

# Basic fluid-solid interaction experiments

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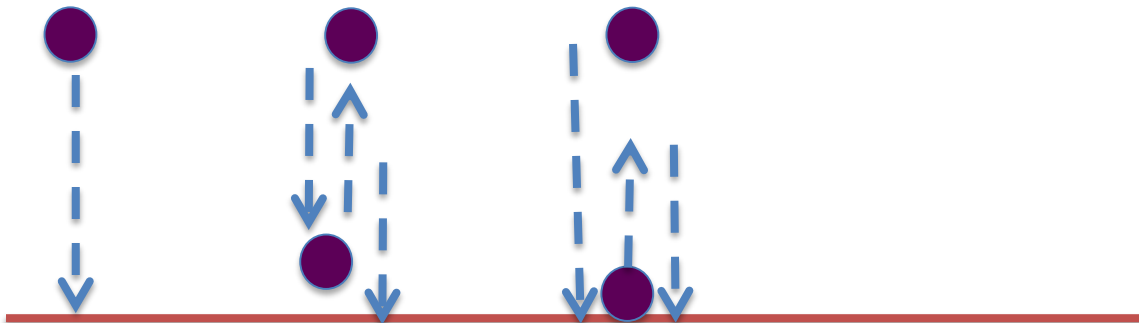
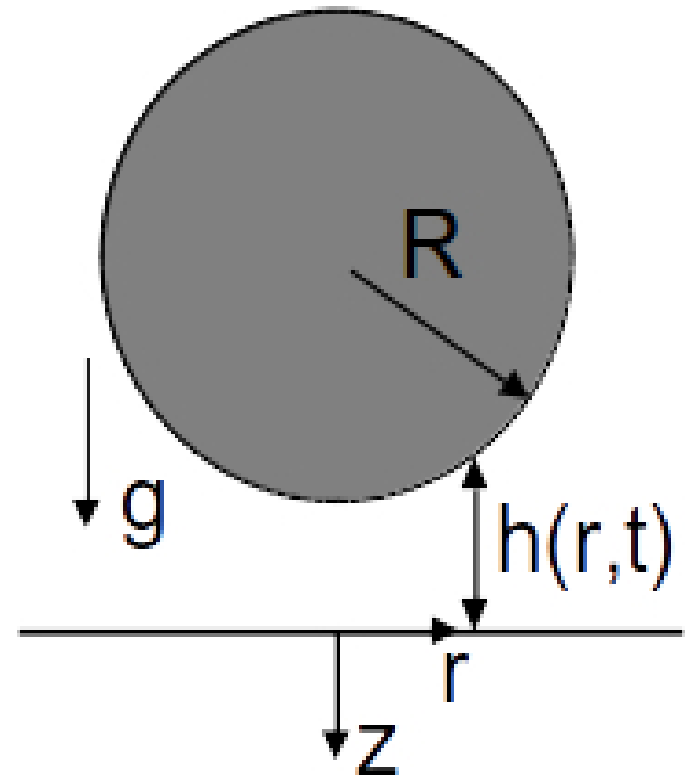
Work of Sumit Birwa and Ganga Prasath

with Narayanan Menon

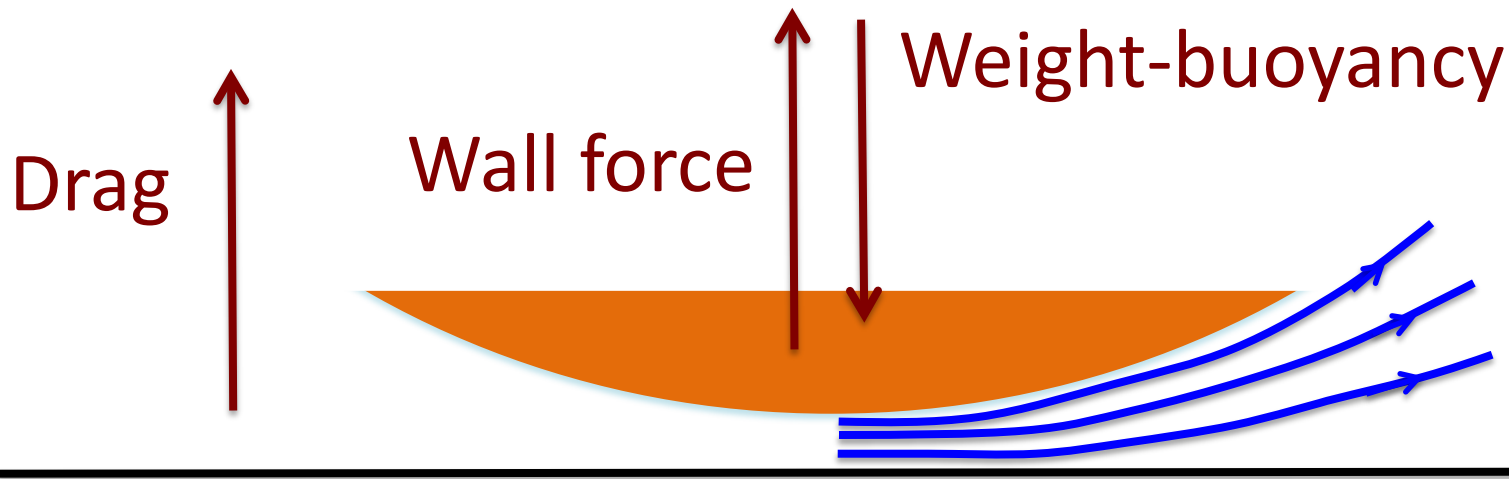
# Ball falling in viscous fluid



Sumit Birwa



# Will the ball touch the floor?

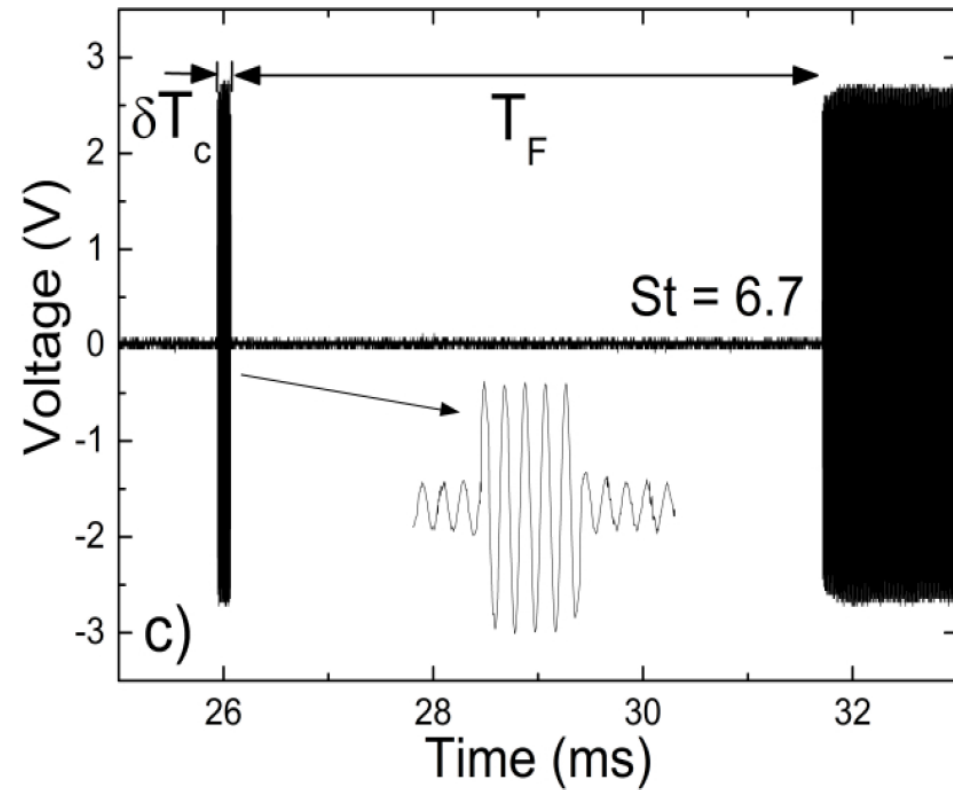
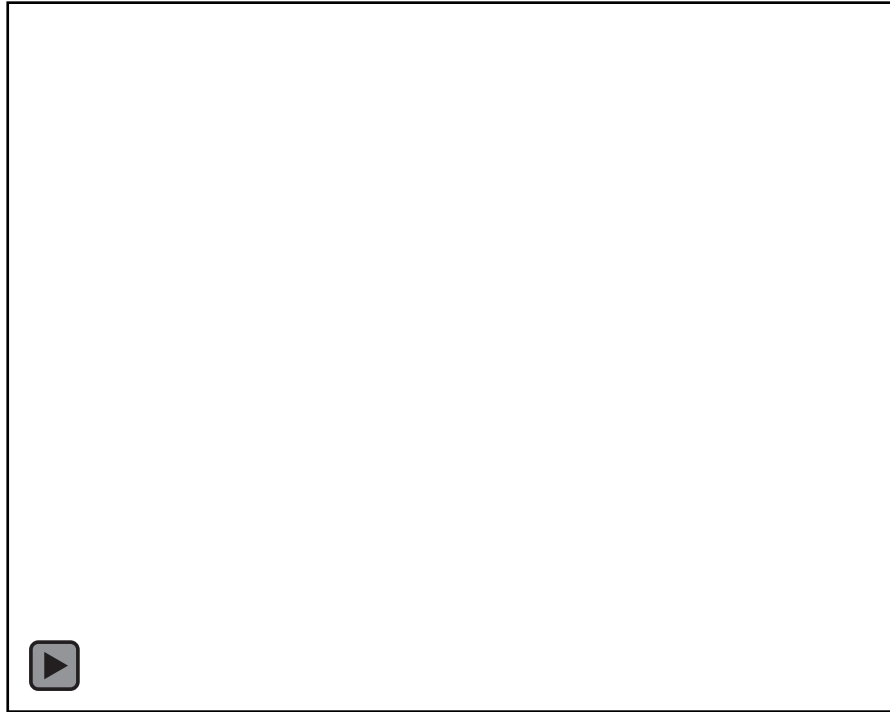


*Davis et al., J Fluid Mech 1985*

Lubrication theory: it will not

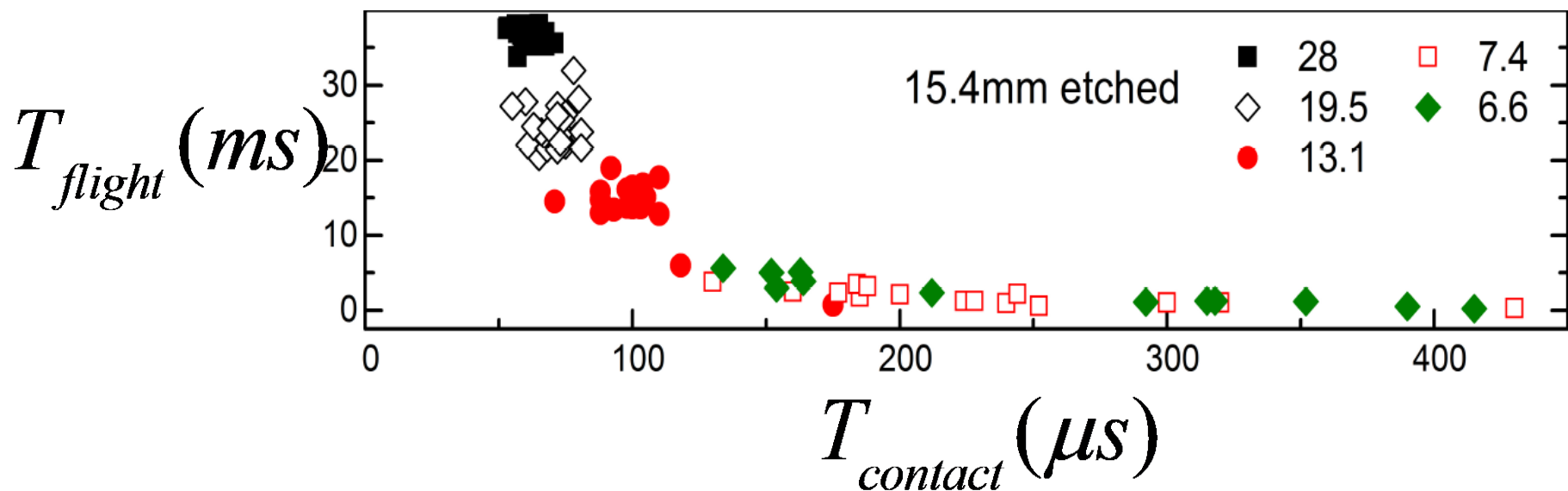
$$p(r, t) = -\frac{3\mu R\dot{h}_0(t)}{h^2(r, t)}$$

# Experiment: electrical contact



*Birwa et al. 2018*

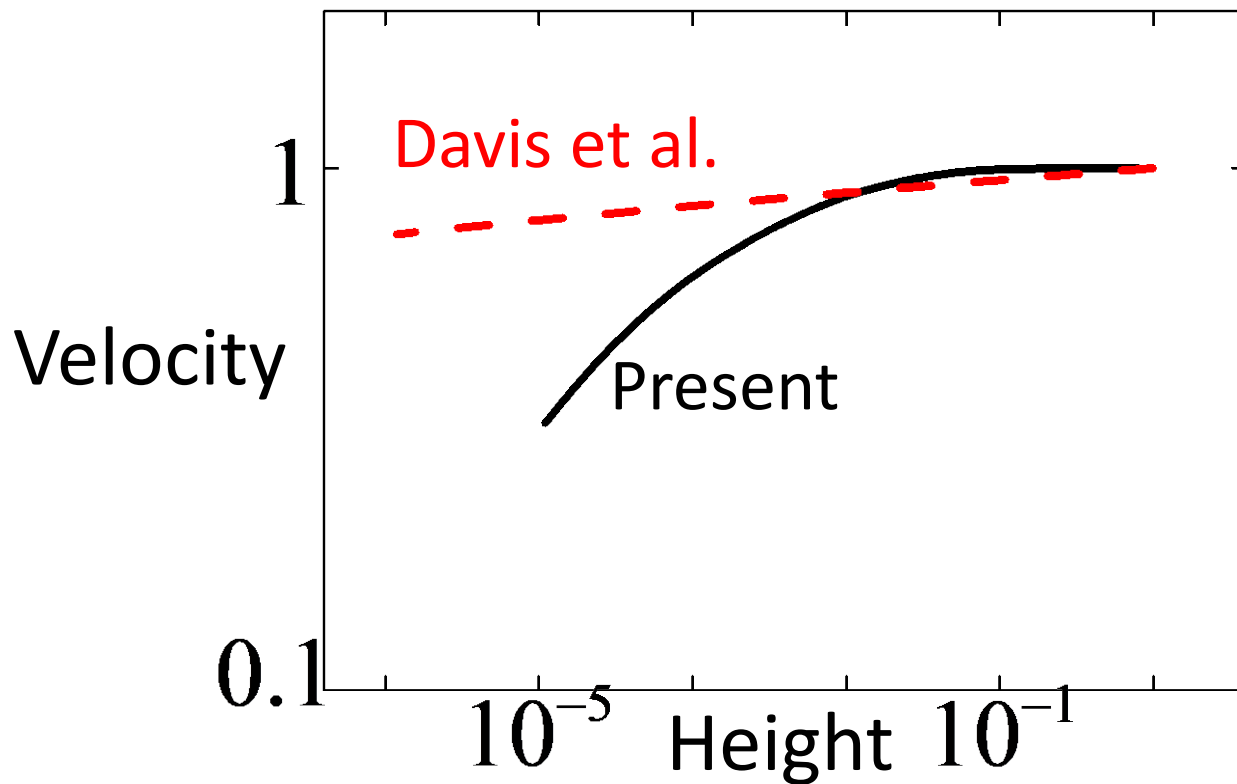
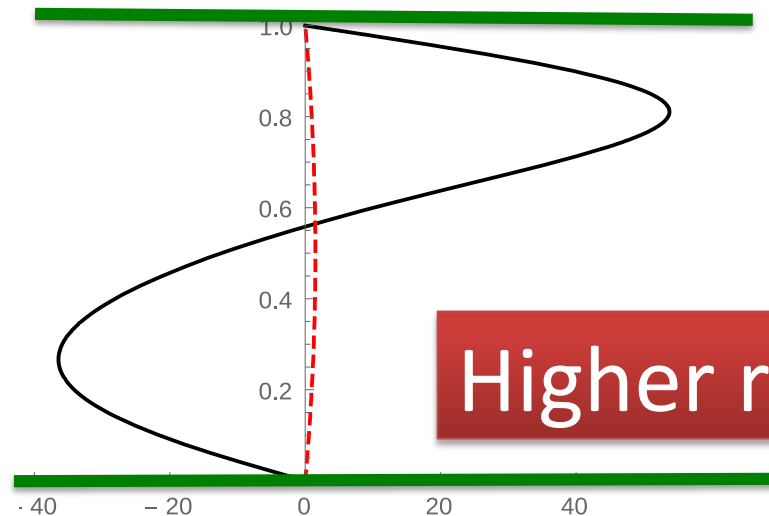
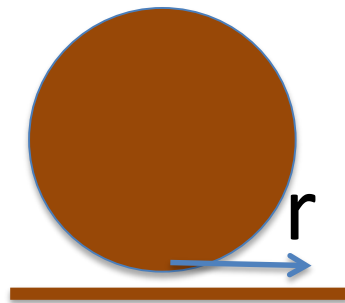
## Example result



'Boundary-layer' approximation: weakly non-similar profile

$$\left[ \frac{h\dot{\zeta}}{h_o} \psi_{\eta\eta\zeta} - \eta\psi_{\eta\eta\eta} + \frac{h}{h_o} \psi_{t\eta\eta} + \left( \frac{\ddot{h}_o h}{\dot{h}_o^2} - 2 \right) \psi_{\eta\eta} - \frac{2\pi(h - h_o)}{rh} (\psi_{\eta}\psi_{\eta\eta\zeta} - \psi_{\zeta}\psi_{\eta\eta\eta}) \right. \\ \left. - 2\pi \left( \frac{h'}{r} \frac{2h_o - h}{h} - \frac{2(h - h_o)}{r^2} \right) \psi_{\eta\eta}\psi_{\eta} + \frac{2\pi h'}{r} \psi\psi_{\eta\eta\eta} \right] = \frac{1}{Re} \left[ \frac{1}{hh_o} \psi_{\eta\eta\eta\eta} + \epsilon \right] \quad (119)$$

Very low  $r$



# Flexible filaments on fluid interfaces

S Ganga Prasath



*Prasath et al., Phys. Rev. Fluids 2016*



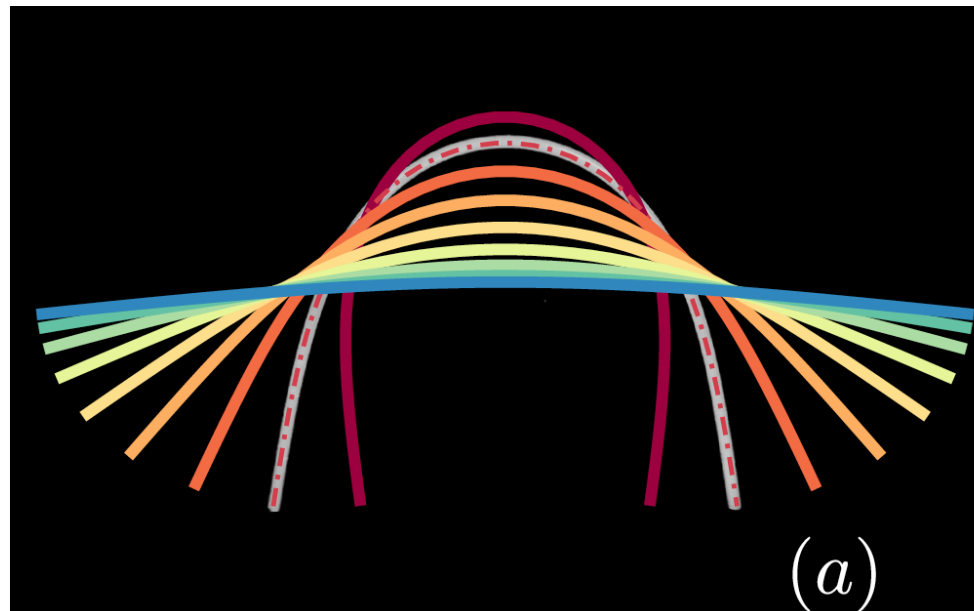
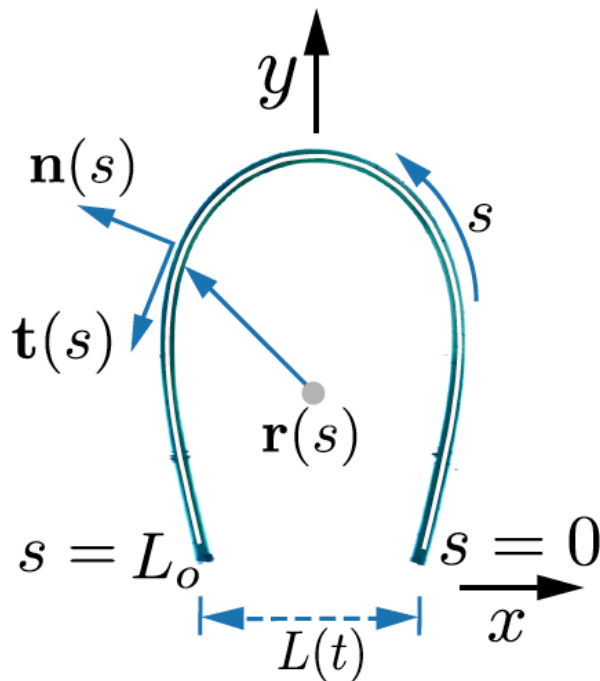
# Parameter-free nonlinear equations: role of tension

$$\tau = \frac{8\pi\mu L_0^4}{B}$$

Drag from slender body theory  
Length conserved

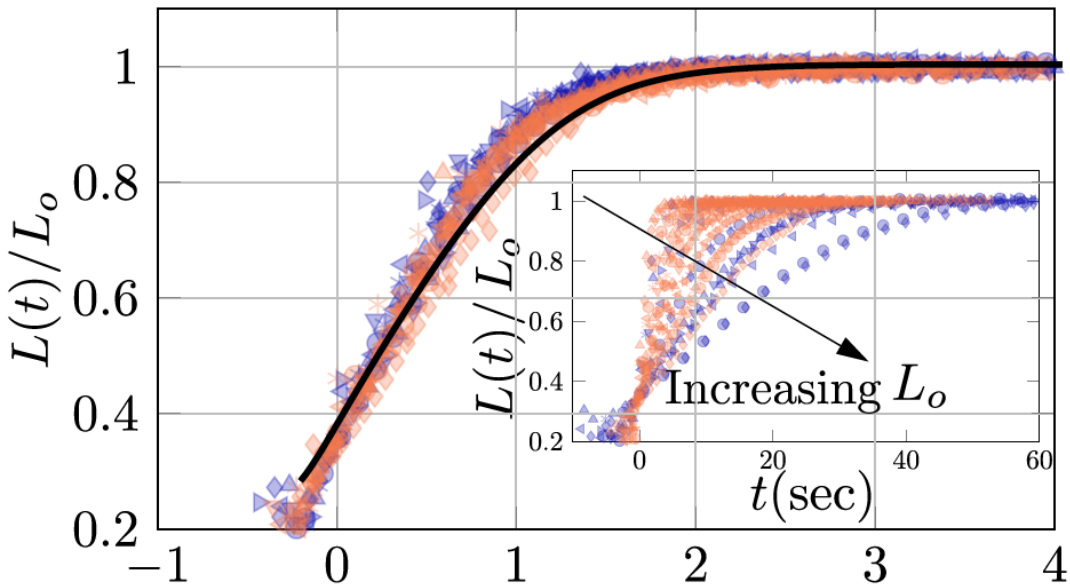
$$(\partial_{ss} - |\mathbf{r}_{ss}|^2)T(s) = -(3|\mathbf{r}_{sss}|^2 + 4(\mathbf{r}_{ss} \cdot \mathbf{r}_{ssss}))$$

$$\mathbf{r}_t = -\mathbf{r}_{ssss} + \partial_s [T(s)\mathbf{r}_s]$$





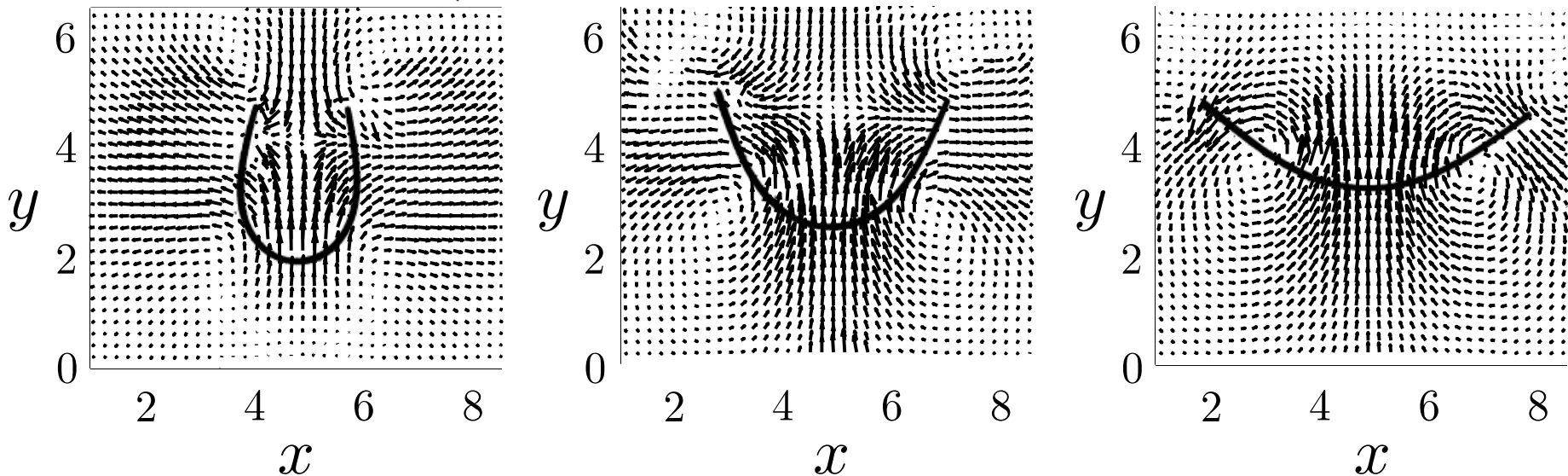
# Collapse over a factor of 26



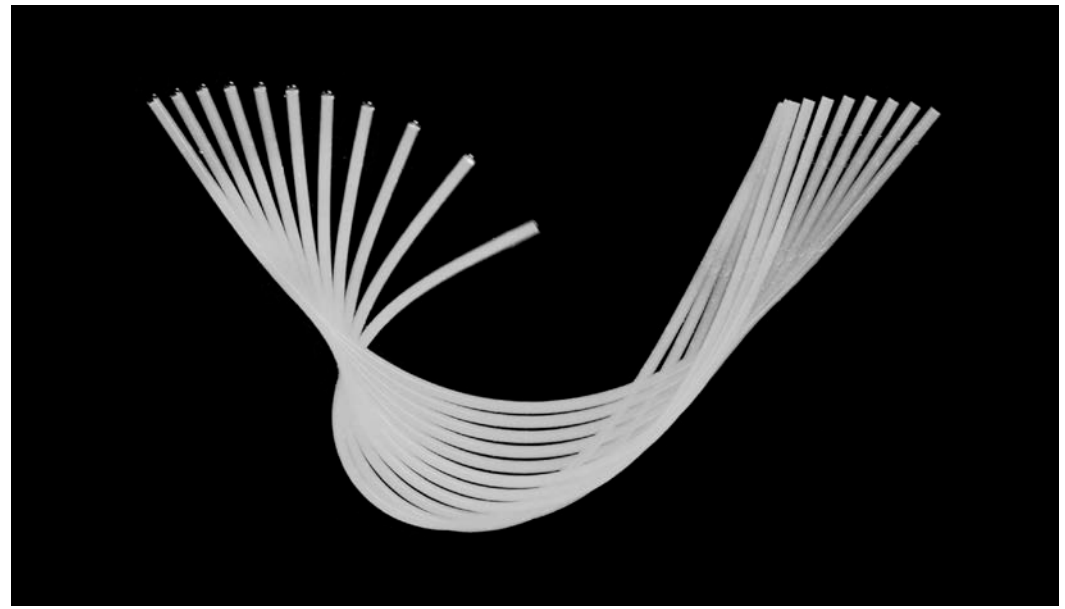
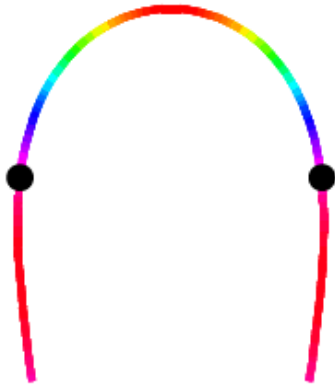
Expt. relaxation faster than theory  
Both much faster than  $\tau$

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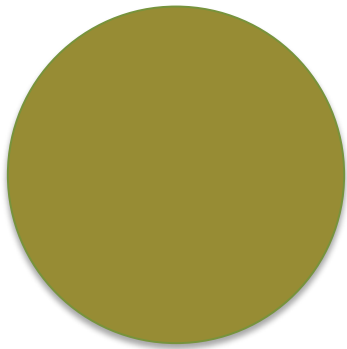
(b)  $t/\tau \cdot 10^{-2}$



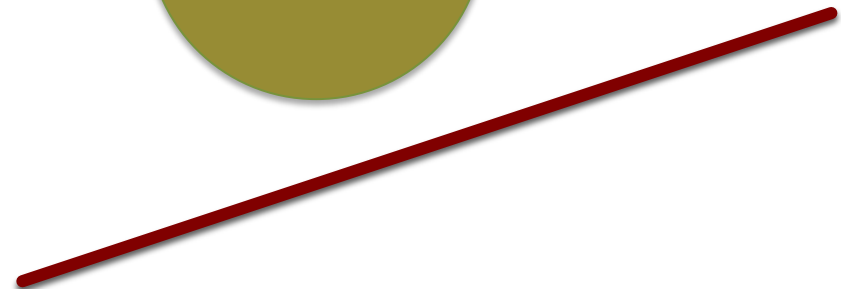
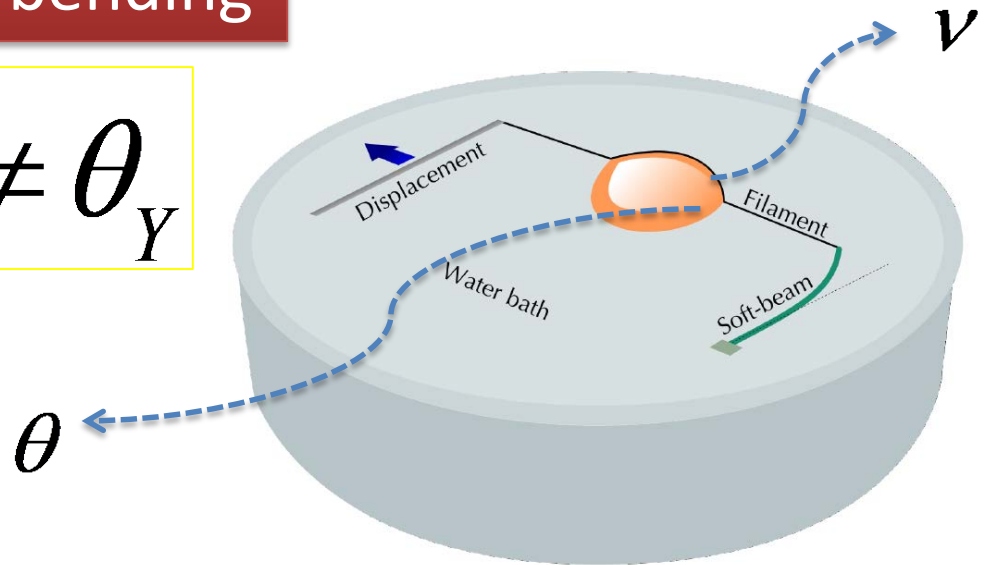
Unbending and tension not uniform



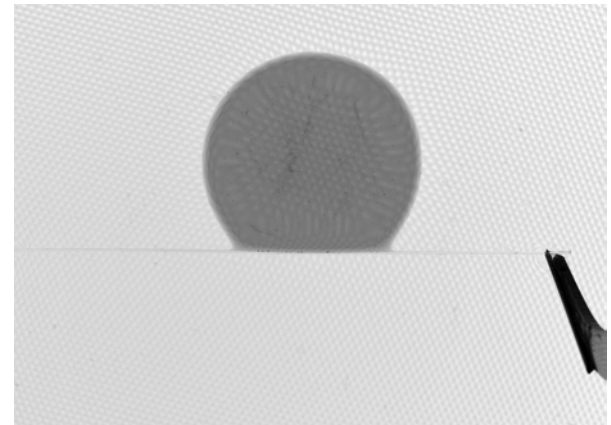
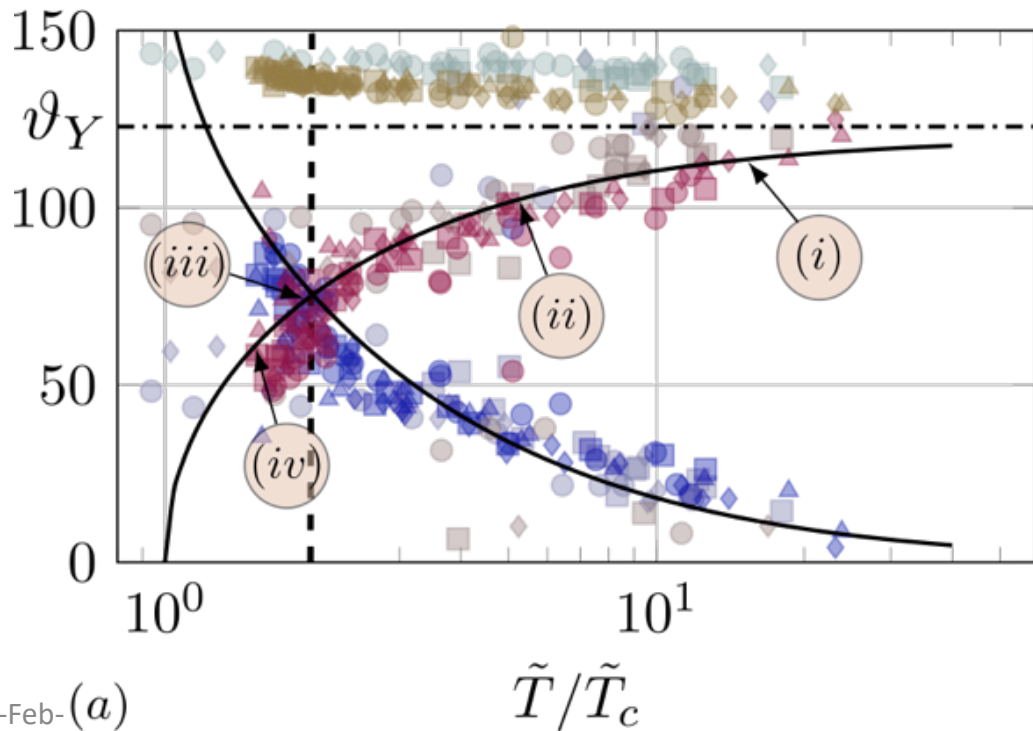
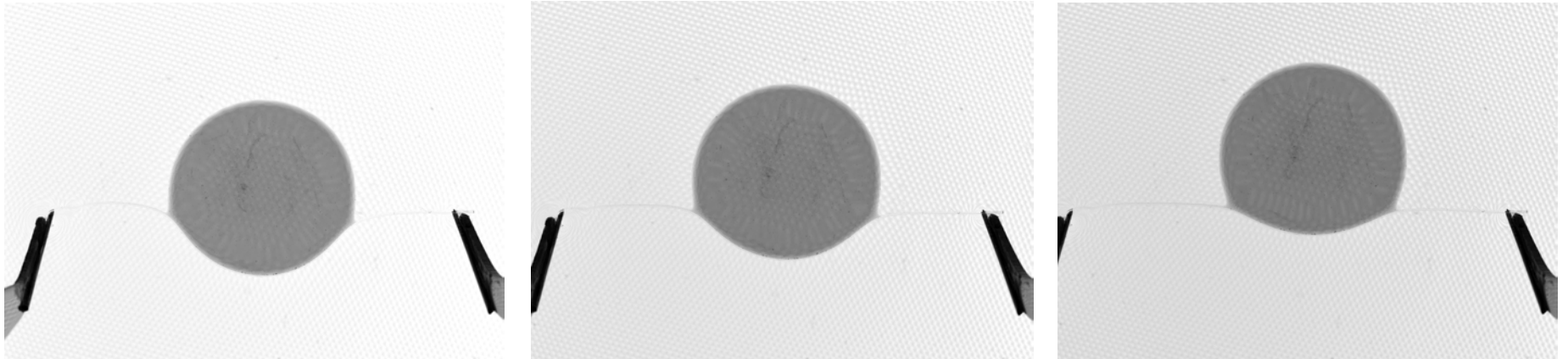
Drop hates filament less than water  
Filament doesn't really mind bending



$$\theta + \nu \neq \theta_Y$$

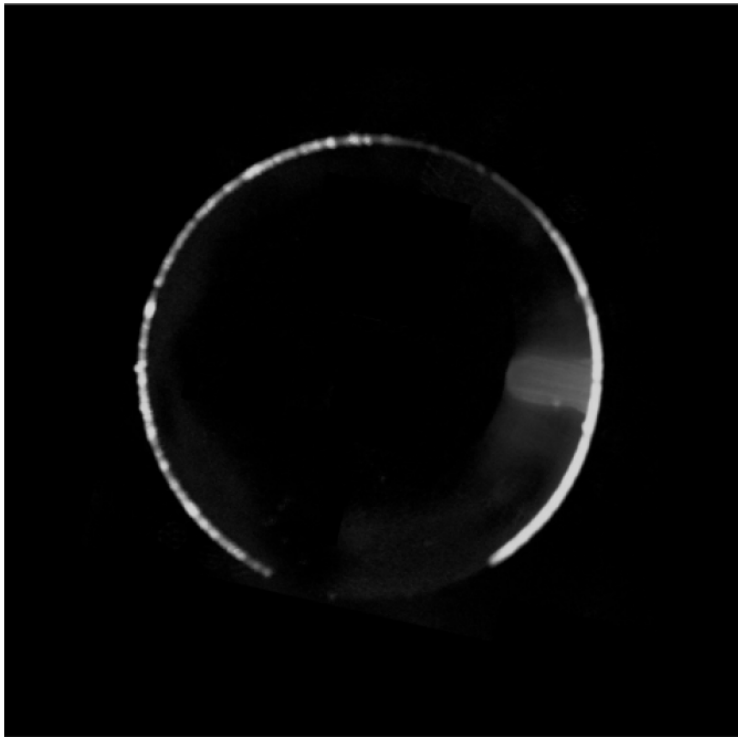


# Young's contact angle not subtended

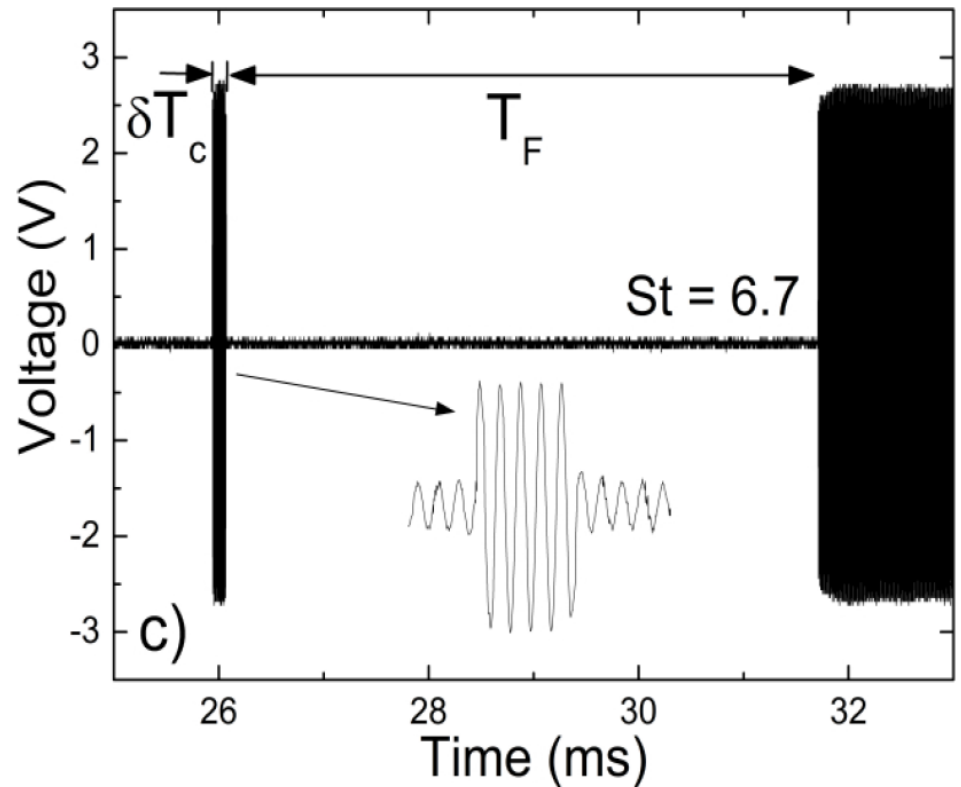


Responds to tension  
Calculated exactly

Thank you and please take these home



Ganga's work



Sumit's work