#### Outline

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#### Turbulent flow

from Van Dyke (1983) "An album of fluid motion"

Turbulent boundary layer developed in a flat plate

## Reynolds "famous" experiment



## **Repetition of Reynolds' experiment**



From "An album of fluid motion" by Van Dyke (1982)

By N. H. Johannesen and C. Lowe @ University of Manchester (1993)

Modern traffic in the streets of Manchester made the critical Reynolds number lower than the value 13,000 found by Reynolds

 $Re_{c,1993} \sim 11,700 < Re_{c,1983} \sim 13,000$ 

Turbulent phenomena are sensitive to disturbances around flows ⇒Closely related to stability.

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# **Progress from laminar to turbulent flow** Sketches by Reynolds (1883) Laminar flow (Low Reynolds number) Transition to turbulent flow (Re > 13 000) This "disordered" motion of fluid has a universal character :

"cascading" eddy structure.

## **Cascading eddy structures**

**Big** whorls have **little** whorls Which feed on their velocity; And **little** whorls have **lesser** whorls, And so on to **viscosity** (in the molecular sense)

From page 66 of Richardson (1922)

Laser induced fluorescence visualization of turbulent jet stream



### "Theory of locally isotropic turbulence" by K. N. Kolmogorov (1941)



# **Turbulent drag reduction**



**FIGURE 6-5** Drag reduction data for polyacrylamide solutions (Darby and Pivsa-Art, 1991). ( $N_{Res}$  is the Reynolds number based on solvent properties.)

From Darby (Chemical Engineering Fluid Mechanics)

#### Simulations with polymer solutions (Sureshkumar)





Size of eddy structures (hairpin vortices) decreases as elastic effect increases . . .

# **Turbulent drag reduction**



**FIGURE 6-6** Drag reduction data replotted in terms of generalized friction factor. (From Darby and Pivsa-Art, 1991.)

TABLE 6-2
 Parameters for Eqn (6-90) for Various Polymer Solutions

 Polymer
 Conc.  
(mg/kg)
 Diam.  
(cm)
 k<sub>1</sub>
 k<sub>2</sub>

$$2^{1/5}$$

 Guar gum  
(Jaguar A-20-D)
 20
 1.27
 0.05
 0.009
 Wang  
(1972)

 Guar gum  
(Jaguar A-20-D)
 20
 0.07
 0.022
 0.07
 0.022

 500
 0.10
 0.029
 0.06
 0.014
 (1972)

 Guar gum  
(Jaguar A-20-D)
 30
 0.05
 0.008
 White

 60
 0.066
 0.010
 0.176
 0.093
 0.0342
 Darby  
(1966)

 Guar gum  
(Separan AP-30)
 250
 to
 0.095
 0.0293
 (1991)

 60
 0.0176
 0.093
 0.0244
 Parby  
(1991)
 (1991)

 60
 0.0176
 0.095
 0.0293
 (1991)

 60
 0.0176
 0.095
 0.0244
 Parby  
(1991)

 60
 0.045
 0.103
 0.0244
 (1975)

 60
 0.945
 0.21
 0.0074
 Wirk (1970)

Source: Darby and Pivsa-Art(1991).

$$N_{\rm De} = k_2 \left(\frac{8\mu_{\rm s} N_{\rm Re,s}}{\rho D^2}\right)^{k_1} N_{\rm Re,s}^{0.34}$$

## **Turbulent drag reduction**



Approximate expression for Fanning factor for Newtonian fluids in smooth pipes (Colebrook equation)

N<sub>De</sub> Typically 1 to 5, can be up to 10 Reduction due to the Drag Reducing Agent (polymer, surfactant, etc.)

N <sub>De</sub>	reduction
1	29.3%
5	80.4%
10	90.1%