

*MEC516/BME516:  
Fluid Mechanics I*

*Chapter 1: Introduction*

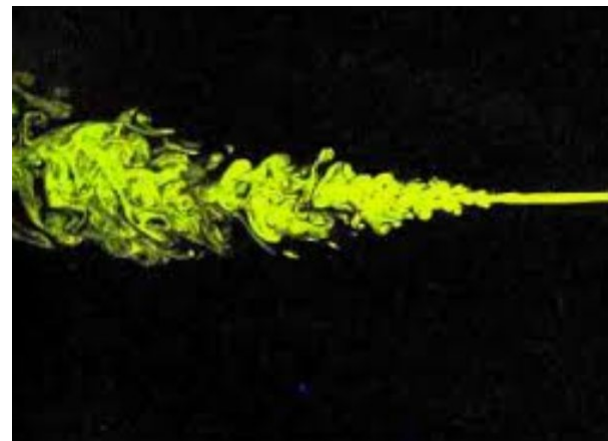
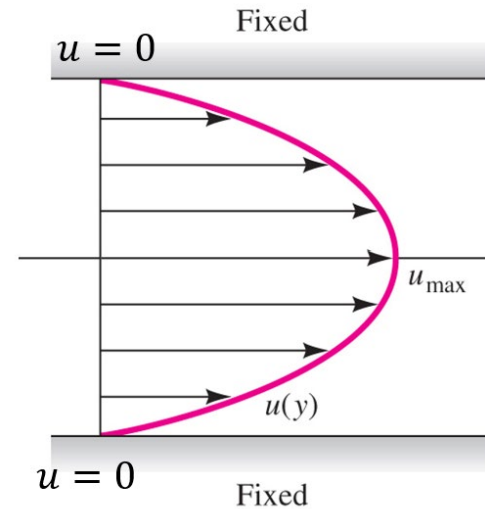
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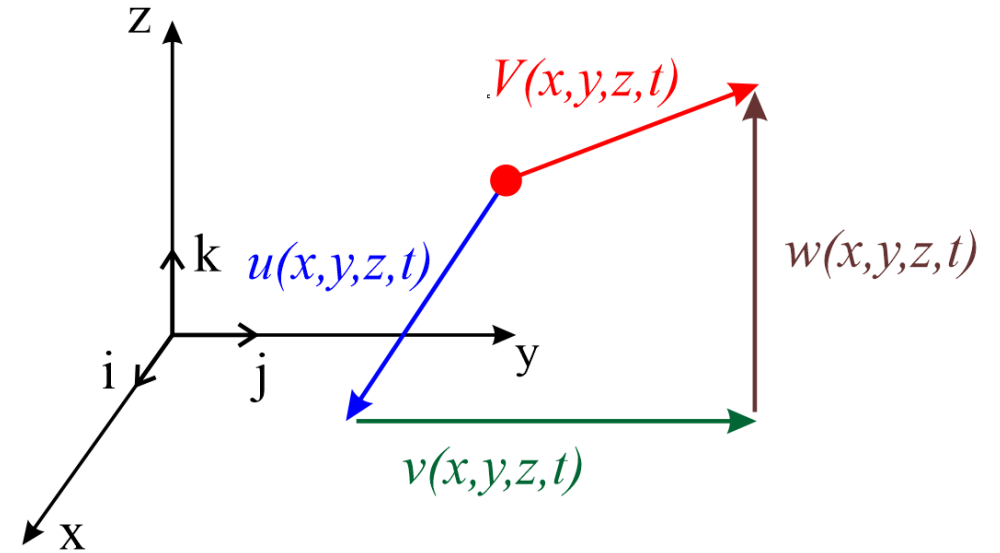
# Overview

- Velocity Vector Field
  - The No-slip Condition
- Fluid Properties:
  - Density:  $\rho$  Specific gravity: SG
  - Specific weight:  $\gamma$
  - Viscosity:  $\mu, \nu$
- Newton's Law of Viscosity
  - Non-Newtonian fluids
- Laminar and Turbulent Flow
  - The Reynolds number



# Velocity Field

- Fluid velocity is a vector field
- The velocity vector is a function of position  $(x,y,z)$  and time  $(t)$ :



$$\mathbf{V} = \mathbf{i} u(x, y, z, t) + \mathbf{j} v(x, y, z, t) + \mathbf{k} w(x, y, z, t)$$

where  $u$ ,  $v$  and  $w$  are the velocities in the x, y, and z directions

- If  $\mathbf{V}$  depends on time  $(t)$ , the flow is said to be *transient* or *unsteady*

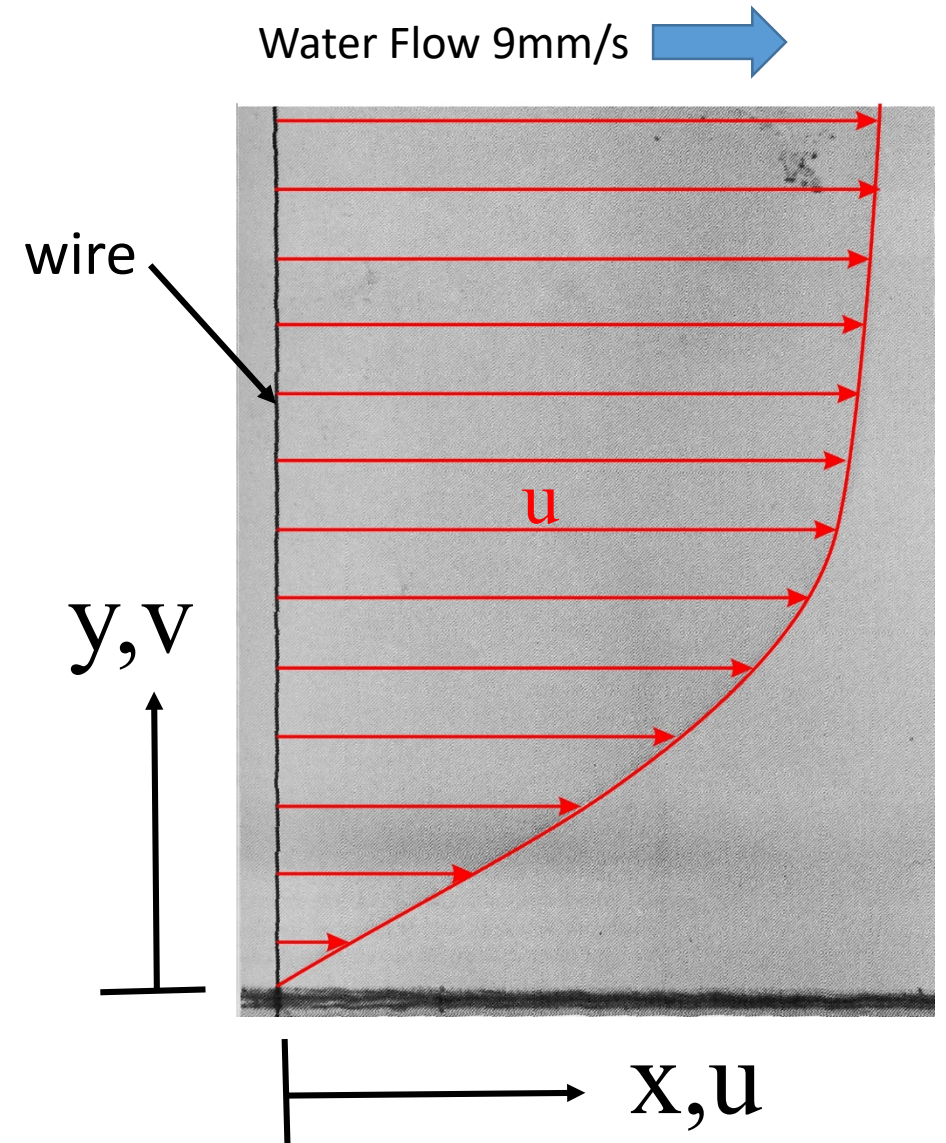
# No-slip Condition

- One of the most important concepts in fluid mechanics!
- At a solid surface, fluid “sticks” to the surface
- Experimentally observed fact: Fluid has the same velocity as a solid surface
- If the surface is stationary:  $u=0$  at  $y=0$
- Thus, at a solid stationary surface:

$$u = v = 0 \quad (\text{for a solid impermeable surface})$$

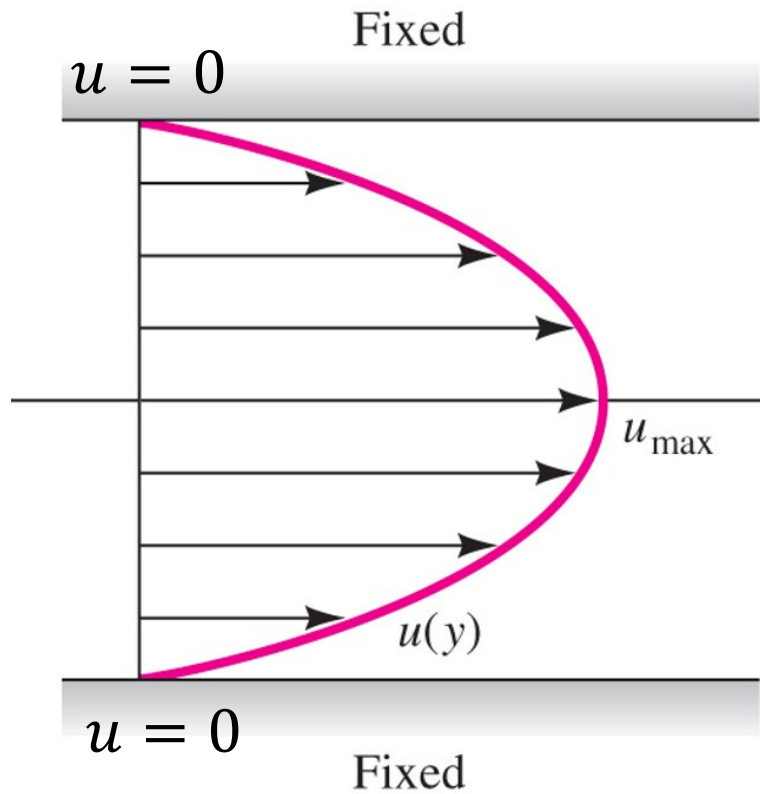
no slip

Impermeability

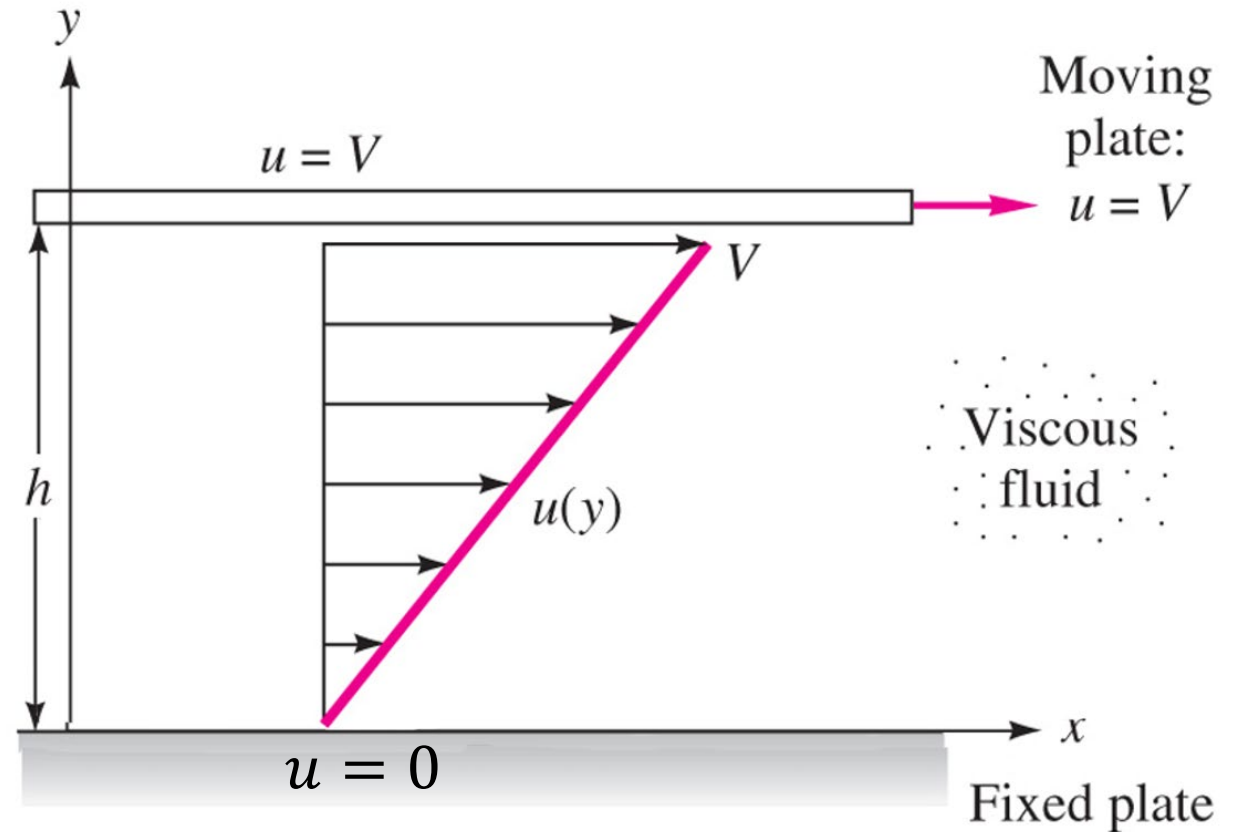


# No-slip Condition

- The no-slip condition provides the *boundary condition* for mathematical solutions of fluid flow (Chapter 4)



Poiseuille flow



Couette flow

# No-slip Condition

- Every day consequences of the no-slip condition:
  - Difficult to getting the last of the ketchup out of the bottle
  - Your car is still dirty after driving fast. Dust particles are in a low velocity region due to no-slip



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cUTkqZeiMow>

# Fluid Properties

## Density, $\rho$

- Mass per unit volume: units  $kg/m^3$ ,  $slugs/ft^3$
- Liquids can be considered *incompressible* for most engineering applications
  - Liquid density is independent of pressure:  $\rho \neq f(p)$
  - Liquid density is a weak function of temperature (due to thermal expansion)

Table A.1 Density of liquid water as a function of temperature.

$T, ^\circ C$	$\rho, kg/m^3$
0	1000
10	1000
20	998
30	996
40	992
50	988
60	983
70	978
80	972
90	965
100	958

# Fluid Properties

- Density of gases at high temperatures and low pressures ( $T \gg T_{\text{critical}}$  and  $P \ll P_{\text{critical}}$ ) can be calculated using the ideal gas equation:

$$\rho = \frac{p}{RT} \quad \text{where } R \text{ is the gas constant}$$

For air:  $R=287 \text{ J/kgK}$

- For example, the density of air at room conditions ( $p = 100 \text{ kPa}$  and  $20^\circ\text{C}$ ) is:

$$\rho = \frac{p}{RT} = \frac{100 \times 10^3 \cancel{\text{N/m}^2}}{287 \frac{\cancel{\text{Nm}}}{\cancel{\text{kgK}}} (20 + 273) \cancel{\text{K}}} = 1.19 \frac{\text{kg}}{\text{m}^3} \quad \text{Check that units balance!}$$

R for other gases in Table A.4

Be sure to use absolute temperature



# Fluid Properties

## Specific Gravity, SG

- Ratio of the density to the density of water (at 4°C)

$$SG_{liquid} = \frac{\rho_{liquid}}{\rho_{water}} = \frac{\rho_{liquid}}{1000 \text{ kg/m}^3}$$

- SG is dimensionless, no units
- SG indicates if substance will sink or float on water. If SG is less than 1.0, it will float, e.g. most oils



Olive oil on water

# Fluid Properties

## Specific Weight, $\gamma$

- Weight per unit volume; units  $\text{N/m}^3$ ,  $\text{lb/ft}^3$

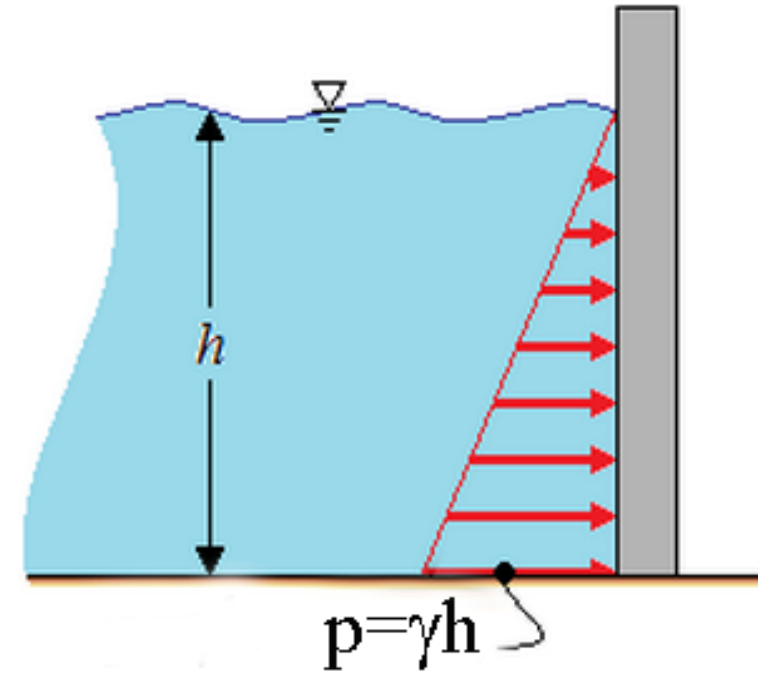
$$\gamma = \rho g$$

e.g. Liquid water at 20 °C:  $\rho = 998 \frac{\text{kg}}{\text{m}^3} = 1.937 \frac{\text{slug}}{\text{ft}^3}$

$$\gamma_{\text{water}} = 998 \frac{\text{kg}}{\text{m}^3} \left( 9.81 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}^2} \right) = 9790 \text{ N/m}^3$$

$$\gamma_{\text{water}} = 1.937 \frac{\text{slug}}{\text{ft}^3} \left( 32.17 \frac{\text{ft}}{\text{s}^2} \right) = 62.3 \text{ lb/ft}^3$$

- We will use these values to calculate hydrostatic forces in Chapter 2



# Fluid Properties

Dynamic Viscosity\*,  $\mu$  (Greek lower case mu)

- Units, kg/(m s) or slug/(ft s)
- Viscosity is the fluid's resistance to flow, i.e. the resistance to applied shear stress
  - High viscosity fluids, e.g., honey, engine oil
  - Low viscosity fluids, e.g. water, air

Kinematic Viscosity,  $\nu$  (Greek lower case nu)

- Units, m<sup>2</sup>/s or ft<sup>2</sup>/s

$$\nu = \frac{\mu}{\rho}$$



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\*Note: Some textbooks call  $\mu$  *absolute viscosity*

# Fluid Properties

## Viscosity

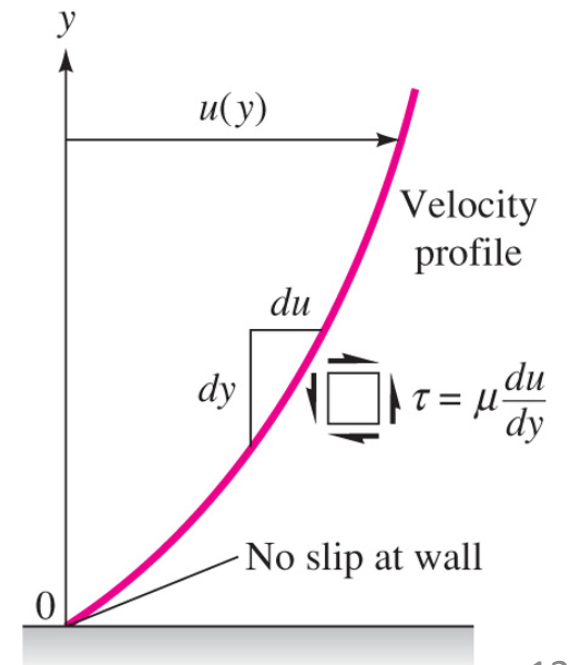
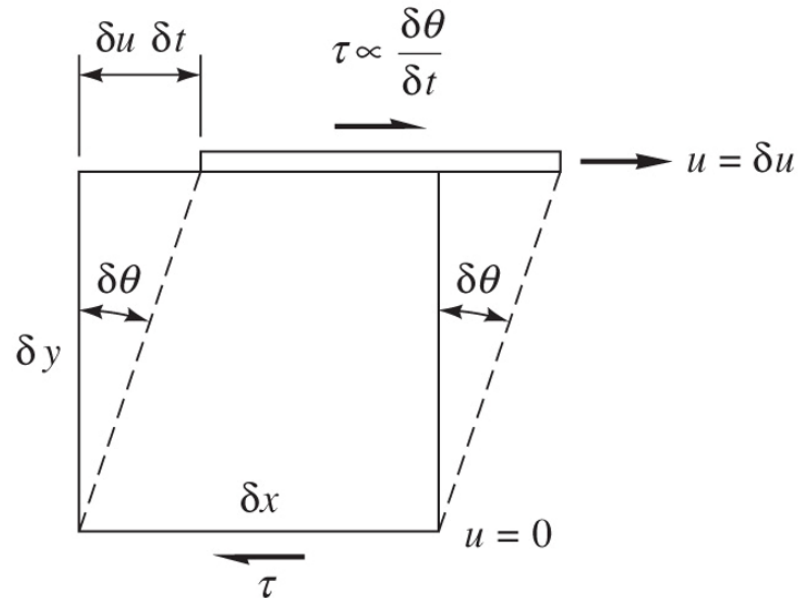
- For most fluids, the shear stress ( $\tau$ ) is linearly proportional to the rate of shear strain of the fluid element
- Shear strain rate is equal to the local velocity gradient:

$$\frac{d\theta}{dt} = \frac{du}{dy}$$

← Using arc length formula:  $\delta\theta\delta y = \delta u\delta t$

- For most fluids the relationship is linear:

$$\tau \sim \frac{du}{dy}$$



# Fluid Properties

- Dynamic viscosity ( $\mu$ ) is the constant of proportionality

$$\tau = \mu \frac{du}{dy}$$



Shear stress  
 $\text{N/m}^2$



Local velocity gradient  
 $\text{m}/(\text{s}\cdot\text{m}) \equiv 1/\text{s}$

- Sometimes called “Newton’s Law of Viscosity”

## Viscosity of selected fluids at 20 °C

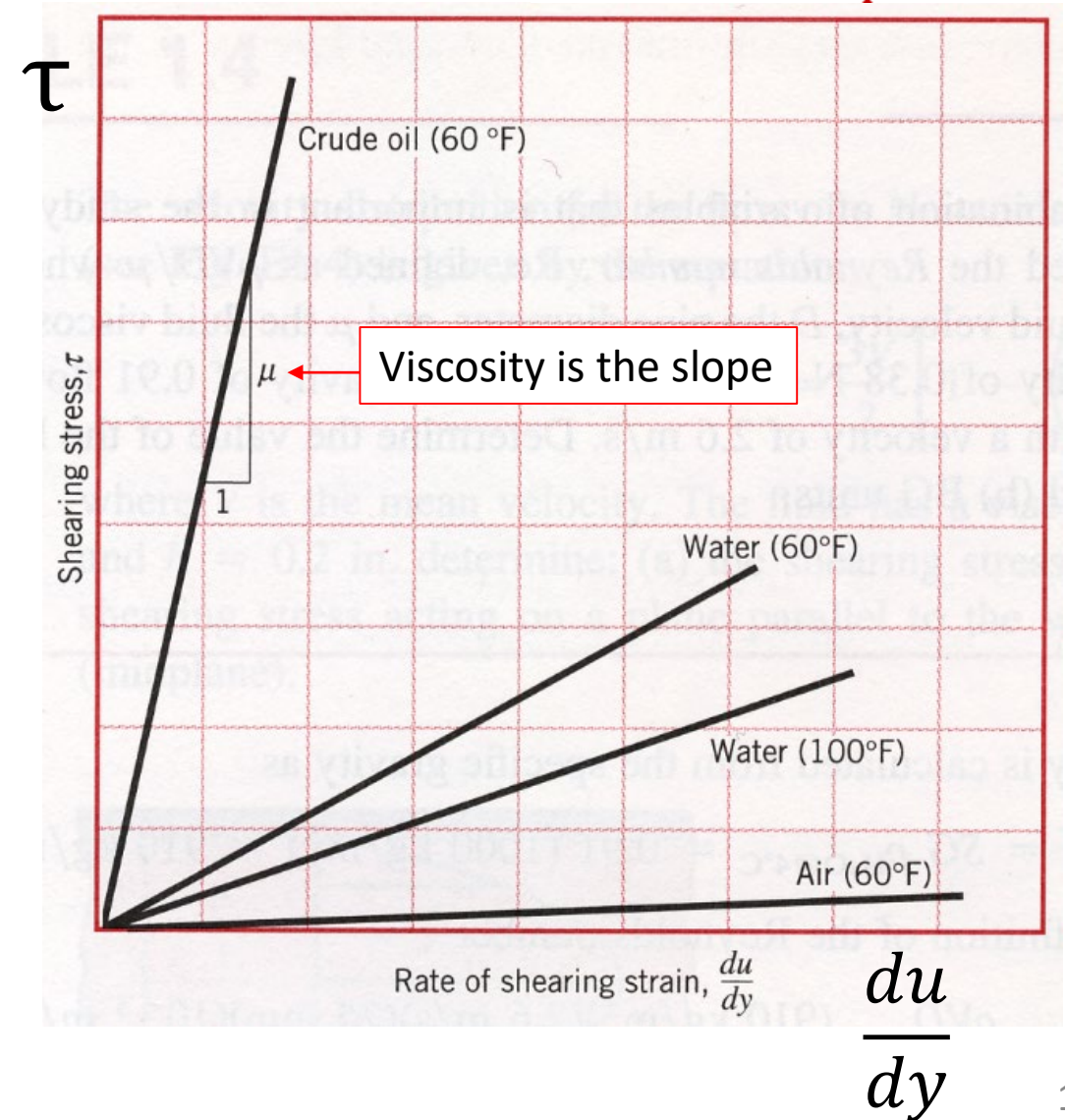
Fluid	$\mu$ , $\text{kg}/(\text{m}\cdot\text{s})^\dagger$
Hydrogen	9.0 E-6
Air	1.8 E-5
Gasoline	2.9 E-4
Water	1.0 E-3
Ethyl alcohol	1.2 E-3
Mercury	1.5 E-3
SAE 30 oil	0.29
Glycerin	1.5

# Fluid Properties

## Dynamic Viscosity, $\mu$

- For common fluids (air water, oils) viscosity is a constant; independent of shear rate
- Viscosity ( $\mu$ ) is the slope
- Such fluids are called *Newtonian fluids*
- In this course, we will assume that fluids are *Newtonian*

$$\tau = \mu \frac{du}{dy}$$



# Fluid Properties

## Dynamic Viscosity, $\mu$

- Very weak function of pressure
- Viscosity is a function of temperature:
  - viscosity of liquids *decrease* as temperature increases
  - viscosity of gases *increase* as temperature increases

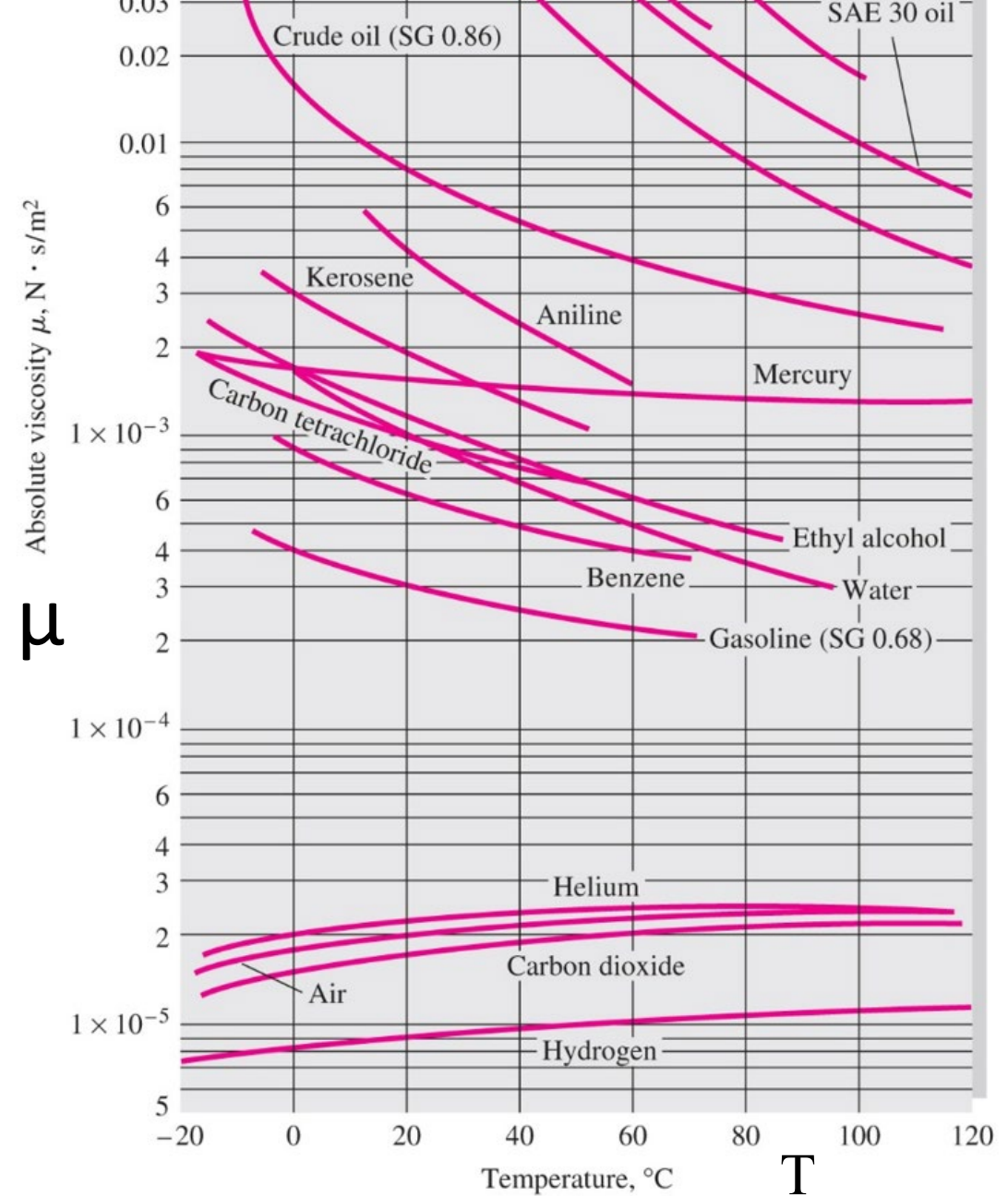


Figure A2: Absolute viscosity at 1 atm.

# Measurement of Dynamic Viscosity ( $\mu$ )

- Commercial instruments (~\$5000) measure the torque required to turn a spindle at a known speed

- Rotary viscometer

- Measures in “Centipoise” (cP)

$$1 \text{ cP} = 10^{-3} \text{ kg}/(\text{m s})$$

(After Jean Poiseuille, studied blood flow in 1800s)

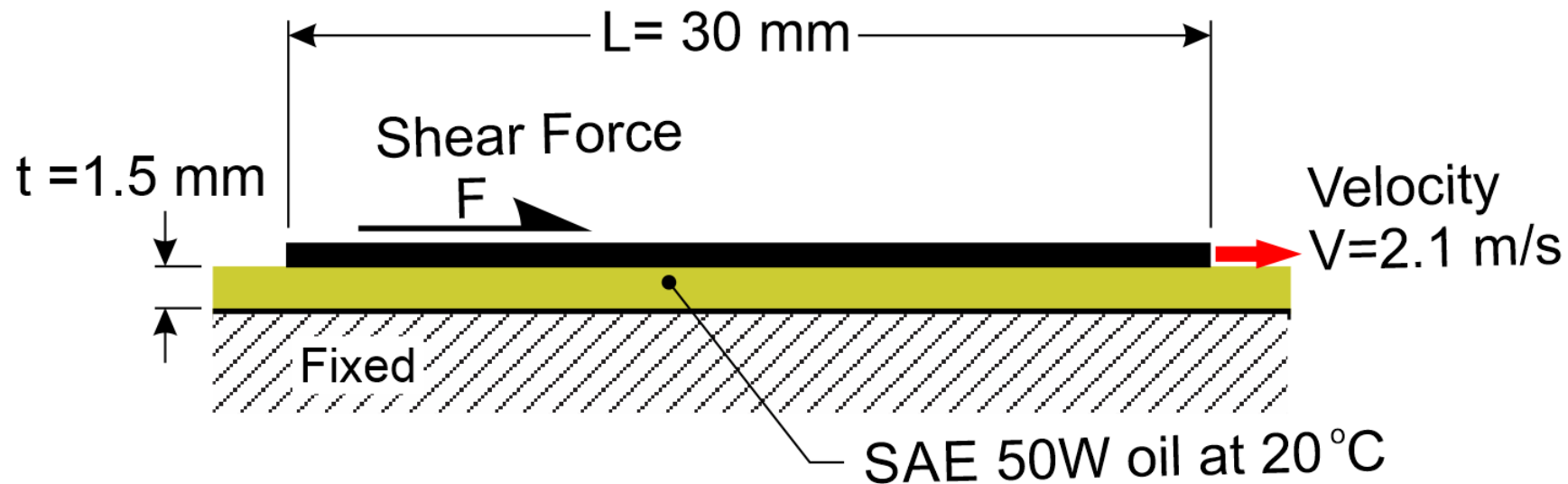


Bigger spindles are for less viscous fluids



## Example: The Viscous Shear Force

- A plate in a machine is lubricated by a film of SAE50W oil at 20 °C with thickness  $t=1.5$  mm. The plate has length  $L=30$  mm and depth  $w=130$  mm (into the page). Calculate the shear force ( $F$ ) required to slide the plate at a velocity of  $V=2.1$  m/s.



## Solution

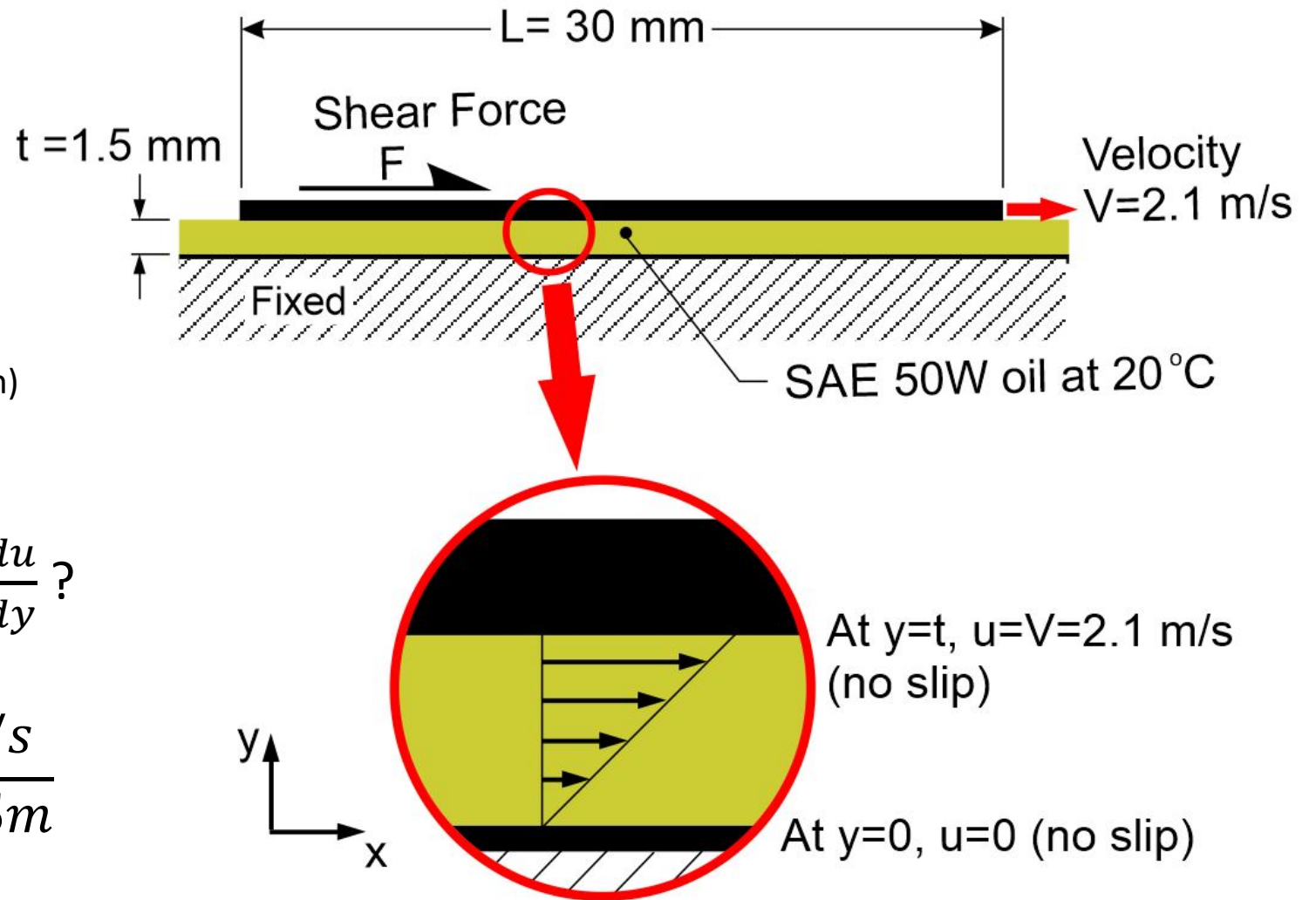
- Shear stress in a fluid:

$$\tau = \mu \frac{du}{dy} \quad (\text{Engine oil is Newtonian})$$

- What is the velocity gradient,  $\frac{du}{dy}$ ?

$$\frac{du}{dy} = \frac{\Delta u}{\Delta y} = \frac{V - 0}{t} = \frac{2.1 \text{ m/s}}{0.0015 \text{ m}}$$

$$\frac{du}{dy} = 1400 \text{ s}^{-1}$$



# Solution

$$\frac{du}{dy} = 1400 \text{ s}^{-1}$$

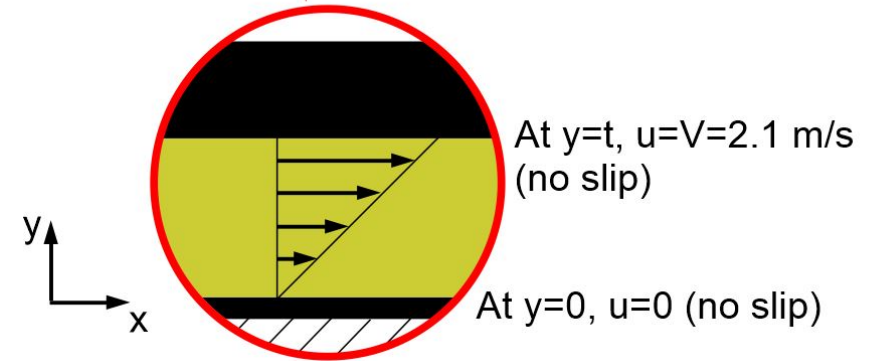
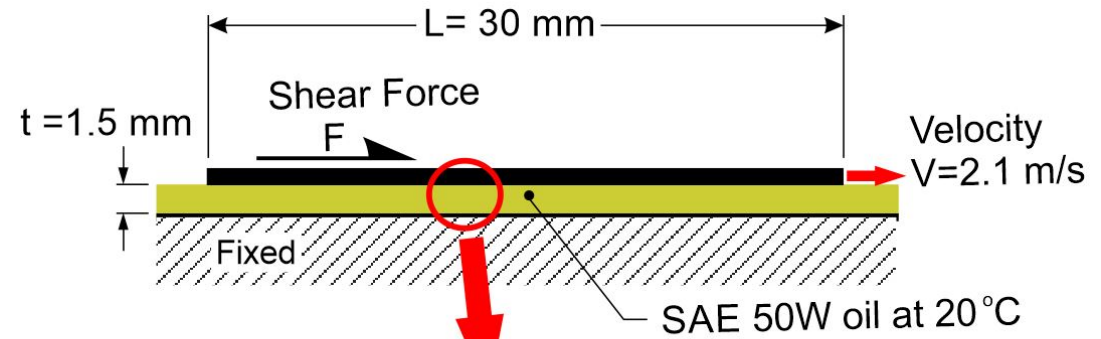
- Dynamic viscosity of SAE50W oil at 20 °C from Table

A.3:  $\mu = 0.86 \frac{\text{kg}}{\text{m s}}$

$$\tau = \mu \frac{du}{dy} = 0.86 \frac{\text{kg}}{\text{m s}} \left( 1400 \frac{1}{\text{s}} \right) = 1204 \frac{\text{kg}}{\text{m s}^2} = 1204 \frac{\text{N}}{\text{m}^2}$$

- From  $F=ma$ :  $\text{N} \equiv \text{kg} \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}^2}$  or  $\text{kg} \equiv \frac{\text{N s}^2}{\text{m}}$

- Direction of the fluid shear stress on the plate?



$$\tau = \mu \frac{du}{dy}$$

Fluid viscosity opposes motion, acts like fluid "friction"

# Solution

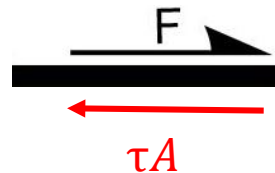
$$\tau = \mu \frac{du}{dy} = 1204 \frac{kg}{ms^2} = 1204 \frac{N}{m^2} \leftarrow$$

- This shear stress acts over the surface area of the plate (at fluid plate interface):

$$A = Lw = 0.030m(0.130m) = 3.9 \times 10^{-3} m^2$$

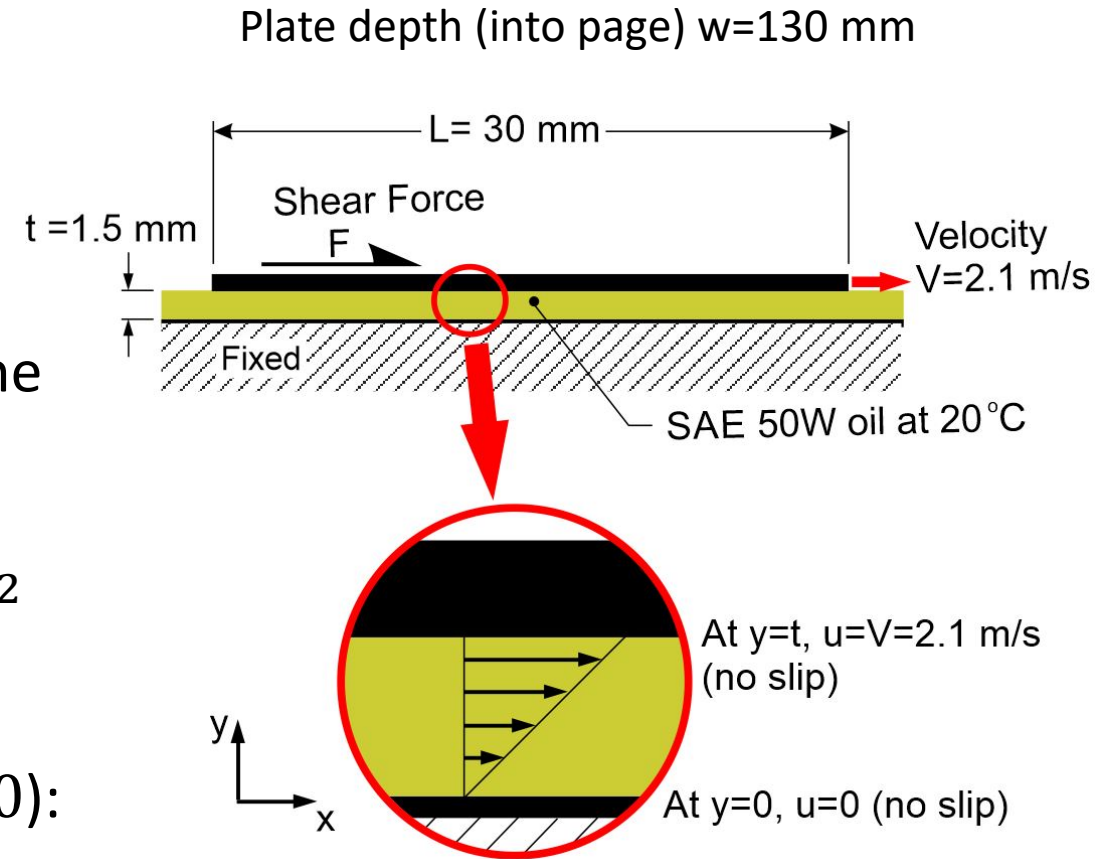
- Force (F) balances the fluid shear force ( $\sum F = 0$ ):

$$F = \tau A$$



$$F = 1204 \frac{N}{m^2} (3.9 \times 10^{-3} m^2) = 4.70 N$$

Ans.



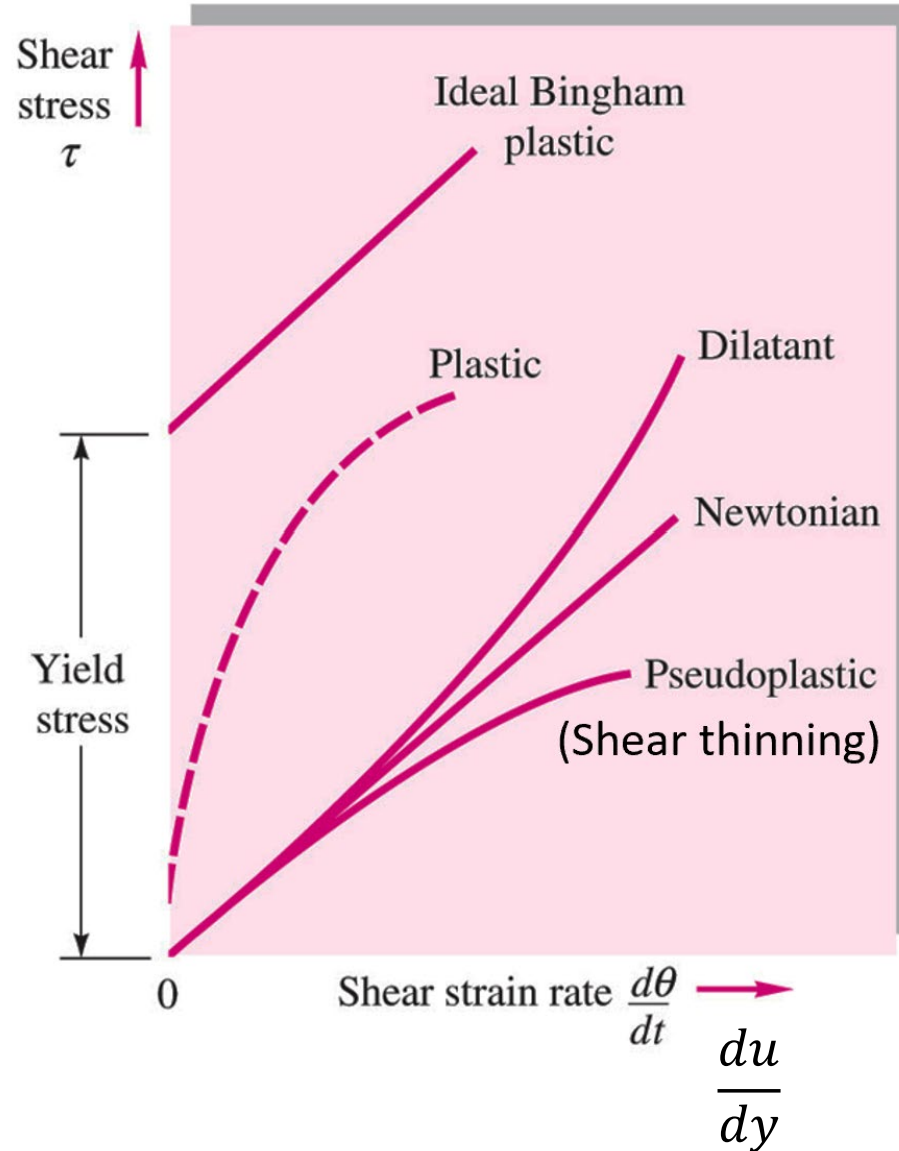
# Non-Newtonian Fluids

- Some fluids, viscosity depends on shear rate and/or time

$$\tau \neq \mu \frac{du}{dy}$$

More complex models are required

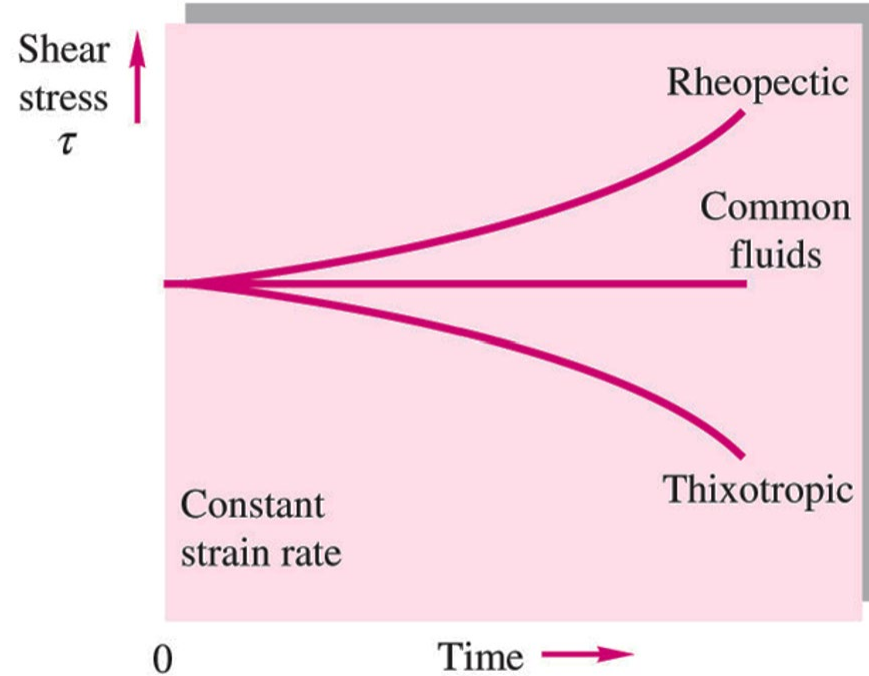
- Viscosity is not constant
- Such fluids are called *non-Newtonian fluids*
  
- *Examples:*
  - *Blood is shear thinning*



# Non-Newtonian Fluids

$$\tau \neq \mu \frac{du}{dy}$$

- *Examples:*
  - *Ketchup is thixotropic* (viscosity decreases with time)
  - *Egg whites are rheopectic*



- Study of these unusual fluids is called *Rheology* (beyond current scope)

# Corn Starch and Water

- A Non-Newtonian fluid
  - Recommend trying this a home



# Corn Starch and Water Demo

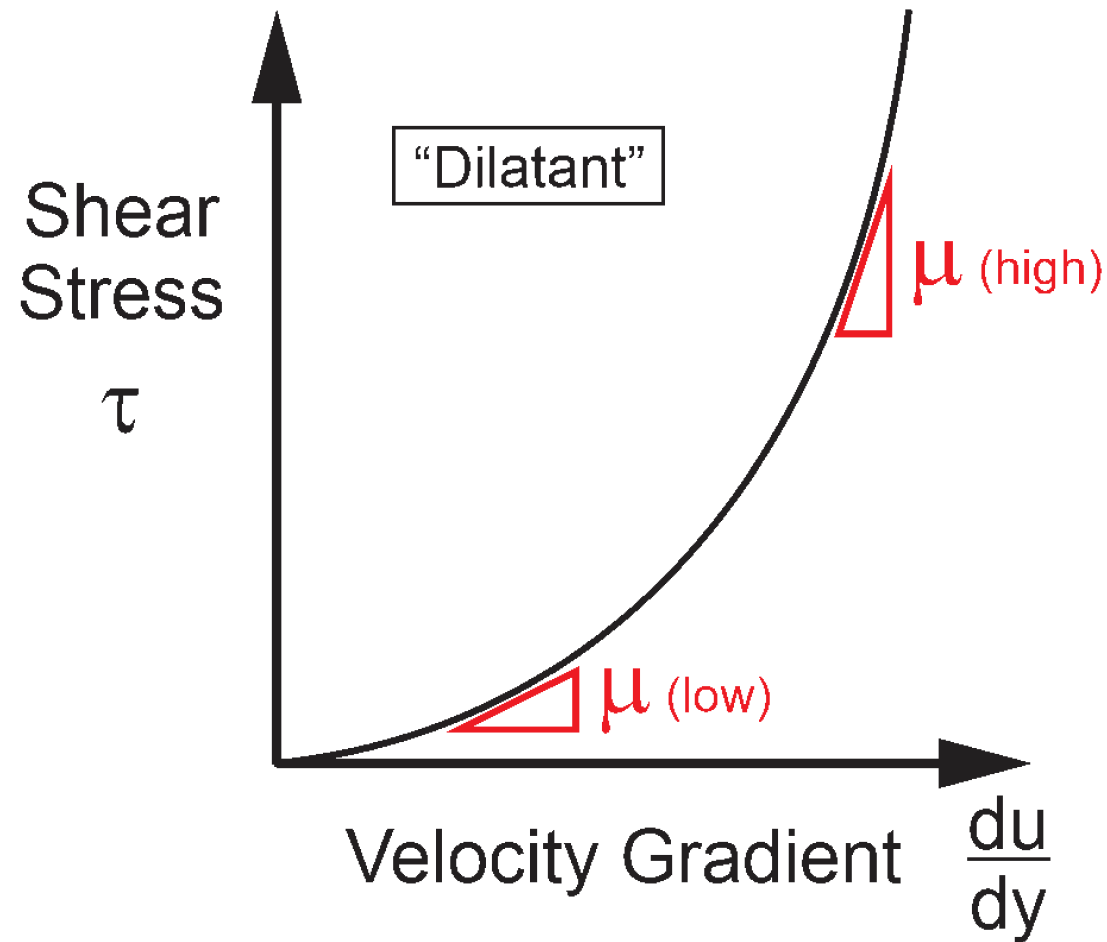




# Corn Starch and Water

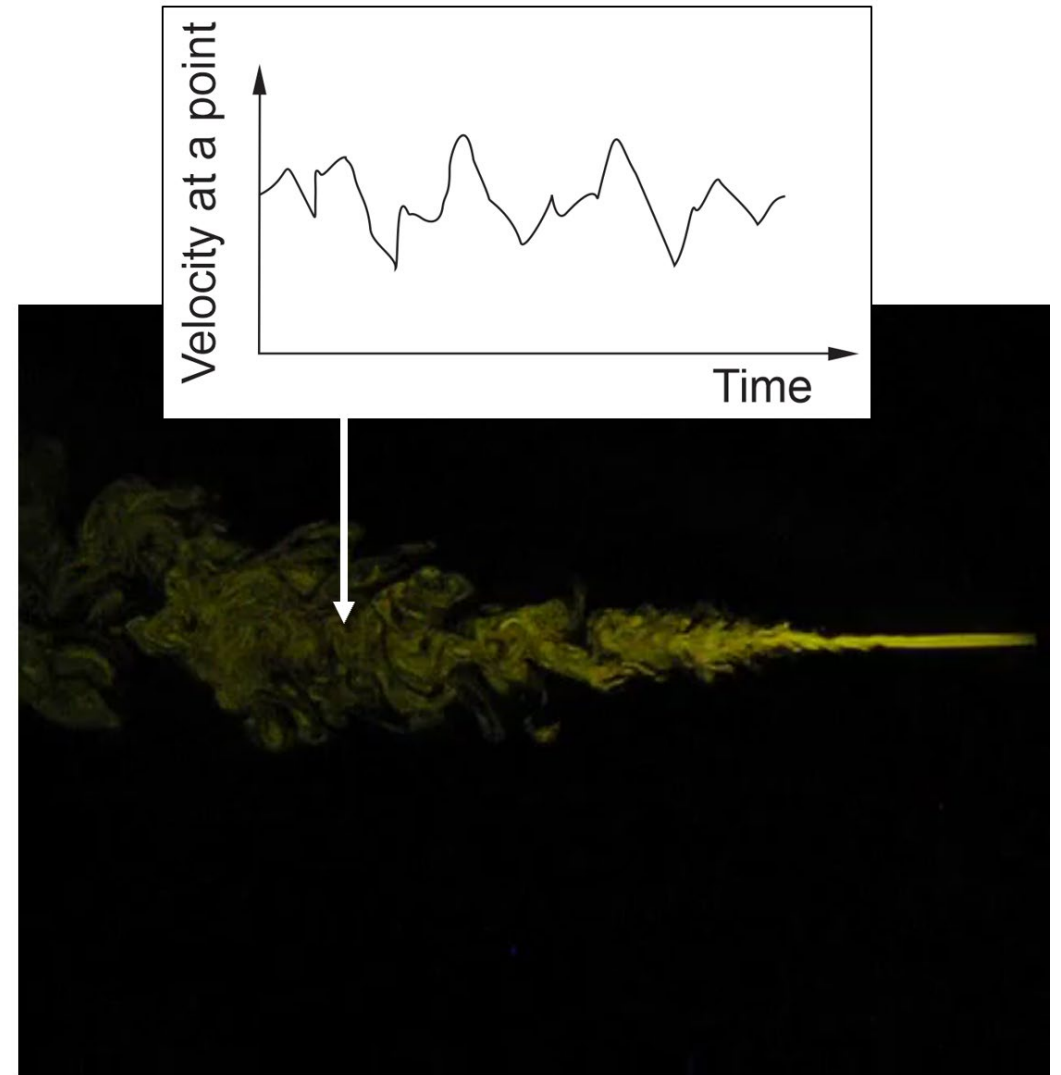


- What does the shear stress-velocity gradient curve look like?
- What type of non-Newtonian fluid is corn starch and water?
- Viscosity increases with shear rate: *Dilatant*



# Laminar & Turbulent Flows

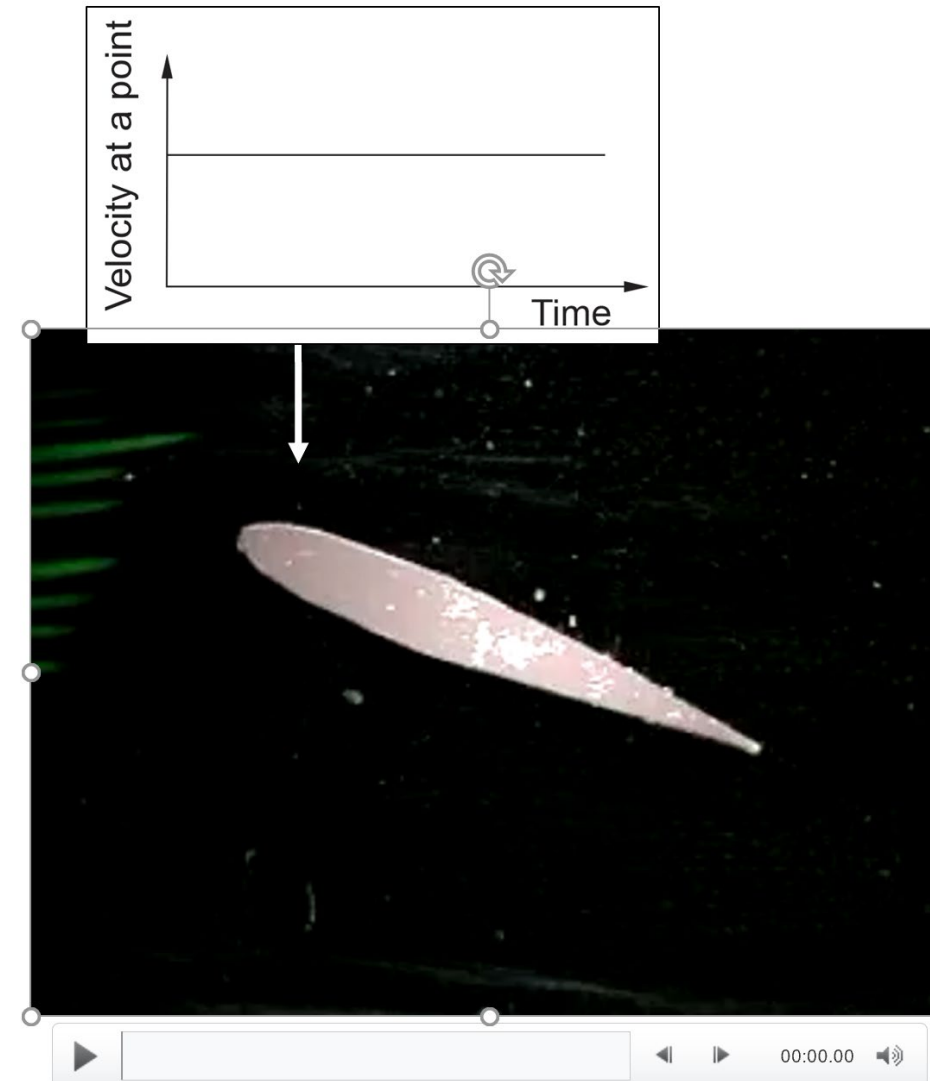
- In turbulent flow, fluid “particles” move in irregular paths
- The velocity at a fixed point varies randomly (Turbulent flow is a *stochastic process*; requiring statistical analysis)
- Enhances convective heat transfer, good mixing
- Turbulent flows are most common
- While there are some good engineering models, turbulence remains an unsolved problem in modern physics



Video: Turbulent Jet Flow

# Laminar & Turbulent Flows

- In *laminar flow* the fluid “particles” move along smooth paths (from *laminae*, meaning thin layers)
- Velocity at a point is constant in steady flow
- Laminar flow occurs at low fluid velocities, over small objects or in highly viscous fluids
- Fluid viscosity dampens out the eddies (vortices) associated with turbulent flow



Video: Laminar flow over an inclined airfoil

# Transition from Laminar to Turbulent Flow

- The character of a flow, laminar or turbulent, depends mainly upon a dimensionless parameter called the **Reynolds number ( $Re$ )**:

$$Re = \frac{\rho V D}{\mu} \quad (\text{e.g. } Re < 2300 \text{ laminar pipe flow})$$

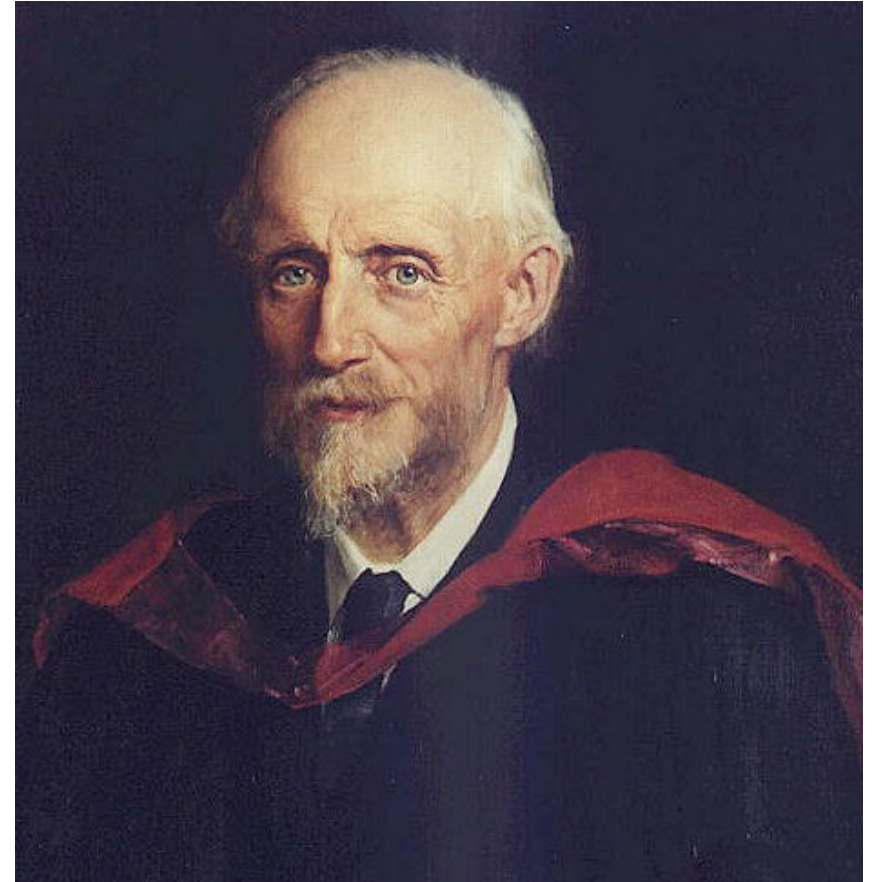
$\rho$  *fluid density*

$\mu$  *fluid viscosity*

$V$  *fluid velocity*

$D$  *pipe diameter*

- You will learn more about the Reynolds number, later in this course and in Lab 2
- We will show this famous result in Chapter 5



Osborne Reynolds (1842-1912)  
Irish a pioneer in fluid dynamics

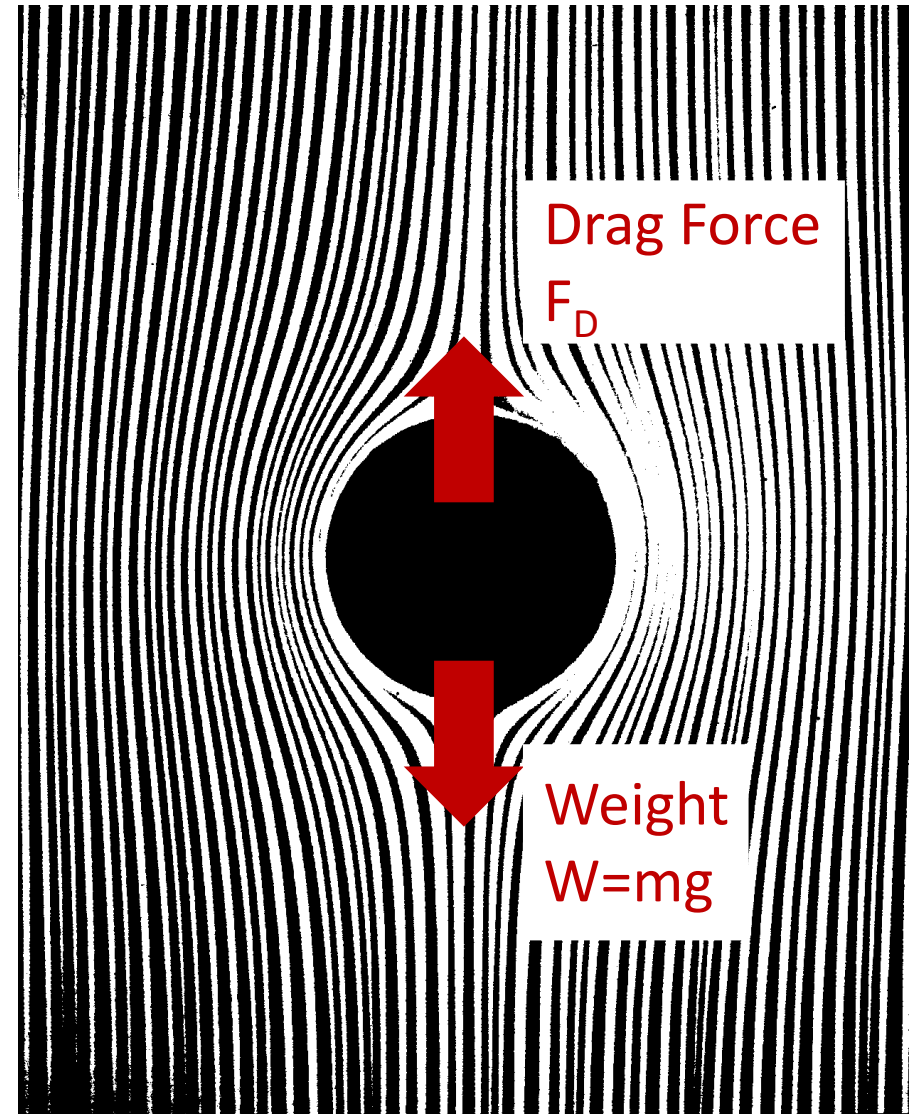
## Example: Dimensional Consistency

- The dynamic viscosity ( $\mu$ ) of an oil is calculated by measuring the terminal velocity ( $V$ ) of small spheres falling under the action of gravity ( $g$ )
- For very slow flow (“Stokes Flow”):

$$\mu = \frac{D^2 g (\rho_{sphere} - \rho_{oil})}{18 V}$$

Confirm the dimensional consistency of this equation

[Watch the Video Solution](#)



Streamlines for Laminar Flow Over a Sphere

### Example: Viscous Shear Stress in a Boundary Layer

When a fluid flows over a surface, the velocity is reduced near the surface due to the action of viscosity. The velocity profile is approximately:

$$u = \frac{3 U_{\infty} y}{2 \delta} - \frac{U_{\infty}}{2} \left(\frac{y}{\delta}\right)^3 \quad 0 \leq y \leq \delta$$

$$u = U_{\infty} \quad y > \delta$$

$U_{\infty}$  is called the freestream velocity, the uniform velocity far from the surface

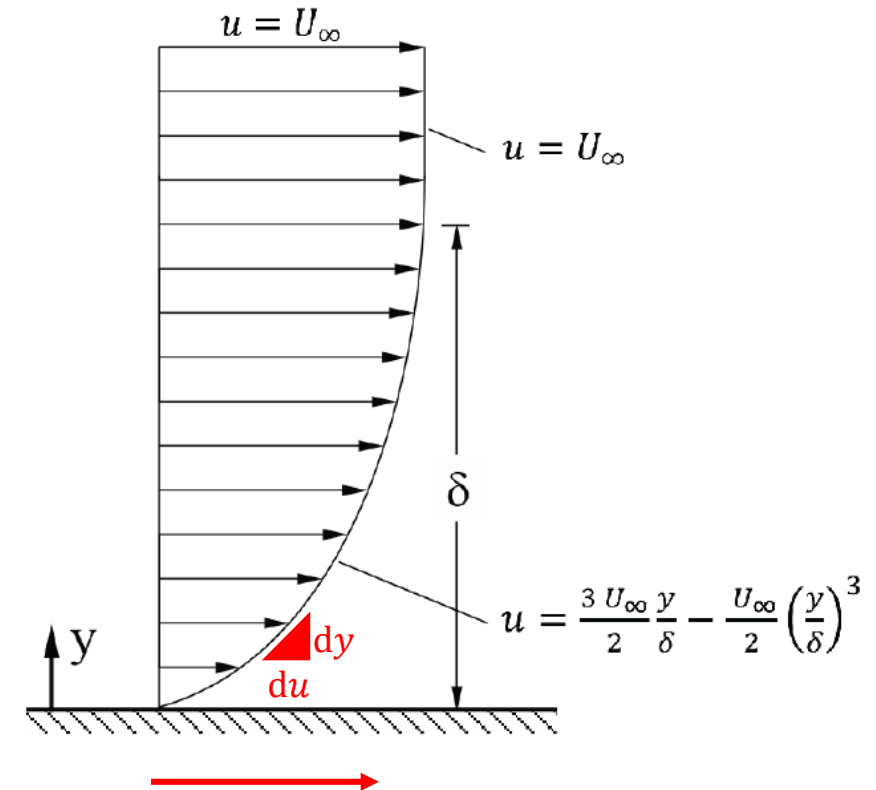
$\delta$  is called the boundary layer thickness

Calculate:

- The fluid shear stress **on** the surface. In what direction does it act?
- The fluid shear stress at edge of the boundary layer,  $y = \delta$ .
- For 20°C air flowing at  $U_{\infty} = 11 \text{ m/s}$ , calculate the total shear force on a surface with area (one side)  $A=15 \text{ m}^2$ . Assume the boundary layer thickness is  $\delta=5.0 \text{ mm}$  and constant over the entire surface.

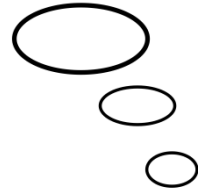
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$$\tau_{wall} = \mu \left. \frac{du}{dy} \right|_{y=0}$$



Shear Force on Surface  $F = \tau A$

**What are the units of mass  
in the British Gravitational  
System?**



**END NOTES**

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