

# Fluid dynamics - Equation of continuity and Bernoulli's principle.

## Fluid statics

- What is a fluid?

Density

Pressure

- Fluid pressure and depth

Pascal's principle

- Buoyancy

Archimedes' principle

## Fluid dynamics

- Reynolds number**

- Equation of continuity**

- Bernoulli's principle**

- Viscosity and turbulent flow

- Poiseuille's equation

Lecture 4

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# Fluid dynamics



## REYNOLDS NUMBER

A British scientist Osborne Reynolds (1842 – 1912) established that the nature of the flow depends upon a *dimensionless* quantity, which is now called the **Reynolds number  $R_e$** .

$$R_e = \rho v L / \eta$$

$\rho$       **density of fluid**

$v$       **average flow velocity over the cross  
section of the pipe**

$L$       **characteristic dimension**

$\eta$       **viscosity**

$$R_e = \rho v L / \eta$$

$$[R_e] \equiv \frac{[\text{kg.m}^{-3}] [\text{m.s}^{-1}][\text{m}]}{[\text{Pa.s}]}$$

$$\equiv \frac{\text{kg}}{\text{m}^3} \times \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}} \times \text{m} \times \frac{\text{s}^2.\text{m}^2}{\text{kg.m.s}} = [1]$$

$R_e$  is a dimensionless number

pascal 1 Pa = 1 N.m<sup>-2</sup>

newton 1 N = 1 kg.m.s<sup>-2</sup>

1 Pa.s = kg.m.s<sup>-2</sup> . m<sup>-2</sup> . s

*As a rule of thumb*, for a flowing fluid

$R_e < \sim 2000$  laminar flow

$\sim 2000 < R_e < \sim 3000$  unstable laminar  
to turbulent flow

$R_e > \sim 2000$  turbulent flow

## Consider an IDEAL FLUID

Fluid motion is very complicated. However, by making some assumptions, we can develop a useful model of fluid behaviour. An ideal fluid is

**Incompressible** – the density is constant

**Irrotational** – the flow is smooth, no turbulence

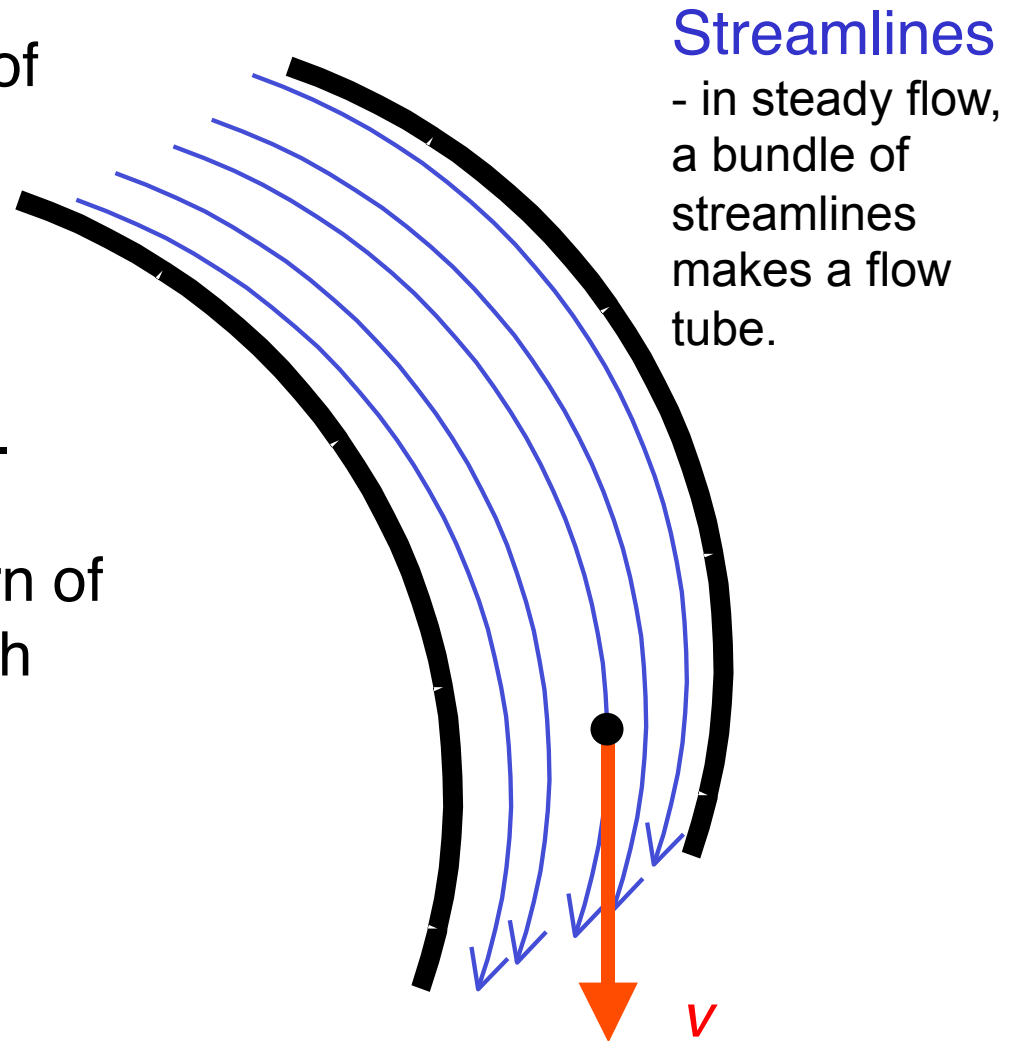
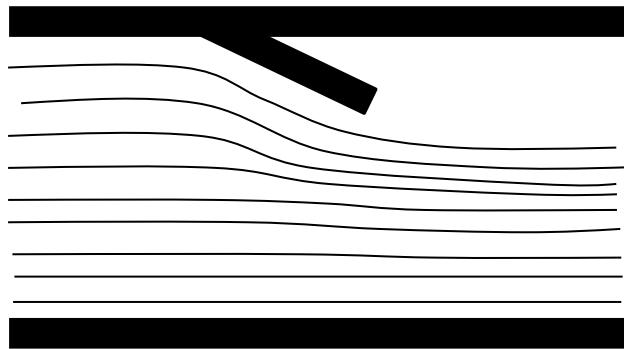
**Nonviscous** – fluid has no internal friction ( $\eta=0$ )

**Steady flow** – the velocity of the fluid at each point is constant in time.

Consider the average motion of the fluid at a particular point in space and time.

An individual fluid element will follow a path called a *flow line*.

*Steady flow* is when the pattern of flow lines does not change with time.



## Streamlines

- in steady flow, a bundle of streamlines makes a flow tube.

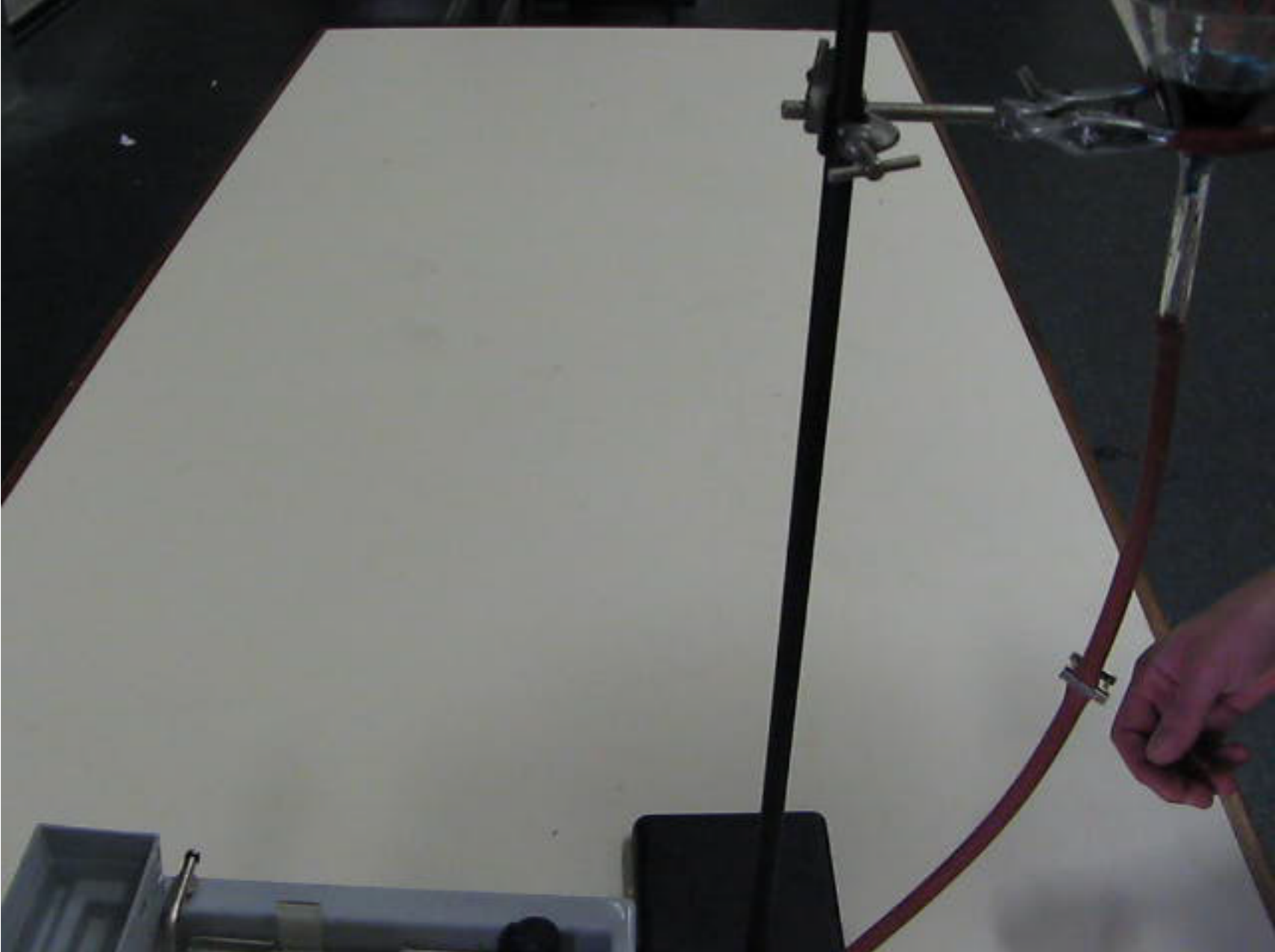
Velocity of particle is tangent to streamline

Streamlines cannot cross

*Steady flow* is also called **laminar flow**.

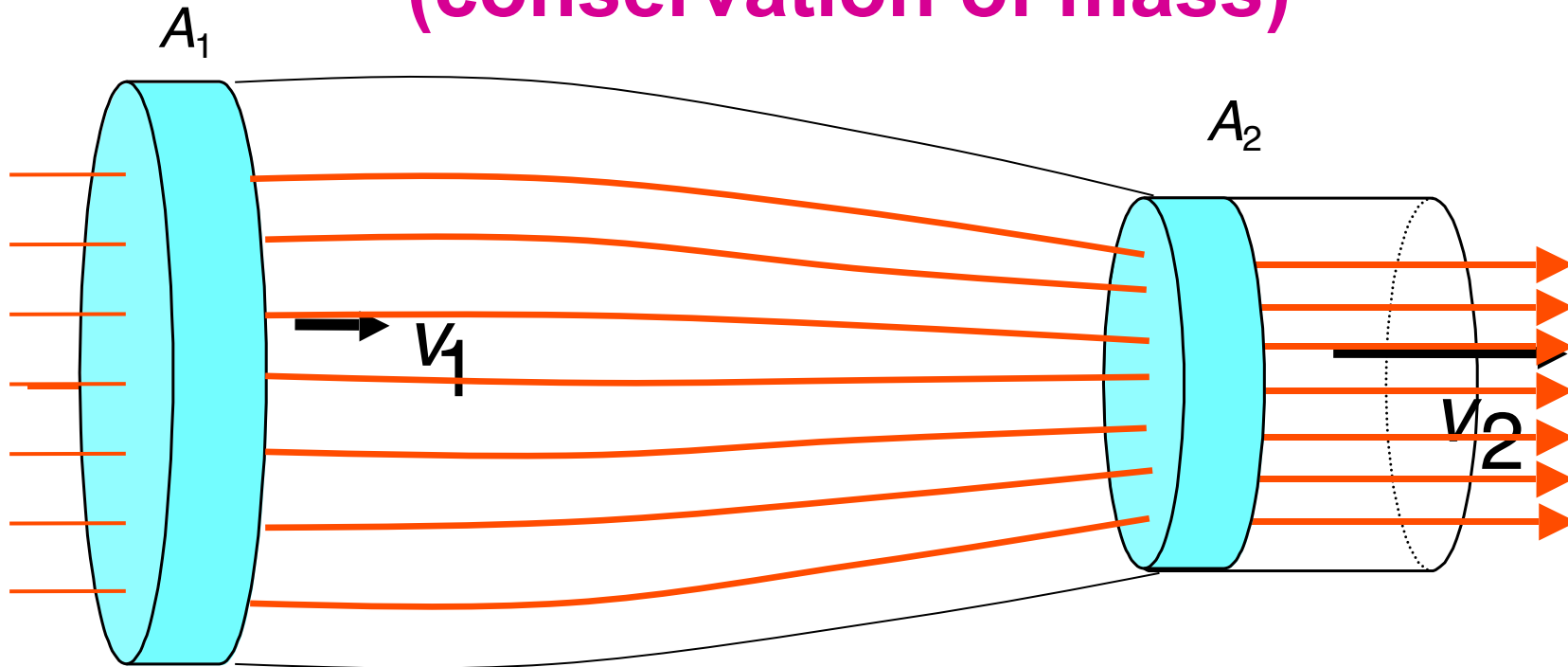
If steady flow hits a boundary or if the rate of flow increases, steady flow can become chaotic and irregular. This is called **turbulent flow**.

For now, we will consider only steady flow situations.





# A model EQUATION OF CONTINUITY (conservation of mass)



The mass of fluid in a flow tube is constant.  
**Where streamlines crowd together the  
flow speed increases.**

## EQUATION OF CONTINUITY (conservation of mass)

*mass flowing in = mass flowing out*

$$m_1 = m_2$$

$$\rho V_1 = \rho V_2$$

$$\rho A_1 v_1 \Delta t = \rho A_2 v_2 \Delta t$$

$$A_1 v_1 = A_2 v_2 = Q = V/t = \text{constant}$$

$$V = A \Delta x \quad v = \Delta x / \Delta t$$

$$\text{So } V = A v \Delta t$$

Q = volume  
flow rate  $\text{m}^3\text{s}^{-1}$

## Applications

Rivers

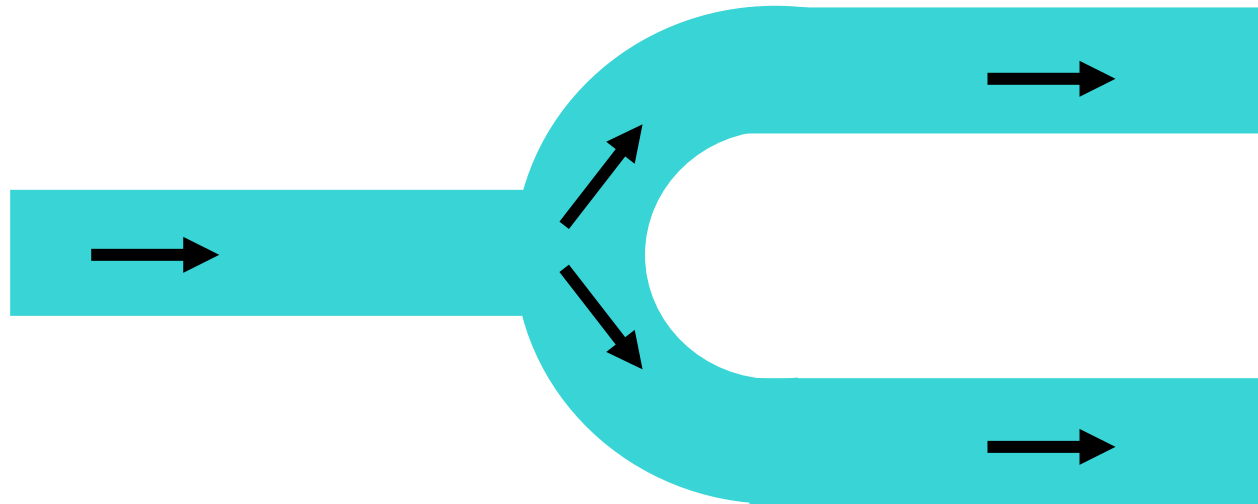
Circulatory systems

Respiratory systems

Air conditioning systems



*Y-junction with pipes of the same diameter*



$$A_i v_i = A_f v_f$$

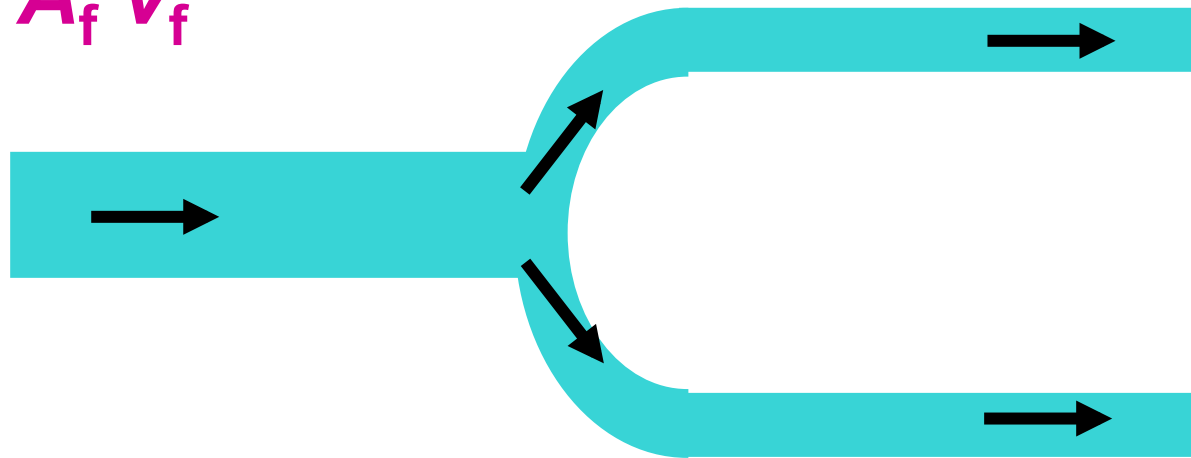
$$A_f = 2A_i$$

So flow speed must drop to half

$$v_f = 1/2 v_i \text{ ms}^{-1}$$

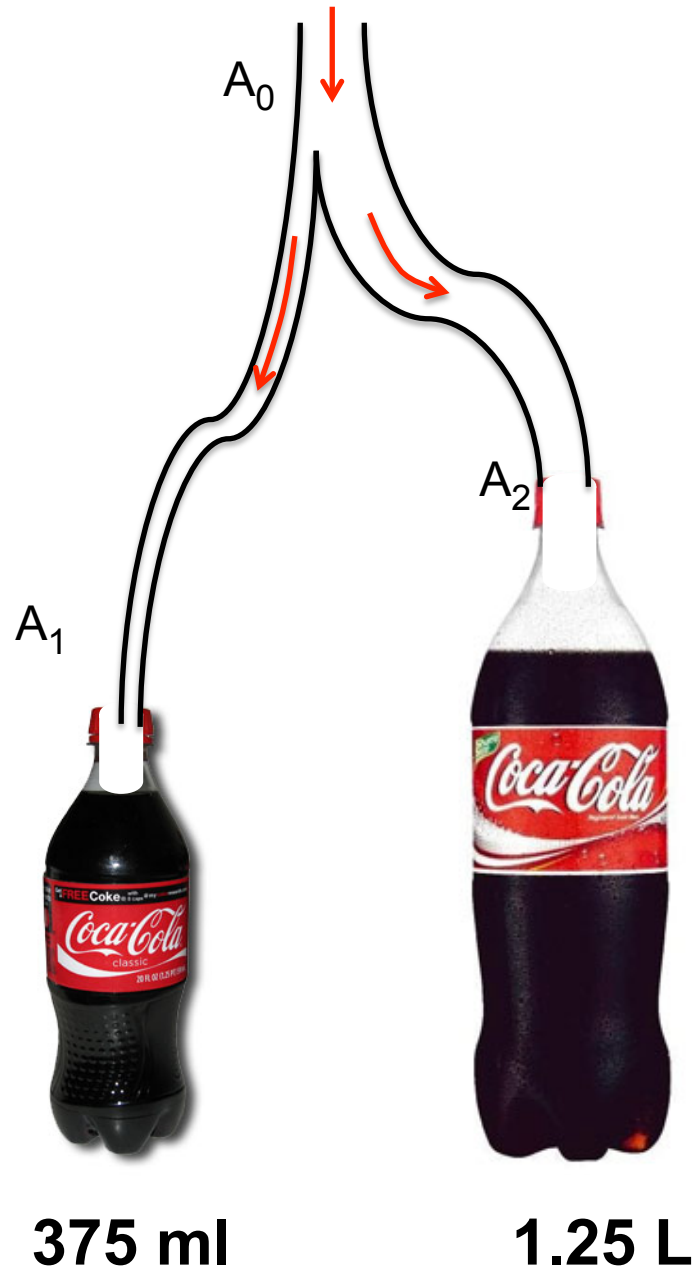
*Y-junction with pipes of half the diameter*

$$A_i v_i = A_f v_f$$



The pipes after the branch must have half the cross-sectional area of those before if the flow speed is to stay the same.

How big does each of the tubes need to be if the different sized coke bottles are to fill in the same time?



If the velocity is constant,  
 $(A_1 + A_2) v = A_0 v$   
 Volume flow rate is  
 $V/t = Av \text{ m}^3\text{s}^{-1}$

Bottles fill in time  $t$

$$t = \frac{V}{Av} = \frac{0.375}{A_1 v} = \frac{1.25}{A_2 v} \text{ s}$$

$A_1 = A_0 - A_2$

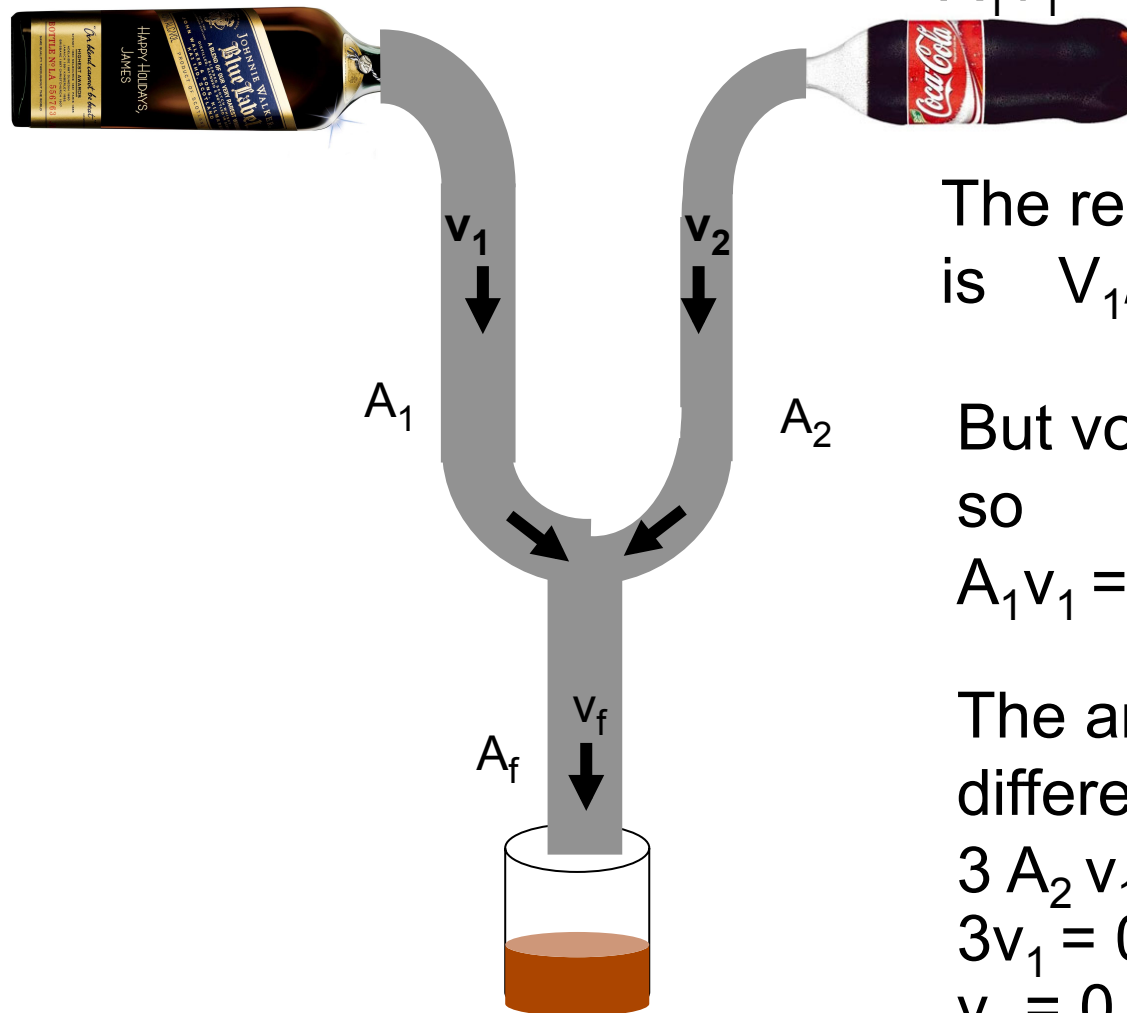
$$0.375 \cdot A_2 = 1.25 A_0 - 1.25 A_2$$

$$A_2 = 1.25 A_0 / 1.625 \text{ m}^2$$

$$= 0.77 A_0 \text{ m}^2$$

$$A_1 = 0.23 A_0 \text{ m}^2$$

What velocity must the flow of scotch and coke be to make a drink with the volume of scotch being 15% that of the coke, if the scotch tube is 3 times the area of the coke tube?



From the continuity equation  
 $A_1 v_1 + A_2 v_2 = A_f v_f$

The relative volume flow rate is  
 $V_1/t_1 = 0.15 V_2/t_2 \text{ m}^3\text{s}^{-1}$

But volume flow rate  $V/t = Av$   
 so

$$A_1 v_1 = 0.15 A_2 v_2 \text{ m}^3\text{s}^{-1}$$

The areas of the pipes are different  $A_1 = 3 A_2 \text{ m}^2$

$$3 A_2 v_1 = 0.15 A_2 v_2$$

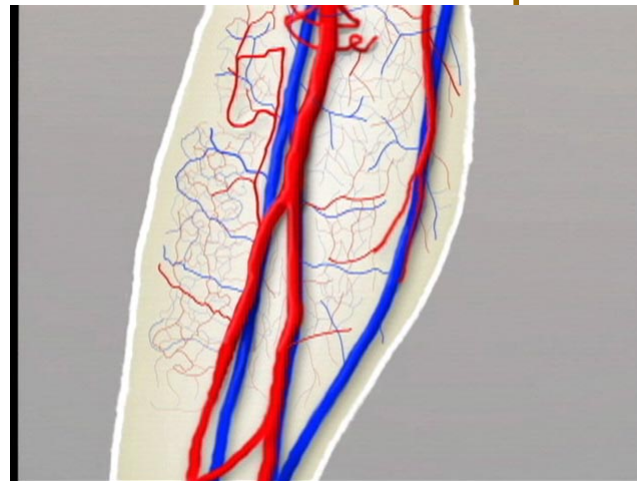
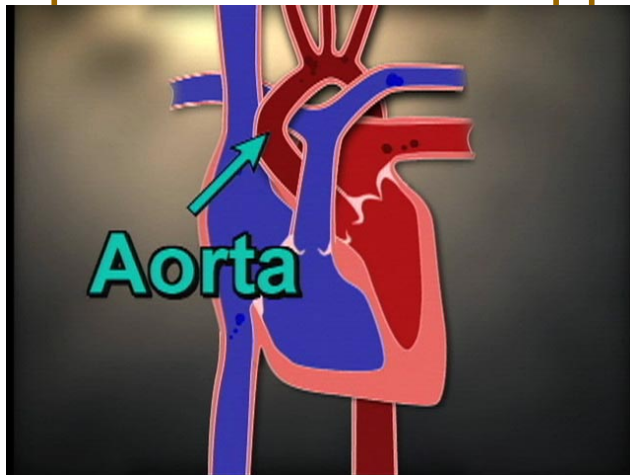
$$3v_1 = 0.15 v_2$$

$$v_1 = 0.05 v_2 \text{ m.s}^{-1}$$

## Blood flowing through our body

The radius of the aorta is  $\sim 10$  mm and the blood flowing through it has a speed  $\sim 300$  mm.s<sup>-1</sup>. A capillary has a radius  $\sim 4 \times 10^{-3}$  mm but there are literally billions of them. The average speed of blood through the capillaries is  $\sim 5 \times 10^{-4}$  m.s<sup>-1</sup>.

Calculate the effective cross sectional area of the capillaries and the approximate number of capillaries.



## Setup

aorta  $R_A = 10 \times 10^{-3} \text{ m} = 10 \text{ mm}$  ... and  $A_A$  = cross sectional area of aorta

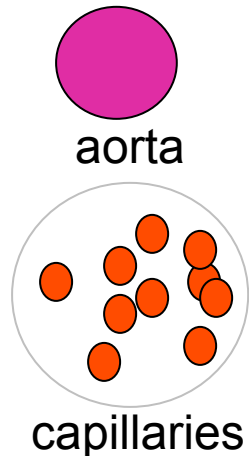
capillaries  $R_C = 4 \times 10^{-6} \text{ m} = 0.004 \text{ mm}$  ... and  $A_C$  = cross sectional area of capillaries

aorta  $v_A = 0.300 \text{ m.s}^{-1}$

capillaries  $v_C = 5 \times 10^{-4} \text{ m.s}^{-1}$

Assume steady flow of an ideal fluid and apply the equation of continuity

$$Q = A v = \text{constant} \Rightarrow A_A v_A = A_C v_C$$



*Area of capillaries  $A_C$*

$$A_C = A_A (v_A / v_C) = \pi R_A^2 (v_A / v_C)$$

$$A_C = 0.20 \text{ m}^2$$

*Number of capillaries  $N$*

$$A_C = N \pi R_C^2$$

$$N = A_C / (\pi R_C^2) = 0.2 / \{\pi (4 \times 10^{-6})^2\}$$

$$N = 4 \times 10^9$$



# BERNOULLI'S PRINCIPLE

An increase in the speed of fluid flow results in a decrease in the pressure.  
(In an ideal fluid.)

How can a plane fly?

What is the venturi effect?

Why is Bernoulli's principle handy in a bar?

Why does a cricket ball swing or a baseball curve?



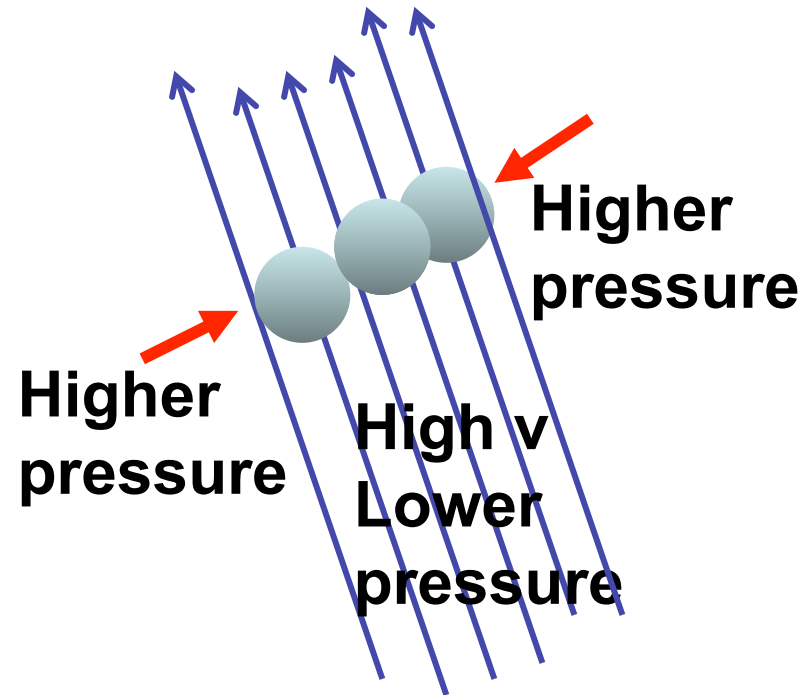
Daniel Bernoulli  
(1700 – 1782)



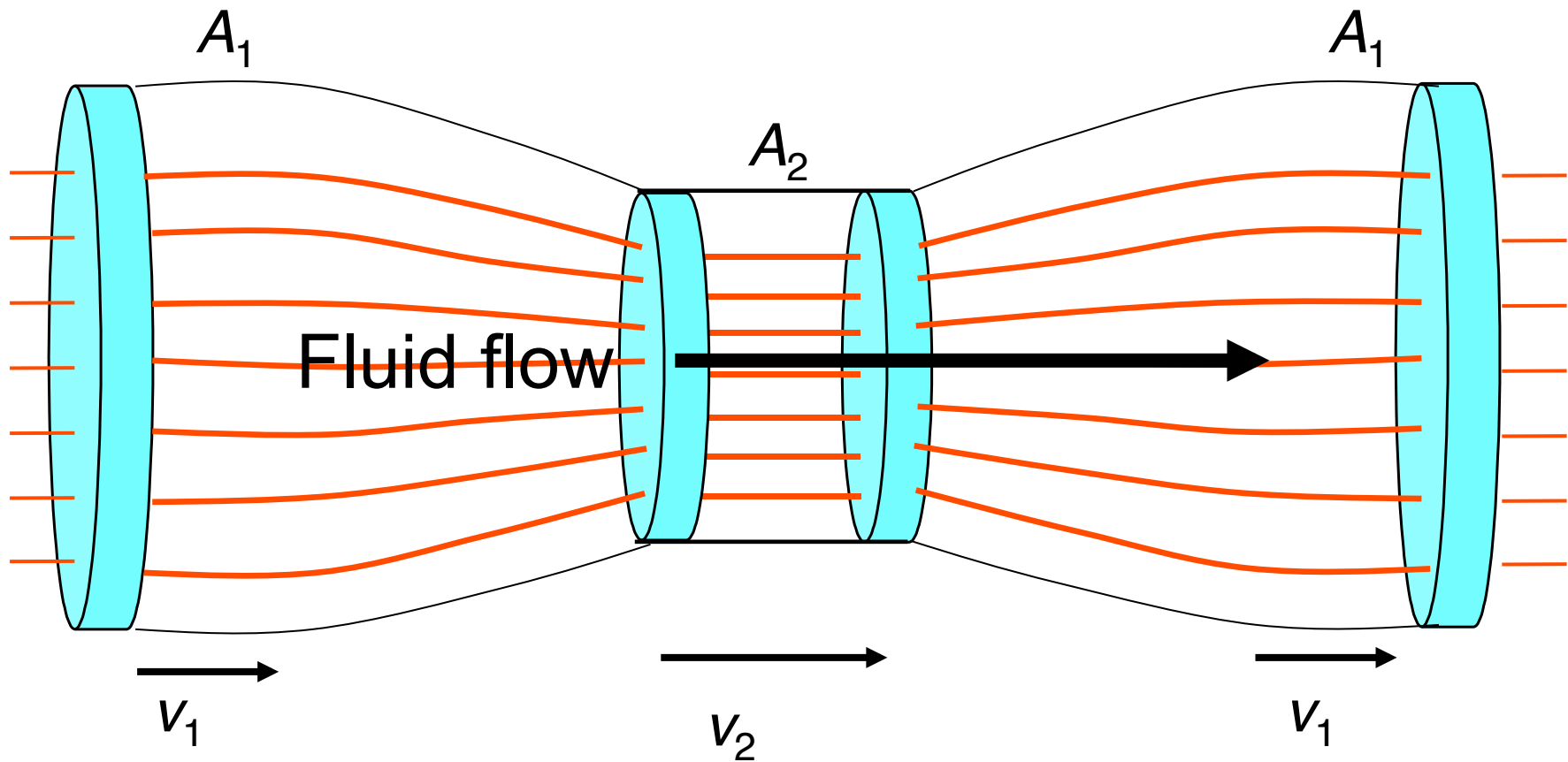
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# Bernoulli's floating ball

- the vacuum cleaner shop experiment!



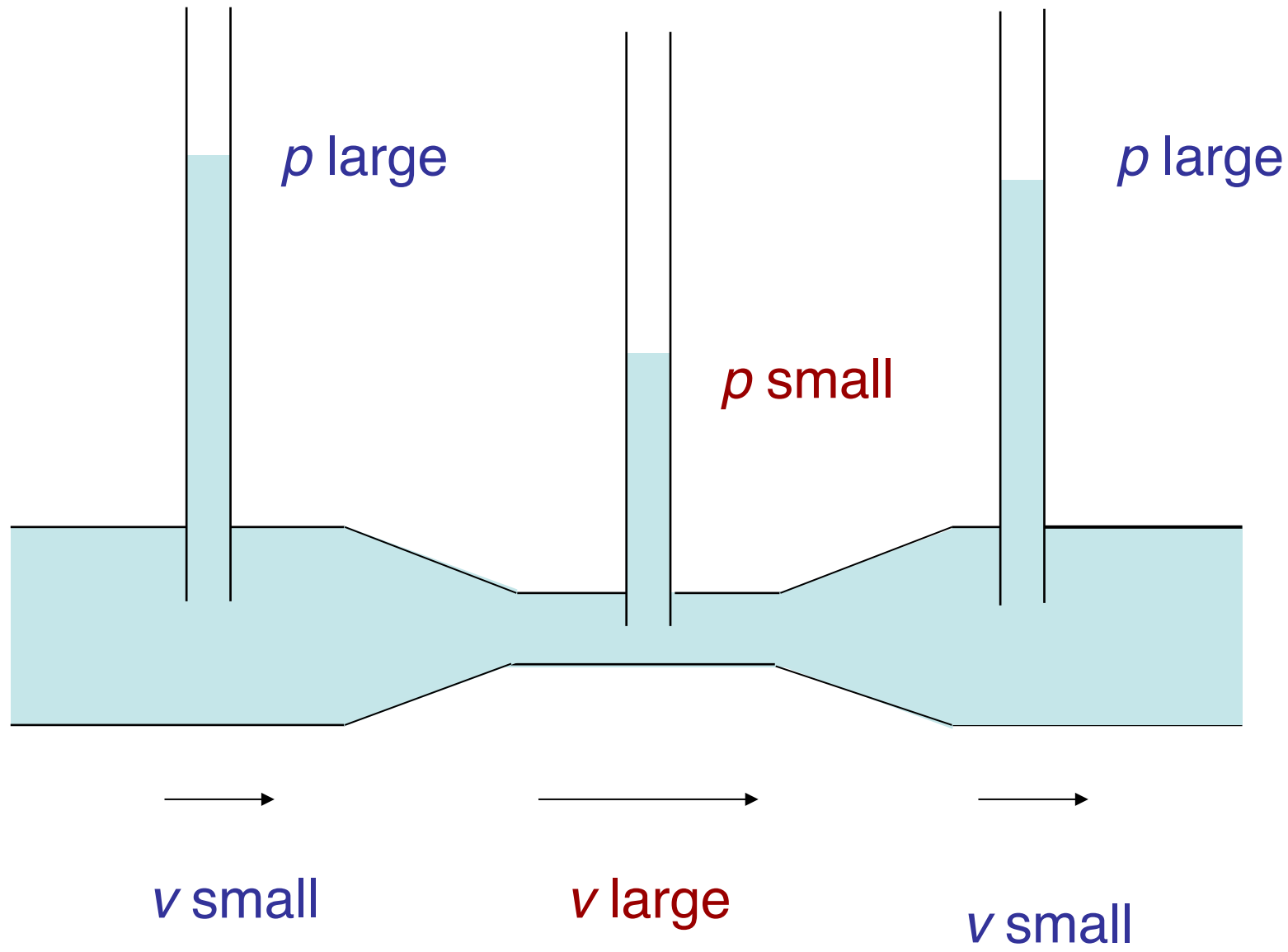
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low speed  
low KE  
high pressure

high speed  
high KE  
low pressure  
Streamlines closer

low speed  
low KE  
high pressure



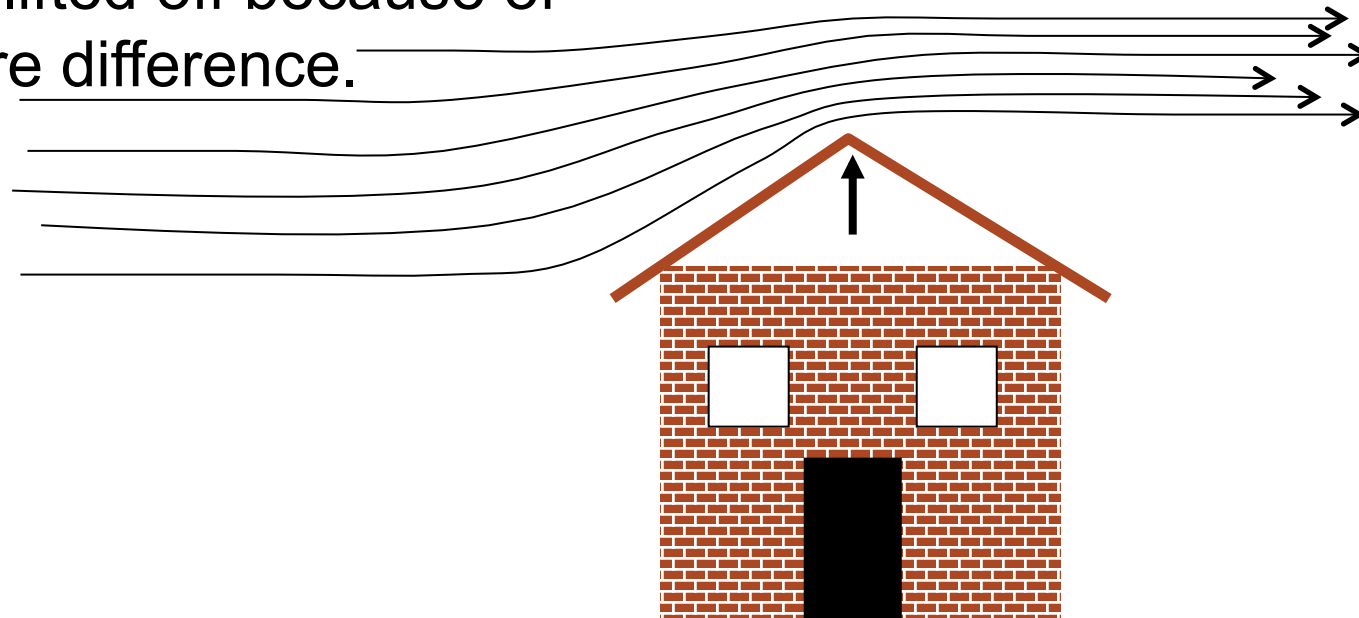
# In a storm how does a house lose its roof?

Air flow is disturbed by the house. The "streamlines" crowd around the top of the roof.

⇒faster flow above house

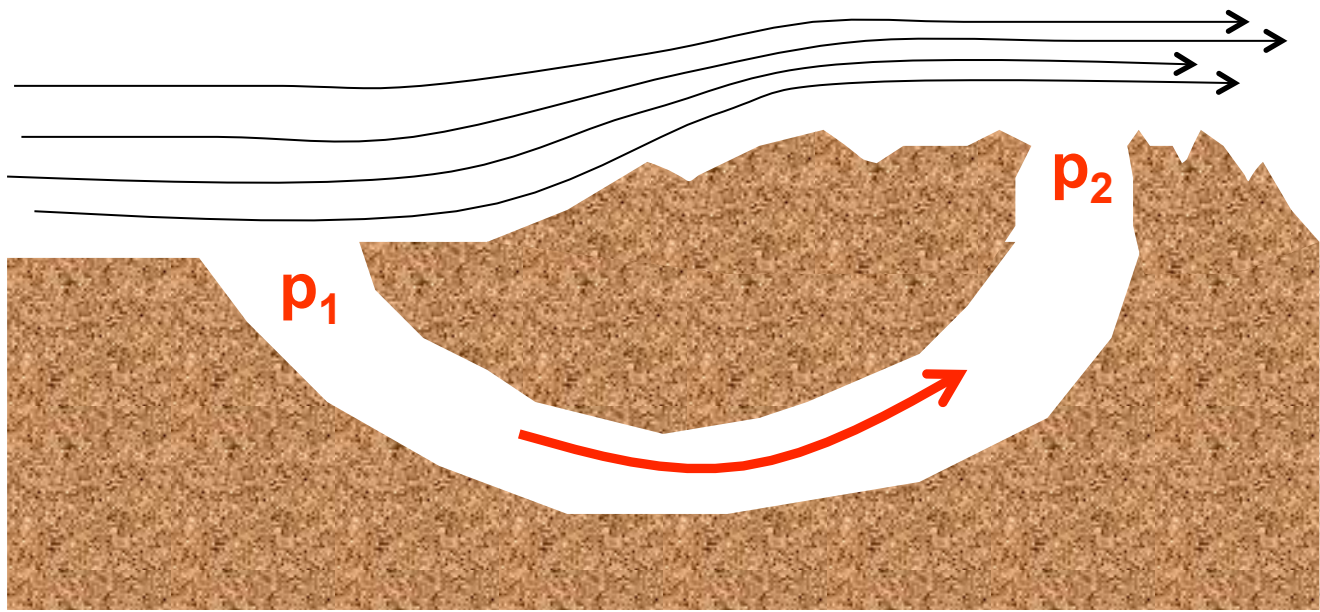
⇒reduced pressure above roof to that inside the house

⇒roof lifted off because of pressure difference.



# Why do rabbits not suffocate in the burrows?

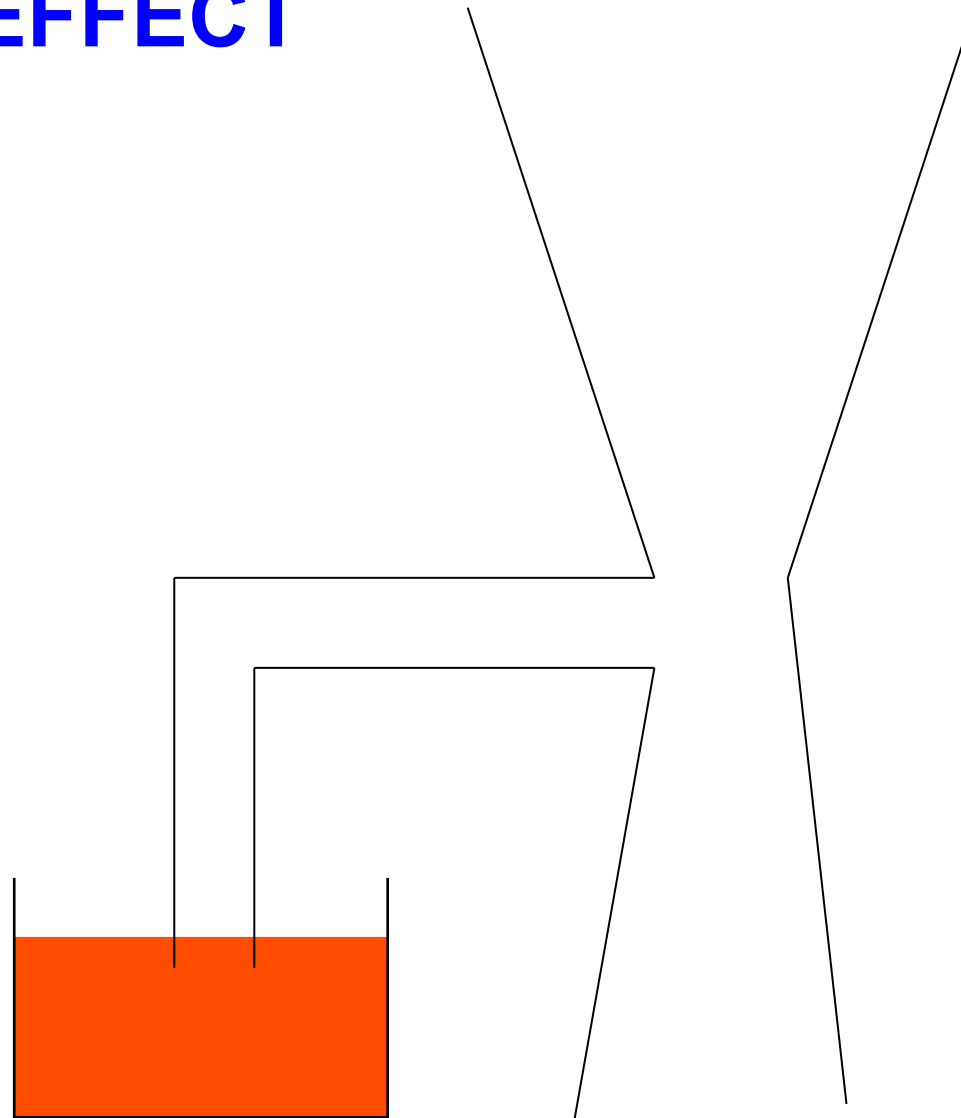
Air must circulate. The burrows must have two entrances. Air flows across the two holes is usually slightly different  $\Rightarrow$  slight pressure difference  $\Rightarrow$  forces flow of air through burrow. One hole is usually higher than the other and the a small mound is built around the holes to increase the pressure difference.



$$p_2 < p_1$$

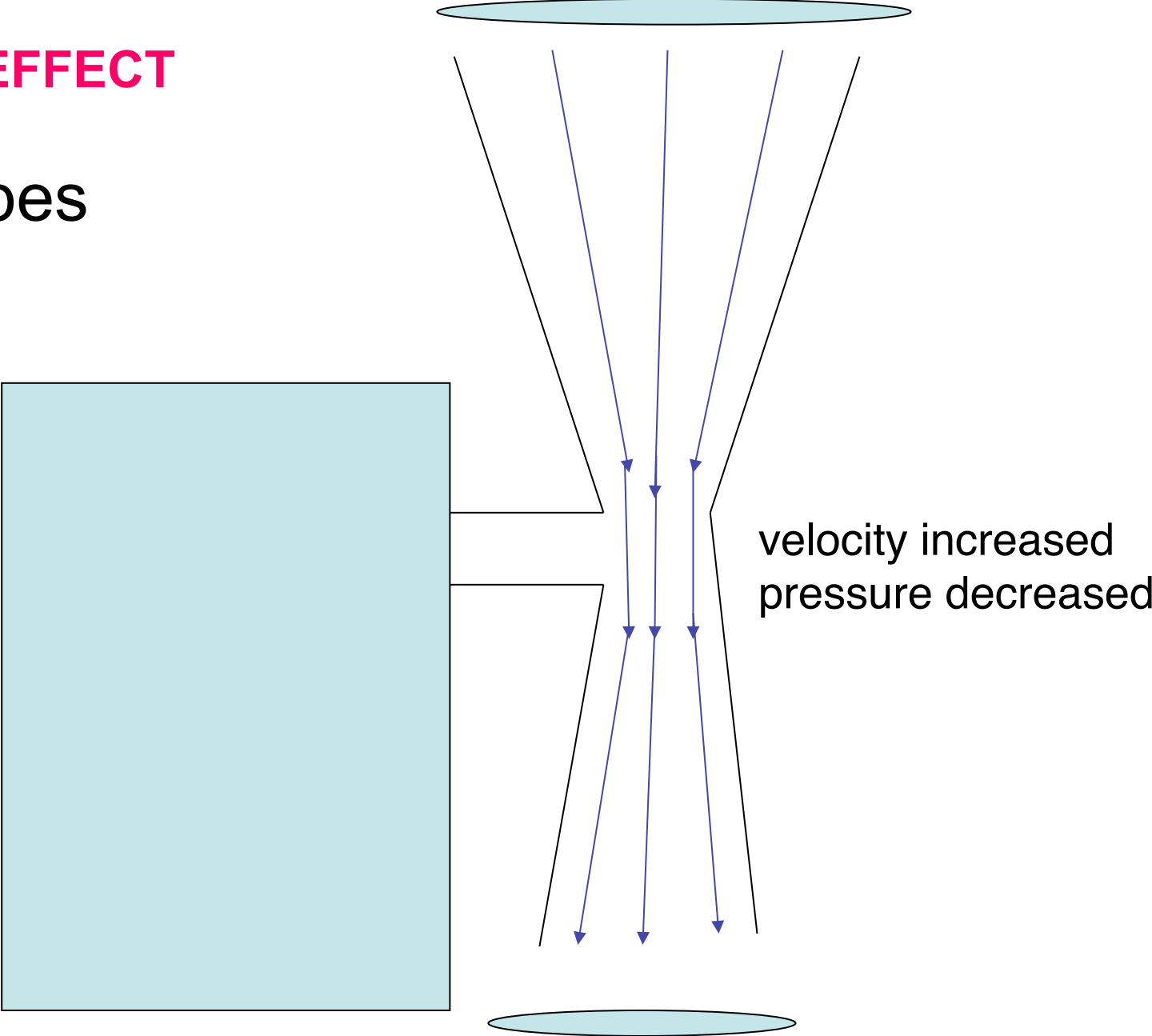


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Flow tubes

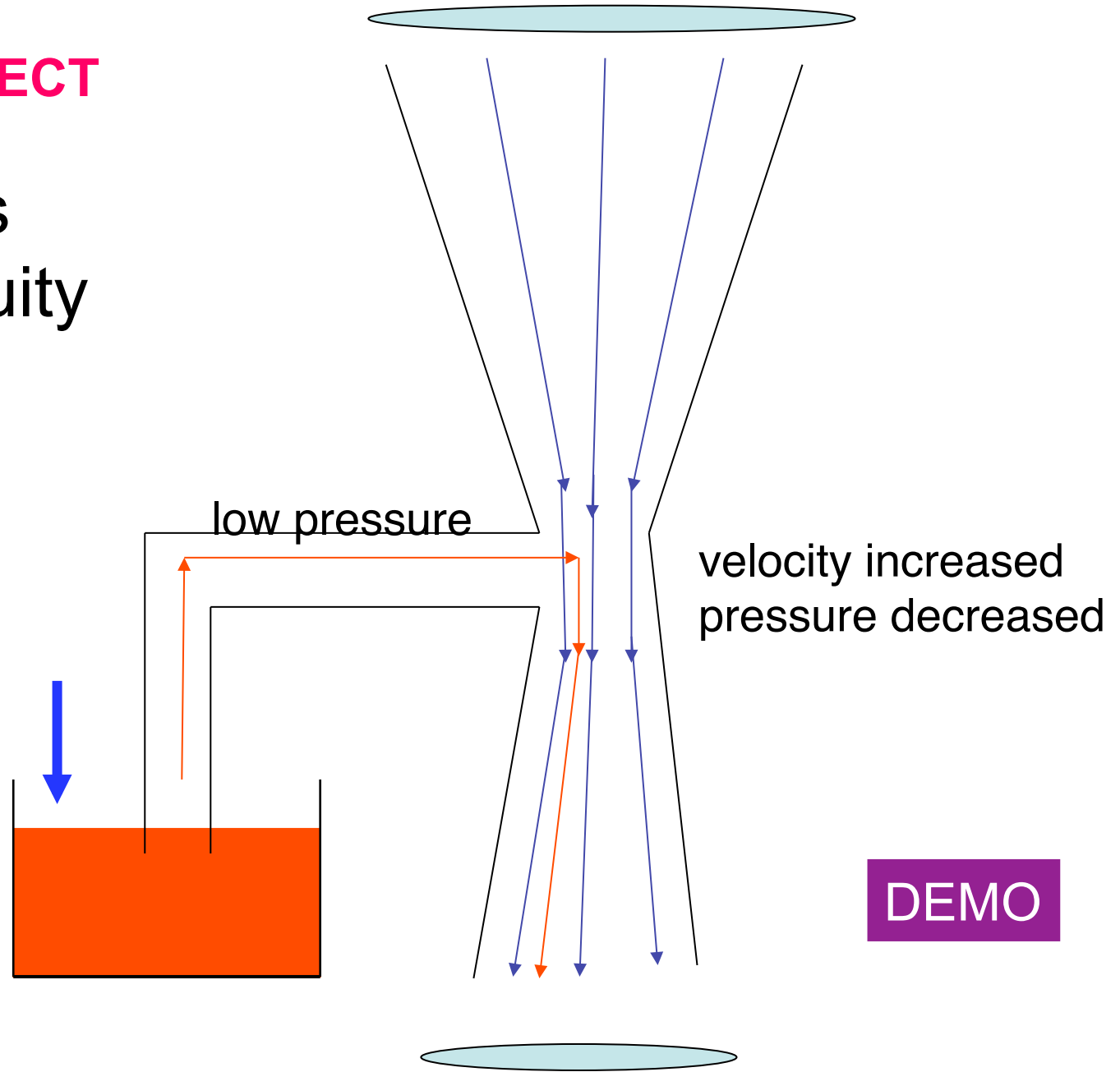




# VENTURI EFFECT

Flow tubes  
Eq Continuity

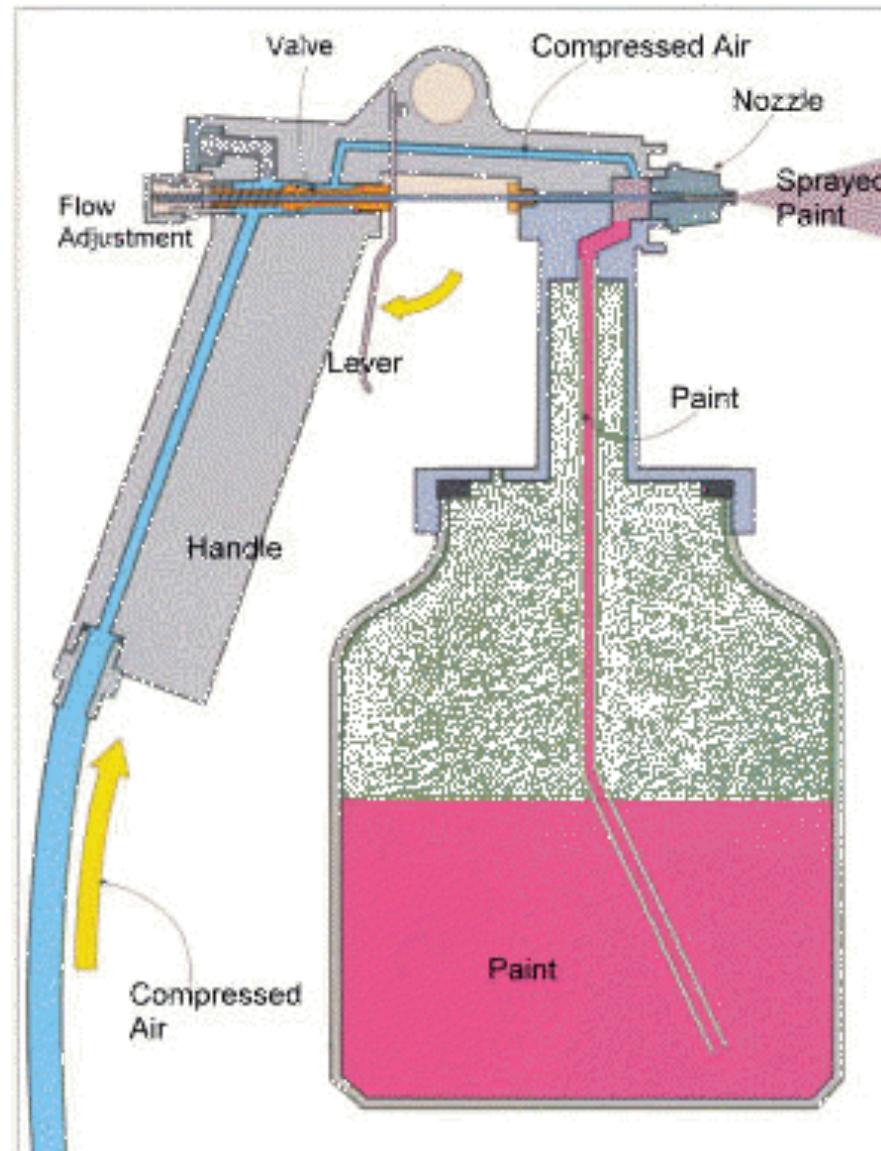
high  
pressure  
( $p_{atm}$ )

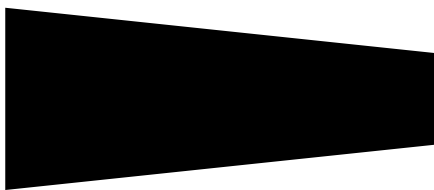
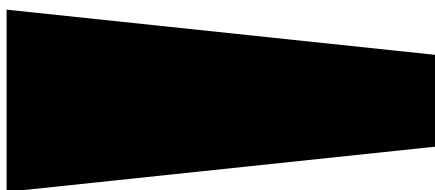


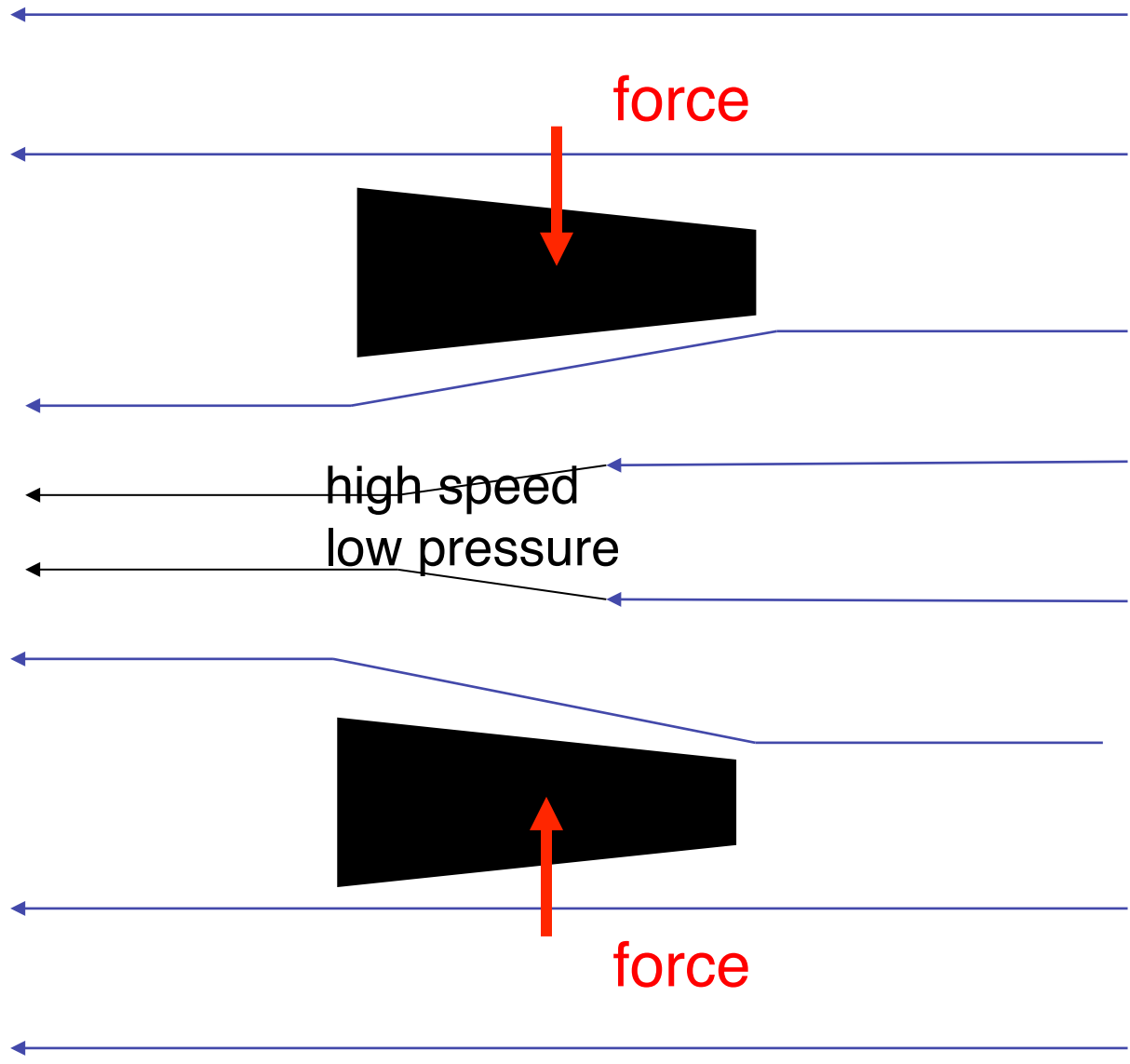
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# VENTURI EFFECT

Spray gun



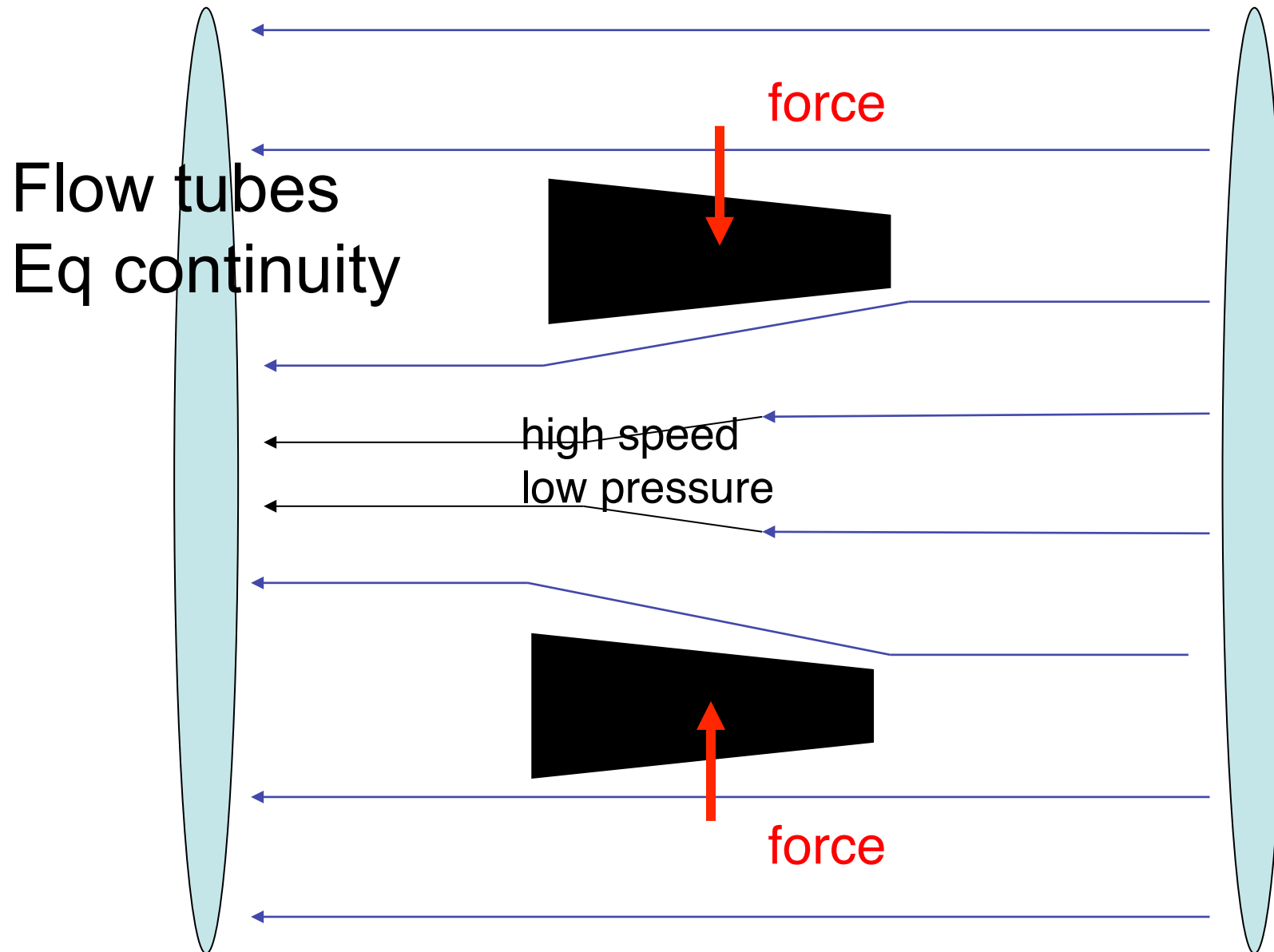




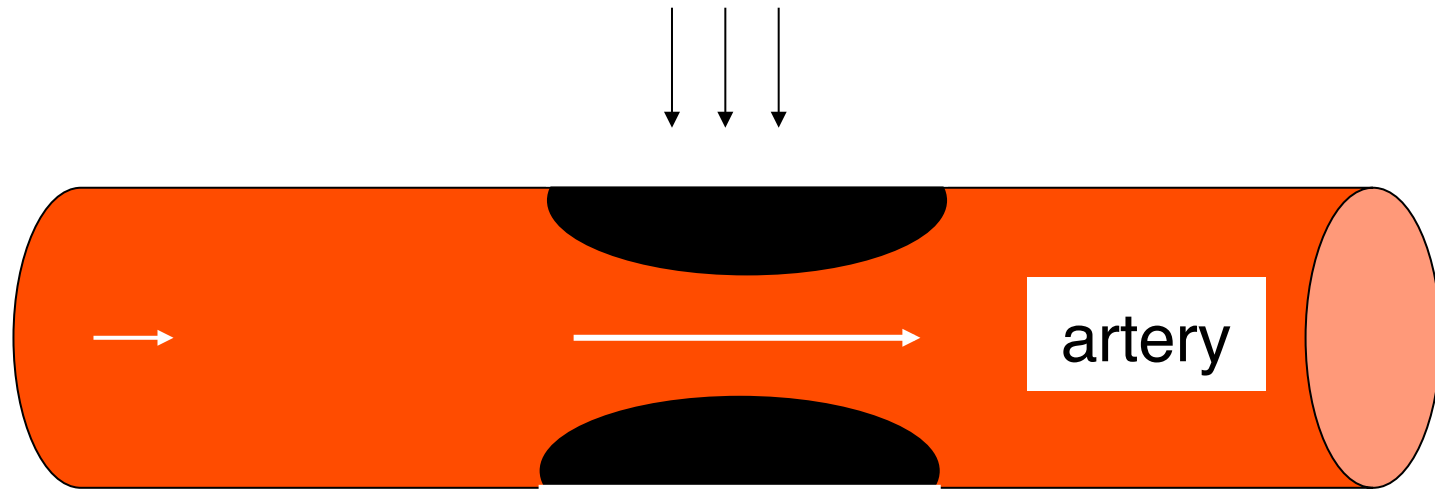
force

high speed  
low pressure

force



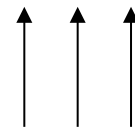
**What happens when two ships or trucks pass alongside each other?  
Have you noticed this effect in driving across the Sydney Harbour Bridge?**



Flow speeds up at  
constriction

Pressure is lower

Internal force acting on  
artery wall is reduced



External forces are  
unchanged

Artery can collapse

**Arteriosclerosis and vascular flutter**

# Bernoulli's Equation

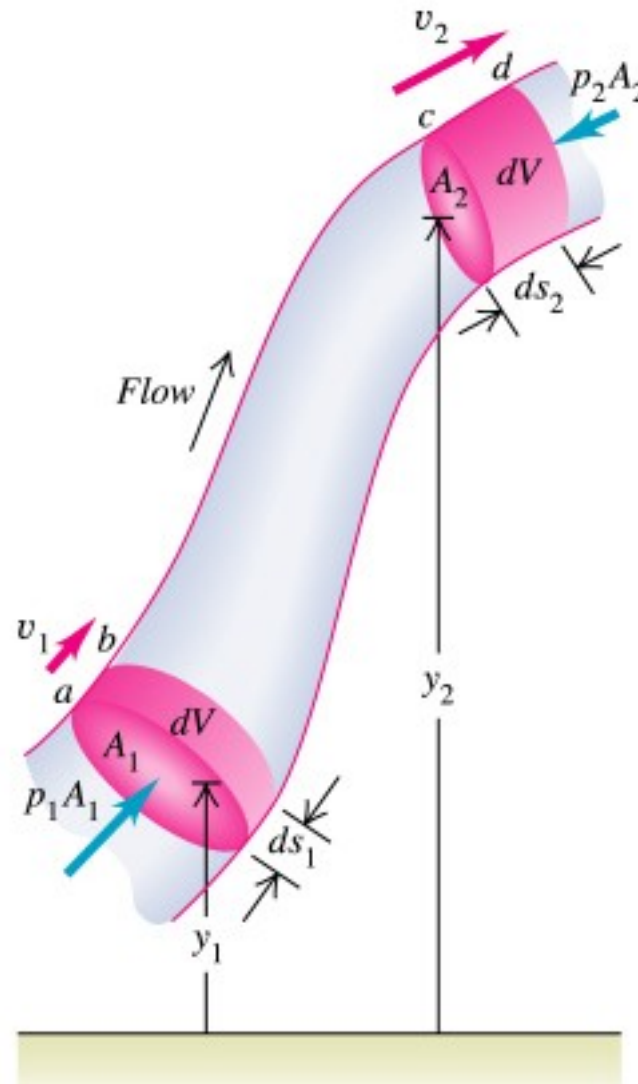
Consider an element of fluid with uniform density.

The change in energy of that element as it moves along a pipe must be zero - conservation of energy.

This is the basis for Bernoulli's equation.

# Continuity

Volume passing  
from point a to b in  
time  $dt$  is  
 $dV = A_1 ds_1$



Volume passing  
from point c to d in  
time  $dt$  is  
 $dV = A_2 ds_2$

$$dV = A_1 ds_1 = A_2 ds_2 \quad (\text{Continuity})$$





# Derivation of Bernoulli's equation

Mass element  $m$  moves from (1) to (2)

$$m = \rho A_1 \Delta x_1 = \rho A_2 \Delta x_2 = \rho \Delta V \quad \text{where } \Delta V = A_1 \Delta x_1 - A_2 \Delta x_2$$

Equation of continuity  $A V = \text{constant}$

$$A_1 v_1 = A_2 v_2 \quad A_1 > A_2 \Rightarrow v_1 < v_2$$

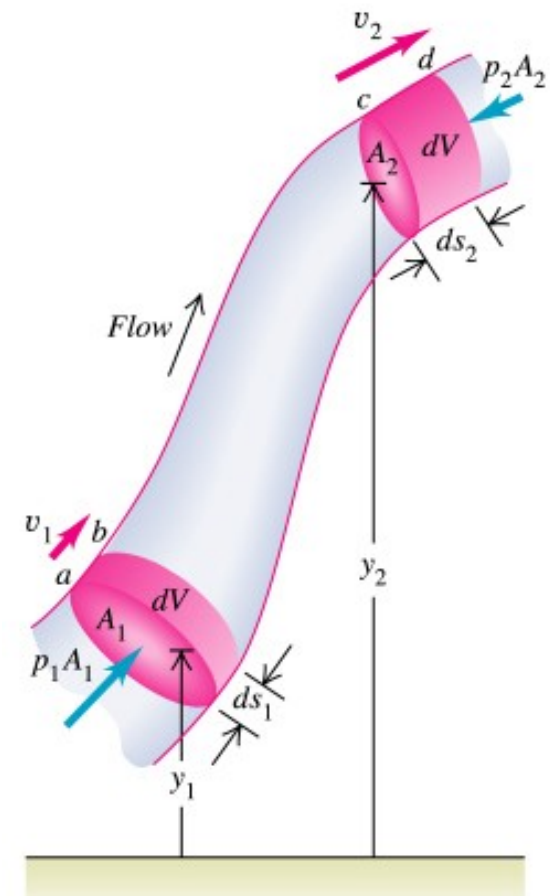
Since  $v_1 < v_2$  the mass element has been accelerated by the net force

$$F_1 - F_2 = p_1 A_1 - p_2 A_2$$

## Conservation of energy

A pressurized fluid must contain energy by the virtue that work must be done to establish the pressure.

A fluid that undergoes a pressure change undergoes an energy change.



Change in kinetic energy

$$\Delta K = \frac{1}{2} m v_2^2 - \frac{1}{2} m v_1^2 = \frac{1}{2} \rho \Delta V v_2^2 - \frac{1}{2} \rho \Delta V v_1^2$$

Change in potential energy

$$\Delta U = m g y_2 - m g y_1 = \rho \Delta V g y_2 - \rho \Delta V g y_1$$

$$\text{Work done } W_{\text{net}} = F_1 \Delta x_1 - F_2 \Delta x_2 = p_1 A_1 \Delta x_1 - p_2 A_2 \Delta x_2$$

Work done = change in kinetic + potential energy

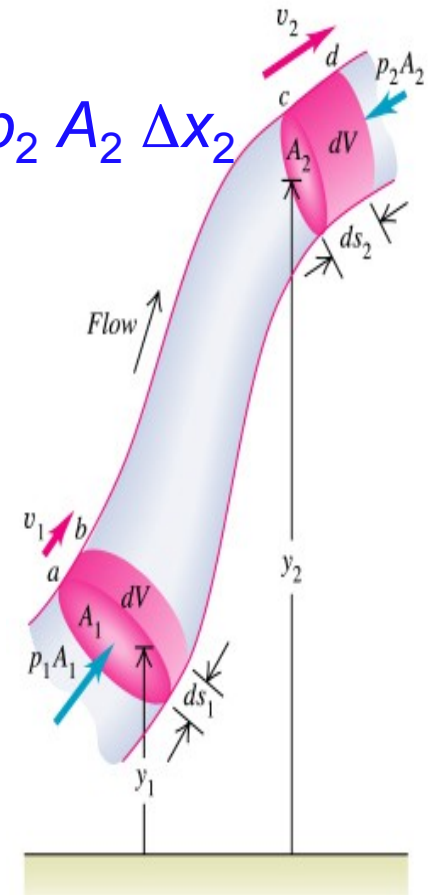
$$W_{\text{net}} = p_1 \Delta V - p_2 \Delta V = \Delta K + \Delta U$$

$$p_1 \cancel{\Delta V} - p_2 \cancel{\Delta V} =$$

$$\frac{1}{2} \rho \cancel{\Delta V} v_2^2 - \frac{1}{2} \rho \cancel{\Delta V} v_1^2 + \rho \cancel{\Delta V} g y_2 - \rho \cancel{\Delta V} g y_1$$

Rearranging

$$p_1 + \frac{1}{2} \rho v_1^2 + \rho g y_1 = p_2 + \frac{1}{2} \rho v_2^2 + \rho g y_2$$



Applies only to an ideal fluid (zero viscosity)

## Bernoulli's Equation

for any point along a flow tube or streamline

$$p + \frac{1}{2} \rho v^2 + \rho g y = \text{constant}$$

Between any two points along a flow tube or streamline

$$p_1 + \frac{1}{2} \rho v_1^2 + \rho g y_1 = p_2 + \frac{1}{2} \rho v_2^2 + \rho g y_2$$

### Dimensions

$$p \quad [\text{Pa}] = [\text{N.m}^{-2}] = [\text{N.m.m}^{-3}] = [\text{J.m}^{-3}]$$

$$\frac{1}{2} \rho v^2 \quad [\text{kg.m}^{-3}.\text{m}^2.\text{s}^{-2}] = [\text{kg.m}^{-1}.\text{s}^{-2}] = [\text{N.m.m}^{-3}] = [\text{J.m}^{-3}]$$

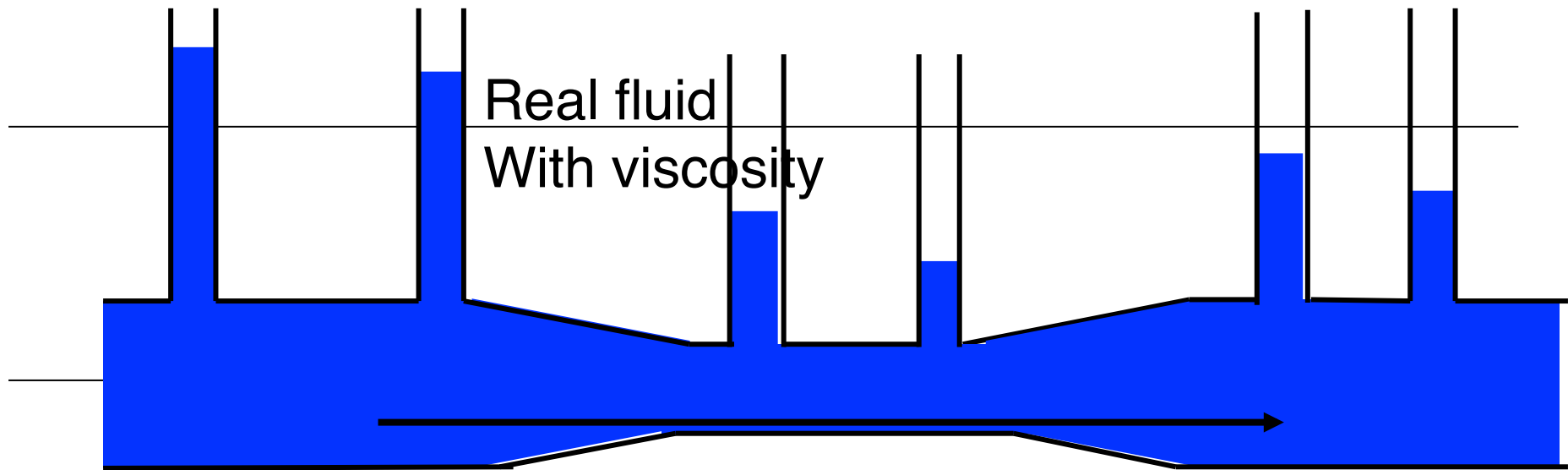
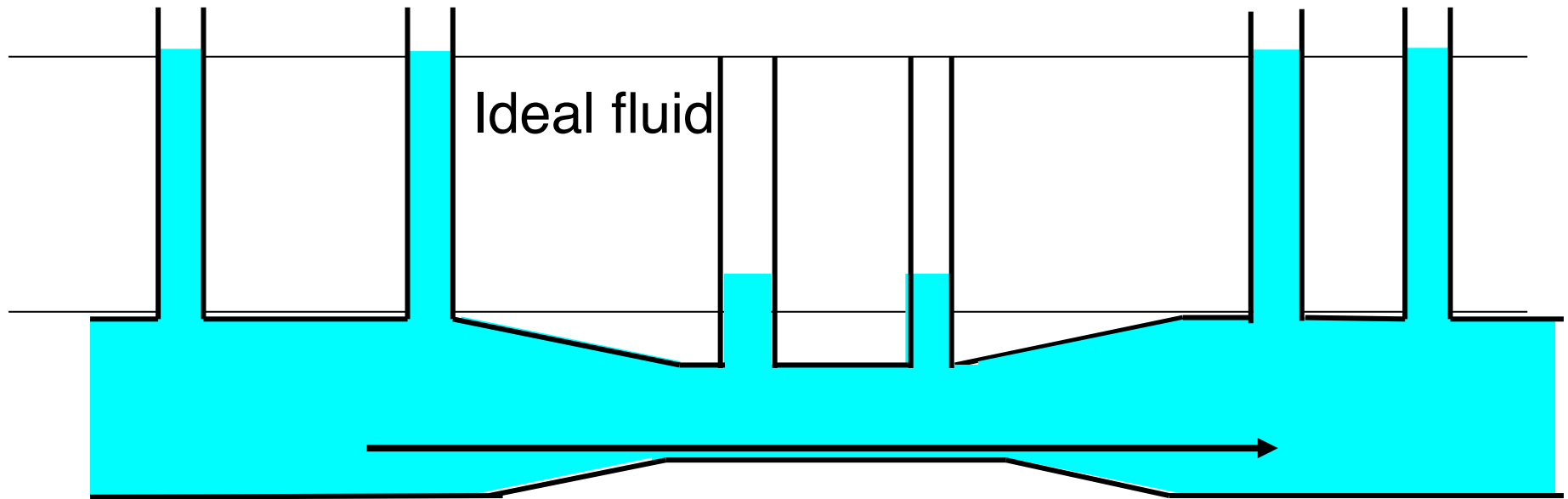
$$\rho g h \quad [\text{kg.m}^{-3} \text{ m.s}^{-2} . \text{m}] = [\text{kg.m.s}^{-2}.\text{m.m}^{-3}] = [\text{N.m.m}^{-3}] = [\text{J.m}^{-3}]$$

Each term has the dimensions of energy / volume or energy density.

$$\frac{1}{2} \rho v^2 \quad \text{KE of bulk motion of fluid}$$

$$\rho g h \quad \text{GPE for location of fluid}$$

$$p \quad \text{pressure energy density arising from internal forces within moving fluid (similar to energy stored in a spring)}$$



- In a real fluid the pressure decreases along the pipe.
- Viscous fluids have frictional forces which dissipate energy through heating.