


Passive Scalars and Scalar Vectors in Isotropic Turbulence



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What is a fluid?

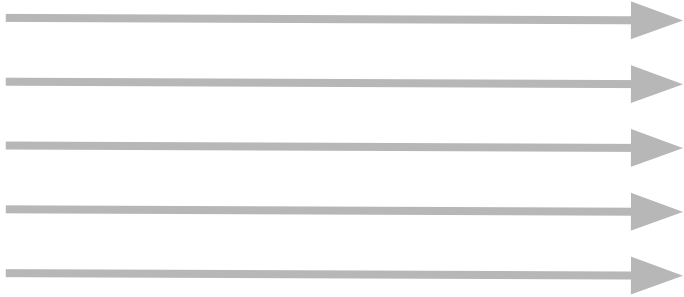
- A fluid is defined as a substance that yields to shearing forces.
 - A solid is not considered a fluid due its resistance of shear forces



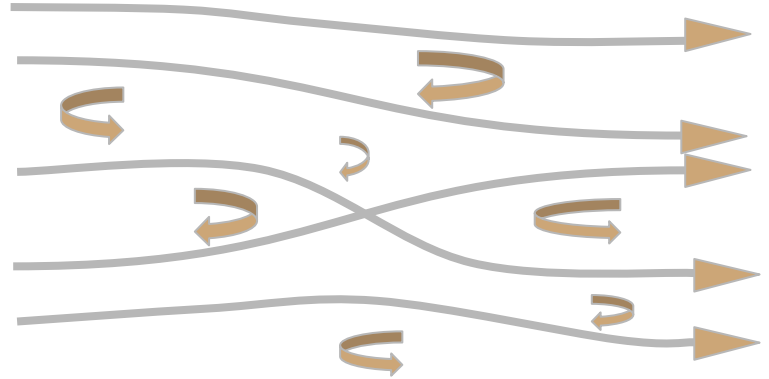
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Flow of a Fluid

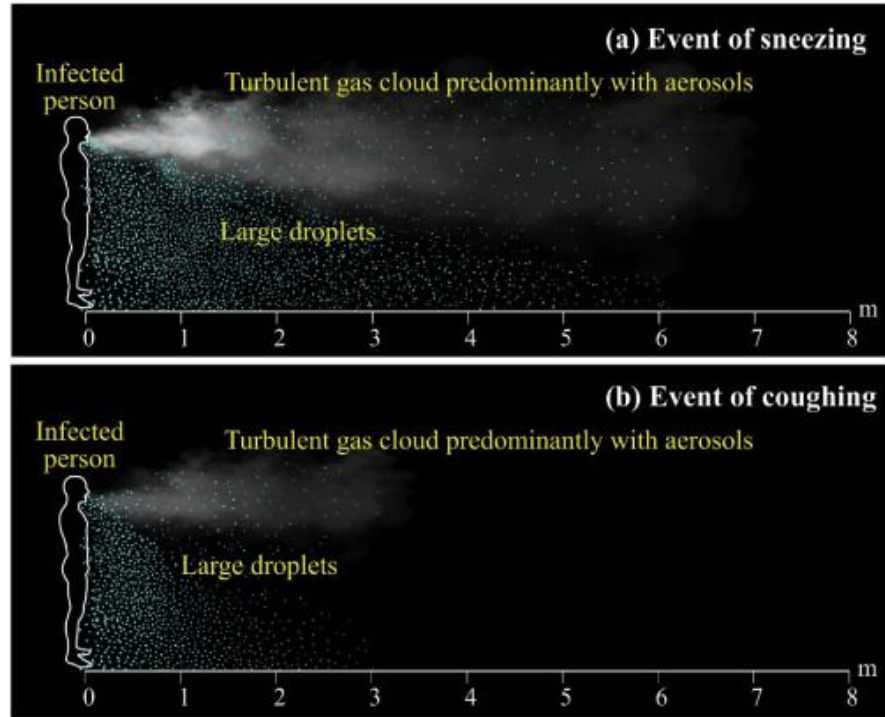
Laminar Flow



Turbulent Flow



Why Study Turbulence?



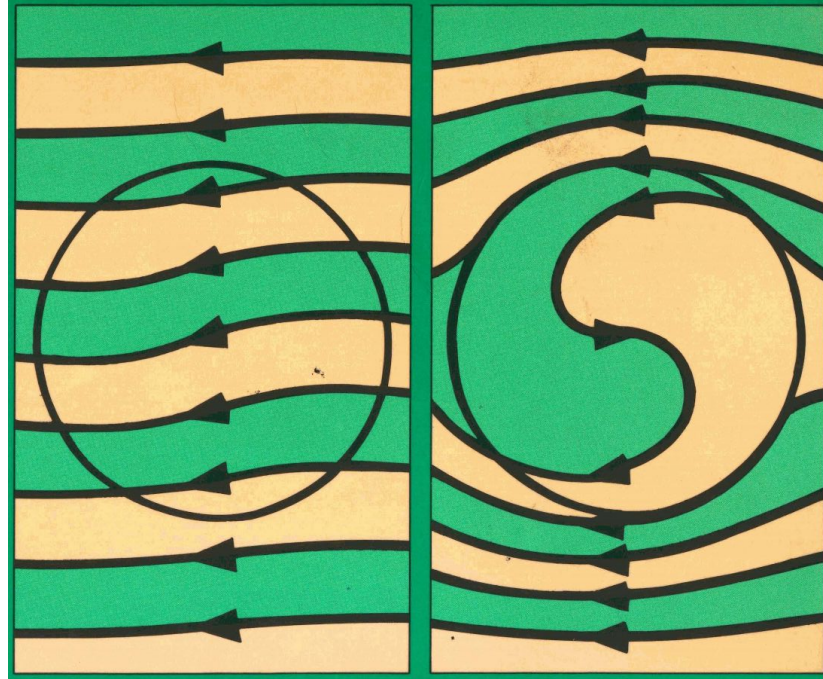
Reference 1

Passive Scalars



Reference 2

Passive Vectors



Reference 5

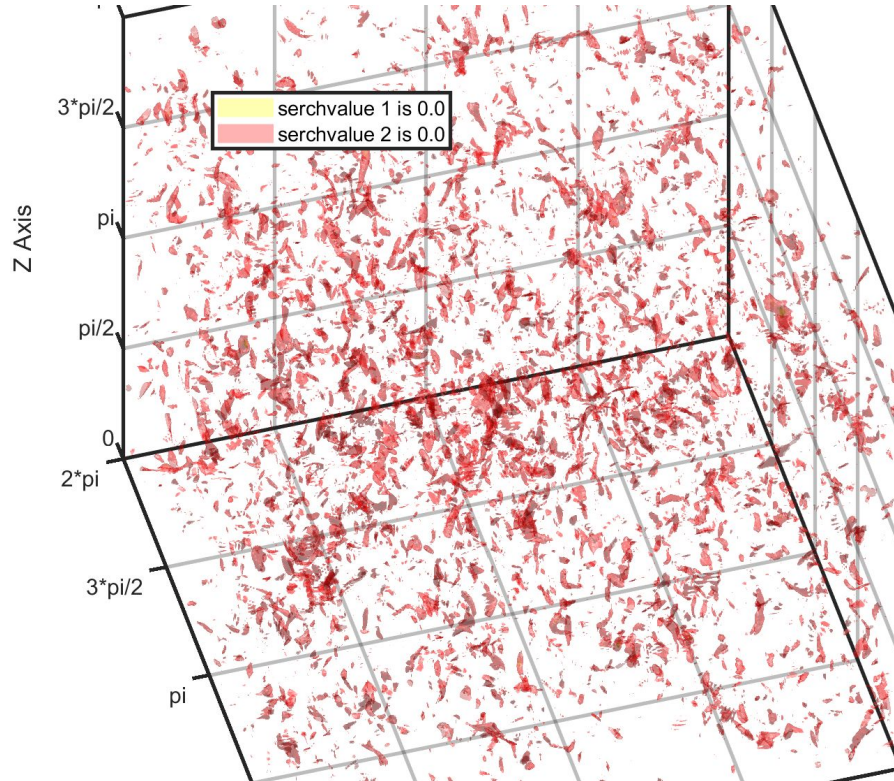
$$\left(\overset{1}{\frac{\partial}{\partial t}} + u \bullet \nabla \right) w = \overset{2}{\gamma_1} \nabla q + \overset{3}{\gamma_2} w \bullet \nabla u + \overset{4}{\alpha} \nabla^2 w$$

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

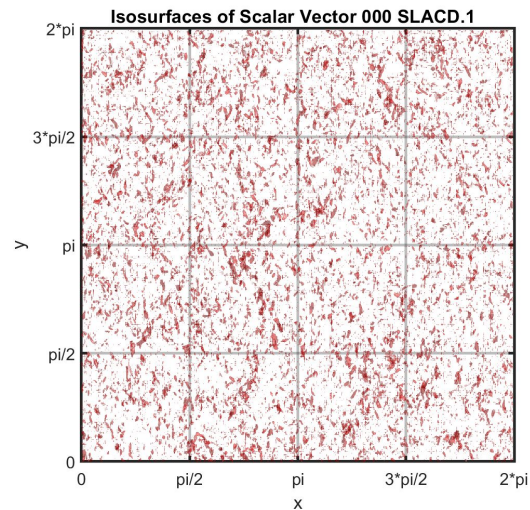
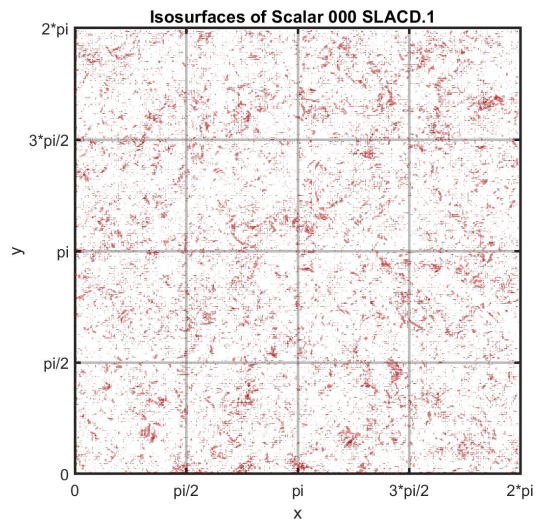
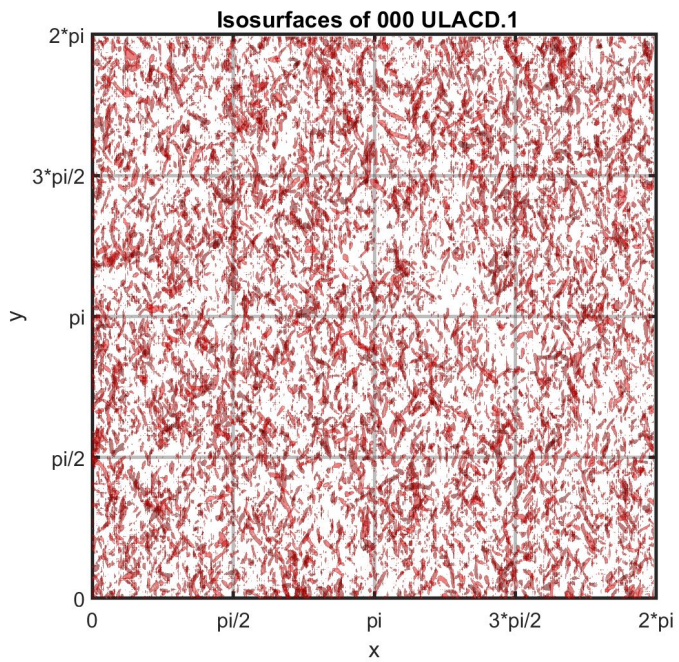
Mass Conservation

What would happen if we added an imposed condition similar to mass conservation in a scalar quantity?

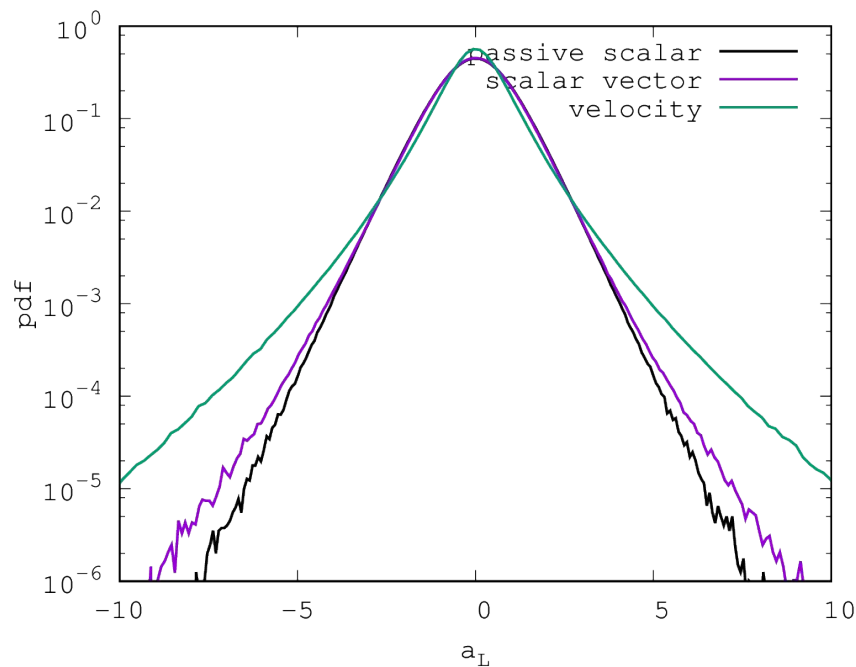
Visualizing Turbulence



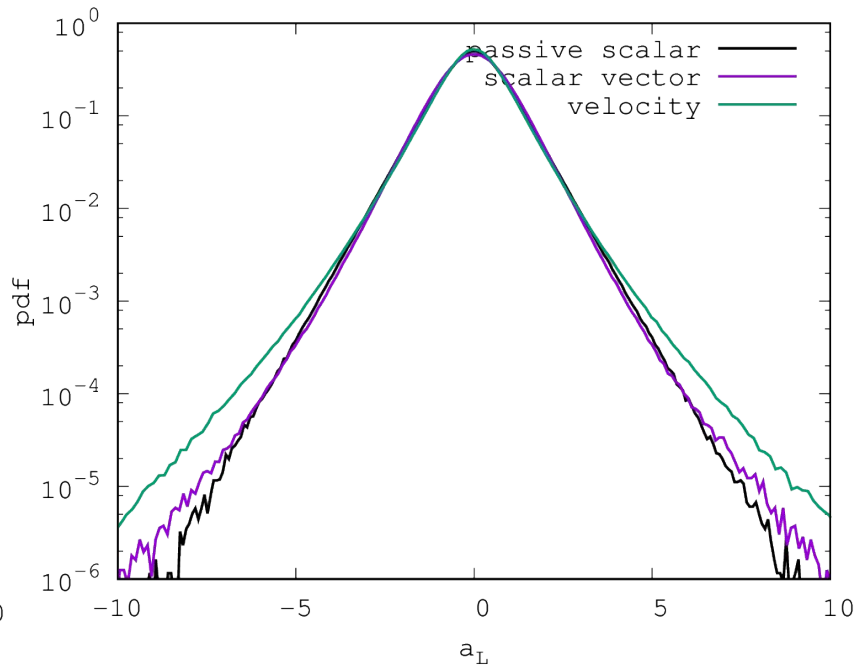
Current Results



Probability Density Functions



time 0



time 3

		RMS	Flattness	Skewness	
SCALAR 000	SLACD	1	1.422E-07	4.0276	-0.0027
		2	1.4172E-07	4.0056	0.000102
		3	1.4185E-07	4.0193	-0.0011
	ULACD	1	5.0922	8.5289	0.0055
		2	5.1345	8.8056	0.0012
		3	5.1313	8.7798	-0.0015
SCALAR 003	SLACD	1	1.2304E-08	4.8887	-5.4E-05
		2	1.2254E-08	5.1223	0.0027
		3	1.2075E-08	4.9474	0.0092
	ULACD	1	0.4626	6.4240	0.0017
		2	0.4620	6.8290	0.0072
		3	0.462	6.7707	-0.0042
SCALAR VECTOR 000	SLACD	1	2.1438E-07	4.3249	-0.0014
		2	2.126E-07	4.4153	0.000896
		3	2.1249E-07	4.4074	0.000165
	ULACD	1	5.0922	8.5285	0.0055
		2	5.1345	8.8056	0.0012
		3	5.1313	8.7798	-0.0015
SCALAR VECTOR 003	SLACD	1	1.7036E-08	4.727	-0.001
		2	1.7001E-08	4.8783	0.009
		3	1.6875E-08	4.7477	0.0051
	ULACD	1	0.4626	6.424	0.0017
		2	0.462	6.829	0.462
		3	0.462	6.7707	-0.0042

Key Questions Answered

- Why do the dynamics of a passive scalar differ from that of the velocity field, which determines its evolution?
- What is the impact of an additional constraint, mimicking mass conservation, have on the passive vector dynamics?
- Can a passive vector behave similarly to the velocity field when such a constraint is added?

Questions

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