



Effects of thermally induced capillary waves on nano-ligaments fragmentation

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Plateau-Rayleigh Instability

Ohnesorge number

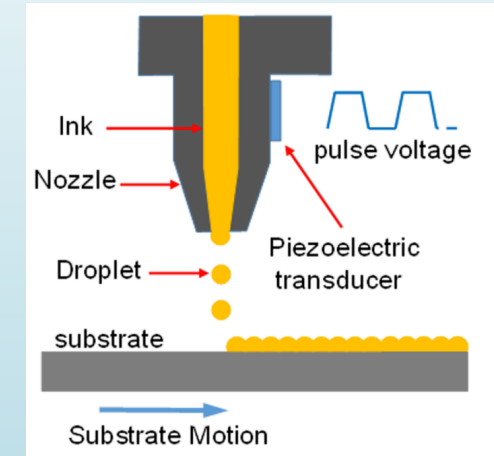
$$Oh = \mu_l \sqrt{\rho_l / (\sigma R_0)}$$

Capillary time

$$T_{cap} = \sqrt{\rho_l R_0^3 / \sigma}$$



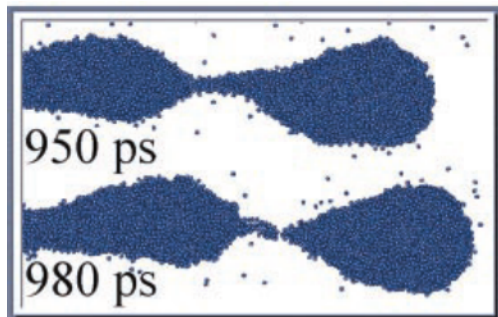
Droplet formation at faucet



Inkjet printing

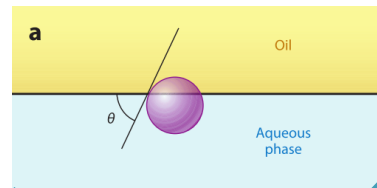


Formation of soap bubble



Breakup of nanojets¹

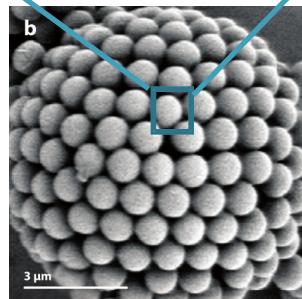
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2. CC Berton-Carabin, et al., 2015

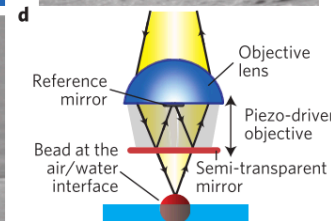
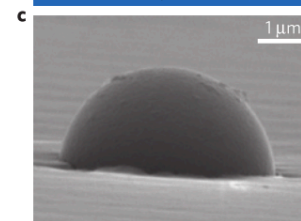
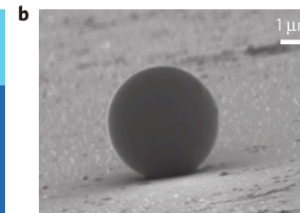
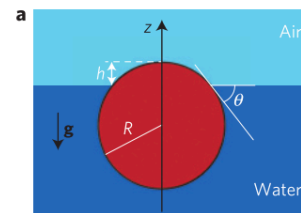
3. Aveyard et al. 2003

4. Dinsmore et al. 2002



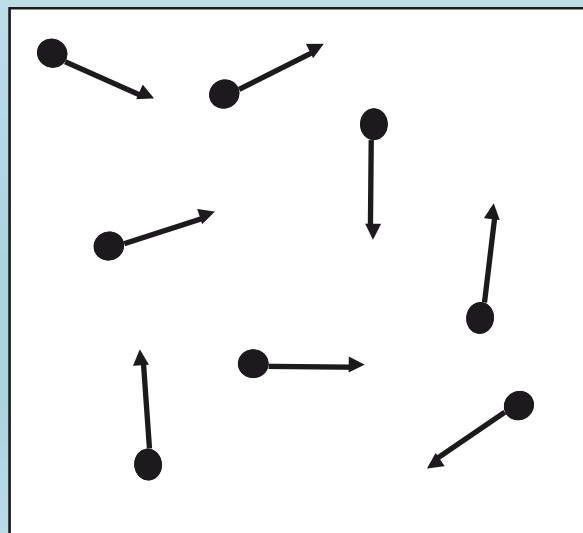
Pickering emulsions^{2,3,4}

5. Giuseppe Boniello, et al.
Nature material, 2015



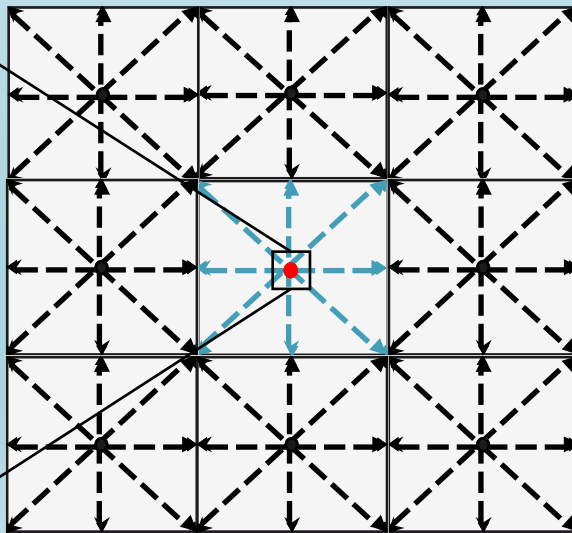
Nano particle dynamics
at fluctuating interface⁵

Microscopic scale



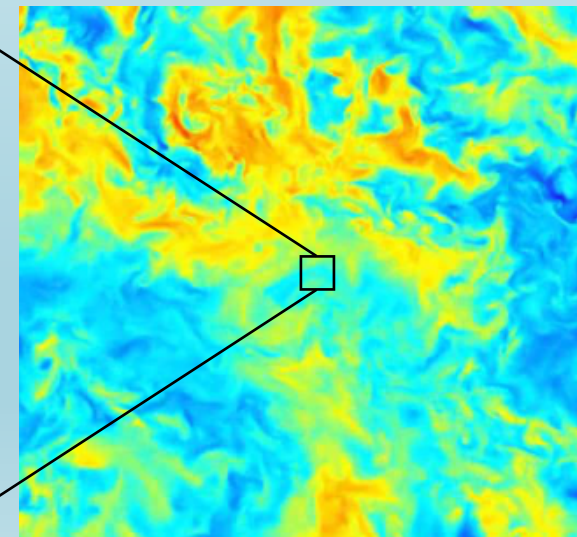
Particle methods

Mesoscopic scale



Lattice Boltzmann method

Macroscopic scale



Continuum methods

Microscopic scale

Fluctuating multicomponent lattice
Boltzmann model

Mesoscopic scale

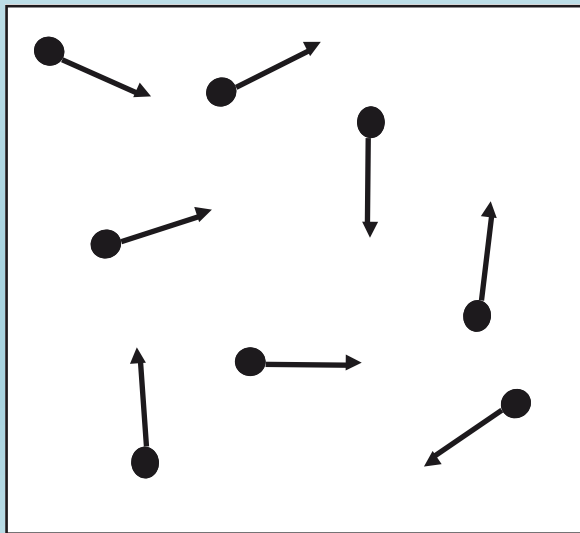
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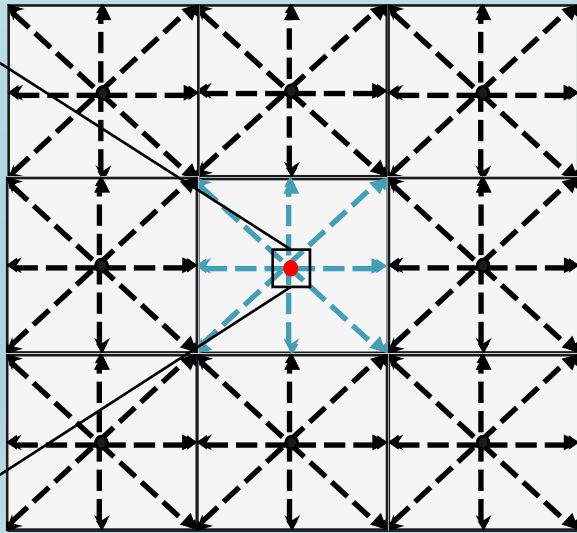
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Microscopic scale



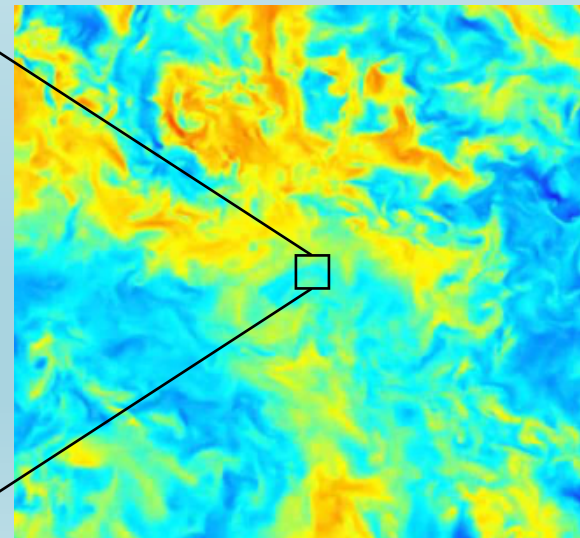
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Objective:

Understanding thermal fluctuations on nano-ligaments break-up

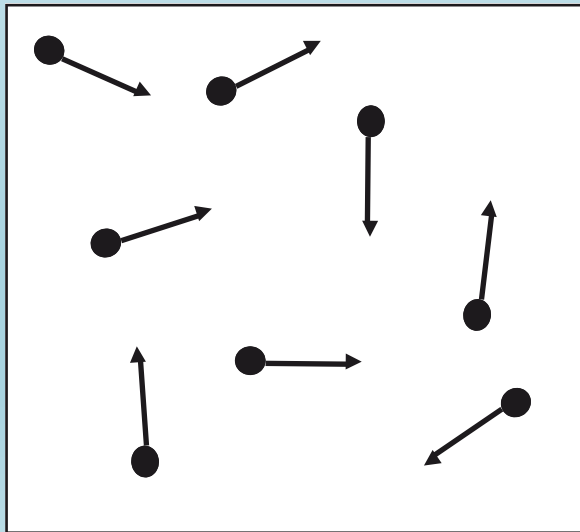
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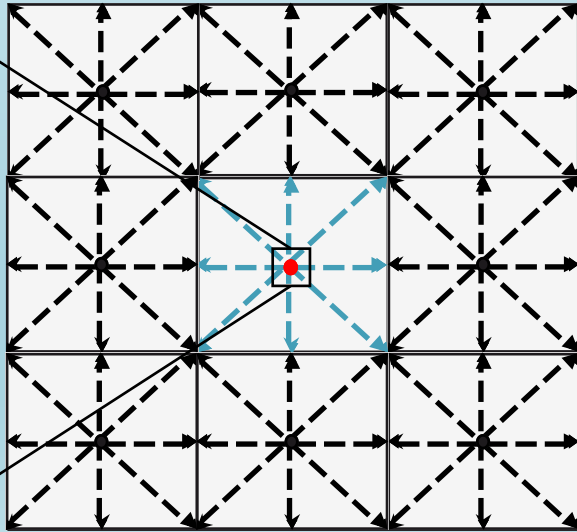
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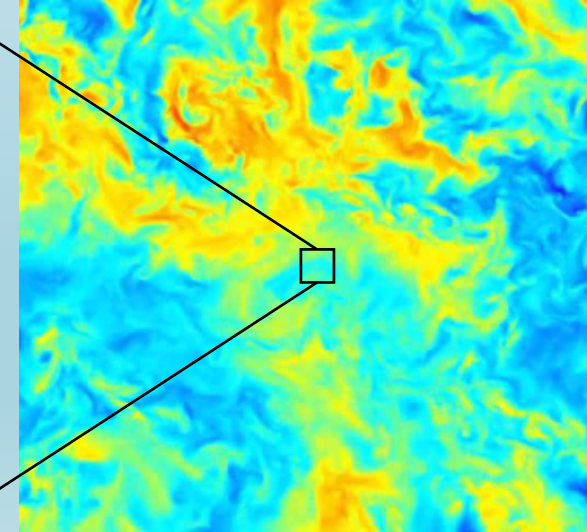
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Basic lattice multicomponent Boltzmann model

Streaming

$$f_i^{r,b} = f_i^{r,b}(x - c_i \Delta t, t - \Delta t)$$

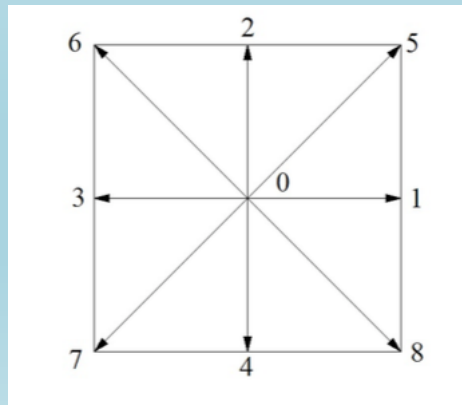
Collision

$$f_i^{r,b}(x + c_i \Delta t, t + \Delta t) = f_i^{r,b}(\mathbf{x}, t) + \mathcal{L}^{r,b}(f_i(\mathbf{x}, t))$$

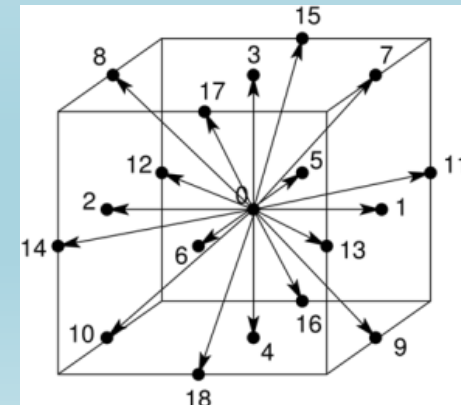
Hydrodynamics
quantities

$$\rho^{r,b} = \sum_i f_i^{r,b}$$

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D2Q9 model



D3Q19 model

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Shan-Chen forcing

$$F_{sc}^{r,b}(\mathbf{x}, t) = - \sum_{\mu} G_{12} \sum_i \omega_i \varphi_{\mu}(\mathbf{x}, t) \varphi_{\mu}(\mathbf{x} + c_i \Delta t, t)$$

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Noise correlations

$$\langle \xi_{\rho}^b \xi_{\rho}^b \rangle = \langle \xi_{\rho}^b \xi_{\rho}^r \rangle = 0$$

$$\langle \xi_{\mathbf{j}}^b \xi_{\mathbf{j}}^b \rangle = -\langle \xi_{\mathbf{j}}^b \xi_{\mathbf{j}}^r \rangle = 2\lambda k_B T \frac{\rho^b \rho^r}{\rho^b + \rho^r} \mathbf{1}$$

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Chapman-Enskog expansion



Navier-Stoke

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Thermal fluctuation impact on the break-up process

1. **Ligament breaks up faster under the influence of thermal fluctuations?**

2. What is the impact of thermal fluctuations on **Droplet distributions**?

Thermal length

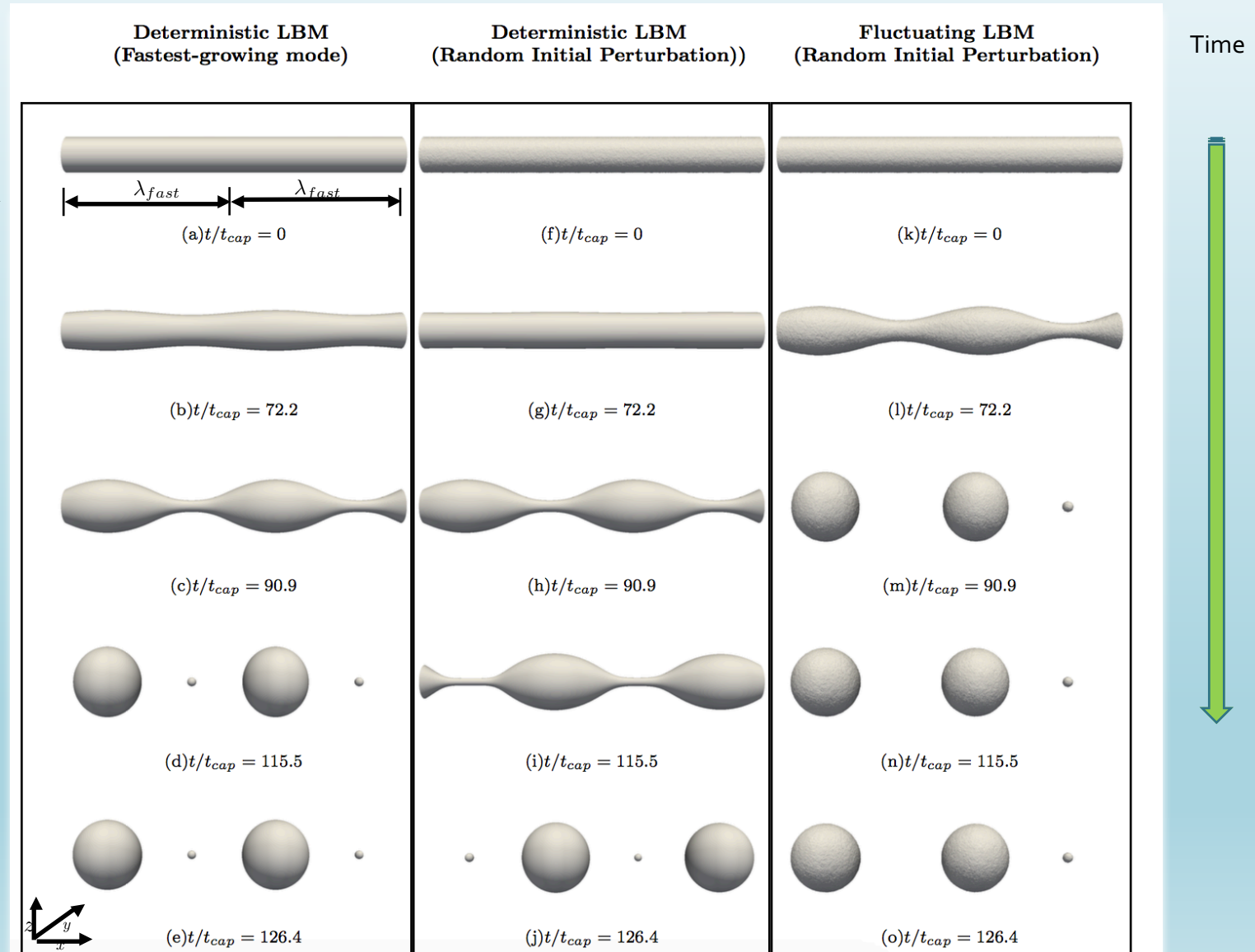
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Capillary time

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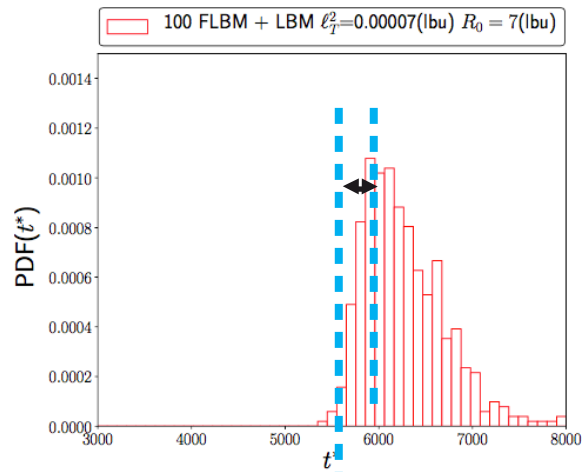
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Thermal length: $\ell_T = 0.1$

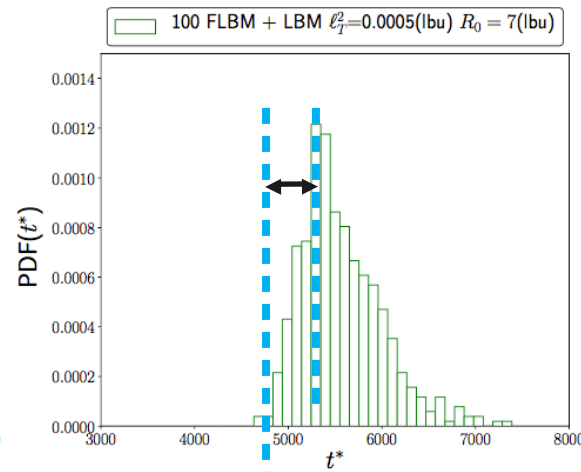


Thermal fluctuations accelerate the fragmentation process

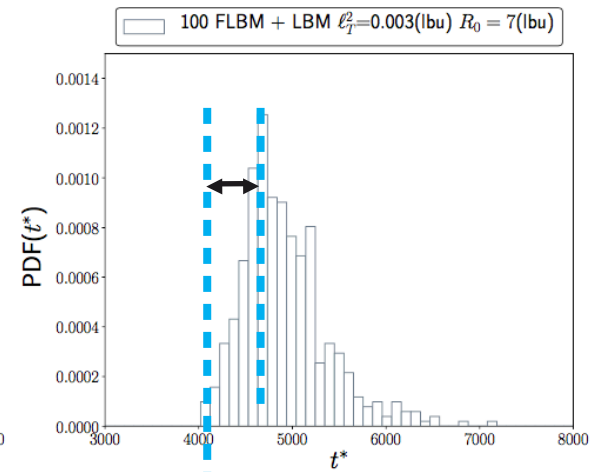
without TN



(a) $\ell_T^2 = 0.00007$

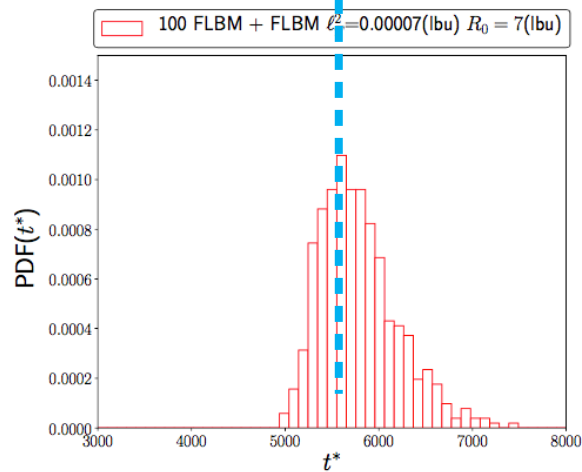


(b) $\ell_T^2 = 0.0005$

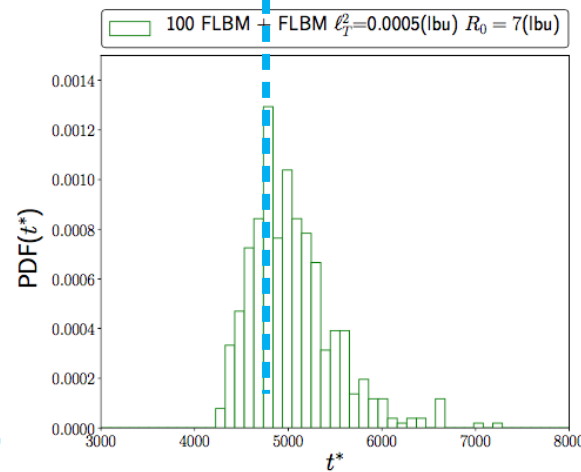


(c) $\ell_T^2 = 0.003$

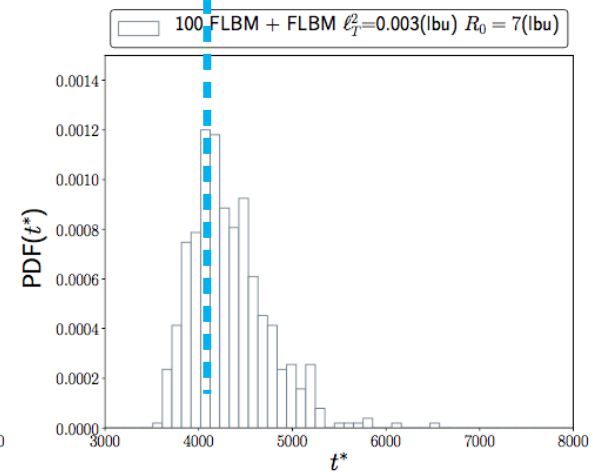
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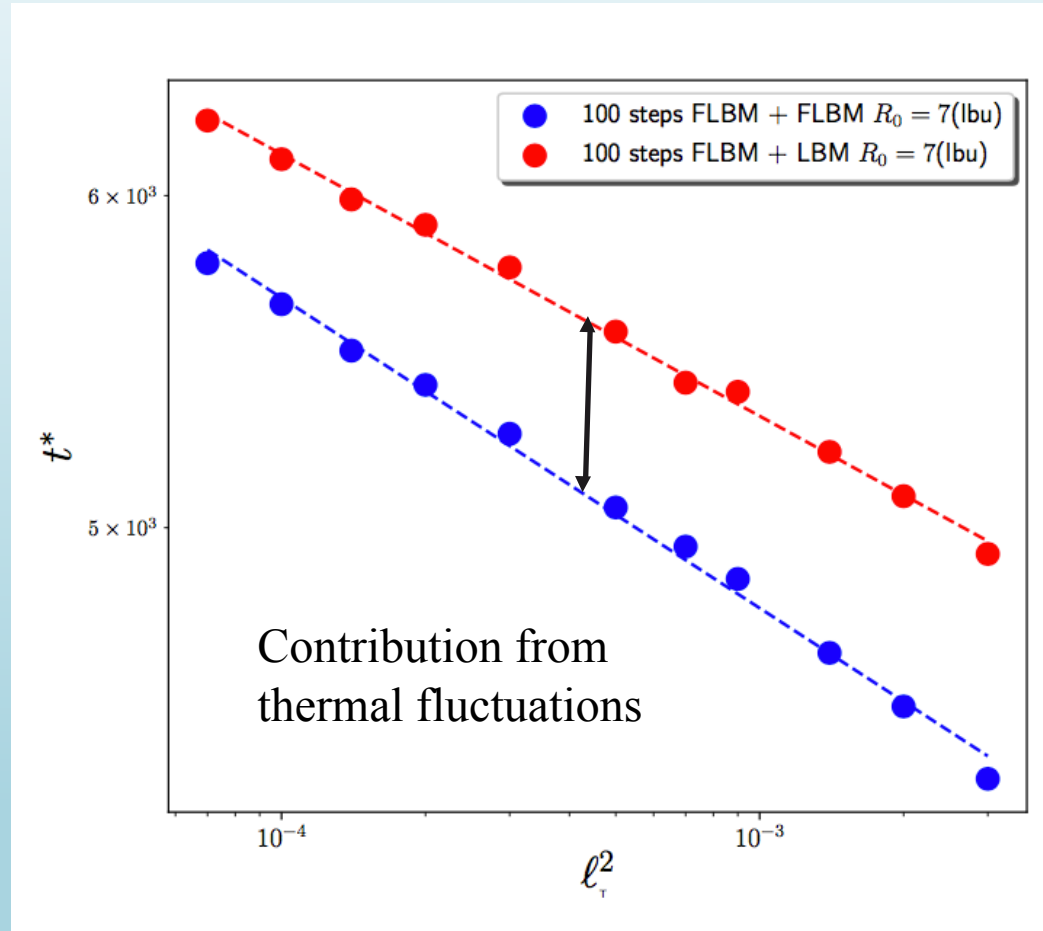


(f) $\ell_T^2 = 0.003$

Break up time PDF for LBM and FLBM at fixed $R_0 = 7$

Thermal fluctuations accelerate the fragmentation process

- Initial condition of the hydrodynamics can the **decrease** the breakup time
- Thermal fluctuations **enhance** the effect of acceleration



Break up time as function of ℓ_T^2 LBM and FLBM
at fixed $R_0 = 7$

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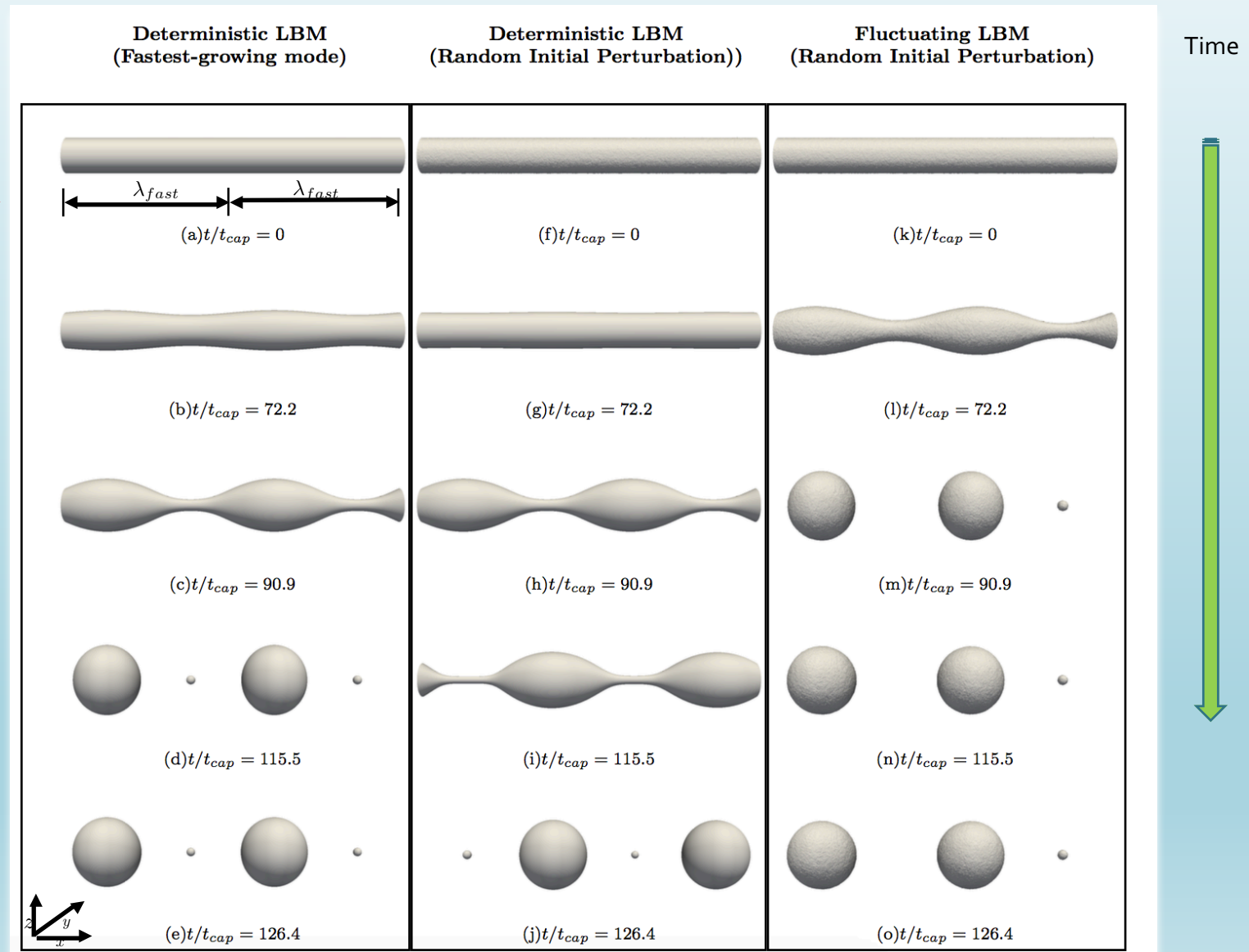
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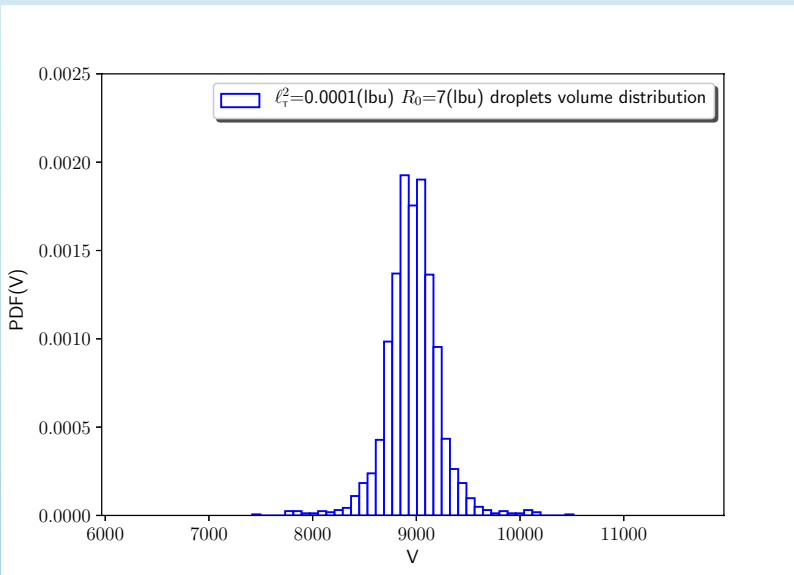
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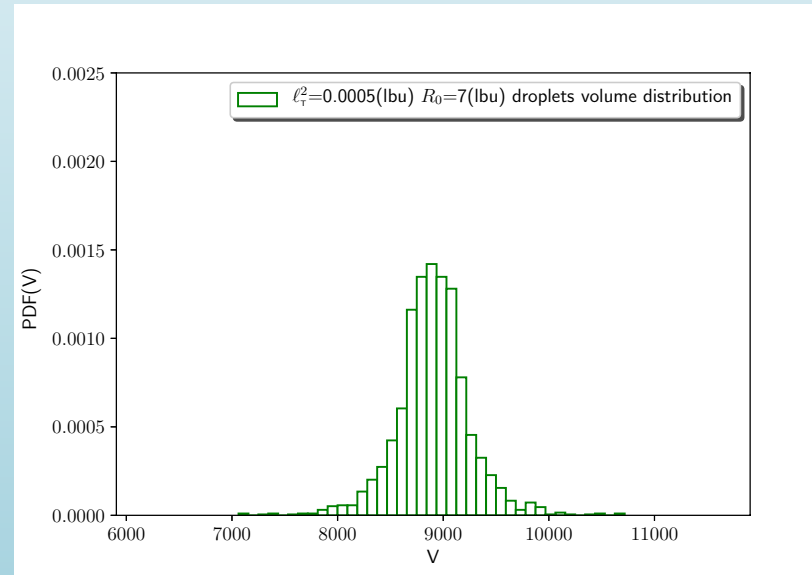


Thermal fluctuations enhanced droplets' polydispersity

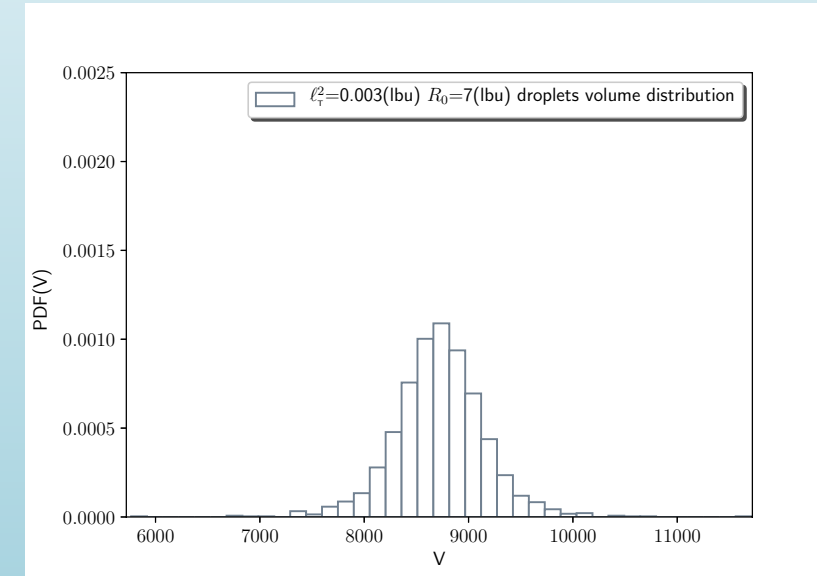
- Standard deviation of the droplet volumes are **increasing** with increasing of ℓ_T^2
- **What is shape of the distribution?**



$$\ell_T^2 = 0.0001$$



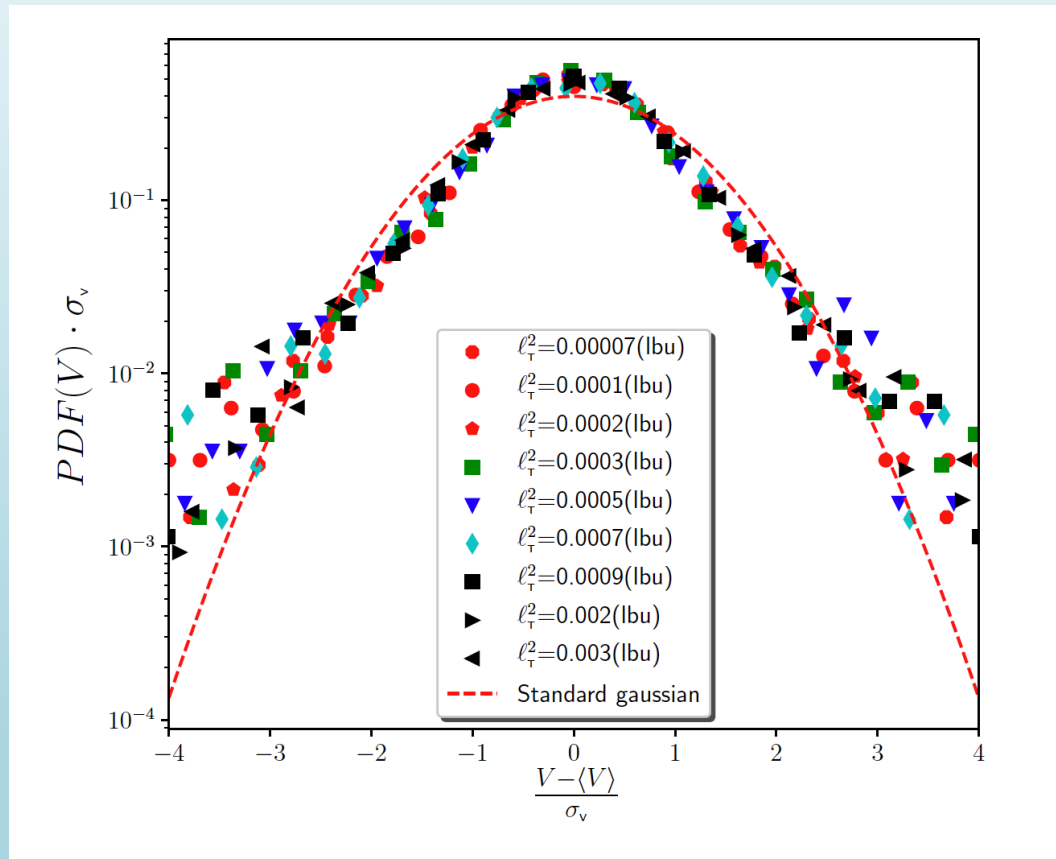
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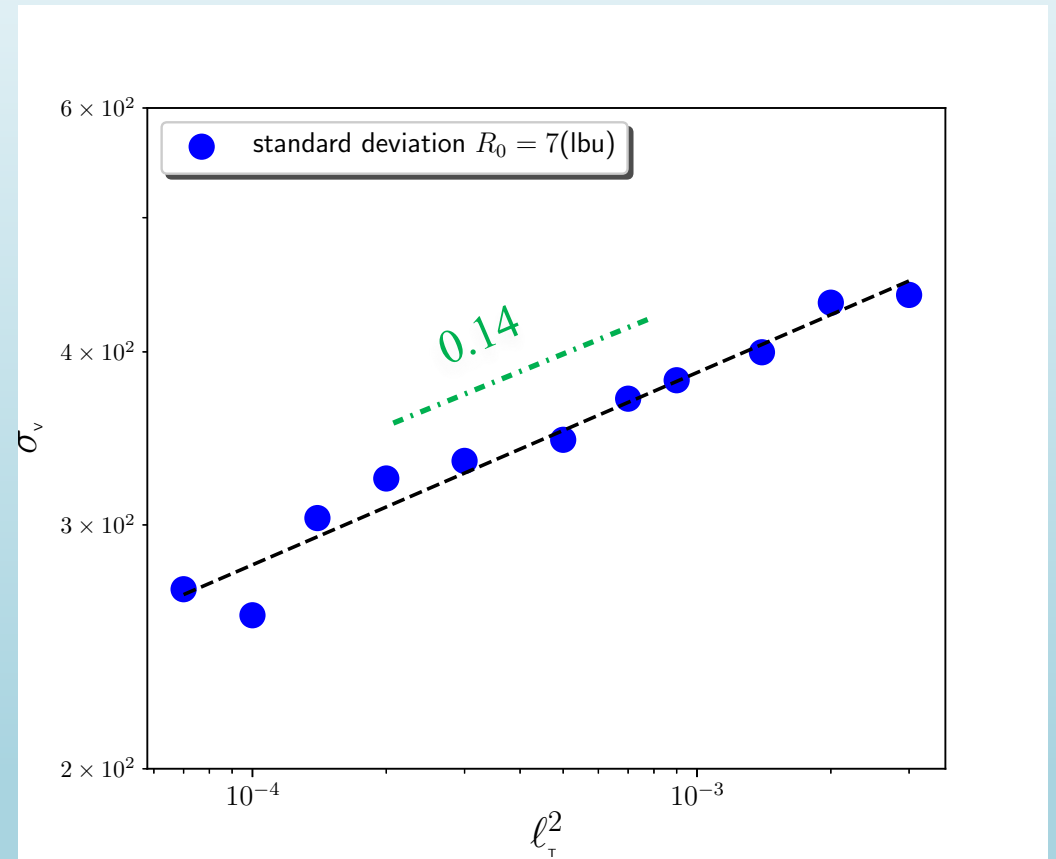
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Distributions of droplets volumes at different values of ℓ_T^2 at **fixed** $R_0 = 7$

Droplet volumes distributions have small deviation from Gaussian distribution

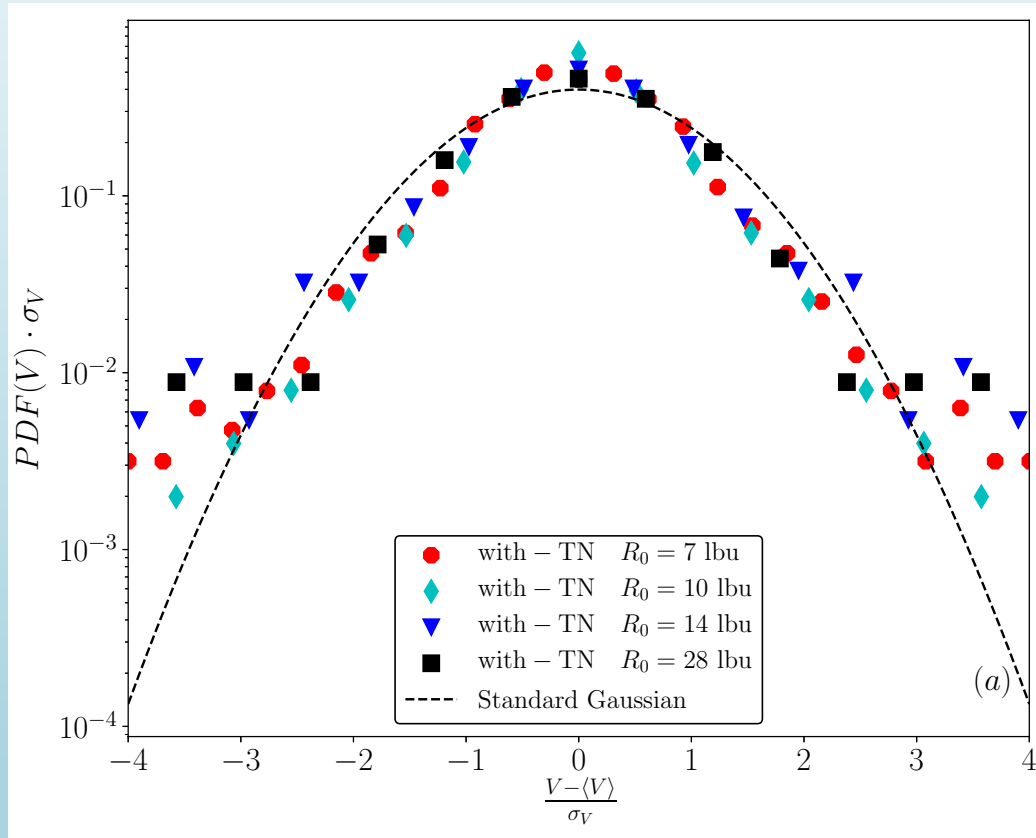


Normalized PDF for **fixed $R_0 = 7$**
vs Gaussian distributions

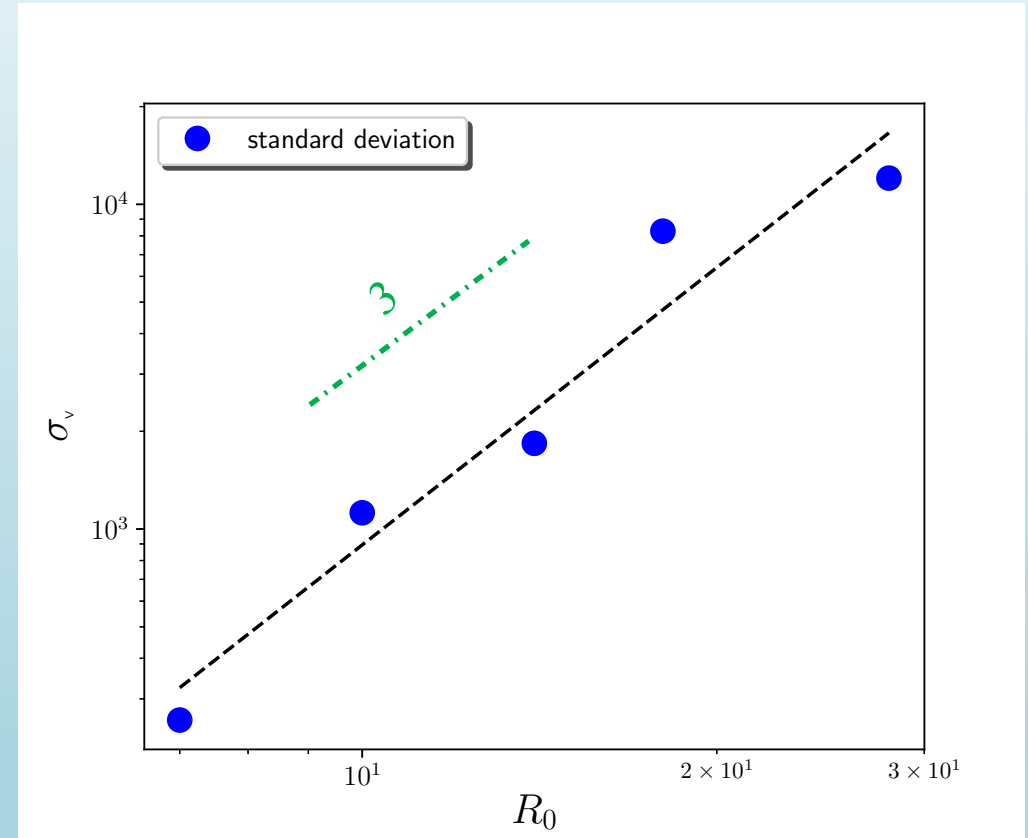


Standard deviation as function of ℓ_T^2 for
fixed $R_0 = 7$

What about different resolutions?

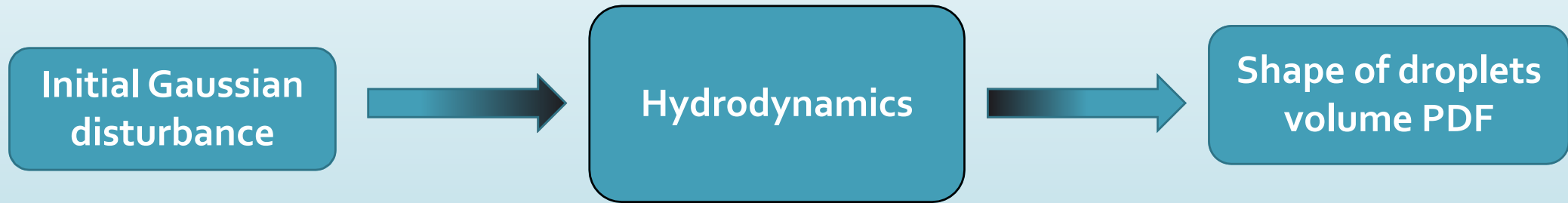


Normalized PDF for **fixed** $l_T^2 = 0.0001$
at **different** R_0 vs Gaussian distributions



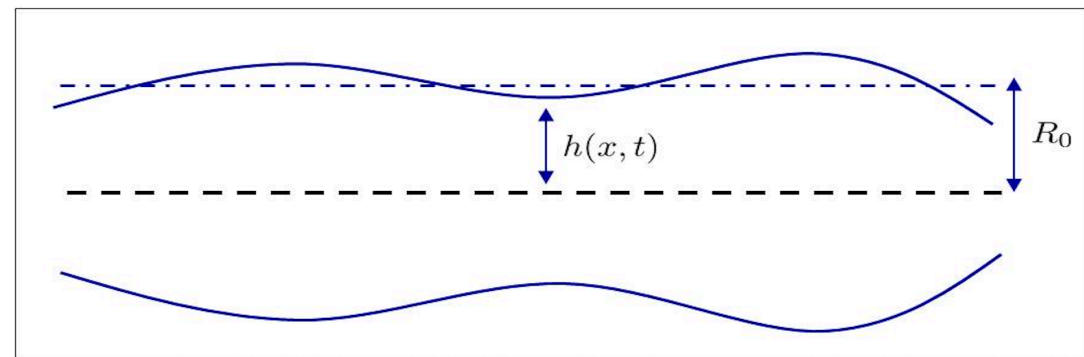
Standard deviation of initial radius as
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Comparison with lubrication theory?

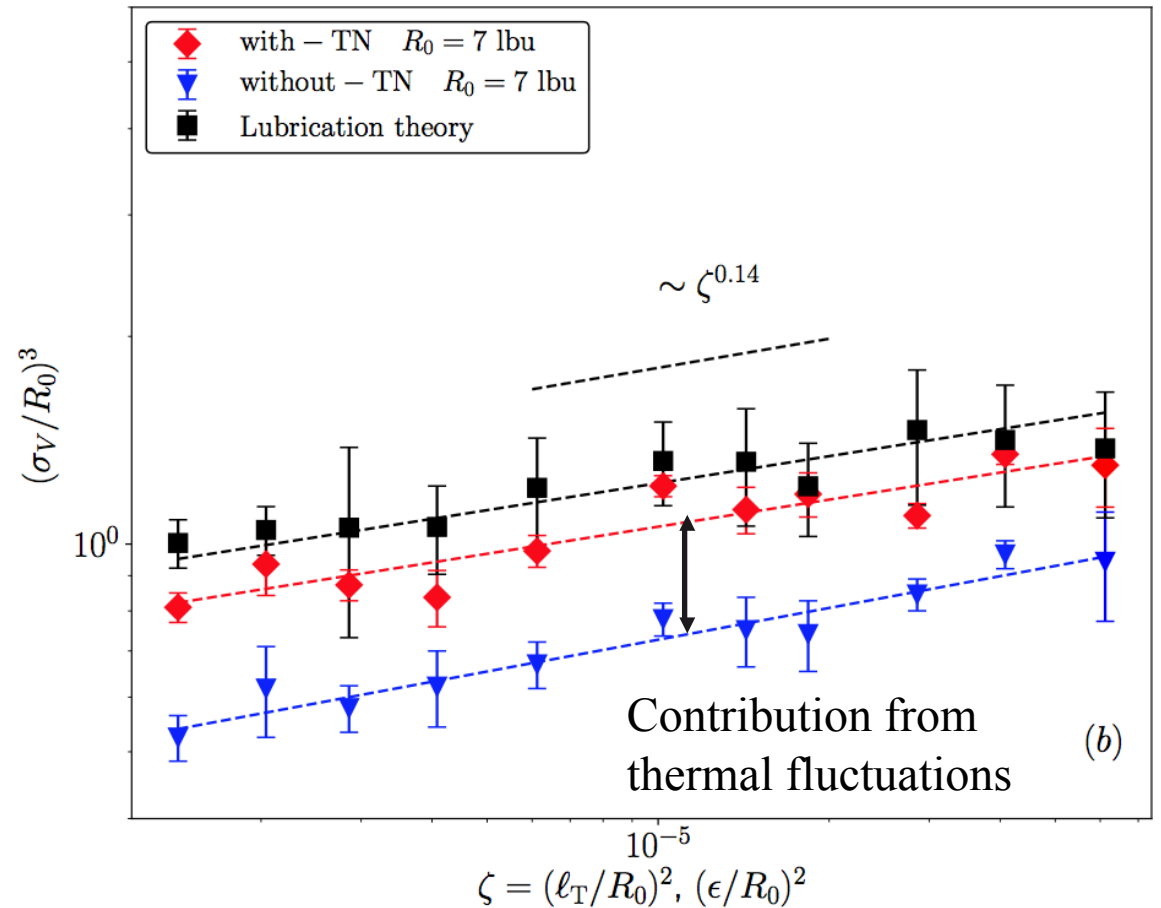
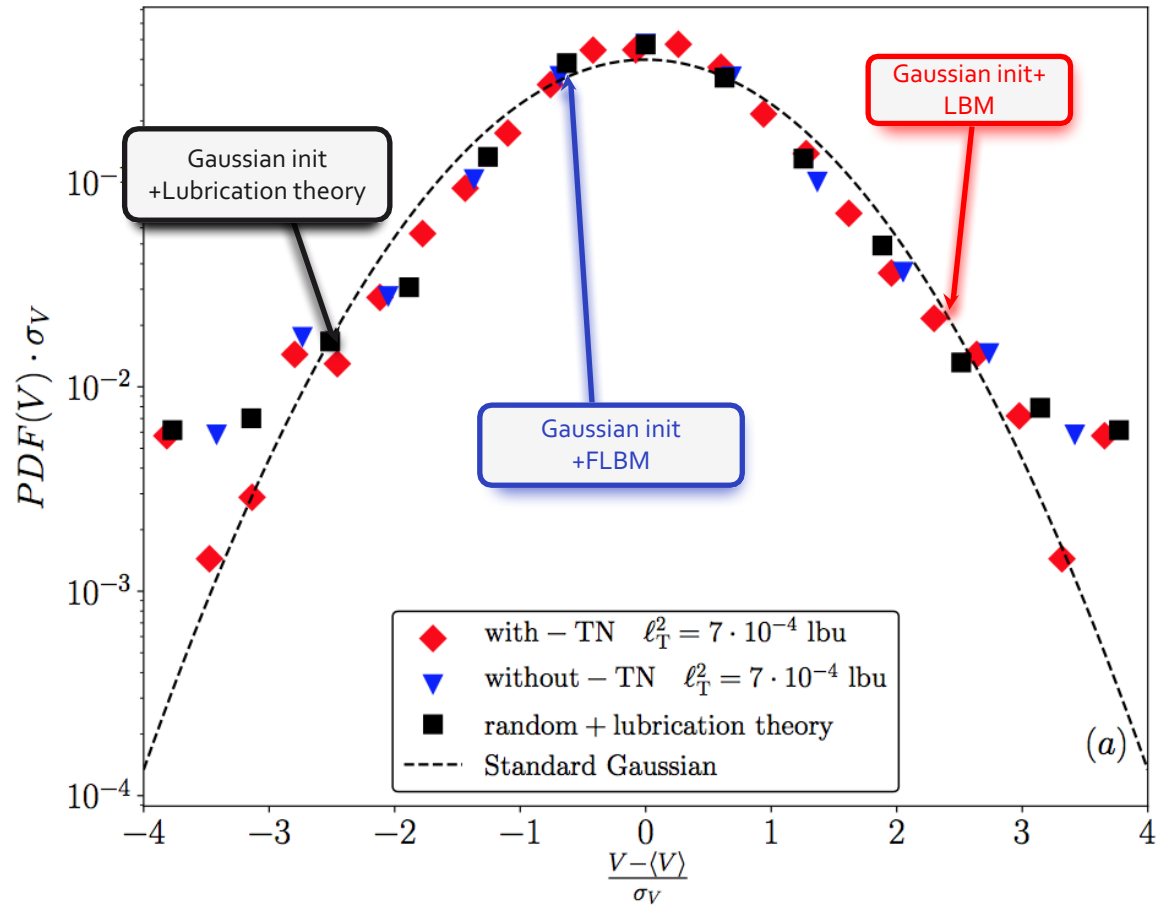


Axisymmetric Lubrication theory (high viscosity ratio)

$$\partial_t h + v h' + \frac{1}{2} v' h = 0$$
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$$P = \sigma \left[\frac{1}{h(1 + (h')^2)^{\frac{1}{2}}} - \frac{h''}{(1 + (h')^2)^{\frac{3}{2}}} \right]$$



Thermal fluctuations amplified the droplet polydispersity



Normalized PDF for **lubrication theory, LBM, FLBM**

Comparison of **with-TN** and **without-TN** at different ℓ_T^2

Summary and future plan

Summary:

- ✓ We investigated the nano-ligament the by using fluctuating lattice Boltzmann method
- ✓ Thermal fluctuations can speed up the ligament break-up process
- ✓ Thermal fluctuations can amplify the droplets polydispersity

Future work:

- Exploring nano-scale simulation with fluid-particle interaction



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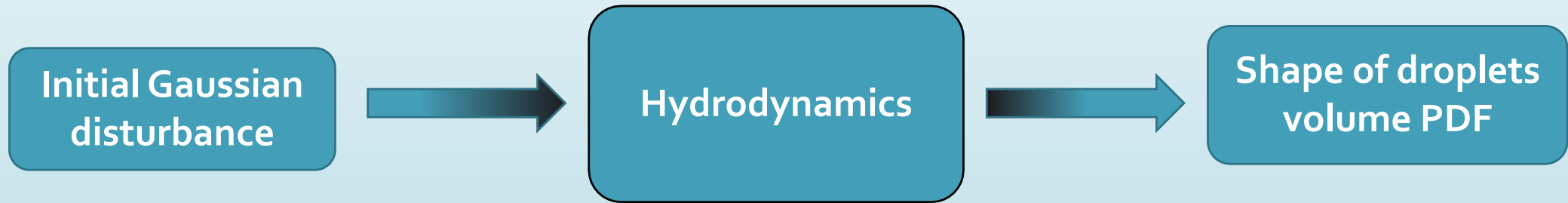
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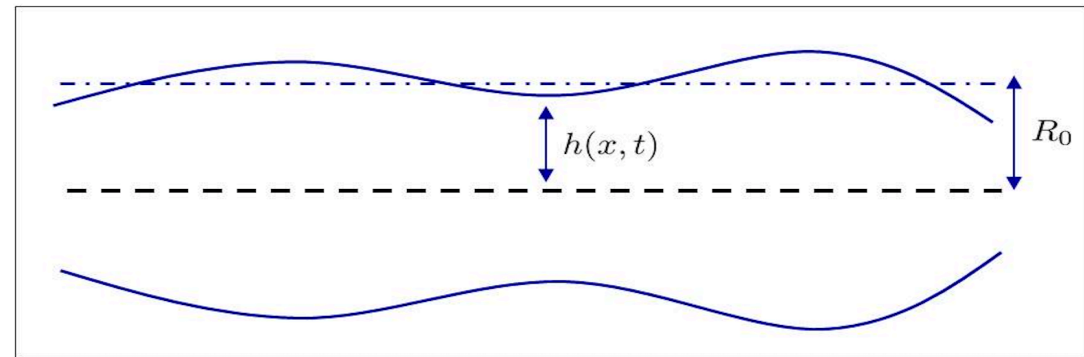
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Does initial configuration of the disturbance contribute to the shape of the PDF?



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