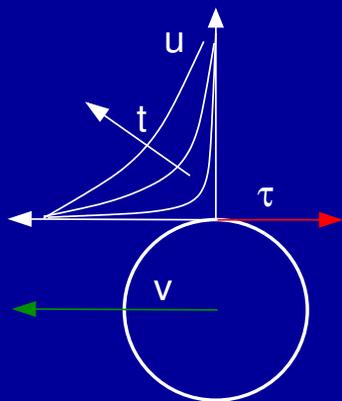
*Effect of time-variation of the flow-field around the particle*





# Unsteady forces: Basset force (Crowe et al., 1998)

*Basset or history force: due to the lagging boundary layer development with changing relative velocity*



$$F_{Basset} = \frac{3}{2} D^2 \sqrt{\pi \rho_c \mu_c} \int_0^t \frac{\dot{\mathbf{u}} - \dot{\mathbf{v}}}{\sqrt{t - t'}} dt'$$

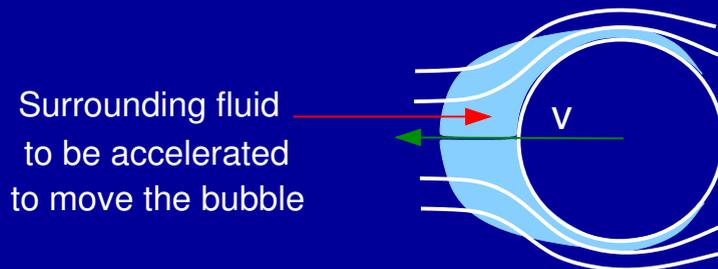




## Unsteady forces: added mass (Crowe et al., 1998)

*Virtual or apparent mass:* Force required to accelerate the surrounding fluid when the particle moves with given relative velocity,  $U$

$$\frac{dKE}{dt} = UF_{vm} = \frac{m_f}{2} \frac{dU}{dt} = \frac{V_d \rho_c}{2} (\dot{\mathbf{u}} - \dot{\mathbf{v}}) = \frac{V_d \rho_c}{2} \left( \frac{D\mathbf{u}}{Dt} - \frac{d\mathbf{v}}{dt} \right)$$





# Bubble equation of motion

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 \end{aligned}$$

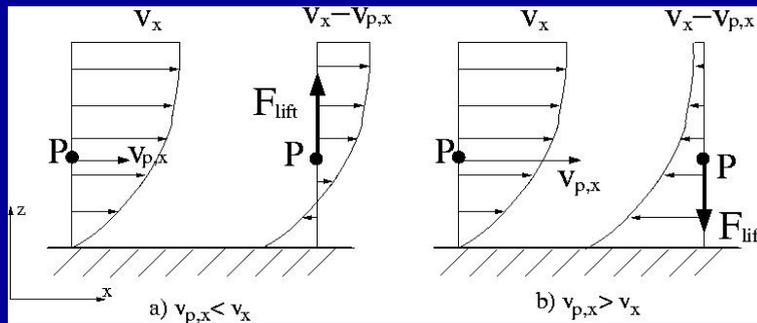
Effect of the lift





# Forces on bubbles - lift

$$f_{lift}^+ = C_L \frac{1}{\rho_p^+} (\mathbf{v}^+ - \mathbf{v}_p^+) \times \boldsymbol{\omega}^+$$



(  $v_p$  bubble velocity,  $v$  fluid velocity at bubble position,  $\omega$  fluid vorticity at bubble position )





# Lift Coefficient ( $C_L$ )

$$C_L = \begin{cases} C_{L_{McL}} = \left[ 5.816 \left( \frac{Sr_p}{2 Re_p} \right)^{0.5} - 0.875 \frac{Sr_p}{2} \right] \frac{3}{4} \frac{J(\epsilon)}{Sr_p 2.255} & Re_p < 1 \\ C_{L_{McL}} \frac{5 - Re_p}{4} + C_{L_{KK}} \frac{Re_p - 1}{4} & 1 < Re_p < 5 \\ C_{L_{KK}} = \left[ K_0 \left( \frac{Sr_p}{2} \right)^{0.9} + K_1 \left( \frac{Sr_p}{2} \right)^{1.1} \right] \frac{3}{4 Sr_p} & Re_p > 5 \end{cases}$$

$C_{L_{McL}}$  Eq. from "McLaughlin, J. B. (1991), J. Fluid Mech. 224"  
 ( $Sr_p = |(\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{v}_p) \times \boldsymbol{\omega}| d_p / |\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{v}_p|^2$ ;  $\epsilon = (Sr_p / Re_p)^{0.5}$ ;  $J(\epsilon)$  tabulated in McLaughlin, 1991)

$C_{L_{KK}}$  Eq. from "Kurose, R., Komori, S. (1999), J. Fluid Mech. 384"  
 ( $K_0$  and  $K_1$  tabulated as a function of  $Re_p$  in Kurose, Komori, 1999)





# Bubble equation of motion

$$\begin{aligned}
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 \end{aligned}$$

Wall effect on drag





## Forces on bubbles - drag (2)

*Direction parallel to the wall*

$$C_{W_{\parallel}} = \left\{ 1 - \frac{9}{16} \left( \frac{d}{2z} \right) + \frac{1}{8} \left( \frac{d}{2z} \right)^3 - \frac{45}{256} \left( \frac{d}{2z} \right)^4 - \frac{1}{16} \left( \frac{d}{2z} \right)^5 \right\}^{-1}$$

*Direction orthogonal to the wall*

$$C_{W_{\perp}} = \left\{ \left[ 1 - \frac{9}{8} \left( \frac{d}{2z} \right) + \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{d}{2z} \right)^2 \right] \cdot \left[ 1 - \exp \left( -2.686 \left( \frac{2z}{d} - 0.999 \right) \right) \right] \right\}^{-1}$$

*Eq. from "Fukagata, K., Zahrai, S., Bark, F.H., Kondo, S., (1999). Proc. 1st Int. Symp. on Turbulence and Shear Flow Phenomena (Eds. Banerjee, S. & Eaton, J.K., ISBN 1-56700-135-1)"*

*( $d/2z$  ratio between bubble radius and distance between wall and bubble center)*





# Forces on bubbles - movie DWL





# Forces on bubbles - movie UPL





# Visualization of bubble behavior

*time-range:*

$$0 < t^+ < 360$$

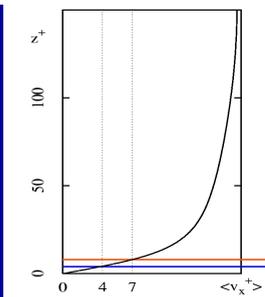
*section thickness:*

$$\Delta x^+ = 100$$

*$v_x^+$  isolevels:*

*blue:*  $v_x^+ = 4$

*orange:*  $v_x^+ = 7$



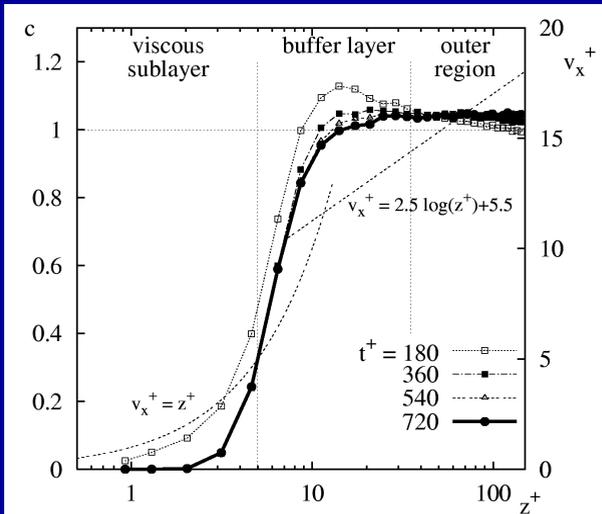
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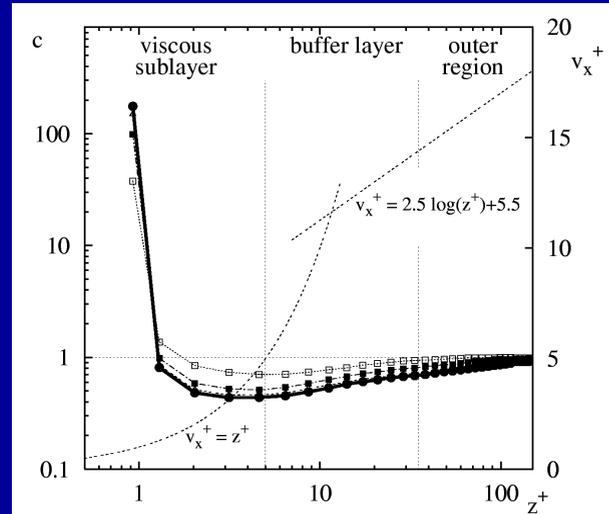




# Concentration profiles



Downflow

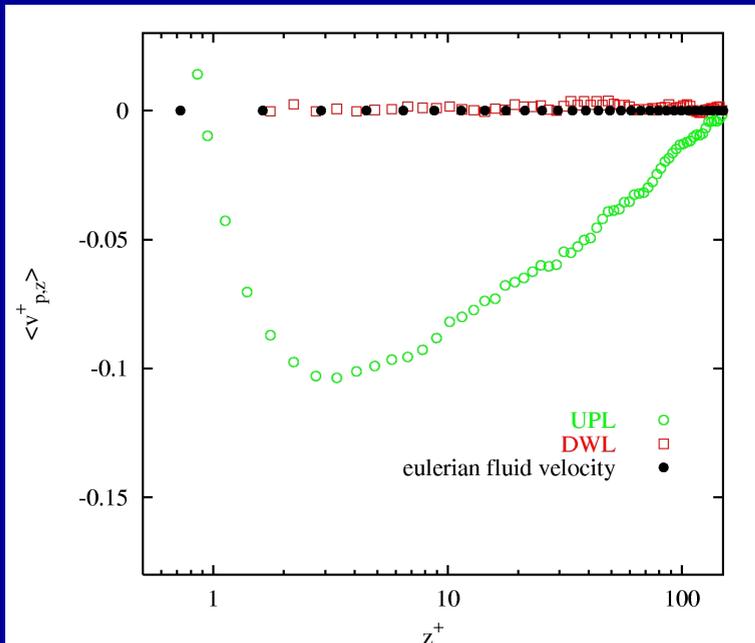


Upflow





# Bubble Wall-normal Drift Velocity



*DWL: steady bubble distribution*

*UPL: bubbles migrate towards the wall*

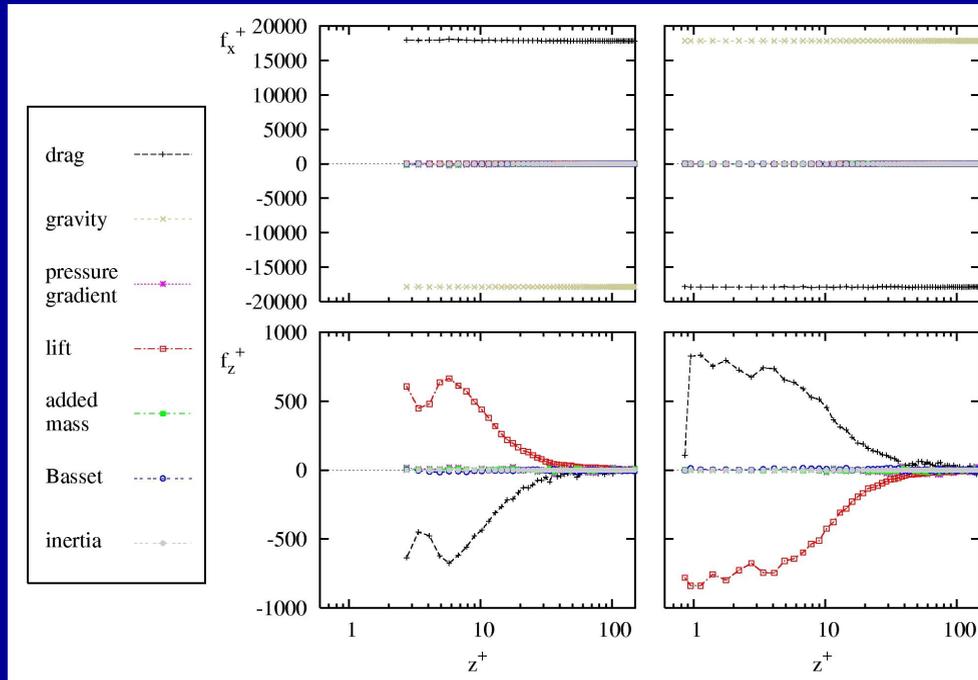




# Forces on bubbles

*Downflow*

*Upflow*





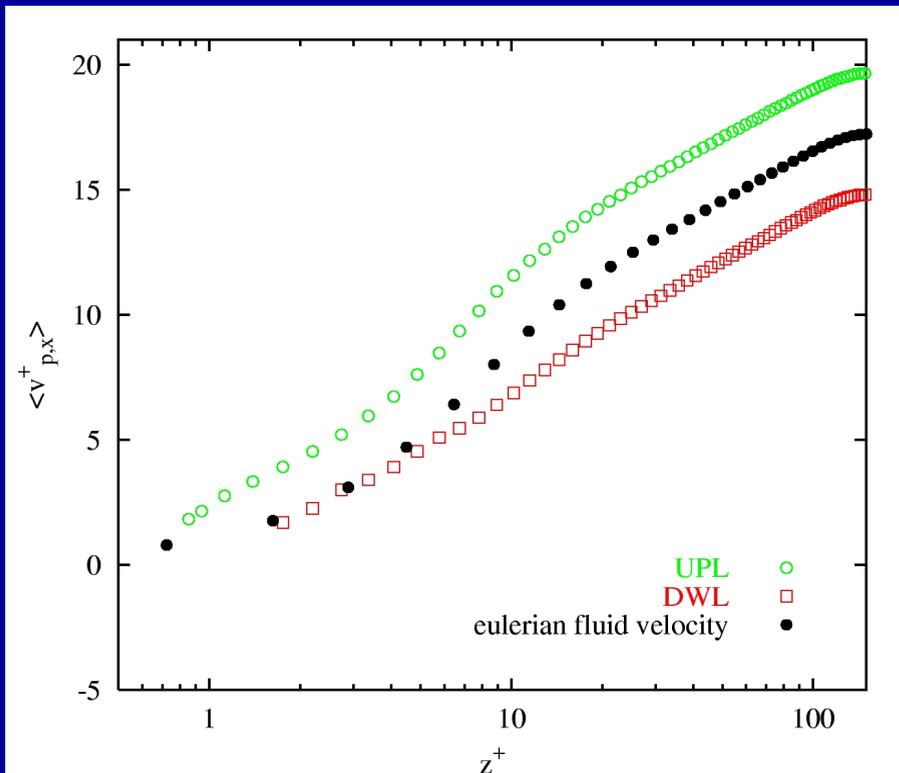
# Preliminary Conclusions

- *Experimental observations:*
  - *upflow : bubbles migrate towards the wall*
  - *downflow : bubbles migrate away from the wall*
- *Numerical simulations:*
  - *without lift (not shown here): bubbles behave almost like tracers*
  - *with lift : simulate bubble migration towards/away from the wall*
- *Lift force results to be crucial for bubble behavior*





# Bubble Streamwise Velocity



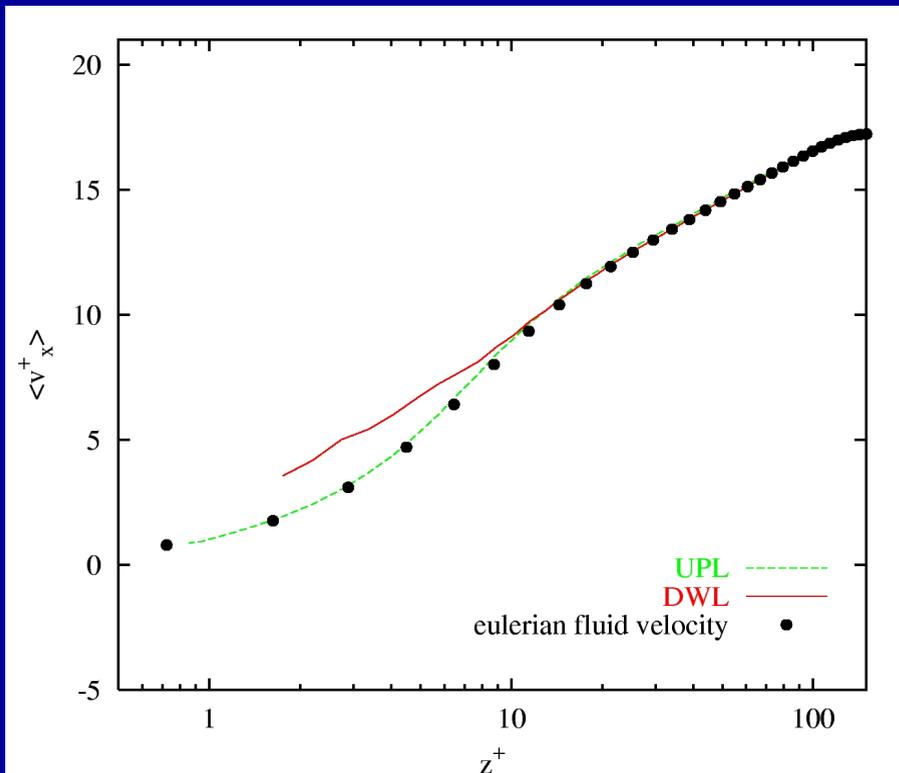
*DWL: shift velocity  
decreases near  
the wall*

*UPL: constant  
shift velocity*





# Fluid Velocity at Bubble Position



*DWL: in the near-wall region, bubbles concentrate preferentially in high-speed regions*

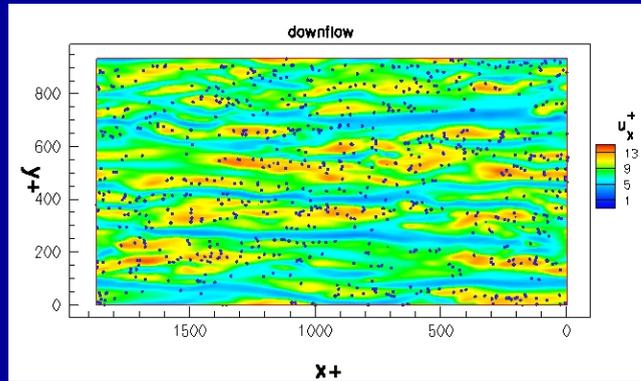




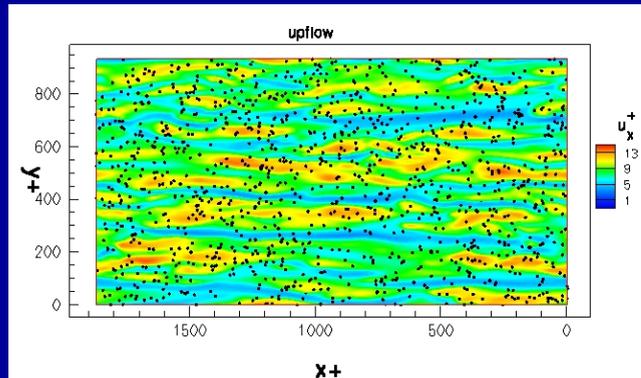
# Bubbles in the Near-Wall Region

*Downflow*

*Bubbles distance  
from the wall:  
 $1 < z^+ < 10$*



*Isolevels of fluid  
streamwise velocity:  
 $z^+ = 10$*



*Upflow*





# Visualization of bubbles next to the wall

*Downflow*

*zoom of  
previous movies*

*black circles:  
bubbles trapped  
at the wall*

*Upflow*

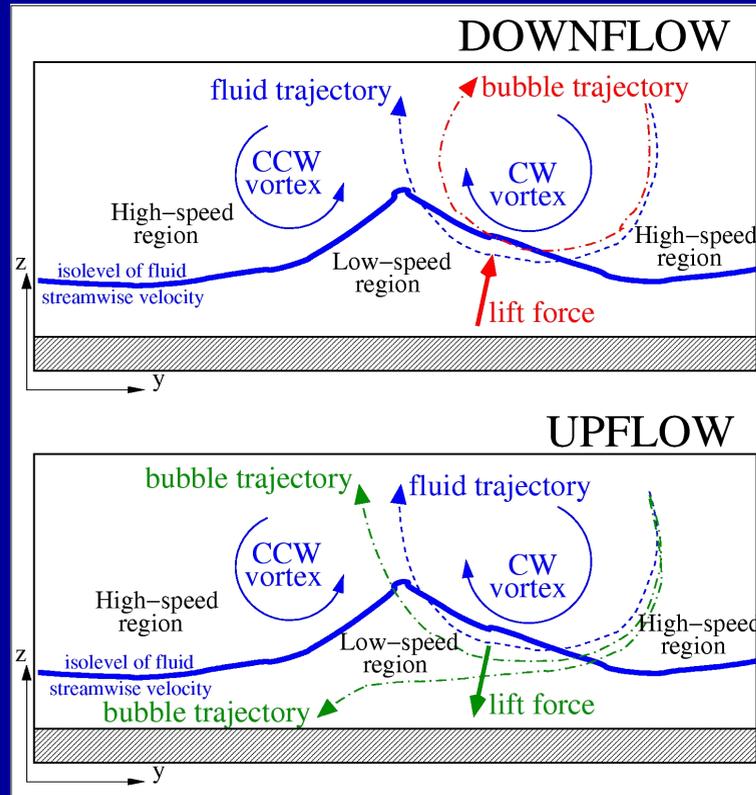




# Lift Force Effect - Sketch

**DWL:** lift force prevents bubbles to reach the low-speed regions

**UPL:** trajectories of the bubbles (both resuspended or trapped at the wall) cross low-speed regions





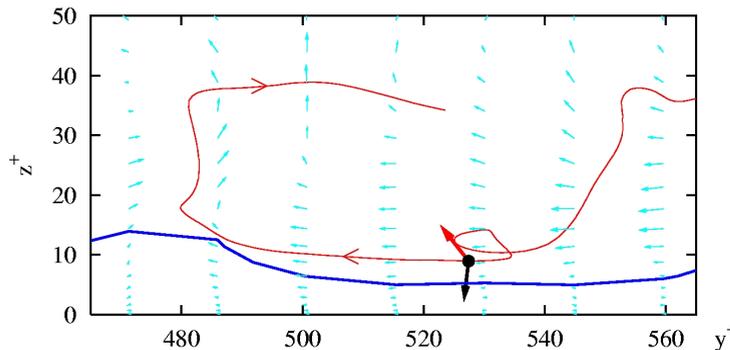
# Lift Force Effect - Forces on Bubbles

## DOWNFLOW

→: drag force

→: lift force

*bubble cannot reach the low-speed region and is resuspended*

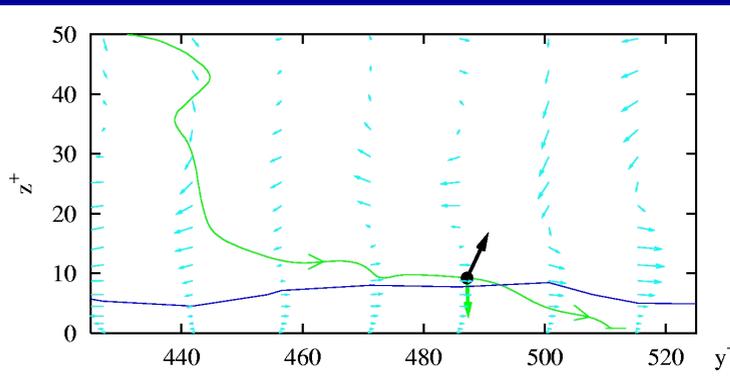


## UPFLOW

→: drag force

→: lift force

*bubble passes through the low-speed region and reach the wall*





# Conclusions

- *In the downflow case, in proximity of the wall, bubbles preferentially concentrate in high-speed regions*
- *Lift is responsible of such preferential concentration*
- *Due to low density ratio, also unsteady forces are important on single-bubbles trajectories*





# Future developments (1)

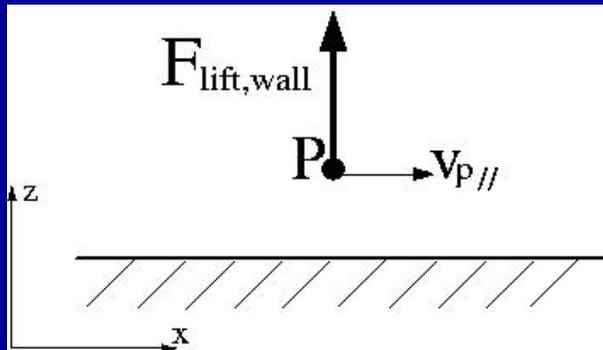
- *In the upflow case, bubble accumulation near to the wall is overestimated by our simulations with respect to experimental data*
- *Importance of the lift force  $\rightarrow$  importance of the force model*





## Future developments (2)

- *Wall correction to Lift Force*



$$F_{lift,wall} = 0.5 \pi R^2 \rho_f C_{L,wall} |\mathbf{v}_{p//}|^2$$

*Eq. from "Takemura, Magnaudet (2003), J. Fluid Mech."*

*(  $v_{p//}$  bubble velocity parallel to the wall,  $R$  bubble radius,  $\rho_f$  fluid density )*





# Recent works on bubbles

- *Ferrante and Elghobashi, 2004: DNS of bubble drag reduction on horizontal plate*
- *Felton and Loth, 2001,2002: experimental investigation on bubble behavior in the near wall region of a vertical upward turbulent boudary layer*
- *Takemura and Magnaudet, 2003: wall effect on transverse migration of a rising bubble*
- *Tomiyama et al., 2002: influence of bubble dimension on transverse migration*

