Application of multiphase flow modeling techniques to the transport of submerged mineral wool fibers

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- Can quickly compromise the *defense-in-depth* concept



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 - + multiphase interactions and phenomena
 - + equipment (pumps, filters, etc)



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 - + Local velocity field
 - + Local concentration profiles
 - + Viscosity
 - + Buoyancy, drag and turbulence dispersion forces





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- Boundary and initial conditions
 - + Low velocity, sedimenting conditions
 - + Medium velocity, sedimenting and resuspending conditions
 - $+\,$ High velocity, transport of solids with little sedimentation

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The virtual particle

- Particles can be Measured classified by Mean term + sphericity Mean term
 - + compactness
 - + convexity

Class Particles



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- Measured distribution of agglomerate velocities
- Mean terminal velocity of particles 0.05 m s⁻¹
- Assumed spherical agglomerate of fibres
 - Drag = Buoyancy
- Iteratively resolve C_D
 - Terminal velocity \equiv measured
 - mean velocities was obtained

+
$$d_p = 5 \text{ mm}$$

+ $\rho_c = 997 \text{ kg m}^{-3}$
+ $\rho_f = 2800 \text{ kg m}^{-3}$
+ $\rho_r = 1030 \text{ kg m}^{-3}$





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$$\mu_{r1} = 1 + \begin{cases} 0 & r_p < 0.6 \\ r_p^3 10^4 & r_p \ge 0.6 \end{cases}$$
(3a)
$$\mu_{r2} = \left(1 - \frac{r_p}{r_{p \max}}\right)^{-\mu_{in}r_{p \max}}$$
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$$M_{cp}^{TD} = C_{TD} C_{cp}^{D} \frac{\nu_{tc}}{\sigma_{tc}} \left(\frac{\nabla r_p}{r_p} - \frac{\nabla r_c}{r_c} \right)$$
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$$C_D = \begin{cases} \frac{24}{Re_p} & Re_p \ll 1\\ \frac{24}{Re_p} \left(1 + 0.15Re_p^{0.687}\right) & 1 < Re_p < 10^3\\ 0.44 & 10^3 < Re_p < 2 * 10^5 \end{cases}$$
(12b)

$$Re_p = \frac{d_p U_{np}}{\nu_c} \tag{12c}$$

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 - + Multiphase interactions (gas-liquid-solid) with descending hot water jets



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