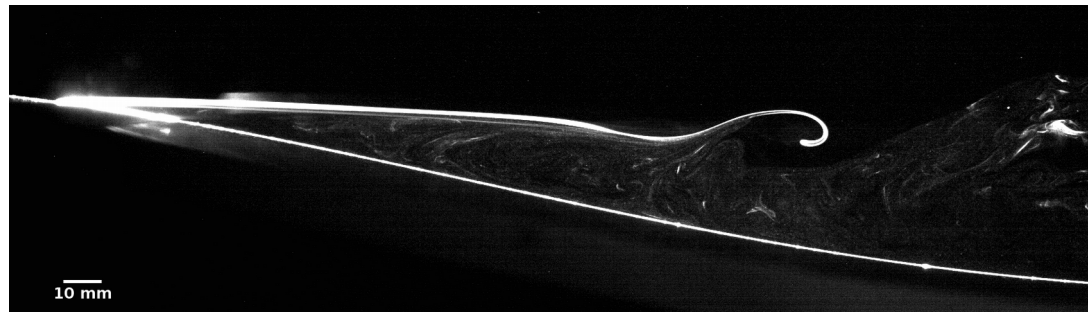


# Closed-loop Control of Laminar Separation Bubbles

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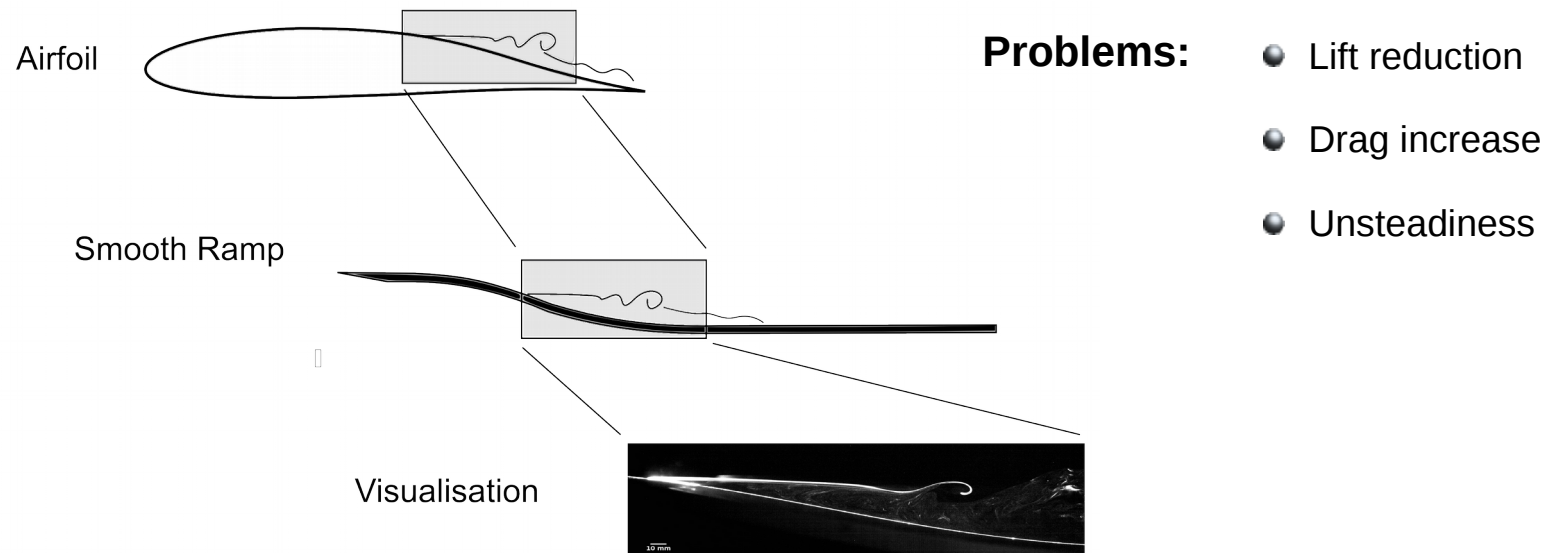
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# Motivation



**Goal:** Test closed-loop control to minimize impact on global flow

**Need :**

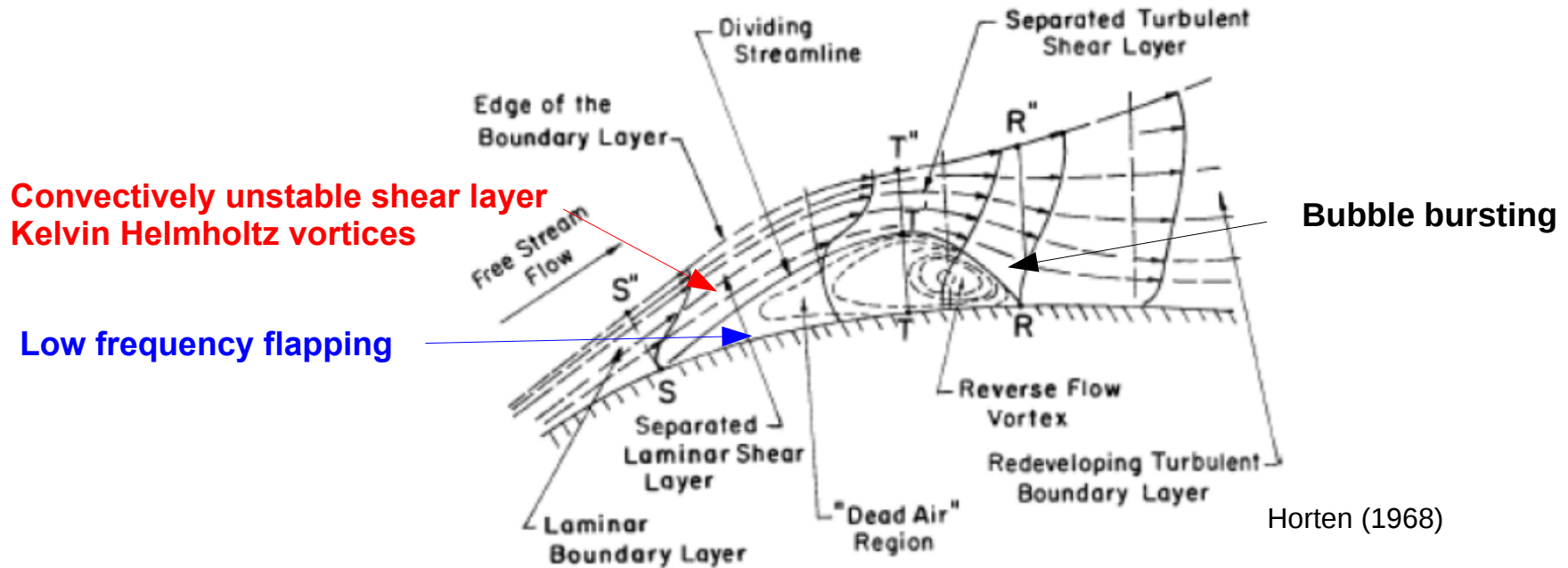
- Controlled canonical flow conditions
- Low actuation levels for actuation
- Optical sensing of the flow state (real time)

# Outline

- Summary of L.S.B. properties
- Experimental set-up
- Open-loop periodic forcing
- Closed-loop control
- Conclusion

# Main Aspects of L.S.B.

Structure of laminar separation bubbles – or better transitionnal separation bubbles



## Experimental:

Tani (1964)  
Gaster (1967)  
O'Mera & Mueller (1987)  
Watmuff (1999)  
Serna & Lázaro (2014)

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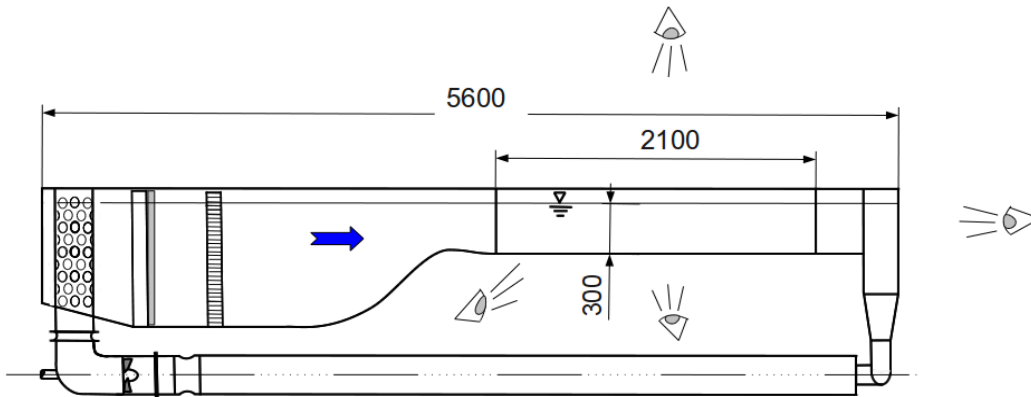
## Numerical:

Pauley *et al.* (1990)  
Rist & Maucher (1994)  
Theofilis (2003)  
Marxen *et al.* (2009)  
Alizard *et al.* (2009)

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**And many others !**

# Water Tunnel Facility



## Specifications:

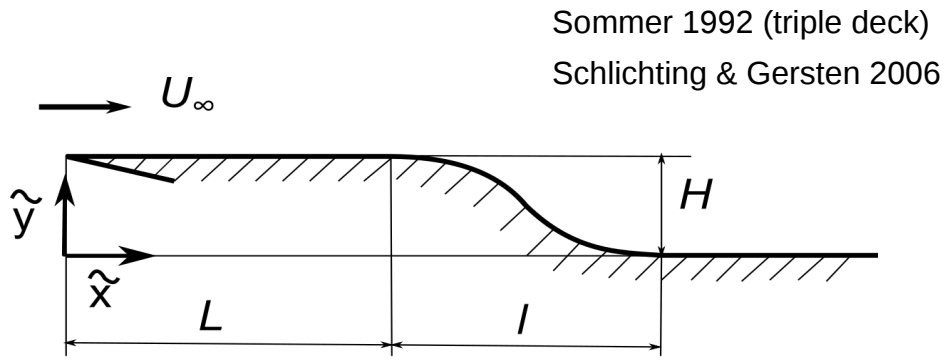
- flow section 0.3 m x 0.50 m x 2.10 m
- speed < 0,50 m/sec
- maximal power 5 kW

## Experimental techniques:

- hydrogen bubbles (Schraub et al. 1965)
- electrolytic precipitation (Taneda et al. 1975)
- dye
- PIV (2D-2C)

# Smooth Ramp Configuration

## Ramp parameters

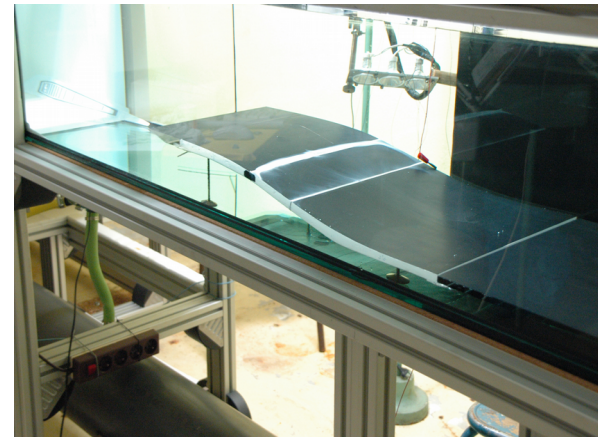


$$\text{Re} = \frac{U_\infty L}{\nu}, \quad \frac{l}{L}, \quad \frac{l}{H}$$

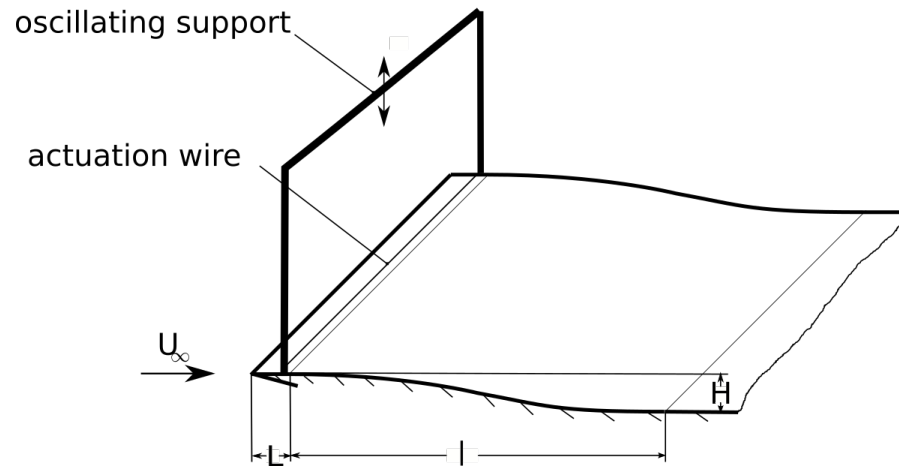
$$1 \leq \tilde{x} \leq 1+l: \quad f(\tilde{x}) = \left[ 20 \left( \frac{\tilde{x}}{l} \right)^7 - 70 \left( \frac{\tilde{x}}{l} \right)^6 + 84 \left( \frac{\tilde{x}}{l} \right)^5 - 35 \left( \frac{\tilde{x}}{l} \right)^4 + 1 \right]$$

$$\text{Range:} \quad 3 \cdot 10^3 \leq \text{Re} \leq 3 \cdot 10^4 \quad \frac{l}{L} = 6 \quad \frac{l}{H} = 10$$

## Ramp installed in water tunnel



# Actuator system

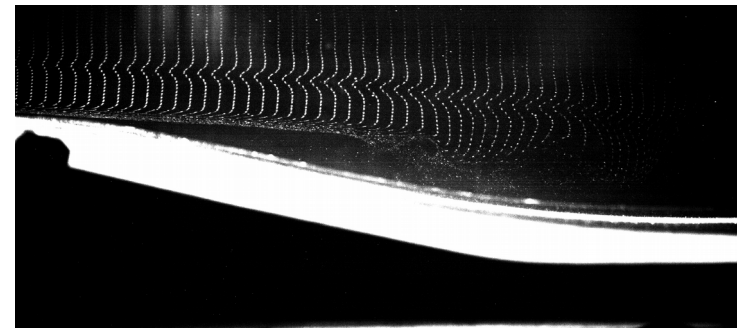


Inside B.L.  $Re_{\text{wire}} \approx 5-10$

## Actuator

- Dimensions:  $\varnothing = 0.13 \text{ mm} \approx \frac{1}{100} \delta$
- Excitation frequency:  $0.16 \leq f_e / f_n \leq 5$
- Maximal Amplitude:  $a_{\text{max}} \approx 40\% \delta$

Test : perturbation outside B. L.

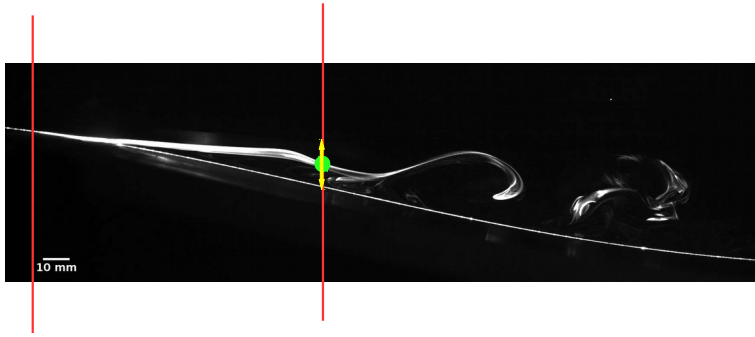


# Effect of Open-loop Actuation

Optical measurement of the growth rate

Lasheras & Choi (1988), Julien *et al.* (2003)

Instantaneous streakline

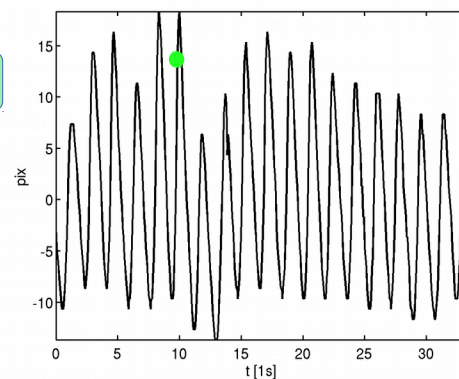


Kaiser *et al.* (2013)

Electrolytic precipitation, Tanji (1975)

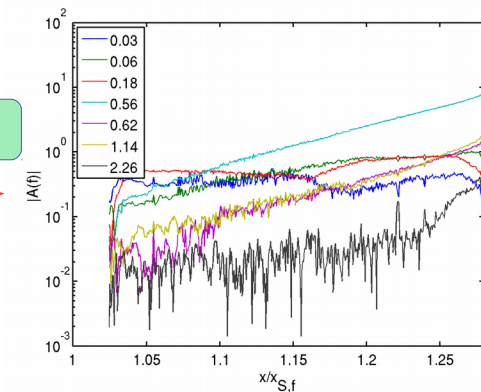
Time evolution of amplitude for one given  $x'$

Image processing



FFT

Spatial evolution of modes

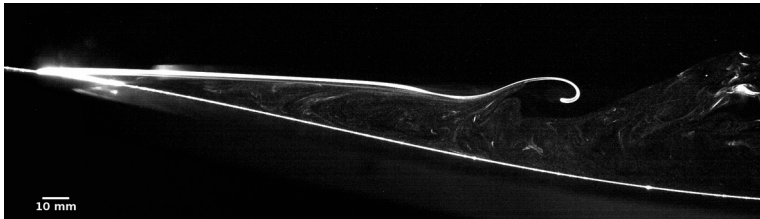




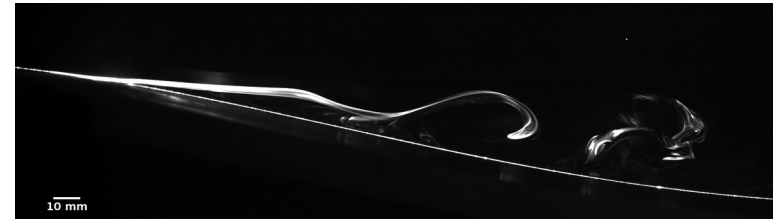
# Identification of Most Unstable Modes

Re = 7700

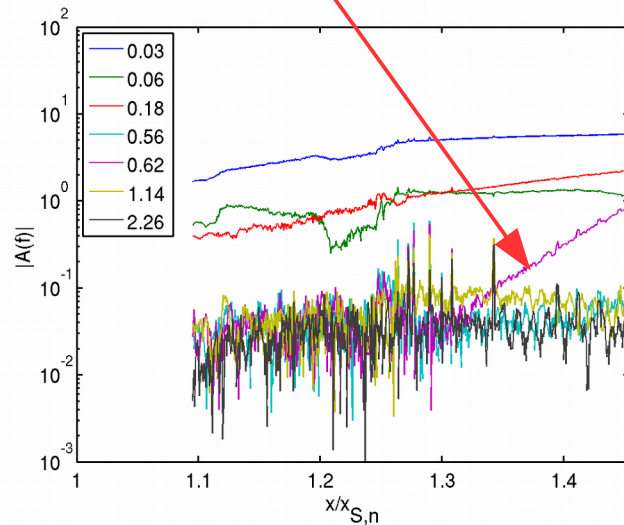
Natural flow



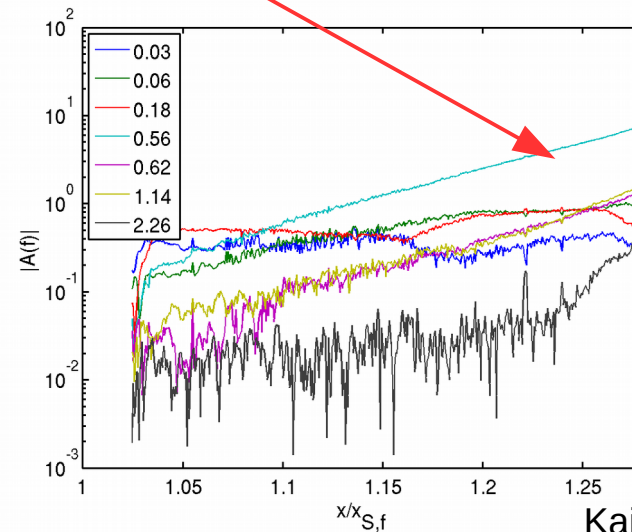
Excited flow ( $f_{exc} = 0.9 f_{KH}$ )



Natural K.H. mode



Excited mode



Kaiser *et al.* (2013)

- Most unstable mode with  $St = 0.034$  (PIV) - theory Ho & Huerre (1984)  $St = 0.032$

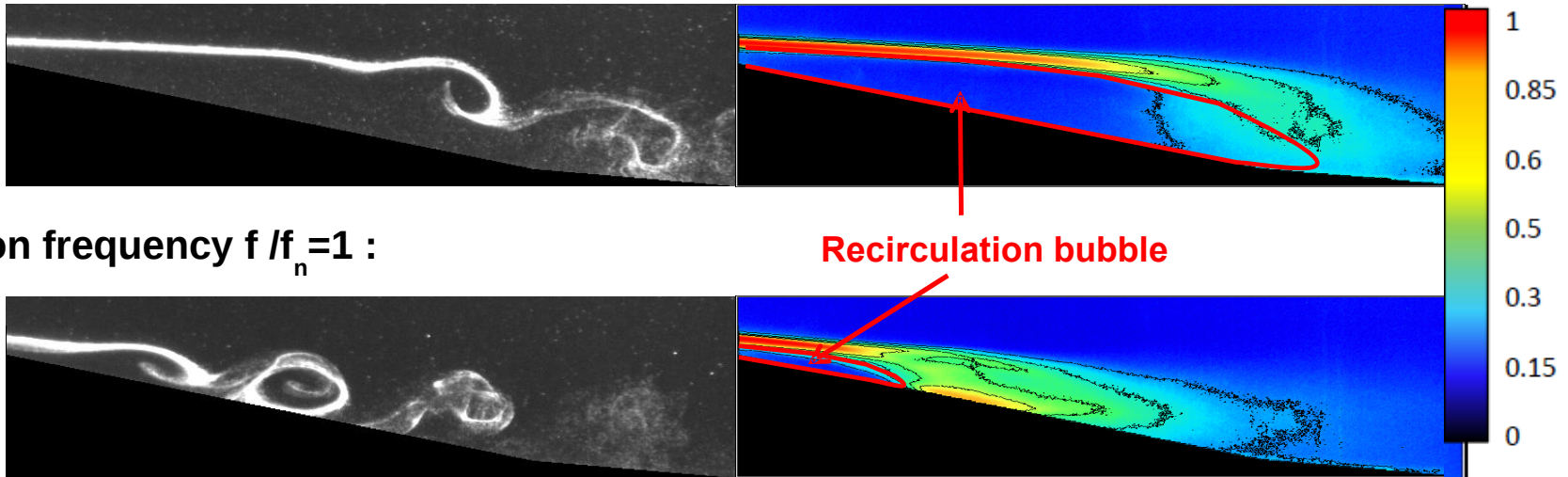
# Open-loop Forcing – Objective Function

Natural flow :

Re=7900

Greyscale (8-bit) image

Normalized light intensity:  $I = 0$  to  $1$

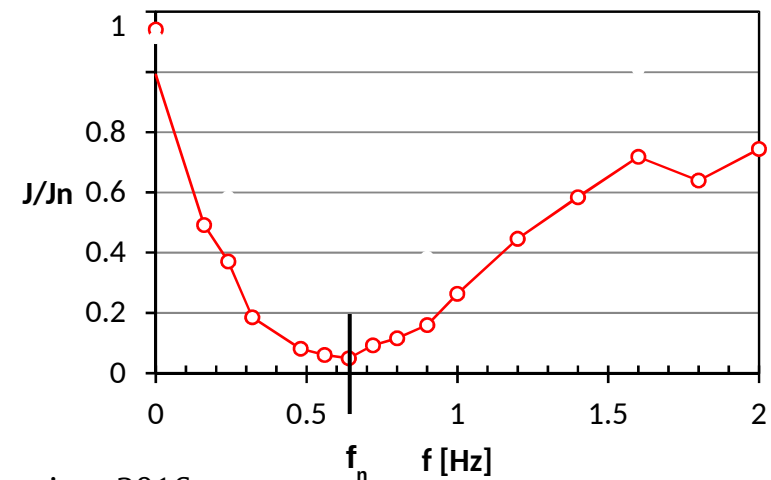


Best actuation frequency  $f / f_n = 1$  :

Continuous production of  $H_2$  bubbles

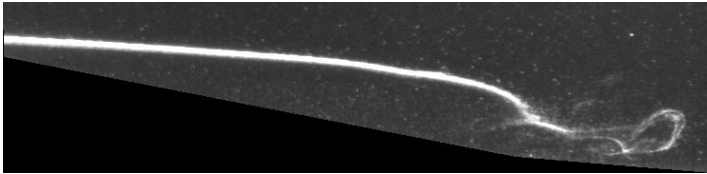
- Evaluated a posteriori from mean images
- Use of threshold for light intensity ( $I=0.4$ )

Open-loop mapping



# Optical Feedback Control – Global Sensing (PCA)

Hydrogen bubbles - continuous production



$$M [m \times n] = U \Sigma^* V$$

$$\downarrow$$

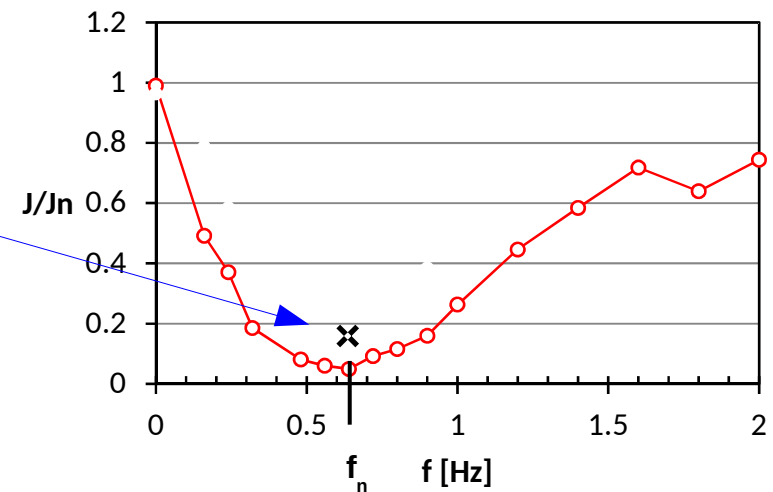
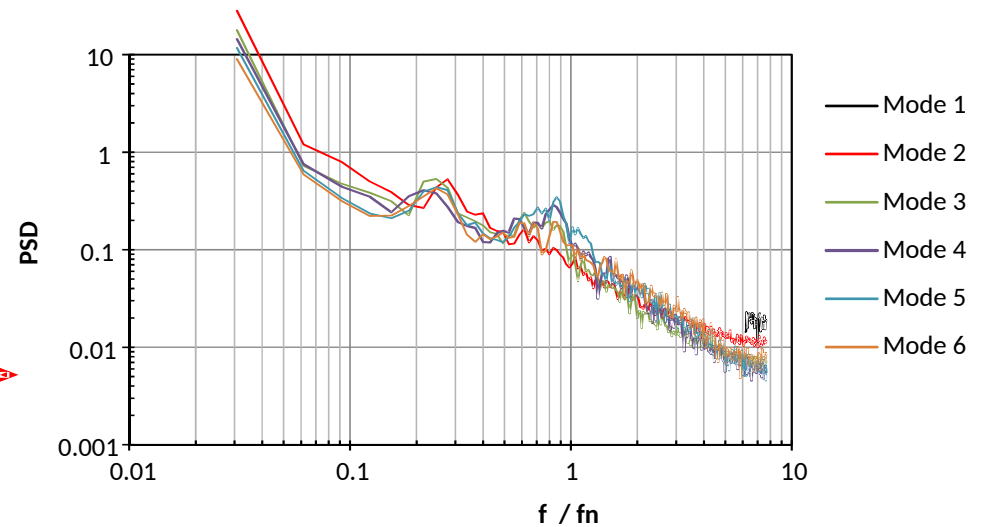
$$S_{1 \dots n}(t) \quad \longrightarrow$$

**Feedback a selected eigenvalue!**

$$b(t) = f(S_n)$$

**Mode 4 produces actuation at the natural frequency**

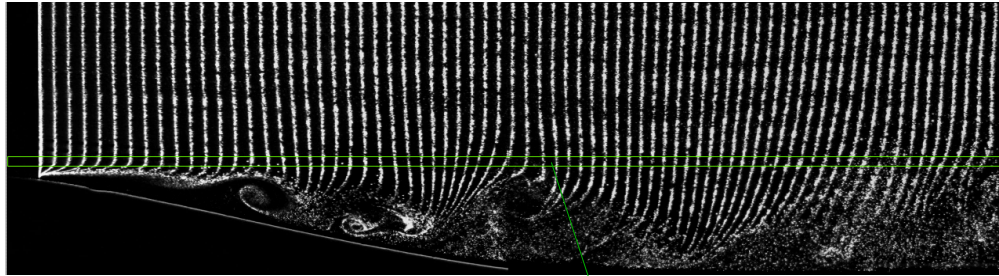
Spectra of the time series of 6 most energetic modes



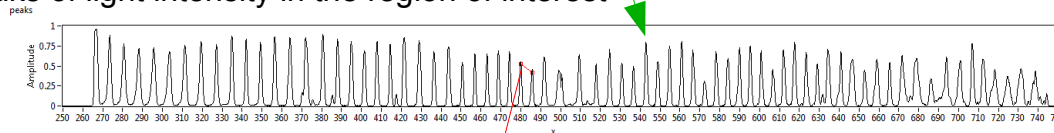
# Velocity Measurements with Hydrogen Bubbles

## Measurement of velocity along a horizontal line

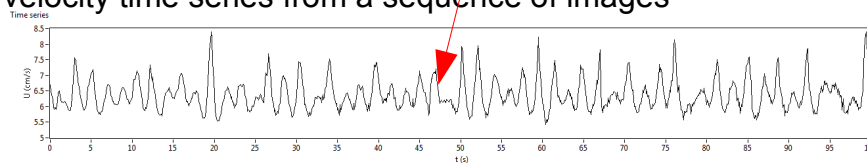
### 1. Instantaneous visualisation



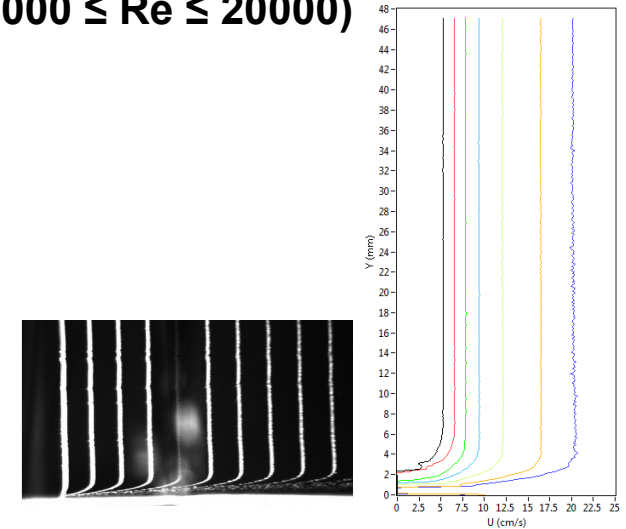
### 2. Peaks of light intensity in the region of interest



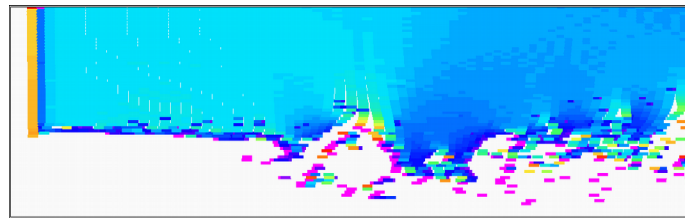
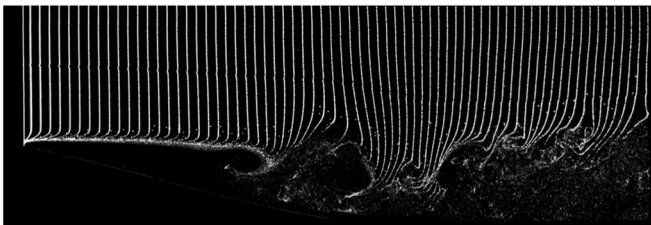
### 3. Local velocity time series from a sequence of images



## Velocity Profiles inside B.L. ( $3000 \leq Re \leq 20000$ )

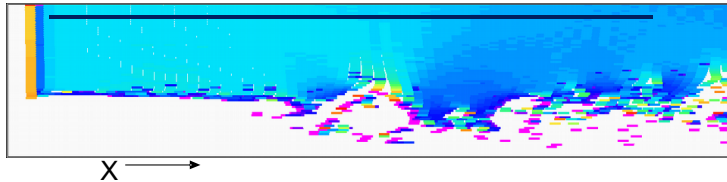


## Velocity Field of U component ( $Re = 7900$ )



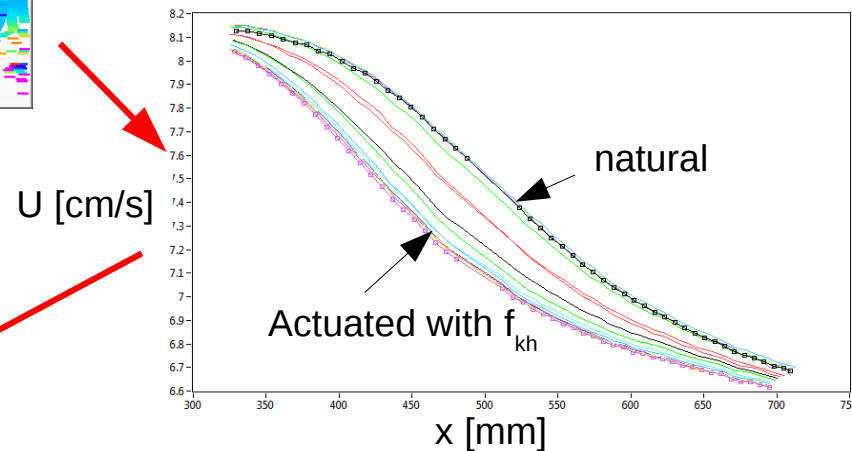
# Objective Function using Velocity Measurements

Extract instantaneous velocity  $u$  along a line:



Mean velocity  $U$  vs.  $x$

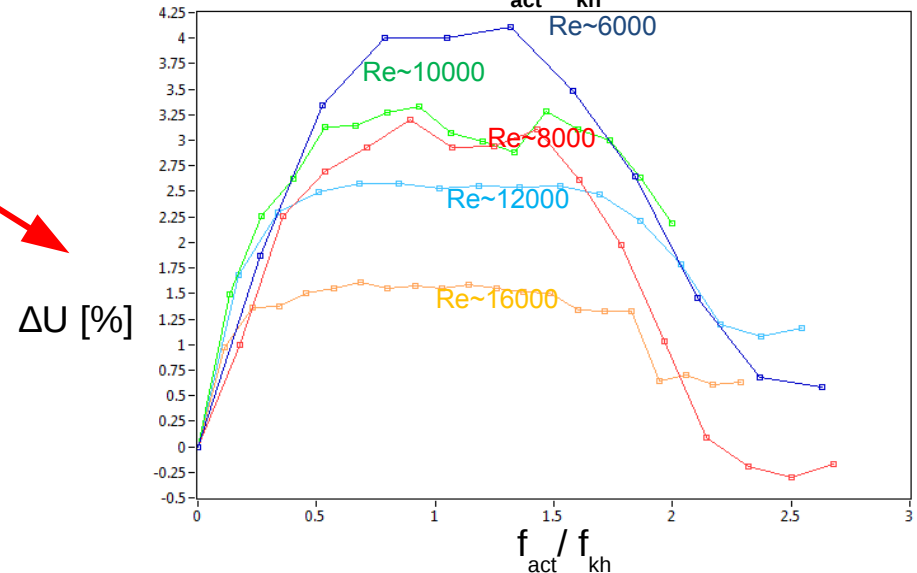
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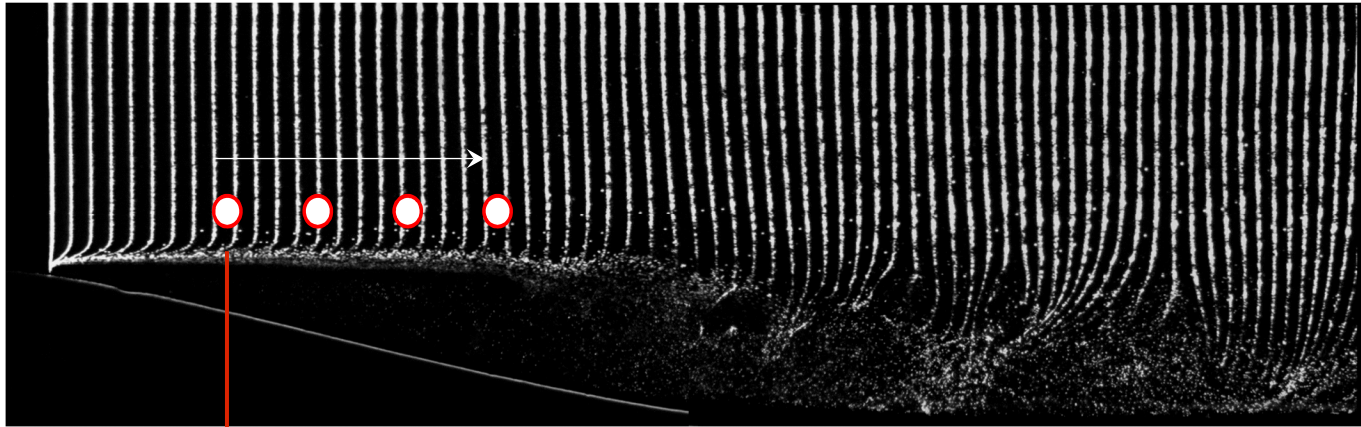
Instantaneous objective function

$$J = \int_{x_1}^{x_2} (U_{\text{nat}}(x) - U_{\text{act}}(x)) dx$$

Velocity gain in % vs.  $f_{\text{act}} / f_{\text{kh}}$



# Closed-loop Control - Local Sensing

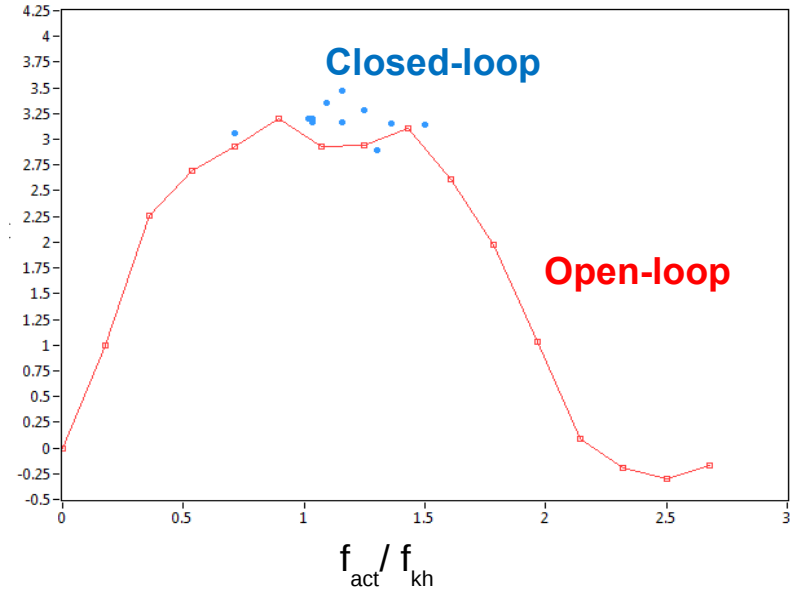


Re = 7900

$$b = A \times s(t) + C$$

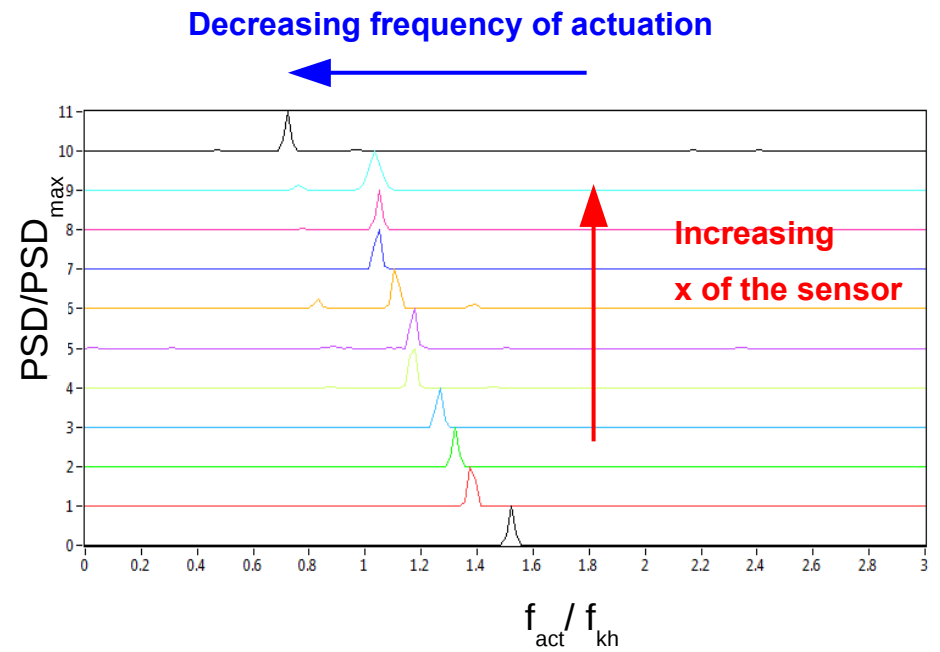
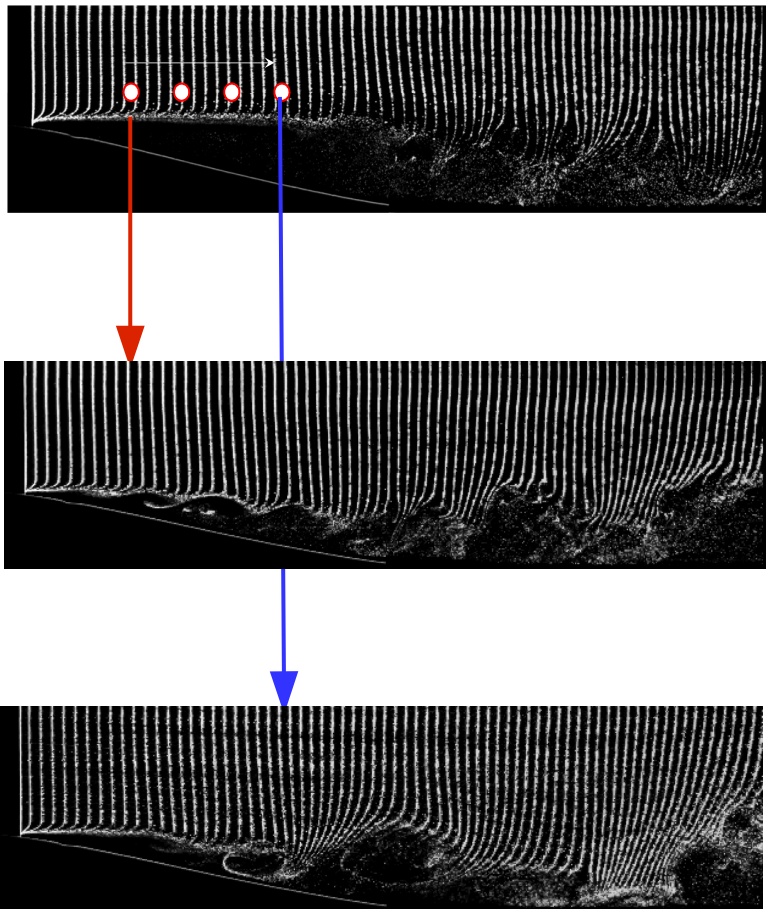
*b* - actuator displacement  
*s* - sensor signal (velocity fluctuations)  
*C* - offset (mean position of the actuator above the ramp)

$\Delta U$  [%]



# Closed-loop Control - Position of Sensor

Re = 7900



**Actuation frequency depends on sensor location !**

# Conclusion

- **Actuation around the natural KH frequency proves to be most efficient.**
- **The definition of a cost function appears to be challenging.**
- **Local sensing leads to frequency selection for actuation.**
- **Closed-loop control in combination with convective transport of perturbations leads to periodic forcing.**
  - **Similar to control of mixing layer see V.Parezanović *et al.* (2016) .**
- **Lagrangian velocity measurements are promising for long experimental runs in combination with real-time measurements.**