

# **CS 247 – Scientific Visualization**

## **Lecture 22: Vector / Flow Visualization, Pt. 1**

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# Reading Assignment #11 (until Apr 16)

## Read (required):

- Real-Time Volume Graphics, Chapter 10  
(Transfer Functions Reloaded)
- Paper:

*Joe Kniss, Gordon Kindlmann, Charles Hansen,*

Multidimensional Transfer Functions for Interactive Volume Rendering,  
*IEEE Transactions on Visualization and Comp. Graph. (TVCG) 2002*

<https://ieeexplore.ieee.org/document/1021579>

## Read (optional):

- Real-Time Volume Graphics, Chapter 14  
(Non-Photorealistic and Illustrative Techniques)



# Online Demos and Info

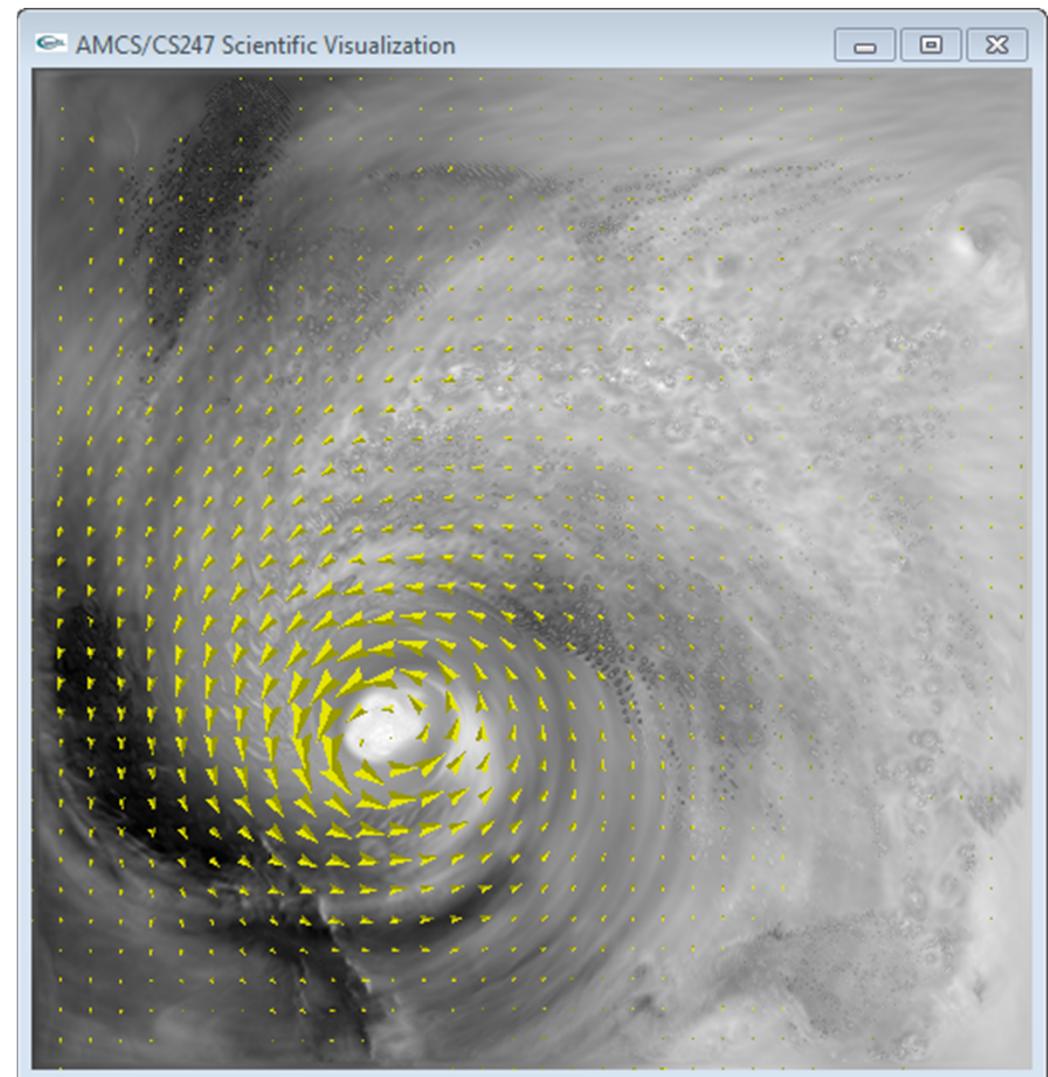
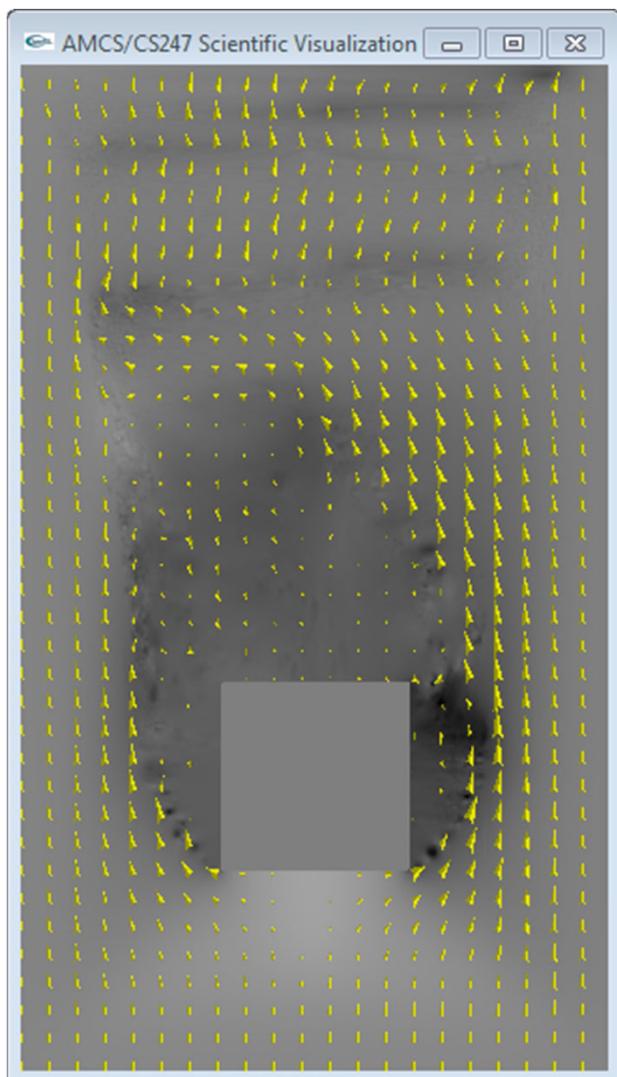
Numerical ODE integration methods (Euler vs. Runge Kutta, etc.)

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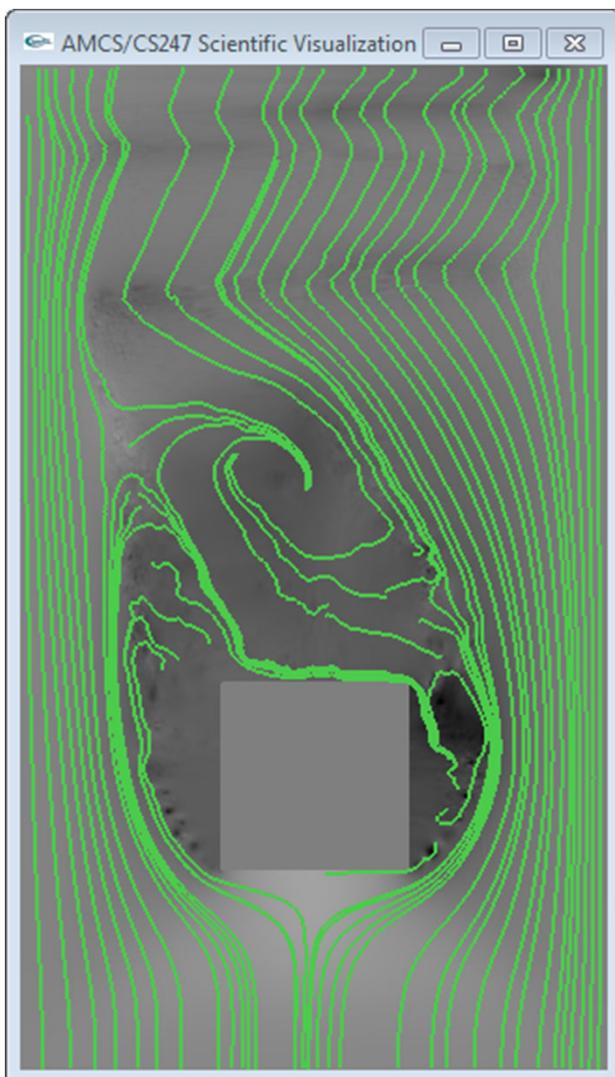
Flow visualization concepts

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

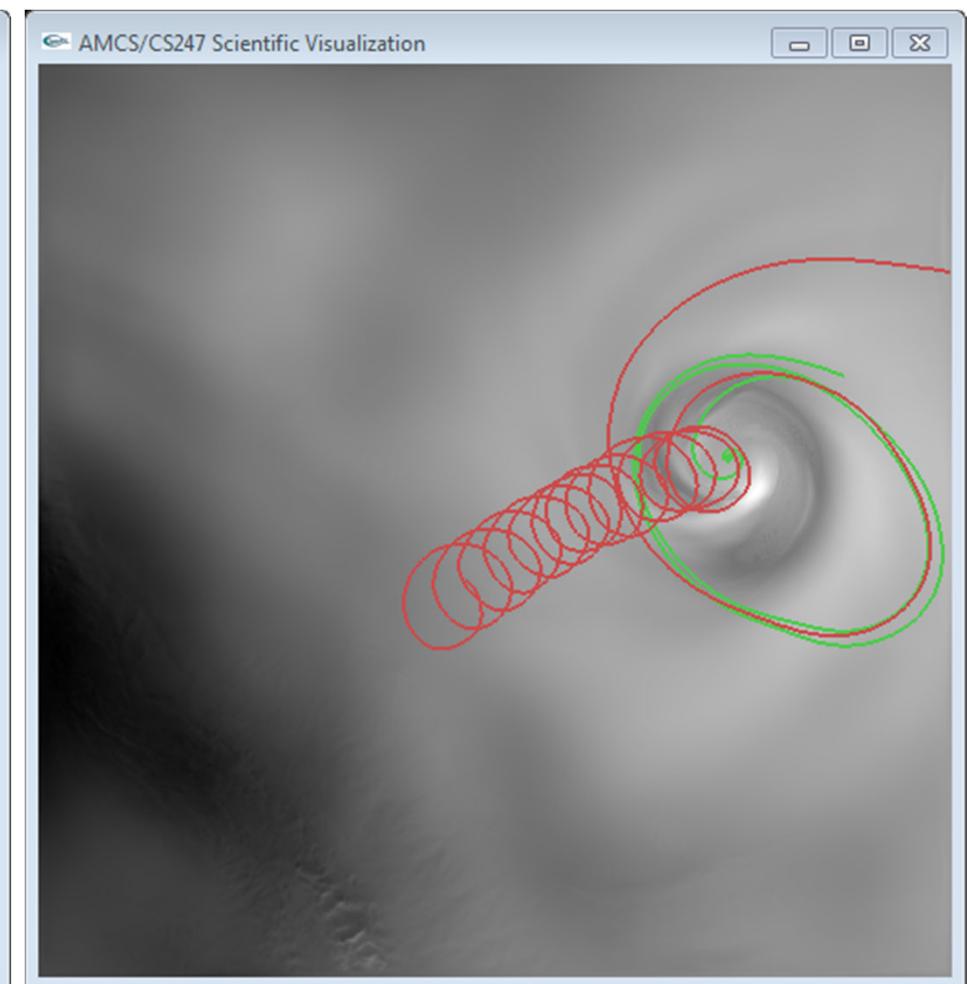
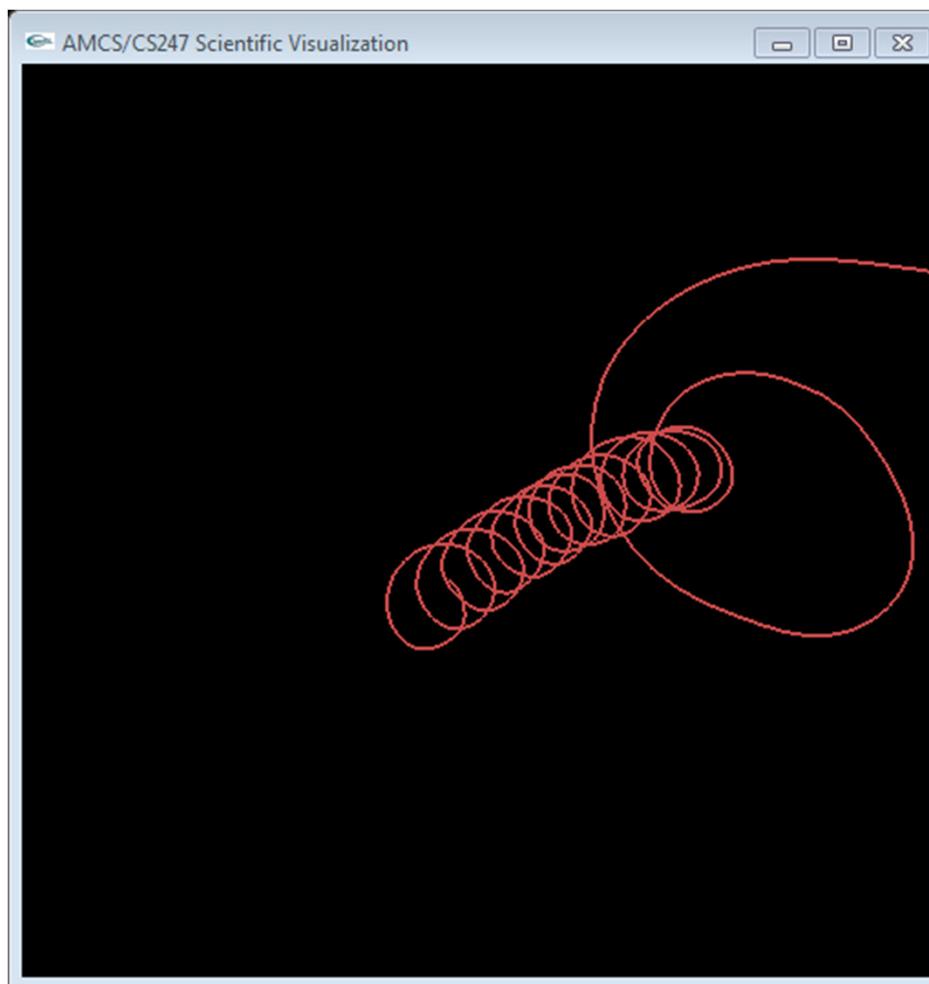
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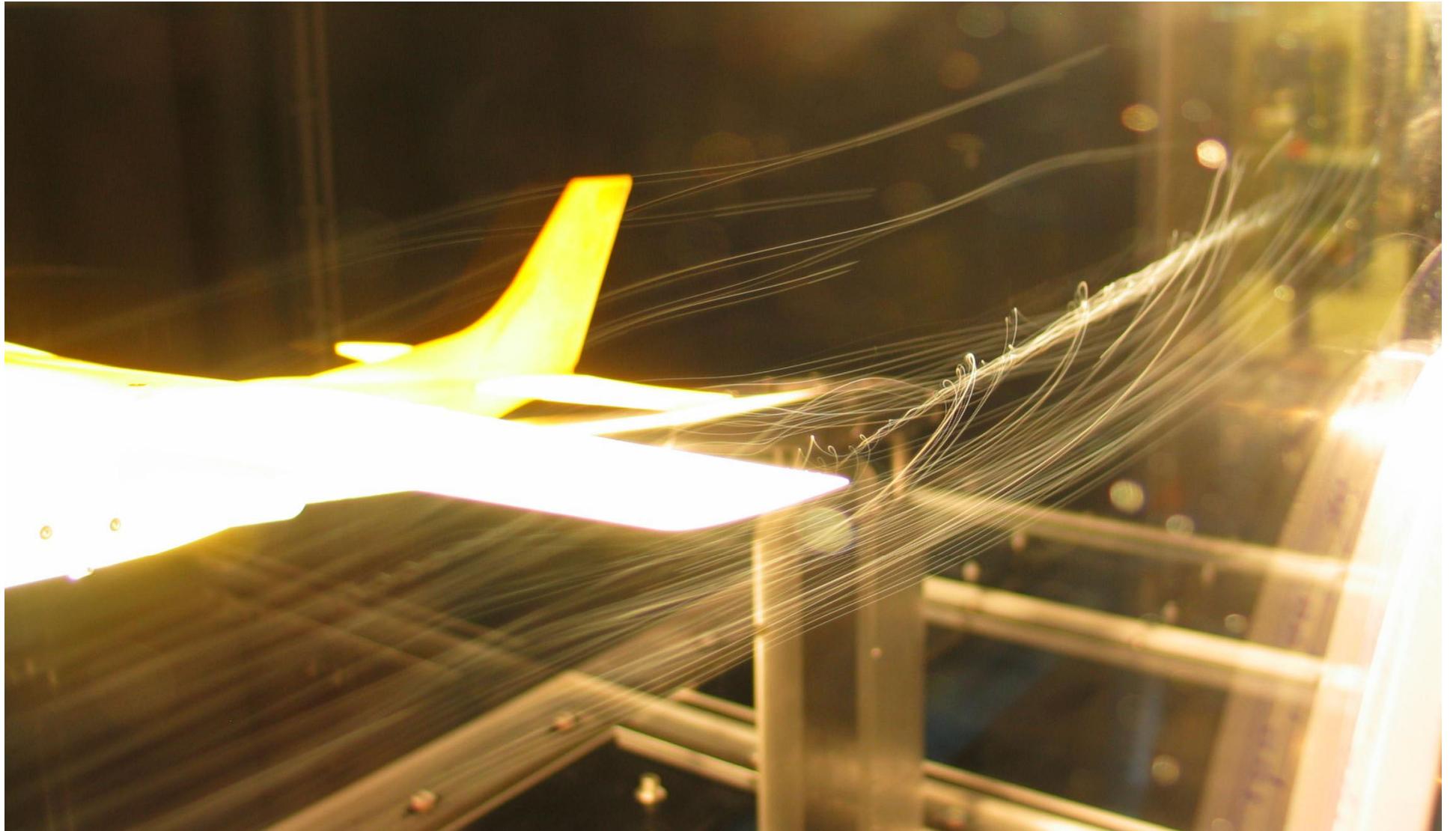
# Vector Fields: Motivation



### **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)



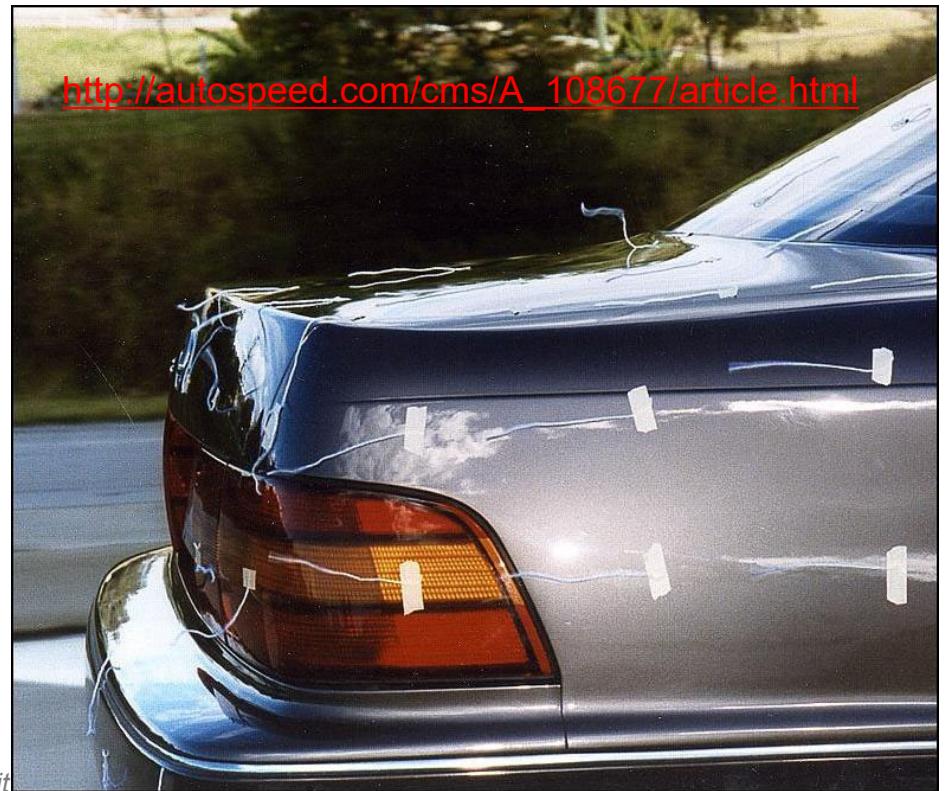
A wind tunnel model of a Cessna 182 showing a wingtip vortex.  
Tested in the RPI (Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute) Subsonic Wind Tunnel.

By Ben FrantzDale (2007).

**Flow Visualization: Problems and Concepts**



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wool tufts



smoke injection



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smoke nozzles



[NASA, J. Exp. Biol.]



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## Smoke injection

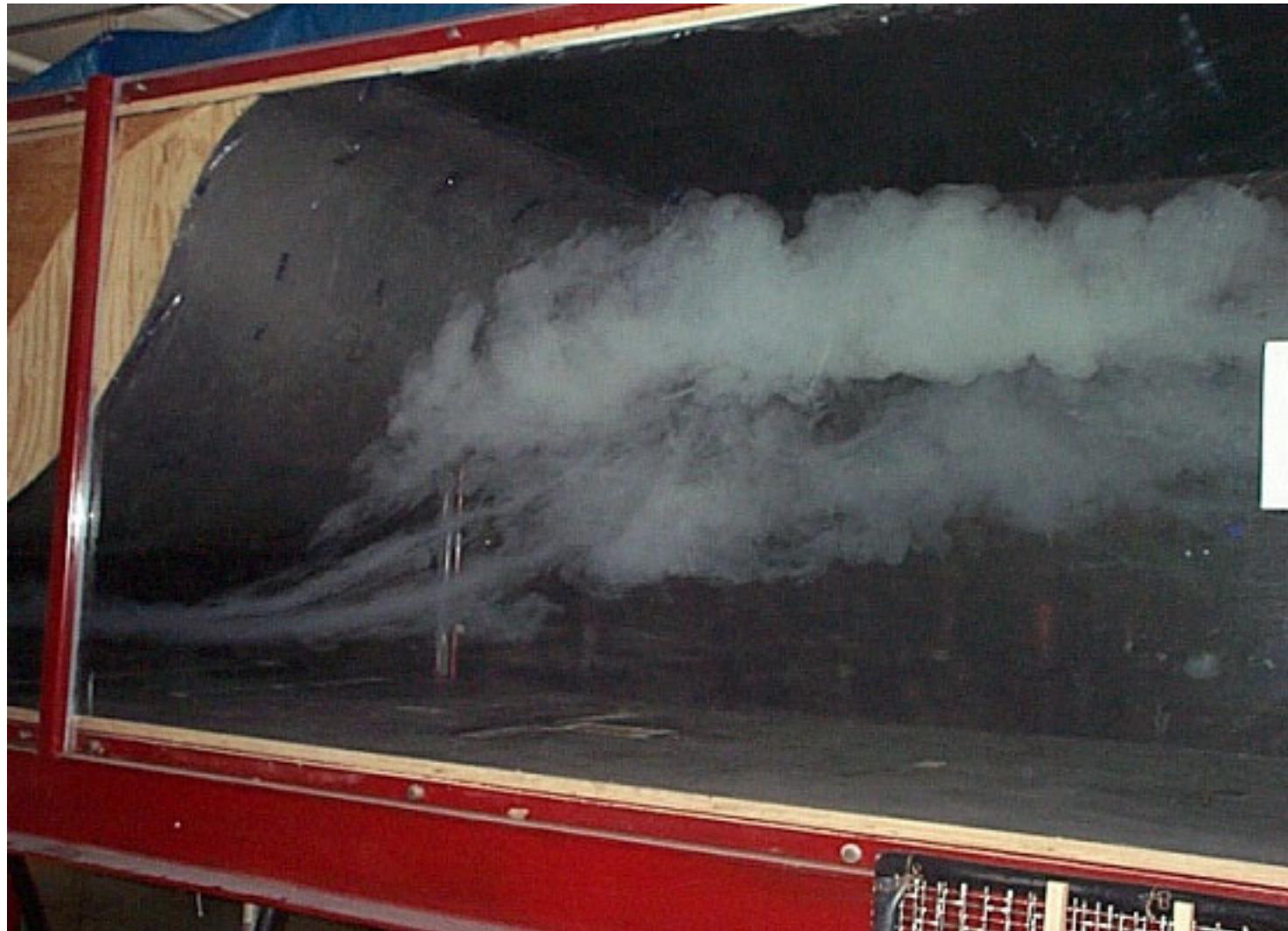
A. L. R. Thomas, G. K. Taylor, R. B. Srygley, R. L. Nudds, and R. J. Bomphrey. Dragonfly flight: free-flight and tethered flow visualizations reveal a diverse array of unsteady lift-generating mechanisms, controlled primarily via angle of attack. *J Exp Biol*, 207(24):4299–4323, 2004.



[http://de.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bild:Airplane\\_vortex\\_edit.jpg](http://de.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bild:Airplane_vortex_edit.jpg)

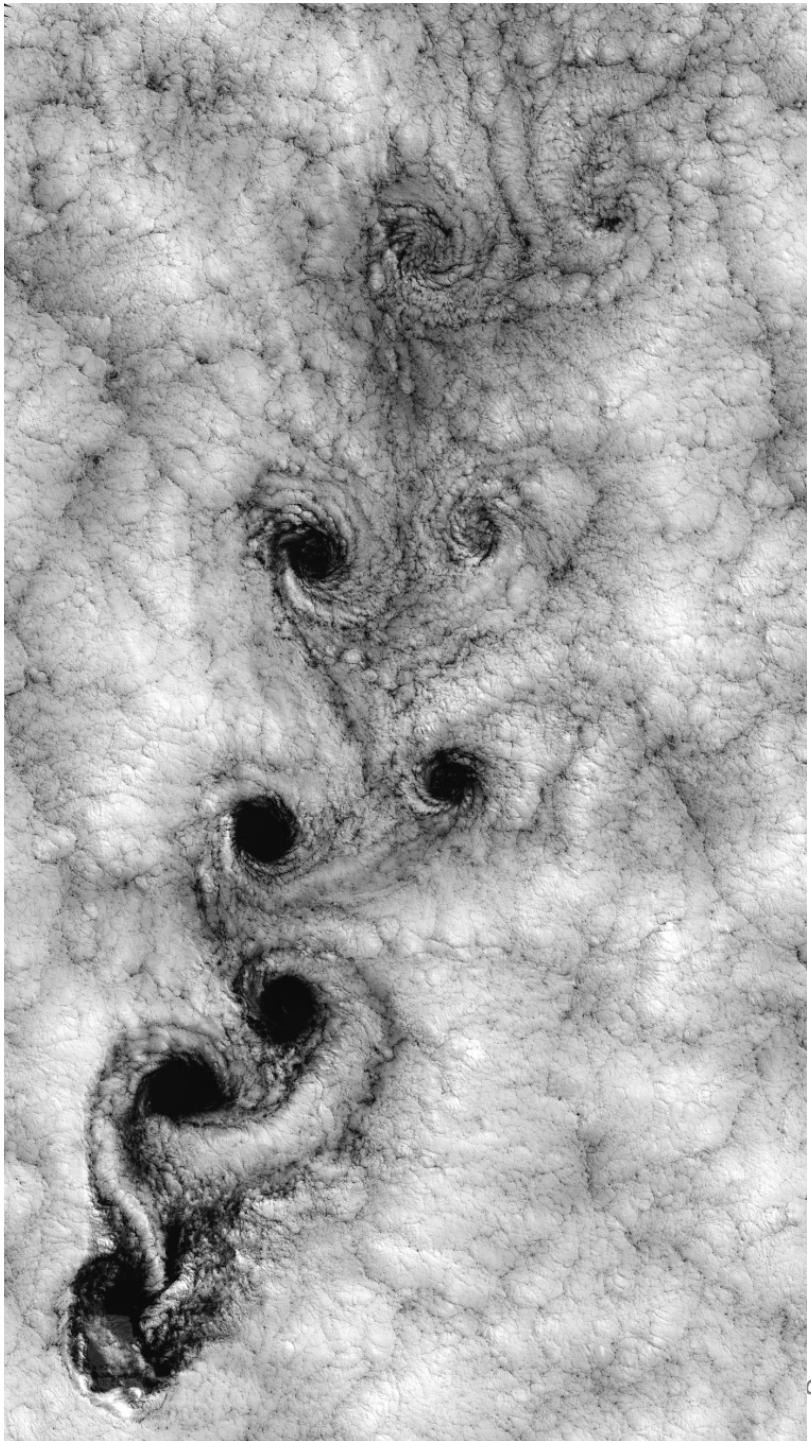
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<http://www-me.ccny.cuny.edu/research/aerolab/facilities/images/wt2.jpg>

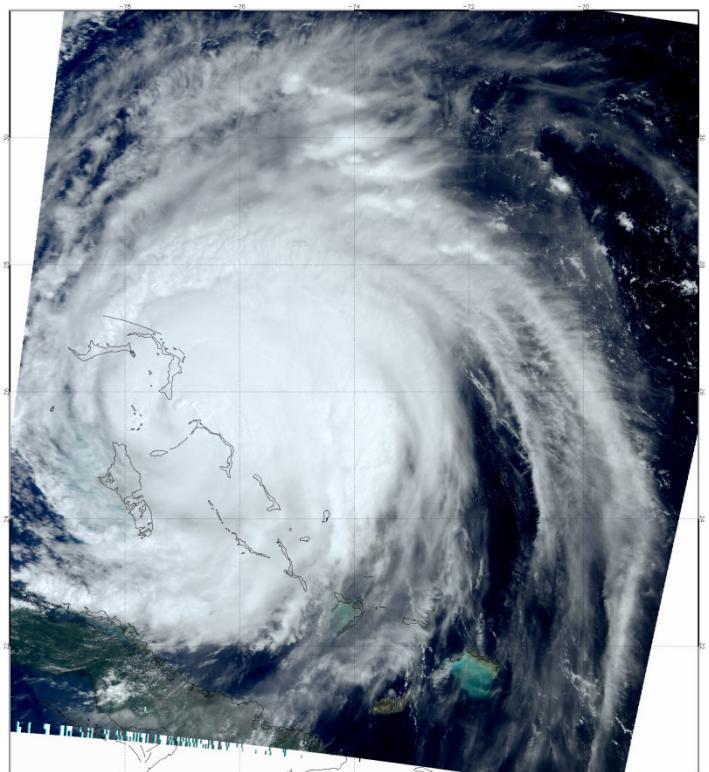


Clouds (satellite image)

*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



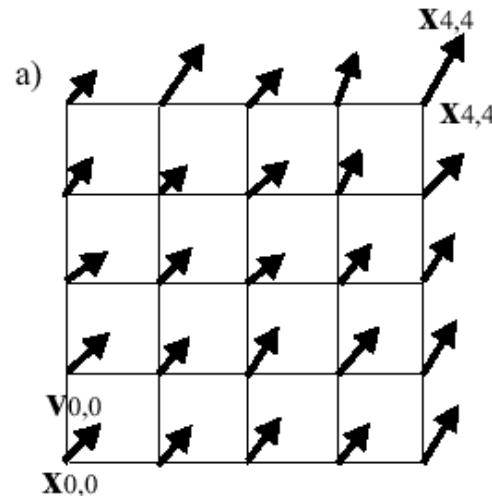
# Vector Fields



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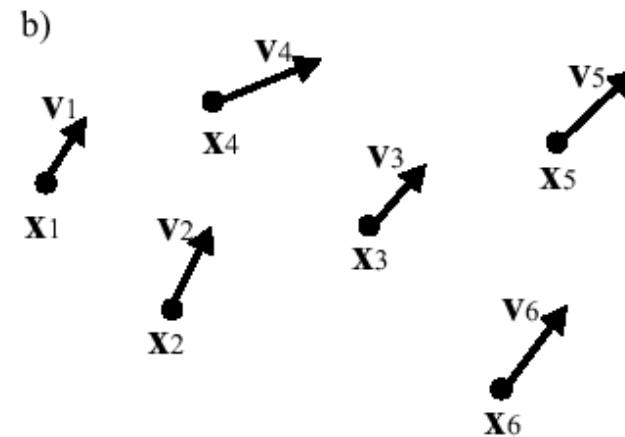
- Example for actual velocity: fluid flow
- But also force fields, etc. (e.g., electrostatic field)

**Eulerian** specification:



vectors given at grid points  
(grid points **do not** move)

**Lagrangian** specification:



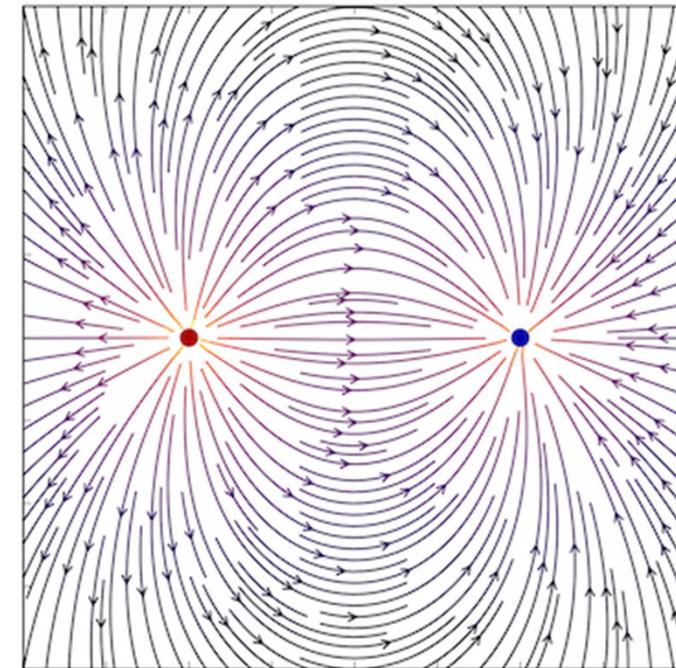
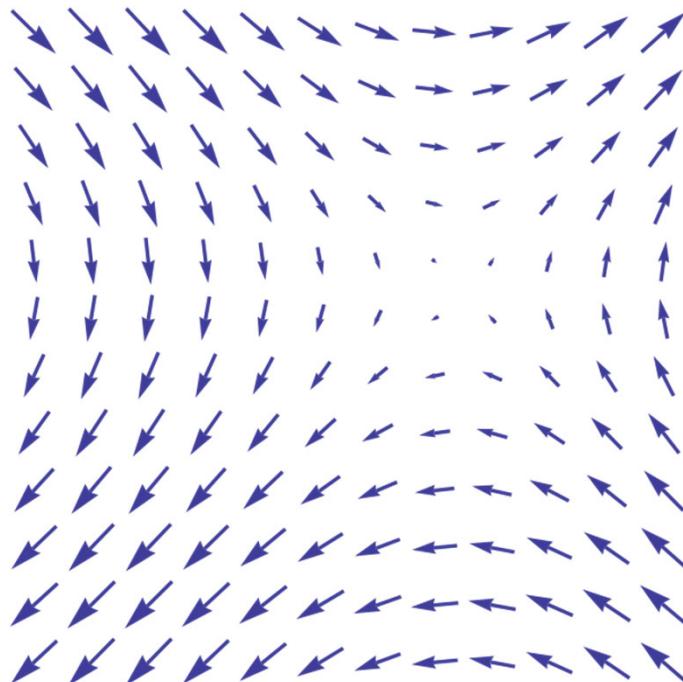
vectors given at particle positions  
(particle positions **do** move)

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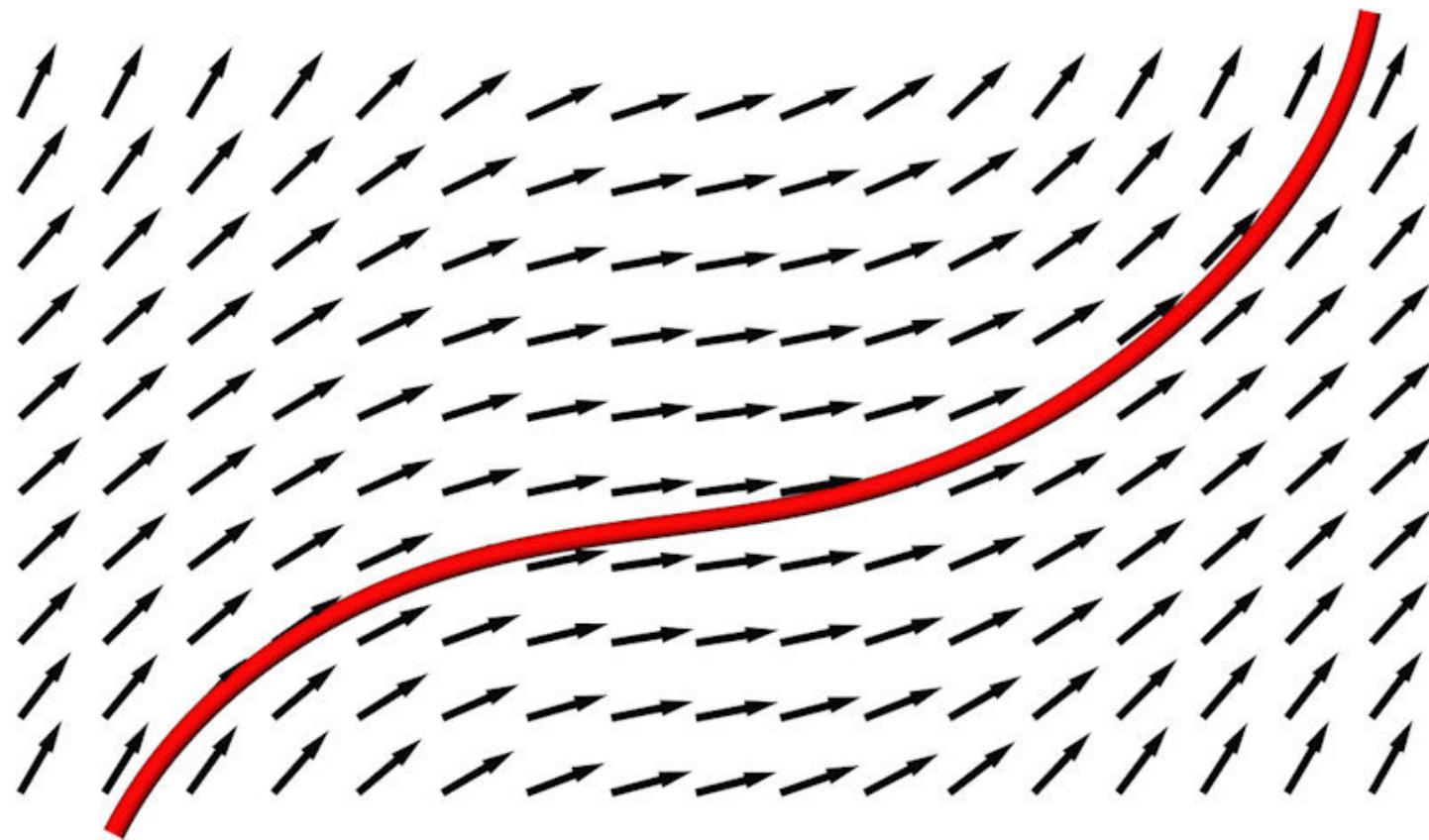


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# Integral Curves / Stream Objects



Integrating velocity over time yields spatial motion



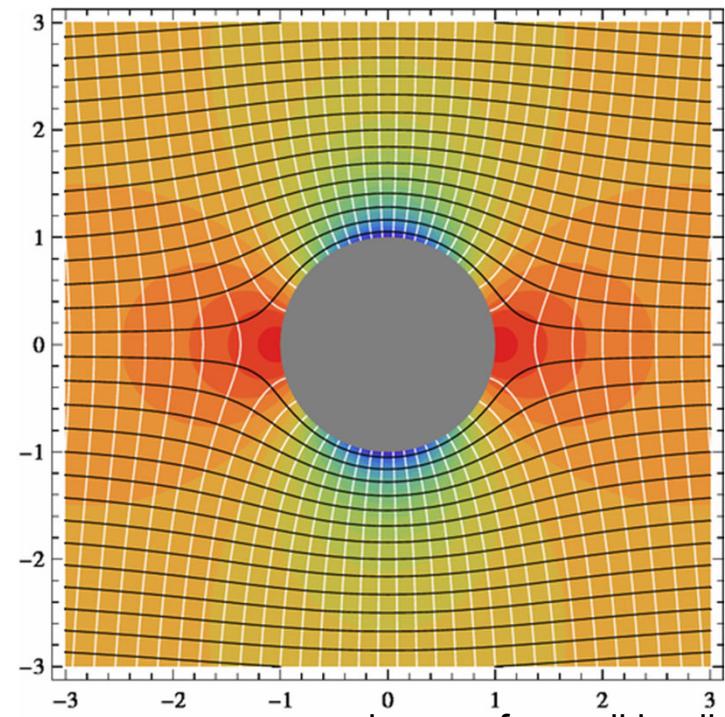
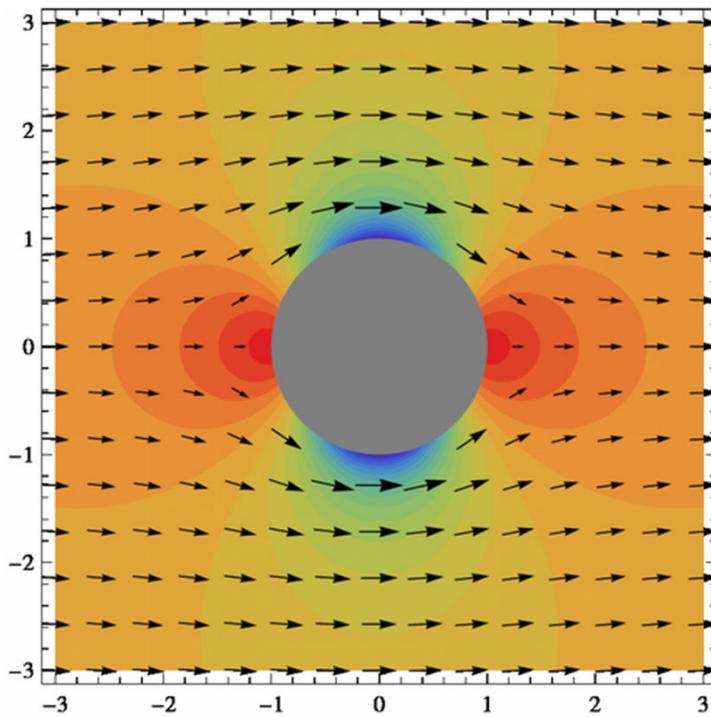


# Flow Field Example (1)

## 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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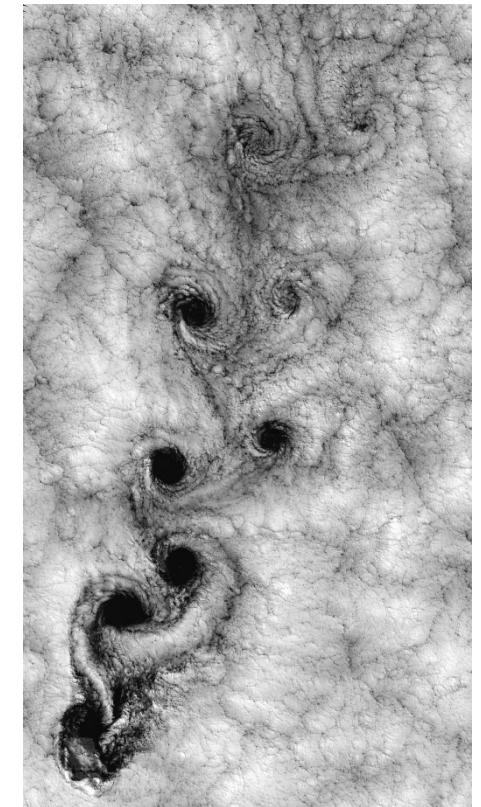
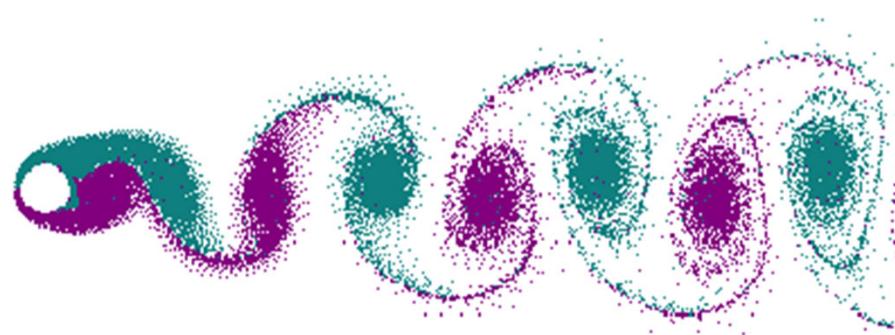
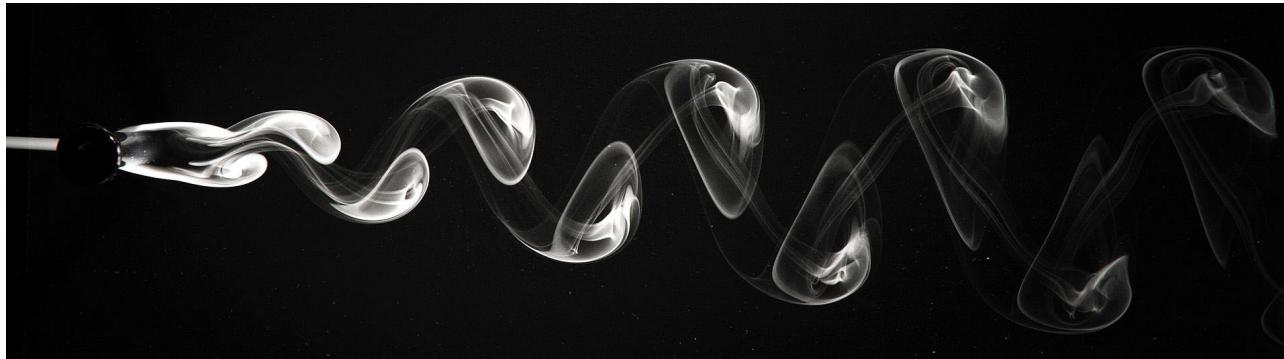


## Flow Field Example (2)

Depending on Reynolds number, turbulence will develop

Example: von Kármán vortex street: vortex shedding

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Karman\\_vortex\\_street](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Karman_vortex_street)



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# Thank you.

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