

Equations of hydrodynamics:
eulerian and lagrangian approaches

Hydrodynamics

⇒ What are the conditions for using equations of hydrodynamics?

- scales are much larger than the mean-free-path of particles in the medium
- time-scales are longer than the time-scale of relaxation
- volumes are larger than some 'elementary volume': volume is large enough to have many particles inside it and, at the same time, small enough to have small gradients across the 'elementary volume'.

Thermal velocities of particles: $v_{\text{thermal}} = \left(\frac{3kT}{m}\right)^{1/2}$

For a neutral gas the mean-free-path $l = \frac{1}{n\sigma}$, where σ is the cross-section of atoms.

For air: $\sigma = 4.4 \cdot 10^{-16} \text{ cm}^2$, $n \approx 10^{19} \text{ cm}^{-3}$

For plasma: two-body relaxation time for electron-proton collisions is

$$t_{e-p} = \frac{3}{4} \left(\frac{m_e}{2n}\right)^{1/2} \frac{(kT)^{3/2}}{e^4 n_e \ln \Lambda} \approx 0.275 \frac{T^{3/2}}{n_e \ln \Lambda}$$

Here $m_e = \frac{m_H}{1836}$ = mass of an electron, $e = 4.8 \cdot 10^{-10}$ = electron charge

n_e = number density of electrons

$\ln \Lambda$ = Coulomb logarithm ($\approx 10-20$)

System	Parameters	v_{th}	mean-free path
air, room Temp.	$n = 10^{19} \text{ cm}^{-3}$ $T = 300 \text{ K}$ $\bar{\sigma} = 4.4 \cdot 10^{-16} \text{ cm}^2$	$5 \cdot 10^4 \text{ cm/s} = 0.5 \text{ km/s}$ $m = 29 \text{ mH}$	$2 \cdot 10^{-4} \text{ cm}$
ISM, disk of Galaxy	$n_e = 1 \text{ cm}^{-3}$ $m_e, T = 10^4 \text{ K}$	$7 \cdot 10^7 \text{ cm/s} = 700 \text{ km/s}$	$10^{12} \text{ cm} = 3 \cdot 10^7 \text{ pc}$ $t_{e-p} = 10^4 \text{ sec}$
Clusters, gas	$n_e = 10^{-3}$ $T = 10^8 \text{ K}$ electrons	$7 \cdot 10^9 \text{ cm} = 0.25 \text{ c}$	$10^{23} \text{ cm} = 30 \text{ kpc}$ $t_{e-p} = 1.4 \cdot 10^{13} \text{ s} =$ $= 4 \cdot 10^5 \text{ yrs}$

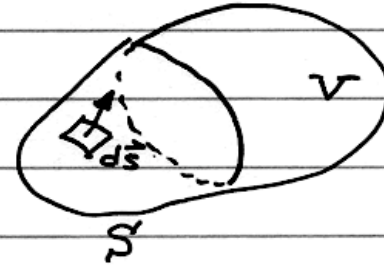
Equations of hydrodynamics:

Some math. relations

\vec{a} is a vector field; b is a scalar field.

If volume V is surrounded by closed surface S , then

$$\Rightarrow \oint_S \vec{a} \cdot d\vec{S} = \int_V \text{div} \vec{a} \cdot dV$$



$$\Rightarrow \oint_S b d\vec{S} = \int_V \text{grad } b \cdot dV$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{d}{dt} = \frac{\partial}{\partial t} + (\vec{v} \cdot \nabla)$$

Take small cube.

$$\Rightarrow \begin{array}{c} \text{cube} \\ \begin{array}{c} x \quad x+\Delta x \\ \Delta S \end{array} \end{array} \quad \vec{a}(x+\Delta x, y, z) \approx \vec{a}(x, y, z) + \frac{\partial \vec{a}}{\partial x} \Delta x$$
$$\oint_{\text{cube}} \vec{a} d\vec{S} = \sum_{\text{all surfaces}} (a_x \Delta S_x + a_y \Delta S_y + a_z \Delta S_z) =$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= a_x(x+\Delta x, y, z) \Delta S_x - a_x(x, y, z) \Delta S_x + \\ &+ a_y(x, y+\Delta y, z) \Delta S_y - a_y(x, y, z) \Delta S_y + \\ &+ a_z(x, y, z+\Delta z) \Delta S_z - a_z(x, y, z) \Delta S_z = \\ &= \frac{\partial a_x}{\partial x} \Delta x \Delta S_x + \frac{\partial a_y}{\partial y} \Delta y \Delta S_y + \frac{\partial a_z}{\partial z} \Delta z \Delta S_z = \text{div} \vec{a} \Delta V \end{aligned}$$

Approximate volume V by many small boxes with ΔV each. Count contributions of small boxes and set $\Delta V \rightarrow 0$

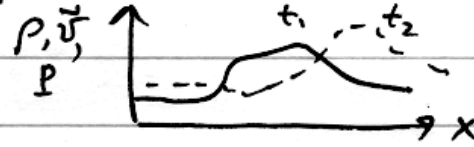
$$\Rightarrow \oint_S b d\vec{S} = \sum_{\text{small box}} b \Delta \vec{S} = \frac{\partial b}{\partial x} \Delta x \Delta S_x \vec{i} + \frac{\partial b}{\partial y} \Delta y \Delta S_y \vec{j} + \frac{\partial b}{\partial z} \Delta z \Delta S_z \vec{k} =$$
$$= \text{grad } b \cdot \Delta V$$

\Rightarrow Fluid element changes its position by $\vec{\Delta r}$ in Δt . Any property f of the element also changes.

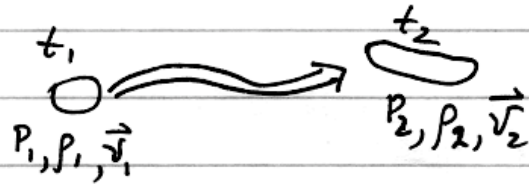
$$\Delta f = \frac{\partial f}{\partial t} \Delta t + \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \Delta x + \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \Delta y + \frac{\partial f}{\partial z} \Delta z \Rightarrow \frac{df}{dt} = \frac{\partial f}{\partial t} + (\vec{v} \cdot \nabla) f$$

Equations of hydrodynamics :- Euler approach
 - Lagrange approach

Euler: Find evolution of parameters of fluid at each point in space and time



Lagrange: Find evolution of each fluid element:



Euler formalism: equations of hydrodynamics

Continuity equation. Take volume element V . Mass inside V is

$$\int \rho dV$$

Through a surface element $d\vec{S}$ of the volume flows out mass $\rho \vec{v} d\vec{S} dt$. Total mass leaving the volume V in dt is

$$\oint \rho \vec{v} d\vec{S} dt$$

The total rate of change of mass is

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} [\int \rho dV] = - \oint \rho \vec{v} d\vec{S} \quad \text{Note the sign}$$

Change the integral on the right from surface to volume and change the order of integration and time derivative

$$\int (\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} + \text{div}(\rho \vec{v})) dV = 0$$

3 This relation must be valid for any volume V . This can be true only if the integrand is equal to zero

$$\boxed{\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} + \nabla(\rho \vec{v}) = 0}$$

Rewrite this equation: $\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} + \vec{v} \nabla \rho + \rho \nabla \vec{v} = 0$

The first two terms are equal to $\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} + \vec{v} \nabla \rho = \frac{d\rho}{dt}$

Thus,

$$\frac{d\rho}{dt} + \rho \nabla \vec{v} = 0$$

For incompressible fluid (e.g. water) $\frac{d\rho}{dt} = 0$. In this case $\text{div} \vec{v} = 0$.

This tells us that $\text{div} \vec{v}$ is a measure of compressibility of fluid.

Euler equation. Take volume V . Pressure force acting on the volume from fluid, which surrounds the volume is



(*) $-\oint_S p d\vec{s}$ Note the sign

$\oint_S p d\vec{s} = \int_V \text{grad} p dV$. The rate of change of the momentum of fluid inside V is

(**) $\int_V \rho \frac{d\vec{v}}{dt} dV$. This gives $\rho \frac{d\vec{v}}{dt} = -\text{grad} p$

Change dt to ∂t :

$$\boxed{\frac{\partial \vec{v}}{\partial t} + (\vec{v} \nabla) \vec{v} = -\frac{1}{\rho} \nabla p - \nabla \Phi}$$

where Φ is the grav. potential

Energy equation

We start with the first law of thermodynamics:

$$\frac{dE}{dt} + p \frac{dV}{dt} = \frac{dQ}{dt}$$

Here E is internal energy per unit mass. $V = 1/\rho =$
= specific volume. dQ is external energy per unit mass
Using the continuity and Euler equations, the
energy equation can be written in the form

$$(*) \quad \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left(\rho E + \rho \frac{v^2}{2} \right) + \nabla \cdot \left(\rho \vec{v} \left(E + \frac{v^2}{2} \right) + p \vec{v} \right) = \rho \frac{dQ}{dt}$$

We note that $(E + \frac{v^2}{2})$ is the total energy = thermal + kinetic

$$E \equiv \rho \left(\frac{v^2}{2} + \epsilon \right) = \text{total energy per unit volume}$$

$$(**) \quad \frac{\partial E}{\partial t} + \text{div}(E \vec{v}) = -\text{div}(p \vec{v}) + \rho \frac{dQ}{dt}$$

For an adiabatic process we can use the equation of
entropy conservation: $\frac{ds}{dt} = 0$,

where s is the specific entropy. This can be
written in the form

$$\frac{\partial s}{\partial t} + \vec{v} \text{grad} s = 0$$

Lagrangian approach to hydrodynamics

\Rightarrow follow motion of a fluid element. Mass of the element is preserved, but its position in space and its volume change as the element moves



We must introduce a way to identify the element and to distinguish it from other elements. Let \vec{q} be a label ("coordinate"), which characterizes the element. There are different ways of choosing \vec{q} . For example, \vec{q} can be position of the element at some initial moment of time.

Motion of the fluid is described by the following set of relations:

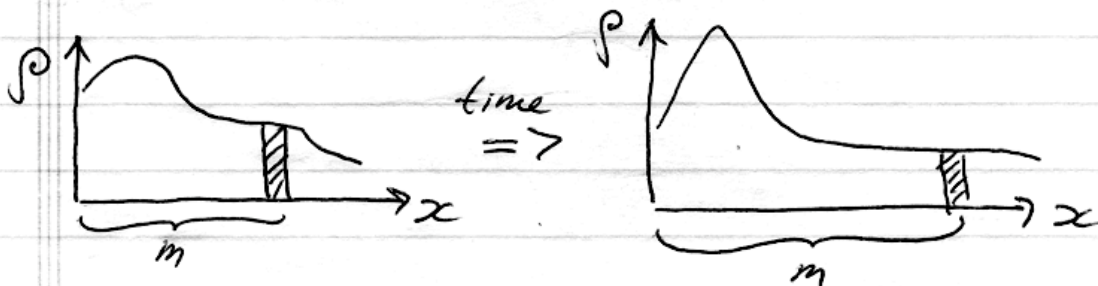
$$\rho = \rho(t, \vec{q}) \quad = \text{density}$$

$$\vec{v} = \vec{v}(t, \vec{q}) \quad = \text{velocity}$$

$$P = P(t, \vec{q}) \quad = \text{pressure}$$

$$\vec{x} = \vec{x}(t, \vec{q}) \quad = \text{position in space}$$

examples: (I) Plane motion: there is only one coordinate x



mass (m) between (any) elements is preserved, but positions of the elements changes with time. We can use (m) as Lagrangian coordinate q .

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For simplicity we assume that the first element does not move.

$$m(x) = \int_{x_1}^x \rho dx, \quad dm = \rho dx$$

Mass m is our independent variable.

The continuity equation in Eulerian coordinates is

$$\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} + \text{div}(\rho \vec{v}) = 0$$

We need to rewrite it so that time derivative is $\frac{d}{dt}$, not $\frac{\partial}{\partial t}$:

$$\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} + \text{div}(\rho \vec{v}) = \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} + \vec{v} \text{grad} \rho + \rho \text{div} \vec{v} = \frac{d\rho}{dt} + \rho \text{div} \vec{v} = 0$$

In 1D case this equation takes form:

$$\frac{d\rho}{dt} + \rho \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} = 0$$

Now we need to change variables from x to m :

use $dm = \rho dx$. We get continuity equation in Lagrangian coordinates:

$$\frac{1}{\rho^2} \frac{d\rho}{dt} = - \frac{\partial v(m,t)}{\partial m}$$

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The equation of motion in Lagrangian coordinates is

$$\frac{dV}{dt} = -\frac{\nabla P}{\rho} - \nabla \varphi$$

Here we need to change $\frac{\partial}{\partial x}$ to $\rho \frac{\partial}{\partial m}$:

$$\frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial P}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial P(m, t)}{\partial m}; \quad \frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial x} = \rho \frac{\partial \varphi(m, t)}{\partial m}$$

Thus, the final form of the equation of motion in Lagrangian coordinates takes the form

$$\boxed{\frac{dV}{dt} = -\frac{\partial P}{\partial m} - \rho \frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial m}}$$

Energy equation

$$\frac{dE}{dt} + \rho \frac{dV}{dt} = \frac{dQ}{dt}$$

For adiabatic process: $\frac{ds}{dt} = 0$

Another choice of coordinates: use initial coordinate x as the Lagrangian coordinate. If $\rho_0(x)$ is the density distribution at initial moment, then mass conservation

$$\rho_0 dx = \rho(r, t) dr$$

Equations of hydrodynamics are:

$$\left\| \begin{aligned} \frac{1}{\rho^2} \frac{d\rho}{dt} &= -\frac{\partial V(t, x)}{\partial x} \frac{1}{\rho_0(x)} \\ \frac{dV(t, x)}{dt} &= -\frac{1}{\rho_0} \frac{\partial P}{\partial x} - \frac{\rho(x, t)}{\rho_0(x)} \frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial x} \end{aligned} \right\|$$

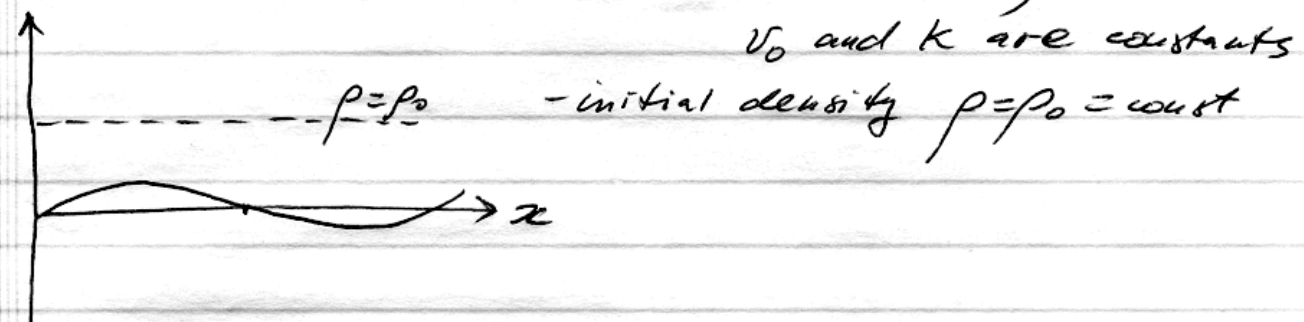
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Example: motion of cold gas in one-dimensional case

$$p = 0, \quad \varphi = 0$$

Initial conditions: $-v = v_0 \sin(kx)$,

v_0 and k are constants



How the gas flows at later times?

$$\frac{1}{\rho^2} \frac{d\rho}{dt} = - \frac{\partial v}{\rho_0 \partial x} = - \frac{v_0}{\rho_0} k \cos(kx)$$

The r.h.s. does not depend on time t . Thus, we can integrate this equation

$$\frac{1}{\rho_0} - \frac{1}{\rho(x,t)} = - \frac{v_0}{\rho_0} k \cos(kx) (t-t_0)$$

$$\Rightarrow \rho = \frac{\rho_0}{1 + v_0 k (t-t_0) \cos(kx)}$$

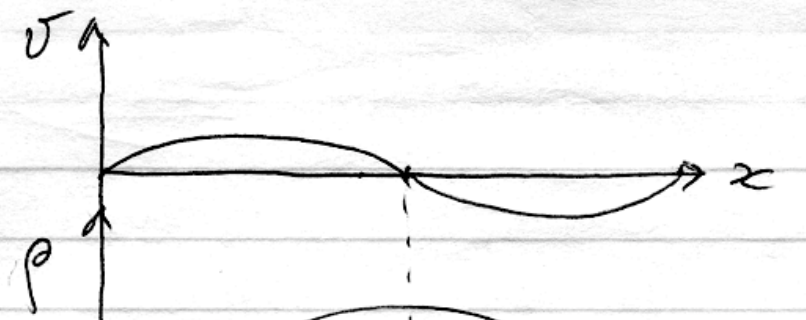
Find relation between Lagrangian coordinate x and Eulerian coordinate r : From continuity equation

$$\rho(x,t) dr = \rho_0(x) dx \Rightarrow \frac{dr}{dx} = \frac{\rho_0}{\rho(x,t)}$$

Integrate over x :

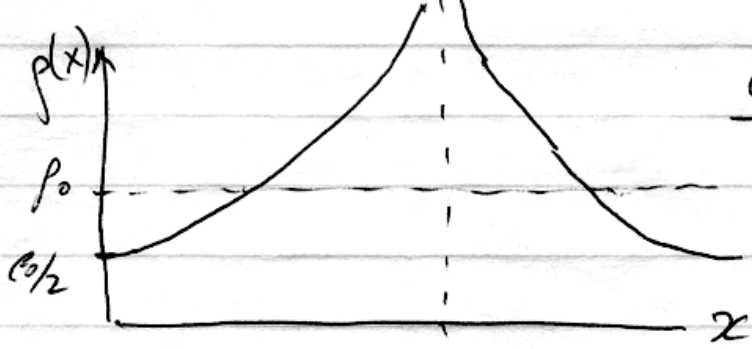
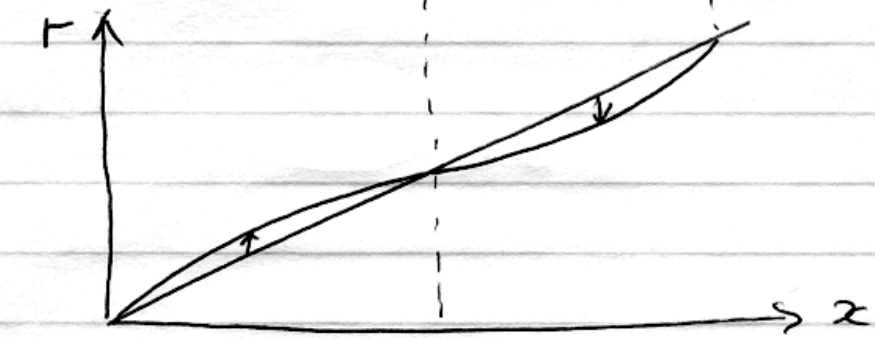
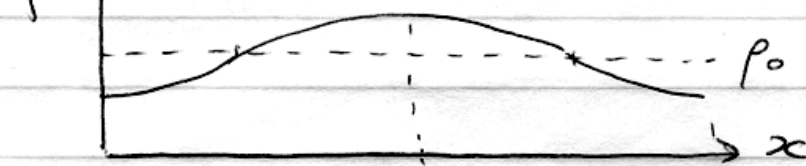
$$r = x + v_0 (t-t_0) \sin(kx)$$

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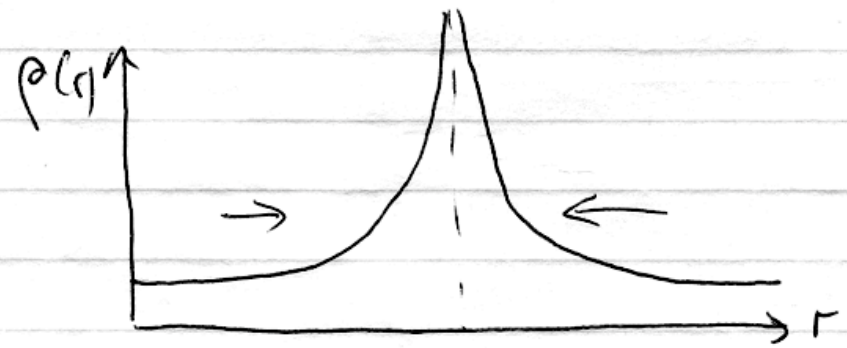
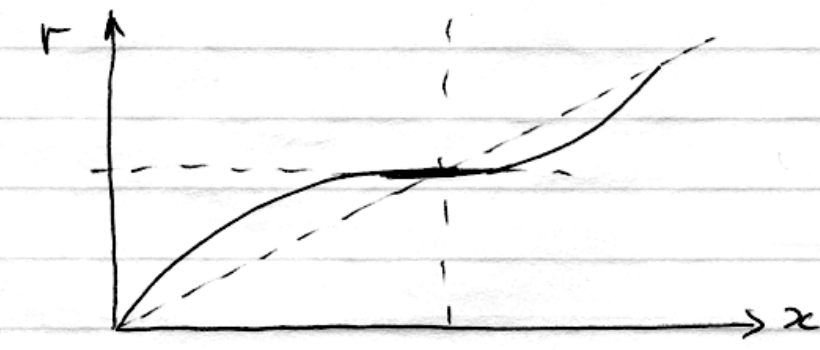
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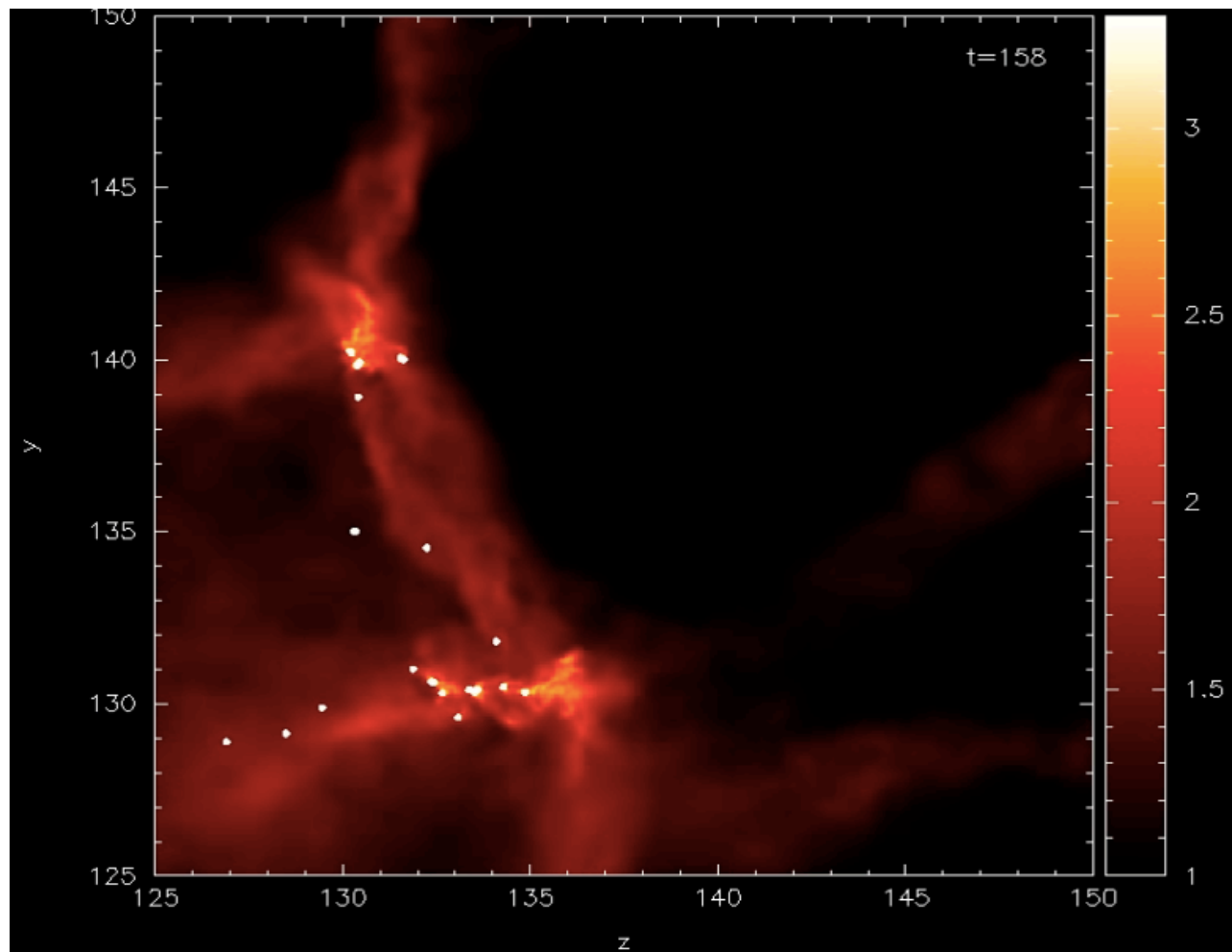
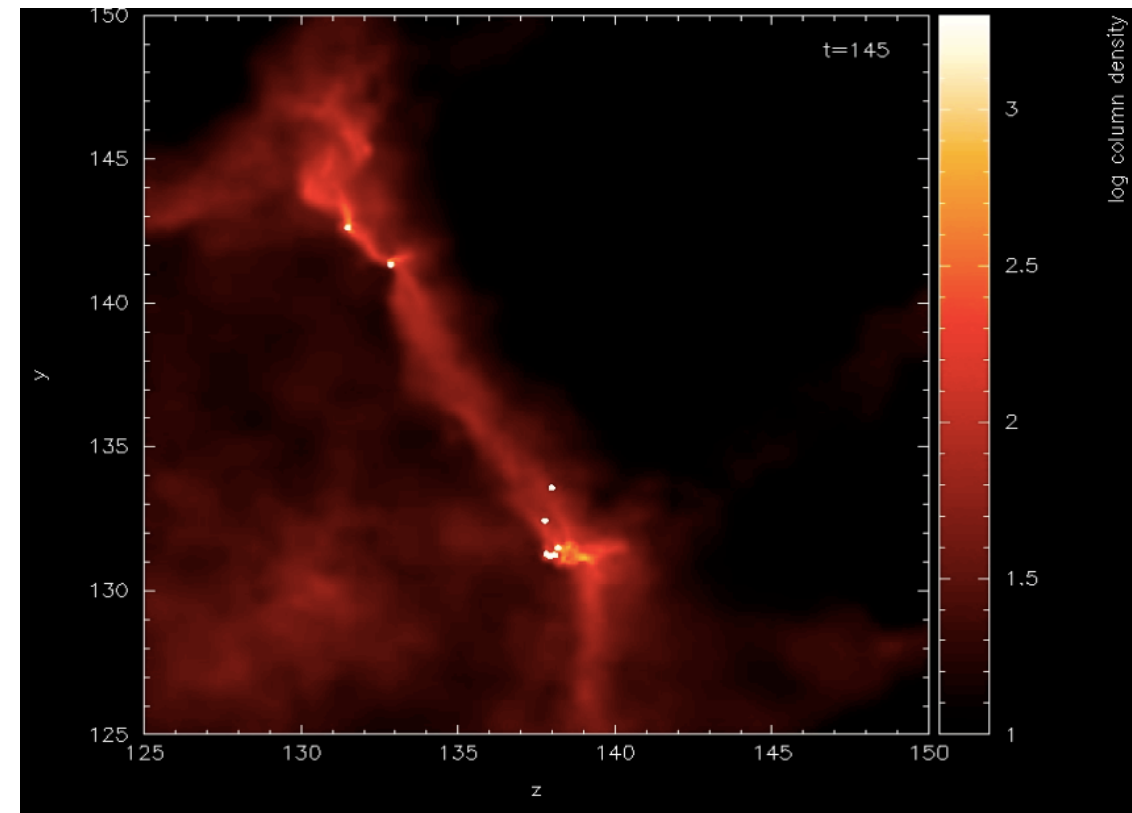
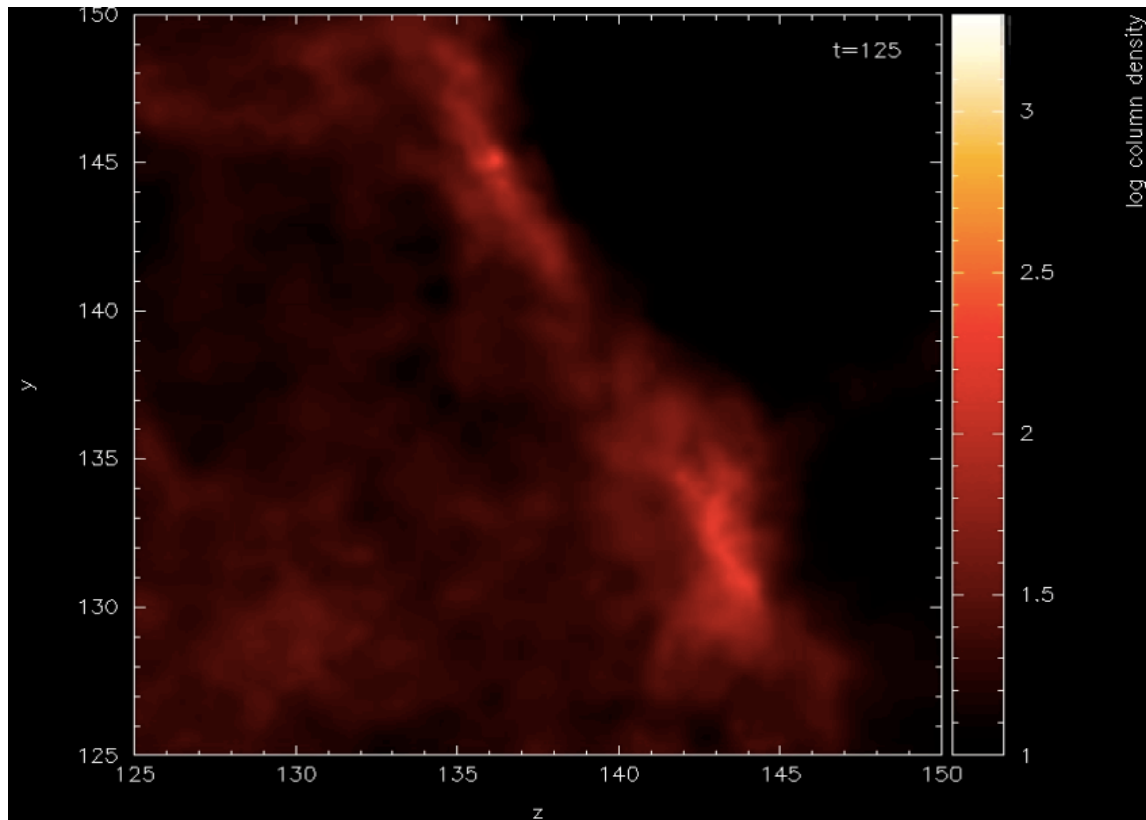
$$v_0 k(t-t_0) \ll 1$$



Critical moment:

$v_0 k(t-t_0) = 1$
infinite density at one point





Column density plot of Cloud 1 in the y - z plane at $t = 19.1$ Myr, integrating over the central 16 pc along the x -direction. The dots show the stellar objects (sink particles). The electronic version of this figure shows an [animation](#) of this region from $t = 16.6$ to 19.9 Myr. The column density is in code units, which correspond to $9.85 \times 10^{19} \text{ cm}^{-2}$.

Model of star formation in Molecular clouds