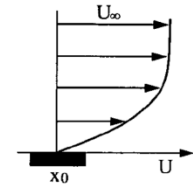
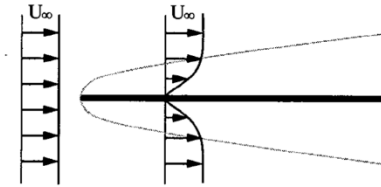


# Most flows are unstable...

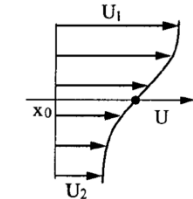
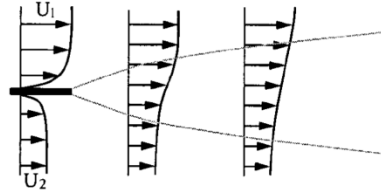
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3. Waves (phase velocity-group velocity)
4. Rayleigh Plateau (destabilization through surface tension)
5. Rayleigh-Benard (convection)
6. Taylor Couette-Centrifugal instability
7. Kelvin-Helmholtz
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9. Tollmien schlichting waves+ transient growth
10. Spatial growth

# SPATIALLY DEVELOPING SHEAR FLOWS

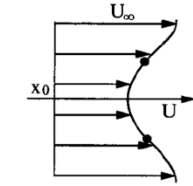
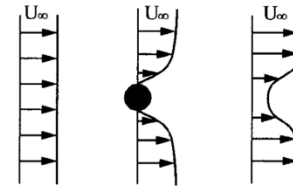
Flat plate boundary layer



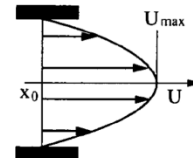
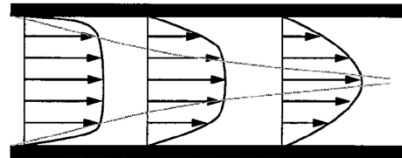
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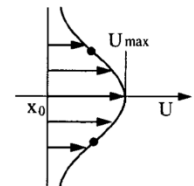
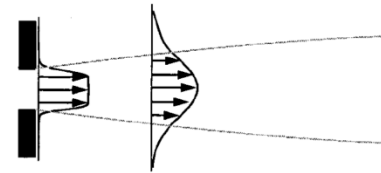
Cylinder wake



Plane channel flow



2D jet



# 2D PARALLEL FLOW CONCEPTS

## Dispersion relation

### 2D vorticity equation

$$\left( \frac{\partial}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial \Psi}{\partial y} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial \Psi}{\partial x} \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \right) \nabla^2 \Psi = \frac{1}{Re} \nabla^4 \Psi$$

### Basic flow + perturbation

$$\Psi(x, t) = \int U(y) dy + \psi(x, y, t)$$

### Linear vorticity equation

$$\left( \frac{\partial}{\partial t} + U(y) \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \right) \nabla^2 \psi - U''(y) \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial x} = \frac{1}{Re} \nabla^4 \psi$$

## Dispersion relation

$$D(k, \omega) = 0$$

Temporal approach:

$k$  is real;  $\omega$  is complex

Perturbation grow and decay in time!

Spatial approach:

$\omega$  is real;  $k$  is complex

Perturbations grow and decay in space!

# *Shear layer is inviscidly unstable!*

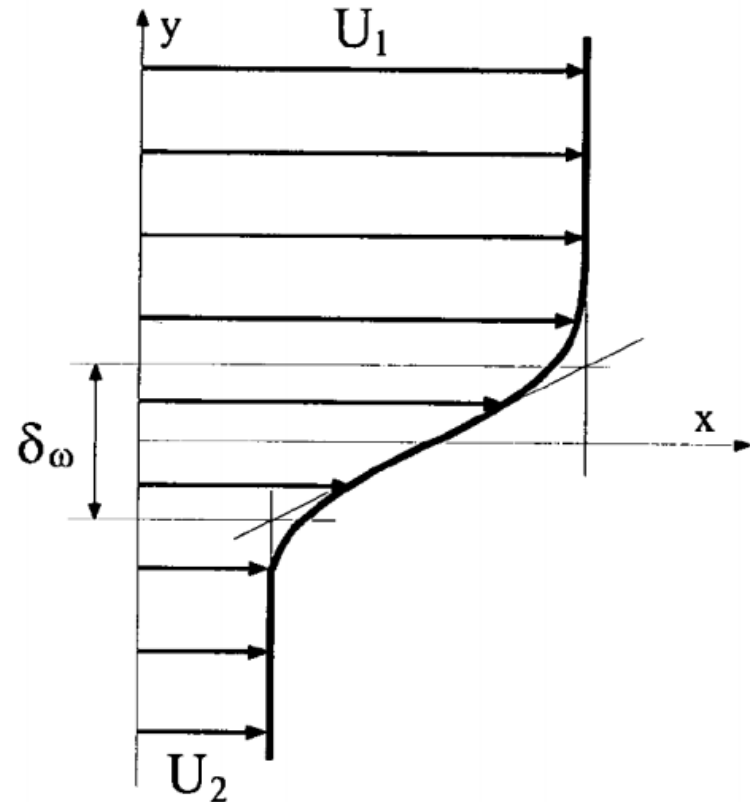
Hyperbolic tangent mixing layer

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

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

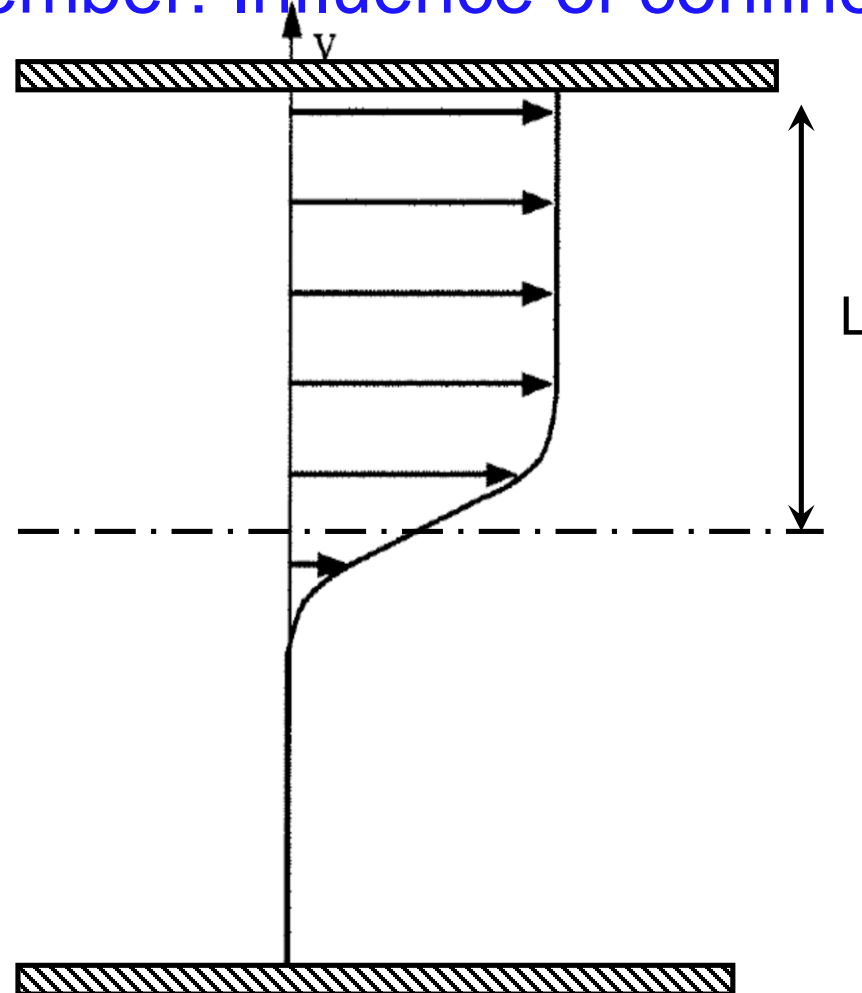
**Velocity ratio**

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



*Why?*

*Only a necessary condition for instability!*  
Remember: Influence of confinement



$$R = 1$$

## 2D PARALLEL FLOW CONCEPTS

Hyperbolic tangent mixing layer

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

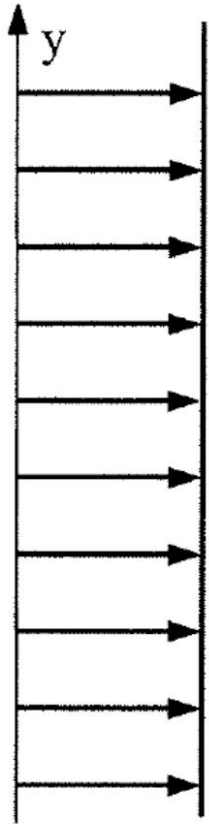
$$U_1(y) = \tanh y$$

Dispersion relation

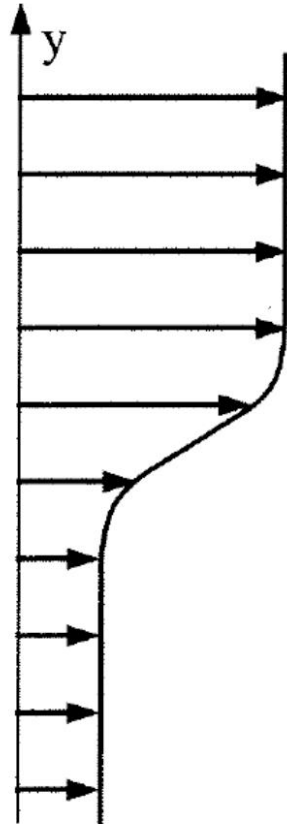
$$\omega(k; R) = k + R \omega_1(k)$$

# PARALLEL FLOW CONCEPTS

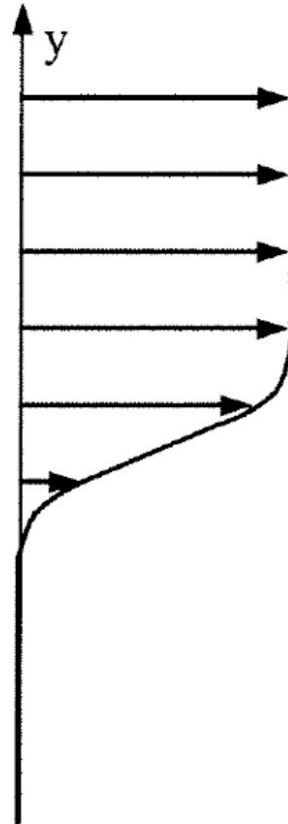
## Effect of velocity ratio



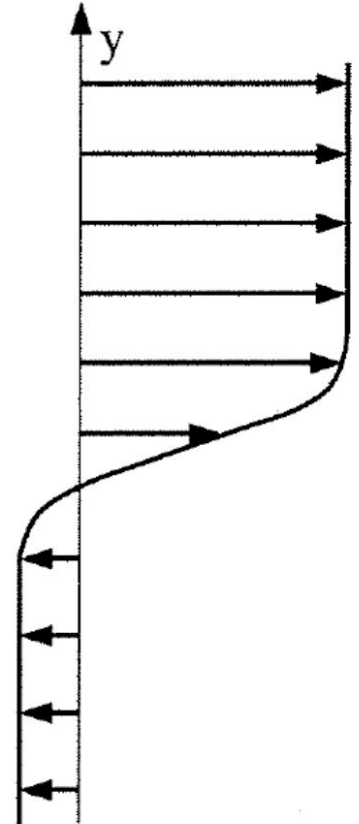
$$R = 0$$



$$0 < R < 1$$



$$R = 1$$



$$R > 1$$



## 2D PARALLEL FLOW CONCEPTS

Hyperbolic tangent mixing layer

**Temporal approach**

$$\omega_1(k) = i \omega_{1,i}(k)$$

$$\omega_i(k; R) = R \omega_{1,i}(k)$$

$$c_r = \omega_r / k = 1$$

Temporal approach:  $k$  is real;  $\omega$  is complex

## 2D PARALLEL FLOW CONCEPTS

### Broken-line profile mixing layer

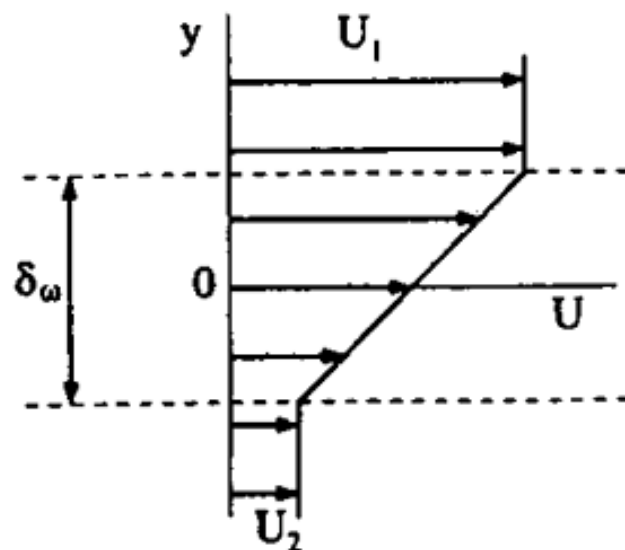
$$U(y) = \begin{cases} U_1, & y > \delta_\omega/2 \\ (U_1 + U_2)/2 + (U_1 - U_2)y/\delta_\omega, & |y| < \delta_\omega/2 \\ U_2, & y < -\delta_\omega/2 \end{cases}$$

$$\phi'' - k^2 \phi = 0$$

$$\phi_1(y) = A_1 e^{-ky}, \quad y > \delta_\omega/2,$$

$$\phi_2(y) = B_2 e^{ky}, \quad y < -\delta_\omega/2,$$

$$\phi_0(y) = A_0 e^{-ky} + B_0 e^{ky}, \quad |y| < \delta_\omega/2$$



## 2D PARALLEL FLOW CONCEPTS

Broken-line profile mixing layer

$$A_1 e^{-k\delta_\omega/2} = A_0 e^{-k\delta_\omega/2} + B_0 e^{k\delta_\omega/2},$$

$$B_2 e^{-k\delta_\omega/2} = A_0 e^{k\delta_\omega/2} + B_0 e^{-k\delta_\omega/2},$$

$$\begin{aligned} -k(U_1 - c)A_1 e^{-k\delta_\omega/2} &= k(U_1 - c)(-A_0 e^{-k\delta_\omega/2} + B_0 e^{k\delta_\omega/2}) \\ &\quad - \frac{\Delta U}{\delta_\omega}(A_0 e^{-k\delta_\omega/2} + B_0 e^{k\delta_\omega/2}), \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} k(U_2 - c)B_2 e^{-k\delta_\omega/2} &= k(U_2 - c)(-A_0 e^{k\delta_\omega/2} + B_0 e^{-k\delta_\omega/2}) \\ &\quad - \frac{\Delta U}{\delta_\omega}(A_0 e^{k\delta_\omega/2} + B_0 e^{-k\delta_\omega/2}). \end{aligned}$$

## 2D PARALLEL FLOW CONCEPTS

Broken-line profile mixing layer

$$\begin{aligned} -\frac{\Delta U}{\delta_\omega} A_0 e^{-k\delta_\omega/2} + \left[ 2k(U_1 - c) - \frac{\Delta U}{\delta_\omega} \right] B_0 e^{k\delta_\omega/2} &= 0 \\ \left[ 2k(U_2 - c) + \frac{\Delta U}{\delta_\omega} \right] A_0 e^{k\delta_\omega/2} + \frac{\Delta U}{\delta_\omega} B_0 e^{-k\delta_\omega/2} &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

## 2D PARALLEL FLOW CONCEPTS

Broken-line profile mixing layer

$$4(k\delta_\omega)^2(c - \bar{U})^2 - \left[ (k\delta_\omega - 1)^2 - e^{-2k\delta_\omega} \right] \Delta U^2 = 0$$

$$k\delta_\omega \mapsto 2k, c/\bar{U} \mapsto c$$

$$4k^2(c - 1)^2 - R^2 \left[ (2k - 1)^2 - e^{-4k} \right] = 0$$

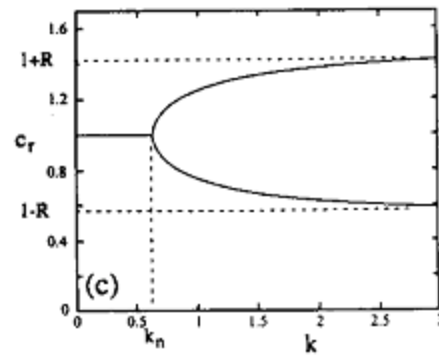
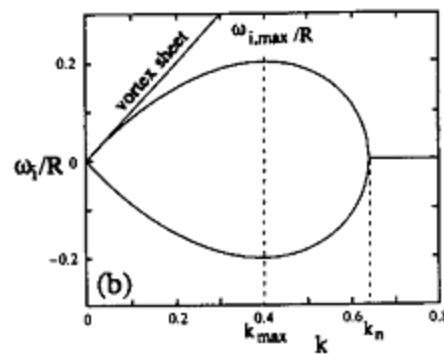
$$c \equiv \frac{\omega}{k} = 1 \pm \frac{R}{2k} \left[ (2k - 1)^2 - e^{-4k} \right]^{1/2}$$

## 2D PARALLEL FLOW CONCEPTS

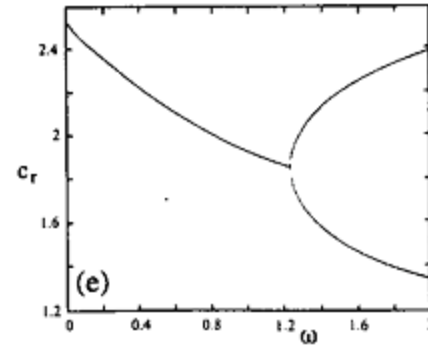
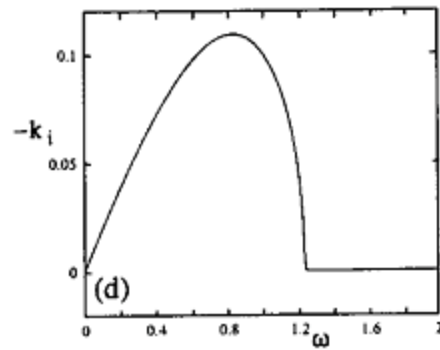
### Broken-line profile mixing layer

Temporal approach

$$2k_n - 1 = e^{-2k_n}$$



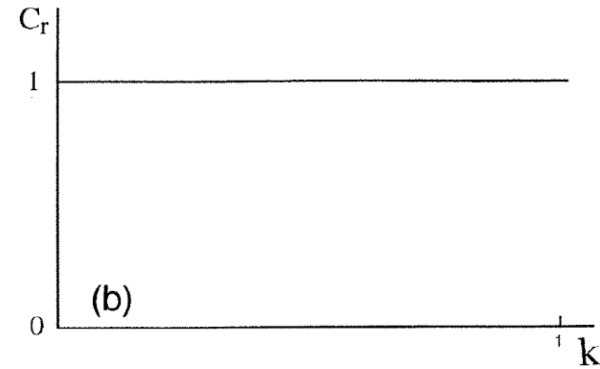
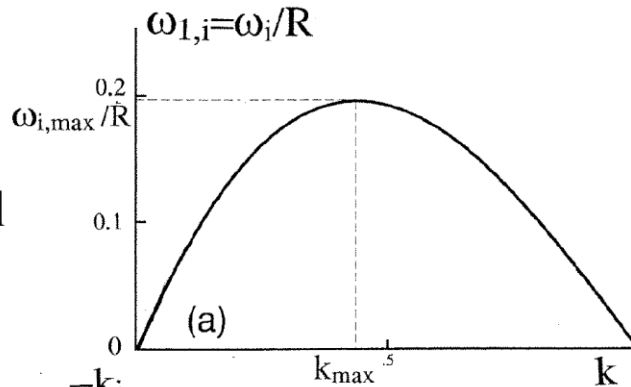
Spatial approach  
 $R = 0.5$



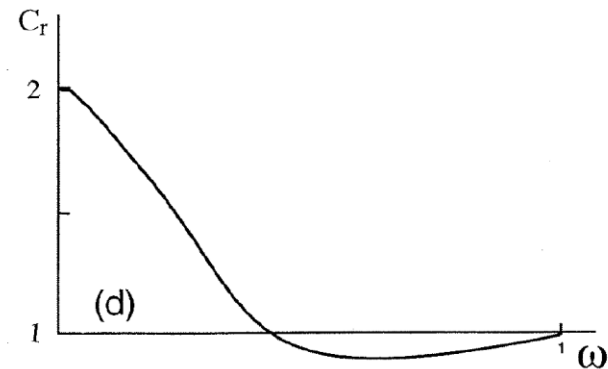
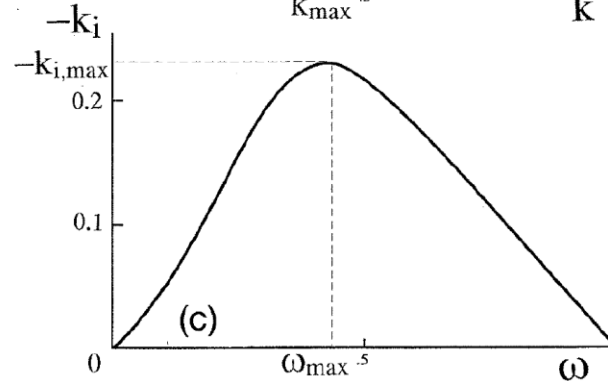
# 2D PARALLEL FLOW CONCEPTS

## Hyperbolic tangent mixing layer

**Temporal**



**Spatial**



Michalke (1964, 65)

# 2D PARALLEL FLOW CONCEPTS

## Hyperbolic tangent mixing layer

**Spatial approach**

$$k + R \omega_1(k) = \omega$$

$$R \ll 1$$

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

Gaster transformation



# Solving a spatial instability problem

## ex: Rayleigh equation

# Back to temporal stability analysis!

## How to solve Rayleigh equation for real $k$ and complex $\omega$ ?

We fix  $k$ , we need to find all  $\omega$  and  $\psi$  such that

$$k \left( U \left( \frac{d^2}{dy^2} - k^2 \right) - U''(y) \right) \psi = \omega \left( \frac{d^2}{dy^2} - k^2 \right) \psi$$
$$\psi(-L) = \psi(L) = 0$$

Formally,

$$\mathcal{A}\psi = c\mathcal{E}\psi \quad c=\omega/k$$

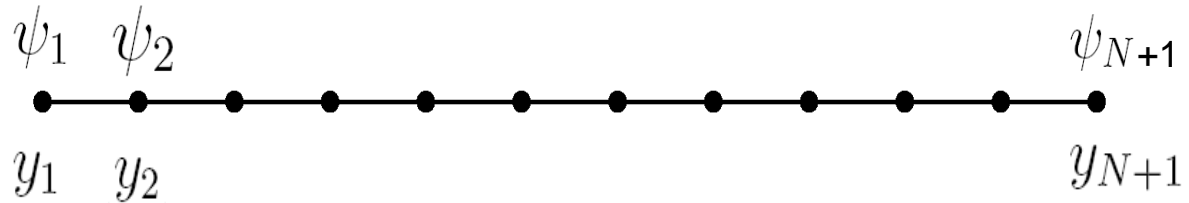
Discretize

$$\mathbf{A}\Psi = c\mathbf{E}\Psi$$

Generalized eigenvalue problem

# How to solve Rayleigh equation for real $k$ and complex $\omega$ ?

Finite differences of order 1



$$\Psi = \begin{pmatrix} \psi(y_1) \\ \psi(y_2) \\ \vdots \\ \psi(y_N) \\ \psi(y_{N+1}) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \psi_1 \\ \psi_2 \\ \vdots \\ \psi_N \\ \psi_{N+1} \end{pmatrix} \quad \Psi'' = \begin{pmatrix} \psi''(y_1) \\ \psi''(y_2) \\ \vdots \\ \psi''(y_N) \\ \psi''(y_{N+1}) \end{pmatrix}$$

## How to solve Rayleigh equation for real $k$ and complex $\omega$ ?

Finite differences

$$\begin{pmatrix} \psi_2'' \\ \psi_3'' \\ \psi_4'' \\ \vdots \\ \psi_{N-3}'' \\ \psi_{N-2}'' \\ \psi_{N-1}'' \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -2 & 1 & 0 & \dots & \dots & \dots & 0 \\ 1 & -2 & 1 & 0 & \dots & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -2 & 1 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ 0 & \dots & 0 & 1 & -2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & \dots & \dots & 0 & 1 & -2 & 1 \\ 0 & \dots & \dots & \dots & 0 & 1 & -2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \psi_2 \\ \psi_3 \\ \psi_4 \\ \vdots \\ \psi_{N-3} \\ \psi_{N-2} \\ \psi_{N-1} \end{pmatrix}$$

Sparse matrix but low order!

## How to solve Rayleigh equation for complex $k$ and real $\omega$ ?

We fix  $\omega$ , we need to find all  $k$  and  $\psi$  such that

$$k \left( U \left( \frac{d^2}{dy^2} - k^2 \right) - U''(y) \right) \psi = \omega \left( \frac{d^2}{dy^2} - k^2 \right) \psi$$
$$\psi(-L) = \psi(L) = 0$$

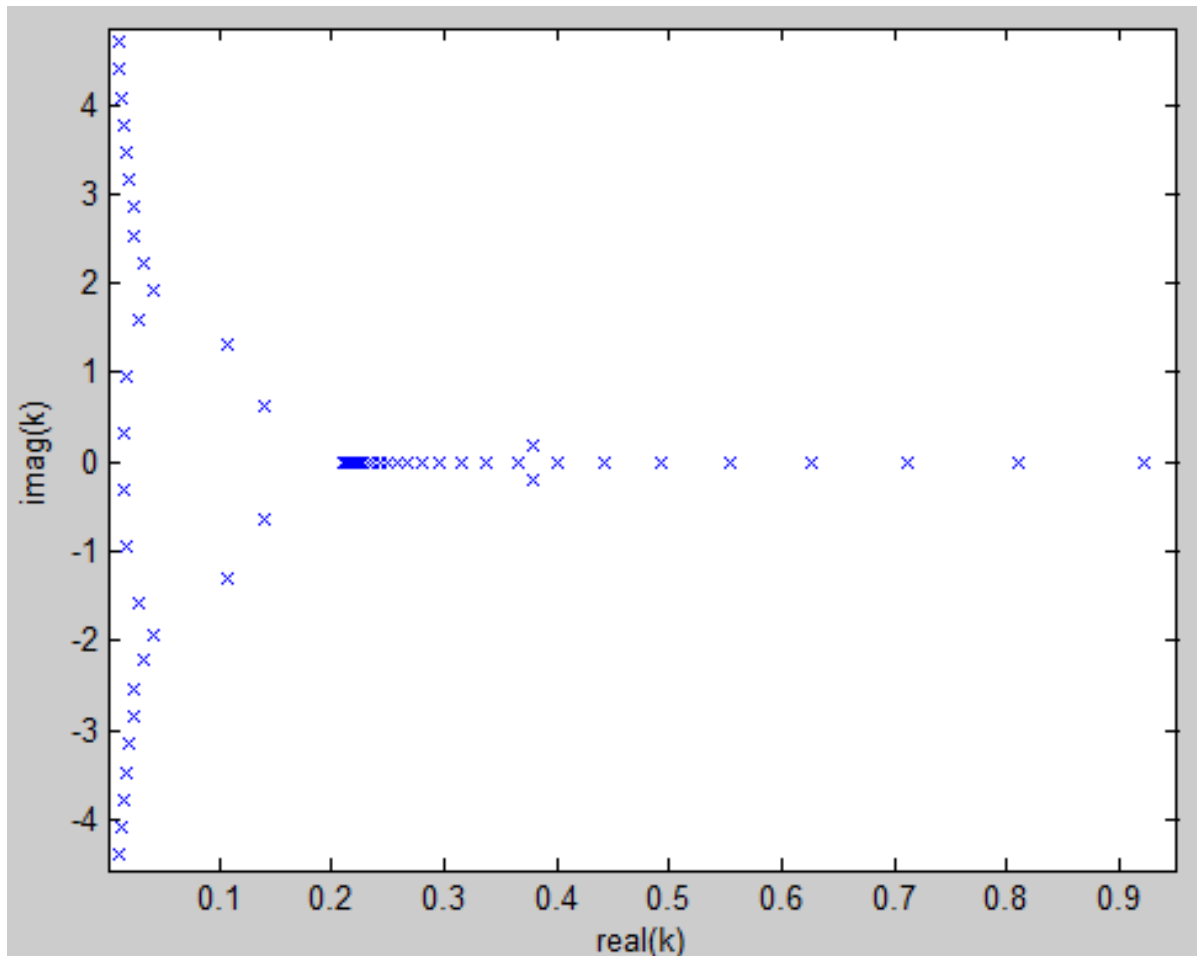
Formally,

$$(A_0(\omega, y) + kA_1(\omega, y) + k^2A_2(\omega, y) + k^3A_3(\omega, y)) \psi = 0$$

Polynomial eigenvalue problem

# Many more eigenvalues (for Rayleigh equation: 3 x more!)

$$U=1+0.9*\tanh(y); \omega=0.4; L=5$$



Which of these waves are unstable?

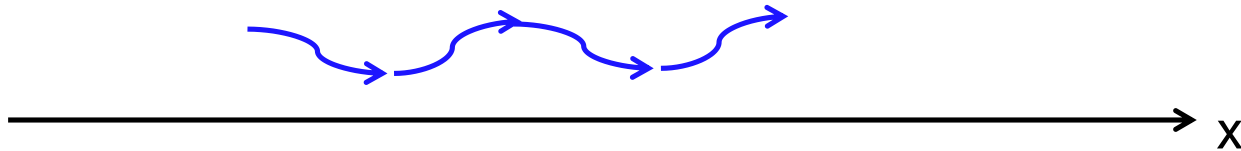
$\text{Im}(k) < 0?$

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

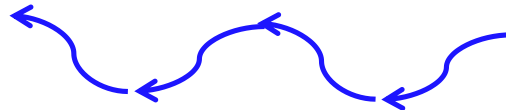
Recall :  $\exp(i(kx - \omega t))$

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  $x$



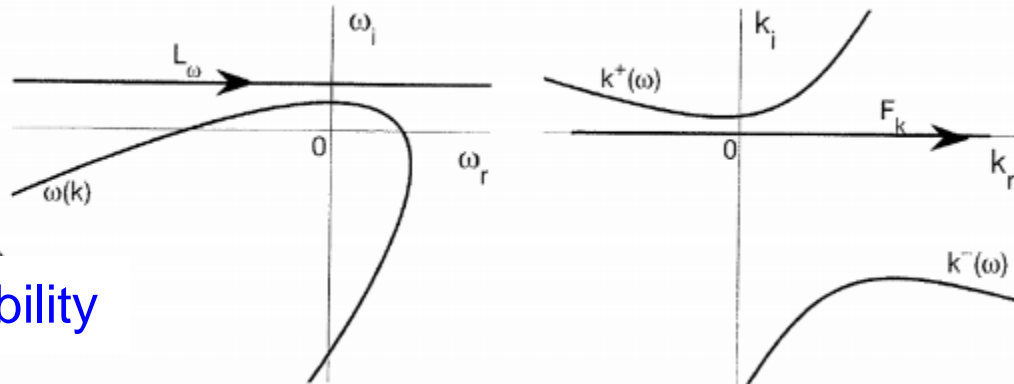


However, determining this direction of propagation is particularly difficult, except in the case of a temporally stable flow.

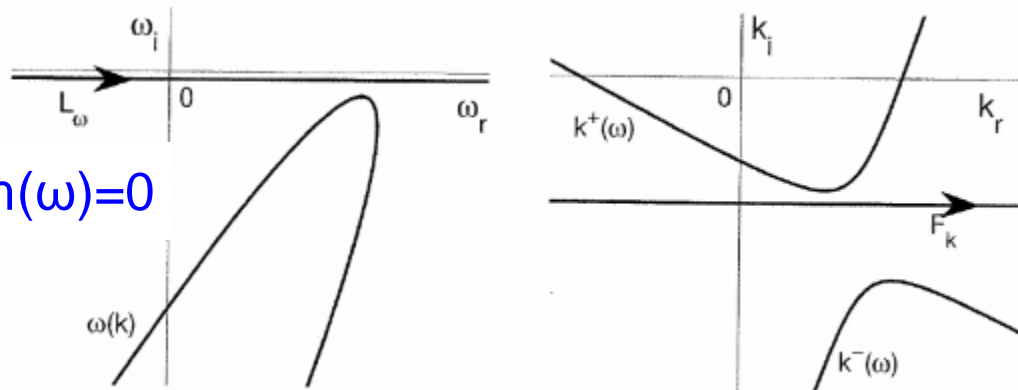
The addition of a positive imaginary offset to the frequency makes the temporal problem stable!

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

offset spatial stability



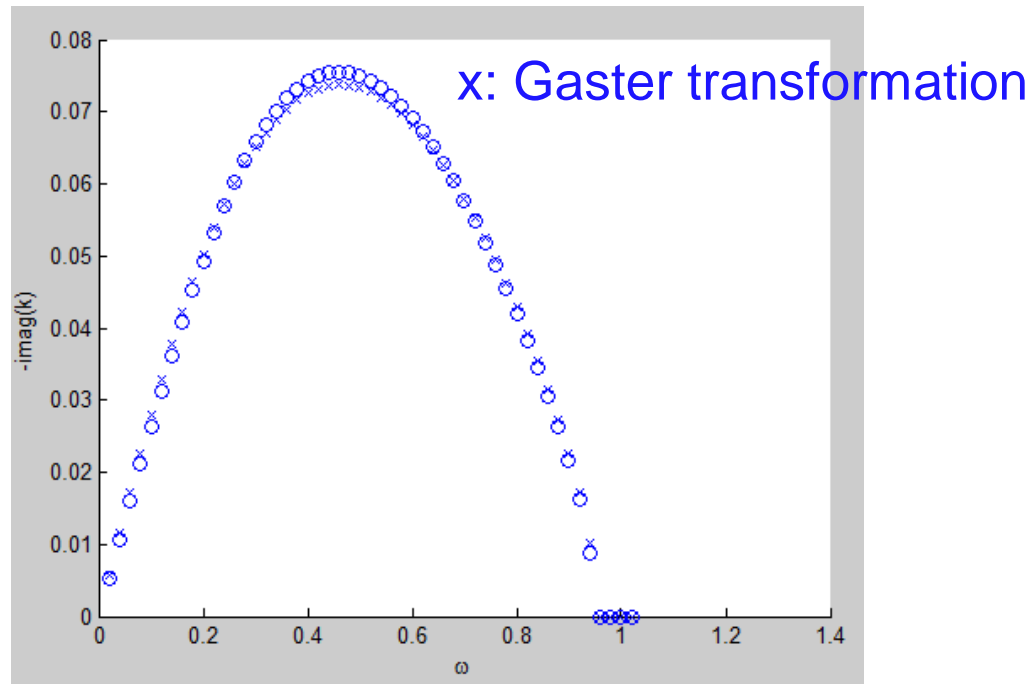
spatial stability:  $\text{Im}(\omega)=0$



The branches are then followed by continuity

## Validity of Gaster transformation?

$R=0.4$



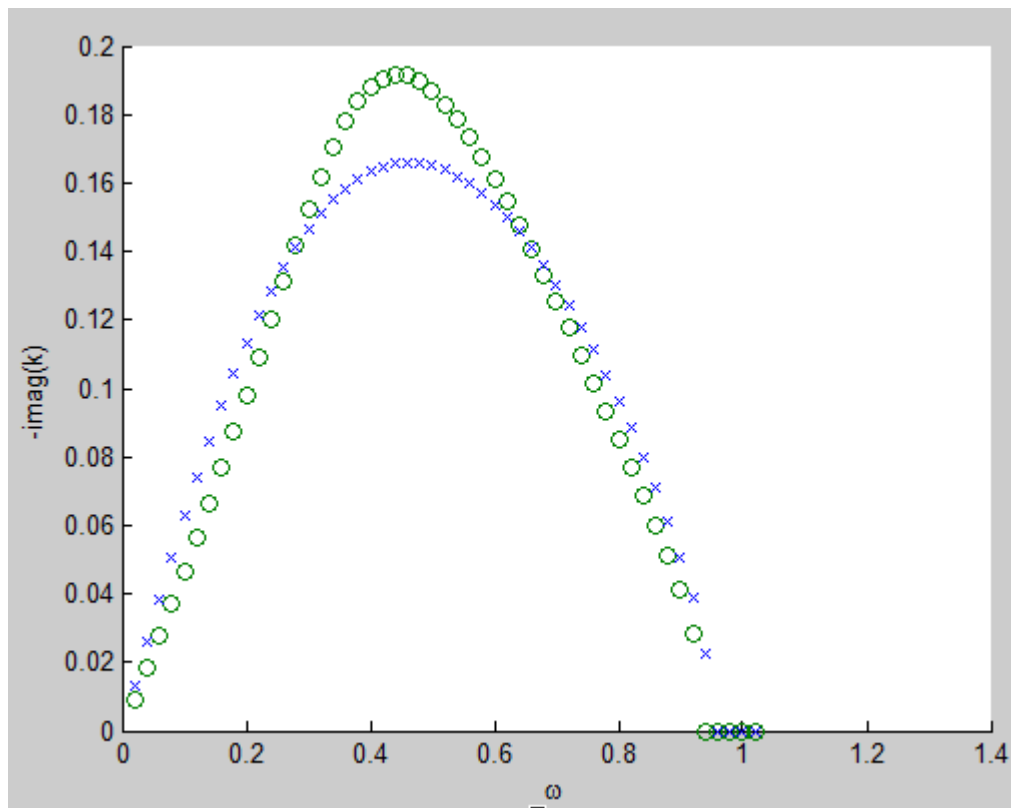
$$R \ll 1$$

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

## Validity of Gaster transformation?

R=0.9

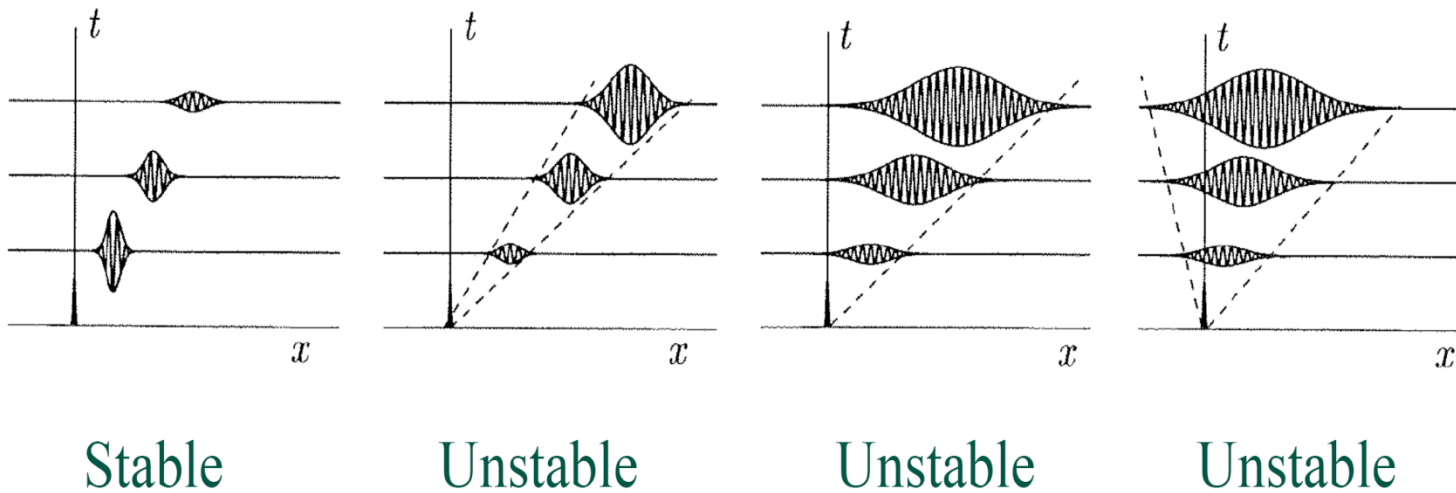
x: Gaster transformation



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

# LINEAR IMPULSE RESPONSE: ABSOLUTE/CONVECTIVE INSTABILITY

Green's function or impulse response



Briggs (1964) Bers (1983)  
Huerre and Monkewitz (1985)

## **LINEAR IMPULSE RESPONSE: ABSOLUTE/CONVECTIVE INSTABILITY**

Linearly stable flow

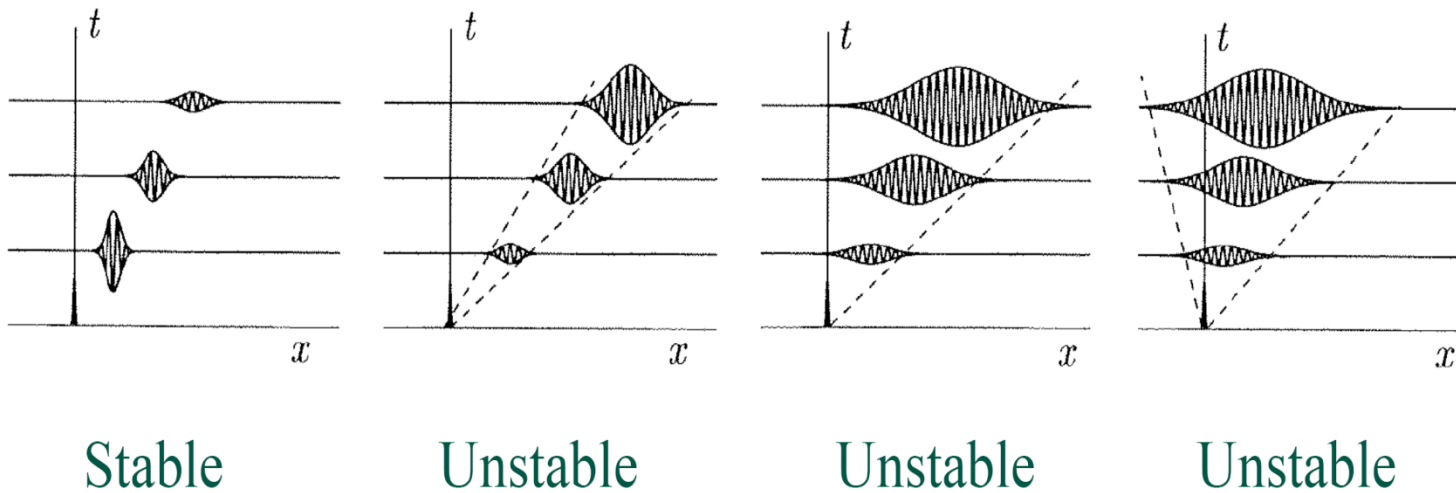
$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} G(x, t) = 0 \quad \text{along all rays } x/t = \text{const.}$$

Linearly unstable flow

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} G(x, t) = \infty \quad \text{along at least one ray } x/t = \text{const.}$$

# LINEAR IMPULSE RESPONSE: ABSOLUTE/CONVECTIVE INSTABILITY

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## LINEAR IMPULSE RESPONSE: ABSOLUTE/CONVECTIVE INSTABILITY

Convectively unstable flow

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} G(x, t) = 0 \quad \text{along the ray } x/t = 0$$

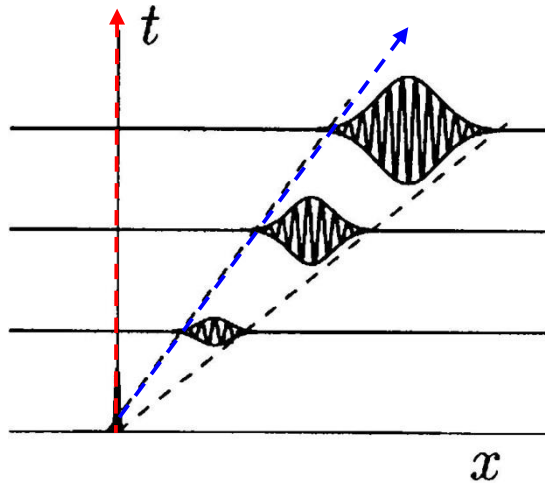
Absolutely unstable flow

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} G(x, t) = \infty \quad \text{along the ray } x/t = 0$$



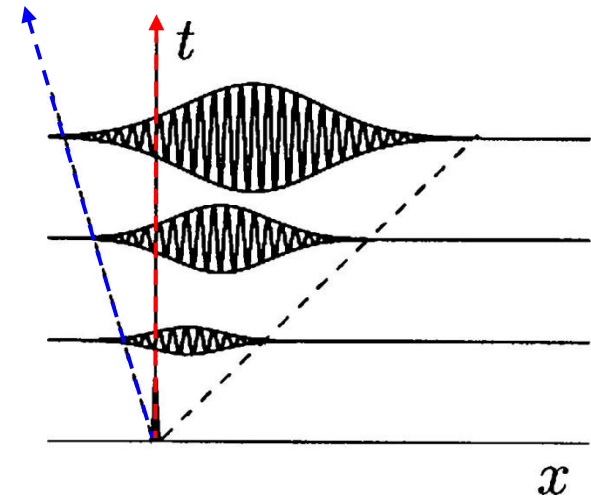
# Théorie de la stabilité linéaire spatio-temporelle

👉 Instabilité convective  
⇒ Amplificateur



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

👉 Instabilité absolue  
⇒ Oscillateur

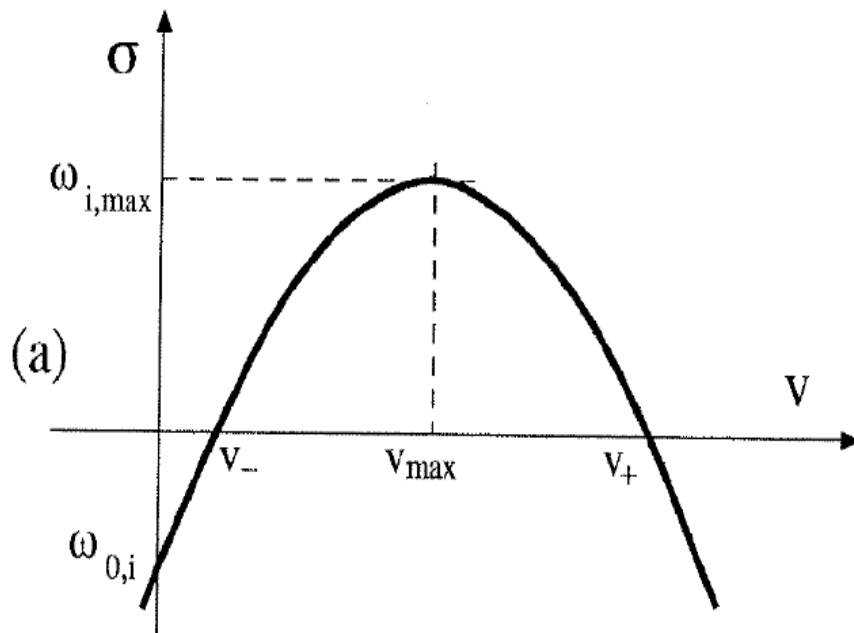


$$\text{Im}(\omega_0) > 0$$

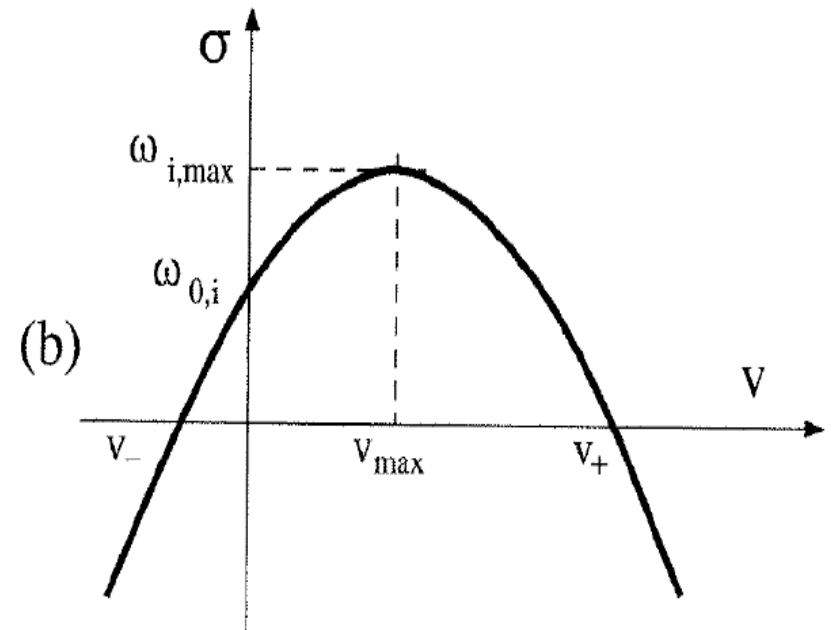
Onde de vitesse de groupe nulle :  $d\omega/dk=0 \Rightarrow (k_0, \omega_0)$

# ANALYSIS IN COMPLEX FOURIER SPACE: AU/CU CRITERION

Temporal growth rate « at velocity  $v$  »



Convective instability



Absolute instability

**Go into Fourier space !**

$$\psi(x, t, y) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^2} \int_{L_\omega} \int_{F_k} \psi(k, \omega, y) e^{i(kx - \omega t)} dk d\omega$$

$$\psi(k, \omega, y) = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \psi(x, t, y) e^{-i(kx - \omega t)} dx dt$$

Manipulate these integrals....

# ANALYSIS IN COMPLEX FOURIER SPACE: AU/CU CRITERION

## Important notions

Leading and trailing edge velocities of wavepacket

$$x/t = v^+ \quad x/t = v^-$$

defined by

$$\sigma(v^+) = \sigma(v^-) = 0$$

Maximum temporal growth rate

$$\omega_{i,max} = \omega_i(k_{max})$$

such that

$$\frac{\partial \omega_i}{\partial k}(k_{max}) = 0$$

observed along ray

$$\partial \omega / \partial k(k_{max}) = v_{max}$$

# ANALYSIS IN COMPLEX FOURIER SPACE: AU/CU CRITERION

## 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

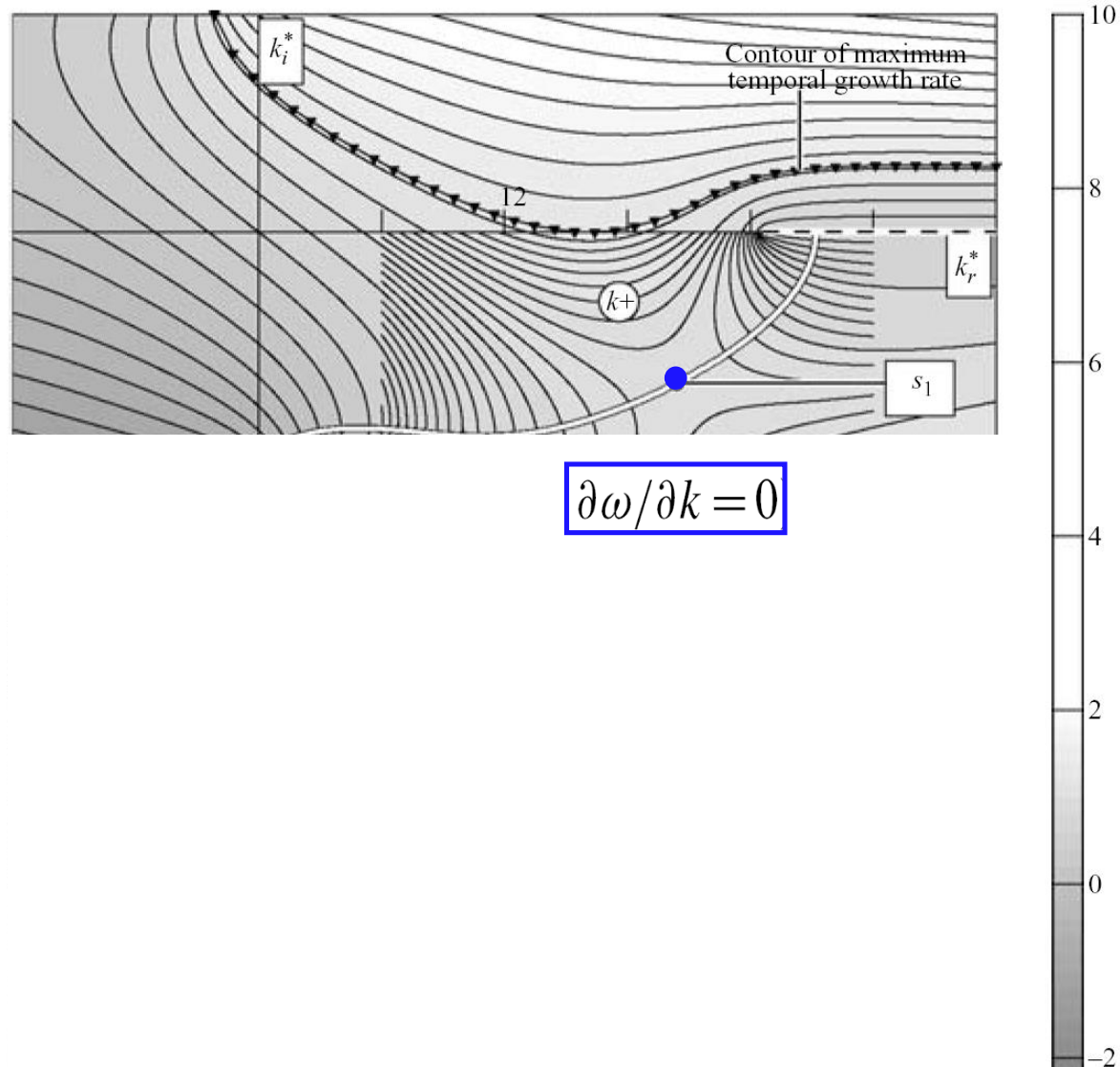
$$\frac{\partial \omega}{\partial k}(k_0) = 0$$

Absolute growth rate is

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

## Isovaleurs de $\omega_i$

Absolute frequency  $\omega_0$ : Saddle point condition



# 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

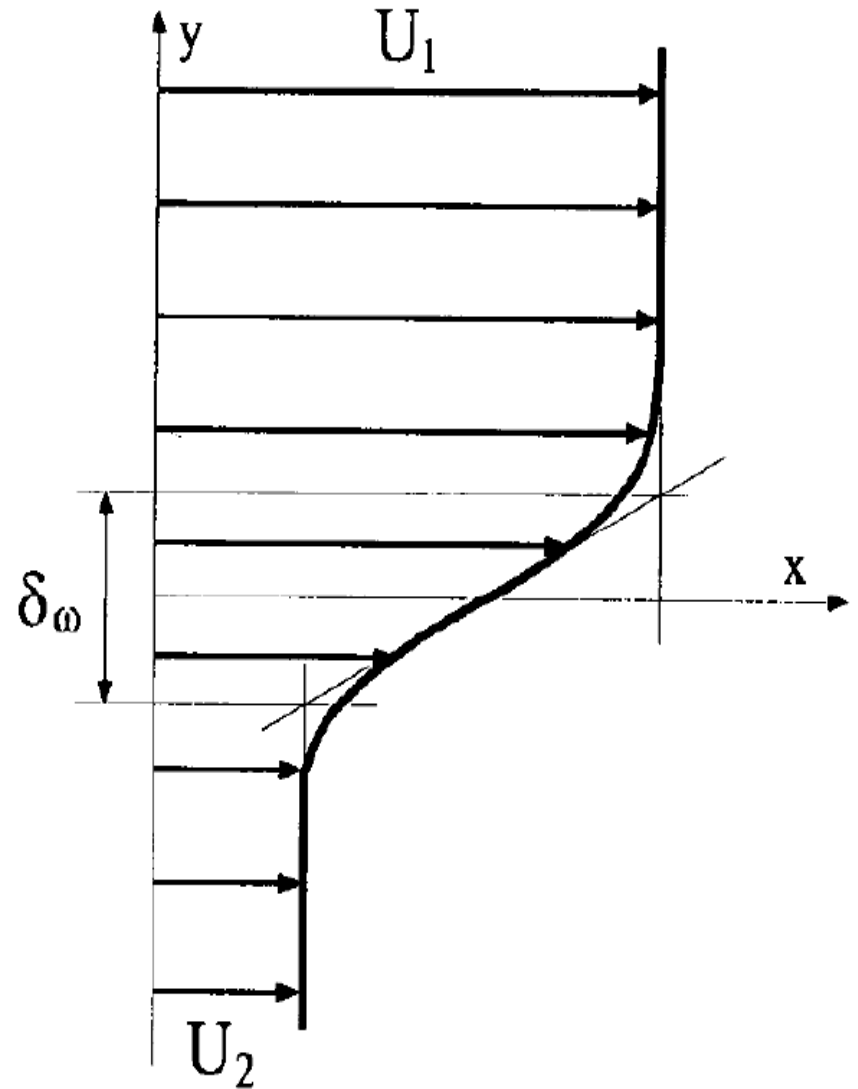
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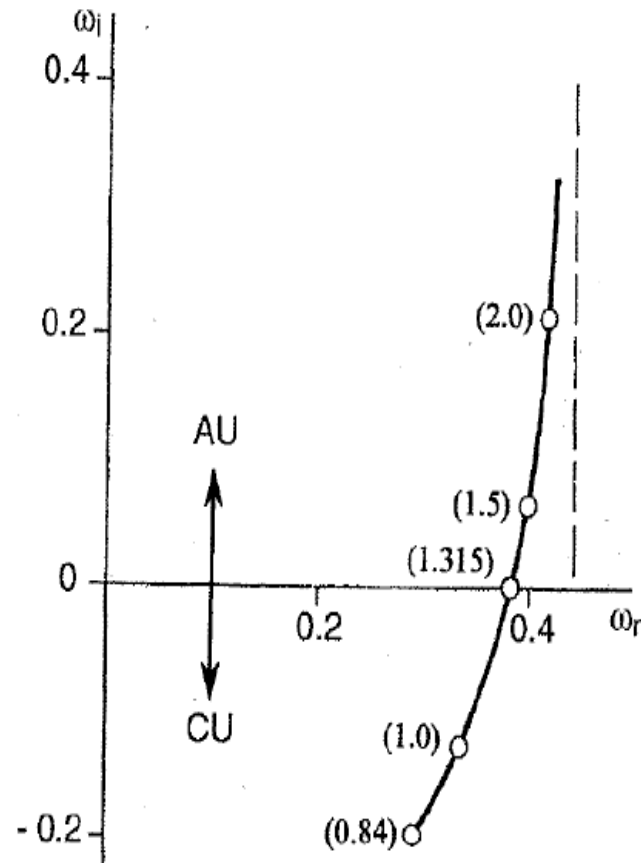
$$U(y; R) = 1 + R \tanh y$$



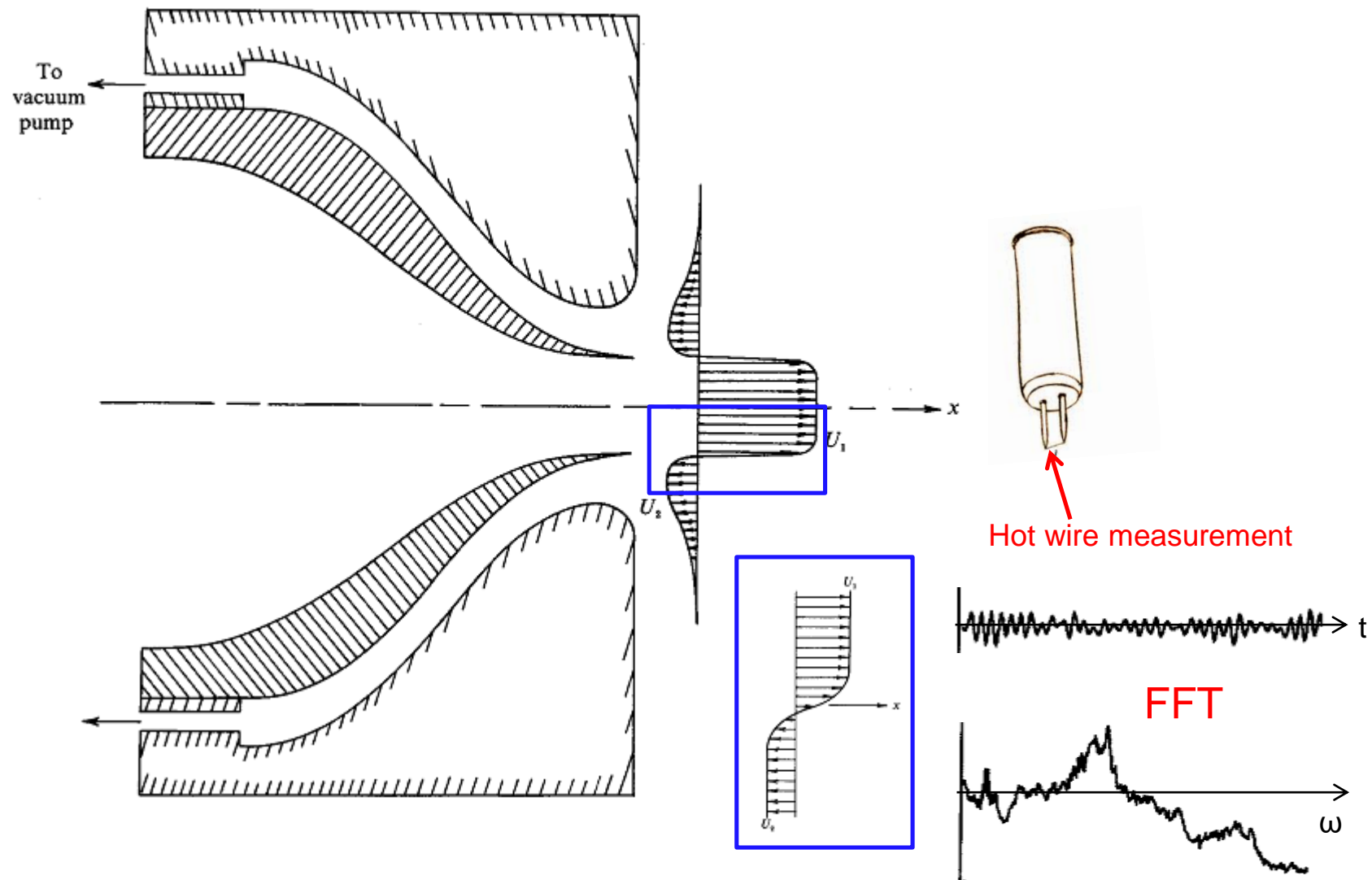


## APPLICATION TO MIXING LAYERS

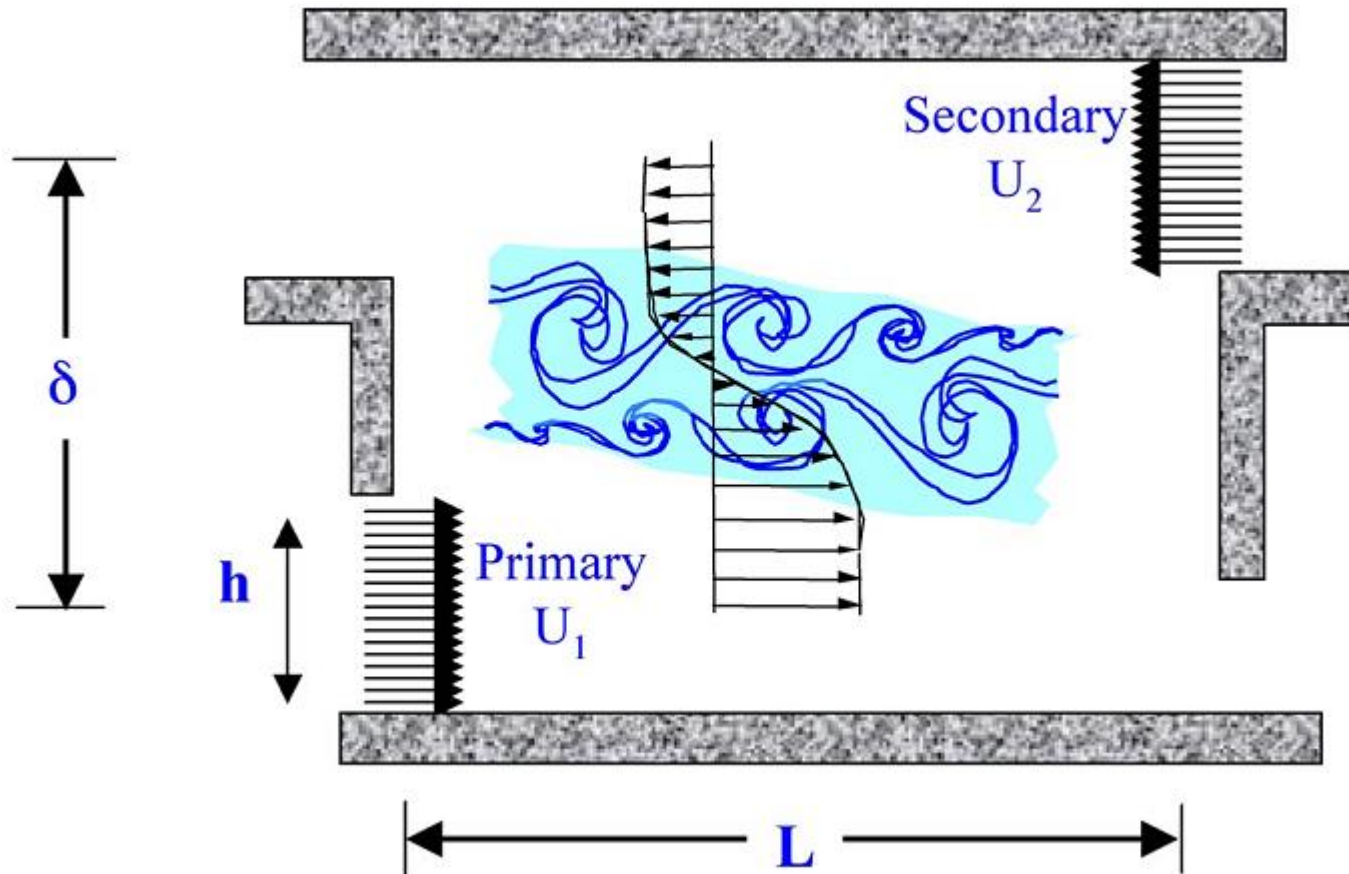
Locus of complex absolute frequency



H.&Monkewitz (1985)

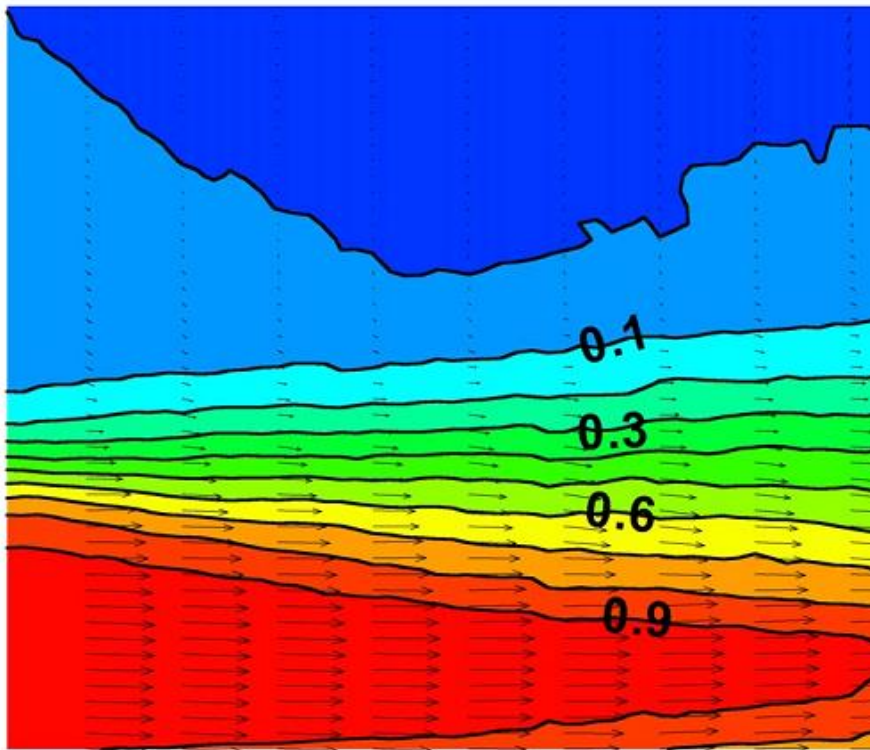


## Influence of countercurrent shear on turbulence level

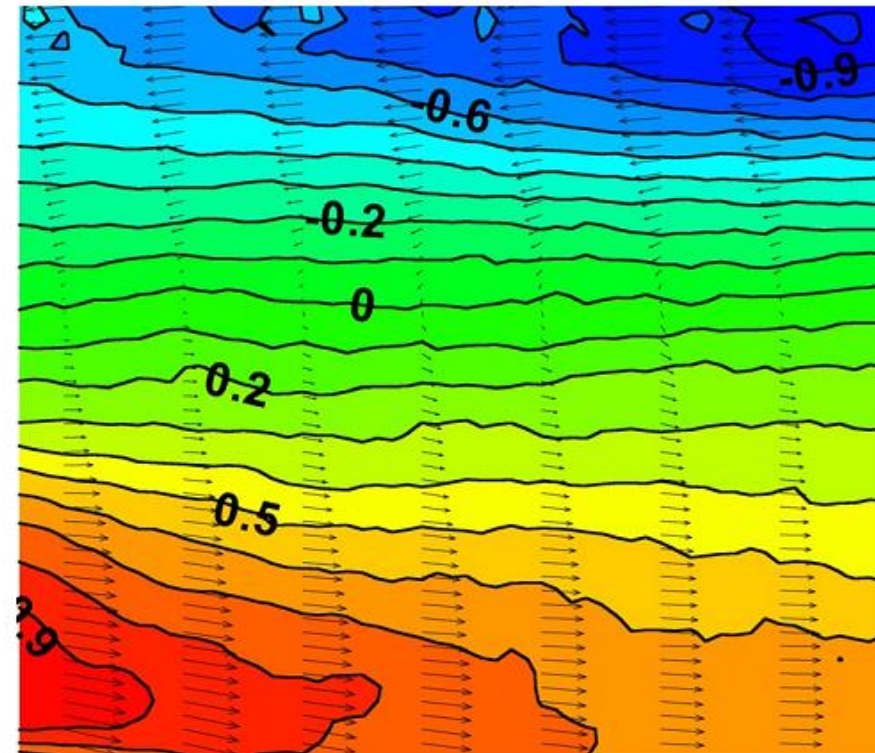


# Influence of countercurrent shear on turbulence level

Base flow



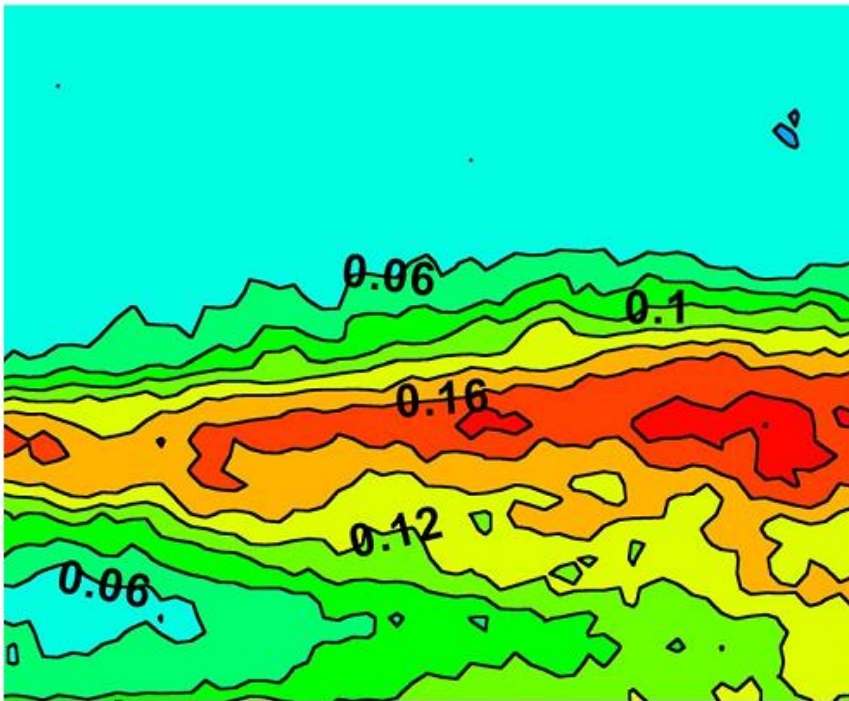
a) Single stream shear layer



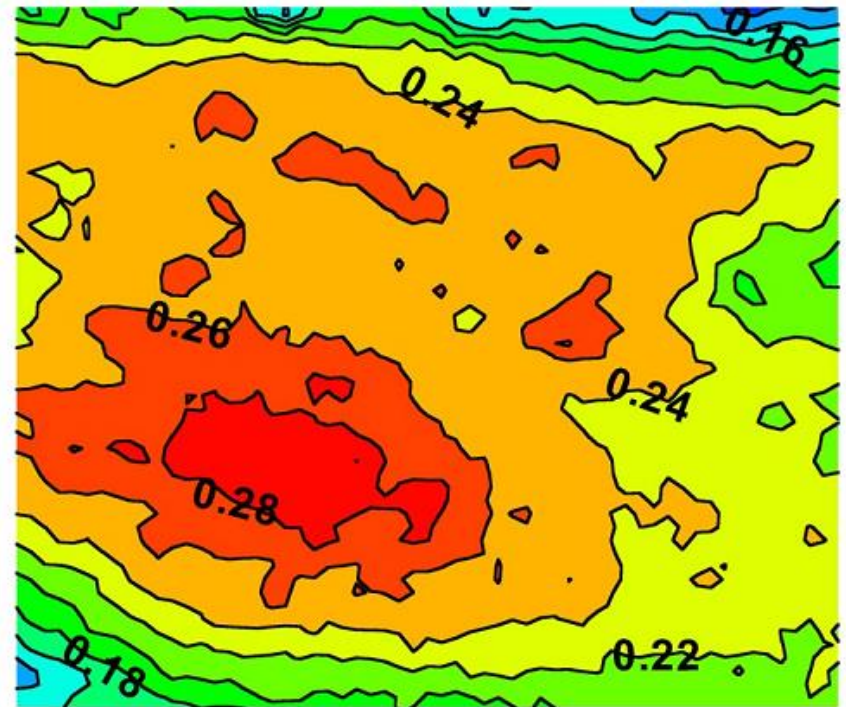
b) Countercurrent shear layer

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Turbulence intensity



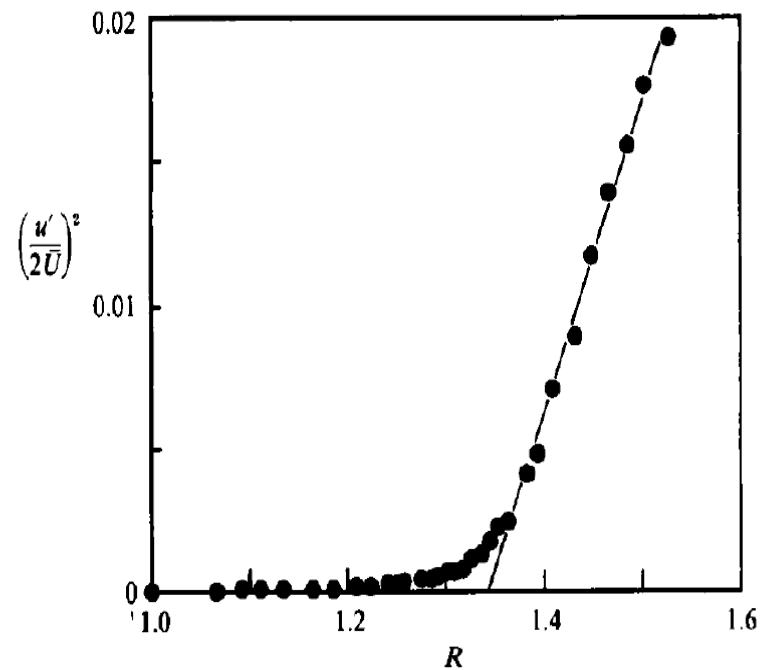
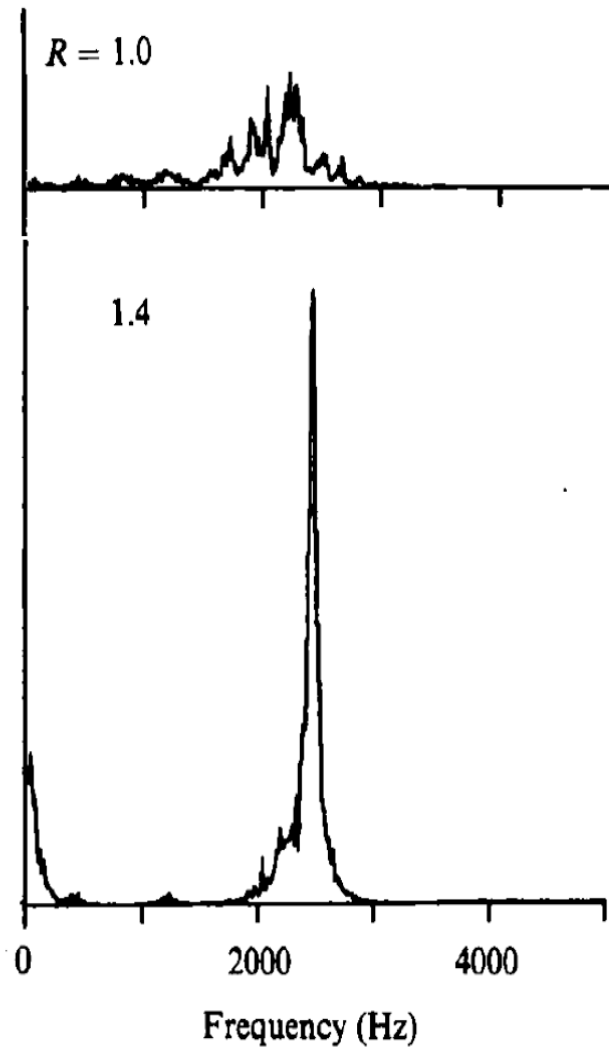
a) Single-stream shear layer



b) Countercurrent shear layer



# THE MIXING LAYER: SHIFT TO OSCILLATOR !



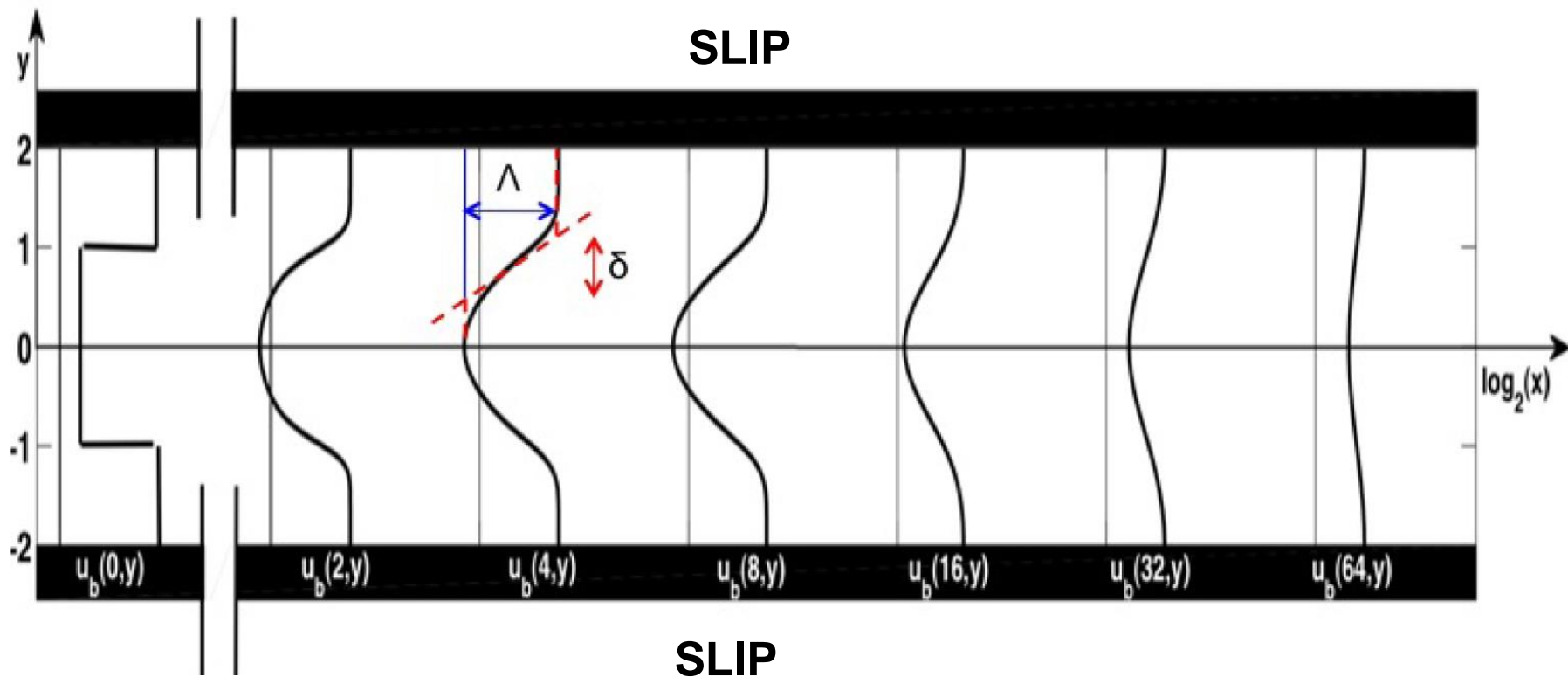
Strykowski & Niccum (1991)

# Direct Numerical Simulations with top-hat profile at inlet

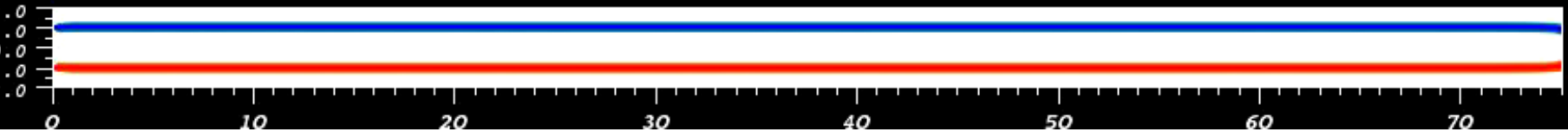
Viscous diffusion  $\longrightarrow$  Non-parallel flow

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

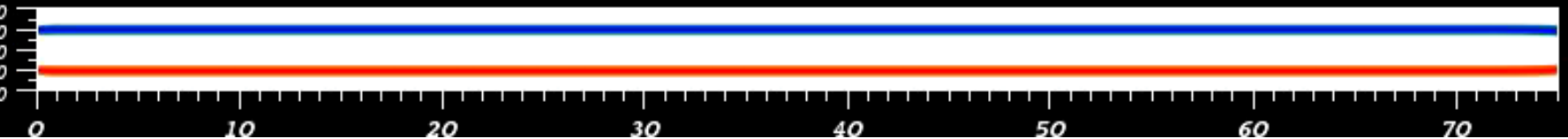
■  $\delta = (U_{max} - U_{min}) / (|dU/dy|_{max})$



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



$$\Lambda = -0.739$$

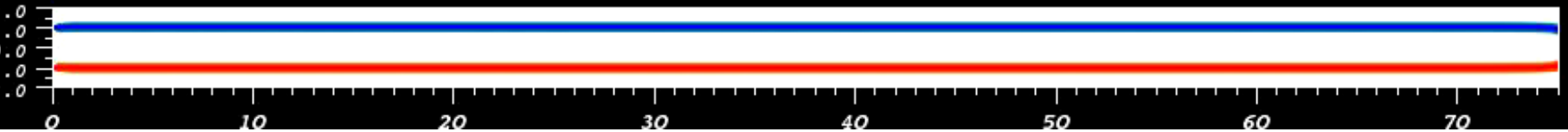


$$\Lambda = -0.667$$

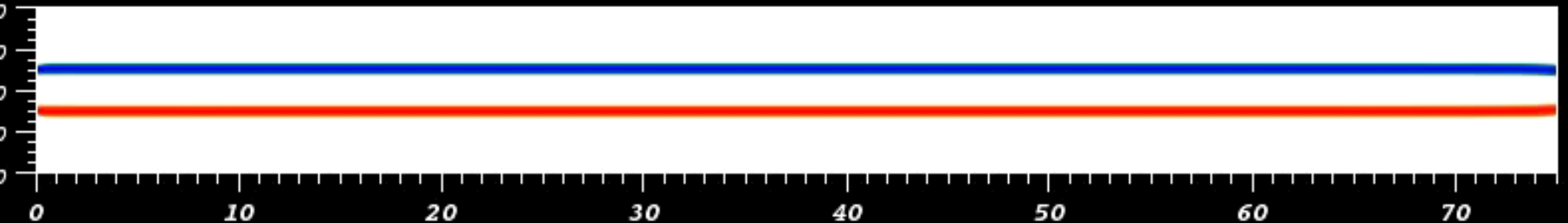
An increase in  $\Lambda$  (more coflow) advects the perturbation



Vorticity field:  $Re = 100$ ,  $\Lambda = -0.739$



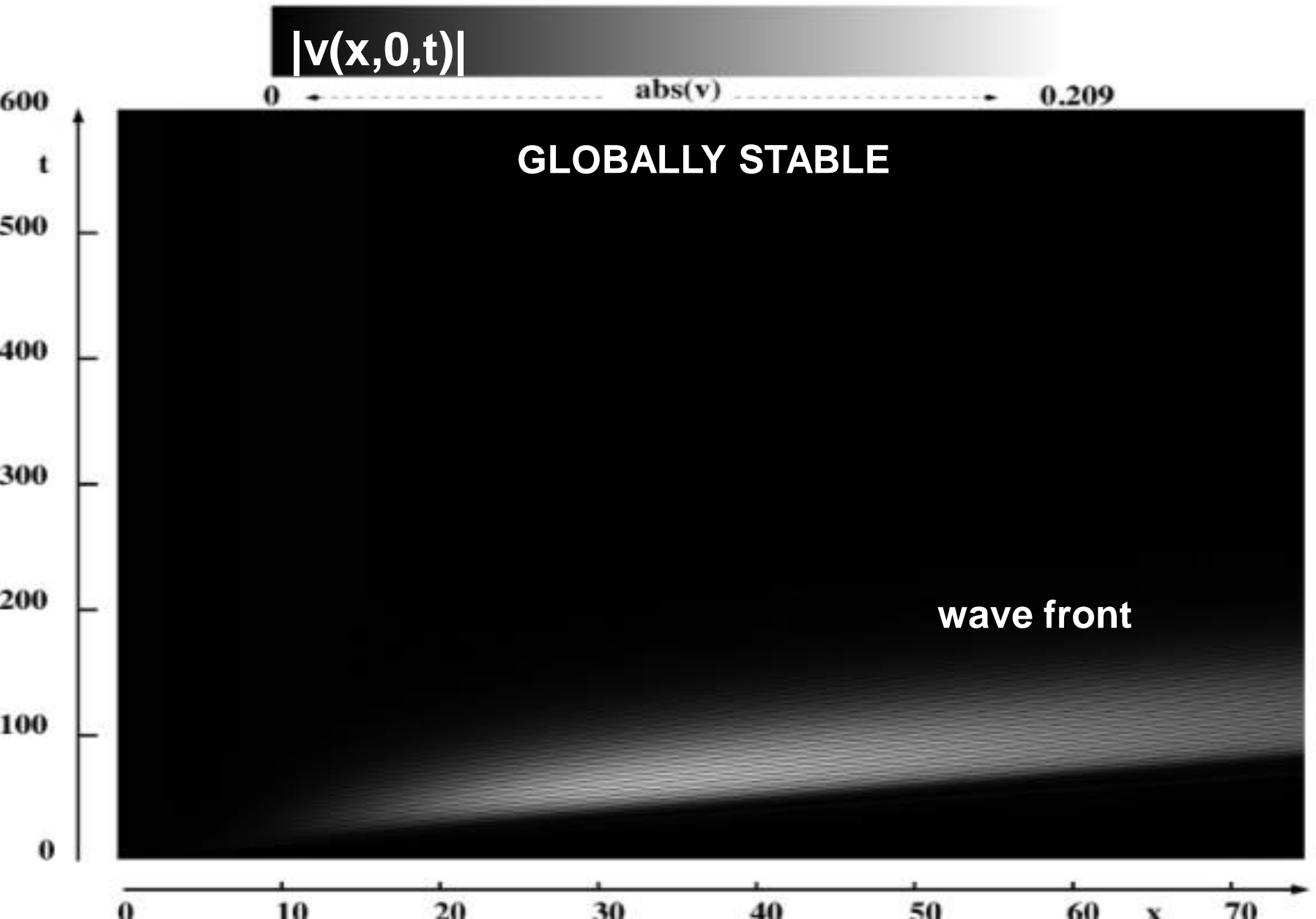
$h=1$



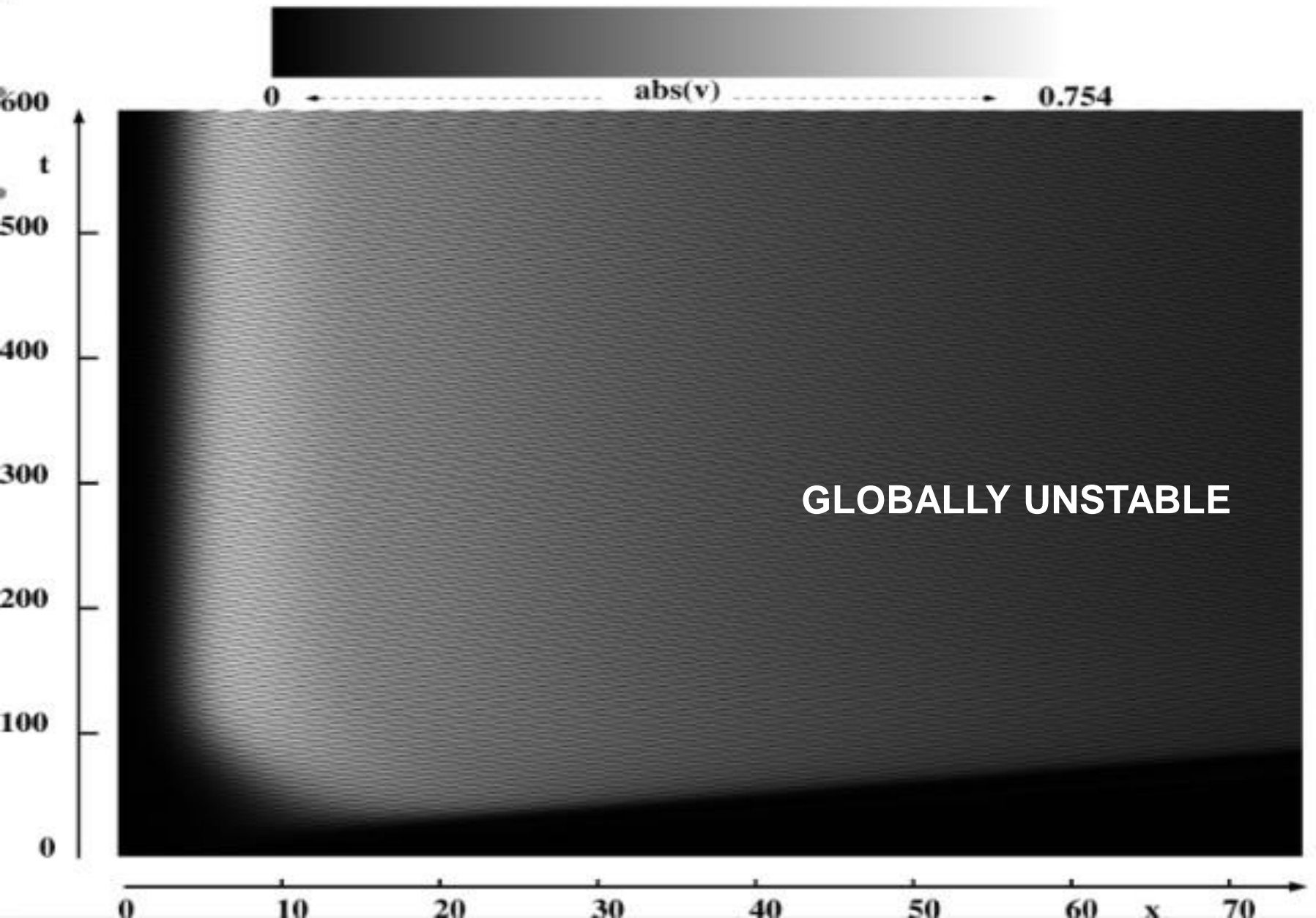
$h=3$

Destabilizing influence of confinement!

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

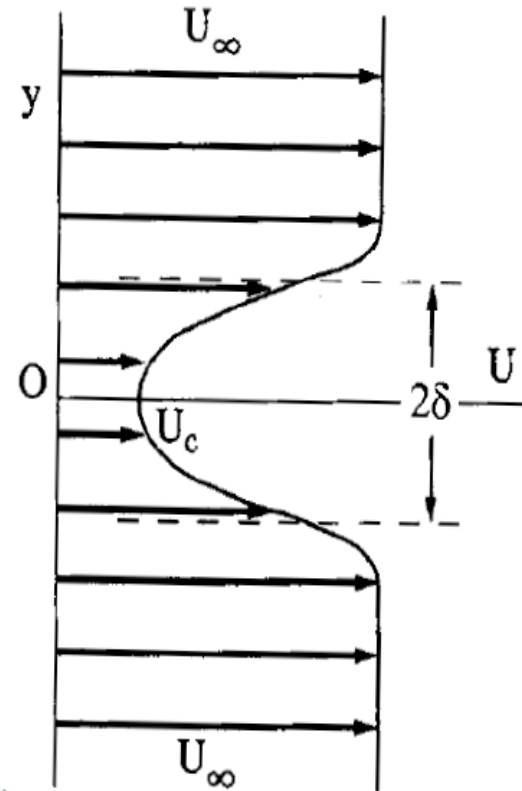
Taneda (1982)

# ABSOLUTE/CONVECTIVE INSTABILITY IN PARALLEL WAKES

Family of wake profiles

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

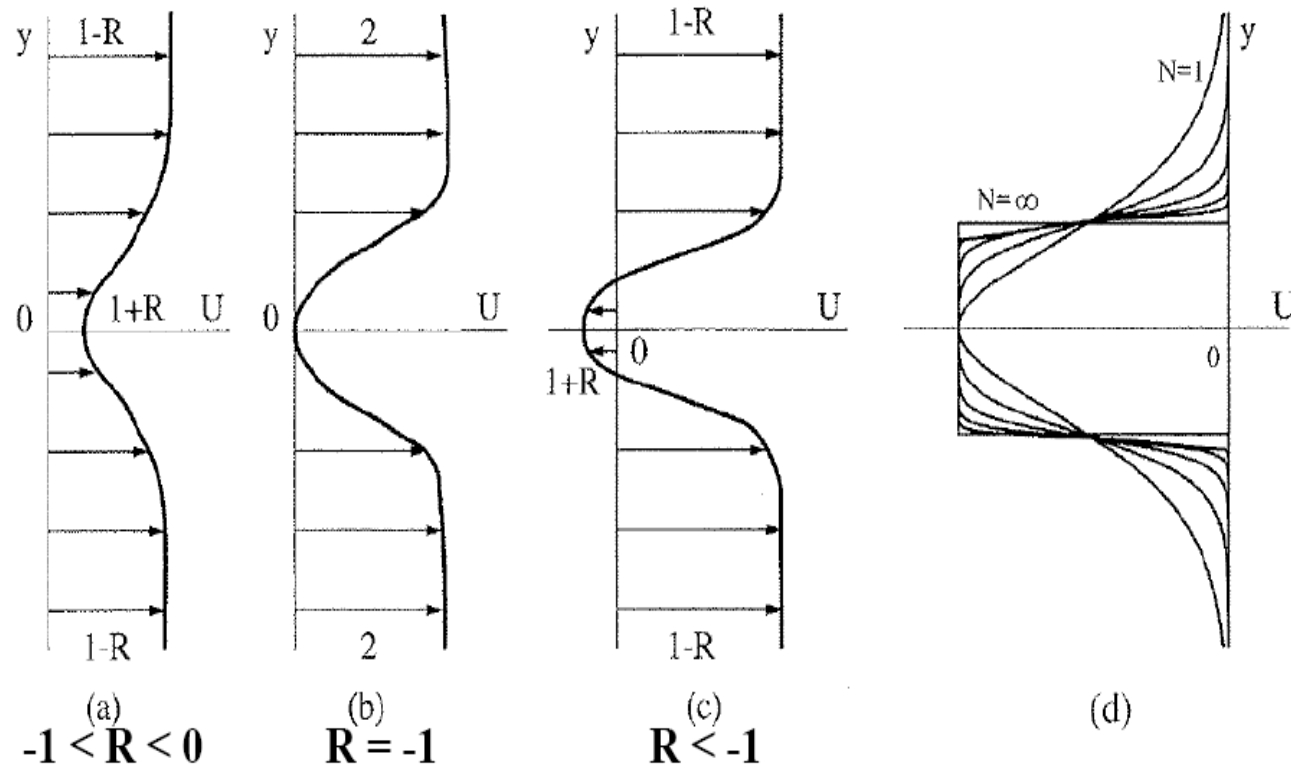
$$U_1(\xi; N) = [1 + \sinh^{2N} \{ \xi \sinh^{-1}(1) \}]^{-1}$$



Monkewitz (1988)

# ABSOLUTE/CONVECTIVE INSTABILITY IN PARALLEL WAKES

## Family of wake profiles



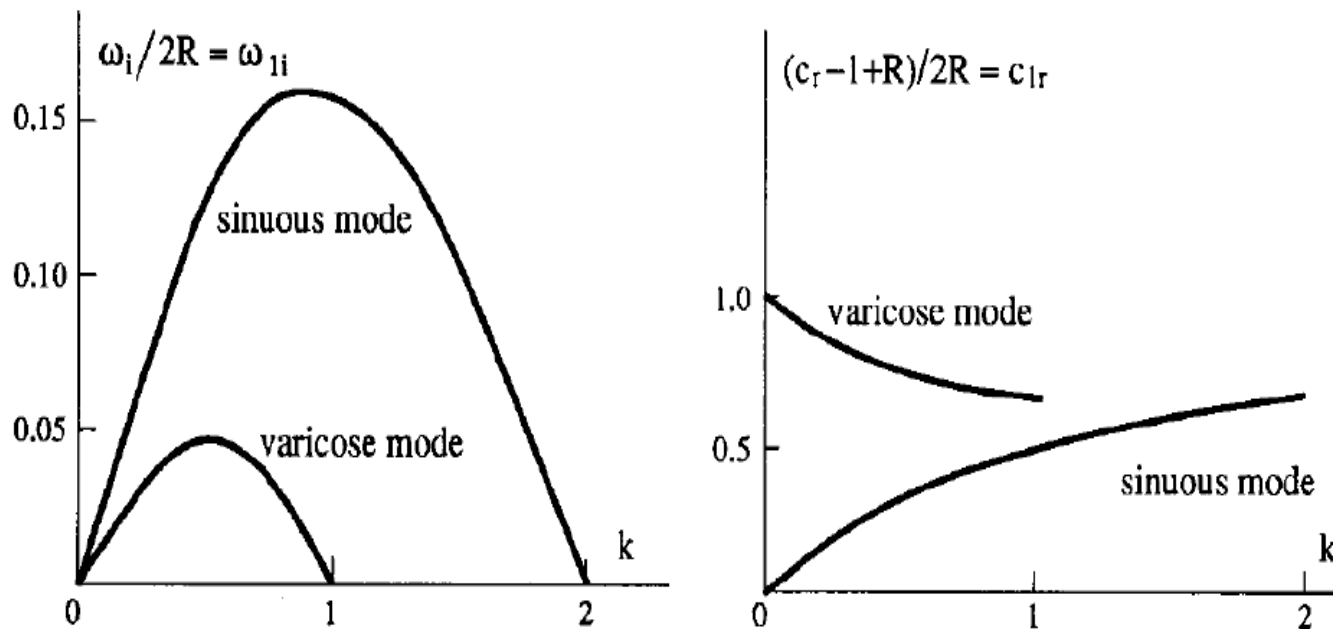
Effect of velocity ratio  $R$

Effect of  $N$

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

$\text{sech}^2 y$  wake

Temporal approach

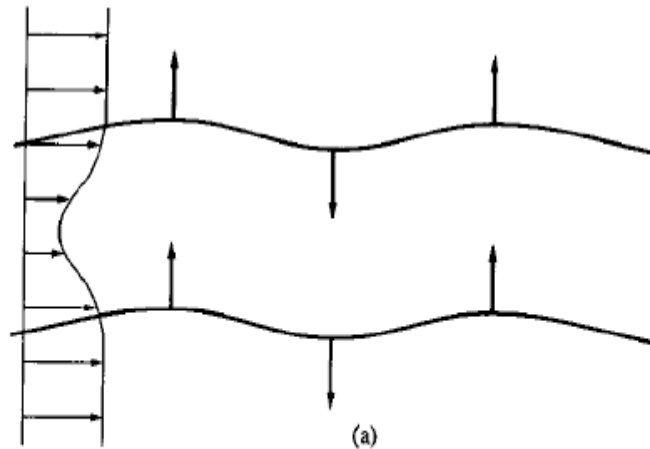


Betchov & Criminale (1966)

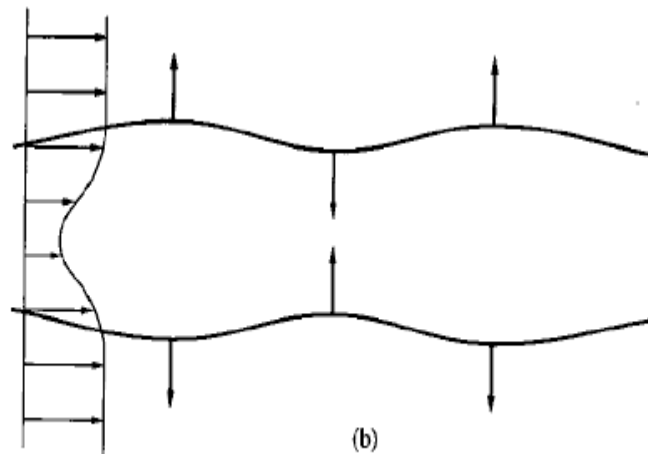
## 2D PARALLEL FLOW CONCEPTS

$\text{sech}^2 y$  wake

**Sinuuous and varicose modes**



sinuous

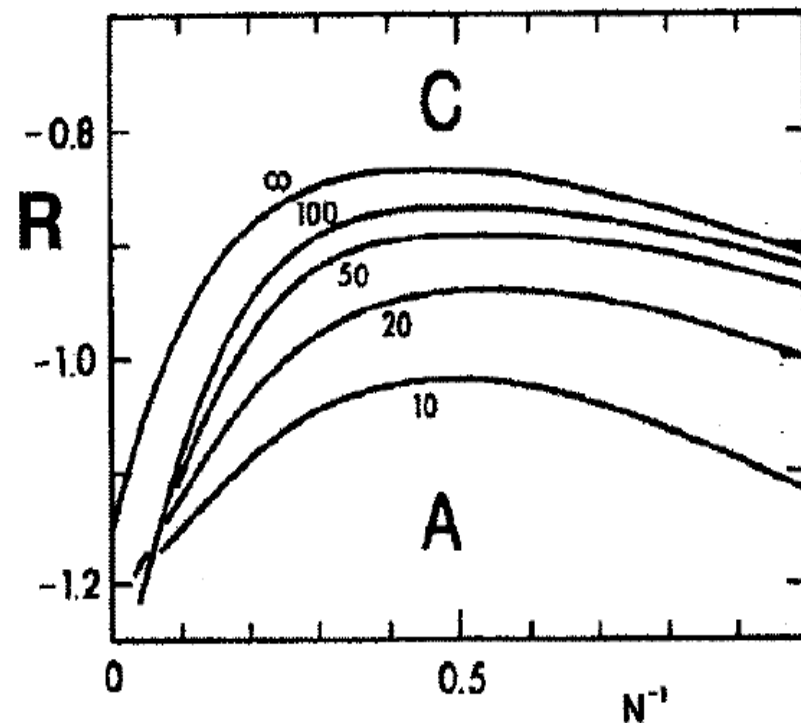


varicose



# 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**