

Breaking waves: Energetics, Bubbles & Droplets

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Motivation & Outline

- Breaking action transfers energy, momentum between ocean, atmosphere
- Deep water energetics
- Dimensionality of transition to turbulence
- Bubbles and spray
- Shallow water breaker energetics

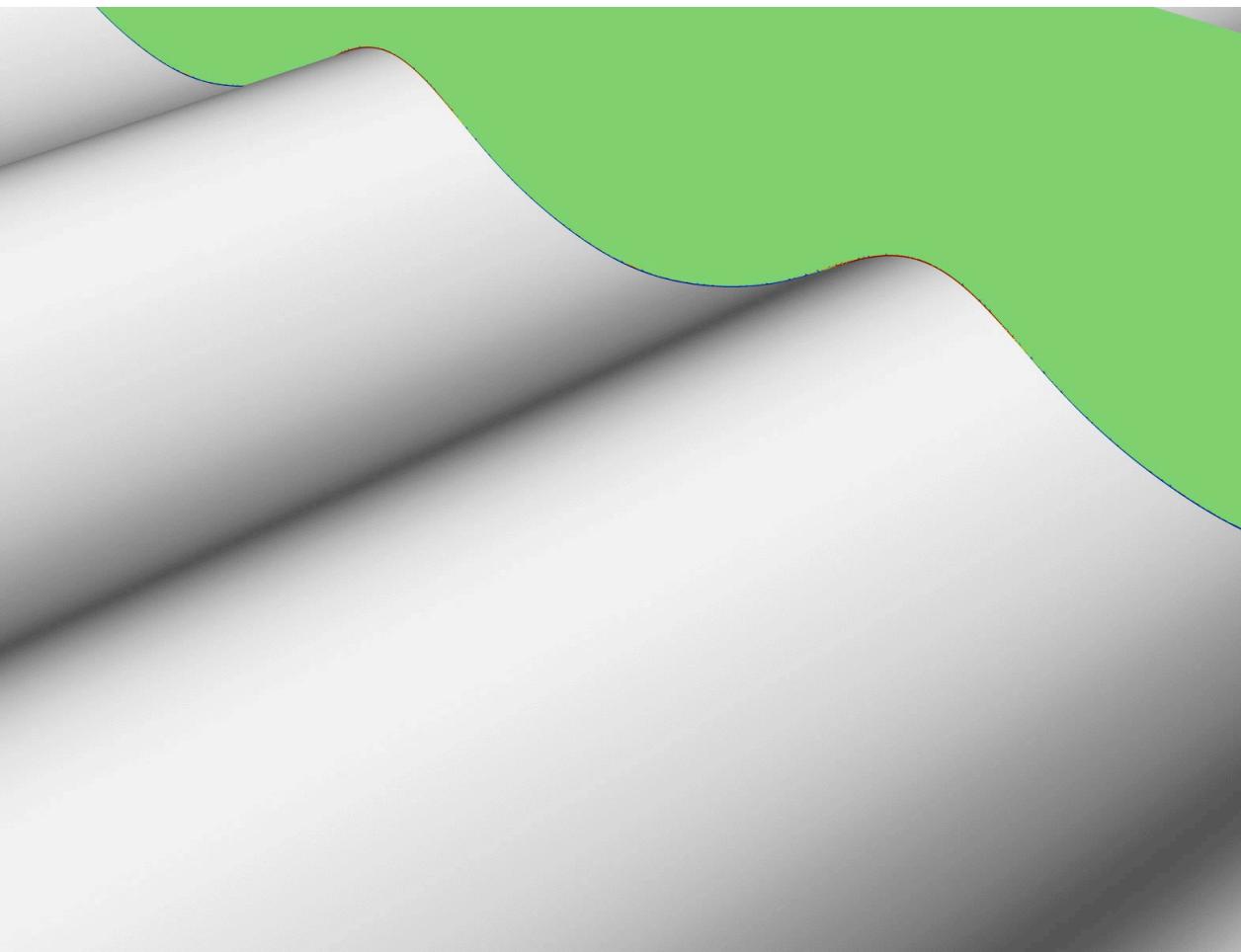


Waves off Atlantic Beach, NC – Thursday Sep 13 2018
Credit: Travis Long, AP (<http://www.startribune.com/time-nearly-up-fierce-hurricane-florence-aims-at-southeast/493121431/#1>)

A dramatic photograph of a wave breaking, with white spray and foam against a blue background.

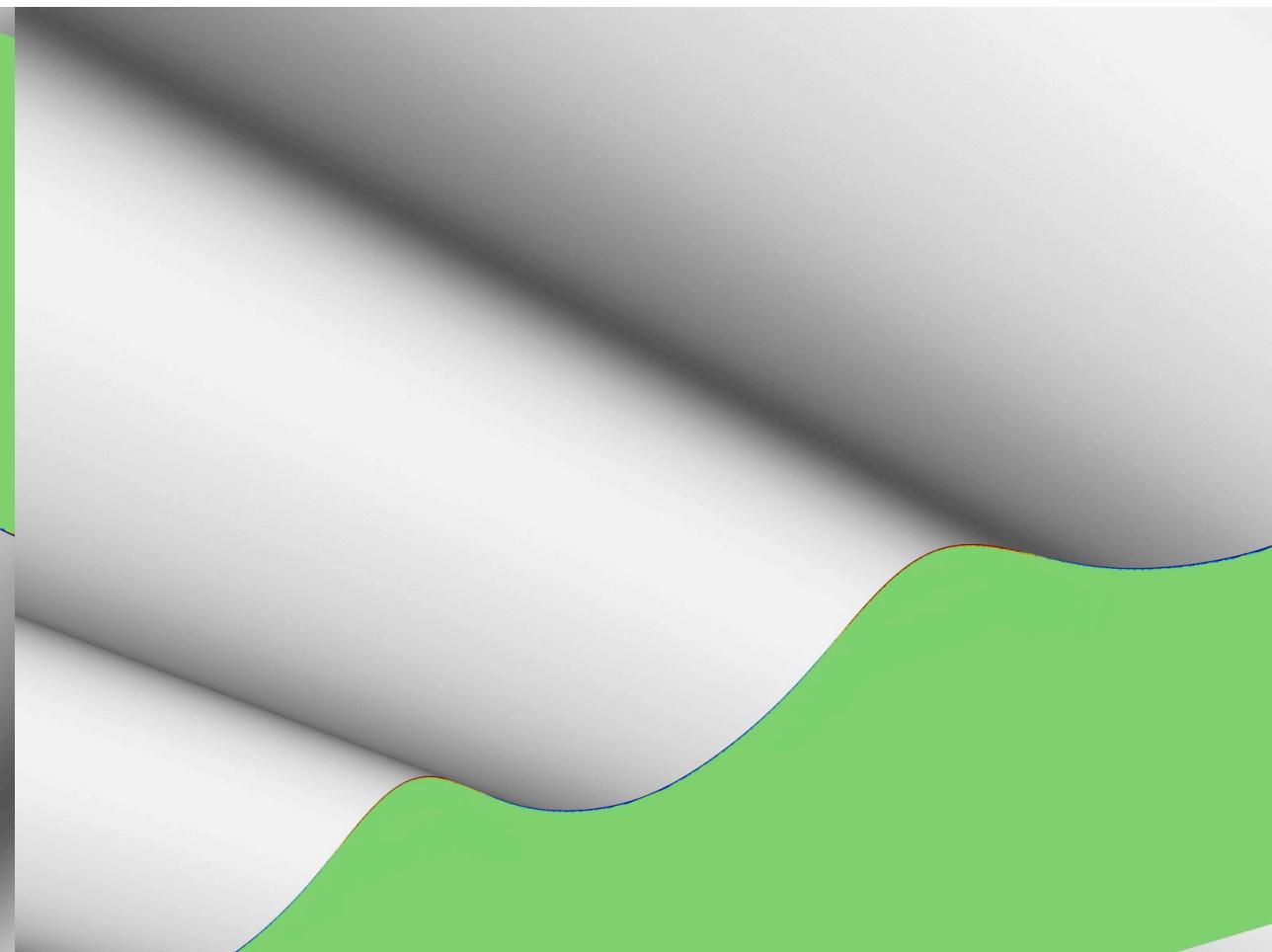
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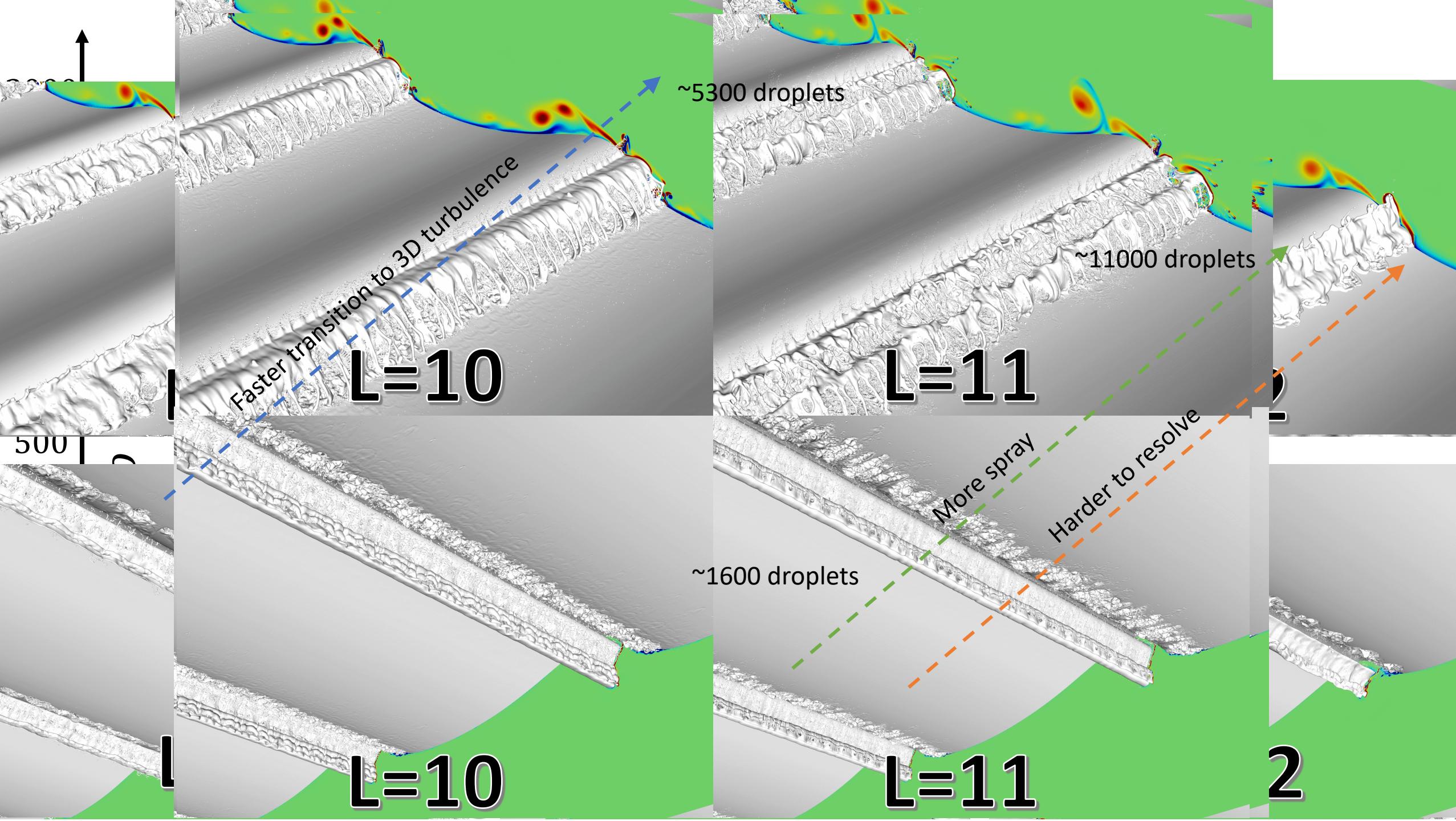
Plunging breaker – view from above

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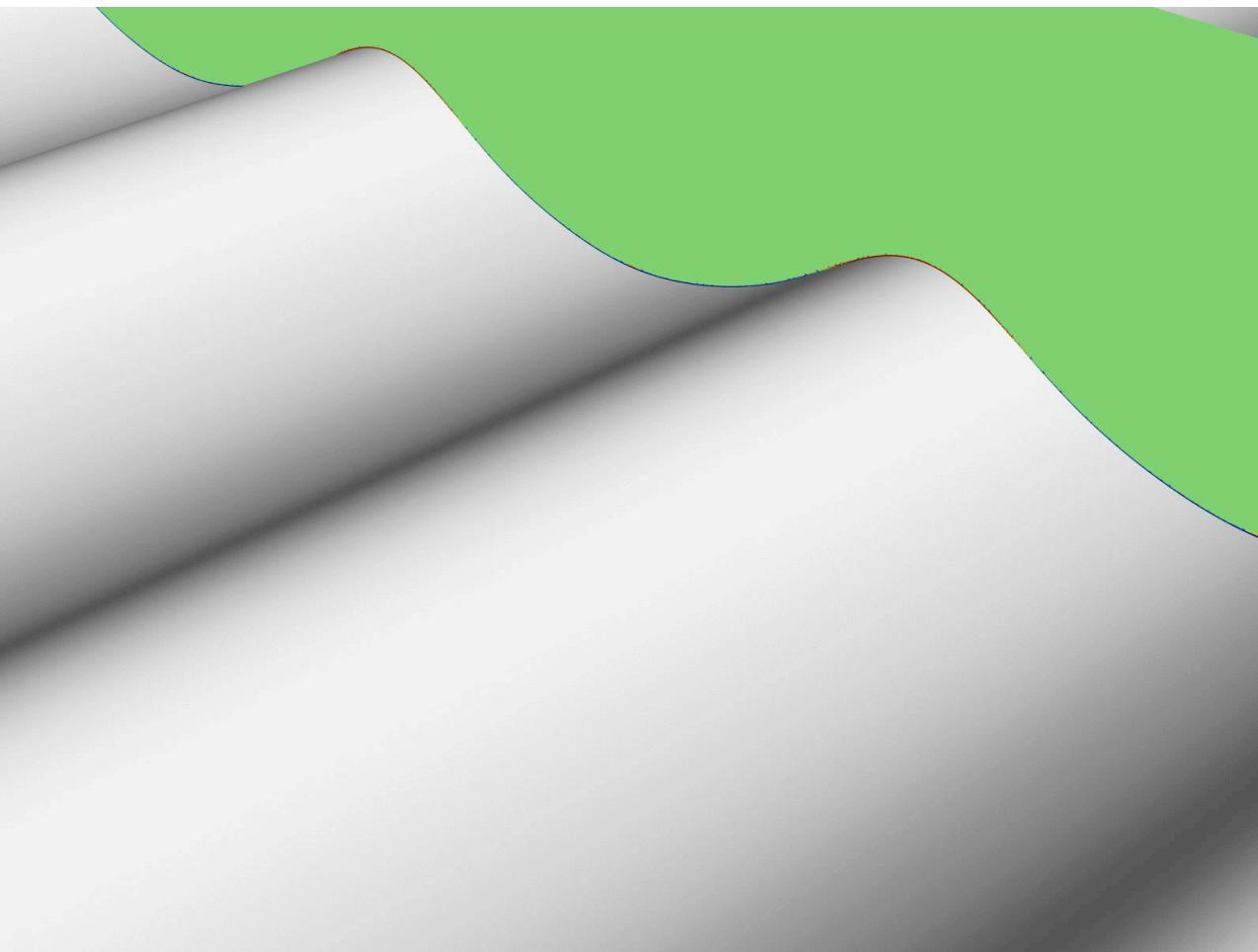


View from below

Mostert, Popinet & Deike (2019) – under preparation

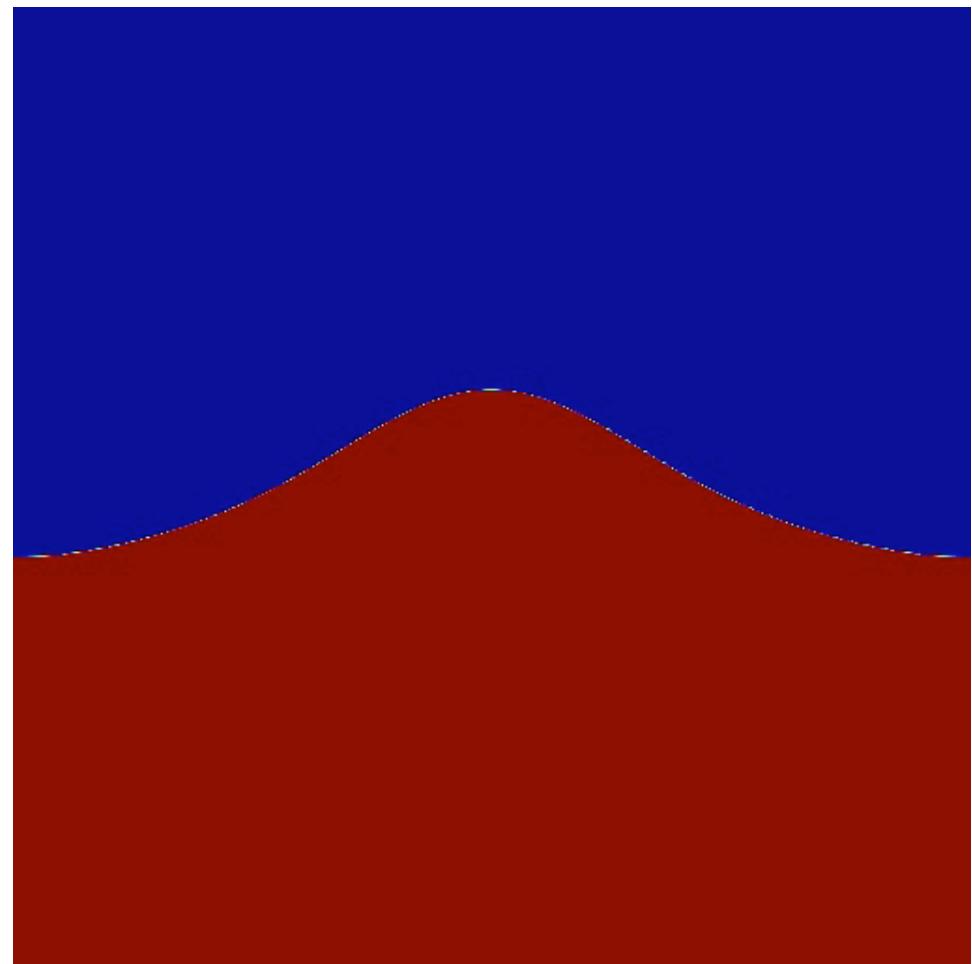


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3D simulation – isosurface of water volume fraction

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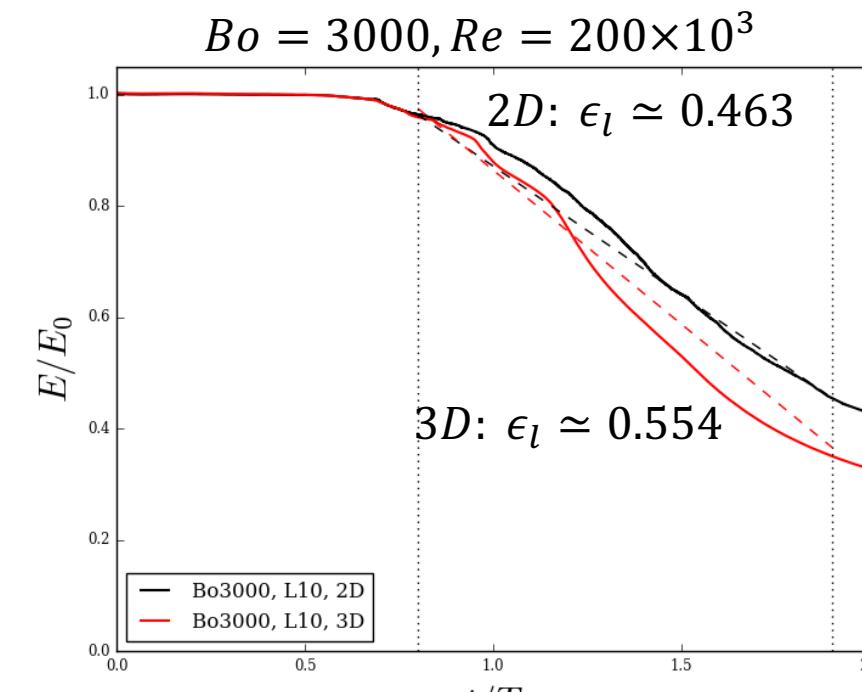
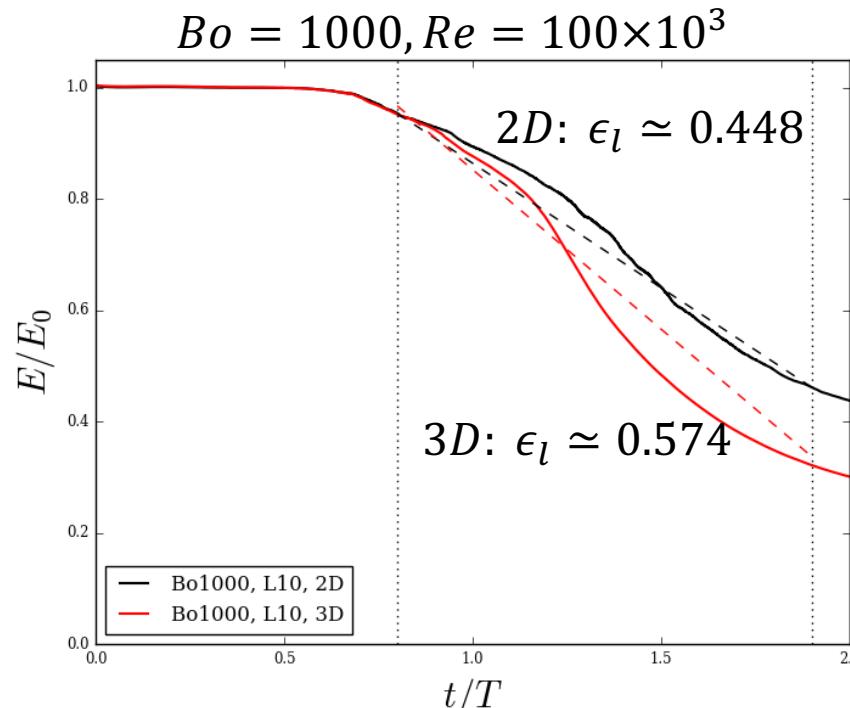
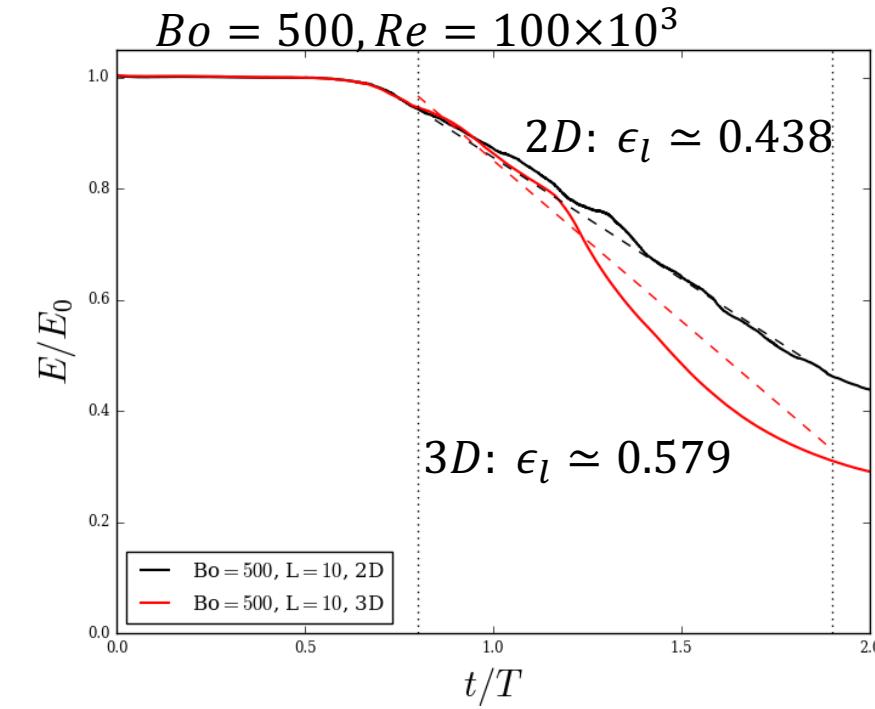
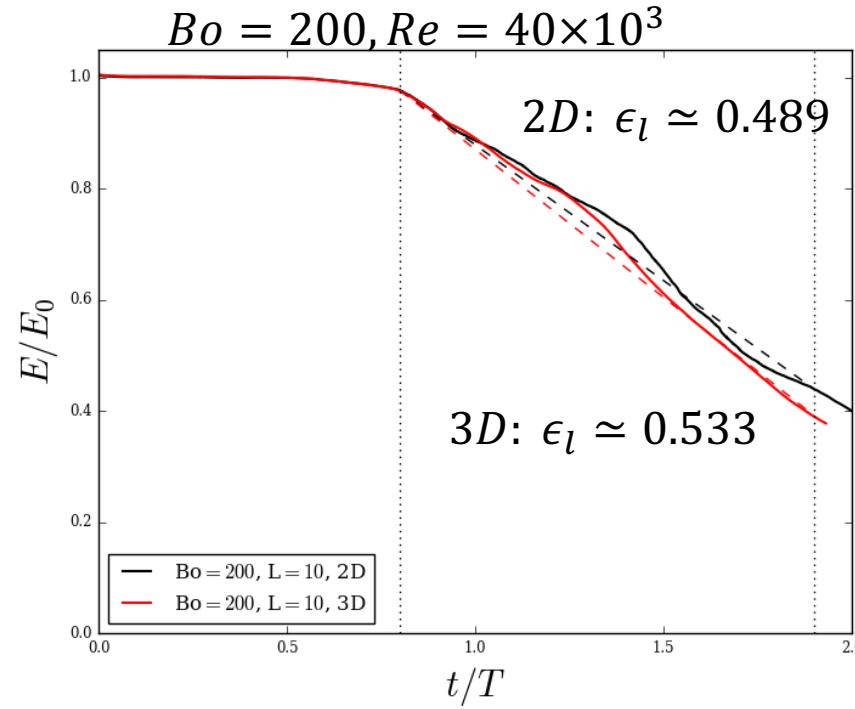
2D Simulation – volume fraction of water

Dimensionality in transition to turbulence

- Energy dissipation in 2D breaking waves approximates the full 3D case
(Deike et al. 2015, 2016; Iafrati 2009; Derakhti and Kirby 2014;
Derakhti et al 2016)

Why & how is this so?

- Compare 2D and 3D simulations in deep water



Deformation tensor – 2D & 3D

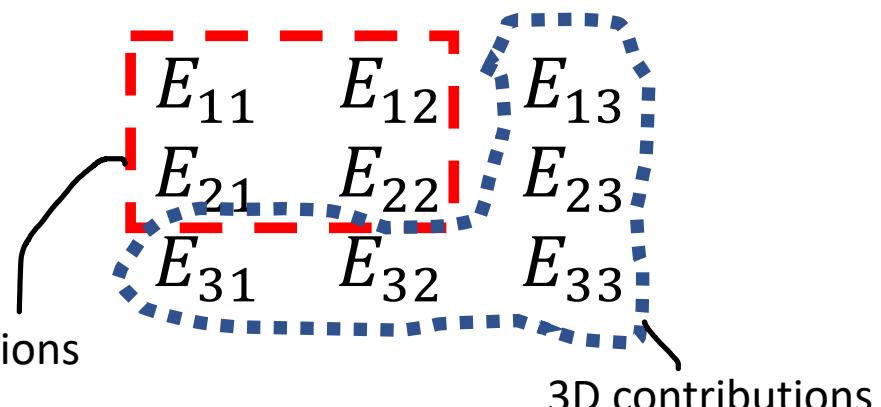
- Energy dissipation rate,

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{E} &= 2\nu \int_V \sum_i \sum_j D_{ij}^2 dV \\ &= 2\nu \sum_i \sum_j \int_V D_{ij}^2 dV \\ &= \sum_i \sum_j E_{ij}\end{aligned}$$

where

$$E_{ij} = 2\nu \int_V D_{ij}^2 dV = \frac{\nu}{2} \int_V [\partial_i u_j + \partial_j u_i]^2 dV$$

In 3D, the components are:



2D contributions

$$\dot{E} = (\dot{E}_{2D} + \dot{E}_{3D})$$

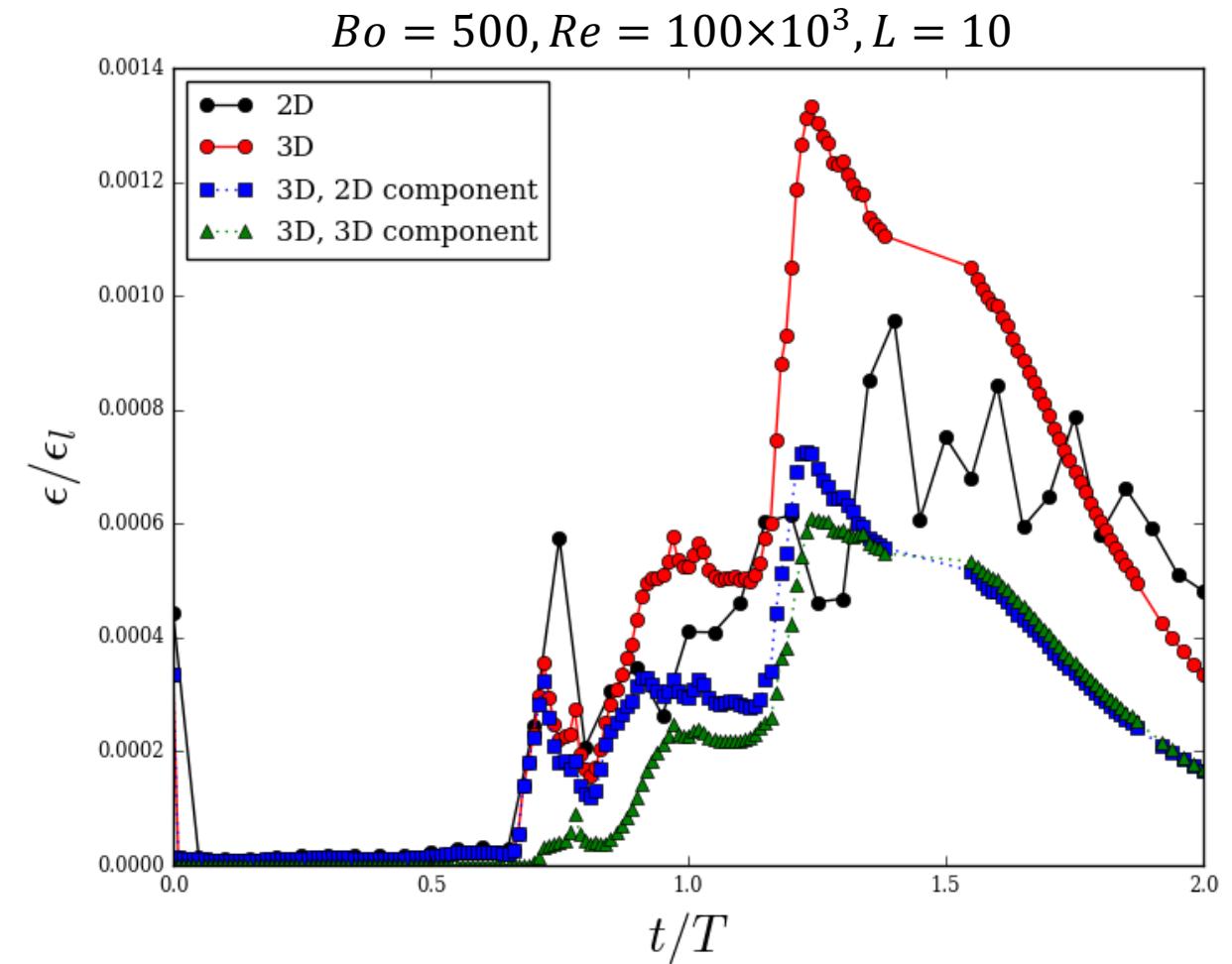
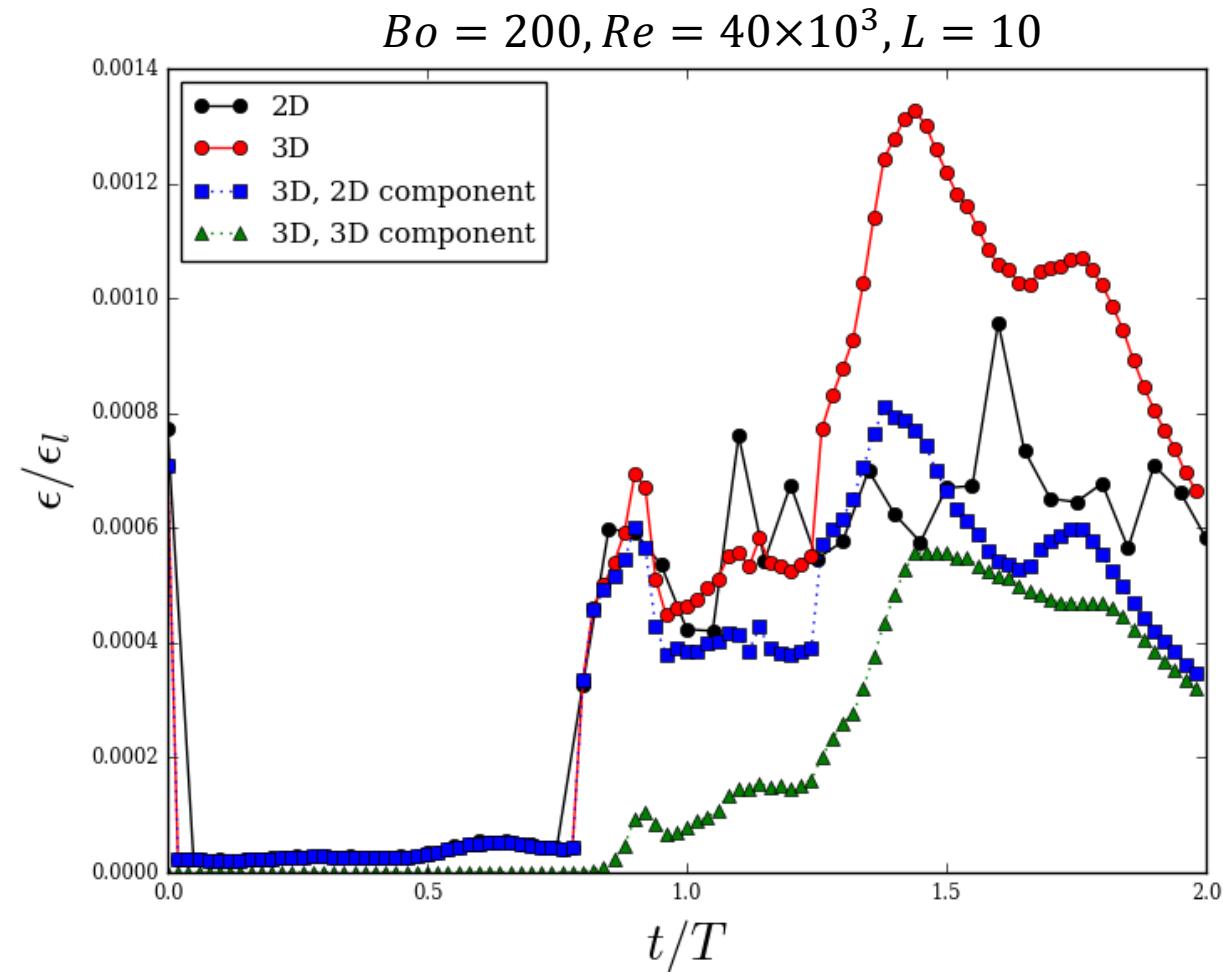
$$\dot{E}_{2D} = \sum_i^2 \sum_j^2 E_{ij}$$

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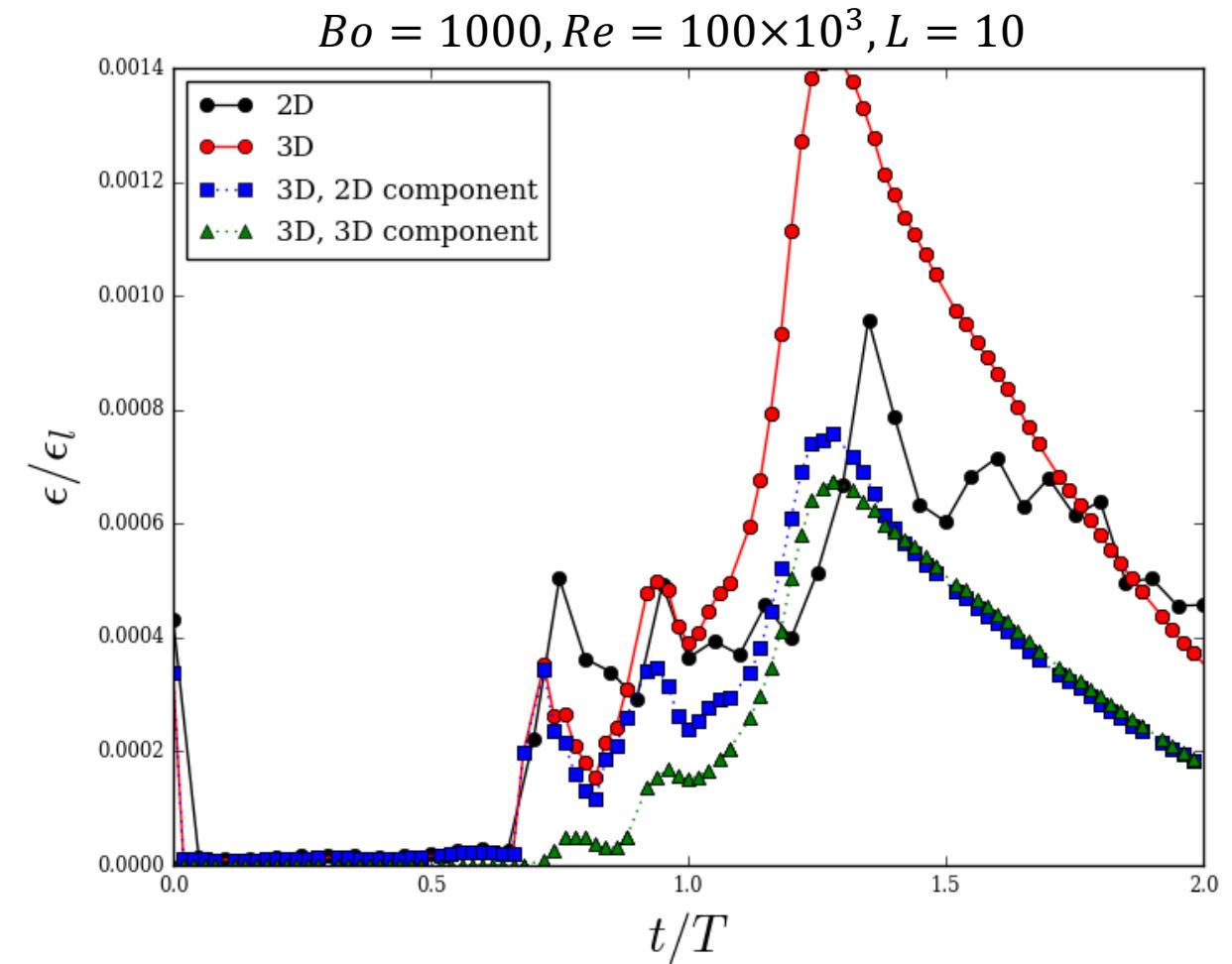
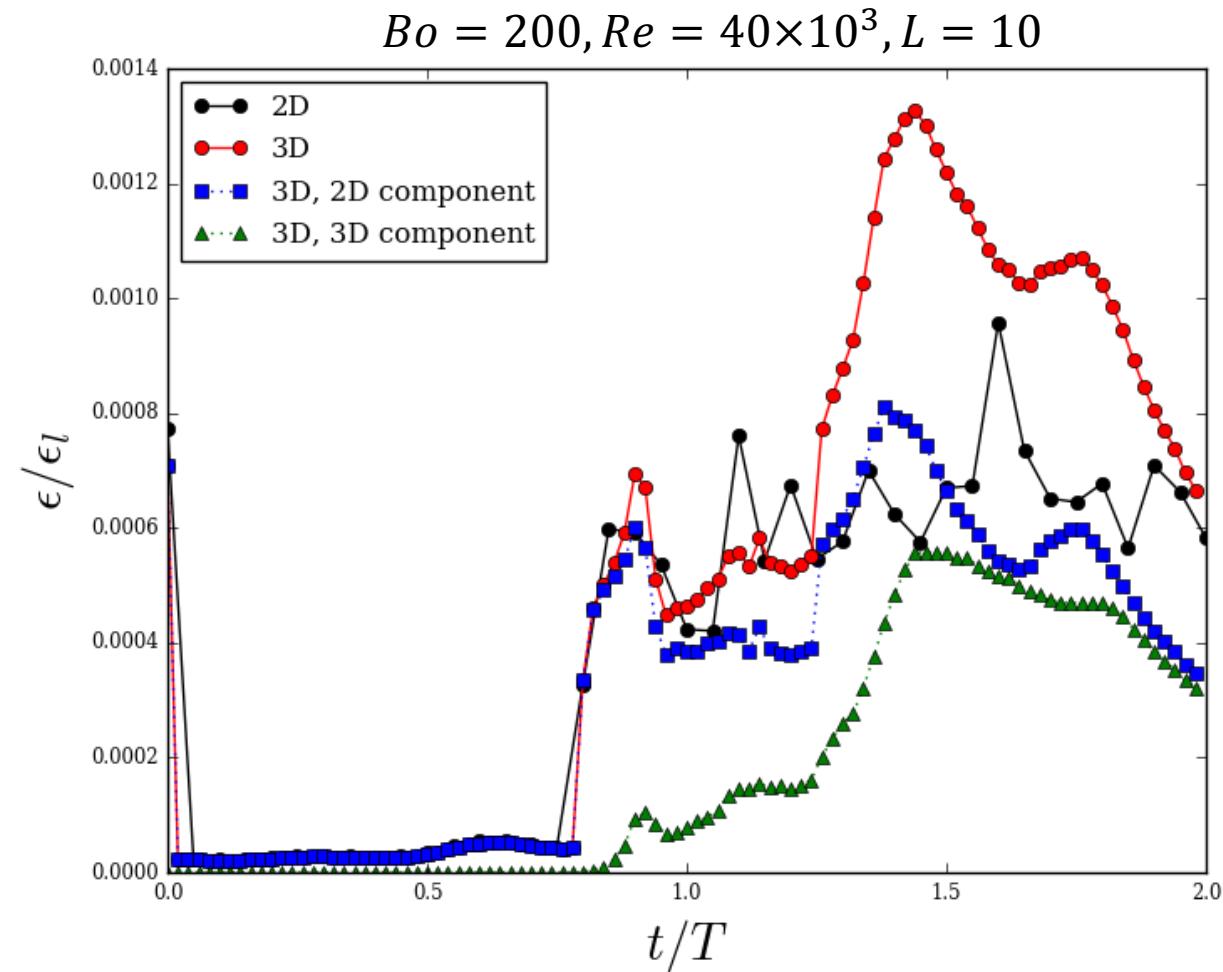


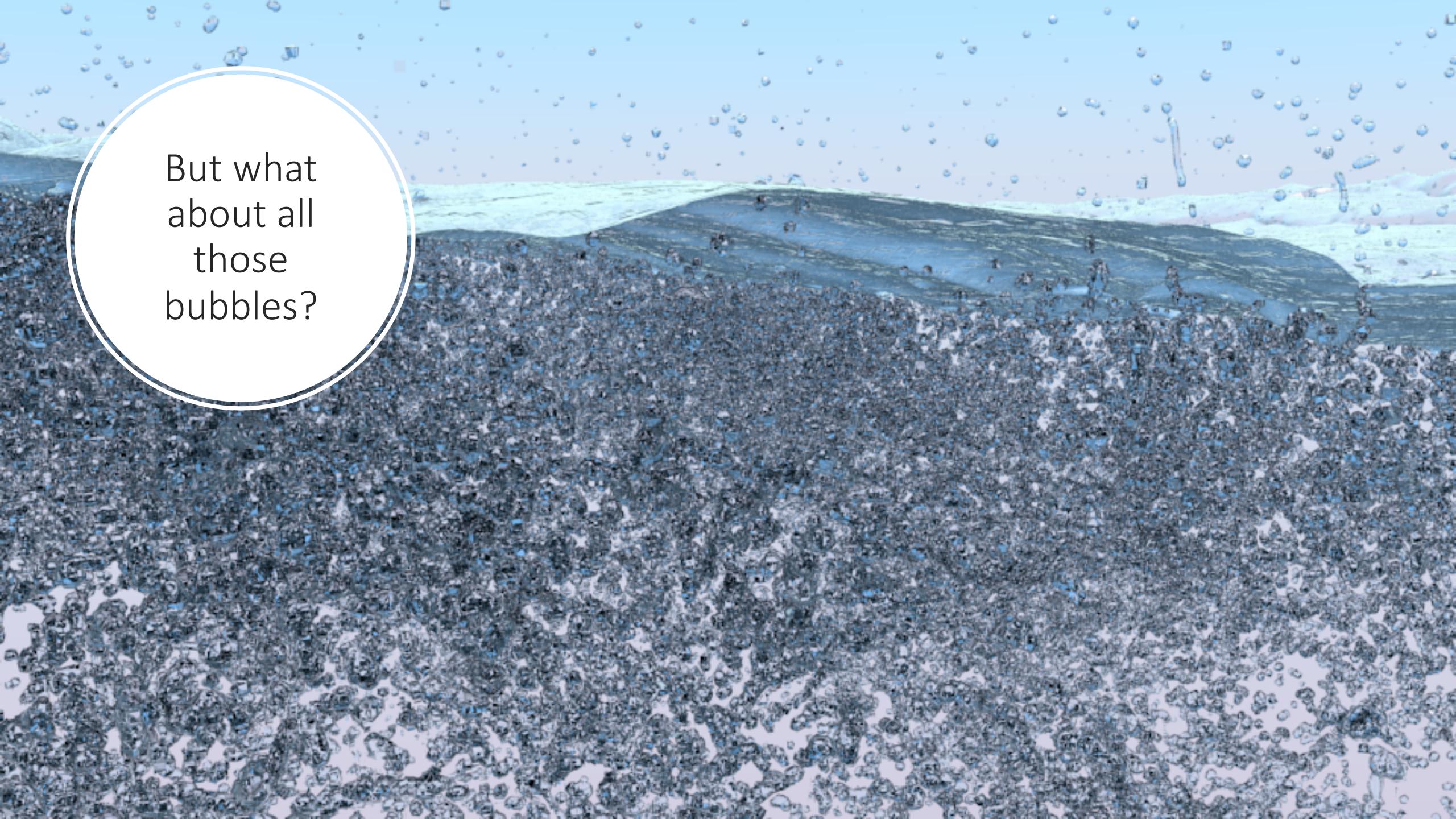
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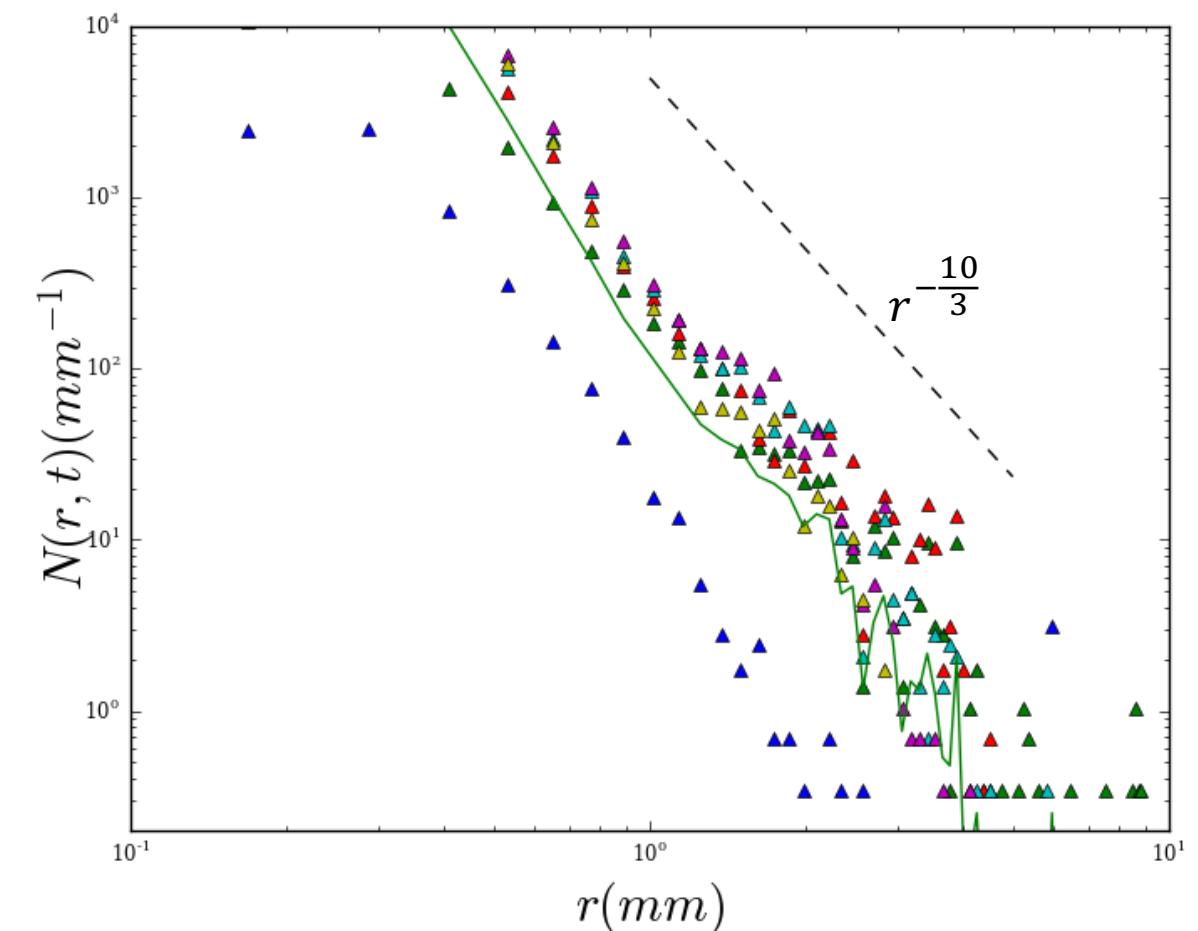
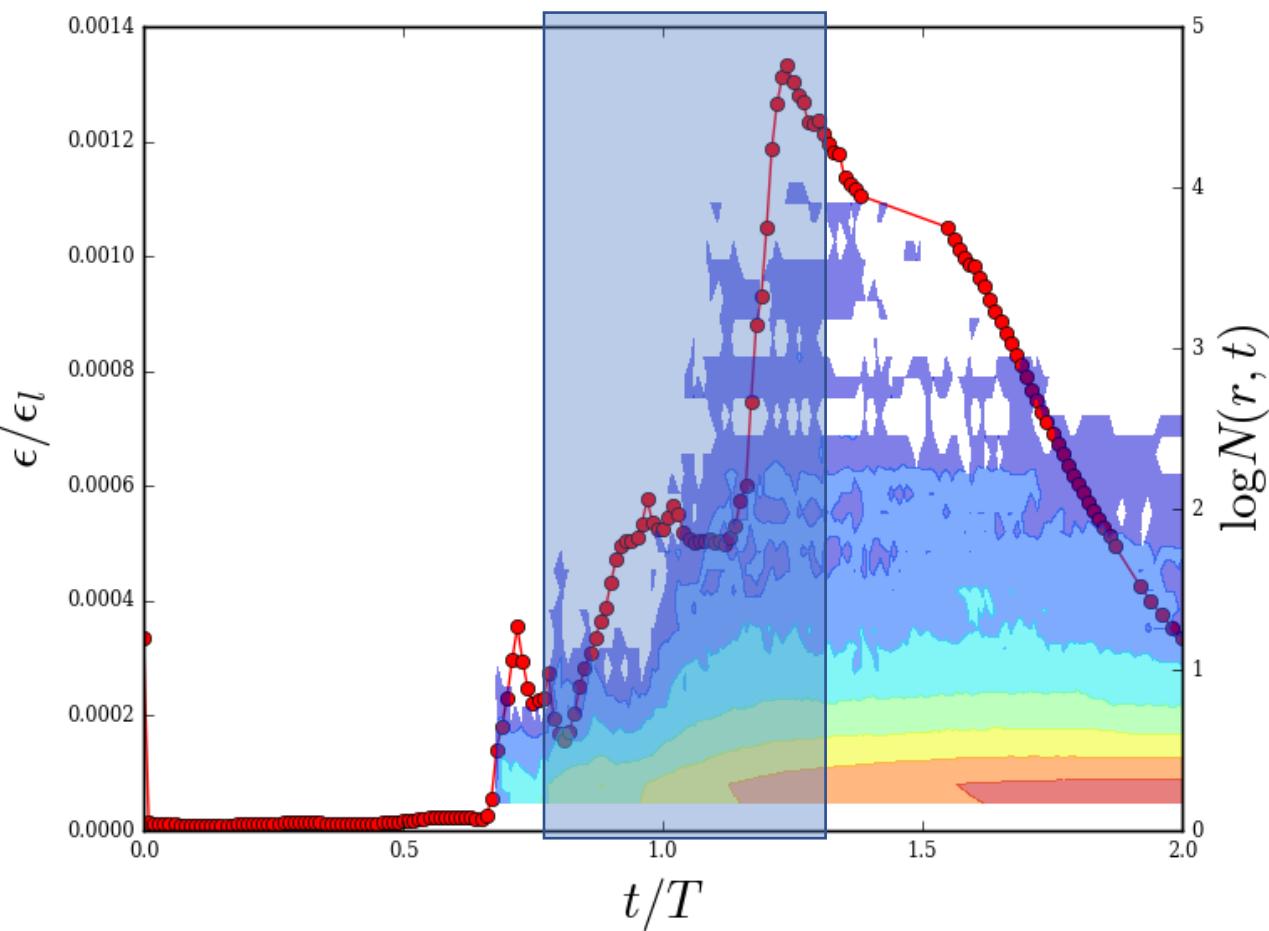
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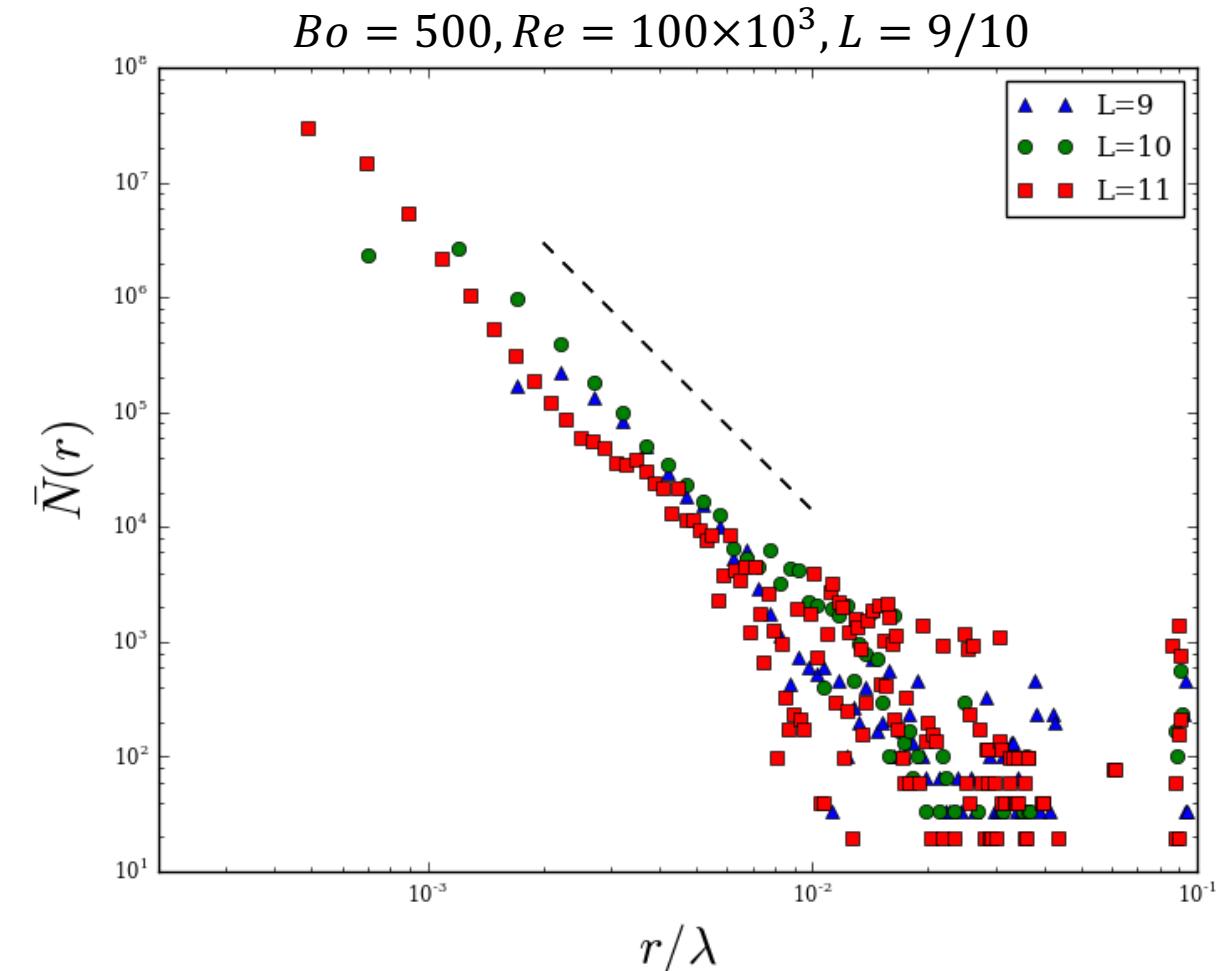
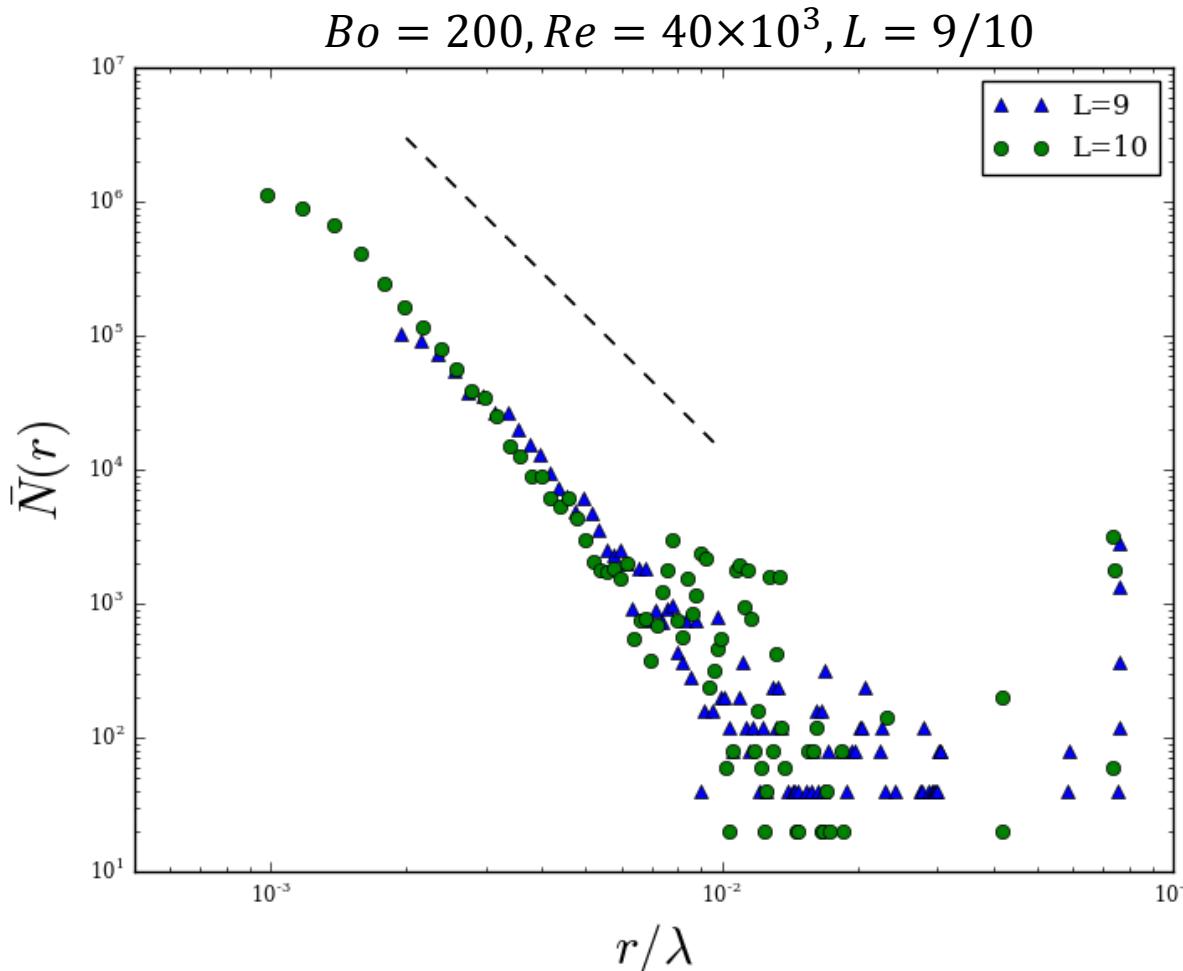
But what
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- Bubble count roughly follows dissipation rate in time
- Bubble size distribution matches $-10/3$ power-law (Garrett et al 2000)



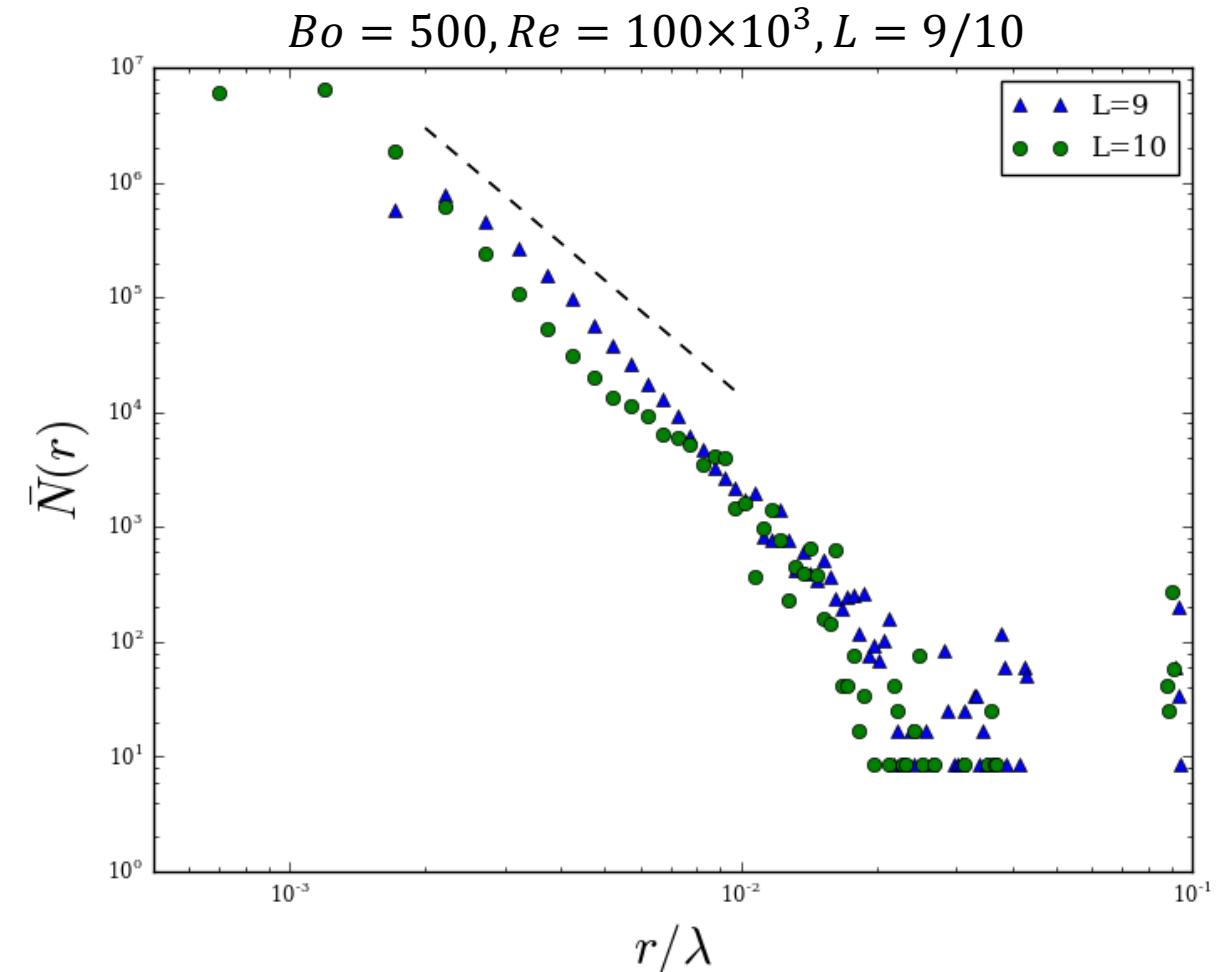
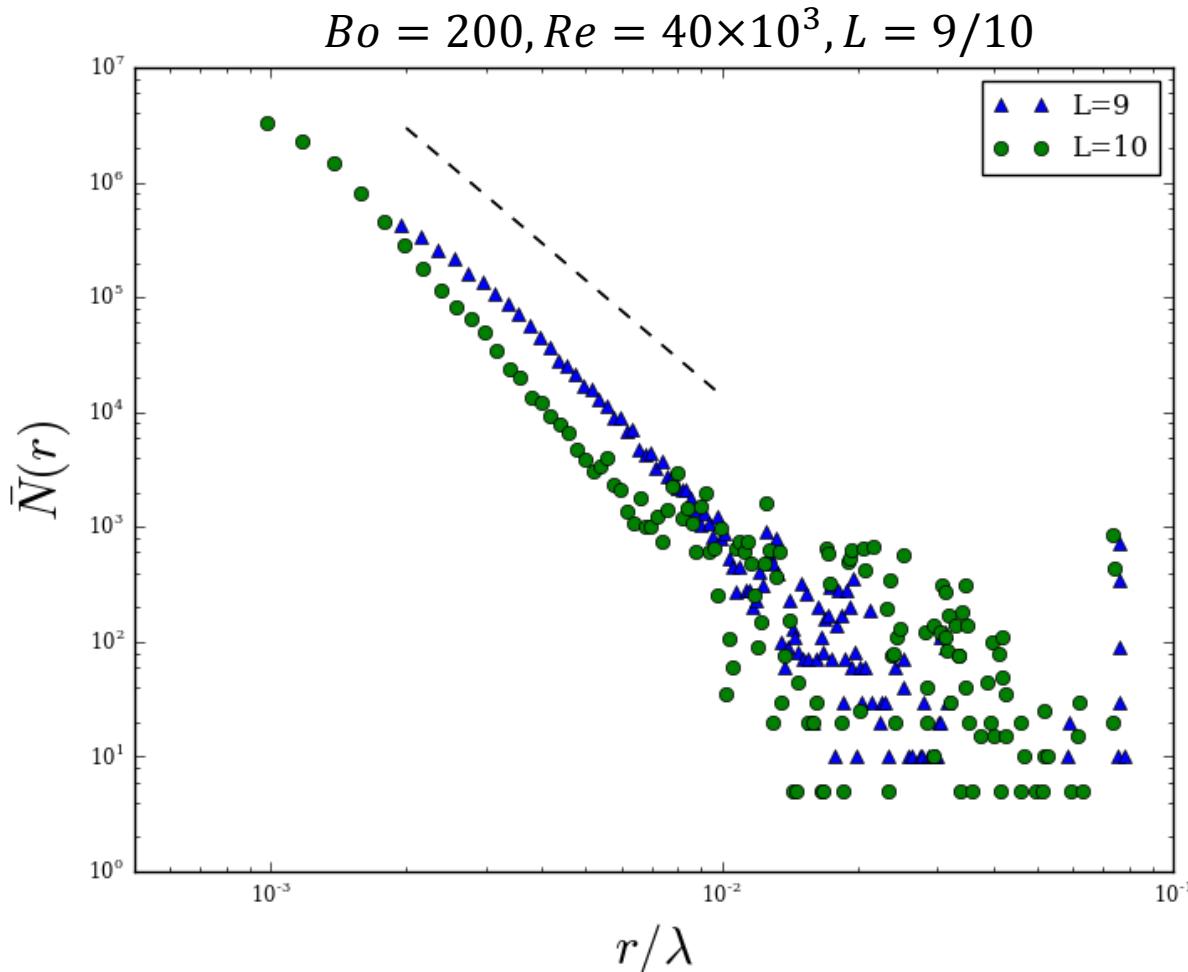
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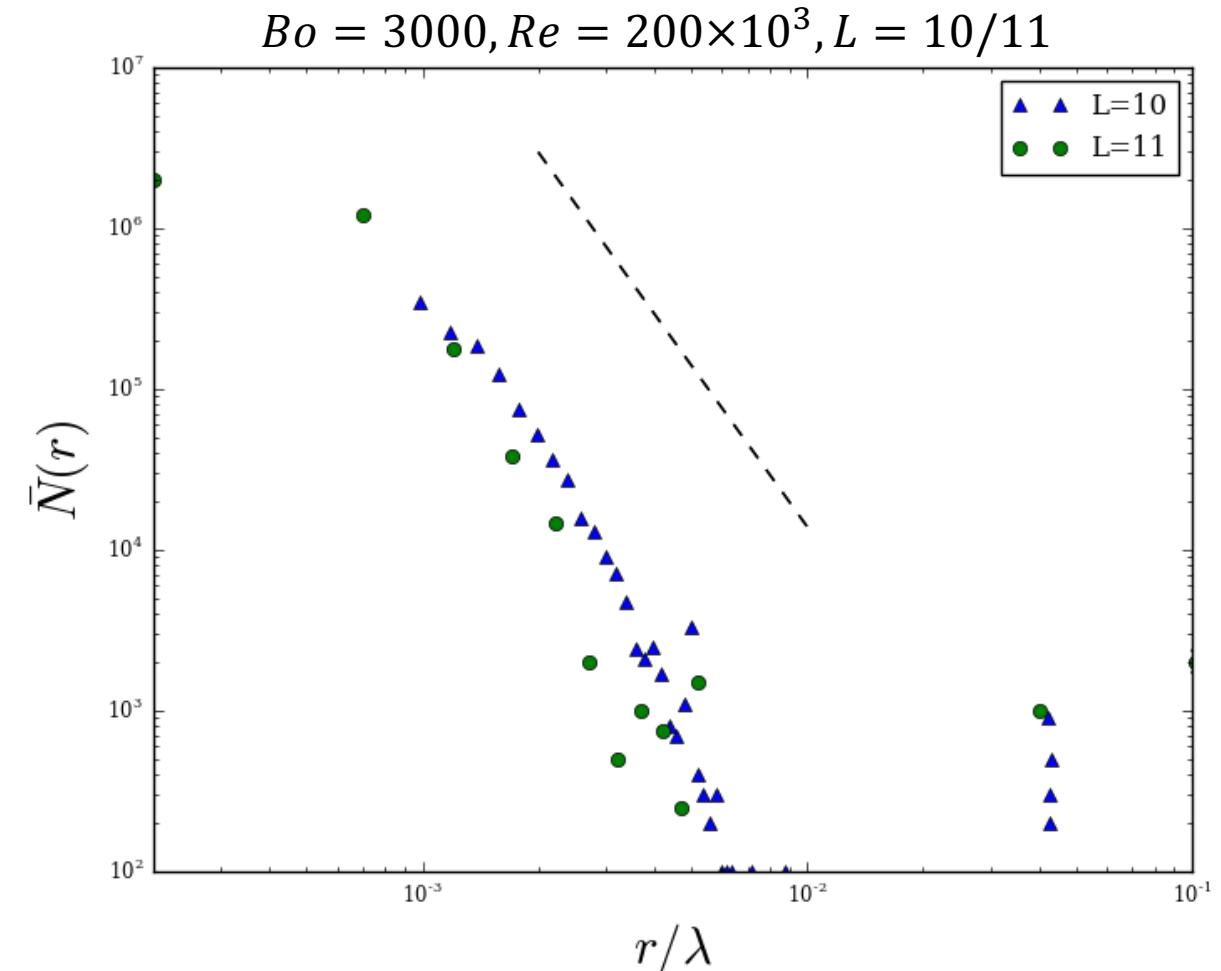
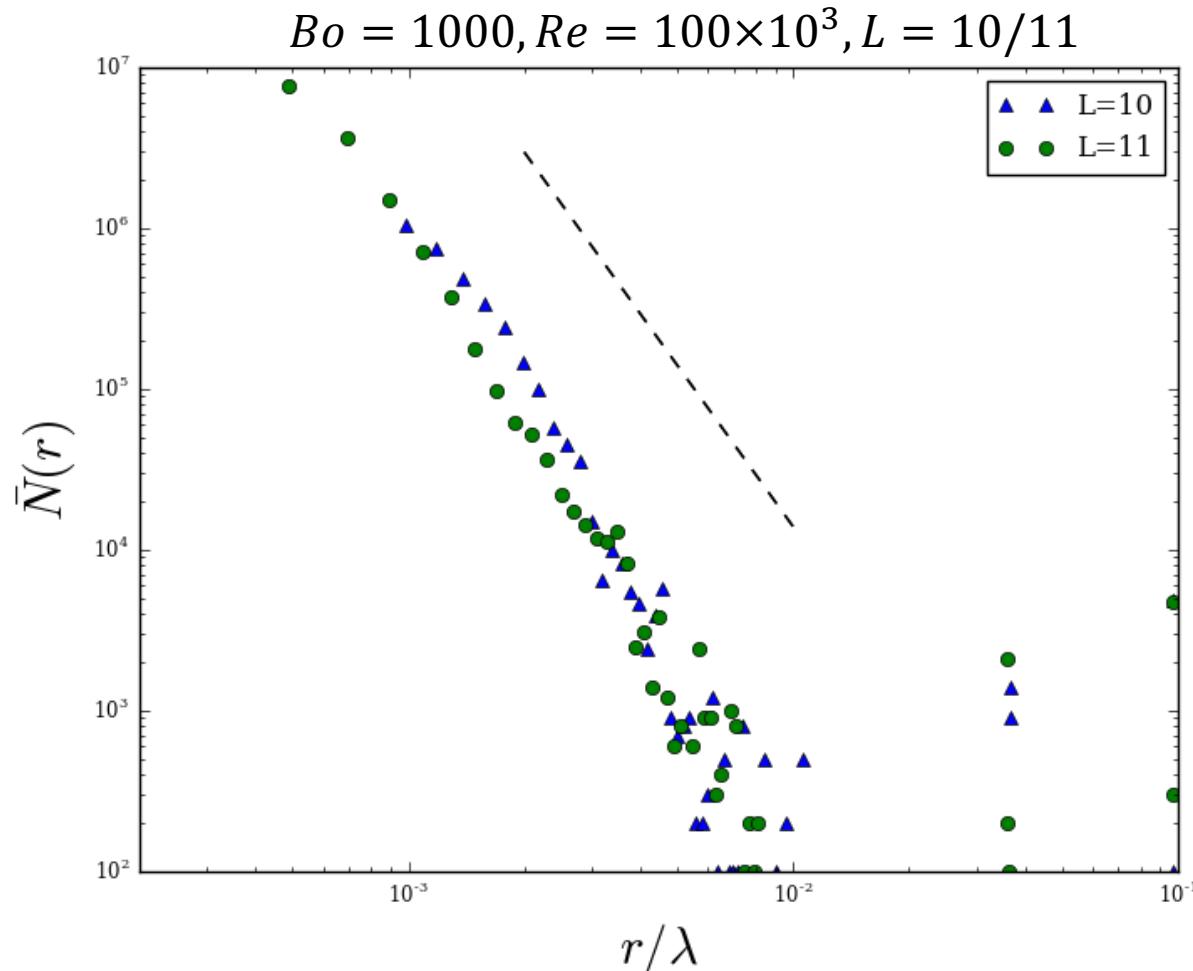
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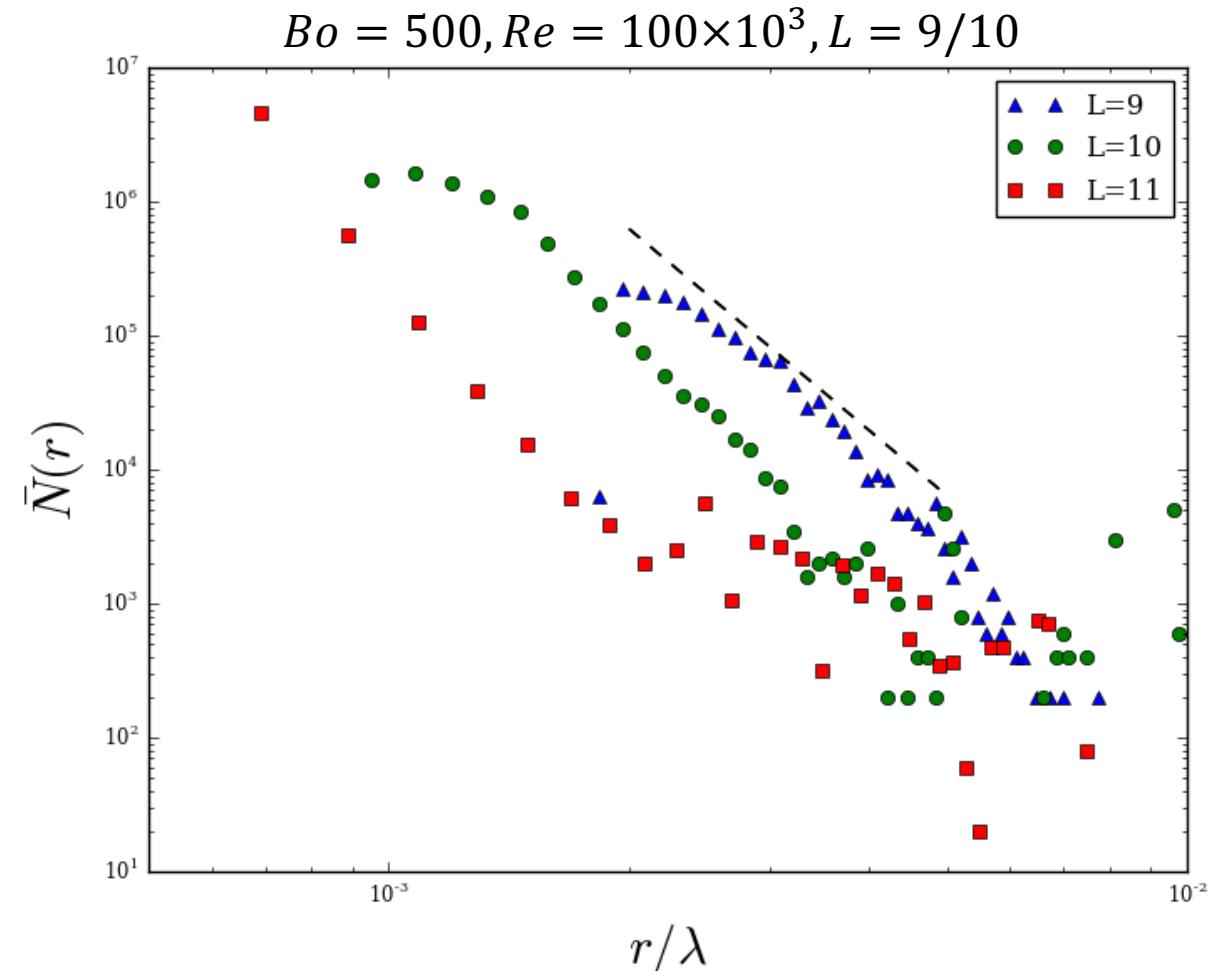
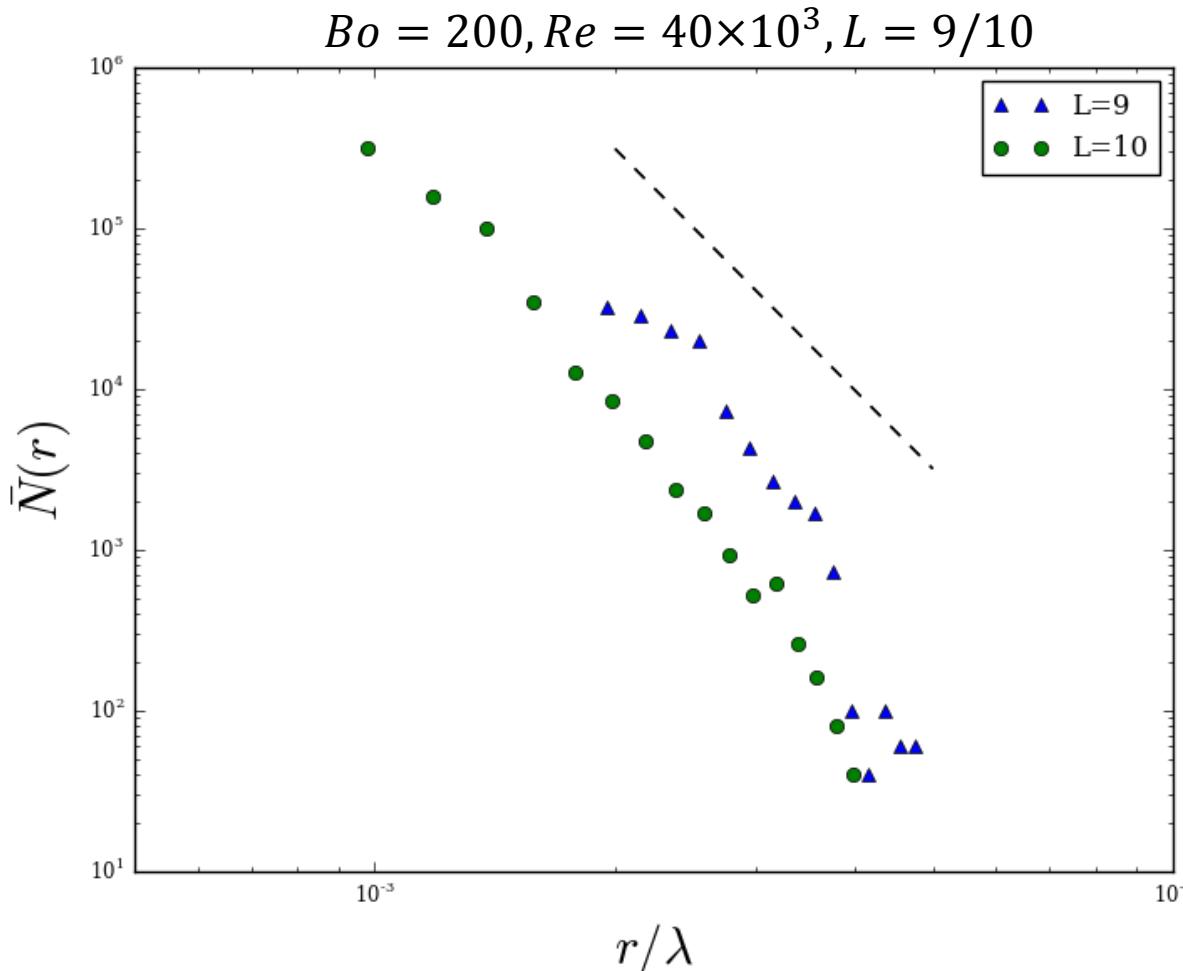
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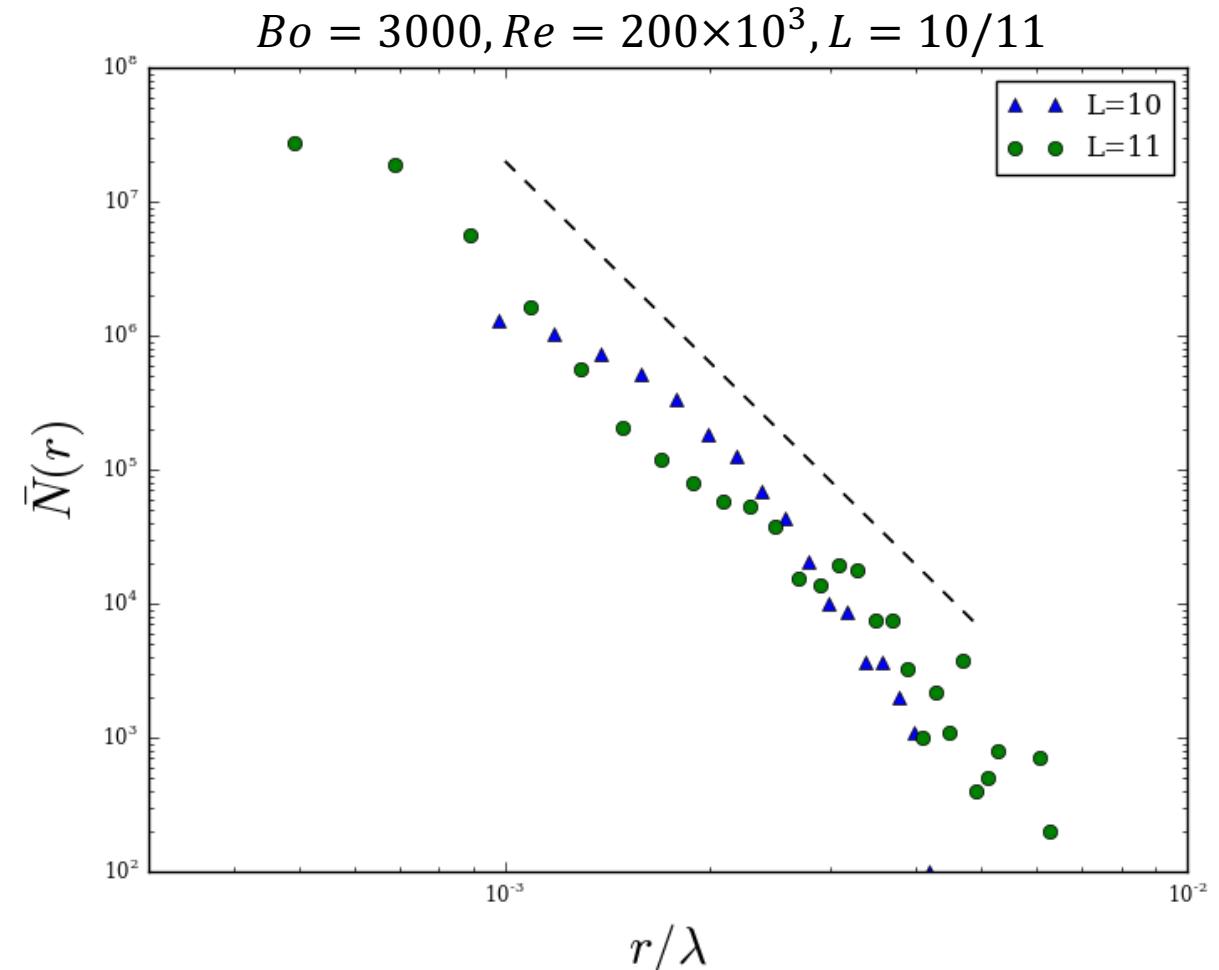
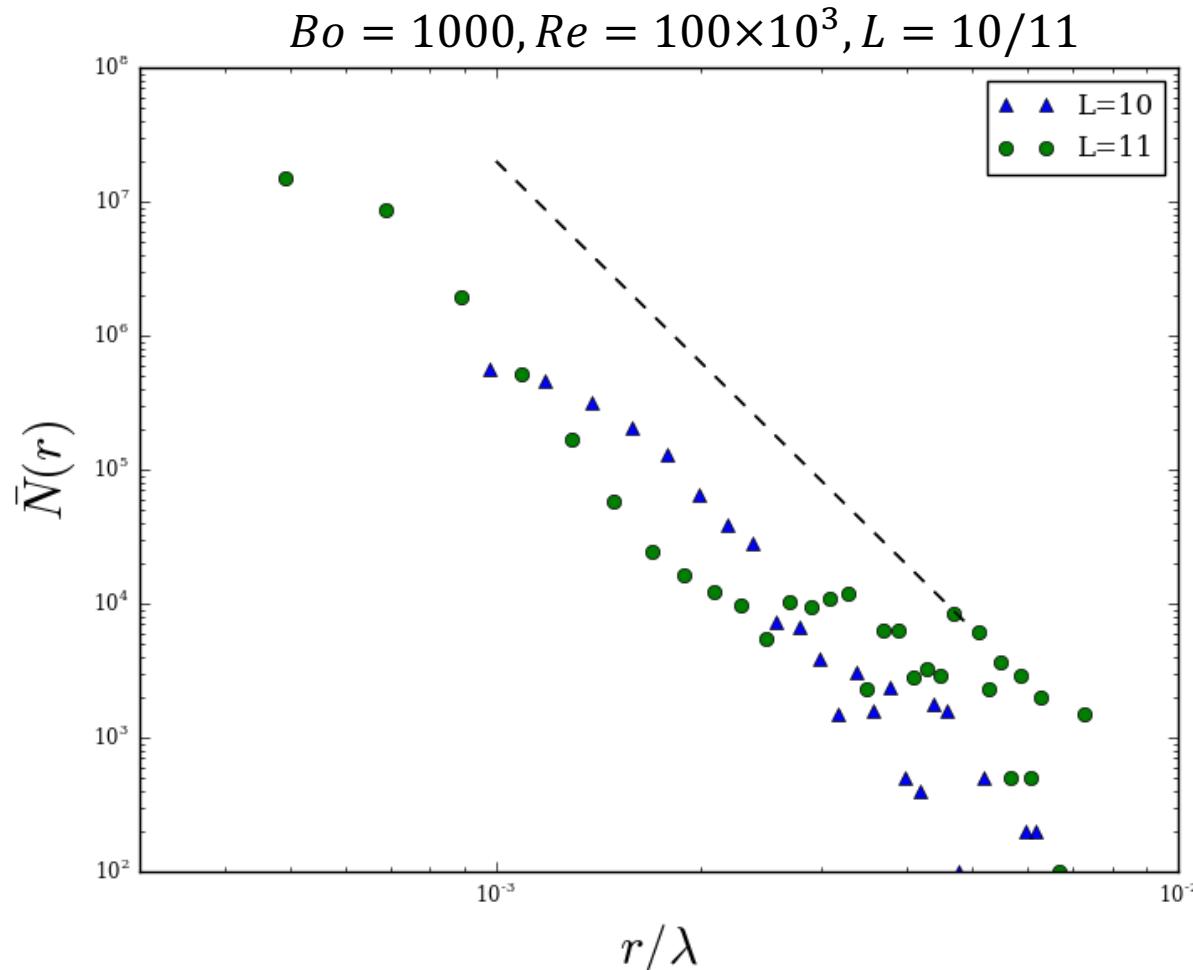
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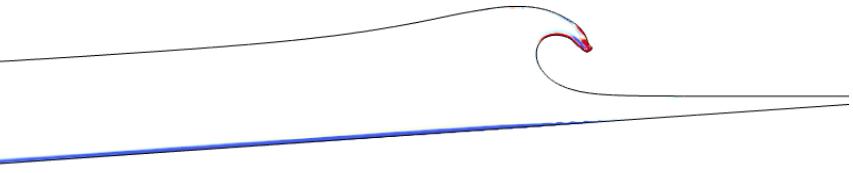


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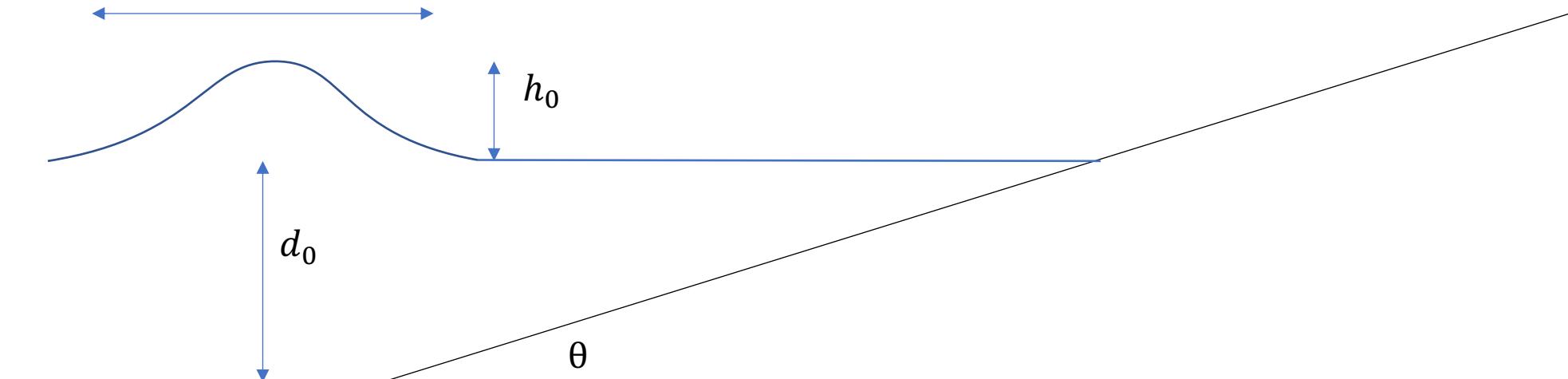


Energetics of solitary waves

Solitary wave shoaling and breaking

- Consider steady-state offshore solitary wave on approach to beach

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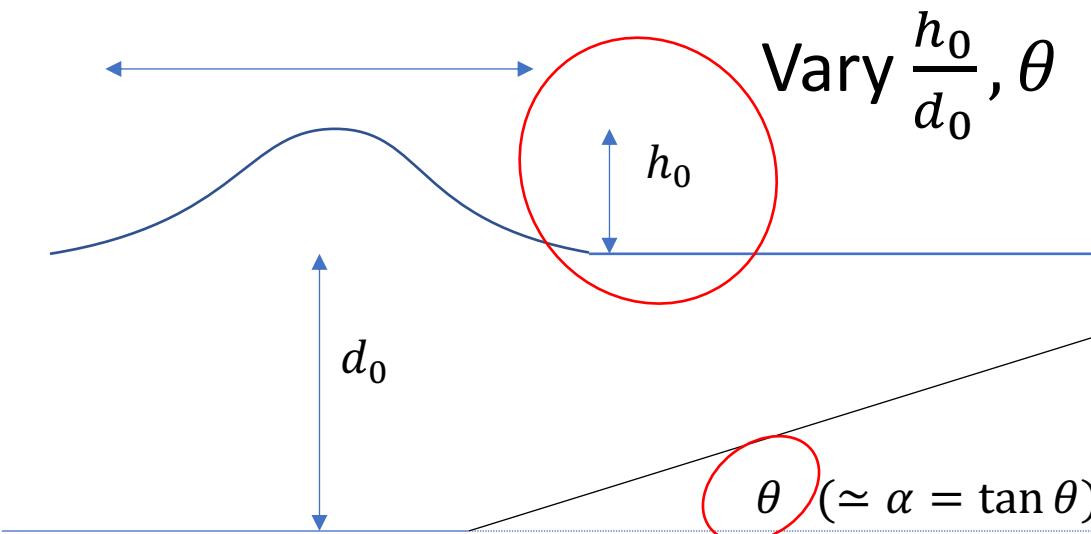
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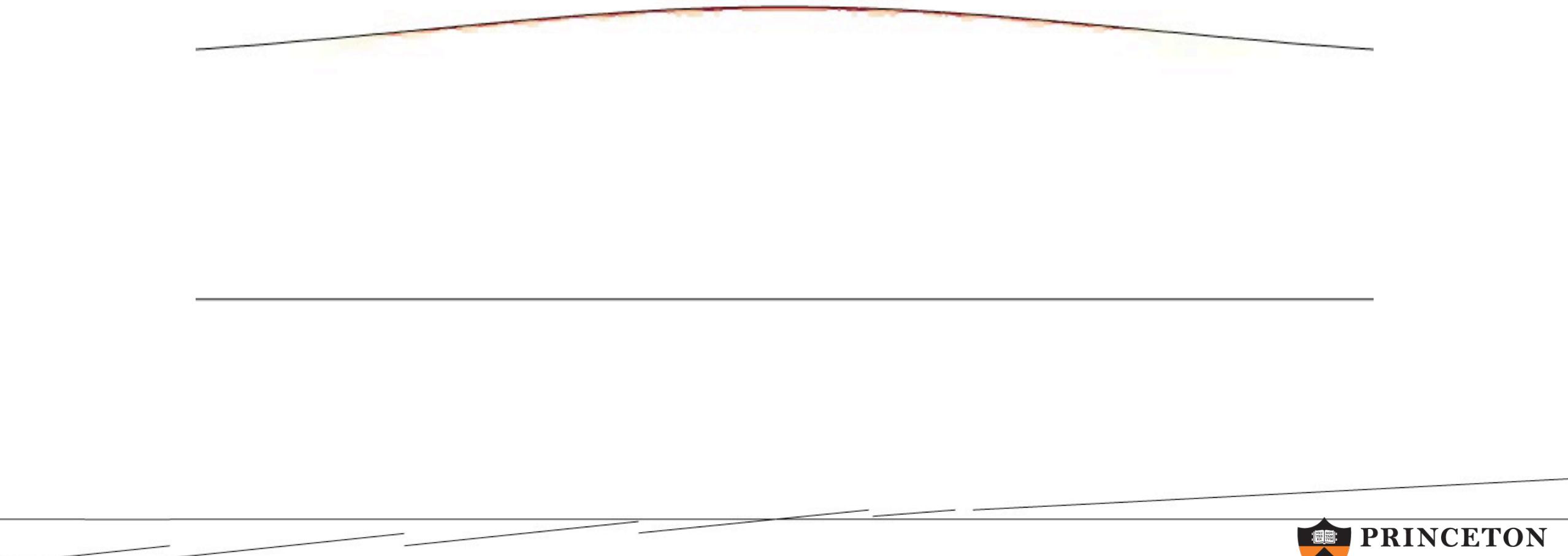
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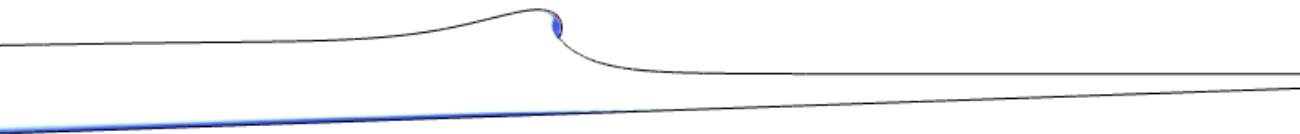
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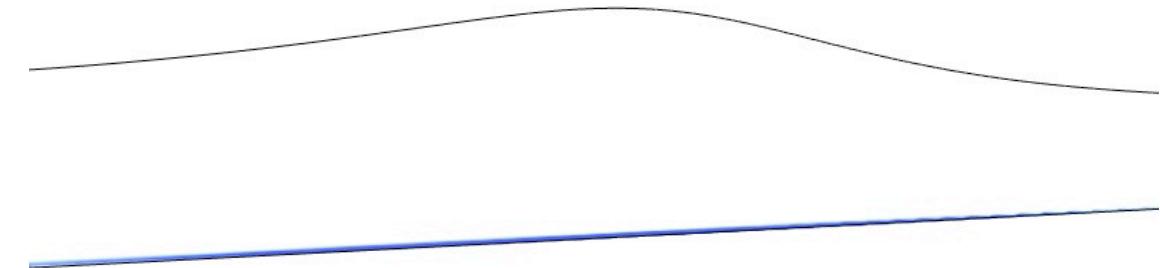
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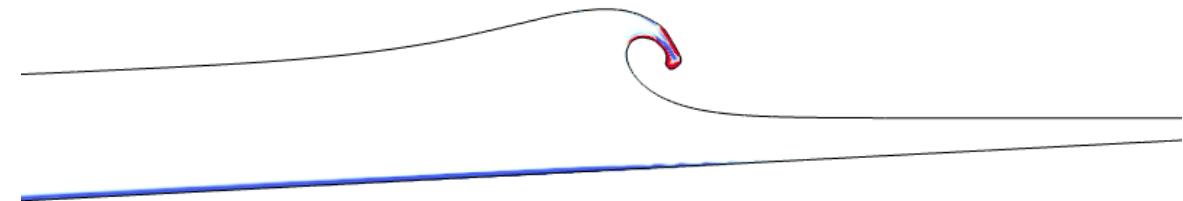
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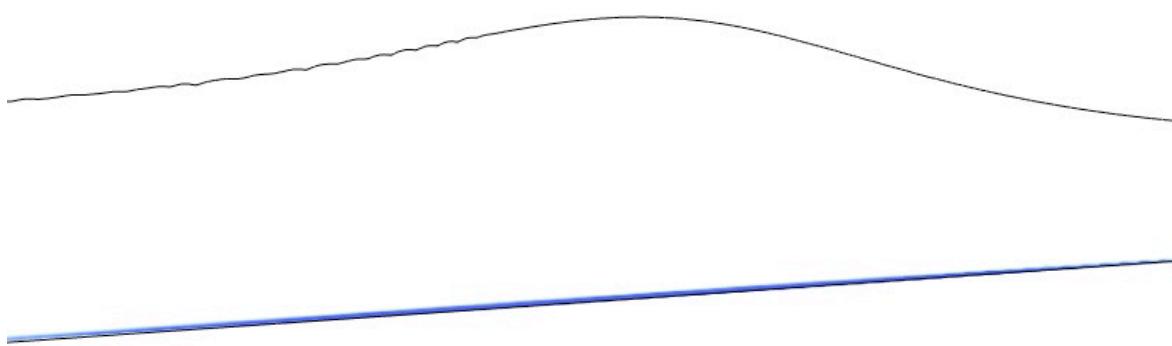
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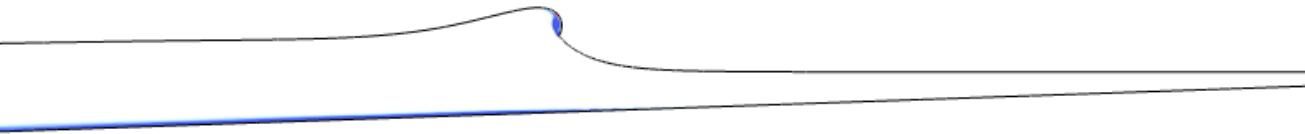
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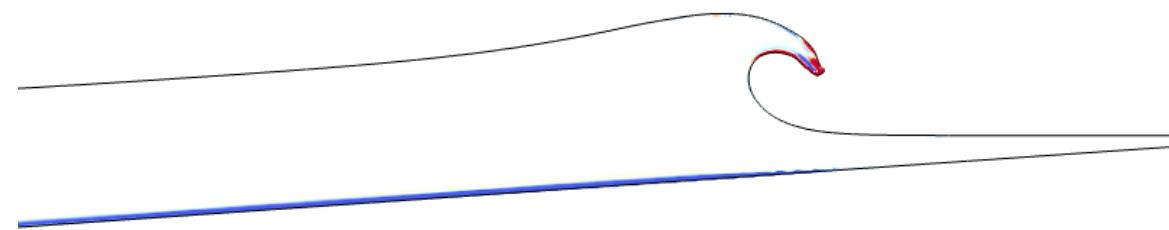
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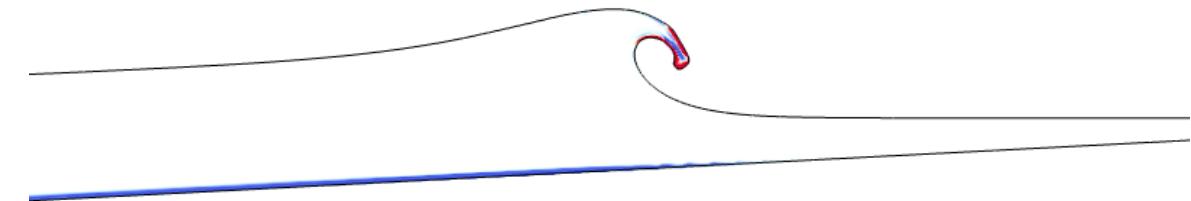
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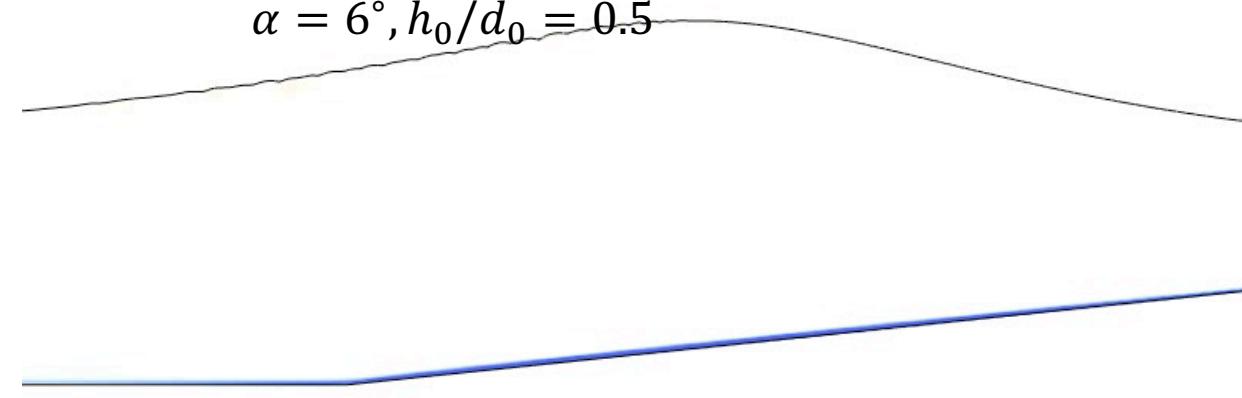
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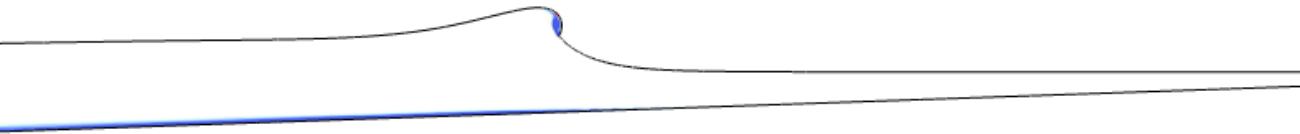
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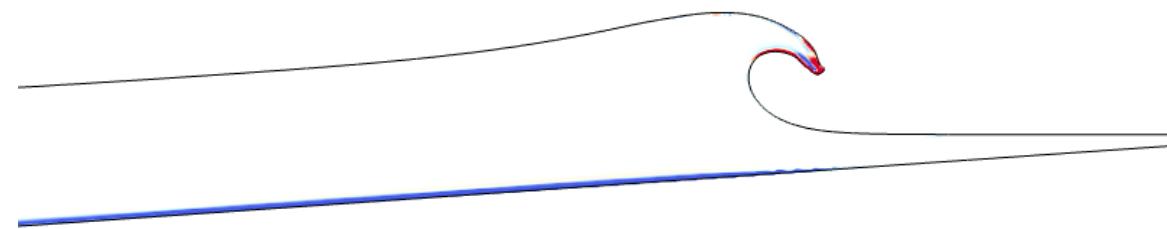
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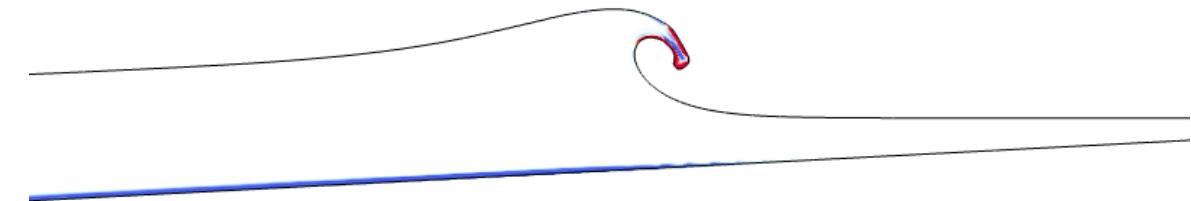
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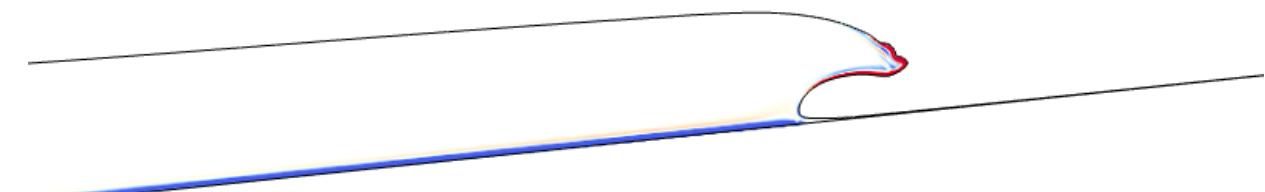
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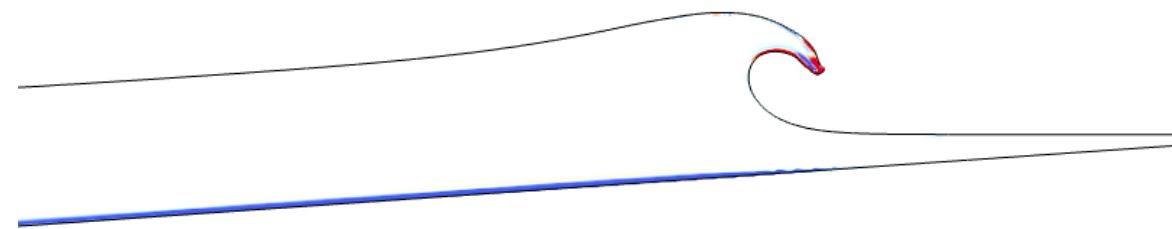
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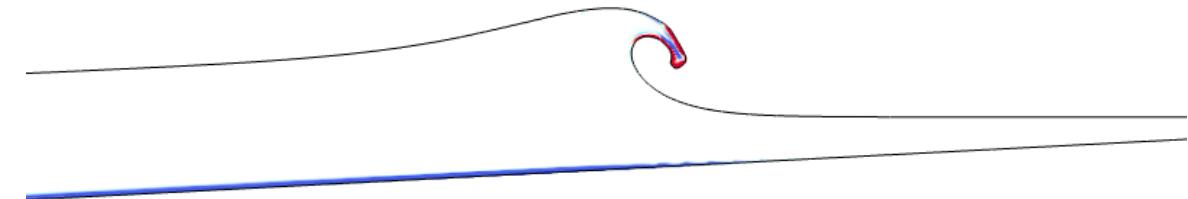
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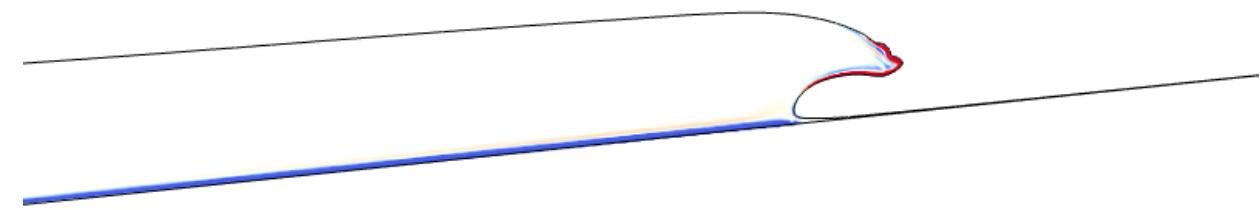
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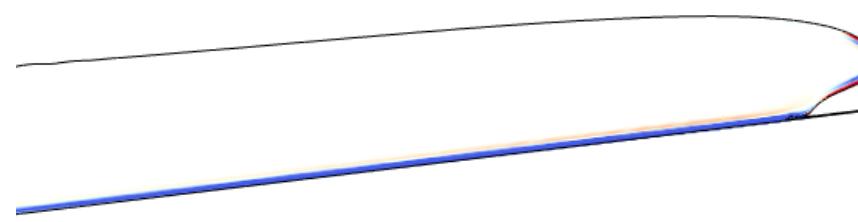
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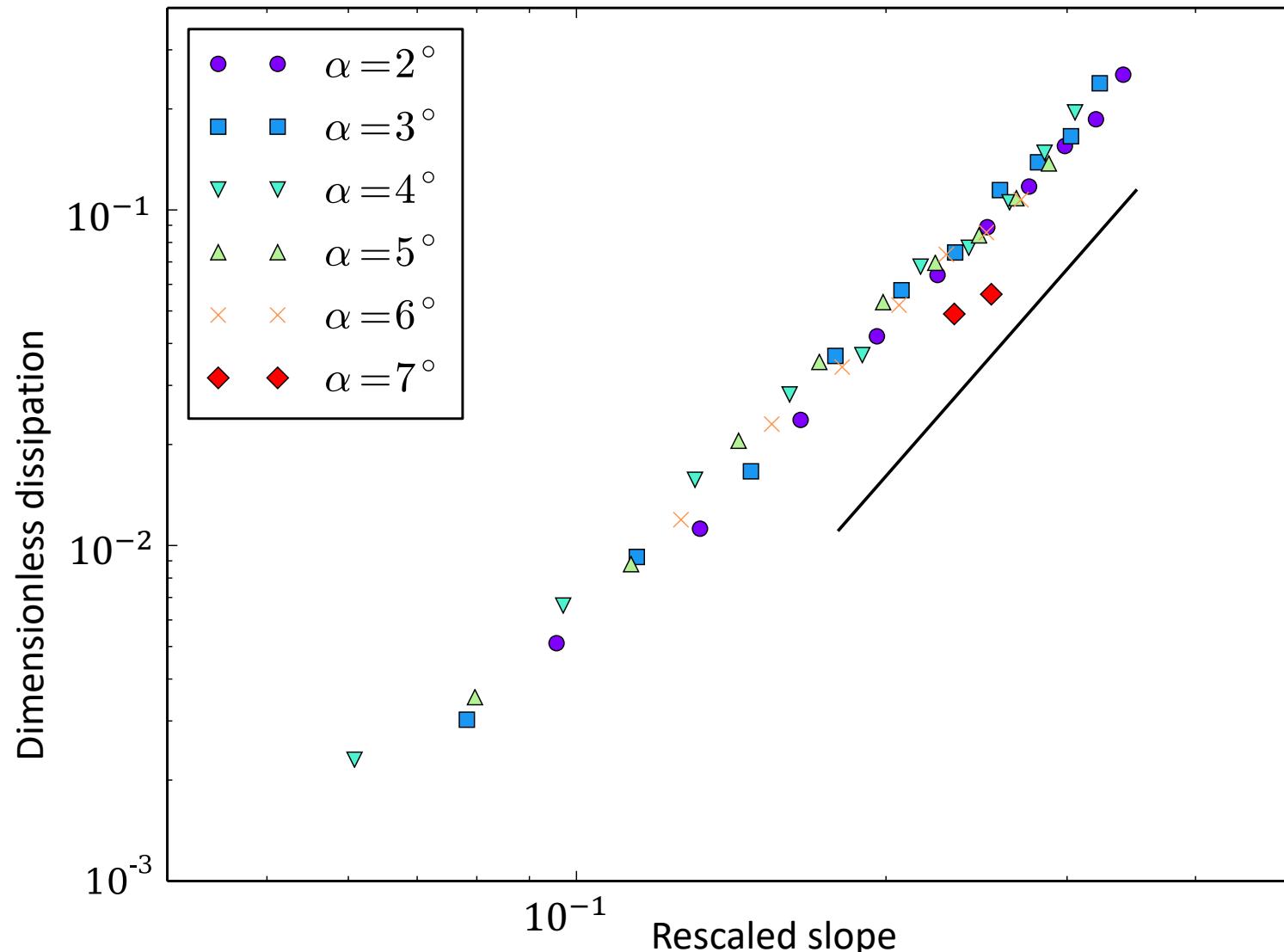


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Dissipation vs initial conditions



We can obtain a scaling with initial conditions:

$$\frac{\epsilon_l}{\epsilon_0} \propto \frac{\alpha c^3}{(gh_0)^{3/2}} \left[\frac{gh_0}{c^2} \left(1 - \frac{\alpha c^2}{gh_0} \right) \right]^{\frac{7}{2}}$$

Inertial scaling adapted from deep water (Drazen et al 2008)

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