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*Oral presentation abstract*

**Title:** Flow of a yield stress-fluid over cavity and viscoplastic boundary layers: following the quest

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### Abstract:

We consider channel flows of a viscoplastic fluid over a rectangular cavity filled by the same material and present a detailed cross-comparison of experimental and numerical results based on the Herschel-Bulkley model, extending the results of [1]. In the configurations studied, the characteristic viscoplastic number  $Hb$  is moderate and we study (analytically, numerically and experimentally) how the structure of the yielded viscoplastic boundary layer (captured between the dead zone in the cavity and the plug zone at the centre of the channel) is modified compared to the asymptotic situation  $Hb \rightarrow \infty$  studied for instance in [2]. Interestingly, in these moderate  $Hb$  configurations, one finds that the Oldroyd' scaling of the boundary layer thickness (see [2, 3]) remains valid, provided an adaptation of the definition of  $Hb$ .

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