

Engineering:

From your mind!
through your heart(?)

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Outline

- Provide some insight into what “engineering” is as a profession and as an academic major
- Raise some issues that you may want to consider as you are deciding what to do in your future
- I will take a rather abstract approach
 - Different academic disciplines of engineering have varying degrees of “abstract” v. “concrete”.

Topic

- Most of your life is in front of you and I certainly hope that you will be afforded the opportunity that your career can contribute to
 - "... pursuit of happiness..."
- Will you find personal fulfillment being an engineer?
- I will make some statements and raise some questions that are intended to get you started on a path to answering this question for yourself.

Engineering

- Engineers seek to develop technologies that make the world a better place for humanity!
 - There are elements of creativity involved
- However, we need to realize there are limitations...
 - The laws of nature!

Rise of oxygen (why we breath air!)

Two classes of reactions that use glucose

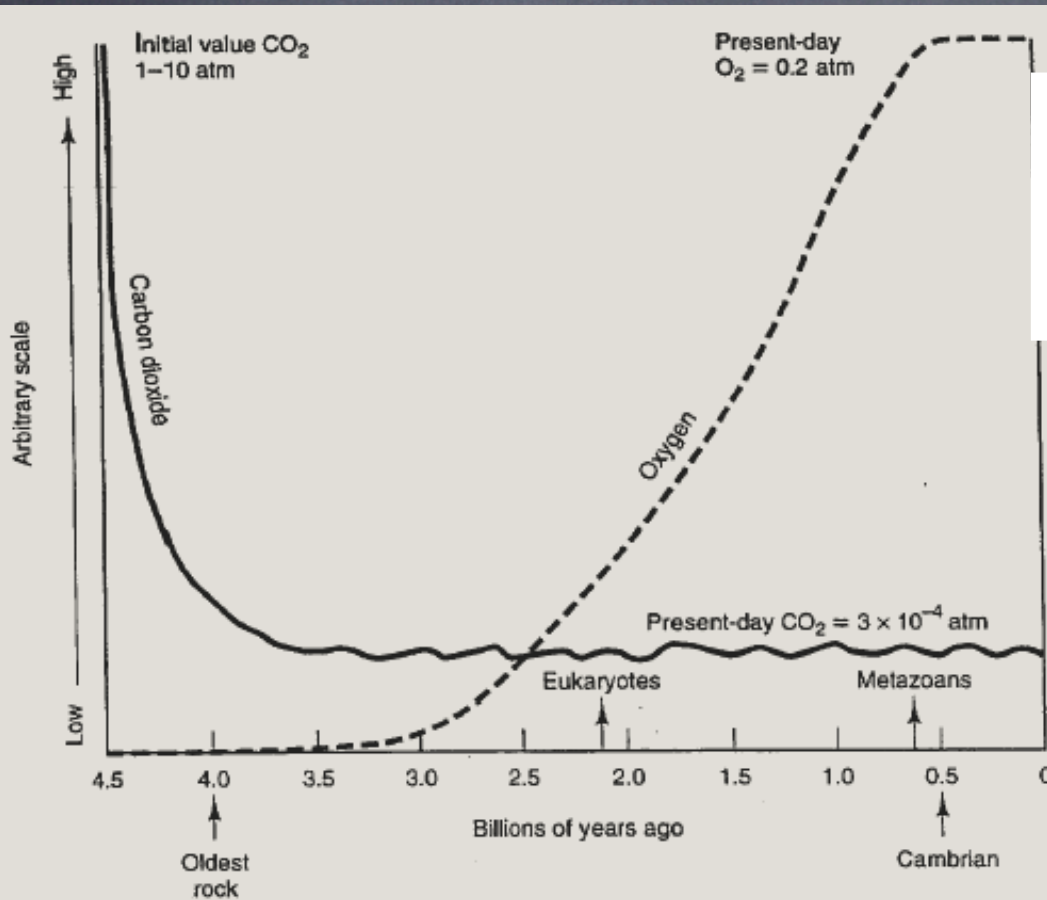
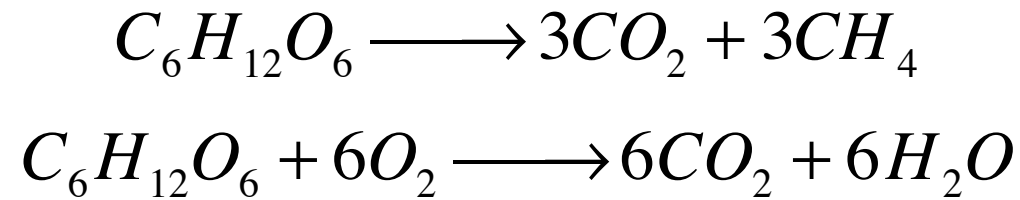


FIGURE 3-10 The history of oxygen and carbon dioxide in the atmosphere during Earth history.



Aerobic digestion is 17 times more energetic than anaerobic digestion

All of this oxygen comes from various kinds of plant growth

Physical Laws

$$\mathbf{F} = \frac{d\mathbf{p}}{dt} = \frac{d(m\mathbf{v})}{dt}.$$

the second law can also be stated

$$\Delta U = Q + W$$

$$dS > \frac{\delta Q}{T}$$

Incompressible Navier–Stokes equations (*convective form*)

$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{u}}{\partial t} + (\mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{u} - \nu \nabla^2 \mathbf{u} = -\nabla w + \mathbf{g}.$$

Differential equations

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{E} = \frac{\rho}{\epsilon_0}$$

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{B} = 0$$

$$\nabla \times \mathbf{E} = -\frac{\partial \mathbf{B}}{\partial t}$$

$$\nabla \times \mathbf{B} = \mu_0 \left(\mathbf{J} + \epsilon_0 \frac{\partial \mathbf{E}}{\partial t} \right)$$

Deflection at Any Given Point

$$y = \frac{Wx(l-x)}{24EI} [l^2 + x(l-x)]$$

Majoring in Engineering at a University

- In the spirit of "truth in advertising", "Engineering" as a college major is an intense intellectual experience.
- Engineers need to provide the exact design specifications for all of the technologies.
- Hence we spend a lot of time teaching you how to do calculations and to get the numbers correct
 - Professors give "lectures" about what you need to understand
 - Some of the topics are completely new!
- You go off and read, do homework (usually with your friends) and "study".
- We then have a "test" to find out how much you learned!

Do we already know everything?

- You might say...
 - "Maybe there is little that I could contribute."
- Over the years, many claims of certainty have proven to be completely wrong!

It is OK to challenge accepted thinking!

- Some things we thought we knew:
 - Margarine was considered a health food
 - Left-handed people die sooner because of the hazards of the right-handed word
 - Stomach Ulcers are caused by stress
 - Plants absorb CO₂ and emit O₂
 - The adult brain has no capacity to regenerate itself
 - Komodo Dragons bit their prey and waited for them to succumb to bacterial infections

SOME DOUBT BUT...

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on APRIL 19, 2013

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619 comments

How did we come to believe saturated fat and cholesterol are bad for us?



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CHOLESTEROL IS NOT BAD FOR YOU

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LOW FAT?

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SALT?

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HEART

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EVEN THE TEMPERATURE? (YIKES!)

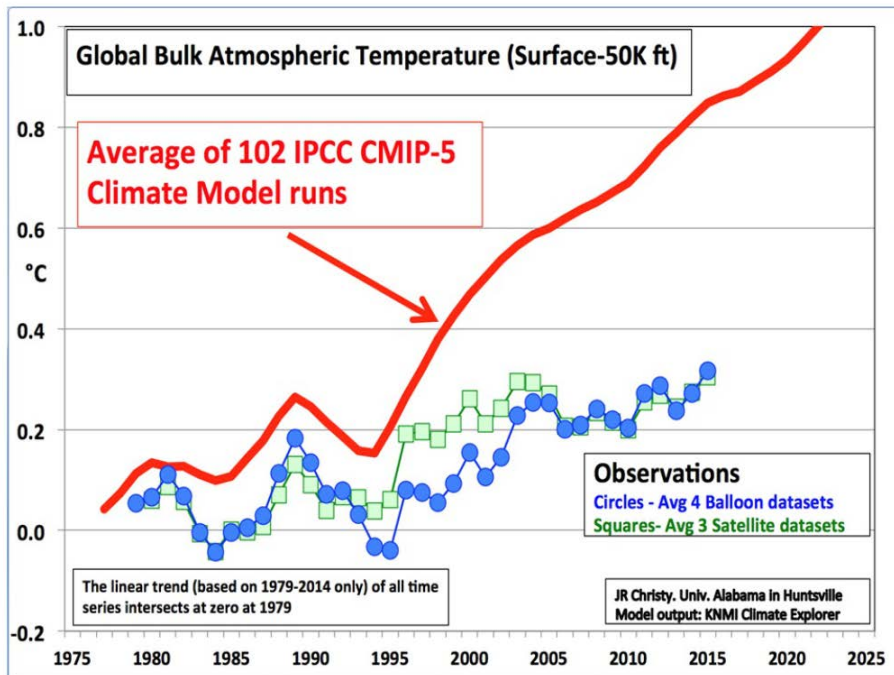
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Significant Progress



- Gas mileage doubled since 1972

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Significant Progress

- Fuel use per passenger mile is about 30% of original passenger jets



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Success to date



Some thoughts

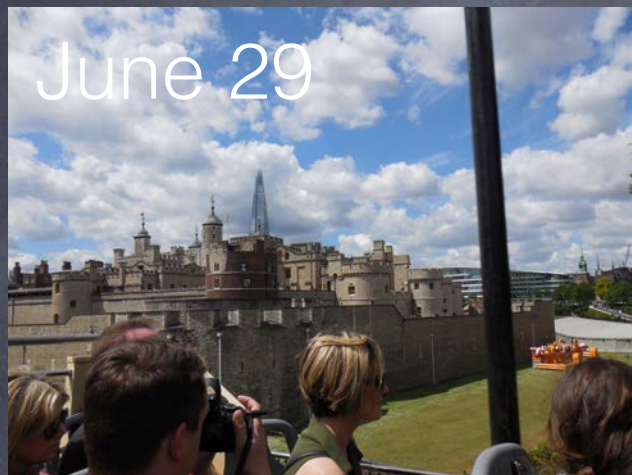
- You will (soon) actually be in a position to make decisions on your own
 - some of which will determine your future path!
- Probably, you have had discussions with your friends, and with yourself along the lines...
 - Should I try to make a lot of money?
 - Should I try to “save the world”?

How to resolve this dilemma

- (I promised “abstract” so here goes....)
- Some of our chemical engineering students are in London and I am headed there in about 20 days so...

Summer 2014...

June 29



June 30



July 1



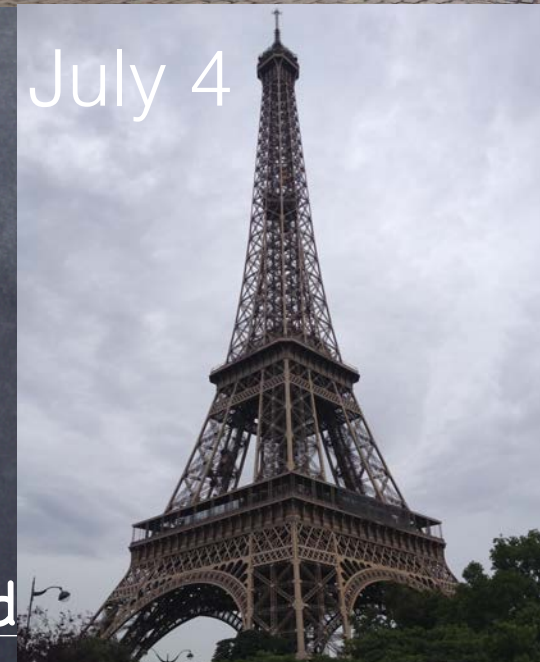
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July 3



July 4



Some quotes falsely attributed to Winston Churchill

- “If you are not a liberal when you are 25 you have no heart. If you are not a conservative when you are 35, you have no brain!”
- “You make a living by what you get; you make a life by what you give!”
- Heart/mind conflict:
 - How does engineering fit in?

Humanity's Top Ten Problems for next 50 years

1. ENERGY
2. WATER
3. FOOD
4. ENVIRONMENT
5. POVERTY
6. TERRORISM & WAR
7. DISEASE
8. EDUCATION
9. DEMOCRACY
10. POPULATION



2003	6.5	Billion People
2050	8-10	Billion People

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PRIMARY ENERGY SOURCES

Alternatives to Oil

TOO LITTLE

- Conservation / Efficiency -- not enough
- Hydroelectric -- not enough
- Biomass -- not enough
- Wind -- not enough
- Wave & Tide -- not enough

CHEMICAL

- Natural Gas -- sequestration?, cost?
- Clean Coal -- sequestration?, cost?

NUCLEAR

- Nuclear Fission -- radioactive waste?, terrorism?, cost?
- Nuclear Fusion -- too difficult?, cost?
- Geothermal HDR -- cost ? , enough?
- Solar terrestrial -- cost ?
- Solar power satellites -- cost ?
- Lunar Solar Power -- cost ?

Topics to highlight

- Healthcare
- Energy
- The Environment
- The Economy
- Engineers are critically involved in all of these and will chart the future course
- “Society” may call these issues “problems”, engineers see these as challenges to be met!
 - Major advances in all of these areas will require engineering!

What is Engineering?

- Ok, so it is claimed that engineers can make the world better...
- HOW... do they do it?



Definitions of engineering

en·gi·neer  [en-juh-neer]  [Show IPA](#) [Dictionary.com Unabridged](#)

noun

1. a person trained and skilled in the design, construction, and use of engines or machines, or in any of various branches of engineering: *a mechanical engineer; a civil engineer.*

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en·gi·neer·ing  [en-juh-neer-ing]  [Show IPA](#)

noun

1. the art or science of making practical application of the knowledge of pure sciences, as physics or chemistry, as in the construction of engines, bridges, buildings, mines, ships, and chemical plants.
2. the action, work, or profession of an engineer.
3. skillful or artful contrivance; maneuvering.

Origin:
1710-20; engineer + -ing¹

en·gi·neer·ing


/,enjə'ni(ə)riNG/ 

noun
noun: **engineering**

the branch of science and technology concerned with the design, building, and use of engines, machines, and structures.

- the work done by, or the occupation of, an engineer.
- the action of working artfully to bring something about.
"if not for Keegan's shrewd engineering, the election would have been lost"

en·gi·neer

/,enjə'ni(ə)r/ 

verb

gerund or present participle: **engineering**

design and build (a machine or structure).
"the men who engineered the tunnel"

- skillfully or artfully arrange for (an event or situation) to occur.
"she engineered another meeting with him"

synonyms: bring about, **arrange**, pull off, bring off, **contrive**, maneuver, manipulate, negotiate, organize, orchestrate, choreograph, mount, stage, mastermind, originate, manage, stage-manage, coordinate, control, superintend, direct, conduct; **More**

- modify (an organism) by manipulating its genetic material.
"genetically engineered plants"


en·gi·neer·ing  **noun** \-'nir-ig\

: the work of designing and creating large structures (such as roads and bridges) or new products or systems by using scientific methods

: the control or direction of something (such as behavior)

Full Definition of ENGINEERING   

- 1** : the activities or function of an **engineer**
- 2 a** : the application of science and mathematics by which the properties of matter and the sources of energy in nature are made useful to people
b : the design and manufacture of complex products
<software *engineering*>
- 3** : calculated manipulation or direction (as of behavior) <social *engineering*> — compare **GENETIC ENGINEERING**

 See **engineering** defined for English-language learners »

See **engineering** defined for kids »

What do engineers do?

- Or, you may have heard it stated that "engineers solve problems..."
- What engineers really do is:
- *Engineers understand how to use techniques of engineering analysis to design (i. e., synthesize) substances, devices and processes even though they have an imperfect understanding of important physical, chemical or biological issues. Furthermore engineers operate under constraints caused by a need to produce a product or service that is timely, competitive, reliable, and consistent with the philosophy and within the financial means of their company.*
- *We need to use all that we know to produce the best answer to a problem!!*

Underlined words

- 1. Engineering analysis
- Engineers use "mathematical models" to describe reality in sufficient detail to produce quantitative results.
- (It is not engineering until we produce some numbers!!)

Underlined words

- 2. Imperfect understanding
- Most significant engineering problems cannot be analyzed and solved exactly.
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- Thus we need our models or our understanding of phenomena gained by experiment to capture the important features and (usually) ignore a lot of unessential detail.

Curveball vs. knuckle ball

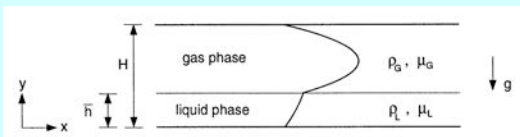
- We tried to make the argument that the imperfectness of a baseball is important to the pitching of a knuckleball, which does not spin and not important in the pitching of a curveball which spins fast. The same effect can either be important or incidental. This is because important issues always as ratios between competing effects. Engineers need to make the decision about what is important!!

Mathematical Analysis

- We would like to know how a device, process or system behaves “before” we build it
 - The only way that this is possible is with accurate mathematical “models” (collections of mathematical equations, that could be based on physical laws or verified observations that represent **reality** sufficiently well)

Mathematical modeling can be complex

Geometry of interest



We will look at the linear stability problem for

- Steady flow
- Purely Oscillatory (Couette flow)

Gas-liquid flow interfacial stability problem turbulence model: k-ε

Solve the base state with either a smooth or rough interface (try to match data).
then

Solve the differential stability problem the best we can
Liquid-phase: $0 \leq y^* \leq d_1$

$$\begin{aligned} \rho_l \left[\frac{\partial u_1'}{\partial t} + u_1' \frac{\partial u_1'}{\partial x} \right] &= -\frac{\partial p'}{\partial x} + \rho_l g \sin(\theta) + \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left[(\mu_l + \mu_t) (2s_1') \right] \\ \rho_l \left[\frac{\partial k_1'}{\partial t} + u_1' \frac{\partial k_1'}{\partial x} \right] &= \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left[\left(\mu_l + \frac{\mu_t}{\sigma_k} \right) \left(\frac{\partial k_1'}{\partial x} \right) \right] + \mu_t (2s_1') \frac{\partial u_1'}{\partial x} - \rho_l \epsilon' - 2\mu_l \left(\frac{\partial \sqrt{k_1'}}{\partial x} \right)^2 \\ \rho_l \left[\frac{\partial \epsilon_1'}{\partial t} + u_1' \frac{\partial \epsilon_1'}{\partial x} \right] &= \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left[\left(\mu_l + \frac{\mu_t}{\sigma_\epsilon} \right) \left(\frac{\partial \epsilon_1'}{\partial x} \right) \right] + c_1 f \mu_t \frac{\epsilon_1'}{k_1'} (2s_1') \frac{\partial u_1'}{\partial x} + 2\mu_l \mu_t \left(\frac{\partial^2 u_1'}{\partial x^2} \right)^2 - \rho_l c_2 f \frac{\epsilon_1'^2}{k_1'} \end{aligned}$$

Stability equations continued

Gas-phase: $d_1 \leq y^* \leq d_1 + d_2$

$$\begin{aligned} \rho_2 \left[\frac{\partial u_2'}{\partial t} + u_2' \frac{\partial u_2'}{\partial x} \right] &= -\frac{\partial p'}{\partial x} + \rho_2 g \sin(\theta) + \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left[(\mu_2 + \mu_t) (2s_2') \right] \\ \rho_2 \left[\frac{\partial k_2'}{\partial t} + u_2' \frac{\partial k_2'}{\partial x} \right] &= \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left[\left(\mu_2 + \frac{\mu_t}{\sigma_k} \right) \left(\frac{\partial k_2'}{\partial x} \right) \right] + \mu_t (2s_2') \frac{\partial u_2'}{\partial x} - \rho_2 \epsilon' - 2\mu_2 \left(\frac{\partial \sqrt{k_2'}}{\partial x} \right)^2 \\ \rho_2 \left[\frac{\partial \epsilon_2'}{\partial t} + u_2' \frac{\partial \epsilon_2'}{\partial x} \right] &= \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left[\left(\mu_2 + \frac{\mu_t}{\sigma_\epsilon} \right) \left(\frac{\partial \epsilon_2'}{\partial x} \right) \right] + c_1 f \mu_t \frac{\epsilon_2'}{k_2'} (2s_2') \frac{\partial u_2'}{\partial x} + 2\mu_2 \mu_t \left(\frac{\partial^2 u_2'}{\partial x^2} \right)^2 - \rho_2 c_2 f \frac{\epsilon_2'^2}{k_2'} \end{aligned}$$

Stability equations continued

k=1 (liquid-phase) $0 \leq y \leq 1$
k=2 (gas-phase) $1 \leq y \leq n_2 + 1$

$$\begin{aligned} &\frac{(\hat{h}_1 u_1)'}{m_1} + (\Gamma_{1,1} \hat{\phi}_1)' - 2\alpha^2 (\Gamma_{1,1} \hat{\phi}_1)' + \alpha^2 \Gamma_{1,1} \hat{\phi}_1 - i\alpha R \frac{(\hat{u}_1 - \alpha \hat{\phi}_1)'}{m_1} - u_1' \hat{\phi}_1' \\ &\frac{(\hat{h}_1 k_1)'}{m_1} + \hat{h}_1 \hat{u}_1' + \Gamma_{1,1} (\hat{k}_1 - \alpha \hat{\phi}_1)' + \Gamma_{1,1} \hat{k}_1 + 2 \frac{\hat{h}_1 \mu_1'}{m_1} (\hat{\phi}_1' + \alpha \hat{\phi}_1) + \frac{k_1'}{k_{1,1}} \left(\frac{\hat{k}_1}{2k_{1,1}} \hat{k}_1 - \hat{k}_1 \right) \\ &= i\alpha R \frac{(\hat{u}_1 - \alpha \hat{\phi}_1)'}{m_1} \hat{k}_1 - k_1' \hat{\phi}_1' \\ &\frac{(\hat{h}_1 \epsilon_1)'}{m_1} + \Gamma_{1,1} \Gamma_{1,1} (\hat{\epsilon}_1 - \alpha \hat{\phi}_1)' + \Gamma_{1,1} \hat{\epsilon}_1 + 2c_1 f \frac{\hat{h}_1 \mu_1'}{m_1} (\hat{\phi}_1' + \alpha \hat{\phi}_1) + \Gamma_{1,1} R c_2 f \frac{\epsilon_1'}{k_{1,1}} \left(\frac{\hat{\epsilon}_1}{2k_{1,1}} \hat{k}_1 - 2\hat{\epsilon}_1 \right) \\ &+ \frac{(\hat{u}_1')^2}{m_1} \left[c_1 f \frac{\hat{h}_1 \mu_1'}{k_{1,1}} \left(\hat{k}_1 + \hat{\epsilon}_1 - \frac{m_1 \mu_1' \hat{k}_1}{k_{1,1}} \right) + \frac{2\mu_1}{r_1 R} (\hat{k}_1 + 2\mu_2 \hat{\phi}_1) \right] \\ &= i\alpha R \frac{(\hat{u}_1 - \alpha \hat{\phi}_1)'}{m_1} \hat{\epsilon}_1 - \epsilon_1' \hat{\phi}_1' \end{aligned}$$

$$\hat{k}_1 = c_1 f \frac{\hat{h}_1 \mu_1'}{R} \frac{k_1'}{k_{1,1}} \left(2\hat{k}_1 - \frac{k_1'}{k_{1,1}} \hat{k}_1 \right)$$

Stability Equations cont.

Boundary conditions

$$\hat{\phi}_1 = \hat{\phi}_2 \quad (3-18c)$$

$$\hat{\phi}_1' + u_{b,1} \hat{h} = \hat{h} \quad (3-18d)$$

$$\hat{\phi}_1 - \hat{\phi}_2 = \hat{h} (u_{b,1} - u_{b,2}) \quad (3-18e)$$

$$\hat{\phi}_1 + \alpha \hat{\phi}_1' + \hat{h} u_{b,1}' = m_2 (\hat{\phi}_2 + \alpha \hat{\phi}_2' + \hat{h} u_{b,2}') \quad (3-18f)$$

$$\begin{aligned} &(\hat{\phi}_1'' + \Gamma_{1,1} \hat{\phi}_1' + u_{b,1} \hat{k}_1 - 3\alpha^2 \hat{\phi}_1) + i\alpha R (u_{b,1} \hat{\phi}_1 - u_{b,1} \hat{\phi}_1') - m_2 (\hat{\phi}_2'' + \Gamma_{1,2} \hat{\phi}_2' + u_{b,2} \hat{k}_2 - 3\alpha^2 \hat{\phi}_2) \\ &- i\alpha R (u_{b,2} \hat{\phi}_2 - u_{b,2} \hat{\phi}_2') - i\alpha R [(1-r_2)F + \alpha^2 S] \hat{h} = i\alpha R c (r_2 \hat{\phi}_2 - \hat{\phi}_1) \end{aligned} \quad (3-18g)$$

$$\hat{k}_1 = \hat{\epsilon}_1 = \hat{k}_2 = \hat{\epsilon}_2 = \hat{h}_2 = 0 \quad (3-18h)$$

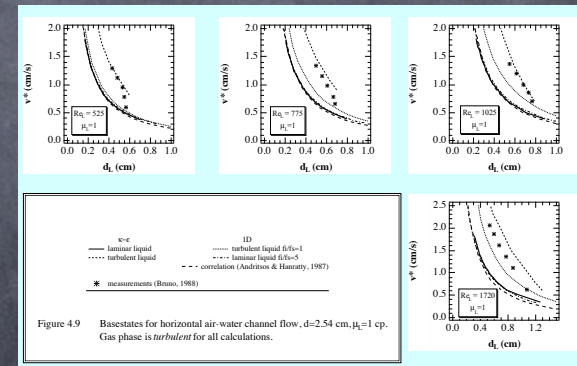


Figure 4.9 Base states for horizontal air-water channel flow, $d=2.54$ cm, $\mu_w=1$ cp. Gas phase is turbulent for all calculations.

Mathematical analysis

- Could be pretty simple:
- What if we read the Wall Street Journal
 - Wind power
 - <http://online.wsj.com/article/SB10001424127887324310104578507242336481504.html?KEYWORDS=wind+energy>

Engineers like to compare things

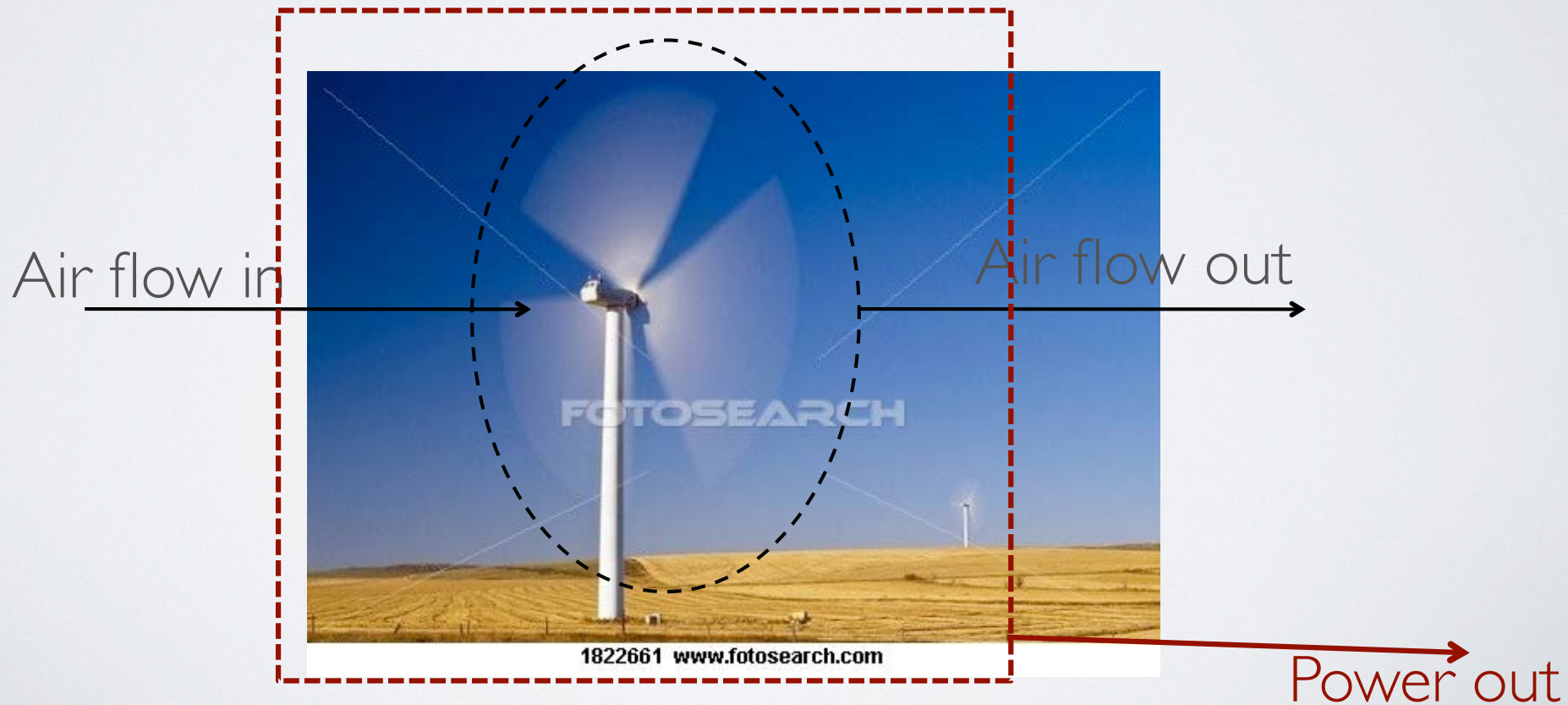
- If I asked: “.. how far is it to Chicago?”
 - would you answer?
 - “a couple of hours” or...
 - “about 90 miles”
- If I asked: “.. is a meter a long distance?” what would you say
 - “No”, compared to the distance to Chicago
 - “Yes”, compared to a micron
- For our conclusion to be valid we need to
 - **compare like** (same dimensions) quantities.

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POWER AND WIND SPEED?

- How does the power generated by the windmill change with wind speed?
 - How is power being generated?
 - Wind flows through area swept by blades
 - Windmill converts this kinetic energy to electric power



POWER AND WIND SPEED?

- How does the power generated by the windmill change with wind speed?
 - Let's see if we can figure this out based on dimensional reasoning
 - Power is work/time which is force * distance/time which is mass* acceleration *distance/time
 - Thus we could write

$$power = m \ l / t^2 l / t = \frac{ml^2}{t^3}$$

- What variables could be used?

EQUATION FOR POWER FROM WIND

- Windspeed, blade diameter, air density
 - v [=] l/t
 - d, r [=] l
 - Density of air ρ [=] m/l³
 - Arrange these variables to get dimensions of power:

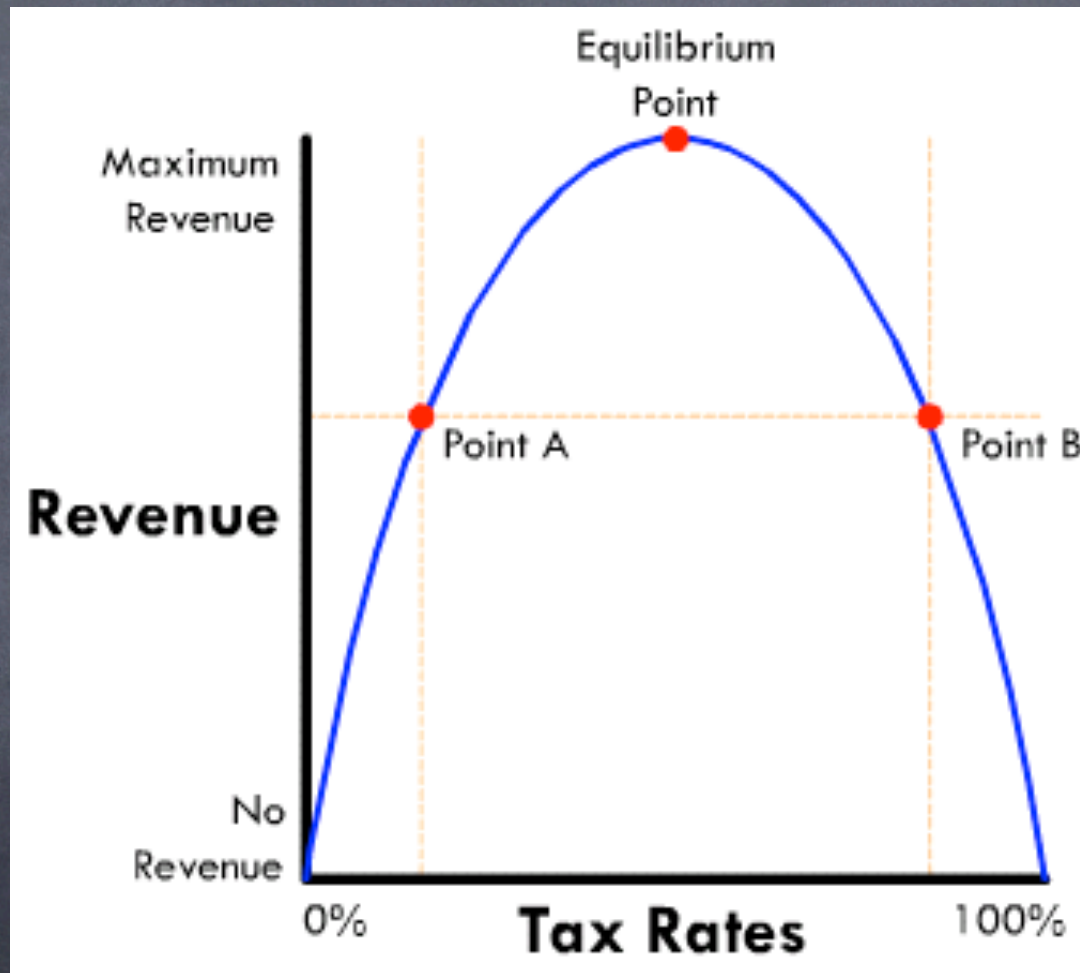
$$power \sim \rho v^3 d^2 [=] \frac{ml^2}{t^3}$$

- If the wind speed doubles, the power increases by a factor of 8!

AN EVEN SIMPLER QUESTION

- If the Cleveland Cavaliers want to generate more revenue from ticket sales, should they increase or decrease the price?
- How about the South Bend Cubs?
- Is there a mathematical principle to consider?

Taxes: Look at limits...



Recall "Extreme value theorem" or Rolle's Theorem from Calculus

Laffer tax-revenue curve

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RECAP

- Engineering involves defining a problem or situation of interest
- Engineering involves some degree of mathematical analysis based on physical laws or empirical understanding
- All problems of real importance have some degree of uncertainty and so judgement is needed
- Two global thoughts are to consider the limits of a possible range for a given variable and to try to make sure what effects are important as compared to what is incidental

Dimensionless Confucius Proverb

$$Cr \equiv \frac{\text{How Smart You Are}}{\text{How Smart You Think You Are}}$$

- He who knows not and knows he knows not is a child, teach him, $Cr \sim 1$
- He who knows not and knows not he knows not is a fool, shun him, $Cr \ll 1$
- He who knows and knows not he knows is asleep, awaken him, $Cr \gg 1$
- He who knows and knows he knows is wise, follow him $Cr \sim 1$