

# Asymptotic Expansions in Physics workshop.

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# Asymptotic Expansions in Physics workshop.

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- **"Asymptotic Expansions in Fluid Mechanics: example of Matched Asymptotic Expansions, some classical results and application to boundary layer separation"**

The method of Matched Asymptotic Expansions (MAE) is one of the classical tools to look at singular problems in fluid mechanics. WKB or multiple scale give the same result, but more or less tractable depending on the problem. MAE has been used intensively from the 50' to solve problems depending on a small parameter in the case where the problem becomes singular when the parameter is zero. Singular problems arise at small Reynolds number, we need MAE to obtain the viscous Oseen flow around a cylinder 1957.

Singular problems arise at small inverse of Reynolds number, Navier Stokes equations give Euler/ Boundary Layer decomposition 1905. We will discuss the order two of Boundary Layer 1962 and how it creates a perturbation of Euler at next order. We will apply MAE to boundary layer separation (wich is a singularity of the Boundary Layer which has to be solved by the "triple deck" 1969: a boundary layer in the boundary layer).

More recently other problems like pinching, drop impact, thin films... present some singularities and are solved with asymptotic methods together with numeric simulations showing the continuous need of some asymptotics to understand flows.



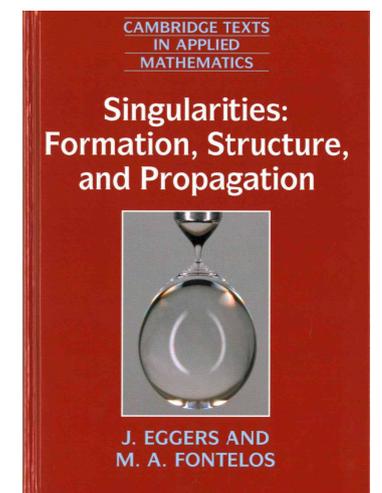
# temptative definition of singularity (in fluid mechanics)

**Singularities** involve quantities **diverging** in either space or time (so-called blowup) or the **divergence of some derivative** of the original quantities.

Intuitively, this means that a **local length scale of the system goes to zero**. Often this is the result of **nonlinearities** of the problem, which couple different length scales.

J. Eggers, M. A. Fontelos  
Singularities Formation, Structure, and Propagation  
Cambridge University Press (2015)

non linearities  
small parameter  
small ratio of scales  
diverging quantity



# Examples of classical singularities that we will see today

$\partial'$ Alembert paradox: no drag in ideal fluids  $\varepsilon = 1/Re$   
-> viscous effect, small boundary layer  
(Matched Asymptotic Expansion)

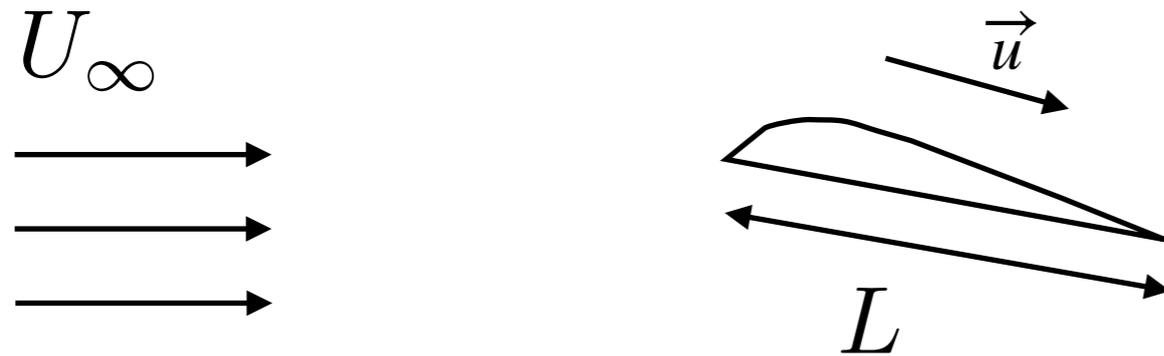
Singularity at separation of the boundary layer  $\varepsilon = Re^{-1/8}$   
-> introduce a boundary layer in the boundary layer  
(Matched Asymptotic Expansion)

Impossibility to solving the very viscous flow around a cylinder in a flow (Oseen)  $\varepsilon = Re$   
-> introduce a far layer where cylinder is a line  
(Matched Asymptotic Expansion)

$\varepsilon \ll 1$  non linearities, diverging quantity  
small parameter, small ratio of scales, dominant balance  
final regularisation



# Navier Stokes



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

$$\frac{\partial \vec{u}}{\partial t} + \vec{u} \cdot \vec{\nabla} \vec{u} = -\frac{\vec{\nabla} p}{\rho} + \nu \vec{\nabla}^2 \vec{u}$$

Real Full 3D unsteady flows

Direct Numerical Simulations : DNS

$$Re = \frac{U_{\infty} L}{\nu}$$

Reynolds Number controls transition from laminar to turbulent

$$0 \leq Re \leq \infty$$

turbulence modeling

Very complicated and serious problems



**Asymptotics**  $\varepsilon \ll 1$   $\varepsilon = 1/Re$  or  $\varepsilon = Re$

$$Re = \frac{U_\infty L}{\nu}$$

Small Reynolds number: viscosity dominates  
 $\varepsilon = Re$

Micro fluidics, some biological flows  
flow is laminar

Large Reynolds number: inertia dominates  
 $\varepsilon = 1/Re$

Aerodynamics, most of classical industrial flows  
flow is turbulent or not on a wing

First Question :  
what is the laminar flow in the limit of  
large Reynolds number?



Question :

what is the flow in the limit of large Reynolds number? remaining laminar

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} = 0$$

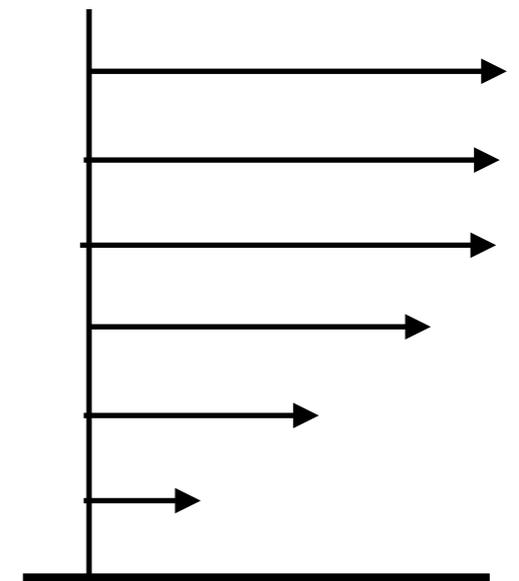
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$$u \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} + v \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} = -\frac{\partial p}{\partial y} + \frac{1}{Re} \left( \frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial y^2} \right)$$

zero velocities at the wall

no slip is "the" boundary condition



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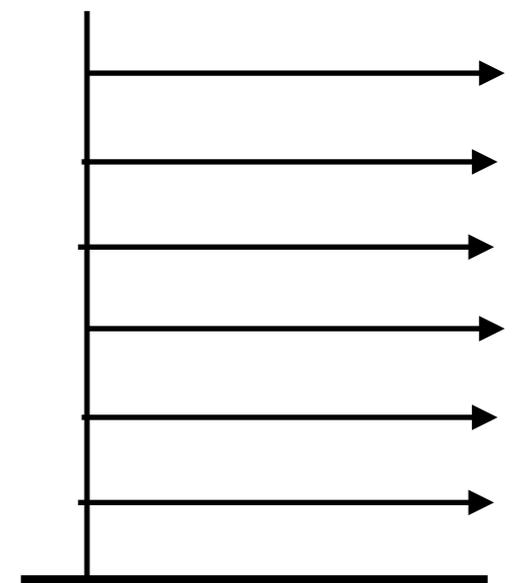
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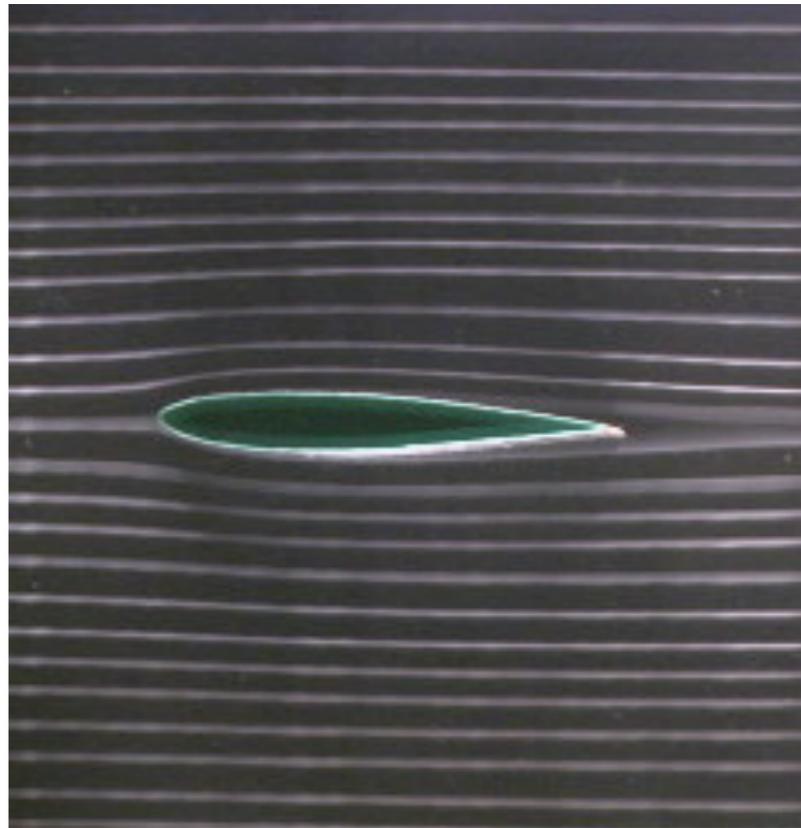
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divergence of the derivative  $\partial u / \partial y$   
only zero transverse velocity at the wall  
(slip velocity)

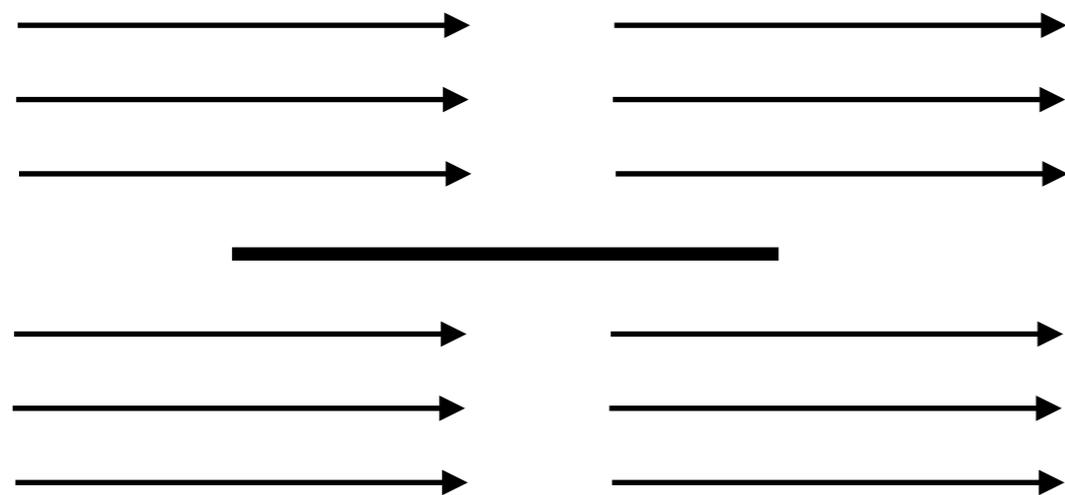
**singular perturbation problem**



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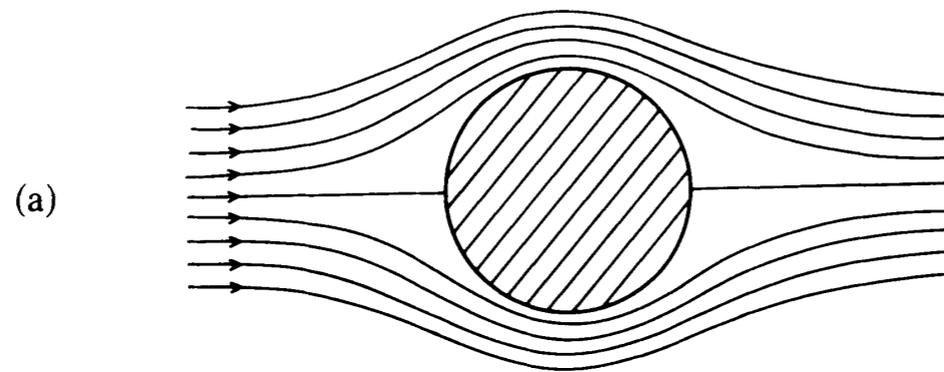
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Flat plate



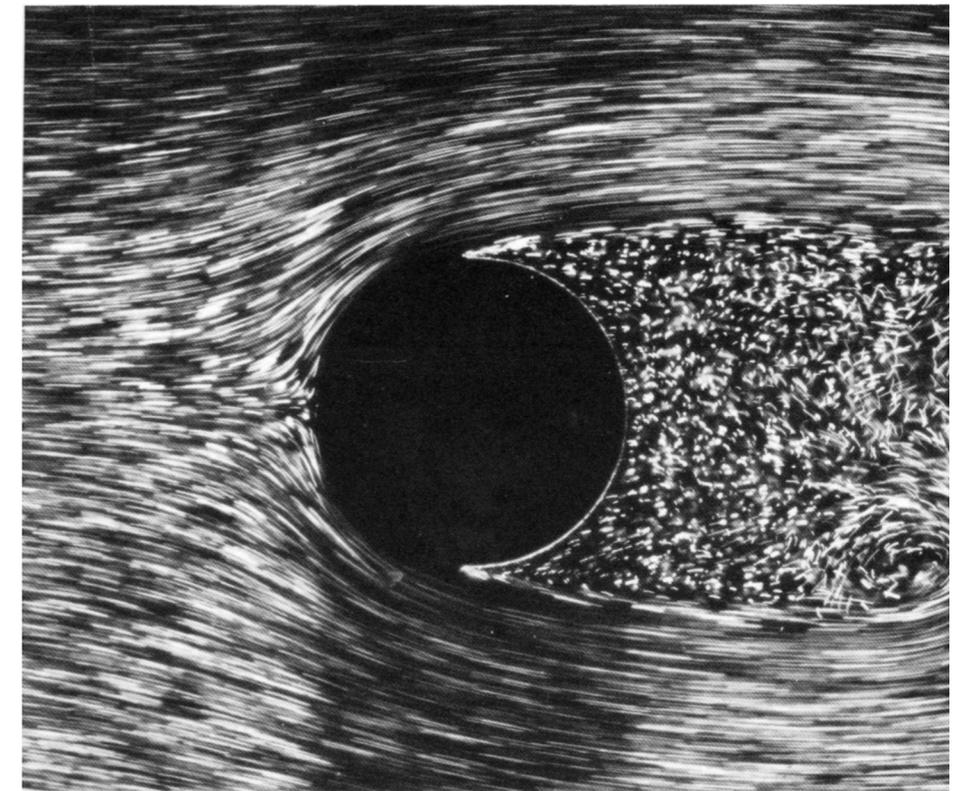
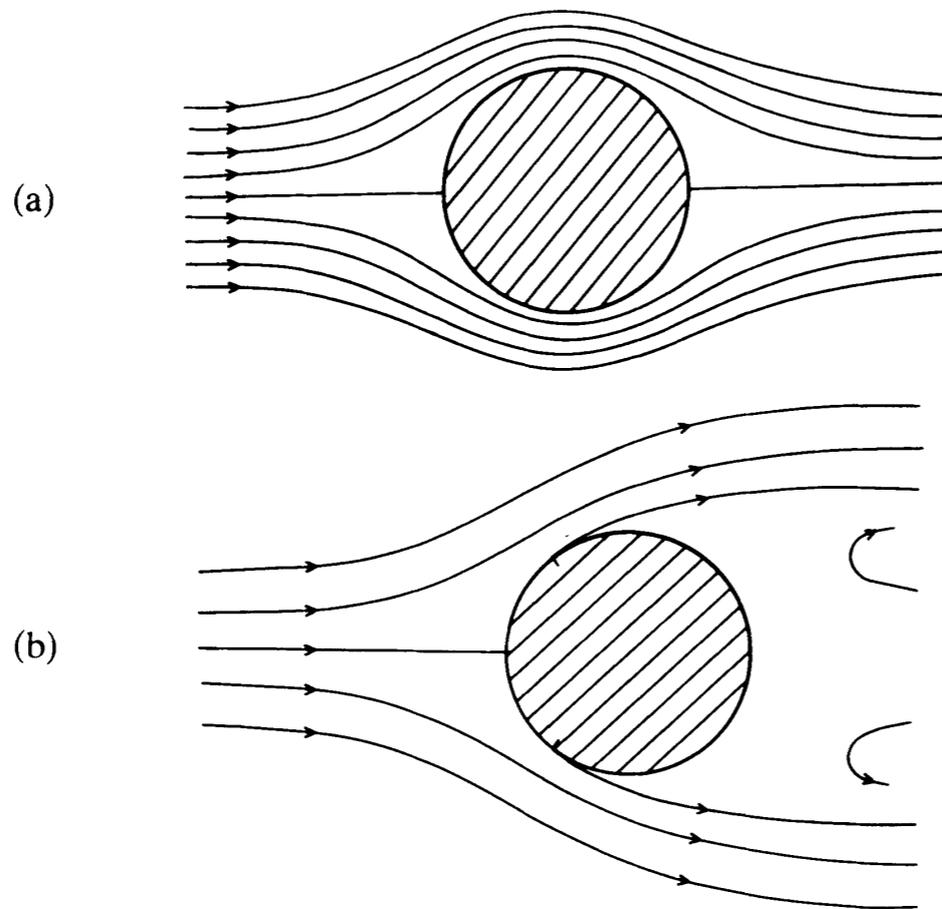
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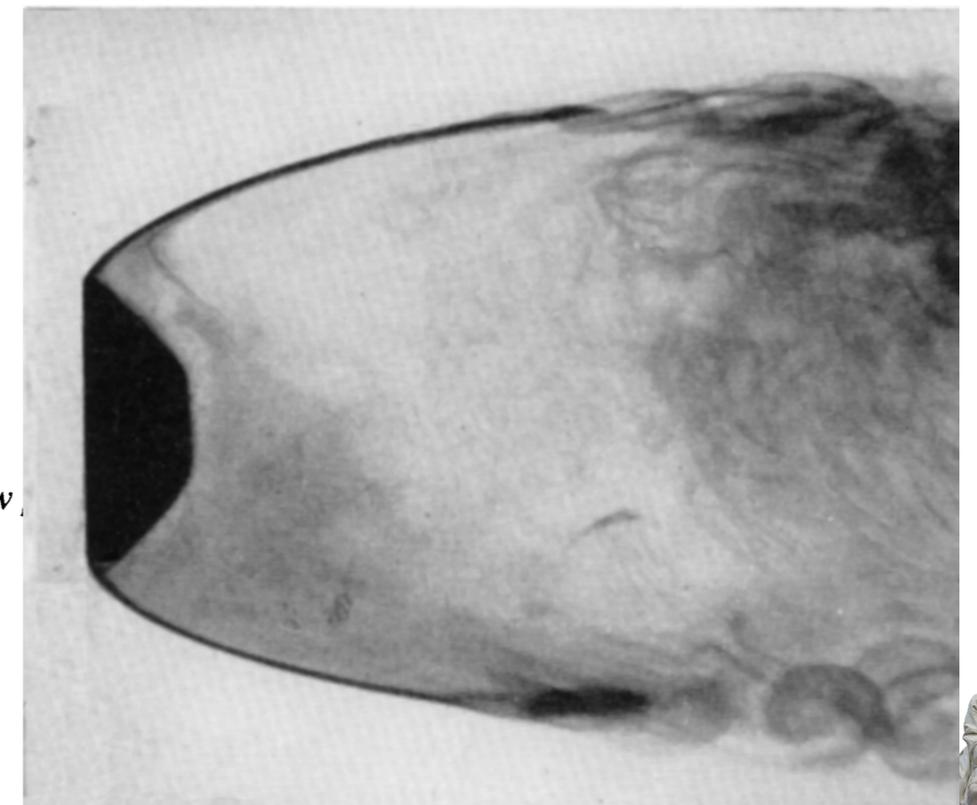


FIG. 1. Two of the candidates for the steady solution of the Navier–Stokes equations for flow around a cylinder at  $R \gg 1$ . (a) attached potential flow. (b) Kirchhoff free-streamline flow.



# $\partial'$ Alembert Paradox 1752: no drag on the plate

In viscous fluid there is a small layer near the plate where the viscous effects are important

In ideal fluid, there is no drag on a flat plate ( $\partial'$ Alembert Paradox)

one has to introduce the "boundary layer" : a thin layer near the plate where the neglected viscous effect comes back (dominant balance)

The no slip condition is now verified  
A viscous drag appears

University of Göttingen

Prandtl 1905

Blasius 1908

Hiemenz 1911

Von Kármán 1921

Pohlhausen 1922

Goldstein 1948

Schlichting 60-70

Neiland 1969

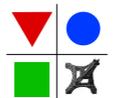
Drela, Cebecchi, Le Balleur, Cousteix 80' 90'

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J. Lighthill 70'

K. Stewarton 1969

F.T. Smith 1980



$\partial'$ Alembert  
Institut Jean le Rond d'Alembert



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## **singular perturbation problem**

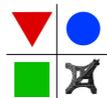
when  $\varepsilon = 1/Re$  the NS equation becomes singular  
*i.e.* we can not full fill all boundary conditions

how to re-obtain the whole set of boundary conditions?

one needs some asymptotic methods to solve the full  
problem for  $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0$

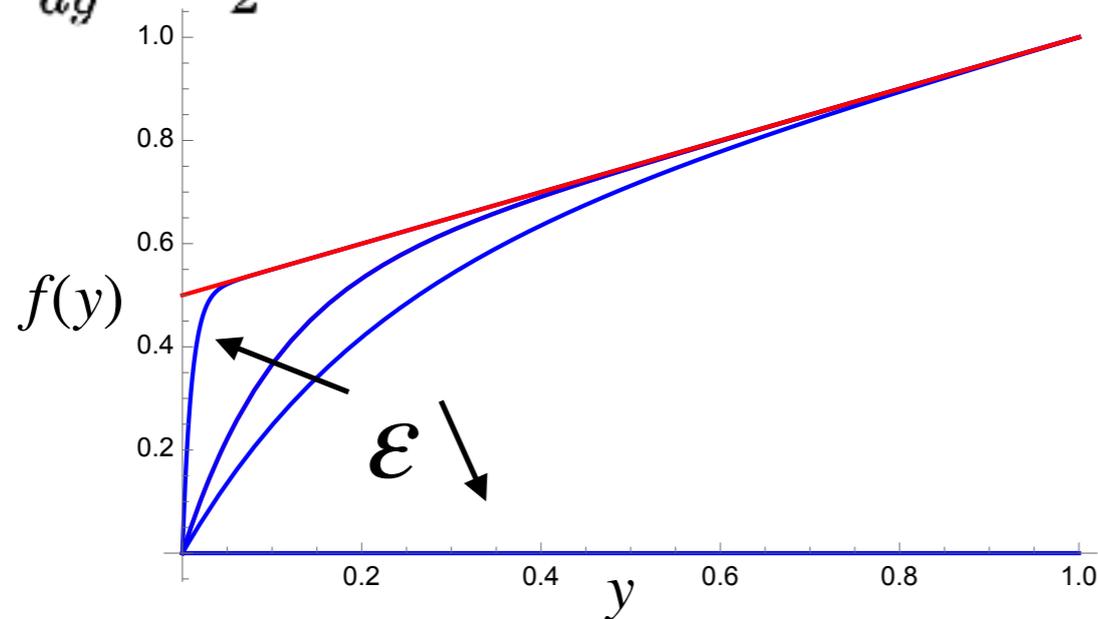
Matched Asymptotic Expansion

**we first start by a simple model**



# Friedrichs problem

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singular problem at  $\varepsilon = 0$

Friedrichs problem 1942 : a model problem to introduce Matched Asymptotic Expansion

A simple model to understand Navier Stokes

S. Kaplun 1957

M. Van Dyke, Perturbation methods in Fluid Mechanics Pergammon (1975)

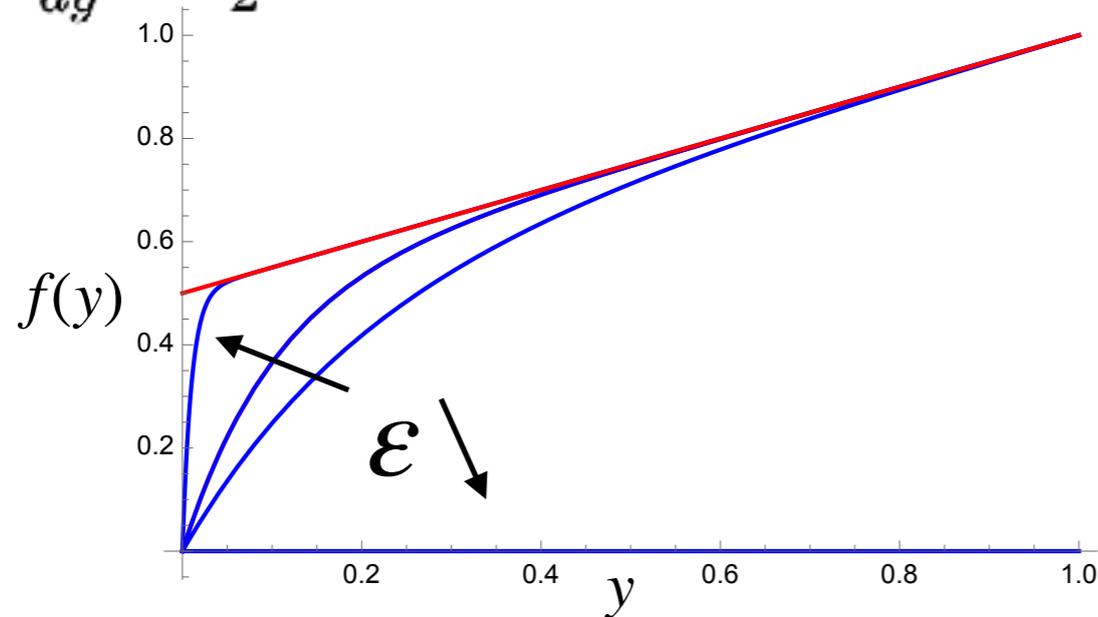
J. Hinch Perturbation Methods, Cambridge University Press, (1991)

C. M. Bender, S.A. Orzag Advanced Mathematical methods for scientists and engineers Mc Graw Hill (1991)



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"external problem"

equation degenerates  $\varepsilon = 0$

$$\frac{df(y)}{dy} = \frac{1}{2}, \quad f(0) = 0; \quad f(1) = 1,$$

solution, but only one BC verified

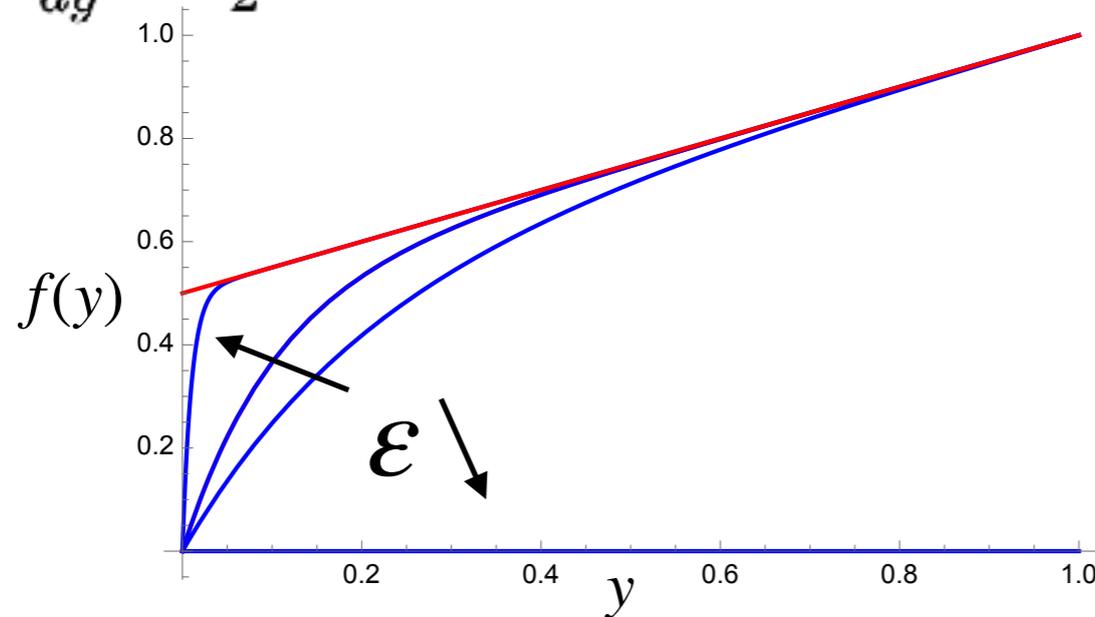
$$f(y) = \frac{y+1}{2}, \quad f(0) \neq 0 \quad f(1) = 1$$

Fluids: "external problem"  
is Euler Problem : one BC is missing



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"internal problem"

$$\varepsilon \rightarrow 0$$

**do a change of scale**

$$y = \delta(\varepsilon) \tilde{y}$$

$$\varepsilon \frac{d^2 \tilde{f}(\tilde{y})}{\delta^2 d\tilde{y}^2} + \frac{d\tilde{f}(\tilde{y})}{\delta d\tilde{y}} = \frac{1}{2}.$$

$$\text{small} \times \text{large} + \text{large} = O(1)$$

**Dominant Balance**

$$\text{large} + \text{large} = O(1)$$

the new scale is  $\delta(\varepsilon) = \varepsilon$

equation is now (lost term comes back)

$$\frac{d^2 \tilde{f}}{d\tilde{y}^2} + \frac{d\tilde{f}}{d\tilde{y}} = 0,$$

Solution at the new scale :

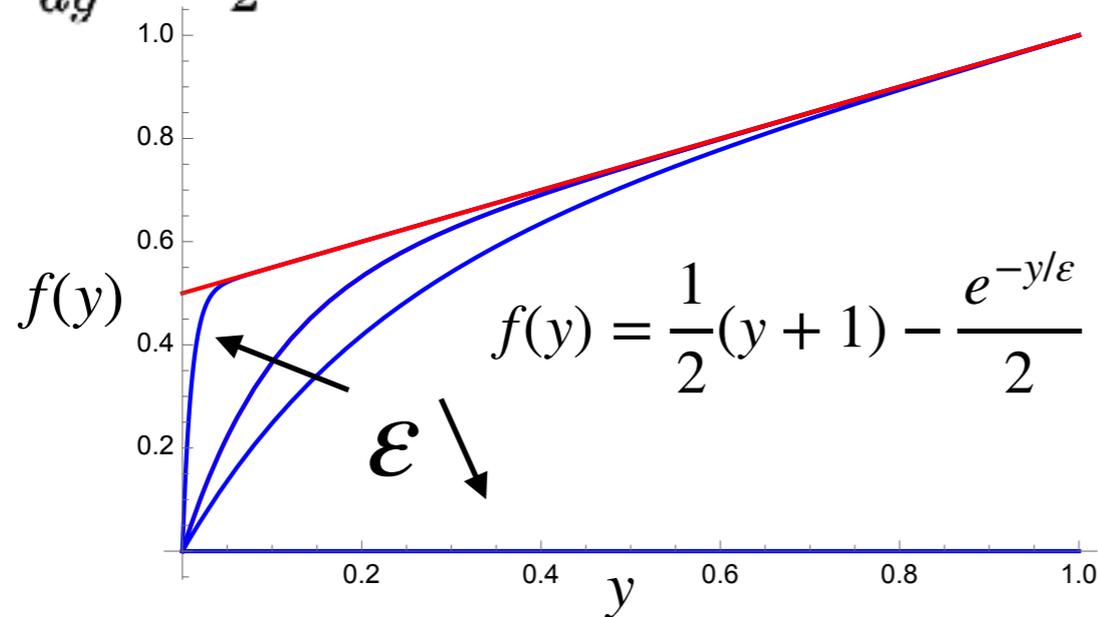
$$\tilde{f}(\tilde{y}) = A(1 - e^{-\tilde{y}}).$$

Fluids "internal problem" is the Boundary Layer Problem



# Friedrichs problem

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"matching"

two descriptions  $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0$

internal

$$f(y) = \frac{y+1}{2}$$

$$f(y \rightarrow 0) = 1/2$$

external

$$\tilde{f}(\tilde{y}) = A(1 - e^{-\tilde{y}}).$$

$$\tilde{f}(\tilde{y} \rightarrow \infty) = A$$

**"asymptotic matching"**

$$\lim_{y \rightarrow 0} [f(y)] = \lim_{\tilde{y} \rightarrow \infty} [\tilde{f}(\tilde{y})]$$

two final descriptions

$$f(y) = \frac{1}{2}(y+1) \quad \tilde{f}(\tilde{y}) = \frac{1}{2}(1 - e^{-\tilde{y}})$$

sum of both minus common limit is :

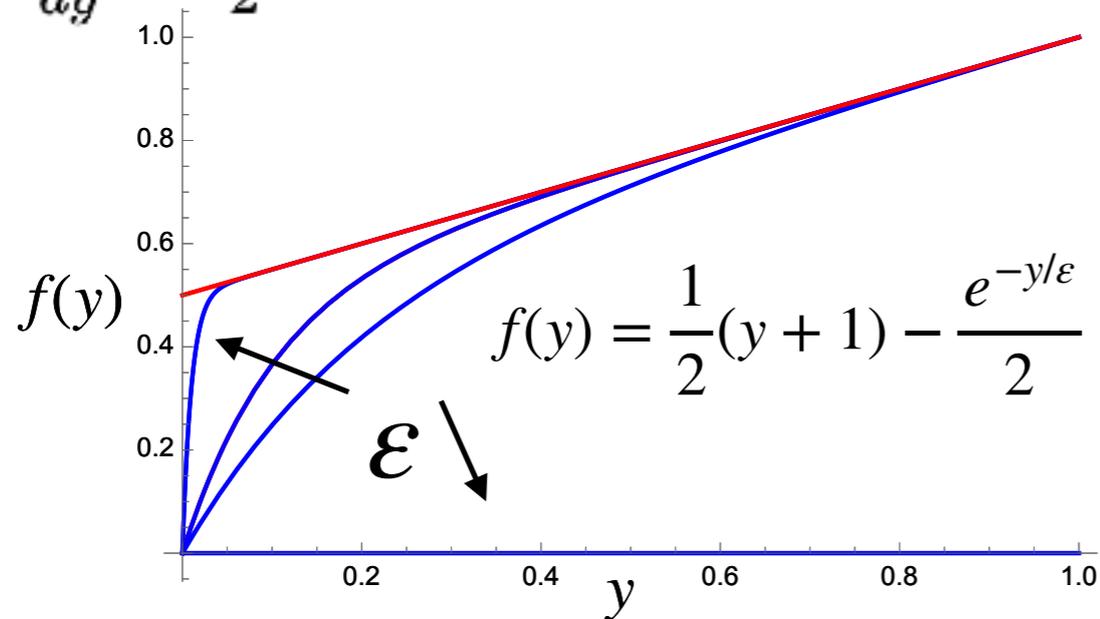
Composite expansion 
$$f(y) = \frac{1}{2}(y+1) - \frac{e^{-y/\varepsilon}}{2}$$



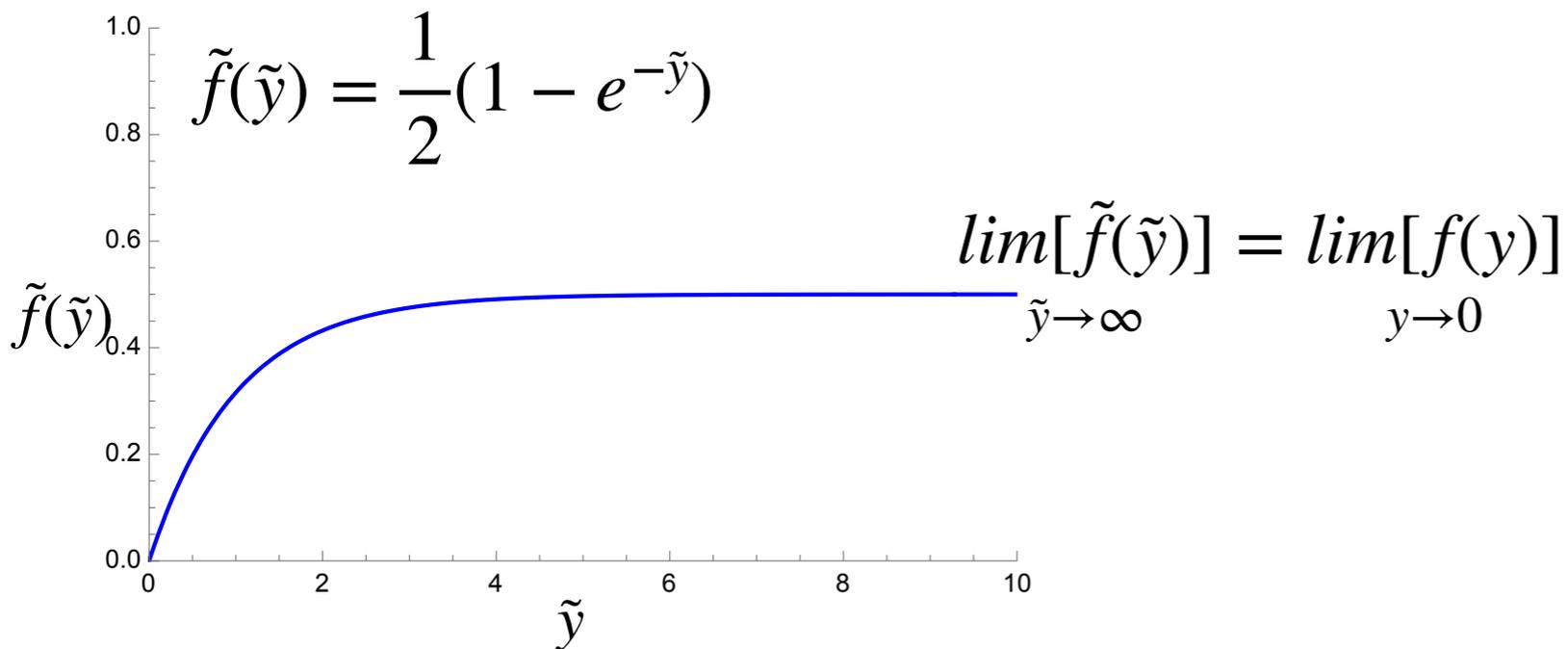
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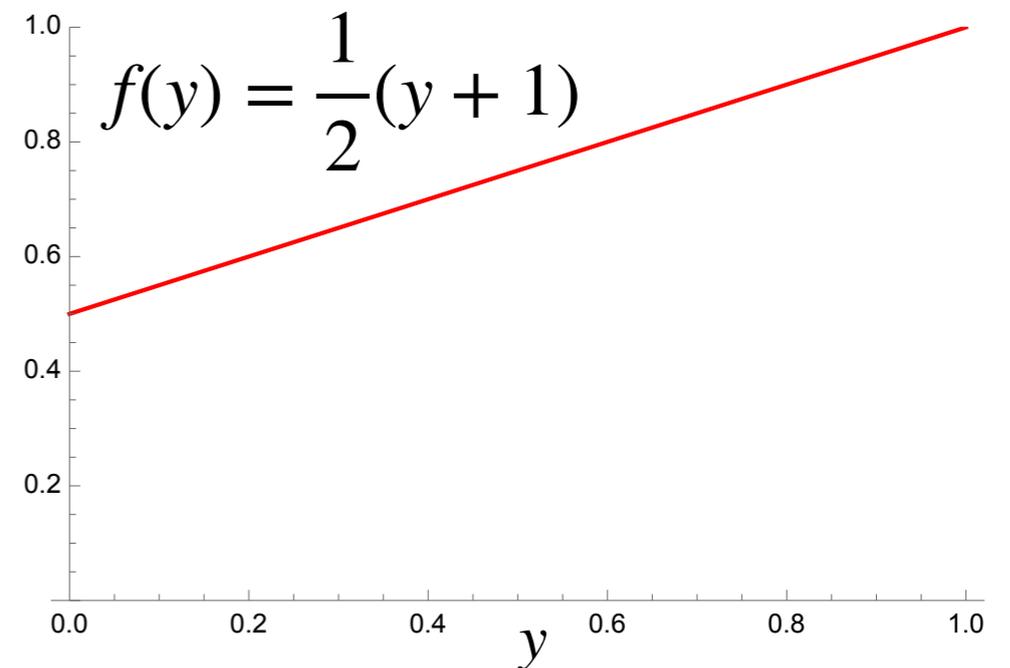
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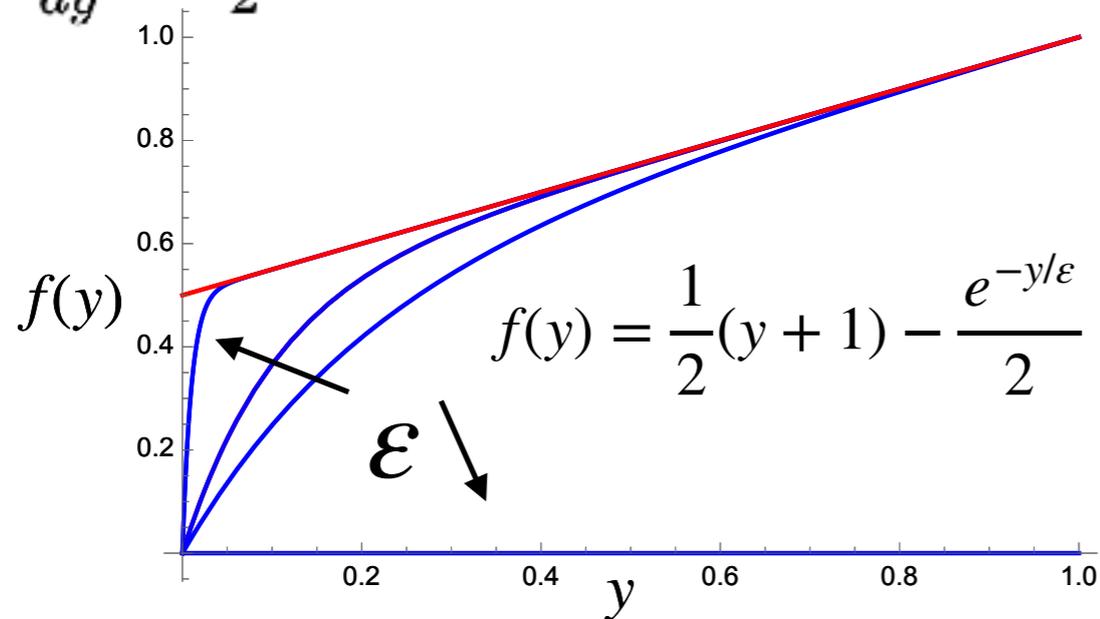


Composite expansion  $f(y) = \frac{1}{2}(y + 1) - \frac{e^{-y/\varepsilon}}{2}$



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Here we solved with Matched Asymptotic Expansion

The **same** example can be solved with:

- Multiple Scale
- WKB
- Renormalisation

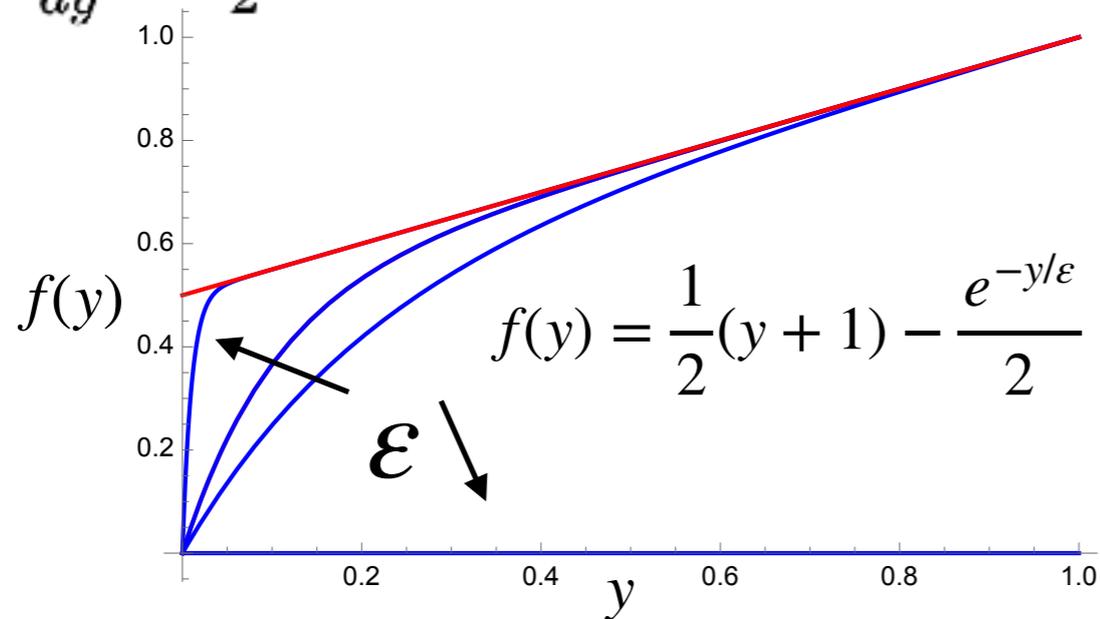
same final result

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# Multiple Scale

must be in small scale description

$$y = \varepsilon \tilde{y}$$

$$\frac{d^2 \tilde{f}(\tilde{y})}{d\tilde{y}^2} + \frac{d\tilde{f}(\tilde{y})}{d\tilde{y}} = \frac{\varepsilon}{2}.$$

two scales

$$\tilde{y}_0 = \tilde{y}, \quad \tilde{y}_1 = \varepsilon \tilde{y}$$

derivative

$$\frac{d}{d\tilde{y}} = \frac{\partial}{\partial \tilde{y}_0} + \varepsilon \frac{\partial}{\partial \tilde{y}_1}$$

expansion

$$\tilde{f}(\tilde{y}) = \tilde{f}_0(\tilde{y}_0, \tilde{y}_1) + \varepsilon \tilde{f}_1(\tilde{y}_0, \tilde{y}_1) + \dots$$

after algebra and use of "secular" or "solvability" condition:

$$\tilde{f}_0(\tilde{y}_0, \tilde{y}_1) = \frac{\tilde{y}_1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} - \frac{e^{-\tilde{y}_0}}{2} \quad \text{with} \quad \tilde{y}_1 = y, \quad \tilde{y}_0 = \tilde{y}$$

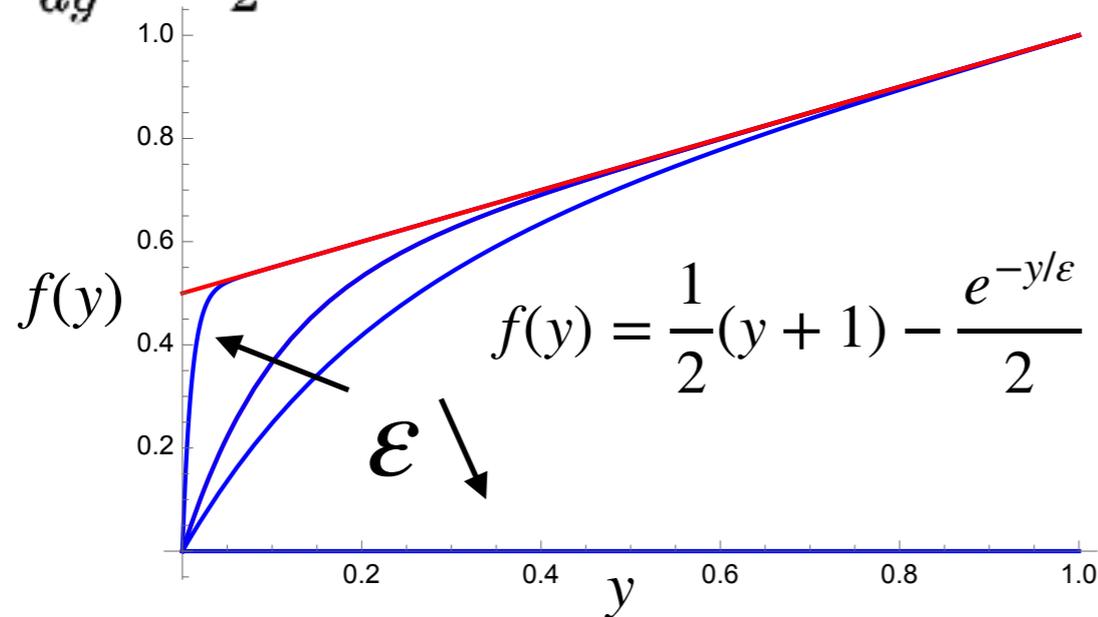
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after use of "dominant balance" and algebra :

$$F(y) = -\frac{e^{-y/\varepsilon}}{2}$$

same final result

# WKB

rectify

$$f(y) = \frac{y + 1}{2} + F(y)$$

new problem

$$\varepsilon \frac{d^2 F(y)}{dy^2} + \frac{dF(y)}{dy} = 0,$$

$$F(0) = -1/2, \quad F(1) = 0$$

use the WKB expansion

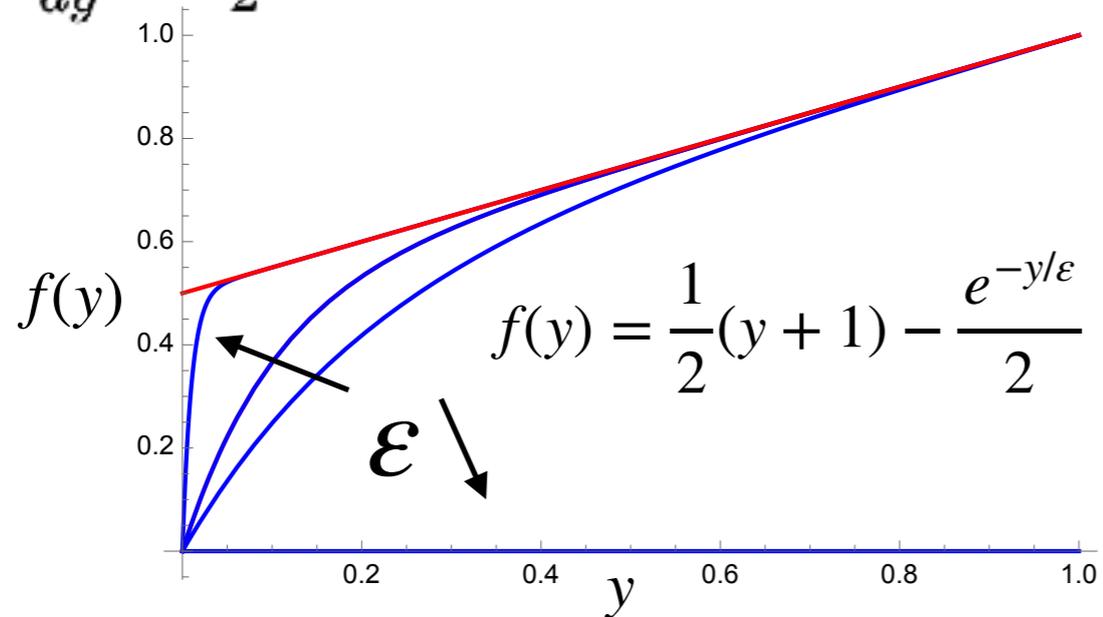
$$F(y) \sim \exp \left( \frac{1}{\delta(\varepsilon)} \sum_{n=0}^{n=N} \delta(\varepsilon)^n S_n(y) \right)$$

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# Renormalisation

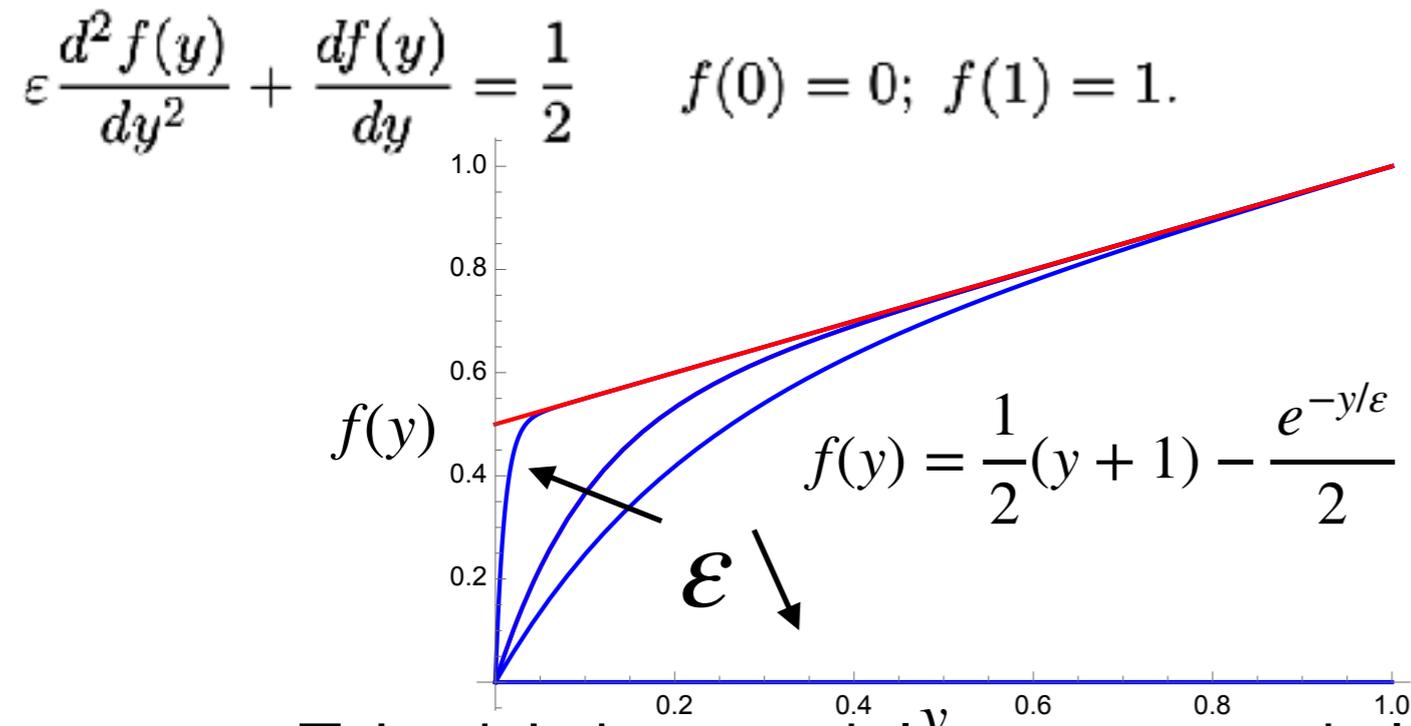
for sure, it works

same final result

$$f(y) = \frac{1}{2}(y + 1) - \frac{e^{-y/\varepsilon}}{2}$$



# Friedrichs problem



Friedrichs problem: a model problem solved by Matched Asymptotic Expansion (or any other method) but MAE simpler in this case

Singularity in 0 removed by MAE :  
 key idea: a new scale appears  
 by change of scale by dominant balance and matching  
 of two problems at two different scales  
 the *singularity is removed at the new scale*



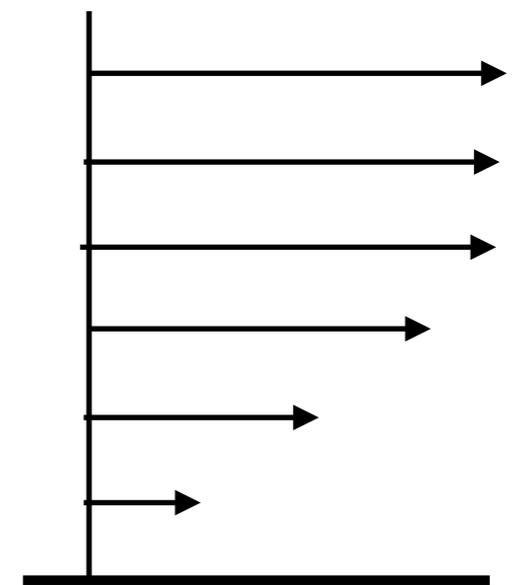
# Come back to Navier Stokes

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} = 0$$

$$u \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + v \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = -\frac{\partial p}{\partial x} + \frac{1}{Re} \left( \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} \right)$$

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zero velocity at the wall



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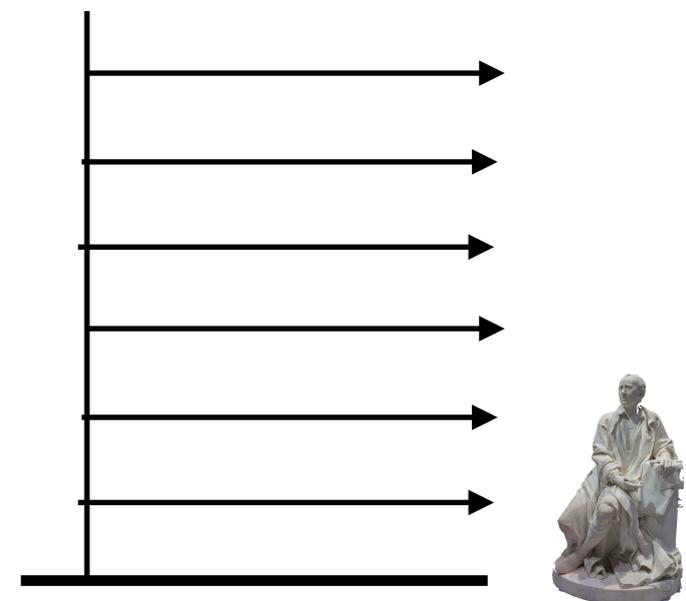
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$$\frac{1}{Re} \rightarrow 0$$

an order of derivation disappears

only zero transverse velocity at the wall



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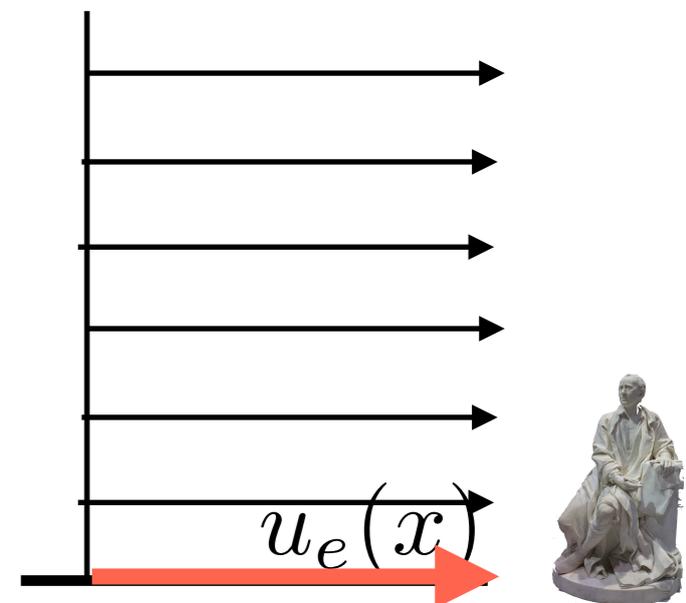
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$u_e(x)$  slip velocity on the wall is the result



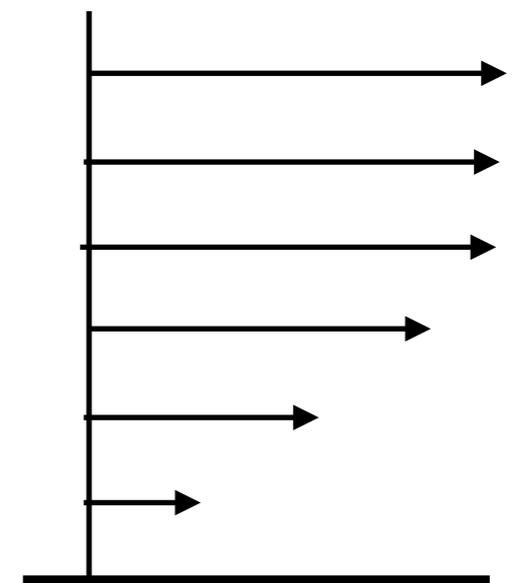
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“Matched Asymptotic Expansion”

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$$0 = -\frac{\partial \tilde{p}}{\partial \tilde{y}}$$

Matching

$$\tilde{u}(\tilde{x}, \infty) = u(x, 0)$$

$$\tilde{p}(\tilde{x}) = p(x, 0)$$

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As long as the boundary layer is “attached” (no strong deceleration for the ideal fluid velocity, or weak counter pressure), every thing is OK

"Ideal Fluid"

"matching"

"Boundary Layer"

many examples...

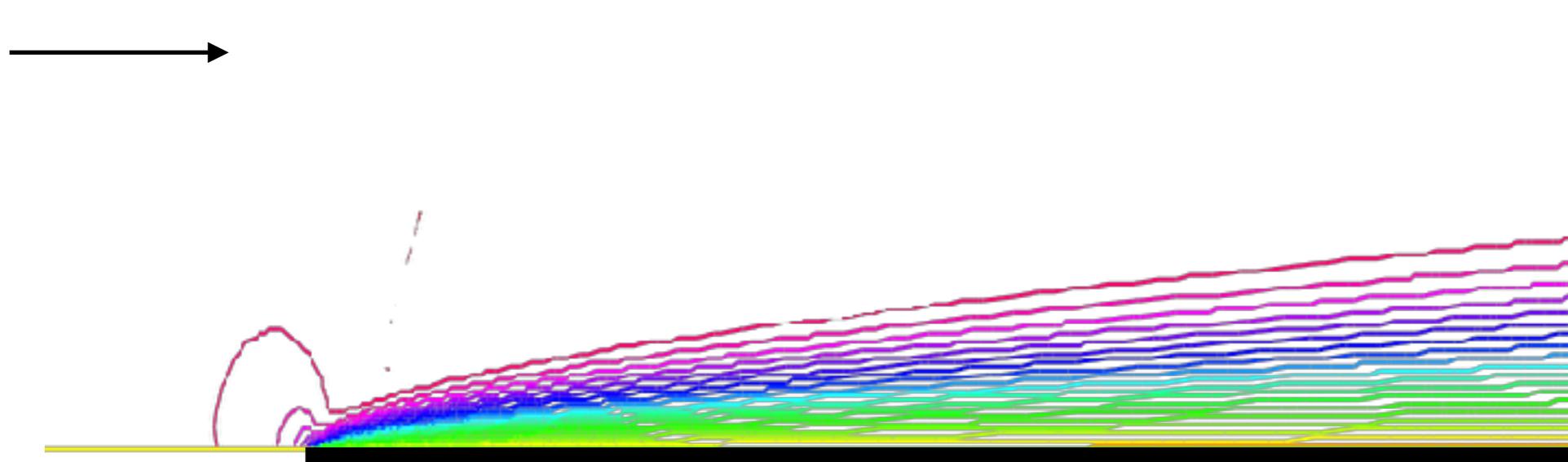
one proof: airplanes from 30' to now

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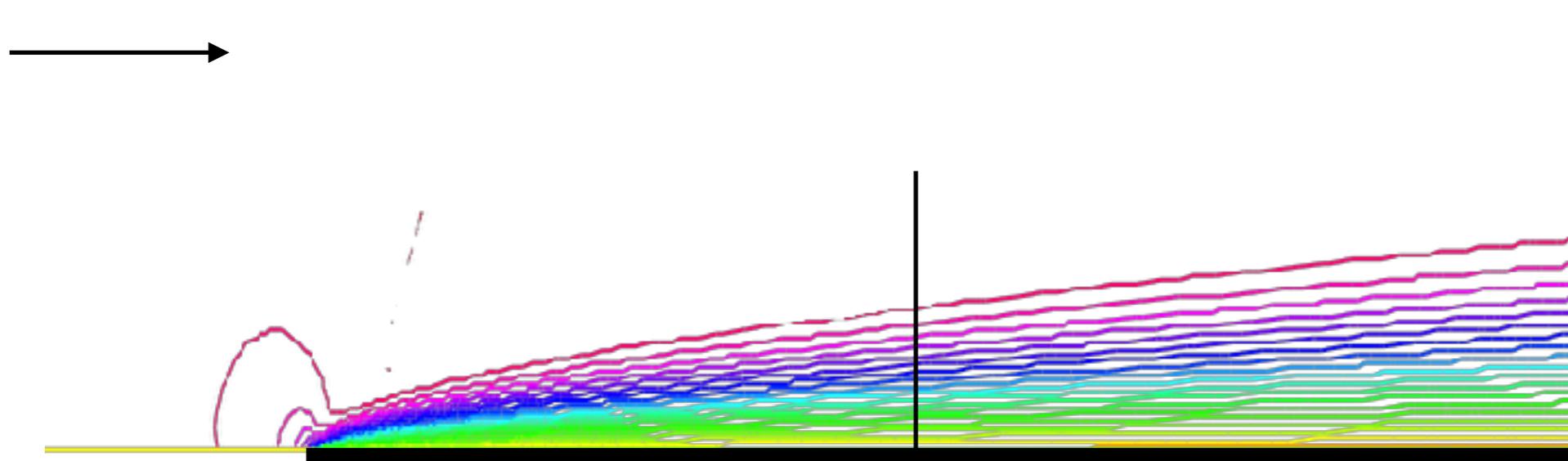


same velocity profiles but elongated



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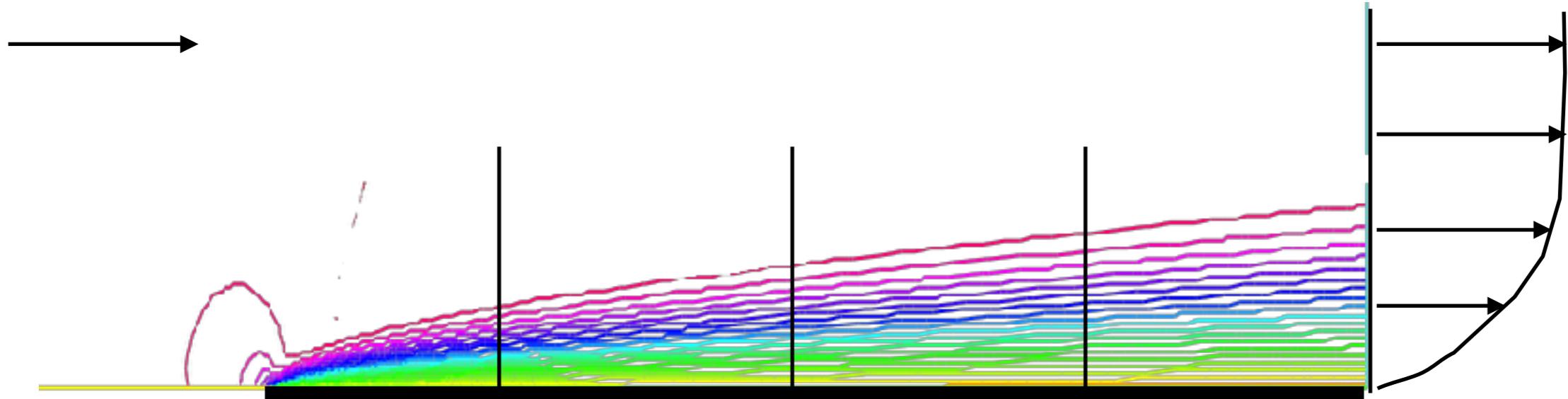


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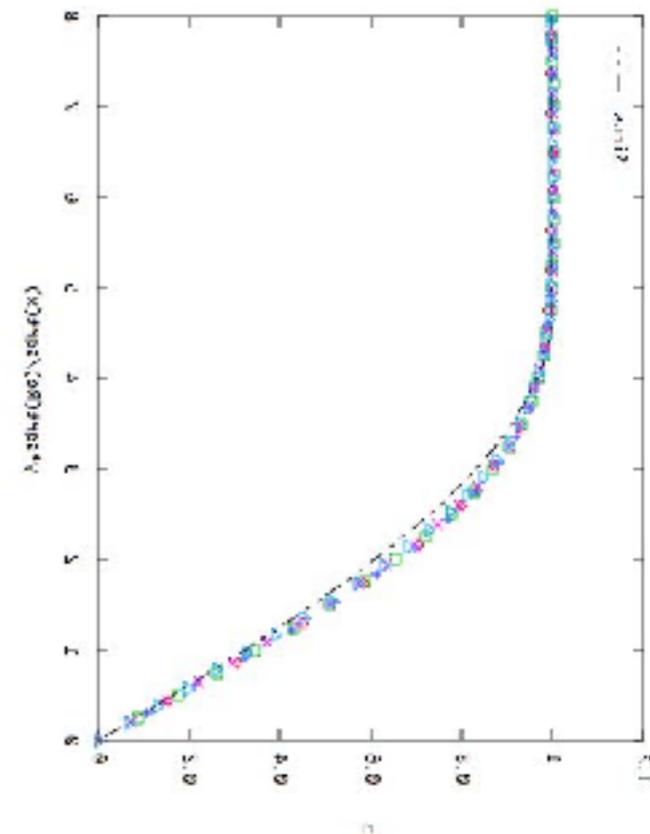


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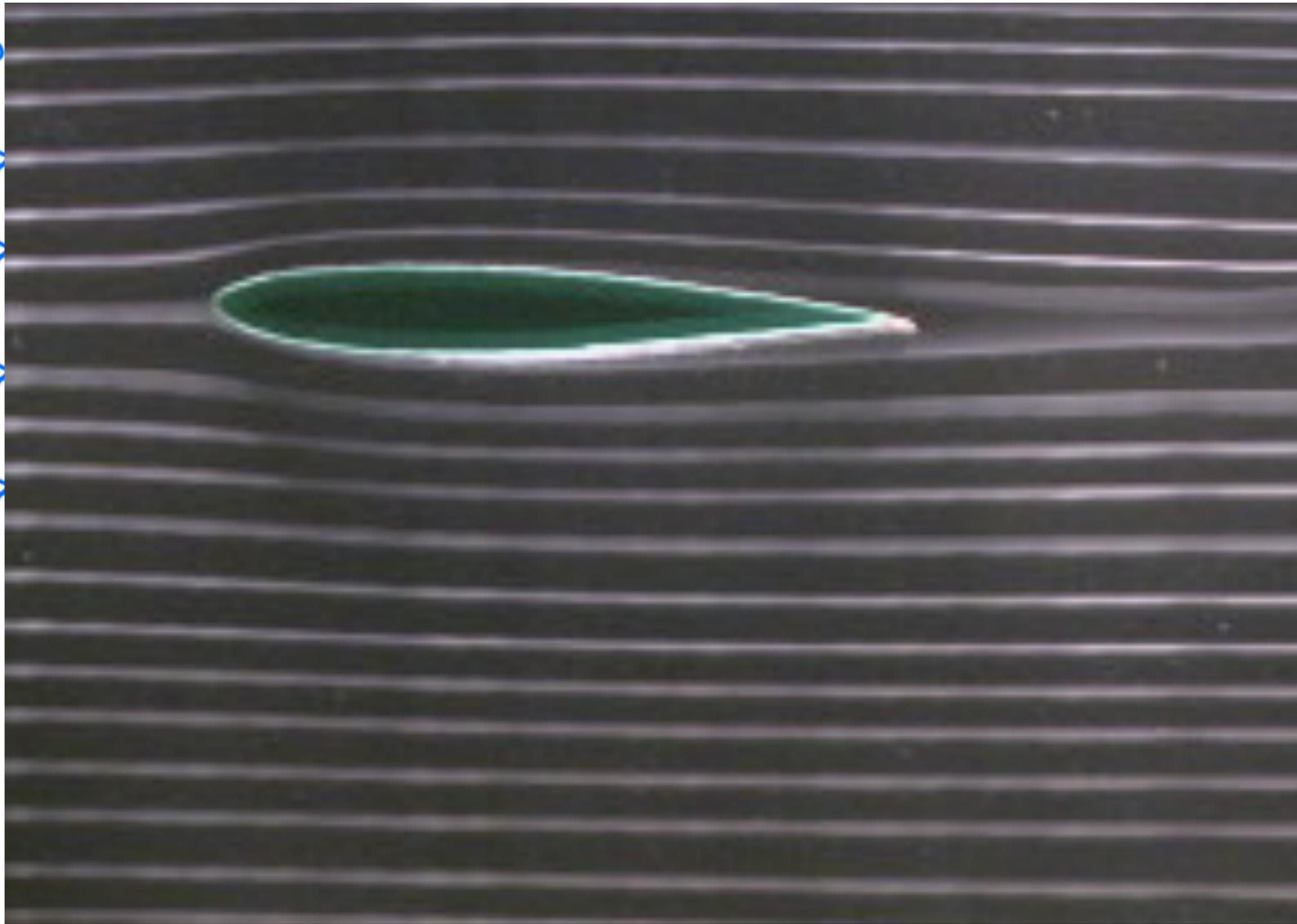
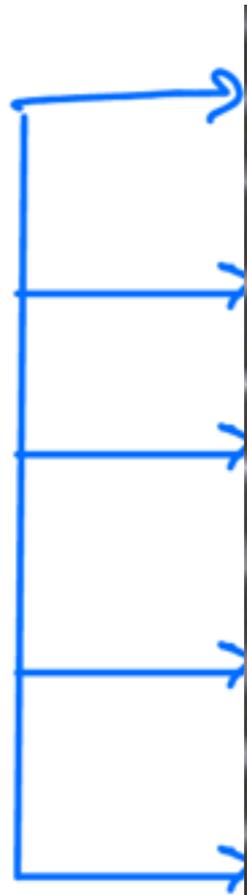
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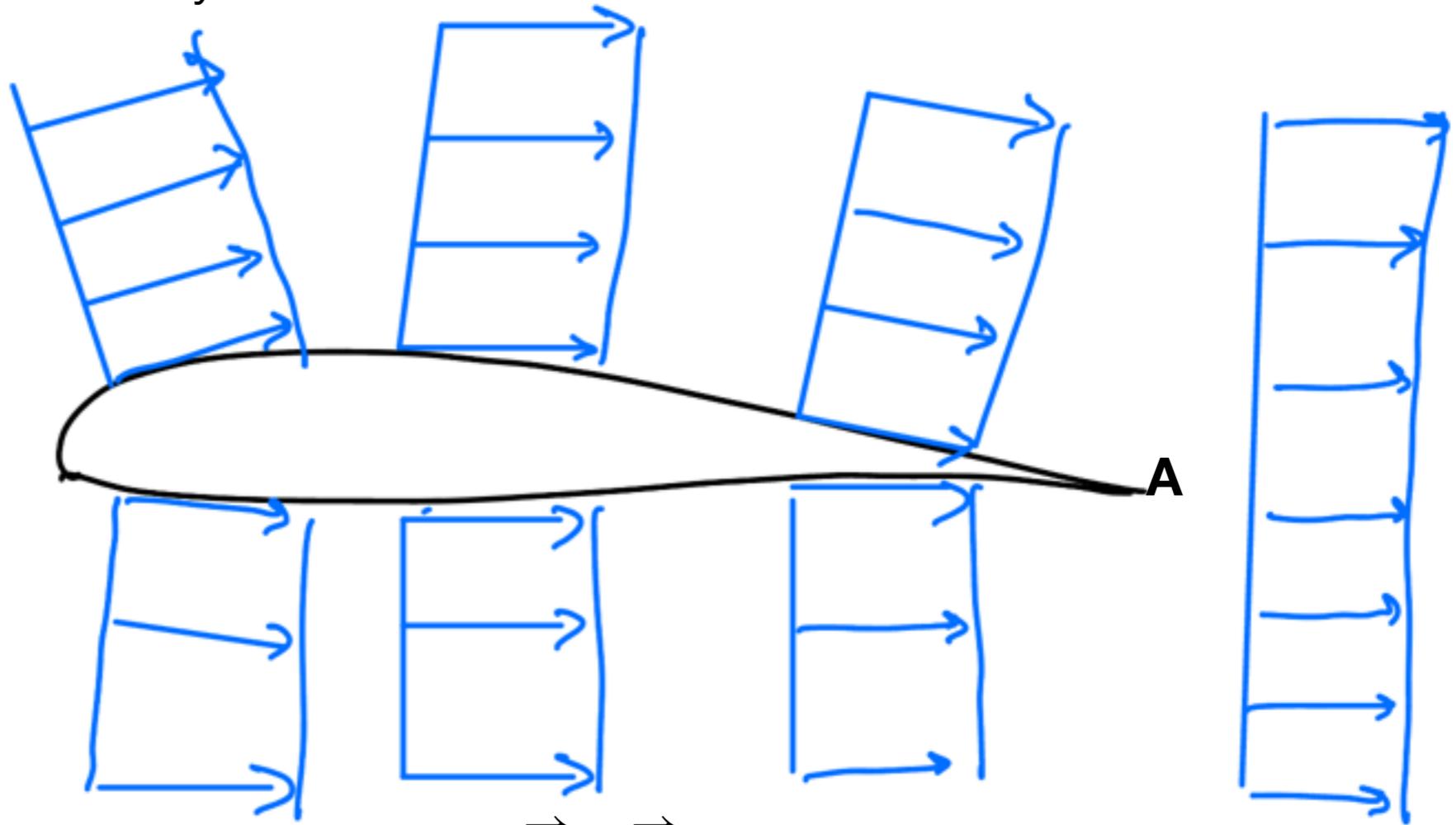


second order

Van Dyke 1962



Ideal Fluid



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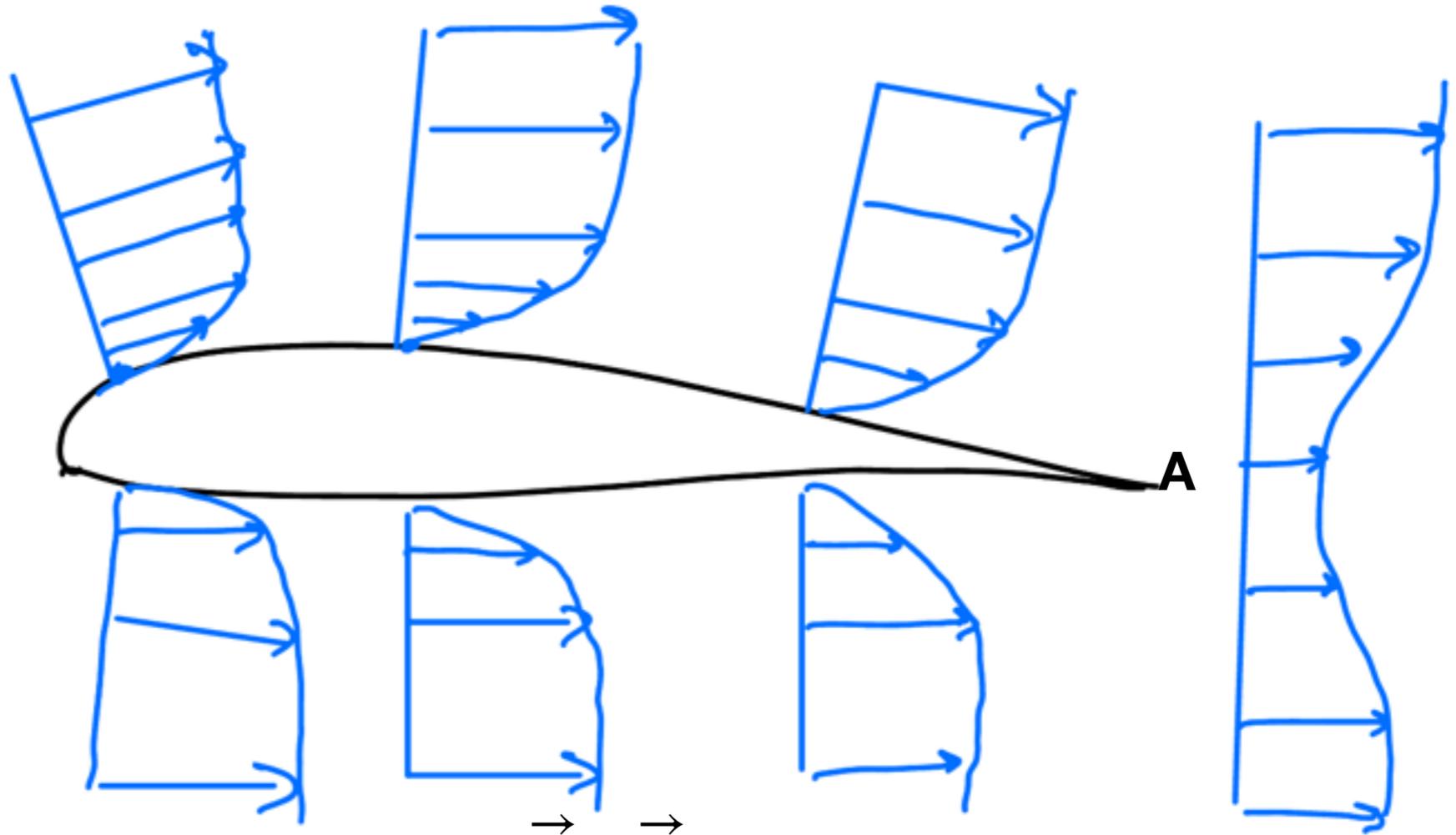


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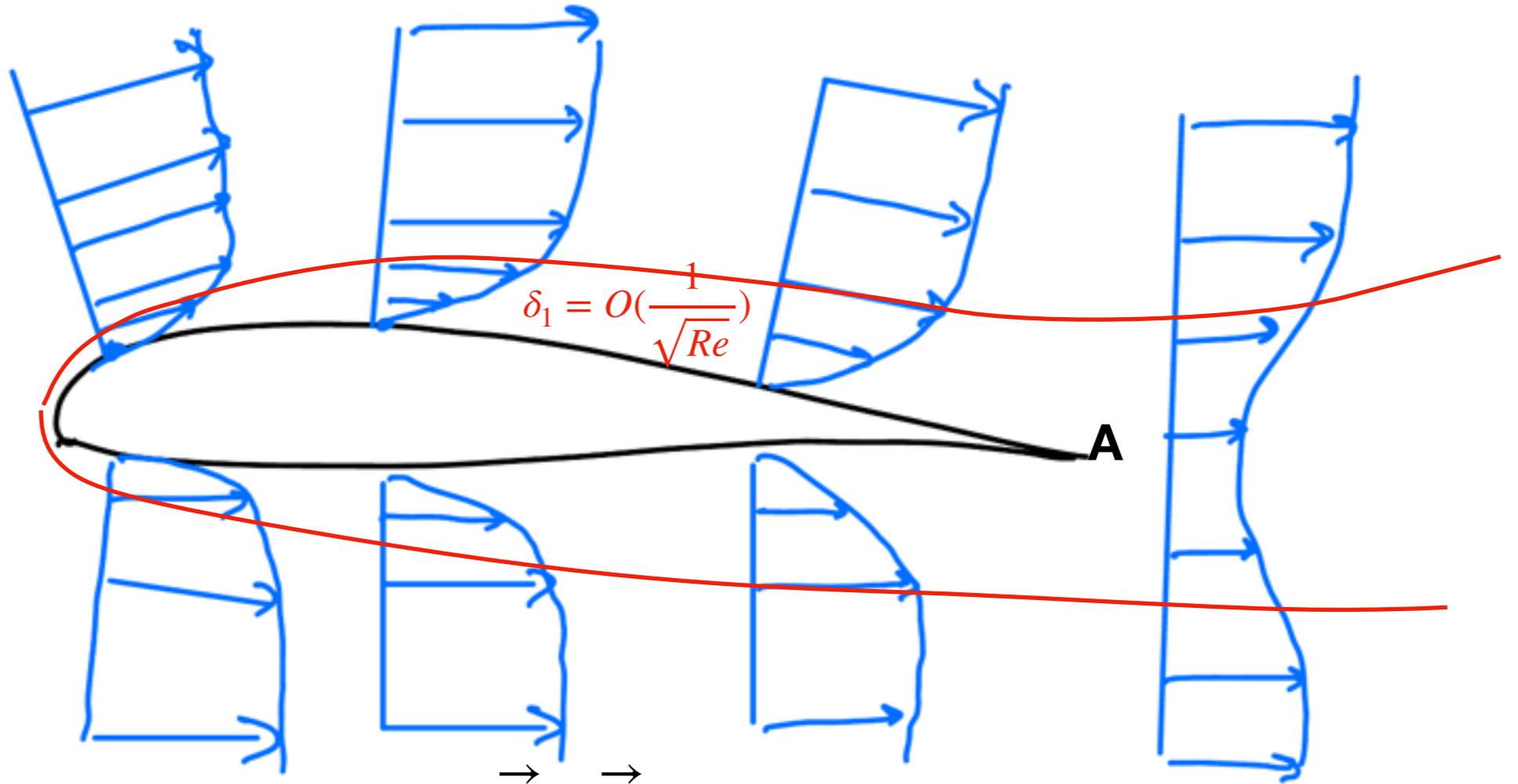


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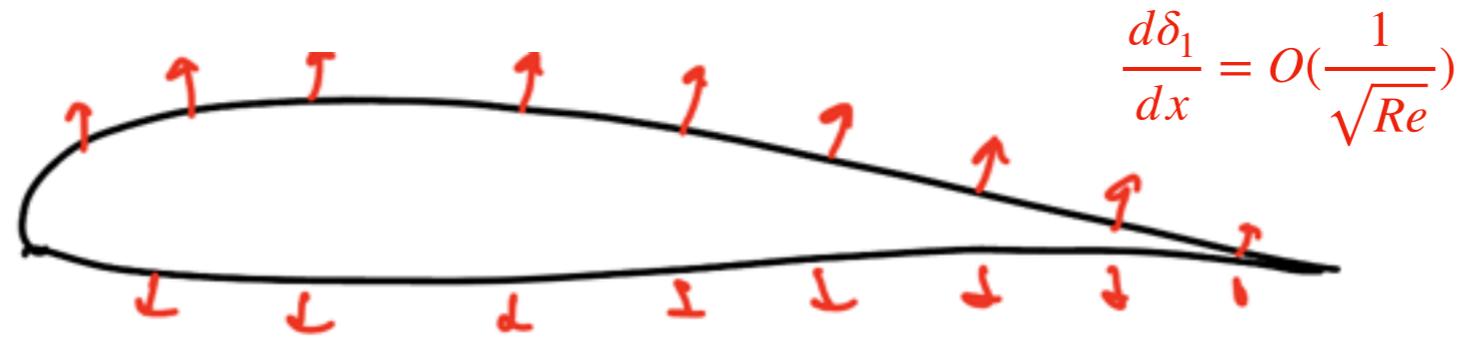
$$\delta_1 = O\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{Re}}\right)$$

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Boundary Layer

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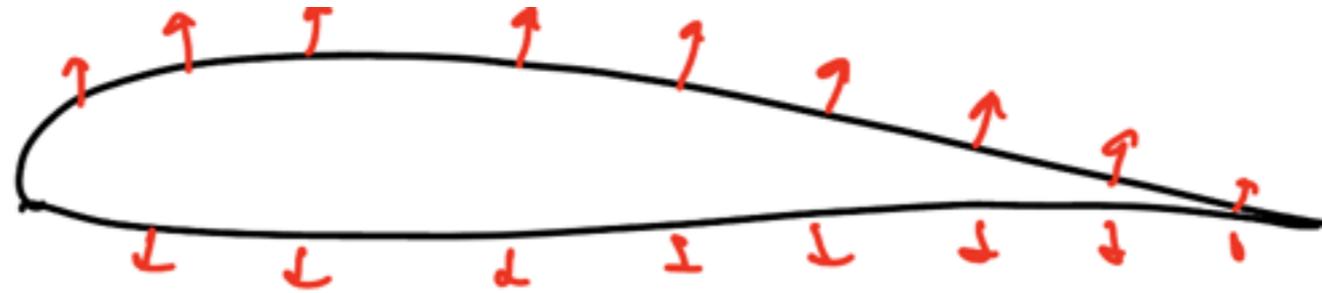
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Ideal Fluid, next order

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asymptotic expansion in powers of Reynolds



regular expansion!

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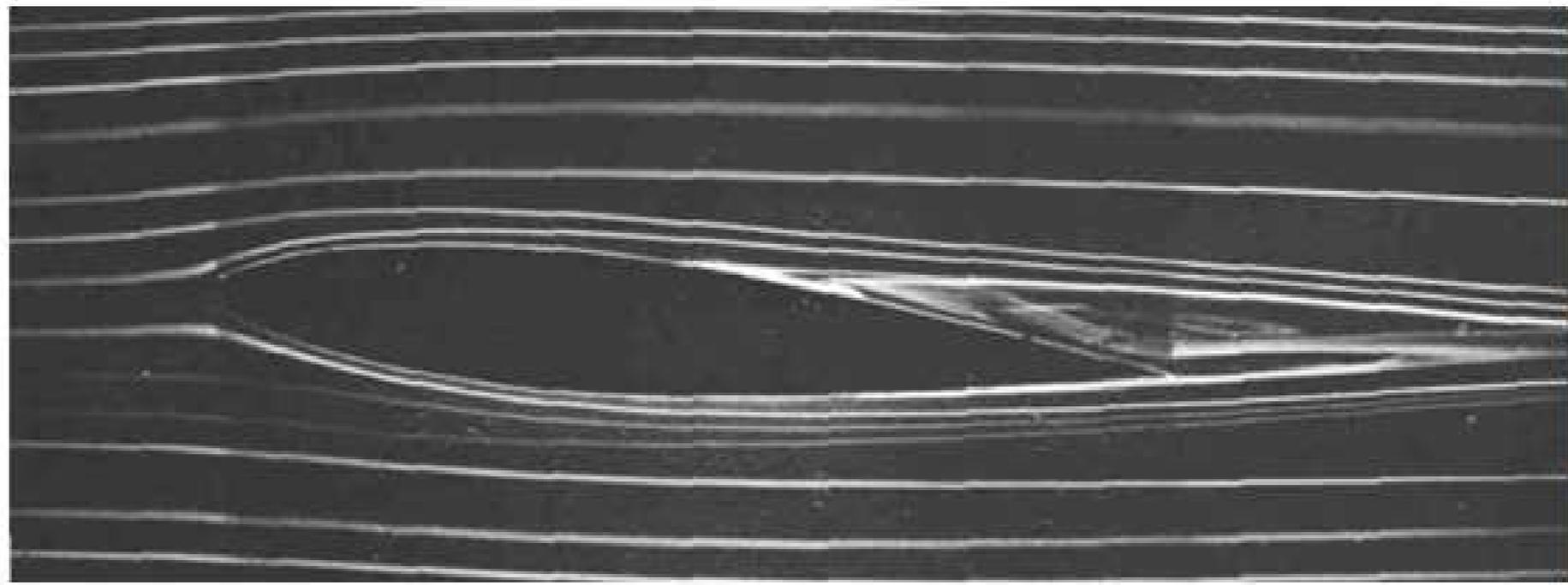
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Ideal Fluid, etc

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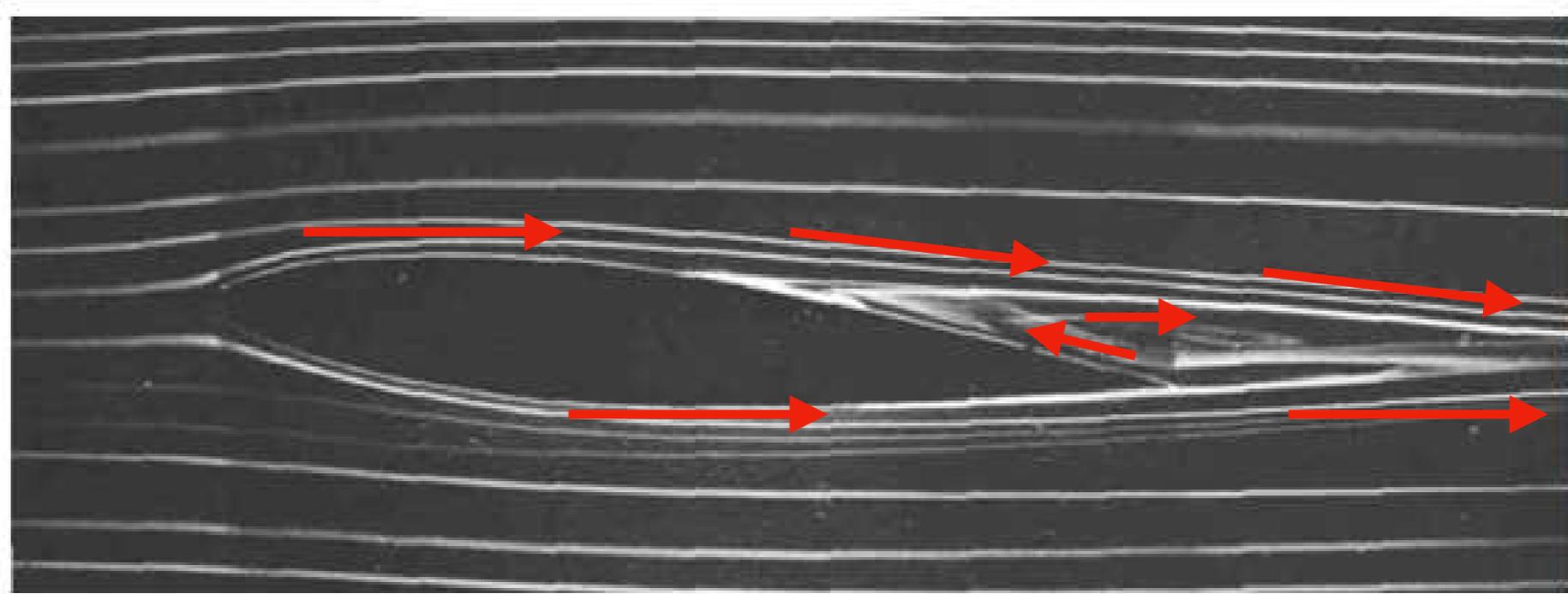


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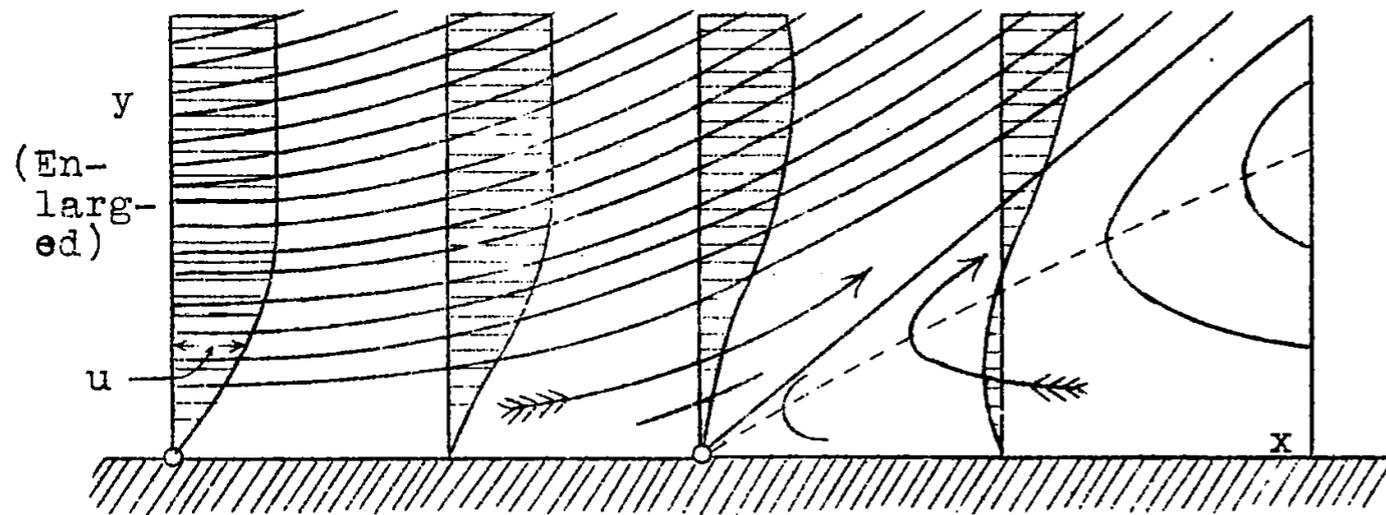


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prescribed  $u_e(x)$

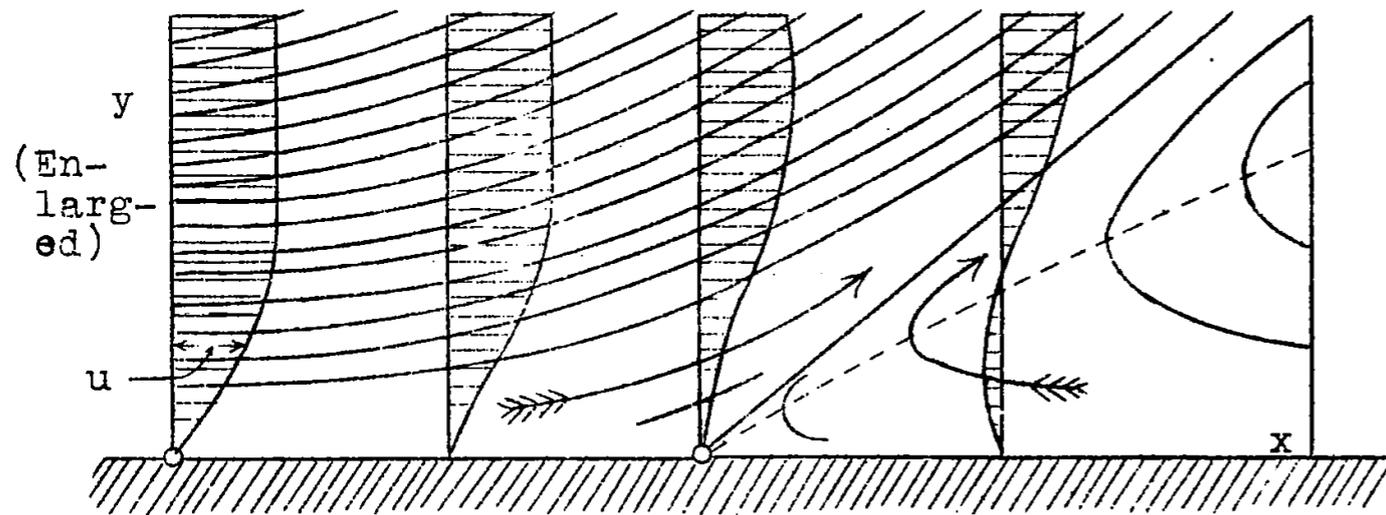
When trying to solve the boundary layer equations with the ideal fluid velocity  $\bar{u}_e(\bar{x})$ , when it decreases, there is a singularity, the computation stops when

$$\frac{\partial \tilde{u}}{\partial \tilde{y}}(\bar{x}, \tilde{y} = 0) \text{ is } 0$$

After "separation" it should be negative, but the computation stops



# Boundary Layer separation

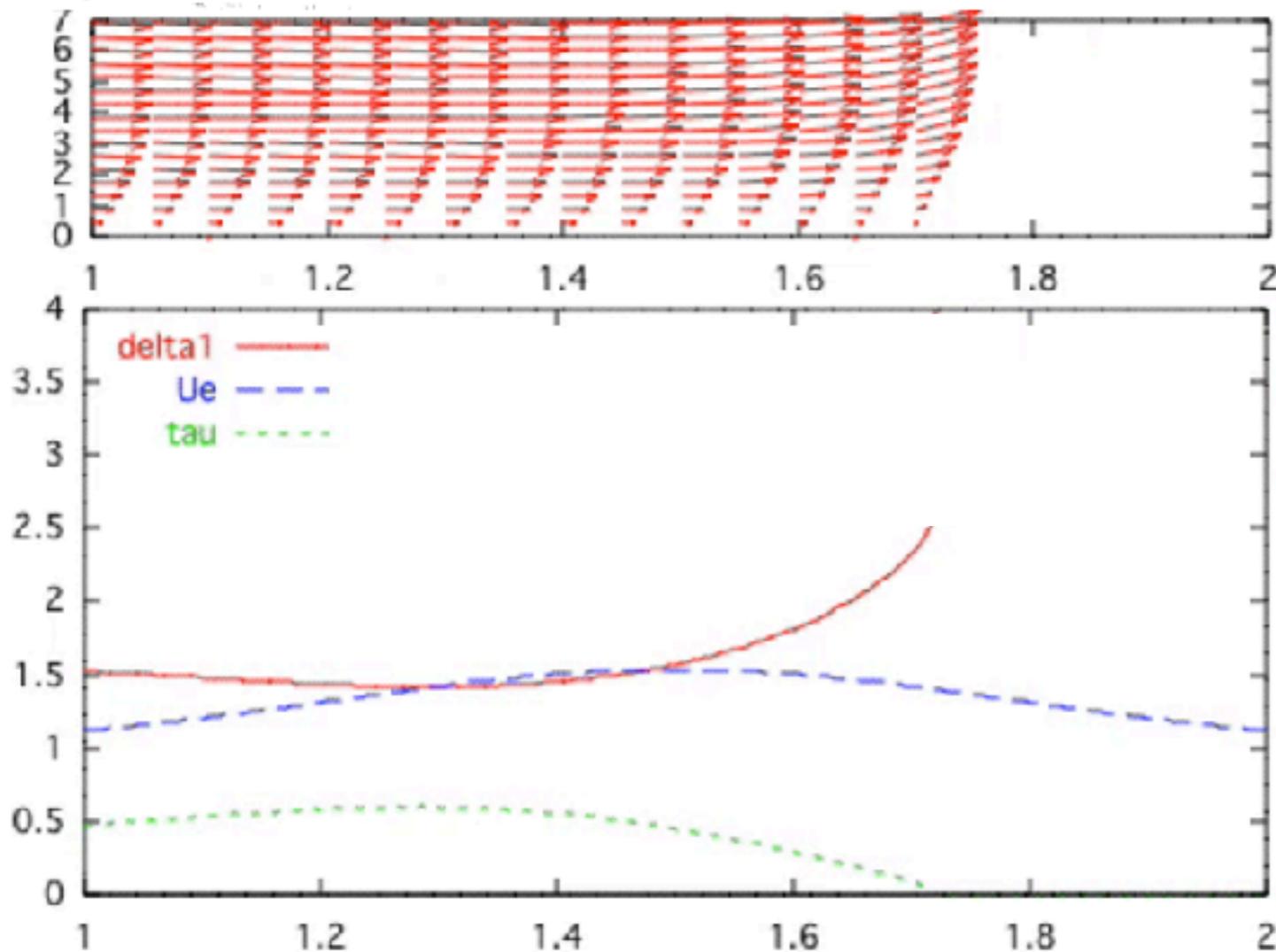


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direct resolution

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \sim \sqrt{x_s - x} ;$$

Goldstein singularity 1948

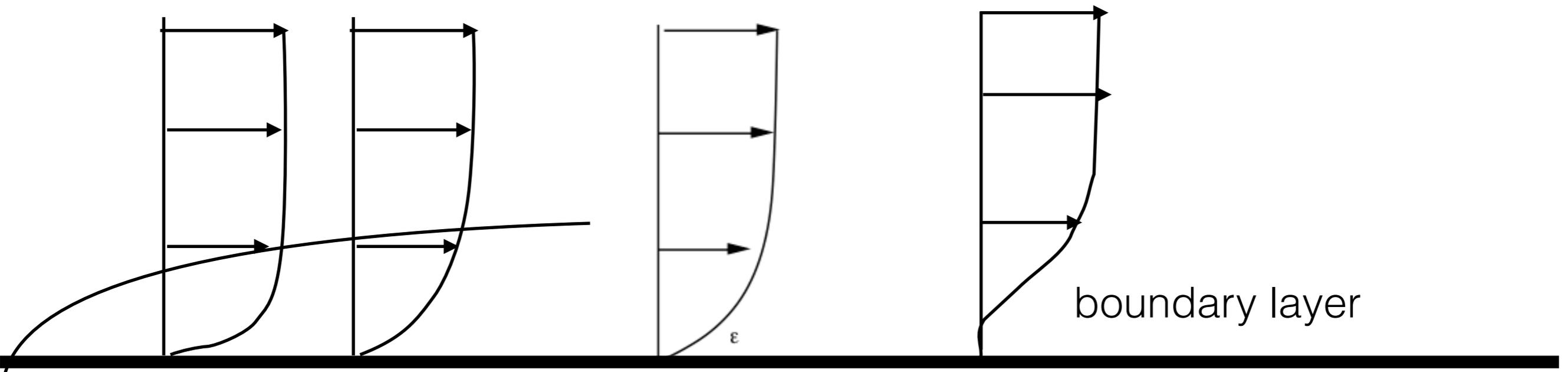
- the **Triple Deck**

Now we present the scales of triple deck  
as a rational asymptotic expansion (Matched Asympt Exp)

Triple Deck  $1/Re \rightarrow 0$



# Triple Deck Scales



boundary layer

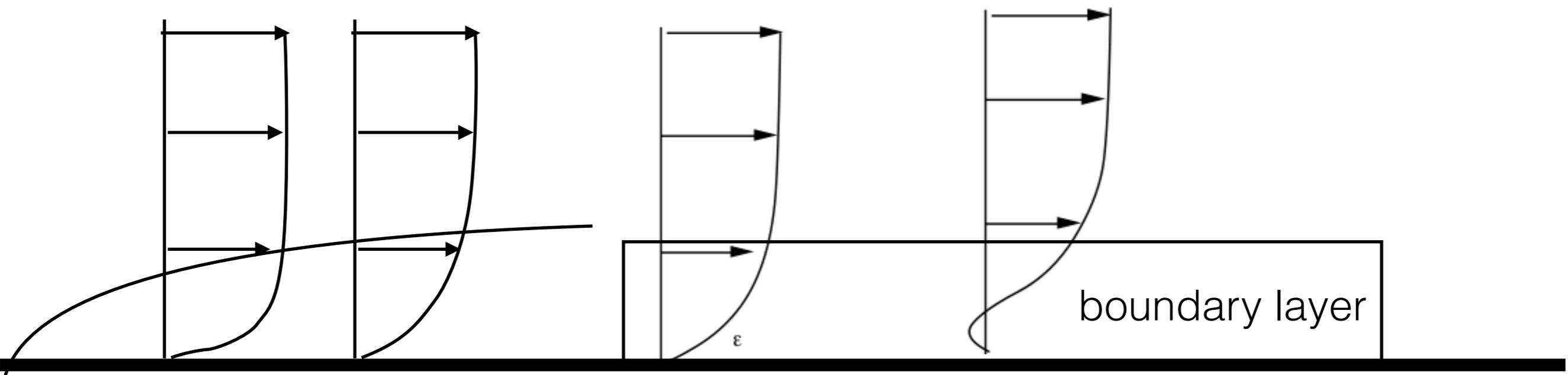
what happens here ?

separation



# Triple Deck Scales

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boundary layer

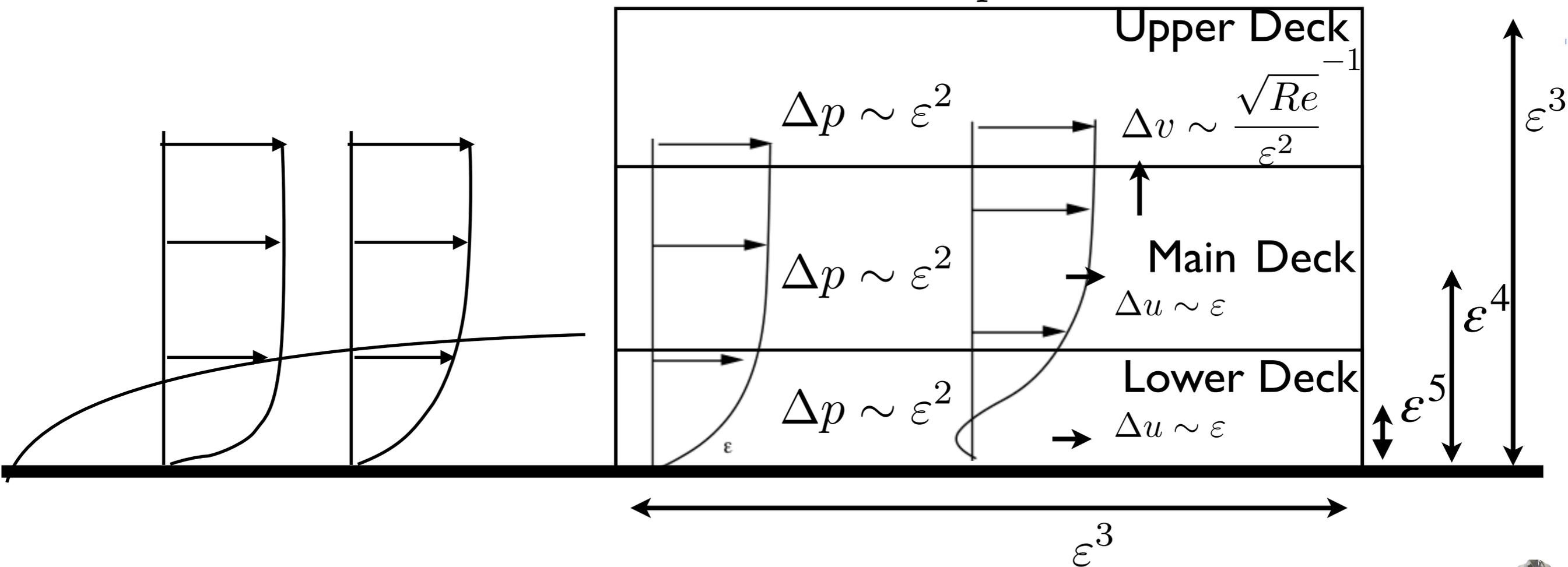


new small length



# Triple Deck Scales

$$\Delta p \sim \Delta v \quad \varepsilon = Re^{-1/8}$$



# Examples of classical singularities that we will see today

$\partial'$ Alembert paradox: no drag in ideal fluids  $\varepsilon = 1/Re$   
-> viscous effect, small boundary layer  
(Matched Asymptotic Expansion)

Singularity at separation of the boundary layer  $\varepsilon = Re^{-1/8}$   
-> introduce a boundary layer in the boundary layer  
(Matched Asymptotic Expansion)

Impossibility to solving the very viscous flow around a cylinder in a flow (Oseen)  $\varepsilon = Re$   
-> introduce a far layer where cylinder is a line  
(Matched Asymptotic Expansion)

$\varepsilon \ll 1$  non linearities, diverging quantity  
small parameter, small ratio of scales, dominant balance  
final regularisation



# Small Reynolds

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

$Re \rightarrow 0$

$$Re(\vec{u} \cdot \vec{\nabla} \vec{u}) = -\vec{\nabla} p + \vec{\nabla}^2 \vec{u}$$



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Stokes problem  
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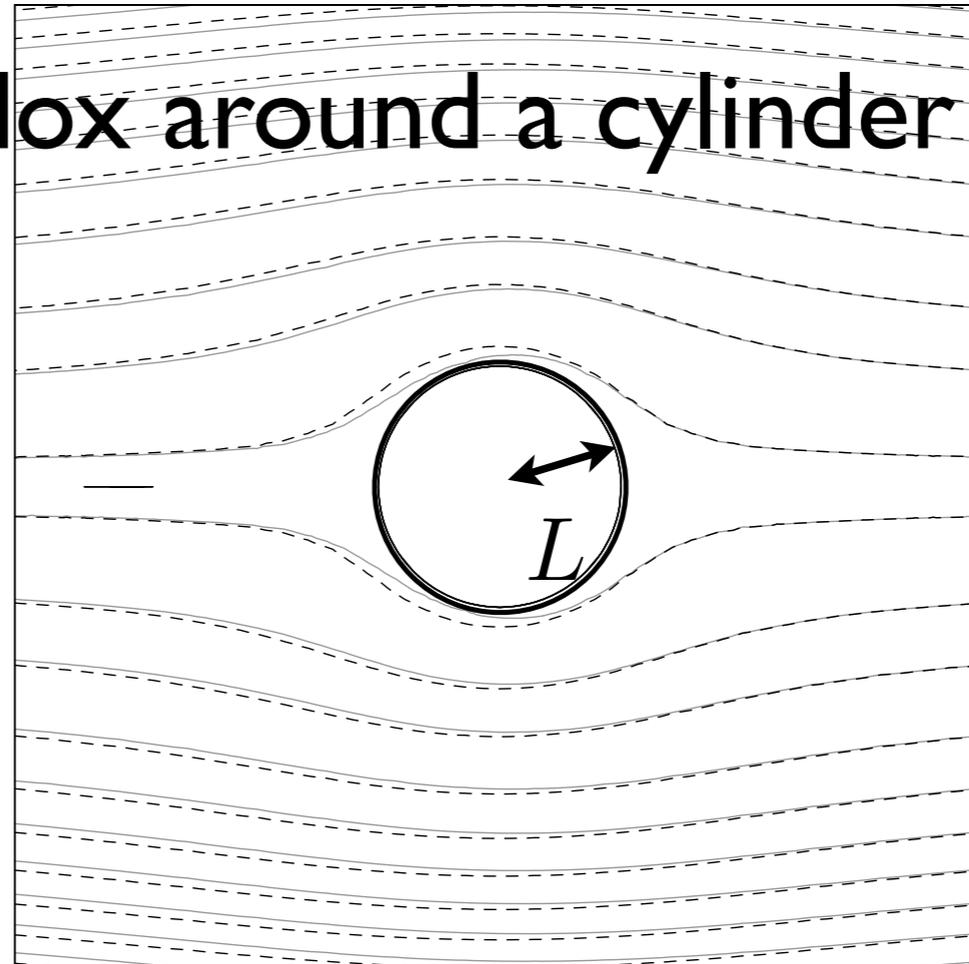
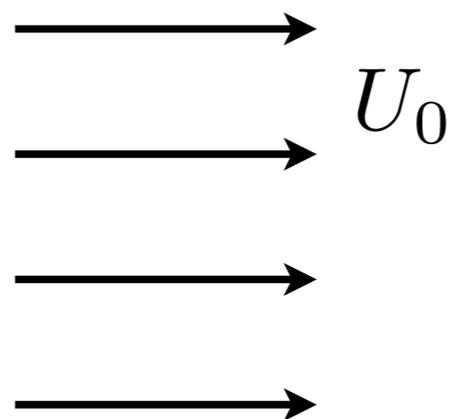
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## Stokes Paradox around a cylinder



# «Stokes problem» near the cylinder

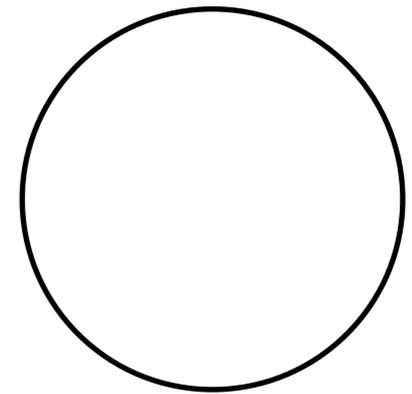
Proudman & Pearson 1957  
Kaplun & Lagerstorm 1957

$$\psi = \psi_0 \bar{\psi}, \quad (x, y) = L(\bar{x}, \bar{y})$$

$$\frac{\psi_0 Re}{U_0 L} \left( \left( \frac{\partial \bar{\psi}}{\partial \bar{y}} \frac{\partial}{\partial \bar{x}} - \frac{\partial \bar{\psi}}{\partial \bar{x}} \frac{\partial}{\partial \bar{y}} \right) \vec{\nabla}^2 \bar{\psi} \right) = \vec{\nabla}^2 \vec{\nabla}^2 \bar{\psi}$$

$$\frac{\psi_0 Re}{U_0 L} \ll 1$$

$$\bar{\psi} = \partial_{\bar{n}} \psi = 0$$



we have to introduce a layer far away

«Oseen problem» far from the cylinder it is just a point

$$\psi = \frac{U_0 L}{Re} \tilde{\psi}, \quad (x, y) = \frac{L}{Re} (\tilde{x}, \tilde{y})$$

$$\left( \left( \frac{\partial \tilde{\psi}}{\partial \tilde{y}} \frac{\partial}{\partial \tilde{x}} - \frac{\partial \tilde{\psi}}{\partial \tilde{x}} \frac{\partial}{\partial \tilde{y}} \right) \vec{\nabla}^2 \tilde{\psi} \right) = \vec{\nabla}^2 \vec{\nabla}^2 \tilde{\psi}$$



the problem is to find the gauge  $\psi_0$

dominant balance logarithmic terms, "switchback"

Matched Asymptotic Expansions

$$\psi_0 = -\frac{LU_0}{\text{Log} Re}$$



From the scale of  $\psi_0 = -U_0 L / \text{Log} Re$  we deduce that the total stress will be  $\psi_0 / L^2$  so that the force over the sphere will be  $\mu \psi_0 / L$  which is :

$$D = \frac{4\pi\mu U_0}{\frac{1}{2} - \gamma - \text{Log}\left(\frac{U_0 L}{4\nu}\right)}$$

$$D \sim \frac{\mu U_0}{-\text{Log}\left(\frac{U_0 L}{\nu}\right)}$$

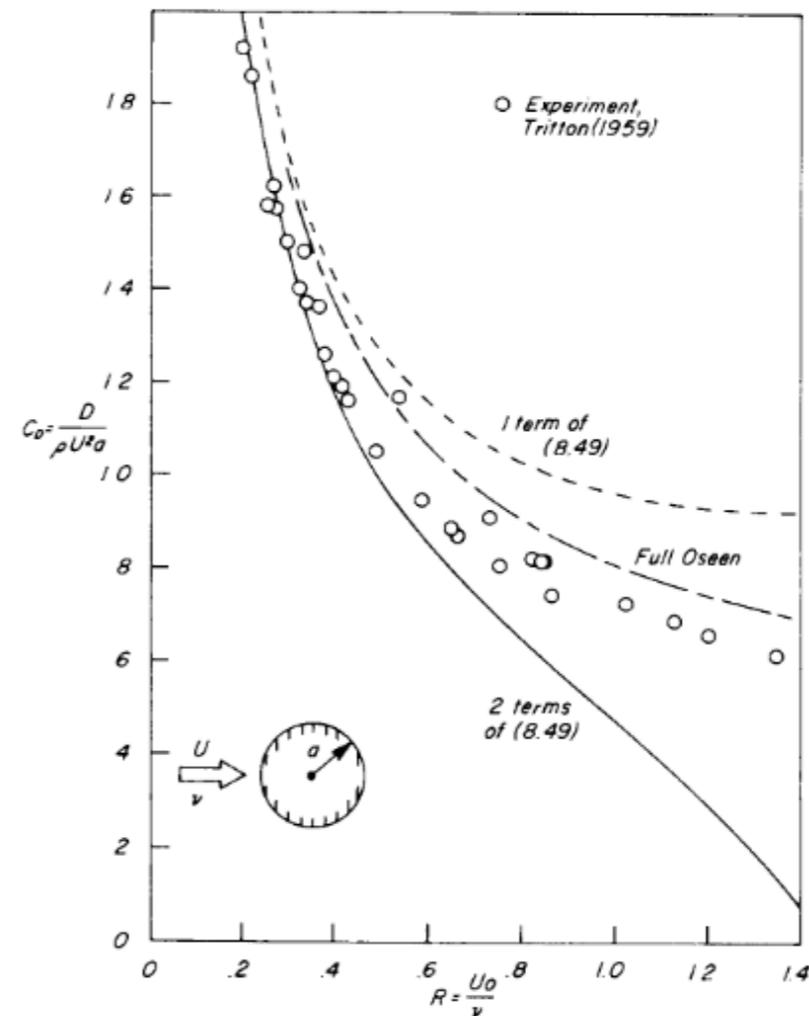


FIGURE 12 – From Van Dyke [16] page 164, drag function of Reynolds for a Cylinder, formula (8.49) in Van Dyke [16] :  $C_D = \frac{4\pi}{Re} [\Delta_1 - 0.87\Delta_1^3 + O(\Delta_1^4)]$  with  $\Delta_1 = 1/(\text{Log}(4/Re) - \gamma - 1/2)$ . "Full Oseen" refers to the solution of the Oseen problem  $(Re \frac{\partial}{\partial x} - \nabla^2) \nabla^2 \psi = 0$  by Tomotika and Aori 1950.

this formula as been obtained by Lamb, but in the wrong framework.

It has been re formulated by Proudman & Pearson and Kaplun & Lagerstorm who fixed the right framework : Matched Asymptotic Expansions. We did not give all of the complicated details, they can be found in those papers.

As says Moffat in the "cours des Houches" 1973 "The complexity of the formula is indicative of the complexity of the underlying analysis".

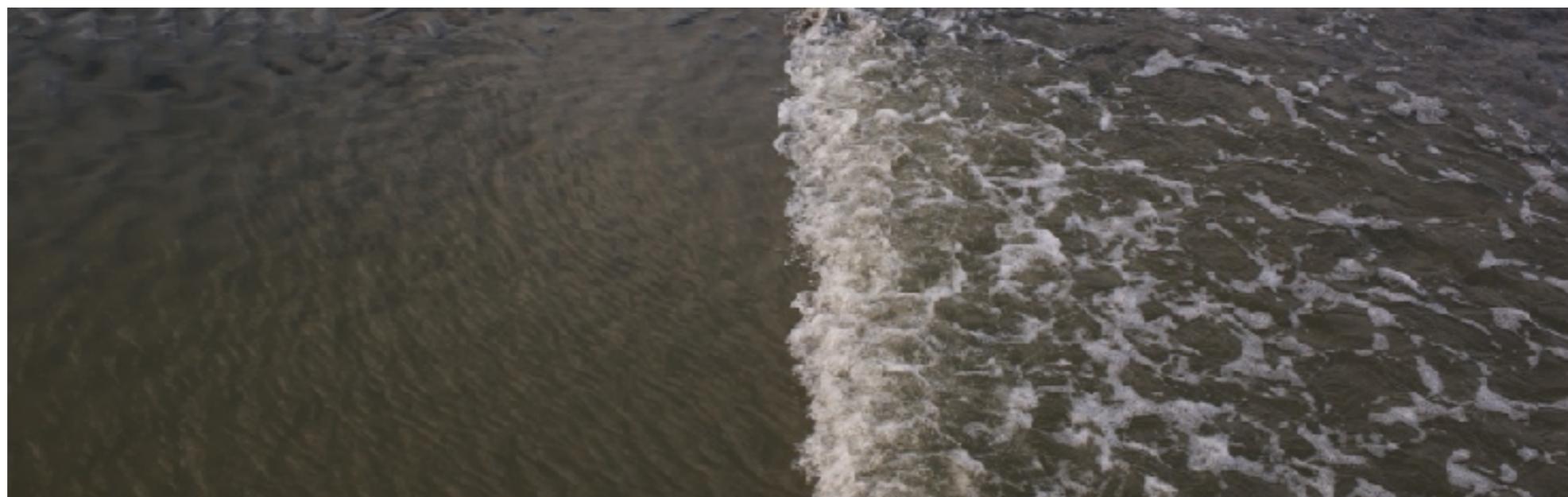


many other examples of similarities and of singularities  
the hydraulic jump

## Example of multilayer shallow water application



in a flume



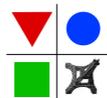
in a river



many other examples of similarities and of singularities

non linearities  
with singularities  
self similar solutions

...



**d'Alembert**  
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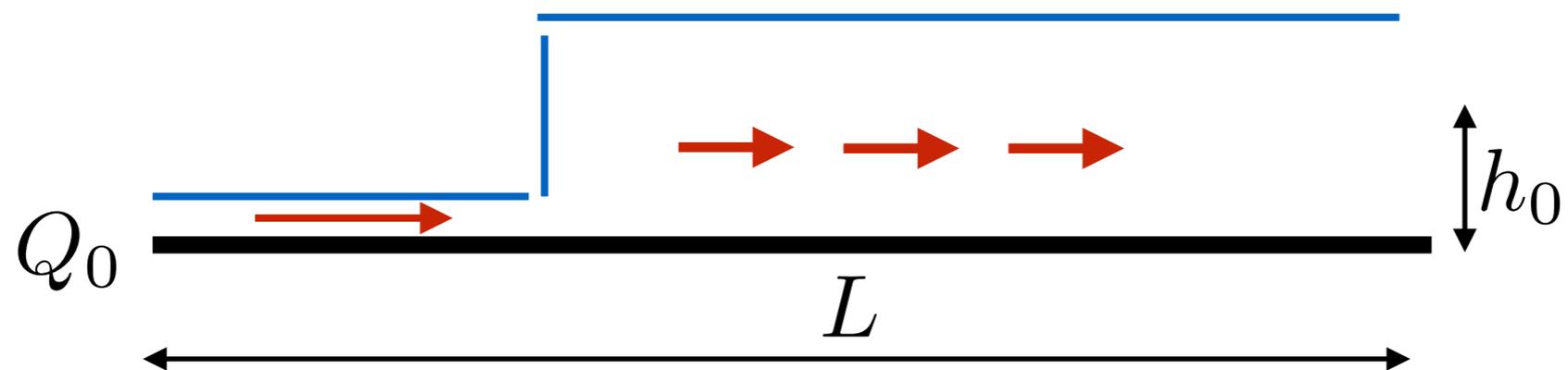
Bélangers's problem

the jump is a singularity

this is the same a "shock wave"

something happens on a too small scale

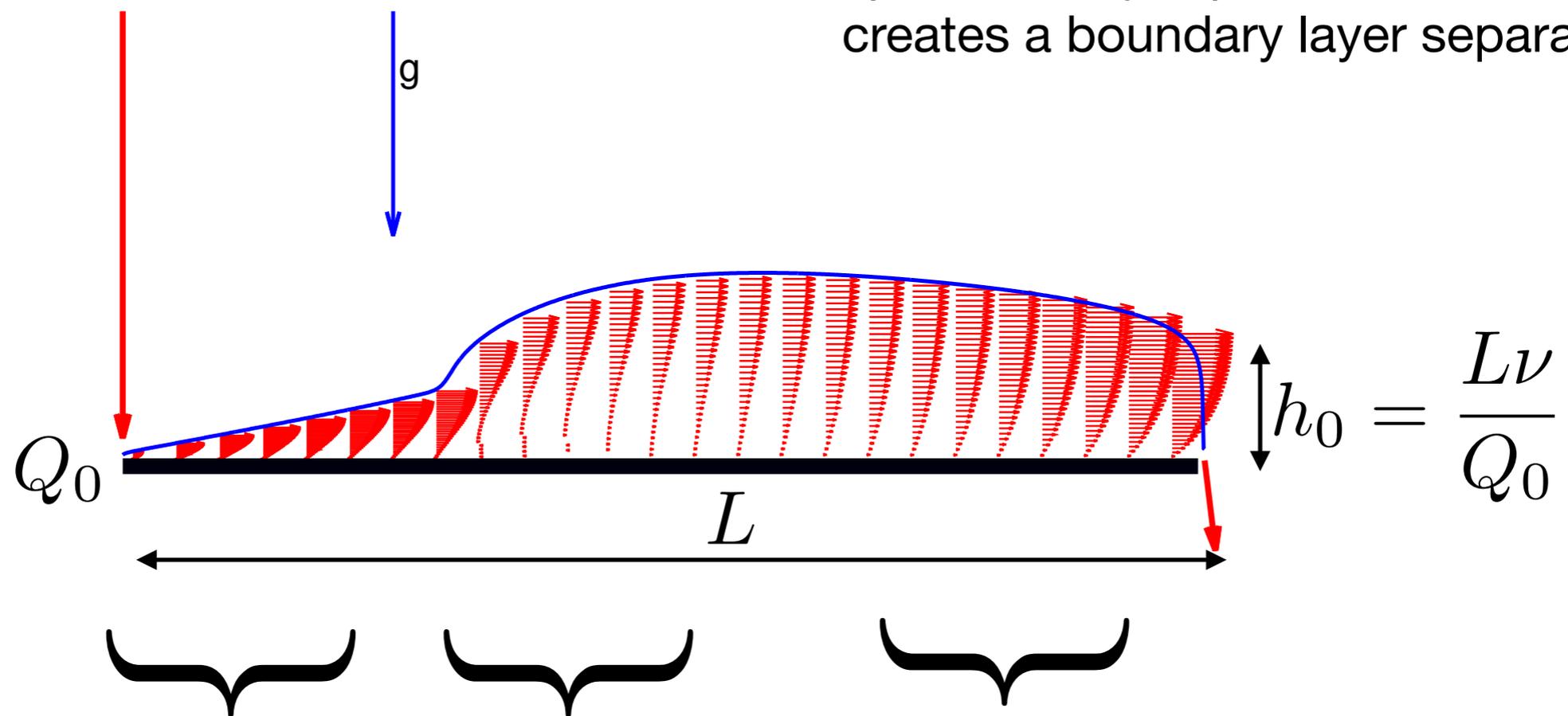
But we can solve the problem and find the amplitude of the jump



many other examples of similarities and of singularities  
 the hydraulic jump

solved using kind of Boundary Layer theory

spreads the jump  
 creates a boundary layer separation



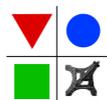
**Watson regime**

self-similar

**jump and separation**

two singularities !!

**almost Poiseuille regime**



**d'Alembert**  
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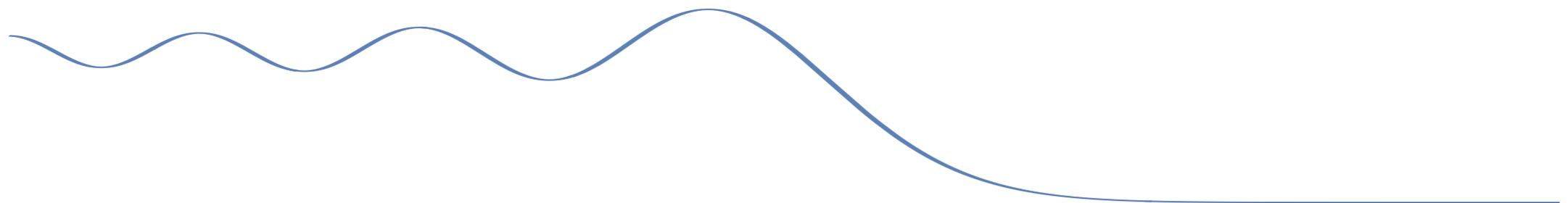
waves, KdV...



photo (C) Pierre-Yves Lacrès

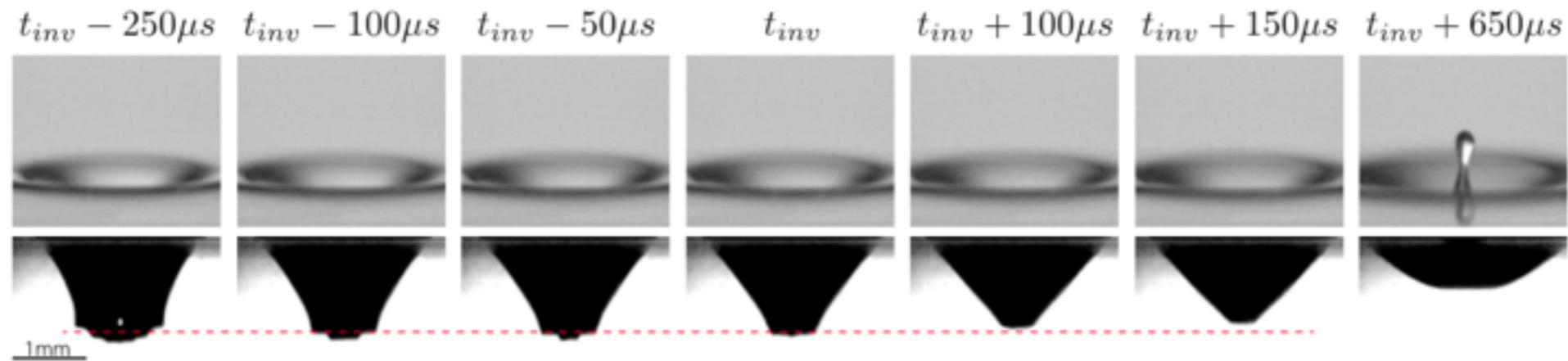
Le Marcaret à Saint-Pierre-sur-la-Dordogne en 40° - 1997

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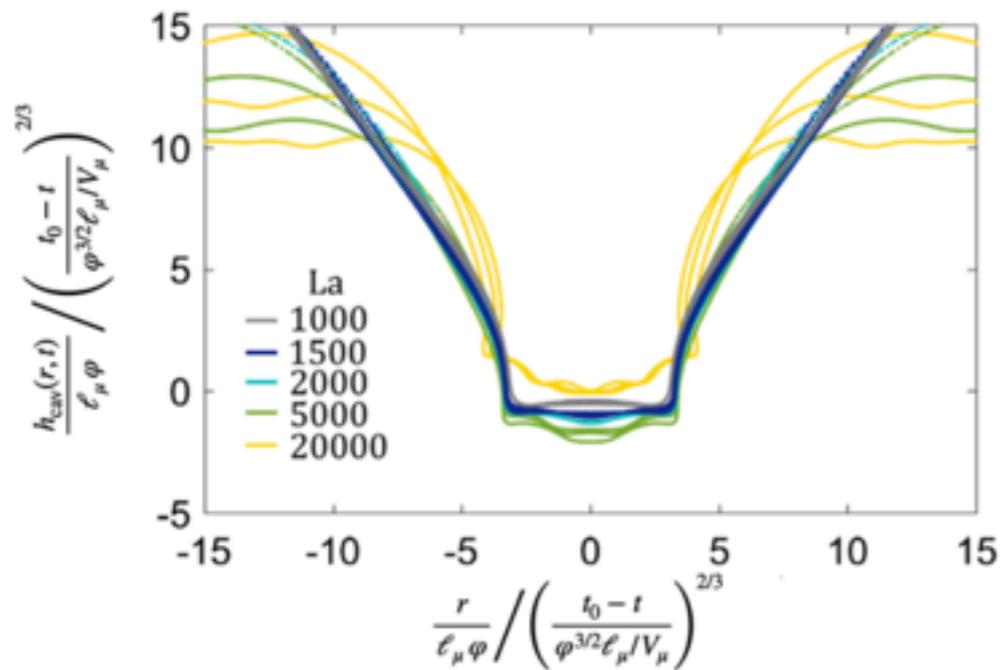




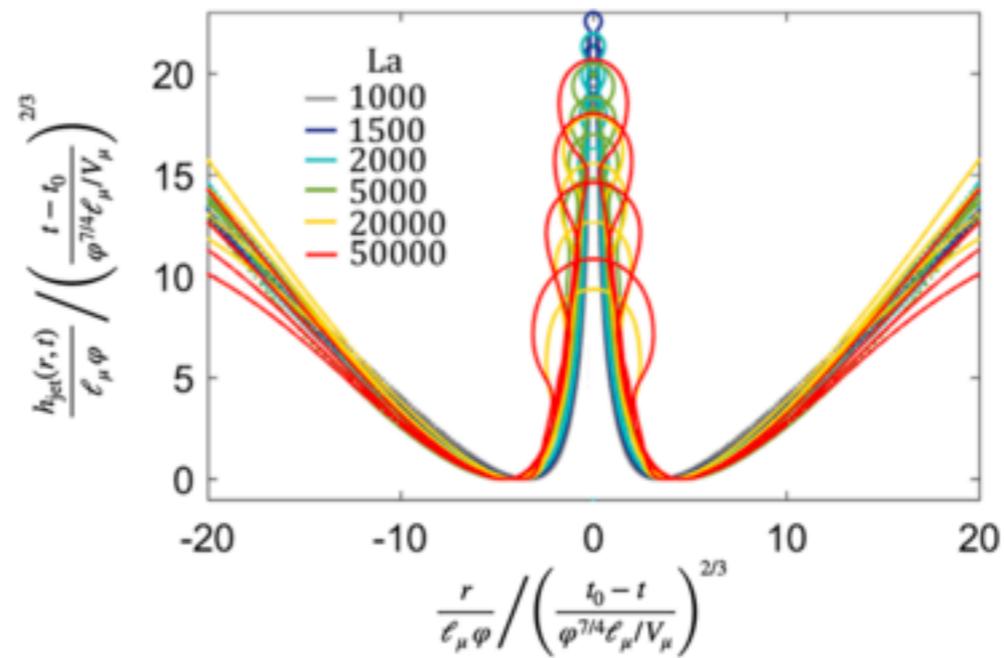
many other examples of similarities and of singularities  
bursting bubble



**Fig. 8** – Détail de l'éclatement d'une bulle à la surface d'un liquide, montrant l'effondrement de la *cavité* (séquence du dessous) qui se conclut par l'émergence d'un *jet* liquide (Poujol *et al.*, 2021).



(a)



(b)



many other examples of similarities and of singularities  
falling fluid



Figure 7.1 A drop of viscous fluid falling from a pipette; note the long neck.  
Image courtesy of Nick Laan and Daniel Bonn.

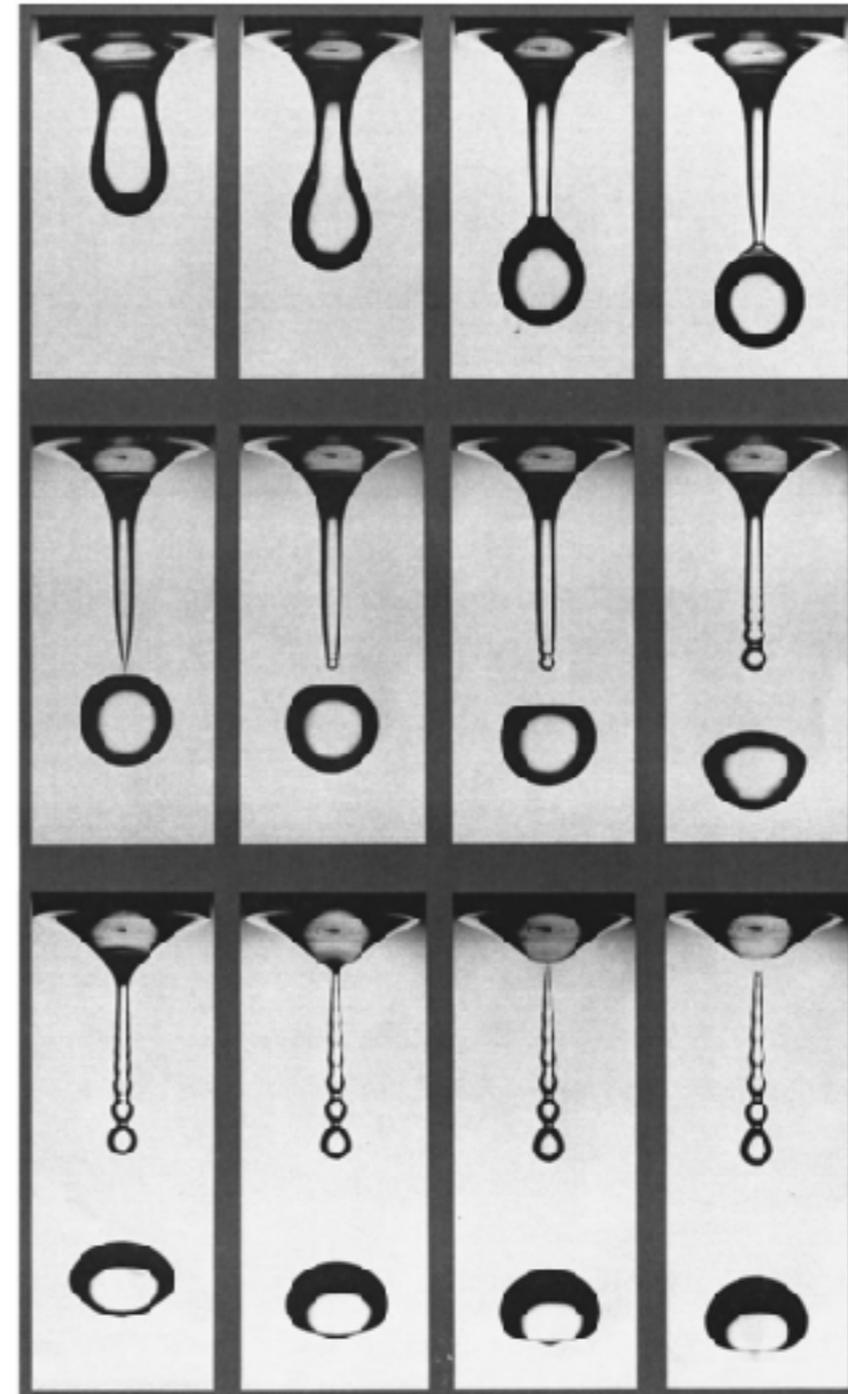


FIG. 6. A sequence of pictures of a water drop falling from a circular plate 1.25 cm in diameter (Shi, Brenner, and Nagel, 1994). The total time elapsed during the whole sequence is about 0.1 s. Reprinted with permission. © American Association for the Advancement of Science.



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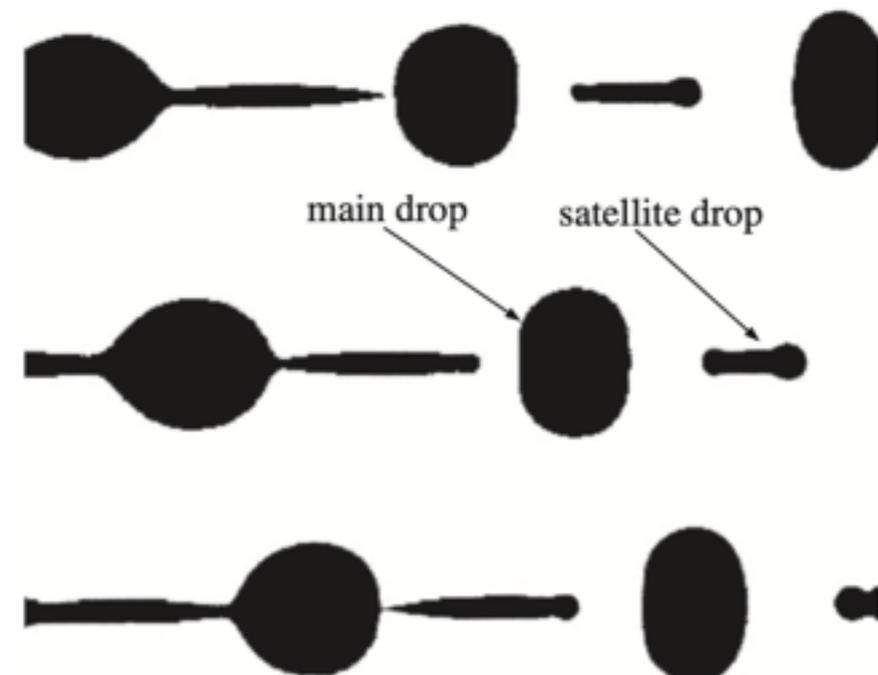
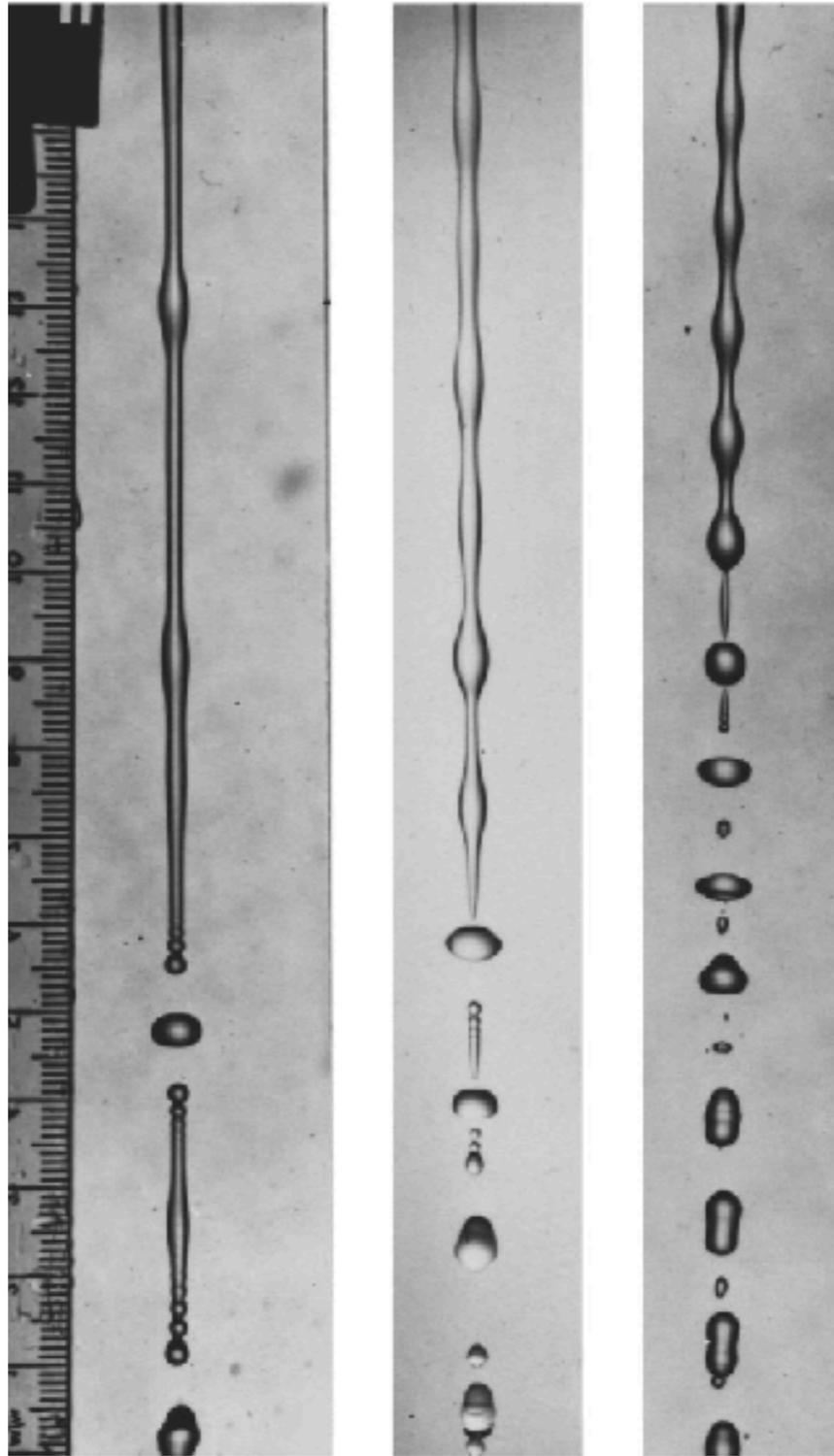


Figure 1.3 Satellite formation in a water–glycerol jet, showing a satellite drop in between two main drops. A satellite drop is the remnant of the elongated neck between two main drops [75, 146].



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## Numerical Simulation of Navier Stokes two-phase (ex water air)

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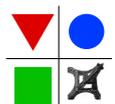
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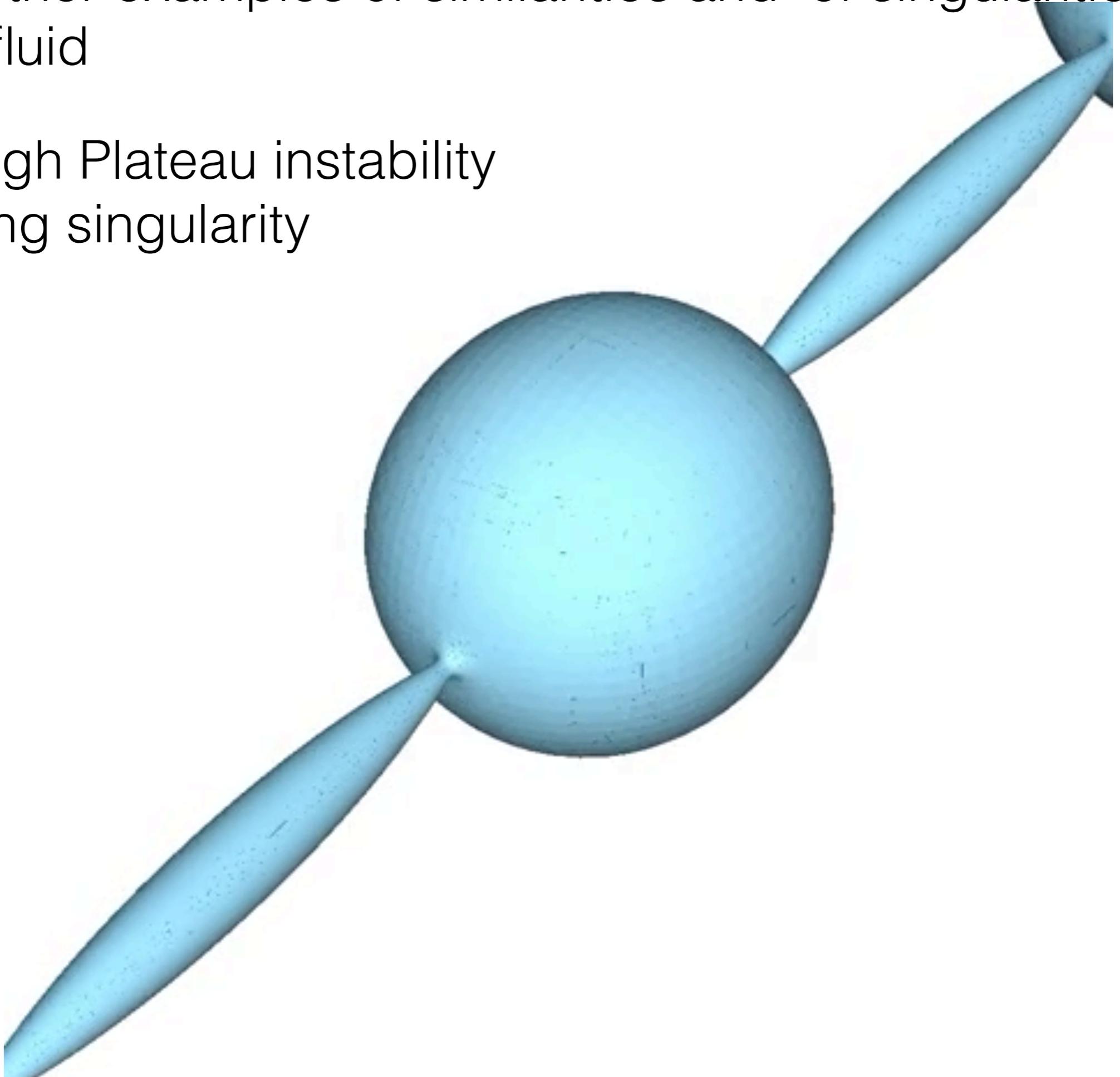
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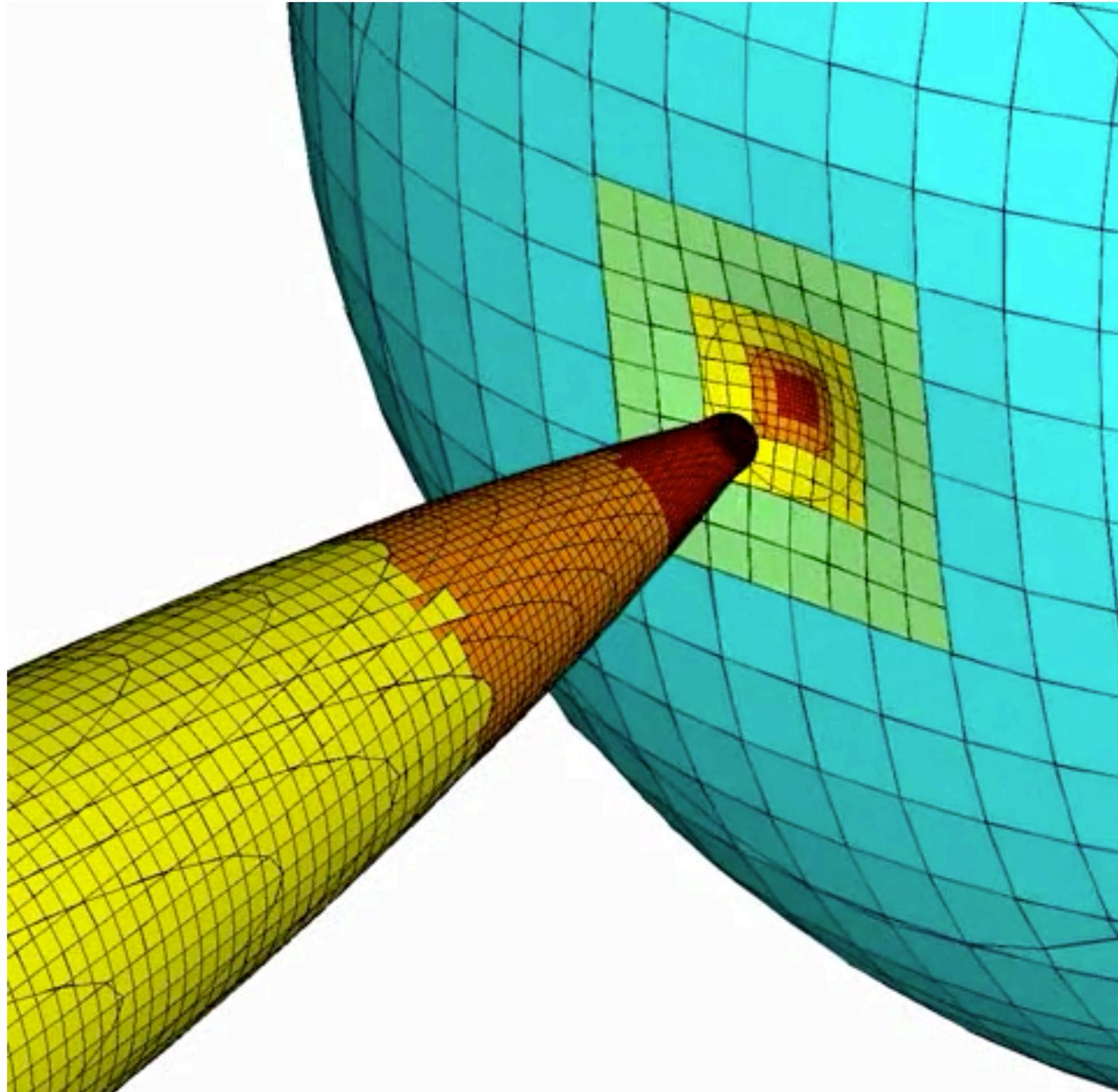
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creating singularity



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Adaptative Mesh Refinement



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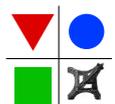
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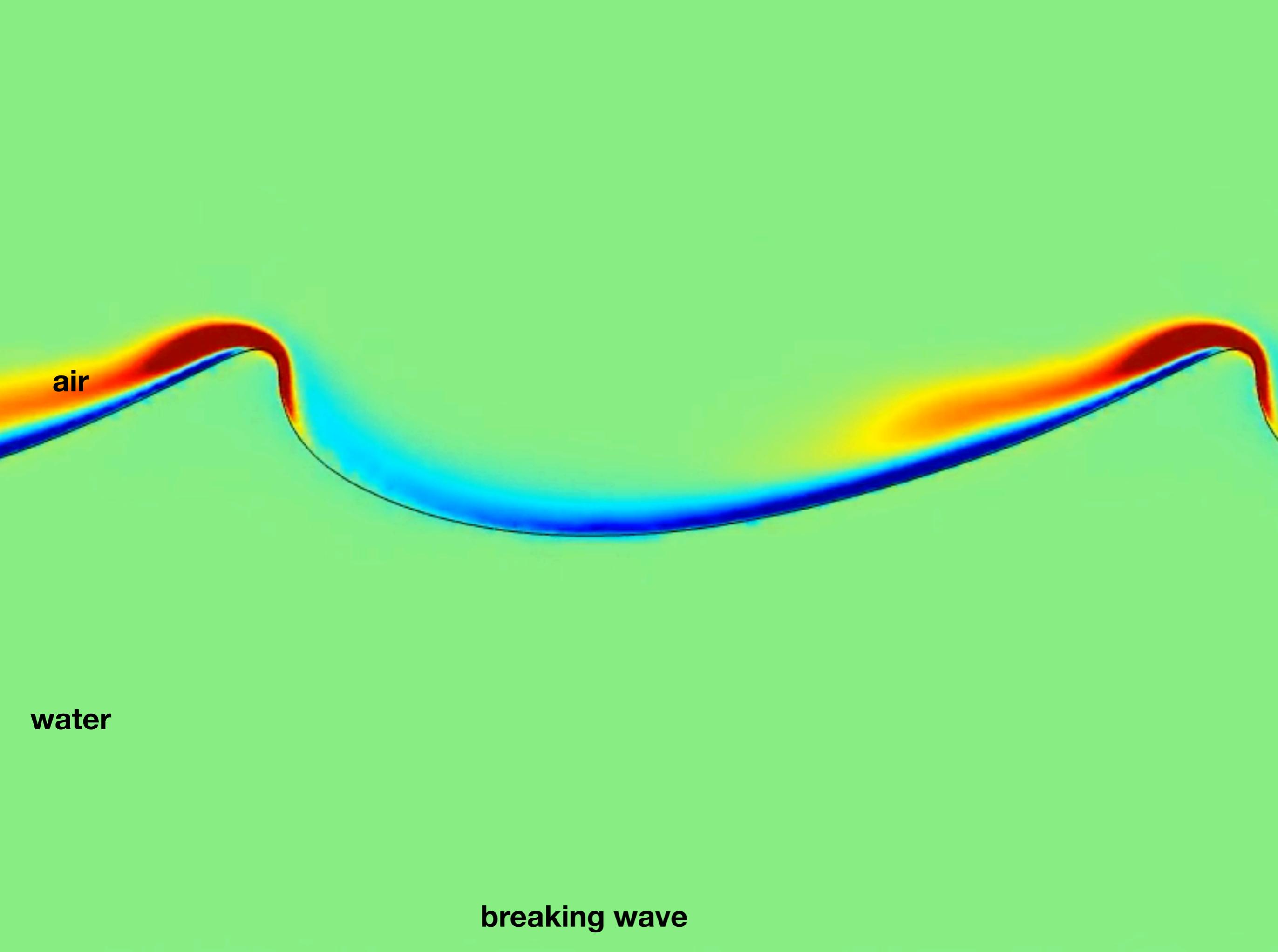


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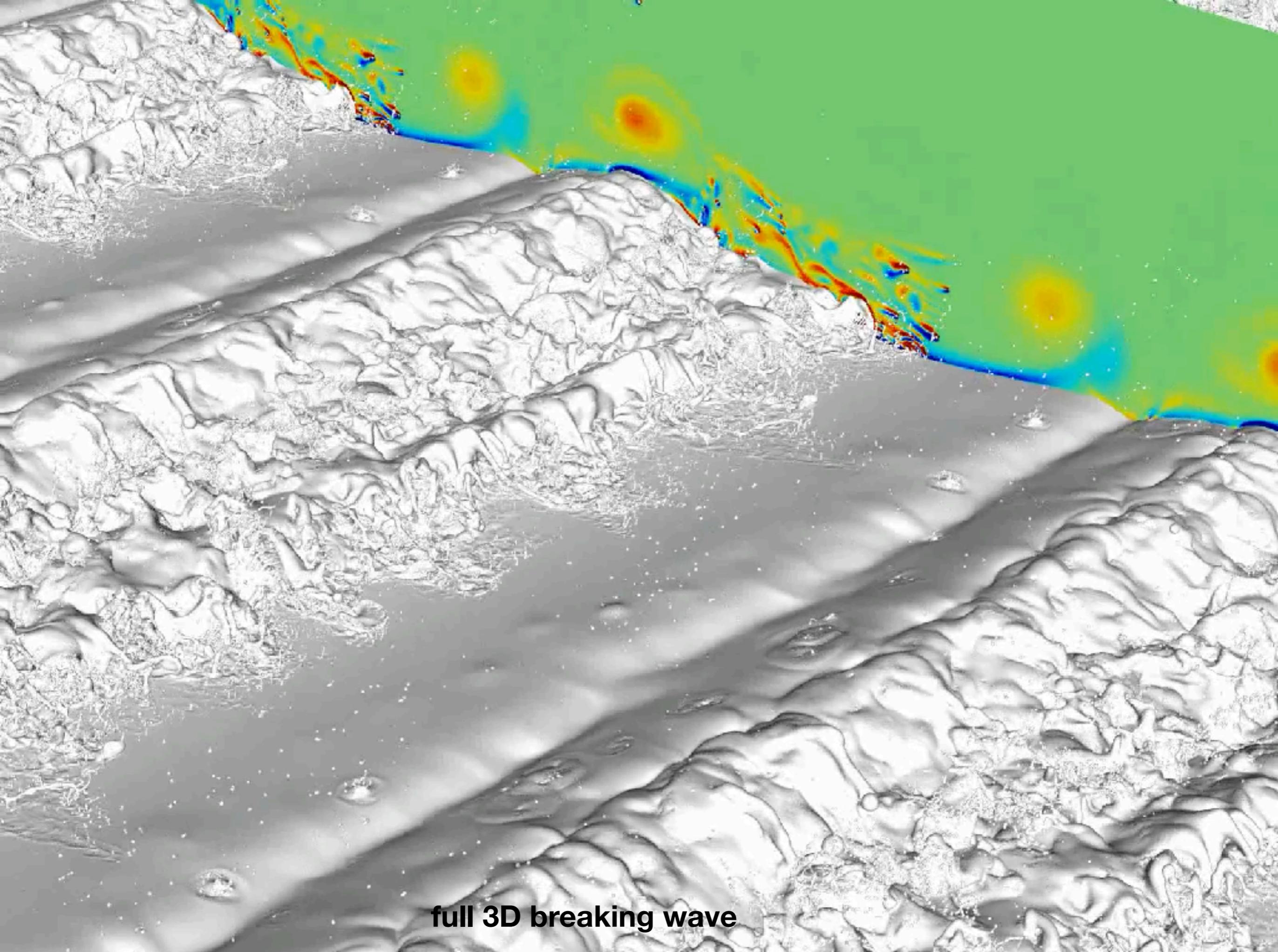
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breaking wave

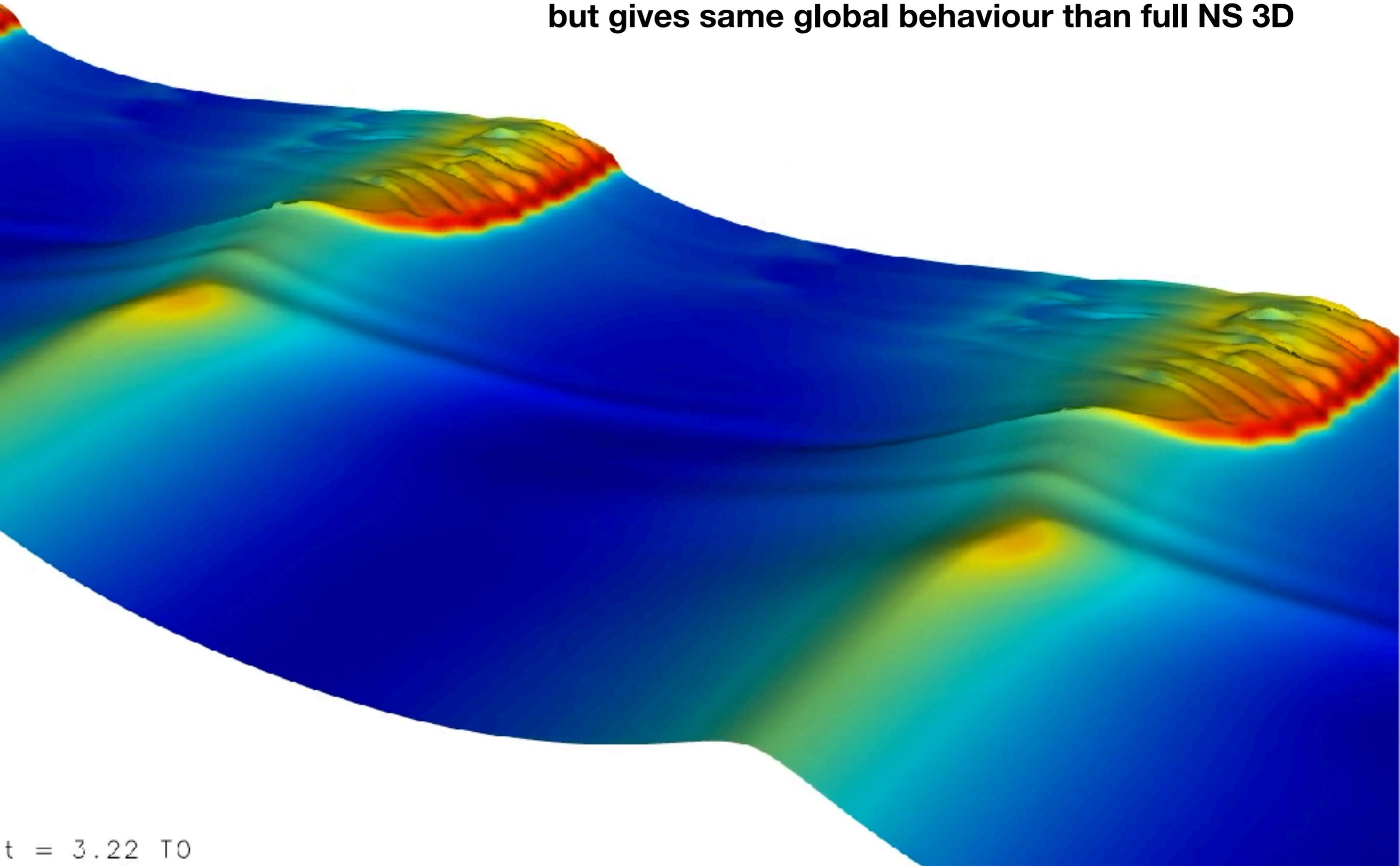


**breaking wave: automatic adaptative mesh at the "singular interface"**



**full 3D breaking wave**

**breaking wave with simplification, no air,  
with kind of "interacting layers", breaking is not resolved  
but gives same global behaviour than full NS 3D**



$t = 3.22 T_0$

# Conclusion



non linearities  
small parameter  
small ratio of scales



asymptotics :  
model equations (simplified from NS through asymptotics)

solved with MAE, WKB... numerically



self-similarity  
diverging quantity / self-similarity

new model equations with new scales etc



full numerical resolution :  $\varepsilon$  is always there!



