

# Symmetry breaking of rigid or flexible splitter plate in a cylinder wake

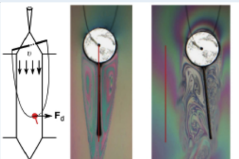
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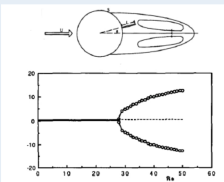
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## Low-Re flow, freely rotating plate



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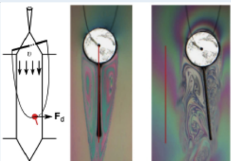
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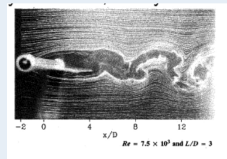
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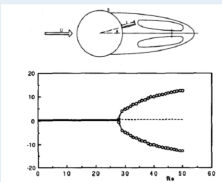
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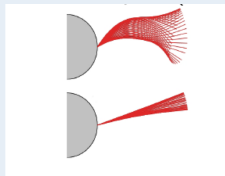
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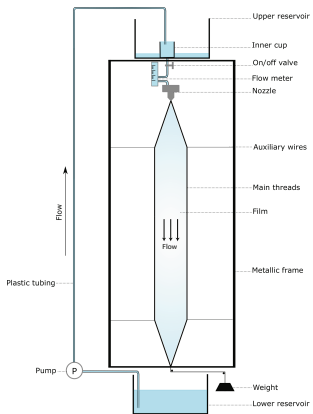
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## Clamped flexible plate (numerical study)



Bagheri *et al.*, Phys. Rev. Lett., 2012

# Experimental setup - Soap film channel and visualisation



## Test section [1]

- Dimension : 90 cm \* 9 cm
- Flowing fluid film ( $< 10\mu\text{m}$ )
- $U = 2.2\text{m/s}$

## Visualisation - Lightning

- Thin-film interference [2]
- Monochromatic light : green LED 535nm
- White polychromatic light

## Visualisation - Acquisition

- Camera : Phantom 7.3 :  $F_a = 4000\text{ Hz}$

[1] Rutgers *et al.*, RS Inst., 72 (7) (2001)

[2] Gharib and Beizaie of Visualization 2, 119-126 (1999)



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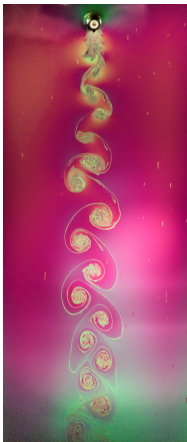
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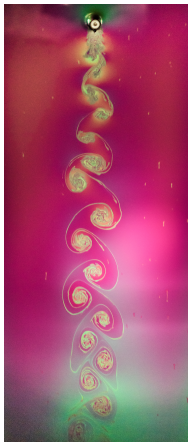
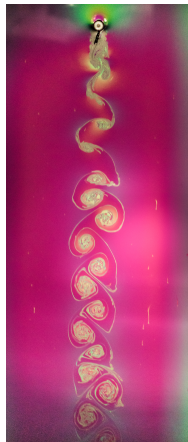
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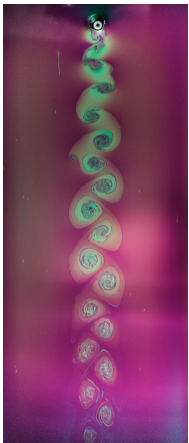
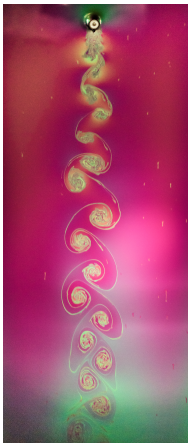
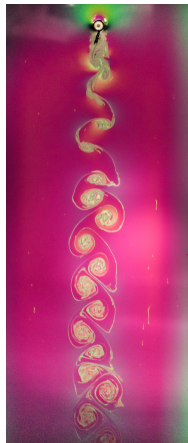
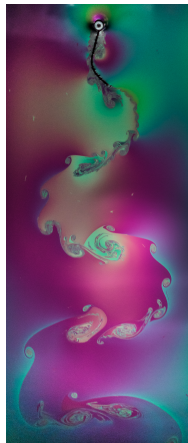
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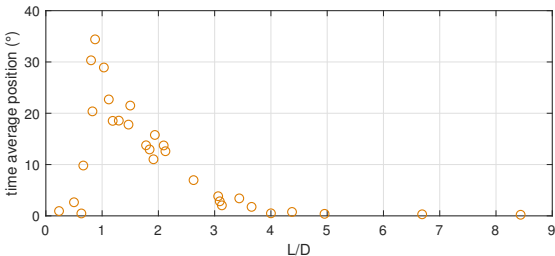
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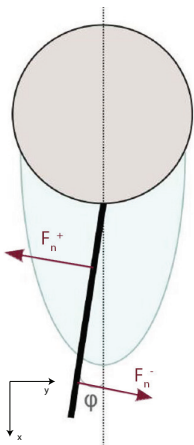


L/D=0.7

L/D=1.8

L/D=8.4

# Simplified theoretical model



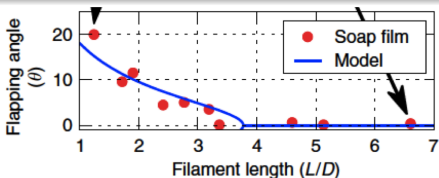
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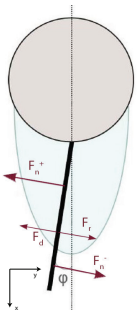
- Fluid force outside the back flow

$$F_n^- = -A(L-B) \left( U_f + \frac{L+B}{2} \dot{\phi} \sin(\phi) \right)^2 \sin(\phi)$$



[1] Lacis, et al, Nature, 2014

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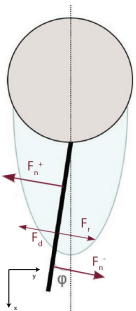
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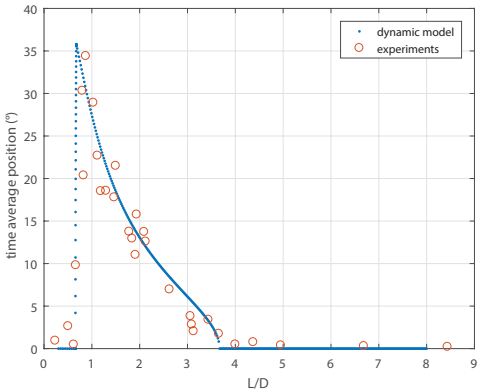
## Moment equation

At the filament hinge point, projected along the filament axis :

$$\ddot{\phi} = \frac{1}{I_0} \left( F_n^+ \left[ \frac{B}{2} \right] + F_n^- \left[ \frac{B}{2} + \frac{L}{2} \right] + F_r \left[ \frac{2L}{3} \right] + F_d \left[ \frac{2L}{3} \right] \right)$$

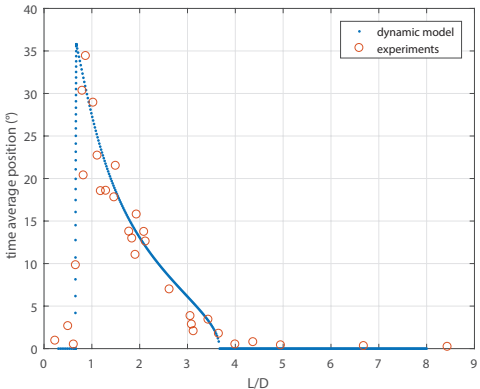


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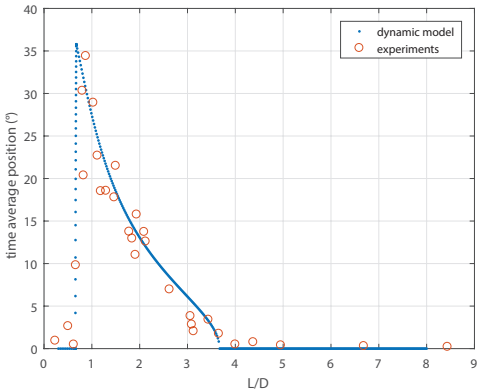
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# Derivation of the mode

Dynamics of the solid is described with only one time-dependent variable  $\alpha(t)$ ,

Solid displacement field :

$$\vec{\xi}(\vec{x}, t) \simeq \alpha(t)\vec{\phi}(\vec{x})$$

with  $\vec{\phi}(\vec{x})$  : first bending mode of the solid.

Projection of the fluid-solid dynamics on this vibration mode

$$M \frac{d^2\alpha}{dt^2} + K(E_s) \alpha = F(t, \alpha) \quad (1)$$

with  $M$  : the modal mass coefficient,  $K$  : modal stiffness coefficient,  $F$  : modal projection of the aerodynamic forces

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Hypotheses : 2 time scales + Taylor decomposition

$$\frac{d \langle F \rangle}{d\alpha} \Big|_0 \simeq \underbrace{\left\{ \frac{1}{\varepsilon} \int_{\Gamma(\varepsilon)} \langle \boldsymbol{\sigma}(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{p}) \mathbf{n} \rangle \cdot \boldsymbol{\phi} \, d\Gamma \right\}}_{\delta F} \alpha$$

with  $\langle \boldsymbol{\sigma}(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{p}) \mathbf{n} \rangle$  : mean aerodynamic load

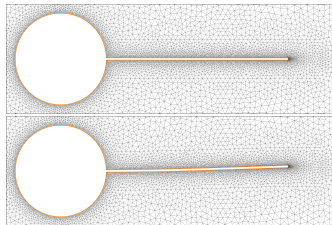
$$M \frac{d^2 \alpha}{dt^2} + (K(E_s) - \delta F) \alpha = 0. \quad (2)$$

- quasi-static deviation appears as a divergence instability
- when the threshold  $K(E_s) = \delta F$  is crossed
- i.e. when the added stiffness force generated through the interaction with the mean flow balances the restoring elastic force

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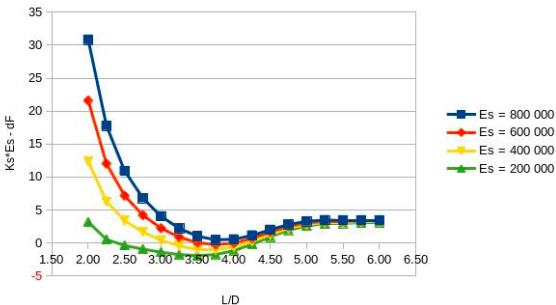
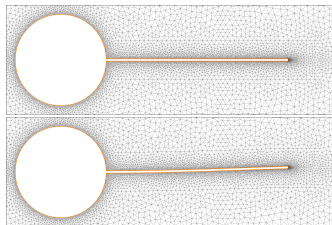
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## Quasi-steady model

- The 2 bifurcations are captured
- At  $Re=250$ , thresholds not the same as in the experiments
- Simulations at experimental  $Re=350$  are ongoing ...

Thank you for you attention

