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Effect of dissipation on local and global instabilities

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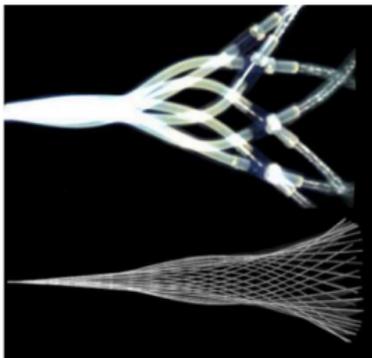
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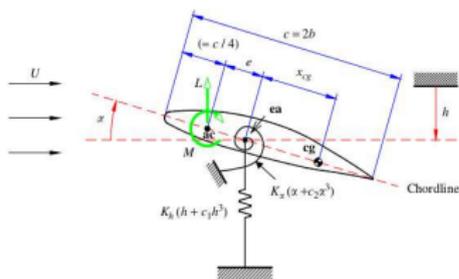
Introduction

Flutter instability

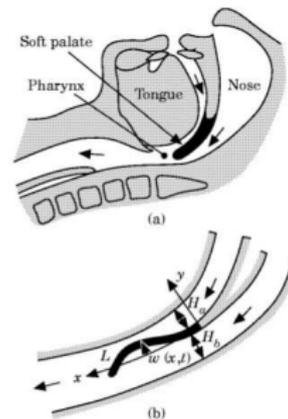
Pipe, flag, wing, soft palate ...



Doaré&de Langre
Eloy et al



Lee



Auégan&Dépollier

- ▶ But also vocal folds, paper in high speed printers, reeds in some musical instruments (eg. harmonica).
- ▶ Recent interest in energy harvesting applications

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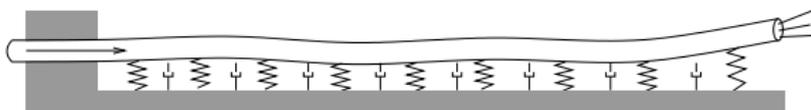
- ▶ Simplest model describing the linear dynamics of a fluid-conveying pipe \equiv Euler-Bernoulli beam with an internal plug flow.

$$\underbrace{EI \frac{\partial^4 Y}{\partial X^4} + m \frac{\partial^2 Y}{\partial T^2}}_{\text{Euler-Bernoulli beam}} + \underbrace{M \frac{\partial^2 Y}{\partial T^2}}_{\text{Added mass}} + \underbrace{MU^2 \frac{\partial^2 Y}{\partial X^2}}_{\text{Centrifugal force}} + \underbrace{2MU \frac{\partial^2 Y}{\partial X \partial T}}_{\text{Coriolis force}} = 0$$

(Bourrières 1939, Gregoy & Païdoussis 1966, Païdoussis 1998)

Flags, compliant walls : Similar physical effects, although differences in the expressions

Additional elastic and viscous forces



- Fluid-conveying pipe with elastic foundation, tension, viscous, and viscoelastic dissipations :

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$$\underbrace{-N \frac{\partial^2 Y}{\partial X^2}}_{\text{tension}} + \underbrace{SY}_{\text{Spring foundation}} + \underbrace{+E^*I \frac{\partial^5 Y}{\partial X^4 \partial T}}_{\text{Structural dissipation}} + \underbrace{+c \frac{\partial Y}{\partial T}}_{\text{Viscous dissipation}} = 0$$

Boundary conditions : Clamped-free beam

$$Y(X=0) = \frac{\partial Y}{\partial X} \Big|_{X=0} = \frac{\partial^2 Y}{\partial X^2} \Big|_{X=L} = \frac{\partial^3 Y}{\partial X^3} \Big|_{X=L} = 0 \quad (1)$$

Local/Global approaches

Local: wave equations in an infinite domain

$$\frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2} [\mathcal{M}(y)] + \frac{\partial}{\partial t} [\mathcal{C}(y)] + \mathcal{K}(y) = 0 \quad \text{on } \Omega = [-\infty, +\infty] \quad (2)$$

- ▶ Solutions in the form of harmonic plane wave : $y = y_0 e^{i(kx - \omega t)}$
- ▶ Dispersion relation $D(k, \omega) = 0$
- ▶ Instability if $\exists k \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \text{Im}[\omega(k)] > 0$

Global: wave equations, finite length, boundary conditions

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$$\mathcal{B}_i(y) = 0, \quad i = 1..N \quad \text{on } \partial\Omega \quad (4)$$

- ▶ Solutions of the form : $y = \phi(x) e^{-i\omega t} \rightsquigarrow$ Strum-Liouville eigenvalue problem
- ▶ Instability if $\text{Im}(\omega) > 0$

Objectives

Litterature

- ▶ Large amount of litterature, on both local and global instabilities
- ▶ In many works, a destabilizing effect of damping has been evidenced
- ▶ **Pipes:** Bourrières (1939), Bolotin (1963), Gregory & Païdoussis (1964), Roth (1964), Païdoussis (1970,1998), Lottati & Kornecki (1986), Kulikovskii (1988), de Langre & Ouvrard (1999)
- ▶ **Compliant walls:** Landahl (1962), Benjamin (1963), Kornecki et al (1976), Brazier-Smith & Scott (1984), Carpenter & Garrad (1985), Crighton & Oswell (1991), Lucey & Carpenter (1992), Peake (1997,2001,2004), Wiplier & Ehrenstein (2000,2001)
- ▶ **Flags:** Datta & Gottenberg (1975), Shayo (1980), Aurégan & Dépollier (1995), Huang (1995), Shelley et al (2005), Lemaître et al (2005), Eloy et al (2007,2008), Michelin & Llewellyn Smith (2009), Tang & Païdoussis (2009)

Objectives

- ▶ Perform local and gobal stability analyses on a given system
- ▶ Focus on the effect of dissipation

Outline

1. "Simple" pipe

2. Pipe on elastic foundation

3. Energy harvesting



Local/global analysis of the simple fluid-conveying pipe

Infinite fluid-conveying pipe



- ▶ Non-dimensional equations of the problem:

$$\frac{\partial^2 y}{\partial t^2} + \frac{\partial^4 y}{\partial x^4} + \frac{\partial^2 y}{\partial x^2} + 2\sqrt{\beta} \frac{\partial^2 y}{\partial x \partial t} + \mathcal{D}(y) = 0, \quad (5)$$

Only one or two parameters: $\beta = \frac{m+M}{M}$ + a damping parameter.

Local stability analysis (no damping)

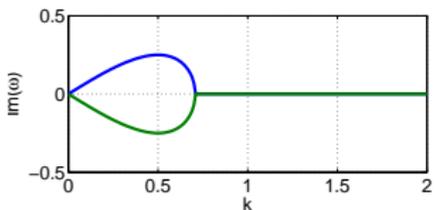
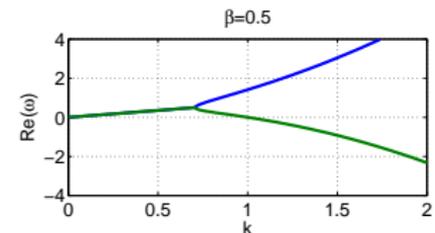
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- ▶ Dispersion relation:

$$k^4 - \omega^2 + k^2 + 2\sqrt{\beta}k\omega = 0. \quad (6)$$

- ▶ Frequency associated to a real wavenumber k :

$$\omega_{\pm} = \sqrt{\beta}k \pm k\sqrt{\beta + k^2 - 1}. \quad (7)$$



- ▶ For $\beta \in [0, 1[$ and $k \in [0, \sqrt{1 - \beta}]$, frequencies ω_{\pm} are complex conjugate

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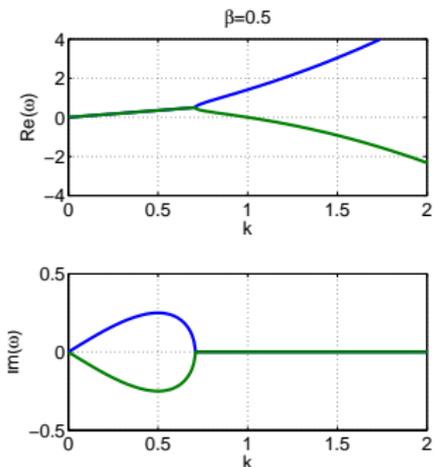
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- ▶ What happens when damping is added?

Effect of damping on neutral waves

- ▶ Dispersion relation without damping:

$$D(k, \omega) = 0. \quad (8)$$

- ▶ Dispersion relation with a small amount of viscous damping:

$$D_1(k, \omega + \delta\omega) = D(k, \omega + \delta\omega) - ic(\omega + \delta\omega) = 0 \quad (9)$$

- ▶ At first order, the perturbation of the frequency due to damping satisfies:

$$\delta\omega \left. \frac{\partial D}{\partial \omega} \right|_{(k, \omega)} - ic\omega = 0 \quad (10)$$

- ▶ Perturbation of the growth rate:

$$\delta\sigma = \frac{c\omega}{\partial D / \partial \omega}. \quad (11)$$

- ▶ In the context of the dynamics of the interface between two fluids, Cairns (1979) calculate the wave energy as the work to do on the system to generate a neutral wave from $t = -\infty$ to $t = 0$:

$$E = -\frac{\omega}{4} \frac{\partial D}{\partial \omega} y_0^2. \quad (12)$$

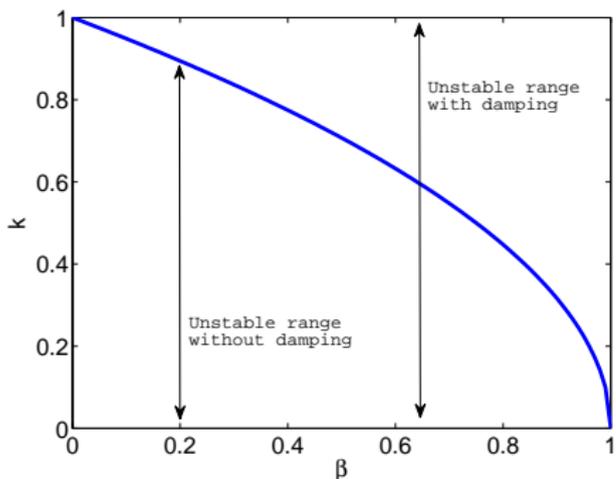
- ▶ $\rightsquigarrow \delta\sigma$ has the opposite sign of the wave energy

Damping effect in the fluid conveying pipe

- ▶ Wave energy:

$$E_{\pm} = \frac{k^2 \sqrt{k^2 + \beta - 1} \left(\sqrt{k^2 + \beta - 1} \pm \sqrt{\beta} \right)}{2} \quad (13)$$

- ▶ $E_- < 0$ for $k \in]\sqrt{1-\beta}, 1[$
- ▶ \Rightarrow when damping is added, the range of unstable wavenumbers is extended from $[0, \sqrt{1-\beta}]$ to $[0, 1]$.



- ▶ The Coriolis term $\beta \partial^2 y / \partial x \partial t$ stabilizes waves in the range $[\sqrt{1-\beta}, 1]$
- ▶ Damping cancels this effect

Global stability



Equations

$$\frac{\partial^2 y}{\partial t^2} + \frac{\partial^4 y}{\partial x^4} + \frac{\partial^2 y}{\partial x^2} + 2\sqrt{\beta} \frac{\partial^2 y}{\partial x \partial t} + \mathcal{D}(y) = 0, \quad (14)$$

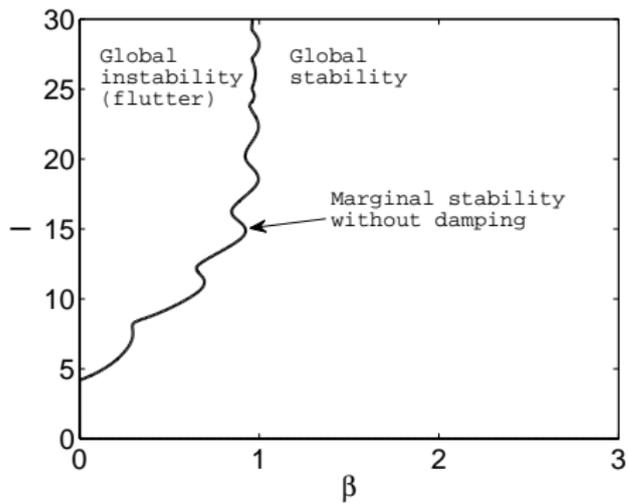
(+ Boundary conditions)

Parameters: β (and l) + a damping parameter.

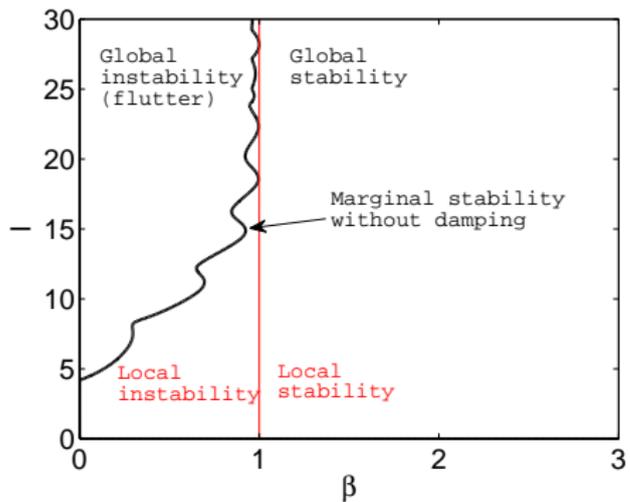
Method: Galerkin decomposition

- ▶ y decomposed on beam modes that satisfy boundary conditions
- ▶ Projection over beam modes, truncature \rightsquigarrow discrete mechanical system
- ▶ Discrete eigenvalue problem \rightsquigarrow eigenfrequencies ω_n

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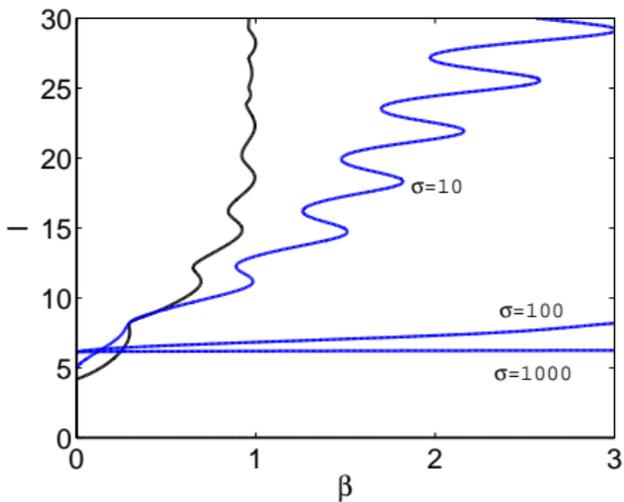


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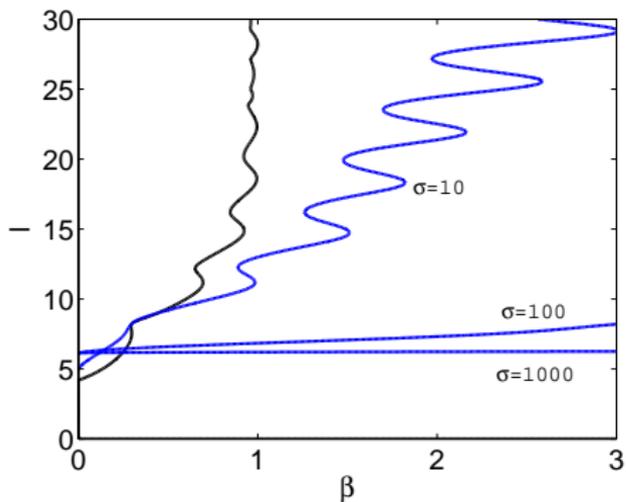
- ▶ Long system limit given by a local criterion: local stability criterion

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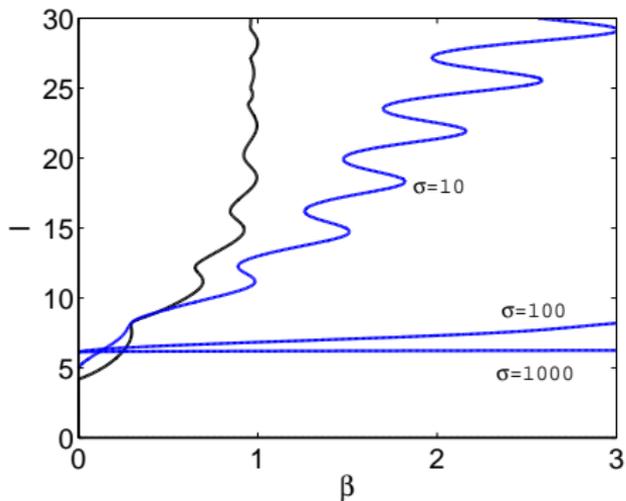
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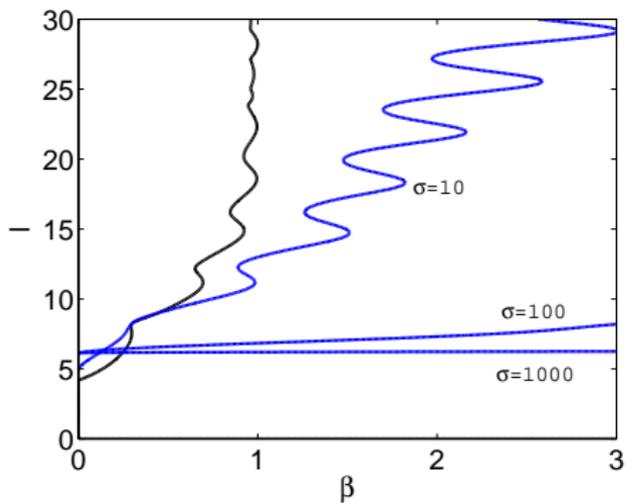
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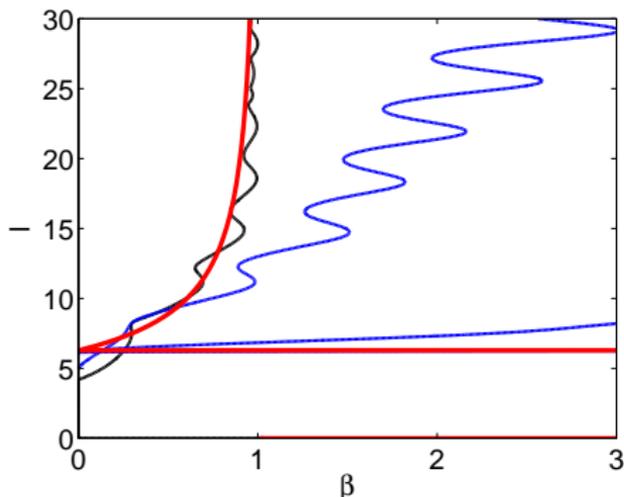


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Conclusions (1/3)

- ▶ Coriolis term stabilizes the range $k \in [\sqrt{1-\beta}, 1]$
- ▶ This range is destabilized by damping
- ▶ Destabilization is due to negative energy waves
- ▶ Finite length stability boundaries affected by confinement effects
- ▶ Destabilization by damping due to negative energy waves
- ▶ Except for $\beta = 0...$

(Lottati & Kornecki 1986)

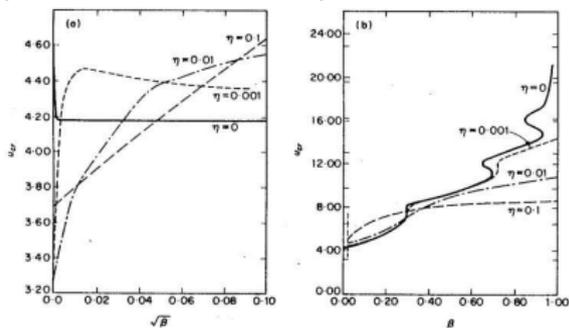


Figure 8. Critical flow velocity as function of the mass ratio β for different internal damping coefficients η ($\kappa = 0$, external damping $\delta = 0$), (a) $0 \leq \beta < 0.01$; (b) $0.01 \leq \beta < 1$.

Pipe on elastic foundation

Pipe on elastic foundation *without* dissipation

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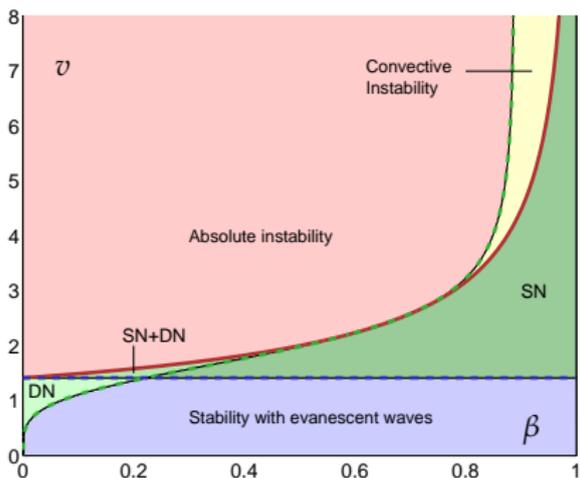
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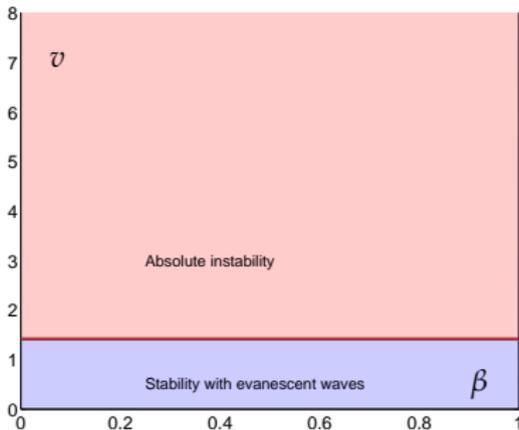
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- ▶ Criterion for absolute instability : $v > \left(\frac{12\beta}{8/9-\beta}\right)^{1/4}$
- ▶ Criterion for existence of neutral waves :
 - ▶ Static range : Stability and $v > \sqrt{2}$
 - ▶ Dynamic range : Stability and $v > \left(\frac{12\beta}{8/9-\beta}\right)^{1/4}$

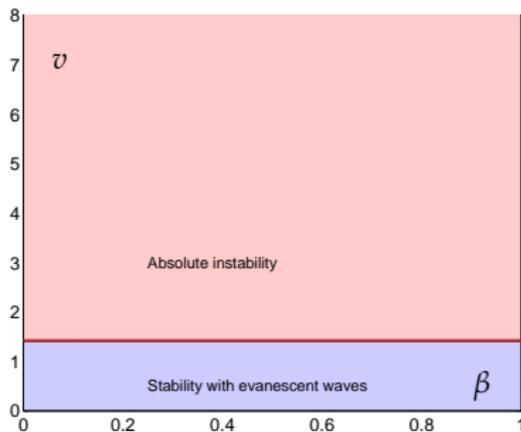
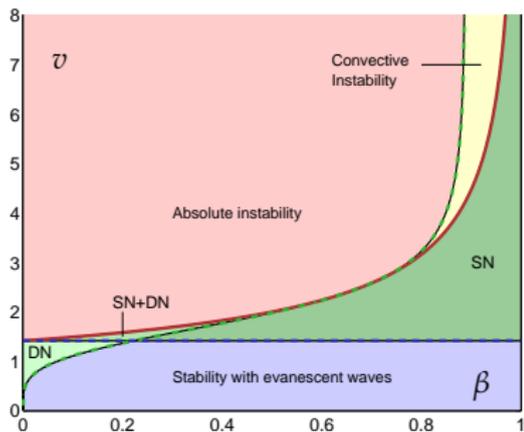
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Pipe on elastic foundation *with* dissipation



- ▶ Stability properties depend neither on the type of dissipation nor its value
- ▶ Criterion for instability : $v > \sqrt{2}$
- ▶ Instability is always absolute
- ▶ When stable, no neutral range

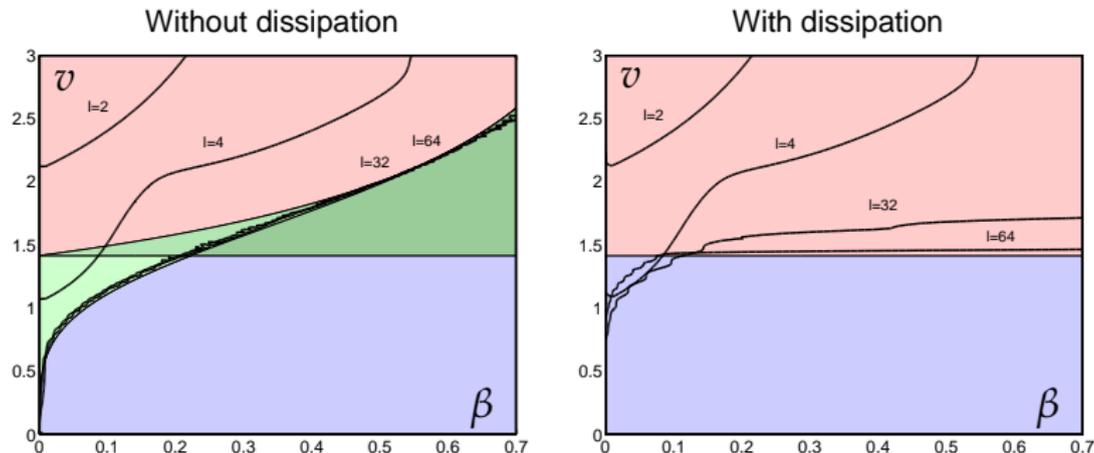
Pipe on elastic foundation - Effect of dissipation



- ▶ Dynamic range : Positive energy waves
- ▶ Static range : Negative energy waves
- ▶ Destabilization by damping is due to negative energy waves in the static range.

Pipe on elastic foundation - Local/global comparison

- ▶ Projection of the equation over ~ 150 beam modes



- ▶ Long system limit : Criterion for existence of the dynamic range of neutral waves without damping, criterion of instability with damping
- ▶ Without damping, one can observe a system which is locally stable but globally unstable

Lengthscale criterion

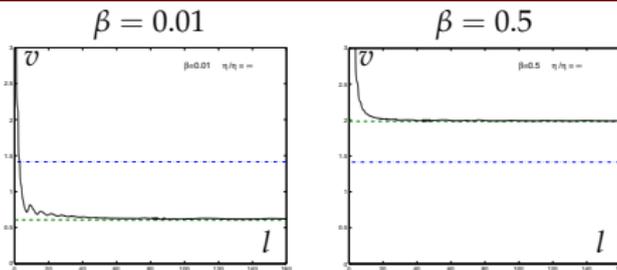
The three lengthscales of the system

Length of the system L	Elastic rigidity lengthscale η	Dissipation lengthscale η_D
L	$\eta = \left(\frac{EI}{S}\right)^{1/4}$	$\eta_D = \left(\frac{EI(\mu_f + \mu)}{c^2}\right)^{1/4}$
$l = L/\eta$	1	$\rho = \eta_D/\eta$

- ▶ If $L < \eta$ and $L < \eta_D \Rightarrow$ Confined system, no local criterion
 - ▶ If $L > \eta$ but $L < \eta_D \Rightarrow$ Local criterion without dissipation
 - ▶ If $L > \eta_D \Rightarrow$ Local criterion with dissipation
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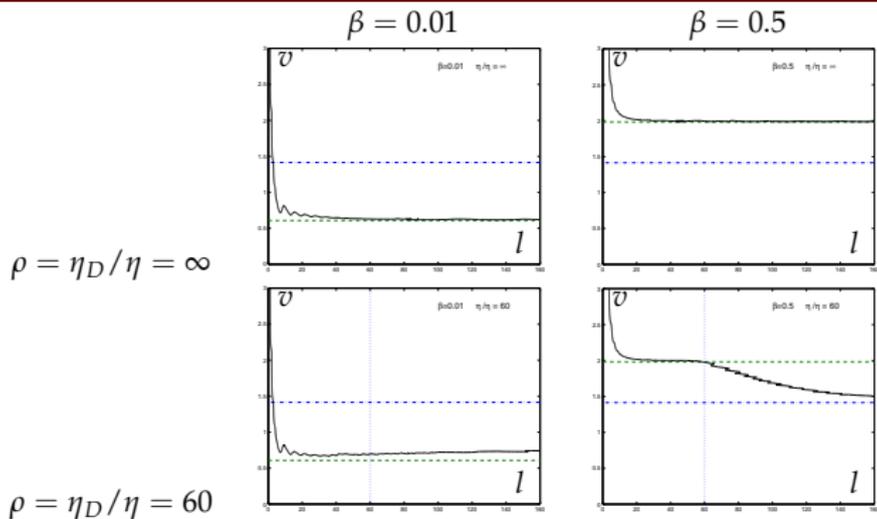
Global stability curves

$$\rho = \eta_D / \eta = \infty$$



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Global stability curves



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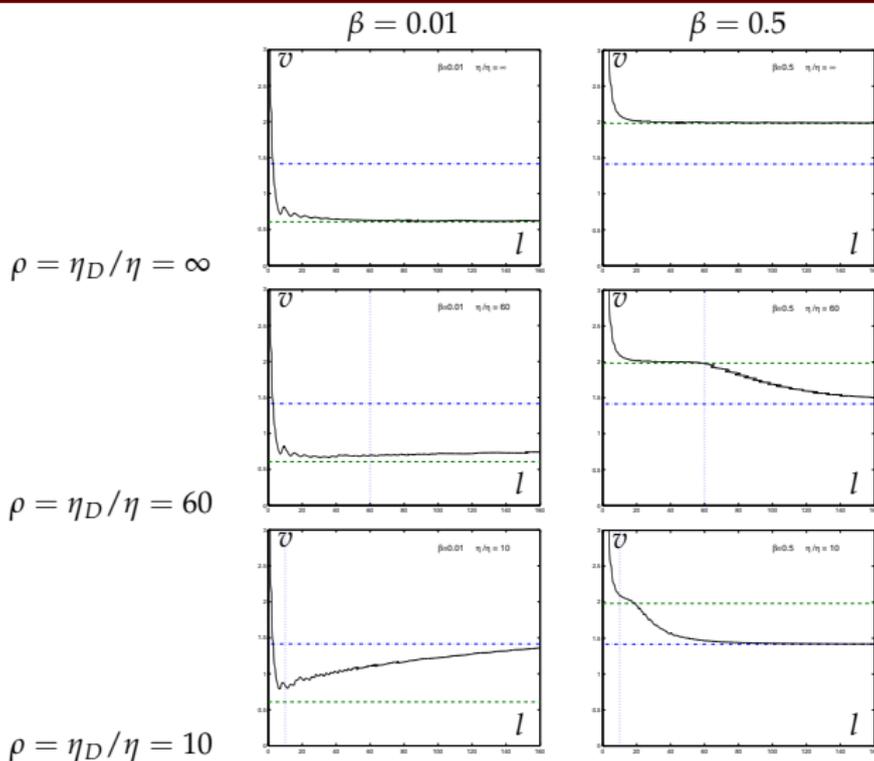
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Conclusions (2/3)

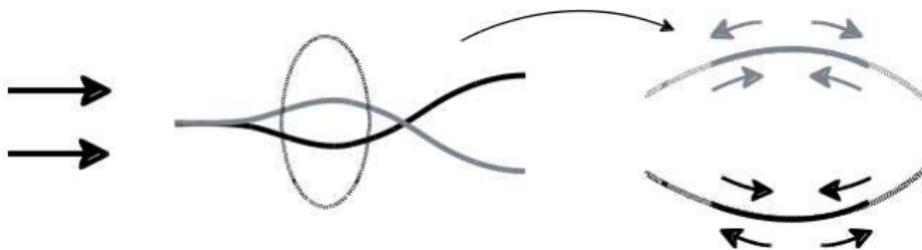
Main results

- ▶ Destabilization by damping observed in infinite media as well as finite systems
- ▶ Destabilization by dissipation in the finite system is also related to negative energy waves
- ▶ Pipe without damping: boundary conditions may destabilize the system. Condition: neutral (propagative) waves, positive or negative energy
- ▶ Lengthscale criteria to determine the long system limit

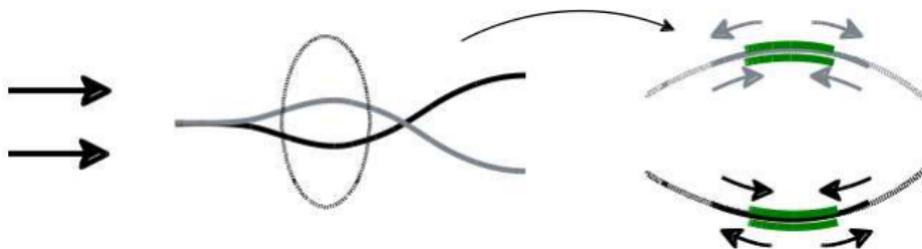
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Application to energy harvesting

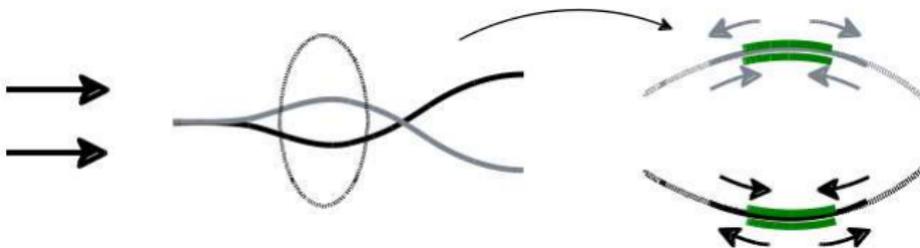
Energy harvesting from piezoelectric fluttering flags



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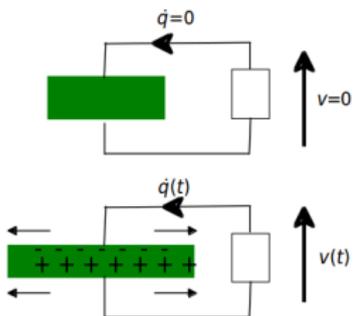


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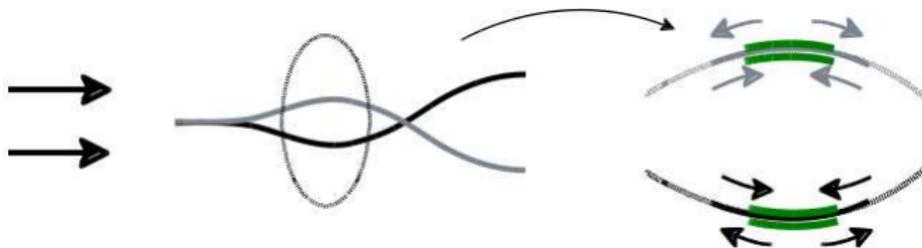
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Energy harvesting from piezoelectric fluttering flags



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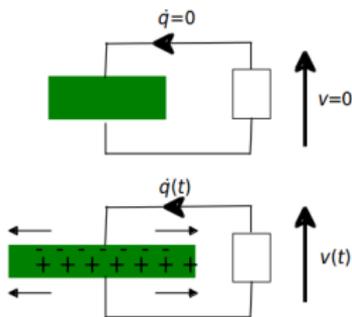
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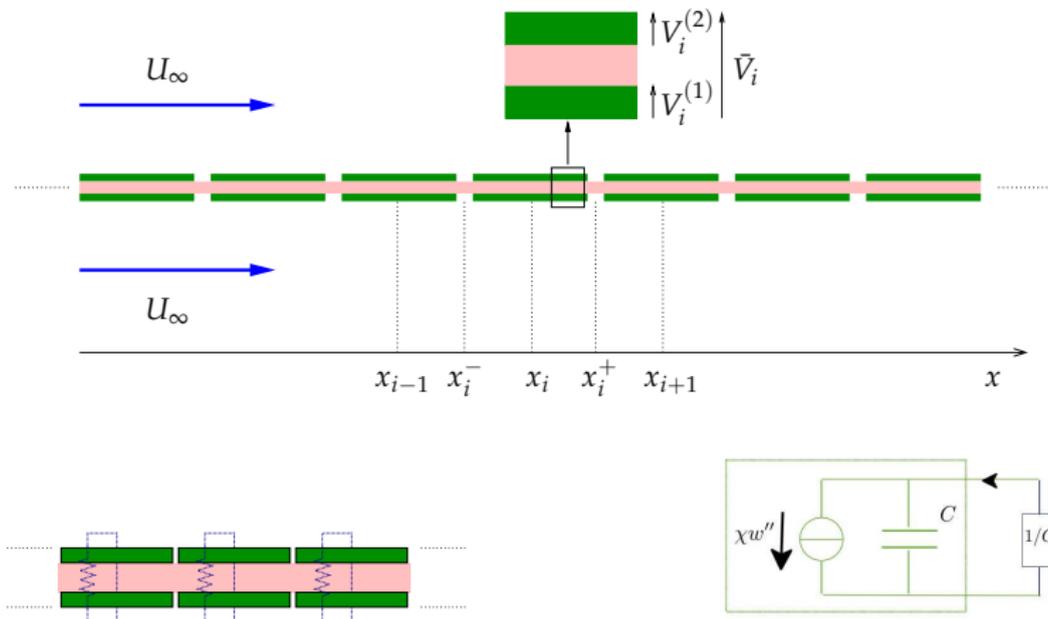
$$\mathcal{M}_{piezo}(x) = -\chi V F_p(x) = -CV [H(x - x^-) - H(x - x^+)]$$

- ▶ Shape function of the piezo:

$$F_p(x) = H(x - x^-) - H(x - x^+)$$



Choice of a configuration



- ▶ Plate with a series of piezoelectric elements
- ▶ Harvesting circuit modelled by a shunted resistance
 \rightsquigarrow Harvested energy \equiv energy dissipated in the resistance

Coupled mechanical-electrical wave equation

- ▶ Large wavelengths (small piezos) limit:

$$\left[w' \right]_{x_i^-}^{x_i^+} \simeq w''(x_i)l, \quad (16)$$

$$\sum_i \bar{V}_i [H(x - x_i^-) - H(x - x_i^+)] \simeq v(x). \quad (17)$$



- ▶ Coupled wave equations:

$$\left(B + \frac{\chi^2}{c} \right) w'''' + \mu \ddot{w} - \frac{\chi}{c} q'' = -[P] \quad (18)$$

$$\frac{1}{g} \dot{q} + \frac{1}{c} q - \frac{\chi}{c} w'' = 0 \quad (19)$$

+ Potential flow theory \rightsquigarrow pressure linear function of the displacement w .

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- ▶ Linear efficiency:

$$r = \frac{\text{Energy harvested in the electrical circuits during one period}}{\text{Mean of the energy in the system during one period}} \propto \frac{A^2}{A^2}$$

↔ Bounded in the linear case, independent of the flow

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- ▶ Linear efficiency:

$$r = \frac{\text{Energy harvested in the electrical circuits during one period}}{\text{Mean of the energy in the system during one period}} \propto \frac{A^2}{A^2}$$

↪ Bounded in the linear case, independent of the flow

- ▶ More precisely:

$$r = \frac{\int_0^T \langle \mathcal{P}_{el} \rangle dt}{\frac{1}{T} \int_0^T \langle \mathcal{E} \rangle dt} \quad (20)$$

with

$$\mathcal{P}_{el} = -v\dot{q}, \quad \mathcal{E} = \frac{1}{2}\rho_s \dot{w}^2 + \frac{1}{2}Bw''^2 + \frac{1}{2}cv^2 \quad (21)$$

$$\langle \cdot \rangle \equiv \text{Spatial average (on a wave or an eigenmode)} \quad (22)$$

Non-dimensional equation

$$\frac{1}{V^{*2}}(1 + \alpha^2)\tilde{w}'''' + \ddot{\tilde{w}} - \frac{\alpha}{V^*}\tilde{q}'' = -[\tilde{p}], \quad (23)$$

$$\gamma\dot{\tilde{q}} + \tilde{q} - \frac{\alpha}{V^*}\tilde{w}'' = 0, \quad (24)$$

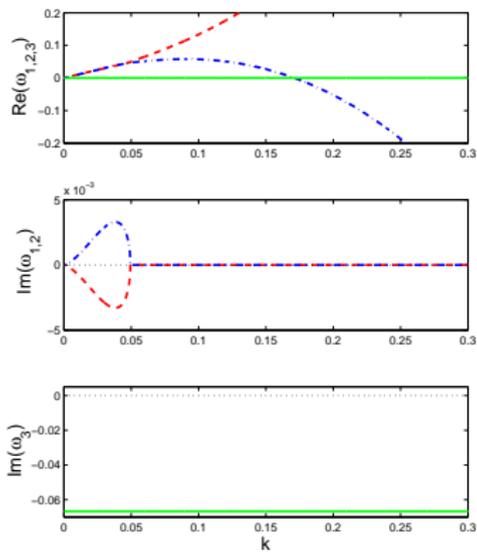
with

$$V^* = \sqrt{\frac{\mu^3 U_\infty^2}{B \rho_f^2}} \quad (\text{Non dimensional velocity}) \quad (25)$$

$$\alpha = \frac{\chi}{\sqrt{cB}} \quad (\text{Coupling coefficient}) \quad (26)$$

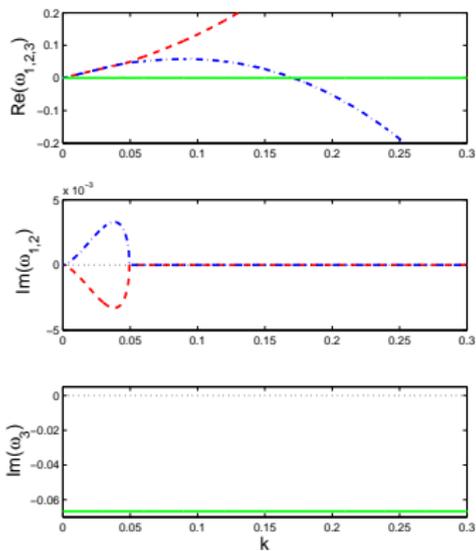
$$\gamma = \frac{\rho_f U_\infty c}{\mu g} \quad (\text{Timescales ratio}) \quad (27)$$

Stability analysis for $V^* = 0.05$, $\gamma = 15$

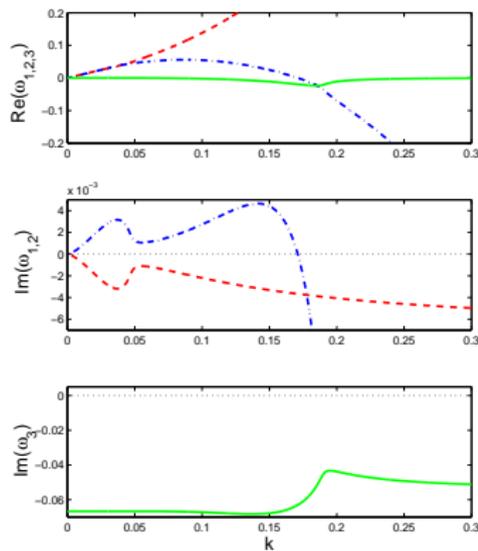


Without coupling, $\alpha = 0$

Stability analysis for $V^* = 0.05$, $\gamma = 15$

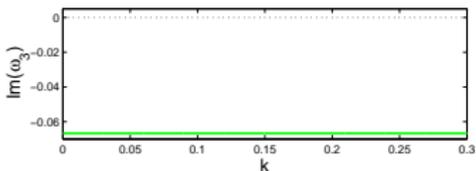
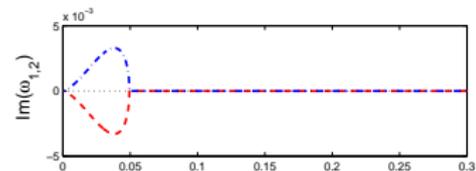
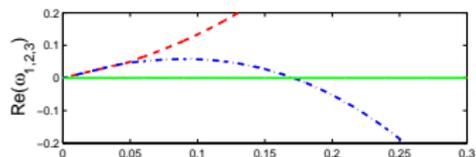


Without coupling, $\alpha = 0$

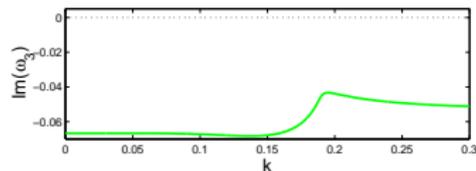
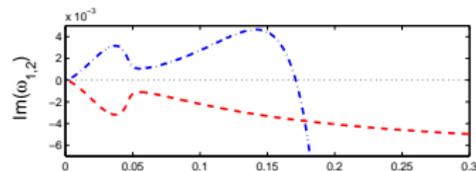
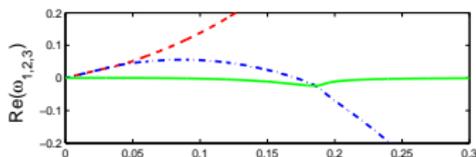


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Stability analysis for $V^* = 0.05$, $\gamma = 15$



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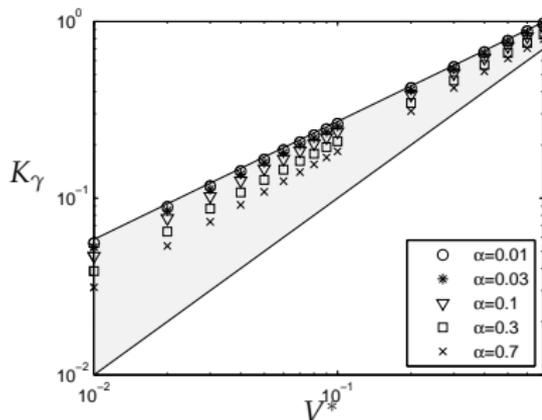
With coupling, $\alpha = 0.5$

Destabilized waves are again negative energy waves (NEW)

$$\delta\sigma \simeq \omega \alpha^2 \gamma k^4 \left/ \left(V^{*2} (1 + \omega^2 \gamma^2) \frac{\partial D_0}{\partial \omega} \right) \right. \quad (28)$$

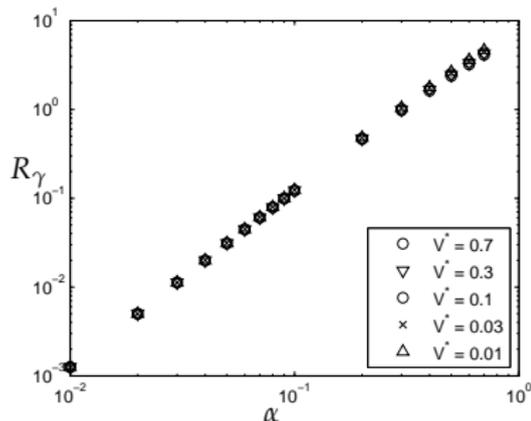
Conversion efficiency of waves

- ▶ Wavenumber K_γ that maximizes efficiency as function of velocity.
- ▶ Gray region = Negative energy waves



- ▶ Maximum efficiency is always for a wave destabilized by addition of coupling

- ▶ Maximum R_γ of efficiency among all parameters as function of coupling coefficient



- ▶ Efficiency scales as α^2

Finite length problem

- ▶ Non-dimensional equation:

$$\frac{1}{U^{*2}}(1 + \alpha^2)\hat{w}'''' + \ddot{\hat{w}} - \frac{\alpha}{U^*}\hat{q}'' = -M^*\hat{p}, \quad (29)$$

$$\beta\hat{q} + \hat{q} - \frac{\alpha}{U^*}\hat{w}'' = 0, \quad (30)$$

- ▶ Non-dimensional parameters:

$$M^* = \frac{\rho_f L}{\mu}, \quad U^* = UL\sqrt{\frac{\mu}{B}} = V^*M^*, \quad \beta = \frac{cU_\infty}{gL} = \frac{\gamma}{M^*}, \quad \alpha = \frac{\chi}{\sqrt{cB}}. \quad (31)$$

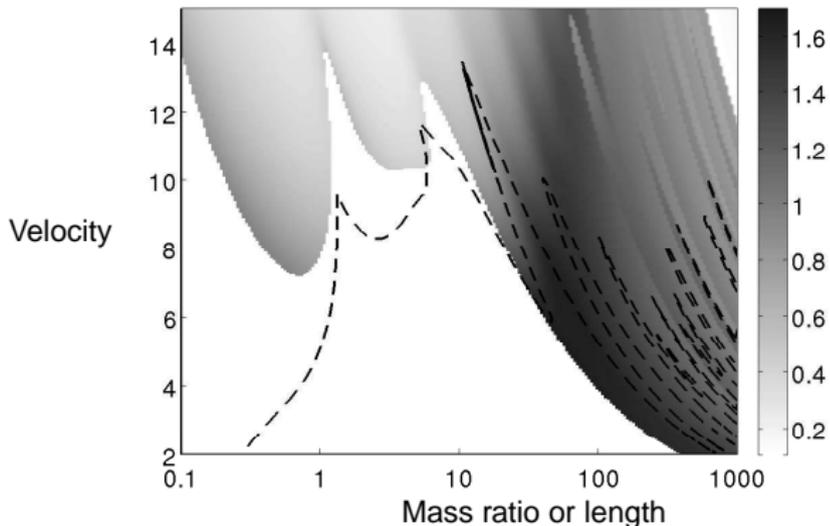
- ▶ Clamped-free boundary conditions:

$$\text{for } \hat{x} = 0 \quad \begin{cases} \hat{w} = 0 \\ \hat{w}' = 0 \end{cases} \quad (32)$$

$$\text{for } \hat{x} = 1 \quad \begin{cases} (1 + \alpha^2)\hat{w}'' - \alpha U^*\hat{q} = 0 \\ (1 + \alpha^2)\hat{w}''' - \alpha U^*\hat{q}' = 0 \end{cases} \quad (33)$$

Conversion efficiency of the dominant unstable mode

Efficiency ($\alpha = 0.5, \beta = 0.25$)



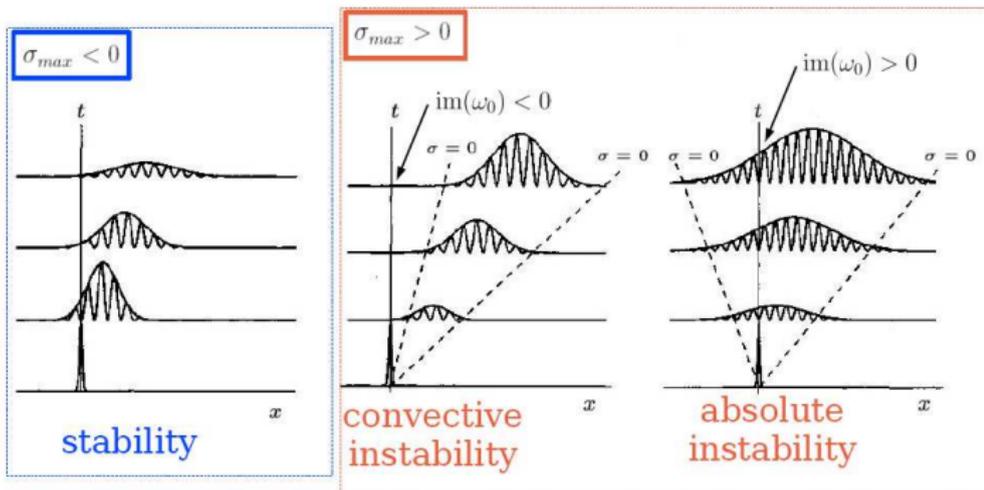
Long systems $\equiv M^* \gg 1 \rightsquigarrow$ Behavior of the finite length system similar to that of the infinite one

Conclusions (3/3)

- ▶ Energy harvesting destabilizes negative energy waves
 - ▶ Destabilized negative energy waves maximizes the efficiency
 - ▶ Finite length system properties are again influenced by wave properties
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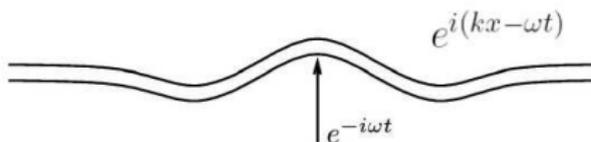
Absolute & convective instabilities

- ▶ Maximum growth rate : $\sigma_{\max} = \max_{k \in \mathbb{R}} \text{Im} \omega(k)$
- ▶ Absolute frequency ω_0 : $\left. \frac{\partial \omega}{\partial k} \right|_{\omega=\omega_0} = 0$



See Briggs (1964): Plasma physics, Brazier-Smith & Scott (1984): Compliant panels with flows, Huerre & Monkewitz (1990): Shear layer problems.

The signaling problem



- ▶ A branch analysis in the complex k - and ω - planes is necessary to know the side $x > 0$ or $x < 0$ the waves propagate
- ▶ Different typical responses :
 - ▶ Evanescent waves at all frequencies
 - ▶ Only neutral (propagative) waves at some frequencies
 - ▶ In case of convective instability : Amplified waves at some frequencies
 - ▶ Absolute instability : Response dominated by the absolute frequency

