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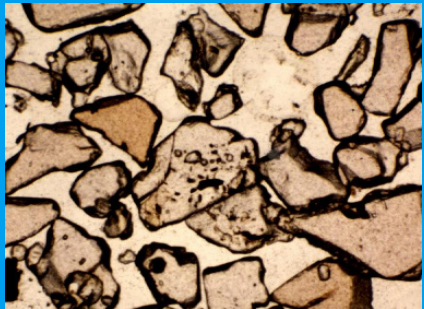
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# Waternet

## Amsterdam Water Cycle Company

- Drinking Water
- Waste Water
- Water Systems





# Drinking water production processes

- Filtration
- Fluidisation
- Sedimentation

Natural granular particles



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# Drinking water softening

Chemical  $\text{CaCO}_3$  crystallisation (caustic soda)

Fluidisation reactors (Liquid-Solid)

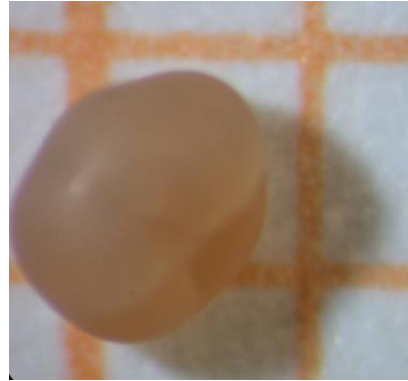


# Drinking water softening (linear economy)

Seeding material → marble pellets



0,3 mm



1.0 mm

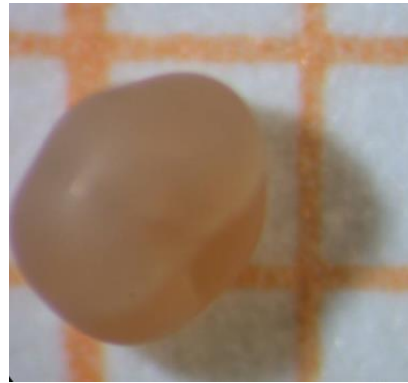


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500 t/y raw material → 8000 t/y waste material



1g velocity of natural particles applied in drinking water treatment processes



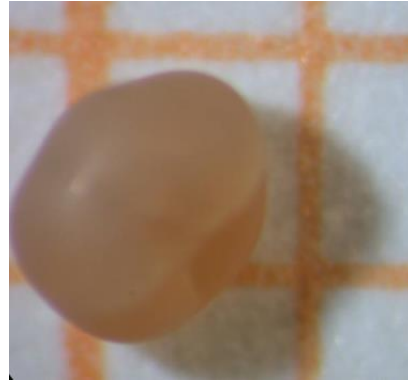


# Drinking water softening (Waternet CO<sub>2</sub> neutral in 2020)

Seeding material → marble pellets



0.8 mm



1.0 mm

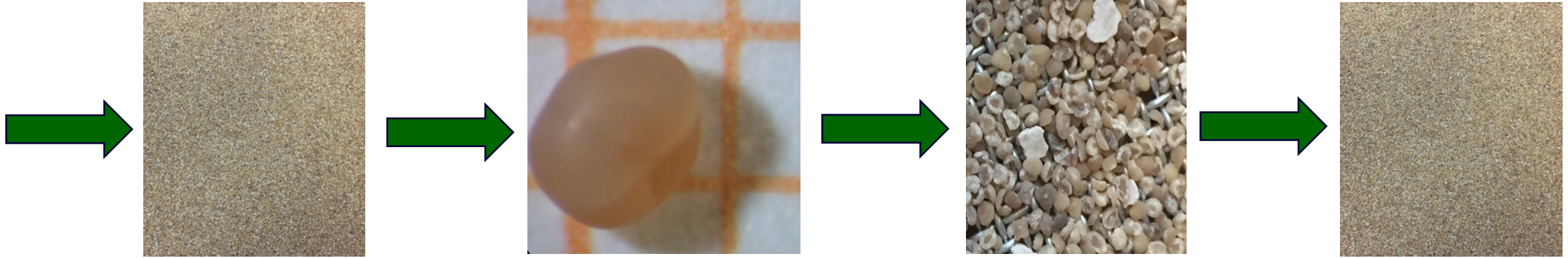
500 t/y raw material → 8000 t/y waste material



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# Drinking water softening (circular economy)

Seeding material → marble pellets → grinding → sieving



Re-using

Valorisation

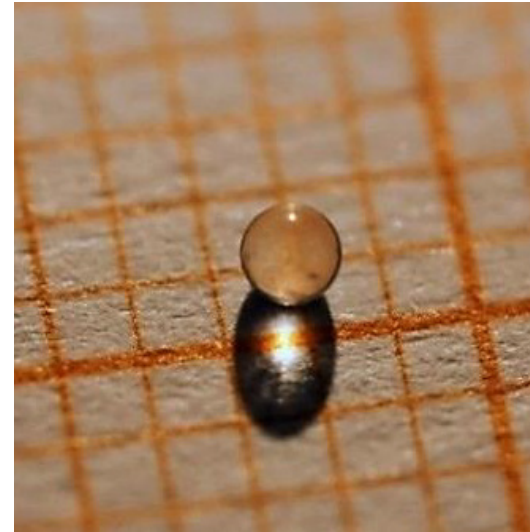
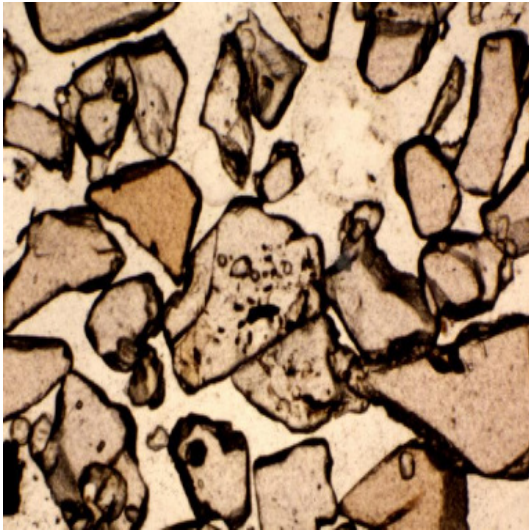
e.g. glass, paper, carpet etc.





# Research aim (after process changes)

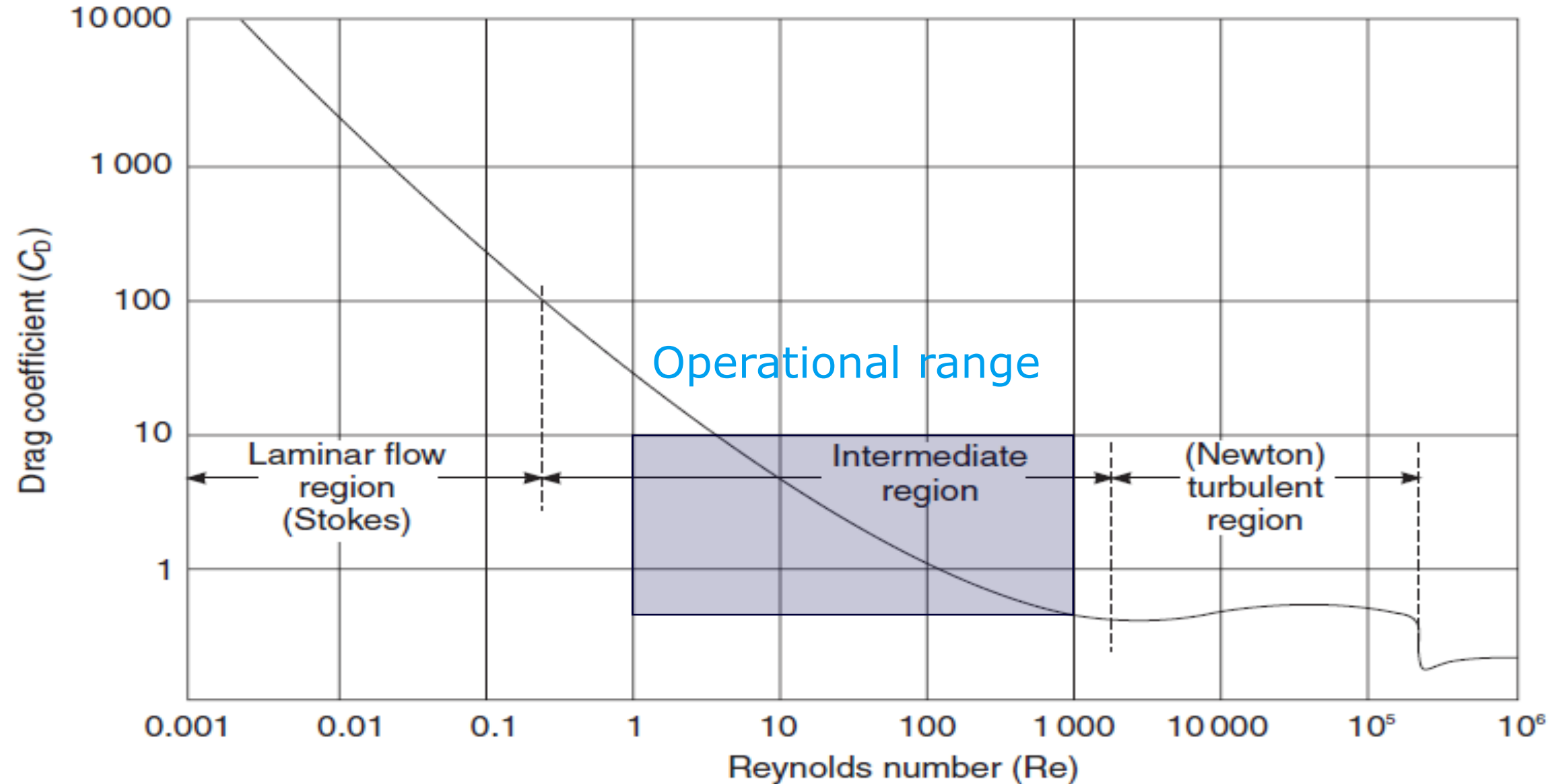
Investigating the hydraulic behaviour of imperfectly round spheres in drinking water treatment processes



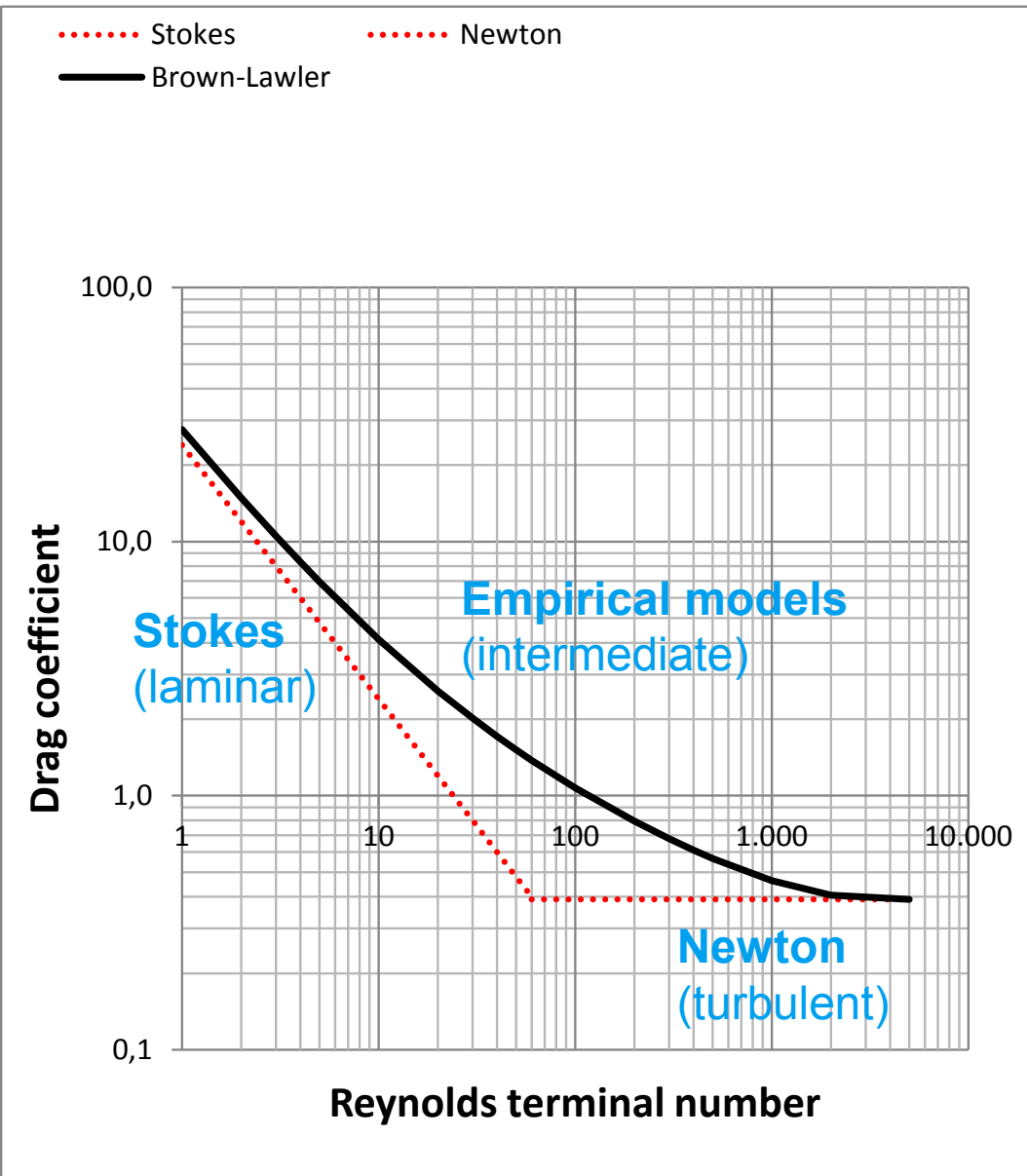




# (1/2) Literature study (drag versus Reynolds)



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- Terminal settling theory

Laminar (Stokes)

Turbulent (Newton)

- Many prediction models

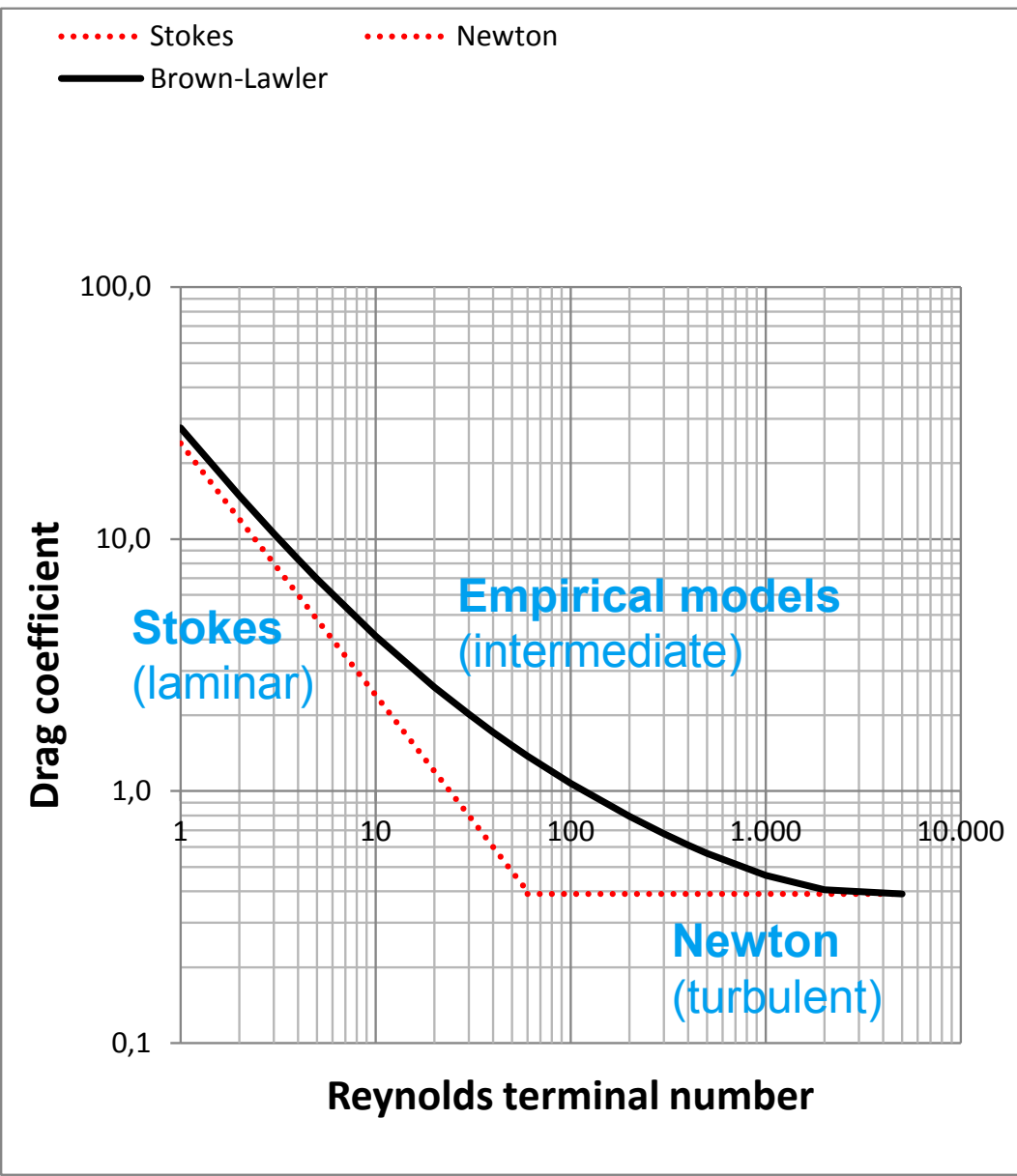
Intermediate regime

- For perfect round spheres

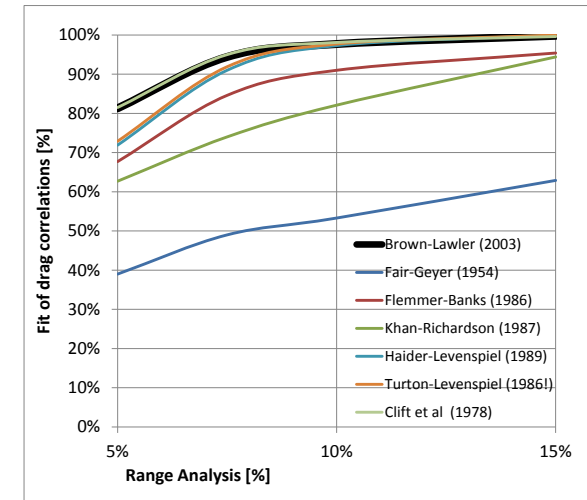
- +/-5% accuracy

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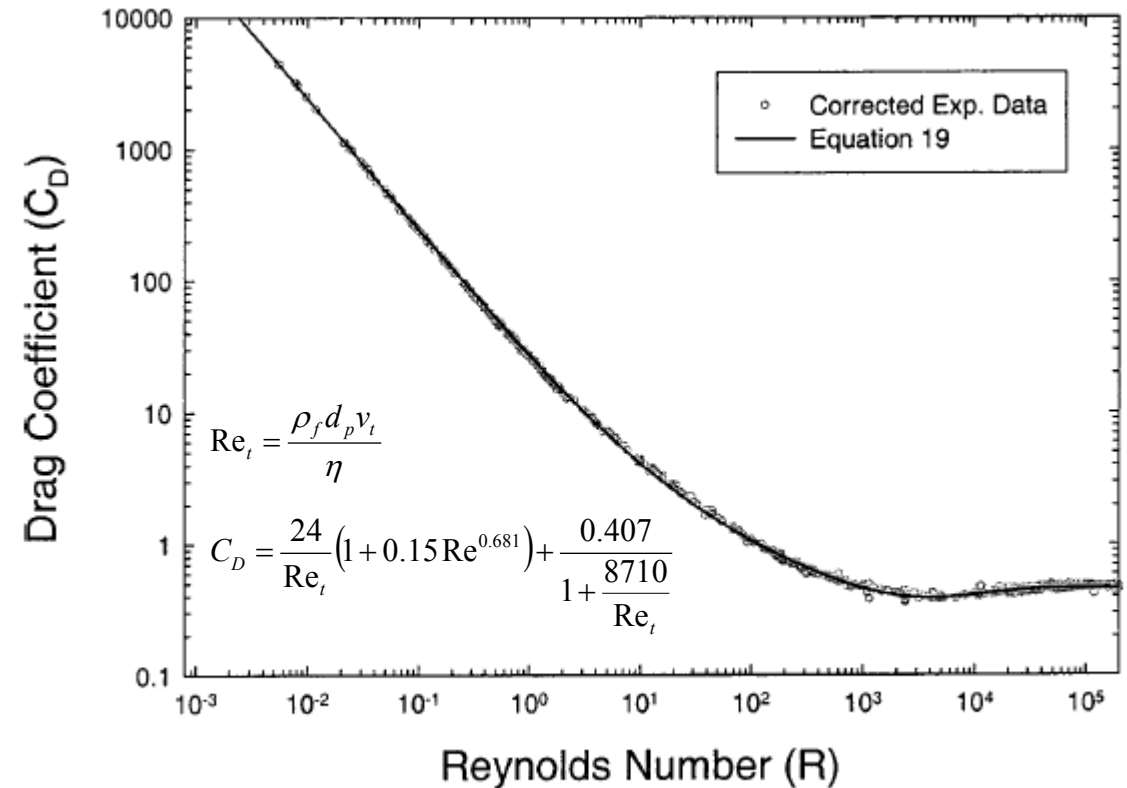
# (1/2) Literature study (drag versus Reynolds)



20%  
N = 480

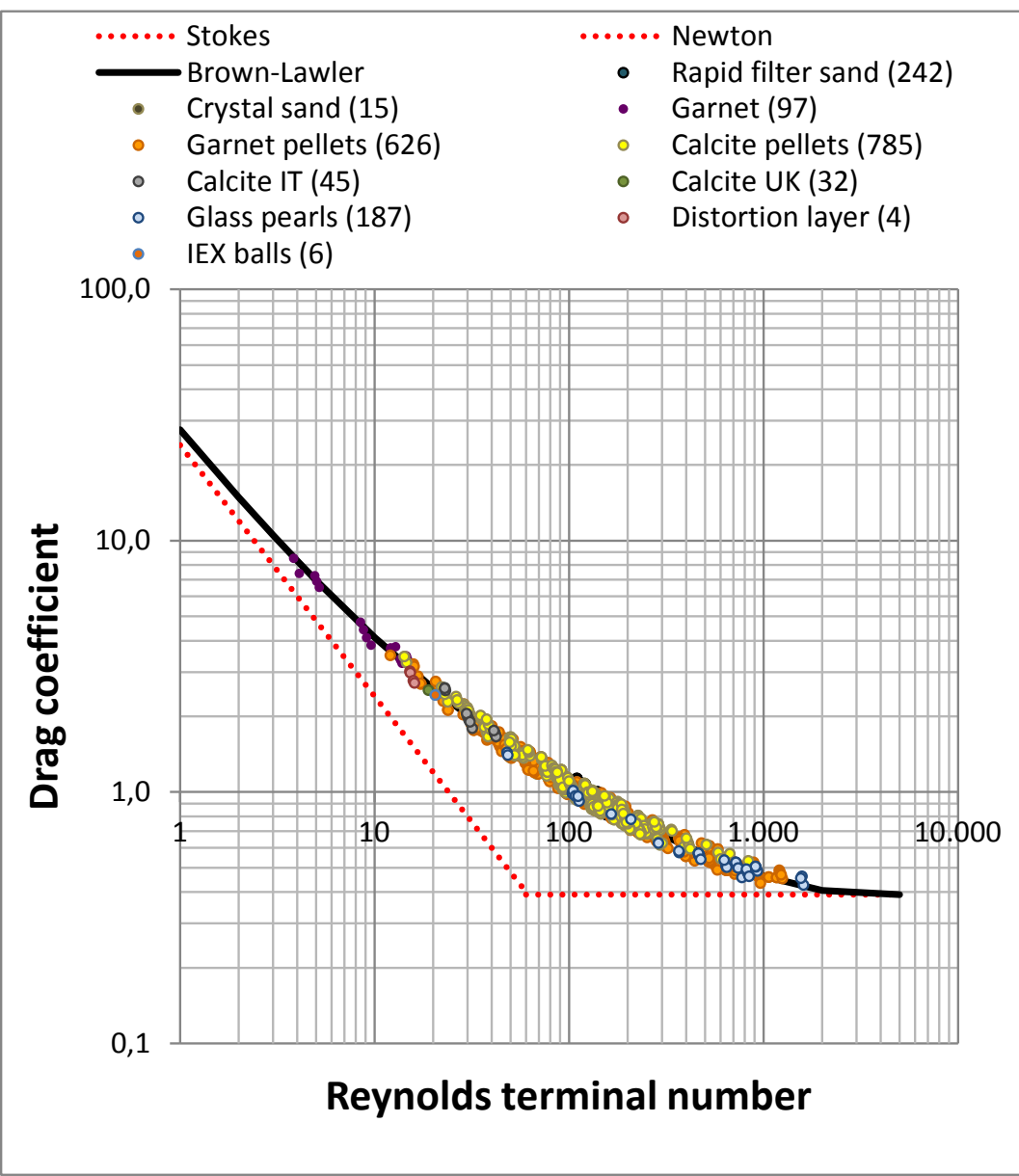


- Brown-Lawler (2003)





# (2/2) Experimental data

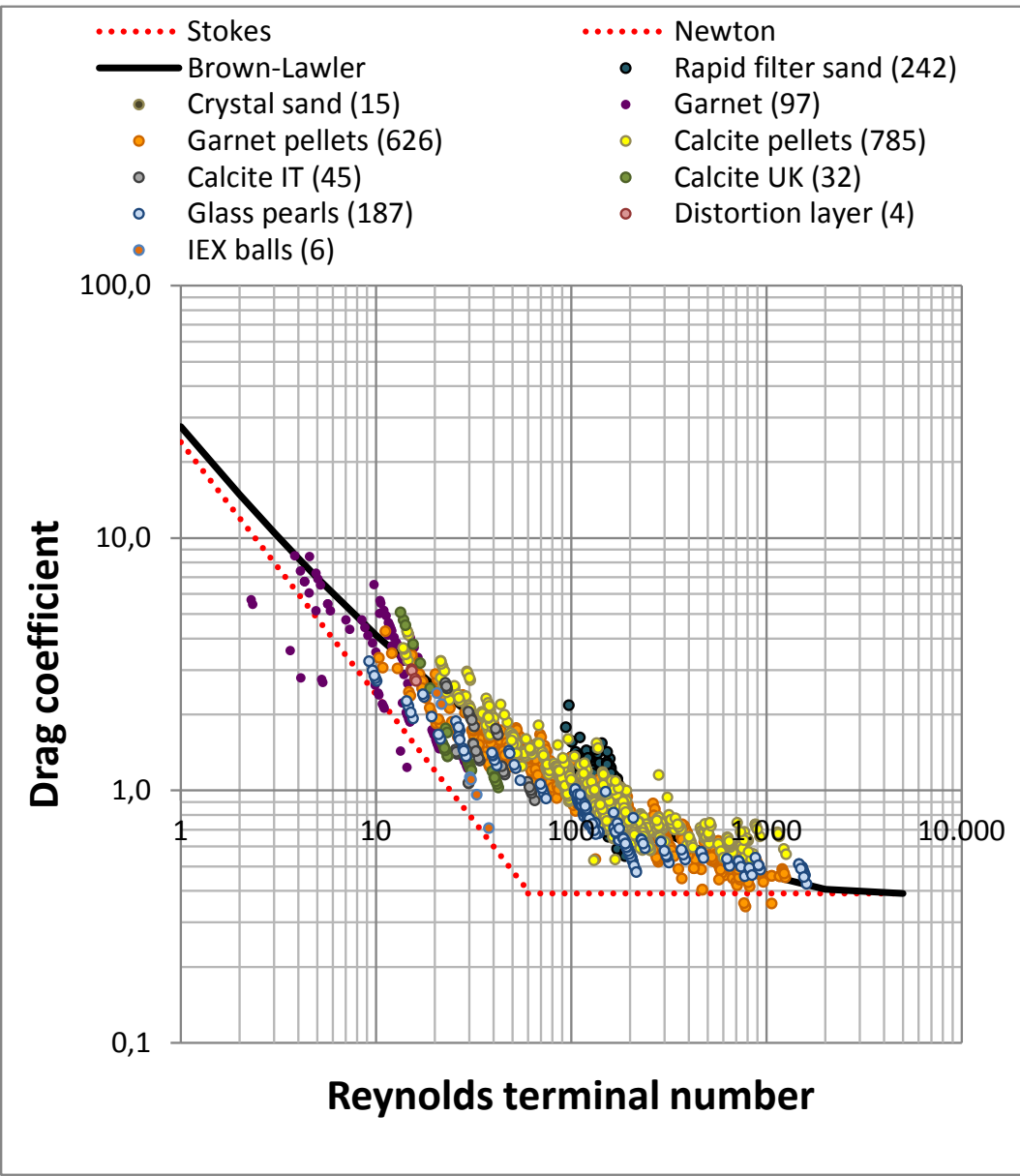


10%  
N = 1046

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## (2/2) Experimental data



0%  
N = 2039



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# Explanation of deviation

Deviation caused by variation in:

- Gravitational acceleration  $\pm 0.1\%$
- Specific particle density  $\pm 0.4\%$
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- Particle size (sieve diameter)  $\pm 10\%$
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# Take home messages (optional)



## Use **all** your data

Be careful with filtering or eliminating less accurate data  
Before fitting your data, try to explain derivative deviation  
From deviation useful information can be retrieved  
Take deviation into account when predicting or designing processes

## Use **proven** models:

\*\*\* Water treatment granular particles  
Hydraulic behaviour of round spheres can accurately be calculated  
Natural particles behave differently than perfectly round spheres  
The measured deviation can decisively be explained  
In particular particle shape causes distinguished hydraulic behaviour



# Thank you for your attention

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