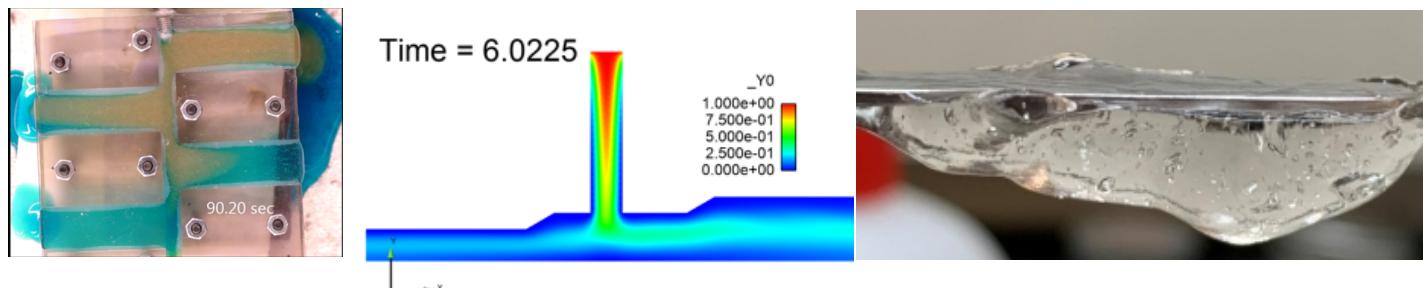




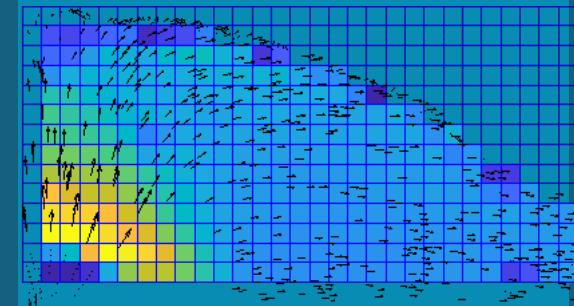
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# Two- and three-dimensional simulations of an elastoviscoplastic material in a thin mold-filling geometry



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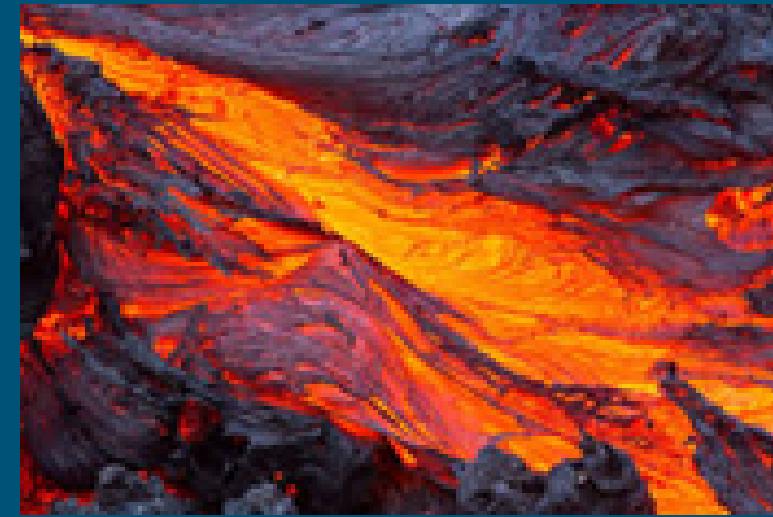
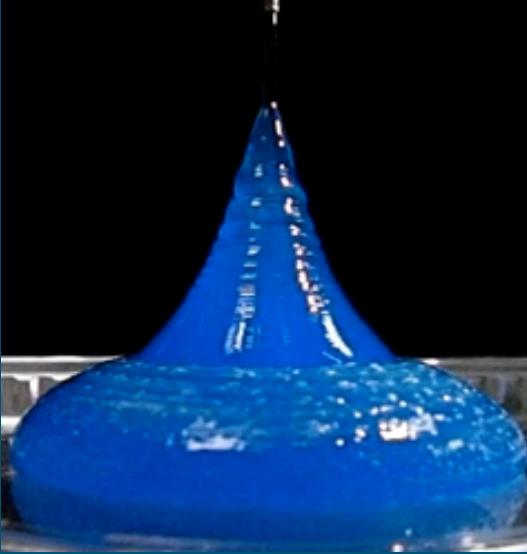
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# Motivation for studying yielding fluids



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

# Develop computational models for free-surface flows of yield stress fluids



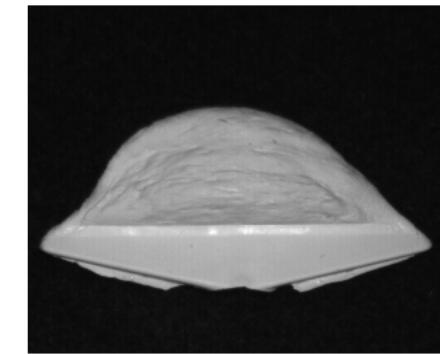
## Why is this needed?

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

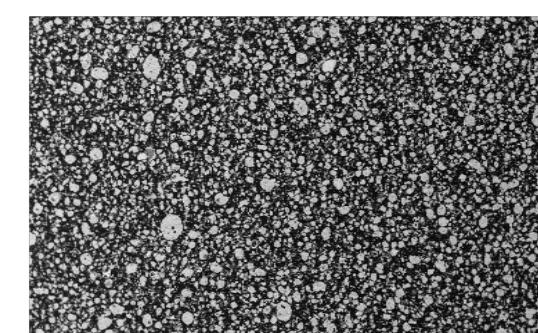
## Current state-of-the-art in production codes:

- 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.



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



Target system: solidifying continuous phase with particles and droplets (e.g. polyurethane foams)

# 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

$$\frac{1}{G} \left( \frac{\partial \boldsymbol{\sigma}}{\partial t} + \nabla \boldsymbol{\sigma} \right) + \left[ \frac{1}{k |\boldsymbol{\sigma}_d|^{n-1}} \right]^{\frac{1}{n}} \mathcal{S}(\boldsymbol{\sigma}, \tau_y) \boldsymbol{\sigma} = 2\dot{\gamma}$$

Herschel-Buckley (HB)-Saramito yield model

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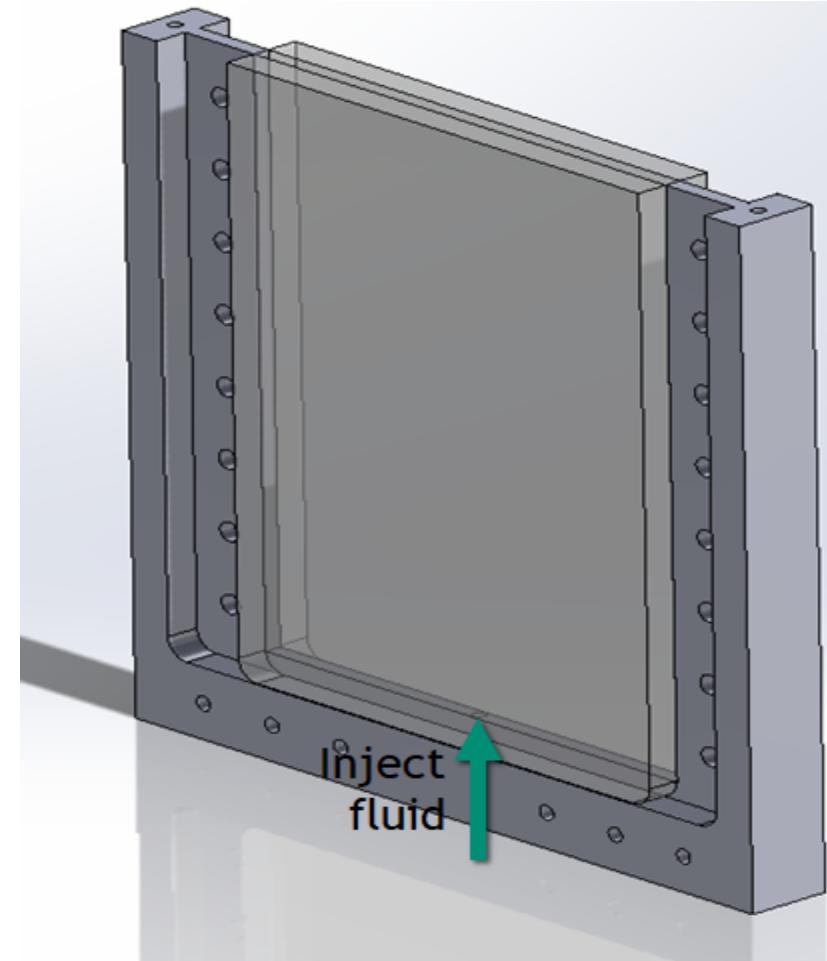
Solve with Finite Element Method for  $\mathbf{u}$ ,  $P$ ,  $\boldsymbol{\sigma}$  and  $\dot{\gamma}$  tensors

# Mold filling geometry: flow between two thin plates

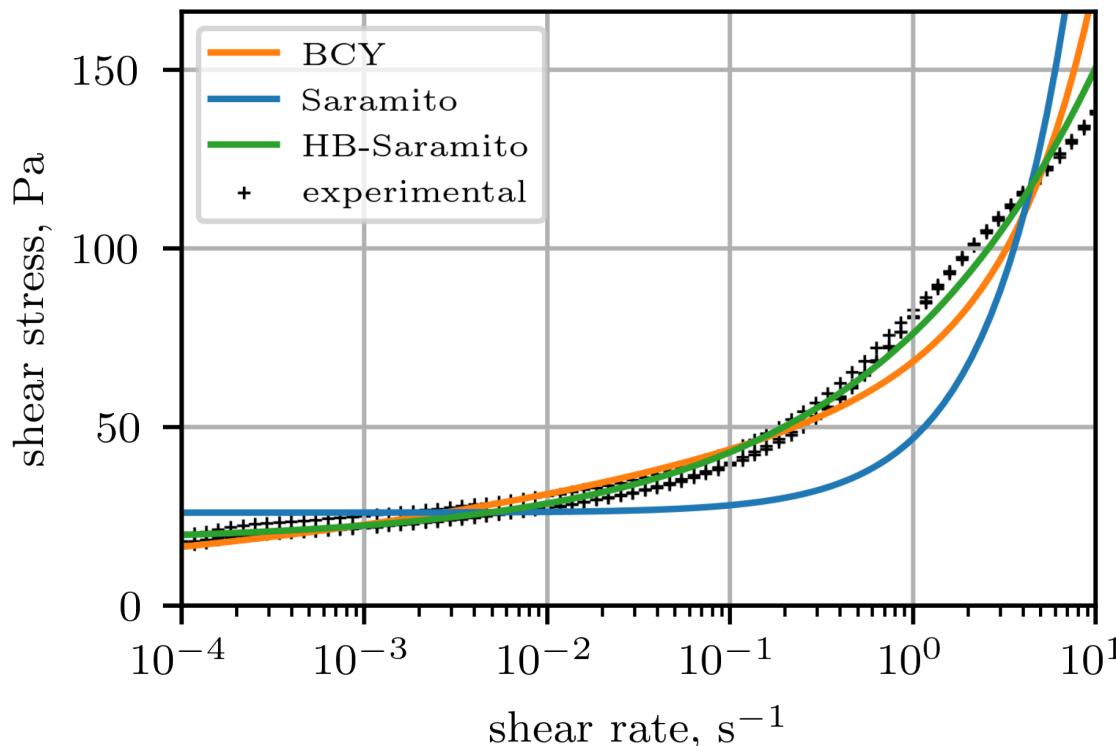


## Apparatus dimensions

- 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 2D in computations
  - Drag force due to unresolved stress needs to be modeled in some manner



# Characterization of Carbopol and parameter fitting



## Bingham-Carreau-Yasuda (BCY)

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

$\mu_0$ , (Pa·s)	$\mu_\infty$ , (Pa·s)	$b$ (s⁻¹)	$a$	$n$	$\tau_y$ , (Pa)	$R^2$
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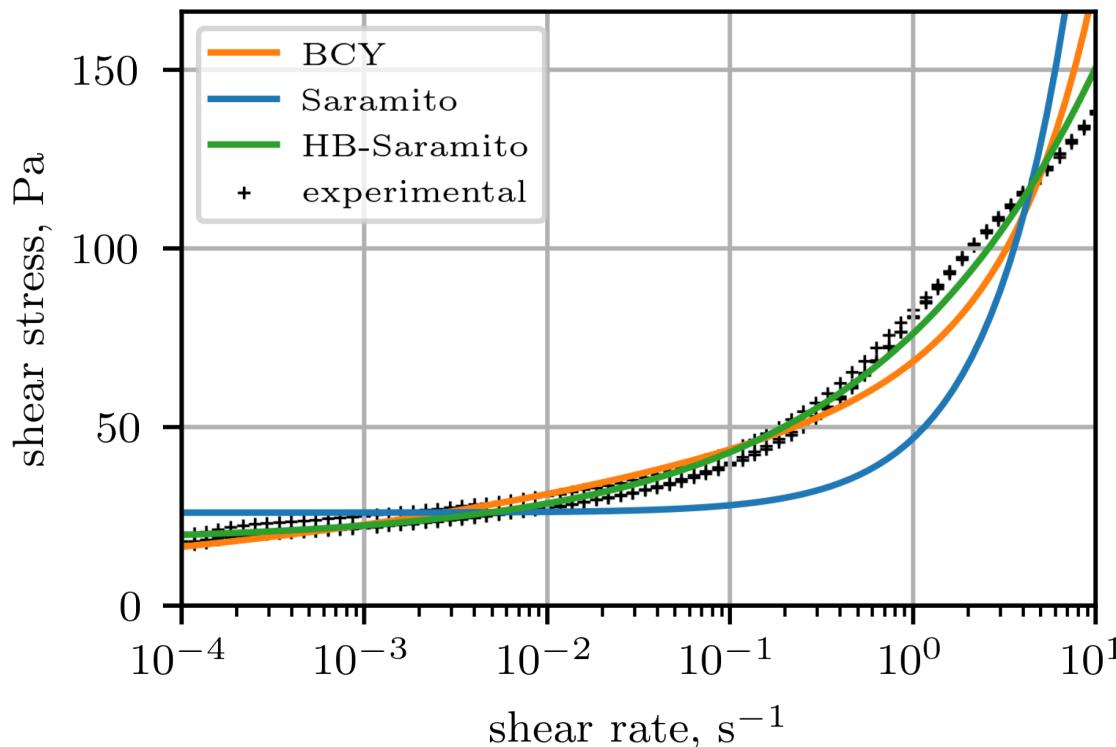
## Saramito-Oldroyd-B

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Saramito	$\text{== 1}$	52.85	32.10	576.9	0.889 <sup>(*)</sup>
HB-Saramito	0.368	58.9	17.89	576.9	0.991

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

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- Fit for constant viscosity Saramito model done with  $\dot{\gamma} \leq 2$  s⁻¹

# 3D mold filling simulations

## Constitutive models

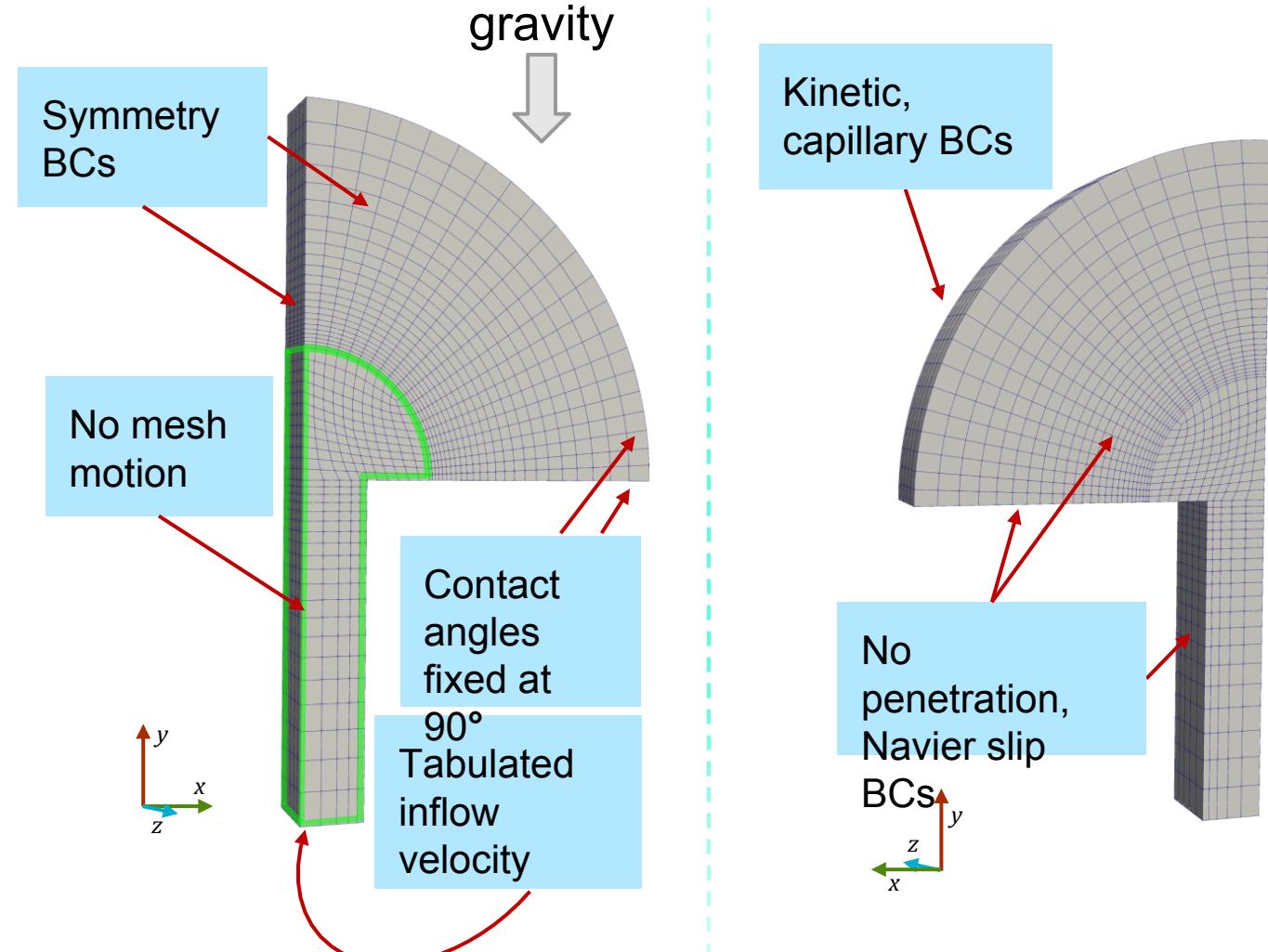
- Bingham-Carreau-Yasuda (generalized Newtonian)
- Saramito-Oldroyd-B
  - Constant viscosity
  - Herschel-Buckley (HB)

## Computations

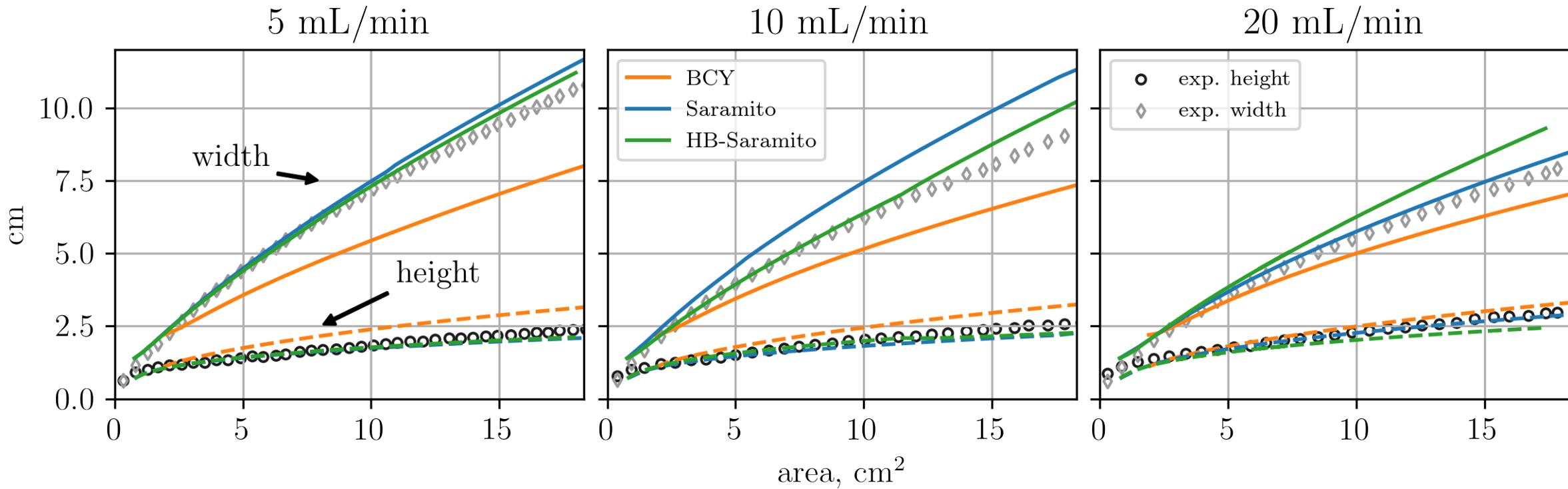
- Finite element method in Goma
- Arbitrary Eulerian-Lagrangian moving mesh framework
- Remeshing done every  $\sim$ 30 timesteps

## Validation Experiments

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

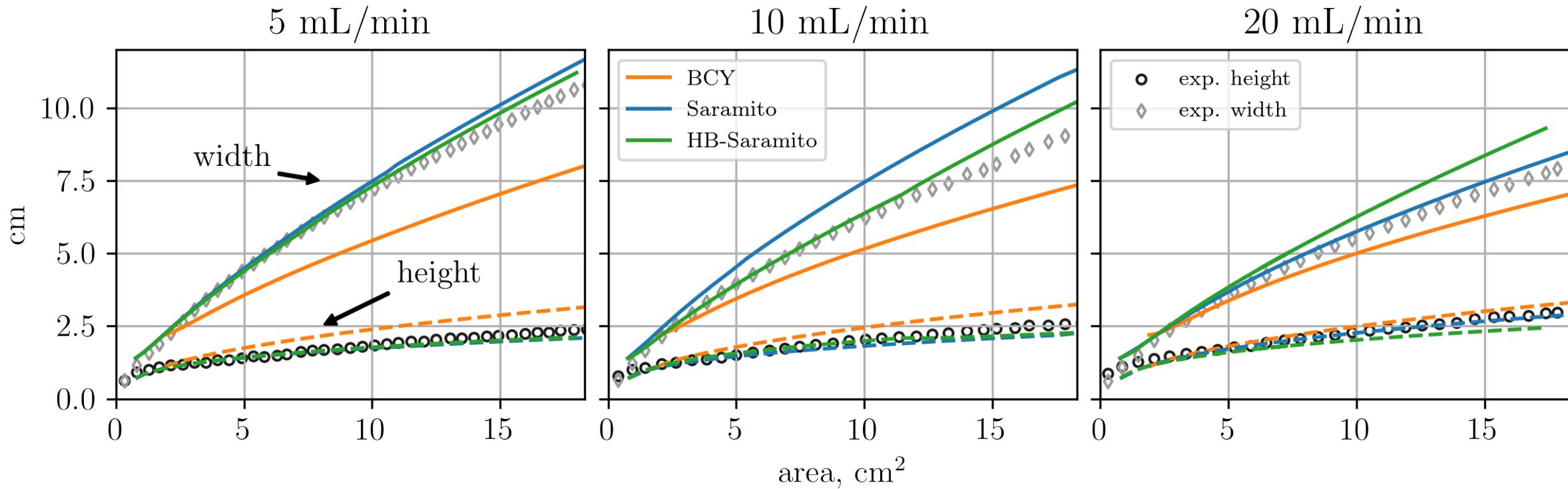


# Droplet dimensions computed from 3D simulations



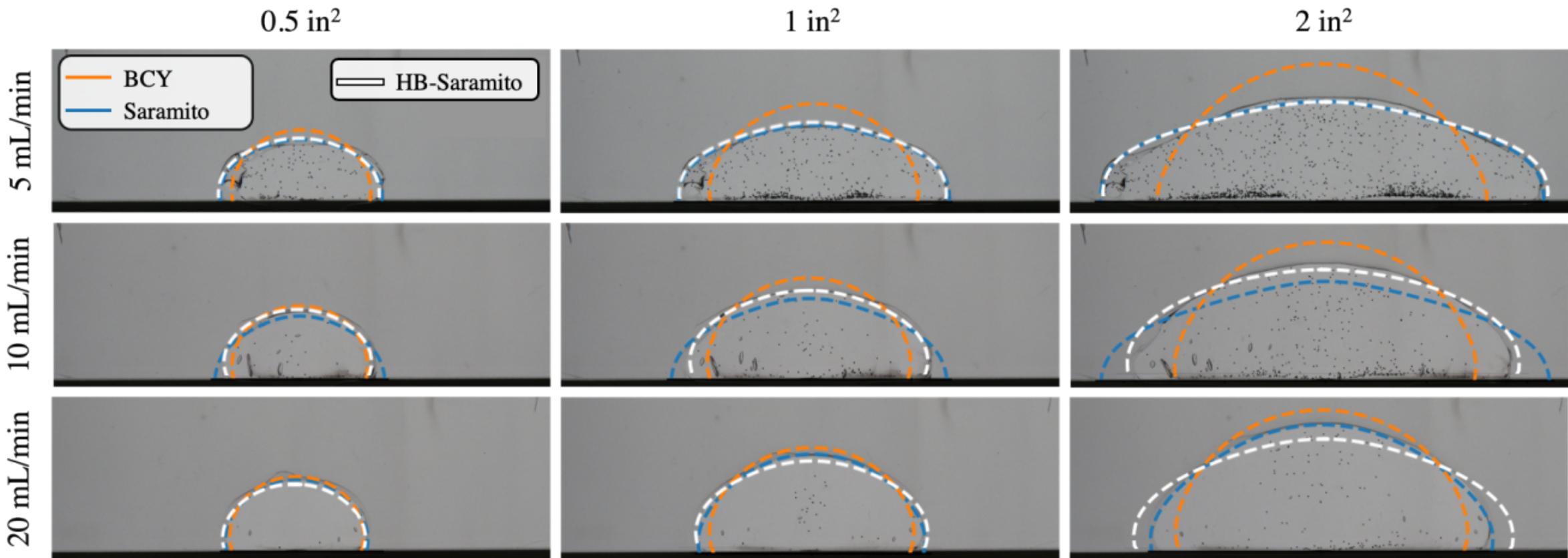
- Droplet height predictions for both flavors of the Saramito accurately capture droplet height.
  - Constant viscosity variant performs a bit better at the highest flow rate considered
- BCY model tends to overestimate droplet height

# Droplet dimensions computed from 3D simulations



- HB-Saramito model accurately predicts width for 5, 10 mL/min inflow, but overestimates at higher flow rates.
- BCY model substantially underestimates droplet width at low to moderate (5-10 mL/min) inflow.

# Droplet shape computed from 3D simulations

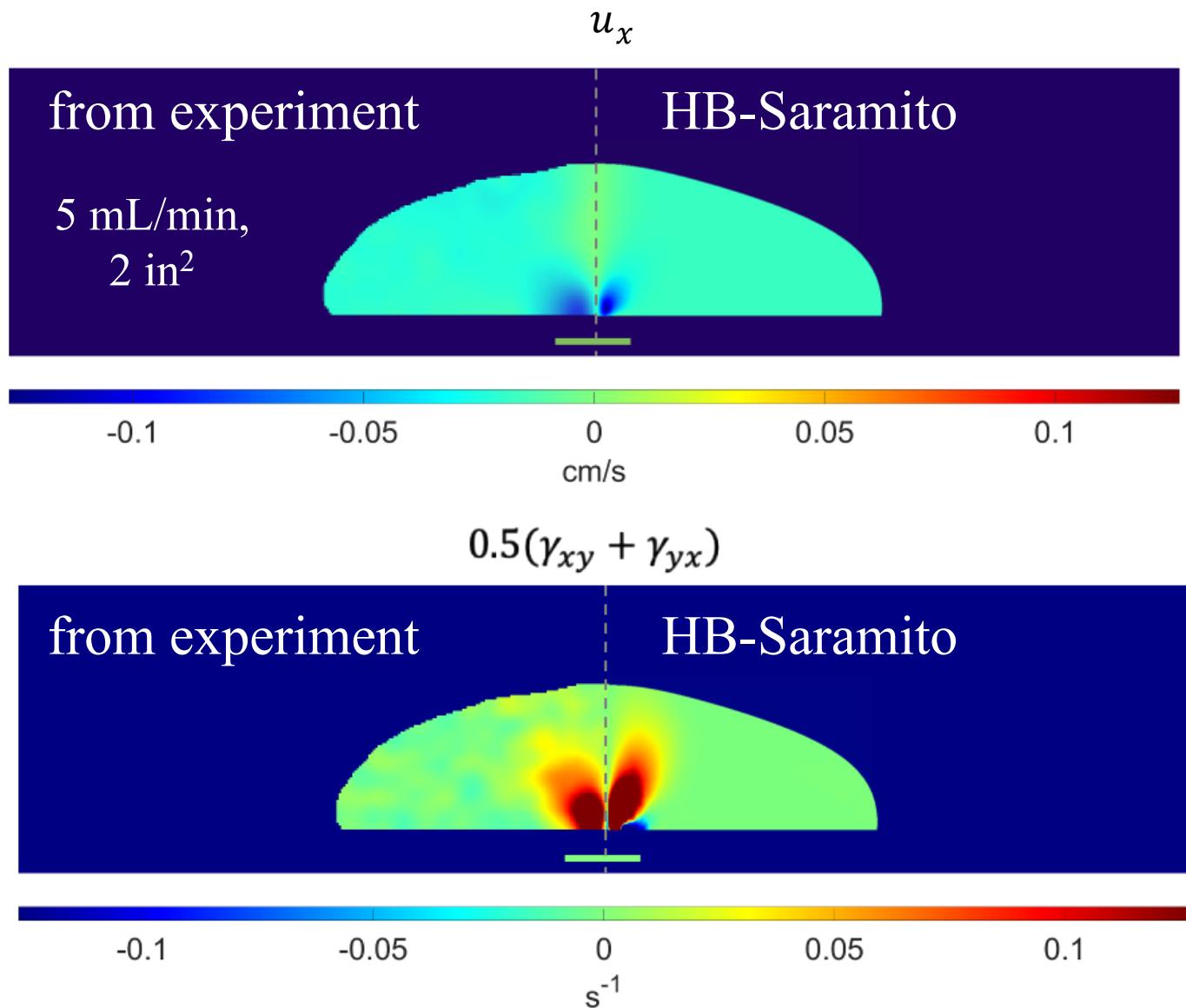


- Experimental droplet transitions from round triangular as volume is increased.
  - For a fixed droplet volume, higher flow rate leads to a rounder droplet.
- The Saramito and HB-Saramito models predict this behavior (though imperfectly).
  - BCY model struggles to show transition to a triangular shape at larger volumes.

# Comparison experimental shear and velocity maps to computations



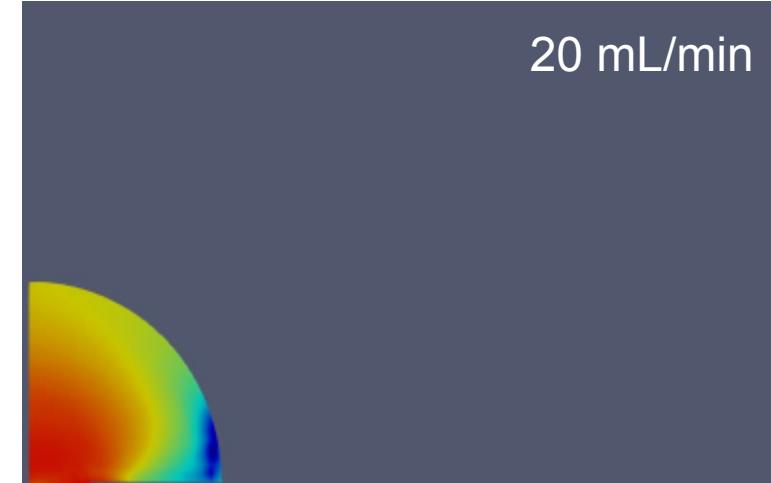
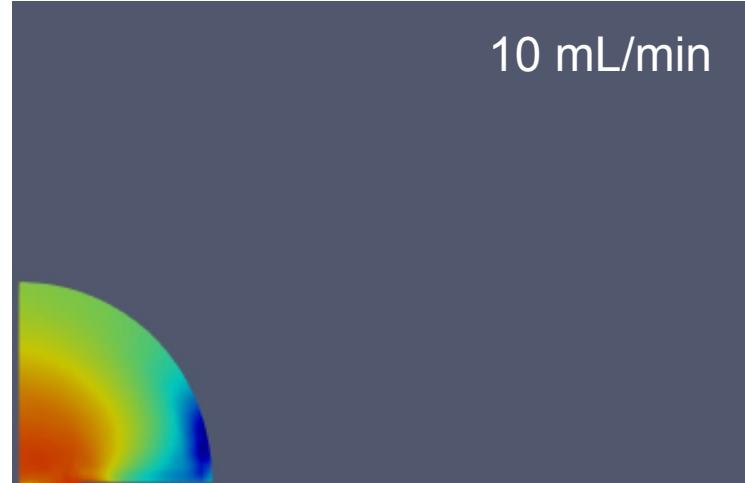
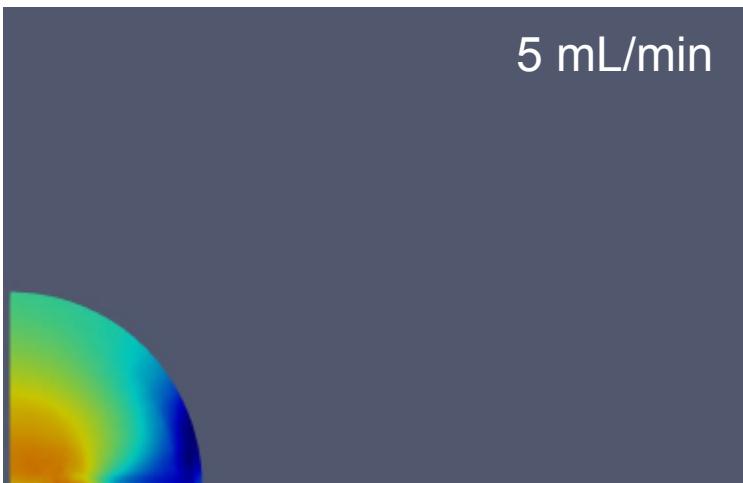
- For the available data, x-velocity and shear rate computed by the HB-Saramito model are generally in agreement with experimental values
- Differences manifest near the inlet region:
  - Near-wall velocity is underestimated
  - Computations predict a shear-rate reversal which is not observed experimentally
  - This indicates slip near the inlet is underestimated



# Yield coefficient computed by HB-Saramito model



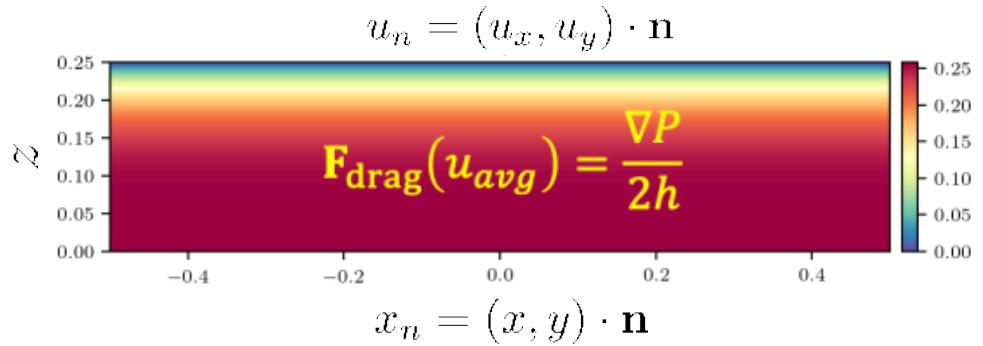
$$S(\sigma, \tau_y) = \max \left( 0, \frac{|\sigma_d| - \tau_y}{|\sigma_d|} \right)^{\frac{1}{n}}$$



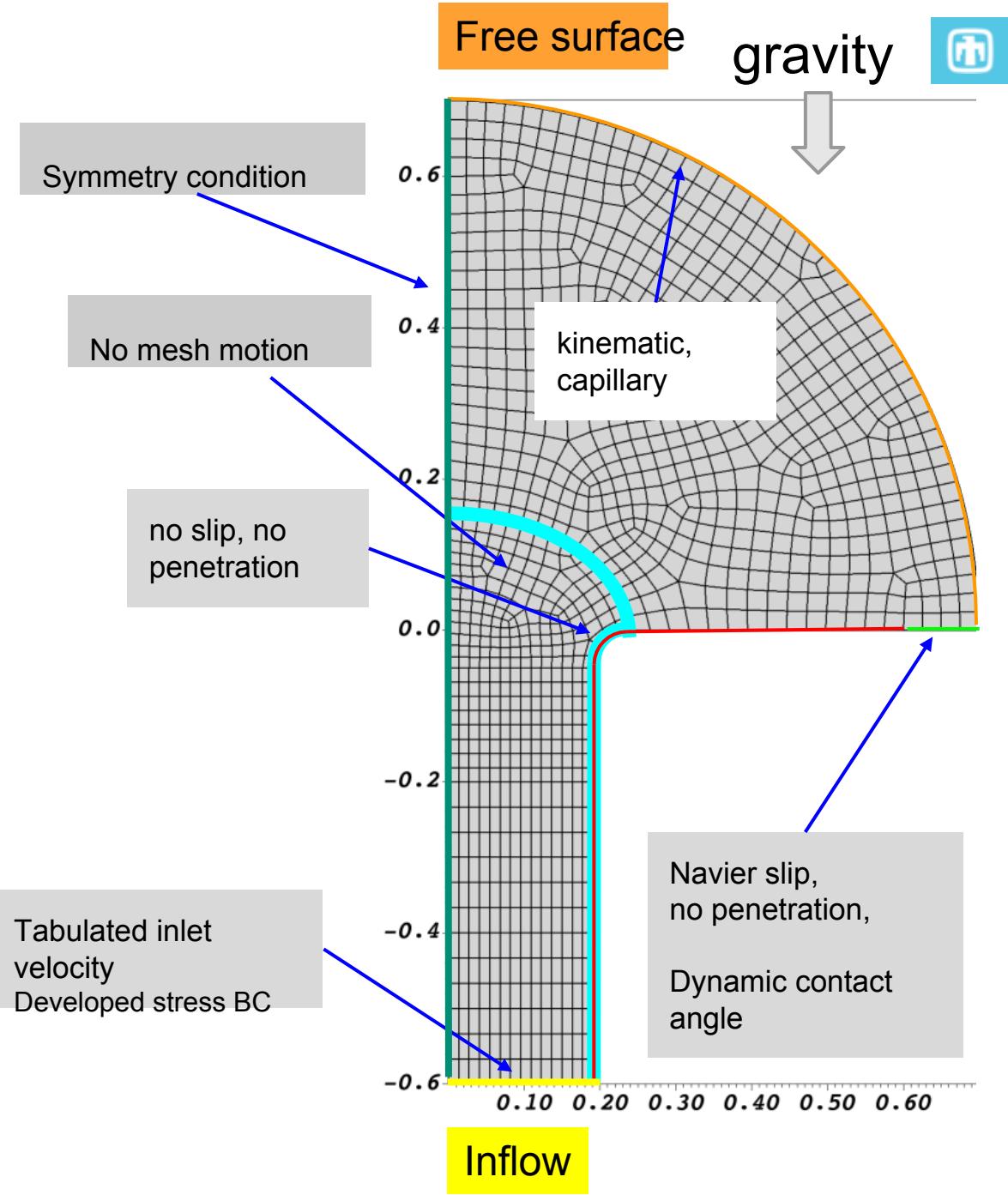
- $S = 0$  indicates solid-like behavior,  $S > 0 \rightarrow$  fluid-like
- Unyielded region ( $S = 0$ ) appears near the edges of the droplet and grows as the volume increases
- Increasing flow rate is associated with a larger degree of fluid-like behavior, particularly near the fluid inlet.

# 2D mold filling simulations

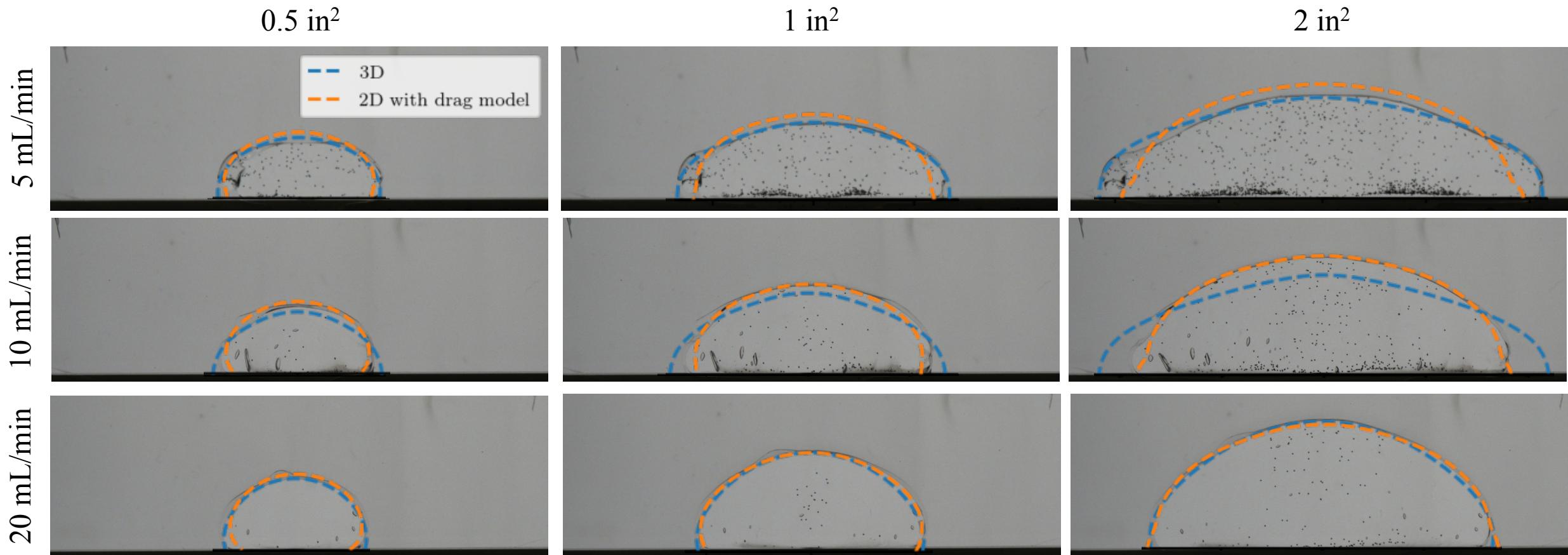
- 2D computations are substantially cheaper, but require a model for unresolved stresses – we model these stresses through a source term on the momentum equations ( $\mathbf{F}_{\text{drag}}$ )
- Model for  $\mathbf{F}_{\text{drag}}$  calibrated from planar Poiseuille computations run over a range of  $\nabla P$  values,



- Boundary conditions imposed for 2D simulations are similar to 3D computations



# Comparing computed and observed droplet shapes (constant viscosity Saramito model)



- Accuracy of 2D computations with the drag model is similar to 3D results for less than 1/10 of the computational cost.

# Summary and conclusion



- Both Saramito and HB Saramito models yielded accurate predictions for droplet height.
  - Predicting droplet width is more difficult – both EVP models considered were more accurate than the BCY model, though neither Saramito-type model was decisively more accurate than the other.
  - Shear rate and horizontal velocity computed from the HB-Saramito model generally agree with available experimental data.
    - Noticeable differences near the fluid inlet likely due to underestimation of local fluid slip on boundaries.
- 2D computations with constant viscosity Saramito model + drag model work well
  - Yield droplet shapes comparable to analogous 3D computations at less than 1/10 the cost.
- Ongoing efforts:
  - Hele-Shaw and level set implementations of EVP models
  - Computations over a range of fluid properties for the mold filling scenario
  - Confined free-surface flows over an obstruction



# Extra slides

# Drag model

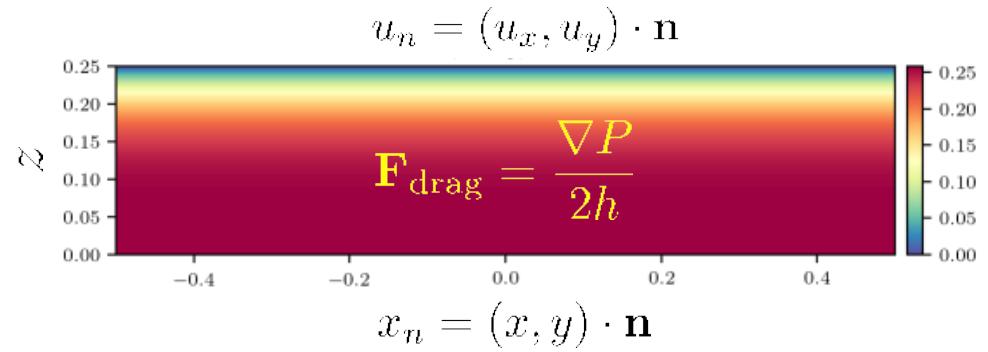


- Drag model accounts for force due stress caused by the presence of a shear gradient in the unresolved dimension
- Included in flow model as a momentum source term and has the following form:

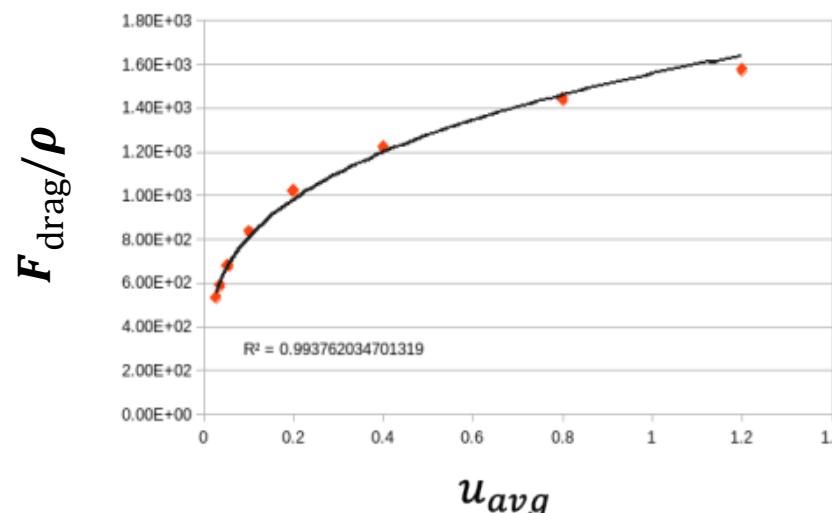
$$\mathbf{F}_{\text{drag},i} = a \mathbf{u}_i \left( \sqrt{|\mathbf{u}|^2 + \epsilon} \right)^{b-1}$$

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

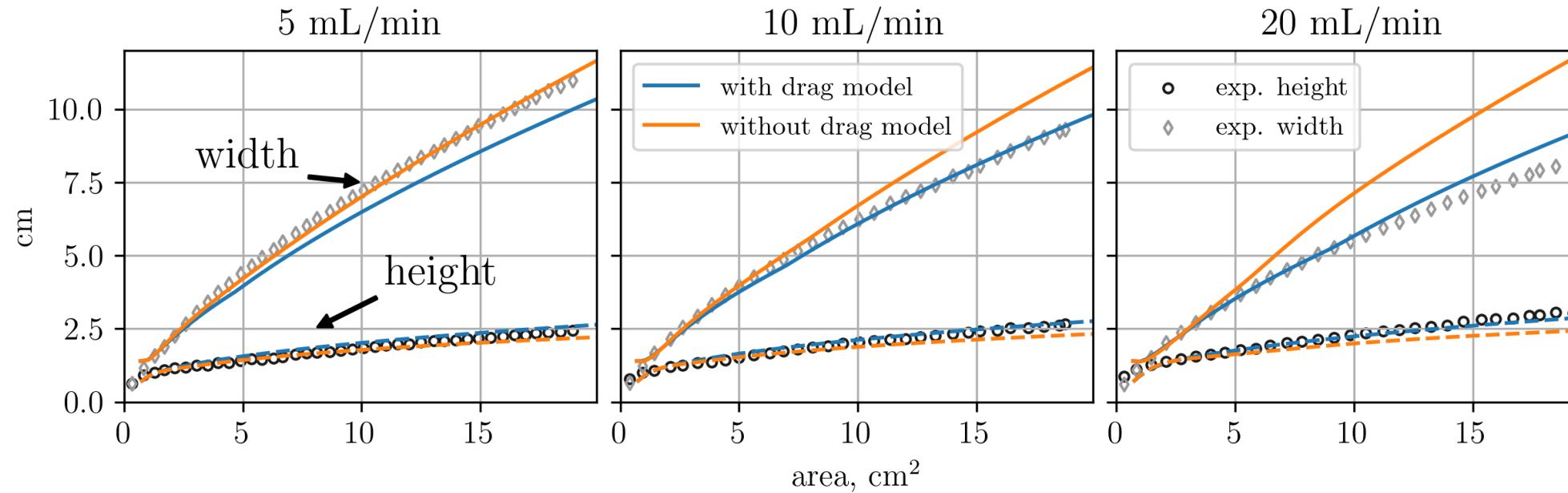
- Computations for obtaining drag model parameters are done with the Bingham-Carreau-Yasuda (BCY) generalized Newtonian model



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



# Comparing computed and observed blob dimensions (Saramito model)



- 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

# Confined free-surface flow around an obstruction



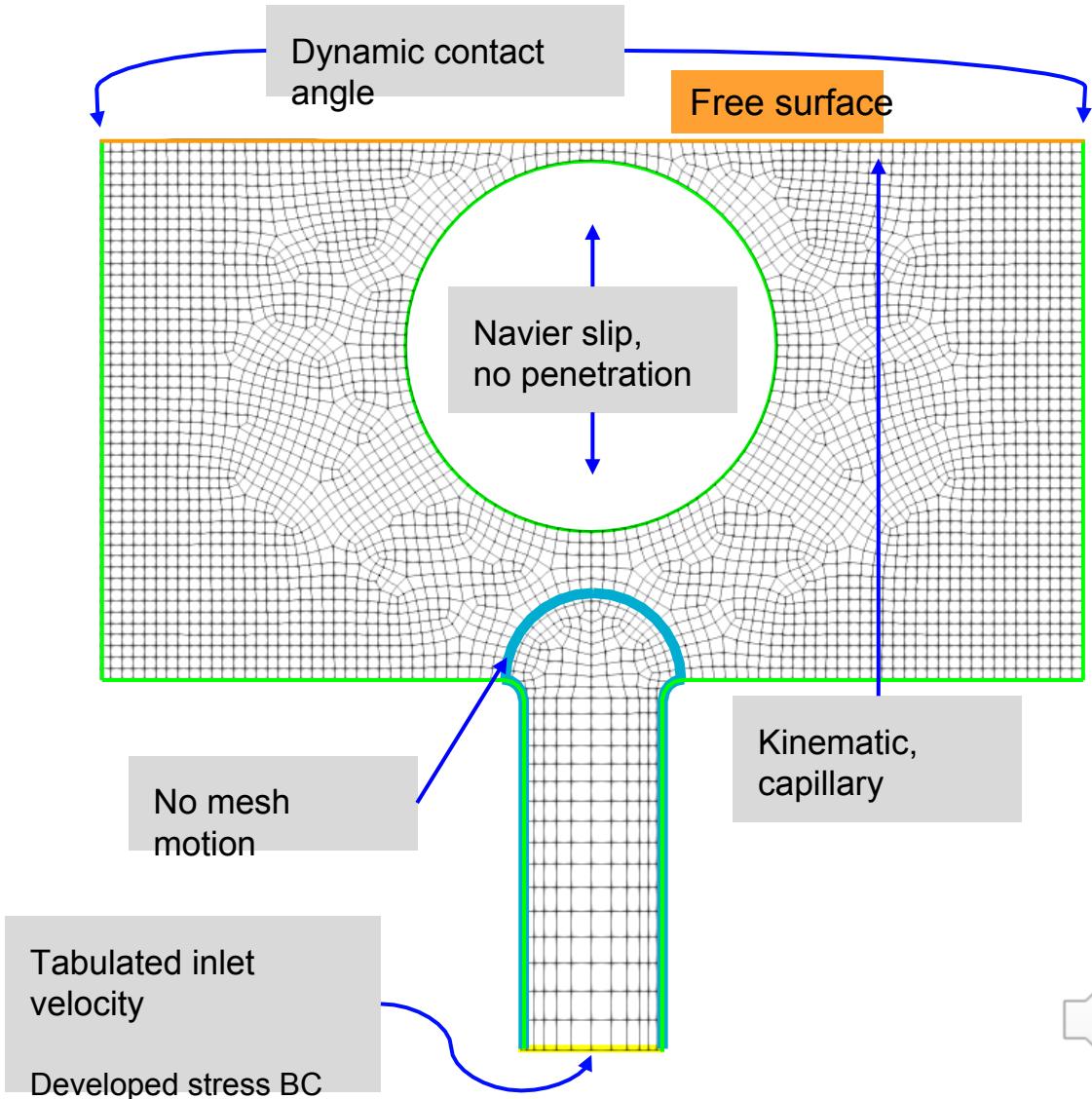
## Constitutive model

- Herschel-Bulkley Saramito-Oldroyd-B (EVP)

$$\frac{1}{G} \left( \frac{\partial \sigma}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot \sigma \right) + \left[ \frac{1}{k|\sigma_d|^{n-1}} S(\sigma, \tau_y) \right]^{\frac{1}{n}} \sigma = 2\dot{\gamma}$$

- Parameters (0.3% Carbopol):
  - $\tau_y = 21.35$  Pa
  - $n = 0.495$ ,
  - $k = 59.6$  Pa·s $^n$
- Cylinder diameter: 10 cm
- Domain width : 2.75 cm

Validation Experiments – *work in progress*

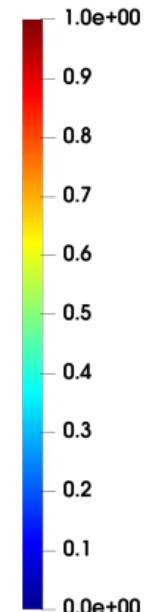
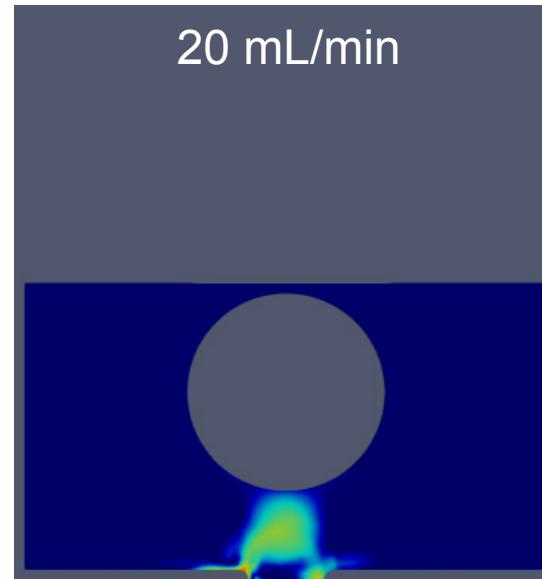
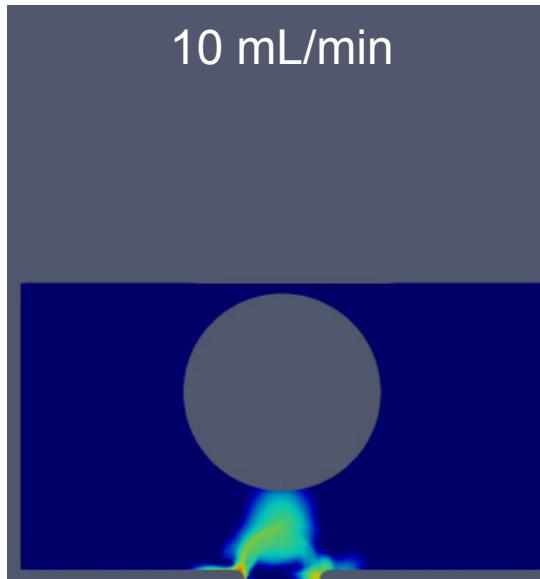
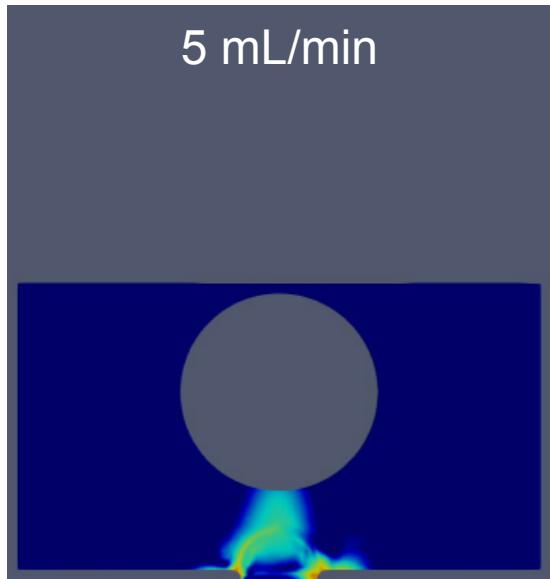


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- Yielded regions within the domain shrink and eventually vanish as the flow rate is increased from 5 to 20 mL/min
- Computations suggest that a bubble forms near the top of the obstruction at elevated flow rates (>5 mL/min)

