



# Impact-Induced Fragmentation of Liquid Rims

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# Introduction: Ocean Sprays



Major pathways of ocean spray generation

- Significance of Ocean Sprays
  - Enhancing air-sea mass, momentum and energy transfer
  - Regulation by breaking waves
- Pathways of ocean spray generation
  - Bursting of entrained bubbles
  - Spume drop ejection under high winds
  - Splashing** of plunging waves

[1] Veron, F. (2015). Ocean spray. *Annual Review of Fluid Mechanics*, 47, 507-538.

[2] Deike, L. (2022). Mass transfer at the ocean-atmosphere interface: The role of wave breaking, droplets, and bubbles. *Annual Review of Fluid Mechanics*, 54, 191-224.

# Introduction: Splashing

Multiple splashing events [2]:

After impact ('forward splashing' [1])

Small number of drops

**Secondary splashing** ('backward splashing' [1])

Larger number of drops;

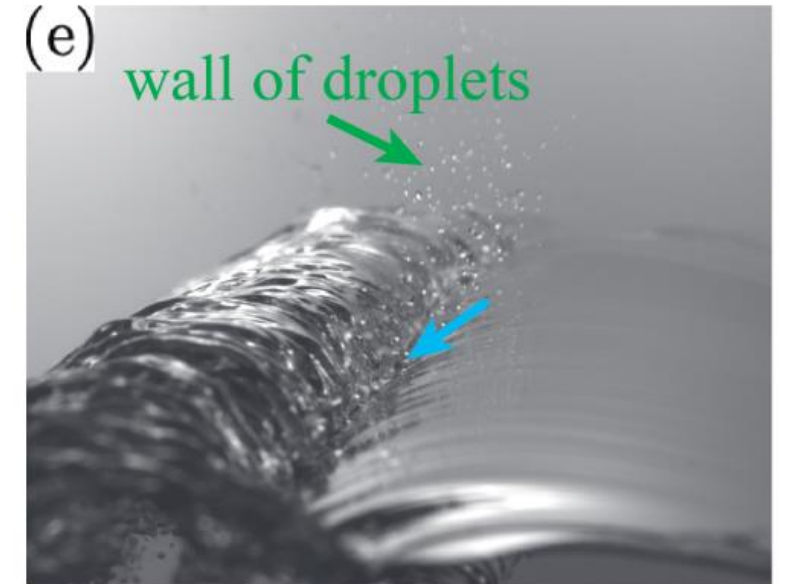
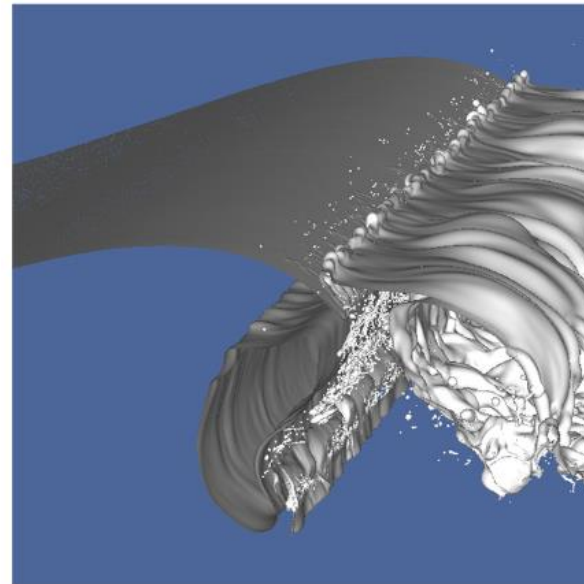
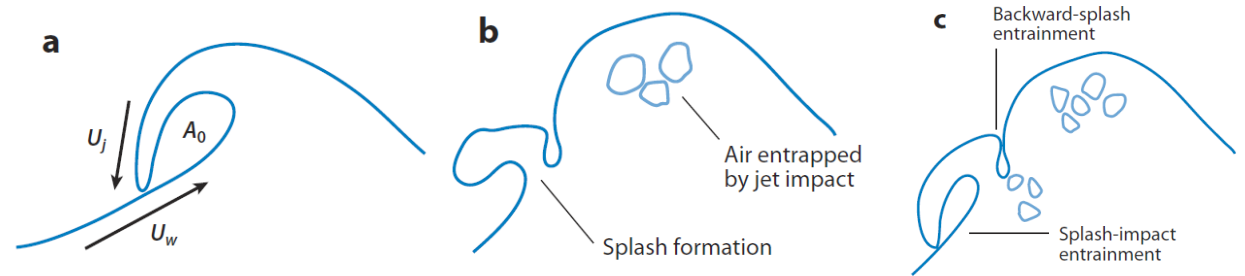
Small and vertically-projected drops

Curbed at large surface tension

**Generation mechanism unclear**

Small-scale splashing & bubble bursting

Last longer and produce larger drops



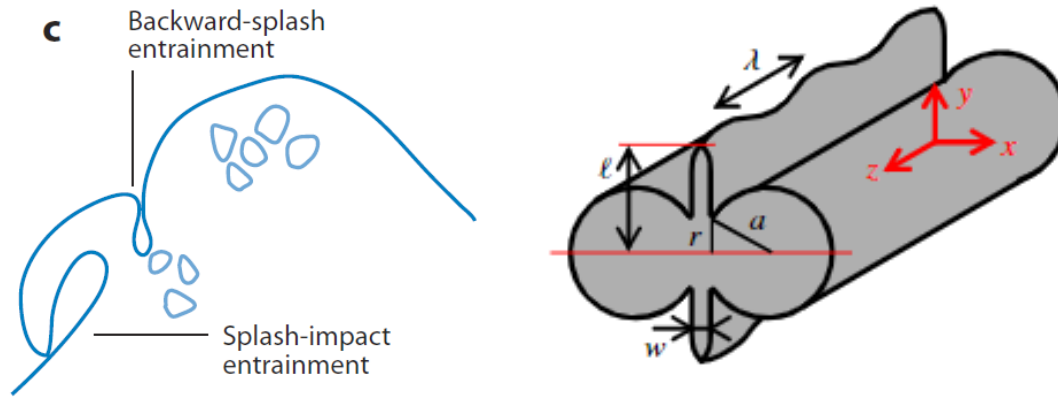
The secondary splashing mechanism

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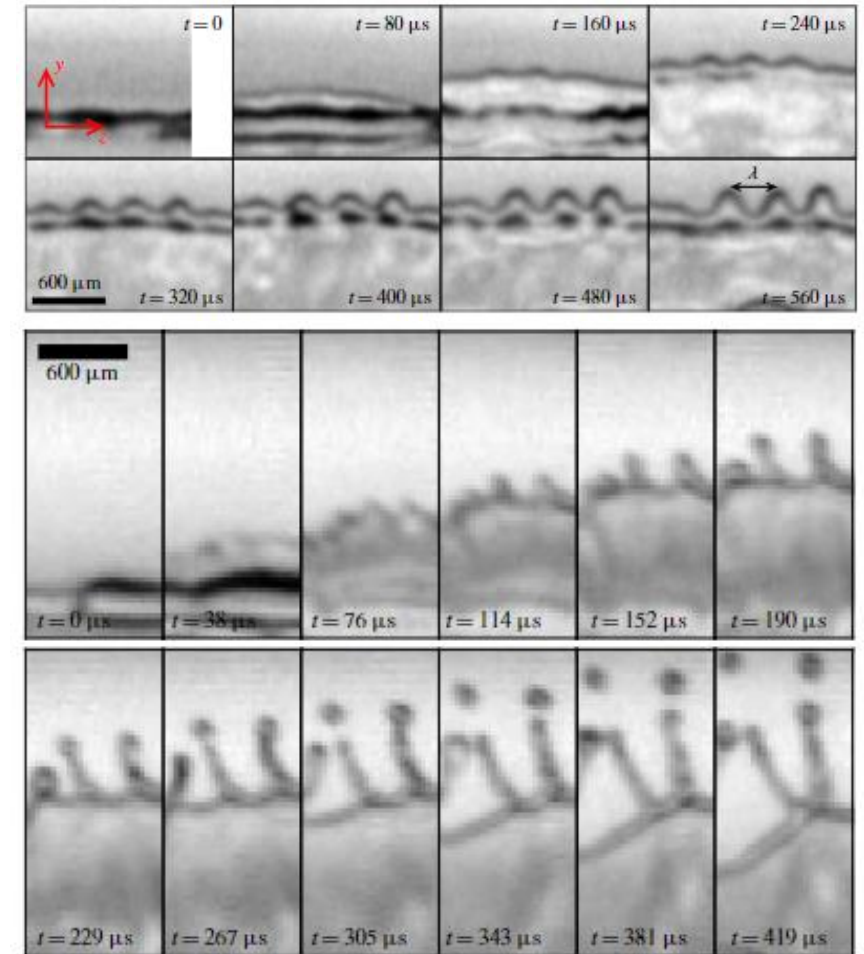
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# Introduction: Liquid Rim Collision



- Rim collision as a model for secondary splashing
- Experiments of Neel *et al.* (2020) [1]:
  - Collision of rims travelling on liquid films
  - $We_c = 66$ : RT destabilization of lamellae
  - Skewed size distribution functions
    - $We < We_c$ : Gamma distribution
    - $We > We_c$ : Bessel-based distribution.



Experimental photographs of Neel *et al.* (2020)

[1] Néel, B., Lhuissier, H., & Villermaux, E. (2020). 'Fines' from the collision of liquid rims. *Journal of Fluid Mechanics*, 893, A16.

# Problem Configuration

## Controlling Parameters

$$We \equiv \frac{\rho_g (2U_0)^2 d_0}{\sigma}, \quad Oh \equiv \frac{\mu_l}{\sqrt{\rho_l d_0 \sigma}} = 0.01,$$

$$\rho^* \equiv \frac{\rho_l}{\rho_g} = 833, \quad \mu^* \equiv \frac{\mu_l}{\mu_g} = 55,$$

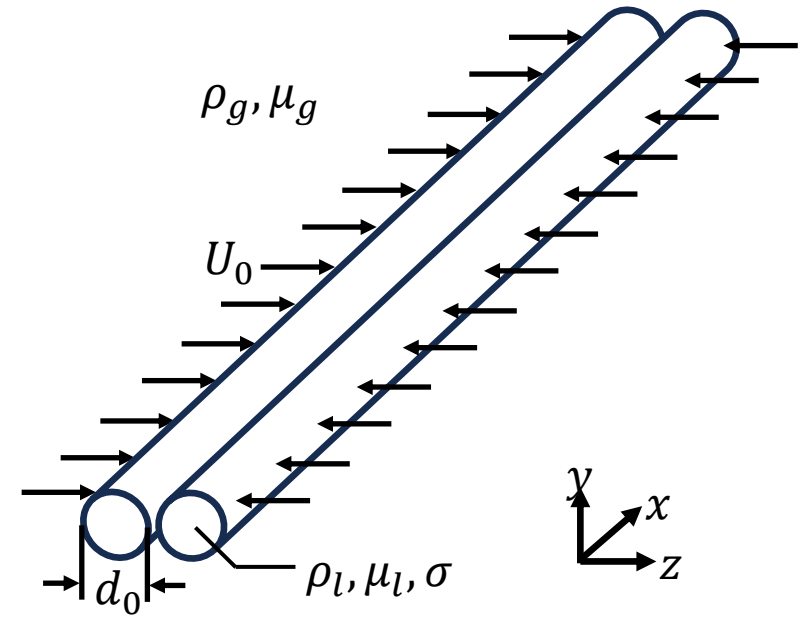
With perturbation:

$$\varepsilon_0 \equiv \frac{2\varepsilon_0}{d_0}, \quad N_{\max}$$

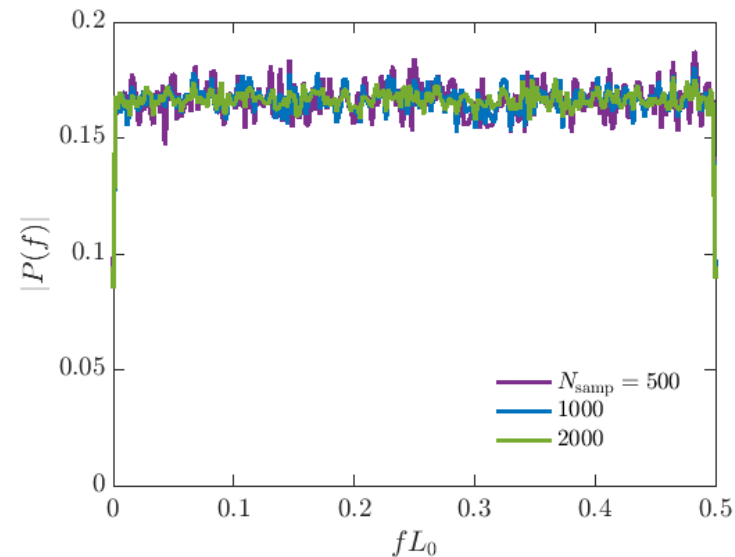
## Interfacial Perturbation [1]

- 1) White noise series
- 2) Filter and keep only the lowest  $N_{\max}$  modes
- 3) Re-normalize to a variation of  $\varepsilon_0$
- 4) Two cylinders perturbed by different realisations with the same  $\varepsilon_0$  and  $N_{\max}$ .

## Basilisk, Two-Phase NS Equation w. AMR



Configuration of the rim collision problem

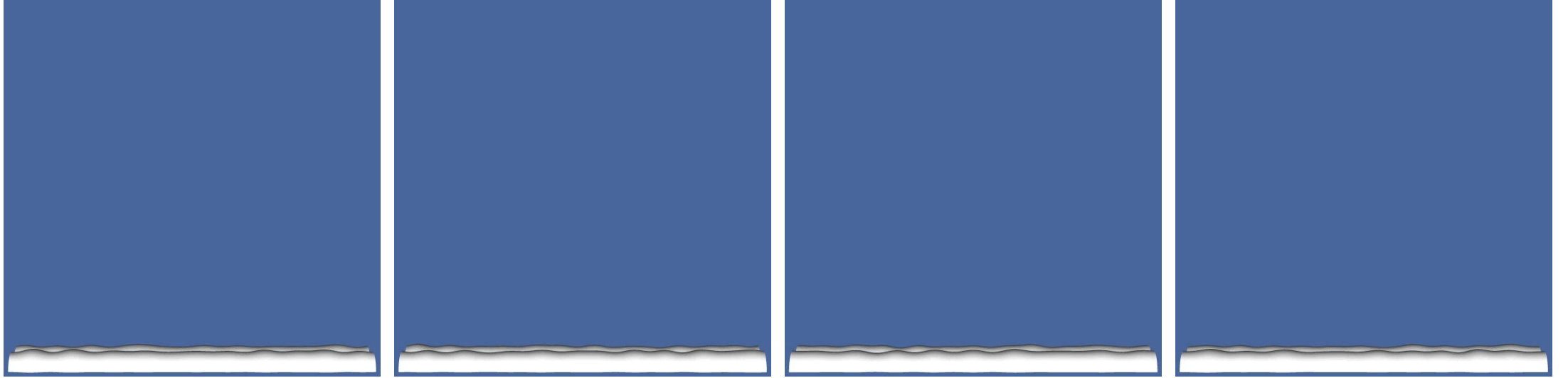


Power density of the perturbation series

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# Overview

Increasing  $We$



Increasing  $\epsilon_0$



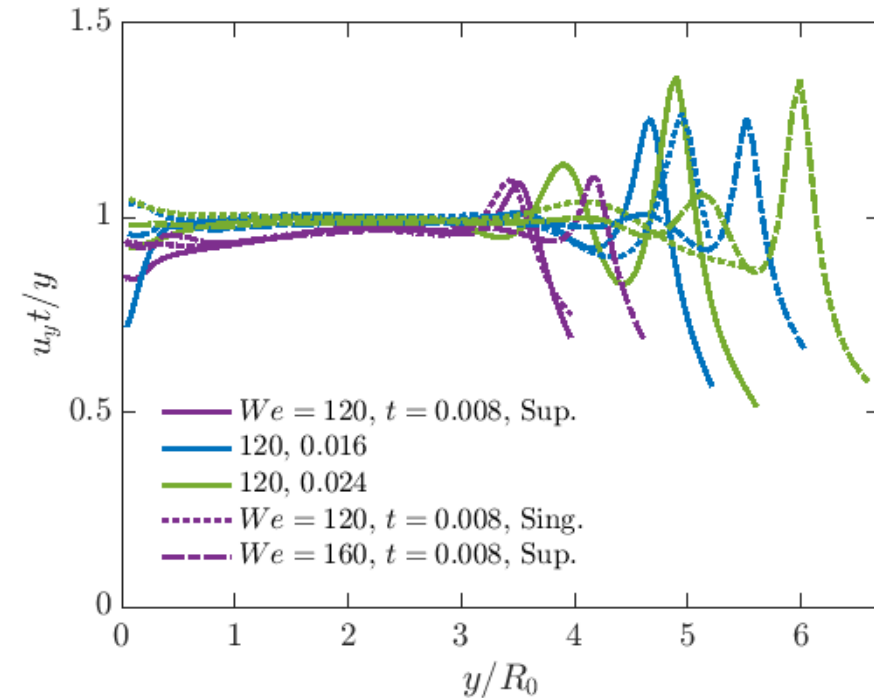
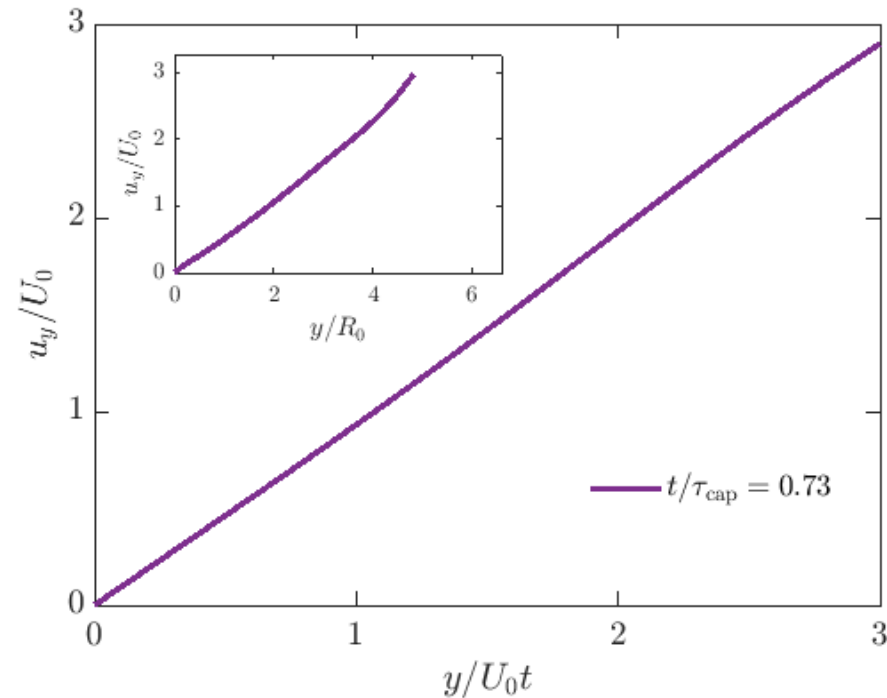
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Independent of impact  $We$  and perturbation waveform

Implication: sheet expansion mostly inviscid, fluid parcel travels at constant velocity [1]



Vertical velocity within liquid sheets

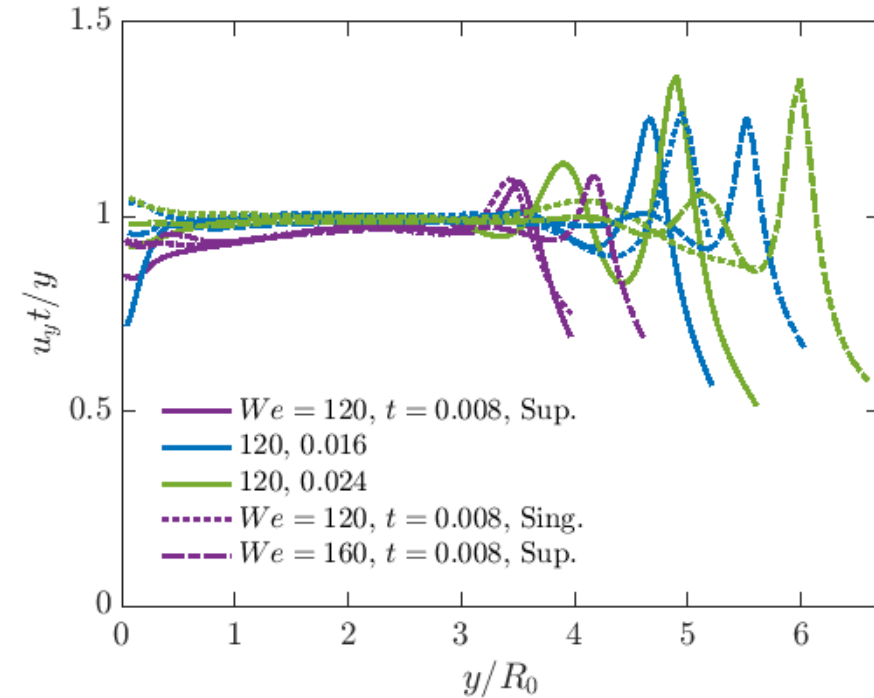
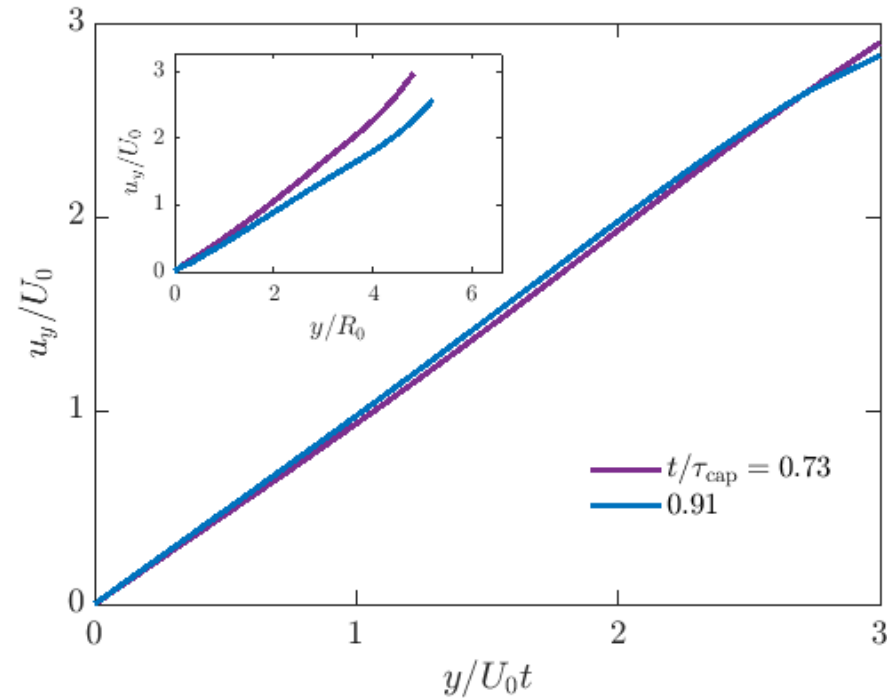
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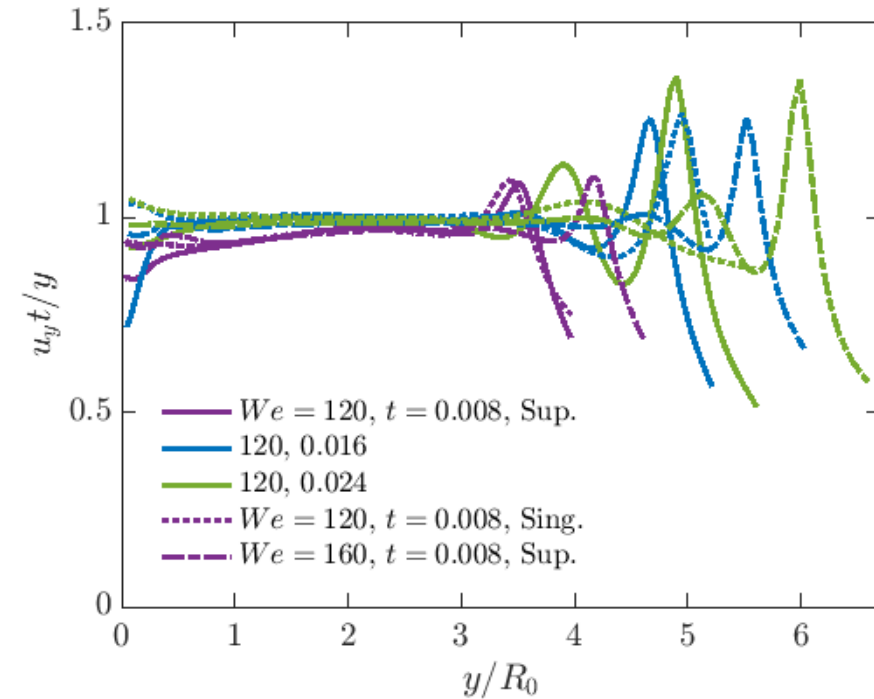
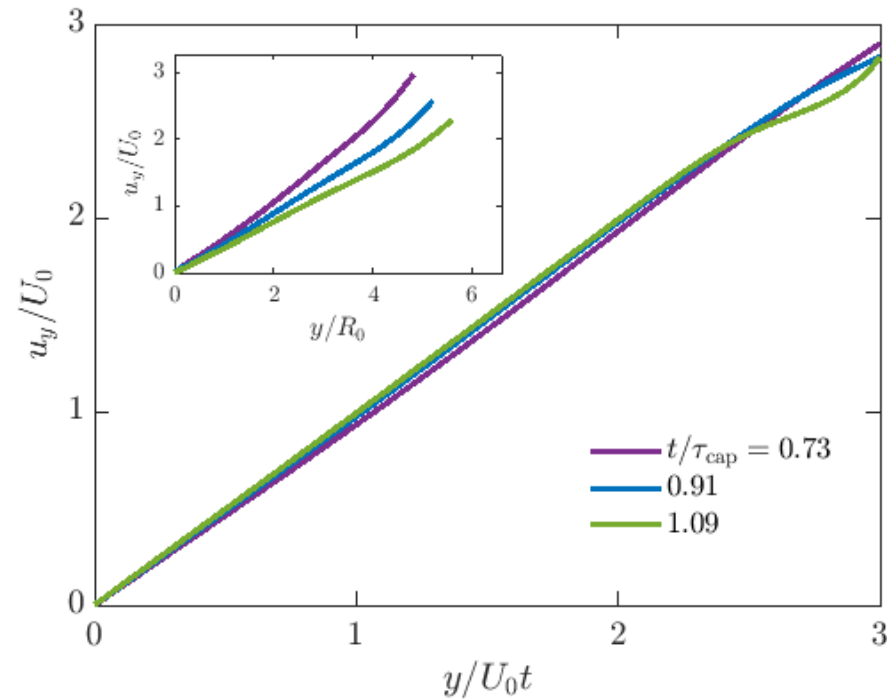
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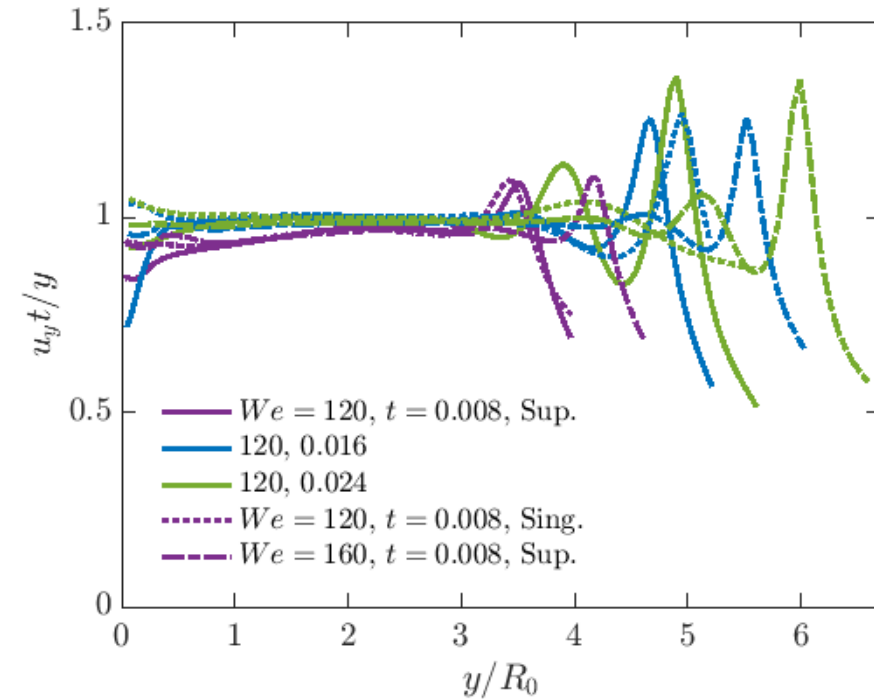
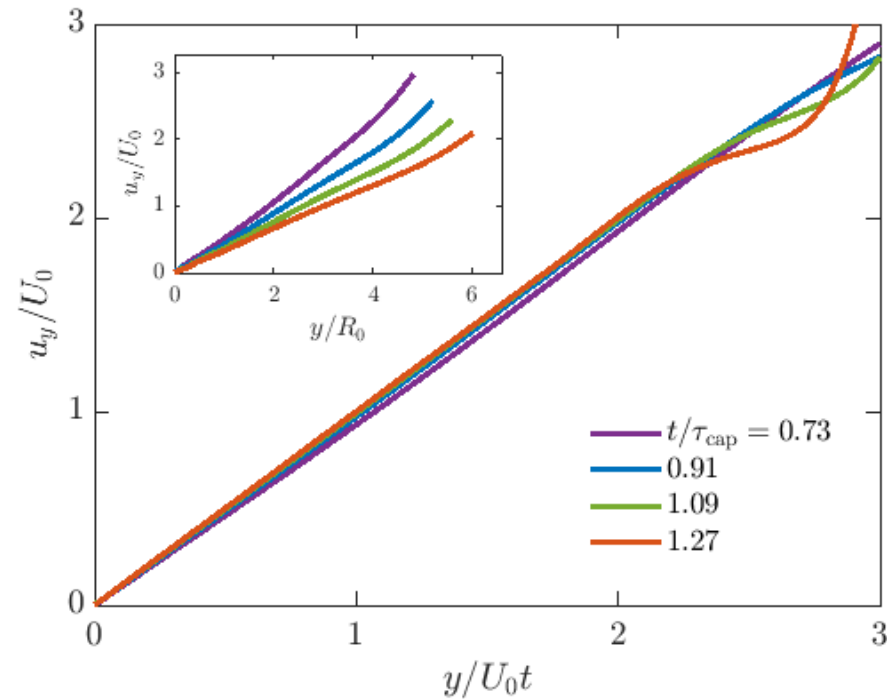
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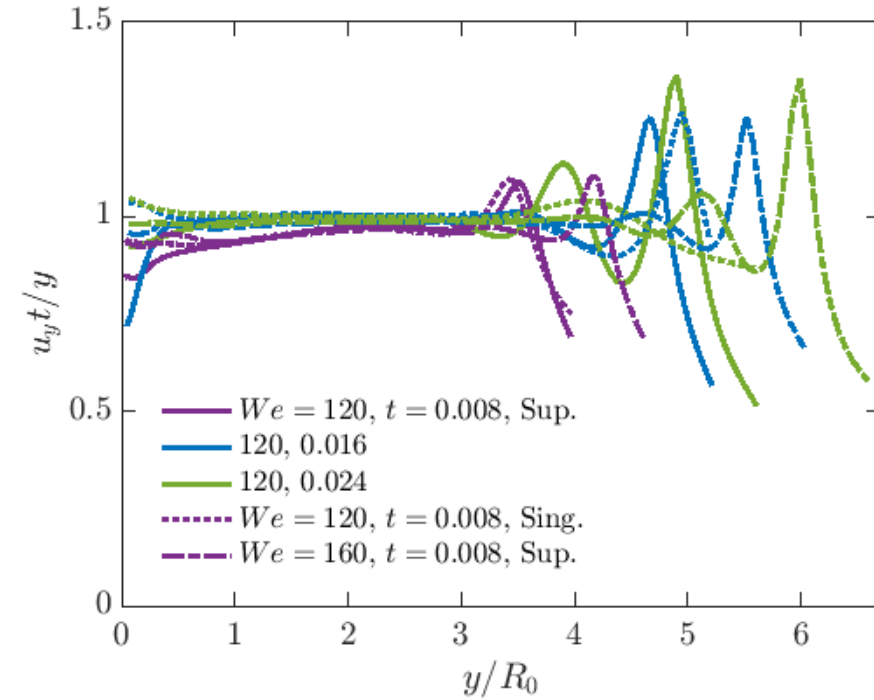
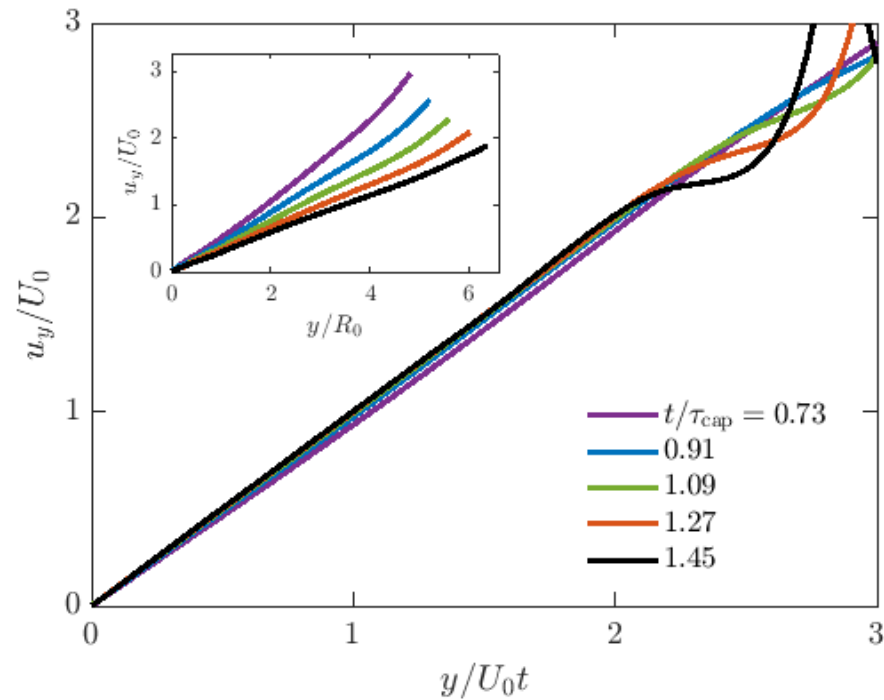
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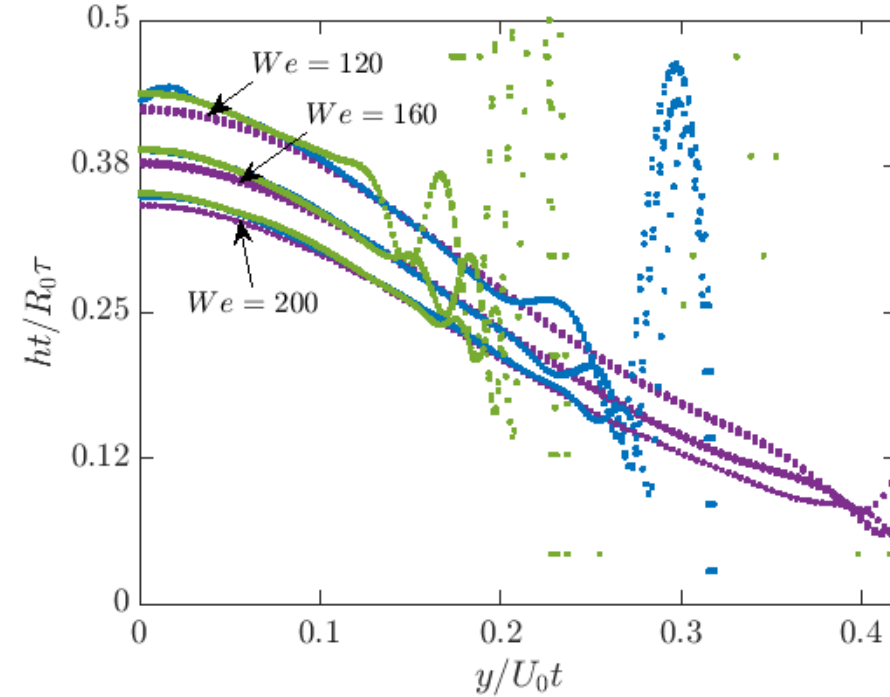
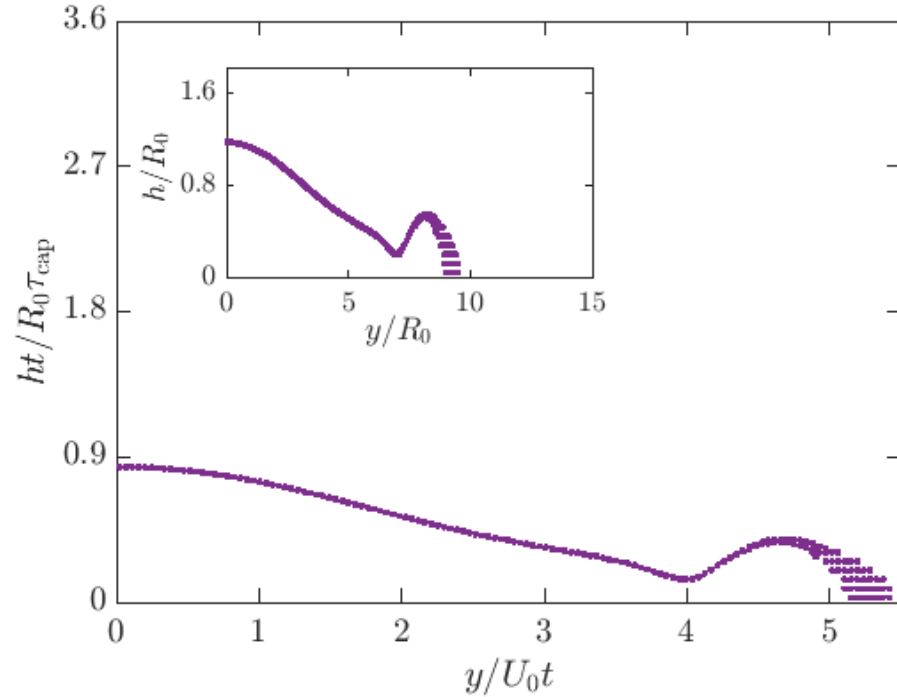
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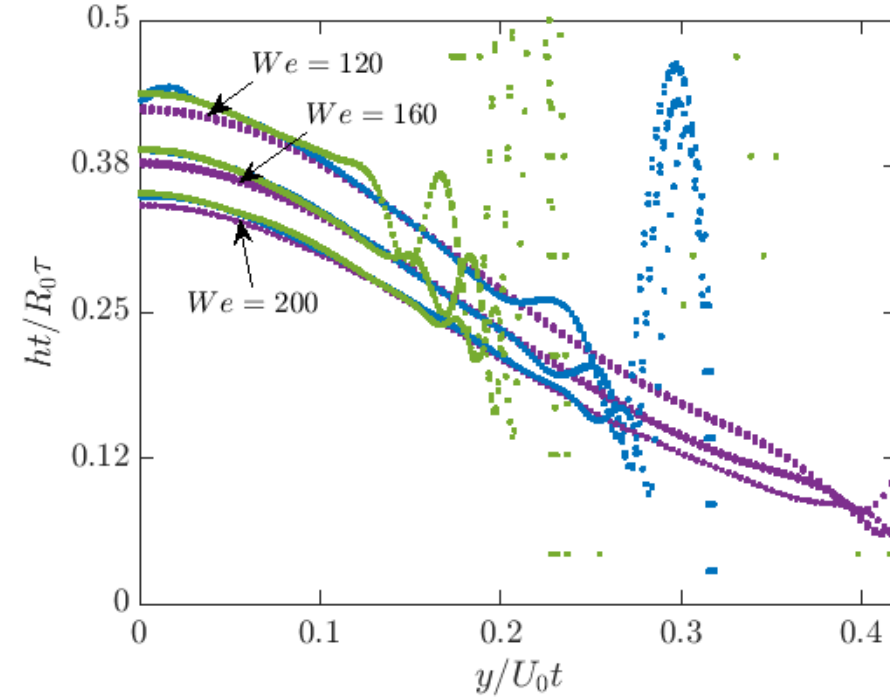
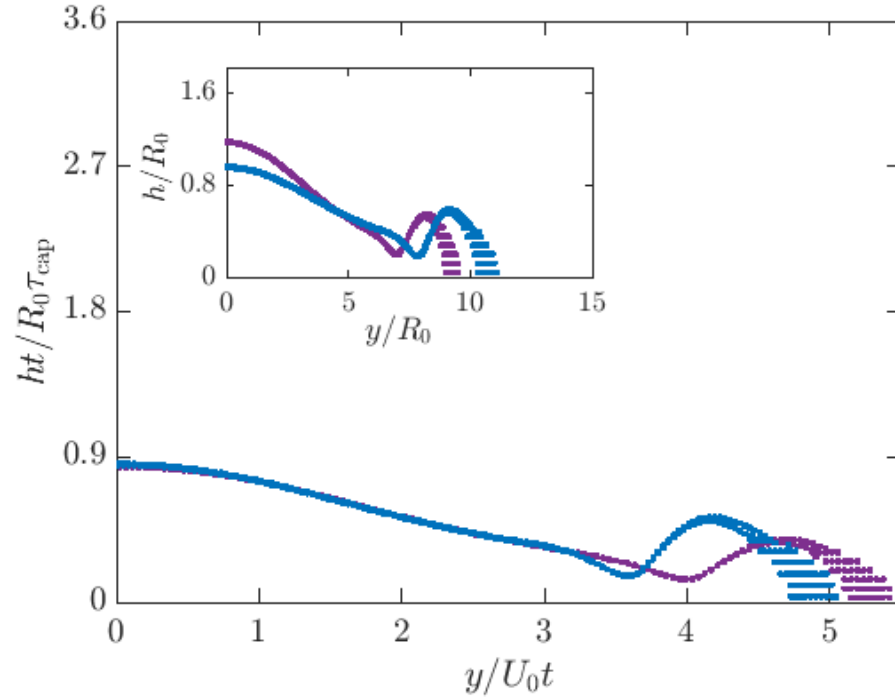
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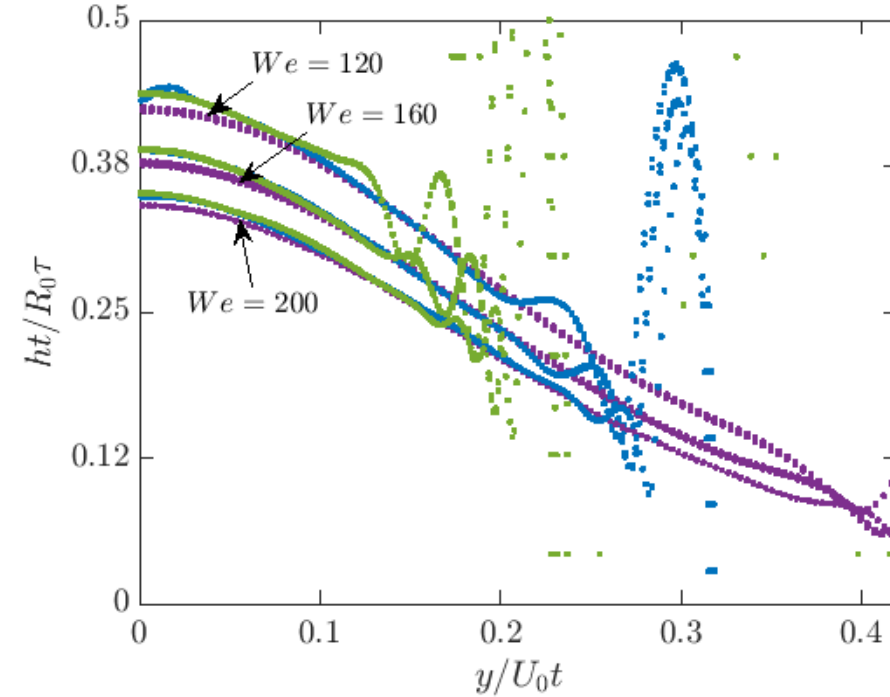
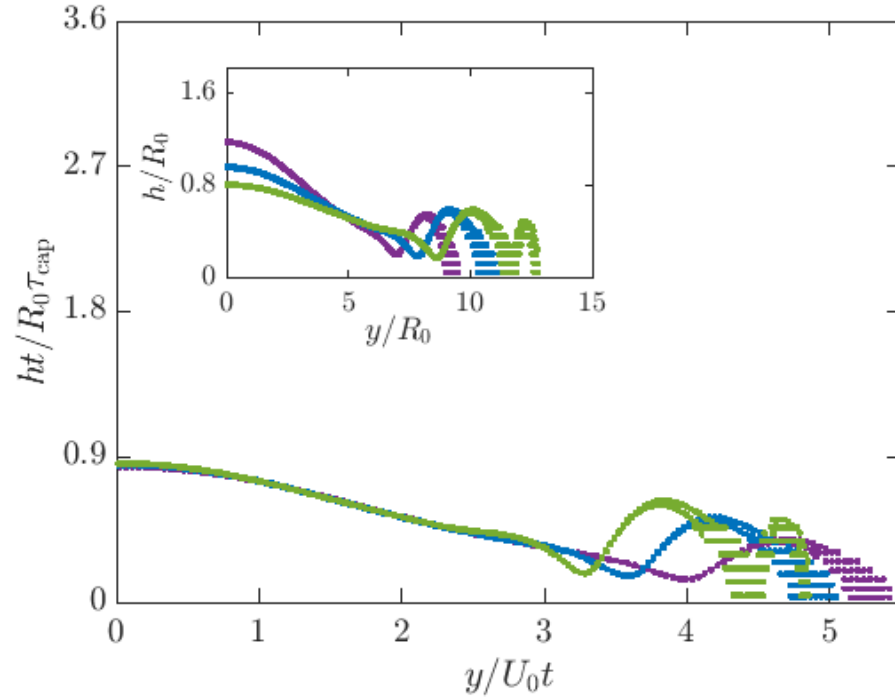
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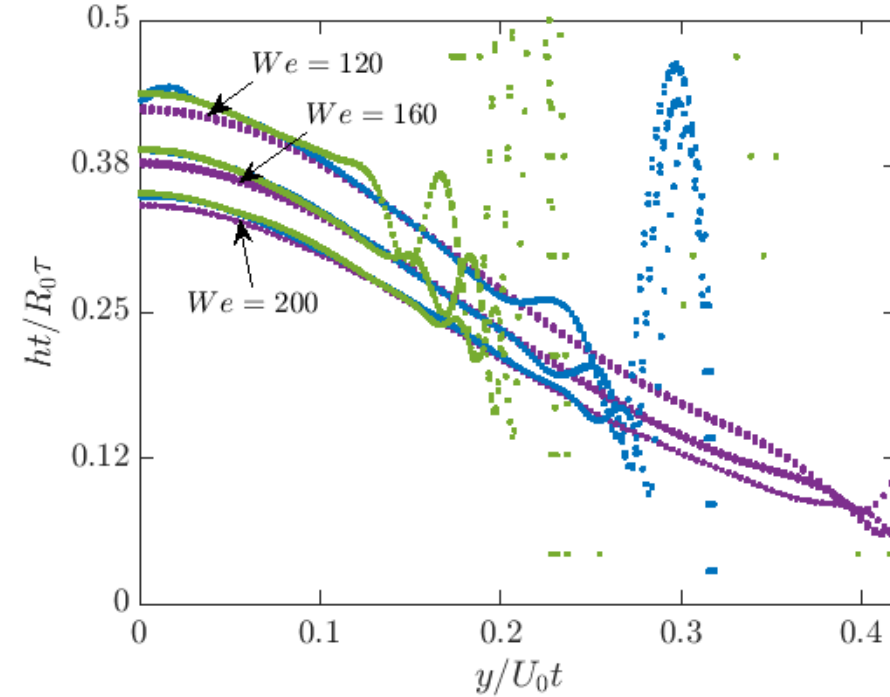
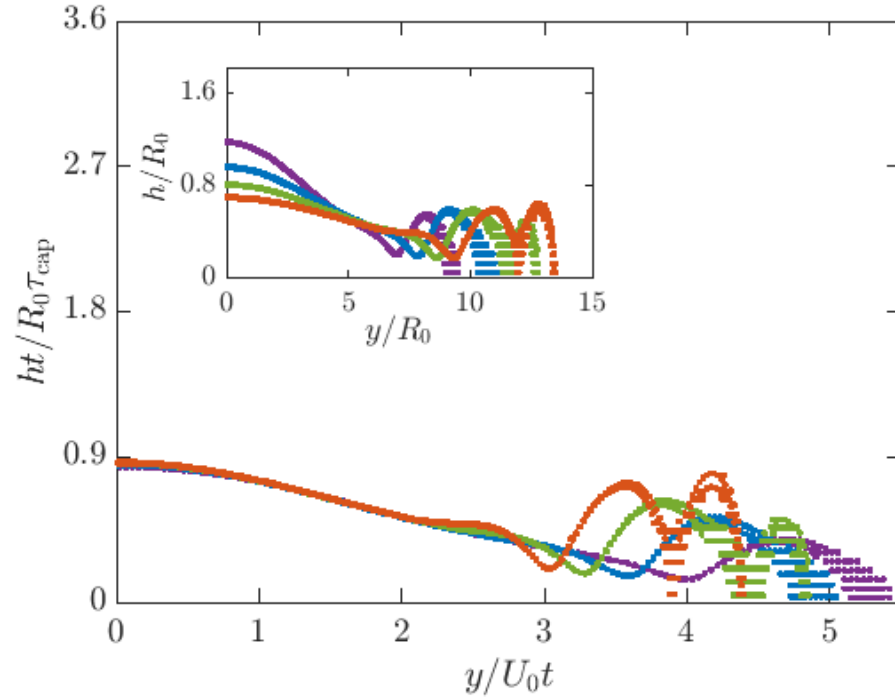
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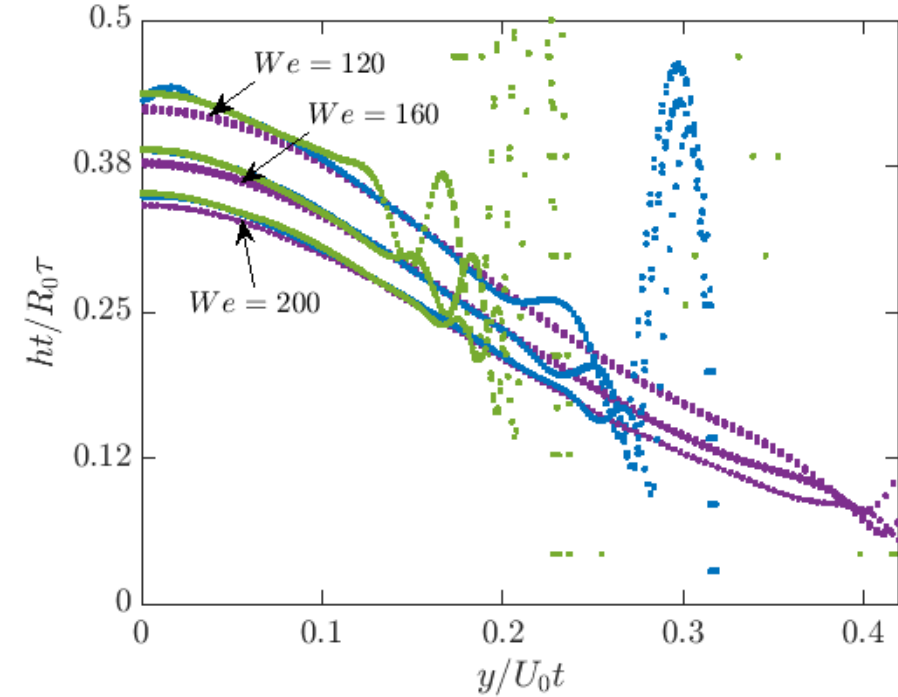
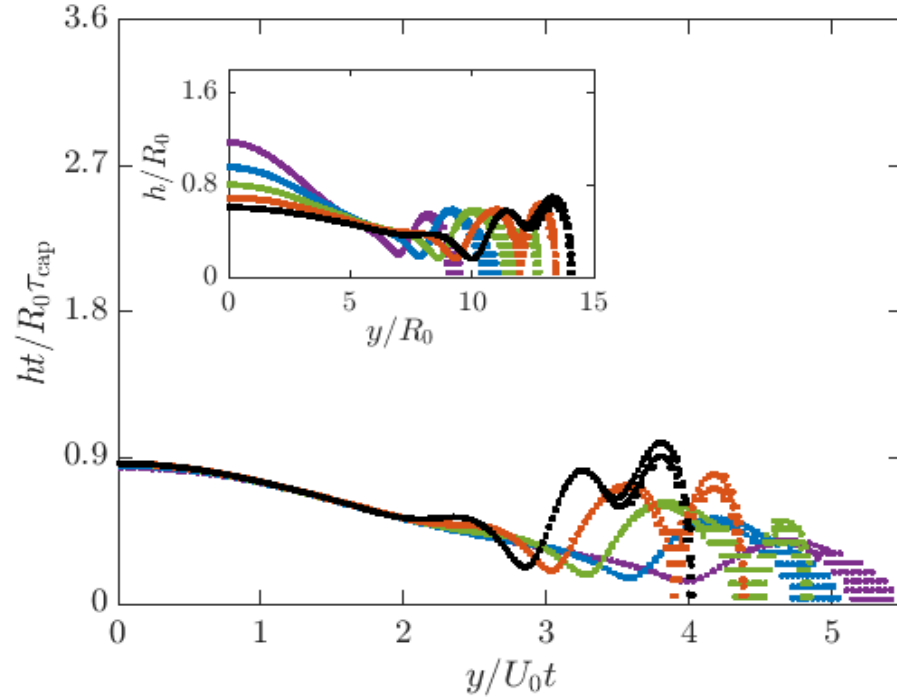
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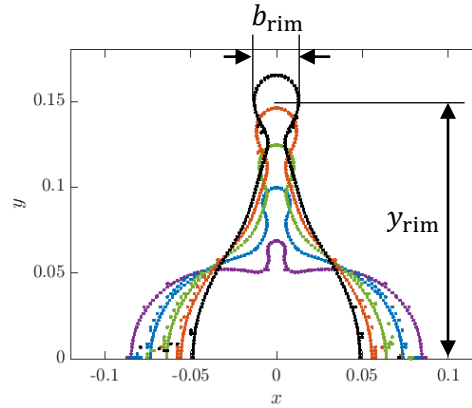
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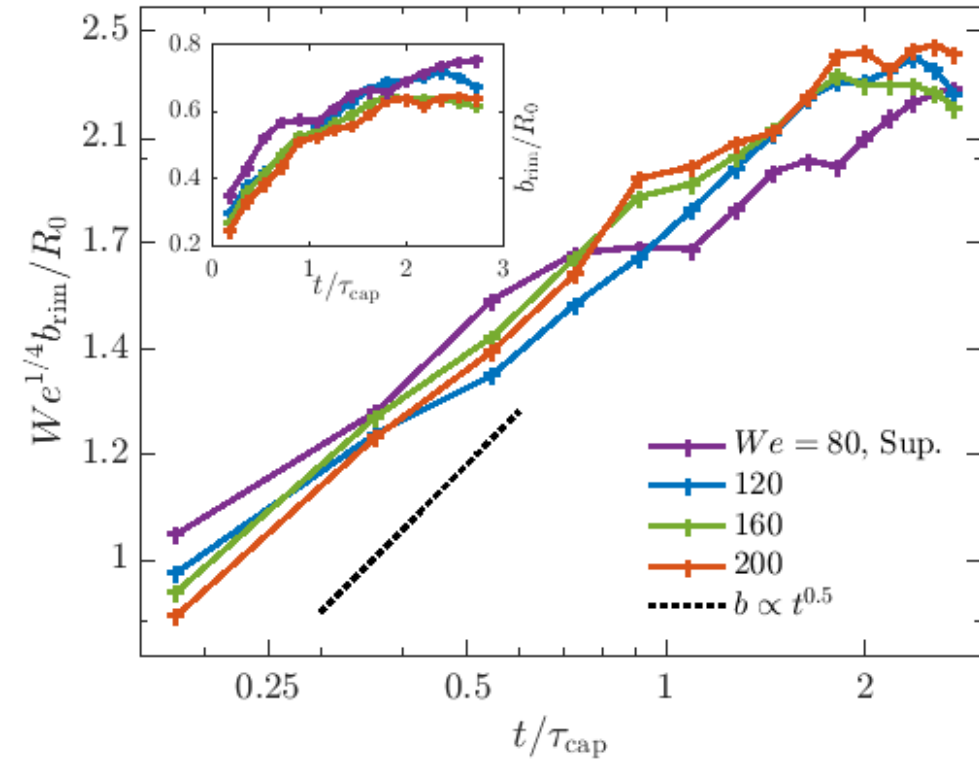
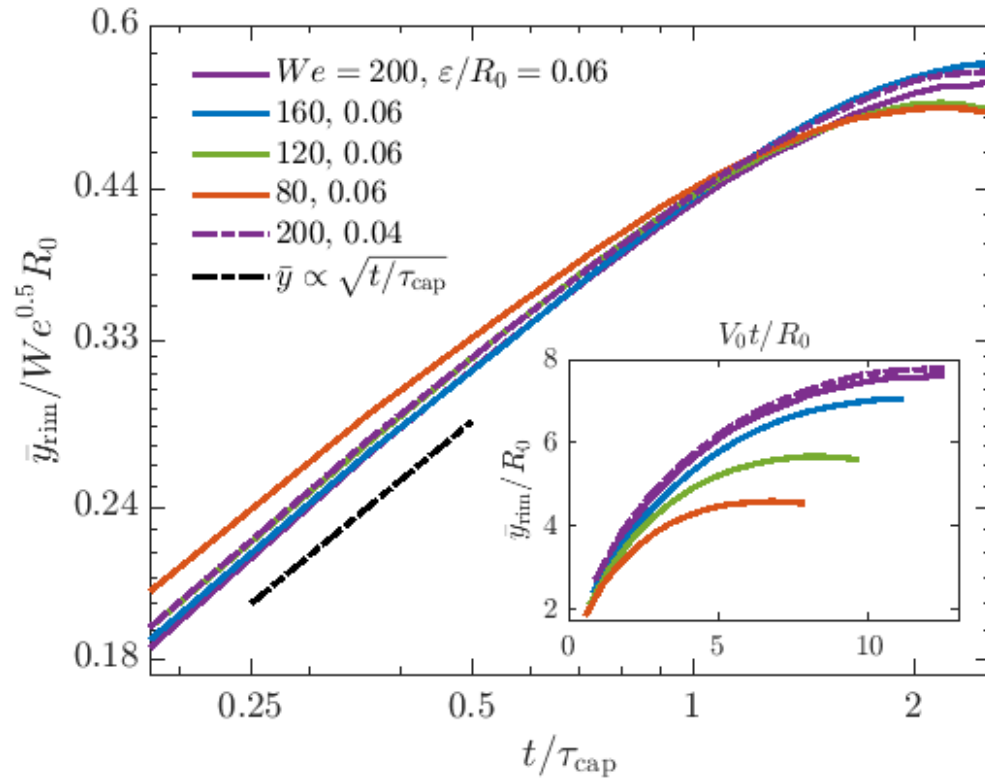


# Rim Kinematics



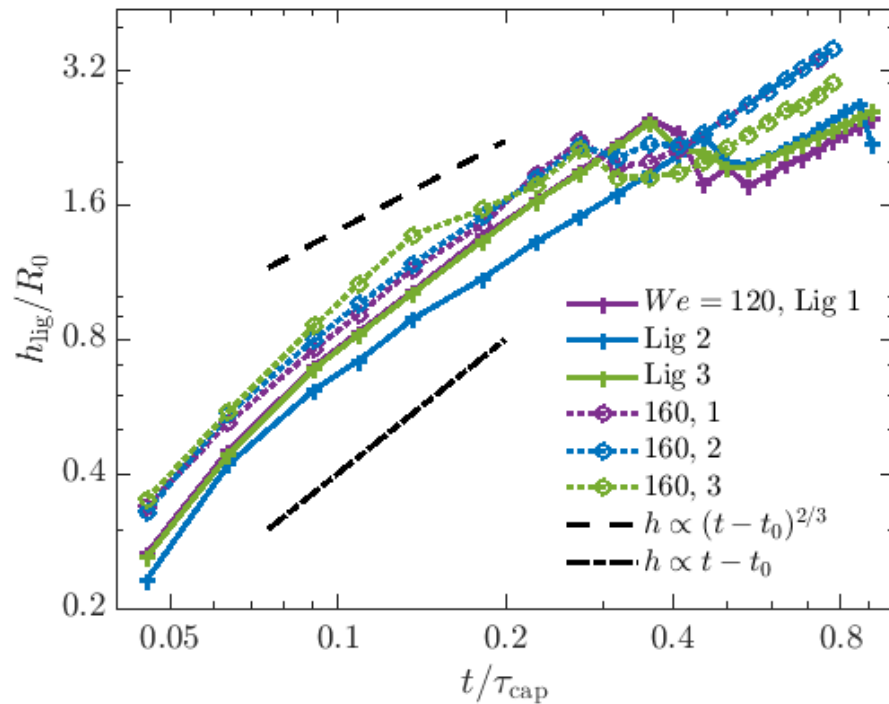
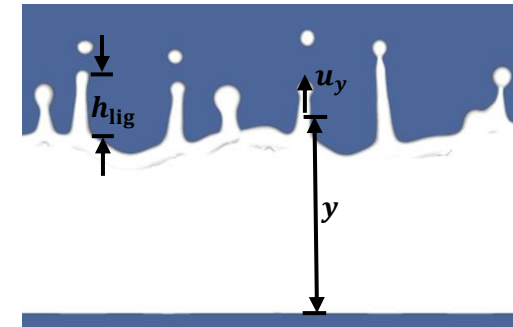
Scaling model for rim position and thickness:

$$\begin{cases} \frac{y_{\text{rim}}}{R_0} \propto \sqrt{We} \sqrt{\frac{t}{\tau_{\text{cap}}}} \\ \frac{b_{\text{rim}}}{R_0} \propto We^{-1/4} \sqrt{\frac{t}{\tau_{\text{cap}}}} \end{cases}$$

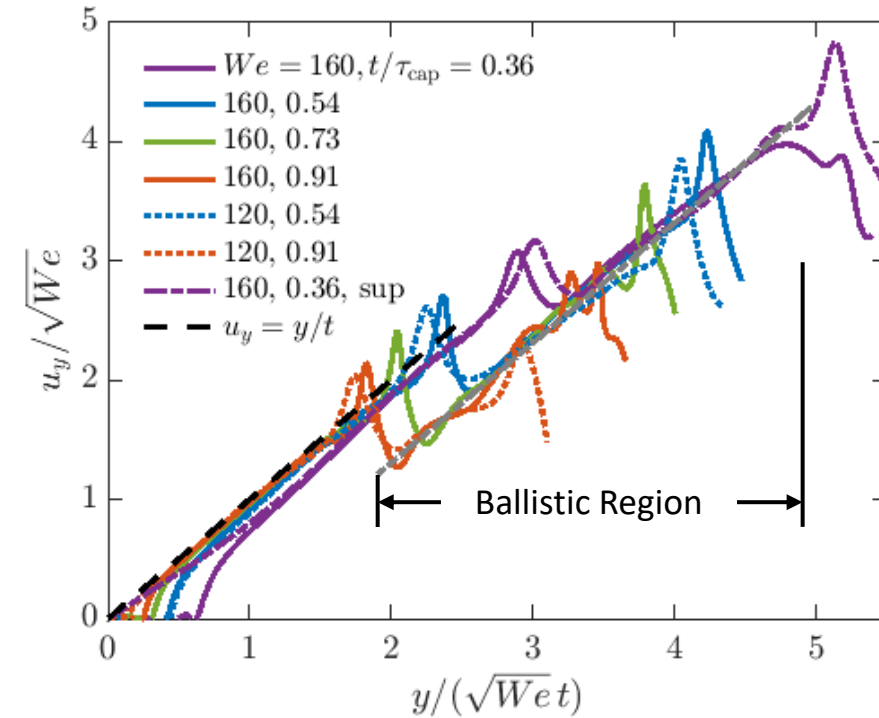


Vertical position (left) and thickness (right) of the rim

# Ligament Growth



Evolution of ligament length

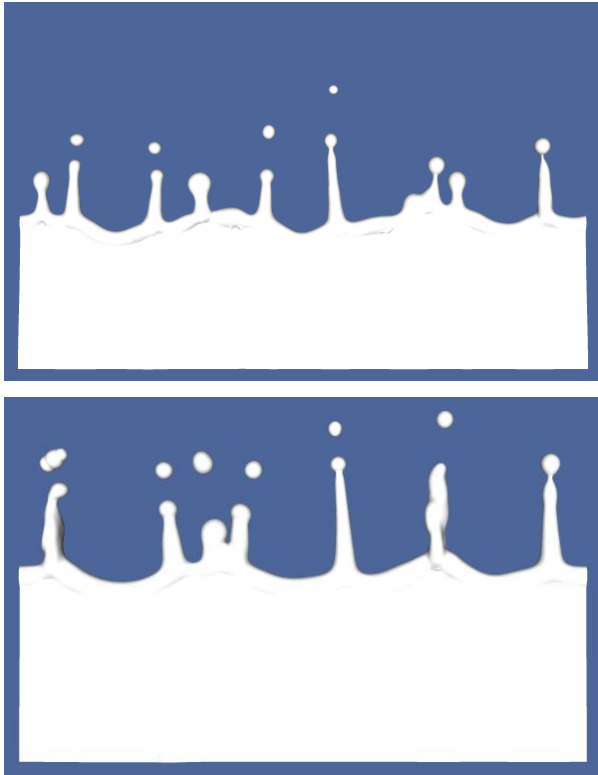


Vertical velocity within sheets and ligaments

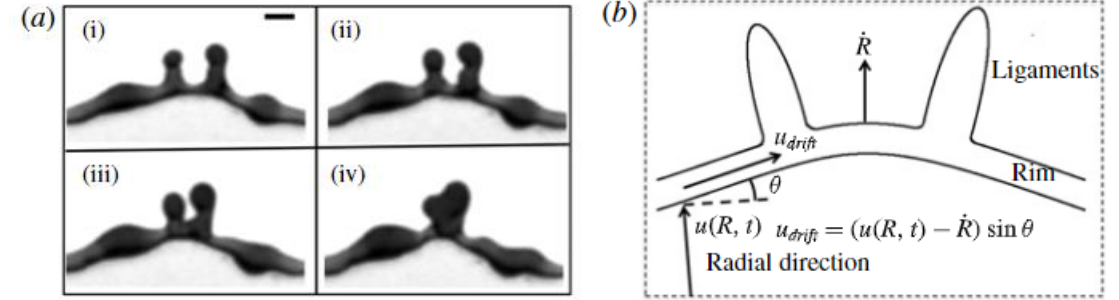
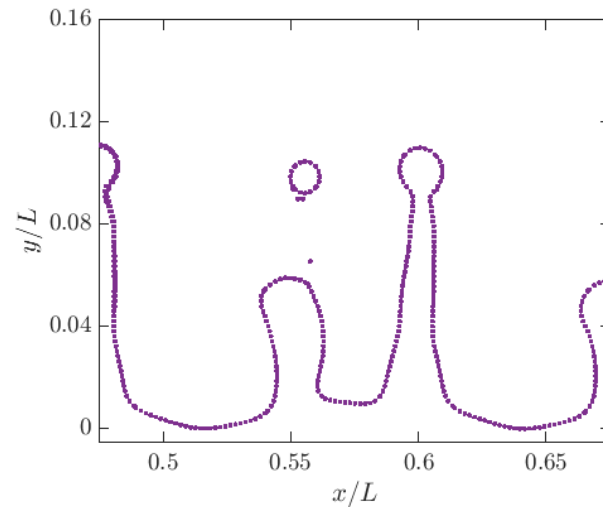
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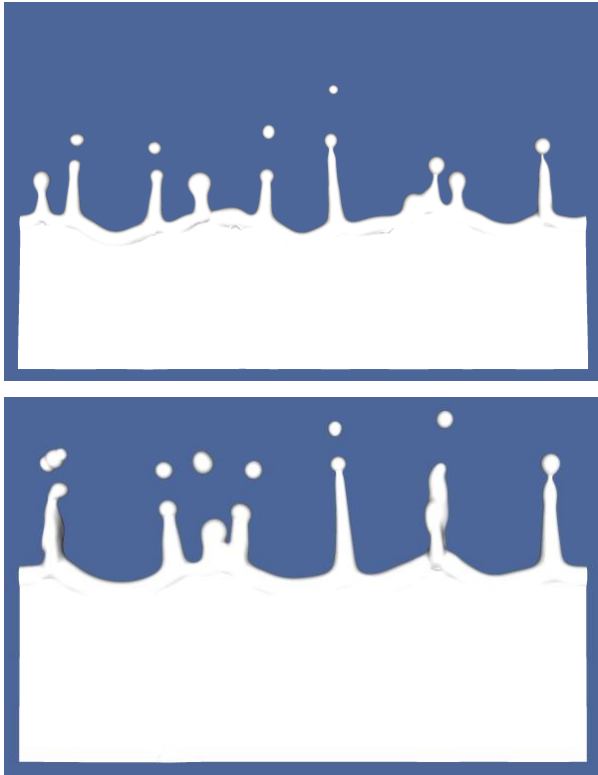
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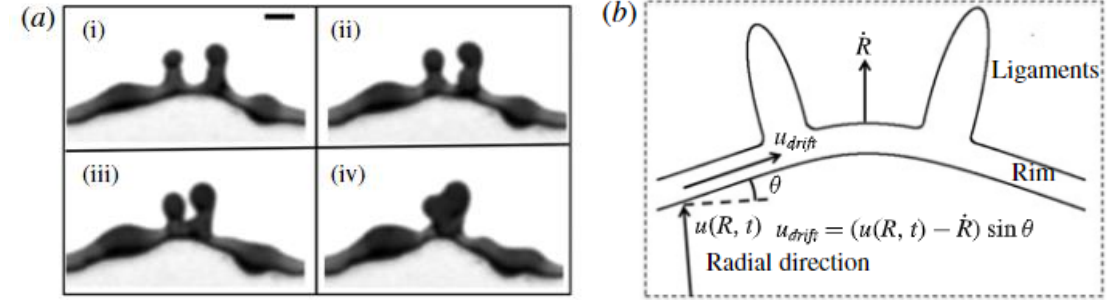
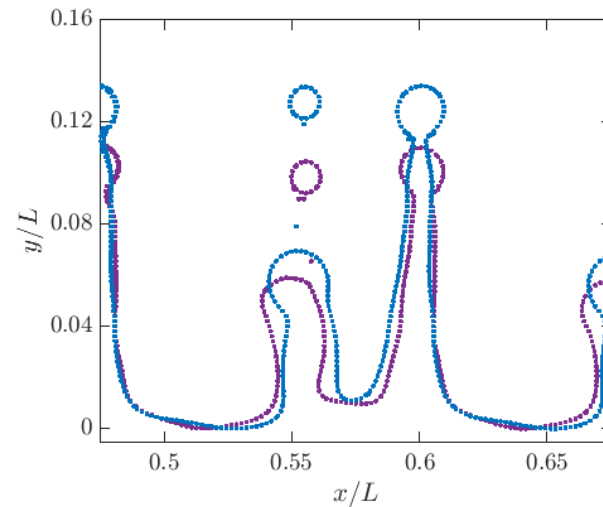
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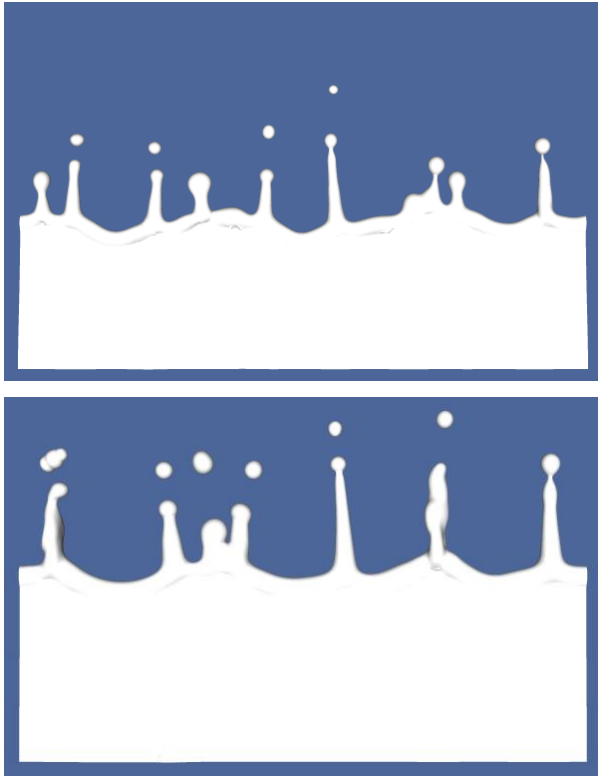
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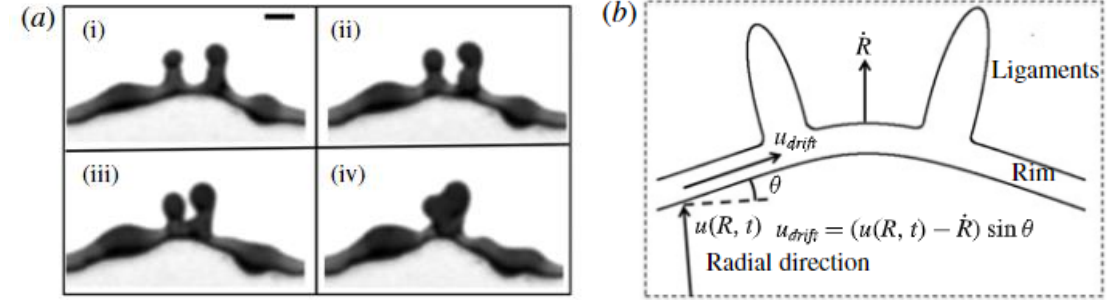
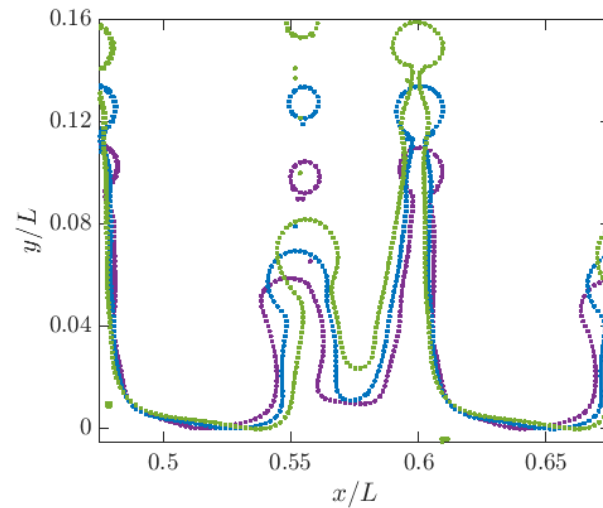
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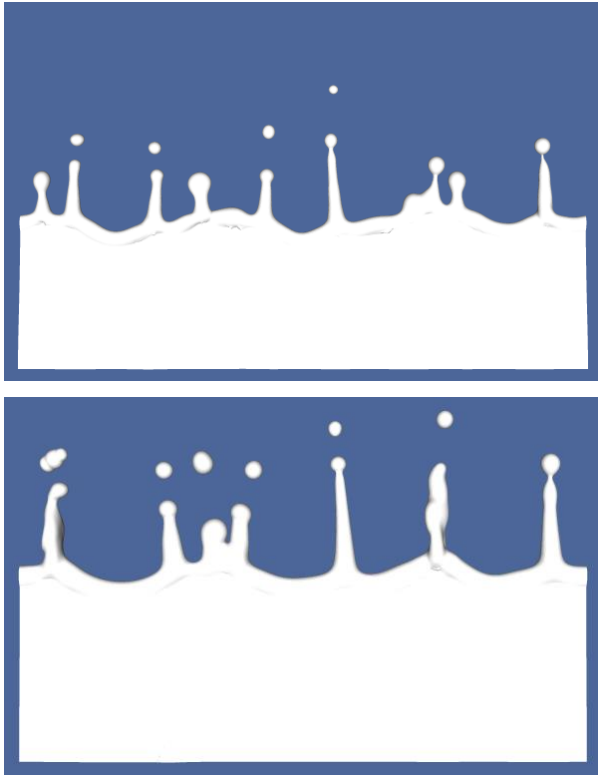
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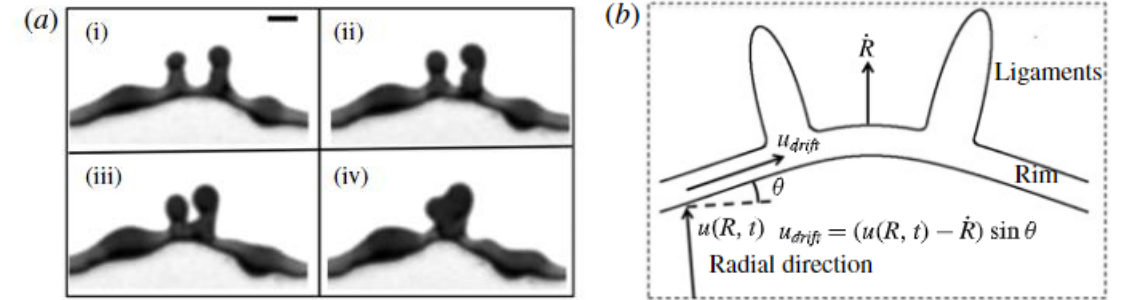
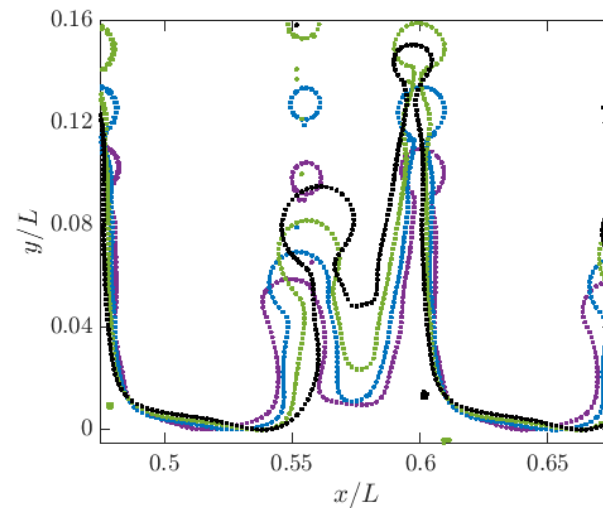
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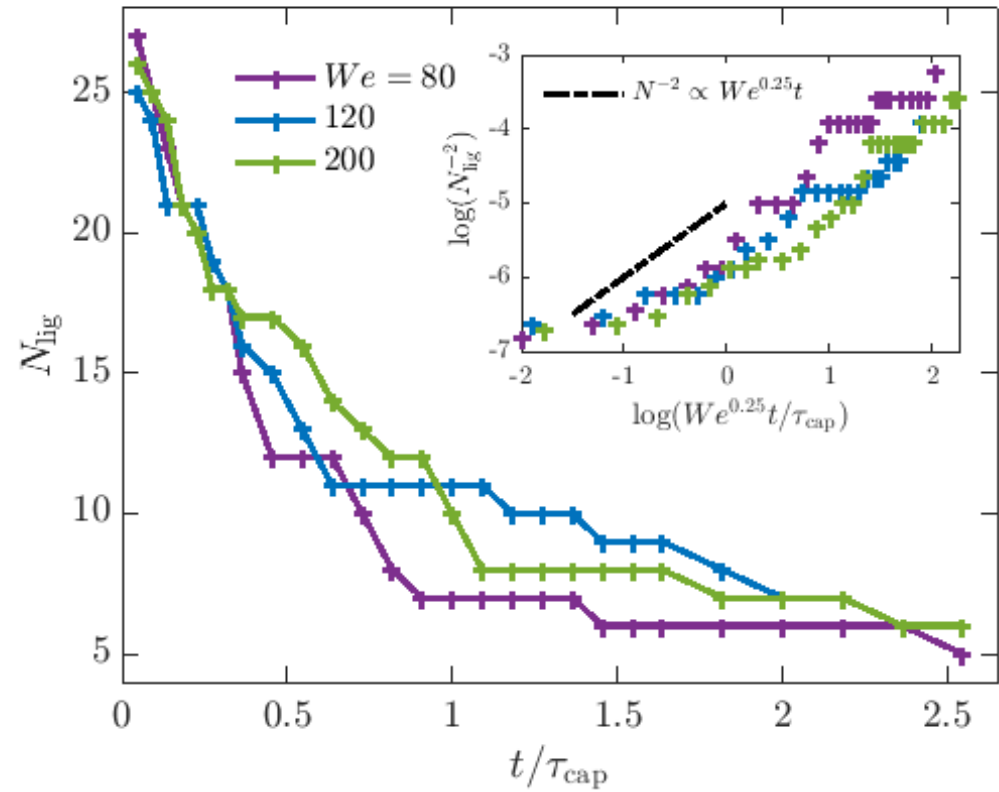
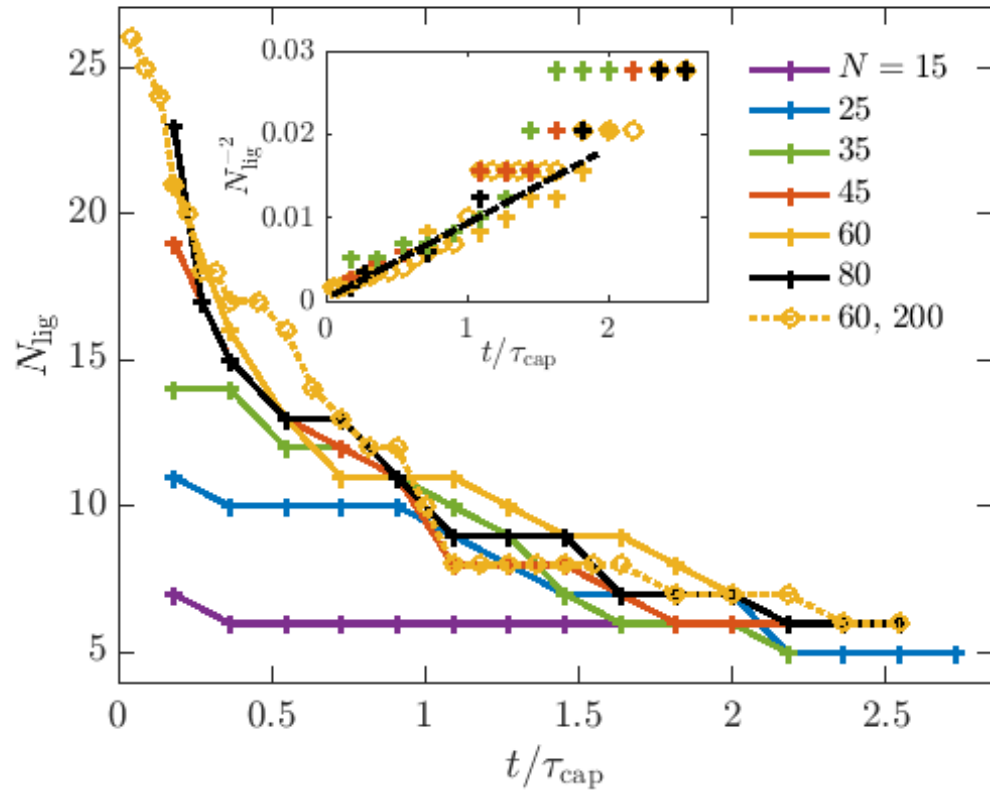
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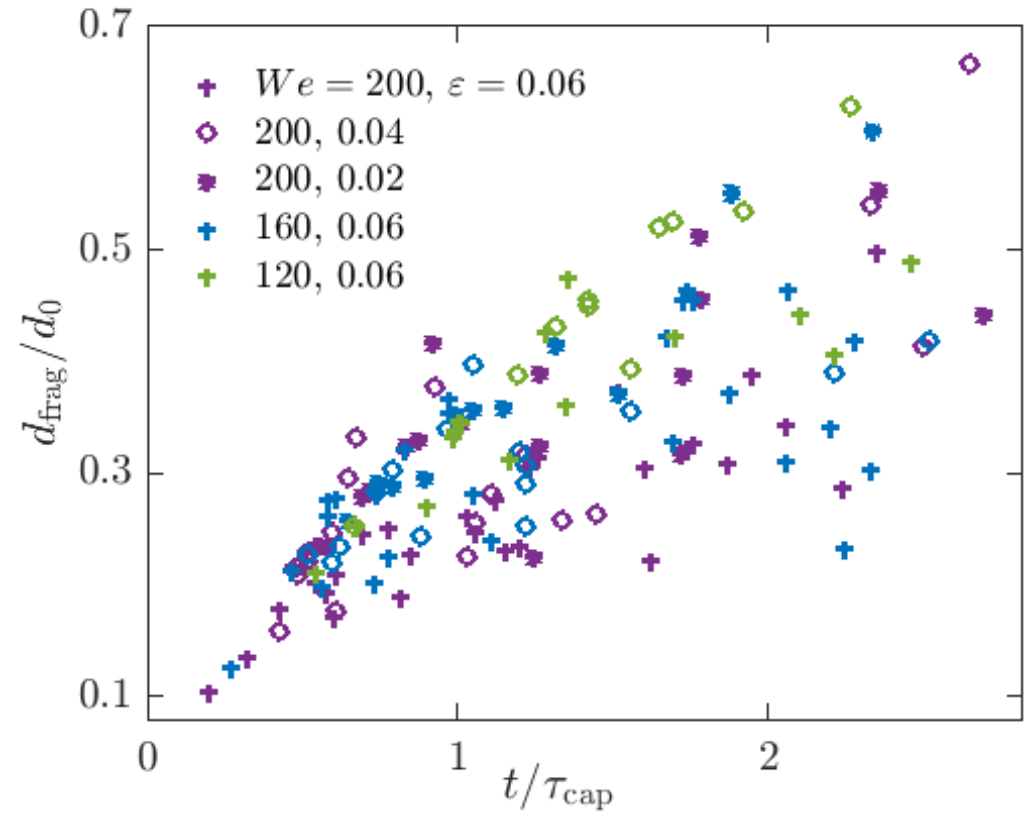
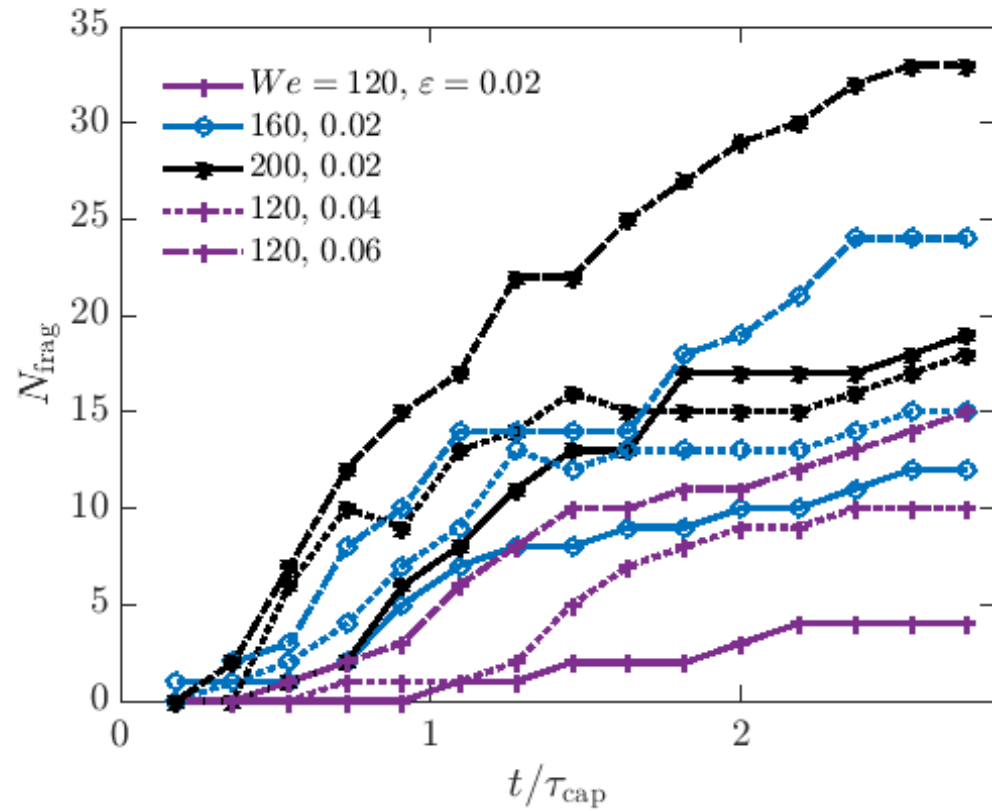
# Ligament Merging Phenomena

$$\frac{1}{N_{\text{lig}}^2} = AWe^{0.25}t + B$$



Ligament number  $N_{\text{lig}}$  at different  $N_{\text{max}}$  (left) and  $We$  (right)

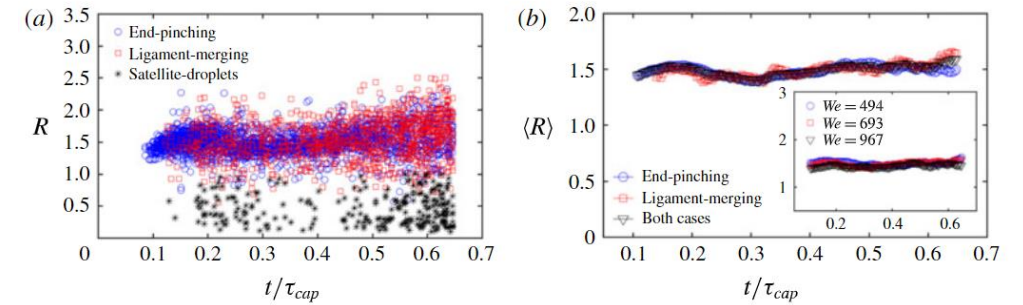
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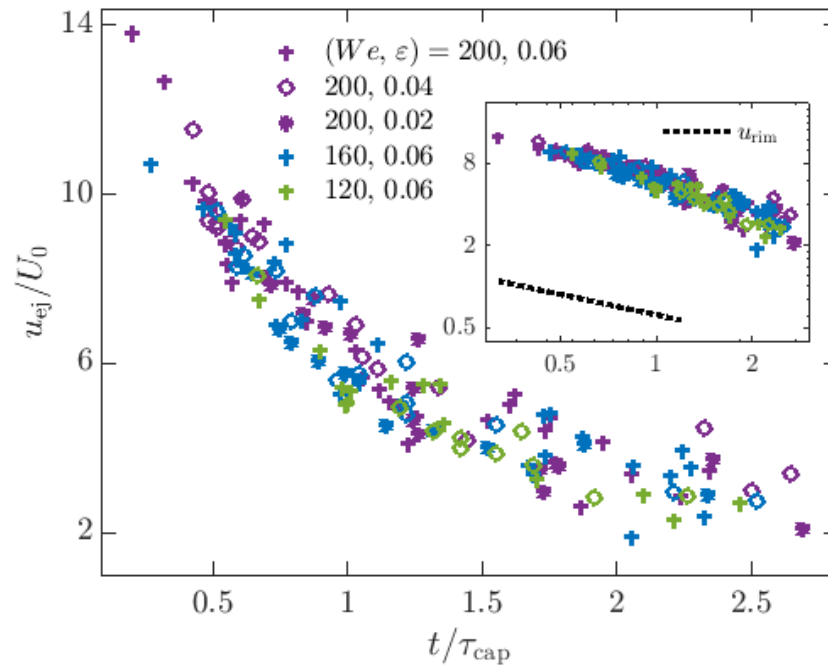
Total number (left) and diameter (right) of primary fragments



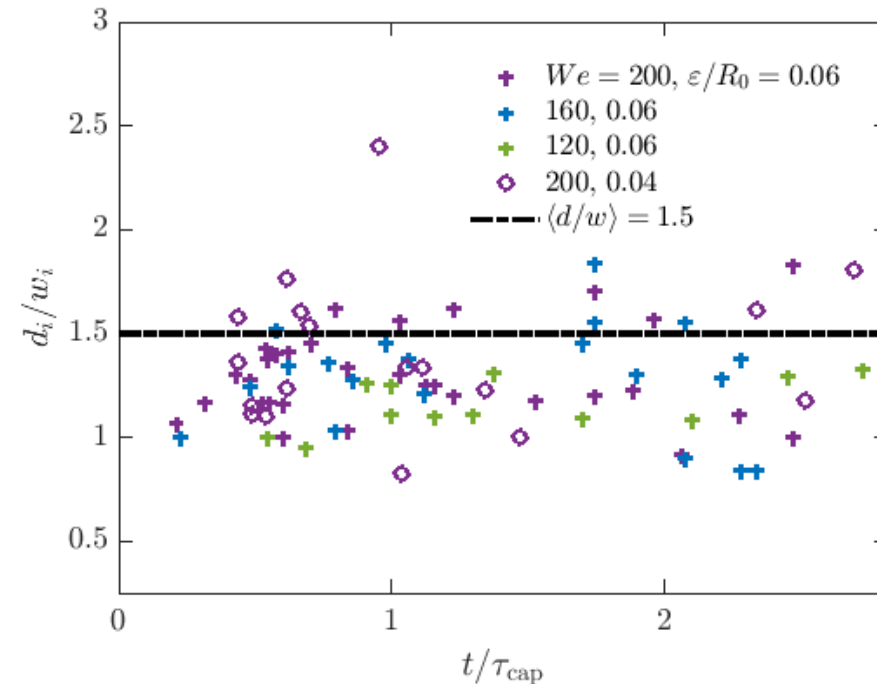
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End-pinching of Worthington jets:  $\langle d/w \rangle \approx 1.5$  [1][2]



Fragment ejection velocity

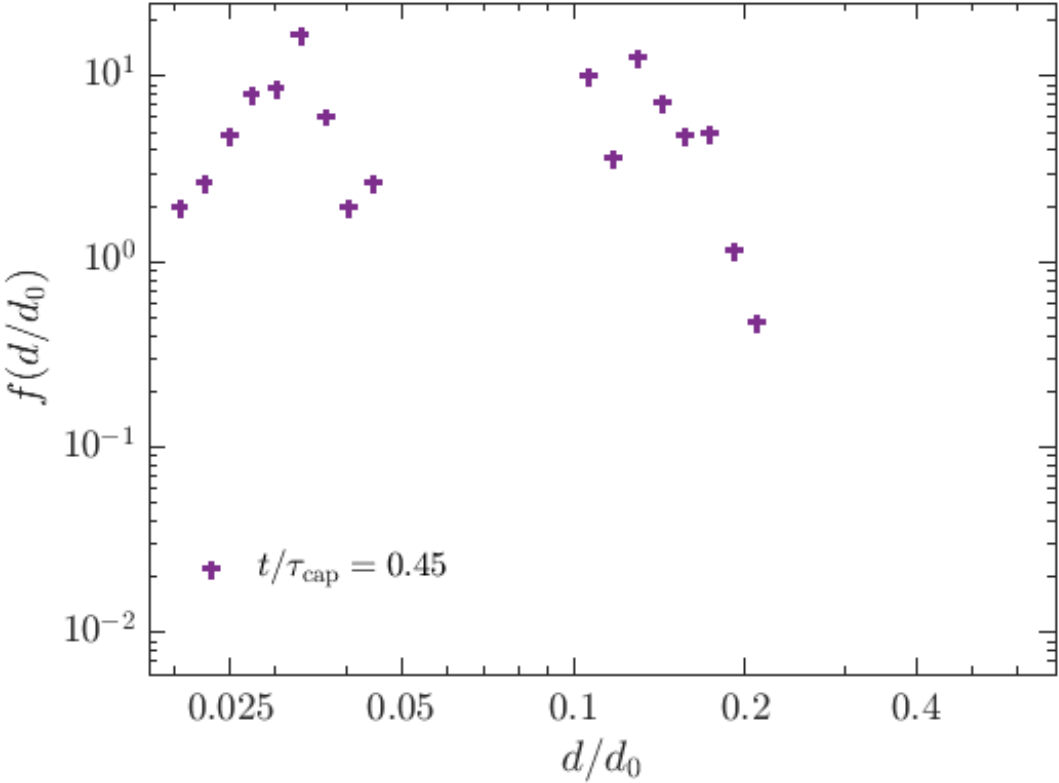


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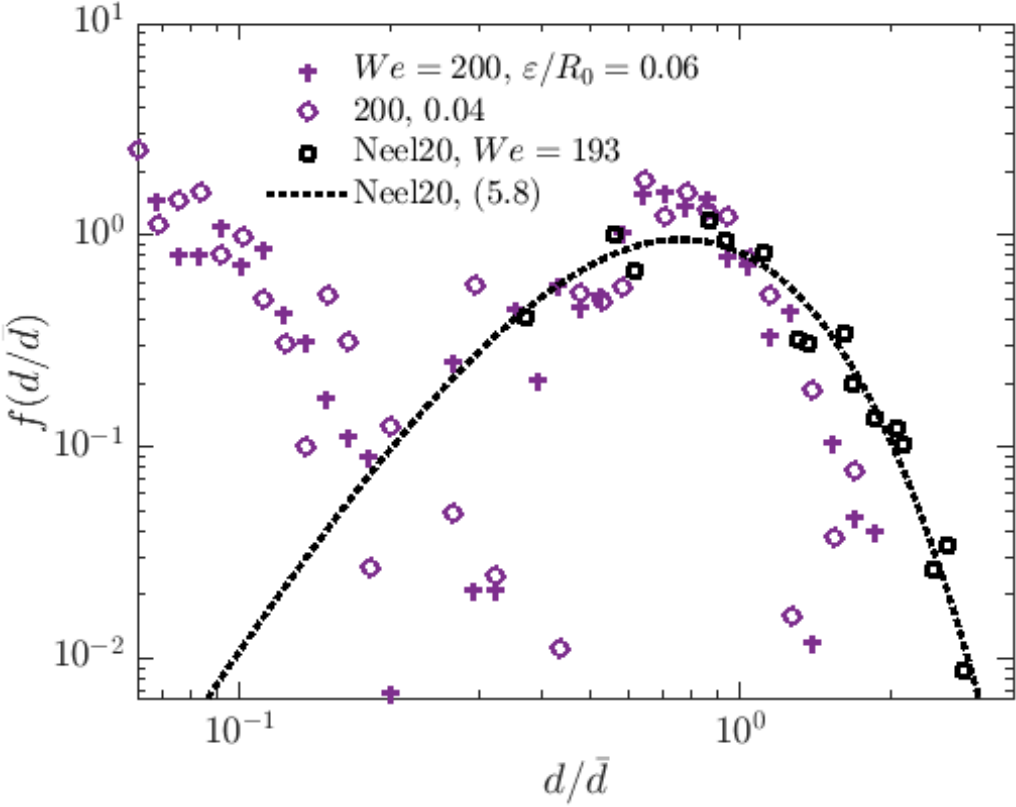
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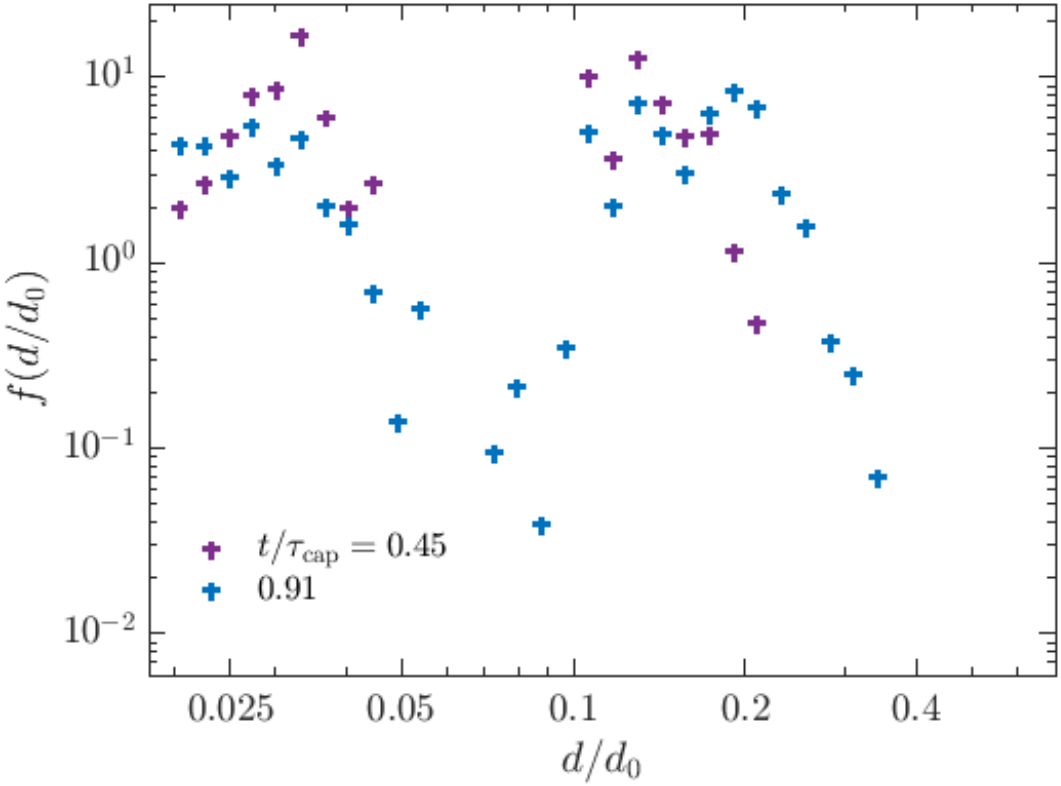
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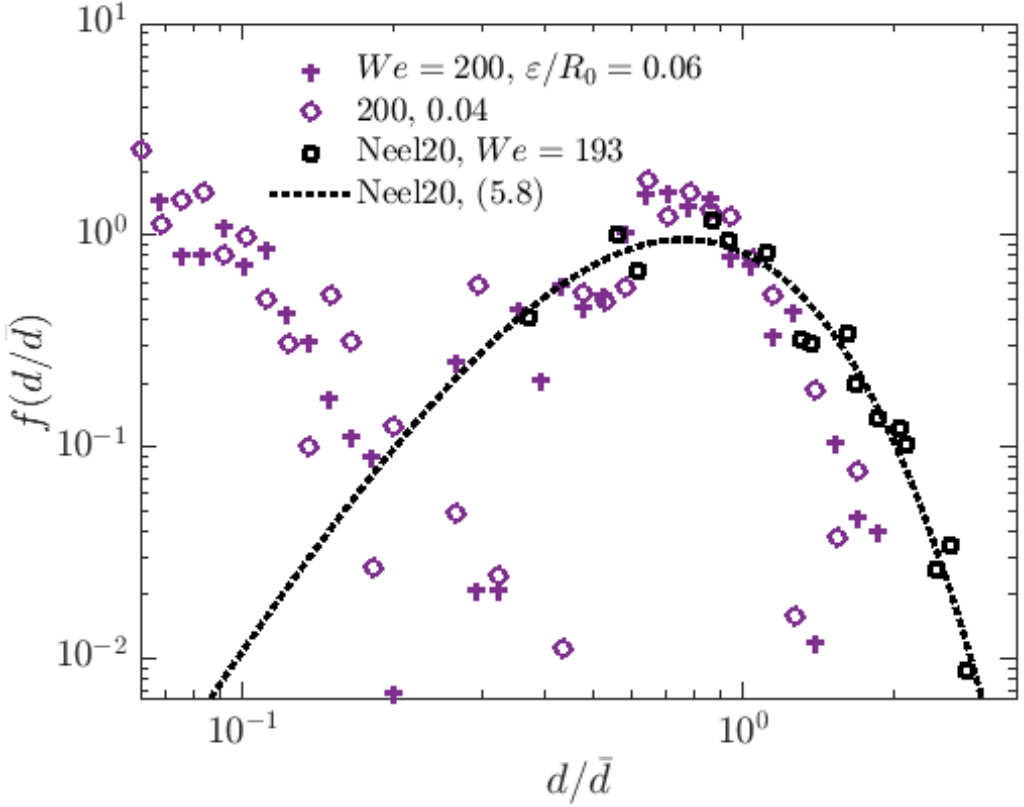
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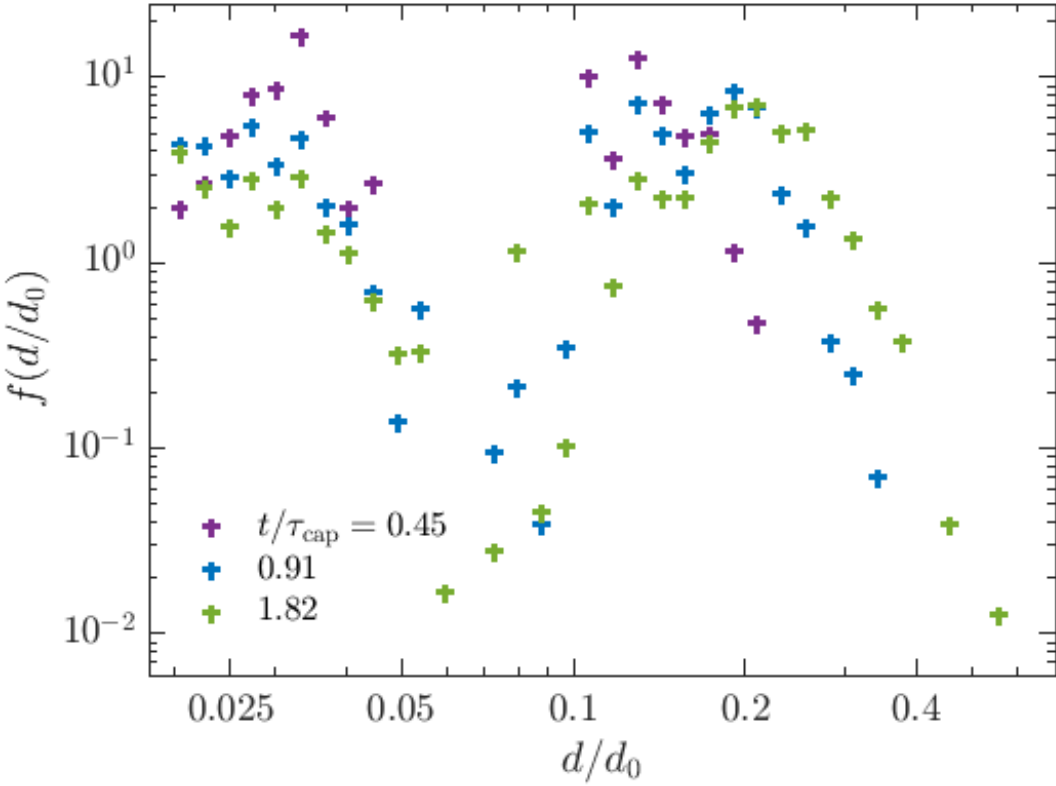
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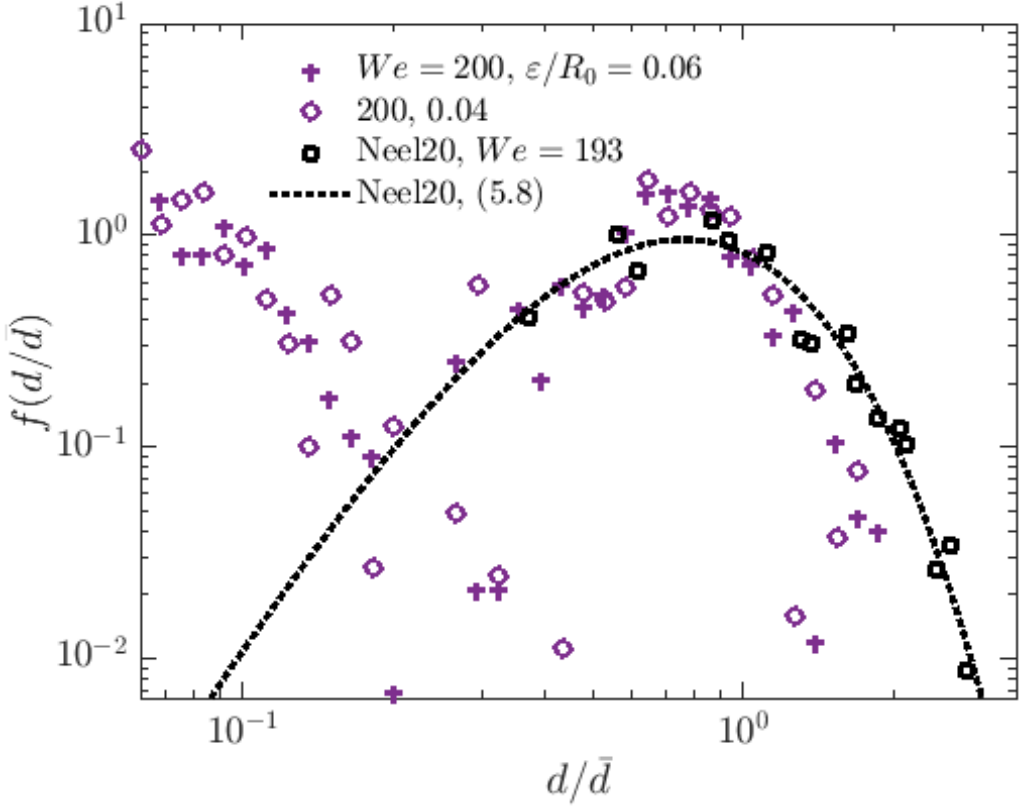
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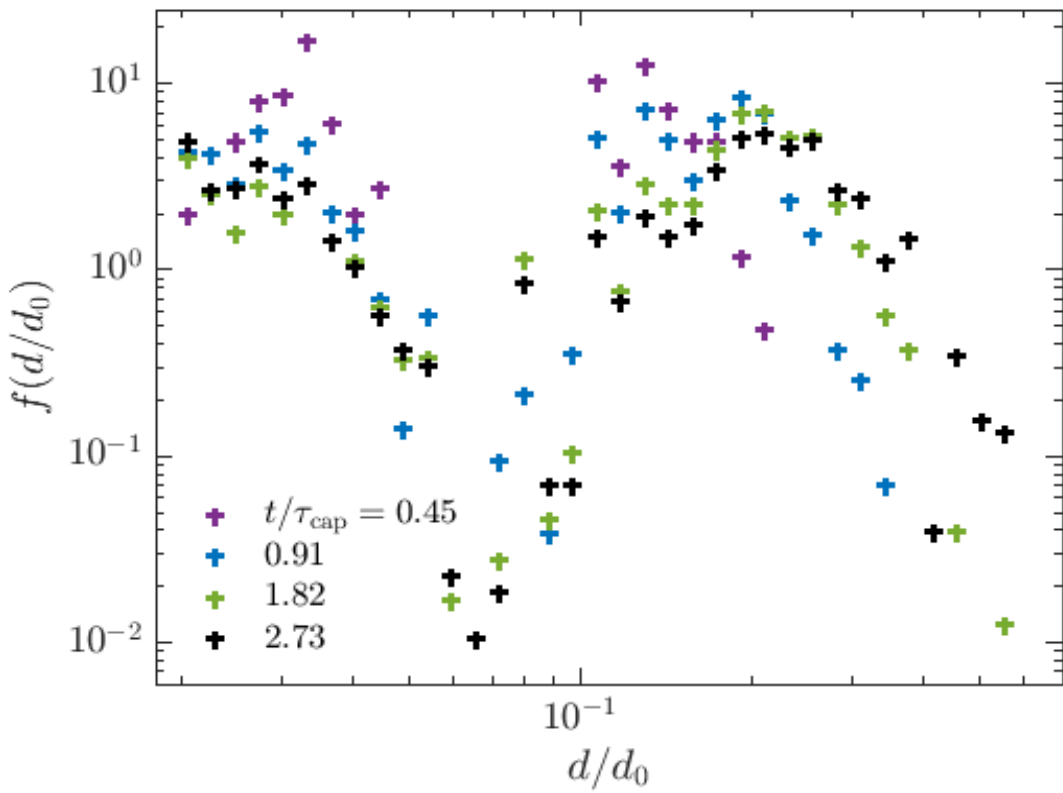
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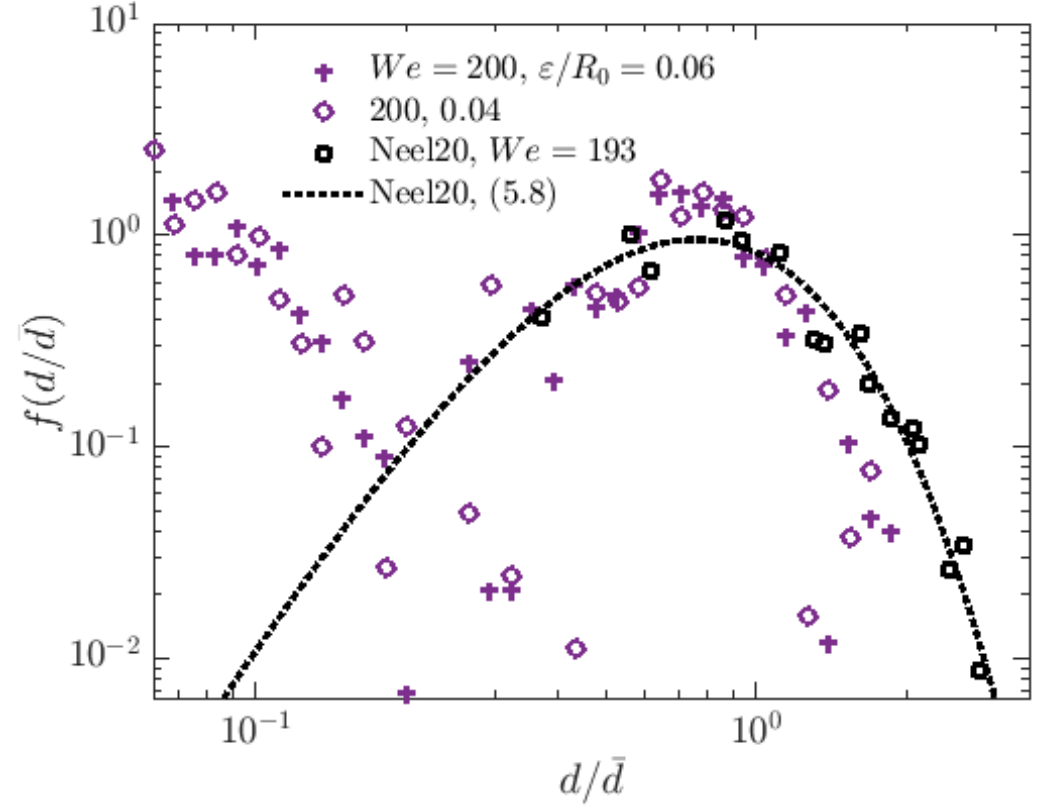
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# Conclusions and Future Work

- ✓ 3D simulations of cylinder collision;
  - ✓ Liquid sheet expansion:  
Self-similar models for  $u_y$  and  $h$
  - ✓ Rim Kinematics:  
Scaling models for  $y_{\text{rim}}$  and  $b_{\text{rim}}$
  - ✓ Ligament Dynamics:  
Linear growth and ballistic region  
Theoretical model for ligament merging
  - ✓ Fragment statistics: agreement with existing results for large drops
- Refine the ligament merging model;
  - Establish grid convergence for fragment statistics;
  - Explore connection with the drop size distribution of wave splashing.

Thanks for your attention!