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A SEMINAR BY

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Wits University)*

*“Group Theoretical Analysis and Invariant  
Solutions for Time-Dependent Flow Model of a  
Non-Newtonian Fluid”*

Friday, 26 February 2016  
10h30-11h30



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**Broadcast live from:**  
Videoconferencing Facility, 1st Floor  
Mathematical Sciences Building, Wits West Campus

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**Title:**

Group Theoretical Analysis and Invariant Solutions for Time-Dependent Flow Model of a Non-Newtonian Fluid.

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**Abstract:**

This work describes the time-dependent flow of an incompressible non-Newtonian fluid over an infinite rigid plate. The flow is induced due to the arbitrary velocity  $V(t)$  of the plate. The fluid occupies the porous half space  $y > 0$  and is also electrically conducting in the presence of a constant applied magnetic field in the transverse direction to the flow. Analytical solutions of the governing nonlinear partial differential equation for the unidirectional flow of a third grade fluid are established using the symmetry approach. We construct three types of analytical solutions by employing the Lie symmetry method and the better solution from the physical point of view is shown to be the non-travelling wave solution. We also present numerical solutions of the governing PDE and compare with the analytical results. Finally, the influence of emerging parameters are studied through several graphs with emphasis on the study of the effects of the magnetic field and non-Newtonian fluid parameters.