

# ***Non-modal stability***

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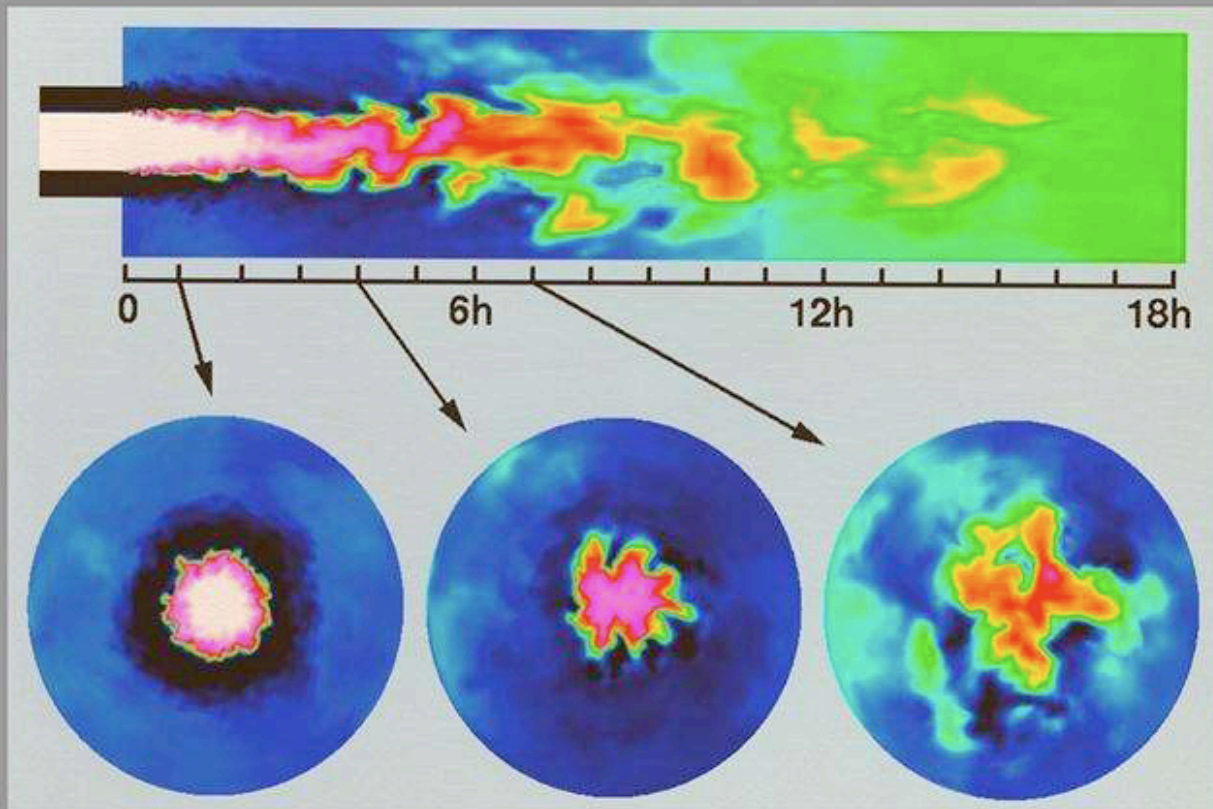
**FLOW**

# Outline

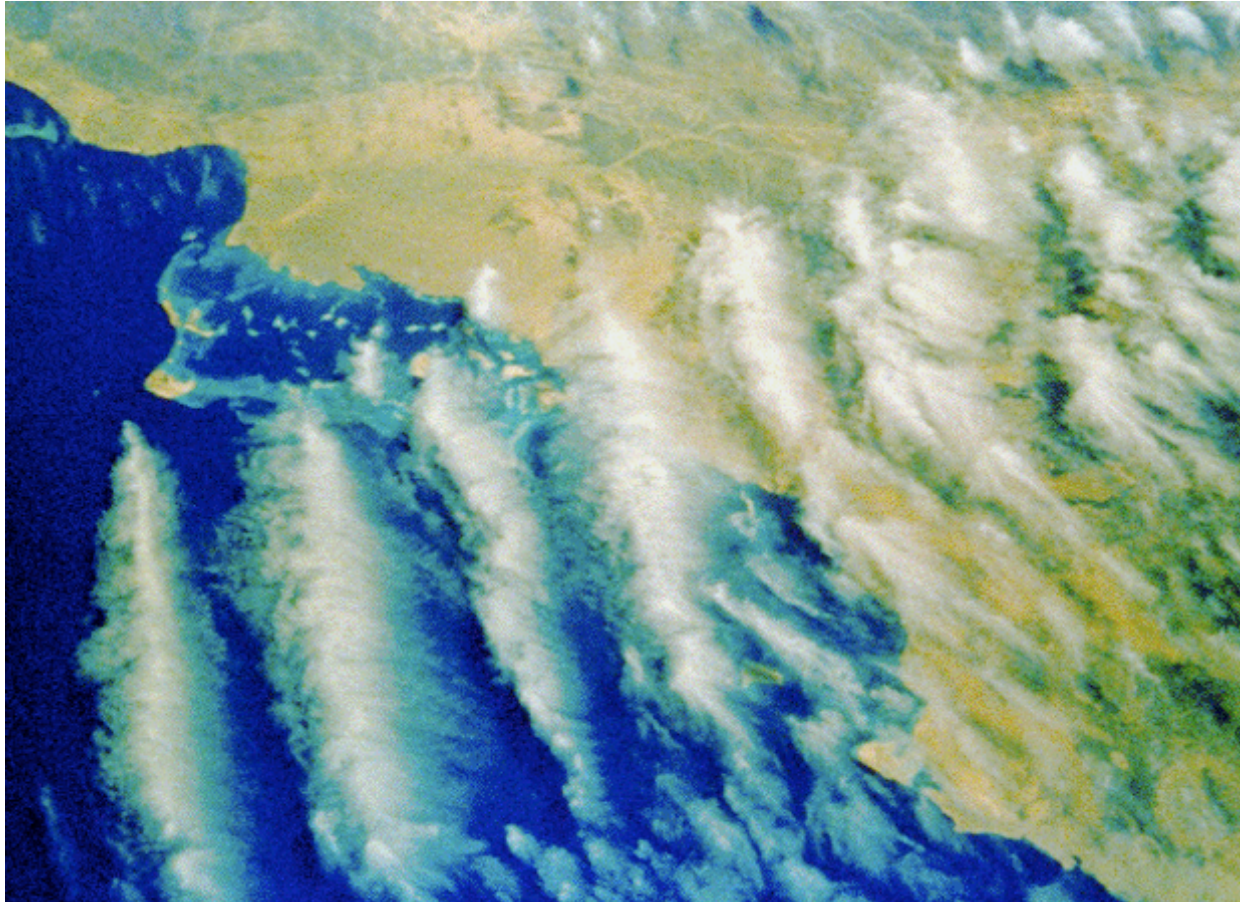
- **Stability of fluid systems**
  - modal limit
  - short time dynamics, matrix exponential
- **Receptivity**
  - resolvent norm
  - Resonance limit
  - Adjoint modes
- **Sensitivity**
  - Structural sensitivity
  - Base-flow sensitivity



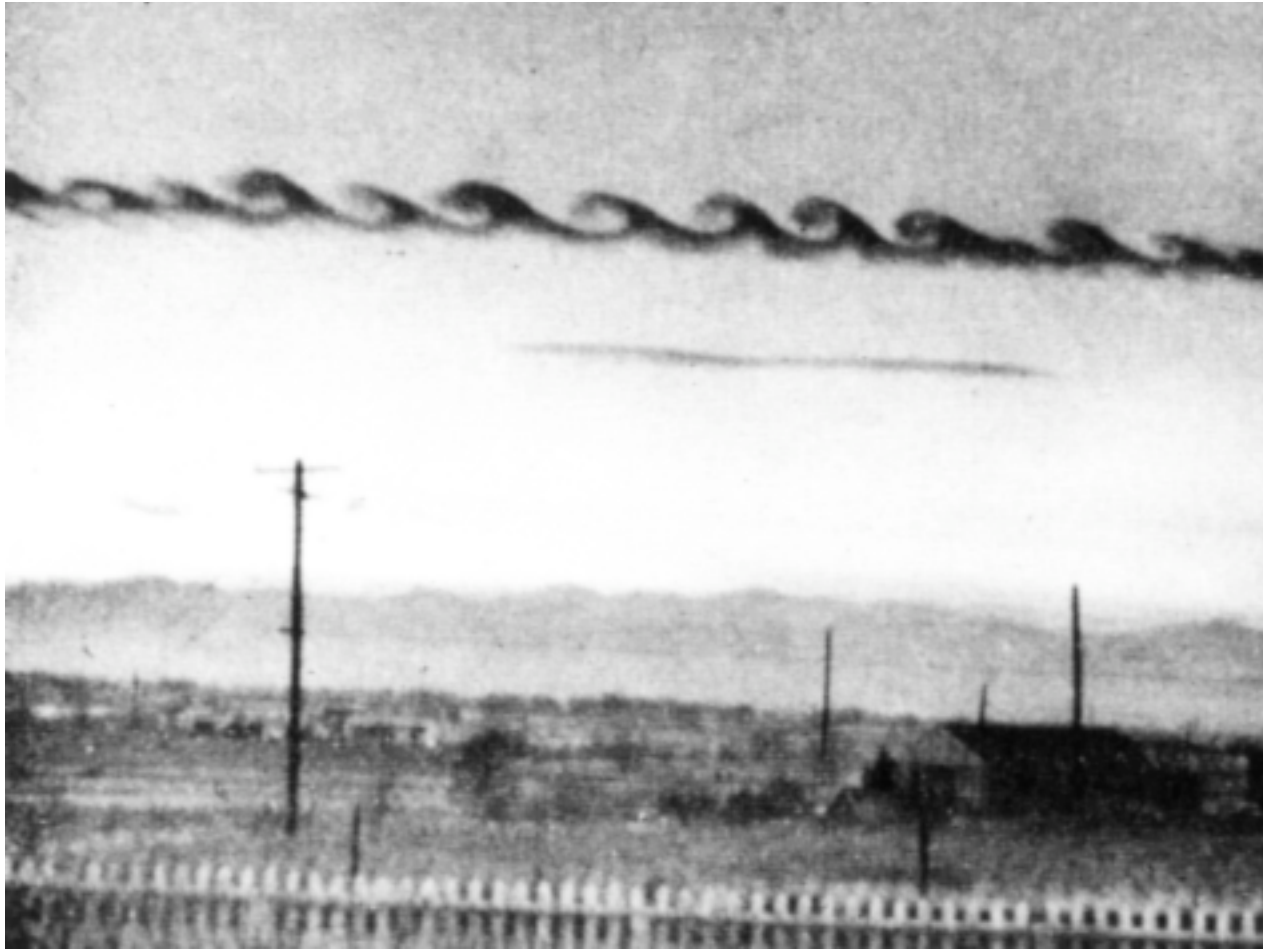
an example of instability and transition that is going to disappear...



Numerical simulation of a jet combustor: mixing of fuel and air  
(Stanford University/NASA Ames)

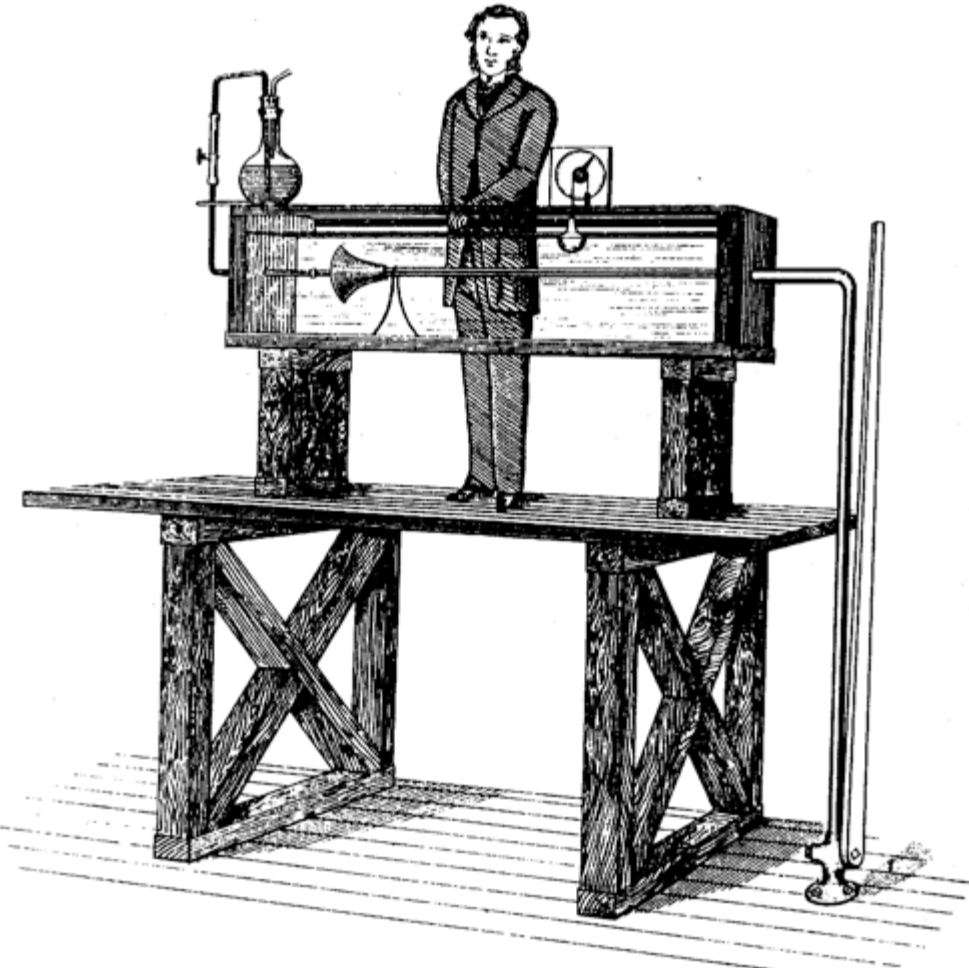


Cirrus clouds developing in a jet stream over Saudi Arabia and the Red Sea. The picture was taken from the Space Shuttle (NASA)



An example of Kelvin-Helmoltz shear instability

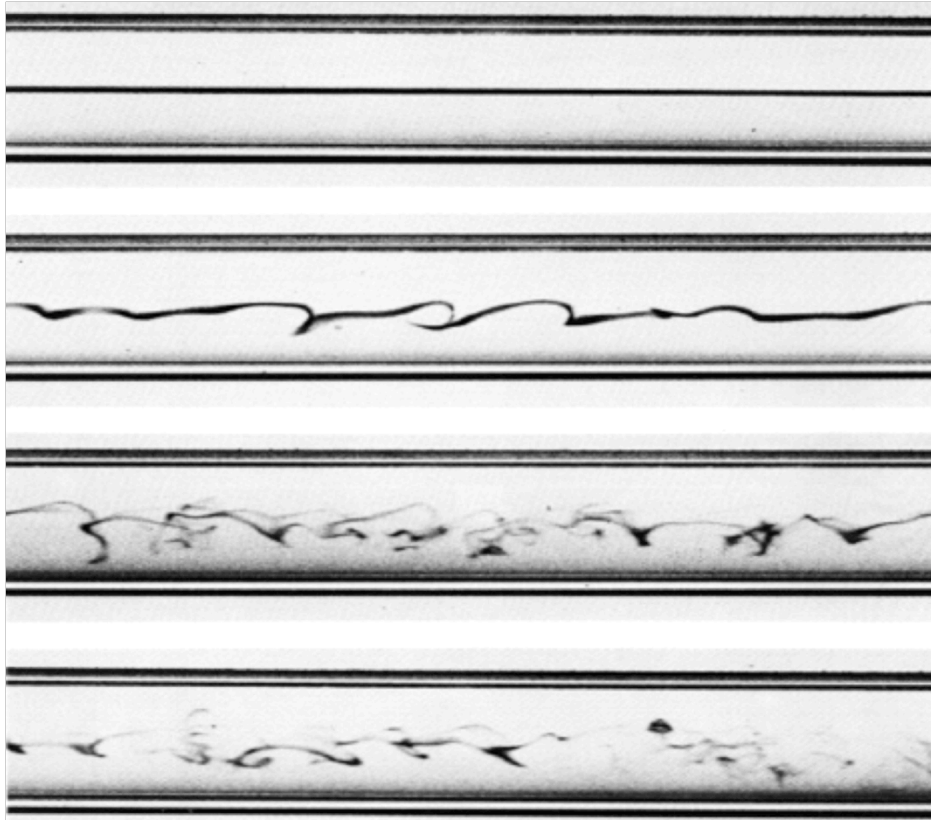
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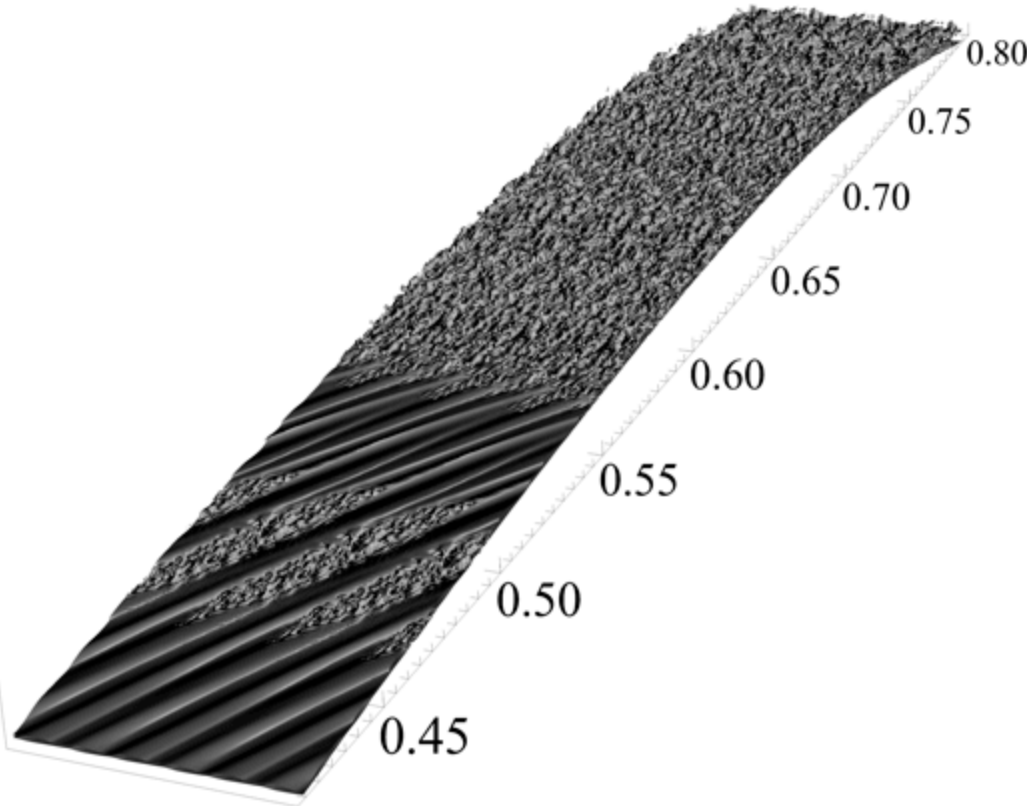


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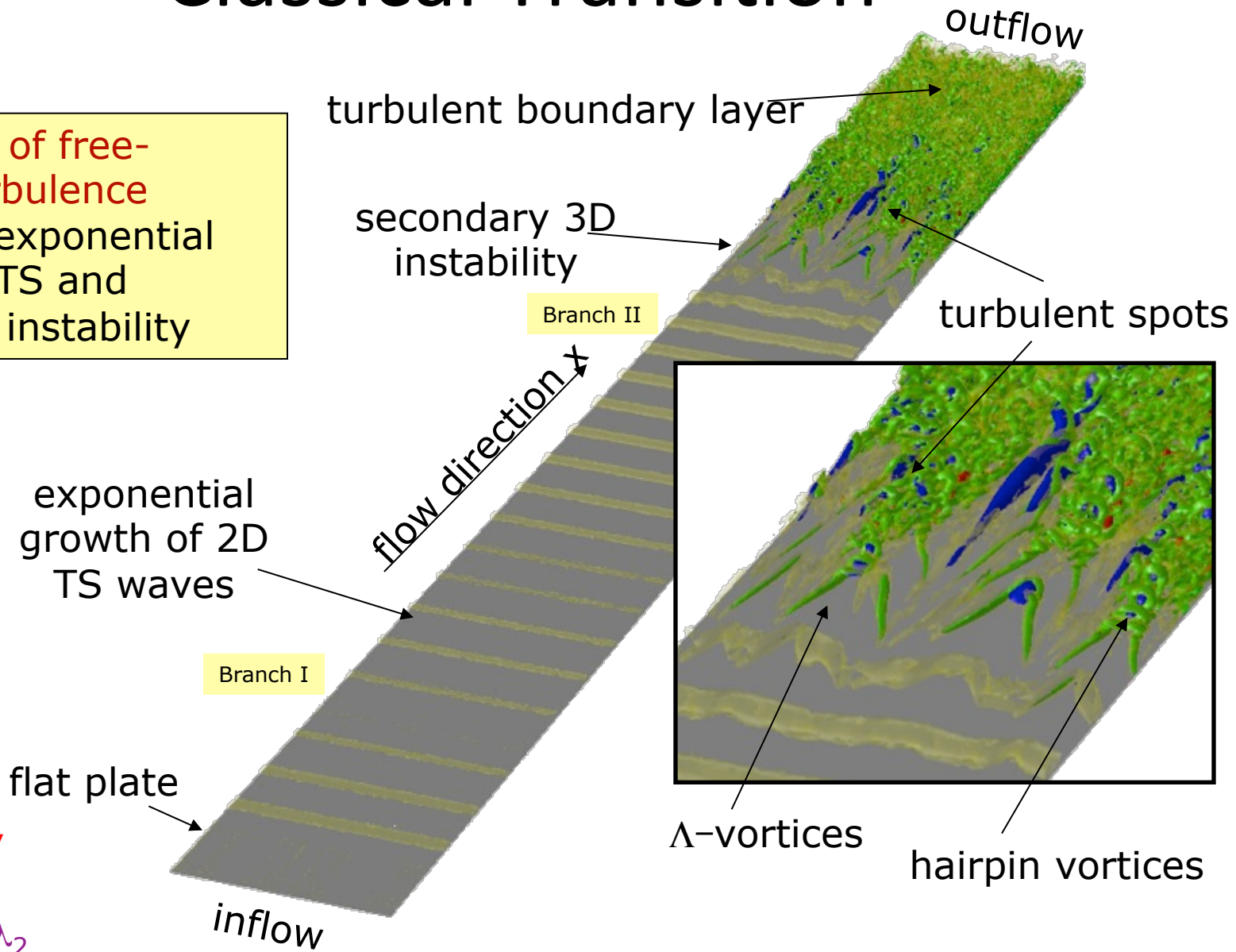
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Transition on a swept wing  
Simulations by Hosseini (2013)

# Classical Transition

Low levels of free-stream turbulence (<1%) → exponential growth of TS and secondary instability

high velocity  
low velocity  
contours of  $\lambda_2$



# Bypass Transition

High levels of free-stream turbulence (>1%) → exponential growth of TS waves is "bypassed"

(decaying) freestream turbulence

turbulent boundary layer

outflow

flow direction  $x$

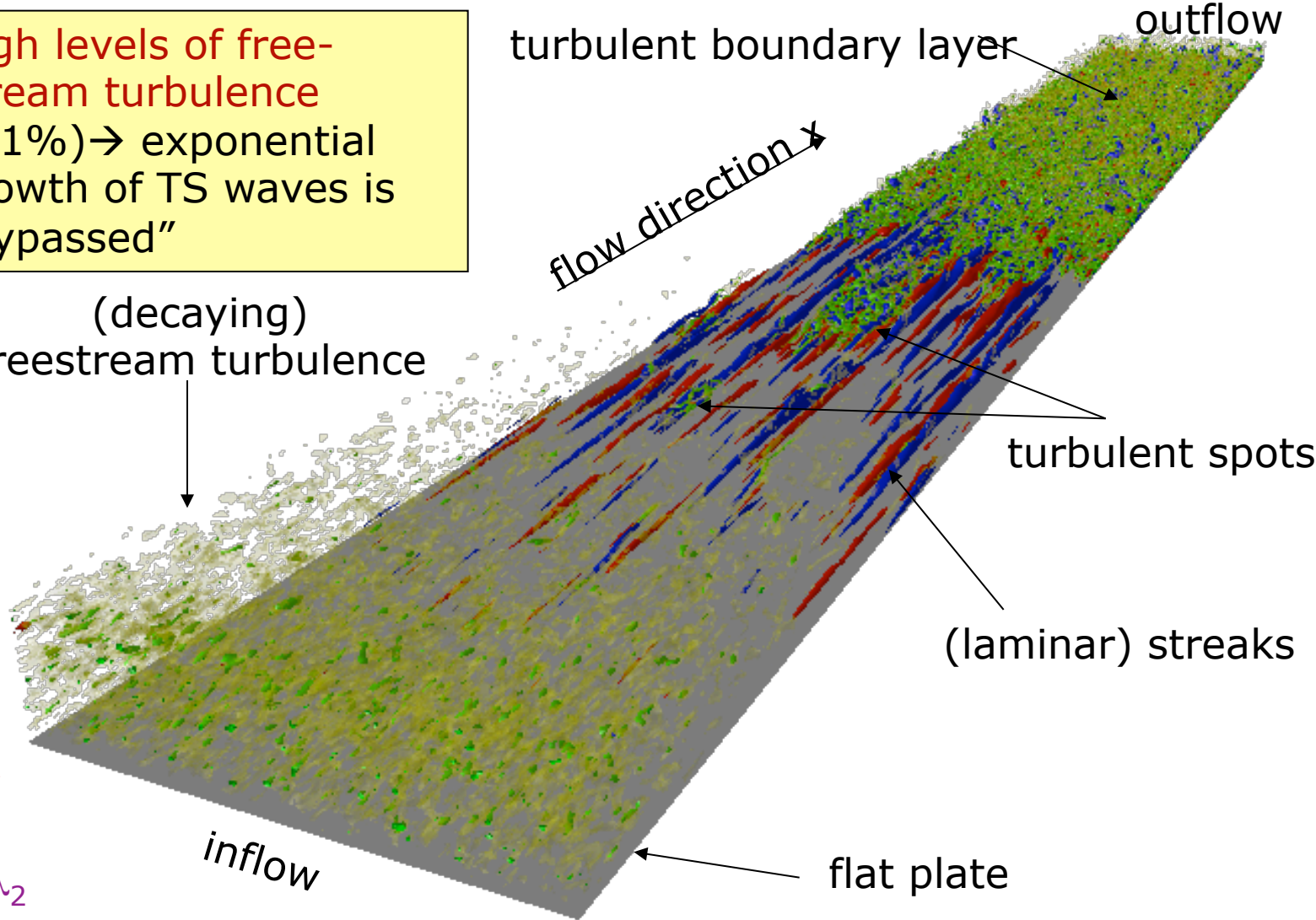
turbulent spots

(laminar) streaks

high velocity  
low velocity  
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inflow

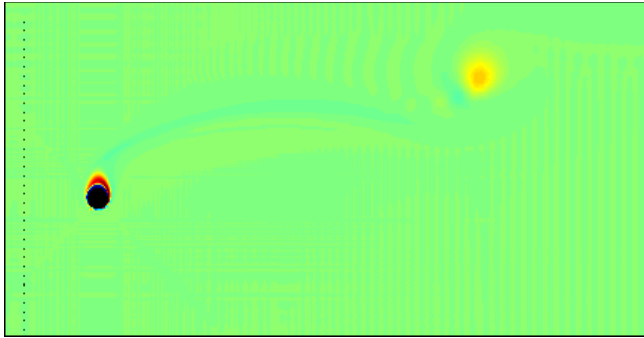
flat plate



# Oscillators vs. noise amplifiers

Open flows: global instability and transient growth

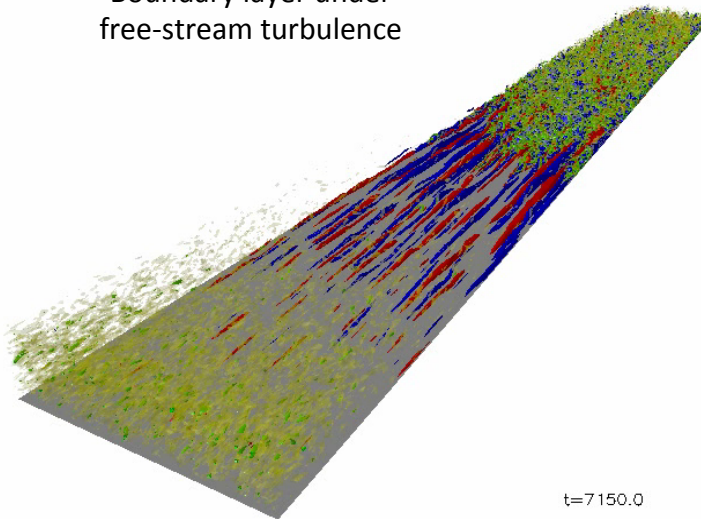
Rotating cylinder



*Hydrodynamic oscillators:*

Global instability  
Intrinsic frequency  
Local absolute instability (WKB)

Boundary layer under  
free-stream turbulence



*Noise amplifiers:*

Globally stable  
Broad-band frequency spectrum  
Local convective instability (WKB)

*Globally transient growth of perturbations!*

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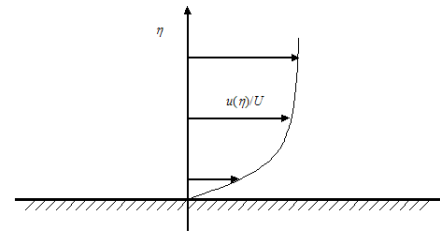
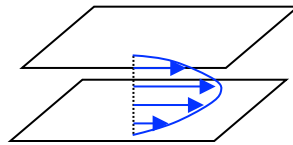
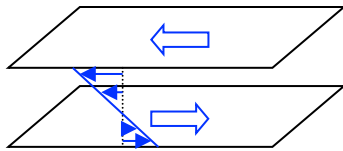
# Two concepts of stability

- Linear stability: we are interested in the **minimum** critical parameter above which a specific initial condition of **infinitesimal** amplitude grows **exponentially**
- Energy stability: we are interested in the **maximum** critical parameter below which a general initial condition of **finite** amplitude decays **monotonically**

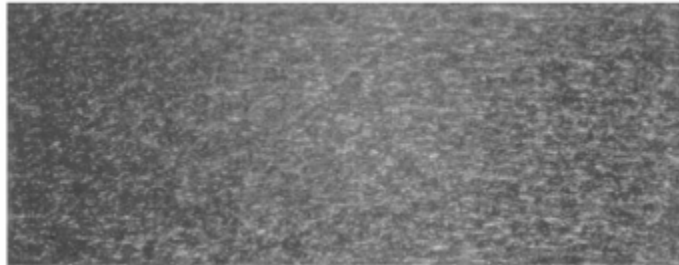
# Stability analysis

# Hydrodynamic stability

- Solutions of Navier-Stokes: Couette, Poiseuille, boundary layer, Jet...



- Can we observe them in the lab?



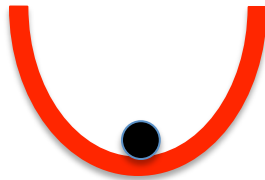
Couette flow,  $Re=400$



Boundary layer

**Turbulent chaotic motions**

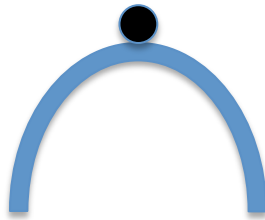
# Stability



Stable



Neutral



Unstable



Conditionally  
(nonlinearly) stable

**We will talk about linear stability mostly**



# Overview

- **Stability analysis**
  - Baseflow and disturbances
  - Linearised equations
  - Normal modes, waves
- **Thermal instability**
  - Benard's problem, natural convection
  - Analytical solution
- **Instability of shear flows (jet, wake, channel, boundary layers)**
  - Parallel flow assumption
  - Viscous and inviscid instability
  - Non-modal stability and transient growth
  - Sensitivity analysis
- **Laminar-turbulent transition**

# Stability analysis

1. Linear stability: steady base flow, solution of Navier-Stokes eqv.

$$\mathbf{U} = (U, V, W), \quad T = T(x_i)$$

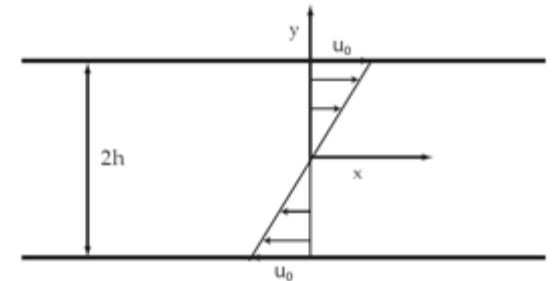
2. **Disturbances**  $u(x_i, t), \quad T'(x_i, t)$

3. **Derive** eqv for the disturbance evolution  $\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = F(u; \mathbf{U})$

4. Assume small amplitudes, **linear** eqv.  $\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = A(\mathbf{U})u$

5. Assume  $u(x_i, t) = \tilde{u} e^{-i\omega t}$   
**eigenvalue problem**  $-i\omega\tilde{u} = A(\mathbf{U})\tilde{u}$

# Linear stability: normal modes



- Homogeneous base flow in  $x$  och  $z$   $\mathbf{U} = (U(y), 0, 0)$ ,  $T = T(y)$
- Perturbations  $u(x_i, t) = \hat{u}(y)e^{ikx+imz-i\omega t}$

$$\omega = \omega_r + i\omega_i$$

Complex frequency

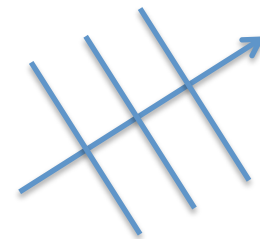
$$k$$

Wavenumber in  $x$ -direction

$$m$$

Wavenumber in  $z$ -direction

Wave-vector  $(k, m)$



$$\omega_i > 0$$

Unstable



$$\omega_i = 0$$

Neutral



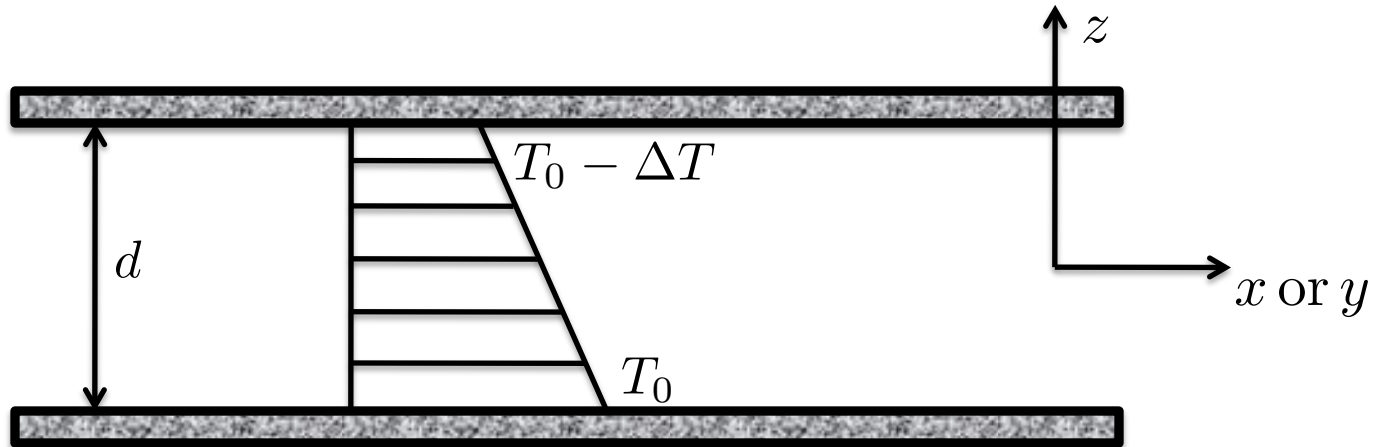
$$\omega_i < 0$$

Stable



# Thermal instability: Benard's problem

Success story of linear stability



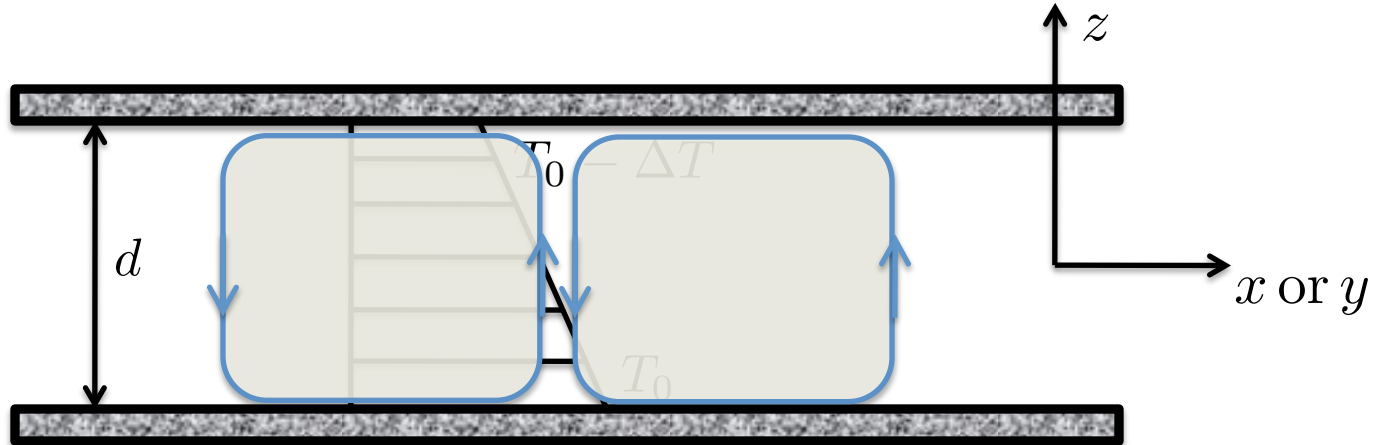
Steady solution with linear temperature profile and zero velocity

Warmer lighter particle below

Cold heavier particles above

# Termiskt instabilitet: Benards problem

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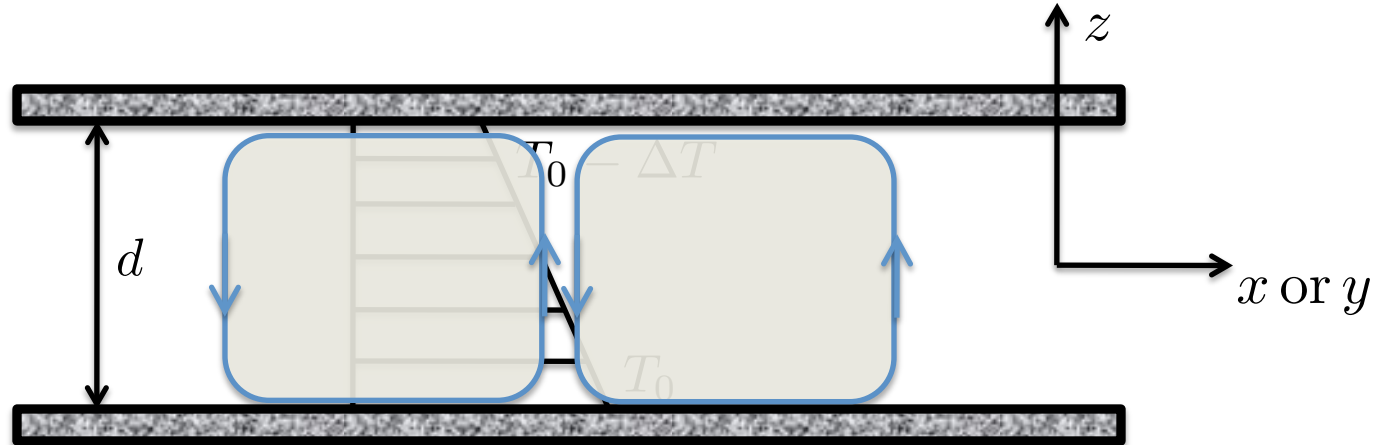


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Restoring force: viscous forces and thermal diffusion

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Rayleigh's number

$$Ra = \frac{g\alpha\Gamma d^4}{\kappa\nu}$$

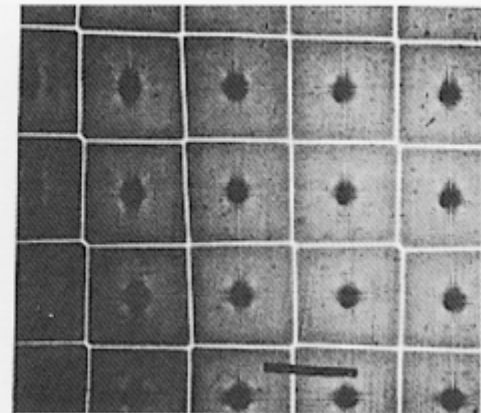
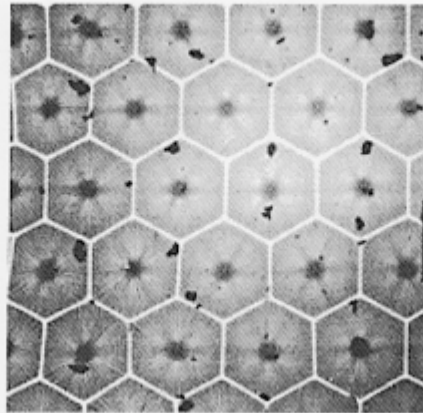
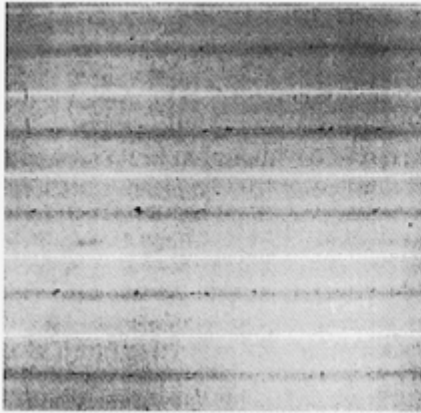
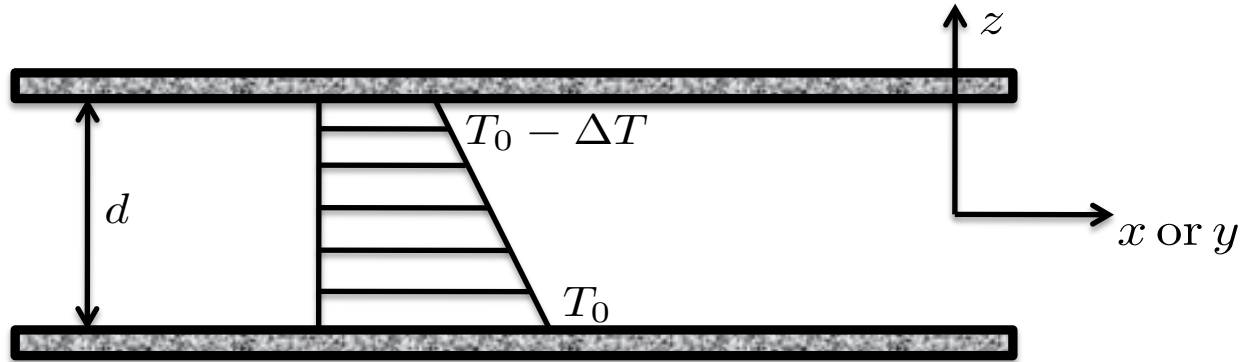
$\alpha$  Thermal expansion coefficient

$\kappa$  Diffusivity

$\nu$  Viscosity

$\Gamma$  Temperature gradient

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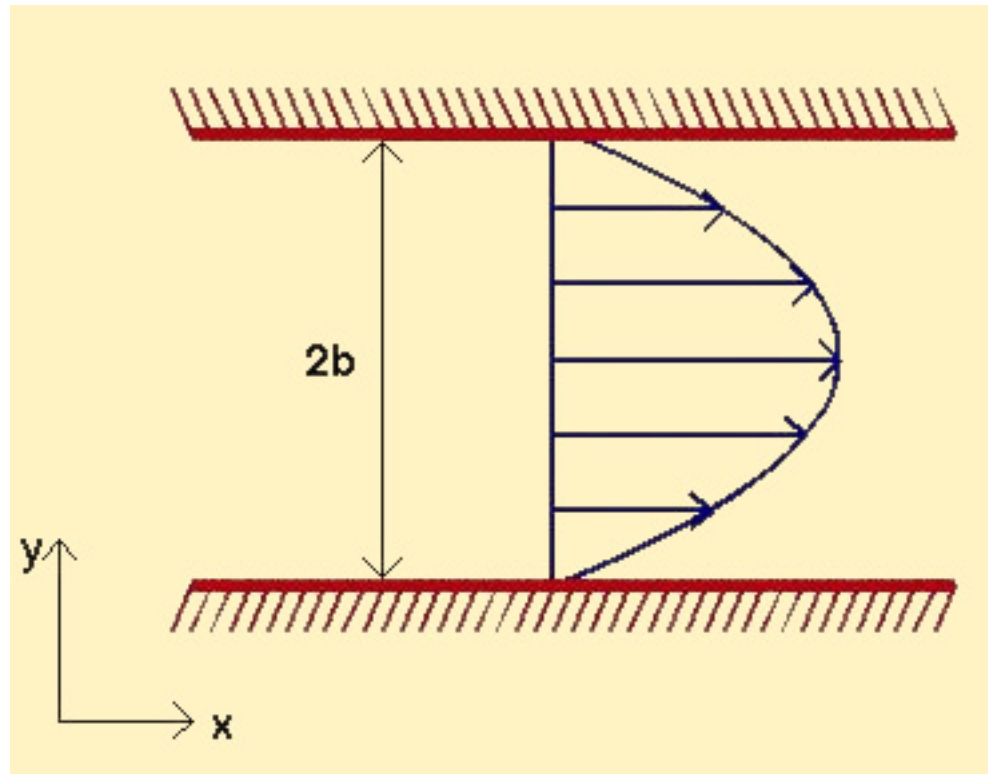
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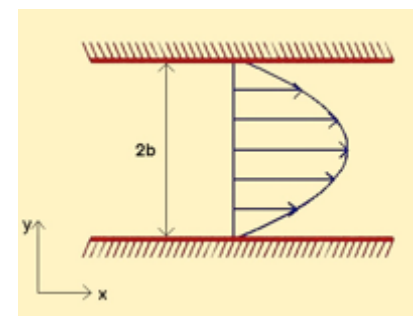
**Experiments show the onset of convective instabilities at a critical Rayleigh number of about **1710 !!!****

# Plane Poiseuille flow

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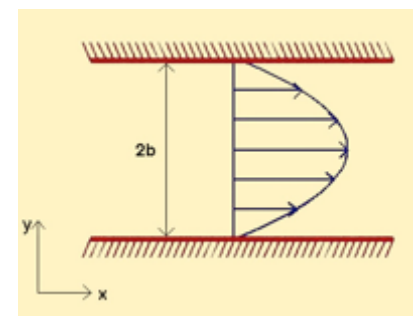
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**Experiments show turbulent patches at a critical Reynolds number of about 1000 !!!**

# Two opposite behaviors

- Linear stability theory, energy stability theory and experiments are in excellent **agreement** for **Rayleigh-Bénard problem**
- Linear stability theory, energy stability theory and experiments show significant **discrepancies** for plane **Poiseuille flow**

## Questions

- Can we explain the success and failure of stability theory for the two examples?
- Is there a better way to investigate the stability of plane Poiseuille flow (and many other wall-bounded shear flows)?

# Energy equation

$$u_i \frac{\partial u_i}{\partial t} = -u_i u_j \frac{\partial U_i}{\partial x_j} - \frac{1}{\text{Re}} \frac{\partial u_i}{\partial x_j} \frac{\partial u_i}{\partial x_j} + \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} \left[ -\frac{1}{2} u_i u_i U_j - \frac{1}{2} u_i u_i u_j - u_i p \delta_{ij} + \frac{1}{\text{Re}} u_i \frac{\partial u_i}{\partial x_j} \right]$$

$\Rightarrow$

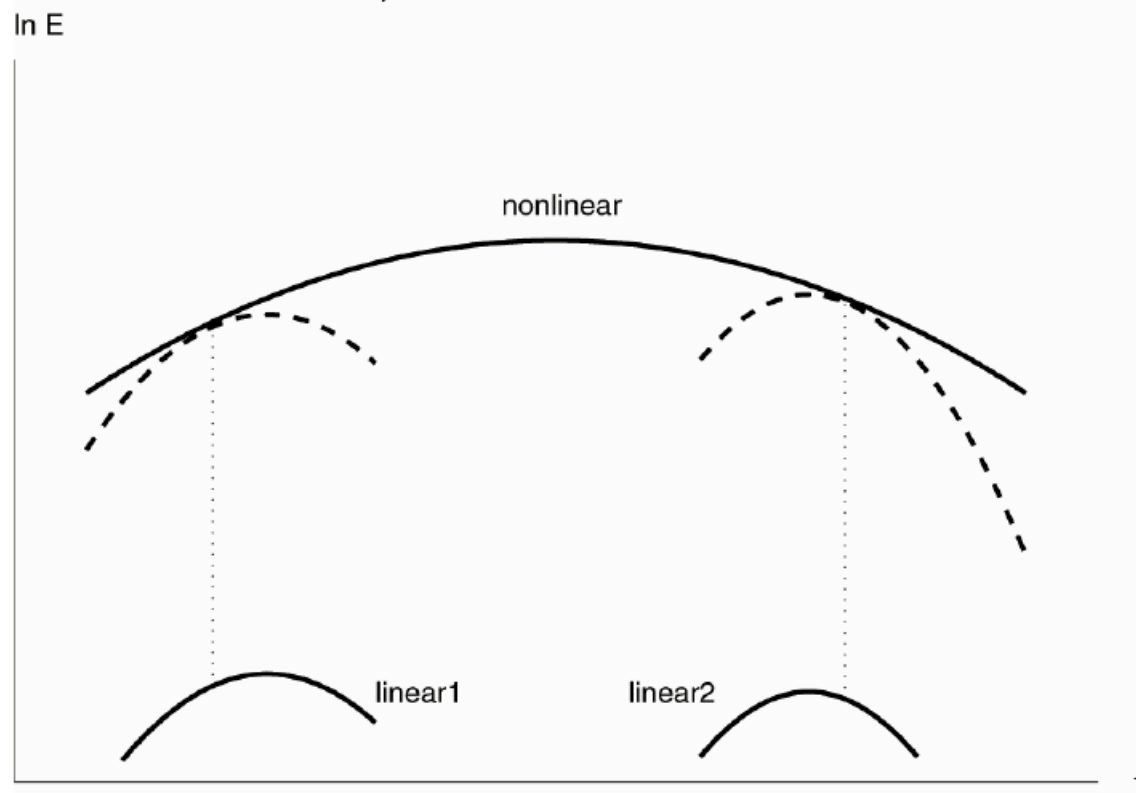
$$\frac{dE_V}{dt} = - \int_V u_i u_j \frac{\partial U_i}{\partial x_j} dV - \frac{1}{\text{Re}} \int_V \frac{\partial u_i}{\partial x_j} \frac{\partial u_i}{\partial x_j} dV$$

*Theorem:* Linear mechanisms required for energy growth

*Proof:*  $\frac{1}{E_V} \frac{dE_V}{dt}$  independent of disturbance amplitude

# Linear growth mechanisms

$$\frac{1}{E_V} \frac{dE_V}{dt} = \frac{d}{dt} \ln E_V$$



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**linear instability without an unstable eigenvalue!**

# Non-modal approach

# Linear stability problem

- Start from linearised Navier-Stokes about base flow  $U$  written as initial value problem

$$\frac{d}{dt}q = Lq$$

With solution in the form of matrix exponential

$$q = \exp(tL)q_0; \quad q(t = 0) = q_0$$

# Norm of matrix exponential

$$q = \exp(tL)q_0$$

- Input output analysis:  
maximum possible amplification at time  $t$  over  
all initial conditions

$$G(t) = \max_{q_0} \frac{\|q\|^2}{\|q_0\|^2} = \max_{q_0} \frac{\|\exp(tL)q_0\|^2}{\|q_0\|^2}$$

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**Definition of the norm of a matrix**

# Matrix norm $\|G\| = \max_{\|w\|=1} \|Gw\|$

- Euclidean scalar product  $\|w\|_2^2 = w_j^H w_j$   $\|w\|^2 = \langle w, w \rangle$

- Matrix as transformation with associated amplification

$$\frac{\|Gw\|_2}{\|w\|_2} = \left[ \frac{w^H G^H G w}{w^H w} \right]^{1/2}$$

- Eigenvalues of  $G^H G$  or singular values of  $G$ :  $G^H G v_i = \lambda_i v_i$

- Largest amplification for the largest singular value:  $\lambda_1, v_1$

$$\sqrt{\lambda_1} = \max_{\|w\|_2=1} \|Gw\|_2 = \frac{\|Gv_1\|_2}{\|v_1\|_2}, \quad Gv_1 = u_1$$

- Input and output basis  $v_i, u_i$ :  $G = U \Lambda V^H$

# Eigenvalues vs Propagator Norm

$$q = \exp(tL)q_0$$

- Matrix exponential difficult to compute  
System eigenvalues used

$$L = S\Lambda S^{-1}$$

*Eigenvalue decomposition*

S: Column eigenvector

$\Lambda$ : Diagonal eigenvalues

$$\|\exp(tL)\|^2 = \|\exp(tS\Lambda S^{-1})\|^2 = \|S \exp(t\Lambda) S^{-1}\|^2$$



***Traditional stability analysis:  
Behavior deduced by system eigenvalues***



# Eigenvalues vs Propagator Norm

- Upper and lower bounds of  $G(t)$

*Lower bound*  $e^{2t\lambda_{max}} \leq \|\exp(tL)\|^2$

The energy cannot decay at a faster rate than that given by the least stable eigenvalue  $\lambda_{max}$

*Upper bound*  $\|\exp(tL)\|^2 = \|\exp(tS\Lambda S^{-1})\|^2$   
 $\leq \|S\|^2 \|S^{-1}\|^2 e^{2t\lambda_{max}}$

# Bounds of the matrix exponential

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**Condition number:**

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**Two distinct cases:**

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**upper and lower bound coincide:**

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**Two distinct cases:**

$$\kappa(S) \gg 1$$

**upper and lower bound can differ significantly:**  
*the energy amplification is governed by the least stable eigenvalue **only at large times***

# Non-normality

$$\kappa(S) = \|S\|^2 \|S^{-1}\|^2 = 1$$

**Normal stability problem:**

orthogonal eigenvectors

*Eigenvalues capture the dynamics*

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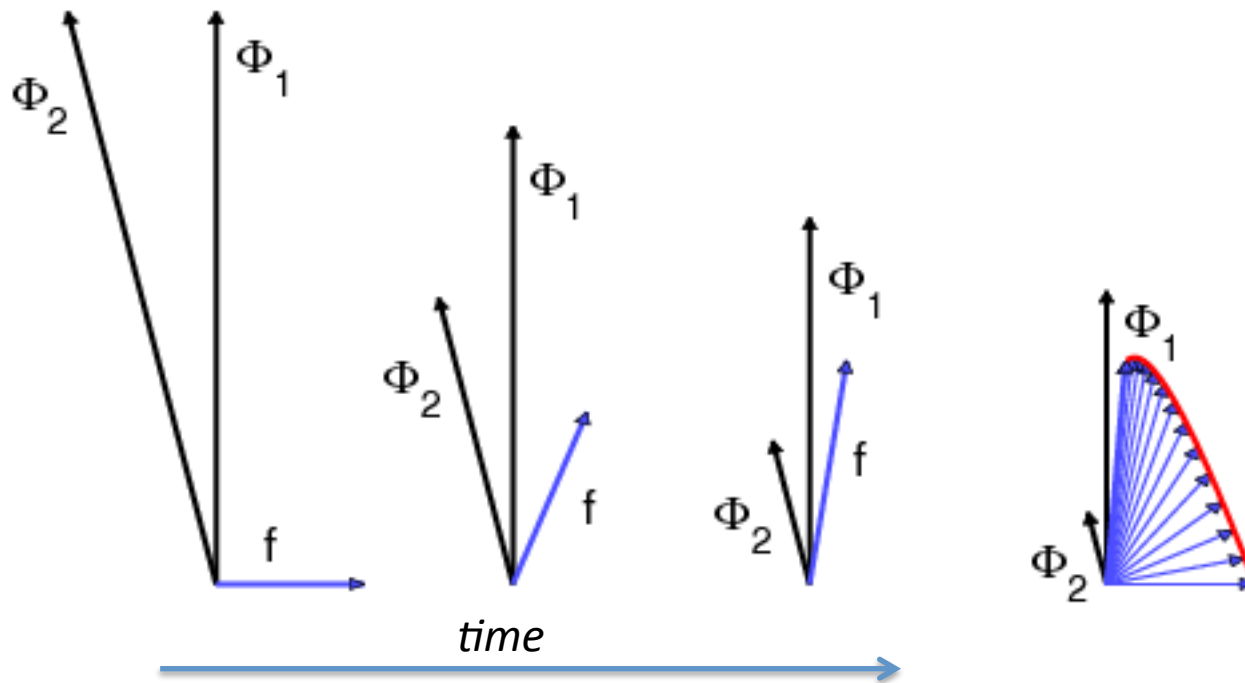
**Non-Normal stability problem:**

non-orthogonal eigenvectors

*Eigenvalues capture the asymptotic dynamics, not the transient behavior*

# Non-modal transient growth

- The non-normality of the system can give rise to transient energy amplification



*Although we observe exponential decay for large times, the **non-orthogonal superposition of eigenvectors** can lead to short-time growth of energy.*

# Short time dynamics

- Taylor expansion of matrix exponential at  $t=0$

$$\begin{aligned} E(t) &= \|S\|^2 = \langle q, q \rangle = \\ &\langle \exp(tL)q_0, \exp(tL)q_0 \rangle \\ &\approx \langle (I + tL)q_0, (I + tL)q_0 \rangle \\ &\approx \langle q_0, q_0 \rangle + t \langle q_0, (L + L^H)q_0 \rangle \end{aligned}$$

$L^H$  **Adjoint matrix** defined by the norm used (Energy)

# Short time dynamics

- Initial energy growth rate

$$\frac{1}{E} \frac{dE}{dt} \Big|_{0^+} = \frac{\langle q_0, (L + L^H) q_0 \rangle}{\langle q_0, q_0 \rangle}$$

$$\frac{1}{E} \frac{dE}{dt} \Big|_{0^+} = \lambda_{max}(L + L^H)$$

$(L + L^H)$  **Hermitian matrix:** numerical abscissa of  $L$

# The numerical range

- Generalization of the numerical abscissa

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dt} \|q\|^2 &= \left\langle \frac{d}{dt} q, q \right\rangle + \left\langle q, \frac{d}{dt} q \right\rangle = \\ &= \langle Lq, q \rangle + \langle q, Lq \rangle = \\ &= 2\Re\{\langle Lq, q \rangle\} \end{aligned}$$

**Definition of numerical range:**  
**Rayleigh quotient of L**

$$\mathcal{F}(L) = \left\{ z \mid z = \frac{\langle Lq, q \rangle}{\langle q, q \rangle} \right\}$$

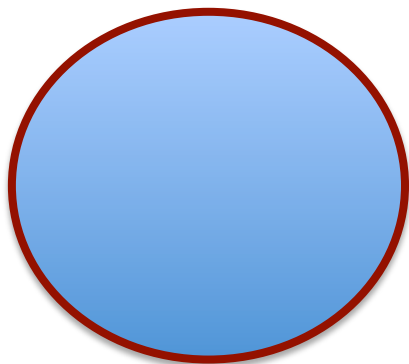


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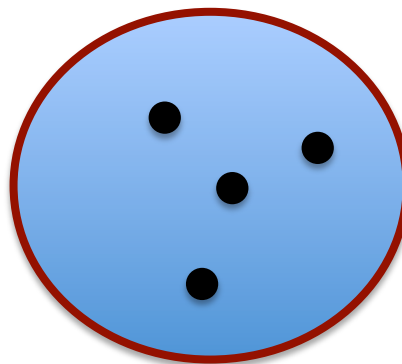
## Properties of the numerical range

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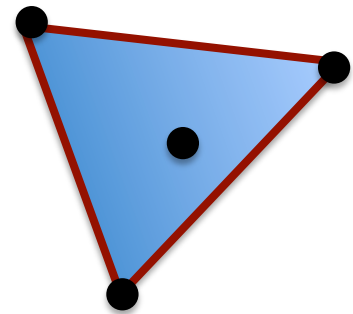
1. The numerical range is convex
2. The numerical range contains the spectrum of  $L$
3. If  $L$  is normal, the numerical range is the convex hull of the spectrum



convex



Non-normal system

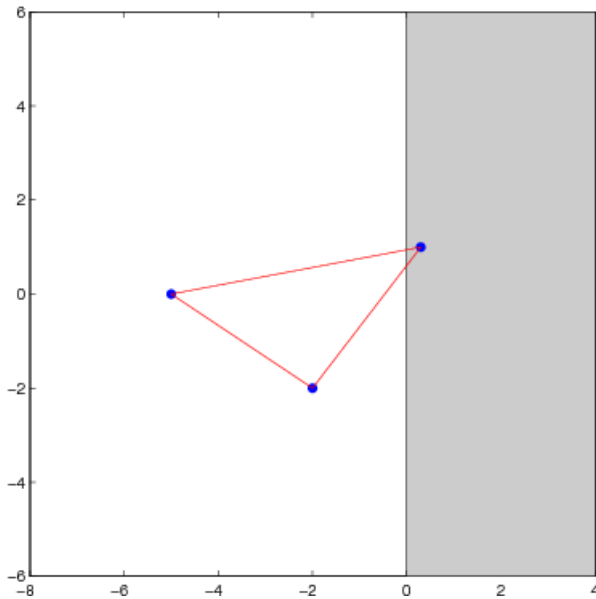


Normal system

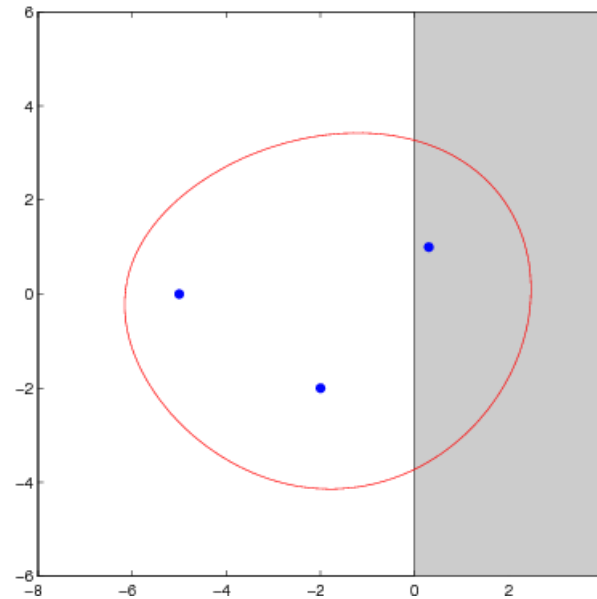
# The numerical range

- It can be substantially larger than the convex hull of the spectrum: positive energy growth even if stable eigenvalues!

$$\frac{d}{dt} \|q\|^2 = 2\Re\{\langle Lq, q \rangle\}$$



**Normal system**



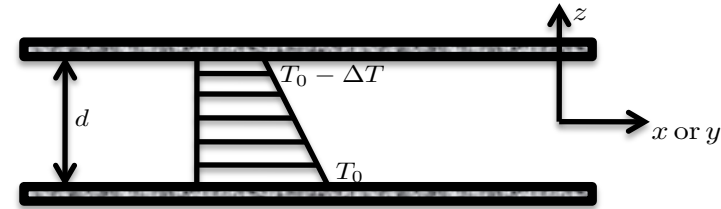
**Non-normal system**

# Non-normal stability problems

The **numerical abscissa** (numerical range) governs the short-time behavior. The sign determines the initial energy growth or decay

The **least stable eigenvalue** governs the long-time behavior. The sign of the real part of  $\lambda_{\max}$  determines the initial energy growth or decay

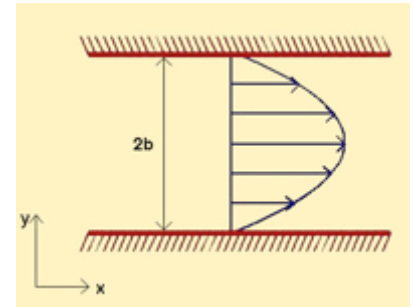
# Rayleigh-Benard convection



- **Normal** stability problem
- The **numerical range** is the convex hull of the spectrum
- The numerical range and the **spectrum** cross into the unstable half-plane at the **same Rayleigh number**
- **Energy growth** and **instability** occur at the Rayleigh number
- The spectrum governs the flow behavior at all times

$$Ra_{lin} = Ra_{en} = 1708$$

# Plane Poiseuille flow



- **Non-Normal** stability problem
- The **numerical range** is larger than the convex hull of the spectrum
- The numerical range crosses into the unstable half-plane before the **spectrum**
- **Initial Energy growth** occur before **asymptotic instability**
- The spectrum governs the flow behavior only at long times

$$Re_{en} = 49.6 \ll Re_{lin} = 5772$$

# Non-modal analysis

$$\frac{1}{E} \frac{dE}{dt} \Big|_{0^+} = \lambda_{max}(L + L^H)$$

**Short-time: numerical abscissa**

$$\|\exp(tL)\|^2$$

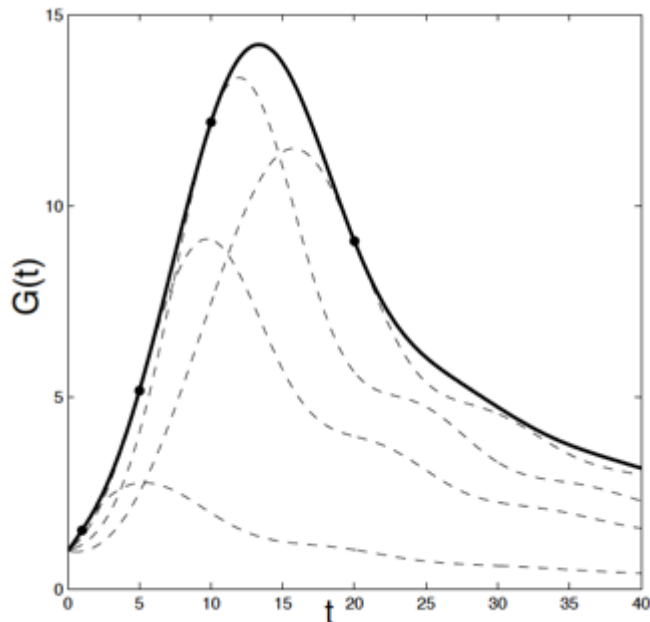
**Any time: matrix exponential**

$$G(t \rightarrow \infty) = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \|\exp(tL)\|^2 = e^{t\lambda_{max}}$$

**Long time: eigenvalues**

# Results for Poiseuille flow

- $G(t)$  **envelope** over many individual growth curves
- For each point, a **specific initial condition** reaches its maximum energy amplification at this point in time



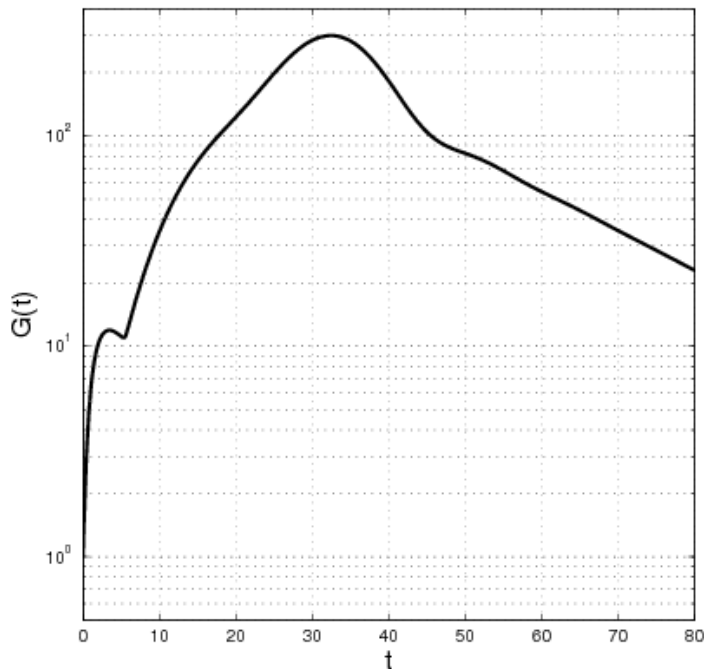
**Solid line:** envelope  $G(t)$

**Dashed lines:** evolution of selected initial conditions

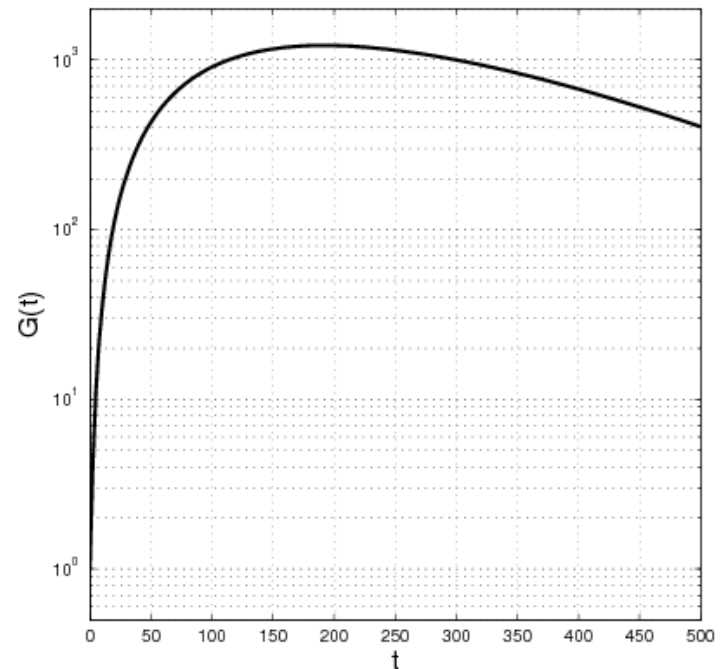
$$Re = 1000, \alpha = 1$$

# Results for Poiseuille flow

- $G(t)$  **envelope** over many individual growth curves
- **Potential** for strong amplification of spanwise periodic disturbances



$$Re = 2500, \alpha = 1, \beta = 1$$

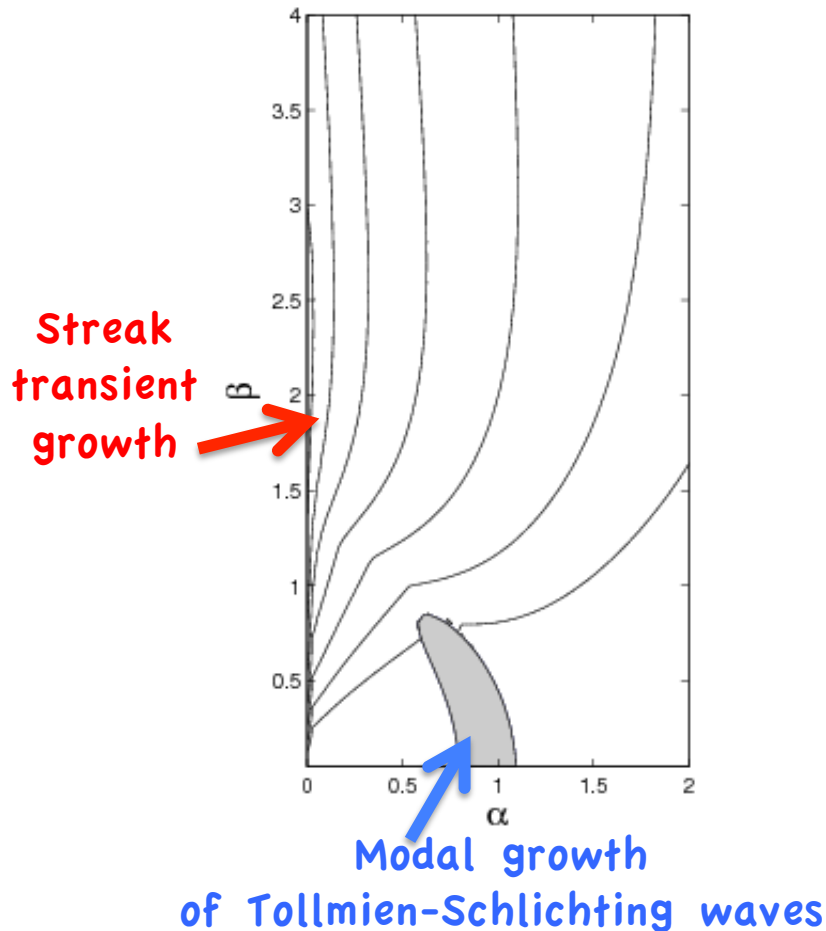


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# Bypass transition

- Supercritical Poiseuille flow,  $Re = 10000$



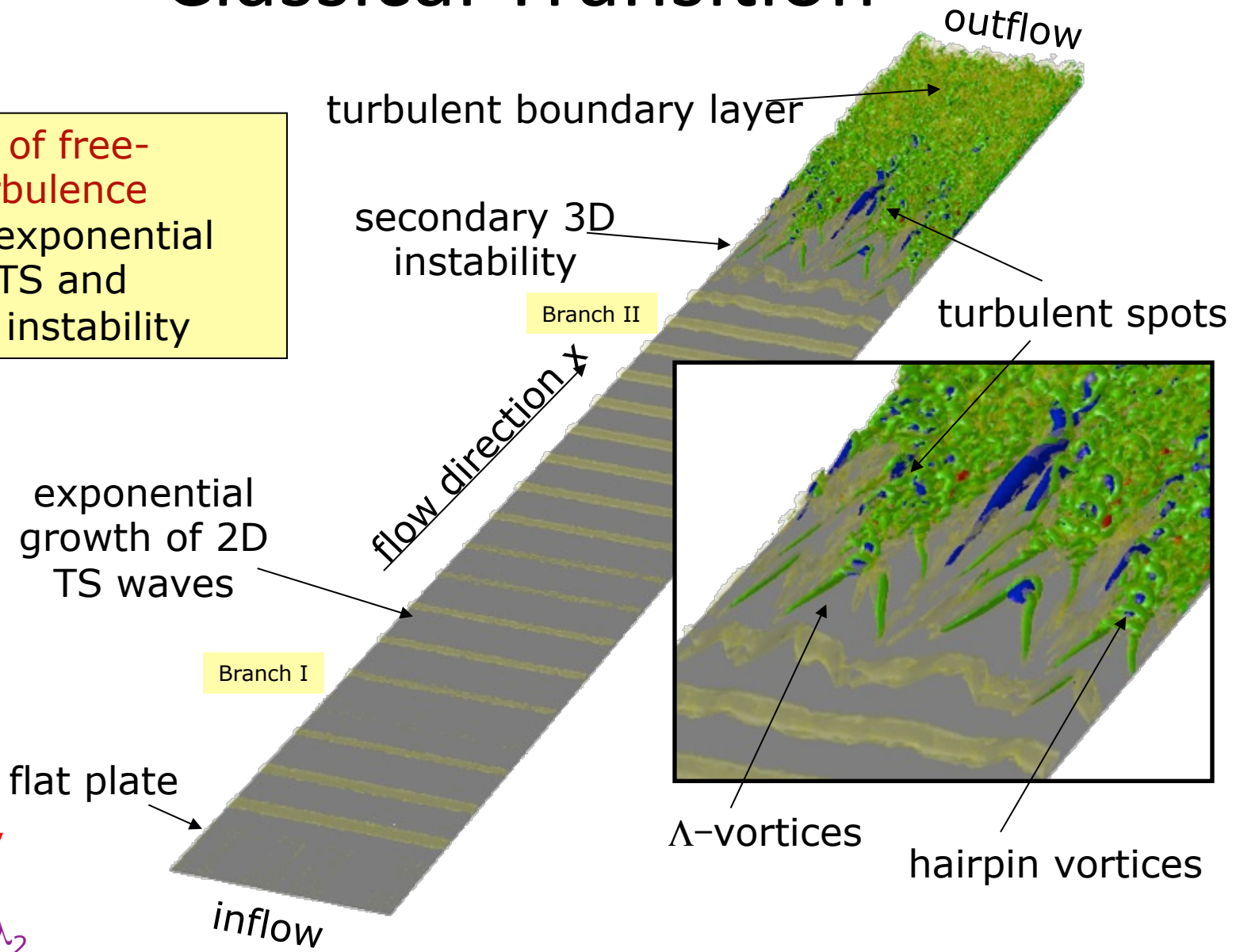
Over short time horizon,  
streamwise independent streaks  
are favored

Over long time horizon, waves  
with weak or no streamwise  
dependence are favored

# Classical Transition

Low levels of free-stream turbulence (<1%) → exponential growth of TS and secondary instability

high velocity  
low velocity  
contours of  $\lambda_2$



# Bypass Transition

High levels of free-stream turbulence (>1%) → exponential growth of TS waves is "bypassed"

(decaying) freestream turbulence

turbulent boundary layer

outflow

flow direction  $x$

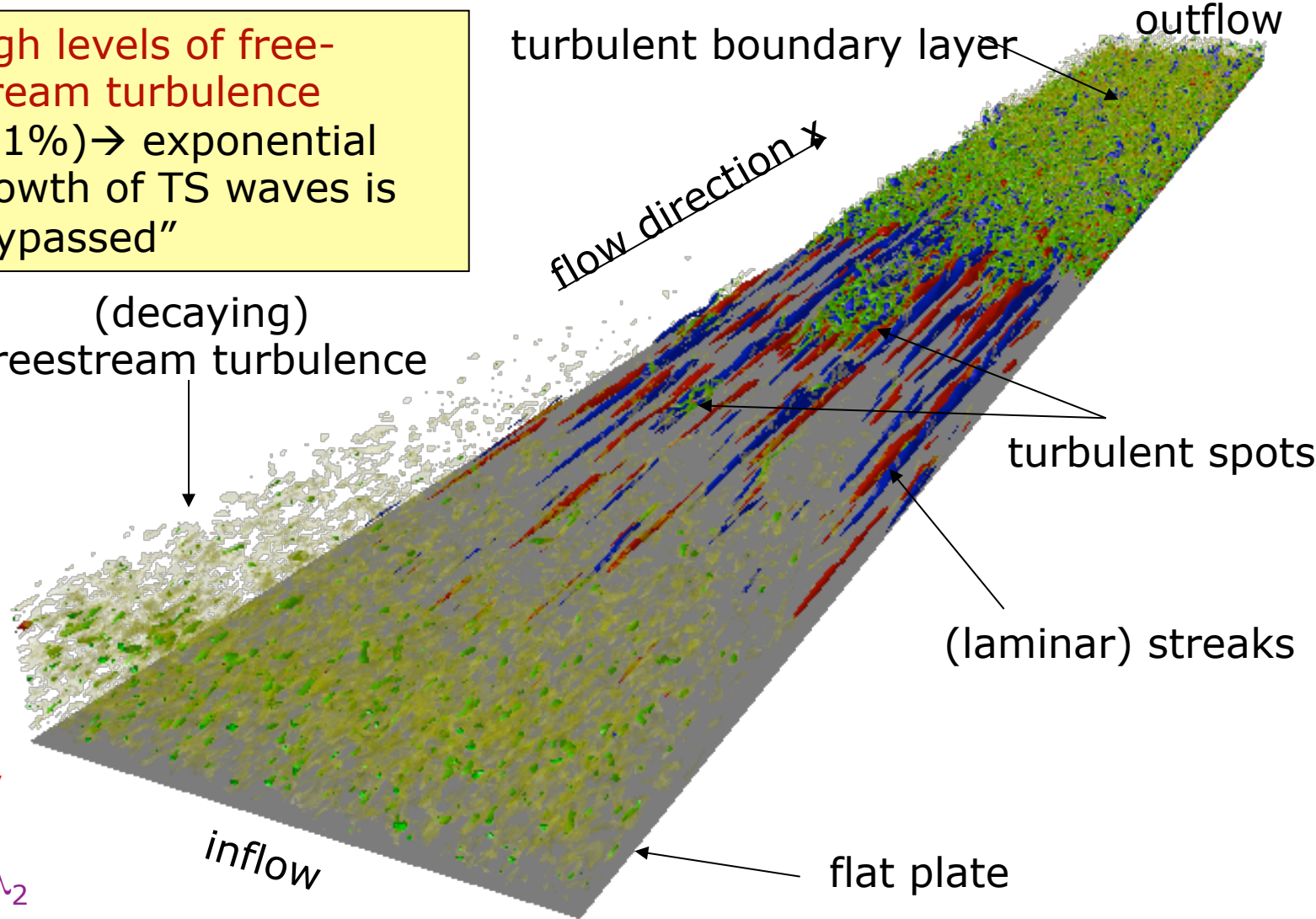
turbulent spots

(laminar) streaks

high velocity  
low velocity  
contours of  $\lambda_2$

inflow

flat plate



# Optimal initial condition

Initial condition that results in the **maximum** energy amplification at a **given time**

$$\bar{q}(t^*) = \exp(t^* L) q_0$$

$$\|q(t^*)\|^2 = \|q_0\|^2 = 1$$

$$\exp(t^* L) q_0 = \|\exp(t^* L)\| q(t^*)$$

propagator   input   amplification   output

# Optimal initial condition

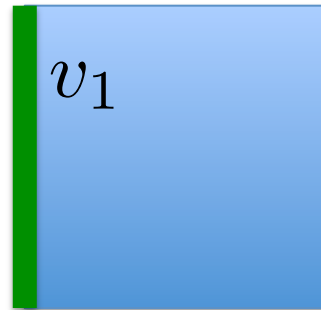
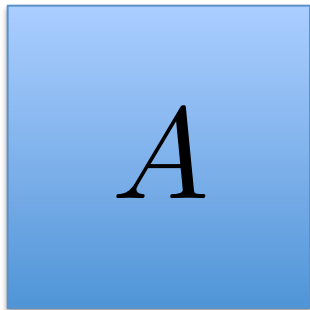
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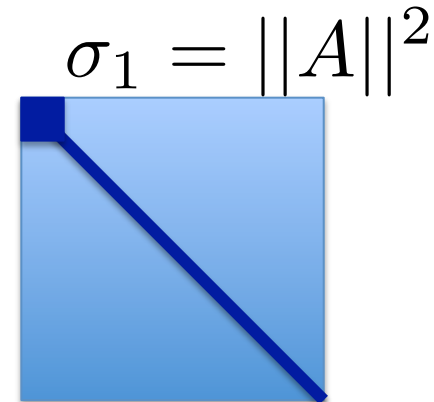
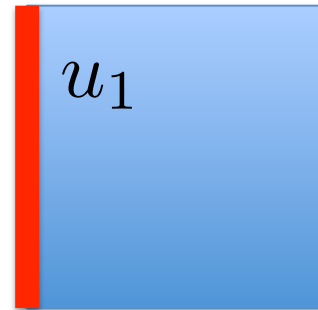
## Singular value decomposition of a matrix

$$A = U \Sigma V^H$$

$$AV = U \Sigma$$



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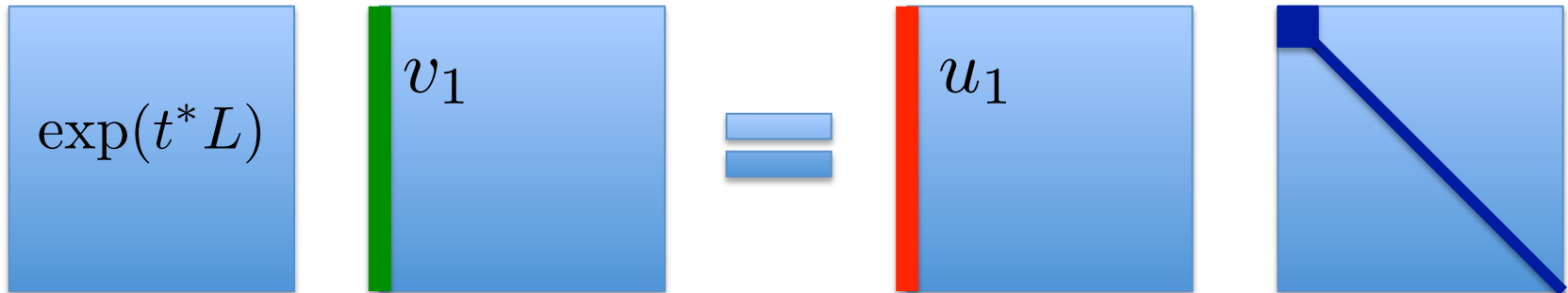
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propagator   input   amplification   output

## Singular value decomposition of a matrix

$$\text{svd}(\exp(t^* L)) = U \Sigma V^H$$

$$G(t^*) = \|\exp(t^* L)\|$$



# Optimal initial condition

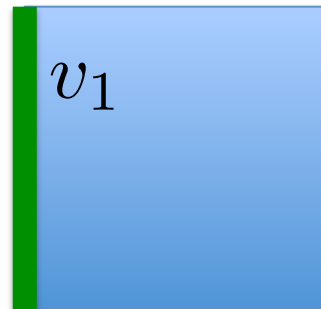
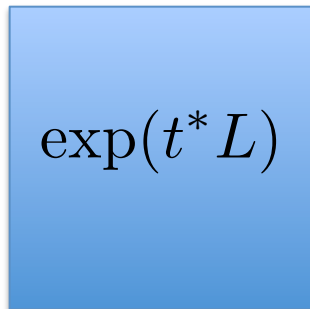
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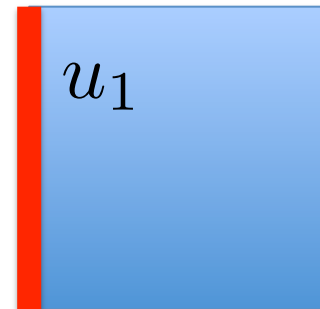
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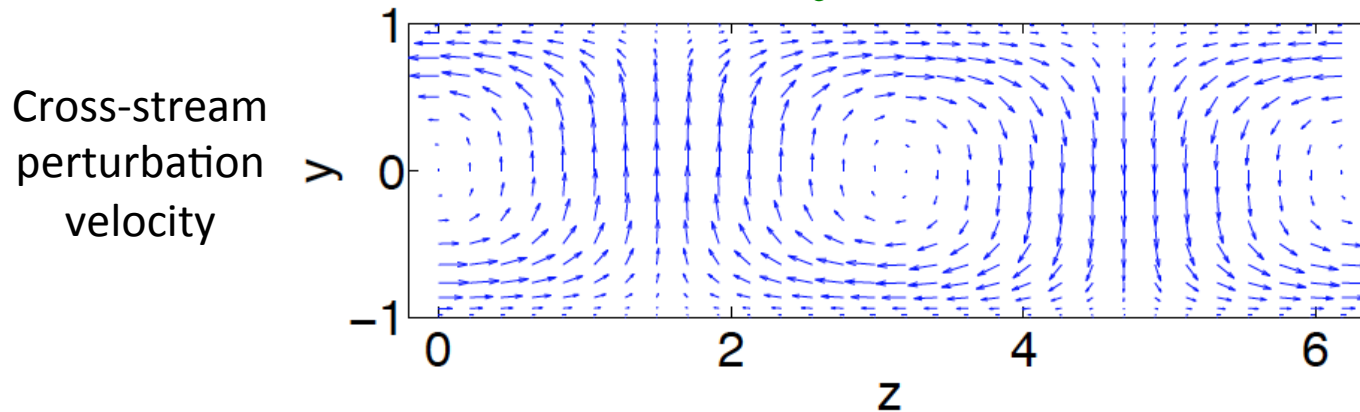
Optimal initial condition  
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singular vector

Optimal final condition  
right principal  
singular vector

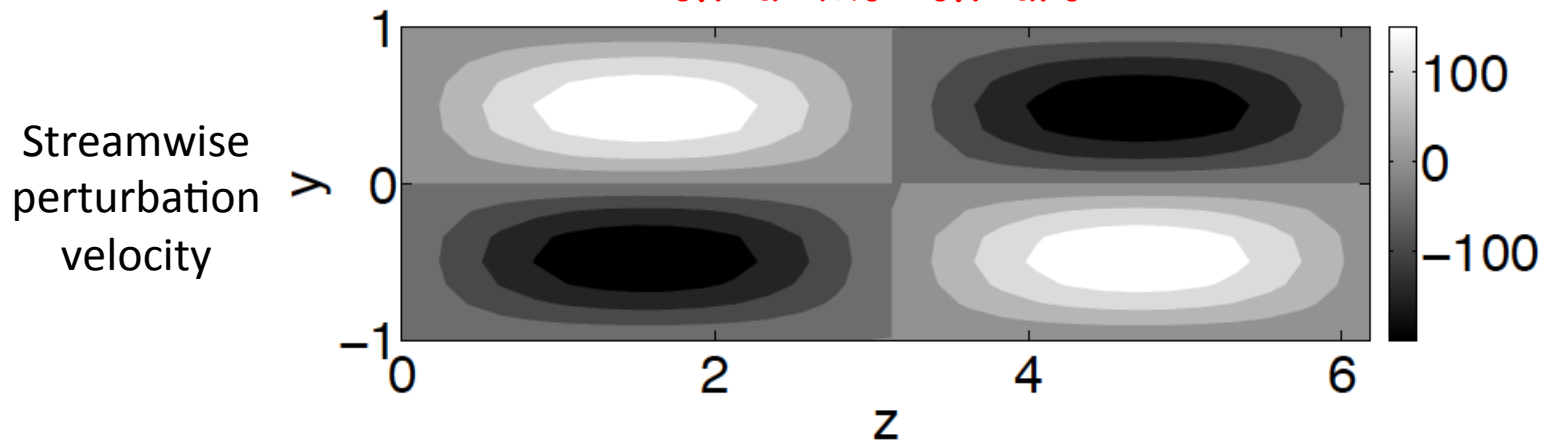
# Optimal disturbance: Poiseuille flow

$$Re = 5000; \alpha = 0, \beta = 2$$

**Optimal initial condition:  
Counter-rotating streamwise vortices**



**Optimal final condition:  
streamwise streaks**

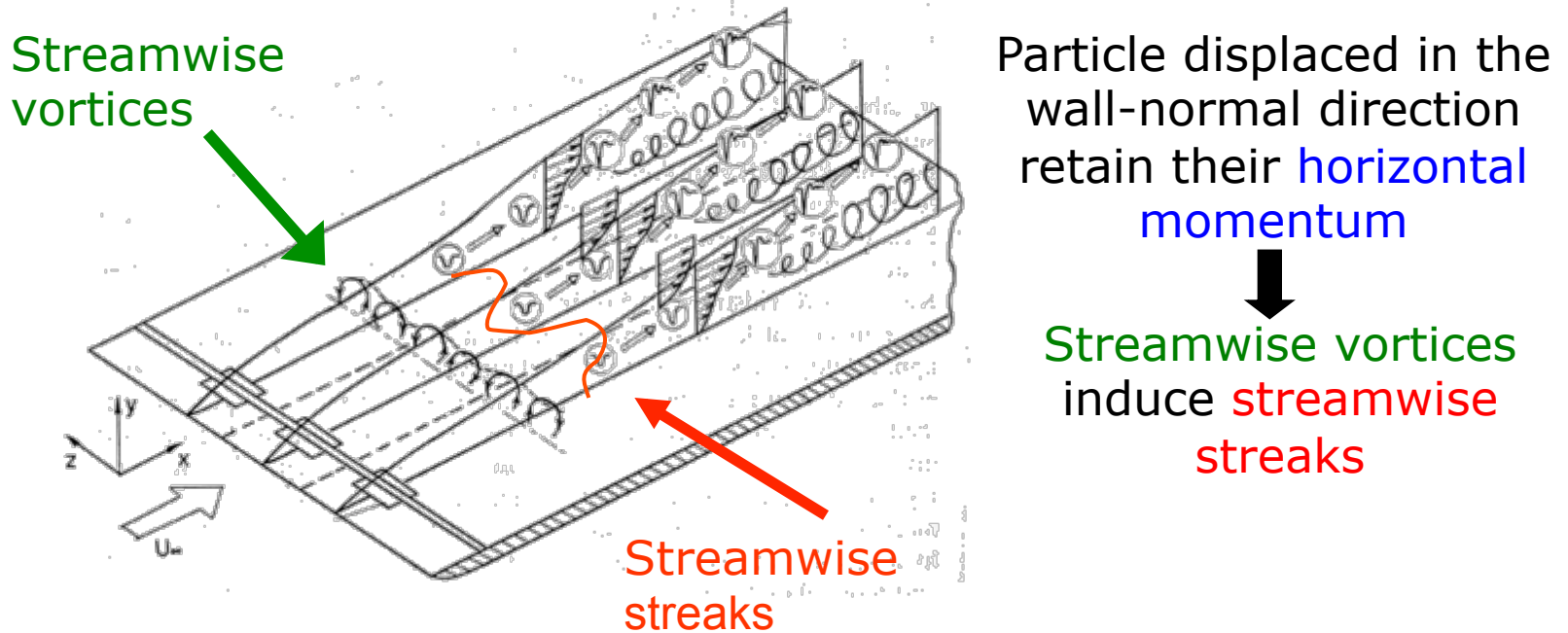




# Non-Modal Growth

## **Lift-up** mechanism in shear layers

(Ellingsen & Palm 1975, Landahl 1980)



In boundary layers: wall-normal shear is  $O(Re)$

⇒ streak growth  $O(Re)$

# Outline

- Stability of fluid systems
  - modal limit
  - short time dynamics, matrix exponential
- **Receptivity**
  - resolvent norm
  - Resonance limit
  - Adjoint modes
- **Sensitivity**
  - Structural sensitivity
  - Base-flow sensitivity

# Receptivity

- Interested in the response of a fluid system to external excitations (free-stream turbulence, roughness, acoustic waves...)

$$\frac{d}{dt}q = Lq + \boxed{f} \rightarrow \text{External forces}$$

***General solution for zero initial condition: convolution integral***

$$q_p = \int_0^t \exp((\tau - t)L) f(\tau) d\tau$$

# Optimal response

- Linear problem: consider the case of harmonic forcing  $f = \hat{f}e^{i\omega t}$

**Regime solution given by the resolvent**  $\hat{q}_p = (i\omega - L)^{-1} \hat{f}$

**Written as an input-output  
problem: optimal response**

$$\mathcal{R}(\omega) = \max_{\hat{f}} \frac{\|\hat{q}_p\|}{\|\hat{f}\|} = \max_{\hat{f}} \frac{\|(i\omega - L)^{-1} \hat{f}\|}{\|\hat{f}\|} = \|(i\omega - L)^{-1}\|$$

# Bounds of resolvent norm

- **Diagonalize** the system matrix  $L$

$$L = S\Lambda S^{-1}$$

*Eigenvalue decomposition*

$S$ : Column eigenvector

$\Lambda$ : Diagonal eigenvalues

$$\frac{1}{\text{dist}\{i\omega, \Lambda\}} \leq \|(i\omega - L)^{-1}\| = \|S(i\omega - \Lambda)^{-1}S^{-1}\| \leq \kappa(S) \frac{1}{\text{dist}\{i\omega, \Lambda\}}$$

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$$\kappa(S) = 1$$

**Normal system: upper and lower bound coincide:**  
*the classical resonance conditions holds  
minimum distance from the spectrum*

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$$\kappa(S) \gg 1$$

**Non-Normal system: upper and lower bound differ**

*we can have a pseudo-resonance*

*Strong amplification also far from system eigenfrequency*

# Optimal forcing

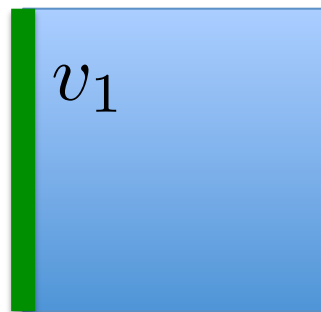
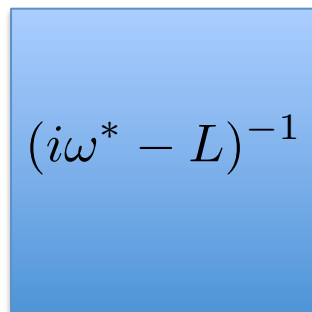
- Singular value decomposition **svd** of the resolvent norm

$$(i\omega^* - L)^{-1} \bar{f} = \|(i\omega^* - L)^{-1}\| \bar{q}_p$$

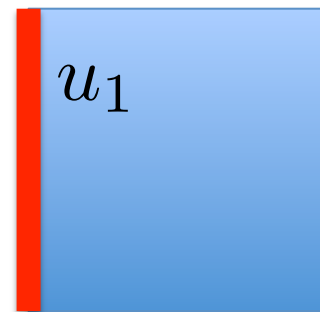
Transfer function **Input**

Amplification **Output**

$$\|\bar{q}_p\| = \|\bar{f}\| = 1$$



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$$\mathcal{R}(\omega^*) = \|(i\omega^* - L)^{-1}\|$$



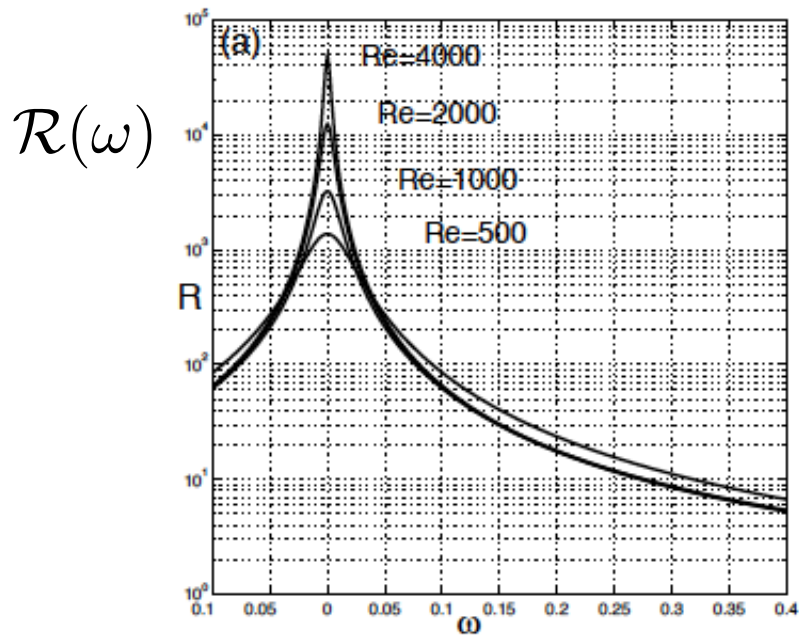
**Optimal harmonic forcing**  
left principal  
singular vector

**Optimal harmonic response**  
right principal  
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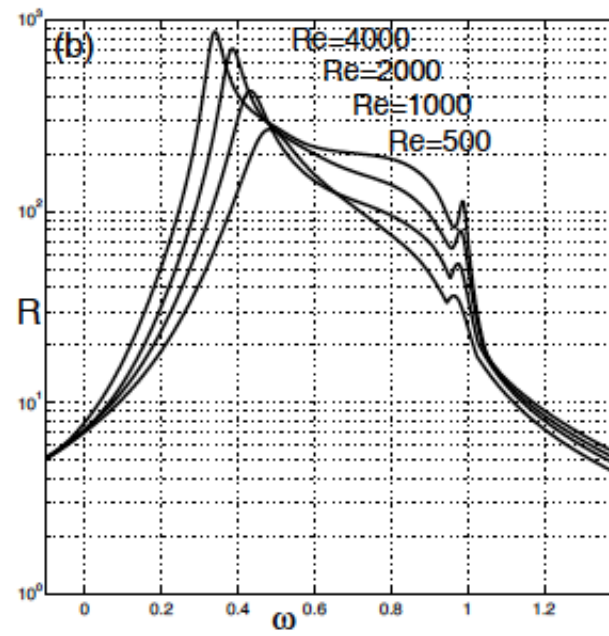


# Results for Poiseuille flow

Largest possible amplification versus forcing frequency



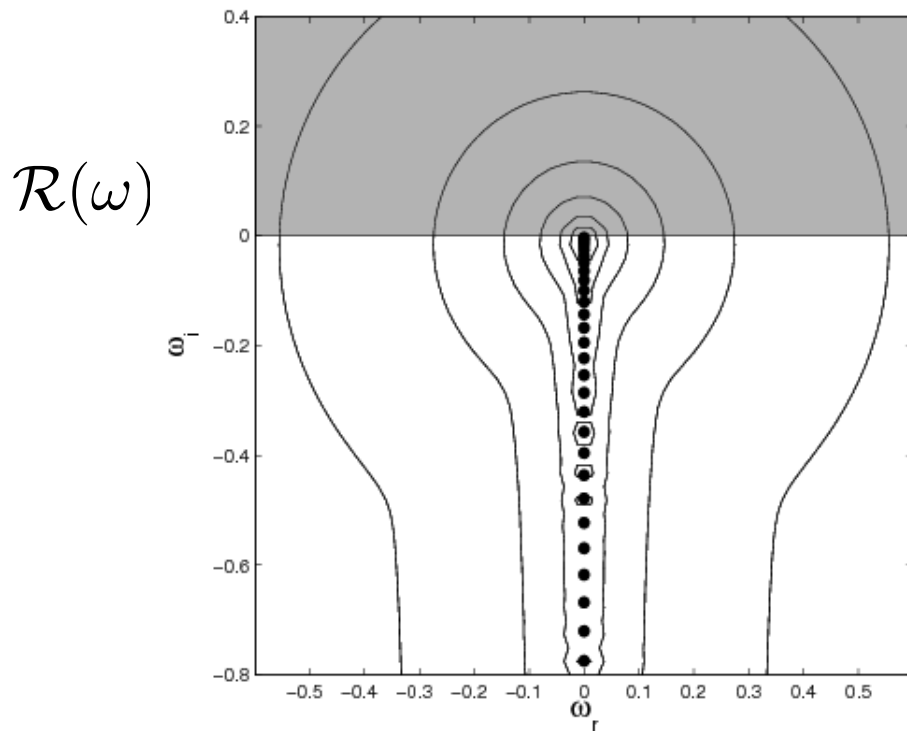
$$\alpha = 0, \beta = 2$$



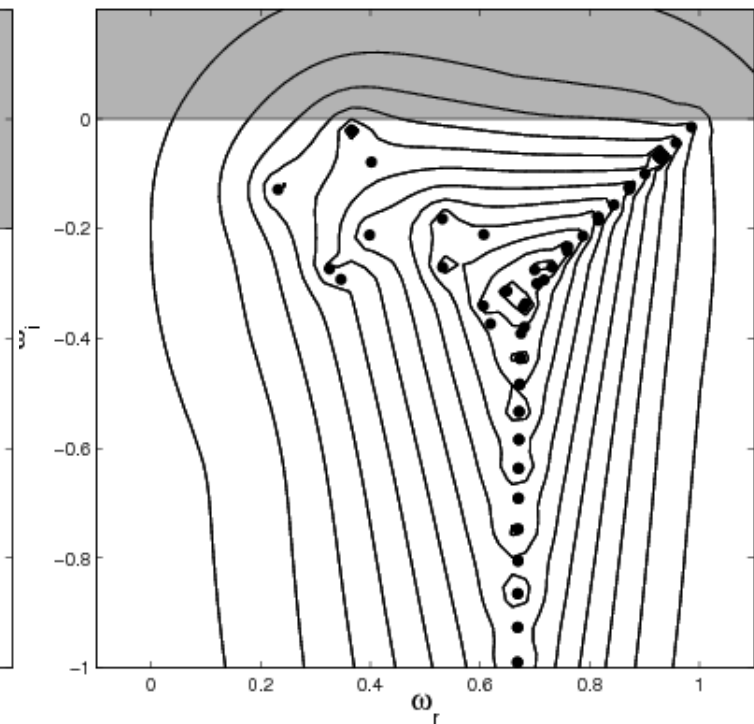
$$\alpha = 1, \beta = 1$$

# Results for Poiseuille flow

Resolvent norm in the complex plane



$Re = 2500, \alpha = 0, \beta = 2$



$Re = 2500, \alpha = 1, \beta = 1$

# Component-wise energy transfer

- Define transfer function with **input/output** matrices

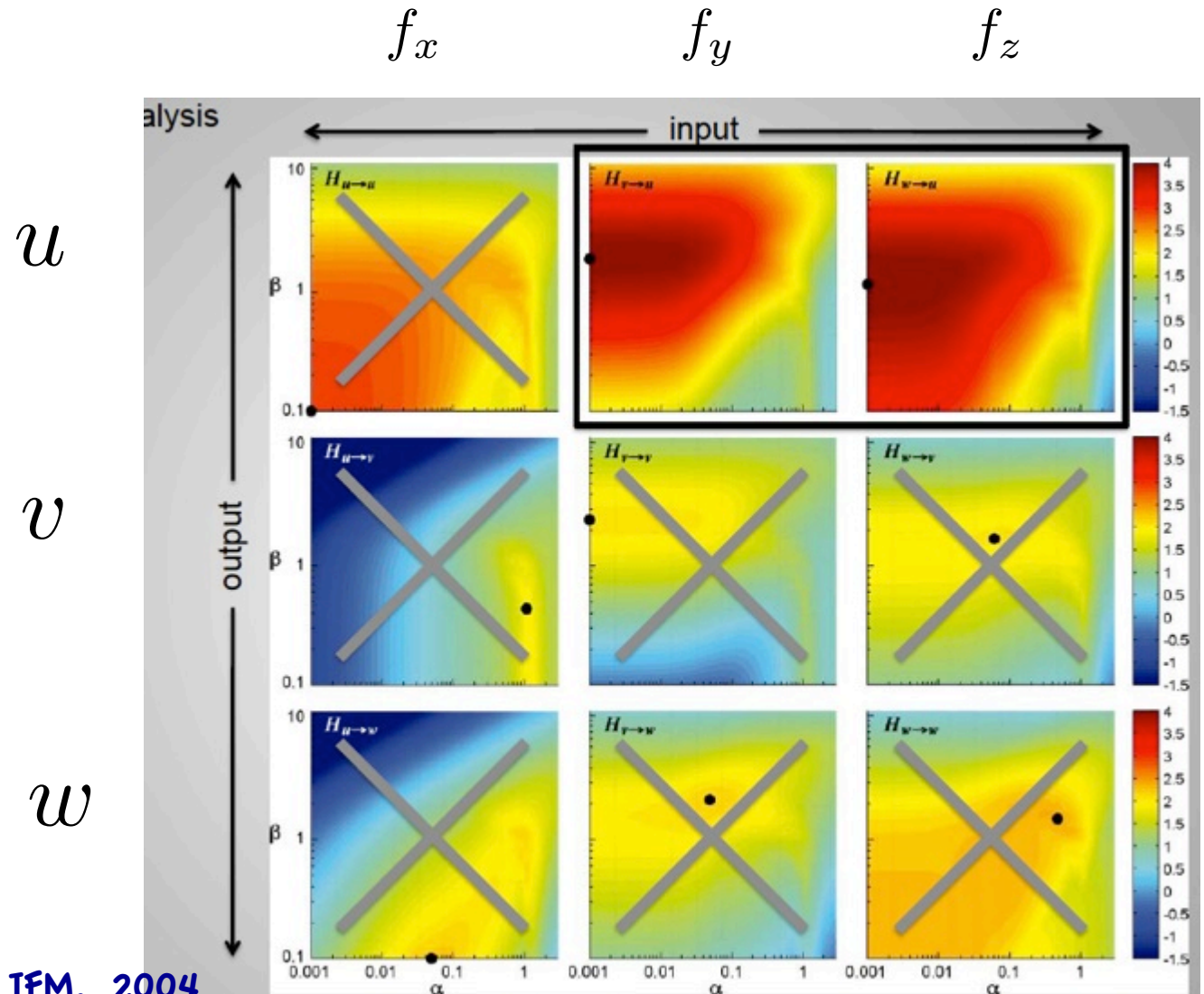
$$\hat{q}_p = (i\omega - L)^{-1} \hat{f}$$

$$\mathcal{H}(\omega) = C(i\omega - L)^{-1} B$$

Take the worst case amplification over all frequencies

$$\|\mathcal{H}\|_{\infty} = \max_{-\infty < \omega < \infty} \sigma_{max}(\mathcal{H})$$

# Component-wise input-output analysis



# Adjoint system

Inner product

$$\langle p, q \rangle = q^H p$$

Adjoint system

$$\langle p, Lq \rangle = q^H Lp = (L^H q)^H p = \langle L^H p, q \rangle$$

Eigenmodes/values

$$\lambda_i q_i = Lq_i; \quad \lambda_j^* q_j^+ = L^H q_j^+$$

Bi-orthogonality

$$\langle q_m^+, q_n \rangle = \delta_{mn}$$

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$$\langle (L^H - \lambda_m^*) q_m^+, q_n \rangle = 0$$

$$\langle q_m^+, (L - \lambda_m) q_n \rangle = \langle q_m^+, (L - \lambda_m - L + \lambda_n) q_n \rangle = 0$$

$$(\lambda_n - \lambda_m) \langle q_m^+, q_n \rangle = 0$$

$$\langle q_m^+, q_n \rangle = \delta_{mn}$$

# Expansion using eigenmodes

Bi-orthogonality

$$\langle q_m, q_n \rangle = \delta_{mn}$$

Expand solution

$$q(t) = \sum_i \kappa_i q_i e^{\lambda_m t}$$

Given initial condition  $q_0$

compute coefficients  
using bi-orthogonality  $\kappa_n$

$$\langle q_n^+, q_0 \rangle = \sum_i \kappa_m \langle q_n^+, q_m \rangle = \kappa_n$$

# Use of adjoint field for receptivity

Linearized Navier-Stokes

$(u, p)$

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} + L(U, Re)u + \nabla p = 0$$

$$\nabla \cdot u = 0$$

Differentiable fields

$(f^+, m^+)$

Sum and multiply

$$\left[ \left( \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} + L(U, Re)u + \nabla p \right) \cdot f^+ + (\nabla \cdot u)m^+ \right]$$

Integrate by parts over  
time and space



# Use of adjoint field for receptivity

Integrate by parts over time and space

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_0^t \int_{\mathcal{D}} \left[ \left( \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} + L(U, Re)u + \nabla p \right) \cdot f^+ + (\nabla \cdot u)m^+ \right] \\ = & - \int_0^t \int_{\mathcal{D}} \left[ u \cdot \left( \frac{\partial f^+}{\partial t} + L^+(U, Re)f^+ + \nabla m^+ \right) + p(\nabla \cdot f^+) \right] + \int_0^t \frac{\partial u \cdot f^+}{\partial t} + \int_{\mathcal{D}} \nabla \cdot J \end{aligned}$$

where

$$L(U, Re)u = U \cdot \nabla u + u \cdot \nabla U - \frac{1}{Re} \nabla^2 u$$

$$L^+(U, Re)f^+ = U \cdot \nabla f^+ - \nabla U \cdot f^+ + \frac{1}{Re} \nabla^2 f^+$$

$$J = U(u \cdot f^+) + \frac{1}{Re} (\nabla f^+ \cdot u - \nabla u \cdot f^+) + m^+ u + p f^+$$

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 \end{aligned}$$

Definition of adjoint problem

Assume volume forcing, mass source and integrate in time

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} + L(U, Re)u + \nabla p = f \quad \nabla \cdot u = Q$$

$$u(t) \cdot f^+(t) - u(0) \cdot f^+(0) = \int_0^t \int_{\mathcal{D}} (f \cdot f^+ + Qm^+) + \int_{\Gamma_{\mathcal{D}}} J \cdot n$$

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Adjoint velocity gives sensitivity to initial condition and forcing

$$\frac{\delta u^2(t)}{\delta u(0)} = f^+(0)$$

$$\frac{\delta u^2(t)}{\delta f} = f^+$$

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Adjoint pressure gives sensitivity to mass source

$$\frac{\delta u^2(t)}{\delta Q} = m^+$$

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Gradient of adjoint field gives sensitivity to boundary conditions

$$\frac{\delta u^2(t)}{\delta u_{wall}} = \frac{1}{Re} \nabla f^+ + m^+ \cdot n$$

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# Structural sensitivity

- Sensitivity to **internal changes**

$$A(p)q = \lambda Bq$$

$p$  **Governing parameter:**  
Reynolds number, base  
flow, wavenumber

**Perturbation expansion**

$$(A + \delta A)(q + \delta q) = (\lambda + \delta \lambda)B(q + \delta q)$$



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$$\cancel{(A - \lambda B)q} + (A - \lambda B)\delta q + (\delta A - \delta \lambda B)q + \cancel{(\delta A - \delta \lambda B)\delta q} = 0$$

**Higher order**

# Structural sensitivity

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$$(A - \lambda B)\delta q + (\delta A - \delta \lambda B)q \approx 0$$

# Structural sensitivity

- Sensitivity to **internal changes**

$$(A - \lambda B)\delta q + (\delta A - \delta \lambda B)q \approx 0$$

Use adjoint, left eigenvector

$$q^+(A - \lambda B) = 0 \iff (A^+ - \lambda^* B^+)q^+ = 0$$

$$q^+ \cancel{(A - \lambda B)} \delta q + q^+ (\delta A - \delta \lambda B)q \approx 0$$

# Structural sensitivity

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$$A(p)q = \lambda Bq$$

**Perturbation expansion,  
linearize and use adjoint**

$$\delta\lambda = \frac{q^+ \delta A q}{q^+ B q}$$

$$\nabla_p \lambda = \frac{q^+ \nabla_p A q}{q^+ B q}$$

**Gradient:** constraint  
optimization (C. Cossu)

# Sensitivity to a scalar parameter

Complex Ginzburg-Landau

$$u_t = (-\nu \partial_x + \gamma \partial_{xx} + \mu(x))u$$

$$\nu = U + ic_u$$

Eigenvalue sensitivity

$$\nabla_p \lambda = \frac{q^+ \nabla_p A q}{q^+ B q}$$

$$\nabla_\nu A = -\partial_x$$

$$\begin{aligned} A \hat{u} &= \lambda \hat{u} \\ A^+ \hat{u}^+ &= \lambda^* \hat{u}^+ \\ \lambda &= \sigma + i\omega \end{aligned}$$

$$\nabla_\nu \lambda = \hat{u}^+ \nabla_\nu A \hat{u} = -\hat{u}^+ \partial_x \hat{u}$$

$$\nabla_\nu \sigma = \Re\{\nabla_\nu \lambda\}$$

Sensitivity of growth rate

$$\nabla_\nu \omega = \Im\{\nabla_\nu \lambda\}$$

Sensitivity of frequency

# Sensitivity to base flow modifications

Linearized Navier-Stokes

$$u_t + U \nabla u + u \nabla U = \frac{1}{Re} \nabla^2 u$$

Eigenvalue sensitivity

$$\delta \lambda = \frac{q^+ \delta A q}{q^+ B q}$$

$$\delta A = -(\delta U) \nabla \hat{u} - \hat{u} \nabla (\delta U)$$

$$A \hat{u} = \lambda \hat{u}$$

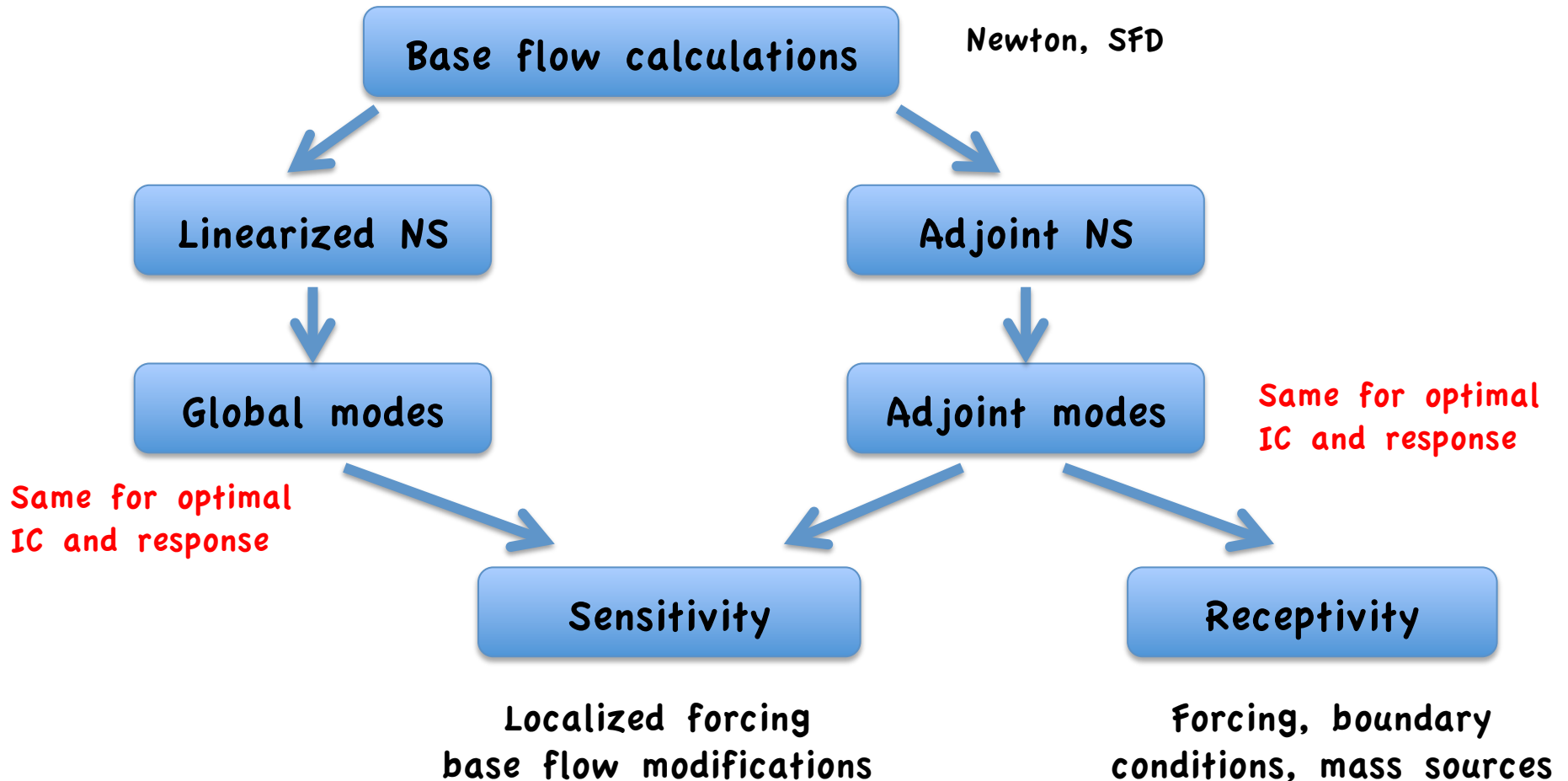
$$A^+ \hat{u}^+ = \lambda^* \hat{u}^+$$

$$\lambda = \sigma + i\omega$$

$$\nabla_U \lambda = \nabla \hat{u}^+ \cdot \hat{u}^* - (\nabla \hat{u})^H \cdot \hat{u}^+$$

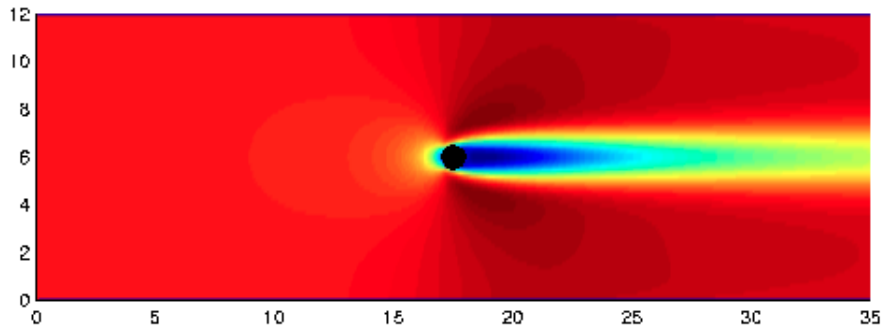
Relate mean flow modification to passive control: small control forcing

# Flow chart for sensitivity/receptivity

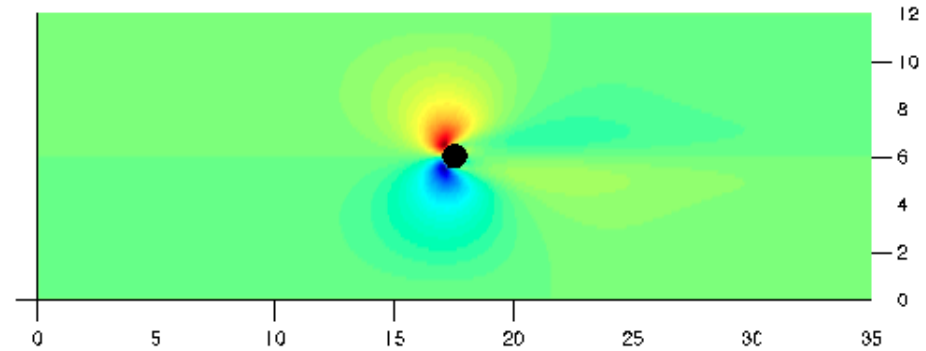


# Flow around a cylinder

- 1. base flow



$U$

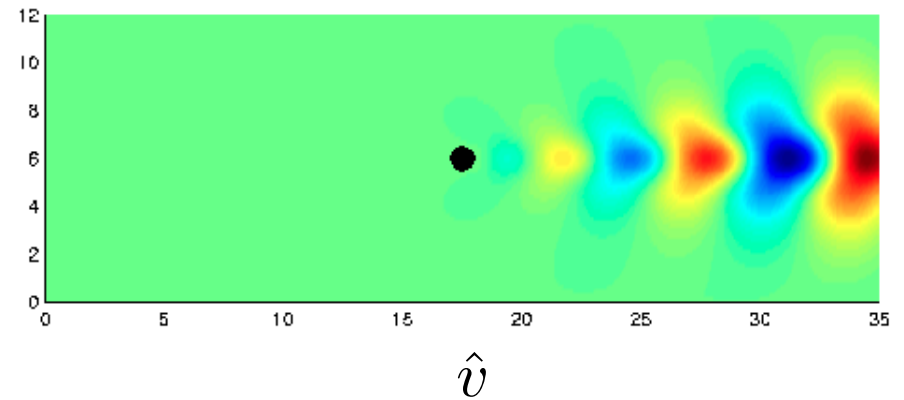
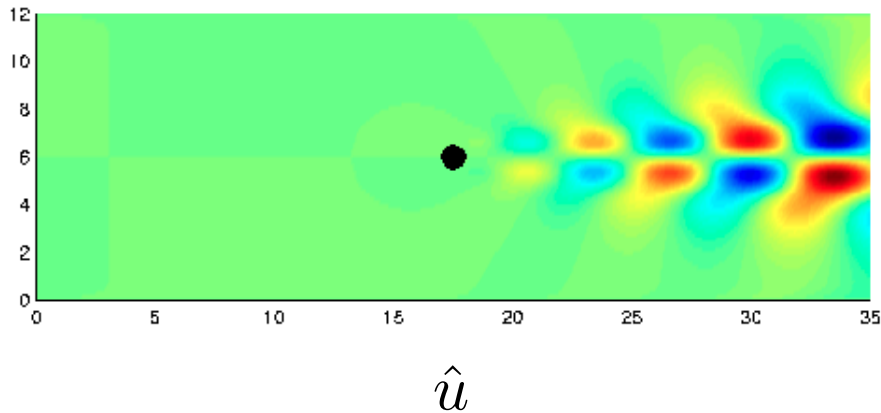


$V$



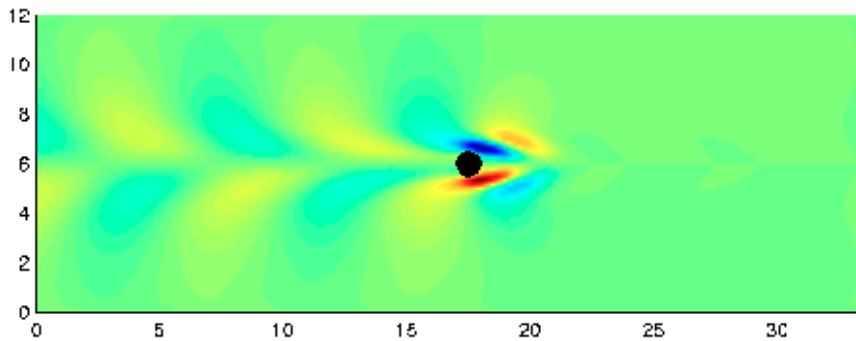
# Flow around a cylinder

- 1. base flow
- 2. global modes

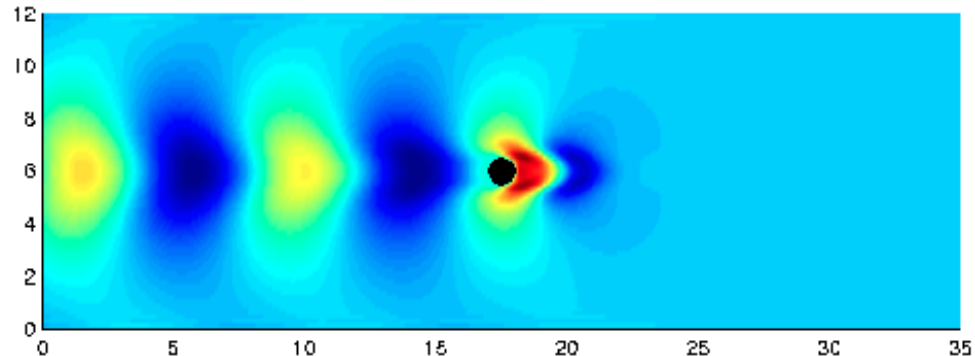


# Flow around a cylinder

- 1. base flow
- 2. global modes
- 3. adjoint modes *and receptivity*



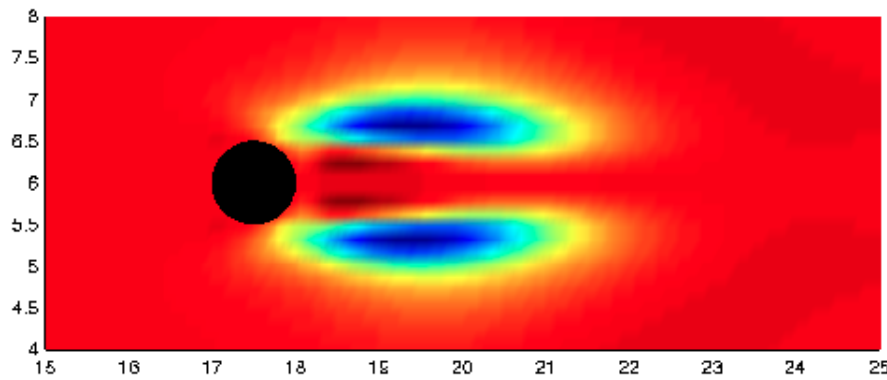
$\hat{u}^+$



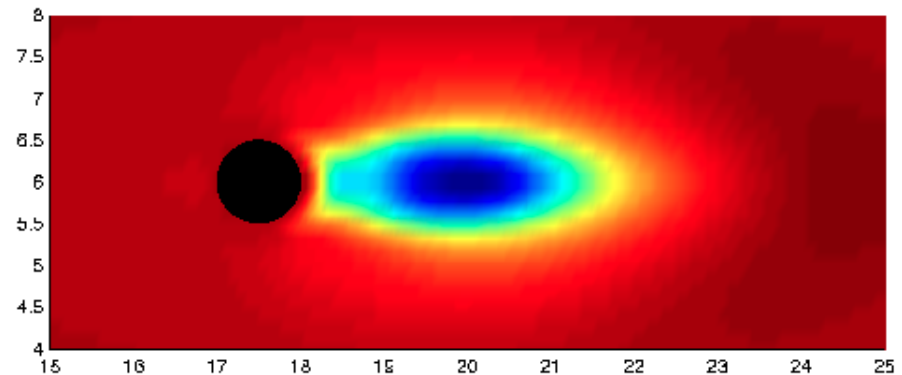
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# Flow around a cylinder

- 1. base flow
- 2. global modes
- 3. adjoint modes *and receptivity*
- 4. sensitivity, *wavemaker*



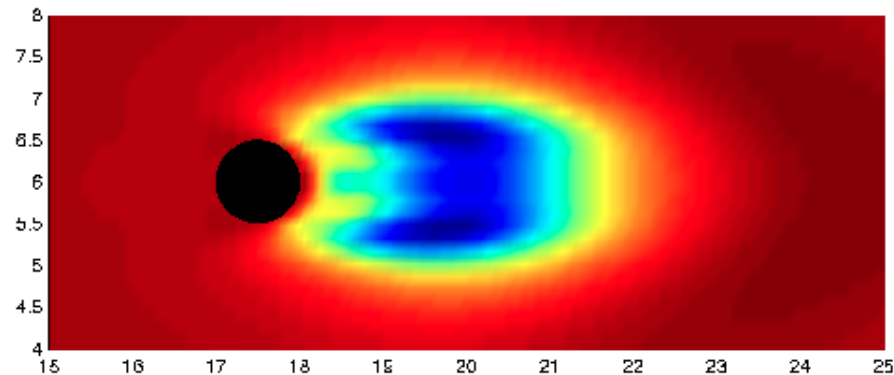
$u_{\text{wavemaker}}$



$v_{\text{wavemaker}}$

# Flow around a cylinder

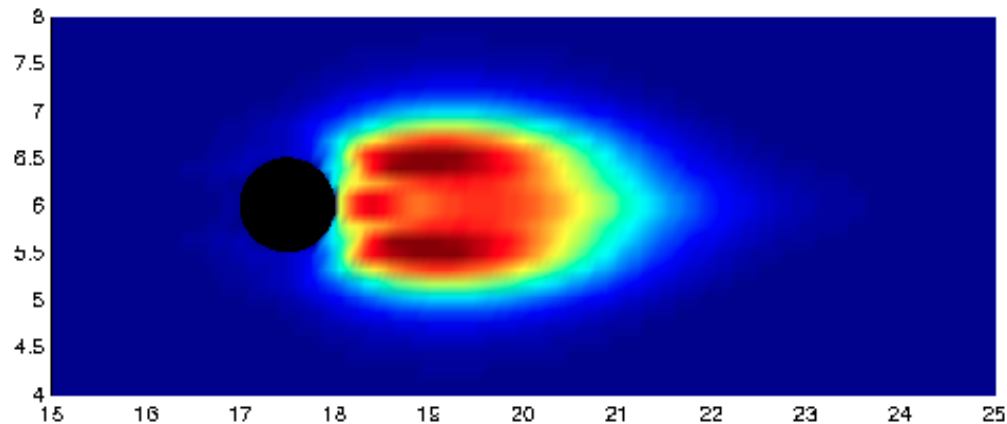
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Spatial feedback

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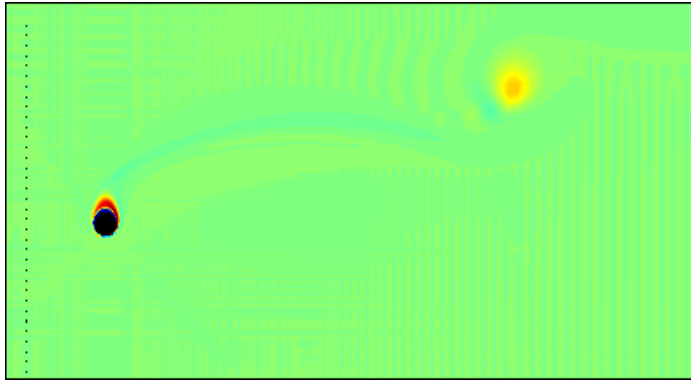
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- 5. sensitivity to base flow modifications



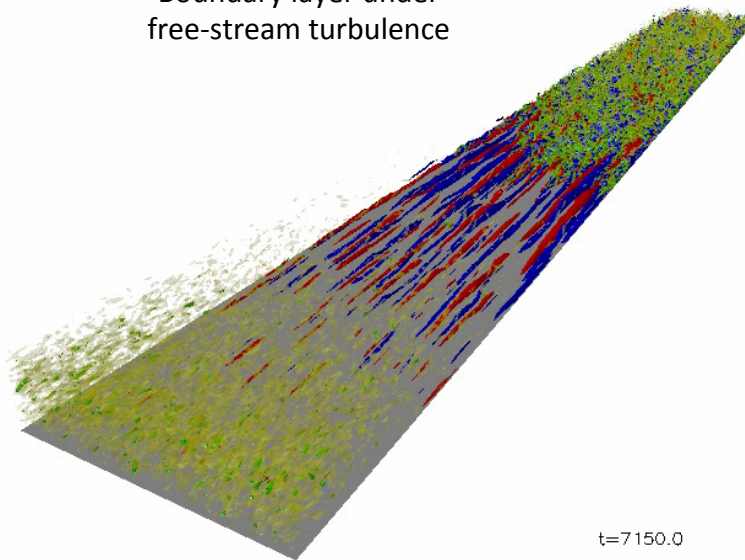
# Oscillators vs. noise amplifiers

Open flows: global instability and transient growth

Rotating cylinder



Boundary layer under  
free-stream turbulence



t=7150.0

*Hydrodynamic oscillators:*

Global instability  
Intrinsic frequency  
Local absolute instability (WKB)

*Noise amplifiers:*

Globally stable  
Broad-band frequency spectrum  
Local convective instability (WKB)

*Globally transient growth of perturbations!*

# Stability analysis

- *Oscillators → Modal analysis*
  - Largest Eigenvalue gives the asymptotic behavior
- *Noise amplifiers → Non-modal analysis*

## *Optimal initial condition*

- Initial condition that gives the maximum energy growth at a fixed final time.

## *Optimal forcing (pseudo-spectra)*

- Forcing function that gives the maximum energy of the regime response when the forcing is applied with a fixed frequency

# Instability mechanisms: Globally unstable flows

- The flow fields behave like an oscillator

Huerre & Monkewitz, Annu. Rev. Fluid Mech., 1990

- In weakly parallel flows the WKBJ approach identifies a specific spatial position in the absolutely unstable region which acts as a **wavemaker**.

Chomaz, Annu. Rev. Fluid Mech., 2005

- A concept similar to that of **wavemaker** can be introduced by investigating where in space a modification in the structure of the problem produces the **largest drift** of the eigenvalue:  
determine the region where feedback from velocity to force is most effective

Giannetti & Luchini, Journal of Fluid Mech., 2007, Pralits et al, 2010



# Lagrange identity and adjoint equations

- Using differentiation by parts

$$\begin{aligned} & \left[ \left( \frac{\partial \mathbf{u}}{\partial t} + \mathbf{L}\{U_b, Re\}\mathbf{u} + \nabla p \right) \cdot \mathbf{f}^+ + \nabla \cdot \mathbf{u} \hat{m}^+ \right] \\ + & \left[ \mathbf{u} \cdot \left( \frac{\partial \mathbf{f}^+}{\partial t} + \mathbf{L}^+\{U_b, Re\}\mathbf{f}^+ + \nabla m^+ \right) + p \nabla \cdot \mathbf{f}^+ \right] = \frac{\partial \mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{f}^+}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot \mathbf{J}(\mathbf{q}, \mathbf{g}^+). \end{aligned}$$

**Introduce the adjoint fields  $\mathbf{f}^+$  and  $m^+$ , and the adjoint linearised Navier-Stokes  $\mathbf{L}^+$**

# Structural sensitivity w.r.t. perturbations

- Perturbed eigenvalue problem

$$\sigma \hat{\mathbf{u}}' + L\{\mathbf{U}_b, Re\} \hat{\mathbf{u}}' + \nabla \hat{p}' = \delta H(\hat{\mathbf{u}}', \hat{p}')$$

- Structural perturbation: local force related to local velocity

$$\delta H(\hat{\mathbf{u}}', \hat{p}') = \delta M(x, y) \cdot \hat{\mathbf{u}}' = \delta(x - x_0, y - y_0) \delta M_0 \cdot \hat{\mathbf{u}}'$$

- Linear variation of eigenvalue-eigenfunction expressed as

$$\sigma \delta \hat{\mathbf{u}} + L\{\mathbf{U}_b, Re\} \delta \hat{\mathbf{u}} + \nabla \delta \hat{p} = -\delta \sigma \hat{\mathbf{u}} + \delta M \cdot \hat{\mathbf{u}}$$

- Using Lagrange identity for perturbation field

$$\delta \sigma(x_0, y_0) = \frac{\hat{\mathbf{f}}^+ \cdot \delta M_0 \cdot \hat{\mathbf{u}}}{\int_{\mathcal{D}} \hat{\mathbf{f}}^+ \cdot \hat{\mathbf{u}} \, dS} = S : \delta M_0$$

- ✓ The **sensitivity is a spatial map** given by the product above
- ✓ Different norms can be displayed (Spectral norm=worst case here)

# Production of perturbation kinetic energy

- Classic approach in stability analysis

$$\frac{d}{dt} \int_{\mathcal{D}} \left( \frac{1}{2} \overline{u_i u_i} \right) dx_i = \int_{\mathcal{D}} \frac{\partial U_i}{\partial x_j} \overline{\tau_{ij}} dx_i - \frac{1}{Re} \int_{\mathcal{D}} \overline{\omega_i \omega_i} dx_i$$

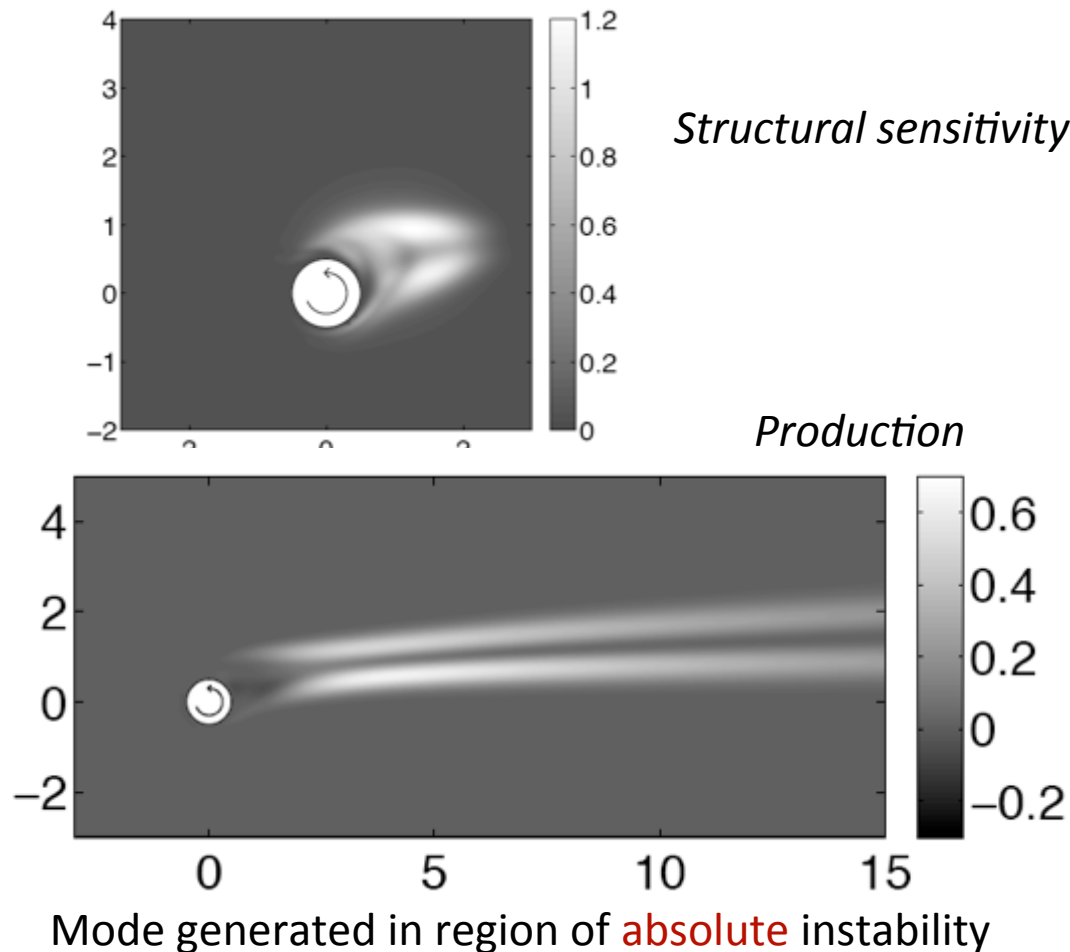
Work of Reynolds stresses against the base flow shear

**Wavemaker**: where in space a modification in the structure of the problem produces the **largest drift** of the eigenvalue:

determine the region where feedback from velocity to force is most effective

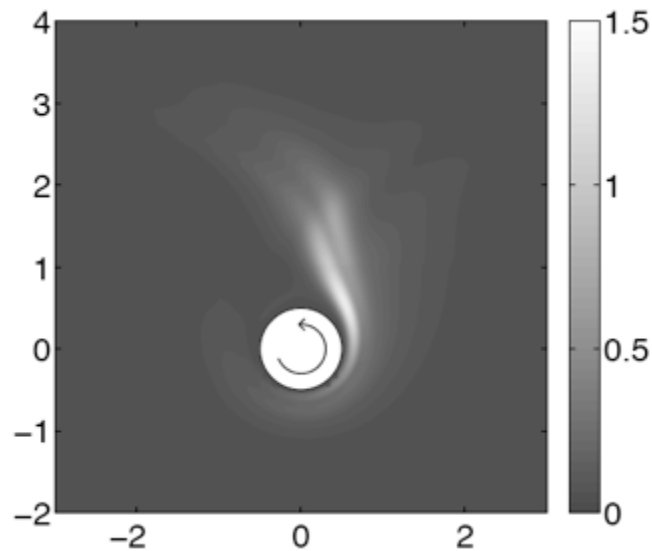
# Comparison with kinetic energy production

- Shedding mode I: **wavemaker vs. energy growth**

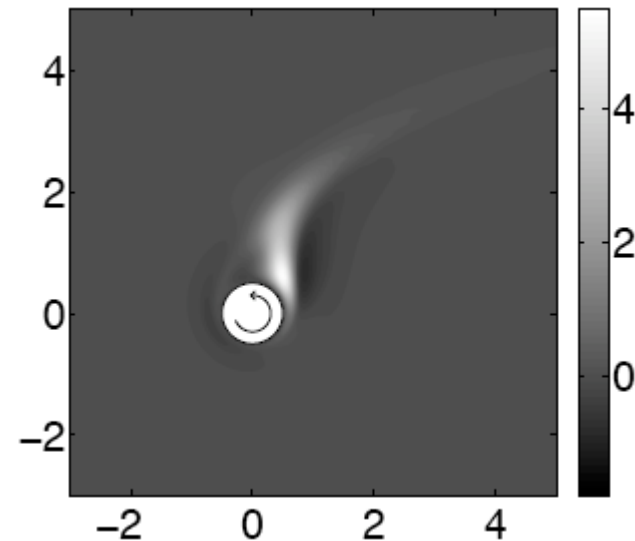


# Comparison with kinetic energy production

- Shedding mode I: **wavemaker vs. energy growth**



*Structural sensitivity*



*Production*

✓ **Same region identified**

# Structural sensitivity w.r.t. base flow variations

- Consider variations of the eigenvalue due to structural variations of the base flow.
- Assume arbitrary variations of the base flow

$$\sigma \delta \hat{\mathbf{u}} + L\{\mathbf{U}_b, Re\} \delta \hat{\mathbf{u}} + \nabla \delta \hat{p} = -[\delta \sigma \hat{\mathbf{u}} + \delta C(\delta \mathbf{U}_b, \hat{\mathbf{u}})]$$

$$\delta C(\delta \mathbf{U}_b, \hat{\mathbf{u}}) = \delta \mathbf{U}_b \cdot \nabla \hat{\mathbf{u}} + \hat{\mathbf{u}} \cdot \nabla \delta \mathbf{U}_b$$

- $\delta C$  bilinear operator expressing variations of L w.r.t.  $\delta \mathbf{U}_b$

- Eigenvalue drift 
$$\delta \sigma = \frac{\int_{\mathcal{D}} \hat{\mathbf{f}}^+ \cdot \delta C(\delta \mathbf{U}_b, \hat{\mathbf{u}}) dS}{\int_{\mathcal{D}} \hat{\mathbf{f}}^+ \cdot \hat{\mathbf{u}} dS}$$

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# Structural sensitivity w.r.t. base flow variations

- Structural variations of the base flow:  
linearized steady Navier-Stokes equations

$$L\{\mathbf{U}_b, Re\}\delta\mathbf{U}_b + \nabla\delta P_b = \delta M \cdot \mathbf{U}_b$$

- Using Lagrange identity

$$\int_{\mathcal{D}} \delta\mathbf{U}_b \cdot \delta C(\hat{\mathbf{f}}^+, \hat{\mathbf{u}}) dS = \int_{\mathcal{D}} \mathbf{f}_b^+ \cdot \delta M \cdot \mathbf{U}_b dS = \mathbf{f}_b^+(x_0, y_0) \cdot \delta M_0 \cdot \mathbf{U}_b(x_0, y_0)$$

with  $L^+\{\mathbf{U}_b, Re\}\mathbf{f}_b^+ + \nabla m_b^+ = \delta C(\hat{\mathbf{f}}^+, \hat{\mathbf{u}})$

- Structural sensitivity

$$\delta\sigma = \frac{\int_{\mathcal{D}} \mathbf{f}_b^+ \cdot \delta M \cdot \mathbf{U}_b dS}{\int_{\mathcal{D}} \hat{\mathbf{f}}^+ \cdot \hat{\mathbf{u}} dS} = \frac{\mathbf{f}_b^+ \cdot \delta M_0 \cdot \mathbf{U}_b}{\int_{\mathcal{D}} \hat{\mathbf{f}}^+ \cdot \hat{\mathbf{u}} dS} = S_b : \delta M_0$$



# Passive control

- Wake control by means of small obstacles in the flow
- Small control cylinder as localized **structural perturbation**:  
First term of Lamb-Oseen expansion for drag at low  $Re$

$$\delta A = \frac{4\pi}{Re \ln \left( \frac{7.4}{Re_c} \right)}$$

- Structural perturbation is reacting force, aligned with local velocity and acting at **perturbation** and **base-flow** level

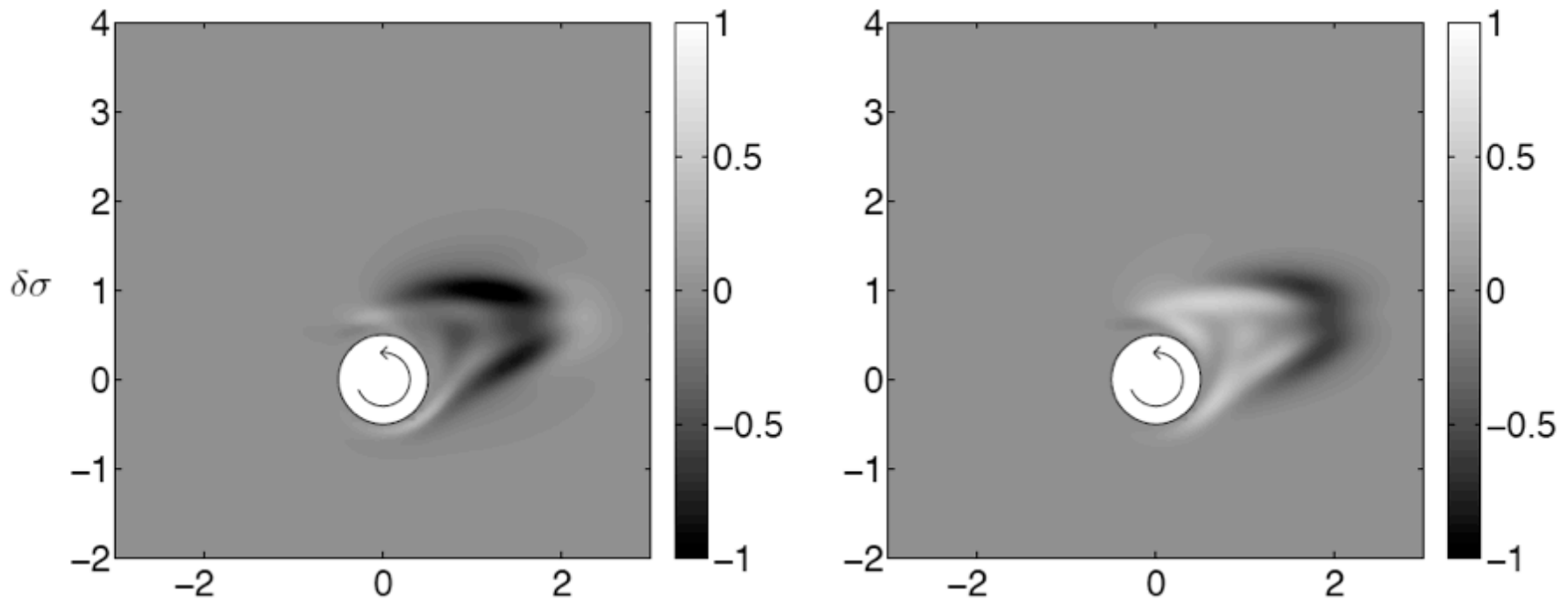
$$\delta\sigma_t = \delta\sigma_b + \delta\sigma = S_b : \delta M_0 + S : \delta M_0 = S_t : \delta M_0$$

- DNS of passive control

# Structural sensitivity for Shedding Mode I

*Real part*

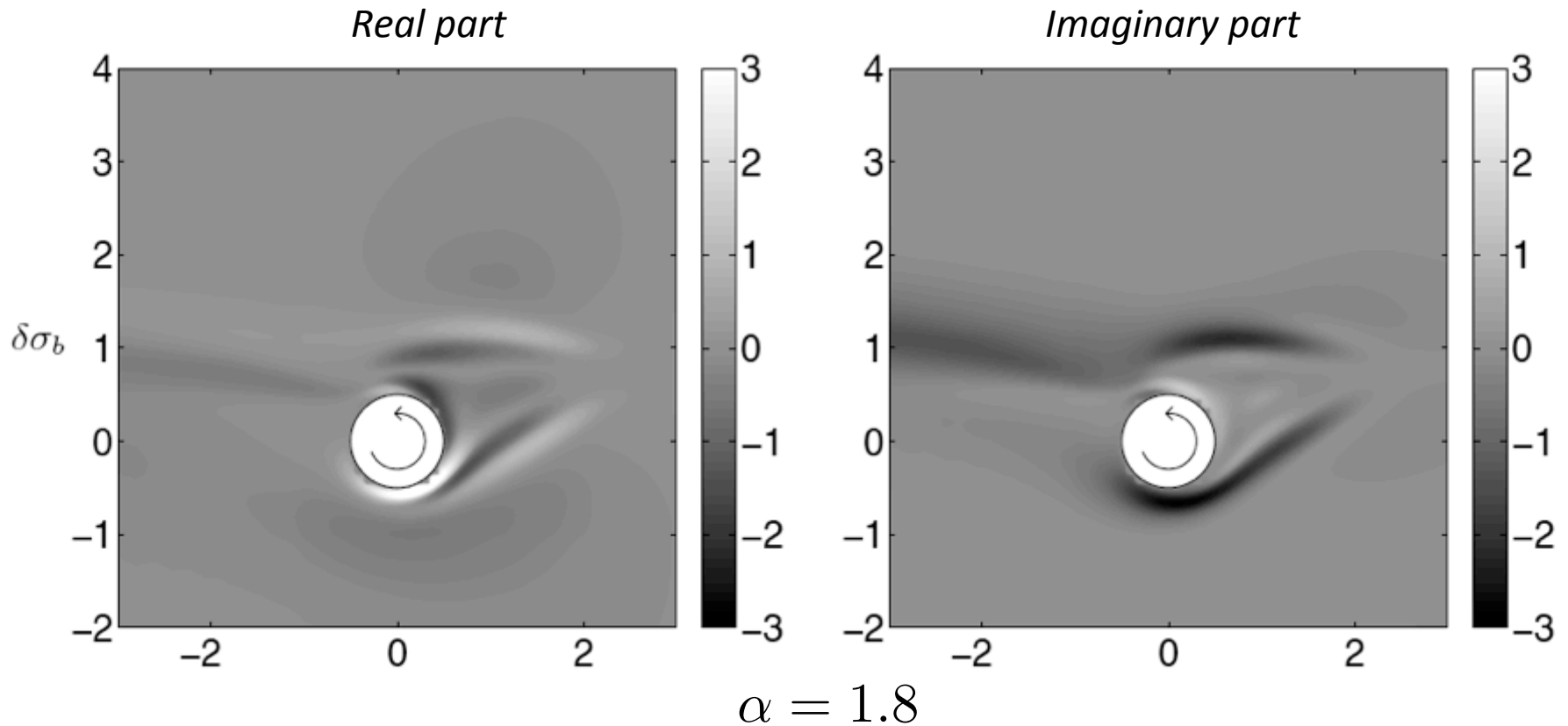
*Imaginary part*



$$\alpha = 1.8$$

Sensitivity w.r.t. perturbations (spectral norm)

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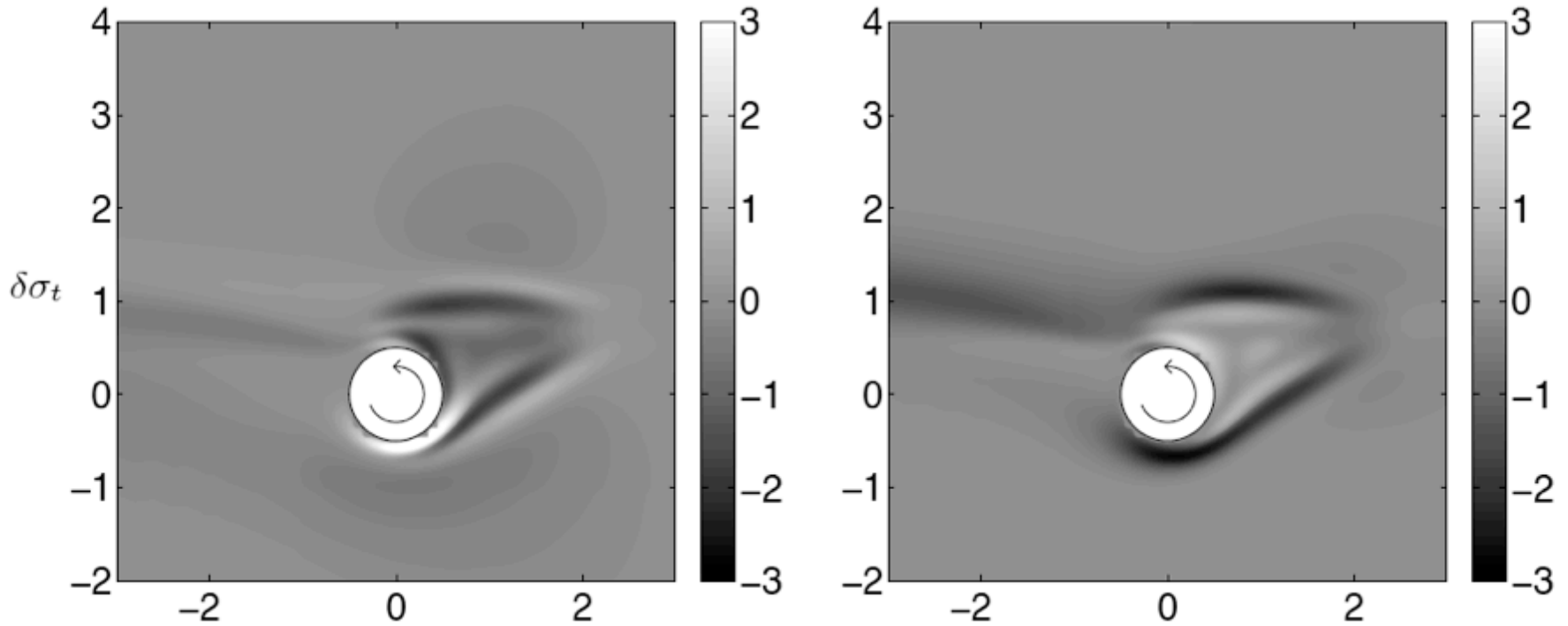


Sensitivity w.r.t. base flow (spectral norm)

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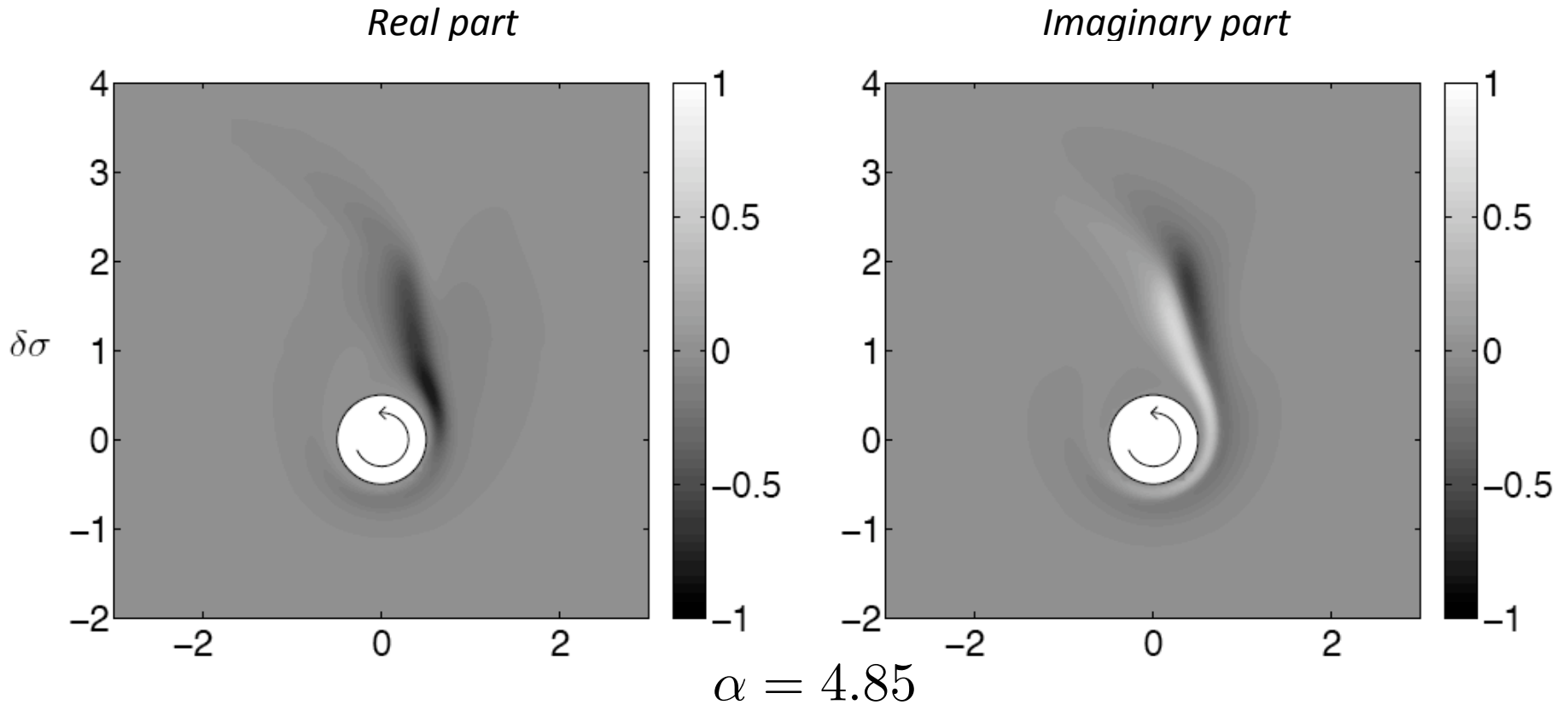
*Imaginary part*



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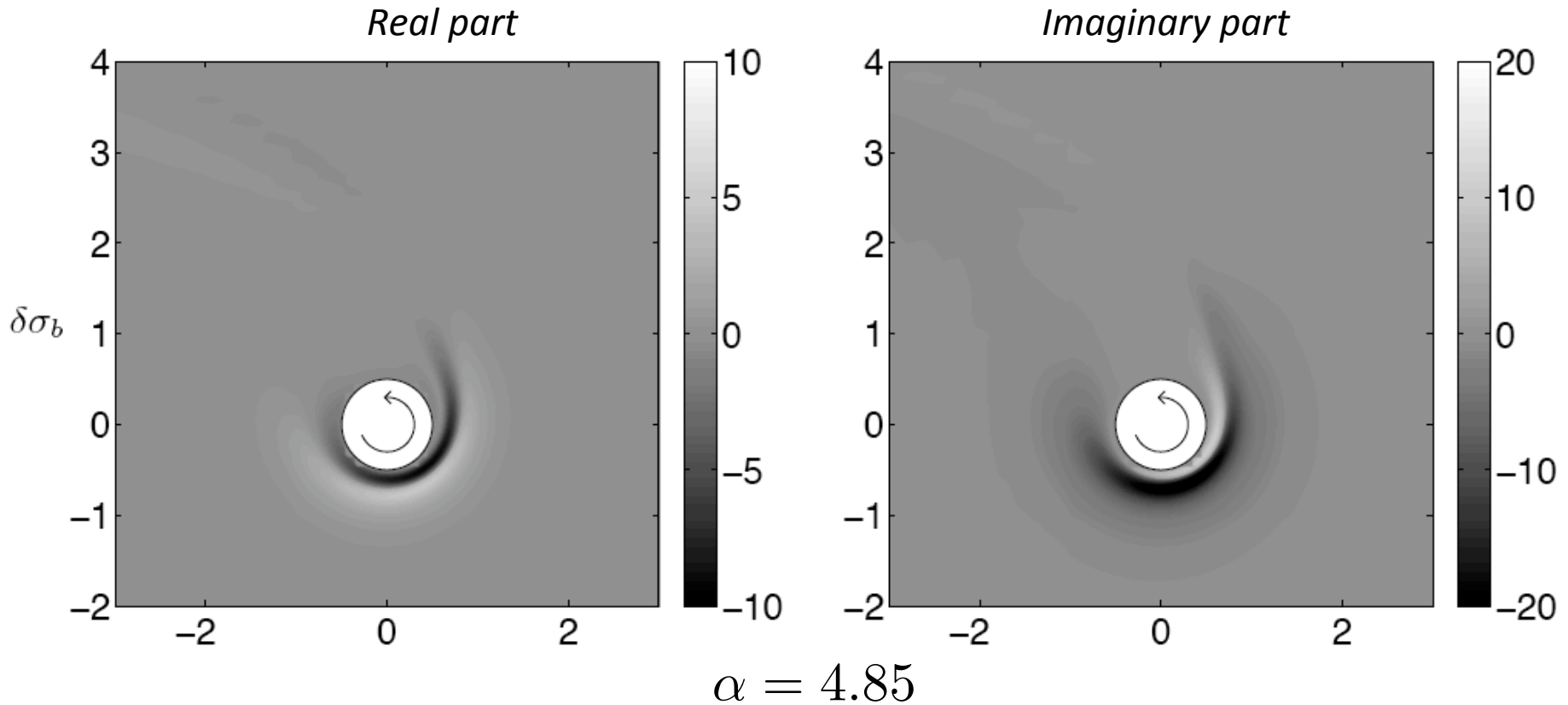
Total Sensitivity (spectral norm)

# Structural sensitivity for Shedding Mode II



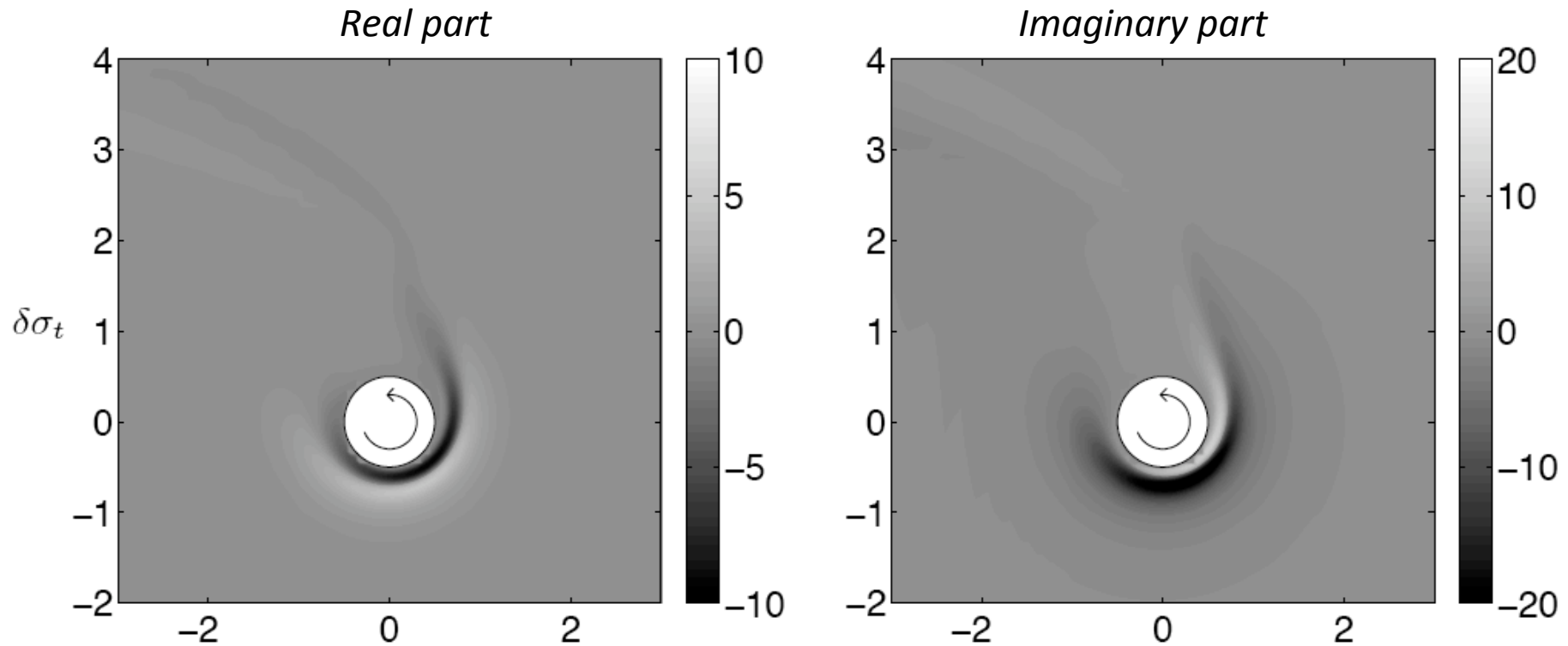
Sensitivity w.r.t. perturbations (spectral norm)

# Structural sensitivity for Shedding Mode II



Sensitivity w.r.t. base flow (spectral norm)

# Structural sensitivity for Shedding Mode II

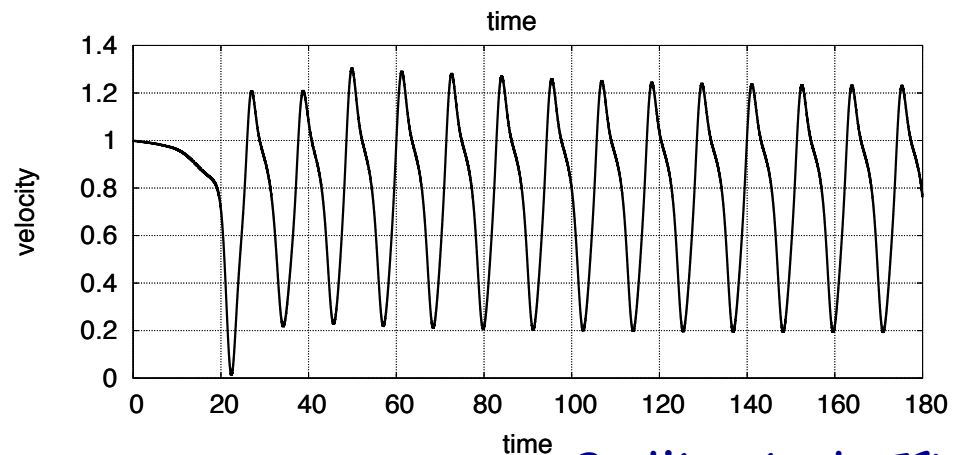
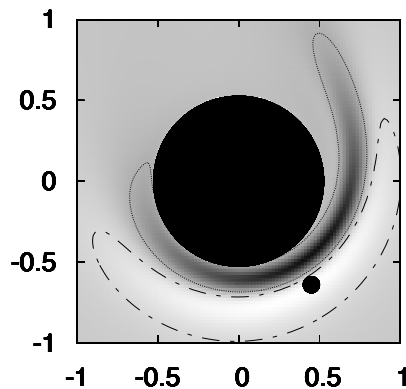
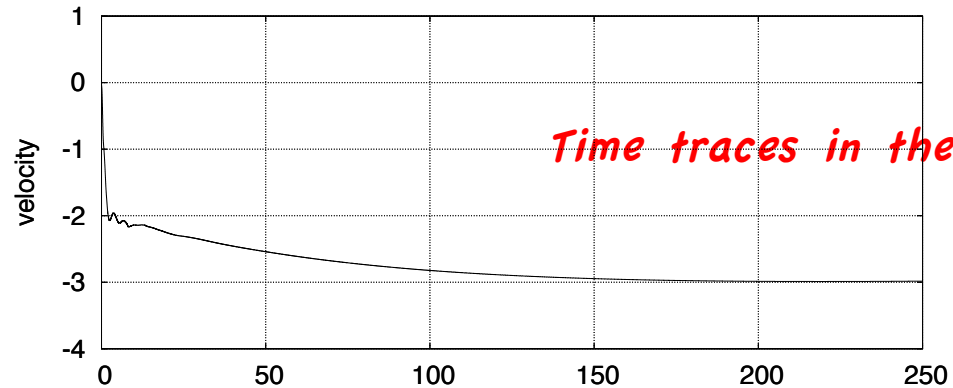
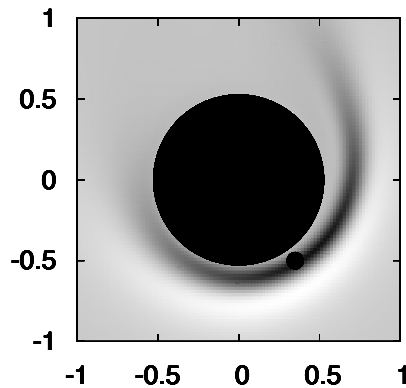


$$\alpha = 4.85$$

Total Sensitivity (spectral norm)

# Passive control based on sensitivity analysis

- Simulations of a secondary small cylinder positioned as indicated by sensitivity maps





# Instability mechanisms:

## Noise amplifiers

- The aim of the present work is to extend the sensitivity analysis to flow behaving as noise amplifiers

Huerre & Monkewitz, Annu. Rev. Fluid Mech., 1990

- The target of the analysis is the largest singular value of the system. We consider the **resolvent norm** in frequency domain.

Schmid & Henningson, Stability and Transition of shear flows, 2001

- A concept similar to that of wavemaker can be introduced by investigating where in space a modification of the base flow produces the **largest drift** of the optimal response: **wave-amplifier**

Brandt et al., Journal of Fluid Mech., 2011

# Gradient of the resolvent norm

We assume

$$\mathbf{u} = \mathcal{R}(\omega, \mathbf{U}) \mathbf{f}, \quad \mathcal{R} = \mathcal{S}(\omega, \mathbf{U})^{-1}, \quad \mathcal{S} = -i\omega \mathcal{M} + \mathcal{L}(\mathbf{U})$$

Optimal forcing and response

$$G = \frac{(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{u})}{(\mathbf{f}, \mathbf{f})} = \frac{(\mathcal{R} \mathbf{f}, \mathcal{R} \mathbf{f})}{(\mathbf{f}, \mathbf{f})} = \frac{(\mathcal{R}^\dagger \mathcal{R} \mathbf{f}, \mathbf{f})}{(\mathbf{f}, \mathbf{f})}$$

Sensitivity to base-flow modifications:

Overlap of optimal forcing and response

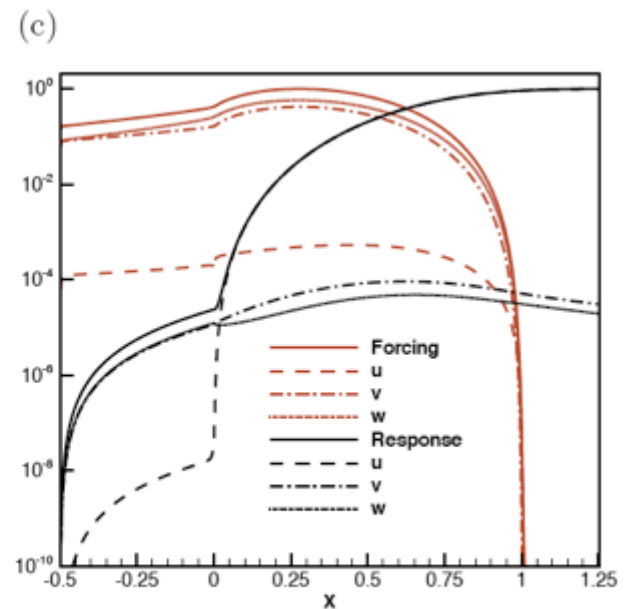
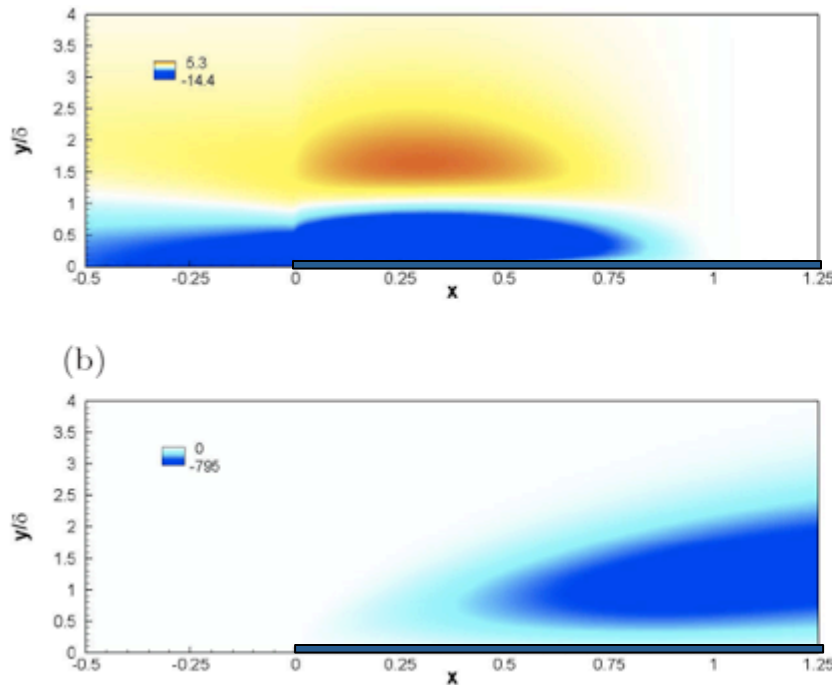
$$\nabla_{\mathbf{U}} \sigma^2 = 2\sigma^2 \Re\{(\nabla \mathbf{f}) \mathbf{u}^* - (\nabla \mathbf{u}^H) \mathbf{f}\}$$

Constrained optimization

$$\mathcal{K} = \sigma^2 - (\mathbf{u}^\dagger, \mathcal{S}(\mathbf{U}) \mathbf{u} - \mathbf{f}) - (\mathbf{a}^\dagger, \mathcal{S}^\dagger(\mathbf{U}) \mathbf{a} - \mathbf{u}) - (\mathbf{f}^\dagger, \sigma^2 \mathbf{f} - \mathbf{a})$$

# Boundary layer over flat plate

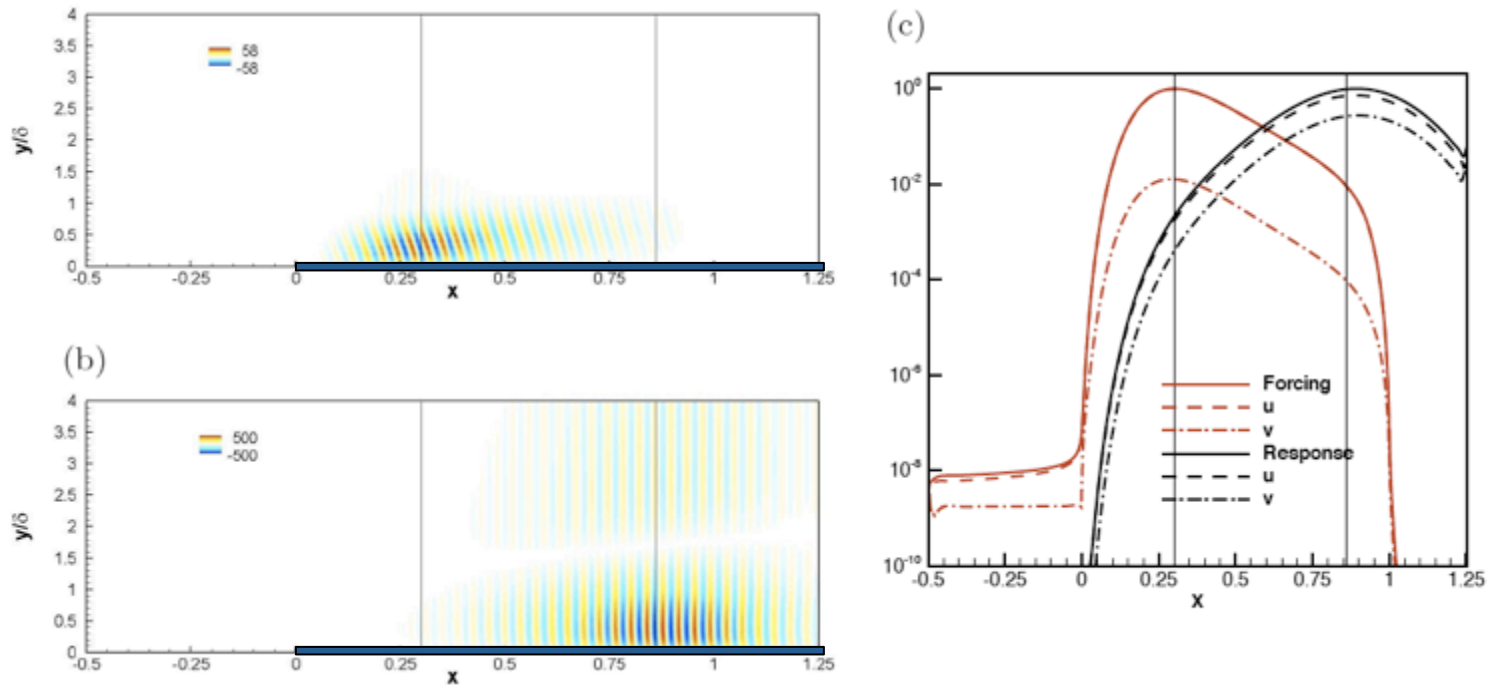
## *Optimal forcing: Lift-Up effect*



- ✓ Streamwise vortices induce streamwise streaks: component-wise non-normality, zero frequency and  $\beta=1$
- ✓ Forcing active upstream ( $x < 0$ ) and above the flat plate

# Boundary layer over flat plate

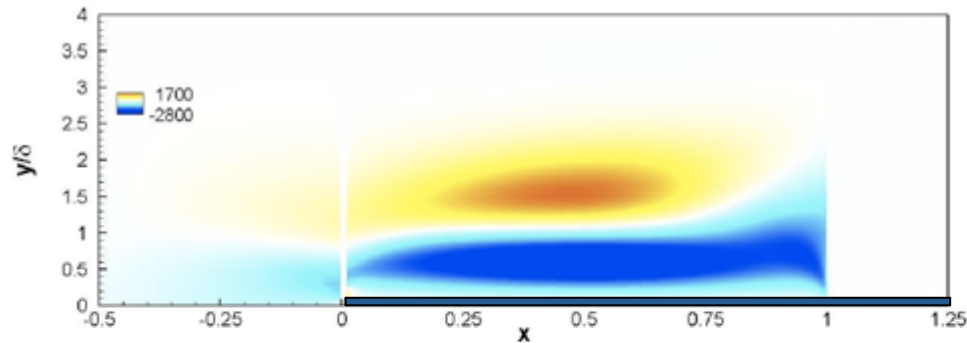
## *Optimal forcing: TS-waves*



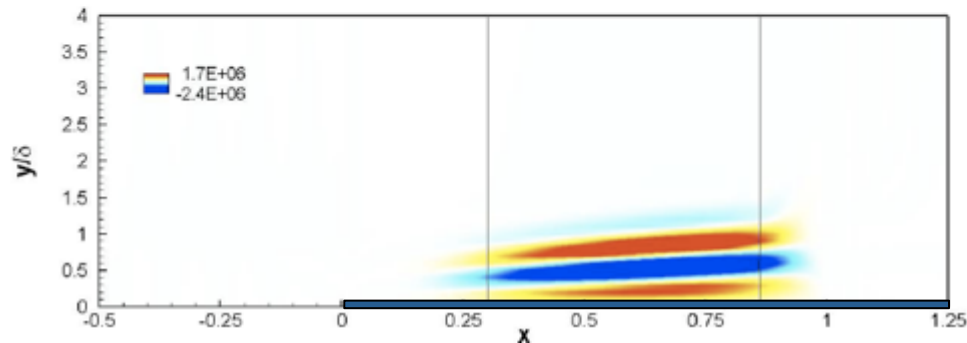
- ✓ Convective non-normality, 2D forcing at frequency  $F=100$ .
- ✓ Forcing active between branch I and II

# Sensitivity to base-flow modifications streamwise velocity component

Lift-up



TS-waves



- ✓ Largest sensitivity for TS-instability
- ✓ Streak amplification: very robust mechanism

# Outline

- Stability of fluid systems
  - modal limit
  - short time dynamics, matrix exponential
- Receptivity
  - resolvent norm
  - Resonance limit
  - Adjoint modes
- Sensitivity
  - Structural sensitivity
  - Base-flow sensitivity

*SOME MORE ...*

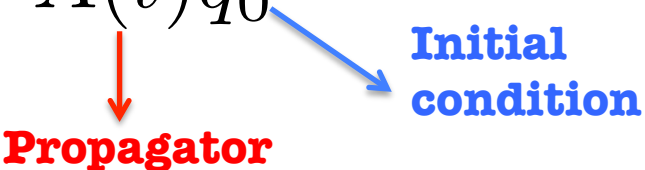
# Time-dependent flows

- Generalize to time-periodic and time-dependent flows
- Relate non-modal analysis to optimization problems

$$\frac{d}{dt}q = L(t)q$$

With solution

$$q(t) = A(t)q_0$$



**Propagator**

**Initial condition**

# Input-output analysis

- Seek optimal energy amplification

$$G(t) = \max_{q_0} \frac{\langle q, q \rangle}{\langle q_0, q_0 \rangle}$$



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# Input-output analysis for time-dependent system

$$G(t) = \max_{q_0} \frac{\langle A^H(t) A(t) q_0, q_0 \rangle}{\langle q_0, q_0 \rangle}$$

$A^H A$  is a **normal** matrix

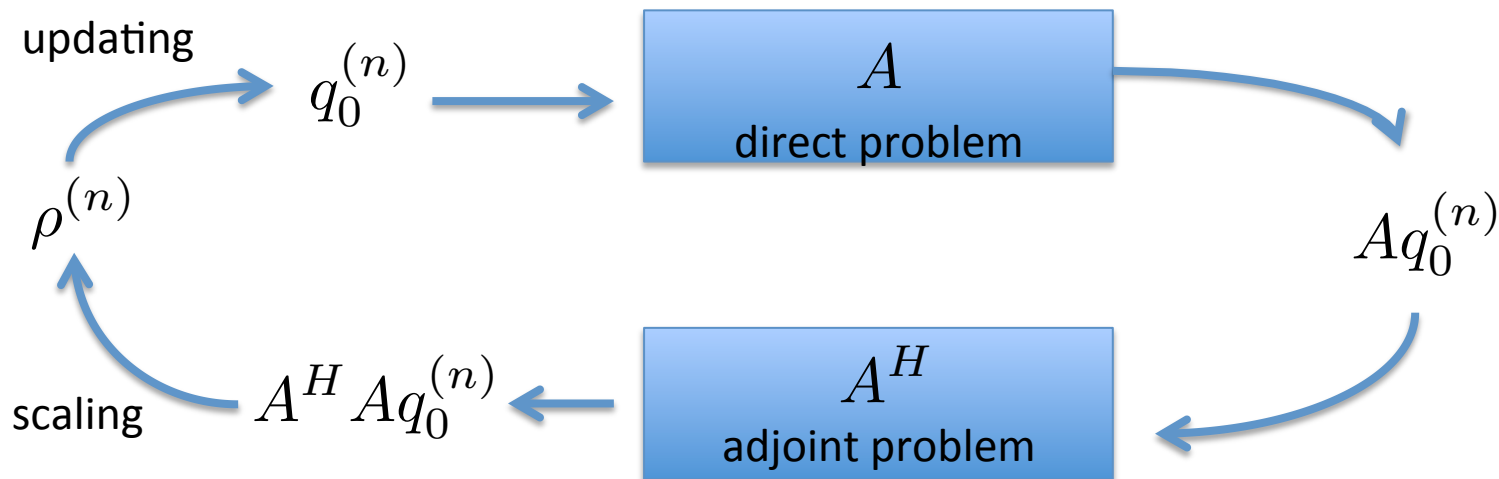
Maximum amplification for largest eigenvector of  $A^H A$

Principal eigenvector and eigenvalue can be found by power iterations

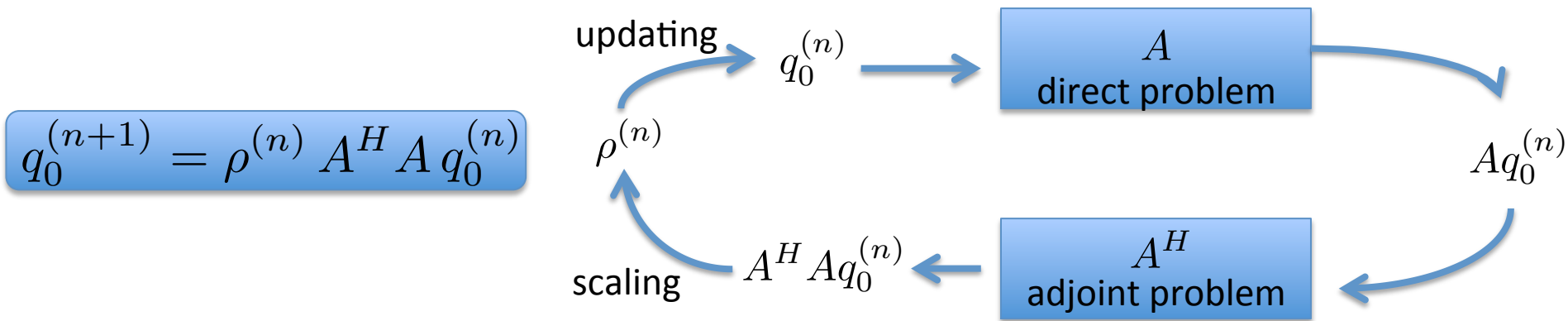
$$q_0^{(n+1)} = \rho^{(n)} A^H A q_0^{(n)}$$

# Input-output analysis for time-dependent system

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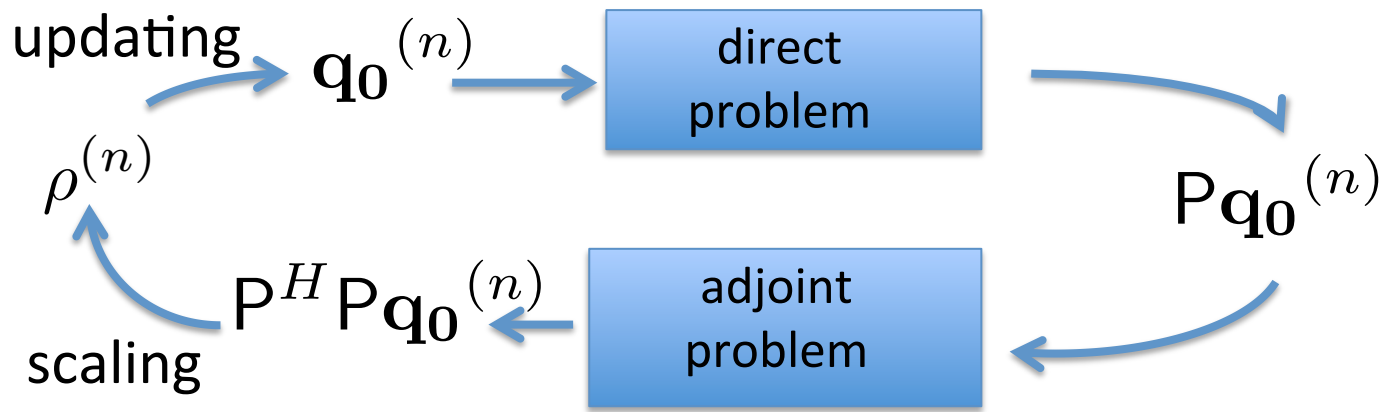


# Input-output analysis for time-dependent system



- This technique (**adjoint looping**) can be applied to any general time-dependent stability problem
- Propagation of initial condition forward in time and of adjoint initial condition backward in time

$$\mathbf{q}_0^{(n+1)} = \rho^{(n)} \mathbf{P}^H \mathbf{P} \mathbf{q}_0^{(n)}$$



# Variational formulation of the problem

- Variational formulation of the optimal growth problem  
*more general*

We wish to maximize

$$J = \frac{\|q\|^2}{\|q_0\|^2} \rightarrow \max$$

with the constraint

$$\frac{d}{dt}q = L(t)q$$

**Listen Carlo Cossu on Friday!**

# Global modes: how to

- Most problems with inhomogeneous directions, **complex geometry**
- Cannot use **Fourier transform** in two directions
- Eigenfunctions and **optimals** depend on more than one direction  $\hat{u}^+(x, y)$



# Computational issues

- One vs two inhomogeneous directions:  
state vector, matrix, operation count

$$q = \begin{pmatrix} q_1 \\ q_2 \\ \cdot \\ \cdot \\ q_N \end{pmatrix}$$

State vector

$$q = \begin{pmatrix} q_{1,1} \\ q_{1,2} \\ \cdot \\ \cdot \\ q_{N,N} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$L \in \mathbb{C}^{N \times N} \sim \mathcal{O}(N^2)$$

Matrix size

$$L \in \mathbb{C}^{N^2 \times N^2} \sim \mathcal{O}(N^4)$$

$$\sim \mathcal{O}(N^3)$$

Operation count

$$\sim \mathcal{O}(N^6)$$

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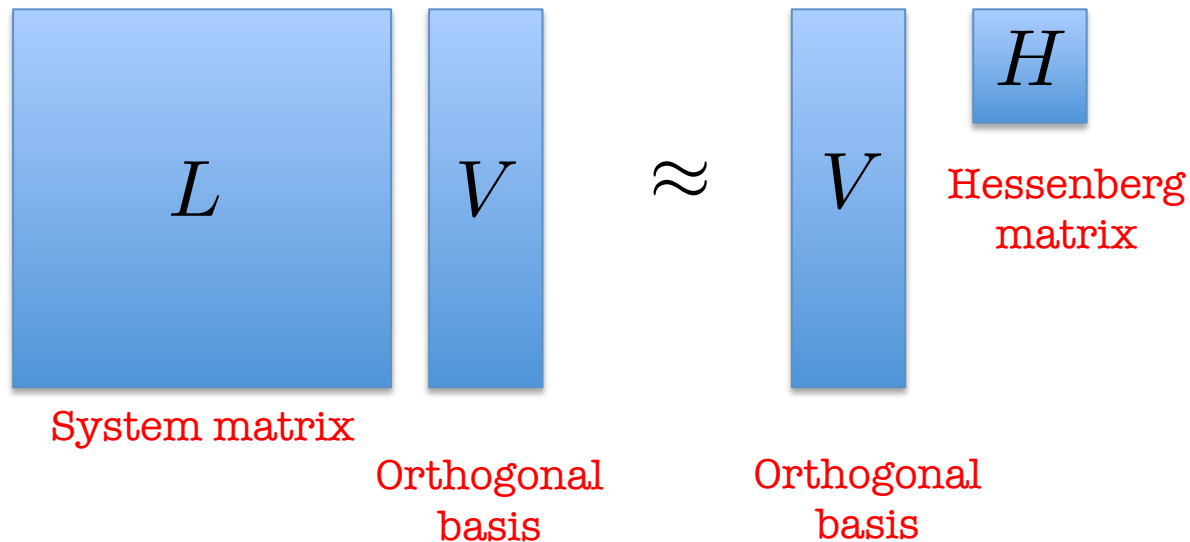
$$\sim \mathcal{O}(N^6)$$

CPU time

- Direct eigenvalue algorithms become too expensive
- Iterative algorithms, **Arnoldi technique**

# Arnoldi algorithm

- Action of the linear operator within an orthonormal basis  $V$

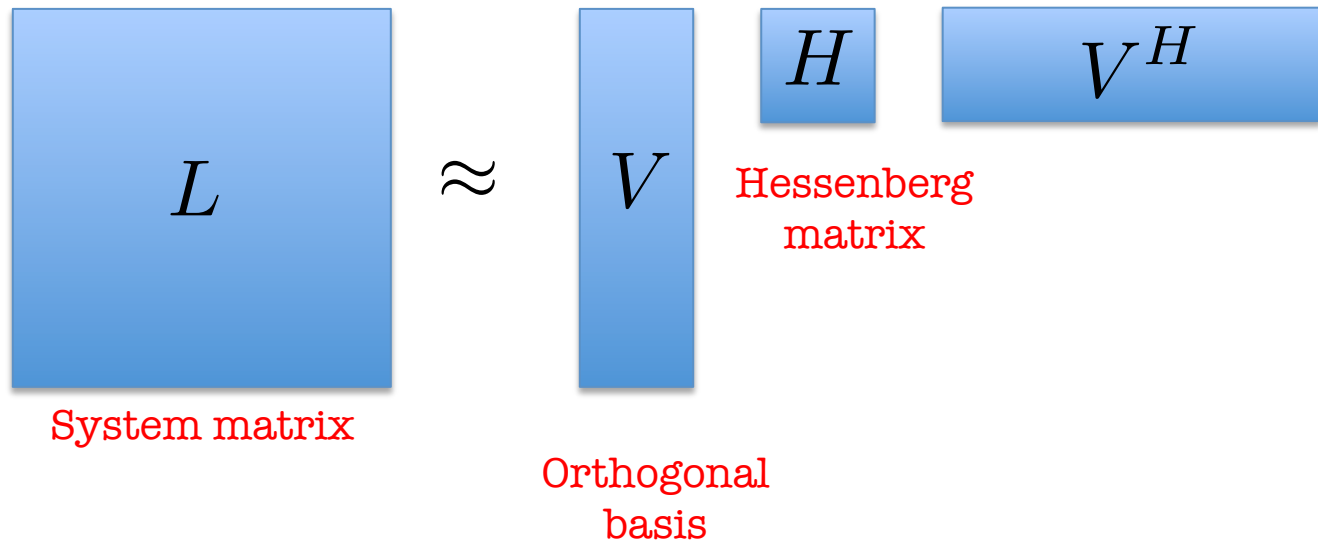


System matrix:  $L, \exp(tL), LL^H, \exp(tL) \exp(tL^H)$

USE THIS APPROACH TO COMPUTE MODAL AND NON-MODAL STABILITY

# Arnoldi algorithm

- Action of the linear operator within an orthonormal basis  $V$
- Represent stability matrix by a low-order approximation based on  $V$



# Hessenberg matrix

- Only multiplication by  $L$  are necessary

$$q_k = L q_{k-1}$$

for  $j = 1 : k - 1$

$$H_{j,k-1} = \langle q_j, q_k \rangle$$

$$q_k = q_k - H_{j,k-1} q_j$$

end

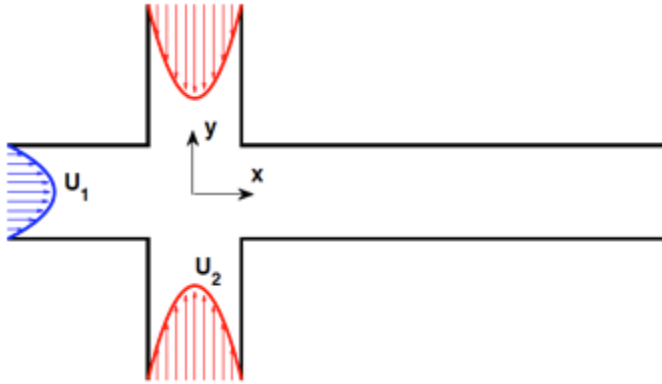
$$H_{k,k-1} = \|q_k\|$$

$$q_k = q_k / H_{k,k-1}$$

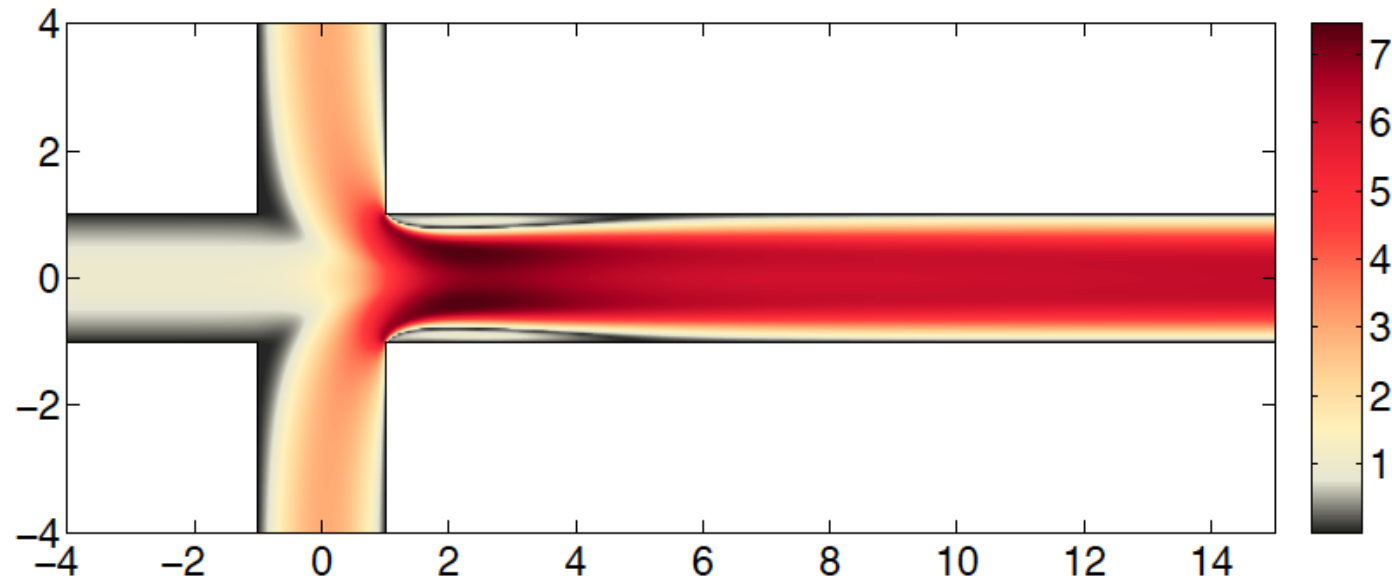
System eigenvalues approximated  
by eigenvalues of  $H$

$$Eig(L) \approx Eig(H)$$

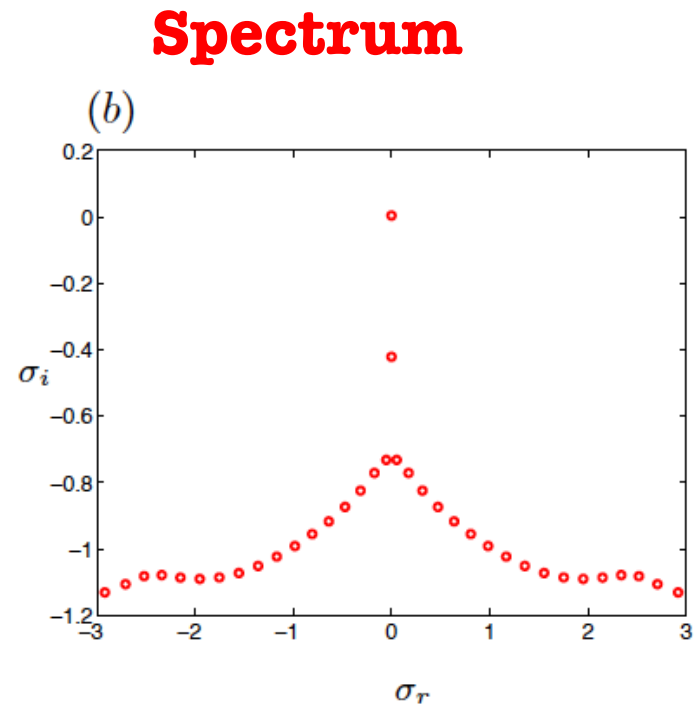
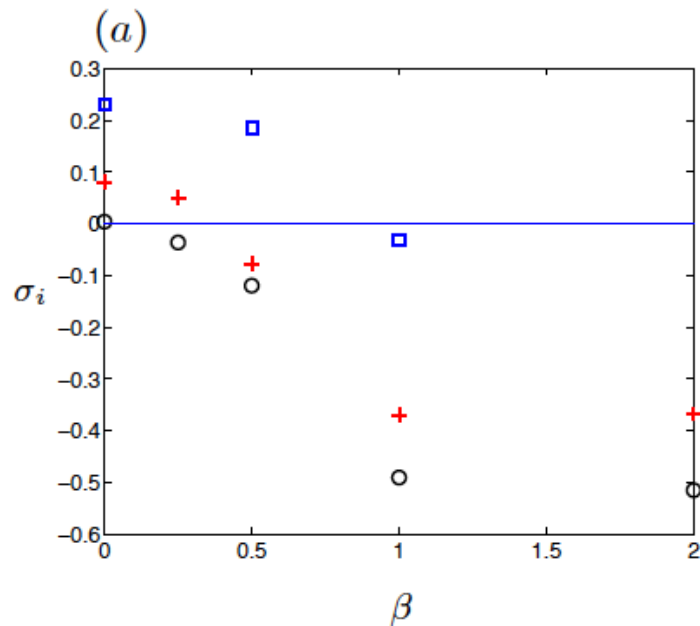
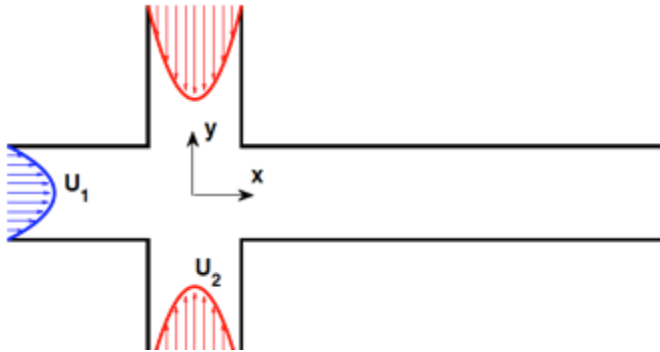
# Example in 2D: flow in X-junction



**Base flow**



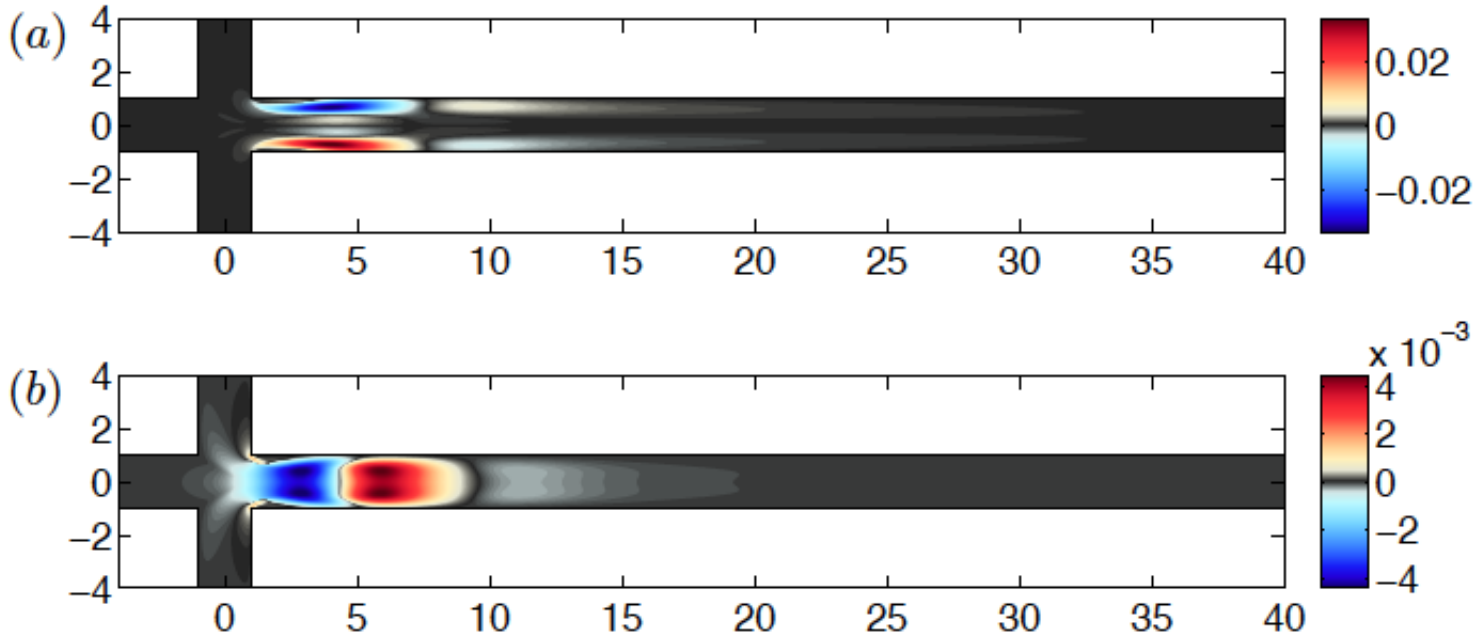
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➤ Steady two-dimensional bifurcation

# Example in 2D: flow in X-junction

## Eigenfunction

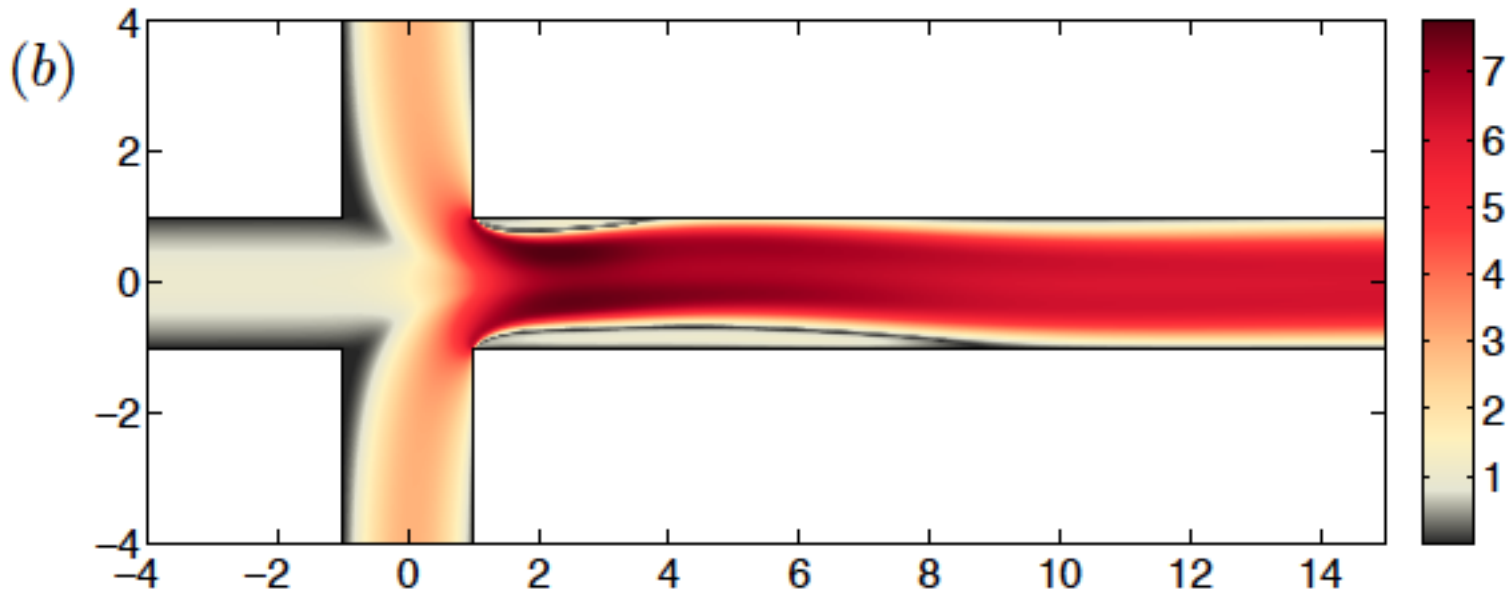


➤ Steady two-dimensional bifurcation



# Example in 2D: flow in X-junction

**New asymmetric state**



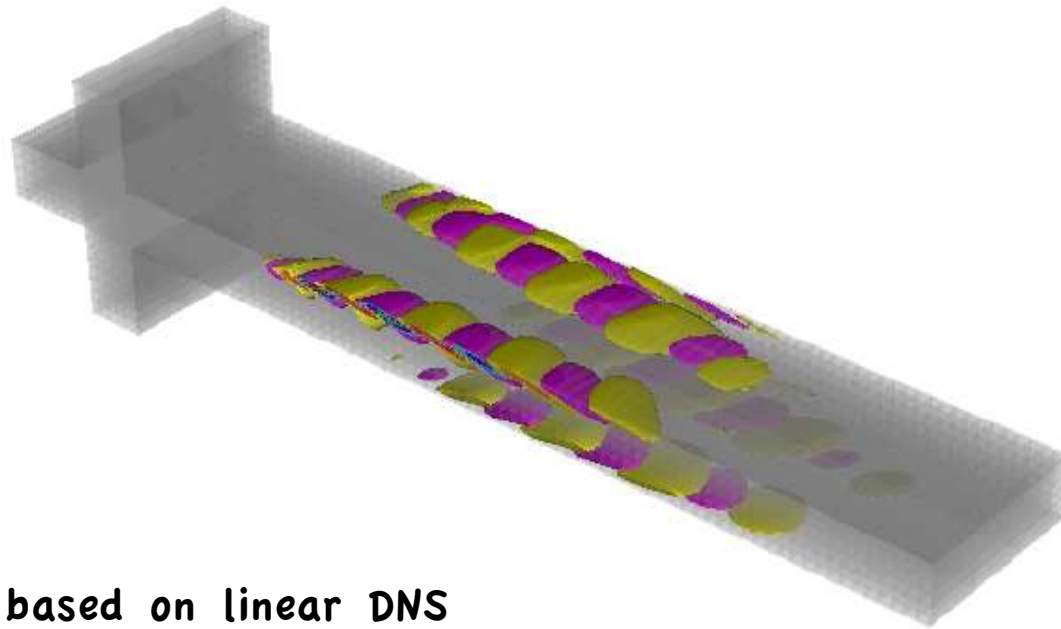
➤ **Steady two-dimensional bifurcation**

# X-junction: Example in 2,5D...

Asymmetric state unstable to 3D periodic disturbances

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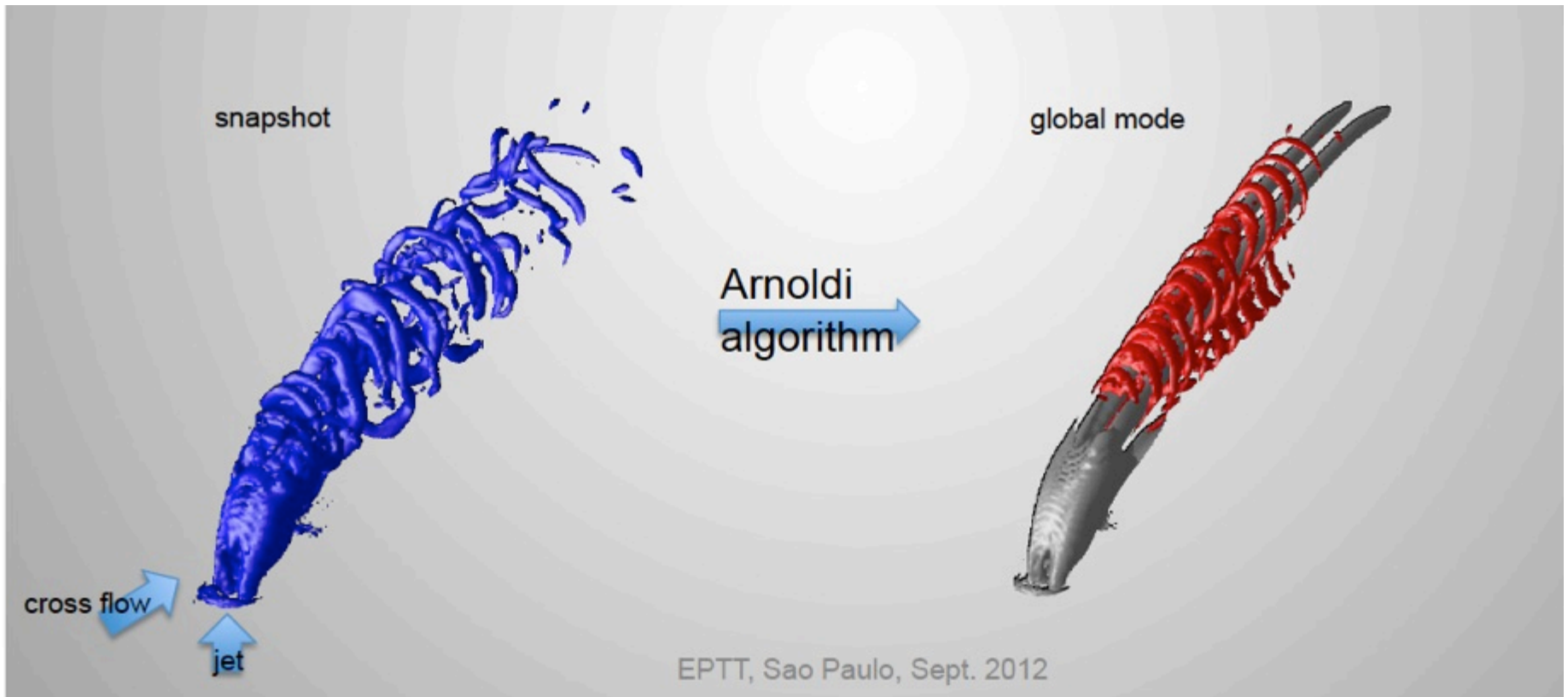
(b)



Snapshot method based on linear DNS

# Example in 3D: Jet in cross flow

Use DNS and compute spectrum of **matrix exponential**  $q = \exp(tL)q_0$

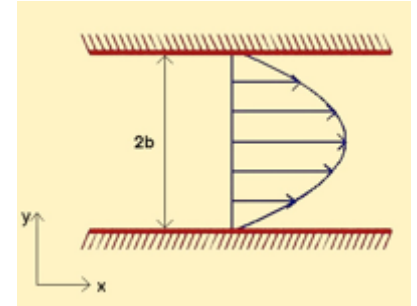


# Summary

- Stability of fluid systems
  - non-normal operators are ubiquitous in fluid flow problems
  - non-modal (multi-modal) effects therefore dominant
  - non-modal analysis computationally more costly, many extensions possible though
- Receptivity and sensitivity
  - Use of adjoint modes
  - Structural sensitivity, wavemaker
  - Base-flow sensitivity, passive control

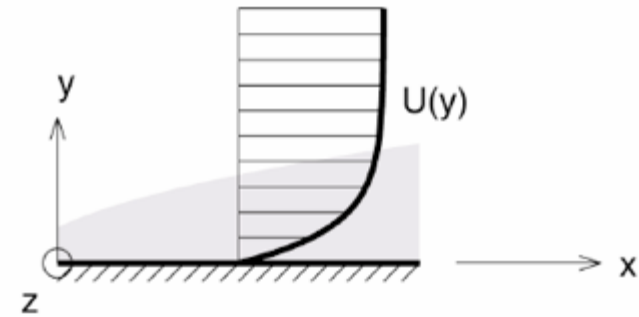
# Tutorials

- Consider Poiseuille or Couette flow
- Orr-Sommerfeld and Squire system for 3D disturbances



# Parallel shear flows $U_i = U(y)\delta_{1i}$

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with the boundary conditions

$v = v' = \eta = 0$  at a solid wall and in the far field

# Orr-Sommerfeld and Squire equations

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Orr-Sommerfeld modes:  $\{\tilde{v}_n, \tilde{\eta}_n^p, \omega_n\}_{n=1}^N$

Squire modes:  $\{\tilde{v} = 0, \tilde{\eta}_m, \omega_m\}_{m=1}^M$

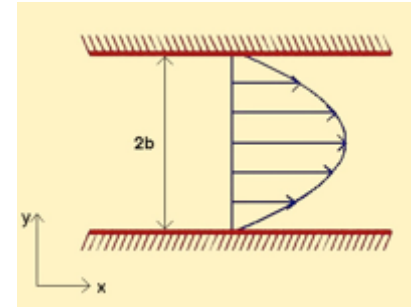
$$\tilde{u} = \frac{i}{k^2} (\alpha D \tilde{v} - \beta \eta)$$

$$\tilde{w} = \frac{i}{k^2} (\beta D \tilde{v} + \alpha \eta)$$



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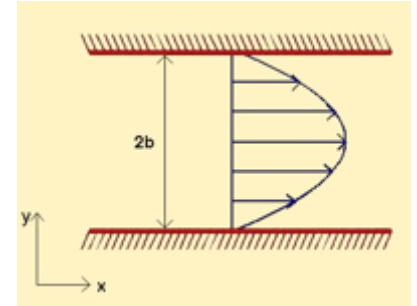
- Consider Poiseuille or Couette flow



- **TransientGrowth.m**  
 $G(t)$  for selected  $\alpha, \beta$ ;  $\Re$  and given max time
- **Resolvent.m**  
 $R(\omega)$  for selected  $\alpha, \beta$ ;  $\Re$
- **NumRange.m**  
Numerical range for selected  $\alpha, \beta$ ;  $\Re$

# Tutorials

- Consider Poiseuille or Couette flow



- **Neutral\_a\_Re.m**

Eigenvalues and  $G(t)$  for selected  $\beta$  and given max time, for a range of  $\alpha$  and  $Re$

- **Neutral\_alpha\_beta.m**

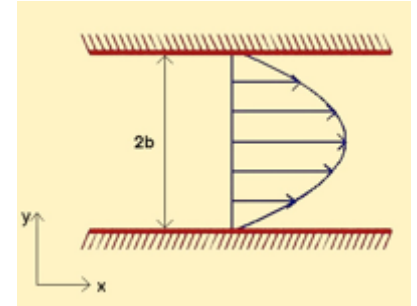
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- **OptimalDisturbance.m**

Optimal disturbance and response for selected  $\alpha, \beta; Re$

# Tutorials

- Consider Poiseuille or Couette flow
- **Sens\_OptDist.m**



Structural sensitivity of least stable mode and

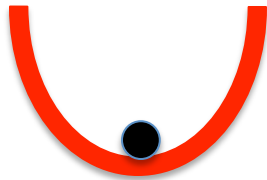
$$\delta\lambda = \frac{q^+ \delta A q}{q^+ B q}$$

of optimal disturbance to base flow modification  
for selected  $\alpha, \beta$ ;  $\Re$

$$\nabla_{\mathbf{U}} \lambda^2 = 2\lambda^2 \Re\{(\nabla \mathbf{u}_{in}) \mathbf{u}_{out}^* - (\nabla \mathbf{u}_{out})^H \mathbf{u}_{in}\}$$

Extra slides

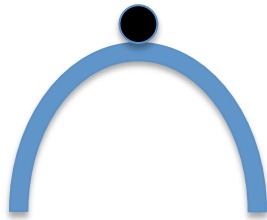
# Stability



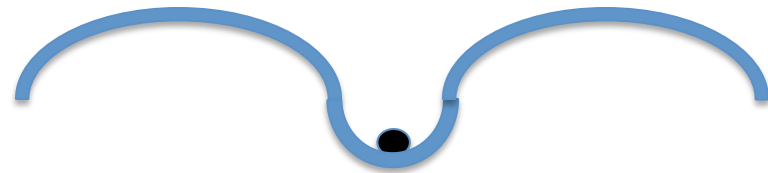
Stable



Neutral



Unstable



Nonlinearly  
unstable

# Stability definitions

$$E = \frac{1}{2} \int_V u_i u_i dV$$

Stable:

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{E(t)}{E(0)} \rightarrow 0$$

Conditionally stable:

$$\exists \delta : E(0) < \delta \Rightarrow \text{Stable}$$

Globally stable:

$$\text{Conditionally Stable with } \delta \rightarrow \infty$$

Linearly unstable:

$$\delta \rightarrow 0$$

Monotonically stable:

$$\frac{dE}{dt} < 0 \quad \forall \quad t > 0$$

# Critical Reynolds numbers

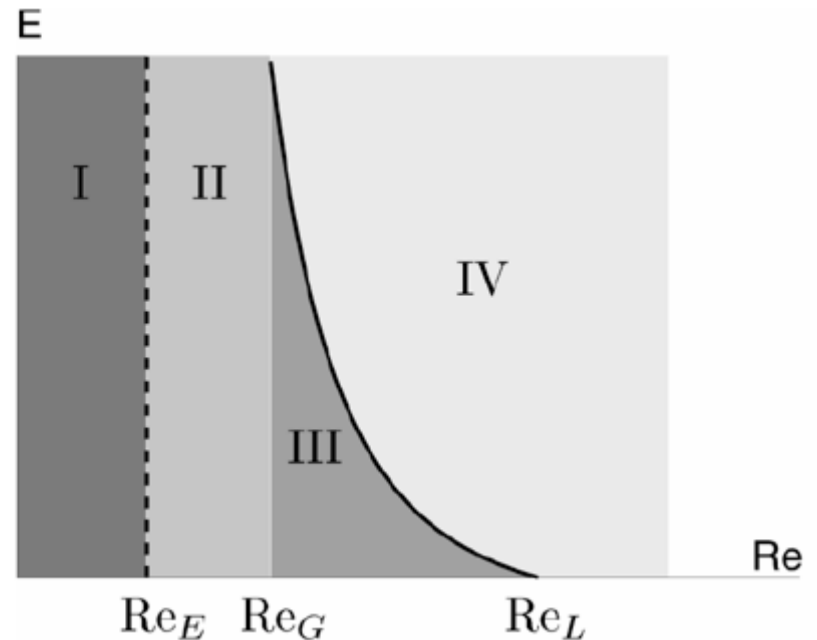
Flow monotonically stable  $Re < Re_E$

Flow globally stable  $Re < Re_G$

Flow linearly unstable  $Re > Re_L$

Critical values for shear flows

Flow	$Re_E$	$Re_G$	$Re_T$	$Re_L$
Hagen-Poiseuille	81.5	—	2000	$\infty$
Plane Poiseuille	49.6	—	1000	5772
Plane Couette	20.7	125	360	$\infty$



# Stability analysis

- Search for  $Re_E$ : monotonically stable flows
- Linear analysis:  $Re_L$
- Amplitude  $\delta$  ?  $Re_G$  ?



# Disturbance equations

$$\frac{\partial u_i}{\partial t} = -u_j \frac{\partial u_i}{\partial x_j} - \frac{\partial p}{\partial x_i} + \frac{1}{\text{Re}} \nabla^2 u_i$$

$$\frac{\partial u_i}{\partial x_i} = 0$$

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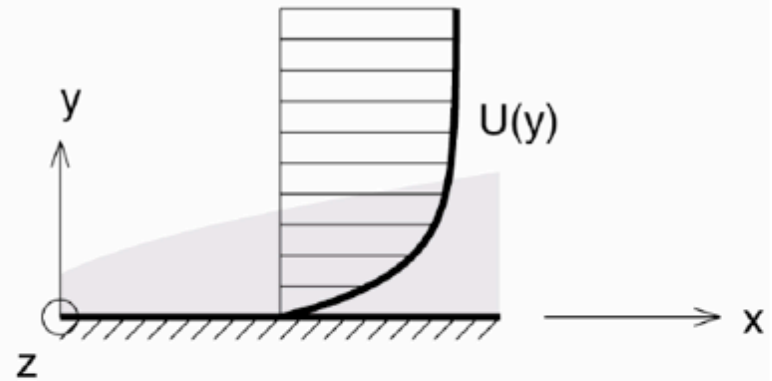
$$\text{Re} = U_\infty \delta_* / \nu$$

$$u_i = U_i + u_i'$$

$$p = P + p' \quad \text{drop primes}$$

$$\frac{\partial u_i}{\partial t} = -U_j \frac{\partial u_i}{\partial x_j} - u_j \frac{\partial U_i}{\partial x_j} - \frac{\partial p}{\partial x_i} + \frac{1}{\text{Re}} \nabla^2 u_i - u_j \frac{\partial u_i}{\partial x_j}$$

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# Energy equation

$$u_i \frac{\partial u_i}{\partial t} = -u_i u_j \frac{\partial U_i}{\partial x_j} - \frac{1}{\text{Re}} \frac{\partial u_i}{\partial x_j} \frac{\partial u_i}{\partial x_j} + \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} \left[ -\frac{1}{2} u_i u_i U_j - \frac{1}{2} u_i u_i u_j - u_i p \delta_{ij} + \frac{1}{\text{Re}} u_i \frac{\partial u_i}{\partial x_j} \right]$$

$\Rightarrow$

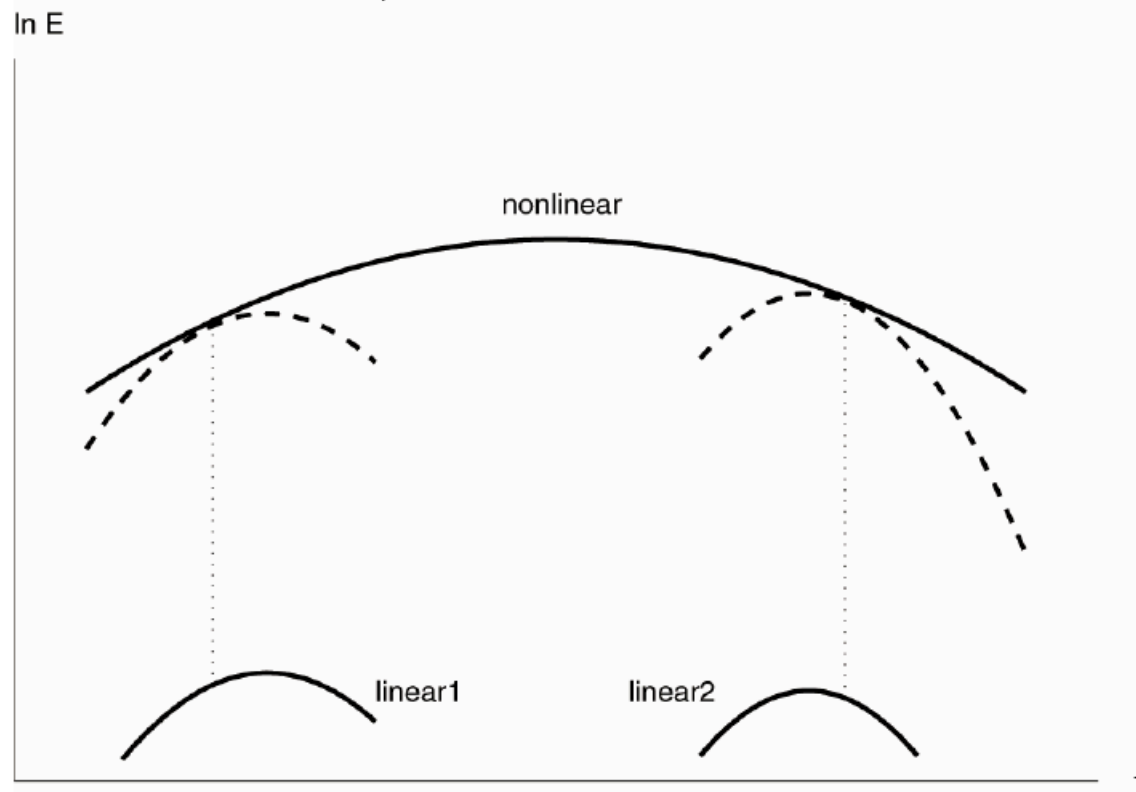
$$\frac{dE_V}{dt} = - \int_V u_i u_j \frac{\partial U_i}{\partial x_j} dV - \frac{1}{\text{Re}} \int_V \frac{\partial u_i}{\partial x_j} \frac{\partial u_i}{\partial x_j} dV$$

*Theorem:* Linear mechanisms required for energy growth

*Proof:*  $\frac{1}{E_V} \frac{dE_V}{dt}$  independent of disturbance amplitude

# Linear growth mechanisms

$$\frac{1}{E_V} \frac{dE_V}{dt} = \frac{d}{dt} \ln E_V$$



# Energy theory: $Re_E$

$$\frac{1}{Re_E} = \max_{u_i} \frac{- \int_V u_i u_j \frac{\partial U_i}{\partial x_j} dV}{\int_V \frac{\partial u_i}{\partial x_j} \frac{\partial u_i}{\partial x_j} dV}$$

Variational problem: very conservative estimate,  
need for constraints!

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Departure from equilibrium: slope

Identify relevant mechanisms

Examine receptivity and sensitivity

# Linear analysis

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = \mathcal{L}(U, t; Re) u$$

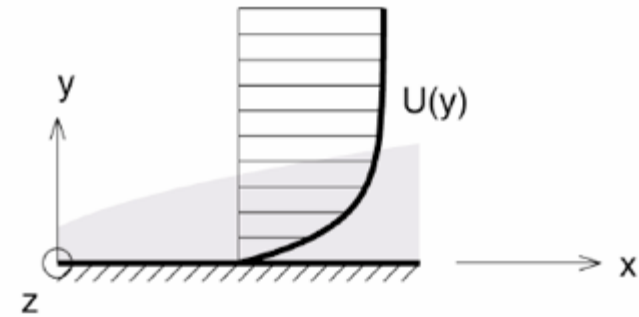
- Time-independent problem: eigenvalue problem in time. Ex?

$$u(x_i, t) = \Re(\hat{u}(x_i)e^{\sigma t}), \quad \sigma u = \mathcal{L}(U; Re) u$$

- Classic 1d problem:  
Orr-Sommerfeld, Squire system for parallel flows

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# Nonmodal stability analysis

- Input-output approach
- Nonnormal operators
- Non-orthogonal eigenvectors

# Matrix norm $\|G\| = \max_{\|w\|=1} \|Gw\|$

- Euclidean scalar product  $\|w\|_2^2 = w_j^H w_j$

- Matrix as transformation with associated amplification

$$\frac{\|Gw\|_2}{\|w\|_2} = \left[ \frac{w^H G^H G w}{w^H w} \right]^{1/2}$$

- Eigenvalues of  $G^H G$  or singular values of  $G$ :  $G^H G v_i = \lambda_i v_i$

- Largest amplification for the largest singular value:  $\lambda_1, v_1$

$$\sqrt{\lambda_1} = \max_{\|w\|_2=1} \|Gw\|_2 = \frac{\|Gv_1\|_2}{\|v_1\|_2}, \quad Gv_1 = u_1$$

- Input and output basis  $v_i, u_i$ :  $G = U \Lambda V^H$