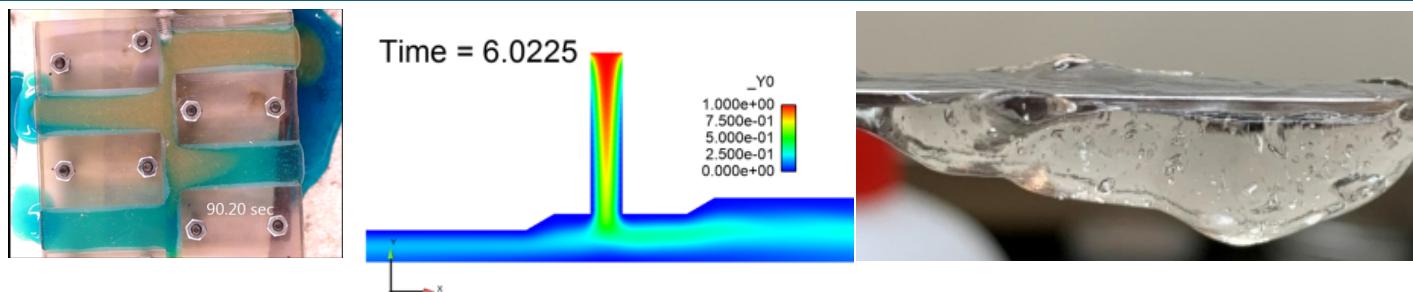


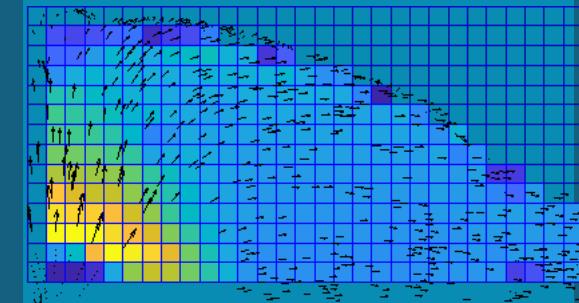


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Computational Models for Fluid-to-Solid Transitions in Yield Stress Fluids



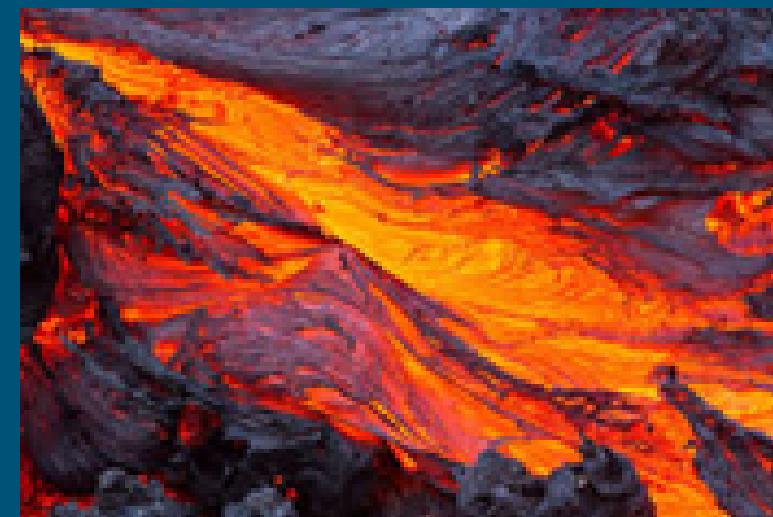
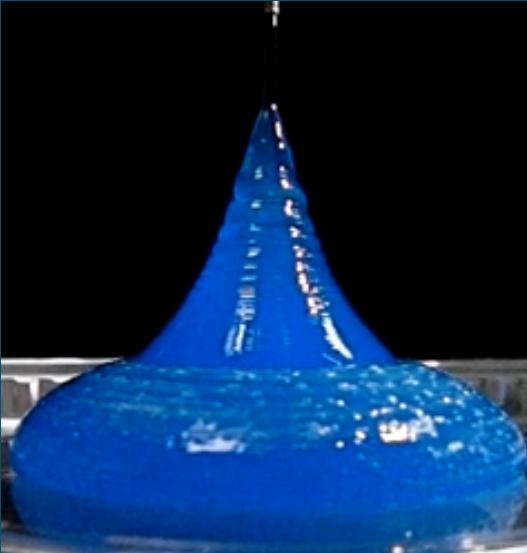
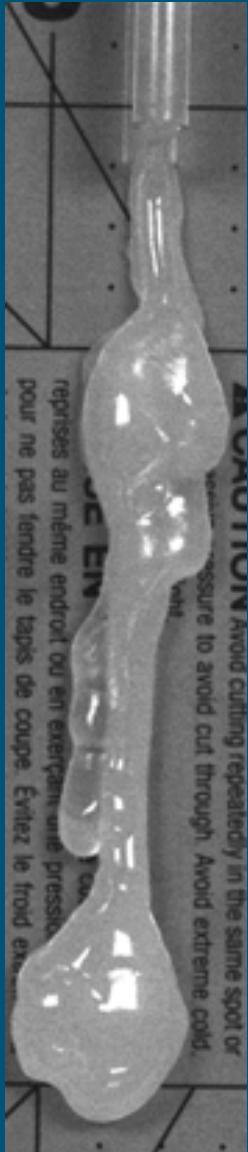
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Motivation for studying yielding fluids



Yield stress can be seen in wax, whipped cream, toothpaste, lava, ceramic pastes, and Carbopol

3 Develop computational models for free surface flows of yield stress fluids



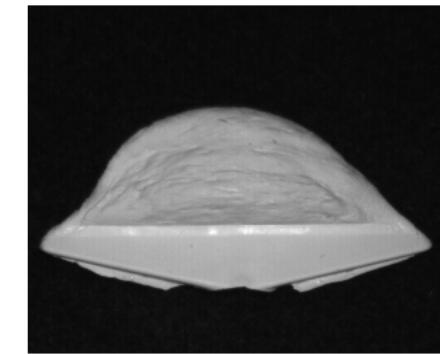
Why is this needed?

- Accurate predictions of surface profiles and spreading dynamics for flowing systems

Current state-of-the-art in production codes:

- Ramp viscosity arbitrarily high to “solidify” a fluid
- Does not accurately preserve the stress state that develops in the fluid
- One way coupling between fluid and solid codes

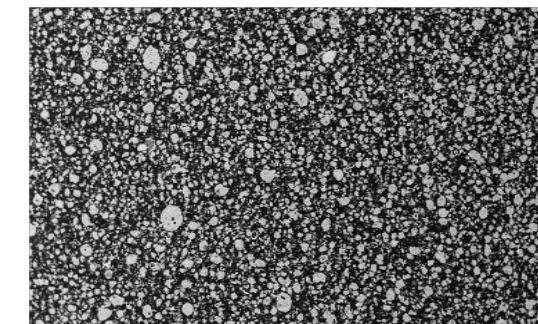
We propose developing numerical methods informed by novel experimental diagnostics that transition from solid-to-fluid, while accurately predicting the stress and deformation regardless of phase.



2.5 mm shot, 100% injection speed



2.5 mm shot, 40% injection speed



Target system: solidifying continuous phase with particles and droplets

Green ceramic processing shows yield stress and both fluid and solid-like behavior

Equations of Motion and Stress Constitutive Equations



Momentum and Continuity

$$\rho \left(\frac{\partial \mathbf{u}}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot \mathbf{u} \mathbf{u} \right) = -\nabla P + \nabla \cdot (2\mu \dot{\gamma}) + \nabla \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma}$$

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{u} = 0$$

Oldroyd-B stress constitutive model + Saramito yield model

$$\lambda \left(\frac{\partial \boldsymbol{\sigma}}{\partial t} + \mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla \boldsymbol{\sigma} - \nabla \mathbf{u} \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma} - \boldsymbol{\sigma} \cdot [\nabla \mathbf{u}]^T \right) + \mathcal{S}(\boldsymbol{\sigma}, \tau_y) \boldsymbol{\sigma} = 2\eta \dot{\gamma}$$

$$\mathcal{S}(\boldsymbol{\sigma}, \tau_y) = \max \left(0, \frac{|\boldsymbol{\sigma}_d| - \tau_y}{|\boldsymbol{\sigma}_d|} \right) \text{ Saramito yield model}$$

Solve with Finite Element Method for \mathbf{u} ,
 P , $\boldsymbol{\sigma}$ and $\dot{\gamma}$ tensors

- Guénette, R. and Fortin, M. *Journal of Non-Newtonian Fluid Mechanics* (1995) 60: 1, 27-52.
- Saramito, P. *Journal of Non-Newtonian Fluid Mechanics* (2007) 145: 1, 1-14.
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Model validation: Planar Poiseuille flow



Analytical solution

$$\sigma_{xy} = (\nabla_x P)y$$

$$\sigma_{xx} = 2\lambda \frac{(\nabla_x P)^2}{\eta} y^2$$

$$|\sigma_d| = \sqrt{\sigma_{xy}^2 + \sigma_{xx}^2/4} \quad y_c = \pm \frac{h}{a\sqrt{2}} \sqrt{\sqrt{1 + 4\left(\frac{a\tau_y}{h\nabla_x P}\right)^2} - 1}$$

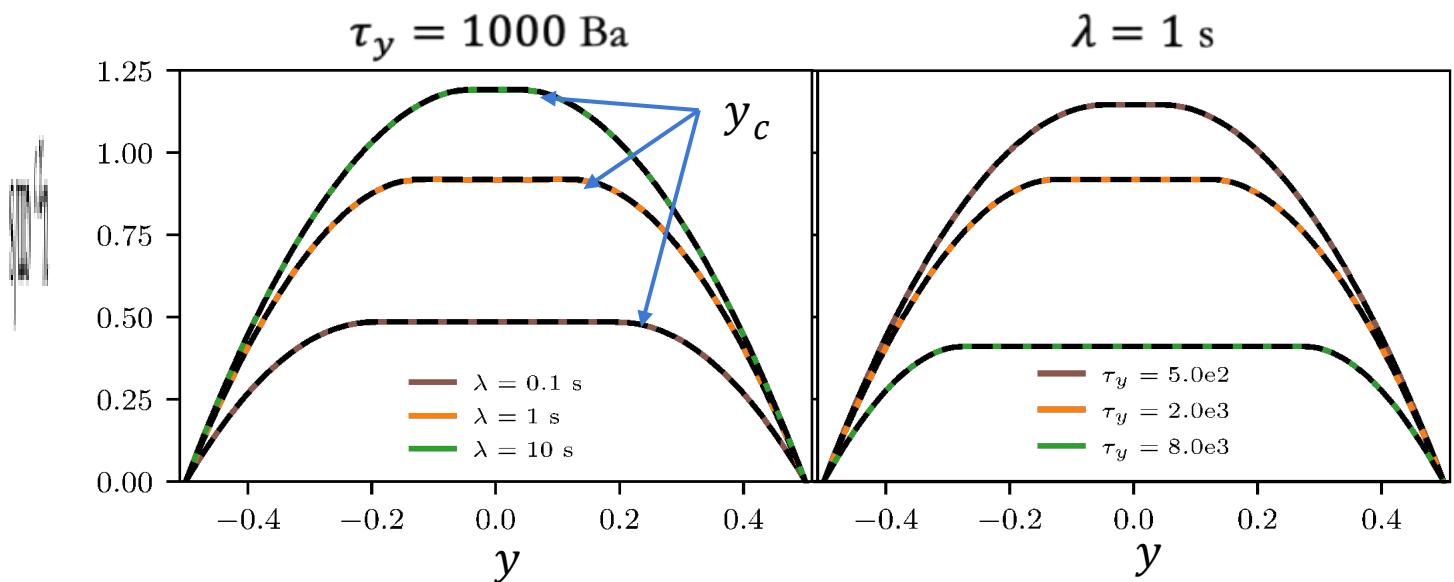
$$u_y = \frac{\nabla_x P}{2\eta} (y^2 - h^2) + \frac{\tau_y}{\lambda \nabla_x P} [\sinh^{-1}(ay/h) - \sinh^{-1}(a)].$$

$$a = \lambda h \nabla_x P / \eta$$

- Colorful lines are computed solutions, black dashed lines are exact solutions

$$\nabla_x P = 1000 \text{ Pa}$$

$$h = 0.5 \text{ cm}$$



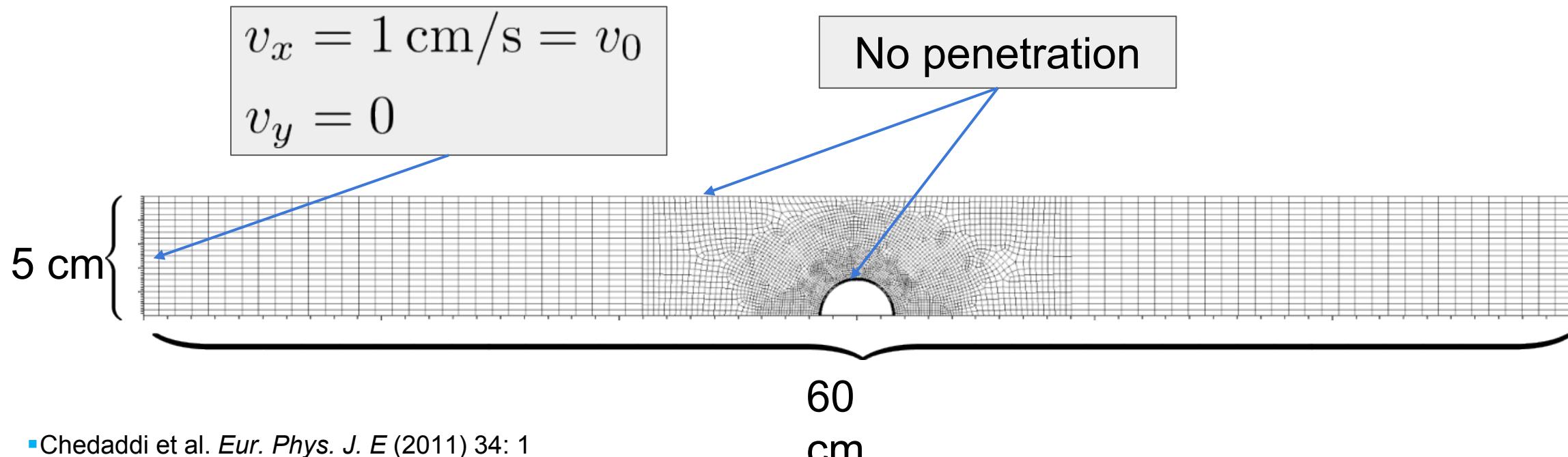
Model validation: flow past a cylindrical obstruction



- Quasi-two dimensional experiments presented from case in Cheddadi et al., 2011
- Fluid is a “wet foam,” which has a yield stress, elasticity and also exhibits slip at solid boundaries

model parameters

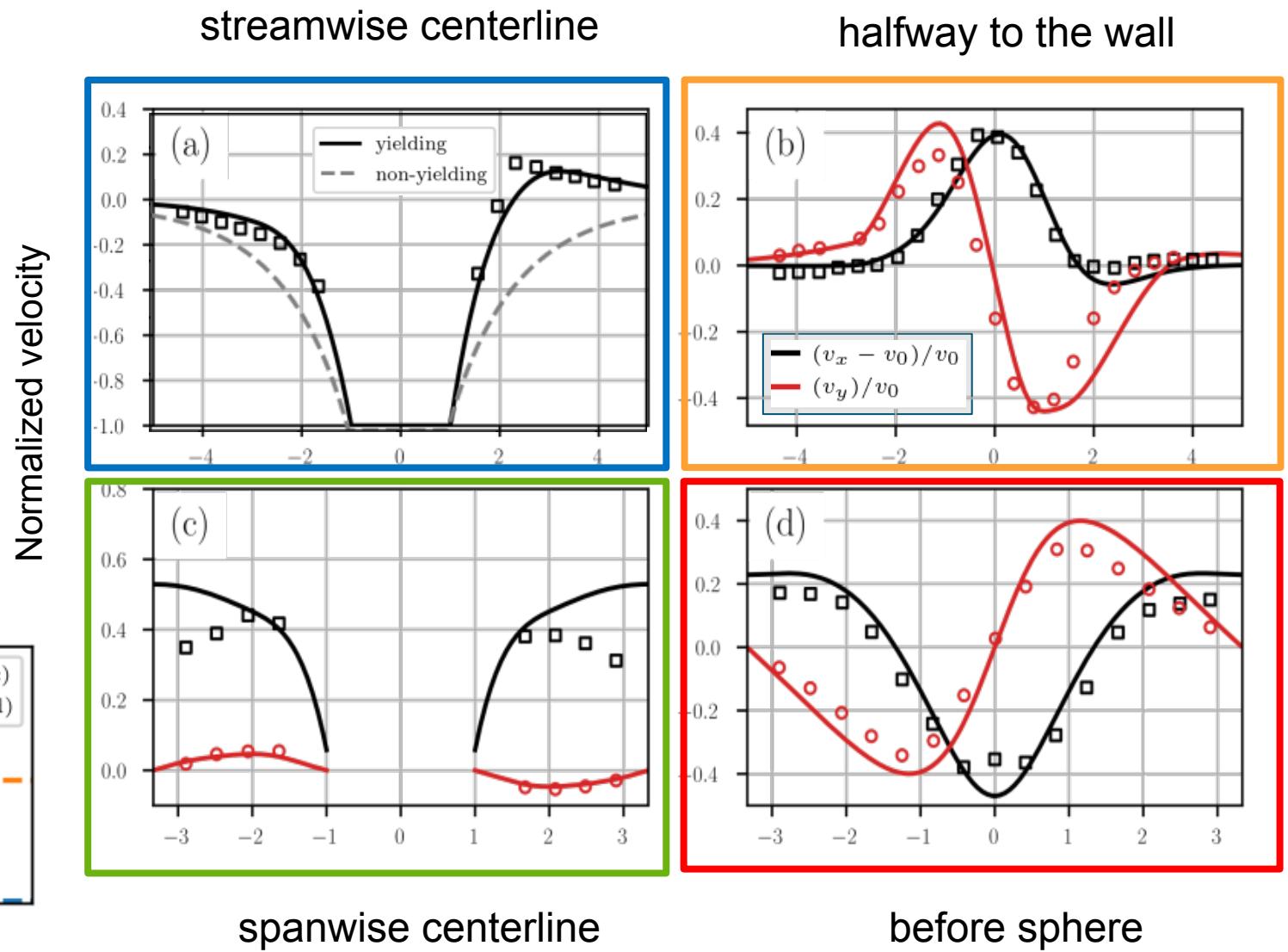
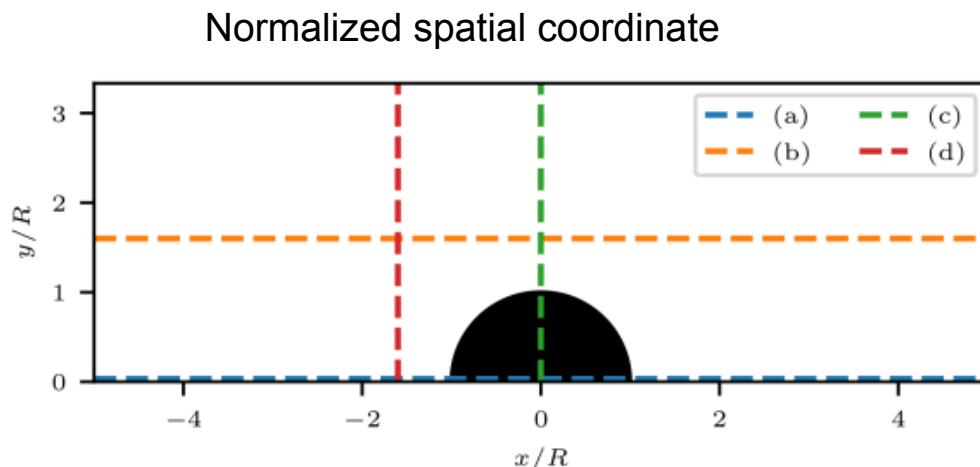
η , (Ba.s)	τ_y , (Ba)	λ , (s)
2.6	26	0.2



Comparing computations to experimental observations



- Computed velocities match experiments for the most part.
- Velocity asymmetry observed for line-of-sight (a) is characteristic of a yielding fluid
- Symmetric result from the non-yielding computation (gray dashed line)



Mold Filling Simulation

Constitutive models

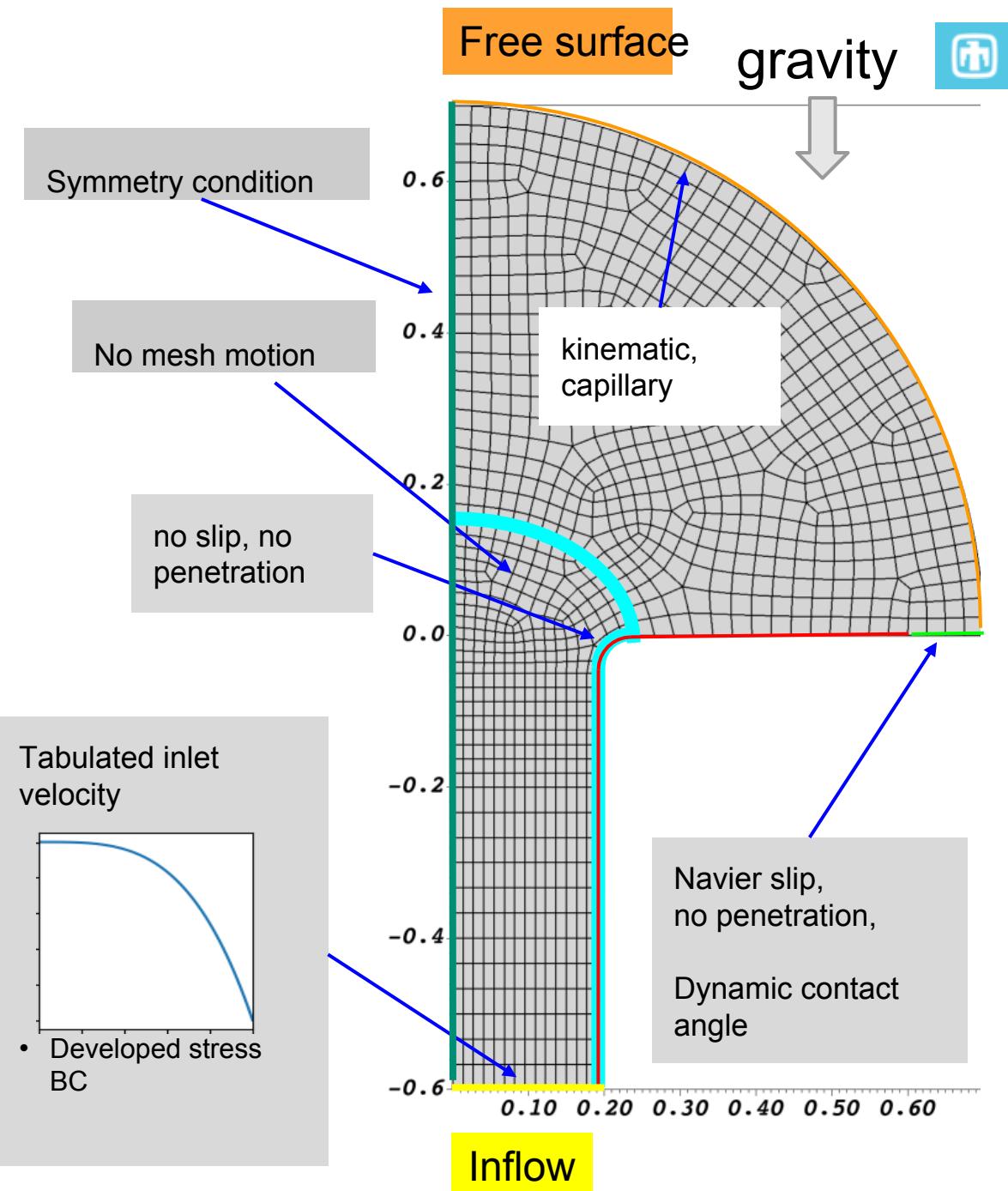
- Saramito-Oldroyd-B (EVP)
- Bingham-Carreau-Yasuda (generalized Newtonian)

Computations

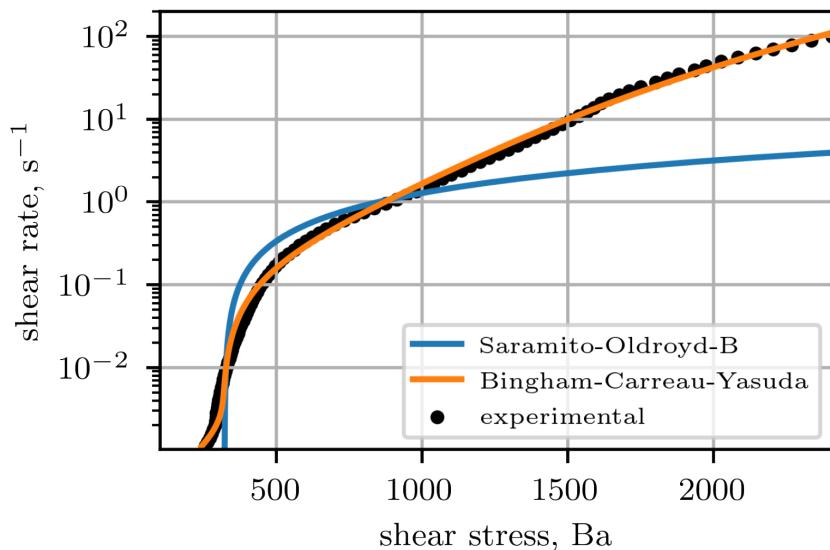
- Finite element method in Goma
- Arbitrary Eulerian-Lagrangian moving mesh framework

Validation Experiments

- 0.3 wt.% Carbopol
- 5-20 mL/min flow rate



Characterization of Carbopol and Parameter fitting



Bingham-Carreau-Yasuda (BCY)

$$\mu = \mu_\infty + \left[\mu_0 - \mu_\infty + \tau_y \frac{1 - e^{-F\dot{\gamma}}}{\dot{\gamma}} \right] [1 + (b\dot{\gamma}^a)]^{\frac{n-1}{a}}$$

Carbopol %	μ_0 , (Ba·s)	μ_∞ , (Ba·s)	b (s⁻¹)	a	n	τ_y , (Ba)
0.3%	2171.5	0.18	3.112	0.966	0.190	312.1

Saramito-Oldroyd-B

$$\lambda \left[\frac{\partial \boldsymbol{\sigma}}{\partial t} + \mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla \boldsymbol{\sigma} - \boldsymbol{\sigma} \cdot \nabla \mathbf{u} - \nabla \mathbf{u}^T \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma} \right] + \max \left[0, \frac{|\boldsymbol{\sigma}_d| - \tau_y}{|\boldsymbol{\sigma}_d|} \right] \boldsymbol{\sigma} = \eta_{fluid} (\nabla \mathbf{u} + \nabla \mathbf{u}^T)$$

Carbopol %	η , (Ba·s)	τ_y , (Ba)	λ , (s)
0.3%	528.5	321.0	0.1102



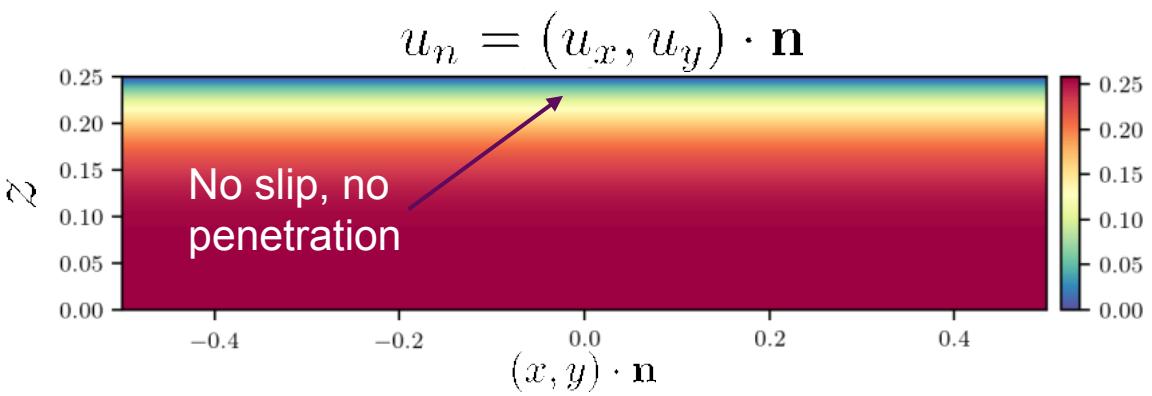
- Small amplitude stress vs. strain curve, gives the elastic modulus ($G = 440$ Pa).
- Other rheological parameters were determined using a nonlinear least squares fit.

Mold filling geometry: Flow between two thin plates

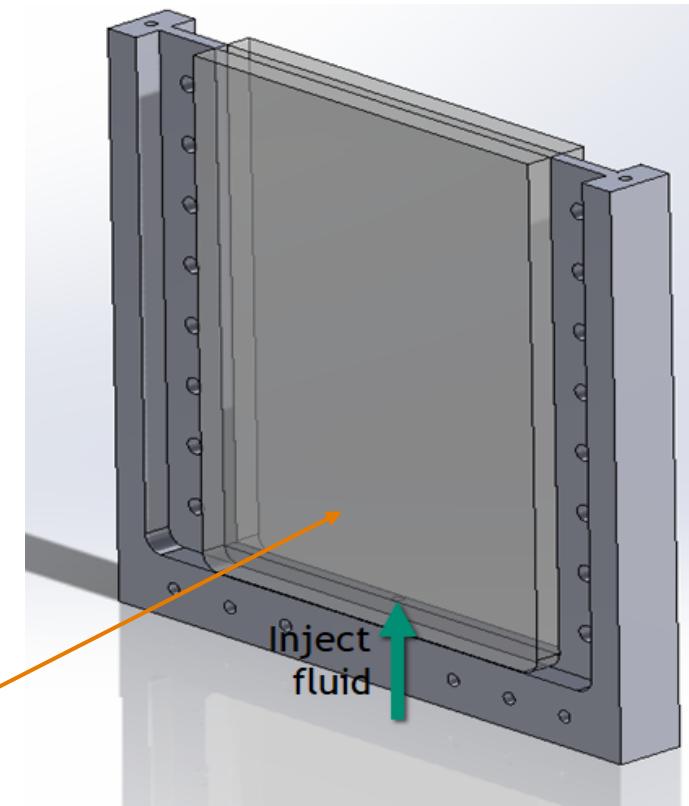
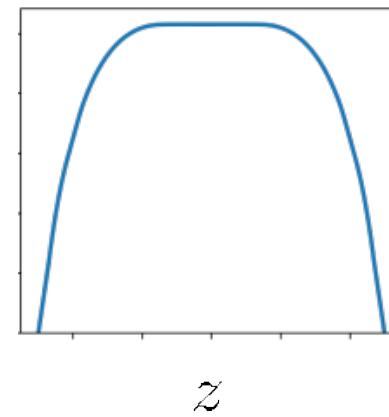


Apparatus dimensions

- Inlet diameter = 0.138 cm
- (x) Width = 15.2 cm
- (y) Height > Width
- (z) Gap between plates = 0.5 cm
 - This dimension is not resolved in computations
 - Drag force due to unresolved stress needs to be modeled



$$u_n = (u_x, u_y) \cdot \mathbf{n}$$



Drag model

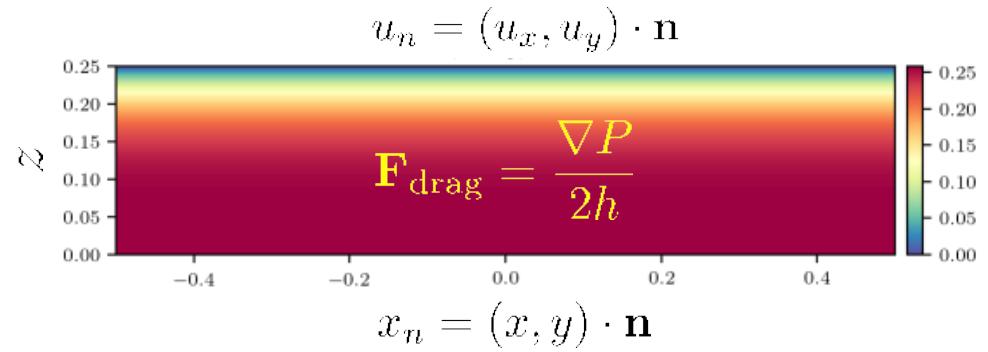


- Drag model accounts for force due stress caused by the presence of a shear gradient in the unresolved dimension
- Included in flow model as a momentum source term and has the following form:

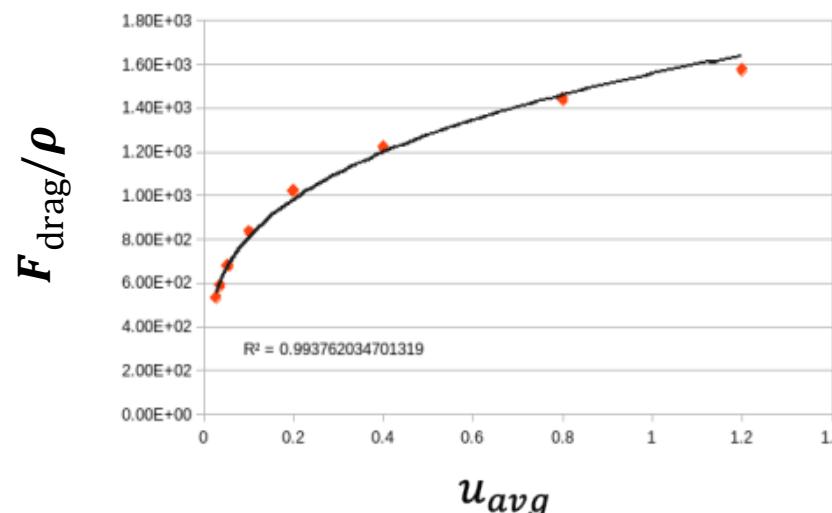
$$\mathbf{F}_{\text{drag},i} = a \mathbf{u}_i \left(\sqrt{|\mathbf{u}|^2 + \epsilon} \right)^{b-1}$$

a, b are fitted parameters, $\epsilon = 10^{-4}$

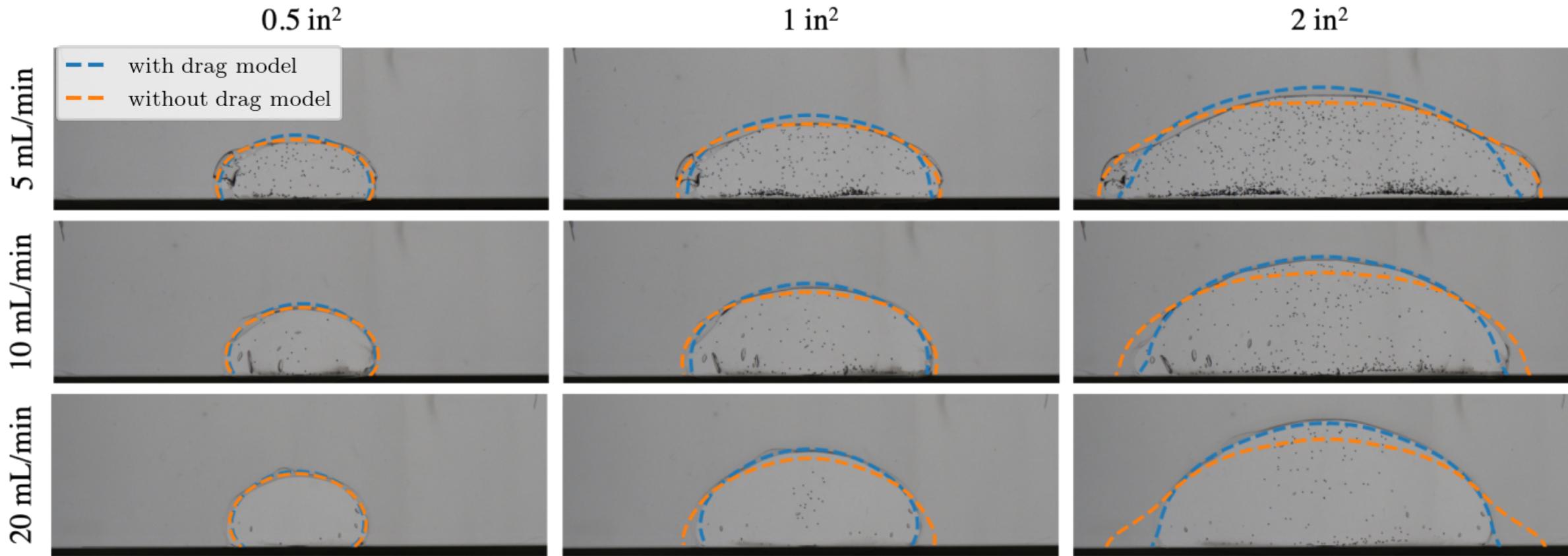
- Computations for obtaining drag model parameters are done with the Bingham-Carreau-Yasuda (BCY) generalized Newtonian model



1. Perform computations for a planar Poiseuille system over a range of ∇P values,
2. compute u_{avg} and average force due to shear stress, \mathbf{F}_{drag}
3. Obtain values of a, b via regression to get $\mathbf{F}_{\text{drag}}(u_{avg}; a, b)$

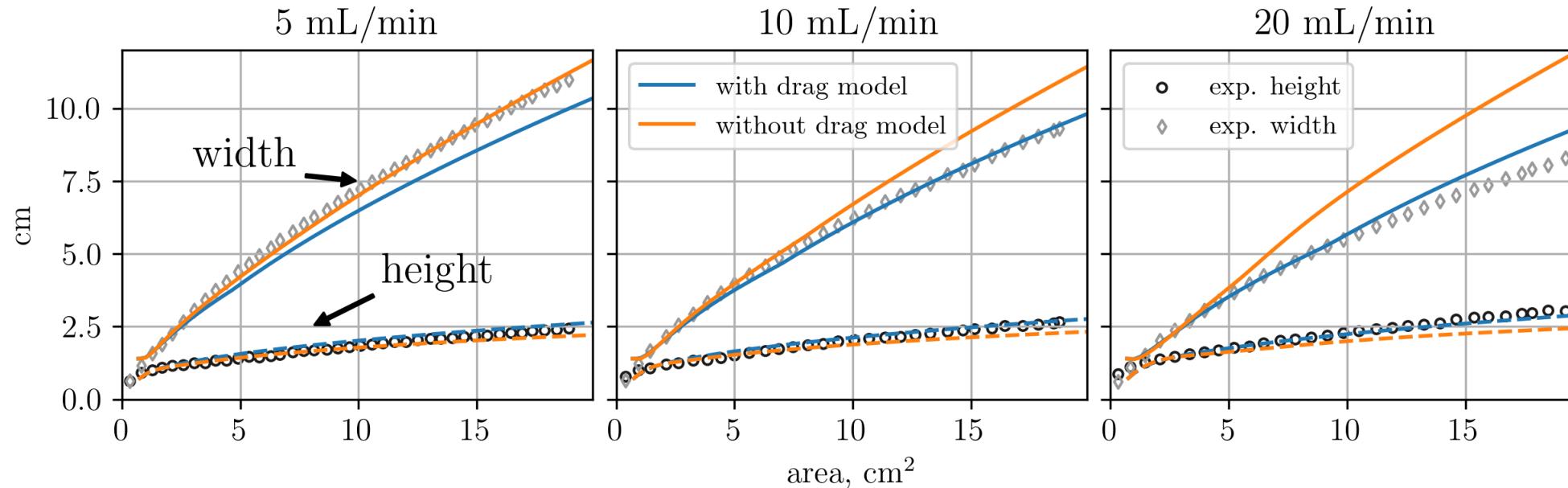


Comparing computed and observed droplet shapes



- Impact of including drag model is most apparent near the contact line
 - Drag model inhibits predicted fluid yielding near the contact line which inhibits droplet spreading
- Using the drag model improves accuracy of predicted shape for elevated flow rates

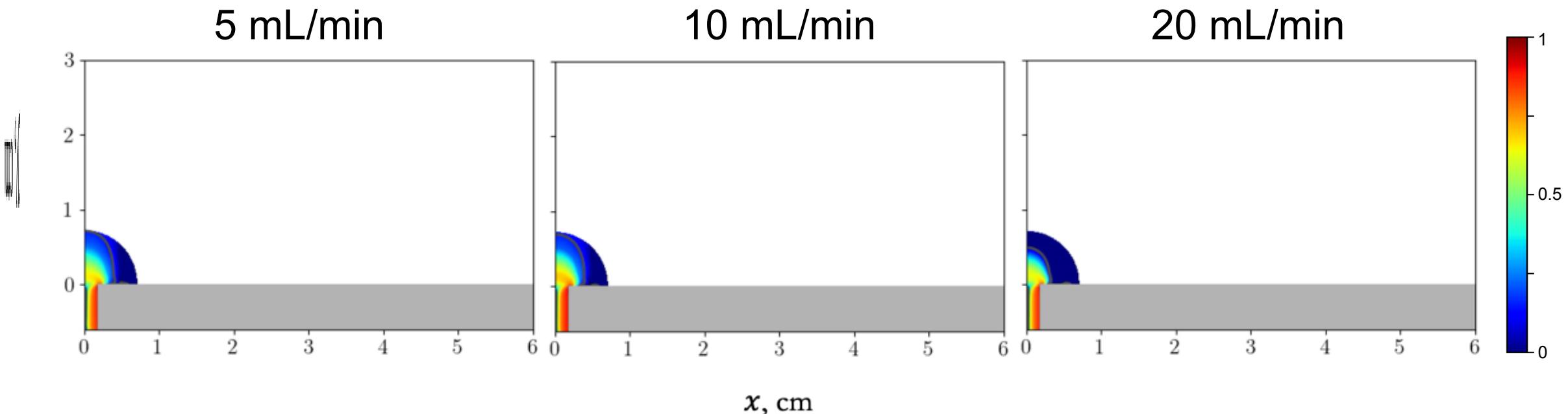
Comparing computed and observed blob dimensions



- Predicted droplet dimensions are more accurate when drag model is used for the 10 and 20 mL/min computations
 - 5 mL/min case performs worse with drag model; fitted BCY model likely overestimates the viscosity for this scenario

Computed Yield coefficient

$$\mathcal{S}(\boldsymbol{\sigma}, \tau_{\text{yield}}) = \max \left(0, \frac{|\boldsymbol{\sigma}_d| - \tau_{\text{yield}}}{|\boldsymbol{\sigma}_d|} \right),$$



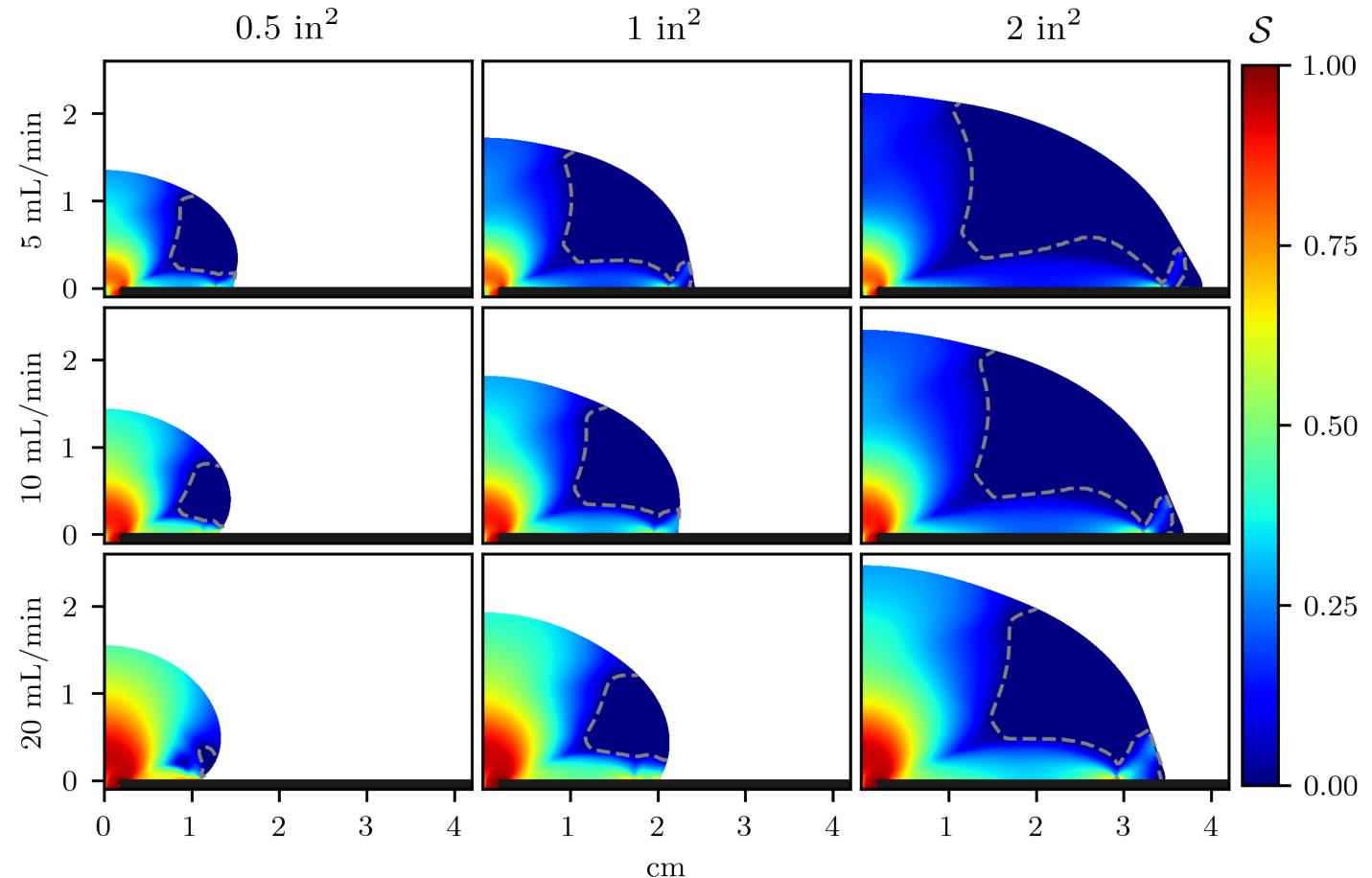
- Time is scaled by flow rate
- Gray lines indicate computed yield boundary

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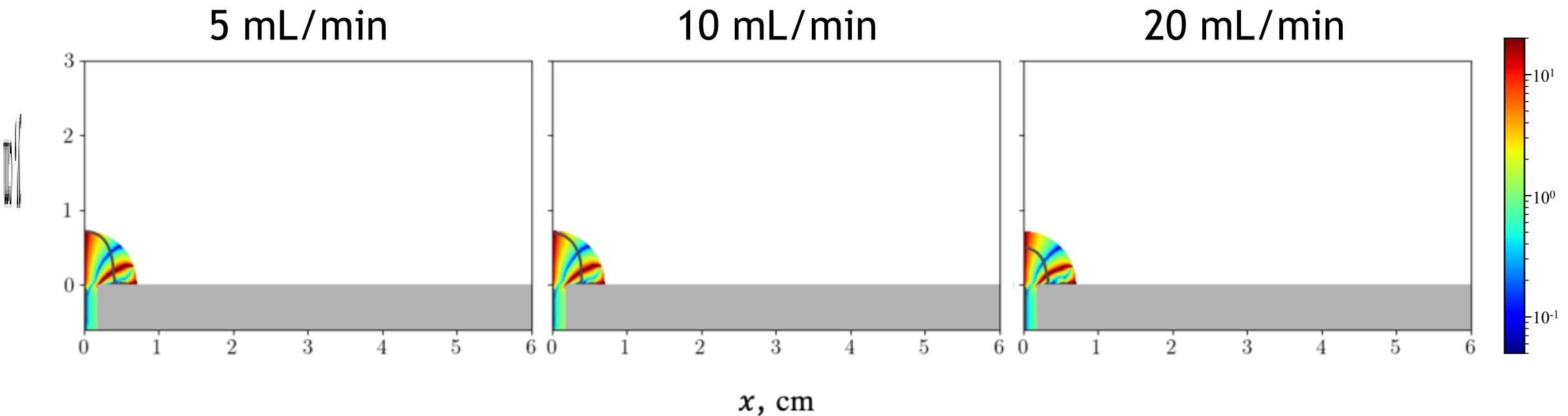
- For all scenarios, the unyielded fluid region within the droplet grows from the outer edge and upward as fluid is added to the domain
- Unyielded region remains at the outer edge of the droplet and above the high -shear region near the horizontal no-slip boundary



Local Weissenberg number



$$Wi = \frac{|\sigma_{xx} - \sigma_{yy}|}{|\sigma_{xy}|}$$

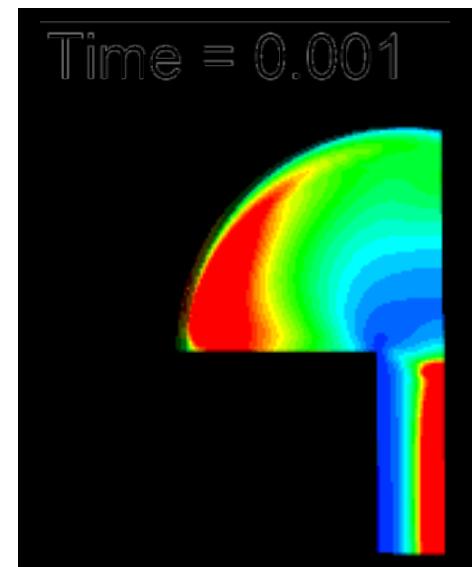
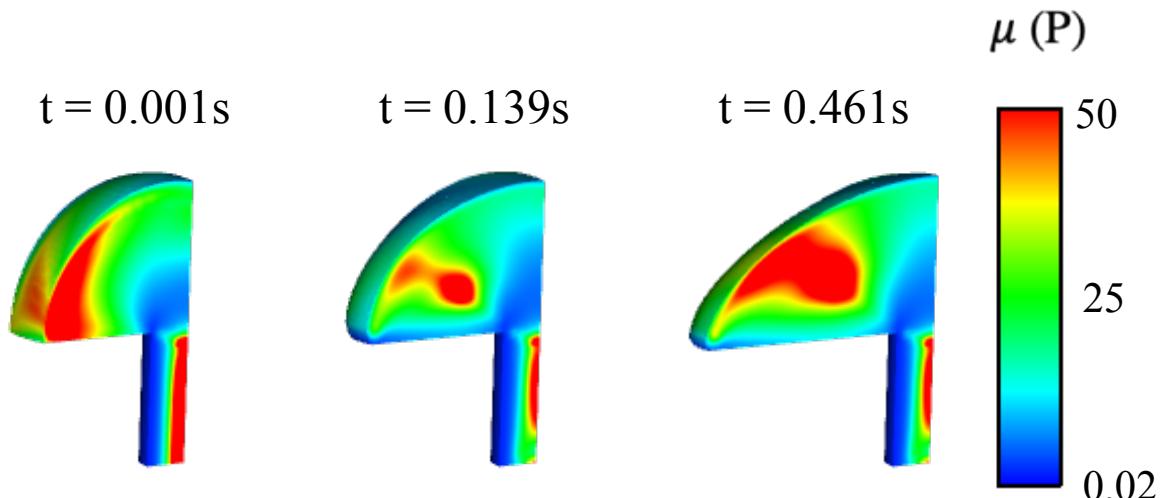


- Computations suggest that alternating regions of normal stress dominant behavior appear in growing droplets

Work in progress: 3D level set computations



- **Shown:** BCY model for 0.08% Carbopol
- All apparatus boundaries are resolved → wall drag model not necessary
 - Can be used to determine the efficacy of the drag model used in 2D computations
- In the future:
 - 3D Level set computations with the Saramito EVP model
 - 3D ALE computations



Conclusions and Future work



- Computations using Saramito stress model implementation agree with
 - Analytical solution to planar Poiseuille flow
 - Published experimental data
- Demonstrated capability to simulate free surface (mold filling) flows of a yielding fluid
 - Accuracy of blob shape predictions are improved overall by including an unresolved drag model
 - Drag model worsened at the lowest flow rate considered, possibly due to over predicting the viscosity
- Working on:
 - Computations over a range of fluid properties for the mold filling scenario
 - Coupling yield stress to local structure
 - Extending model to full three-dimensional analysis