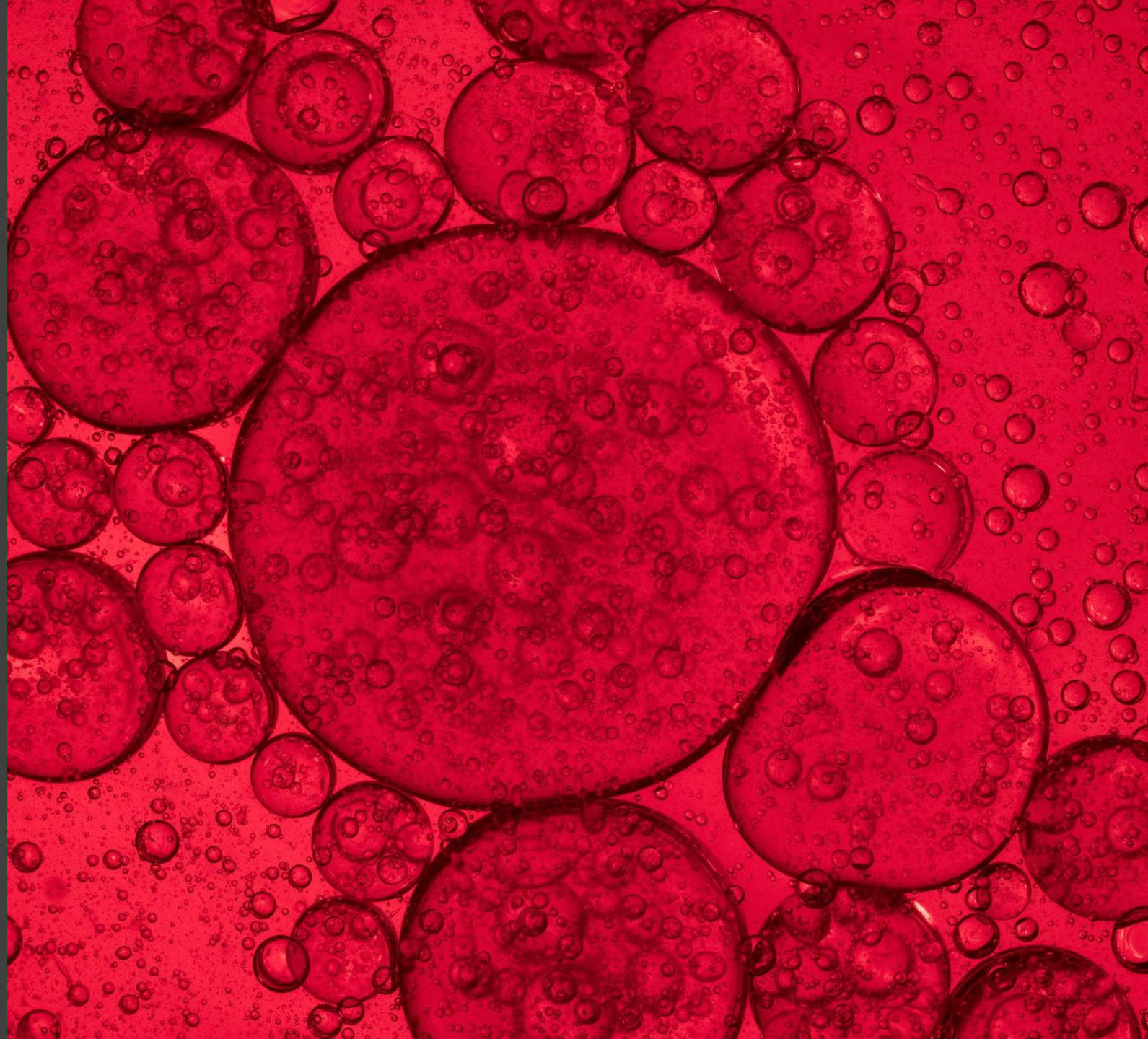



# DETERMINING THE VELOCITY PROFILE OF BLOOD

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# Rheology of Blood

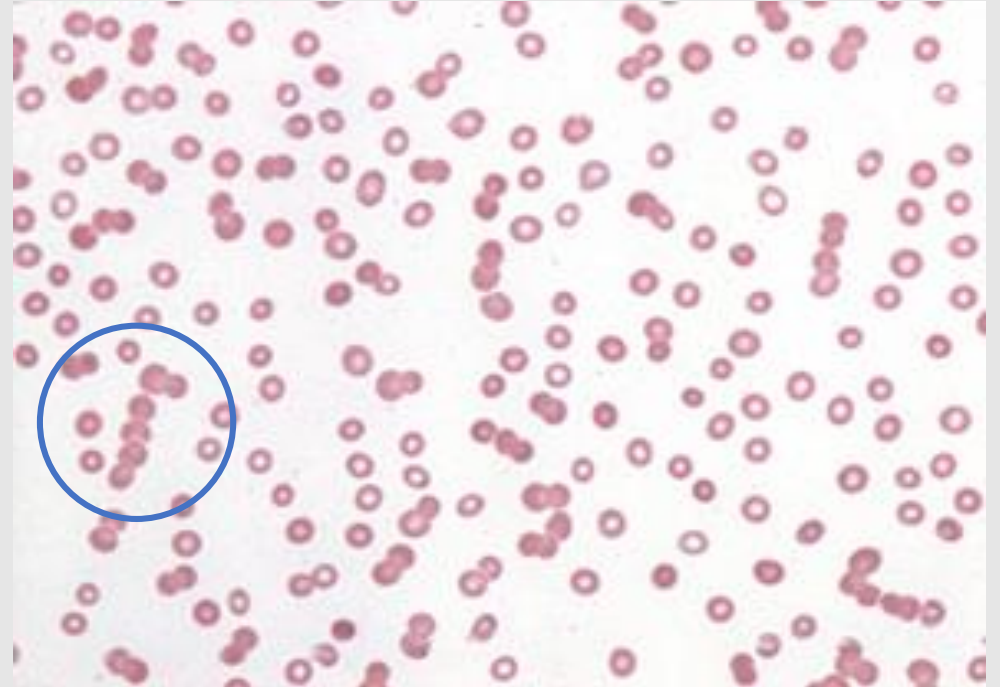
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# Why blood?

- Blood is a **multi-phase** mixture
- The solid red blood cells are elastic and cupped
- This leads to **rouleaux** clumps
- These properties make blood **non-Newtonian**



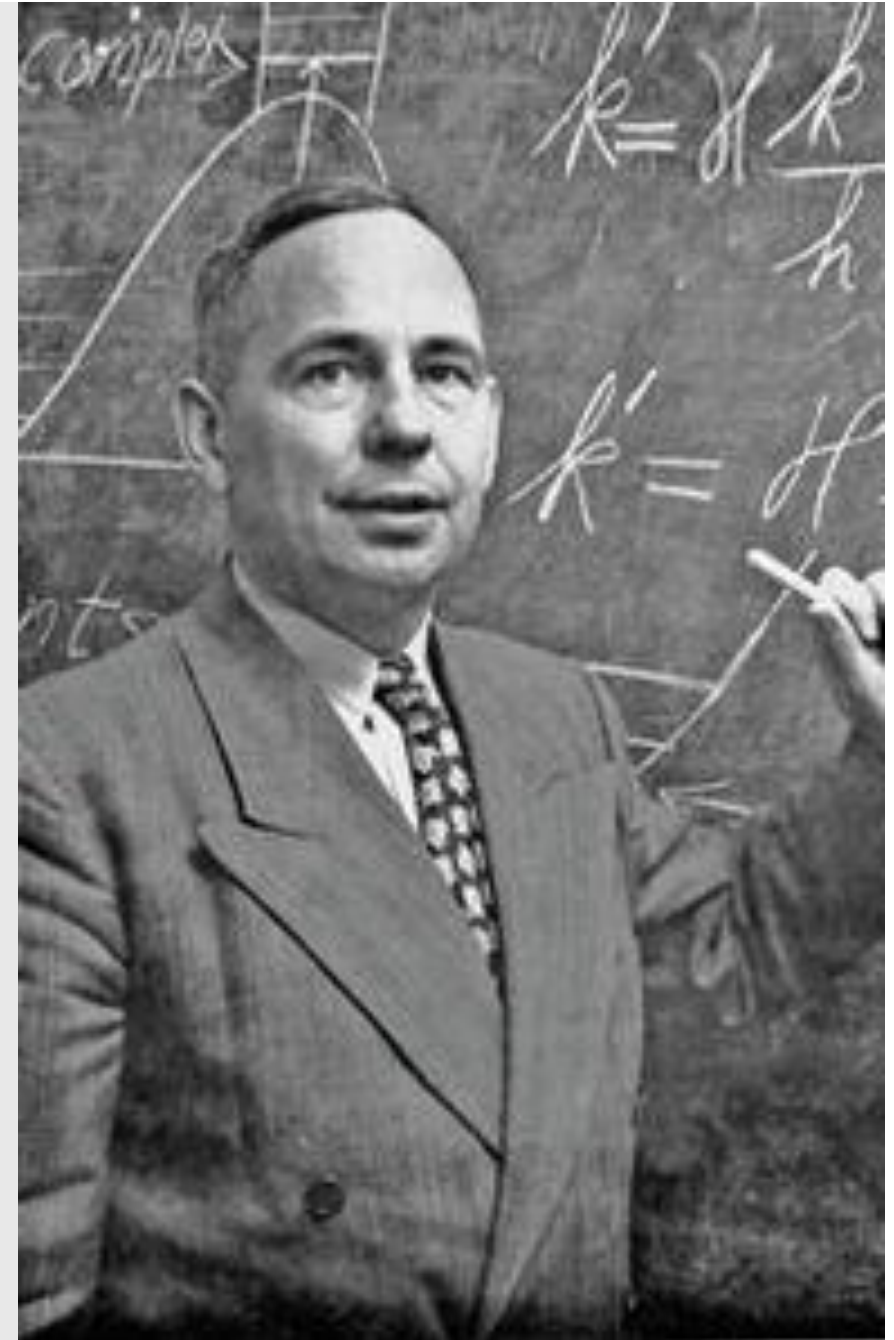


# Why do we want to know this profile?

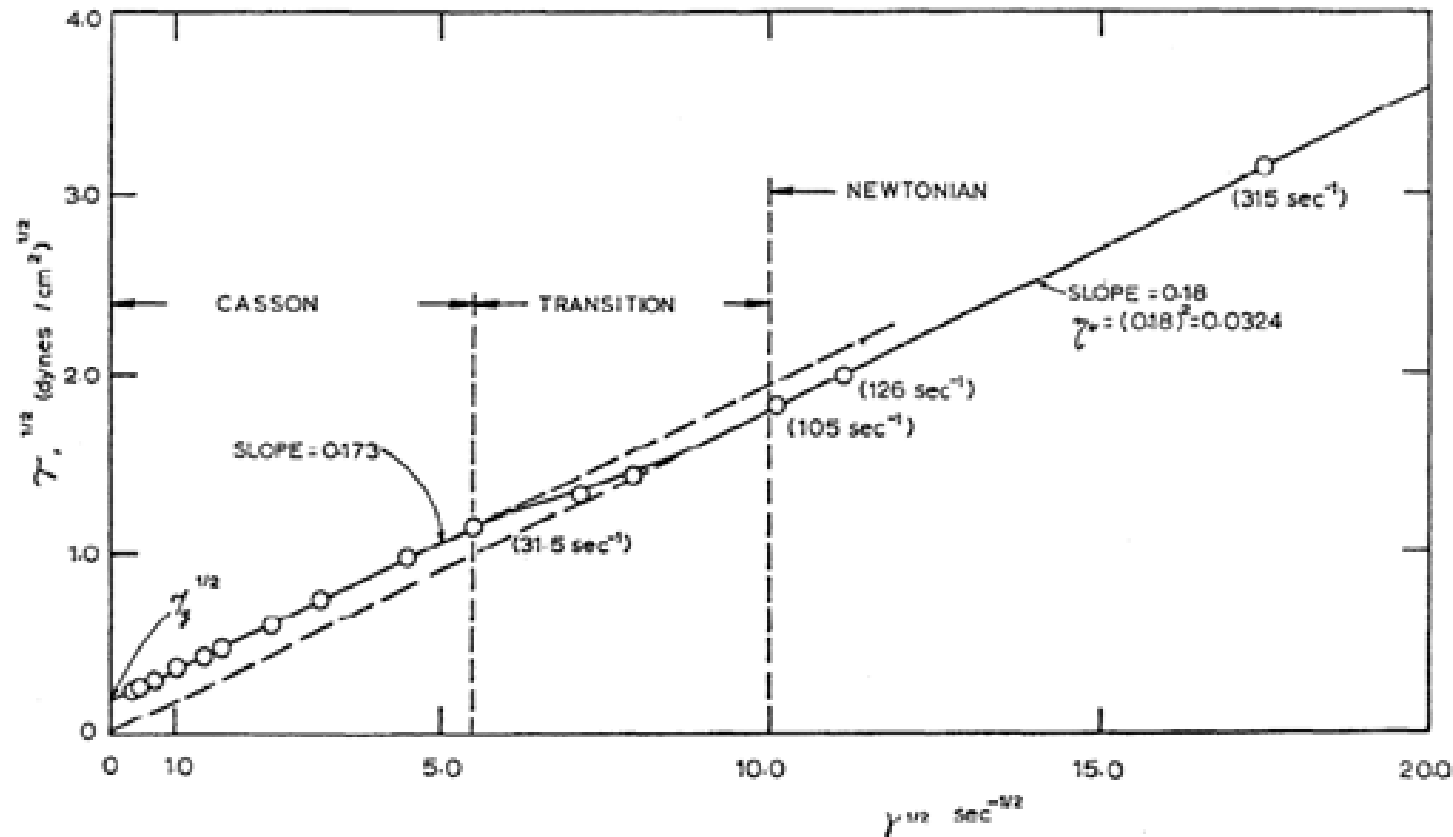
- Improved treatment and diagnosis methods
- Anemia
- Afibrinogenemia
- Blot Clots

# Non-Newtonian Fluids Require a Model

- Casson model
- Other models exist



$$\tau_{rz}^{1/2} = \tau_y^{1/2} + s\dot{\gamma}^{1/2}$$



# IDEA BEHIND THE CASSON MODEL

# How to use this to determine velocity?

Write the Casson equation in terms of the shear rate

Perform a force balance on a control volume

Integrate

# Assumptions

- No slip
- Steady
- Fully-developed
- Constant density
- No entrance effects ( $L/R > 100$ )
- Isothermal
- One-direction momentum transfer
- Typical hematocrit levels

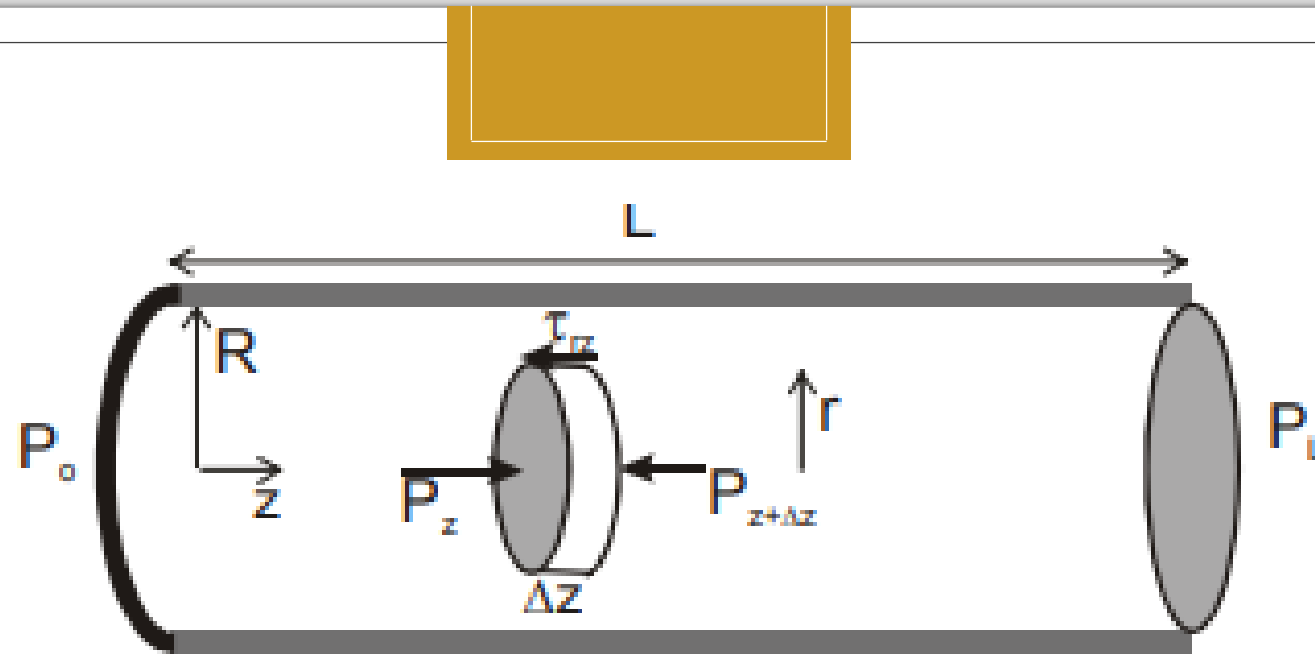




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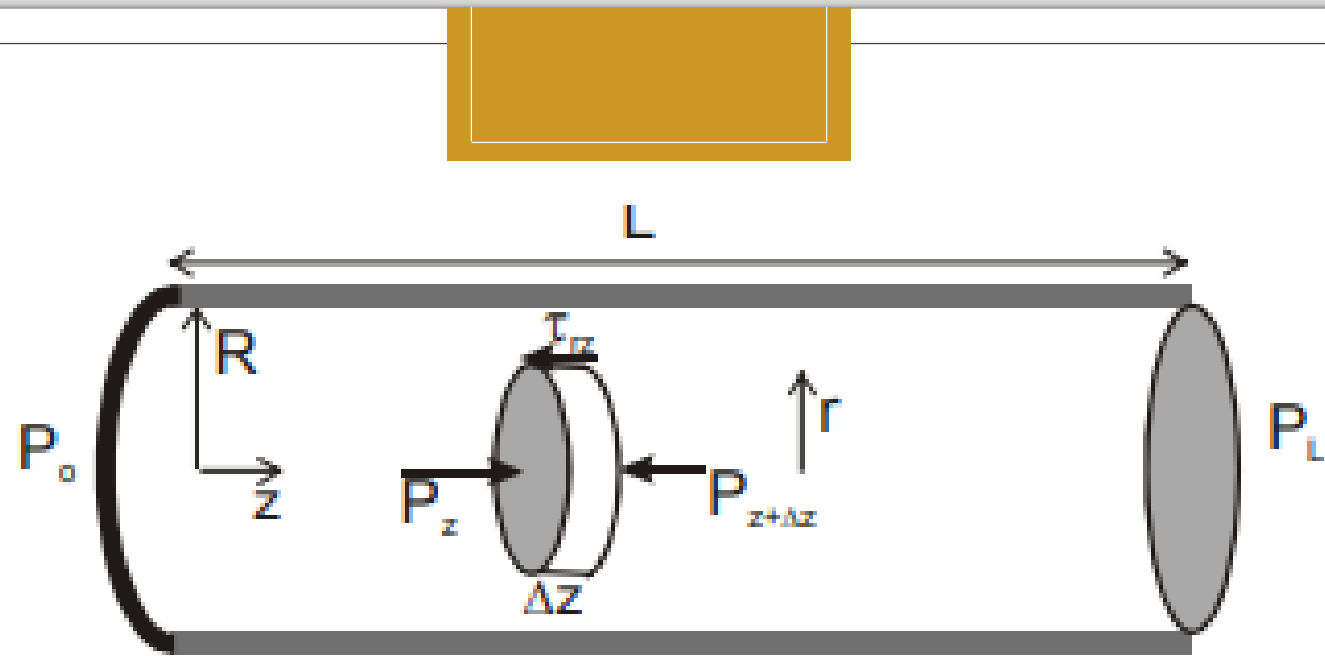
$$\tau_{rz}^{1/2} = \tau_y^{1/2} + s\dot{\gamma}^{1/2}$$

$$\dot{\gamma} = -\frac{dv_z}{dr} = \frac{1}{s^2} \left( \tau_{rz}^{1/2} - \tau_y^{1/2} \right)^2$$



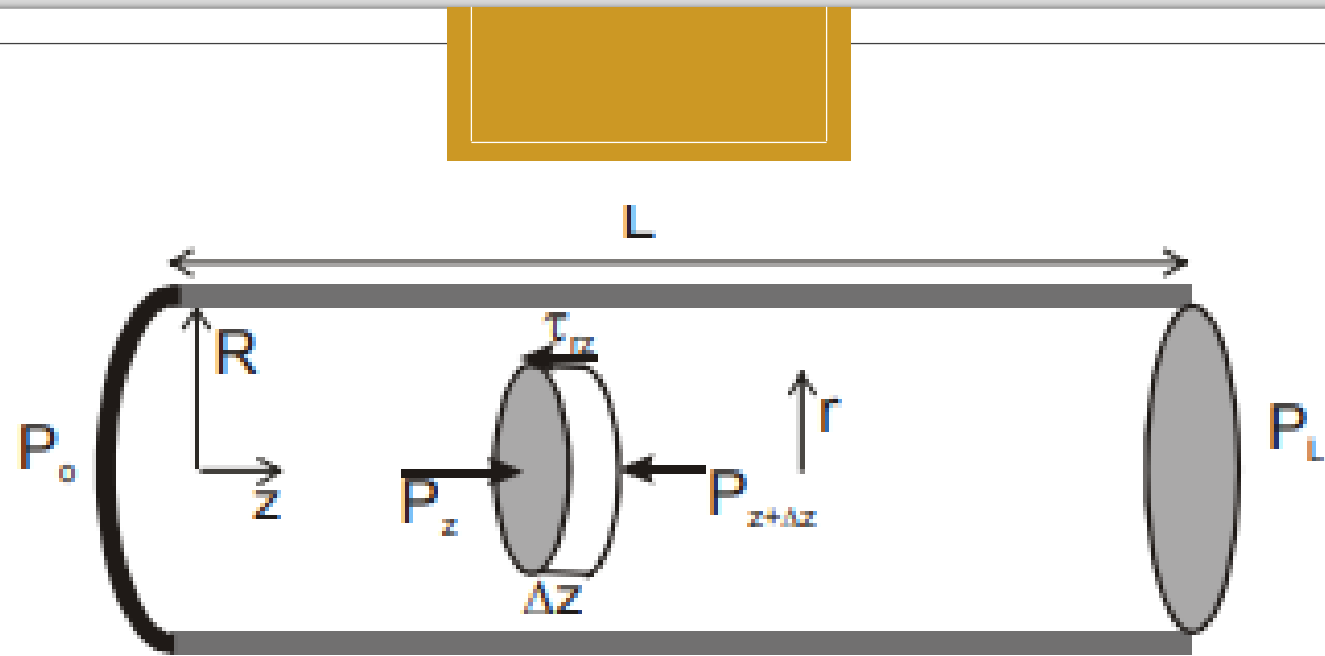
## STEP 2

$$\pi r^2 P|_z - \pi r^2 P|_{z+\Delta z} - 2\pi r \Delta z \tau_{rz} = 0$$




## STEP 2

$$\frac{2}{r} \tau_{rz} = - \frac{dP}{dz}$$




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$$\tau_{rz} = -\frac{(P_o - P_L)}{2L} r$$

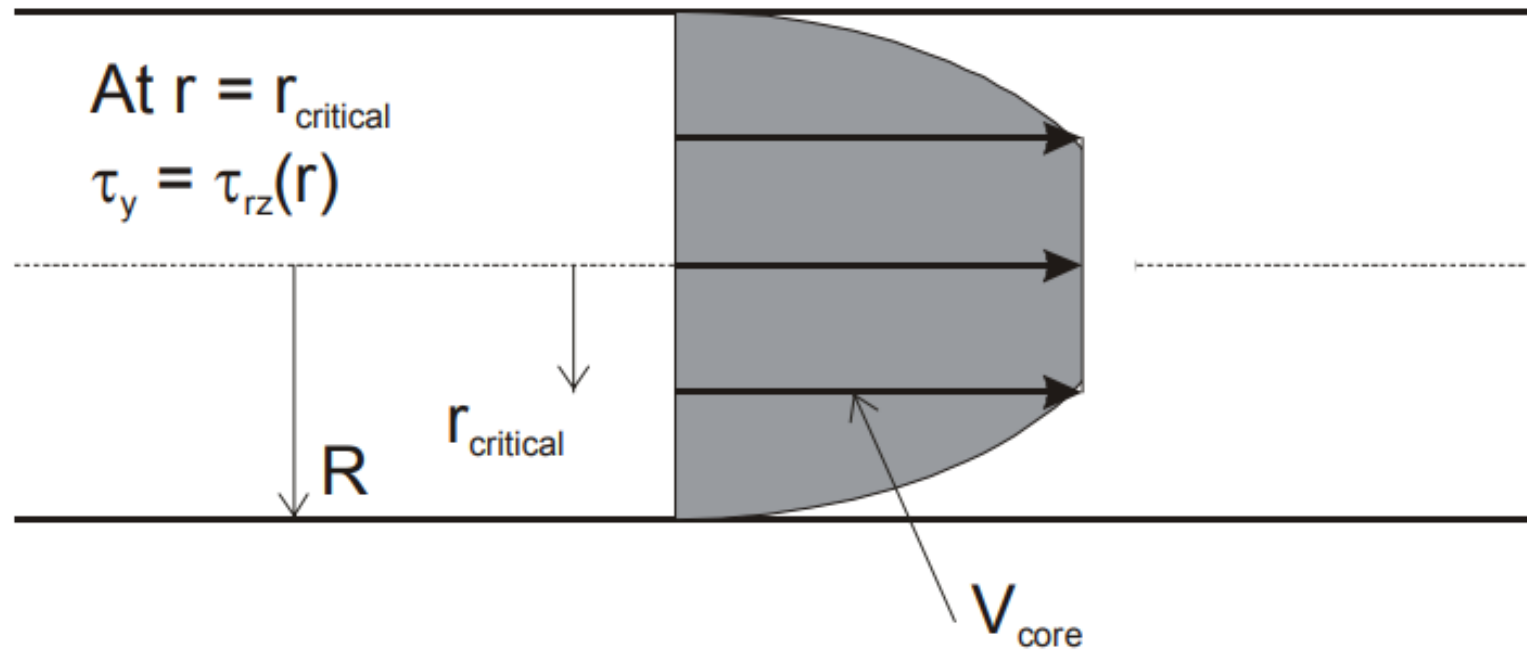

$$\dot{\gamma} = -\frac{dv_z}{dr} = \frac{1}{s^2} \left[ \frac{\tau_w}{R} r - 2 \left( \frac{\tau_w}{R} \right)^{1/2} r^{1/2} \tau_y^{1/2} + \tau_y \right]$$

STEPS 1 & 2

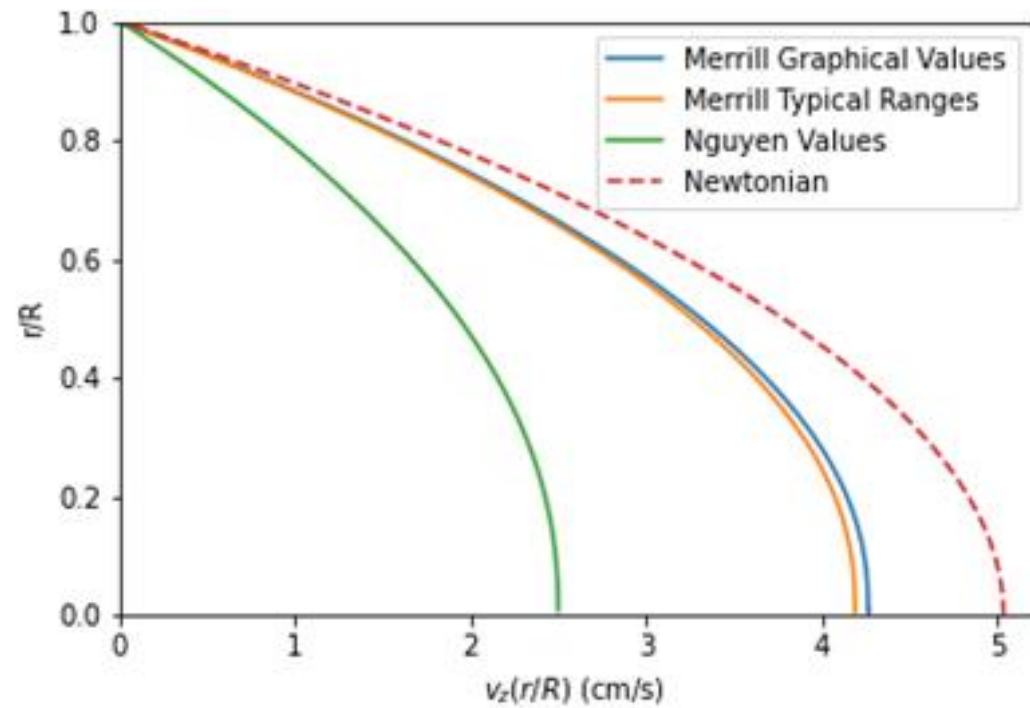



$$v_z(r) = \frac{R\tau_w}{2s^2} \left\{ \left[ 1 - \left( \frac{r}{R} \right)^2 \right] - \frac{8}{3} \left( \frac{\tau_y}{\tau_w} \right)^{1/2} \left[ 1 - \left( \frac{r}{R} \right)^{3/2} \right] + 2 \left( \frac{\tau_y}{\tau_w} \right) \left( 1 - \frac{r}{R} \right) \right\}$$

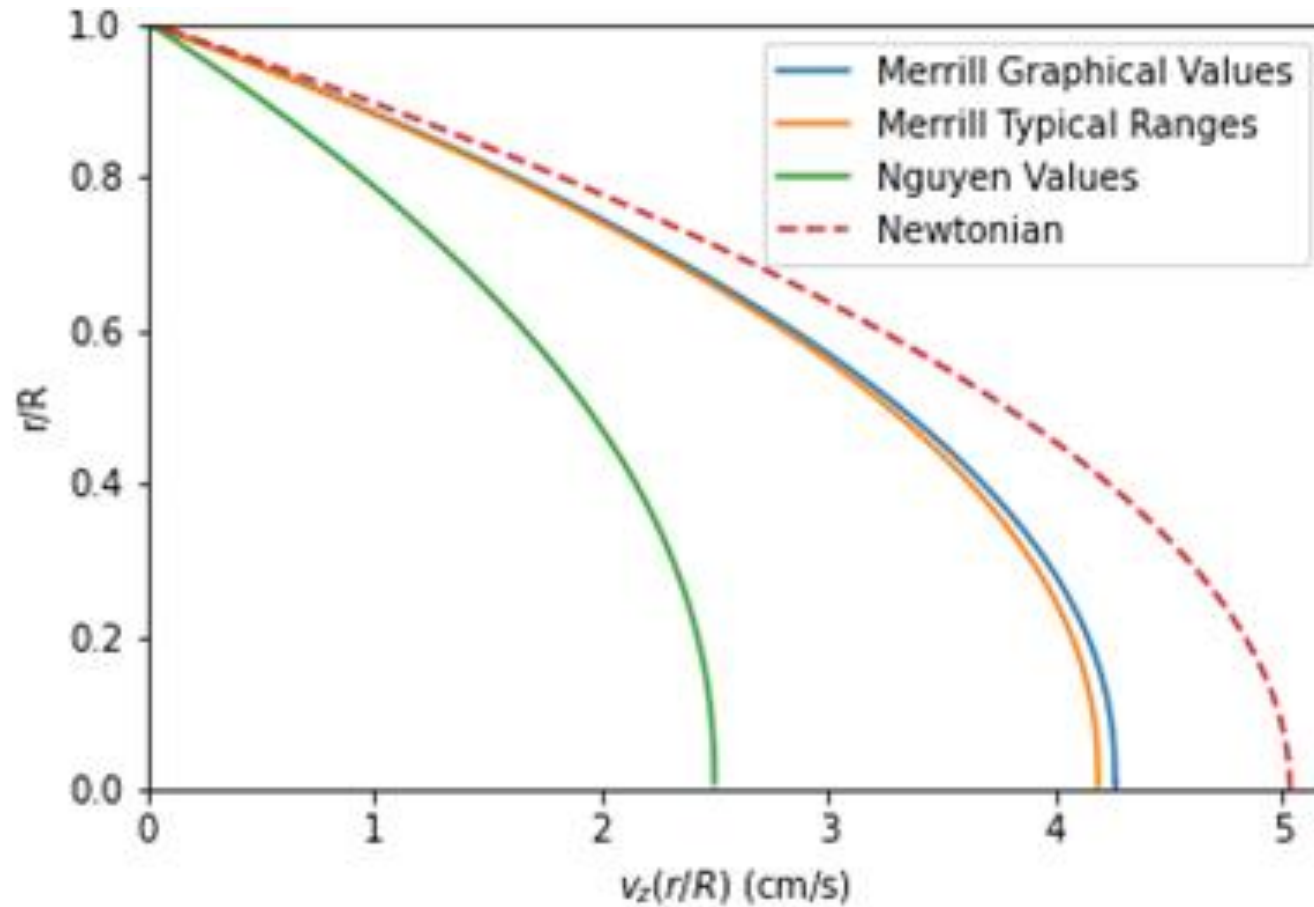
STEP 3: INTEGRATE



YIELD STRESS OPPOSES MOTION



# RESULTS

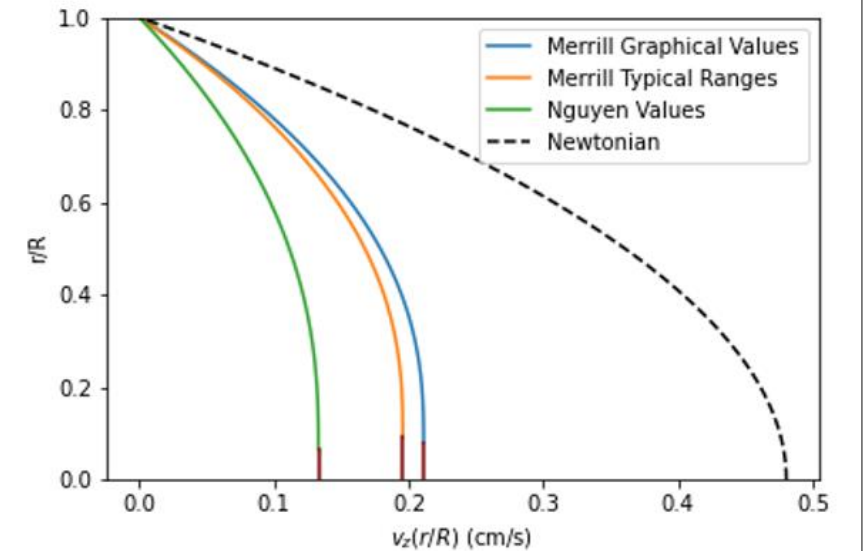
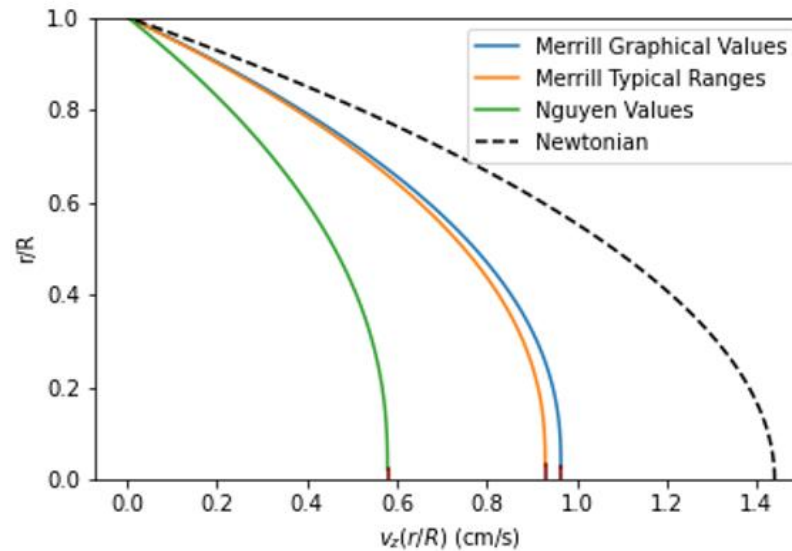
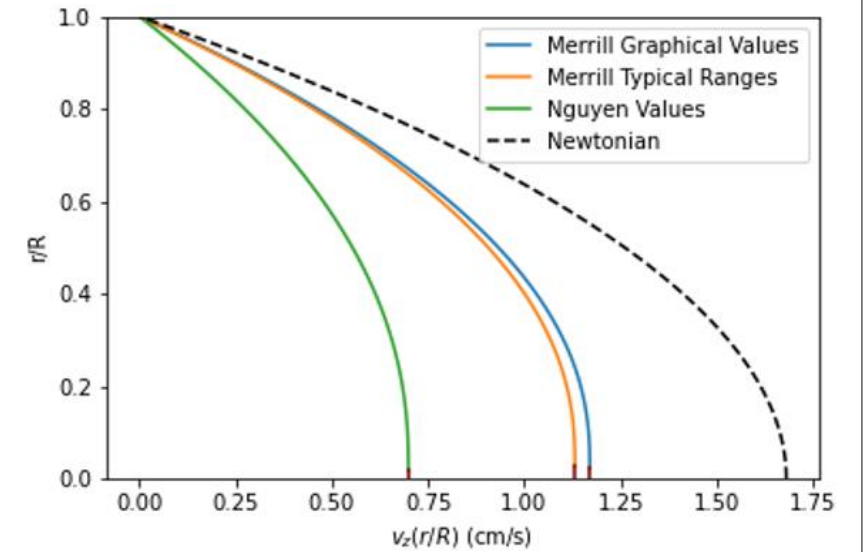
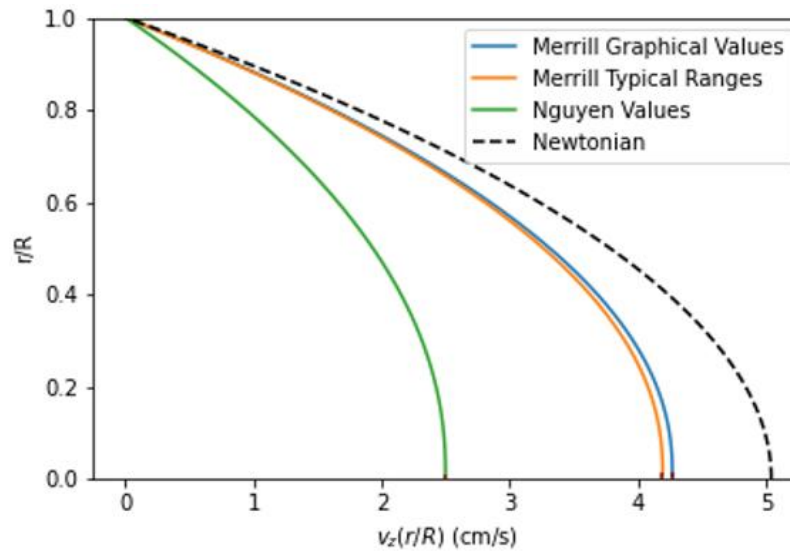


# Results

- Blunter profile than Newtonian flow
- Tiny critical radius
- Dependent on pressure and length

# Pressure and Length Dependence

- Top Left: Typical
- Top Right: Longer Length
- Bottom Left: Lower Pressure
- Bottom Right: Longer Length and Lower Pressure





# Impact



PAVED WAY TO FURTHER  
UNDERSTANDING OF BLOOD



ABILITY TO DIAGNOSE AND  
TREAT DISEASES



FURTHER IMPLICATIONS INTO  
PHARMACEUTICALS AND  
FOODS



QUESTIONS?

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<i>Model</i>	$\tau_y$	$s$
Merrill Graphical Values	0.035	$0.03^{1/2}$
Merrill Typical Ranges	0.04	$0.03^{1/2}$
Nguyen Values	0.0289	0.229
Newtonian	0	$0.0324^{1/2}$

# APPENDIX