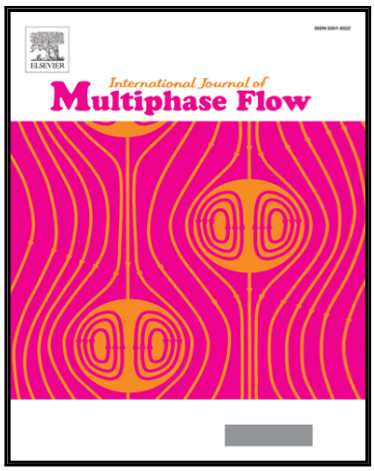


# Ballistic deflection of fibres in decelerating flow

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**Highlights**

- Identification of the phenomenon of ballistic deflection where a fibre trajectory deviates from streamlines of the carrying flow.
- Longitudinal and transversal ballistic numbers identified as two dimensionless parameters that govern the fibre dynamics.
- Ballistic deflection is argued to increase the rate of collisions of the suspended fibres, affecting the rate of fibre aggregation.