

Flexible fibers in turbulence

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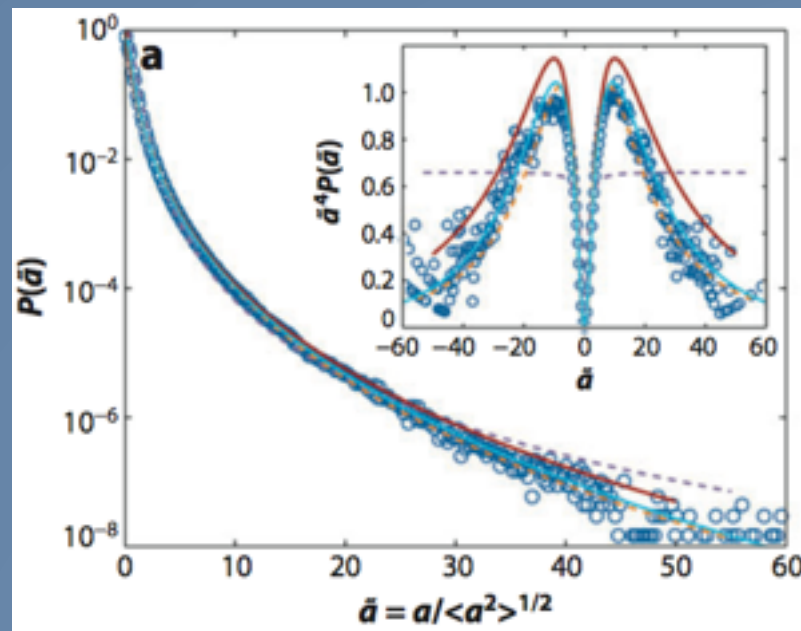
Individual particle in turbulence

spherical particles

anisotropic particles

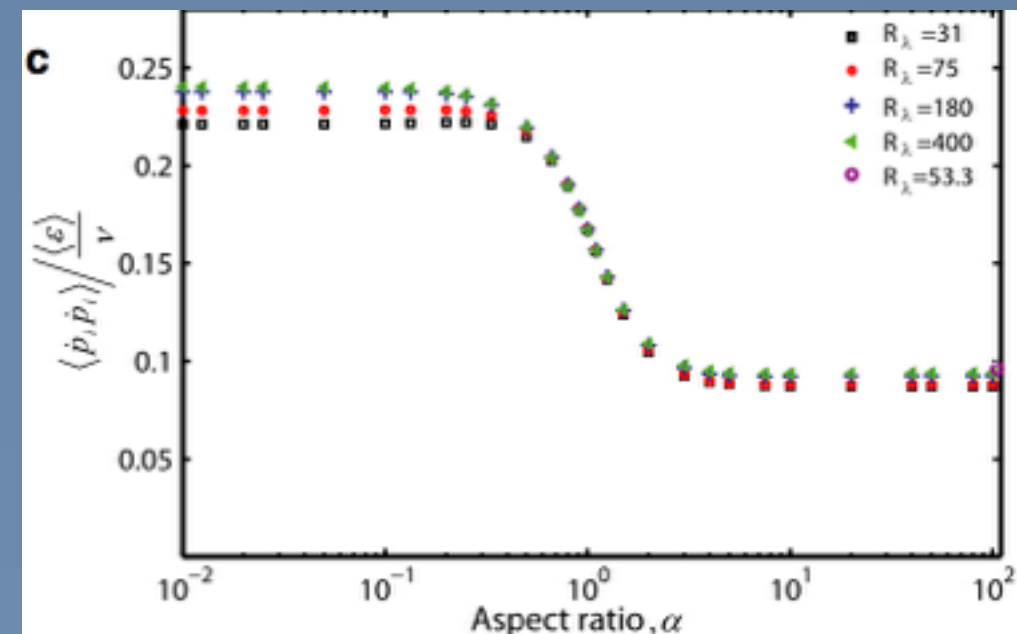
deformable particles

degree of freedom



Toschi, Bodenschatz Annu. Rev. Fluid Mech., 2009

acceleration



Parsa *et al.*, Phys. Rev. Lett., 2012

rotating rate

deformation due to turbulence? Influence on the transport?

Introduction

Industry

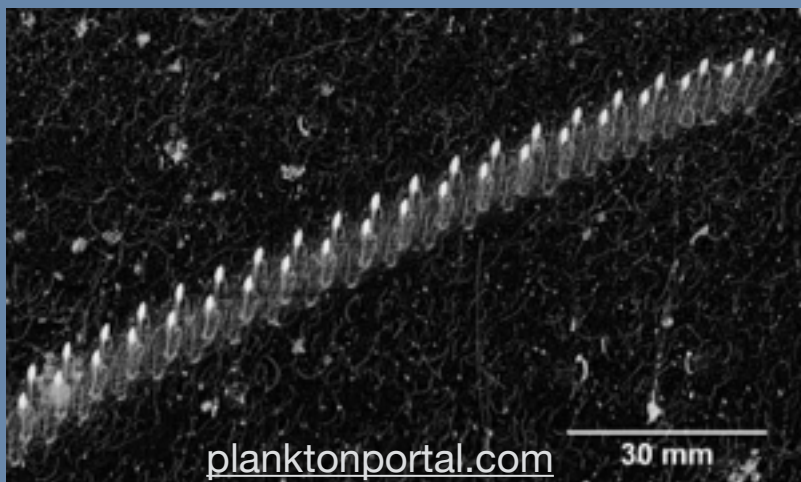


Paper



Non woven textile

Nature



Plankton (here Salps colony)



Algae, pollution...

When does a fiber deform in a turbulent flow?

Elastic energy

$$\mathcal{E}_{el} = \frac{EI}{\ell}$$

Turbulent energy at size ℓ

$$\mathcal{E}_t = \rho \ell^3 u_\ell^2$$

Elastic time

$$\tau_{el} = \frac{\eta \ell^4}{EI}$$

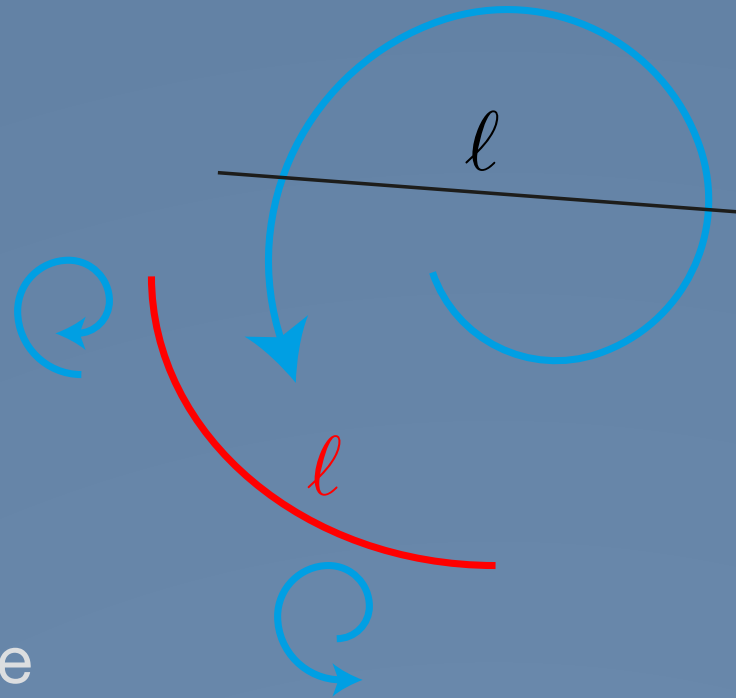
Turbulent time

$$\tau_t = \frac{\ell}{u_\ell}$$

Balance of power

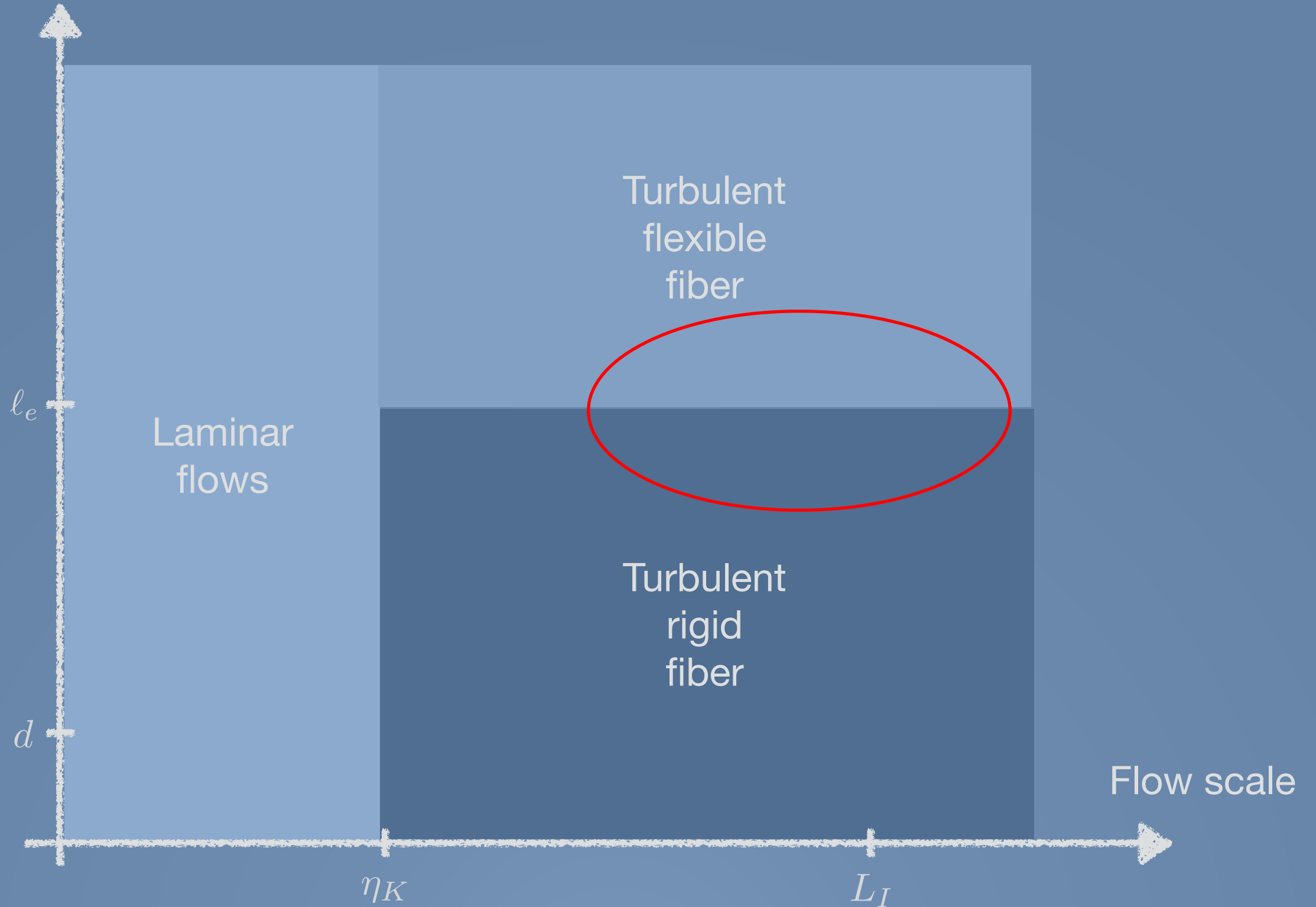
$$\rho \ell^3 \epsilon \simeq \frac{(EI)^2}{\eta \ell^5} \quad \epsilon = \frac{u_\ell^3}{\ell}$$

$$\ell_e = \frac{(EI)^{1/4}}{(\rho \eta \epsilon)^{1/8}}$$

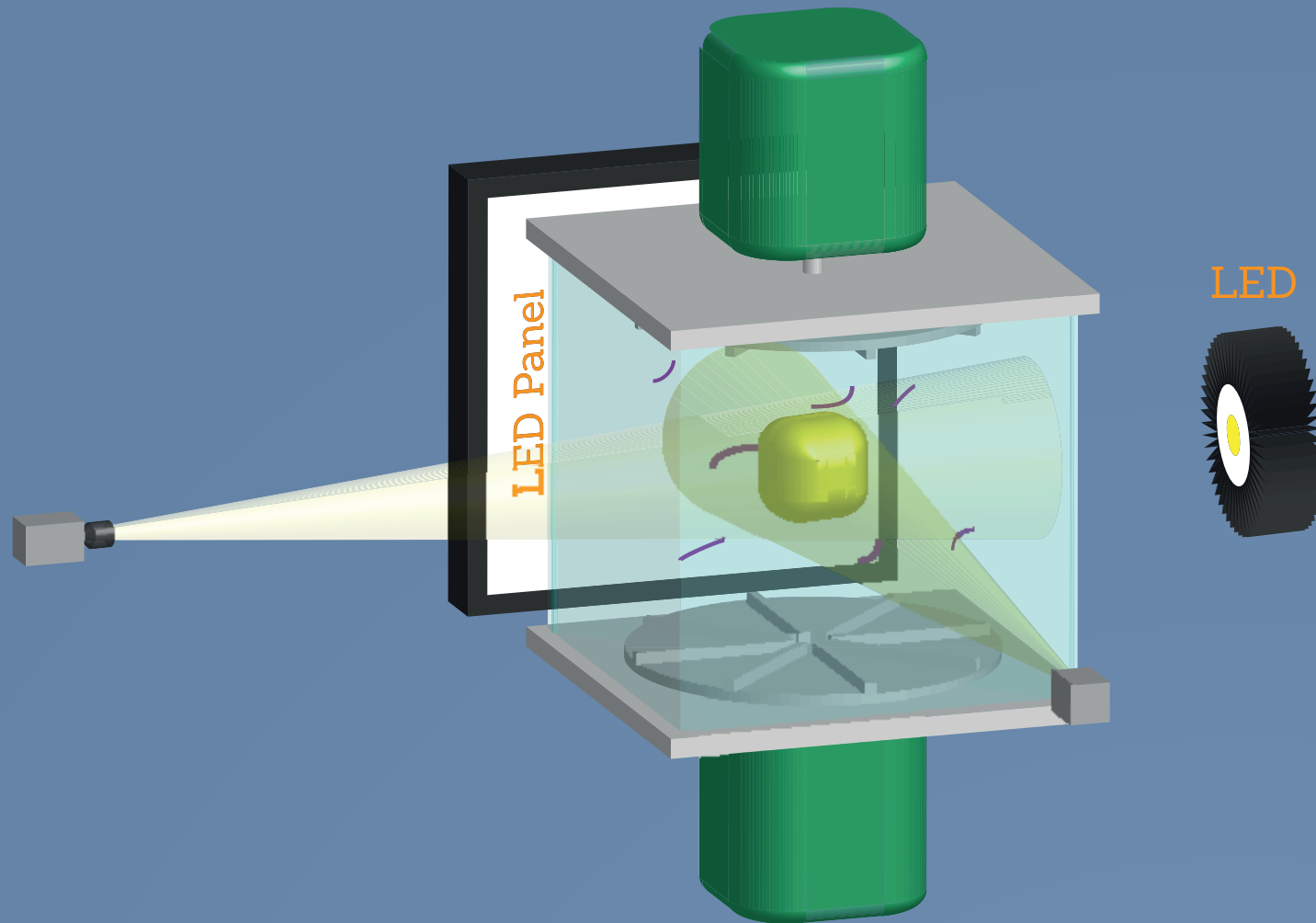


The different length scales

Elastic scale



The experimental setup



von Kármán flow

$$R=8,5 \text{ cm}$$

$$F=15 \text{ Hz}$$

$$\epsilon \sim 6 \text{ W/kg}$$

$$R_\lambda \sim 10^3$$

Acquisition

2 cameras 1MPx

5 im/s

reconstructed volume:

cube~6x6x6 cm³

Fiber mechanical properties: elastic length

$$E \simeq 40 \text{ kPa}$$

$$d = 622 \pm 10 \text{ } \mu\text{m}$$

$$\rho_f \sim 1.03 \text{ kg.m}^{-3}$$

$$L \in [1 ; 5] \text{ cm}$$

$$\ell_e = \frac{(EI)^{1/4}}{(\rho\eta\epsilon)^{1/8}} \sim 3.4 \text{ mm}$$

The numerical model

The Cosserat rod model

$$\rho S \partial_{tt} \vec{r} - \partial_s (T \partial_s \vec{r}) + EI \partial_s^4 \vec{r} = \eta (\vec{u} - \partial_t \vec{r})$$

$$|\partial_s \vec{r}|^2 = 1$$

$$St = \frac{\rho S F}{\eta}$$

Numerics

$$St = 0.1$$

Experiment

$$St \simeq 5$$

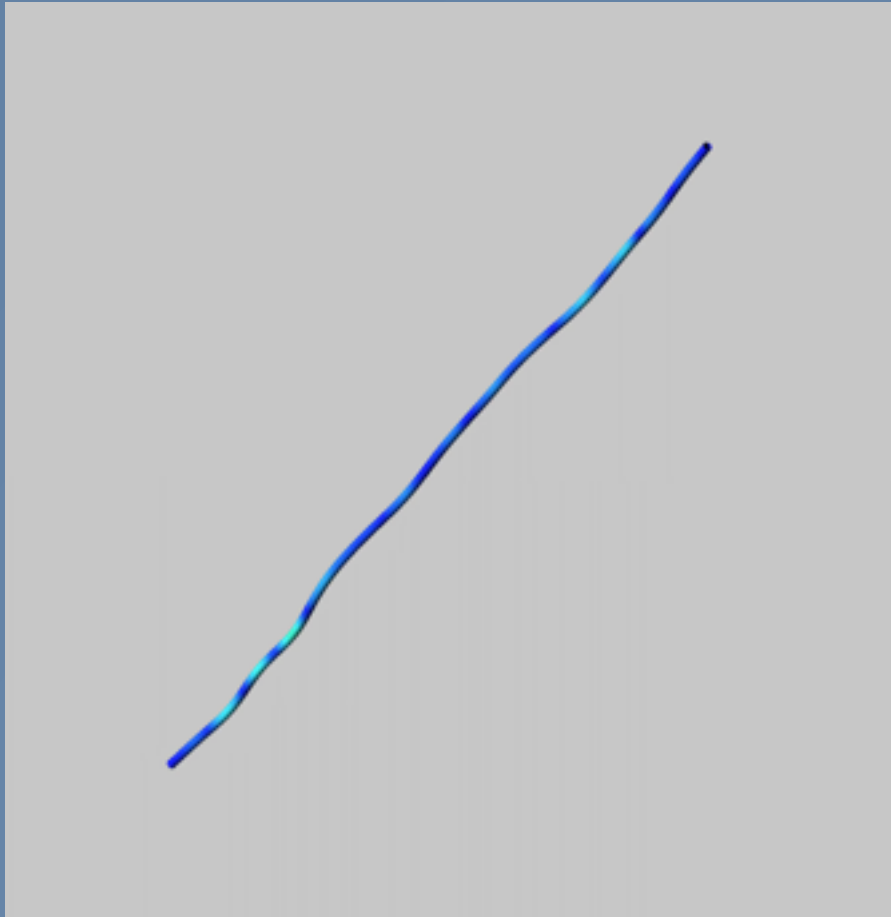
Kinematic simulation

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

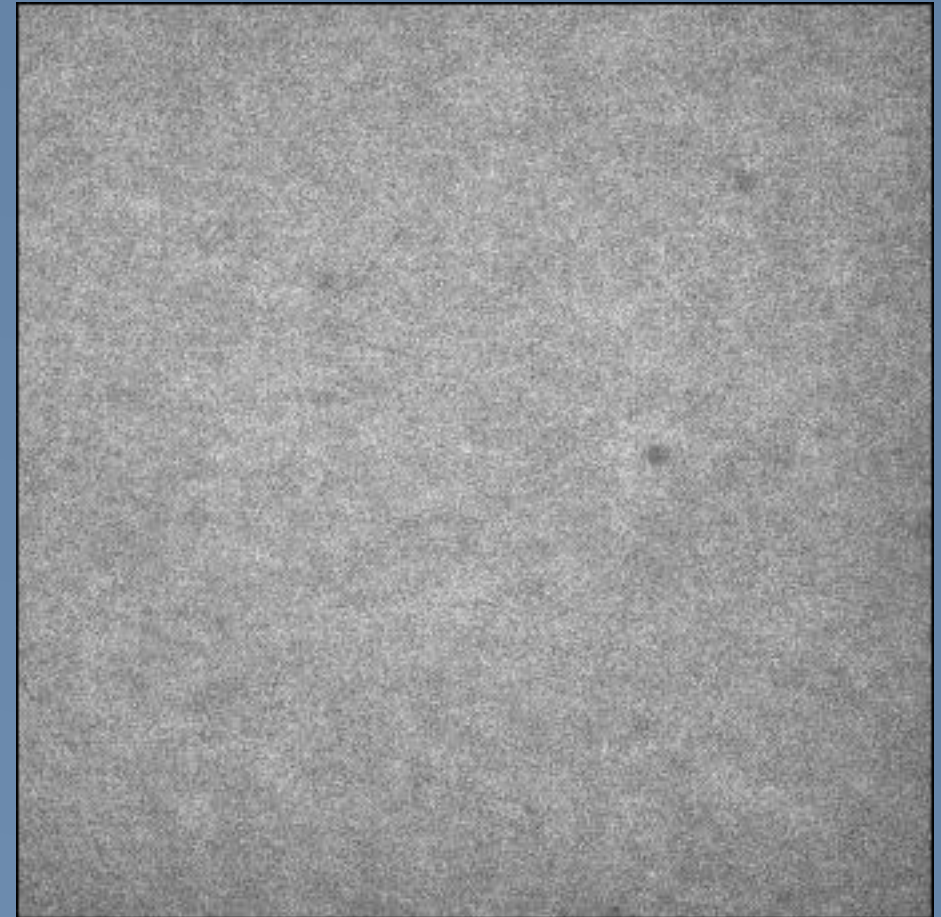
$$\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{u} = 0$$

$$E(k) = C_k \epsilon^{2/3} k^{-5/3}$$

Numerics



Experiment

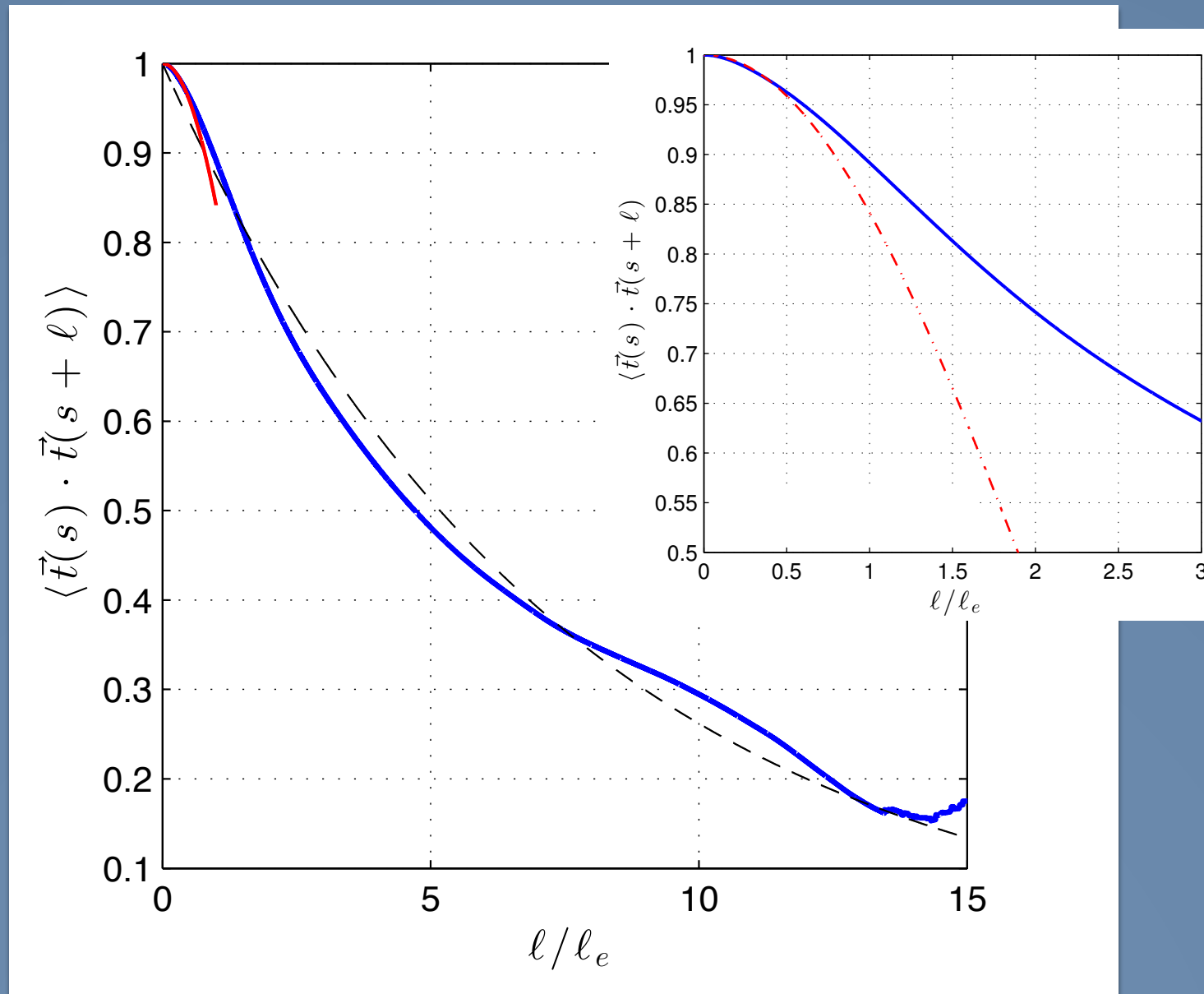


slowed down (x100)

The correlation function: typical evolution

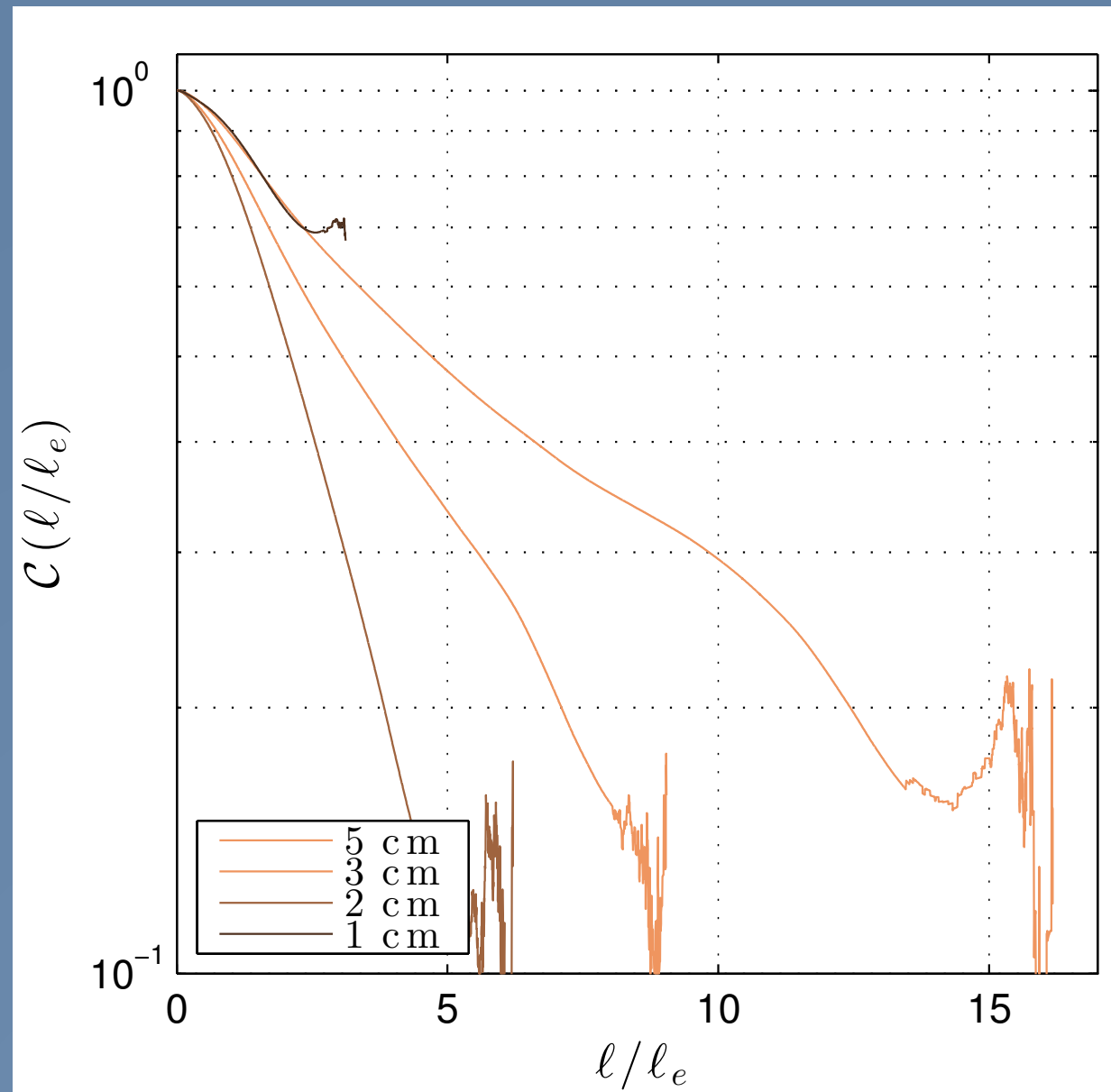
$$\mathcal{C}(\ell) = \langle \vec{t}(s + \ell) \cdot \vec{t}(s) \rangle$$

For wormlike chain polymer $\mathcal{C}(\ell) = \exp(-\ell/l_p)$



$$\langle \vec{t}(s) \cdot \vec{t}(s + \ell) \rangle \simeq 1 - \frac{1}{2} \langle \kappa^2 \rangle \ell^2 - \frac{1}{4} \langle \partial_s \kappa^2 \rangle \ell^3 + \dots$$

The correlation function: influence of the fiber length

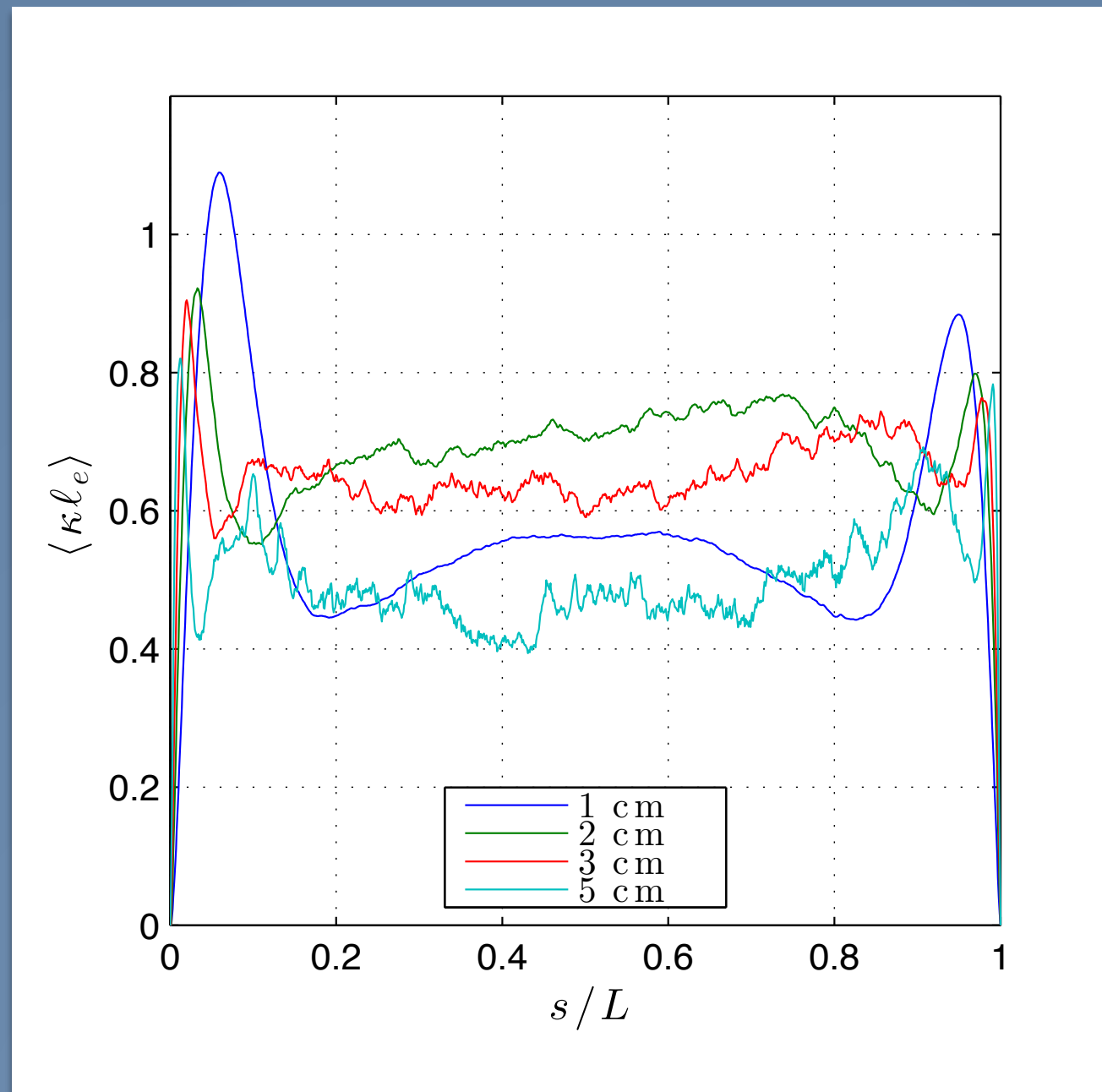


influence of the fiber length related to the flow correlation

$$\langle \vec{t}(s) \cdot \vec{t}(s + l) \rangle \simeq 1 - \frac{1}{2} \langle \kappa^2 \rangle l^2 - \frac{1}{4} \langle \partial_s \kappa^2 \rangle l^3 + \dots$$

The local curvature statistics: mean values

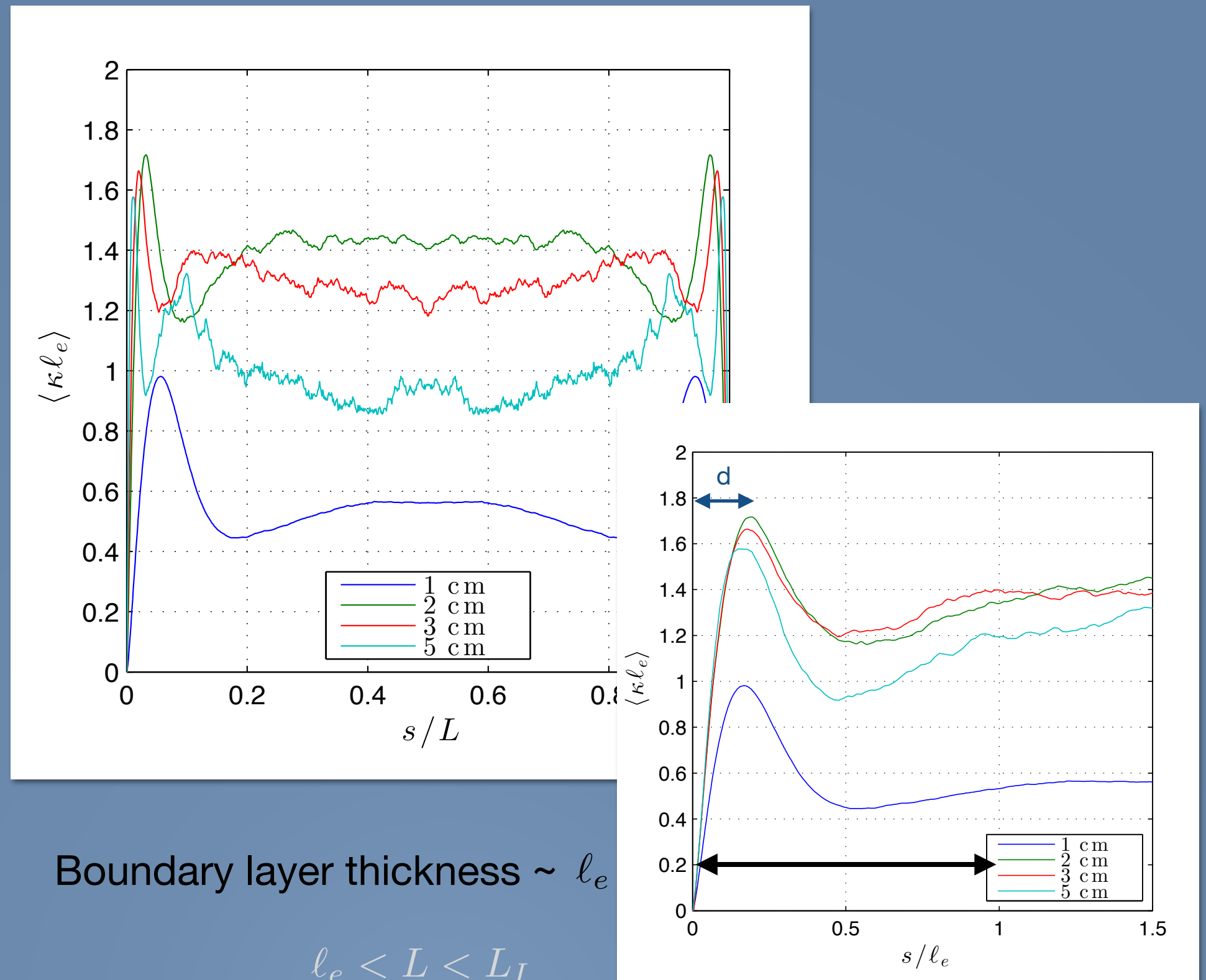
Experiments: raw data



$$\ell_e < L < L_I$$

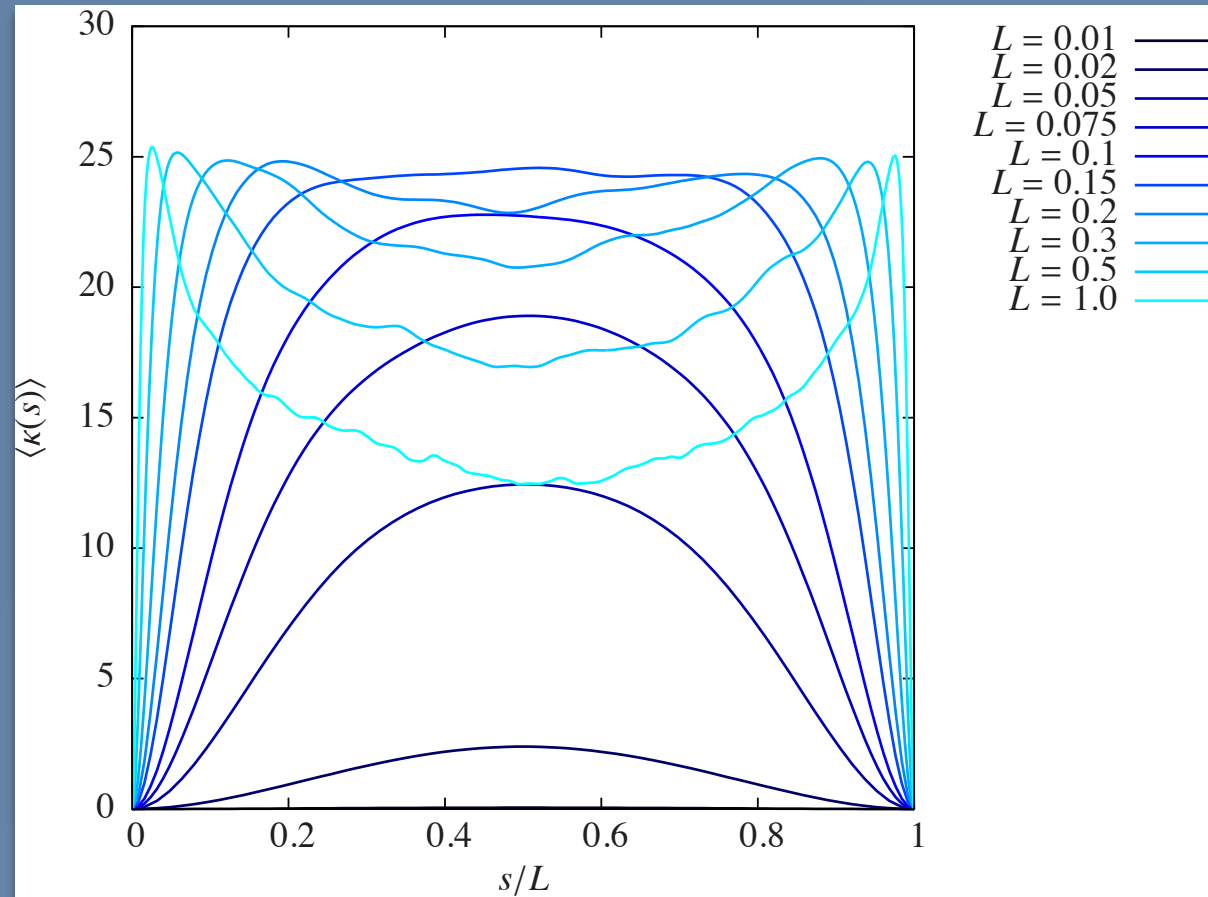
The local curvature statistics: mean values

Experiments: symmetrized data



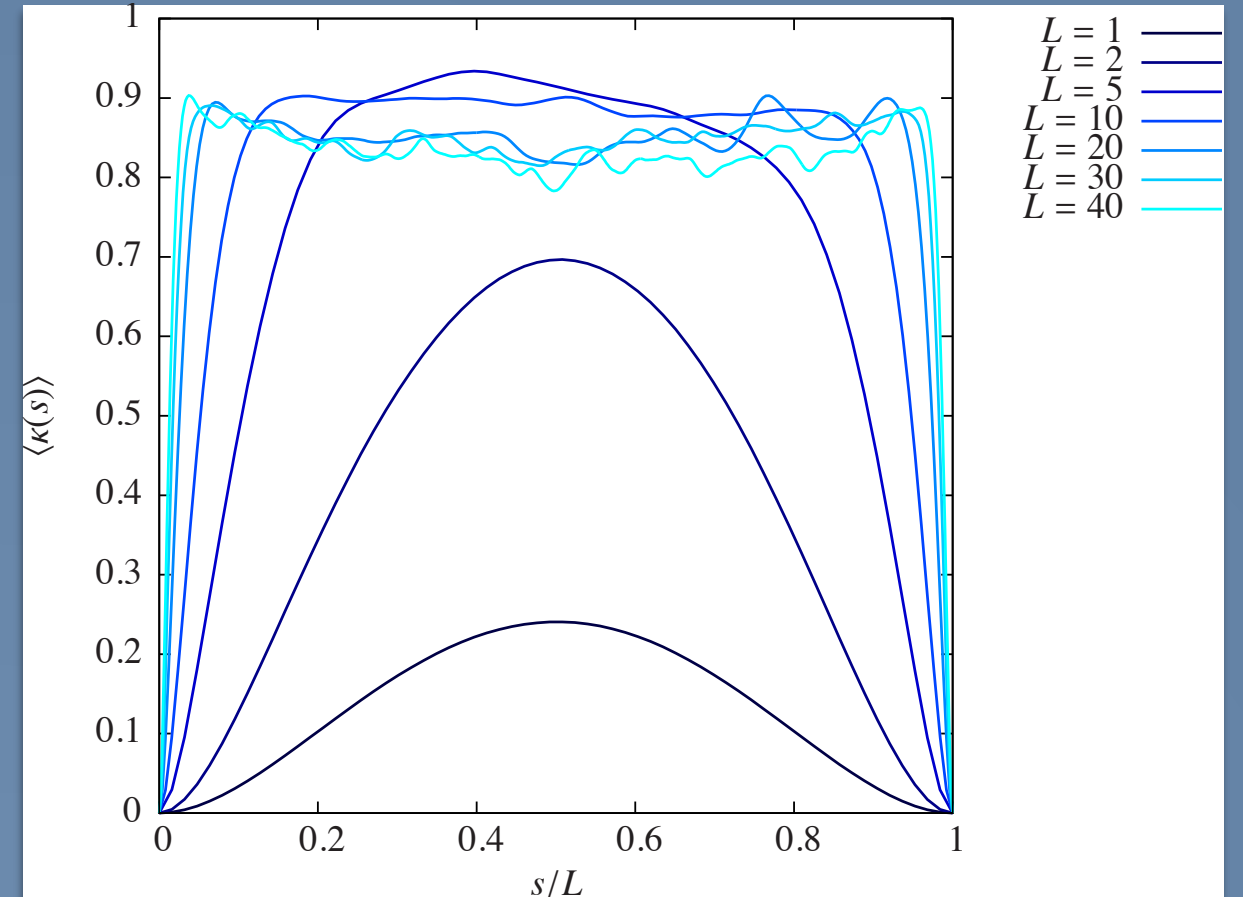
The local curvature statistics: mean values

Numerics



‘Turbulent regime’

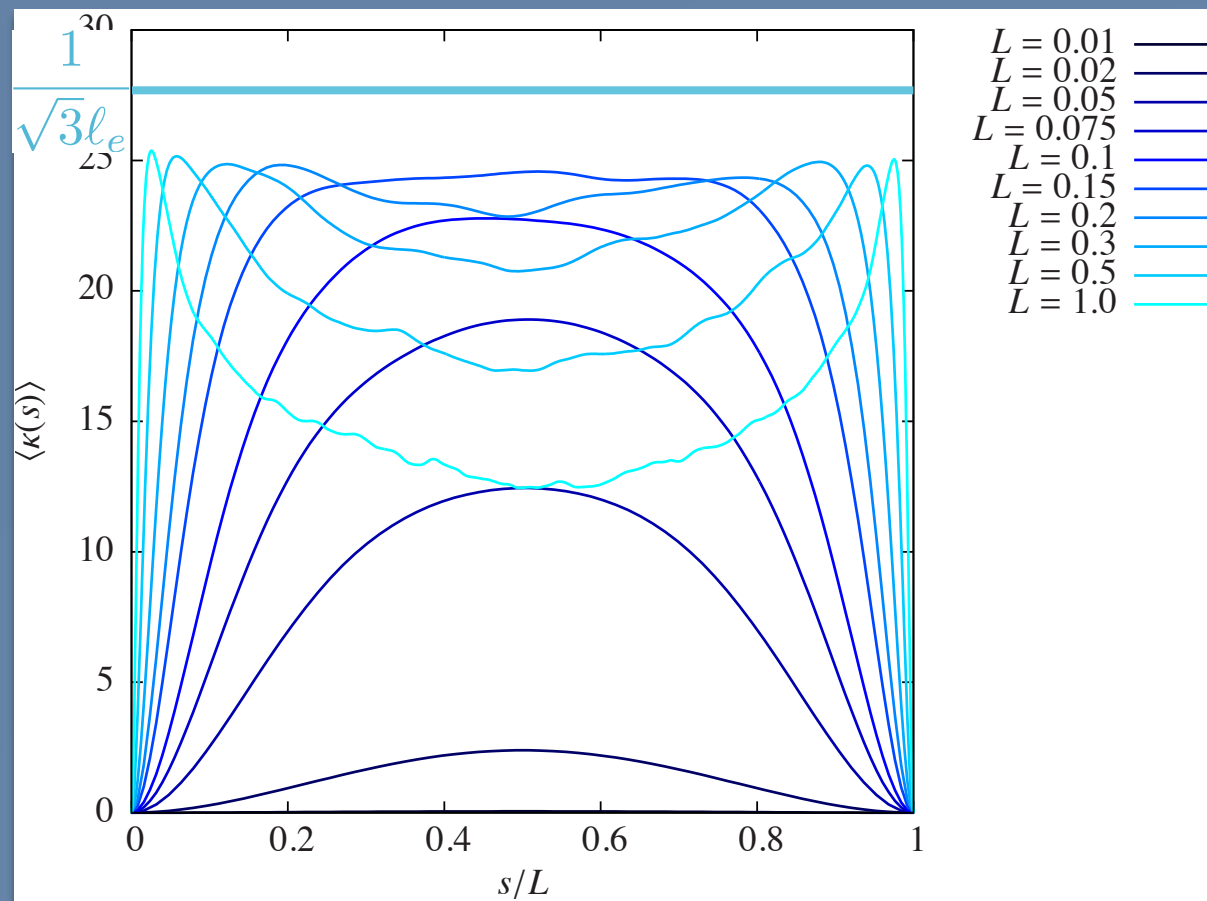
$$\ell_e \ll L \ll L_I$$



‘Polymer regime’

$$L_I \lesssim \ell_e \ll L$$

Interpretation: turbulent regime



$$\ell_e \ll L \ll L_I$$

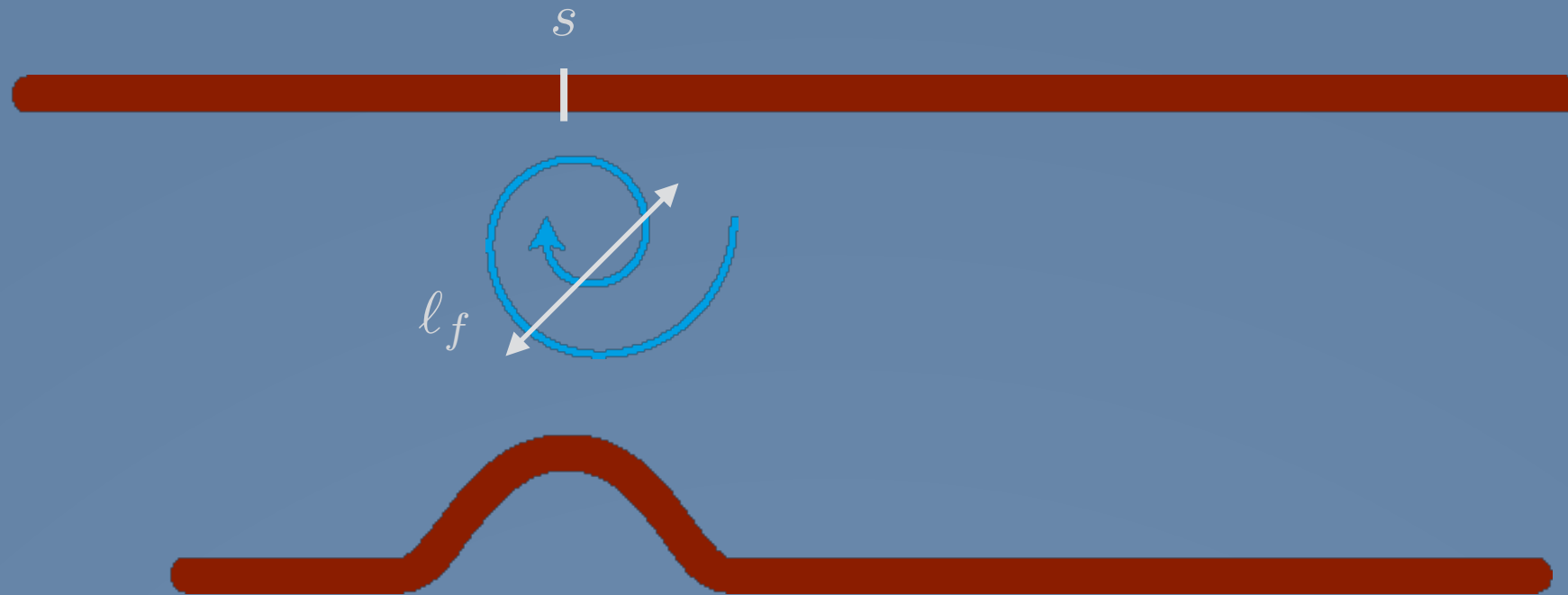
$$\ell_e = cst$$

Maximum of curvature

$$\langle \kappa^2 \rangle = \frac{1}{3\ell_e^2}$$

How to model the evolution for the longest fibers?

Interpretation: turbulent regime



Power budget for semi infinite fiber

$$\rho \ell_f^3 \epsilon = \frac{EI \kappa}{\tau_e} + \eta s u_f v$$

$$\ell_f \sim \frac{1}{\kappa}$$

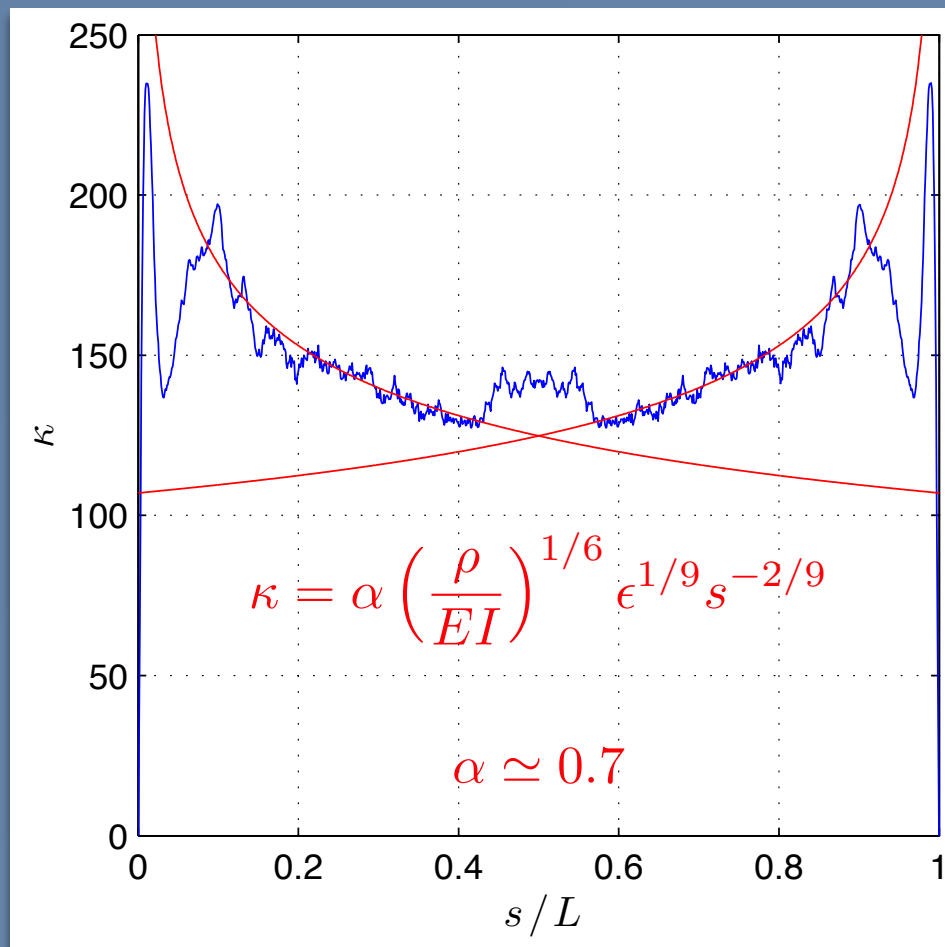
$$\tau_e = \frac{\eta}{EI \kappa^4}$$

$$u_f \sim \epsilon^{1/3} s^{1/3}$$

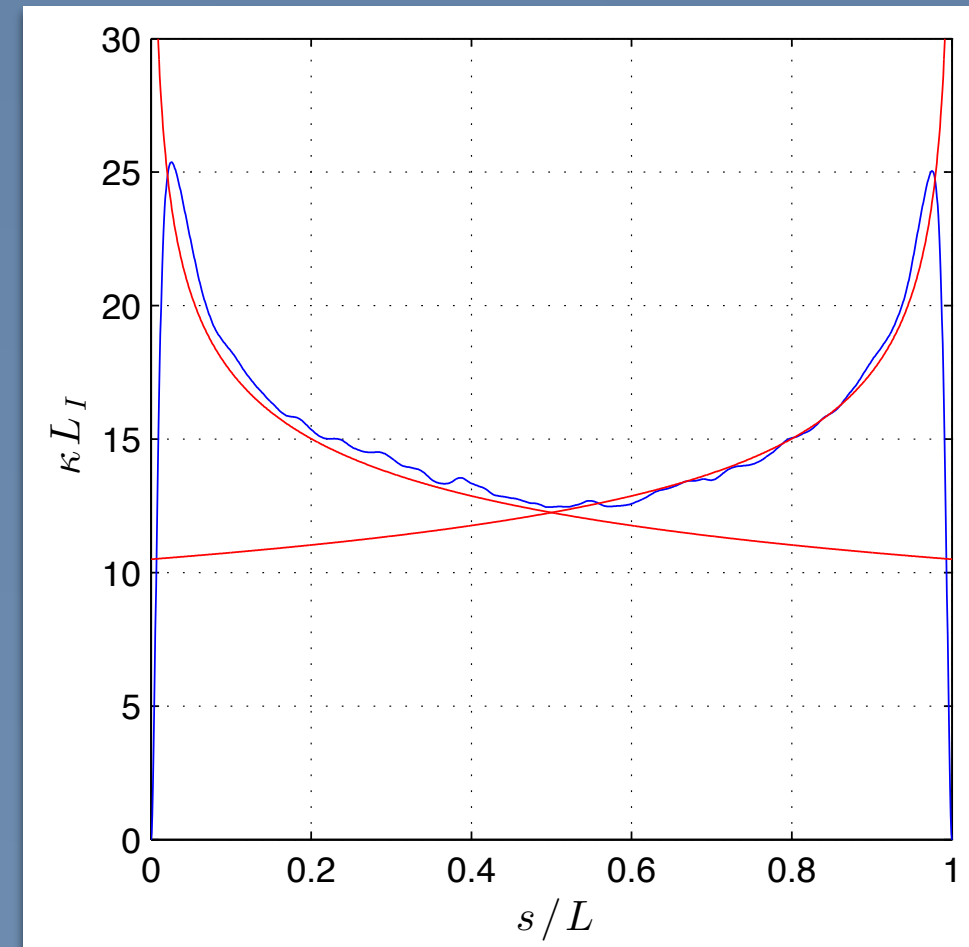
$$v \sim \frac{1}{\kappa \tau_e}$$

$$\kappa \sim \left(\frac{\rho}{EI} \right)^{1/6} \epsilon^{1/9} s^{-2/9}$$

Curvature Interpretation: turbulent regime



Experiment



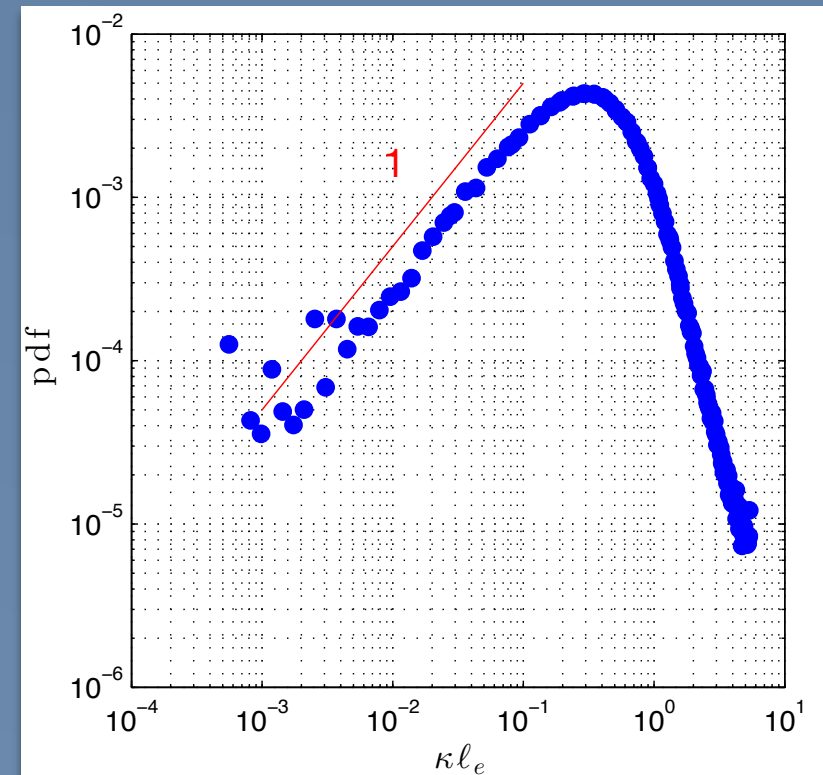
Numerics

Conclusion

- Particle flexibility depends on the ratio : L/ℓ_e $\ell_e = \frac{(EI)^{1/4}}{(\rho\eta\epsilon)^{1/8}}$
- Characterization of the deformation by the local curvature
- Modeling with power balance budget

Perspectives

- Curvature statistics
- Dynamics of the deformation
- Influence on the transport



Thank you for your attention

