

# Numerische Simulation zur Herrstellung monodisperser Tropfen in pneumatischen Ziehdüsen

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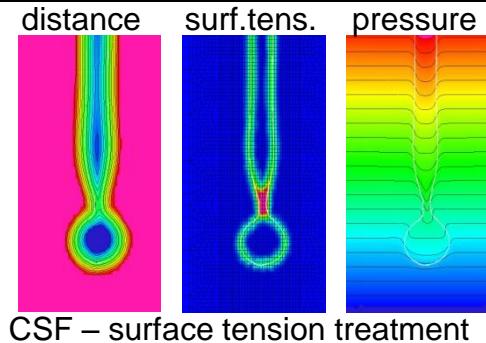
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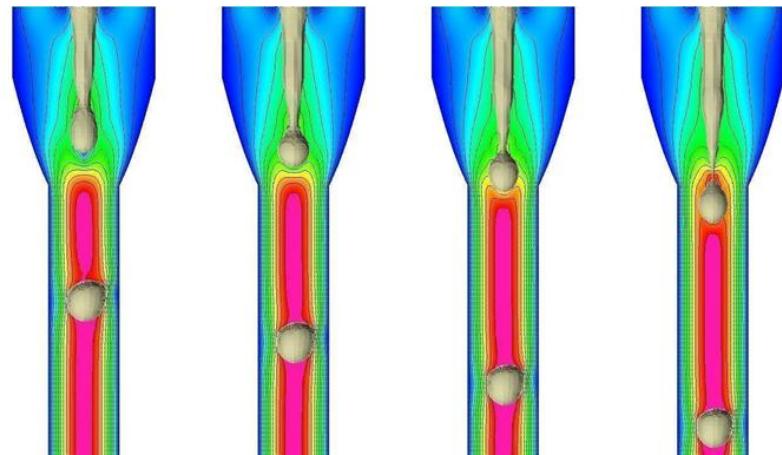
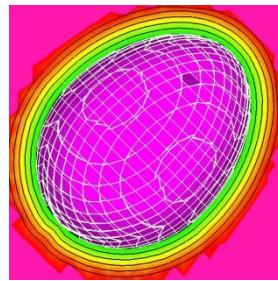
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# Goals of the first period

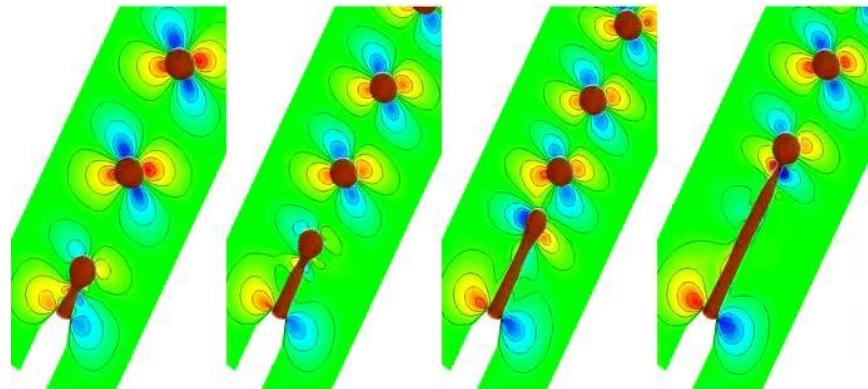
1) **Implementation** of a high order mass conservative ALE-based Level Set code



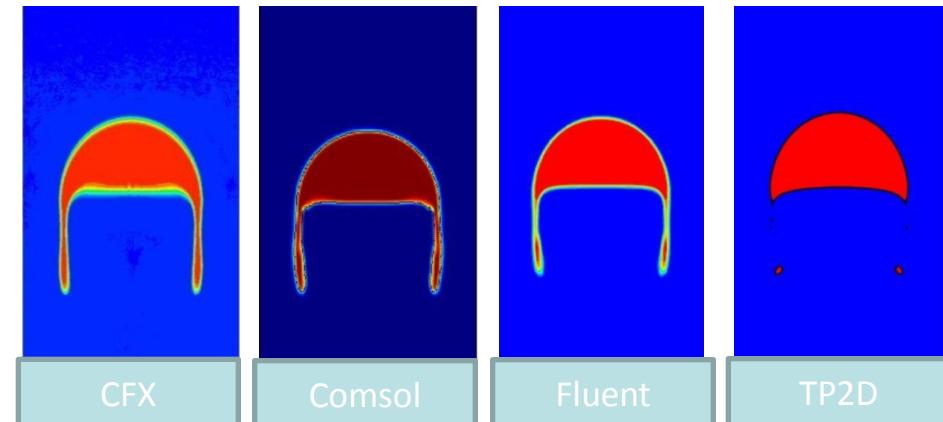
CSF – surface tension treatment



2) **Numerical simulation** of droplet generation in dripping and jetting regimes

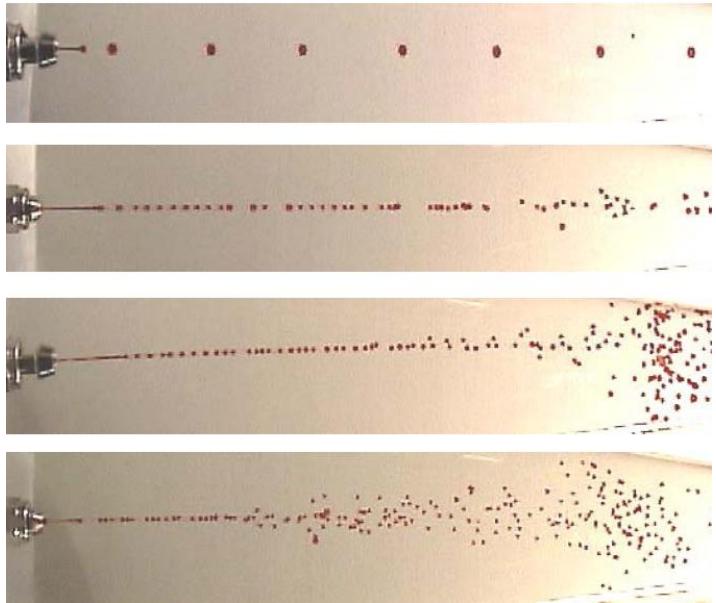


3) **Systematic validation** and benchmarking (CFX, Comsol, FLUENT, OpenFOAM)



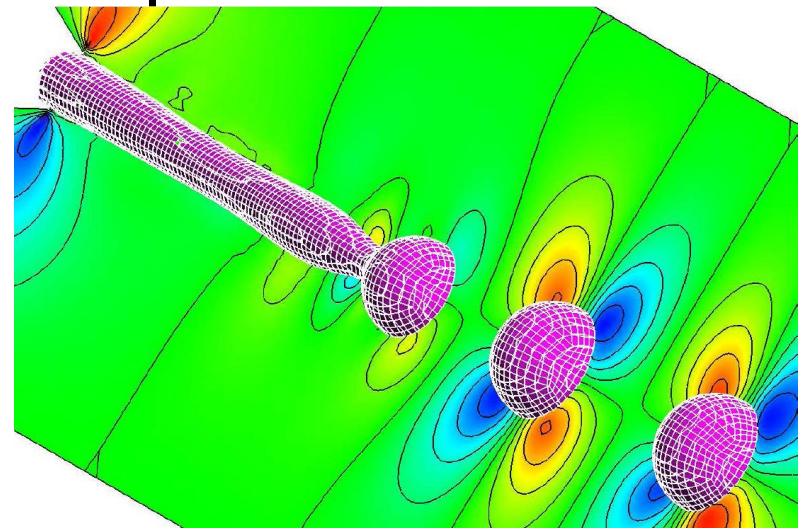
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- Extraction of operation envelopes

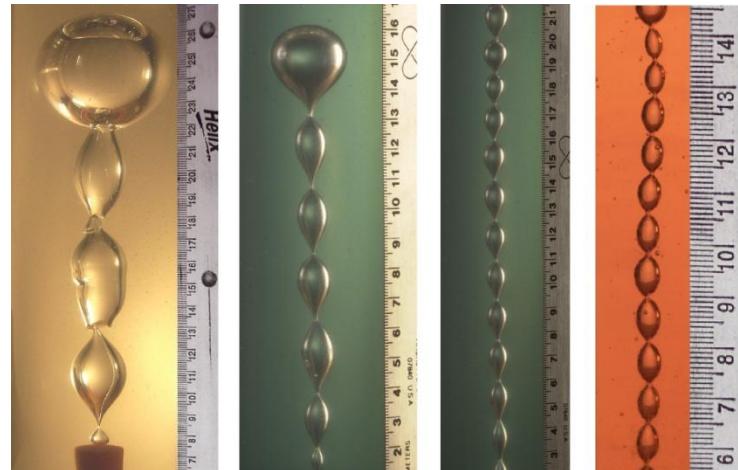


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- 3) Non-Newtonian fluids.**
- Dripping mode validation
  - Jetting simulations
  - Multi-dimensional process diagrams



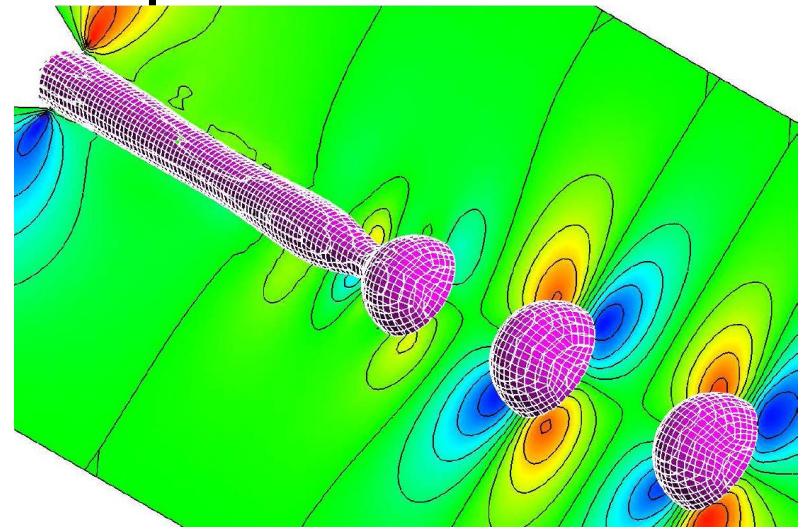
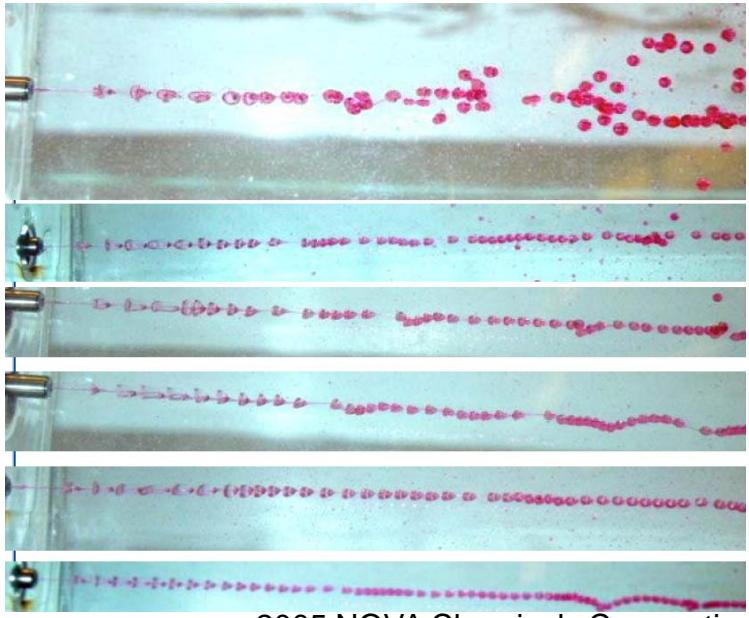
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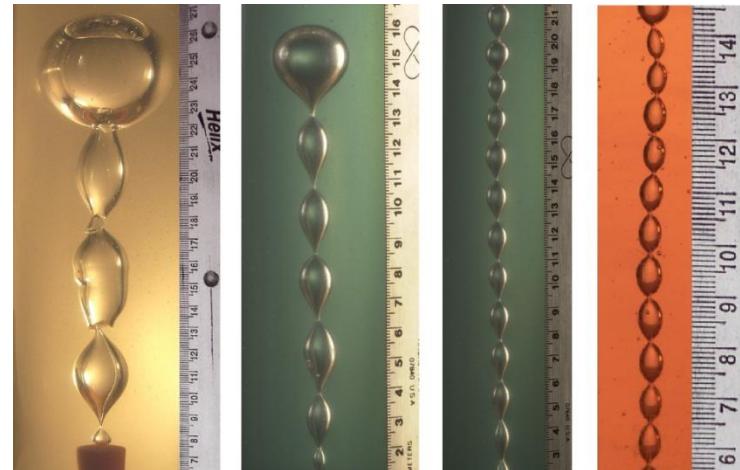
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# Validation of the dripping mode

## Validation parameters:

- frequency of droplet generation
- droplet size
- stream length

Continuous phase:

Glucose-Water mixture

$$\mu_D = 500 \text{ mPa s}$$

$$\rho_D = 972 \text{ kg m}^{-3}$$

$$\dot{V}_D = 3,64 \text{ ml min}^{-1}$$

$$\sigma_{CD} = 0,034 \text{ N m}^{-1}$$

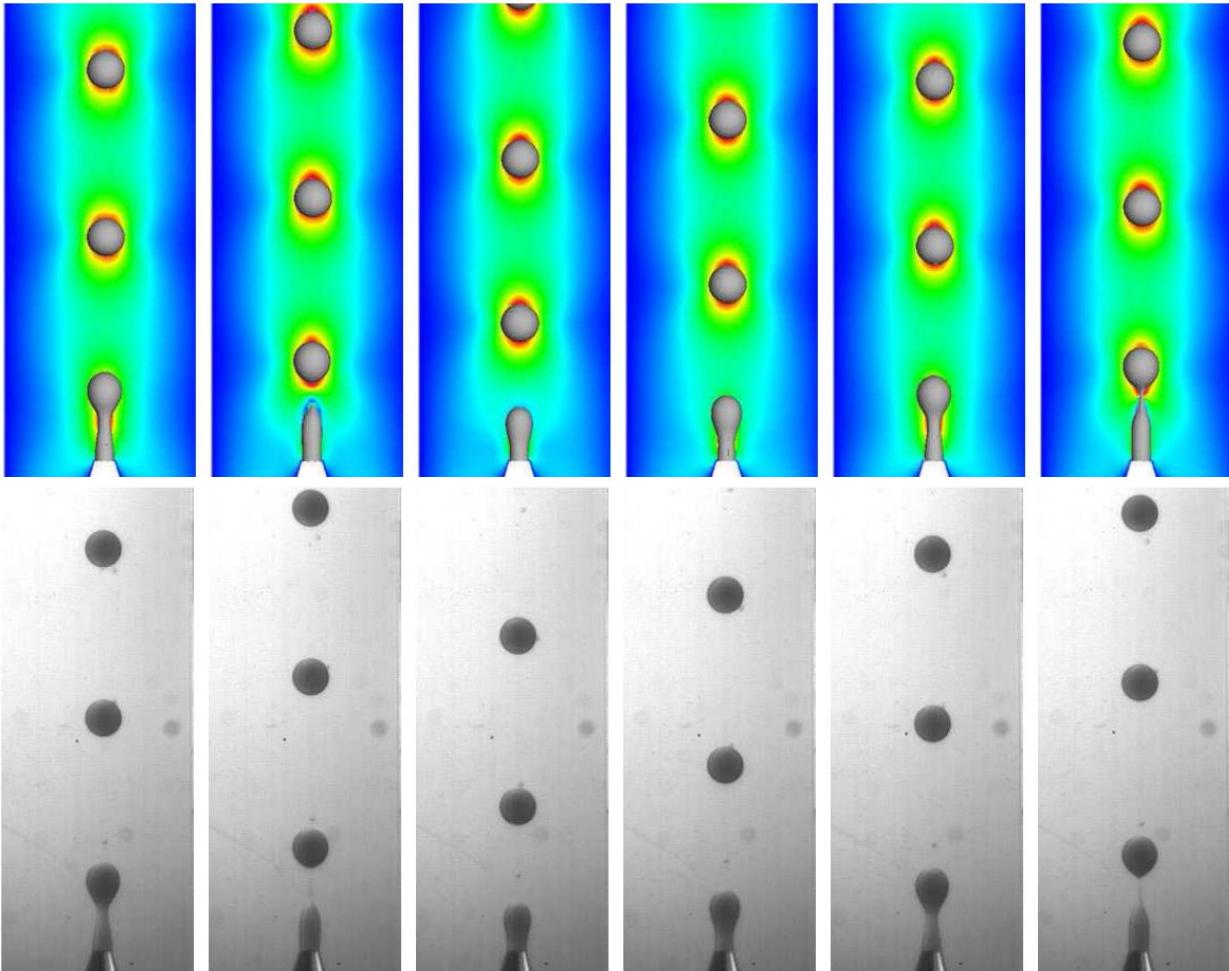
Silicon oil

$$\mu_C = 500 \text{ mPa s}$$

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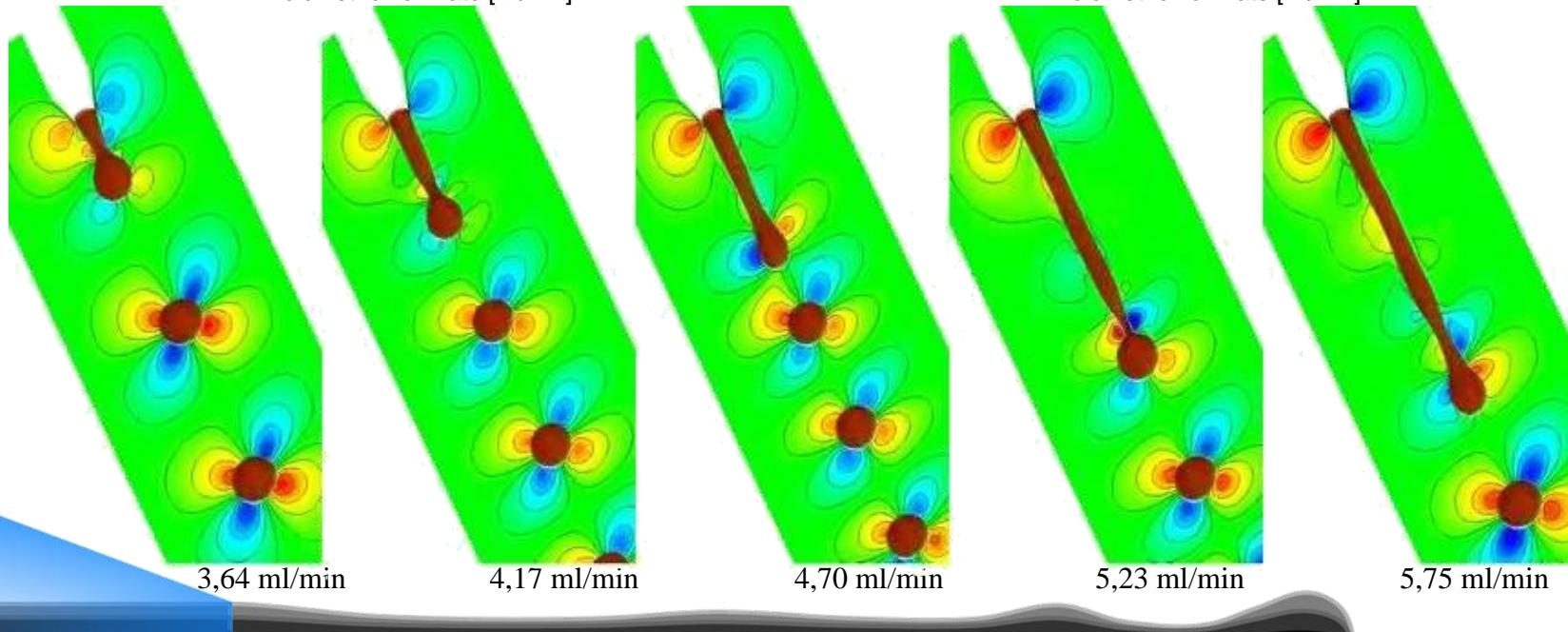
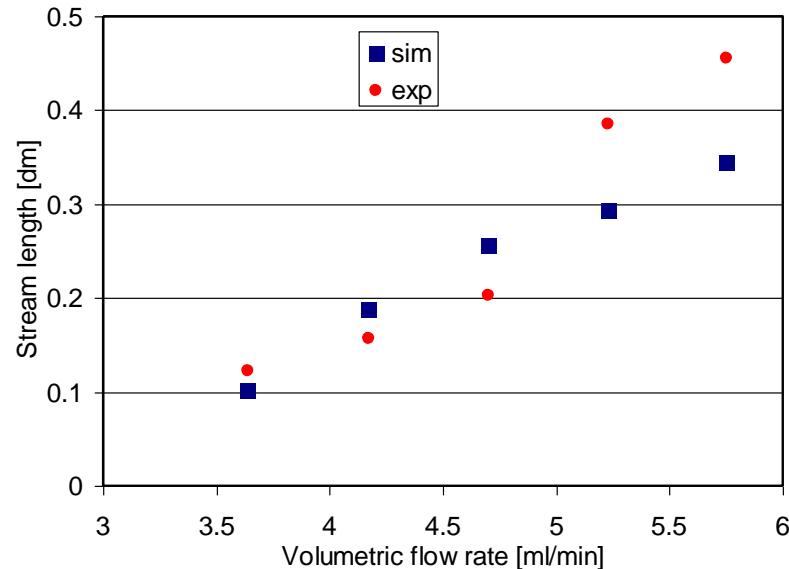
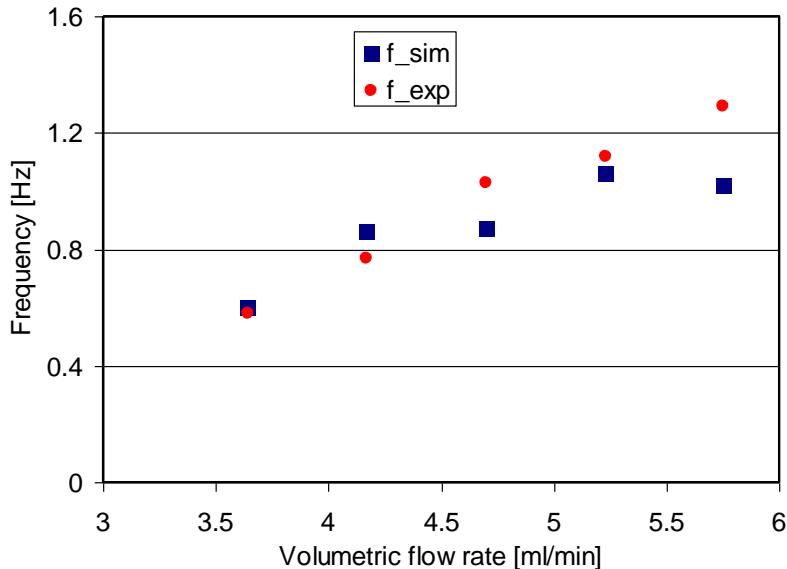
$$\dot{V}_C = 99,04 \text{ ml min}^{-1}$$

Dispersed phase:



Experimental Set-up with AG Walzel (BCI/Dortmund)

# Evaluation of the jetting mode



# Monodisperse droplet generation in nozzles

In case of monodisperse droplets:  $\dot{V}_D = fV_{\text{droplet}}$

With regulation

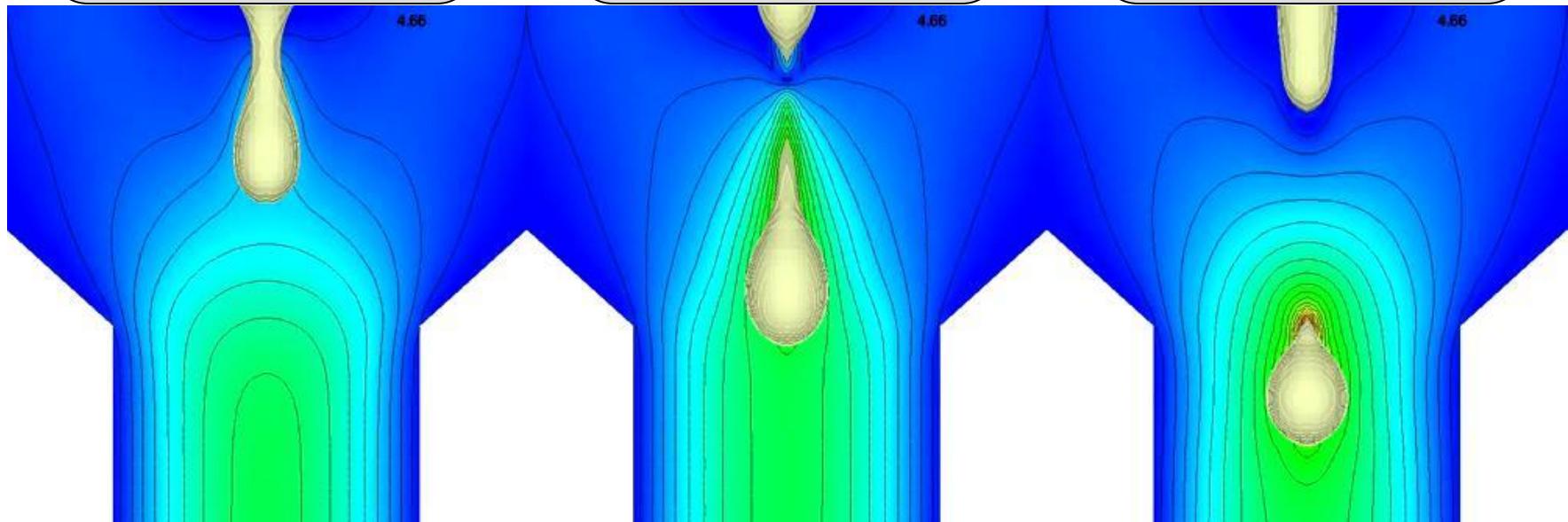
$$\dot{V}_{D,\text{mean}} = \dot{V}_{STD}$$

With regulation

$$\dot{V}_{D,\text{mean}} = 1.5\dot{V}_{STD}$$

No regulation

$$\dot{V}_D = \dot{V}_{STD}$$



$$d_{\text{drop}} = 5.0 \text{ mm}$$

Regulation ranges?  
Flow rate ranges?

$$d_{\text{drop}} = 5.7 \text{ mm}$$



$$d_{\text{drop}} = 5.2 \text{ mm}$$

Resulting droplet ranges?

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Small capillary

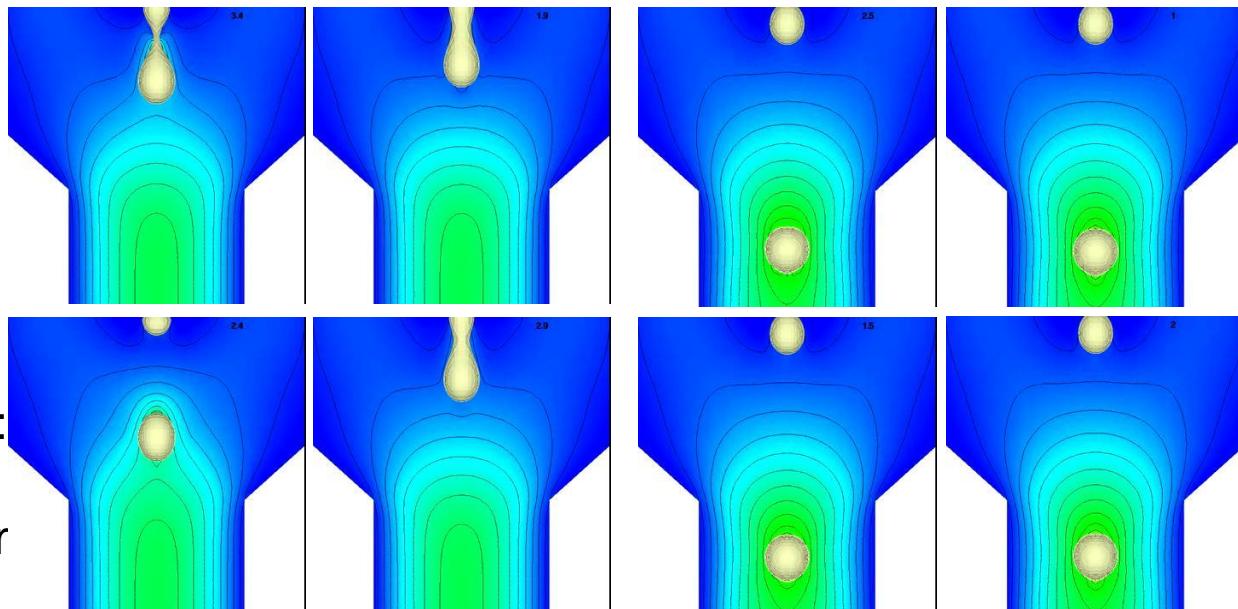
$$\dot{V}_{D,\text{mean}} = 0.75\dot{V}_{STD}$$

Smaller capillary

$$\dot{V}_{D,\text{mean}} = 0.75\dot{V}_{STD}$$

Geometrical changes:

- Capillary size
- Contraction angle
- Contraction ratio



Resulting operation envelope:

- Size: 4.5 mm – 5.7 mm
- Volume: 0.38 cm<sup>3</sup> – 0.77 cm<sup>3</sup>

Not monodisperse

Regulation ranges?  
Flow rate ranges?



Resulting droplet ranges?

# Future tasks

## Development

- CFD solver improvement w.r.t.:
  - More realistic physical properties
  - Adaptivity
  - HPC (GPU) parallelization
- Non-Newtonian fluids

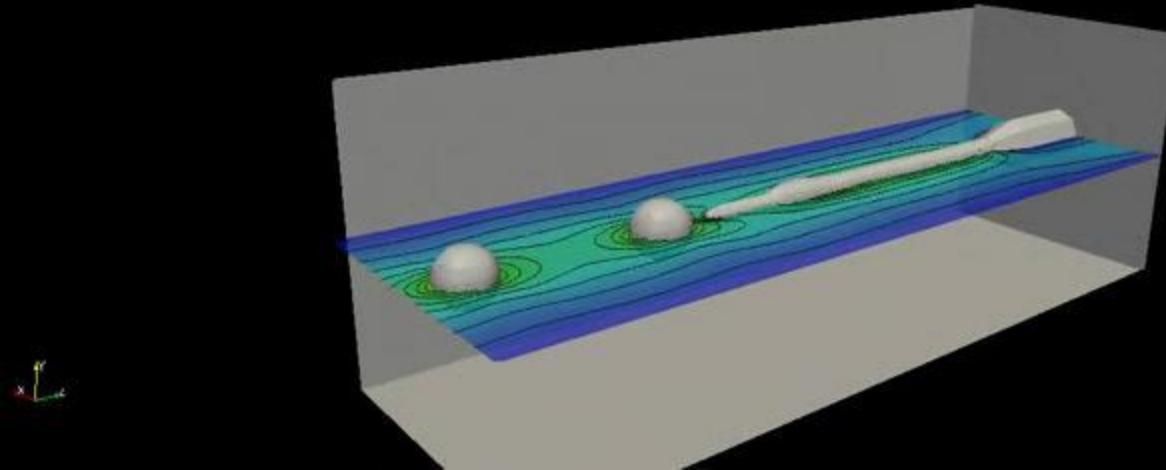
## Process engineering

- Jetting simulations
- Multidimensional process diagrams
- „Rules“ towards optimization
- Droplet-droplet interactions

Validated prediction tool for tailor-made droplet generation  
Comparisons, validation, benchmarking

## **Relevant literature:**

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# NUMERISCHE SIMULATION ZUR HERRSTELLUNG MONODISPERSER TROPFEN IN PNEUMATISCHEN ZIEHDÜSEN



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## STATE OF THE PROJECT

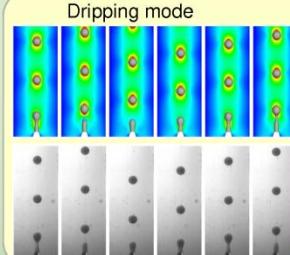
- Our FEATFLOW based simulation tool
- High order (in space and time) FEM code  
Q2/P1 FEM in space and Crank-Nicholson in time
- Robust parallel multigrid solver
- Parallel and hardware oriented (GPUs)
- Two phase module supported by Level Set approach
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- Enhanced by grid deformation techniques
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- Benchmarked in different fields of applications
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- Validated for dripping mode two-phase flows  
Preliminary tests for droplet size oriented modulation
- Preliminary tests for jetting mode
- Implicit treatment of surface tension

## GOALS & DELIVERABLES

- Switching the already validated multiphase CFD tool to jetting regime:  
  - comparison with experimentally available results
  - identification of the "Rayleigh" and "first wind-induced" subregimes in terms of non-dimensional numbers
  - gathering data via simulations in the appropriate subregimes
- Analysis of modulation and imposition of disturbances in the appropriate subregimes:  
  - analysis of the possibilities of modulation (where to impose it? manipulation of frequency or amplitude?)
  - comparison with experimentally available results
  - outline the ranges of conditions leading to monodisperse droplet generation
- Extension to non-Newtonian fluids:  
  - Dripping mode validation based on experimental results
  - repetition of points 1) and 2) for different shear dependent models

- Contribution to the engineering community with an open-source CFD-based prediction tool suitable for tailor-made droplet generation
- Contribution to the scientific community with two-phase flow 3D benchmark configurations
- Multidimensional process diagrams for the interpretation of rules for accessible monodisperse operation ranges

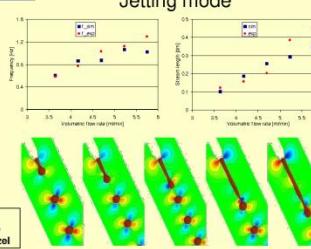
## VALIDATION & BENCHMARKING



Dripping mode

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$V_D = 3.64 \text{ ml min}^{-1}$			$V_c = 99.4 \text{ ml min}^{-1}$		
$\sigma_{cd} = 0.034 \text{ N m}^{-1}$					
Separation frequency [Hz]	Droplet size [dm]	Stream Length [dm]			
Exp. 0.58	0.062	0.122			
Sim. 0.60	0.058	0.102			

Jetting mode

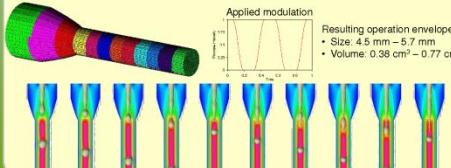
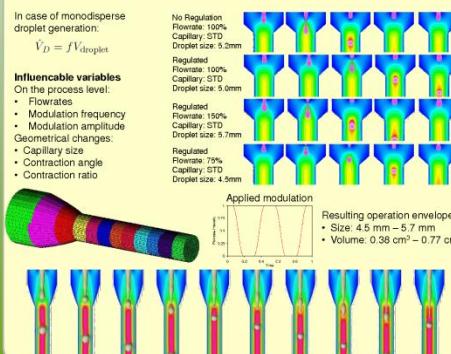


## RECENT MODULATION RESULTS

In case of monodisperse droplet generation:  
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### Influencable variables

- On the process level:
  - Flowrate
  - Modulation frequency
  - Modulation amplitude
- Geometrical changes:
  - Capillary size
  - Contraction angle
  - Contraction ratio



## GUIDELINES, REFERENCES

- Nova Chemicals : Mono-dispersion of organic phase by pulse atomization
- Pressure pulsation leads to volumetric flowrate pulsation
- Modulation of frequency and amplitude
- Newtonian and non-Newtonian
- Orme et al.: Mono-disperse Aluminum droplet generation and deposition for Net-Form Manufacturing of Structural Components
- Amplitude modulation with constant frequency
- Targeted coalescence of generated droplets
- Increases the ranges of achievable droplets
- Brenn et al.: A new apparatus for the production of monodisperse sprays at high flowrates  $d = \left( \frac{3\pi D^2}{2f} \right)^{\frac{1}{3}}$
- Introduction of disturbances with certain frequencies  $f$
- Validity of regulation in ranges of Re numbers
- 2-4% standard deviation of droplet diameters
- Lin et al.: Classification of jets depending on non-dimensional quantities (Re, We, etc.)
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