

# Weekly task – some solutions:

## Experiments with complex fluids

## Experiment 1

# A shear thickening liquid

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The starch-water system is a colloidal suspension. In such suspensions particles, suspended in the liquid interact with each other if the suspension is sheared.

In suspensions with a high volume fraction of suspended material this interaction becomes extremely strong – which is not dilatancy (as it is often named in literature). Dilatancy yields shear thickening, but shear thickening can appear without dilatancy!

Adding small amount of water gives rise to a change of volume concentration of suspended material and since viscosity depends highly non linear on volume concentration and in addition hydrodynamic interaction depends non linear on volume concentration too, already a small amount of water can lead to a significant decrease of viscosity.

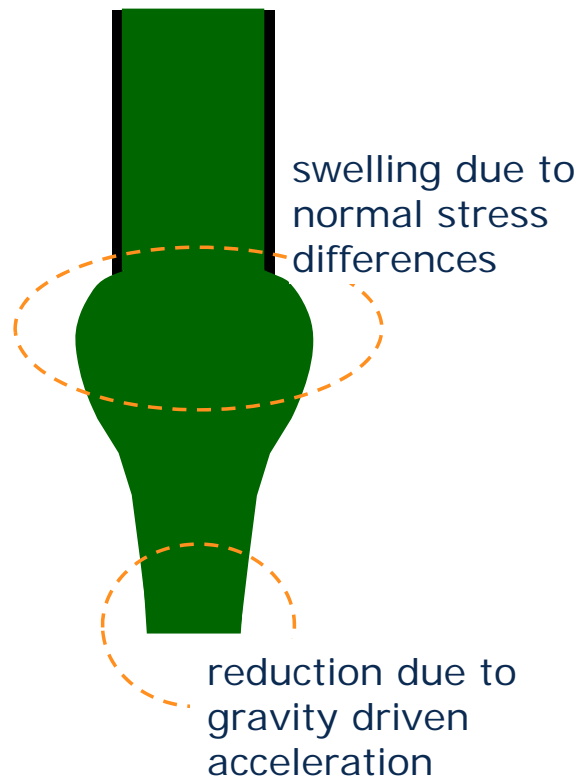
This nonlinear dependence is technically important since it allows significant reduction of viscosity by small changes of fluid composition!



## Experiment 2

# The shape of a free liquid jet

# Experiment 2: The shape of a free liquid jet



Normal stress differences:

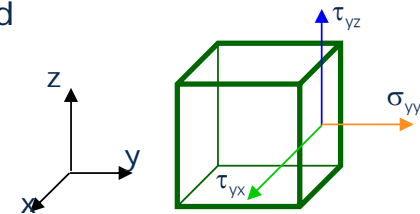
- disappear in a fluid at rest
- do not change with direction of fluid motion
- cause deformation of a volume element of the fluid

$$N_1 = \sigma_{xx} - \sigma_{yy}$$

$$N_{i(\dot{\gamma})} = v_{i(\dot{\gamma})} \dot{\gamma}^2$$

$$N_2 = \sigma_{yy} - \sigma_{zz}$$

$$\lim_{\dot{\gamma} \rightarrow 0} v_{i(\dot{\gamma})} = v_{i0} \neq 0$$



Derivation:

- calculate change of impulse at the nozzle due to the action of  $\sigma_{zz}$
- radial equation of motion provides  $\sigma_{zz}$

$$\frac{r_0^2}{r_s^2} = \frac{4}{3} - \frac{4(2v_{10} + v_{20})}{\rho r_0^2}$$

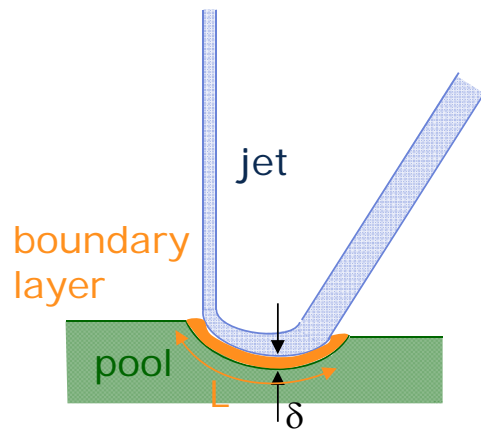
$r_0$ : radius of the tube,  $r_s$ : maximum radius of jet



## Experiment 3

# A bouncing liquid stream

# Experiment 3: A bouncing liquid stream



Explanation for the Kaye-effect (given by D. Lohse in 2006):

Strongly shear thinning liquid forms a shear thinning layer between jet and pool fluid looses energy here, resulting in a thicker jet emerging from the pool

$$R_{in} = \left( \frac{\dot{m}}{\pi \rho v_{in}} \right)^{1/2} \quad \dot{\gamma} = \frac{v}{\delta} \quad \eta_{(\dot{\gamma})} = \eta^{\infty} + \frac{\eta^* - \eta^{\infty}}{1 + \left( \frac{\dot{\gamma}}{\dot{\gamma}^*} \right)^n} = \eta^{\infty} + \eta^* \dot{\gamma}^* \frac{\delta}{v} \quad (n=1)$$

Energy balance

dissipation causes change of kinetic energy

critical entrance velocity

$$v_{in} = \left( \frac{\pi}{\rho \dot{m}} \right)^{1/3} \left( \frac{3}{2} \eta^* \dot{\gamma}^* L \right)^{2/3}$$

