

Particle Collisions in Turbulent Flows

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Particle Collisions in Turbulent Flows



Outline Introduction P Prevalence of sling/caustics/RUM effect **Multiple collisions** KS vs. DNS



Rain formation and the droplet size distribution





$$\frac{\partial f(a)}{\partial t} = \frac{\text{nucleation}}{\text{condensation}} + \frac{\text{collision}}{\text{coalescence}}$$



Rain formation and the droplet size distribution





$$\frac{\partial f(a)}{\partial t} = \frac{\text{nucleation/}}{\text{condensation}} + \frac{1}{2} \int_0^a \frac{a^2}{a''^2} \Gamma(a'', a') f(a'') f(a') \, da' \\ - \int_0^\infty \Gamma(a, a') f(a) f(a') \, da'$$

$$a^{\prime\prime 3} = a^3 - a^{\prime 3}$$



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Introductory example:



 simplification: only one particle size

Kinetic theory

> collision rate for one particle

 $\mathcal{R}_c = n \, \pi (2a)^2 \langle w \rangle$

> overall collision rate

$$\mathcal{N}_{c} = \frac{1}{2}n^{2}\underbrace{\pi(2a)^{2}\langle w\rangle}_{\Gamma_{kin}(a)}$$

Collision kernel

$$\Gamma_{kin}(a) = \pi (2a)^2 \langle w \rangle$$



(Inertial) **Particle** collisions in **Turbulent Flows**

- finite density $\rho_p > \rho_f$
- finite size $0 < a \ll \eta$
- > equations of motion:

$$\frac{\mathrm{d}\boldsymbol{X}}{\mathrm{d}t} = \boldsymbol{V}, \quad \frac{\mathrm{d}\boldsymbol{V}}{\mathrm{d}t} = \frac{\boldsymbol{u}(\boldsymbol{X},t) - \boldsymbol{V}}{\tau_p} + \boldsymbol{G}$$

Maxey & Riley Phys. Fluids (1983) Gatignol J. méc. théor. appl. (1983)

 > dimensionless quantity: Stokes number

$$\mathsf{St} = \frac{\tau_p}{\tau_K} = \frac{2}{9} \frac{\rho_p}{\rho_f} \frac{a^2}{\eta^2}$$

DNS

- > Navier-Stokes equations
- > periodic box
- > 384³ grid points
- > $\text{Re}_{\lambda} = 130$

Kinematic Simulations

- > synthetic turbulence
- efficient

Fung et al. JFM (1992)





 part of simulation box with particles



- part of simulation box with particles
- > divide into segments
- know which particles in which cell



- part of simulation box with particles
- > divide into segments
- know which particles in which cell
- consider only surrounding cells







Introduction

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Prevalence of the sling/caustics/RUM effect

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Saffman & Turner JFM (1956)

> St \rightarrow 0: particles follow flow

$$\mathcal{R}_{c} = n \int -w_{r}(2a, \Omega)\Theta[-w_{r}(2a, \Omega)] d\Omega$$

> average to obtain total collision rate

$$\mathcal{N}_c = \frac{1}{2}n^2 \int \frac{1}{2} \langle |w_r(2a)| \rangle \,\mathrm{d}\Omega$$

- > approximate $\langle |w_x(2a)| \rangle = 2a \langle |\partial u_x/\partial x| \rangle$
- > assume Gaussian statistics with $\langle (\partial u_x / \partial x)^2 \rangle = \varepsilon / 15v$



$$\Gamma_{ST} = \left(\frac{8\pi}{15}\right)^{1/2} \frac{\left(2a\right)^3}{\tau_K}$$



Collision kernel(s)

St $\rightarrow 0$ Saffman & Turner JFM (1956)

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St $\rightarrow \infty$ Abrahamson *Chem. Eng. Sci.* (1975)

 $\Gamma_A = \Gamma_{kin}$ with $V_{rms} = (\eta / \tau_K) f(St, Re_\lambda)$

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Sling/caustics/RUM effect ?

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Preferential concentration

> mathematically exact

 $\Gamma_{SC} = 2\pi (2a)^2 g(2a) \langle |w_r| \rangle$

> radial distribution function g(r)

 $g(r)\sim \left(r/\eta\right)^{(\mathcal{D}_2-3)},\quad r/\eta\ll 1$

Sundaram & Collins JFM (1997)





Sling/caustics/RUM effect



 particles slung by vortices

Falkovich et al. Nature (2002)

Caustics



- faster particles
 "overtake" slower ones
- points in phase space multi-valued

Wilkinson, Mehlig, & Bezuglyy PRL (2006)

RUM

Random Uncorrelated Motion

- two contributions to motion of inertial particles
 - » smooth spatially correlated movement
 - » random uncorrelated movement

Simonin et al. Phys. Fluids (2006) Reeks et al. Proc. FEDSM (2006)

 $\Gamma = \underbrace{\Gamma_{ST}}_{\sim a^3} \underbrace{g(2a)}_{\sim a^{\mathcal{D}_2 - 3}} + \underbrace{\Gamma_A h_{\mathsf{S}}(\mathsf{St}, \mathsf{Re}_{\lambda})}_{\sim a^2}$

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$$St = \frac{2}{9} \frac{\rho_p}{\rho_f} \frac{a^2}{\eta^2}$$

$$\circ \qquad \rho_p/\rho_f = 4000 \qquad \Rightarrow \qquad a = \frac{1}{2}a_0$$



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$$St = \frac{2}{9} \frac{\rho_p}{\rho_f} \frac{a^2}{\eta^2}$$

$$\Delta \qquad \rho_p / \rho_f = 250 \qquad \Rightarrow \qquad a = 2a_0$$

$$\Rightarrow \qquad \rho_p / \rho_f = 1000 \qquad \Rightarrow \qquad a = a_0$$

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Voßkuhle et al. arXiv: 1307.6853 [physics.flu-dyn]



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$$a^3 \implies \Gamma(a_0)/\Gamma(2a_0) = \frac{1}{8}$$



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Prevalence of sling

Ghost collisions and the Saffman–Turner theory



- > flow is locally hyperbolic
- > flow is persistent
- fluid element can pass through collision sphere repeatedly
- ⇒ spurious "ghost" collisions

Brunk et al. JFM (1998) Andersson et al. EPL (2007) Gustavsson, Mehlig, & Wilkinson NJP (2008)



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Overestimation by Ghost collisions



Γ_{GCA} : ghost collision approximationΓ₁ : only first collisionsΓ_m : multiple collisionsΓ_{GCA} = Γ₁ + Γ_m

- Ghost collisions overestimate collision kernel by up to 20 %
- Relative estimation error falls with Stokes number

Consistent with previous results by Brunk et al. JFM (1998) and Wang et al. Phys. Fluids (1998)



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Statistics of multiple collisions



 Multiple collisions statistics follow

 $P(N_c|N_c \le 1) = \beta(St)\alpha(St)^{N_c}$

 Markovian interpretation: particle has probability a(St) to collide again

> Simple model

$$\Gamma_m = \Gamma_1 \sum_{N_c=2}^{\infty} \beta \alpha^{N_c} = \Gamma_1 \frac{\beta \alpha^2}{1-\alpha}$$



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Distance between trajectories



St = 1.0







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Pair separation



results for tracers

> starting with similar initial conditions



Scatamacchia et al. PRL (2012) $r \sim 100$ $t = c_0$ $r \sim 100$ $r \sim 100$ $r \sim 100$





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Contact time distribution





Contact time distribution



- > exponential tail for long time
- > power law for short time
- > independent of distance d_c

$P(\Delta t_1)$ for St = 1.5





Contact time distribution



- > exponential tail persists
- > power law vanishes
- > independent of collision count

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Contact time distribution





Multiple collisions and sling/caustics/RUM effect



- multiple collisions have small relative velocities
- multiple collisions stem from continuous collisions
- sling/caustics/RUM effect does not lead to multiple collisions



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Kinematic Simulations vs. Direct Numerical Simulations



Kinematic Simulations

$$\boldsymbol{u}(\boldsymbol{x},t) = \sum_{n=1}^{N_k} \boldsymbol{A}_n \cos(\boldsymbol{k}_n \cdot \boldsymbol{x} + \omega_n t) + \boldsymbol{B}_n \sin(\boldsymbol{k}_n \cdot \boldsymbol{x} + \omega_n t)$$

$$\boldsymbol{A}_n \cdot \boldsymbol{k}_n = \boldsymbol{B}_n \cdot \boldsymbol{k}_n = 0$$

$$A_n^2 = B_n^2 = E(k_n) \Delta k_n$$

 $E(k_n) \sim k_n^{-5/3}$

- efficient
- > highly "turbulent" flows
- > widely used
- > "toy model"

Fung et al. JFM (1992)



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Qualitatively the same for KS...





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... but quantitatively very different from DNS





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Conclusion

Conclusions and perspectives

St > 0: Sling/caustics/RUM effect dominates collision rates in turbulent flows

inertial particles may stay close for long times



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- leads to multiple collisions »
- overestimation of the collision kernel













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efficient

 highly "turbulent" flows

$$\omega_n = \lambda \sqrt{k_n^3 E(k_n)}, \quad \lambda$$
 : "persistence parameter"

 $k_1 = \frac{2\pi}{L}, \quad k_{N_k} = \frac{2\pi}{\eta}, \quad k_n = k_1 \left(\frac{L}{n}\right)^{(n-1)/(N_k-1)}$

Fung et al. JFM (1992)







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