

A person wearing a red life vest and blue shorts is standing on a yellow and blue paddleboard on a calm lake. The person is leaning forward, using a black paddle. The water shows concentric ripples emanating from the board. In the background, a dense forest of green trees lines the shore, with a few small buildings and a dock visible. The sky is overcast.

# WAVE DRAG AND WAVE THRUST PHENOMENA

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# DUCKS IN A ROW

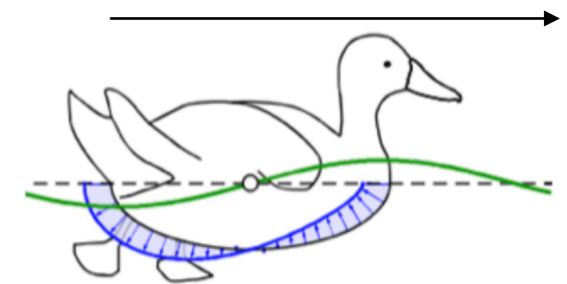


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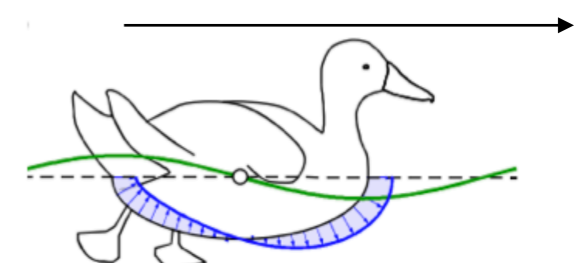
WAVE DRAG (WAKE)

WAVE THRUST (SURFING WAVES)

Poor positioning:  
Swimming **against** surface gradients



Good positioning:  
Swimming **with** surface gradients



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Wave-riding and wave-passing by ducklings in formation swimming

Zhi-Ming Yuan, Minglu Chen, Laibing Jia, Chunyan Ji, and Atilla Incecik

Congratulations to the authors from us all at JFM!

**Ig Nobel**

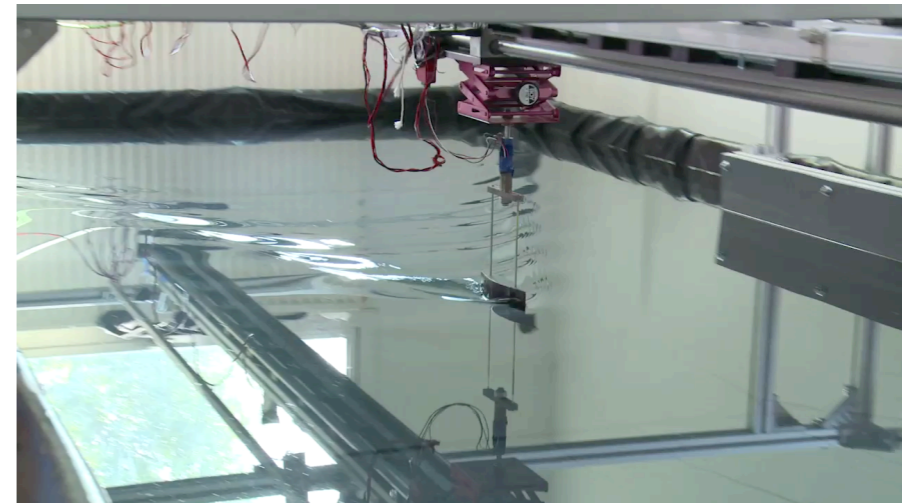
2022 Physics Prize Winning Article!

The image shows the cover of the Journal of Fluid Mechanics (JFM) featuring a duckling swimming. The cover is green and has a colorful, wavy pattern behind the duckling. To the right of the cover is a white box with a black border containing a congratulatory message and the Ig Nobel award logo.

# LECTURE OUTLINE

## WAVE DRAG PHENOMENA

1. SHAPE OF OBJECT
2. DEPTH OF WATER



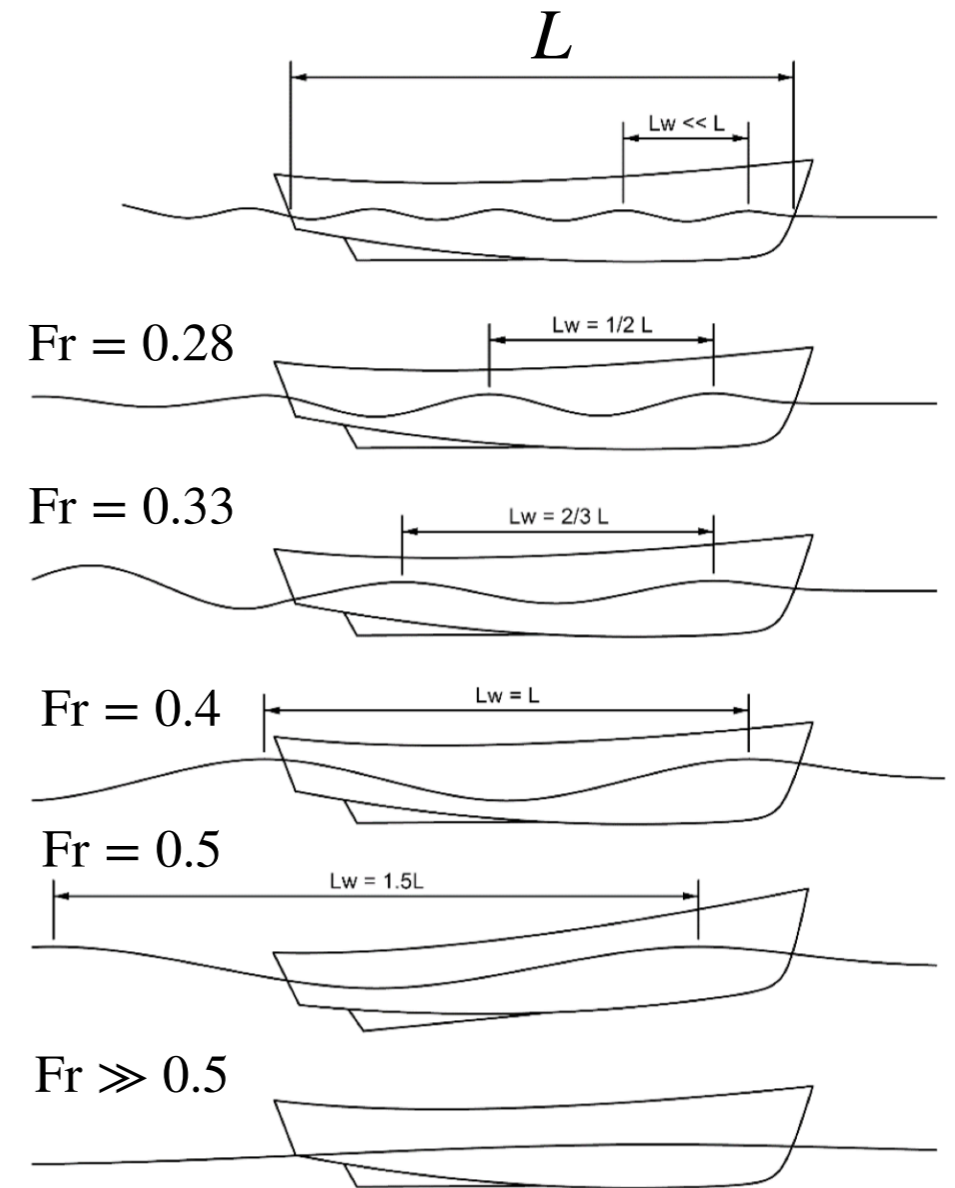
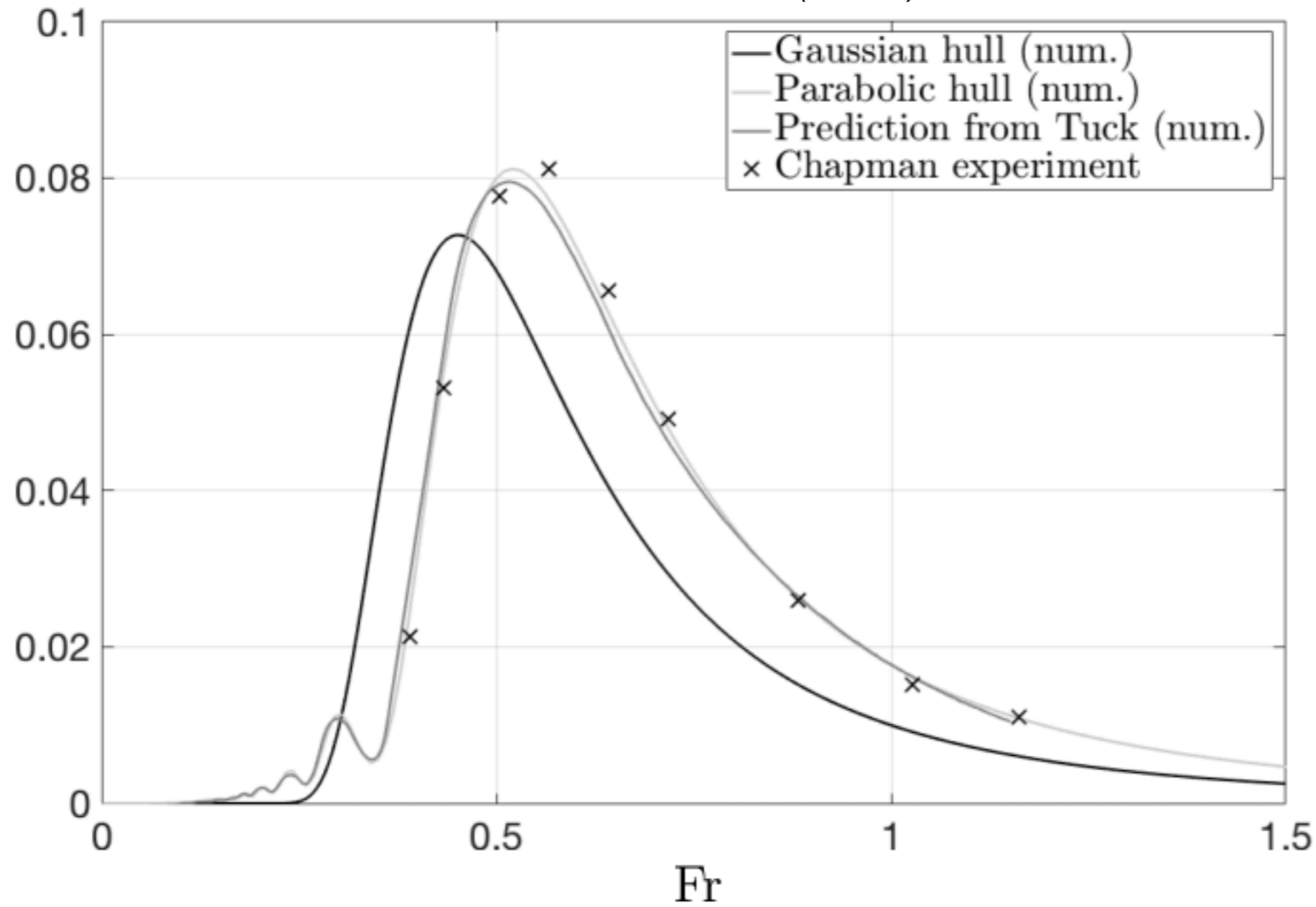
## WAVE THRUST PHENOMENA

1. GUNWALE BOBBING
2. SURFERBOT



# WAVE DRAG IN DEEP WATER

*Boucher et al. PRF (2018)*

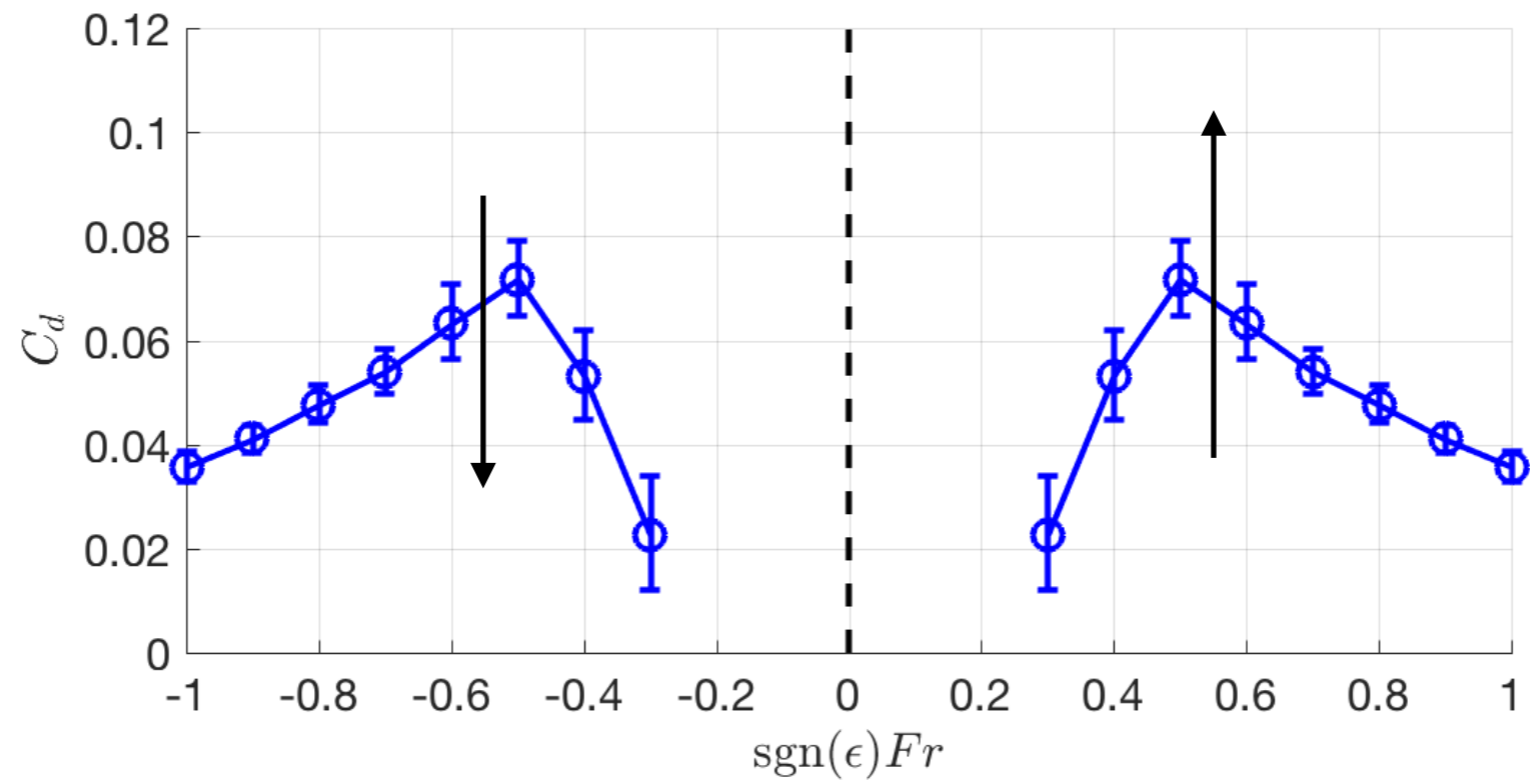
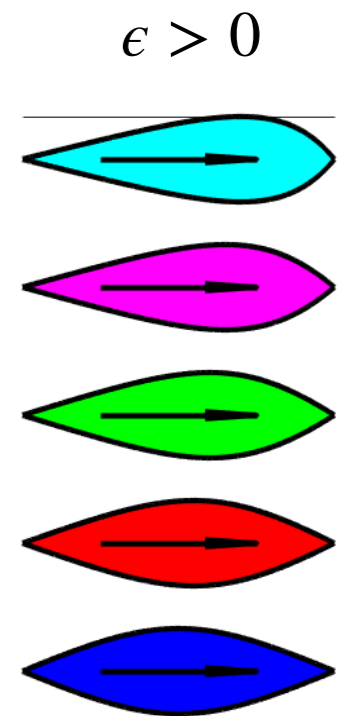
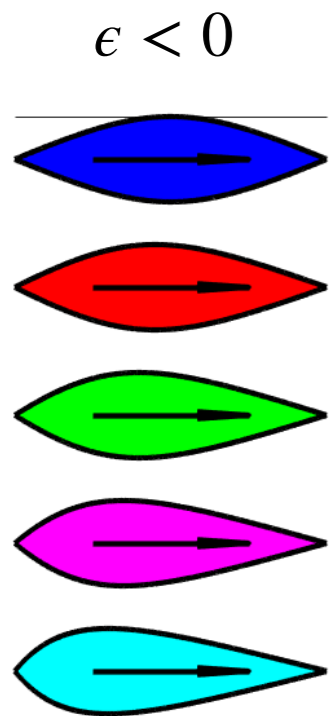


Resonance between boat length and wavelength

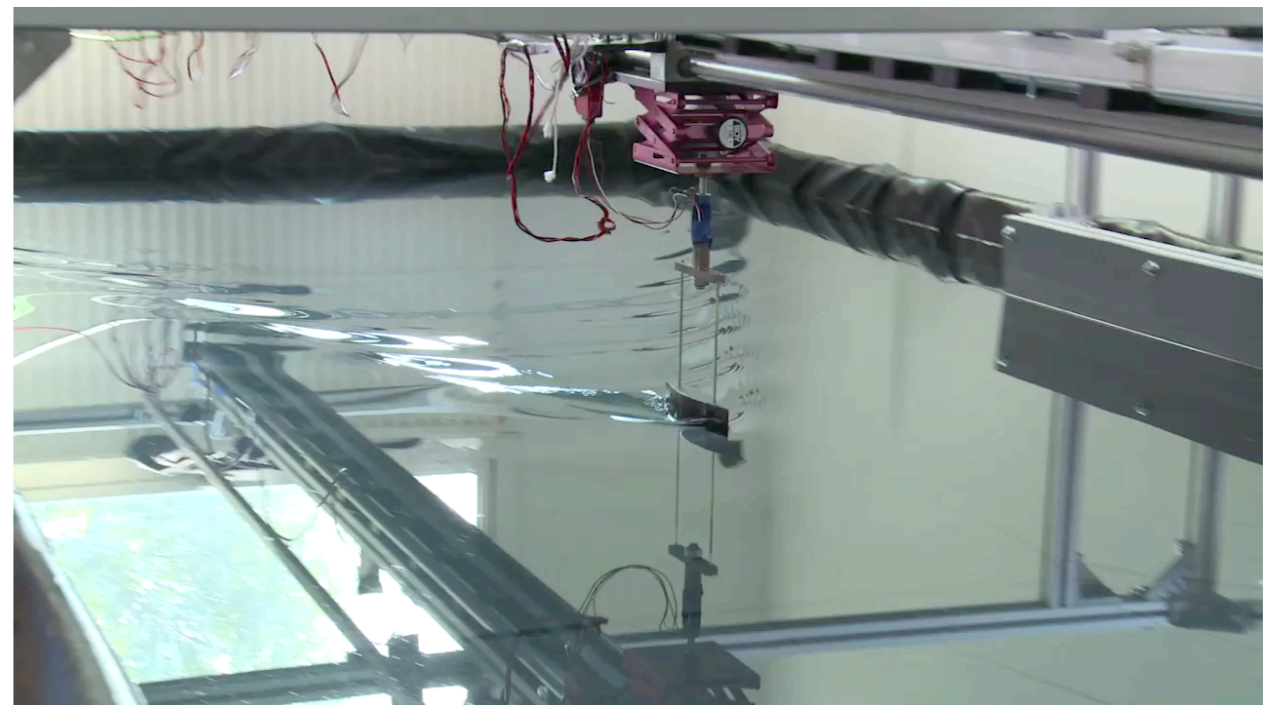
$$C_w = \text{Drag} / \rho U^2 L^2$$

$$\text{Fr} = U / \sqrt{gL}$$

# I. EFFECT OF SHAPE ASYMMETRY

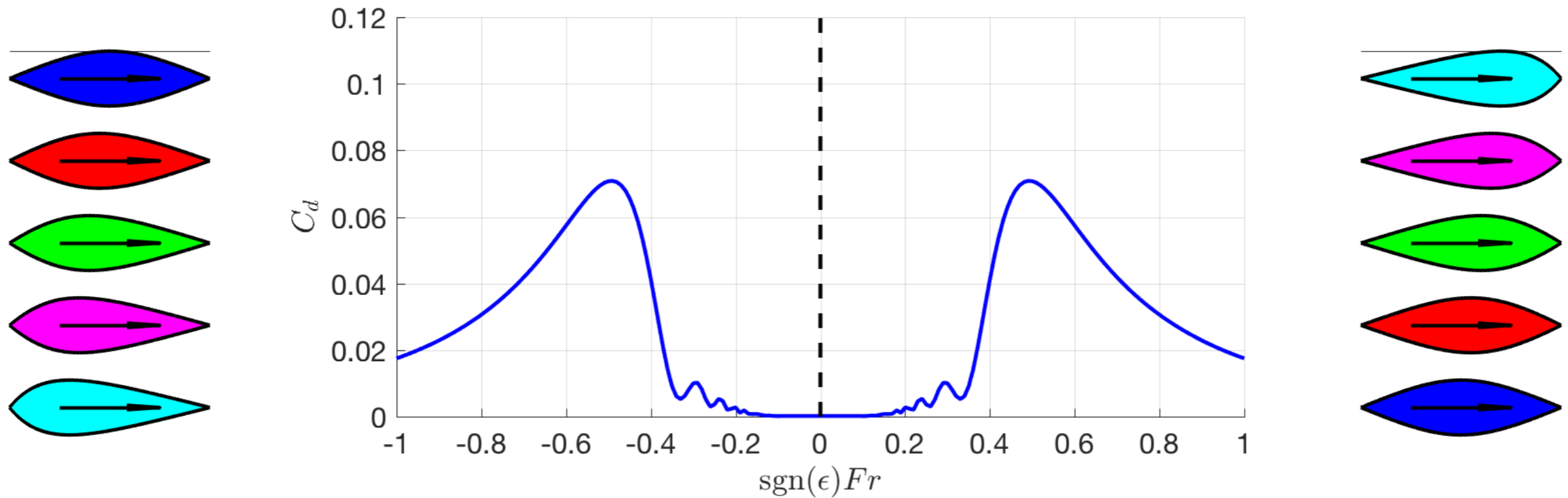


Parameterised family of curves

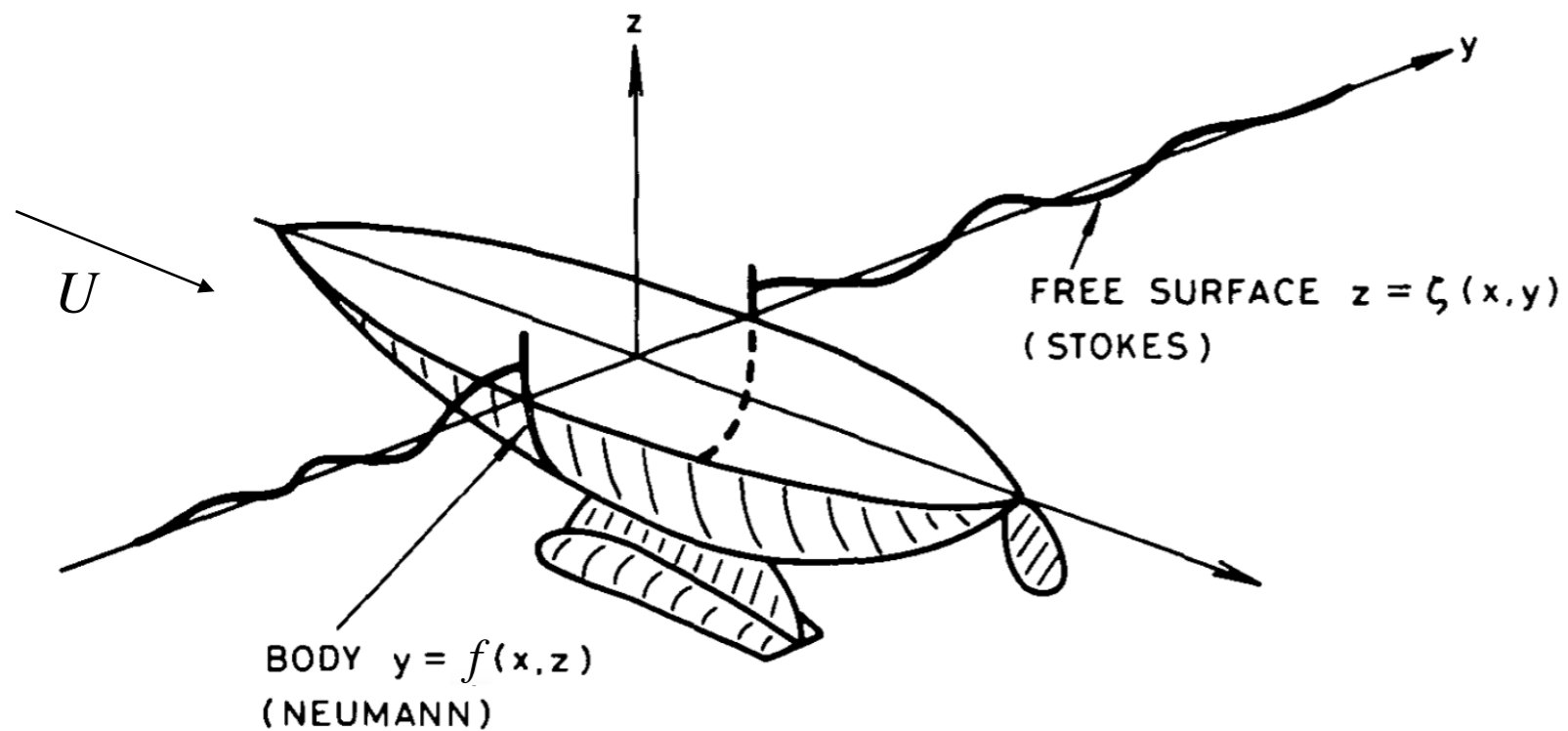


Tow tank with a force sensor

# MICHELL'S THEORY FOR THE WAVE DRAG



*J.H. Michell (1898)*



Based on “Slender body theory”

Fourier transform of  $f(x, z)$

Cannot capture asymmetry!

# SYMMETRY PARADOX

EULER EQUATIONS:

$$\begin{aligned}\nabla \cdot \mathbf{u} &= 0, \\ \rho(\mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla)\mathbf{u} &= -\nabla p - \rho g \hat{\mathbf{k}}\end{aligned}$$

BOUNDARY  
CONDITIONS:

$$\begin{aligned}v &= \pm u f'(x), \quad \text{on } y = \pm f(x), \\ w &= u \zeta_x + v \zeta_y, \quad \text{on } z = \zeta(x, y), \\ p &= p_{atm}, \quad \text{on } z = \zeta(x, y), \\ \mathbf{u} &\rightarrow (-U, 0, 0), \quad x, y, z \rightarrow \pm\infty,\end{aligned}$$

APPLY THE TRANSFORMATION:

$$U \rightarrow -U, \quad \mathbf{u} \rightarrow -\mathbf{u}$$

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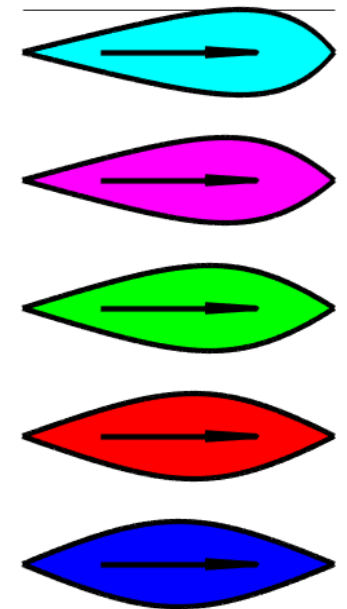
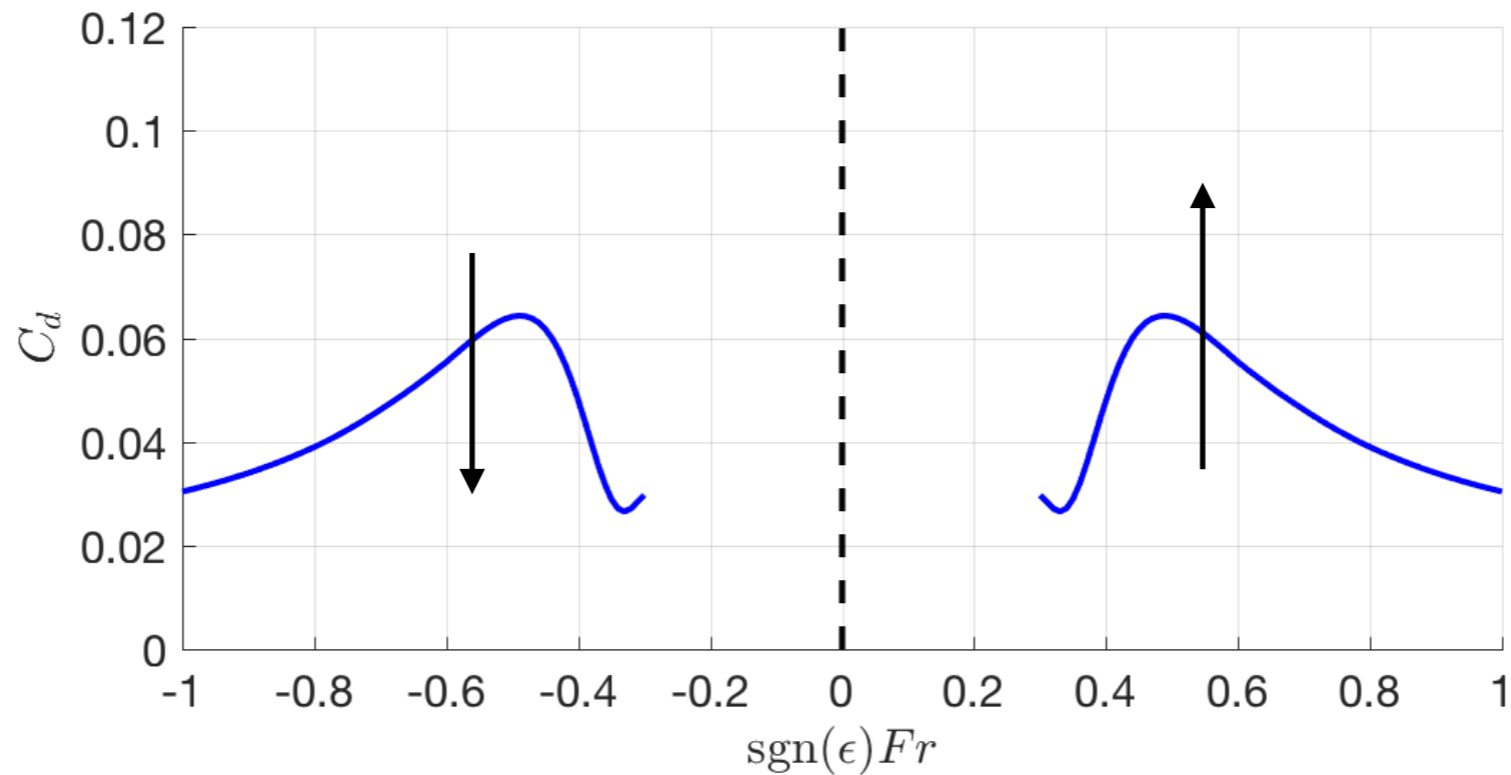
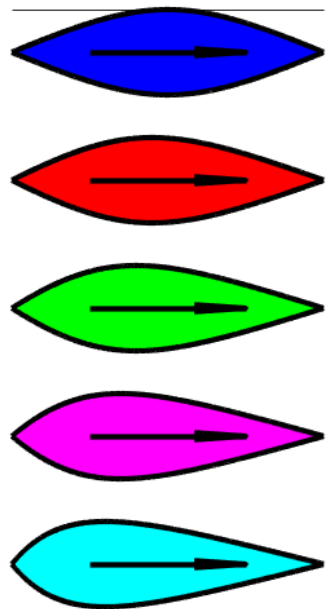
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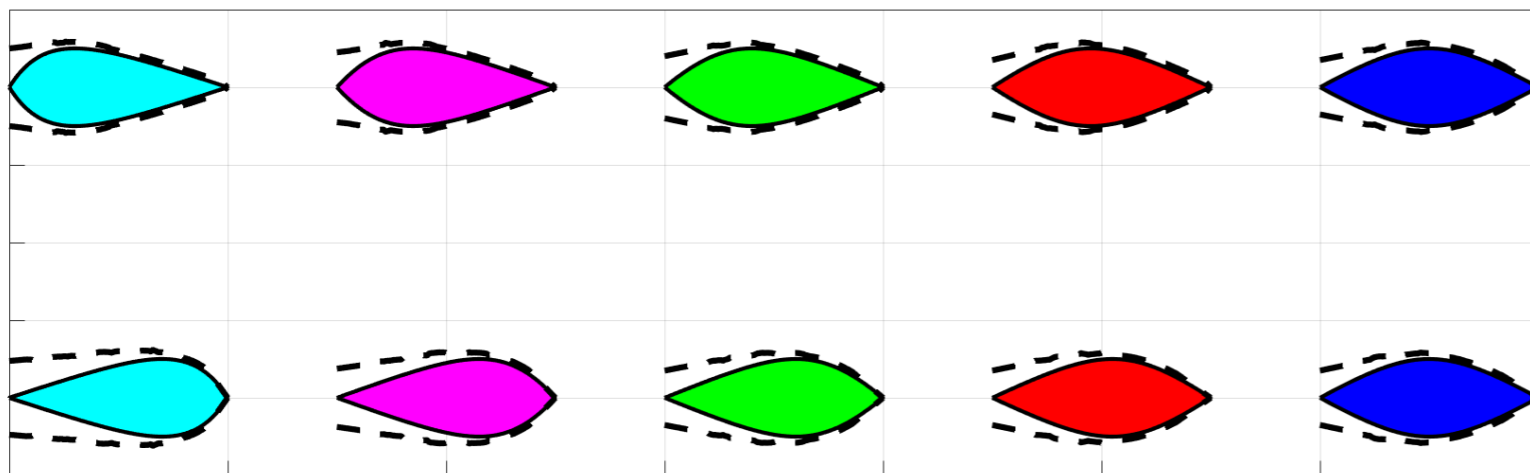
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# MODIFIED MICHELL'S THEORY



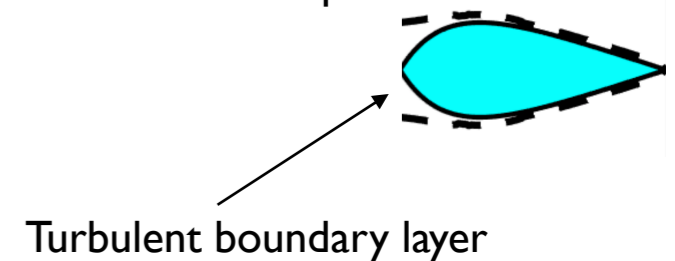
Effective shape: Hull + Boundary layer



Numerical calculations of boundary layer (OpenFoam)

Potential flow  $\nabla^2 \phi = 0$

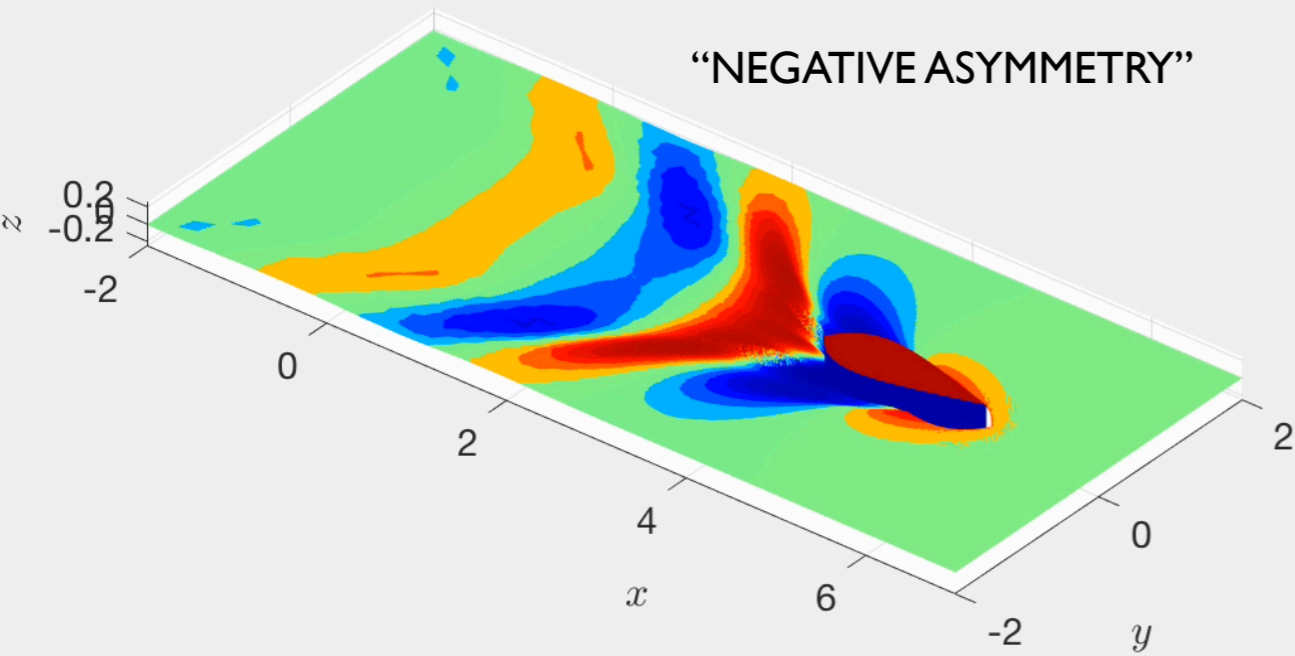
Effective shape:  $y = f + \delta$



# OPENFOAM SIMULATIONS

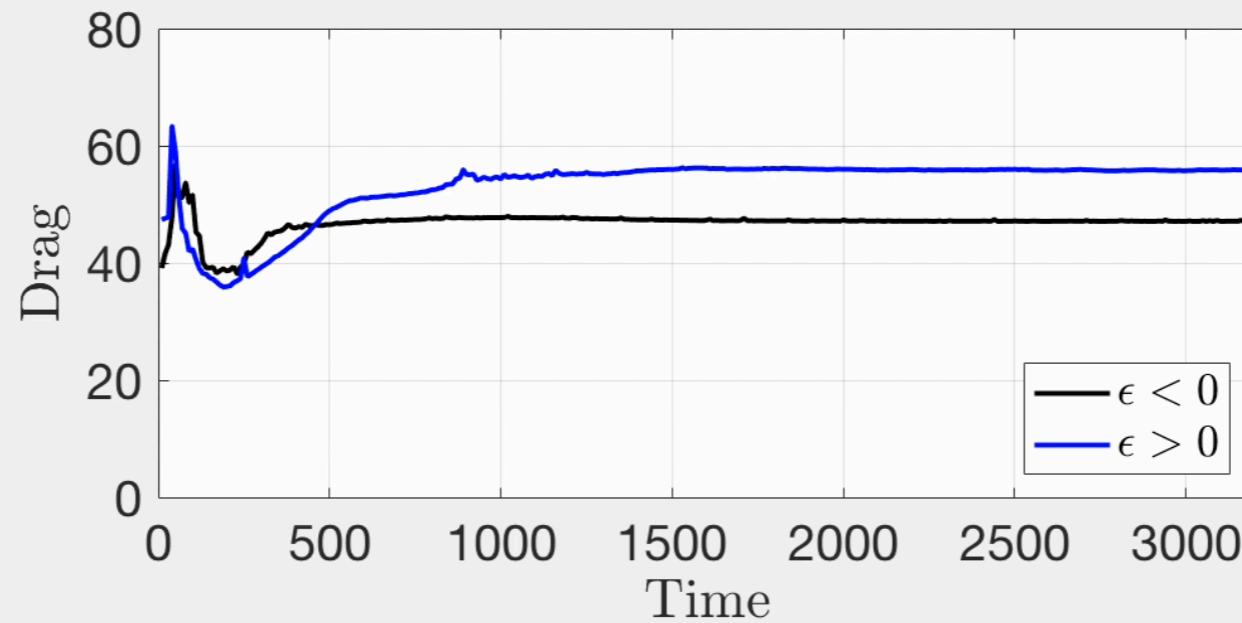
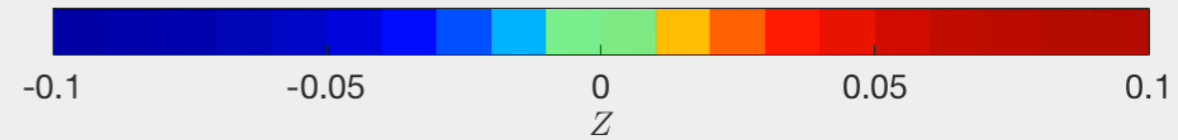
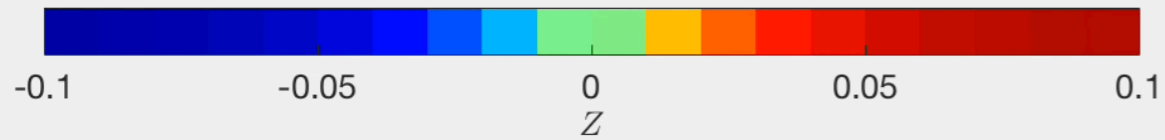
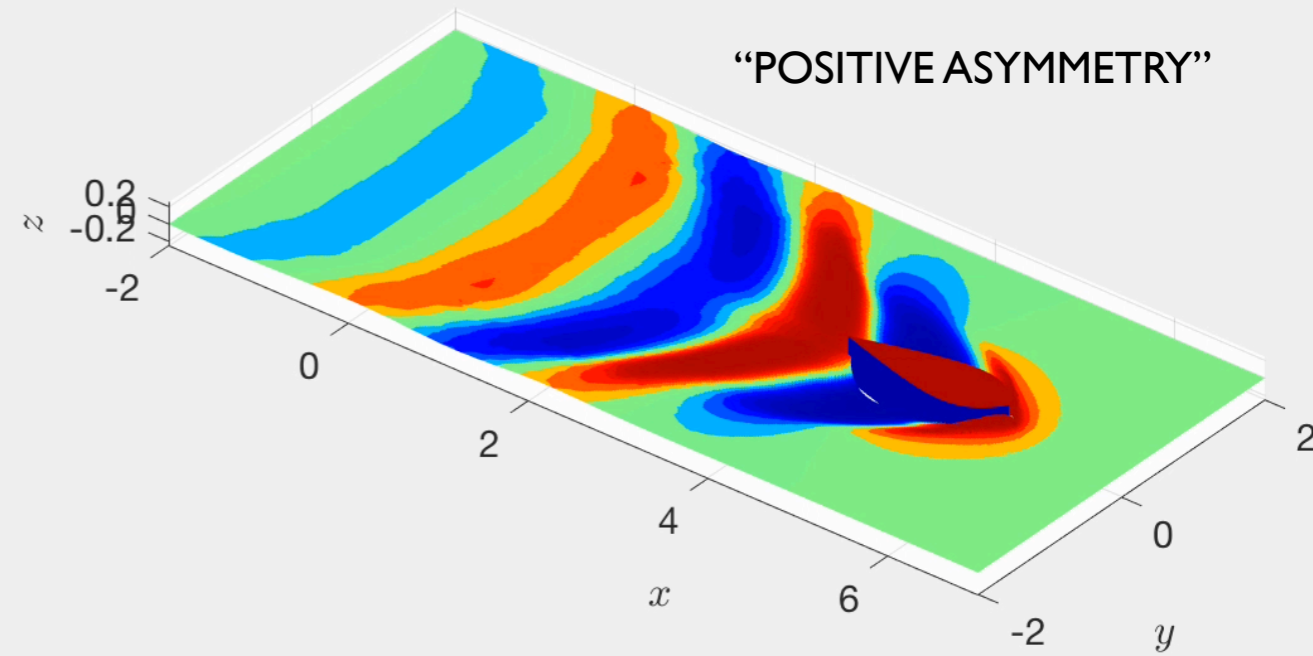
$\epsilon < 0$

“NEGATIVE ASYMMETRY”



$\epsilon > 0$

“POSITIVE ASYMMETRY”



## 2. EFFECT OF WATER DEPTH

*Rodrigo de Freitas Lagoon, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil*

Mean depth: 2.8 m, Maximum depth: 4.3 m



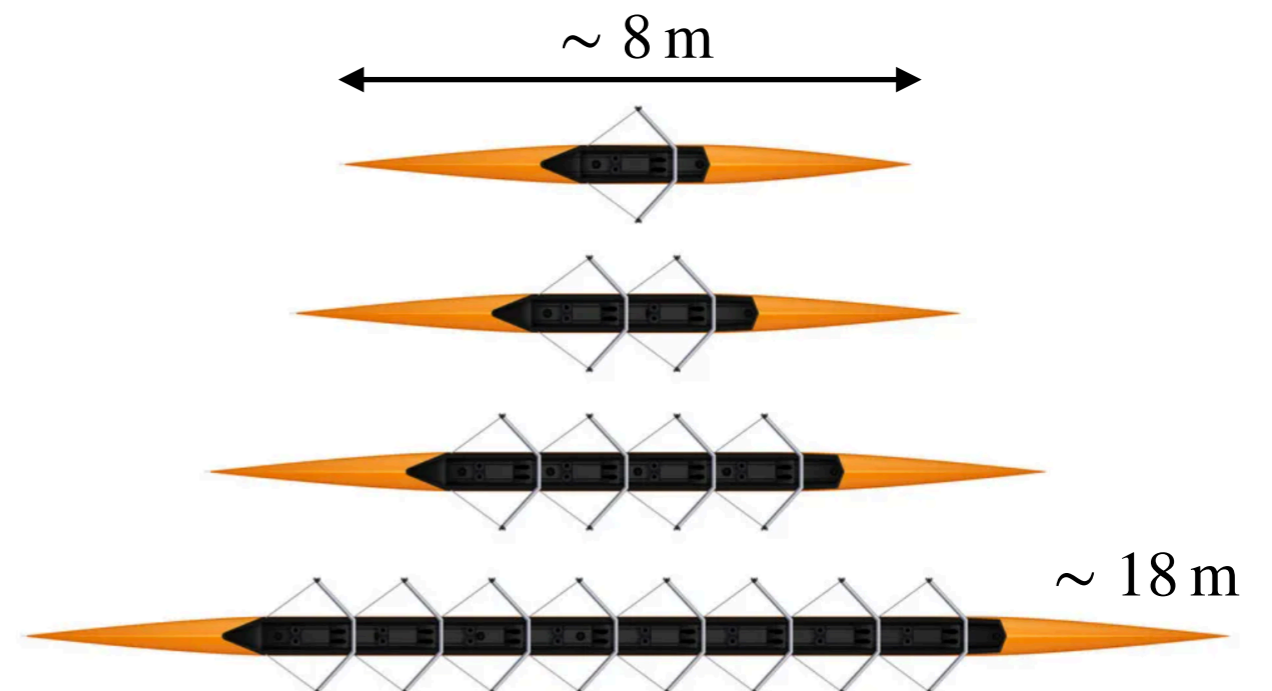
*Lake Bled, Slovenia*

Maximum depth: 30 m, with a small island



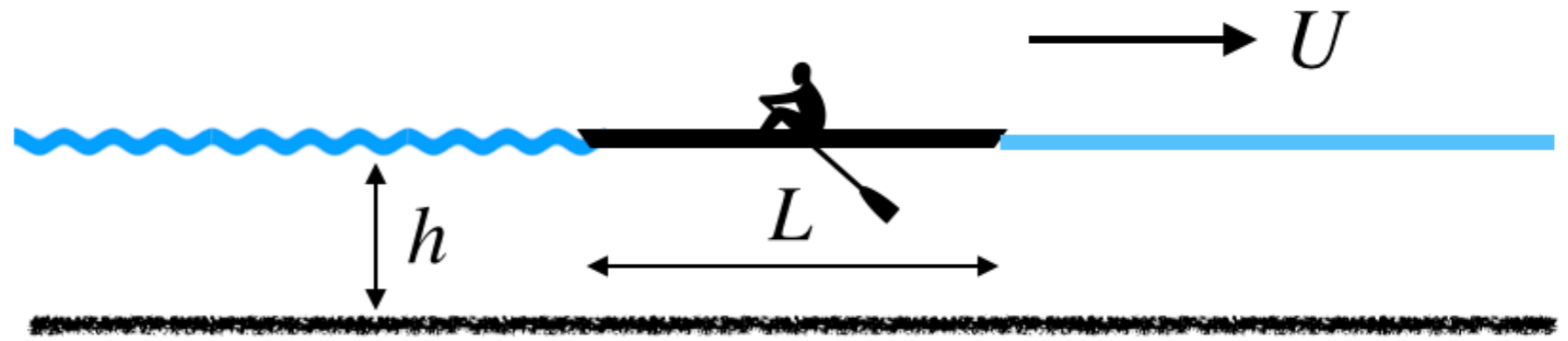
*Sea forest waterway, Koto, Japan*

Consistent depth: 6m

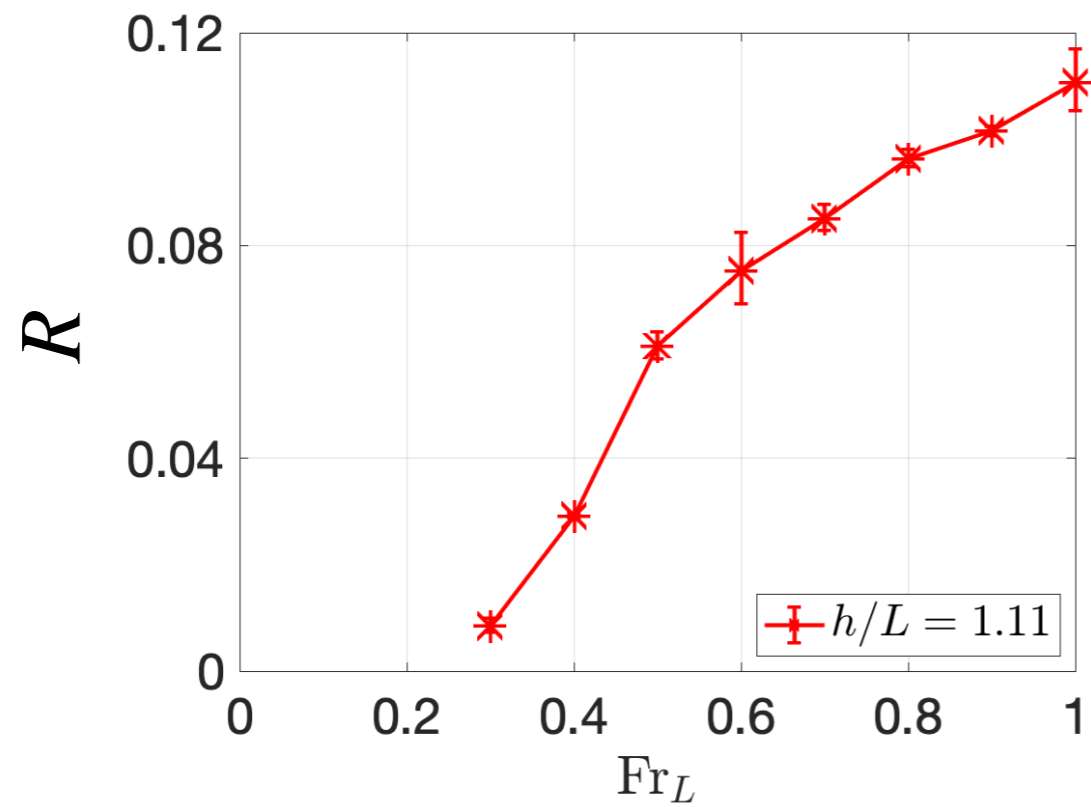




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### EXPERIMENTS



$$Fr_L = U/\sqrt{gL}$$

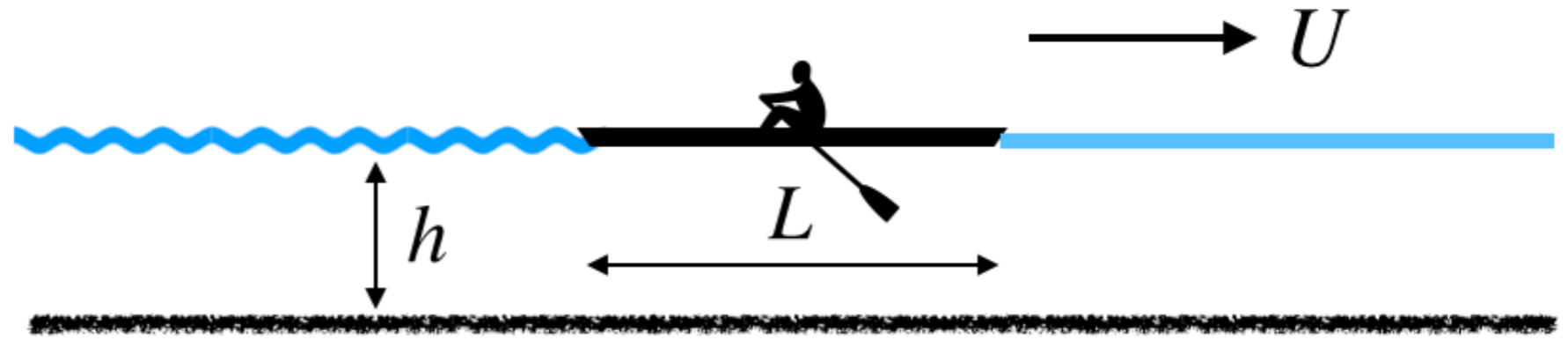
$$Fr_h = U/\sqrt{gh}$$

Normalisation:

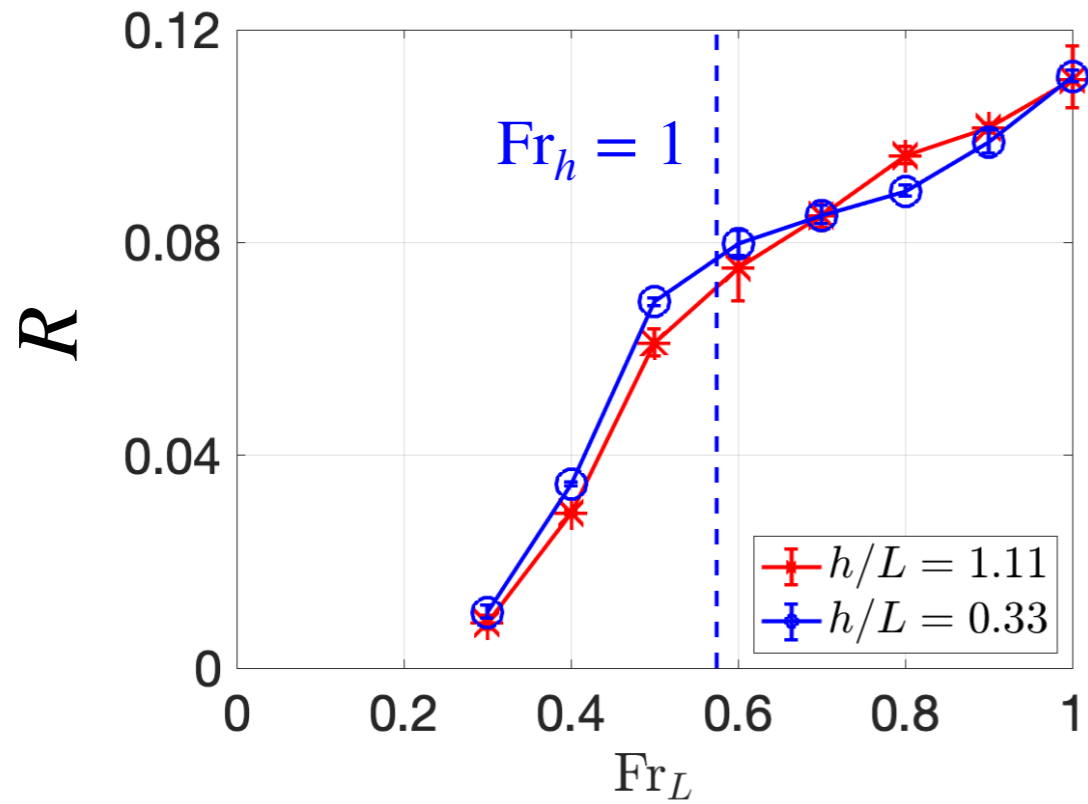
$$R = \text{Drag}/\rho g L^3$$



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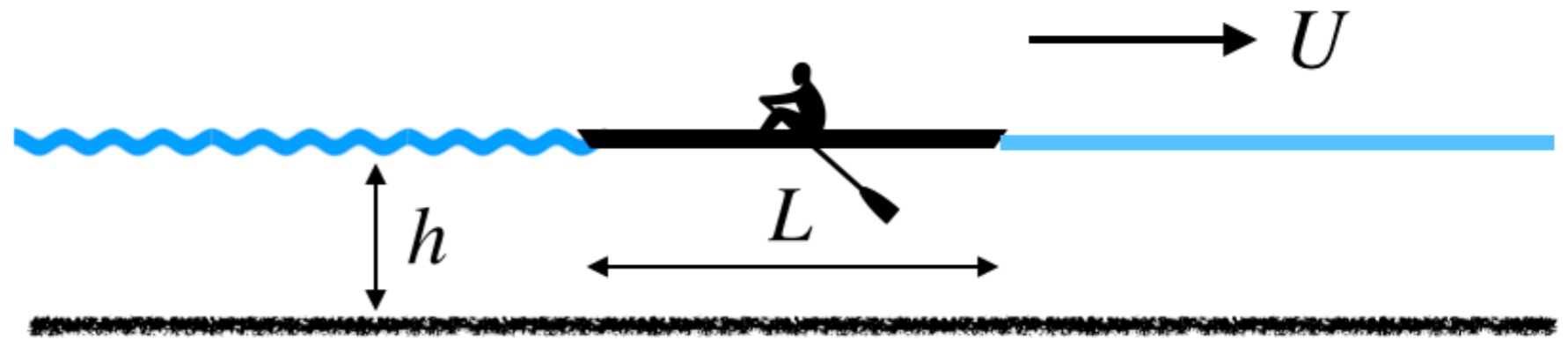
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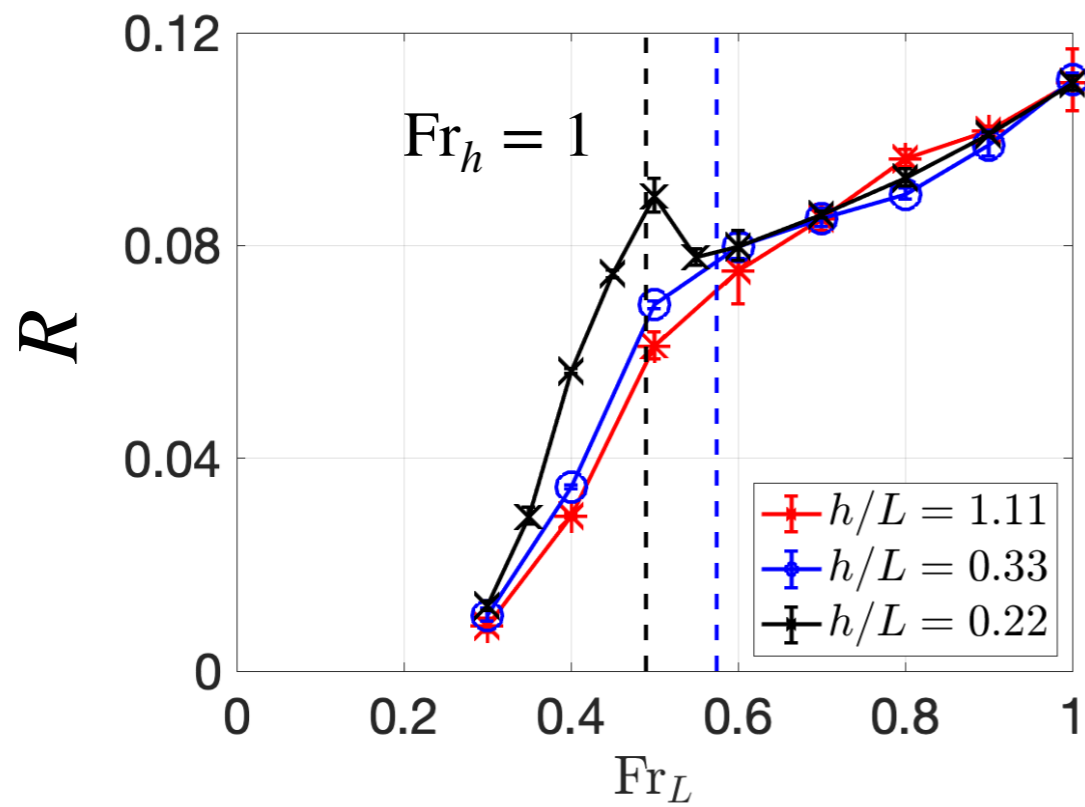
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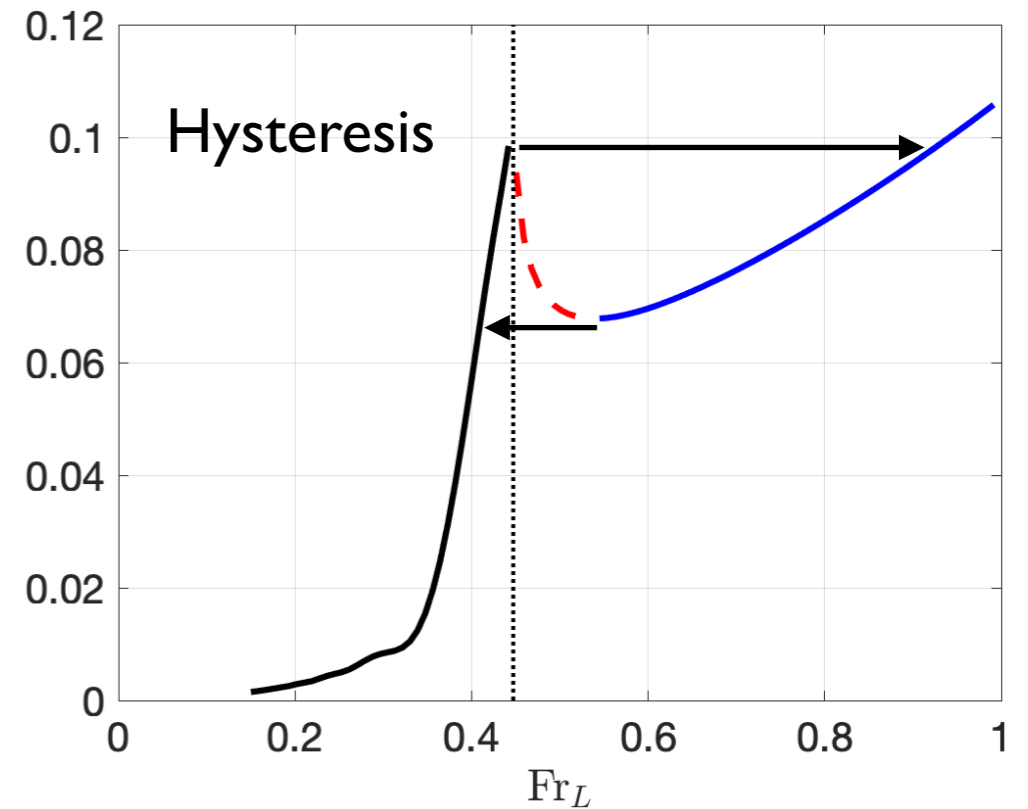
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LINEAR THEORY

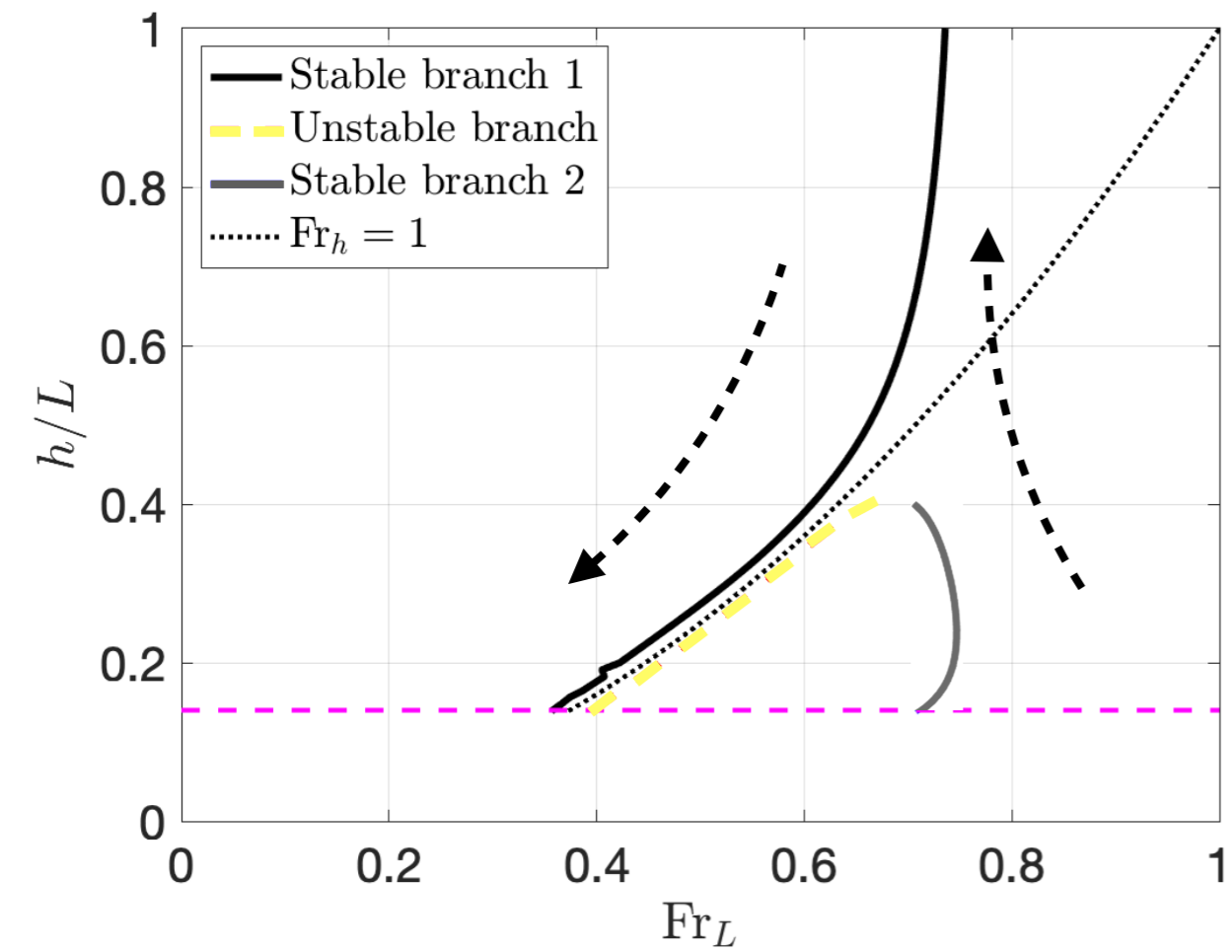


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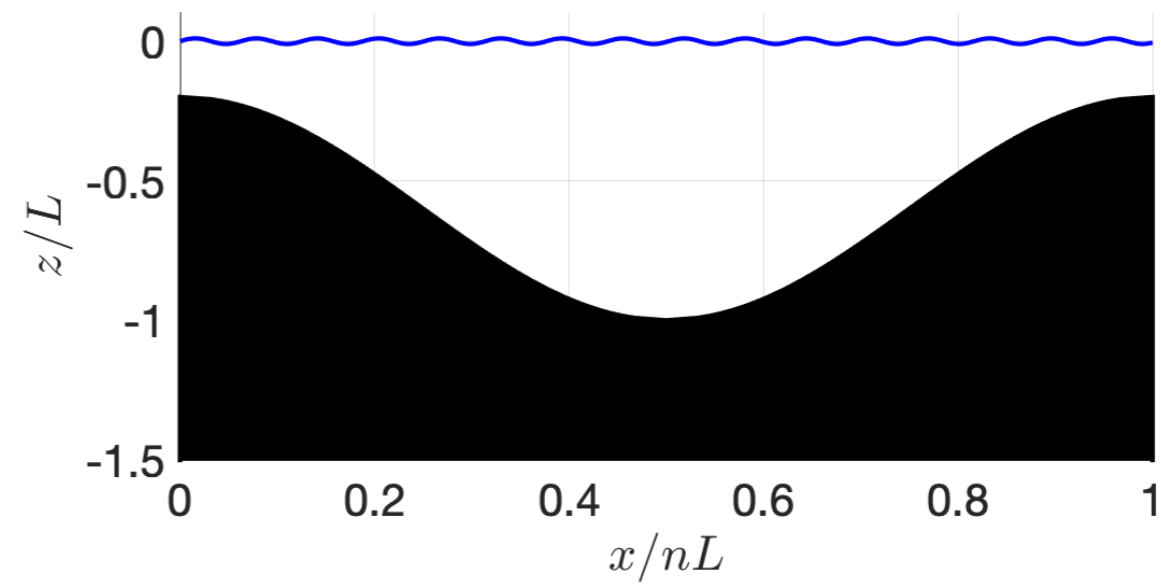
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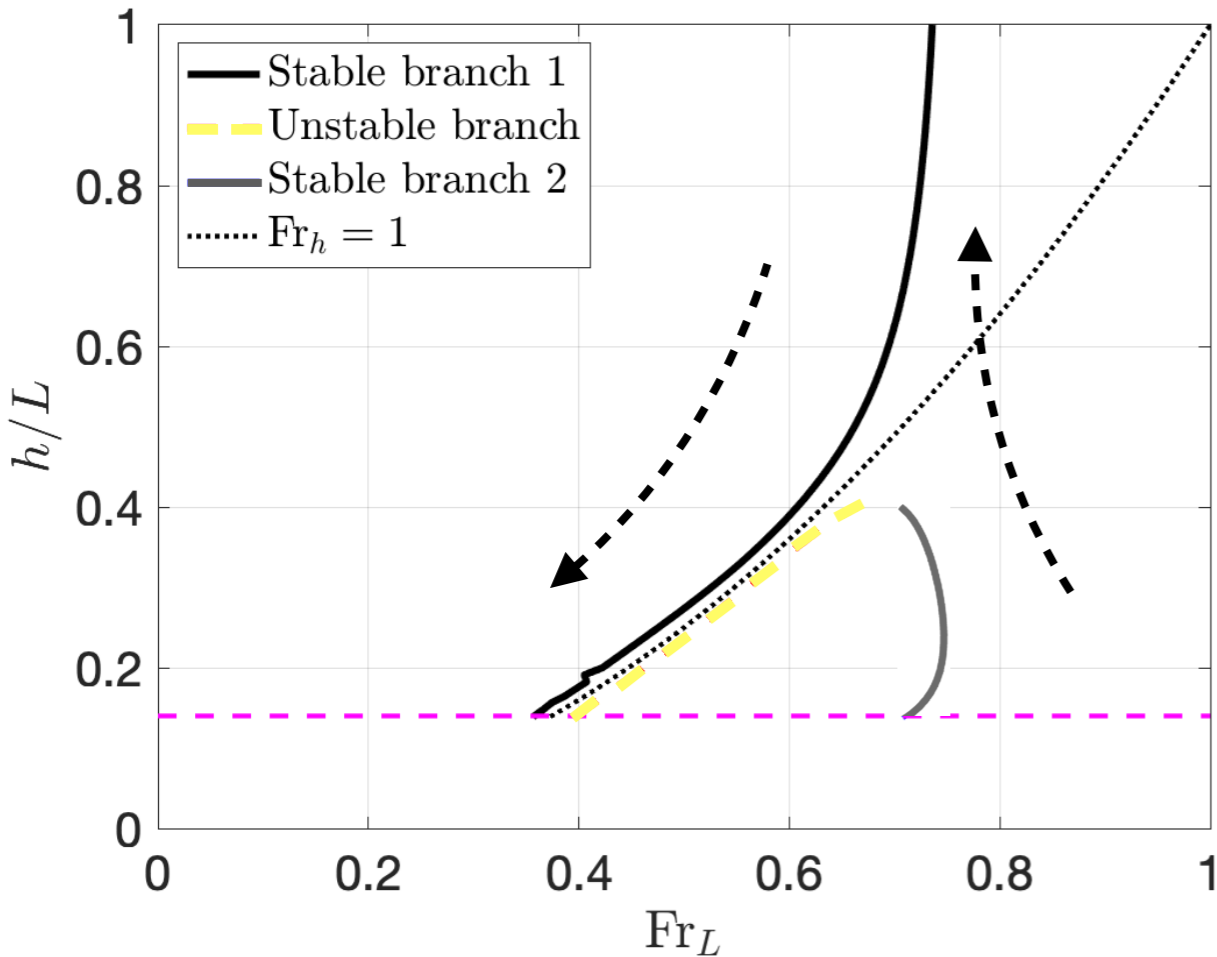
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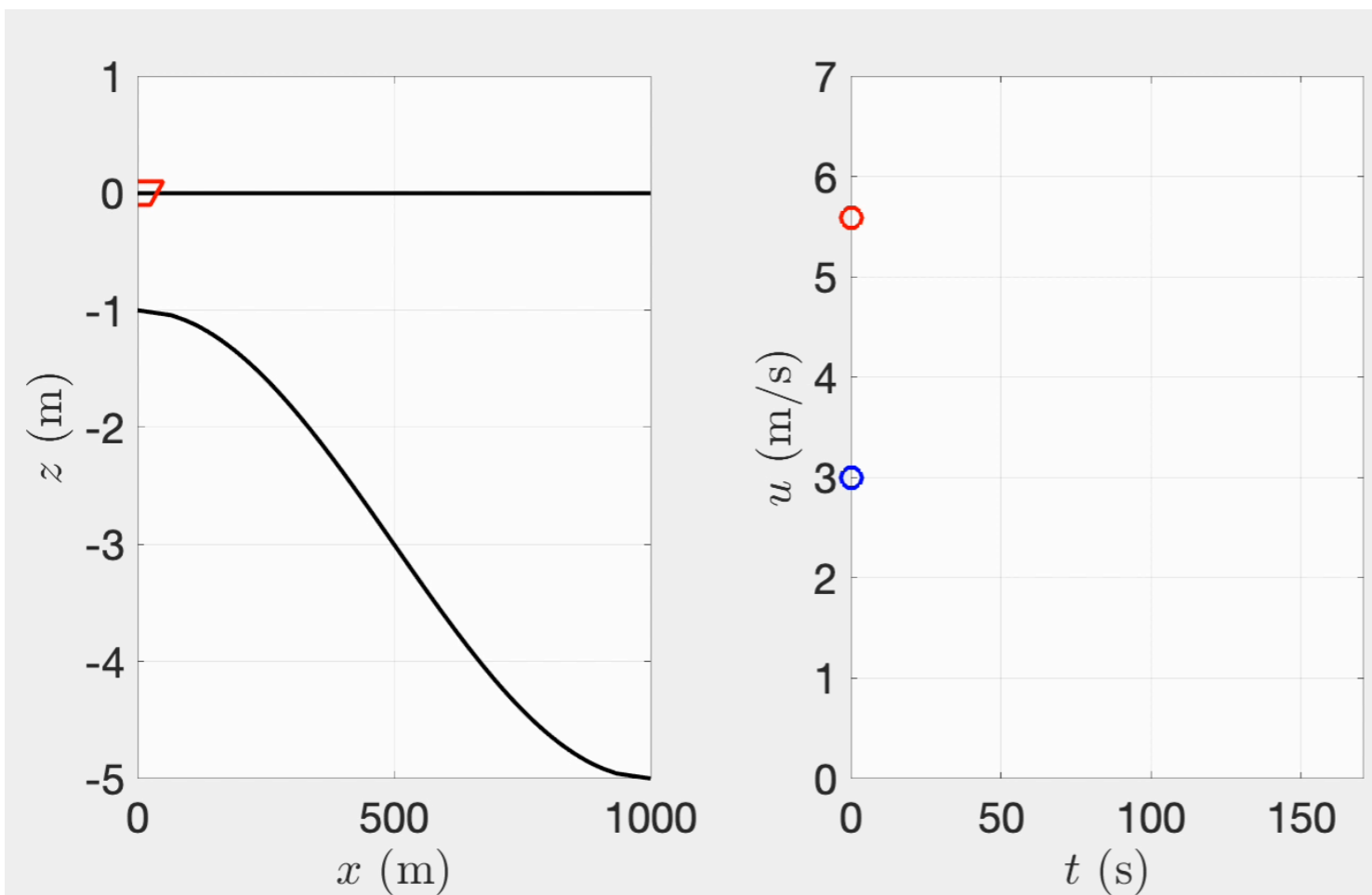
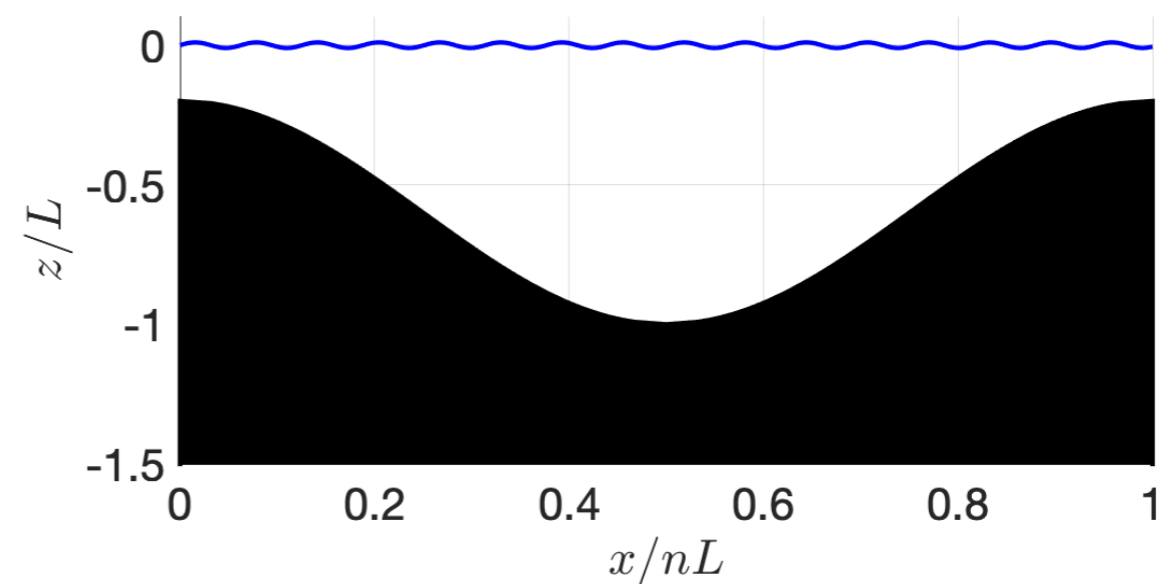


## ROWING RACE WITH NON-UNIFORM WATER DEPTH



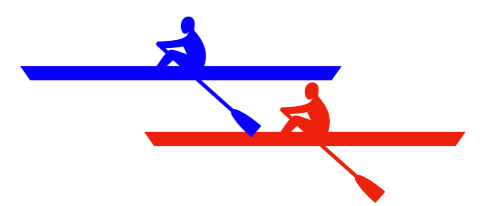


## ROWING RACE WITH NON-UNIFORM WATER DEPTH



Pushed with *exactly* the same forcing!

Slow branch  
 Fast branch



Race times can be improved by a few %



# WAVE THRUST PHENOMENA



*Jerome Neufeld*

*Muldrew Lake, Ontario, Canada (August, 2021)*

**“GUNWALE BOBBING”**

# OLYMPIC CANOE SPRINT



Rio 2016 men's singles canoe 1000m



Amplitude:  $A = 0.3 \text{ m}$

Frequency:  $\nu \approx 0.5 \text{ Hz}$

Torso mass:  $m \approx 20 \text{ kg}$

Vertical force:  $F_V = m\ddot{z} = mA(2\pi\nu)^2 \approx 60 \text{ N}$

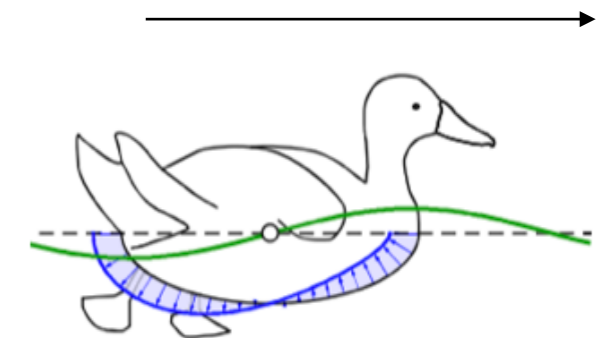
Horizontal force:  $F_H \approx 300 \text{ N}$

20% of the force injected vertically!

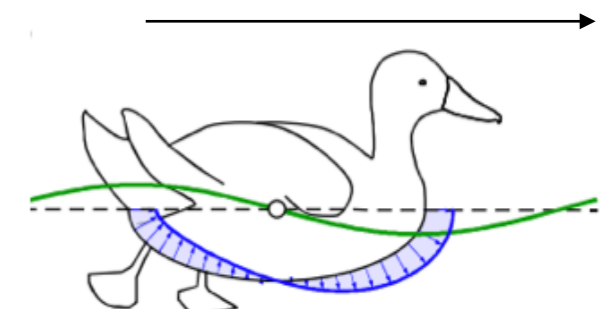
What is the impact on performance?

Can it be optimised?

**Against** surface gradients?

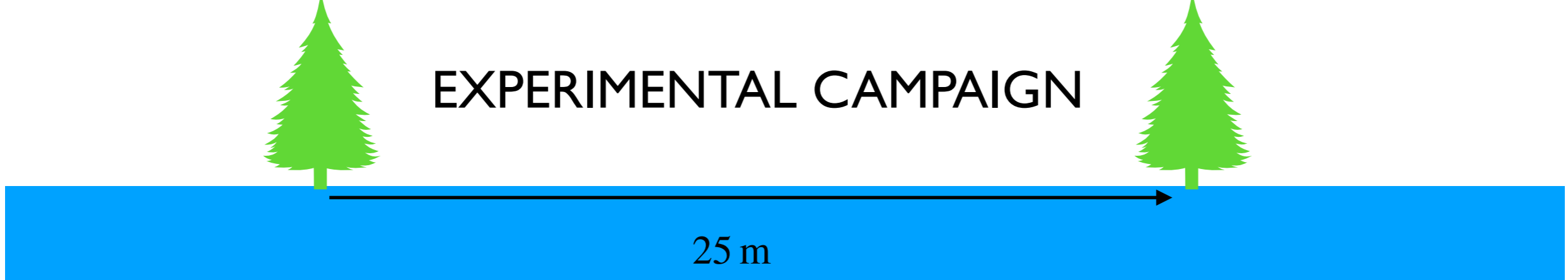


**With** surface gradients?





# EXPERIMENTAL CAMPAIGN



Ontario, Canada

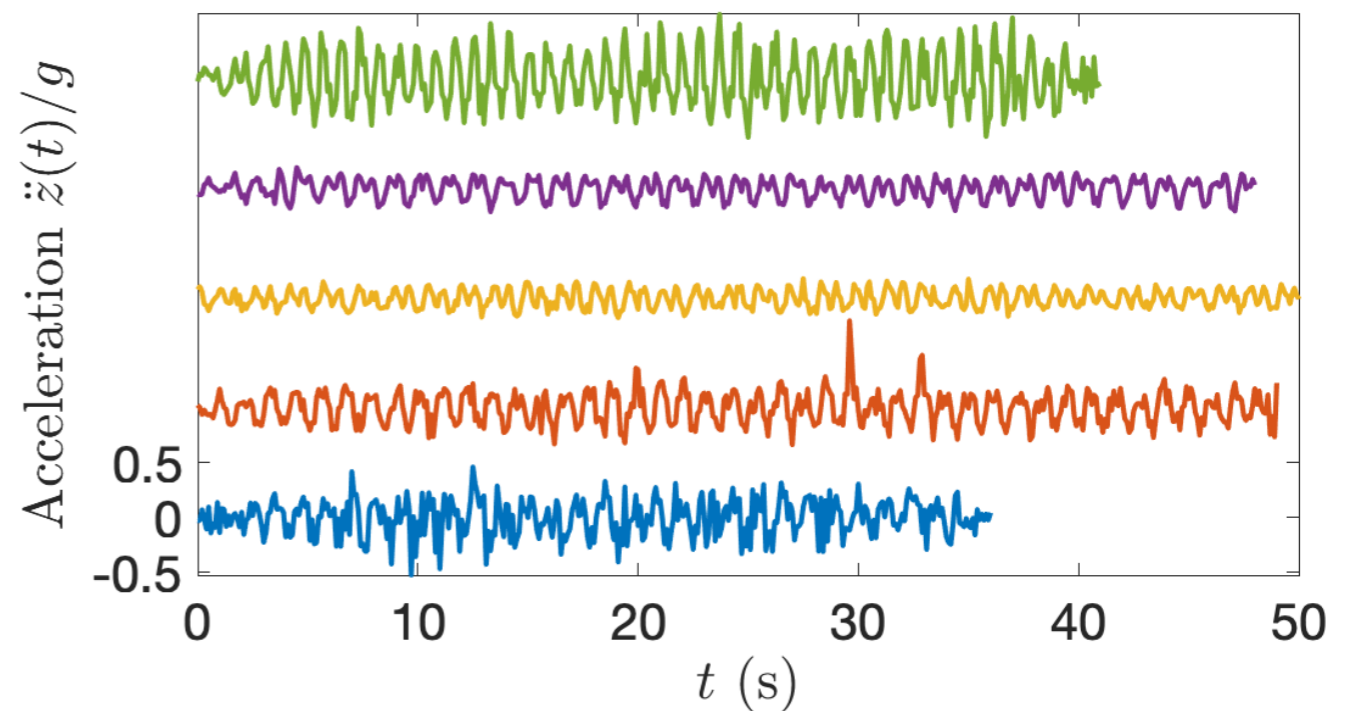
Paddle-board:  $L = 3.05$  m

Canoe:  $L = 4.70$  m

Speed:  $U = 0.5 - 1.25$  m/s

Frequency:  $\nu = 1 - 1.5$  Hz

Accelerometer data



## DEEP WATER WAVES

Wavenumber:  $k = \omega^2/g$

Phase velocity:  $c_p = \frac{\omega}{k} = \frac{g}{\omega}$



## DIMENSIONLESS PARAMETERS

Cruising Froude number:  $Fr = \frac{U}{(gL)^{1/2}} \approx 0.14$

Oscillating Froude number:  $Fr_\omega = \frac{c_p}{(gL)^{1/2}} \approx 0.19$

Mach number:  $M = \frac{Fr}{Fr_\omega} = \frac{U}{c_p} \approx 0.73$

Miles Neufeld, Paddleboard, Canada



Martin Digby, Canoe, YouTube



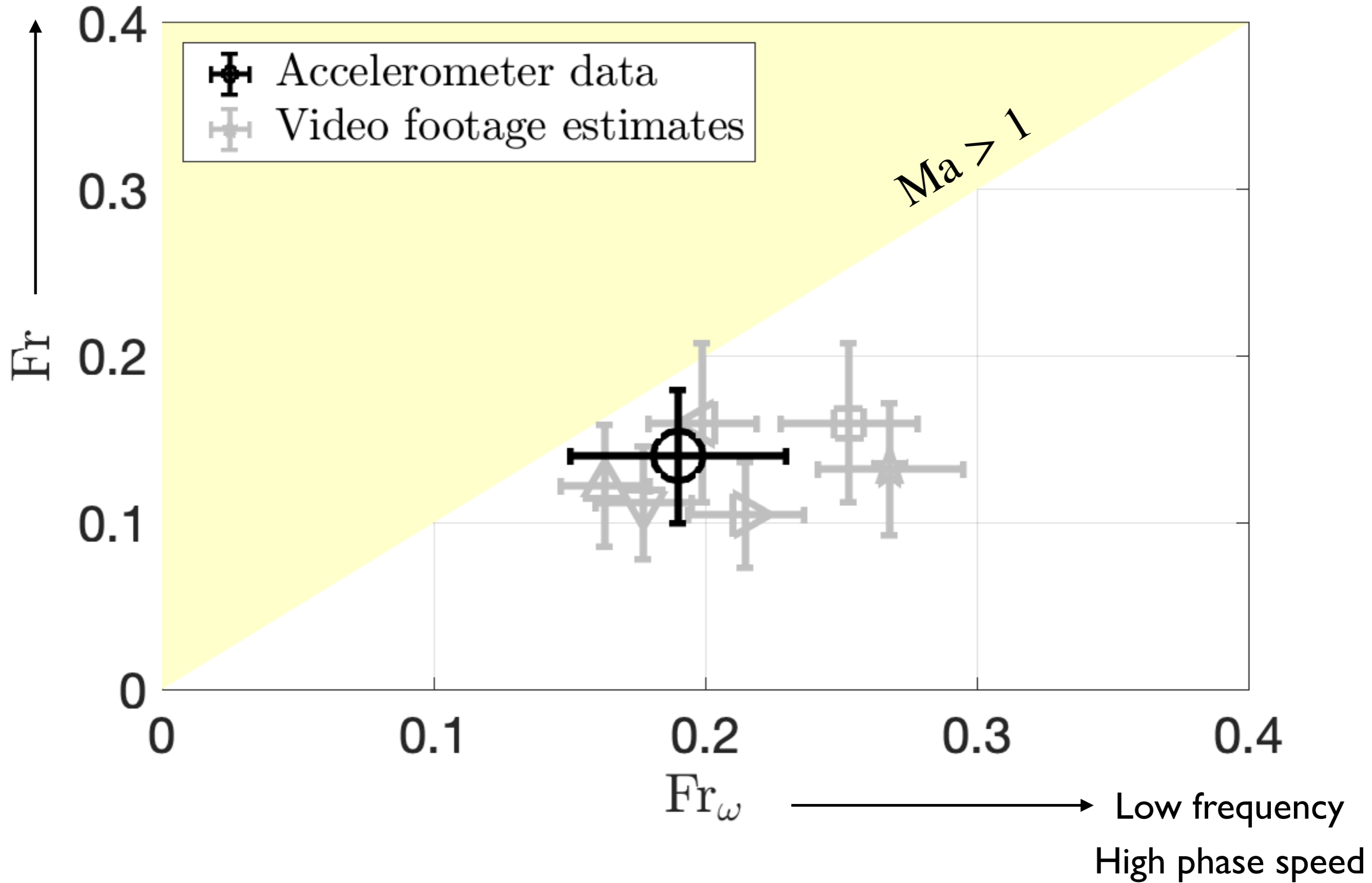
GPB, Punt, Oxford



Jerome Neufeld, Canoe, Trinity College Cambridge

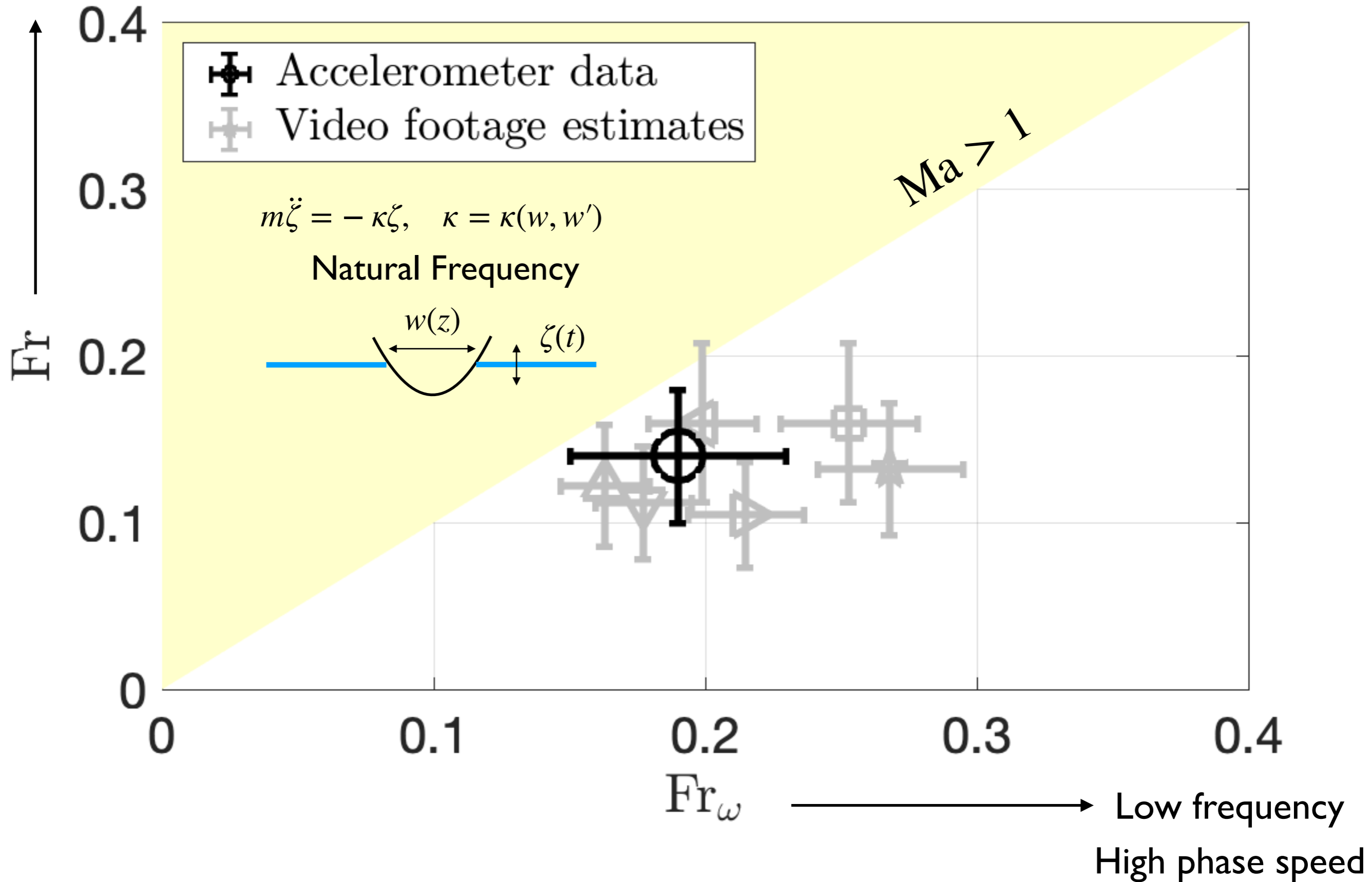


High speed



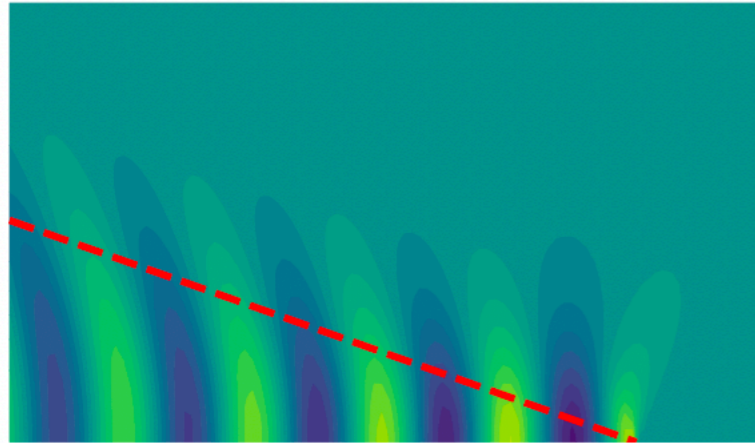


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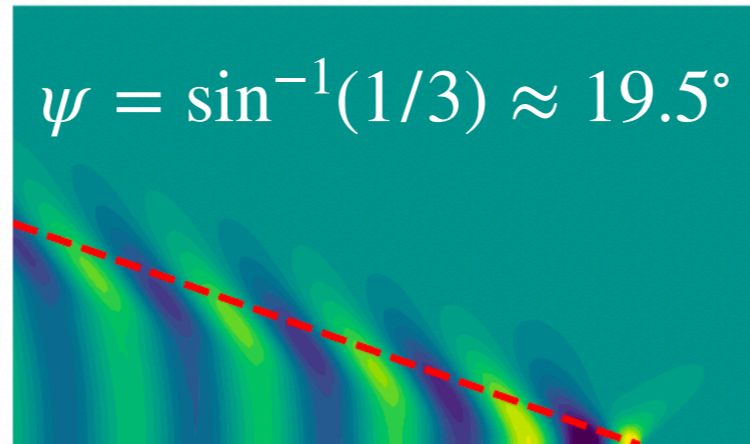


## KELVIN ANGLE

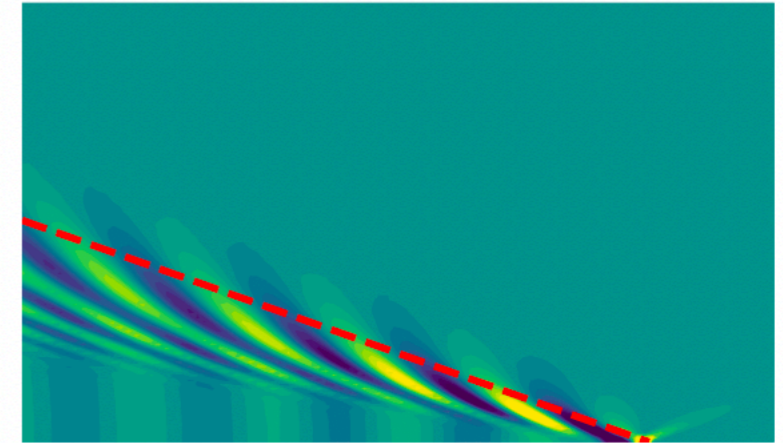
Fr=0.3



Fr=0.5



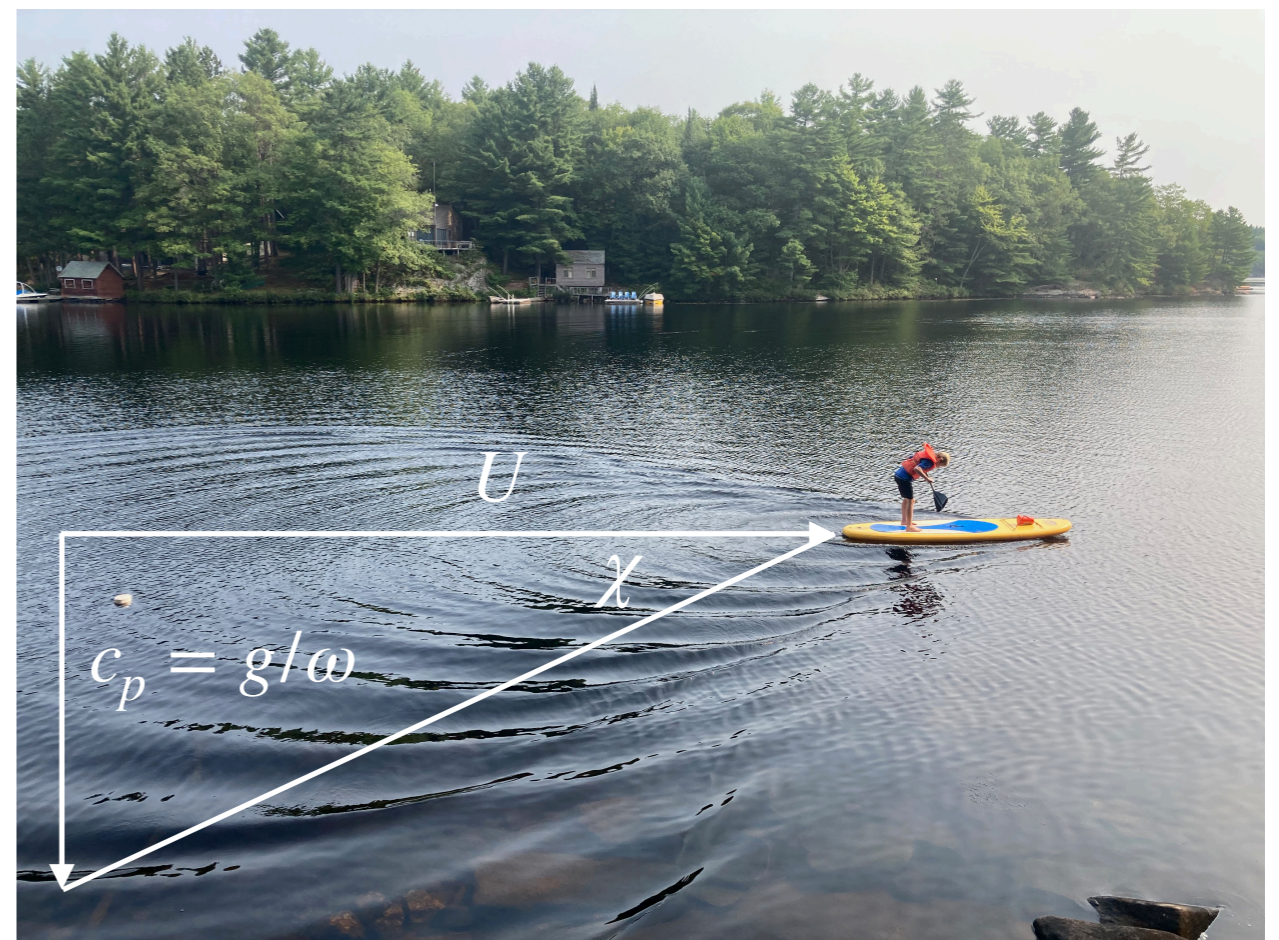
Fr=1



$$\begin{aligned}\chi &= \tan^{-1}(g/U\omega) \\ &= \tan^{-1} 1/\text{Ma}\end{aligned}$$

Waves due to bouncing (Mach) are **dominant** compared with waves due to cruising (Kelvin)

## MACH ANGLE

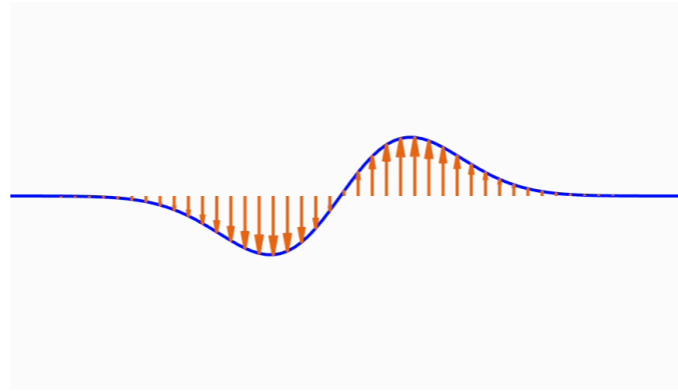


# LINEAR MODEL FOR GUNWALE BOBBING

Heaving  $p_H$

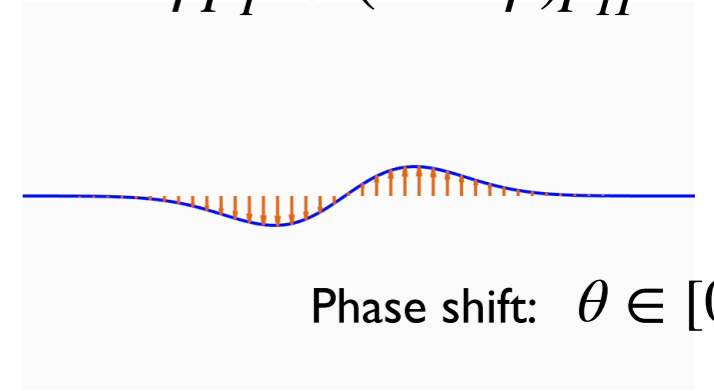


Pitching  $p_P$



Heaving and pitching

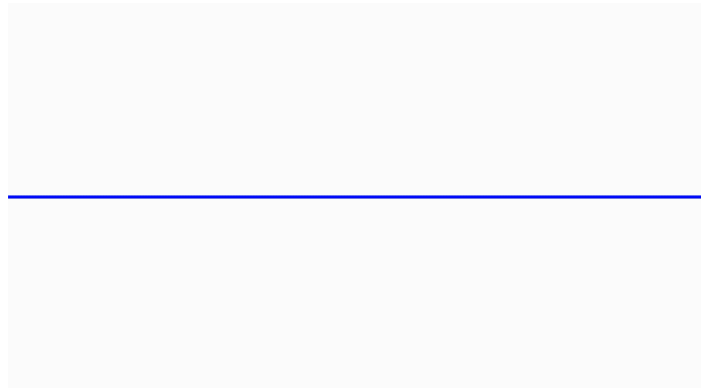
$$\phi p_P + (1 - \phi)p_H$$



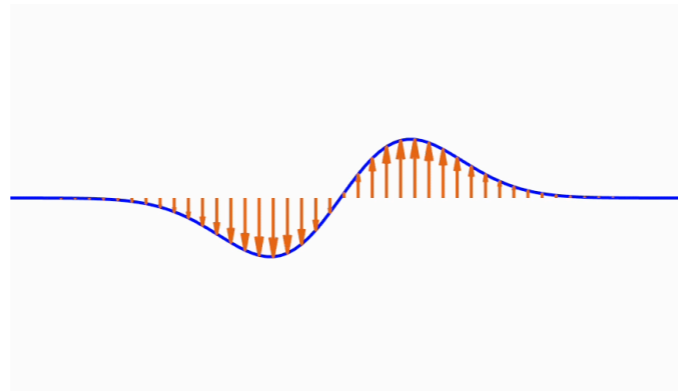
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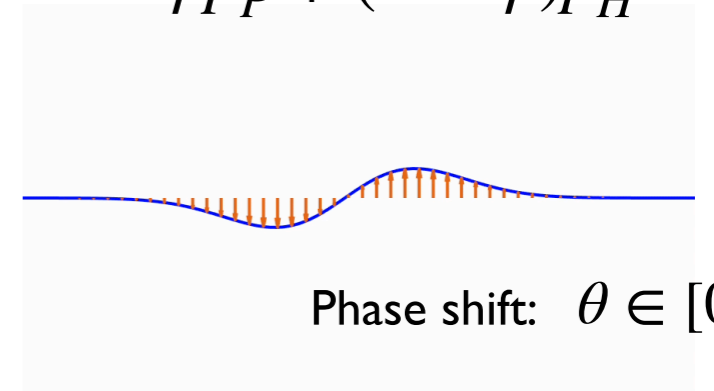


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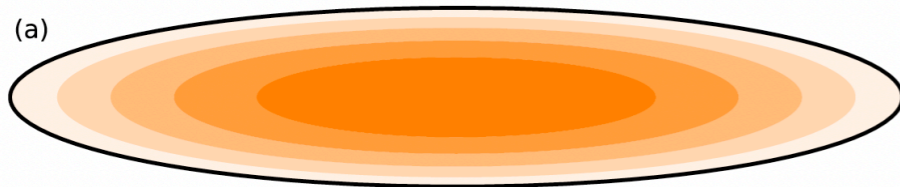
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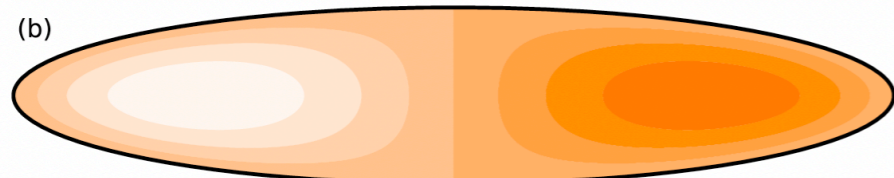
$$p_H = \text{Im} \left\{ p_C(X, y) e^{i\omega t} \right\}$$

Canoe shape:  $f = e^{-x^2/2L^2 - y^2/2W^2}$



Cruising:  $p_C = \rho g D f(X, y)$

$$p_P = \text{Im} \left\{ p_C(X, y) \frac{X}{L} e^{i(\omega t + \theta)} \right\}$$



$\longrightarrow$   
 $X = x - Ut$

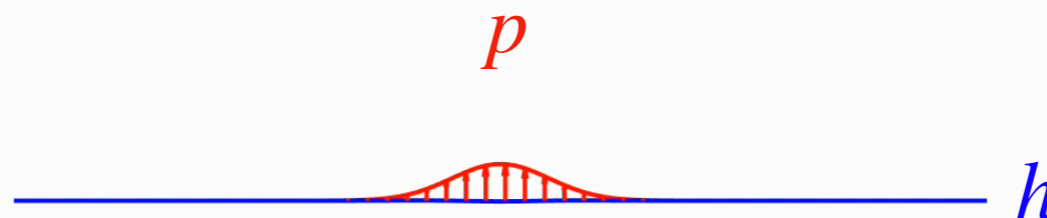


Dimensionless parameters:

$$\alpha = L/W, \quad \beta = L/D, \quad \phi, \quad \theta, \quad Fr_{\omega}, \quad Fr$$

Minimal (non-dispersive) model

$$\frac{1}{c_p^2} \frac{\partial^2 h}{\partial t^2} + \nabla^2 h = \frac{1}{\rho g} \nabla^2 p$$



I. Apply a Lorentz transformation:

$$\gamma = (1 - U^2/c_p^2)^{-1/2}$$

$$\tilde{X} = \gamma(x - Ut)$$

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Helmholtz Equation

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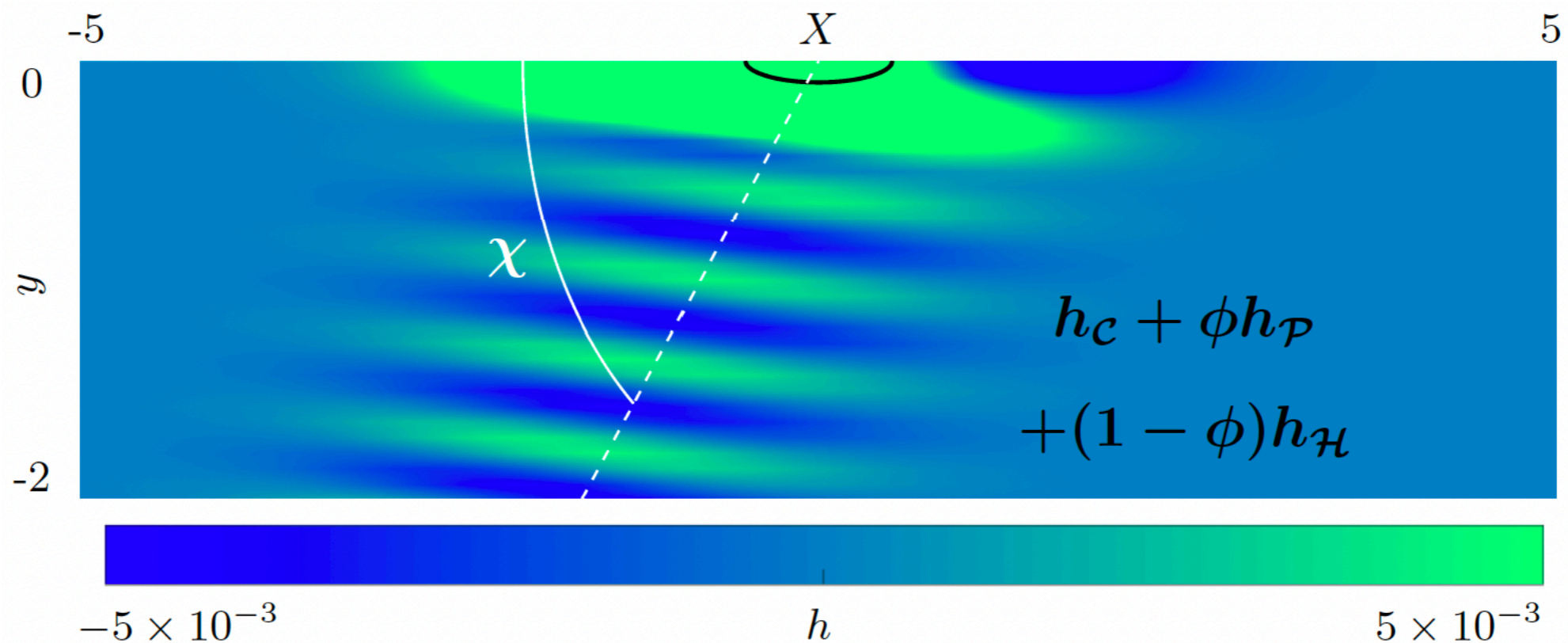
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3. Method of Green's functions:

$$\bar{h} = \iint_{-\infty}^{+\infty} H_0^{(1)}(|\tilde{\mathbf{X}} - \tilde{\mathbf{x}}|) \frac{\tilde{\nabla}^2 \bar{p}(\tilde{\mathbf{x}})}{\rho g} d\tilde{\mathbf{x}}$$





# COMPARISON WITH DATA



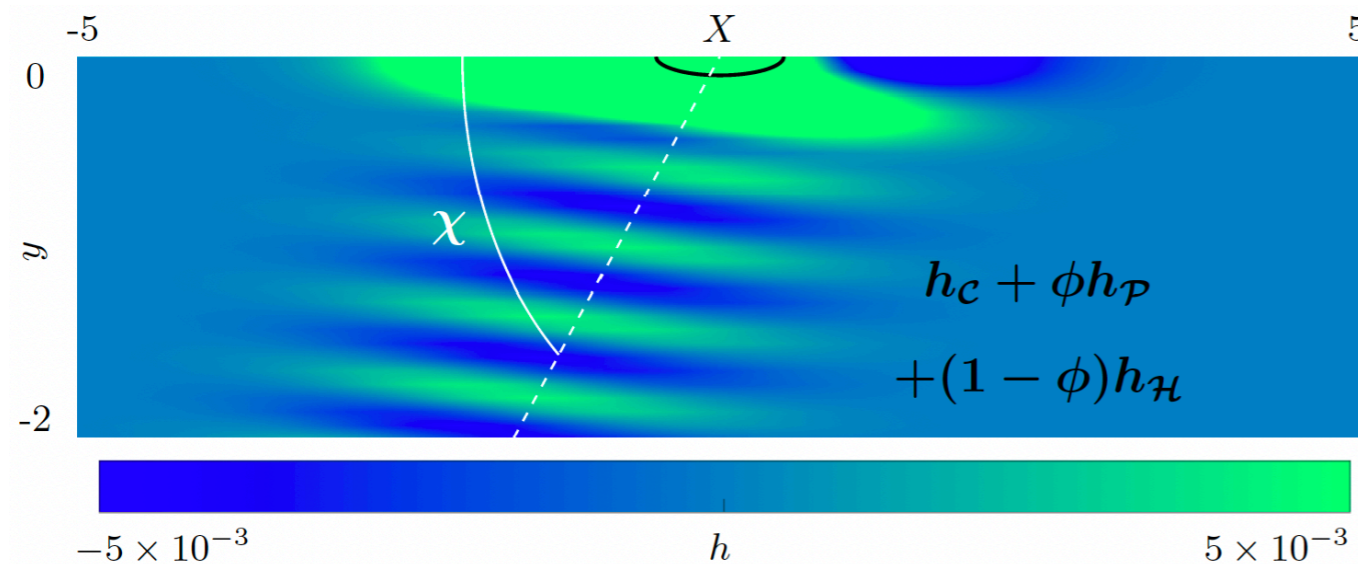
## THRUST-DRAG BALANCE

$$F = \iint p \frac{\partial h}{\partial X} dS = \frac{1}{2} \rho C_D U^2 A$$

$$\implies U \approx 1.5 \text{ m/s}$$

## WAKE ANGLE

$$\chi = \tan^{-1} 1/\text{Ma} \approx 51^\circ$$



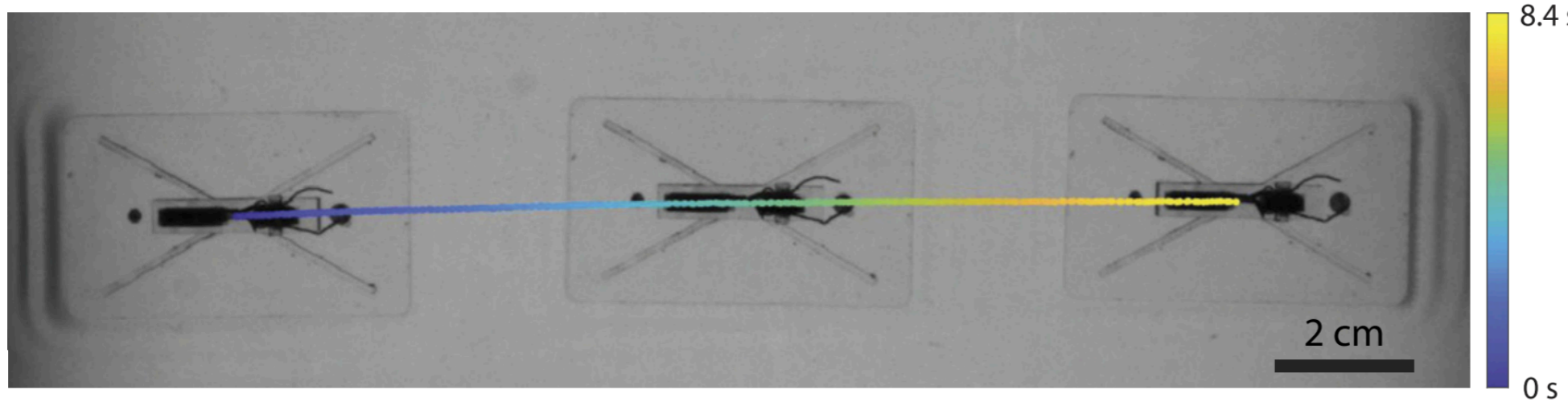
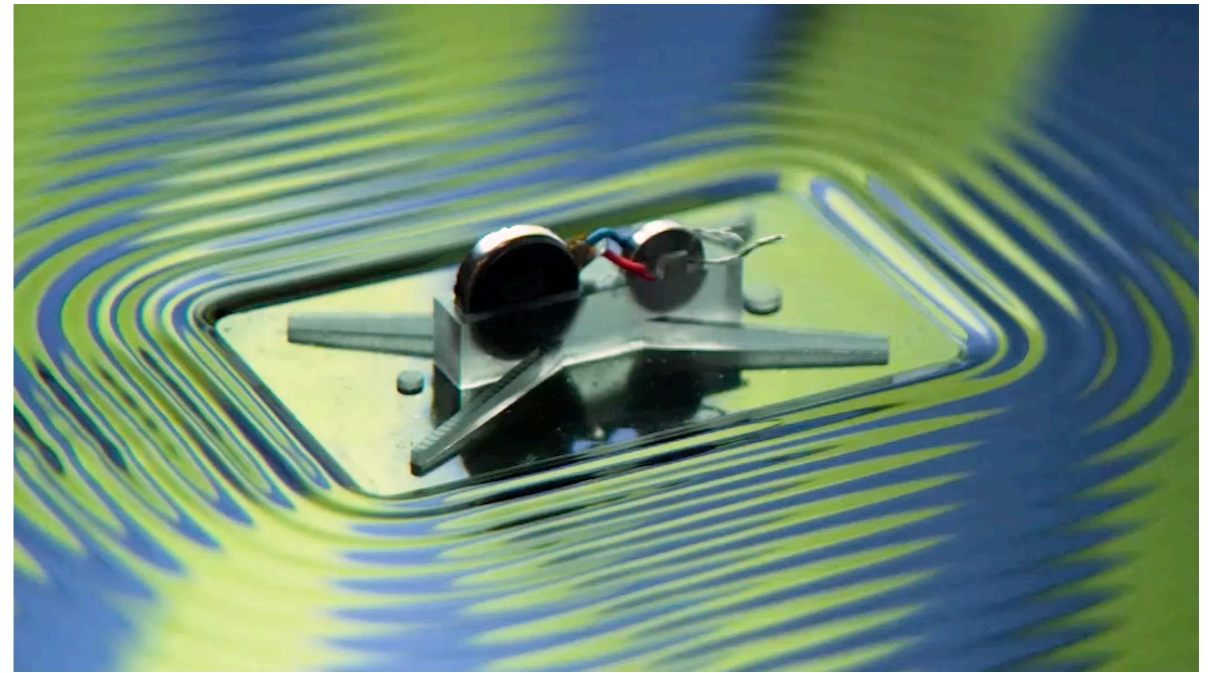
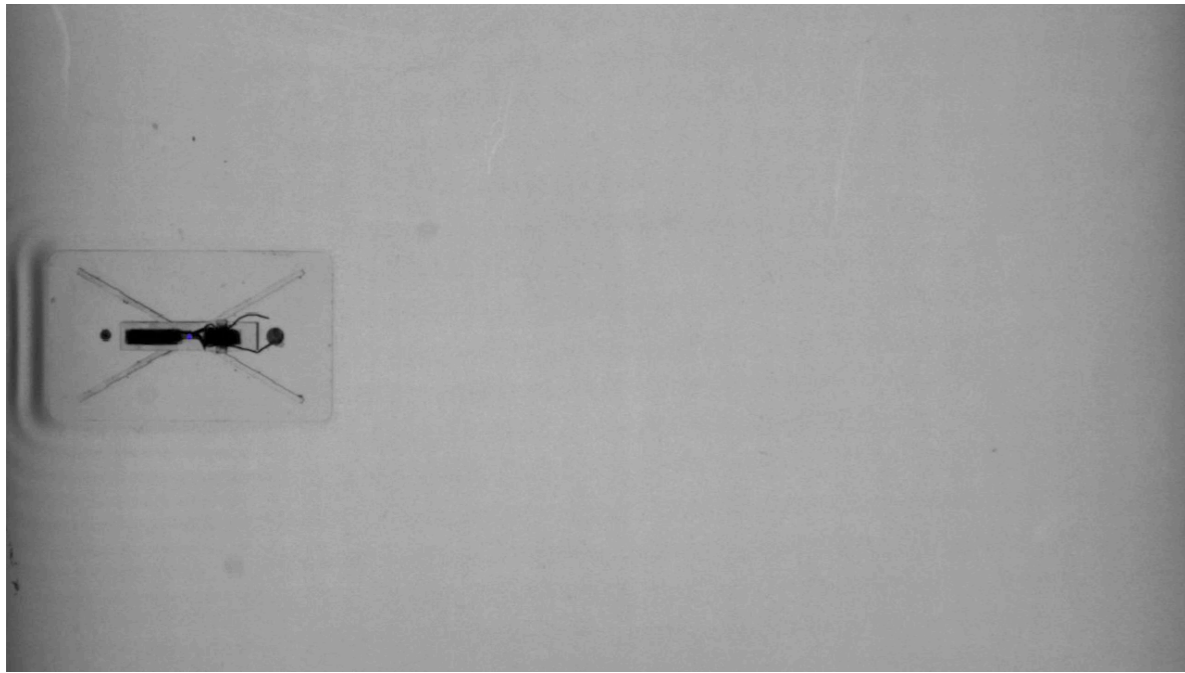
## OTHER FINDINGS:

Must have *heaving* **and** *pitching* to generate thrust

Optimum parameters:  $\phi = 1/2, \theta = \pi/2$

# SURFERBOT

OSCILLATING, FLOATING RAFT WITH ASYMMETRIC WEIGHT



8.4 s

0 s

Gunwale bobbing at  
small scale

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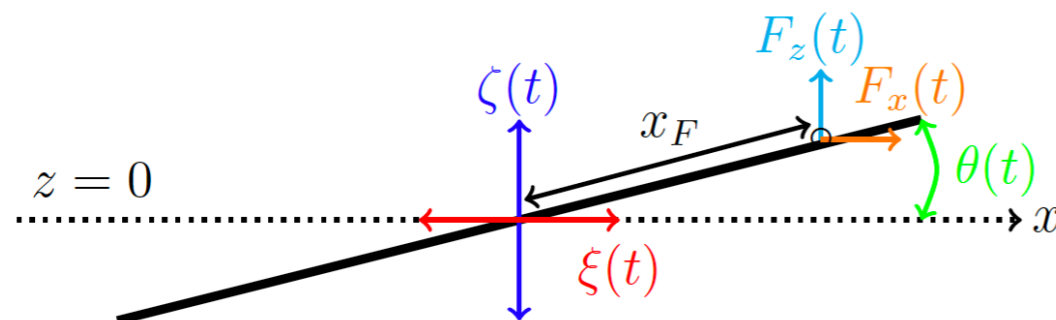
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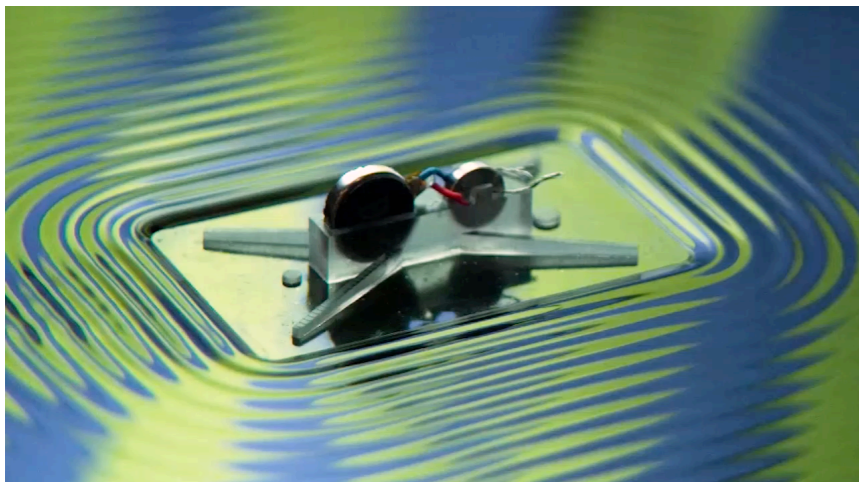
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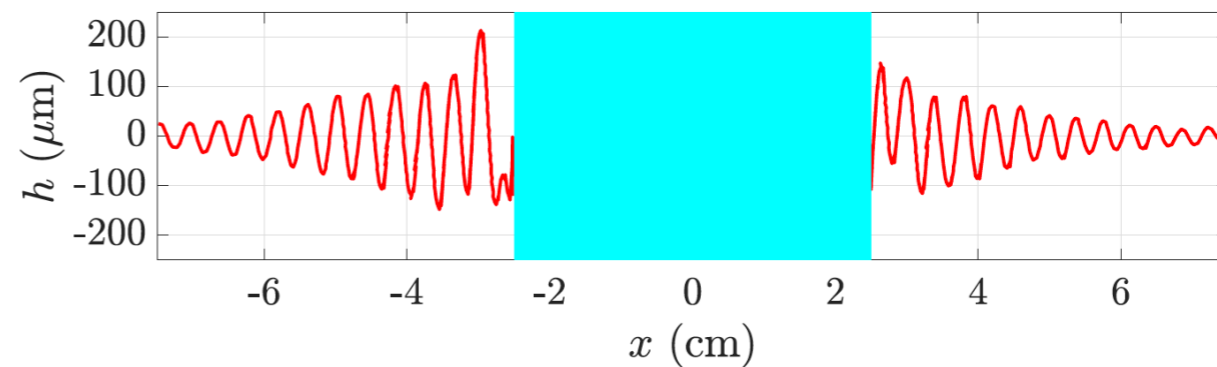
$$m\ddot{\mathbf{X}} = \mathbf{F} + \int_S (p - p_a) \mathbf{n} \, dx - \mathbf{F}_d + m\mathbf{g},$$

$$I\ddot{\boldsymbol{\theta}} = \mathbf{x}_F \times \mathbf{F} + \int_S (p - p_a) \mathbf{x} \times \mathbf{n} \, dx,$$

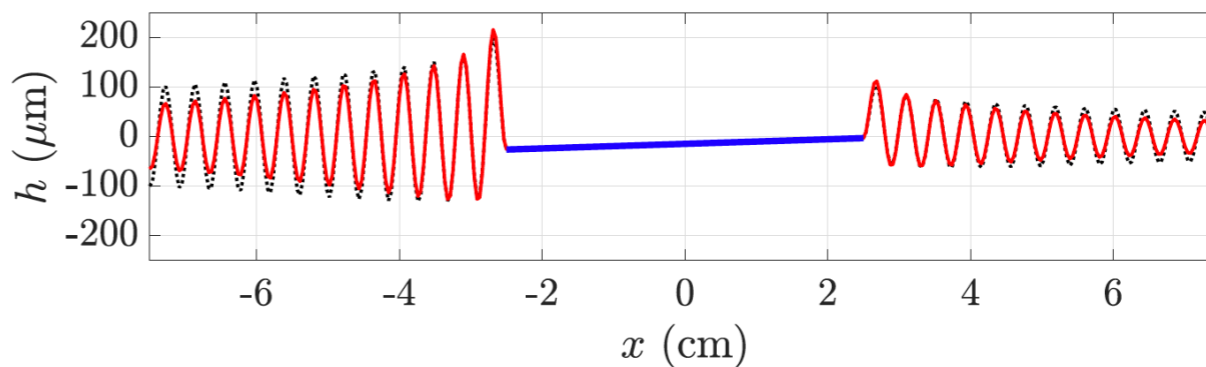
# SURFERBOT DATA



## WAVE HEIGHT

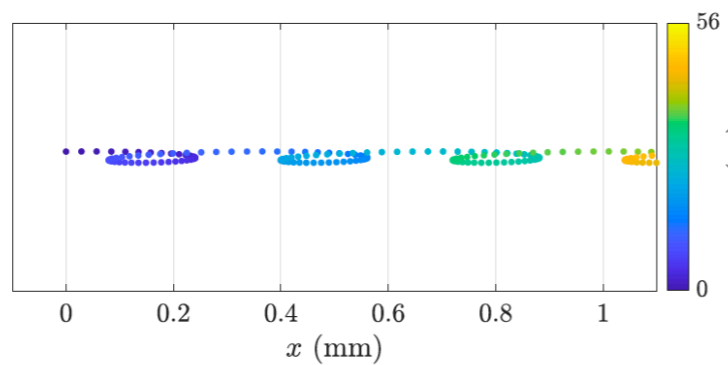
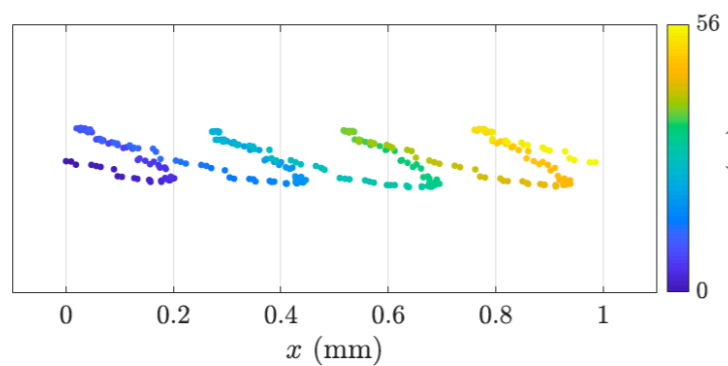


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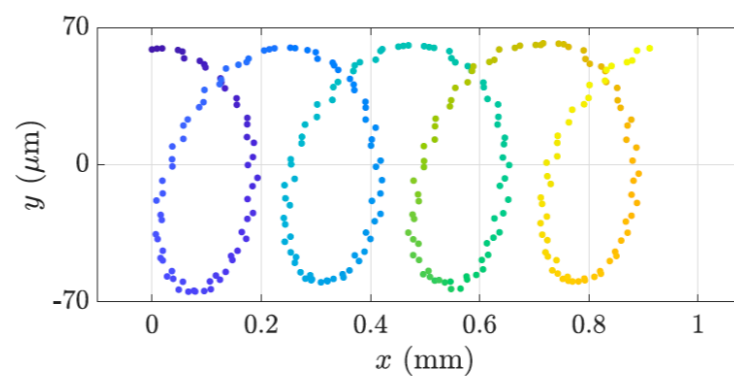


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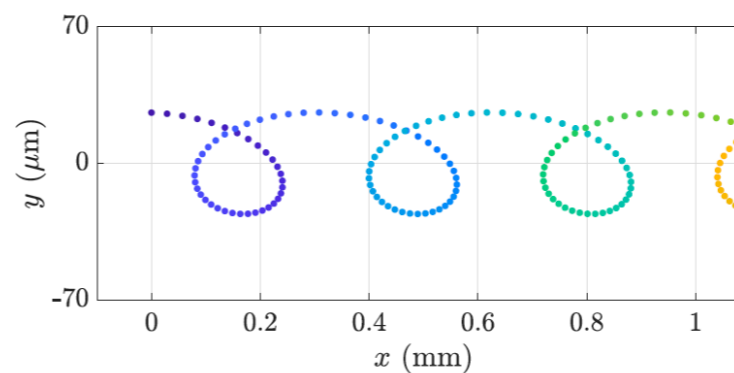
## FRONT POSITION



## REAR POSITION

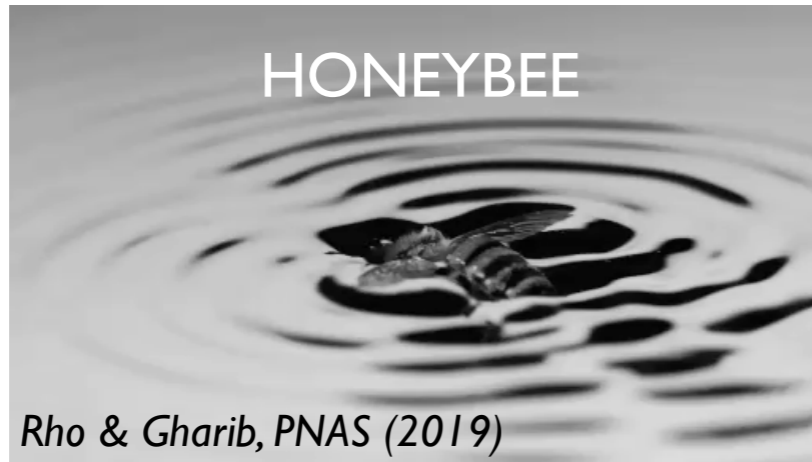


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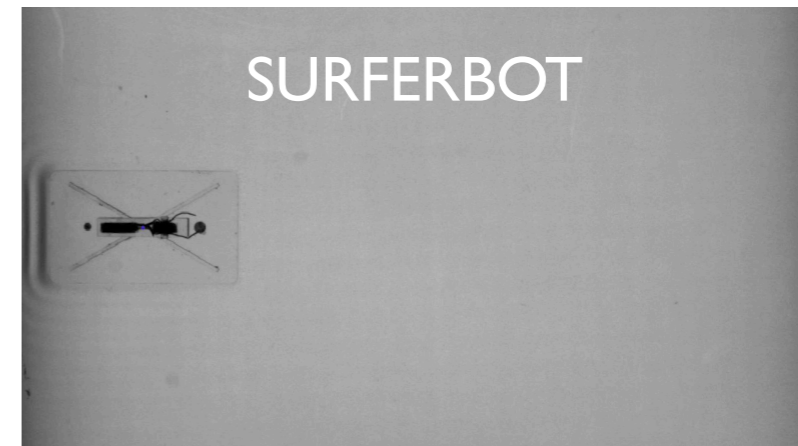


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# WAVE-DRIVEN PROPULSION ACROSS SCALES



$$\begin{aligned} Fr &= 0.1 & Fr_{\omega} &= 0.07 \\ Re &= 10^2 & We &= 0.1 \end{aligned}$$



$$\begin{aligned} Fr &= 0.03 & Fr_{\omega} &= 0.03 \\ Re &= 10^3 & We &= 0.3 \end{aligned}$$



$$\begin{aligned} Fr &= 0.7 \\ Re &= 10^4 & We &= 10^2 \end{aligned}$$



$$\begin{aligned} Fr &= 0.2 & Fr_{\omega} &= 0.2 \\ Re &= 10^6 & We &= 10^5 \end{aligned}$$

$$Re = UL/\nu$$

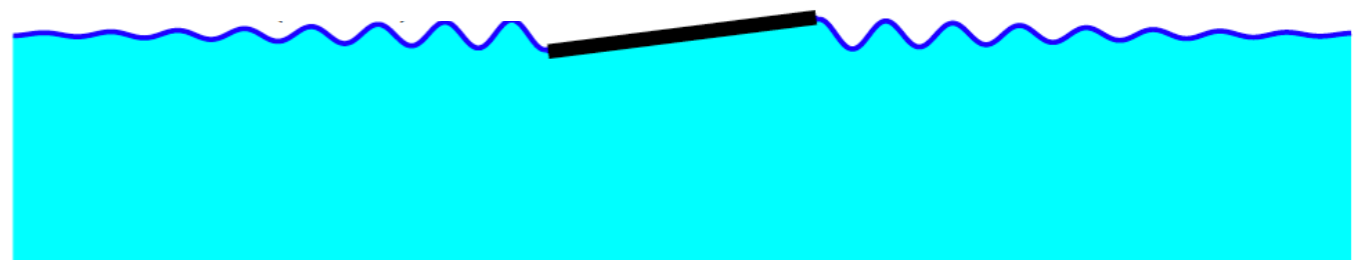
$$Fr = U/\sqrt{gL}$$

$$Fr_{\omega} = \omega^{-1}\sqrt{gL}$$

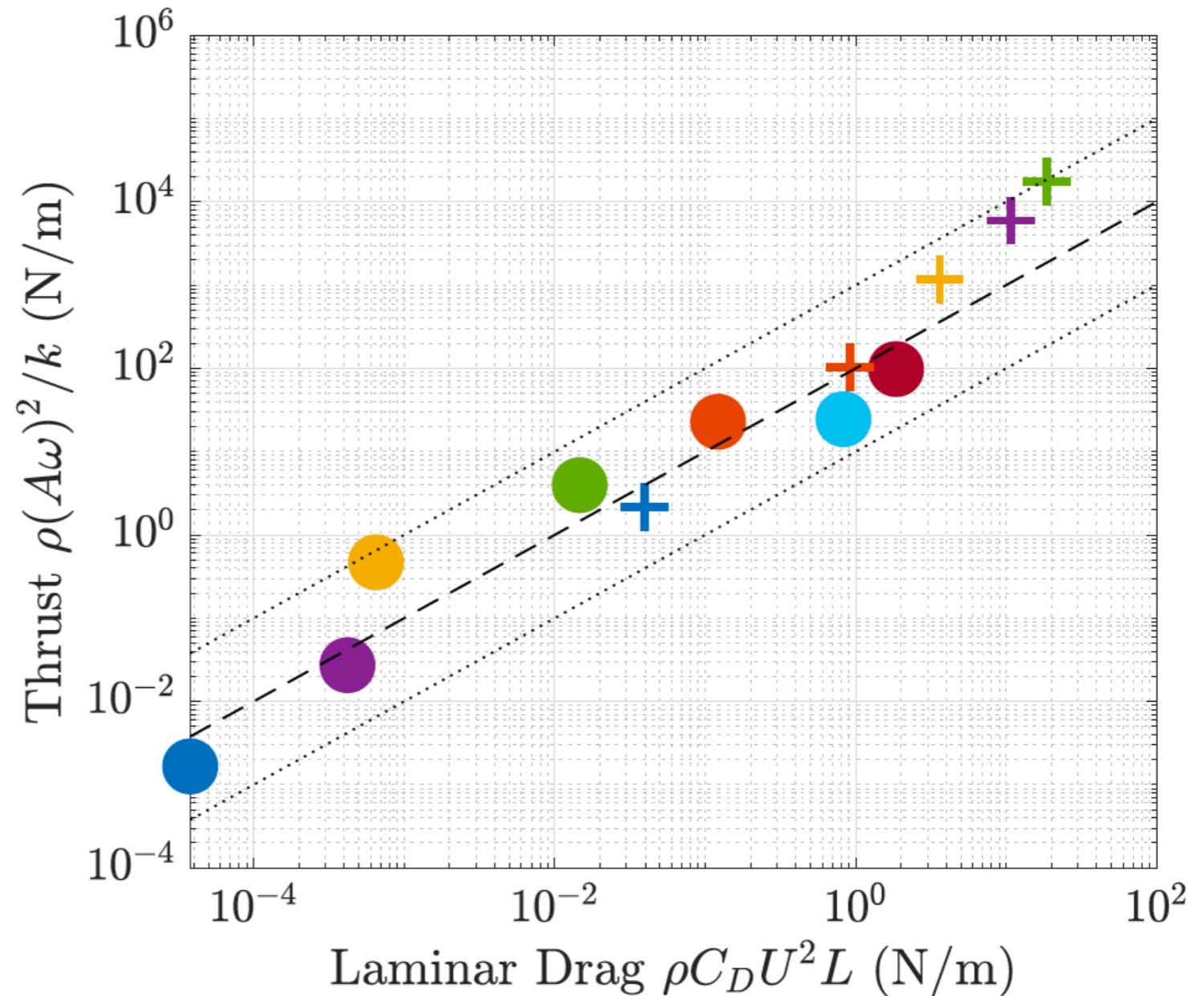
$$We = \rho U^2 L / \gamma$$

# THRUST FROM OSCILLATIONS:

$$\sim \frac{\rho(A\omega)^2}{k}$$



- Capillary surfer
- Water strider
- Honeybee
- Surferbot
- Longuet-Higgins raft
- Paddleboard bobbing
- Canoe bobbing
- + Goldfish
- + Atlantic mackerel
- + Tuna
- + Bottlenose dolphin
- + Killer whale
- - 0.1, 1, 10% Ratio



QUESTIONS?

