

# Engineering:

Not just your mind, it is part of your heart as well!

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# OUTLINE

- Provide motivation for the “need” of engineers by society
- Give 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
- Some discussion of different engineering disciplines

# Why be an Engineer?

- Why am I an engineer?



# Why be an engineer?

When I taught a class of students that I could be cool if they were doing calculations



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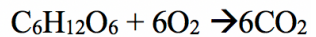
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change. Dinosaurs as shown in Jurassic

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## Introduction:

Gigantism in dinosaurs is hard to understand because of stress that the skeleton can support on the creature's own



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$$\frac{\partial T(x, t)}{\partial t} =$$

$$T(x, t) = \frac{2}{j^2}$$



**Jurassic World: Fallen Kingdom The IMAX 2D Experience**

2h 8m

**Friday, June 22, 2018  
7:30pm**

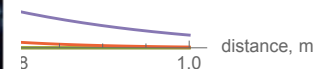
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- t=.5s
- t=1s
- t=2s
- t=5s
- t=10s



A lot of humans could have outrun Tyrannosaurus Rex and certainly escaped in a car CREDIT: GETTY CREATIVE

# Why am I an engineer?

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1-JdqHxqkHA>

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# Why be an engineer?

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JVKK4QxWSNo>



Engineering combines knowledge of the basic physical (chemical, biological) laws with mathematical analysis.

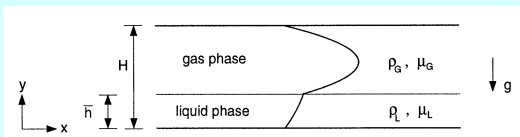
We endeavor to (and it is essential) that we use these calculations to predict how a device, system or phenomena will behave — before it is built!

There can be quite a bit of creativity in engineering — perhaps in deciding what “question” to ask or which problem to solve.

Many of these problems have a large impact on society!

# 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:  $0 \leq y^* \leq d_1$

$$\rho_l \left[ \frac{\partial u_1'}{\partial t} + u_1' \frac{\partial u_1'}{\partial x_1} \right] = -\frac{\partial p'}{\partial x_1} + \rho_l g' \sin(\theta) + \frac{\partial}{\partial x_1} \left[ (\mu_1 + \mu') (2s_1') \right]$$

$$\rho_l \left[ \frac{\partial k_1'}{\partial t} + u_1' \frac{\partial k_1'}{\partial x_1} \right] = \frac{\partial}{\partial x_1} \left[ \left( \mu_1 + \frac{\mu'}{\sigma_k} \right) \left( \frac{\partial k_1'}{\partial x_1} \right) \right] + \mu' (2s_1') \frac{\partial u_1'}{\partial x_1} - \rho_l \epsilon' - 2\mu_1 \left( \frac{\partial \sqrt{k_1'}}{\partial x_1} \right)^2$$

$$\rho_l \left[ \frac{\partial \epsilon_1'}{\partial t} + u_1' \frac{\partial \epsilon_1'}{\partial x_1} \right] = \frac{\partial}{\partial x_1} \left[ \left( \mu_1 + \frac{\mu'}{\sigma_\epsilon} \right) \left( \frac{\partial \epsilon_1'}{\partial x_1} \right) \right] + c_1 f \mu_1' \frac{\epsilon_1'}{k_1'} (2s_1') \frac{\partial u_1'}{\partial x_1} + 2\mu_1 \mu' \left( \frac{\partial^2 u_1'}{\partial x_1^2} \right)^2 - \rho_l c_2 f \frac{\epsilon_1'^2}{k_1'}$$

## Stability equations continued

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

$$\rho_g \left[ \frac{\partial u_1'}{\partial t} + u_1' \frac{\partial u_1'}{\partial x_1} \right] = -\frac{\partial p'}{\partial x_1} + \rho_g g' \sin(\theta) + \frac{\partial}{\partial x_1} \left[ (\mu_2 + \mu') (2s_1') \right]$$

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## Stability equations continued

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

$$\frac{(\hat{h}_1 u_1)'}{m_1} + (\Gamma_{11} \hat{\phi}_1)' - 2\alpha' (\Gamma_{11} \hat{\phi}_1)' + \alpha' \Gamma_{11} \hat{\phi}_1 = i\alpha R \frac{(\hat{u}_1 - \hat{v}_1) (\hat{\phi}_1 - \alpha' \hat{\phi}_1) - u_1' \hat{\phi}_1}{m_1}$$

$$\frac{(\hat{h}_1 k_1)'}{m_1} + \Gamma_{11} (\hat{k}_1 - \alpha' \hat{k}_1) + \Gamma_{11} \hat{k}_1 + 2 \frac{(\hat{u}_1 u_1)'}{m_1} (\hat{\phi}_1 + \alpha' \hat{\phi}_1) + \frac{k_1'}{k_{11}} \left( \frac{k_1'}{k_{11}} \hat{k}_1 - \hat{k}_1 \right) = i\alpha R \frac{(\hat{u}_1 - \hat{v}_1) \hat{k}_1 - k_1' \hat{\phi}_1}{m_1}$$

$$\frac{(\hat{h}_1 \epsilon_1)'}{m_1} + \Gamma_{11} \Gamma_{11} (\hat{\epsilon}_1 - \alpha' \hat{\epsilon}_1) + \Gamma_{11} \hat{\epsilon}_1 + 2c_1 f \frac{(\hat{u}_1 u_1)'}{m_1} (\hat{\phi}_1 + \alpha' \hat{\phi}_1) + \Gamma_{11} R c_2 f \frac{\epsilon_1'}{k_{11}} \left( \frac{\epsilon_1'}{k_{11}} \hat{\epsilon}_1 - 2\hat{\epsilon}_1 \right) + \frac{(\hat{u}_1')^2}{m_1} \left[ c_1 f \frac{\epsilon_1'}{k_{11}} \left( \hat{\epsilon}_1 + \frac{m \mu_1 \hat{k}_1}{k_{11}} \right) + \frac{2\mu_1}{\Gamma_{11} R} (\hat{\epsilon}_1 + 2\mu_1 \hat{\phi}_1) \right] = i\alpha R \frac{(\hat{u}_1 - \hat{v}_1) \hat{\epsilon}_1 - \epsilon_1' \hat{\phi}_1}{m_1}$$

$$\hat{k}_1 = c_1 f \Gamma_{11} R \frac{k_1'}{k_{11}} \left( 2\hat{k}_1 - \frac{k_1'}{k_{11}} \hat{k}_1 \right)$$

## Stability Equations cont.

Boundary conditions

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

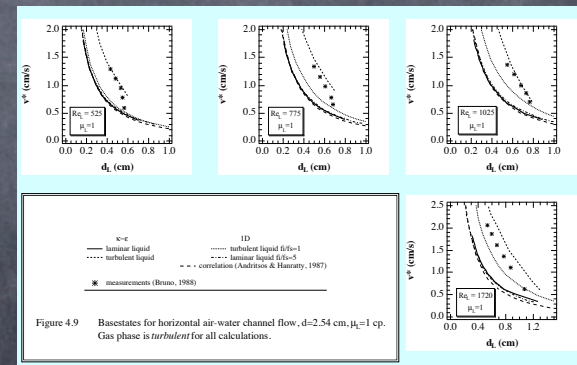
$$\hat{\phi}_1 + u_{b1} \hat{h} = c \hat{h} \quad (3-18d)$$

$$\hat{\phi}_1 - \hat{\phi}_2 = \hat{h} (u_{b1} - u_{b2}) \quad (3-18e)$$

$$\hat{\phi}_1 + \alpha' \hat{\phi}_1 + \hat{h} u_{b1} = m_2 (\hat{\phi}_2 + \alpha' \hat{\phi}_2 + \hat{h} u_{b2}) \quad (3-18f)$$

$$\left( \hat{\phi}_1' + \Gamma_{b1} \hat{\phi}_1 + u_{b1} \hat{k}_1 - 3\alpha' \hat{\phi}_1 \right) + i\alpha R (u_{b1} \hat{\phi}_1 - u_{b1} \hat{\phi}_1) - m_2 (\hat{\phi}_2' + \Gamma_{b2} \hat{\phi}_2 + u_{b2} \hat{k}_2 - 3\alpha' \hat{\phi}_2) - i\alpha R (u_{b2} \hat{\phi}_2 - u_{b2} \hat{\phi}_2) - i\alpha R [(1-r)F + \alpha' S] \hat{h} = i\alpha R (\Gamma_{21} \hat{\phi}_2 - \hat{\phi}_1) \quad (3-18g)$$

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



Engineering always involves  
data:

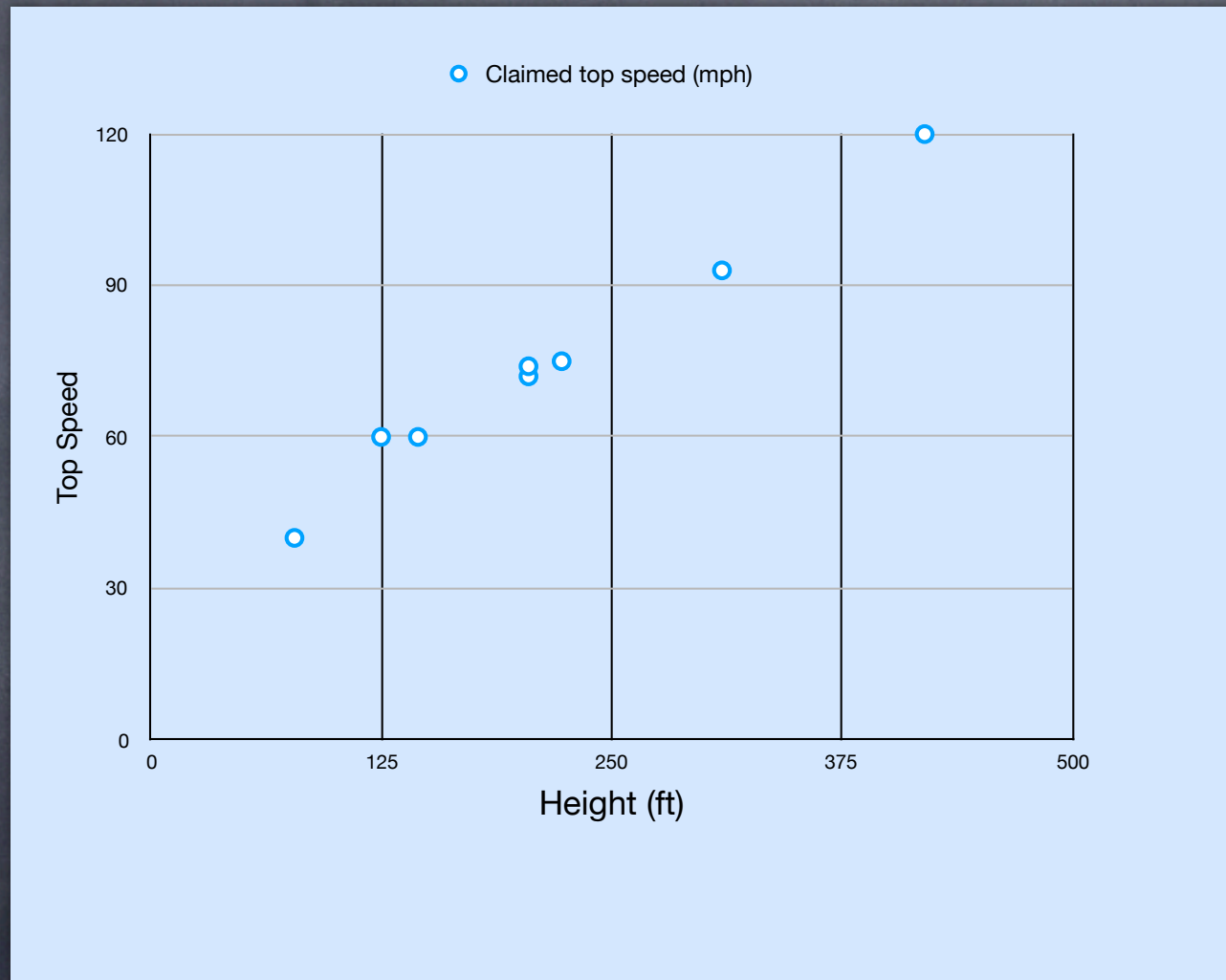
## Cedar Point Coaster Data

Table 1

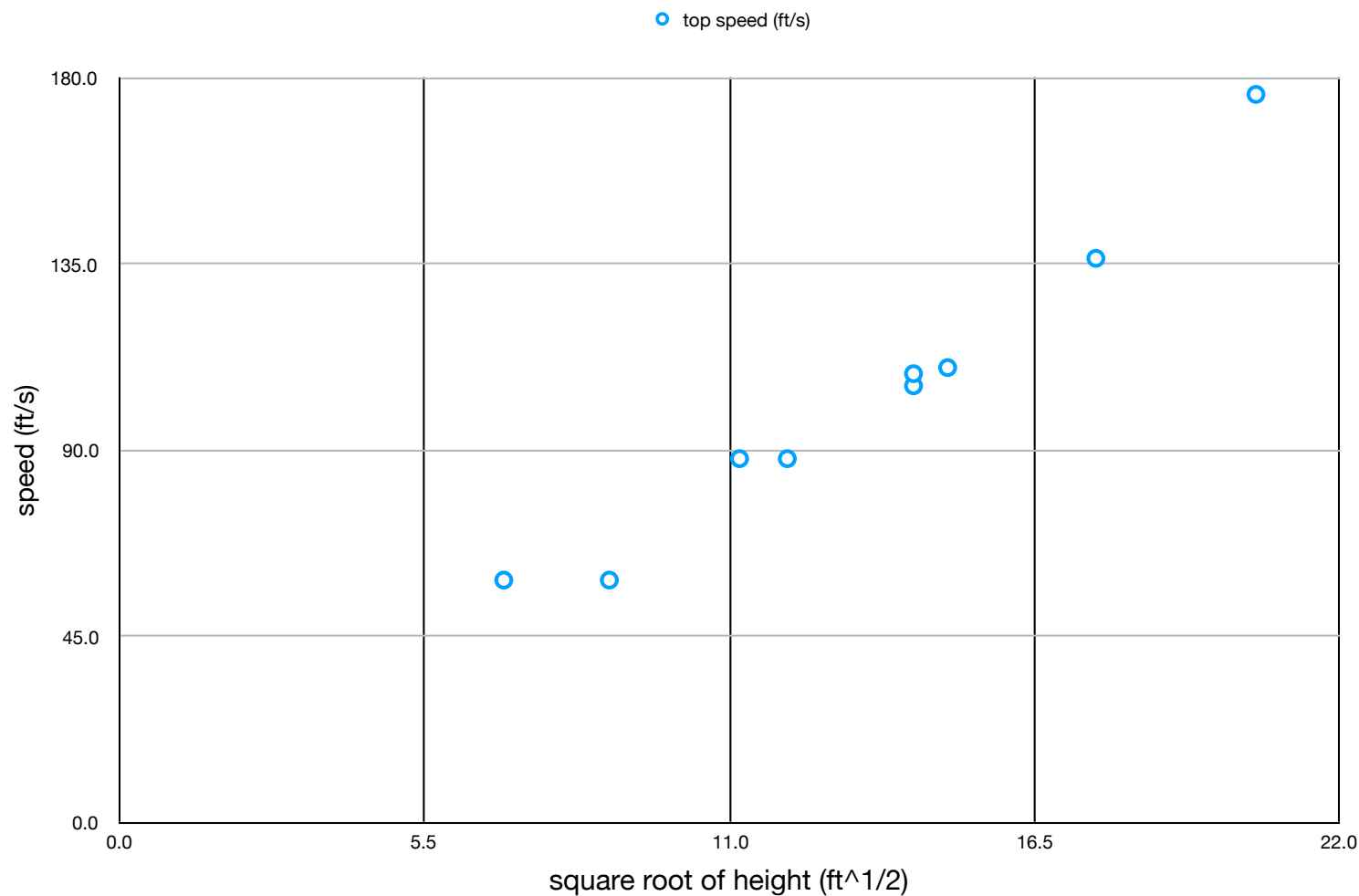
Coaster name	Height (ft)	Claimed top speed (mph)
mine ride	48.0	40.0
Blue Streak	78.0	40.0
Gemini	125.0	60.0
Raugarou	145.0	60.0
Magnum	205.0	72.0
Steel Vengeance	205.0	74.0
Valravan	223.0	75.0
Millennium Force	310.0	93.0
Dragster	420.0	120.0



# Cedar Point Coaster Data



# Modified plot



# WHAT DO WE KNOW SO FAR?

- If the hill is higher, the top speed is greater.
- If we wish to accurately describe “speed”, we need to include the dimensions, “length/time”, in some understandable units.
- This could be ft/s, miles/hour, meters/sec, furlongs/fortnight....

# 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.

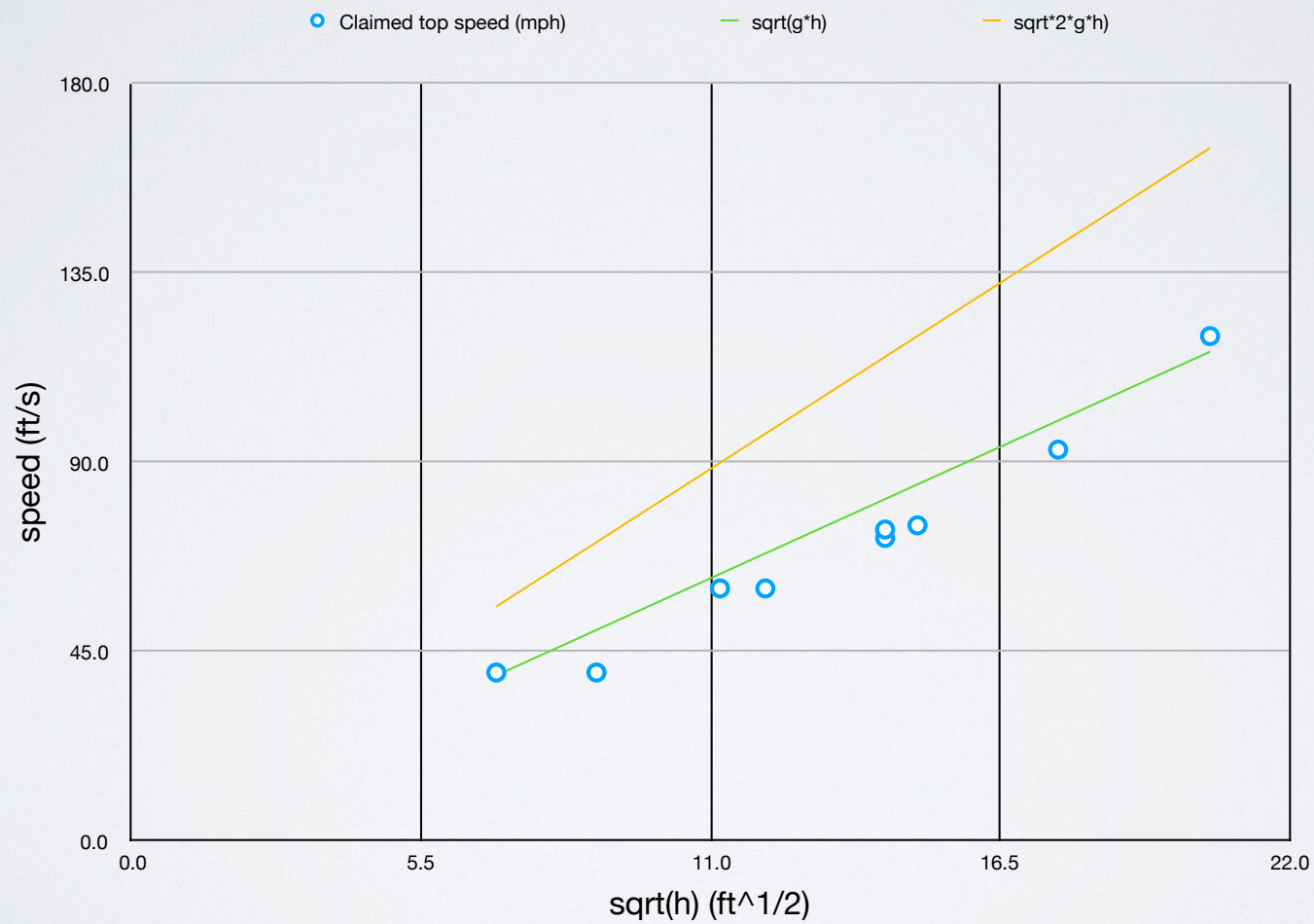
# WHAT ELSE DO WE KNOW ?

- If we write a mathematical equation, each side of the equation has to either be “dimensionless” (just numbers!) or the same physical dimensions.
- So, if I make an equation that correctly calculates the speed (from physics), the dimensions need to be length/time on both sides!
- So, which “variables” (physical quantities) must contribute to how fast the roller coaster is going?
  - gravity (length/time<sup>2</sup>)?? , height (length)??, mass (mass)?? ????

# EQUATION FOR SPEED

- We conclude that to make a speed,  $v$ , out of  $g$ ,  $h$  and  $m$ ?
  - The result is the  $v \sim \text{Sqrt}(g*h)$

# PLOT OF DATA AND MODEL



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  - The result is the  $v \sim \text{Sqrt}(g*h)$
  - The actual equation is  $v = \text{Sqrt}(2*g*h)$
- So friction is important!
- If you want ever faster, the cost will go up substantially!



# Why be an engineer?

## Gene Therapy Hits a Peculiar Roadblock: A Virus Shortage

Nov. 27, 2017

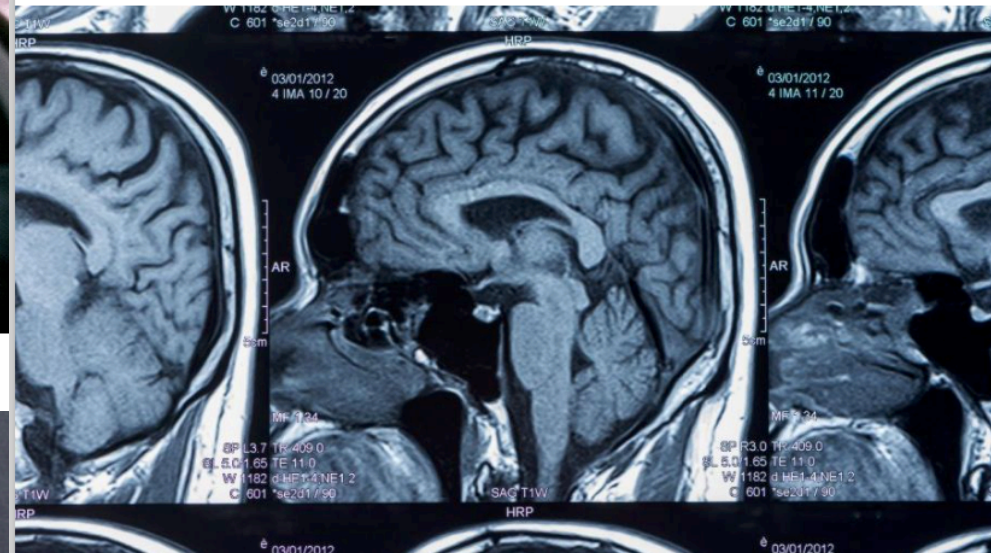


Laboratory technicians working with viral vectors used in gene therapy. Custom-made viruses, required to insert good genes into cells, are in short supply. Phanie/Science Source

<https://crossroads.nd.edu>

## First CTE diagnosis on living NFL player confirmed by autopsy, report shows

Fox News



### A medical breakthrough in CTE research on NFL players

A new report shows doctors have accurately diagnosed a living former NFL player with chronic traumatic encephalopathy (CTE). How could these new findings help early detection and treatment?

# Why be an engineer?

PERSONAL HEALTH

## *Unlocking the Secrets of the Microbiome*



Paul Rogers

By **Jane E. Brody**

Nov. 6, 2017



Modern technology is making it possible for medical scientists to analyze inhabitants of our innards that most people probably would rather not know about. But the resulting information could one day save your health or even your life.

This is a “systems” problem as much as a biological problem.

How can we keep track of and interpret all of the biological data!

# Why be an engineer?

The New York Times

## ***F.D.A. Approves First Gene-Altering Leukemia Treatment, Costing \$475,000***



A technician working with human cells belonging to cancer patients at Novartis Pharmaceuticals in Morris Plains, N.J. The Food and Drug Administration on Wednesday approved Novartis's gene therapy for leukemia, the first-ever treatment that alters a patient's own cells to fight cancer. Brent Stirton/Novartis Pharmaceuticals Corp., via Associated Press

A massive challenge will be scaling up. Currently, each patient requires a team of highly trained, specialized scientists and technicians to re-engineer his T-cells. "If you have 100,000 lung-cancer cases each year, there aren't 100,000 Ph.D.s to grow the cells," Dr. June says. "So it needs to be done with robotics."

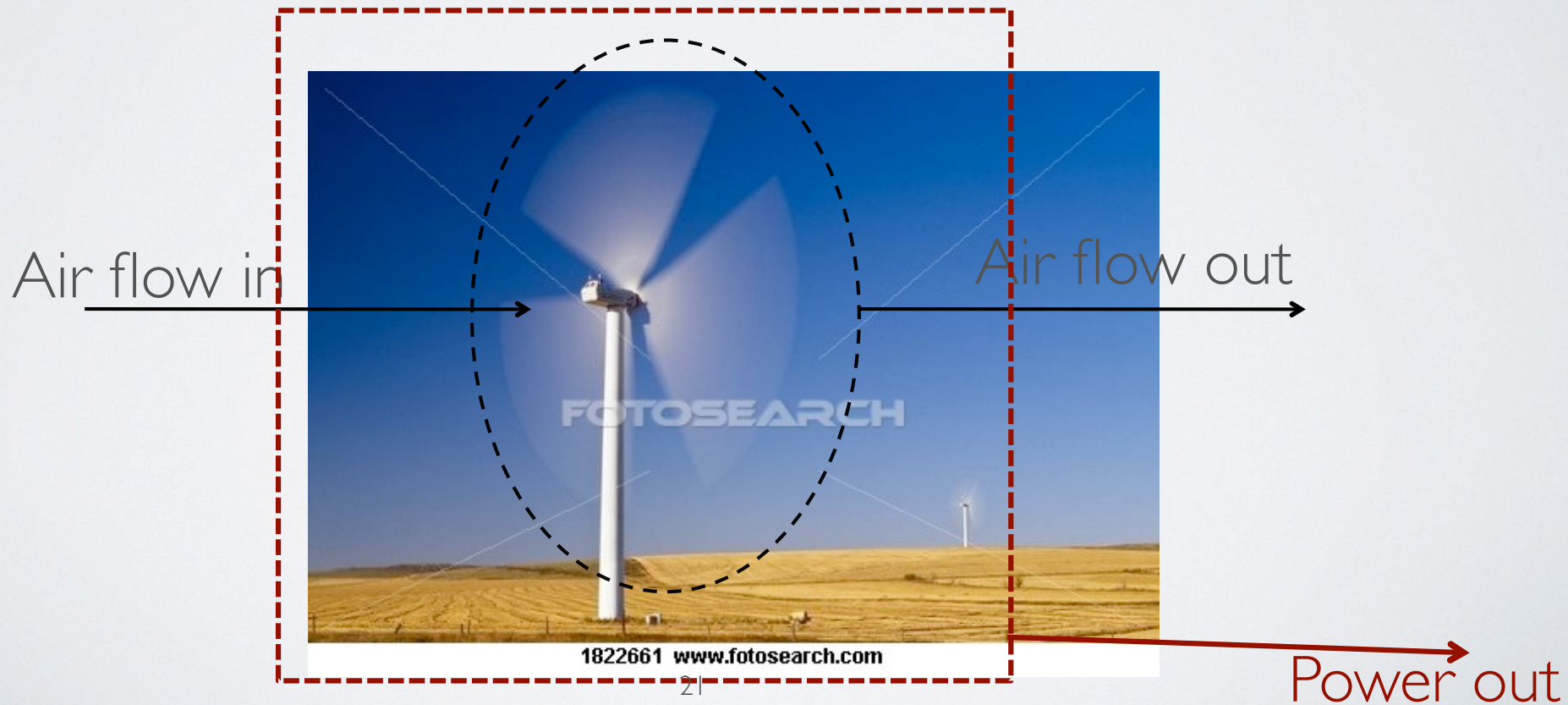
No, Actually, probably clever chemical engineering!

# ONE MORE ENGINEERING PROBLEM

- A “field” of 40 wind turbines covers about 1400 acre
- This field is producing **56 MW** of power for a wind speed of 10 m/s (22 mph) — which is about the optimal/maximal value
  - This is .04 MW/acre
    - A coal fired power plant would produce about 10 MW/acre!
- **If the wind speed drops to 5m/s, how much power will the field produce?**

# 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

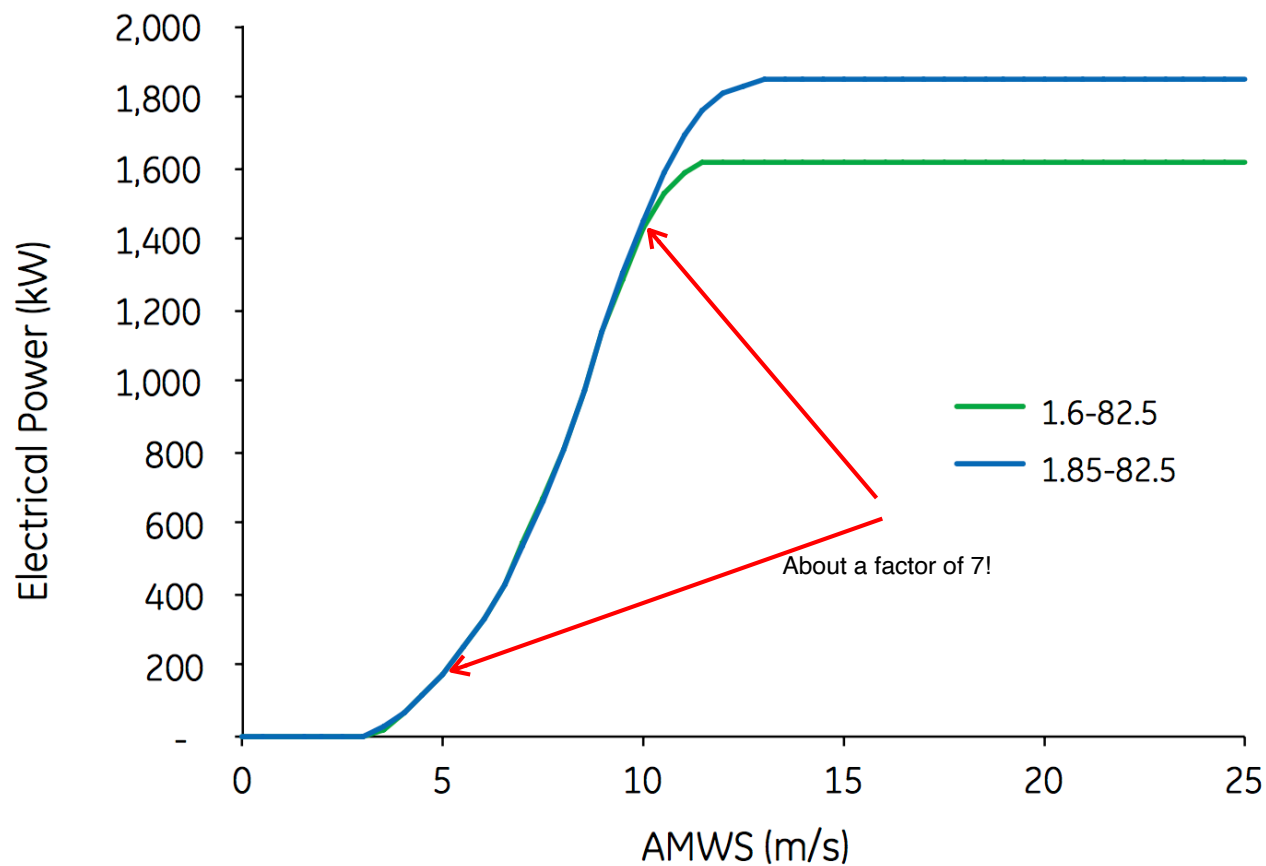
- Windspeed, blade diameter, air density
  - $v$  [=] l/t
  - $d, r$  [=] l
  - Density of air  $\rho$  [=] m/l<sup>3</sup>
  - Arrange these variables to get dimensions of power:

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

- If the wind speed is cut in half, the power reduced to 1/8!
- So our 40 wind turbines will produce about....
  - 7 MW!

# WIND TURBINE POWER

## Power Curve





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# What could be better than...

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- ❖ A large muffin...
- ❖ Why not even bigger?  
Can we decide if this is possible?
- ❖ Of course, use the “cooking number”



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# Cooking Number

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- ❖  $N_{\text{cooking}}$  = ratio of time scales: outside reaction / inside heating

# Interior heating

– A cooking time scale for the interior of something is

$$t \sim \frac{C_p l^2 \rho}{k}$$

- in this equation  $k$  is the thermal conductivity,  $\rho$  is the density,  $C_p$  is the heat capacity and  $l$  is the length scale of the object.

# Surface cooking

- The surface time scale can be the chemical reaction time scale. The exterior cooking could be a chemical reaction time scale for dehydrolysis (removal of water from sugars and starches) If we have
  - $\text{Rate} = K C$
  - where  $C$  is the concentration for a first order reaction and  $K$  is the first order rate constant (usually otherwise a lower case  $k$ ).

# Arrhenius Kinetics

- Most (elementary) reactions follow a temperature dependence that is called Arrhenius kinetics:

$$k = A_0 e^{-\frac{E_a}{RT}}$$

- In this equation,  $k$  is the reaction rate constant,  $R$  is the gas constant,  $T$  is absolute temperature,  $E_a$  is the activation energy and  $A_0$  is the “pre-exponential” factor that is related to the rate at which molecules can rearrange internally, a normalization number of collisions between molecules for unitary values of concentrations and the efficiency of these collisions (which is again related to the rate of internal

# Cooking (continued)

- The (interior to exterior) cooking ratio is:

$$\frac{KC_p l^2 \rho}{k}$$

- Expectation is that for a certain food, this number is universal. That is, for a bigger muffin you would have to use a cooler oven.

# 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 CO<sub>2</sub> and emit O<sub>2</sub>
  - The adult brain has no capacity to regenerate itself
  - Komodo Dragons bit their prey and waited for them to succumb to bacterial infections



# MUCH OF WHAT IS BEING PUBLISHED IS PROBABLY NOT CORRECT!

Essay

## Why Most Published Research Findings Are False

John P.A. Ioannidis

Over half of psychology studies fail reproducibility test

Largest replication study to date casts doubt on many published positive results.

Monya Baker

ESSAY

## Why Most Clinical Research Is Not Useful

John P. A. Ioannidis<sup>1,2\*</sup>

## Studies show only 10% of published science articles are reproducible. What is happening?

Posted on [May 3, 2012](#) by [Moshe Pritsker](#)

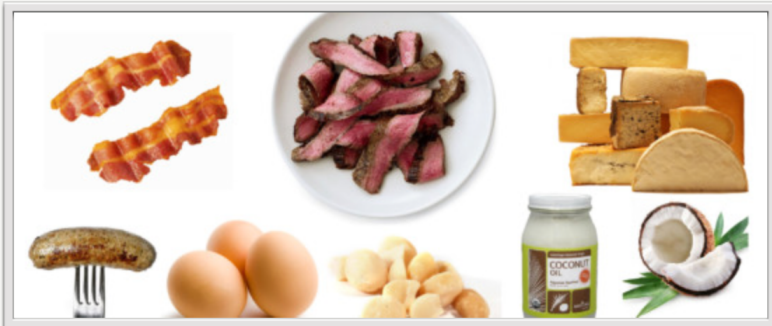
Studies show a very low reproducibility for articles published in scientific journals, often as low as 10-30%. Here is a partial list:

# SOME DOUBT BUT...

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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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Published on: Wednesday, 27 May, 2015

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HEART

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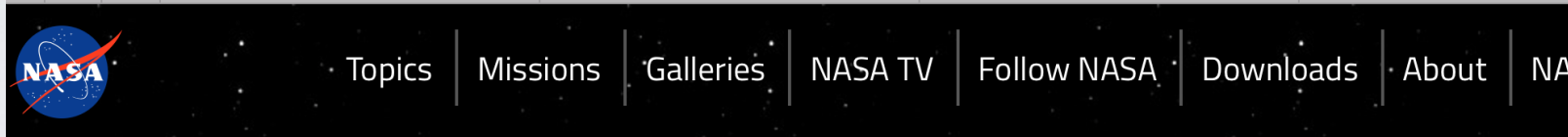
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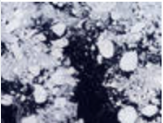
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**Ice**

Oct. 30, 2015

### NASA Study: Mass Gains of Antarctic Ice Sheet Greater than Losses

A new NASA study says that an increase in Antarctic snow accumulation that began 10,000 years ago is currently adding enough ice to the continent to outweigh the increased losses from its thinning glaciers.

# WE NEED YOU!

- Desperately!

# Some thoughts

- You will (soon) actually be in a position to make decisions on your own
  - some of which will determine your future path!
- It is possible that the issue of fulfillment is a bit complex:
  - You may 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"?



# RECAP

- Engineering involves analyzing a specific device or system using mathematical analysis based on physical laws or empirical understanding
- All problems of real importance have some degree of uncertainty and so judgement is needed
- Many big questions remain and you can contribute to their solution
- You may find fulfillment in the problems of global importance that are being addressed by engineers!

## **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  $Cr \sim 1$