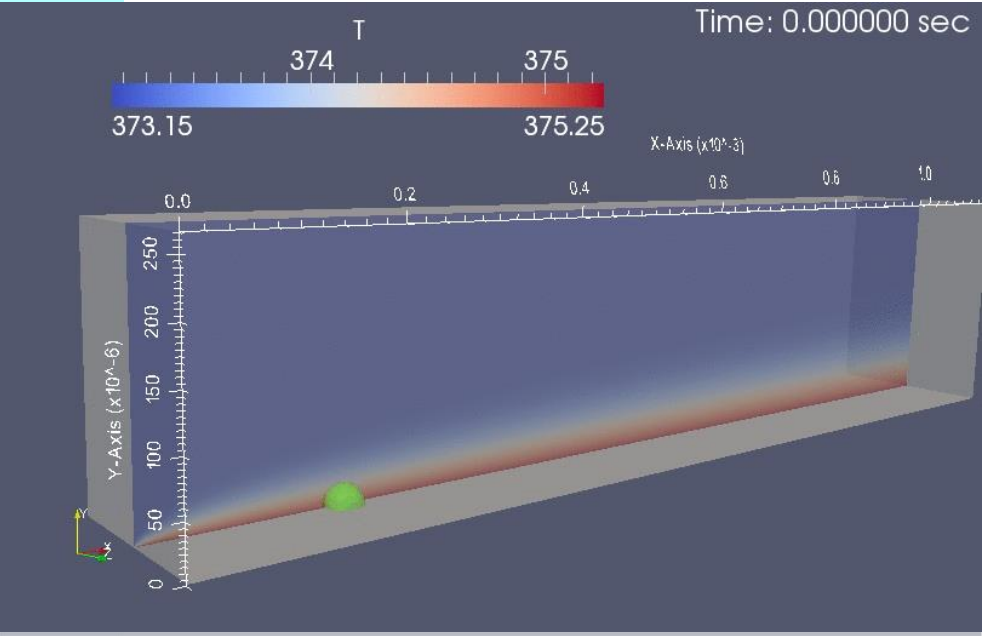
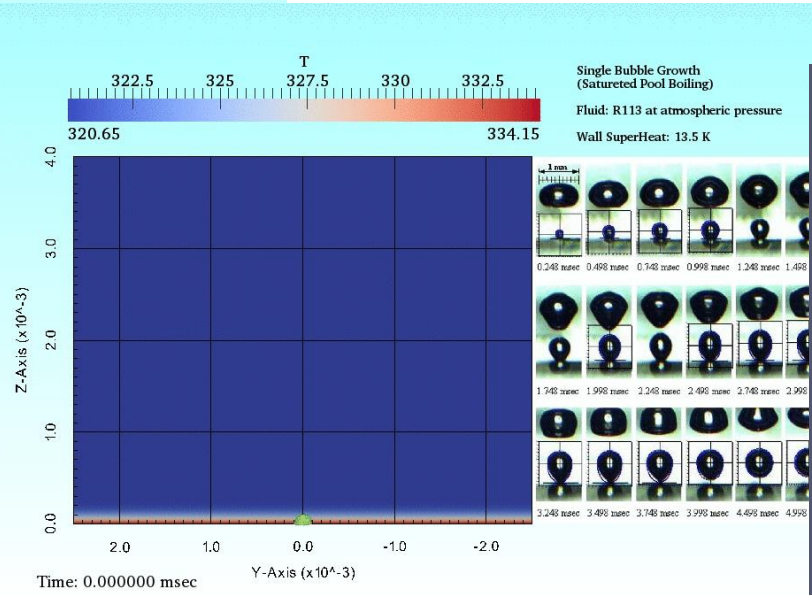
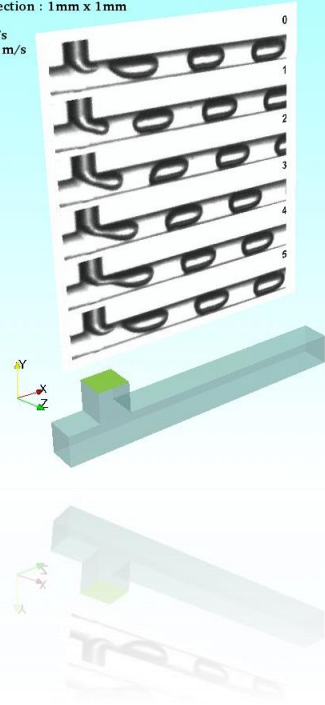
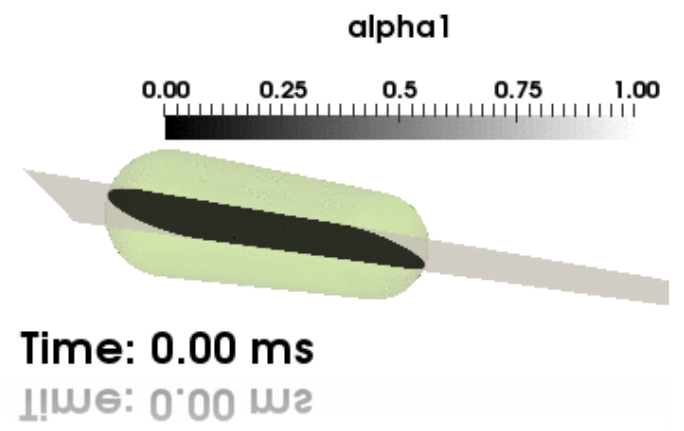
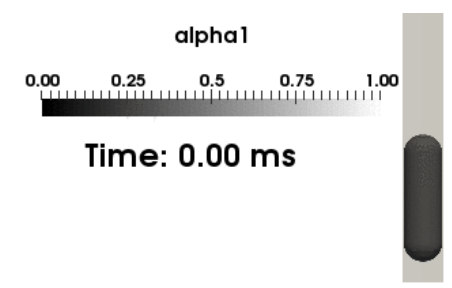
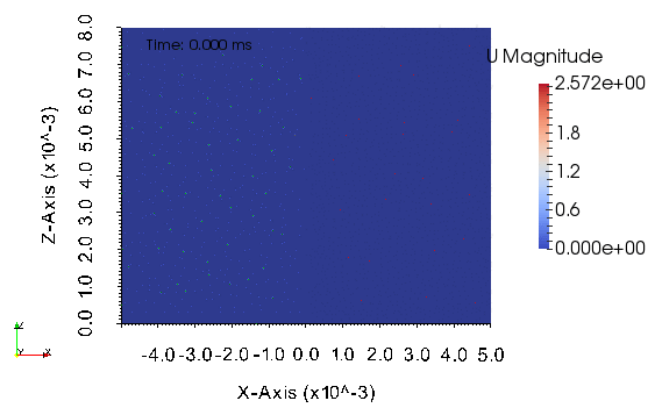


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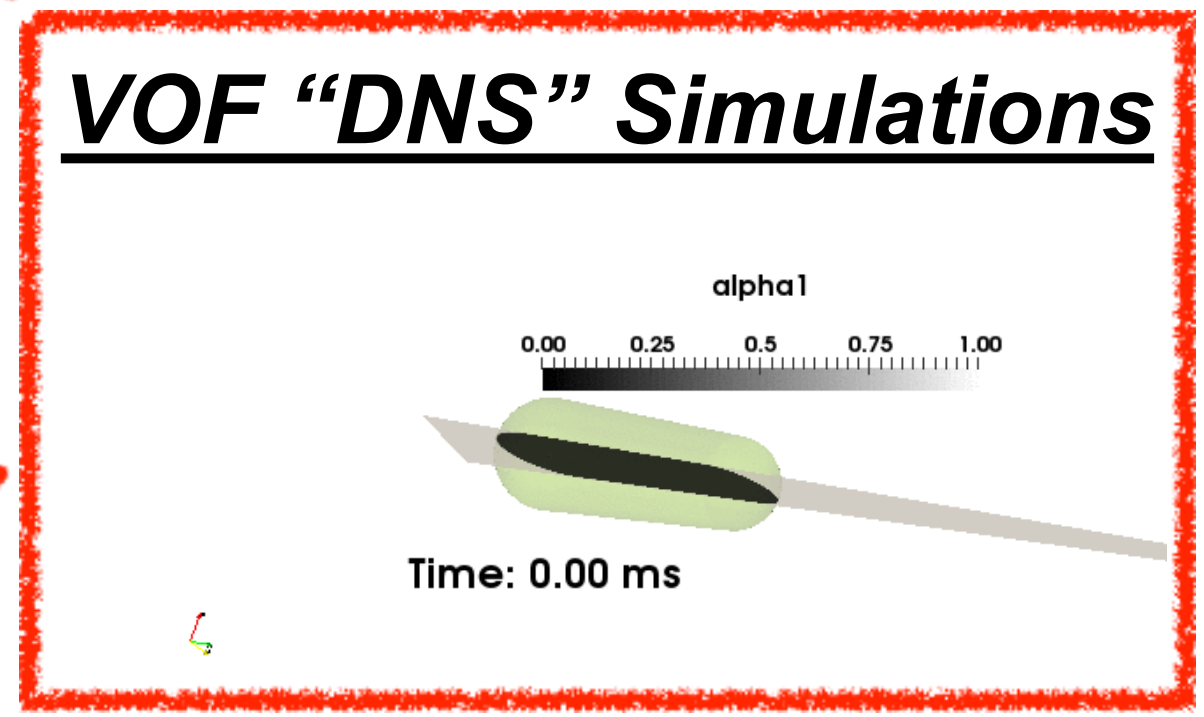
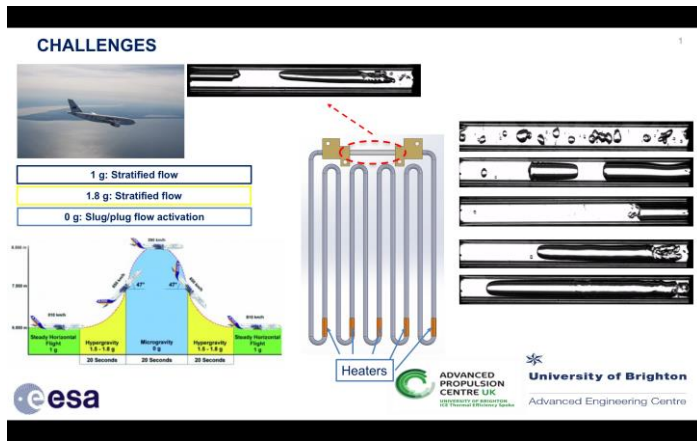


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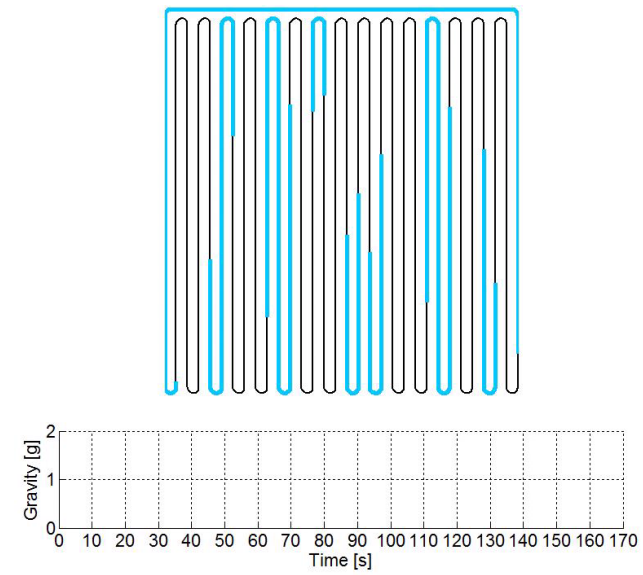


# Experiments

# VOF "DNS" Simulations



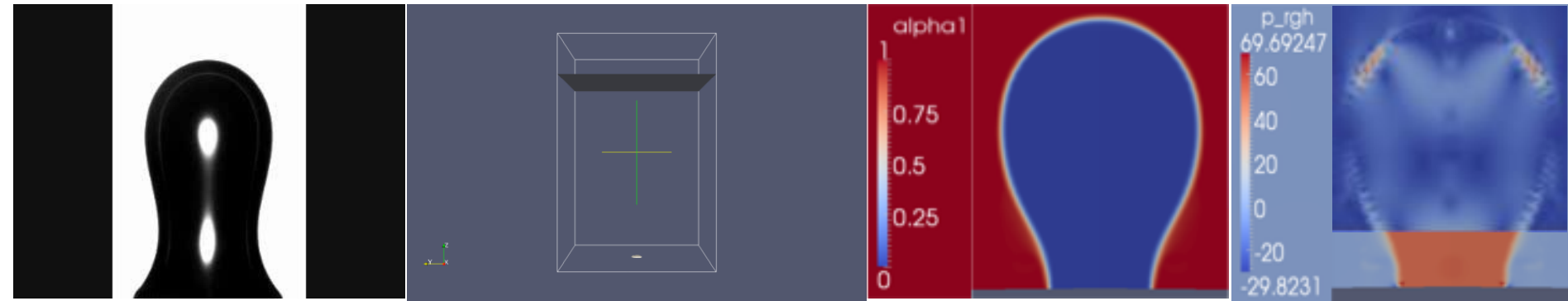
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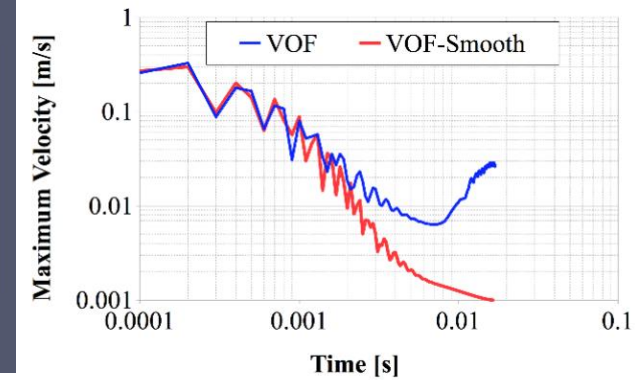
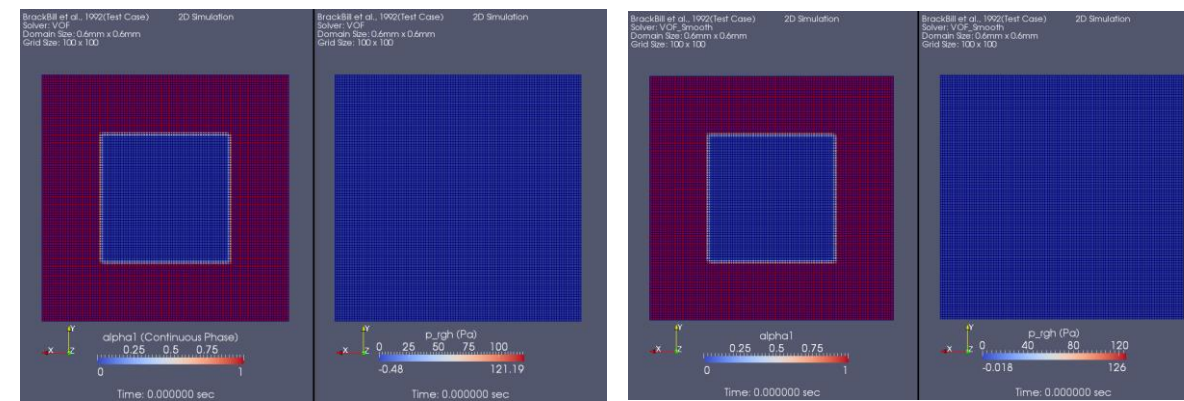
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OpenFOAM  
VOF



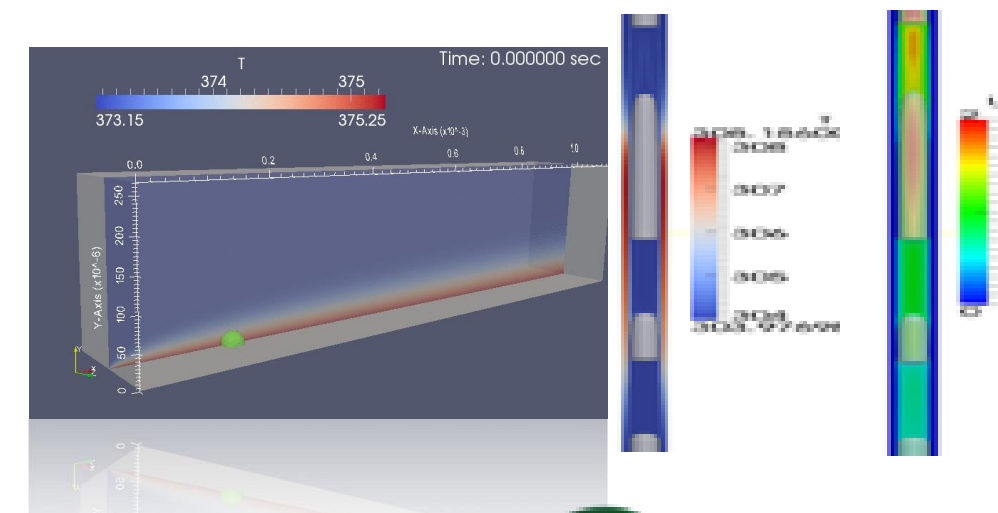
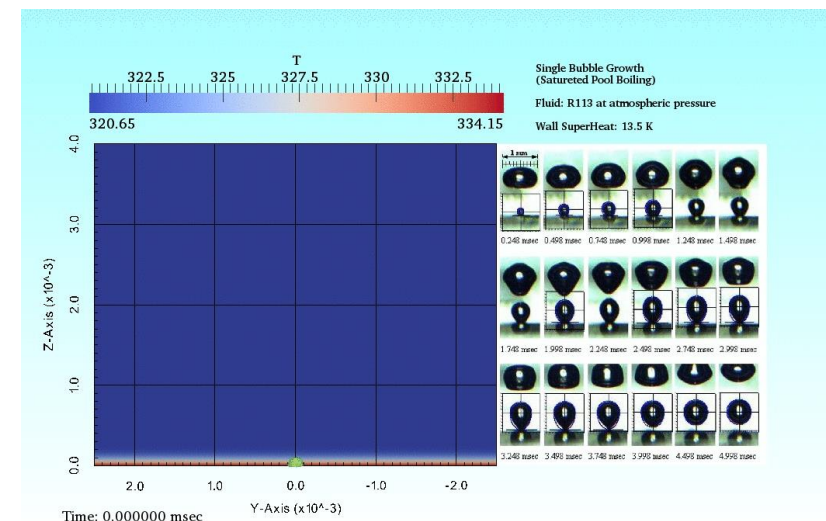
## Treatment for spurious velocities dampening

Improved OpenFOAM  
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## Addition of Energy Equation and Phase-change model of Hardt & Wondra (2008)

Improved OpenFOAM  
VOF coupled  
Phase-change  
(boiling and condensation)



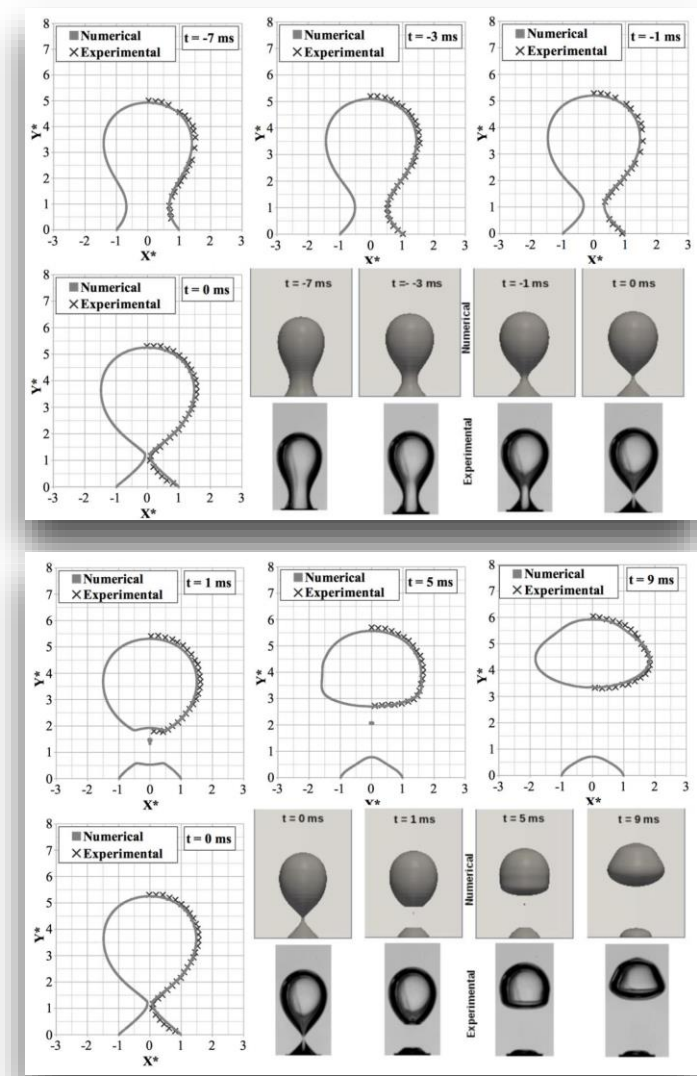
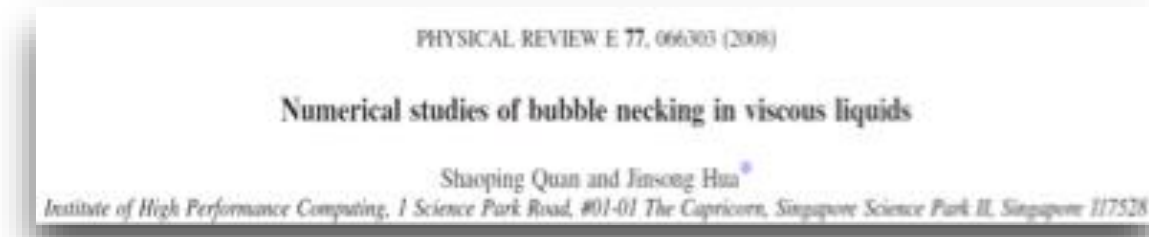
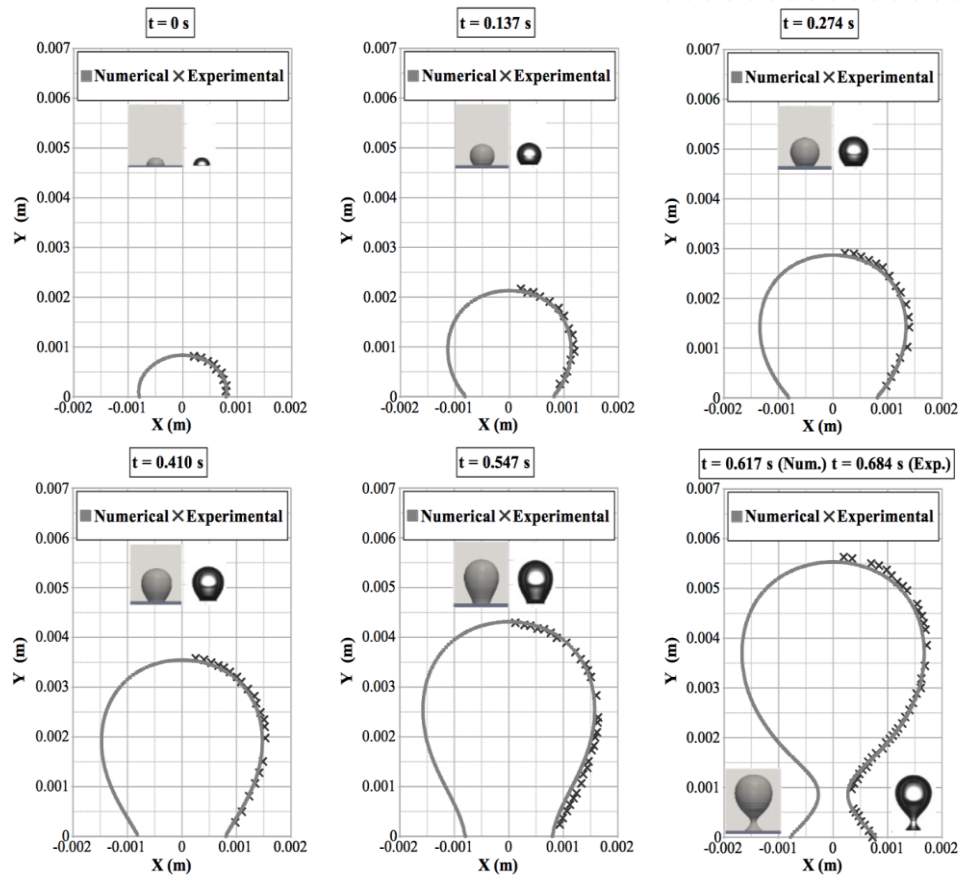
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On the analysis of bubble growth and detachment at low Capillary and Bond numbers using Volume of Fluid and Level Set methods

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After Detachment

Before Detachment



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## Numerical simulation of bubble generation in a T-junction

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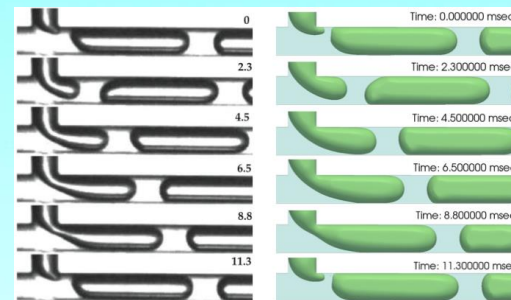
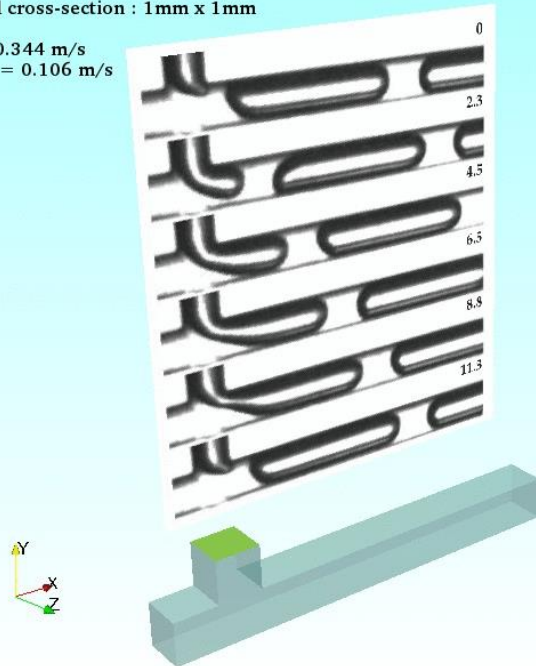
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Bubble Generation in a T-junction Time: 0.000000 msec

Fluids: Air and Water

Channel cross-section : 1 mm x 1 mm

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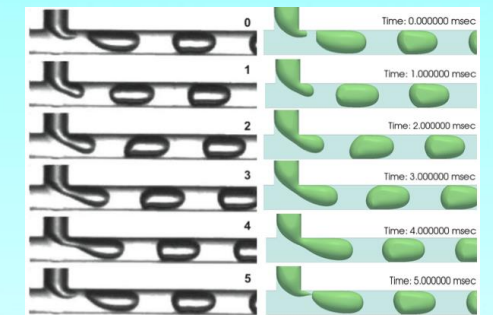
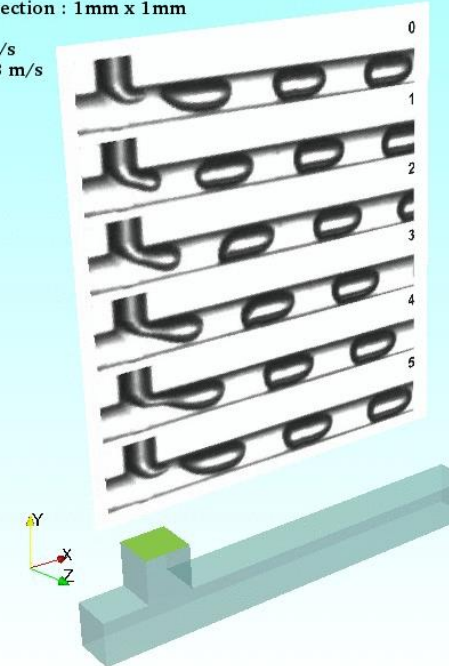


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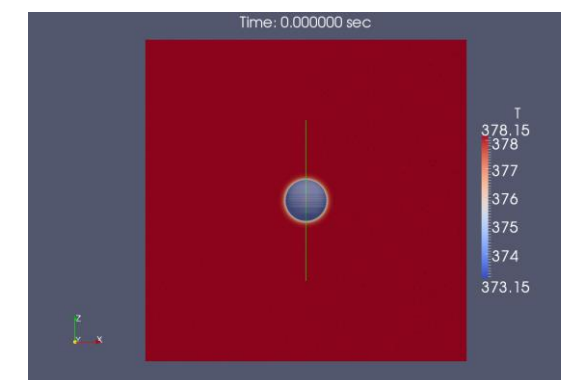
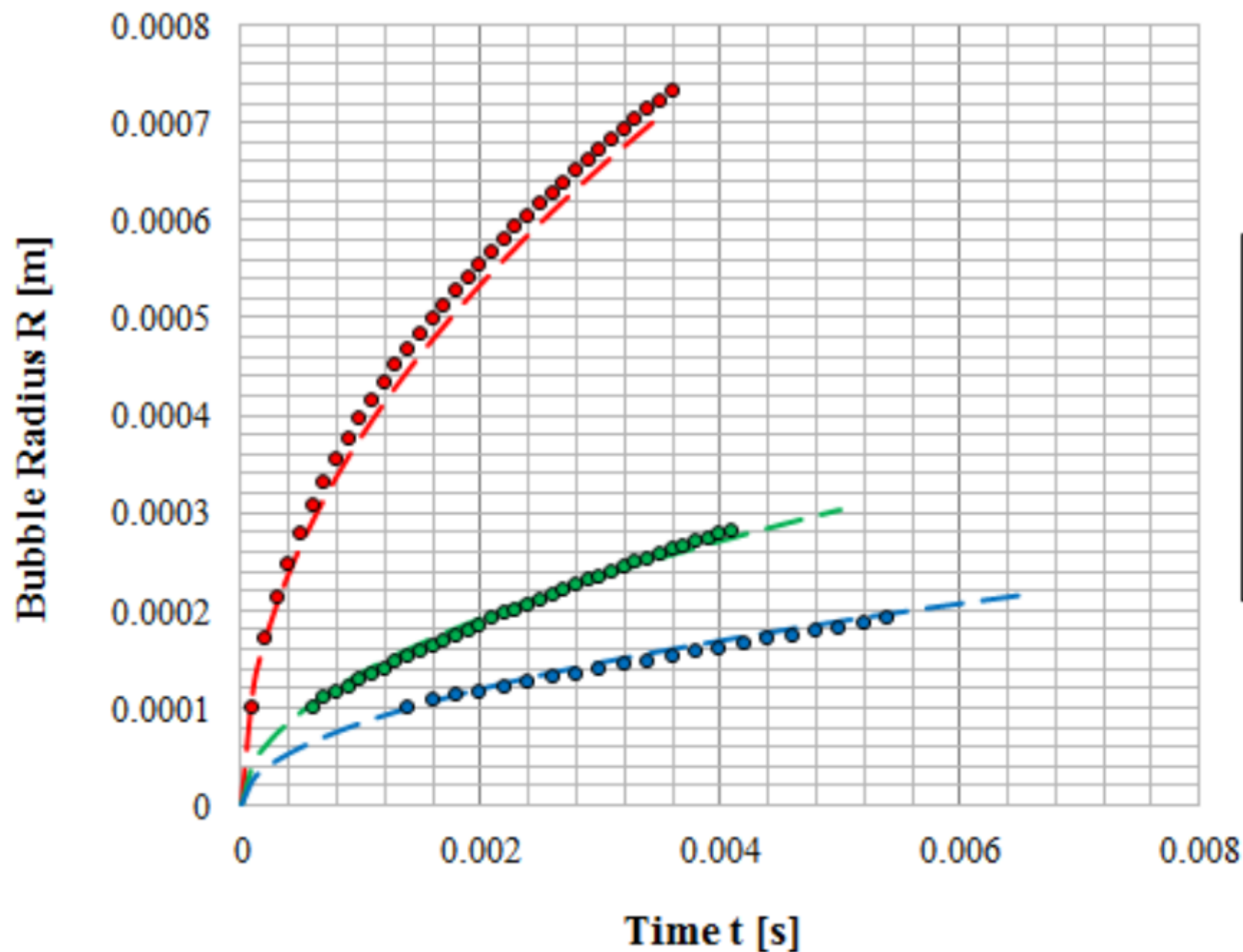
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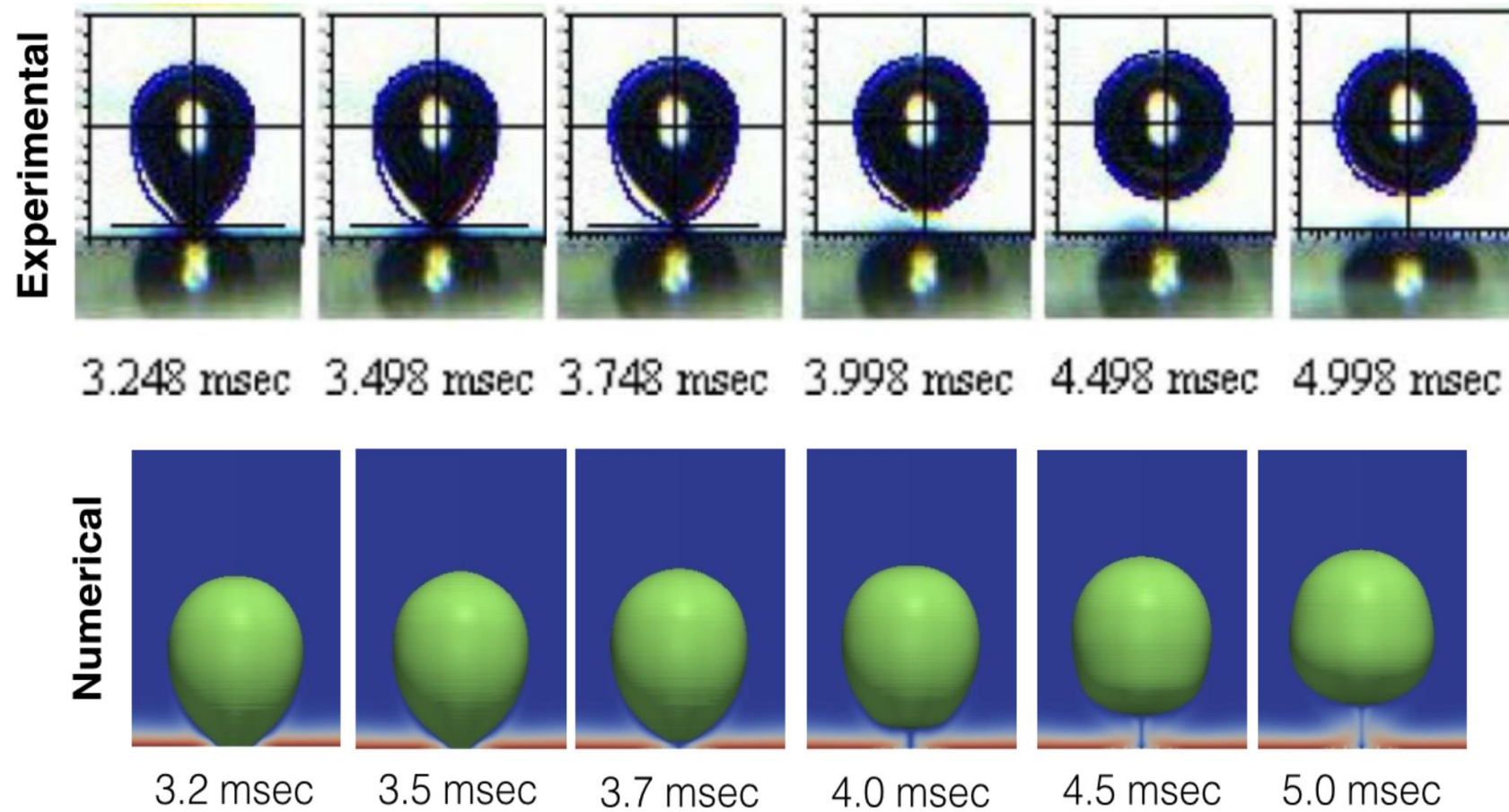


### Bubble Radius - Time



- Water (Analytical)
- Water (Numerical)
- R134a (Analytical)
- R134a (Numerical)
- FC-72 (Analytical)
- FC-72 (Numerical)

## Validation with Experimental Data on Single Bubble Growth in Saturated Pool Boiling with a Constant Temperature Plate



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Single bubble growth in saturated pool boiling on a constant wall temperature surface

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	Bubble detachment time (msec)	Equivalent bubble detachment diameter (mm)
Experimental (Lee et al., 2003)	3.748	0.704
Numerical (present investigation)	3.700	0.740
% Error	1.28	5.11

### Comparison of Experimental and Numerical Results



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### Numerical investigation of quasi-static bubble growth and detachment from submerged orifices in isothermal liquid pools: The effect of varying fluid properties and gravity levels

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### An Enhanced VOF Method Coupled with Heat Transfer and Phase Change to Characterise Bubble Detachment in Saturated Pool Boiling

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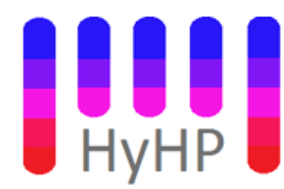
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**Abstract:** The present numerical investigation identifies quantitative effects of fundamental controlling parameters on the detachment characteristics of isolated bubbles in cases of pool boiling in the nucleate boiling regime. For this purpose, an improved Volume of Fluid (VOF) approach, developed previously in the general framework of OpenFOAM Computational Fluid Dynamics (CFD) Toolbox, is further coupled with heat transfer and phase change. The predictions of the model are quantitatively verified against an existing analytical solution and experimental data in the literature. Following the model validation, four different series of parametric numerical experiments are performed, exploring the effect of the initial thermal boundary layer (ITBL) thickness for the case of saturated pool boiling of R113 as well as the effects of the surface wettability, wall superheat and gravity level for the cases of R113, R22 and R134a refrigerants. It is confirmed that the ITBL is a very important parameter in the bubble growth and detachment process. Furthermore, for all of the examined working fluids the bubble detachment characteristics seem to be significantly affected by the triple-line contact angle (i.e., the wettability of the heated plate) for equilibrium contact angles higher than 45°. As expected, the simulations revealed that the heated wall superheat is very influential on the bubble growth and detachment process. Finally, besides the novelty of the numerical approach, a last finding is the fact that the effect of the gravity level variation in the bubble detachment time and the volume diminishes with the increase of the ambient pressure.

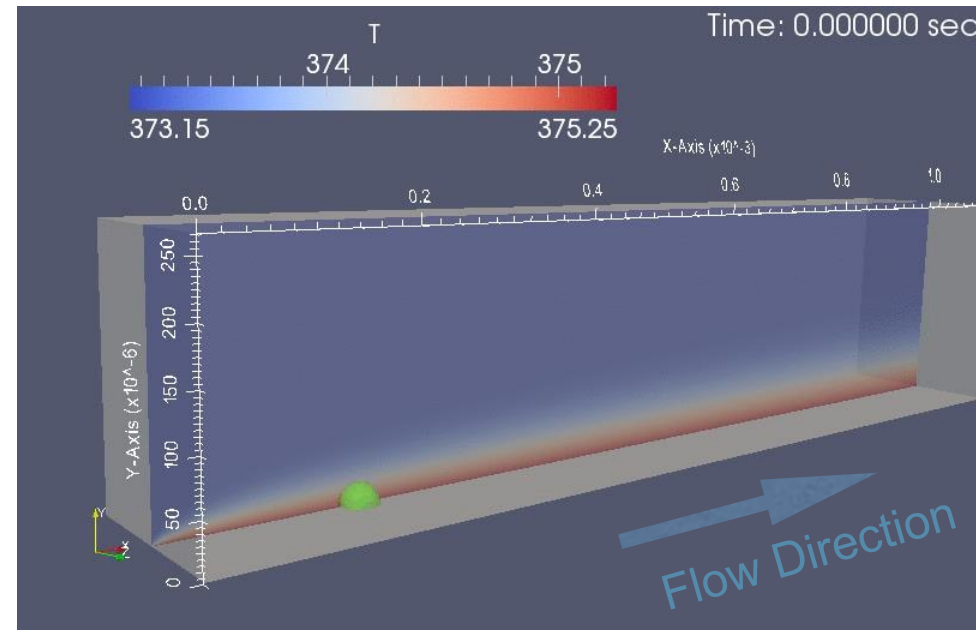
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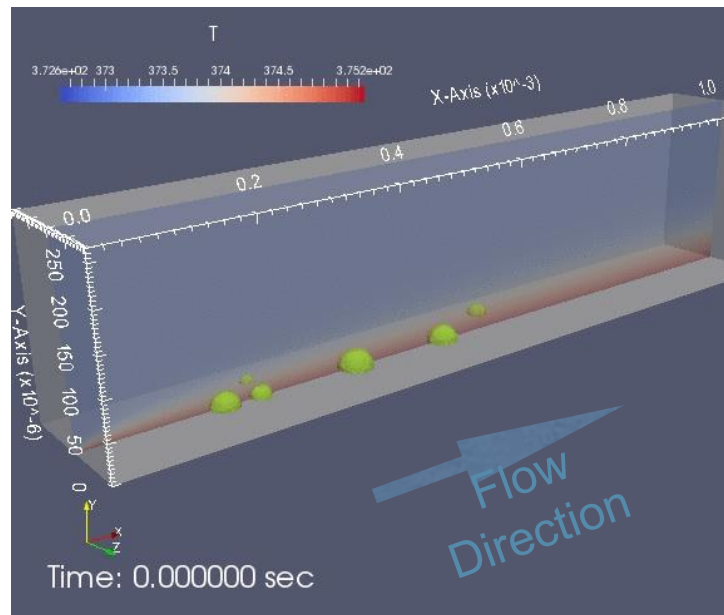
# Successful applications of the enhanced VOF-model so far

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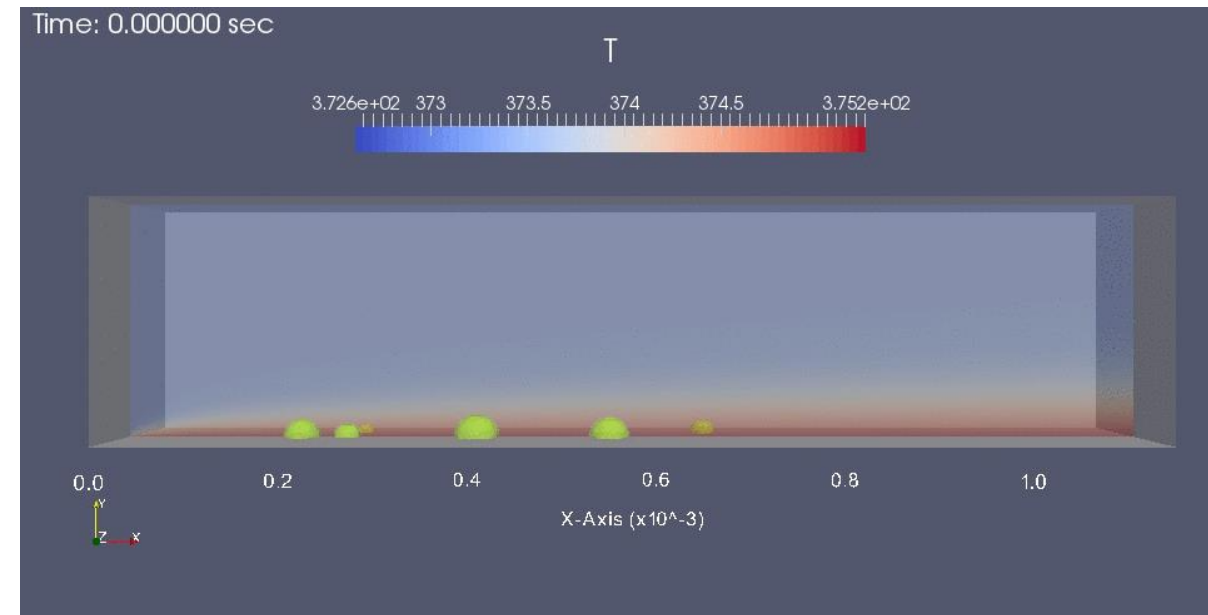


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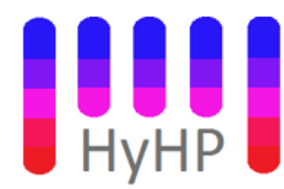
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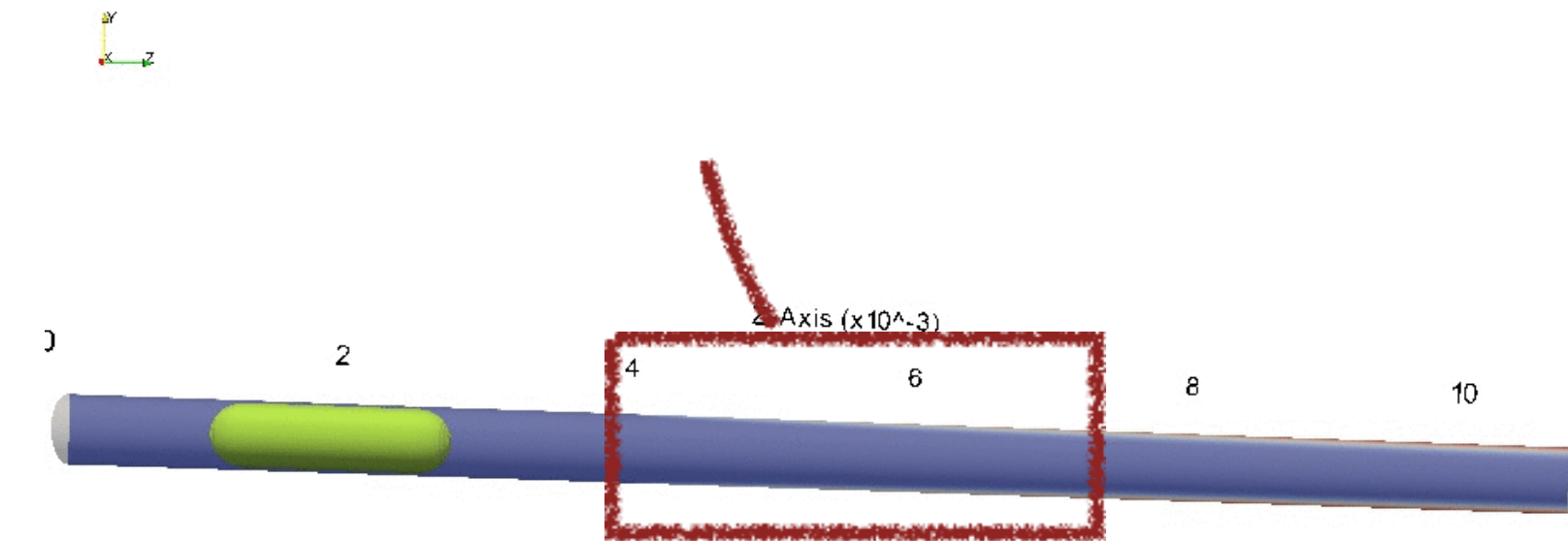
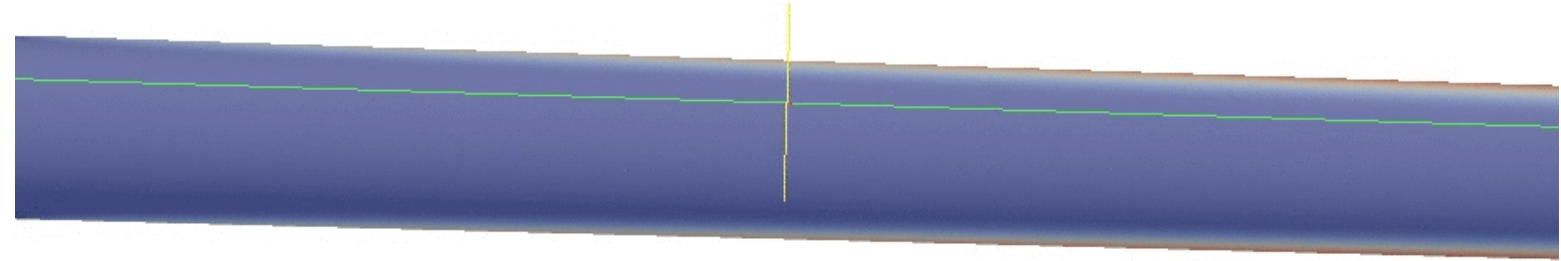
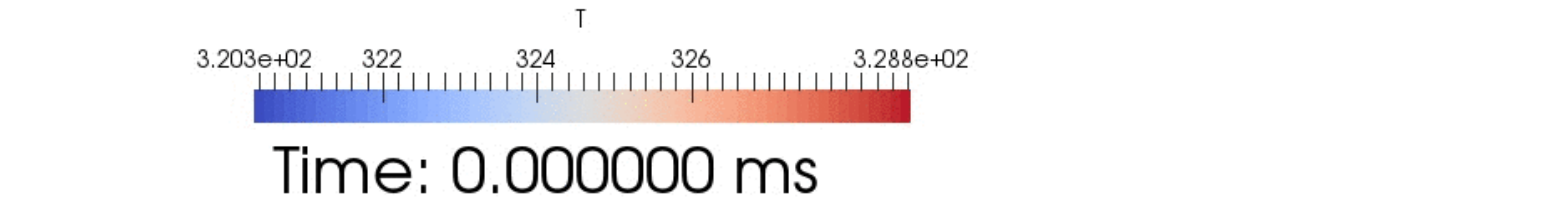
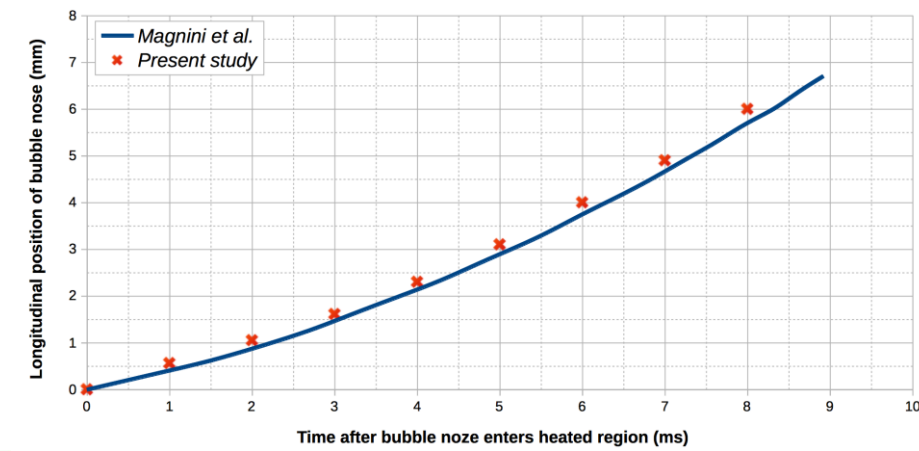
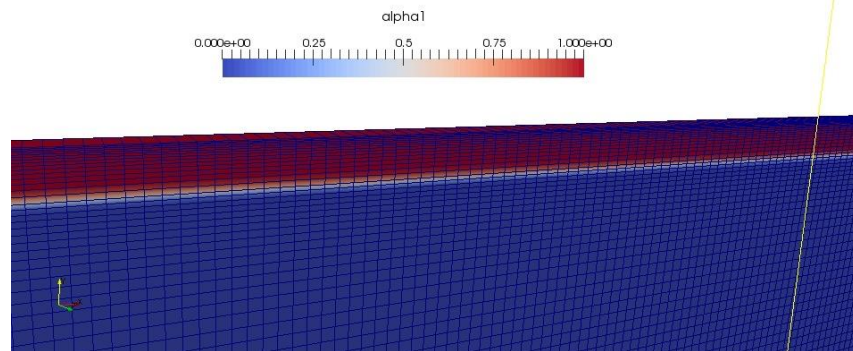
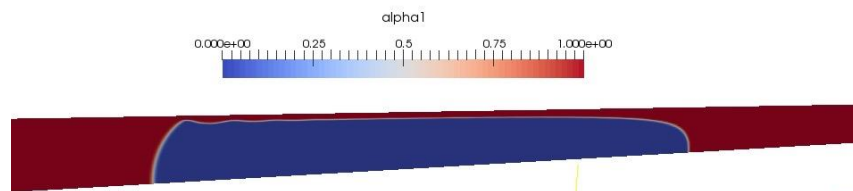
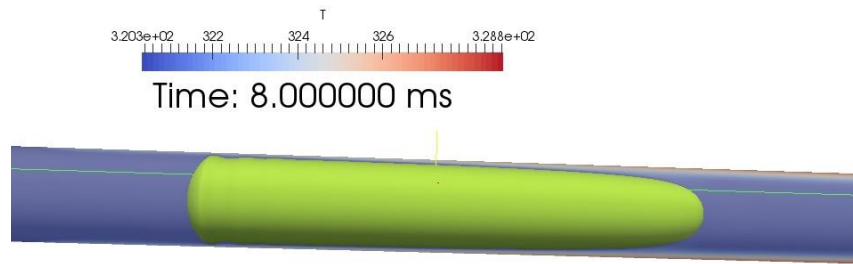
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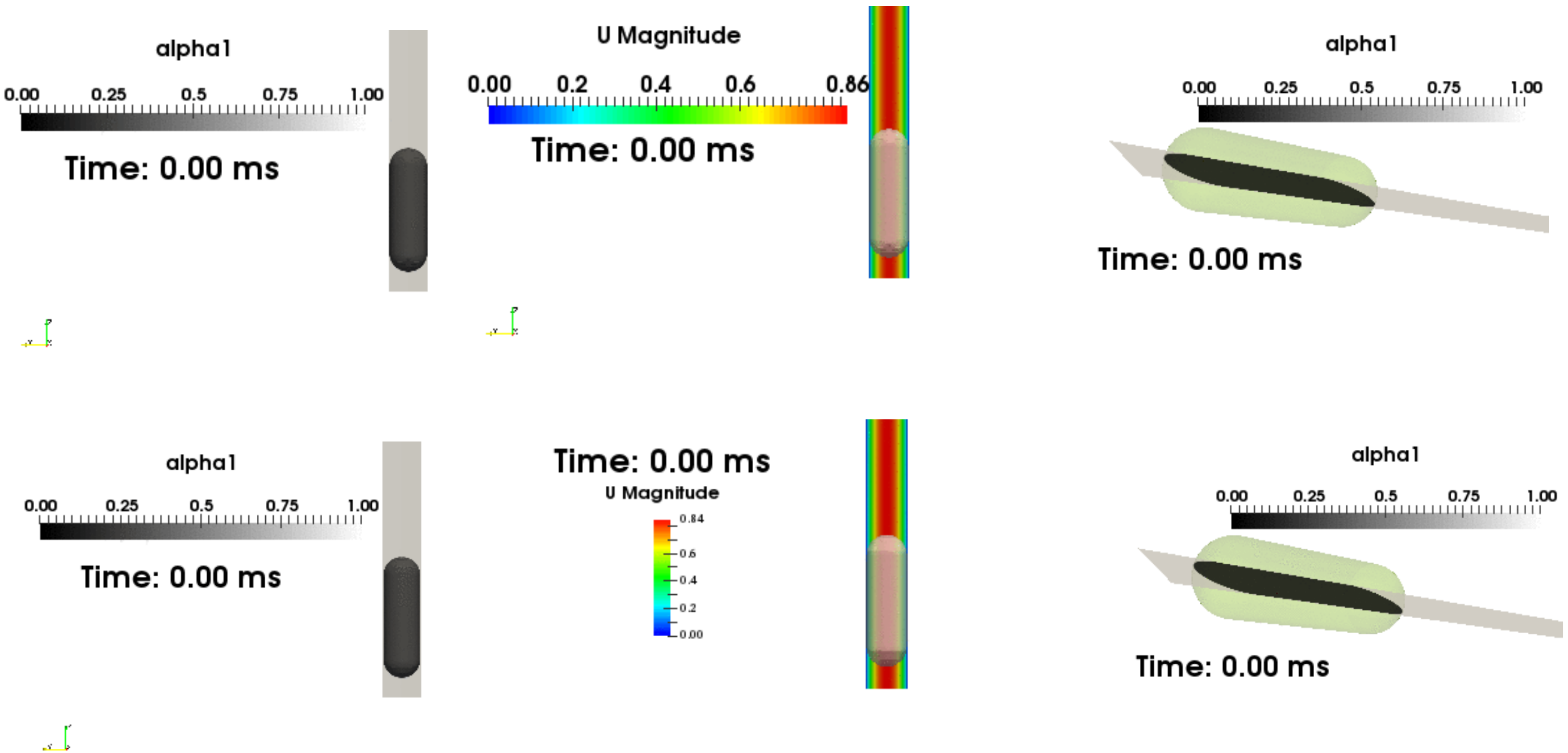


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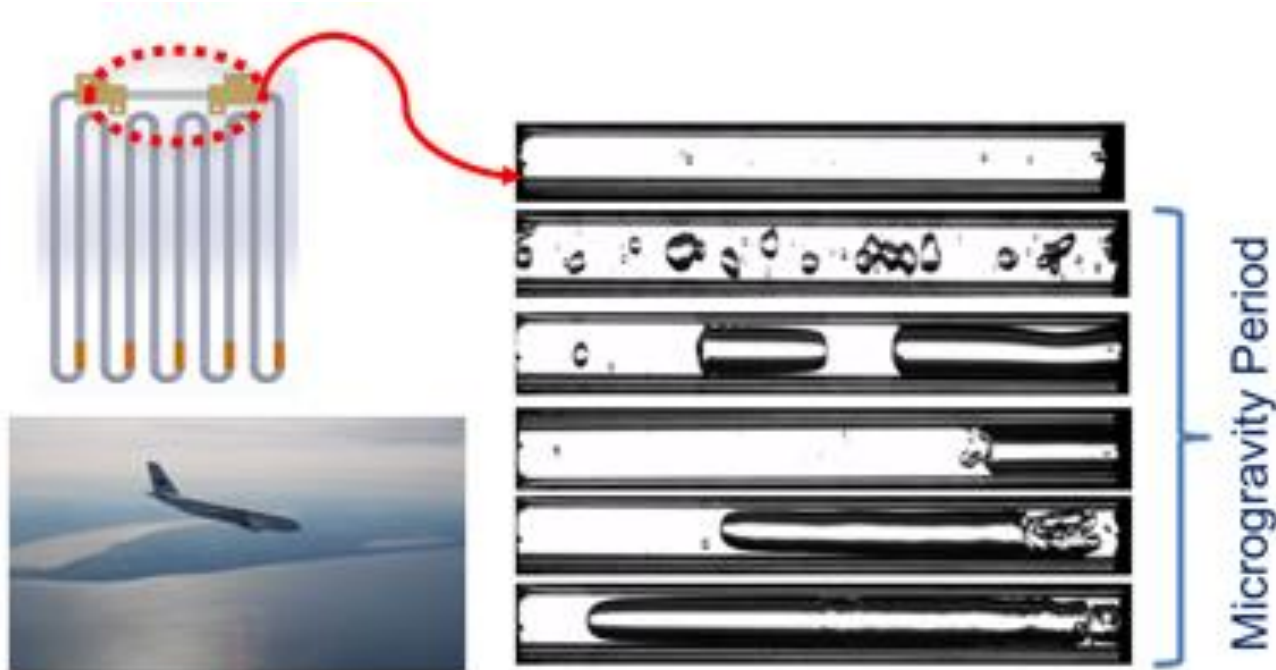




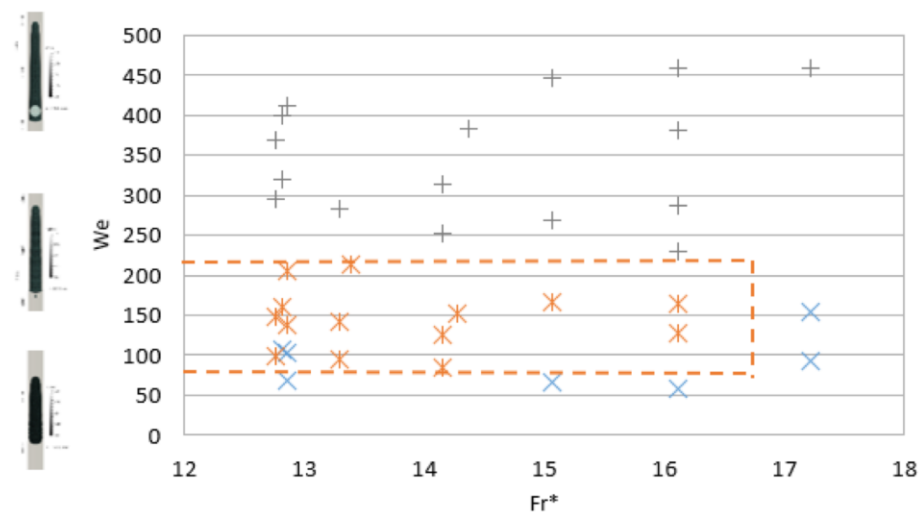
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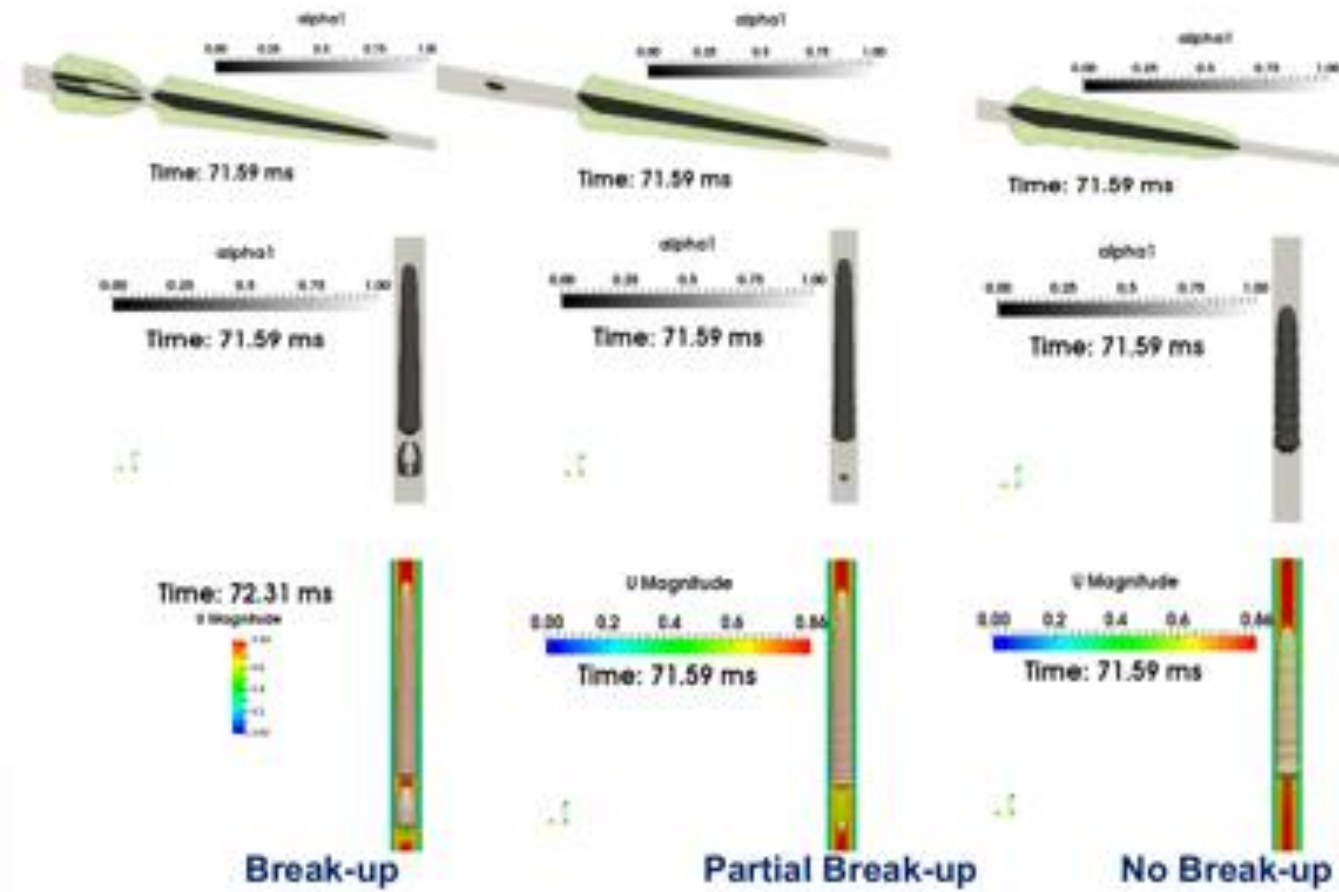
Observed Break-up phenomena in vapour slugs during PHP microgravity experiments in parabolic flights



× no break up  
 × partial break up  
 + break up  

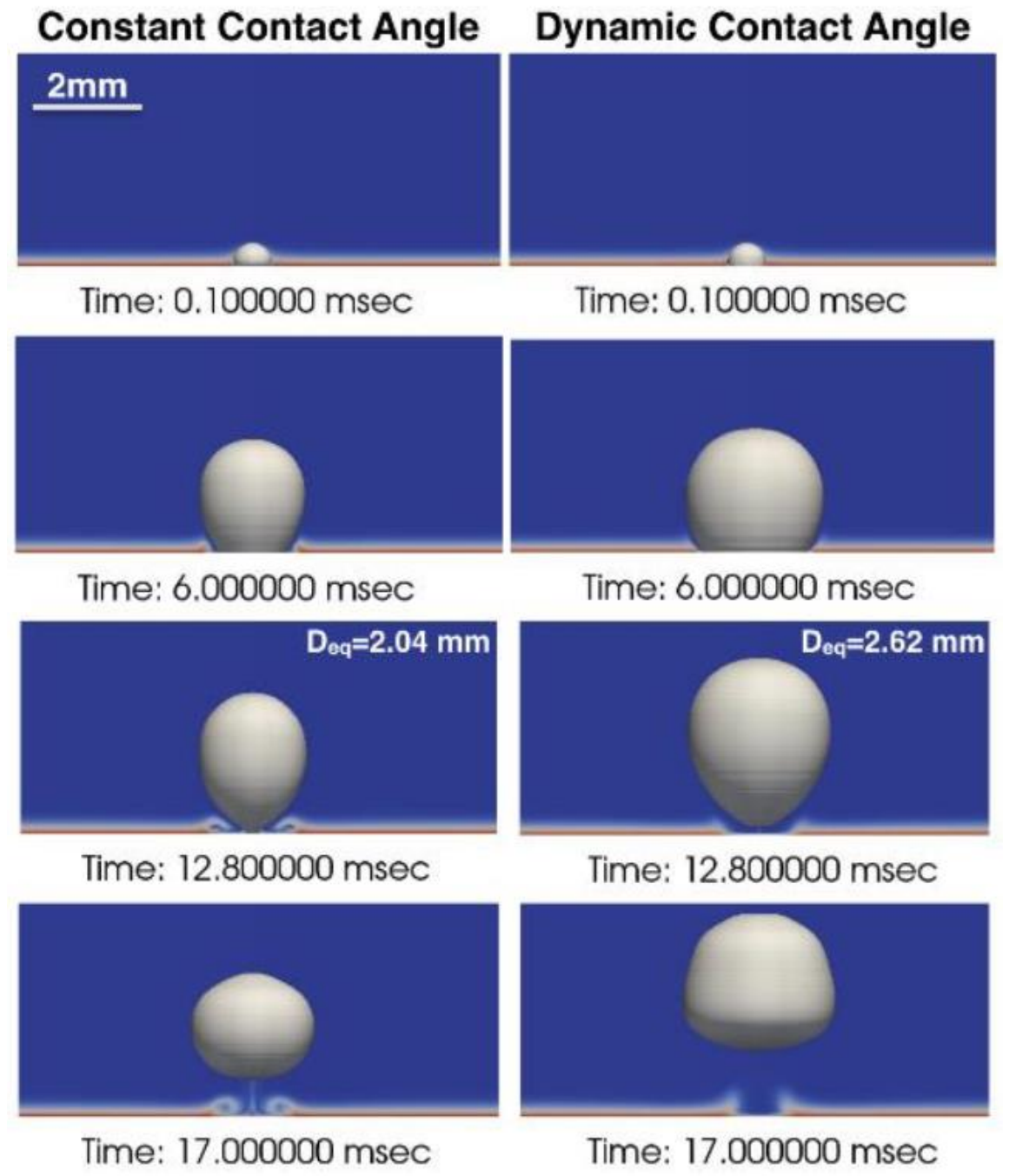
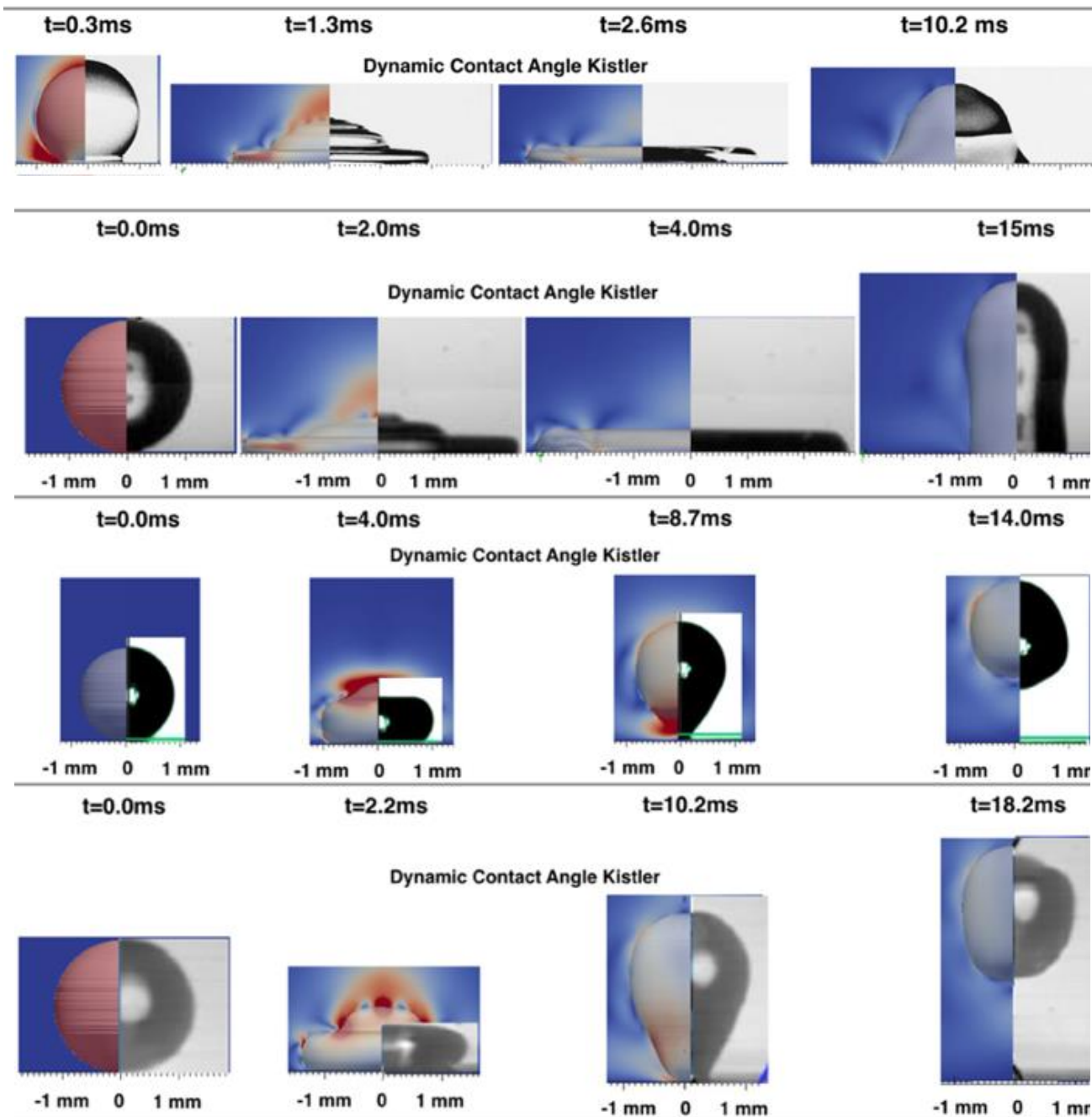
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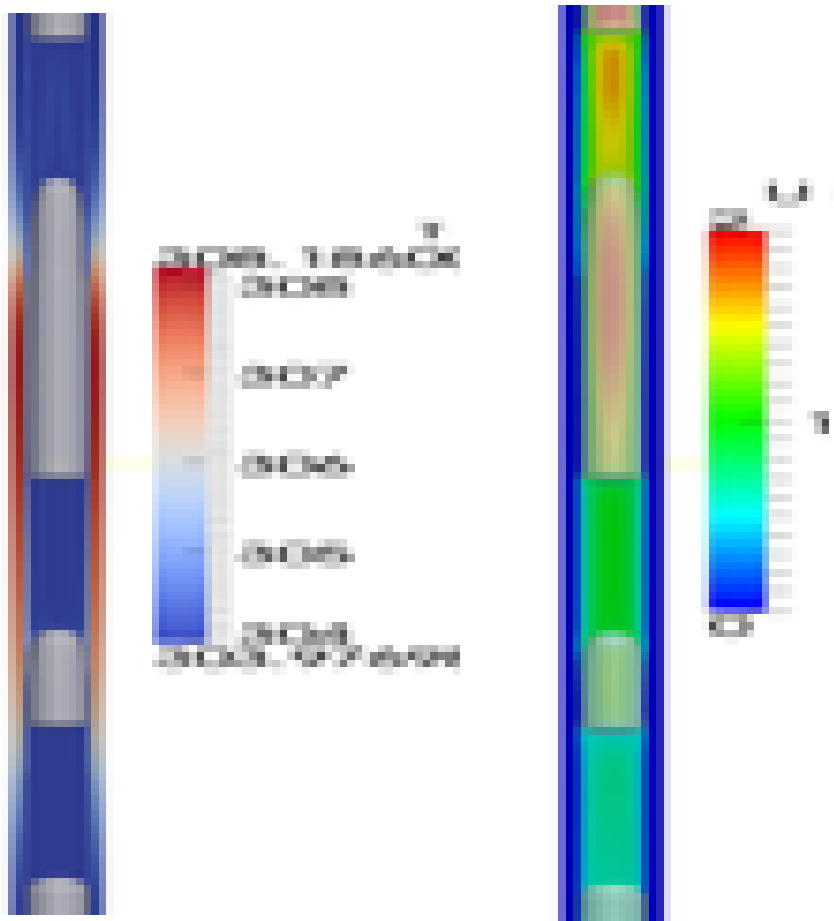


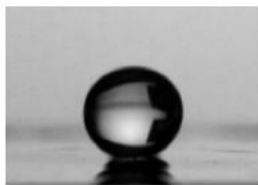
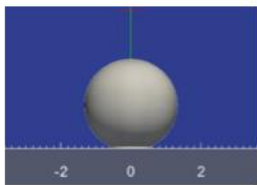
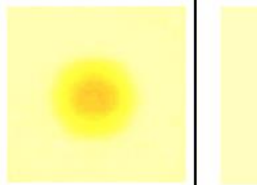

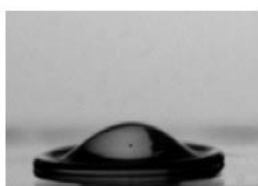

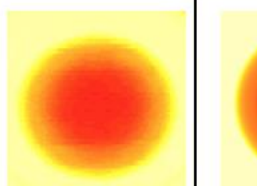
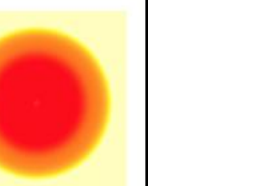

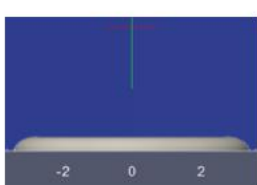
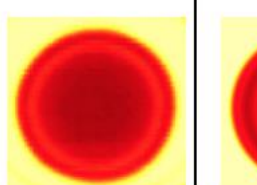
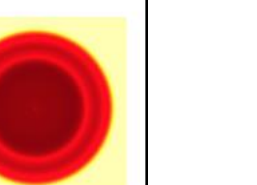
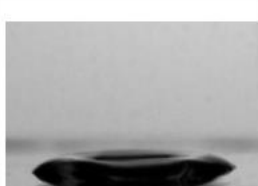

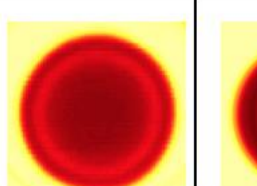
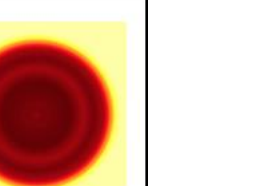


## Dynamic Contact Angle Modelling



- Coupling of the two-phase fluid solver with solid heat transfer in order to perform conjugate heat transfer simulations
- Adaptive computational mesh refinement in the vicinity of the interface



t=0 ms				
t=2 ms				
t=6 ms				
t=10 ms				
	High speed recording	Numerical	IR thermography	Numerical T surface



- The addition of compressibility effects in order to account for the variation of the working fluid properties with temperature
- The addition of appropriate sub-grid scale evaporation and condensation models

Thank you very much!!

