



# "PIMS" MARSDEN MEMORIAL LECTURE

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FROM EULER TO BORN AND INFELD, FLUIDS AND ELECTROMAGNETISM  
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WHERE  $(q, p, v) \in \mathbb{R}^{1+1+3}$  (keeping Euler's notations)  
ARE THE DENSITY, PRESSURE AND VELOCITY FIELDS  
AND THE PRESSURE  $p$  IS A GIVEN FUNCTION OF  $q$  ONLY.





**XXI.** Nous n'avons donc qu'à équaler ces forces accélératrices avec les accélérations actuelles que nous venons de trouver, & nous obtiendrons les trois équations suivantes :

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Si nous ajoutons à ces trois équations premièrement celle, que nous a fournie la considération de la continuité du fluide :

$$\left(\frac{dq}{dt}\right) + \left(\frac{d.qu}{dx}\right) + \left(\frac{d.qv}{dy}\right) + \left(\frac{d.qw}{dz}\right) = 0.$$

Si le fluide n'étoit pas compressible, la densité  $q$  seroit la même en  $Z$ , & en  $Z'$ , & pour ce cas on auroit cette équation :

$$\left(\frac{du}{dx}\right) + \left(\frac{dv}{dy}\right) + \left(\frac{dw}{dz}\right) = 0.$$

qui est aussi celle sur laquelle j'ai établi mon Mémoire latin allégué ci-dessus.

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For small times,  $(\tau')^2 = t^2 = 2\tau \ll 1$ , while  $\tau'' = 1$ ,  
we get an **ASYMPTOTIC EQUATION** after withdrawing the red terms.

## THE RESULTING "ASYMPTOTIC" EQUATION

$$\partial_\tau q + \operatorname{div}(qv) = 0, \quad qv = -\operatorname{grad} p,$$

IS NOTHING BUT **THE HEAT EQUATION**, in the case of an "isothermal" fluid (i.e. as  $p$  is proportional to  $q$ ),

$$\partial_\tau q = \kappa \Delta q$$

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We recover (through the terms in black) the vacuum Maxwell equations whenever the electromagnetic field  $\mathbf{B}, \mathbf{D}$ , is of weak amplitude.

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(as we did to get the heat equation out of the Euler model), we obtain

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where  $(q, p, v, B) \in \mathbb{R}^{1+1+3+3}$  are the density, pressure, velocity and magnetic fields and  $\mu = \nu = \eta = q^{-1} = -\rho$ .

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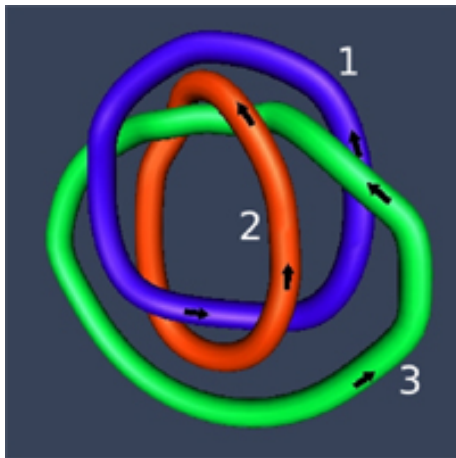
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