

**Influence of Rheology and Micropatterns on Spreading,  
Retraction and Fingering of an Impacting Drop  
- Electronic Supplementary Information (ESI)**

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TABLE SI. Padé approximant values ( $A$  from Eq. 7 in the main text where  $P = WeRe^{-2/5}$ ) found using least squares fitting to maximum spread data, with coefficients of determination  $R$ .

Fluid(s)	Surface(s)	$A$	$R^2$
Water	All	$1.50 \pm 0.01$	0.90
10 vol % glycerol	All	$1.40 \pm 0.01$	0.94
40 vol % glycerol	All	$1.40 \pm 0.01$	0.95
0.05 wt % carbopol	All	$1.10 \pm 0.02$	0.85
0.1 wt % carbopol	All	$1.30 \pm 0.01$	0.84
All	Flat PDMS	$1.24 \pm 0.01$	0.82
Newtonian solutions	All	$1.45 \pm 0.02$	0.93
Non-Newtonian solutions	All	$1.20 \pm 0.01$	0.85
All	All	$1.37 \pm 0.03$	0.80
All from Laan et al. [1]		$1.24 \pm 0.01$	0.95

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[1] N. Laan, K. G. de Bruin, D. Bartolo, C. Josserand, and D. Bonn, Phys. Rev. Appl. **2**, 044018 (2014).

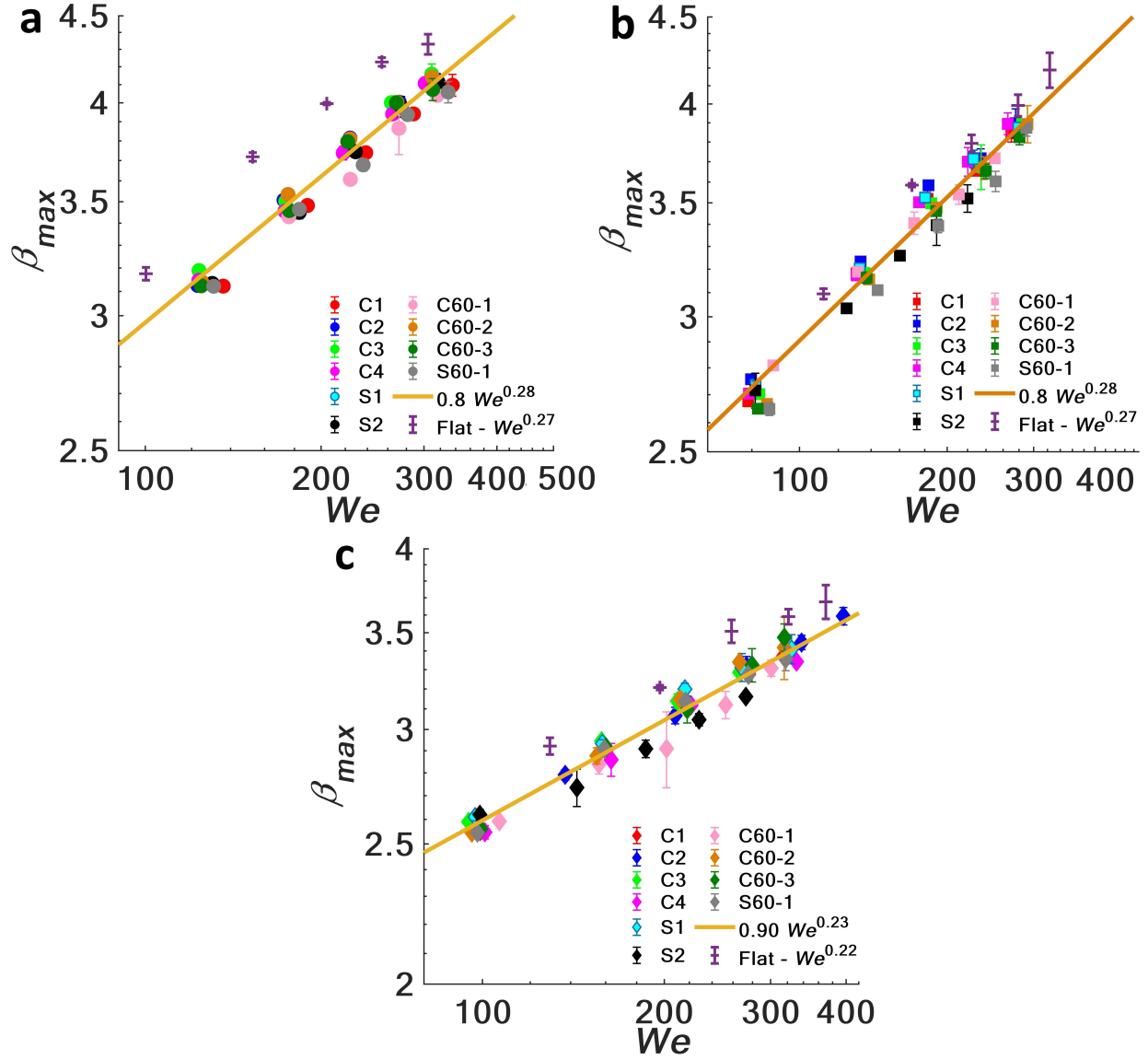


FIG. S1. Log-log plot of  $\beta_{max}$  vs  $We$  for (a) water, (b) 10 vol % glycerol and (c) 40 vol % glycerol on various surfaces. The legend includes details of plotted power law fits to the data for all micropillar surfaces, and for flat PDMS.

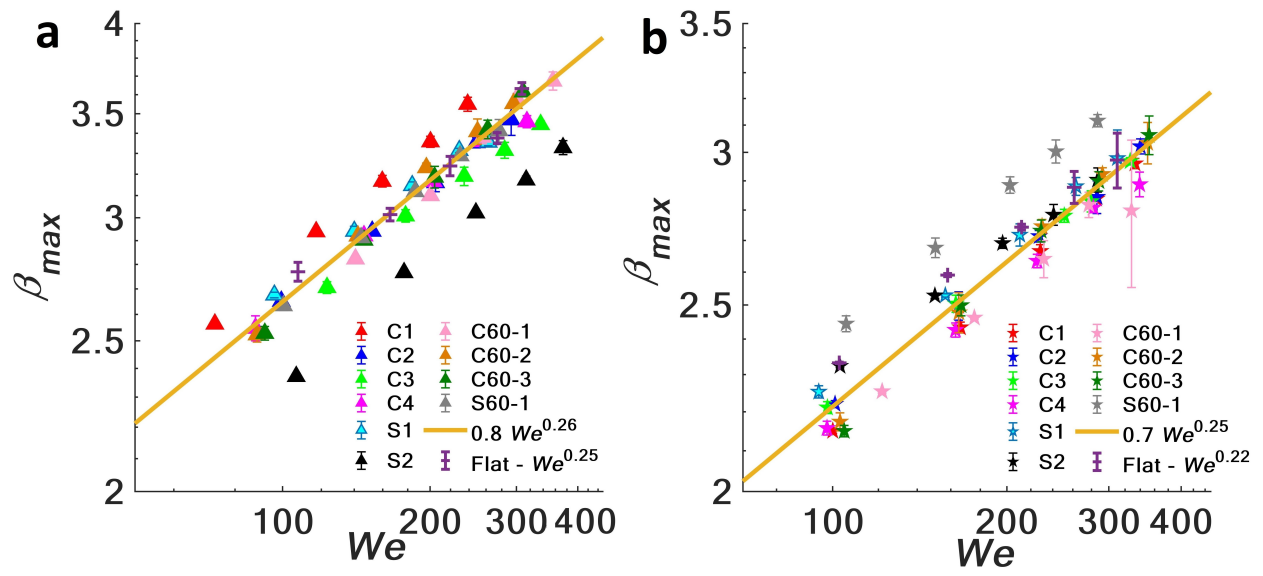


FIG. S2. Log-log plot of  $\beta_{max}$  vs  $We$  for (a) 0.05 wt% and (b) 0.1 wt% carbopol solutions on various surfaces. The legend includes details of plotted power law fits to the data for all micropillar surfaces, and for flat PDMS.

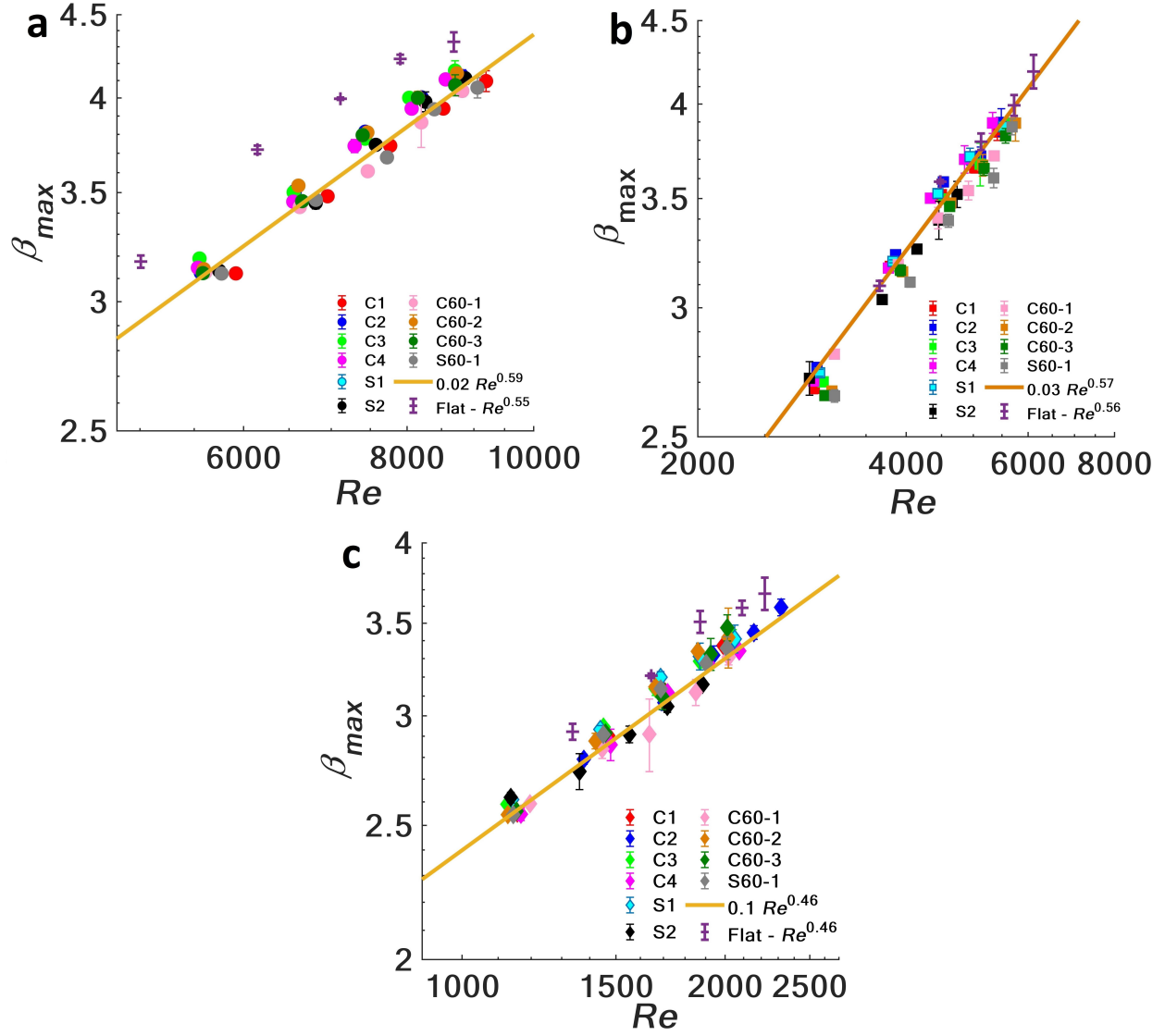


FIG. S3. Log-log plot of  $\beta_{max}$  vs  $Re$  for (a) water, (b) 10 vol % glycerol and (c) 40 vol % glycerol on various surfaces. The legend includes details of plotted power law fits to the data for all micropillar surfaces, and for flat PDMS.

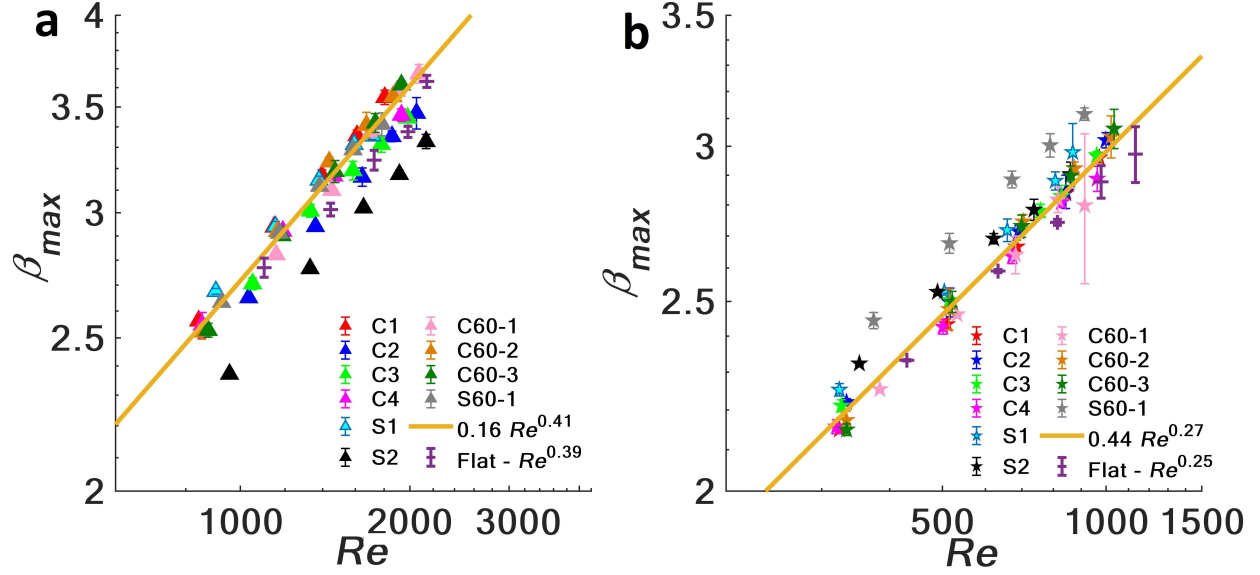


FIG. S4. Log-log plot of  $\beta_{max}$  vs  $Re$  for (a) 0.05 wt% and (b) 0.1 wt% carbopol solutions on various surfaces. The legend includes details of plotted power law fits to the data for all micropillar surfaces, and for flat PDMS.

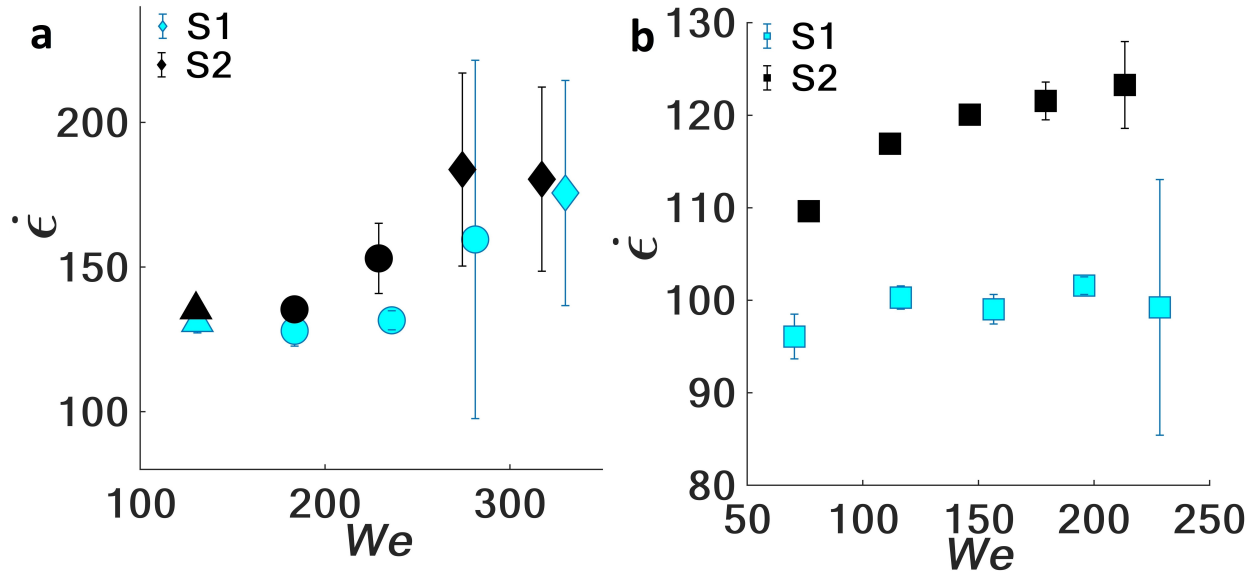


FIG. S5. Retraction rates as a function of  $We$  on surfaces S1 and S2 for (a) water, and (b) 0.1 wt % carbopol. In both figures the color represents the surface whereas the symbol shape represents the drop outcome cases from Table 3 in the main text: 3( $\diamond$ ), 5( $\circ$ ), 6( $\triangle$ ) and 8 ( $\square$ ). Error bars represent the standard deviation over three repeat measurements.

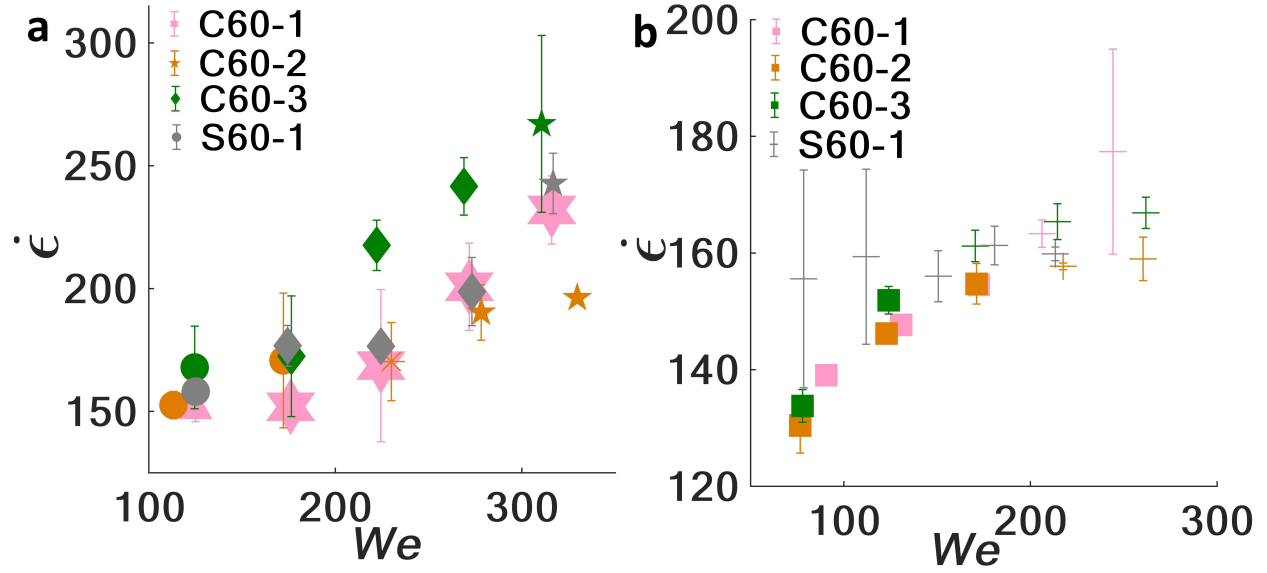


FIG. S6. Retraction rates as a function of  $We$  on surfaces C60-1,2,3 and S60-1 for (a) water, and (b) 0.1 wt % carbopol. In both figures the color represents the surface whereas the symbol shape represents the drop outcome cases from Table 3 in the main text: 1(★), 2(☆), 3(◇), 4(\*), 5(○), 7(+), and 8 (□). Error bars represent the standard deviation over three repeat measurements.

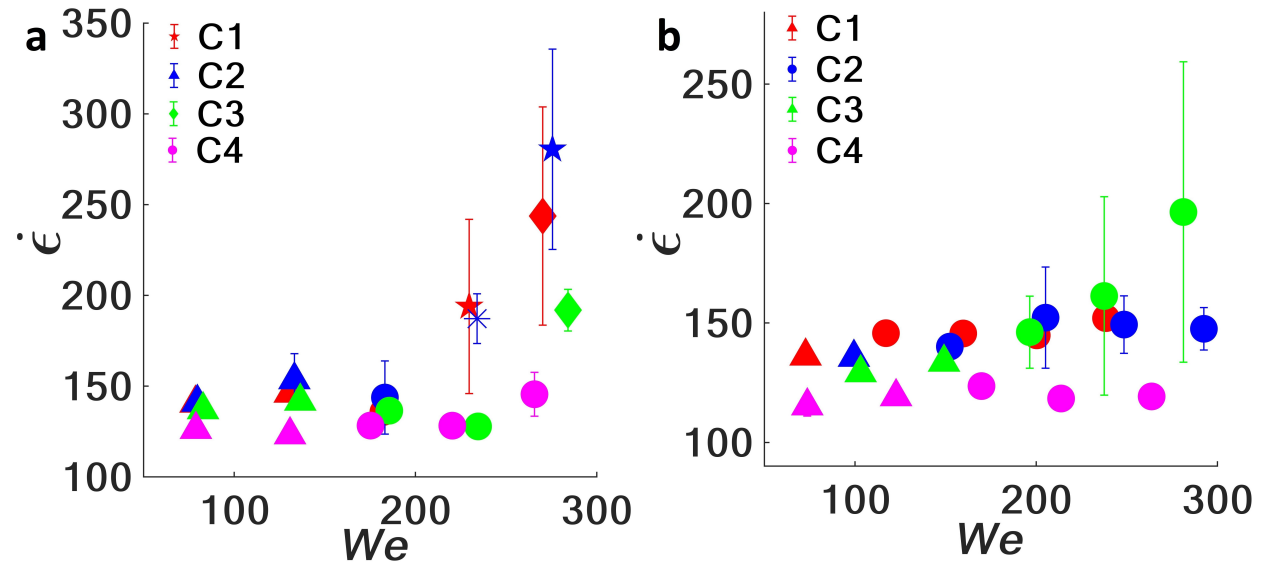


FIG. S7. Retraction rates as a function of  $We$  on surfaces C1-4 for (a) 10 vol % glycerol, and (b) 0.05 wt % carbopol. In both figures the color represents the surface whereas the symbol shape represents the drop outcome cases from Table 3 in the main text: 2(★), 3(◇), 4(\*), 5(○), 6(△) and 8 (□). Error bars represent the standard deviation over three repeat measurements.



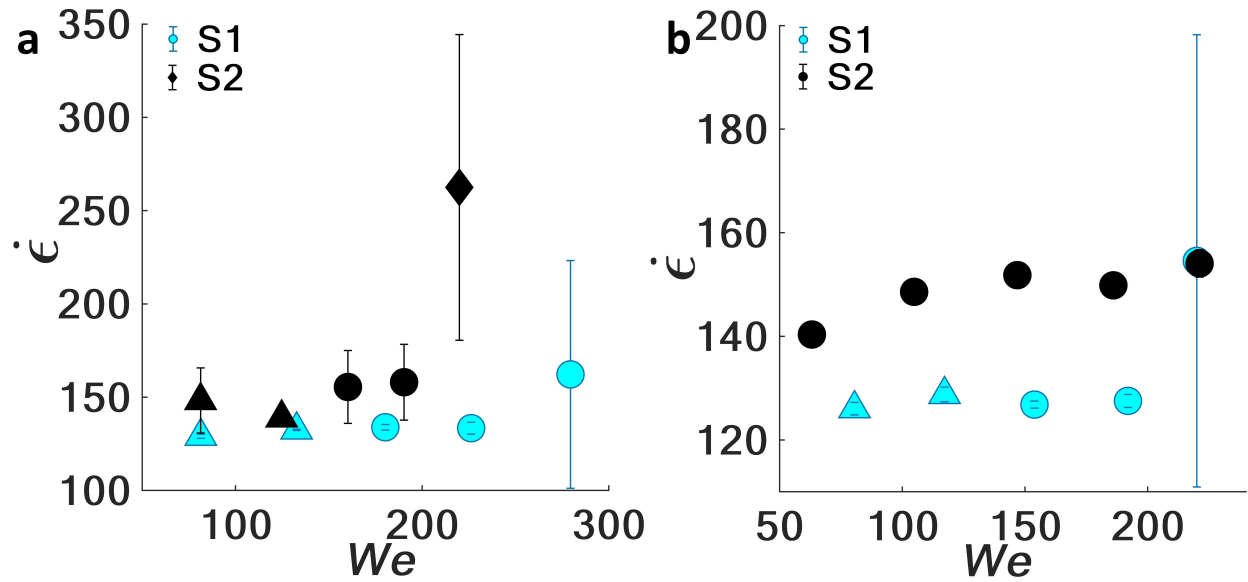


FIG. S8. Retraction rates as a function of  $We$  on surfaces S1 and S2 for (a) 10 vol % glycerol, and (b) 0.05 wt % carbopol. In both figures the color represents the surface whereas the symbol shape represents the drop outcome cases from Table 3 in the main text: 5( $\circ$ ) and 6( $\triangle$ ). Error bars represent the standard deviation over three repeat measurements.

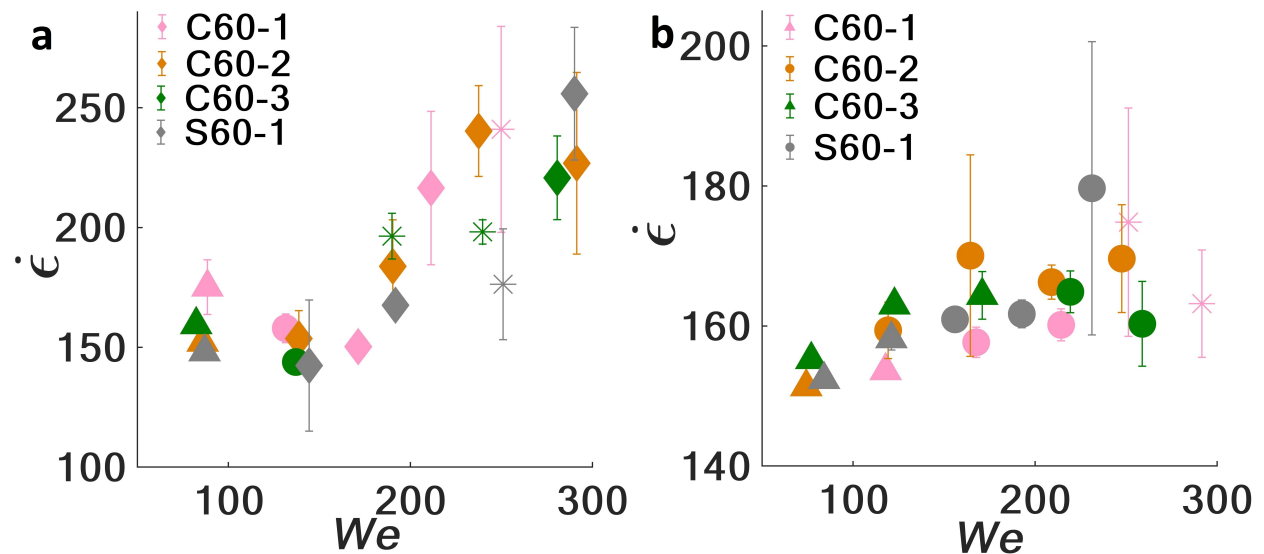


FIG. S9. Retraction rates as a function of  $We$  on surfaces C60-1,2,3 and S60-1 for (a) 10 vol % glycerol, and (b) 0.05 wt % carbopol. In both figures the color represents the surface whereas the symbol shape represents the drop outcome cases from Table 3 in the main text: 3( $\diamond$ ), 4( $*$ ), 5( $\circ$ ) and 6( $\triangle$ ). Error bars represent the standard deviation over three repeat measurements.

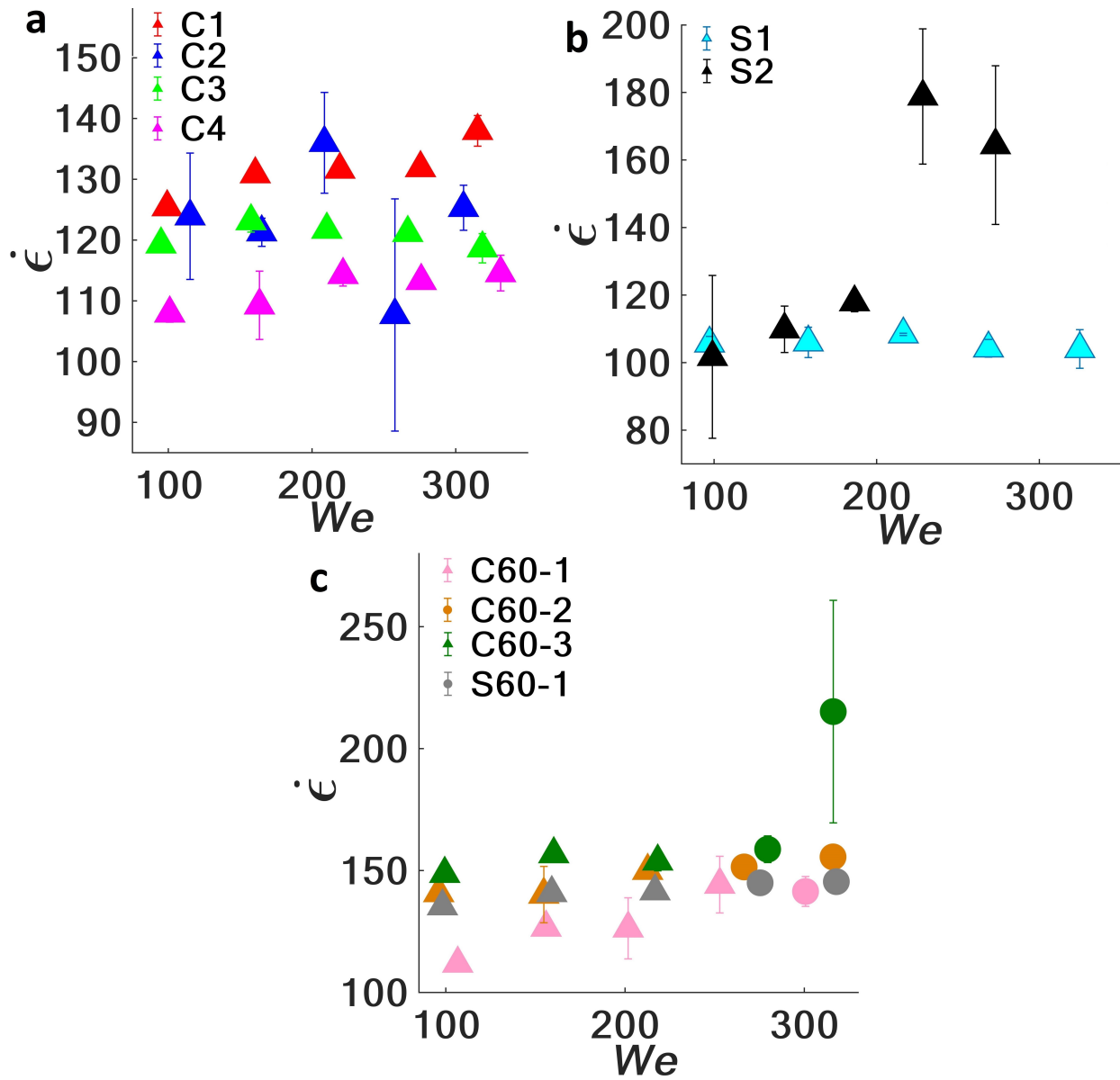


FIG. S10. Retraction rates as a function of  $We$  for 40 vol % glycerol solutions on surfaces (a) C1-4, (b) S1, S2 (c) C60-1,2,3, and S60-1. In both figures the color represents the surface whereas the symbol shape represents the drop outcome cases from Table 3 in the main text: 5(○) and 6(△). Error bars represent the standard deviation over three repeat measurements.

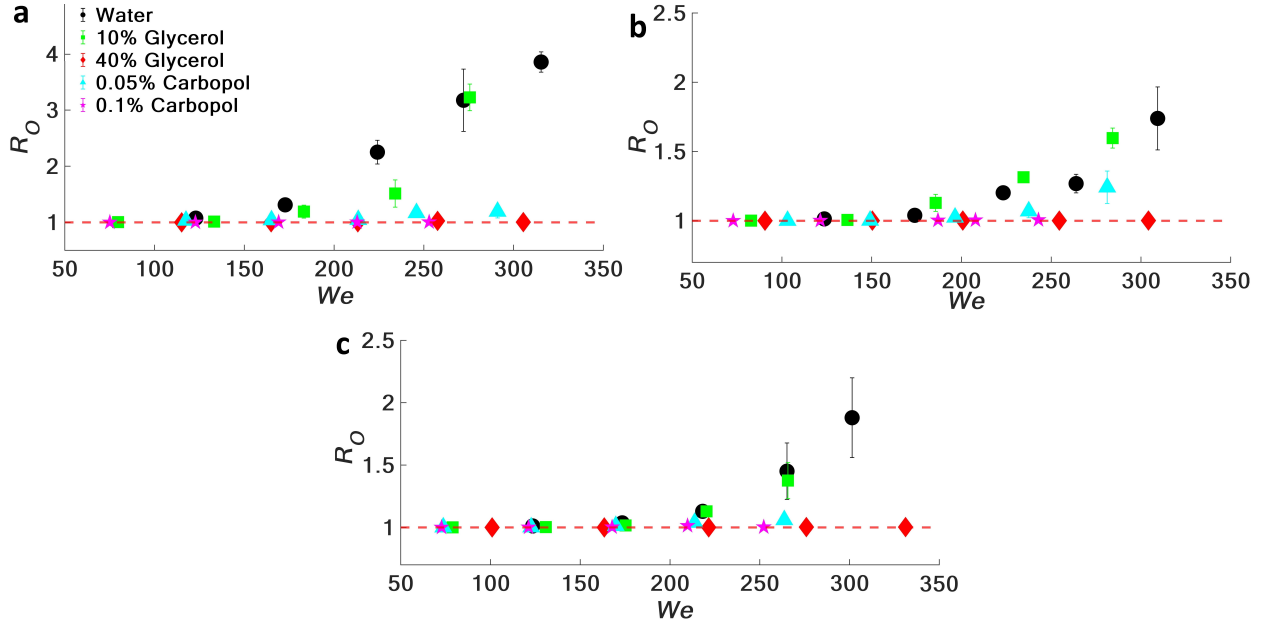


FIG. S11. Roundness measurements (Eq. 12 in the main text) for droplets at maximum spread on surfaces (a) C2, (b) C3, and (c) C4. The red dashed line indicates a perfect circle, and error bars represent the standard deviation over three trials for each set of experimental conditions.

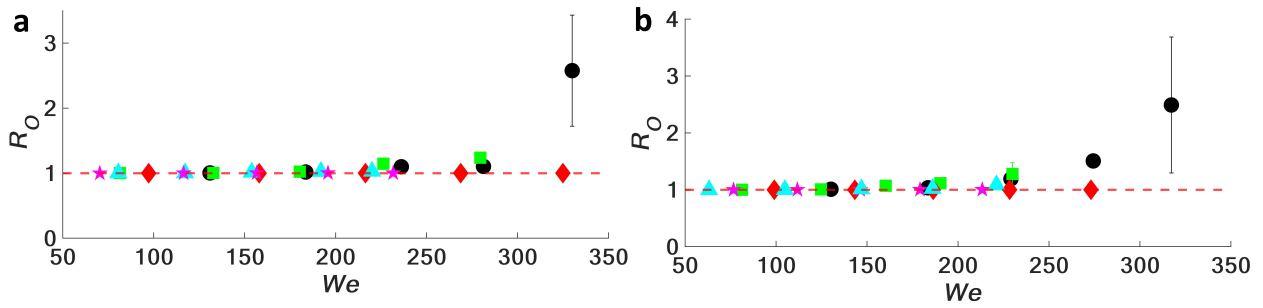


FIG. S12. Roundness measurements (Eq. 12 in the main text) for droplets at maximum spread on surface (a) S1, and (b) S2. The red dashed line indicates a perfect circle, and error bars represent the standard deviation over three trials for each set of experimental conditions.

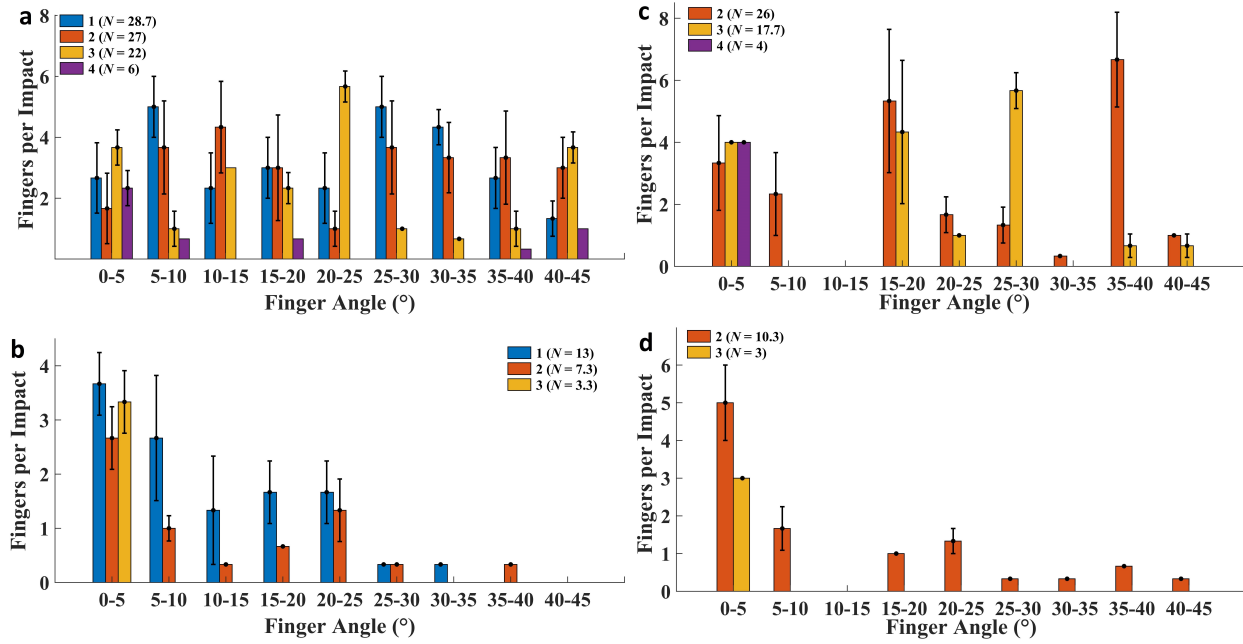


FIG. S13. Angular distribution of fingers at maximum spread for water on surfaces (a) C2 and (b) C4, and for 10 vol % glycerol on surfaces (c) C2 and (d) C4. The legend indicates the drop release point (Table 6 in the main text), error bars indicate the standard deviation over three experiments, and  $N$  is the average total number of fingers per experiment.

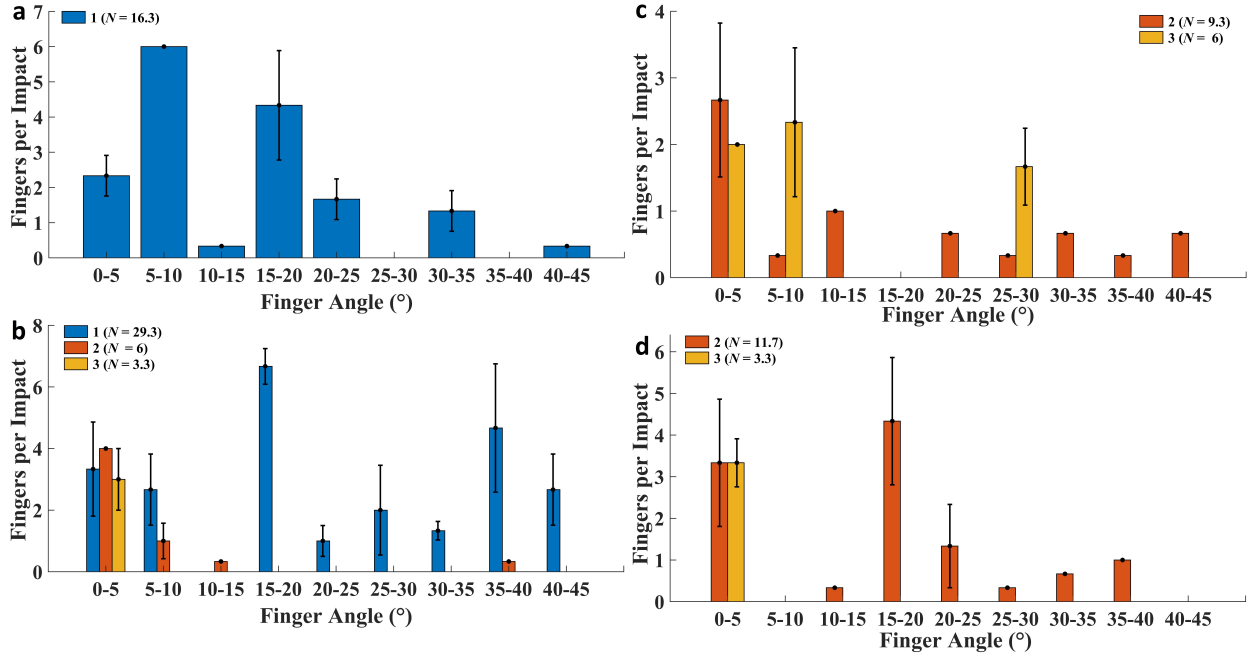


FIG. S14. Angular distribution of fingers at maximum spread for water on surfaces (a) S1 and (b) S2, and for 10 vol % glycerol on surfaces (c) S1 and (d) S2. The legend indicates the drop release point (Table 6 in the main text), error bars indicate the standard deviation over three experiments, and  $N$  is the average total number of fingers per experiment.

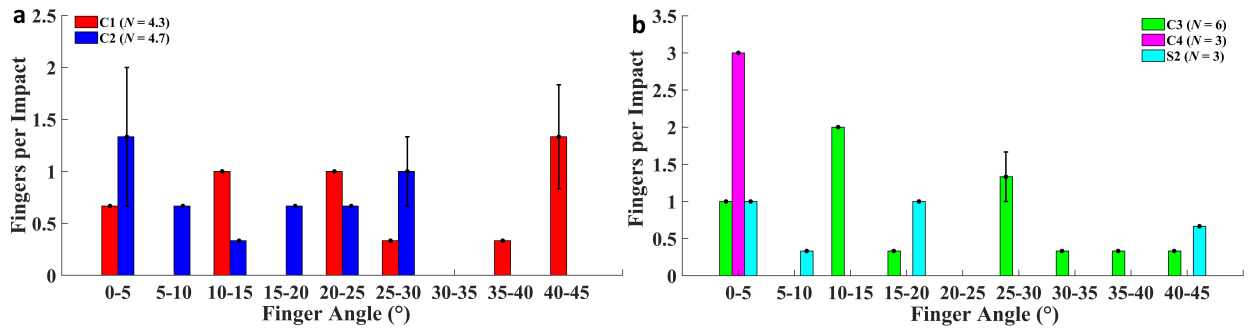


FIG. S15. Angular distribution of fingers at maximum spread for 0.05 wt % carbopol droplets falling from drop release point 2 on surfaces (a) C1, C2 and (b) C3, C4, and S2. The error bars indicate the standard deviation over three drop impact experiments, and  $N$  is the average total number of fingers per experiment.