

Numerical Simulation of Particle Clustering for Particulate Flow in a Spinning Cylinder

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Very often, complex non-equilibrium systems have a tendency to selforganize into relatively simple patterns. The main goal of this presentation is to investigate numerically a particular example of such situations that we consider particularly relevant to a conference dedicated to Recent Developments of Numerical Schemes for Flow Problems. The problem that we consider is the numerical simulation of those particle clustering phenomena taking place in a spinning cylinder containing an incompressible viscous fluid / rigid particle mixture when the angular spinning velocity is sufficiently large. The results of a series of numerical experiments will be presented; they validate documented experimental results.

About the speaker

Professor Roland Glowinski is a professor of mathematics and mechanical engineering at the University of Houston. He has been awarded the Seymour Cray Prize in France in 1988, the Grand Prix Marcel Dassault of the French National Academy of Sciences in 1996, and the SIAM Von Kármán Prize in 2004.

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