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Periodic Forcing of a Turbulent Axisymmetric Wake



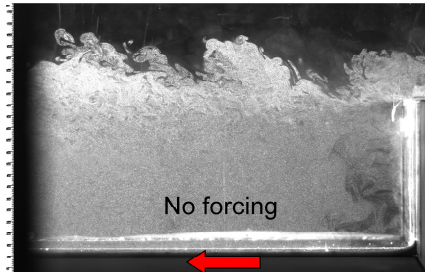
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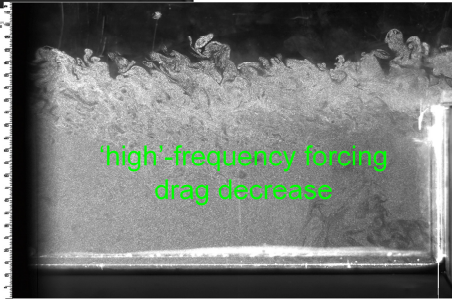
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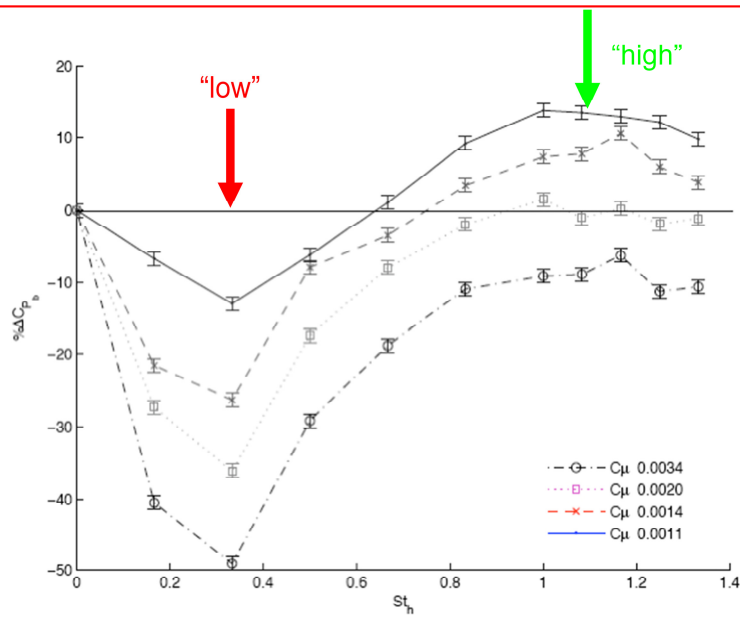
Backward-facing step: two-dimensional separation



- Direct-wake control
- Turbulent separation
- Periodic jet blowing
- “massless” jet
- Change in base pressure



Backward-facing step: change in base pressure



Initial Observations

- Plane mixing layer difficult to control
 - ▶ growth rate dominated by turbulence (unlike jet)
 - ▶ receptivity arguments require the superimposing of a fixed f , λ and φ but it is hard to see how these conditions can be met
- Here flow has both convective and absolute instability
- Globally unstable – natural feedback, upstream convection, pressure fluctuations
- Why is this flow controllable?

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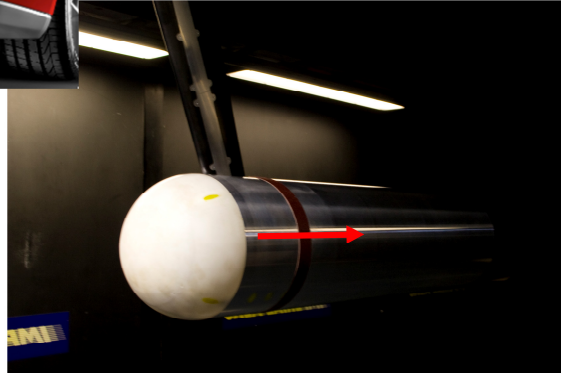
Synopsis

- Effects of variable-frequency forcing
- Relation to linear theory
- Effects of three-dimensional forcing
- Relation between instability mechanisms
- Future work:
 1. Open-loop control
 2. Feedback control

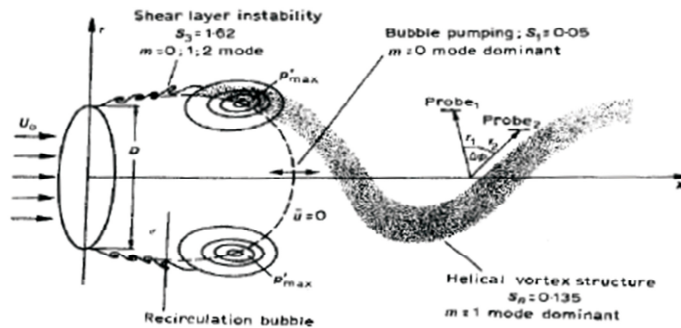
From fast cars...



To a representative shape...



Axisymmetric separation



Berger *et al.* 1990

Azimuthal Decomposition into
Fourier Modes:

- Shear Layer Instability: dominant mode shape axisymmetric, dominates near-wake
- Helical Instability: antisymmetric, forms past rear stagnation point
- Low-frequency “pumping mode”: varicose/axisymmetric

Berger *et al.*:

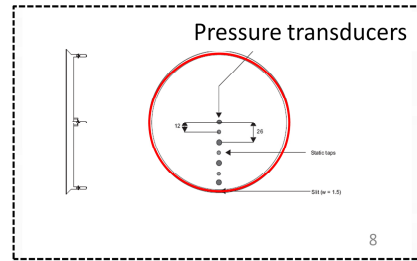
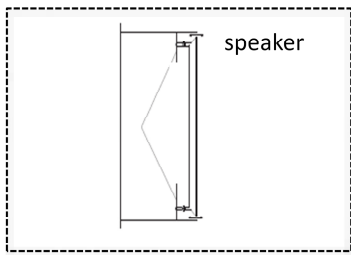
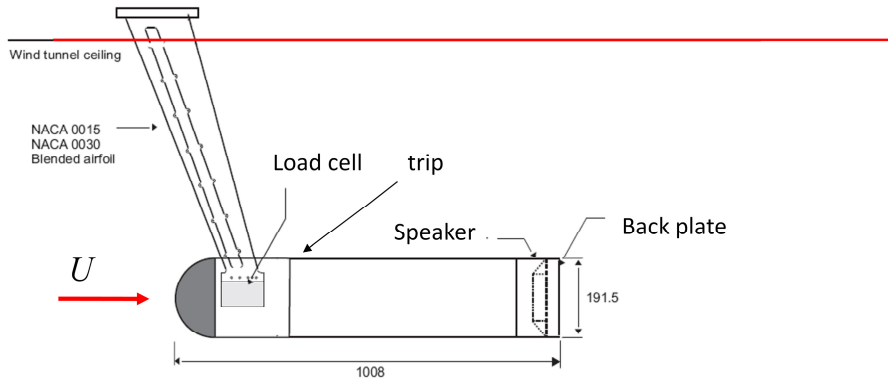
Forced disk in nutation: lock on to helical instability

- pumping mode not affected
- shear layer mode not affected, not investigated

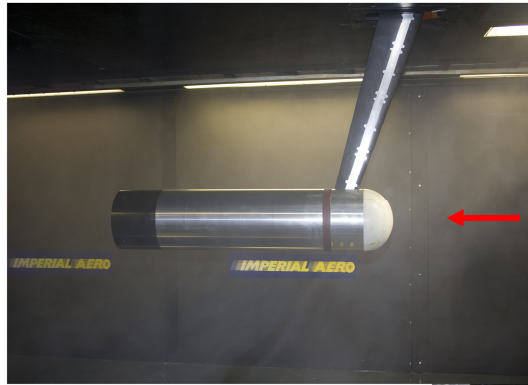
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Certainly many other works but this is a good summary

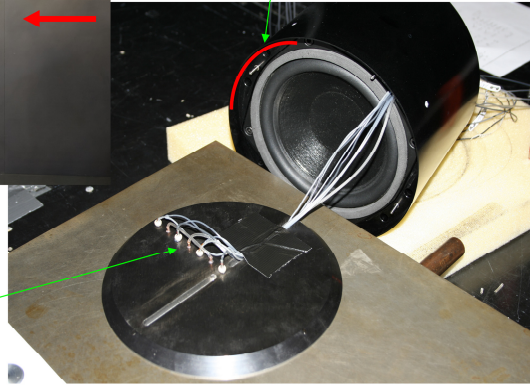
Experimental Setup



Separation from a sharp edge



1.5 mm slit around perimeter



$$Re_D = 1.9 \times 10^5$$

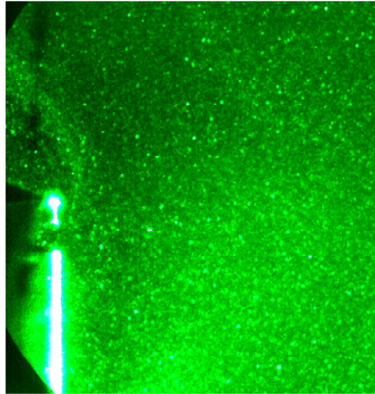
$$D = 0.19 \text{ m}$$

$$\delta/D = 0.11$$

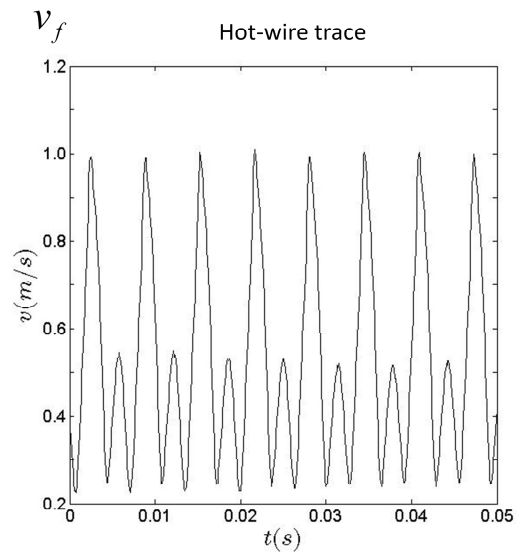
Pressure
transducers

Actuator – massless jet

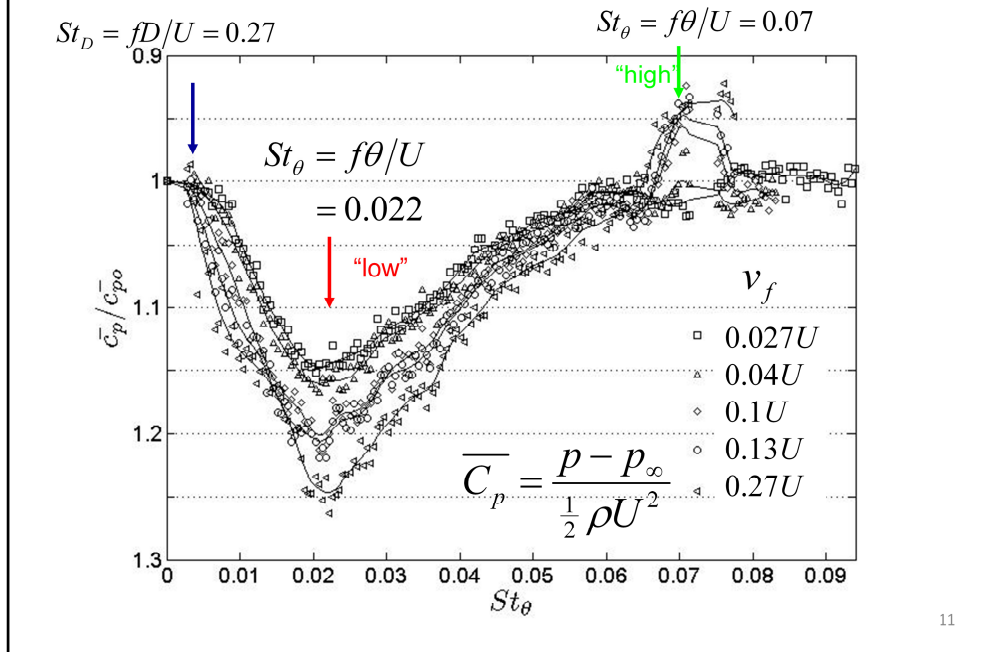
Quiescent:



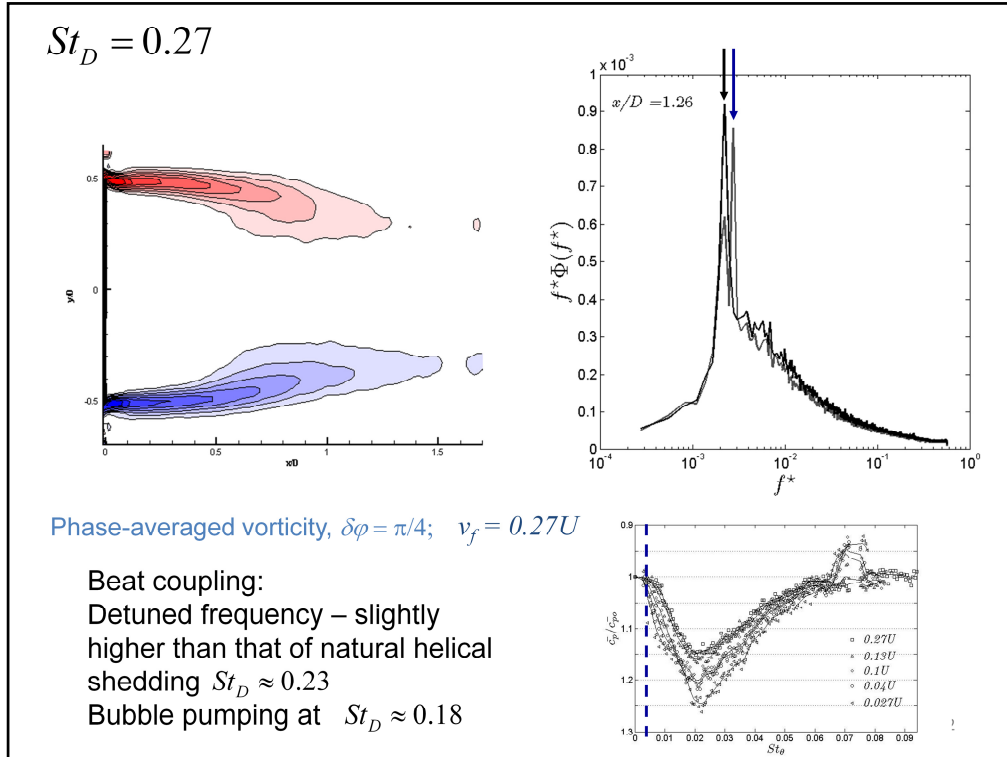
Time-Resolved Flow Vis:
260 Hz at $V_f = 0.27U$
Slit width = 1.5 mm



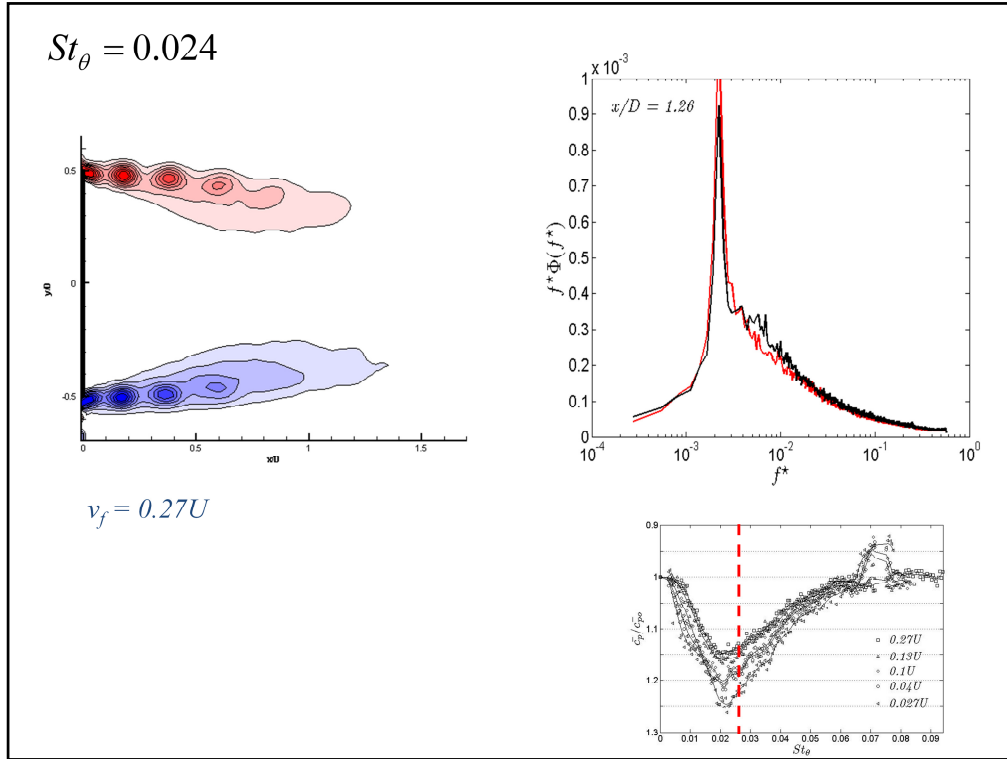
Performance Parameter: Base Pressure



Talk about susceptibility to amplitude
 First peak scales with the helix structures



Do not see helical peak at x/D less than 0.6 .

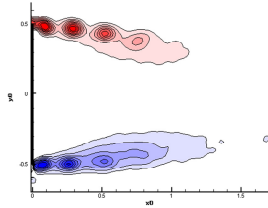
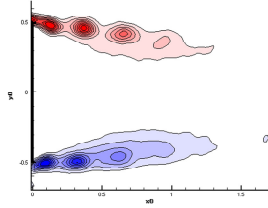


Helix not affected

Phase velocity $U_c = f\lambda$

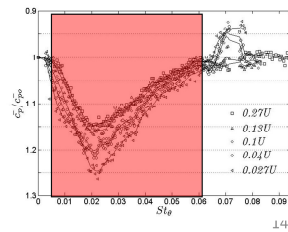
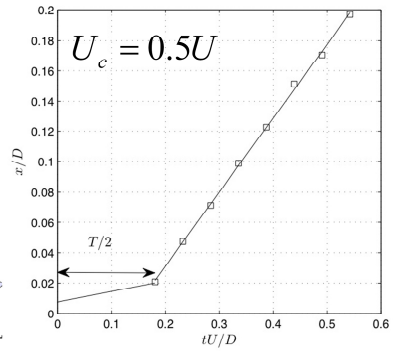
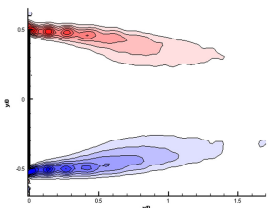
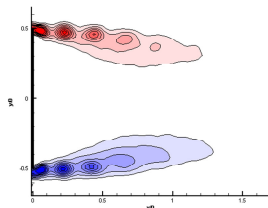
St 0.017

St 0.020

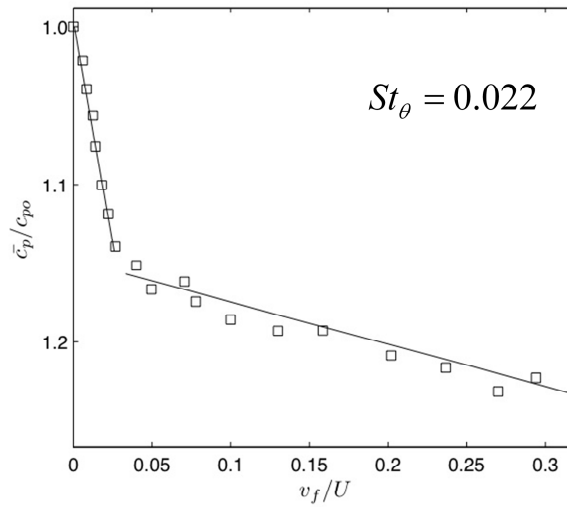


St 0.025

St 0.036

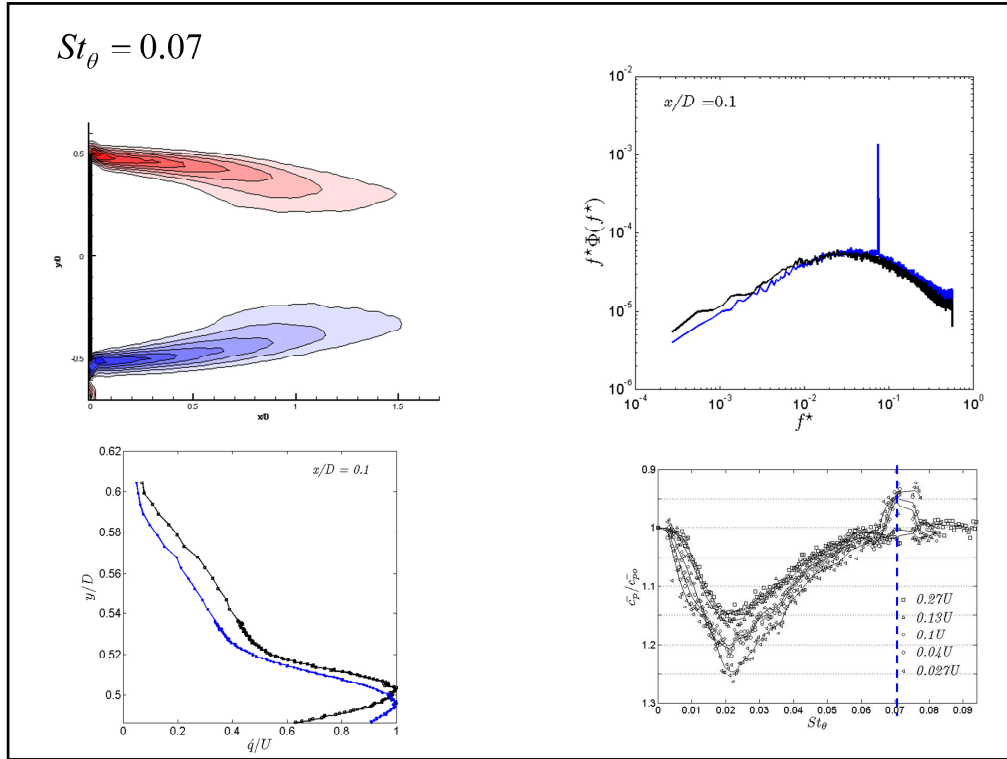


Change in base pressure with forcing amplitude



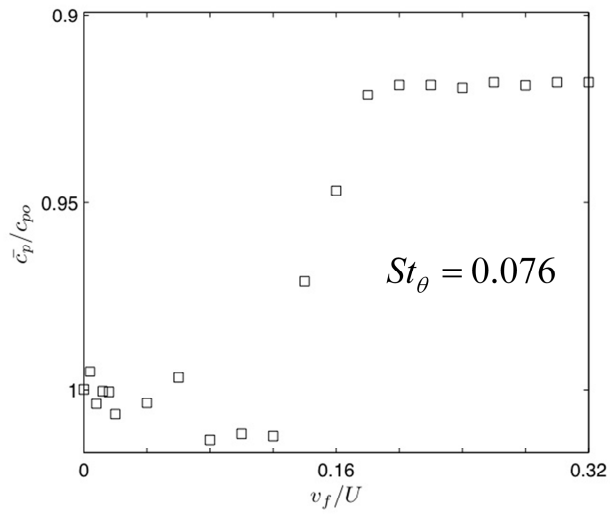
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Helix not affected



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Change in base pressure with forcing amplitude



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Conclusions

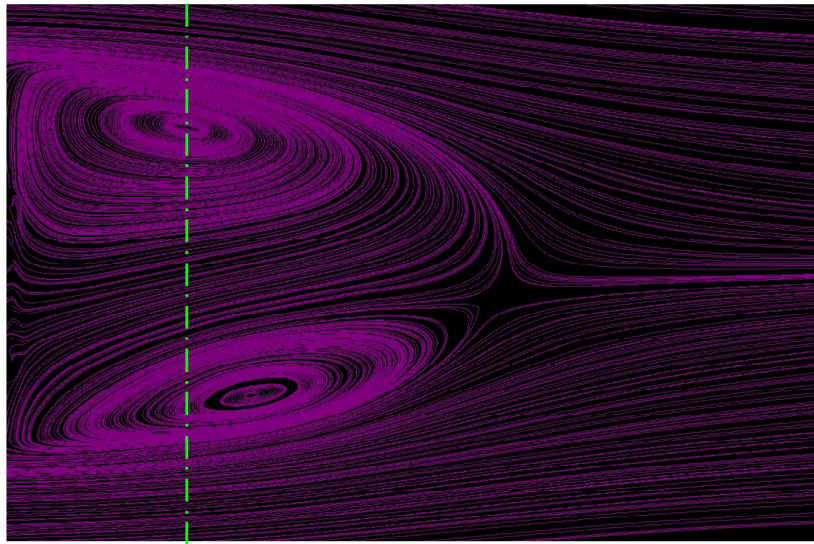
- First time shear layer mode of axisymmetric body investigated using symmetric forcing.
- Variable – frequency axisymmetric forcing shown to both reduce and increase base pressure.
- The momentum thickness at separation important length scale for axisymmetric body.
- Optimum frequency (shear layer mode) close to that predicted by linear stability analysis of laminar mixing layer (Ho & Huerre 1984) and very similar to prediction for turbulent base flow (Morris & Foss 2003) $St_\theta = 0.022$
- Helical mode not synchronized at forcing frequencies except $St_D=0.27$: “beat coupling” at boundaries of lock-in region. Helical shedding only forms downstream of the recirculation bubble.
- Increase in base pressure by forcing small scales of shear layer directly (e.g., Wiltse & Glezer 1998).

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Future Work

- Most receptive shear-layer frequency predicted by linear theory: suggests usefulness of linear feedback control.
- High-frequency forcing appears to be nonlinear: inhibits entrainment leading to base-pressure recovery – annular “virtual spoiler”.
- Low-frequency forcing: use as an “virtual air brake”.
- These results appear to be relevant to 2D planar geometry.
- Require two-dimensional or axisymmetric, annular jet: 3D-forcing does not reproduce base-pressure recovery.

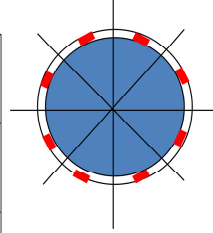
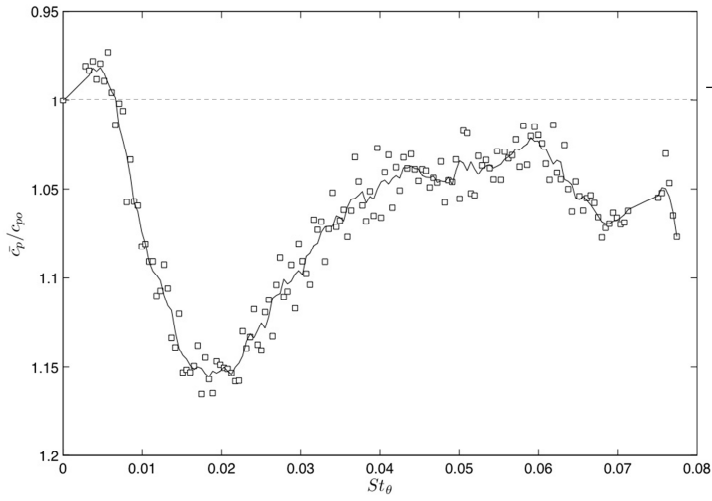
Aerodynamic Steering?



Asymmetry creates forces perpendicular to direction of travel

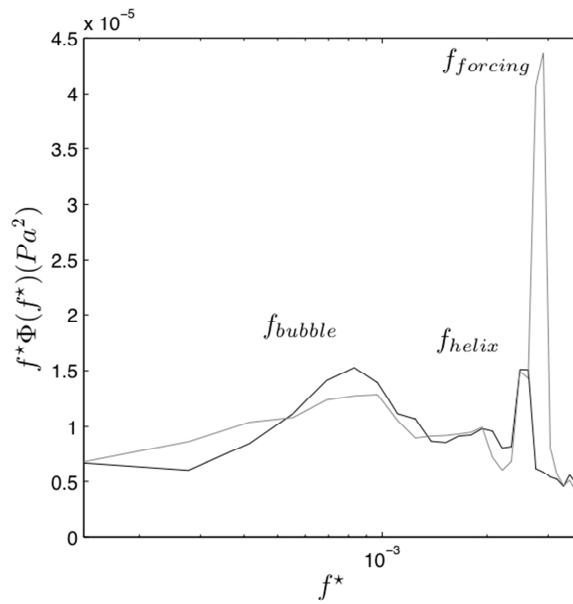
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3D Forcing



$$v_f/U = 0.27$$

VLF Base-pressure spectra

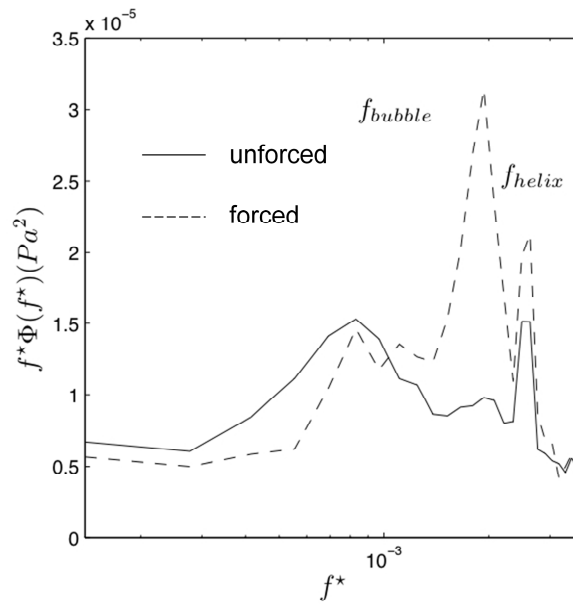


$$St_\theta = 0.003$$

$$v_f/U = 0.27$$

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LF Base-pressure spectra

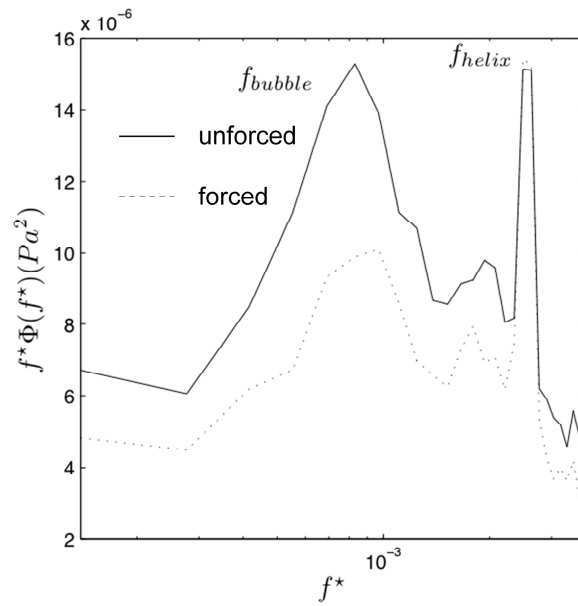


$$St_\theta = 0.025$$

$$v_f/U = 0.27$$

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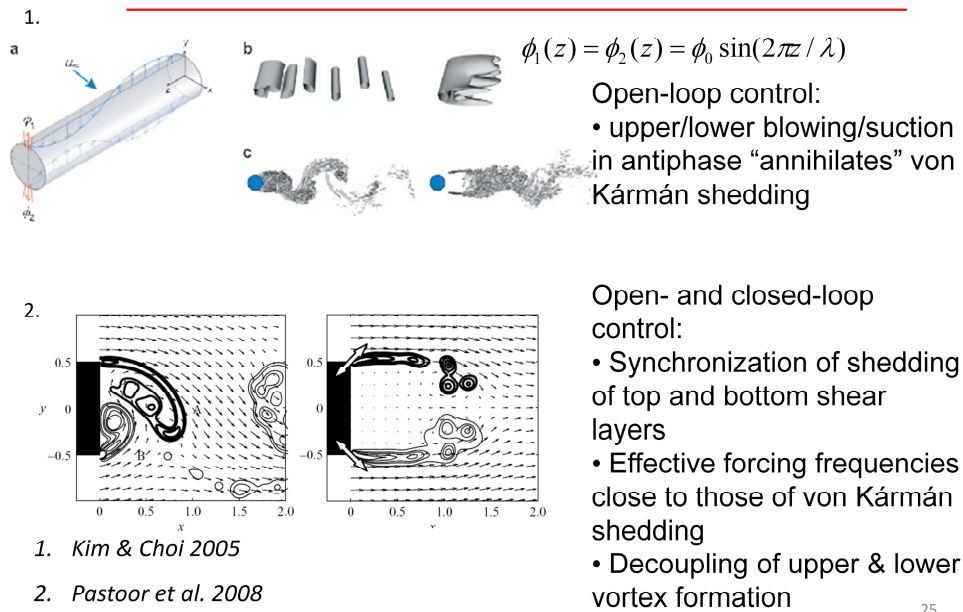
HF Base-pressure spectra



$St_\theta = 0.076$
 $v_f/U = 0.27$

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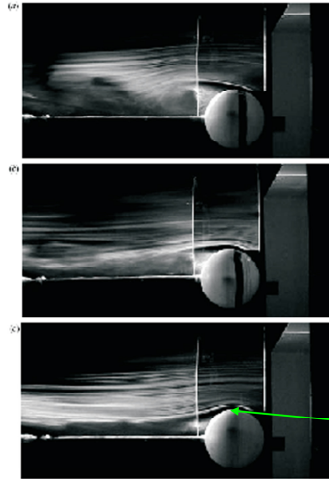
2D Bluff bodies: direct-wake control



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Mention the push to reduce drag talk about application reynolds number absolutely unstable, high frequency effective but not as efficient, different strategies

Axisymmetric bluff body: delay of separation



Basic

Drag Reduction Strategy:
Separation delay and
reattaching boundary layer.

Boundary layer instability
 $Re_D \leq 2 \times 10^5$

Basic+trip

Forced

High-frequency, time-periodic
blowing through axisymmetric
slit: $St_D = 4.95$

1. Jeon et al. 2004

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