

# Hydrodynamics

## Class 8

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## Another ordinary differential equation with boundary layer

$$\begin{aligned}\epsilon y'' + a(x)y' + b(x)y &= 0, & y(0) &= A, \quad y(1) = B \\ a(x) &> 0 \text{ over } [0, 1], & \epsilon &\rightarrow 0\end{aligned}$$

Assume boundary layer near  $x = 0$ . Outer equation, using B.C.  $y(x = 1) = B$ :

$$\begin{aligned}a(x)y'_{\text{out}} + b(x)y_{\text{out}} &= 0 \\ \frac{dy_{\text{out}}}{dx} &= -\frac{b(x)}{a(x)}y_{\text{out}} \\ \int_x^1 \frac{dy_{\text{out}}}{y_{\text{out}}} &= -\int_x^1 dt \frac{b(t)}{a(t)} \\ \ln y_{\text{out}}(1) - \ln y_{\text{out}}(x) &= -\int_x^1 dt \frac{b(t)}{a(t)} \\ \ln y_{\text{out}}(x) &= \ln B + \int_x^1 dt \frac{b(t)}{a(t)} \\ y_{\text{out}}(x) &= B \exp \left[ \int_x^1 dt \frac{b(t)}{a(t)} \right]\end{aligned}$$

Inside boundary layer near  $x = 0$ , solution varies rapidly.

Set  $X = x/\delta$ , with  $\delta \ll 1$ .

$$\frac{\epsilon}{\delta^2} \frac{d^2 y_{\text{in}}}{dX^2} + a \frac{1}{\delta} \frac{dy_{\text{in}}}{dX} + by_{\text{in}} = 0$$

Terms are of order  $\epsilon/\delta^2$ ,  $1/\delta$ ,  $1$ .

For non-trivial equation, want two terms to dominate (= “dominant balance”)

$$\epsilon/\delta^2 \sim 1/\delta \quad \implies \delta \sim \epsilon$$

$$\frac{1}{\delta} \frac{d^2 y_{\text{in}}}{dX^2} + a \frac{1}{\delta} \frac{dy_{\text{in}}}{dX} + by_{\text{in}} = 0$$

$$\frac{d^2 y_{\text{in}}}{dX^2} + a \frac{dy_{\text{in}}}{dX} = 0$$

Inside boundary layer, set  $a(X\delta) = a(0) = \alpha$  and  $y_{\text{in}}(0) = A$

$$y_{\text{in}} = Ce^{-\alpha X} + D \implies A = C + D \implies D = A - C \implies y_{\text{in}} = A + C[e^{-\alpha X} - 1]$$

Matching in *overlap region* needed to determine C. Consider  $x = O(\epsilon^{1/2})$ .

Then  $X = x/\delta \sim \epsilon^{1/2}/\epsilon = \epsilon^{-1/2} \rightarrow \infty$  as  $\epsilon \rightarrow 0$

$$\text{so } y_{\text{in}} = A + C[e^{-\alpha X} - 1] \sim \boxed{A - C}$$

and  $x \sim \epsilon^{1/2} \rightarrow 0$  as  $\epsilon \rightarrow 0$

$$\text{so } y_{\text{out}} = B \exp \left[ \int_x^1 dt \frac{b(t)}{a(t)} \right] \sim B \exp \left[ \int_0^1 dt \frac{b(t)}{a(t)} \right] \equiv \boxed{BK}$$

Therefore  $A - C = BK$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{so } y_{\text{in}}(X) &= A + (A - BK)[e^{-\alpha X} - 1] \\ &= A + Ae^{-\alpha X} - A - BK[e^{-\alpha X} - 1] \\ &= Ae^{-\alpha X} + BK[1 - e^{-\alpha X}] \end{aligned}$$

Any  $x = O(\epsilon^\gamma)$  for  $0 < \gamma < 1$  also works in this case.

$$\begin{aligned} y_{\text{unif}}(x) &= \overbrace{Ae^{-\alpha x/\epsilon} + BK[1 - e^{-\alpha x/\epsilon}]}^{y_{\text{in}}} + \overbrace{B \exp \left[ \int_x^1 dt \frac{b(t)}{a(t)} dt \right]}^{y_{\text{out}}} - \overbrace{BK}^{y_{\text{overlap}}} \\ &= (A - BK)e^{-\alpha(0)x/\epsilon} + B \exp \left[ \int_x^1 dt \frac{b(t)}{a(t)} dt \right] \end{aligned}$$

**What if we assume instead that the boundary layer is at  $x = 1$ ?**

Outer equation, using BC  $y(x = 0) = A$ :

$$a(x)y'_{\text{out}} + b(x)y_{\text{out}} = 0$$

$$\frac{dy_{\text{out}}}{dx} = -\frac{b(x)}{a(x)}y_{\text{out}}$$

$$\int_0^x \frac{dy_{\text{out}}}{y_{\text{out}}} = -\int_0^x dt \frac{b(t)}{a(t)}$$

$$\ln y_{\text{out}}(x) - \ln y_{\text{out}}(0) = -\int_0^x dt \frac{b(t)}{a(t)}$$

$$\ln y_{\text{out}}(x) = \ln A - \int_0^x dt \frac{b(t)}{a(t)}$$

$$y_{\text{out}}(x) = A \exp \left[ -\int_0^x dt \frac{b(t)}{a(t)} \right]$$

Inside boundary layer near  $x = 1$ , solution varies rapidly.

Set  $X = (1 - x)/\delta$ , with  $\delta \ll 1$ .  $d/dx \rightarrow d/dX$  changes sign.

$$\frac{\epsilon}{\delta^2} \frac{d^2 y_{\text{in}}}{dX^2} - a \frac{1}{\delta} \frac{dy_{\text{in}}}{dX} + by_{\text{in}} = 0$$

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Inside boundary layer, set  $a = a(1) = \alpha$  and  $y_{\text{in}}(1) = B$

$$y_{\text{in}} = Ce^{\alpha X} + D \implies B = C + D \implies D = B - C \implies y_{\text{in}} = B + C[e^{\alpha X} - 1]$$

Matching in overlap region needed to determine C. Consider  $1 - x = O(\epsilon^{1/2})$ .

Then  $X = (1 - x)/\delta \sim \epsilon^{1/2}/\epsilon = \epsilon^{-1/2} \rightarrow \infty$  as  $\epsilon \rightarrow 0$

so  $y_{\text{in}} = B + C[e^{\alpha X} - 1] \rightarrow \infty$

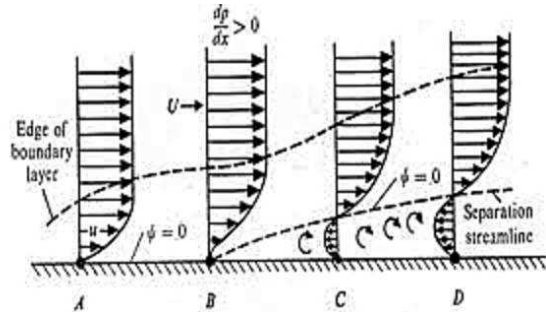
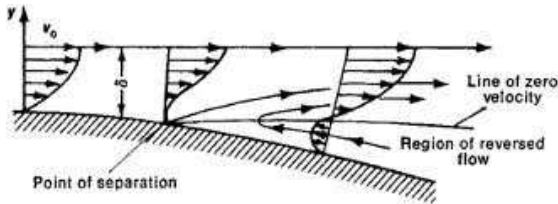
and  $x \sim 1 - \epsilon^{1/2} \rightarrow 1$  as  $\epsilon \rightarrow 0$

so  $y_{\text{out}} = A \exp \left[ - \int_0^1 dt \frac{b(t)}{a(t)} \right] = AK$

No match possible

Boundary layer is at  $x = 1$  if  $a(x) < 0$ .

# Boundary Layer Separation



Boundary layer equation:

$$u \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + v \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = -\frac{1}{\rho} \frac{dp}{dx} + \nu \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} \quad \text{with} \quad -\frac{1}{\rho} \frac{dp}{dx} = U \frac{dU}{dx} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{d(U^2)}{dx}$$

At wall,  $u = v = 0$ , so

$$\nu \left. \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} \right|_{\text{wall}} = \frac{1}{\rho} \frac{dp}{dx} = -\frac{1}{2} \frac{d(U^2)}{dx} \quad \text{so deceleration} \implies \frac{d(U^2)}{dx} < 0 \implies \left. \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} \right|_{\text{wall}} > 0$$



At top edge of boundary layer, usually  $u \rightarrow U$  and  $\frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \rightarrow 0^+$  and  $\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} < 0$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{favorable} \\ \text{adverse} \end{array} \right\} \text{ pressure gradient: } \frac{dp}{dx} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} < \\ > \end{array} \right\} 0 \implies \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} \Big|_{\text{wall}} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} < \\ > \end{array} \right\} 0$$

• In *favorable* case, can have  $\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} < 0$  over entire boundary layer.

$\frac{\partial u}{\partial y}$  decreases monotonically from positive value at wall to  $0^+$  at bdy layer edge.

• In *adverse* case,  $\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} > 0$  at wall and  $\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} < 0$  at bdy layer edge, so

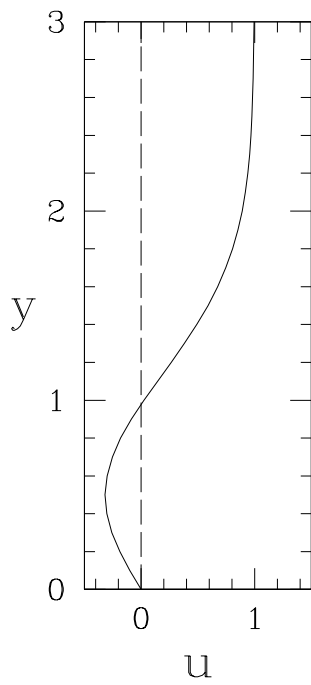
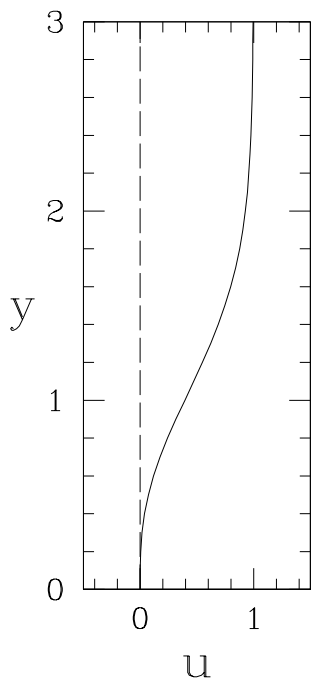
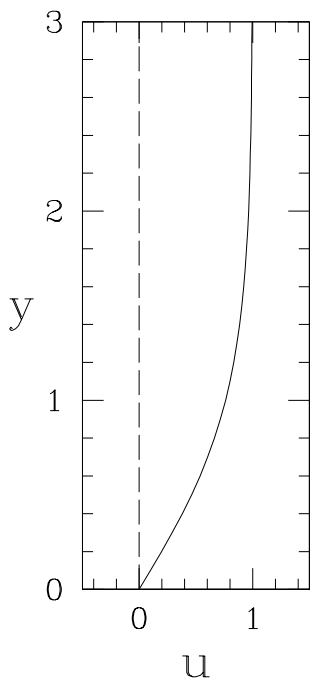
$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2}$  changes sign in boundary layer at an inflection point.

If  $\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2}$  is *sufficiently positive* at wall, then  $\frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \Big|_{\text{wall}} < 0$  so  $u \Big|_{\text{wall}} < 0 \implies$  Separation

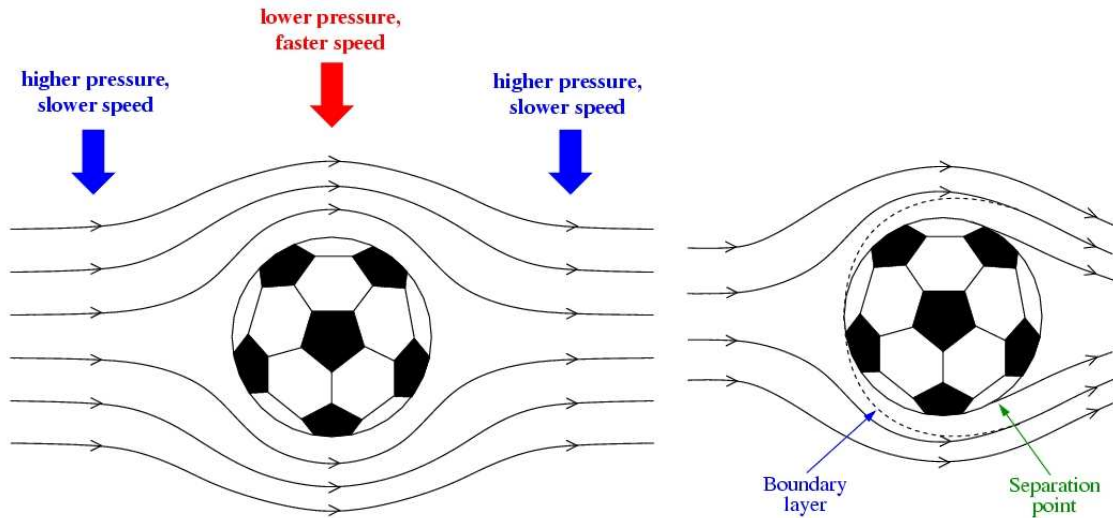
Boundary layer equations not valid beyond separation point.

Behind blunt body, steep adverse pressure gradient  $\implies$  immediate separation.

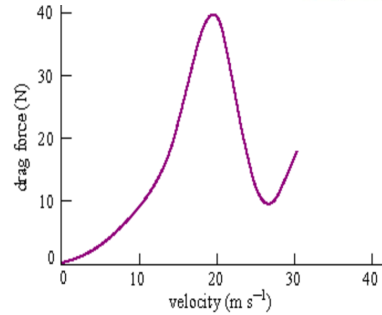
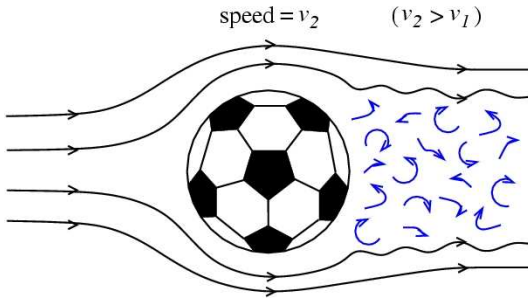
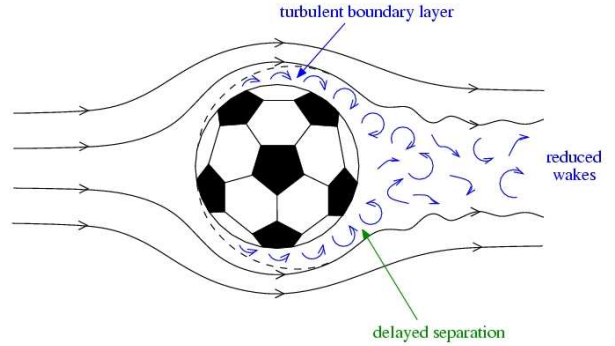
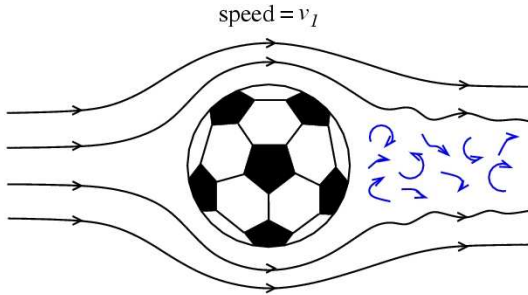
Behind streamlined body, mild pressure gradient can be overcome.



# Soccer Ball

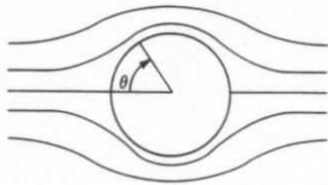


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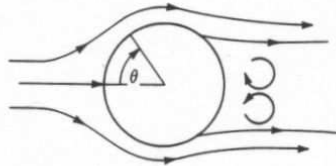


Speed increases  $\implies$  turbulent wake of laminar boundary layer widens  $\implies$  more drag

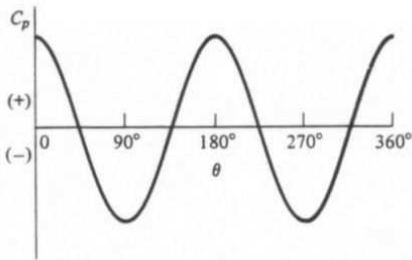
Speed increases past critical value  $\implies$  boundary layer becomes turbulent  $\implies$  separates further  $\implies$  smaller wake  $\implies$  less drag



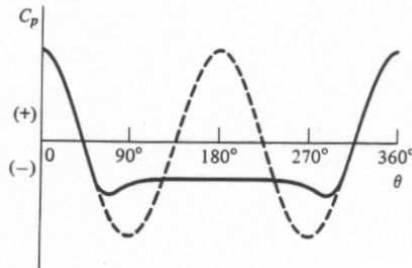
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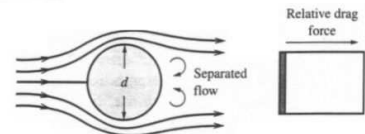
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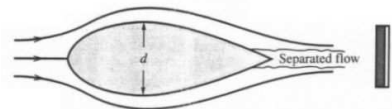
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Airflow around a ball for different Reynolds number



Reynolds number	Boundary layer	Type of wake	Main drag force
<2000	Laminar	Small laminar	Viscous
2000 - 100000	Laminar	Large turbulent	Pressure
>100000	Turbulent	Small turbulent	Pressure



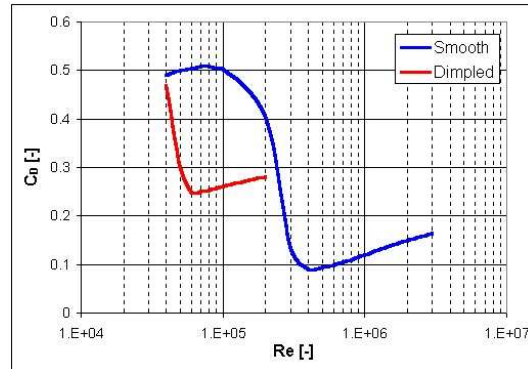
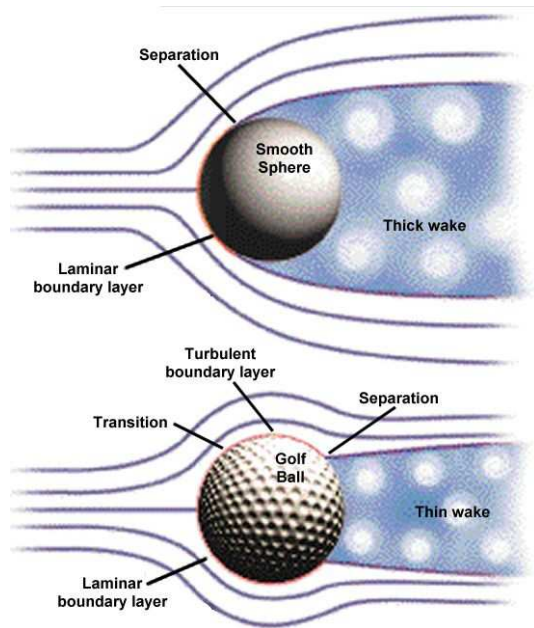
(a) Blunt body



(b) Streamlined body

Code  
 Skin friction drag  
 Pressure drag

# Golf Ball

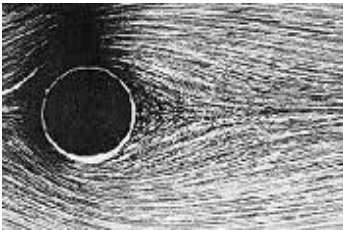


Dimples  $\implies$  turbulent bdy layer  $\implies$  delays separation  $\implies$  reduces drag

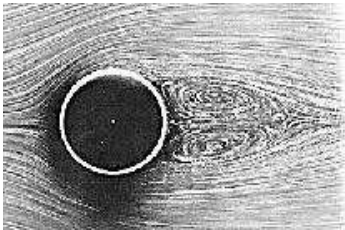
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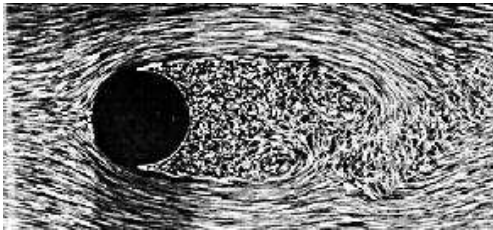
# Wake of circular cylinder: visualisations by Taneda



Re=9.6

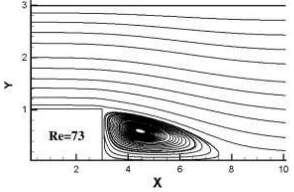
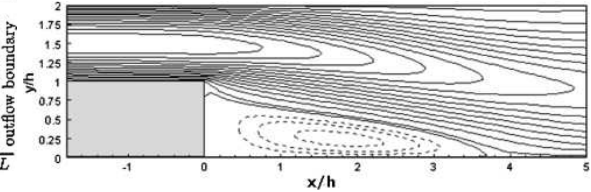
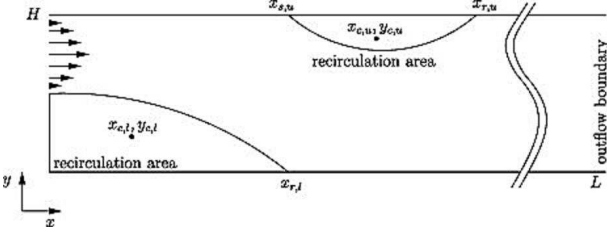


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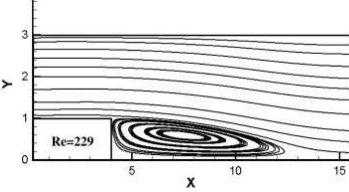


Re=2000

## Backward Facing Step



Re=73



Re = 229

# M. Eiffel discovers the drag crisis by dropping balls from his tower:

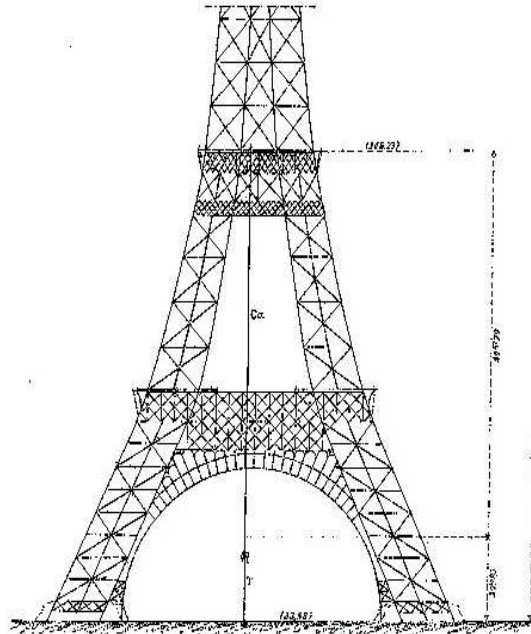
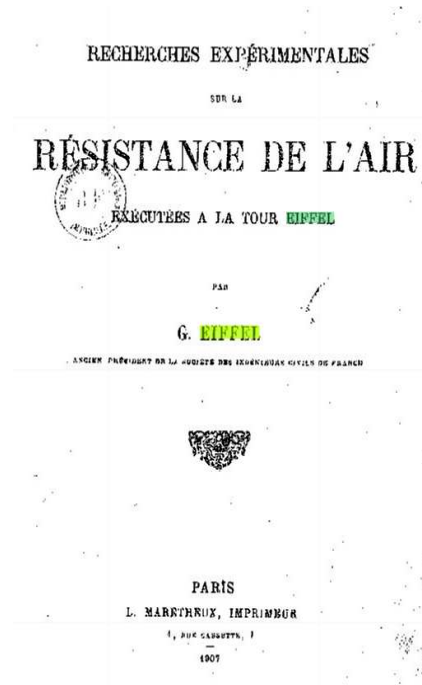


Fig. 1. — Installation à la Tour Eiffel.



# Thin Film Theory

Viscous fluid between rigid boundaries at  $z = 0$  and  $z = h(x, y)$

Characteristic horizontal scales: velocity  $U$ , length  $L \gg h$

Incompressibility:

$$0 = \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial w}{\partial z} \implies \frac{w}{h} \sim \frac{U}{L} \implies w \sim \frac{h}{L}U \ll U$$

No-slip boundary conditions:

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{ll} u, v = 0 & \text{at } z = 0, h \\ u, v \sim U & \text{near middle} \end{array} \right\} \implies \frac{\partial(u, v)}{\partial z} \sim \frac{U}{h} \gg \frac{U}{L} \sim \frac{\partial(u, v)}{\partial(x, y)}$$

Can neglect inertial terms if:

$$(\mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla) \sim \frac{U}{L} \ll \frac{\nu}{h^2} \sim \nu \frac{\partial^2}{\partial z^2} \iff Re = \frac{UL}{\nu} \ll \left(\frac{L}{h}\right)^2$$

Pressure mainly depends on horizontal coordinates:

$$\frac{\partial p}{\partial z} = \mu \frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial z^2} \sim \mu \frac{hU/L}{h^2} \ll \mu \frac{U}{h^2} \sim \mu \frac{\partial^2(u, v)}{\partial z^2} = \frac{\partial p}{\partial(x, y)}$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial z^2} = \frac{1}{\mu} \frac{\partial p}{\partial x}(x, y) \implies u = \frac{1}{2\mu} \frac{\partial p}{\partial x}(x, y) z^2 + A(x, y)z + B(x, y)$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial z^2}(x, y) = \frac{1}{\mu} \frac{\partial p}{\partial y} \implies v = \frac{1}{2\mu} \frac{\partial p}{\partial y}(x, y) z^2 + C(x, y)z + D(x, y)$$

## Hele-Shaw cell

$$h \text{ constant} \implies \left\{ \begin{array}{l} u = \frac{1}{2\mu} \frac{\partial p}{\partial x} z(z-h) \\ v = \frac{1}{2\mu} \frac{\partial p}{\partial y} z(z-h) \end{array} \right\} \implies \mathbf{u}_{\text{hor}} = \nabla_{\text{hor}} \phi \text{ with } \phi = \frac{1}{2\mu} z(z-h)p$$

$\implies$  Potential flow – despite low Reynolds number

Circulation:

$$\Gamma = \oint \mathbf{u} \cdot d\mathbf{s} = \frac{1}{2\mu} z(z-h) \oint \nabla P \cdot d\mathbf{s} = 0$$

## Thin-film flow down an inclined plane

2D with tilted coordinates  $\implies -\mathbf{g} = -g(-\sin \alpha \hat{\mathbf{e}}_x + \cos \alpha \hat{\mathbf{e}}_z)$

Solid surface at  $z = 0$  with no-slip boundary conditions.

Free upper surface at  $z = h(x, t)$ . Boundary conditions are

$$p = p_{\text{atm}} \quad \text{and} \quad \mu \frac{\partial u}{\partial z} = 0$$

Not steady, but can show  $\mathbf{u}$  depends on time mainly via  $h(x, t)$

Momentum balance in  $z$

$$0 = -\frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial p}{\partial z} - g \cos \alpha \implies p = -\rho g \cos \alpha z + f(x, t)$$

Apply boundary condition  $p = p_{\text{atm}}$  at  $z = h$ :

$$\begin{aligned} p_{\text{atm}} &= -\rho g \cos \alpha h(z, t) + f(x, t) \\ p &= -\rho g \cos \alpha z + \rho g \cos \alpha h(x, t) + p_{\text{atm}} \\ &= \rho g \cos \alpha (h(x, t) - z) + p_{\text{atm}} \end{aligned}$$

Momentum balance in  $x$

$$\begin{aligned}0 &= -\frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial p}{\partial x} + g \sin \alpha + \nu \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial z^2} \\ &= -g \cos \alpha \frac{\partial h}{\partial x} + g \sin \alpha + \nu \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial z^2} \\ &\approx g \sin \alpha + \nu \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial z^2} \quad \text{if } \frac{\partial h}{\partial x} \sim \frac{h}{L} \ll \tan \alpha \\ u &= -\frac{g \sin \alpha}{2\nu} z^2 + A(x, t)z + B(x, t)\end{aligned}$$

Apply boundary conditions  $u = 0$  at  $z = 0$  and  $\mu \partial u / \partial z = 0$  at  $z = h$ :

$$\begin{aligned}0 &= u(z = 0) = B(x, t) \\ \frac{\partial u}{\partial z} &= -\frac{g \sin \alpha}{\nu} z + A(x, t) \implies 0 = -\frac{g \sin \alpha}{\nu} h + A(x, t) \\ u &= -\frac{g \sin \alpha}{2\nu} z^2 + \frac{g \sin \alpha}{\nu} h z = \frac{g \sin \alpha}{\nu} \left( h(x, t)z - \frac{z^2}{2} \right)\end{aligned}$$

Incompressibility

$$w(z) - w(0) = -\int_0^z dz \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = -\int dz \frac{g \sin \alpha}{\nu} \frac{\partial h}{\partial x} z = -\frac{g \sin \alpha}{2\nu} \frac{\partial h}{\partial x} z^2$$

Recall kinematic condition at free surface  $z = h(x, t)$ :

$$\begin{aligned}
 w|_{z=h} &= \frac{\partial h}{\partial t} + u \frac{\partial h}{\partial x} \Big|_{z=h} \\
 \frac{g \sin \alpha}{2\nu} \frac{\partial h}{\partial x} z^2 \Big|_{z=h} &= \frac{\partial h}{\partial t} + \frac{g \sin \alpha}{\nu} \left( h z - \frac{z^2}{2} \right) \frac{\partial h}{\partial x} \Big|_{z=h} \\
 \frac{g \sin \alpha}{2\nu} \frac{\partial h}{\partial x} h^2 &= \frac{\partial h}{\partial t} + \frac{g \sin \alpha}{\nu} \left( h^2 - \frac{h^2}{2} \right) \frac{\partial h}{\partial x} \\
 0 &= \frac{\partial h}{\partial t} + \frac{g \sin \alpha}{\nu} h^2 \frac{\partial h}{\partial x}
 \end{aligned}$$

Can show that main part of solution approaches

$$h(x, t) = \left( \frac{\nu}{g \sin \alpha} \frac{x}{t} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

and that the leading edge of a drop moves with law

$$x_N(t) = \left( \frac{9A^2 g \sin \alpha}{4\nu} t \right)^{\frac{1}{3}}$$

where  $A = \int_0^{x_N(t)} dx h(x, t)$  is area of drop