

Molecular hydrodynamics of the moving contact line

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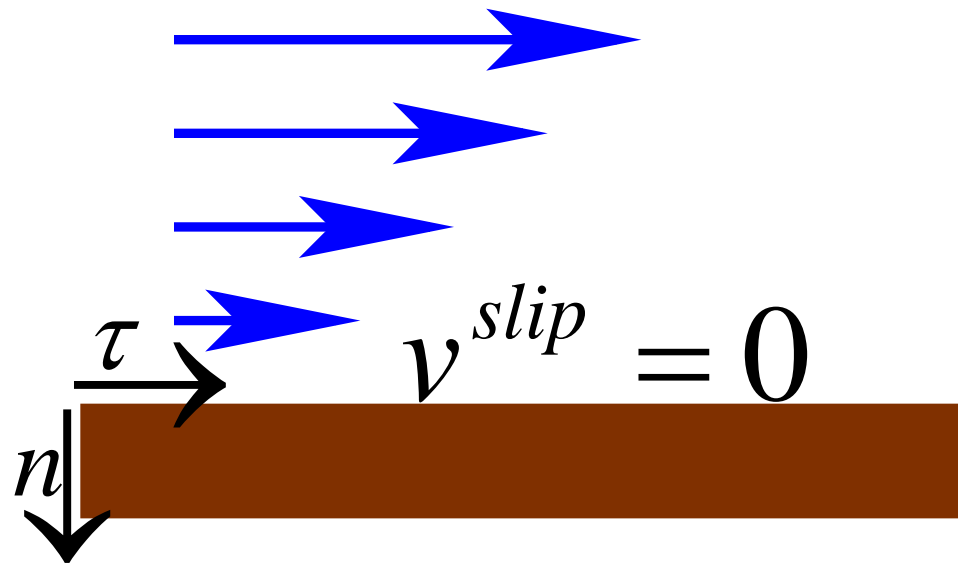
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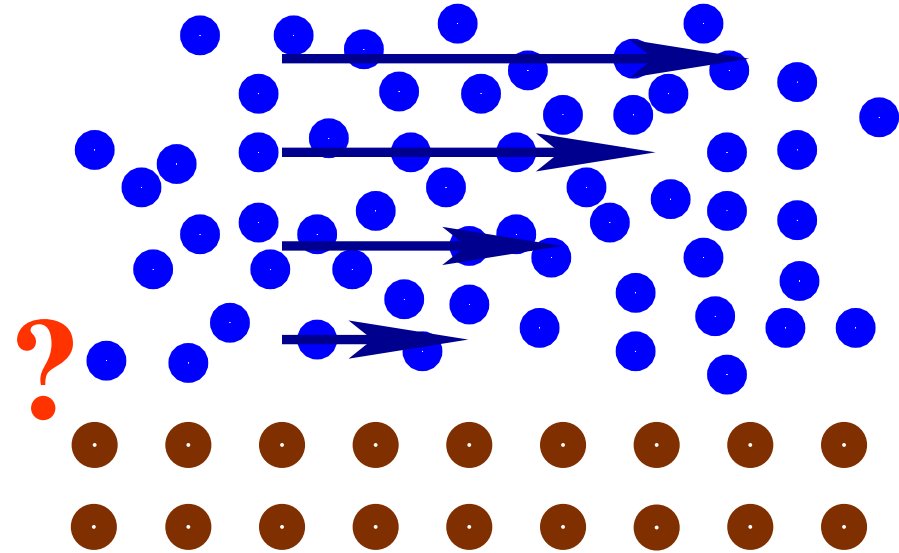
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Continuum picture



Molecular picture

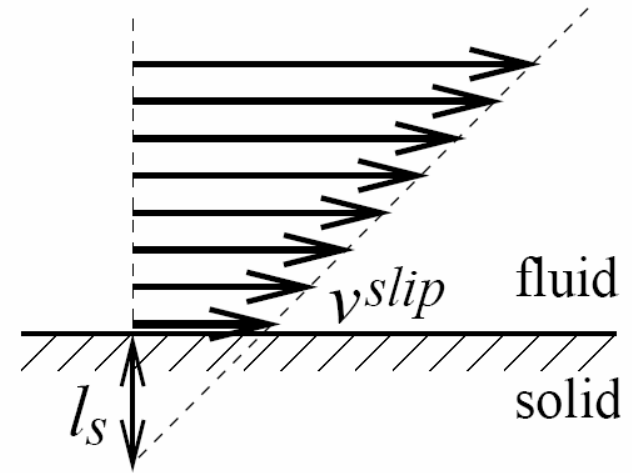


No-Slip Boundary Condition, **A Paradigm**

$$v_{\tau}^{slip} = 0$$

from **Navier** Boundary Condition (1823)
to **No-Slip** Boundary Condition

$$v_{\tau}^{slip} = l_s \cdot \dot{\gamma}$$



$\dot{\gamma}$: *shear rate at solid surface*

l_s : *slip length*, from nano- to micrometer

Practically, **no slip** in macroscopic flows

$$\dot{\gamma} \approx U / R \rightarrow v^{slip} / U \approx l_s / R \rightarrow 0$$

fluid 1

fluid 2

contact line

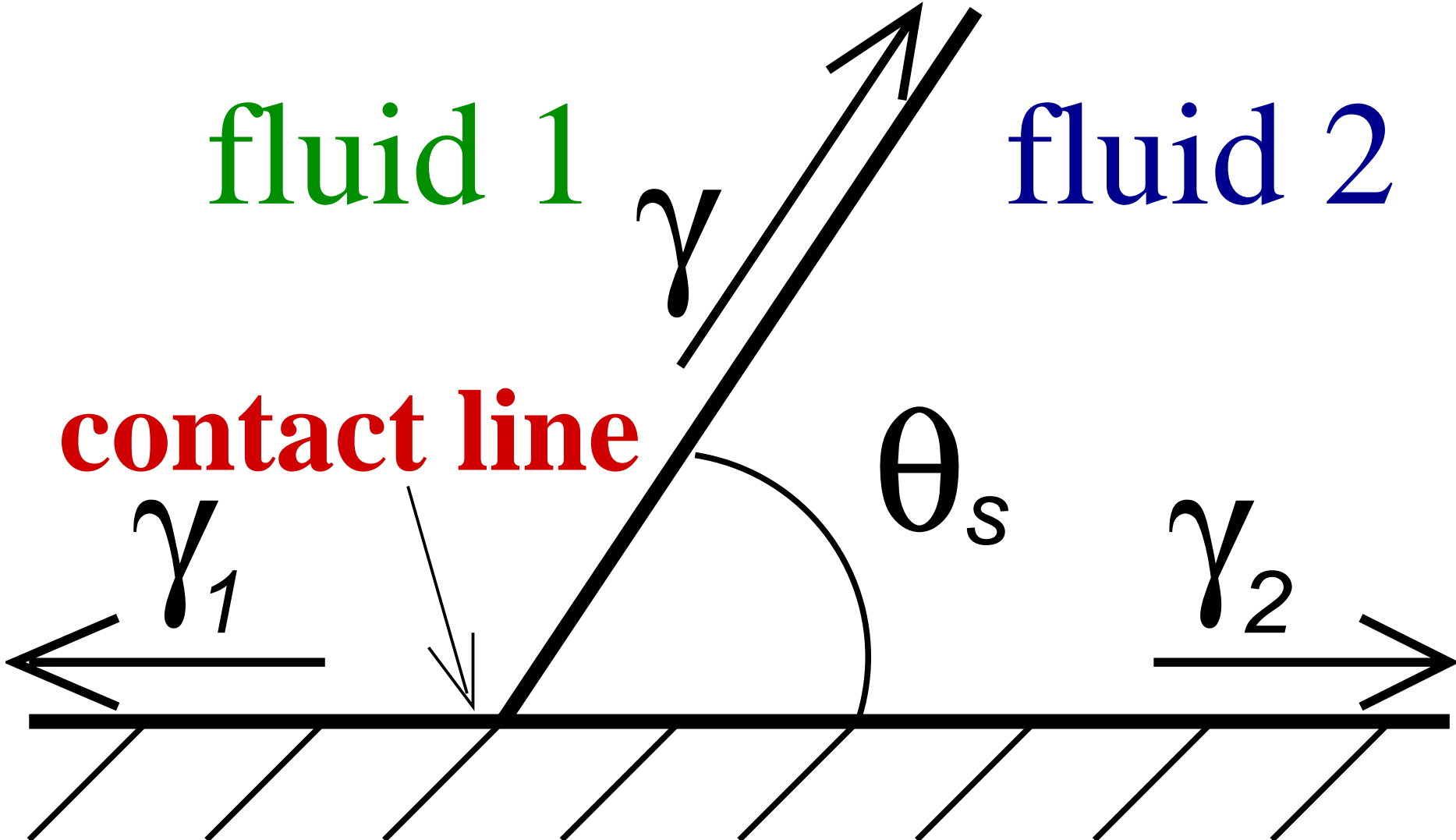
γ_1

θ_s

γ_2

solid wall

Young's equation: $\gamma \cos \theta_s + \gamma_2 = \gamma_1$



fluid 1

fluid 2

$$\int_a^R \eta \frac{U}{x} dx \xrightarrow{a \rightarrow 0} \infty$$

$$\theta_d \neq \theta_s$$

γ_1

γ

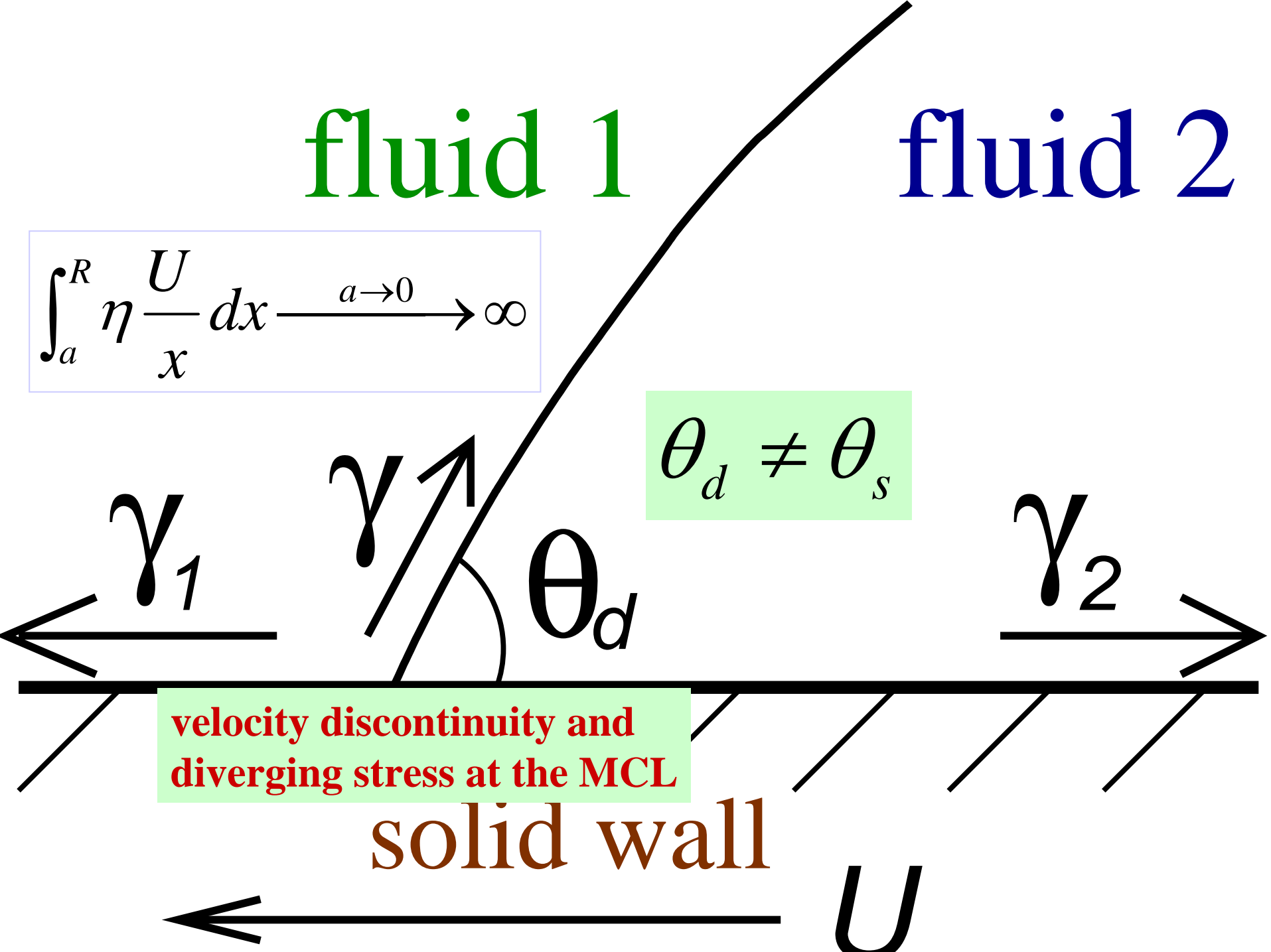
θ_d

γ_2

velocity discontinuity and
diverging stress at the MCL

solid wall

U



No-Slip Boundary Condition ?

1. **Apparent Violation** seen from the *moving/slipping* contact line
2. **Infinite Energy Dissipation** (unphysical singularity)

G. I. Taylor
Hua & Scriven
E.B. Dussan & S.H. Davis
L.M. Hocking
P.G. de Gennes
Koplik, Banavar, Willemsen
Thompson & Robbins

No-slip B.C. **breaks down !**

- **Nature of the true B.C. ?**
(microscopic *slipping* mechanism)
- If *slip* occurs within a length scale S in the vicinity of the contact line, then what is the magnitude of S ?

Qian, Wang & Sheng,
PRE **68**, 016306 (2003);
Ren & E, preprint

Qian, Wang & Sheng,
PRL **93**, 094501 (2004)

Dussan and Davis, J. Fluid Mech. **65**, 71-95 (1974):

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2. Smooth rigid solid walls
3. Impenetrable fluid-fluid interface
4. No-slip boundary condition

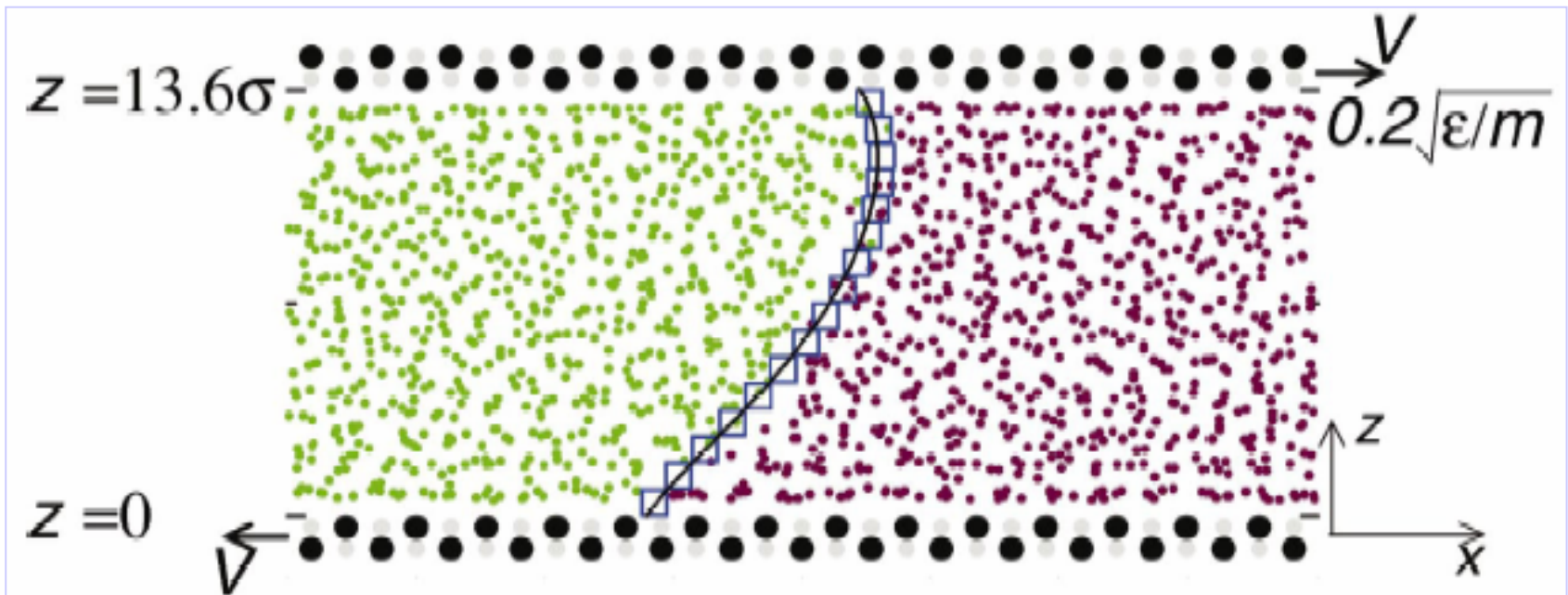
Stress singularity: the tangential force exerted by the fluid on the solid surface is infinite.

Not even Herakles could sink a solid ! by Huh and Scriven (1971).

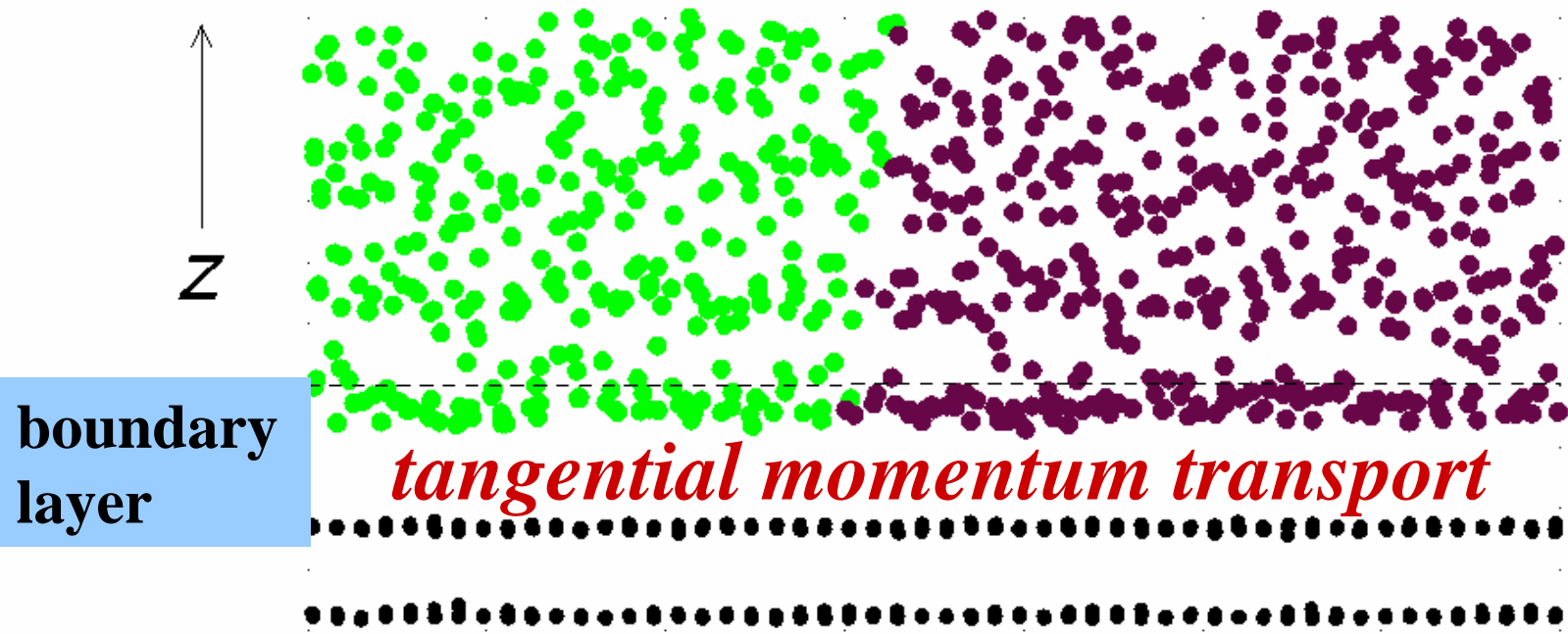
- a) To construct **a continuum hydrodynamic model** by removing conditions (3) and (4).
- b) To make comparison with molecular dynamics simulations

Molecular dynamics simulations for two-phase Couette flow

- **Fluid-fluid molecular interactions**
- **Fluid-solid molecular interactions**
- **Densities (liquid)**
- **Solid wall structure (fcc)**
- **Temperature**
- *System size*
- *Speed of the moving walls*



Measurement at Solid–Fluid Boundary



$$G_x^w, \quad G_x^f, \quad V_x^{slip}$$

as functions of x

Stress from the rate of tangential momentum transport per unit area

The Generalized Navier boundary condition

$$\tilde{G}_x^w = -\beta v_x^{slip}$$

$$\tilde{G}_x^w + \tilde{G}_x^f = 0$$

The stress in the immiscible two-phase fluid:

viscous part

non-viscous part

$$\sigma_{zx} = \eta[\partial_z v_x + \partial_x v_z] + \sigma_{zx}^Y$$

interfacial force

**GNBC from
continuum deduction**

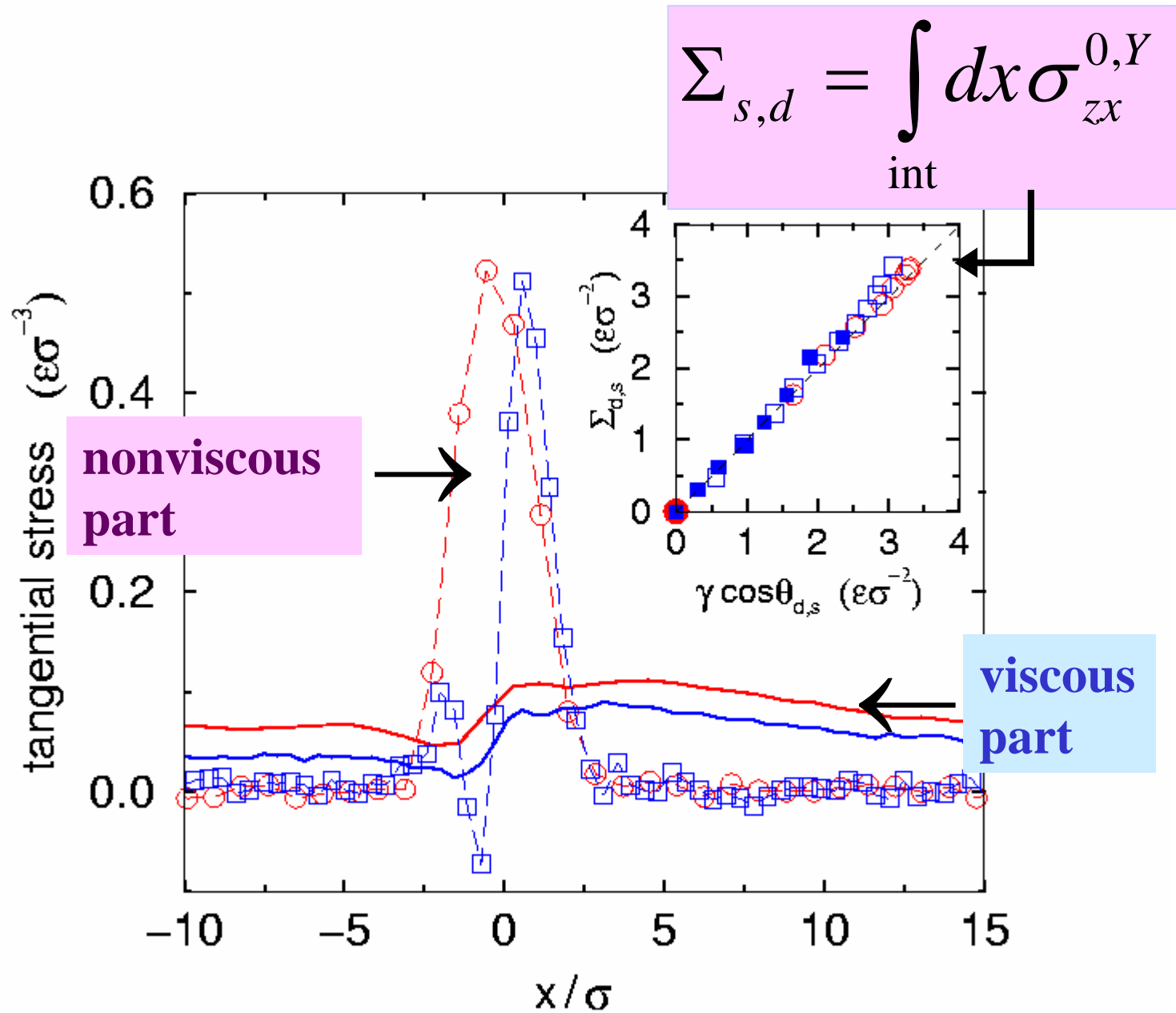
$$\beta v_x^{slip} = \tilde{G}_x^f = \tilde{\sigma}_{zx} = \sigma_{zx}^{visc} + \tilde{\sigma}_{zx}^Y$$

static Young component subtracted
>>> uncompensated Young stress

$$\tilde{\sigma}_{zx}^Y = \sigma_{zx}^Y - \sigma_{zx}^0$$

A tangential force arising from
the deviation from Young's equation

$$\int_{\text{int}} dx \tilde{\sigma}_{zx}^Y = \gamma \cos \theta_d + \gamma_2 - \gamma_1 \neq 0$$



Continuum Hydrodynamic Model:

- Cahn-Hilliard (Landau) free energy functional
- Navier-Stokes equation
- Generalized Navier Boudary Condition (B.C.)
- Advection-diffusion equation
- First-order equation for relaxation of ϕ (B.C.)

supplemented with

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{v} = 0 \quad \textit{incompressibility}$$

$$v_n = 0 \quad \textit{impermeability B.C.}$$

$$J_n \propto \partial_n \mu = 0 \quad \textit{impermeability B.C.}$$

$$\mathcal{F}_{CH}[\phi(\mathbf{r})] = \int d\mathbf{r} \left[\frac{K}{2} (\nabla\phi)^2 + \left(-\frac{r}{2}\phi^2 + \frac{u}{4}\phi^4 \right) \right]$$

$$\rho \left[\frac{\partial \mathbf{v}}{\partial t} + (\mathbf{v} \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{v} \right] = -\nabla p + \nabla \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma}^v + \mu \nabla \phi + \mathbf{f}_e$$

$$\boldsymbol{\sigma}^v = \eta [(\nabla \mathbf{v}) + (\nabla \mathbf{v})^T]$$

$$\beta(\phi) v_\tau^{slip} = -\eta(\partial_n v_\tau + \partial_\tau v_n) + L(\phi) \partial_\tau \phi$$

$$\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial t} + \mathbf{v} \cdot \nabla \phi = M \nabla^2 \mu$$

$$\mu = \delta \mathcal{F}_{CH} / \delta \phi$$

$$\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial t} + v_\tau \partial_\tau \phi = -\Gamma L(\phi)$$

$$L(\phi) = K \partial_n \phi + \partial \gamma_{fs}(\phi) / \partial \phi$$

supplemented with

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

$$v_n = 0$$

$$J_n \propto \partial_n \mu = 0$$

GNBC:

an equation of tangential force balance

$$-\beta v_x^{slip} + \eta \partial_z v_x - K \partial_z \phi \partial_x \phi + \partial_x \gamma_{fs} = 0$$

$$\tilde{G}_x^w + \sigma_{zx}^{visc} + \sigma_{zx}^Y + \partial_x \gamma_{fs} = 0$$

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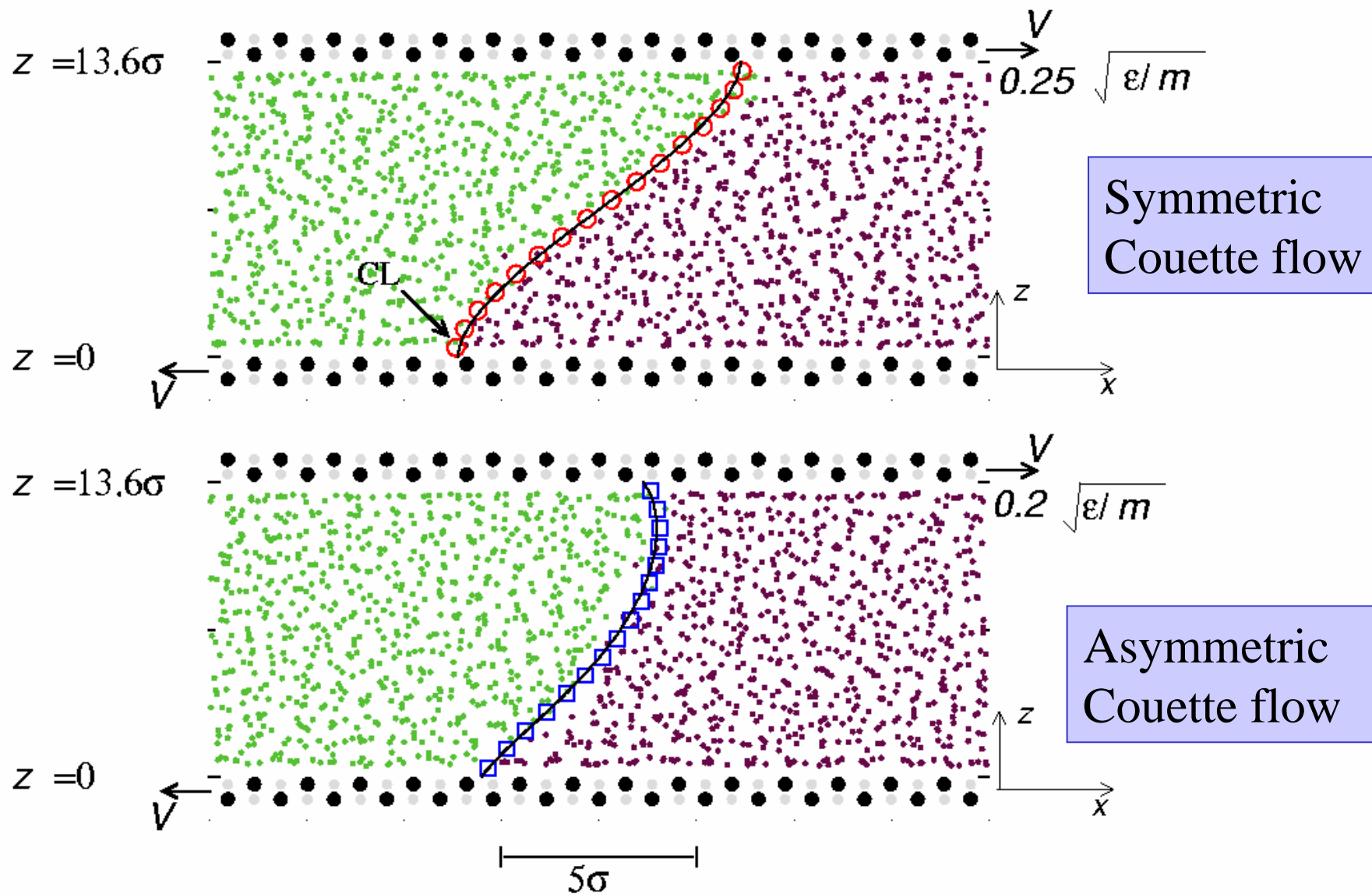
Condition (3) >>> Diffusion across the fluid-fluid interface

[Seppecher, Jacqmin, Chen---Jasnow---Vinals, Pismen---Pomeau,
Briant---Yeomans]

Condition (4) >>> GNBC

Stress singularity, i.e., infinite tangential force exerted by the fluid on the solid surface, is removed.

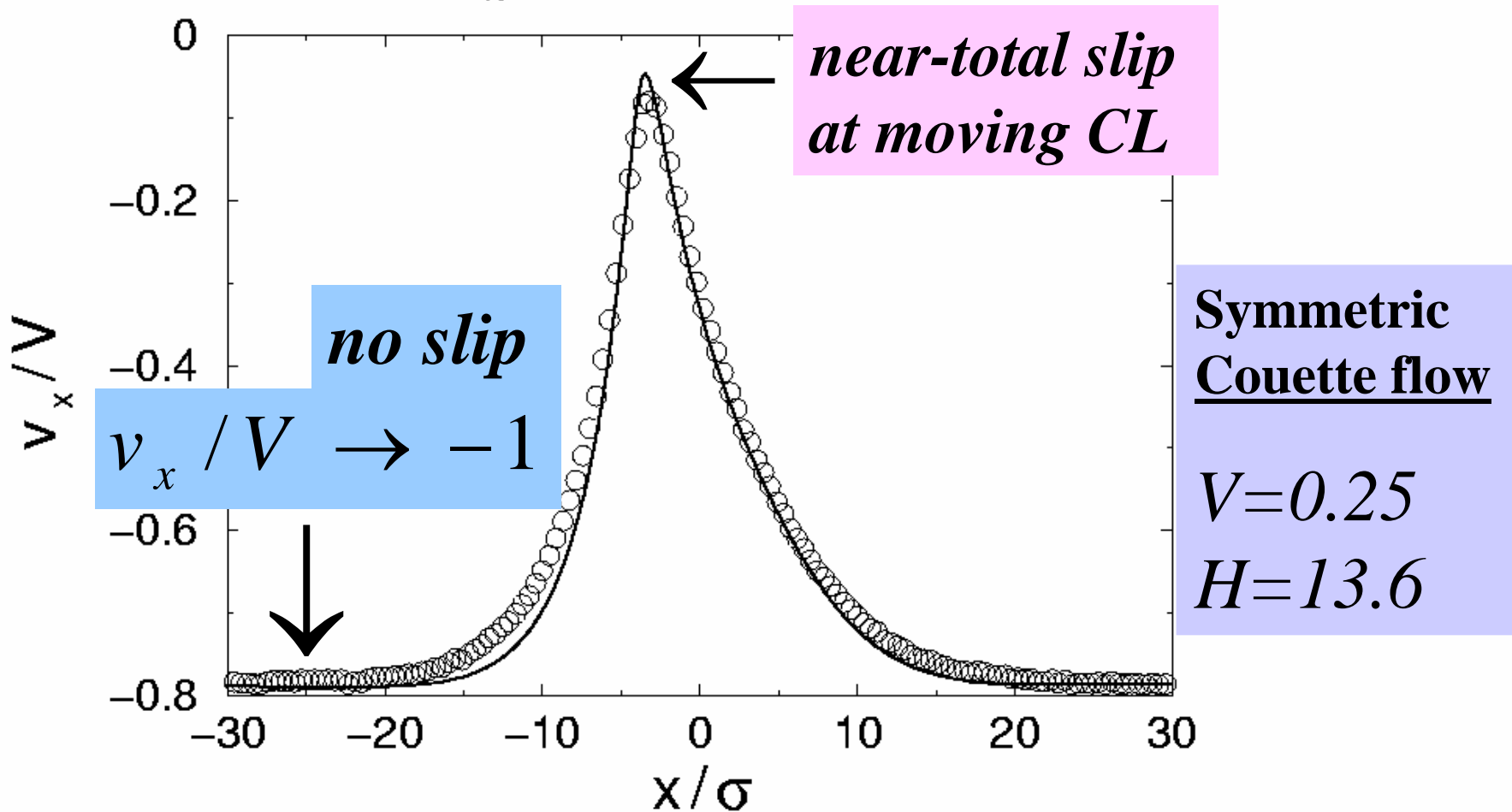
molecular positions projected onto the xz plane



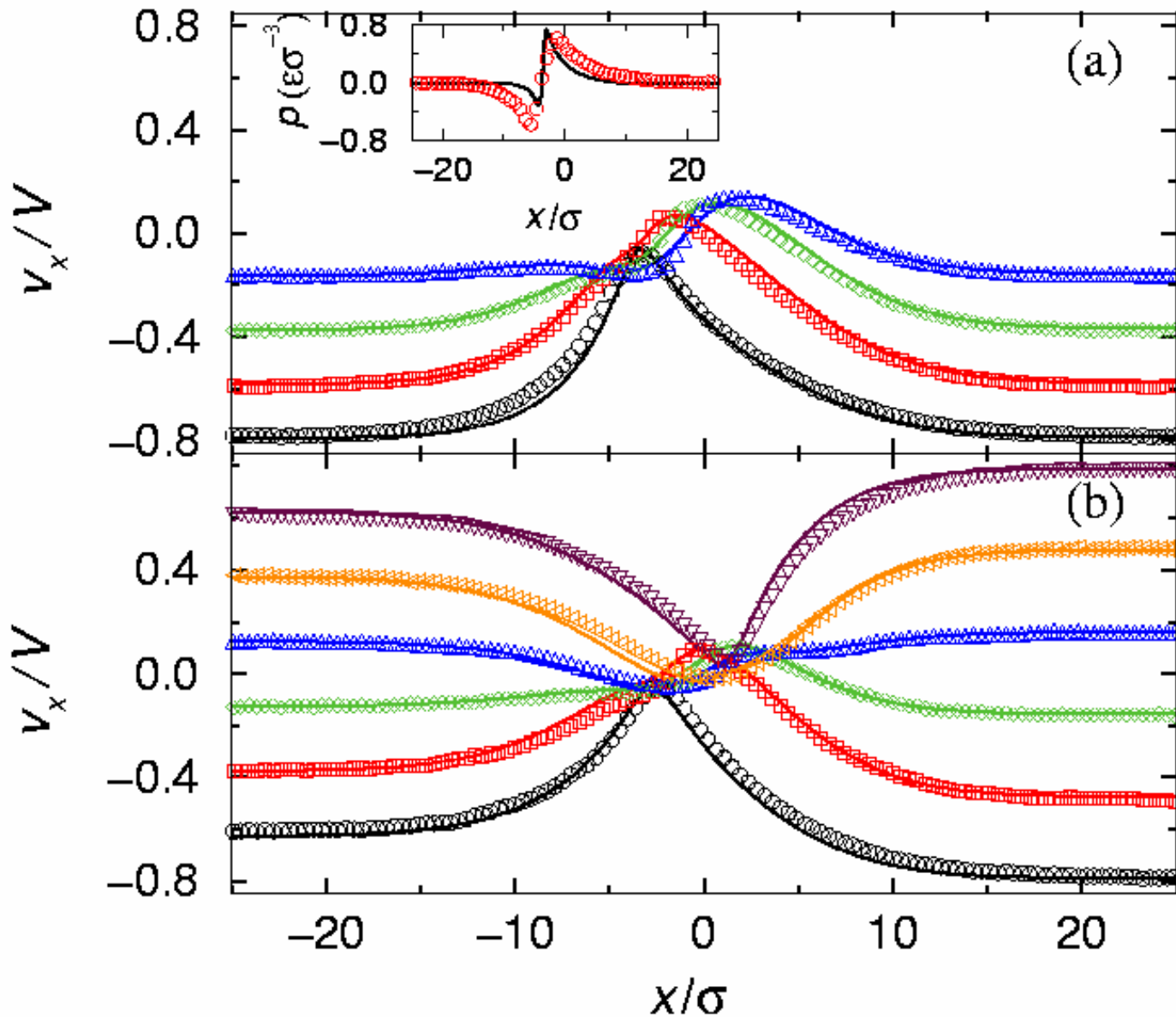
Diffusion versus **Slip** in MD

Boundary layer velocity profile

$v_x=0$ for total slip



$v_x(x)$ profiles at different z levels



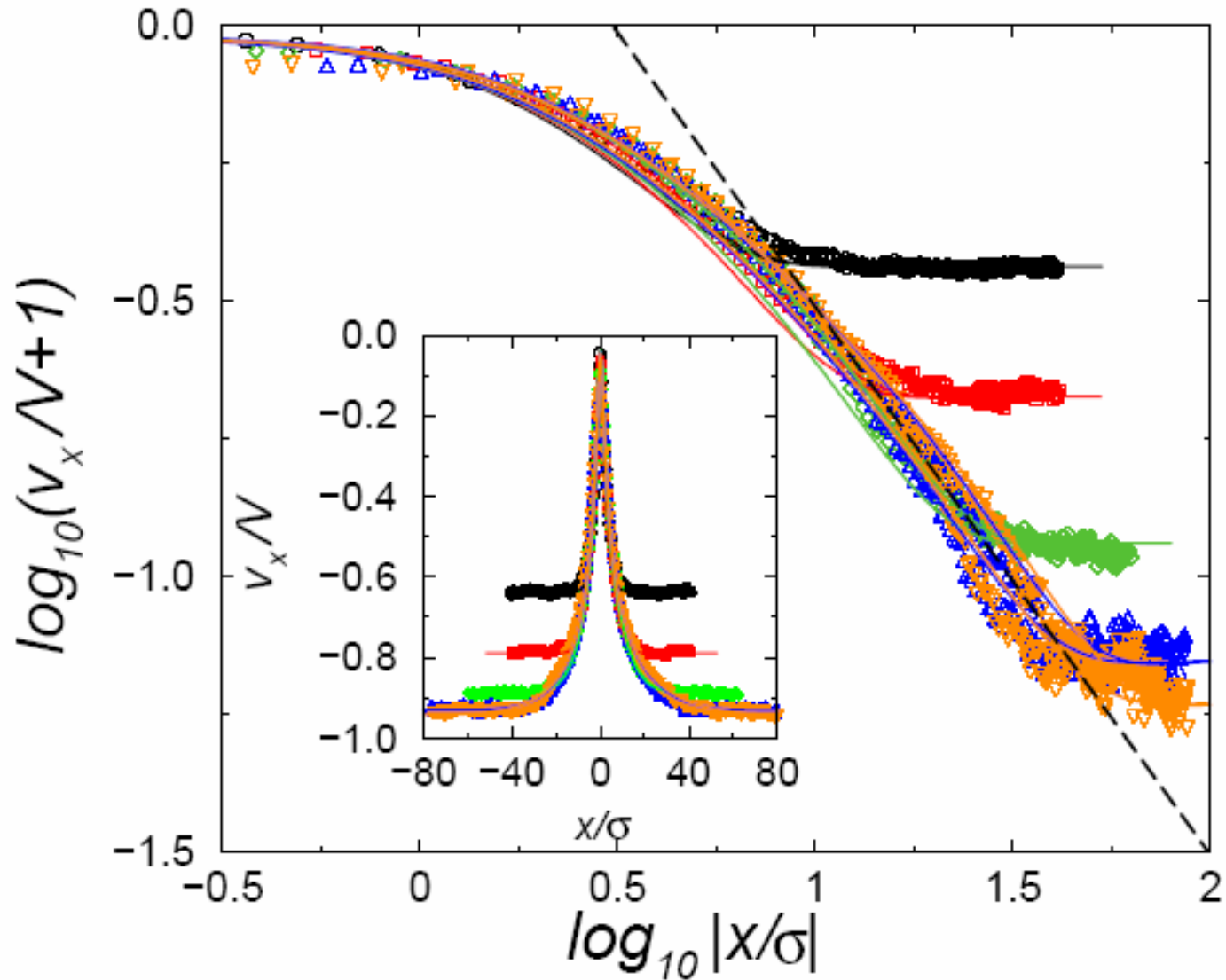
symmetric
Couette flow

$V=0.25$
 $H=13.6$

asymmetric
Couette flow

$V=0.20$
 $H=13.6$

Power-law decay of partial slip away from the MCL, observed in driven cavity flows as well.



The continuum hydrodynamic model for the moving contact line

A **Cahn-Hilliard Navier-Stokes system** supplemented with **the Generalized Navier boundary condition**, first uncovered from **molecular dynamics simulations**

Continuum predictions in agreement with **MD** results.

Now derived from

the principle of minimum energy dissipation,
for *irreversible* thermodynamic processes
(linear response, Onsager 1931).

Qian, Wang, Sheng, J. Fluid Mech. 564, 333-360 (2006).

Onsager's principle for one-variable irreversible processes

Langevin equation:
$$\gamma \dot{\alpha} = -\frac{\partial F(\alpha)}{\partial \alpha} + \zeta(t)$$

$$\langle \zeta(t) \zeta(t') \rangle = 2\gamma k_B T \delta(t - t')$$

Fokker-Plank equation for **probability density** $P(\alpha, t)$

$$\frac{\partial P}{\partial t} = D \left[\frac{\partial^2 P}{\partial \alpha^2} + \frac{1}{k_B T} \frac{\partial}{\partial \alpha} \left(\frac{\partial F}{\partial \alpha} P \right) \right] \quad \text{Einstein relation } \gamma D = k_B T$$

Transition probability $P_2(\alpha', t + \Delta t; \alpha, t)$

$$P_2(\alpha', t + \Delta t; \alpha, t) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{4\pi D \Delta t}} \exp \left[-\frac{(\alpha' - \alpha)^2}{4D \Delta t} \right] \exp \left[-\frac{F(\alpha') - F(\alpha)}{2k_B T} \right]$$

The most probable course derived from minimizing

$$A = \frac{\gamma(\alpha' - \alpha)^2}{2\Delta t} + [F(\alpha') - F(\alpha)] \approx \left[\frac{\gamma}{2} \dot{\alpha}^2 + \frac{\partial F(\alpha)}{\partial \alpha} \dot{\alpha} \right] \Delta t$$

Euler-Lagrange equation:
$$\gamma \dot{\alpha} = \frac{\gamma(\alpha' - \alpha)}{\Delta t} = -\frac{\partial F(\alpha)}{\partial \alpha}$$

The principle of minimum energy dissipation (Onsager 1931)

$$\sum_{j=1}^n \rho_{ij} \dot{\alpha}_j = - \frac{\partial F(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n)}{\partial \alpha_i}, \quad (i = 1, \dots, n)$$

Balance of the viscous force and the “elastic” force from
a variational principle

$$\delta \left[\Phi(\dot{\alpha}, \dot{\alpha}) + \dot{F}(\alpha, \dot{\alpha}) \right] = \sum_{i=1}^n \left(\frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial \dot{\alpha}_i} + \frac{\partial F}{\partial \alpha_i} \right) \delta \dot{\alpha}_i = 0$$

$$\Phi(\dot{\alpha}, \dot{\alpha}) \equiv \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i,j} \rho_{ij} \dot{\alpha}_i \dot{\alpha}_j$$

dissipation-function, positive definite and quadratic in the rates, half the rate of energy dissipation

$$\dot{F}(\alpha, \dot{\alpha}) \equiv \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{\partial F(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n)}{\partial \alpha_i} \dot{\alpha}_i$$

rate of change of the free energy

Dissipation function (half the total rate of energy dissipation)

$$\Phi = \int d\mathbf{r} \left[\frac{\eta}{4} (\partial_i v_j + \partial_j v_i)^2 \right] + \int dS \left[\frac{\beta}{2} (v_\tau^{slip})^2 \right] + \int d\mathbf{r} \left[\frac{\mathbf{J}^2}{2M} \right] + \int dS \left[\frac{\dot{\phi}^2}{2\Gamma} \right]$$

$$\Phi = \frac{1}{2} R_2 = \frac{1}{2} (R_1 + R_\phi) = \frac{1}{2} (R_v + R_s + R_d + R_r)$$

Rate of change of the free energy

$$\dot{F} = \int d\mathbf{r} \left[\mu \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial t} \right] + \int dS \left[L \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial t} \right]$$

kinematic transport of ϕ

$$\partial \phi / \partial t = \dot{\phi} - \mathbf{v} \cdot \nabla \phi$$

$$\int d\mathbf{r} \left[\mu \dot{\phi} \right] = \int d\mathbf{r} \left[-\mu \nabla \cdot \mathbf{J} \right] \quad \text{continuity equation for } \phi$$

$$\int d\mathbf{r} \left[\nabla \cdot (\mu \mathbf{J}) \right] = \int dS \left[\mu J_n \right] = 0 \quad \text{impermeability B.C.}$$

$$\dot{F} = \int d\mathbf{r} \left[\nabla \mu \cdot \mathbf{J} - \mu \mathbf{v} \cdot \nabla \phi \right] + \int dS \left[L (\dot{\phi} - v_\tau \partial_\tau \phi) \right]$$

Minimizing $\Phi + \dot{F}$

$$\int d\mathbf{r} \left[\frac{\eta}{4} (\partial_i v_j + \partial_j v_i)^2 \right] + \int dS \left[\frac{\beta}{2} (v_\tau^{slip})^2 \right] + \int d\mathbf{r} \left[\frac{\mathbf{J}^2}{2M} \right] + \int dS \left[\frac{\dot{\phi}^2}{2\Gamma} \right] + \int d\mathbf{r} [\nabla\mu \cdot \mathbf{J} - \mu\mathbf{v} \cdot \nabla\phi] + \int dS [L(\dot{\phi} - v_\tau \partial_\tau \phi)].$$

with respect to the rates $\{\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{J}, \dot{\phi}\}$ yields

$$-\nabla p + \eta \nabla^2 \mathbf{v} + \mu \nabla \phi = \mathbf{0}, \quad \text{Stokes equation}$$

$$\beta(\phi) v_\tau^{slip} = -\eta (\partial_n v_\tau + \partial_\tau v_n) + L(\phi) \partial_\tau \phi, \quad \text{GNBC}$$

$$\mathbf{J} = -M \nabla \mu,$$

 $\tilde{\sigma}_{zx}^Y$

$$\dot{\phi} = \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial t} + \mathbf{v} \cdot \nabla \phi = -\nabla \cdot \mathbf{J} = M \nabla^2 \mu \quad \text{advection-diffusion equation}$$

$$\dot{\phi} = \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial t} + v_\tau \partial_\tau \phi = -\Gamma L(\phi). \quad \text{1st order relaxational equation}$$

Summary:

- Moving contact line calls for *a slip boundary condition*.
- The generalized Navier boundary condition (**GNBC**) is derived for the immiscible two-phase flows from **the principle of minimum energy dissipation (entropy production)** by taking into account the fluid-solid interfacial dissipation.
- Landau's free energy & Onsager's linear dissipative response.
- Predictions from the hydrodynamic model are in excellent agreement with the full **MD simulation** results.
- “Unreasonable effectiveness” of a continuum model.
 - Landau-Lifshitz-Gilbert theory for micromagnets
 - Ginzburg-Landau (or BdG) theory for superconductors
 - Landau-de Gennes theory for nematic liquid crystals