

A study on the energy transfer of a square prism under aeroelastic galloping

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Abstract

Extracting useful energy from flow induced vibrations has become a developing area of research in recent years. In this paper, we analyse power transfer of an elastically mounted body under the influence of aeroelastic galloping. The system and the power transfer is analysed by numerically integrating the quasi-steady state model equations. The power transfer is analysed for both high ($Re=22300$) and low ($Re=165$) Reynolds numbers cases. At high mass ratios ($m^* > 50$), the system is not frequency dependent. The damping coefficient was shown to be the only control parameter that governed power output. The system is a balance between the power delivered to the system due to hydrodynamic forcing and power removed through mechanical damping which are governed by the hydrodynamic forcing characteristics (i.e. the C_y as a function of incident angle) and mechanical damping coefficient respectively. The peak efficiency of 0.26% for $Re=165$ and 6.7% for $Re=22300$ were observed when $\frac{c}{\rho AU} = 0.314$ and $\frac{c}{\rho AU} = 1.04$ respectively. A contradictory behaviour is observed at low m^* between the low and high Re cases. The forcing due to vortex shedding at low Reynolds numbers suppresses the galloping excitation and results in a reduced power output. Power output increases as m^* is reduced for the case with high Re . The reduction in inertia allows the body to accelerate faster and spend a larger portion of the period at relatively high transverse velocities. Extrapolating this trend, the limit to peak efficiency is 13.5% and occurs when $m^* \rightarrow 0$ and $U^* \rightarrow \infty$ and $\frac{c}{\rho AU} = 1.22$

Keywords:

1. Introduction

The search for alternate energy sources which could be categorised under the “green” label has become an important area of research in the modern world. Solar, wind power and wave power are some of the examples of these sources. Recently, a new branch of research has been developing to extract energy from flow induced vibrations (Bernitsas et al. (2008)). It has been hypothesized that this technique may work efficiently in areas where regular turbines cannot.

An elastically mounted slender structure such as cylinders which are susceptible to flow-induced vibrations has the potential for energy extraction. With regards to a slender bodies, two common types of flow induced vibrations are Vortex Induced Vibrations

(VIV) and aeroelastic galloping. Significant research has been carried out by Bernitsas and his team on extracting useful energy from VIV. Some of their significant work includes investigating the influence of physical parameters such as mass ratio, Reynolds number, mechanical properties (Raghavan and Bernitsas (2011) , Lee and Bernitsas (2011)) and influence of proximity to solid boundary (Raghavan et al. (2009)). However, the possibility of extracting energy using aeroelastic galloping has not been thoroughly investigated. Some theoretical work was carried out by (Barrero-Gil et al. (2010)). Utilizing galloping may be a more viable method to harness energy from flow induced vibrations as it is not bounded by a narrow “lock-in” range of reduced velocities(U^*). This study further explores the possibility of harnessing energy from flow induced vibrations using aeroelastic galloping.

According to Païdoussis et al. (2010), Glauert (1919) has provided a criterion for galloping by considering the auto-rotation of an aerofoil. Den Hartog (1956) has provided a theoretical explanation for galloping for iced electric transmission lines. A weakly non-linear theoretical aeroelastic model to predict the response of galloping was developed by Parkinson and Smith (1964) based on the quasi-steady state (QSS) theory. Experimental lift and drag data on a fixed square prism at different angles of attack were used as an input for the theoretical model. It essentially used a curve fit of the transverse force to predict the galloping response. The study managed to achieve a good agreement with experimental data. The QSS model equation when solved analytically using sinusoidal solution method cannot predict cases with low mass ratios. Joly et al. (2012) have observed that finite element simulations shows a sudden change in amplitudes below a critical values of the mass ratio. The Parkinson’s equation when modified to account for the vortex shedding and and solved numerically, to predict the reduced amplitude at low mass ratios to the point where galloping is no longer present. Barrero-Gil et al. (2010) have investigated the possibility of extracting power from vibrations caused by galloping using the quasi-steady state model. In the conclusions of that paper it was pointed out that in order to obtain a high power to area ratio, the mass-damping ($m^*\zeta$) parameter should be kept low. He studied the influence of the characteristics of the C_y curve on maximum power output.

Nomenclature

a_1, a_3, a_5, a_7	coefficients of the polynomial to determine C_y
C_y	instantaneous force coefficient normal to the freestream velocity
F_y	force due to C_y
ρ	fluid density
m	mass of the body
m_a	added mass
c	damping constant/damping factor
k	spring constant
U_i	induced velocity
θ	induced angle of incidence
U	freestream velocity
y, \dot{y}, \ddot{y}	transverse displacement, velocity and acceleration
A	displacement amplitude
\mathcal{A}	cross sectional area
F_0	force due to shedding
ω_s	vortex shedding frequency
t	time
P_{mean}	mean power
$f = \frac{1}{2\pi} \sqrt{\frac{k}{m}}$	natural frequency of the system
$\omega_n = 2\pi f$	natural frequency of the system
D	characteristic length of the body
$m^* = \frac{m}{\rho \times \text{Volume of the body}}$	mass ratio
$U^* = \frac{U}{f \times D}$	reduced velocity
$\zeta = \frac{c}{2m\omega_n}$	damping ratio
P_t	power transferred to the body by the fluid
P_d	power dissipated due to mechanical damping
Re	Reynolds number
$\theta = \tan^{-1}(\frac{\dot{y}}{U})$	instantaneous angle

2. Background theory

2.1. Mathematical model (Quasi-steady)

One of the widely used mathematical model to predict the system response under galloping is the Quasi-steady state (QSS) model, incorporated by Parkinson and Smith (1964) for a square cross section. The equation of motion of the body under galloping is given by Eq.(1). The forcing term F_y is given by Eq.(2).

$$(m + m_a)\ddot{y} + c\dot{y} + ky = F_y \quad (1)$$



Figure 1: Induced angle of attack on the square prism due to the resultant of free-stream velocity of the fluid and transverse velocity of the body.

$$F_y = \frac{1}{2} \rho U^2 \mathcal{A} C_y \quad (2)$$

In the QSS model C_y is determined by an interpolating polynomial based on the lift and drag data for flow over a stationary body at various angles of attack. The order of the interpolation polynomial has varied from study to study. For example a 7th order polynomial was used in Parkinson and Smith (1964) and 3rd order polynomial was used in Barrero-Gil et al. (2009). Ng et al. (2005) concluded that using a 7th order polynomial is sufficient and a polynomial higher than that of 7th order polynomial doesn't provides a significantly better result. Thus a 7th order interpolating polynomial was incorporated in this present study.

$$C_y(\theta) = a_1 \left(\frac{\dot{y}}{U} \right) + a_3 \left(\frac{\dot{y}}{U} \right)^3 + a_5 \left(\frac{\dot{y}}{U} \right)^5 + a_7 \left(\frac{\dot{y}}{U} \right)^7 \quad (3)$$

It is expected that vortex shedding will be well correlated across the span and provide significant forcing at low Re . Joly et al. (2012) introduced an addition of a sinusoidal forcing function to the hydrodynamic forcing to model this. This enables to model to provide accurate predictions even at low mass ratios where galloping excitation is suppressed or not present. In this study, the forcing due to vortex shedding in low Re cases is incorporated using a sinusoidal forcing function $F_0 \sin \omega_s t$ added to the RHS of the equation. ω_s and F_0 represents shedding frequency and the maximum force due to shedding respectively. Thus, the final equation is given by Eq.(4).

$$(m+m_a)\ddot{y} + c\dot{y} + ky = \frac{1}{2} \rho U^2 \mathcal{A} \left(a_1 \left(\frac{\dot{y}}{U} \right) + a_3 \left(\frac{\dot{y}}{U} \right)^3 + a_5 \left(\frac{\dot{y}}{U} \right)^5 + a_7 \left(\frac{\dot{y}}{U} \right)^7 \right) + F_0 \sin(\omega_s t) \quad (4)$$

This equation could be solved by time integration methods. In this study 'Ode 45' routine in MATLAB was used to obtain the solutions. However in certain cases (low mass ratios) 'Ode 15s' routine was used when Ode 45 had issues with stability due to the non-linear nature of the forcing.

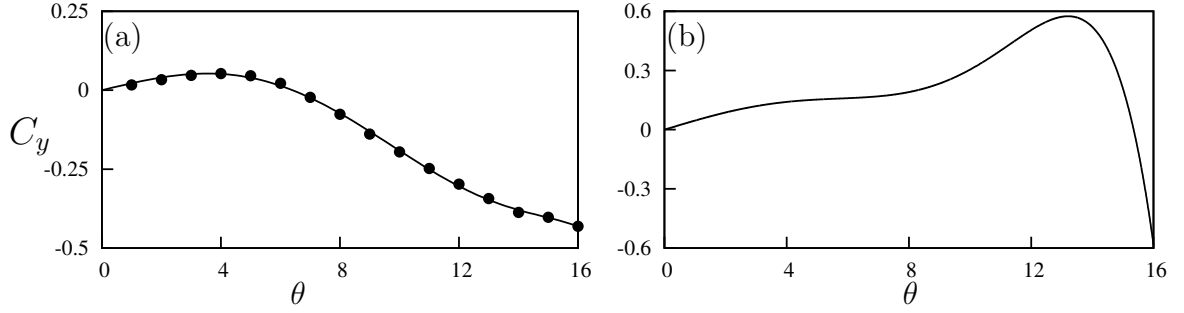


Figure 2: Lift coefficient, C_y , as a function of incidence angle θ , for a static square cross section. (a) Data from simulations at $Re = 165$ (b) data from Parkinson and Smith (1964) at $Re = 22300$. Points (\bullet) are measurements from the simulations. The solid lines in both plots are 7th-order interpolating polynomial used to predict the fluid forcing for the QSS model.

2.2. Calculation of average power

The dissipated power due to the mechanical damping represents the ideal potential amount of harvested power output. Therefore the mean power output could be given by Eq.(5).

$$P_{mean} = \frac{1}{T} \int_0^T (c\dot{y})\dot{y}dt \quad (5)$$

Case	a_1	a_3	a_5	a_7
Re=165	1.3	125.3	1825.73	8765.3
Re=22300	2.69	168	1670	59900

Table 1: Coefficient values used in the 7th order interpolation polynomial for high ($Re = 22300$) and low ($Re = 165$) Reynolds numbers. These data are used as input data to calculate the RHS of Eq.4 throughout this study.

2.3. Parameters used

The stationary data and the fluid-structure interaction (FSI) data were obtained using a high order spectral element routine to simulate the two-dimensional laminar flow. The Reynolds number was kept at 165 as it was pointed out by Sheard et al. (2009) and Tong et al. (2008) that the 3 dimensional transition for a square cylinder occurs at approximately $Re=160$. F_0 was kept at 0.4937 which was obtained by scaling the value used by Joly et al. (2012) with the amplitude ratios of the lift forces obtained at the different Reynolds numbers.

Shedding frequency ω_s , was set to 0.98 which was obtained by performing a power spectral analysis of the stationary data at 0° . Stationary C_y data were obtained at different angles of attack ranging from 0° to 16° . The average power was obtained by using Eq.(5)

and the averaging was done over no less than 20 galloping periods. Predictions of power output at $Re=22300$ were obtained using coefficients for curve fitting C_y (Table (1)) from Parkinson and Smith (1964) in order to provide a comparison between high and low Reynolds numbers. m^* was kept at 1163 for $Re=22300$ (Similar as Parkinson and Smith (1964)) and $m^* = 20$ for $Re=165$. These parameters were used throughout this study unless otherwise specified.

Simulations involving fluid structure interaction (FSI) were used to provide additional validation of the QSS model. The inlet was placed $20D$ while the outlet situated $60D$ away from the centroid of the body. The side boundaries were placed $20D$ away from the centroid of the body where D was kept as unity throughout this study. The Navier-Stokes equations were solved using an accelerated frame of reference using the previously mentioned code. A three-step time splitting scheme together with high-order Lagrangian polynomials were used to obtain the solution. The details of the method could be found in Thompson et al. (2006, 1996). This code was incorporated in Leontini et al. (2011, 2007) where it was employed in a fluid-structure interaction problems.

The computational domain consists of 690 quadrilateral macro elements where majority of the elements were concentrated near the square section. A freestream condition was given to the inlet, top and bottom boundaries and the normal velocity gradient was set to zero at the outlet. A convergence study was performed by changing the order of the polynomial (p -refinement) at $U^* = 40$ and $Re=165$. A 9th order polynomial together with a time step of $\frac{\Delta t U}{D} = 0.001$ was sufficient to ensure an accuracy of 2% with regards to amplitude of oscillation.

3. Results

3.1. Stationary data

The stationary the force characteristic data (C_y) as a function of incident angle obtained using flow simulations (Fig.3(a)) have a good agreement with data presented in Joly et al. (2012). In comparison with the 7th order polynomial curve at $Re=22300$ (Fig.3(b)), several differences could be observed. The peak value of C_y is significantly low at $Re=165$ ($C_y = 0.05$ at 4°) in comparison with $Re=22300$ ($C_y = 0.57$ at 13°). The inflection point present at $Re=22300$ could not be observed at $Re=165$. This agrees with the findings of Luo et al. (2003). It was concluded by Luo et al. (2003) that hysteresis occur due to the inflection point found in the C_y curve. Therefore hysteresis is not expected at $Re=165$. The range of the incident flow angles where C_y remain positive is narrow at $Re=165$ ($0^\circ < \theta \leq 6^\circ$) compared to $Re=22300$ ($0^\circ < \theta \leq 15^\circ$). This feature is what sustains galloping and power is transferred from the fluid to the supporting structure within this range of incident angles because fluid forces are acting in the direction of travel of the oscillating cylinder. Incident angles beyond this range actually suppresses the galloping and power goes in the opposite direction. Therefore due to the overall smaller C_y and narrow range of angles where C_y is

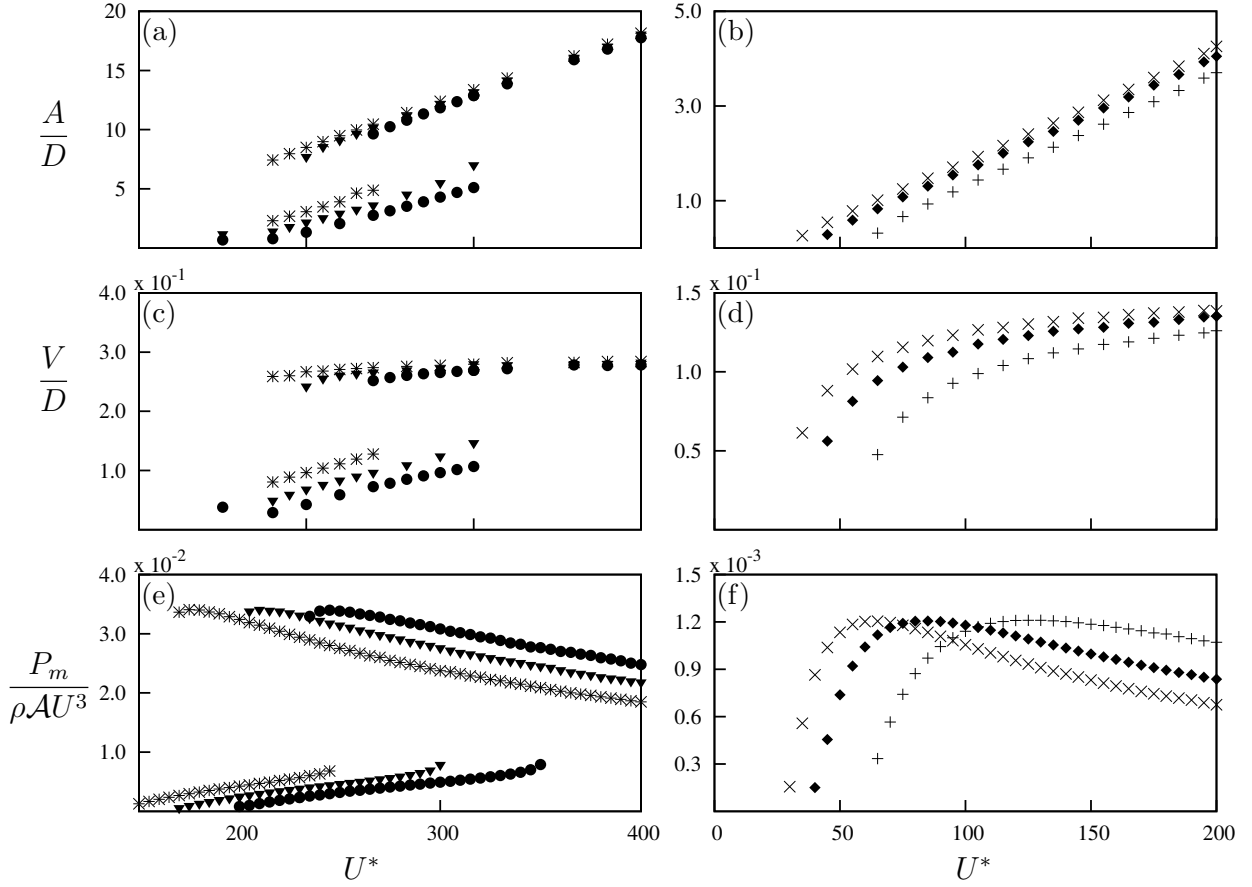


Figure 3: Velocity amplitude, displacement amplitude and mean power as functions of U^* . Data presented in (a), (c) and (e) were calculated using input data at $Re = 22300$ and $m^* = 1163$ obtained by Parkinson and Smith (1964) at three different damping ratios: $\zeta = 0.0125$ (*), $\zeta = 0.015$ (\blacktriangledown) and $\zeta = 0.0175$ (\bullet). Data presented in (b),(d) and (f) were obtained using input data at $Re = 165$ and $m^* = 20$ at three different damping ratios: $\zeta = 0.075$ (\times), $\zeta = 0.1$ (\blacklozenge) and $\zeta = 0.15$ (+). The multiple branches for the higher Re are due to the hysteresis between two solutions.

positive for $Re=165$ compared to $Re=22300$, it is expected that power output at $Re=165$ is significantly lower than at $Re=22300$.

3.2. Displacement, velocity and power output as a function of reduced velocity

The quasi-steady analysis data reveals that the displacement amplitude tend to grow with increasing U^* (Fig.3 (a) and (b)). The onset of galloping is delayed with increasing ζ for both high and low Reynolds numbers. This echo the findings of previous studies by Parkinson and Smith (1964) and Barrero-Gil et al. (2010). Hysteresis could be observed for the case with a higher Reynolds number. Different solutions could be obtained by manipulating the initial conditions (initial displacement) of the system. The upper branch was obtained by giving an initial displacement which was higher than the expected amplitude while the lower branch was obtained by providing a lower initial displacement than

the expected amplitude. Although a third state could be simulate theoretically, it was not possible to achieve numerically. This was also observed by Vio et al. (2007).

*Power vs U^**

The mean power grows, peaks and then reduces as U^* is increased (Fig.3 (e) and (f)) for each value of ζ . The value of U^* at which the peak power occur increases with ζ . However, the magnitude of the peaks remain constant for all the values of ζ . Barrero-Gil et al. (2010) also observed a similar behaviour. The higher Reynolds number case clearly showed hysteresis in the power data. The range of hysteresis tend to increase with increasing ζ . It could be observed that unlike VIV the system has no preferred frequency. Although the onset of galloping and the point where peak power occur at different U^* values when the damping ratio is varied, the peak power remains constant regardless of U^* . The efficiency of the system could defined as the ratio of the time average power output to P_{mean} the kinetic energy in the fluid per which is $\rho U^3 \frac{D}{2}$ (similar to Barrero-Gil et al. (2010)). It was found out that the system has a peak efficiency of 0.26% for $Re=165$ and 6.7% for $Re=22300$. The peak efficiency in Barrero-Gil et al. (2010) is approximately 5% than what this study obtained. This difference is due to Barrero-Gil et al. (2010) using a 3rd order polynomial as the interpolating polynomial which under predicts the forcing near where the maximum force occurs as compared to the 7th order polynomial used in this study.

3.3. Galloping response and natural frequency

Now the oscillator equation Eq.(4) is considered from a power perspective. The shedding forces can be neglected because the net effect is negligible as system oscillates at natural frequency which is far from shedding frequency, for the cases that exhibit galloping. It is obvious that the forcing term on LHS of the equation is only dependent on transverse velocity(\dot{y}) which is essentially the input power of the system. On the RHS, the mechanical damping or system damping is the only term that takes out power at any instant. This could be expressed as the product of the damping force and the velocity (P_d). The inertia and the stiffness terms governs the frequency of the system but the forces associated with those terms are conservative forces (i.e there is zero net energy in or out of the system when averaged over a period). Therefore the system is governed by the transverse velocity rather than the natural frequency.

Using U^* and ζ assumes that the system has a preferred frequency because the scale with the natural frequency of the system. The effect of fixing ζ and increasing U^* actually decreases the damping constant for a fixed free-stream velocity. ($U^* = \frac{U}{f \times D}$, $\zeta = \frac{c}{2m\omega_n}$). Both these effects leads to the multiple lines that are horizontally transpose when ζ is increased (Fig.3 (e) and (f)). Therefore the effect of ζ essentially scales up the damping coefficient for a fixed U^* .

The data presented in Fig.3 for various damping ratios, ζ , can be collapsed into a single line for a for a particular force characteristic curve (i.e C_y vs θ curve). These collapsed curves were obtained for the velocity amplitude and power by plotting as functions of as a function of the non dimensionalised damping constant $\frac{c}{\rho A U}$ (Fig 4 (a),(b),(c) and (d)). This

further emphasizes that the galloping system is not frequency dependent. It is possible to obtain a similar power output at different values of U^* when the damping constant, $\frac{c}{\rho AU}$, is kept fixed. An example of this case, as shown in Fig.5, clearly show that this is a result of similar velocity amplitudes between cases if one were to disregard the high frequencies due to shedding. As mentioned earlier, it is the transverse velocity that determines the energy provided by the fluid forcing and the mechanical damping.

Power could be expressed as the product of force and velocity. Therefore the transferred power from fluid-to-body could be expressed as $P_t = F_y \dot{y}$. Similarly the dissipated power due to the mechanical damping could be expressed as $P_d = (c\dot{y})\dot{y}$. The time average of these two quantities should be equal due to energy conservation, provided that the mechanical friction is neglected. Analysing the time histories of P_t and P_d at key regions (Fig.6) on the mean power vs U^* provides a detailed explanation for the variation of the output power when the reduced velocity is increased. The key regions consists of region 1 where the P_{mean} increases with U^* , region 2 where P_{mean} becomes maximum and region 3 where P_{mean} decreases with U^* . It has been established earlier that the damping factor is a function of U^* . Therefore it could be derived that U^* is inversely proportional to damping coefficient. Hence the damping coefficient reduces when you move from region 1 to 3. Fig 2 (a) shows that C_y and therefore instantaneous force rises until 4° where it peaks and then falls and at around 6° becomes negative. The maximum amount of power that could be transferred occurs near the peak region. At the region where the instantaneous force becomes negative it will be opposing the velocity \dot{y} . Data at $\zeta = 0.1$, $m^* = 40$ and $Re=165$ (Fig.7) are analysed as an example.

At region 1 where $U^* = 90$ the damping constant is high and a clear sinusoidal signal could be observed for both P_d and P_t in Fig.7 (a). Fig.7 (d) and (g) shows that θ is in line or in phase with F_y . The velocity amplitude in this case is small and the equivalent incident angle within the range where the hydrodynamic force increases with the incident angle (i.e. $0 < \theta \leq 4^\circ$ in Fig.2 (a)) Hence both P_d and P_t becomes sinusoidal. In this case, power output is limited by the low fluid forces present at low incident angles. In other words damping is significantly high and extracts a lot of power that the velocity amplitude could not grow where the forcing is significant to produce high level of power.

At region 3 ($U^* = 400$) ' c ' is low in comparison with region 1 and 2 which leads to a low mean power output. Fig.7 (c) shows that P_t becomes negative over some portion of the cycle. This is caused by the high velocity amplitude leads to the equivalent incident angle θ , in this case to exceed the range where C_y is positive (i.e. $0 < \theta < 6^\circ$ in Fig.3 (a)). In this portion of the cycle the hydrodynamic force actually opposes the direction of travel and power is transferred from the structure to the fluid during those times. From an energy perspective, the mechanical damping is not sufficient to remove the energy transferred from the fluid to the structure during other times of the cycle because $\frac{c}{\rho AU}$ is substantially low. Therefore this excess energy is transferred back to the fluid as depicted by the negative region of P_d in Fig.7 (c)

At region 2 ($U^* = 165$). P_t is not a pure sinusoidal signal. However, the signal remains periodic. From the time history graph of P_t , two 'peaks' are present in a single half cycle (Fig 7 (b)). In this case, the velocity amplitude actually exceeds the equivalent incident

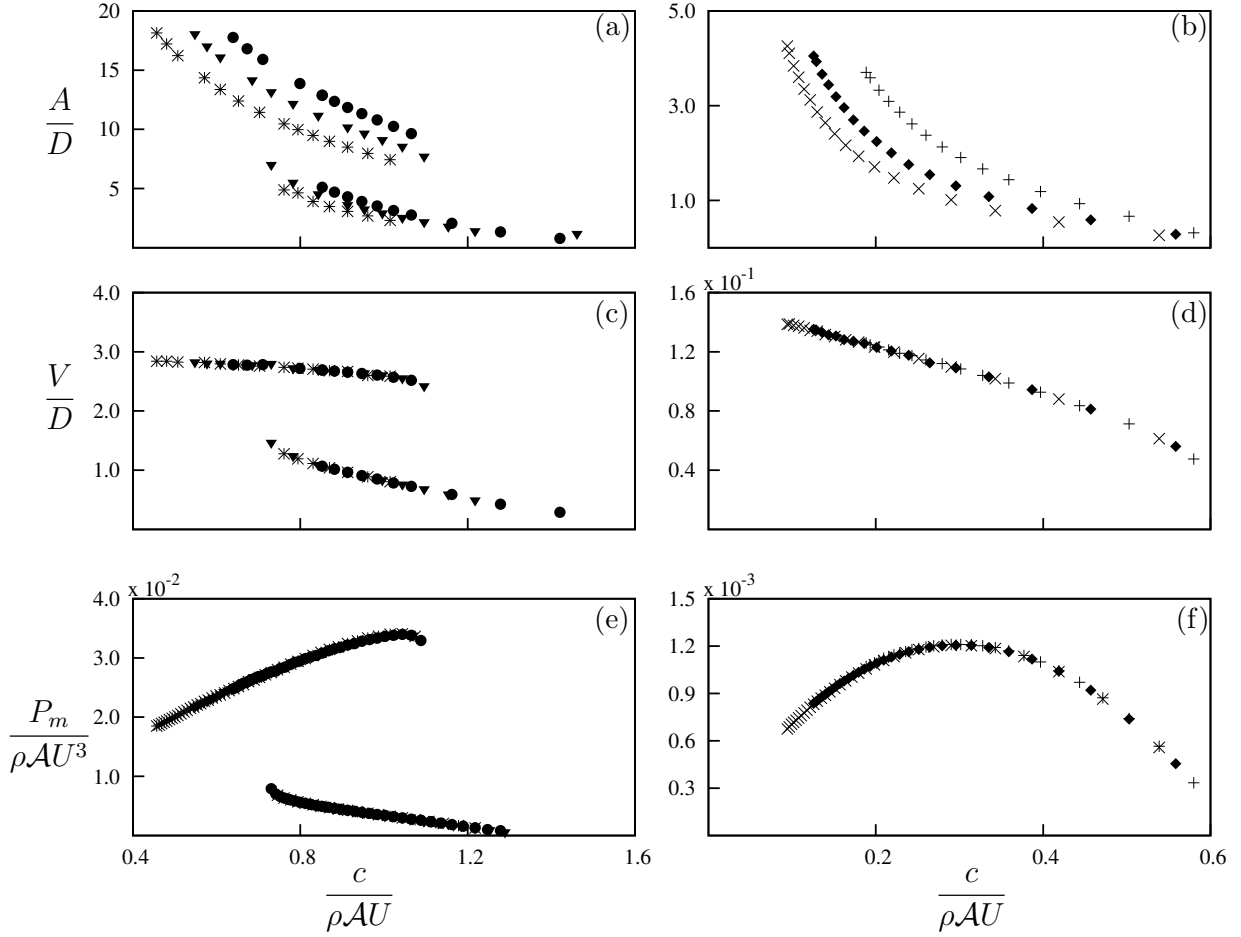


Figure 4: Displacement amplitude, velocity amplitude and mean power as functions of the damping factor. Data presented in (a),(c) and (e) were calculated using input data at $Re = 22300$ obtained by Parkinson and Smith (1964) at three different damping ratios: $\zeta = 0.0125$ (*), $\zeta = 0.015$ (▼) and $\zeta = 0.0175$ (●). Data presented in (b), (d) and (f) were obtained using input data at $Re = 165$ at three different damping ratios: $\zeta = 0.075$ (×), $\zeta = 0.1$ (◆) and $\zeta = 0.15$ (+). The collapsed data implies that there is no frequency selection and the tuning parameter of the mechanical side of the system is the damping constant to obtain an optimum power output.

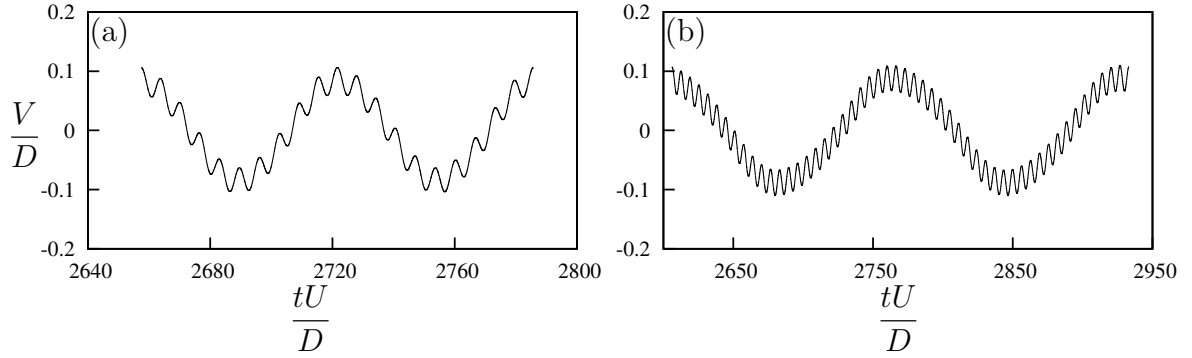


Figure 5: Time histories of velocity at two different ζ and U^* which produce the same mean power (1.2×10^{-3}). Data presented in (a) are at $U^* = 60$, $\zeta = 0.075$ and (b) are at $U^* = 165$, $\zeta = 0.175$. Both data sets were obtained using Quasi-steady state assumption using input C_y parameters at $Re = 165$. Shedding is evident in both signals as a high frequency fluctuation but the amplitude of the slower fluctuations remains constant in both cases.

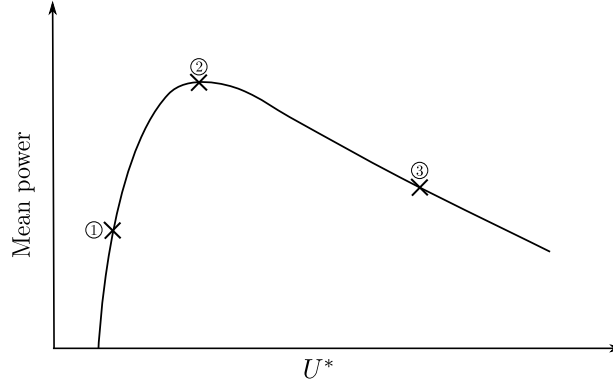


Figure 6: Three key regions taken into account to analyse the time histories of power in a typical mean power vs. U^* curve at $Re = 165$. In region 1, high damping suppresses oscillation, hence the power output is low. In region 2, the damping is close to the optimum for power transfer. In region 3, the low damping means little energy is extracted from the fluid.

angle where the hydrodynamic forces peaks (i.e. $\theta = 4^\circ$ in 3 (a)). The dips in P_d between the two peaks approximately correspond to the time where the transverse velocity is higher than 0.07 and F_y is decreasing with increasing transverse velocity. The mean power output is at its maximum. This is due to the fact that this region is a best compromise between region 1 and 3. The damping is substantially high to obtain a high power output while not too high to allow the induced angle of attack to enter the region where the forcing opposes the direction of travel.

3.4. Effect of m^*

The maximum mean power at different m^* (Fig.8(a)) was constant for $m^* > 30$ in the low Re case. However, at $m^* \leq 30$, the power output reduces with reducing m^* across the

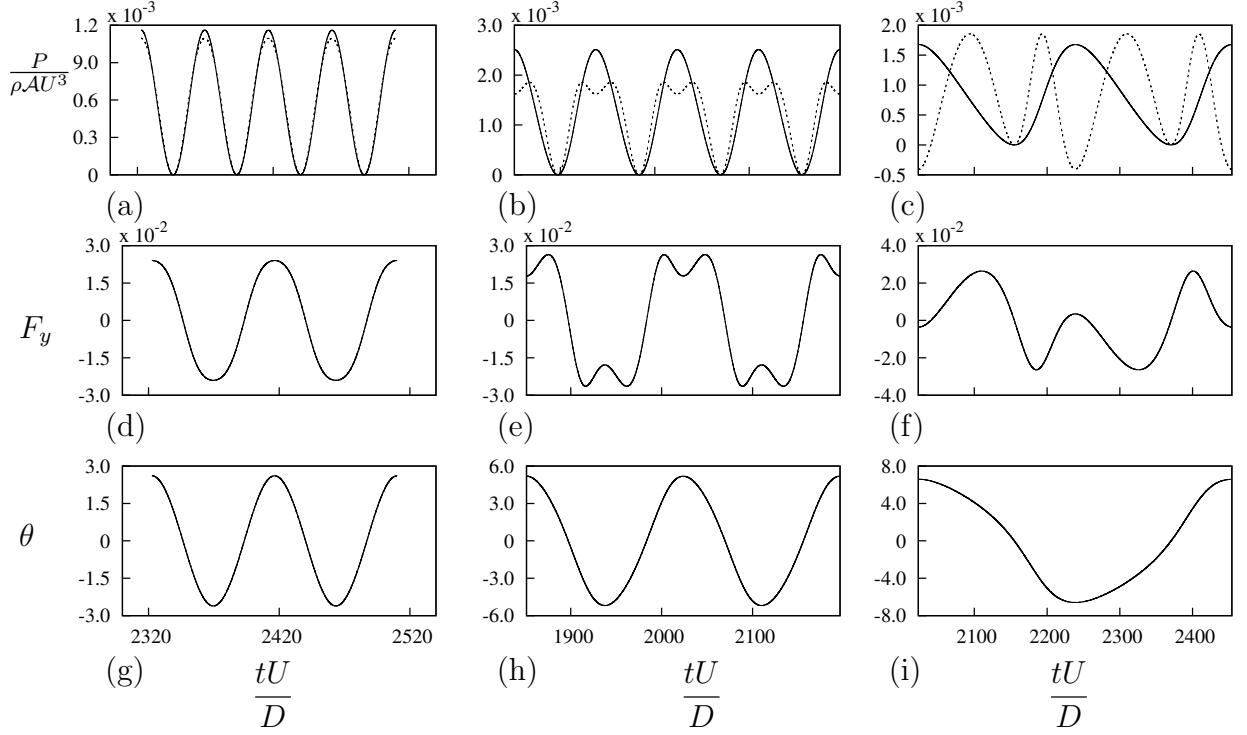


Figure 7: Time histories of P_t , P_d , F_y and θ at $U^* = 90, 165$ and 400 . Data was obtained at $\zeta = 0.1$, $m^* = 40$ and $Re=165$. The time histories of P_t (—) and P_d (---) are presented for: (a) $U^* = 90$; (b) $U^* = 165$; (c) $U^* = 400$. Time histories of the instantaneous force F_y for: (d) $U^* = 90$; (e) $U^* = 165$; (f) $U^* = 400$. Time histories of the instantaneous angle θ for: (g) $U^* = 90$; (h) $U^* = 165$; (i) $U^* = 400$.

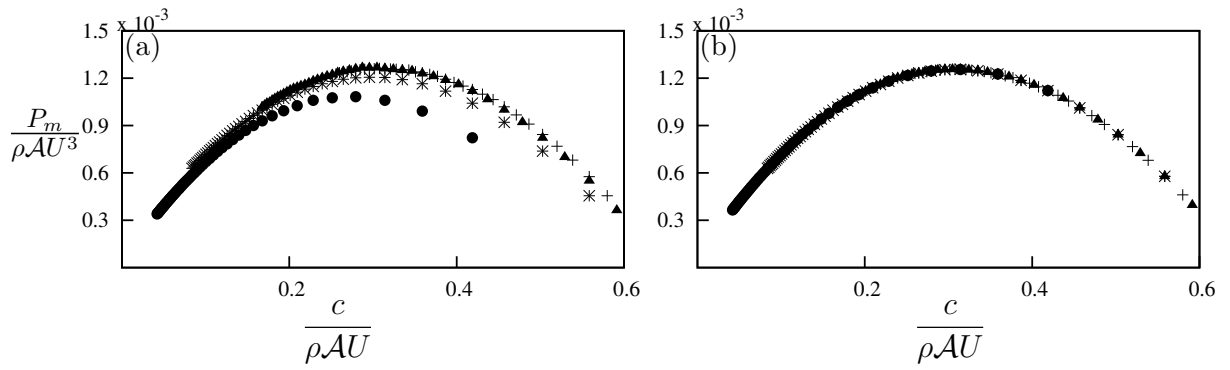


Figure 8: Mean power as a function of damping factor. Data are presented at $m^* = 10$ (\bullet), $m^* = 20$ ($*$), $m^* = 40$ (\blacktriangle), $m^* = 60$ ($+$) at $Re\ 165$ (a) with and (b) without the shedding term in Eq.4. A reduction of maximum mean power can be observed when $m^* < 40$ with shedding while the maximum power is essentially independent of m^* when shedding is disregarded.

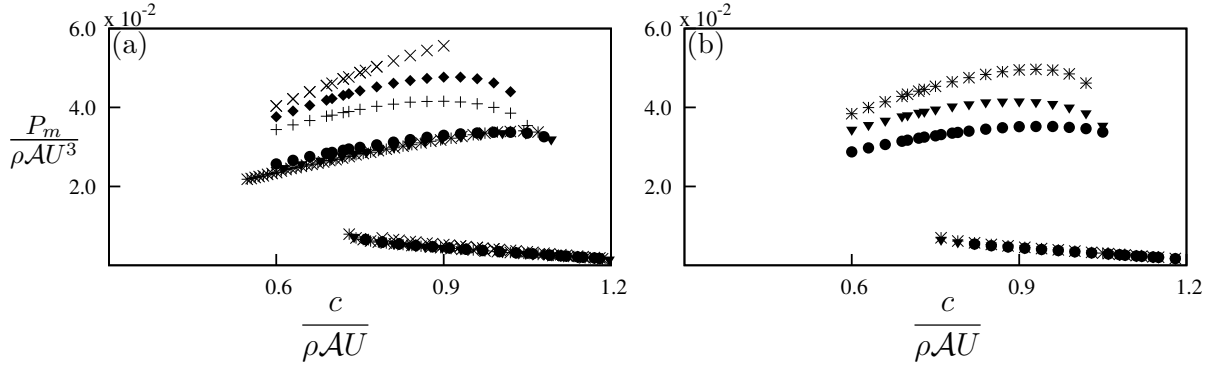


Figure 9: Mean power as a function of damping factor. Data presented in both (a) and (b) were calculated using input data at $Re=22300$ Parkinson and Smith (1964) where (a) shows mean power data at six different mass ratios: $m^* = 1$ (x), $m^* = 5$ (■), $m^* = 10$ (+), $m^* = 50$ (●), $m^* = 100$ (▼) and $m^* = 1164$ (*) at $U^*=175$. Data presented in (b) shows mean power data at three different reduced velocities: $U^*=75$ (●), $U^*=175$ (▼) and $U^*=375$ (*) at $m^* = 10$. The maximum mean power tend to increase with decreasing m^* as well as increasing U^* at low m^* .

parameter range. However, when the sinusoidal forcing function in Eq.1 which cater for the vortex shedding was disregarded, the reduction in power could not be observed Fig.8(b). The suppression of galloping response at low m^* due to the presence of vortex shedding has previously been observed by Joly et al. (2012). This is a non-linear interaction between the forcing that drives the galloping excitation and the forcing as a result of vortex shedding. The forcing associated with vortex shedding is significantly larger and at a higher frequency than the forcing that drives galloping. Systems with low m^* do not have enough inertia to fully sustain the galloping excitation over the longer period.

At $Re=22300$ power output started to increase for cases with $m^* < 50$. The overall mean power tend to increase as the m^* was decreased when U^* was kept constant (Fig9 (a)). The same effect was observed when U^* was increased keeping m^* constant (9 (b)). It should be noted that the influence of U^* was observed only for low mass ratios. The velocity time traces of example cases of both scenarios presented in Fig.10 and 11 shows that essentially the same phenomenon occurring in both cases whereby the velocity signal tend to shift from a sinusoidal signal towards a square wave. The corresponding displacement signal tend to become more like a triangular wave. When the inertia of the system reduces, the body can accelerate faster thus attaining higher velocities more rapidly and spend a higher proportion of the period at a high velocity. Higher velocities are favourable because they result in higher instantaneous hydrodynamic forcing and power output from mechanical damping. However, the velocity is limited by the characteristic of the hydrodynamics forcing which reaches a maximum and then decreases past an incident angle of 13.21° which correspond to a transverse velocity of $\frac{y}{U} = 0.235$. It is estimated that the efficiency limit i.e ($U^* \rightarrow \infty$, $m^* \rightarrow 0$ and $\frac{c}{\rho U A} = 1.22$) will approach 13.5% which corresponds to a square wave velocity signal with a velocity amplitude that results in maximum hydrodynamic forcing. Physical systems may not realize the full potential due to practical limitations. Increasing U^* effectively reduces the stiffness of the system and lengthen the period, thus again allowing

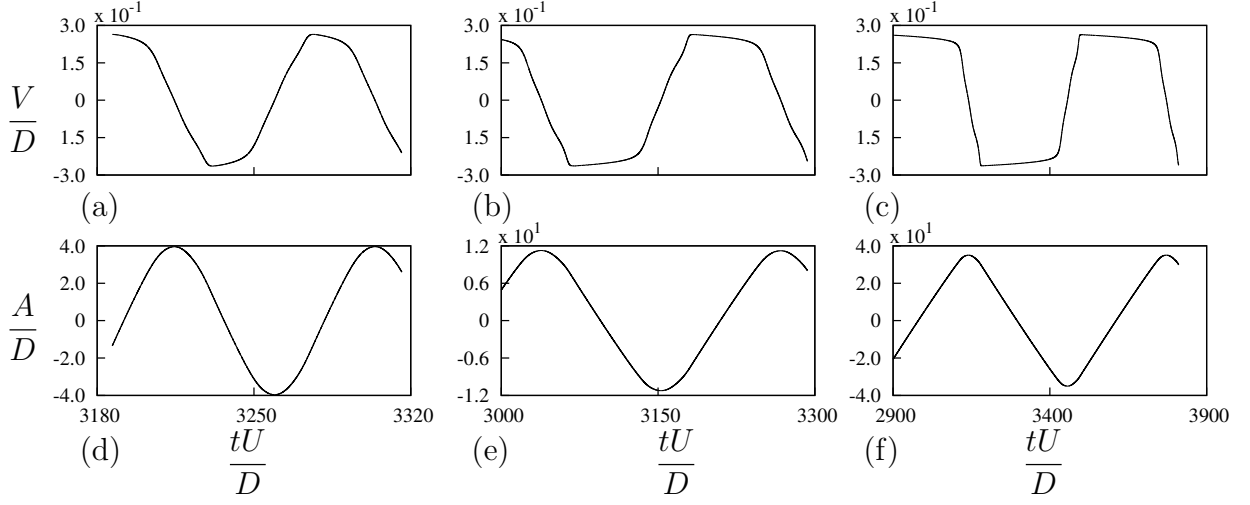


Figure 10: Time histories of displacement and velocity at $Re=22300$, $U^*=175$ and $\frac{c}{\rho A U} = 9.3 \times 10^{-1}$. The velocity time histories are presented for: (a) $m^* = 1164$; (b) $m^* = 10$; (c) $m^* = 5$. The time histories of displacement are presented for: (d) $m^* = 1164$; (e) $m^* = 10$; (f) $m^* = 5$. As the mass ratio decreases the velocity signal tends to transform from a sinusoidal towards a square signal and the displacement signal tends to move towards a triangular signal due to reduction in inertia.

a larger portion of the period to be at a high velocity which favours power output. For the case of fixing U^* and decreasing m^* in (Fig9 (a)), the lengthening of the period is associated with the added mass which is kept constant at 3.5 being more dominant on the overall mass of the system when m^* is reduced.

3.5. Comparison with FSI simulations

Similar trends were captured for both displacement and velocity amplitudes between QSS and FSI simulations (Fig. 12(a) and 12(b)). Quantitatively a large discrepancy (average of 30%) could be observed between QSS and FSI data. Therefore the power also becomes significantly low in FSI data (Fig.12 (c)). However, the FSI data (Fig.12 (c)) were able to produce the main rise and the fall of mean power when U^* was increased. The reasoning behind this fact is that galloping is weak at $Re=165$ and therefore fluid damping has a significant effect. It was reported by Barrero-Gil et al. (2009) that galloping only starts to occur at $Re \geq 159$. As power is a function of $(\dot{y})^2$ the error between QSS and FSI power is compounded.

4. Conclusion

In this paper, the power transfer of a square body under aero elastic galloping is analysed by solving the quasi-steady state model equations through numerical integration. At higher m^* ($m^* > 30$ at lower Re and $m^* > 50$ at high Re) the power output of the system is not dependent on U^* or natural frequency of the system, but controlled by the non-dimensionalised damping constant $\frac{c}{\rho A U}$. By analysing key regions of the power vs U^* curve

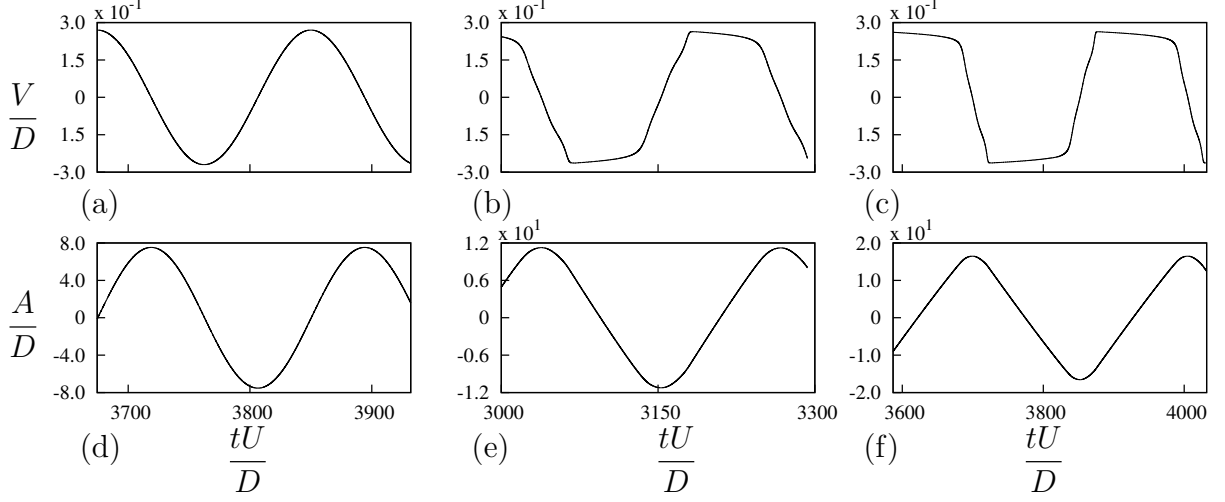


Figure 11: Time histories of displacement and velocity at $Re=22300$, $m^* = 10$ and $\frac{c}{\rho AU} = 9.3 \times 10^{-1}$. The velocity time histories are presented for: (a) $U^*=75$; (b) $U^*=175$ (c) $U^*=375$. The time histories of displacement are presented for: (d) $U^*=75$; (e) $U^*=175$; (f) $U^*=375$. As the mass ratio decreases the velocity signal tend to transform from a sinusoidal towards a square signal and the displacement signal tend to move towards a triangular signal.

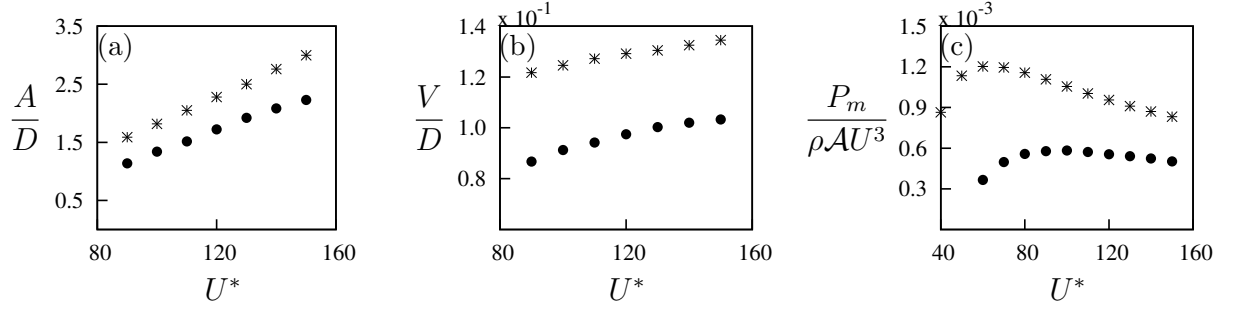


Figure 12: Comparison of data generated using the quasi-static theory (*) and full DNS simulations (●). (a) Displacement amplitude, (b) velocity amplitude and (c) mean power as functions of U^* . Data were obtained at $Re = 165$ and $\zeta = 0.075$. An average difference of 34% is observed for both displacement and velocity amplitude. However, the essential physics i.e the rise and fall of mean power, is captured by DNS simulations.

it could be concluded that in order to obtain an optimum power output, the damping constant ($\frac{c}{\rho AU}$) should be high, but not excessive until it hinders the galloping from reaching induced angles of attack where the forcing is significant. The effect of mass ratio was also observed where at $Re=165$. The peak efficiency was found out to be 0.26% for $Re=165$ and 6.7% for $Re=22300$. The mean power tend to decrease at $m^* < 50$ which was found out to be an influence of vortex shedding. At $Re=22300$ an opposite result could be observed where the mean power tend to increase with decreasing mass ratio as well as the mean power tend to increase with increasing U^* at low mass ratios. The cause for this was found out to be the fact that when the mass ratio decreases, due to the lower inertia the velocity time trace tend to move from a sinusoidal signal towards a square signal where it sustains high velocities for longer periods of time which leads to a higher mean power output.

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