



# Subcritical bubble break-up

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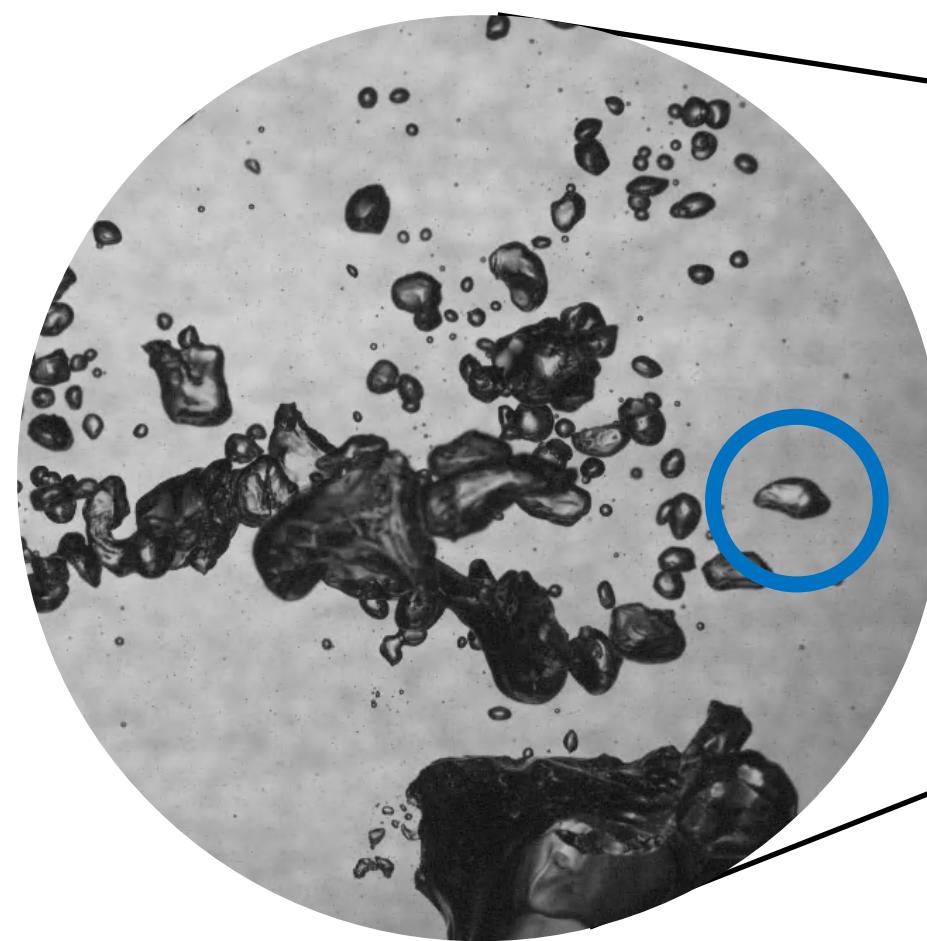
Paris, 5th July

# Bubbles enhance gas transfers

Bubble mediated gas transfer  
at the ocean-atmosphere interface:

40% of the CO<sub>2</sub> transfer

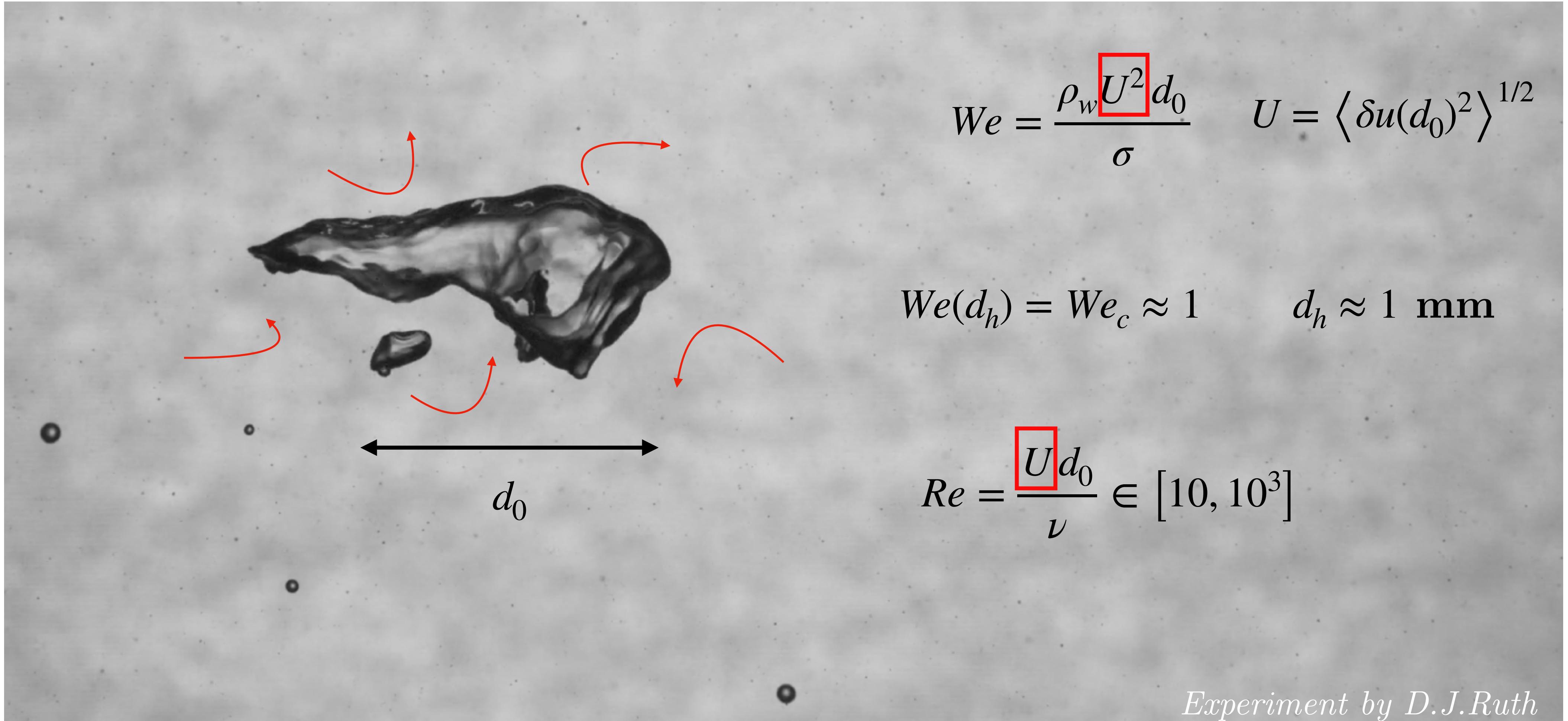
*Reichl & Deike (2020)*



*courtesy of J.Rivi  re*

*Experiment by D.J.Ruth*

# A fluctuating flow

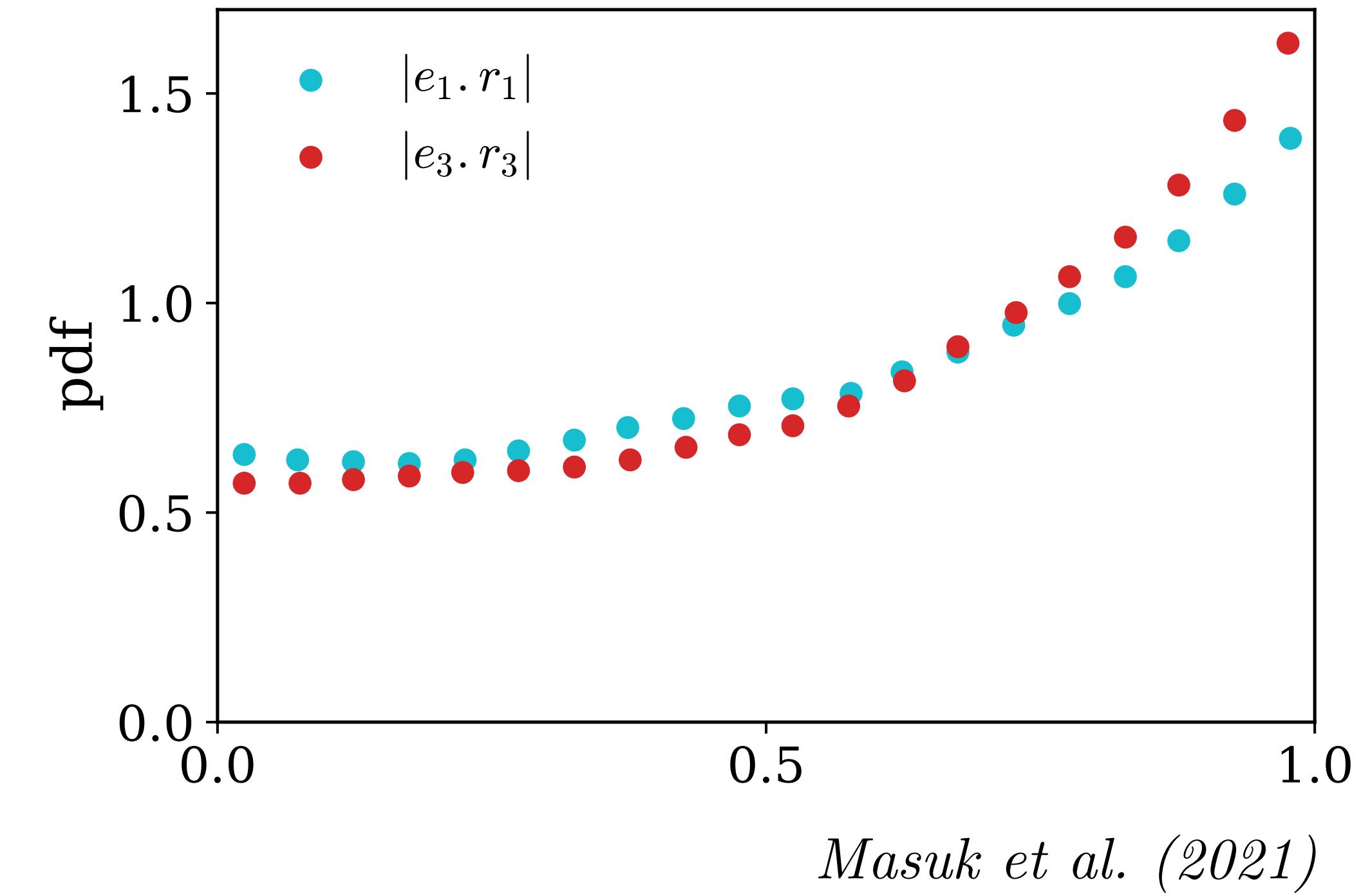
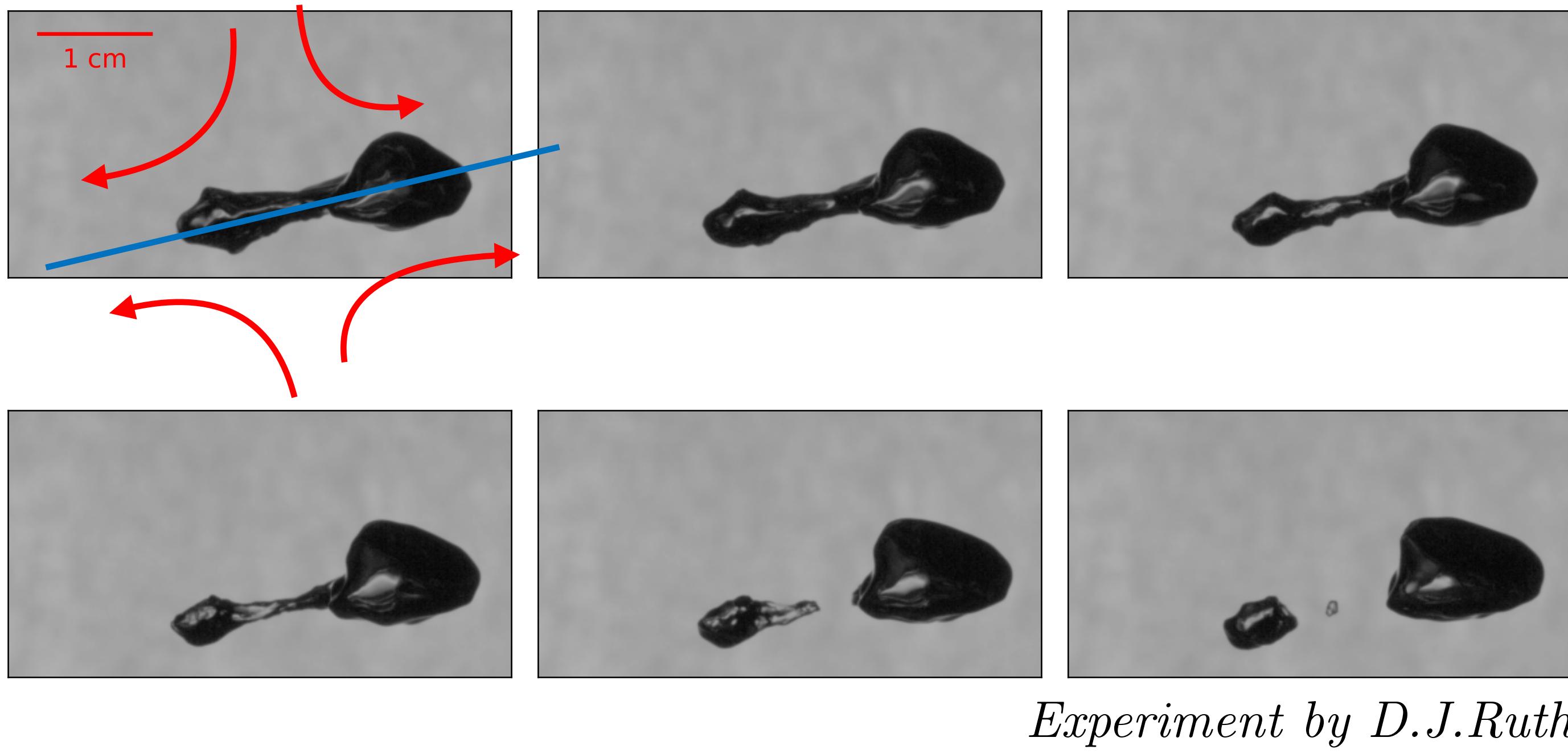


Large distribution of  $We_c$ : between 1 and 10.

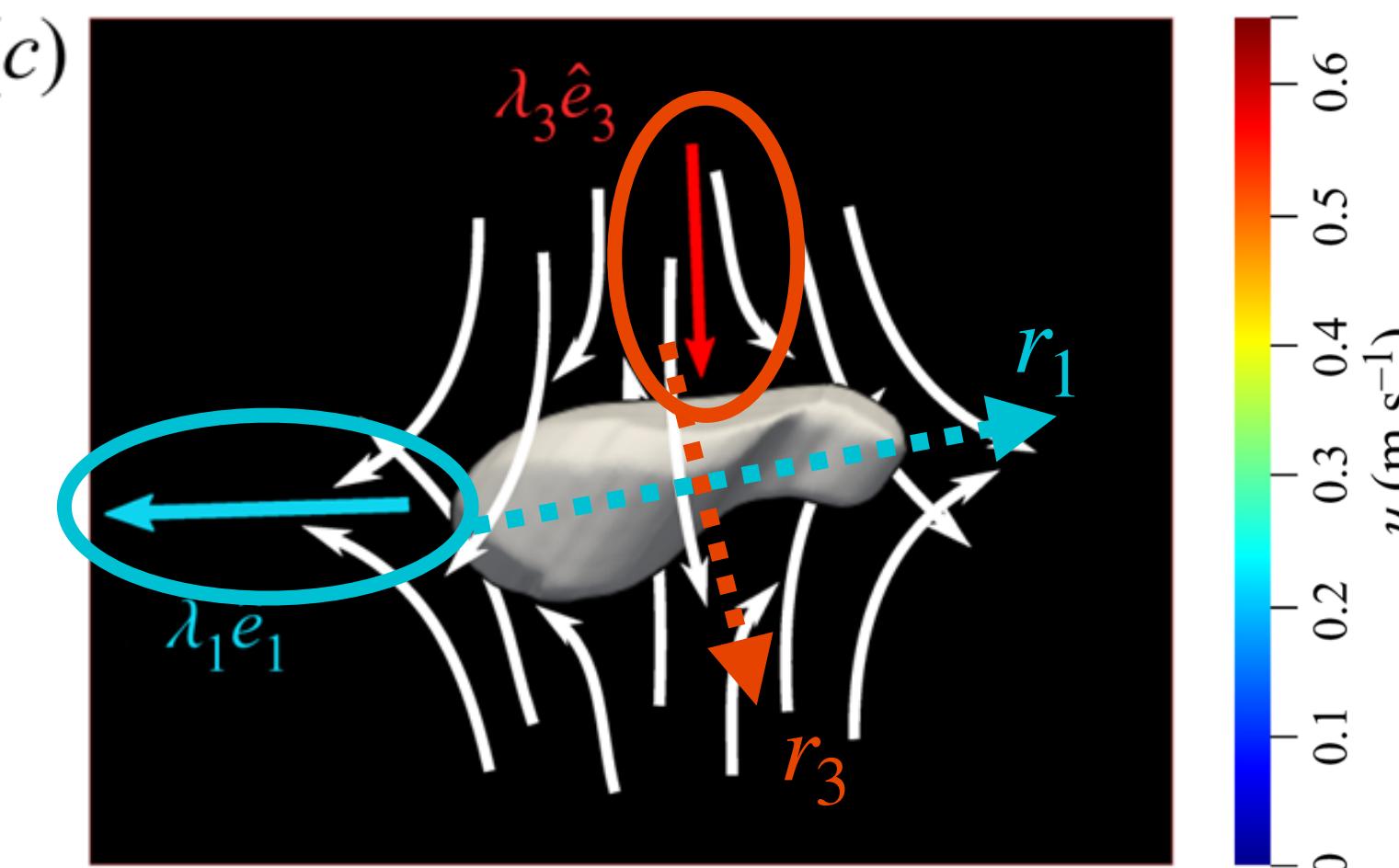
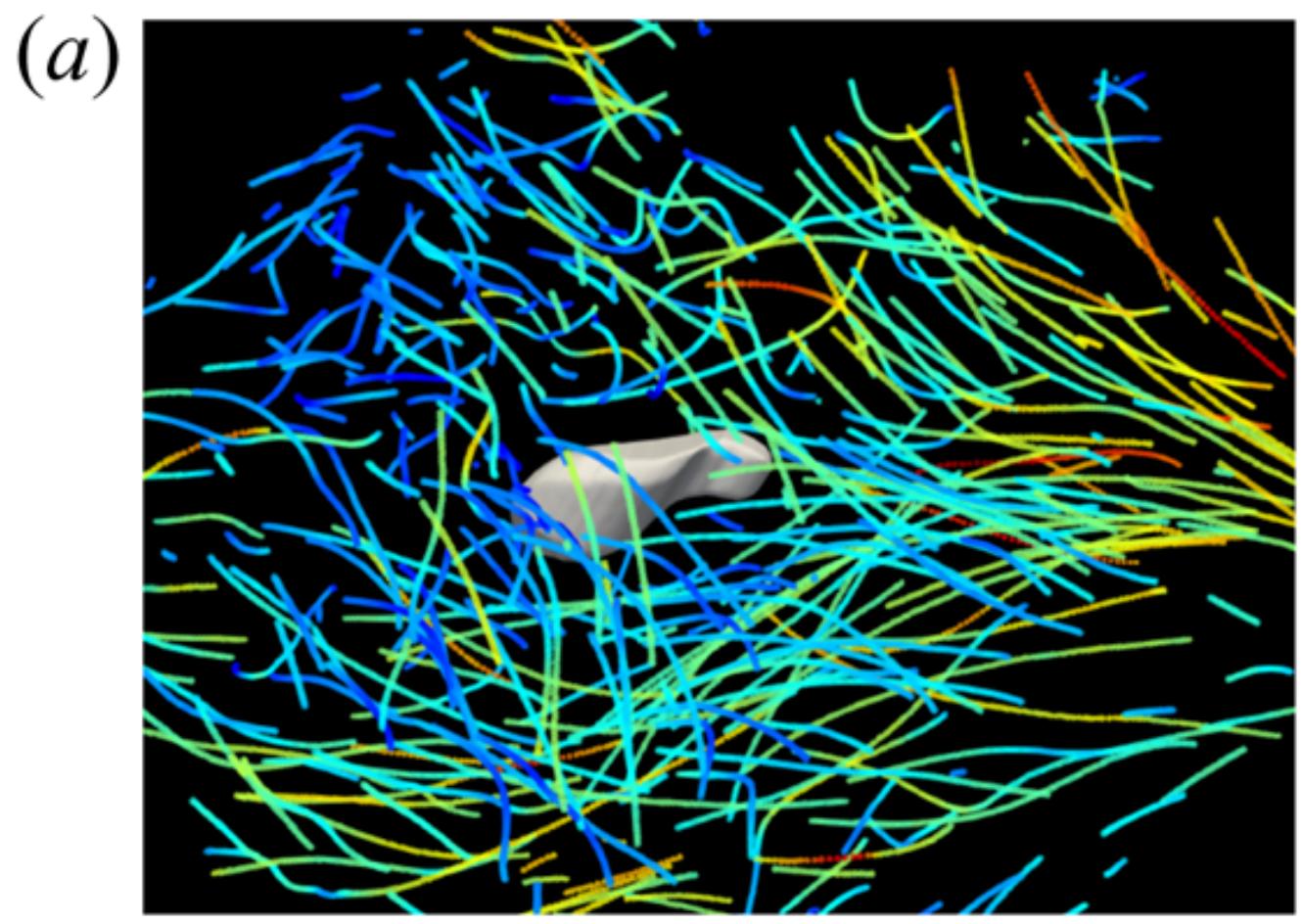
*Risso & Fabre (1998), Martinez-Bazan et al (1999a),  
Rivière et al. (2021), Masuk et al. (2021)*

Must take into account the **local flow geometry**

# From turbulence to a model flow



Masuk et al. (2021)



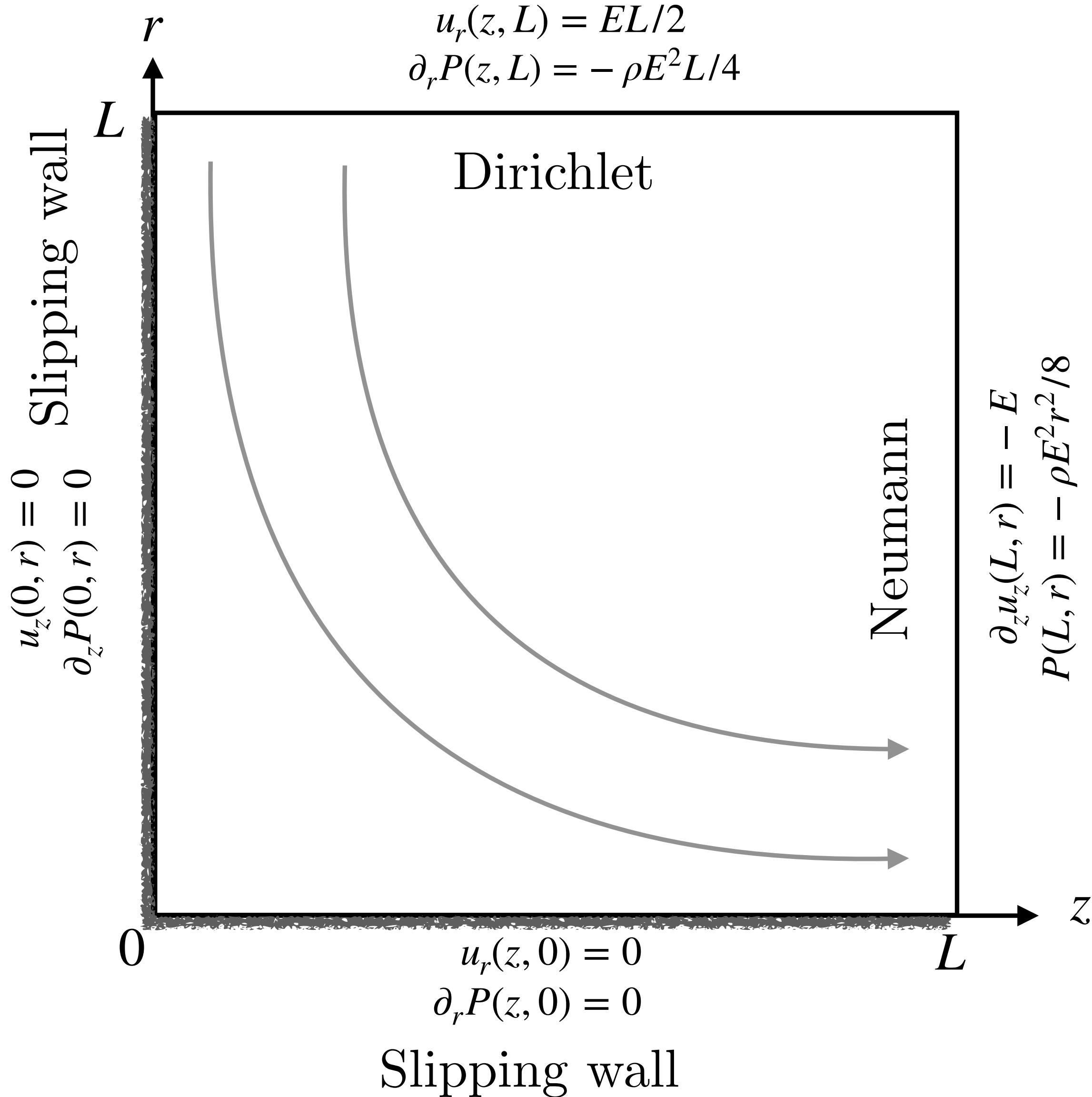
Masuk et al. (2021)

Rodríguez-Rodríguez et al. (2006)

Revuelta (2006)

Masuk et al. (2021a,b,c)

# Numerical configuration - Flow creation



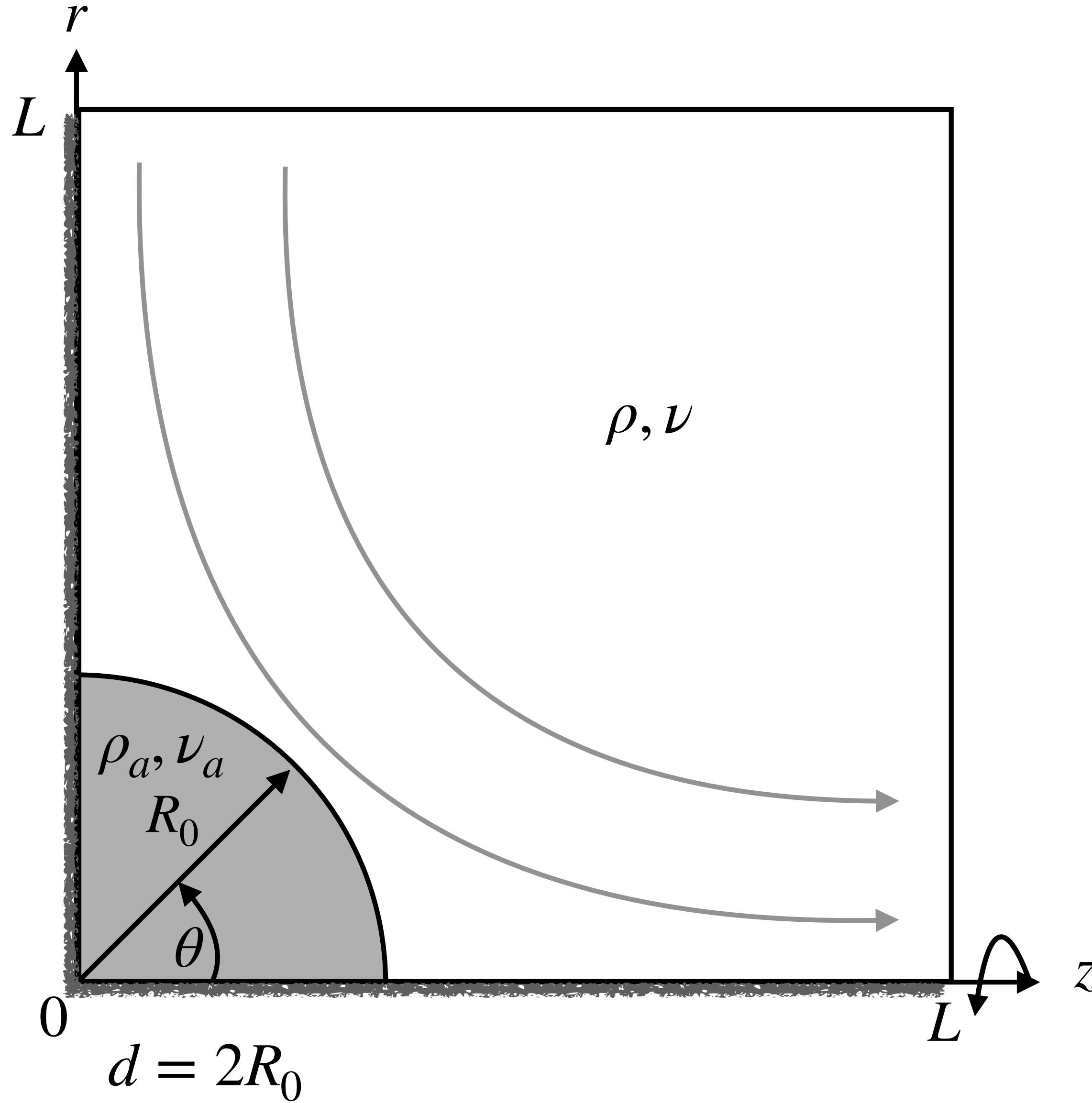
$$\mathbf{v}(z, r) = -\frac{E}{2}r\mathbf{e}_r + Ez\mathbf{e}_z$$

Solve axisymmetric NS equations with  
*Basilisk*:

- ▶ momentum conserving scheme
- ▶ geometric VOF method
- ▶ AMR

<http://basilisk.fr>

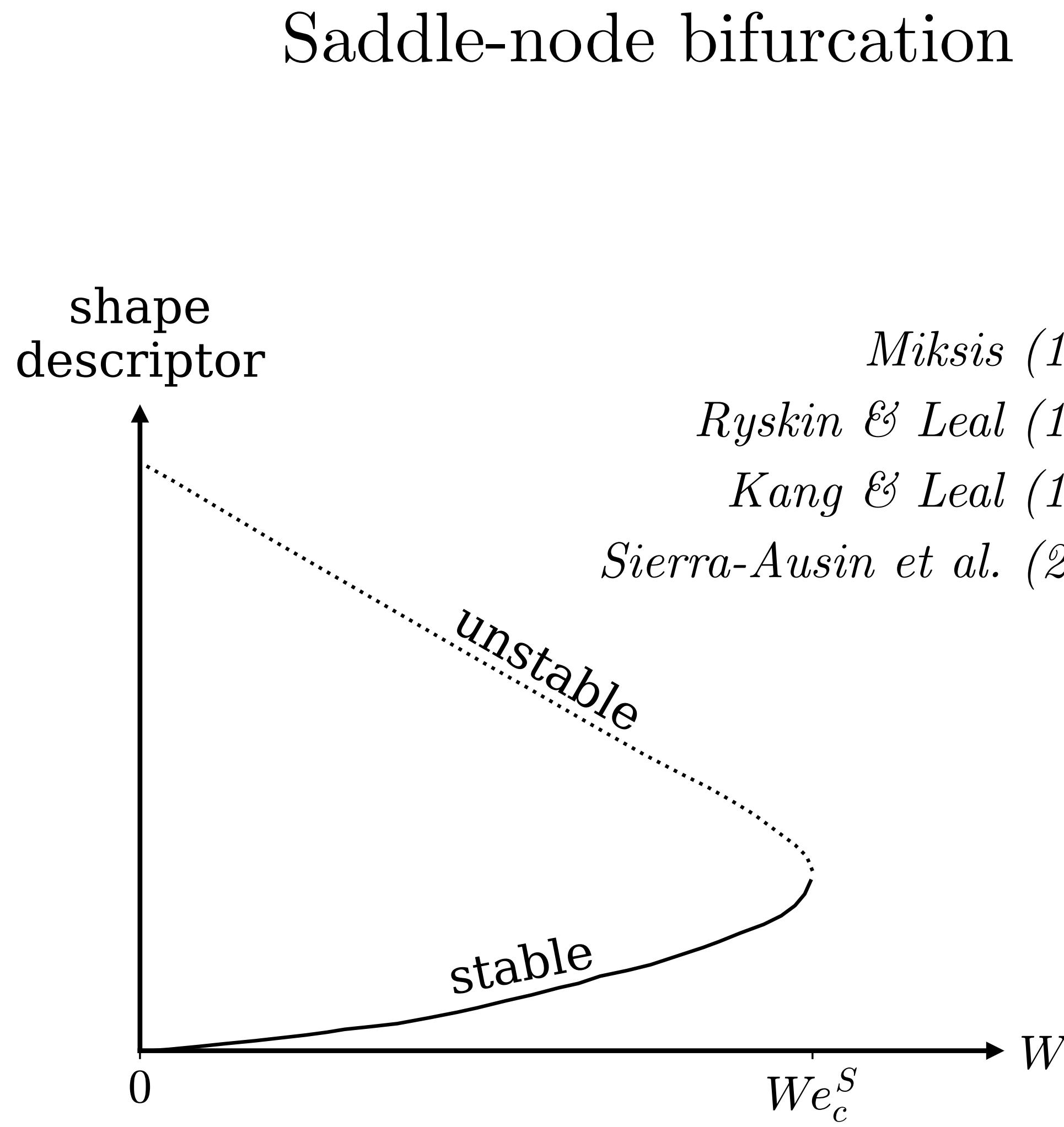
# Numerical configuration - Bubble injection



$$\mathbf{v}(z, r) = -\frac{E}{2}r\mathbf{e}_r + Ez\mathbf{e}_z$$

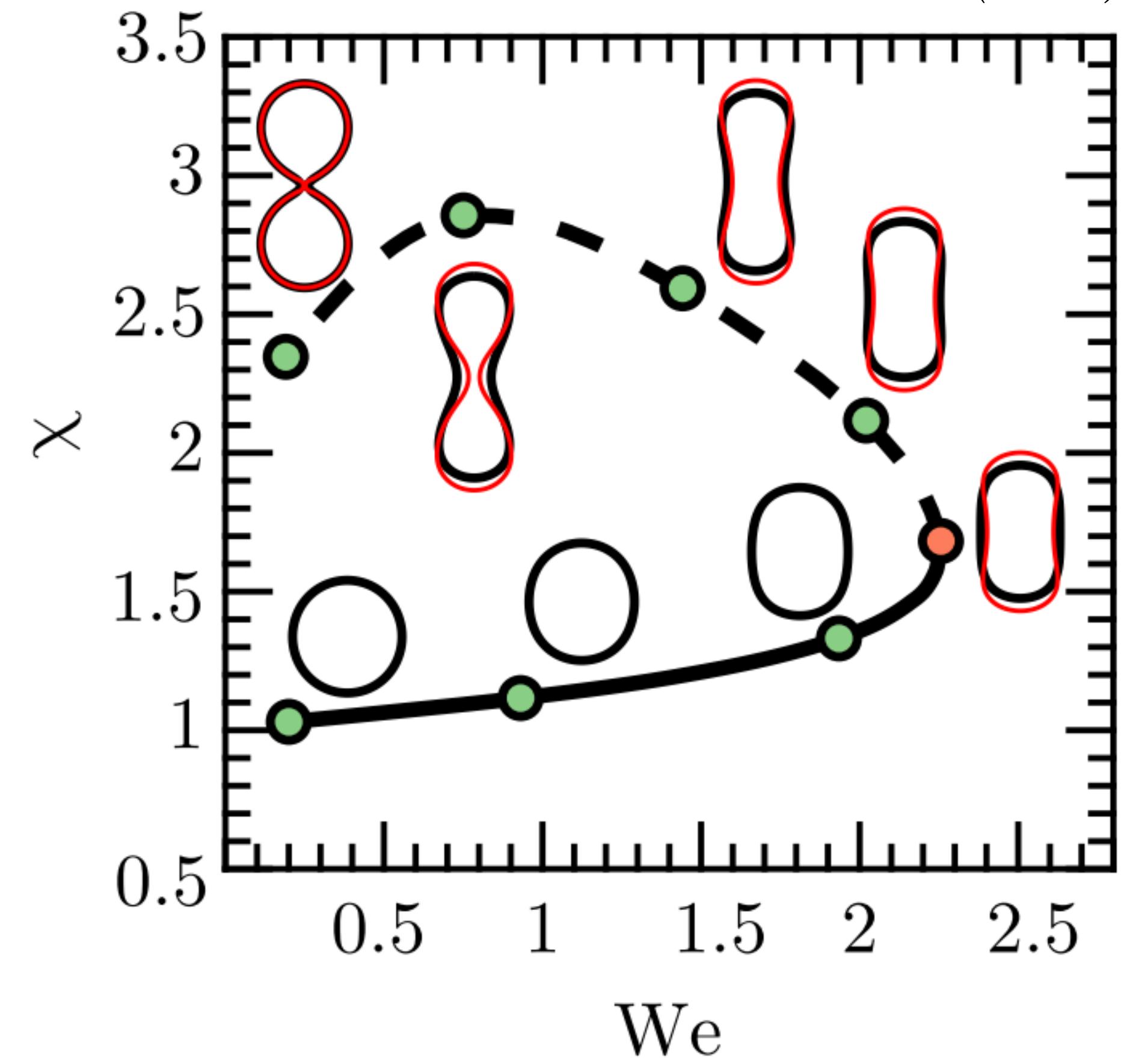
$$We = \frac{\rho U^2 d}{\gamma}$$
$$U = Ed$$
$$Re = \frac{Ud}{\nu} \gg 1$$

# Phase diagram: Equilibrium positions



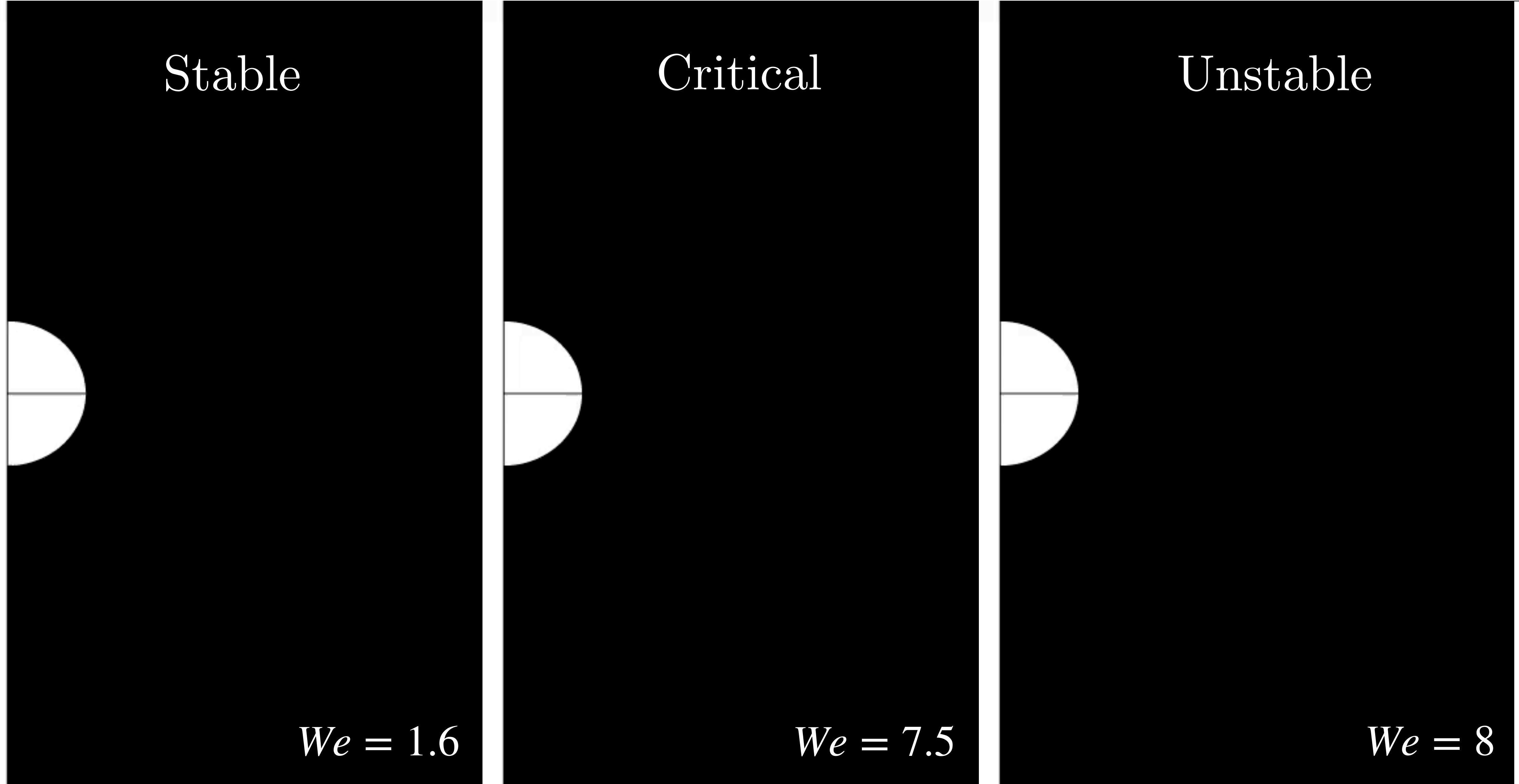
$$Oh = \frac{\sqrt{We}}{Re}$$

*Sierra-Ausin et al. (2022)*

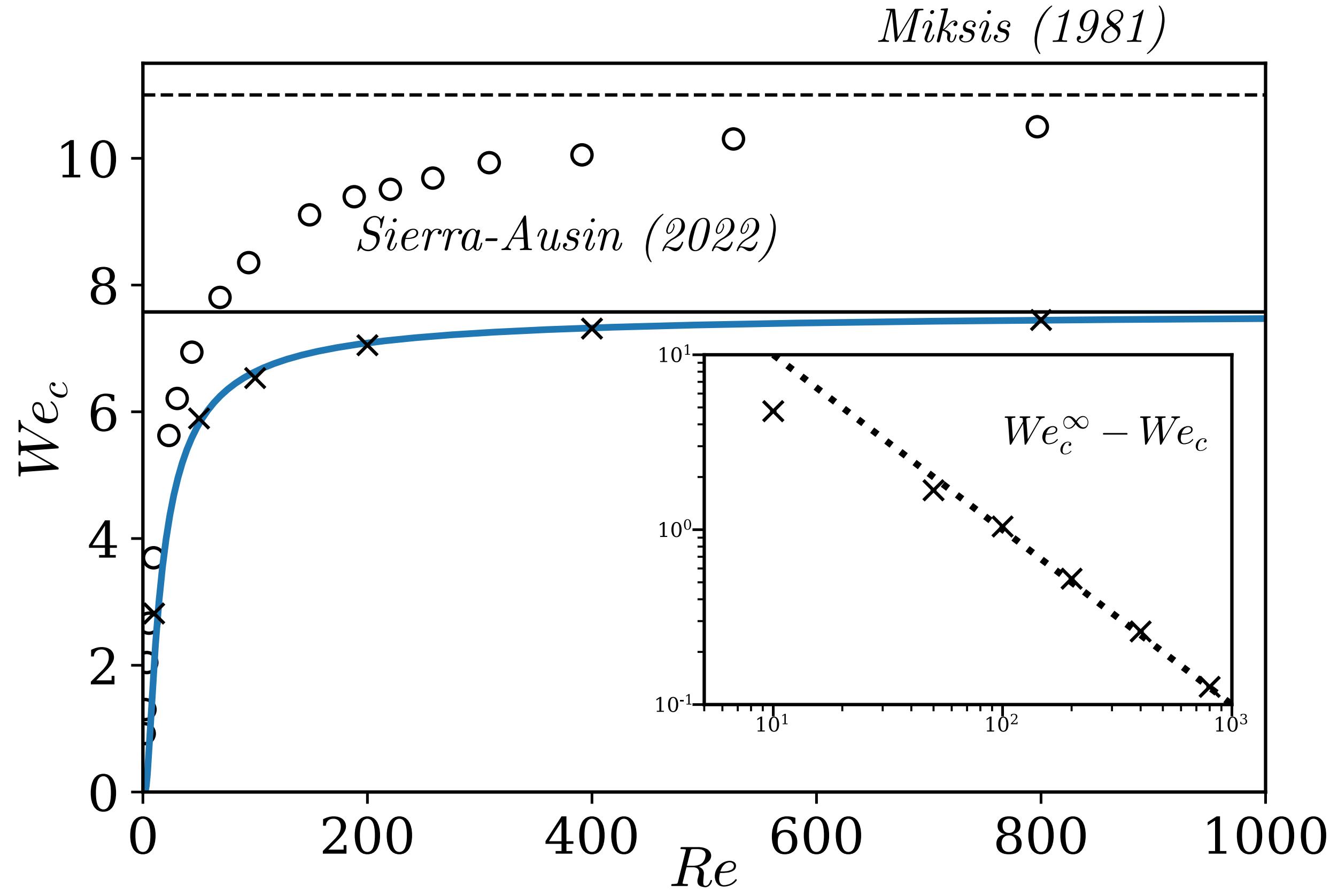


$Re = 400$

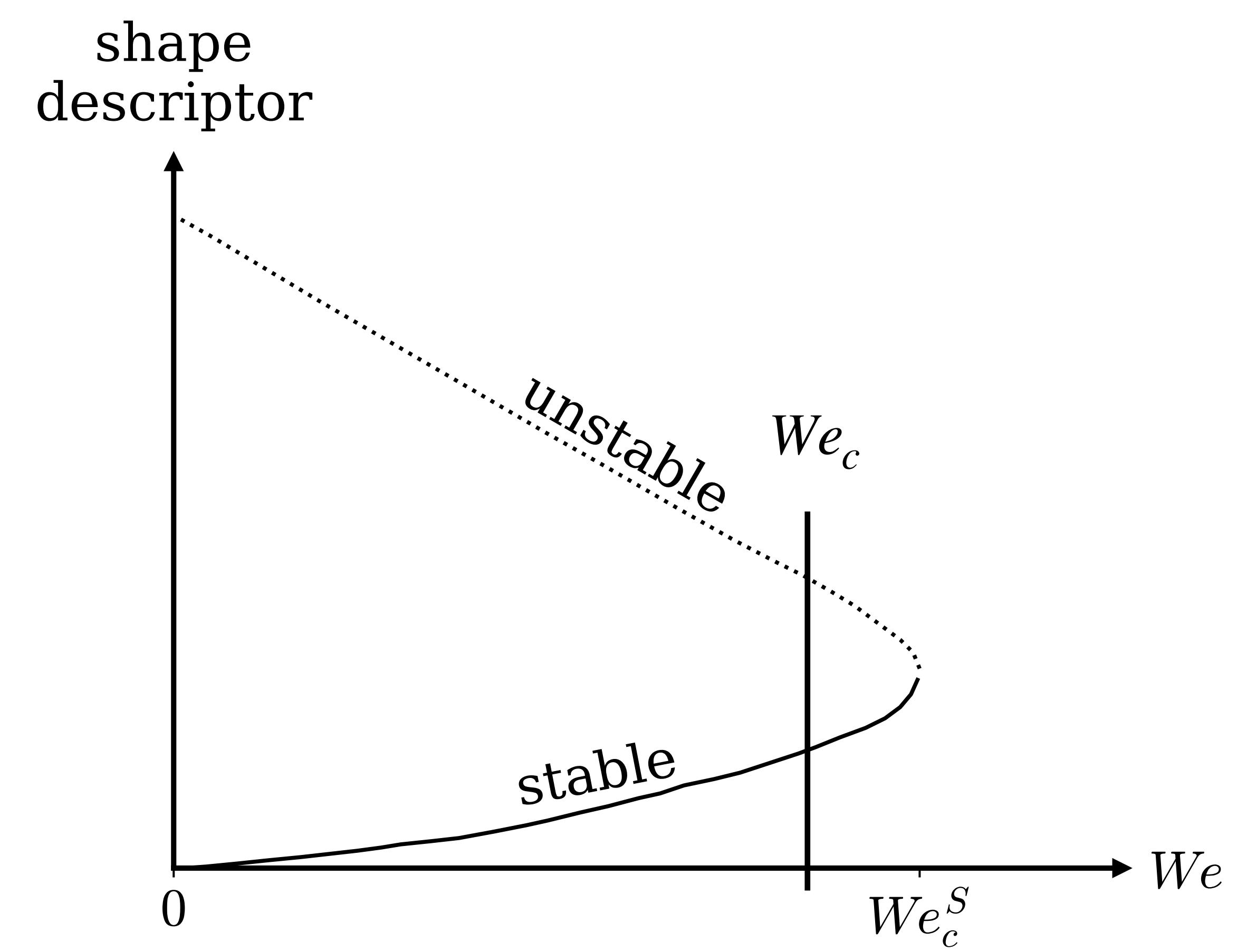
# Phase diagram



# Phase diagram: Importance of the IC

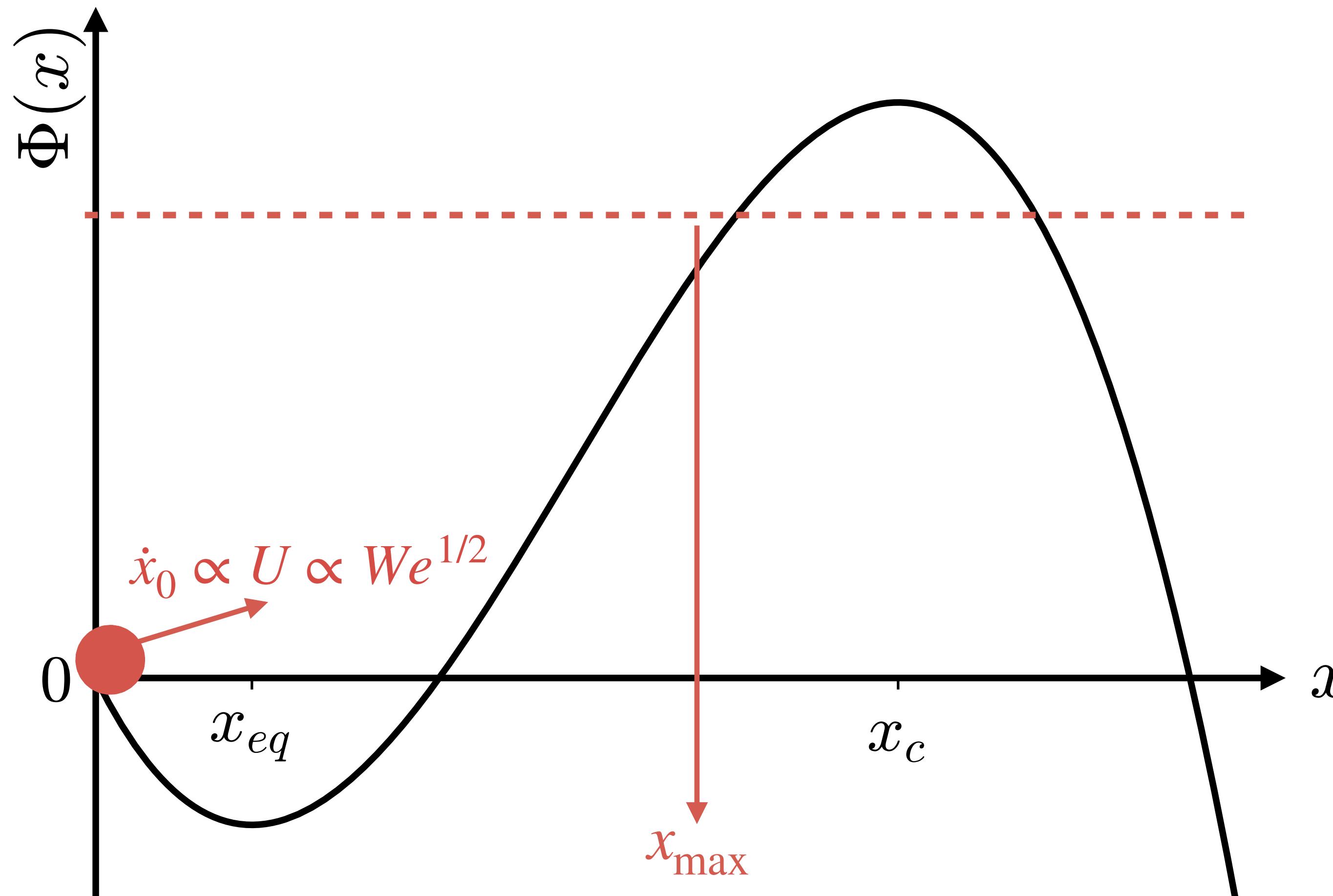


Viscosity is destabilizing



# Phase diagram: A bubble as a particle

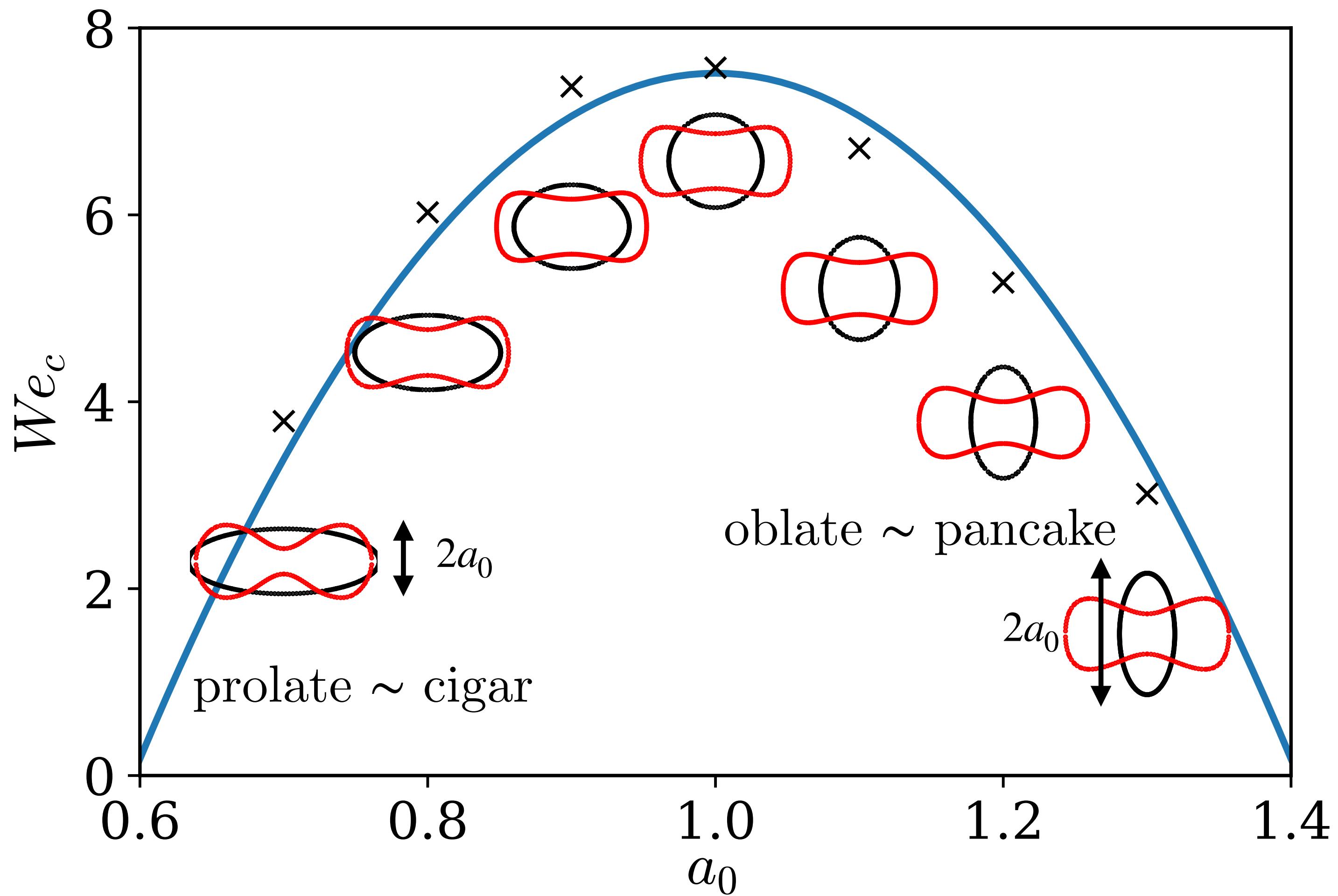
$$We = \frac{\rho U^2 d}{\gamma} = \frac{\rho E^2 d^3}{\gamma}$$



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# Dependance on the IC

Inviscid

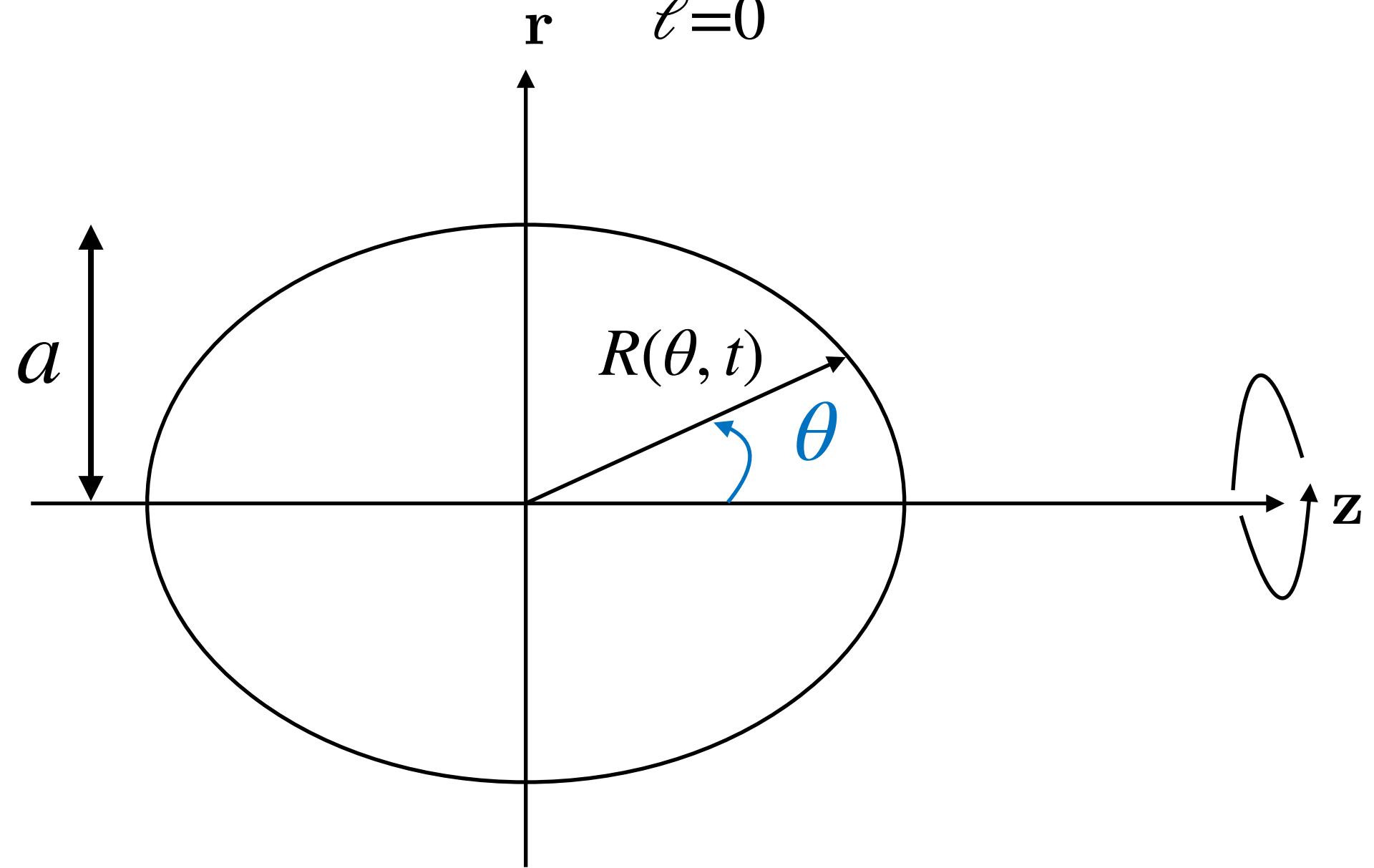


History matters

We must describe the **whole dynamics**.

# Deformation quantification

$$R(\theta, t) = R_0 + \sum_{\ell=0}^{\infty} c_{\ell,0}(t) Y_{\ell}^0(\theta)$$

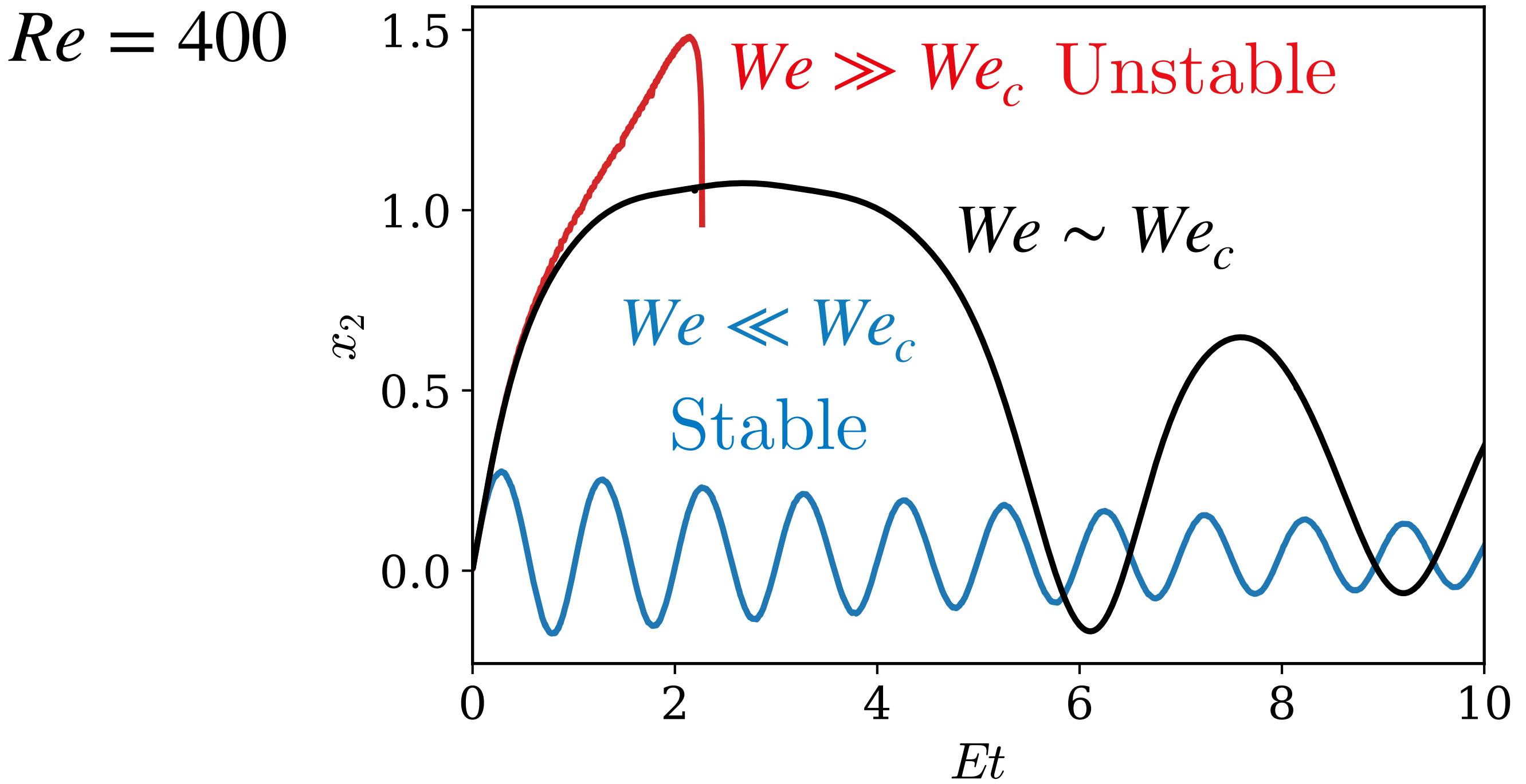


Mode 2 dominates

Risso & Fabre 1998,  
Lalanne et al. 2019,

Perrard, Rivière et al. 2021

$$x = \frac{c_{2,0}}{R_0}$$



$$\ddot{x} + \Lambda \dot{x} = - \nabla V(x, We, Re, a_0)$$

$$t' = \omega_2 t$$

$$\omega_2 = \sqrt{12} \sqrt{\frac{\gamma}{\rho R_0^3}}$$

Rayleigh (1879)

$$\Lambda = 20 \sqrt{\frac{2}{3}} \frac{\sqrt{We}}{Re}$$

Lamb (1932)

Kang & Leal (1987)

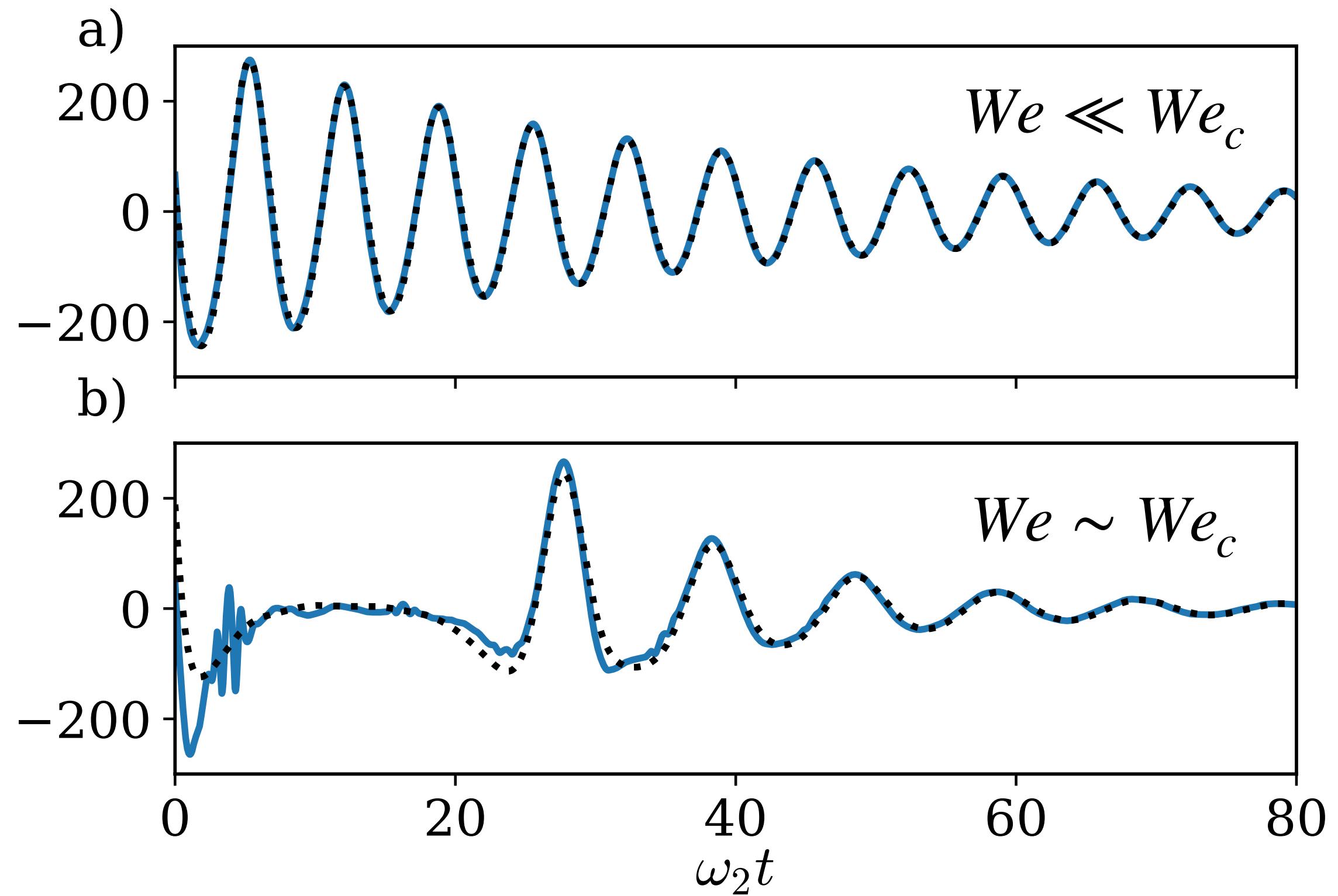
$$\deg(V) = 3$$

# Model fitting

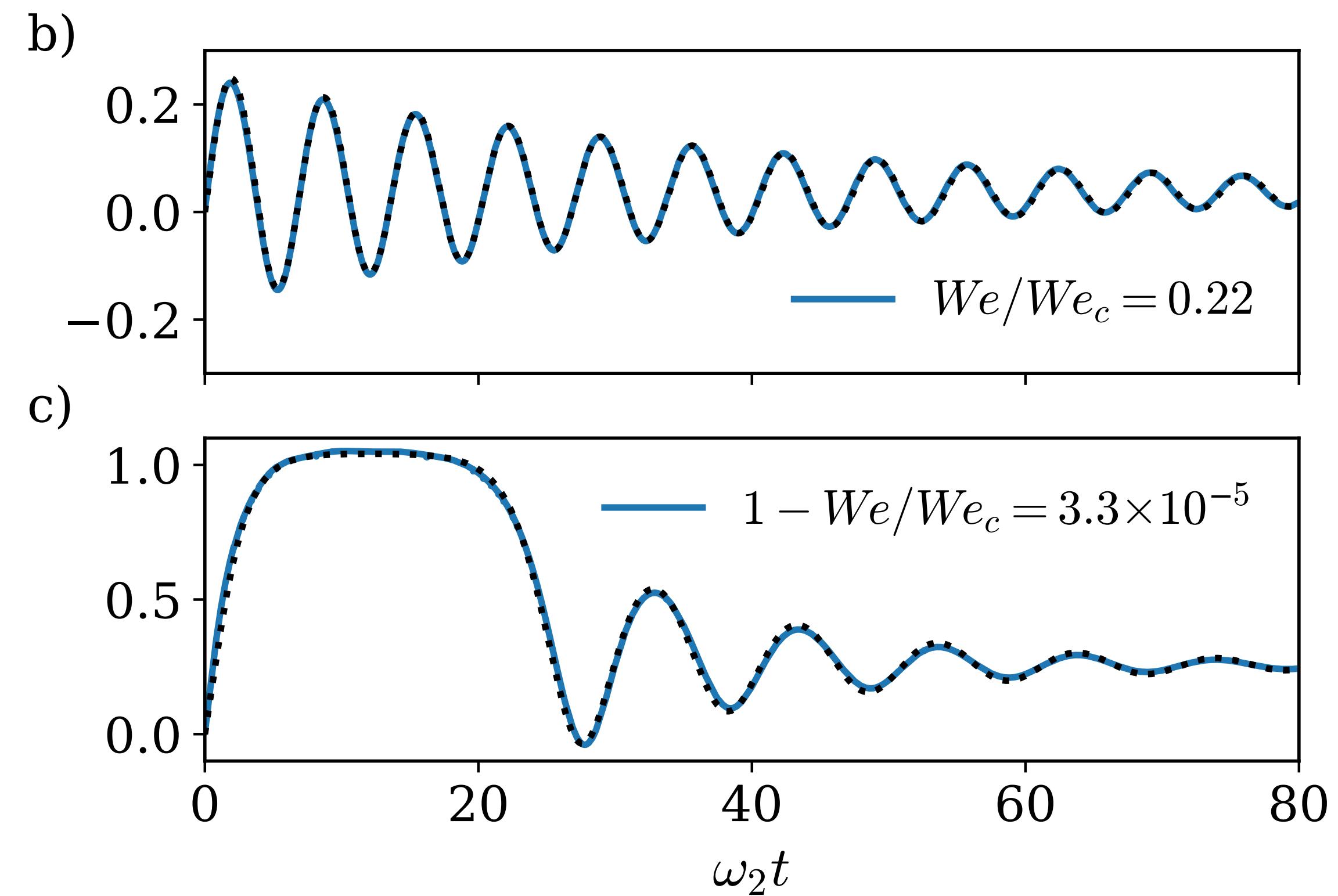
$Re = 400$

$$\ddot{x} + \Lambda \dot{x} = -\nabla V(x, We, Re, a_0)$$

Acceleration  $\ddot{x}$



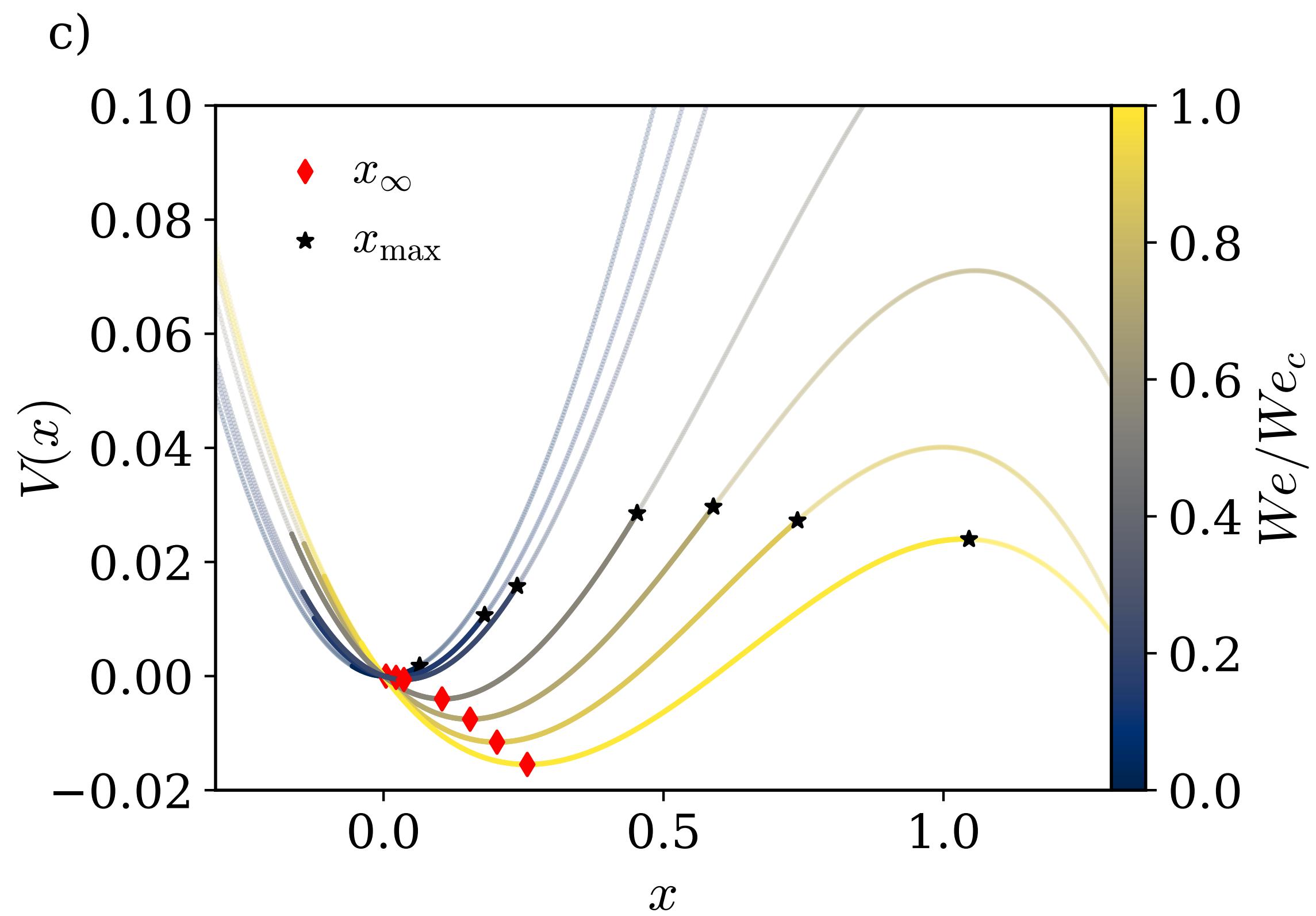
Position  $x$



# Effective potential shape - Impact of We

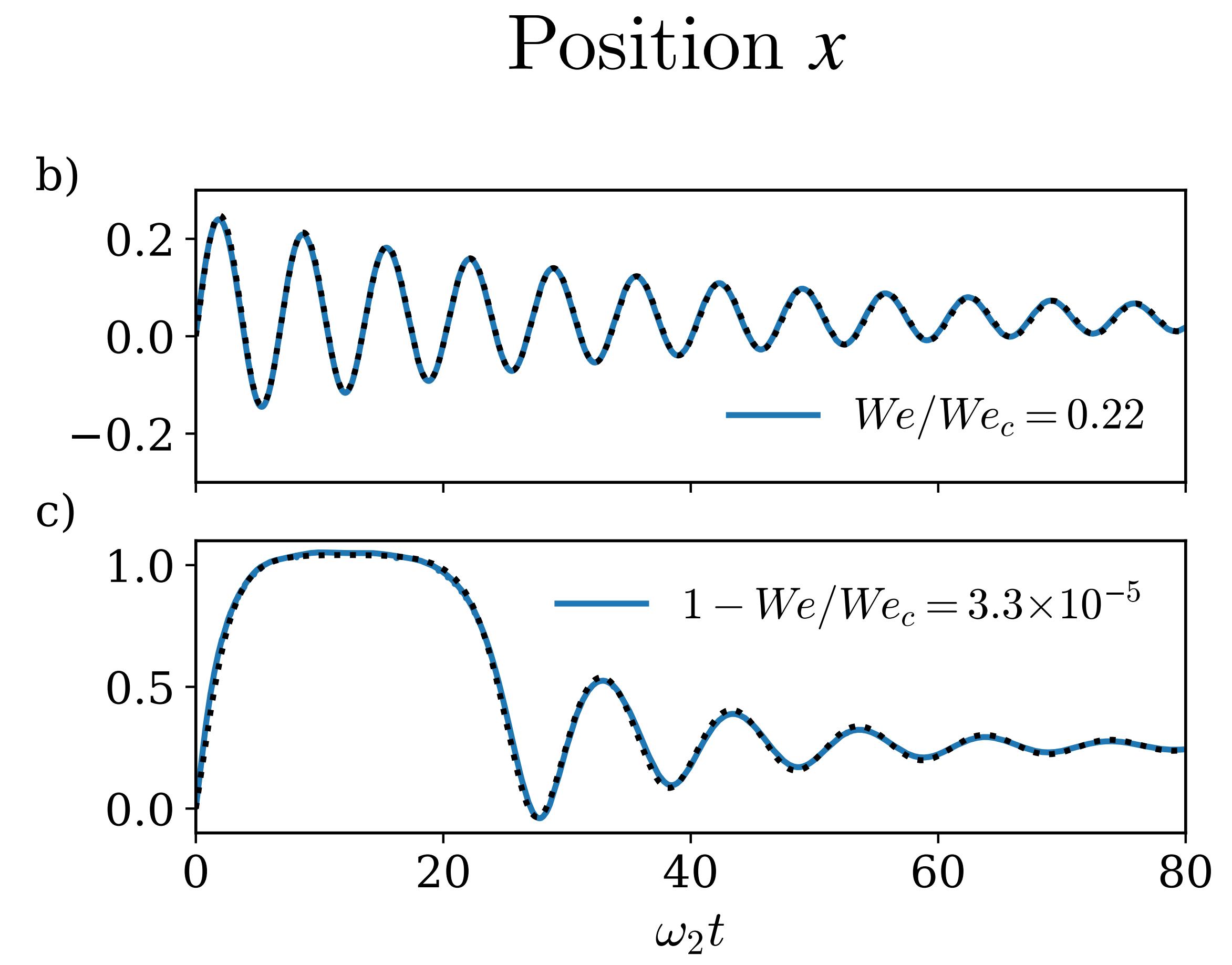
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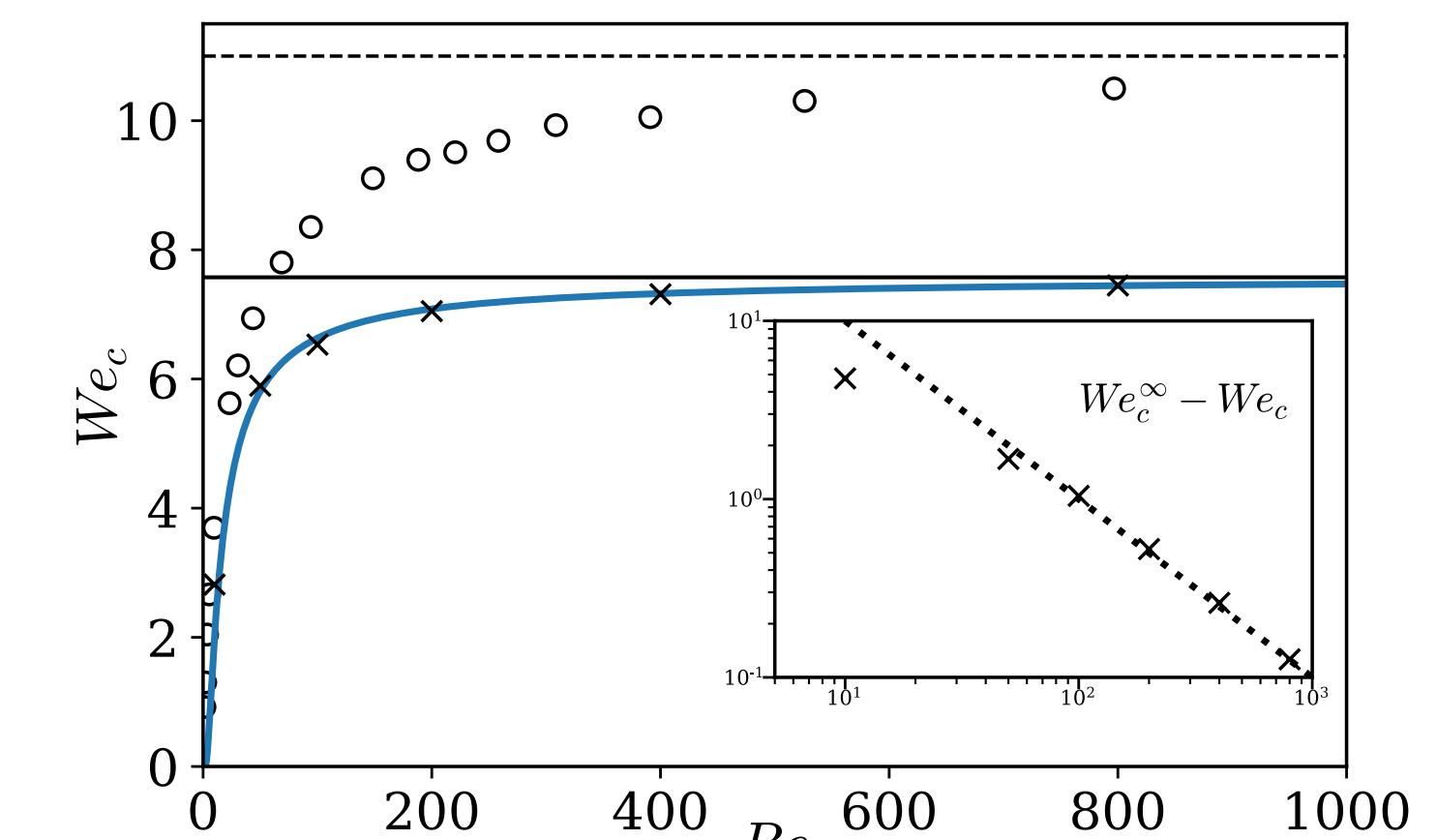
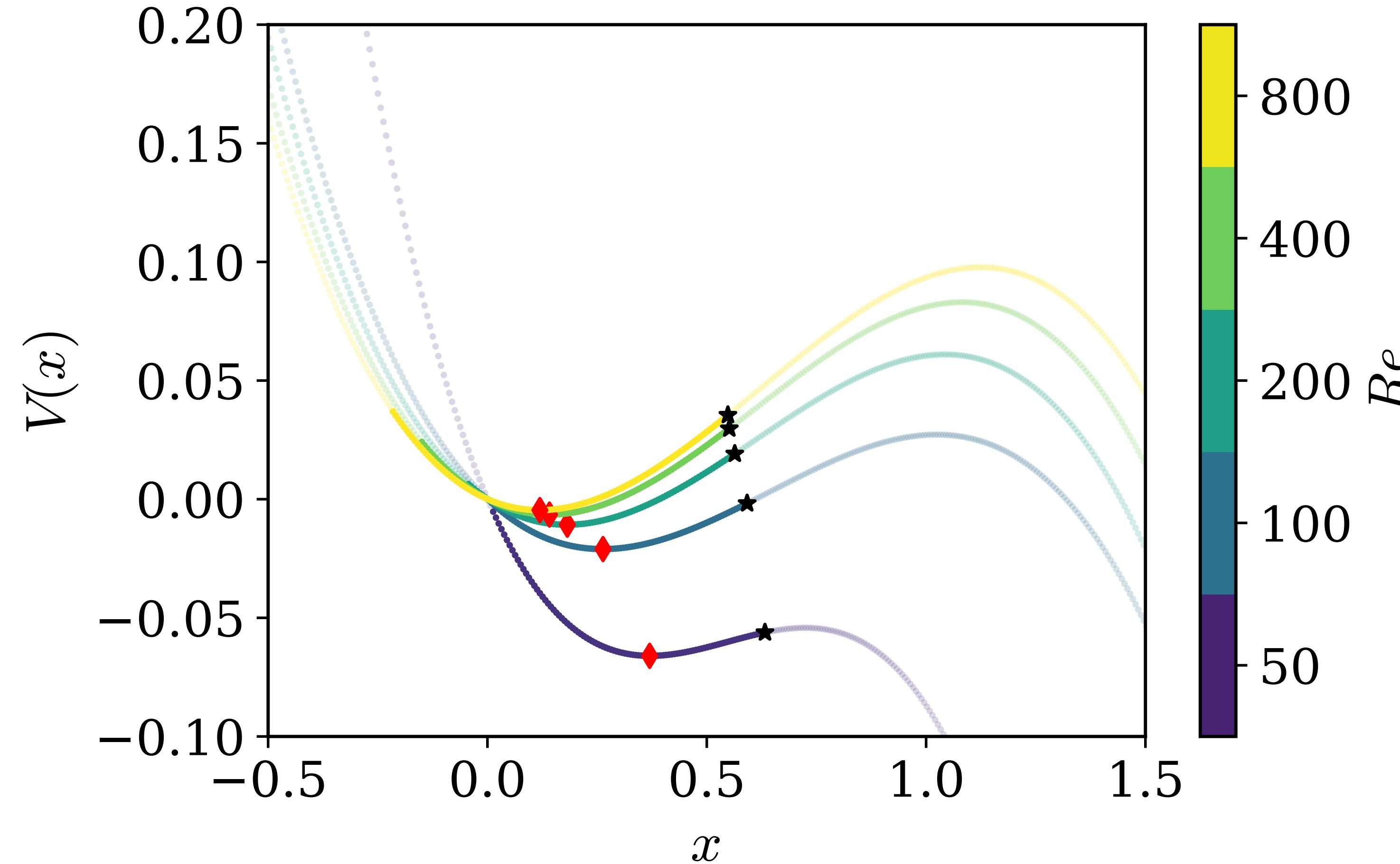
$We_c$  combination of  
 1. initial velocity  
 2. potential shape

$\dot{x}_0 \propto \sqrt{We}$



# Destabilizing effect of viscosity

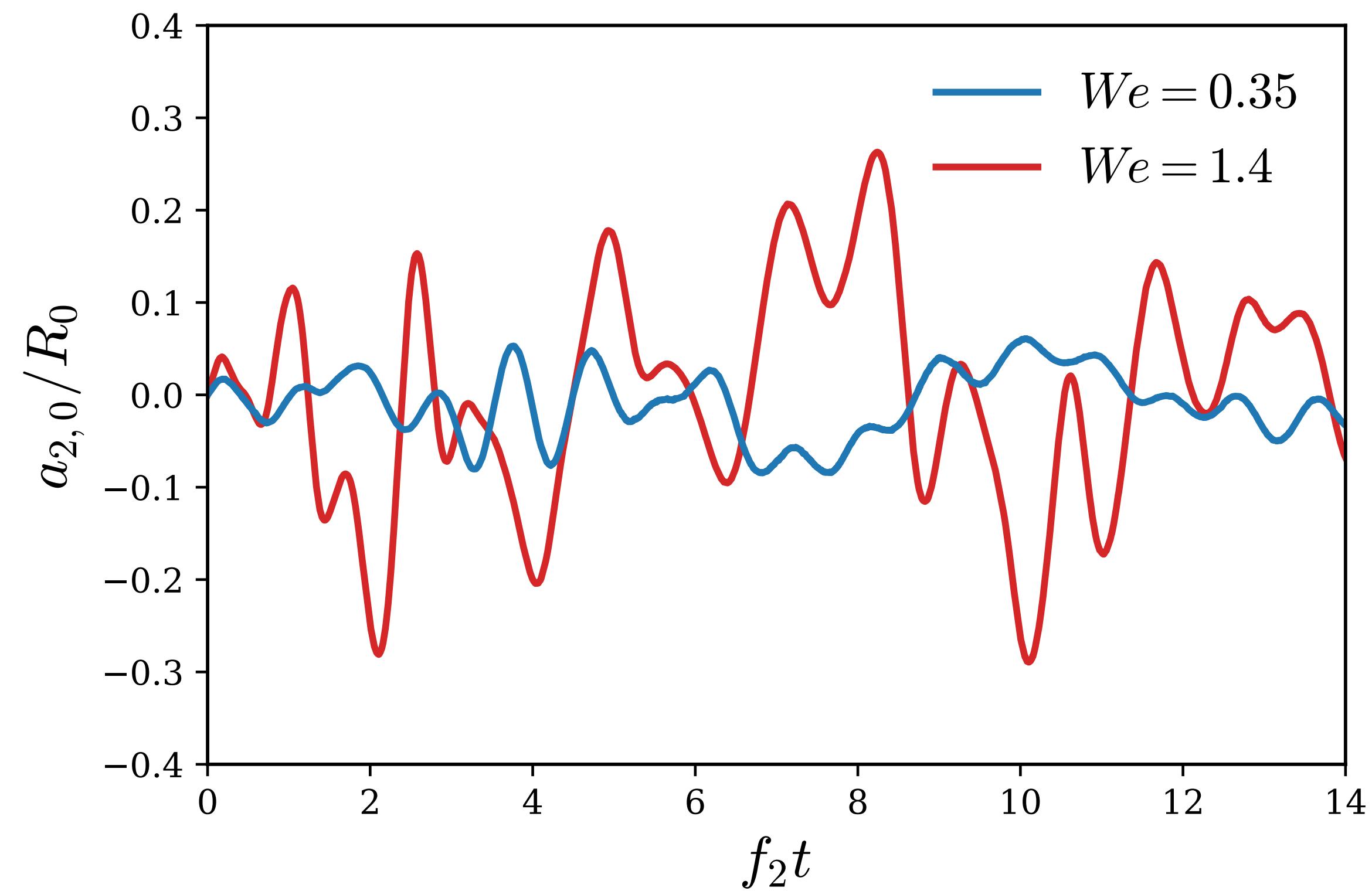
$We = 5$



Viscosity is destabilizing

# Conclusions & Perspectives

- ▶ Observed transitions are always **subcritical**: call for a **dynamical description**
  - No loss of stability
  - Initial bubble shape matters
- ▶ Quantitative coupling between flow and interface: **1D** non linear oscillator
- ▶ Model for bubble in turbulent flows at low  $We$



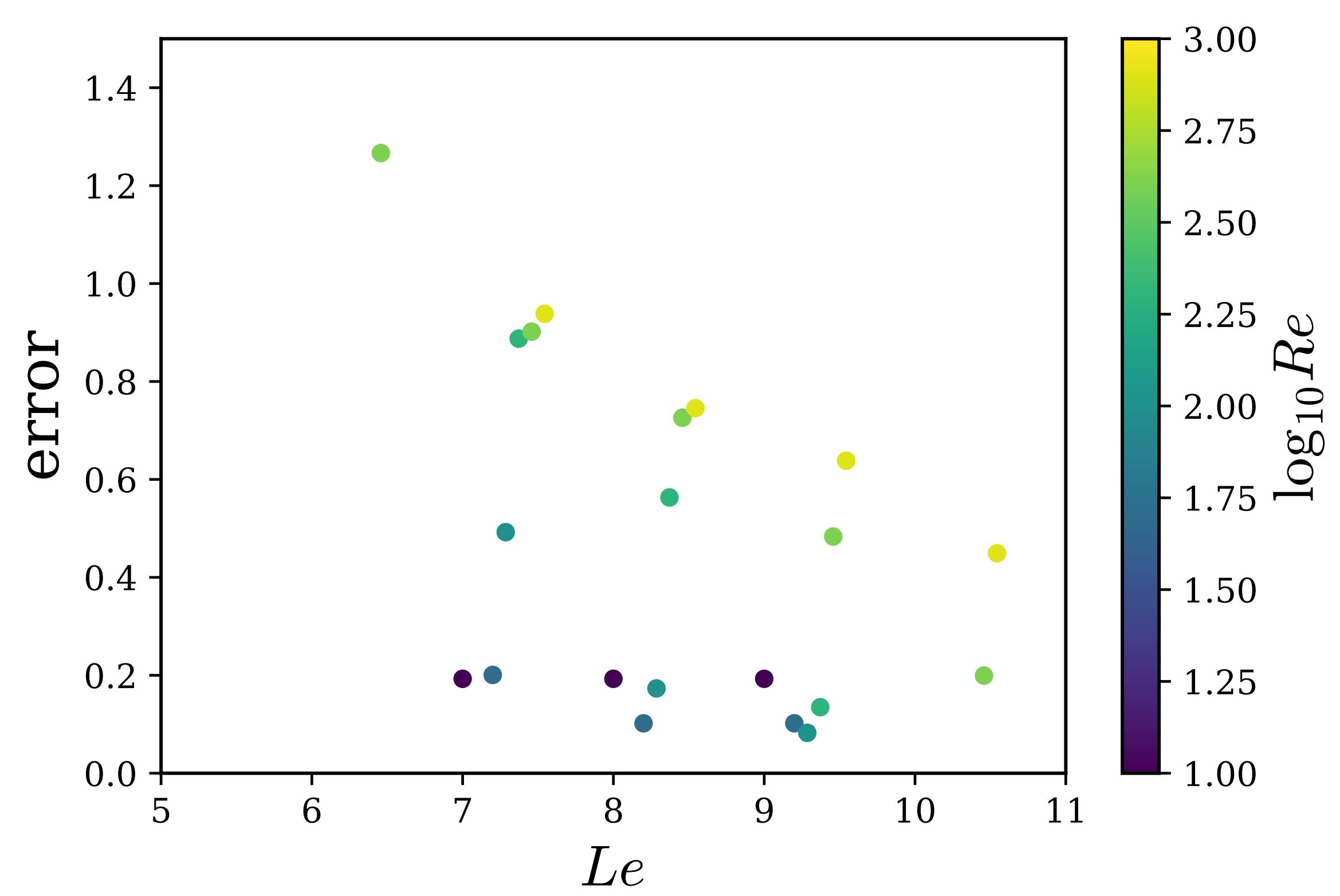
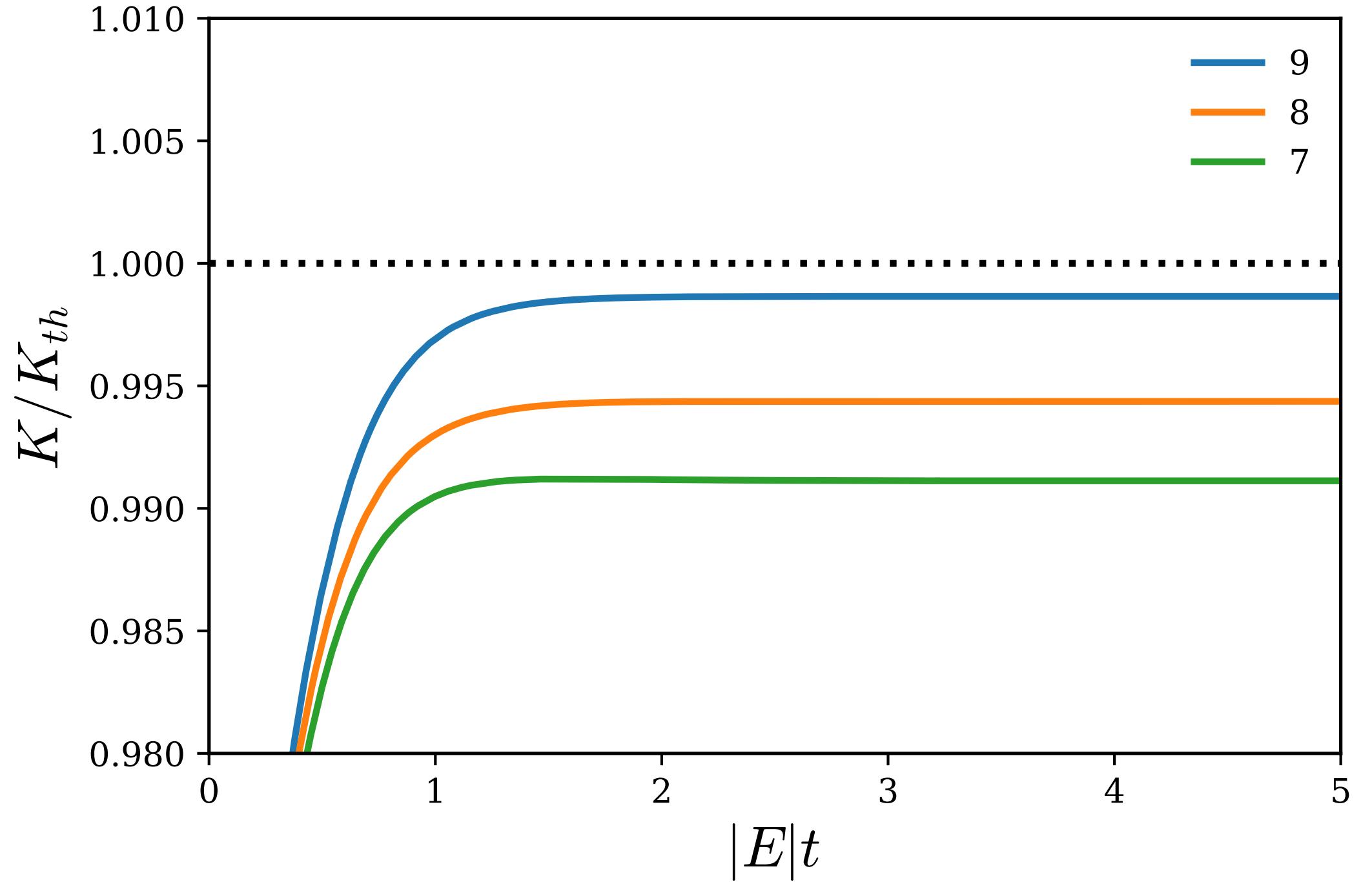
Rivi  re & al, Bubble break-up reduced to a 1D non-linear oscillator, *Under review at PRF*

$$\ddot{x} + \Lambda(t)\dot{x} = -\nabla V(x, We(t), Re(t))$$

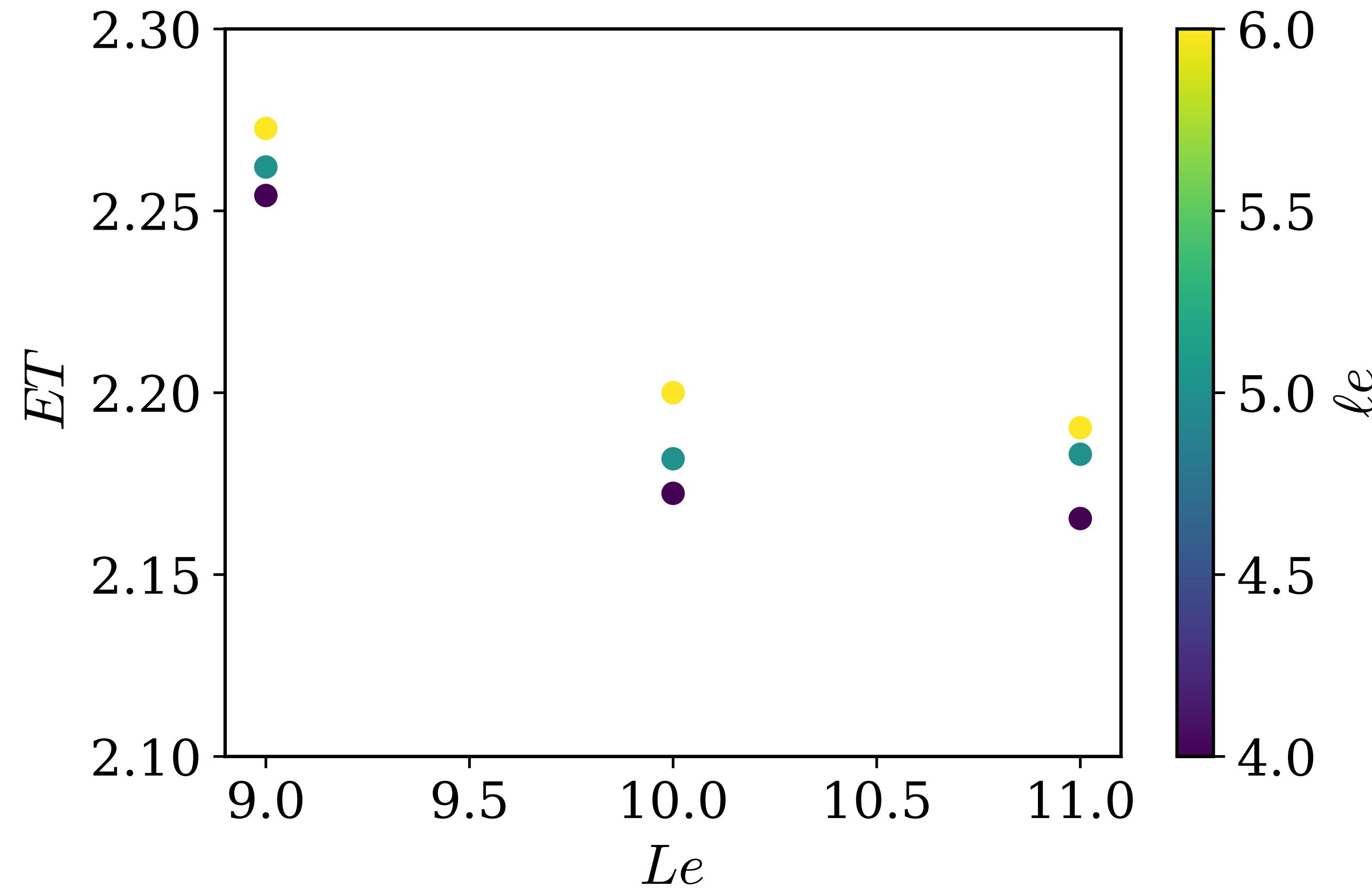
# Convergence study - Flow

$Re = 200$

$$\text{error} = \frac{|K - K_{th}|}{K_{th}} \cdot 100$$



# Convergence study - Bubble



# Potential coefficients

$$\ddot{x} + \Lambda \dot{x} = -\nabla V(x, We, Re, a_0)$$

$$\ddot{x} + \Lambda \dot{x} = p_0 + p_1 x + p_2 x^2$$

