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Mathematics, MIT — We present the results of a combined experimental and theo-
retical investigation of rotating fluid sheets. When a fluid jet issues downwards from
a circular nozzle rotating at sufficient speed, the fluid is deflected into bell-shaped
forms whose shapes are prescribed by the balance of inertial, gravitational and cur-
vature forces. We examine the dependence of the flow structure on the governing
parameters, and present the results of supporting theoretical developments.

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