

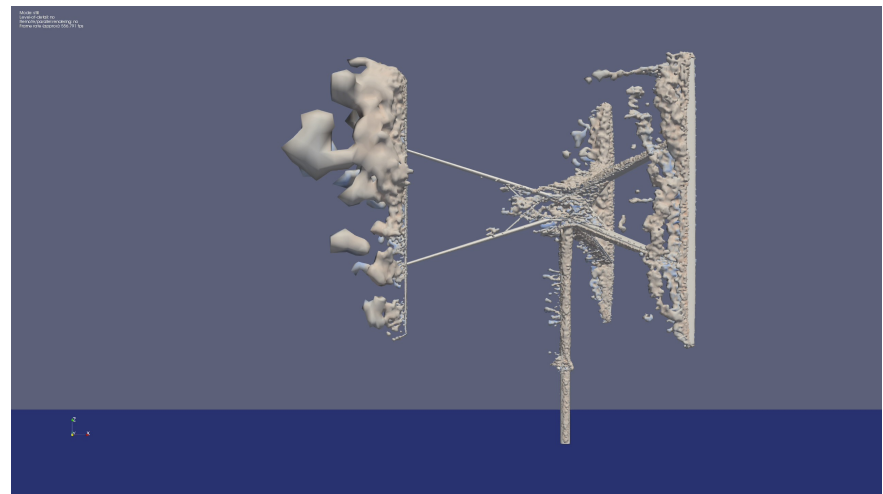
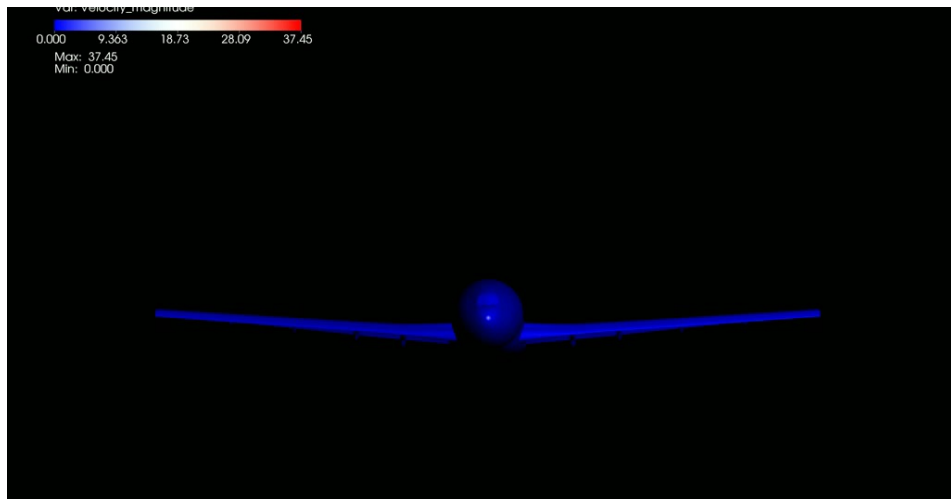
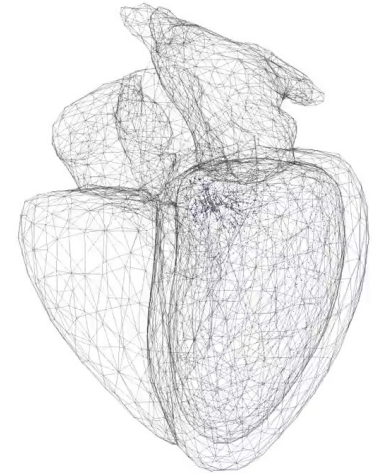
DD2365/2022 – lecture 1

Introduction

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Who am I?

- Professor of numerical analysis
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This course

Theory and labs (weeks 1-5)

- Mathematical model of fluid flow: Navier-Stokes equations
- Numerical approximation of Navier-Stokes equations
- Computer simulation of fluid flow

Project work (weeks 6-11)

- Research question
- Simulation experiments
- Analysis and conclusion

This course

Computer simulation of fluid flow

- Mathematical model: Navier-Stokes equations
- Numerical approximation: Finite Element Method (FEM)
- Computational platform: FEniCS Jupyter notebooks & Google Colab
- Course (open) GitHub repository:

https://github.com/johanhoffman/DD2365_VT22

This course

Labs

1. Stokes equations (viscous flow)
2. Navier-Stokes equations
3. Adaptive finite element methods
4. Fluid-structure interaction

Today

- Vector calculus
- Function spaces
- Conservation laws
- Finite element method

[Lecture notes, chapters 1-3]

Function spaces: continuous functions

For $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^n$, we define the set of functions with k continuous derivatives,

$$C^k(\Omega) = \{\phi : D^\alpha \phi \in C(\Omega), |\alpha| \leq k\},$$

with $C(\Omega) = C^0(\Omega)$ and $C^\infty(\Omega) = \bigcap_{k=0}^{\infty} C^k(\Omega)$. The subset $C_0^k(\Omega)$ consists of the functions $\phi \in C^k(\Omega)$ that have *compact support* in Ω , that is, the support

$$\text{supp}(\phi) = \{x \in \Omega : \phi(x) \neq 0\},$$

is closed and bounded.

$D_j = \partial/\partial x_j$ is the differential operator of partial differentiation.

Differential operators in \mathbb{R}^n

The *gradient* of a scalar function $f \in C^1(\Omega)$ is denoted by

$$\text{grad } f = \nabla f = (D_1 f, \dots, D_n f)^T,$$

or in index notation $D_i f$, with the *nabla* operator

$$\nabla = (D_1, \dots, D_n)^T.$$

Further, the *directional derivative* $\nabla_v f$, of f in the direction of the vector field $v : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$, is defined as

$$\nabla_v f = (v \cdot \nabla) f = v_j D_j f.$$

Differential operators in \mathbb{R}^n

For the $C^1(\Omega)$ vector field $F : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$, we define the *Jacobian* J ,

$$J = F' = \nabla F = \begin{bmatrix} D_1 F_1 & \cdots & D_n F_1 \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ D_1 F_m & \cdots & D_n F_m \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} (\nabla F_1)^T \\ \vdots \\ (\nabla F_m)^T \end{bmatrix} = D_j F_i,$$

with directional derivative

$$\nabla_v F = (v \cdot \nabla) F = Jv = v_j D_j F_i.$$

Differential operators in \mathbb{R}^n

For a scalar function $f \in C^2(\mathbb{R}^n)$, we define the *Laplacian*

$$\Delta f = \nabla^2 f = \nabla^T \nabla f = \nabla \cdot \nabla f = D_1^2 f + \dots + D_n^2 f = D_i^2 f,$$

The *vector Laplacian* of a $C^2(\Omega)$ vector field $F : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$, is defined as

$$\Delta F = \nabla^2 F = (\Delta F_1, \dots, \Delta F_n)^T,$$

Gauss theorem

For a $C^1(\Omega)$ vector field $F : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$, we define the *divergence*

$$\operatorname{div} F = \nabla \cdot F = D_1 F_1 + \dots + D_n F_n = \frac{\partial F_i}{\partial x_i},$$

The divergence can be interpreted in terms of *Gauss theorem*, which states that the volume integral of the divergence of F in $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^n$, is equal to a surface integral over $\partial\Omega$ of F projected in the direction of the unit outward normal n of $\partial\Omega$,

$$\int_{\Omega} \nabla \cdot F \, dx = \int_{\partial\Omega} F \cdot n \, ds,$$

with the surface integral defined by a suitable parameterization of $\partial\Omega$.

Function spaces: integrable functions

For $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ an open set and p a positive real number, we denote by $L^p(\Omega)$ the class of all Lebesgue measurable functions u defined on Ω , such that

$$\int_{\Omega} |u(x)|^p dx < \infty,$$

where we identify functions that are equal almost everywhere in Ω .

$L^p(\Omega)$ is a Banach space for $1 \leq p < \infty$, with the norm

$$\|u\|_{L^p(\Omega)} = \left(\int_{\Omega} |u(x)|^p dx \right)^{1/p}.$$

In the case of a vector valued function $u : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$, we replace the integrand in the definitions by the l^p norm, and for a matrix function $u : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{m \times k}$, a generalized Frobenius norm

$$\sum_i^m \sum_j^k |u_{ij}(x)|^p.$$

Function spaces: integrable functions

Theorem 3 (Hölder's inequality for $L^p(\Omega)$). *Let $1 \leq p, q \leq \infty$ and $1/p + 1/q = 1$. If $f \in L^p(\Omega)$ and $g \in L^q(\Omega)$ then $fg \in L^1(\Omega)$, and*

$$\|fg\|_1 \leq \|f\|_p \|g\|_q.$$

$L^2(\Omega)$ is a Hilbert space with the inner product

$$(u, v) = (u, v)_{L^2(\Omega)} = \int_{\Omega} u(x)v(x) \, dx, \quad (2.1)$$

which induces the $L^2(\Omega)$ norm. For vector valued functions the integrand is replaced by the l_2 inner product, and for matrix functions by the Frobenius inner product. In what follows, we let $\|\cdot\| = \|\cdot\|_{L^2(\Omega)}$.

Function spaces: Sobolev spaces

To construct appropriate vector spaces for partial differential equations, we extend the L^p spaces with derivatives. We first define the *Sobolev norms*,

$$\|u\|_{k,p} = \left(\sum_{0 \leq |\alpha| \leq k} \|D^\alpha u\|_{L^p(\Omega)}^p \right)^{1/p},$$

for $1 \leq p < \infty$, and

$$\|u\|_{k,\infty} = \max_{0 \leq |\alpha| \leq k} \|D^\alpha u\|_{L^\infty(\Omega)},$$

where $D^\alpha u$ refers to weak derivatives. Equipped with the Sobolev norms, we then define the *Sobolev spaces*,

$$W^{k,p}(\Omega) = \{u \in L^p(\Omega) : D^\alpha u \in L^p(\Omega), 0 \leq |\alpha| \leq k\},$$

for each positive integer k and $1 \leq p \leq \infty$, with $W^{0,p}(\Omega) = L^p(\Omega)$.

Function spaces: Sobolev spaces

The Sobolev spaces $H^k(\Omega) = W^{k,2}(\Omega)$ and $H_0^k(\Omega) = W_0^{k,2}(\Omega)$ are Hilbert spaces with the inner product and associated norm

$$(u, v)_k = \sum_{0 \leq \alpha \leq k} (D^\alpha u, D^\alpha v), \quad \|u\|_k = (u, u)_k^{1/2},$$

for which Cauchy-Schwarz inequality is satisfied,

$$|(u, v)_k| \leq \|u\|_k \|v\|_k.$$

We denote by $H^{-k}(\Omega)$ the dual space of $H_0^k(\Omega)$, with the norm

$$\|u\|_{-k} = \sup_{v \in H_0^k(\Omega)} \frac{|(u, v)|}{\|v\|_k} = \sup_{v \in H_0^k(\Omega): \|v\|_k=1} |(u, v)|,$$

satisfying a generalized Hölder inequality for $u \in H^{-k}(\Omega)$ and $v \in H_0^k(\Omega)$,

$$|(u, v)| \leq \|u\|_{-k} \|v\|_k.$$

Partial integration/Green's theorem

For a scalar function $f : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, and a vector function $F : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$, we have the following generalization of partial integration over a domain $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^n$, referred to as *Green's theorem*,

$$(\nabla f, F) = -(f, \nabla \cdot F) + \langle f, F \cdot n \rangle,$$

with n the unit outward normal vector for the boundary $\partial\Omega$, and where we use the notation

$$\langle v, w \rangle = (v, w)_{L^2(\partial\Omega)} \quad (2.2)$$

for the boundary integral. With $F = \nabla g$ and $g : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ a scalar function,

$$(\nabla f, \nabla g) = -(f, \Delta g) + \langle f, \nabla g \cdot n \rangle.$$

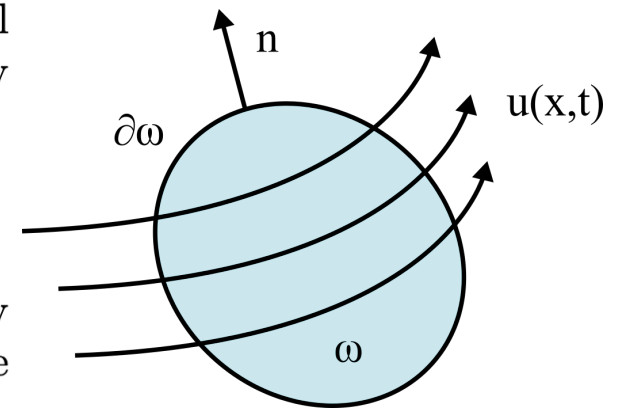
Conservation laws

Consider an arbitrary open subdomain $\omega \subset \mathbb{R}^n$. For a time $t > 0$, the total flow of a quantity with density $\phi(x, t)$ through the boundary $\partial\omega$ is given by

$$\int_{\partial\omega} \phi u \cdot n \, ds,$$

where n is the outward unit normal of $\partial\omega$, and $u = u(x, t)$ is the velocity of the flow. The change of the total quantity ϕ in ω is equal to the volume source or sink $s = s(x, t)$, minus the total flow of the quantity through the boundary $\partial\omega$,

$$\frac{d}{dt} \int_{\omega} \phi(x, t) \, dx = - \int_{\partial\omega} \phi u \cdot n \, ds + \int_{\omega} s(x, t) \, dx$$



Conservation laws

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Gauss' theorem,

$$\int_{\omega} \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \phi(x, t) + \nabla \cdot (\phi u) - s \right) dx = 0,$$

and assuming the integrand is continuous in ω , we are lead to the general conservation equation

$$\dot{\phi} + \nabla \cdot (\phi u) - s = 0, \tag{5.1}$$

for $t > 0$ and $x \in \omega$, with $\omega \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ any open domain for which the equation is sufficiently regular.

Conservation of mass

Now consider the flow of a continuum with $\rho = \rho(x, t)$ the mass density of the continuum. The general continuity equation (5.1) with $\phi = \rho$ and zero source $s = 0$, gives the equation for conservation of mass

$$\dot{\rho} + \nabla \cdot (\rho u) = 0.$$

We say that a flow is *incompressible* if

$$\nabla \cdot u = 0,$$

or equivalently, if the *material derivative* is zero,

$$\frac{D\rho}{Dt} = \dot{\rho} + u \cdot \nabla \rho = 0,$$

since

$$0 = \dot{\rho} + \nabla \cdot (\rho u) = \frac{D\rho}{Dt} + \rho \nabla \cdot u.$$

Conservation of momentum

Newton's 2nd Law states that the change of *momentum* ρu over an arbitrary open subdomain $\omega \subset \mathbb{R}^n$, is equal to the sum of all forces, including *volume forces*,

$$\int_{\omega} \rho f \, dx,$$

for a force density $f = f(x, t) = (f_1(x, t), \dots, f_n(x, t))$, and *surface forces*,

$$\int_{\partial\omega} n \cdot \sigma \, ds,$$

with the *Cauchy stress tensor* $\sigma = \sigma(x, t) = (\sigma_{ij}(x, t))$, and where we define $n \cdot \sigma = n^T \sigma = (\sigma_{ji} n_j)$. Gauss' theorem gives the total force as

$$\int_{\omega} \rho f \, dx + \int_{\partial\omega} n \cdot \sigma \, ds = \int_{\omega} (\rho f + \nabla \cdot \sigma) \, dx.$$

Conservation of momentum

The general continuity equation with $\phi = \rho u$, and the source given by the sum of all forces, leads to the equation for conservation of momentum

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t}(\rho u) + \nabla \cdot (\rho u \otimes u) = \rho f + \nabla \cdot \sigma, \quad (5.2)$$

with $u \otimes u = uu^T$, the tensor product of the velocity vector field u . With the help of conservation of mass, we can rewrite the left hand side as

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t}(\rho u) + \nabla \cdot (\rho u \otimes u) = u(\dot{\rho} + \nabla \cdot (\rho u)) + \rho(\dot{u} + (u \cdot \nabla)u) = \rho(\dot{u} + (u \cdot \nabla)u),$$

so that

$$\rho(\dot{u} + (u \cdot \nabla)u) = \rho f + \nabla \cdot \sigma. \quad (5.3)$$

We say that (5.2) is an equation on *conservation form*, whereas (5.3) is on *non-conservation form*.

Conservation of momentum

We define the *mechanical pressure* as the mean normal stress,

$$p_{mech} = -\frac{1}{3} \text{tr}(\sigma) = -\frac{1}{3} I_1,$$

and the *deviatoric stress tensor* $\tau = \sigma + p_{mech}I$, with $\text{tr}(\tau) = 0$, such that

$$\sigma = -p_{mech}I + \tau,$$

and we can write conservation of momentum as

$$\rho(\dot{u} + (u \cdot \nabla)u) = \rho f - \nabla p_{mech} + \nabla \cdot \tau.$$

Newtonian flow

To determine the deviatoric stress we need a constitutive model of the fluid. For a Newtonian fluid, the deviatoric stress depends linearly on the *strain rate tensor*

$$\epsilon = \frac{1}{2}(\nabla u + (\nabla u)^T) = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{\partial u_i}{\partial x_j} + \frac{\partial u_j}{\partial x_i} \right),$$

with $\tau = 2\mu\epsilon$, where μ is the *dynamic viscosity*, which we here assume to be constant.

The *incompressible Navier-Stokes equations* then takes the form,

$$\dot{u} + (u \cdot \nabla)u + \nabla p - \nu \Delta u = f, \quad (5.4)$$

$$\nabla \cdot u = 0, \quad (5.5)$$

with the *kinematic viscosity* $\nu = \mu/\rho$, and the kinematic pressure $p = p_{mech}/\rho$.

Non-dimensionalization

$$u = Uu_*, \quad p = Pp_*, \quad x = Lx_*, \quad f = Ff_*, \quad t = Tt_*,$$

where U, P, L, T are characteristic scales of the velocity, pressure, force, length and time, respectively. The resulting non-dimensionalized differential operators are scaled as,

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} = \frac{1}{T} \frac{\partial}{\partial t_*}, \quad \nabla = \frac{1}{L} \nabla_*, \quad \Delta = \frac{1}{L^2} \Delta_*,$$

which gives

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{U}{T} \frac{\partial}{\partial t_*} u_* + \frac{U^2}{L} (u_* \cdot \nabla_*) u_* + \frac{P}{L} \nabla_* p_* - \frac{\nu U}{L^2} \Delta_* u_* &= F f_*, \\ \frac{U}{L} \nabla \cdot u_* &= 0, \end{aligned}$$

Non-dimensionalization

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{u} + (u \cdot \nabla)u + \nabla p - Re^{-1} \Delta u &= f, \\ \nabla \cdot u &= 0.\end{aligned}$$

Here we have dropped the non-dimensional notation for simplicity, with

$$T = L/U, \quad P = U^2, \quad F = \frac{U^2}{L}, \quad Re = \frac{UL}{\nu},$$

where the *Reynolds number* Re determines the balance between inertial and viscous characteristics in the flow. For low Re linear viscous effects dominate, whereas for high Re we have a flow dominated by nonlinear inertial effect, and turbulence for sufficiently high Reynolds numbers.

Limit cases: Euler and Stokes equations

Formally, in the limit $Re \rightarrow \infty$, the viscous term vanishes and we are left with the inviscid *Euler equations*,

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{u} + (u \cdot \nabla)u + \nabla p &= f, \\ \nabla \cdot u &= 0,\end{aligned}$$

traditionally seen as a model for flow at high Reynolds numbers. Alt

In the limit $Re \rightarrow 0$, we obtain the *Stokes equations* as a model of viscous flow, now with $P = \nu U/L$ and $F = \nu U/L^2$,

$$\begin{aligned}-\Delta u + \nabla p &= f, \\ \nabla \cdot u &= 0,\end{aligned}$$

Anatomy of fluid flow

- Density ρ
- Velocity u
- Pressure p
- Viscosity (dynamic viscosity μ , kinematic viscosity $\nu = \frac{\mu}{\rho}$)
- Gravity g
- Surface tension σ
- Speed of sound c
- ...

Anatomy of fluid flow

- Mach number $M = \frac{u}{c}$
- Reynolds number $\text{Re} = \frac{\rho UL}{\mu} = \frac{UL}{\nu}$
- ...

Compressibility – Shock waves

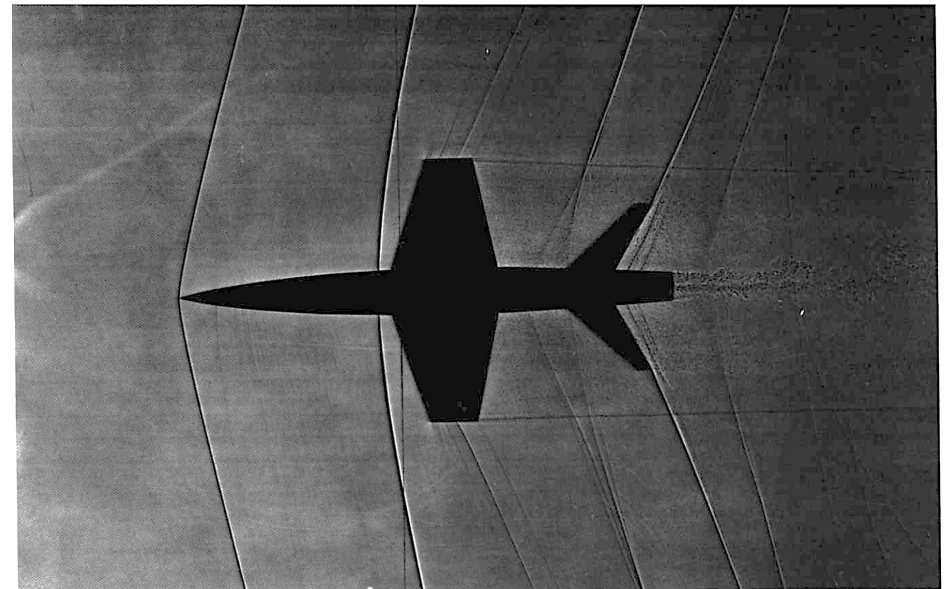
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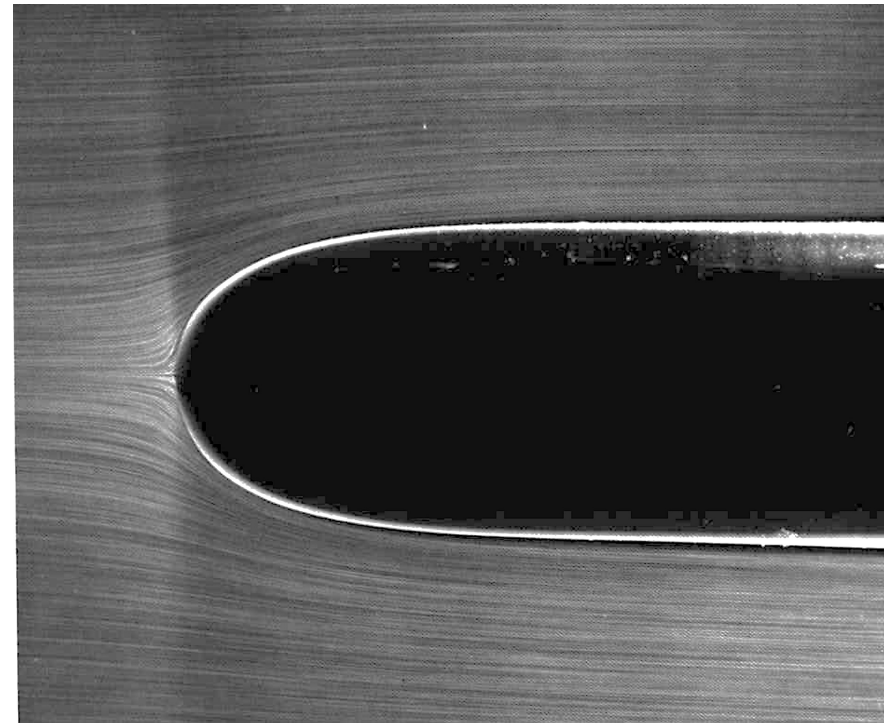
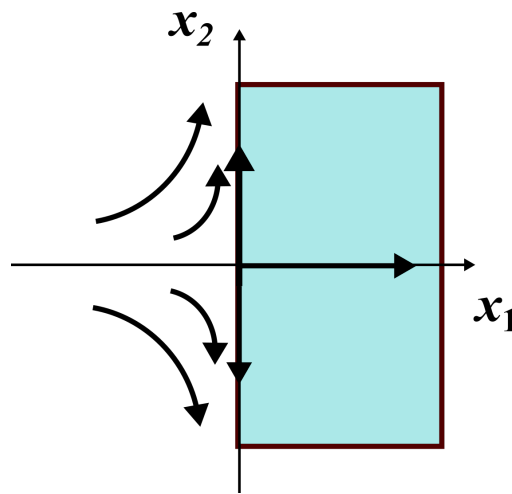
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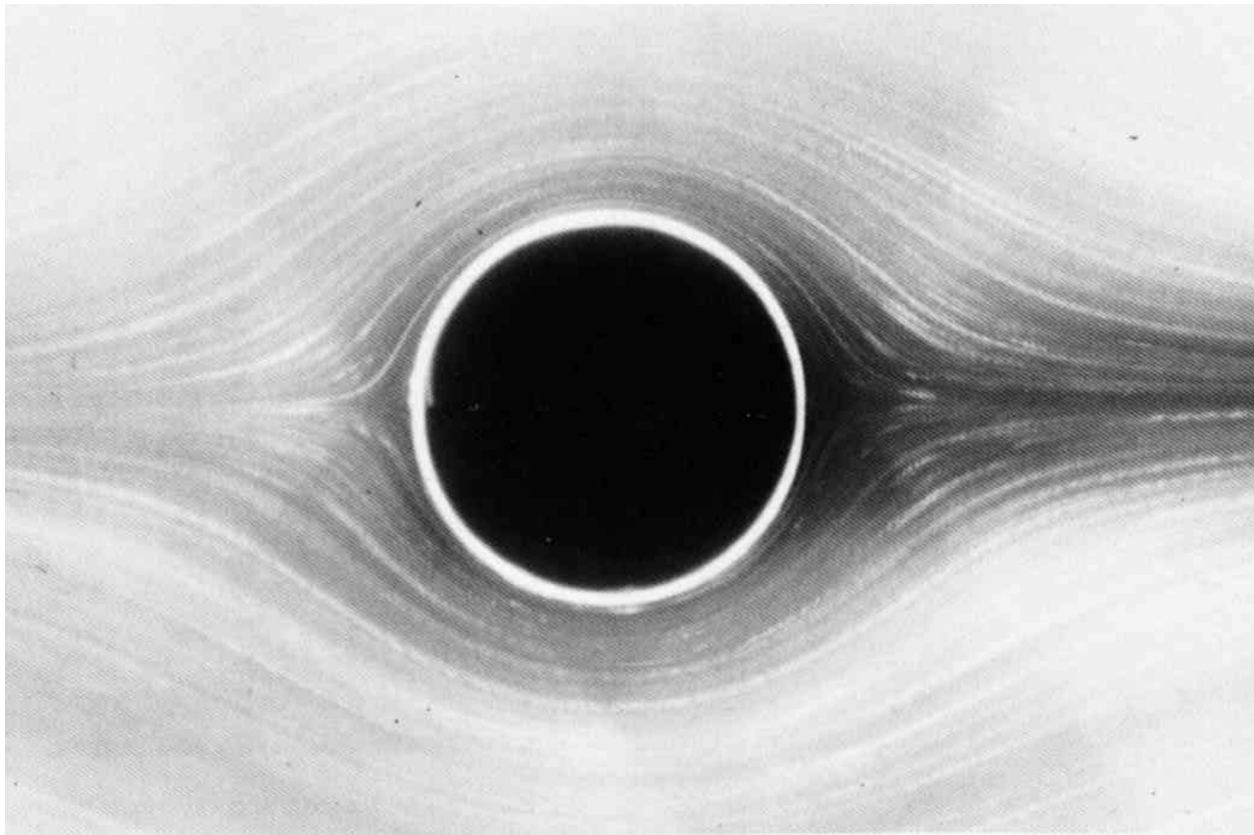
Incompressible flow

- Approximate small M by $M = 0$.
- Constant density
- Velocity divergence free: $\nabla \cdot u = 0$
- $\frac{\partial u_2}{\partial x_2} = -\frac{\partial u_1}{\partial x_1}$



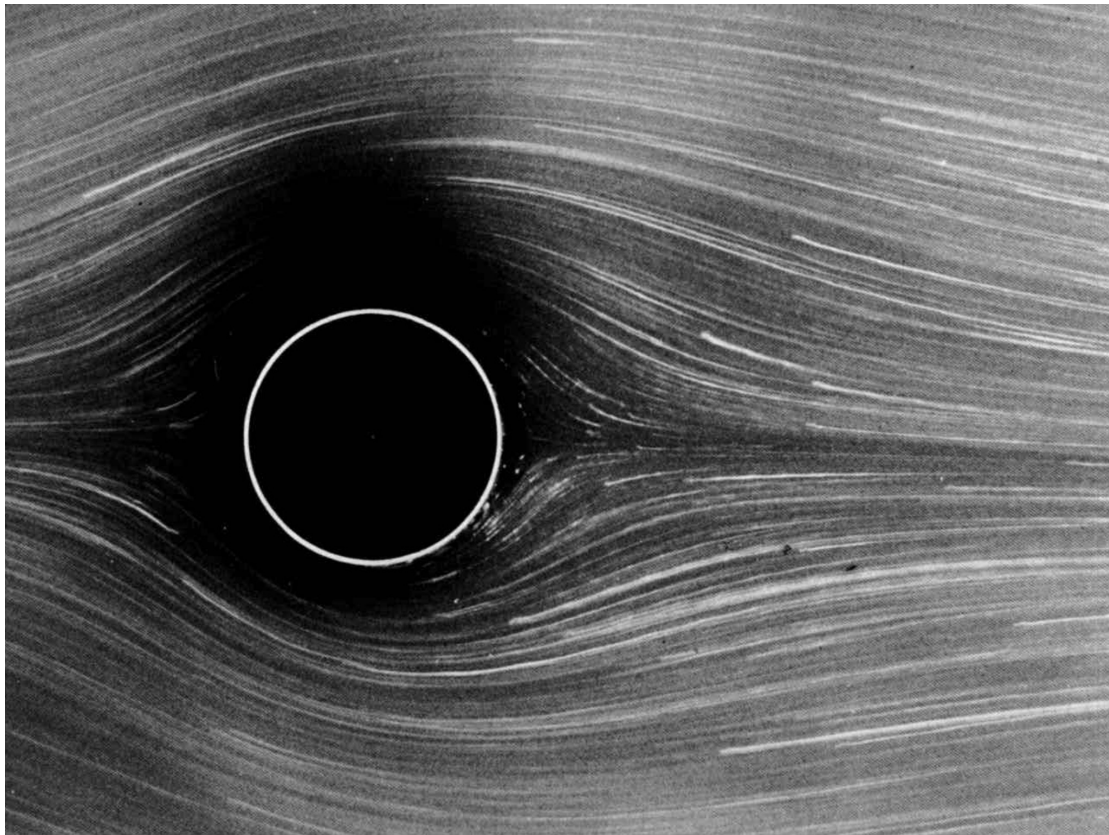
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Reynolds number $Re = 0.16$



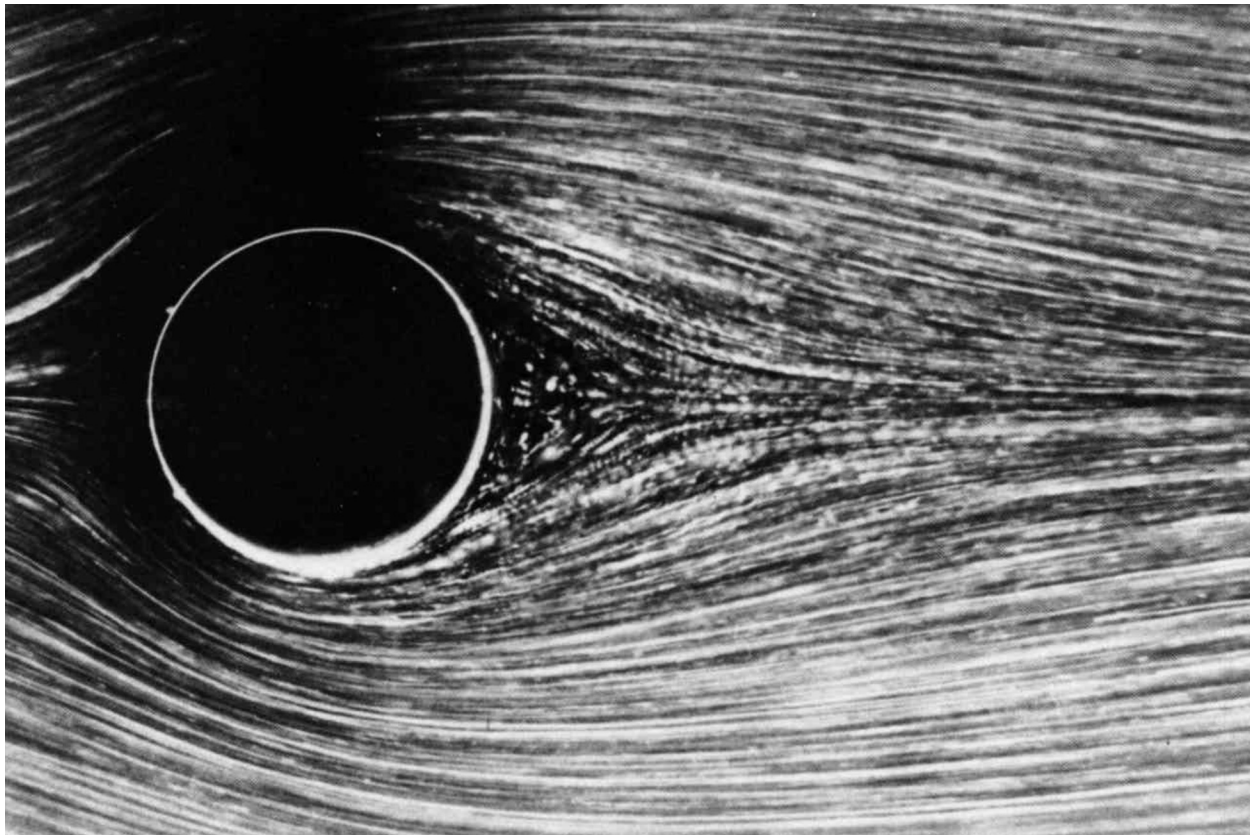
[Water and aluminum dust.]

Reynolds number $Re = 1.54$



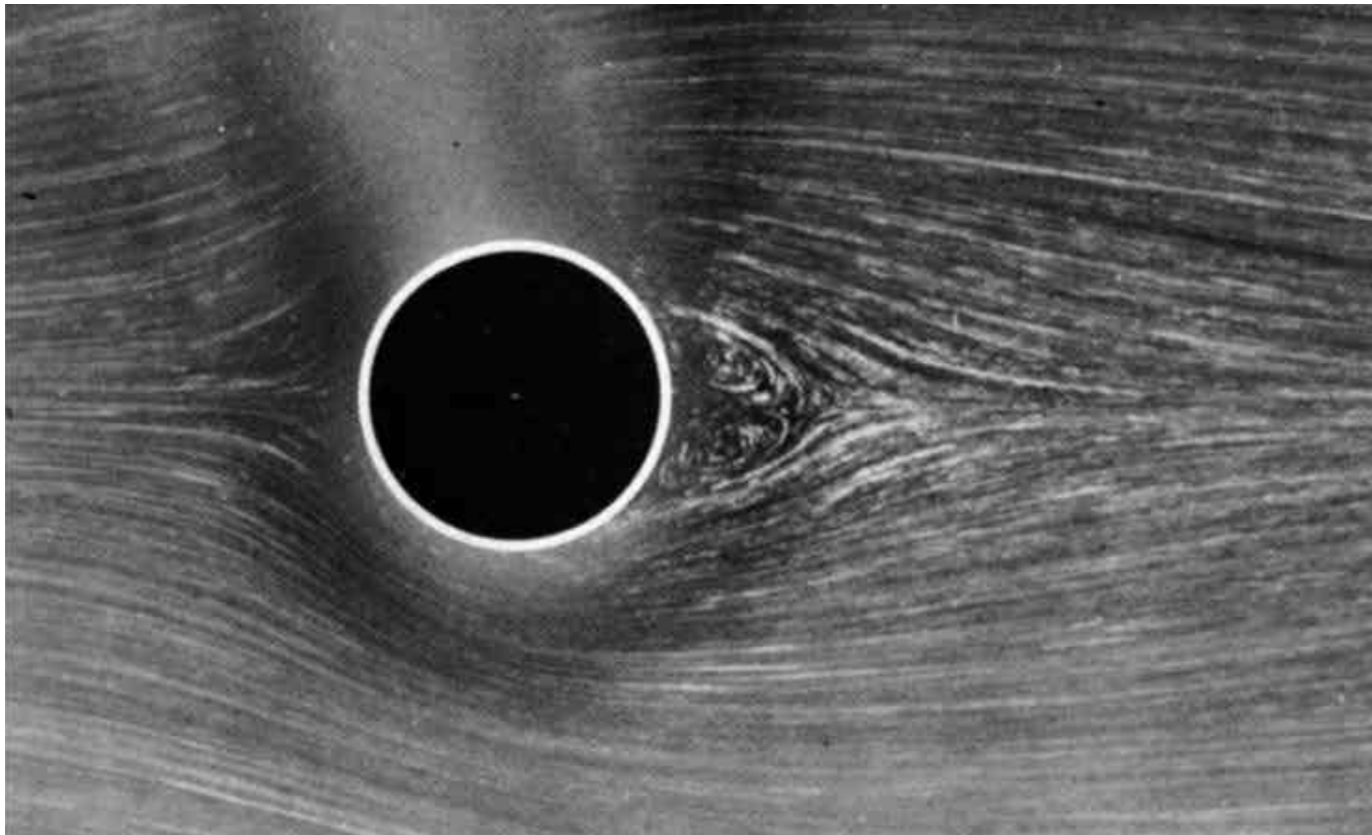
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Reynolds number $Re = 9.6$



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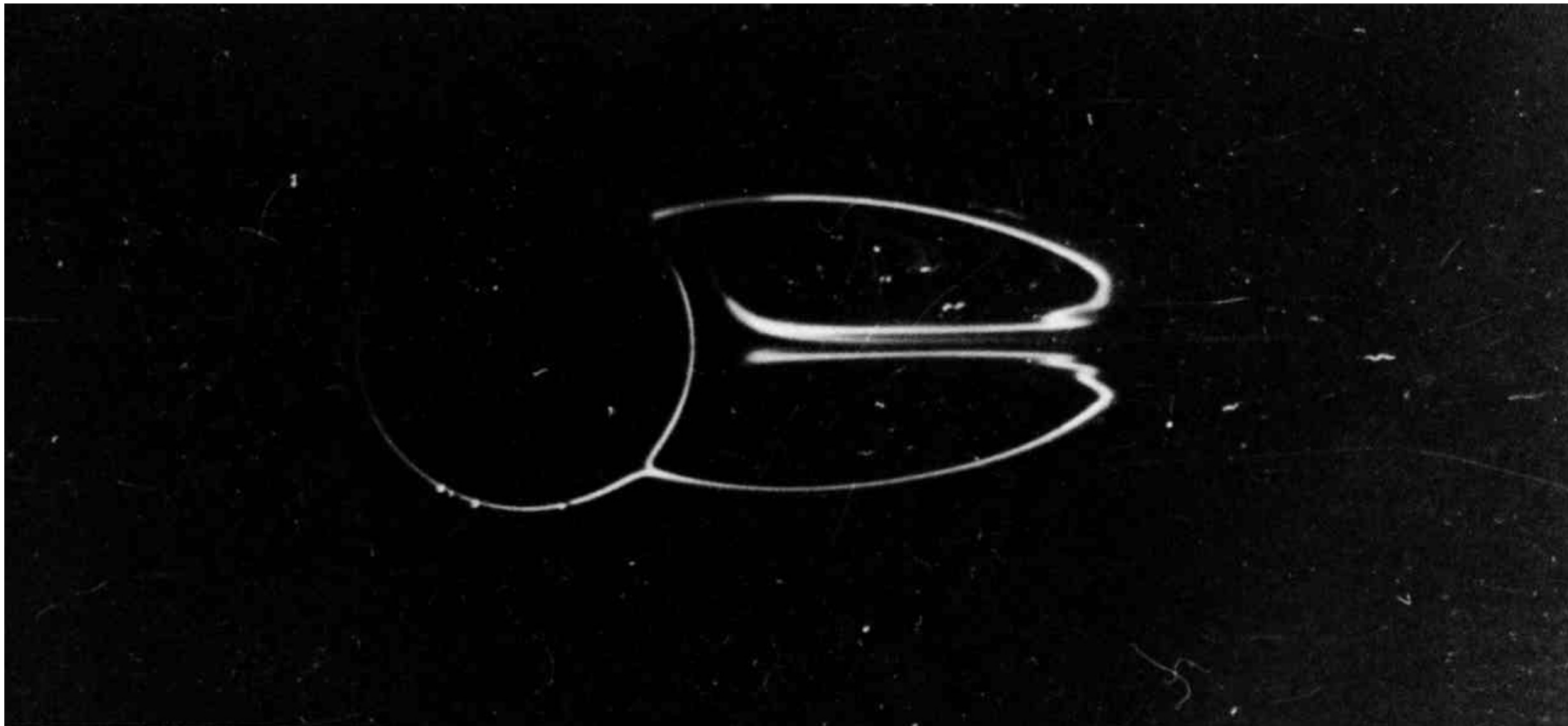
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Reynolds number $Re = 26$



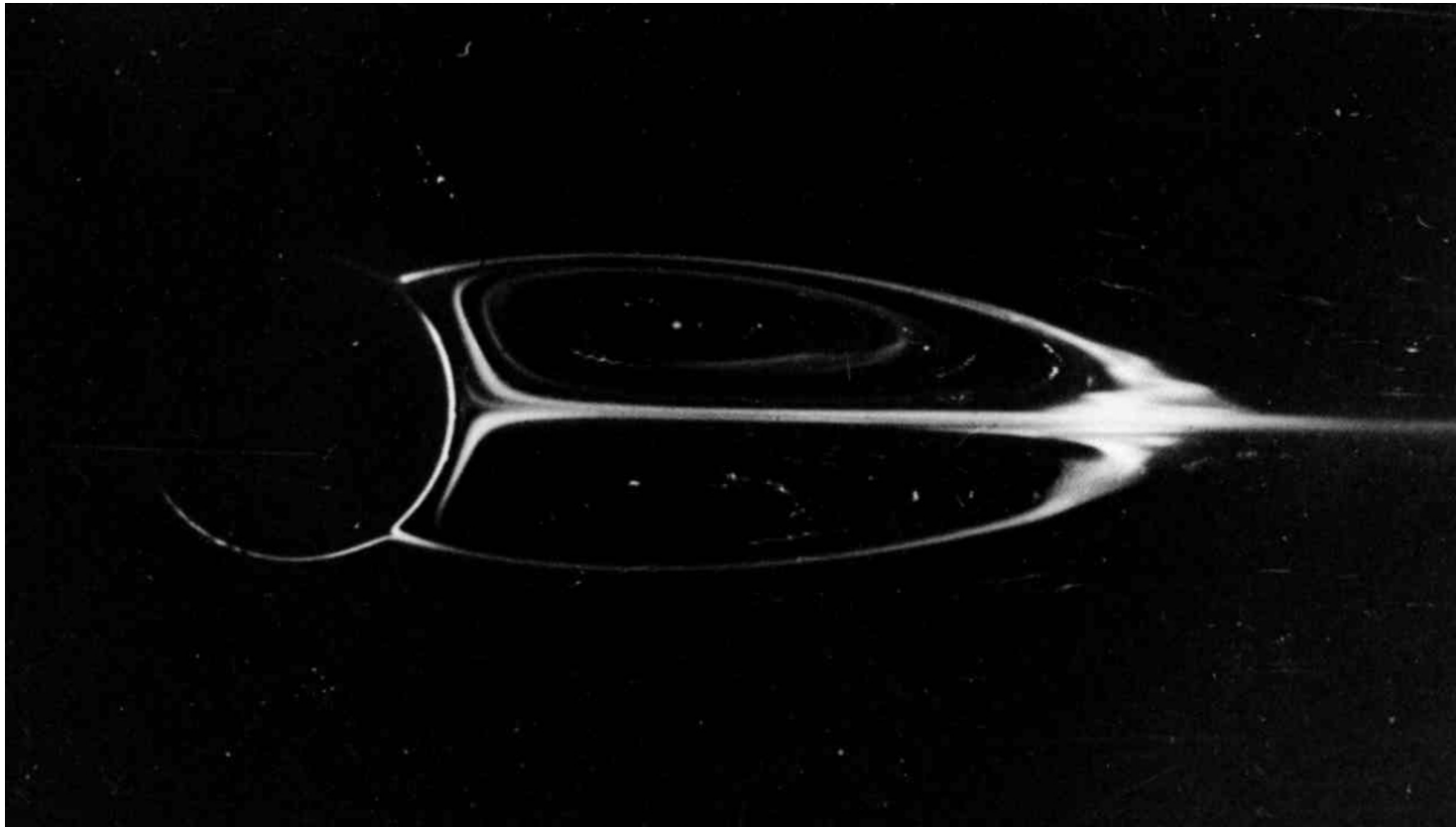
[Oil and magnesium.]

Reynolds number $Re = 28.4$



[Water and condensed milk.]

Reynolds number $Re = 41$



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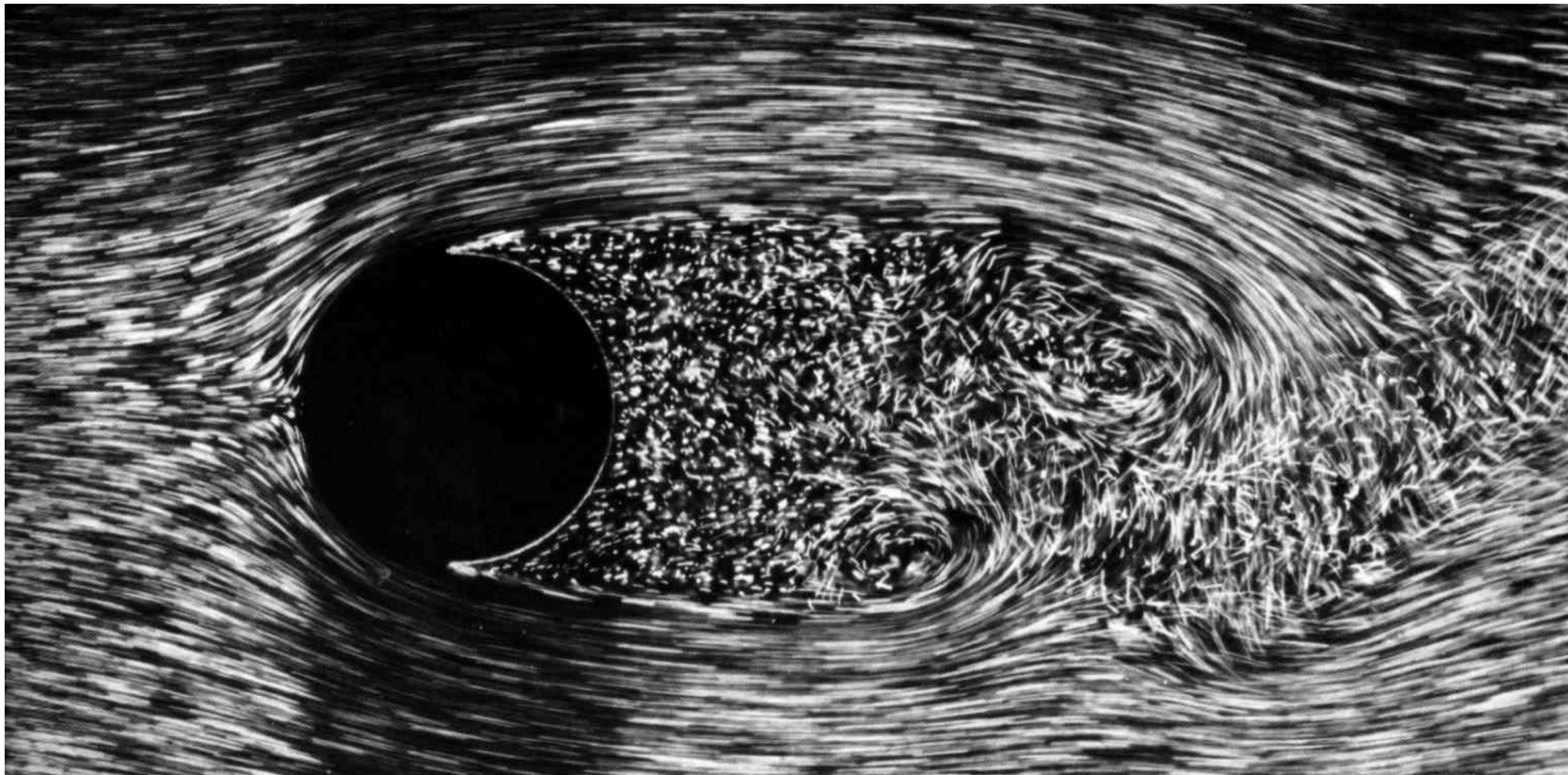
Reynolds number $Re = 300$

Karman vortex street



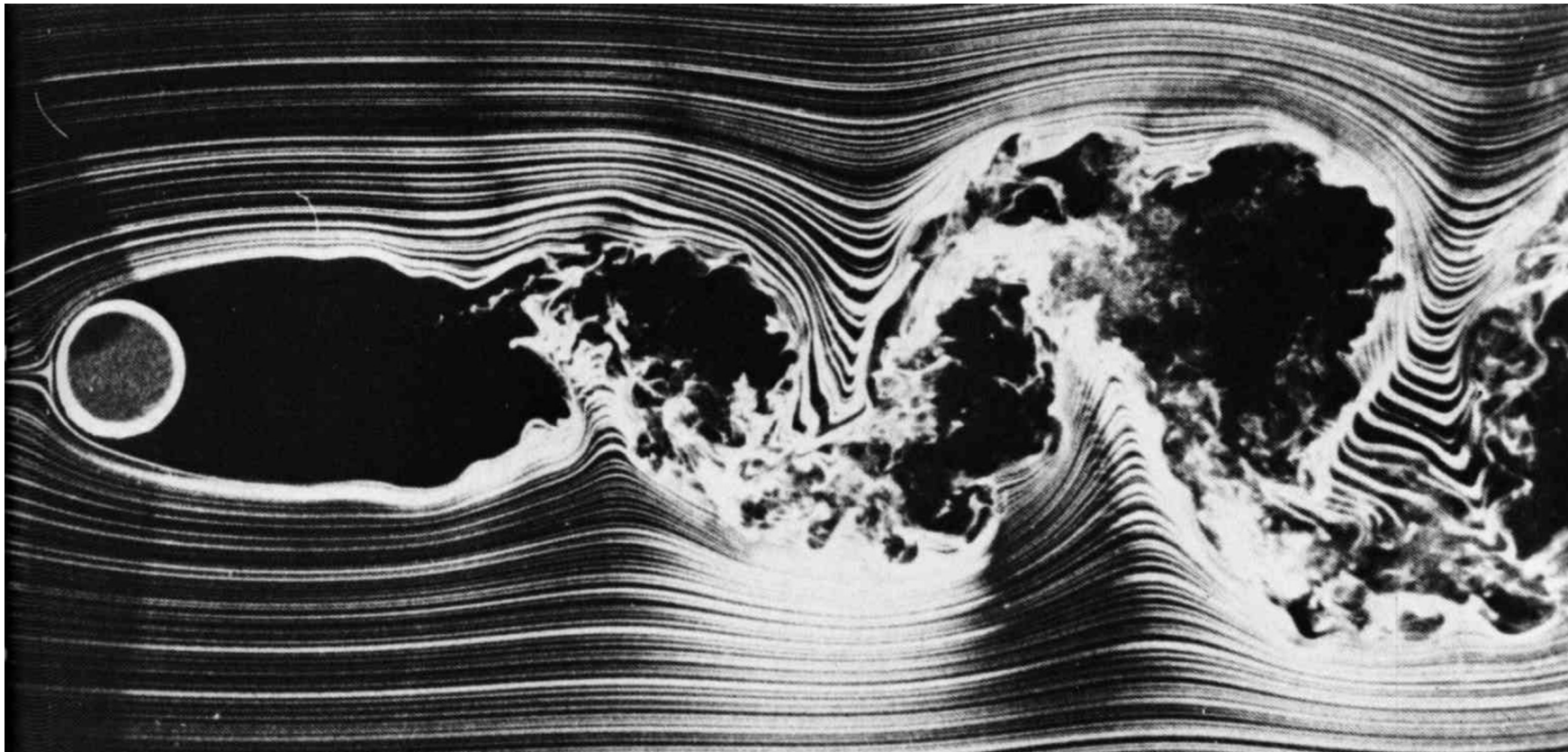
[Wind and smoke.]

Reynolds number $Re = 2000$



[Water and air bubbles.]

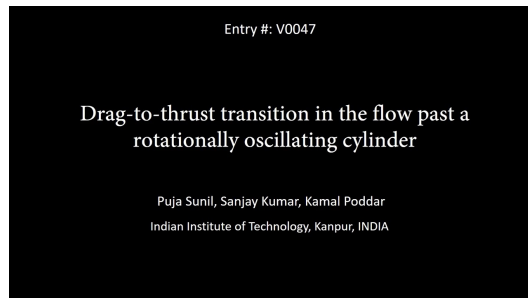
Reynolds number $Re = 10\,000$



[Water and air bubbles.]

Vortex shedding

- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9FRTj6_1J2k



- <https://gfm.aps.org/meetings/dfd-2020/5f5f0056199e4c091e67bd9e>

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Flow visualization: pathlines



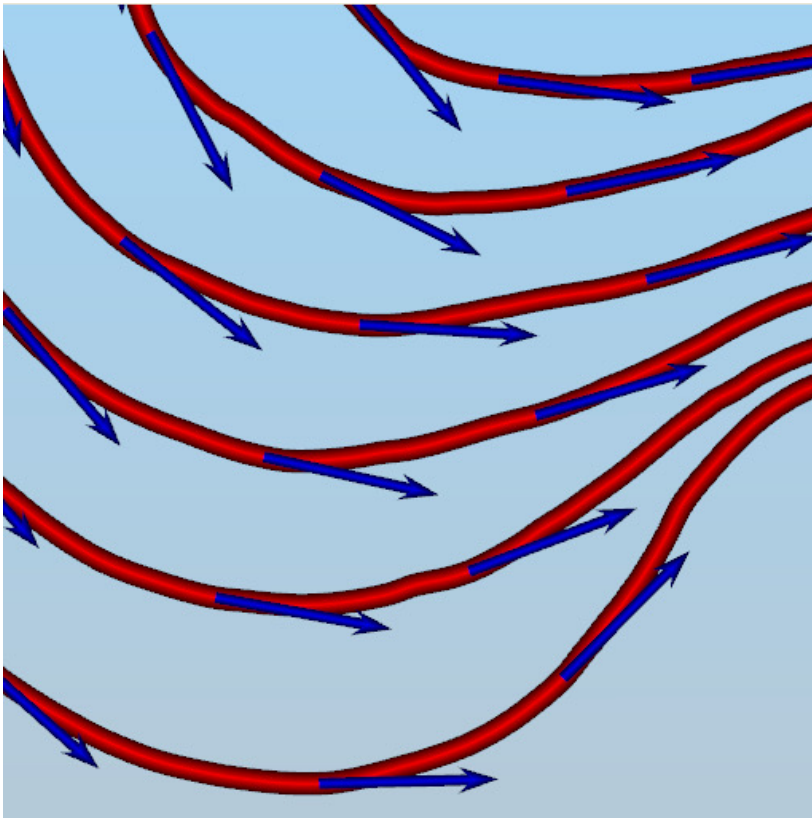
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Flow visualization: streaklines



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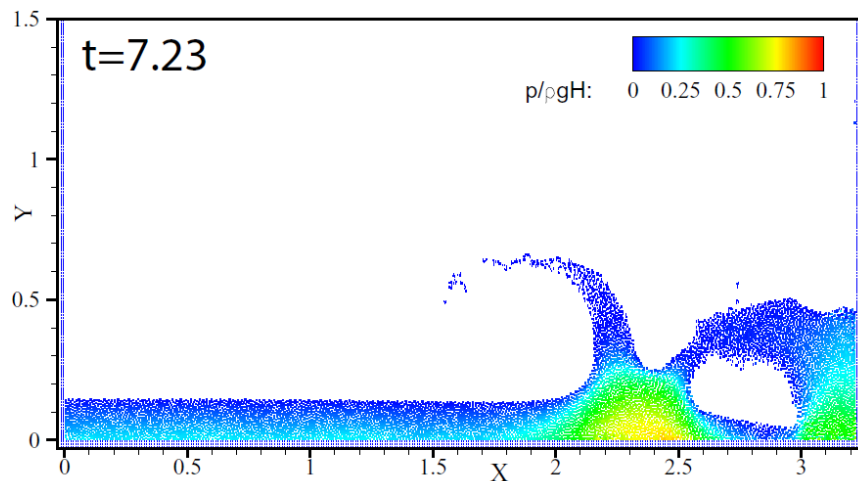
Flow visualization: streamlines



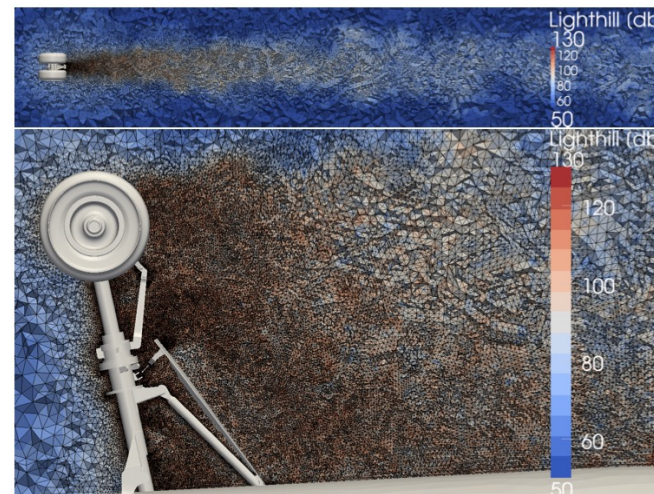
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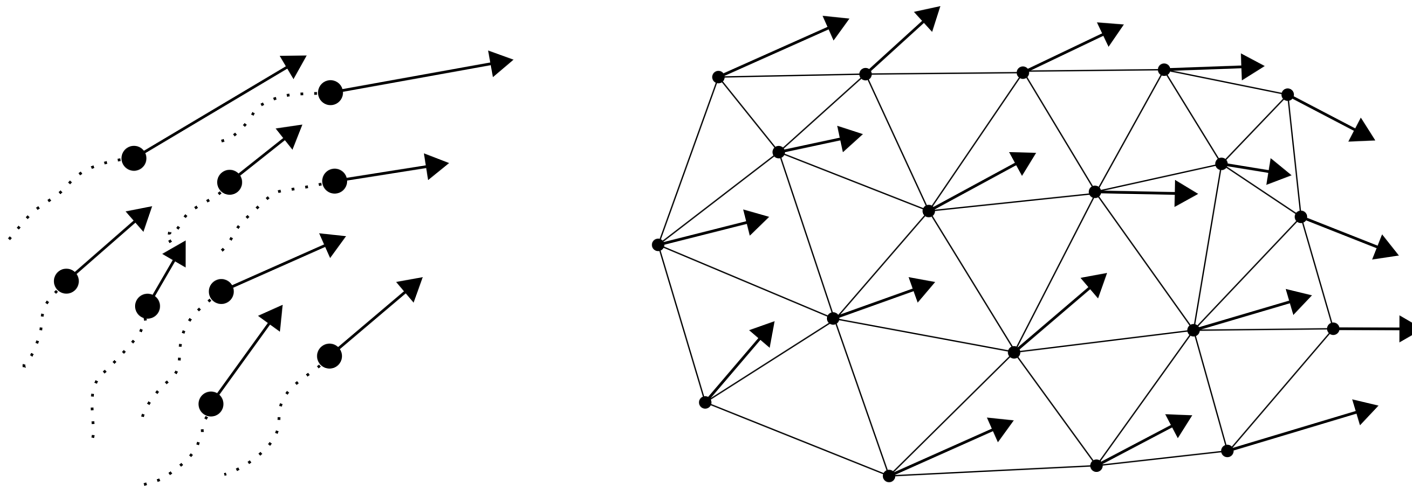


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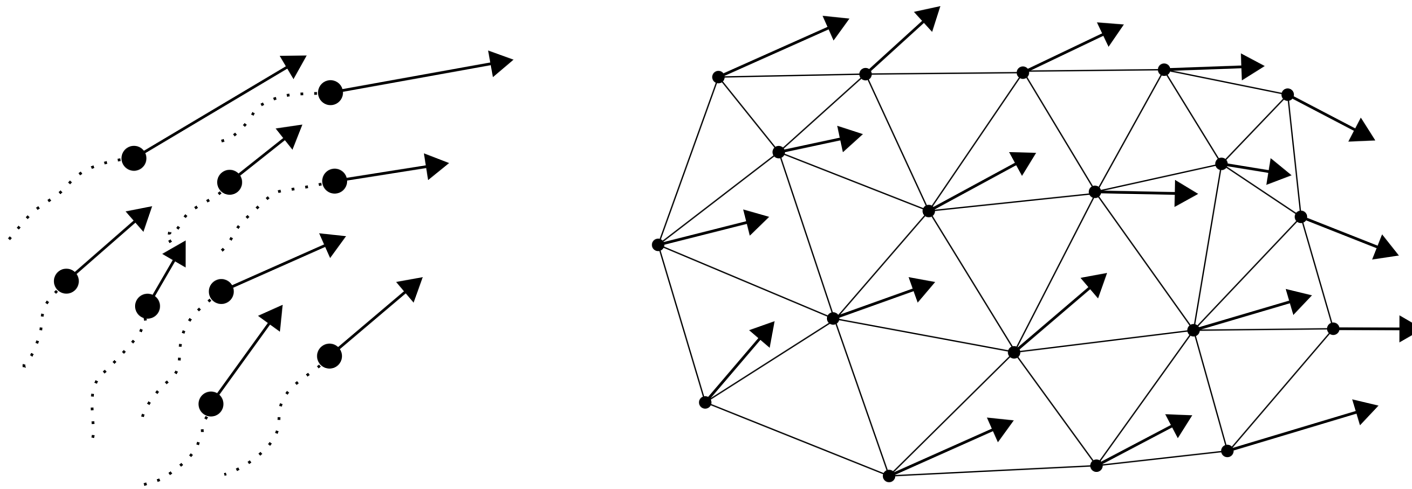
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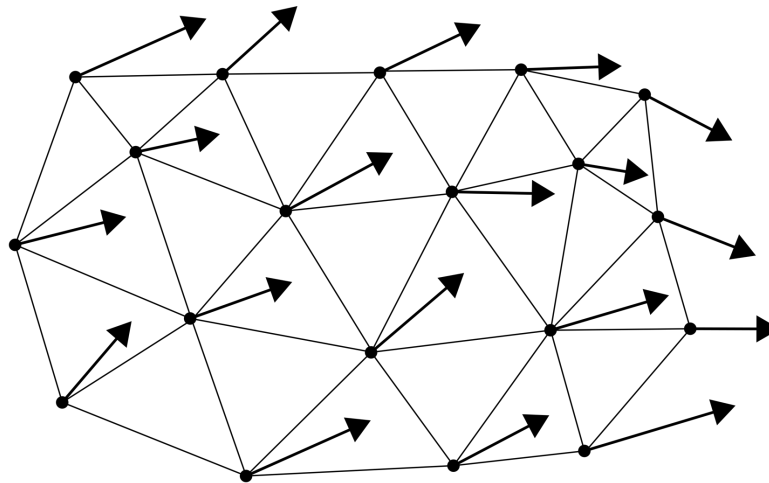
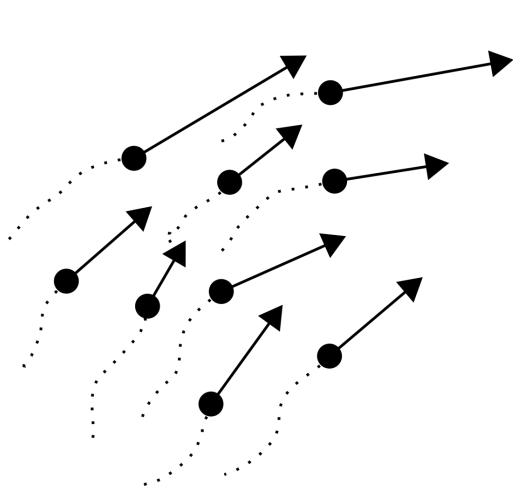
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- Eulerian representation: fixed position x , velocity $u(x, t)$



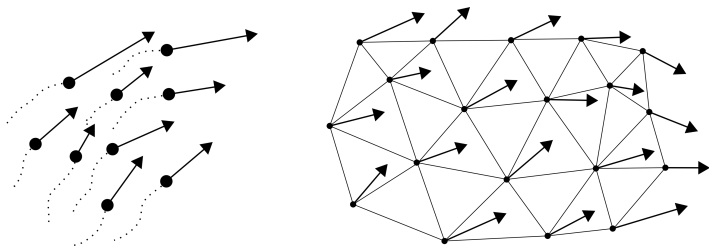
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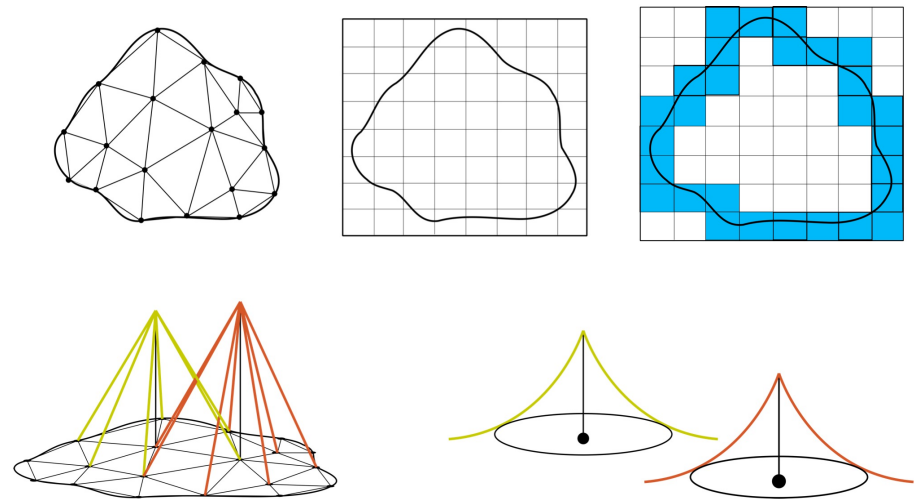
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- $u(X(t), t) = \frac{dX}{dt}$
- Material derivative: $\frac{Du}{Dt} = \left(\frac{dX}{dt} \cdot \nabla\right) u + \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} + (u \cdot \nabla)u$
- Acceleration along particle path



Discretization of DE: $R(u) = 0 \rightarrow Ax = b$

- Particle system - mesh-free radial basis function
- Structured grid - stencil
- Unstructured mesh - basis function

- Minimization $\min \| R(u) \|$
- Collocation $R(u(x_i)) = 0$, for all i
- Projection $(R(u), v) = 0$, for all v



Smooth particle hydrodynamics (SPH)

- Particle system $\{x_i\}$
- Kernel function W_h
- Smoothing length h

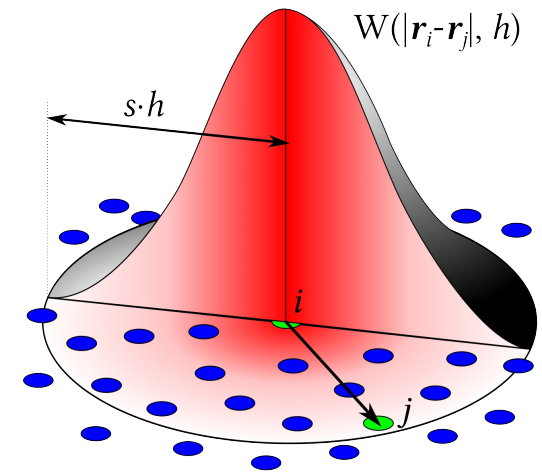
- Field representation $A(x) = \sum_i A_i W_h(\|x - x_i\|)$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} A(x) = \sum_i A_i \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} W_h(\|x - x_i\|)$$

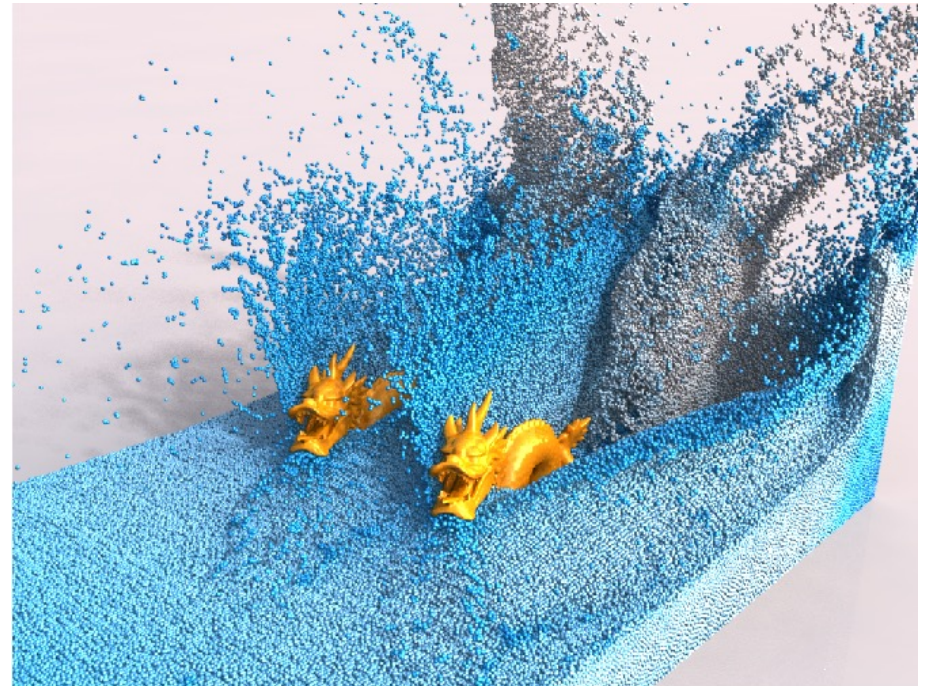
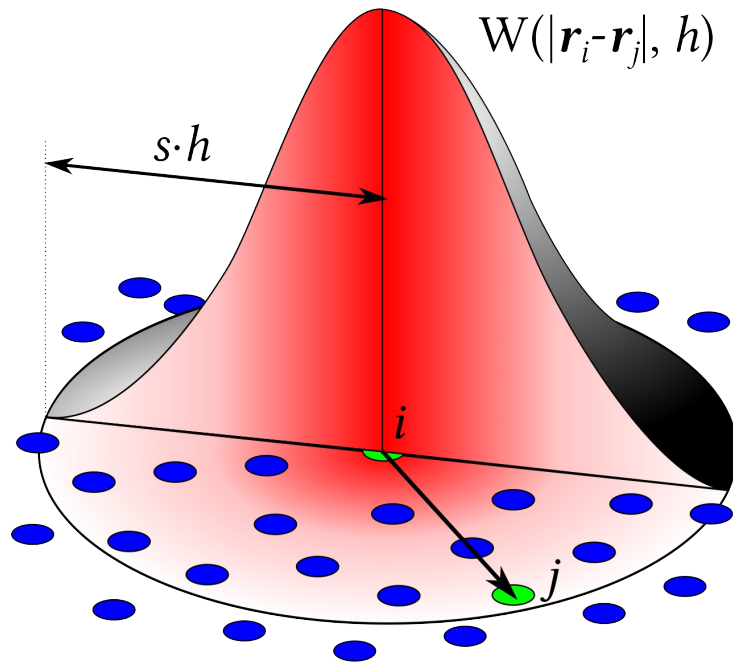
- Navier-Stokes equations
(partial differential equation)

$$\rho(\dot{u} + (u \cdot \nabla)u) + \nabla p - \nu \Delta u = \rho f$$

$$\nabla \cdot u = 0$$



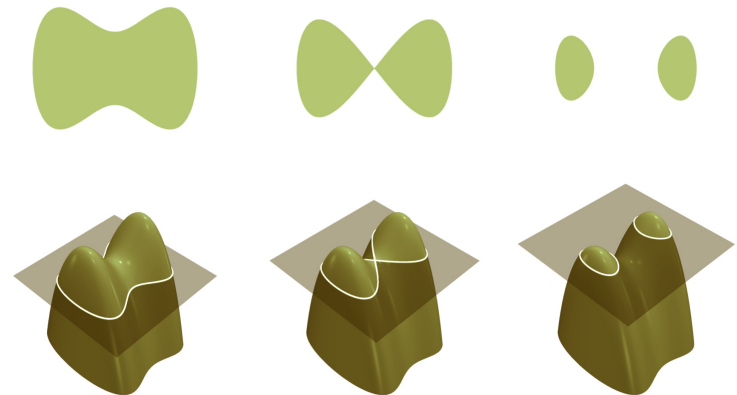
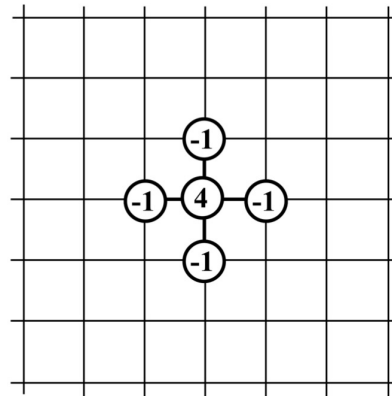
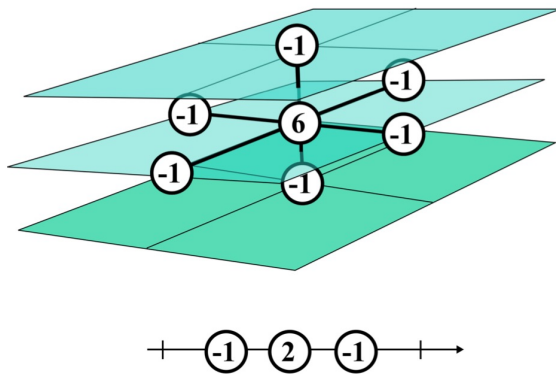
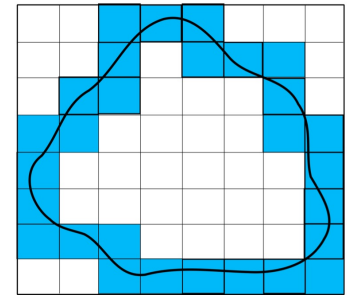
Smooth particle hydrodynamics (SPH)



[[Bender, Koschier, SIGGRAPH, 2015](#)]

Finite difference method

- Structured grid - stencil (e.g. finite difference method)
- Collocation $R(u(x_i)) = 0$, for all i
- Level set function for complex geometry



[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Level-set_method#/media/File:Level_set_method.png]

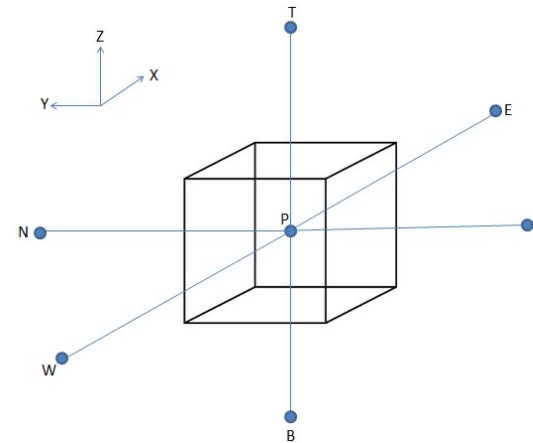
Finite volume method

- Based on local conservation laws over grid cells using Gauss theorem.

$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{u}}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{u}) = \mathbf{0}.$$

$$\int_{v_i} \frac{\partial \mathbf{u}}{\partial t} dv + \int_{v_i} \nabla \cdot \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{u}) dv = \mathbf{0}.$$

$$\frac{d\bar{\mathbf{u}}_i}{dt} + \frac{1}{v_i} \oint_{S_i} \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{u}) \cdot \mathbf{n} dS = \mathbf{0}.$$

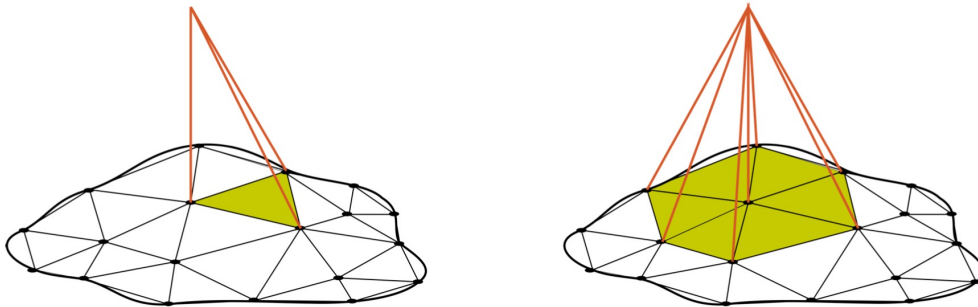


[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Finite_volume_method]

Finite element method

- Unstructured mesh - basis function
- Fixed or deforming mesh
- Projection $(R(u), v) = 0$, for all v

$$u(x, t) \approx \sum_{i=1}^N U_i(t) \phi_i(x)$$



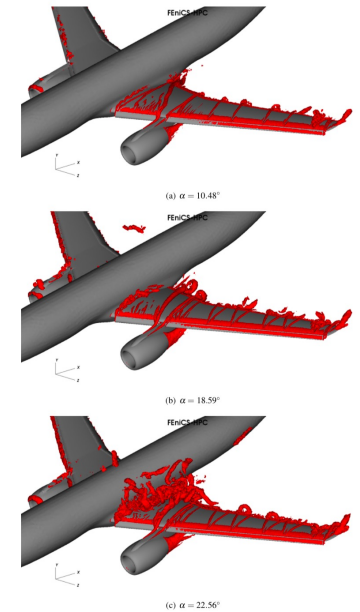
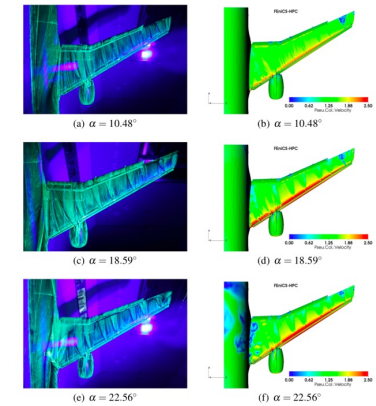
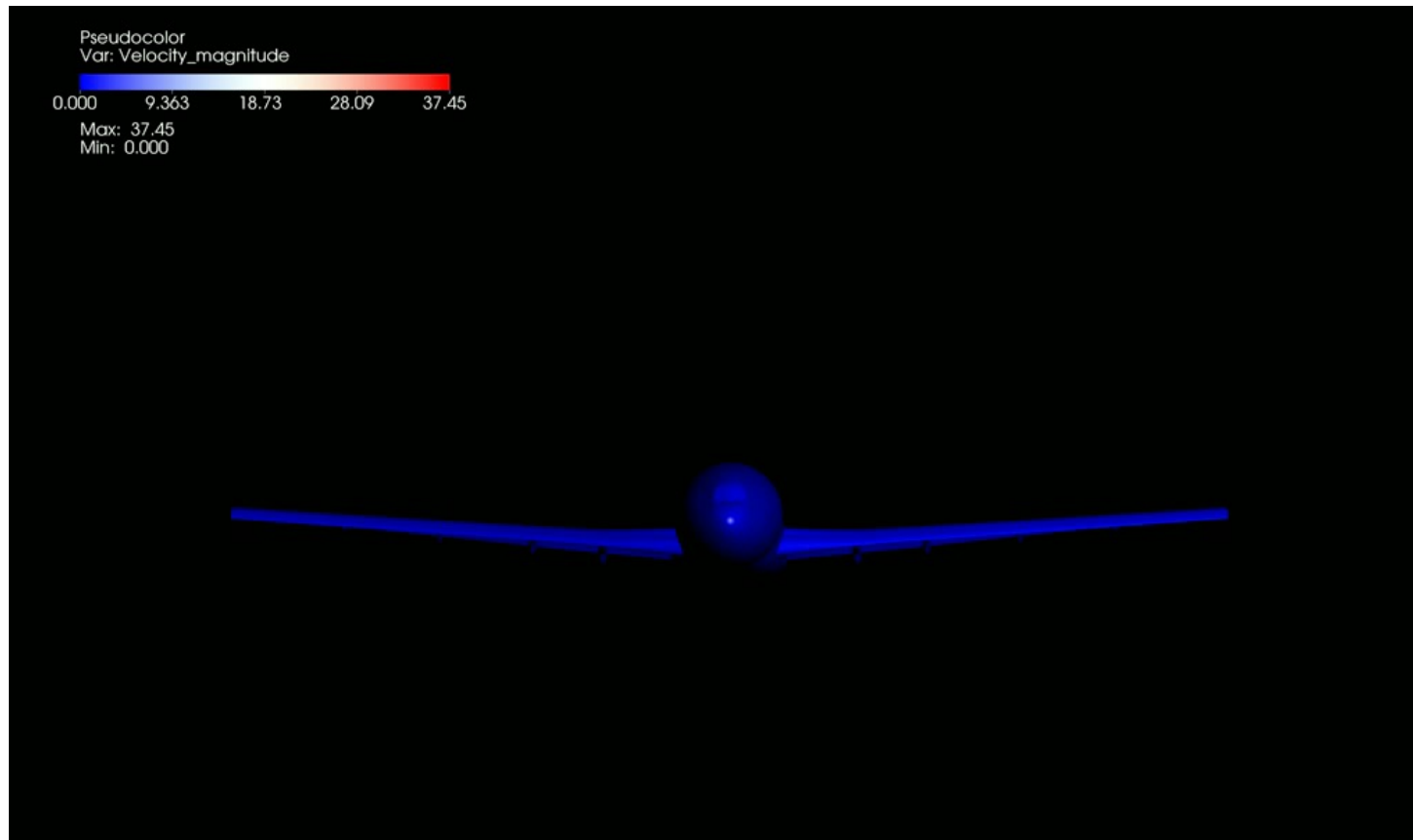
ALGORITHM 9.2. $(\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{b}) = \text{assemble_system}(\mathbf{f})$.

Input: function \mathbf{f}

Output: assembled matrix \mathbf{A} and vector \mathbf{b} .

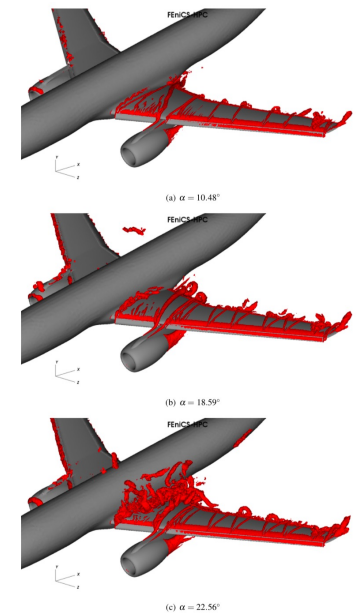
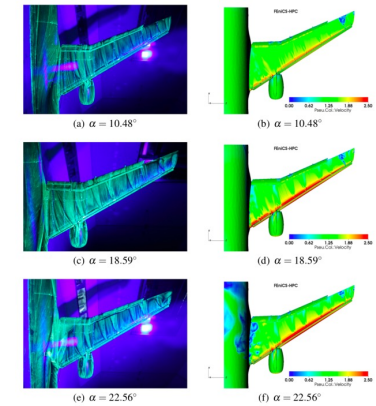
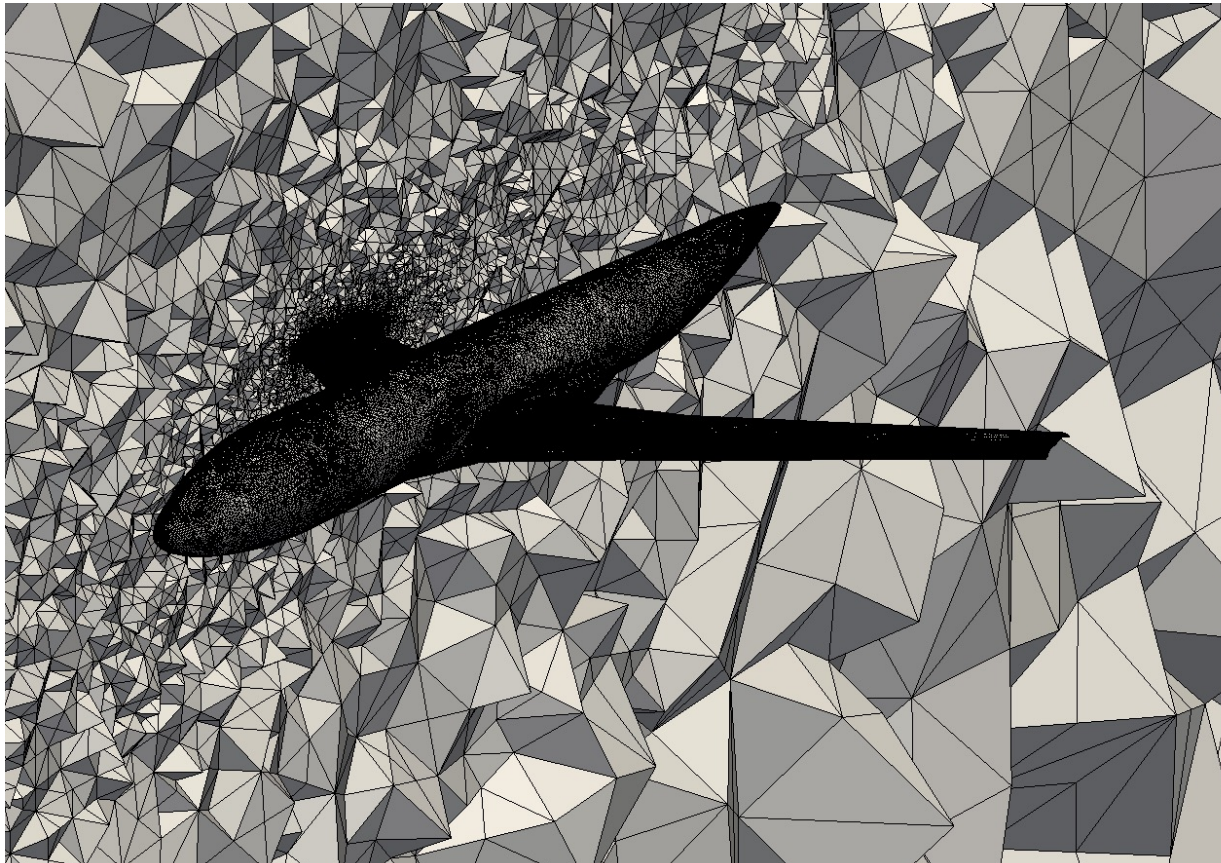
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1: for k=0:no_elements-1 do
2:   q = get_no_local_shape_functions(k)
3:   loc2glob = get_local_to_global_map(k)
4:   for i=0:q do
5:     b[i] = integrate_vector(f, k, i)
6:     for j=0:q do
7:       a[i,j] = integrate_matrix(k, i, j)
8:     end for
9:   end for
10:  add_to_global_vector(b, loc2glob)
11:  add_to_global_matrix(a, loc2glob)
12: end for
13: return A, b
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FEM simulation of air past airplane



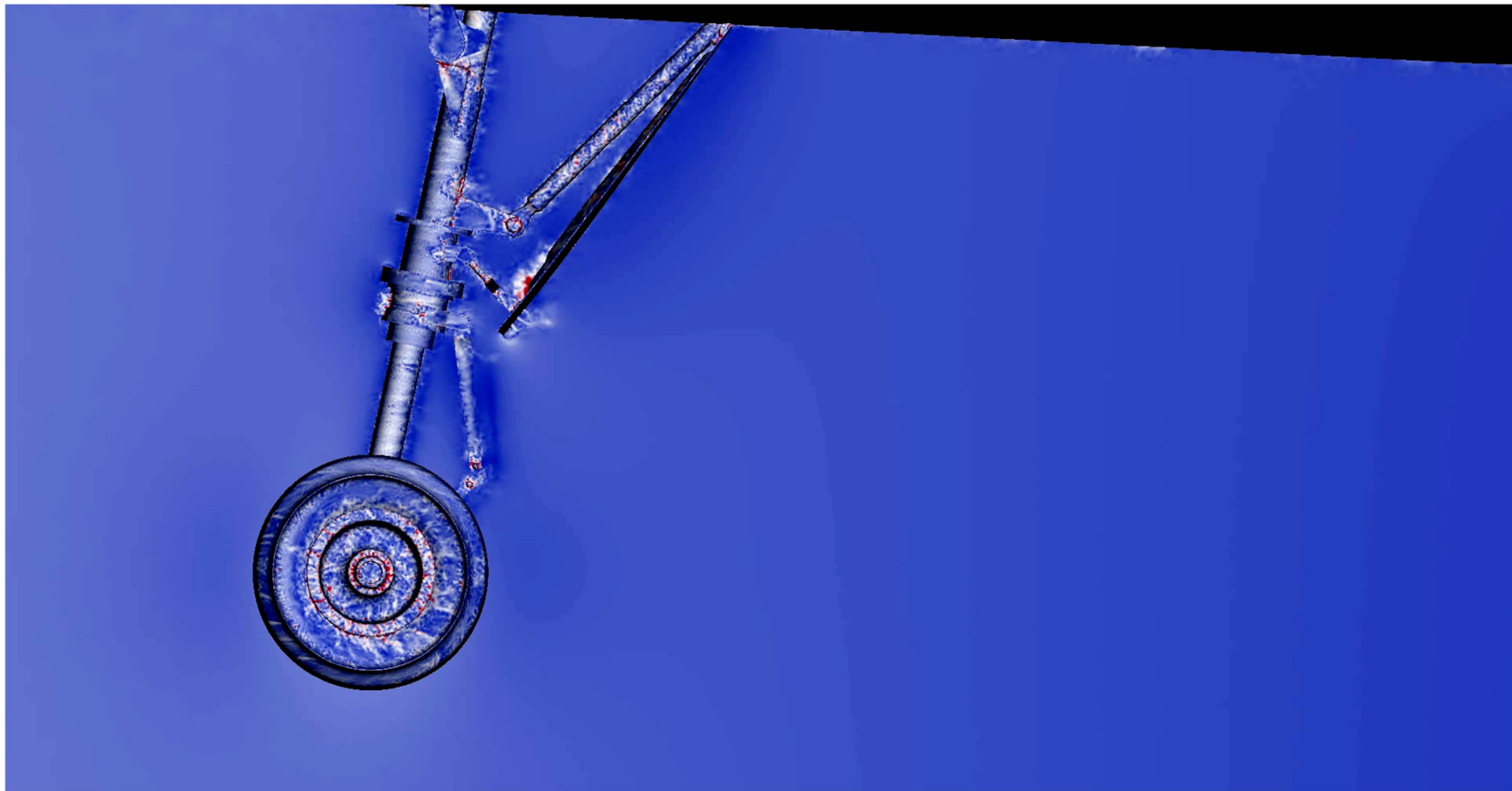
[Jansson et al., Springer, 2018]

Discretization by a mesh



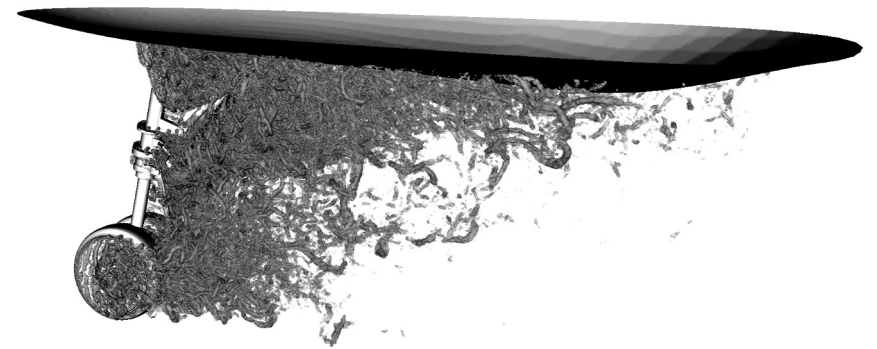
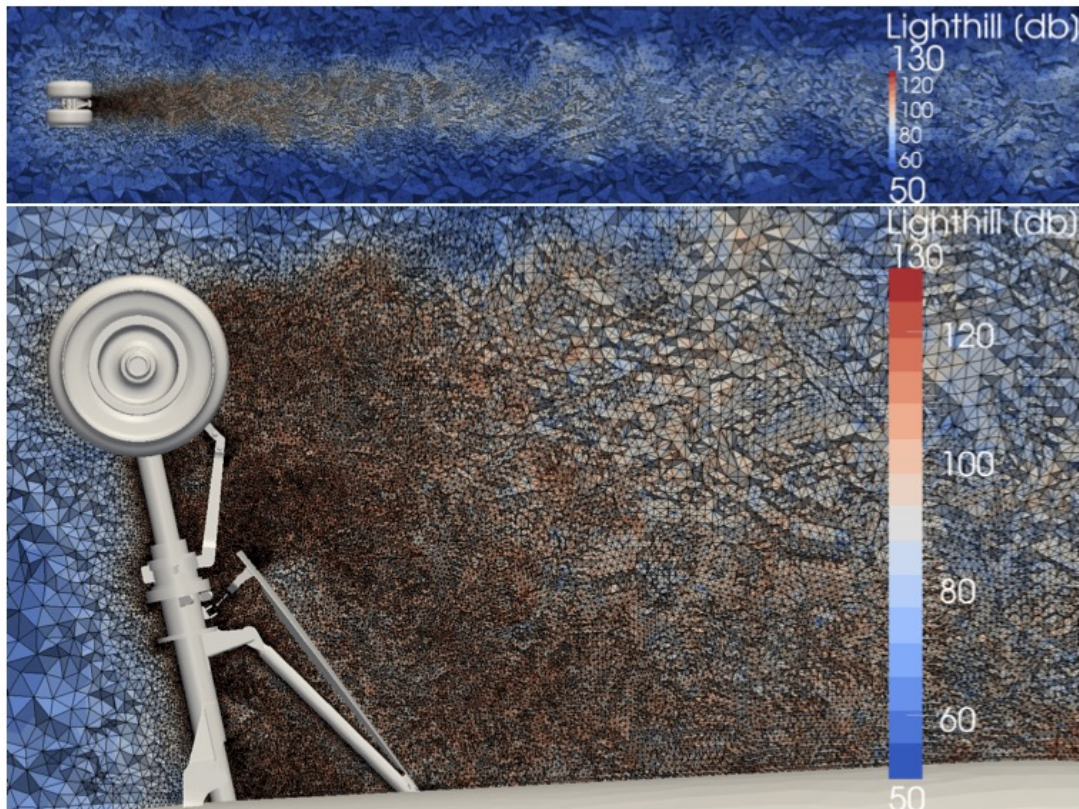
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FEM simulation of airflow past landing gear



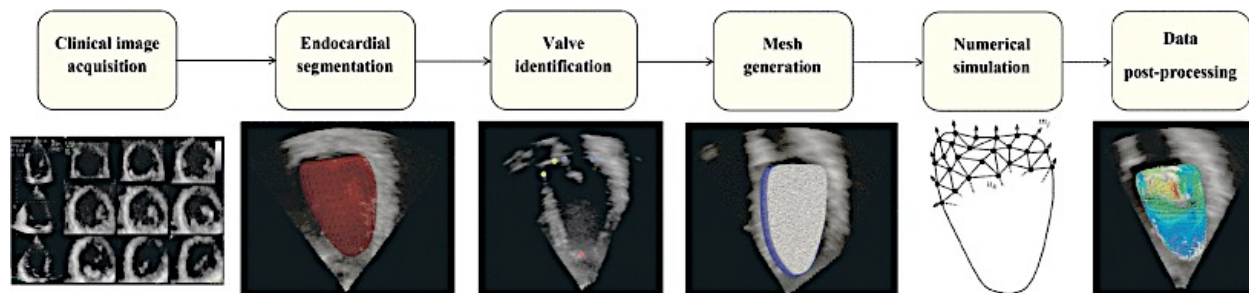
[De Abreu et al., Computers and Fluids, 2016]

Acoustic sources and turbulent vortices



[De Abreu et al., Computers and Fluids, 2016]

Heart (deforming mesh) simulation



[Spühler et al., 2017, 2020]

Projection methods are optimal

Theorem 1.16 (Optimality of orthogonal projection). *The orthogonal projection $v_s \in S$, defined by*

$$(v - v_s, s) = 0, \quad \forall s \in S,$$

is the optimal approximation of $v \in V$ in $S \subset V$, in the sense that

$$\|v - v_s\| \leq \|v - s\|, \quad \forall s \in S,$$

for $\|\cdot\| = (\cdot, \cdot)^{1/2}$ the norm induced by the inner product in V .

