

## Micro-scale two-phase flow dynamics

### Lecture 2 Dimensionless numbers

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*The main goal of physics is to describe a maximum of phenomena with a minimum of variables.*

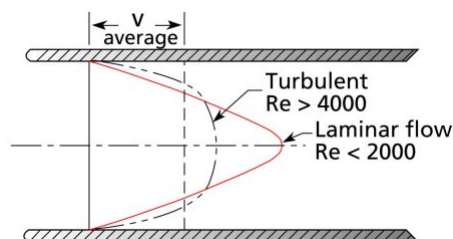
《Dimensionless Physical Quantities in Science and Engineering》  
Josef Kuneš  
Department of Physics  
University of West Bohemia  
Czech Republic

## Dimensionless number



- Each of the similarity criteria can be expressed in the form of a mutual relation **between**, for example, **two forces, momentums or energies acting in a process**. Therefore, by observing the size of the criterion, an idea can be obtained from the character of the investigated process.

$$Re = \frac{uL}{\nu}$$



[http://www.pumpfundamentals.com/pump\\_glossary.htm](http://www.pumpfundamentals.com/pump_glossary.htm)

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## Dimensionless number



- Sometimes, however, it seems as though the transition from dimensional physical quantities to dimensionless ones would obscure the view of the investigated process. In fact, the contrary is true because the reduced number of variable quantities expressed in the dimensionless way enables one to understand the mutual physical contexts in the investigated process more deeply.
- 有时候，无量纲化仿佛会使研究变得晦涩。但实际上，无量纲化会减少变量个数，使我们更加深入地理解物理现象的本质。

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## Dimensionless number



- The most important group consists of the *physical similarity criteria* obtained by some of the similarity theory methods.
- The *dimensionless physical constants*
- the *approximate ratio quantities* can also be included among the dimensionless quantities. They usually come from experimental results and from the experimenter's intuition, i.e. without using any of the similarity theory methods. Usually, the extent of the validity of these quantities is limited only to a certain area.

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## Dimensionless number in multiphase flow



- The criteria concern such things as the solid particle movement in fluid, the dynamics of increasing transfer and collapse of bubbles in fluids, flow accompanied with boiling or condensation and granulation flow. The *Bond, capillary, Eötvös, Morton, Stokes and Weber* numbers are among the wide range of similarity criteria applied.

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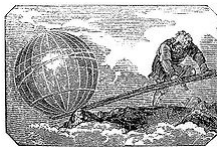


## Archimedes number (Ar)

- motion of fluids due to density differences

$$Ar = \frac{gL^3 \rho_l (\rho - \rho_l)}{\mu^2}$$

- $g$  = gravitational acceleration (9.81 m/s<sup>2</sup>),
- $\rho_l$  = density of the fluid, kg/m<sup>3</sup>
- $\rho$  = density of the body, kg/m<sup>3</sup>
- $\mu$  = dynamic viscosity, kg/ms
- $L$  = characteristic length of body, m



Archimedes is said to have remarked of the lever: *Give me a place to stand on, and I will move the Earth.*

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- Archimedes Thoughtful by Fetti (1620)
- 287 BC - 212 BC



## Archimedes number (Ar)

- When analyzing potentially mixed convection of a liquid, the Archimedes number parametrizes the **relative strength of free and forced convection**.
- This represents **the ratio of buoyancy and inertial forces**, which stands in for the contribution of natural convection. When  $Ar \gg 1$  natural convection dominates, i.e. less dense bodies rise and denser bodies sink, and when  $Ar \ll 1$  forced convection dominates.
- When the density difference is due to heat transfer

$$\frac{\rho - \rho_l}{\rho_l} = \beta(T - T_l) \quad Ar = \frac{gL^3 \rho_l (\rho - \rho_l)}{\mu^2} = \frac{g\beta(T - T_l)L^3}{\nu^2} = Gr$$

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# Archimedes number (Ar)

- Entrainment condition

$$Ar = 0.97$$

- Minimum fluidization situation

$$Ar = 88.5$$

- Laminar and turbulent effects are equal

$$Ar = 176,900$$

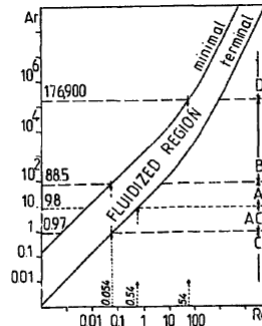


Fig. 2. General classification diagram for fluidized particles. Powder Technology, 1998, 98(1):48–53

- A: Turbulent effect is negligible at minimum fluidization
- B: Turbulent effects start to influence laminar phenomenon at onset point of fluidization
- D: Turbulent effects predominate from the onset to entrainment

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# Atwood number (A)

- onset of instabilities in fluid mixtures due to density differences
- a **buoyancy** renormalization to **gravity**

$$A = \frac{\rho_1 - \rho_2}{\rho_1 + \rho_2}$$

- Atwood number is an important parameter in the study of Rayleigh–Taylor instability and Richtmyer–Meshkov instability.
- In Rayleigh–Taylor instability, the penetration distance of heavy fluid bubbles into the light fluid is a function of acceleration time scale

$$Agt^2$$

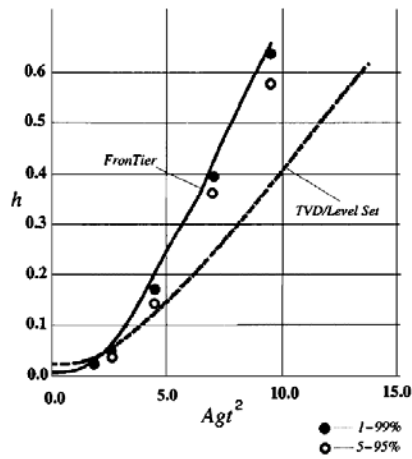
water tinted with food coloring flows down through ordinary tap water

<http://physicscentral.com/explore/pictures/cup.cfm>



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## Atwood number (A)



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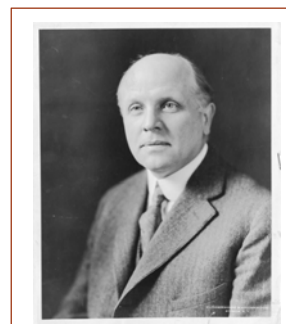
## Bingham number (Bn)



- Ratio of yield stress to viscous stress

$$Bn = \frac{\tau_y L}{\mu_\infty u_\infty}$$


- $\tau_y$ : yield stress, Pa
- $L$ : length scale, m
- $\mu$ : dynamic viscosity of plastic, Pa·s
- $u$ : plastic flow rate, m/s



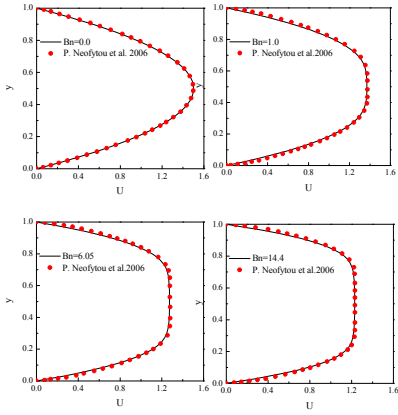
Society of Rheology - Bingham Medal

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- Eugene Cook Bingham
- 1878 – 1948
- American Chemist

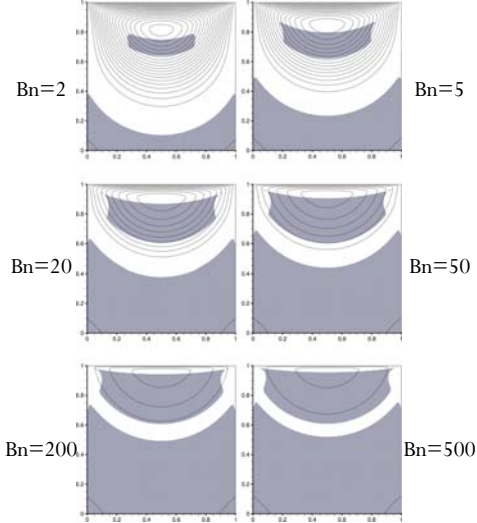


## Bingham number (Bn)




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## Biot number (Bi)

- surface vs. volume conductivity of solids
- the ratio of the heat transfer resistances inside of and at the surface of a body

$$Bi = \frac{hL}{\kappa}$$

- $h$ : heat transfer coefficient,  $W/(m^2K)$
- $L$ : characteristic length, m
- $\kappa$ : Thermal conductivity,  $W/(mK)$



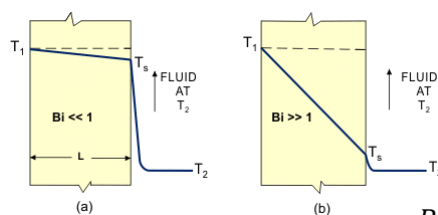
- Jean-Baptiste Biot
- 1774-1862
- Known for Biot-Savart law

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## Biot number (Bi)

- Having a Biot number **smaller than 0.1** labels a substance as **thermally thin**, and temperature can be assumed to be constant throughout the materials volume (error < 5%). The opposite is also true: A Biot number **greater than 0.1** (a "**thermally thick**" substance) indicates that one cannot make this assumption, and more complicated heat transfer equations for "transient heat conduction" will be required to describe the time-varying and non-spatially-uniform temperature field within the material body.



Comparison of fully developed temperature profiles in two plates cooled by the same fluid

<http://www.thermopedia.com/content/585>

$$Bi = \frac{hL}{\kappa}$$

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## Bond number (Bo)

- The Bond number is a measure of **surface tension** forces compared to **body** forces.

$$Bo = \frac{\rho a L^2}{\sigma}$$

- $\rho$ : density, kg/m<sup>3</sup>
- $a$ : acceleration, always gravity, m/s<sup>2</sup>
- $L$ : length scale, e.g. radius of a drop, m
- $\sigma$ : surface tension, N/m



- Wilfrid Noel Bond
- 1897–1937
- English physicist

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## Bond number (Bo)

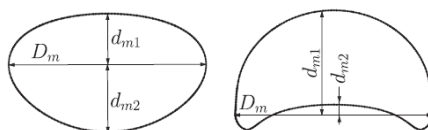
$$Bo = \frac{\rho a L^2}{\sigma}$$



- A high Bond number indicates that the system is relatively unaffected by surface tension effects; a low number (typically less than one is the requirement) indicates that surface tension dominates.
- It is also known in a slightly different form as the Eötvös number. The term Eötvös number is more frequently used in Europe, while Bond number is commonly used in other parts of the world.
- This number usually characterizes the shape of liquid bubbles and drops.

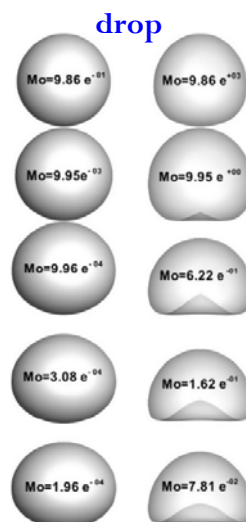
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## Bond number (Bo)



- convex shape bubble  
( $Ca = 200$  and  $Bo = 0.82$ )
- concave interface at the bottom  
( $Ca = 20$  and  $Bo = 100$ )

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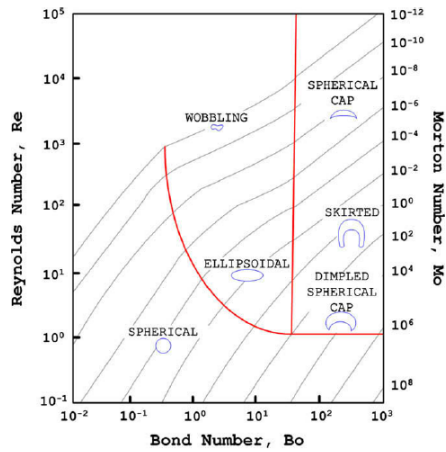
Bo = 1      Bo = 10

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## Bond number (Bo)



Bo	30	50	80	120
Ar				
5	 (2.276, 15.866)	 (2.276, 25.765)	 (2.271, 41.247)	
50	 (11.344, 39.607)	 (11.349, 63.499)		
500	 (42.654, 54.931)	 (42.761, 91.426)		
5000	 (160.249, 77.039)	 (160.393, 129.617)	 (160.779, 206.747)	 (161.138, 311.584)

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Clift, et al.: Bubbles, drops, and particles, 1978  
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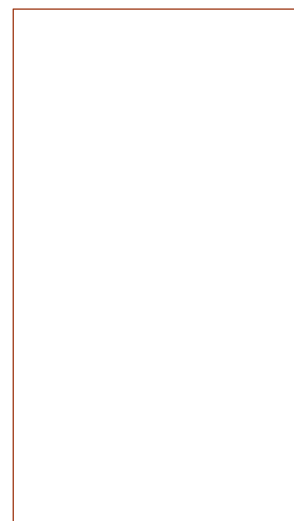


## Capillary number (Ca)

- fluid flow influenced by surface tension
- represents the relative effect of **viscous forces** versus **surface tension** acting across an interface between a liquid and a gas, or between two immiscible liquids

$$Ca = \frac{\mu U}{\sigma}$$

- $\mu$ : the viscosity of the liquid, Pa·s
- $U$ : characteristic velocity, m/s
- $\sigma$ : surface or interfacial tension between the two phases, N/m



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# Capillary number (Ca)

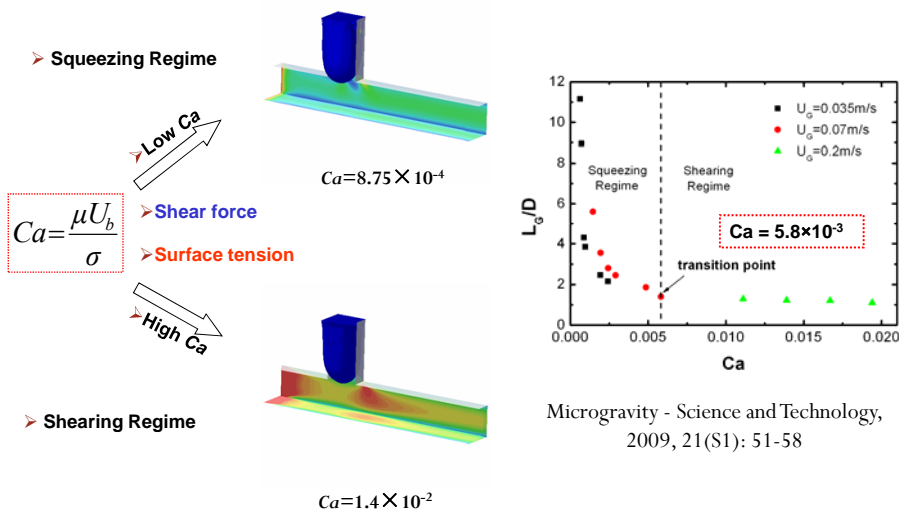
- if  $Ca \gg 1$ , then viscous forces dominate over interfacial forces;
- if  $Ca \ll 1$ , then viscous forces are negligible compared with interfacial forces.
- It is usually denoted NC in the oil field. Capillary numbers are usually large for high-speed flows and low for low-speed flows
- Typically for flow through pores in the reservoir (油藏气孔)  $NC \sim 10^{-6}$ , and for flow in production tubulars (油品管道)  $NC \sim 1$ .

$$Ca = \frac{We}{Re}$$

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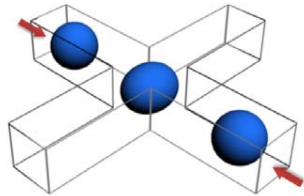
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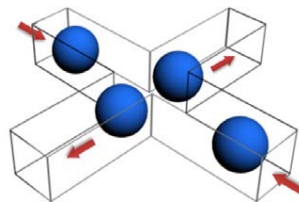
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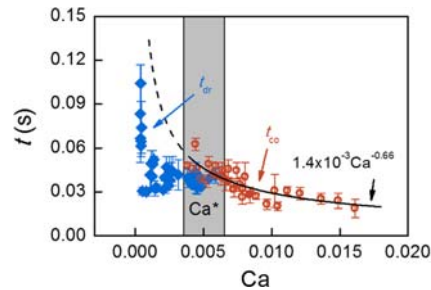
## Capillary number (Ca)



Fusion:  $Ca < 0.005$



Separation:  $Ca > 0.005$



- The critical  $Ca$  is larger in confined microchannel than in free flowing space.

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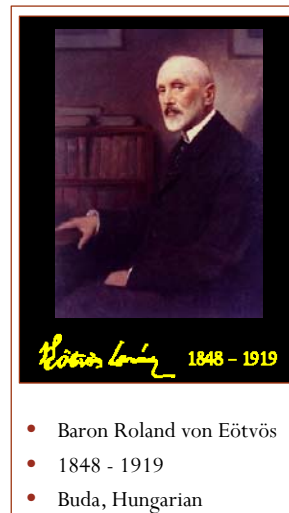


## Eötvös number (Eo)

- Together with Morton number it can be used to characterize the shape of bubbles or drops moving in a surrounding fluid. Eötvös number may be regarded as proportional to buoyancy force divided by surface tension force.

$$E_o = \frac{\Delta\rho g L^2}{\sigma}$$

- $\Delta\rho$ : difference in density of the two phases,  $\text{kg/m}^3$
- $g$ : gravitational acceleration,  $\text{m/s}^2$
- $L$ : characteristic length,  $\text{m}$
- $\sigma$ : surface tension,  $\text{N/m}$



- Baron Roland von Eötvös
- 1848 - 1919
- Buda, Hungarian

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# Eötvös number (Eo)



- Eötvös is remembered today for his experimental work on gravity, in particular his study of **the equivalence of gravitational and inertial mass** (the so-called weak equivalence principle) and his study of the gravitational gradient on the Earth's surface.
- The **weak equivalence principle** plays a prominent role in relativity theory and the Eötvös experiment was cited by Albert Einstein in his 1916 paper *The Foundation of the General Theory of Relativity*.
- From 1886 until his death, Loránd Eötvös researched and taught in the University of Budapest, which in 1950 was renamed after him (Eötvös Loránd University).

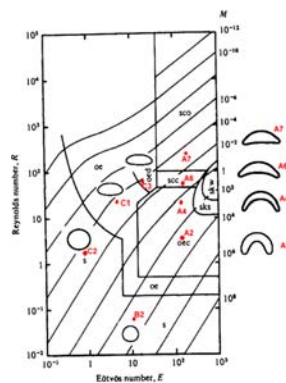


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# Eötvös number (Eo)



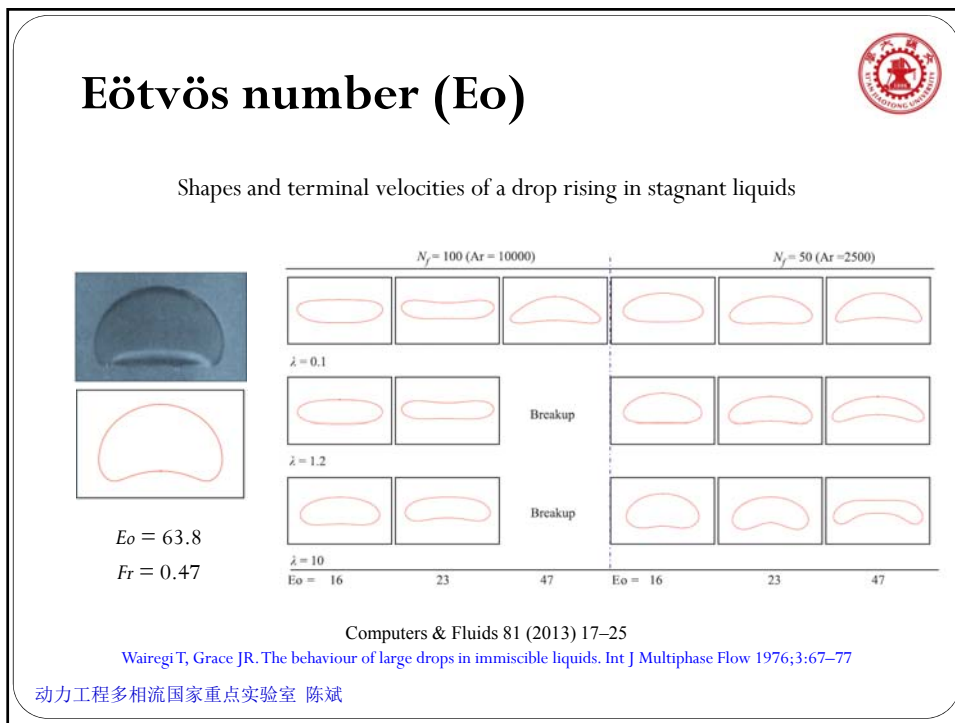
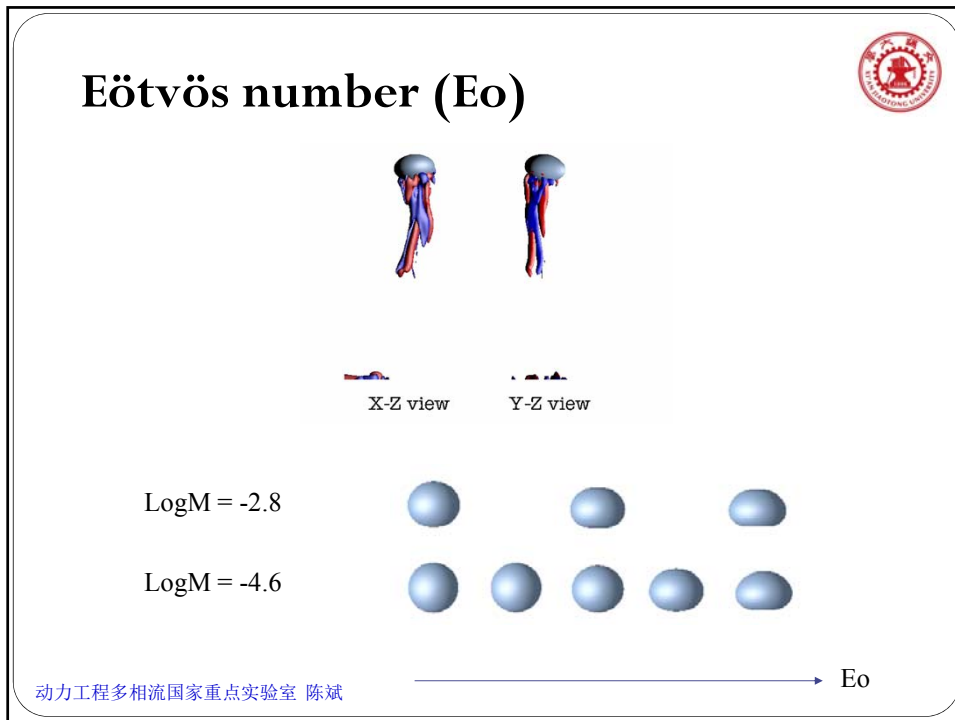
- A high number indicates that the system is relatively unaffected by surface tension effects; a low number (typically less than one is the requirement) indicates that surface tension dominates.



Experiment	Image 1	Image 2
A1: Eo=116, M=848, Re=2.47		A5: Eo=116, Mo=1.31, Re=20.4
A2: Eo=116, M=266, Re=3.57		A6: Eo=116, Mo=0.103, Re=42.2
A3: Eo=116, M=41.1, Re=7.16		A7: Eo=116, Mo=4.6e-03, Re=94.0
A4: Eo=116, Mo=5.51, Re=13.3		A8: Eo=116, Mo=8.6e-04, Re=151

← Grace J. Trans Inst Chem Eng 1973;51:116-20  
 Bhaga D, Weber M. J Fluid Mech 1981;105:61-85 ↑

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## Dean number (De/Dn/Dc)

- Dean number occurs in the study of flow in curved pipes and channels, represents **vortices in curved ducts**

$$De = \frac{\rho U D}{\mu} \cdot \left(\frac{D}{2R}\right)^{1/2}$$

- $\rho$ : density of the fluid, kg/m<sup>3</sup>
- $\mu$ : dynamic viscosity, Pa·s
- $U$ : axial velocity scale, m/s
- $D$ : diameter, m
- $R$ : the radius of curvature of the path of the channel, m

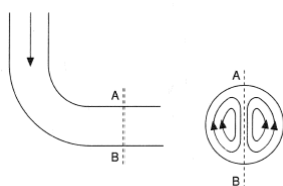


- William Reginald Dean
- 1896–1973
- British applied mathematician

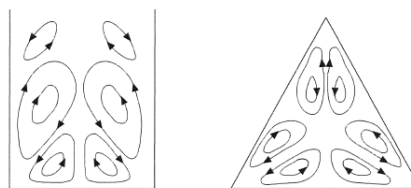
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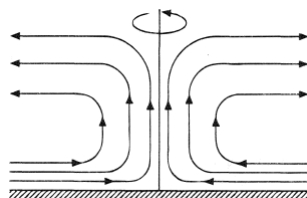


Secondary flow around a bend



Secondary flows in channels

<http://www.thermopedia.com/content/1113/?tid=104&sn=1420>



Secondary flow in a cyclone



Secondary flow in a coiled tube

<http://www.thermopedia.com/content/639/>

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## Dean number ( $De/Dn/Dc$ )

<http://www.magicphil.net/pawel/HPLC97.html>

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## Dean number ( $De/Dn/Dc$ )

$De = 9$	$De = 18$	$De = 72$	$De = 90$
$De = 108$	$De = 126$	$De = 144$	$De = 289$
$De = 433$	$De = 578$	$De = 722$	$De = 1083$

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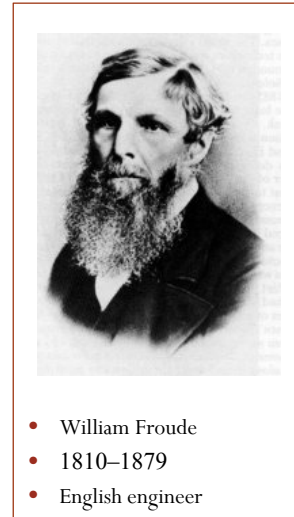


# Froude number (Fr)

- wave and surface behaviour
- flows in rivers or in the sea are often dominated by the so-called Froude similitude
- the ratio of the **inertial** to **gravity** forces in the flow

$$Fr = \frac{U}{\sqrt{gL}}$$

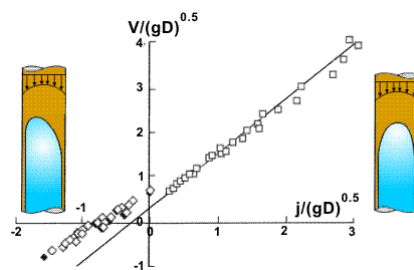
- $U$ : velocity scale, m/s
- $g$ : gravity, m/s<sup>2</sup>
- $L$ : length scale, m



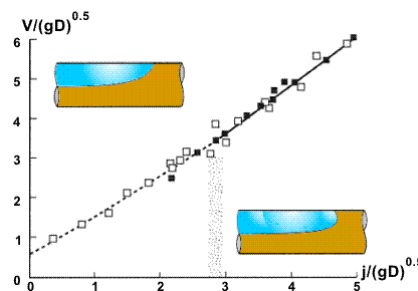
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# Froude number (Fr)



Velocity of long bubbles vs. mixture velocity  
 D=50mm □ (Fréchou, 1986)  
 140 mm ◆, 100 mm ◇, 26 mm ▲ (Martin)



Velocity of long bubbles vs. mixture velocity  
 D=146 mm □ (Ferschneider, 1982)  
 189 mm ■ (Linga)

<http://www.thermopedia.com/content/38/?tid=104&sn=1297>

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## Galilei number (Ga)

- gravity-driven viscous flow
- as proportional to gravity forces divided by viscous forces. The Galilei number is used in viscous flow and thermal expansion calculations, for example to describe fluid film flow over walls. These flows apply to condensers or chemical columns.

$$Ga = \frac{gL^3}{\nu^2} \quad \text{or} \quad Ga = \frac{\sqrt{gL^3}}{\nu}$$

- $g$ : gravitational acceleration,  $m/s^2$
- $L$ : characteristic length,  $m$
- $\nu$ : kinematic viscosity,  $m^2/s$



*Galileo Galilei*

- Galileo Galilei
- 1564 – 1642
- Italian
- Astronomy, physics and mathematics

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## Galilei number (Ga)

	$Bo$ 0.1	0.2	0.5	1	2	5	10	20	50	100
200	(1.34)	(1.48)	(1.83)	(2.11)	(2.35)				(4.66)	(5.46)
100	(1.09)	(1.19)	(1.38)	(1.59)	(1.86)	(2.40)	(3.19)	(5.22)	(4.24)	(4.67)
50	(1.03)	(1.06)	(1.15)	(1.27)	(1.46)	(1.88)	(2.43)	(3.23)	(3.65)	(3.97)
20	(1.00)	(1.01)	(1.04)	(1.09)	(1.17)	(1.4)	(1.69)	(2.09)	(2.56)	(2.77)
10	(1.00)	(1.00)	(1.02)	(1.04)	(1.08)	(1.19)	(1.34)	(1.56)	(1.87)	(2.10)
5	(1.00)	(1.00)	(1.00)	(1.00)	(1.03)	(1.08)	(1.15)	(1.22)	(1.42)	(1.76)

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## Grashof number (Gr)

- approximates the ratio of the **buoyancy** to **viscous force** acting on a fluid. It frequently arises in the study of situations involving **natural convection**.

$$Gr = \frac{g\beta(T_s - T_\infty)L^3}{\nu^2}$$

- $g$ : acceleration due to Earth's gravity,  $m/s^2$
- $\beta$ : volumetric thermal expansion coefficient (equal to approximately  $1/T$ , for ideal fluids)
- $T$ : absolute temperature, K
- $T_s$ : surface temperature, K
- $T_\infty$ : bulk temperature, K
- $L$ : length, m
- $\nu$ : kinematic viscosity,  $m^2/s$



- Franz Grashof
- 1826 - 1893
- German Engineer

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## Grashof number (Gr)

- Grashof was one of the leaders in founding the Society of German Engineers (Verein Deutscher Ingenieure)
- After Grashof's death, the Association of German Engineers (VDI) honored his memory by instituting the *Grashof Commemorative Medal* as the highest distinction that the society could bestow for merit in the engineering skills.



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VDI 创始人员名单纪念碑

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## Grashof number (Gr)

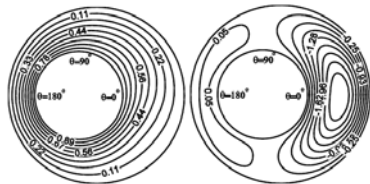


Fig. 3 Isotherms and streamlines for  $C_2=0.4$ ,  $\alpha=0^\circ$  and  $Gr=10^4$

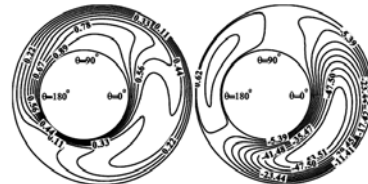


Fig. 5 Isotherms and streamlines for  $C_2=0.4$ ,  $\alpha=0^\circ$  and  $Gr=10^6$

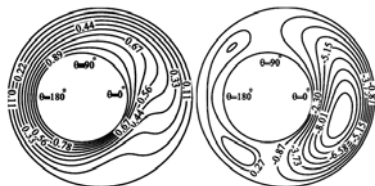


Fig. 4 Isotherms and streamlines for  $C_2=0.4$ ,  $\alpha=0^\circ$  and  $Gr=5 \cdot 10^4$

- When the Grashof number is equal to  $10^4$ , the heat transfer is essentially conductive
- For  $Gr = 10^6$  the isothermal lines are modified and eventually take the form of a mushroom. The temperature distribution is decreasing in the hot wall towards the cold wall

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## Knudsen number (Kn)

- continuum approximation in fluids
- The ratio of the mean free path length of the molecules of a fluid to a characteristic length (Knudsen 1909a)

$$kn = \frac{\lambda}{L}$$

- $\lambda$ : mean free path, m
- $L$ : length scale, m

$$kn = \frac{Ma}{Re} \sqrt{\frac{\gamma\pi}{2}} \quad \gamma \text{ is the ratio of specific heats}$$

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Knudsen\\_number](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Knudsen_number)

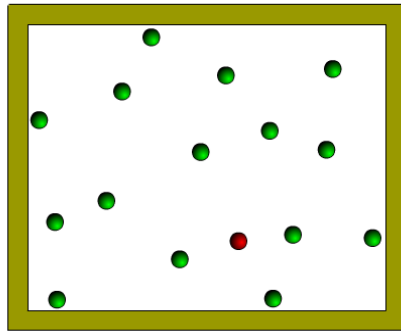
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- Martin Knudsen
- 1871–1949
- Danish physicist

## Mean Free Path

$$\bar{\lambda} = \frac{kT}{\sqrt{2} \pi d^2 p}$$



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Pressure	$10^5$	1
MFP	nm	mm
H <sub>2</sub>	12.5	1.25
N <sub>2</sub>	67	6.7
O <sub>2</sub>	72	7.2
Air	68	6.8

## Mean Free Path – for liquids



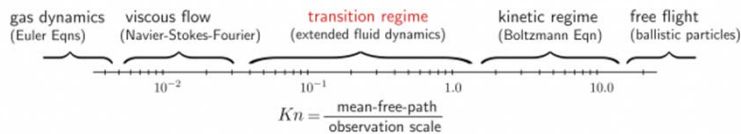
- For liquids,  $\lambda$  is approximately the intermolecular length  $L_{mol}$  (bond length). The volume occupied by one molecule  $L_{mol}^3$  is easily approximated, yielding

$$L_{mol} = \left( \frac{M_{mol}}{\rho N_A} \right)^{1/3}$$

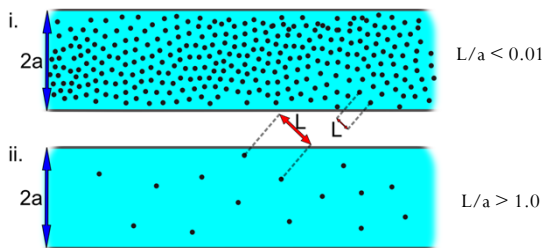
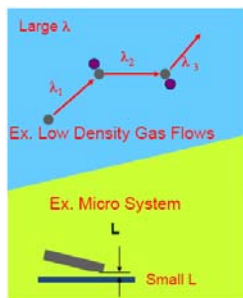
- $N_A$ : Avogadro's number,  $\sim 6.022 \times 10^{23}$
- For water,  $\lambda = L_{mol} \approx 0.31nm$

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# Knudsen number (Kn)



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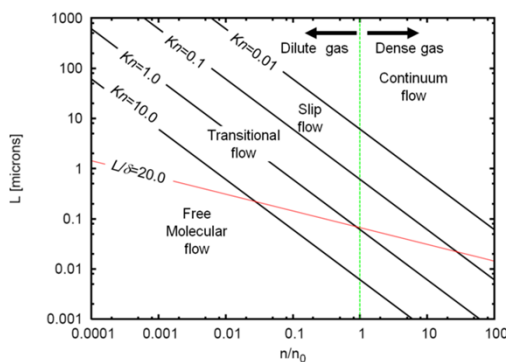


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# Knudsen number (Kn)



$$n = \frac{\text{particle number}}{\text{Volume}}$$

- $Kn < 0.01$  :continuum flow
- $0.01 < Kn < 0.1$  :slip flow
- $0.1 < Kn < 10.0$  :transitional flow
- $Kn > 10$  :free molecular flow

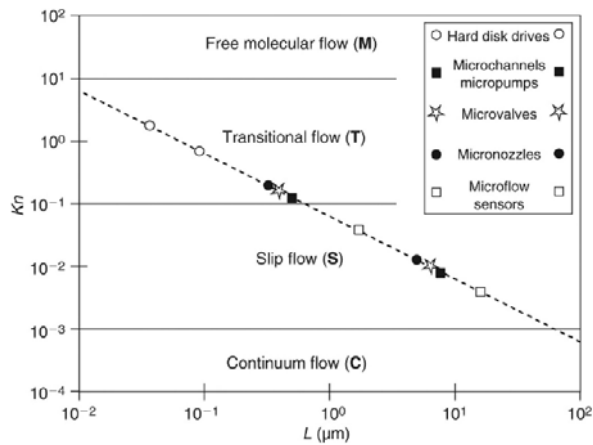
$L$  is the characteristic wetted length of the microdevice  $n$  is the number density of the gas  
 $\delta$  is the mean molecular spacing  $n_0$  is the number density of the gas at 0°C and 1 atm  
 $\lambda$  is the mean free path of molecules  $Kn = \lambda/L$  is the Knudsen number

[http://en.wikiversity.org/wiki/Microfluid\\_Mechanics\\_Chapter\\_8.\\_Flow\\_Phenomena\\_in\\_Microflows](http://en.wikiversity.org/wiki/Microfluid_Mechanics_Chapter_8._Flow_Phenomena_in_Microflows)

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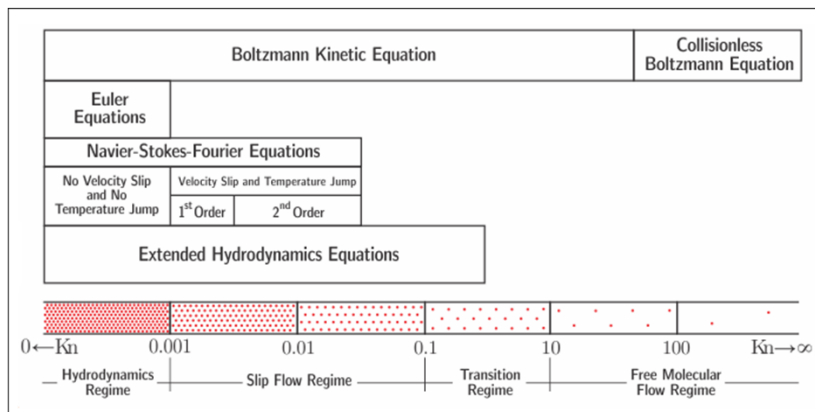


Heat Transfer and fluid flow in minichannels and microchannels .Kandlikar.S. et al.2006

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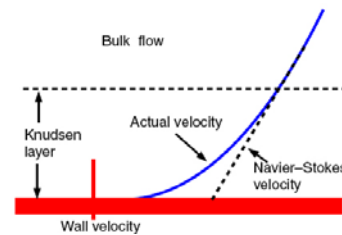
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## Knudsen layer

- The Knudsen layer (KL) is the kinetic boundary layer as a gas flows over a solid surface, whose **thickness is in the order of the mean free path (MFP) of the gas system**.
- For problems where the KL takes a large portion of the flow domain, such as gas flows in MEMS, it becomes critical to capture the gas motion in the KL.
- For instance, it has been shown that in the planar Poiseuille flow the contribution of the KL to the total mass flow rate increase can be as high as **30%** even as it takes only about **10%** of the channel



<http://iopscience.iop.org/0295-5075/80/2/24001/fulltext/>

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## Laplace number (La)

- free convection within immiscible fluids
- It represents a ratio of **surface tension** to the **momentum-transport (especially dissipation)** inside a fluid.
- also known as the Suratman number (Su)

$$La = Su = \frac{\sigma \rho L}{\mu^2} = \frac{Re}{Ca} = \frac{Re^2}{We} = Oh^{-2}$$

- $\sigma$ : surface tension, N/m
- $\rho$ : density, kg/m<sup>3</sup>
- $L$ : characteristic length, m
- $\mu$ : dynamic viscosity, Pa·s



Pierre-Simon Laplace  
1749–1827

Laplace, in conjunction with Young, is honored as one of the pioneers in the field of surface tension and capillary phenomena

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# Suratman number (Su)

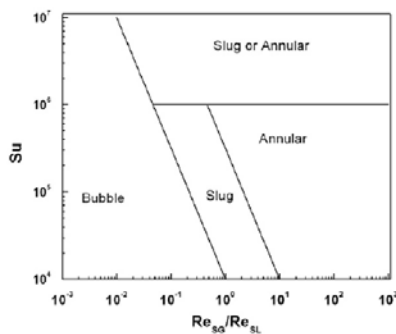
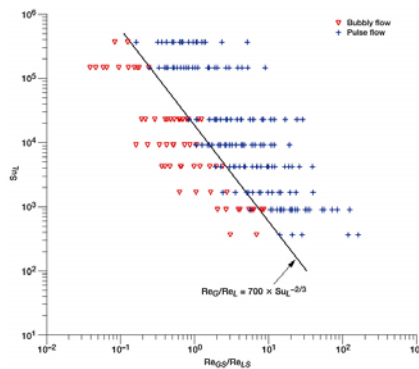


Fig. 3. Microgravity two-phase flow pattern map at  $Su < 10^6$ .

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Transition map between bubbly and slug flow for the microgravity environment

<http://www.grc.nasa.gov/WWW/RT/2003/6000/6712Bmotil.html>



# Lewis number (Le)

- defined as the ratio of **thermal diffusivity** to **mass diffusivity**. It is used to characterize fluid flows where there is simultaneous heat and mass transfer by convection.

$$Le = \frac{\alpha}{D} = \frac{Sc}{Pr}$$

- $\alpha$ : thermal diffusivity,  $m^2/s$
- $D$ : mass diffusivity,  $m^2/s$

$$Sc = \frac{v}{D} \quad Pr = \frac{v}{\alpha}$$



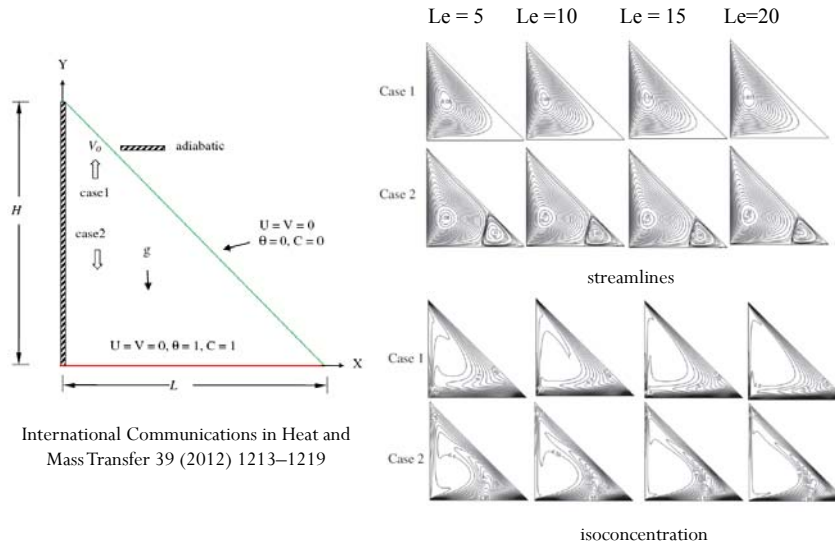
*Warren K. Lewis*

- Warren K. Lewis
- 1882–1975
- first head of the Chemical Engineering Department at MIT

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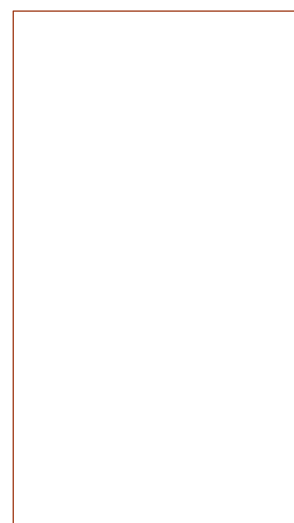
# Lewis number (Le)



# Morton number (Mo)

- determination of bubble/drop shape
- The ratio of the **gravitational acceleration** to the **molecular acceleration** of a fluid. It depends on fluid properties only.

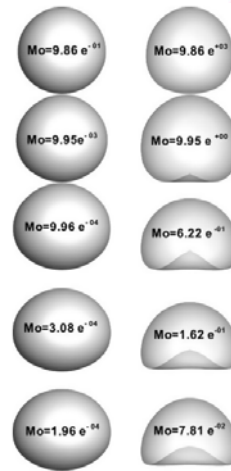
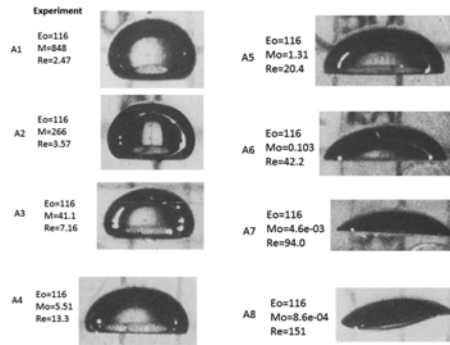
$$Mo = \frac{g\mu^4\Delta\rho}{\rho^2\sigma^3} = \frac{We^3}{Fr^2Re^4}$$



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# Morton number (Mo)

- used together with the Eötvös number to characterize the shape of bubbles or drops moving in a surrounding fluid or continuous phase



(a) Bo = 1 (b) Bo = 10

Steady state shape of a rising drop at different Reynolds numbers  
Computers & Fluids 88 (2013) 543–556

Bhaga D, Weber M. J Fluid Mech 1981;105:61–85

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# Morton number (Mo)

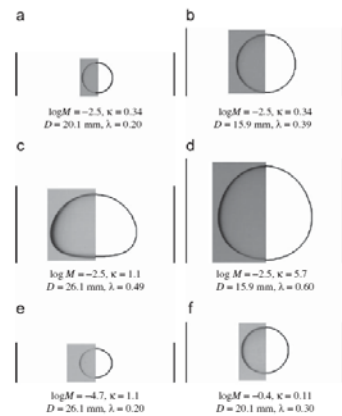
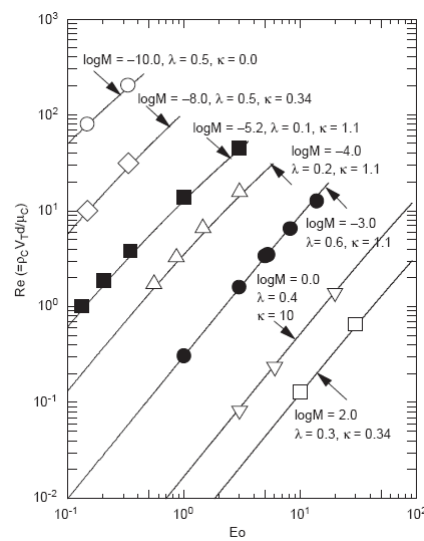


Fig. 9. Measured (left) and predicted (right) shapes of drops in pipes.



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Chemical Engineering Science 64 (2009) 3019 -- 3028

## Nusselt number (Nu)



- heat transfer with forced convection
- the ratio of **convective** to **conductive** heat transfer across (normal to) the boundary
- 1915, Nusselt published his pioneer paper: "The Basic Laws of Heat Transfer"

$$Nu = \frac{hL}{k_f} = ReStPr = PeSt$$

- $h$ : convective heat transfer coefficient
- $L$ : characteristic length
- $k_f$ : thermal conductivity of the fluid



Wilhelm Nusselt

- Wilhelm Nusselt
- 1882–1957
- German engineer

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## Nusselt number (Nu)



- A Nusselt number close to one, namely convection and conduction of similar magnitude, is characteristic of laminar flow.
- A larger Nusselt number corresponds to more active convection, with turbulent flow typically in the 100~1000 range.
- For **free convection**, the average Nusselt number is expressed as a function of the Rayleigh number and the Prandtl number, written as:  $Nu = f(Ra, Pr)$ .
- For **forced convection**, the Nusselt number is generally a function of the Reynolds number and the Prandtl number, or  $Nu = f(Re, Pr)$ .

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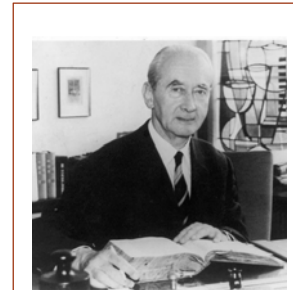


# Ohnesorge number (Oh)

- atomization of liquids, Marangoni flow
- relates the **viscous forces** to **inertial and surface tension forces**.
- The number was defined by Wolfgang von Ohnesorge in his 1936 doctoral thesis

$$Oh = \frac{\mu}{\sqrt{\rho\sigma L}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{La}} = \frac{\sqrt{We}}{Re}$$

- $\mu$  : liquid viscosity
- $\rho$ : liquid density
- $\sigma$ : surface tension
- $L$ : characteristic length scale (typically drop diameter)



- Wolfgang von Ohnesorge
- 1901–1976
- German physicist

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# Ohnesorge number (Oh)

- Broadly speaking, it appears that in the **jet breakup** and **atomization** literature the name of Ohnesorge is more recognized, whereas in the **emulsification** and **drop breakup** literature the Suratman name is more familiar.

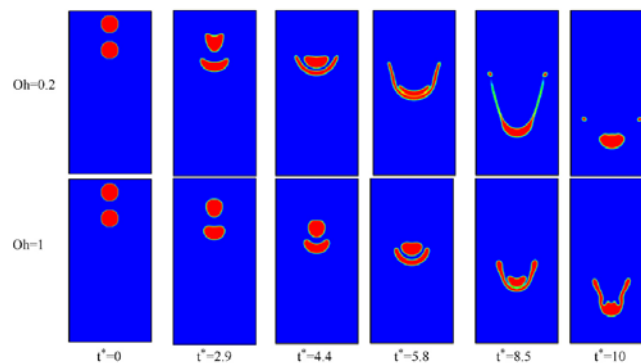


Fig. 7. Deformation and coalescence of two droplets falling in a vertical line for different Ohnesorge number at  $Eo = 43$ .

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Colloids and Surfaces A: Physicochem. Eng. Aspects 424 (2013) 40–51

## Péclet number (Pe)



- advection–diffusion problems
- the ratio of the rate of **advection** of a physical quantity by the flow to the rate of **diffusion** of the same quantity driven by an appropriate gradient

$$Pe = \frac{LU}{h} = ReNu$$

- $h$ : convective heat transfer coefficient
- $L$ : characteristic length
- $U$ : velocity scale



- Jean Claude Eugène Péclet
- 1793–1857
- French physicist

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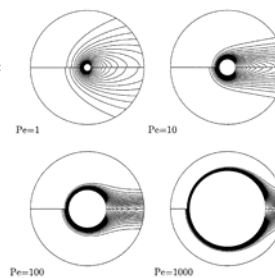
## Péclet number (Pe)

$$Pe = \frac{LU}{h}$$



- In the context of particulate motion the Péclet numbers have also been called Brenner numbers, with symbol Br, in honor of Howard Brenner
- In engineering applications the Péclet number is often very large. In such situations, the dependency of the flow upon downstream locations is diminished, and variables in the flow tend to become 'one-way' properties.

- When Pe is small, conduction is much more significant than advection, at least near the cylinder, and, therefore, there is an appreciable conduction against the flow upstream of the cylinder.



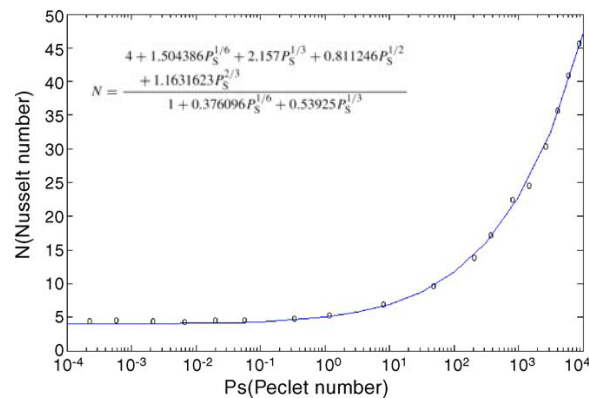
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International Journal of Thermal Sciences 43 (2004) 213–220



## Péclet number (Pe)

mass transfer rate at microdisc electrodes in a channel flow



Electrochimica Acta 51 (2006) 5407–5411

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## 网格Péclet number (Pe)

- 1976年Roache提出，网格或单元Peclet数可以用来度量某点处 $\phi$ 的对流和扩散的强度比例。用网格尺度作为 $Pe$ 数的长度尺度，即得到网格 $Pe$ 数，写作 $P_{\Delta}$

$$P_{\Delta} = \frac{\Delta x \cdot U}{h}$$

- $P_{\Delta}$ 越大，上游节点 $\phi$ 值对下游节点的影响越大，下游节点对上游节点的影响越小。而当 $P_{\Delta}=0$ 时，上游节点对下游节点的影响与下游节点对上游节点的影响一样。
- 如果 $P_{\Delta}>2$ ，一维对流扩散问题的有限体积法离散方程中表示扩散与对流作用的系数将会为负，这样会导致物理上不真实的解。当 $P_{\Delta}<2$ 时能保证应用中心差分计算有较高的精度。

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## Courant Number (CFL)



- A very important step in numerical simulation is transient time step sizing. It represents a comparison between the particle moving distance during the assumed time step and control volume dimension.

$$Cou = \frac{U\Delta t}{\Delta x}$$

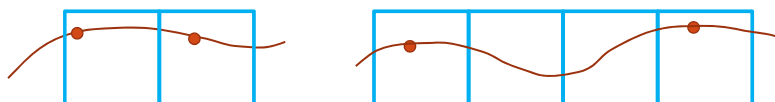
- A low *Cou* value means a small time step size ( $\Delta t$ ) and consequently a large simulation time. On the other hand, a high *Cou* value leads to an unstable numeric approach.
- When **Advection** dominates dispersion, designing a model with a **small (<1) Courant number** will decrease oscillations, improve accuracy & decrease numerical dispersion

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## Courant Number (CFL)



- numerical solutions of hyperbolic PDEs
- A physical explanation, for a CFD simulation, of the Courant number could be that it tells you something about how fluid is moving through your computational cells. If the Courant number is  $\leq 1$  fluid particles move from one cell to another within one time step (at most). If it is  $> 1$  a fluid particles moves through two or more cells at each time step and this can affect convergence negatively.



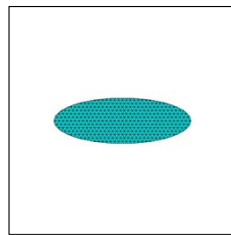
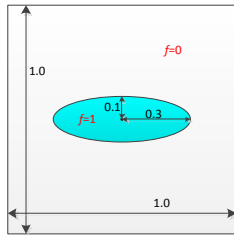
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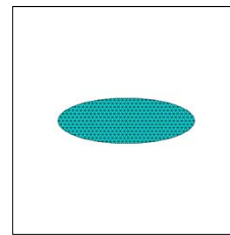


## Courant Number (CFL)

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial t} + u \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} + v \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = 0 \quad \begin{cases} u = -\pi \cdot \cos(\pi x) \cdot \sin(\pi y) \\ v = \pi \cdot \sin(\pi x) \cdot \cos(\pi y) \end{cases}$$



$Cn = 0.1$



$Cn = 1.1$

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## Courant–Friedrichs–Lewy condition

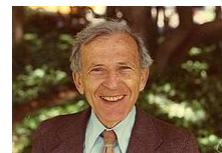
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Richard Courant  
1888-1972  
German mathematician



Kurt Otto Friedrichs  
1901-1982  
German American



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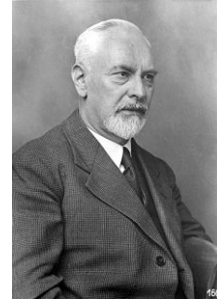
## Prandtl number (Pr)

- convection heat transfer (thickness of thermal and momentum boundary layers)
- the ratio of **momentum diffusivity** (kinematic viscosity) to **thermal diffusivity**

$$Pr = \frac{\nu}{\alpha} = \frac{C_p \mu}{k}$$

- $\nu$ : kinematic viscosity,  $m^2/s$
- $\alpha$ : thermal diffusivity,  $m^2/s$
- $\mu$ : dynamic viscosity,  $Pa \cdot s$
- $k$ : thermal conductivity,  $W/(m \cdot K)$
- $C_p$ : specific heat,  $J/(kg \cdot K)$

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- Ludwig Prandtl.
- 1875–1953
- German physicist



## Prandtl number (Pr)

- The Prandtl number contains no such length scale in its definition and is dependent only on the fluid and the fluid state
- $Pr \ll 1$  means thermal diffusivity dominates,  $Pr \gg 1$  means momentum diffusivity dominates
  - around 0.015 for mercury
  - around 0.16-0.7 for mixtures of noble gases or noble gases with hydrogen
  - around 0.7-0.8 for air and many other gases,
  - between 4 and 5 for R-12 refrigerant
  - around 7 for water (At 20 degrees Celsius)
  - 13.4 and 7.2 for seawater (At 0 degrees Celsius and 20 degrees Celsius respectively)
  - between 100 and 40,000 for engine oil
  - around  $1 \times 10^{25}$  for Earth's mantle (地幔)

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## Prandtl



- In 1904 (29 years old) he delivered a **groundbreaking** paper, *Fluid Flow in Very Little Friction*, in which he described the boundary layer flow separation.
- Prandtl and his student Theodor Meyer *developed the first theories of supersonic shock waves and flow* in 1908
- *the Lanchester-Prandtl wing theory* 1918–1919, led to the realization that on any wing of finite length. These tools enabled aircraft designers to make meaningful theoretical studies of their aircraft before they were built.
- he created a method for *designing a supersonic nozzle* with Adolf Busemann in 1929. Today, all supersonic wind tunnels and rocket nozzles are designed using the same method. A full development of supersonics would have to wait for the work of Theodore von Kármán, a student of Prandtl at Göttingen.
- Prandtl's life was marked by overtones of naïveté. At the age of thirty-four, he decided it was time to marry, so he went to his old professor, August Föppl, to ask his daughter's hand in marriage. But Prandtl didn't say which daughter. The professor and his wife had a hurried discussion and wisely decided it should be the older one. That was fine. The marriage was a long and happy one.

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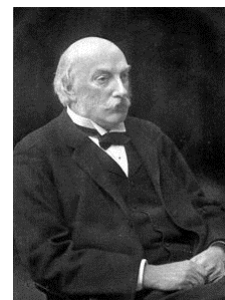
## Rayleigh number (Ra)



- associated with **buoyancy driven flow** (also known as **free convection** or **natural convection**). When the Rayleigh number is below the critical value for that fluid, heat transfer is primarily in the form of **conduction**; when it exceeds the critical value, heat transfer is primarily in the form of **convection**.
- For free convection near a vertical wall

$$Ra_x = \frac{g\beta(T_s - T_\infty)x^3}{\nu\alpha} = Gr_x Pr$$

- $x$  = Characteristic length (in this case, the distance from the leading edge)



John William Strutt  
Rayleigh

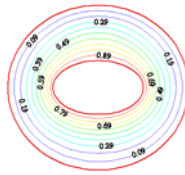
- Lord Rayleigh
- 1842 - 1919
- UK physicist

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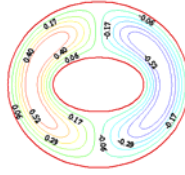


# Rayleigh number (Ra)

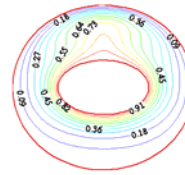
## Natural Convection between two elliptical cylinders



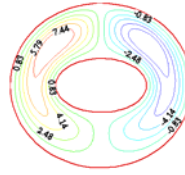
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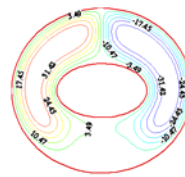
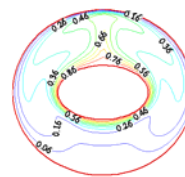
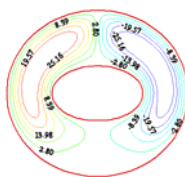
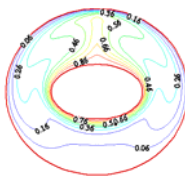
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Ra = 10<sup>4</sup> and Pr=0.702



Ra = 2.10<sup>4</sup> and Pr=0.702



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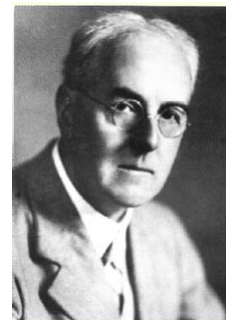


# Richardson number (Ri)

- effect of buoyancy on flow stability
- expresses the ratio of **potential** to **kinetic** energy

$$Ri = \frac{gh}{u^2} = \frac{1}{Fr^2}$$

- $g$  is the acceleration due to gravity
- $h$  a representative vertical length scale,
- $u$  a representative speed

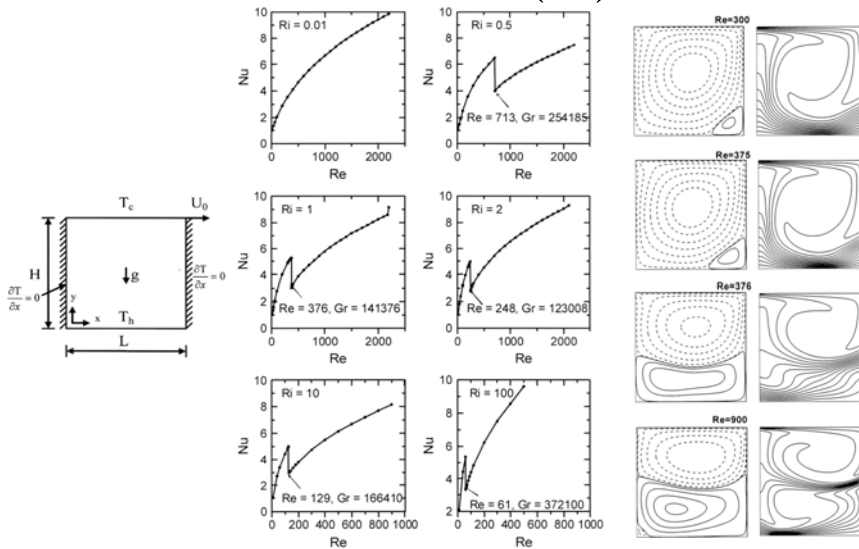


- Lewis Fry Richardson
- 1881 - 1953
- UK physicist

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## Richardson number (Ri)



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## Stefan Number (Ste)

- the ratio of **sensible heat** to **latent heat**. It is used in melting and solidification

$$Ste = \frac{c_p \Delta T}{\lambda}$$

- $c_p$ : the specific heat, J/(kg·K)
- $\Delta T$ : is the temperature difference between phases, K
- $\lambda$ : the latent heat, J/kg



- Joseph Stefan
- 1835 - 1893
- Austrian physicist

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## Stefan Number (Ste)



Table 2 – Stefan-number for throttling loss,  $T_1 = 0\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ ,  $T_2 = 40\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ .

	Water	Ammonia	R134a	R1234yf	R114
Pseudo Stefan-number, $St_{thr}$	0.05	0.11	0.09	0.12	0.10
Pressure ratio, $\pi$	12	3.6	3.4	3.2	3.9
Mechanical throttling number, $N_{thr}$	$2.7 \times 10^{-6}$	$1.5 \times 10^{-3}$	$2.6 \times 10^{-3}$	$4.1 \times 10^{-3}$	$1.3 \times 10^{-3}$
Stefan-number, $St_{thr}$	0.067	0.14	0.23	0.32	0.29
Throttling loss, $x$ (from diagrams, sources, see Table 1)	0.067	0.15	0.28	0.35	0.30

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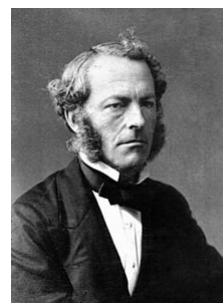
## Stokes number (St)



- corresponding to the behavior of particles suspended in a fluid flow (particle dynamics). Stokes number is defined as the ratio of the characteristic time of a particle (or droplet) to a characteristic time of the flow or of an obstacle

$$St = \frac{\tau U_o}{d_c} = \frac{\rho_d d_d^2}{18\mu_g} \quad (\text{for stokes flow})$$

- $\rho_d$ : particle density,  $\text{kg/m}^3$
- $d_d$ : particle diameter, m
- $\mu_g$ : gas dynamic viscosity,  $\text{m/s}^2$



*George Stokes*

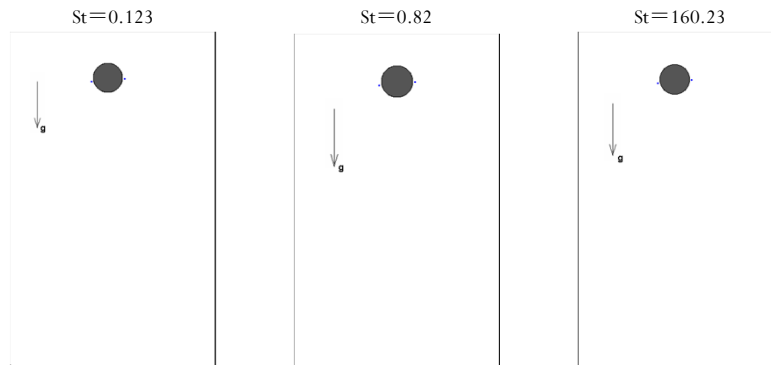
- Sir George Stokes
- 1819 - 1903
- Ireland physicist

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## Stokes number (St)

- Particles with low Stokes number follow fluid streamlines (perfect advection) whereas for large Stokes number, the particle's inertia dominates so that the particle will continue along its initial trajectory.
- For PIV, particles follow fluid streamlines closely when  $St < 1$ . If  $St < 0.1$ , tracing accuracy errors are below 1%



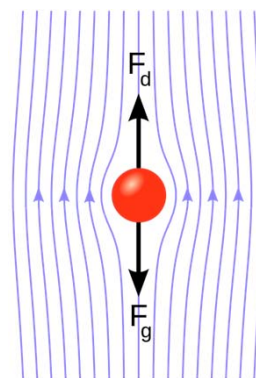
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Chen Bin, Wang Cong, ATE, 2009



## Stokes flow

- Stokes flow, also named creeping flow or creeping motion, is a type of fluid flow where advective inertial forces are small compared with viscous forces ( $Re \ll 1$ ).
- This is a typical situation in flows where the fluid velocities are very slow, the viscosities are very large, or the length-scales of the flow are very small.



a sphere in Stokes flow  
at very low Reynolds number

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## Strouhal number (St)

- used in studying the vibrations of a body past which a fluid is flowing; it is equal to a characteristic dimension of the body times the frequency of vibrations divided by the fluid velocity relative to the body (*oscillating flow*)

$$St = \frac{fL}{V}$$

- $f$  is the frequency of vortex shedding
- $L$  is the characteristic length
- $V$  is the velocity of the fluid



- Vincenc Strouhal
- 1850 – 1922
- Czech physicist

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## Strouhal number (St)

### Optimal Strouhal number for swimming animals

Species	$L$ (cm)	$S/h^2$	Re	Li	St	$U/V$	$\theta_0$ (°)
<i>Mammals</i>							
Beluga <sup>a</sup>	364	7.3	$8.0 \times 10^6$	0.145	0.35	0.48	31
Bottlenose dolphin <sup>a</sup>	258	7.9	$1.2 \times 10^7$	0.063	0.26	0.52	25
False killer whale <sup>a</sup>	379	7.8	$2.1 \times 10^7$	0.044	0.26	0.57	28
Florida manatee <sup>b</sup>	334	7.5	$4.4 \times 10^6$	0.025	0.31	0.66	
Harp seal <sup>c</sup>	153	7.7	$1.6 \times 10^6$	0.123	0.27	0.45	22
Killer whale <sup>a</sup>	473	7.3	$2.6 \times 10^7$	0.015	0.28	0.56	29
Ringed seal <sup>c</sup>	106	8.7	$1.3 \times 10^6$	0.105	0.30	0.44	24
White-sided dolphin <sup>a</sup>	221	6.5	$1.3 \times 10^7$	0.018	0.24		
<i>Sharks</i>							
Blacktip reef shark <sup>d</sup>	97	7.6	$8.3 \times 10^5$	0.036	0.25	0.66	
Bonnethead shark <sup>d</sup>	93	5.5	$8.0 \times 10^5$	0.026	0.27	0.74	
Nurse shark <sup>d</sup>	220	17.8	$1.8 \times 10^6$	0.072	0.41		
Scalloped hammerhead <sup>de</sup>	59	4.9	$3.8 \times 10^5$	0.027	0.37		
<i>Scombrids</i>							
Atlantic mackerel <sup>f</sup>	32	6.7	$5.8 \times 10^5$	0.034	0.25	0.73	
Chub mackerel <sup>f</sup>	21	10.5	$1.6 \times 10^6$	0.070	0.25		
Chub mackerel <sup>fg</sup>	21	10.5	$1.8 \times 10^6$	0.067	0.26	0.63	
Giant bluefin tuna <sup>h</sup>	250	4.8	$5.7 \times 10^6$	0.015	0.24		
Kawakawa tuna <sup>gh</sup>	21	5.0	$1.8 \times 10^6$	0.032	0.21	0.60	
Pacific bonito <sup>i</sup>	47	6.2	$4.5 \times 10^6$	0.033	0.23		
Skipjack tuna <sup>h</sup>	57	5.8	$2.2 \times 10^6$	0.022	0.27		
Yellowfin tuna <sup>h</sup>	53	5.5	$6.1 \times 10^5$	0.028	0.29	0.48	

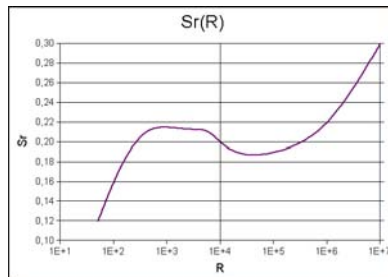
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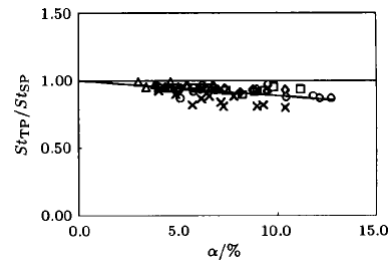
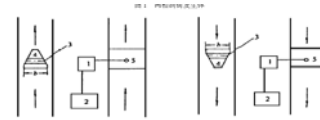


## Strouhal number (St)



Strouhal number as a function of the Reynolds number for a long cylinder

<http://www.answers.com/topic/strouhal-number>



李永光, 林宗虎. 1995

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## Weber number (We)

- It is often useful in analyzing fluid flows where there is an interface between two different fluids, especially for **multiphase flows with strongly curved surfaces**. It can be thought of as a measure of the relative importance of the fluid's **inertia** compared to its **surface tension**

$$We = \frac{\rho u^2 L}{\sigma} = CaRe = Re^2 \left(\frac{Mo}{Eo}\right)^2 = (FrMoRe^4)^{1/3}$$

- $\rho$ : is the density of the fluid (kg/m<sup>3</sup>)
- $u$ : is its velocity (m/s)
- $L$ : is its characteristic length (diameter)
- $\sigma$ : is the surface tension (N/m)



- Moritz Weber
- 1871–1951
- German engineer

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# Weber number (We)

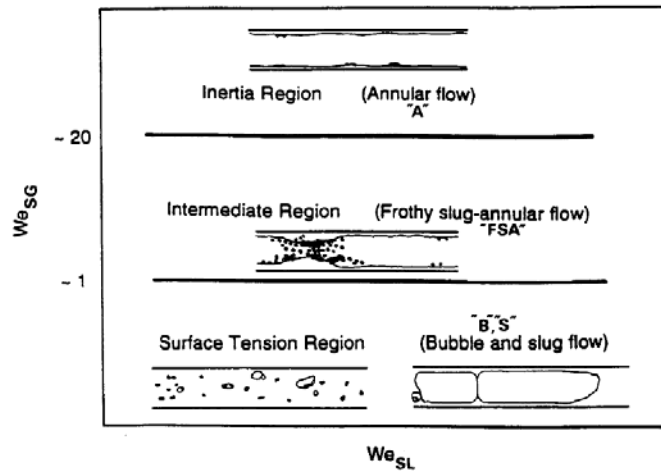


Figure 1. Microgravity two-phase flow pattern map based on the superficial Weber numbers, Zhao & Rezkallah (1993).

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# Weber number (We)

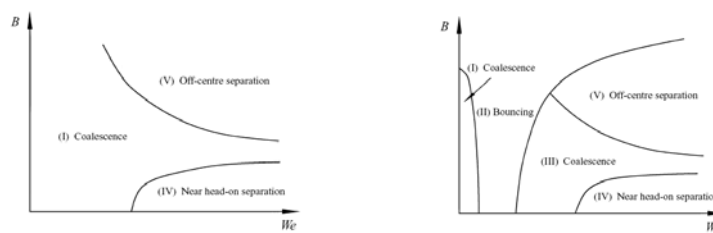
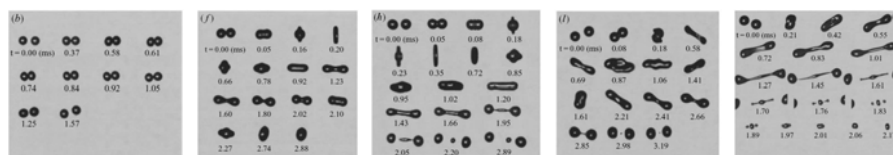



FIGURE 1. Schematic of various collision regimes of water droplets in 1 atm. air. FIGURE 2. Schematic of various collision regimes of hydrocarbon droplets in 1 atm. air.



We=0.5 Re=14.8    We=32.8 Re=210.8    We=61.4 Re=296.5    We=48.1 Re=270.1    We=65.1 Re=320.3

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## Weissenberg number (Wi)

- used in the study of viscoelastic flows
- the ratio of the relaxation time of the fluid and a specific process time.
- When the time-scale of a flow  $t_f$  is much less than the relaxation time  $t_r$  of an elasticoviscous material, elastic effects dominate. When on the other hand  $t_f$  is much greater than  $t_r$ , elastic effects relax sufficiently for viscous effects to dominate.


$$Wi = \frac{t_f}{t_p}$$






*K. Weissenberg*

- Karl Weissenberg
- 1893 – 1976
- Austrian physicist



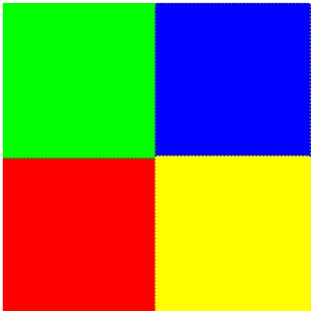
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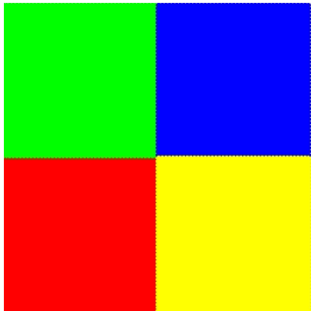
## Weissenberg number (Wi)

- For instance, in simple steady shear, it is defined as the **shear rate** times the **relaxation time**

$$Wi = \dot{\gamma}\lambda$$



Wi=0.5



Wi= 10

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http://www.math.nyu.edu/~thomases/oldb.html



## Exercise 02

- $Ca = \frac{We}{Re}$      $Mo = \frac{We^3}{Fr^2 Re^4}$      $Oh = \frac{\sqrt{We}}{Re}$
- $We = Re^2 \left(\frac{Mo}{Eo}\right)^2 = (Fr Mo Re^4)^{1/3}$

## Exercise 03 (optional)

- Try to find the origins of Atwood number, Capillary number and Morton number.

**To be continued.....**