

# Most flows are unstable...

1. Intro-definitions
2. Rayleigh-Taylor
3. Rayleigh Plateau (destabilization through surface tension)
4. Rayleigh-Benard (convection)
5. Benard-Marangoni
6. Taylor Couette-Centrifugal instability
7. Kelvin-Helmholtz
8. Inflection point theorem Rayleigh
9. Orr sommerfeld, transient growth
10. Spatial growth
11. Spatio-temporal growth

Which of these waves are unstable?

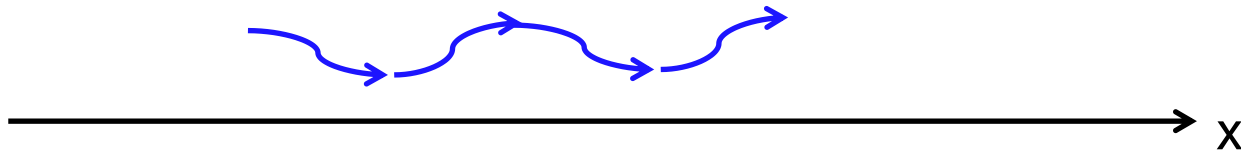
$\text{Im}(k) < 0$ ?

$\text{Im}(k) > 0$ ?

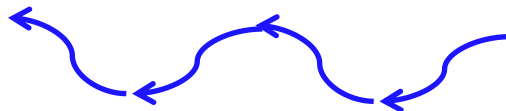
Recall :  $\exp(i(kx - \omega t))$

The stability of a spatial wave can be only determined if one knows in which direction it propagates!

$k^+$  waves propagate towards positive  $x$



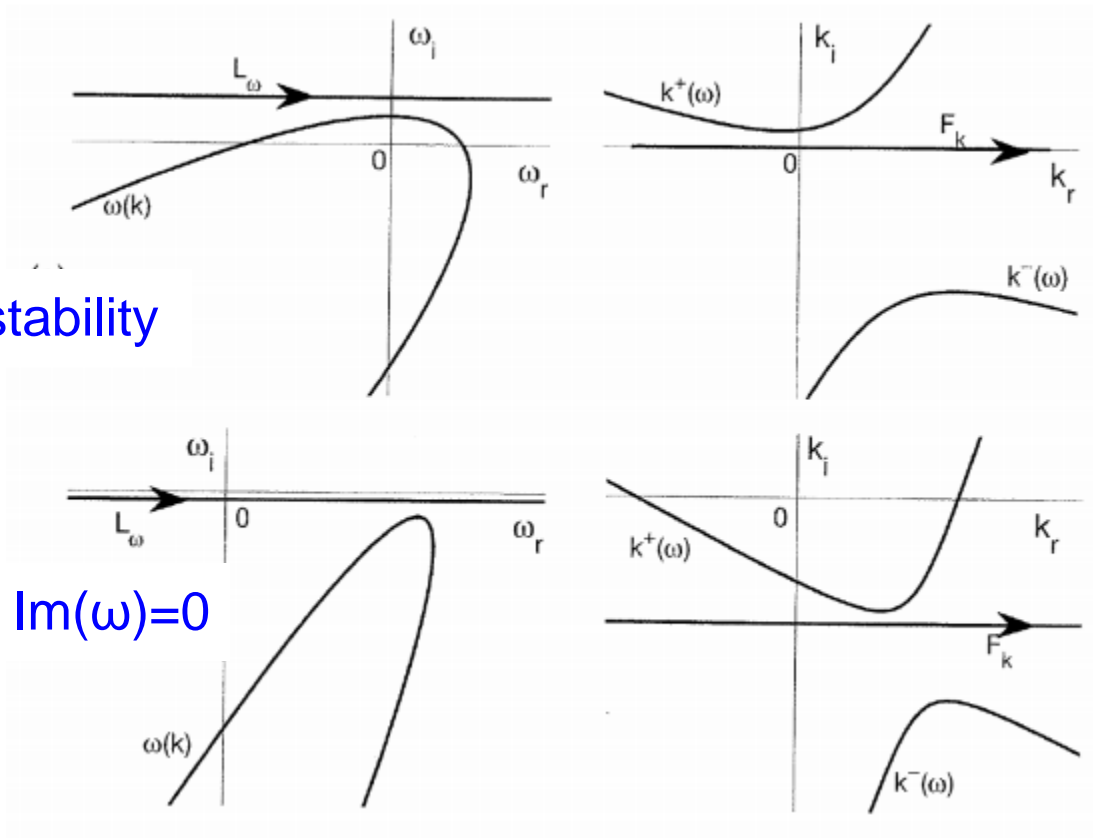
$k^-$  waves propagate towards negative  $x$



However, determining this direction of propagation is particularly difficult, except in the case of a temporally stable flow.

The addition of a positive imaginary offset to the frequency makes the temporal problem stable!

This separates the spatial waves into  $k^+$  and  $k^-$  waves.



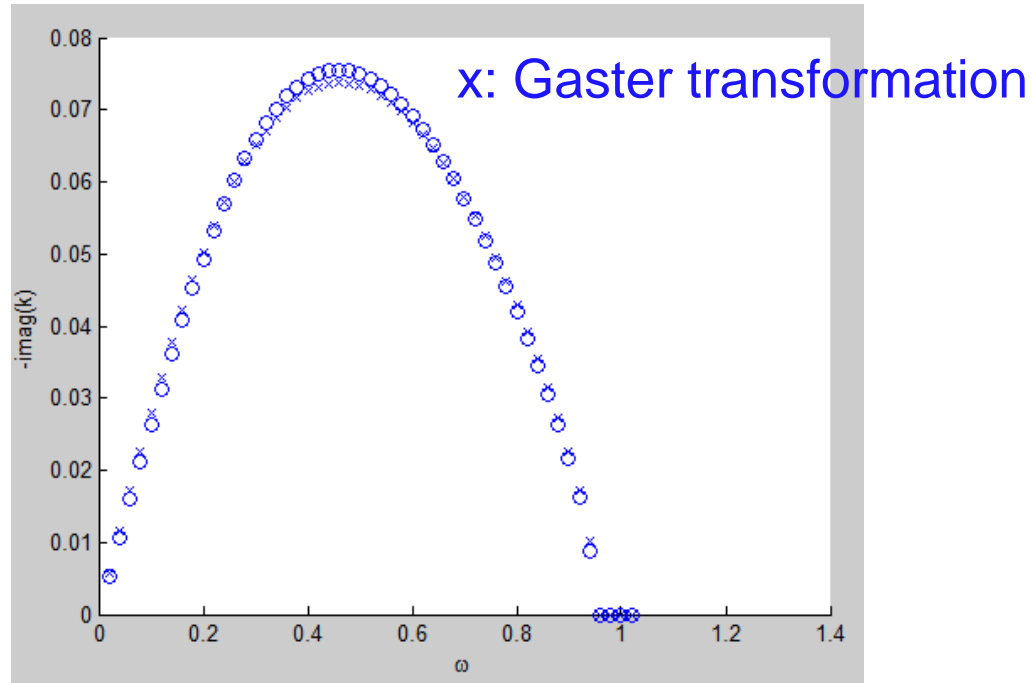
offset spatial stability

spatial stability:  $\text{Im}(\omega)=0$

The branches are then followed by continuity

# Validity of Gaster transformation?

$R=0.4$



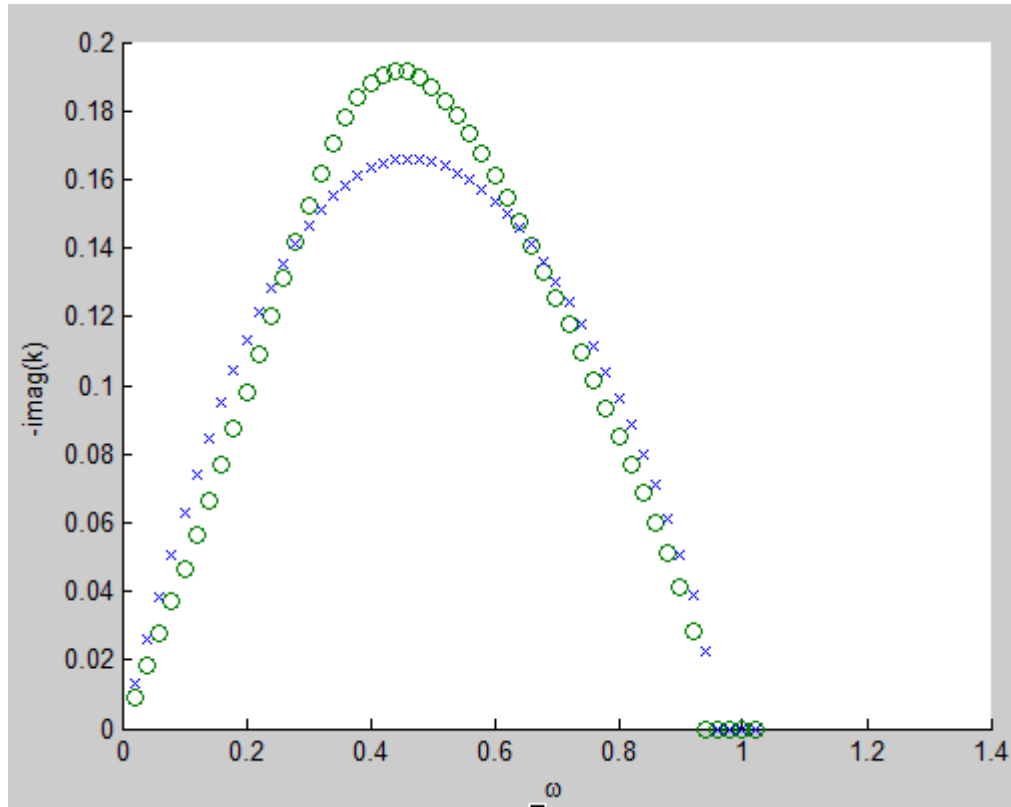
$$R \ll 1$$

$$-k_i(\omega, R) \sim R\omega_{1,i}(\omega)$$

# Validity of Gaster transformation?

R=0.9

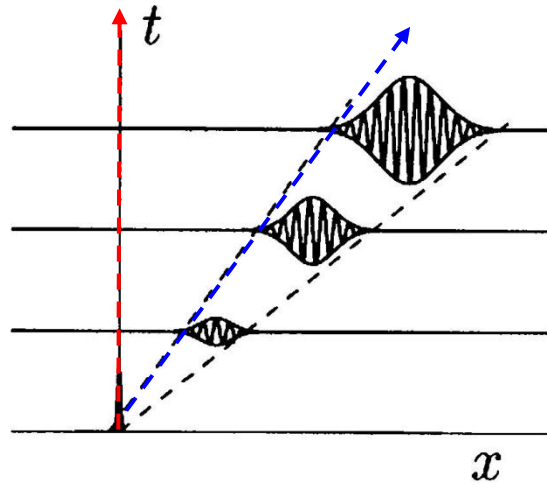
x: Gaster transformation



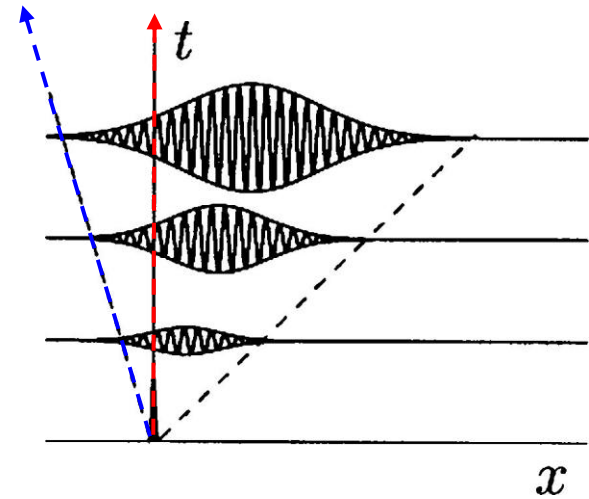
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# Spatio-temporal instability theory

☞ Convective instability

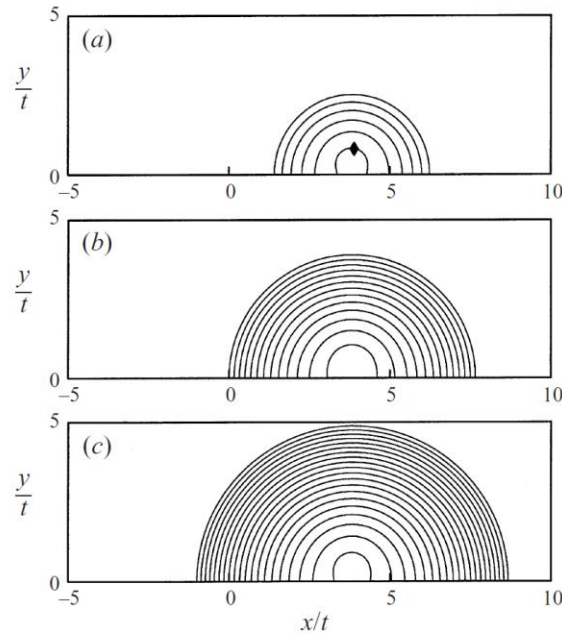


F Absolute instability



# A/C analysis in Rayleigh-Benard Poiseuille Carrière and Monkewitz (1999)

*P. Carrière and P. A. Monkewitz*



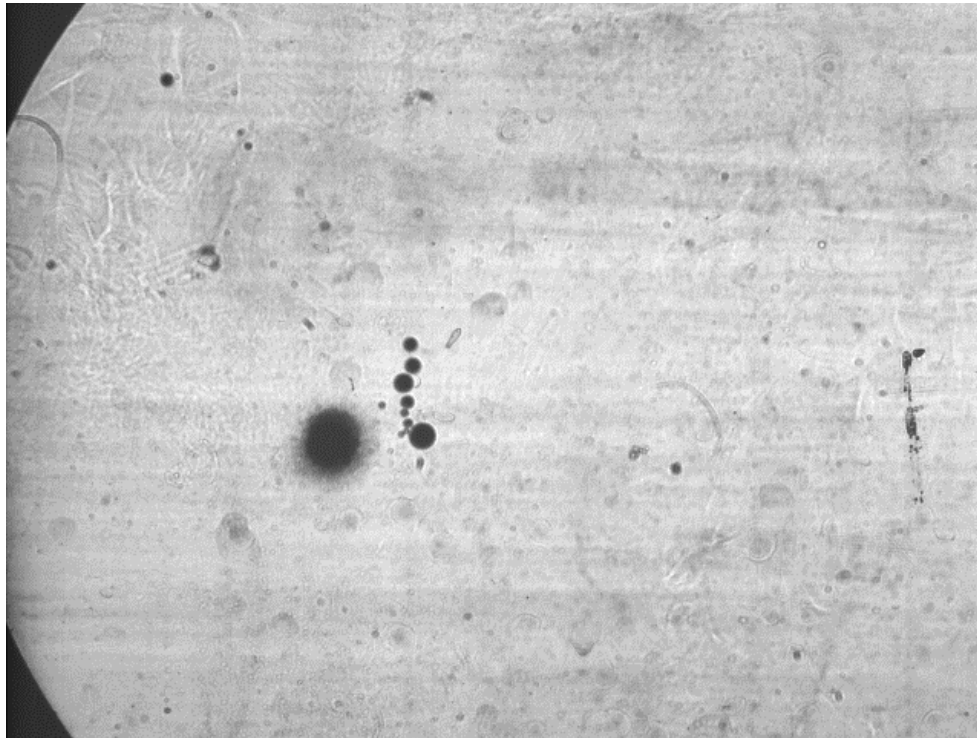
Ra=1760

Ra=1828

Ra=1890

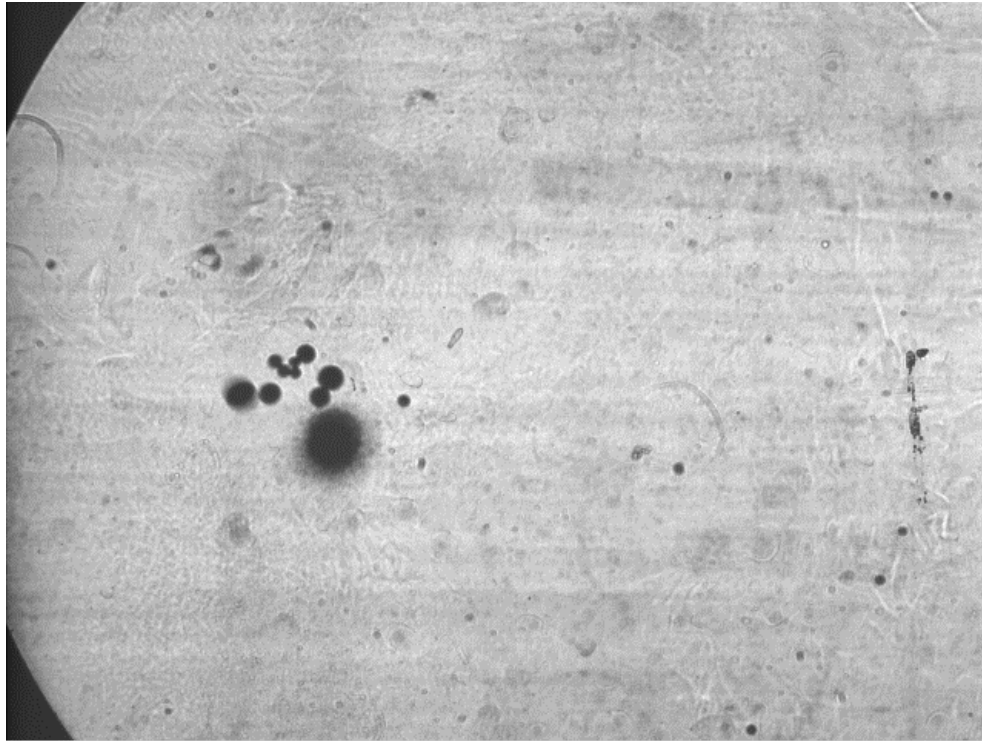
Re=0.63

# Impulse in Rayleigh-Benard Poiseuille Grandjean and Monkewitz (2009)



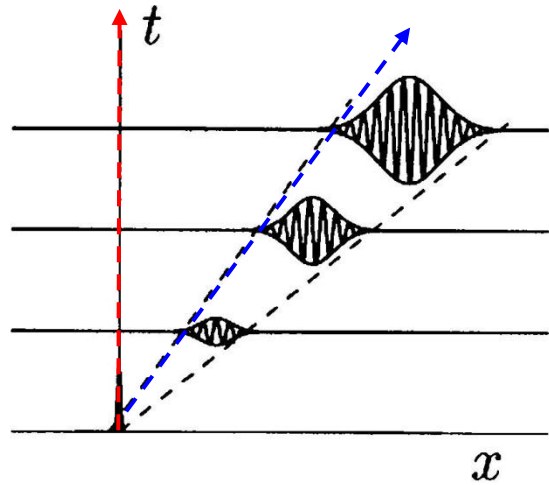
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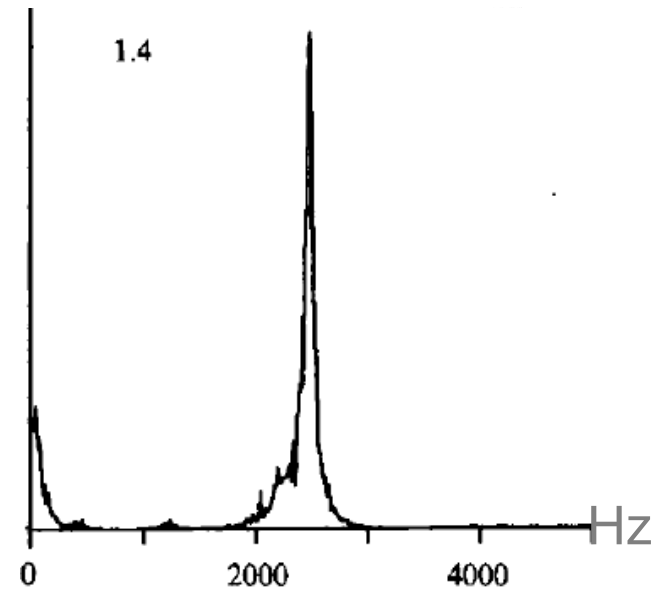
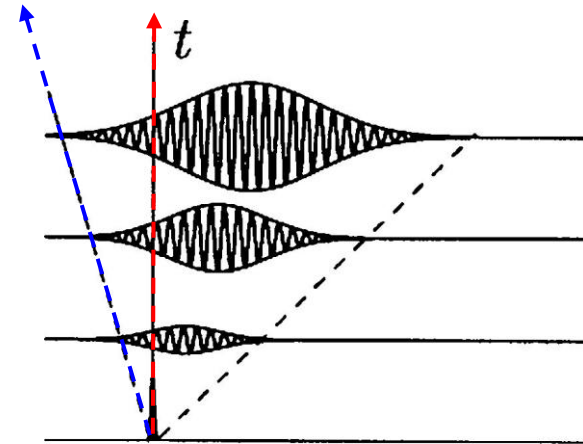


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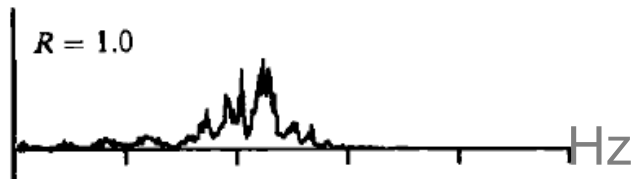
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Spectrum



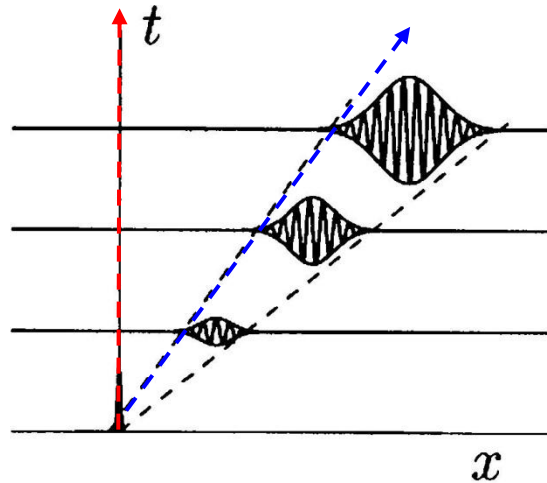
👉 amplifier

👉 oscillator

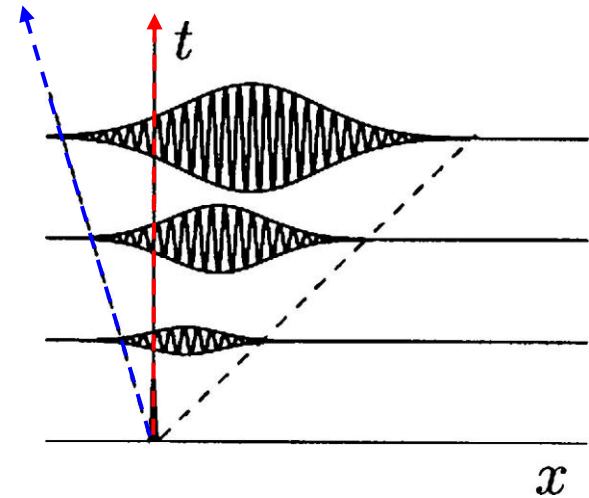
Mixing layer experiments by Strikowsky and Niccum (1991)

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We need to generalize the concept of group velocity since  $\omega$  (and why not  $k$ ) is complex

For neutral waves, the group velocity is  $d\omega/dk$

Here this quantity is the derivative of a complex function with respect to a complex variable. Cauchy-Riemann conditions apply.

# Spatio-temporal spectral analysis

Inverse Fourier Transform

$$u(x,t) = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \hat{u}(k, \omega) e^{i(kx - \omega t)} dk d\omega$$

$$\hat{u}(k, \omega) = (2\pi)^2 \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} u(x, t) e^{-i(kx - \omega t)} dx dt$$

Direct Fourier Transform

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Use dispersion relation  $\omega(k)$ !

# Spectral analysis

Fourier transform:

$$u(x, t) = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^{+\infty} \hat{u}(k) e^{i(kx - \omega(k)t)} dk + c.c.$$

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# Spectral analysis at time=0

Fourier transform:

$$u(x, 0) = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^{+\infty} \hat{u}(k) e^{i(kx)} dk + \text{c.c.}$$

$\hat{u}(k)$  is given by Fourier transform at time  $t=0$

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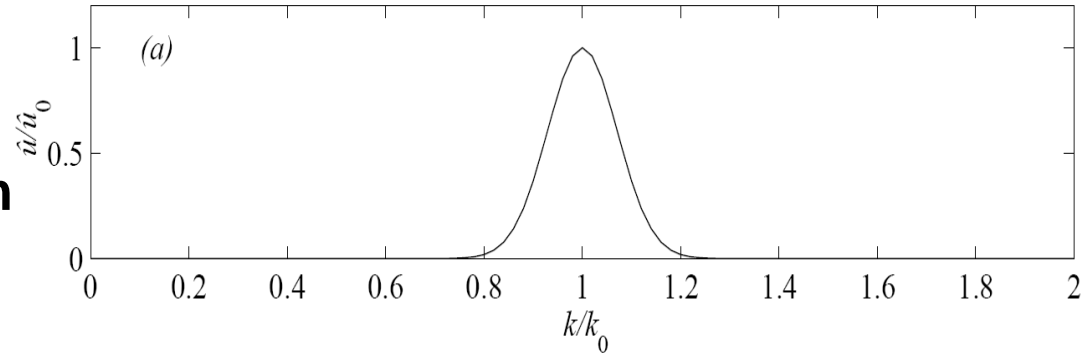
# Spectral analysis

Gaussian spectrum:  $\hat{u}(k) = u_0 e^{-\sigma^2(k-k_0)^2}$

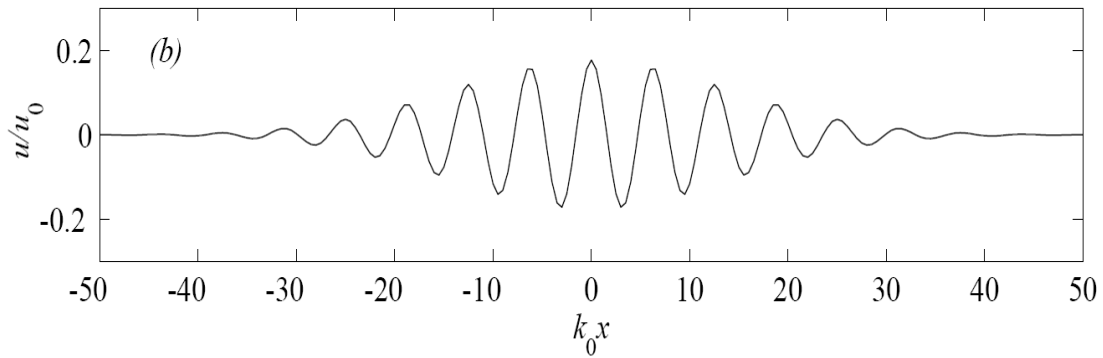
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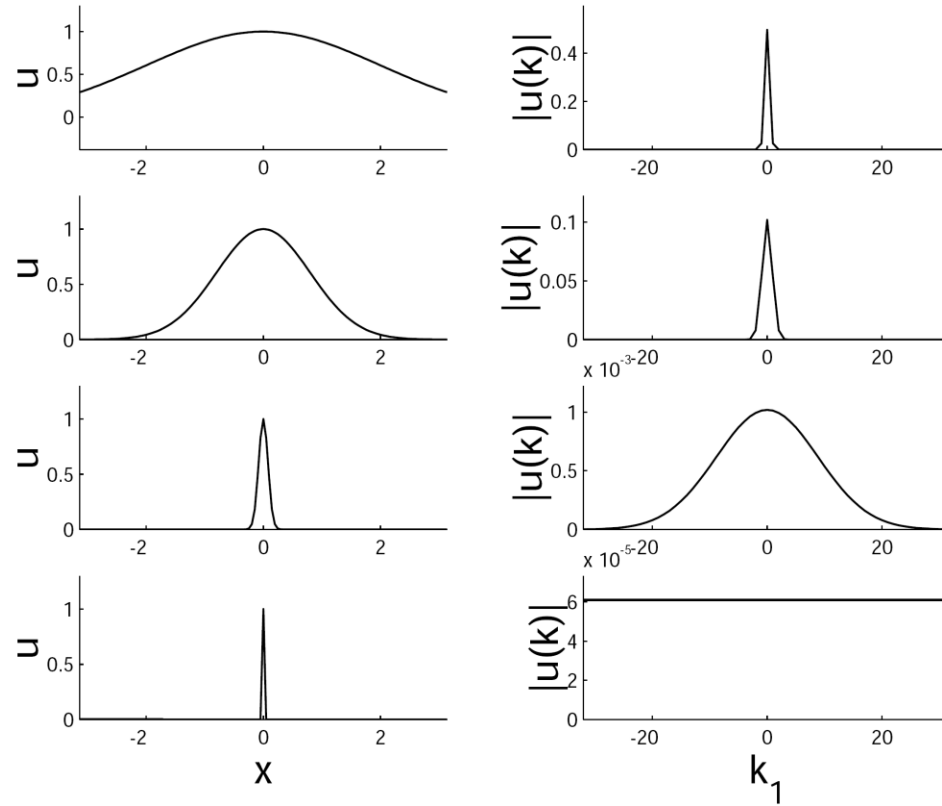
**spectrum**



**wave**



# Gaussian wavepackets



$u_0(x)$	$\hat{u}_0(k_1)$
$\exp\left(-\frac{x^2}{2\sigma^2}\right)$	$\frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \exp\left(-\frac{\sigma^2 k^2}{2}\right)$
$\delta(x)$	$\frac{1}{2\pi}$

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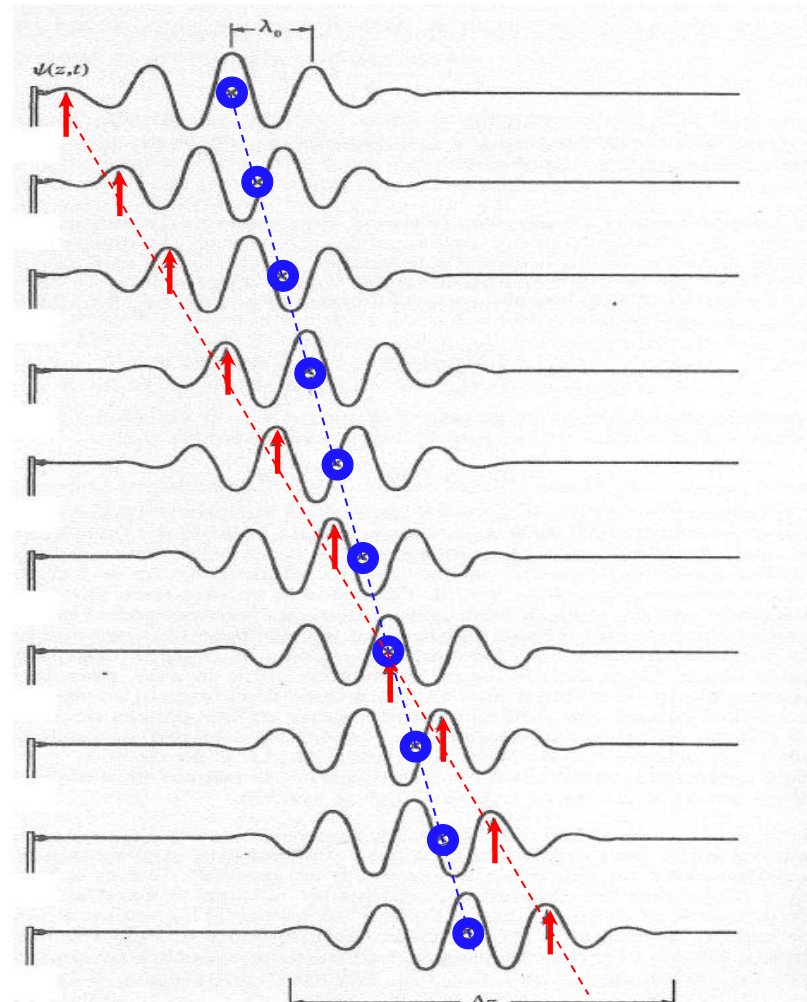
$$\omega - \omega_0 = c_g (k - k_0), \quad c_g = \frac{\partial \omega}{\partial k} (k_0)$$

# Spectral analysis

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# Group velocity



Wavepacket

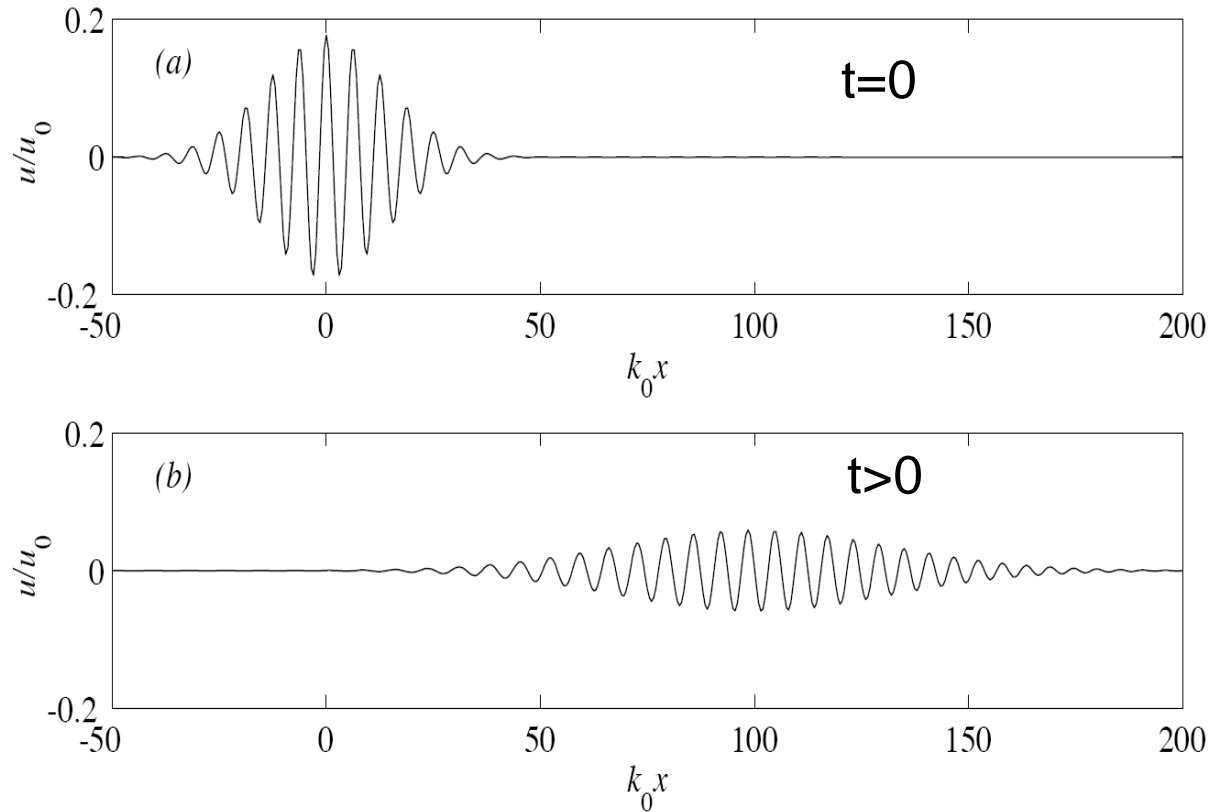
# Spectral analysis

Higher order  
development

$$\omega - \omega_0 = c_g(k - k_0) + \frac{\omega_0''}{2}(k - k_0)^2$$
$$c_g = \frac{\partial \omega}{\partial k}(k_0), \quad \omega_0'' = \frac{\partial^2 \omega}{\partial k^2}(k_0)$$

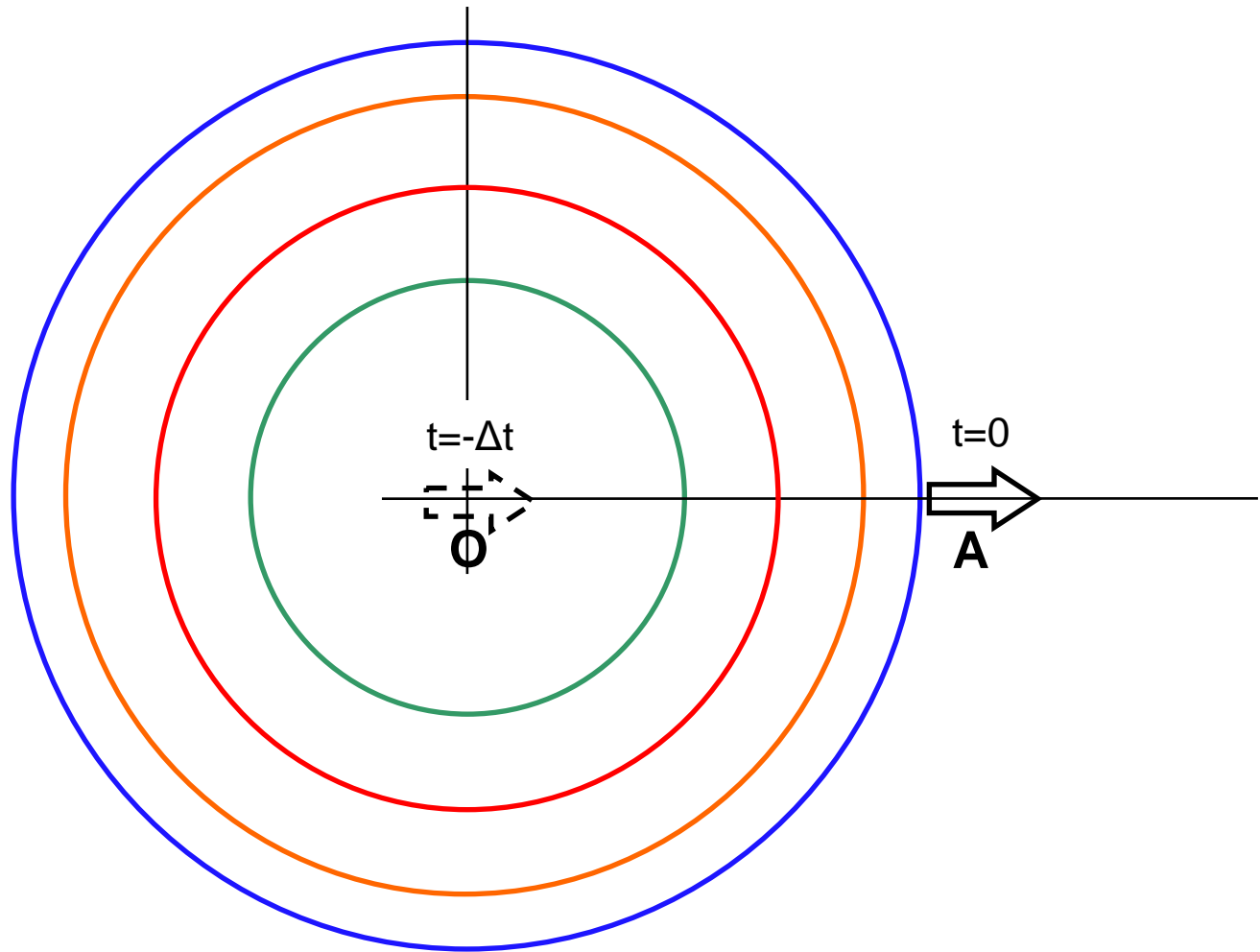
$$A(x, t) = \frac{u_0}{2} \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{\sigma^2 + \frac{1}{2}i\omega_0''t}} \exp\left(-\frac{(x - c_g t)^2}{4(\sigma^2 + \frac{1}{2}i\omega_0''t)}\right)$$

# Wave packet dispersion

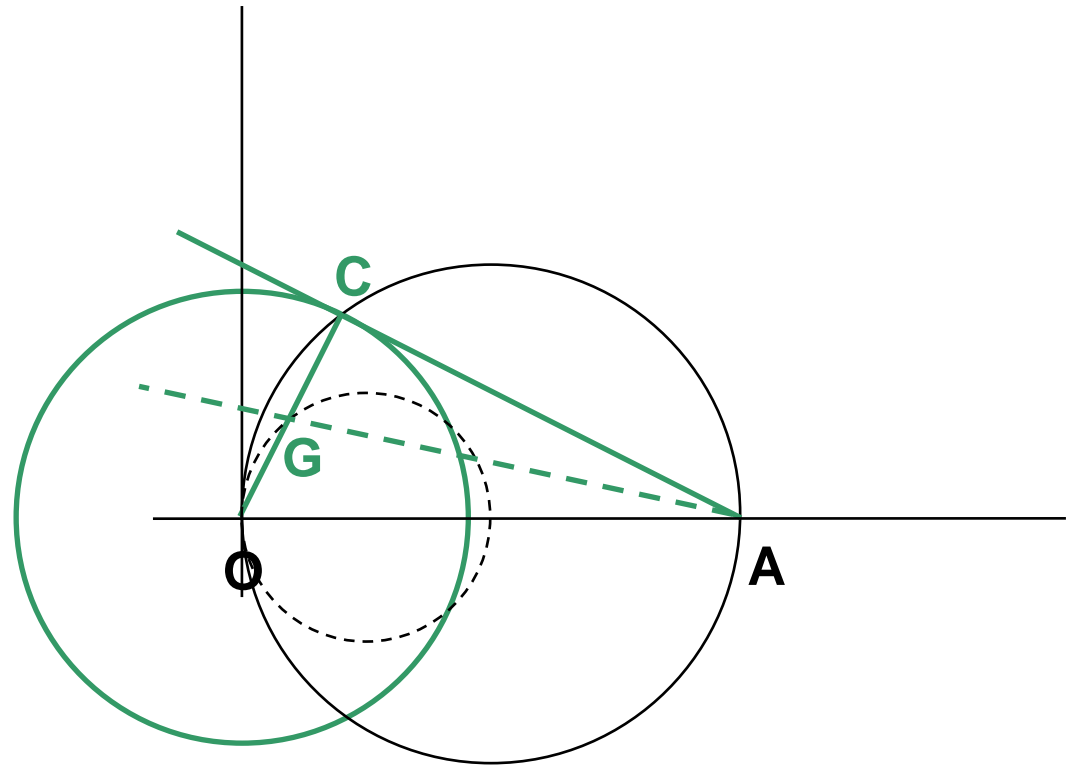


Onde correspondant à l'enveloppe  $\hat{u}(k)$  pour  $\sigma^{-1}k_0 = 0,1$  et  $\omega_0'' = 4c_g/k_0$  : (a), instant initial  $t = 0$  ; (b),  $c_g t = 100/k_0$ .

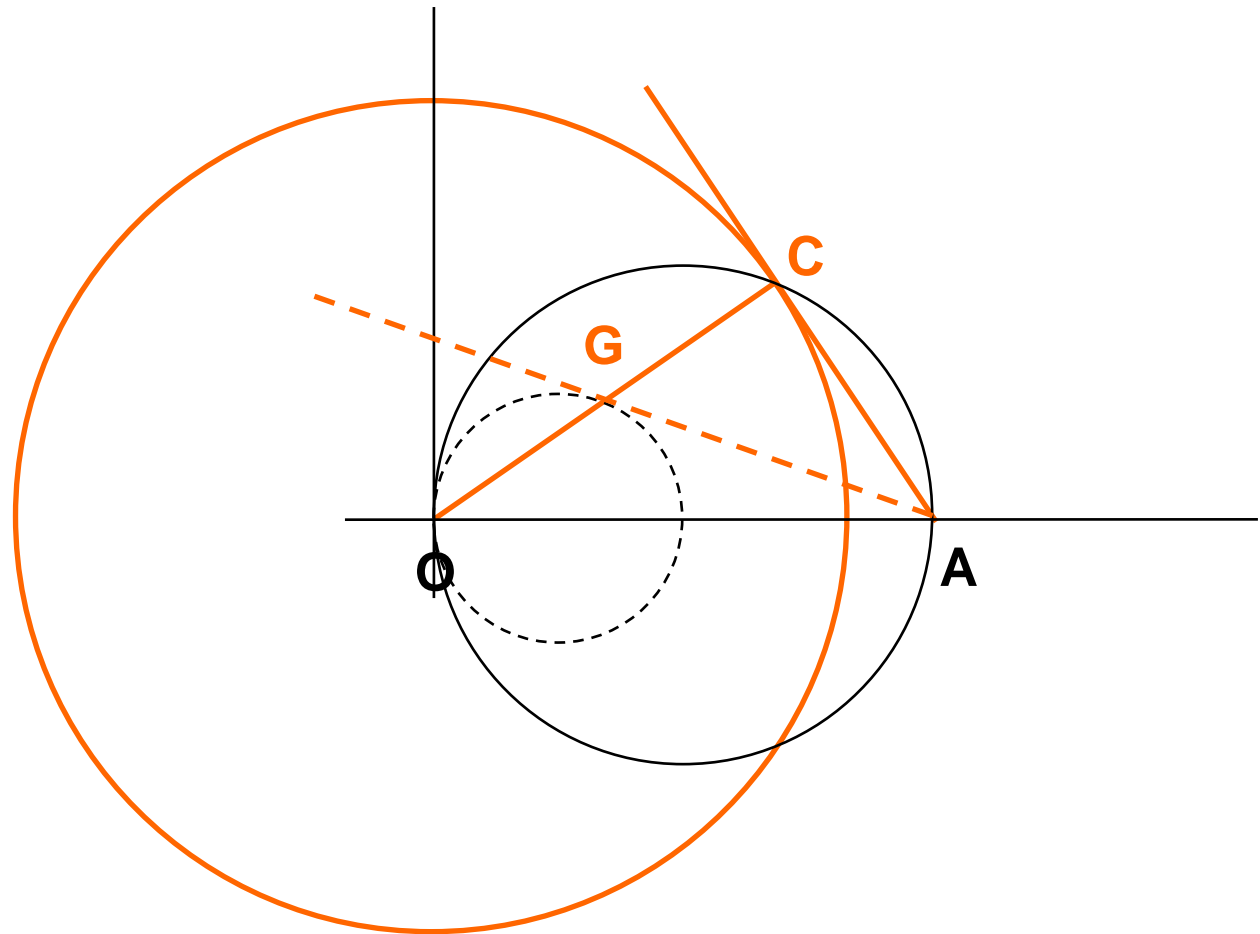
# Kelvin's wake



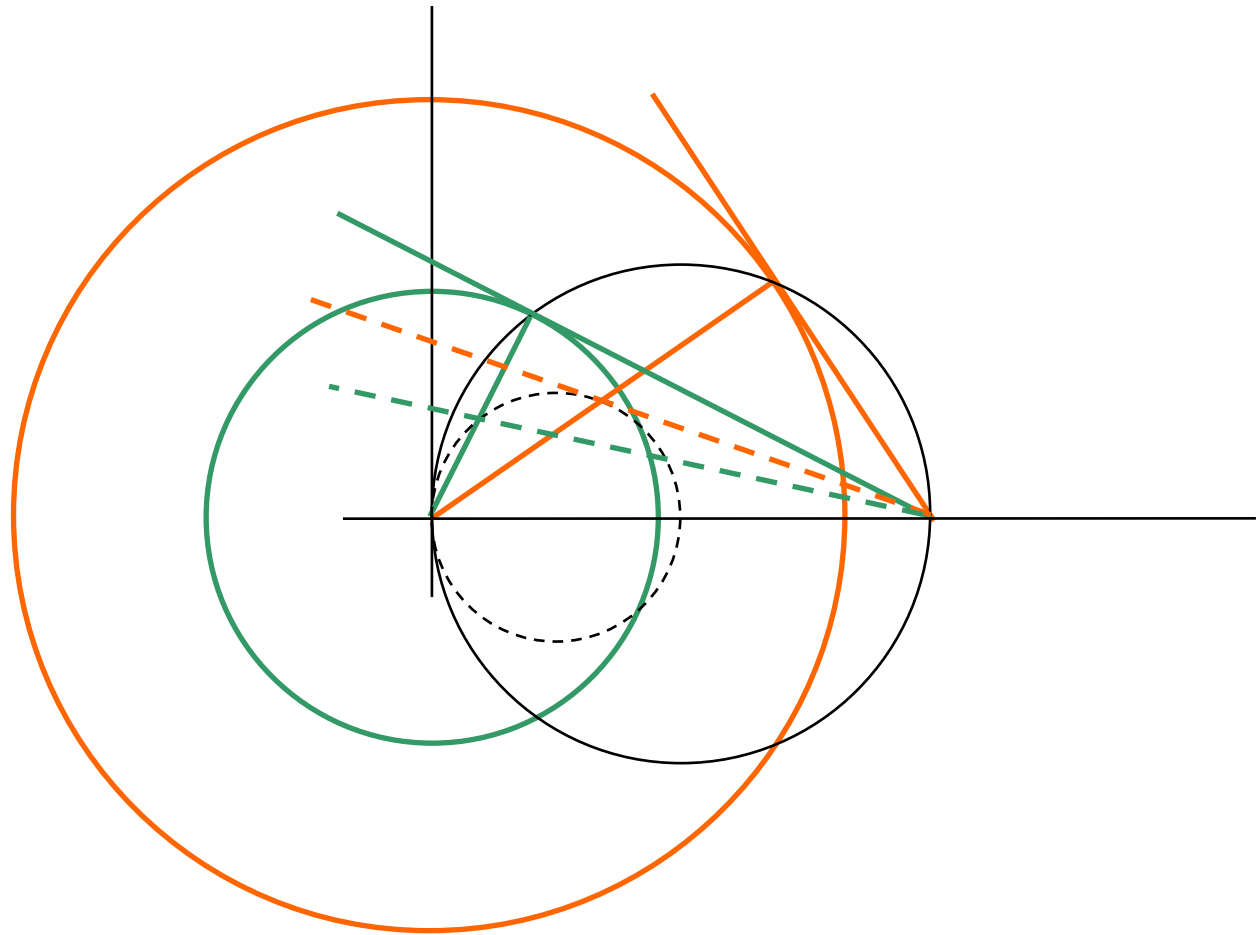
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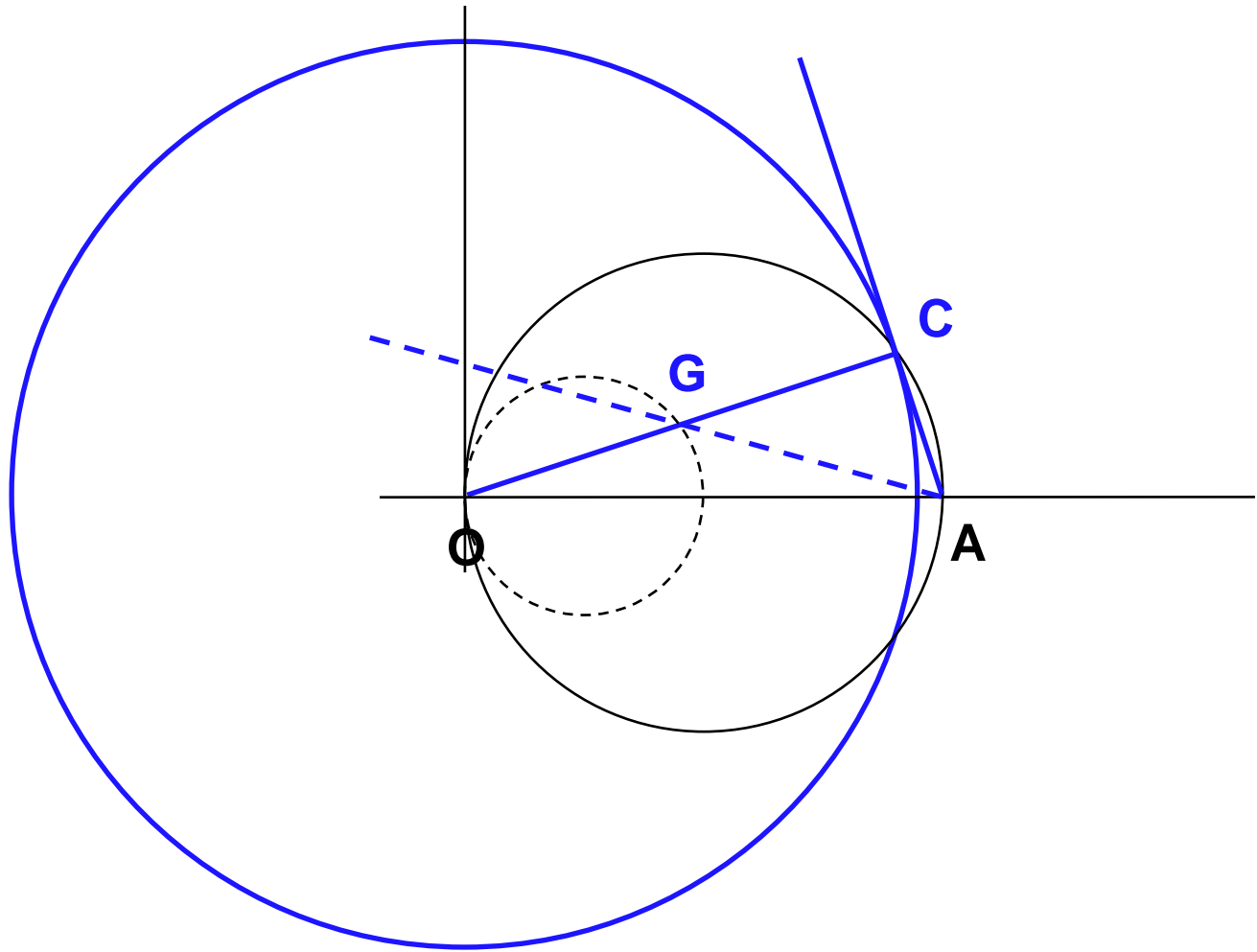
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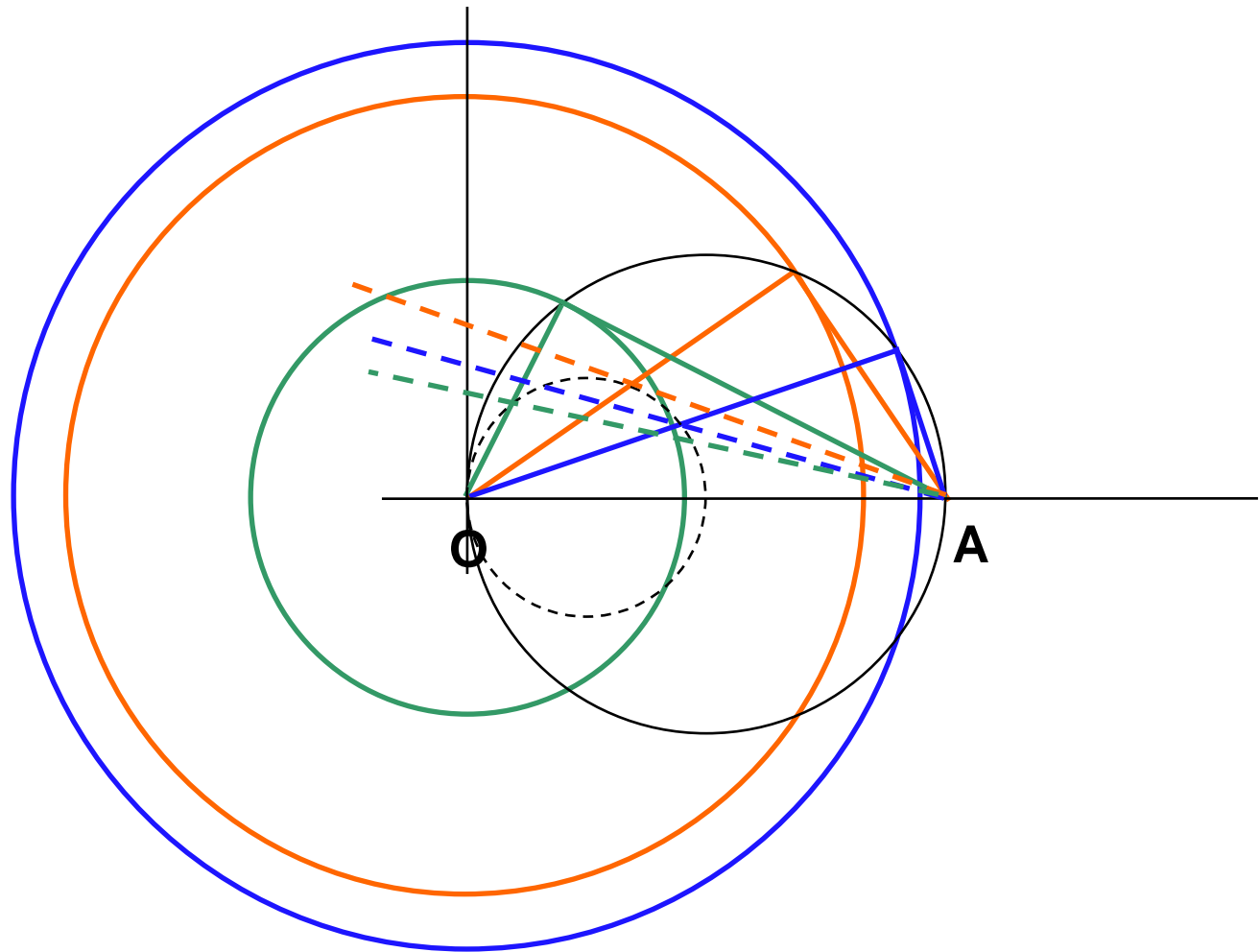
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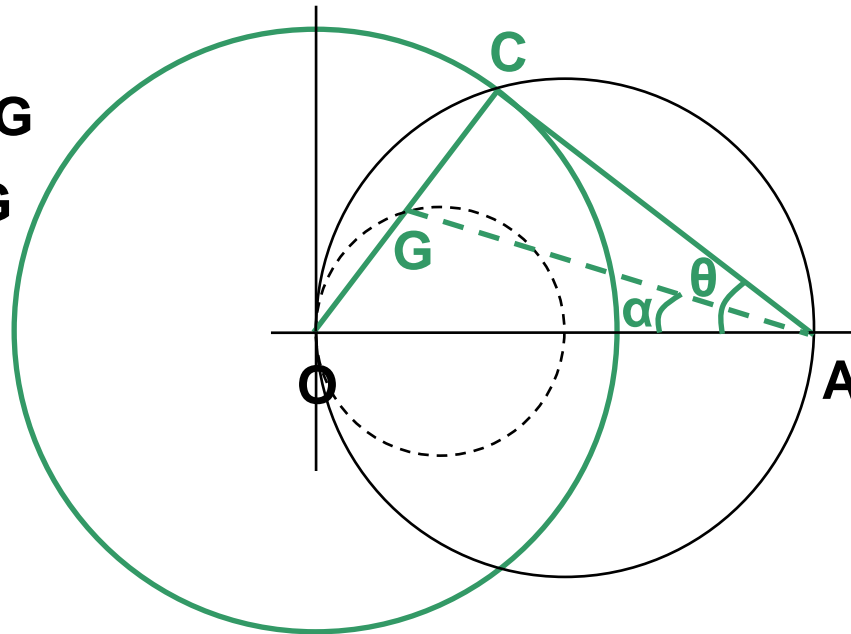
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$$\sin(\alpha)/OG = \cos(\theta)/AG$$

$$\sin(\theta - \alpha)AG = GC = OG$$

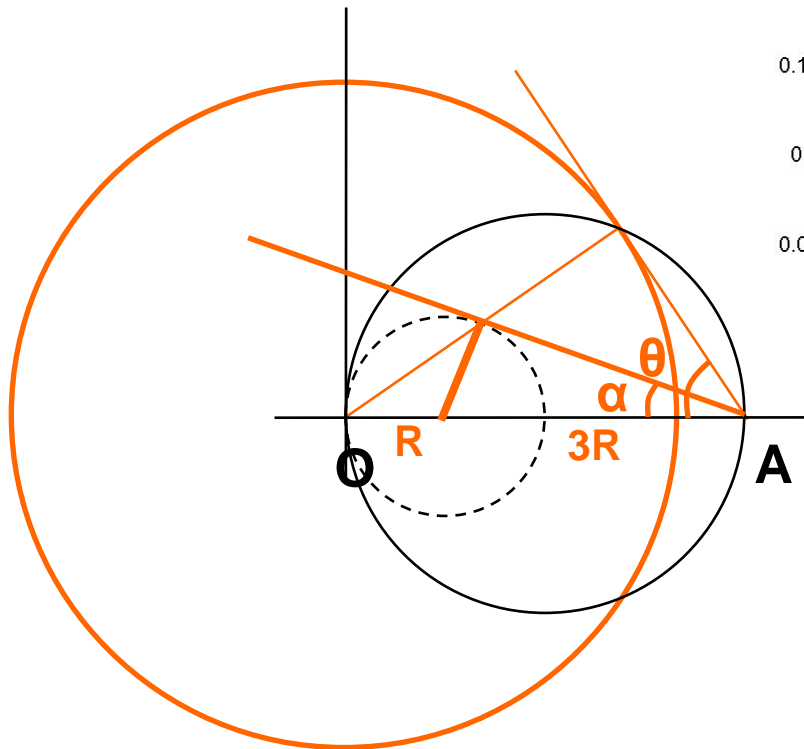


$$\Rightarrow \sin(\alpha) = \cos(\theta) \sin(\theta - \alpha)$$

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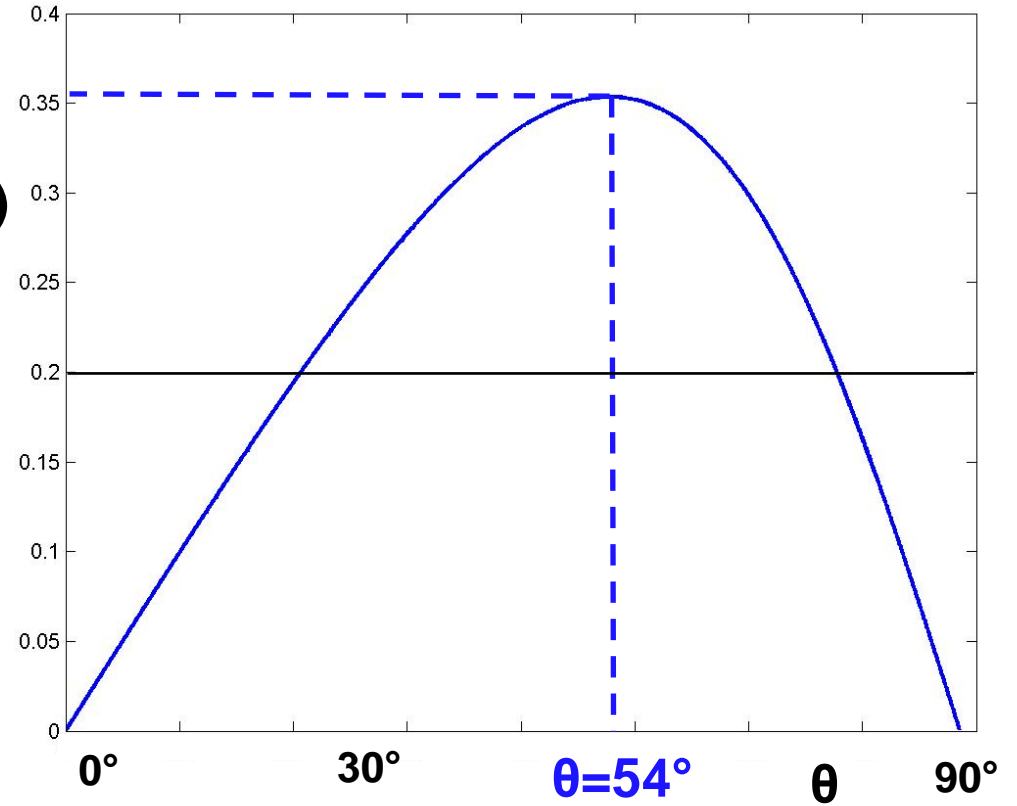
$$\Rightarrow \tan(\alpha) = \cos(\theta) \sin(\theta) / (1 + \cos^2(\theta))$$

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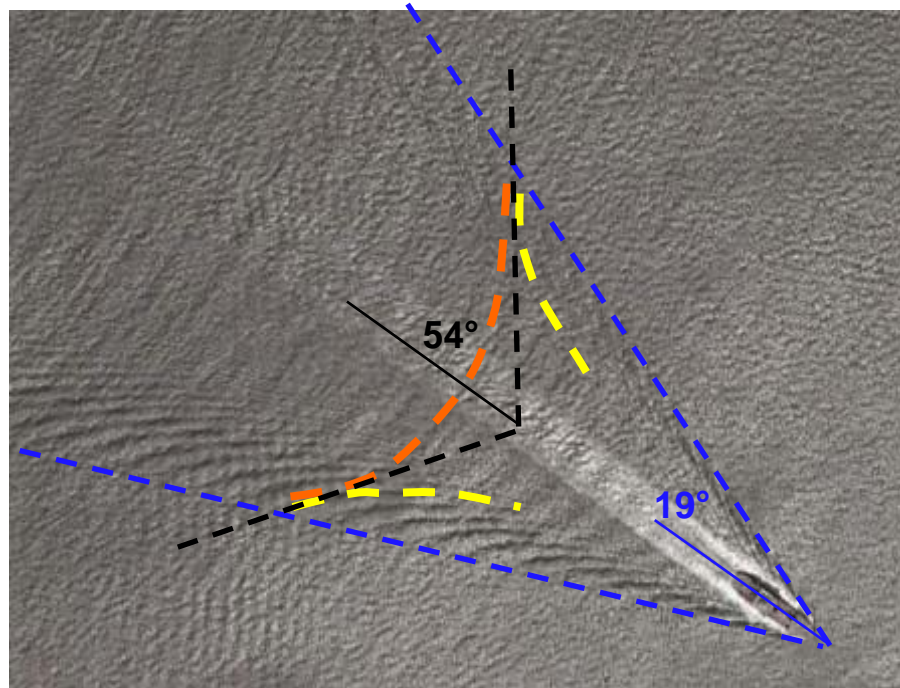


$\alpha = 19^\circ$

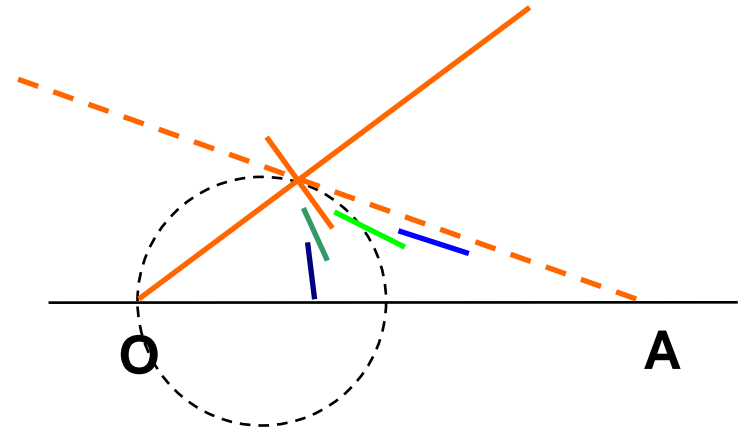
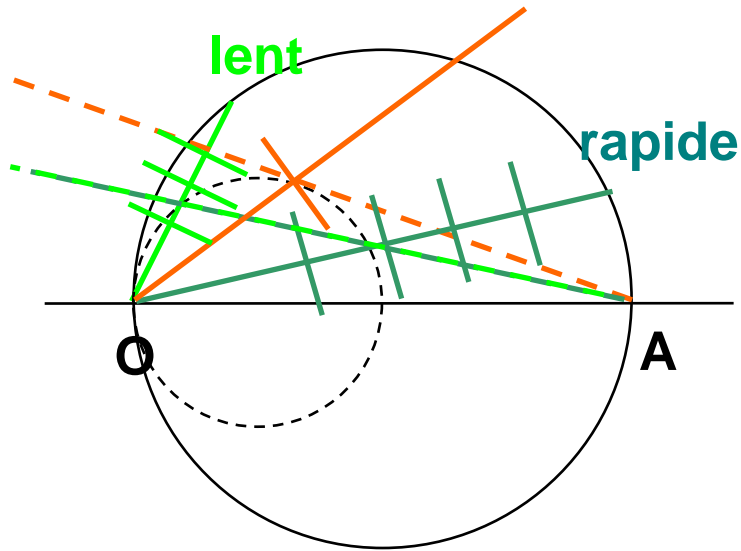
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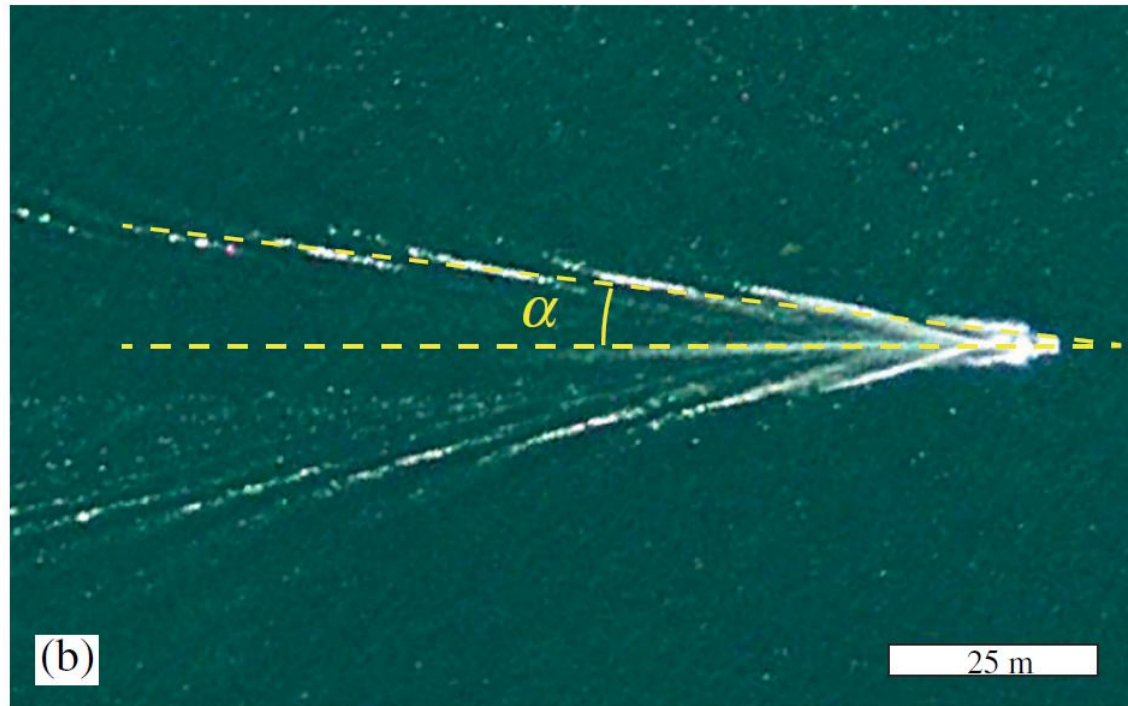
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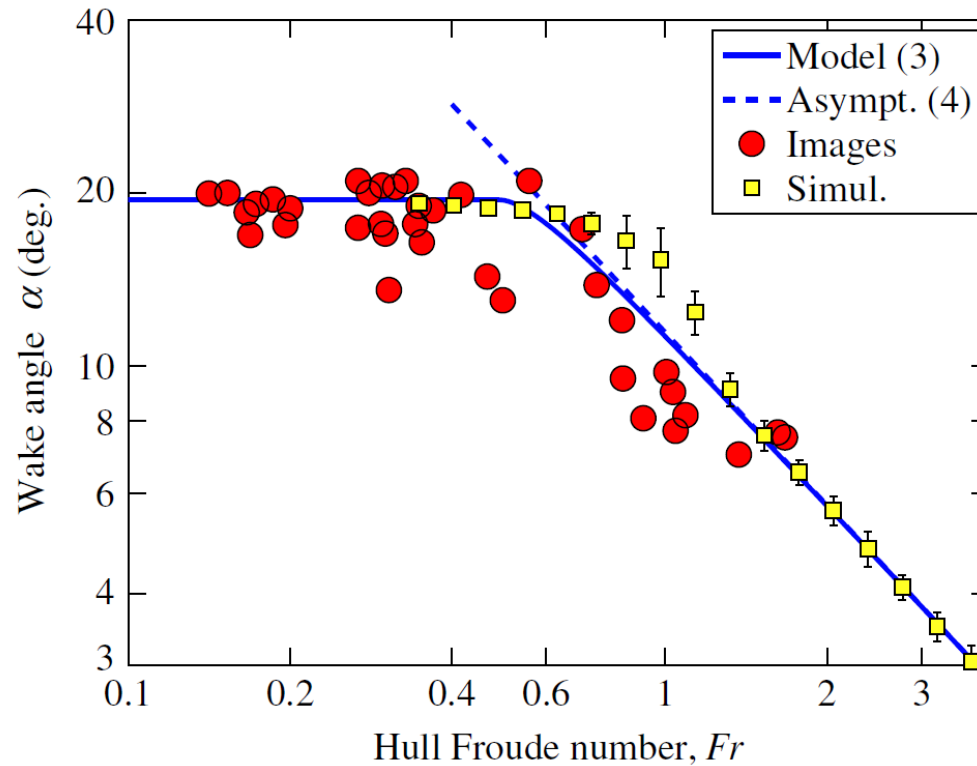


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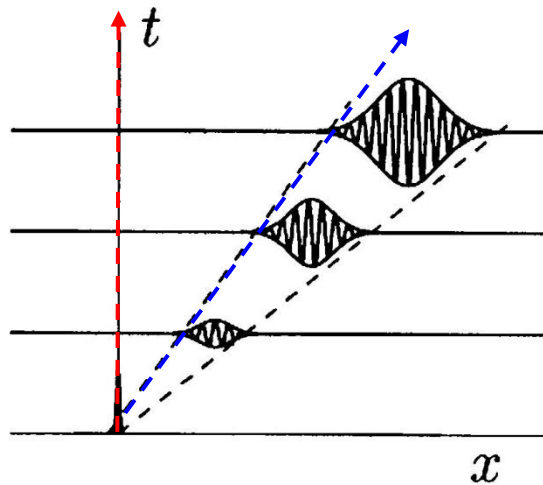


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# Generalization: Spatio-temporal instability theory

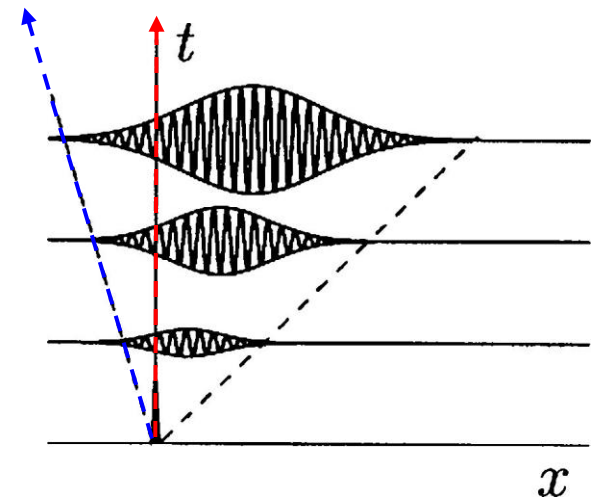
First find the zero group velocity wave:  $d\omega/dk=0 \Rightarrow (k_0, \omega_0)$   
and consider the sign of  $\text{Im}(\omega_0)$

👉 Convective instability



$$\text{Im}(\omega_0) < 0$$

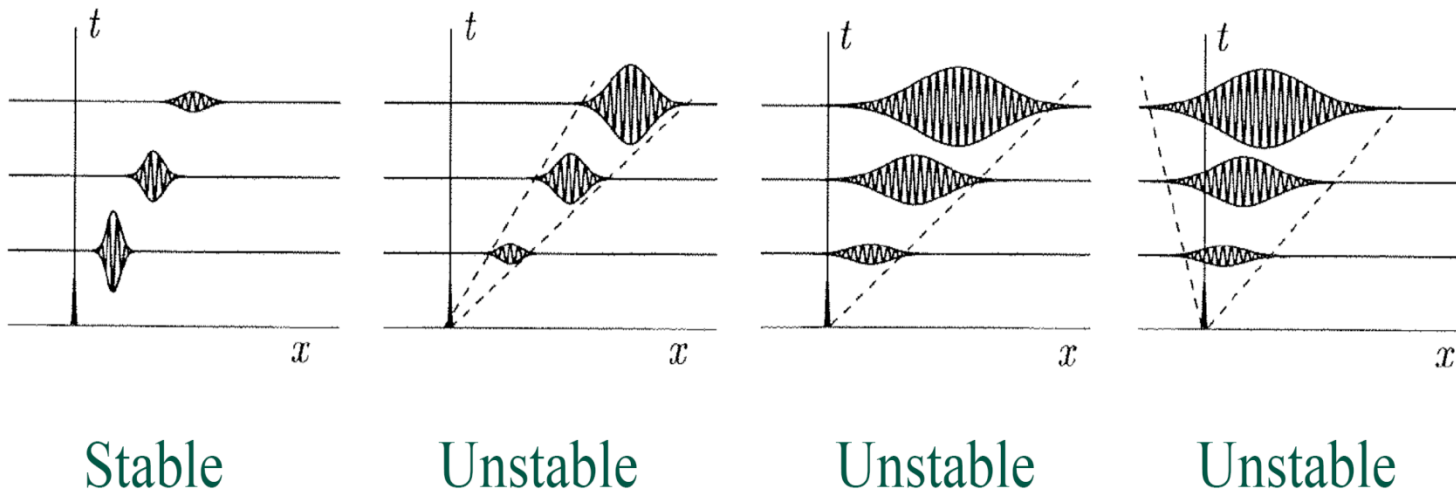
F Absolute instability



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# LINEAR IMPULSE RESPONSE: ABSOLUTE/CONVECTIVE INSTABILITY

Green's function or impulse response



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Linearly stable flow

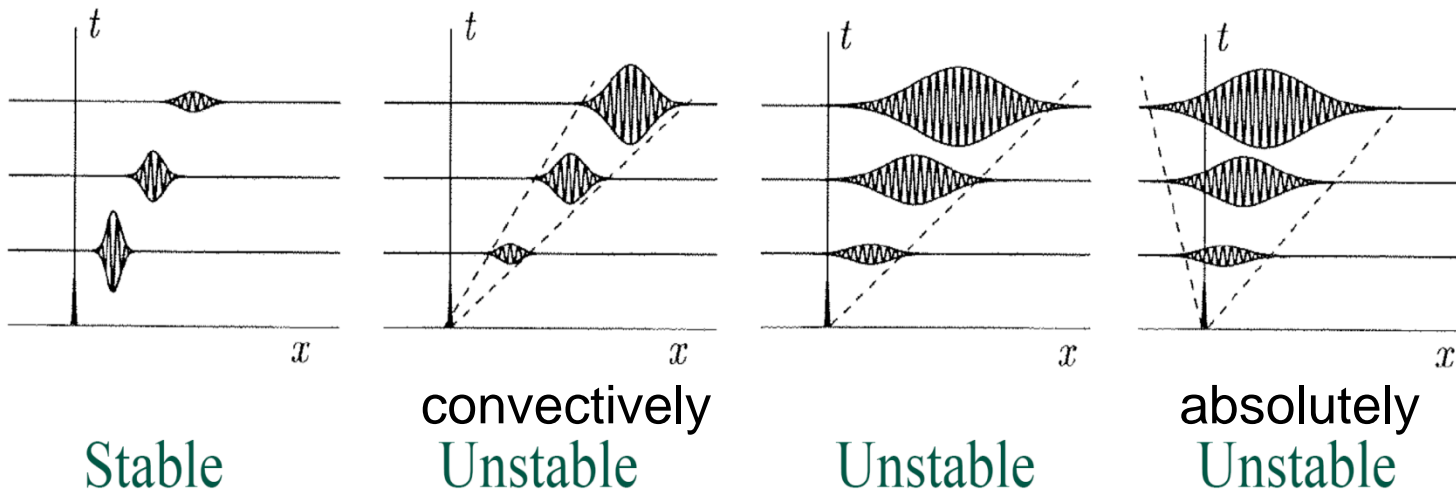
$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} G(x, t) = 0 \quad \text{along all rays } x/t = \text{const.}$$

Linearly unstable flow

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Convectively unstable flow

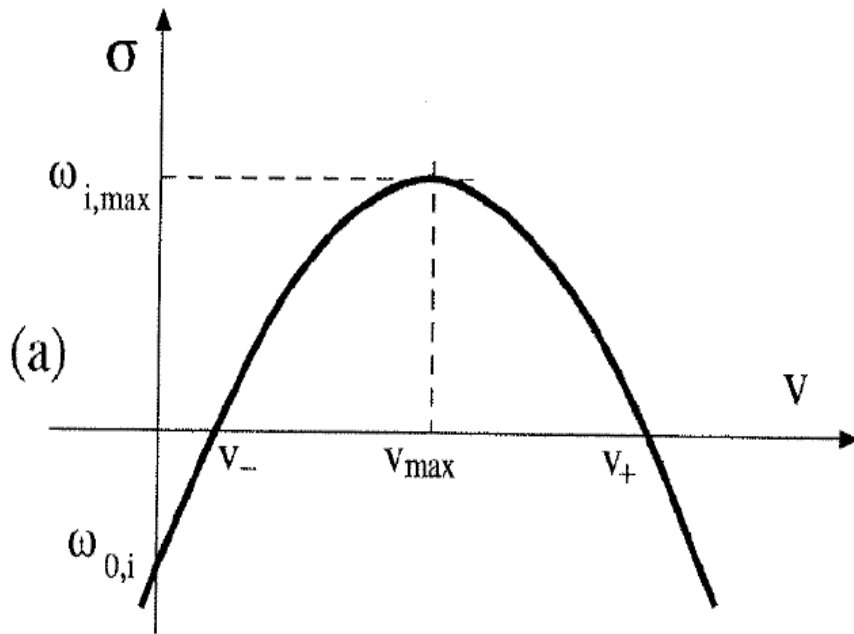
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Absolutely unstable flow

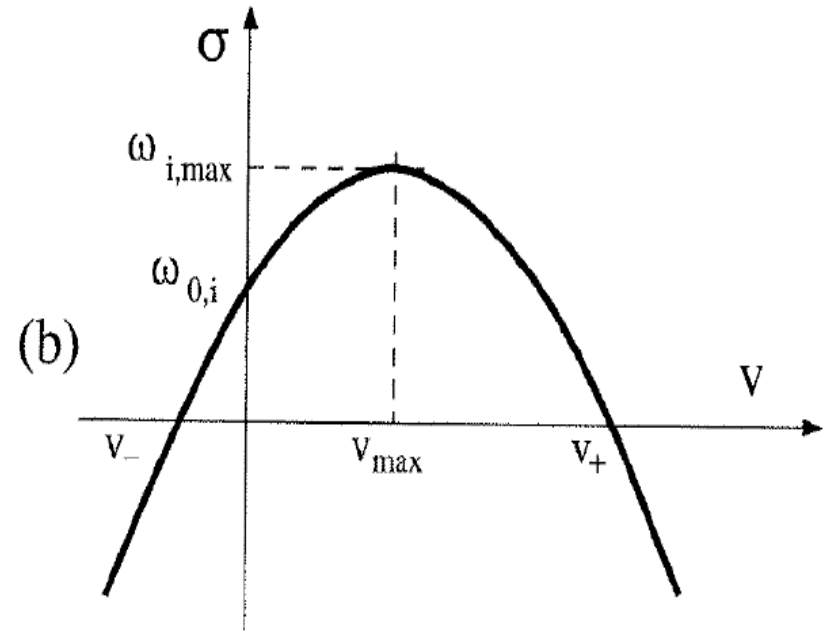
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# ANALYSIS IN COMPLEX FOURIER SPACE: AU/CU CRITERION

Temporal growth rate « at velocity  $v$  »



Convective instability



Absolute instability

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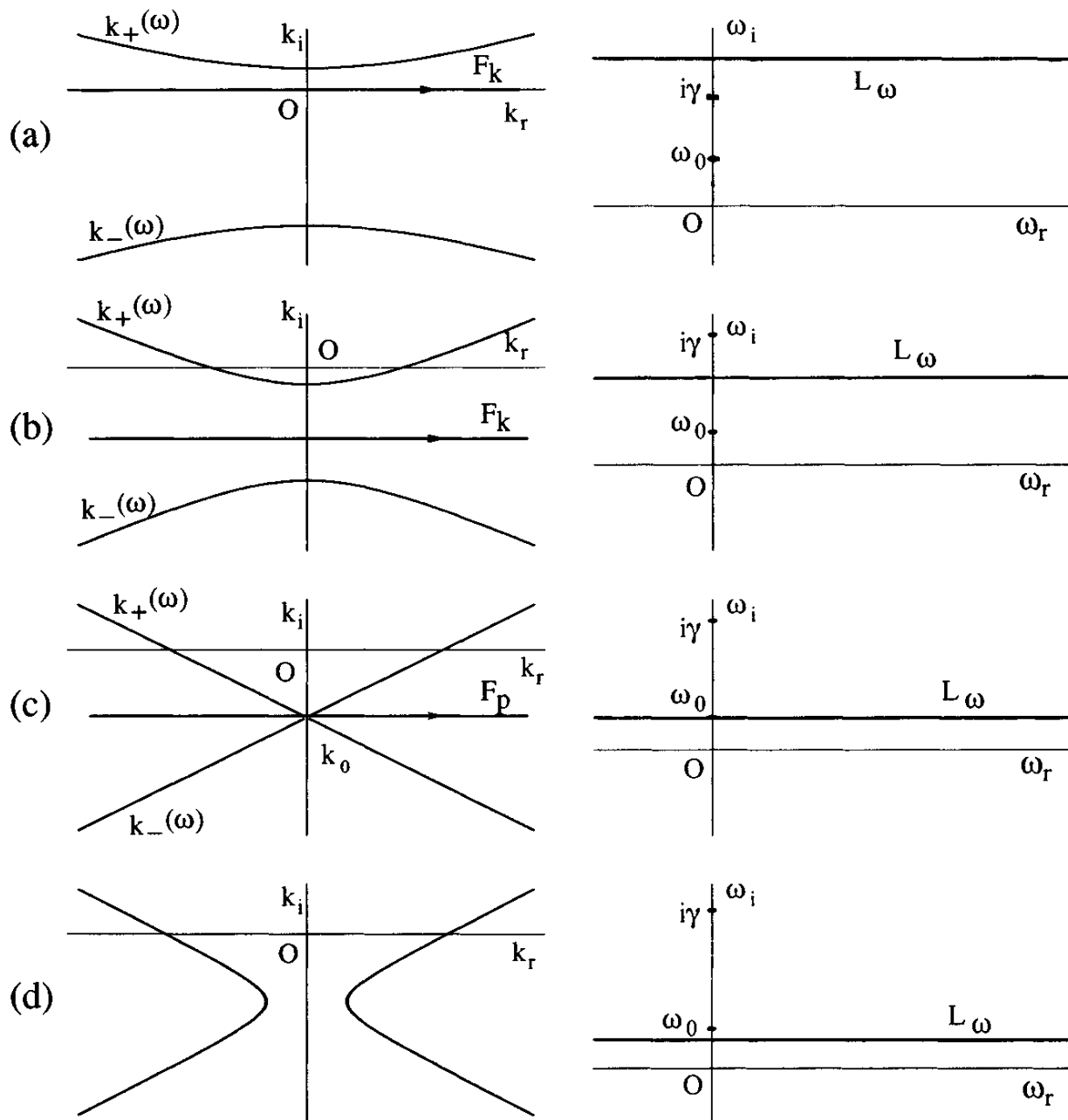
## Important notions

Absolute wavenumber  $k_0$  and frequency  $\omega_0 = \omega(k_0)$  observed along ray  $v = 0$ , i.e. for a stationary observer, defined by

$$\frac{\partial \omega}{\partial k}(k_0) = 0$$

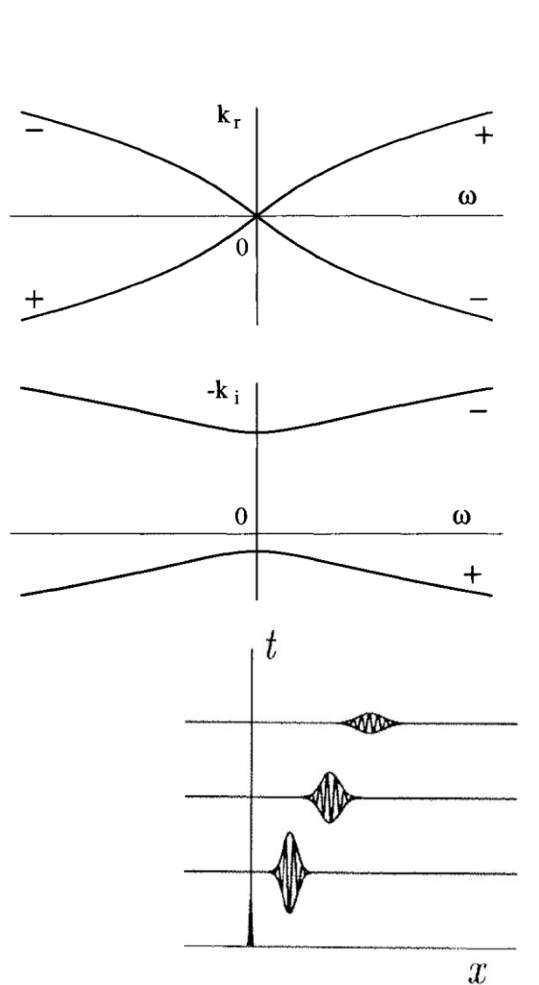
Absolute growth rate is

$$\sigma(0) = \omega_{0,i}$$



# Spatial analysis

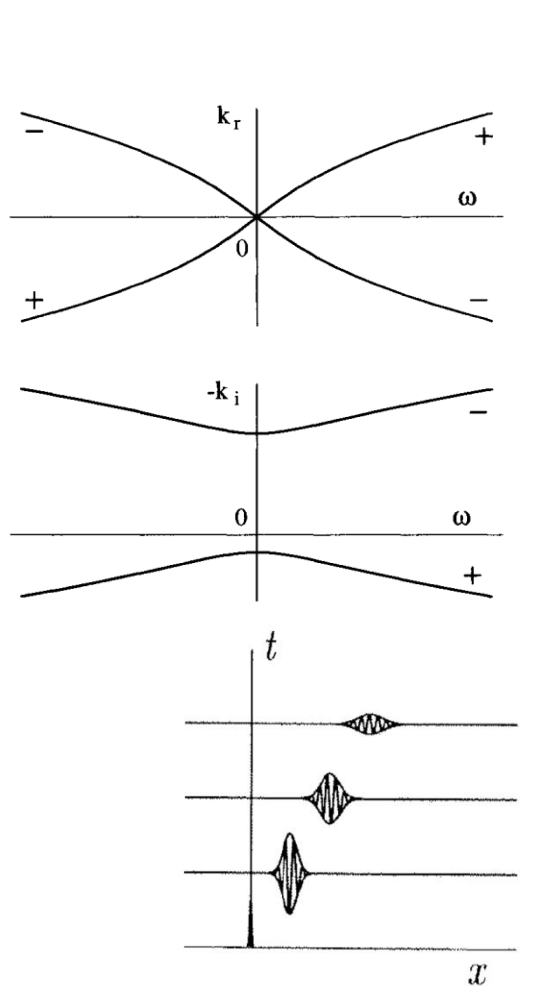
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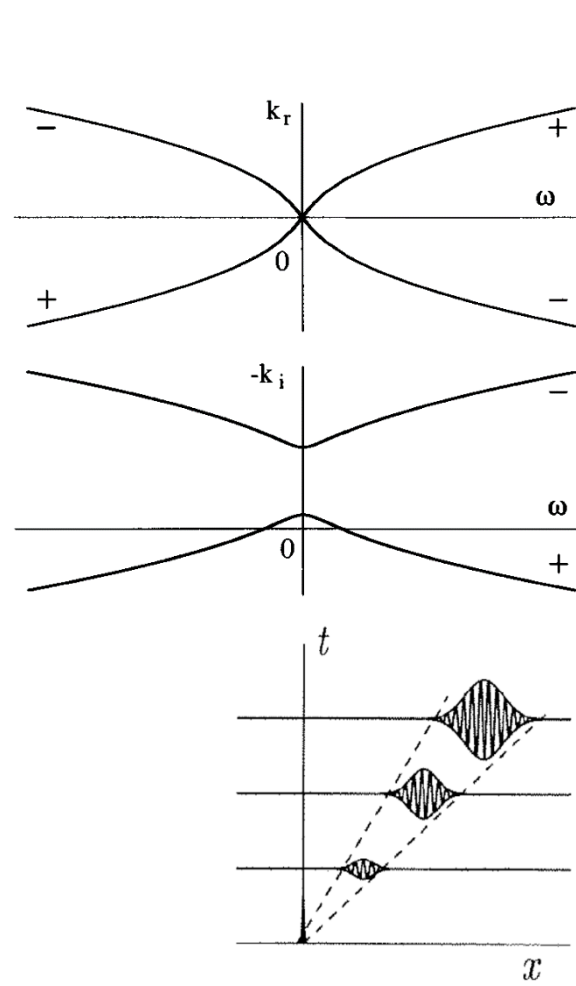
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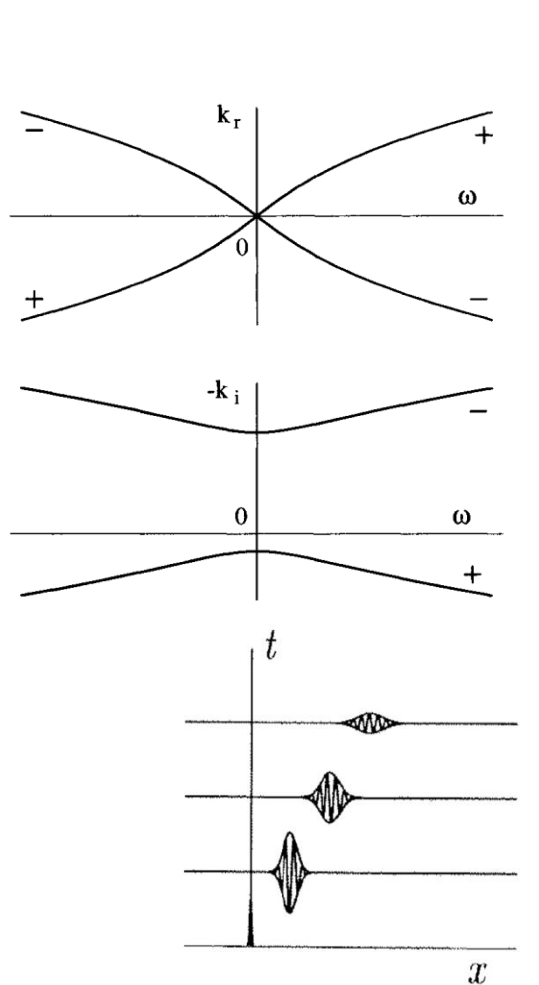
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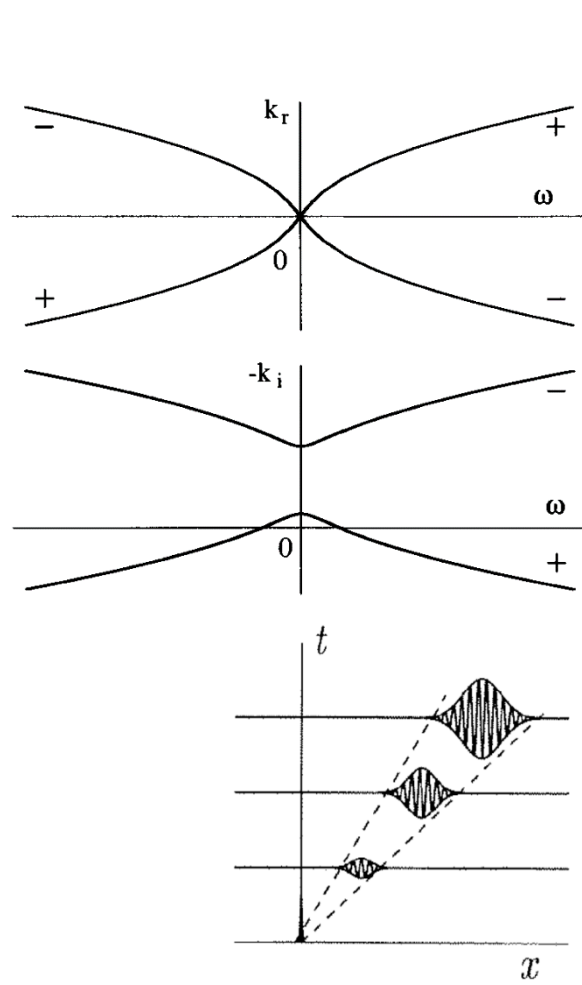
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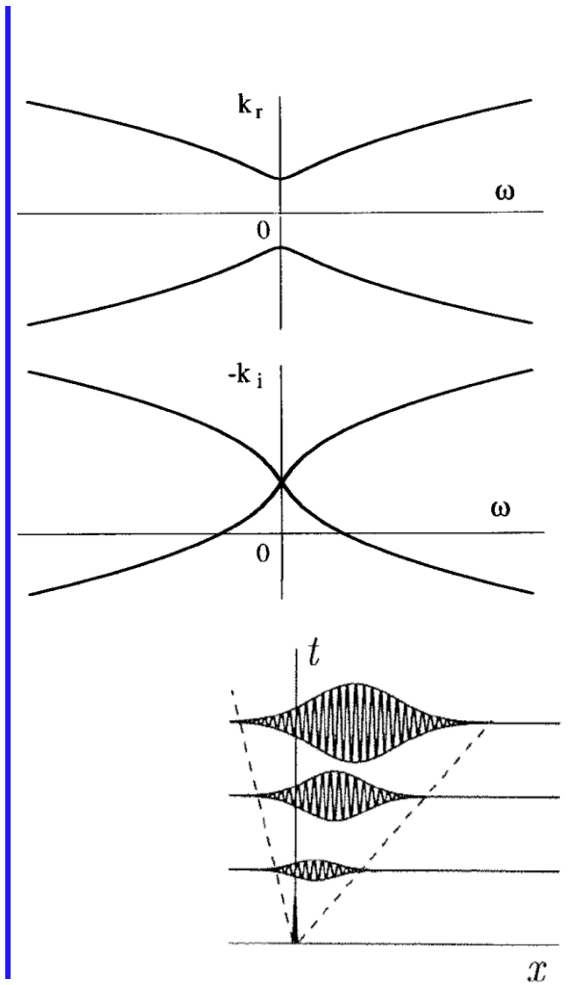
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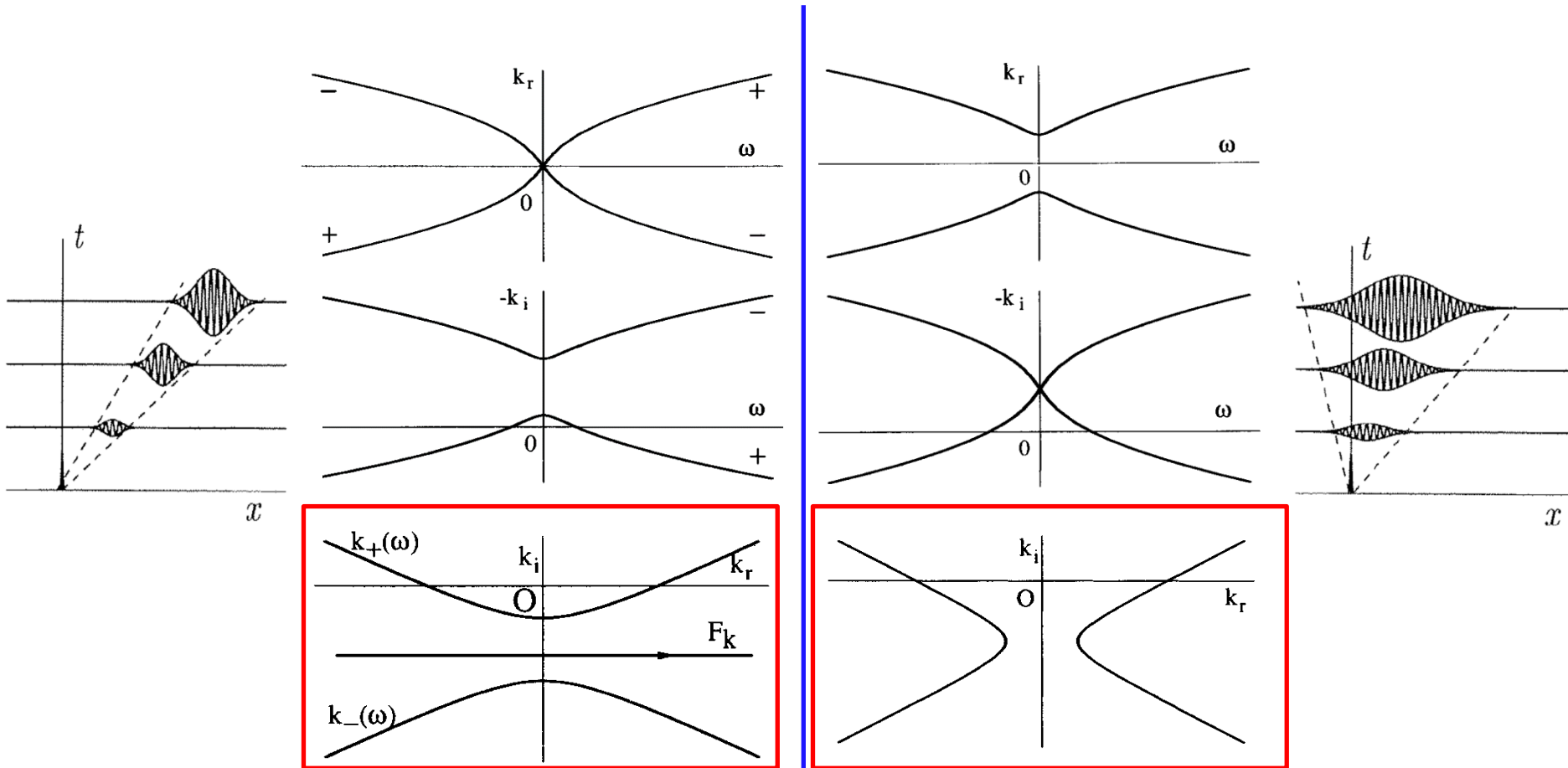
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absolutely unstable

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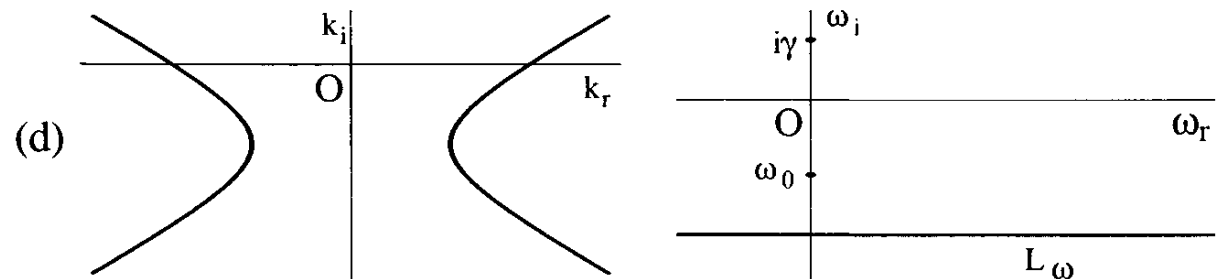
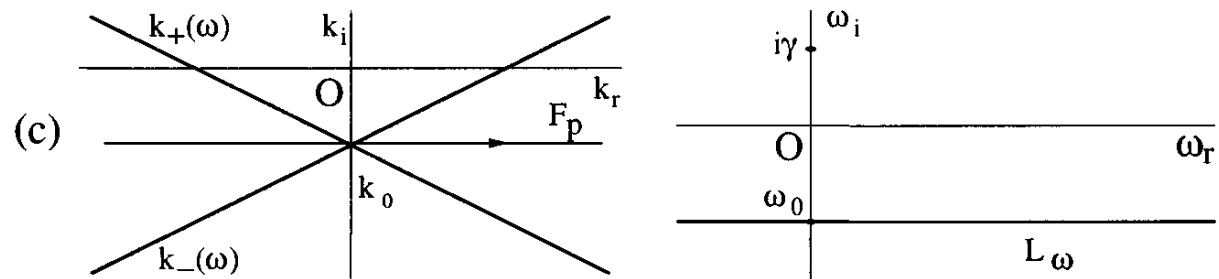
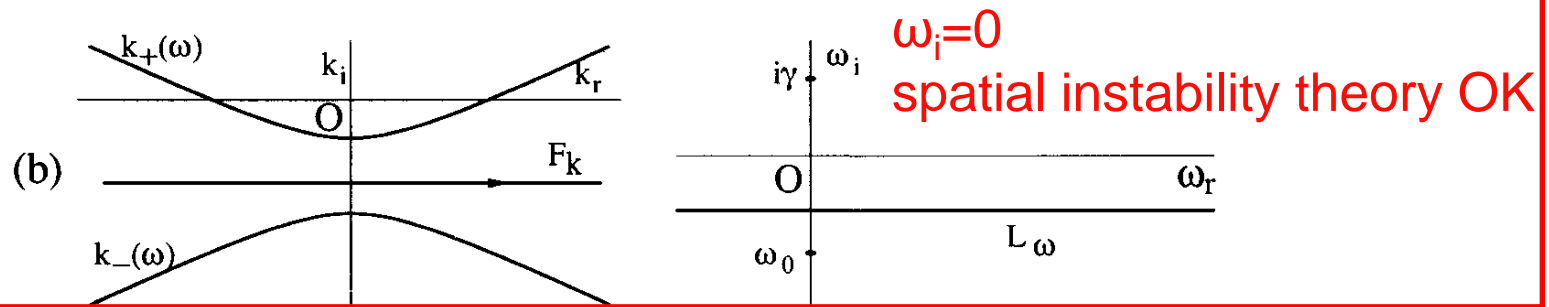
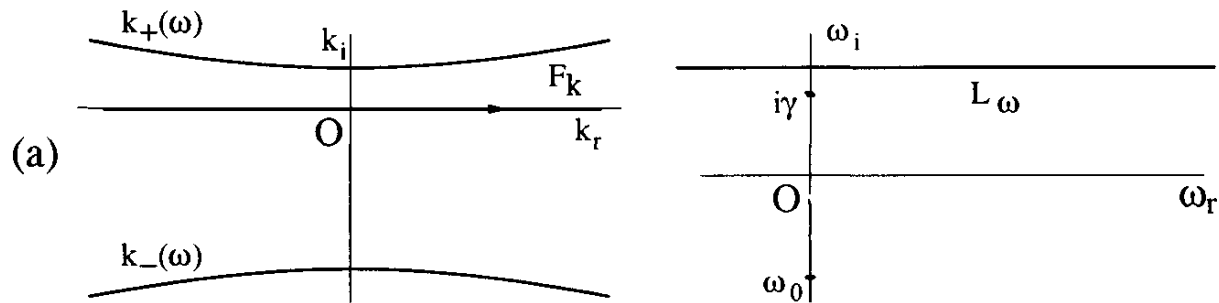
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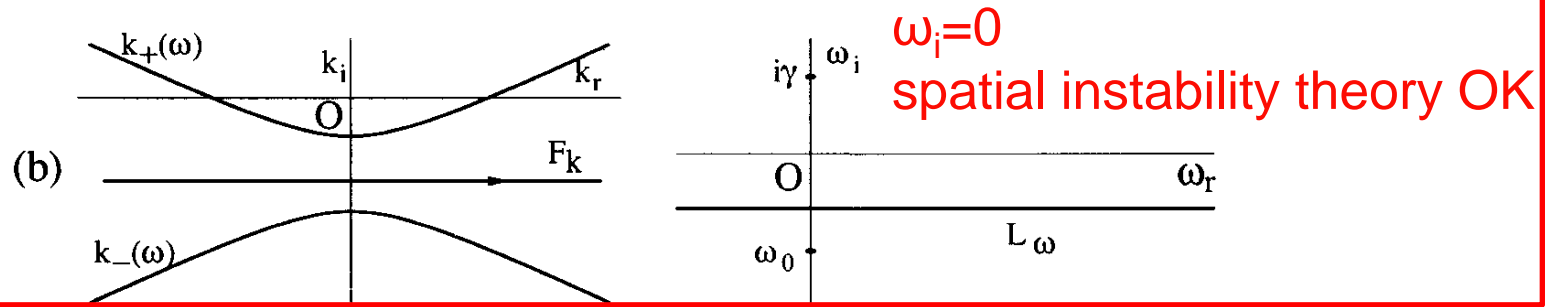
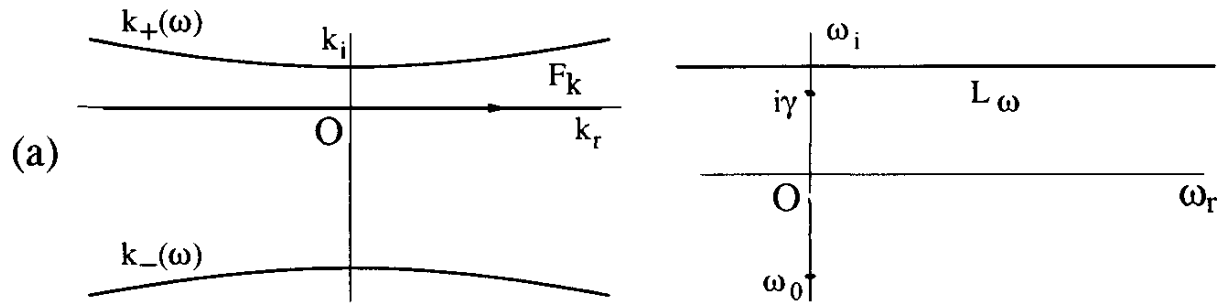
convectively unstable

absolutely unstable

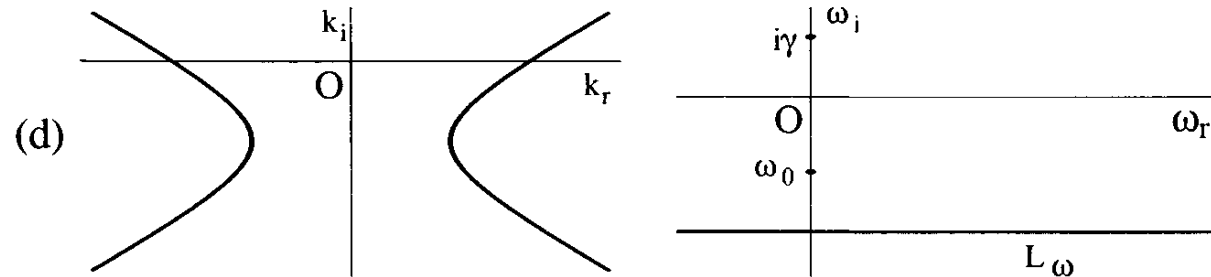
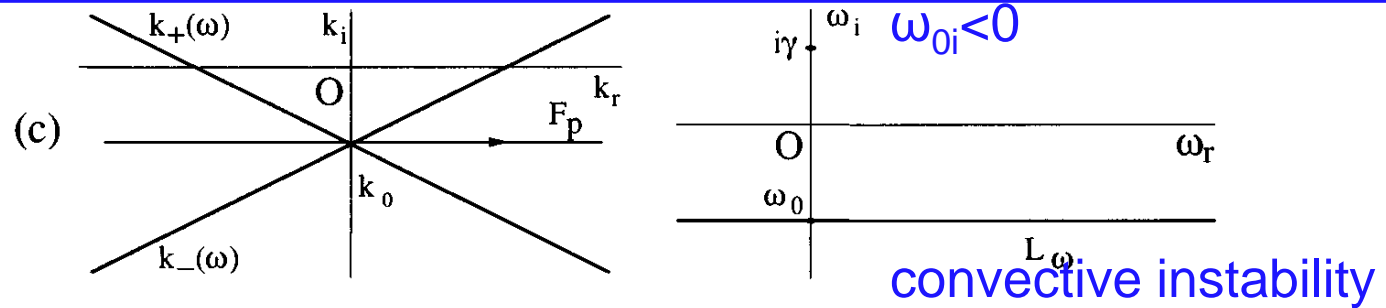
Add  $\omega_i$  offset and vary  $\omega_r$



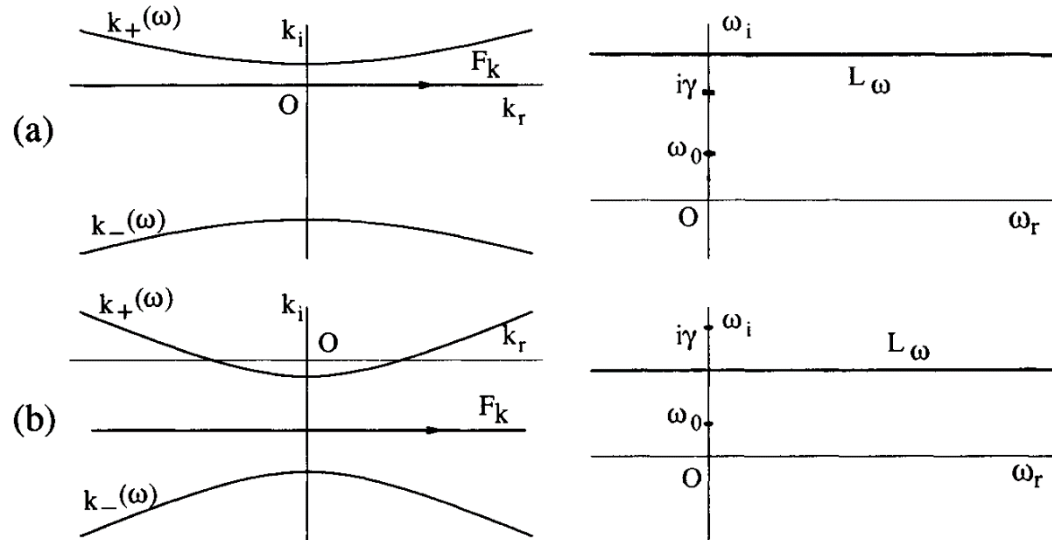
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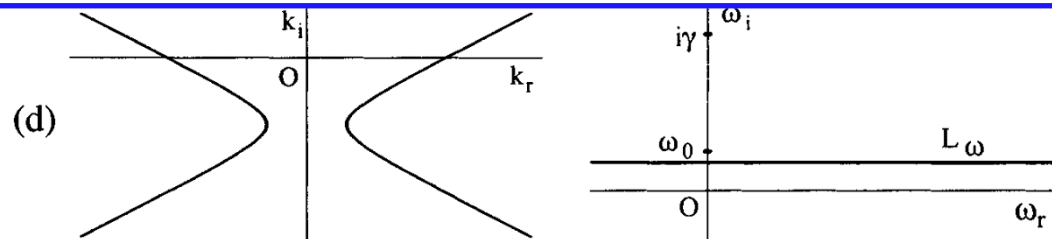
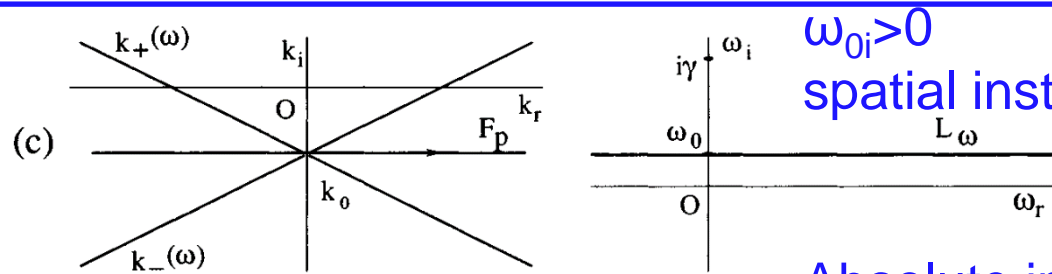
Saddle point



Add  $\omega_i$  offset and vary  $\omega_r$   
 Saddle point condition

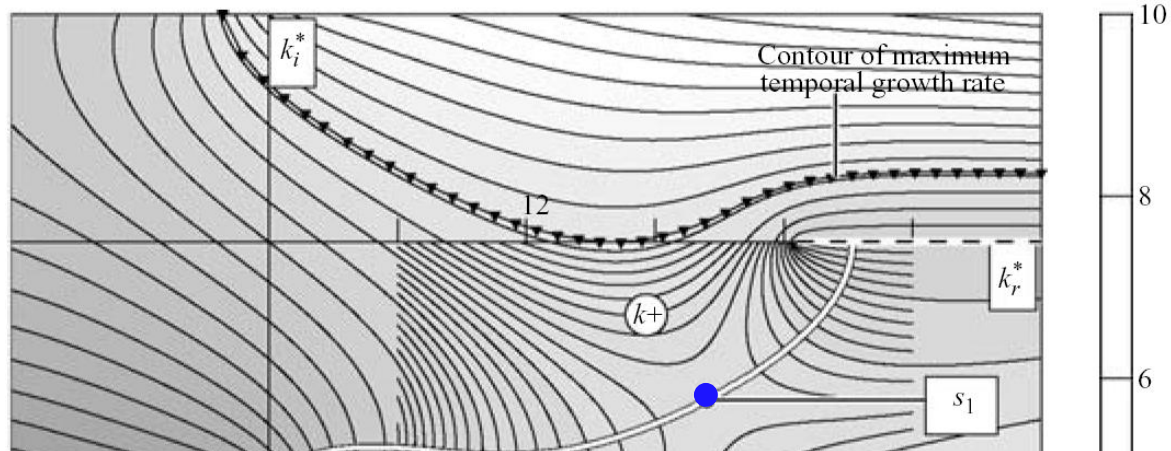


Saddle point



# Spatio-temporal analysis (vary both $k_r$ and $k_i$ )

## Isocontours of $\omega_i$ in the $k_r$ - $k_i$ plane



$$\partial\omega/\partial k = 0$$

Saddle point condition

Absolute frequency  $\omega_0 = \omega(k_0)$

Absolute wavenumber  $k_0$

# ANALYSIS IN COMPLEX FOURIER SPACE: AU/CU CRITERION

## Instability criteria

$\omega_{i,max} < 0$                   linearly stable

$\omega_{i,max} > 0$                   linearly unstable

$\omega_{0,i} < 0$                   convectively unstable

$\omega_{0,i} > 0$                   absolutely unstable

# Hyperbolic tangent mixing layer

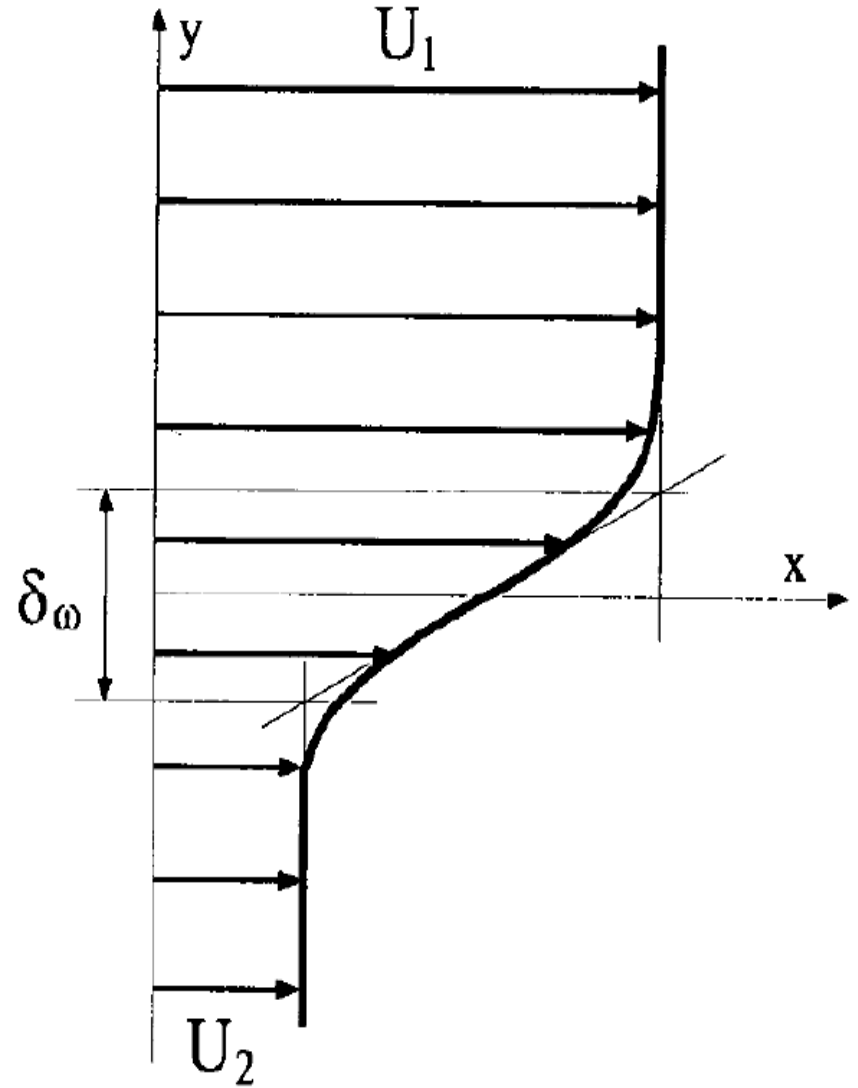
$$U(y) = \bar{U} + \frac{\Delta U}{2} \tanh\left(\frac{2y}{\delta_\omega}\right)$$

$$\delta_\omega(x) \equiv \frac{(U_1 - U_2)}{(dU/dy)_{\max}}$$

Velocity ratio

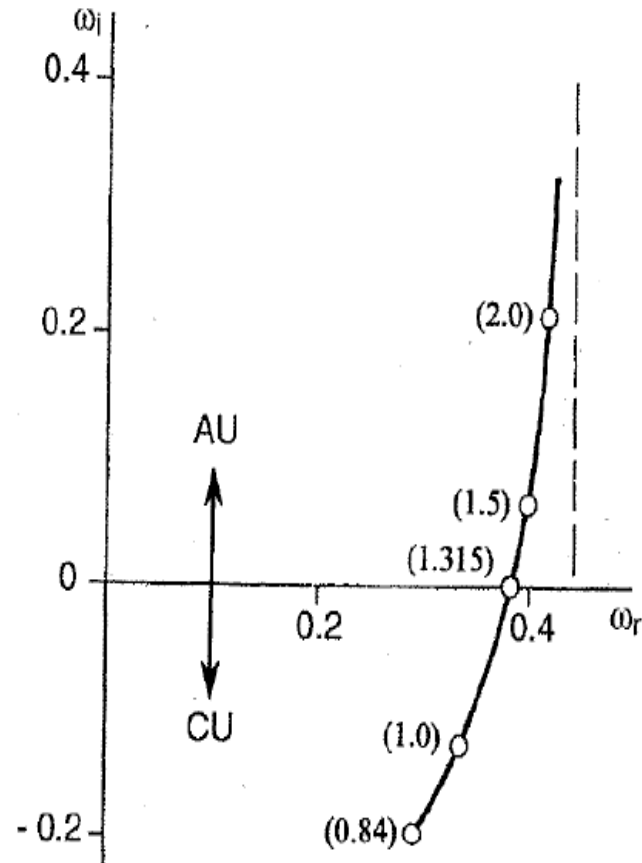
$$R \equiv \frac{U_1 - U_2}{U_1 + U_2} = \frac{\Delta U}{2\bar{U}}$$

$$U(y; R) = 1 + R \tanh y$$

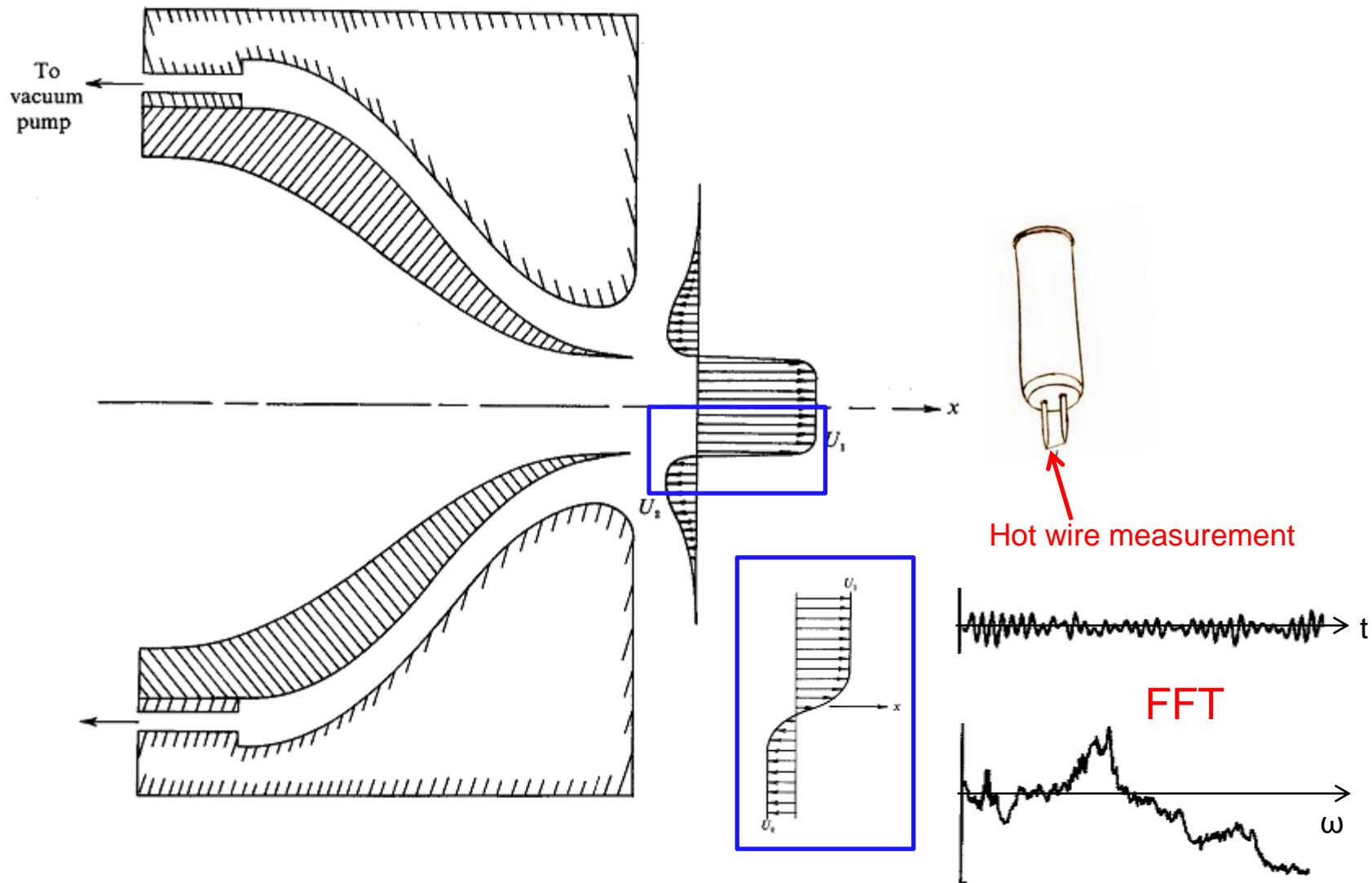


# APPLICATION TO MIXING LAYERS

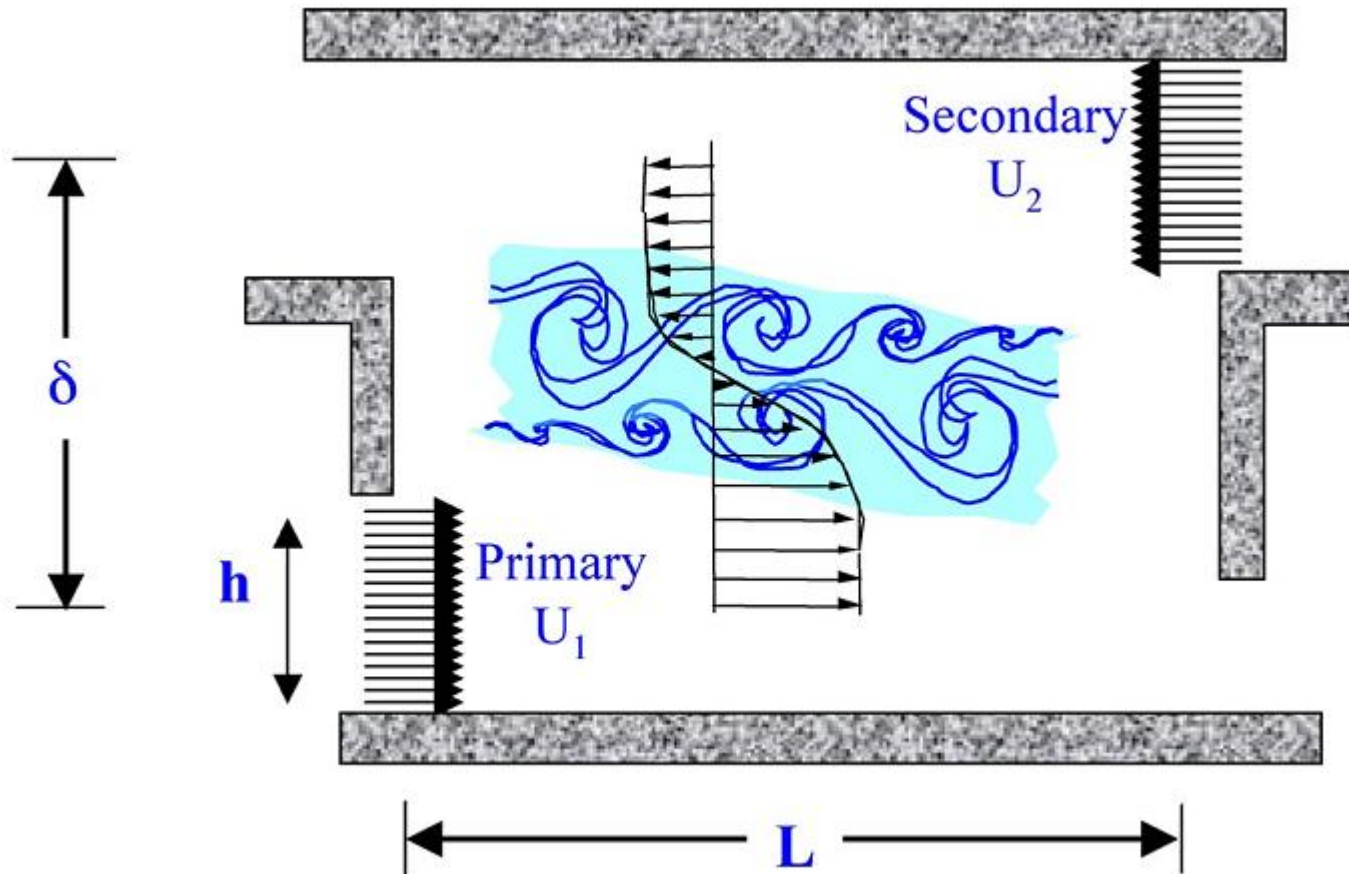
## Locus of complex absolute frequency



H.&Monkewitz (1985)

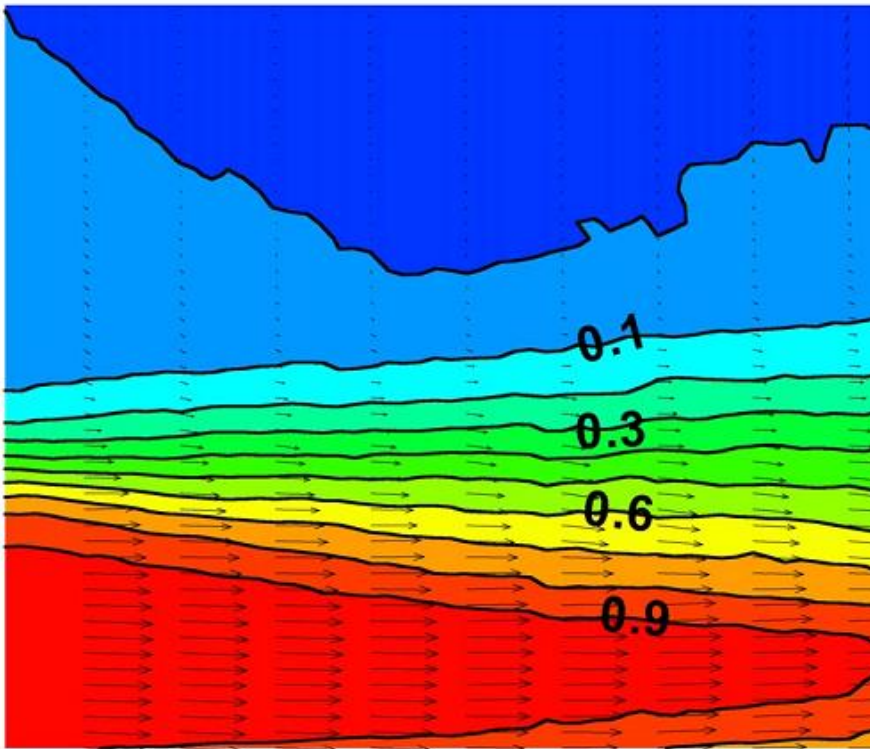


# Influence of countercurrent shear on turbulence level

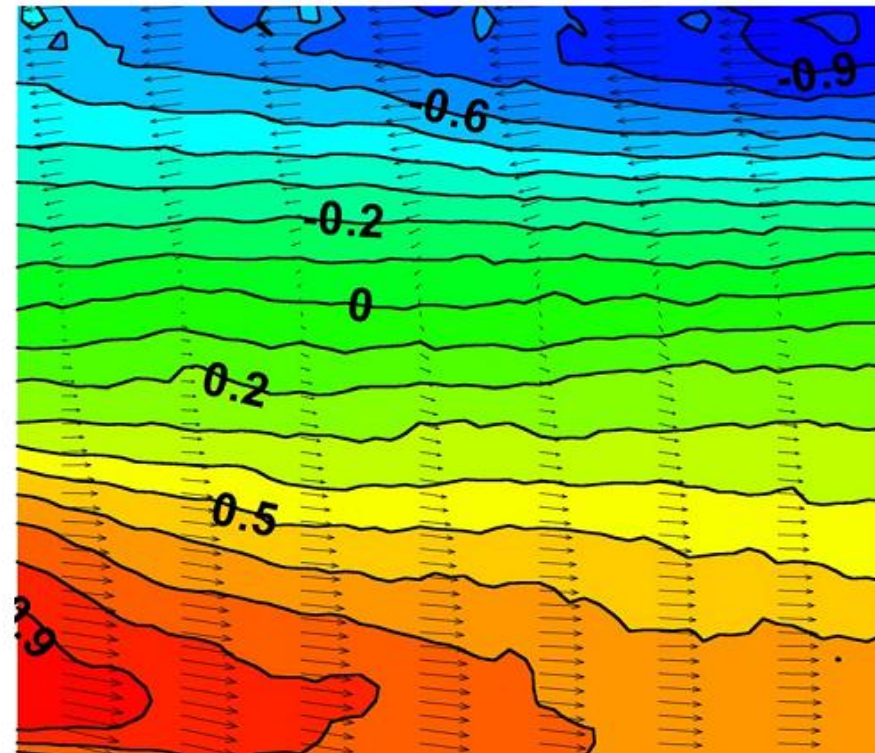


# Influence of countercurrent shear on turbulence level

Base flow



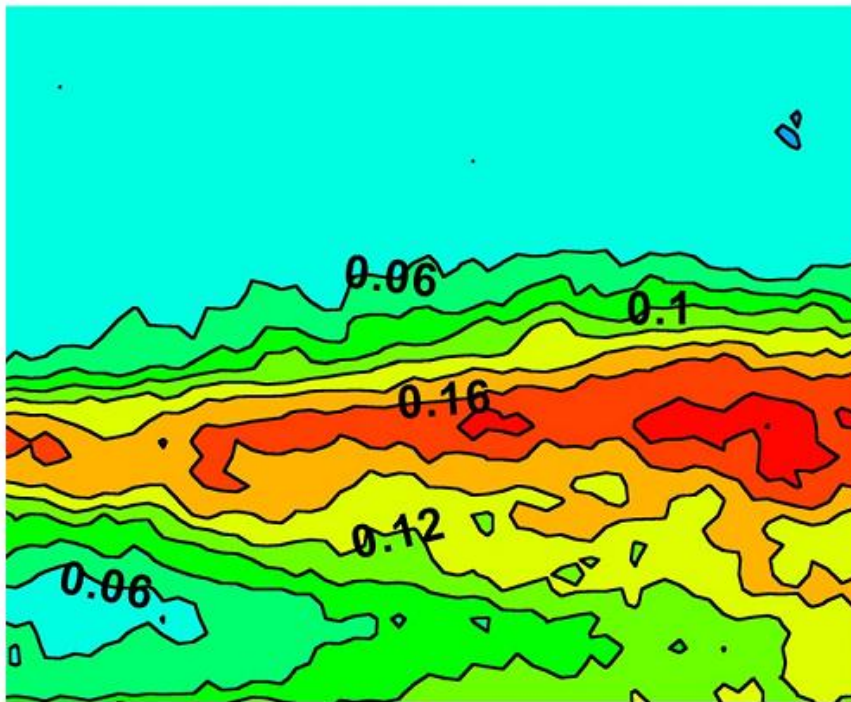
a) Single stream shear layer



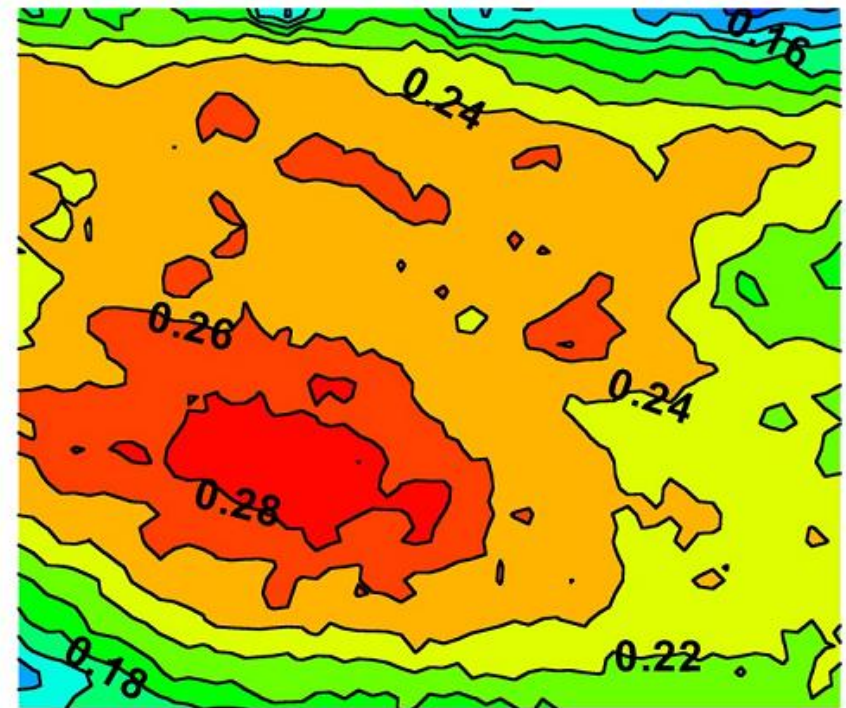
b) Countercurrent shear layer

# Influence of countercurrent shear on turbulence level

## Turbulence intensity

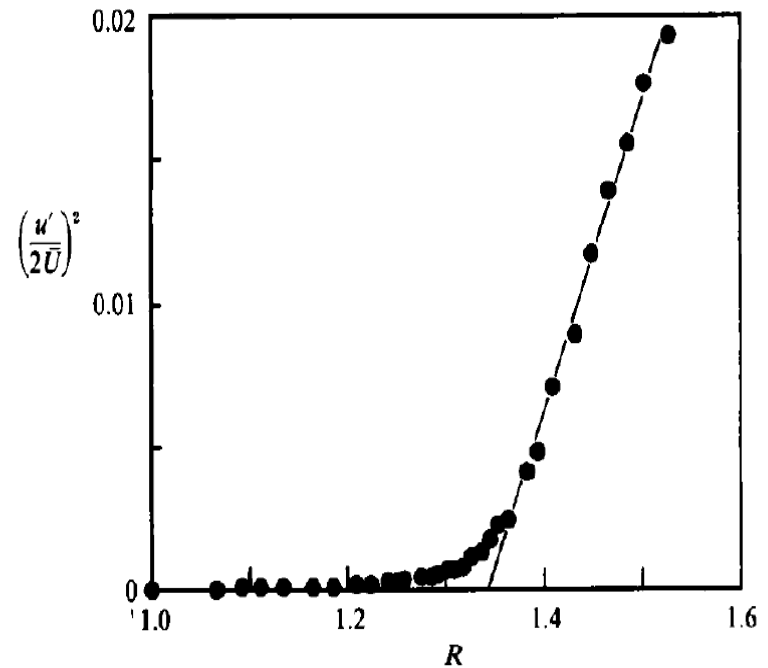
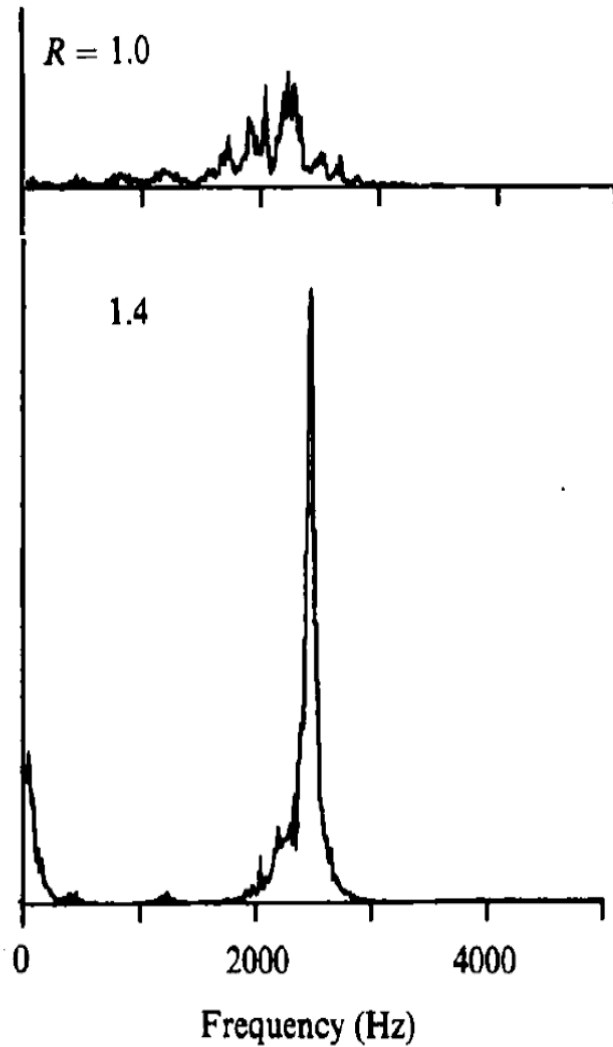


a) Single-stream shear layer



b) Countercurrent shear layer

# THE MIXING LAYER: SHIFT TO OSCILLATOR !



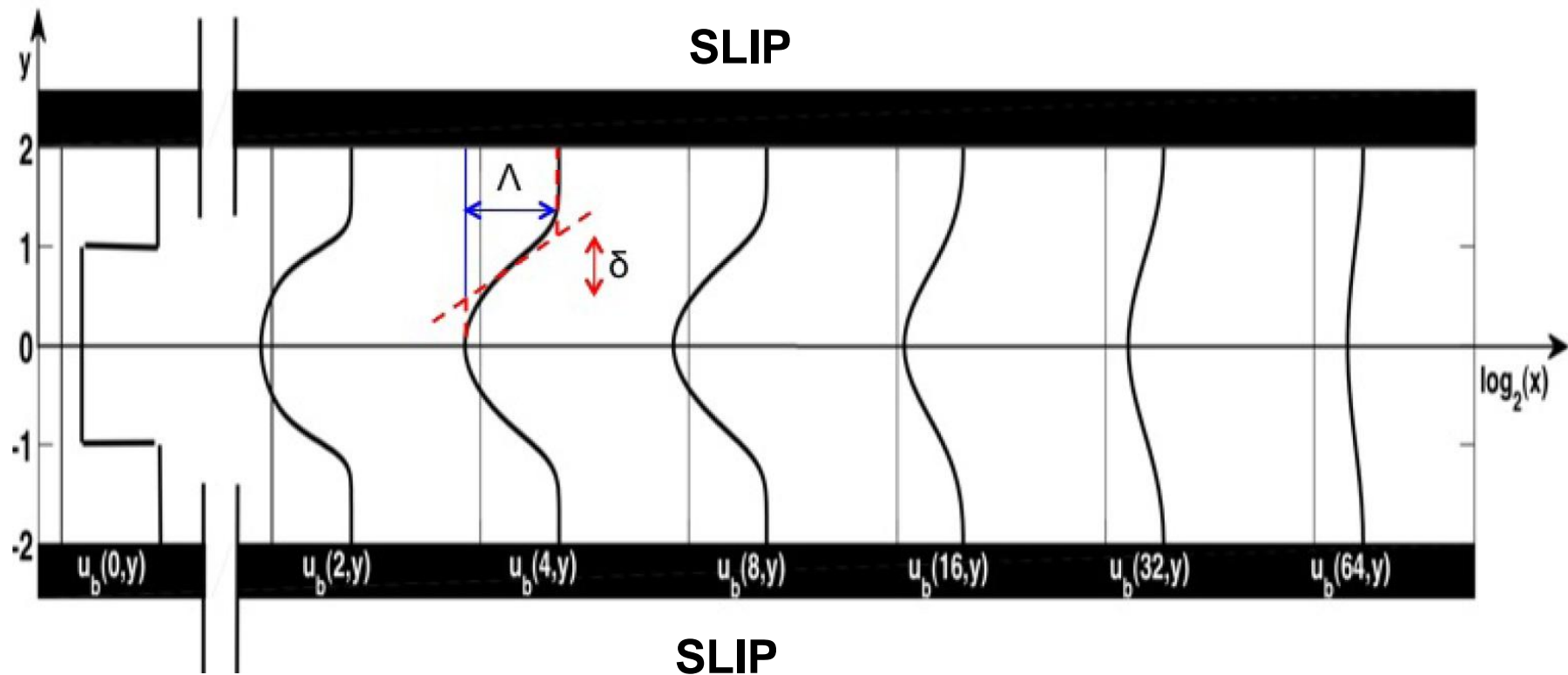
Strykowski & Niccum (1991)

# Direct Numerical Simulations with top-hat profile at inlet

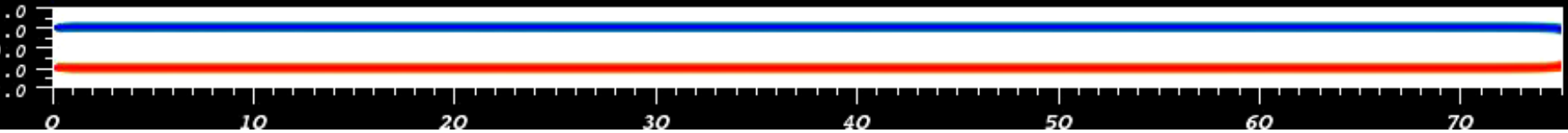
Viscous diffusion  $\longrightarrow$  Non-parallel flow

■  $\Lambda_{loc} = (U_{max} - U_{min}) / (U_{max} + U_{min})$

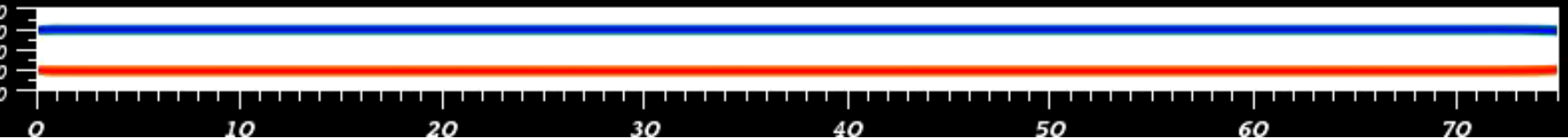
■  $\delta = (U_{max} - U_{min}) / (|dU/dy|_{max})$



# Vorticity field: $Re = 100$ , $h = 1$



$$\Lambda = -0.739$$

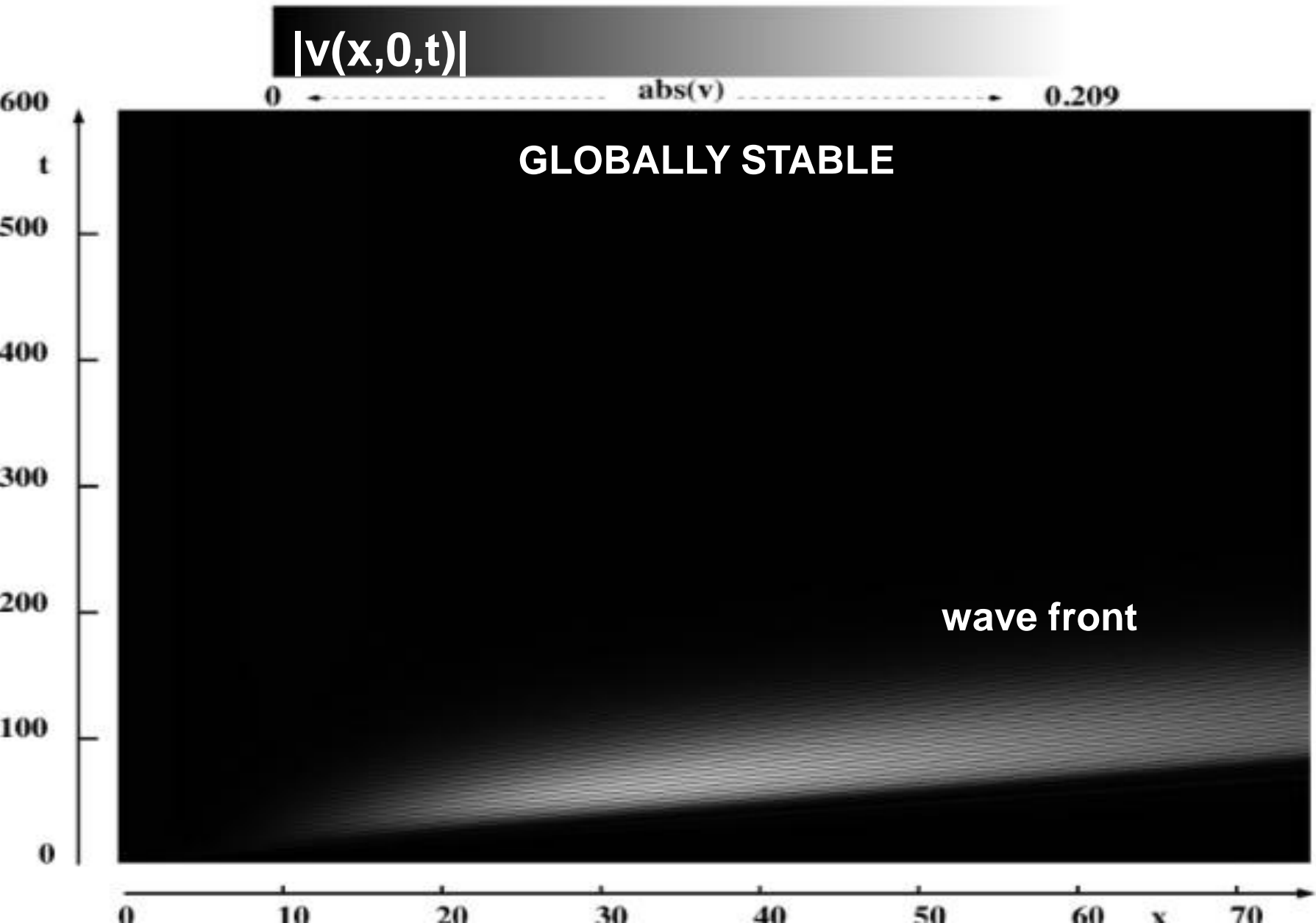


$$\Lambda = -0.667$$

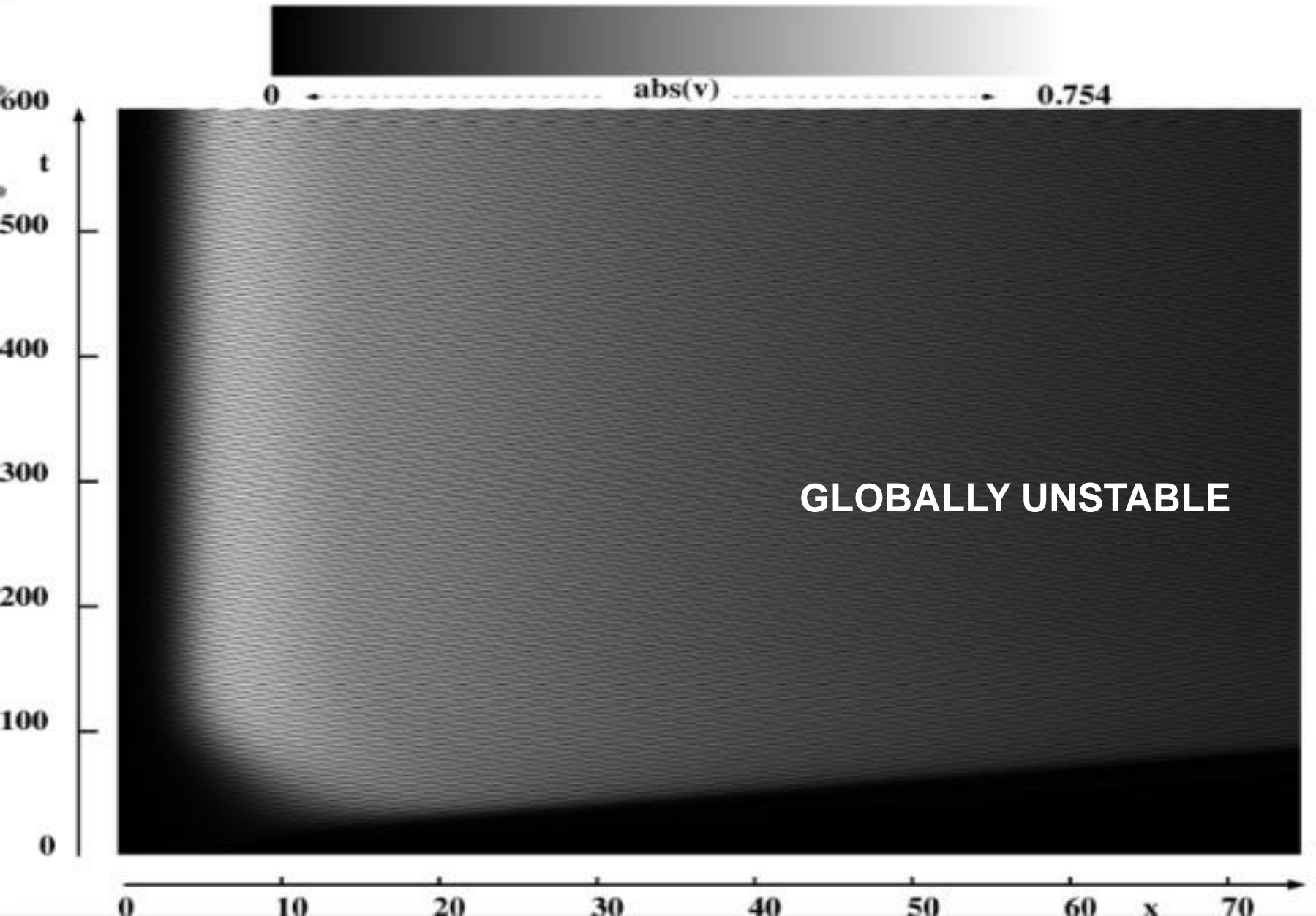
An increase in  $\Lambda$  (more coflow) advects the perturbation



# Spatio-temporal diagram, $h=1$ and $\Lambda = -0.667$



# Spatio-temporal diagram, $h=1$ and $\Lambda = -0.739$



# THE BLUFF BODY WAKE: A TYPICAL FLOW OSCILLATOR



$Re = 140$   
Periodic  
flow

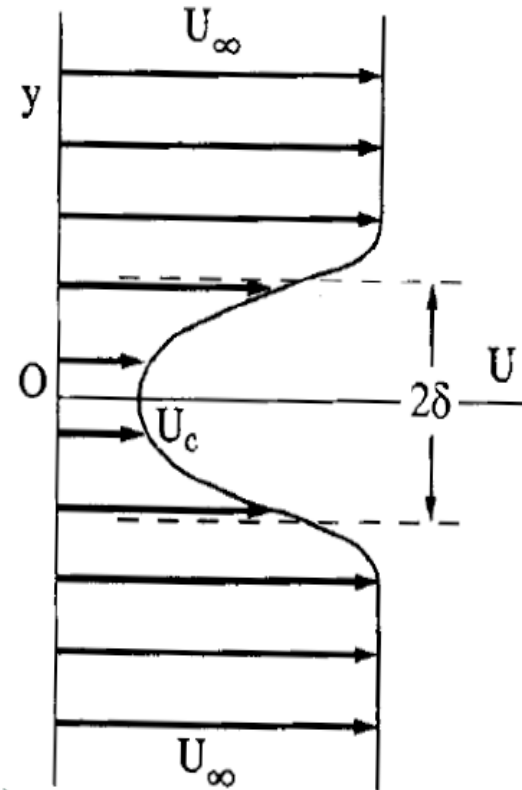
Taneda (1982)

# ABSOLUTE/CONVECTIVE INSTABILITY IN PARALLEL WAKES

Family of wake profiles

$$U(y) = U_\infty + (U_c - U_\infty) U_1\left(\frac{y}{\delta}; N\right)$$

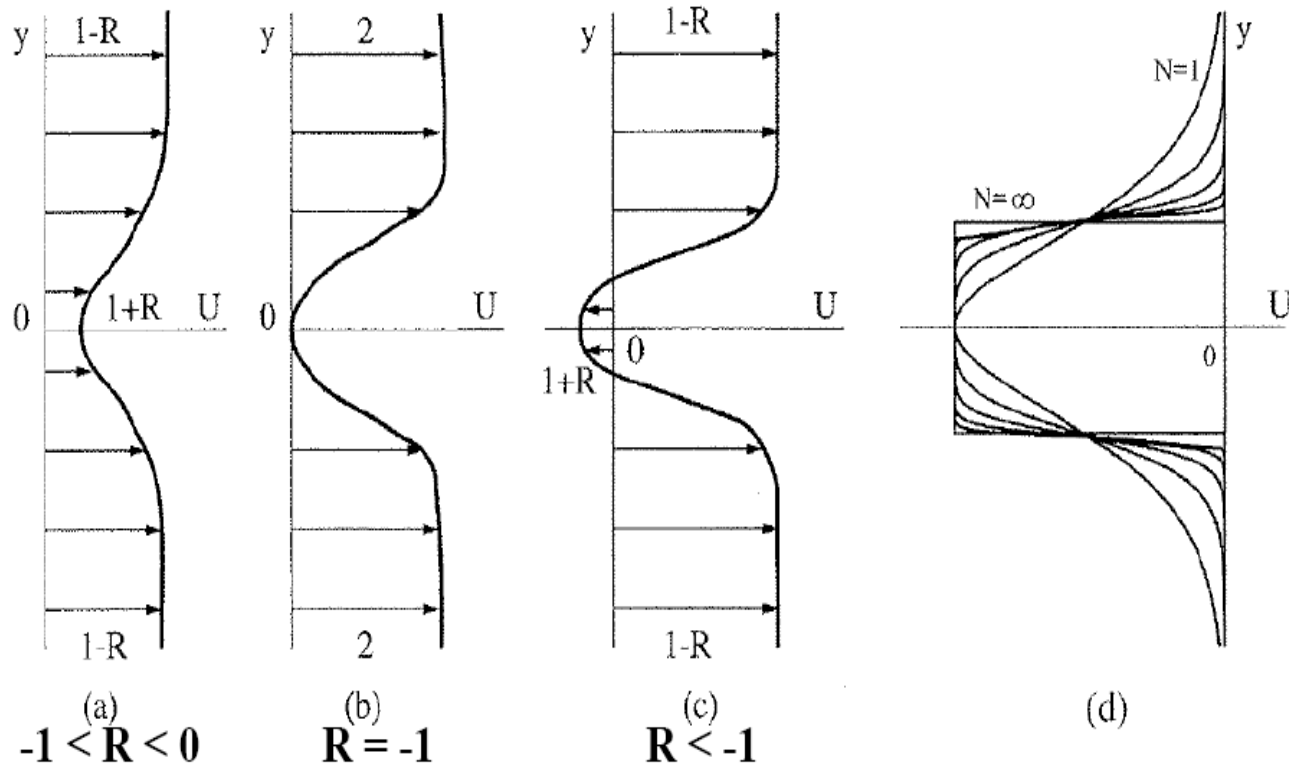
$$U_1(\xi; N) = [1 + \sinh^{2N}\{\xi \sinh^{-1}(1)\}]^{-1}$$



Monkewitz (1988)

# ABSOLUTE/CONVECTIVE INSTABILITY IN PARALLEL WAKES

## Family of wake profiles



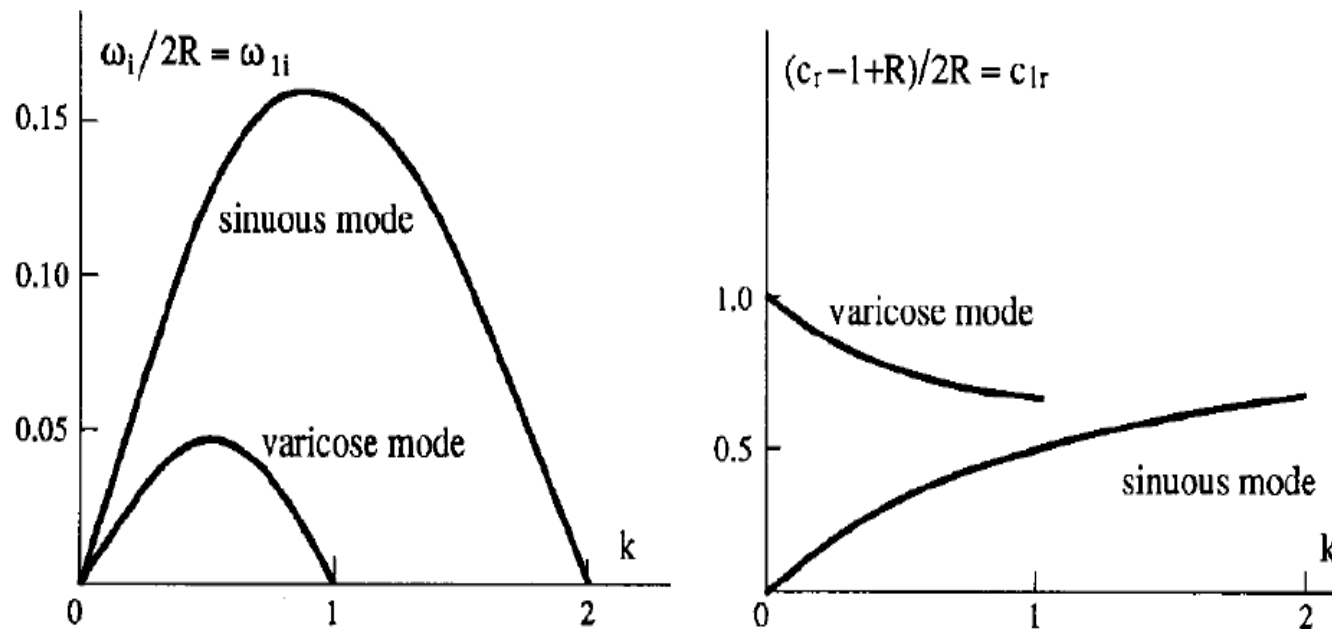
Effect of velocity ratio R

Effect of N

# ABSOLUTE/CONVECTIVE INSTABILITY IN PARALLEL 2D PARALLEL FLOW CONCEPTS

$\text{sech}^2 y$  wake

Temporal approach

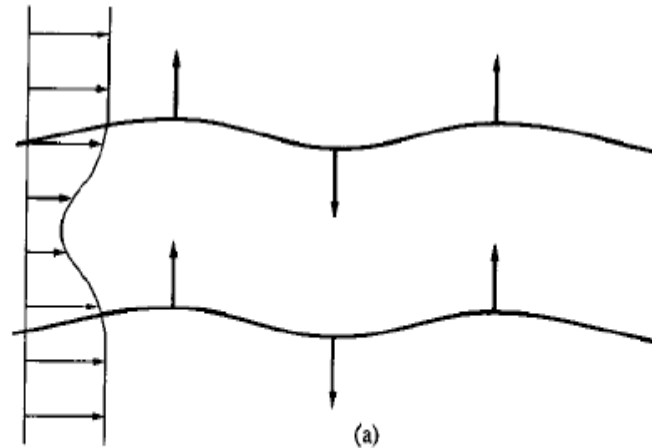


Betchov & Criminale (1966)

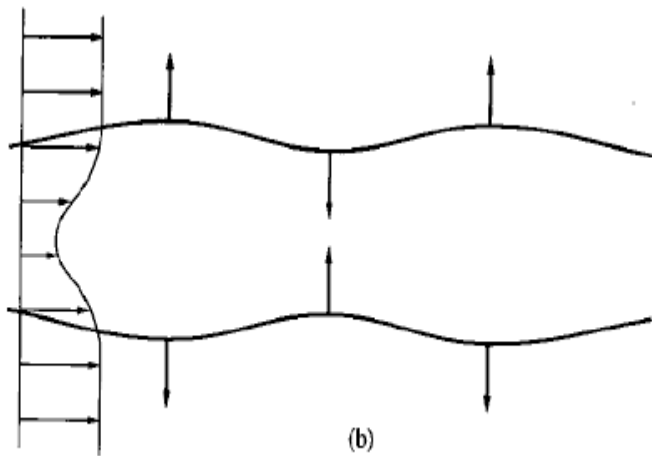
# 2D PARALLEL FLOW CONCEPTS

$\text{sech}^2 y$  wake

## Sinuuous and varicose modes



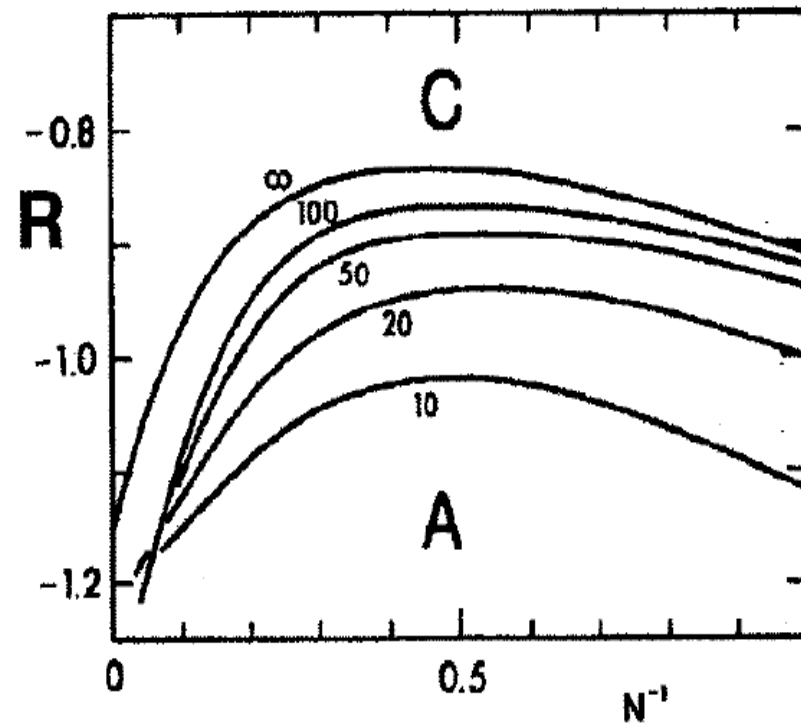
sinuous



varicose

# ABSOLUTE/CONVECTIVE INSTABILITY IN PARALLEL WAKES

Effect of steepness, velocity ratio and Reynolds number



Monkewitz (1988)

## LOCAL INSTABILITY BEHAVIOR OF CYLINDER WAKE

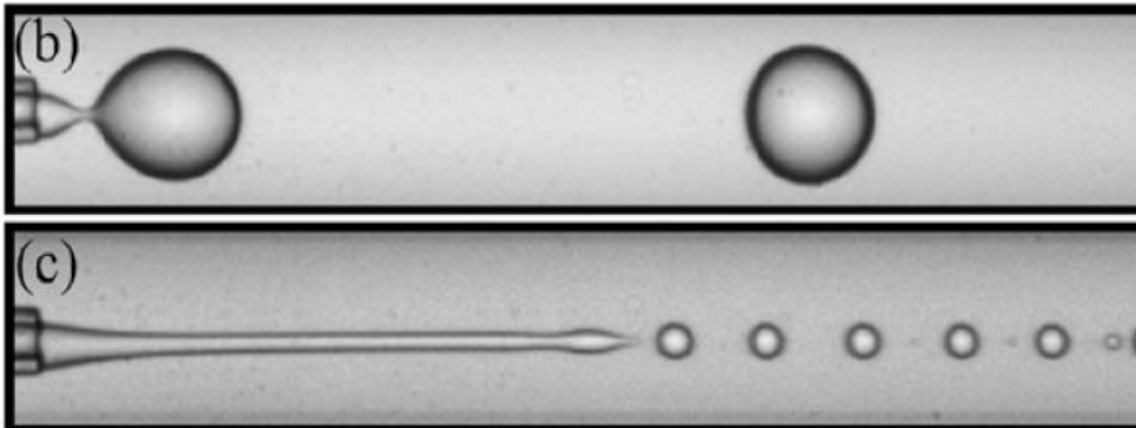
$$5 < Re < 25$$

**Convective instability**

$$25 < Re < 48.5$$

**Absolute instability**

# Dripping/Jetting transition linked to absolute/convective transition?



Absolutely unstable

Convectively unstable

Guillot et al. (2008), Utada et al. (2008)

## 5. Dispersion relation

$$\omega = Uk \pm \sqrt{\frac{\gamma k^2}{\rho} \left( k^2 - \frac{1}{R_0^2} \right) \frac{I'_0(kR)}{I_0(kR)}}$$

- **Unstable** if there exists one  $\omega$ ,  $\text{Im}(\omega) > 0$  at  $k < 1/R_0$
- **Neutral** if for all  $\omega$ ,  $\text{Im}(\omega) = 0$  at  $k > 1/R_0$
- **Stable (or damped)** if for all  $\omega$ ,  $\text{Im}(\omega) < 0$ :

The flow considered is not damped, we have neglected dissipation by neglecting viscosity

# Destabilisation d'un jet

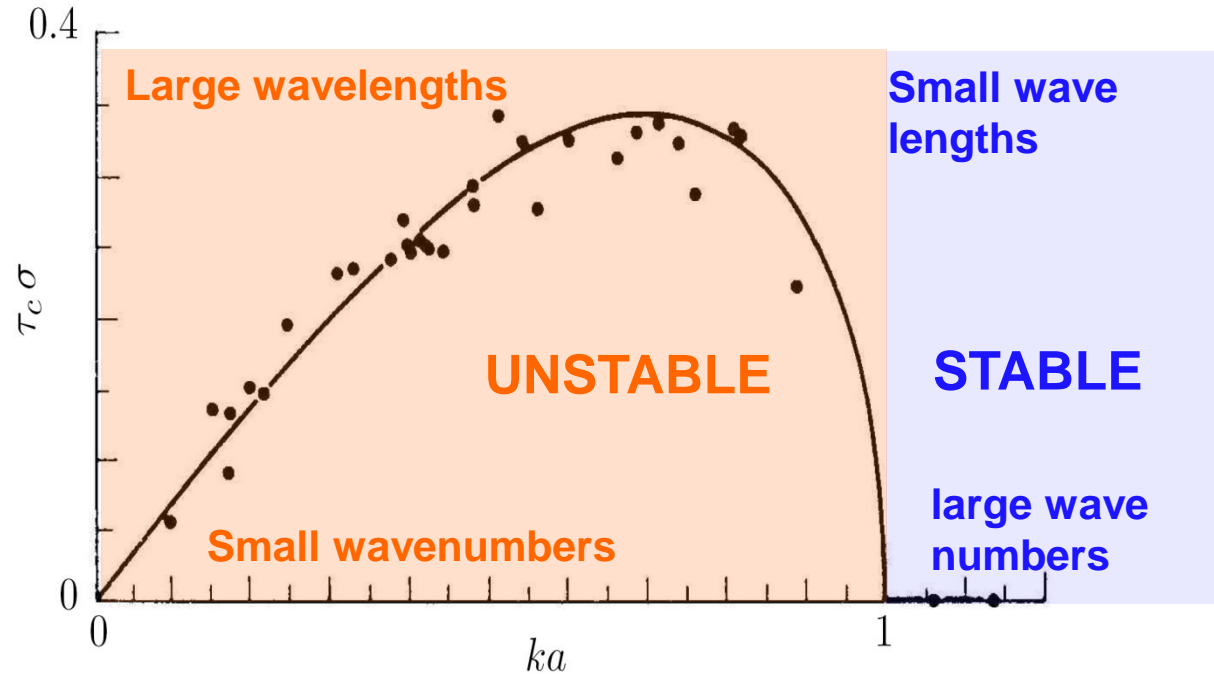
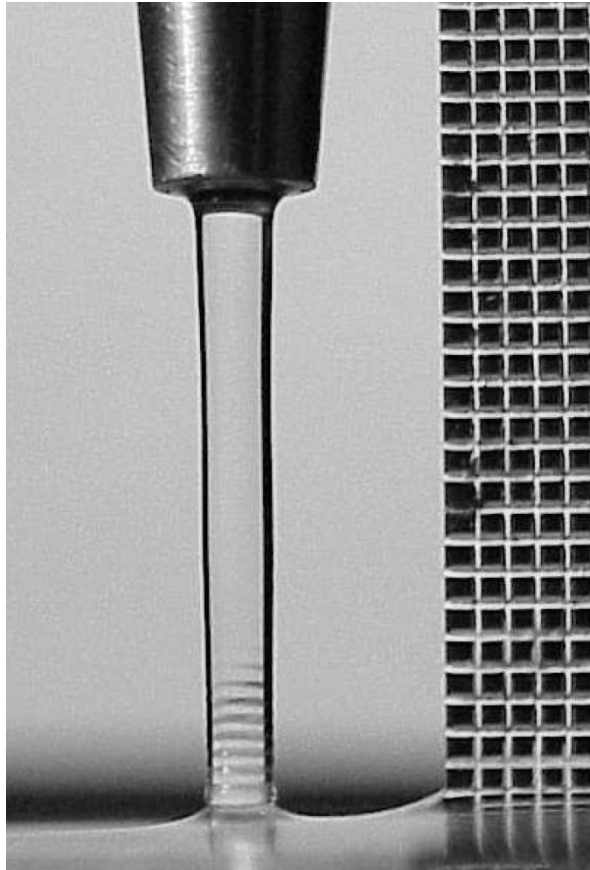


FIG. 2.10 – Taux de croissance  $\tau_c \sigma$ , avec  $\tau_c = \sqrt{\rho a^3 / \gamma}$ , de l'instabilité d'un filet fluide non visqueux, et points expérimentaux. D'après (Drazin & Reid 2004).



Surface tension is **destabilizing** as a consequence of the **radial** curvature  
Surface tension is **stabilizing** as a consequence of the **axial** curvature