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Incompressible fluid simulation based on vortex surface field

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Vortical flows



Jellyfish vs bubble ring.

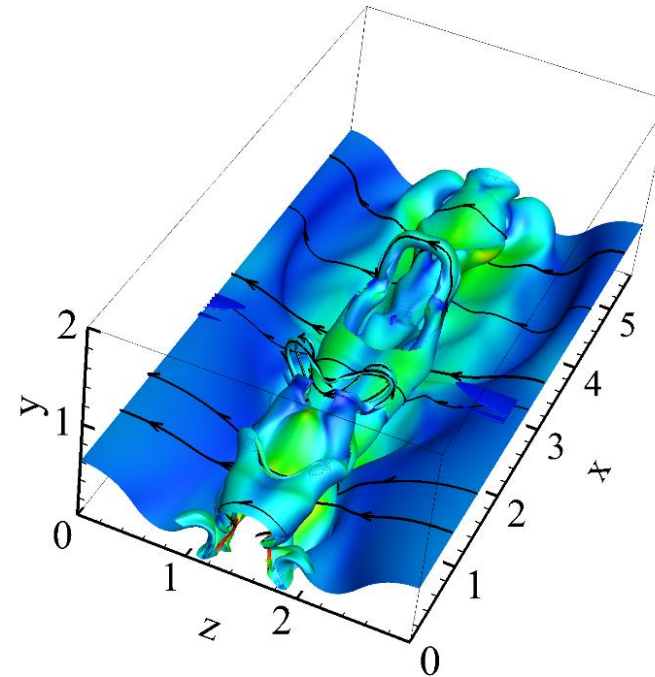


Wingtip vortices from airplanes.

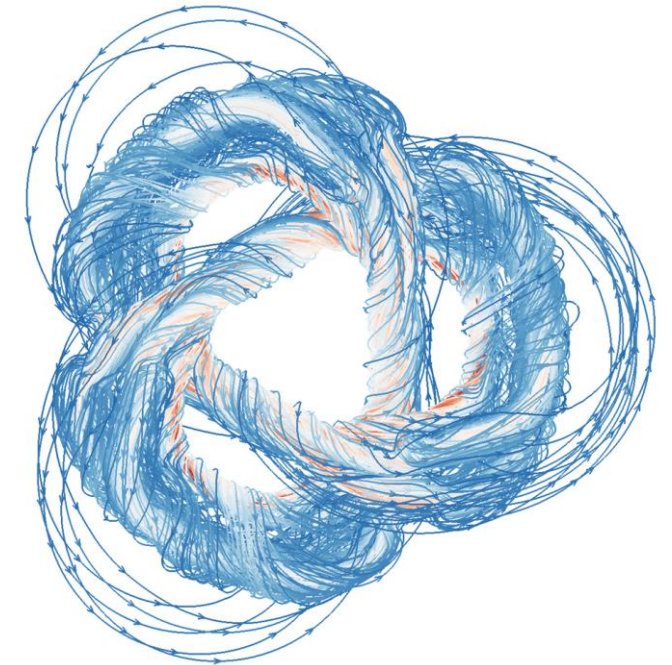
<https://www.quora.com/What-is-the-vortex-ring-state-in-a-helicopter>




Vortex surfaces and vortex lines in fluids



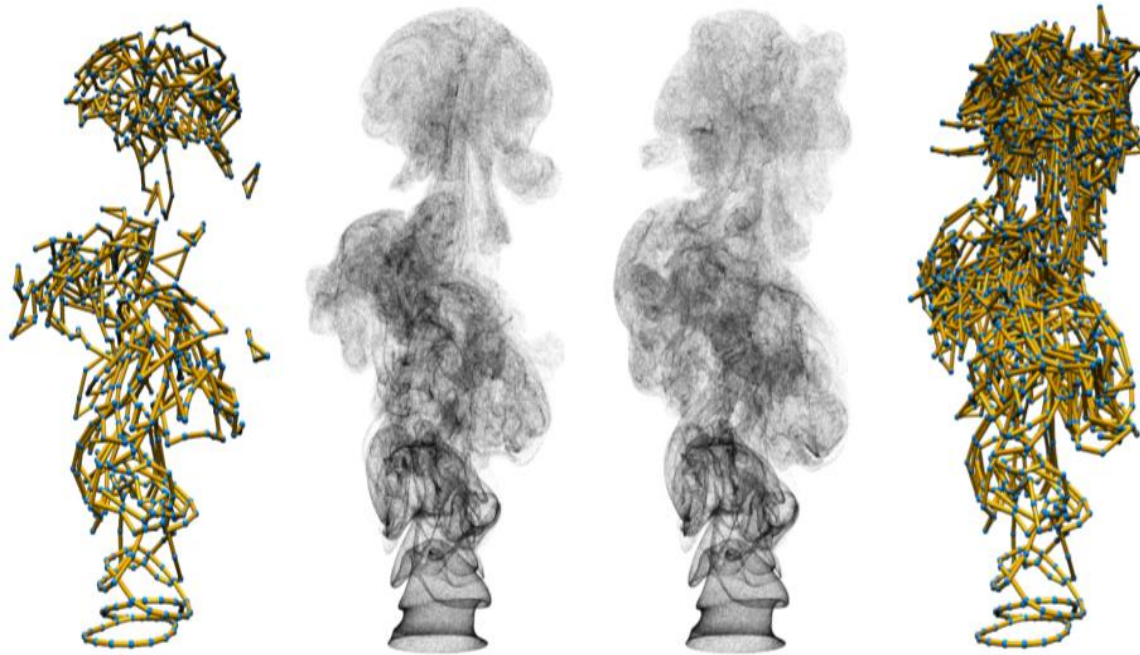
Vortex surface in the transitional channel flow.
S. Xiong & Y. Yang,
J. Comput. Phys., 2017



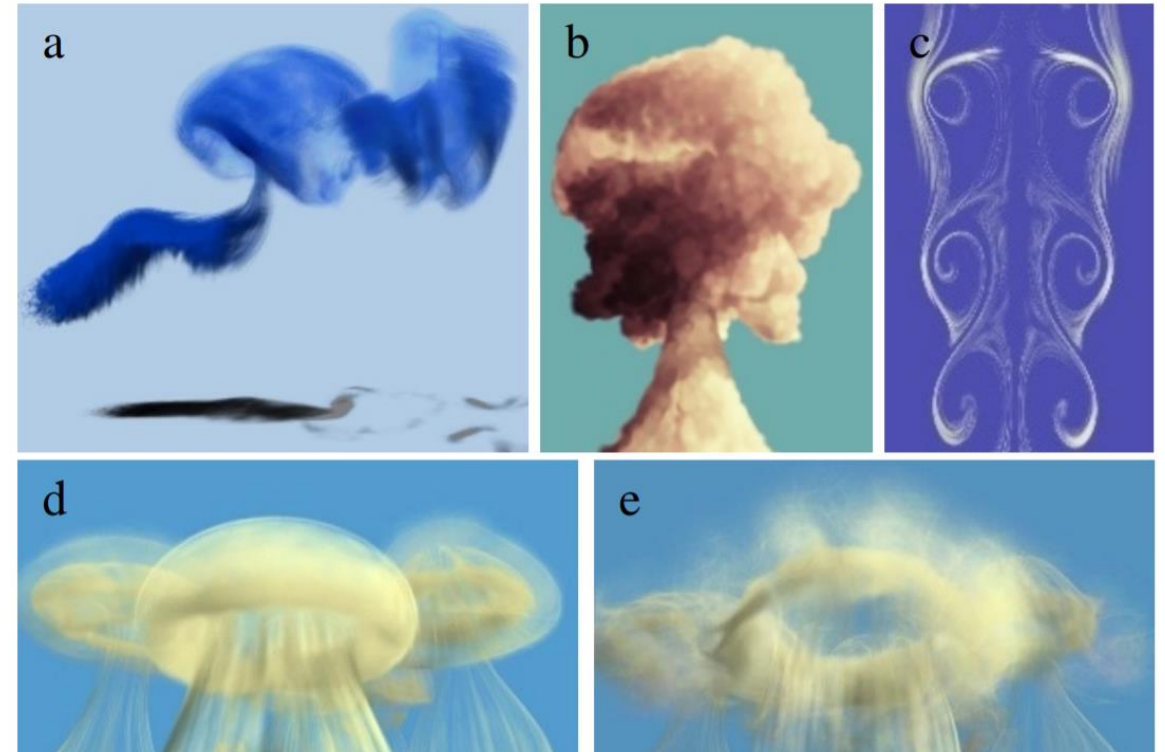
Chaotic flux lines inside the magnetic knot.
S. Xiong & Y. Yang,
J. Fluid Mech., 2020

 Vortex surfaces in isotropic turbulence.
S. Xiong & Y. Yang, *J. Fluid Mech.*, 2019

Vortex filament method



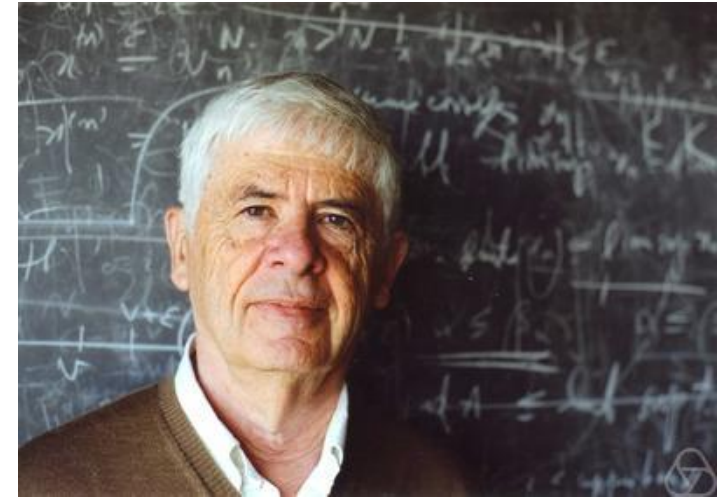
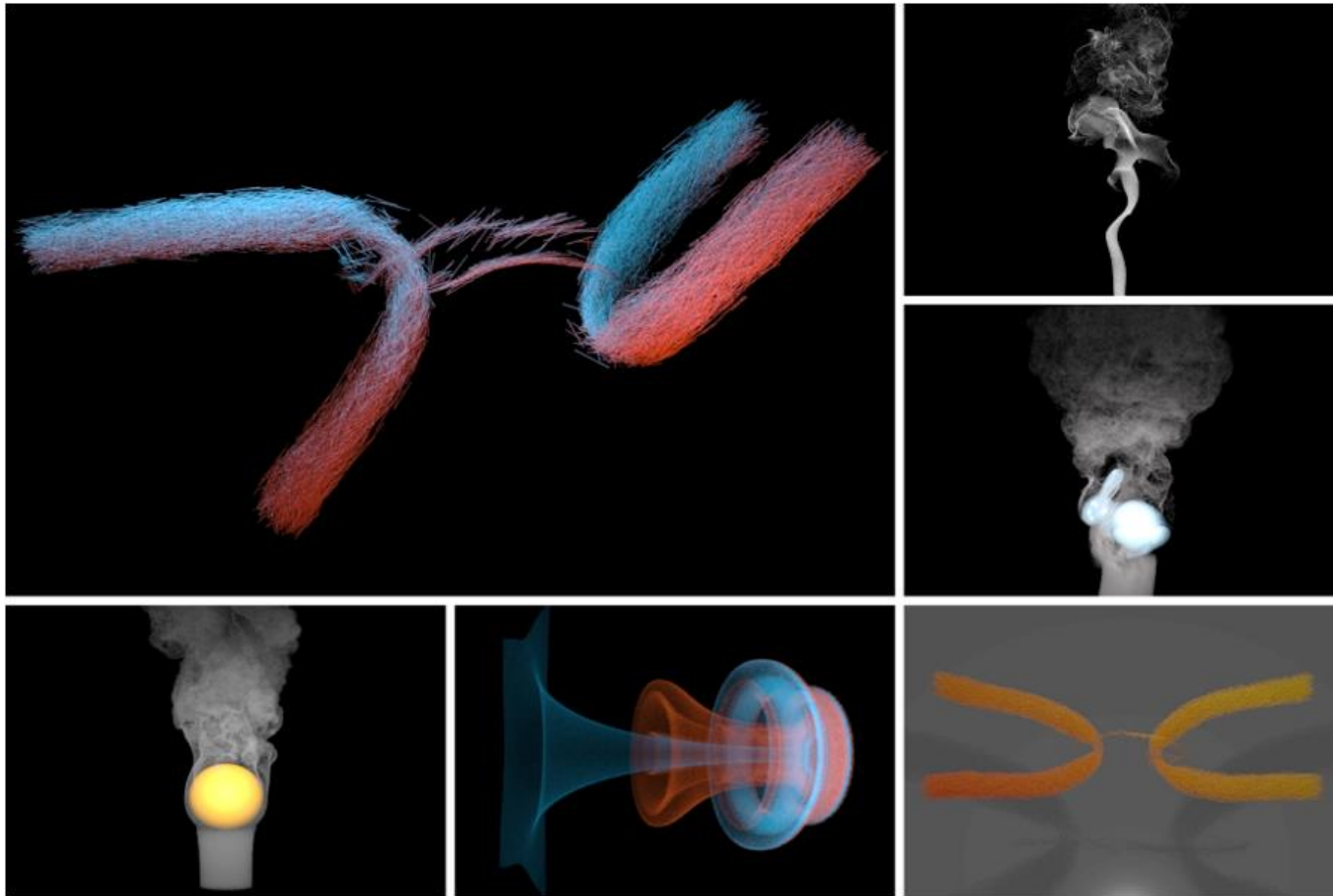
Simulation of a jet.
S. Weißmann & U. Pinkall, *SIGGRAPH*, 2010



Various examples of animated flows.
A. Angelidis & F. Neyret, *Eurographics*, 2015



Vortex segment method



“a physical vortex is approximated by a cloud of tubular vortices”
(Chorin, 1990)

Various examples of animated flows.
S. Xiong *et al.*, *SIGGRAPH*, 2021



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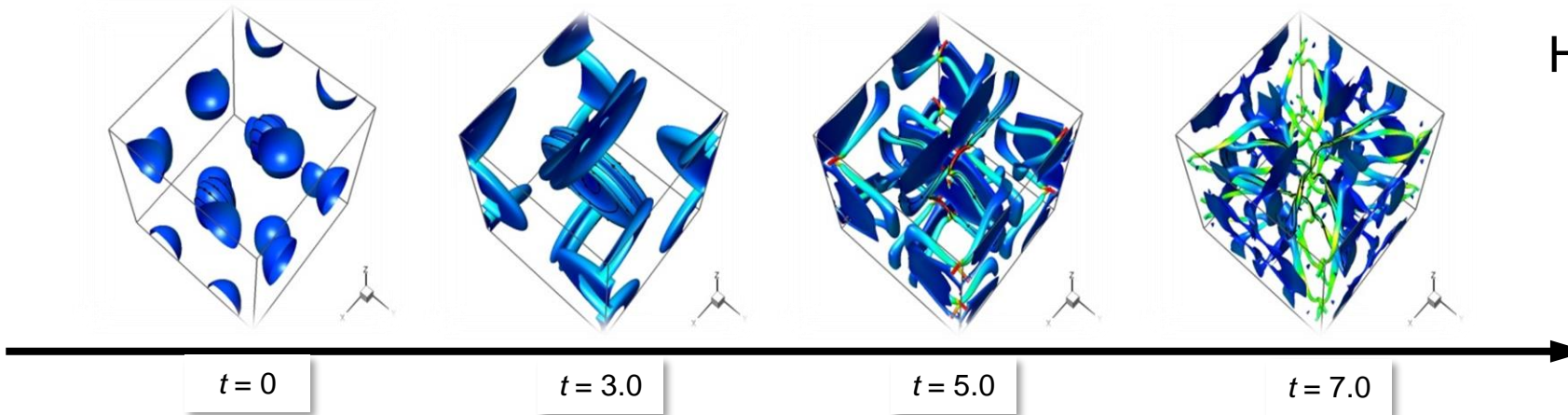


Vortex surface field (VSF)

- ❑ Vortex surfaces: tangent to vorticity lines on every point
- ❑ Vortex surfaces are material surfaces in inviscid flows
- ❑ Timewise evolution of smooth VSFs in viscous flows elucidates continuous vortex dynamics



H. von Helmholtz
(1821-1894)



Evolution of vortex surface in Taylor-Green flow
Y. Yang and D. I. Pullin, *J. Fluid Mech.*, 2011



Vorticity Clebsch representation

- Vorticity Clebsch map (Alfred Clebsch, 1985)

$$\omega = \nabla\psi \times \nabla\chi$$

- Advantages

- Vortex surface field (Y. Yang & D. I. Pullin, 2010) $\omega \cdot \nabla\psi = \omega \cdot \nabla\chi = 0$
- Hamiltonian mechanics

- Limitations

- Can only represent fields with zero helicity $H = \int u \cdot \omega = 0$
- Clebsch map may not exist near points of vanishing vorticity (Graham and Henyey, 2000)



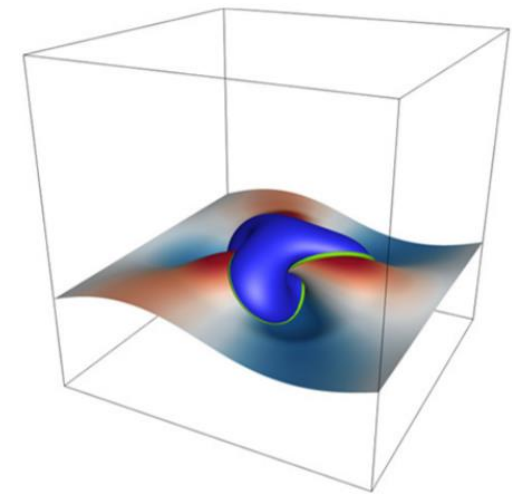
Spherical Clebsch representation

- ❑ Spherical Clebsch map (Kuznetsov & Mikhailov 1980, Chern *et al.*, 2016)

$$s_1^2 + s_2^2 + s_3^2 = 1$$

$$\boldsymbol{\omega} = \frac{\hbar}{2} (s_1 \nabla s_2 \times \nabla s_3 + s_2 \nabla s_3 \times \nabla s_1 + s_3 \nabla s_1 \times \nabla s_2)$$

- ❑ Vortex surface field $\boldsymbol{\omega} \cdot \nabla s_p = 0, \quad p = 1, 2, 3$
- ❑ Work well with fields carrying non-zero helicity
- ❑ Hamiltonian mechanics



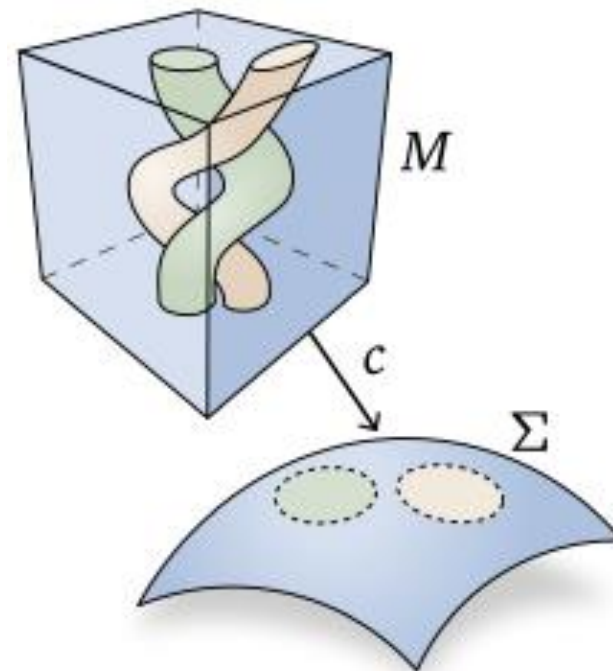
R. Tao, H. Ren, Y. Tong, & S. Xiong*,
Phys. Fluids., 2021



Geometry of Clebsch variables

- For a flow described by a vorticity 2-form ω , a function $c : M \rightarrow \Sigma$ for some 2-dimensional manifold Σ equipped with an area form dA_Σ is called a Clebsch variable if $\omega = c^*dA_\Sigma$ where c^*dA_Σ denotes the pull back of the area form.

$$\int_{\Omega} \omega = \int_{c(\Omega)} dA_\Sigma = \text{Area}_\Sigma(c(\Omega))$$

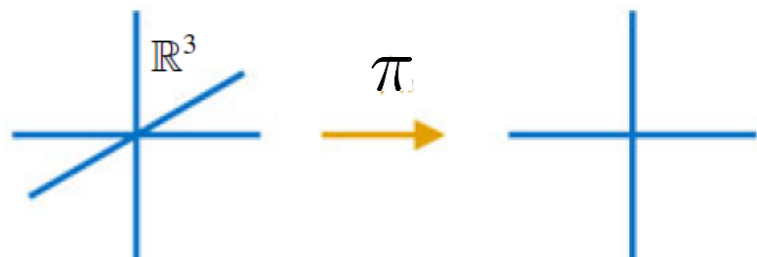


Schrödinger's Smoke
Chern et al., *SIGGRAPH*, 2016

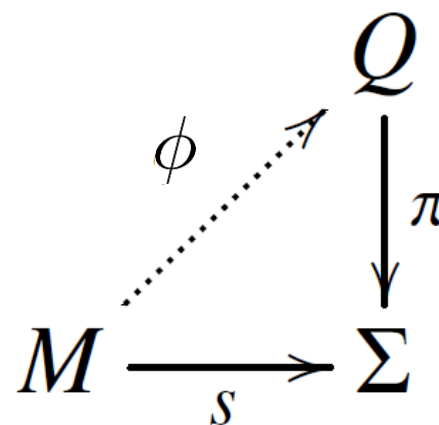
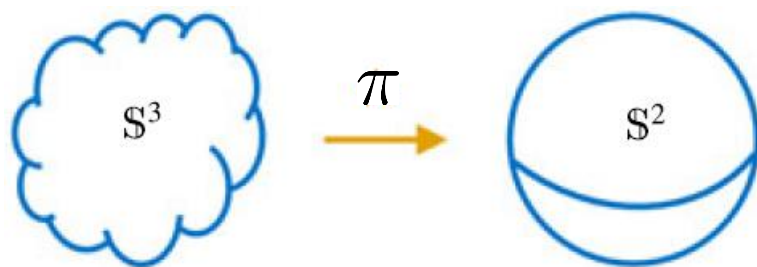


Lift

- Trivial bundle (Clebsch map)



- Hopf bundle (Spherical clebsch map)



$$\phi = (\phi_1, \phi_2)^T = (a + bi, c + di)^T, \quad \text{with } \langle \phi, \phi \rangle_{\mathbb{R}} = 1$$
$$s_1 = a^2 + b^2 - c^2 - d^2, \quad s_2 = 2(bc - ad), \quad s_3 = 2(ac + bd)$$



Component form of spherical Clebsch map

□ Wave function

$$\phi = (\phi_1, \phi_2)^T = (a + bi, c + di)^T, \quad \text{with } \langle \phi, \phi \rangle_{\mathbb{R}} = 1$$

$$\mathbf{u} = \hbar \langle \nabla \phi, i\phi \rangle_{\mathbb{R}} = \hbar(a\nabla b - b\nabla a + c\nabla d - d\nabla c)$$

□ Spin vector

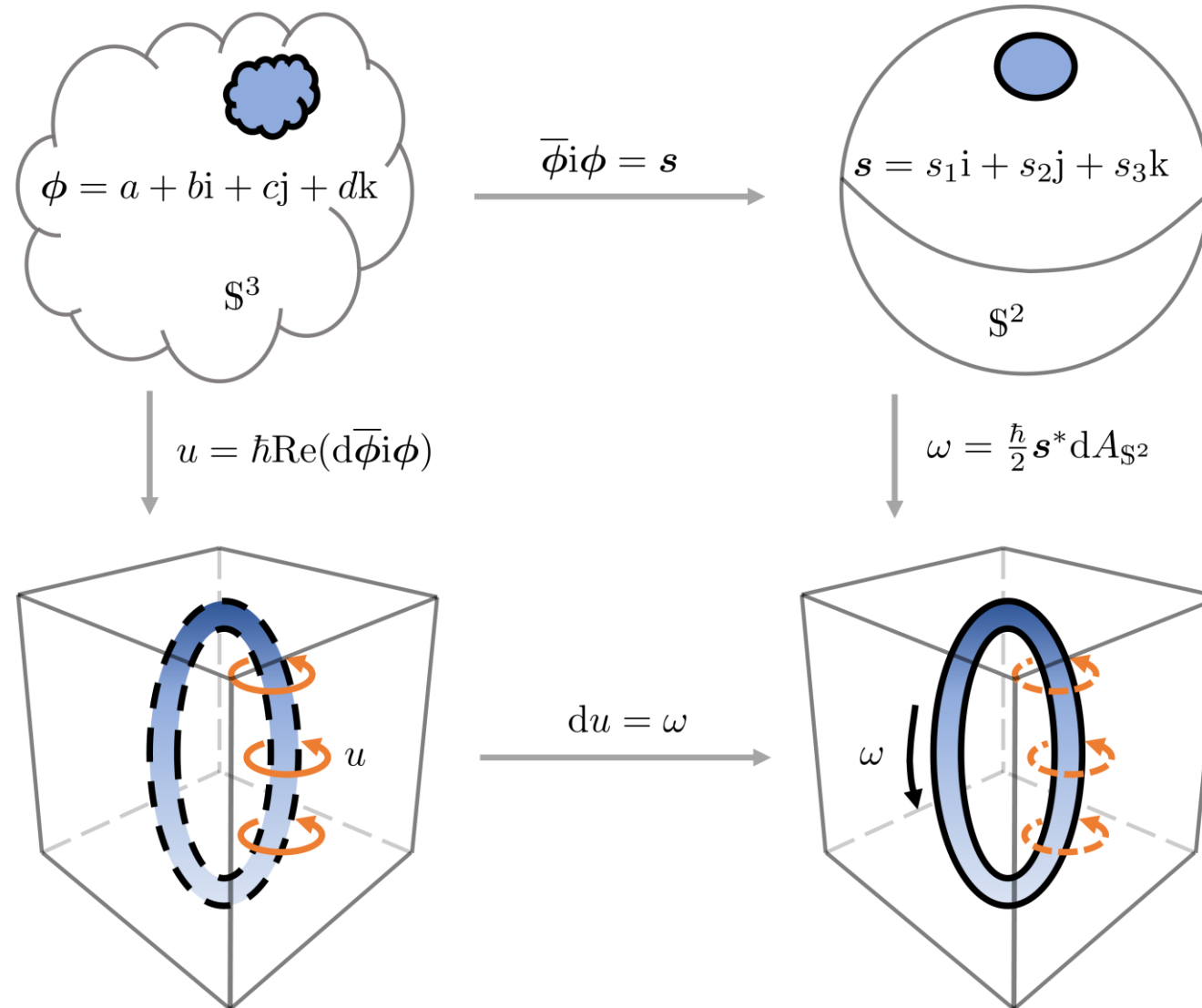
$$\mathbf{s} = (s_1, s_2, s_3)$$

$$s_1 = a^2 + b^2 - c^2 - d^2, \quad s_2 = 2(bc - ad), \quad s_3 = 2(ac + bd)$$

$$\boldsymbol{\omega} = \frac{\hbar}{2}(s_1 \nabla s_2 \times \nabla s_3 + s_2 \nabla s_3 \times \nabla s_1 + s_3 \nabla s_1 \times \nabla s_2)$$

$$\boldsymbol{\omega} \cdot \nabla s_p = 0, \quad p = 1, 2, 3$$





Relationship between velocity, vorticity, wave function, and spin vectors.
 R. Tao, H. Ren, Y. Tong, & S. Xiong*, *Phys. Fluids.*, 2021



Gauge transformation

- Gauge transformation of wave functions

$$\phi \rightarrow \phi \exp\left(i\frac{\varphi}{\hbar}\right) \iff \mathbf{u} \rightarrow \mathbf{u} + \nabla\varphi$$

- Incompressible flow

$$\langle i\phi, \Delta\phi \rangle_{\mathbb{R}} = 0 \iff \nabla \cdot \mathbf{u} = 0$$

- Constant background velocity

$$\psi = \phi \exp\left(i\frac{\rho^i}{\hbar^i} \mathbf{U} \cdot \mathbf{x}\right) \iff \mathbf{u}_\psi = \mathbf{u}_\phi + \mathbf{U}$$



Obejectives

- ❑ Propose feasible methods for **constructing spherical Clebsch maps** with finite energy, arbitrary geometry, and tunable helicity

- ❑ Propose a **gauge fluid framework based on spherical Clebsch wave functions** to solve incompressible fluids



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Construction of Clebsch map (wave function)

□ Transform the Cartesian coordinates

$$\begin{cases} \alpha = \frac{2(x + iy)f(r)}{1 + r^2} \\ \beta = \frac{2(z - i)f(r) + (1 + r^2)i}{1 + r^2} \end{cases}$$

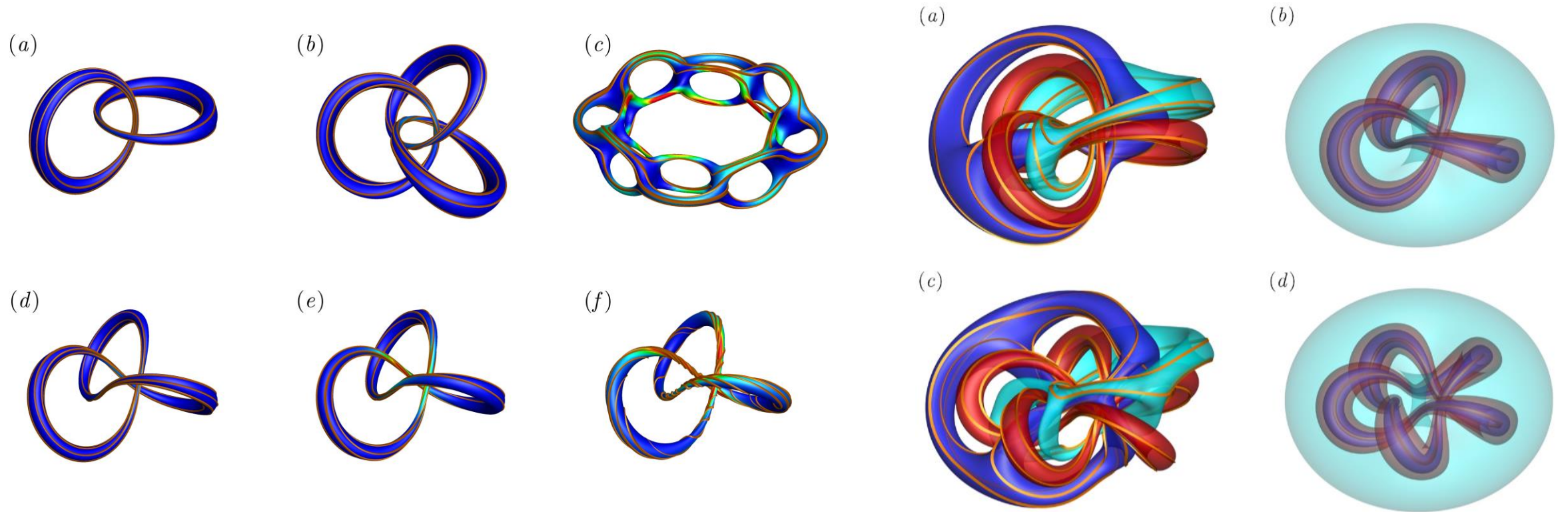
- Construct polynomials to represent the **twist** and the **geometric position** of the flux tube

$$P = P(\alpha, \beta, \bar{\alpha}, \bar{\beta}) \quad Q = Q(\alpha, \beta, \bar{\alpha}, \bar{\beta})$$

- Normalization and solenoidal projection

$$\phi_1 = \frac{Pe^{-iq/\hbar}}{\sqrt{|P|^2 + |Q|^2}}, \quad \phi_2 = \frac{Qe^{-iq/\hbar}}{\sqrt{|P|^2 + |Q|^2}}, \quad \Delta q = \hbar \langle \Delta \psi, i\psi \rangle_{\mathbb{R}}$$





Isosurfaces of spin vector of initial knotted vortex tubes with six different wave functions.
 R. Tao, H. Ren, Y. Tong, & S. Xiong*, *Phys. Fluids.*, 2021



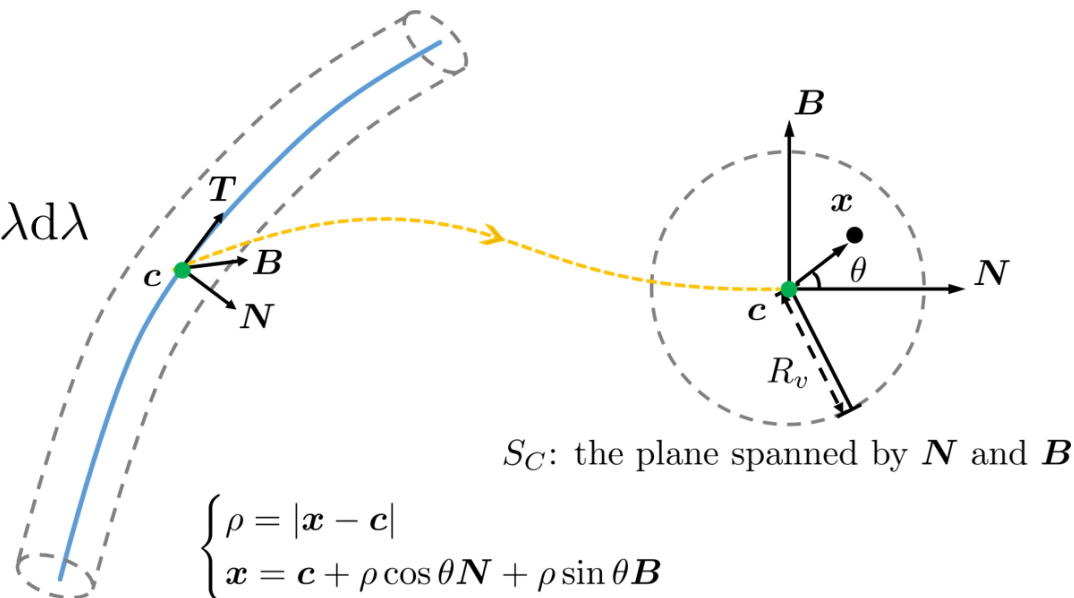
Construction of Clebsch map (Spin vector)

Assumptions of the field (Gold & Hoyle, 1960)

- The axial component only depends on distance from the axis
- All points of a vector line have the same distance from the axis
- On vector lines, azimuth changes with the rate only depends on arclength

$$\begin{cases} s_1 = 2\sqrt{\frac{F}{\Gamma} \left(1 - \frac{F}{\Gamma}\right)} \cos(2\pi qG), \\ s_2 = 2\sqrt{\frac{F}{\Gamma} \left(1 - \frac{F}{\Gamma}\right)} \sin(2\pi qG), \\ s_3 = 1 - 2\frac{F}{\Gamma}, \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{cases} F(\rho) = 2\pi \int_0^\rho f(\lambda) \lambda d\lambda \\ G = \frac{\theta}{2\pi} - \Xi(s) \end{cases}$$



S. Xiong & Y. Yang, *Phys. Fluids.*, 2019, *J. Fluid Mech.*, 2020



Decomposition of the helicity

□ Helicity decomposes into **central-line helicity** and **twist helicity**

$$H = H_C + T_w$$



Writhe: W_r



Total torsion: T_t



Intrinsic twist: $\Xi(L_C)$

Twist helicity

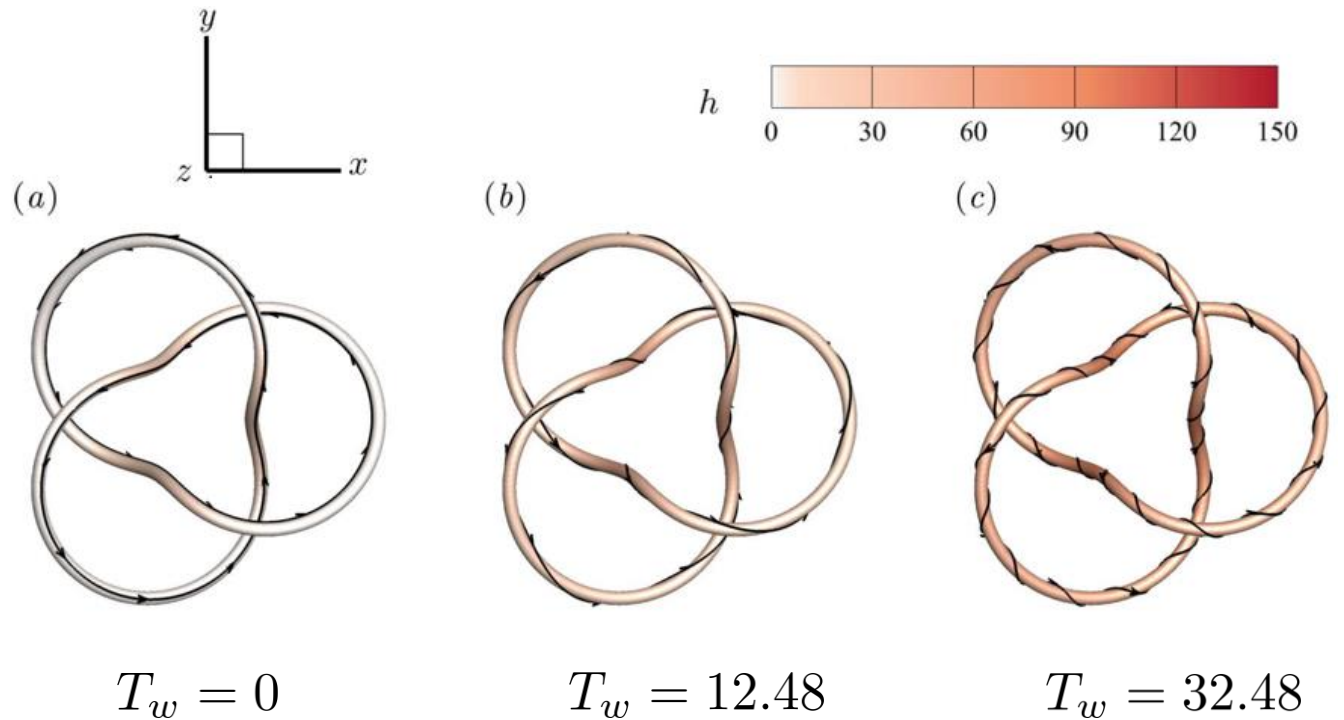


H_C



T_w

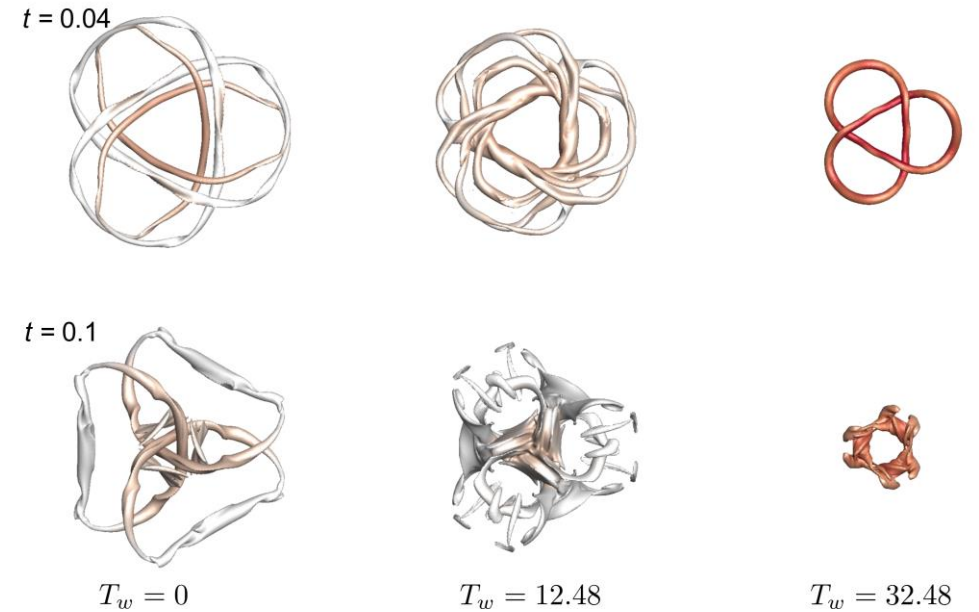
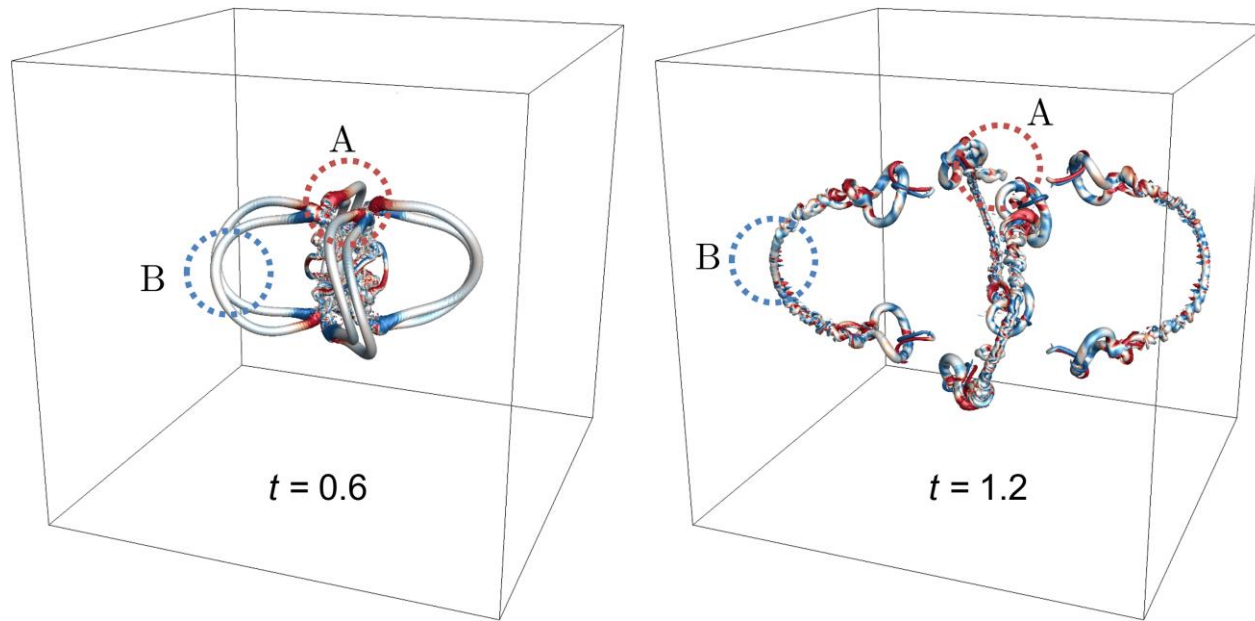
Scheeler et al., PNAS, 2014



S. Xiong & Y. Yang, *Phys. Fluids.*, 2019, *J. Fluid Mech.*, 2020



Evolution of flux tubes



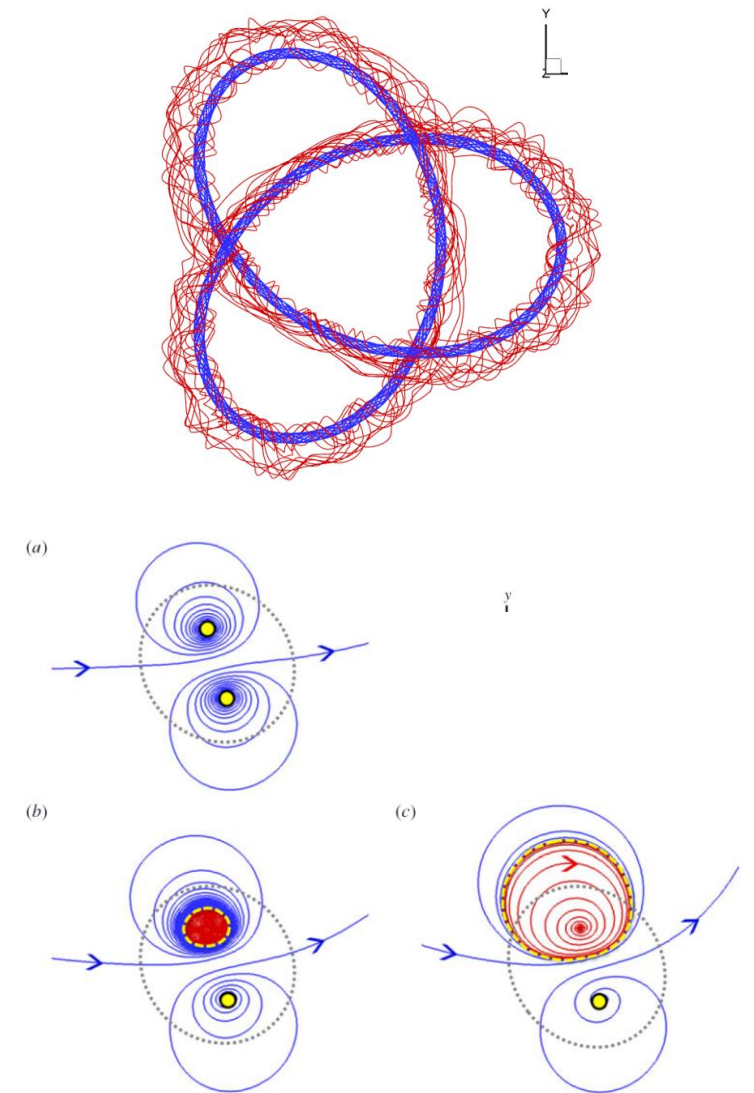
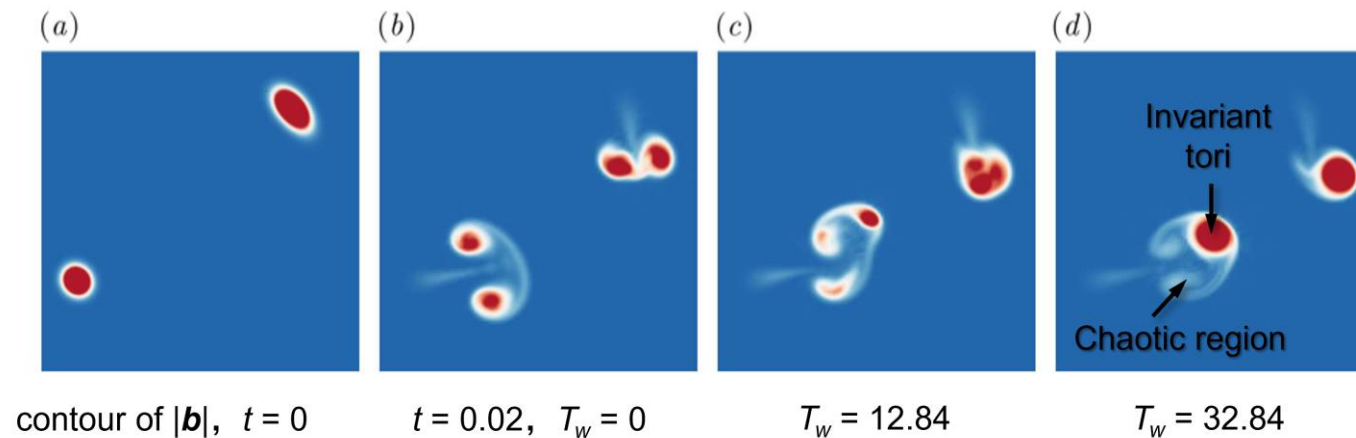
Linked rings with opposite chirality can reconnect after a short time, resulting in rapid scale cascade towards a turbulent-like state

In the **relaxation of knotted magnetic tubes**, magnetic energy is gradually released and converted to kinetic energy

S. Xiong & Y. Yang, *Phys. Fluids.*, 2019, *Sci. Sin-Phys. Mech. Astron.*, 2020, *J. Fluid Mech.*, 2020

Splitting of magnetic tubes

- Pressure is approximated as a **solenoidal projection of Lorentz force**
- Concentration of magnetic field increases with **twist** increasing



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Lagrangian advection

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \frac{D\phi}{Dt} = \mathbf{f}^\phi \phi \\ \frac{D\mathbf{s}}{Dt} = 2\mathbf{s} \times \mathbf{f}^s \\ \frac{D\mathbf{u}}{Dt} = -\nabla \left(\frac{|\mathbf{u}|^2}{2} - \hbar \langle \mathbf{s}, \mathbf{f}^s \rangle_{\mathbb{R}} \right) - \hbar \langle (\nabla \mathbf{s}), \mathbf{f}^s \rangle_{\mathbb{R}} \\ \frac{\partial \boldsymbol{\omega}}{\partial t} = \nabla \times (\mathbf{u} \times \boldsymbol{\omega}) - \hbar \nabla \times \langle (\nabla \mathbf{s}), \mathbf{f}^s \rangle \end{array} \right. \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \phi = a + bi + cj + dk \\ \mathbf{s} = s_1 \mathbf{i} + s_2 \mathbf{j} + s_3 \mathbf{k} \\ \mathbf{f}^\phi = f_1^\phi \mathbf{i} + f_2^\phi \mathbf{j} + f_3^\phi \mathbf{k} \\ \mathbf{f}^s = \bar{\phi} \mathbf{f}^\phi \phi = f_1^s \mathbf{i} + f_2^s \mathbf{j} + f_3^s \mathbf{k} \end{array} \right.$$



Euler flows

$$\mathbf{f}^\phi = -i\frac{1}{\hbar} \left(\frac{p}{\rho} - G - \frac{|\mathbf{u}|^2}{2} \right)$$

$$\begin{cases} \frac{D\phi}{Dt} = -i\frac{1}{\hbar} \left(\frac{p}{\rho} - G - \frac{|\mathbf{u}|^2}{2} \right) \phi \\ \frac{D\mathbf{s}}{Dt} = \mathbf{0} \\ \frac{D\mathbf{u}}{Dt} = -\nabla \left(\frac{p}{\rho} - G \right) \\ \frac{\partial \boldsymbol{\omega}}{\partial t} = \nabla \times (\mathbf{u} \times \boldsymbol{\omega}) \end{cases}$$

Schrödinger flows (Chern *et al.*, 2016)

$$\mathbf{f}^\phi = -\frac{\hbar}{4} \phi \mathbf{s} (\mathbf{s} \times \Delta \mathbf{s}) \bar{\phi} + i\frac{1}{\hbar} \left(\frac{|\mathbf{u}|^2}{2} - \frac{p}{\rho} \right)$$

$$\Pi = \hbar^2 \frac{|\nabla \phi|^2}{2} + \hbar^2 \frac{\langle \mathbf{s}, \Delta \mathbf{s} \rangle}{4} + \frac{p}{\rho} - \frac{|\mathbf{u}|^2}{2}$$

$$\begin{cases} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial t} - i\frac{\hbar}{2} \Delta \phi + i\frac{1}{\hbar} \Pi \phi = \mathbf{0} \\ \frac{D\mathbf{s}}{Dt} = \frac{\hbar}{2} \mathbf{s} \times \Delta \mathbf{s} \\ \frac{D\mathbf{u}}{Dt} = -\nabla \frac{p}{\rho} - \left(\frac{\hbar}{2} \right)^2 \langle (\nabla \mathbf{s}), \Delta \mathbf{s} \rangle_{\mathbb{R}} \\ \frac{\partial \boldsymbol{\omega}}{\partial t} = \nabla \times (\mathbf{u} \times \boldsymbol{\omega}) - \left(\frac{\hbar}{2} \right)^2 \nabla \times \langle (\nabla \mathbf{s}), \Delta \mathbf{s} \rangle_{\mathbb{R}} \end{cases}$$

S. Yang, S. Xiong*, Y. Zhang, F. Feng, J. Liu, and B. Zhu, *SIGGRAPH*, 2021

R. Tao, H. Ren, Y. Tong, & S. Xiong*, *Phys. Fluids.*, 2021



Gauge transformation for **divergence-free projection**

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \frac{D\phi}{Dt} = -i \frac{\rho^i}{\hbar^i} \left(\frac{p}{\rho^i} - G - \frac{|\mathbf{u}|^2}{2} \right) \phi, \quad \mathbf{x} \in \Omega^i \\ \langle i\phi, \Delta\phi \rangle_{\mathbb{R}} = 0, \quad \mathbf{x} \in \Omega^i \\ \frac{\hbar^i}{\rho^i} \langle \nabla\phi, i\phi \rangle_{\mathbb{R}} \cdot \mathbf{n} = \mathbf{u}_\partial \cdot \mathbf{n}, \quad \mathbf{x} \in \partial\Omega_b^i \\ [p]_{\text{jump}} = \gamma\kappa, \quad \mathbf{x} \in \partial\Omega_f \end{array} \right. \quad \longrightarrow \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \frac{D\psi}{Dt} = -i \frac{\rho^i}{\hbar^i} \left[\frac{p}{\rho^i} - G - \frac{D\varphi}{Dt} - \frac{|\mathbf{u}|^2}{2} \right] \psi, \quad \mathbf{x} \in \Omega^i \\ \mathbf{u}_m = \frac{\hbar^i}{\rho^i} \langle \nabla\psi, i\psi \rangle_{\mathbb{R}}, \quad \mathbf{x} \in \Omega^i, \\ \Delta\varphi = \nabla \cdot \mathbf{u}_m, \quad \mathbf{x} \in \Omega^i \\ \mathbf{u} = \mathbf{u}_m - \nabla\varphi, \quad \mathbf{x} \in \Omega^i \\ \frac{\hbar^i}{\rho^i} \langle \nabla\phi, i\phi \rangle_{\mathbb{R}} \cdot \mathbf{n} = \mathbf{u}_\partial \cdot \mathbf{n}, \quad \mathbf{x} \in \partial\Omega_b^i \\ \partial_n\varphi = 0, \quad \mathbf{x} \in \partial\Omega_b^i \\ [p]_{\text{jump}} = \gamma\kappa, \quad \mathbf{x} \in \partial\Omega_f \end{array} \right.$$

$$\psi = \phi \exp\left(i\varphi \frac{\rho^i}{\hbar^i}\right)$$

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Gauge transformation for **surface tension**

□ We introduce **an auxiliary variable q to handle interface conditions**

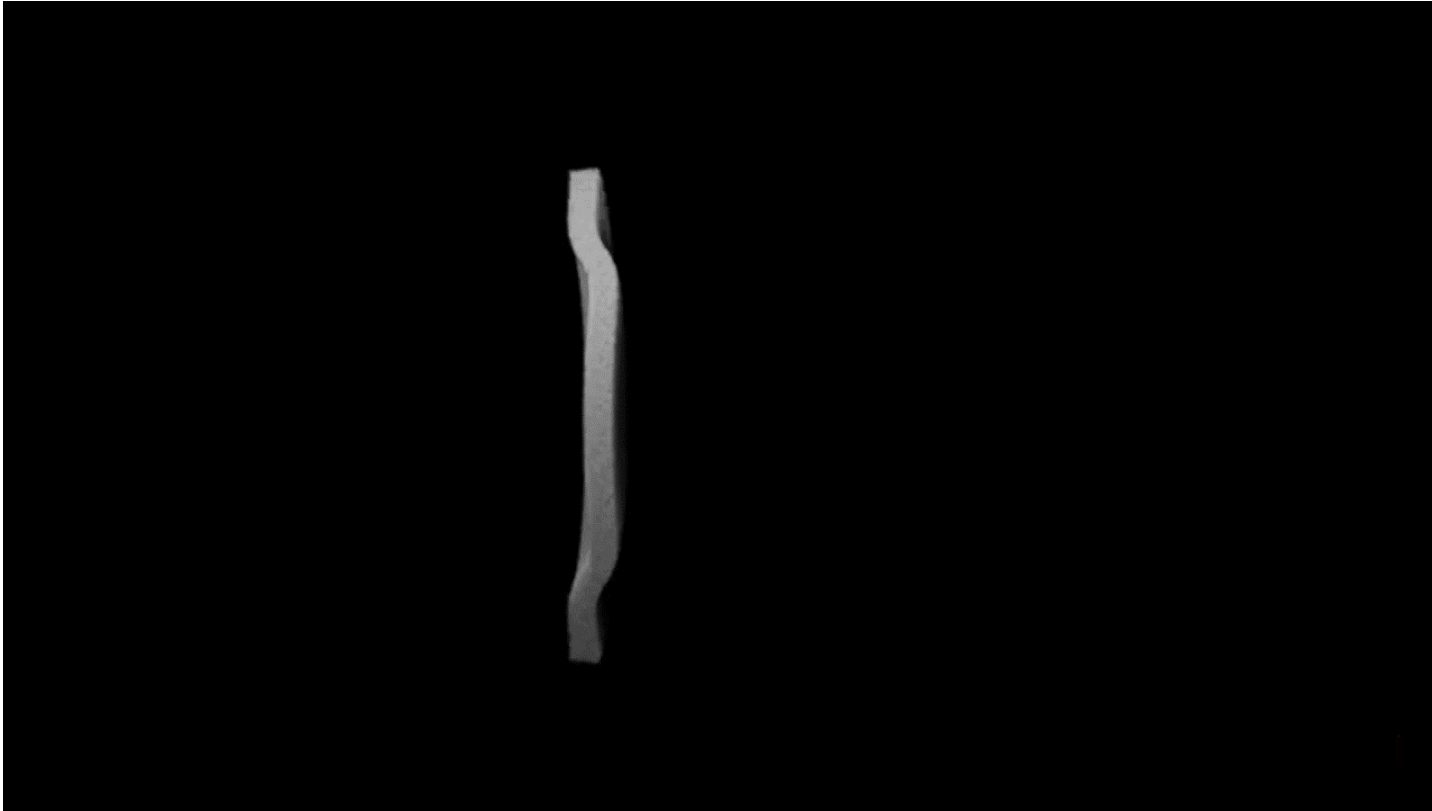
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$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} [\varphi]_{\text{jump}} = [\partial_n \varphi]_{\text{jump}} = 0 \\ \left[\rho^i \left(q + G + \frac{D\varphi}{Dt} + \frac{|\mathbf{u}|^2}{2} \right) \right]_{\text{jump}} = \gamma\kappa \end{array} \right. \quad \mathbf{x} \in \partial\Omega_f^i$$

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Leapfrogging vortex rings



(Comparison with the standard grid-based method)

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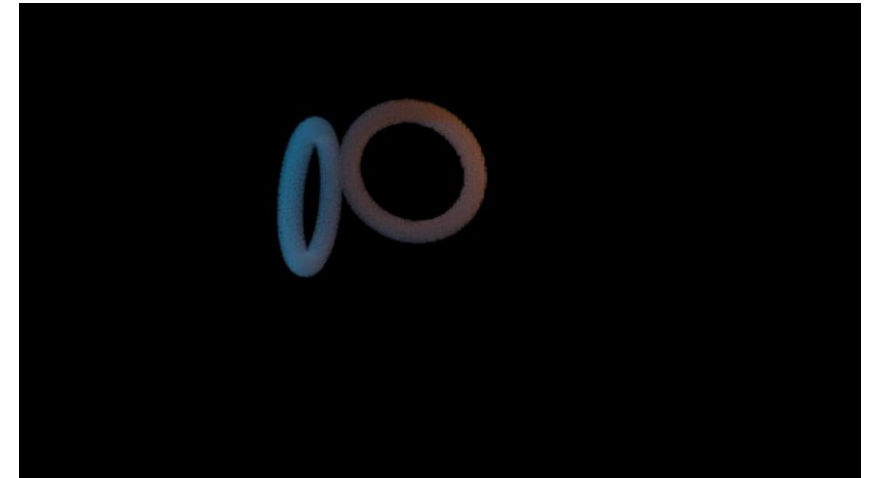
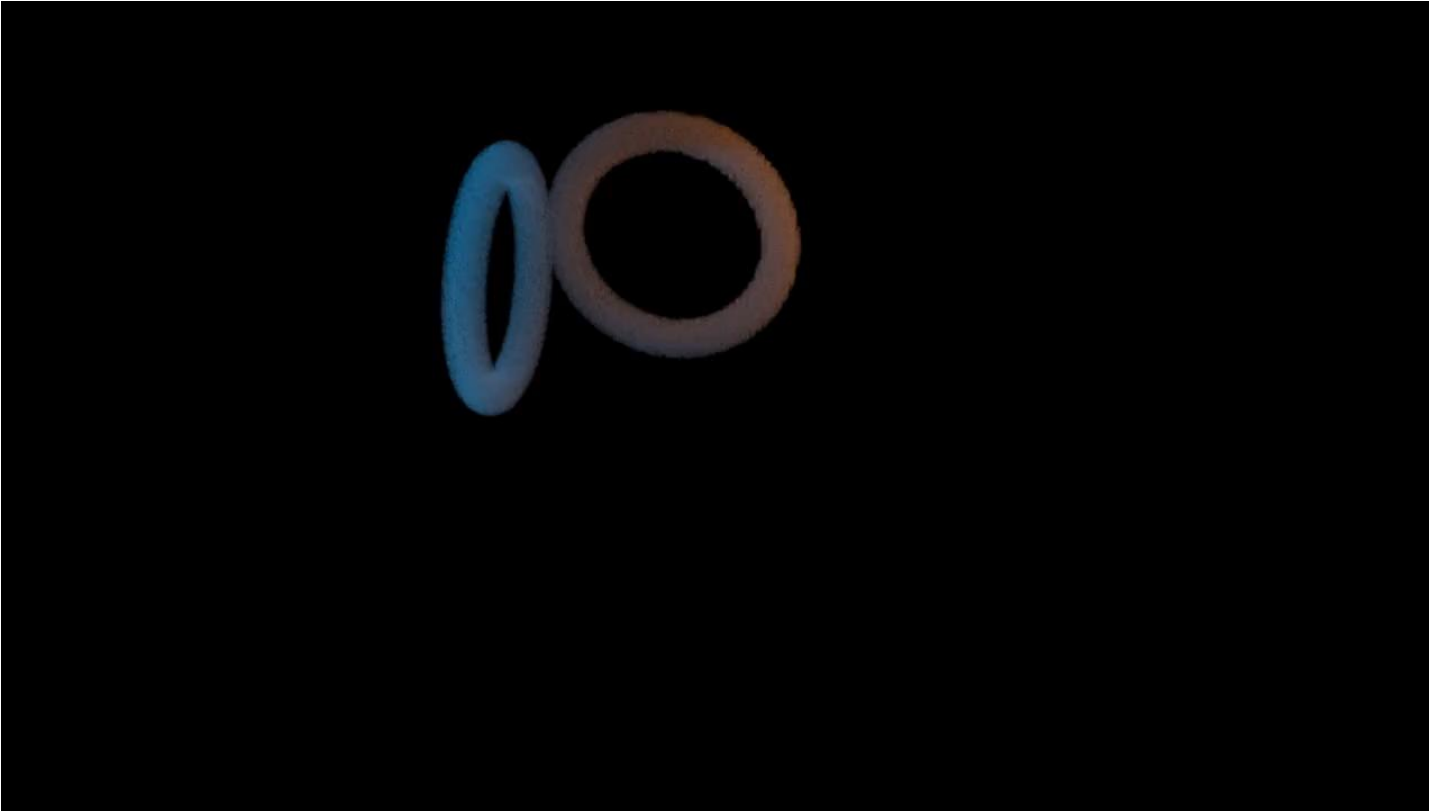
Wave functions and VSF in Leapfrogging vortex rings



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Oblique ring collision



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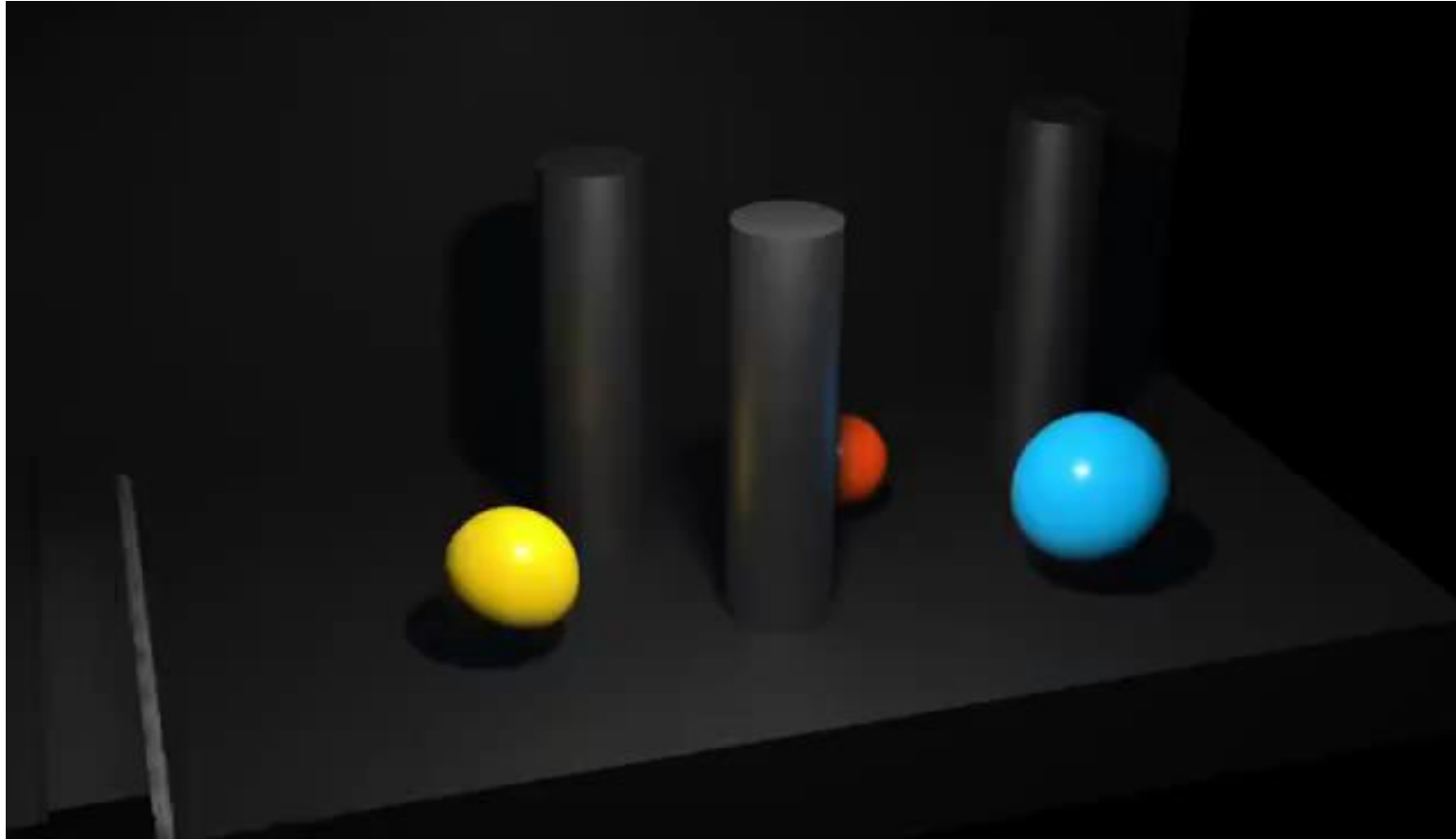
Smoke flowing over a bunny obstacle



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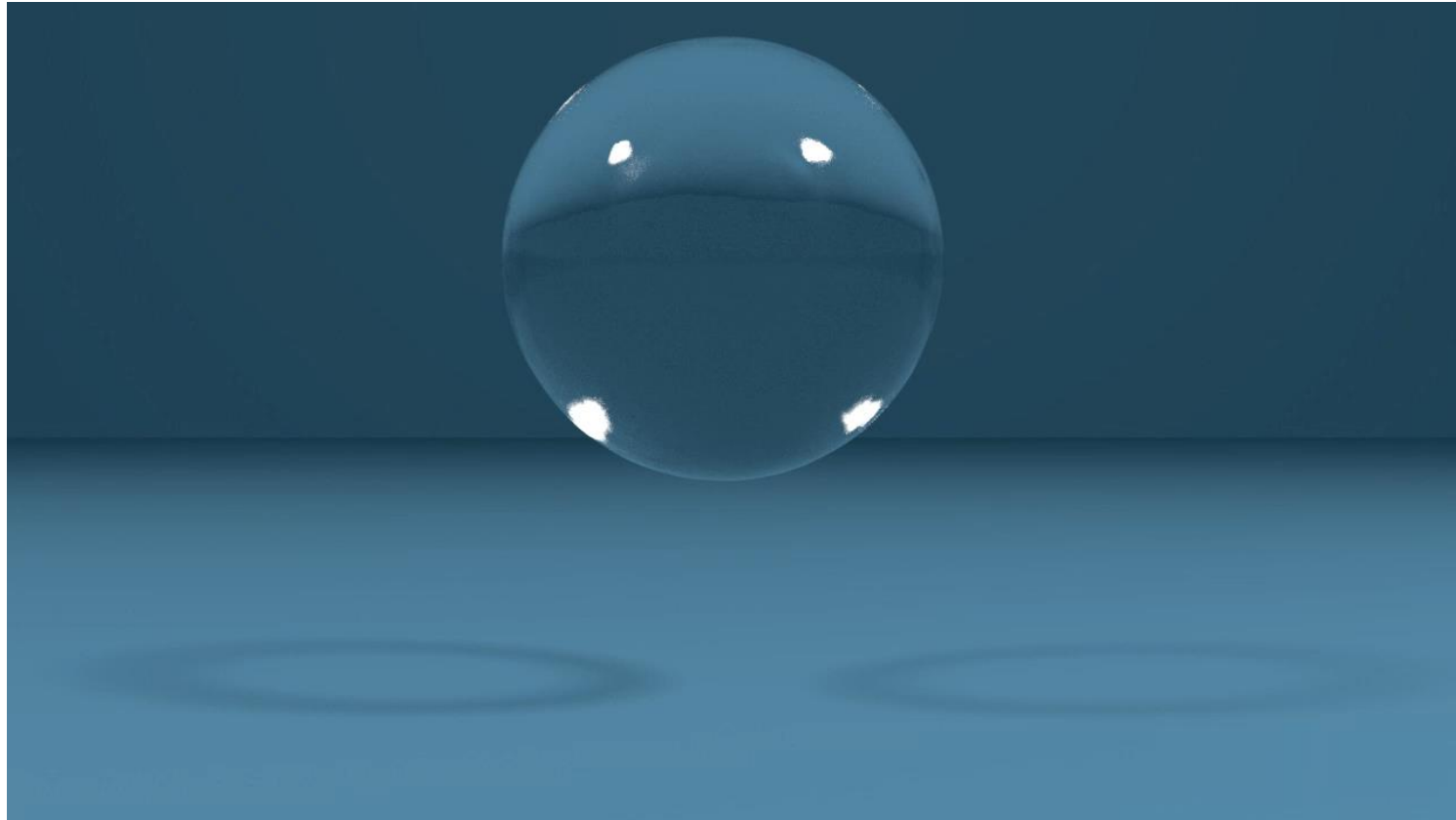
Smoke flowing over multiple obstacles



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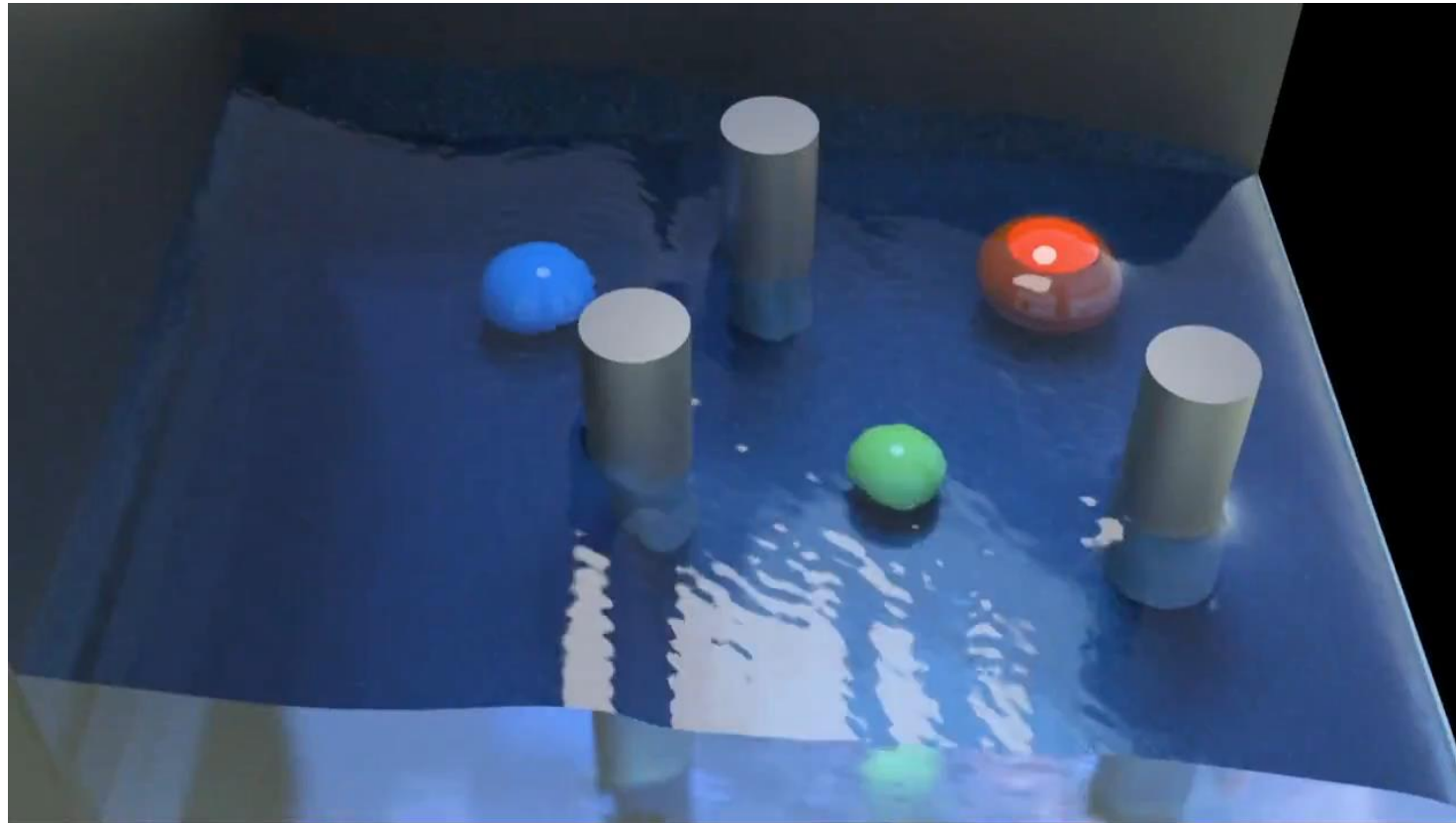
Droplet



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Liquid flowing over multiple obstacles



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Conclusions

- ❑ We propose two feasible methods for **constructing spherical Clebsch maps** with the finite energy, arbitrary geometry, and tunable helicity
- ❑ We propose a **Clebsch gauge fluid framework** (math, algorithm, code) to solve incompressible fluid equations
- ❑ Our fluid solver can be used to solve various fluid dynamics, including complex vortex reconnection, fluids with different obstacles, and surface-tension flows

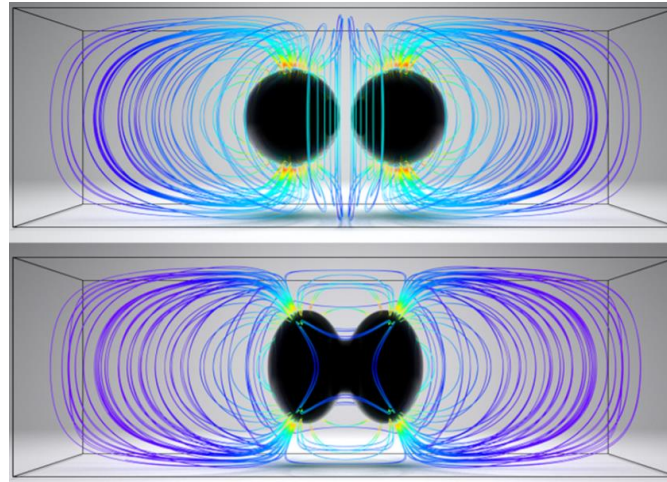


Future work

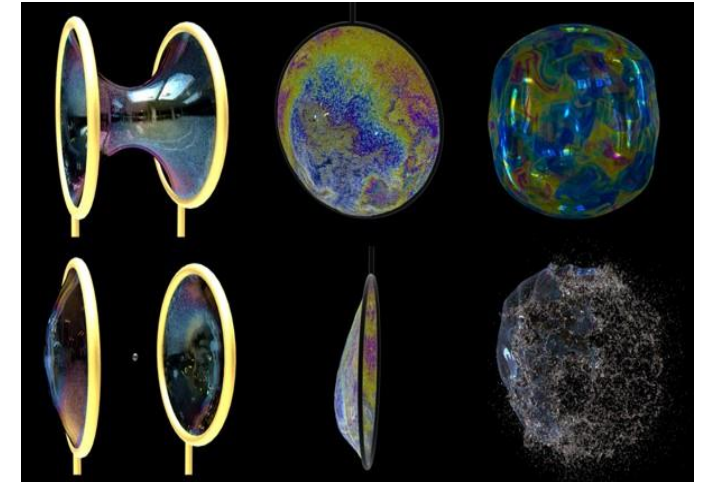
- ❑ Further study on the math foundation and numerical method for the Clebsch gauge fluid
- ❑ Extend the proposed framework to **describe different physics**, such as solid-fluid interaction, magnetohydrodynamics, and thin-film flows



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Ni *et al.*, *SIGGRAPH*, 2020



Wang *et al.*, *SIGGRAPH*, 2021



Thank you!

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