

**Problem #2 (5 points)**

In a Millikan experiment, the distance of rise and fall of an oil droplet is 1.0 cm and the average time of fall (field off) is 13.9 sec. The observed rise time is 39.2 sec. The oil density is  $858 \text{ kg/m}^3$ , and the viscosity of air  $1.83 \times 10^{-5} \text{ kg/m s}$ . If the mass of the drop is  $6.73 \times 10^{-11} \text{ g}$ , calculate the number of electrons on the oil drop assuming a plate separation of 1.98 cm and a potential difference between the plates of 5000 V.

$$q = \frac{mg}{E} \left( \frac{v+v'}{v} \right) = \frac{mgd}{V} \left( \frac{v+v'}{v} \right)$$

$$v' = \frac{x}{t'} = \frac{0.01}{39.2} = 2.55 \times 10^{-4} \text{ m/s}$$

$$v = \frac{x}{t} = \frac{0.01}{13.9} = 7.2 \times 10^{-4} \text{ m/s}$$

$$q = \frac{6.73 \times 10^{-14} \times 9.8 \times 1.98 \times 10^{-2}}{5000} \left( \frac{7.2 + 2.55}{7.2} \right)$$

$$= 3.54 \times 10^{-18} \text{ C} = n e$$

$$\Rightarrow n = \frac{q}{e} = \frac{3.54 \times 10^{-18}}{1.6 \times 10^{-19}} = \boxed{22}$$