

# CS 247 – Scientific Visualization

## Lecture 23: Vector / Flow Visualization, Pt. 2

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# Reading Assignment #12 (until Apr 18)



Read (required):

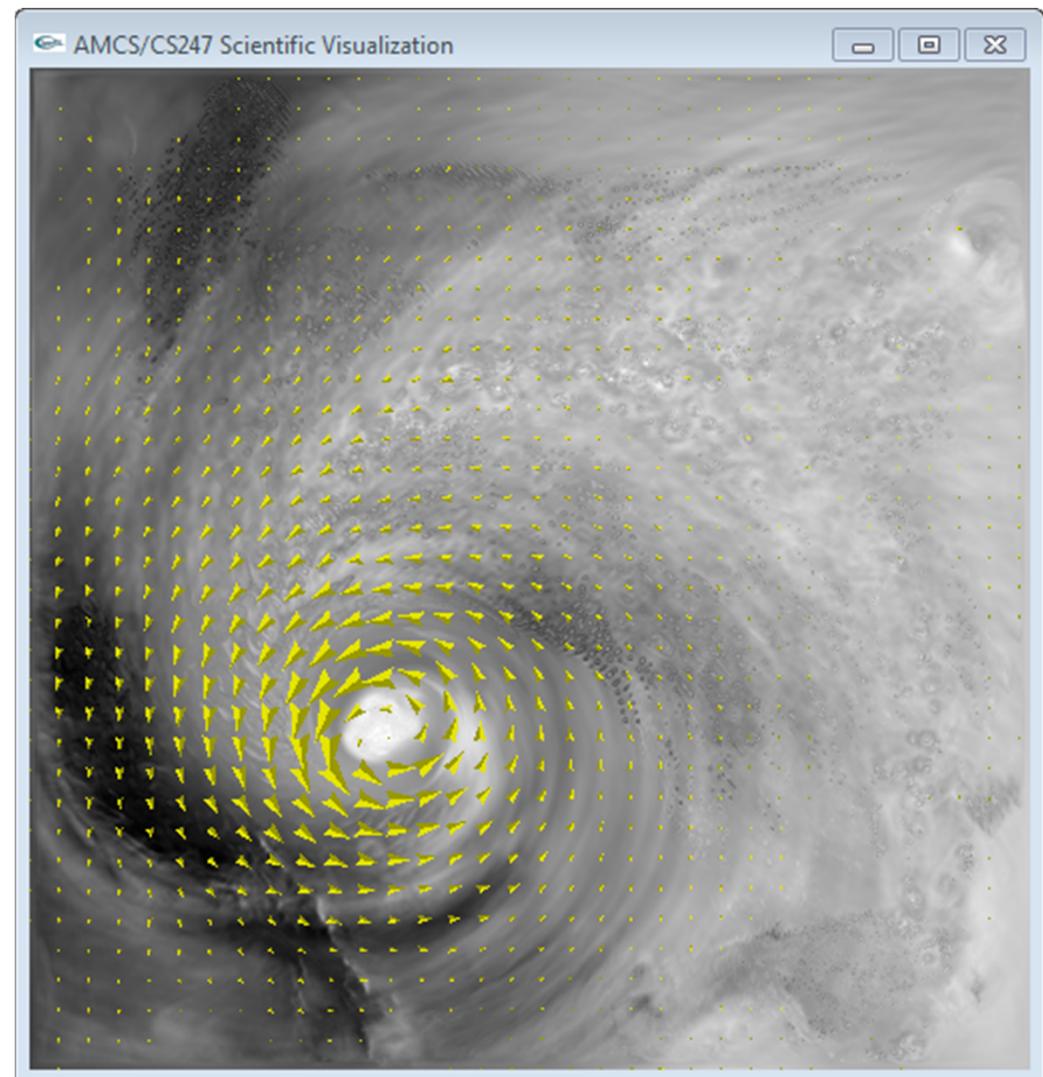
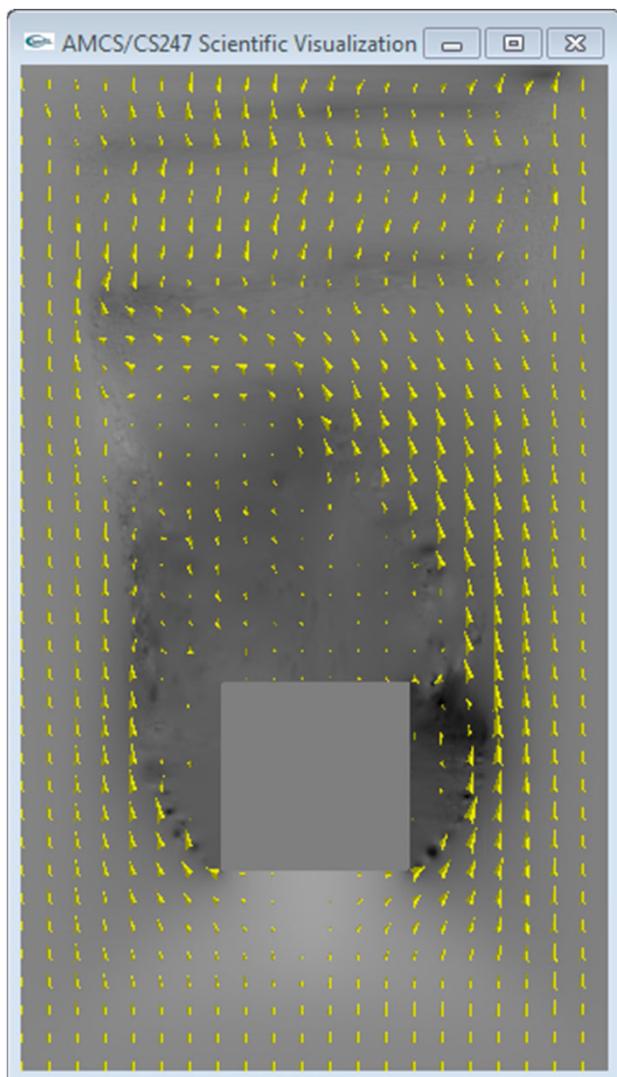
- Data Visualization book
  - Chapter 6 (Vector Visualization)
  - Beginning (before 6.1)
  - Chapters 6.2, 6.3, 6.5
- More general vector field basics (the book is not very precise on the basics)  
[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Vector\\_field](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Vector_field)

Read (optional):

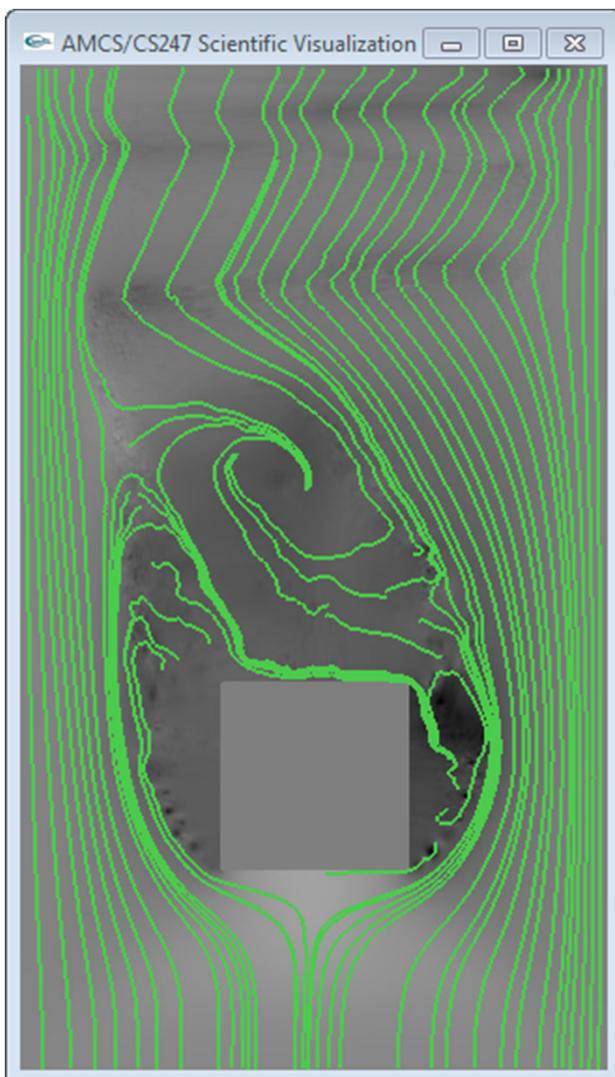
- Paper:  
Bruno Jobard and Wilfrid Lefer  
*Creating Evenly-Spaced Streamlines of Arbitrary Density,*

<http://citeseerx.ist.psu.edu/viewdoc/summary?doi=10.1.1.29.9498>

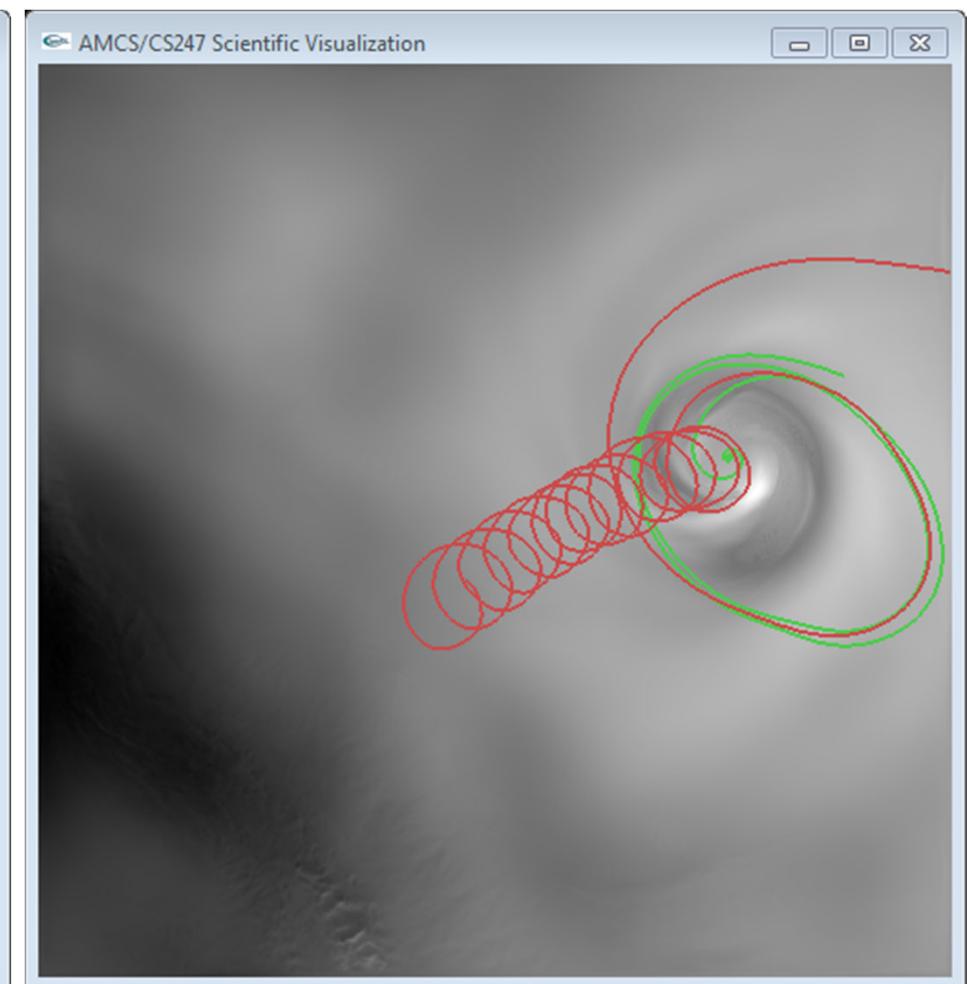
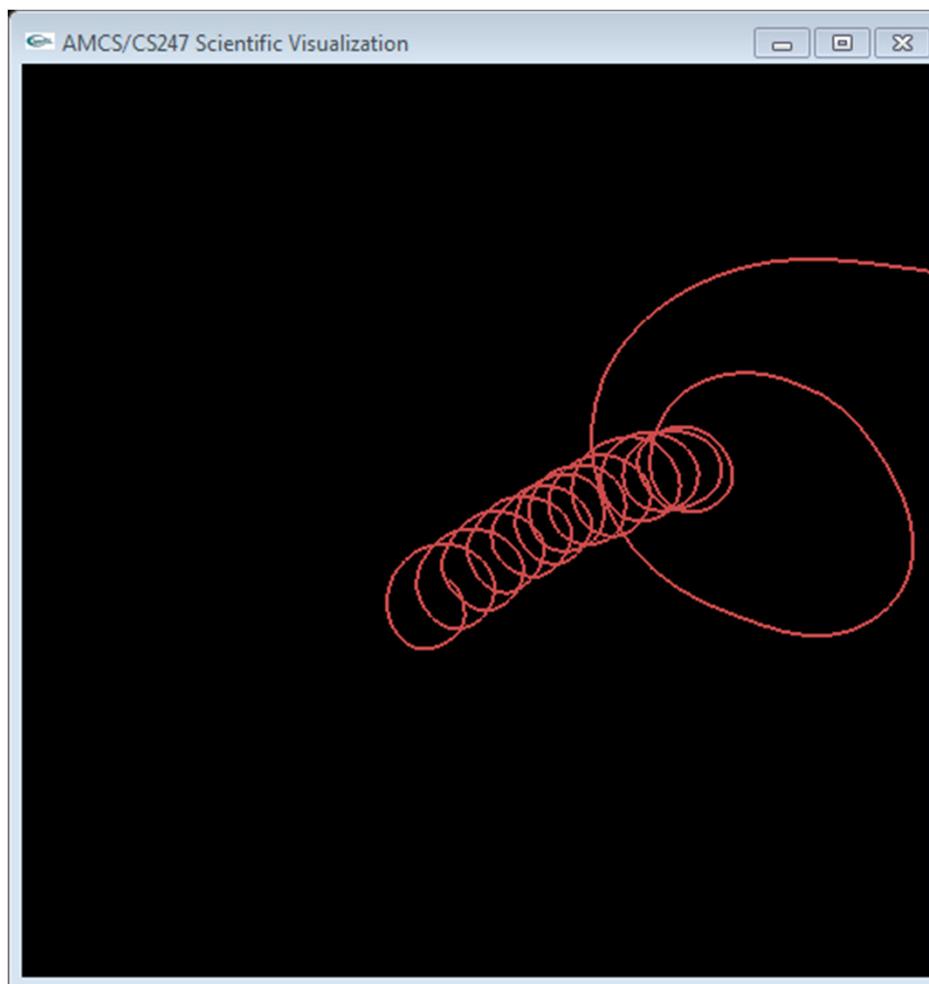
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# Online Demos and Info

Numerical ODE integration methods (Euler vs. Runge Kutta, etc.)

[https://demonstrations.wolfram.com/  
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Flow visualization concepts

<https://www3.nd.edu/~cwang11/flowvis.html>

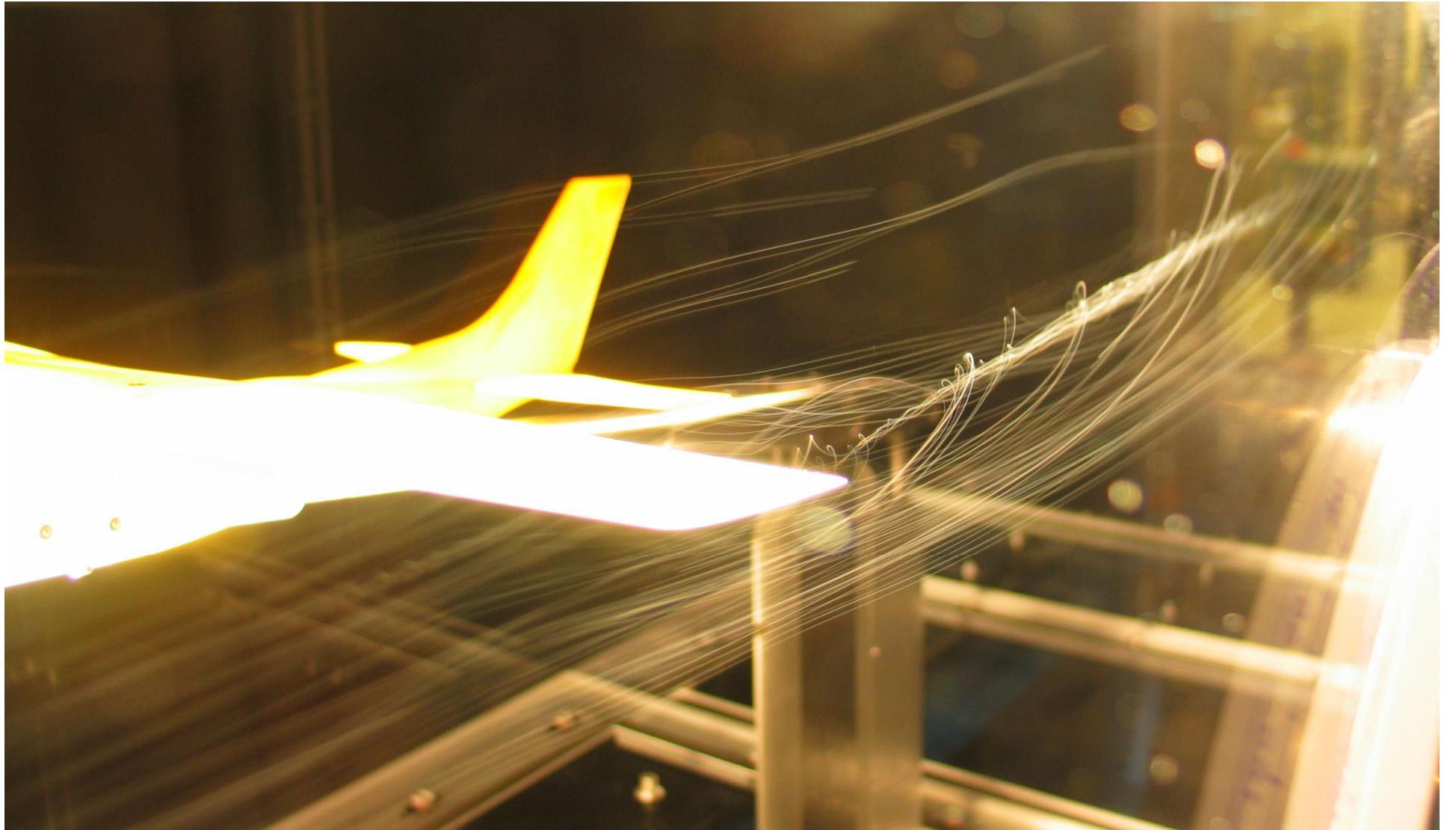
# Vector Fields: Motivation



### **Smoke angel**

A C-17 Globemaster III from the 14th Airlift Squadron, Charleston Air Force Base, S.C. flies off after releasing flares over the Atlantic Ocean near Charleston, S.C., during a training mission on Tuesday, May 16, 2006. The "smoke angel" is caused by the vortex from the engines.

(U.S. Air Force photo/Tech. Sgt. Russell E. Cooley IV)



A wind tunnel model of a Cessna 182 showing a wingtip vortex.  
Tested in the RPI (Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute) Subsonic Wind Tunnel.

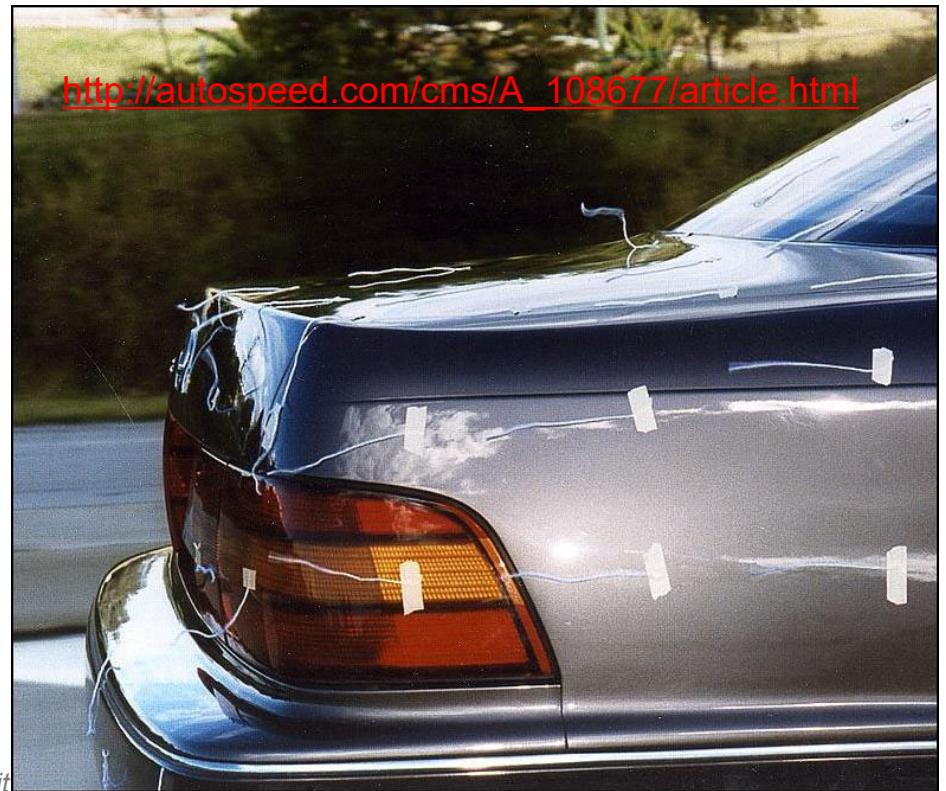
By Ben FrantzDale (2007).

**Flow Visualization: Problems and Concepts**



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wool tufts



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smoke injection



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[NASA, J. Exp. Biol.]



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## Smoke injection

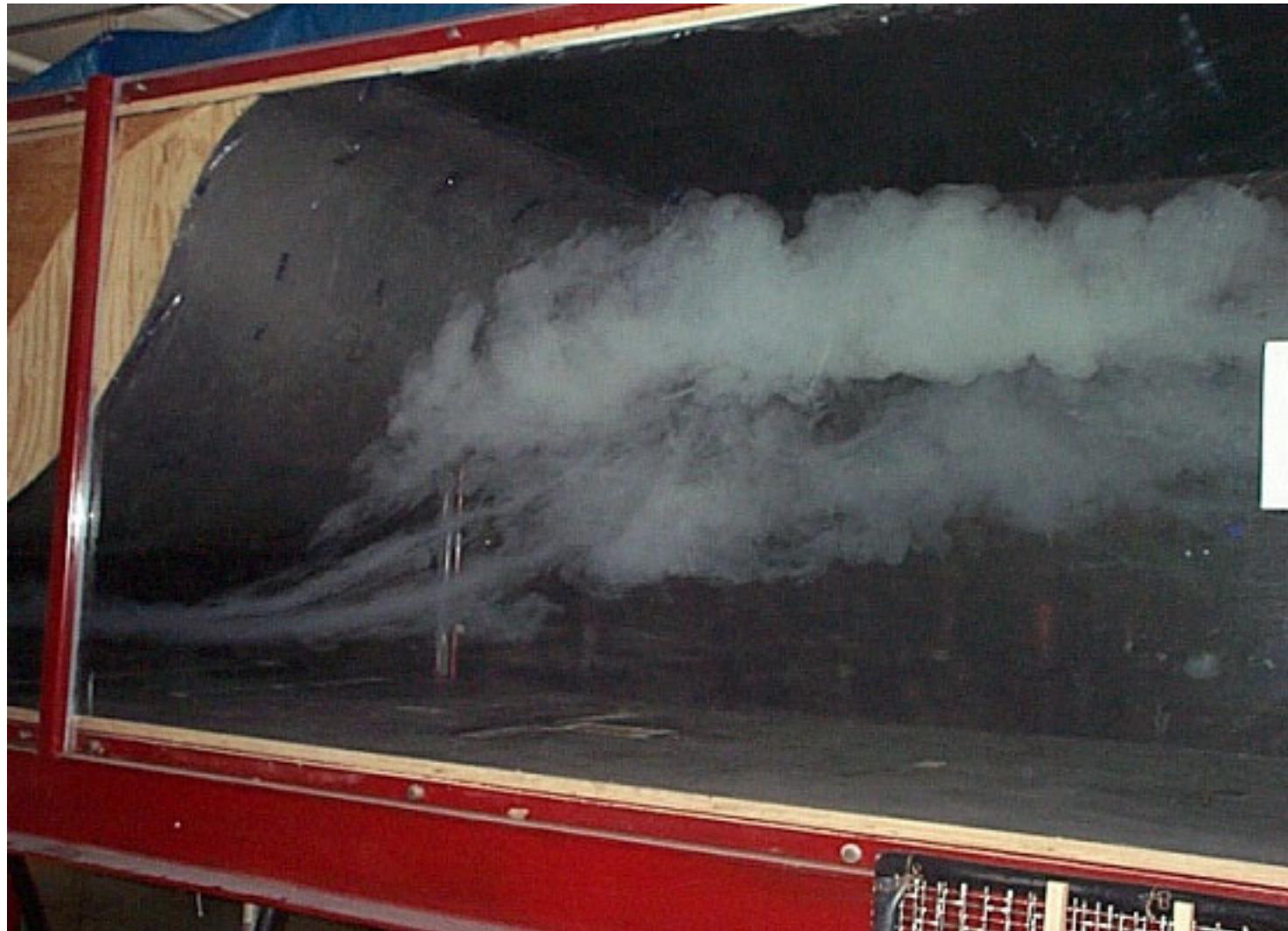
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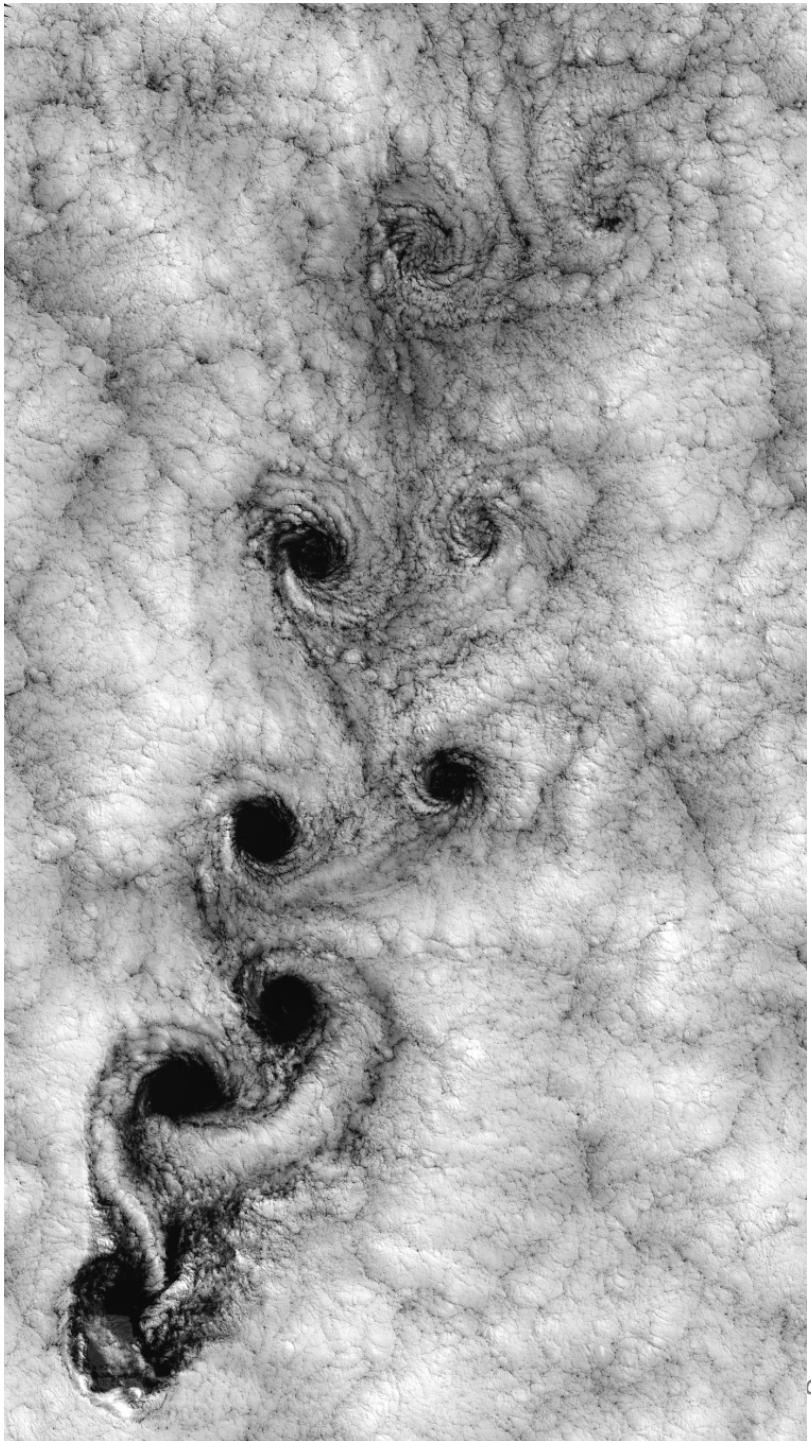
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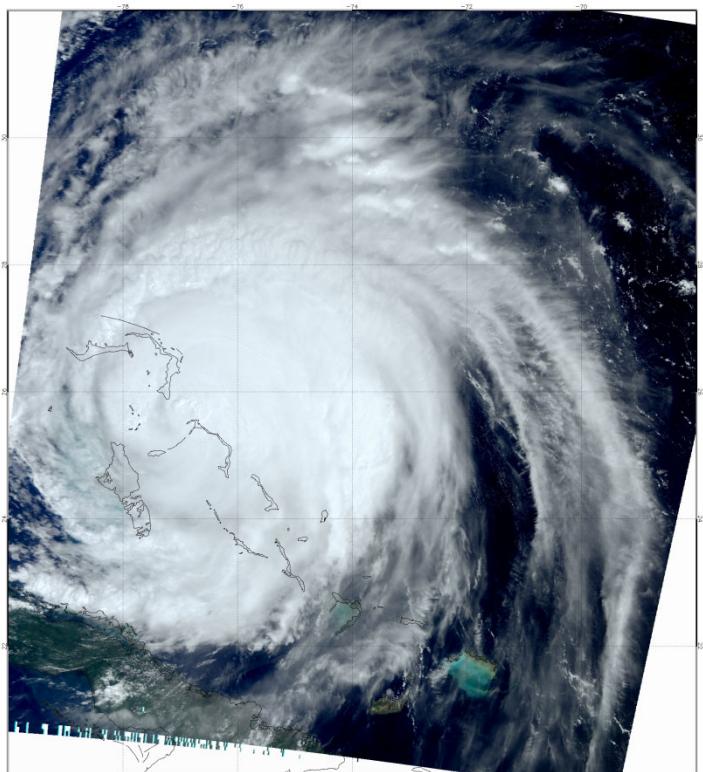


Clouds (satellite image)

*Juan Fernandez Islands*

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<http://daac.gsfc.nasa.gov/gallery/frances/>



- **Vortex/ Vortex core lines**

- There is no exact definition of vortices
- capturing some swirling behavior

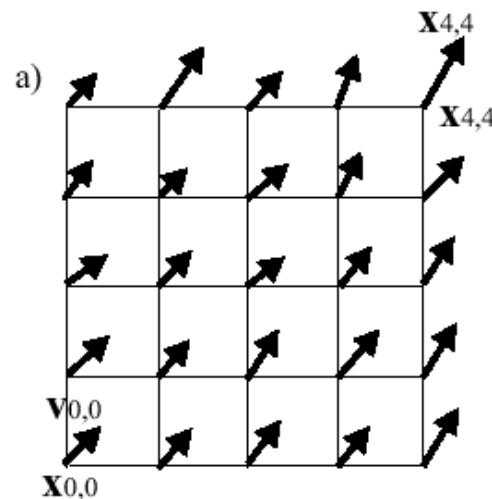


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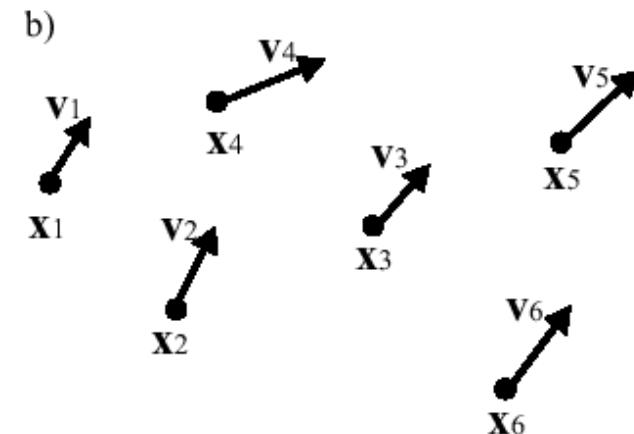


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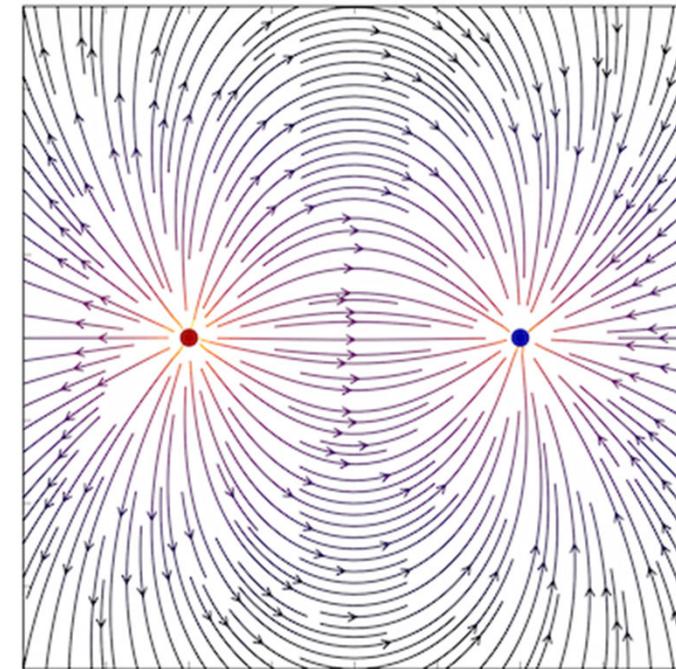
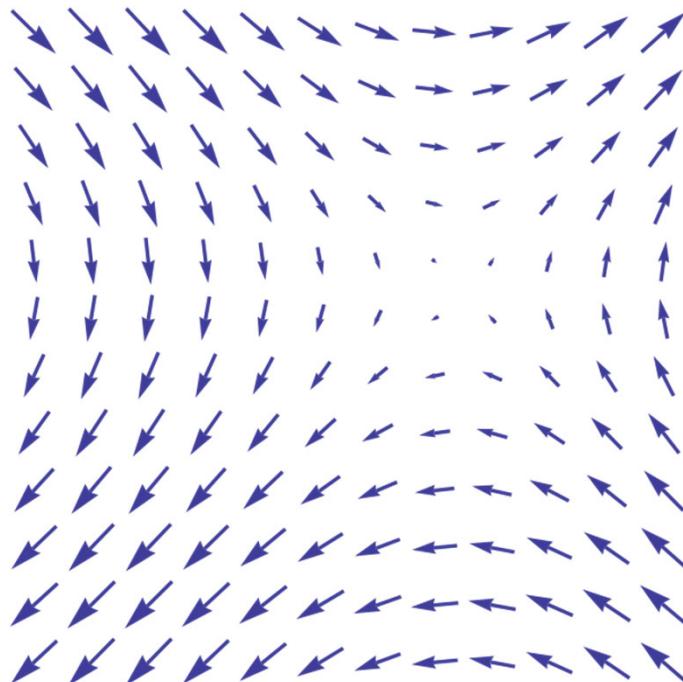
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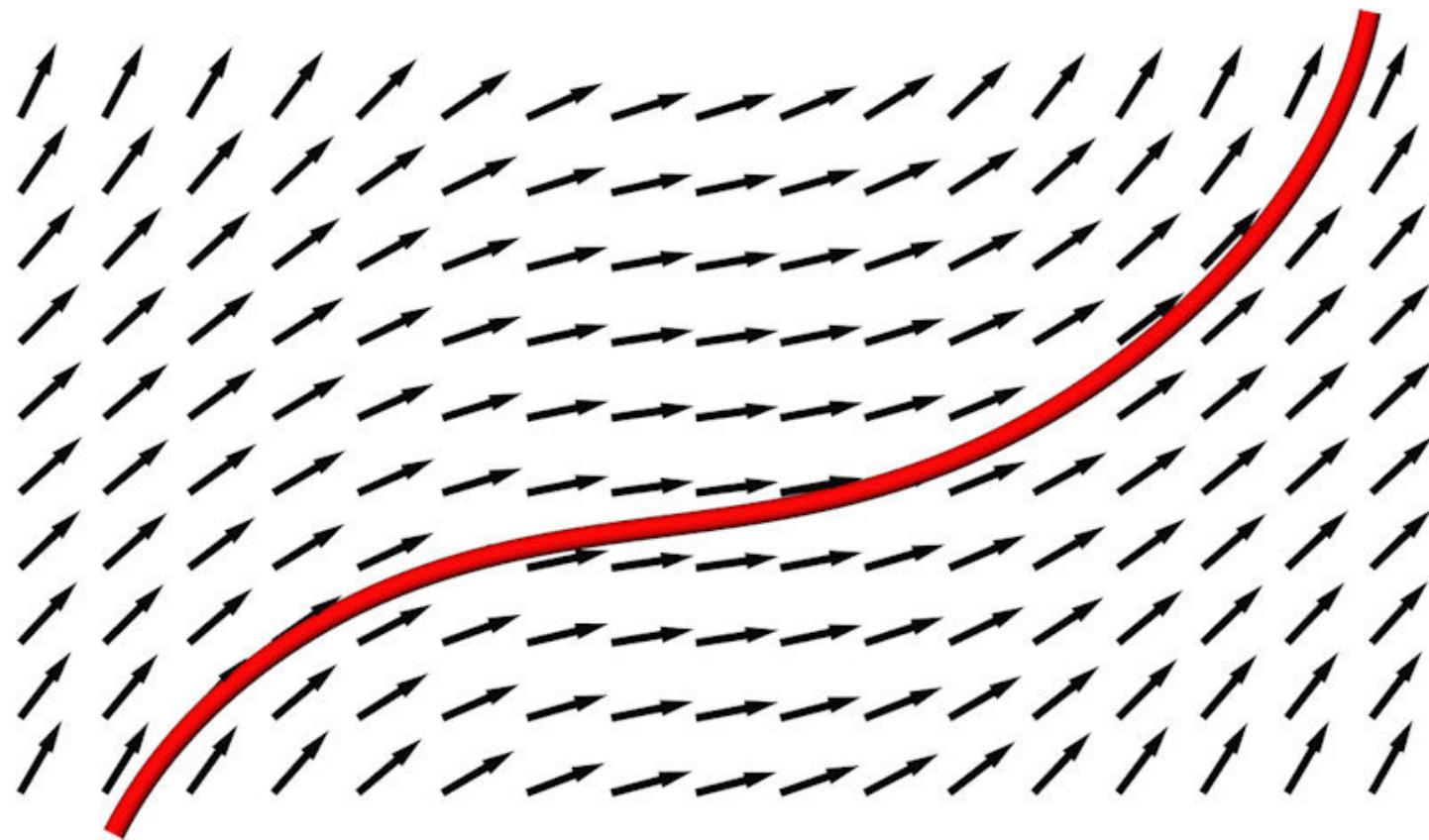


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# Integral Curves / Stream Objects



Integrating velocity over time yields spatial motion





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Each vector in a vector field  
lives in the **tangent space**  
of the manifold at that point:

Each vector is a **tangent vector**

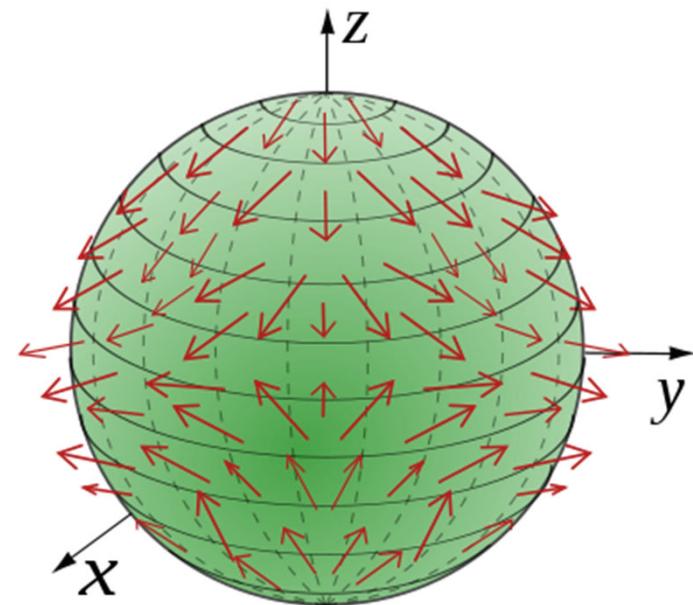
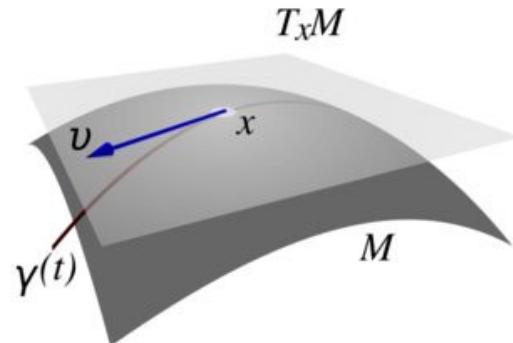


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$$T_x M$$

*Tangent bundle:* Manifold of all tangent spaces over base manifold

$$\pi: TM \rightarrow M$$

Vector field: *Section of tangent bundle*

$$s: M \rightarrow TM,$$

$$x \mapsto s(x). \quad \pi(s(x)) = x$$

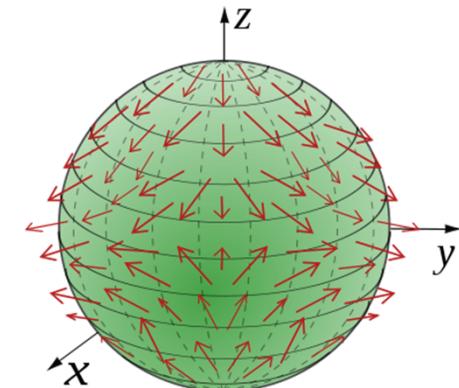
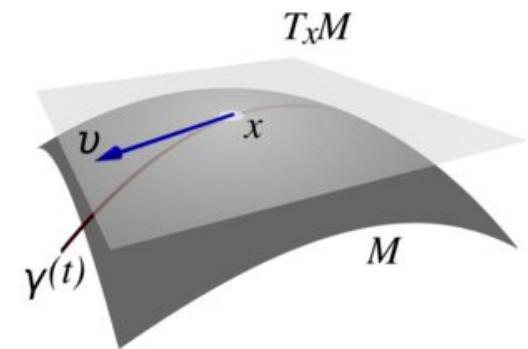


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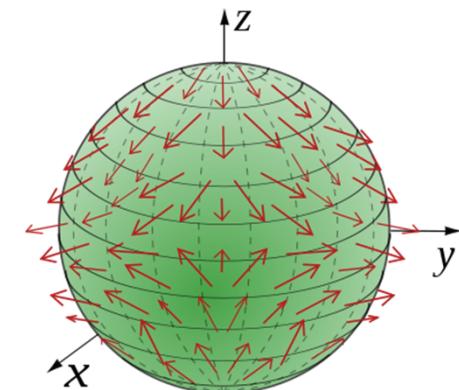
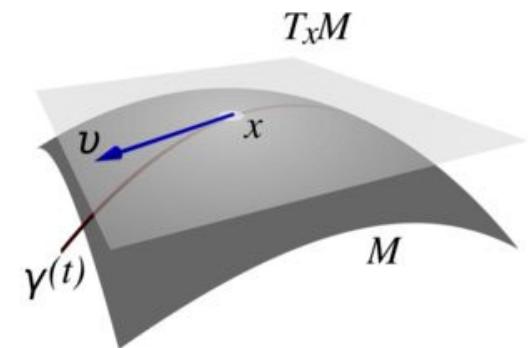


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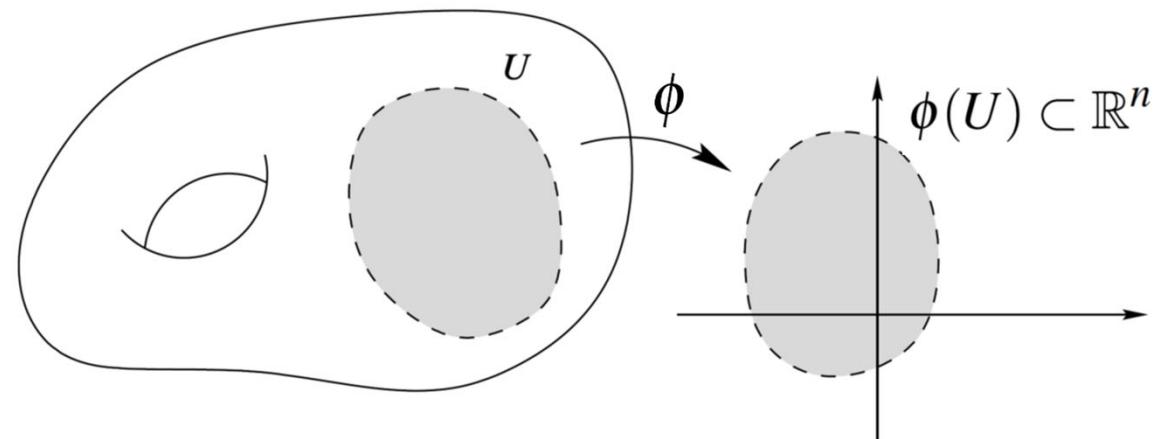


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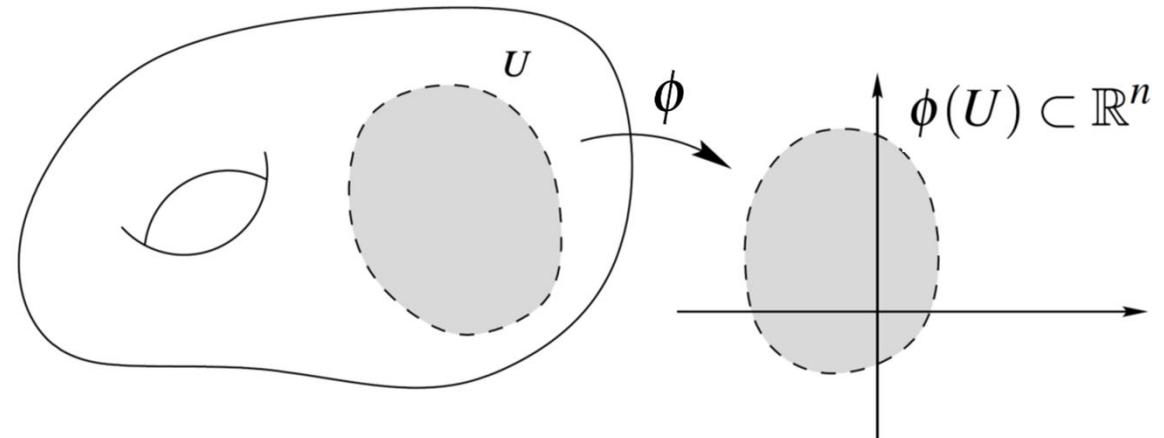
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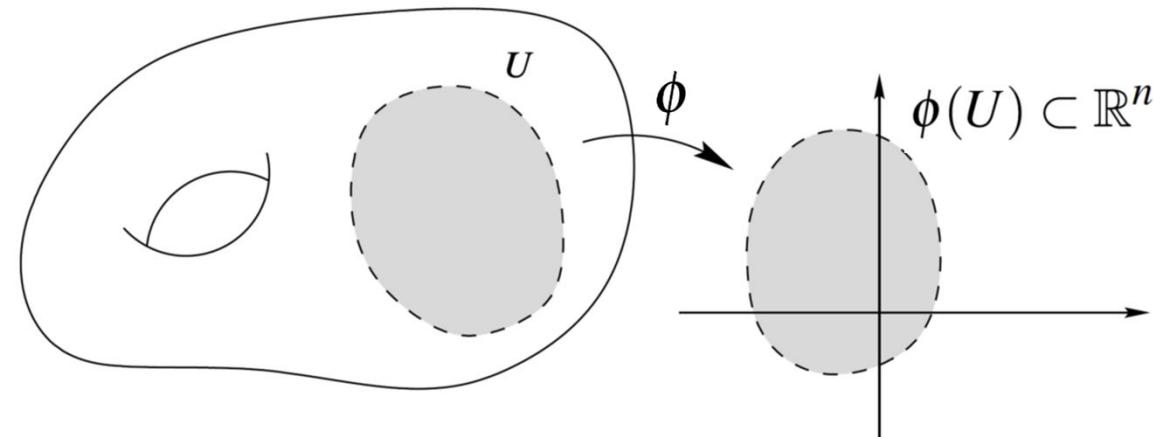
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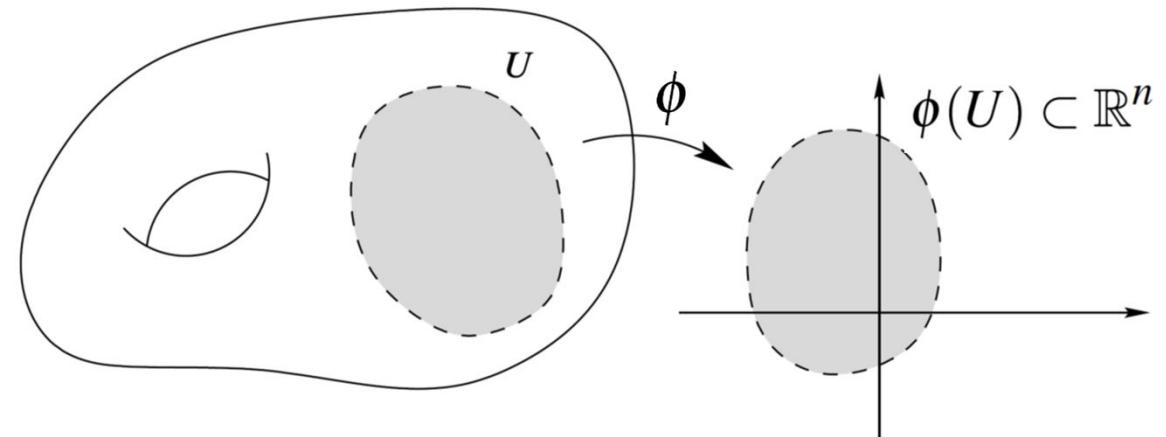
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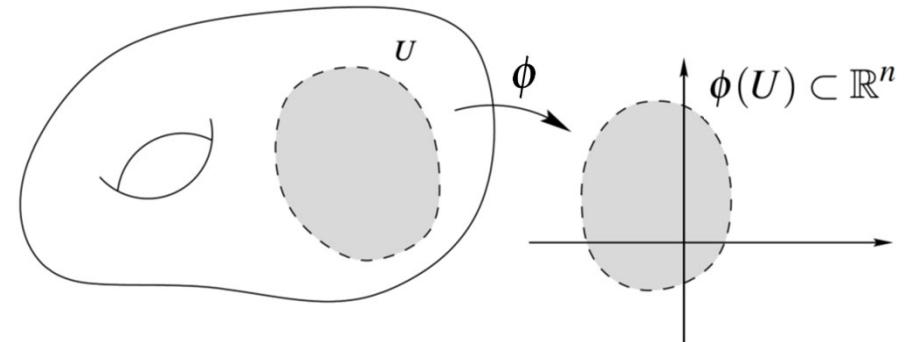
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Coordinate basis:

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# Examples of Coordinate Curves and Bases



Coordinate functions, coordinate curves, bases

- Coordinate functions are real-valued (“scalar”) functions on the domain
- On each coordinate curve, *one* coordinate changes, *all others stay constant*
- Basis: n linearly independent vectors at each point of domain

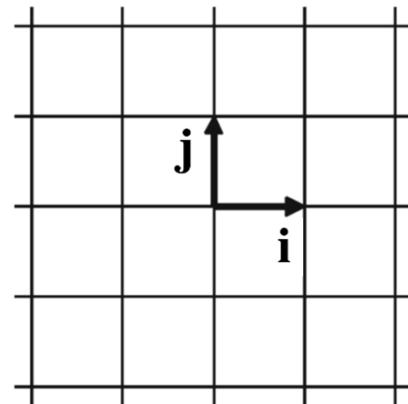
Cartesian coordinates

$$x^1 = x$$

$$x^2 = y$$

$$\mathbf{e}_1 = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} = \mathbf{i}$$

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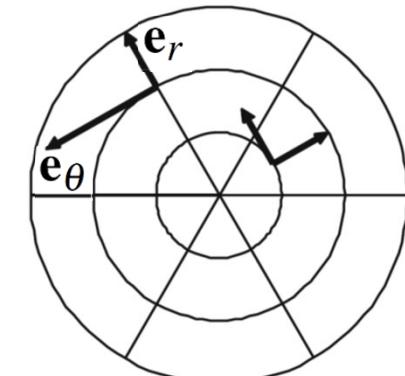
polar coordinates

$$x^1 = r$$

$$x^2 = \theta$$

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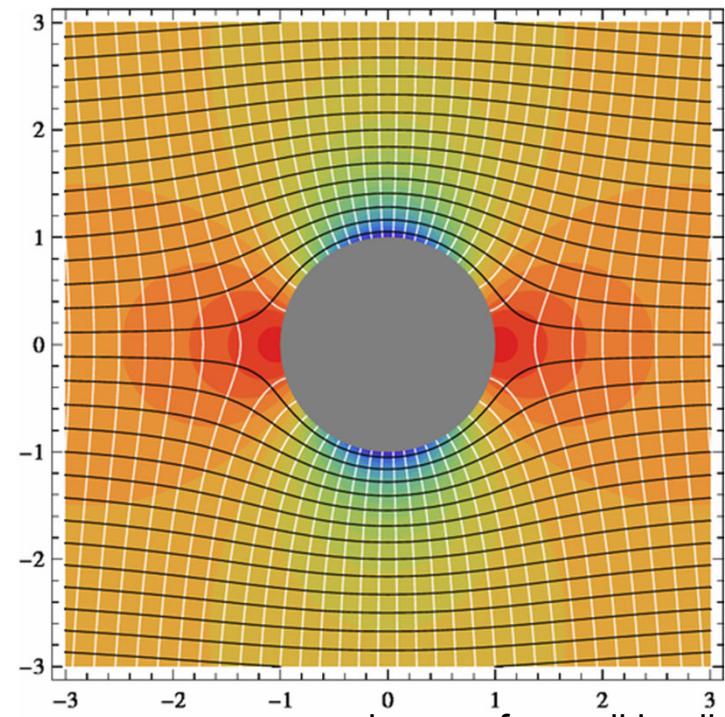
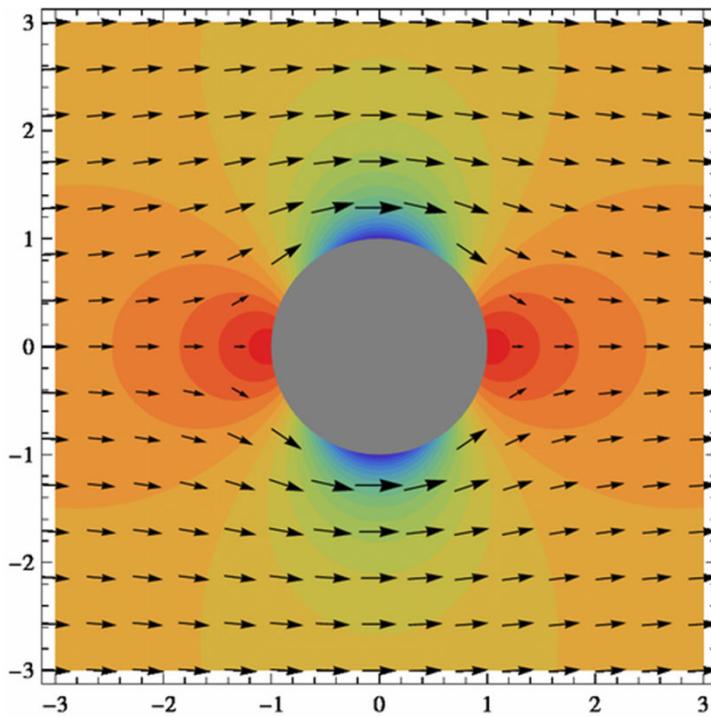


# Flow Field Example (1)

## Potential flow around a circular cylinder

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Potential\\_flow\\_around\\_a\\_circular\\_cylinder](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Potential_flow_around_a_circular_cylinder)

Inviscid, incompressible flow that is irrotational (curl-free) and can be modeled as the gradient of a scalar function called the (scalar) velocity potential



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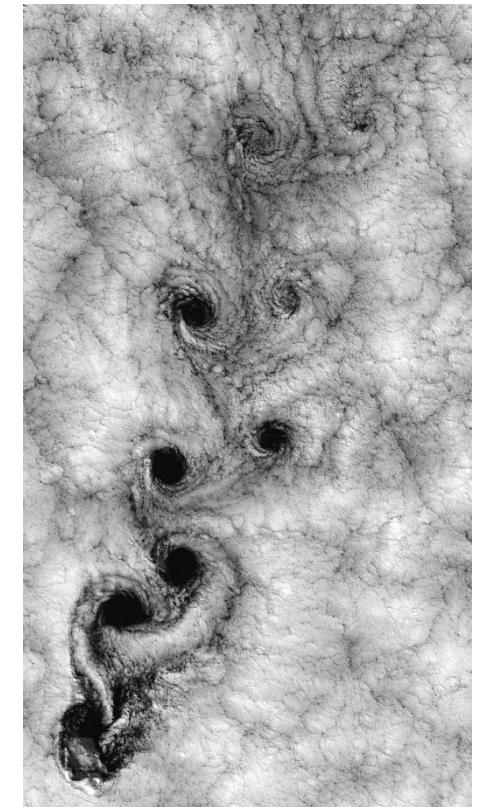
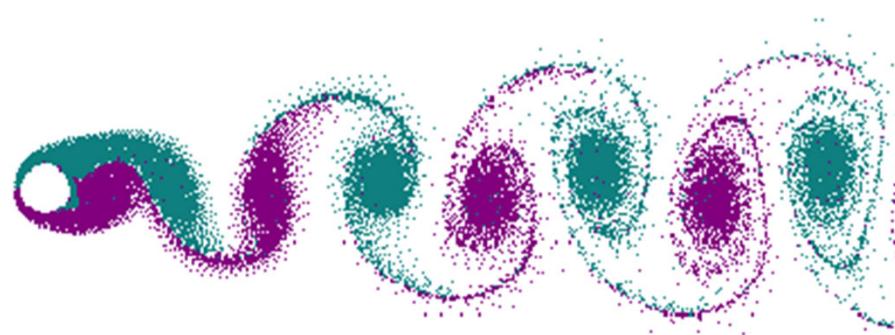
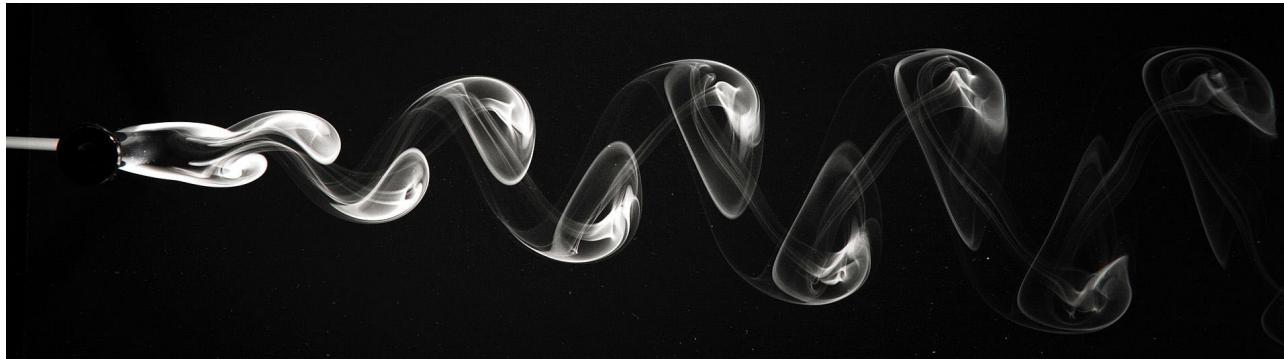


## Flow Field Example (2)

Depending on Reynolds number, turbulence will develop

Example: von Kármán vortex street: vortex shedding

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# Steady vs. Unsteady Flow

- Steady flow: time-independent
  - Flow itself is static over time:  $\mathbf{v}(\mathbf{x})$   $\mathbf{v}: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n,$
  - Example: laminar flows  $x \mapsto \mathbf{v}(x).$
- Unsteady flow: time-dependent
  - Flow itself changes over time:  $\mathbf{v}(\mathbf{x}, t)$   $\mathbf{v}: \mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n,$
  - Example: turbulent flows  $x \mapsto \mathbf{v}(x, t).$

(here just for Euclidean domain; analogous on general manifolds)

# Thank you.

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