

# The momentum equations

$$\left(\frac{dv_I}{dt}\right)_I = \left(\frac{dv_R}{dt}\right)_R + 2\boldsymbol{\Omega} \times \mathbf{v}_R + \boldsymbol{\Omega} \times (\boldsymbol{\Omega} \times \mathbf{r}) = \text{force terms}$$

Nonlinear advection term   Coriolis term   Pressure gradient term

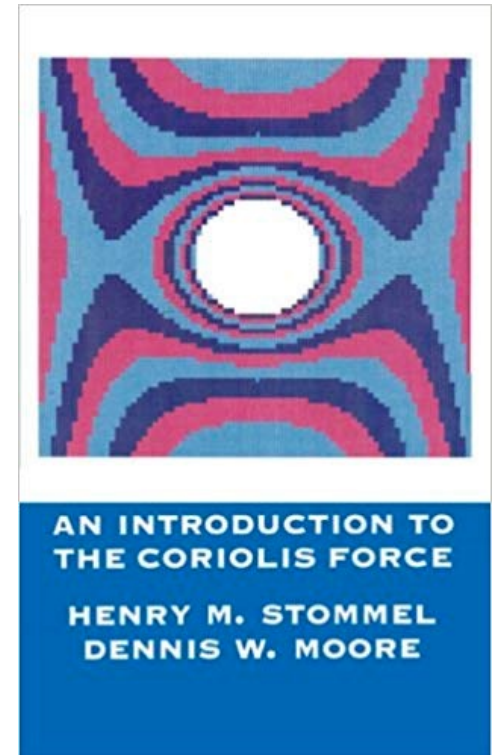
x direction:  $\underbrace{\frac{\partial u}{\partial t}}_{\text{Local acceleration}} + \underbrace{u \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + v \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} + w \frac{\partial u}{\partial z}}_{\text{Nonlinear advection term}} - \underbrace{fv + f_* w}_{\text{Coriolis term}} = -\underbrace{\frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial p}{\partial x}}_{\text{Pressure gradient term}} + \underbrace{\nu \nabla^2 u}_{\text{Viscosity term}} + \dots$

y direction:  $\frac{\partial v}{\partial t} + u \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} + v \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} + w \frac{\partial v}{\partial z} + \underbrace{fu}_{\text{Coriolis term}} = -\underbrace{\frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial p}{\partial y}}_{\text{Pressure gradient term}} + \underbrace{\nu \nabla^2 v}_{\text{Viscosity term}} + \dots$

z direction:  $\frac{\partial w}{\partial t} + u \frac{\partial w}{\partial x} + v \frac{\partial w}{\partial y} + w \frac{\partial w}{\partial z} - \underbrace{f_* u}_{\text{Coriolis term}} = -\underbrace{\frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial p}{\partial z}}_{\text{Pressure gradient term}} + \underbrace{\nu \nabla^2 w}_{\text{Viscosity term}} + \dots$

# References about Coriolis force

- ***An introduction to the Coriolis Force***, H.M. Stommel and D.W. Moore, 1989
- Persson (2000). ***What is the Coriolis force?*** Weather, 55, 165–170.
- Persson (1998). ***How to understand the Coriolis force?*** Bulletin of the American Meteorological Society, 79(7), 1373–1385.



# Centrifugal Force

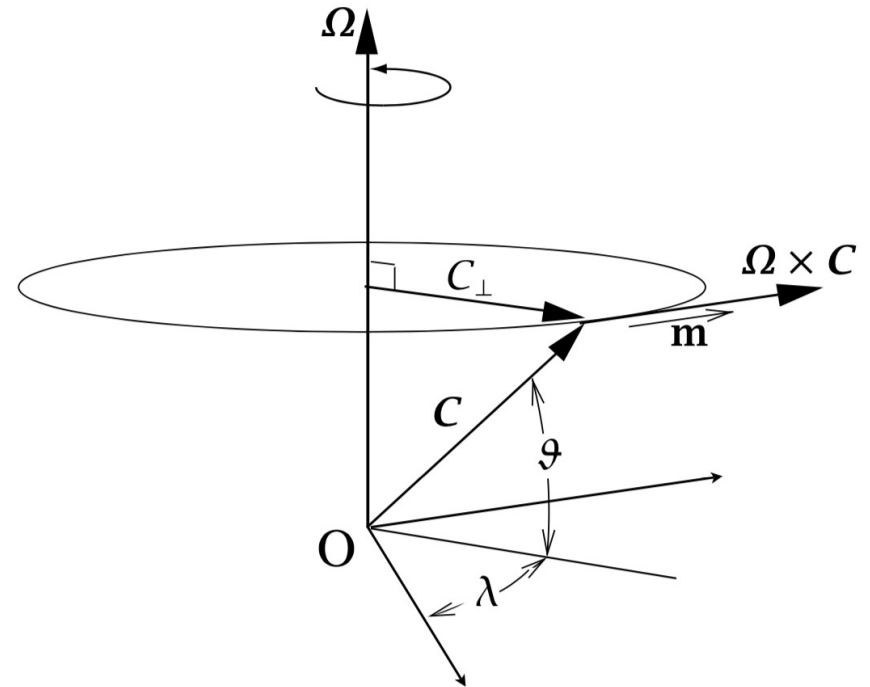
$$-\boldsymbol{\Omega} \times (\boldsymbol{\Omega} \times \mathbf{r})$$

Substitute  $\mathbf{C}$  with  $\mathbf{r}$ :

$$= -\boldsymbol{\Omega} \times (\boldsymbol{\Omega} \times \mathbf{r}_{\perp})$$

$$= -(\boldsymbol{\Omega} \cdot \mathbf{r}_{\perp})\boldsymbol{\Omega} + (\boldsymbol{\Omega} \cdot \boldsymbol{\Omega})\mathbf{r}_{\perp}$$

$$= \Omega^2 \mathbf{r}_{\perp}$$



# Gravity Force

**The Gravity Term in the Momentum Equation** The gravitational attraction of two masses  $M_1$  and  $m$  is:

$$\mathbf{F}_g = \frac{G M_1 m}{R^2}$$

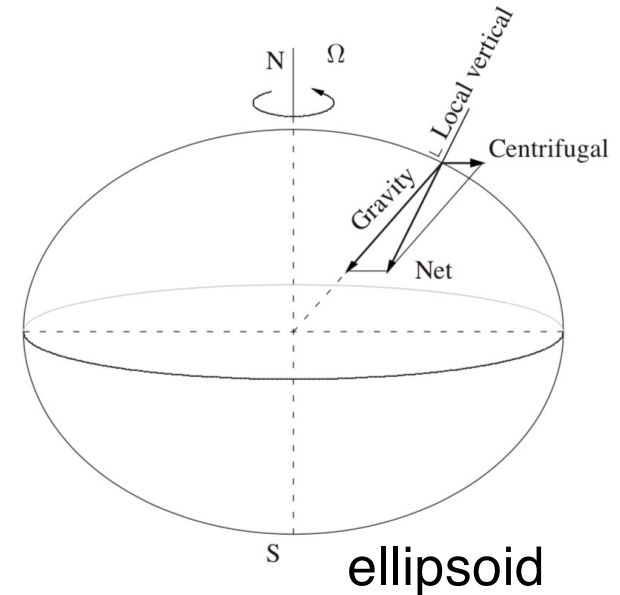
where  $R$  is the distance between the masses, and  $G$  is the gravitational constant. The vector force  $\mathbf{F}_g$  is along the line connecting the two masses.

The force per unit mass due to gravity is:

$$\frac{\mathbf{F}_g}{m} = \mathbf{g}_f = \frac{G M_E}{R^2} \quad (7.15)$$

where  $M_E$  is the mass of Earth. Adding the centrifugal acceleration to (7.15) gives gravity  $\mathbf{g}$  (Figure 7.5):

**effective gravity**  $\mathbf{g} = \mathbf{g}_f - \boldsymbol{\Omega} \times (\boldsymbol{\Omega} \times \mathbf{R}) \quad (7.16)$



# The momentum equations

x direction:

$$\underbrace{\frac{\partial u}{\partial t}}_{\text{Local acceleration}} + \underbrace{u \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + v \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} + w \frac{\partial u}{\partial z}}_{\text{Nonlinear advection term}} - \underbrace{fv + f_* w}_{\text{Coriolis term}} = - \underbrace{\frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial p}{\partial x}}_{\text{Pressure gradient term}} + \underbrace{\nu \nabla^2 u}_{\text{Viscosity term}}$$

y direction:

$$\frac{\partial v}{\partial t} + u \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} + v \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} + w \frac{\partial v}{\partial z} + \underbrace{fu}_{\text{Coriolis term}} = - \underbrace{\frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial p}{\partial y}}_{\text{Pressure gradient term}} + \underbrace{\nu \nabla^2 v}_{\text{Viscosity term}}$$

z direction:

$$\frac{\partial w}{\partial t} + u \frac{\partial w}{\partial x} + v \frac{\partial w}{\partial y} + w \frac{\partial w}{\partial z} + \underbrace{f_* u}_{\text{Coriolis term}} = - \underbrace{\frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial p}{\partial z}}_{\text{Pressure gradient term}} + \underbrace{\nu \nabla^2 w}_{\text{Viscosity term}} - \underbrace{g}_{\text{gravity term}}$$

# Continuity equation

$$\text{fluid loss} = \int_S \rho \mathbf{v} \cdot d\mathbf{S} = \int_V \nabla \cdot (\rho \mathbf{v}) dV, \quad \text{Divergence (Gaussian) theorem}$$

Vallis (Eq. 1.19)

$$= -\frac{dM}{dt} = -\frac{d}{dt} \int_V \rho dV = -\int_V \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} dV$$

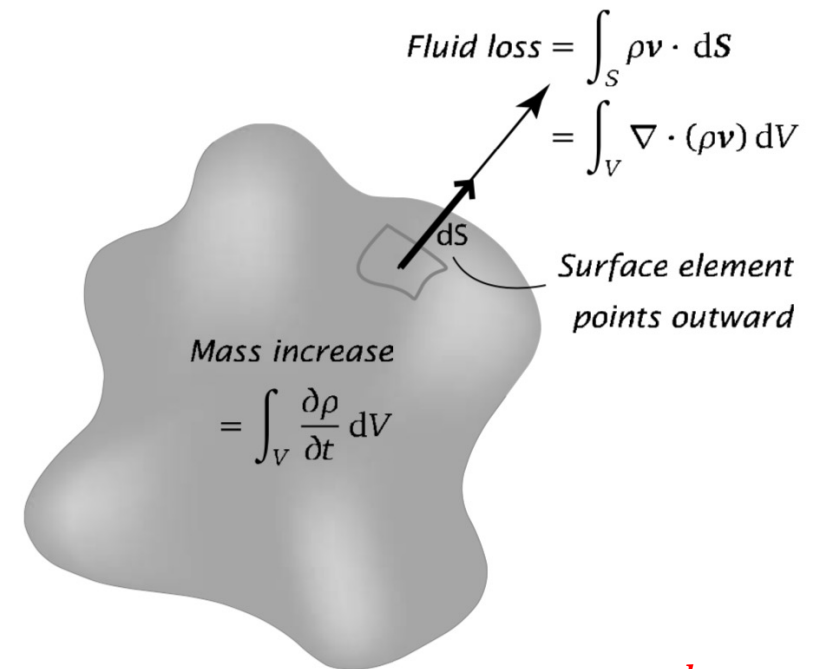
$$\int_V \left[ \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot (\rho \mathbf{v}) \right] dV = 0$$

For any arbitrary volume  $V$ ,

$$\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot (\rho \mathbf{v}) = 0 \quad \text{or} \quad \frac{d\rho}{dt} + \rho \nabla \cdot \mathbf{v} = 0$$

For incompressible fluids ( $\frac{d\rho}{dt} = 0$ )

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{v} = 0$$



## Boussinesq approximation

$$\begin{aligned}\rho &= \rho_0 + \Delta\rho(x, y, z, t) \\ &= \rho_0 + \bar{\rho}(z) + \rho'(x, y, z, t) \\ &= \tilde{\rho}(z) + \rho'(x, y, z, t)\end{aligned}$$

$$\bar{\rho}, \quad \rho' \ll \rho_0$$

$\rho_0$ : mean (reference) density ( $\sim 1025 \text{ kg m}^{-3}$ )

$\bar{\rho}(z)$ : density variation due to stratification

$\rho'$ : density variation due to perturbation

For pressure:

dynamic pressure

$$p = \tilde{p}(z) + p'(x, y, z, t)$$

hydrostatic pressure

$$\tilde{p}(z) = P_0 - \rho_0 g z$$

$$-\frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial p}{\partial z} = -\frac{1}{\rho} \left( \frac{d\tilde{p}}{dz} + \frac{\partial p'}{\partial z} \right) = \frac{\rho_0}{\rho} g - \frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial p'}{\partial z}$$

Then the z-momentum equation becomes:

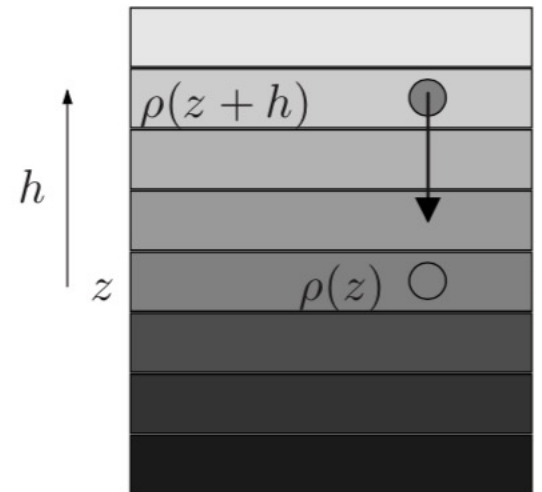
$$\frac{dw}{dt} + f_* u = -\frac{1}{\rho_0} \frac{\partial p'}{\partial z} - \frac{\Delta \rho}{\rho_0} g + \nu \nabla^2 w$$

$b = -\Delta \rho g$ : buoyancy force  
Buoyancy gain or loss?

**Boussinesq approximation:**  $\rho$  can be replaced by  $\rho_0$  (or  $\Delta \rho$  can be neglected) everywhere except in the gravity term

Horizontal momentum equations

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{du}{dt} + f_* w - f v &= -\frac{1}{\rho_0} \frac{\partial p}{\partial x} + \nu \nabla^2 u \\ \frac{dv}{dt} + f u &= -\frac{1}{\rho_0} \frac{\partial p}{\partial y} + \nu \nabla^2 v. \\ \frac{dw}{dt} + f_* u &= -\frac{1}{\rho_0} \frac{\partial p}{\partial z} - \frac{\rho}{\rho_0} g + \nu \nabla^2 w \end{aligned}$$





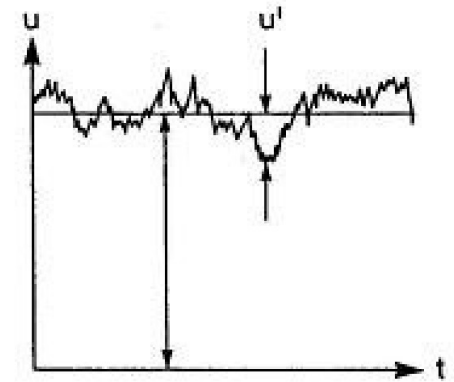
## Reynolds-averaged (time-average) equations

The velocity can be decomposed into (time) **mean velocity** and **perturbation (turbulent) velocity**

$$u = \bar{u} + u', \quad v = \bar{v} + v', \quad w = \bar{w} + w', \quad p = \bar{p} + p'$$

$$\overline{u'} = 0, \quad \overline{v'} = 0, \quad \overline{w'} = 0, \quad \overline{p'} = 0$$

$$\overline{uv} = \overline{(\bar{u} + u')(\bar{v} + v')} = \bar{u}\bar{v} + \overline{u'v'}$$



The advection term in the x momentum equation can be written as:

$$\begin{aligned} u \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + v \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} + w \frac{\partial u}{\partial z} &= \frac{\partial(u^2)}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial(uv)}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial(uw)}{\partial z} - u \underbrace{\left( \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial w}{\partial z} \right)}_{=0} \\ &= \frac{\partial(u^2)}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial(uv)}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial(uw)}{\partial z} \end{aligned}$$

$$\rho_0 \left\{ \frac{\partial(\bar{u} + u')}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial(\bar{u} + u')^2}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial(\bar{u} + u')(\bar{v} + v')}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial(\bar{u} + u')(\bar{w} + w')}{\partial z} \right\} + \rho_0(-f\bar{v} + f_*\bar{u})$$

$$= -\frac{\partial(\bar{p} + p')}{\partial x} + \mu \left( \frac{\partial^2(\bar{u} + u')}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2(\bar{u} + u')}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2(\bar{u} + u')}{\partial z^2} \right)$$

$$F^x = \frac{\partial \tau^{xx}}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial \tau^{yx}}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial \tau^{zx}}{\partial z}$$

$$= \frac{1}{\partial x} \left( \mu \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \right) + \frac{1}{\partial y} \left( \mu \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \right) + \frac{1}{\partial z} \left( \mu \frac{\partial u}{\partial z} \right)$$

$$= \mu \nabla^2 u$$

$$\Delta = \nabla^2$$

$$\rho_0 \left( \frac{\partial \bar{u}}{\partial t} + \bar{u} \frac{\partial \bar{u}}{\partial x} + \bar{v} \frac{\partial \bar{u}}{\partial y} + \bar{w} \frac{\partial \bar{u}}{\partial z} \right) + \rho_0(-f\bar{v} + f_*\bar{u}) = -\frac{\partial \bar{p}}{\partial x} + \mu \Delta \bar{u} - \rho_0 \left( \frac{\partial \overline{u'u'}}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial \overline{u'v'}}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial \overline{u'w'}}{\partial z} \right)$$

$$= \rho_0 \underbrace{(v + v_E)}_A \Delta \bar{u} \quad \text{Eddy viscosity}$$

$$\overline{u'u'} = -v_E \frac{\partial \bar{u}}{\partial x} \quad \overline{u'v'} = -v_E \frac{\partial \bar{u}}{\partial y} \quad \overline{u'w'} = -v_E \frac{\partial \bar{u}}{\partial z}$$

**Reynolds stress:** stress induced by turbulence acting on mean flow

## Reynolds-averaged equations

$$x: \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} + u \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + v \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} + w \frac{\partial u}{\partial z} - f v + f_* w = -\frac{1}{\rho_0} \frac{\partial p}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial}{\partial x} (A_H \frac{\partial u}{\partial x}) + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} (A_H \frac{\partial u}{\partial y}) + \frac{\partial}{\partial z} (A_V \frac{\partial u}{\partial z})$$

$$y: \frac{\partial v}{\partial t} + u \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} + v \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} + w \frac{\partial v}{\partial z} + f u = -\frac{1}{\rho_0} \frac{\partial p}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial}{\partial x} (A_H \frac{\partial v}{\partial x}) + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} (A_H \frac{\partial v}{\partial y}) + \frac{\partial}{\partial z} (A_V \frac{\partial v}{\partial z})$$

$$z: \frac{\partial w}{\partial t} + u \frac{\partial w}{\partial x} + v \frac{\partial w}{\partial y} + w \frac{\partial w}{\partial z} + f_* u = -\frac{1}{\rho_0} \frac{\partial p}{\partial z} + \frac{\partial}{\partial x} (A_H \frac{\partial w}{\partial x}) + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} (A_H \frac{\partial w}{\partial y}) + \frac{\partial}{\partial z} (A_V \frac{\partial w}{\partial z}) - \frac{\rho}{\rho_0} g$$