

Exercise 8.

- Fluid problems depended on several variables

$$f(U, \mu, \rho, L \dots)$$

- Use Buckingham Pi-theorem to form dimensionless numbers

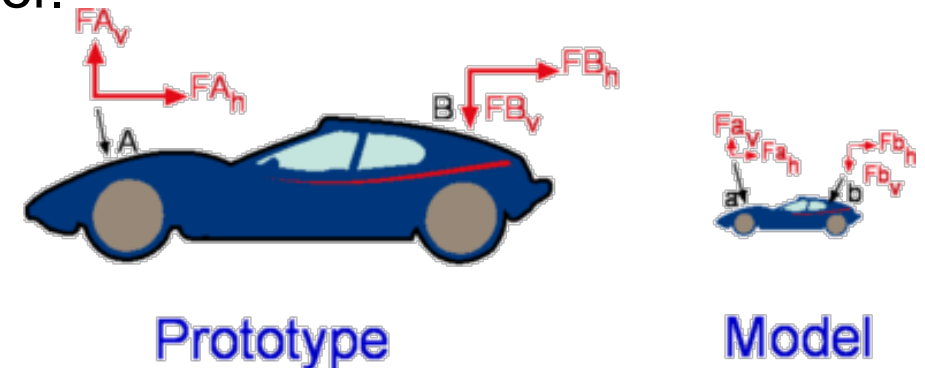
- **Dimensionless numbers** reduce the complexity, e.g.

$$f(\text{Re}), \text{Re} = \frac{\rho UL}{\mu} = \frac{\text{Inertia}}{\text{Viscous}}$$

- If the problem can be classified with dimensionless numbers, than the flow field should be similar at the same dimensionless number.

- Prototype = Large/full scale

- Model = Small scale (e.g. model train, plane...)



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- Relation between measured force and characteristic force from flow.

$$C = \frac{F}{\frac{1}{2}\rho U^2 A}$$

- Drag coefficient is the most common:

$$C_D = \frac{F_D}{\frac{1}{2}\rho U^2 \cdot A} = \frac{\text{True drag force}}{\text{Potential retarding force}}$$

– F_D , is the force by the flow direction

– $\frac{1}{2}\rho U^2 \cdot A$, is the *kinematic pressure* times the *projected area in the flow direction*

– C_D some times function of only $Re \rightarrow C_D(Re)$

- Lift force \rightarrow Change the drag force to the lift force (normal to the flow)

Model test similarity

- **Geometric similarity:**

- Dimensions scaled with one parameter
- $\alpha L_{\text{Prototype}} = L_{\text{Model}}$

- **Kinematic similarity:**

- Require geometric similarity
- Flow field scaled with one coefficient, e.g. Re-number
- Flow field the same between prototype and model
- $Re_{\text{Prototype}} = Re_{\text{Model}}$

- **Dynamic similarity:**

- Require both geometric and kinematic similarity
- All force vectors are scaled with one coefficient
- If: incompressible flow, no free-surface $\rightarrow Re_{\text{Prototype}} = Re_{\text{Model}}$

