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# Effect of fibres on curvature and rotational induced hydrodynamic stability

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# Outline

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- Experiments, setup and results
- Linear stability, method and results
- Comparison

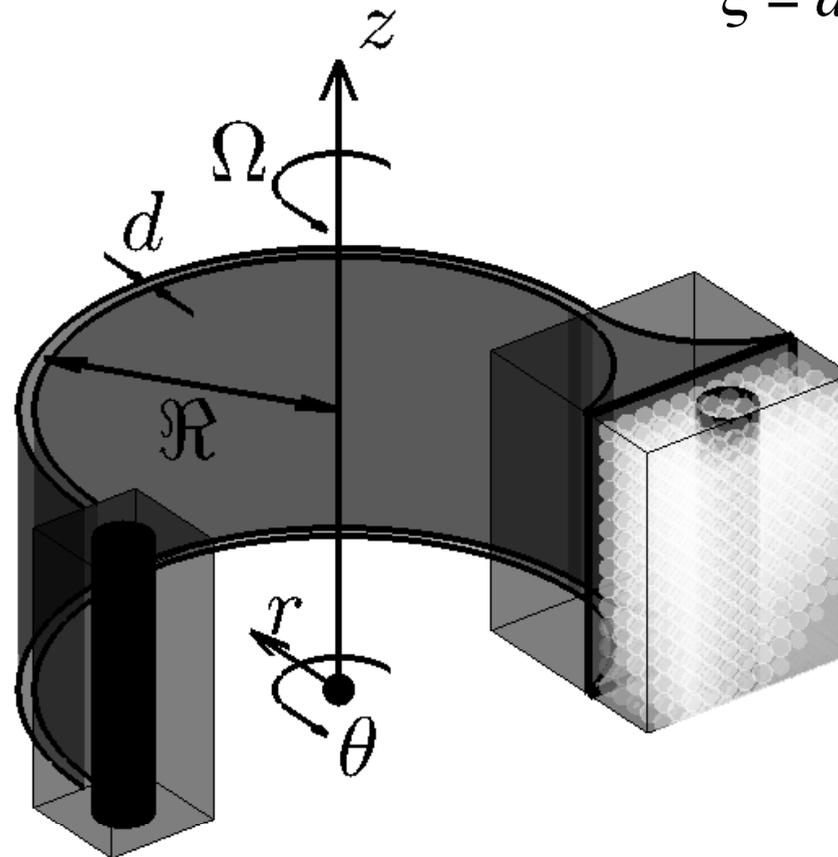
# Curved rotating channel

$$\text{Re} = \frac{U_b d}{\nu}$$

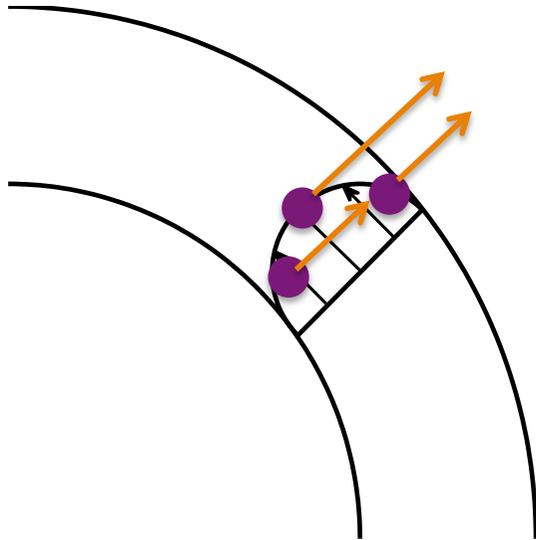
$$\text{Ro} = \frac{\Omega d}{U_b}$$

$$\text{De} = \text{Re} \sqrt{\xi}$$

$$\xi = d/\mathcal{R} \ll 1$$



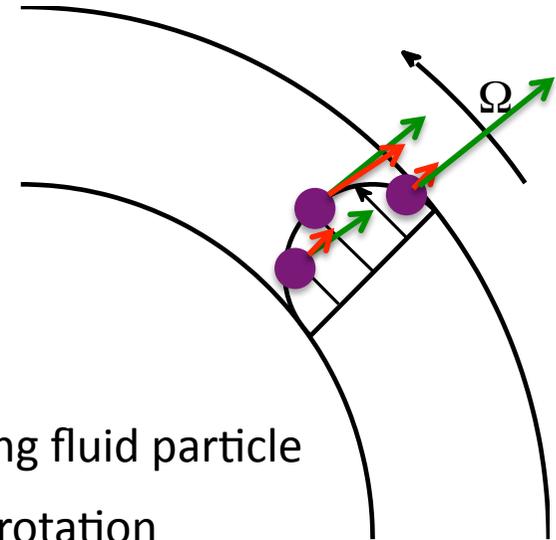
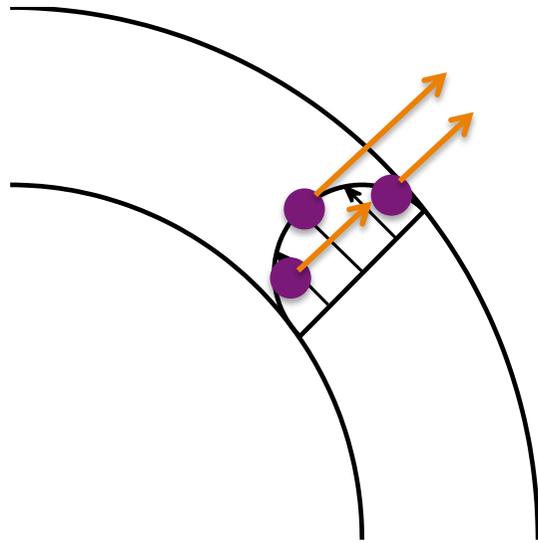
# Curvature and rotation induced forces



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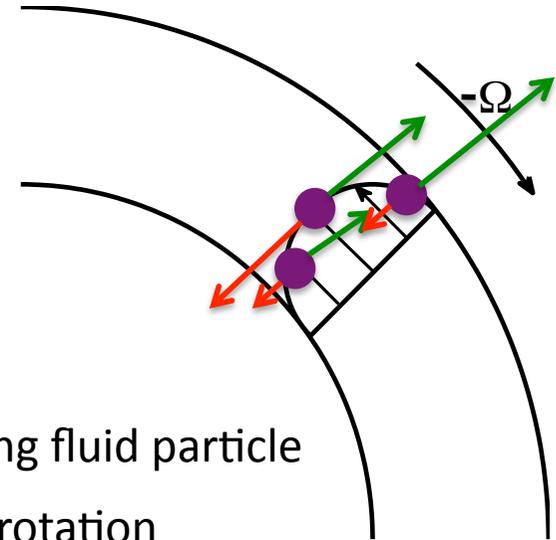
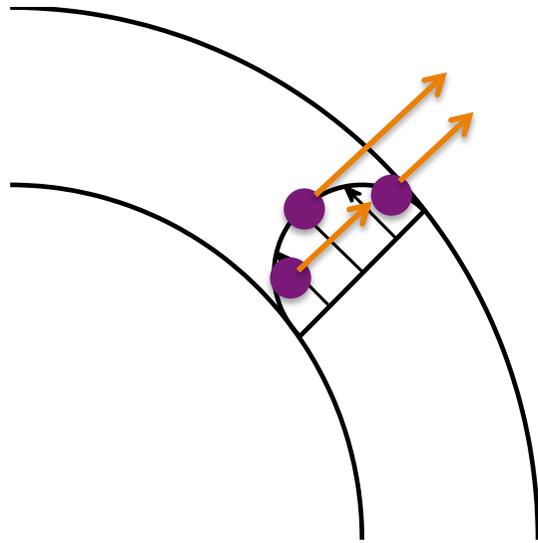


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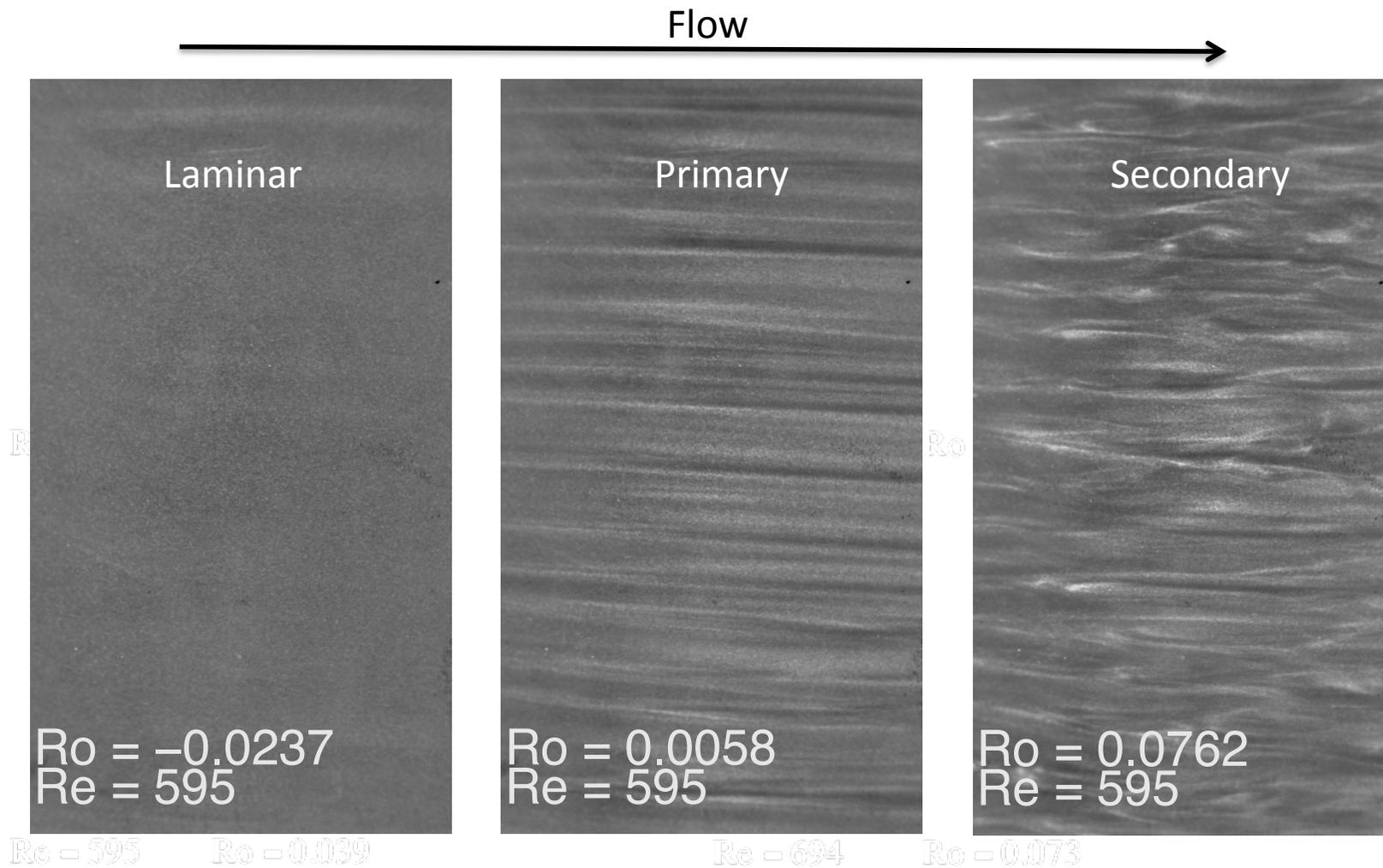


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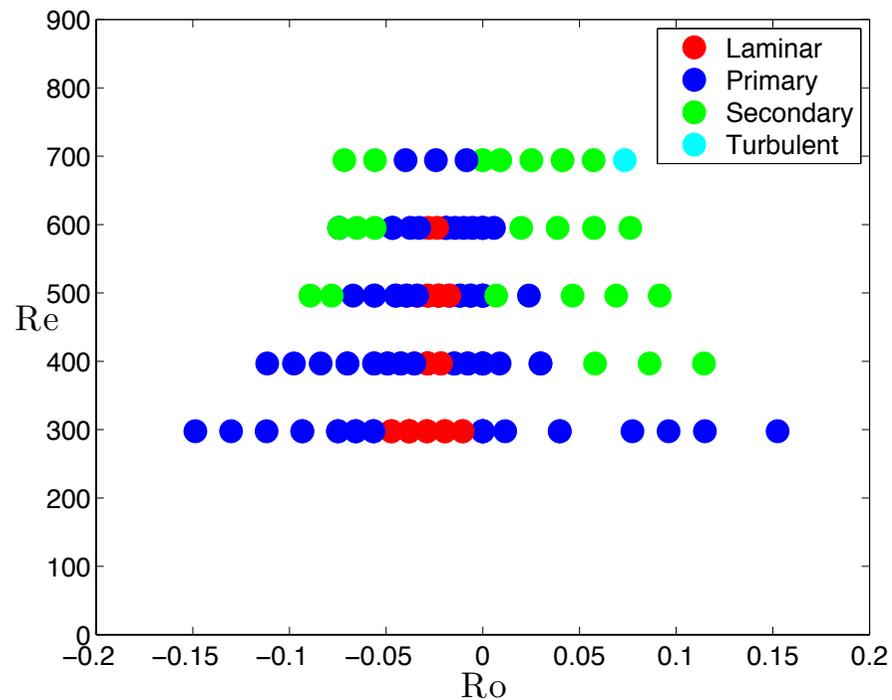
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# Visualisation of flow structures



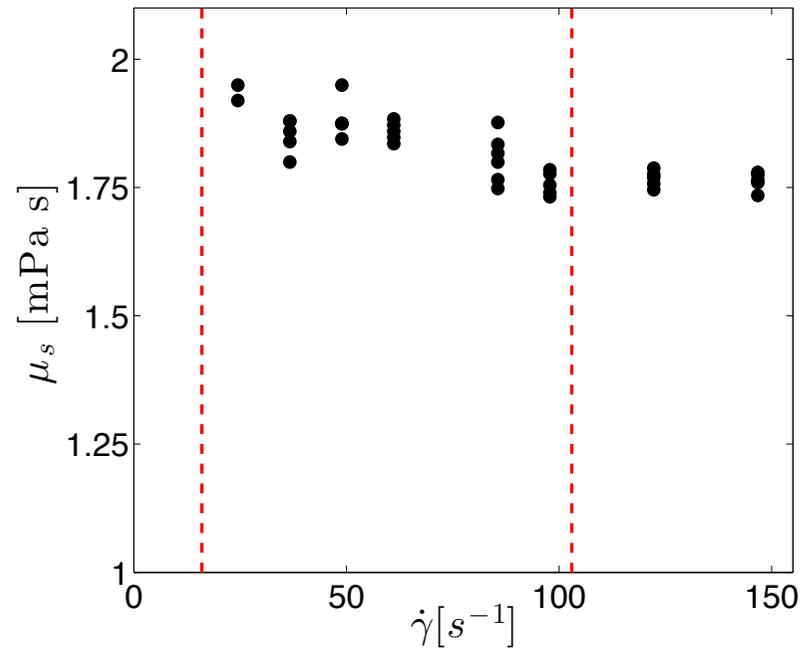
# Stability map of water flow

Visual inspection categorises the flow states well.



# Fibre suspension - NFC

Nano-fibrillated cellulose (NFC)



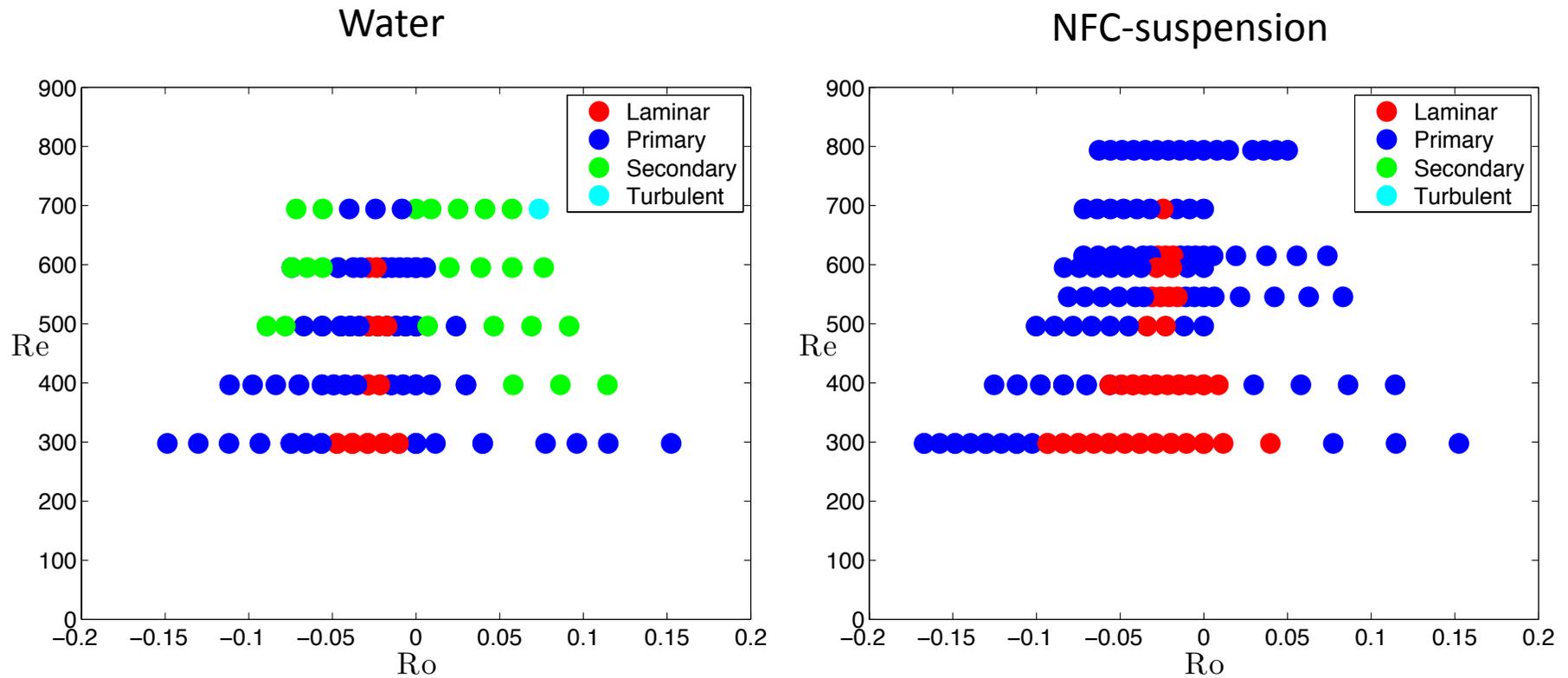
$$l = 1 - 3 \mu\text{m}$$

$$d = 20 - 40 \text{nm}$$

$$\Phi = 308 \text{ppm}$$

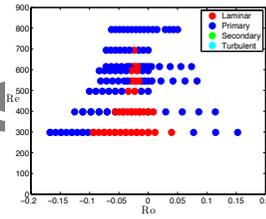
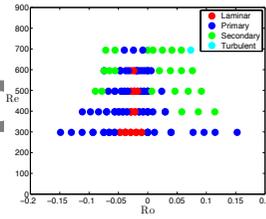
$$\mu_{NFC} \approx 1.8 \mu_{H_2O}$$

# Stability of fibre suspension



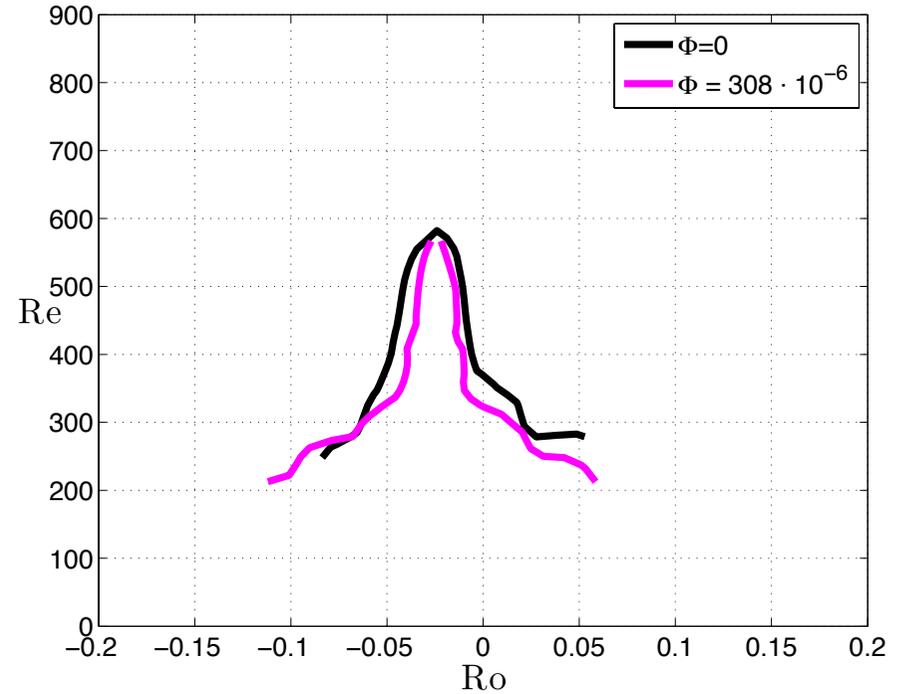
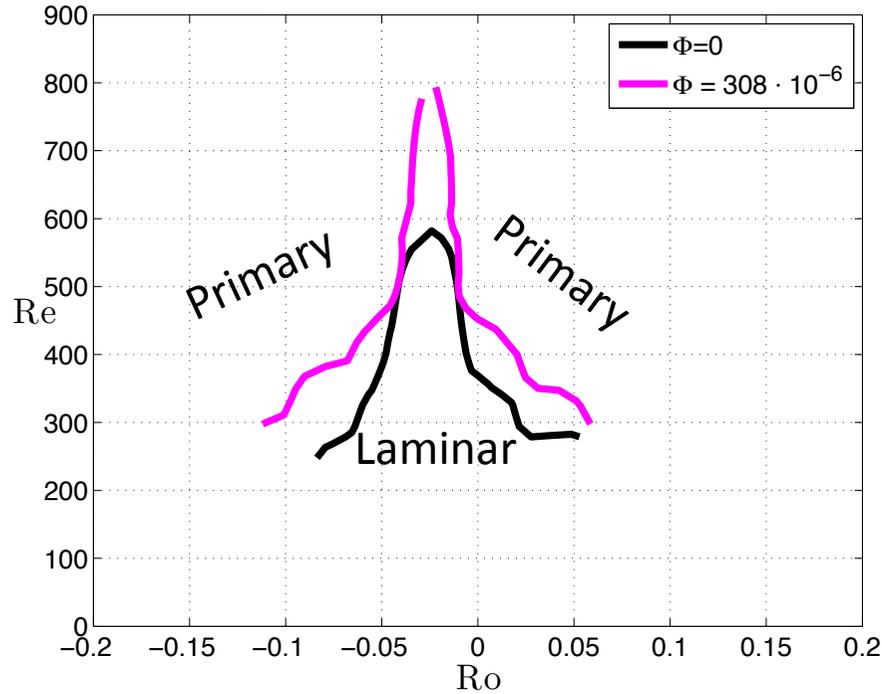
NFC is stabilising when considering Re based on viscosity of water.

# Stability contours



Contours of transition

Scaled by 1.4



$$Re = \frac{U_b d}{\nu}$$

$$Ro = \frac{\Omega d}{U_b}$$

$$Re_{CR}^{NFC} \approx 1.4 Re_{CR}^{H_2O}$$

# Governing equations

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- The flow is governed by Navier-Stokes eqns. in cylindrical coordinates.

$$\rho \left( \frac{\partial \mathbf{u}}{\partial t} + \mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla \mathbf{u} \right) = -\nabla p + \nabla \cdot \sigma^{tot}$$

$$\sigma^{tot} = \sigma^{Newtonian} + \sigma^{fibrils}$$

$$\sigma^{fibrils} = \mu A \Phi (\varepsilon : a_4)$$

$\mu$

- Fluid viscosity

$$A = \frac{r_p^2}{3 \ln(\sqrt{2\pi/\Phi})}$$

- Rheological parameter<sup>1</sup>

$\Phi$

- Volume concentration

$\varepsilon$

- Strain rate

$$a_4 = \langle pppp \rangle$$

- Orientation tensor

<sup>1</sup> Batchelor, G. K., JFM **46**(04) 813-829, 1971

# Orientation closure

Closure problem

$$\begin{aligned}
 a_4 &= f(a_6) \\
 a_6 &= f(a_8) \\
 &\vdots
 \end{aligned}$$

Solved by  $\rightarrow$

Assume Jeffery Orbits

$$\dot{\varphi} = -\frac{\dot{\gamma}}{r_p^2 + 1} (r_p^2 \sin^2 \varphi + \cos^2 \varphi)$$

Orientation distribution calculated through Smoluchowski eq.

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \varphi} (\dot{\varphi} \Psi - C_l \dot{\gamma} \frac{\partial \Psi}{\partial \varphi}) = 0$$

$a_4$  is obtained assuming constant orientation distribution

$$a_{ijkl} = \langle p_i p_j p_k p_l \rangle$$

# Normal mode analysis

$$\bar{U} = (u'_r, V(r) + u'_\theta, u'_z)$$

$$u'_r = R(r)e^{i(\beta z + \alpha \theta - \omega t)}$$

$$u'_\theta = \Theta(r)e^{i(\beta z + \alpha \theta - \omega t)}$$

$$u'_z = Z(r)e^{i(\beta z + \alpha \theta - \omega t)}$$

$$p' = P(r)e^{i(\beta z + \alpha \theta - \omega t)}$$

- Into Navier-Stokes
- Linearise equation
- Subtract mean eqns.
- Discretize eqns.



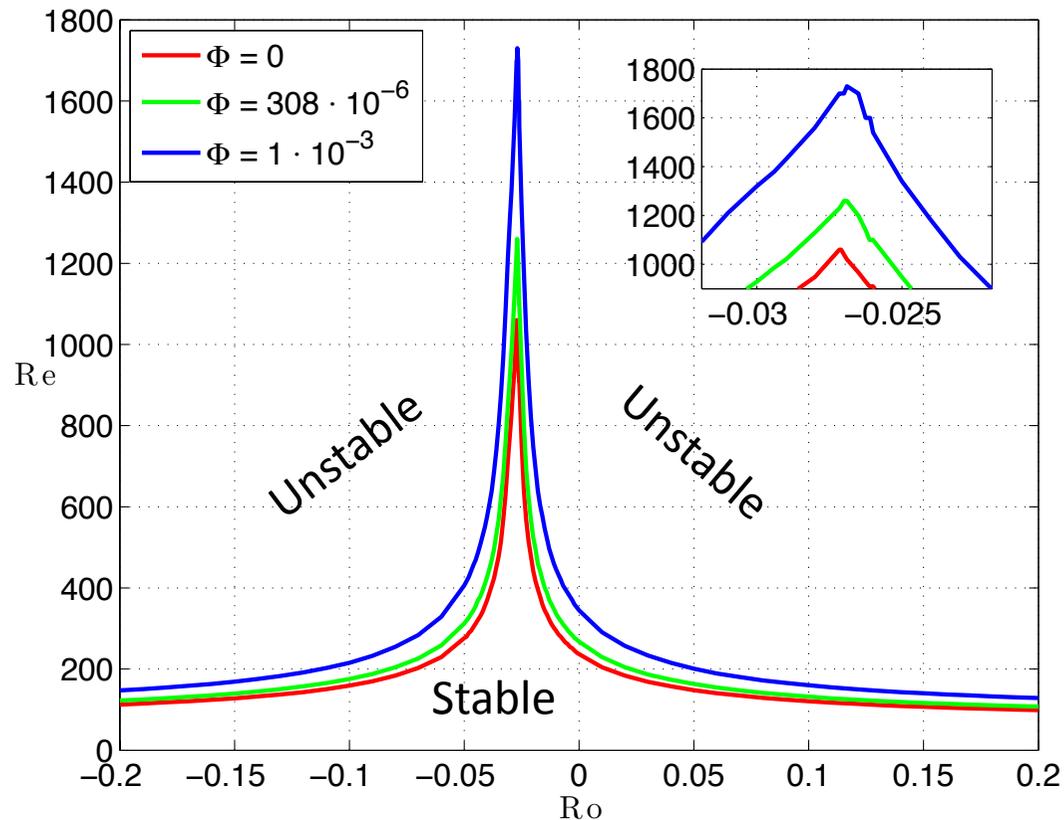
$$\mathbf{A} \begin{pmatrix} R \\ \Theta \\ Z \\ P \end{pmatrix} = -i\omega \mathbf{B} \begin{pmatrix} R \\ \Theta \\ Z \\ P \end{pmatrix}$$

~~$$a'_4 = A_4(r)e^{i(\beta z + \alpha \theta - \omega t)}$$~~

Stationary orientation distribution

# Neutral stability curves

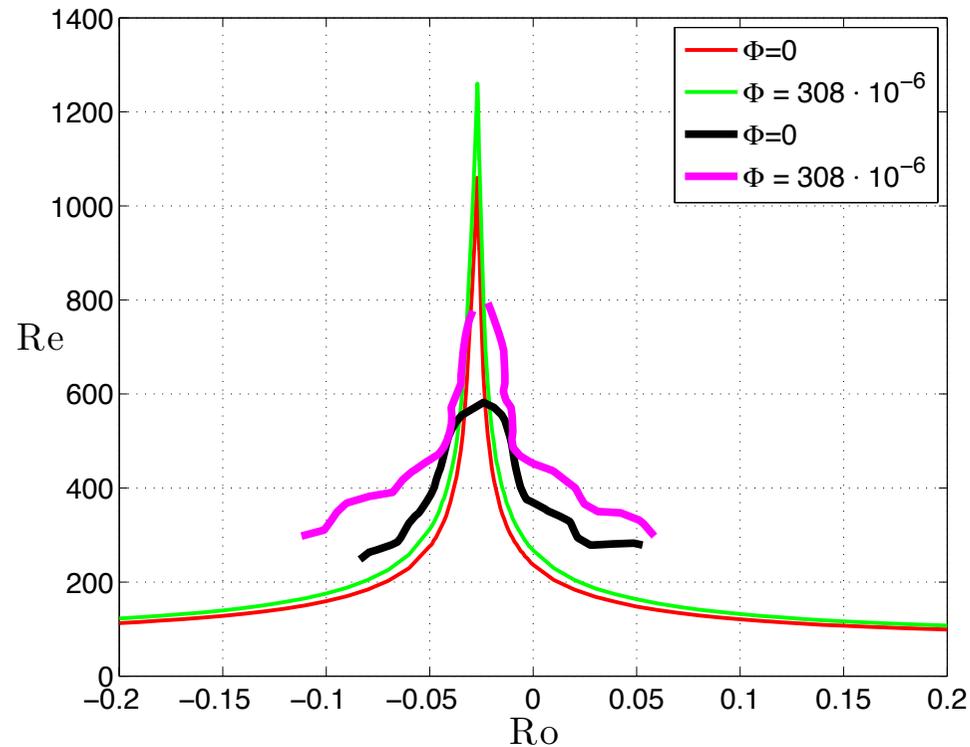
Addition of fibres has a consistent effect in the linear stability analysis.



$$\text{Re}_{CR}^{NFC} \approx 1.2 \text{Re}_{CR}^{H_2O}$$

# Stability of fibre suspension

Experiments and calculations show similarities.



# Stability of fibre suspension

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## Experiments

- Viscometer  $\mu_{NFC} \approx 1.8\mu_{H_2O}$
- Stability  $Re_{CR}^{NFC} \approx 1.4Re_{CR}^{H_2O}$

$$\frac{\mu_{NFC} / \mu_{H_2O}}{Re_{CR}^{NFC} / Re_{CR}^{H_2O}} = 1.3$$

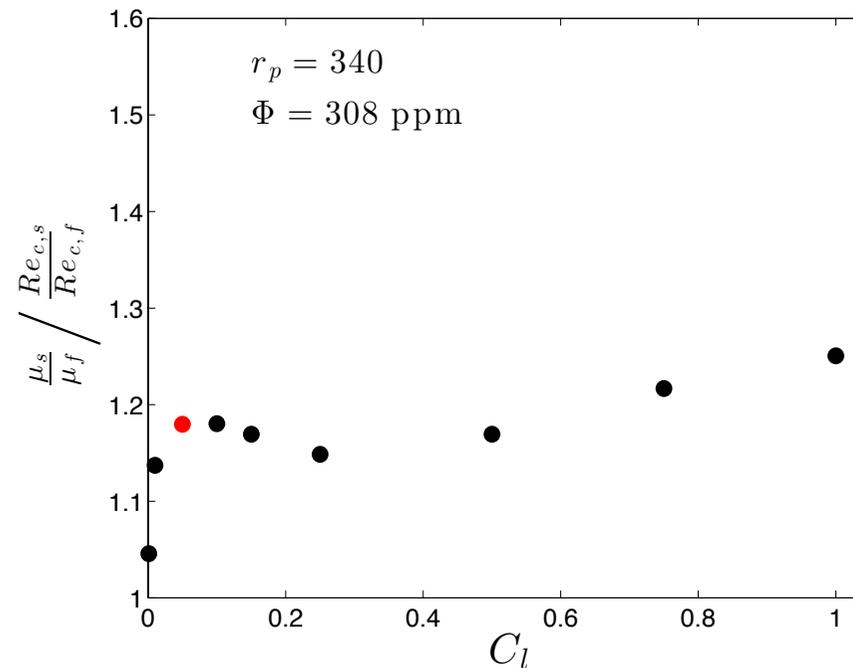
Effects on bulk viscosity larger than on stability

# Stability of fibre suspension

## Suspension viscosity

$$\mu_{NFC} = (1 + 2A\Phi a_{rr\theta\theta})\mu_{H_2O}$$

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Effects on bulk viscosity larger than on stability

Stability can not be understood based only on shear viscosity

# Conclusions

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- Primary instability is stabilised by addition of NFC.
- Effects on bulk viscosity is larger compared to effect on  $Re_{CR}$ 
  - ✓ Both in experiments and linear stability theory.
- Theory underpredicts effects on viscosity as well as  $Re_{CR}$ .

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# Thank you

# Equations

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \left[ 4\Pi D^2 + 2\xi\Pi D - \beta^2\Pi^2 - \alpha^2 - i\alpha \operatorname{Re} V\Pi \right] R + \left[ 2\xi \operatorname{Re} V\Pi + 2\operatorname{Re} R_o\Pi^2 - 2i\xi\alpha \right] \Theta - 2\operatorname{Re}\Pi^2 DP + \\
 & + A\Phi \left( \left[ 4a_{rrrr}\Pi^2 D^2 + 2\xi a_{rrrr}\Pi D + 4i\alpha a_{rrr\theta}\Pi D \right] R + \right. \\
 & \left. + \left[ 4a_{rrr\theta}\Pi^2 D^2 + 4i\alpha a_{rr\theta\theta}\Pi D - i\xi\alpha a_{rr\theta\theta} - \alpha^2 a_{r\theta\theta\theta} - 2\xi a_{r\theta\theta\theta}\Pi D - i\xi\alpha a_{\theta\theta\theta\theta} \right] \Theta \right) = \\
 & = -i\omega \operatorname{Re}\Pi^2 R
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# Predicted suspension rheology

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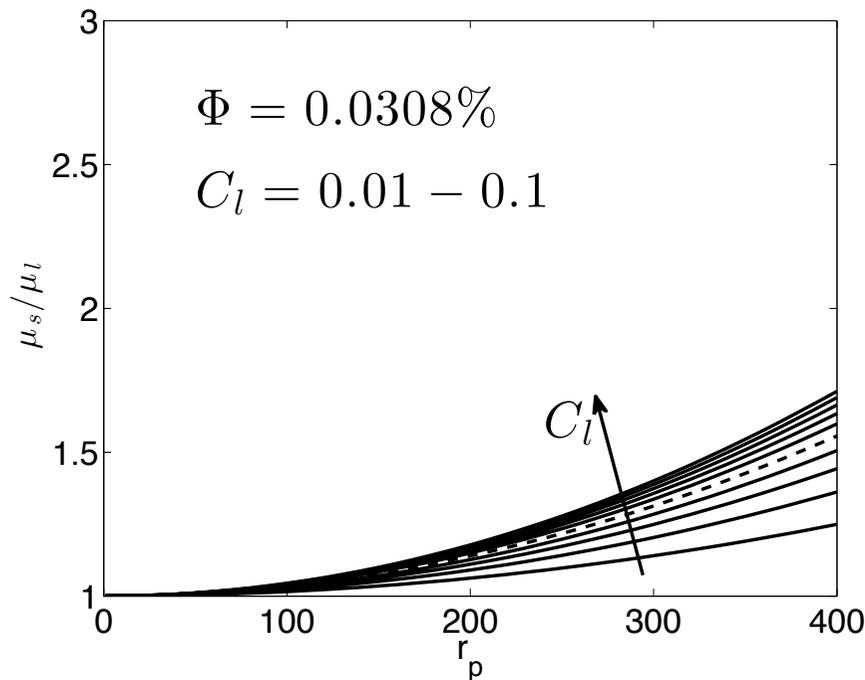
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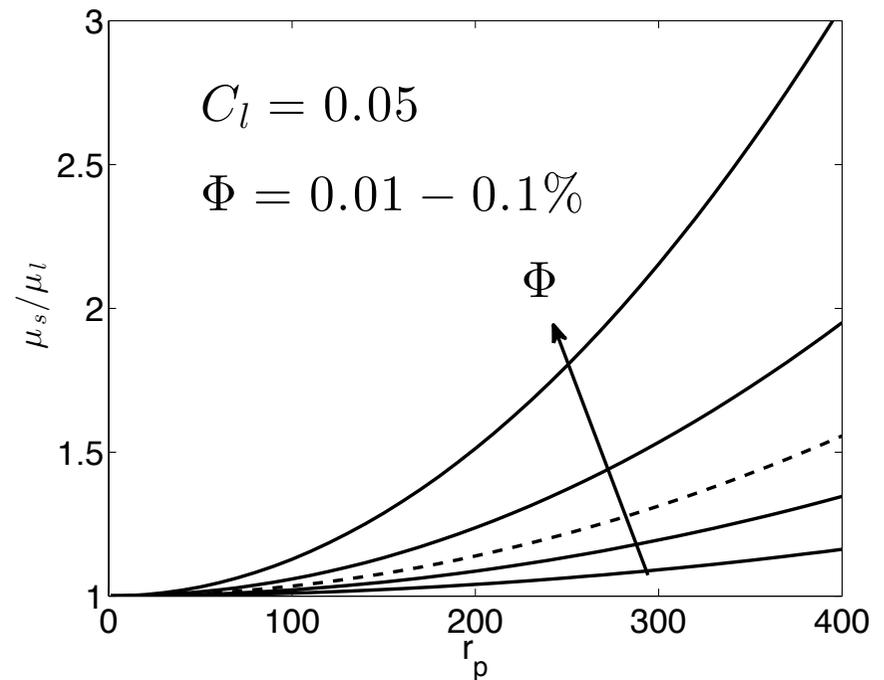
Suspension viscosity

$$\mu_s = 1 + 2A\Phi a_{rr\theta\theta}$$



$r_p = 340$   $C_l = 0.05$

$$\mu_s \approx 1.4 \mu_l$$



Rheometer:  $\mu_s \approx 1.8 \mu_l$

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