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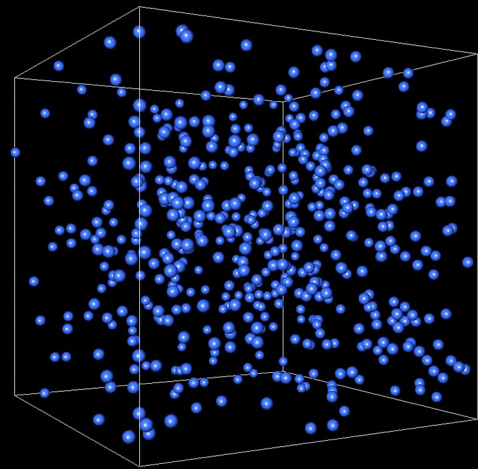
# Dynamics of particles in turbulent flow

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## Introduction

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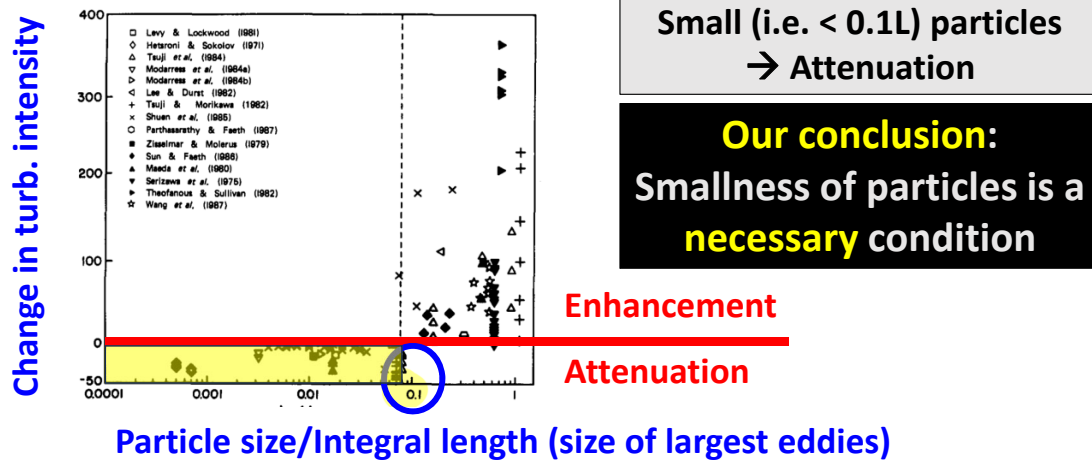
*Turbulence can be modulated by particles.*

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# Turbulence modulation by solid particles

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**Gore & Crowe (1989)** "Effect of particle size on modulating turbulent intensity"  
Compiled experimental data of pipe flow and jets.



## Two key notions

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① Coherent structures in turbulence  
→ Energy cascade

② Time-scale competition  
→ Stokes number

## Flow behind a cylinder

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Flow state is determined by the Reynolds number:  $Re = \frac{Ud}{\nu}$

$\nu$  = kinematic viscosity

$Re \approx 100$

Periodic flow = Karman vortices

## Turbulence behind a cylinder

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Flow state is determined by the Reynolds number:  $Re = \frac{Ud}{\nu}$

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$Re = 5000$

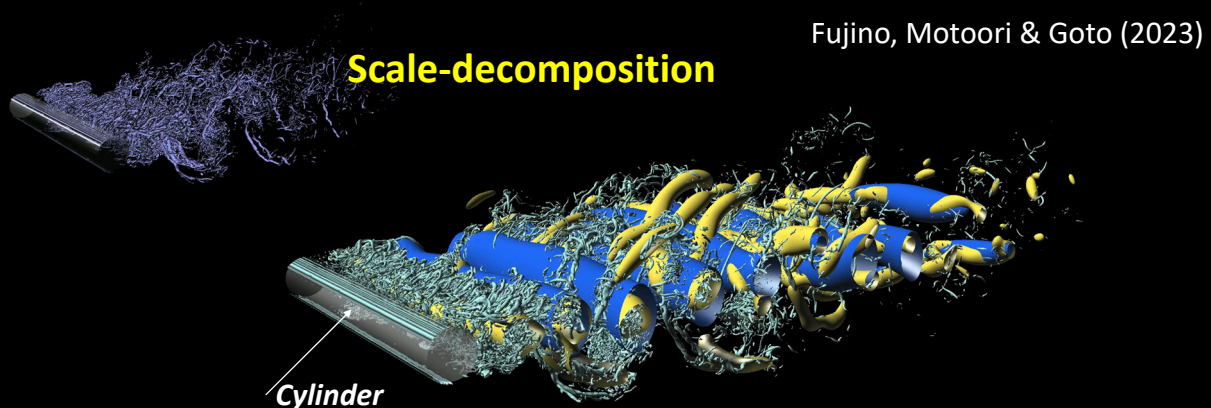
Fully developed turbulence

# Scale decomposition

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## Turbulence=Hierarchy of coherent vortices

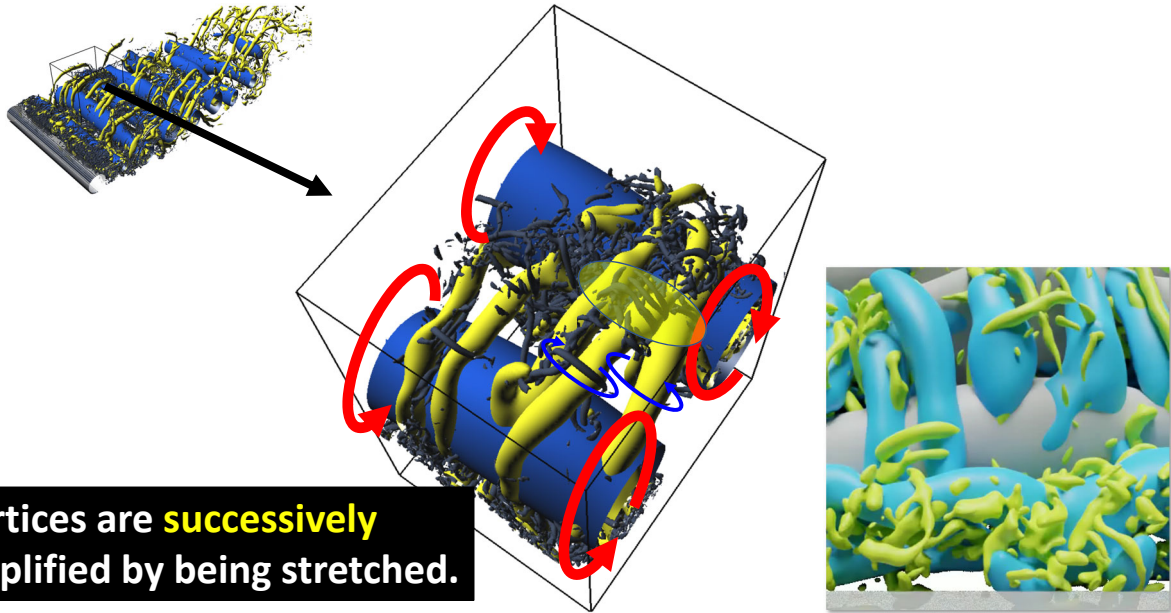
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- Blue roller (shedding) vortices:** Corresponding to the Karman vortices  
→ **Yellow rib vortices** are created around **the rollers**.  
→ Further smaller vortices are created around **the ribs**.

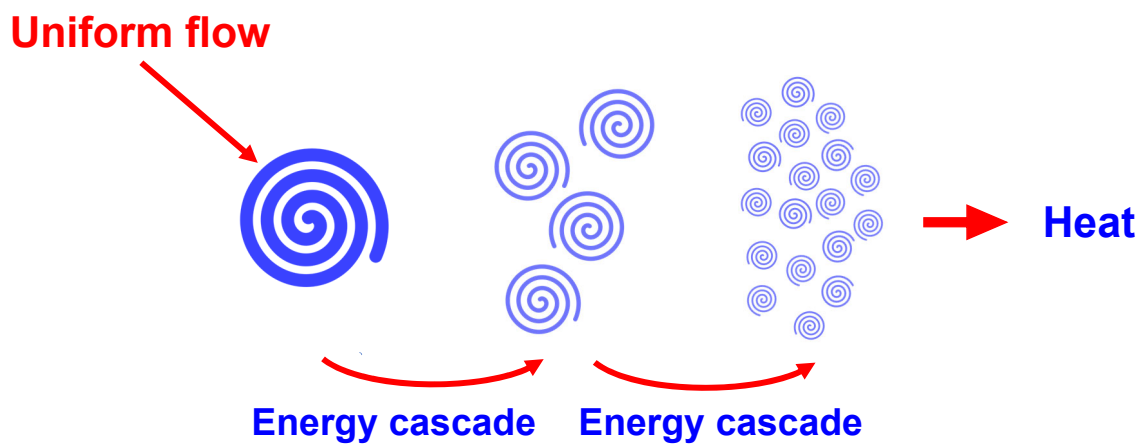
## Turbulence=Hierarchy of coherent vortices

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## Generation mechanism = Energy cascade

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Fujino, Motoori, Goto (2023)

# Turbulence **far** from solid walls

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## Turbulence in a **periodic cube**

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**Velocity:**  $u(\mathbf{x}, t)$

**Pressure:**  $p(\mathbf{x}, t)$

**Continuity equation**

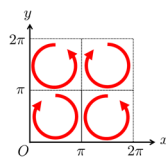
$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{u} = 0$$

**Navier-Stokes equation**

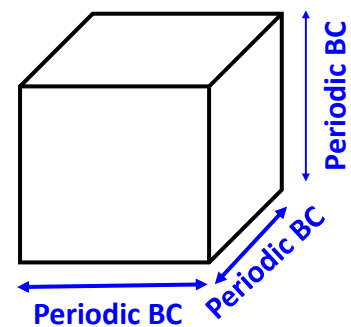
$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{u}}{\partial t} + \mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla \mathbf{u} = -\frac{1}{\rho} \nabla p + \nu \nabla^2 \mathbf{u} + \mathbf{f}$$

$\rho$  ← Mass density       $\nu$  ← Kinematic viscosity

$$\mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}) = \begin{bmatrix} +\cos(x)\sin(y) \\ -\sin(x)\cos(y) \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$



**Need forcing**

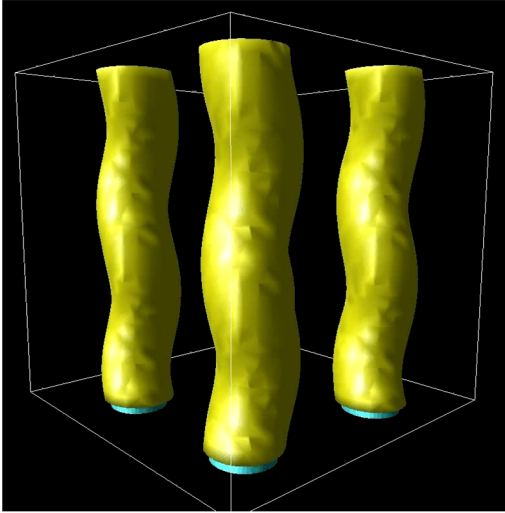


**2048 × 2048 × 2048**  
**Fourier modes →**  
 $R_\lambda \approx 700$  ( $Re \approx 10^5$ )

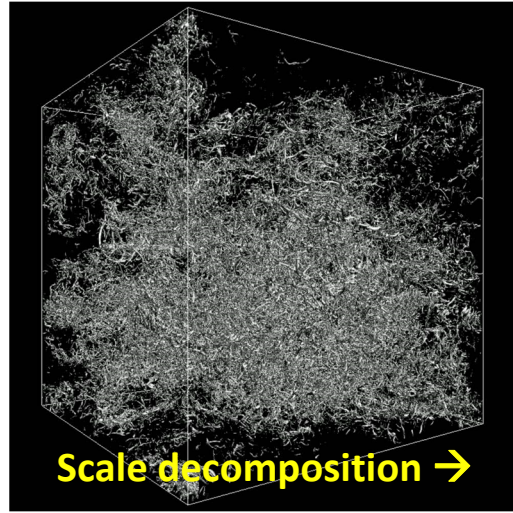
**are numerically integrated by Fourier spectral method.**

## Turbulence in a **periodic cube**

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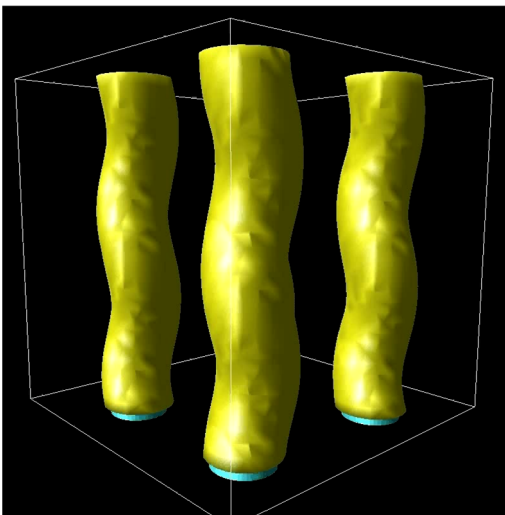
*Low Re* → *Periodic flow*



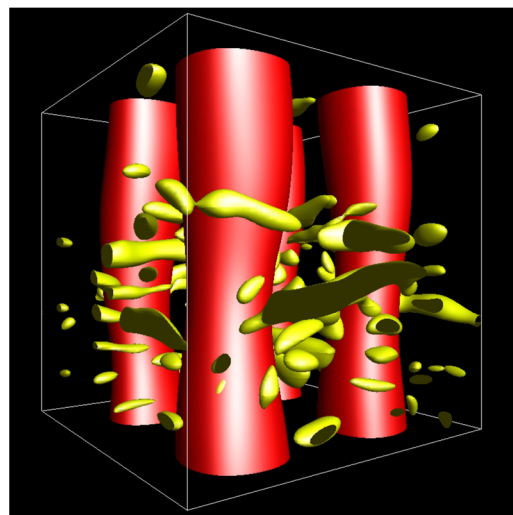
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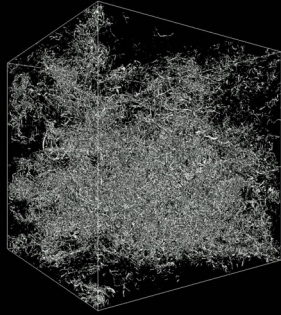
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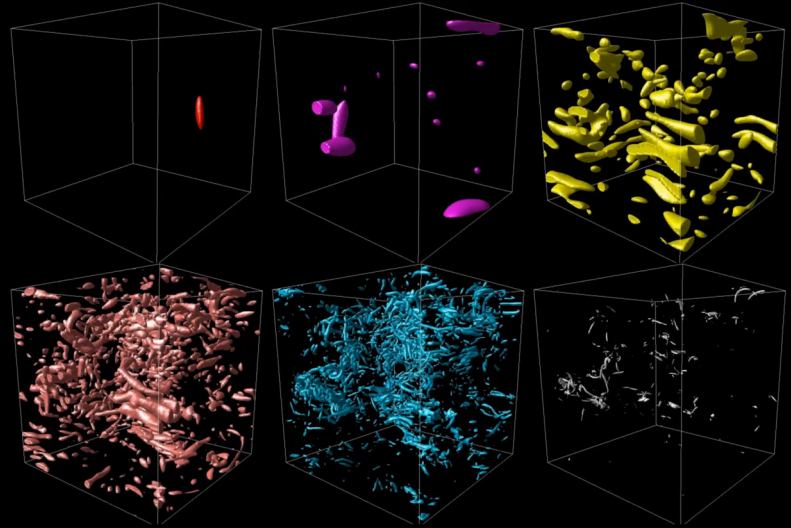
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## Turbulence = Hierarchy of coherent vortices

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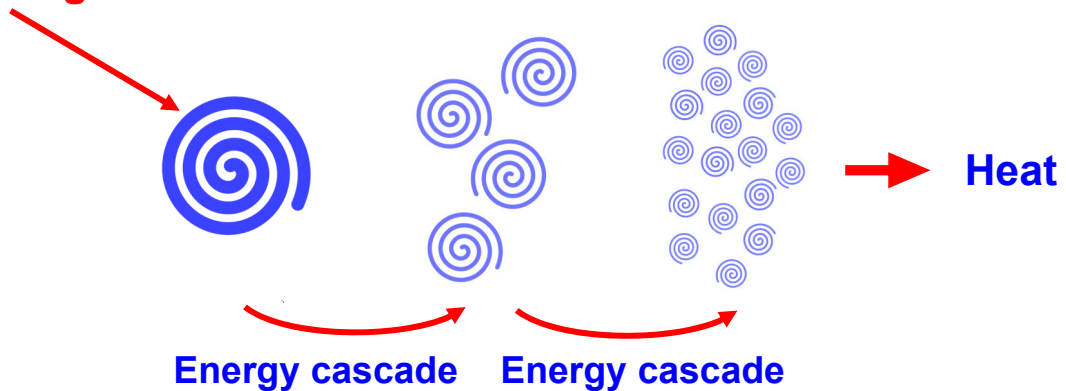
Scale decomposition →



## Generation mechanism = Energy cascade

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Forcing



*Q: How do particles modify the energy cascade process?*



## Two key notions

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### ① Coherent structures in turbulence

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### ② Time-scale competition

→ Stokes number

## Stokes number

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### Equation of motion for a Stokes spherical particle:

(density  $\rho_p$ , diameter  $D$ )

$$m \frac{d\mathbf{u}_p}{dt} = -C(\mathbf{u}_p - \mathbf{u}_f)$$

$\rho_p \times \frac{\pi D^3}{6}$        $3\pi\mu D$

( $\mathbf{u}_p$  = particle velocity)

( $\mathbf{u}_f$  = fluid velocity)

$$\frac{d\mathbf{u}_p}{dt} = -\frac{1}{\tau_p} (\mathbf{u}_p - \mathbf{u}_f)$$

With the **velocity relaxation time**

$$\tau_p = \frac{\rho_p D^2}{18\mu}$$

$$St = \frac{\tau_p}{T}$$

Turnover time of the  
largest eddies

# Stokes number

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Turnover time of the largest eddies

## Light particles

If  $St \ll 1$  (i.e.  $\tau_p \ll T$ ),  
particles can follow flow.  
→ Nothing happens.

## Heavy particles

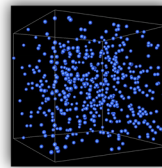
If  $St \gg 1$  (i.e.  $\tau_p \gg T$ ),  
particles **cannot** follow flow.  
→ Flow modulation.

# Summary so far

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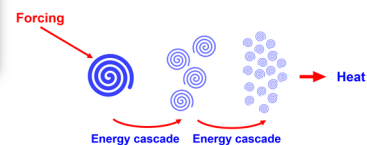
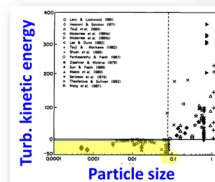
## Target

*Modulation of turbulence by solid particles.*



## Classical view

*Small particles → Attenuation*  
*Large particles → Enhancement*



## Key notions

*Turbulence is not random, but composed of coherent eddies, which are sustained by the energy cascade.*

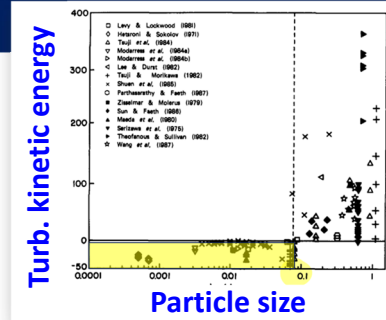
*Time-scale competition: Stokes number*  $St = \frac{\tau_p}{T}$   
Particle time-scale / Time scale of the largest eddies

## Will show following conclusions

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### Classical view (Gore & Crowe 1989):

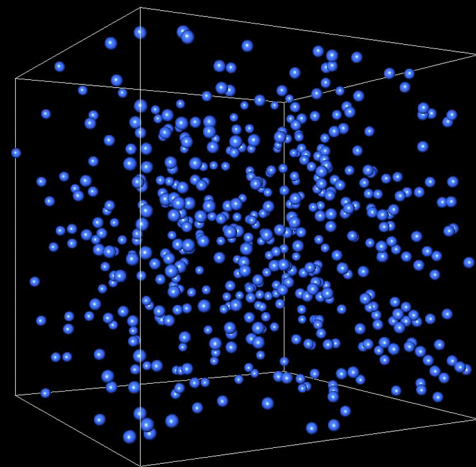
particles **smaller** than  $L \rightarrow$  **attenuation**  
 particles **larger** than  $L \rightarrow$  **enhancement**



1. The smallness of particles is a **necessary condition**.
2. Large-**Stokes-number** particles take energy from the largest eddies and bypass the cascade.
3. The attenuated kinetic energy of turbulence is determined by the **additional energy dissipation rate**.

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## Method



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## Method

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### ◆ Forced turbulence in a periodic cube

### ◆ Finite difference + Immersed boundary method

(Uhlmann 2005, Lucci et al. 2010)

#### ◆ Two kinds of forcing

##### ① Taylor-Green forcing

$$f(x) = \begin{bmatrix} +\cos(x)\sin(y) \\ -\sin(x)\cos(y) \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

With mean flow

$R_\lambda = 48$

##### ② Homogeneous isotropic forcing to keep energy input rate

No mean flow

$R_\lambda = 94$

## Parameters

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### ◆ Volume fraction

$\Lambda_p = 8.2 \times 10^{-3}$

Dilute (fixed)

### ◆ (Particle diameter)/(Integral length=size of largest eddies)

$0.17 \leq D/\mathcal{L} \leq 1.3$  (Forcing ①)

$0.15 \leq D/\mathcal{L} \leq 1.2$  (Forcing ②)

### ◆ Stokes number

(Velocity relaxation time)/(Turnover time of the largest eddies)

$0.51 < St = \tau_p/\mathcal{T} < 2100$  (Forcing ①)

$0.64 < St = \tau_p/\mathcal{T} < 2700$  (Forcing ②)

$$\tau_p = \frac{\gamma D^2}{18\nu} \quad (\gamma = \rho_p/\rho_f)$$

## 3.1

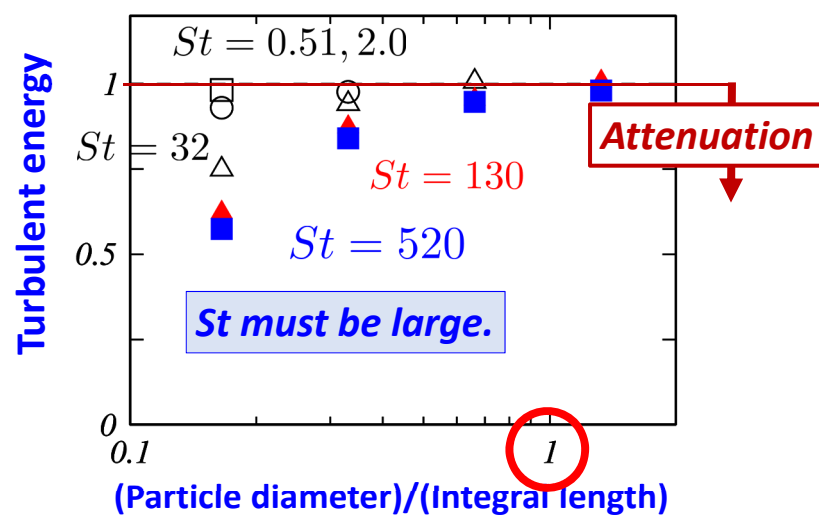
## Main results

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## Turbulence kinetic energy

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Forcing ①



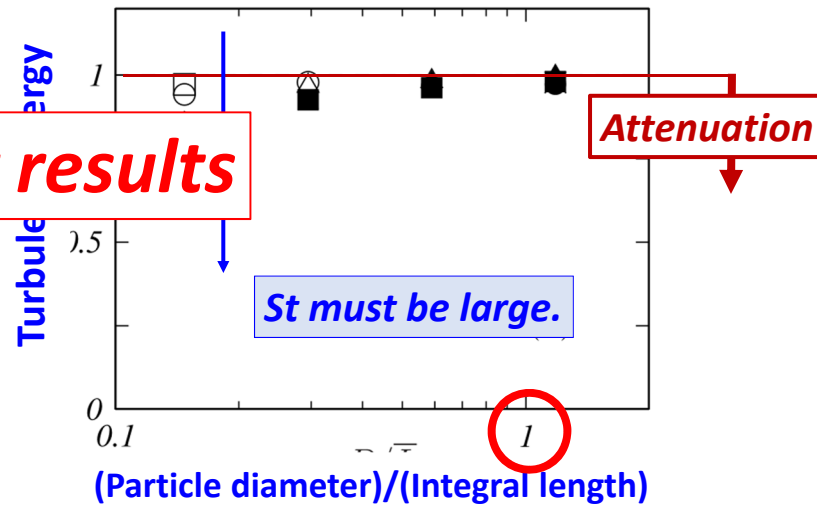
*Smallness of the particle size is a **necessary** condition.*

## Turbulence kinetic energy

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Forcing ②

**Similar results**



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## 3.2

## Mechanism

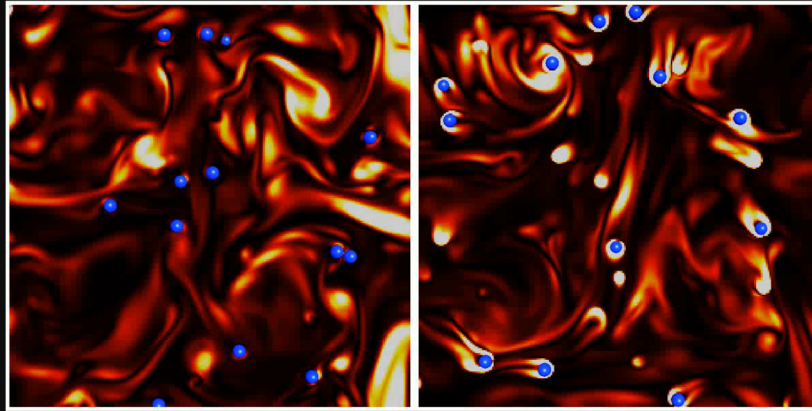
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## Attenuation is due to **shedding vortices**

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Particles with a common size

Color=enstrophy



**No modulation**  
 $St = 0.51$

**Significant attenuation**  
 $St = 130$

## Mechanism

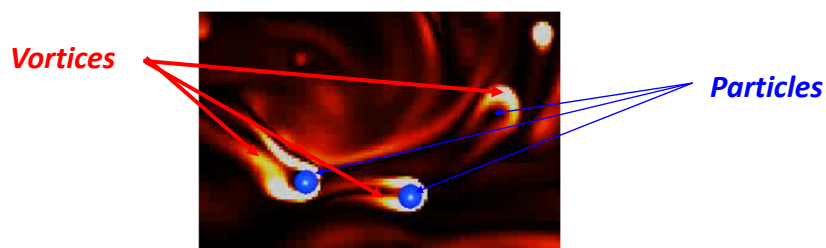
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When  $St \gg 1$

*Particles cannot follow flow on the largest scale.*

→ Velocity difference b/w fluid and particle.

→ Energy dissipation in the wake.



→ Energy cascade is by-passed.

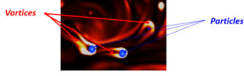
[Verification 1]  $St \gg 1 \rightarrow$  large  $\Delta U$

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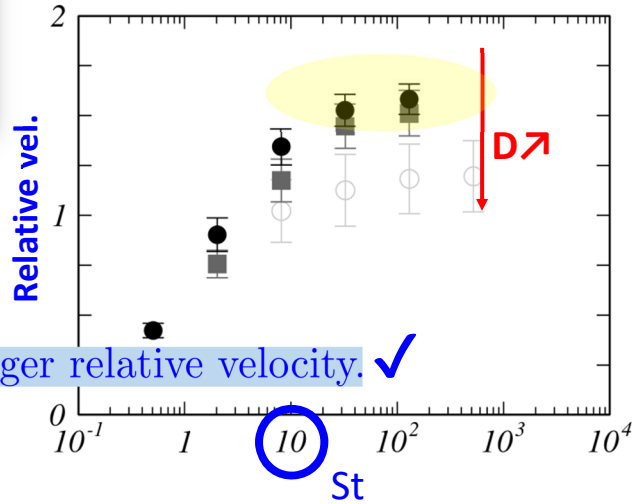
**Mechanism** 20/43

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$St \gg 1 \rightarrow$  larger relative velocity. ✓

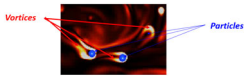
[Verification 2] Dissipation  $\propto$  attenuation rate

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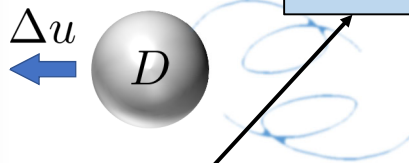
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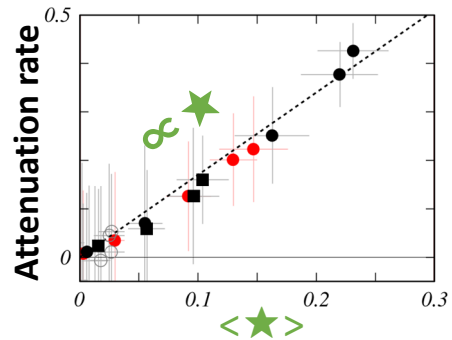


Smaller  $D \rightarrow$  Larger  $\epsilon_p$

Dissipation in the wake:

$$\epsilon_p \sim \Lambda_p \frac{|\Delta u|^3}{D}$$

Volume fraction Relative velocity (numerically estimated)





# On the basis of

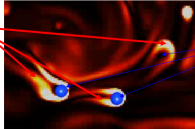
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**Mechanism**

When  $St \gg 1$      *Particles cannot follow flow on the largest scale.*

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- Energy dissipation in the wake.

Vortices



Particles

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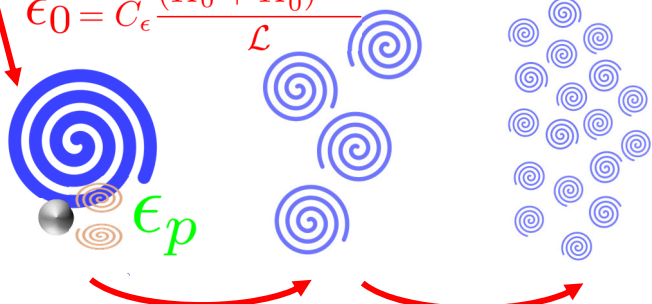
.. we estimate the attenuation **rate**.

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# Degree of attenuation

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**Forcing**

$$\epsilon_0 = C_\epsilon \frac{(K_0 + K'_0)^{3/2}}{\mathcal{L}}$$


$\epsilon_p$

**Energy cascade**    **Energy cascade**

$$\epsilon_c = C_\epsilon \frac{(K_0 + K')^{3/2}}{\mathcal{L}}$$

$K_0$  = Mean-flow energy  
 $K'_0$  = TKE w/o particles  
 $K'$  = TKE with particles

**Heat**

**Assumption:**  
Energy input rate is not altered.

$$\epsilon_0 = \epsilon_c + \epsilon_p \quad \longrightarrow \quad 1 - \frac{\epsilon_p}{\epsilon_0} = \left( \frac{K_0 + K'}{K_0 + K'_0} \right)^{3/2} \quad \longrightarrow$$

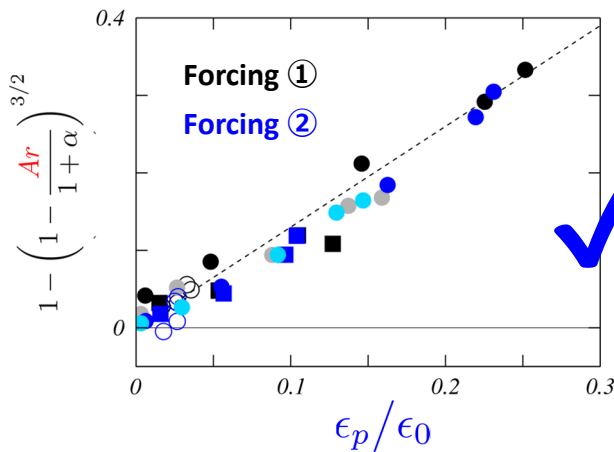
## Degree of attenuation

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$$Ar = \frac{K' - K'_0}{K'_0}$$

$$1 - \left(1 - \frac{Ar}{1 + \alpha}\right)^{3/2} = \frac{\epsilon_p}{\epsilon_0}$$

$$\alpha = \frac{K_0}{K'_0}$$



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Oka & Goto (2022, JFM)

## 3.3

### Estimation of $\epsilon_p$

*Additional  
energy dissipation rate  
around particles*

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😊  $\epsilon_p$  explains the phenomenon

☹️ We need data of  $\epsilon_p$

$$\epsilon_p = \Lambda_p C_{p(\Delta u)} \frac{\Delta u^3}{D}$$

$\Delta u$  = Relative velocity b/w particle and fluid

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## Estimation of $\Delta u$

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## Estimation of relative velocity (1/2)

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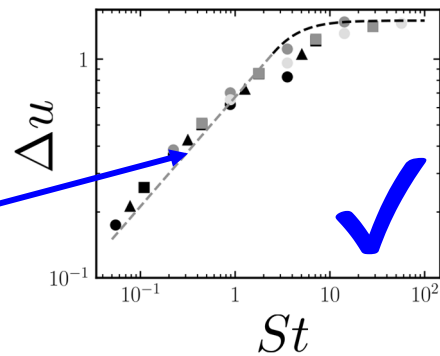
$$\frac{d\mathbf{u}_p}{dt} = -\frac{1}{\tau_p} (\mathbf{u}_p - \mathbf{u}_f)$$

Balachandar (2009)

$$\frac{d\mathbf{u}_p}{dt} \approx -\frac{1}{\tau_p} (\mathbf{u}_p - \mathbf{u}_f^{>\tau_p})$$

$$\Delta u = \begin{cases} u_L \sqrt{\frac{St}{2}} & (St < 1) \\ u_L \frac{St}{\sqrt{1+St^2}} & (St > 1) \end{cases}$$

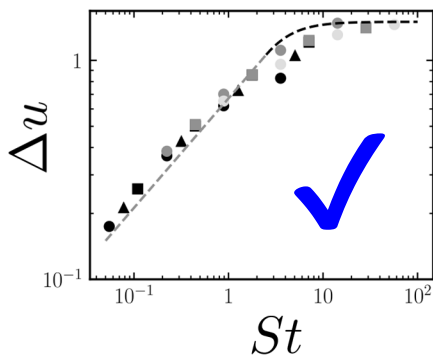
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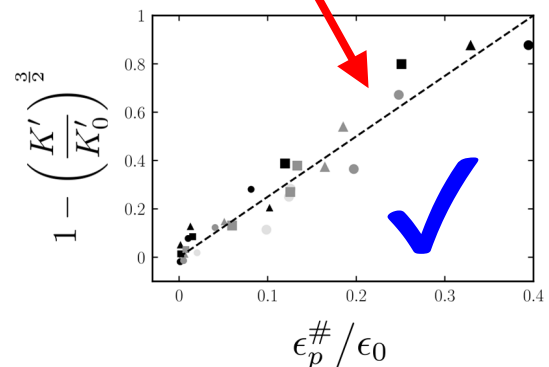
## Estimation of relative velocity (2/2)

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$$\epsilon_p^\# = \Lambda_p C_p(\Delta u) \frac{\Delta u^3}{D}$$



## 3.4

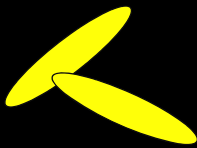
## Particle shape effects

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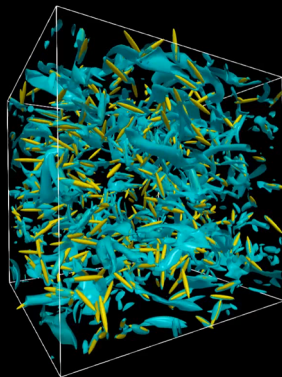
## Anisotropic particles (1/4)

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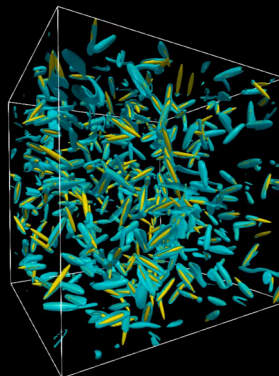
Elliptic particles in a periodic cube



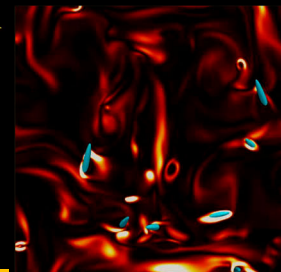
With vortices



$St \approx 1 \rightarrow$   
No modulation

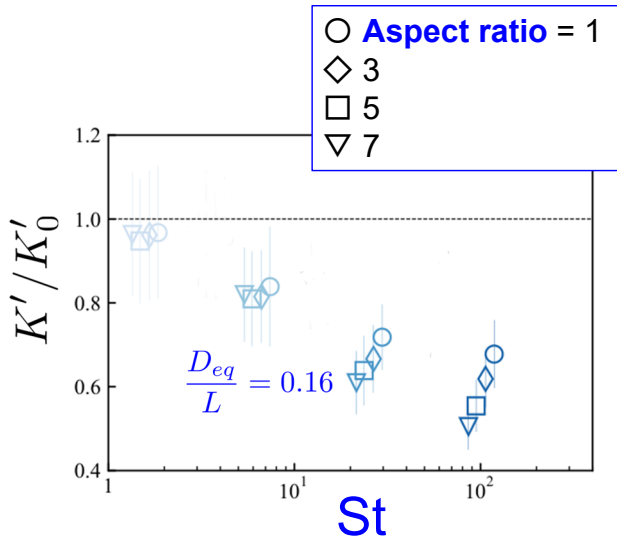


$St \gg 1 \rightarrow$   
Shedding vortices



## Anisotropic particles (2/4)

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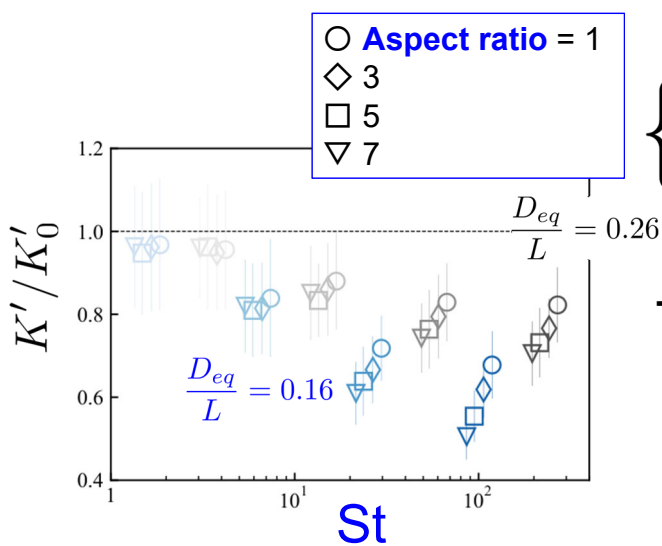


{ Particle volume is common.  
Volume fraction is common.

Turbulence is **more attenuated**:  
for larger  $St$ ,  
for larger aspect ratio.

## Anisotropic particles (3/4)

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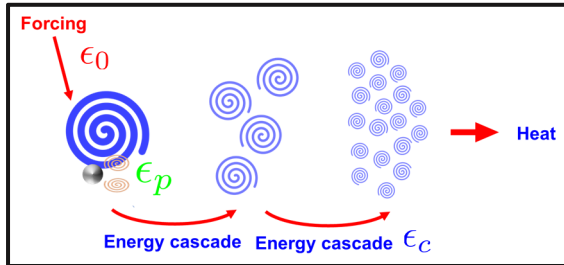
{ Particle volume is common.  
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Turbulence is **more attenuated**:  
for larger  $St$ ,  
for larger aspect ratio,  
for smaller size.

→ Larger dissipation rate  $\epsilon_p$

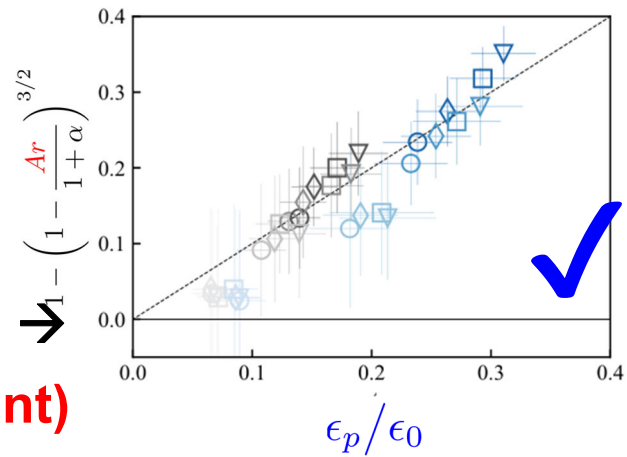
## Anisotropic particles (4/4)

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$$\epsilon_0 = \epsilon_c + \epsilon_p$$

All the data collapse  $\rightarrow$   
 (Rotation is unimportant)



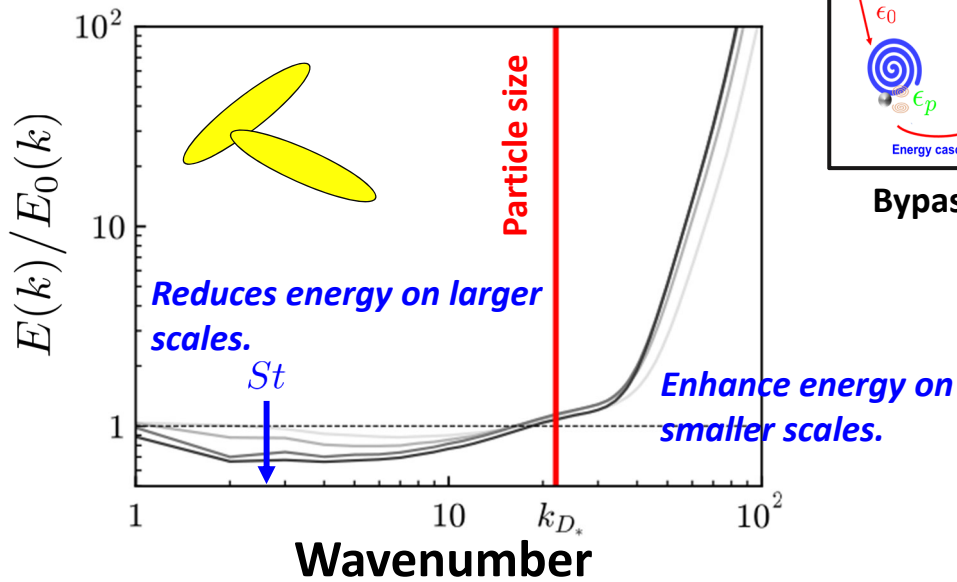
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## Bypassing cascade

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# Energy spectrum

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## Conclusions

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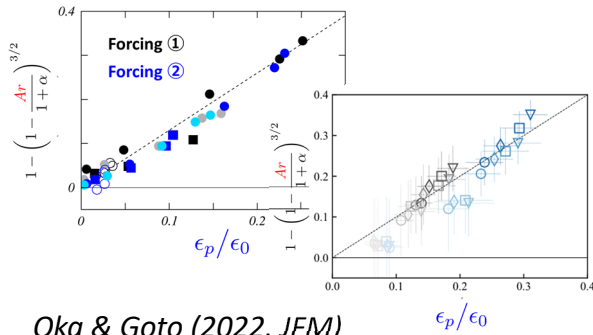
# Conclusions

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**Large-St particles** can attenuate turbulence  
because the **additional energy dissipation**  $\epsilon_p$  reduces the flux.

We may estimate the attenuation rate by using  $\epsilon_p$ ,

which may be estimated by



$$\epsilon_p \sim \Lambda_p \frac{|\Delta u|^3}{D}$$

Volume fraction  $\Lambda_p$  (red text)  
Relative velocity  $|\Delta u|$  (blue text)

*Oka & Goto (2022, JFM)*  
*Awai, Motoori & Goto (2024 submitted)*  
*Motoori & Goto (to be submitted)*

This also explains why **smaller** particles  
are more effective.