

# Viscoplastic fluid flows: applications, simulation strategies and challenges

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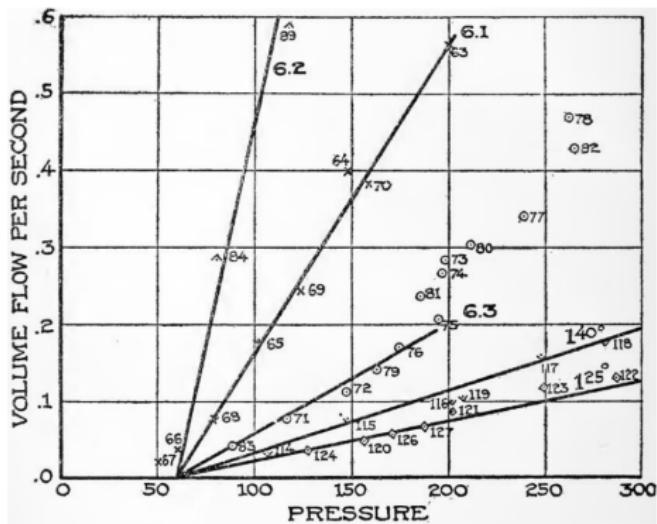
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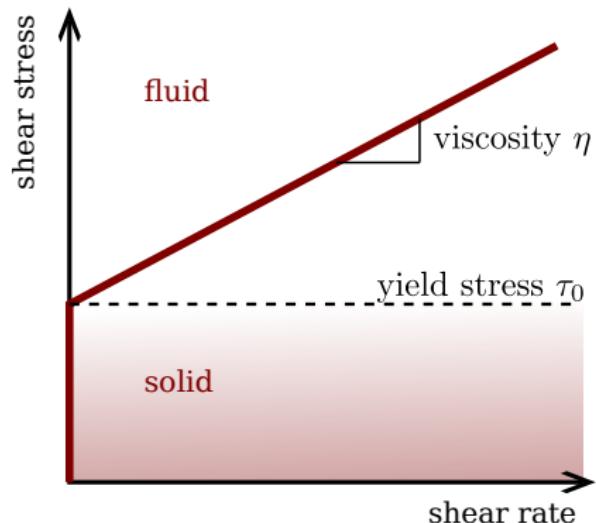
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### Viscosity measurements of clay suspension in capillaries by Bingham



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**Viscoplastic fluids** = a specific class of **non-Newtonian fluids** with a solid-like behaviour



- flow like a simple fluid above a **critical pressure**
- remains at rest, like a solid, below

poses a **challenge** for classification: **solid or fluid ?**  
radically different than simple **nonlinear viscosity**

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# Viscoplastic fluids around us

cosmetics



food



construction, geophysics



# Industrial and societal concerns

moving object/coating



spreading/arrest



risks



[geologypage.com]



[Balmforth et al., 2014]



[camp2camp.org]

# Viscoplasticity in concrete 3D printing

3d concrete printing at **Laboratoire Navier**, [courtesy Romain Mesnil]

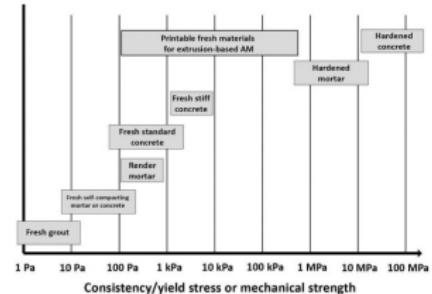
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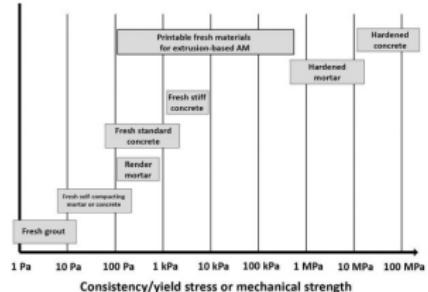


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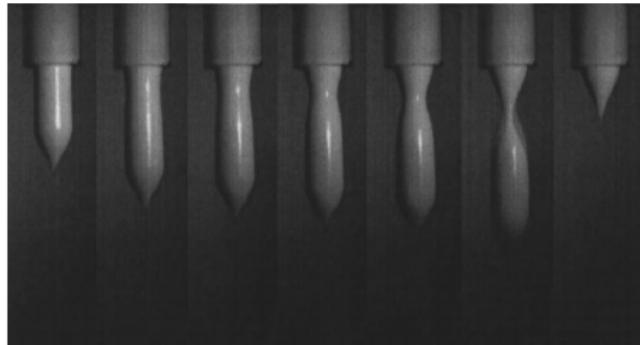
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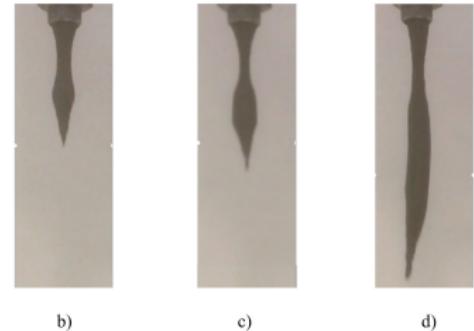
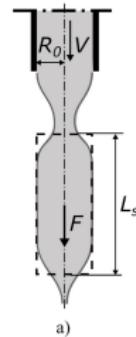


**A low-cost rheometer:** slug test

Mayonnaise drips [Cousset et al., 2005]



**Fresh mortar** [Ducoulombier et al., 2021]



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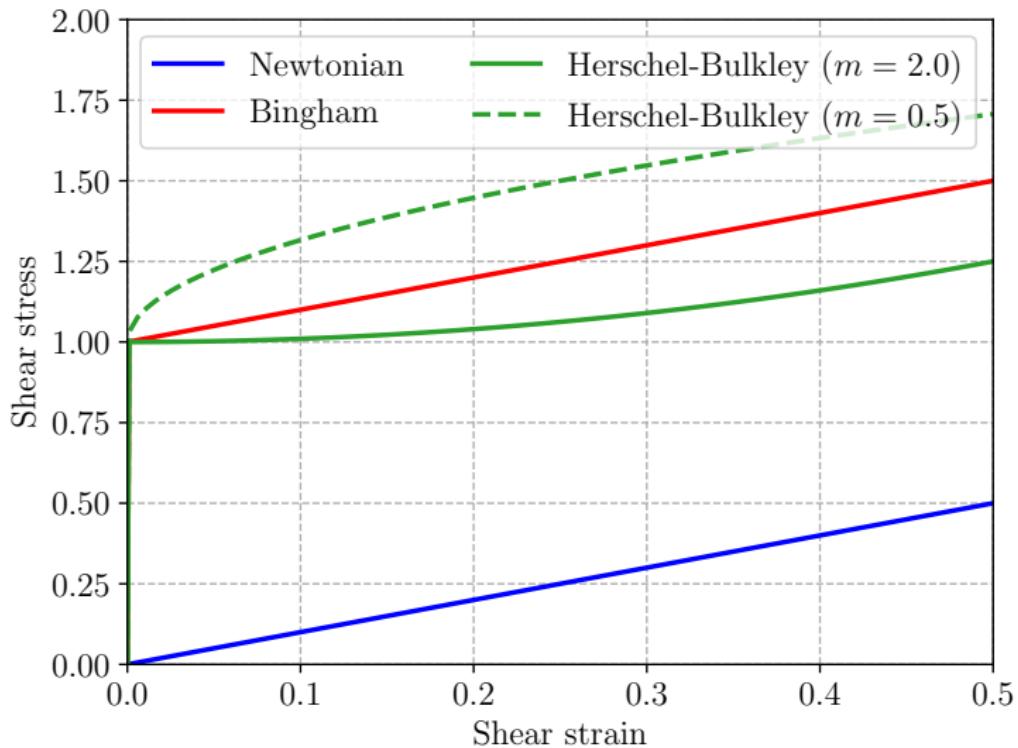
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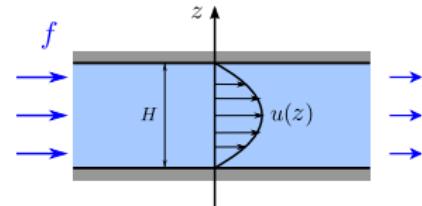
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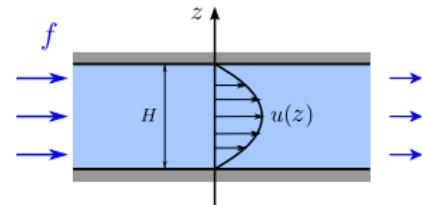
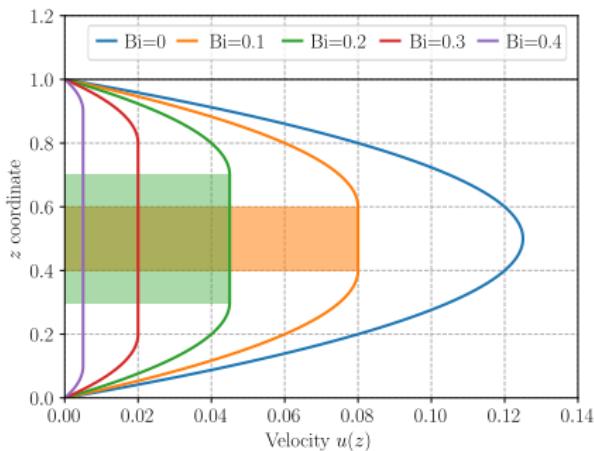
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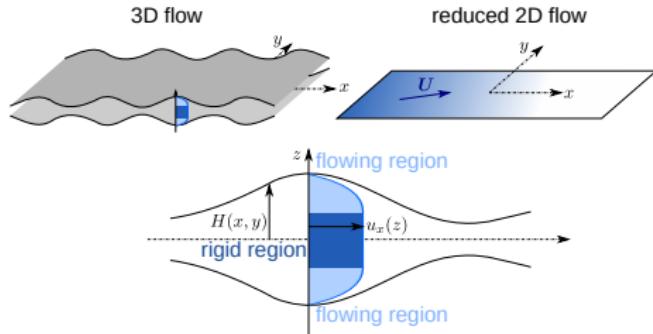
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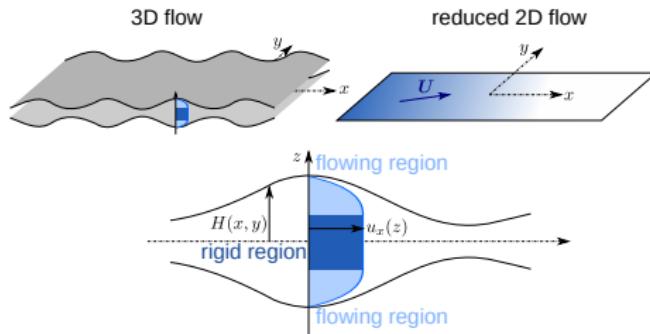


**shear near the edges:** parabolic Newtonian profile  
**near the center:** rigid plug region with uniform velocity  
**solid region :**  $0.5 - Bi \leq z/H \leq Bi + 0.5$   
 $\Rightarrow$  **flow stops** when  $Bi = Bi_c = 0.5$

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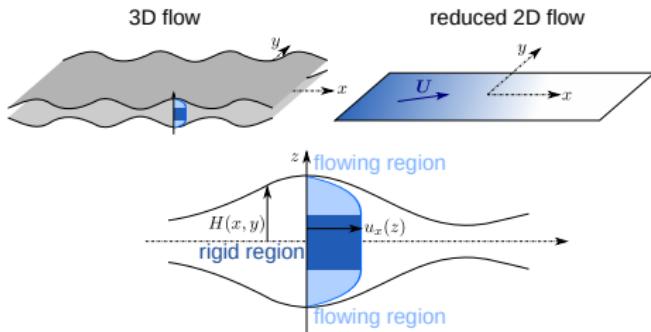
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where  $\boldsymbol{\tau}(x, y, z)$  is the anti-plane shear stress vector and  $p(x, y)$  is the fluid pressure

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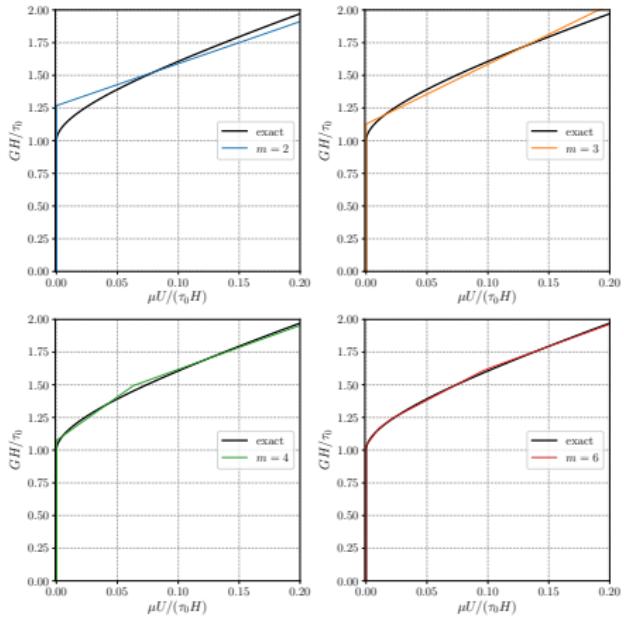
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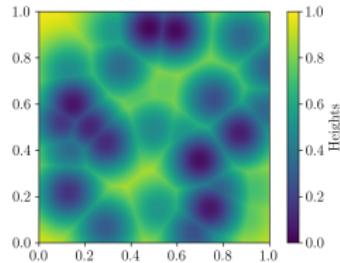
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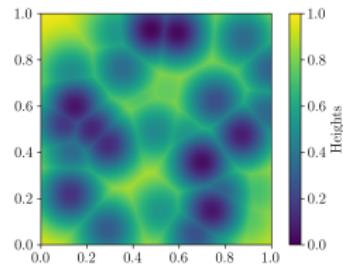
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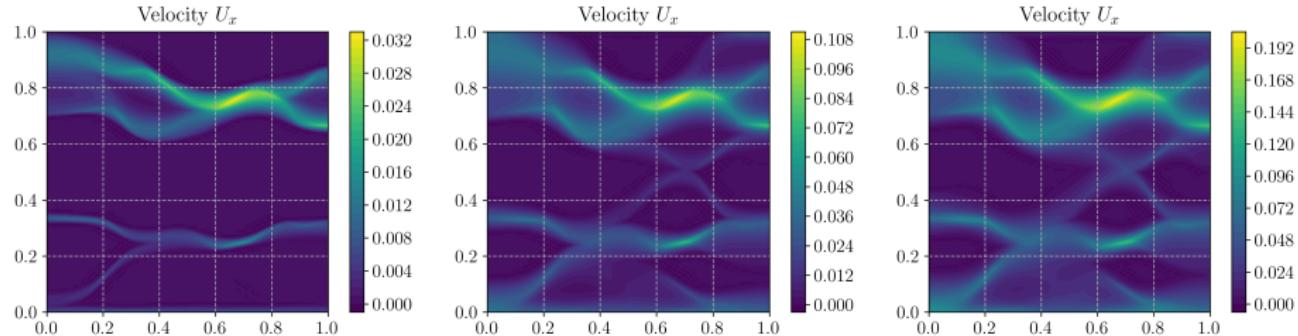
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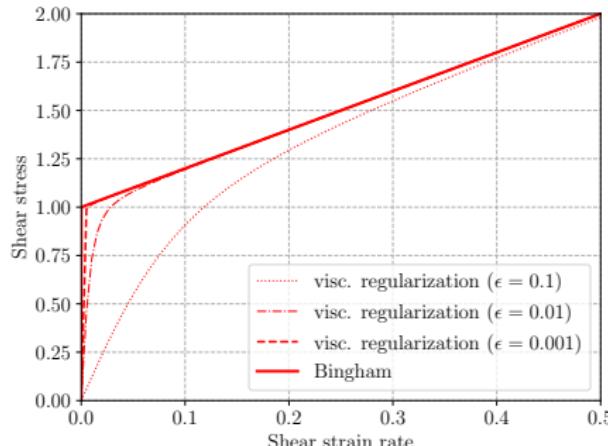
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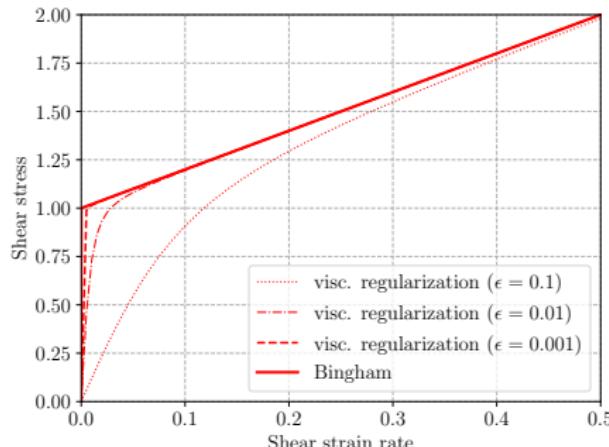
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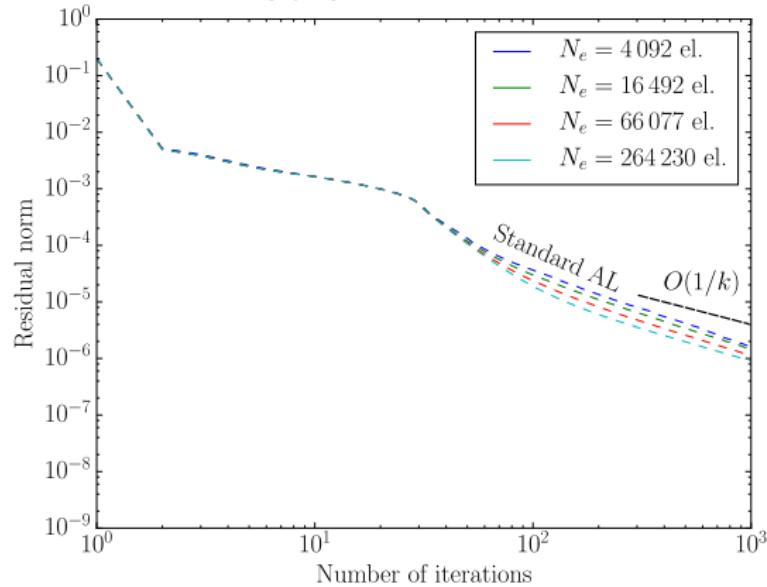
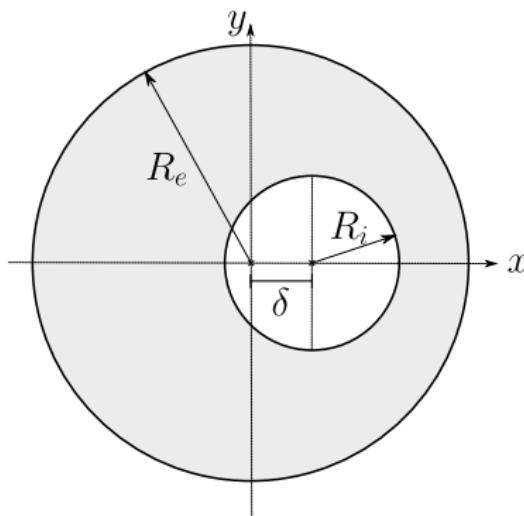
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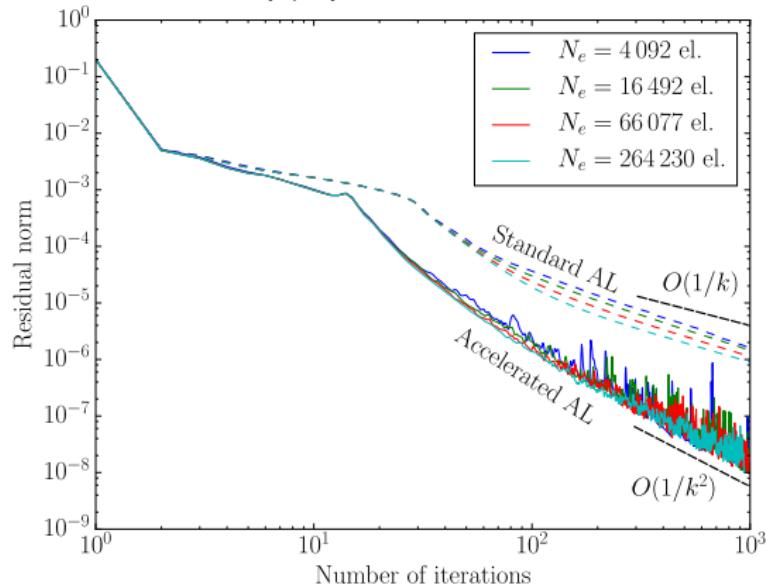
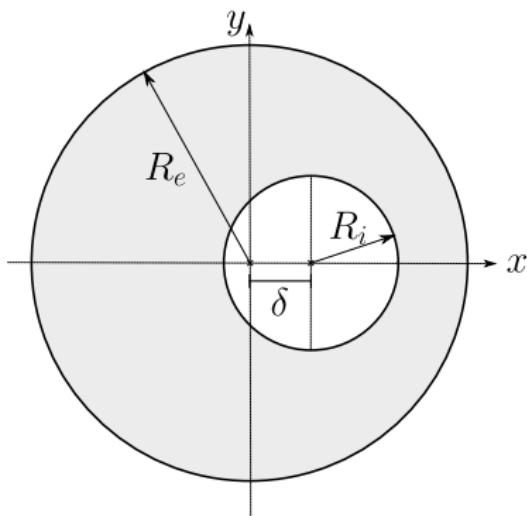
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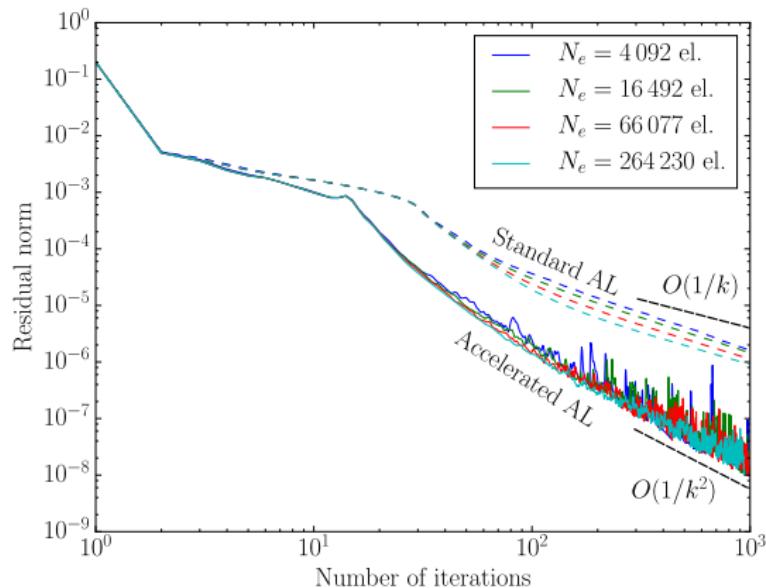
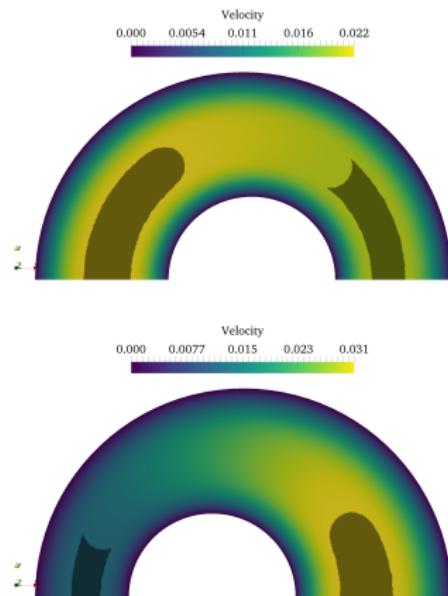


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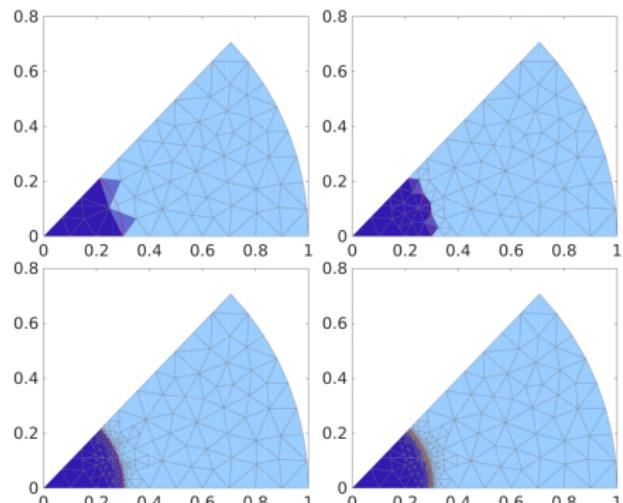
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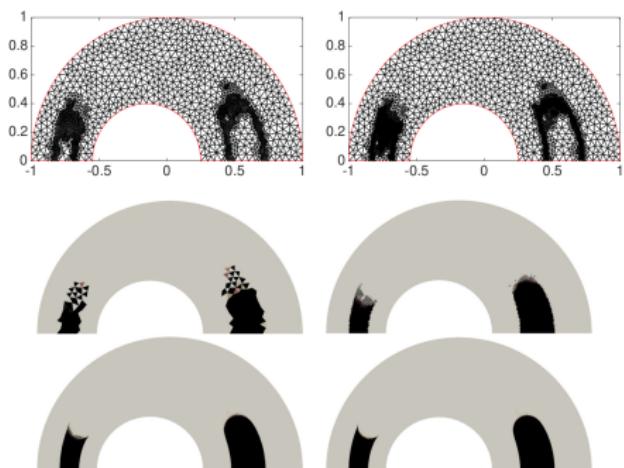
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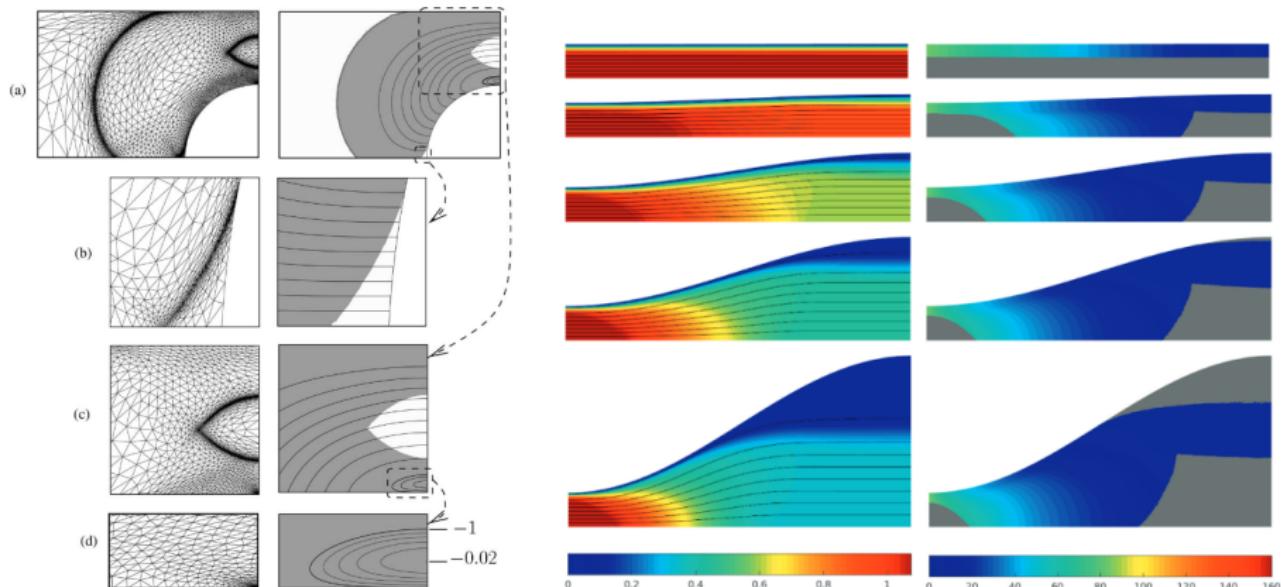


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Mesh adaptation based on **anisotropic metric** [Roquet and Saramito, 2001]



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- power cones:  $\mathcal{P}_\alpha = \{\mathbf{z} \in \mathbb{R}^m \text{ s.t. } \mathbf{z} = (z_0, z_1, \bar{\mathbf{z}}) \text{ and } z_0^\alpha z_1^{1-\alpha} \geq \|\bar{\mathbf{z}}\|_2, z_0, z_1 \geq 0\}$

efficient conic programming solvers: CVX, MOSEK, etc.

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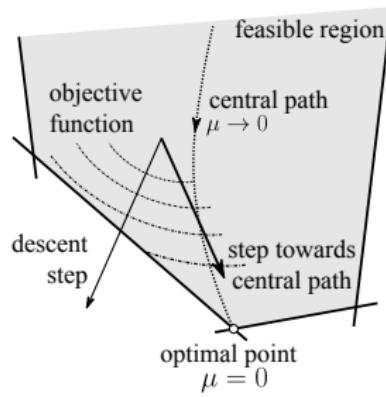
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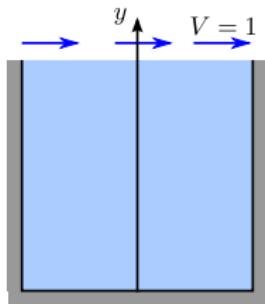
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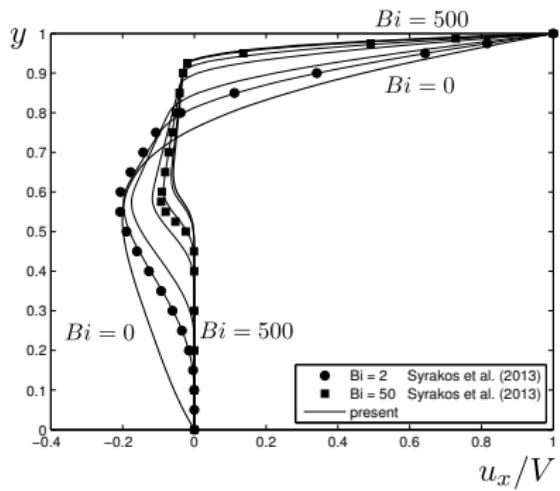
$\mu$  defines the **central path**



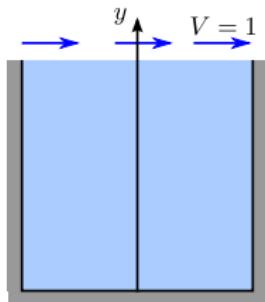
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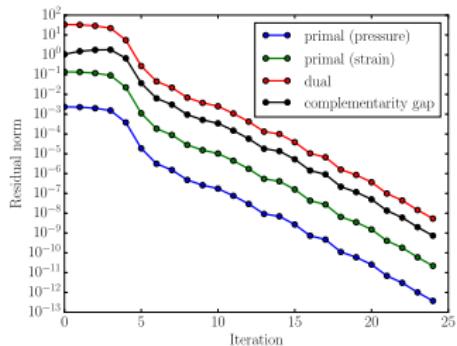
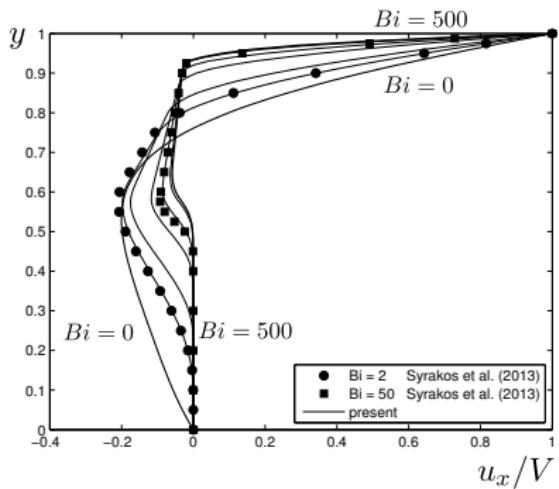
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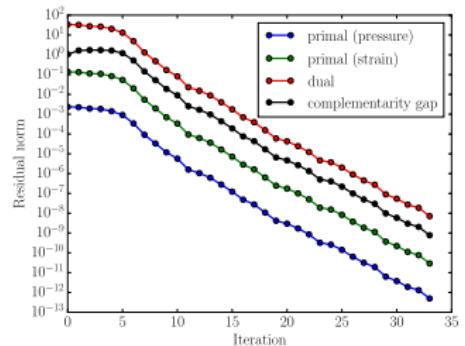
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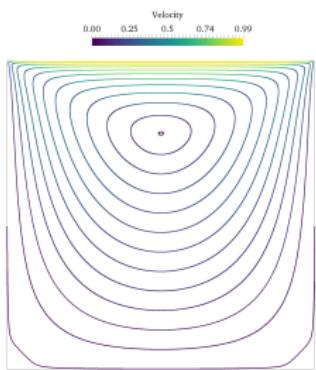
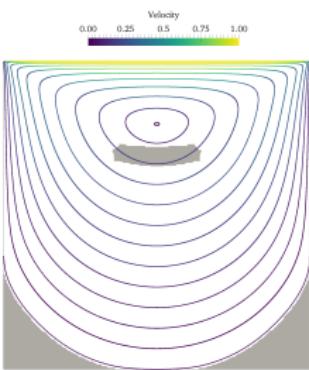
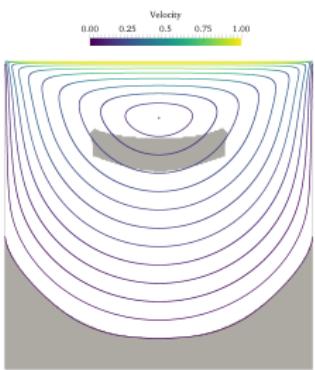
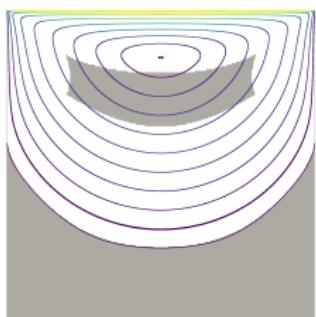
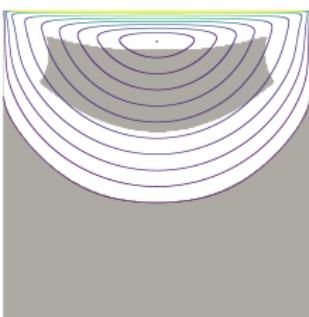
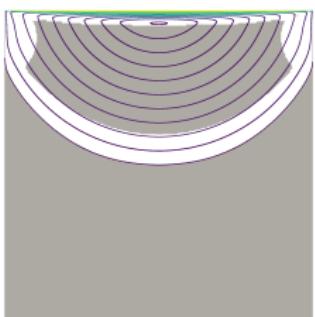


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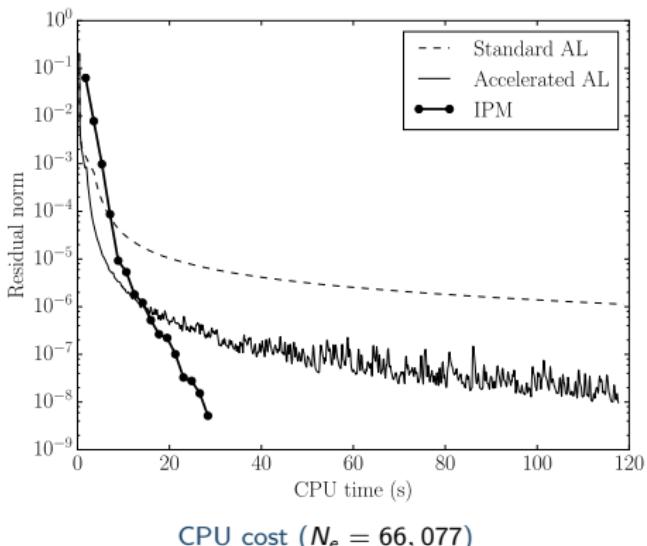
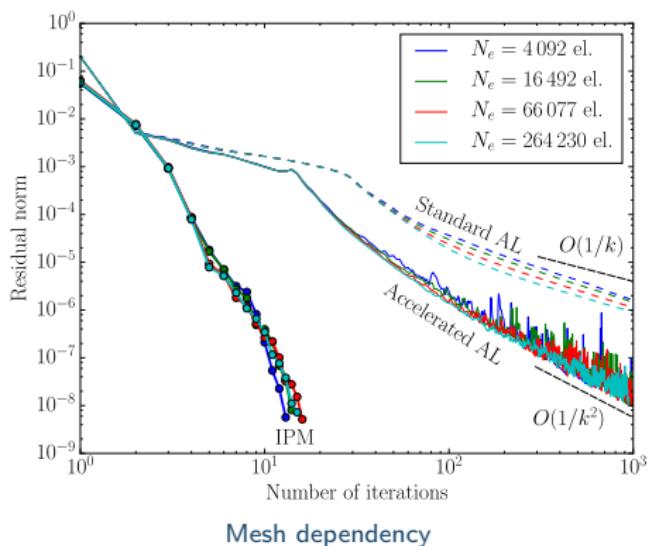


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# Lid-driven square cavity

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# Eccentric annulus problem



## Vane rheometer

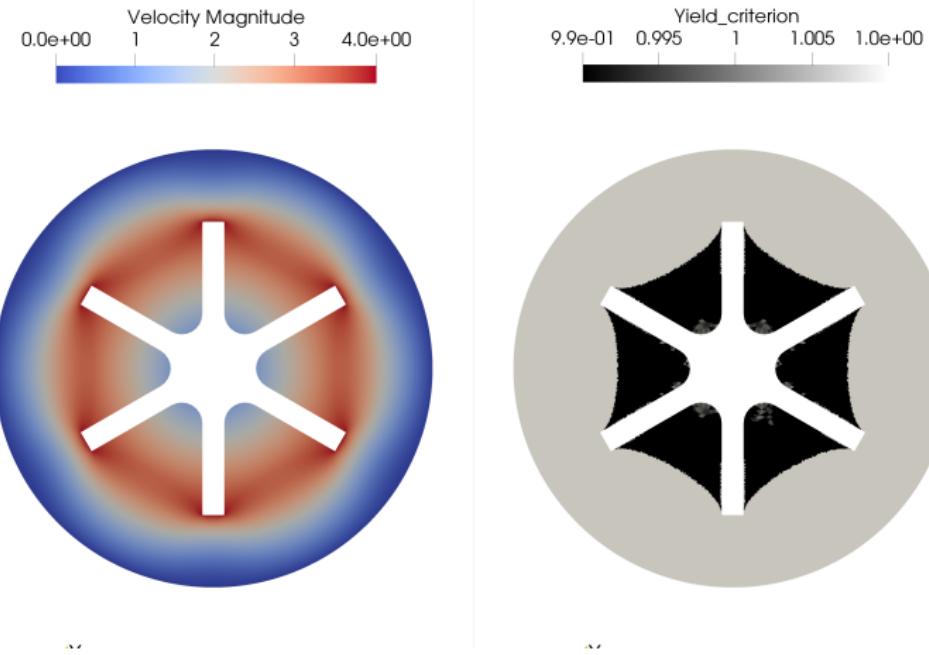


Figure:  $\text{Bi} = 1$

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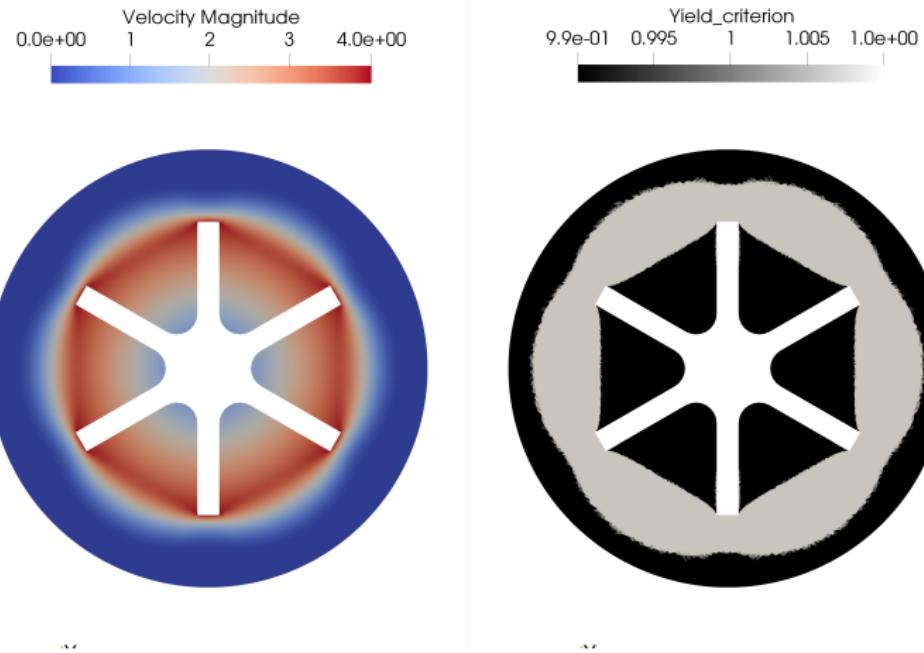


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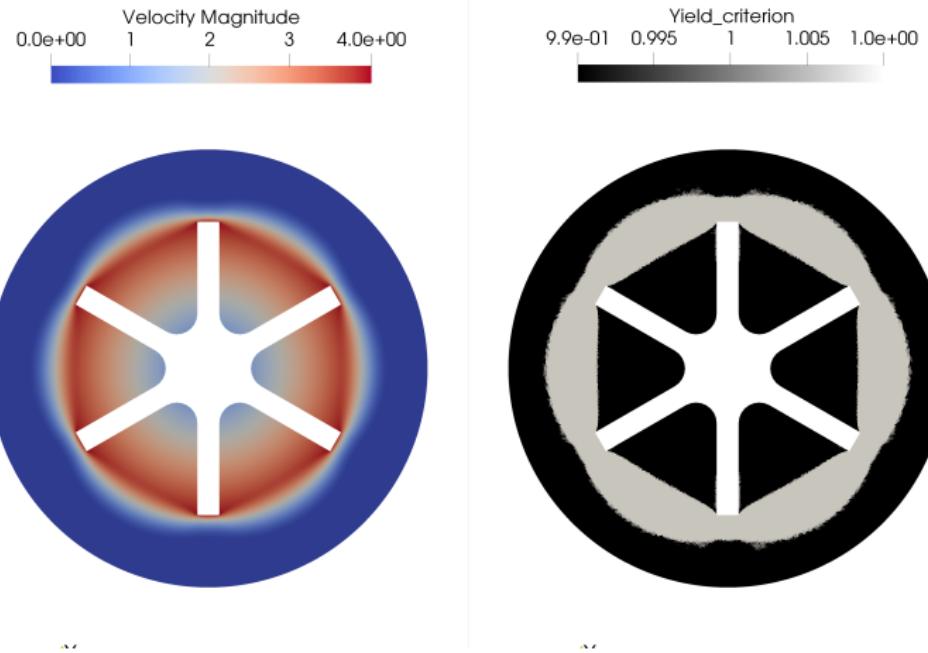


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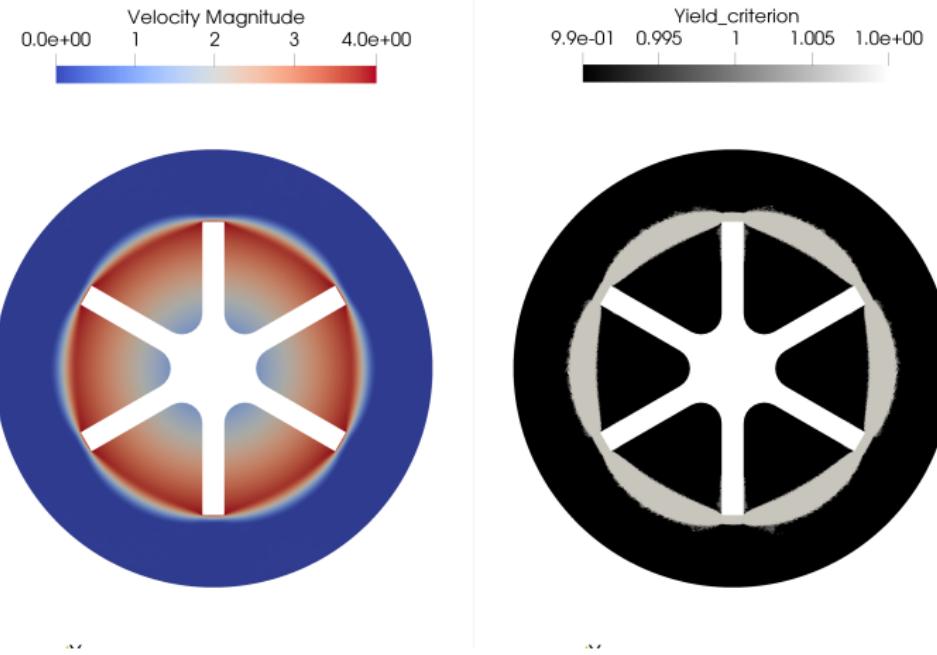
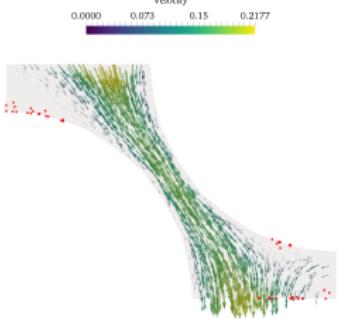
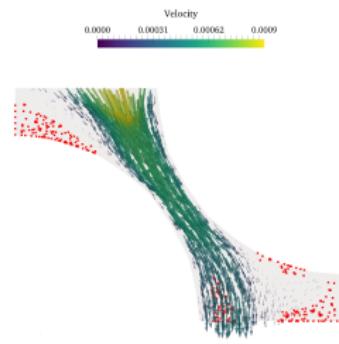
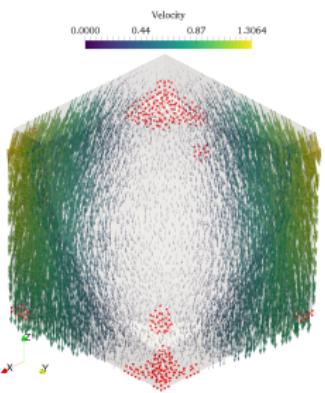
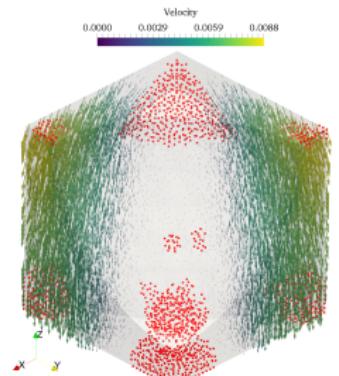
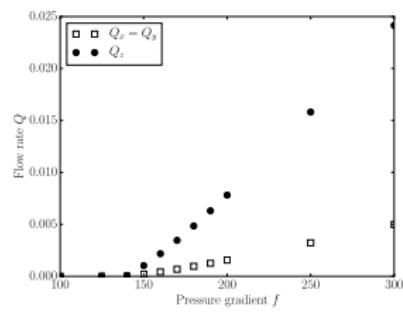
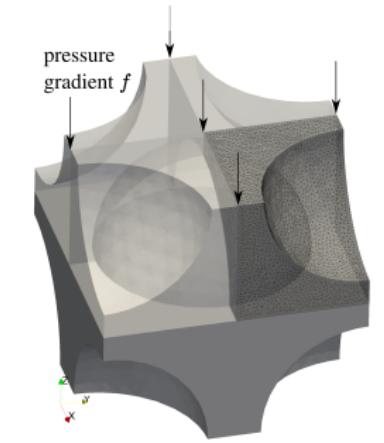


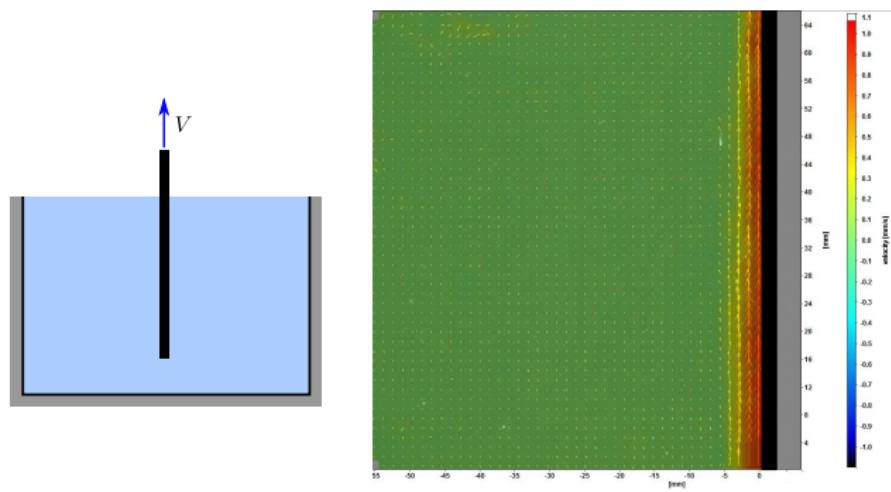
Figure:  $\text{Bi} = 100$

# Flow through a 3D porous medium



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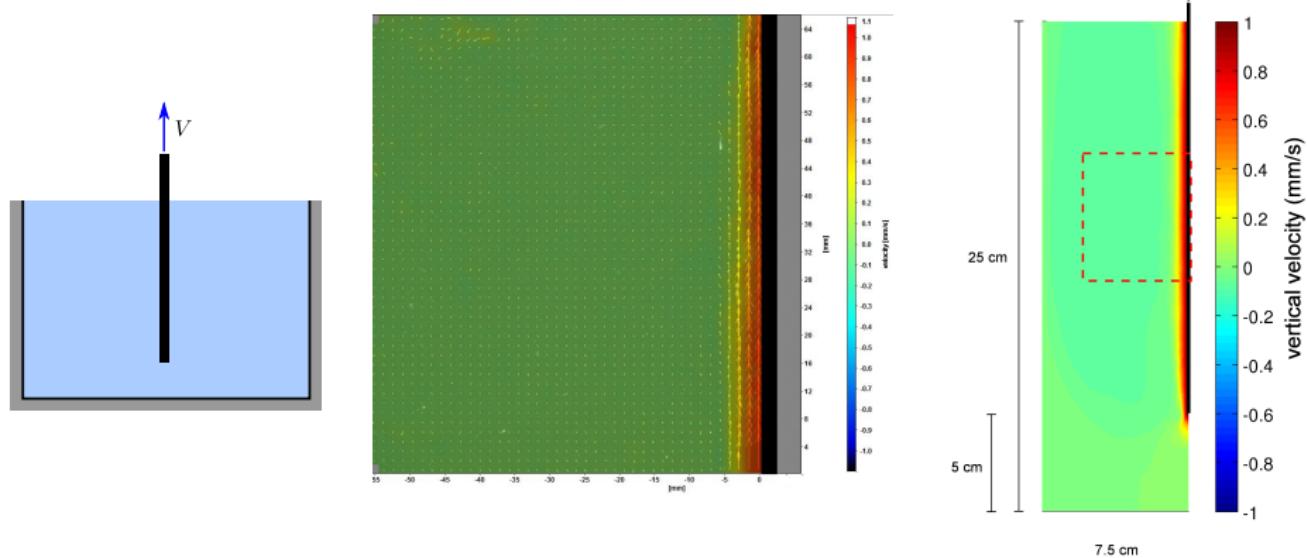
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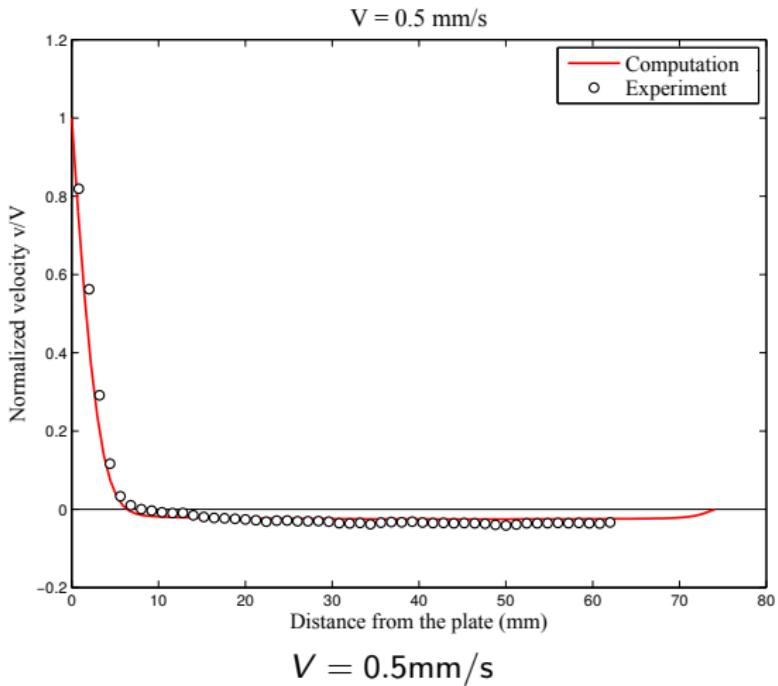


Qualitative comparison :

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- fluid is strongly sheared upwards in a small region close to the plate
- moves downwards far from the plate

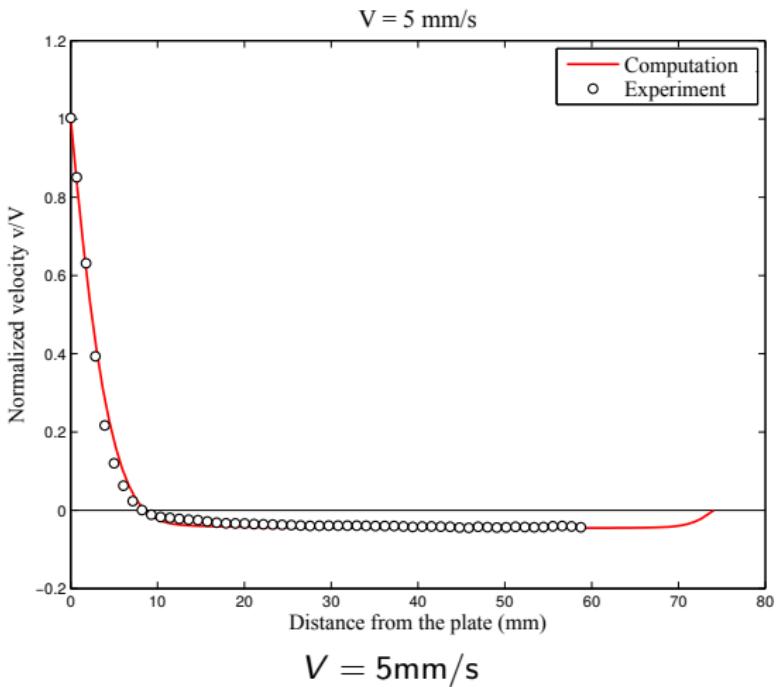
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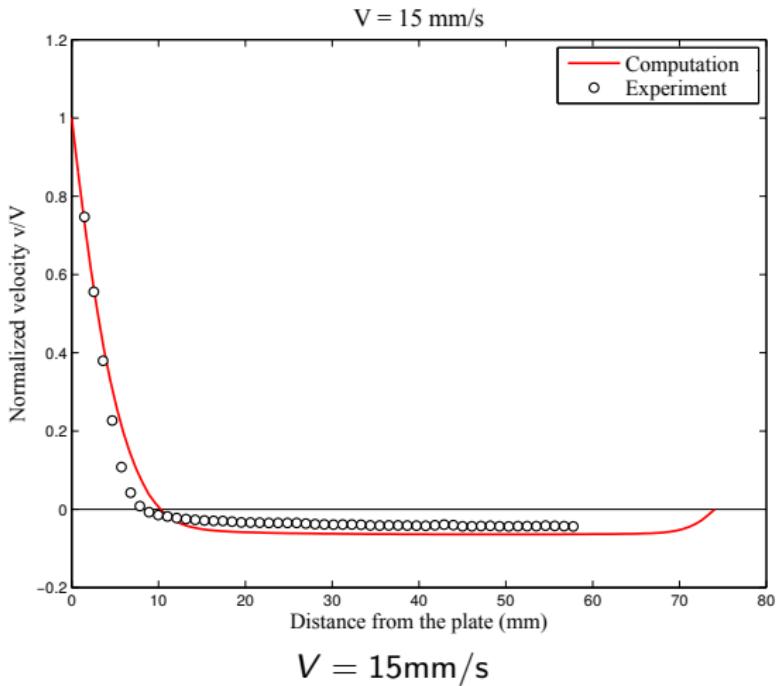
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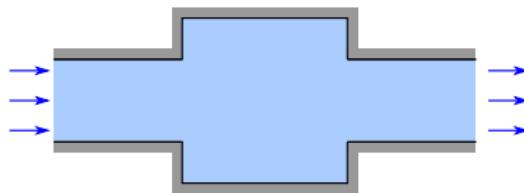


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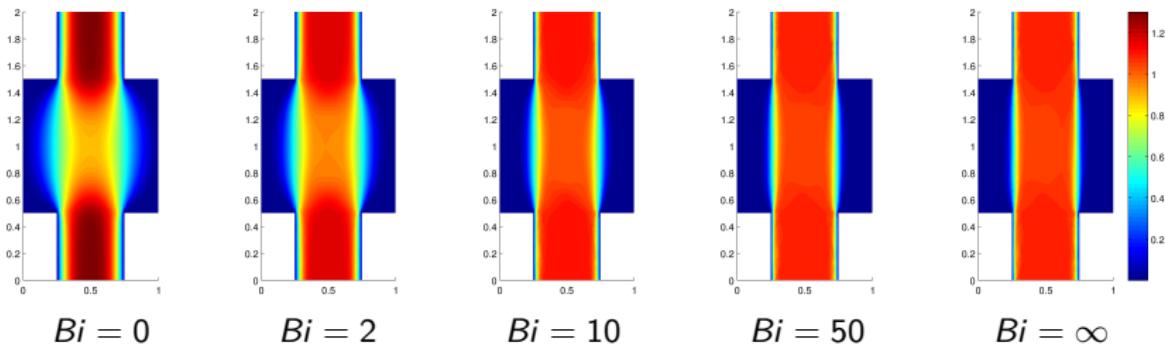
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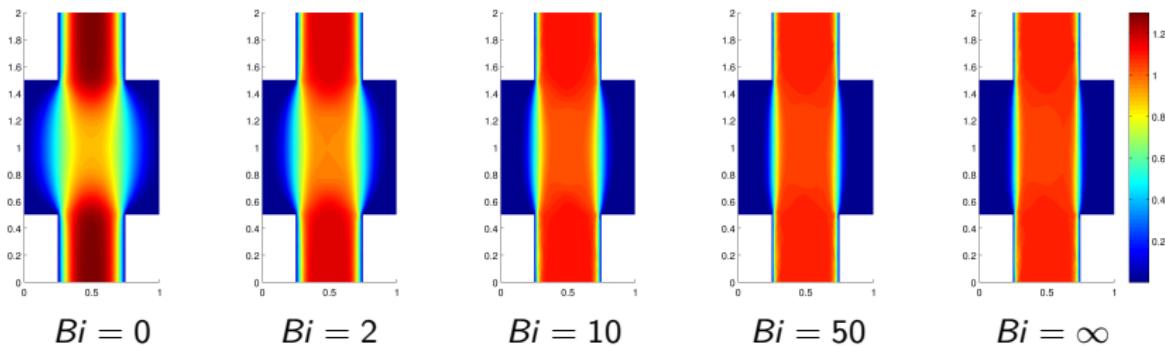


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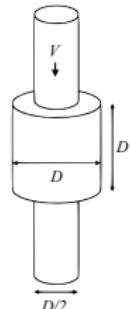
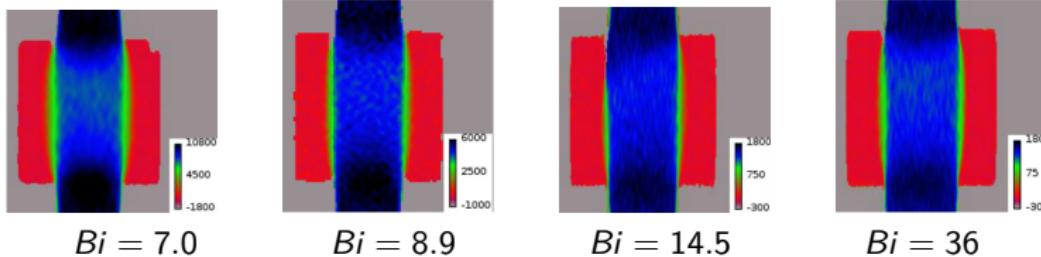


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Velocity fields similar to experimental results of [Chevalier et al., 2013]  
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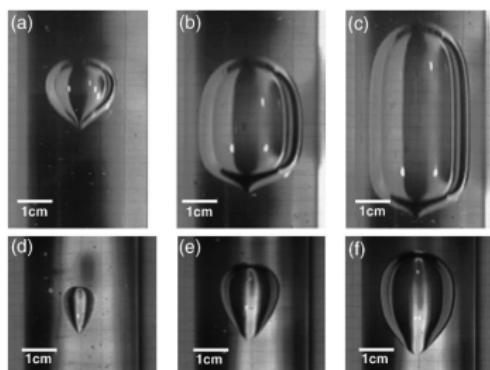
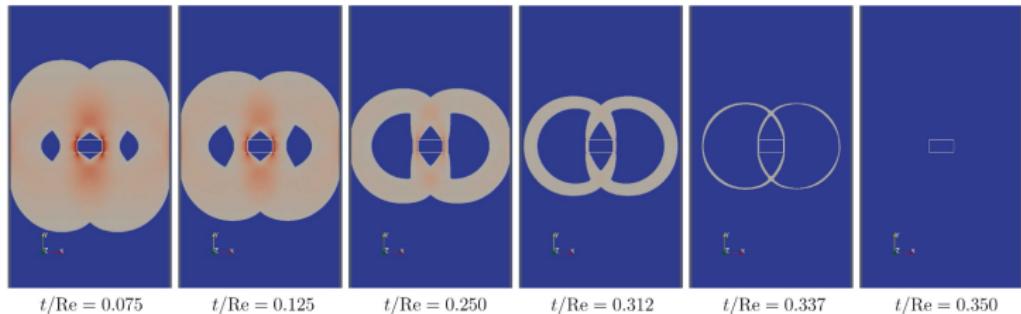
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# Rigid particles, bubbles, multiphase

**Finite-time settlement** of a rigid particle [Wachs and Frigaard, 2016]



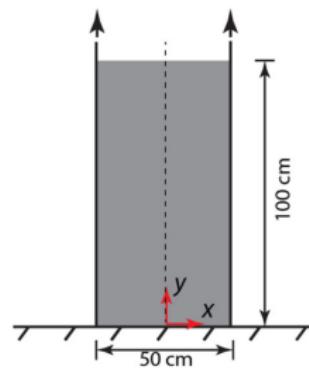
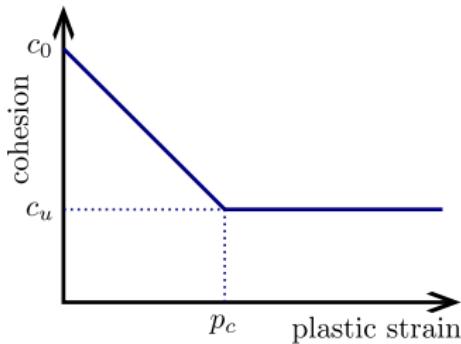
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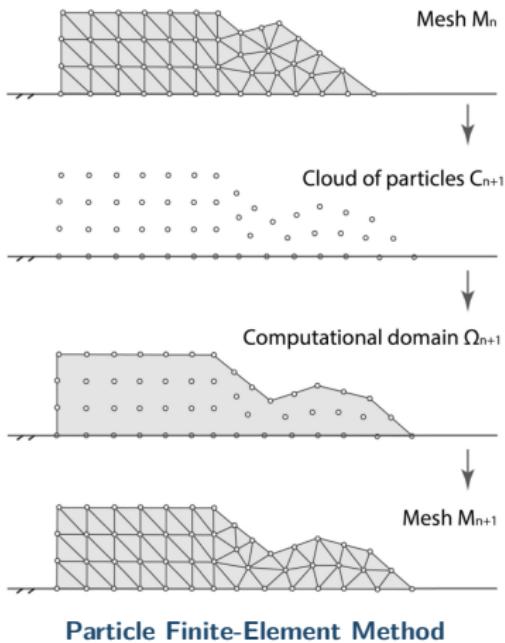
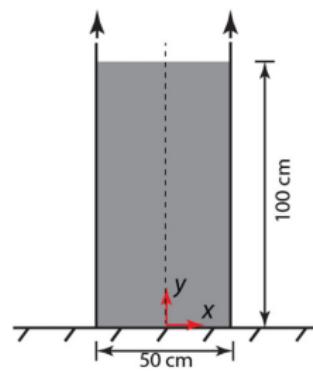
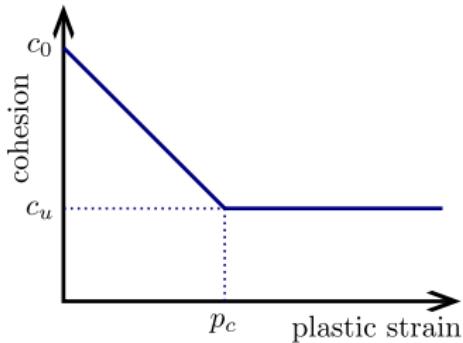
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**retrogressive failure**

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