

Fluids, diffeomorphisms, and shapes

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Arnold's setting for the Euler equation

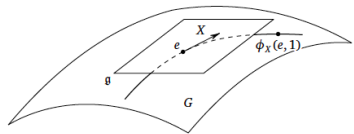
M — a Riemannian manifold with volume form μ
 v — velocity field of an inviscid incompressible fluid filling M
 The classical *Euler equation* (1757) on v :

$$\partial_t v + \nabla_v v = -\nabla p.$$

Here $\operatorname{div} v = 0$ and v is tangent to ∂M .
 $\nabla_v v$ is the Riemannian covariant derivative.

Theorem (Arnold 1966)

The Euler equation is the geodesic flow on the group $G = \operatorname{Diff}_\mu(M)$ of volume-preserving diffeomorphisms w.r.t. the right-invariant L^2 -metric $E(v) = \frac{1}{2} \int_M (v, v) \mu$ (fluid's kinetic energy).



Application: Other groups and energies

Group	Metric	Equation
$SO(3)$	$\langle \omega, A\omega \rangle$	Euler top
$E(3) = SO(3) \times \mathbb{R}^3$	quadratic forms	Kirchhoff equation for a body in a fluid
$SO(n)$	Manakov's metrics	n -dimensional top
$\text{Diff}(S^1)$	L^2	Hopf (or, inviscid Burgers) equation
$\text{Diff}(S^1)$	$\dot{H}^{1/2}$	Constantin-Lax-Majda-type equation
Virasoro	L^2	KdV equation
Virasoro	H^1	Camassa-Holm equation
Virasoro	\dot{H}^1	Hunter-Saxton (or Dym) equation
$\text{Diff}_\mu(M)$	L^2	Euler ideal fluid
$\text{Diff}_\mu(M)$	H^1	averaged Euler flow
$\text{Symp}_\omega(M)$	L^2	symplectic fluid
$\text{Diff}(M)$	L^2	EPDiff equation
$\text{Diff}_\mu(M) \times \text{Vect}_\mu(M)$	$L^2 \oplus L^2$	magnetohydrodynamics
$C^\infty(S^1, SO(3))$	H^{-1}	Heisenberg magnetic chain

Remark These are Hamiltonian systems on \mathfrak{g}^* with the quadratic Hamiltonian=kinetic energy for the Lie-Poisson bracket.

There are suitable functional-analytic settings of Sobolev (H^s for $s > 1 + n/2$) and tame Fréchet (C^∞) spaces.

Exterior geometry of $\text{Diff}_\mu(M) \subset \text{Diff}(M)$

$\text{Dens}(M)$ — the *space of smooth density functions* (“probability densities”) on M :

$$\text{Dens}(M) = \left\{ \rho \in C^\infty(M) \mid \rho > 0, \int_M \rho \mu = 1 \right\}.$$

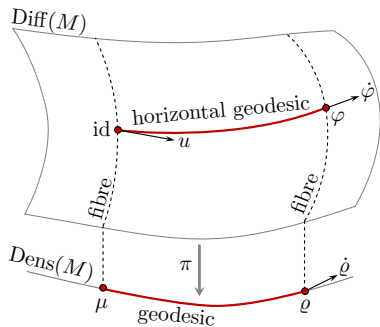
Note: $\text{Dens}(M) = \text{Diff}(M)/\text{Diff}_\mu(M)$,
the space of (left) cosets of $\text{Diff}_\mu(M)$,
with the projection
 $\pi: \text{Diff}(M) \rightarrow \text{Dens}(M)$.

For a density $\varrho := \rho \mu$ the fiber is
 $\pi^{-1}(\varrho) = \{ \varphi \in \text{Diff}(M) \mid \varphi_* \mu = \varrho \}$.

Define an L^2 -metric on $\text{Diff}(M)$ by

$$G_\varphi(\dot{\varphi}, \dot{\varphi}) = \int_M |\dot{\varphi}|_\varphi^2 \mu.$$

It is flat for a flat M .



The Euler geodesic property for a flat M

Let a flow $(t, x) \mapsto g(t, x)$ be defined by its velocity field $v(t, x)$:

$$\partial_t g(t, x) = v(t, g(t, x)), \quad g(0, x) = x.$$

The chain rule immediately gives the acceleration

$$\partial_{tt}^2 g(t, x) = (\partial_t v + \nabla_v v)(t, g(t, x)).$$

Geodesics on $\text{Diff}(M)$ are straight lines, $\partial_{tt}^2 g(t, x) = 0$, which is equivalent to the *Burgers equation*

$$\partial_t v + \nabla_v v = 0.$$

The Euler equation $\partial_t v + \nabla_v v = -\nabla p$ is equivalent to

$$\partial_{tt}^2 g(t, x) = -(\nabla p)(t, g(t, x)),$$

which means that the acceleration $\partial_{tt}^2 g \perp_{L^2} \text{Diff}_\mu(M)$.

Hence the flow $g(t, \cdot)$ is a geodesic on the submanifold $\text{Diff}_\mu(M) \subset \text{Diff}(M)$ for the L^2 -metric.

Kantorovich-Wasserstein L^2 -metric

Theorem (Otto 2000)

The left coset projection π is a Riemannian submersion with respect to the L^2 -metric on $\text{Diff}(M)$ and the Kantorovich-Wasserstein metric on $\text{Dens}(M)$.

Definition of the Kantorovich-Wasserstein L^2 -metric

The KW distance between $\mu, \nu \in \text{Dens}(M)$:

$$\text{Wass}^2(\mu, \nu) := \inf \left\{ \int_M \text{dist}_M^2(x, \varphi(x)) \mu \mid \varphi_* \mu = \nu \right\}.$$

The corresponding *Riemannian metric* on $\text{Dens}(M)$:

$$\bar{G}_\rho(\dot{\rho}, \dot{\rho}) = \int_M |\nabla \theta|^2 \rho \mu, \quad \text{for } \dot{\rho} + \text{div}(\rho \nabla \theta) = 0,$$

where $\dot{\rho} \in C_0^\infty(M)$ is a tangent vector to $\text{Dens}(M)$ at the point $\rho\mu$.

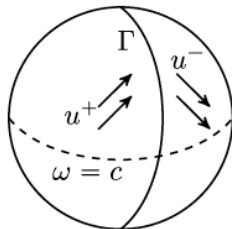
The motion of vortex sheets

Flows with **vortex sheets** have **jump discontinuities in the velocity** (the velocity tangential component jumps, while the normal component is continuous).

The Euler equations for a fluid flow discontinuous along a vortex sheet $\Gamma \subset M$ are

$$\begin{cases} \partial_t u^+ + \nabla_{u^+} u^+ = -\nabla p^+, \\ \partial_t u^- + \nabla_{u^-} u^- = -\nabla p^-, \\ \partial_t \Gamma = u_{normal} \end{cases}$$

where $u = \chi_\Gamma^+ u^+ + \chi_\Gamma^- u^-$ is the fluid velocity, $\operatorname{div} u^\pm = 0$, u_{normal} is the normal to Γ component of u , while the pressure p satisfies $p^+|_\Gamma = p^-|_\Gamma$.



Vortex sheets as geodesics

Consider the space $VS(M)$ of vortex sheets (of a given topological type) in M , i.e. the space of hypersurfaces which bound fixed volume in M . Define the following (weak) metric on $VS(M)$. A tangent vector to a point $\Gamma \in VS(M)$ can be regarded as a vector field v attached at the vortex sheet $\Gamma \subset M$ and normal to it. Then its square length is set to be

$$\langle\langle v, v \rangle\rangle_{vs} := \inf \{ \langle u, u \rangle_{L^2(M)} \mid \operatorname{div} u = 0 \text{ and } (u, \nu) \nu = v \text{ on } \Gamma \}$$

where $\langle u, u \rangle_{L^2} := \int_M (u, u) \mu$ is the squared L^2 -norm of a vector field u on M , and ν is the unit normal field to Γ .

Theorem (Loeschcke-Otto 2012)

Geodesics with respect to the metric $\langle\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle\rangle_{vs}$ on the space $VS(M)$ describe the motion of vortex sheets in an incompressible flow which is globally potential outside of the vortex sheet (i.e. $u^\pm = \nabla f^\pm$).

Question: How to unify Arnold's and Loeschcke-Otto's geodesic approaches?

Note: The metric $\langle\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle\rangle_{vs}$ makes $VS(M)$ into an interesting shape space!

Heuristics for the space of vortex sheets

Look at the same submersion picture with the following replacements:
the projection

$$\text{Diff}(M) \rightarrow \text{Dens}(M), \quad \text{change to}$$

$$\text{Diff}_\mu(M) \rightarrow \text{VS}(M),$$

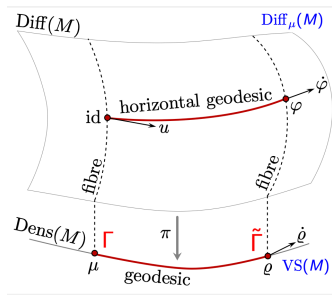
the fiber $\text{Diff}_\mu(M)$ change to $\text{Diff}_{\mu,\Gamma}(M) = \{\varphi \in \text{Diff}_\mu(M) \mid \varphi(\Gamma) = \Gamma\}$.

"Theorem": The projection $\pi : \text{Diff}_\mu(M) \rightarrow \text{VS}(M)$ is a Riemannian submersion of the L^2 -metric on $\text{Diff}(M)$ to the metric $\langle\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle\rangle_{\text{VS}}$ on $\text{VS}(M)$.

"Proof": This is the definition of $\langle\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle\rangle_{\text{VS}}$.

"Corollary": Arnold implies Loeschcke-Otto, as horizontal(=potential) geodesics project to geodesics on the base $\text{VS}(M)$.

Problem: Fibers are L^2 -dense in $\text{Diff}_\mu(M)$.



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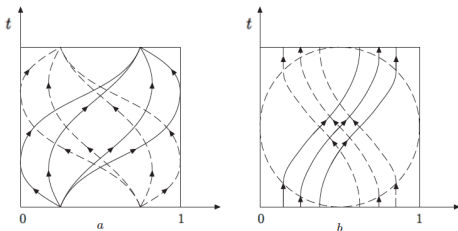
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From groups to groupoids...

Multiphase flows and generalized flows

A **multiphase fluid** consists of several (or continuum of) fractions that can freely penetrate through each other without resistance, but are constrained by the conservation of the total volume form.

Example: *homogenized vortex sheets or generalized flows* by Y.Brenier.



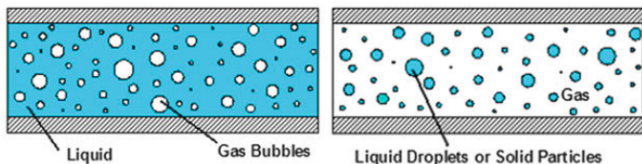
Trajectories of particles in one-dimensional generalized flows for
(a) **continuum of phases** for the flip of the interval $[0, 1]$ and
(b) **a two-phase flow** for the interval-exchange map $[0, 1/2] \leftrightarrow [1/2, 1]$.
While a shortest curve on $\text{Diff}_\mu(M)$ does not always exist
(A.Shnirelman), it does in the class of generalized flows (Y.Brenier).

The Euler equation for multiphase flows

Multiphase flows on a mfd M are governed by the following equations:

$$\begin{cases} \partial_t u_j + \nabla_{u_j} u_j = -\nabla p, \\ \partial_t \mu_j + \operatorname{div}(\mu_j u_j) = 0. \end{cases}$$

Here $\mu_1, \dots, \mu_n \in C^\infty(M)$ are mass densities of n phases of the fluid subject to the condition $\sum_{j=1}^n \mu_j = \operatorname{vol}_M$, the vector fields $u_1, \dots, u_n \in \operatorname{vect}(M)$ are the corresponding fluid velocities, and the pressure $p \in C^\infty(M)$ is common for all phases.



Dispersed two-phase flows: gas bubbles (or liquid droplets) dispersed in a liquid or solid particles or droplets dispersed in gas.

Lie groupoids for multiphase fluids

What is the group-type structure behind such fluids? This is the “multiphase groupoid” $G \rightrightarrows B$, a pair of sets with two maps to base B , called the source and target maps, and a partial operation $(g, h) \mapsto gh$ on G defined for all pairs $g, h \in G$ such that $\text{src}(g) = \text{trg}(h)$, satisfying certain properties. For multiphase fluids base $B = \text{MDens}(M)$ is

$$\text{MDens}(M) = \{ \bar{\mu} := (\mu_1, \dots, \mu_n) \mid \mu_i \in \text{Dens}(M), \mu_j > 0, \sum_j \mu_j = \text{vol}_M \},$$

with $\int_M \mu_j = c_j$ for some fixed constants $c_j \in \mathbb{R}$.

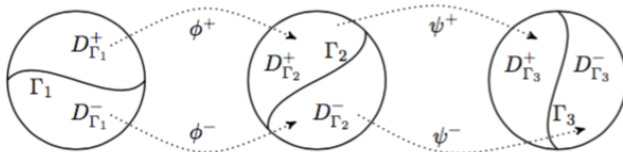
The Lie groupoid $G = \text{MDiff}(M)$ consists of n -tuples of diffeomorphisms of M preserving the incompressibility property of multiphase densities, i.e. the set of tuples $(\bar{\phi}; \bar{\mu}, \bar{\mu}') := (\phi_1, \dots, \phi_n; \mu_1, \dots, \mu_n, \mu'_1, \dots, \mu'_n)$ where $\bar{\phi}_* \bar{\mu} = \bar{\mu}'$ component-wisely.

The composition is given by composition of diffeomorphisms:

$$(\bar{\psi}; \bar{\mu}', \bar{\mu}'')(\bar{\phi}; \bar{\mu}, \bar{\mu}') := (\bar{\psi}\bar{\phi}; \bar{\mu}, \bar{\mu}'').$$

Example: Classical vortex sheets

Classical vortex sheets are a particular case of multiphase fluids where the **densities are indicator functions** of the connected components separated by a hypersurface in M . Then the multiphase Lie groupoid becomes the groupoid of volume-preserving diffeomorphisms of M discontinuous along a hypersurface. Its elements are quadruples $(\Gamma_1, \Gamma_2, \phi^+, \phi^-)$, where Γ_1, Γ_2 are hypersurfaces (vortex sheets) in M confining the same total volume, while $\phi^\pm: D_{\Gamma_1}^\pm \rightarrow D_{\Gamma_2}^\pm$ are volume preserving diffeomorphisms between connected components of $M \setminus \Gamma_i$. The multiplication of the quadruples is given by the natural composition of discontinuous diffeomorphisms:



Lie algebroid for multiphase fluids

What is the space of infinitesimal objects?

The corresponding **Lie algebroid** $M_{\text{vect}}(M)$ is the space of possible velocities of the multiphase fluid. It is a vector bundle over $MDens(M)$ where the fiber of $M_{\text{vect}}(M)$ over a multiphase density $\bar{\mu} \in MDens(M)$ is the space of **multiphase vector fields** on M “divergence-free” with respect to the multiphase volume form $\bar{\mu}$, i.e. vector fields of the form $\bar{u} := (u_1, \dots, u_n)$, where $u_i \in Vect(M)$ are such that $\sum_j \mathcal{L}_{u_j} \mu_j = 0$.

Example

- a) The case $n = 1$ gives an incompressible fluid in M .
- b) The case of indicator densities μ^\pm on D_Γ^\pm corresponds to classical vortex sheets. Note that the velocity fields on D_Γ^\pm have the same normal component on Γ (“impermeability” of Γ).

The multiphase Euler equation as a geodesic flow

Theorem (A.Izosimov-B.K.)

The Euler equations

$$\begin{cases} \partial_t u_j + \nabla_{u_j} u_j = -\nabla p, \\ \partial_t \mu_j + \operatorname{div}(\mu_j u_j) = 0. \end{cases}$$

for a multiphase fluid flow are *groupoid Euler-Arnold equations corresponding to the L^2 -metric on the algebroid $M\operatorname{Vect}(M)$* .

Equivalently, these Euler equations are a geodesic equation for the right-invariant L^2 -metric on (source fibers of) the Lie groupoid $M\operatorname{Diff}(M)$ of multiphase volume-preserving diffeomorphisms.

For the case of a flat space M the geodesic nature of homogenized vortex sheets was established by C.Loeschcke (2012).

The standard Euler hydrodynamical is a particular case of the above equations with only one phase, $n = 1$.

Hamiltonian framework and continuum of phases

Furthermore, these equations allow a Hamiltonian framework, an analogue of the Hamiltonian property of the Euler-Arnold equation on the dual to a Lie algebra with respect to the Lie-Poisson structure:

Theorem

The Euler equations for a multiphase flow written on the dual $M\text{Vect}(M)^$ of the algebroid are **Hamiltonian with respect to the natural Poisson structure on the dual algebroid** and the Hamiltonian function given by the L^2 kinetic energy.*

Generalized flows

The above extends *mutatis mutandis* to a “continuous” index i , i.e. to multiphase flows where phases (fractions of the fluid) are enumerated by a continuous parameter $a \in A$ in a measure space A . This provides the geodesic and Hamiltonian frameworks for generalized flows of Y.Brenier. Generalized flows satisfy equations

$$\begin{cases} \partial_t(\mu_a u_a) + \operatorname{div}(\mu_a u_a \otimes u_a) + \mu_a \nabla p = 0, \\ \partial_t \mu_a + \operatorname{div}(\mu_a u_a) = 0, \end{cases}$$

on the fraction velocities $u_a \in \operatorname{Vect}(M)$, along with the constraint $\int_A \mu_a da = 1$ on the fraction densities $\mu_a \in C^\infty(M)$. The pressure function $p \in C^\infty(M)$ is common for all fractions.

Remark. An equivalent form is $\partial_t u_a + \nabla_{u_a} u_a = -\nabla p$, while condition $\operatorname{div}(\int_A \mu_a u_a da) = 0$ is an analog of $\operatorname{div} u = 0$ for the classical Euler equation.

Multiphase Hodge decomposition

Given a multiphase density $\bar{\mu} = (\mu_1, \dots, \mu_n)$ we introduce the (weighted) L^2 inner product: on a Riemannian M :

$$\langle \bar{u}, \bar{u} \rangle_{\bar{\mu}} := \int_M \sum_i (u_i, u_i) \mu_i.$$

Recall that the multifield $\bar{u} = (u_1, \dots, u_n)$ is $\bar{\mu}$ -div-free if $L_{\bar{u}}\bar{\mu} = 0$.

Theorem

There is a generalized Hodge decomposition: given a multi-density $\bar{\mu}$, any multiphase vector field \bar{v} admits a unique L^2 -orthogonal decomposition $\bar{v} = \bar{u} \oplus_{L^2} \bar{\nabla} f$, where $f \in C^\infty(M)$, $\bar{\nabla} f := (\nabla f, \dots, \nabla f)$, and \bar{u} is $\bar{\mu}$ -div-free.

Proof. Find f as a solution of the Poisson equation $\Delta_{\bar{\mu}} f = \operatorname{div}_{\bar{\mu}} \bar{v}$ (i.e. $\sum_i \operatorname{div}_{\mu_i} \nabla f = \sum_i \operatorname{div}_{\mu_i} v_i$). Then $\bar{u} := \bar{v} - \bar{\nabla} f$ is $\bar{\mu}$ -div-free and $\bar{\nabla} f \perp_{L^2} \bar{u}$, since $\langle \bar{\nabla} f, \bar{u} \rangle_{\bar{\mu}} = \int_M \sum_i (\nabla f, u_i) \mu_i = \int_M \sum_i f (\operatorname{div}_{\mu_i} u_i) \mu_i = \int_M f L_{\bar{u}} \bar{\mu} = 0$.

Computation of geodesics

Adapt the above computation above to multiphase fluids. Let a multi-flow $(t, x_i) \mapsto g_i(t, x_i)$ be defined by its velocity field $v_i(t, x_i)$:

$$\partial_t g_i(t, x_i) = v_i(t, g_i(t, x_i)), \quad g_i(0, x_i) = x_i.$$

The same chain rule gives the acceleration

$$\partial_{tt}^2 \bar{g}(t, \bar{x}) = (\partial_t \bar{v} + \nabla_{\bar{v}} \bar{v})(t, \bar{g}(t, \bar{x})).$$

Again, the geodesics on $\text{Diff}^{\times n}(M)$ are straight lines, and $\partial_{tt}^2 \bar{g}(t, \bar{x}) = 0$ is equivalent to the multi-Burgers equation $\partial_t \bar{v} + \nabla_{\bar{v}} \bar{v} = 0$.

Now the multi-phase Euler equation $\partial_t \bar{v} + \nabla_{\bar{v}} \bar{v} = -\bar{\nabla} \rho$ is equivalent to

$$\partial_{tt}^2 \bar{g}(t, \bar{x}) = -(\bar{\nabla} \rho)(t, \bar{g}(t, \bar{x})),$$

or the orthogonality of the acceleration $\partial_{tt}^2 \bar{g} \perp_{L^2} \text{MDiff}_{\bar{\mu}}(M)$ in the multiphase Hodge decomposition. Hence the flow $\bar{g}(t, \cdot)$ is a geodesic on the submanifold $\text{MDiff}_{\mu}(M) \subset \text{Diff}^{\times n}(M)$.

Vorticity metric on vortex sheets

Recall the metric on $\text{VS}(M)$. A tangent vector to a point $\Gamma \in \text{VS}(M)$ is a vector field v attached and normal to the vortex sheet $\Gamma \subset M$. Then

$$\langle\langle v, v \rangle\rangle_{\text{vs}} := \inf \left\{ \int_M (u, u) \mu \mid \operatorname{div} u = 0 \text{ and } (u, \nu) \nu = v \text{ on } \Gamma \right\}$$

where u is a vector field on M , and ν is the unit normal field to Γ .

Theorem

Consider the vortex sheet algebroid $\text{DVect}(M) \rightarrow \text{VS}(M)$, equipped with the L^2 -metric. Then vortex sheets in potential flows evolve along geodesics of a metric $\langle\langle v, v \rangle\rangle_{\text{vs}}$ on $\text{VS}(M)$ obtained as the projection of the L^2 -metric on the algebroid $\text{DVect}(M)$ to the base $\text{VS}(M)$, the shape space of diffeomorphic hypersurfaces bounding the same volume.

Explicitly, since the infimum of $\int_M (u, u) \mu$ is attained on gradient vector fields $u^\pm = \nabla f^\pm, \dots$

The vorticity metric explicitly is ...

Corollary

The *vorticity metric* $\langle\langle v, v \rangle\rangle_{\text{vs}}$ on $\text{VS}(M)$ has the following explicit expression via the solution of the Neumann problem:

$$\langle\langle v, v \rangle\rangle_{\text{vs}} = \int_{D_r^+} (\nabla f^+, \nabla f^+) \mu + \int_{D_r^-} (\nabla f^-, \nabla f^-) \mu,$$

where $\Delta f^\pm = 0$ in D_r^\pm and the normal component of ∇f^\pm at Γ is v .
Equivalently,

$$\langle\langle v, v \rangle\rangle_{\text{vs}} = \langle (N_t D^+ + N_t D^-) v, v \rangle_{L^2(\Gamma)},$$

where $N_t D^\pm$ are the Neumann-to-Dirichlet operators on the domains D_r^\pm .

Properties of the vorticity metric

Remark 1. This vorticity metric $\langle\langle v, v \rangle\rangle_{\text{vs}}$ is non-local in terms of v and it is $H^{-1/2}$ -like (and unlike various H^s -types with $s \geq 0$).

Indeed, the reconstruction of a harmonic potential from the normal derivative data requires an integration of the fundamental solution in M against the boundary data over Γ , hence nonlocality. The Neumann-to-Dirichlet operators NtD^\pm have order -1 as pseudo-differential operators on the boundary Γ , hence the metric $\langle\langle v, v \rangle\rangle_{\text{vs}}$ is $H^{-1/2}$ -like. A simpler version is $\langle\langle v, v \rangle\rangle'_{\text{vs}} := \langle \text{NtD}^+ v, v \rangle_{L^2(\Gamma)}$.

Remark 2. Regarding shapes $\Gamma = \partial D_\Gamma$ as measures μ_Γ supported on $D_\Gamma := D_\Gamma^+ \subset M$ one can define the Wasserstein distance between the shapes. Then

$$\text{Wass}(\mu_\Gamma, \mu_{\tilde{\Gamma}}) \leq \text{Dist}_{\text{vs}}(\Gamma, \tilde{\Gamma}).$$

Indeed, in both cases one takes the L^2 -norm of the vector fields moving the shape/mass, but in the Wasserstein distance one minimizes over all, not necessarily volume-preserving, diffeomorphisms of M .

Open questions: Multiphase fluids and beyond

- 0) Study properties of this vorticity metric: curvatures, relation to instability of vortex sheets, relation to water waves, etc.
- 1) Describe the groupoid geometry of barotropic multiphase fluids.
- 2) Vector densities are usually described by an n -tuple of densities on which an n -tuple of diffeomorphisms acts, and there are coefficients for mass exchanges between the components. Is the groupoid framework a natural setting for optimal transport of vector densities?
- 3) Develop the H^1 geometry of multi-phase fluids or vector-valued information geometry.
- 4) Vector Madelung and multiphase fluids; their symplectic, Kähler, and momentum map properties in the groupoid setting.

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