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FYFD in brief...

http://fuckyeahfluiddynamics.tumblr.com

Established: July 2010

Platform: Tumblr

Format: new posts M-F

Posts: 920+

Readers: 180,000+

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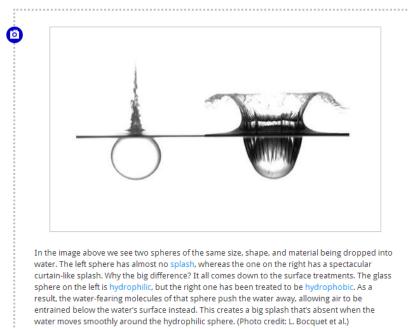
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177,200+ followers



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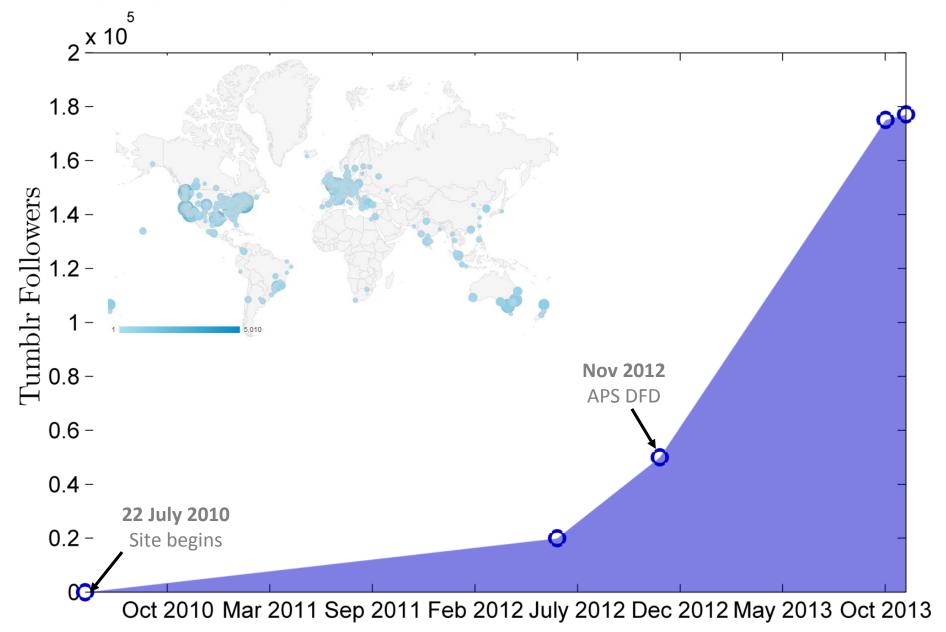
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13,800+ unique visitors/month



Audience and Growth

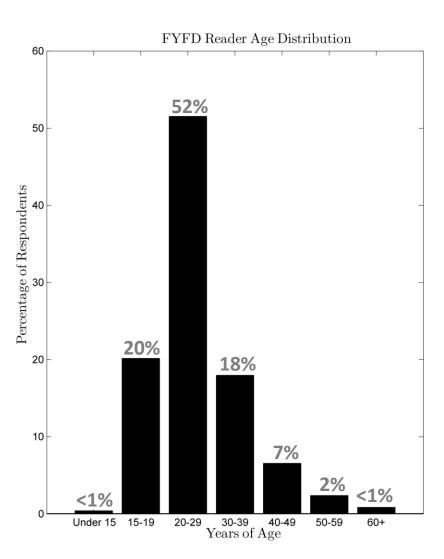


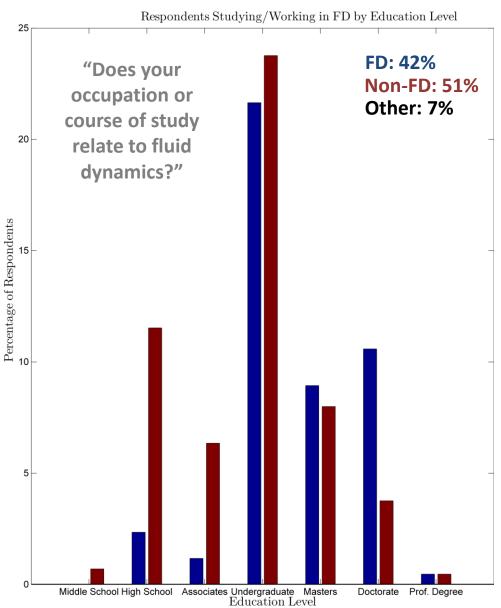


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Reader Survey (July 2013)

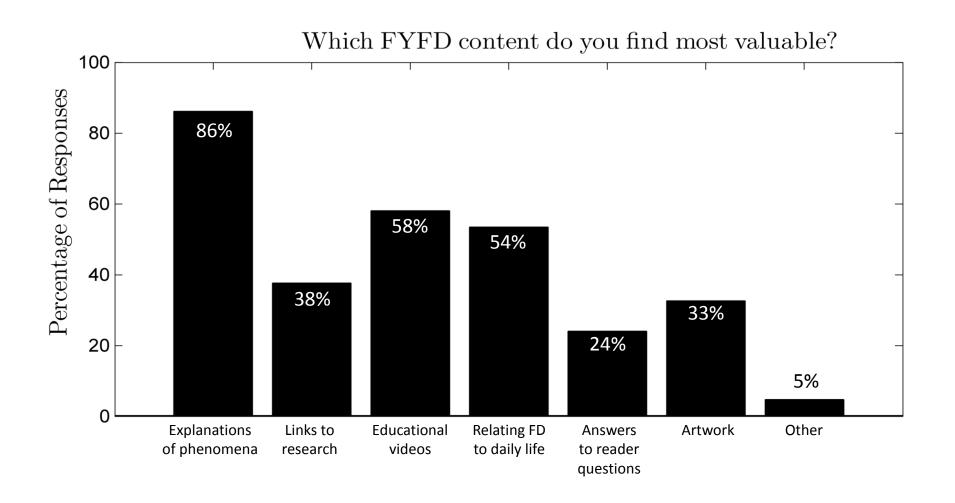
Responses: 450+







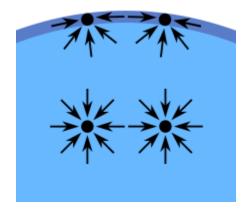
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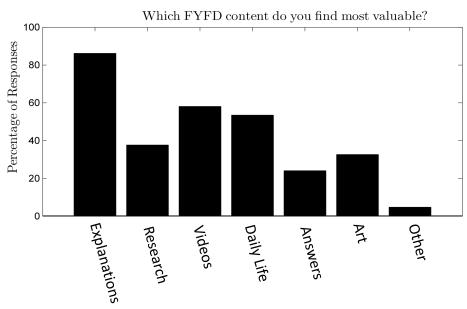
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Visuals draw readers in.



Explanations keep them coming back.



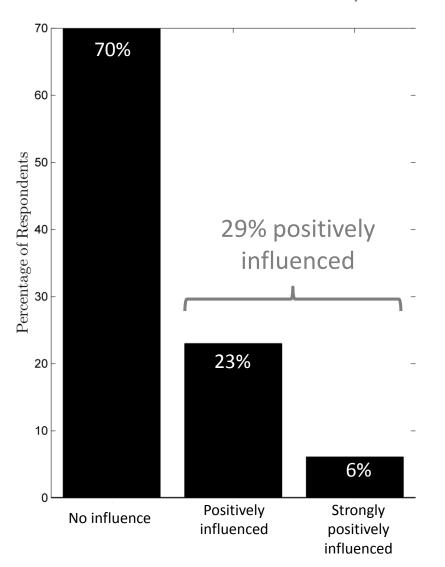


Relating science to daily life excites readers.

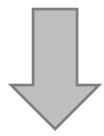
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FYFD's Influence

"How much has FYFD influenced your desire to pursue fluid dynamics in your schooling or career?"



62% of positively influenced respondents are under 30 yo and not yet in grad school.



FYFD is reaching high-schoolers and undergraduates and inspiring them to study fluid dynamics.

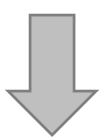
Crowdfunding

Donors: 80+ individual donors

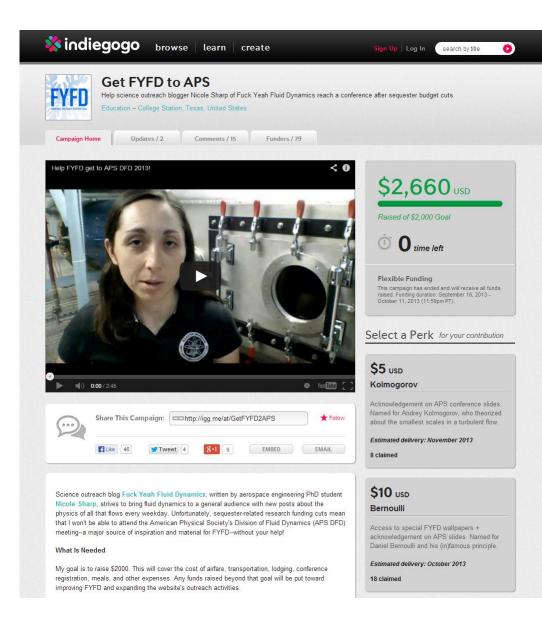
Raised: 134% of target

Reached \$2000 in < 24 hours

Donors included working professionals, graduate students, companies, etc.



FYFD and its outreach matters to a wide adult audience.



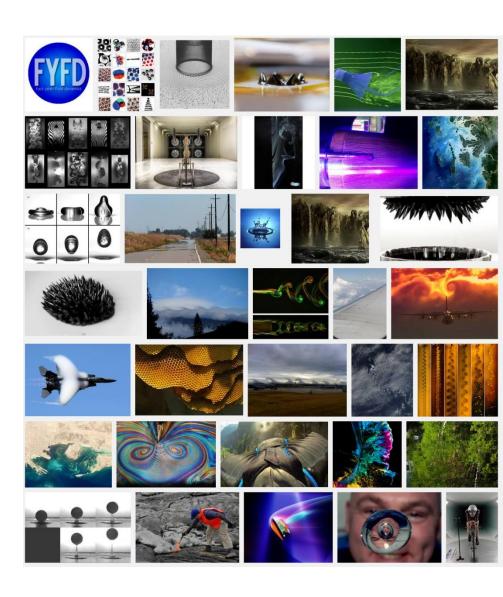


What Readers Want More Of

- Longer, more detailed posts (52%)
- FYFD-produced videos (44%)
- Themed post series (39%)

Frequently mentioned in comments:

- More math(!!)
- More frequent posts





What does the future hold?

FYFD has a large audience eager for more fluid dynamics. How can we, as a community, nurture this interest?

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