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# Topics



Experimental techniques and phase-discrimination strategies for velocity and size measurements in two phase flows

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# Why and what to measure in two-phase flows

<u>Why</u>: drag reduction, noise control, sedimentation, pollution and environmental phenomena, fiber suspension, sprays and other industrial applications, .....

<u>What:</u> velocity components, concentration, size, cross-correlation among them SIMULTANEOUSLY FOR EACH PHASE !!!



# Intrusive vs non-intrusive methods

**<u>INTRUSIVE</u>**: Grids, WMS (Wire Mesh Sensors), .... = good temporal resolution, very low spatial resolution, ..... OK for industrial applications





<u>**NON-INTRUSIVE</u>**: capacitive and magnetic sensors, ultrasound sensors, ... = sufficient temporal resolution, low spatial resolution  $\Rightarrow$  <u>OPTICAL TECHNIQUES</u></u>

# Spherical vs non spherical particles

#### spherical

<u>Single-point methods:</u> Phase Doppler Anemometry (PDA)

<u>Multi-point methods</u>: Global Phase Doppler (GPS) or Interferometric Laser Imaging Droplet Sizing (ILIDS), Image Analysis Methods

Durst et al. 1976, Konig et al. 1986, Kiger & Pan 2000

#### non-spherical

Single-point methods: PDA: not working

Multi-point methods: ILIDS: not working, Image Analysis Methods: OK

Parsa et al. 2011, Dearing et al. 2013

# **Multi-point for spherical**

#### **GPS & ILIDS: principle**



# Example

#### **GPS & ILIDS**



Lacagnina et al., 2011, in collaboration with CNR-INSEAN, Network of Excellence "Hydro-Testing Alliance" FP6 (2006-2010)



Test Section

#### comparison of the two cameras



## Limitations

#### GPS & ILIDS: drawbacks



![](_page_9_Picture_3.jpeg)

Spherical particles Low particle density

## **Multi-point for non-spherical**

#### **Shadow Imaging**

![](_page_10_Figure_2.jpeg)

## **ILIDS AND SHADOW IMAGING**

#### **COMPARISON**

![](_page_11_Figure_2.jpeg)

- slight overestimation of mean values
- overestimation of the standard deviation
- pixel locking due to fringe evaluation

#### **BUT SMALL IMAGED REGIONS**

Non-spherical particles – image analysis methods

- Non-spherical particles are imaged as spherical → LOW RESOLUTION
- Non-spherical particles are imaged as nonspherical → HIGH RESOLUTION

## <u>SPATIAL RESOLUTION =</u> <u>CAMERA + DIMENSIONS</u>

# Example

#### Synthetic plastic rod fibers (nylon) in turbulent flows

- Density 1.13-1.15 g/cm3
- Mean length L=320 µm
- Mean diameter d=24 μm
- Aspect ratio L/d=13.3

Flow tracers: hollow glass spheres Mean diameter 12 µm, neutrally buoyant

![](_page_13_Picture_7.jpeg)

## Low resolution

#### Low spatial resolution: fibers *eqv* to spheres

- <u>Turbulent pipe jet</u>
- Reynolds numbers 3000-30000
- Stokes number  $\approx 0.7$
- Imaged region  $\approx 11$  cm
- Camera sensor 1024 pixel
- Spatial resolution  $\approx 8 \text{ px/mm}$
- 1 fiber length = 3 pixel

![](_page_14_Picture_9.jpeg)

![](_page_14_Figure_10.jpeg)

![](_page_15_Picture_1.jpeg)

NO FIBERS

WITH FIBERS

Single or multiple cameras

#### Flow-particle separation: spatial median filter

Kiger & Pan, 2001

![](_page_16_Picture_3.jpeg)

Median filter 5x5 attenuates seeding particles

### **Median Filter**

![](_page_17_Figure_1.jpeg)

#### **Flow-particle separation: spatial median filter + thresholding**

![](_page_18_Figure_2.jpeg)

Fig. 4 PDF of light intensity at each pixel for single-phase data, compared to fiber-laden case before (at the *top*) and after (at the *bot-tom*) median filter

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where ?

#### Validation

![](_page_19_Figure_2.jpeg)

- Separation error by artificial two-phase images:
  1) Acquisition of tracer only and fiber only images
  2) Separate processing and location+velocity results
  3) Artificial multiphase image = tracer only+fiber only
  4) Phase discrimination (median + thresholding)
  5) Combined processing and location+velocity results
  6) Comparison as a function of threshold
- PIV average error on whole field below 3%
- Fibers detection error below 0.1%
- Detected particles 99.8%

#### Validation

![](_page_20_Figure_2.jpeg)

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#### Low resolution

**Example: turbulent jet with fibers – effect on results** 

![](_page_21_Figure_2.jpeg)

# **High resolution**

#### High spatial resolution: fibers NOT eqv to spheres

- Backward facing step
- Reynolds numbers 15000
- Stokes number  $\approx 0.5$
- Imaged region  $\approx 1$  cm
- Camera sensor 1024 pixel
- Spatial resolution  $\approx 100 \text{ px/mm}$
- 1 fiber length  $\approx 30$  pixel

![](_page_22_Picture_9.jpeg)

![](_page_22_Figure_10.jpeg)

# **High resolution**

High spatial resolution - orientation

![](_page_23_Picture_2.jpeg)

L=fiber length D=fiber diameter

![](_page_23_Picture_4.jpeg)

## **High resolution**

High spatial resolution

#### **orientation**

![](_page_24_Picture_3.jpeg)

 Image threshold + median filter 3×3
 Ellipses labelled as "fibers" if L/d>1.5 and L>9d<sub>tracer</sub>
 Fibers subtracted from images → <u>HOLES</u>
 Tracer processed with PIV
 Fibers processed with Particle Tracking

# Non-spherical particles – multi-point measurements

**Example: BFS with fibers – fiber orientation** 

![](_page_25_Figure_2.jpeg)

agreement with upstream flow data correlation with with local velocity ?

#### Remarks

#### - Tracers & particles

Use of optical techniques: the problem of tracers Light scattering by particles: position and distance Low concentration and size: follow the fluid without disturbing

#### -Single-point measurements

Spherical particles: Phase Doppler Non-spherical particles: Shadow Imaging

#### - Multi-point measurements

Spherical particles: Global Phase Doppler & Interferometry Non-spherical particles: Shadow Imaging & Image Analysis Low spatial resolution: phase discrimination complex High spatial resolution: orientation