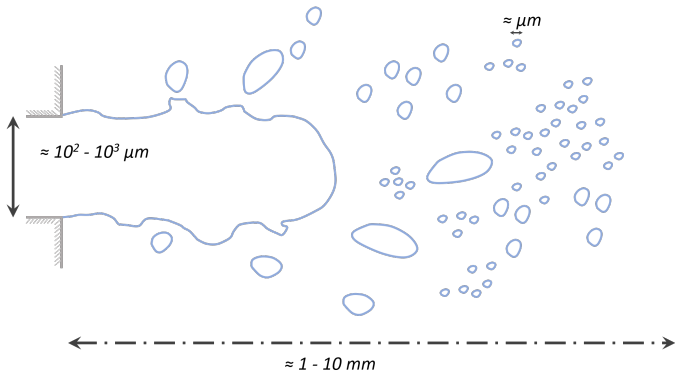


Large Eddy Simulation of air-blast atomization using  
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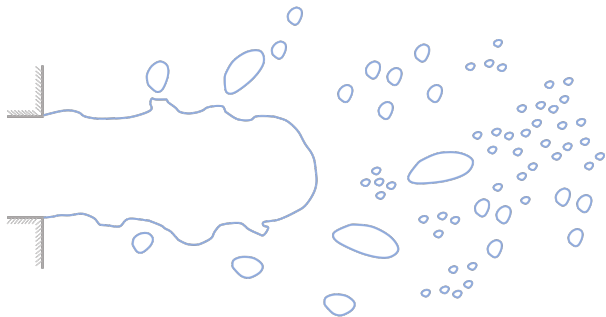
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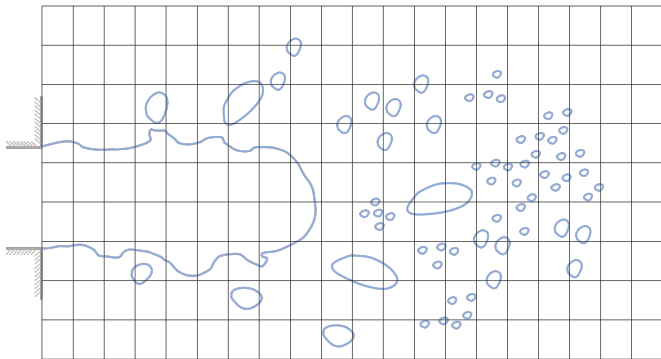
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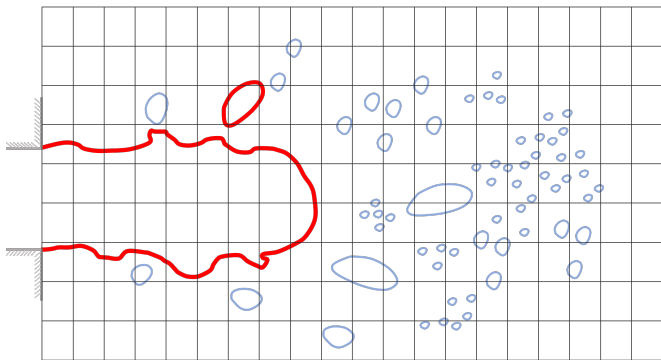
- High Velocity Spray: **wide range of length scales**



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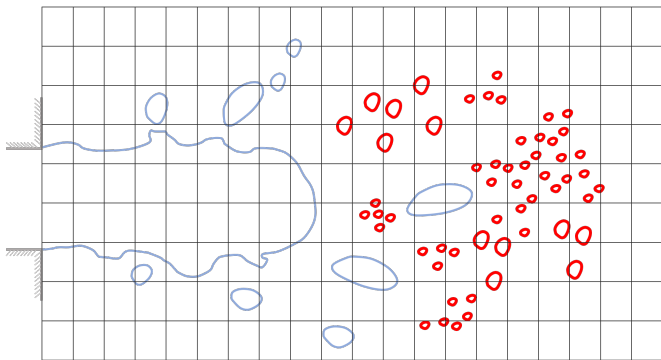


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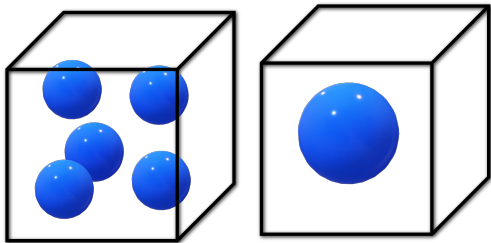
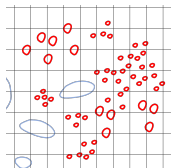
- Dense Region: **Interface Well Resolved**

# Sub-Grid Liquid Structures



- Dilute Region: **Sub-Grid Structures**;

Two Cells: same **Volume** of liquid, different **Number** of droplets.

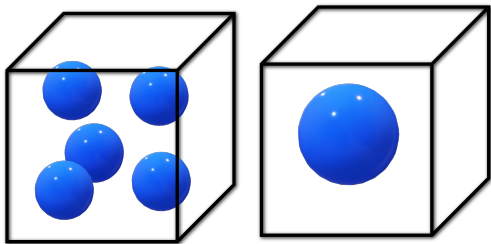
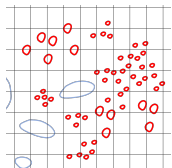


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$\Sigma - Y$  or ELSA model[1]

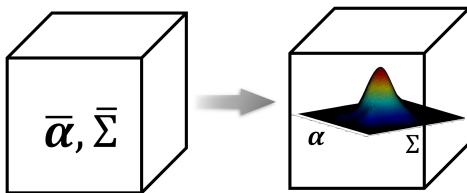
$$\text{Volume Fraction Eqn. : } \frac{\partial \bar{\alpha}}{\partial t} + \bar{u}_j \frac{\partial \bar{\alpha}}{\partial x_j} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} \left[ D_{sgs} \frac{\partial \bar{\alpha}}{\partial x_j} \right]$$

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- Source terms *not linear*  $\left( \bar{S} = \overline{S_{gen}} - \overline{S_{des}} = a\bar{\Sigma} - b\bar{\Sigma}^2, a, b = f(\alpha, \Sigma) \right)$ ;
- Single filtered/averaged value for each cell;

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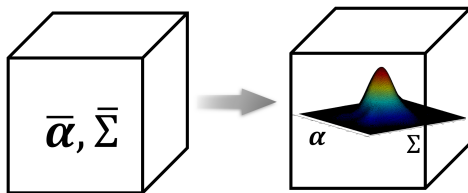
From **Filtered** values to Cell **Joint Instantaneous PDF**



Joint Sub-Grid Probability Density Function (PDF)  $P_{sgs}$  of  $\alpha$  and  $\Sigma$ .

$$\frac{\partial P_{sgs}}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial \bar{u}_j P_{sgs}}{\partial x_j} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} \left[ D_{sgs} \frac{\partial P_{sgs}}{\partial x_j} \right] - \frac{\partial S(\theta)_k P_{sgs}}{\partial \theta_k}$$

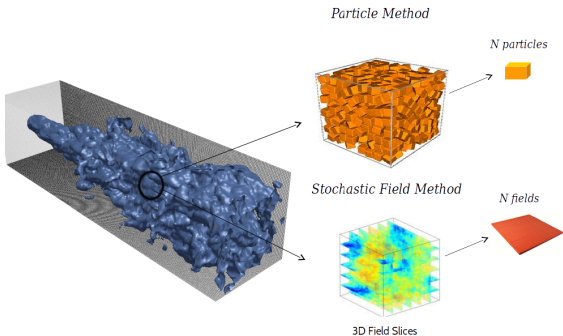
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System of  $N_\phi$  **Stochastic Fields** or Particles **equivalent** to  $P_{sgs}$



- $N_\phi$  *fields* to represent the average;
- Each *field* carries the state variables  $\theta = (\alpha, \Sigma)$ ;

Sub-Grid Formulation:  $\Sigma - Y - PDF$ 

Final Set of SPDE [2]:

$$\frac{d\alpha^\phi}{dt} + \bar{u}_j \frac{\partial \alpha^\phi}{\partial x_j} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} \left[ D_{sgs} \frac{\partial \alpha^\phi}{\partial x_j} \right] + \sqrt{2D_{sgs}} \frac{\partial \alpha^\phi}{\partial x_j} \frac{dW_j^\phi}{dt}$$

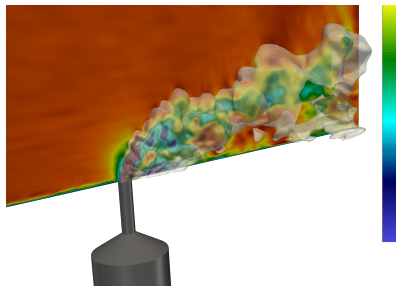
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- First Moment (or Filtered Value)  $\bar{\alpha} = \frac{1}{N_\phi} \sum_{\phi=1}^{N_\phi} \alpha^\phi$  ,  $\bar{\Sigma} = \frac{1}{N_\phi} \sum_{\phi=1}^{N_\phi} \Sigma^\phi$
- Sub-Grid Diffusivity  $D_{sgs} = \frac{\nu_{sgs}}{Sc_{sgs}}$
- Wiener Increment Term  $d\mathbf{W}^\phi$  with mean 0 and variance  $\sqrt{dt}$

[2] Navarro-Martinez , 2014, *Int. J. of Multiphase Flow*, 63:1122.

# Test Case: Jet in Cross Flow

- Liquid Jet into Gaseous Cross Flow



**Fig.** Jet into a Cross Flow.

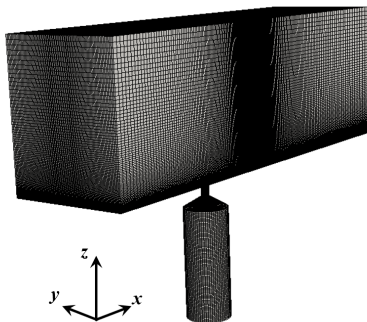
- Challenging configuration;
- Application of engineering interest;
- Configuration investigated numerically[3] and experimentally[4];

[3] Herrmann et al. , 2011, *Jo. of Eng. for Gas Turbines and Power*, 133(6), 061501.

[4] Brownand T and McDonell, 2006, *19th ILASS America*.

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## Numerical Set Up



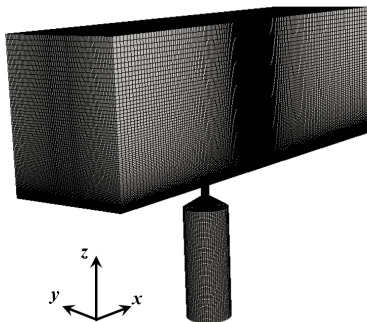
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- Increasing  $\rho_j/\rho_g$  reduce the bending;
- Agreement with empirical correlation for  $\rho_j/\rho_\infty = 860$  ;

We et al. (1997)

$$\frac{y}{d_j} = 1.37 \left( q \frac{x}{d_j} \right)^{1/2}$$

Stenzler et al. (2006)

$$\frac{y}{d_j} = 2.63q^{0.442} \left( \frac{x}{d_j} \right)^{0.391} We^{-0.088} \left( \frac{\mu_l}{\mu_{H_2O}} \right)^{-0.027}$$

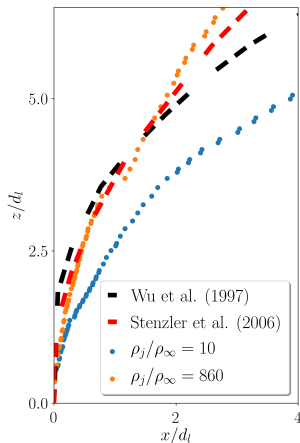


Fig. Jet boundary varying  $N_\phi$

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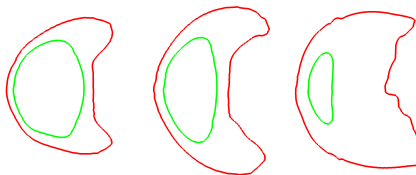
Time averaged  $\alpha$  on  $x$ - $y$  planes.

**Red** :  $\langle \alpha \rangle = 0.1$ ;

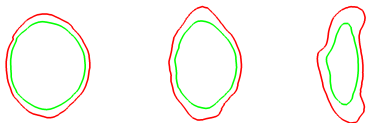
**Blue** :  $\langle \alpha \rangle = 0.5$ ;

$\rho_j/\rho_\infty = 10$  : lateral deformation  
observed;

$$\rho_j/\rho_\infty = 10$$



$$\rho_j/\rho_\infty = 860$$

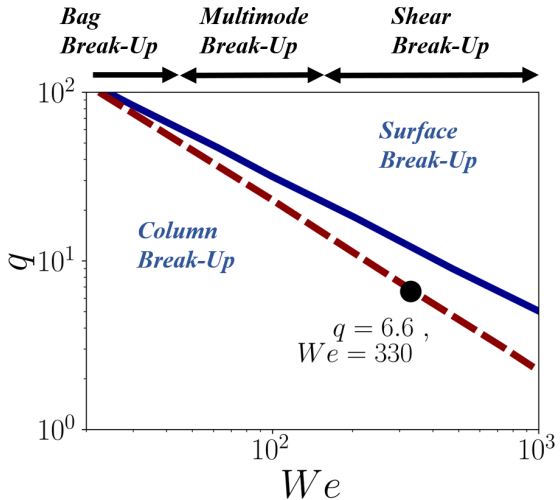


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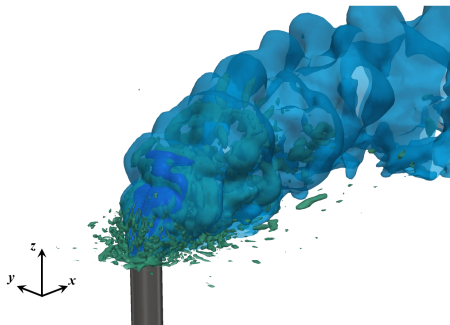
Primary breakup processes  
 $We - q$  regime map;

- Column/Surface break-up threshold **not clear**;
- Influence of  $\rho_j/\rho_\infty$  on **lateral deformation**



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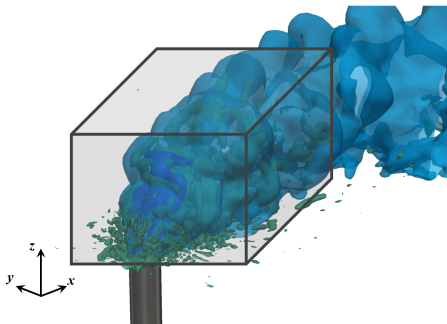
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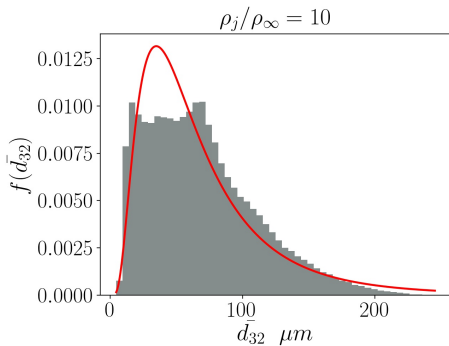
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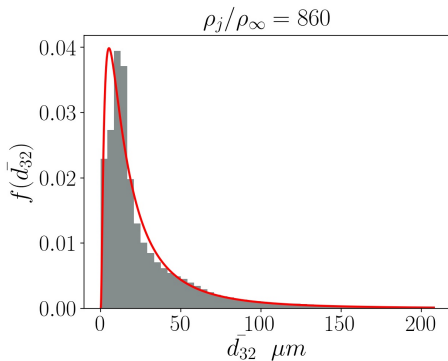
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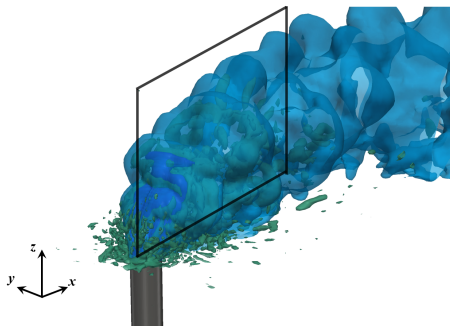
- dichotomy ;
- big scales more present ;



- log-normal distribution;
- mode  $\approx 10 \mu m$  ;

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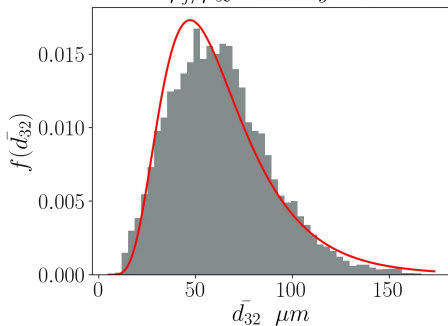


- Droplet Size  $d_{32}$  collected on  $x - z$  plane at  $y = 0$

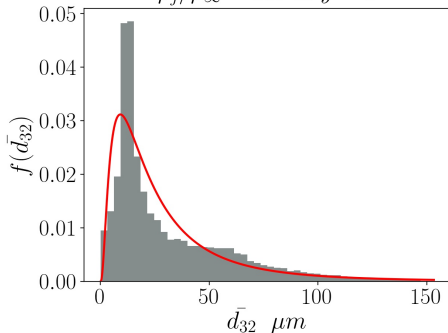
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### Droplet Size distribution: Primary Break-Up

Sampling on  $x - z$  plane at  $y = 0$

 $\rho_j / \rho_\infty = 10$  at  $y = 0$ 


- dichotomy not present ;
- mode  $\approx 70 \mu m$  (bigger scales);

 $\rho_j / \rho_\infty = 860$  at  $y = 0$ 


- Shape preserved ;
- mode  $\approx 10 \mu m$  ;



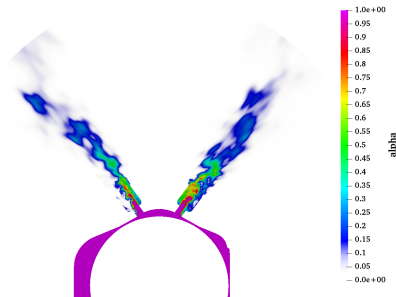
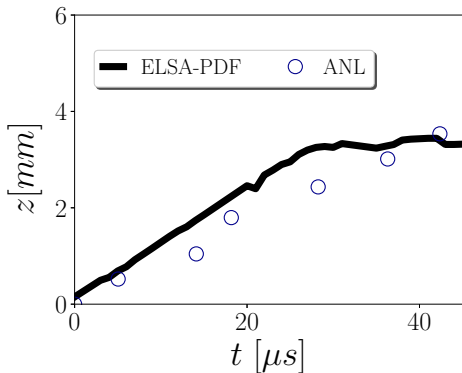
# Concluding remarks

- Implementation of Stochastic Fields approach in OpenFOAM;
- Application of Stochastic Fields approach to Jet into Crossflow ;

## Influence of **density ratio**

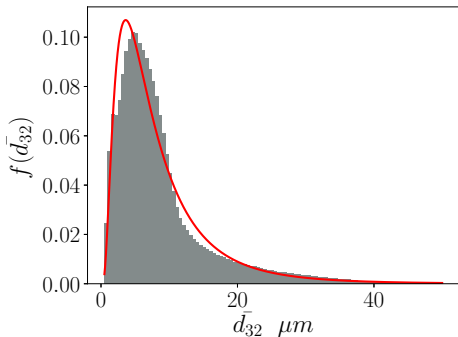
- Jet penetration: decreasing  $\rho_j/\rho_\infty$  decrease the bending;
- Break-up : increasing  $\rho_j/\rho_\infty$  no **surface break-up** ;
- Droplets formation: for small  $\rho_j/\rho_\infty$  bigger scale;



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Droplet size distribution



### Near Field droplet size pdf

- Log-normal distribution
- Mode correctly predicted ( $4.5 \mu m$ )

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