

# ICE GENESIS Project Overview



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- 37 project partners
- 27 EU / 10 non-EU
- 10 countries



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## Creating the next generation of 3D simulation means for icing

 **Duration:** From 1<sup>st</sup> January 2019 until 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022

 **Coordinator:** AIRBUS OPERATION SAS

 **Budget:**

- Max EU Contribution: €11 964 300
- Total Estimated Project costs: €21 984 549
- Project effort in Person-months ~ 1858

 **Advisory board:** EASA, FAA, ADSE, AEROTEX,  
AIRBUS Defense&Space, CSTB, DAHER, EMBRAER, PIAGGIO, SAFRAN nacelles

# ICE GENESIS project overview

## Top level objective

The top level objective of the ICE GENESIS project is to provide the European aeronautical industry with a validated new generation of:

**3D icing engineering tools**  
(numerical simulation and Icing Wind Tunnels capabilities)

addressing

**Regulation CS25 Appendix C** (well-known icing environment)

**Appendix O** (SLD or Supercooled Large Droplet)

**and snow** conditions,

for safe, efficient and cost effective design and certification of future aircraft and rotorcraft.

***Novelties in Europe : 3D ice scanning system***  
***droplet temperature measurement***  
***snow characterization and campaigns***

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## Sub-objectives



**Obj#1:** Improve and validate existing **3D numerical tools** to predict ice accretion in Appendix C, Appendix O and Snow conditions.



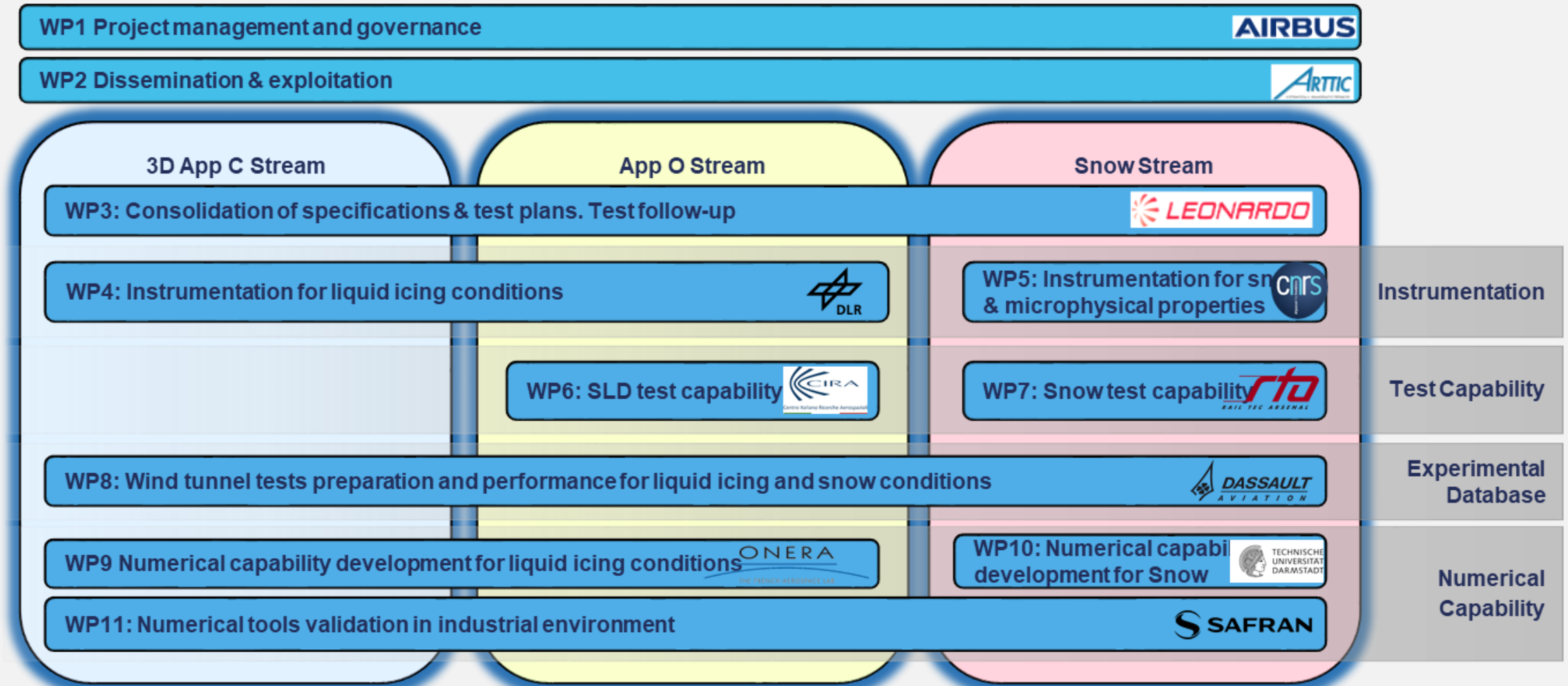
**Obj#2:** Upgrade and calibrate **icing wind tunnels** to allow reproduction of:

- **Supercooled Large Droplets (SLD)** in FZDZ (Freezing drizzle) conditions.
- **Snow conditions**
- Additionally, to **assess the potential of current icing wind tunnels to represent SLD in FZRA (Freezing rain) conditions.**



**Obj#3:** Build a **large scale experimental database** on representative 3D configurations to be used as a solid reference (“ground truth”) for future numerical tools validation.

# ICE GENESIS Organisation



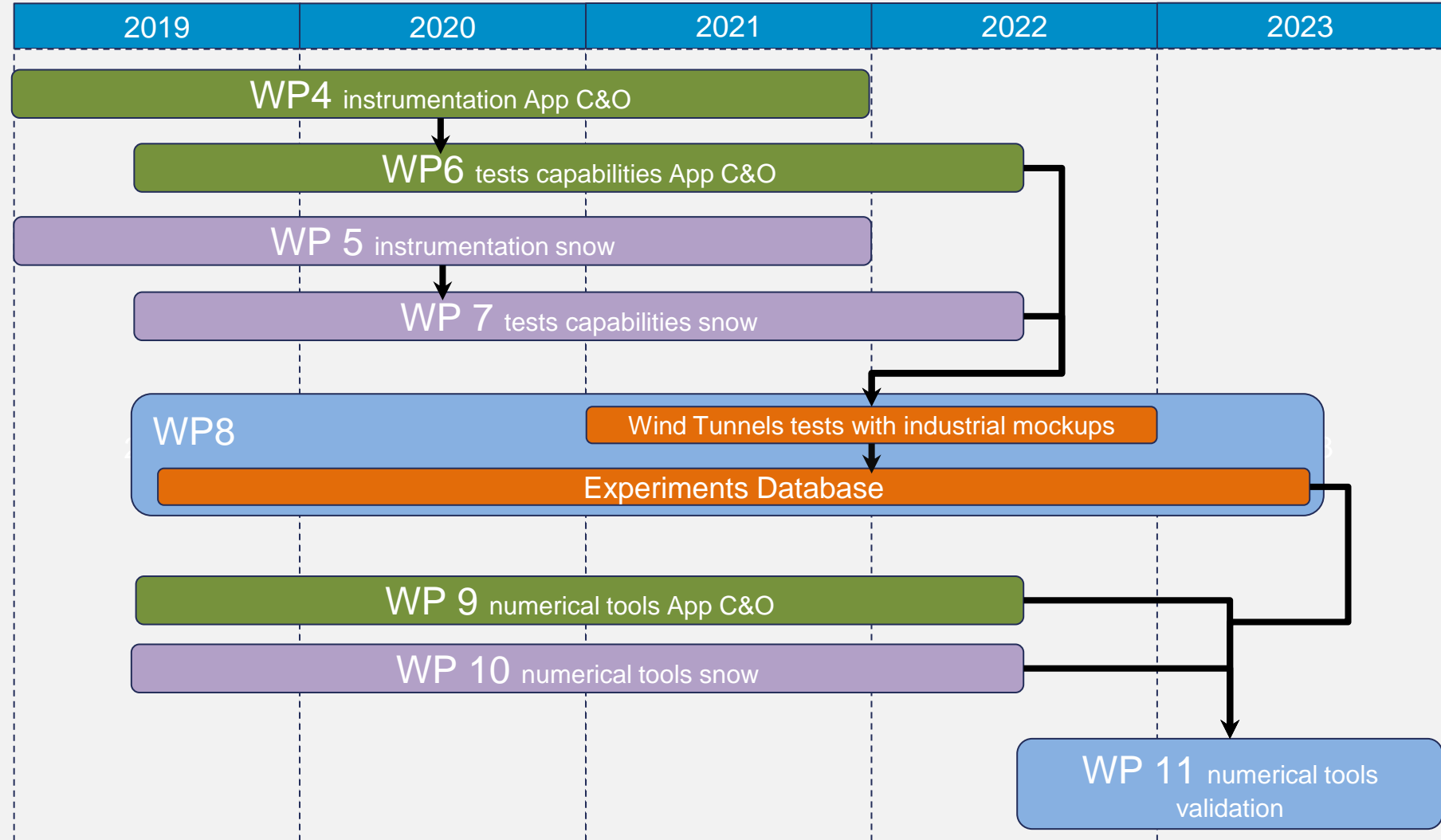
# WP DEPENDENCIES



Perform wind tunnel tests in liquid icing and snow conditions, in industrial environment (IWT and mockups)



Provide searchable database of experimental results for validation of numerical tools



# Snow numerical tools



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# Objectives

## WP 10: Numerical capability development for snow

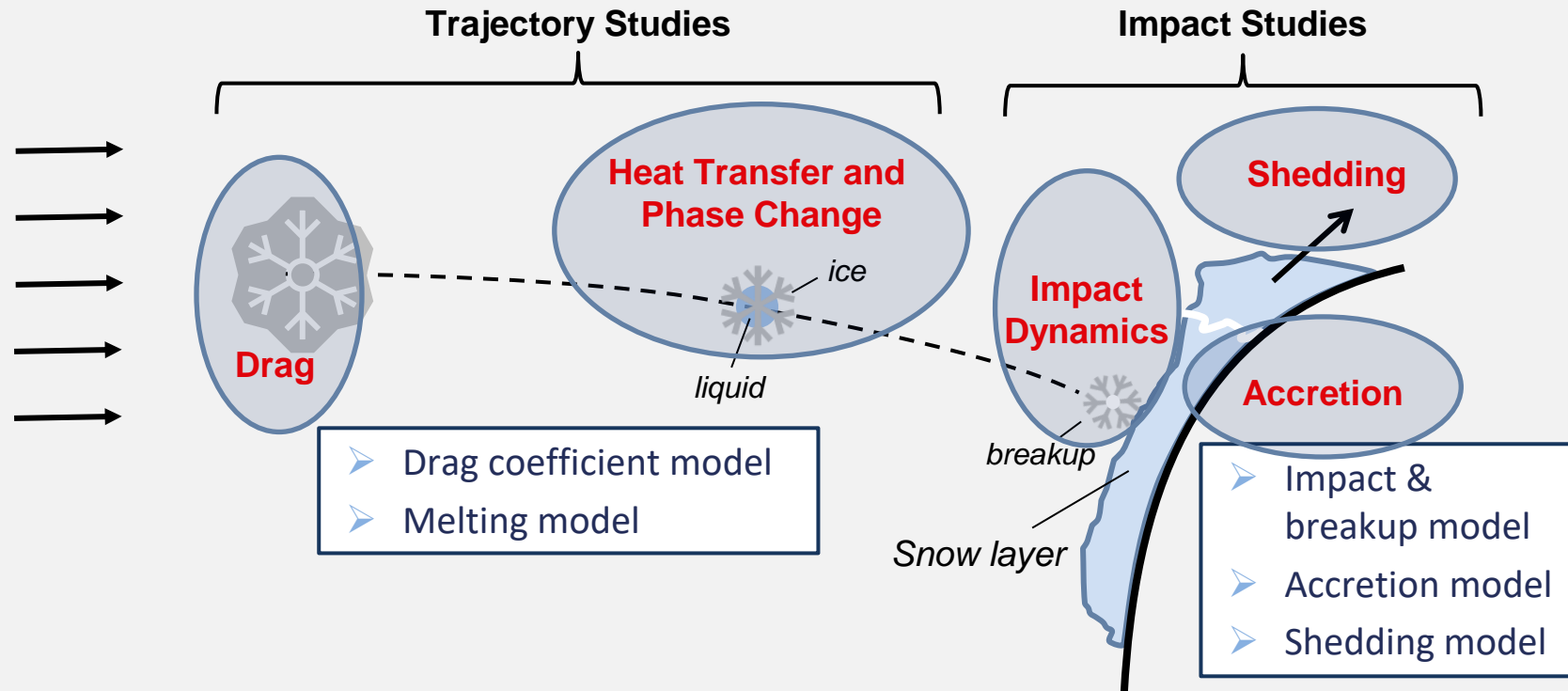
**Objectives:** Improve and validate current 2D and 3D numerical tools with respect to snow conditions, so that they can be used for both design and certification of aircraft, rotorcraft and engines.

-  Task 10.1 Advanced **experimental investigations** to complement available data (**TUDA**, AIT, NRC, AIH, TSAGI)
-  Task 10.2 **Model development**, elementary **validation** and **down-selection** (**ONERA**, AIH, TUDA, POLIMI, TSAGI, MIPT)
-  Task 10.3 **Model integration** into 3D tool and preliminary capability assessment (**ONERA**, AIT, POLIMI, MIPT)

Helicopter manufacturers need to demonstrate safe operations in falling and blowing snow conditions

# Introduction

## WP10: Physical phenomena related to snow conditions



**Challenge: Models exist for drops and ice particles, but mechanics, dynamics and thermodynamics of snowflakes are much poorly documented**

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## **Experiments and models will be presented for the following phenomena:**

- Drag and trajectory computations of snowflakes
- Melting of snowflakes in hot air streams, e.g., engine intakes
- Impact and fragmentation of snowflakes on dry surfaces
- Accretion of snowflakes on surfaces

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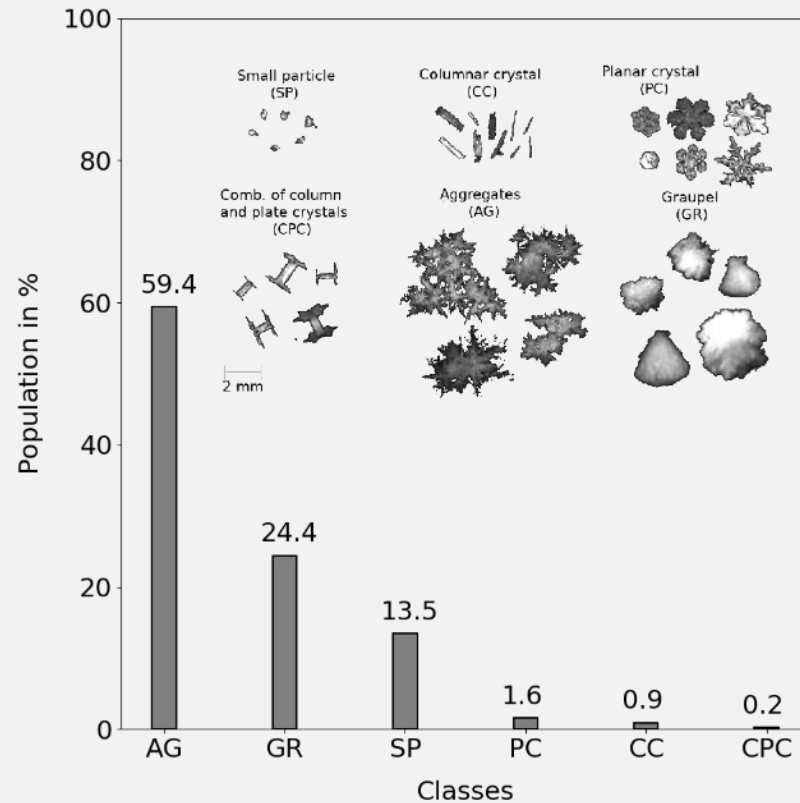


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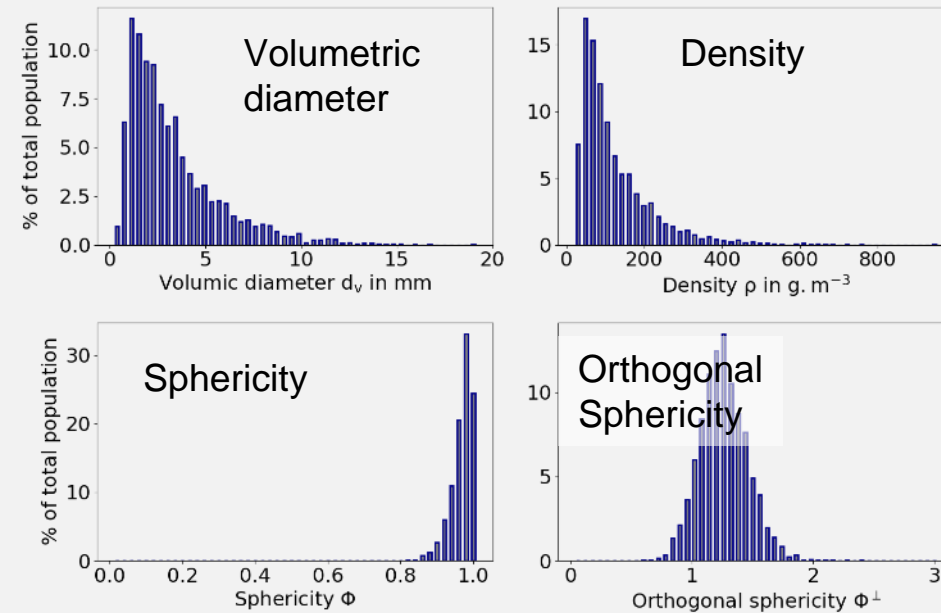
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# Characterising snowflakes

Estimating geometric parameters necessary for use in existing drag models



Example parameters required, depending on model



From HAIC:  
 $C_D$  required for  $\text{Re} < 1000$  and  $1 < \text{St} < 100$

# Drag and trajectory of snowflakes

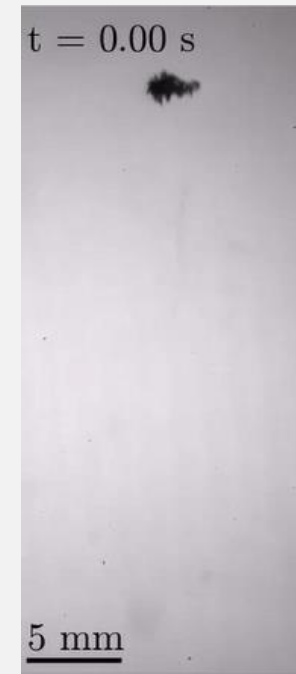
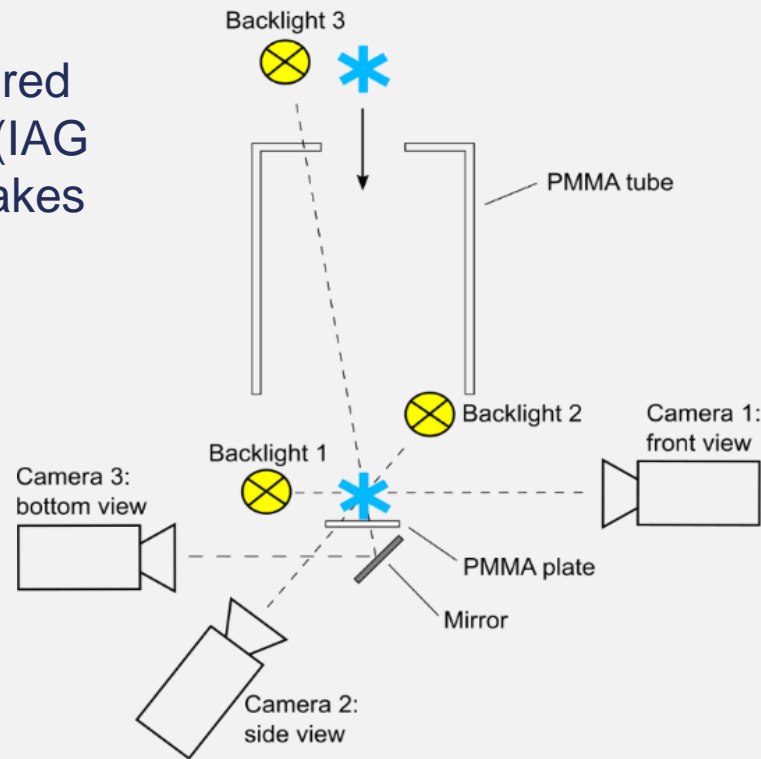
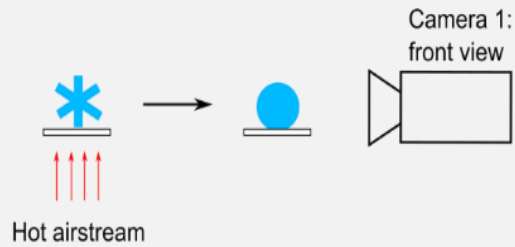
Several experiments have been performed and two models are being pursued.

## Experiment 1: free falling snowflakes

$$F = C_D A \frac{1}{2} \rho U^2 = mg$$

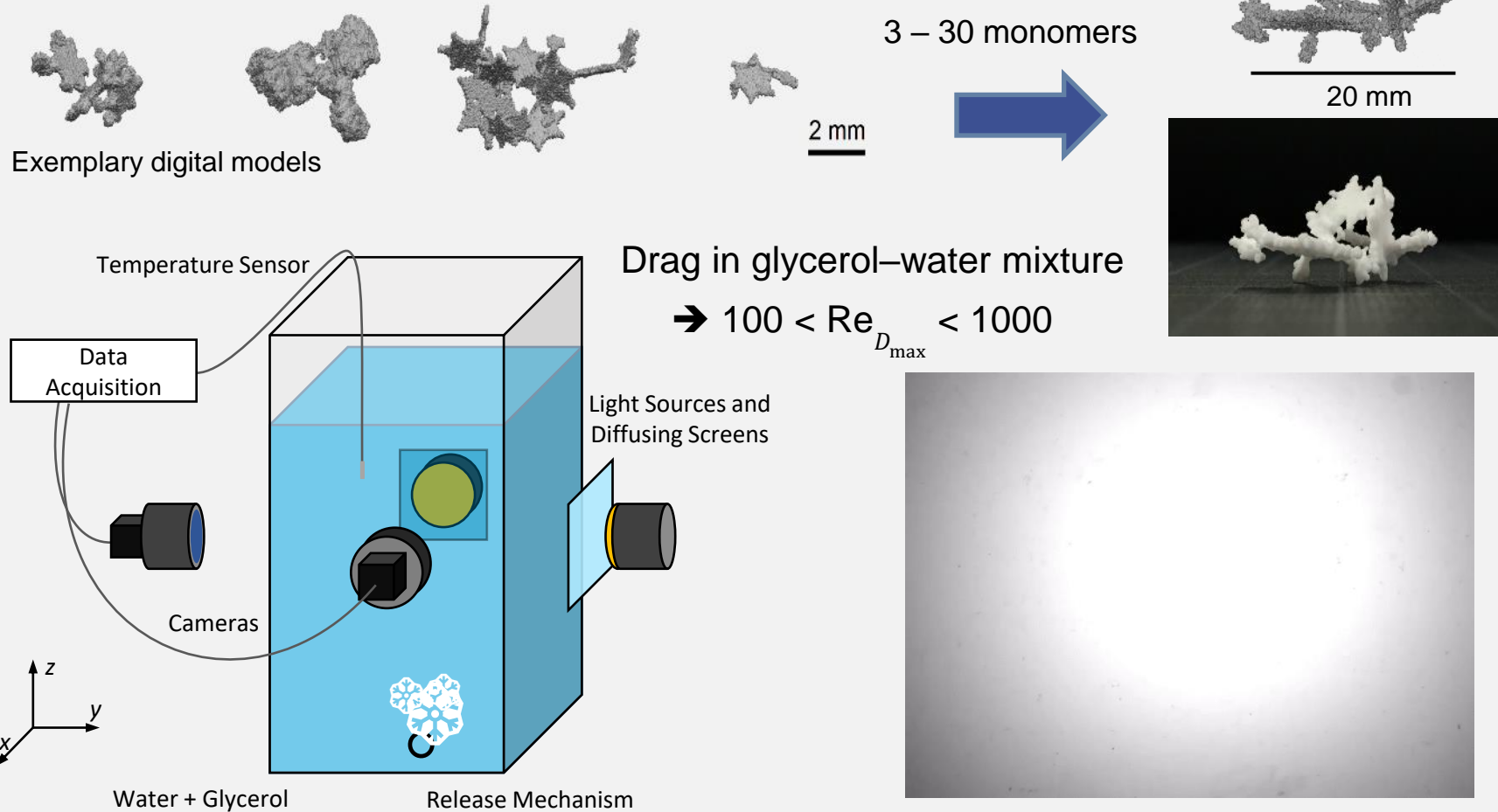
- ❑ Terminal velocity is measured using artificial snowflakes (IAG SnowFall) and real snowflakes
- ❑ Mass of snowflake is subsequently measured

Snowflake melting and mass measurement



# Drag and trajectory of snowflakes

## Experiment 2: Terminal velocity of 3D-printed snowflakes



# Drag and trajectory of snowflakes

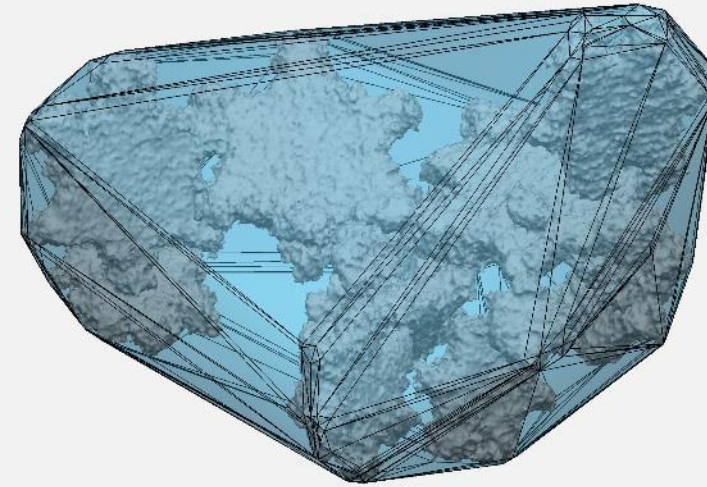
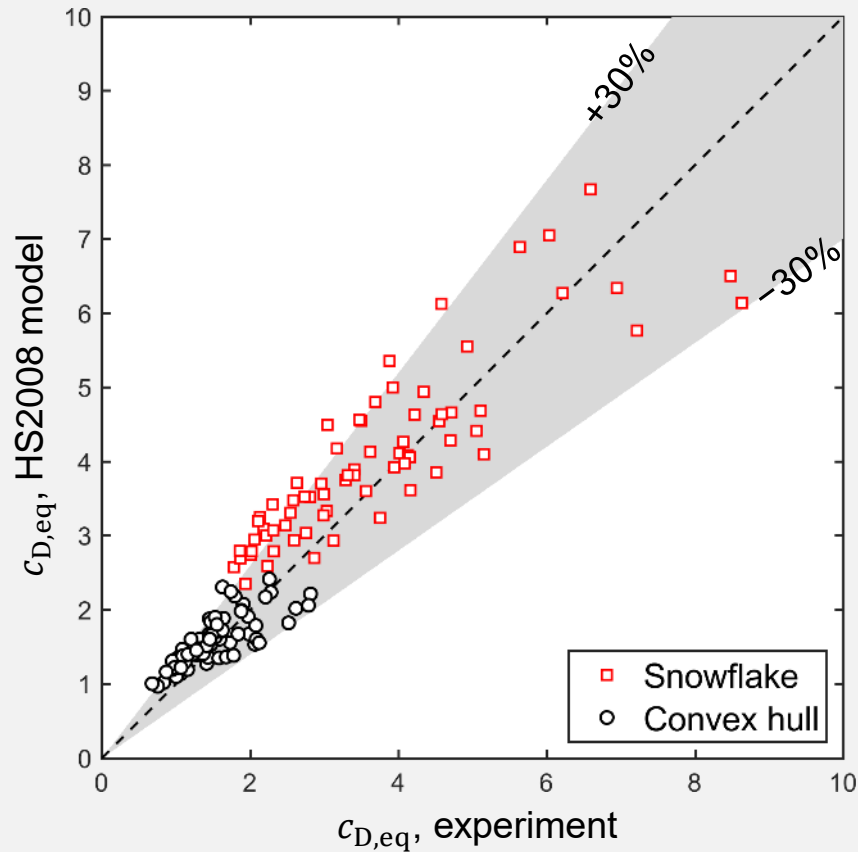


**Modification of existing drag models for non-spherical particles, using geometric snowflake descriptors, e.g.:**

- Hölzer and Sommerfeld (H&S) (2008)
- Heymsfield and Westbrook (H&W) (2010)



# Drag and trajectory of snowflakes

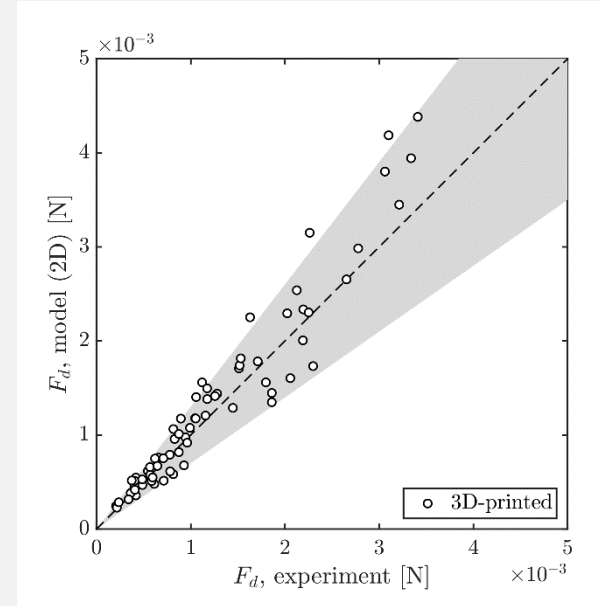
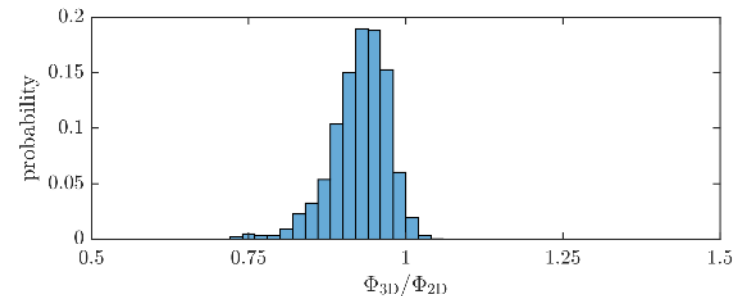
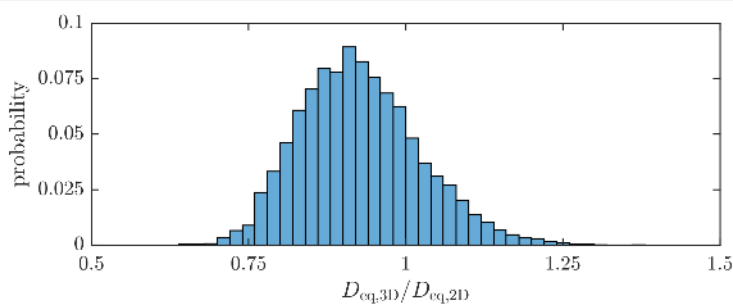
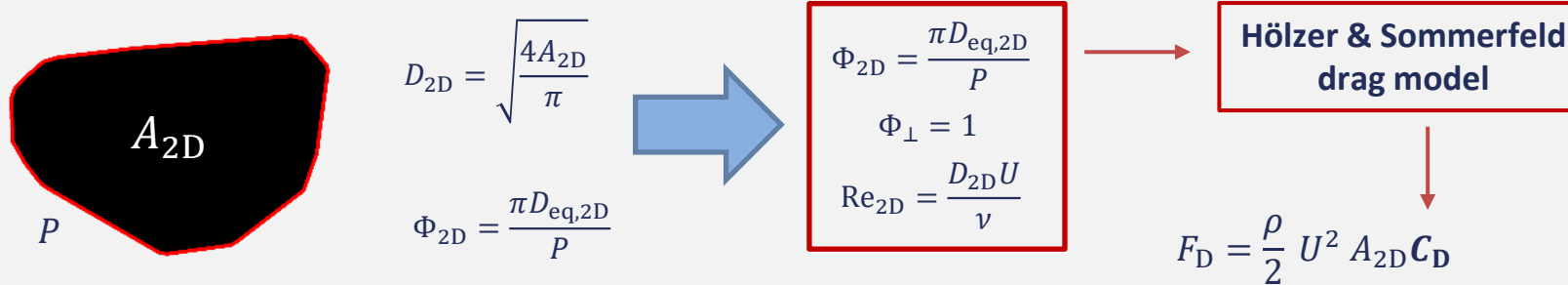


**Approach:** Simplifying the shape by using convex hull instead of real snowflake shape

Convex hull model: Simplified shape & better prediction

# Drag and trajectory of snowflakes

## Approach 1: Adapt 3D Hölzer & Sommerfeld drag model for 2D parameters

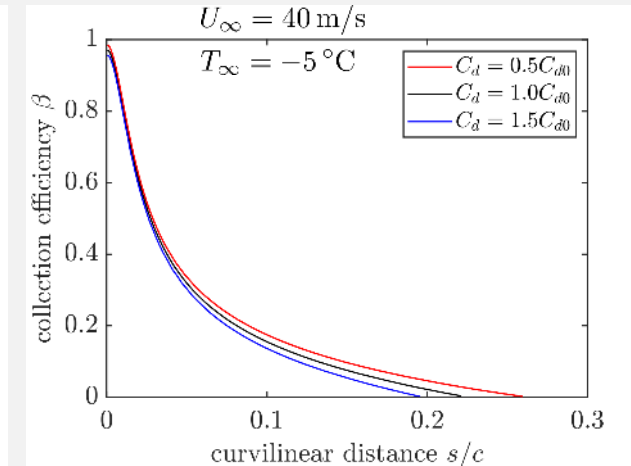
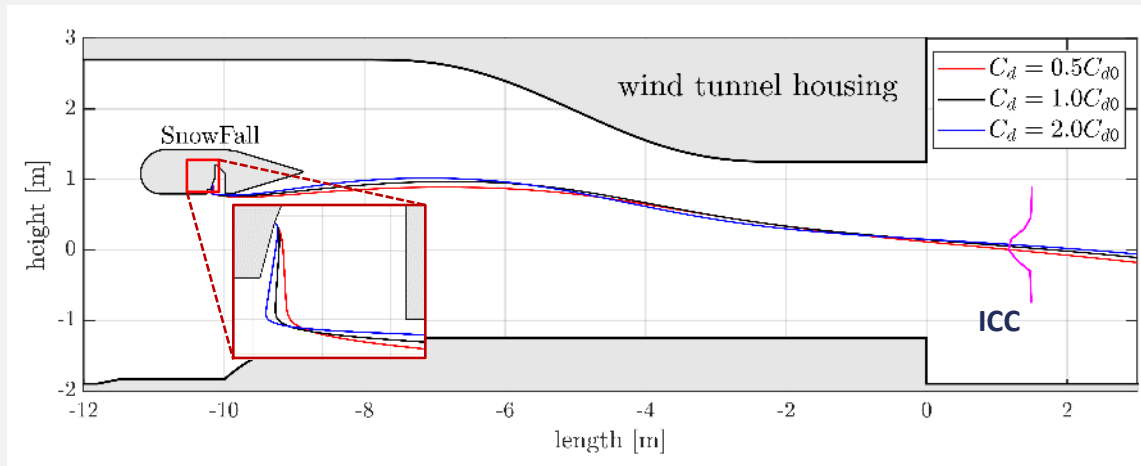
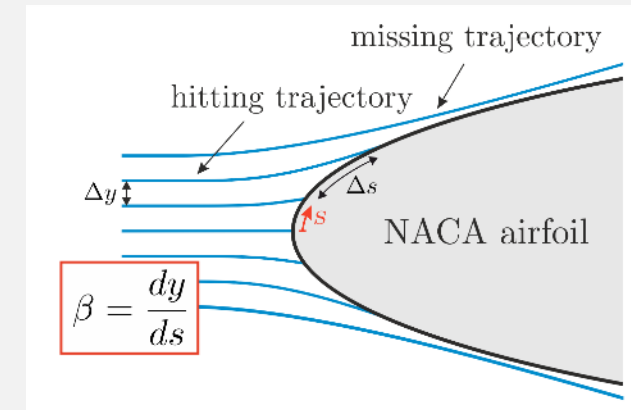


# Drag and trajectory of snowflakes

## Approach 1: Results

### Sensitivity study of drag coefficient (Stokes Number!)

- Trajectory simulations using adapted H & S model in RTA Climatic W/T and around a NACA0012 airfoil (collection efficiency)
- Parametric study of the drag coefficient influence on the W/T trajectory and the collection efficiency  $\beta$



# Drag and trajectory of snowflakes

## Approach 2: Assuming a snowflake as an oblate or prolate spheroid

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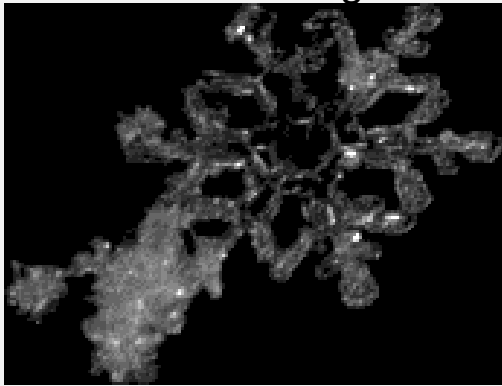
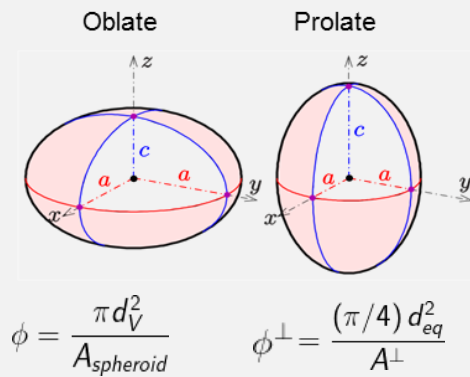
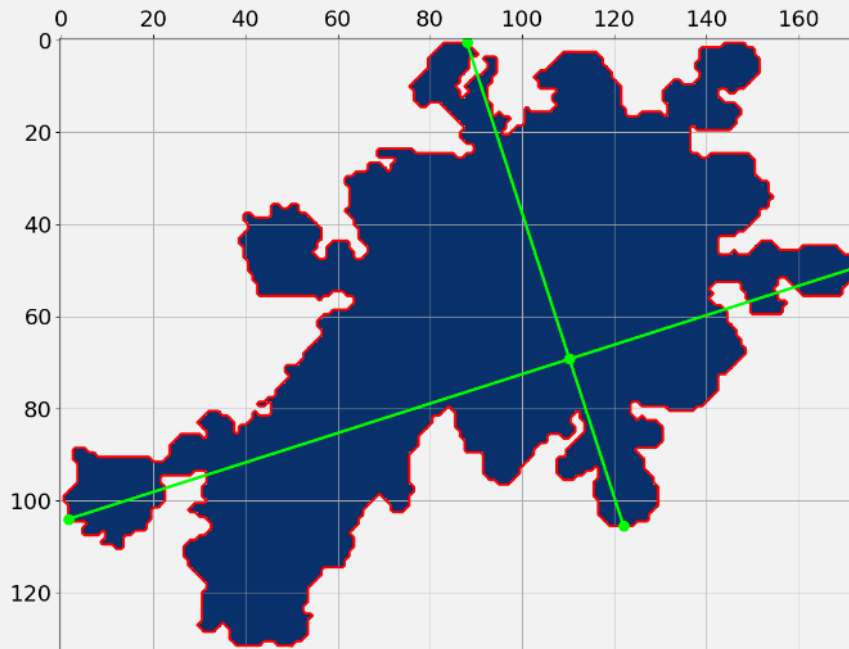
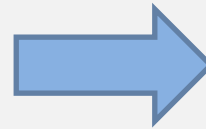


Image  
processing



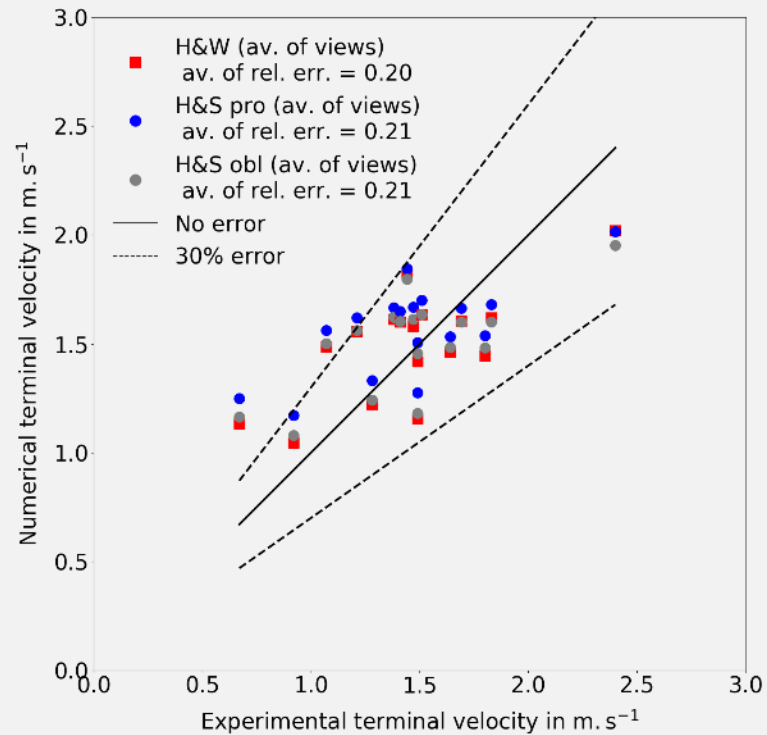
Calculation of  
shape and  
3D-descriptors

- Contour (Perimeter  $P = 5.26 \text{ mm}$ )
  - Max and max orthogonal Feret ( $f_{\text{max}} = 0.90 \text{ mm}$ ,  $f_{\text{max}}^\perp = 0.55 \text{ mm}$ )
  - Projected area ( $A^\perp = 0.23 \text{ mm}^2$ )
- Baker & Lawson mass =  $0.135 \left( \frac{A^\perp f_{\text{max}}^\perp (2f_{\text{max}} + 2f_{\text{max}}^\perp)}{P} \right)^{0.793} = 0.233 \text{ mg}$

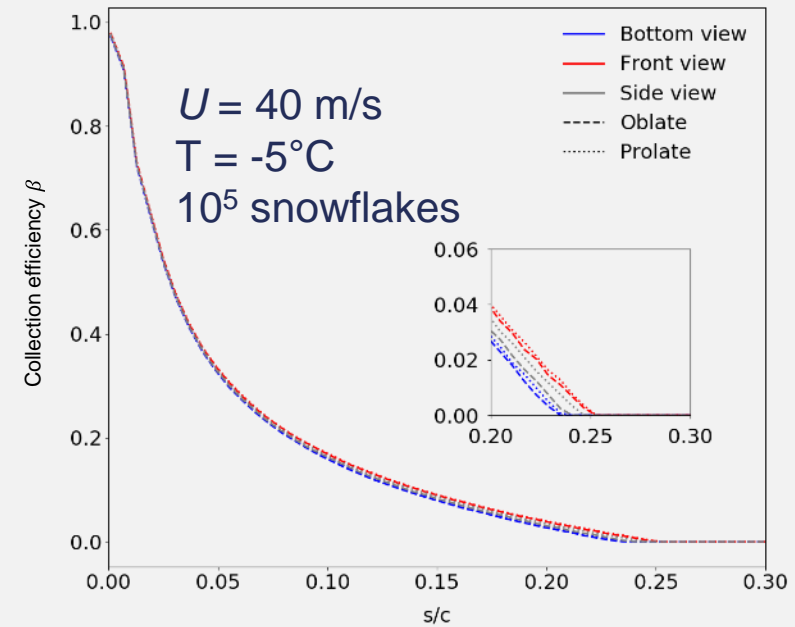
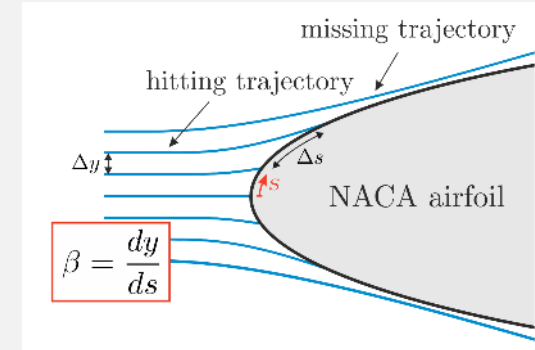
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## Approach 2: Results

### Terminal velocity



### Collection efficiency



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# Melting of snowflakes

- ❧ Snowflakes melt in engine intake, influencing state upon impact and impact outcome
- ❧ Icing severity is strongly affected by liquid water content
- ❧ **Difficulty:** Liquid water content of a snowflake cannot be measured
- ❧ **Solution:** Melt time is measured and compared with models.  
Verified models can then be used for prediction.

Experiments

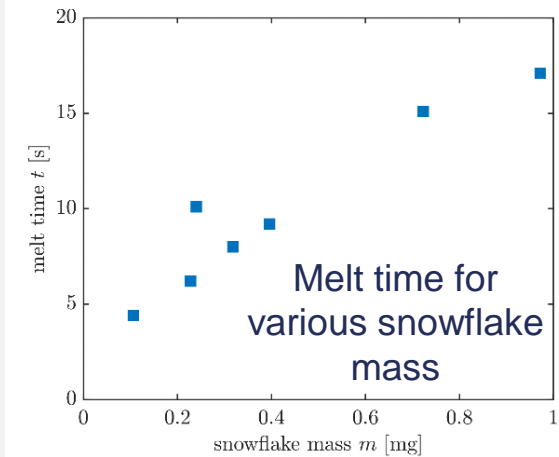
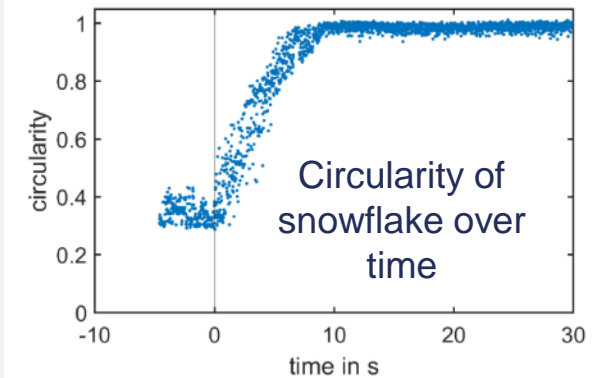
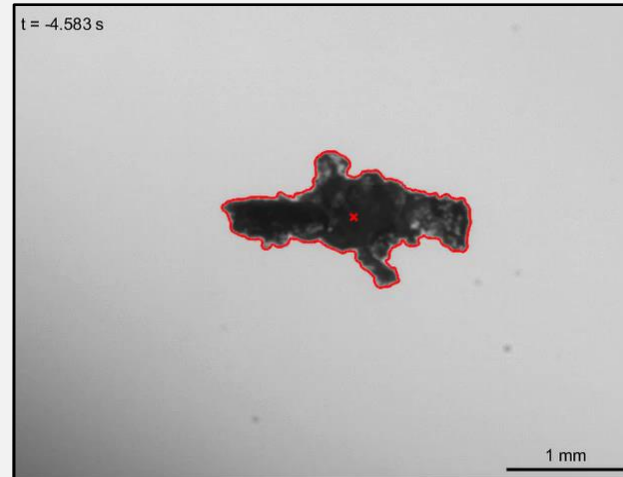
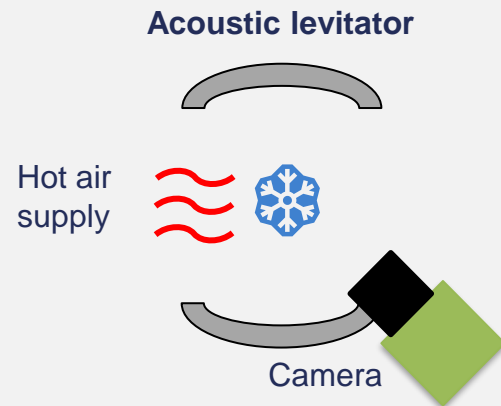
Melt time

Models ✓

# Melting of snowflakes

## Experimental setup: Melting of snowflakes

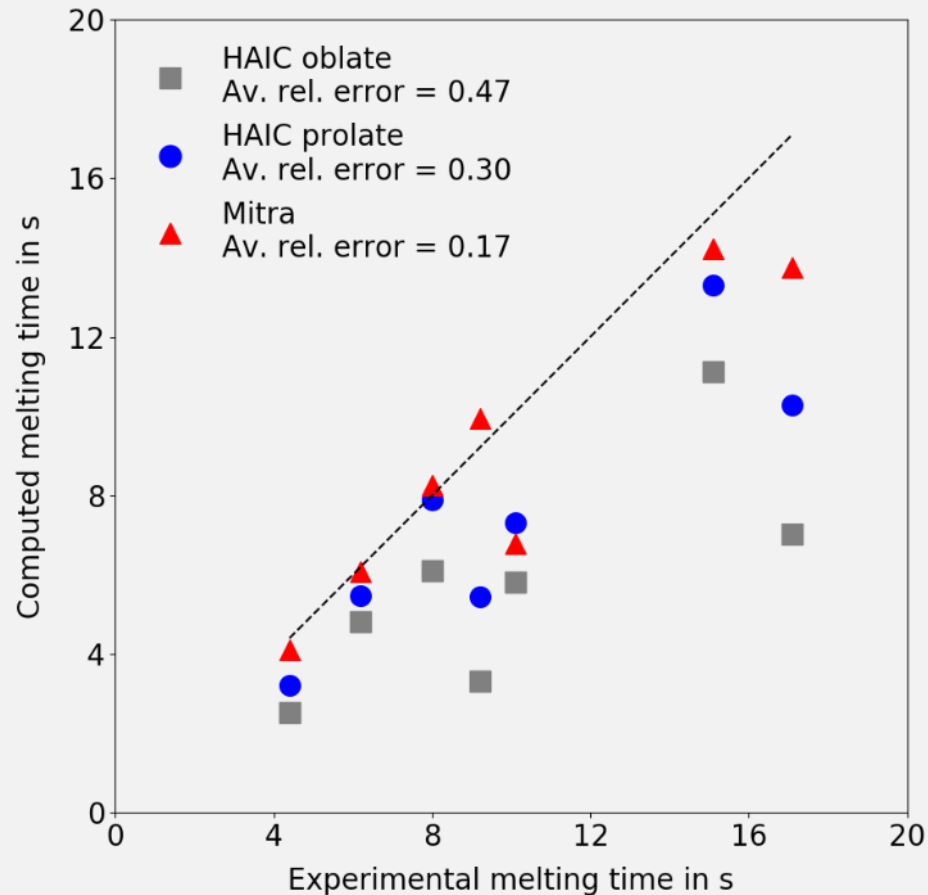
- ❧ Snowflakes observed in acoustic levitator
- ❧ Hot air stream melts snowflake
- ❧ Melt time is extracted from captured video





# Melting of snowflakes

Comparison measured and computed melt times



## HAIC melting model:

$$L_f \frac{dm_i}{dt} = -\pi d \frac{Nu}{\phi} k_a (T_a - T_f) + L_v \frac{dm_w}{dt}$$

$$Nu = 2\sqrt{\phi} + 0.55Pr^{1/3}Re_p^{1/2}\phi^{1/4}$$

## Mitra melting model:

( $Le = 1$ )

$$L_f \frac{dm_i}{dt} = -4\pi i \bar{f}_h C k_a (T_a - T_f) + L_v \frac{dm_w}{dt}$$

$$\bar{f}_v = \begin{cases} 1 + 0.14(Sc^{1/3}Re_p^{1/2})^2 & \text{si } Sc^{1/3}Re_p^{1/2} \leq 1 \\ 0.86 + 0.28Sc^{1/3}Re_p^{1/2} & \text{si } Sc^{1/3}Re_p^{1/2} > 1 \end{cases}$$

## Result: Comparison for 7 snowflakes

- Models are similar with minor differences in  $Nu$  and  $\bar{f}_v$
- Mitra model describes physics best

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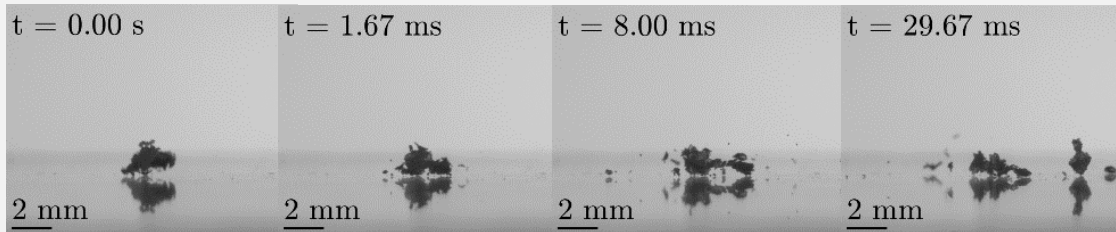


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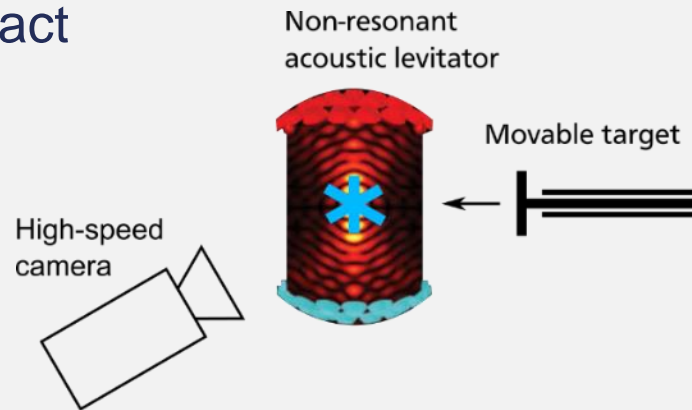
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# Impact and fragmentation of snowflakes

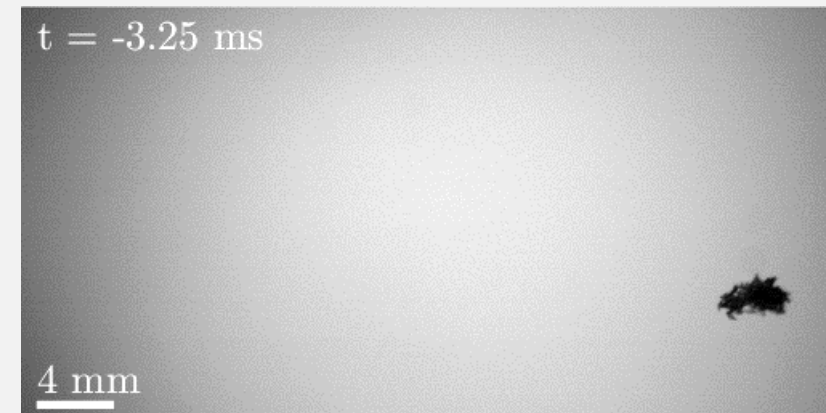
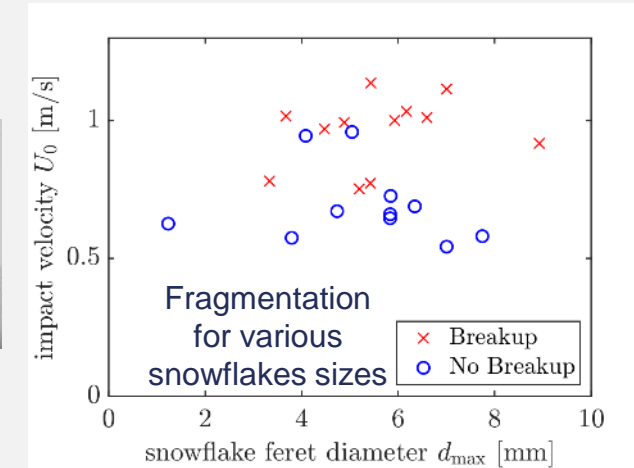
**Observations:** snowflakes can fragment already at terminal velocity ( $U_0 \sim 0.7$  m/s)



Experimental setup to investigate snowflake impact



- Investigation of fragmentation threshold
- Determination of fragment sizes and velocities



$U_{\text{impact}} < 30$  m/s

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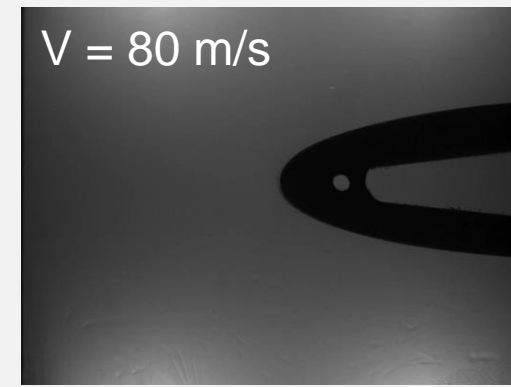
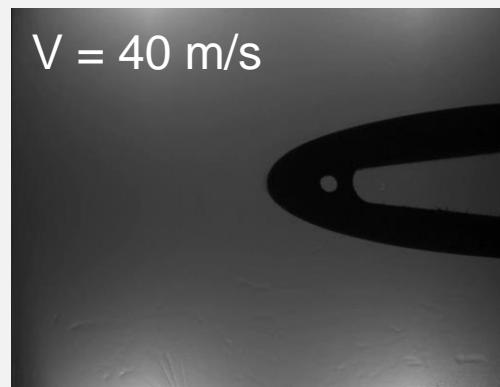
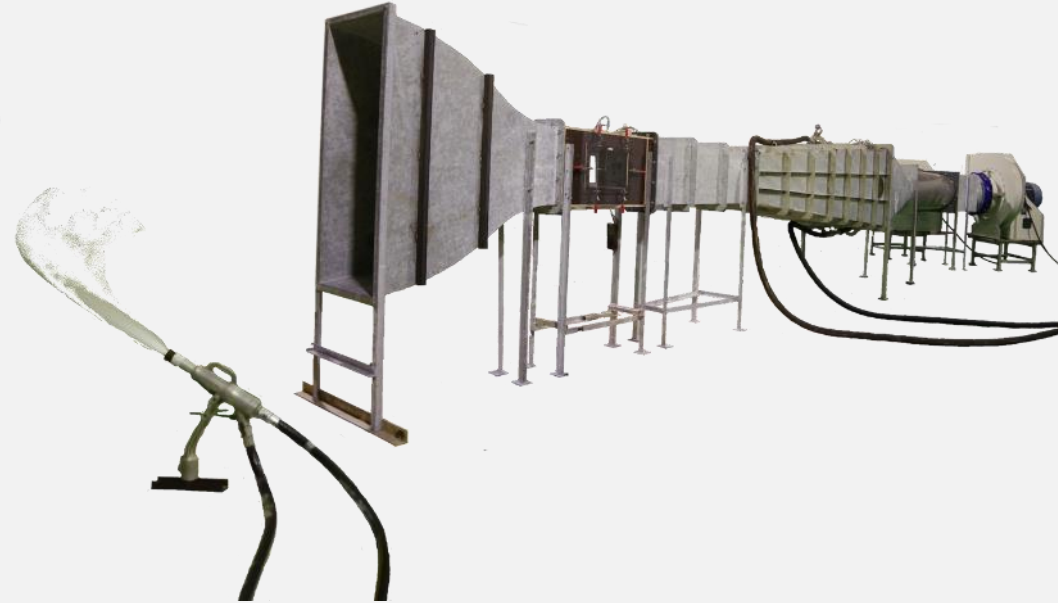


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# Accretion of snowflakes on surfaces

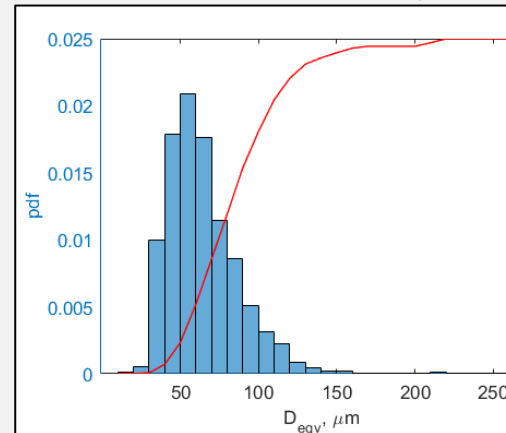
- ❑ High speed test bench (80m/s)
- ❑ Specific instrumentation to characterize snow cloud
  - AIRBUS Nephelometer, MALVERN (laser diffraction)
  - SEA WCM-2000 probe
- ❑ Test Matrix
  - ❑ 4 OAT: -1 ; -3 ; -5 ; -7°C
  - ❑ 2 TAS: 40 ; 80 m/s



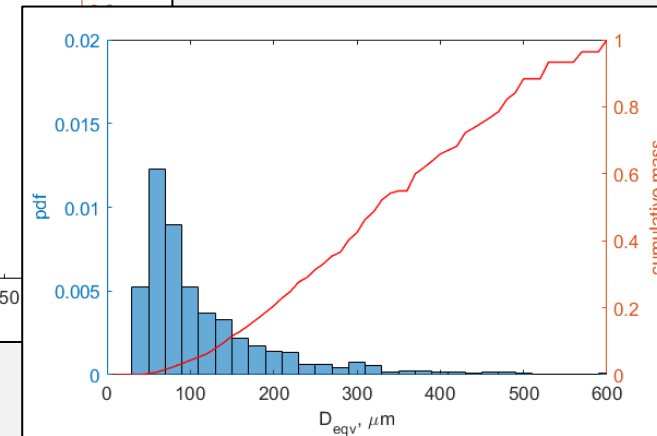
# Accretion of snowflakes on surfaces

After calibration of TsAGI EU-1 wind tunnel accretion tests onto a NACA airfoil are performed for artificial ice crystals and natural snow conditions for different flow and icing conditions.

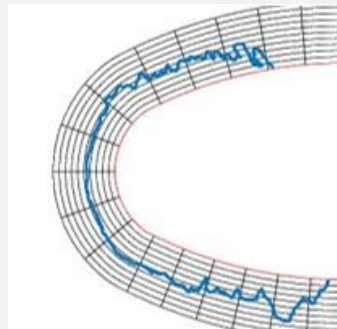
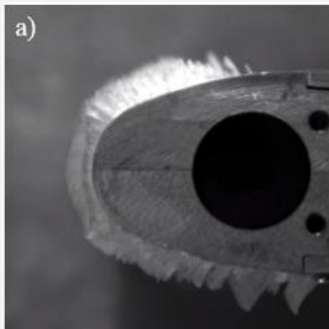
**Artificial ice crystal**



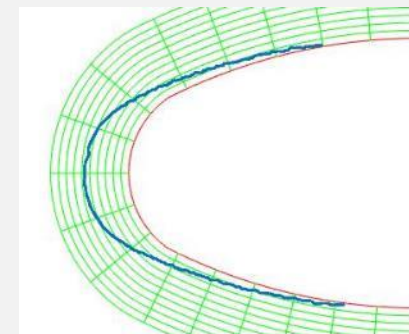
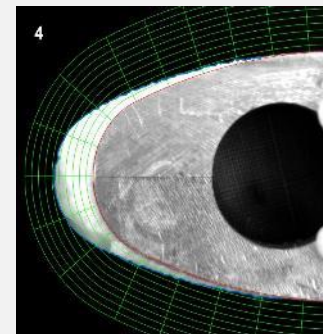
**Natural snow**



**Accretion in artificial crystal conditions**



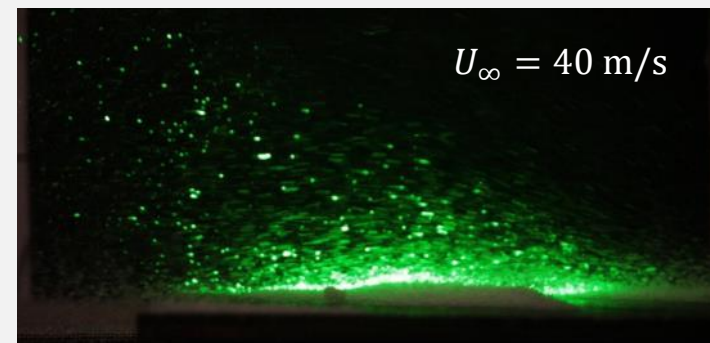
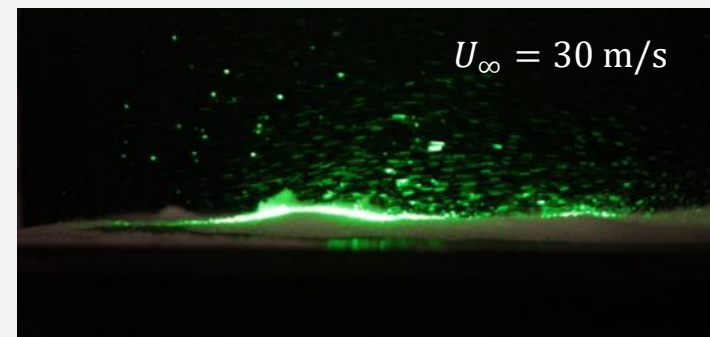
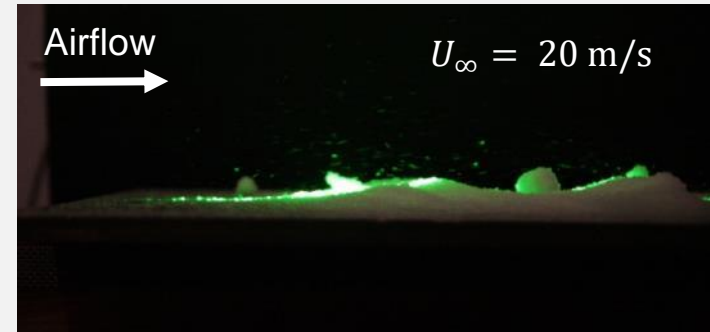
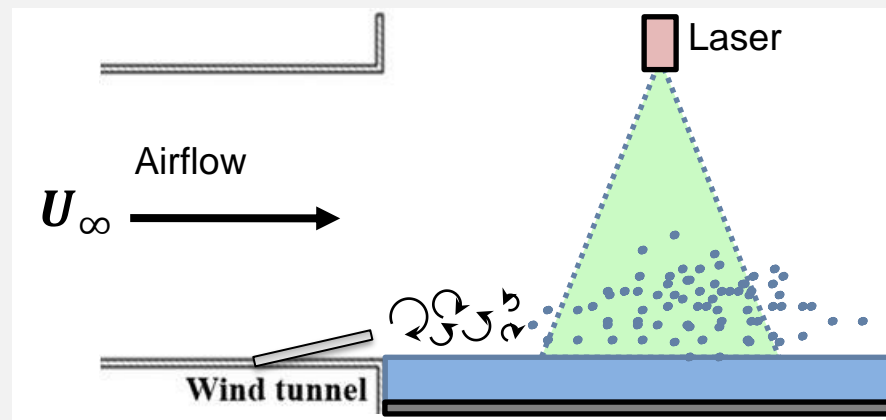
**Accretion in natural snow conditions**



# Saltation of natural snow layers

The saltation of natural snow layers is being investigated at different flow velocities up to 50 m/s. In the test setup a laser light sheet and high speed camera are used to observe the snow layer saltation. The particles sizes and concentration are being analyzed via image post-processing for the various flow conditions.

**Saltation test setup**



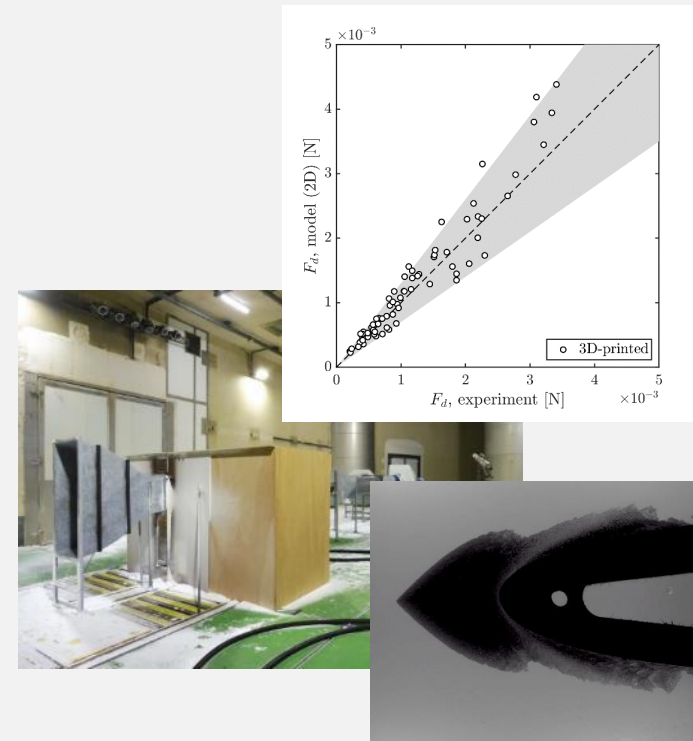


# Conclusion & Way forward

## WP10 - Numerical Capability Development for Snow

comprising experiments, modelling and simulations has extended existing knowledge concerning drops, SLD and ice crystals to the case of snow flakes/crystals.

- ❑ Multiple drag experiments and trajectory computations were performed
  - ➔ HAIC models adapted for snowflakes
- ❑ Melting of snowflakes in levitator
  - ➔ Mitra model exhibits best results
- ❑ Snowflake impact and fragmentation onto a surface ongoing
- ❑ Snow accretion tests ongoing
  - ➔ model development will start in soon





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