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**VORTICITY AND CIRCULATION:  
Concepts and Applications**

**Lectures 4 - 9**

# OUTCOMES

Be able to:

- **Define vorticity in several ways**
- **Use vortex *kinematics* to provide insight into the structure of internal flow fields**
- **Use vortex *dynamics* to provide insight into the structure of internal flow fields**
- **Use circulation evolution to provide insight into the structure of internal flow fields**
- **Provide qualitative arguments for the generation of circulation and vorticity by baroclinic torque**
- **Give explicit arguments concerning the generation of vorticity at solid surfaces**
- **Provide quantitative linkages between thermodynamic and kinematic quantities in a rotational flow field**

# WHY DO WE CARE ABOUT VORTICITY?

- **Analogy with descriptions of rigid body dynamics**
  - **Angular velocity, angular momentum natural quantities to use (rather than linear velocity, linear momentum)**
  - **No “new” information**
  - **Still Newton’s laws but “repackaged” for problem of interest**
  - **Useful to describe fluid motion in terms of local angular velocity**
  - **Useful for insight - vorticity is sometimes easiest way to “explain” phenomena - especially with swirl**

# PLAN OF SECTION ON VORTICITY

- **Some definitions - vorticity, vortex line, vortex tube**
  - **Physical interpretation of vorticity**
  - **Vorticity kinematics**
  - **Vorticity dynamics (evolution of the vorticity field)**
- Development of concepts**
- **Description of flow fields in terms of velocity - applications of concepts**

# VORTICITY ( $\vec{\omega} = \nabla \times \vec{V}$ )

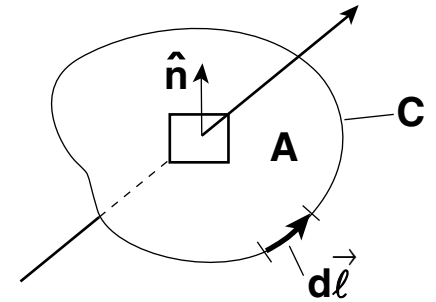
- **External flows often irrotational**
  - $\nabla \times \vec{V} = 0 \Rightarrow \vec{V} = \nabla\phi$
  - **One scalar equation:**  
**Incompressible flow**  $\nabla \cdot \vec{V} = 0$  or  $\nabla^2\phi = 0$
- **Internal flows:  $\nabla \times \vec{V} \neq 0$** 
  - **More surfaces**
  - **Differential energy addition to stream**

# KINEMATICS: DEFINITIONS OF VORTICITY

- $\dot{\omega} = \nabla \times \dot{u}$

- **Stokes' Theorem** 
$$\iint_{\text{area}} \nabla \times \dot{u} \cdot \hat{n} dA = \oint_C \dot{u} \cdot d\vec{l}$$

normal



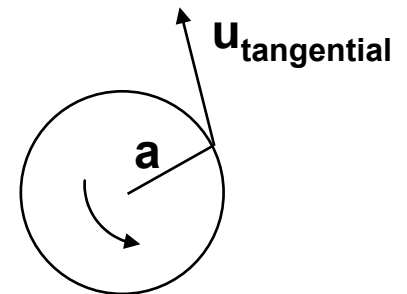
- **Simple case: Rotating cylinder of fluid**

For small contour,  $\omega dA = 2\pi a u_{\text{tangential}}$

Rotating cylinder with angular velocity  $\Omega$

$$u_{\text{tangential}} = a\Omega$$

$$\omega \underbrace{\pi a^2}_{dA} = 2\pi a \cdot a\Omega$$



$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\omega = 2\Omega}$$

- **Vorticity = twice local angular velocity of fluid**
- **Is this true only for plane?**
- **Take small contour in 3  $\perp$  planes -**
  - **3 components of vorticity - a vector**
- **Physical concept: Solidify small fluid sphere without change in angular momentum:**  
**Angular velocity =  $\vec{\omega} / 2$**

# EXAMINE ONE COMPONENT OF VORTICITY (z-component)

Consider two perpendicular fluid lines, OQ, OP :

Relative to O, the upward

velocity of P is  $\frac{\partial u_y}{\partial x} \Delta x$ .

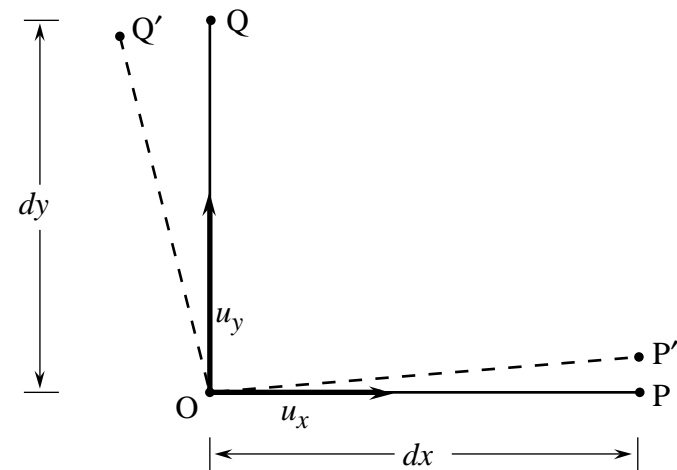
Velocity of Q to left is  $\left(-\frac{\partial u_x}{\partial y}\right) \Delta y$ .

Rate of rotation is  $\frac{\text{Tangential velocity}}{\text{Distance from center}}$ .

Rate of rotation of OP is  $\frac{\partial u_y}{\partial x}$ , rate of rotation of OQ is  $\left(-\frac{\partial u_x}{\partial y}\right)$ .

Sum of angular velocities of two perpendicular lines =

$$\left(\frac{\partial u_y}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial u_x}{\partial y}\right) = \omega_z = \text{z - component of vorticity}$$



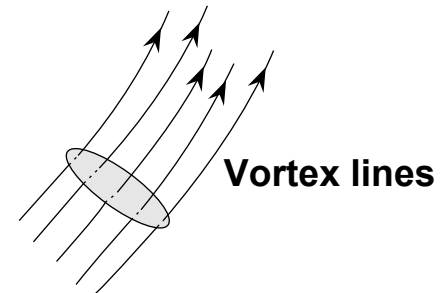


- **Average angular velocity =  $\omega_z/2$** 
  - **Has same value for any two perpendicular lines**
  
- **Generalize to 3-D: vorticity is a measure of fluid angular velocity**

# OTHER USEFUL CONCEPTS

- **Vortex line**
  - Line in fluid
  - Tangent to line has direction of vorticity vector

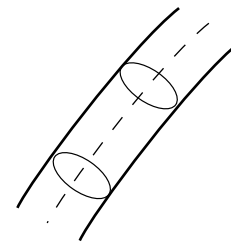
- **Vortex tube**
  - Vortex lines thru a small closed curve form a vortex tube



- **Properties of vortex lines, vortex tubes**

- $\dot{\omega} = \nabla \times \dot{u}$

- $\nabla \cdot \dot{\omega} = \nabla \cdot (\nabla \times \dot{u})$

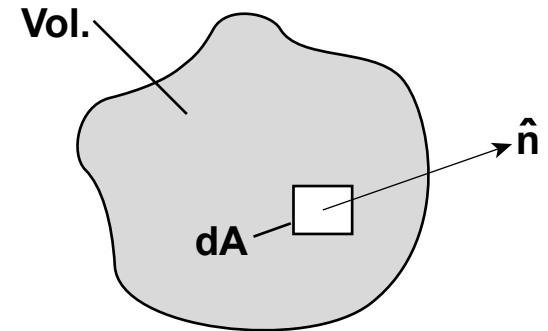


- **Vector identity**  $\nabla \cdot (\nabla \times \vec{b}) = 0$ 
  - $\vec{b}$  is any vector

- **So**  $\nabla \cdot \vec{\omega} = 0$

- **Divergence Theorem**

$$0 = \iiint_{\text{volume}} \nabla \cdot \vec{\omega} \, dV = \iint_{\text{area}} \vec{\omega} \cdot \hat{n} \, dA$$



- **Same number of vortex lines coming in as going out for a closed surface**
- **Vortex lines cannot end in the fluid (Any fluid)**
  - **Form closed loops, go to  $\infty$ , end on solid boundaries in rotating flow**

# VORTEX TUBE

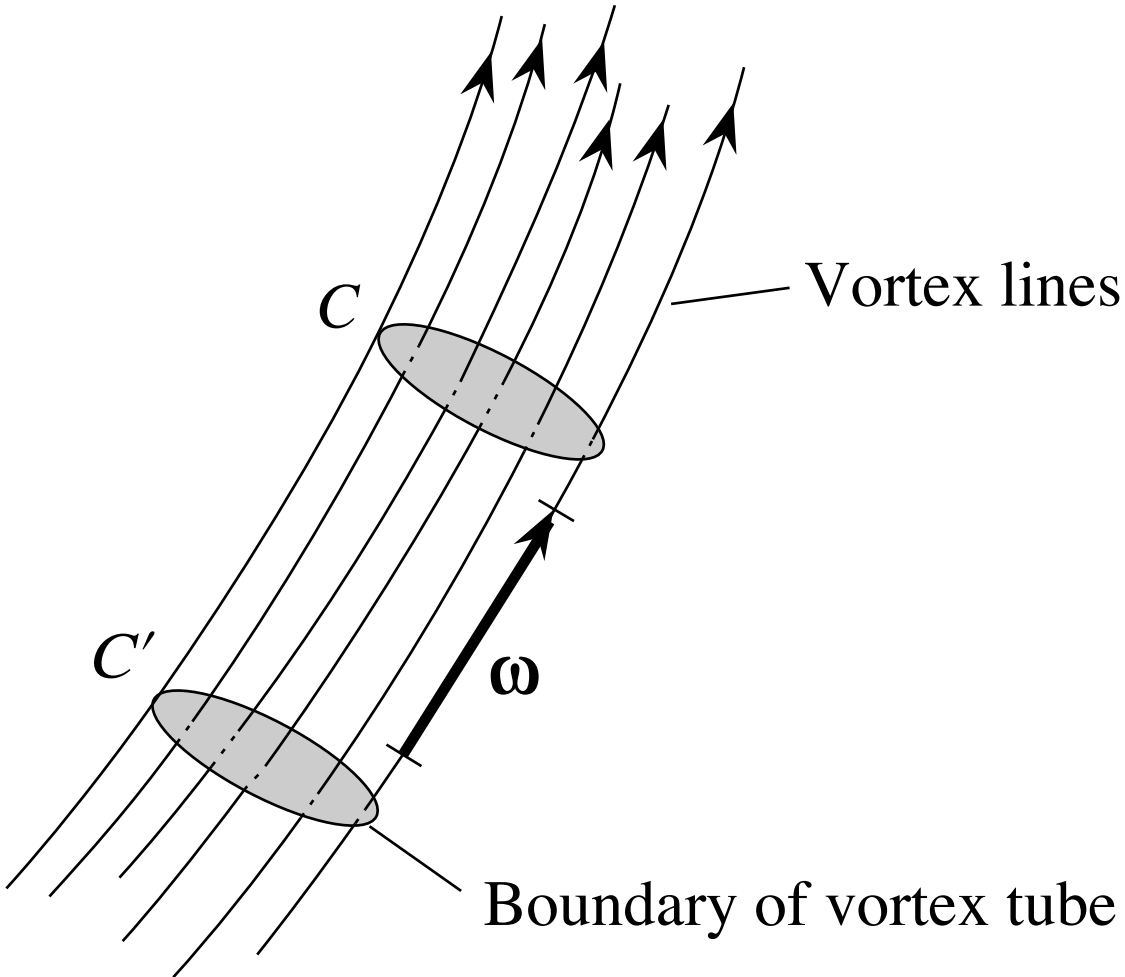
- Area  $dA_n$  normal to tube, vorticity uniform across tube
- Quantity  $\omega dA_n$  is called the “strength” of the vortex tube, is constant along the tube.
- Finite tube with vorticity not uniform; define circulation
- Circulation is the total flux of vortex lines threading through the area  $A_n$  enclosed by the curve C

$$\Gamma = \iint_A \vec{\omega} \cdot \hat{n} dA = \iint_{A_n} \omega dA_n$$

$$\Gamma = \oint \vec{u} \cdot d\vec{l}$$

$\Gamma$  is constant along a vortex tube

# CIRCULATION FOR A VORTEX TUBE



# VORTICITY-VELOCITY RELATIONSHIP

- Straight, infinite vortex tube, constant vorticity,  $\vec{\omega}$
- Radius of tube,  $a$
- Circular contour of radius,  $r > a$

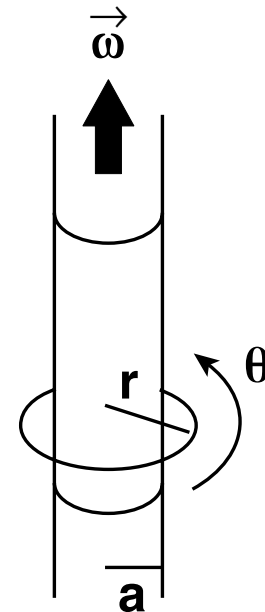
$$\Gamma = \iint \vec{\omega} \cdot \hat{n} dA = \pi a^2 \omega_o$$

also

$$\Gamma = u_\theta \cdot 2\pi r = \pi a^2 \omega_o$$

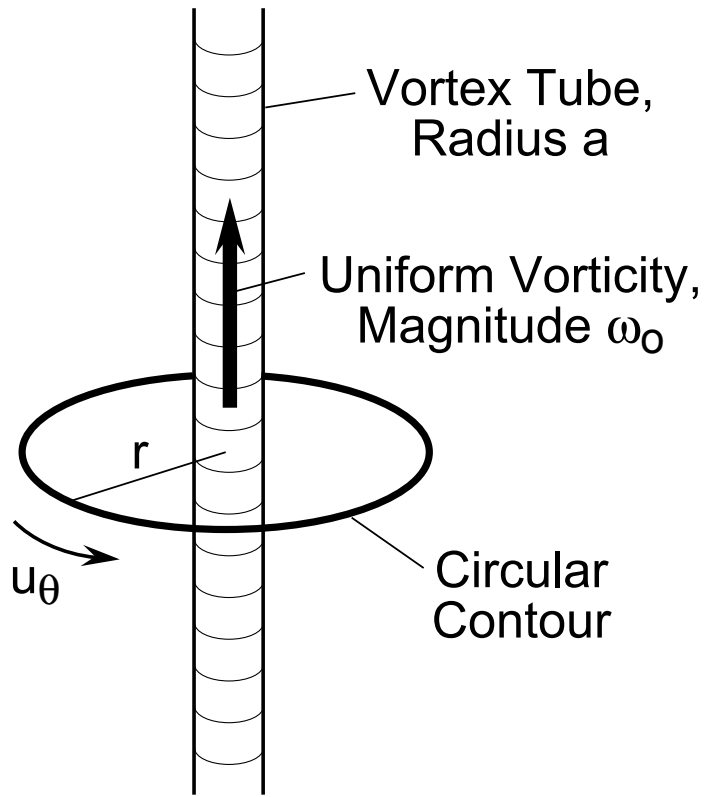
so

$$u_\theta = \frac{\omega_o a^2}{2r} = \frac{\Gamma}{2\pi r}$$

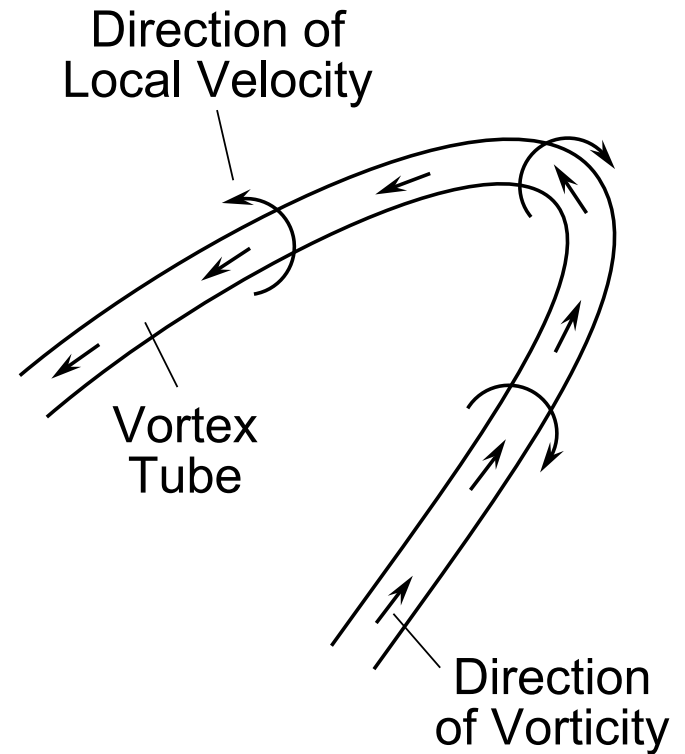


- **Velocity outside tube decays as  $1/r$**
- **Velocity inside tube ( $r \leq a$ )**
  - $\Gamma = \mathbf{u}_\theta \cdot 2\pi r = \pi r^2 \omega_o$
  - $\mathbf{u}_\theta = \omega_o r / 2$
  - **Sense of velocity – right hand rule**

# VELOCITY FIELD NEAR VORTEX TUBE



Velocity field associated with straight vortex tube

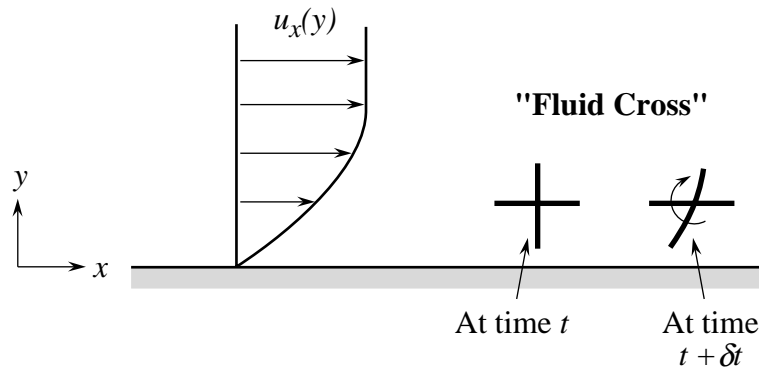


Sketch of velocity associated with curved vortex tube



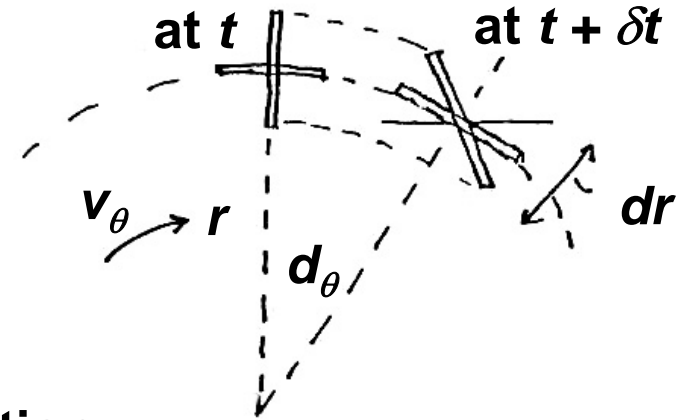
# VORTICITY AND STREAMLINE CURVATURE

- Vorticity can be present even if streamlines are straight



- Have rotation rate of vertical fluid line of  $-\frac{\partial u_y}{\partial x}$ , no rotation horiz. line
- Total rotation of 2 perpendicular lines is  $-\frac{\partial u_x}{\partial y} + 0 = \omega_z$

# VORTICITY IS NOT NECESSARILY PRESENT IF STREAMLINES ARE CURVED



- Consider 2-D flow with  $u_\theta \propto 1/r$ ,  $u_r = 0$

Horizontal leg rotates  $d\theta$  in clockwise direction

$$d\theta = \frac{u_\theta}{r} \delta t$$

Vertical leg rotates  $\frac{\partial u_\theta}{\partial r} \delta t$  in anti-clockwise direction

Net rotation in anti-clockwise direction is  $\left( \frac{\partial u_\theta}{\partial r} - \frac{u_\theta}{r} \right) \delta t$

If  $u_\theta \propto 1/r$ ,  $\left( \frac{\partial u_\theta}{\partial r} - \frac{u_\theta}{r} \right) = 0$ , NO NET ROTATION,  $\omega = 0$

# **VORTICITY DYNAMICS: CHANGES IN VORTICITY IN A FLOW**

- **Want to be able to describe how vorticity distribution evolves in a general situation**
- **Need to develop expression for rate of change of vorticity**

# MOMENTUM EQUATION $\Rightarrow$ EXPRESSION FOR RATE OF CHANGE OF VORTICITY

$$\frac{D\vec{u}}{Dt} = -\frac{1}{\rho}\nabla p + \vec{F}_{\text{visc}} + \vec{F}_{\text{body}}$$

$\frac{\partial \vec{u}}{\partial t} + (\vec{u} \cdot \nabla)\vec{u}$

**Viscous  
forces**

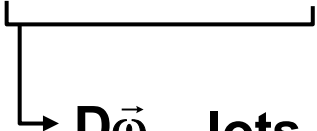
**Body forces,  
gravity,  
Coriolis,  
 $\vec{J} \times \vec{B}, \dots$**

- **Vorticity is  $\nabla \times \vec{u}$  so take  $\nabla \times$  [Momentum Eq.]**

$$\nabla \times \left[ \frac{D\vec{u}}{Dt} = -\frac{1}{\rho}\nabla p + \vec{F}_{\text{visc}} + \vec{F}_{\text{body}} \right]$$

- **Get:**

$$\frac{\partial \vec{\omega}}{\partial t} + (\vec{u} \cdot \nabla) \vec{\omega} - \vec{\omega} (\nabla \cdot \vec{u}) = (\vec{\omega} \cdot \nabla) \vec{u} - \nabla \times \left( \frac{1}{\rho} \nabla p \right) + \nabla \times \vec{F}_{\text{visc}} + \nabla \times \vec{F}_{\text{body}}$$


  
 $\frac{D\vec{\omega}}{Dt} =$  lots of terms

- **Different physical meaning for each term**
- **Build up general case by looking at simple situation and adding effects**

# CASE 1 – INVISCID, CONSTANT DENSITY FLOW WITH CONSERVATIVE BODY FORCE

- **Note: Incompressible  $\neq$  constant density**

$$\vec{F}_{\text{body}} = \nabla\Psi \quad \text{Force is gradient of a potential}$$

$$\nabla \times \nabla\Psi \equiv \mathbf{0}$$

$$\nabla \times \left( \frac{1}{\rho} \nabla p \right) = \frac{1}{\rho} \nabla \times \nabla p = \mathbf{0}$$

constant

$$\nabla \cdot \vec{u} = 0 \quad \text{incompressible}$$

- **Vorticity equation**

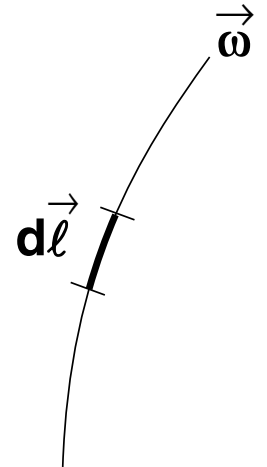
$$\frac{D\vec{\omega}}{Dt} - \vec{\omega}(\nabla \cdot \vec{u}) = (\vec{\omega} \cdot \nabla)\vec{u} - \nabla\left(\frac{1}{\rho}\nabla p\right) + \nabla \times \vec{F}_{\text{visc}} + \nabla \times \vec{F}_{\text{body}}$$

$$\boxed{\frac{D\vec{\omega}}{Dt} = (\vec{\omega} \cdot \nabla)\vec{u}}$$

- **Vorticity change in inviscid, constant density flow conservative**
- **Body forces**

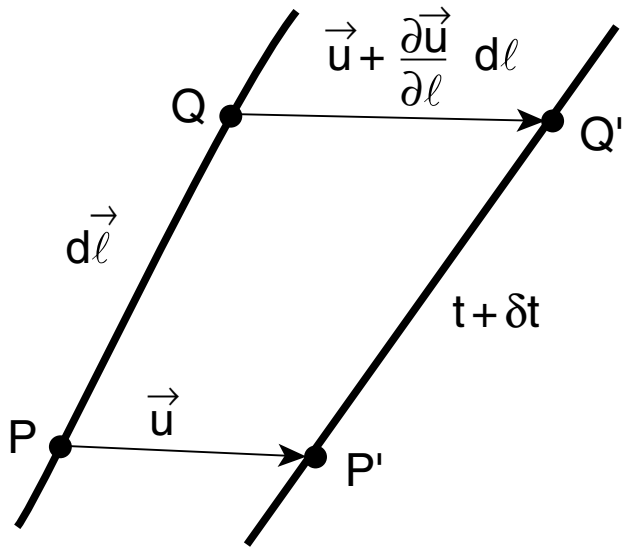
# PHYSICAL INTERPRETATION OF VORTICITY CHANGE EQUATION

- What does  $(\vec{\omega} \cdot \nabla)\vec{u}$  mean?
  - $\omega$  times derivative of  $\vec{u}$  in direction along  $\vec{\omega}$
  - $d\vec{\ell}$  is element of vortex line – quantity is  $\frac{\omega \partial \vec{u}}{\partial \ell}$
- If there is a velocity variation along a vortex line, the vorticity changes





# BEHAVIOR OF FLUID LINE (MATERIAL LINE)



- At  $t$ ,  $d\ell$  is  $\overline{PQ}$
- $P$  moves  $\vec{u} \delta t$  in  $\delta t$
- $Q$  moves  $\left(\vec{u} + \frac{\partial \vec{u}}{\partial l} d\ell\right) \delta t$
- Change in line element  $PQ$  is

$$\left(\vec{u} + \frac{\partial \vec{u}}{\partial l} d\ell\right) \delta t - \vec{u} \delta t = \frac{\partial \vec{u}}{\partial l} d\ell \delta t$$

# CHANGE OF LENGTH OF A FLUID LINE

- Change of length over a time  $\delta t$

$$\delta(\mathbf{d}\vec{\ell}) = \frac{\partial \vec{u}}{\partial \ell} \mathbf{d}\ell \delta t \quad \underline{\text{or}} \quad \boxed{\frac{\delta(\mathbf{d}\vec{\ell})}{\delta t} = \frac{\partial \vec{u}}{\partial \ell} \mathbf{d}\ell}$$

**Rate of change of  
length of line element**

- Fractional rate of change of length:

$$\frac{1}{\mathbf{d}\ell} \frac{D\mathbf{d}\vec{\ell}}{Dt} = \frac{\partial \vec{u}}{\partial \ell}$$

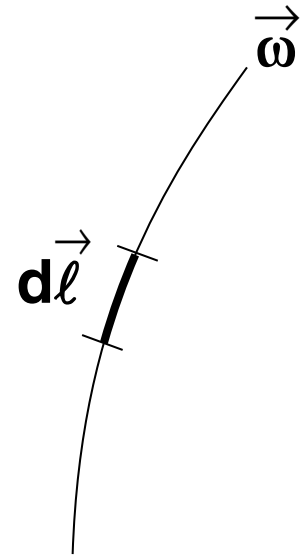
- **Vorticity equation**

$$\frac{1}{\omega} \frac{D\vec{\omega}}{Dt} = \frac{\partial \vec{u}}{\partial \ell}$$

- So if  $d\vec{\ell}$  is a line element on a vortex line

$$\frac{1}{\omega} \frac{D\vec{\omega}}{Dt} = \frac{1}{d\ell} \frac{Dd\vec{\ell}}{Dt}$$

A solution is  $\vec{\omega} = K d\vec{\ell}$   
↖  
 constant



- **Vortex lines and fluid lines behave the same way**
- **VORTEX LINES MOVE WITH THE FLUID**

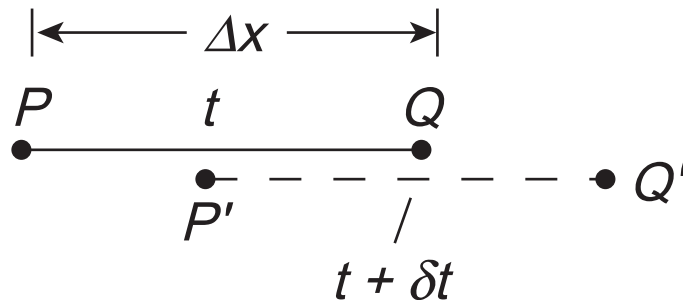
# VORTEX LINES MOVE WITH THE FLUID

- **Vortex line stretched  $\Rightarrow \vec{\omega}$  increases**
- **Vortex line “tipped”  $\Rightarrow$  new component**
- **This is a true 3-D effect; not present in 2-D**
- **So:**
  - **Inviscid flow, incompressible, uniform density, conservative body forces**
  - **Vortex lines are “locked” to fluid particles**

# INTERPRETATION OF $(\vec{\omega} \cdot \nabla)\vec{u}$

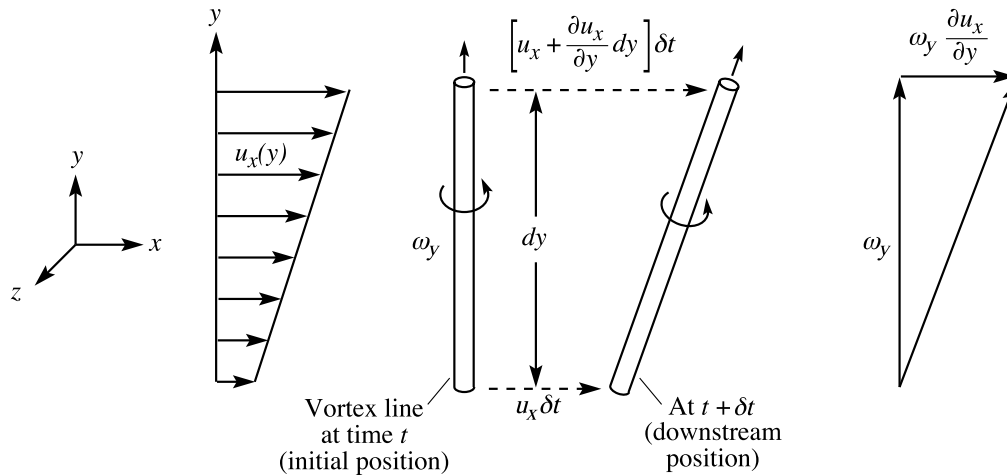
- Examine x-component of vorticity equation to see physical meaning of terms

$$\frac{D\omega_x}{Dt} = \omega_x \frac{\partial u_x}{\partial x} + \omega_y \frac{\partial u_x}{\partial y} + \omega_z \frac{\partial u_x}{\partial z}$$



- Change in length of PQ is  $\left(\frac{\partial u_x}{\partial x} \Delta x\right) \delta t$
- Fractional change is  $1/\Delta x$  times this
- Rate of change of x-vorticity is rate of change of length of vortex

line element  $\frac{1}{\omega_x} \frac{D\omega_x}{Dt} = \frac{\partial u_x}{\partial x}$  vortex stretching



- **Vortex lines move with the fluid**
- $\omega_y$  gets tipped into x-direction, creating an x-component of vorticity
- **Rate of creation of x-vorticity can be found as follows:**

Relative to P, Q moves  $\frac{\partial u_x}{\partial y} \Delta y \delta t$

Small angle  $\alpha$  is  $\tan \alpha \approx \alpha = \frac{\partial u_x}{\partial y}$

Small change in vorticity is  $\frac{\delta \omega_x}{\omega_y} = \tan \alpha \approx \frac{\partial u_x}{\partial y}$

# INTERPRETATION OF $(\vec{\omega} \cdot \nabla)\vec{u}$

- This term represents the tipping of y (or z-) components of vorticity into the x-direction.

- This is *TRULY A 3-D EFFECT*. It does not occur in 2-D flow.

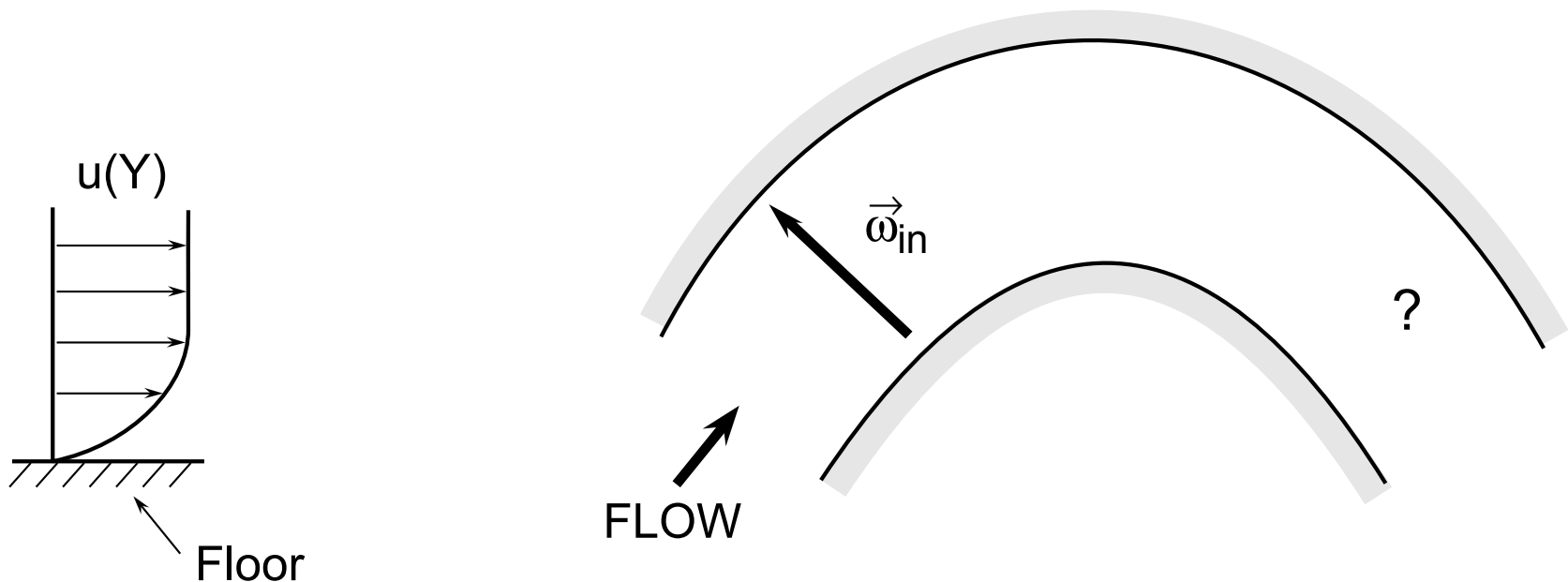
- FOR 2-D FLOW, the vorticity and the velocity are both functions of x and y. Plug into the vorticity equation and find that

$$\frac{D\omega_y}{Dt} = \frac{D\omega_z}{Dt} = 0$$

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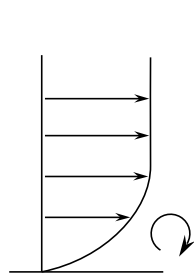
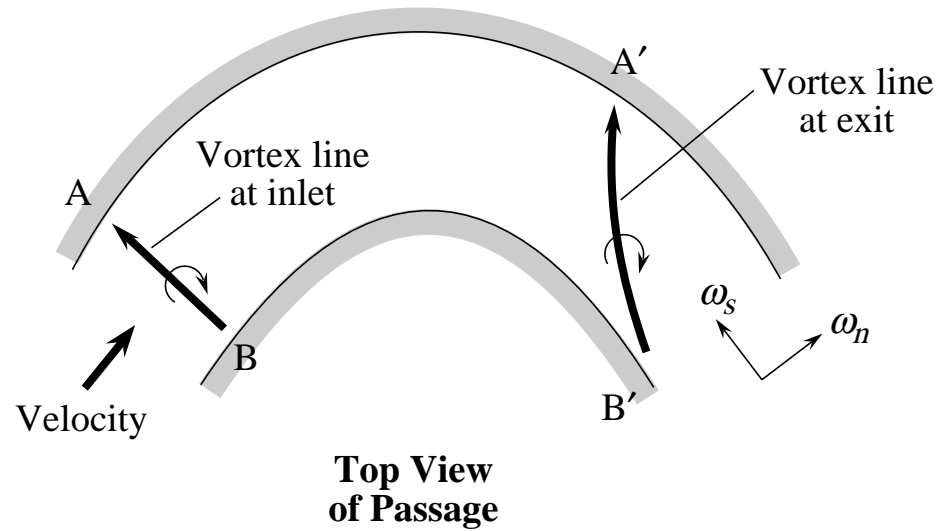
# APPLICATIONS TO SOME RELEVANT FLOWS

- Can predict changes in vorticity by examining kinematics of vortex lines
- Example: Secondary flow in a bend, blade passage

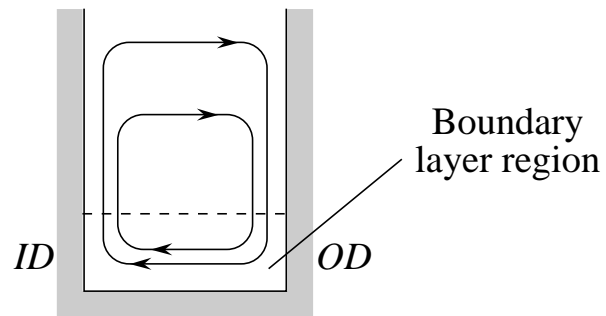




# GENERATION OF STREAMWISE VORTICITY (AND SECONDARY FLOW) BY CONVECTION OF VORTEX LINES THROUGH A BEND



Inlet Streamwise Velocity



Secondary Streamlines at Passage Exit

- **Note: Can also understand in terms of pressures and accelerations**
- **In free stream**

$$\frac{\partial p}{\partial n} = \rho \frac{U_{\text{freestream}}^2}{r_c}$$

Local radius of curvature

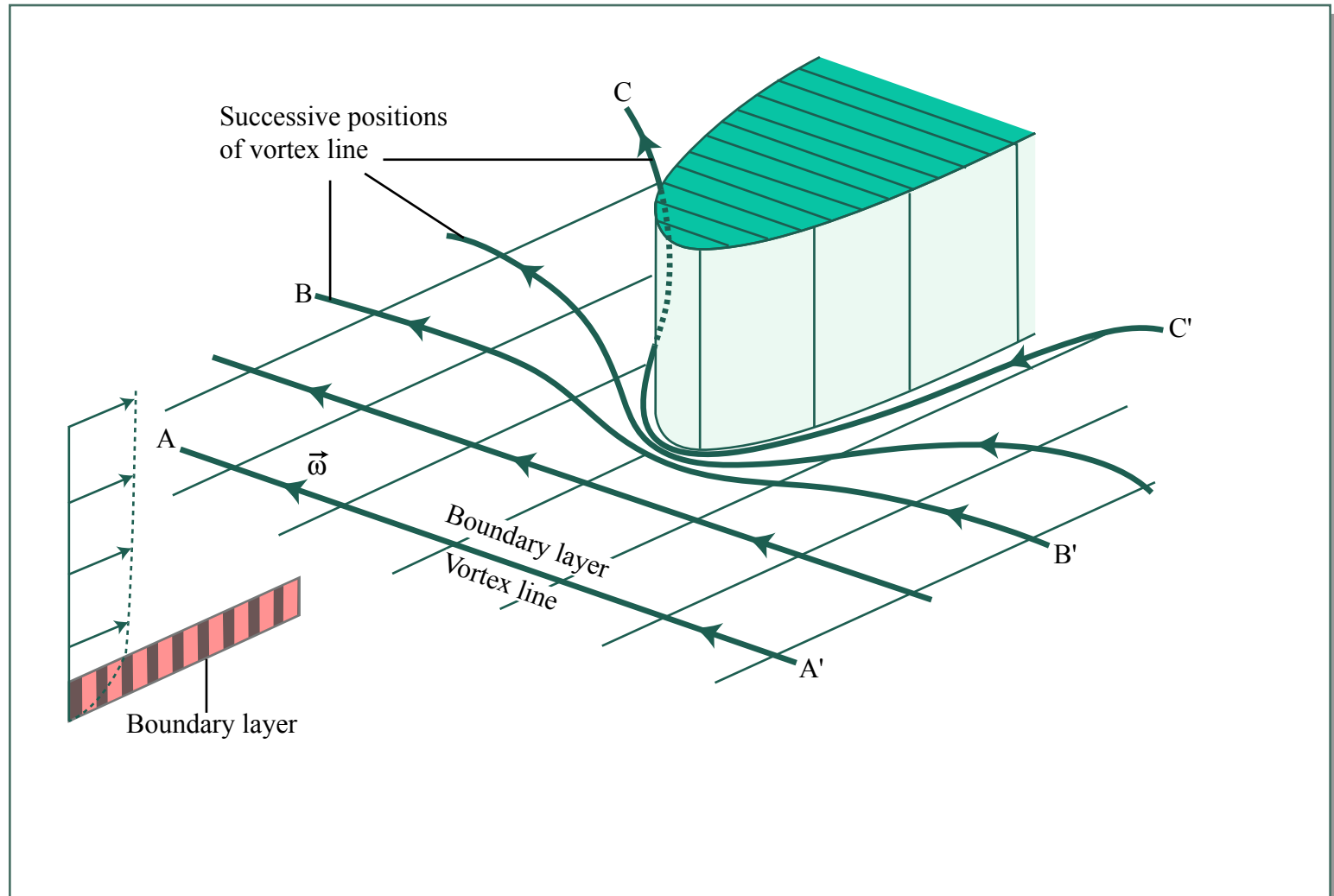
- **In boundary layer on floor,**

$$\text{same } \frac{\partial p}{\partial n} \quad \rho \frac{u_{\text{b.l.}}^2}{r_{\text{c b.l.}}} = \rho \frac{U_{\text{freestream}}^2}{r_c}$$

$$\frac{r_{\text{c b.l.}}}{r_{\text{c freestream}}} \sim \left( \frac{u_{\text{b.l.}}}{U_{\text{freestream}}} \right)$$

- **So more curvature, sharper turn, in boundary layer  $\Rightarrow$  radially inward acceleration**
  - **Boundary layer - less centrifugal force, same  $\frac{\partial p}{\partial n}$**
- $\Rightarrow$  **Radially inward acceleration of fluid**

# HORSESHOE VORTEX (Strut, Turbomachinery Blade)



Horseshoe vortex upstream of a strut; vortex lines wrapped around obstacle

# HORSESHOE VORTEX UPSTREAM OF WEDGE [Schwind]

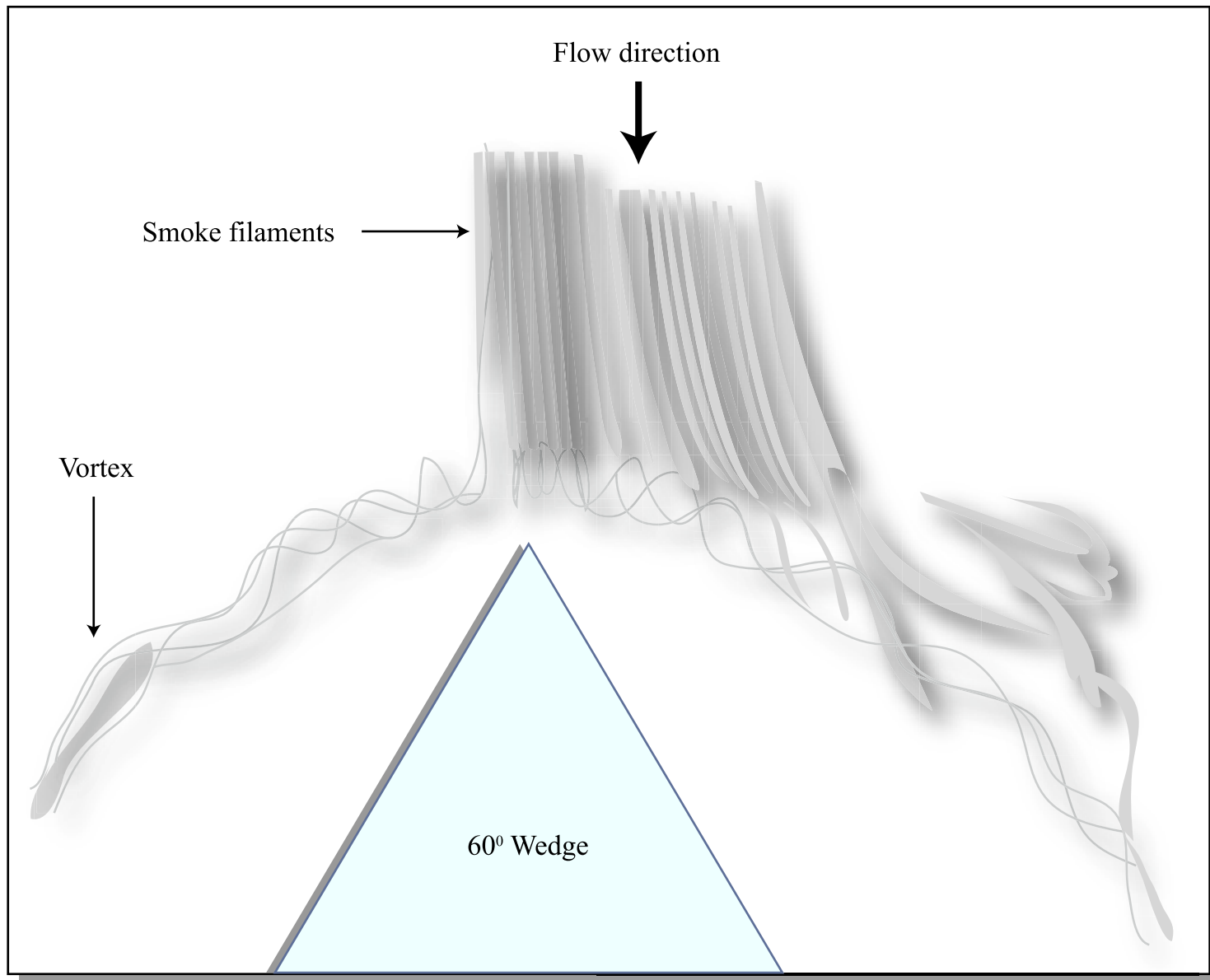


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# SKETCH OF TURBINE SECONDARY FLOW [Langston]

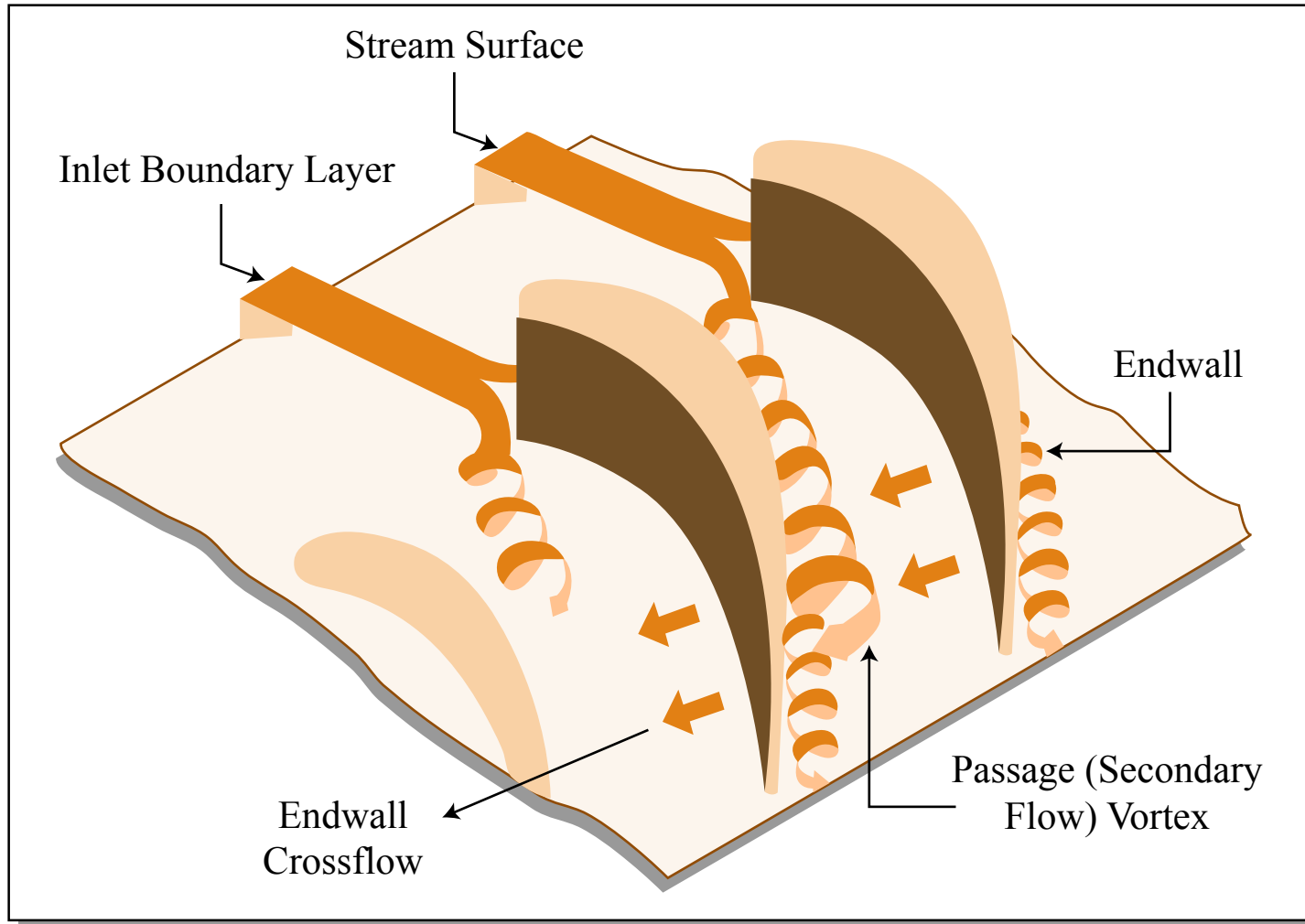


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# SECONDARY FLOW IN TURBINE BLADES [Gostelow]

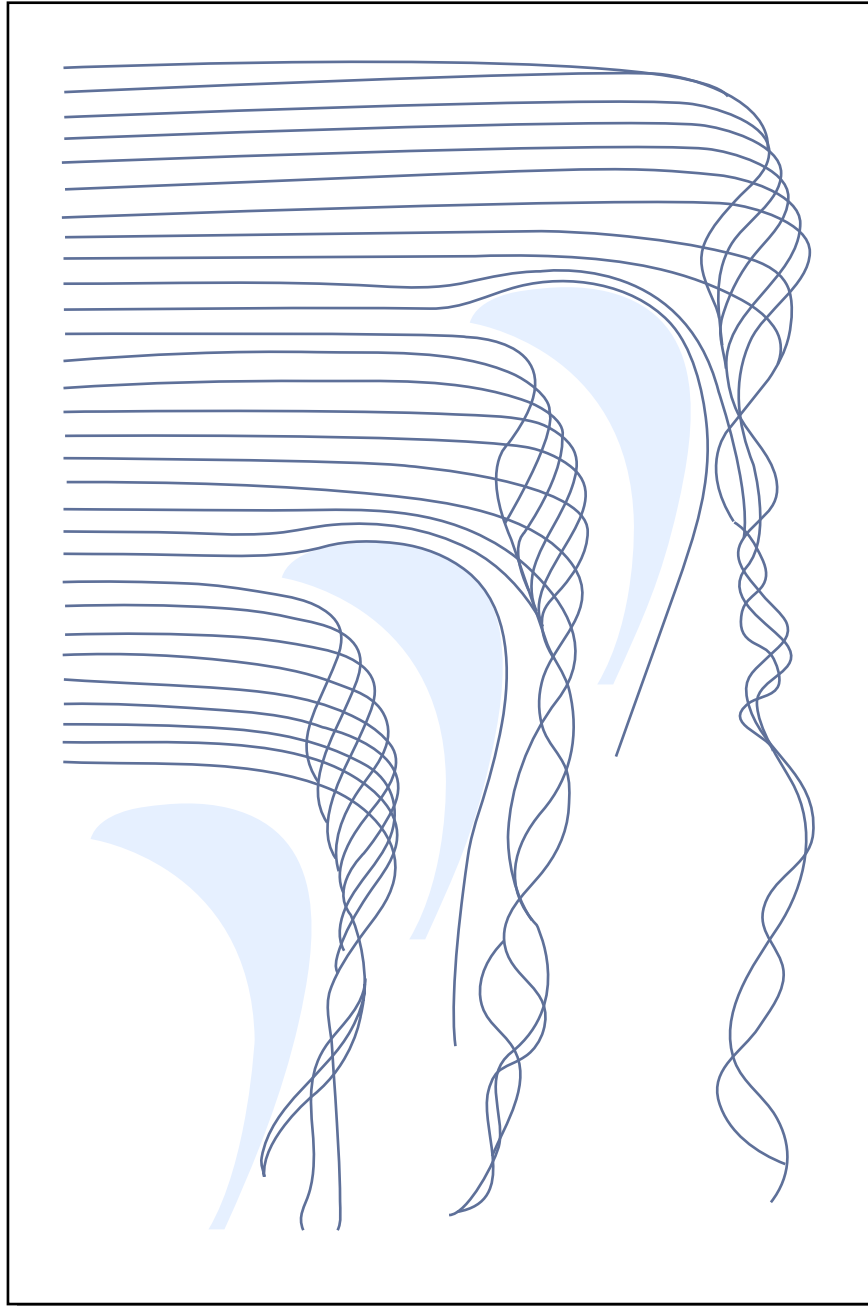
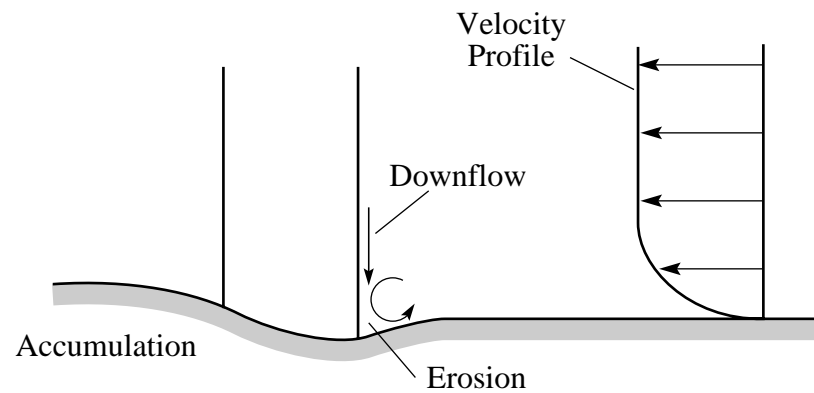


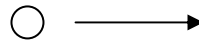
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# FLOW ROUND A LOG (MY BACK YARD)

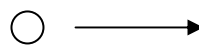
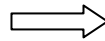


# BEHAVIOR OF A VORTEX RING

- Consider two infinite vortex tubes



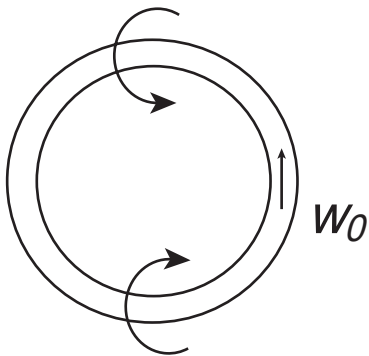
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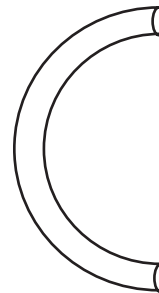
Velocity at 2 “due to” 1

**Sense of vorticity**

**So two vortices will move with constant velocity,  $u = ?$**

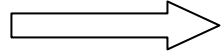
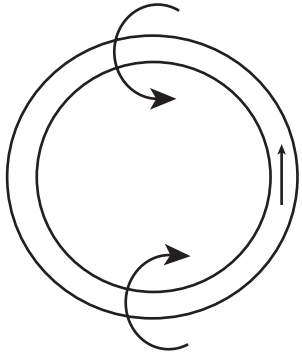


**Vortex ring  
Slice thru ring**





## Vortex ring has some similarities to vortex pair



**Translates along  
With velocity = ?**

**Seems easier to “understand” using vorticity arguments  
than using pressure (force) description**

# VORTICITY MEASURES ANGULAR VELOCITY NOT ANGULAR MOMENTUM

Spherical fluid particle with  $\omega_x = \omega_z = \omega_0$  at time  $t$

Motion with  $u_z$  outwards,  $u_x, u_y$  inwards

Suppose  $\frac{\partial u_z}{\partial z} = \varepsilon$  and symmetric about z - axis

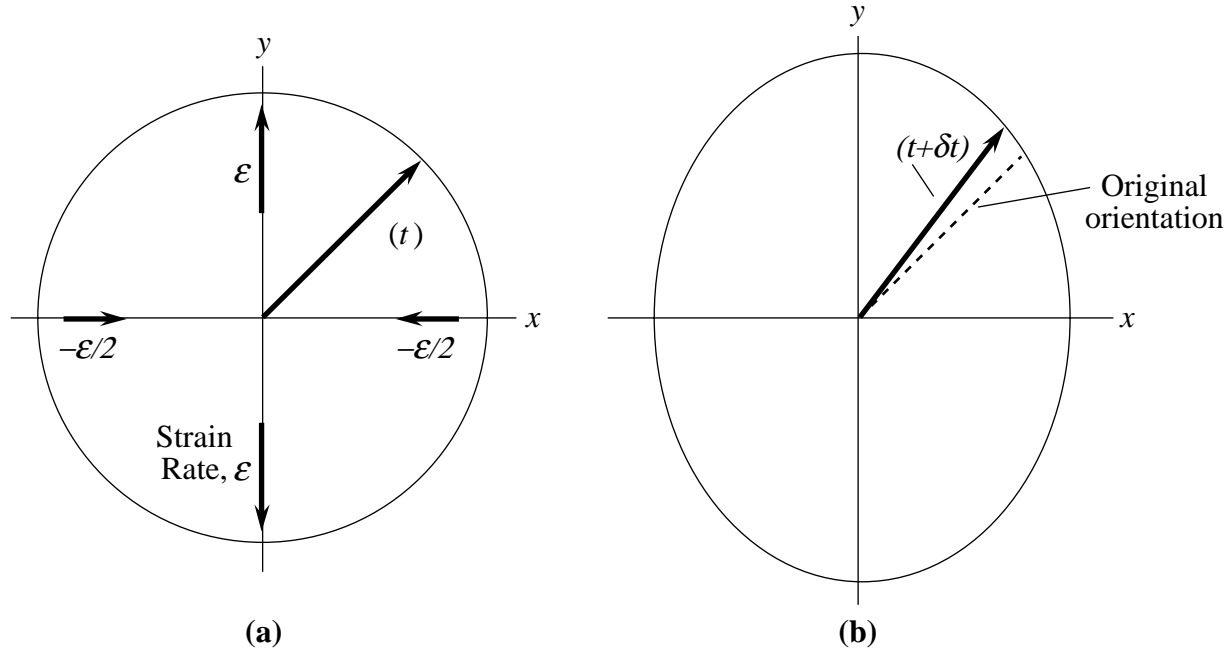
$$\frac{\partial u_x}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial u_y}{\partial y} = -\varepsilon/2$$

Vorticity vector is at  $45^\circ$  to x, z, axes initially

What happens to vorticity vector with time?

$\omega_z$  is increased (stretched) by the motion

$\omega_x$  is decreased (contracted) by the motion



$$\frac{D\vec{\omega}}{Dt} \neq 0$$

The vorticity vector is “tipped” by the deformation of the particle.

This is change in vorticity. What about change in angular momentum?

# CHANGES IN ANGULAR MOMENTUM?

- Only pressure forces act.
- Pressure forces are normal to surface of a spherical particle
- Pressure forces act through the center of mass of the particle and exert no torque
- No torque => No change in angular momentum

Torque = rate of change of angular momentum

- Conclusion is that vorticity ( $\vec{\omega}$ ) changes but angular momentum ( $\vec{H}$ ) does not.
- How does this happen? (What is going on physically?)
- To see this, let's look at the changes in angular velocity and angular momentum using the tools familiar from 3-D dynamics

# ANGULAR MOMENTUM AND VELOCITY CHANGES

$\vec{H} = \bar{I} \vec{\omega}$  ;  $\bar{I}$  is the inertia tensor - 9 quantities

$$\bar{I} = \begin{bmatrix} I_x & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & I_y & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & I_z \end{bmatrix} \text{ for a sphere, where } I_x = I_y = I_z = I$$

$$\frac{d\vec{H}}{dt} = \vec{\omega} \frac{d\bar{I}}{dt} + \bar{I} \frac{d\vec{\omega}}{dt}$$

This is worked out in the notes in detail, but can see here one component,  $H_x = I_x \omega_x$ .

$$\frac{dH_x}{dt} = \omega_x \frac{dI_x}{dt} + I_x \frac{d\omega_x}{dt}$$

$\omega_x$  decreases and moment of inertia ( $I_x$ ) about x - axis increases

As shown in notes, there are equal and opposite terms so that

$$\frac{dH_x}{dt} = 0$$

# ANGULAR VELOCITY CHANGES

- For a 2-D flow we can calculate the change in angular momentum by considering torques

$$\text{Torque} = \frac{d(\text{Angular momentum})}{dt} = \frac{d(I\Omega)}{dt}$$

$$\text{Torque} = I \frac{d\Omega}{dt} + \Omega \frac{dI}{dt}$$

$I$  for a small cylinder =  $MR^2/2$ ;  $M$  = mass,  $R$  = radius

Cylinder deforms to an ellipse with  $I = \frac{M}{4}(c^2 + b^2)$

$$b = R + \frac{\partial u_x}{\partial x} \delta t \quad ; \quad c = R - \frac{\partial u_y}{\partial y} \delta t$$

$$\delta I = \frac{M}{4} R^2 \left[ 2R \left( \frac{\partial u_x}{\partial x} \right) + 2R \left( -\frac{\partial u_y}{\partial y} \right) \right] \delta t = 0 \quad ; \quad \text{Continuity}$$

# CASE 2 - VORTICITY CHANGES IN INVISCID, INCOMPRESSIBLE FLOW WITH NON-UNIFORM DENSITY

$$\frac{D\vec{\omega}}{Dt} = (\vec{\omega} \cdot \nabla)\vec{V} - \nabla \times \left( \frac{1}{\rho} \nabla \rho \right)$$

$$\frac{D\vec{\omega}}{Dt} = (\vec{\omega} \cdot \nabla)\vec{V} + \frac{1}{\rho^2} \boxed{\nabla \mathbf{p} \times \nabla \rho} \longleftarrow \text{new term}$$

- **Gradient is normal to surfaces having constant value**
- **If  $\nabla \mathbf{p} \times \nabla \rho \neq 0$                        $\nabla \mathbf{p}$  not parallel to  $\nabla \rho$**

# PHYSICAL MECHANISM FOR VORTICITY PRODUCTION

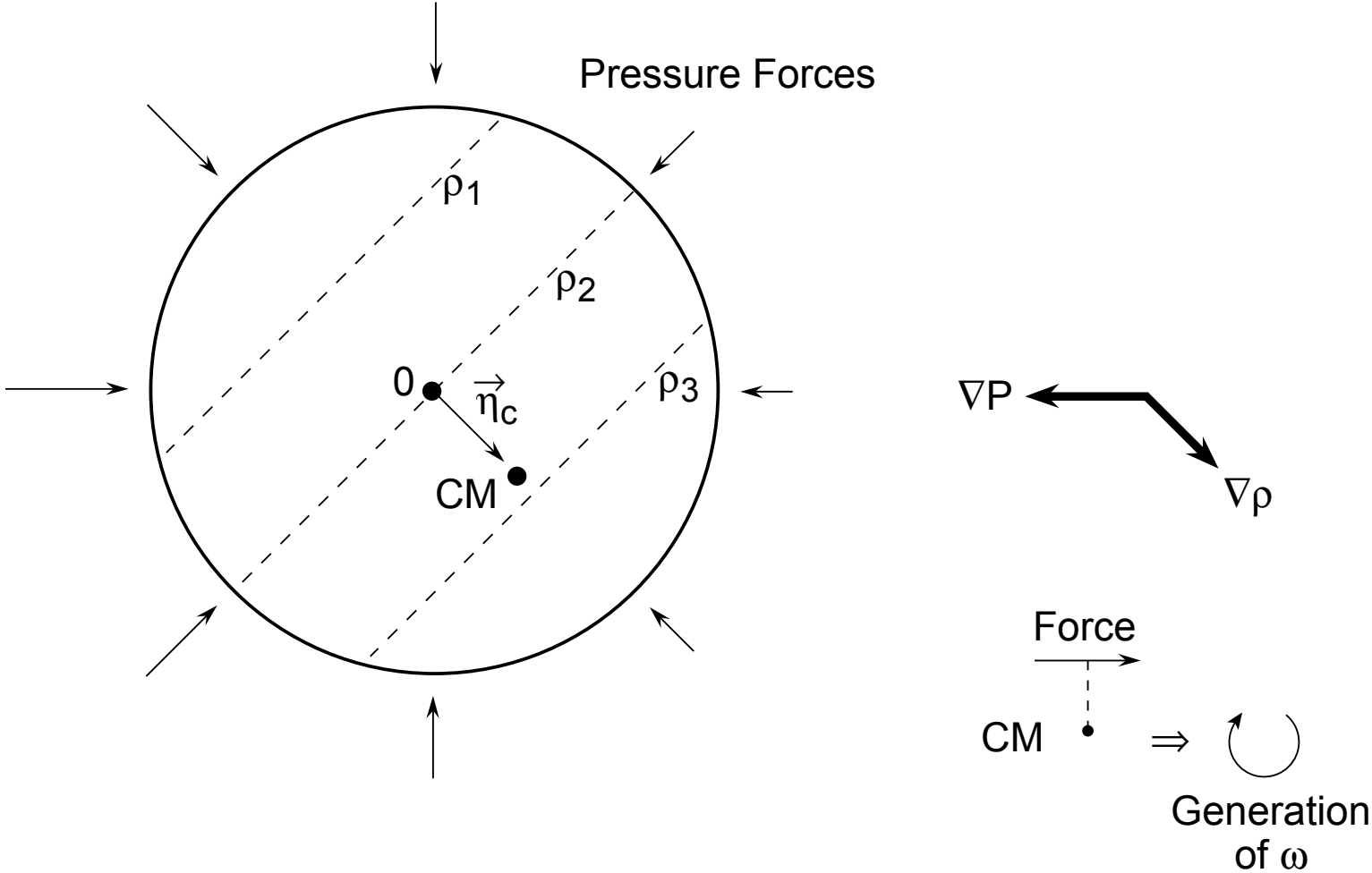
- **Constant density surfaces not aligned with constant pressure surfaces leads to vorticity production**
- **Look at two-dimensional example**  
**(We already understand the  $(\vec{\omega} \cdot \nabla)\vec{u}$  term)**

$$\frac{D\omega}{Dt} = \frac{1}{\rho^2} \nabla\rho \times \nabla p$$

- **If surfaces of constant  $\rho$  and constant  $p$  are not aligned, there is a torque about the center of mass**



# TORQUE IN A NON-UNIFORM DENSITY FLUID



Generation of vorticity due to the interaction of pressure and density gradients: pressure force torque about the center of mass of a fluid particle

$\delta I = 0$  for this problem (2 - D, incompressible spherical)

Torque directly related to changes in angular velocity

$$\text{Torque} = I \frac{d\Omega}{dt} = \vec{r} \times \vec{F}$$

$$\vec{r} = -\frac{1}{\rho_o} \nabla \rho R^2 / 4 \quad ; \quad \vec{F} = -\nabla p (\pi R^2)$$

$$\vec{r} \times \vec{F} = \left\{ \frac{1}{\rho_o^2} \nabla \rho \times \nabla p \left[ (\pi \rho_o R^2) \frac{R^2}{2} \right] \right\}$$

Underlined term is  $I$

$$\text{Torque} = I \frac{d\Omega}{dt} \text{ becomes}$$

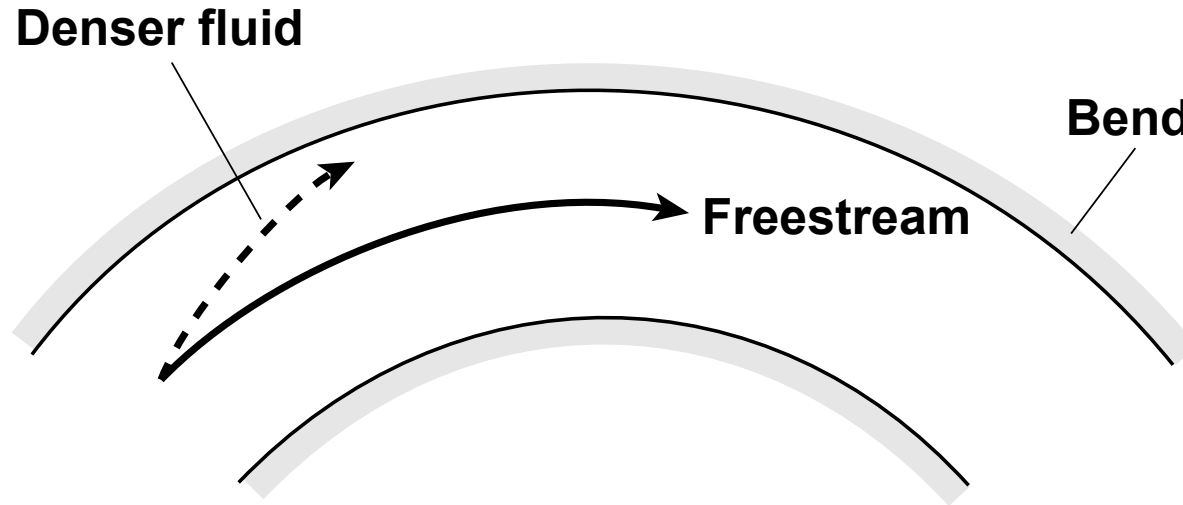
$$\frac{1}{\rho_o} \nabla \rho \times \nabla p = 2 \frac{d\Omega}{dt} = \frac{d\omega}{dt}$$

Fluid dynamics is a branch of dynamics; the connections are useful and helpful

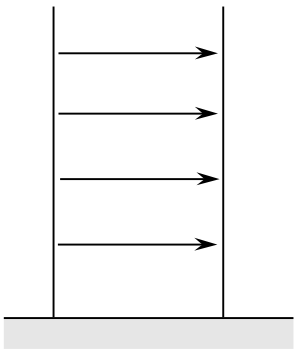
# EXAMPLES OF VORTICITY PRODUCTION DUE TO “ $\nabla\rho \times \nabla p$ ”

## 1) Flow round a bend

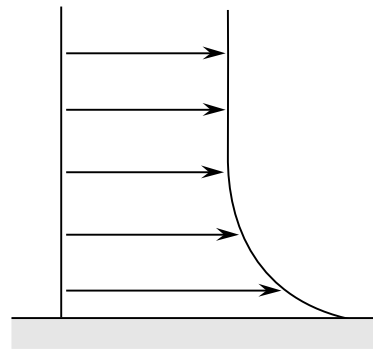
- Initial conditions:  $\vec{u} = \text{constant}$ ,  $\vec{\omega} = 0$ 
  - $\rho = \rho(z)$
  - $\nabla\rho$  points down
  - $\nabla p$  points radially outward
- $\nabla\rho \times \nabla p$  is in streamwise direction;  
leads to secondary circulation



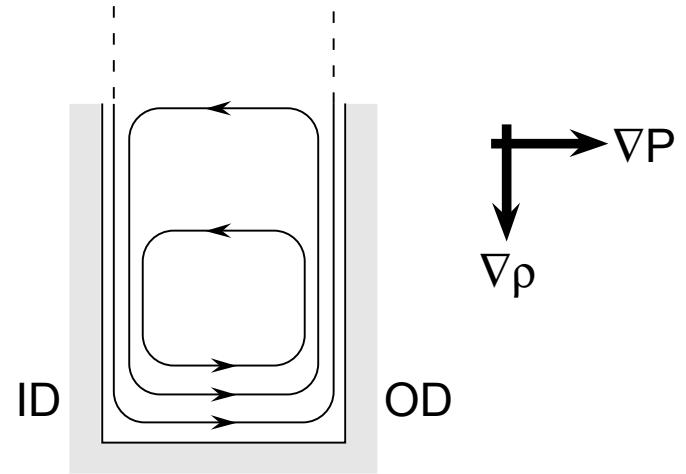
- **“Primitive variable” explanation:**
  - **Pressure gradient set by free stream  $\rho$ ;  $\partial p / \partial r = \rho u^2$**
  - **Fluid near bottom is denser, won't follow free streamlines (too much inertia to be turned), flows to outside of bend**



**Inlet Streamwise Velocity:**  
 $\vec{\omega}_{\text{inlet}} = 0$



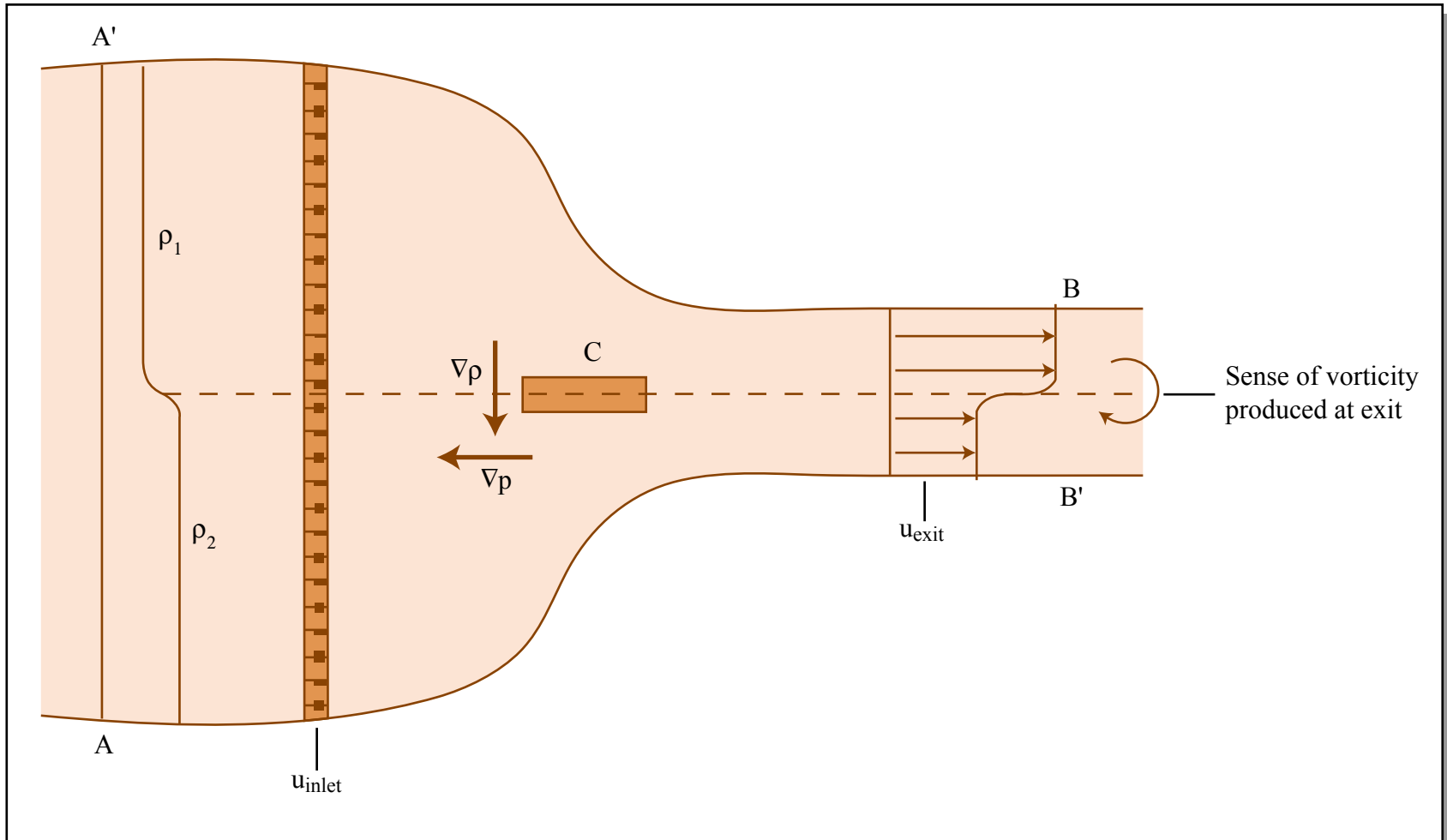
$\rho(z)_{\text{inlet}}$



**Secondary Streamlines at Passage Exit**

Generation of streamwise vorticity (and secondary flow) due to interaction of pressure and density gradients

# OUTFLOW FROM RESERVOIR OF THERMALLY STRATIFIED FLUID (COMBUSTOR)



Vorticity production in a fluid of non-uniform density; channel with inlet area  $\gg$  exit area

# VORTICITY PRODUCTION IN STRATIFIED FLOW

- **Alternative explanation**
  - **High and low density streams have same  $\Delta p$  - same force**
  - **Low density stream has less mass**
  - **$Aa = F/m \Rightarrow$  acceleration of low density stream is higher**
  - **Final velocity for  $\rho_1$  stream  $>$  than for  $\rho_2$  stream**

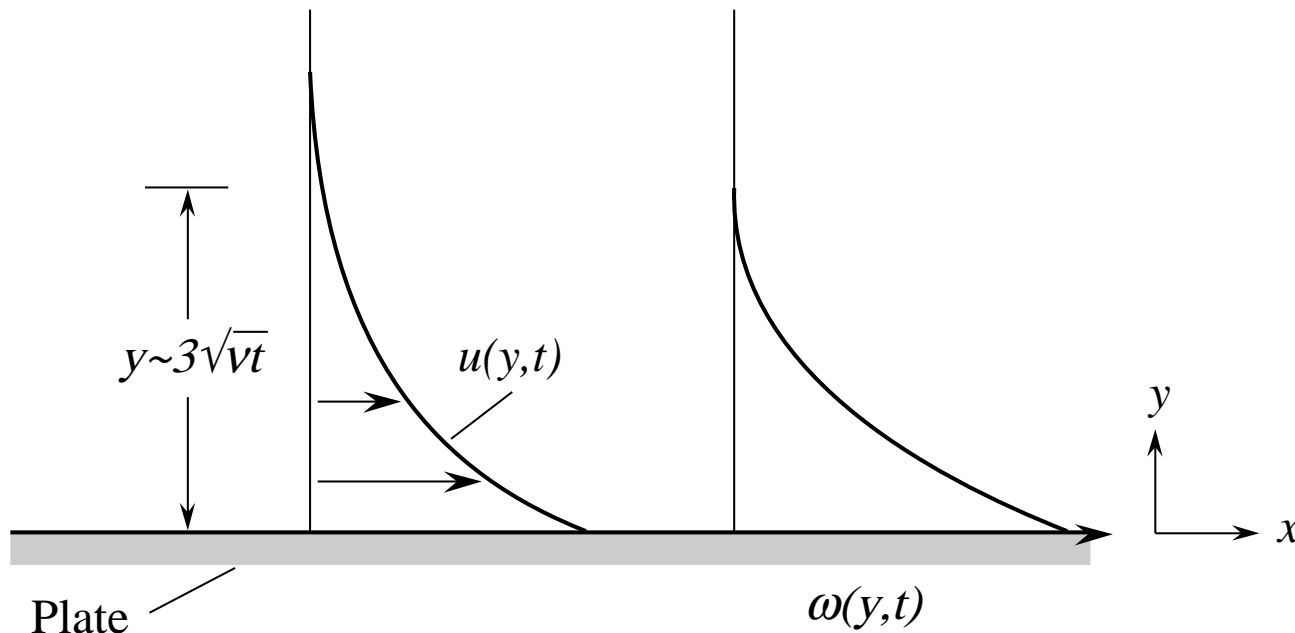
# CASE 3 - VISCOUS FLOW

Incompressible, const  $\rho$ , conservative  $\vec{F}_{body}$

Look at basic problem: Viscous flow near infinite flat plate which we impulsively start - 2-D flow  $\frac{\partial}{\partial x} = 0$

Equations for velocity, vorticity

Generation of vorticity due to the action of viscous forces: impulsively started plate:  $U(0,t) = 0, t < 0; U(0,t) = U, t > 0$





$$\frac{\partial u_x}{\partial t} = \nu \frac{\partial^2 u_x}{\partial y^2} \longleftarrow \text{net viscous forces}$$

and

$$\frac{\partial \omega}{\partial t} = \nu \frac{\partial^2 \omega}{\partial y^2} \longleftarrow \text{net viscous torque } (\nabla \times \vec{F}_{visc})$$

**Vorticity is altered due to viscous effects**

**Viscous forces can exert a torque**

**Dynamic correspondence worked out in notes**

**Note time and length scales from form of solution  $\frac{\omega}{U/\sqrt{\nu t}} \propto e^{y^2/2\nu t}$**

**$\delta \sim$  distance of appreciable vorticity:**

$$\frac{y^2}{\nu t} \sim 1 \Rightarrow \delta \sim \sqrt{\nu t}$$

# VISCOUS STRESSES AND TORQUES ON A FLUID ELEMENT

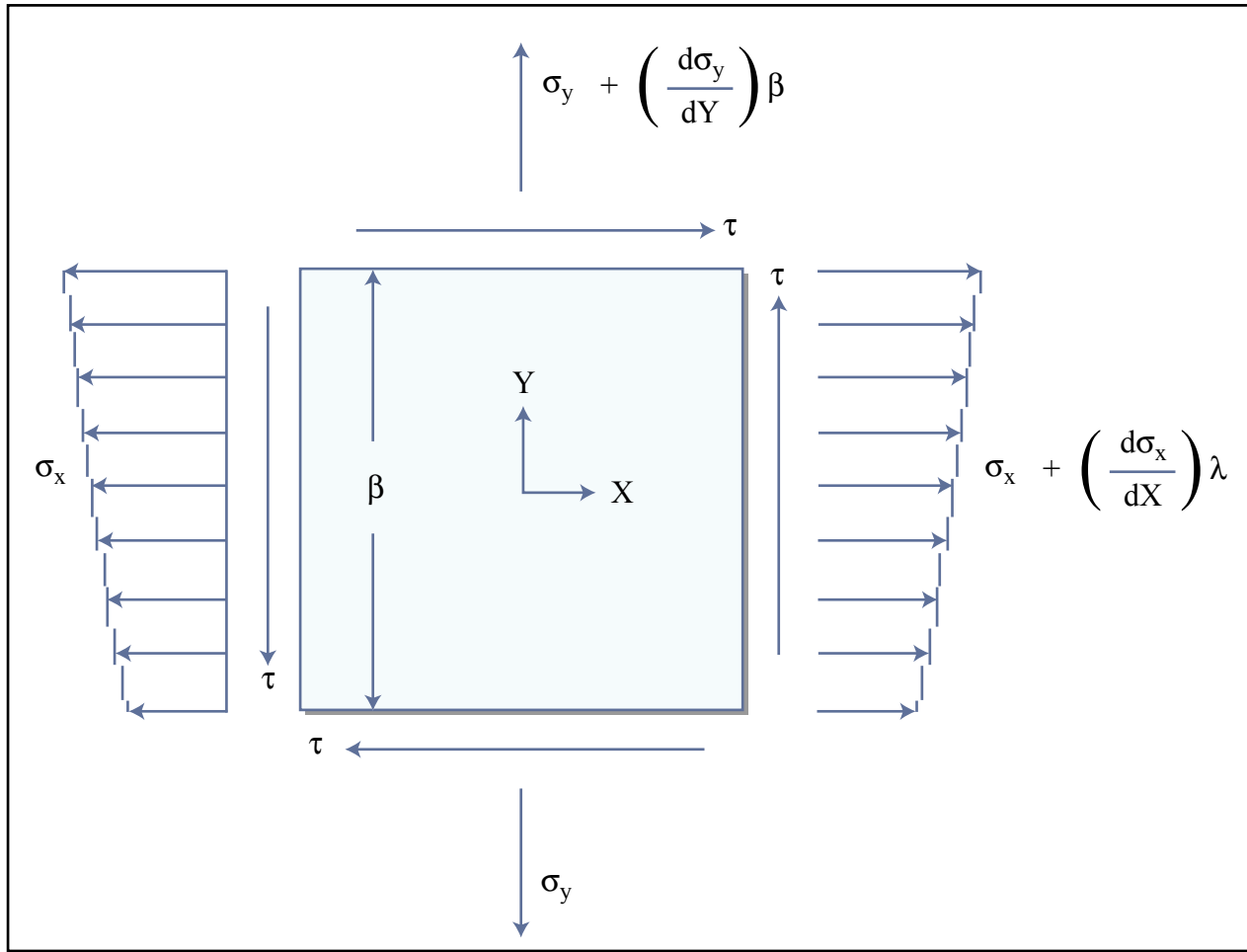
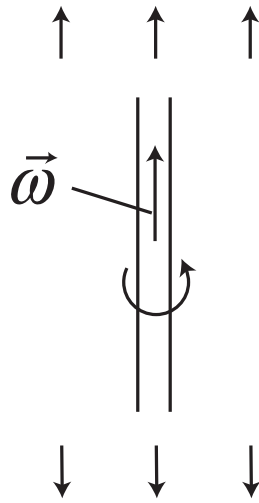


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# VISCOUS STRESSES AND TORQUES ON A FLUID ELEMENT

- Region near wall of appreciable vorticity scales as  $\sqrt{\nu t}$ .
- Flow along a stationary wall
$$t \sim x/U$$
$$\delta \sim \sqrt{\nu x/U}$$
- We have been looking at effects one-by-one. Now put two together: vortex stretching plus effects of viscosity

# VORTEX STRAINED (STRETCHED) ALONG ITS AXIS



**Conditions**

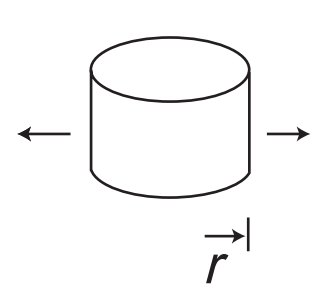
**Axisymmetric flow**

**Constant strain rate,  $\alpha$**

**Use cylindrical coordinate system**

**Velocity components:  $u_z = \alpha z$  (Strain rate is  $z$ )**

**Continuity -**



$$\left[ \frac{\partial u_z}{\partial z} dz \right] \pi r^2 + 2\pi u_r r dz = 0$$

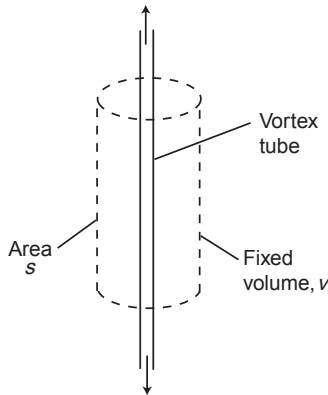
**Flow thru top & bottom**

**Flow thru sides**

$$u_r = -\alpha r/2$$

# ALTERNATIVE VIEW OF PROCESS

Consider volume fixed in space



Write expression for changes of vorticity in fixed volume,  $v$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \int_v \vec{\omega} dV = \int_s (\vec{\omega} \cdot \nabla) \vec{u} dV - \int_s (\hat{n}' \cdot \vec{u}) \vec{\omega} ds - \int \hat{n} \times \mathbf{F}_{visc} ds$$

Steady flow - volume surfaces away from viscous regions

$$\int_s (\hat{n} \cdot \hat{u}) \vec{\omega} ds = \int_v (\omega \cdot \nabla) \vec{u} dV$$

Flux out

Produced inside

$$u_{\theta} = \frac{\Gamma}{2\pi r} \left(1 - e^{-\alpha r^2/4\nu}\right)$$

**Only vorticity is in z direction**

$$\omega_z = \frac{\Gamma}{\pi} e^{-\alpha r^2/4\nu}$$

**Appreciable vorticity only exists for  $r \sqrt{4\nu/\alpha}$ , say (whatever initial Distribution is)**

**Vorticity equation**

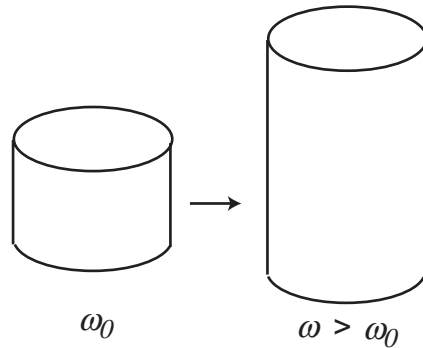
$$u_r \frac{\partial \omega_z}{\partial r} = \omega_z \frac{\partial}{\partial z} + \nu \left[ \frac{\partial^2 \omega_z}{\partial r^2} + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial (r\omega_z)}{\partial r} \right]$$

**Change in vorticity as particle (ring of particles) is (are) convected inward due to:**

- a) **Vortex stretching and vorticity production**
- b) **Viscous torques**

# EXAMINE SMALL ELEMENT

- a) As element's radius shrinks, angular velocity increases (ang. mom. is const)



- b) But as element "spins up" viscous torques try to decrease its  $\omega$ .

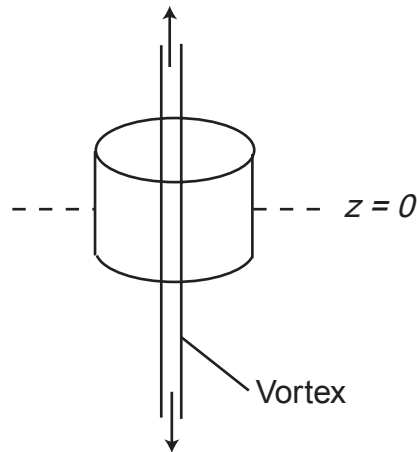
- A balance between a) and b). Also, strain rate  $\alpha$  sets size of vortex (sets radius)

**This is a model problem with applications:**

**Horse shoe vortex**

**Inlet vortex**

**One other point: look at control volume of radius  $r \gg \sqrt{\nu/\alpha}$**



**No vorticity on sides - fluid comes in irrotational**

**Fluid continually leaving thru top and bottom with vorticity**

**Net outflow of vorticity because vorticity is produced inside by vortex stretching (straining)**



# INLET VORTEX

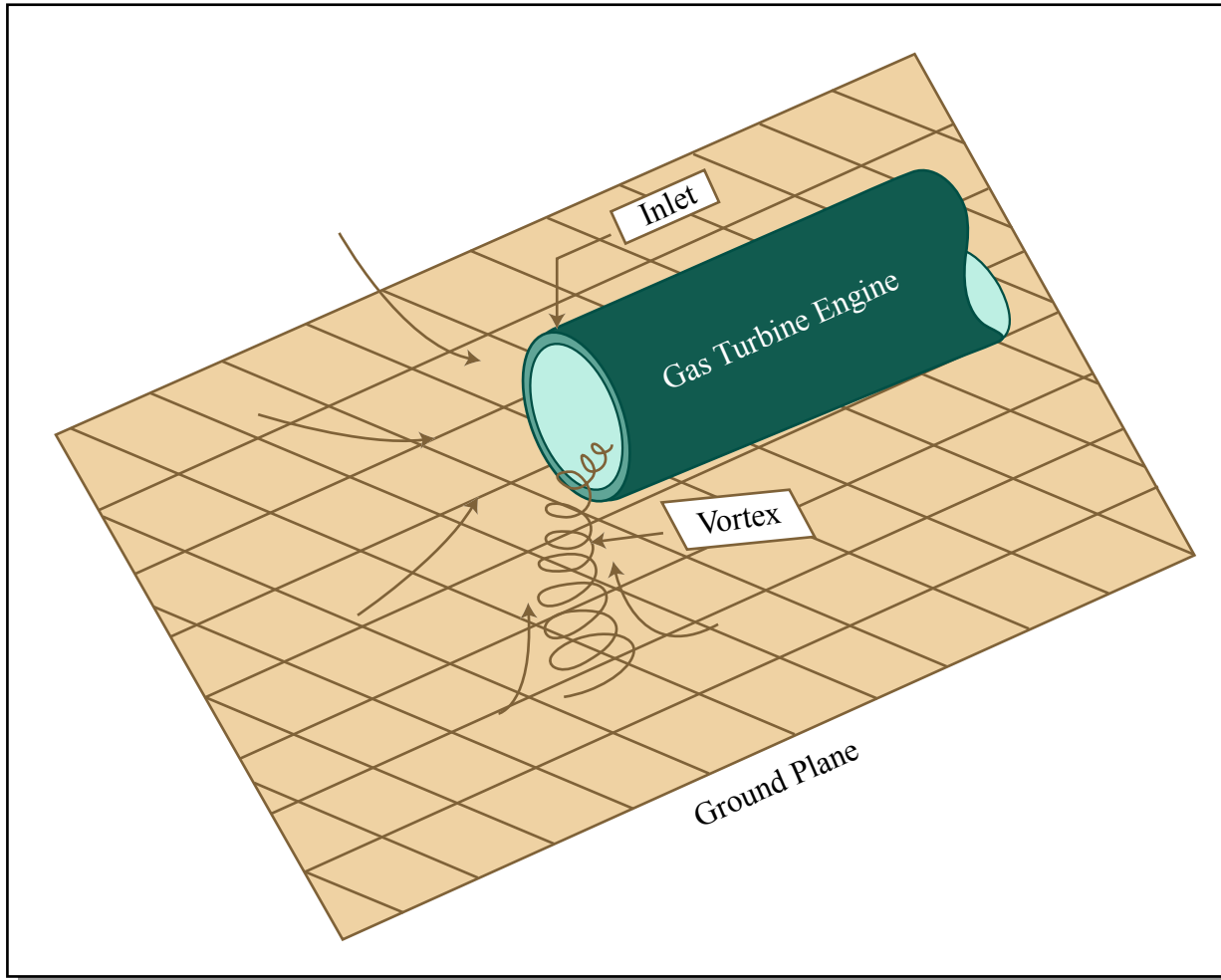


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# INGESTION OF VORTEX LINES INTO INLET

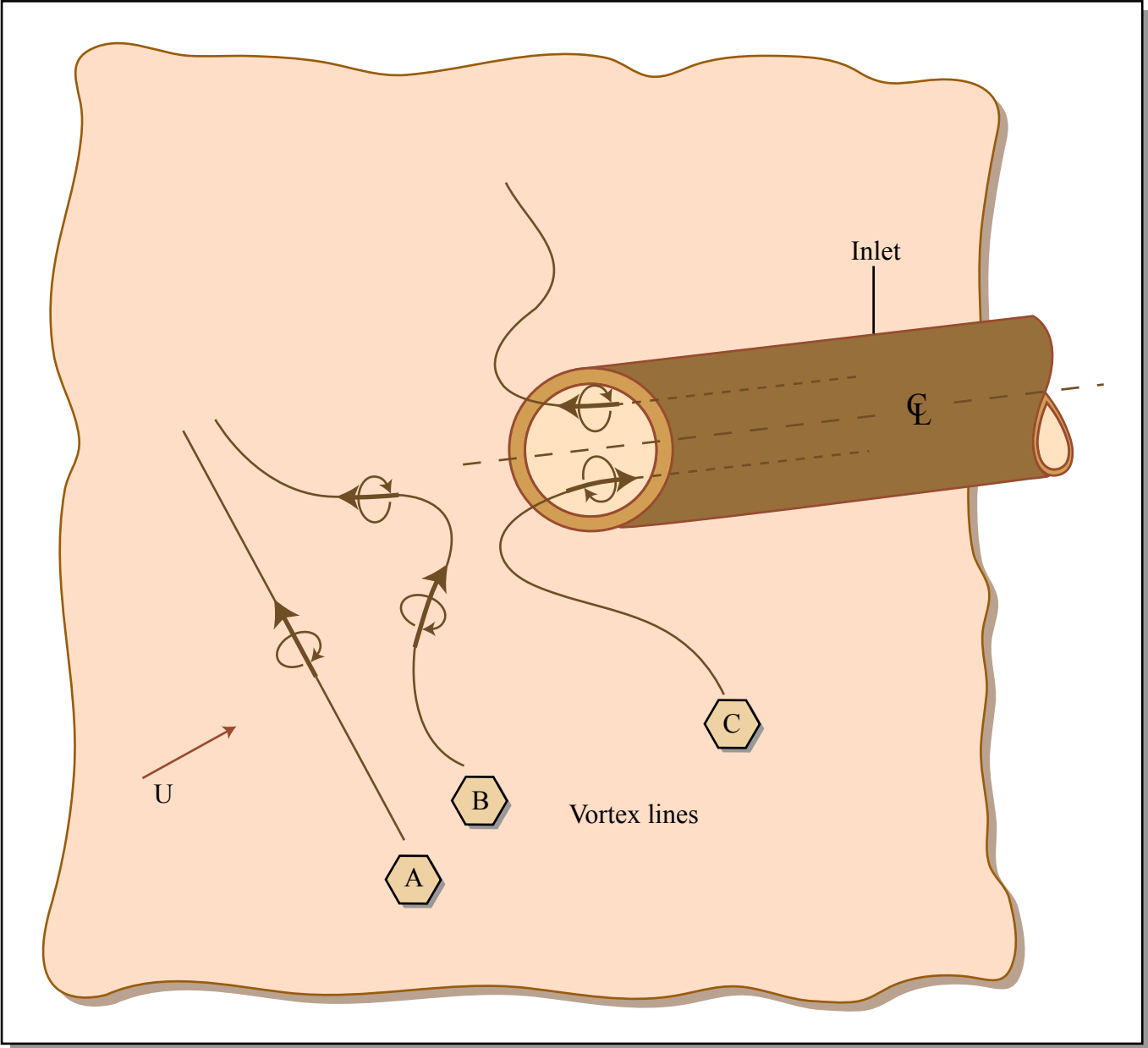


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# **INGESTION OF VORTEX LINES INTO AN INLET: A BASIC QUESTION**

- **Vortex lines cannot end in fluid. If a vortex line is ingested into an inlet, there are thus two legs of the line that "stick out".**
  
- **Only one vortex seems to be observed, however!**

# CASE 4 – COMPRESSIBLE FLOW

- **Inviscid, conservative body force  
(these act as in incompressible case)**
- **Start with general vorticity equation**

$$\frac{D\vec{\omega}}{Dt} = (\vec{\omega} \cdot \nabla)\vec{u} + \vec{\omega}(\nabla \cdot \vec{u}) - \nabla \times \left( \frac{1}{\rho} \nabla p \right)$$

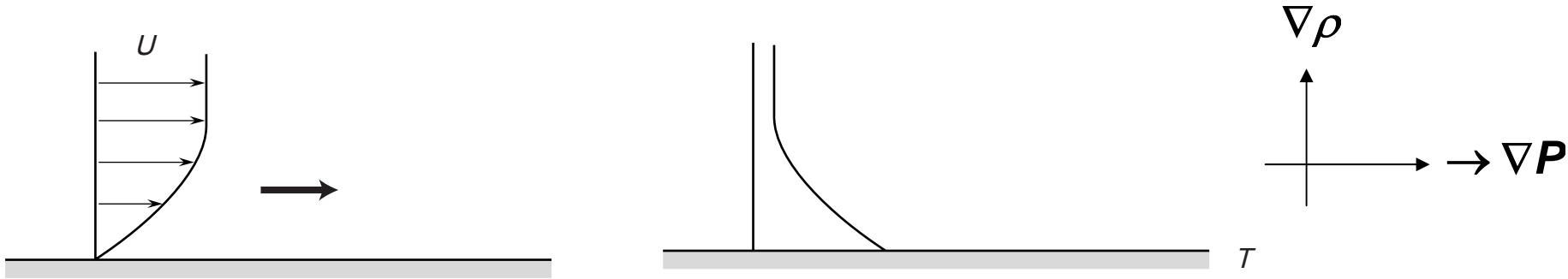
# ANALOGY WITH INCOMPRESSIBLE FLOW

- $\vec{\omega} / \rho$  for a compressible flow behaves like  $\vec{\omega}$  for an incompressible flow

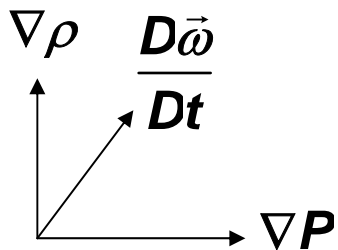
$$\frac{D(\vec{\omega} / \rho)}{Dt} = \left( \frac{\vec{\omega}}{\rho} \cdot \nabla \right) \vec{u} - \frac{1}{\rho} (\nabla T \times \nabla s)$$

- For a compressible flow,  $\vec{\omega} / \rho$  can be altered if  $\rho \neq \rho(p)$  or, equivalently,  $S \neq S(T)$
- 2-D isentropic flow:  $\omega / \rho = \text{const}$  ;  $\rho \uparrow \Rightarrow \omega \uparrow$

# Flow in a high speed boundary layer with adverse pressure gradient (2-D)



Fluid near wall has same  $P$ , higher  $T$  than outside boundary layer

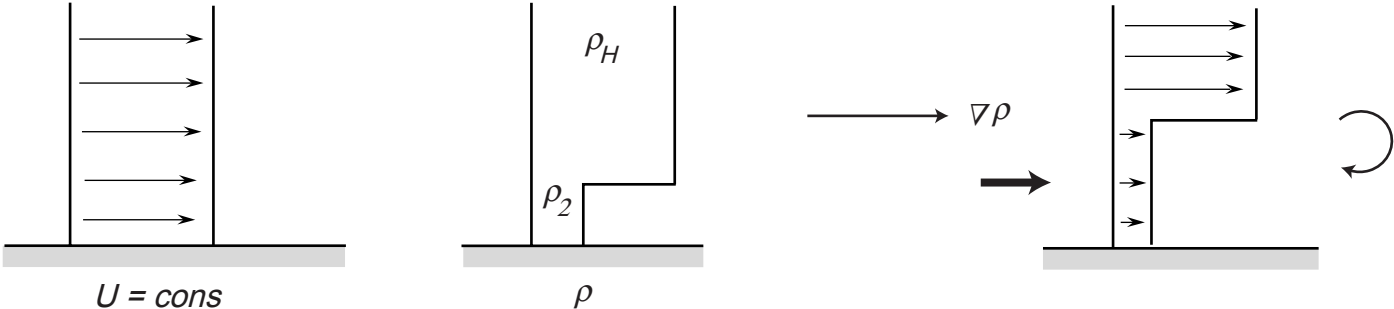


Vorticity 

$$\frac{D}{Dt} \frac{\vec{\omega}}{\rho} = \frac{1}{\rho^3} \nabla \rho \times \nabla P$$

Shape of boundary layer  
Profile changes

# Simpler model problem



## Another view

$$dP = \rho_{fs} u_e du_e$$

$$dP_{b.l.} = dP_{fs} = \rho_{b.l.} u_{b.l.} du_{b.l.}$$

Neglecting visc.

$$\frac{du_{b.l.}}{du_e} = \frac{\rho_{fs} u_e}{\rho_{b.l.} u_{b.l.}}$$

"Double whammy"  
on deceleration

# CIRCULATION AND VORTICITY

- **Circulation around a contour  $C$  is equal to the flux of vorticity through  $A$  bounded by  $C$**
- **Circulation – a more global quantity than vorticity**
  - **Often are more interested in overall effects than in details**
- **Circulation – a scalar**
- **Wish to find rate of change of circulation for a fluid contour – closed curve composed of the same fluid particles**



# DEFINITION OF CIRCULATION

$$\Gamma_C = \oint_C \vec{u} \cdot d\vec{\ell}$$

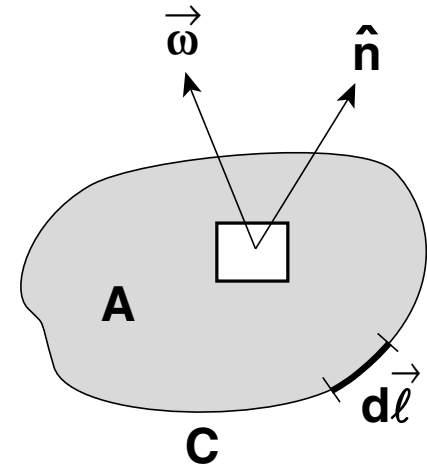
Closed contour, C

$$= \iint_A \nabla \times \vec{u} \cdot \hat{n} dA$$

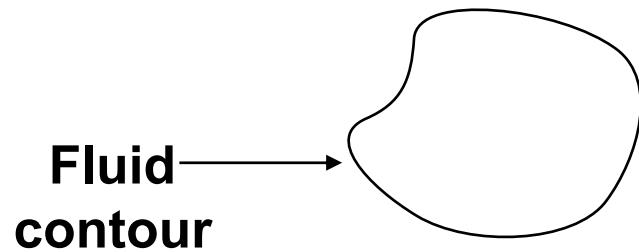
(Stokes)

$$\Gamma = \iint_A (\vec{\omega} \cdot \hat{n}) dA$$

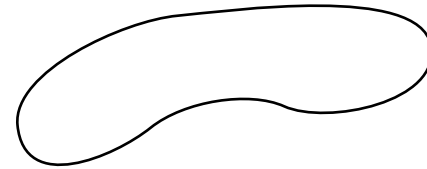
Flux of vorticity through area A, bounded by C



# CHANGE IN CIRCULATION FOR A FLUID CONTOUR



**C at  $t_1$**   
 $\Gamma = \Gamma_1$



**C at  $t_2$**   
 $\Gamma = ?$

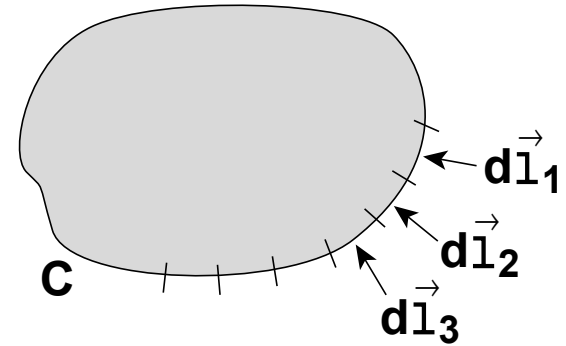
Want to find  $\frac{D\Gamma_C}{Dt}$

$$\frac{D\Gamma_C}{Dt} = \frac{D}{Dt} \oint \vec{u} \cdot d\vec{\ell}$$

# CHANGE IN CIRCULATION (cont.)

- Can think of this as

$$\frac{D}{Dt} \sum_{i=1}^N \vec{u}_i \cdot d\vec{\ell}_i \cong \frac{D\Gamma_c}{Dt}$$



- Always consider “same” N fluid particles, so can say

$$\frac{D}{Dt} \sum u_i \cdot d\ell_i = \sum \frac{D}{Dt} (\vec{u}_i \cdot d\vec{\ell}_i)$$

- Can do this with integral because consider contour of same particles

$$\frac{D\Gamma_c}{Dt} = \oint_C \frac{D}{Dt} (\vec{u} \cdot d\vec{\ell})$$

# CHANGE IN CIRCULATION (cont.)

$$\frac{D\Gamma_c}{Dt} = \oint_c \frac{D\vec{u}}{Dt} \cdot d\vec{\ell} + \oint_c \vec{u} \cdot \frac{Dd\vec{\ell}}{Dt}$$

(1)
(2)

- Look at (2):

–  $d\vec{\ell}$  is  $\overrightarrow{PQ}$  at  $t$

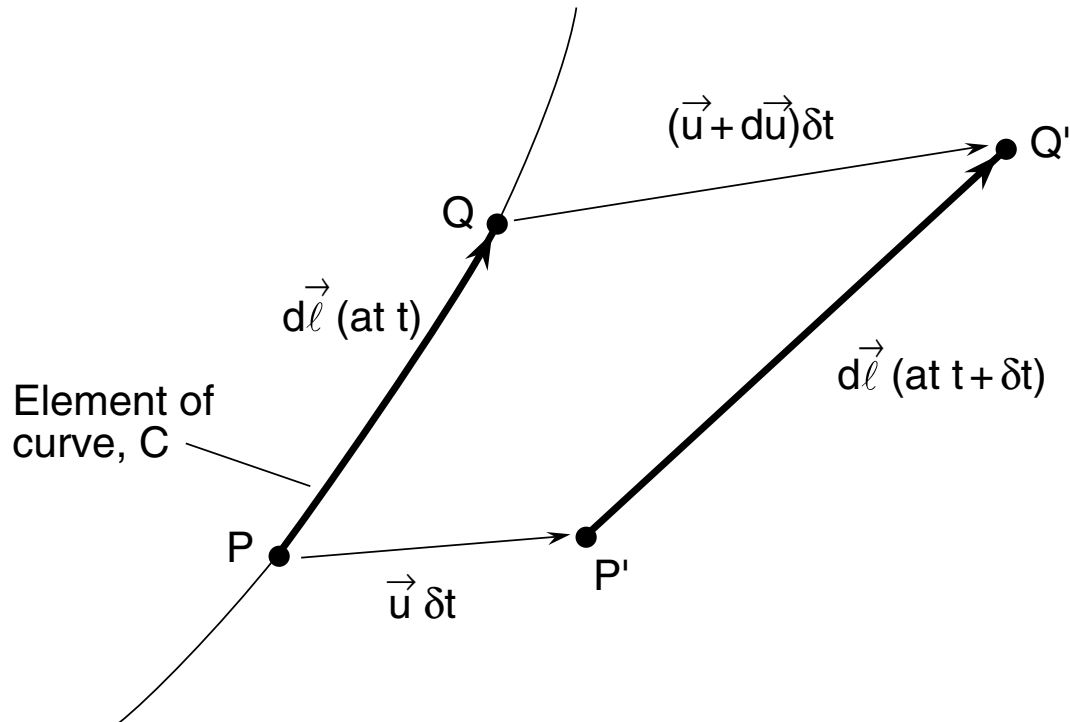
–  $d\vec{\ell}$  is  $P'Q'$  or  $\overrightarrow{PQ} + \overbrace{\delta\vec{u} \delta t}^{\delta d\vec{\ell}}$  at  $t + \delta t$

- Rate of change of  $d\vec{\ell}$  is  $\frac{\delta(d\vec{\ell})}{\delta t}$

Or  $d\vec{u}$  so:

$$\frac{Dd\vec{\ell}}{Dt} = d\vec{u}$$

# CHANGE IN CIRCULATION (cont.)



Rate of change, in length and orientation, of a vortex line element  $d\vec{\ell}$  of fluid contour

## CHANGE IN CIRCULATION (cont.)

$$\text{Hence } (2) = \oint_{\mathbf{c}} \vec{u} \cdot d\vec{u} = \oint_{\mathbf{c}} d\left(\frac{\vec{u} \cdot \vec{u}}{2}\right)$$

**= 0**      **Integral of an exact differential round a closed contour**

$$\therefore \frac{D\Gamma_{\mathbf{c}}}{Dt} = \oint \frac{D\vec{u}}{Dt} \cdot d\vec{\ell}$$

# RATE OF CHANGE OF CIRCULATION (concluded)

$$\frac{D\Gamma_c}{Dt} = \oint_C \left[ -\frac{\nabla p}{\rho} + \vec{F}_{\text{visc}} + \vec{F}_{\text{body}} \right] \cdot d\vec{\ell}$$

→ Kelvin's Theorem

- Rate of change of circulation round a fluid contour,  $C$
- Constant density, inviscid, conservative body force

$$\frac{D\Gamma_c}{Dt} = 0$$

# IMPLICATIONS OF KELVIN'S THEOREM

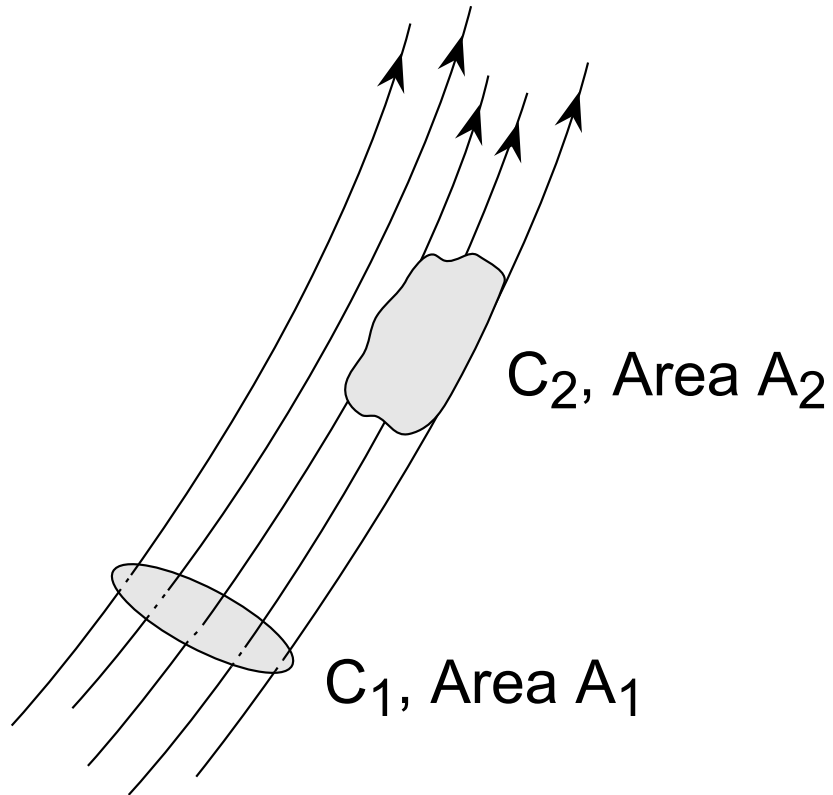
(Constant Density, Inviscid, Conservative Body Force)

- If a fluid contour once has  $\Gamma_c = 0$ , it always has  $\Gamma_c = 0$
- If fluid comes from reservoir with  $\Gamma_c = 0$ , then  $\Gamma_c = 0$  everywhere

⇒ Potential flow



# VORTEX TUBE



Vortex tube showing contour  $C_1$ , which encloses all vortex lines in tube, and  $C_2$ , which has zero circulation

# VORTEX TUBE IN CONSTANT DENSITY FLOW

- $\Gamma_{C_1}$  is constant,  $C_1$  is a fluid contour
  - $C_1$  always encloses vortex lines
  - $\Gamma_{C_2} = 0$  ( $C_2$  on wall of tube)
  - Vortex lines never permeate  $A_2$ 
    - Remain confined in tube
- $\Rightarrow$  Vortex lines move with the fluid

# EXTENSION TO COMPRESSIBLE FLOW

- $\frac{D\Gamma_c}{Dt} = 0$  for  $\rho = \text{constant}$
- Suppose  $\rho = \rho(p)$  (e.g. isentropic compressible flow)  
(still inviscid, conservative forces)

$$\boxed{\frac{D\Gamma_c}{Dt} = -\oint_c \frac{\nabla p}{\rho}}$$

“Kelvin’s form”  
of Kelvin’s Theorem

- If  $\rho = \rho(p)$ , r.h.s. is

$$\oint_c \frac{\nabla p}{\rho(p)} \cdot d\vec{\ell} = \oint_c \frac{dp}{\rho(p)} = 0$$

- so if  $\rho = \rho(p)$

$$\frac{D\Gamma_c}{Dt} = 0 \Rightarrow \text{Vortex lines move with the fluid}$$

- Also consider element in vortex tube

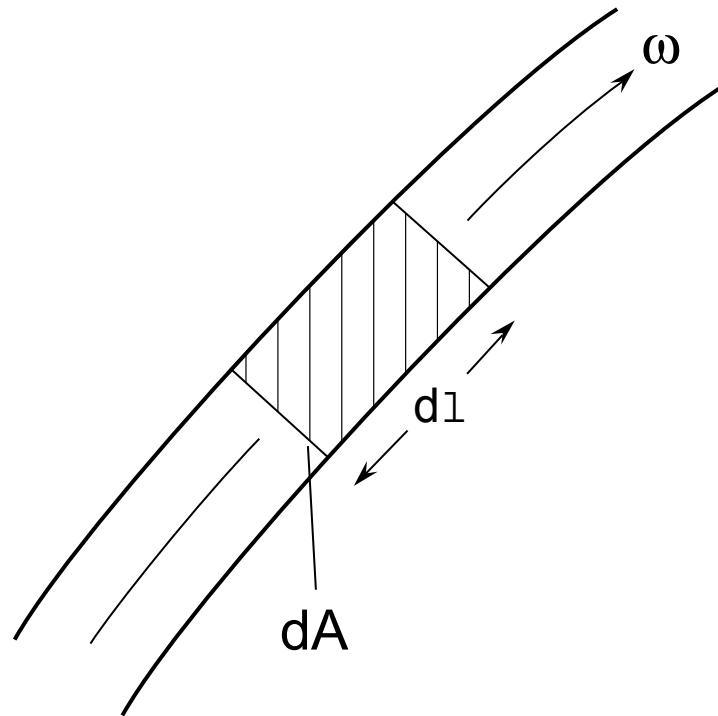
a)  $\rho \, dA \, dl = \text{constant}$

b)  $\omega \, dA = \text{constant}$

$$\frac{b)}{a)} \Rightarrow \frac{\omega}{\rho d\ell} = \text{constant}$$

- $\omega/\rho$  for compressible flow plays same role as  $\omega$  in incompressible flow

# FLUID ELEMENT IN VORTEX TUBE

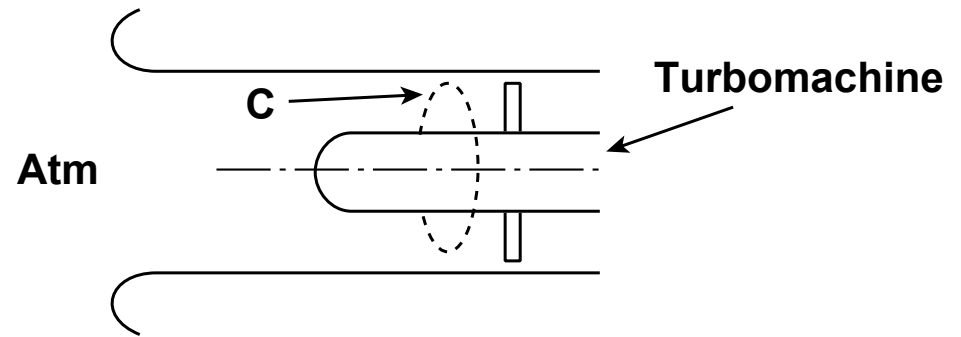


Flow in which  $\rho = \rho(p)$

Fluid element in vortex tube; mass =  $\rho dA d_1$

# EXAMPLES OF THE USE OF KELVIN'S THEOREM

- **Example 1: “Pre-whirl”**



**Question: What is average  $C_\theta$  upstream of a rotor?**

**Consider contour, C.**

**Far upstream  $\Gamma_C = 0$  so upstream of rotor**

$$\Gamma_C = \int_C \vec{C}_\theta \cdot d\vec{\ell} = 0 \Rightarrow (C_\theta)_{av} = 0$$

**Unless backflow from separation in rotor**

- **Example 2: Relative eddy in centrifugal impeller**

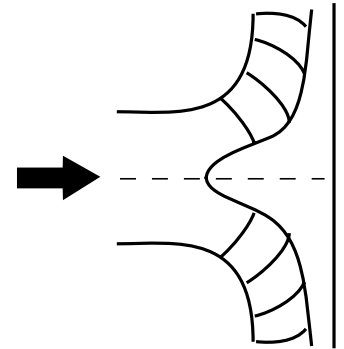
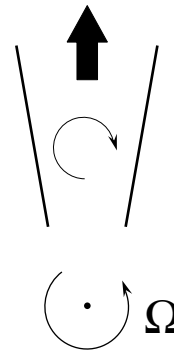
**Flow in rotating passage:**

$$\Gamma_c = 0 \text{ in absolute (fixed) system, } \frac{D\Gamma_c}{Dt} = 0$$

**In rotating system**

$$\vec{u}_{\text{abs}} = \vec{u}_{\text{rel}} + \vec{\Omega} \times \vec{r}$$

$$\oint \vec{u}_{\text{rel}} \cdot d\vec{\ell} = - \oint_c \vec{\Omega} \times \vec{r} \cdot d\vec{\ell}$$



# RELATIVE CIRCULATION

$$\Gamma_{\mathbf{c}_{\text{rel}}} = -2\mathbf{A}_{\mathbf{c}}\Omega \quad (\mathbf{A}_{\mathbf{c}} \perp \bar{\Omega})$$

$$\omega_{\text{rel}} = \frac{\Gamma_{\mathbf{c}_{\text{rel}}}}{\mathbf{A}_{\mathbf{c}}} = -2\Omega \quad (\text{relative vorticity})$$

- So-called “relative eddy”



# RELATIVE VELOCITY PROFILE IN A ROTATING STRAIGHT CHANNEL

$$\omega_{\text{rel}} = -2\Omega$$

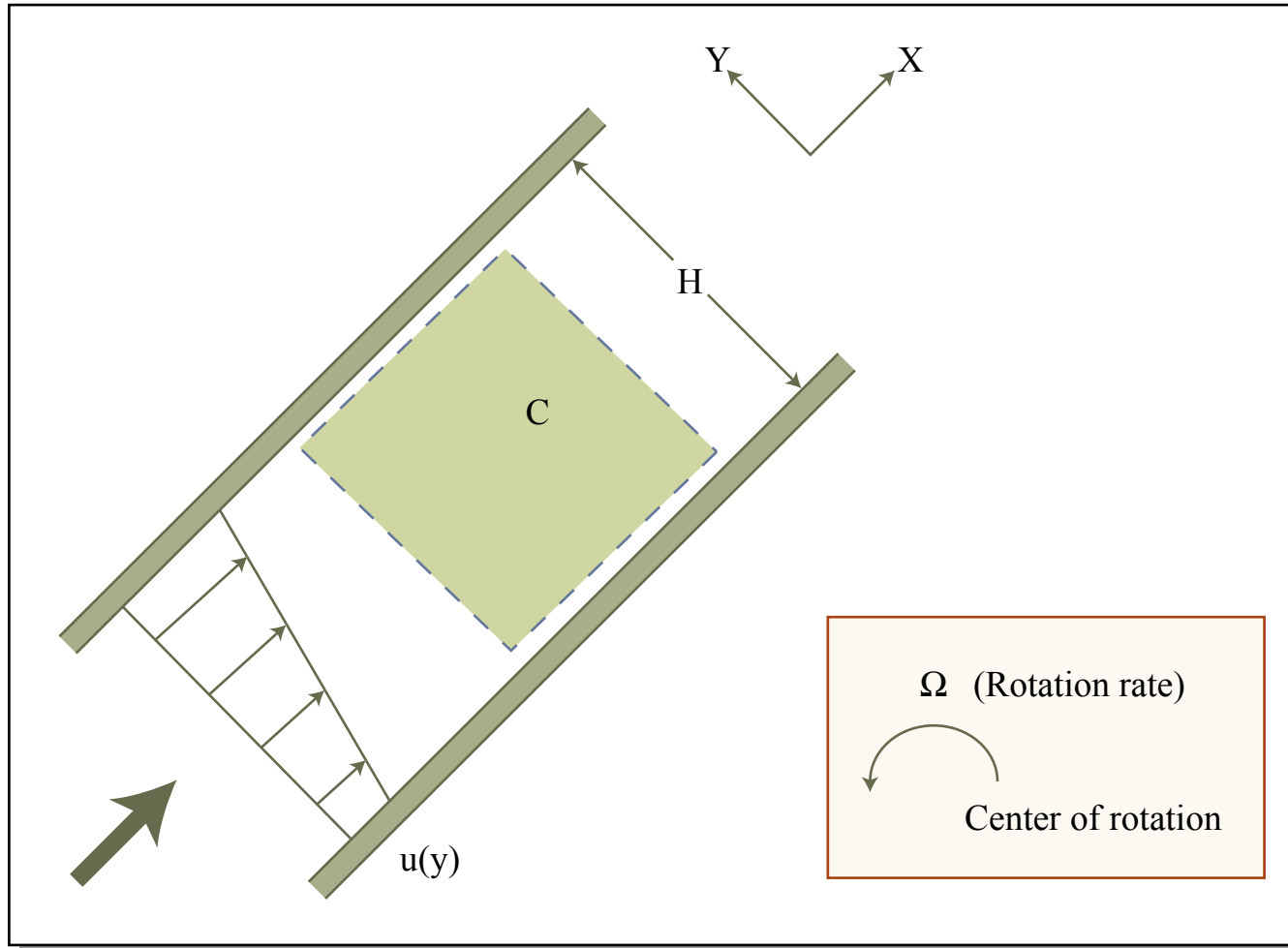


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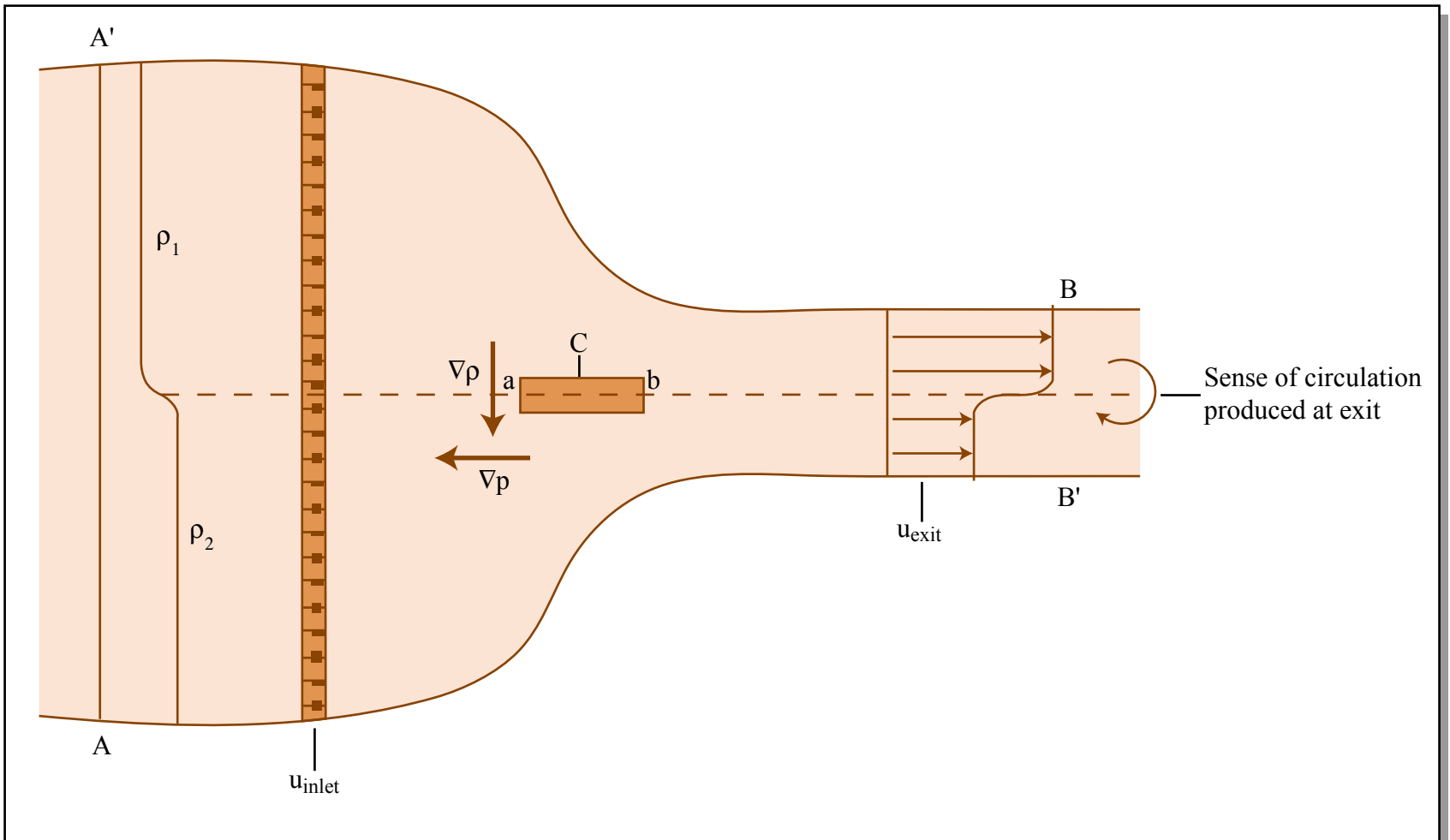
# FLOWS WITH NON-UNIFORM DENSITY

$$\frac{D\Gamma_{\mathbf{c}}}{Dt} = -\oint \frac{\nabla p}{\rho} \cdot d\vec{\ell} = \iint_{\mathbf{A}} \frac{\nabla \rho \times \nabla p}{\rho^2} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{n}} dA$$

- **Circulation is produced when density gradients are not aligned with pressure gradients**
- **Example: Flow from reservoir**

$$-\oint_{\mathbf{c}} \frac{\nabla p}{\rho} \cdot d\vec{\ell} \cong \left( \frac{1}{\rho_2} - \frac{1}{\rho_1} \right) \int_a^b \nabla p \cdot d\vec{\ell} = \left( \frac{1}{\rho_2} - \frac{1}{\rho_1} \right) \Delta p_{ab}$$

- **Where  $\Delta p_{ab}$  is change in pressure from one end of the contour to the other,  $a \rightarrow b$**



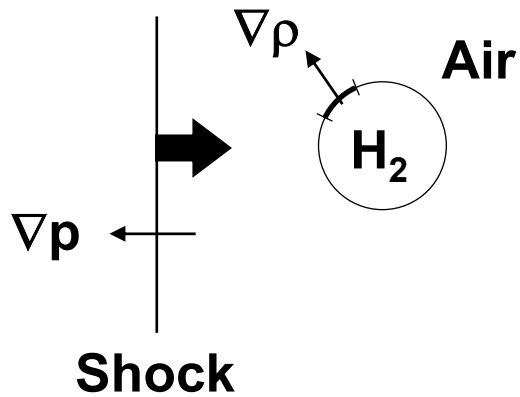
Change in circulation in a fluid of non-uniform density; channel with inlet area  $\gg$  exit area

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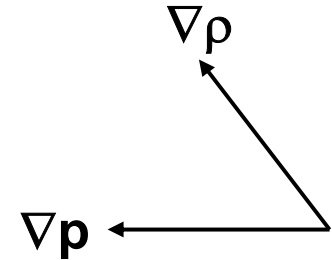
# INVISCID COMPRESSIBLE FLOW

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{D\Gamma_c}{Dt} &= -\oint \frac{\nabla p}{\rho} \\ &= \iint_{\mathbf{A}} \frac{\nabla \rho \times \nabla p}{\rho^2} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{n}} d\mathbf{A} \\ &= \iint_{\mathbf{A}} \nabla T \times \nabla s \cdot \hat{\mathbf{n}} d\mathbf{A}\end{aligned}$$

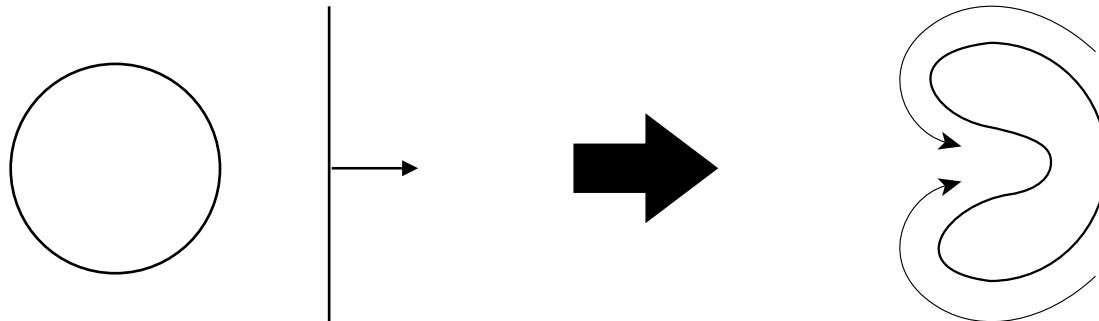
# EXAMPLE: SHOCK-ENHANCED MIXING



On surface  
have a density  
discontinuity



Generate  
vorticity at  
interface



“Rolls up”

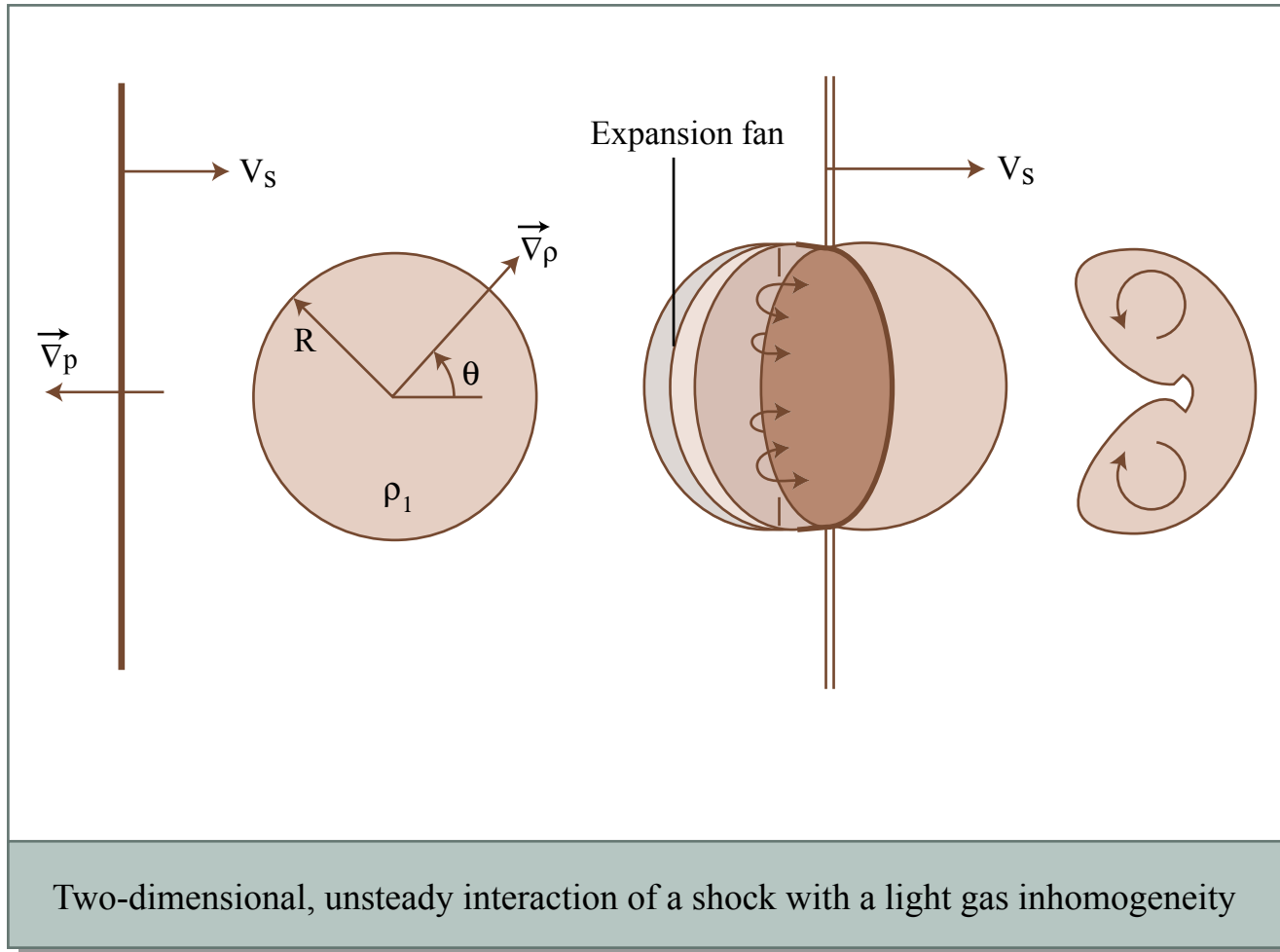


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# COMPARISON OF NUMERICAL AND COMPUTATIONAL RESULTS (JACOBS)

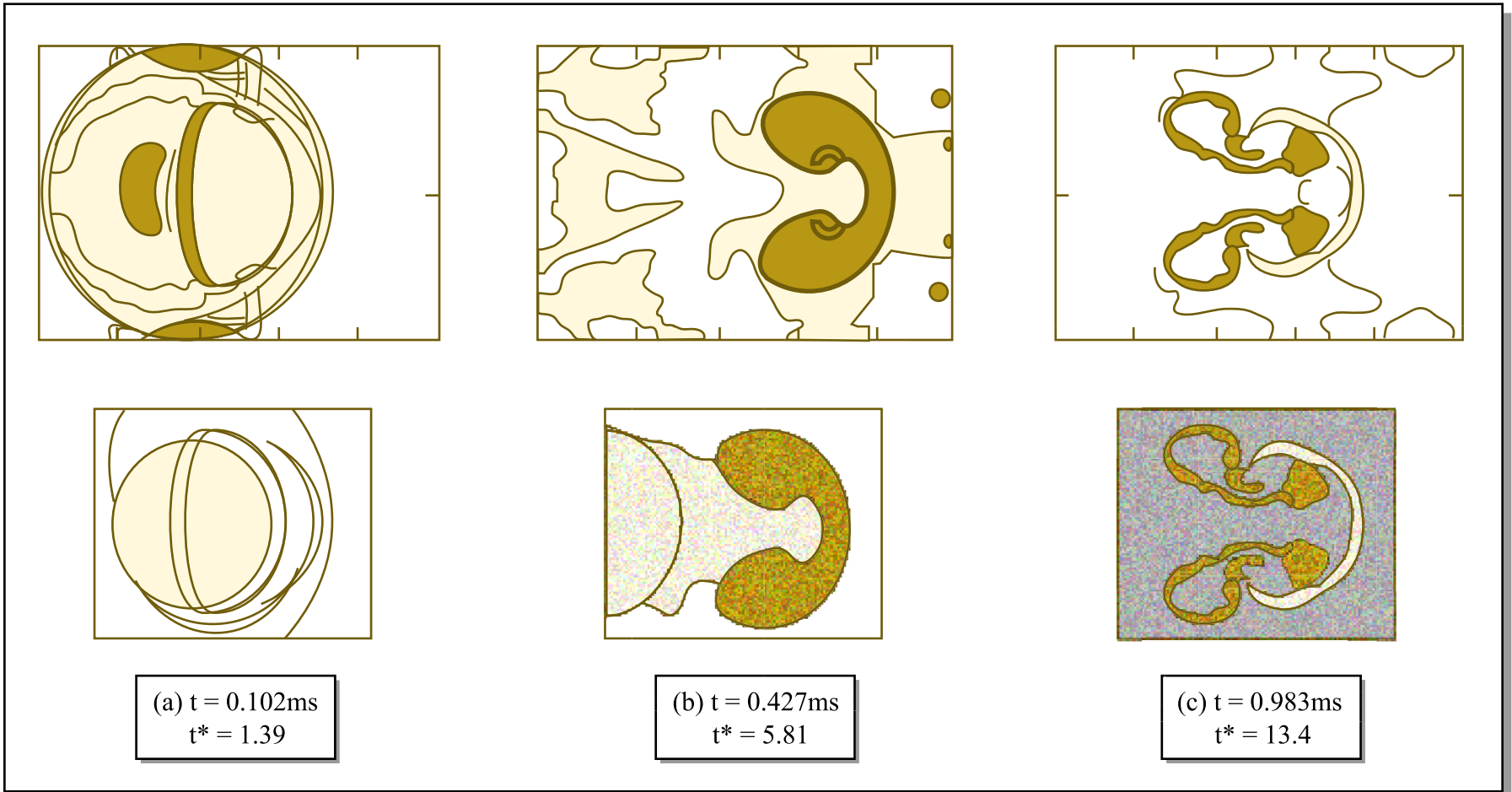


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# THREE-DIMENSIONAL, STEADY INTERACTION OF A COLUMN OF LIGHT GAS WITH AN OBLIQUE SHOCK

[Waitz et al]

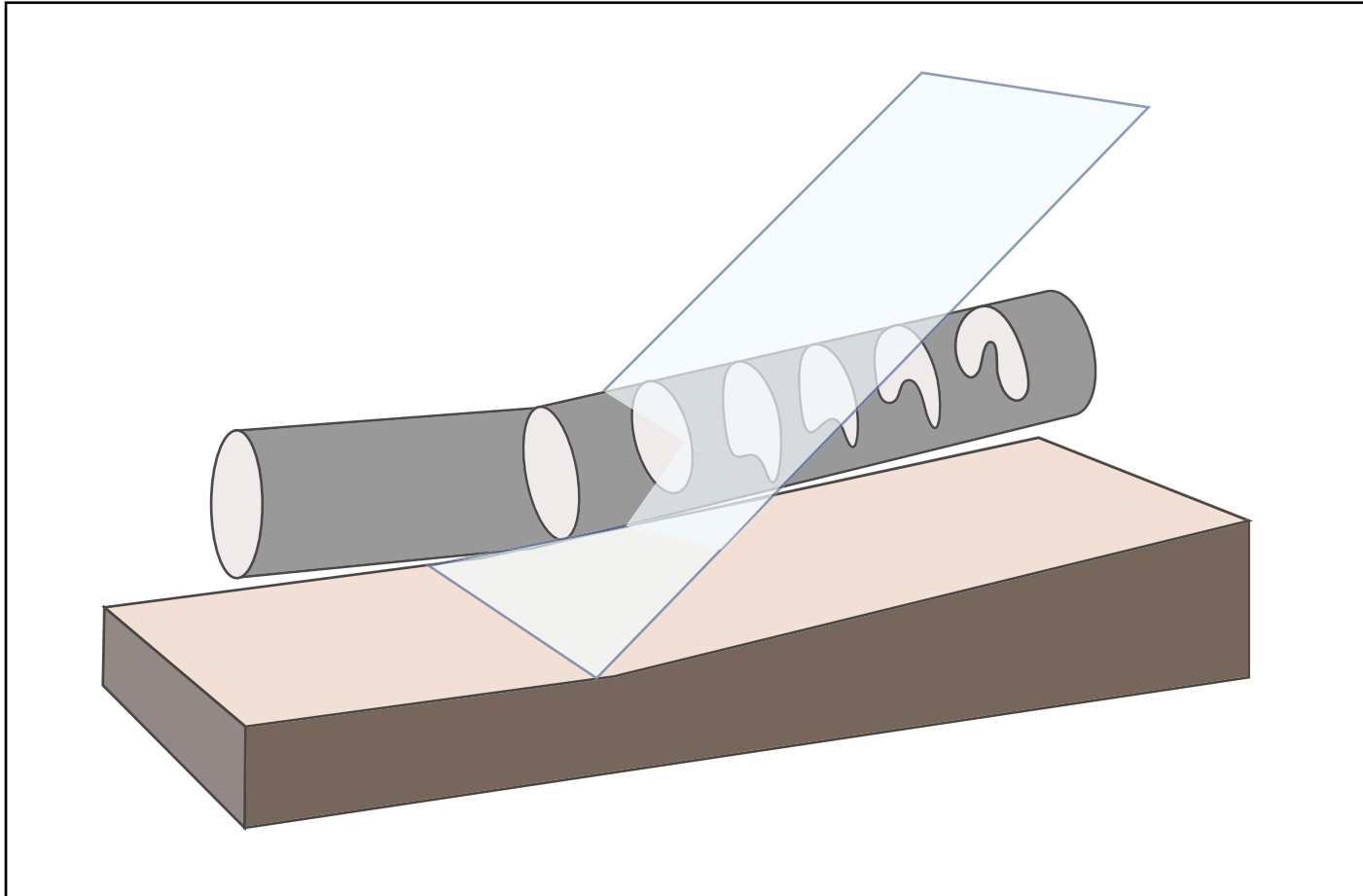


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# CONTOURS OF HELIUM MASS FRACTION DOWNSTREAM OF A SCRAMJET INJECTOR FOR $M = 1.7$ INJECTION INTO $M = 6$ AIR [53], [54]

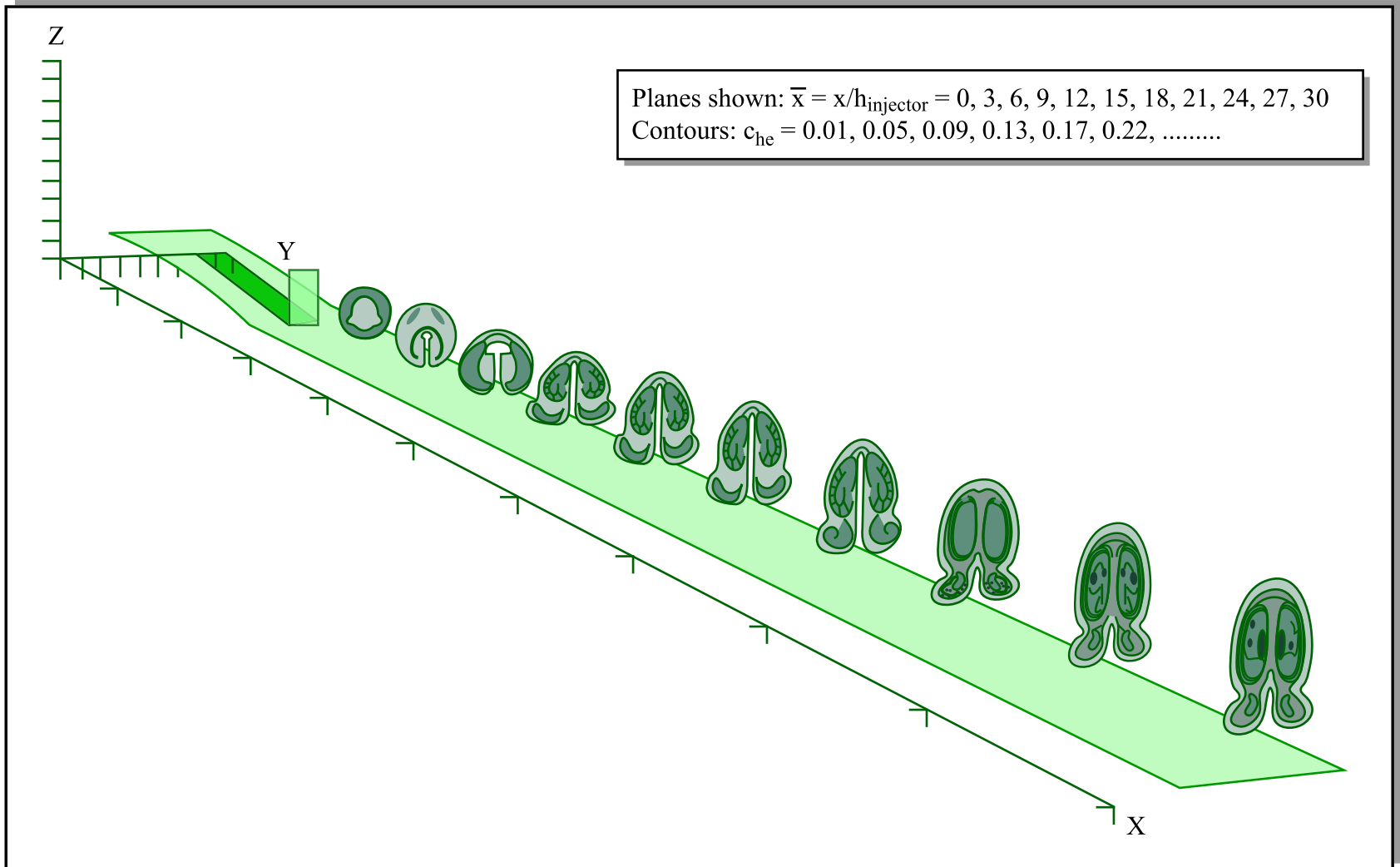
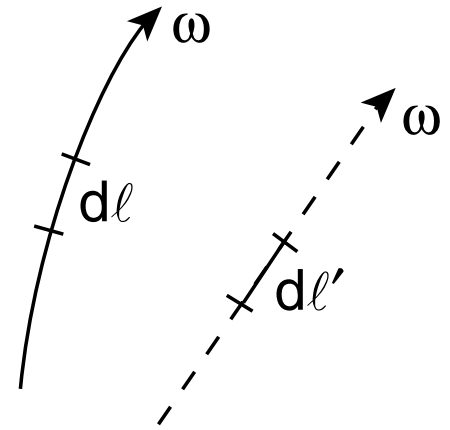


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# FLOW DESCRIPTION IN TERMS OF VORTICITY AND CIRCULATION

- **Inviscid, incompressible flow**
- **We have derived  $\omega/dl = \text{const}$** 
  - $\omega$  is vorticity magnitude
  - $dl$  is length of line element on vortex line (vortex tube)
- **Apply to non-uniform flow in diffuser or nozzle**



# STREAMWISE VORTICITY IN NOZZLE

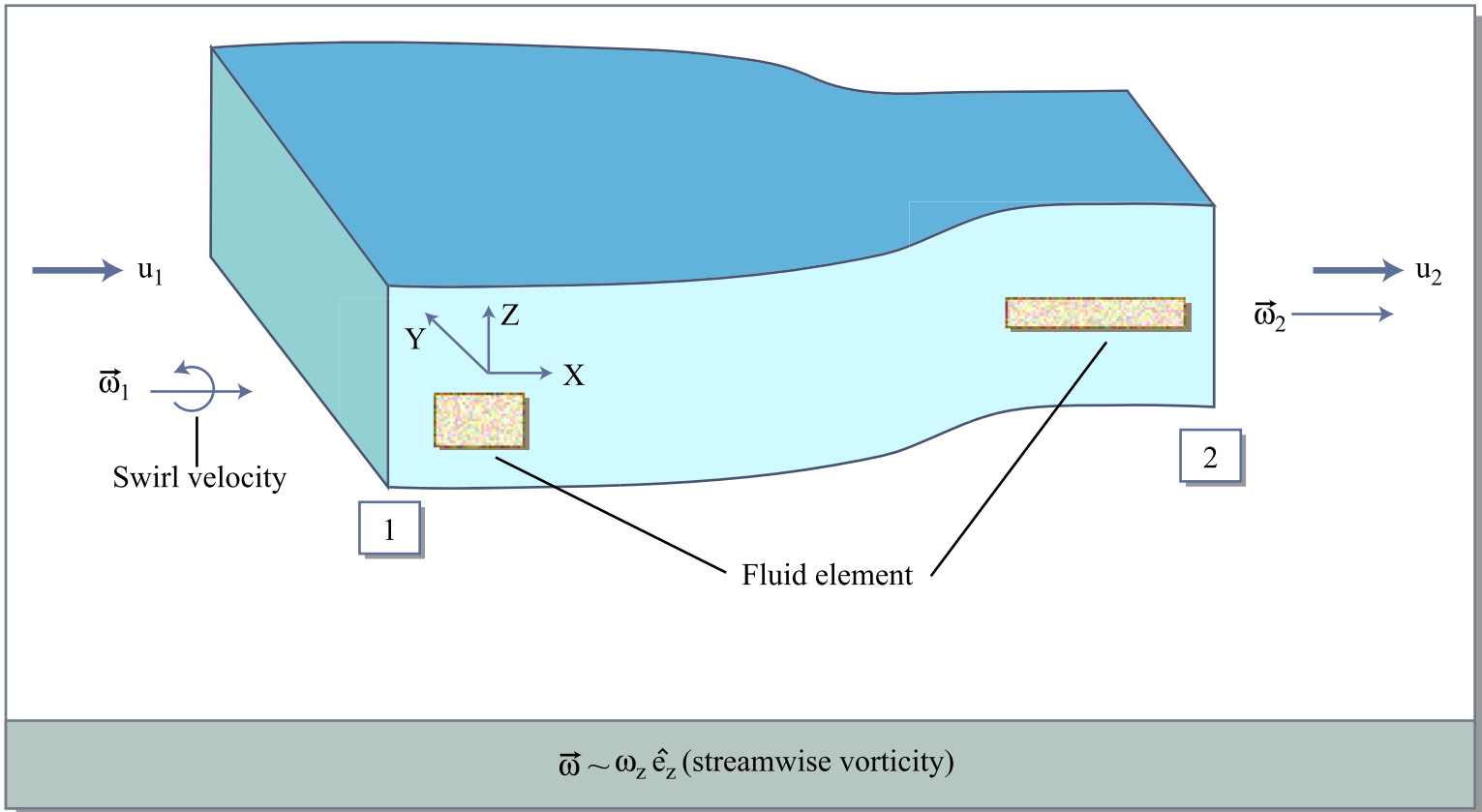
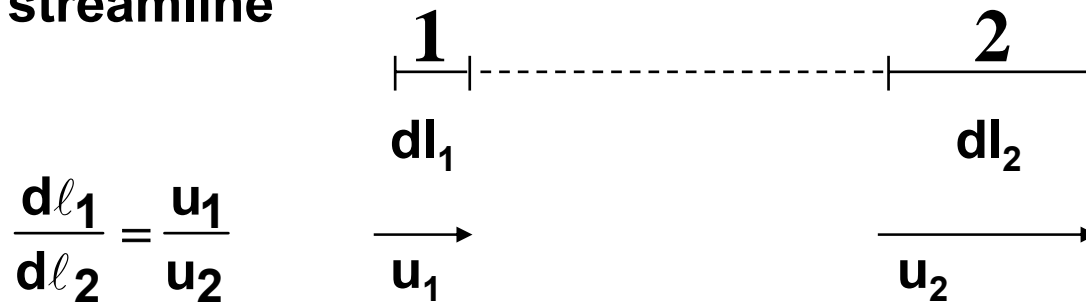


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# STREAMWISE VORTICITY

- Component of vorticity in streamwise direction (swirl non-uniformity)
- Assume vortex filaments carried (convected) by mean (background) flow
- What happens **1**  $\rightarrow$  **2** ?
- Along a streamline



# STREAMWISE VORTICITY CHANGE IN NOZZLE

- So  $\frac{\omega_2}{\omega_1} = \frac{u_2}{u_1}$  (streamwise vorticity)
- $\omega$  increases
- What is often of more interest is relative uniformity of flow - swirl angle

$$\tan \alpha_1 \sim \frac{\text{swirl velocity}}{\text{axial velocity}}$$

# FLOW ANGLE CHANGE IN NOZZLE

- **Suppose vortex tube is circular, radius  $r$**

$$\alpha_1 \sim \frac{\omega_1 r_1}{2u_1} \quad (\alpha_1 \ll 1)$$

- **Continuity:  $r^2 u = \text{constant along a streamtube}$**

- **Thus:**

$$\frac{\alpha_2}{\alpha_1} \sim \frac{r_2}{r_1} \sim \sqrt{\frac{u_1}{u_2}} = \sqrt{\text{Area ratio}}; \quad \text{Area ratio} = \frac{A_2}{A_1}$$

- **Nozzles increase flow uniformity with regard to swirl angularity**
- **Diffusers worsen it**

# EFFECT OF NORMAL VORTICITY

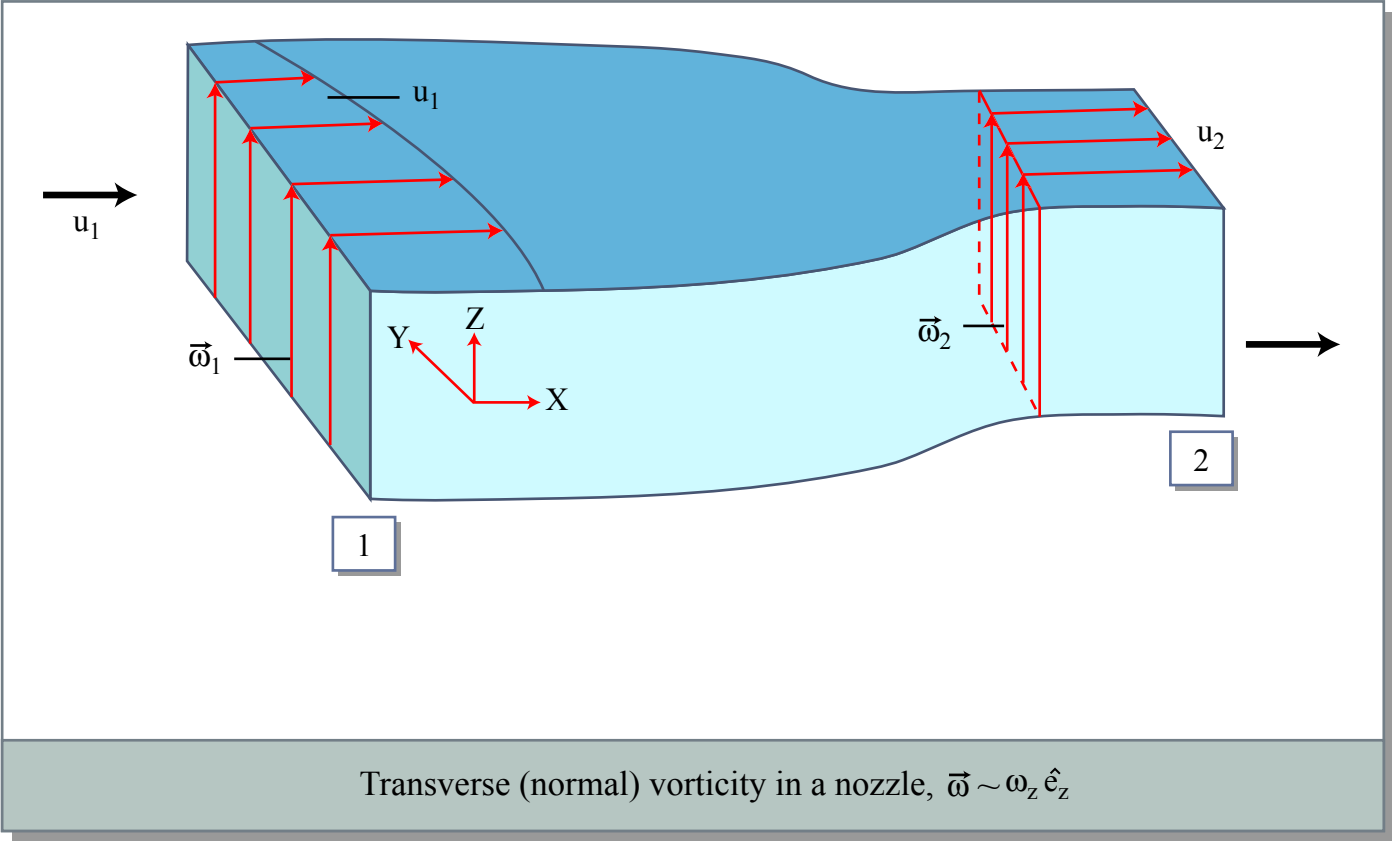


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# VELOCITY NON-UNIFORMITY DUE TO NORMAL VORTICITY

- **Vorticity normal to flow: Non-uniformity in streamwise velocity**
- **2-D nozzle  $\Rightarrow$  length of vortex lines is constant**
- **$\omega_z = \text{constant}$  along a mean streamline**
- **Parallel flow at inlet and exit**

$$\omega_1 = \frac{du_1}{dy} = \omega_2$$

- **Channel width decreases,  $\omega_1 \rightarrow \omega_2$**
- **Local velocity gradient remains same**



# EFFECT OF NOZZLE ON VELOCITY NON-UNIFORMITY

$$\frac{\Delta u_{x_2}}{\Delta u_{x_1}} \approx \frac{\omega_2}{\omega_1} = \text{Area ratio}$$

- Look at relative velocity non-uniformity  $\frac{\Delta u_x}{U}$

$$\frac{\Delta u_{x_2}}{U_2} / \frac{\Delta u_{x_1}}{U_1} = (\text{Area ratio})^2$$

- Nozzles suppress velocity non-uniformities
- Diffusers worsen them
- Suppose vorticity is in y-direction
  - Then “width” is constant
- Is velocity non-uniformity altered?

# PASSAGE OF TURBOMACHINE WAKE THROUGH SUCCEEDING BLADE ROW (COMPRESSOR)

- View wake as 2-D, inviscid, convected by “mean” flow
- Compare length of wake segment at inlet and at exit
- Length increases because
  - 1) Width of mean streamtube increases
  - 2) Net circulation around blades (A,B)
- $\Gamma \sim$  wake length  $\times$  velocity difference freestream – wake
- $\Gamma =$  constant, length  $\uparrow \Rightarrow \Delta V$  freestream – wake  $\downarrow$
- Wake gets attenuated in compressor

# PASSAGE OF STATOR WAKE THROUGH ROTOR

[Argument due to L. H. Smith]

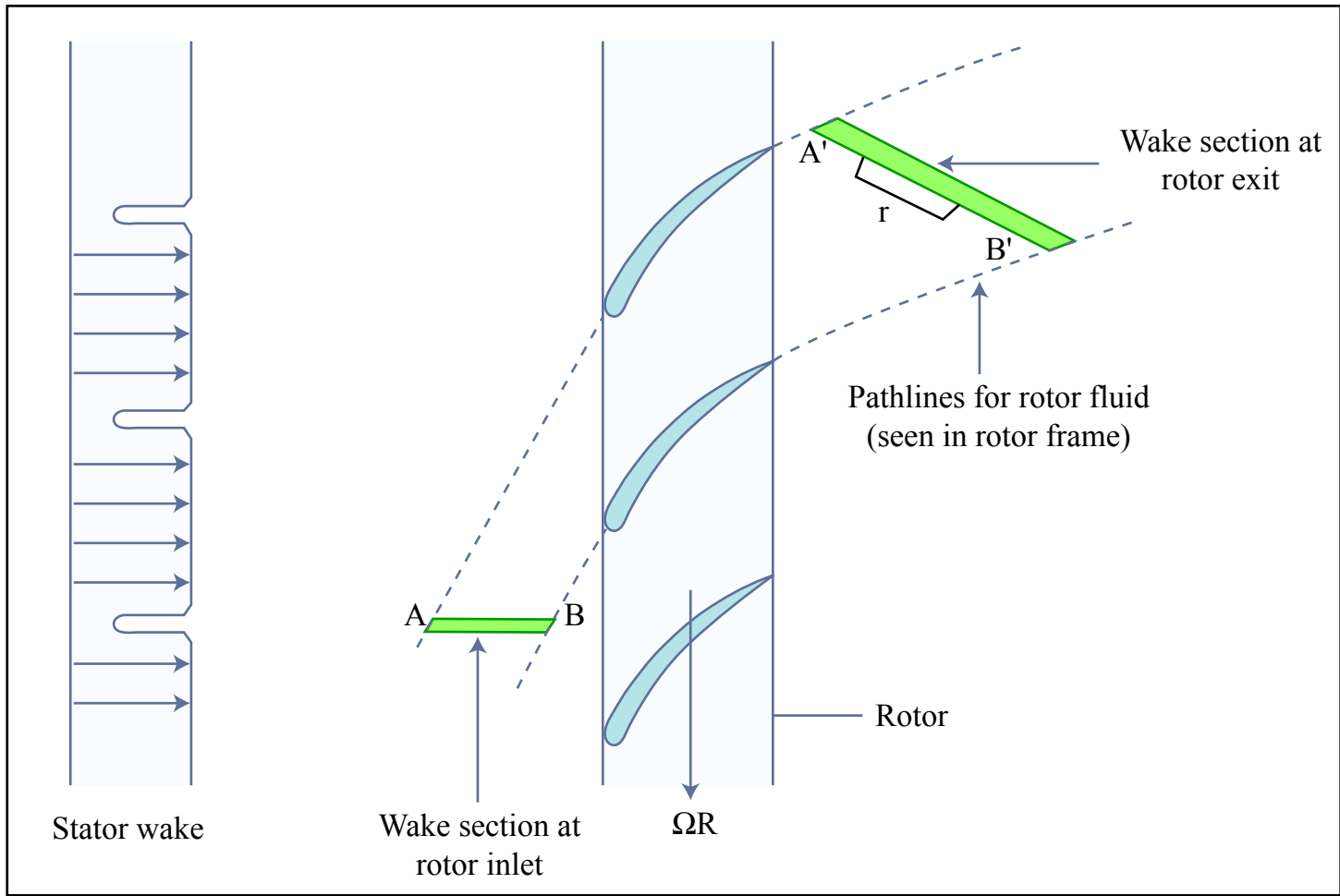
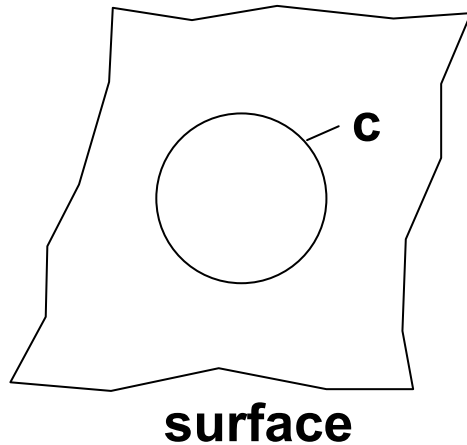


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# BEHAVIOR OF VORTICITY AT SOLID SURFACES

- Viscous flow, no slip condition,  $\vec{u} = \vec{u}_{\text{solid surface}}$  on the surface
- Stationary surface,  $\vec{u} = 0$  at surface
- What is circulation on surface (any contour)



$$\Gamma_c = \oint \vec{u} \cdot d\vec{l}$$

but  $\vec{u} = 0$  on surface

$\Gamma_c = 0$  for any contour

$$\Gamma = \iint_A \vec{\omega} \cdot \hat{n} dA = \iint_A \left[ \omega_{\text{normal to surface}} \right] dA$$

**Result: on stationary surface  $\omega_{\text{normal}} = 0$  vorticity (vortex lines) are tangent to surface - cannot end in fluid**

# BEHAVIOR OF VORTEX LINES AT A SOLID SURFACE

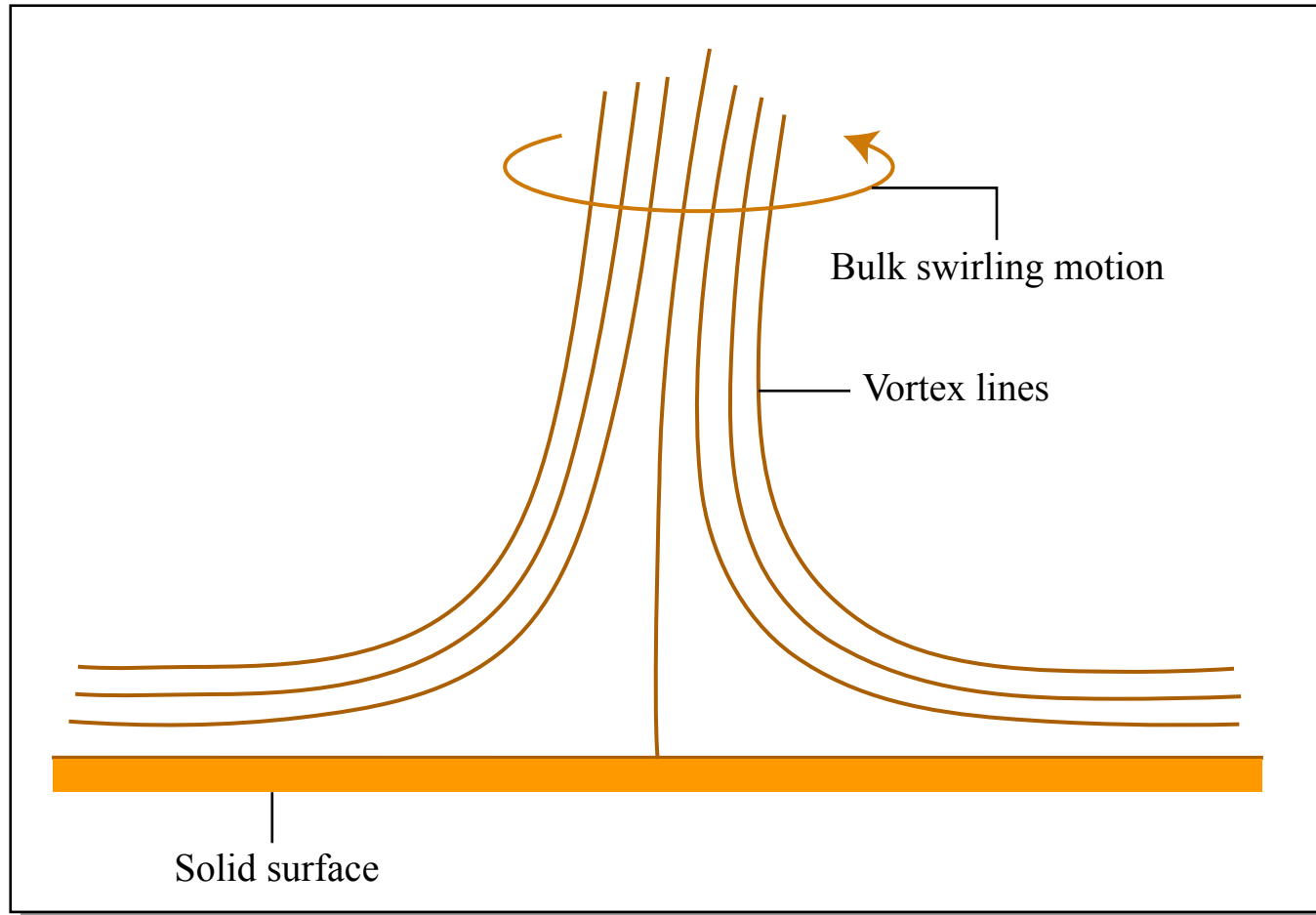


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- What about rotating surface: can vortex lines end on these?
- To see generation of vorticity on solid surfaces start with momentum equation (viscous, const.  $\rho$ )

On surface:  $\vec{u} = 0$  on stationary surface

$$\left[ \frac{1}{\rho} \nabla p = \nu \nabla^2 \mathbf{u} \right]_{\text{surface}}$$

look at 2-D case - surface is plane  $y = 0$

$$\frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial p}{\partial x} = \nu \frac{\partial^2 u_x}{\partial y^2}$$

$$\frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial p}{\partial x} = -\nu \frac{\partial \omega}{\partial y}$$

Whenever there is a pressure gradient along the solid boundary there is a gradient of tangential vorticity at the surface - a diffusion of vorticity into fluid

## Analogy with heat transfer

$$-k \frac{\partial T}{\partial y} = \text{Heat flux}$$

temperature  
gradient

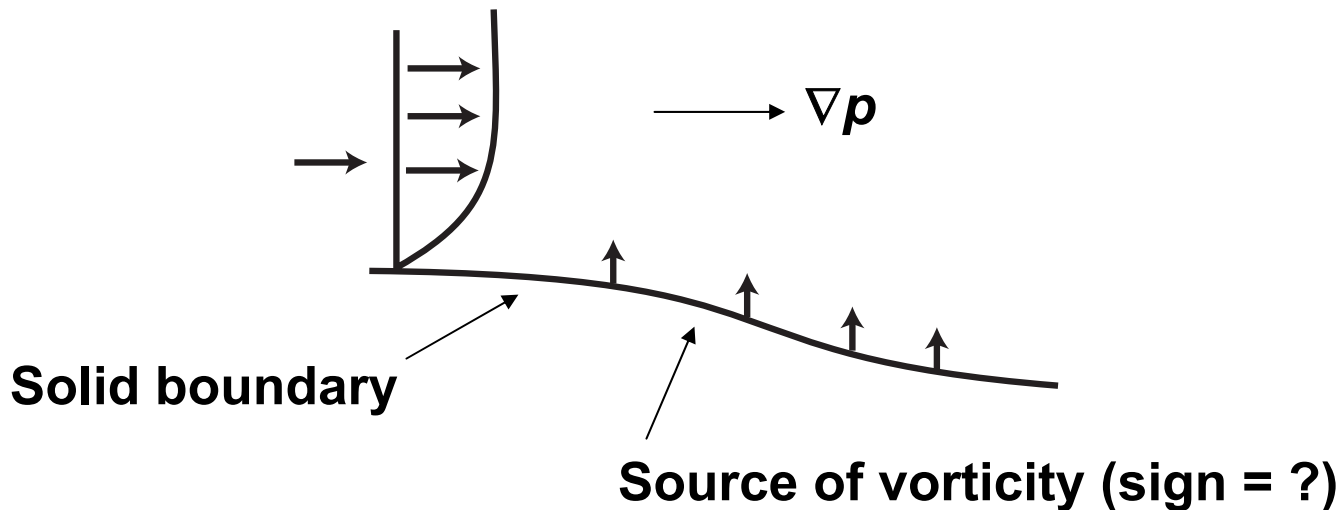
$$\nu \frac{\partial \omega}{\partial y}$$

gradient of  
vorticity

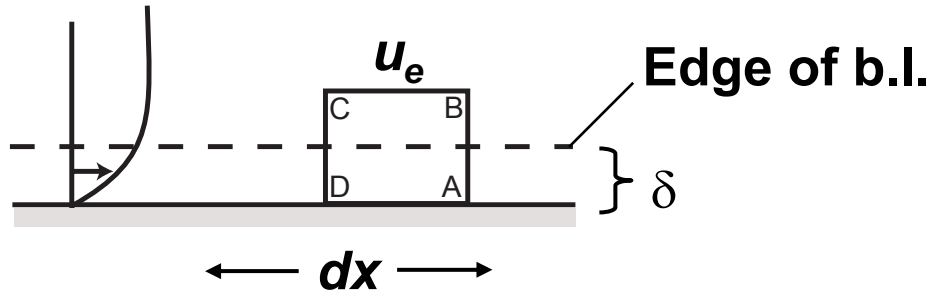
## Boundary layer flow

$dp$  set by changes in free stream velocity,  $u_e$

$$\frac{\partial u_e}{\partial t} + u_e \frac{\partial u_e}{\partial x} = \nu \left[ \frac{\partial \omega}{\partial y} \right]_{\text{surface}}$$



# NET CIRCULATION/UNIT LENGTH IN BOUNDARY LAYER



Look at contour

$$\int \vec{u} \cdot d\vec{l} = 0 \quad \text{on DA}$$

$$\text{on CD} \approx u_y \delta$$

$$\text{on AB} \approx u_y \delta + \frac{d}{dx} (u_y \delta) dx$$

$$\text{on BC} \approx -u_e dx$$

$$\Gamma = \left[ \frac{d}{dx} (u_y \delta) - u_e \right] dx$$

But  $\frac{d}{dx} (u_y \delta) \sim \frac{\delta}{L}$  ← Length in X direction

ratio:  $\frac{u_y \delta}{LU} \sim \frac{u_y \delta}{U L} \quad \frac{\partial u_y}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial u_x}{\partial x} = 0$

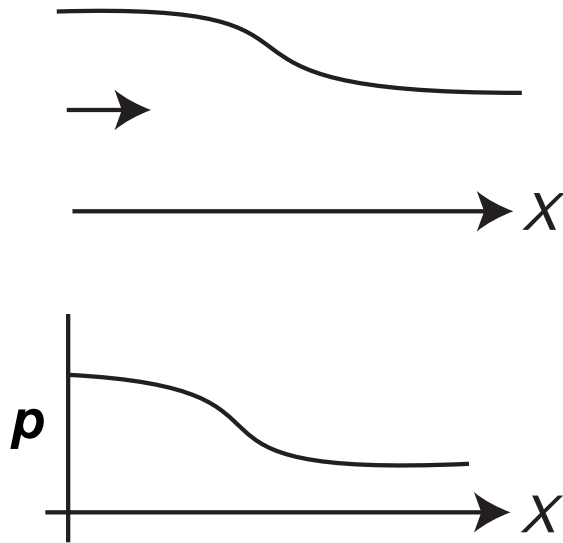
$$\frac{u_y}{u_x} \sim \frac{u_y}{U} \sim \frac{\delta}{L}$$

ratio  $\sim (\delta/L)^2 \ll 1$

Boundary layer circulation/unit length =  $-u_e$



# FLOW IN A CONTRACTION



**Velocity increases  $\Rightarrow p$  decreases**  
**Vorticity diffused into flow**

$\frac{\partial p}{\partial X} < 0$  so vorticity is same sign  
as existing vorticity

**New vorticity has short time to diffuse (be spread by viscosity)  
away from wall - is concentrated near wall**

**Velocity gradient large near wall profile is "fuller"**

# CONTOUR USED FOR EVALUATION OF CIRCULATION IN BOUNDARY LAYER; $\Gamma_{ABCD} = -u_e$

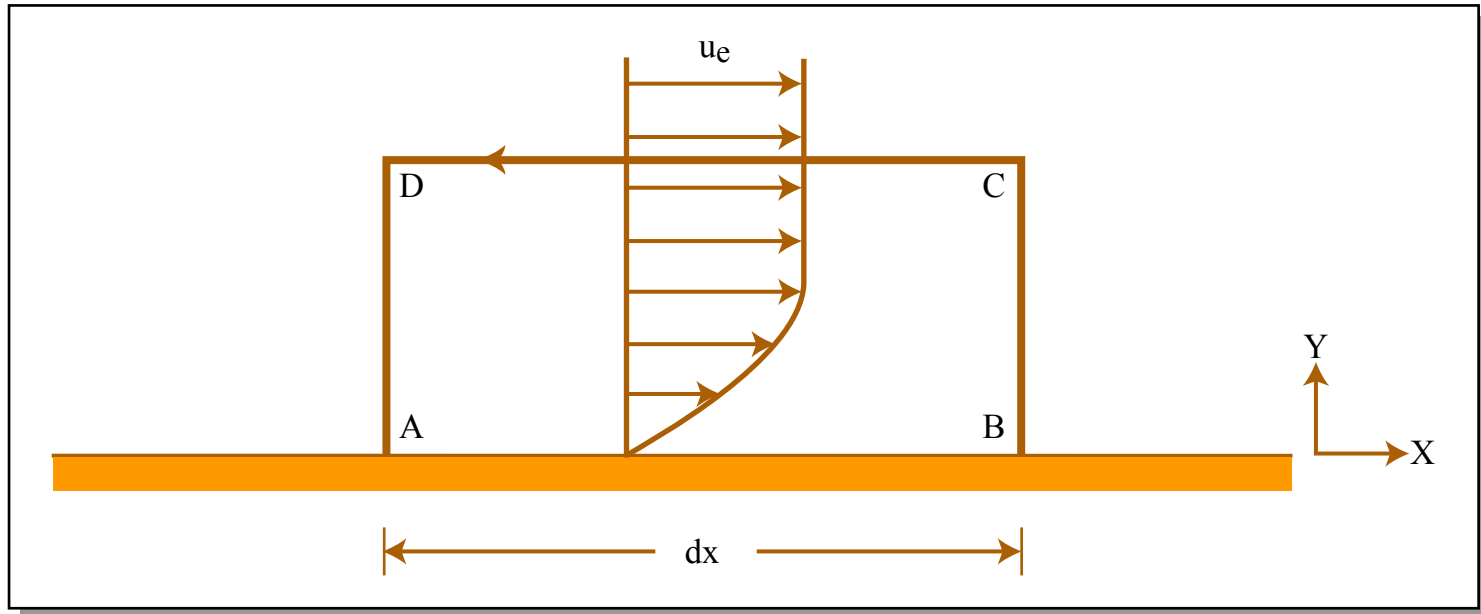
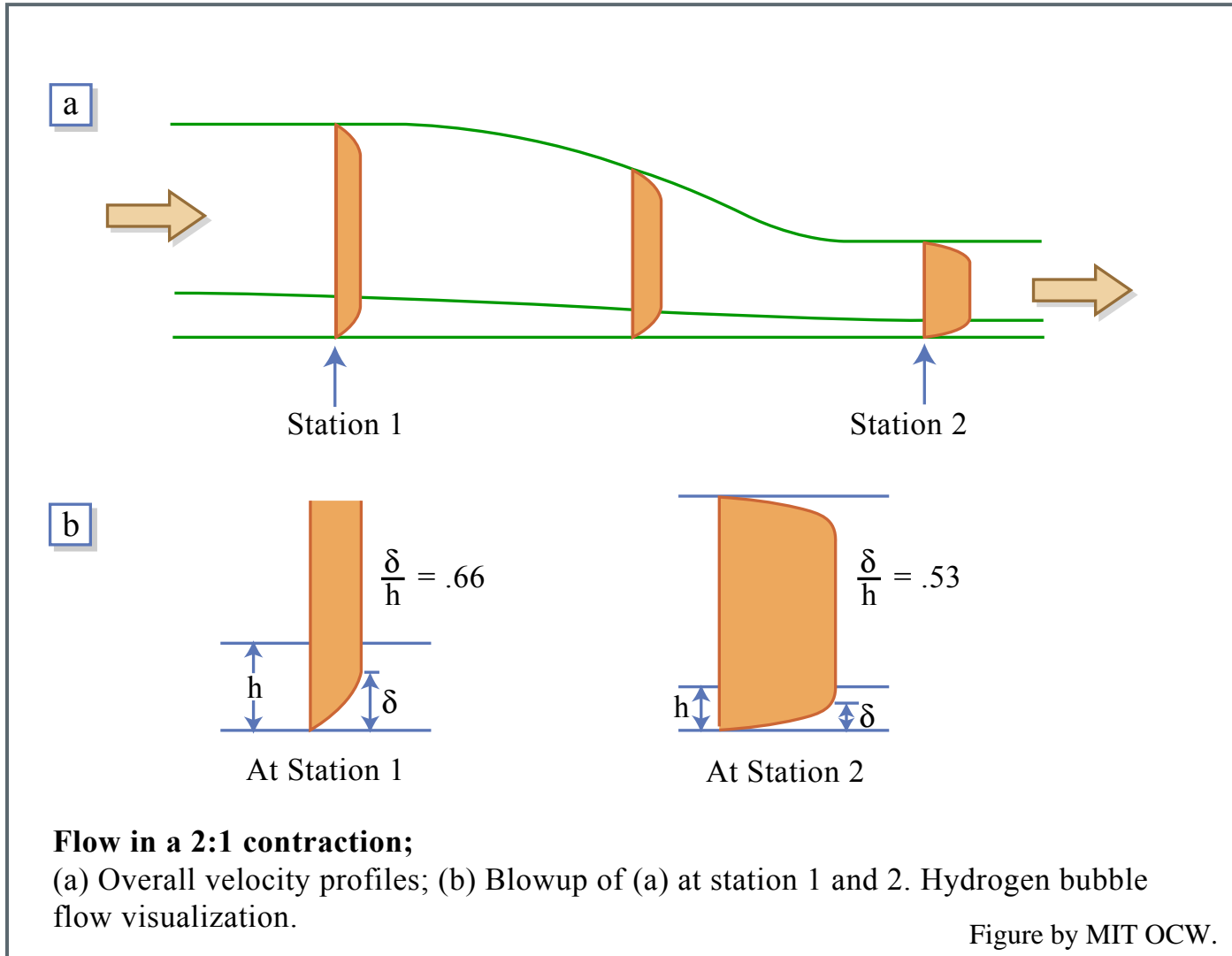


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# FLOW IN A 2:1 CONTRACTION; (A) OVERALL VELOCITY PROFILES; (B) BLOWUP OF (A) AT STATIONS 1 AND 2. HYDROGEN BUBBLE FLOW VISUALIZATION



**Free stream velocity increases  $\Rightarrow$  implies that more vorticity has entered flow**

**Flat plate boundary layer  $\Gamma = -u_e = \text{constant!}$**

**No vorticity put in anywhere except at leading edge.**

**Horseshoe vortex**

**Consider contour as shown**

**Vortex lines from upstream keep coming into contour. Does circulation continually increase?**

# Convection and diffusion of vorticity into contour ABCD on plane of symmetry upstream of a strut

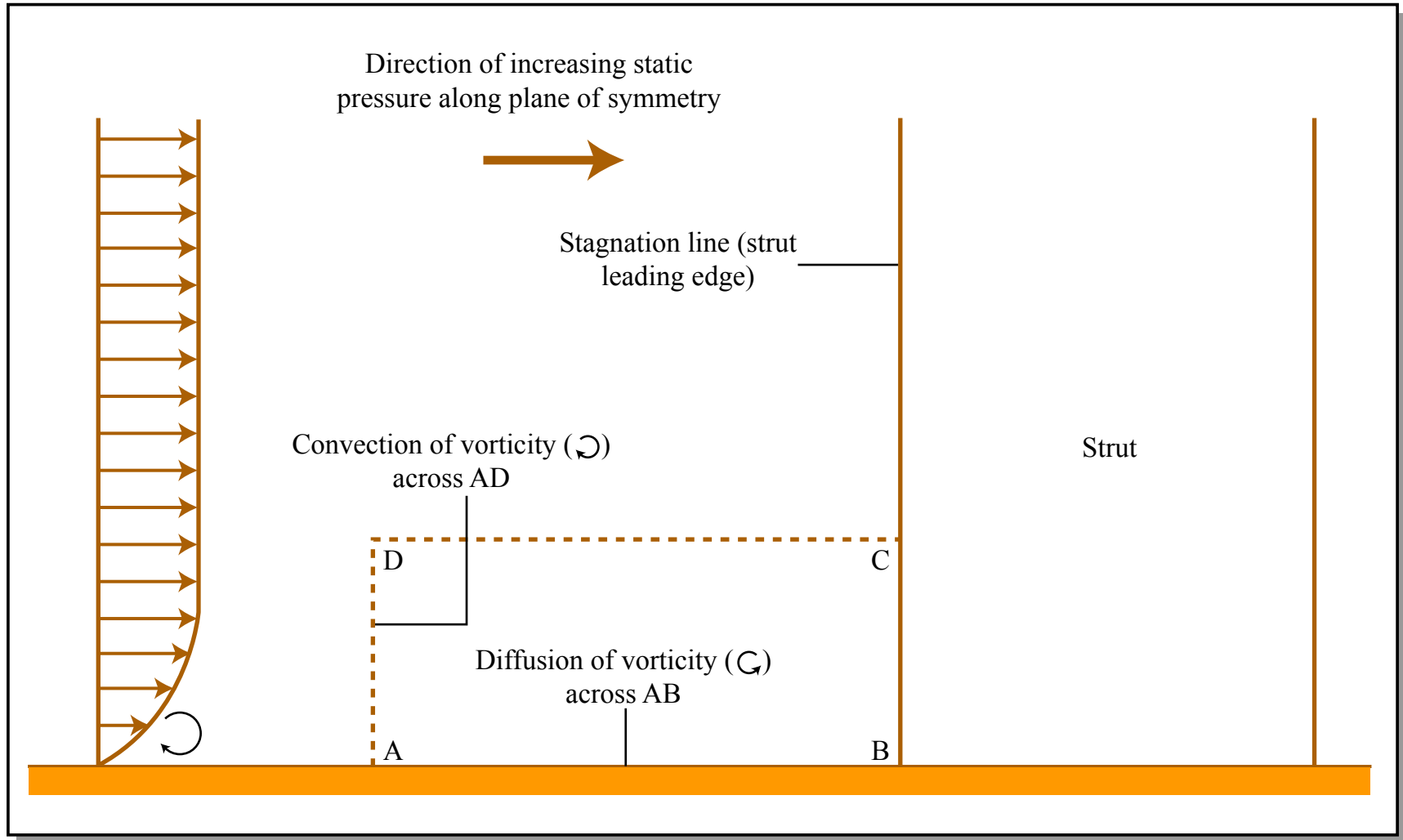


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**For horseshoe vortex have a balance between convection of  $\vec{\omega}$  and diffusion in of  $\vec{\omega}$ . Net vorticity in contour (net circulation) remains constant**

**Note also in vortex - balance between stretching, diffusion sets scale of vortex (radius of vortex)**

**We have been working in 2-D, but arguments can be extended to 3-D. Pressure field (gradients) not one-dimensional so two components of vorticity can be diffused into flow from vorticity sources at wall**

# RELATION BETWEEN KINEMATIC AND THERMODYNAMIC QUANTITIES

- These relate vorticity and  $\nabla p_t$ ,  $\nabla T_t$ ,  $ds$
- Most useful for “inviscid” flows
- Momentum equation

$$\nabla \left( \frac{\mathbf{u}^2}{2} \right) - \vec{\mathbf{u}} \times \vec{\boldsymbol{\omega}} = -\frac{\nabla p}{\rho} - \nabla \Psi \quad \swarrow \mathbf{F}_{\text{body}}$$

$$T \nabla \mathbf{s} = \nabla h - \frac{1}{\rho} \nabla p$$

$$-\vec{\mathbf{u}} \times \vec{\boldsymbol{\omega}} = T \nabla \mathbf{s} - \nabla h - \nabla \left( \frac{\mathbf{u}^2}{2} \right) - \nabla \Psi$$

$$\vec{\mathbf{u}} \times \vec{\boldsymbol{\omega}} = \nabla \left[ h + \frac{\mathbf{u}^2}{2} + \Psi \right] - T \nabla \mathbf{s}$$

# STAGNATION QUANTITIES

In internal flow situations often work with stagnation quantities

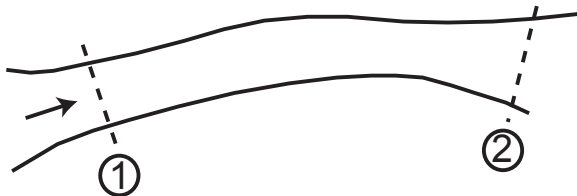
1) Convenient to measure, 2) Relate directly to loss

## Stagnation temperature defined

Adiabatic process, no work - bring stream to rest

First law (steady flow energy equation)

Along a streamtube:



$$\dot{m}_1 h_{t1} = \dot{m}_2 h_{t2}$$

$$\text{but } \dot{m}_1 = \dot{m}_2 \Rightarrow h_{t1} = h_{t2}$$

If station 2 has velocity = 0

$$h_t = C_p T_t = C_p T + \frac{u^2}{2}$$



$$T_t = T + \frac{u^2}{2C_p} = T \left[ 1 + \frac{u^2}{2C_p T} \right]$$

$$= T \left[ 1 + \frac{\gamma - 1}{2} \frac{u^2}{\gamma RT} \right]$$

Stagnation  
temperature

$$\rightarrow T_t = T \left[ 1 + \frac{\gamma - 1}{2} M^2 \right]$$

Note: Nothing yet about "frictionless"  
Now: If frictionless

Stagnation pressure

$$p/p_{initial} = (T/T_{initial})^{\gamma/\gamma-1}$$

$$\rightarrow p_t = p \left[ 1 + \frac{\gamma - 1}{2} M^2 \right]^{\gamma/\gamma-1}$$

Any two states

Low speed flow,

$$p_t = p \left[ 1 + \frac{\gamma - 1}{2} M^2 \cdot \frac{\gamma}{\gamma - 1} + \dots \right]$$

$$\cong p + \frac{\gamma}{2} \frac{u^2 p}{\gamma RT} = p + \frac{\rho u^2}{2}$$

$p_t$  for low speed  
"incompressible"  
flow

- If no body forces

$$\boxed{\vec{u} \times \vec{\omega} = \nabla h_t - T \nabla s} \quad \text{“Crocco’s Theorem”}$$

- Consequences of Crocco’s Theorem

1) If a steady flow has constant entropy and stagnation enthalpy,  $\omega = 0$  or vorticity is parallel to velocity

2) Vorticity can be produced by phenomena which generate gradients of entropy or stagnation enthalpy

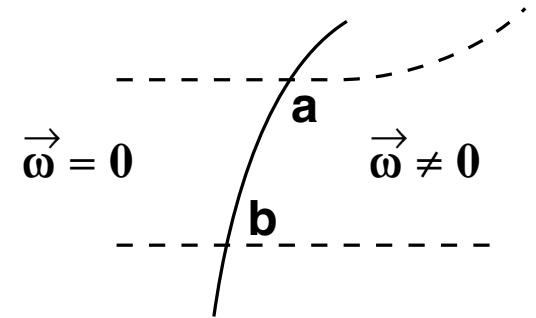
3) In an irrotational flow with uniform entropy,  $h_t$  can vary only if the flow is unsteady

$$\frac{-\partial \vec{u}}{\partial t} + \vec{u} \times \vec{\omega} = \nabla h_t - T \nabla s$$

# EXAMPLES

## 1) Flow downstream of a curved shock

- $h_t$  is constant across shock
- $\nabla s_a < \nabla s_b$
- $\vec{\omega} \neq 0$  downstream of shock



## 2) Flow downstream of an ideal inlet guide vane row

- $\nabla h_t = \nabla s = 0$
- $\vec{u} \times \vec{\omega} = 0$  so  $\vec{u}, \vec{\omega}$  parallel  
(trailing vorticity as on a finite wing)

# FLOW DOWNSTREAM OF A CURVED SHOCK

- **Geometry - M=2 flow round an airfoil**
- **Static and stagnation pressure**
- **Axial velocity profiles for different static pressure rise**

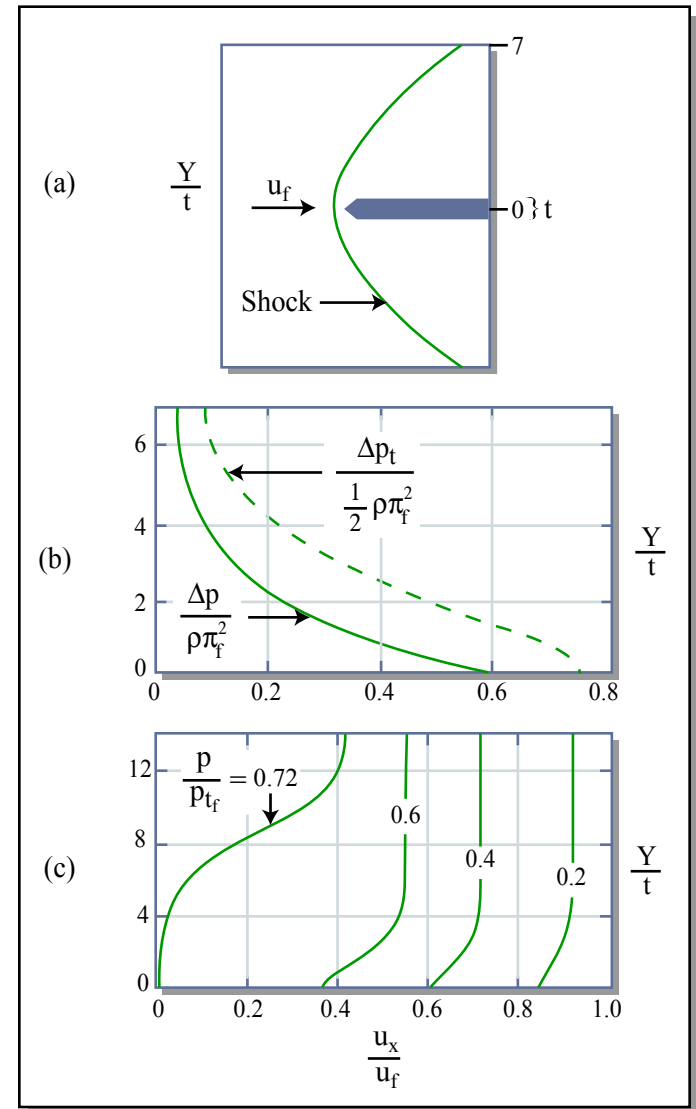
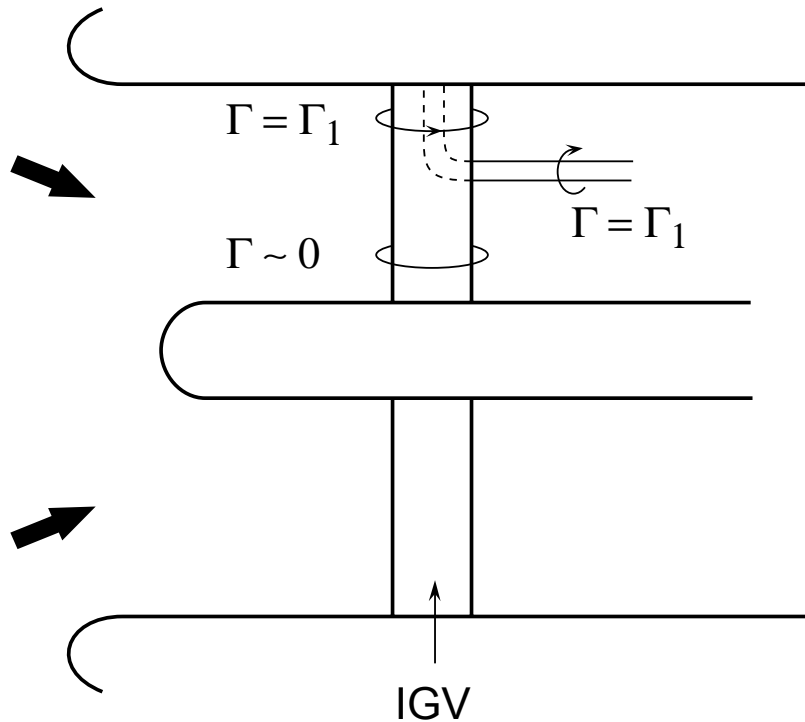


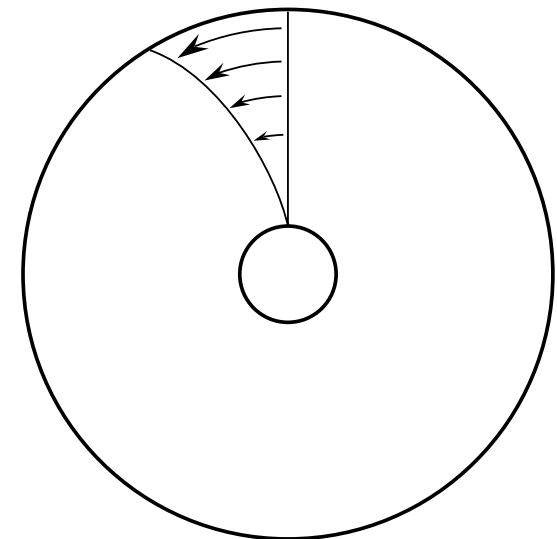
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# ROTATIONAL FLOW DOWNSTREAM OF IGV

What approximations are made in showing this figure?



**Turbomachine Annulus and Inlet Guide Vane (IGV); Uniform Entropy and Stagnation Enthalpy**



**Rotational Swirl Flow Distribution Downstream of IGV**

# INCOMPRESSIBLE FLOW FORM

- **Incompressible, inviscid flow,  $\rho$  uniform**

$$\frac{\partial \vec{u}}{\partial t} - \vec{u} \times \vec{\omega} = -\frac{\nabla p_t}{\rho}$$

- **Steady flow**

$$\vec{u} \times \vec{\omega} = \frac{\nabla p_t}{\rho}$$

**Incompressible form of  
Crocco's equation**

# PERSPECTIVE ON INTERPRETATION AND INSIGHT

- **Concepts of vorticity and circulation are useful in understanding fluid motions – most notably those with SWIRL, and/or UNSTEADINESS, and/or THREE-DIMENSIONALITY**
- **Focus on vortex line structure often provides clues to overall flow field behavior**
- **Focus on vorticity can give insight for complex motions**
- **Strongly complementary partner to pressure-acceleration approach**