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## ***Geometry-based Vector Field Visualization II***

unsteady vector fields

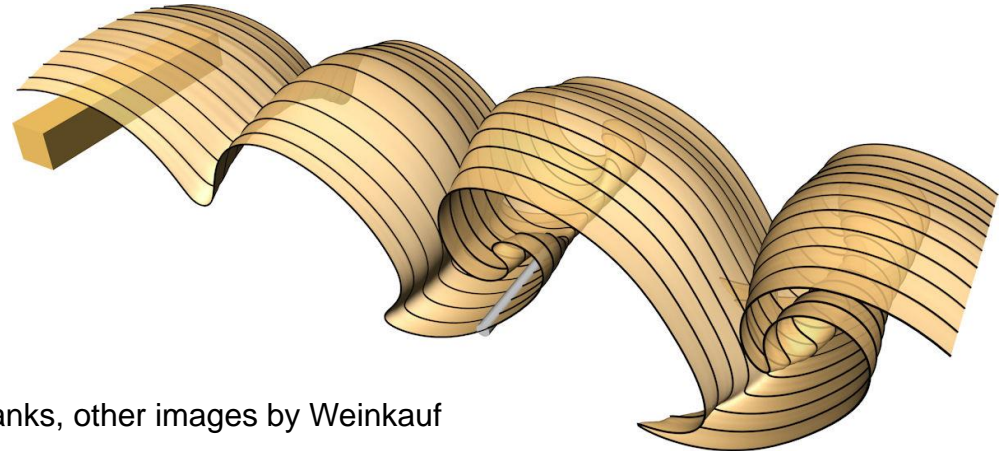
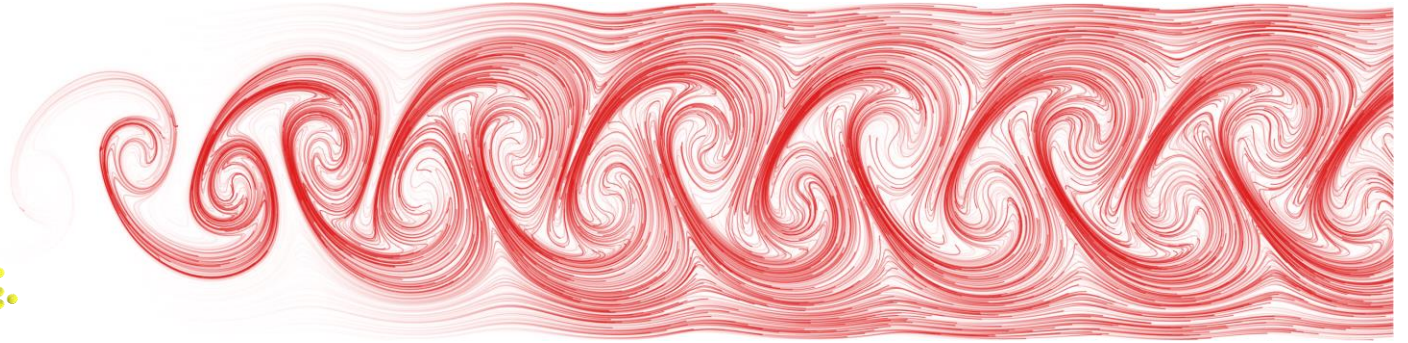
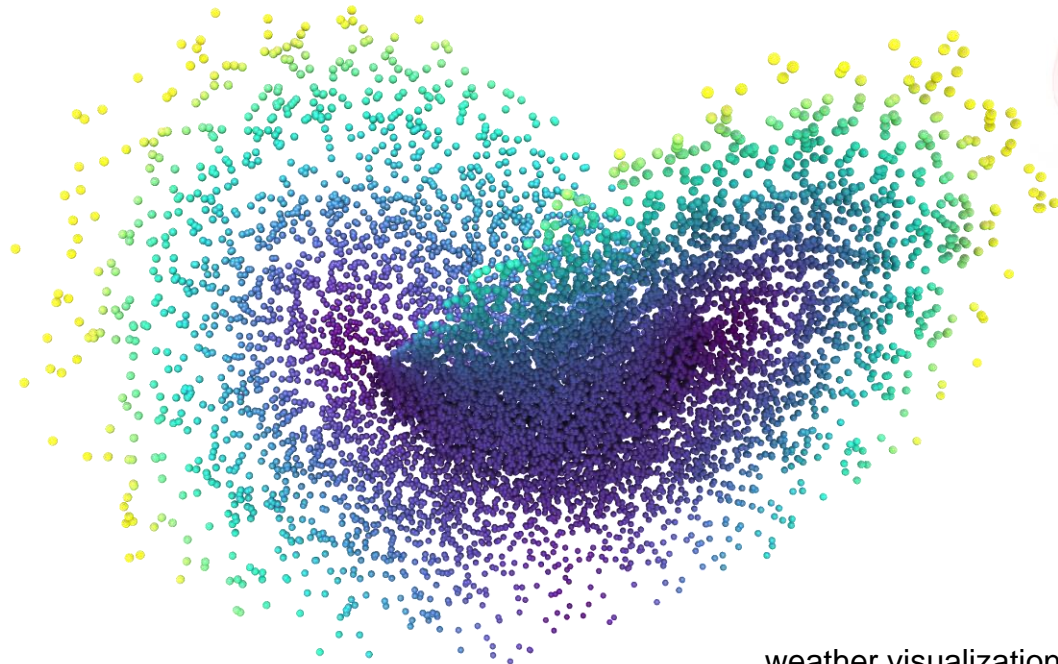


# Geometry-based Vector Field Visualization

geometric objects

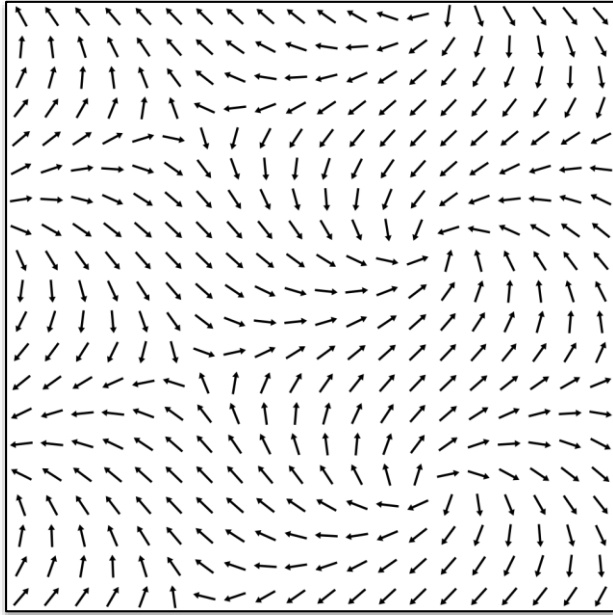
*shape is directly related to the flow*

points, lines, surfaces, ...



weather visualization by Turk & Banks, other images by Weinkauff

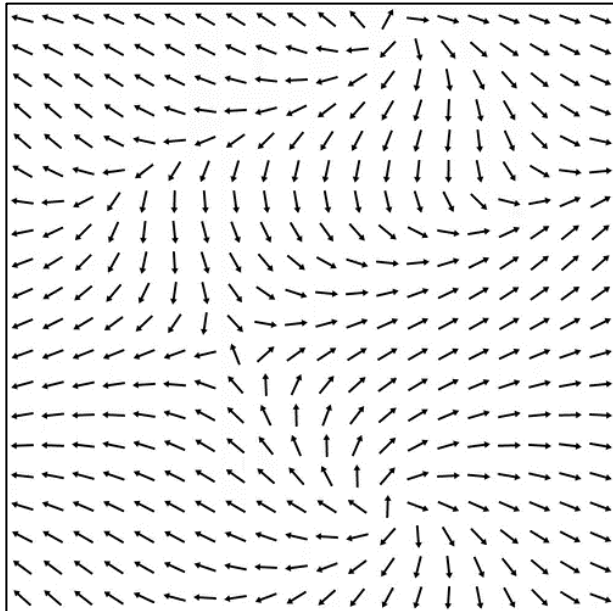
$$\mathbf{v}: E^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$$



## Steady Vector Fields

- tangent curves / stream lines
- stream surfaces

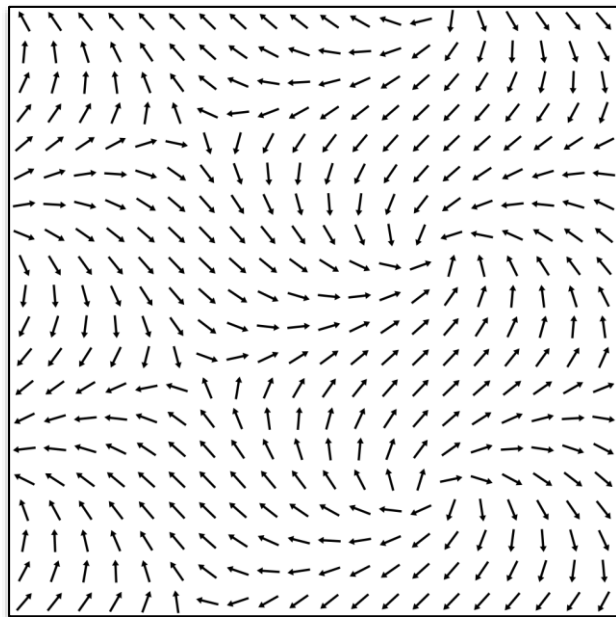
$$\mathbf{v}: E^{n+1} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$$



## Unsteady Vector Fields

- path/streak/time lines
- path/streak/time surfaces

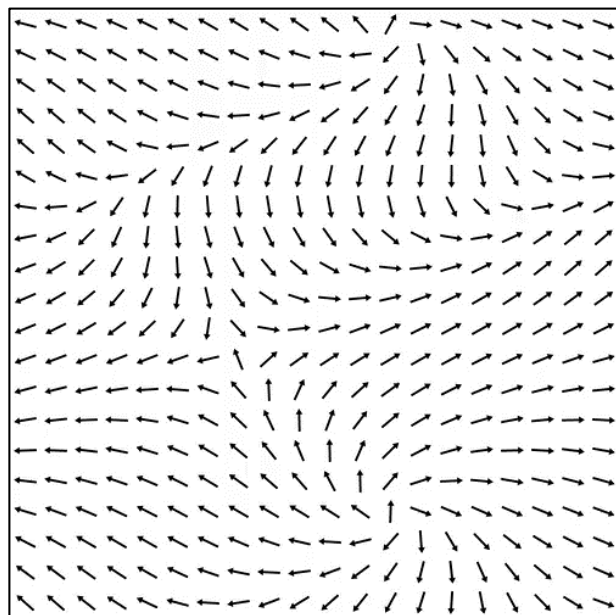
$\mathbf{v}: \mathbb{E}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$   
steady vector field



$$\mathbf{v}(x, y) = \begin{pmatrix} u(x, y) \\ v(x, y) \end{pmatrix}$$

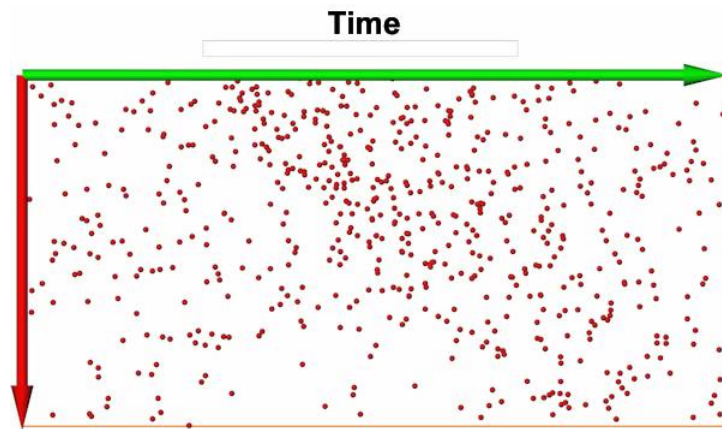
$$\mathbf{v}(x, y) = \begin{pmatrix} \cos(x + 2y) + x \cos(2\pi) \\ \sin(x - 2y) + y \sin(3\pi) \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{example}$$

$\mathbf{v}: \mathbb{E}^{n+1} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$   
unsteady vector field  
time-dependent vf

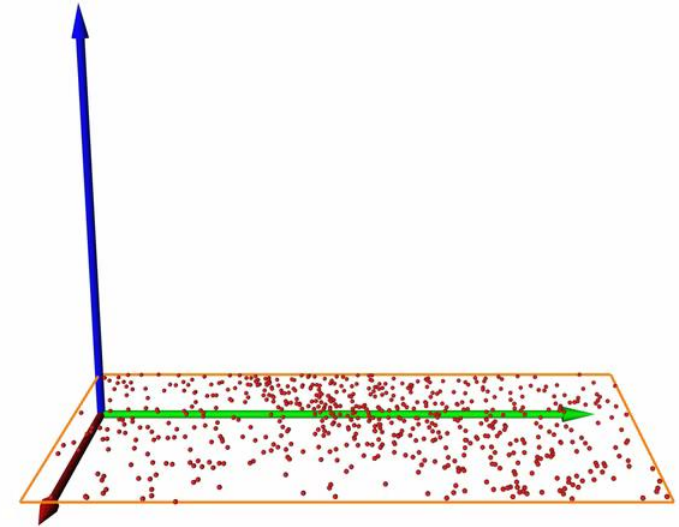


$$\mathbf{v}(x, y, t) = \begin{pmatrix} u(x, y, t) \\ v(x, y, t) \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{v}(x, y, t) = \begin{pmatrix} \cos(x + 2y) + x \cos(2\pi t) \\ \sin(x - 2y) + y \sin(\pi + 2\pi t) \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{example}$$

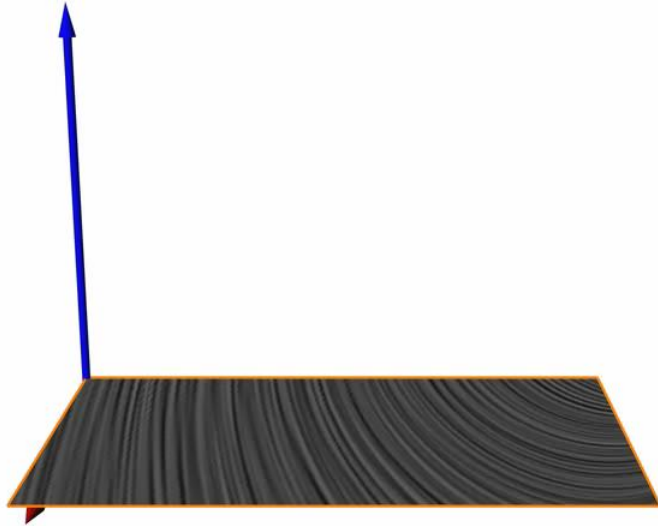


2D time-dependent vector field  
particle visualization



2D time-dependent vector field  
particle visualization  
space-time diagram

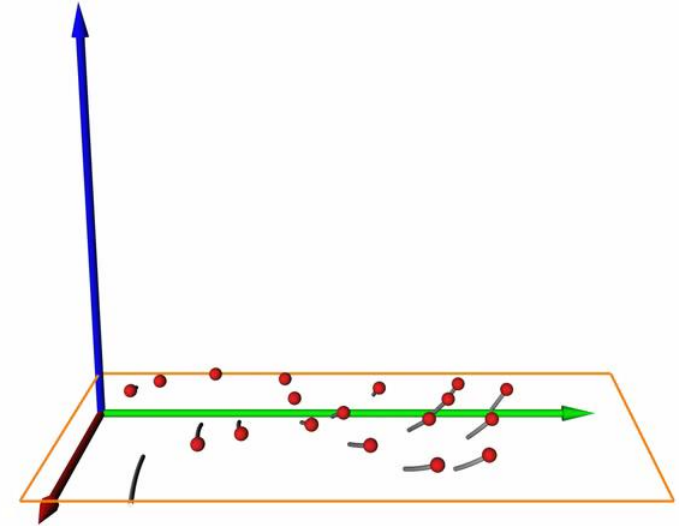




stream lines

curve tangential to the vector field  
in each point for a **fixed time**

describes motion of a massless particle  
in a **steady** flow field



path lines

curve tangential to the vector field  
in each point **over time**

describes motion of a massless particle  
in an **unsteady** flow field

very important

steady vector field

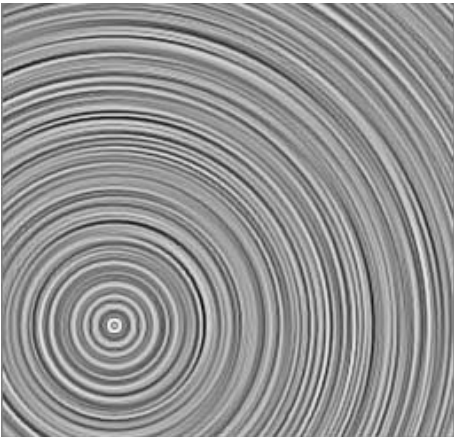
$$\mathbf{v}(x, y)$$

$$\frac{d}{d\tau} \mathbf{x}(\tau) = \mathbf{v}(\mathbf{x}(\tau))$$

with  $\mathbf{x}(0) = \mathbf{x}_0$

stream lines

$$\mathbf{v}(x, y) = \begin{pmatrix} u(x, y) \\ v(x, y) \end{pmatrix}$$



unsteady vector field

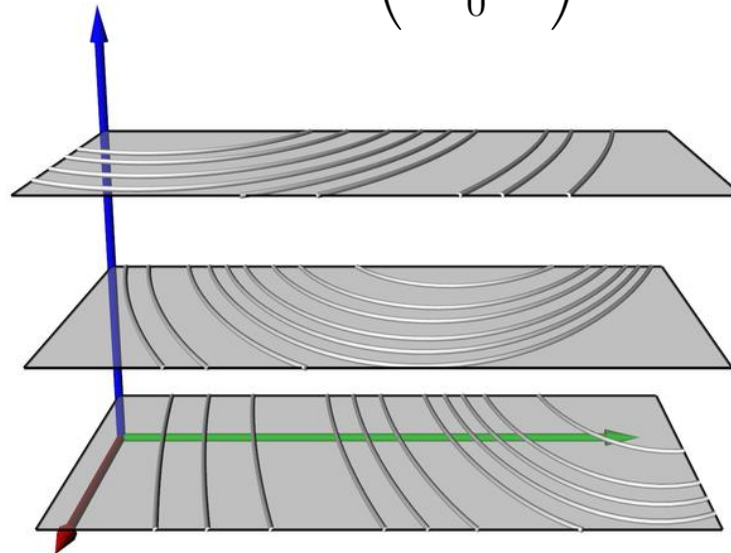
$$\mathbf{v}(x, y, t)$$

$$\frac{d}{d\tau} \mathbf{x}(\tau) = \mathbf{v}(\mathbf{x}(\tau), t_0)$$

with  $\mathbf{x}(0) = \mathbf{x}_0$

stream lines

$$\mathbf{v}(x, y, t) \equiv \begin{pmatrix} u(x, y, t) \\ v(x, y, t) \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

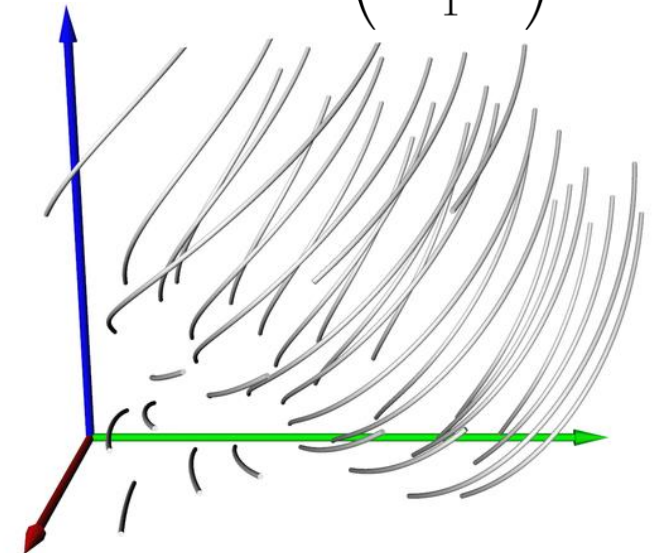


$$\frac{d}{dt} \mathbf{x}(t) = \mathbf{v}(\mathbf{x}(t), t)$$

with  $\mathbf{x}(t_0) = \mathbf{x}_0$

path lines

$$\mathbf{p}(x, y, t) \equiv \begin{pmatrix} u(x, y, t) \\ v(x, y, t) \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$



very important

steady vector field

$$\mathbf{v}(x, y)$$

stream lines

$$\mathbf{v}(x, y) = \begin{pmatrix} u(x, y) \\ v(x, y) \end{pmatrix}$$

2D

3D

$$\mathbf{v}(x, y, z) = \begin{pmatrix} u(x, y, z) \\ v(x, y, z) \\ w(x, y, z) \end{pmatrix}$$

unsteady vector field

$$\mathbf{v}(x, y, t)$$

stream lines

$$\mathbf{s}(x, y, t) = \begin{pmatrix} u(x, y, t) \\ v(x, y, t) \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

path lines

$$\mathbf{p}(x, y, t) = \begin{pmatrix} u(x, y, t) \\ v(x, y, t) \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$n$ D unsteady vector field

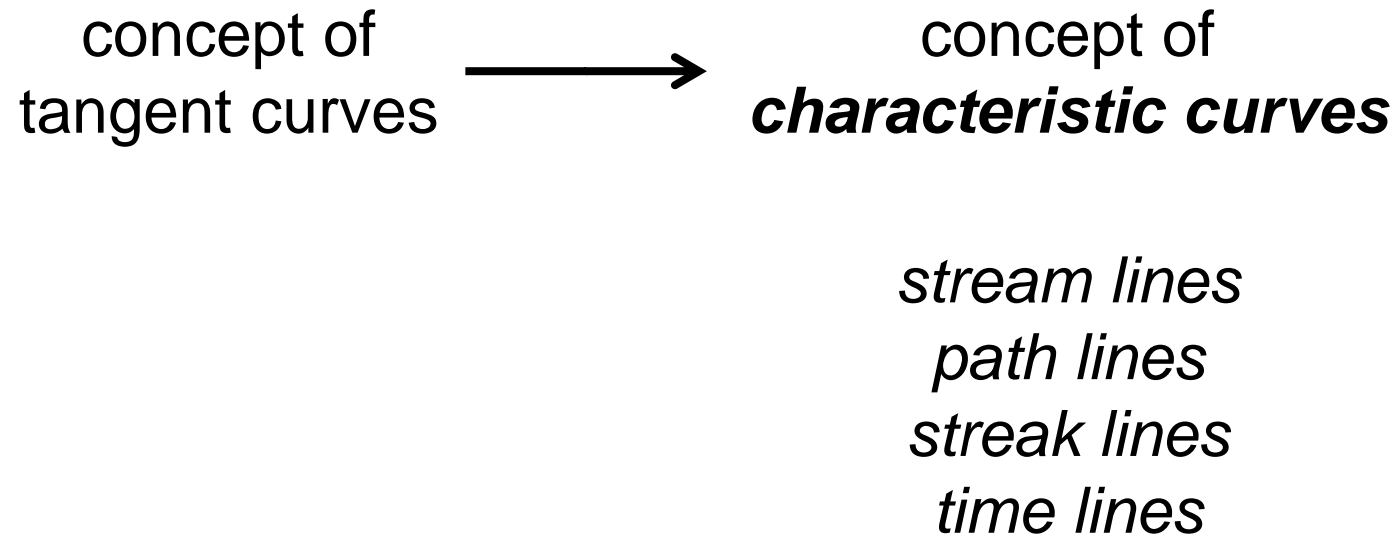
→  $(n+1)$ D steady vector field

$$\mathbf{s}(x, y, z, t) = \begin{pmatrix} u(x, y, z, t) \\ v(x, y, z, t) \\ w(x, y, z, t) \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

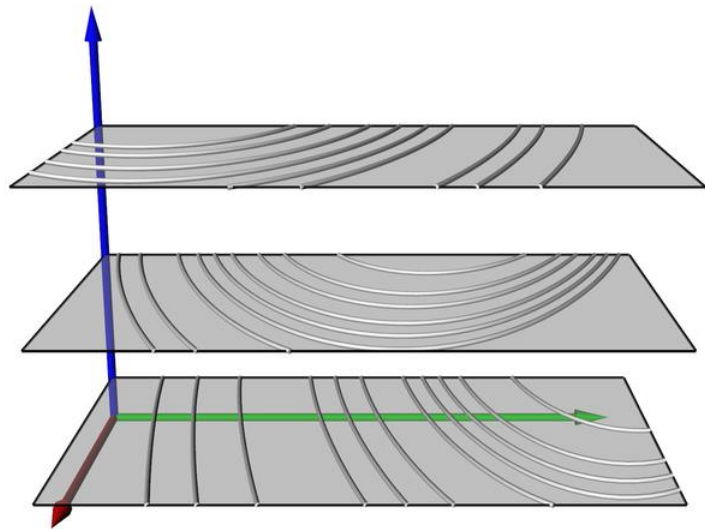
$$\mathbf{p}(x, y, z, t) = \begin{pmatrix} u(x, y, z, t) \\ v(x, y, z, t) \\ w(x, y, z, t) \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$



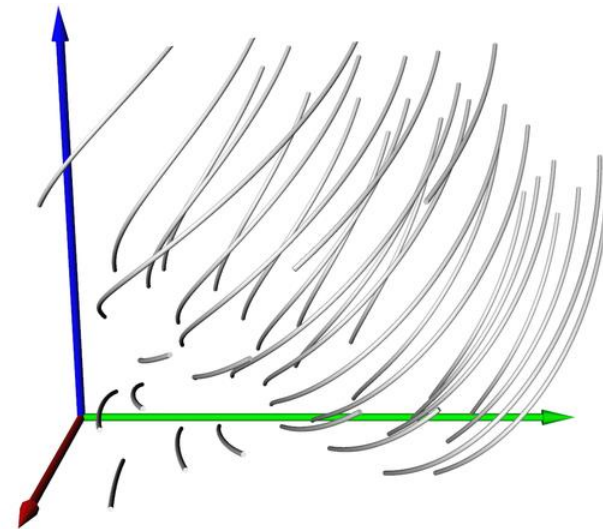
# Characteristic Curves



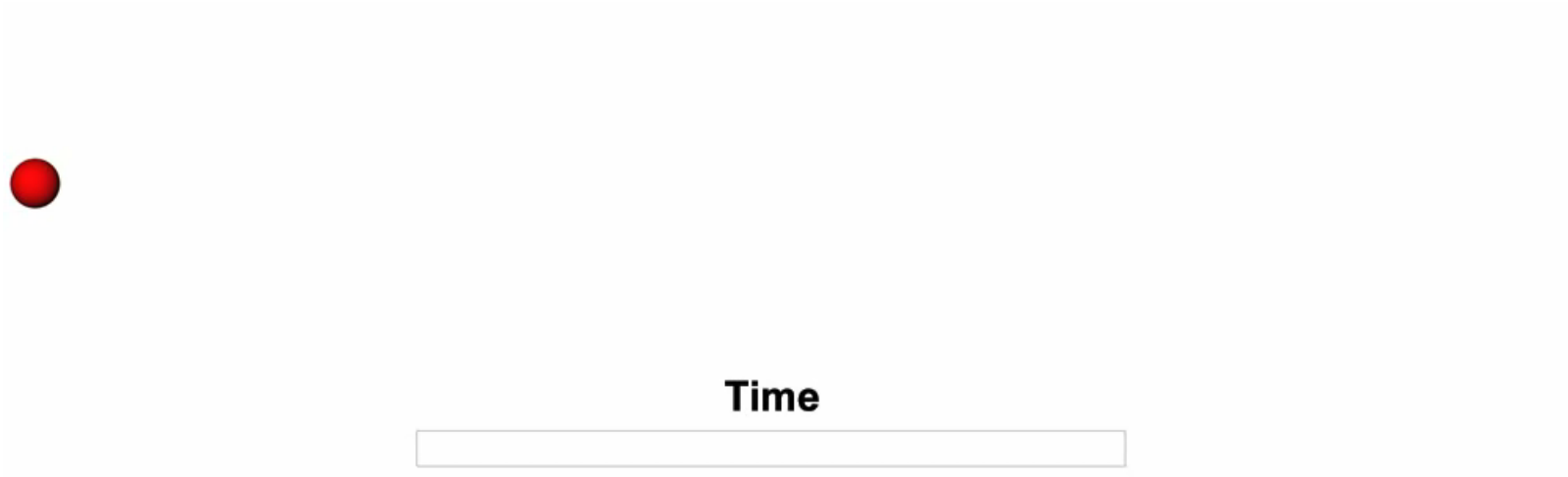
Based on tangent curves,  
we define 4 types of ***characteristic curves*** of a vector field.



stream lines

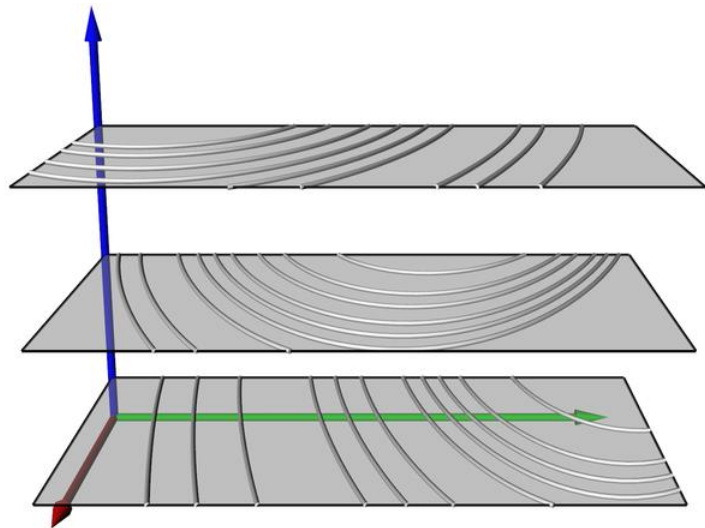


path lines

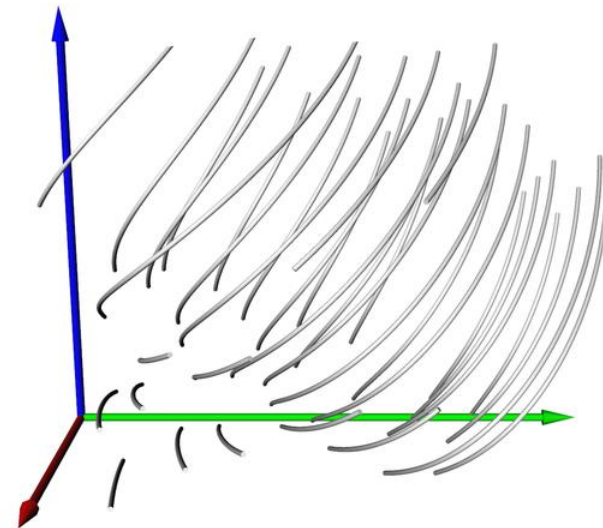


### **streak line**

location of all particles set out at a fixed point at different times

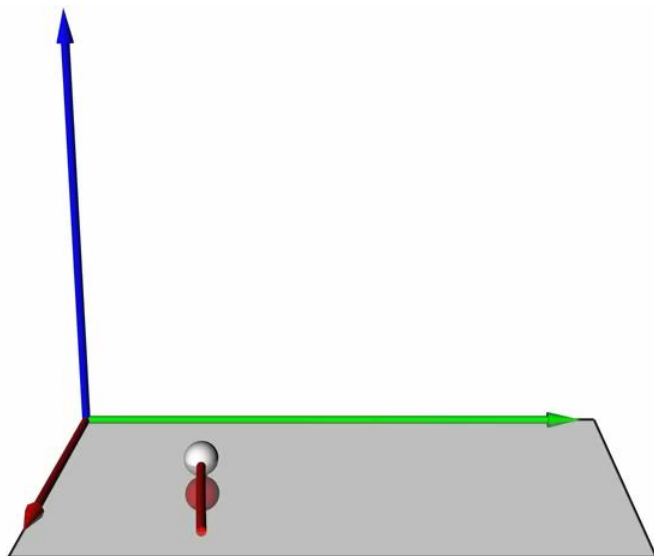


stream lines

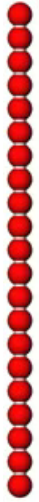


path lines

streak lines





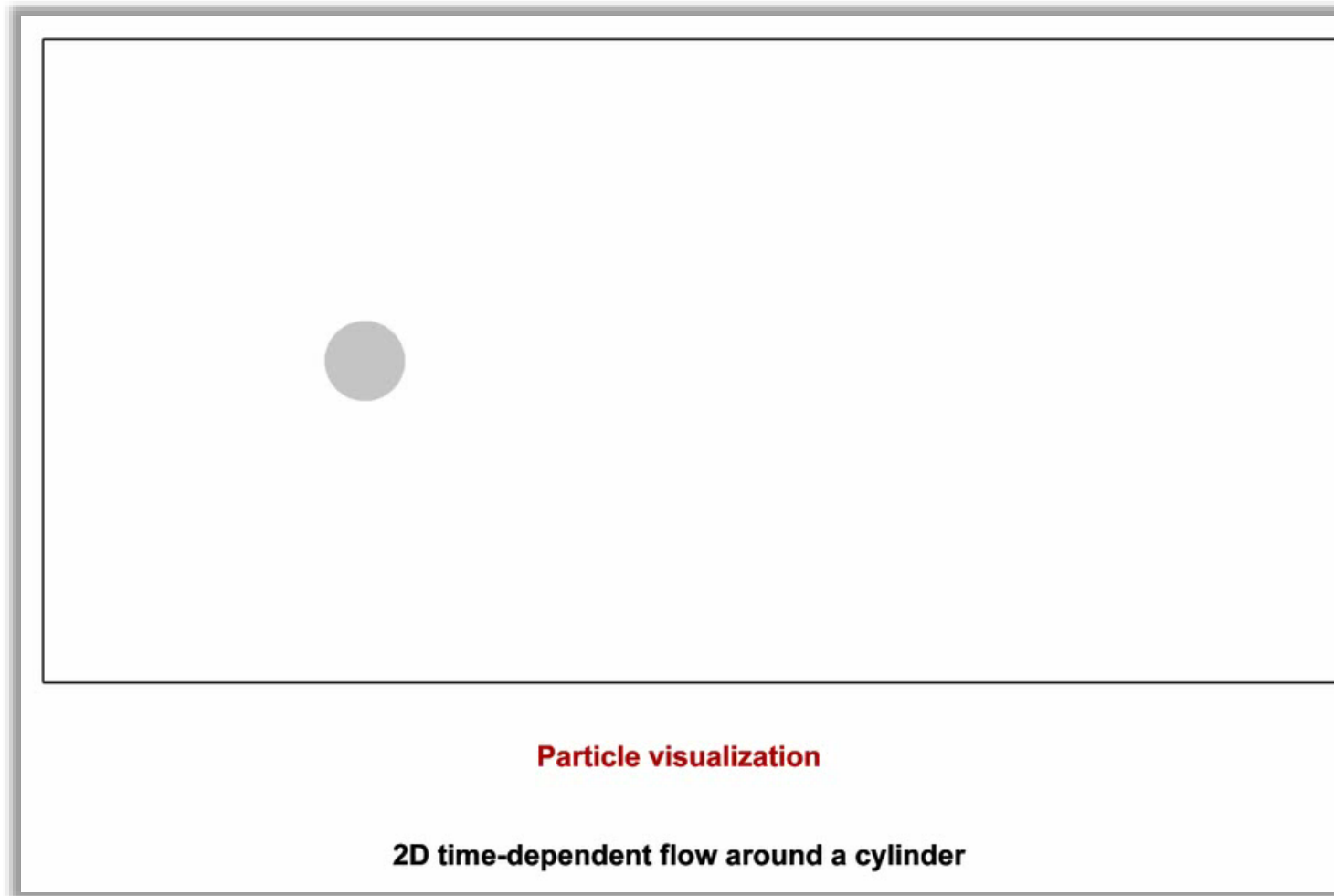


**Time**



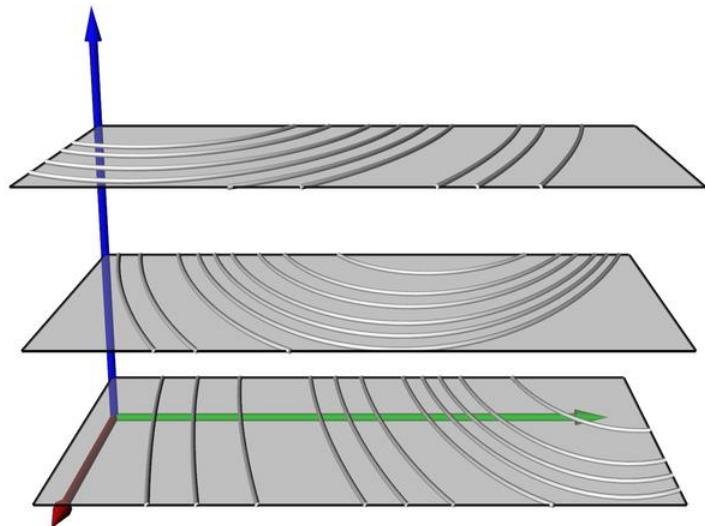
**time line**

location of all particles set out on a certain line at a fixed time

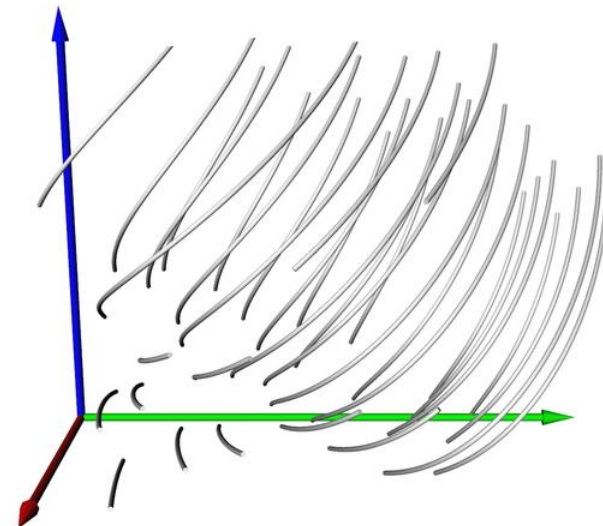


### **time line**

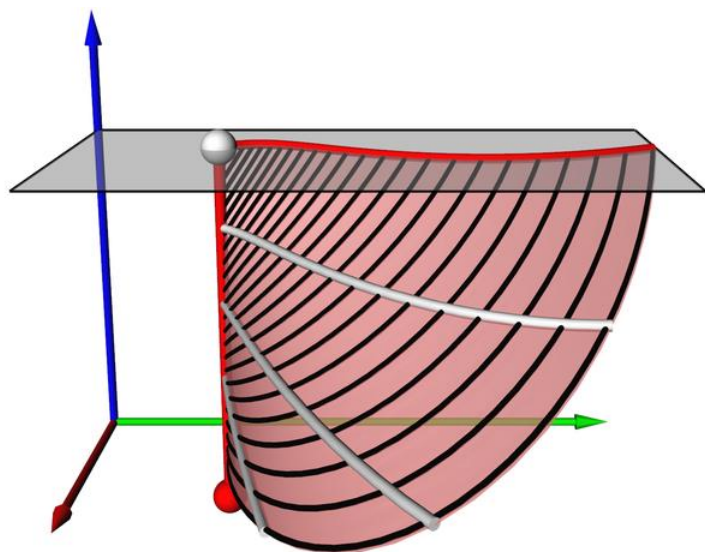
location of all particles set out on a certain line at a fixed time



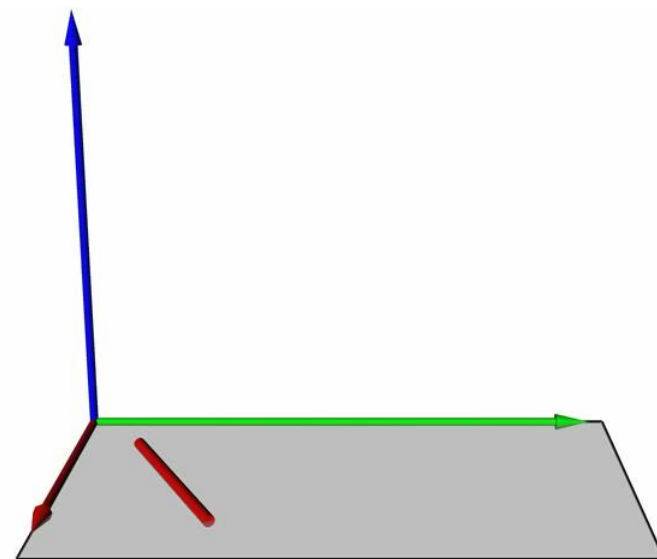
stream lines



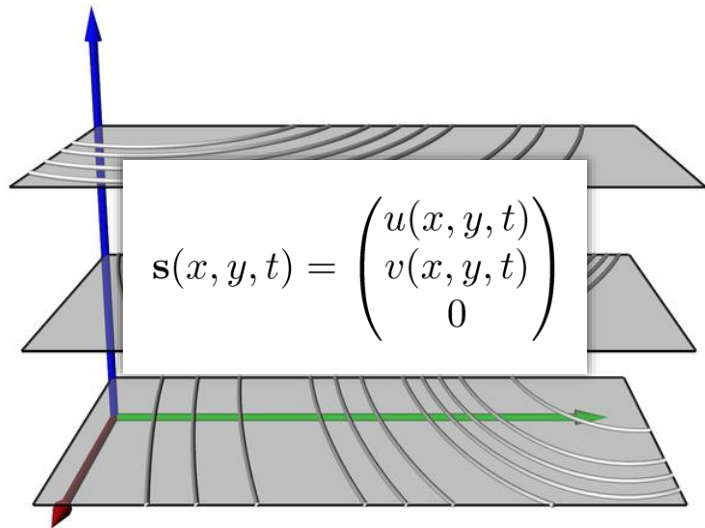
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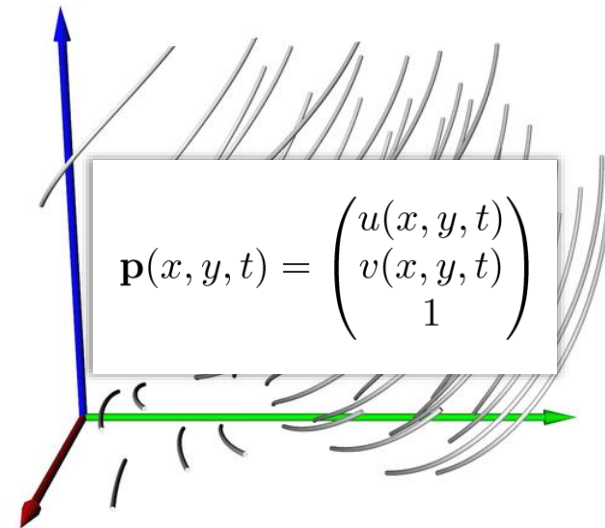
streak lines



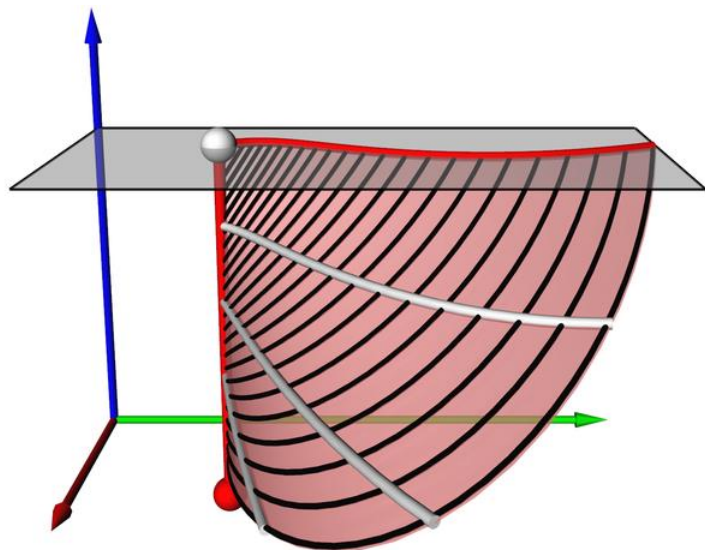
time lines



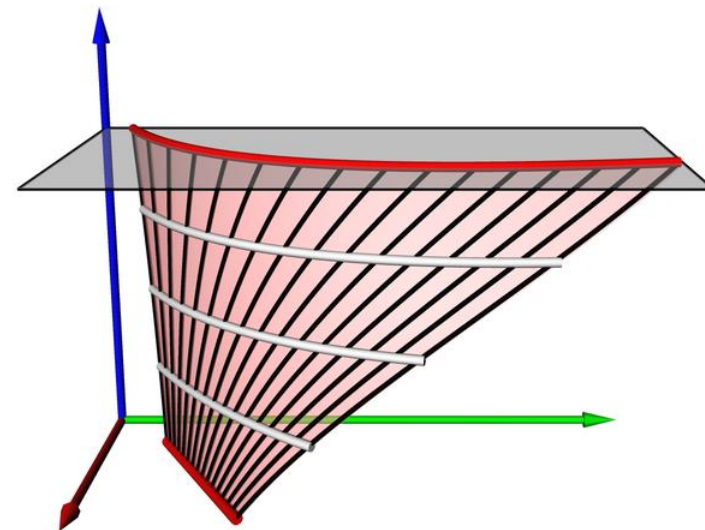
stream lines



path lines

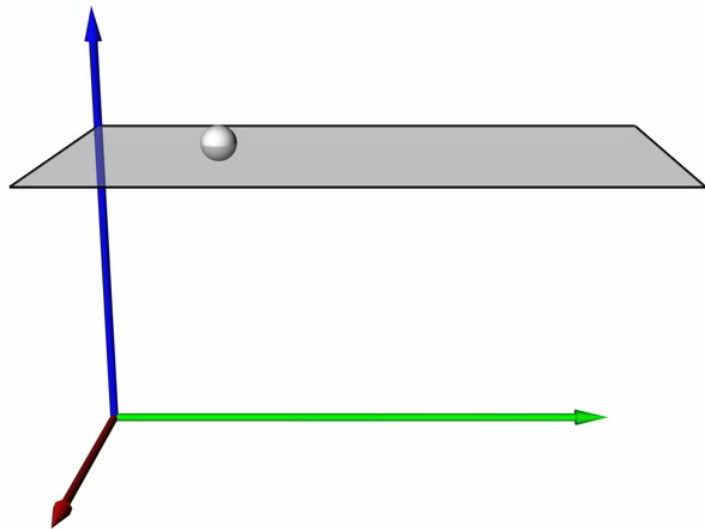


streak lines

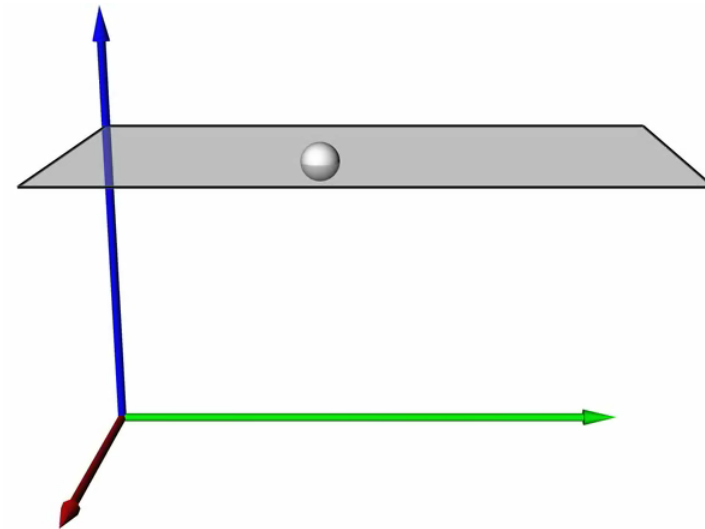


time lines



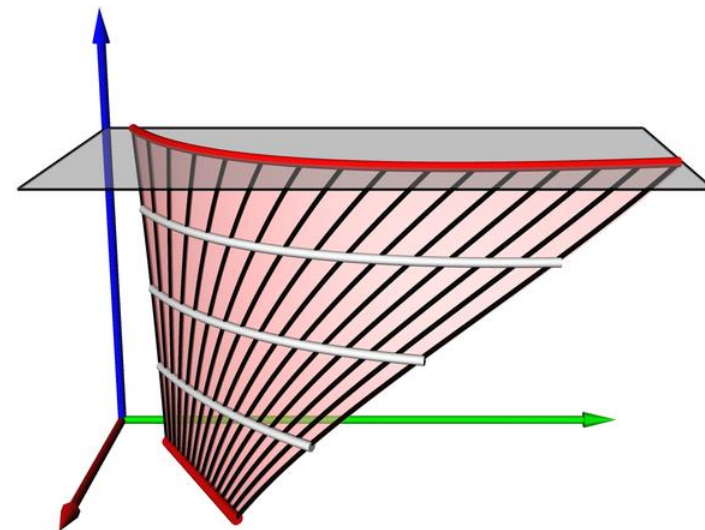
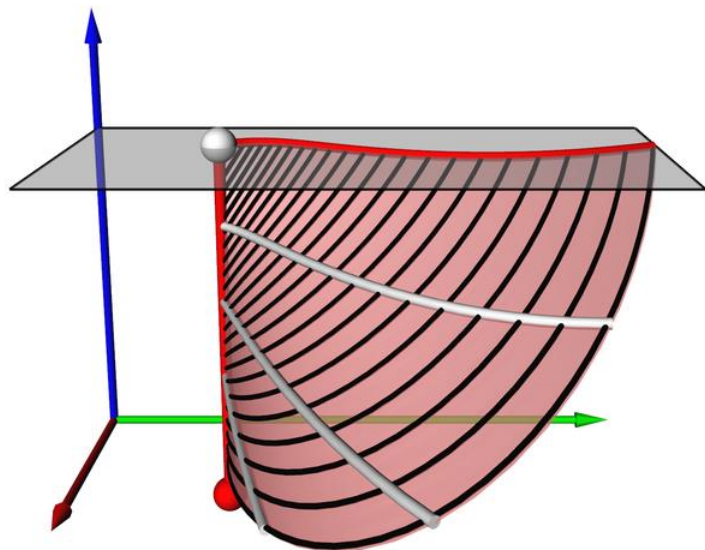


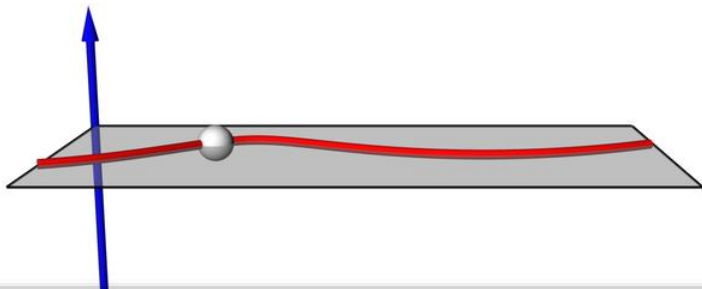
***streak line vector field***



***time line vector field***

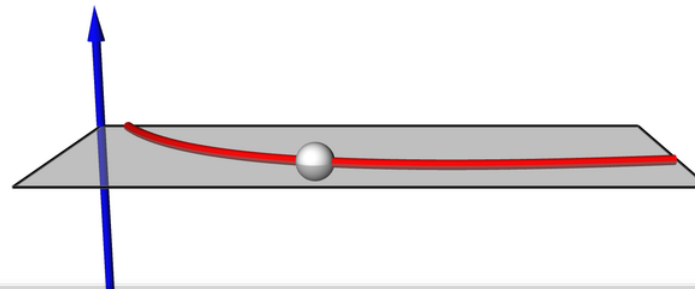
streak lines ——— tangent curve integration ——— time lines  
 tangent surface integration





$$\bar{\bar{\mathbf{q}}}(\mathbf{x}, t, \tau) = \begin{pmatrix} (\nabla \phi_t^\tau(\mathbf{x}))^{-1} \cdot \frac{\partial \phi_t^\tau(\mathbf{x})}{\partial t} + \mathbf{v}(\mathbf{x}, t) \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

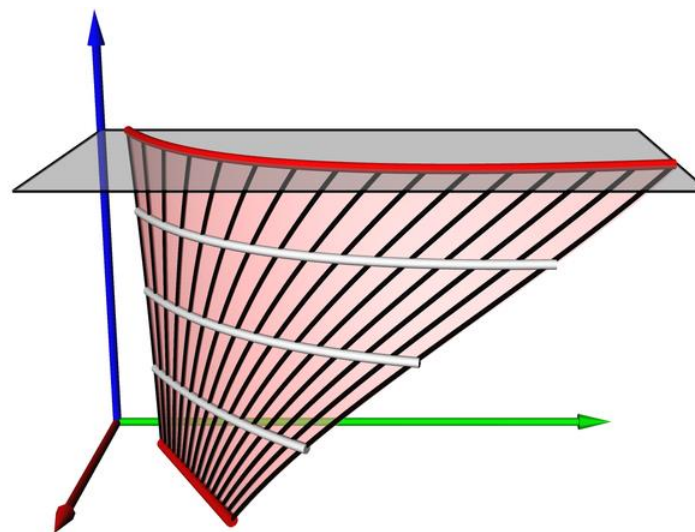
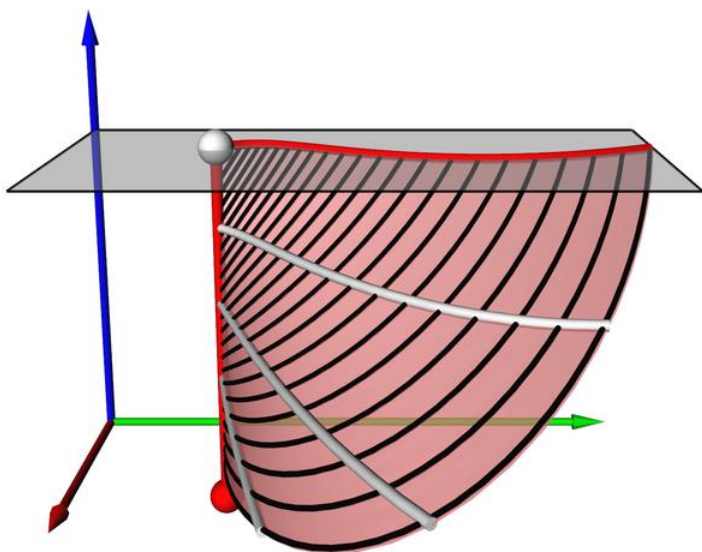
***streak line vector field***



$$\bar{\bar{\mathbf{q}}}(\mathbf{x}, t, \tau) = \begin{pmatrix} (\nabla \phi)^{-1} \cdot \mathbf{c} \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

***time line vector field***

streak lines ————— tangent curve integration ————— time lines  
tangent surface integration

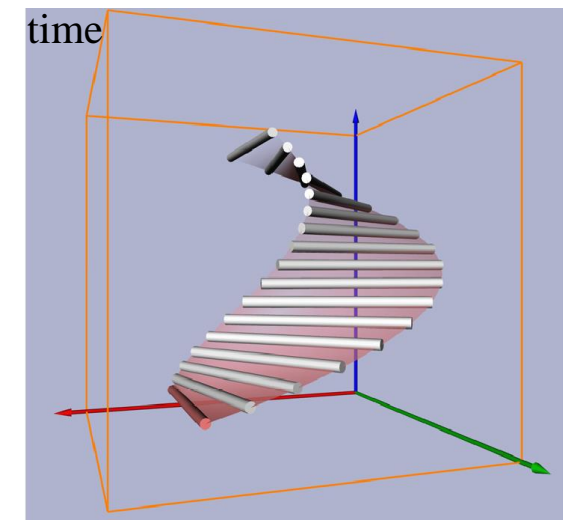
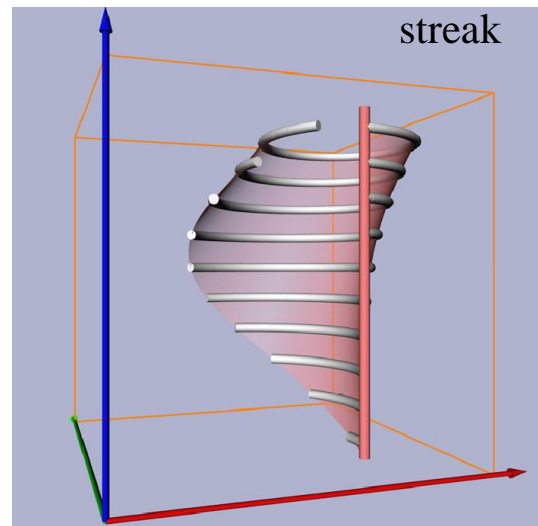
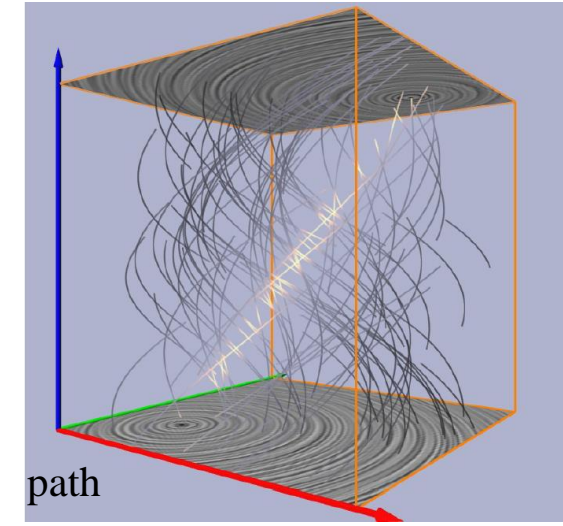
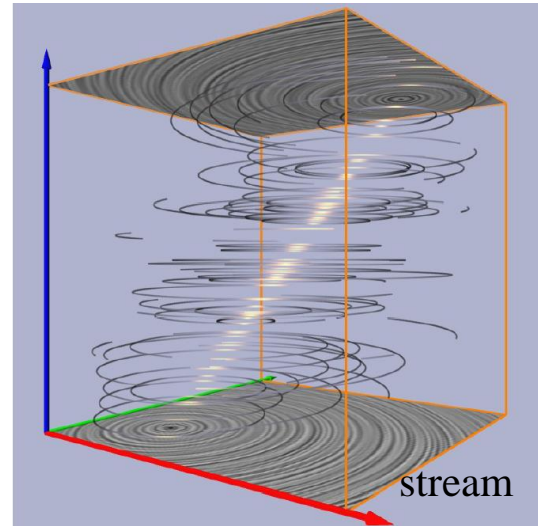
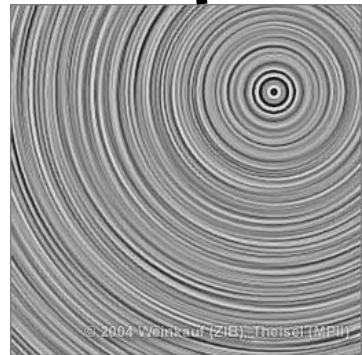


# Characteristic Curves

- **Stream line:** curve tangential to the vector field in each point for a fixed time
  - describes the motion of a massless particle in a steady flow field
- **Path line:** curve tangential to the vector field in each point over time
  - describes the motion of a particle over time in an unsteady flow field
- **Streak line:** location of all particles set out at a fixed point at different times
- **Time line:** location of all particles set out on a certain line at a fixed time

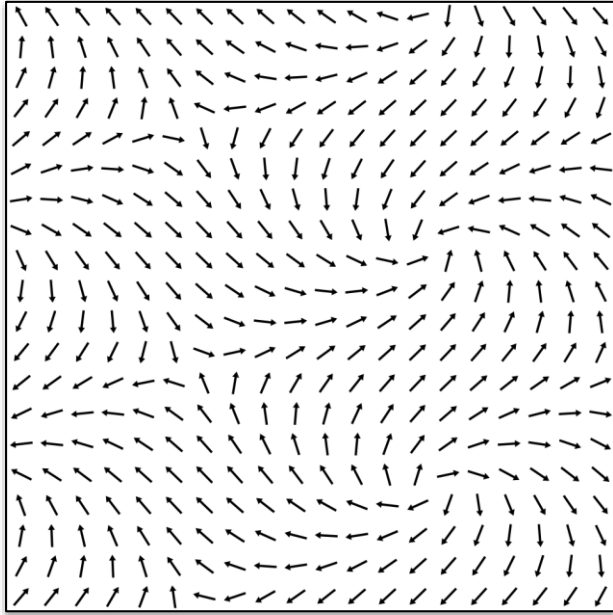
Example:

$$\mathbf{v}(\mathbf{x}, t) = (1-t) \begin{array}{c} \text{[vortex pattern]} \\ \uparrow \\ \text{[vortex pattern]} \end{array} + t \begin{array}{c} \text{[vortex pattern]} \\ \uparrow \\ \text{[vortex pattern]} \end{array}$$





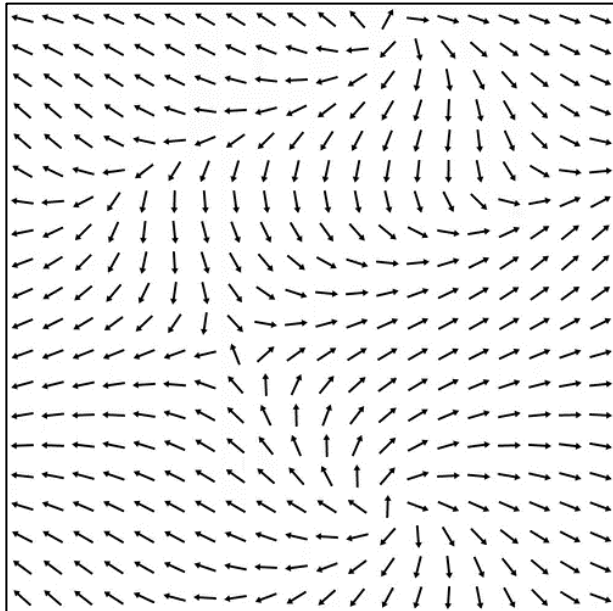
$$\mathbf{v}: E^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$$



## Steady Vector Fields

- stream, path, and streak lines coincide

$$\mathbf{v}: E^{n+1} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$$



## Unsteady Vector Fields

- stream, path, and streak lines are different

# Properties of Characteristic Curves

- **Stream and Path lines:**

- Through all non-critical points  $(\mathbf{x}, t)$  in space-time there is exactly one stream/path line passing through it.

- **Path lines:**

- Path lines intersect in space.

- **Streak lines:**

- Many streak lines through every spatio-temporal point.

- **Time lines:**

- Depends on seeding. If seeding lines do not intersect, then time lines do not intersect either.

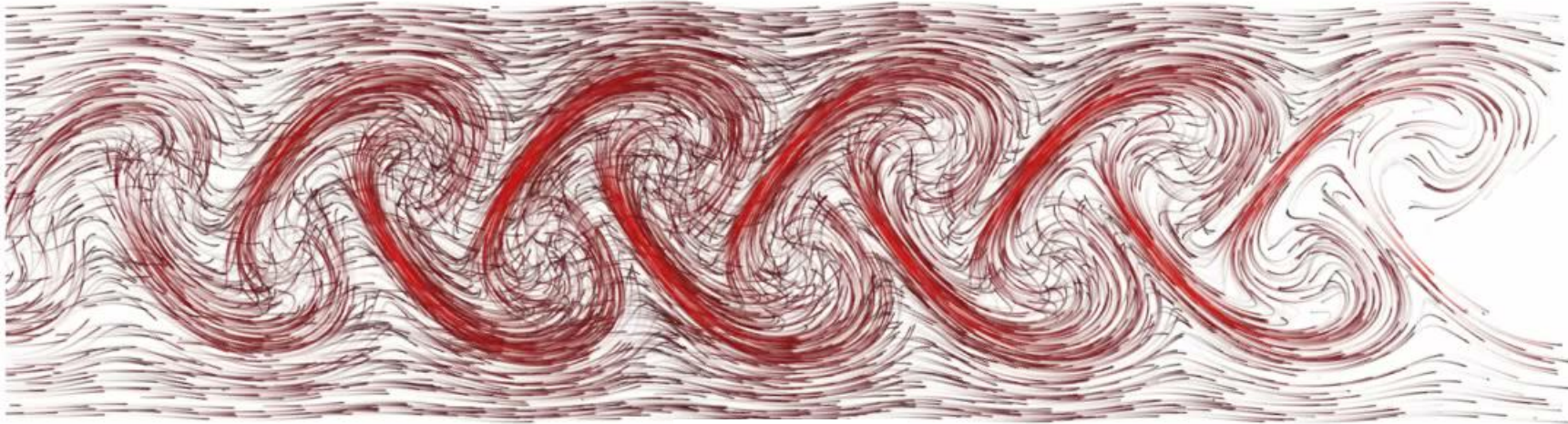
- (see tabular summary on the next page, same content)

# Properties of Characteristic Curves

	do not intersect each other		one and only one curve through a point in the domain		integration
	space	space-time	space	space-time	
stream line	✓	✓	✓	✓	line
path line	✗	✓	✗ (>1)	✓	line
streak line	✗	✗	✗ (>1)	✗ (>1)	surface **
time line	✓ *	✓ *	✓ *	✓ *	surface **

\* If seeding lines do not intersect, then time lines do not intersect either.

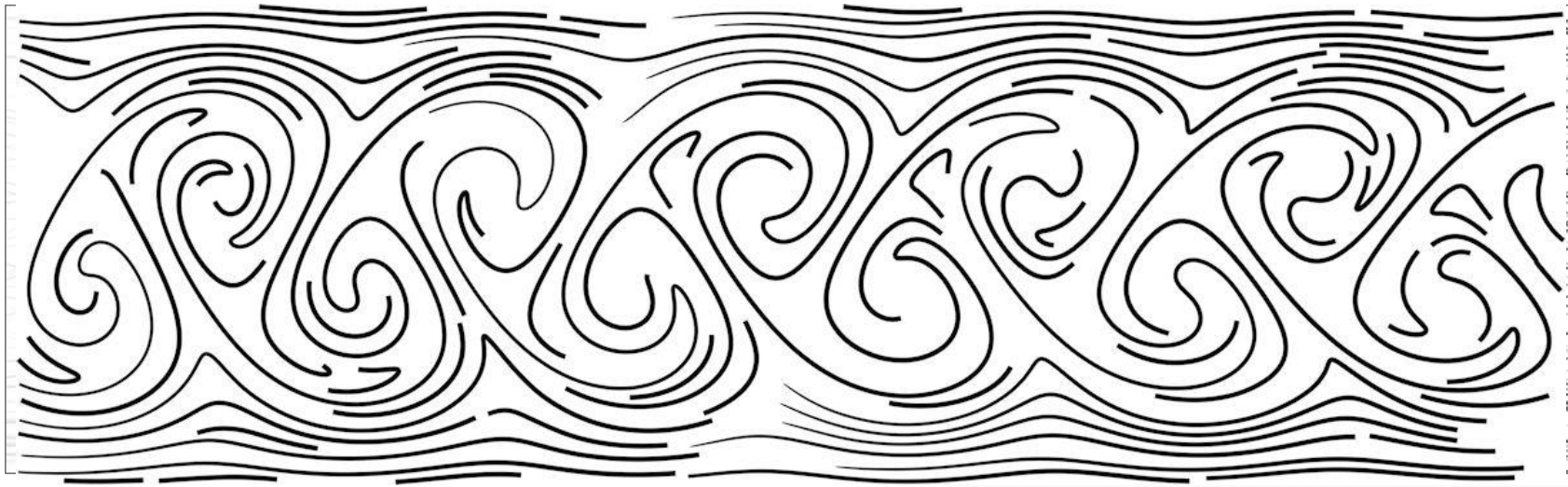
\*\* Line-type integration requires derived vector field, which incurs high computational costs and only pays off when many curves must be integrated.



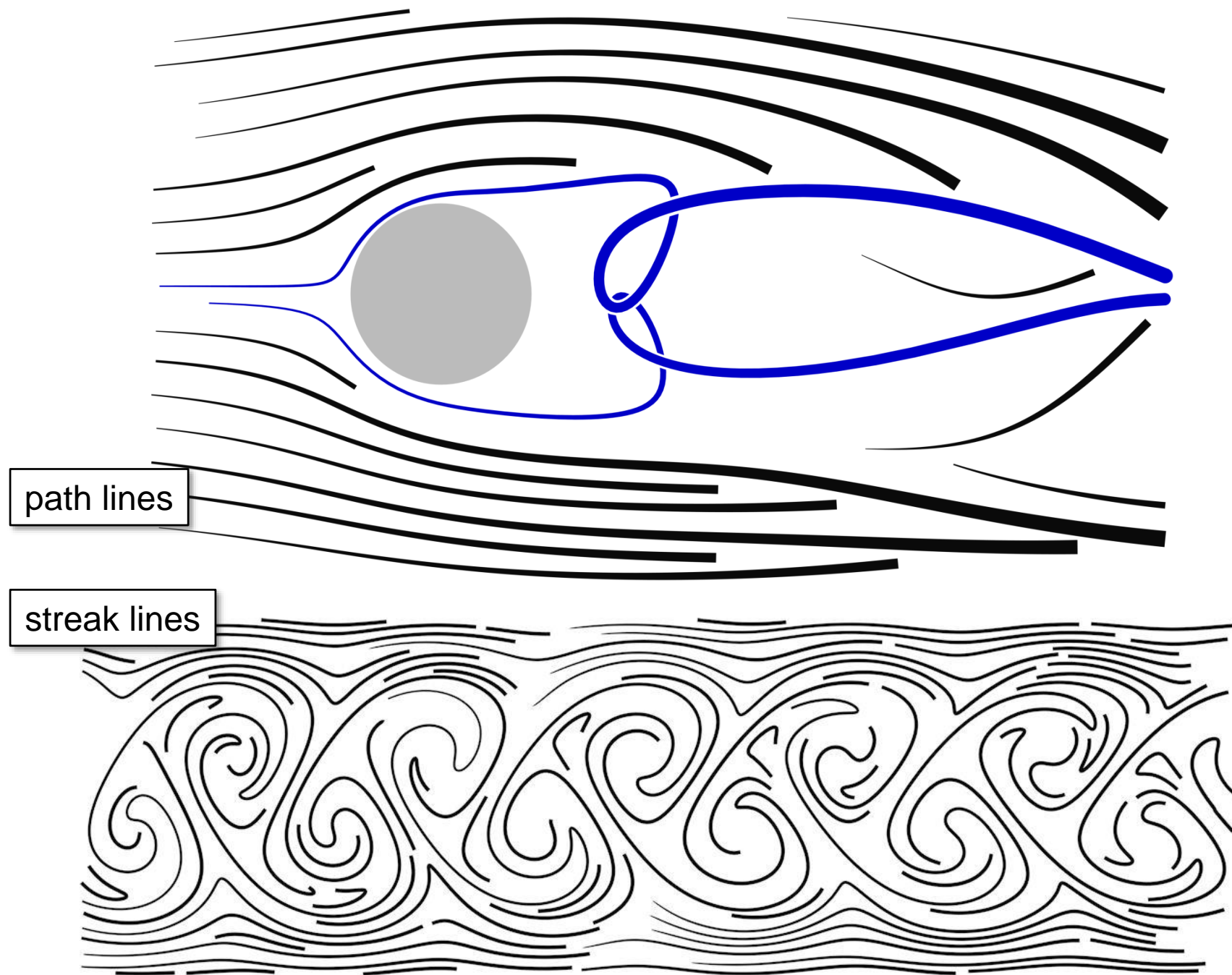
streak lines

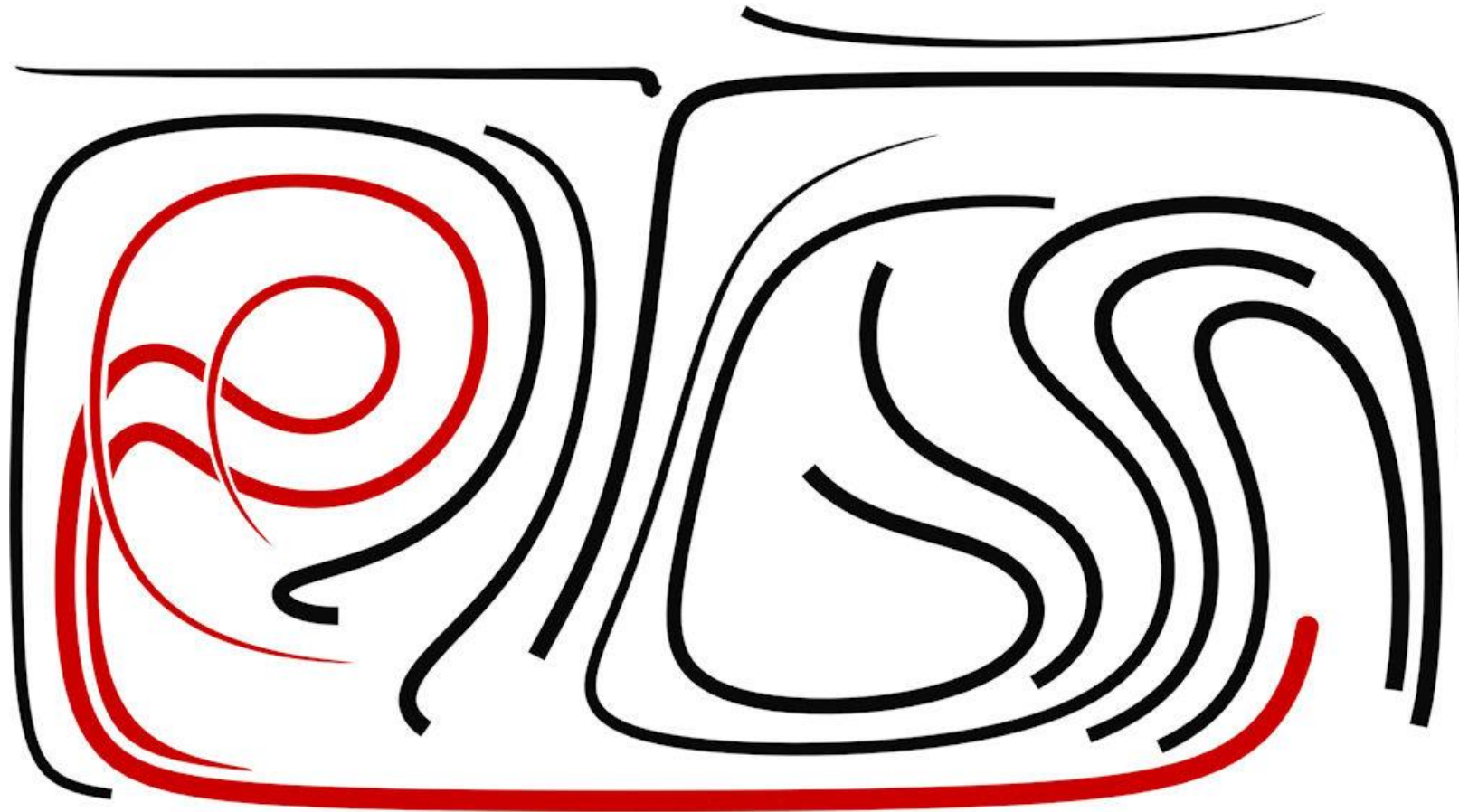
2D time-dependent flow behind a cylinder

streak lines with intersection

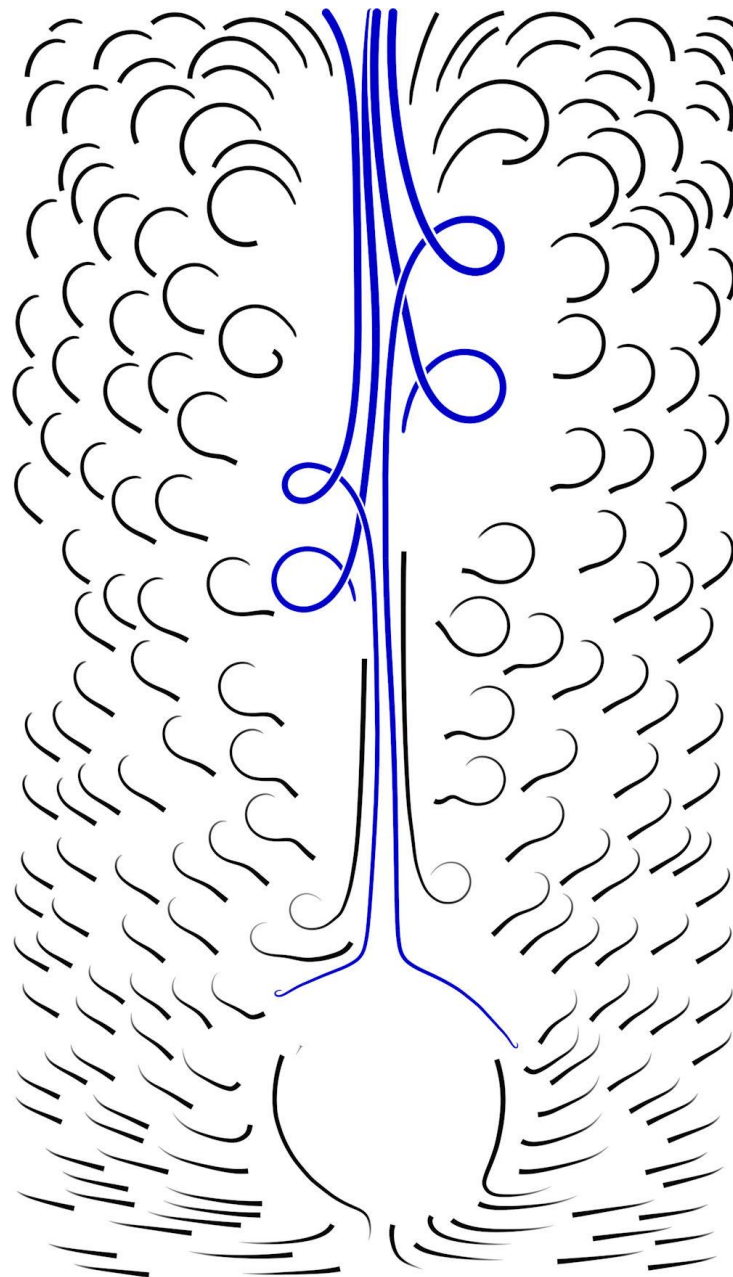




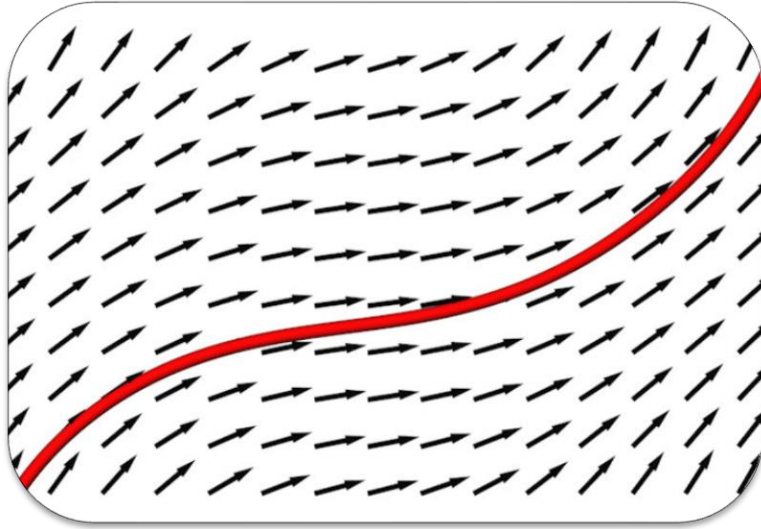




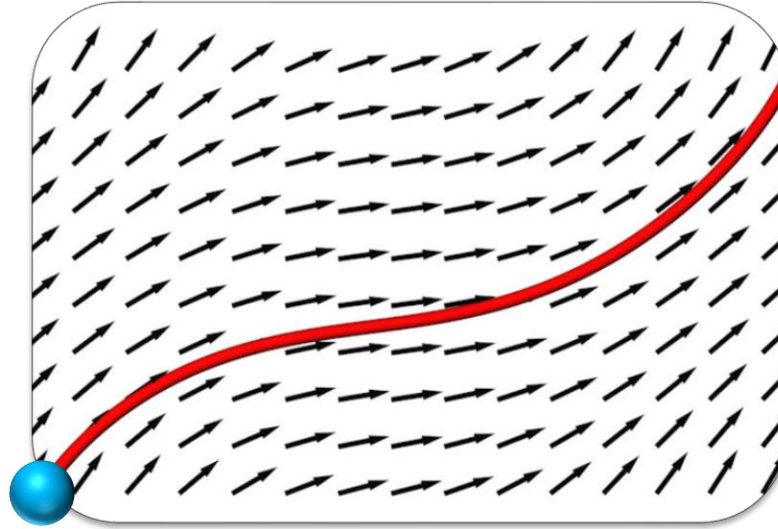
streak lines



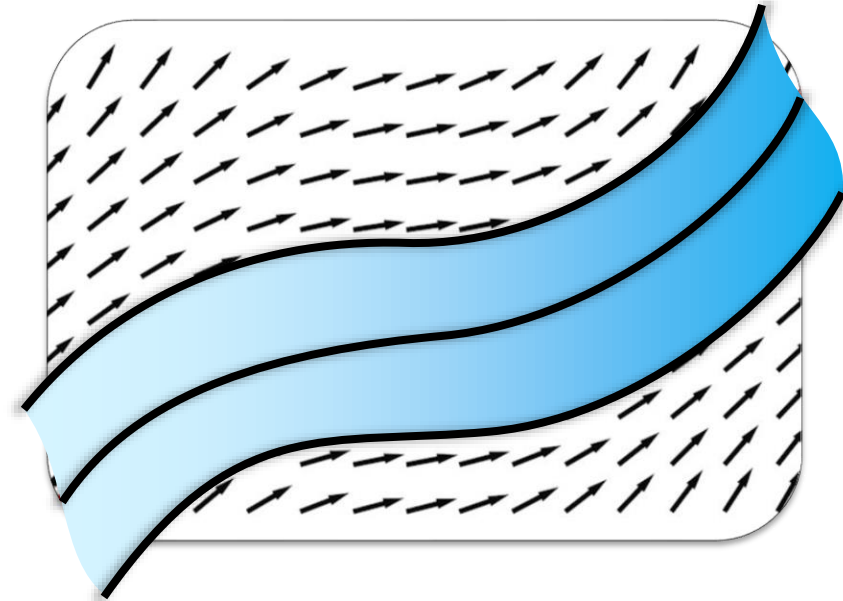
path lines



characteristic curves  
integral curves  
integral lines



particles



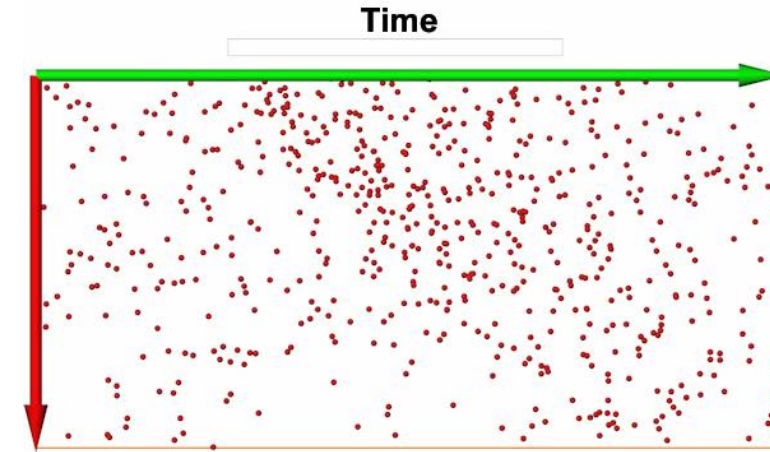
integral  
surfaces

# Particle Tracer

similar to steady case

integrate path lines

only show current integration  
step as a circle / sphere



particle visualization from the beginning of the lecture



flow behind a cylinder developing the *von Kármán vortex street*

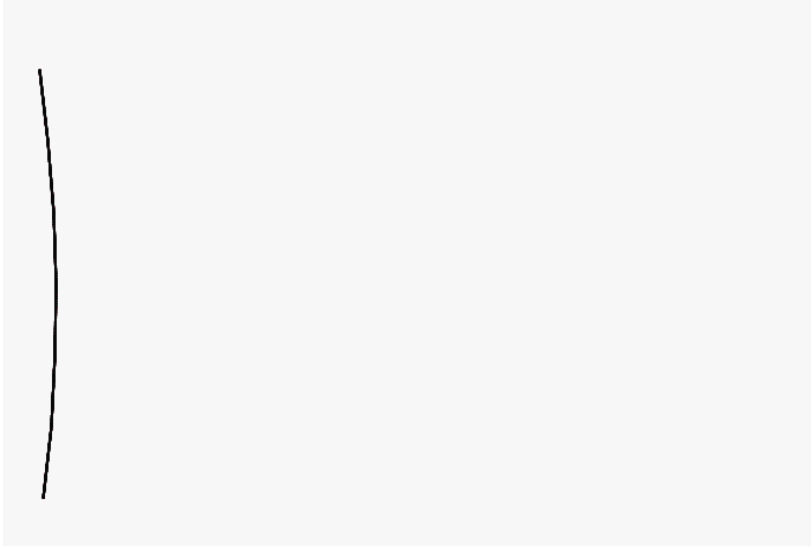


very important

steady vector field

$$\mathbf{v}(\mathbf{x})$$

*stream surface*



*General stream surfaces*  
[Hultquist, Vis 1992]

*Topological considerations*  
[Stalling, Phd thesis, 1998]

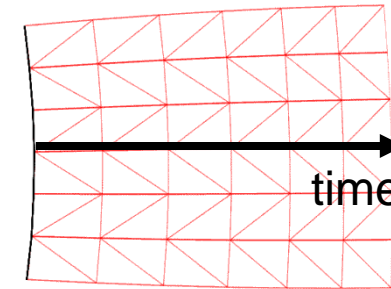
*High accuracy*  
[Garth et al., Vis 2008]  
[Schulze et al., SGP 2012]

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unsteady vector field

$$\mathbf{v}(\mathbf{x}, t)$$

*path surface*

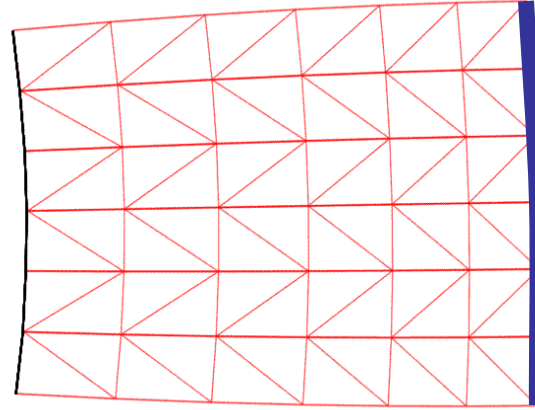


*streak surface*





very important

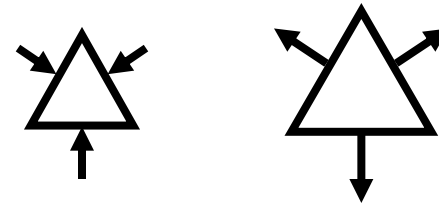
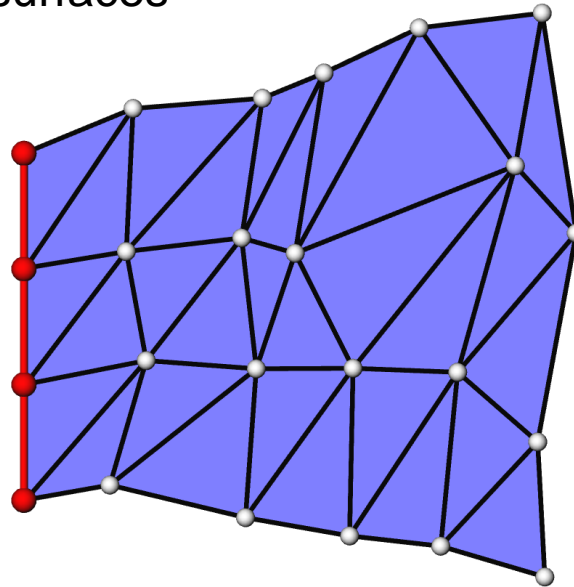


Adaptive insertion/removal of points at **front line**

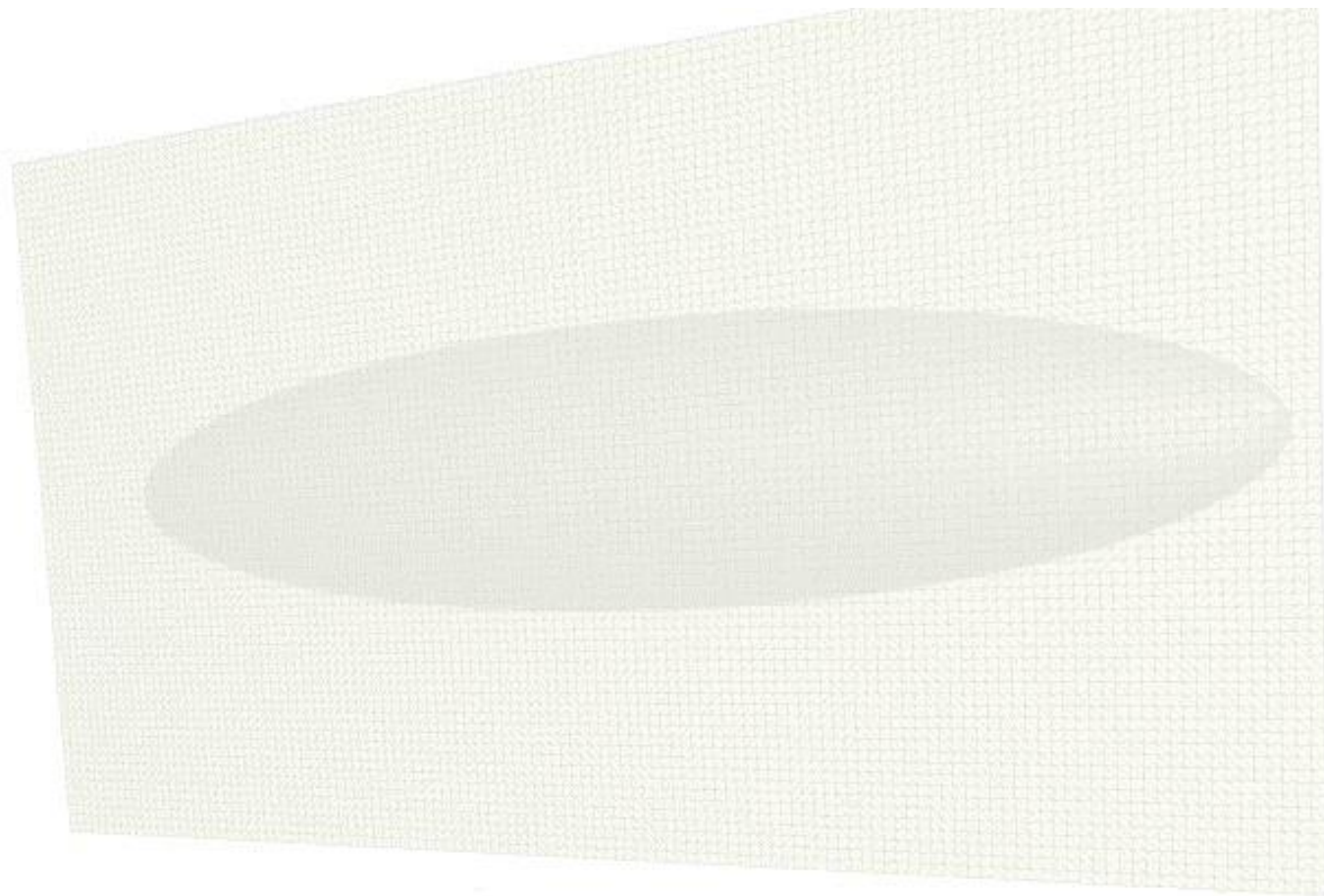
- Euclidean distance
- Angle
- ...

stream & path surfaces

streak & time surfaces



**Complete remeshing** in every time step is necessary to stay within resolution constraints

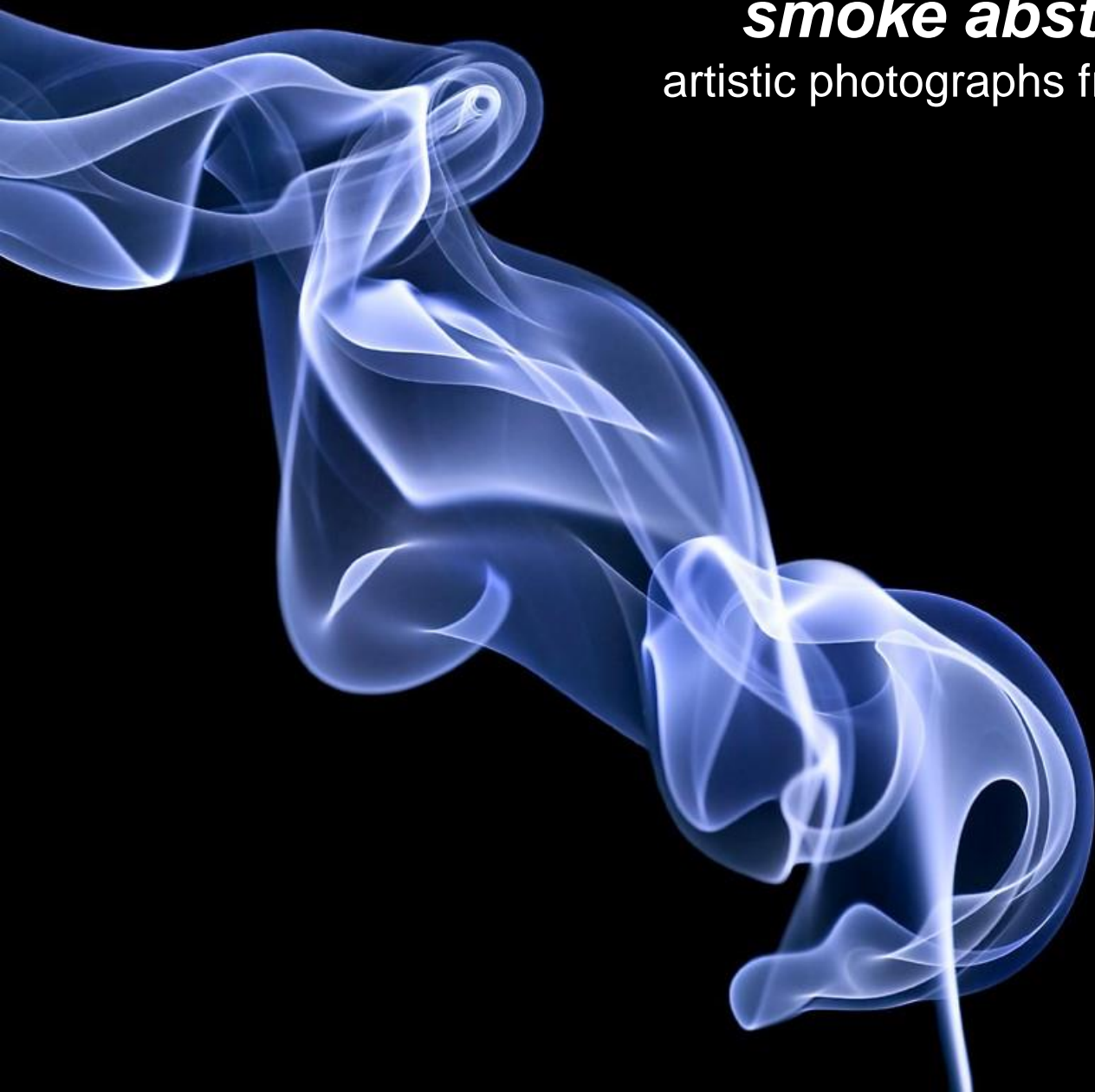



- Integrating a stream/path/streak/time line/surface means to look at the following subspaces of a 3D unsteady flow (which itself is 4D):

	...line	...surface
Stream...	1D (line)	2D (surface)
Path...	1D (line)	2D (surface)
Streak...	2D (surface)	3D (volume)
Time...	2D (surface)	3D (volume)

***smoke abstractions***

artistic photographs from W. Brennan





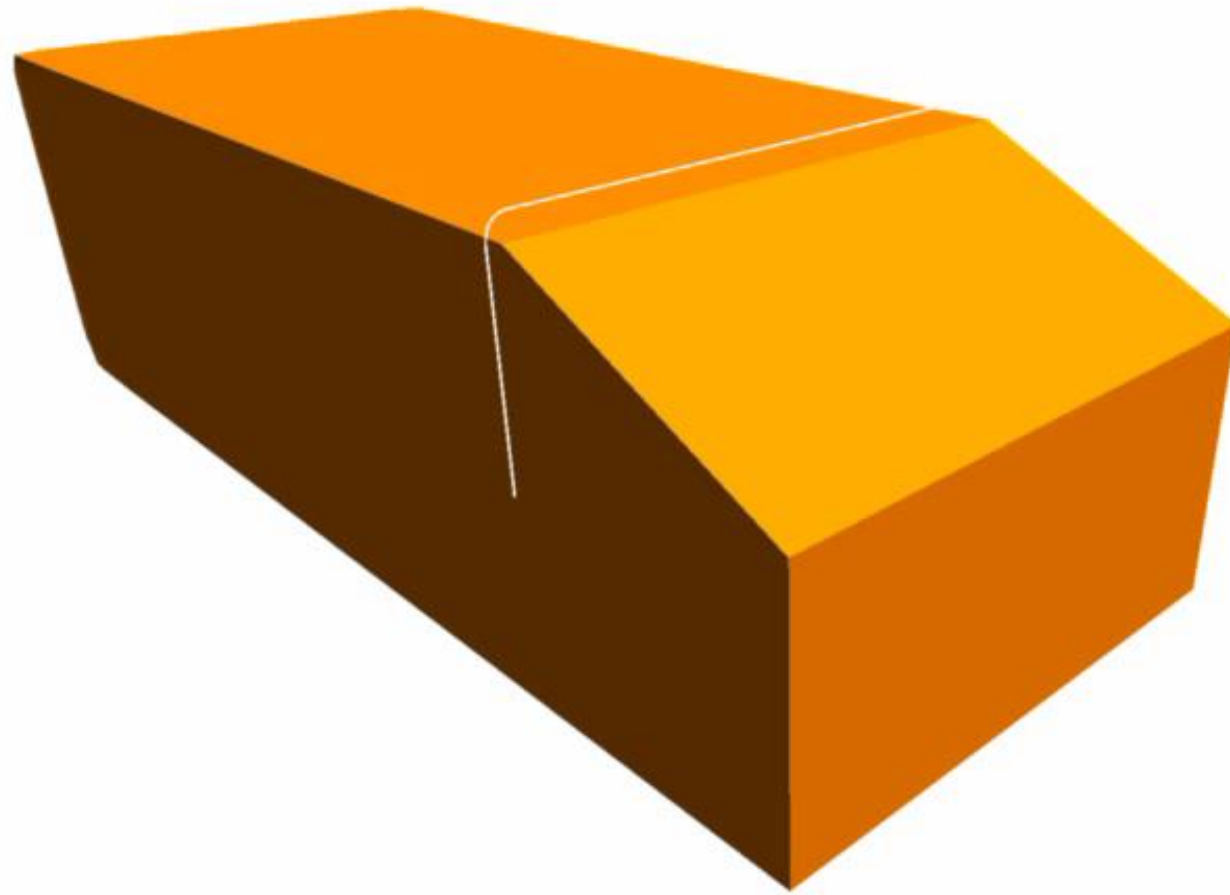
streak surface behind Ahmed body  
rendered with smoke appearance

von Funck, Weinkauff, Theisel, Seidel  
*Smoke Surfaces: An Interactive Flow Visualization Technique Inspired by Real-World Flow Experiments*  
IEEE Vis 2008

data from Erik Wassen, TU Berlin

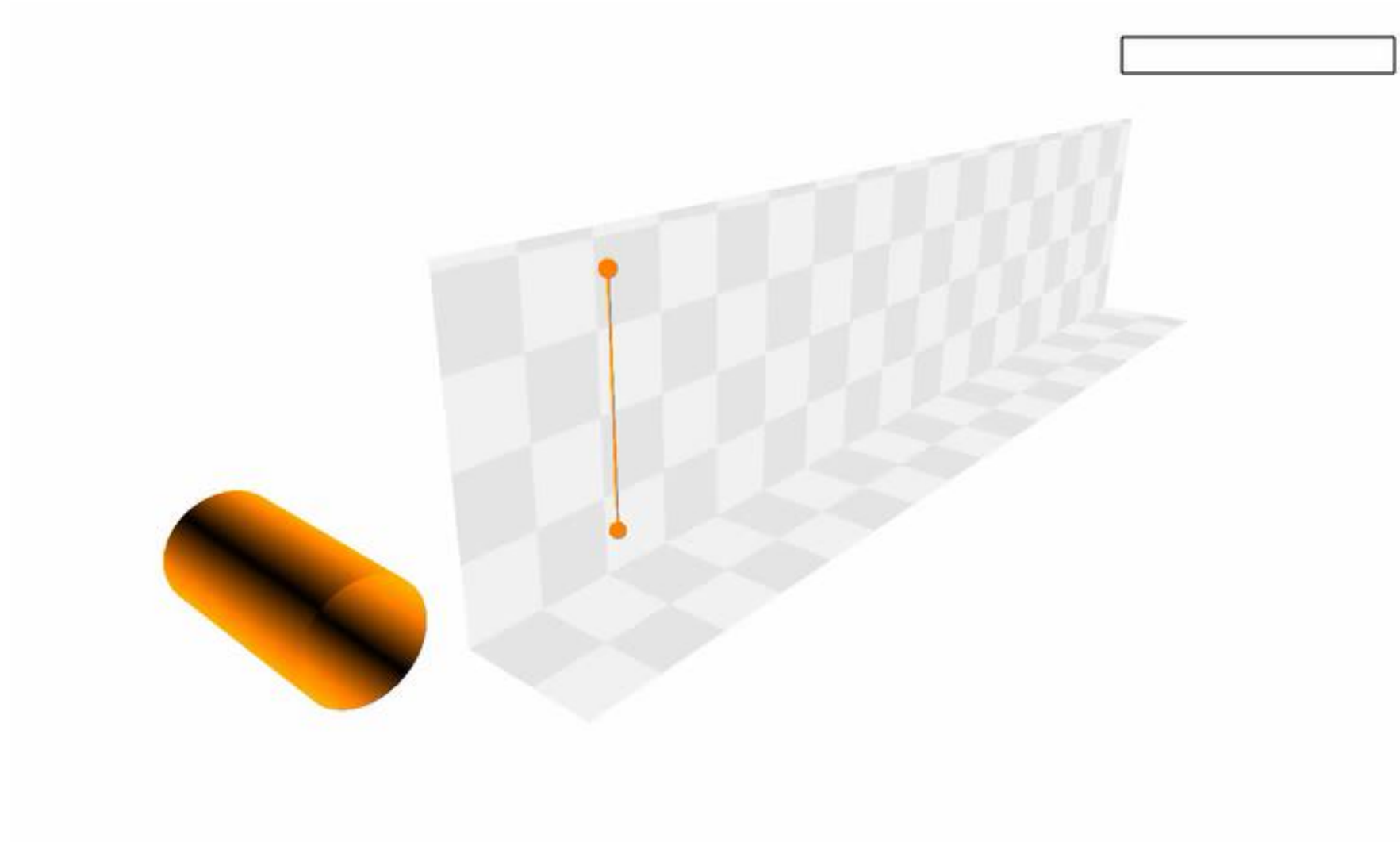


# Streak Surface around Ahmed Body





# Interactive Seeding and Streak/Time Surfaces behind Cylinder



# IRIS: Illustrative Rendering of Integral Surfaces

Mathias Hummel, Christoph Garth,  
Hans Hagen, Bernd Hamann, Kenneth I. Joy



# Summary

- Integration in unsteady vector fields
  - autonomous ODE
- Characteristic Curves
  - stream lines
  - path lines
  - streak lines
  - time lines
- Integral Surfaces
  - adaptive resolution
  - rendering