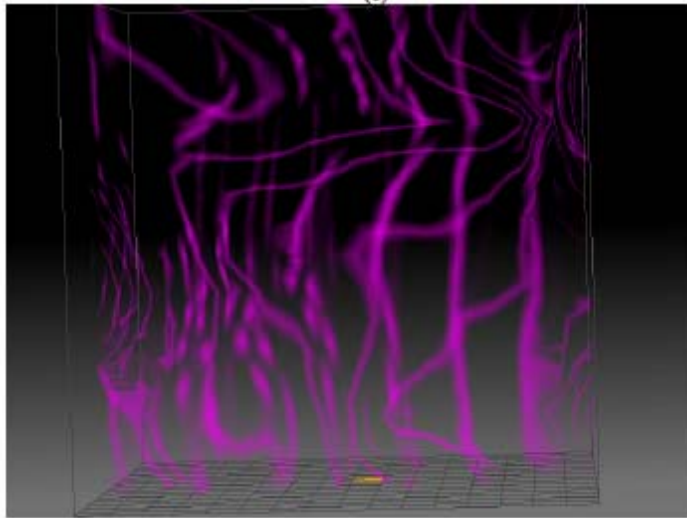


# Stable Fluid



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# Goal

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- Simulate behavior of gas (or liquid)
- Stable method
- Graphics applications
- Sacrifice accuracy for speed and control



# Navier-Stokes Equations

## ■ Conservation of momentum

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial u^2}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial uv}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial uw}{\partial z} = -\frac{\partial p}{\partial x} + g_x + \nu\left(\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial z^2}\right)$$

$$\frac{\partial v}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial vu}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial v^2}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial vw}{\partial z} = -\frac{\partial p}{\partial y} + g_y + \nu\left(\frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial z^2}\right)$$

$$\frac{\partial w}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial wu}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial wv}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial w^2}{\partial z} = -\frac{\partial p}{\partial z} + g_z + \nu\left(\frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial z^2}\right),$$

## ■ Conservation of mass

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial w}{\partial z} = 0$$

u, v, w: velocities in x, y, z directions

p: local pressure

g: gravity (local force in general)

$\nu$ : viscosity



# Compact Form

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Notation:

$$\nabla = (\partial/\partial x, \partial/\partial y, \partial/\partial z)$$

$$\nabla^2 = \nabla \cdot \nabla$$

u: velocity  
p: pressure  
f: force  
v: viscosity  
 $\rho$ : density

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial w}{\partial z} = 0$$

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

$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{u}}{\partial t} = -(\mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{u} - \frac{1}{\rho} \nabla p + \nu \nabla^2 \mathbf{u} + \mathbf{f}$$



# Solving ODE/PDE

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- Consider  $du/dt = -\lambda u$ ,  $u(0) = 1$ ,  $\lambda > 0$
- Exact solution  $u = e^{-\lambda t}$
- Explicit (Euler method):  
$$(u_{i+1} - u_i)/\Delta t = -\lambda u_i, u_i \approx u(i\Delta t)$$
$$u_{i+1} = (1 - \lambda\Delta t) u_i, u_0 = 1$$
$$u_i = (1 - \lambda\Delta t)^i$$
- Implicit (Backward Euler method):  
$$(u_{i+1} - u_i)/\Delta t = -\lambda u_{i+1}$$
$$u_{i+1} = (1 + \lambda\Delta t)^{-1} u_i, u_0 = 1$$
$$u_i = (1 + \lambda\Delta t)^{-i}$$

In general: explicit method is cheap, implicit method is expensive



# Stability of a Numerical Method

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Stability: Is the computed solution **bounded**?  
(assuming that the true solution is bounded)

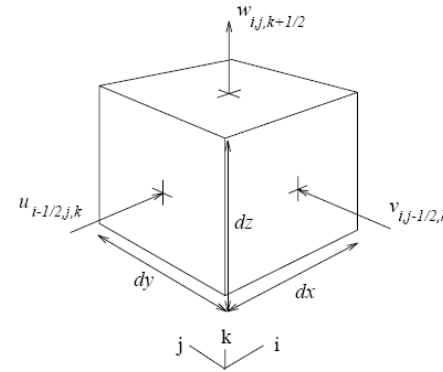
Explicit:  $u_i = (1 - \lambda \Delta t)^i$   
Stable when  $|1 - \lambda \Delta t| \leq 1$   
 $\Delta t \leq 2/\lambda$

Implicit:  $u_i = (1 + \lambda \Delta t)^{-i}$   
Stable when  $|1 + \lambda \Delta t| \geq 1$   
Unconditionally stable!

small time step when  $\lambda$  is large!

Stability is **not** about the accuracy of the approximation  
Stability is **necessary** for a numerical method to be useful

# Previous Talk



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

$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{u}}{\partial t} = -(\mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{u} - \frac{1}{\rho} \nabla p + \nu \nabla^2 \mathbf{u} + \mathbf{f}$$

**u**: velocity  
**p**: pressure  
f: force  
 $\nu$ : viscosity  
 $\rho$ : density

- Advance  $\mathbf{u}$  using explicit method

$$(u_{i+1} - u_i) / \Delta t = -(\mathbf{u}_i \cdot \nabla) u_i - 1/\rho \nabla p_i + \nu \nabla^2 u_i + f_i$$

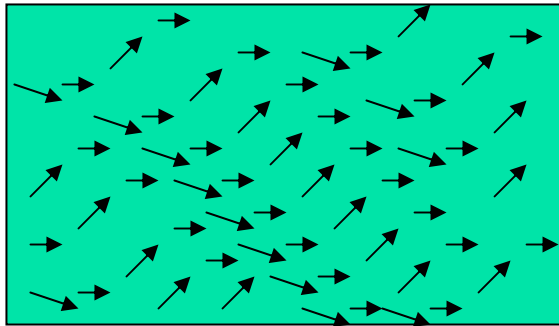
$$u_{i+1} = u_i + \Delta t [ -(\mathbf{u}_i \cdot \nabla) u_i - 1/\rho \nabla p_i + \nu \nabla^2 u_i + f_i ]$$

- “Project”  $\mathbf{u}$  to ensure conservation of mass and to compute new value for  $p$

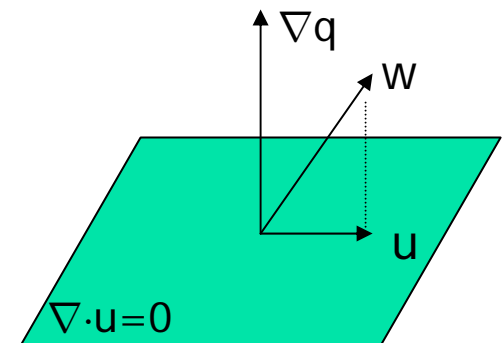
Stable when  $\Delta t \approx \Delta x$

# Helmholtz-Hodge Decomposition

- Vector field  $w: \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^d$ , scalar field  $q: \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ , where  $d = 2, 3$



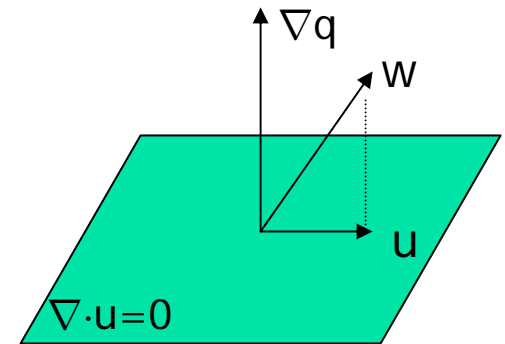
- Any vector field  $w$  can be written uniquely as  $w = u + \nabla q$ , where  $\nabla \cdot u = 0$ , and  $q$  is a scalar field





# Helmholtz-Hodge Decomposition

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- Proof: Given  $w$ , the Poisson equation  $\nabla^2 q = \nabla \cdot w$  has a unique solution  $q$
- Corollary: There is a **projection operator  $P$**  that projects any vector field into the space of “divergence free” vector fields  
if  $w = u + \nabla q$  and  $\nabla \cdot u = 0$ , then  $u = P(w)$

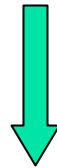


# Removing Pressure Term

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

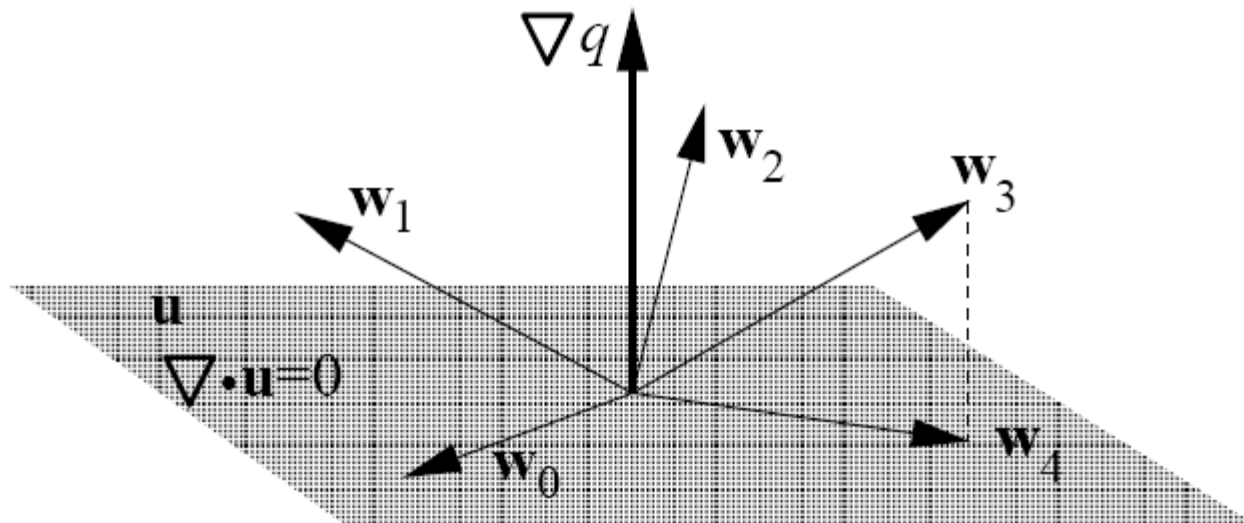
$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{u}}{\partial t} = -(\mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{u} - \frac{1}{\rho} \nabla p + \nu \nabla^2 \mathbf{u} + \mathbf{f}$$



$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{u}}{\partial t} = \mathbf{P} \left( -(\mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{u} + \nu \nabla^2 \mathbf{u} + \mathbf{f} \right)$$

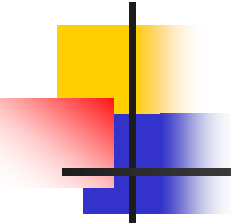
# Strategy

$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{u}}{\partial t} = \mathbf{P} \left( -(\mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{u} + \nu \nabla^2 \mathbf{u} + \mathbf{f} \right)$$



$$\mathbf{w}_0(\mathbf{x}) \xrightarrow{\text{add force}} \mathbf{w}_1(\mathbf{x}) \xrightarrow{\text{advect}} \mathbf{w}_2(\mathbf{x}) \xrightarrow{\text{diffuse}} \mathbf{w}_3(\mathbf{x}) \xrightarrow{\text{project}} \mathbf{w}_4(\mathbf{x}).$$

$$\begin{array}{lll} \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = f & \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = -u \cdot \nabla u & \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = \nu \nabla^2 u \quad w_4 = P(w_3) \\ u(0) = w_0 & u(0) = w_1 & u(0) = w_2 \\ w_1 = u(\Delta t) & w_2 = u(\Delta t) & w_3 = u(\Delta t) \end{array}$$


$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{u}}{\partial t} = \mathbf{P} \left( -(\mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{u} + \nu \nabla^2 \mathbf{u} + \mathbf{f} \right)$$

## Step 1: Add Force

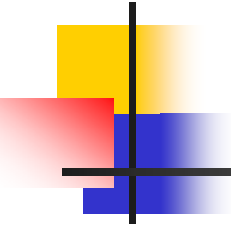
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$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = f$$

$$u(x, 0) = w_0(x)$$

$$w_1(x) = u(x, \Delta t)$$

$$\mathbf{w}_1(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{w}_0(\mathbf{x}) + \Delta t \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}, t)$$


$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{u}}{\partial t} = \mathbf{P} \left( -(\mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{u} + \nu \nabla^2 \mathbf{u} + \mathbf{f} \right)$$

## Step 2: Advection

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$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = -u \cdot \nabla u$$

$$u(0) = w_1$$

$$w_2 = u(\Delta t)$$

- “Propagate” disturbance
- Linearized, solving  $\partial u / \partial t = -w_1 \cdot \nabla u$  instead

# Method of Characteristics

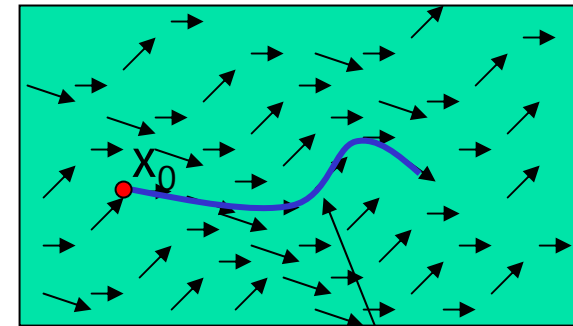
- Problem: solving  $\partial a(x,t)/\partial t = -v(x) \cdot \nabla a(x,t)$ , where  $a(x,0) = a_0(x)$

function of  $t$ , "characteristic curve at  $x_0$ "

- Approach: Fix  $x_0$ , and let  $p(x_0, t)$  be such that  $p(x_0, 0) = x_0$  and that  $dp(x_0, t)/dt = v(x_0)$ .

- Let  $b(t) = a(p(x_0, t), t)$ , then by chain rule  $db/dt = \nabla a \cdot dp/dt + \partial a/\partial t = 0$

i.e.  $b(t) = \text{constant}$ ,  $a(.,t)$  is a constant along the characteristic curves



$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{u}}{\partial t} = \mathbf{P} \left( -(\mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{u} + \nu \nabla^2 \mathbf{u} + \mathbf{f} \right)$$

## Step 2: Advection

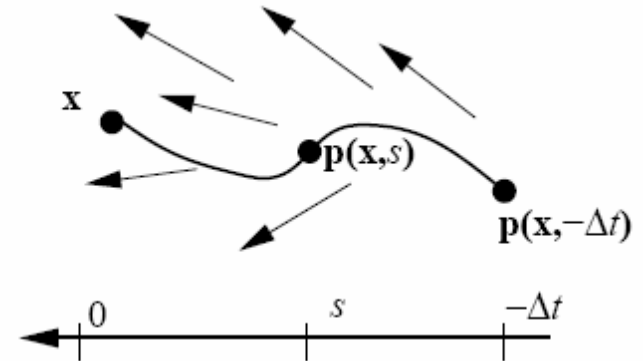
$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = -w_1 \cdot \nabla u$$

$$u(0) = w_1$$

$$w_2 = u(\Delta t)$$

$$\mathbf{w}_2(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{w}_1(\mathbf{p}(\mathbf{x}, -\Delta t))$$

$$\max w_2(\mathbf{x}) \leq \max w_1(\mathbf{x})$$



$\mathbf{p}(\mathbf{x}, -\Delta t) = \mathbf{x} - \Delta t \mathbf{v}(\mathbf{x})$  if  $t$  is small  
integrate  $\mathbf{v}(\mathbf{x})$  if  $\Delta t$  is large

explicit method requires small time step  $\Delta t \approx \Delta x$  here

$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{u}}{\partial t} = \mathbf{P} \left( -(\mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{u} + \nu \nabla^2 \mathbf{u} + \mathbf{f} \right)$$

## Step 3: Diffusion

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = \nu \nabla^2 u$$

$$u(0) = w_2$$

$$w_3 = u(\Delta t)$$

previous, explicit method:  $w_3(x) = (I + \nu \Delta t \nabla^2) w_2(x)$

$$(\mathbf{I} - \nu \Delta t \nabla^2) \mathbf{w}_3(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{w}_2(\mathbf{x})$$

Sparse matrix

Solved using multi-grid

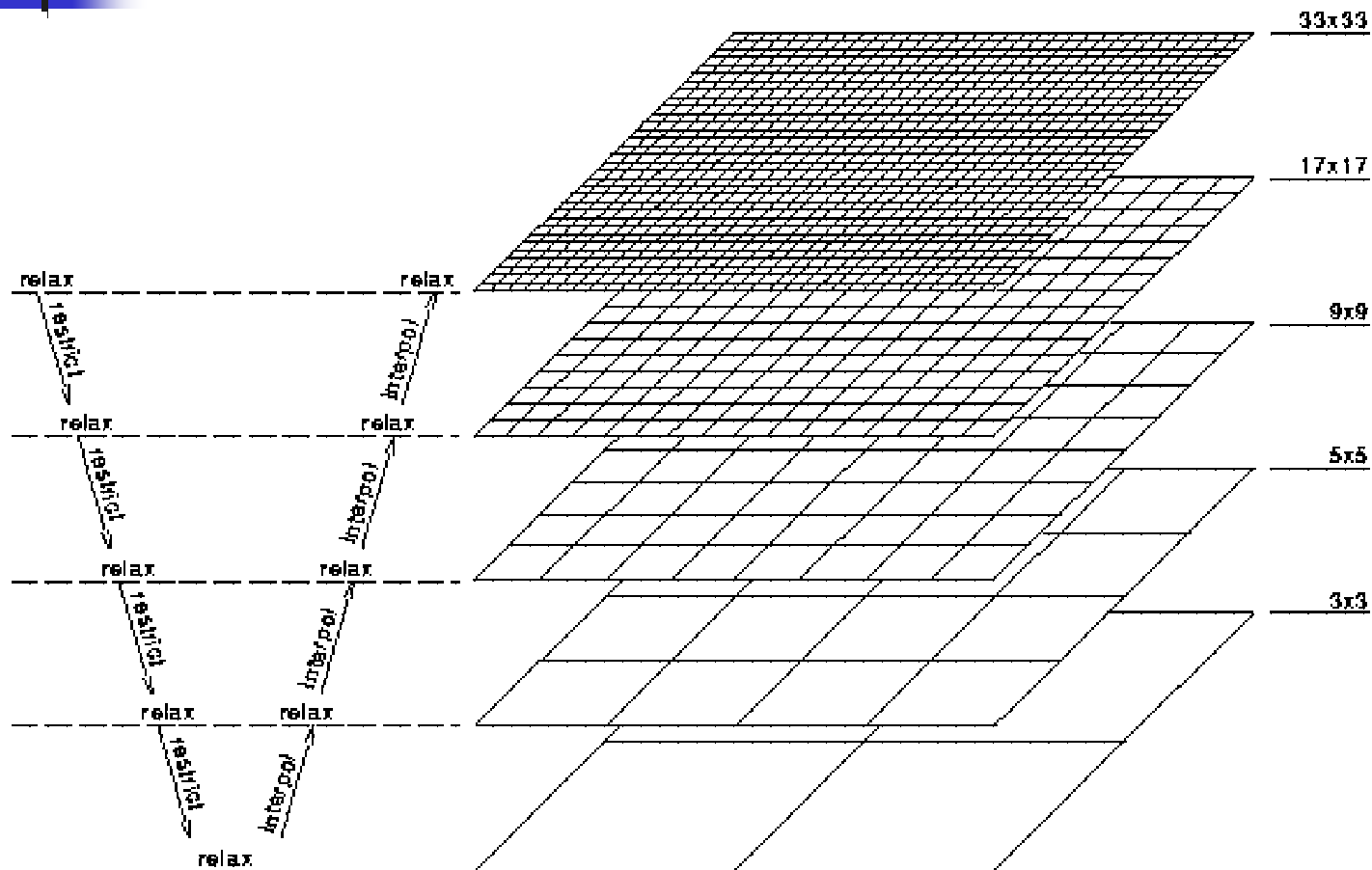
$$\nabla^2 u = \partial^2 u / \partial x^2 + \partial^2 v / \partial x^2 + \partial^2 w / \partial z^2$$

$$\partial^2 u_{i,j,k} / \partial x^2 = 1/(\Delta x)^2 (u_{i,j,k+1} - 2 u_{i,j,k} + u_{i,j,k-1})$$

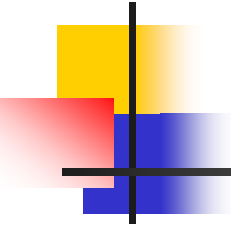


# Multi-grid method

$$(\mathbf{I} - \nu \Delta t \nabla^2) \mathbf{w}_3(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{w}_2(\mathbf{x})$$



approximate linear time algorithm for sparse matrix system


$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{u}}{\partial t} = \mathbf{P} \left( -(\mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{u} + \nu \nabla^2 \mathbf{u} + \mathbf{f} \right)$$

## Step 4: Projection

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Find  $\mathbf{w}_4$  such that  $\nabla \cdot \mathbf{w}_4 = 0$  and  $\mathbf{w}_3 = \mathbf{w}_4 + \nabla q$

$$\nabla^2 q = \nabla \cdot \mathbf{w}_3 \quad \mathbf{w}_4 = \mathbf{w}_3 - \nabla q.$$

Sparse matrix

Solved using multi-grid

Can be solved in linear time



# Periodic Boundary Condition

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FourierStep( $\mathbf{w}_0, \mathbf{w}_4, \Delta t$ ):

add force:  $\mathbf{w}_1 = \mathbf{w}_0 + \Delta t \mathbf{f}$

advect:  $\mathbf{w}_2(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{w}_1(\mathbf{p}(\mathbf{x}, -\Delta t))$

transform:  $\hat{\mathbf{w}}_2 = \text{FFT}\{\mathbf{w}_2\}$

diffuse:  $\hat{\mathbf{w}}_3(\mathbf{k}) = \hat{\mathbf{w}}_2(\mathbf{k}) / (1 + \nu \Delta t k^2)$

k: wave number

project:  $\hat{\mathbf{w}}_4 = \hat{\mathbf{P}} \hat{\mathbf{w}}_3$

transform:  $\mathbf{w}_4 = \text{FFT}^{-1}\{\hat{\mathbf{w}}_4\}$



# Substances in the Fluid

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- Simulate dust density, smoke/water droplets, fluid temperature, texture coordinate
- Propagate scalar quantity  $a$  using

$$\frac{\partial a}{\partial t} = -\mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla a + \kappa_a \nabla^2 - \alpha_a a + S_a,$$

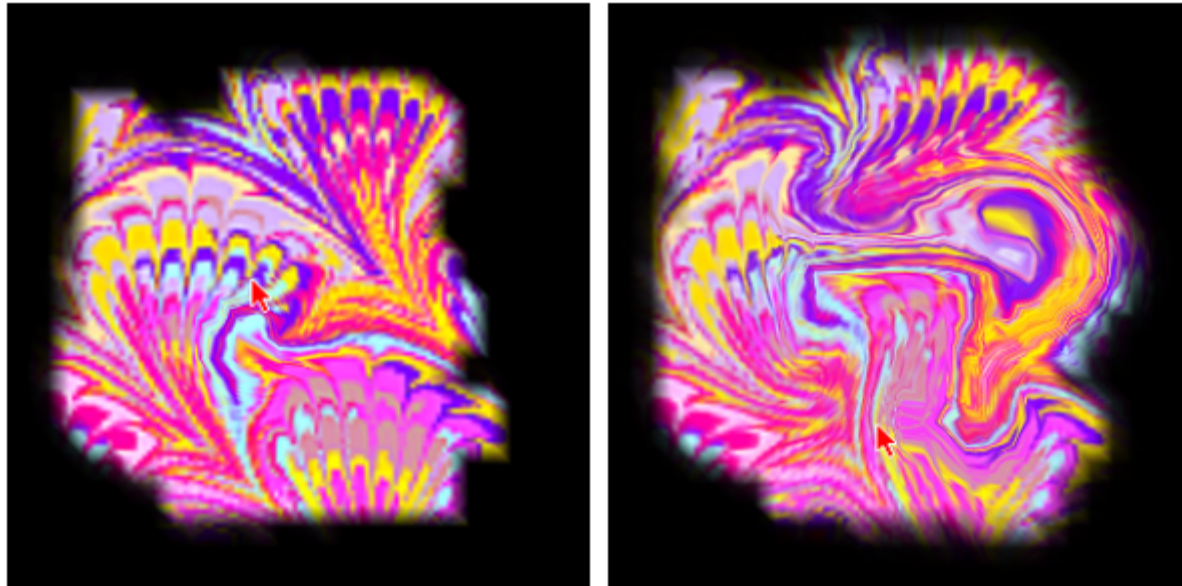
fluid velocity

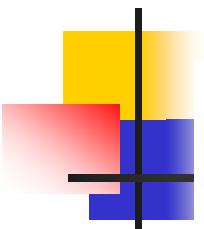


$\kappa_a$ : diffusion constant  
 $\alpha_a$ : dissipation term  
 $S_a$ : source

# Results

- $16^3 - 30^3$  grids
- Texture map is used for rendering
- Fast enough for interactive control of fluid





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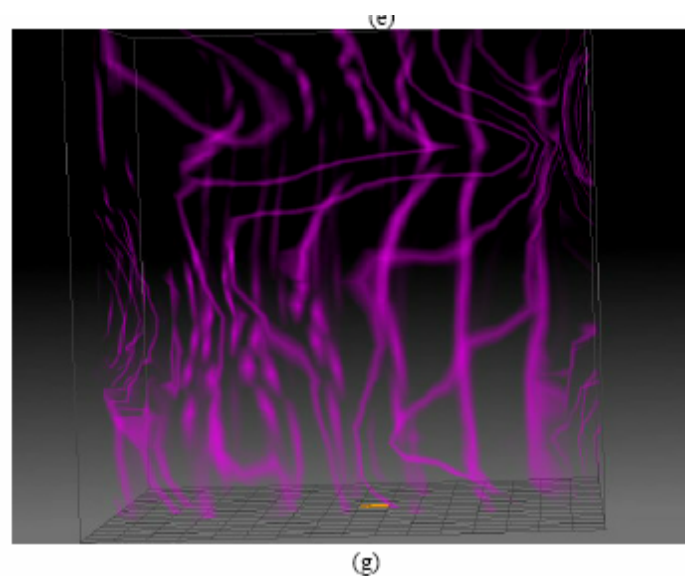
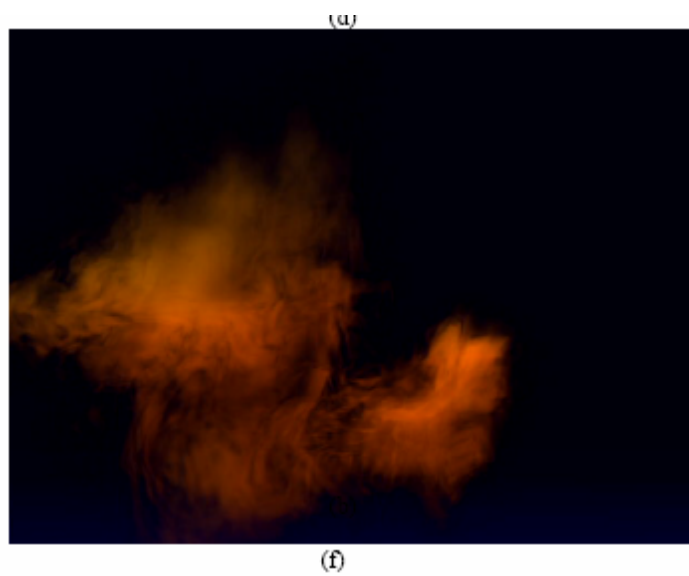
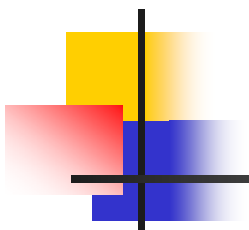
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# Summary

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- Unconditional stable algorithm to solve Navier Stokes Equations
- Allowing fast simulation of fluid