

# HS fluid

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## 0.1 Viscosity

The viscosity is a function of the second principal invariant of the shear strain rate tensor:

$$|D| = \sqrt{\sum_{i,j} D_{ij} D_{ij}}$$

where  $D_{ij} = (\partial_i u_j + \partial_j u_i)/2$ , it has unit of  $s^{-1}$ . We use a general Herschel-Bulkley formulation

$$\tau = \tau_y + \mu_N \dot{\gamma}^N$$

which is coded with an effective viscosity of the form:

$$\mu(|D|) = \frac{\tau_y}{2|D|} + \mu_N |D|^{N-1}.$$

Where  $\tau_y$  is the yield stress:  $\tau_y = 56\text{Pa}$ ,  $\mu_N = 37\text{Pa s}^{0.325}$  and the index  $N = 0.325$  (note that  $\mu_N$  has strange units).

## 0.2 Remarks

The form  $\mu(|D|) = \frac{\tau_y}{2|D|} + \mu_N |D|^{N-1}$  gives  $\mu(|D|) = \mu_1$  when  $N = 1$  and  $\tau_y = 0$ , the standard viscosity for a Newtonian fluid. The "2" comes from the definition of the relation between rate of deformation and stress:  $\underline{\underline{\tau}} = 2\mu \underline{\underline{D}}$  in the tensorial definition.

### 0.3 Geometry

The problem is a heap of viscoplastic material of height 5cm of length 30cm released on a slope of length 70cm. At this position begins a small step of depth 1cm. The fluid has a density  $\rho_0 = 1357 \text{kgm}^{-3}$

### 0.4 Non Dimensional problem

The Navier Stokes equations with Herschel-Bulkley are:

$$\rho_0 \frac{d\vec{u}}{dt} = -\vec{\nabla} p - \rho_0 \vec{g} + \vec{\nabla} \cdot \underline{\underline{\tau}}$$

with

$$\underline{\underline{\tau}} = \left( \frac{\tau_y}{2|\bar{D}|} + \mu_N |\bar{D}|^{N-1} \right) \underline{\underline{D}}$$

Using  $x = L\bar{x}$ ,  $y = L\bar{y}$ , and  $(u, v) = U_0(\bar{u}, \bar{v})$  we have  $p = \rho_0 U_0^2 \bar{p}$  and  $\underline{\underline{D}} = (U_0/L) \underline{\underline{\bar{D}}}$ , of course,  $t = (L/U_0)\bar{t}$ . Let us write the viscous part:

$$\underline{\underline{\tau}} = \rho_0 U_0^2 \left[ \left( \frac{\tau_y}{\rho_0 U_0^2 |\bar{D}|} + 2 \frac{\mu_N}{\rho_0 U_0^2} \left( \frac{U_0}{L} \right)^N |\bar{D}|^{N-1} \right) \underline{\underline{\bar{D}}} \right]$$

or

$$\underline{\underline{\tau}} = \rho_0 U_0^2 \left[ \left( \frac{\tau_y}{\rho_0 U_0^2 |\bar{D}|} + 2 \frac{\mu_N}{\rho_0 U_0 L} \left( \frac{U_0}{L} \right)^{N-1} |\bar{D}|^{N-1} \right) \underline{\underline{\bar{D}}} \right]$$

or finally

$$\underline{\underline{\tau}} = \rho_0 U_0^2 \left[ \left( \frac{\bar{\tau}_y}{|\bar{D}|} + \frac{2}{Re_N} |\bar{D}|^{N-1} \right) \underline{\underline{\bar{D}}} \right]$$

with the yield stress without dimension  $\bar{\tau}_y = \frac{\tau_y}{\rho_0 U_0^2}$  and a kind of Reynolds

number  $Re_N = \frac{\rho_0 U_0 L}{\mu_N} \left( \frac{U_0}{L} \right)^{1-N}$ . Hence, with these two parameters the final Navier Stokes is:

$$\frac{d\bar{u}}{d\bar{t}} = -\vec{\nabla} \bar{p} - \frac{gL}{U_0^2} \vec{e}_y + 2\vec{\nabla} \left[ \left( \frac{\bar{\tau}_y}{2|\bar{D}|} + \frac{1}{Re_N} |\bar{D}|^{N-1} \right) \underline{\underline{\bar{D}}} \right]$$

of course, if  $\tau_y = 0$  and  $N = 1$

$$2\vec{\nabla} \left[ \left( \frac{\bar{\tau}_y}{2|\bar{D}|} + \frac{1}{Re_N} |\bar{D}|^{N-1} \right) \underline{\underline{\bar{D}}} \right] = 0 + 2\vec{\nabla} \left[ \frac{1}{Re_1} \underline{\underline{\bar{D}}} \right] = \frac{1}{Re_1} \vec{\nabla}^2 \bar{u}$$

## 0.5 Non Dimensional problem, choice of $U_0, L...$

Up to now, it is just a matter of choice.

Let us say we take first  $L = 1m$  as longitudinal scale,  $x = L\bar{x}$ . So the step is for  $\bar{x} = 0.7$  We need a time scale  $T$ . This is a collapse so that it is natural to put to one in front of the gravity:  $\frac{gL}{U_0^2} = 1$ . This means that the scales of length and time  $L/T^2 = g$ , then  $T = \sqrt{L/g}$ , *i.e.* 0.32s. The velocity scale is  $U_0 = L/T$  which is  $\sqrt{gL}$ , the gravitational term is 1.

Maybe, you have an imposed velocity  $V_0$  in your experiment. So at this point:

- either you use  $T = \sqrt{L/g}$ , and  $L$ , so that the velocity scale  $L/T$  is  $\sqrt{gL}$  and then the imposed velocity is  $V_0/\sqrt{gL}$ .
- either you use this velocity as scale, so that  $V_0$  is the fundamental scale and then the time unit is  $T = L/V_0$ . You then have to change the gravity, which is without dimension is  $gL/V_0^2$ .

Anyway, we have now a scale for time  $T$ , a scale for length  $L$  and a then a velocity  $L/T$

Let us now make  $\tau_y$  non dimensional, it is simply  $\tau_y/((\rho_0(L/T)^2)$ , in my case  $\tau_y = 56Pa$ ,  $\rho_0 = 1357kg/m^3$ ,  $L = 1m$ ,  $T = \sqrt{L/g}$

$$\tau_y/(\rho_0 g L) = 0.004206$$

Maybe in your case, it is better to have a unit characteristic velocity and  $\tau_y/(\rho_0 V_0^2)$  is the good non dimensional yield.

The parameter  $Re_N = \frac{\rho_0 U_0 L}{\mu_N} (\frac{U_0}{L})^{1-N}$  has to be computed now. with my values it is  $Re_N = 248$ .

## 0.6 Script

The *Gerris* script is

```
Define L0 1.001
Define alph 20./180*3.1415
Define rhof 0.001
Define nuf 0.0001
Define Mumax 250
Define tauy 0.004206
Define ReN 248
Define N 0.325
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(...)

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SourceViscosity {} {
    double Mu1 = nuf*rhof;
    if (T > 0 && D2 > 0.) {
        Mu1 = (tauy/(2*D2) + 1./ReN*pow(D2,N-1));
        Mu1 = MIN(Mu1,Mumax);
    }
    // Classic trick: use harmonic mean for the dynamic viscosity
    return 1./(T/Mu1 + (1. - T)/nuf/rhof);
} {
    beta = 1
    tolerance = eps
}

PhysicalParams { alpha = 1./(T + (rhof)*(1. - T)) }

(...)

Source {} V -cos(alph)
Source {} U  sin(alph)

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