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# **AEROELASTICITY AND FLUID-STRUCTURE INTERACTION**

## **Chapter 2:**

### **Coupled formulation of fluid and solid motions**

## ***Dimensional Analysis for Flow Characterization***

- ***In fluid mechanics, it is very common to express physical laws with the help of non-dimensional quantities only***

$$f(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_N) = 0$$

***where  $x_1, \dots, x_N$  are dimensional quantities:  $[x_i] = L^{\alpha_i} M^{\beta_i} T^{\gamma_i}$***

***(L: length, M: mass and T: time)***

***The function  $f$  may be expressed in non-dimensional form  $F$ , such as:***

$$F(X_1, X_2, \dots, X_P) = 0$$

***where  $X_1, \dots, X_P$  are dimensionless quantities:  $[X] = L^0 M^0 T^0$***

- ***Advantages:***
  - ***Universality of physical laws (e.g. scale independent)***
  - ***Useful to classify the large variety of complex flows***

## ***Dimensional Analysis for Flow Characterization***

- ***The Buckingham  $\pi$  Theorem:***  
***Any physically meaningful equation involving  $N$  physical variables***

$$f(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_N) = 0 \quad [x_i] = L^{\alpha_i} M^{\beta_i} T^{\gamma_i}$$

***may be written with a set of  $P$  dimensionless parameters, constructed from the original variables:***

$$F(X_1, X_2, \dots, X_P) = 0 \quad [X_i] = L^0 M^0 T^0$$
$$[X_i] = \frac{\text{Force}}{\text{Force}} = \frac{\text{Time}}{\text{Time}} = \dots$$

***with :***

$$P = N - R \quad \text{and} \quad R = \text{rank} \begin{bmatrix} \alpha_1 & \dots & \alpha_N \\ \beta_1 & \dots & \beta_N \\ \gamma_1 & \dots & \gamma_N \end{bmatrix}$$

## ***Dimensional Analysis for Flow Characterization***

- ***Rank of a matrix:***  
***In linear algebra, the rank of a matrix  $A$  is the dimension of the vector space generated (or spanned) by its columns (or rows). This corresponds to the maximal number of linearly independent columns (or rows) of  $A$ .***
- ***Examples:***

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ -2 & -3 & 1 \\ 3 & 3 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{rank}(A) = 2$$

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 & 2 \\ -1 & -1 & 0 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{rank}(A) = \text{rank}(^T A) = 1$$

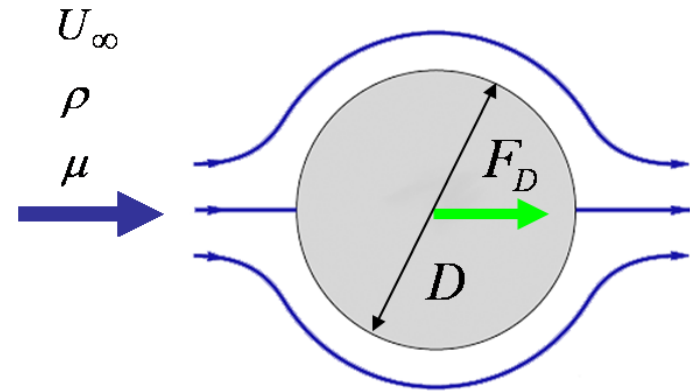
# Fluid dynamics framework

## Dimensional Analysis for Flow Characterization

- *Example: Drag on a sphere*

$$f(F_D, U_\infty, \rho, \mu, D) = 0$$

*5 dimensional variables*



$$R = \text{rank} \begin{pmatrix} L \\ M \\ T \end{pmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & -3 & -1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ -2 & -1 & 0 & -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = 3$$

→  $P = N - R = 5 - 3 = 2$  *Only 2 dimensionless variables are required*

# Fluid dynamics framework

## Dimensional Analysis for Flow Characterization

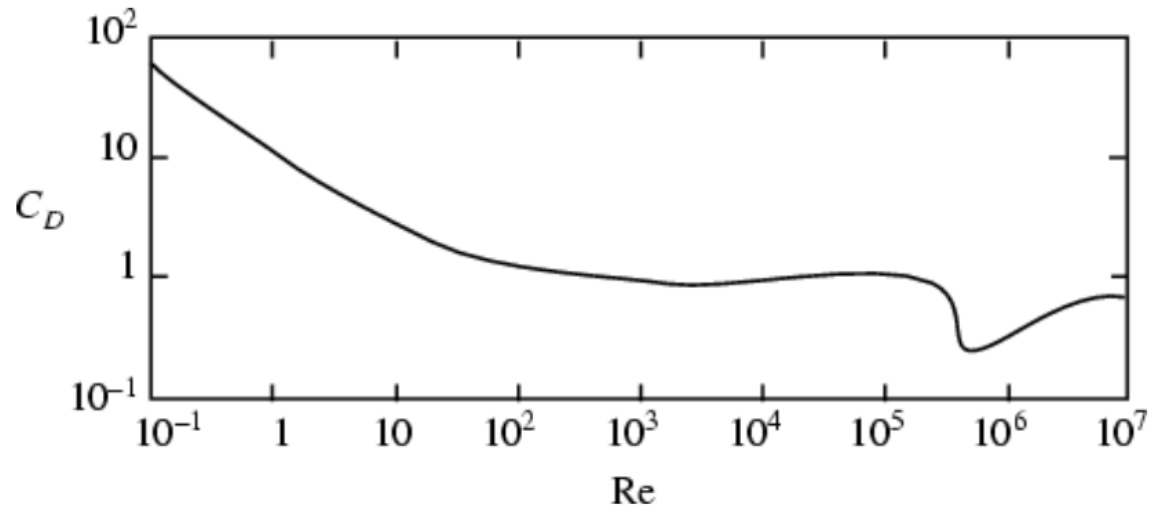
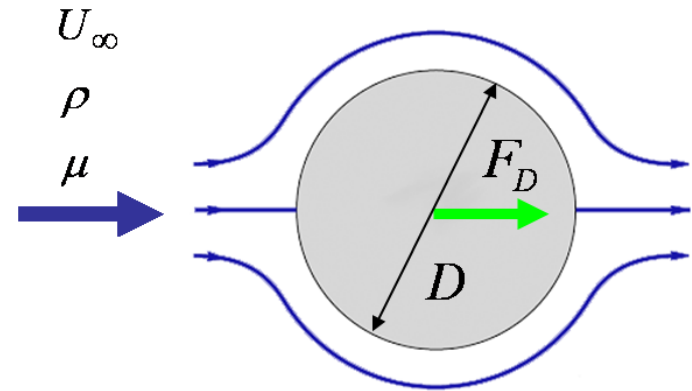
- **Example: Drag on a sphere**
  - **dimensionless equation:**

$$F\left(\frac{F_D}{\rho U_\infty^2 D^2}, \frac{\rho U_\infty D}{\mu}\right) = 0$$

$$F(C_D, Re) = 0$$

$C_D$  : Drag Coefficient

$Re$  : Reynolds Number



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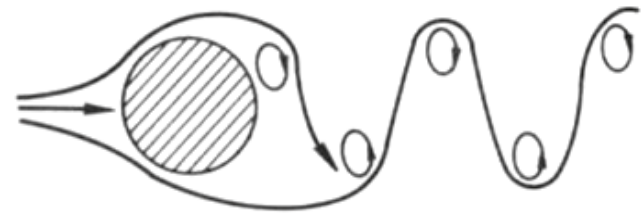
## *Dimensional Analysis for Flow Characterization*

- **Example:**

***Vortex shedding from a cylinder (Karman vortices)***

- ***Shedding Frequency  $f_s$  ?***
- ***Governing equation:***

**$f(f_s, U_\infty, \rho, \mu, D) = 0$**   
***5 dimensional variables***



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## *Dimensional Analysis for Flow Characterization*

- **Example:**  
*Vortex shedding from a cylinder (Karman vortices)*
  - *Shedding Frequency  $f_s$  ?*
  - *Dimensionless equation:*

$$F\left(\frac{f_s D}{U_\infty}, \frac{\rho U_\infty D}{\mu}\right) = 0$$

*St : Strouhal Number*

*Re : Reynolds Number*

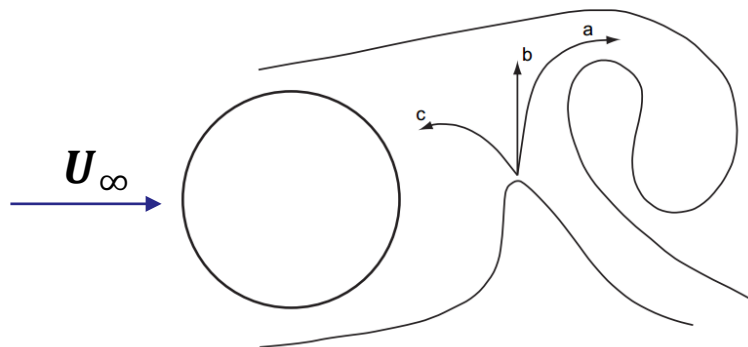


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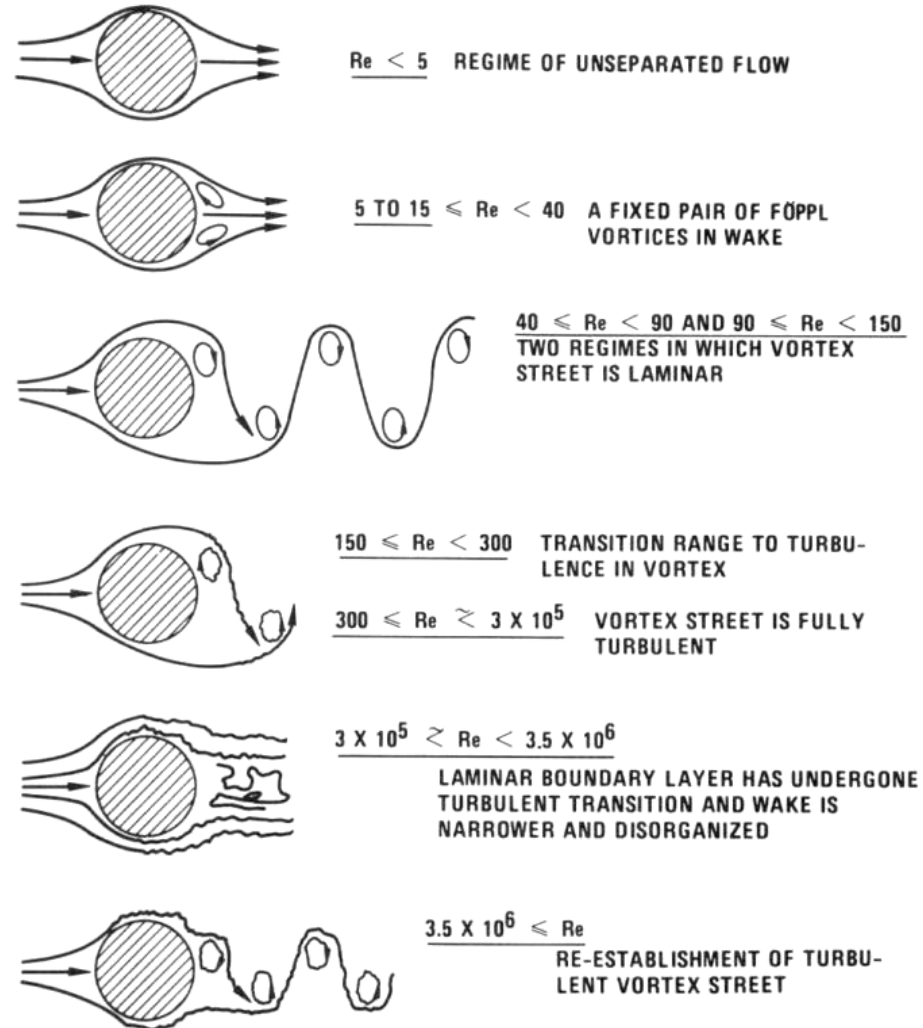
## Dimensional Analysis for Flow Characterization

- **Example:**  
*Vortex shedding from a cylinder*
- **Experimental Observations:**

$$St = \frac{f_s D}{U_\infty} \quad Re = \frac{\rho U_\infty D}{\mu}$$



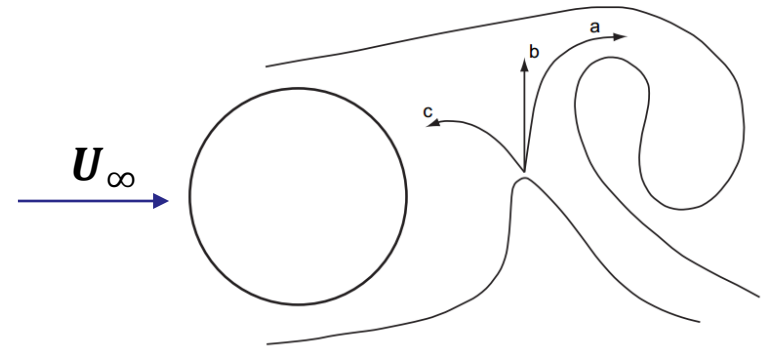
Vortex-formation model, Gerrard (1966)



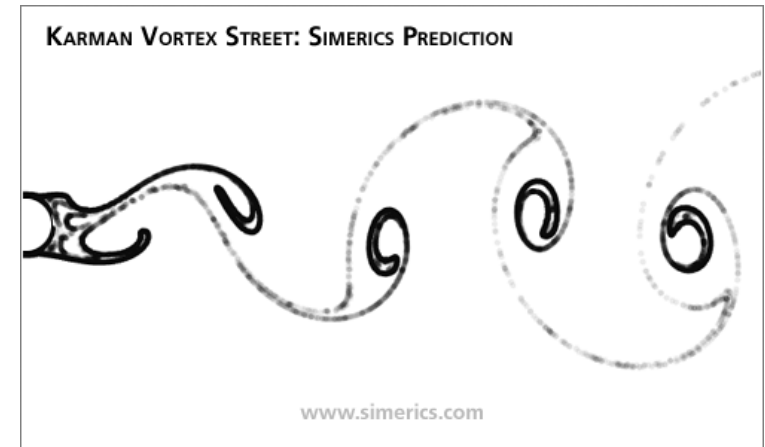
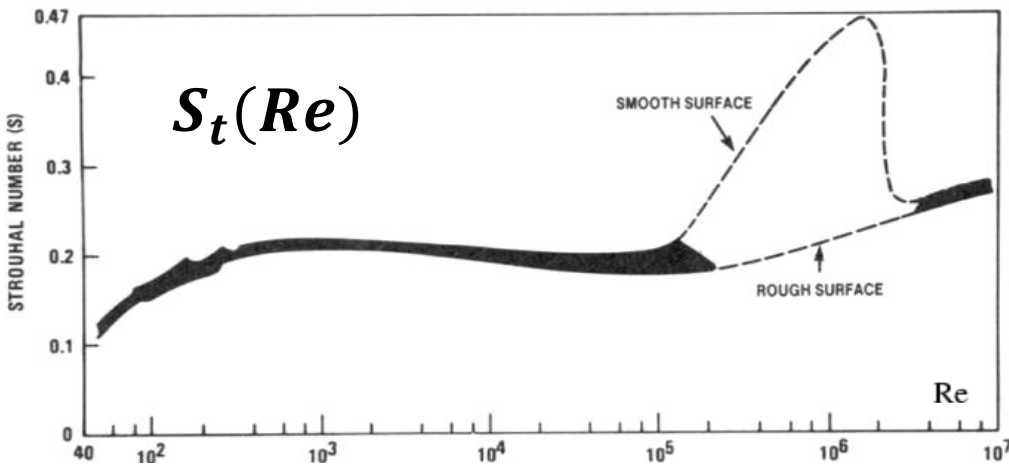
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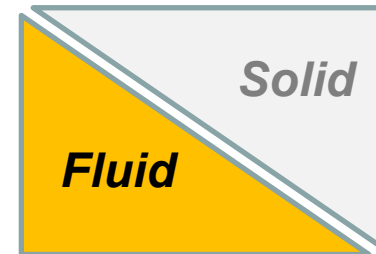


# Fluid-Solid Interaction: General Formulation

## *Uncoupled formulation of fluid-solid interaction:*

- *We consider a flow interacting with a moving/deforming solid:*
  - *The fluid and the solid are treated separately*
    - *Relevant variables for the fluid motion:*

U Velocity field  
x Coordinates  
t Time  
 $\mu$  Viscosity  
 $\rho$  Density  
g Gravity  
 $U_0$  Reference Velocity  
L Reference Length

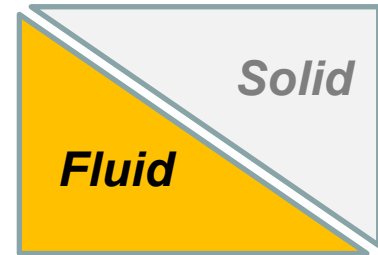


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    - *Dimensional form of the equation of fluid motion :*

$$f(x, t, U, \mu, L, g, \rho, U_0) = 0$$



- *Dimensionless form of the equation of motion:*

$$R = \text{rank} \begin{pmatrix} L \\ M \\ T \end{pmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 & -1 & 1 & 1 & -3 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & -1 & 0 & -2 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} = 3$$

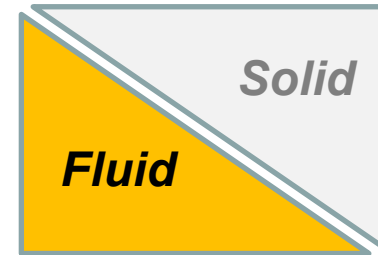
$\rightarrow$  *Problem dimension = 8-3=5*

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$$F\left(\frac{x}{L}, \frac{U}{U_0}, \frac{t}{L/U_0}, \frac{\rho U_0 L}{\mu}, \frac{U_0}{\sqrt{gL}}\right) = 0$$



$\rho U_0 L / \mu$  : Reynolds Number (Ratio of inertia to the viscous forces)

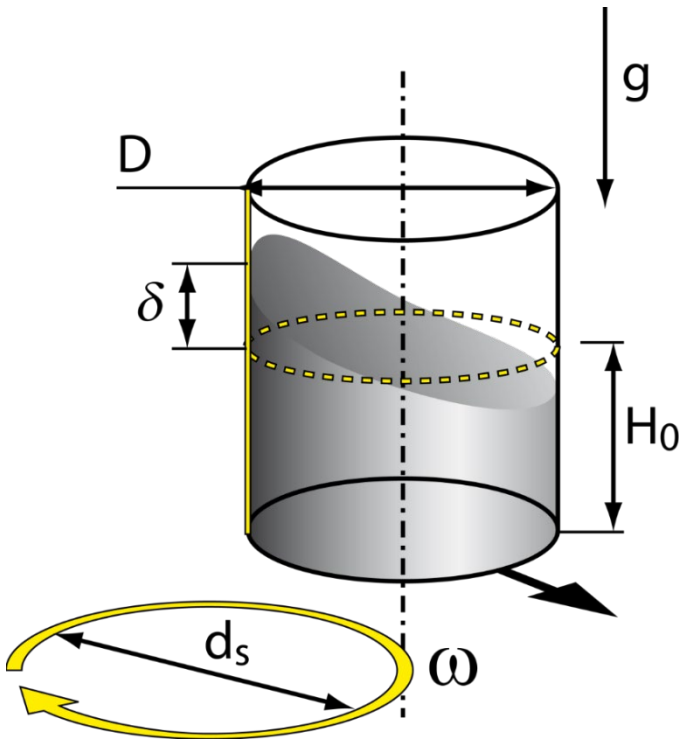
$\frac{U_0 t}{L} = \frac{t}{T_{Fluid}}$  : Time  $t$  is normalized by the time required for a particle moving at the reference velocity  $U_0$  to travel the reference distance  $L$

$U_0 / \sqrt{gL}$  : Froude Number (Ratio of inertia to the gravity forces)

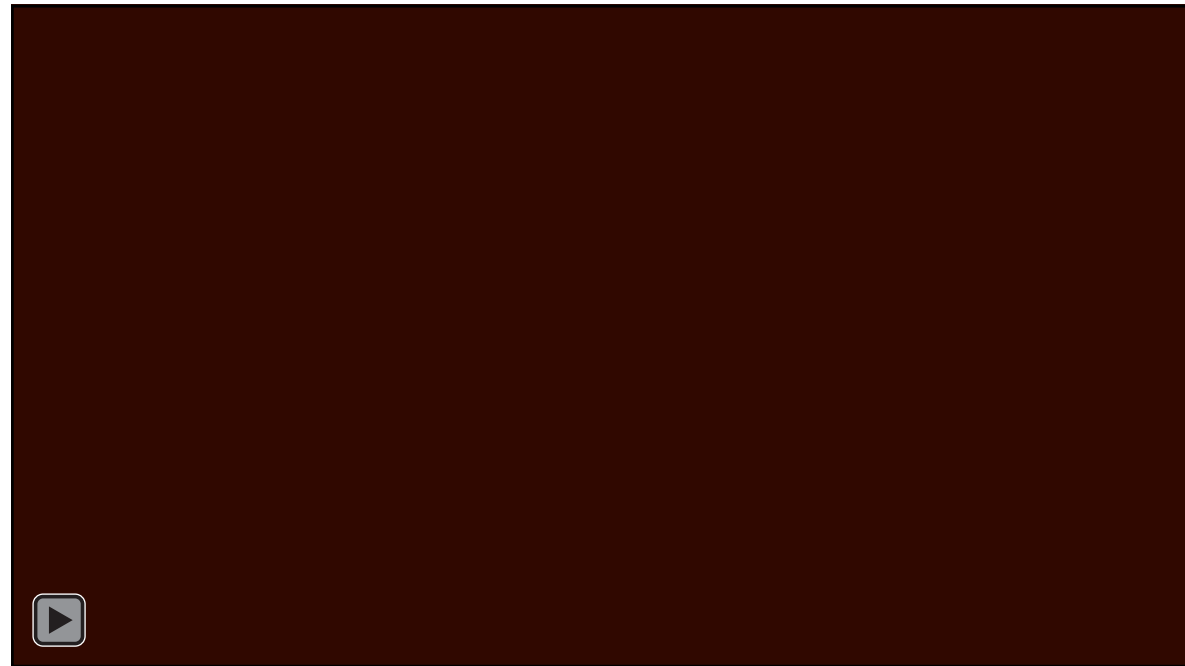
# Fluid-Solid Interaction: General Formulation

## *Illustration of the role of Froude Number*

- *Sloshing phenomena in an orbitally shaken reservoir:*
  - *The gentle motion enhances mixing and oxygenation (Used in cell cultivation)*
  - *The sloshing is mainly governed by the Froude number*



[Link to video on Youtube](#)



# Fluid-Solid Interaction: General Formulation

## ***Uncoupled formulation of fluid-solid interaction:***

- ***We consider a flow interacting with a moving/deforming solid:***
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    - ***Relevant variables for the solid motion:***

$\xi$  Displacement field

$x$  Coordinates

$t$  Time

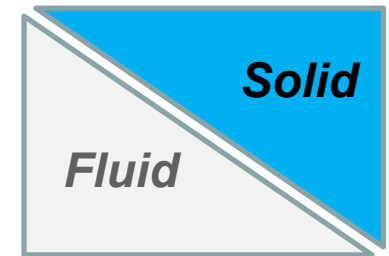
$E$  Stiffness

$L$  Reference Length

$g$  Gravity

$\rho_s$  Density

$\xi_0$  Reference Displacement

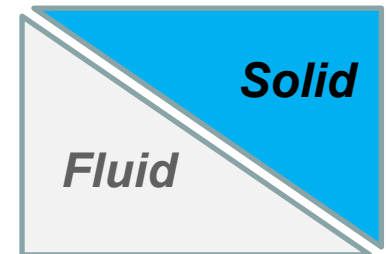


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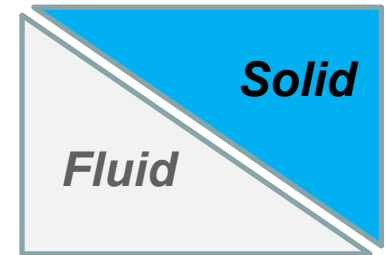
$$\rightarrow \text{Problem dimension} = 8 - 3 = 5$$

# Fluid-Solid Interaction: General Formulation

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$$F\left(\frac{x}{L}, \frac{\xi}{L}, \frac{t\sqrt{E/\rho_s}}{L}, \frac{\xi_0}{L}, \frac{\rho_s g L}{E}\right) = 0$$



$\frac{\xi_0}{L}$  : Displacement number (Displacement scaled by the reference length)

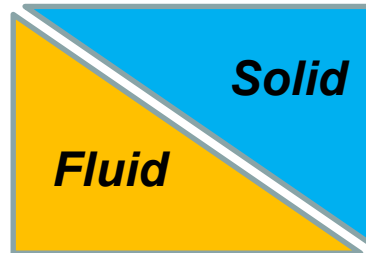
$\frac{\rho_s g L}{E}$  : Elastogravity number (ratio of gravity force over elastic force)

$\frac{t\sqrt{E/\rho_s}}{L} = \frac{t}{T_{solid}} ; T_{solid} = \frac{L}{\sqrt{E/\rho_s}} = \frac{L}{c}$  : Time for elastic waves to travel the reference length  $L$

# Fluid-Solid Interaction: General Formulation

## *Coupled formulation of fluid-solid interaction:*

- *We consider a flow interacting with a moving/deforming solid:*
  - *Fluid motion depends on both fluid and solid variables:*



Coordinates	$\underline{x}$		$\underline{x}$	Coordinates
Time	$t$		$t$	Time
Velocity field	$\underline{U}$		$\underline{\xi}$	Displacement field
Viscosity	$\mu$		$E$	Stiffness
Size	$L$		$L$	Size
Gravity	$g$		$g$	Gravity
Density	$\rho$		$\rho_s$	Density
Velocity Data	$U_0$		$\xi_0$	Displacement Data

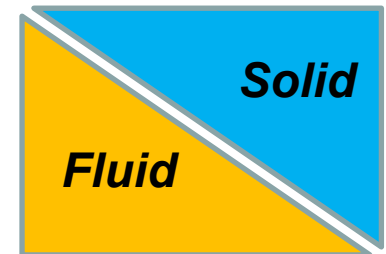
# Fluid-Solid Interaction: General Formulation

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$$g(U, x, t, \mu, \rho, U_0, L, g, E, \rho_s, \xi_0) = 0$$

*11 variables related to solid and fluid domains*



$$\text{Rank} \begin{bmatrix} U & x & t & \mu & \rho & U_0 & L & g & E & \rho_s & \xi_0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & -1 & -3 & 1 & 1 & 1 & -1 & -3 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 1 & -1 & 0 & -1 & 0 & -2 & -2 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = 3$$

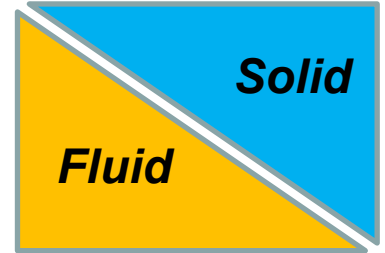
*→ Problem dimension = 11 - 3 = 8*

# Fluid-Solid Interaction: General Formulation

## ***Coupled formulation of fluid-solid interaction:***

- ***We consider a flow interacting with a moving/deforming solid:***

- ***Dimensionless form:***



$$G\left(\frac{U}{U_0}, \frac{x}{L}, \frac{t}{L/U_0}, \frac{\rho U_0 L}{\mu}, \frac{U_0}{\sqrt{gL}}, \frac{\xi_0}{L}, \frac{\rho_s g L}{E}, A\right) = 0$$

- ***Dimensionless parameter A ? (must combine fluid & solid)***

# Fluid-Solid Interaction: General Formulation

## ***Coupled formulation of fluid-solid interaction:***

- ***Possible choices for the dimensionless number A:***

$\frac{\rho}{\rho_s}$  : *Mass number (mass of the fluid vs mass of the solid)*

$\frac{U_0}{\sqrt{E/\rho_s}}$  : *Reduced velocity (Ratio of fluid velocity & elastic wave celerity)*

$\frac{\rho U_0^2}{E}$  : *Cauchy number (combines fluid forces and solid stiffness)*  
*High Cauchy number  $\rightarrow$  The solid is more deformable under the action of the fluid forces*

# Fluid-Solid Interaction: General Formulation

## *Equations of motion of fluid and solid:*

- *On the Fluid side: Navier-Stokes equations*

*Mass conservation or Continuity (incompressible):*  $\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{U} = 0$

*Momentum conservation:*

$$\rho \frac{d\vec{U}}{dt} = -\rho g \vec{e}_z - \vec{\nabla} p + \mu \Delta \vec{U}$$

*Inertia*      *Gravity force*      *Pressure gradient*      *Viscous force*

# Fluid-Solid Interaction: General Formulation

## *Equations of motion of fluid and solid:*

- *On the Solid side:*

*Single mode approximation:*

$$\xi(\mathbf{x}, t) = \mathbf{q}(t)\phi(\mathbf{x})$$

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*Modal displacement*      *Modal shape*  
*(Always known)*

*Example:*   $\xrightarrow{\vec{e}_x}$   $\phi(\mathbf{x}) = \vec{e}_x$

*Oscillator equation:*

$$m \frac{d^2 q}{dt^2} + kq = f$$

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*Modal mass*      *Modal stiffness*      *Modal load*

# Fluid-Solid Interaction: General Formulation


## *Equations of motion of fluid and solid:*

- *At the interface between fluid and solid (Continuity equations):*
  - *Kinematic condition*  
*(no mixing and no sliding between solid and fluid):*

$$\mathbf{U} = \frac{d\xi(\mathbf{x}, t)}{dt} = \frac{dq(t)}{dt} \boldsymbol{\phi}(\mathbf{x})$$

- *Dynamic conditions: Continuity of forces at the interface*

$$\int \{[-p\mathbf{I} + \mu(\nabla\mathbf{U} + \nabla^t\mathbf{U})] \cdot \mathbf{n}\} \cdot \boldsymbol{\phi} dS = \mathbf{f}$$

 Modal load

# Fluid-Solid Interaction: General Formulation

## *Equations of motion of fluid and solid:*

*Navier-Stokes*

$$\vec{\nabla} \vec{U} = 0$$

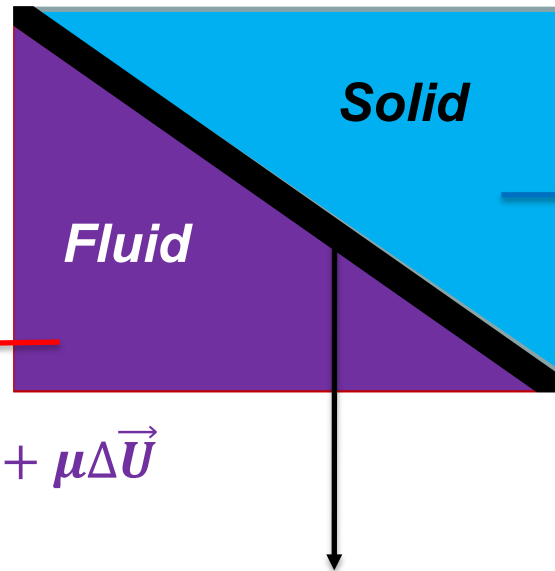
$$\rho \frac{d\vec{U}}{dt} = -\rho g \vec{e}_z - \vec{\nabla} p + \mu \Delta \vec{U}$$

*At the interface:*

$$U = \frac{dq(t)}{dt} \phi(x)$$

$$\int \{ [-pI + \mu(\nabla U + \nabla^t U)] \cdot n \} \cdot \phi dS = f$$

*+ boundary conditions in the fluid and solid domains*



$$m \frac{d^2 q}{dt^2} + kq = f$$

*Oscillator equation*

# Fluid-Solid Interaction: General Formulation

## *Dimensionless equations of fluid and solid motions*

- *Dimensionless variables in the fluid:*

$$x_f = \frac{x}{L} \quad U_f = \frac{U}{U_0} \quad p_f = \frac{p}{\rho U_0^2} \quad t_f = \frac{t}{T_{fluid}}$$

- *Dimensionless variables in the solid:*

$$x_s = \frac{x}{L} \quad q_s = \frac{q}{\xi_0} \quad f_s = \frac{f}{k\xi_0} \quad t_s = \frac{t}{T_{solid}}$$

# Fluid-Solid Interaction: General Formulation

## *Dimensionless equations of fluid and solid motions*

- *Dimensionless time ?*

- *In the solid:*  $T_{solid} = \sqrt{m/k} \rightarrow t_s \frac{t}{\sqrt{m/k}}$   
or  $T_{solid} = \frac{L}{c} \rightarrow t_s = \frac{t}{L/c}$

- *In the fluid:*  $T_{fluid} = \frac{L}{U_0} \rightarrow t_f = \frac{t}{L/U_0}$

- *The time references (clocks) in the solid and in the fluid are not necessarily the same. We may have:*

$$T_{fluid} \gg T_{solid}, \quad T_{fluid} \ll T_{solid} \quad \text{or} \quad T_{fluid} \sim T_{solid}$$

- *Arbitrary choice:*  $t_s = \frac{t}{T_{solid}}$

# Fluid-Solid Interaction: General Formulation

## *Dimensionless equations of fluid and solid motions*

- *On the Fluid side: Navier-Stokes equations*

- *Continuity:*  $\vec{\nabla}\vec{U} = \mathbf{0} \Rightarrow \vec{\nabla}\vec{U}_f = \mathbf{0}$

- *Momentum conservation:*  $\rho \frac{d\vec{U}}{dt} = -\rho g \vec{e}_z - \vec{\nabla}p + \mu \Delta \vec{U}$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{c}{U_0} \frac{d\vec{U}_f}{dt_s} = -\frac{gL}{U_0^2} \vec{e}_z - \vec{\nabla}p_f + \frac{\mu}{\rho U_0 L} \Delta \vec{U}_f$$

$$\frac{1}{U_R} \frac{d\vec{U}_f}{dt_s} = -\frac{1}{Fr^2} \vec{e}_z - \vec{\nabla}p_f + \frac{1}{Re} \Delta \vec{U}_f$$

$$U_R = \frac{T_{solid}}{T_{fluid}}$$

: *Reduced velocity. This term appears because the reference time is taken in the solid*

# Fluid-Solid Interaction: General Formulation

## *Dimensionless equations of fluid and solid motions*

- *On the solid side:*

$$m \frac{d^2 q}{dt^2} + kq = f$$

$$q_s = \frac{q}{\xi_0}$$

$$f_s = \frac{f}{k\xi_0}$$

*Dimensionless time ?*

$$t_s = \frac{t}{\sqrt{\frac{m}{k}}}$$

# Fluid-Solid Interaction: General Formulation

## *Dimensionless equations of fluid and solid motions*

- *On the solid side:*

$$m \frac{d^2 q}{dt^2} + kq = f \quad \Rightarrow \quad m \left[ \sqrt{\frac{k}{m}} \right]^2 \xi_0 \frac{d^2 q_s}{dt_s^2} + k \xi_0 q_s = k \xi_0 f_s$$

$$\Rightarrow \quad \frac{d^2 q_s}{dt_s^2} + q_s = f_s$$

$\Rightarrow$  *Dimensionless oscillator's frequency = 1*  
*Obvious, since the oscillation period is taken as the reference time*

# Fluid-Solid Interaction: General Formulation

## *Dimensionless equations of fluid and solid motions*

- *At the fluid-solid interface:*
  - *Kinematic condition:*

$$U = \frac{dq(t)}{dt} \phi(x) \quad \Rightarrow \quad \frac{U_0 T_{solid}}{L} U_f = \frac{\xi_0}{L} \frac{dq_s}{dt_s} \phi(x)$$

$$\Rightarrow \quad U_R U_f = D \frac{dq_s}{dt_s} \phi(x)$$

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Displacement Nb

# Fluid-Solid Interaction: General Formulation

## *Dimensionless equations of fluid and solid motions*

- *On the fluid-solid interface*
  - *Dynamic condition:*

$$\int_{\text{Interface}} \{[-p_f I + \mu(\nabla U + \nabla^t U)] \cdot n\} \cdot \phi dS = f$$



$$\int_{\text{Interface}} \left\{ \frac{\rho U_0^2 L}{k} \left[ -p_f I + \frac{\mu}{\rho U_0 L} (\nabla U_f + \nabla^t U_f) \right] \cdot n \right\} \cdot \phi dS = \frac{\xi_0}{L} f_s$$



$$\int_{\text{Interface}} \left\{ Cy \left[ -p_f I + \frac{1}{Re} (\nabla U_f + \nabla^t U_f) \right] \cdot n \right\} \cdot \phi dS = D f_s$$

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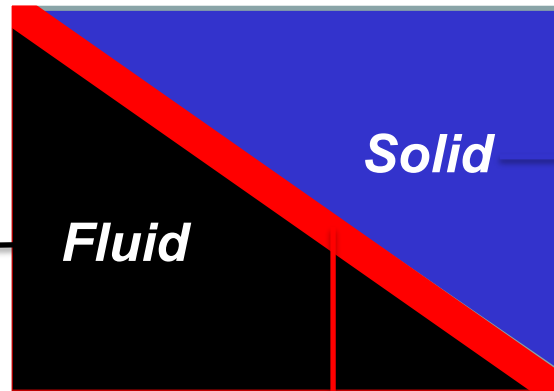
## Summary: Dimensionless equations

**Navier-Stokes**

$$\vec{\nabla} \vec{U}_f = 0$$

$$\frac{1}{U_R} \frac{d\vec{U}_f}{dt_s} = -\frac{1}{Fr^2} \vec{e}_z - \vec{\nabla} p_f + \frac{1}{Re} \Delta \vec{U}_f$$

+ fluid boundary conditions



**Oscillator equation**

$$\frac{d^2 q_s}{dt_s^2} + q_s = f_s$$

+ solid boundary conditions

**At the interface:**

$$U_R U_f = D \frac{dq_s}{dt_s} \phi(x)$$

$$\int_{\text{Interface}} \left\{ c_y \left[ -p_f I + \frac{1}{Re} (\nabla U_f + \nabla^t U_f) \right] \cdot n \right\} \cdot \phi dS = D f_s$$