

Spontaneous Symmetry Breaking of Hinged Flapping Filament Generates Lift



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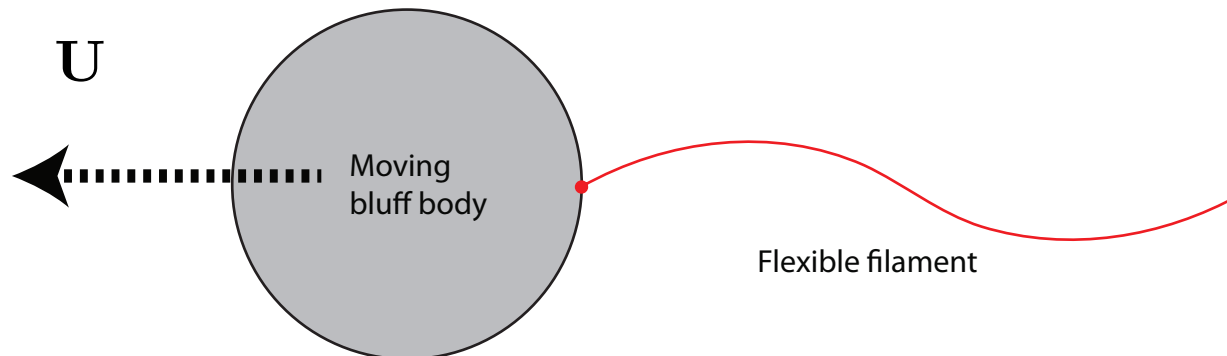
Bio-Inspired Flow Control



How does non-smooth flexible surfaces, appendages affect moving bodies?

Configuration

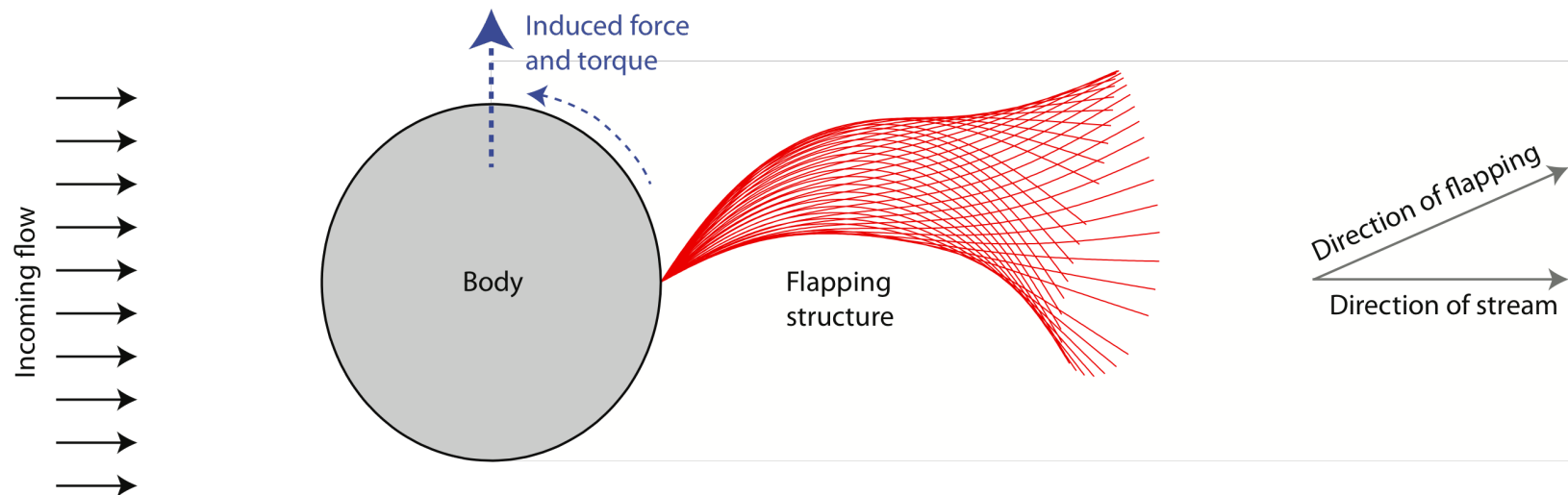
- A moving body with a hinged flexible filament



- How does the filament
 - interact with the fluid?
 - modify the motion of the body?

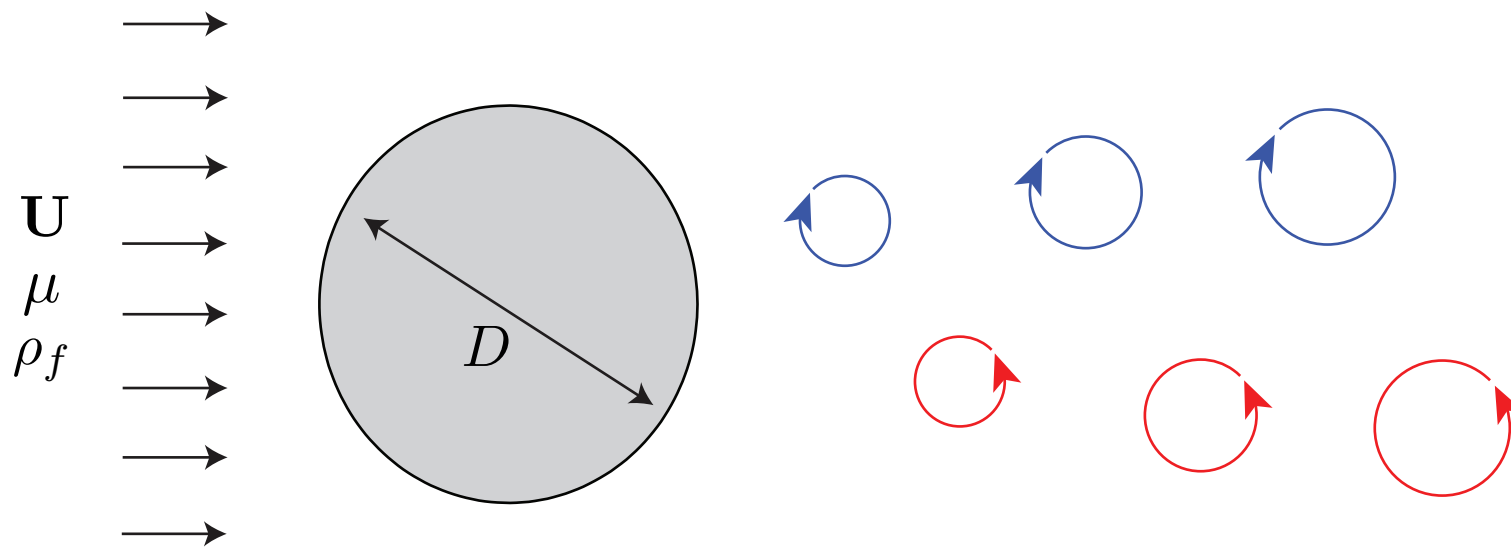
Symmetry Breaking

- Filament flaps asymmetrically
 - a net force/torque on body
 - reduced drag on body



Flow Past Body

- Reynolds number $Re = \frac{UD\rho_f}{\mu}$
- Vortex shedding for $Re > Re_c$ with frequency f_c



Flow Past Filament

- Reynolds number

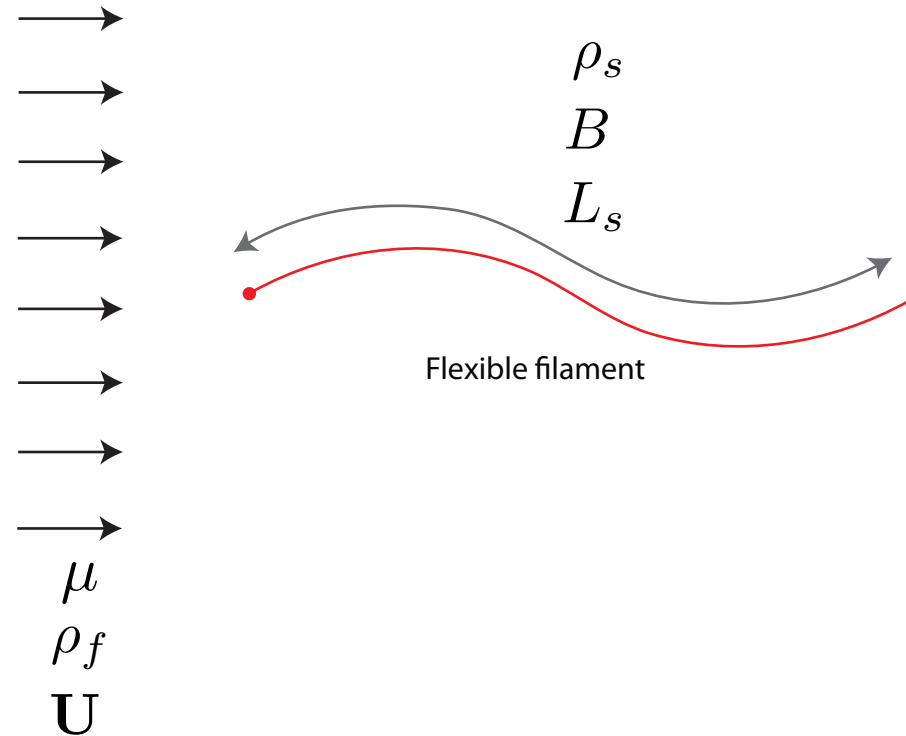
$$Re = \frac{UL_s\rho_f}{\mu}$$

- mass

$$R_1 = \frac{\rho_s}{\rho_f L_s}$$

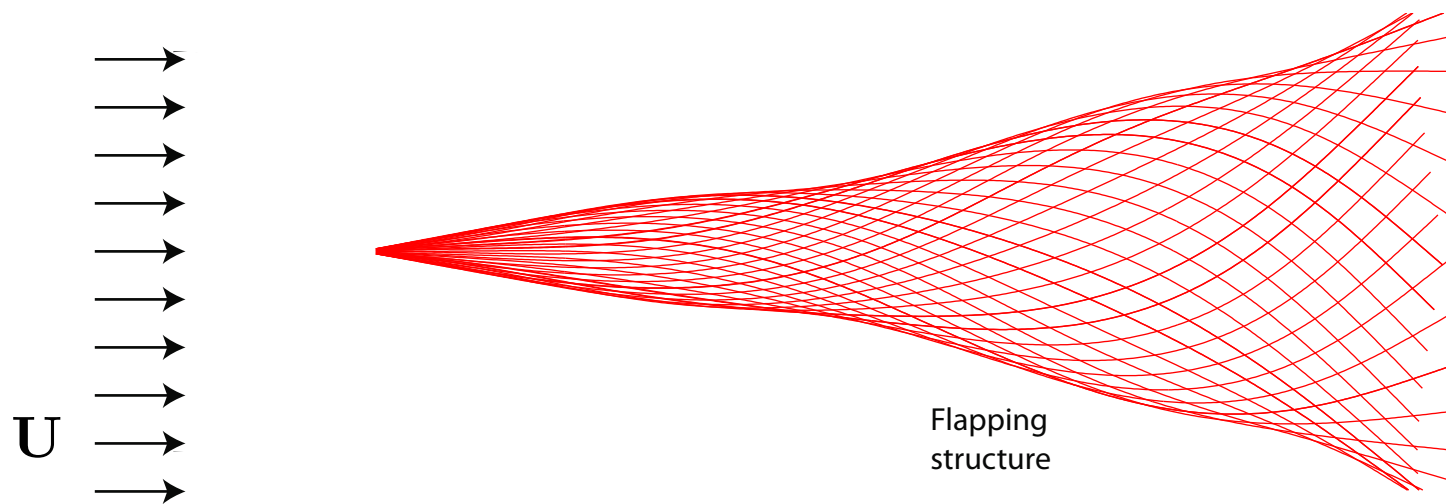
- rigidity

$$R_2 = \frac{B}{\rho_f U^2 L_s^3}$$



Flow Past Filament

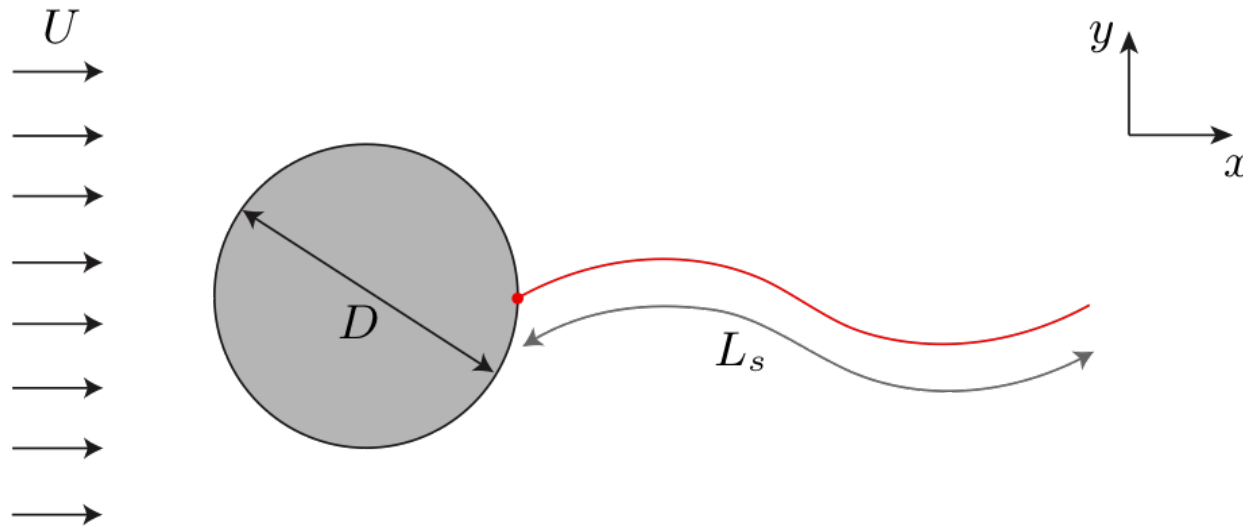
- Flapping when $Re > 10^3$ $R_1 > 0$ $R_2 < R_{2,c}$



Numerical Treatment

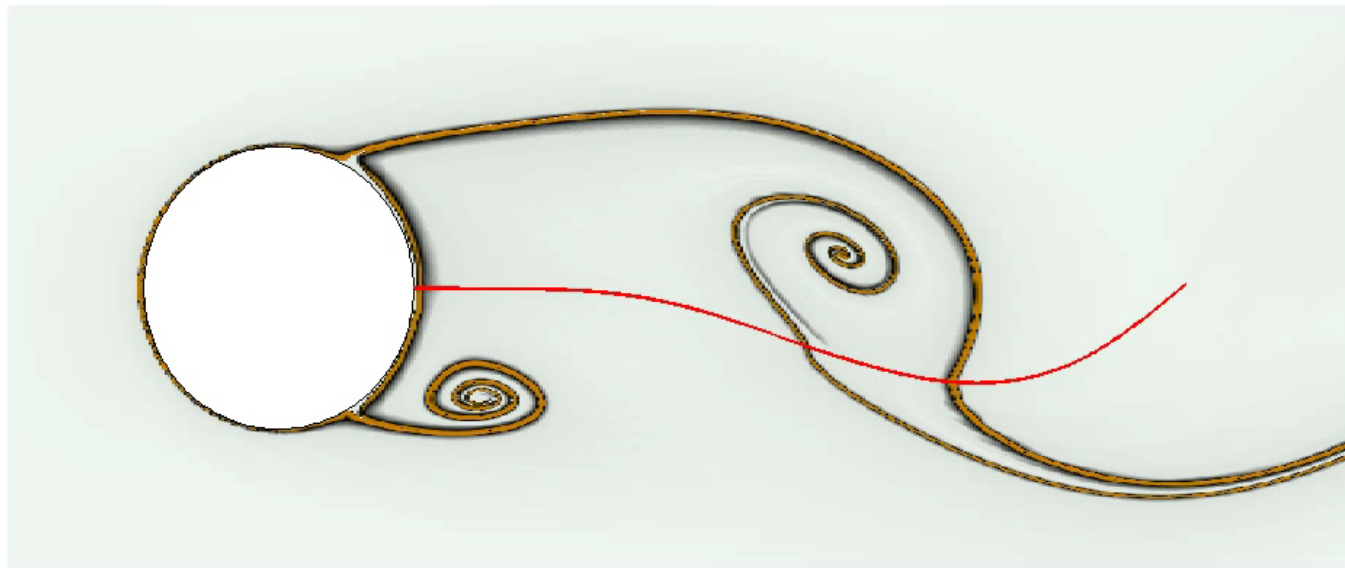
- Flow dynamics (Navier-Stokes)
- Filament dynamics (Euler-Bernoulli Beam)
- 4 parameters

$$L = \frac{L_s}{D}, \quad Re = \frac{UD}{\nu} \quad R_1 = \frac{\rho_s}{\rho_f D} \quad R_2 = \frac{B}{\rho_f U^2 D^3},$$



Long Filament

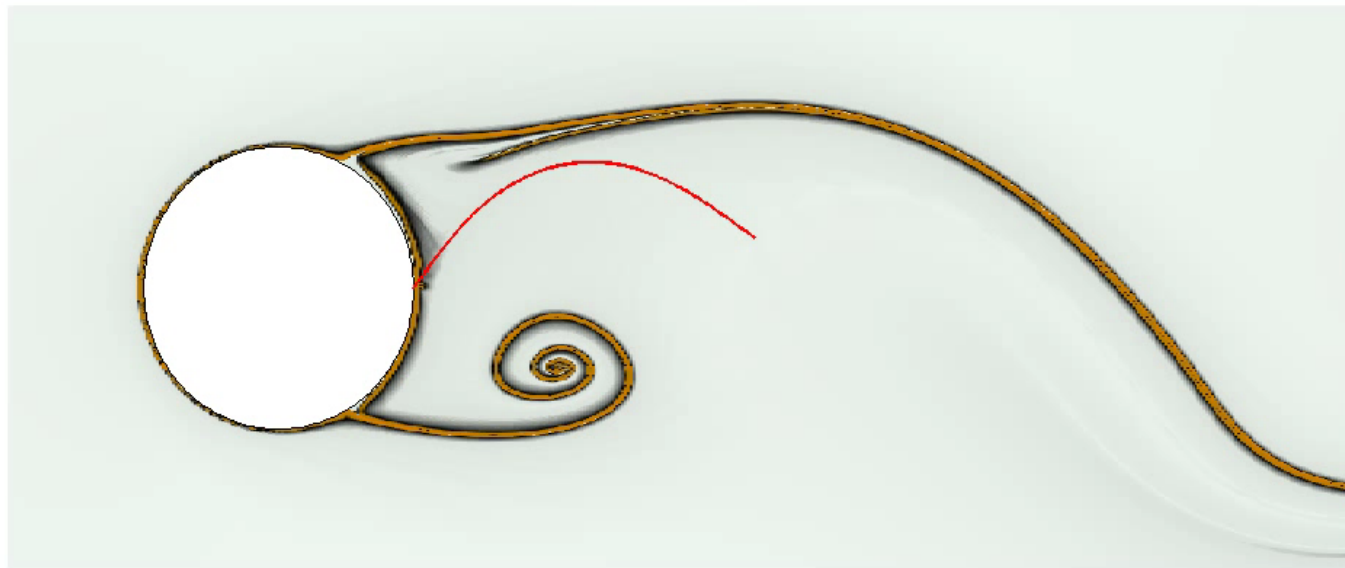
time = 264.55 L = 3.00



$$Re = 100 \quad R_2 = 0.05 \quad R_1 = 0.1 \quad L = 3$$

Short Filament

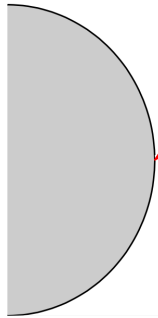
time = 315.05 L = 1.50



$$Re = 100 \quad R_2 = 0.05 \quad R_1 = 0.1 \quad L = 1.5$$

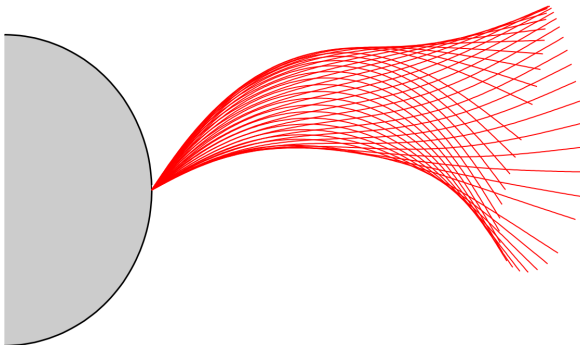
Symmetry Breaking

$L = 0$



$$\begin{aligned}\langle C_D \rangle &= 1.36 && \text{(drag)} \\ \langle C_L \rangle &= 0 && \text{(lift)} \\ \langle C_q \rangle &= 0 && \text{(torque)}\end{aligned}$$

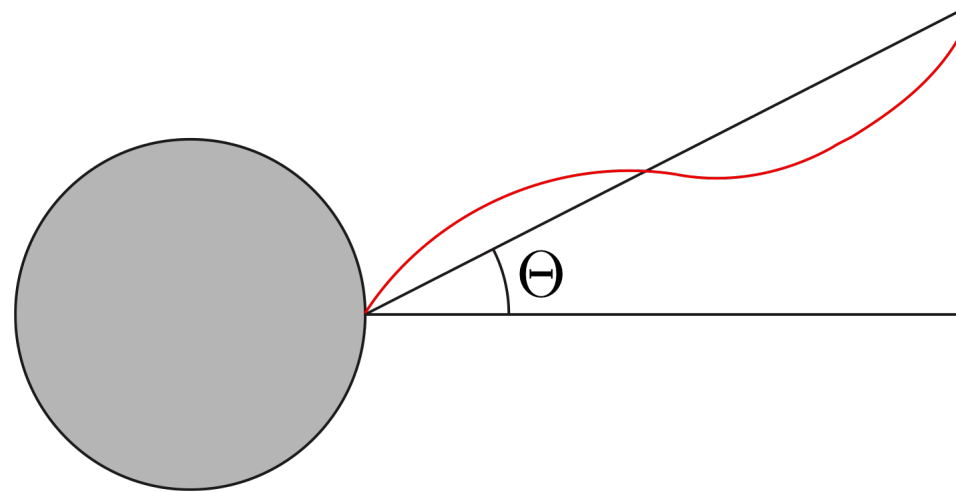
$L = 1.5$



$$\begin{aligned}\langle C_D \rangle &= 1.32 && \text{(drag)} \\ \langle C_L \rangle &= 0.18 && \text{(lift)} \\ \langle C_q \rangle &= 0.01 && \text{(torque)}\end{aligned}$$

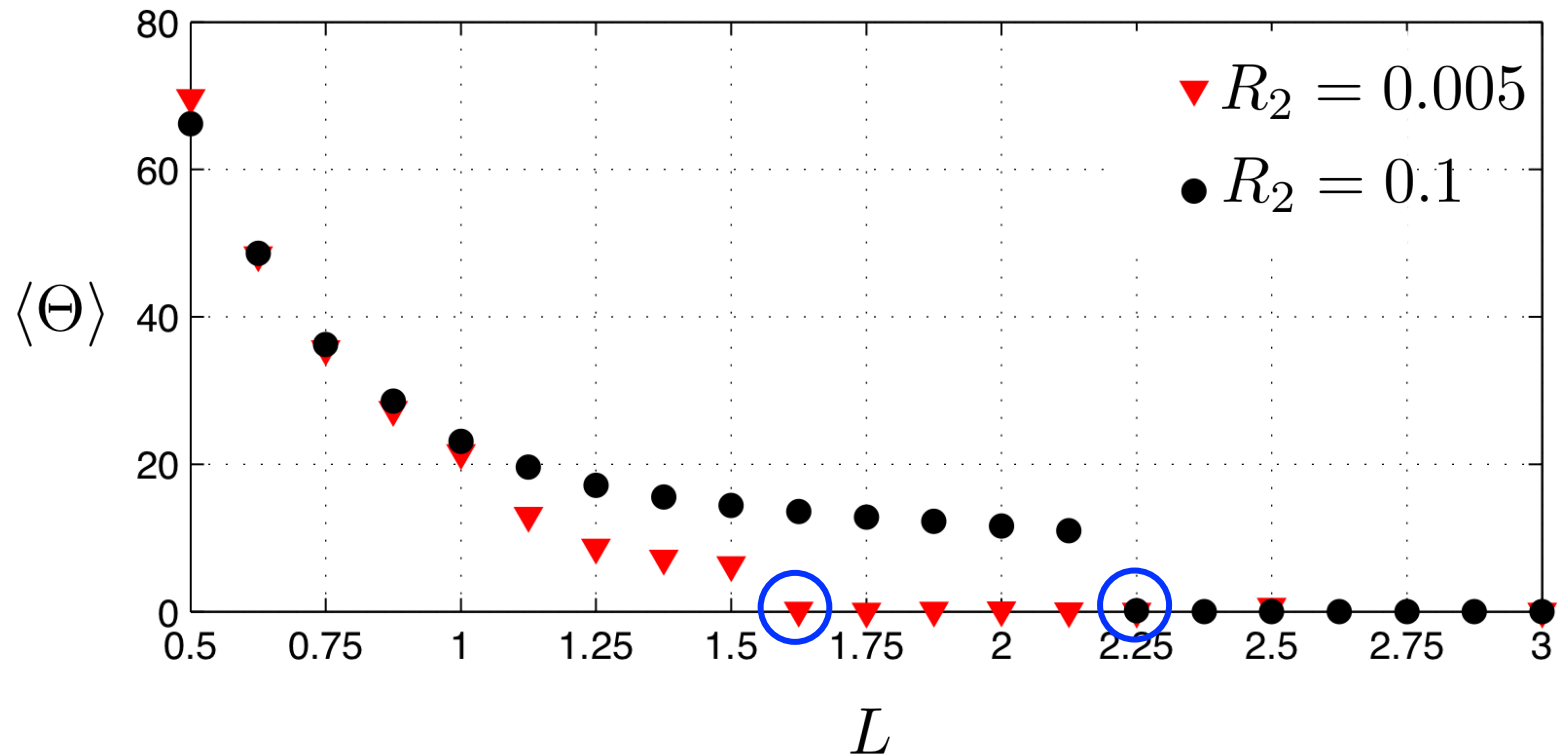
Choice of Observable

- Angle of horizontal line & line connecting filament tail



- Consider 2 cases
 - Rigid filament: $R_2 = 0.005$
 - Flexible filament: $R_2 = 0.1$

Bifurcation

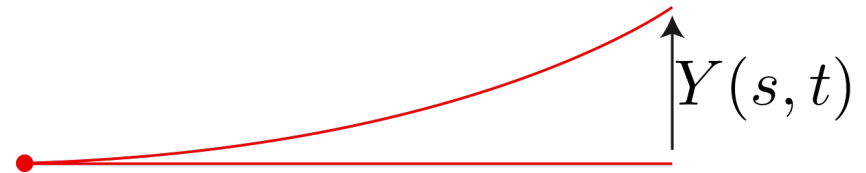


- Bifurcation: $L_c = 1.6$ (flexible filament)
 $L_c = 2.25$ (rigid filament)

Beam Equation

- Equation governing unforced beam

$$R_1 Y_{tt} + R_2 Y_{ssss} = 0$$



- Eigenfrequency

$$f_s = \sqrt{\frac{R_2}{R_1 L^4}}$$

Resonance Condition

- Free vibrations of filament f_s
- Vortex shedding frequency f_c
- If $f_s \ll f_c$ filament very slow reaction time
- If $f_s \gg f_c$ filament react instantaneously
- Thus $f_s \sim f_c$ separates two different regimes

- Gives resonance condition:

$$L_r = \left(\frac{R_2}{R_1 f_c^2} \right)^{1/4}$$

Filament Energy

- Energy $E = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^L R_1 |\mathbf{X}_t|^2 + R_2 |\mathbf{X}_{ss}|^2 ds$

- Rescaled with filament density and length

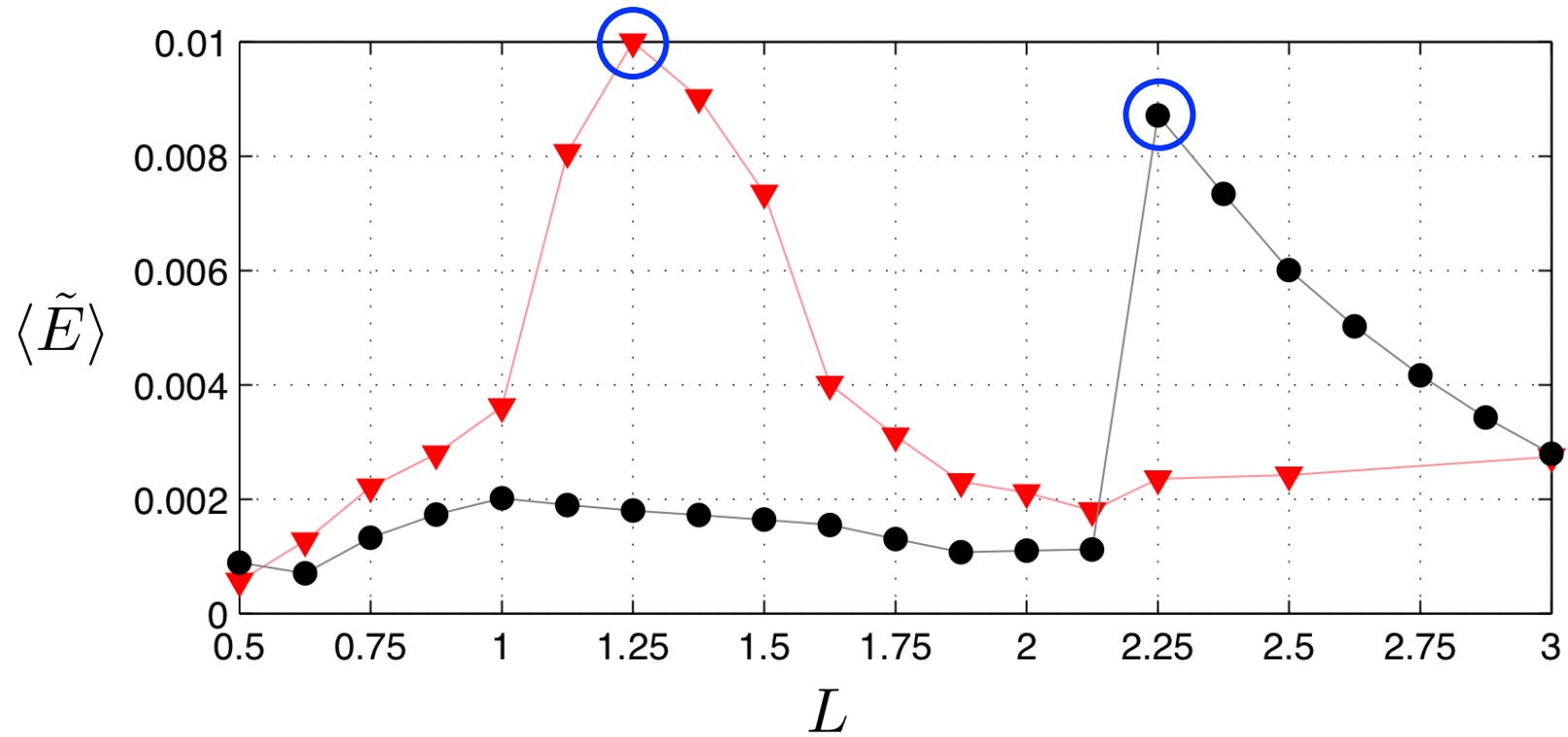
$$(\rho_f, D) \rightarrow (\rho_s, L_s)$$

- Flapping synchronized with vortex shedding, time scale

$$U/D$$

→ rescaled non-dimensional filament energy $\tilde{E} = \frac{R_1}{L^3} E$

Resonance



- Resonance: $L = 1.25$ (flexible)
 $L = 2.25$ (rigid)

Resonance

	Resonance (theoretical)	Resonance (computed)	Bifurcation (computed)
Flexible	1.25	1.25	1.6
Rigid	2.6	2.25	2.25

Can Filament Alter Motion?

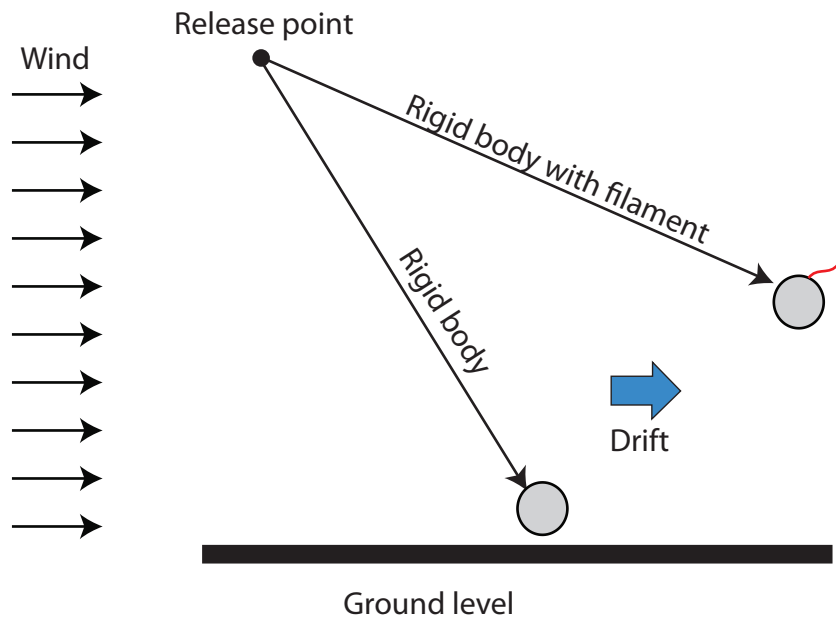
- Swimming sea slug
 - flapping of wings ($Re > 10$)
 - beating of cilia ($Re < 1$)

- Inert cilia alter motion
 - interaction with fluid
 - without energy expended



Can Filament Increase Drift?

- Efficient wind-borne seed dispersal
 - Side force due to symmetry breaking may increase drift



Thank you!

Reference:

Bagheri, Mazzino & Bottaro, *PRL*, 109, 2012

See also:

Lisa Zyga, *PhysORG*, 22nd Oct

(<http://phys.org/news/2012-10-symmetry.html#ajTabs>)

Outline

- General physics of
 - flow past a cylinder
 - flow past a filament
- Symmetry breaking of cylinder + filament
 - resonance between fluid & structure
 - generation of net lift, torque
- **Immersed boundary method**
- Conclusion & outlook

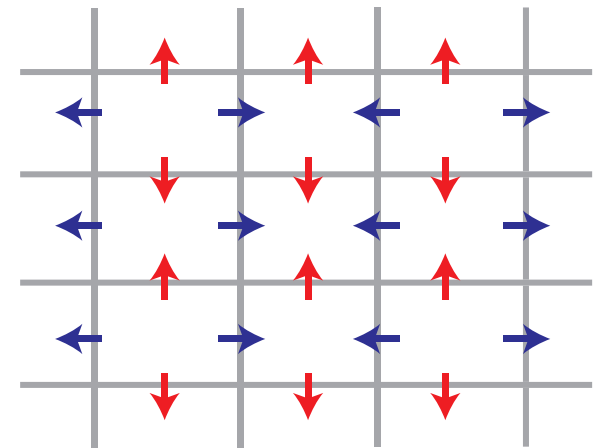
Fluid Equations

- Viscous incompressible fluid

$$\text{Momentum} \quad \frac{\partial \mathbf{u}}{\partial t} + \mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla \mathbf{u} = -\nabla p + \frac{1}{Re} \nabla^2 \mathbf{u}$$

$$\text{Continuity} \quad \nabla \cdot \mathbf{u} = 0$$

- Flow solver
 - Discretize on Cartesian grid
 - No dynamic equation for pressure
 - Projection method



Flow Past Rigid Body

- Viscous incompressible fluid

Momentum

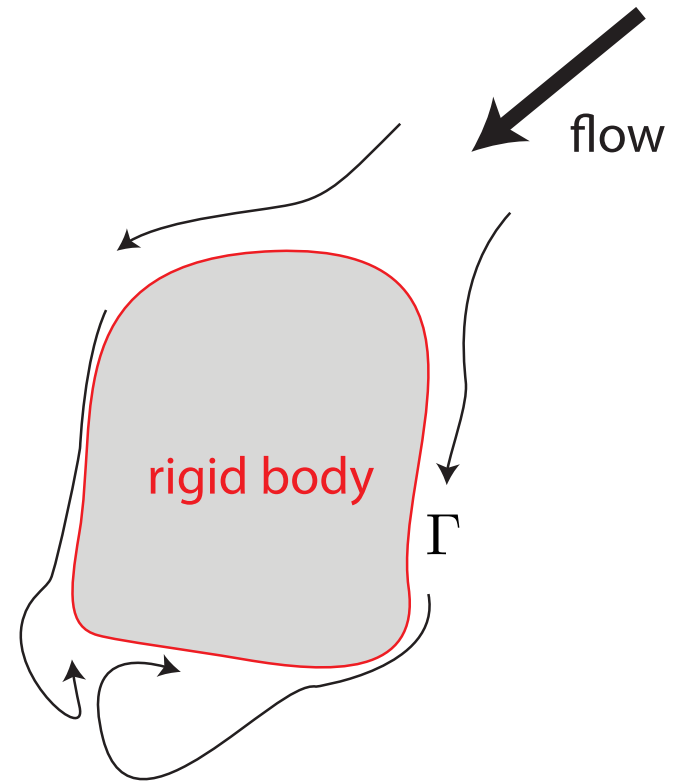
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Continuity

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{u} = 0$$

No-slip

$$\mathbf{u} = 0 \quad \text{on } \Gamma$$



Immersed Boundary Method

- Viscous incompressible fluid

Momentum

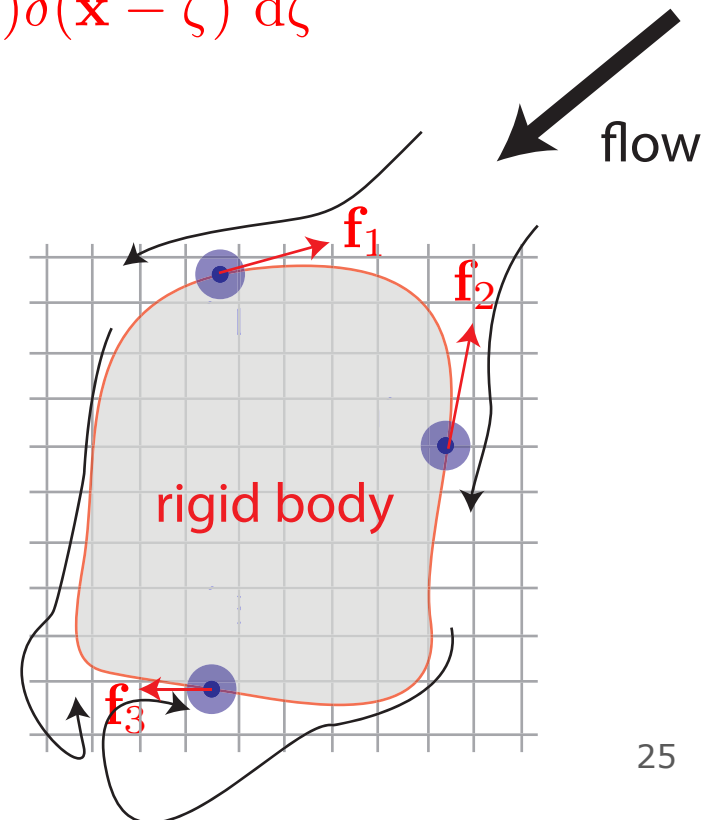
$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{u}}{\partial t} + \mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla \mathbf{u} = -\nabla p + \frac{1}{Re} \nabla^2 \mathbf{u} + \int_{\Gamma} \mathbf{f}(\zeta) \delta(\mathbf{x} - \zeta) d\zeta$$

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Immersed Boundary Method

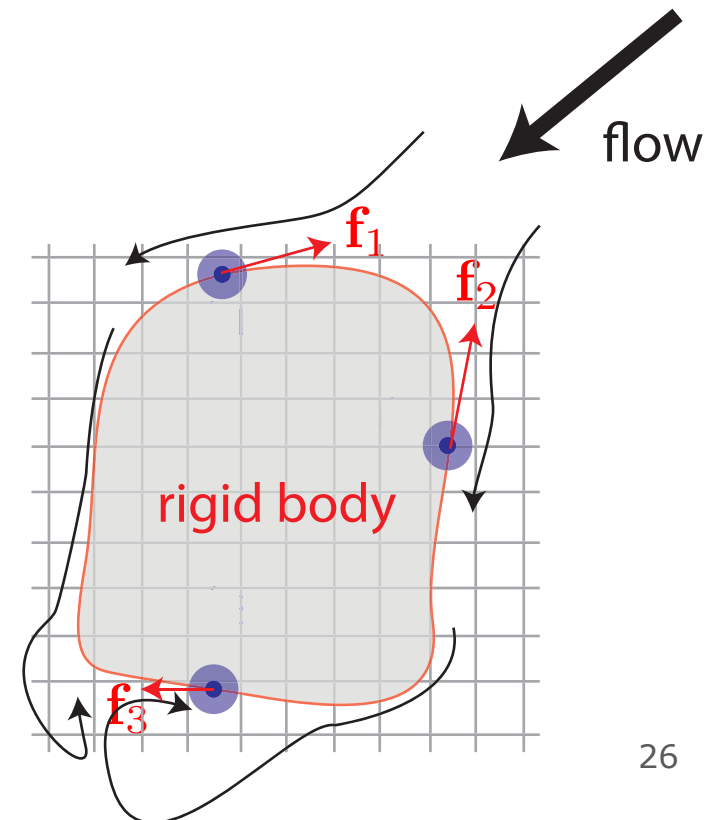
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- Flow field: Eulerian (Cartesian grid)
- Boundary: Lagrangian points
- Boundary force to enforce no-slip
- Projection method



Flow Past Flexible Filament

- Viscous incompressible fluid

$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{u}}{\partial t} + \mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla \mathbf{u} = -\nabla p + \frac{1}{Re} \nabla^2 \mathbf{u} + \int_{\Gamma} \mathbf{f}(\zeta) \delta(\mathbf{x} - \zeta) d\zeta$$

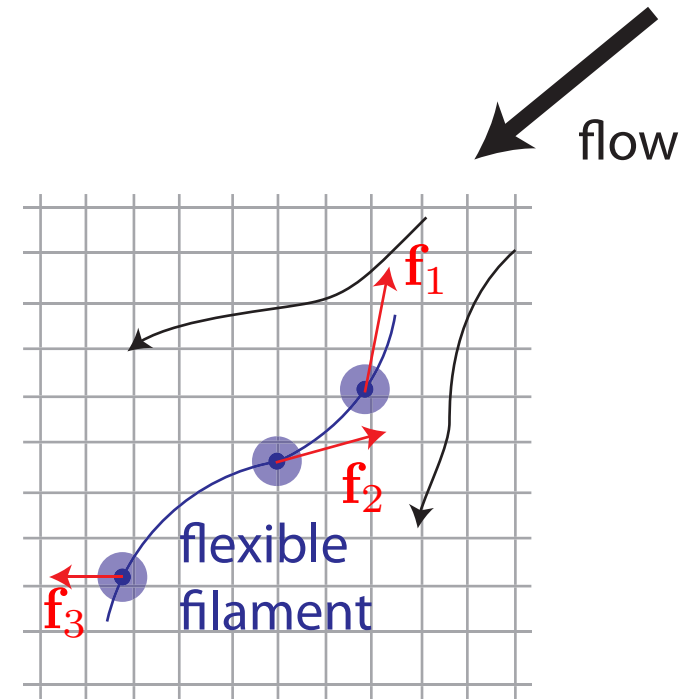
$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{u} = 0$$

No-slip

$$\mathbf{u}(\Gamma) = \dot{\zeta}$$

Filament dynamics

$$\overset{\text{Inertia}}{\rho_s \ddot{\zeta}} = \overset{\text{Tensile force}}{\partial(T\hat{\tau})} - \overset{\text{Bending force}}{B\partial^2(C\hat{n})} + \mathbf{f}$$



(Peskin, 1997, 2002, Kim & Peskin 2007)

Current Work

Problems to be tackled:

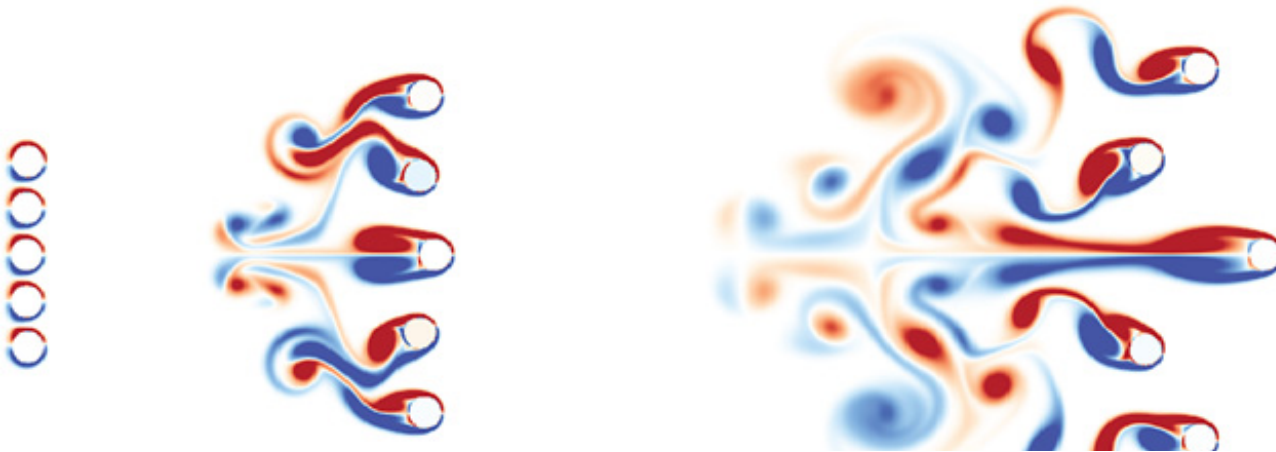
1. Free falling bluff body with filament
2. Interaction among particles with filament
3. Bodies with distributed, anisotropic coatings

Approach:

1. Numerical (Lagrangian methods)
2. Experimental (soap film experiments)
3. Theoretical (stability/bifurcation/resonance analyses)

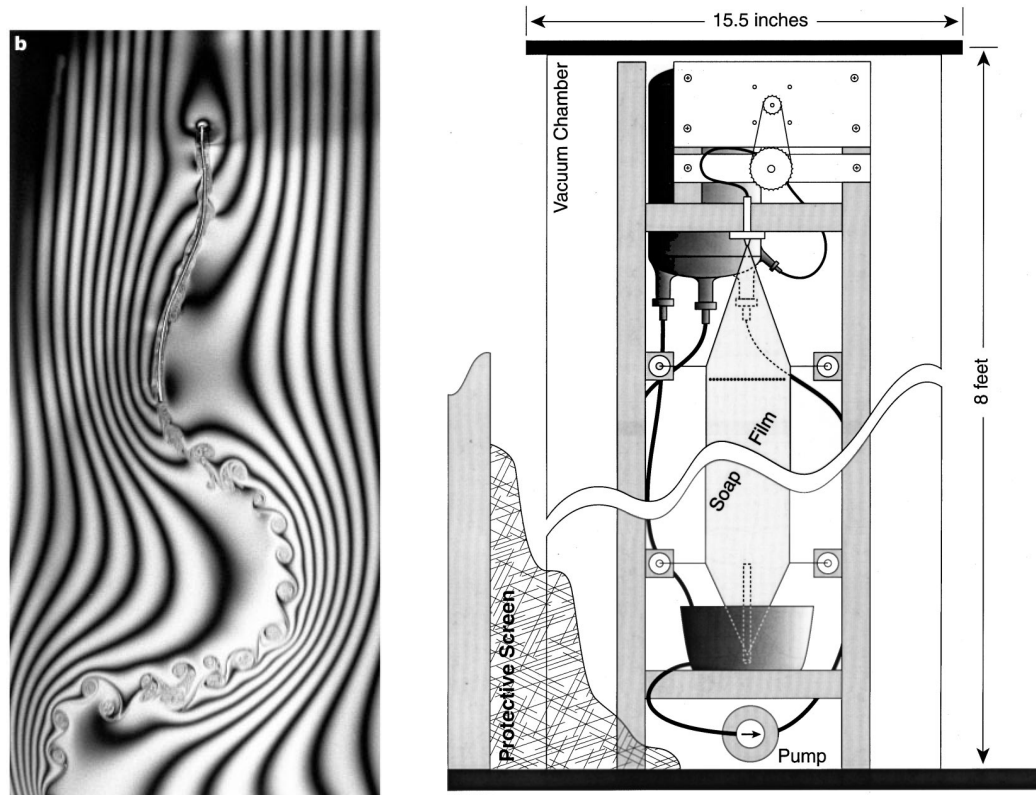
FSI for Multiple Moving/Flexible Bodies

Developing direct numerical simulation of fluid/structure
→ combination of vortex methods and immersed boundary methods



Soap Film Experiments

- Developing experimental facilities for fluid/structure
→ soap film, water tank et



(Zhang et al, *Nature*, 2000) (Rutgers et al, *Rev. Sci. Inst.* 2001)

Discretization of Fluid Equations

- Viscous incompressible fluid

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- Discretize (Adams-Bashforth+Crank-Nicolson)

$$\text{Momentum} \quad \frac{u^{n+1} - u^n}{\Delta t} + \frac{3}{2}N(u^n) - \frac{1}{2}N(u^{n-1}) = -Gp^{n+1} + \frac{1}{2Re}L(u^{n+1} + u^n)$$

$$\text{Continuity} \quad Du^{n+1} = 0$$

Algebraic system

- Algebraic system

- Linear system

$$\begin{bmatrix} A & G \\ D & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} u^{n+1} \\ p \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} r^n \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

- LU Factorization

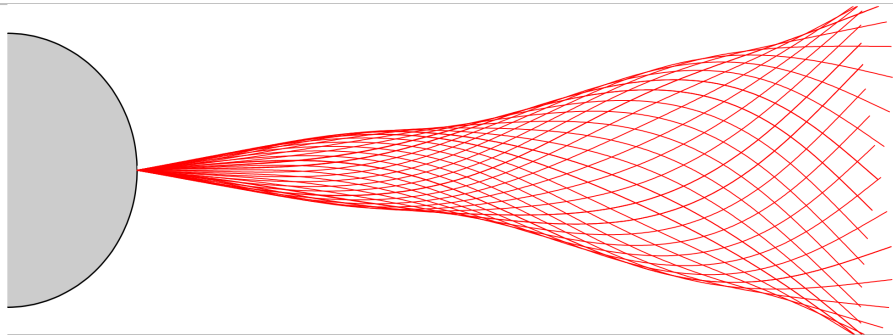
$$\begin{bmatrix} A & G \\ D & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} A & 0 \\ D & -DA^{-1}G \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} I & A^{-1}G \\ 0 & I \end{bmatrix}$$

- Projection/Fractional step method

- Momentum $Au^* = r^n$
 - Pressure Poisson $DA^{-1}Gp^{n+1} = Du^*$
 - Projection $u^{n+1} = u^* - A^{-1}Gp^{n+1}$

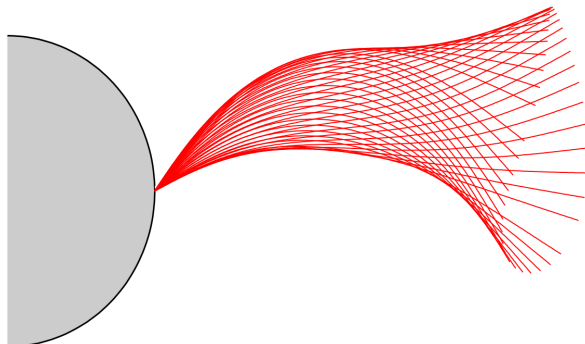
Symmetry Breaking

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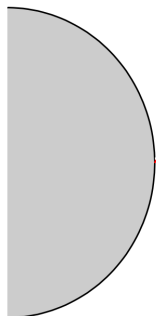
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