

# FUNDAMENTALS OF FLUID MECHANICS

MMI103

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Eleven (11) 3-hour lessons made of course and exercises

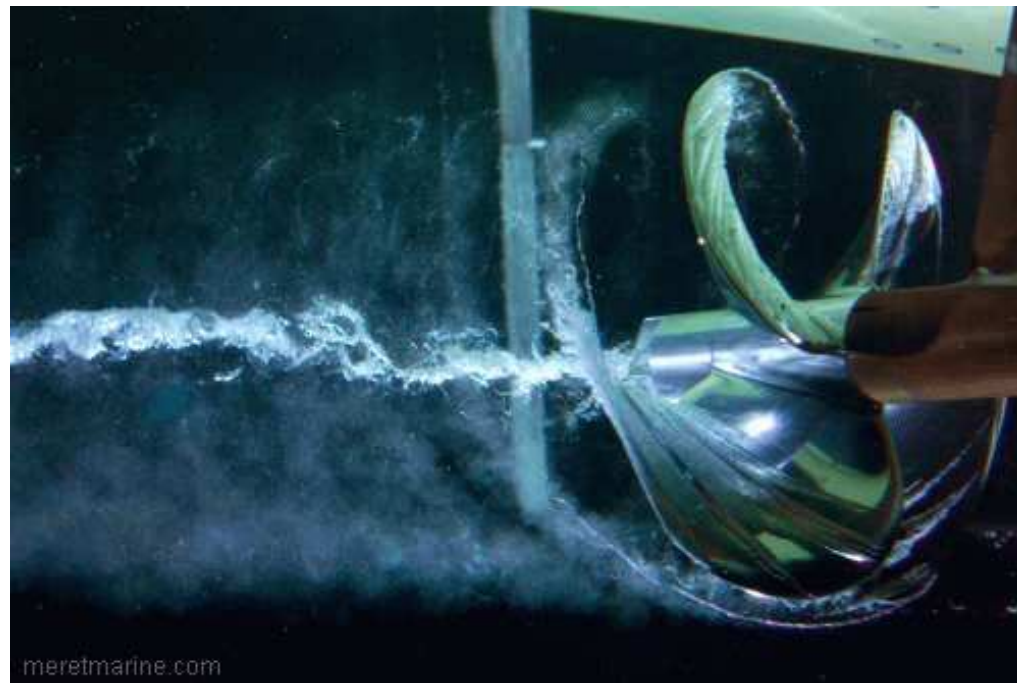
- 11, 18, 25 september
- 2, 9, 16 october
- A one-week break devoted to the first homework (HW1)
  - 7, 13, 20, 27 november
  - 4 december
- 18 december: written 2-hour or 3-hour exam (WE)

Four (4) additional lessons and one additional homework (HW2)  
delivered by another Professor

- taking place in January 2026 or February 2026
- A second homework (HW2) bearing on these lessons
- $N = HW1/4 + WE/2 + HW2/4$  with all HW1, WE and HW2 evaluated using a 0-20 scale

## INCOMPRESSIBLE FLOW (constant density)

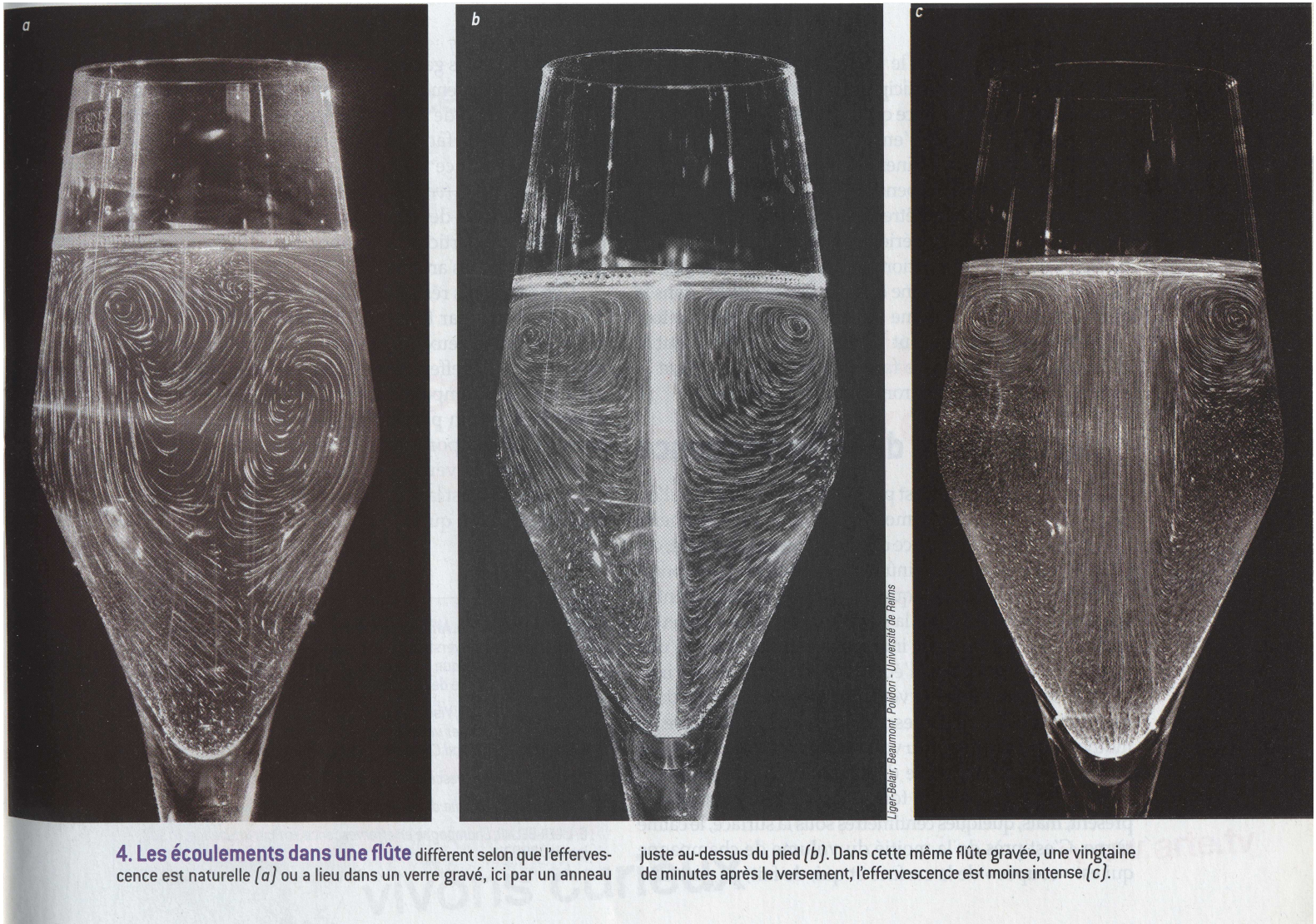
- Liquid, Hydrodynamics



Cavitation on the blade of a propeller (water, experimental observation)

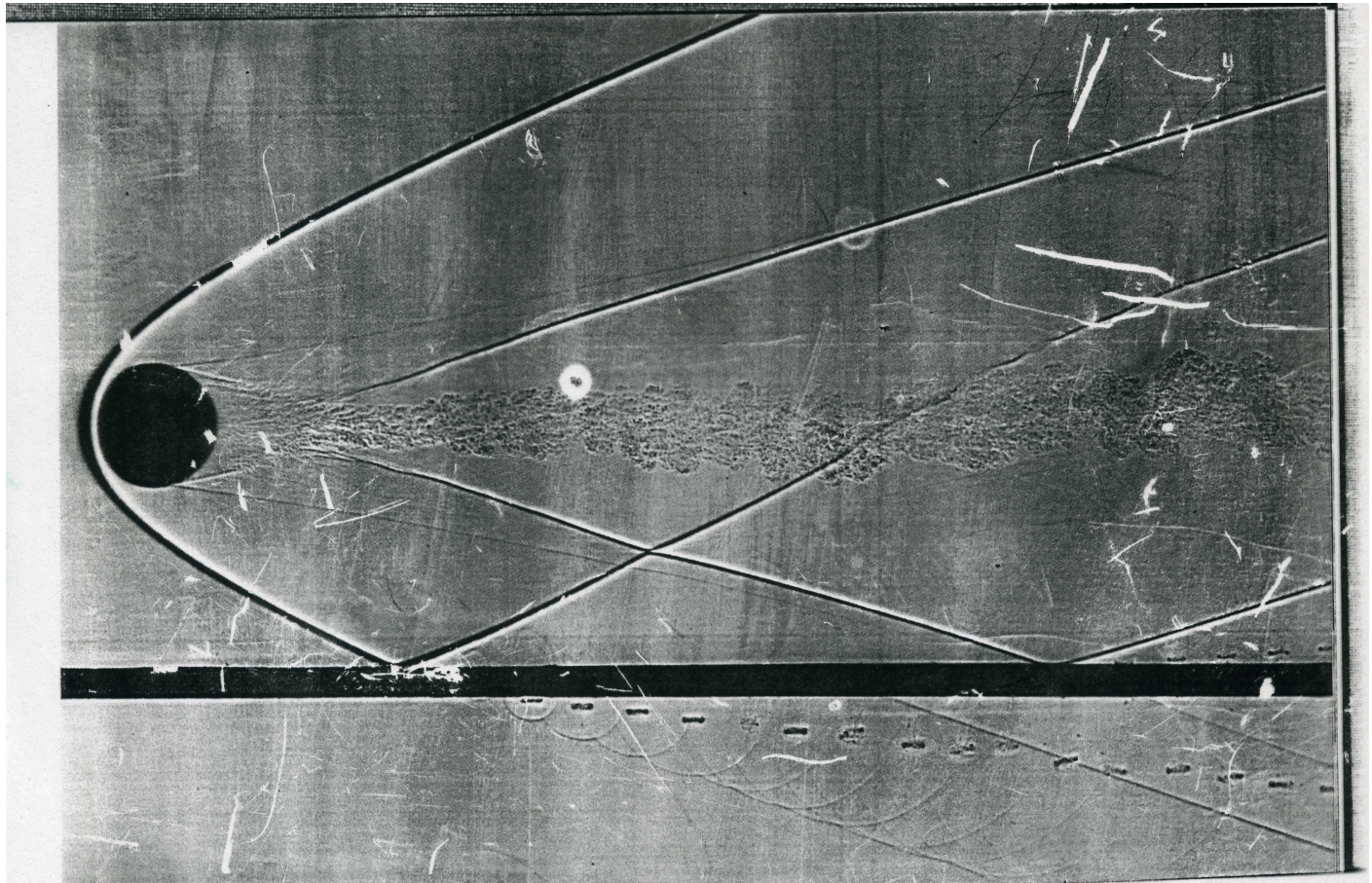
Production of bubbles, abrasion and visualization by cavitation

- Champagne! Role played by the bubbles? efficient mixing!



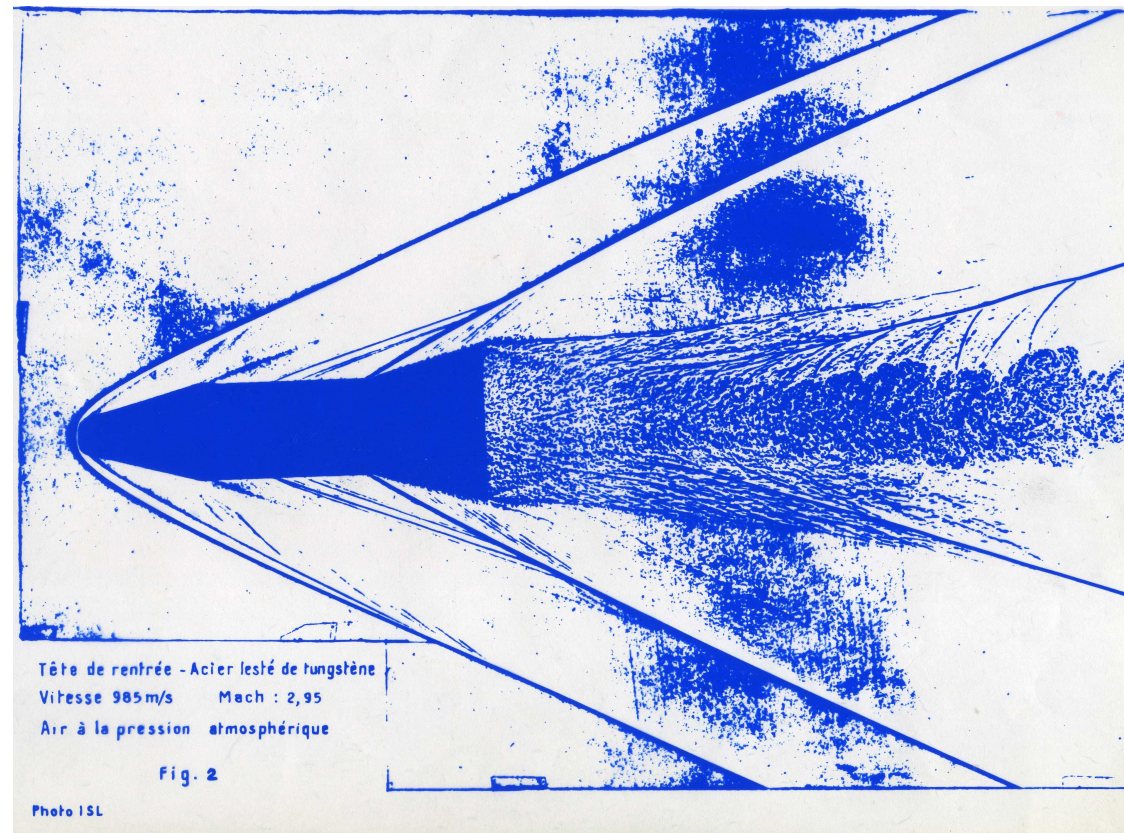
## COMPRESSIBLE FLOW (non-constant density)

- acoustics, shock waves



## COMPRESSIBLE FLOW

- When? “high velocity”
- Experimental observations



## Lesson 1

### MODELISATION

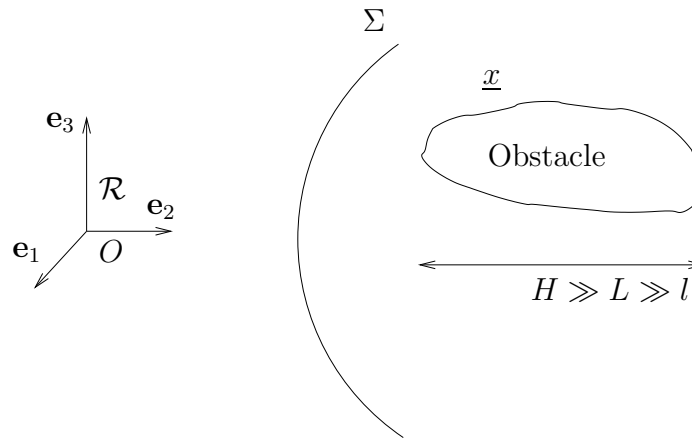
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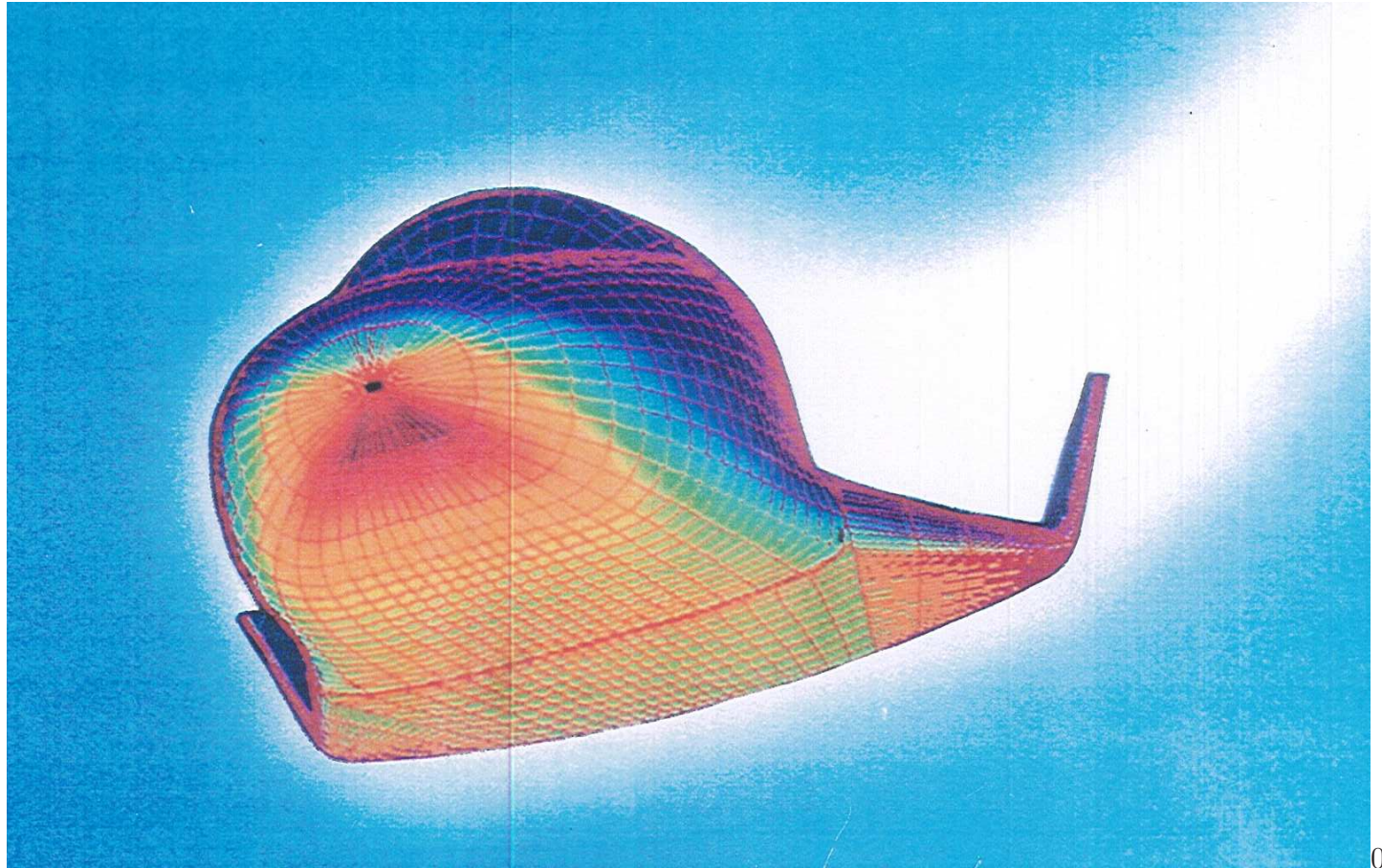
- $H$  : body length scale
- $l$  : molecules free space
- Knudsen number

$$Kn = l/H$$

The Knudsen number is not always small!

- If  $Kn \ll 1$  then continuous medium
- Otherwise, not a continuous medium and statistical physics for a dilute medium

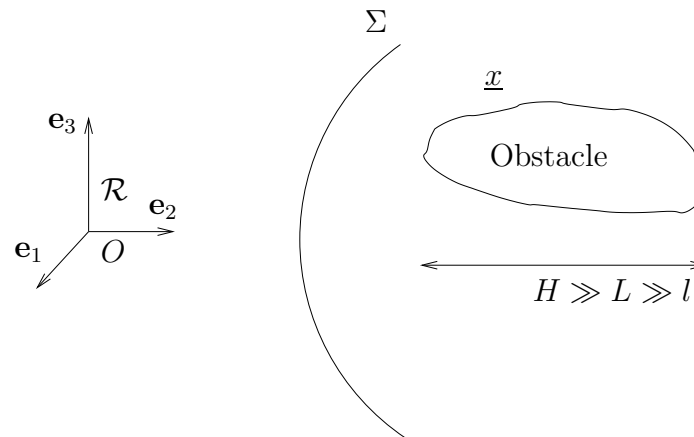




Space shuttle with size  $L$

The free path  $l$  increases with the shuttle height!

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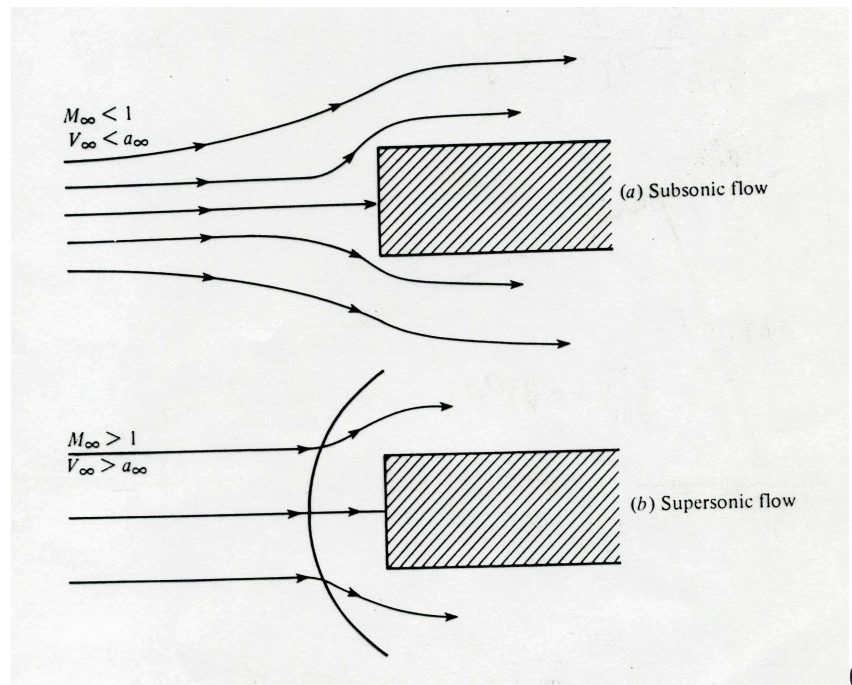
- Here  $Kn \ll 1$  so that  $l \ll L$
- Averaged quantities over domains (cubes) with typical length  $\epsilon$  taking  $l \ll \epsilon \ll L$ 
  - Averaged quantity = **macroscopic** quantity  $g$
- $g$  can be a thermodynamic variable  $\rho, p, T, \dots$  or the the medium velocity  $\underline{u}$
- **Thermodynamic equilibrium**. The medium usual equation-of-state holds

## POTENTIAL DISCONTINUITIES AT THE SURFACE $\Sigma(t)$

- $\Sigma(t)$  can move at its own velocity but **is INERT**

## Eulerian description

- physical quantity  $\mathcal{G}$  : associated to the macroscopic **Eulerian** field  $g(\underline{x}, t)$



- $g$  can be the absolute temperature  $T$ , the density  $\rho$ , the pressure  $p$ , any Cartesian velocity component  $u_i = \underline{u} \cdot \underline{e}_i$

## Eulerian description

- Eulerian velocity field:  $\underline{u}(\underline{x}, t)$
- flow **streamlines** at given time  $t$

$$\frac{dx_1}{u_1(\underline{x}, t)} = \frac{dx_2}{u_2(\underline{x}, t)} = \frac{dx_3}{u_3(\underline{x}, t)}$$

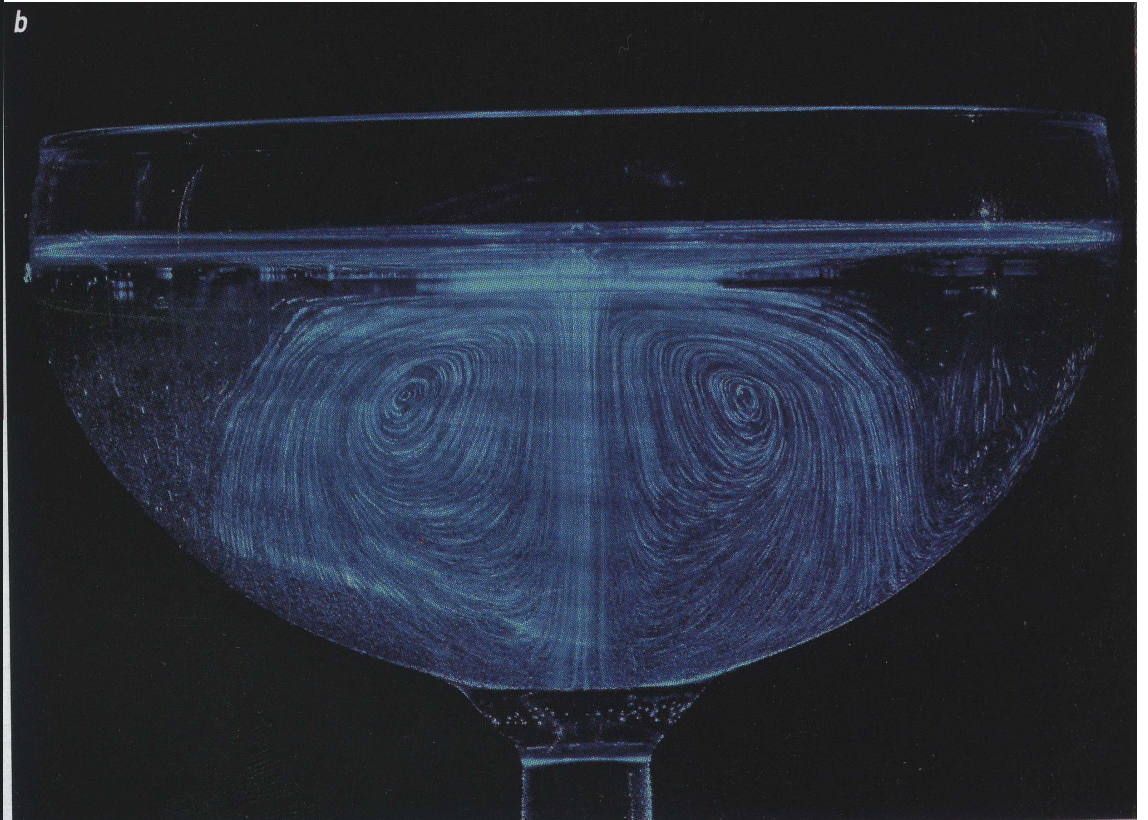
- trajectory of a fluid particule

$$\underline{x} = \underline{X} = X_i \underline{e}_i \quad \text{à } t_0$$
$$\frac{dx_i}{dt} = u_i(\underline{x}, t)$$

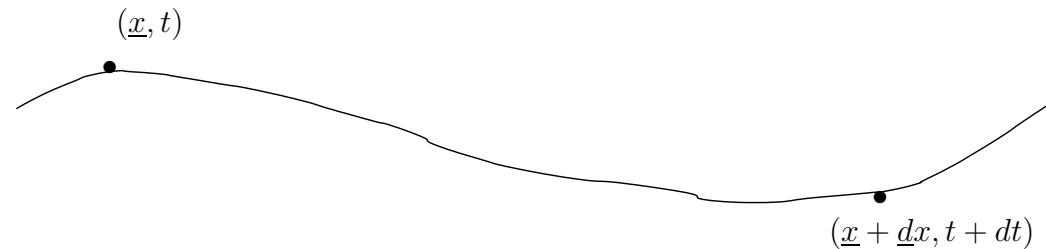
- **Steady flow?**

A flow the Eulerian description of which solely depends on  $\underline{x}$ , i. e.  
 $g(\underline{x}, t) = g(\underline{x})$  whatever the flow physical quantity  $\mathcal{G}$ .  
Then, **streamlines and trajectories are the same lines**

Streamlines at given time  $t$  for an unsteady flow



## Material derivative



$\mathcal{G}$  described by its Eulerian field  $g(\underline{x}, t)$

Tracking in time the **same** fluid particule:  $\underline{dx} = \underline{u}(\underline{x}, t)dt$

$$\frac{dg}{dt} = \lim_{dt \rightarrow 0} \frac{g[\underline{x} + \underline{u}(\underline{x}, t)dt, t + dt] - g(\underline{x}, t)}{dt}$$

$$\frac{dg}{dt} = \frac{\partial g}{\partial t} + \underline{grad}[g] \cdot \underline{u}$$

Using orthogonal Cartesian coordinates

$$\underline{grad}[g] = \frac{\partial g}{\partial x_1} \underline{e}_1 + \frac{\partial g}{\partial x_2} \underline{e}_2 + \frac{\partial g}{\partial x_3} \underline{e}_3 = \frac{\partial g}{\partial x_i} \underline{e}_i$$

Acceleration?

$$\underline{\gamma} = \frac{d\underline{u}}{dt}, \quad \underline{\gamma} \cdot \underline{e}_i = \frac{\partial u_i}{\partial t} + u_j u_{i,j}$$

Fluid density  $\rho(\underline{x}, t)$ ?

$$\frac{d\rho}{dt} = 0 : \text{ incompressible}$$

Not necessarily  $\rho = cste$  everywhere!  
Homogeneous fluid when  $\rho = cste$  everywhere

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## GENERAL PROBLEM?

### UNKNOWN FIELDS

- Eulerian description of the fluid motion  $\underline{u}(\underline{x}, t)$
- Due to the fluid equation of state two variables  $\rho(\underline{x}, t)$ ,  $p(\underline{x}, t)$

### DATA

- initial conditions at  $(t_0)$
- applied fields: body forces, gravity,...
- boundary conditions dependent of the fluid nature/behaviour (see later)
- fluid nature described by its equation of state such as  $p = p(\rho, T)$
- fluid flow rheology described by a law (see later)

### FUNDAMENTAL PHYSICAL LAWS

#### TO BE APPLIED TO THE FLOW

- As previously mentioned: local thermodynamic equilibrium
- Fundamental laws of physics and thermodynamics

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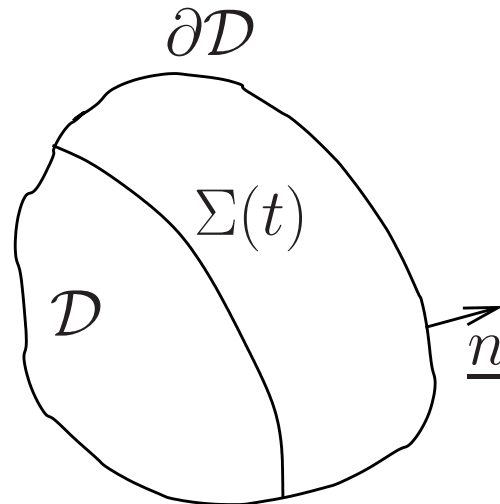
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General global conservation law for a **steady domain**



**Steady** closed domain  $\mathcal{D}$  with boundary  $\partial\mathcal{D}$ .

$\Sigma(t)$  is **INERT** for the quantity  $\mathcal{F}$

$$\mathcal{F}(t) = \int_{\mathcal{D}} F(\underline{x}, t) d\Omega$$

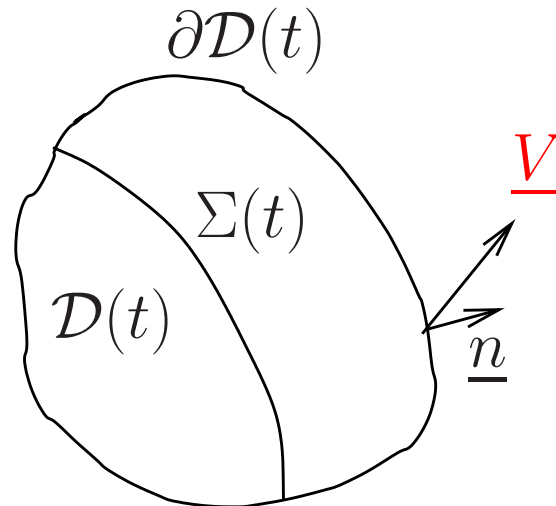
Form taken by a global conservation law

$$\frac{\delta}{\delta t} \int_{\mathcal{D}} F(\underline{x}, t) d\Omega = \int_{\mathcal{D}} P_F(\underline{x}, t) d\Omega - \int_{\partial\mathcal{D}} (F\underline{u} - \underline{A}) \cdot \underline{n} da$$

## Material derivative of a volume integral?

Closed unsteady domain  $\mathcal{D}(t)$  **moving** at the velocity field  $\underline{V}$

$$\int_{\mathcal{D}(t)} F(\underline{x}, t) d\Omega, \quad \frac{\delta}{\delta t_{\underline{V}}} \int_{\mathcal{D}(t)} F(\underline{x}, t) d\Omega?$$



If  $\underline{V}$  and  $F$  are piecewise continuous

$$\frac{\delta}{\delta t_{\underline{V}}} \int_{\mathcal{D}(t)} F(\underline{x}, t) d\Omega = \frac{\delta}{\delta t} \int_{\mathcal{D}} F(\underline{x}, t) d\Omega + \int_{\partial\mathcal{D}(t)} F \underline{V} \cdot \underline{n} da$$

# OBTAINED EQUIVALENT FORMS TAKEN BY A GLOBAL CONSERVATION LAW

General case of a moving domain

$$\frac{\delta}{\delta t_{\underline{V}}} \int_{\mathcal{D}(t)} F(\underline{x}, t) d\Omega = \int_{\mathcal{D}} P_F(\underline{x}, t) d\Omega - \int_{\partial\mathcal{D}} [F(\underline{u} - \underline{V}) - \underline{A}] \cdot \underline{n} da$$

Steady domain

$$\frac{\delta}{\delta t} \int_{\mathcal{D}} F(\underline{x}, t) d\Omega = \int_{\mathcal{D}} P_F(\underline{x}, t) d\Omega - \int_{\partial\mathcal{D}} (F\underline{u} - \underline{A}) \cdot \underline{n} da$$

Material domain

$$\frac{d}{dt} \int_{\mathcal{D}(t)} F(\underline{x}, t) d\Omega = \int_{\mathcal{D}(t)} P_F(\underline{x}, t) d\Omega + \int_{\partial\mathcal{D}(t)} \underline{A} \cdot \underline{n} da$$

Hold even in presence of a surface of discontinuities  $\Sigma(t)$

**INERT** for the quantity  $\mathcal{F}$

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## GLOBAL MASS CONSERVATION

- System = {selected fluid particles}

This system occupies the domain  $\mathcal{D}(t)$  at time  $t$

- Global mass conservation reads

$$\frac{d}{dt} \int_{\mathcal{D}(t)} \rho d\Omega = 0$$

Global mass conservation for a **steady** domain  $\mathcal{D}$  reads

$$\frac{\delta}{\delta t} \int_{\mathcal{D}} \rho(\underline{x}, t) d\Omega = - \int_{\partial\mathcal{D}} \rho \underline{u} \cdot \underline{n} da$$

## NEXT WEEK

Lesson 2. Thursday 18th september, 9h00-12h15