

# Toothpaste, Custard and Chocolate: Maths gets messy

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**Toothpaste, Custard and  
Chocolate:  
Maths gets messy**

or, How to get this:



through this:



Key component of the chocolate fountain project:

# Mathematical Modelling

What can we model?

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. . . and the fountain



# Modelling chocolate

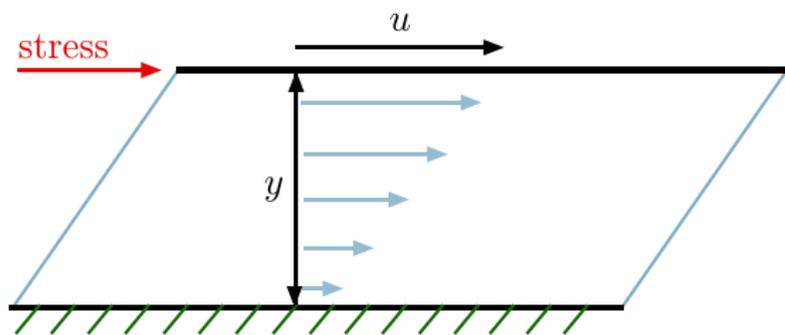
*Molten chocolate is a complex material — a highly dense suspension of sugar and cocoa solids in a cocoa butter liquid phase — complicated by the variation in composition of cocoa butter with source and harvest.*<sup>1</sup>

How can we model its fluid properties or *rheology*?

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<sup>1</sup>Ian Wilson, *Report on Chocolate Congress 2010*, BSR Bulletin, 2010.▶

# Stress and rate of strain

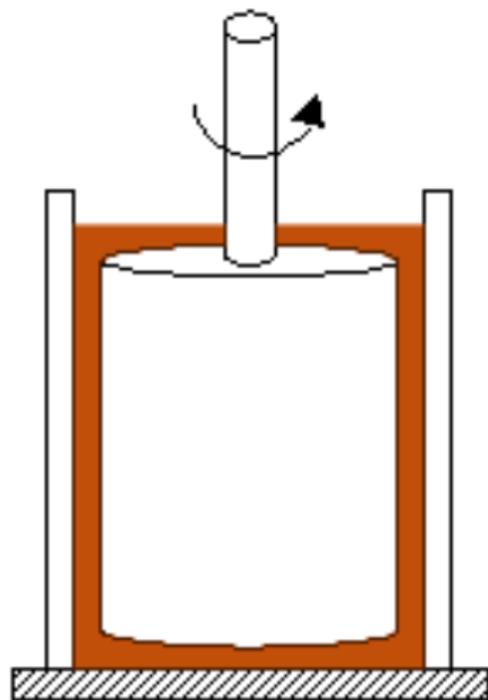


$$\text{stress} = \sigma$$

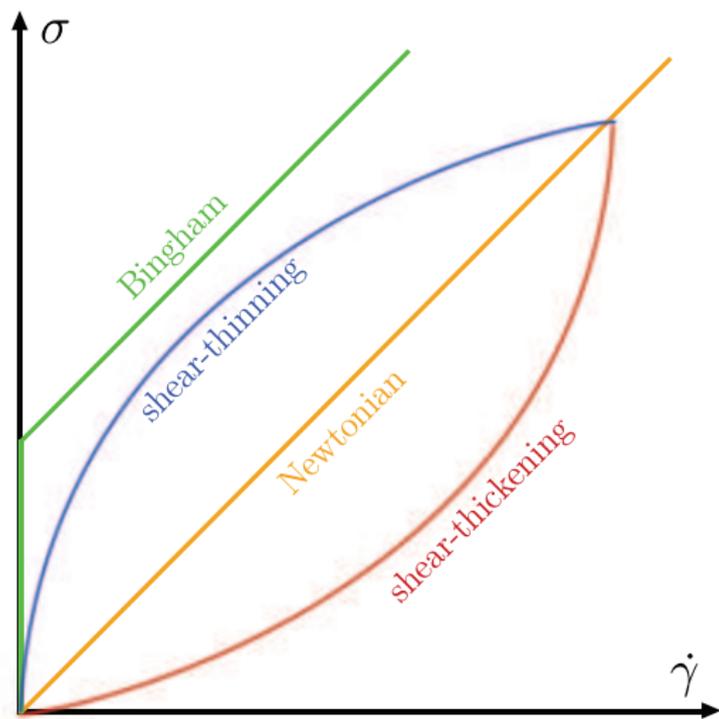
$$\text{rate of strain} = \dot{\gamma} = \frac{\partial u}{\partial y}$$

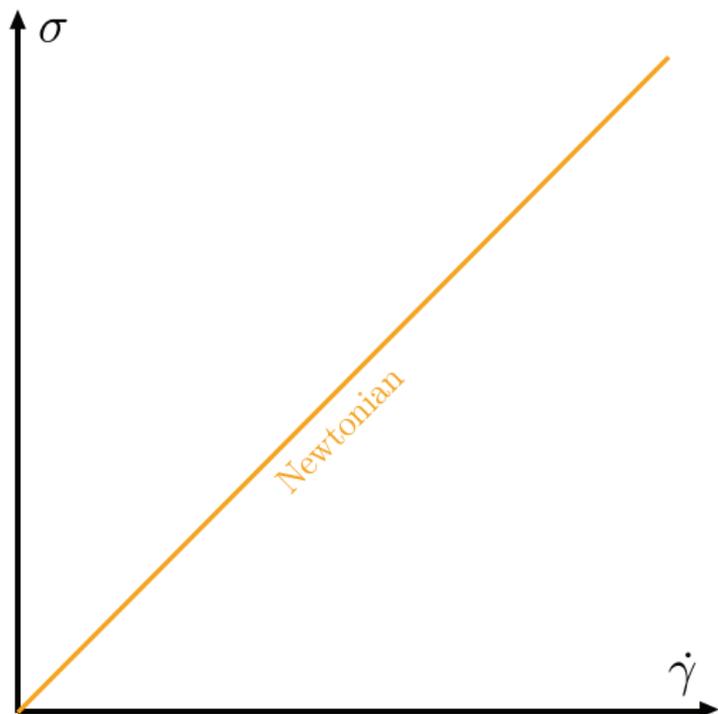
$$\text{viscosity} = \mu = \frac{\sigma}{\dot{\gamma}}$$

## Measuring stress and rate of strain



# Stress and rate of strain



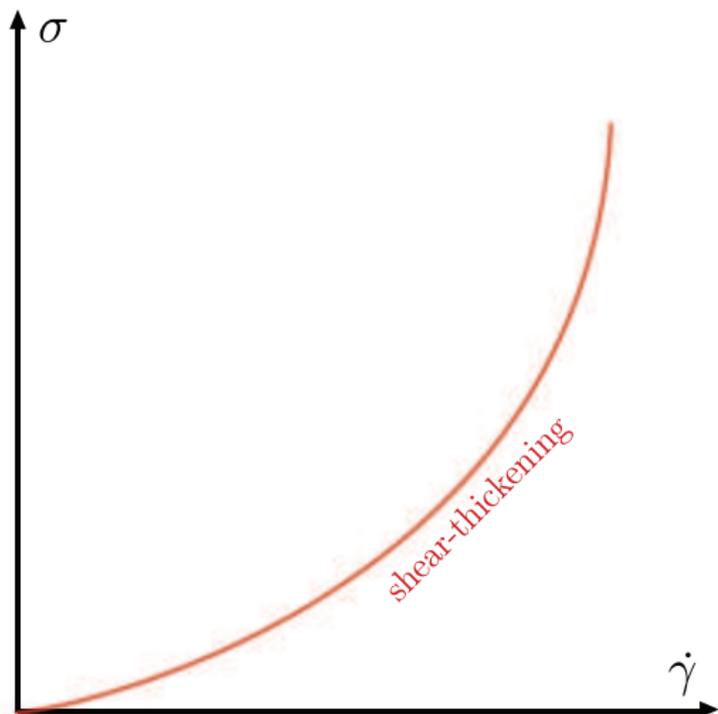








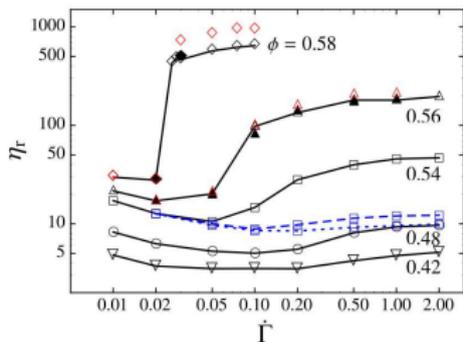






# Custard

- ▶ Custard/cornflour suspension shear-thickens
- ▶ Continuous Shear-Thickening (CST)
  - ▶ Moderate suspension concentration
  - ▶ Smooth, mild viscosity increase
- ▶ Discontinuous Shear-Thickening (DST)
  - ▶ High suspension concentration
  - ▶ Viscosity increases order of magnitude



# Custard powder: how does it thicken?

## Early ideas

- ▶ Repulsion? (Doesn't happen in attractive suspensions)
- ▶ Cluster formation? (but this fails to get enough viscosity change)
- ▶ Granular expansion? (incorrectly predicts DST for smooth, hard particles)
- ▶ Contact between particles?

## Recent progress

- ▶ Can get DST from frictional contact plus fluid forces

# Custard: My research

Impose contact at fixed separation and friction

Dilute suspensions (years ago):

- ▶ Contact reduces viscosity
- ▶ Friction increases viscosity weakly

Moderate concentrations (fairly recent work):

- ▶ Friction can increase viscosity but not strongly enough
- ▶ Hard contacts (which only we can do) destroy DST

Very dense suspensions (current work):

- ▶ Creating new models incorporating **contact** and **microstructure**
- ▶ Aiming to capture shear thickening and correct reversal response

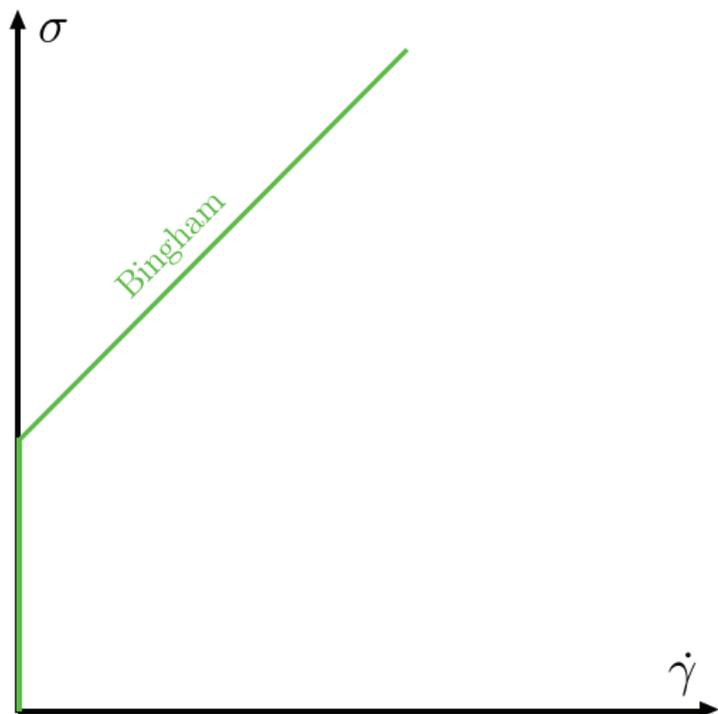
# Custard: Potential applications

## Ballistic protection

- ▶ Kevlar alone does not stop a bullet at point blank range
- ▶ Kevlar treated with shear-thickening fluid can!

## Cryopreservation

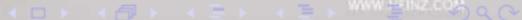
- ▶ If DST transition caused by structural changes, could potentially inhibit formation of ice crystals in solvent
- ▶ Industrial partners Asymptote have recently shown that some approved *cryoprotectants* (essentially starch in a glycerol solution) do show shear-thickening.
- ▶ Behaviour in freezing still to investigate







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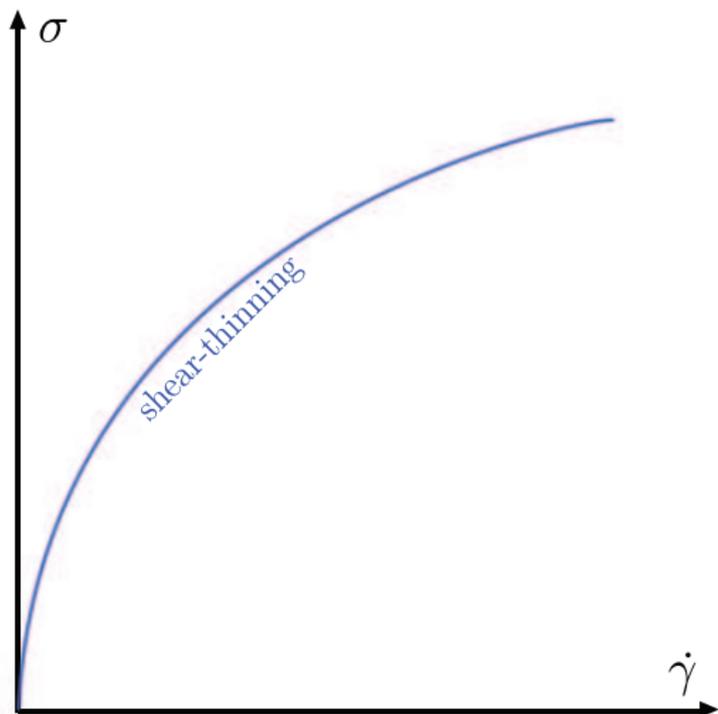
# Toothpaste

Truly complex fluid:

- ▶ Polymeric fluid matrix
- ▶ Silica particles for abrasion
- ▶ Different silica particles for rheology
- ▶ Active ingredients, flavours, etc.

Working with UCL engineers & GSK to model processing

- ▶ Experiments on rheology and interparticle forces
- ▶ Modelling to predict effect of particles
- ▶ CFD to scale up to processing flows







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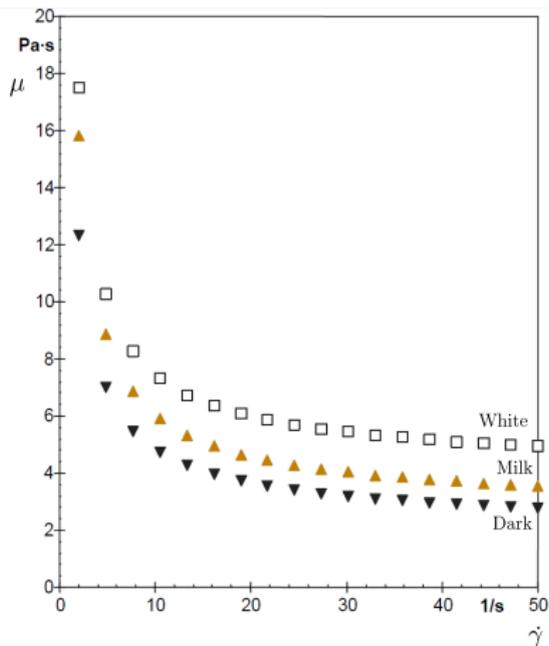
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# Viscosity against rate of strain: chocolate at 40°C



Clearly shear-thinning.

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(Actually 64.728; 0.3409).  $\mu$  matches at  $\dot{\gamma} = 10 \text{ s}^{-1}$ .

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$$\mu_c \approx 3.2 \text{ Pa s}, \quad \sigma_y \approx 4.6 \text{ Pa}$$

International Confectionery Association 1973–2000.

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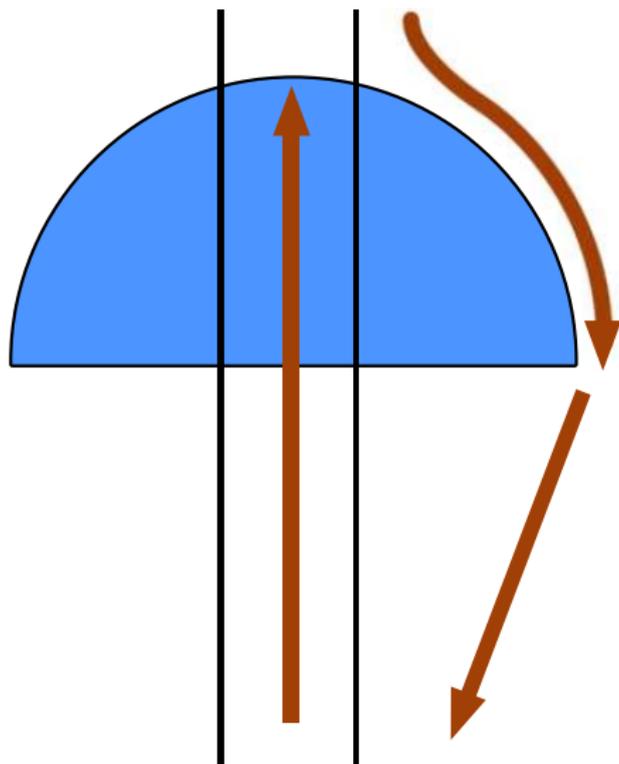
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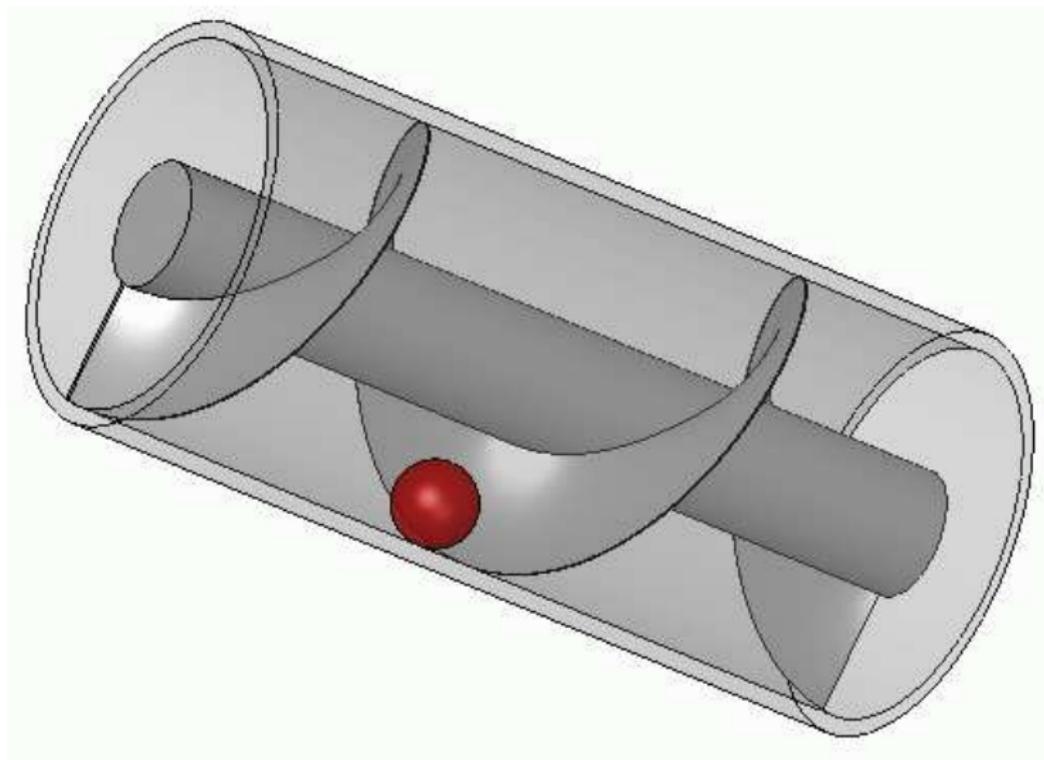
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## Modelling the Fountain

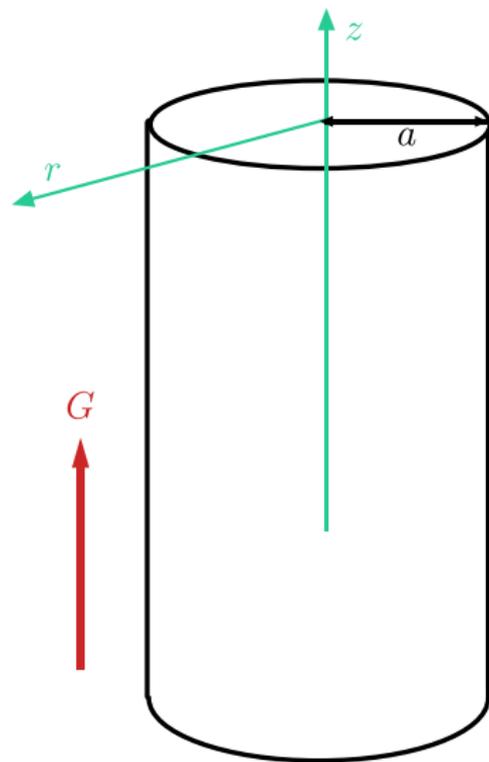




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# Navier–Stokes equation

Euler equations:

$$\rho \frac{D\mathbf{u}}{Dt} = -\nabla p + \mathbf{F}$$

Newtonian Navier–Stokes equation:

$$\rho \frac{D\mathbf{u}}{Dt} = -\nabla p + \mu \nabla^2 \mathbf{u} + \mathbf{F}$$

General Navier–Stokes equation:

$$\rho \frac{D\mathbf{u}}{Dt} = -\nabla p + \nabla \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma} + \mathbf{F}$$

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$$\rho \frac{D\mathbf{u}}{Dt} = -\nabla p + \nabla \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma} + \mathbf{F}$$

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{u} = 0$$

In coordinates

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## Pipe flow

Left to solve

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial r}(r\sigma_{zr}) = Hr$$

which integrates to give

$$\sigma_{zr} = \frac{Hr}{2}$$

where the boundary condition was  $\sigma_{zr}(0) = 0$  by symmetry.

## Pipe flow

So we have

$$\sigma_{zr} = \sigma = \frac{Hr}{2}$$

But remember for a power-law fluid,

$$\sigma = k\dot{\gamma}^n$$

and recall that in a pipe

$$\dot{\gamma} = \frac{du_z}{dr}$$

so

$$k \left( \frac{du_z}{dr} \right)^n = \frac{Hr}{2}$$

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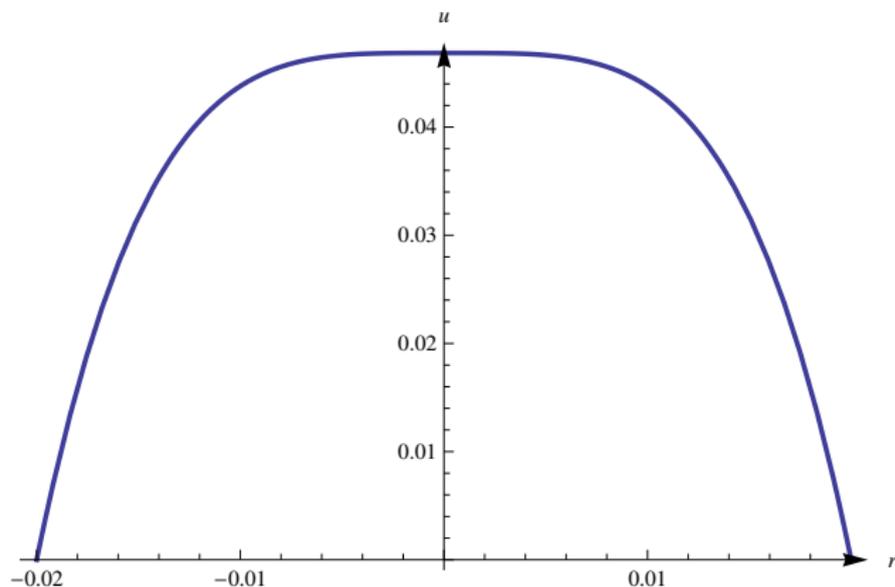
$$\frac{du_z}{dr} = \left(\frac{H}{2k}\right)^{1/n} r^{1/n}$$

So we solve this with the boundary condition  $u(a) = 0$  and get,

$$u_z = \left(\frac{H}{2k}\right)^{1/n} \frac{r^{1+1/n} - a^{1+1/n}}{1 + 1/n}.$$

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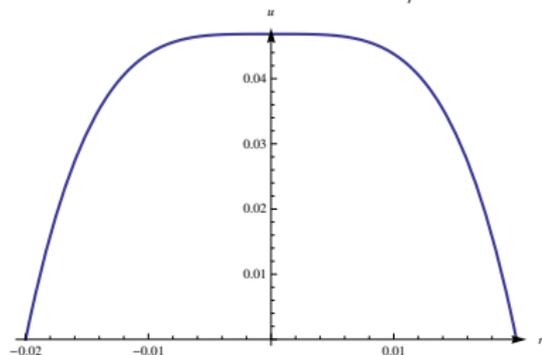
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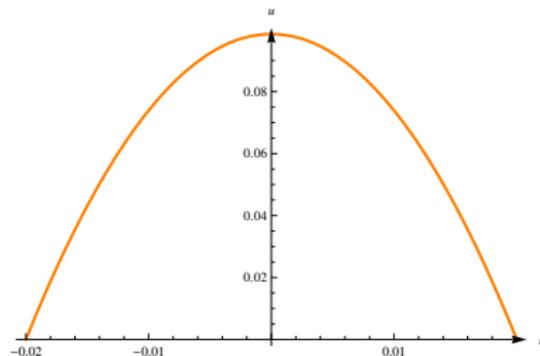
Power law ( $n = 1/3$ )

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Newtonian ( $n = 1$ )

$$u_z = \frac{H}{2k} \frac{r^2 - a^2}{2}$$

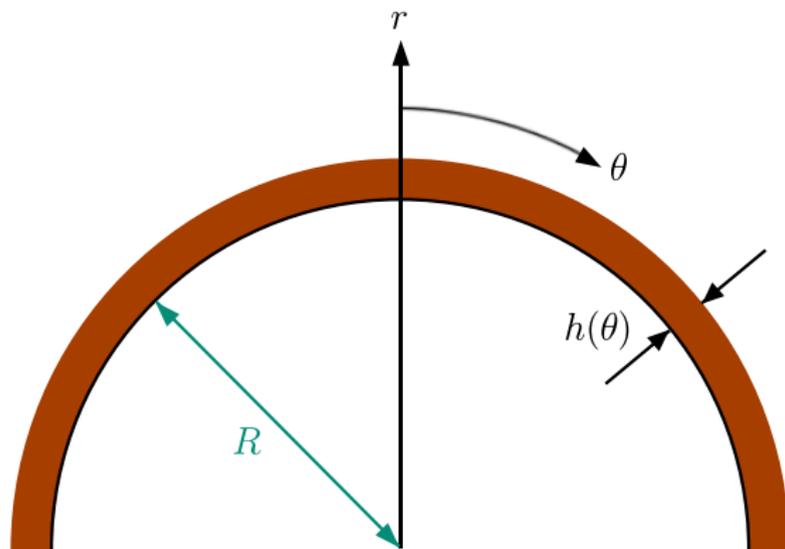


## Dome flow

Same procedure as before, we take Navier–Stokes

$$\rho \frac{D\mathbf{u}}{Dt} = -\nabla p + \nabla \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma} + \mathbf{F}$$

and put it into cylindrical coordinates on this geometry



# Simplifications

1. Flow is within the plane ( $u_z = 0$ )
2. Flow variation is within the plane  
( $\partial u_i / \partial z = 0$ ,  $\partial \sigma_{ij} / \partial z = 0$ ,  $\partial p / \partial z = 0$ )
3. Flow is steady
4. Gravity acts downwards

## Governing equations

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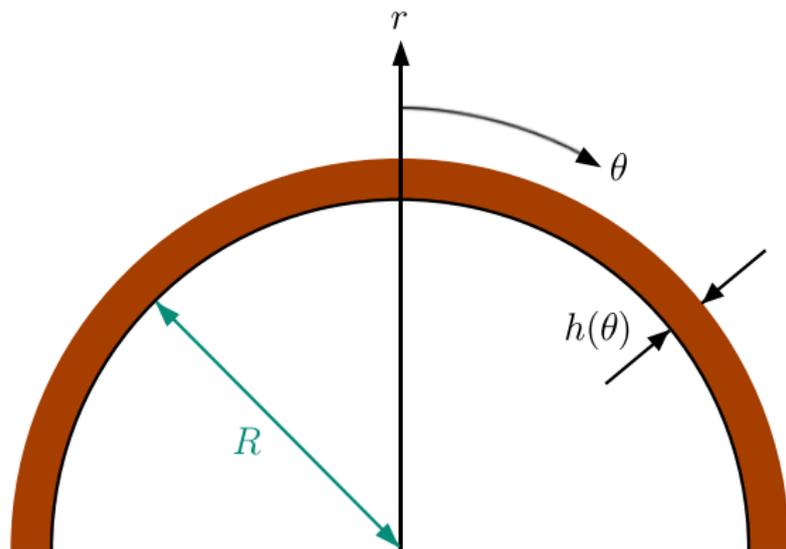
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Scale in the following way

$$\hat{u}_\theta = \frac{u_\theta}{U}, \quad \hat{u}_r = \frac{u_r}{V}, \quad \hat{h} = \frac{h}{H}, \quad \hat{r} = \frac{r-R}{H}.$$

$$u_\theta \sim U, \quad u_r \sim V, \quad h \sim H, \quad r \sim R, \quad \partial/\partial r \sim 1/H.$$

Continuity equation gives size of  $V$

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$$\frac{RV}{H} \sim U \quad H \ll R \quad V \ll U$$

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Geometry is reduced to just the slope!

Lava flow; industrial coating flows; tear films in the eye ...

# Solution

For our two fluid models:

$$\text{Newtonian: } \sigma = \mu \dot{\gamma}, \mu = 14$$

$$\text{Power-law: } \sigma = k \dot{\gamma}^n, k = 65, n = 1/3$$

given no-slip on the dome and no-traction at the surface, we obtain velocity profiles ( $Y = 0$  is the dome,  $Y = h$  is the surface):

$$u_N = \frac{1}{2} Y(2h - Y) \frac{\rho g \sin \theta}{\mu}.$$

$$u_P = 1230 \sin^{3/2}(\theta) \left[ h^{5/2} - (h - Y)^{5/2} \right].$$

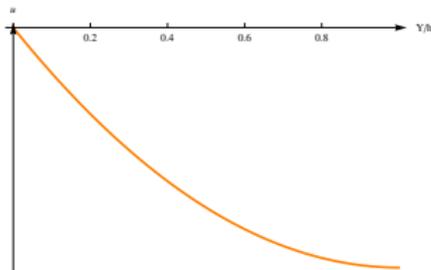
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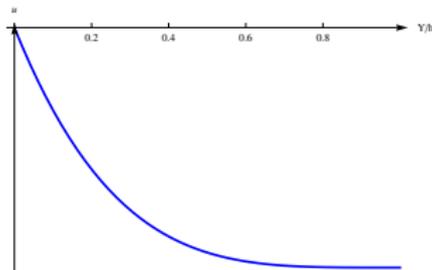
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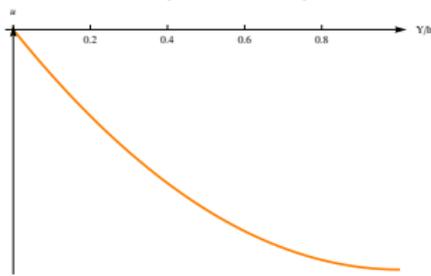


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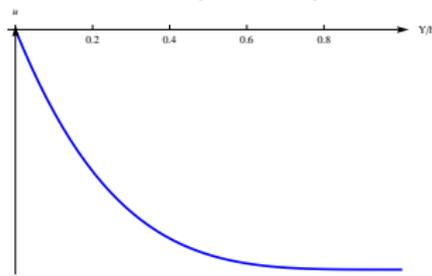
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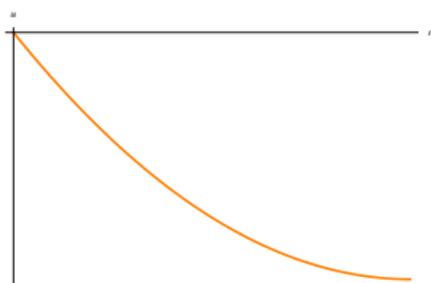
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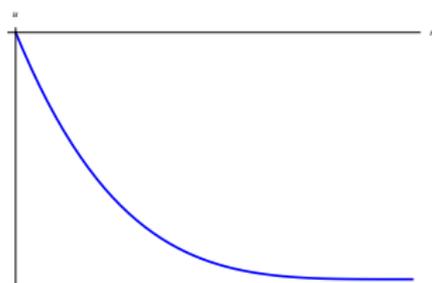


Pipe  
 $u(Y) \propto$

$Y^2 - h^2$



$h^{-3}(Y^4 - h^4)$



# Film thickness

Fixing flux across the film, we have  
for **Newtonian fluid**,

$$h(\theta) \propto \sin^{-1/3} \theta,$$

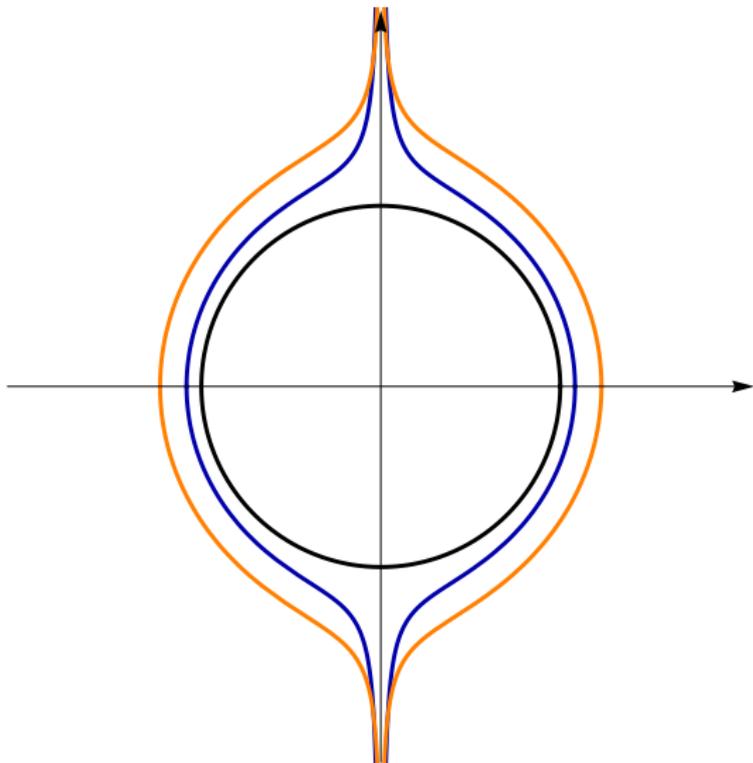
for **chocolatey power-law fluid**,

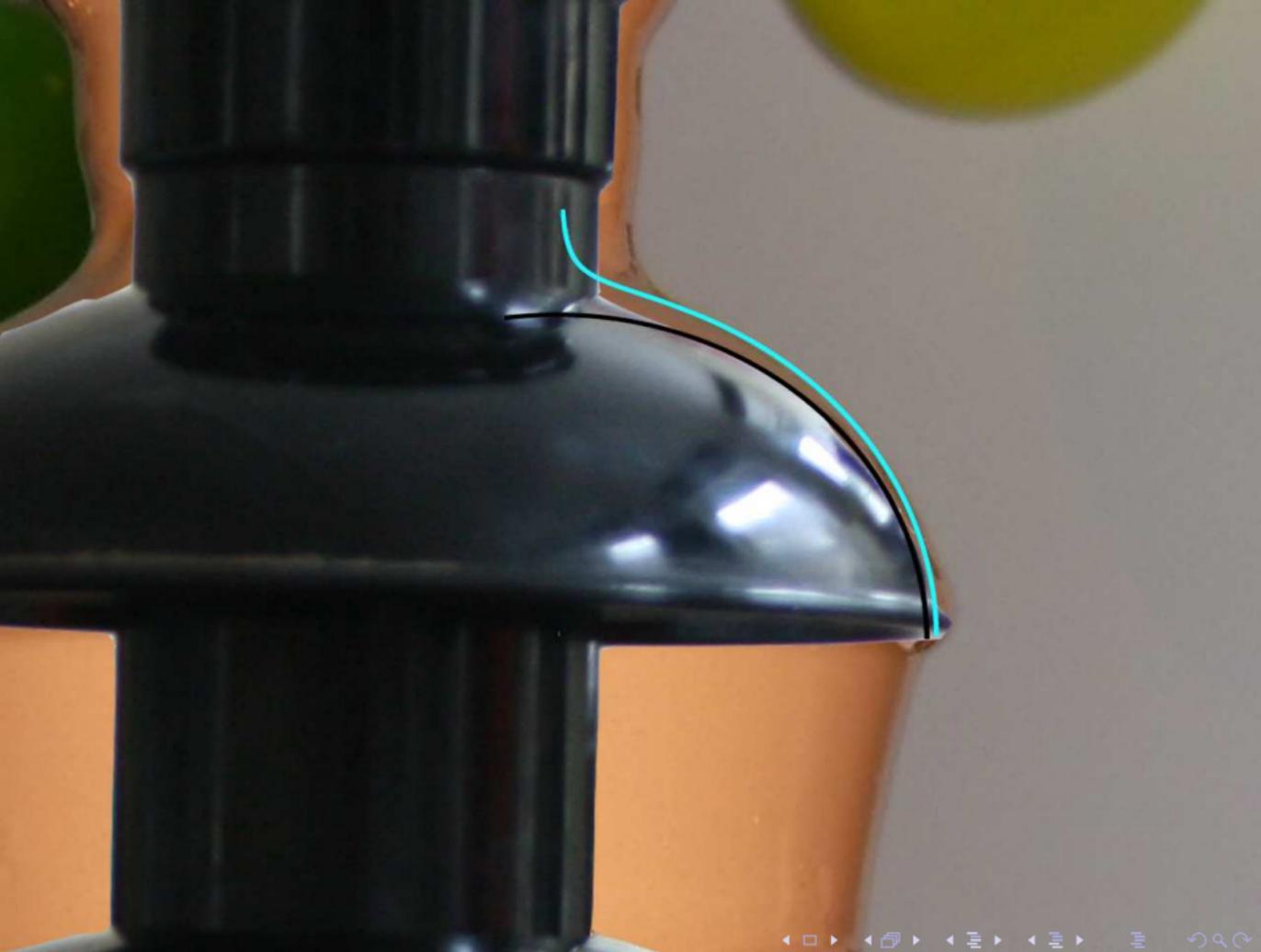
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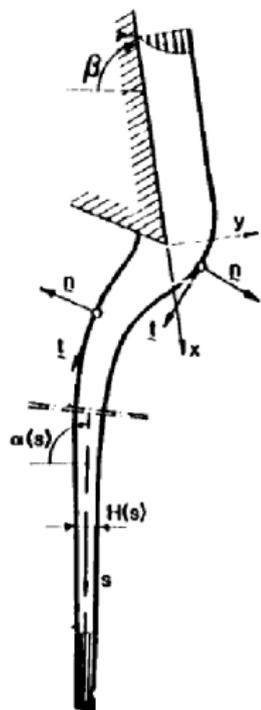
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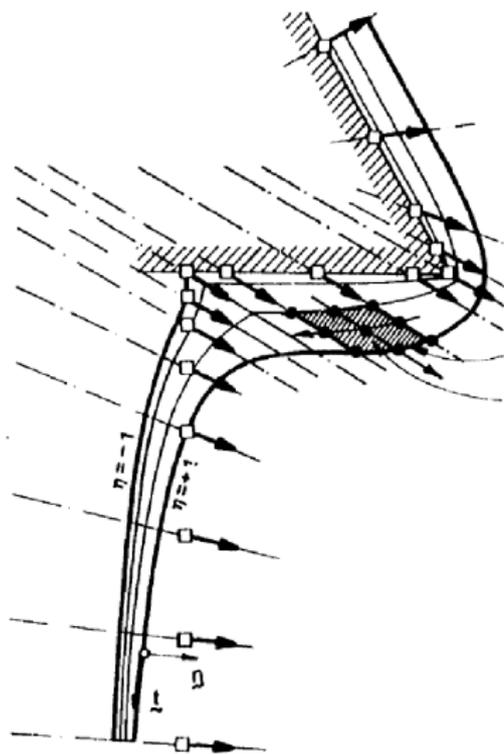
Harder problem:

- ▶ What happens at the top of the sheet?

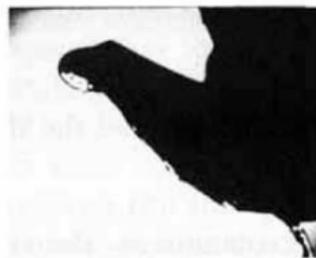
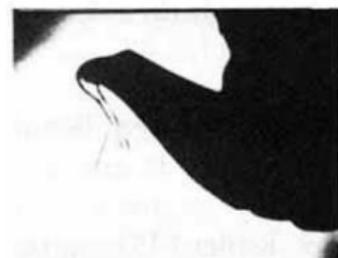
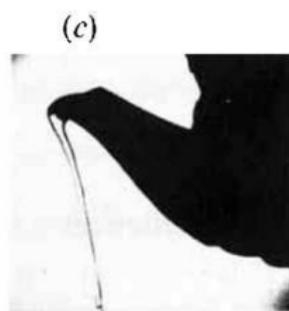
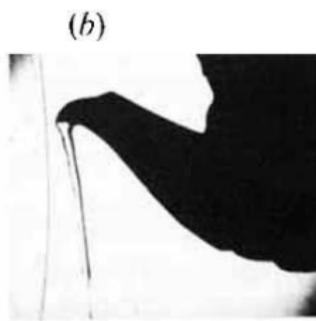
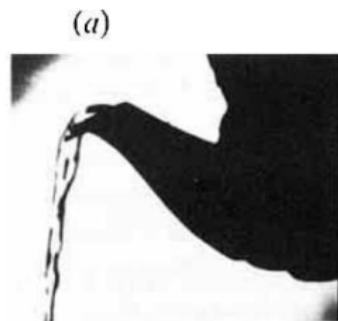
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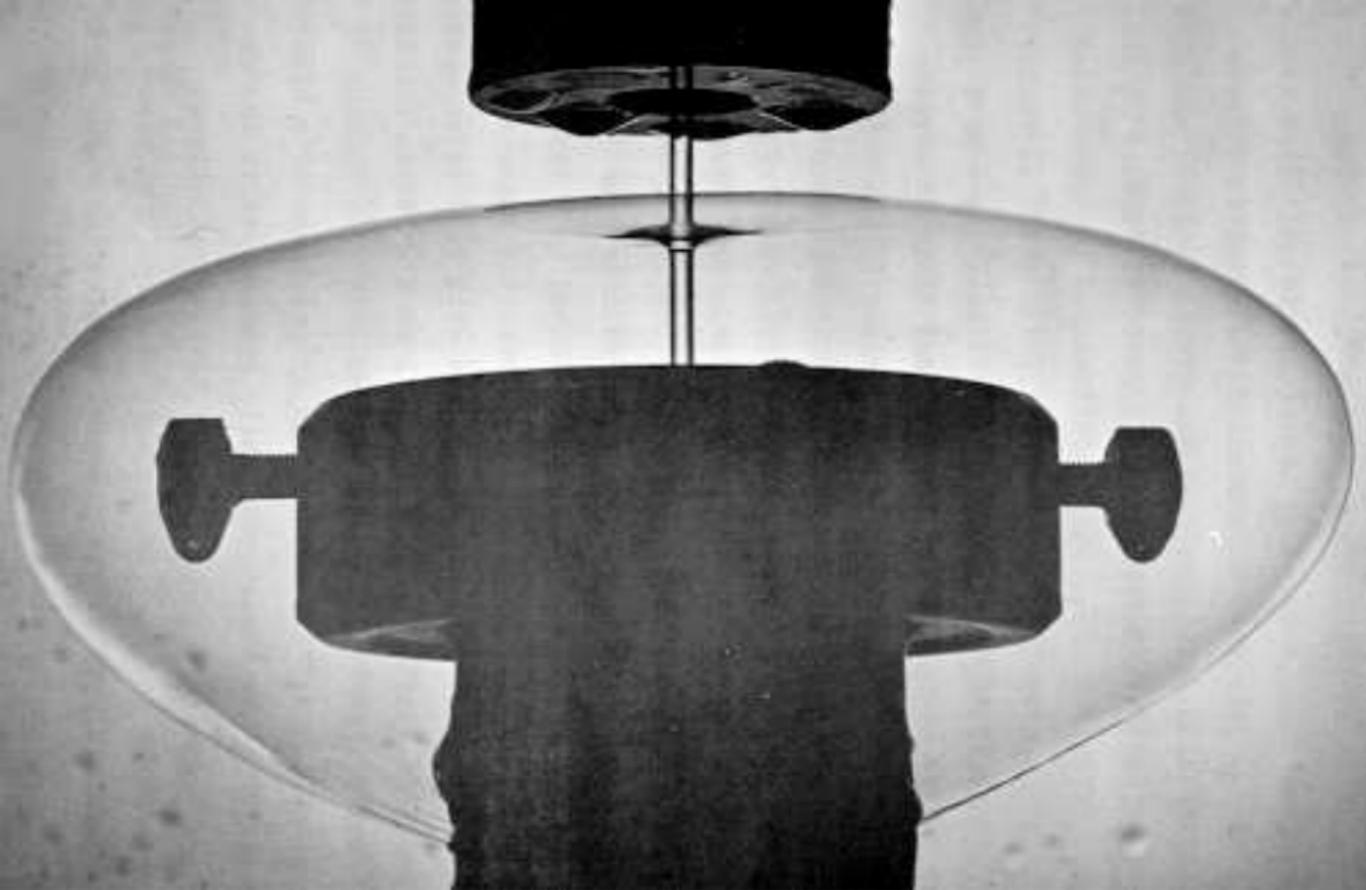


# What causes the Teapot Effect?

- ▶ Surface tension?
- ▶ Hydrodynamics?
- ▶ Air pressure?
- ▶ Wetness of teapot?







# Water bells

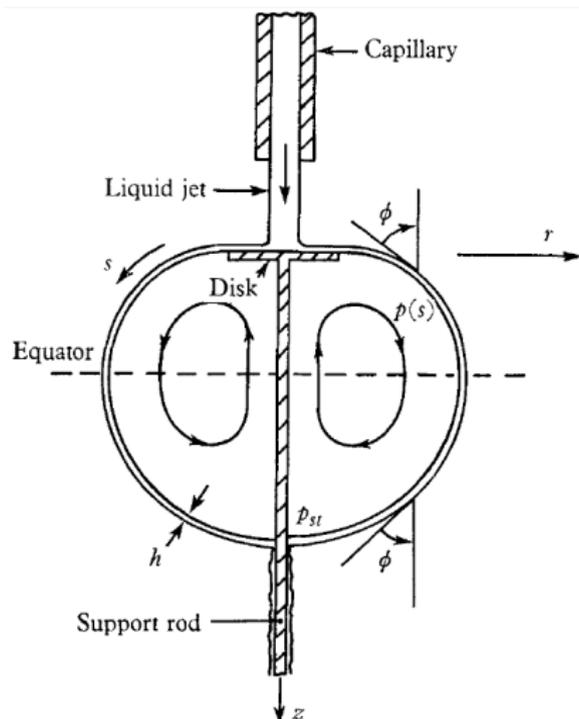
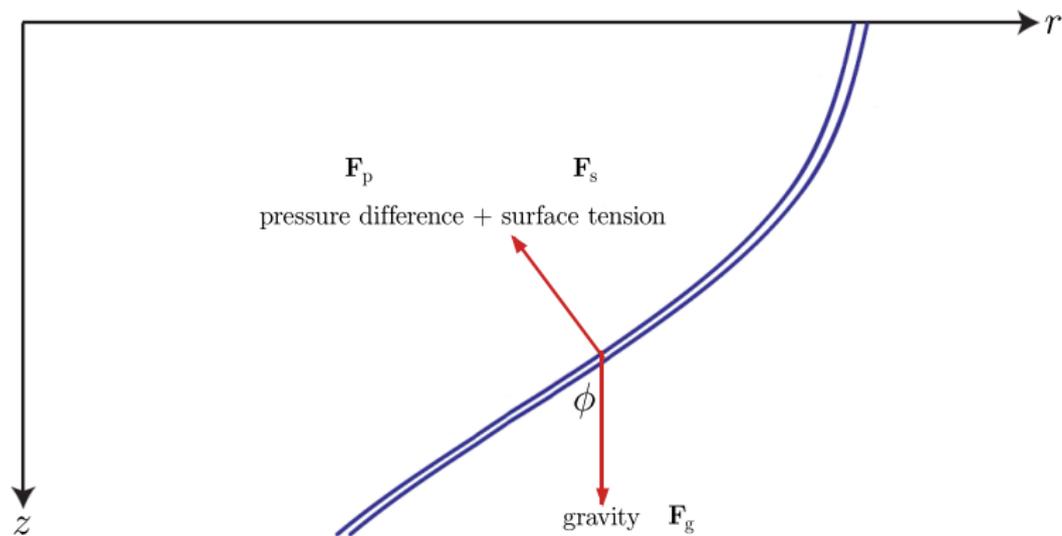
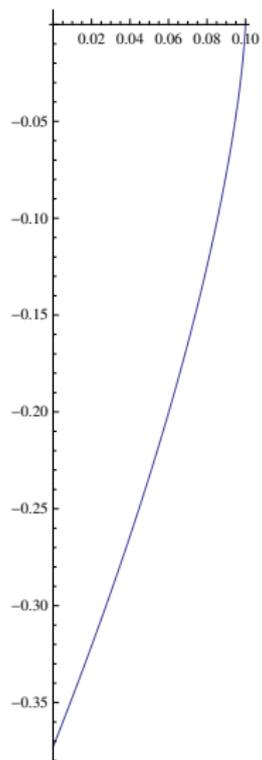


FIGURE 1. Sketch of water-bell and nomenclature.

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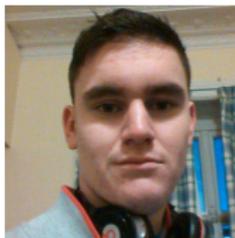
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