

ELECTRONIC SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

**Effect of blockage ratio on flow of a viscoelastic wormlike micellar solution
past a cylinder in a microchannel**

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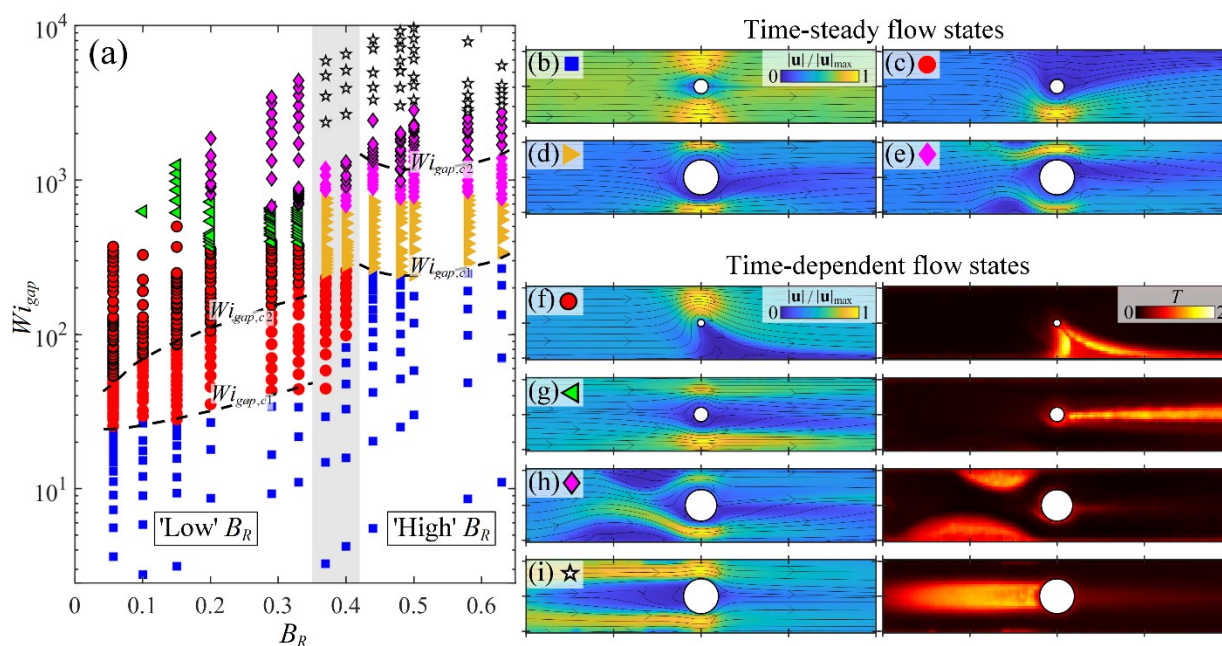


Fig. S1 (a) Flow state diagram in Wi_{gap} - B_R state space. Coloured symbols represent different steady and time-dependent flow states depicted to the right, as indicated by corresponding symbols: (b) low- Wi_{gap} 'symmetric' state ($B_R = 0.2$, $Wi_{gap} = 18$); (c) 'laterally asymmetric' state ($B_R = 0.2$, $Wi_{gap} = 81$); (d) 'upstream bending streamlines' ($B_R = 0.48$, $Wi_{gap} = 564$); (e) 'upstream wall vortices' ($B_R = 0.48$, $Wi_{gap} = 873$); (f) 'time-dependent laterally asymmetric' state ($B_R = 0.1$, $Wi_{gap} = 190$); (g) 'asymmetric jetting' ($B_R = 0.2$, $Wi_{gap} = 722$); (h) 'time-dependent upstream wall vortices' ($B_R = 0.44$, $Wi_{gap} = 1347$); (i) 'upstream cylinder vortex' ($B_R = 0.48$, $Wi_{gap} = 5123$).