

## Derivation of Bernoulli's Equation

We consider the energy contributions to a classical fluid by its kinetic energy, gravitational potential energy, and the pressure, where  $m = \rho V$ :

$$\begin{aligned} E &= E_{\text{kinetic}} + E_{\text{potential}} + E_{\text{pressure}} \\ &= \frac{1}{2}mv^2 + mgy + PV \\ &= \frac{1}{2}\rho Vv^2 + \rho Vgy + PV \\ &= V \left[ \frac{1}{2}\rho v^2 + \rho gy + P \right] \end{aligned}$$

Now we assert that for a section of pipe:

$$E_{\text{in}} = E_{\text{out}}$$

Therefore, dividing out  $V$ , assuming  $m_{\text{in}} = m_{\text{out}}$  and that the fluid is incompressible ( $\rho$  is constant):

$$\frac{1}{2}\rho v_{\text{in}}^2 + \rho gy_{\text{in}} + P_{\text{in}} = \frac{1}{2}\rho v_{\text{out}}^2 + \rho gy_{\text{out}} + P_{\text{out}}$$