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GALLOPING

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CHAPTER 1

METHODOLOGY AND VALIDATION

1.1 Introduction

An overview of the modeling and the computational methods used in this study are presented in this chapter. This study uses well established techniques to model and study fluid elastic galloping. Therefore, only a brief overview is provided together with relevant references where the development and vigorous validation has been presented.

This chapter is presented as follows. The equations used to model the system are presented and discussed. Next, a brief discussion of the techniques used for direct numerical simulations are presented followed by the problem formulation and the discussion of the parameters used. Finally, validation data are presented and discussed to demonstrate the accuracy of the direct numerical simulations.

1.1.1 Parameters used

The findings in this study are presented in two categories i.e. high and low Reynolds numbers, so as to study the system at laminar and turbulent flow regimes. One of the main objectives in this study was to capture the flow physics accurately using direct numerical simulations. Hence, major portion of the study was carried out in the laminar range where the flow is laminar and two directional. Although a majority of the study is focused on low Reynolds number regime, some results were presented using inputs from published data at high Reynolds numbers to provide a comparison between high and low Reynolds number

cases. $Re = 200$ was defined as the “low” Reynolds number and $Re = 22300$ was defined as the high Reynolds number in this study. Studies by Tong et al. (2008) and Sheard et al. (2009) reveal that the approximate value of 3-dimensional transition of the wake for a square cross section is $Re = 160$ and therefore, $Re = 200$ was selected to represent the low Reynolds number regime, also considering the fact that other numerical studies in the laminar regime have used this value of Reynolds number (Robertson et al., 2003; Joly et al., 2012). All these published data have used a square cross section as the body of oscillation. Since the basic cross section used in this study is square, the same flow regimes of the these published data were used.

In the high Reynolds number case, the chosen Reynolds number matches the pioneering study of galloping Parkinson and Smith (1964), from which the stationary aerodynamic data was obtained as input to the QSS model. For the high Re tests, predictions of power output at $Re = 22300$ were obtained using the coefficients of the C_y vs. θ curve from Parkinson and Smith (1964) as inputs to the QSS model. Aerodynamic data (i.e. C_y data) from direct numerical simulations at low Reynold number of stationary cases at different angles of attack are used as inputs to the QSS model at the low Reynolds number regime.

Stationary C_y data at different angles of attack is used as inputs to the QSS model, were obtained for the low Reynolds number regime using direct numerical simulations. The average power was obtained by using equation 1.1, and the averaging was done over no less than 20 galloping periods. The mass ratio m^* was kept at 1163 for $Re = 22300$ (Similar to Parkinson and Smith (1964)). The parameters used at the low Reynolds number cases are $m^* = 20$ for $Re=200$ and $U^* \geq 40$. These were similar to the parameters used in previous studies (Robertson et al., 2003; Joly et al., 2012). These parameters were used throughout this study unless specified otherwise.

1.2 Quasi-steady model

The quasi-steady state model discussed in section ?? was used to obtain oscillator response data. The quasi-steady state model has proven its ability to obtain accurate galloping response data (as also discussed in section ??). Therefore, a large number of cases can be modelled in small amount of computational time. The oscillator equation consists of

spring, mass and damper oscillator expression with a 7th order interpolation polynomial as the forcing function (equation ??), obtained from a curve fit of aerodynamic data (i.e. C_y as a function of the incidence angle).

Solving the quasi-steady state equation

The quasi-steady model being an ordinary differential equation could be solved using different solving methods. Some of the techniques include limit cycle oscillations, harmonic balance, cell mapping and numerical integration. Vio et al. (2007) showed that numerical integration provides accurate data. A fourth-order Runge-Kutta ODE solving scheme was used in solving the quasi-steady state oscillator equation. The built in ‘ode45’ function in MATLAB was used primarily to solve the QSS equation while in some cases ‘ode15s’ function was used when the equation became more stiff.

1.3 Calculation of average power

The ideal potential amount of harvested power output could be represented as the dissipated power due to mechanical damping before losses in any power take-off system are included. Thus the mean power output could be expressed as

$$P_m = \frac{1}{T} \int_0^T (c\dot{y})\dot{y}dt, \quad (1.1)$$

where T is the period of integration and c is the mechanical damping constant.

The work done on the body by the fluid is equal to this quantity, defined as

$$P_m = \frac{1}{T} \int_0^T F_y \dot{y}dt, \quad (1.2)$$

where F_y is the transverse (lift) force.

The two definitions of the mean power provide two vital interpretations of power transfer. Equation 1.1 shows that the power is proportional to the mechanical damping and the magnitude of the transverse velocity. At first glance one may assume that the power could be increased by increasing damping. In a practical power extraction device, the significant component of damping would be due to the electrical generator and therefore, an increase in damping would be due to the increase of the load or in other words the electrical resistance. Yet this perception of damping is not quite accurate as very high damping would

result in reducing the velocity amplitude which then, would not result in a higher energy output according to equation 1.1. In consequence, a balance needs to be obtained where the damping is high, but not to the extent that it will adversely result by overly suppressing the motion of the body.

On the other hand, equation 1.2 shows that a higher power is attained during situations where the transverse force F_y and the transverse velocity are in phase. Hence, a simple increase in the magnitude of the force or the velocity is not satisfactory to attain a higher power transfer. A higher power output could be obtained when there is a smaller phase difference between the force and the velocity.

1.4 Direct numerical simulations (DNS)

Direct numerical simulations were employed to obtain the stationary data to be used as inputs to the QSS model and to obtain fluid-structure interaction (FSI) predictions to be compared with the QSS model at low Reynolds numbers. A high-order in-house build spectral element which simulates two-dimensional laminar flows was used to obtain the DNS data.

To obtain DNS results an in-house build code was used. This code essentially solves the Navier-Stokes equations in an accelerated reference frame. A three-step time-splitting scheme also known as a fractional step method was used for temporal discretisation. A predictor-corrector method was used for the FSI data where an elastically mounted body was involved. A description of the spectral element method in general can be found in Karniadakis and Sherwin (2005). This code has been very well validated in a variety of fluid-structure interaction problems similar to that studied in the current study (Leontini et al., 2007; Griffith et al., 2011; Leontini et al., 2011; Leontini and Thompson, 2013). An overview of the algorithm is presented in the following subsections which is described in detail by Leontini (2007).

1.4.1 Governing equations

In this study, the following key assumptions were made to carry out the direct numerical simulations.

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To formulate the differential equations to an infinitesimally small fluid section, the fluid was assumed to be a continuum. This assumption is valid for all macro flows as is the case in this study.

Next, to avoid the modelling acoustic wave propagation, it was assumed that the density of the fluid is constant. The fluid is incompressible. This particular assumption is usually valid for Mach numbers (ratio of the speed of sound to the speed of fluid flow) less than 0.3.

Finally, the fluid was assumed to be an Newtonian fluid, which means that the shear stress is directly proportional to the strain rate. The assumptions used are quite standard and further information could be found in White (1999).

The Navier-Stokes equations are the equations which governs a Newtonian, incompressible fluid.

$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{u}}{\partial t} + (\mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{u} = -\frac{\nabla p_f}{\rho} + \frac{\mu_v}{\rho} (\nabla^2 \mathbf{u}) , \quad (1.3)$$

and continuity,

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{u} = 0 . \quad (1.4)$$

The velocity vector field is represented by \mathbf{u} , time by t , the pressure field by p_f fluid density by ρ and the dynamic by μ_v . In the Navier-Stokes equation (1.3) the left hand side represents the inertial forces and the right hand side represents the pressure forces. The net mass flux into the fluid element is specified to be zero by the continuity equation.

These equations are generalised by non-dimensionalisation. In the case of bluff body wake flows, the equations are non-dimensionalised by using the characteristic length of the body i.e the frontal projected height D , and the free-stream velocity U .

For cases investigating fluid structure interactions the equations are modified to be solved in an accelerated reference frame. The frame of reference is attached to the cylinder. Therefore, an extra term is added to the Navier-stokes equations which represents the acceleration of the cylinder. Thus, the equations could be written as,

$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{V}}{\partial \tau} = -\nabla P + \frac{1}{Re} (\nabla^2 \mathbf{V}) - (\mathbf{V} \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{V} + \frac{d\mathbf{V}_{cyl}}{d\tau} , \quad (1.5)$$

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{V} = 0 . \quad (1.6)$$

The non dimensional terms are defined as follows: $\mathbf{V} = \mathbf{u}/U$, $\tau = tU/D$, $P = p_f/(\rho U^2)$, $Re = \rho U D/(\mu_v)$, $\mathbf{V}_{cyl} = \mathbf{v}_{cyl}/U$, and \mathbf{v}_{cyl} being the velocity of the cylinder. $\frac{d\mathbf{V}_{cyl}}{d\tau}$, represents acceleration of the cylinder.

The Navier-Stokes equations are coupled with the oscillator differential equation

$$\frac{\ddot{y}_{cyl}}{D} + 2\zeta\sqrt{k^*}\frac{\dot{y}_{cyl}}{D} + k^*\frac{y_{cyl}}{D} = \frac{\pi}{2}\frac{C_L}{m^*}, \quad (1.7)$$

Where ζ is the damping ratio, $k^* = kD^2/mU^2$ and $C_L = F_{lift}/(0.5\rho U^2 D)$. The lift coefficient per unit length of the body is C_L , the transverse displacement of the cylinder is given by y_{cyl} , the characteristic length scale of the body is D , k is the spring constant and the mass per unit length of the body is represented by m . The general form of this linear oscillator equation could be found in books such as Naudascher and Rockwell (1994). The final form of the coefficients were constructed by non-dimensionalising the general linear oscillator equation.

1.4.2 Temporal discretisation: Time-splitting

The problem was discretised in order to solve equations 1.5, 1.6 and 1.7 in both space and time. A three-step time splitting method was used for the temporal discretisation. This scheme also known as the fractional step method, was used to separately integrate the terms in the right hand side of the Navier-Stokes equation (Karniadakis and Sherwin, 2005). The overall integration of one time-step is split into three substeps. An approximate solution of the Navier-Stokes equation is gained by this scheme.

The cylinder acceleration is integrated through the whole time step in order to obtain an initial approximation of the intermediate velocity field. This velocity field is used as the starting condition. The pressure is integrated using this starting condition. A secondary intermediate velocity field is obtained as a result of the pressure integration substep. This secondary velocity field is then used as the starting condition for the integration of the diffusion term which results in the final velocity field.

The three semi-discretised substep equations are as follows:

$$\mathbf{V}^* - \mathbf{V}^{(n)} - \Delta\mathbf{V}_{cyl} = - \int_{\tau}^{\tau+\Delta\tau} (\mathbf{V} \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{V} d\tau \quad (1.8)$$

$$\mathbf{V}^{**} - \mathbf{V}^* = - \int_{\tau}^{\tau+\Delta\tau} \nabla P d\tau \quad (1.9)$$

$$\mathbf{V}^{(n+1)} - \mathbf{V}^{**} = \frac{1}{Re} \int_{\tau}^{\tau+\Delta\tau} \nabla^2 \mathbf{V} d\tau, \quad (1.10)$$

The current time step is represented by n and the intermediate velocity fields at the end of the convection and pressure substeps are \mathbf{V}^* and \mathbf{V}^{**} respectively. The change in the body over a time step is given by $\Delta \mathbf{V}_{cyl} = \int_{\tau}^{\tau+\Delta\tau} \frac{d\mathbf{V}_{cyl}}{d\tau} d\tau$.

The addition of these three substep equations reduces to the integrated form of the Navier-Stokes equation in equation 1.5.

Integration of the substep equations

The integration methods of the pressure, convection and diffusion substeps are presented in this subsection.

The convection substep

As the system involves free oscillation, a coupling between the oscillation equation (equation 1.7) and the Navier-Stokes equations had to be employed. As a result, the cylinder dynamics had to be solved at each time-step.

An iterative predictor-corrector scheme was employed to obtain the solution of the coupled equations. The initial step being the “predictor” step was obtaining approximations for all the quantities involved in the integration. A quadratic extrapolation was used to obtain an initial estimate of $\Delta \mathbf{V}_{cyl}$ from three previous time step values of \mathbf{V}_{cyl} . Therefore, a non-dynamical approximation could be obtained.

$$\mathbf{V}_{cyl}^{(n+1)\dagger} = 3\mathbf{V}_{cyl}^{(n)} - 3\mathbf{V}_{cyl}^{(n-1)} + \mathbf{V}_{cyl}^{(n-2)}, \quad (1.11)$$

The dagger (\dagger) indicates that the value is an initial approximation eg. $\mathbf{V}_{cyl}^{(n+1)\dagger}$. Thus, $\Delta \mathbf{V}_{cyl}^{\dagger}$ was obtained by a simple subtraction of the value at the current time step.

The approximated position of the cylinder at the next time step could be obtained by carrying out an integration of the cylinder velocity over the time step. A third-order Adams-Moulton method was used to perform the integration. Therefore, the final equation describing the position of the body is given by,

$$\frac{y_{cyl}^{(n+1)\dagger} - y_{cyl}^{(n)}}{\Delta\tau} = \frac{1}{12}(5\mathbf{V}_{cyl}^{(n+1)\dagger} + 8\mathbf{V}_{cyl}^{(n)} - \mathbf{V}_{cyl}^{(n-1)}) \quad (1.12)$$

The transverse displacement of the cylinder is denoted by y_{cyl} .

An offset is present between the cylinder velocity and cylinder position. The velocity of the cylinder is in advance by half a time-step of the position of the cylinder, i.e. $\mathbf{V}_{cyl}^{(n+1)}$ is half a time step in advance of $y_{cyl}^{(n+1)}$. However, both the cylinder positions and the velocities are located at the same discrete times.

In order to obtain an approximation for \mathbf{V}^* , a solution was obtained for equation 1.8 using the previous approximated quantities.

By using a third-order Adams-Bashforth scheme and incorporating the approximation of equation 1.11 for $\Delta\mathbf{V}_{cyl}^\dagger$ the first approximation for \mathbf{V}^* was obtained using the equation,

$$\frac{\mathbf{V}^* - \mathbf{V}^{(n)} - \Delta\mathbf{V}_{cyl}^\dagger}{\Delta\tau} = \frac{1}{12}(23\mathbf{N}(\mathbf{V})^{(n)} - 16\mathbf{N}(\mathbf{V})^{(n-1)} + 5\mathbf{N}(\mathbf{V})^{(n-2)}) \quad (1.13)$$

The explicit integration method was only used for the first approximation and for the subsequent iterations semi-implicit method was used for \mathbf{V}^* .

This step was followed by solving the remaining substep equations in order to obtain an approximation for $\mathbf{V}^{(n+1)\dagger}$, and then the ‘‘predictor’’ portion of the predictor-corrector method was completed.

The cylinder velocity approximation \mathbf{V}_{cyl}^\dagger , was updated commencing the ‘‘corrector’’ cycle of the predictor-corrector method. This was carried out using a third-order integration scheme.

$$\frac{\mathbf{V}_{cyl}^{(n+1)\dagger} - \mathbf{V}_{cyl}^{(n)}}{\Delta\tau} = \frac{1}{24}(25\ddot{y}_{cyl}^{(n+1)} - 2\ddot{y}_{cyl}^{(n)} + \ddot{y}_{cyl}^{(n-1)}) \quad (1.14)$$

$\Delta\mathbf{V}_{cyl}^\dagger$ was updated using the recalculated value of $\mathbf{V}_{cyl}^{(n+1)\dagger}$. The velocity was integrated over a time step in order to obtain the position of the cylinder. For the first correction cycle a third order Adams-Moulton method was used which completed the first iteration of the predictor-corrector method.

$$\frac{y_{cyl}^{(n+1)\dagger} - y_{cyl}^{(n)}}{\Delta\tau} = \frac{1}{12}(5\mathbf{V}_{cyl}^{(n+1)\dagger} + 8\mathbf{V}_{cyl}^{(n)} - \mathbf{V}_{cyl}^{(n-1)}) \quad (1.15)$$

Slight modifications were employed to the subsequent iterations in order to improve numerical stability. However, the iterations proceeded in a similar manner. As the approximations for $\Delta \mathbf{V}_{cyl}^\dagger$ and $\mathbf{V}^{(n+1)\dagger}$ were available, further correction steps were carried out using third-order Adams-Moulton scheme .

$$\frac{\mathbf{V}^* - \mathbf{V}^{(n)} - \Delta \mathbf{V}_{cyl}^\dagger}{\Delta \tau} = \frac{1}{12} (5\mathbf{N}(\mathbf{V})^{(n+1)\dagger} + 8\mathbf{N}(\mathbf{V})^{(n)} - \mathbf{N}(\mathbf{V})^{(n-1)}) . \quad (1.16)$$

The two remaining substeps were then solved to obtain a new approximation of $\mathbf{V}^{(n+1)\dagger}$.

The first correction step was carried out by employing 1.14 to obtain a second estimate for the velocity of the cylinder $\mathbf{V}_{cyl}^{(n+1)\ddagger}$. A relaxation equation (equation 1.17) was used for the velocity of the cylinder prior to using equation 1.15 since the equations were quite stiff.

$$\mathbf{V}_{cyl}^{(n+1)'} = \mathbf{V}_{cyl}^{(n+1)\dagger} + \epsilon (\mathbf{V}_{cyl}^{(n+1)\ddagger} - \mathbf{V}_{cyl}^{(n+1)\dagger}) , \quad (1.17)$$

$\mathbf{V}_{cyl}^{(n+1)\ddagger}$ and $\mathbf{V}_{cyl}^{(n+1)\dagger}$ represent the most current and previous approximations respectively. The under relaxation parameter is represented by ϵ which controls the proportion of the correction which is considered in each iteration. The final approximation at the end of the relaxation process is represented by $\mathbf{V}_{cyl}^{(n+1)'}$ and was used in equation 1.15 for completing the correction cycle and hence, the iteration.

A convergence error criteria was specified until which the iteration was continued. The lift force of the cylinder, the velocity of the cylinder and the fluid velocity should all converge to the required convergence criteria. A series of convergence studies were carried out in order to obtain the convergence criteria (Pregalato, 2003). The solution converged typically within 3 – 4 iterations and the iteration count exceeded 10 in very rare cases.

The procedure to obtain the solution for \mathbf{V}^* (velocity field at the end of the convection substep) in a nutshell is as follows. A predictor-corrector method was employed, where the primary predictor cycle was first employed. This was followed by obtaining an approximation for $\Delta \mathbf{V}_{cyl}$ which was calculated using equation 1.11. From this approximation ($\Delta \mathbf{V}_{cyl}$) the position of the cylinder was approximated using equation 1.12.

Next, using an explicit Adams-Bashforth scheme, an approximation was obtained for \mathbf{V}^* by solving the substep equation (equation 1.13). The predictor cycle was completed by solving the remaining substep equations to arrive at the first approximation of $\mathbf{V}^{(n+1)}$.

Then, the primary corrector step was initiated by calculating the forces of the body from the current approximation of $\mathbf{V}^{(n+1)}$. Using these forces together with the current approximations of the velocity and the displacement of the body and the equation of motion of the body (eq:1.7) an approximation for the acceleration of the cylinder at the end of the timestep was obtained. By integrating this acceleration over the timestep using equation 1.14 the corrected approximation of $\Delta \mathbf{V}_{cyl}$ was obtained. Using equation 1.15 the corrected approximation for $y_{cyl}^{(n+1)}$ was obtained by integrating the velocity over a timestep and using the recent value of $\Delta \mathbf{V}_{cyl}$. The primary corrector step and the primary iteration was completed once this step was completed. All the remaining iterations were carried out in a similar manner with an under relaxation presented in equation 1.17.

The pressure substep

The pressure equation was solved in two parts in order to find solutions to the two unknowns i.e. the pressure field and the velocity field at the end of the timestep.

The integration of the pressure substep was initiated by formulating equation 1.9 in terms of a second-order Adams-Moulton scheme which gives,

$$\frac{\mathbf{V}^{**} - \mathbf{V}^*}{\Delta \tau} = -\frac{1}{2}(\nabla P^{(n+1)} + \nabla P^{(n)}) . \quad (1.18)$$

The equation was further reduced by considering that the *RHS* is equal to $\nabla P^{(n+1/2)}$. The divergence portion of equation 1.18 was taken. Using equation 1.6, continuity was applied to the velocity field which resulted the pressure field having a Poisson equation of the form of

$$\nabla^2 P^{(n+\frac{1}{2})} = \frac{1}{\Delta \tau} \nabla \cdot \mathbf{V}^* . \quad (1.19)$$

This equation could be solved at the middle of the timestep for the pressure field. Therefore, this pressure field could then be back-substituted to equation 1.18, together with the simplified *RHS*, to solve for the velocity field \mathbf{V}^{**} , at the end of the substep.

The diffusion substep

A numerical stability of the solution scheme has to be considered for the diffusion substep although the equation for diffusion is linear. Therefore, the Crank-Nicholson scheme or the

second order Adams-Moulton scheme which is a semi-implicit scheme and unconditionally numerically stable is employed. Thus this formulates the final equation (eq 1.10) of the time splitting scheme as,

$$\frac{\mathbf{V}^{(n+1)} - \mathbf{V}^{**}}{\Delta\tau} = \frac{1}{2Re}(\nabla^2 \mathbf{V}^{(n+1)} + \nabla^2 \mathbf{V}^{(n)}) . \quad (1.20)$$

The integration over the timestep is obtained from the solution of this equation for $\mathbf{V}^{(n+1)}$, thus completing the time splitting scheme.

Spatial discretisation:Spectral element method

The spacial discretisation was done using a nodal based spectral-element method. This method is a member of the finite-element class. The computational domain is separated into a series of macro elements and then a continuous solution is obtained over each element. Mesh refinement can be done in the areas where high gradients are experienced, which is also known as h -refinement. It was necessary that all elements to be quadrilateral. Yet, the elements were not restricted from having curved sides.

The calculation of the residual \mathbf{R} initiates the solution process. All the terms of the governing equations (the Navier-Stokes equation eq 1.5) were moved to the *LHS*. Thus, the resulting expression is,

$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{V}}{\partial \tau} + \nabla P - \frac{1}{Re}(\nabla^2 \mathbf{V}) + (\mathbf{V} \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{V} - \frac{d\mathbf{V}_{cyl}}{d\tau} = 0 . \quad (1.21)$$

A trial solution is substituted into equation 1.21. The *RHS* of the equation would be zero if the trial solution is the exact solution of the equation. If the trial solution is not the exact solution but an approximation to the exact solution which is the case in general, then the *RHS* will be non-zero and a residual will be formed. This residual could be defined by,

$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{V}_{trial}}{\partial \tau} + \nabla P_{trial} - \frac{1}{Re}(\nabla^2 \mathbf{V}_{trial}) + (\mathbf{V}_{trial} \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{V}_{trial} - \frac{d\mathbf{V}_{cyl}}{d\tau} = \mathbf{R} , \quad (1.22)$$

The trial solutions for velocity and pressure fields are \mathbf{V}_{trial} and P_{trial} respectively. The error term which is introduced through the trial function is the residual \mathbf{R} . It is clear from equation 1.22 that the definition of the residual is the governing equation substituted by the trial solution substituted to the true solution.

In order to effectively distribute the error over the domain, the residual has to be weighted in order to minimise the maximum local error. To perform this task the inner product of the residual with a series of weighing functions were taken. The integral of the product of the weighting function and the residual is the inner product of the residual which is set to zero. The method employed here is also commonly known as weighted residual method.

Tensor-product Lagrange polynomials were used for both interpolating trial functions and weighting functions in the DNS carried out in this study. The order of the polynomials p could be varied from 2 to 14 in order to further improve grid resolution which is also known as p refinement. This p refinement coupled with h refinement leads to a method called $h-p$ method which is used to improve accuracy (Karniadakis and Sherwin, 2005). The method also could be referred as a Galerkin method as both trial and weighting functions used were from the same family of functions. Fletcher (1984, 1991) provides further details on weighted-residual methods and Galerkin method.

Lagrange polynomials could be defined as,

$$L_i(\xi) = \prod_{\substack{g=1 \\ g \neq i}}^{p+1} \frac{(\xi - \xi_g)}{(\xi_i - \xi_g)} \quad (1.23)$$

The special coordinate is ξ and the indices of the data points are represented by i and g and the number of data points are represented by $p + 1$. One of the properties of Lagrange polynomials is that being equal to unity at the point i and being zero at all the other points other than in places in between points. Thus a continuous polynomial which matches the exact values of the velocity at the node point could be obtained when L_i is multiplied by the velocity at point i and then summing over all points. The tensor-product polynomials in two dimensions $N_{q,s}(\xi, \eta)$ could defined as the product of the Lagrange polynomial in one direction $L_q(\xi)$, with that in the other direction $L_s(\eta)$

The outline of the procedure to find the solution is as follows. The process is initiated by forming inner product of the residual and the tensor-product Lagrange polynomial weighting function.

This gives the integral

$$\int \int_{\Omega} N_{k,m}(\xi, \eta) \cdot \left[\frac{\partial \mathbf{V}_{trial}}{\partial \tau} + \nabla P_{trial} - \frac{1}{Re} (\nabla^2 \mathbf{V}_{trial}) + (\mathbf{V}_{trial} \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{V}_{trial} - \frac{d\mathbf{V}_{cyl}}{d\tau} \right] dx dy = 0 , \quad (1.24)$$

The computational domain is represented by Ω . $N_{q,s}(\xi, \eta)$ are the weighting function as defined in the computational space.

From equation 1.24 it is shown that each term in the equation is multiplied by the weighting function. Thus, the integral is split into components and the process could be carried out in the each of the substep equations 1.8, 1.9 and 1.10. For example the discretised equation for 1.13 could be expressed as

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{\Delta \tau} \int \int_{\Omega} N_{q,s}(\xi, \eta) \cdot (\mathbf{V}_{trial}^* - \mathbf{V}_{trial}^{(n)} - \Delta \mathbf{V}_{cyl}) dx dy = \\ & \int \int_{\Omega} N_{q,s}(\xi, \eta) \cdot \left(\frac{1}{12} (23 \mathbf{N}(\mathbf{V}_{trial})^{(n)} - 16 \mathbf{N}(\mathbf{V}_{trial})^{(n-1)} + 5 \mathbf{N}(\mathbf{V}_{trial})^{(n-2)}) \right) dx dy . \end{aligned} \quad (1.25)$$

This integral could be broken into components. Hence, the first term of the of the LHS of equation 1.25 could be defined as,

$$\int \int_{\Omega} \mathbf{V}_{trial}^* N_{q,s}(\xi, \eta) dx dy . \quad (1.26)$$

The first term in equation 1.13 could be used as an example to illustrate the process of obtaining the solution using the spectral element method. In order to calculate the integral of equation 1.26 over the entire computational domain, the integral is evaluated over each element separately. After that, the contributions of each element are summed together.

All the quadrilateral elements are mapped to a square ranging between $-1, 1$ in both directions where ξ and η are the orthogonal coordinates of this square. The approximation of the integral is simplified by defining the internal node points with the Gauss-Lobatto-Legendre (GLL) quadrature.

A Jacobian is introduced to perform this coordinate transformation and hence, the integral over each element becomes,

$$\int \int_{El} \mathbf{V}_{trial}^* N_{q,s}(\xi, \eta) \mathbf{J}(\xi, \eta) d\xi d\eta , \quad (1.27)$$

The Jacobian represented by \mathbf{J} and “ El ” denotes that the integration is performed over a single element. The solution of equation 1.27 \mathbf{V}_{trial}^* , could be re-written as a summation

of Lagrange polynomial components. This equation also expresses the tensor-product Lagrange polynomials representing the weighting functions in directions of ξ and η . Therefore, the equation could be expressed as,

$$\int \int_{El} \sum_{i,j} \widehat{\mathbf{V}}^*_{L_i(\xi)L_j(\eta)L_q(\xi)L_s(\eta)} \mathbf{J}(\xi, \eta) d\xi d\eta . \quad (1.28)$$

The velocity in the nodal points are represented by $\widehat{\mathbf{V}}^*$, L is the one-dimensional Lagrange polynomial and i and j represents the node index in directions ξ and η .

The Gauss-Lobatto Legendre (GLL) quadrature could be used to obtain an approximation to the integral in equation 1.28, taking the definition of the location of the internal points in the computational domain. Thus approximation of 1.28 could be expressed as,

$$\sum_{a,b} W_{a,b} \sum_{i,j} \widehat{\mathbf{V}}^*_{i,j} L_i(\xi_a) L_j(\eta_b) L_q(\xi_a) L_s(\eta_b) \mathbf{J}(\xi_a, \eta_b) . \quad (1.29)$$

$W_{a,b}$ represents the weighting coefficient for GLL quadrature, a and b represents the position of the node in the directions ξ and η respectively.

Even though equation 1.29 appears to be quite intimidating to deal with, the expression could be considerably simplified because of the fact that the system is discrete and the only values at the nodal points are considered. Incorporating Lagrange polynomials allows the substitution

$$L_i(\xi_a) = \delta_{ia} = \begin{cases} 1 & i = a \\ 0 & i \neq a \end{cases} . \quad (1.30)$$

The Kronecker delta is expressed by δ_{ia} . This substitution leads to a significant reduction of the non-zero elements in the simulation and leads to a much simpler expression. If the convection substep (example considered here) is considered, only a single term remains based on the \mathbf{V}^* term in the convection substep equation which is,

$$W_{q,s} \mathbf{J}(\xi_q, \eta_s) \widehat{\mathbf{V}}^*_{q,s} . \quad (1.31)$$

All the governing terms could be simplified similarly and this process is repeated over all elements. A global matrix is assembled by collecting the contribution of each element

and then this matrix system is solved to obtain solution for the unknown velocity and pressure fields at the nodal points.

Only the continuity of each function is required across the boundaries, with no condition imposed on the gradient (this condition is known as C_0 continuity), even though the shape functions are higher-order polynomials within each element. It can be shown that the method achieves global exponential convergence (Karniadakis and Sherwin, 2005).

The numerical process used for this study has been demonstrated to give exponential spatial convergence as the number of internal nodes per element is increased (Thompson et al., 1996).

Boundary conditions

The boundary conditions, regardless of the mesh were common for all the simulations performed. A no-slip condition was applied to the cross section wall. This condition ensures that the velocity is zero at the surface of the cross section. For stationary simulations a Dirichlet boundary condition is applied. For FSI cases a time-dependent Dirichlet boundary condition was employed for the velocity on the inlet and lateral boundaries. A Dirichlet boundary condition should have a specified value for the variables (Kreyszig, 2010) in this case velocity. The time-dependent Dirichlet condition has to be implemented for the FSI cases to account for the accelerated reference frame attached to the cross section. Thus, the inlet boundary was set to $u = U$ and $v = -\dot{y}$ for FSI cases and $v = 0$ for stationary cases, where u, v are the velocities in the x and y directions, respectively.

The outlet which is at the boundary downstream of the body was assigned the Neumann boundary condition (where the gradient of a property is specified Tu et al. (2008)), $\frac{\partial \mathbf{V}}{\partial \mathbf{n}} = 0$ where \mathbf{n} denotes the unit normal vector. This assumes that the flow does not spatially evolve while exiting the domain.

A Neumann condition for the pressure was applied at all the boundaries except the outlet. The normal gradient was calculated from the Navier–Stokes equations. A Dirichlet condition for the pressure ($p = 0$) was enforced at the outlet. The details of the method can be found in Thompson et al. (2006, 1996)

Although the physical validity of the outlet boundary condition is not quite true, this does not turn out to be a significant problem provided that the Reynolds numbers are low

and the domain is sufficiently far away from the body.

1.4.3 Convergence and validation studies

Domain size

For all cases, a rectangular domain was employed where the inlet was placed $20D$ from the centre of the body, while the outlet was situated $60D$ away from the centre of the body. The lateral boundaries were placed $20D$ away from the centre of the body. The macro element arrangement of the general domain is shown figure 1.1. The macro element arrangement near the cross section was altered to cater for different cross sections. The near wall macro element configuration for the different cross sections are presented in figure 1.2.

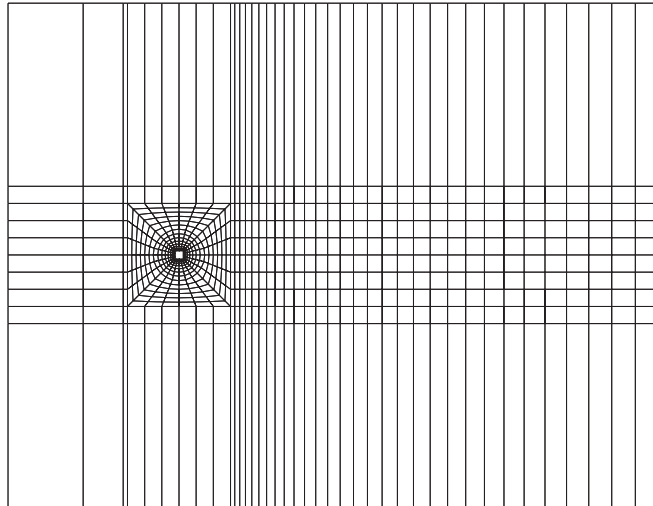


Figure 1.1: Macro element arrangement in the domain for the square cross section geometry. The inlet extending $20D$ upstream from the centre of the body, while the outlet extends $60D$ downstream from the centre of the body. The lateral boundaries were placed $20D$ away from the centre of the body

Convergence

A series of simulations were carried out in order to ensure the results were grid independent. This was done by keeping the layout of the macro element the same and varying the

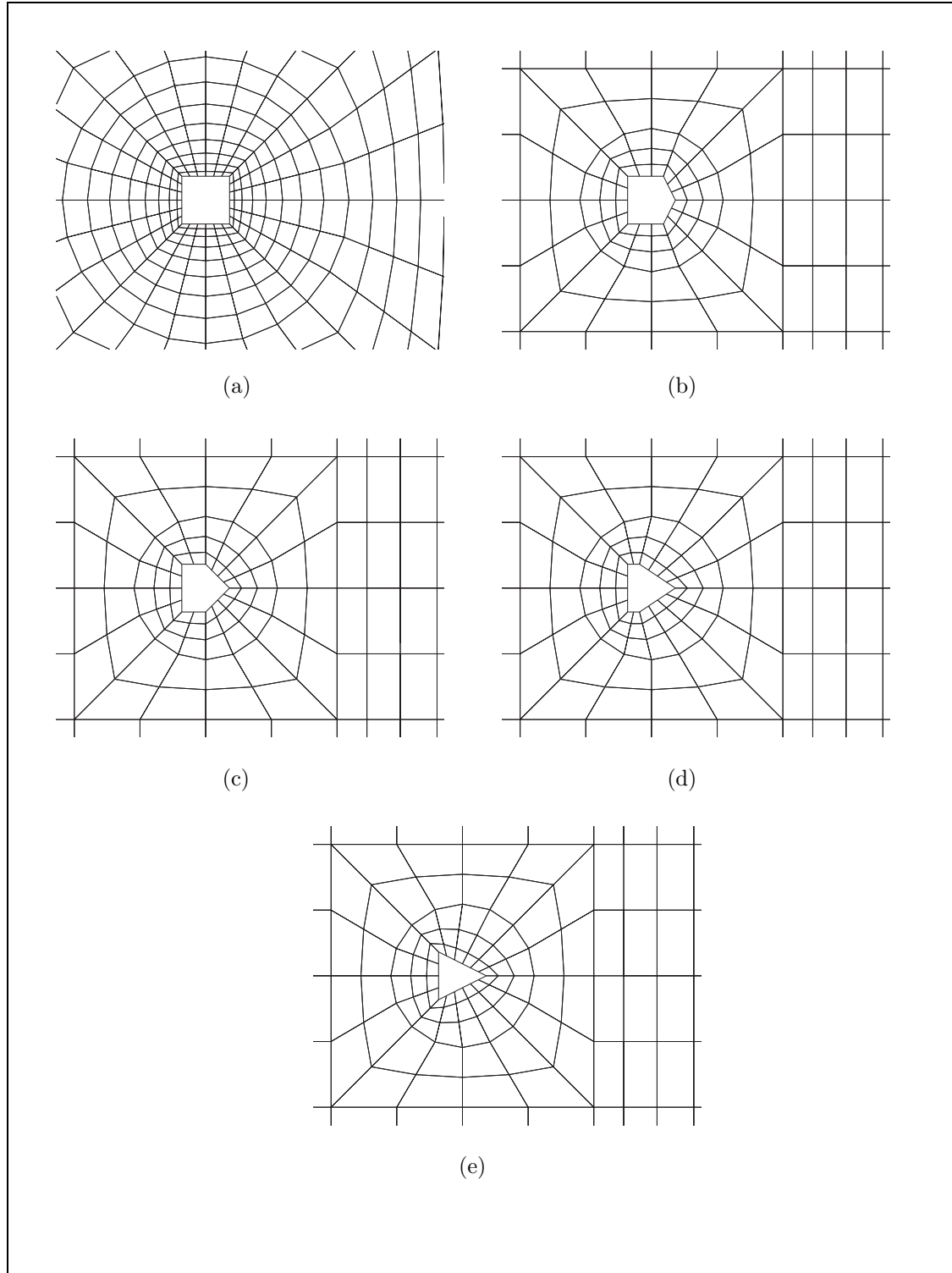


Figure 1.2: Configuration of the macro elements near the cross section. (a) square, (b) $\frac{d}{7} = 0.75$, (c) $\frac{d}{7} = 0.5$, (d) $\frac{d}{7} = 0.25$ and (e) triangle.

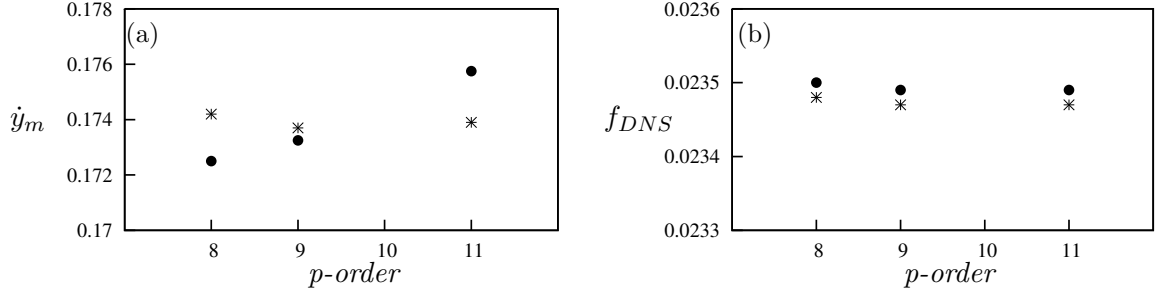


Figure 1.3: Mean velocity amplitude (\dot{y}_m) (a) and the galloping frequency (f_{DNS}) (b) as a function of the interpolation polynomial. Data present $\frac{tU}{D} = 0.001$ (*) and $\frac{tU}{D} = 0.0005$ (•). Data acquired $Re = 200$ $\Pi_2 = 0$ using FSI direct numerical simulations.

order of the interpolation polynomial (p -refinement). The displacement amplitudes were compared against various polynomial orders. The time step is also reduced as the spatial resolution increases to satisfy the Courant condition. The summary of the results are presented in figure 1.3 .

Figure 1.3 shows the mean velocity amplitude (sub-figure (a)) and the galloping frequency (sub-figure (b)) at different polynomial orders. Two factors namely, the quantitative accuracy of the data and the computational time had to be considered during the decision making process to obtain the optimum spatial and temporal resolution. Even though higher order polynomials gave very accurate data, the time step has to be reduced accordingly to meet the Courant condition and therefore increasing computational time. Thus a 9th order polynomial was incorporated with $\frac{tU}{D} = 0.001$ time-step. A difference of less than 1% could be achieved for both mean velocity amplitude of the body and galloping frequency using this spatial and temporal parameters.

The FSI simulations for other cross sections presented in this thesis were also carried out using these special and temporal parameters.

CHAPTER 2

INTRODUCTION

The review of published literature reveals that fluid-elastic galloping has a potential to be used as a mechanism for energy extraction (Barrero-Gil et al., 2010). Thus, the following questions emerged. What are the optimum parameters for energy transfer in a galloping system? How do they influence galloping?

Another fluid-structure interaction phenomenon, vortex-induced vibration (VIV), has also been investigated as a candidate for the power extraction from flows. The work from Bernitsas et al. (2008, 2009); Raghavan and Bernitsas (2011); Lee and Bernitsas (2011) and others from the same group at the University of Michigan have made significant progress with this problem. Therefore it may seem, at least initially, reasonable to present data from the fluid-elastic problem in the same parameters as typically used in VIV studies, which could be observed in current literature on galloping (Barrero-Gil et al., 2009, 2010; Parkinson and Smith, 1964).

However, the data presented in the pioneering study on energy harvesting from galloping (Barrero-Gil et al., 2010) presented using classical VIV parameters (i.e. U^* , $m^*\zeta$), shows that the mean power data does not collapse well. The reason behind for this hypothesis to be the difference in time-scales of VIV and galloping. Thus the work presented in this chapter is focused on testing this hypothesis and obtain the optimum conditions for mean power output.

Since the the Quasi-steady state model is the primary mathematical model used to model galloping in this study, the fluid-dynamic characteristics of flow over a static body

are presented and discussed first as it is the main input to the QSS model. Then, the natural time scales of the system are obtained using the linearised QSS model. Next, the new non-dimensional governing parameters Π_1 and Π_2 , are formulated by non-dimensionalising the QSS model from these natural time scales. Following this a comparison of galloping data using the classical VIV parameters and Π_1 and Π_2 . Then, the influence of Π_1 and Π_2 and the conditions for an optimum power output are discussed from QSS data. Finally, the QSS data are compared and discussed against FSI direct numerical simulations and final conclusions are presented.

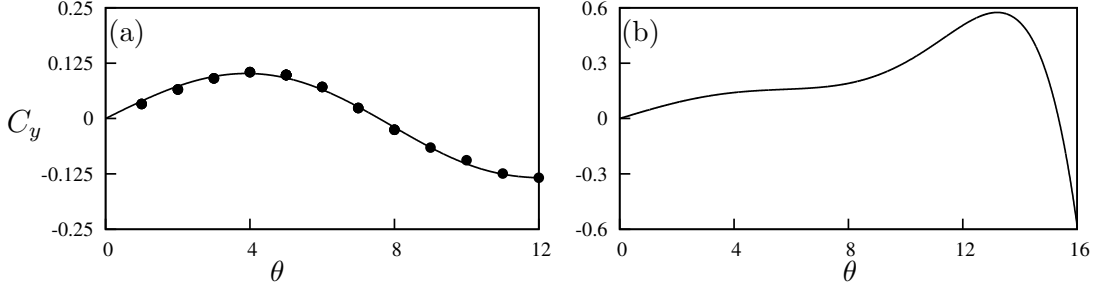


Figure 2.1: Lift coefficient, C_y , as a function of incidence angle θ , for a static square cross section. (a) Data from simulations at $Re = 200$ and (b) data from Parkinson and Smith (1964) at $Re = 22300$. The values at points (\bullet) are acquired from direct numerical simulations. Curves in both plots are 7th-order interpolating polynomials used to interpolate the fluid forcing for the QSS model.

2.0.1 Static body results

The main data acquisition tool for galloping is the QSS model. As discussed in chapter 1.2, the input to the QSS model is the lift force as a function of the induced angle of attack θ . This function is obtained using lift and drag (C_y) data from static body simulations or experiments, to which a polynomial is fitted. These static body data and the polynomial data are presented here in 2.1 and 2.1 respectively. Figure 2.1 shows the plots of time averaged C_y data as a function of θ , as well as the 7th order polynomial fits. Data are acquired for high and low Reynolds numbers. For high Reynolds numbers, the static body polynomial data are obtained from Parkinson and Smith (1964) while for low Reynolds numbers a 7th order non-linear least square regression fit on static body DNS simulations was used. The coefficients of these polynomials are presented in table 2.1.

There are several differences that can be observed between high and low Reynolds number data. The peak value of C_y is significantly lower at $Re = 200$ ($C_y = 0.12$ at 5°) compared to $Re = 22300$ ($C_y = 0.57$ at 13°). The inflection point present around 8° for $Re = 22300$ is not present at $Re = 200$. This agrees with the findings of Luo et al. (2003). Luo et al. (2003) concluded that hysteresis in the system response occurs due to the inflection point in the C_y curve. Therefore, hysteresis could not be observed at $Re = 200$.

The range of incident flow angles where C_y remains positive is narrow at $Re = 200$ ($0^\circ < \theta \leq 7^\circ$) compared to $Re = 22300$ ($0^\circ < \theta \leq 15^\circ$). This positive range sustains

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Case	a_1	a_3	a_5	a_7
$Re = 200$	2.32	197.8	4301.7	30311.9
$Re = 22300$	2.69	168	1670	59900

Table 2.1: Coefficient values used in the 7th order interpolation polynomial for high ($Re = 22300$) and low ($Re = 200$) Reynolds numbers. These data are used as input data to calculate the right-hand side of Eq. ?? throughout this study.

galloping, as the power is only transferred from the fluid to the supporting structure within this range of incident angles. This is because the fluid forces are acting in the direction of velocity of the body, or in phase with, the oscillating body as demonstrated by equation 1.2. Incident angles beyond this range suppress the galloping as power is transferred in the opposite direction, i.e; from body to fluid. Thus, it is expected that the transferred power at $Re = 200$ to be significantly lower than at $Re = 22300$, because of the relatively low values of C_y and the narrow range of positive C_y at $Re = 200$.

2.0.2 Formulation of the new dimensionless groups suitable to obtain optimum power output Π_1 and Π_2

The natural time scales of the system can be found by solving for the eigenvalues of the linearised equation of motion (Eq:??), namely

$$m\ddot{y} + c\dot{y} + ky = \frac{1}{2}\rho U^2 \mathcal{A}a_1 \left(\frac{\dot{y}}{U} \right), \quad (2.1)$$

which is a simplified version of the equation of motion presented in equation ?? with the polynomial series for the lift force truncated at the linear term.

Combining the \dot{y} terms and solving for eigenvalues gives

$$\lambda_{1,2} = -\frac{1}{2} \frac{c - \frac{1}{2}\rho U \mathcal{A}a_1}{m} \pm \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{\left[\frac{c - \frac{1}{2}\rho U \mathcal{A}a_1}{m} \right]^2 - 4 \frac{k}{m}}. \quad (2.2)$$

If it is assumed that the spring is relatively weak, $k \rightarrow 0$, a single non-zero eigenvalue

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remains. This eigenvalue is

$$\lambda = -\frac{c - \frac{1}{2}\rho U \mathcal{A} a_1}{m}. \quad (2.3)$$

Further, if it is assumed that the mechanical damping is significantly weaker than the fluid-dynamic forces on the body, $c \rightarrow 0$ and

$$\lambda = \frac{\frac{1}{2}\rho U \mathcal{A} a_1}{m}. \quad (2.4)$$

In this form, λ represents the inverse time scale of the motion of the body due to the effect of the long-time fluid-dynamic forces. In fact, the terms can be regrouped and λ written as

$$\lambda = \frac{a_1}{m^*} \frac{U}{D} \quad (2.5)$$

Written this way, the important parameters that dictate this inverse time scale are clear. The rate of change in the fluid-dynamic force with respect to angle of attack when the body is at the equilibrium position, $\partial C_y / \partial \theta$, is represented by a_1 . The mass ratio is represented by m^* . The inverse advective time scale of the incoming flow is represented by the ratio U/D . Increasing a_1 would mean the force on the body would increase more rapidly with small changes in the angle of attack, θ , or transverse velocity. Equation 2.5 shows that such a change will increase the inverse time scale, or analogously decrease the response time of the body. Increasing the mass of the body, thereby increasing m^* , has the opposite effect. The inverse time scale is decreased, or as might be expected, a heavier body will respond more slowly.

This timescale can then be used to non-dimensionalize the equation of motion, and to find the relevant dimensionless groups of the problem. It was suggested by Shiels et al. (2001); Leonard and Roshko (2001) to use a flow-based timescale such D/U for the characteristic time for flow-induced vibration problems, rather than a structural-based timescale such as the natural frequency. This point is discussed further in Williamson and Govardhan (2004). Here, this advective time is further scaled by the mass ratio m^* , as suggested from the eigenvalues of the linearized equation of motion. Hence, if the non-dimensional time, τ , is defined such that $\tau = t(a_1/m^*)(U/D)$, the equation of motion presented in equation ?? can be non-dimensionalized as

$$\ddot{Y} + \frac{m^*}{a_1^2} \frac{kD^2}{mU^2} Y = \left(\frac{1}{2} - \frac{m^*}{a_1} \frac{cD}{mU} \right) \dot{Y} - \frac{a_1 a_3}{m^{*2}} \dot{Y}^3 + \frac{a_1^3 a_5}{m^{*4}} \dot{Y}^5 - \frac{a_1^5 a_7}{m^{*6}} \dot{Y}^7. \quad (2.6)$$

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The coefficients can be regrouped into combinations of non-dimensional groups, and rewritten as

$$\ddot{Y} + \frac{4\pi^2 m^{*2}}{U^{*2} a_1^2} \dot{Y} = \left(\frac{1}{2} - \frac{c^* m^*}{a_1} \right) \dot{Y} - \frac{a_1 a_3}{m^{*2}} \dot{Y}^3 + \frac{a_1^3 a_5}{m^{*4}} \dot{Y}^5 - \frac{a_1^5 a_7}{m^{*6}} \dot{Y}^7, \quad (2.7)$$

where U^* is the reduced velocity typically used as an independent variable in vortex-induced vibration studies and $c^* = cD/mU$ is a non-dimensional damping parameter.

Equation 2.7 shows there are five non-dimensional parameters that play a role in setting the response of the system. These are the stiffness (represented by the reduced velocity U^*), the damping c^* , the mass ratio m^* , and the geometry and Re , represented by the coefficients of the polynomial fit to the C_y curve, a_n . The grouping of these parameters into two groups in equation 2.7 which arise by non-dimensionalising using the natural time scale of the galloping system, suggests there are two groups besides geometry (represented by a_n) and Re that dictate the response: $\Gamma_1 = 4\pi^2 m^{*2}/U^{*2} a_1^2$ and $\Gamma_2 = c^* m^*/a_1$. For a given geometry and Reynolds number, Γ_1 can be thought of as a combined mass-stiffness, whereas Γ_2 can be thought of a combined mass-damping parameter. It is assumed that during galloping the stiffness plays only a minor role because galloping time periods are significantly large which implies that $k \rightarrow 0$. Therefore, Γ_2 seems a likely parameter to collapse the data. In fact, in the classic paper on galloping from Parkinson and Smith (1964), galloping data from wind tunnel tests is presented in terms of a parameter that can be shown to be the same as Γ_2 .

All of the quantities that make up Γ_1 and Γ_2 can, in theory, be known before an experiment is conducted. However, the quantity a_1 is a relatively difficult one to determine, requiring static body experiments or simulations. Here, the geometry is unchanged and results are only being compared at the same Re . Hence, suitable parameters can be formed by multiplying Γ_1 and Γ_2 by a_1^2 and a_1 respectively, to arrive at a mass-stiffness parameter $\Pi_1 = 4\pi^2 m^{*2}/U^{*2}$, and a mass-damping parameter defined as $\Pi_2 = c^* m^*$.

Equation 2.7 can be re-written explicitly in terms of Π_1 and Π_2 to give

$$\ddot{Y} + \Pi_1 \dot{Y} = \Pi_2 \dot{Y} - \frac{a_1 a_3}{m^{*2}} \dot{Y}^3 + \frac{a_1^3 a_5}{m^{*4}} \dot{Y}^5 - \frac{a_1^5 a_7}{m^{*6}} \dot{Y}^7. \quad (2.8)$$

2.0.3 Comparison of Π_1 and Π_2 with classical VIV parameters

Figure 2.2 shows the comparison of mean power data at $Re = 200$ presented using different independent variables. Subfigures (a), (c) and (e) show the displacement amplitude, velocity amplitude and the mean power as a function of the classic VIV parameter, U^* for various damping ratios ζ . Subfigures (b), (d) and (f) shows the same data as a function of Π_2 , for various, reasonably high values of Π_1 , as defined above in section 2.0.2. The data presented using the classical VIV parameters follows the same trends as Barrero-Gil et al. (2010). Barrero-Gil et al. (2010) and Vicente-Ludlam et al. (2014) observed that the maximum dimensionless power is achieved at two times the velocity at which the galloping starts. A similar conclusion can be drawn from the data presented here in figures 2.2. However, the data presented using the dimensionless group formulated using the natural time scales of the system shows an excellent collapse for both velocity amplitude and mean power, showing that the power is essentially dictated by Π_2 . This implies that unlike VIV which is a type of resonant phenomenon, the natural frequency of the system which is used to scale U^* , ζ and Π_1 does not have a large influence on the system behaviour in these cases.

2.0.4 Comparison of power between high and low Re data

The marked success of the collapse using Π_2 for the $Re = 200$ case, particularly of the mean power, could also be replicated for the higher Re case at $Re = 22300$. Figure 2.3 presents the mean power for high Re cases for selected values of Π_1 . It is shown that the data collapse in both cases, demonstrating the validity of using Π_2 as an independent variable.

Hysteresis could be observed for the $Re = 22300$ case. The 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 theory shows a possible third state, it is an unstable branch which could not be achieved with a time integration method such as that employed in this study. This was also observed by Vio et al. (2007).

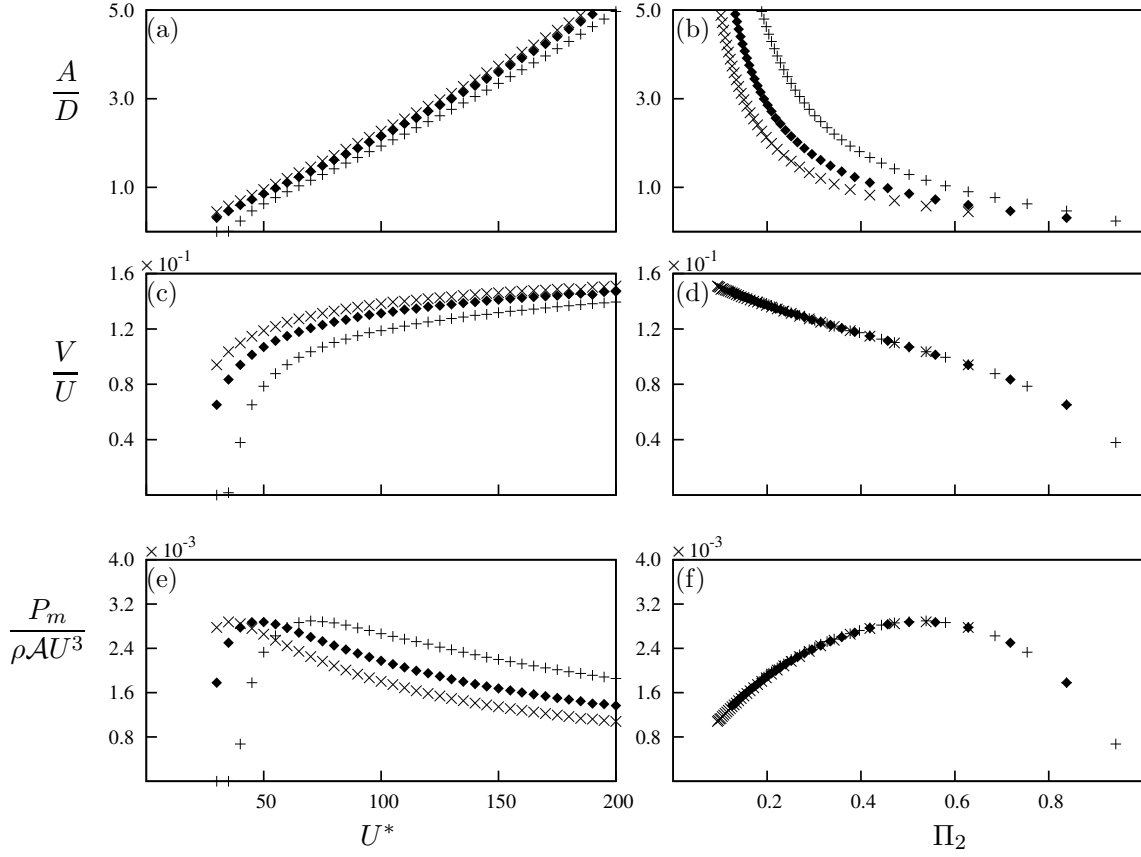


Figure 2.2: Displacement amplitude, velocity amplitude and dimensionless mean power data as functions of two different independent variables. Data presented in (a), (c) and (e) using the classical VIV parameter U^* , obtained at $Re = 200$ and $m^* = 20$ at three different damping ratios: $\zeta = 0.075$ (\times), $\zeta = 0.1$ (\blacklozenge) and $\zeta = 0.15$ ($+$). (b) (d) and (f) are the same data presented using the combined mass-damping parameter (Π_2) as the independent variable. Even though Π_1 varies in the range of $0.4 \leq \Pi_1 \leq 17.5$, it is clear that the power is a function of Π_2 only.

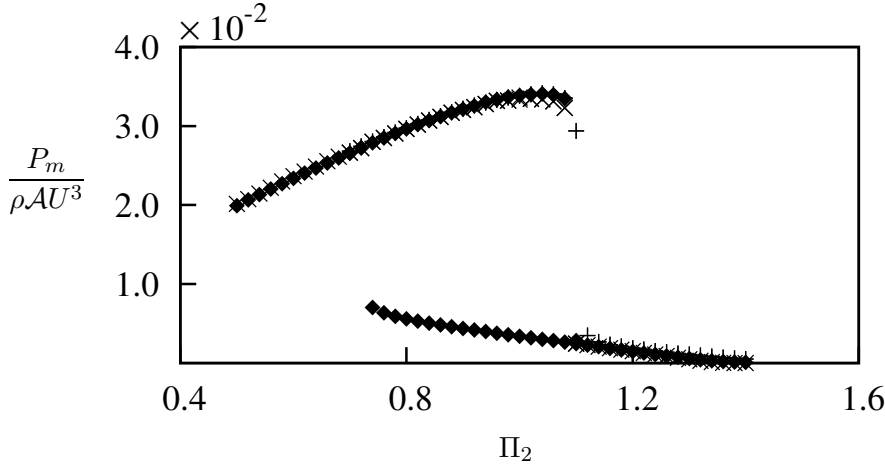


Figure 2.3: Dimensionless mean power as a function of Π_2 . Data presented at $Re = 22300$, $\Pi_1 = 200$ (\times), $\Pi_1 = 2000$ (\blacklozenge) and $\Pi_1 = 10000$ (+). Hysteresis could be observed at high Re .

2.0.5 Dependence on mass-stiffness, Π_1

The results of sections 2.0.3 and 2.0.4 show that the mean extracted power is essentially a function of a single variable, the combined mass-damping Π_2 . However, the timescale analysis of section 2.0.2 showed that a second variable, the combined mass-stiffness Π_1 should also play a role. Previous studies (see, for example Bouclin (1977)) have also indicated a complex interaction between the amplitude and natural frequency, particularly for high natural frequencies (or equivalently, low values of Π_1). Here, the impact of Π_1 is investigated further. Overall, the system behaviour can be separated into two wide regimes; that for “high” Π_1 and that for “low” Π_1 . These two regimes are further investigated and explained in this following section.

Figure 2.4 shows the mean power as a function of Π_2 for a range of values of Π_1 . Two subfigures are shown; subfigure (a) shows data for $\Pi_1 \geq 10$, while (b) shows data for $\Pi_1 \leq 10$. In figure 2.4(a), the collapse of the mean power is excellent, showing that for $\Pi_1 \geq 10$, the mean power is independent of Π_1 .

For low values of $\Pi_1 \leq 10$, figure 2.4(b) shows that the predicted mean power increases as Π_1 is decreased, indicating that the mean power is a weak function of Π_1 at low Π_1 levels. This provides the distinction between high and low Π_1 regimes. For high values where $\Pi_1 \geq 10$, the mean extracted power is a function of Π_2 only; for low values where

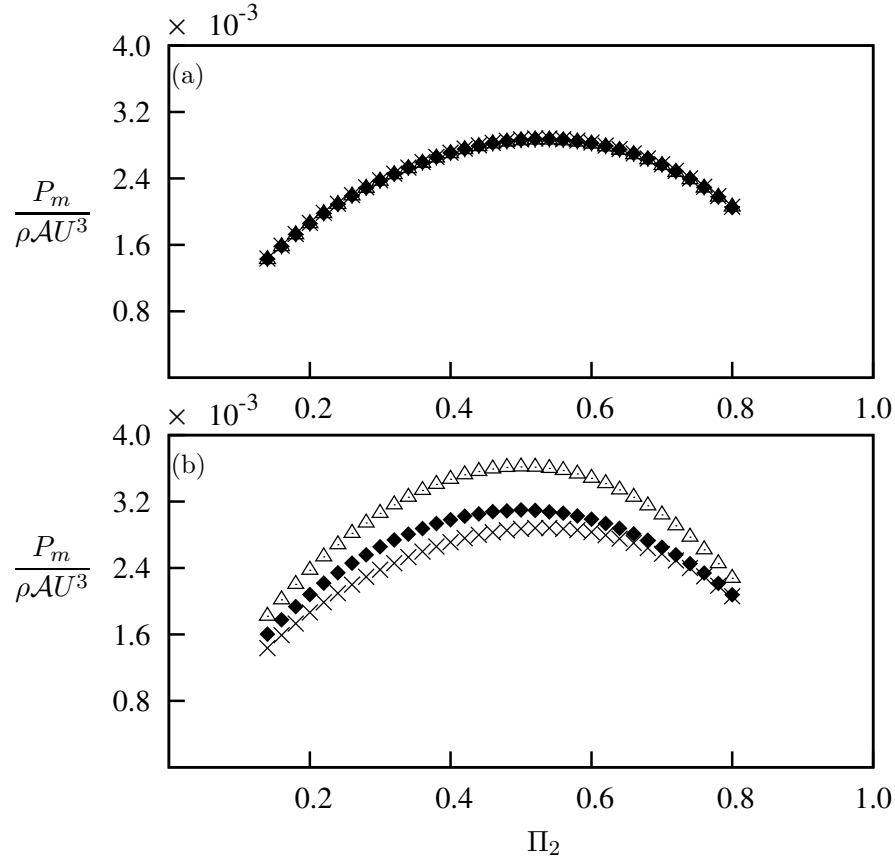


Figure 2.4: Dimensionless mean power as a function of Π_2 obtained using the QSS model at $Re = 200$. (a) High Π_1 ; data presented at four different combined mass-stiffness levels. $\Pi_1 = 10$ ($m^* = 20$, $U^* = 40$) (\times), $\Pi_1 = 100$ ($m^* = 80$, $U^* = 50$) ($+$), $\Pi_1 = 500$ ($m^* = 220$, $U^* = 60$) (\blacklozenge) and $\Pi_1 = 1000$ ($m^* = 400$, $U^* = 40$) (\triangle). (b) Low Π_1 ; data presented at $\Pi_1 = 10$ (\times), $\Pi_1 = 0.1$ (\blacklozenge), and $\Pi_1 = 0.01$ (\triangle).

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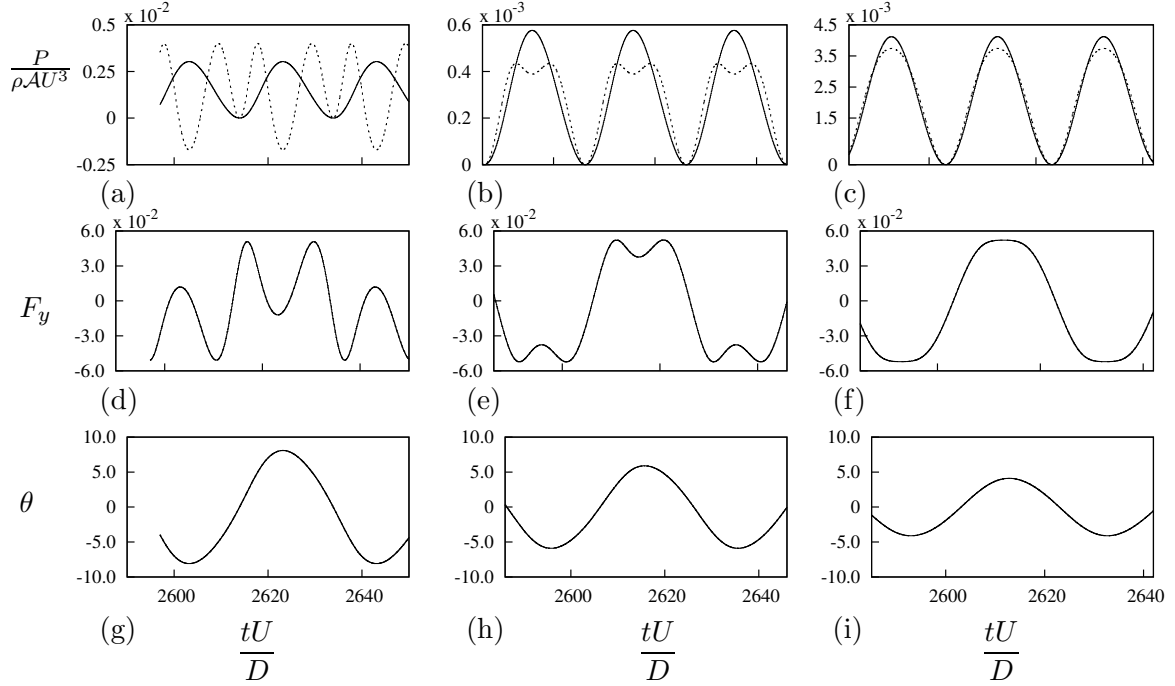


Figure 2.5: Time histories of P_t , P_d , F_y and θ at $\Pi_2 = 0.15, 0.54$ and 0.8 from the QSS model. Data was obtained at $m^* = 20$, $\Pi_1 = 10$ and $Re=200$. The time histories of P_d (—) and P_t (---) are presented for: (a) $\Pi_2 = 0.15$; (b) $\Pi_2 = 0.54$; (c) $\Pi_2 = 0.8$. Time histories of the instantaneous force F_y for: (d) $\Pi_2 = 0.15$; (e) $\Pi_2 = 0.54$; (f) $\Pi_2 = 0.8$. Time histories of the instantaneous angle θ for: (g) $\Pi_2 = 0.15$; (h) $\Pi_2 = 0.55$; (i) $\Pi_2 = 0.8$.

$\Pi_1 < 10$, the mean extracted power is a weak function of Π_1 .

Regardless of the value of Π_1 , the variation of the mean extracted power with Π_2 is essentially the same. With increasing Π_2 , the mean extracted power initially increases, before reaching some maximum value and then decreasing. This relationship between power and Π_2 can be explained by analysing the time histories of selected cases. Data at $\Pi_1 = 10$, $m^* = 20$ and $Re = 200$ are shown in figure 2.5 and are analysed as an example. Values of Π_2 less than (region 1), equal to (region 2), and greater than (region 3) the value where the mean extracted power is a maximum are analysed as examples.

The instantaneous power from the fluid to the body can be expressed as $P_t = F_y \dot{y}$. Similarly the dissipated power due to the mechanical damping can be expressed as $P_d = (c\dot{y})\dot{y}$. The time average of these two quantities, described in equations 1.1 and 1.2 must be equal due to energy conservation.

At region 1 ($\Pi_2 = 0.15$) the damping is low in comparison with region 2 and 3. While this may lead to larger oscillations, damping is required to dissipate and therefore extract power according to equation 1.1. Therefore, the low damping in this region leads to a low mean power output. Fig.2.5 (a) shows that P_d (the power dissipated by damping) becomes negative over some portion of the cycle. This is caused by the high velocity amplitude leading to the equivalent incident angle θ to exceed the range where C_y is positive (i.e. $0 < \theta < 6^\circ$ as shown in figure 2.1(a)). In this portion of the cycle the fluid-dynamic 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 through work during other times of the cycle because Π_2 is substantially low. Therefore this excess energy is transferred back to the fluid as depicted by the negative region of P_d .

At region 3 where $\Pi_2 = 0.8$ the damping constant is high and a clear sinusoidal signal is observed for both P_d and P_t in figure 2.5(c). Figures 2.5(f) and 2.5(i) show that equivalent incident angle θ (which for small values, is proportional to the transverse velocity of the body) is in phase with F_y . The velocity amplitude in this case is small and θ is within the range where the fluid-dynamic force increases with the incident angle (i.e. $0 < \theta \leq 5^\circ$ as shown in figure 2.1(a)). According to equation 1.2, these conditions are suitable for high power output. However in this case, the high damping limits the velocity amplitude and results in relatively low fluid dynamic forces.

At region 2 ($\Pi_2 = 0.54$), a balance is found between high and low values of damping. P_d is not a pure sinusoidal signal, however the signal remains periodic. From the time history graph of P_d , two ‘peaks’ are present in a single half cycle as shown in figure 2.5(b). In this case, the velocity amplitude actually exceeds the equivalent incident angle where the fluid-dynamic forces peaks (i.e. $\theta = 5^\circ$ in figure 2.1 (a)). The dips in P_d between the two peaks approximately correspond to the time where the transverse velocity is higher than 0.09 (i.e. $\theta = 5.14$) 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 the best compromise between region 1 and 3. The damping is high enough to obtain a high power output while not so high that the motion is completely suppressed.

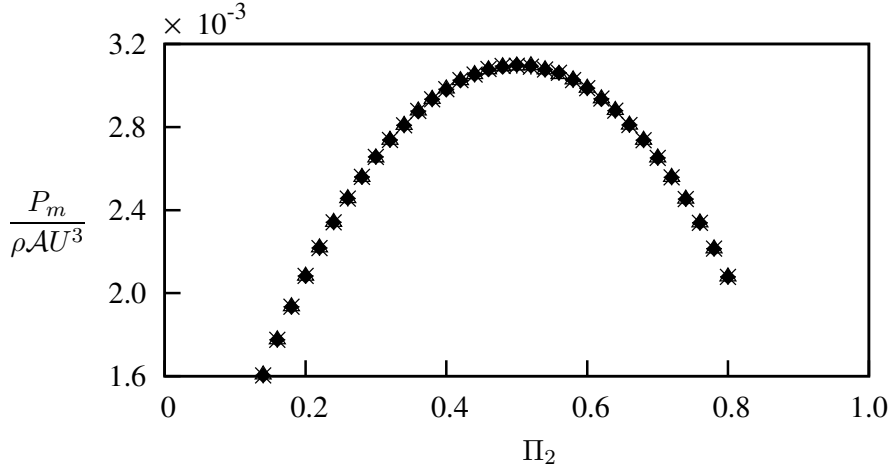


Figure 2.6: Dimensionless mean power as a function of Π_2 obtained using QSS model at $\Pi_1 = 0.1$. Data presented at $m^* = 2$ (\blacklozenge), $m^* = 20$ (\triangle) and $m^* = 50$ ($*$). The mass ratio does not have an effect on Π_1 even at low Π_1 .

2.0.6 Dependence on the mass ratio m^*

While for high values of Π_1 it is clear that the mean extracted power is a function of Π_2 only, a question arises for low values of Π_1 ; is the variation in the mean extracted power purely a function of Π_1 , or is it also a function of the mass ratio m^* ? To answer this question, the model has been solved for a fixed value of Π_1 , but for varying values of m^* . This means that Π_1 was varied by changing the system stiffness.

Figure 2.6 shows the mean extracted power as a function of Π_2 , for a fixed $\Pi_1 = 0.1$, for three different values of m^* . From the figure it is clear that the results are independent of m^* , and are a function of Π_1 and Π_2 only.

2.0.7 Comparison with DNS data

The QSS model assumes that the only force driving the system is the instantaneous lift, which is same as the mean lift on a static body at the same angle of attack. However, vortex shedding is also present in this system. Therefore, an essential assumption when this model is used, is that the effect of vortex shedding is minimal. Hence, the model has been always used at high Re and at high mass ratios because at those Reynolds numbers and mass ratios, the vortex shedding does not correlate across the span. This study is focused on identifying the limiting parameters of the QSS model at low Reynolds numbers

by providing a comparison with DNS results.

Joly et al. (2012) showed that the displacement data obtained using the QSS assumption and DNS agree well at low Reynolds numbers, with the modification implemented to the oscillator equation which accounts for the vortex shedding. These data were obtained at zero damping levels. However, the current study is focused on the behaviour and the power transfer of the system. Therefore analysing the behaviour of the system with increasing damping is of interest.

The comparison between QSS and the DNS results is presented in figure 2.7. The maximum displacement, velocity and mean extracted power are presented as a function of Π_2 . A range of values of Π_1 are compared to the QSS model data for $\Pi_1 = 10$. Figures 2.7(a) and 2.7(b) show little variation with Π_1 , and the comparison between the QSS model and the DNS simulations is quite good. However, the mean extracted power shown in figure 2.7(c) reveals that the mean power is influenced by both Π_1 and Π_2 . This is particularly clear for low values of Π_1 , where the discrepancy between the QSS model predictions of power and the DNS simulations is the largest. Comparing figure 2.7(c) with figure 2.4(a) shows that Π_1 has much more influence on the power extracted than predicted by the QSS model for low Π_1 values. In fact, the QSS model predicts that the mean extracted power should increase with decreasing Π_1 when Π_1 moves to the low Π_1 region (figure 2.4(b)), whereas the DNS simulations show that the mean extracted power decreases with decreasing Π_1 .

Figure 2.8(a) clearly shows the dependence of the mean extracted power on Π_1 . Here, the maximum power extracted for a given value of Π_1 , over all values of Π_2 (essentially the value of extracted power at the turning point), is plotted as a function of Π_1 . These values were obtained by fitting a quadratic to the data of figure 2.6 and finding the value of mean extracted power at the turning point. The rapid decrease in the extracted power as $\Pi_1 \rightarrow 0$ is clear.

Figure 2.8(a) also shows that Π_1 is important to higher values than predicted by the QSS model. For the QSS model, the mean extracted power was essentially independent of Π_1 for $\Pi_1 > 10$, as shown by the open symbols on the figure. However, the mean extracted power from the DNS data shows a significant dependence on Π_1 for $\Pi_1 < 250$. Even so, the power extracted during the DNS simulations converges to the value predicted by the

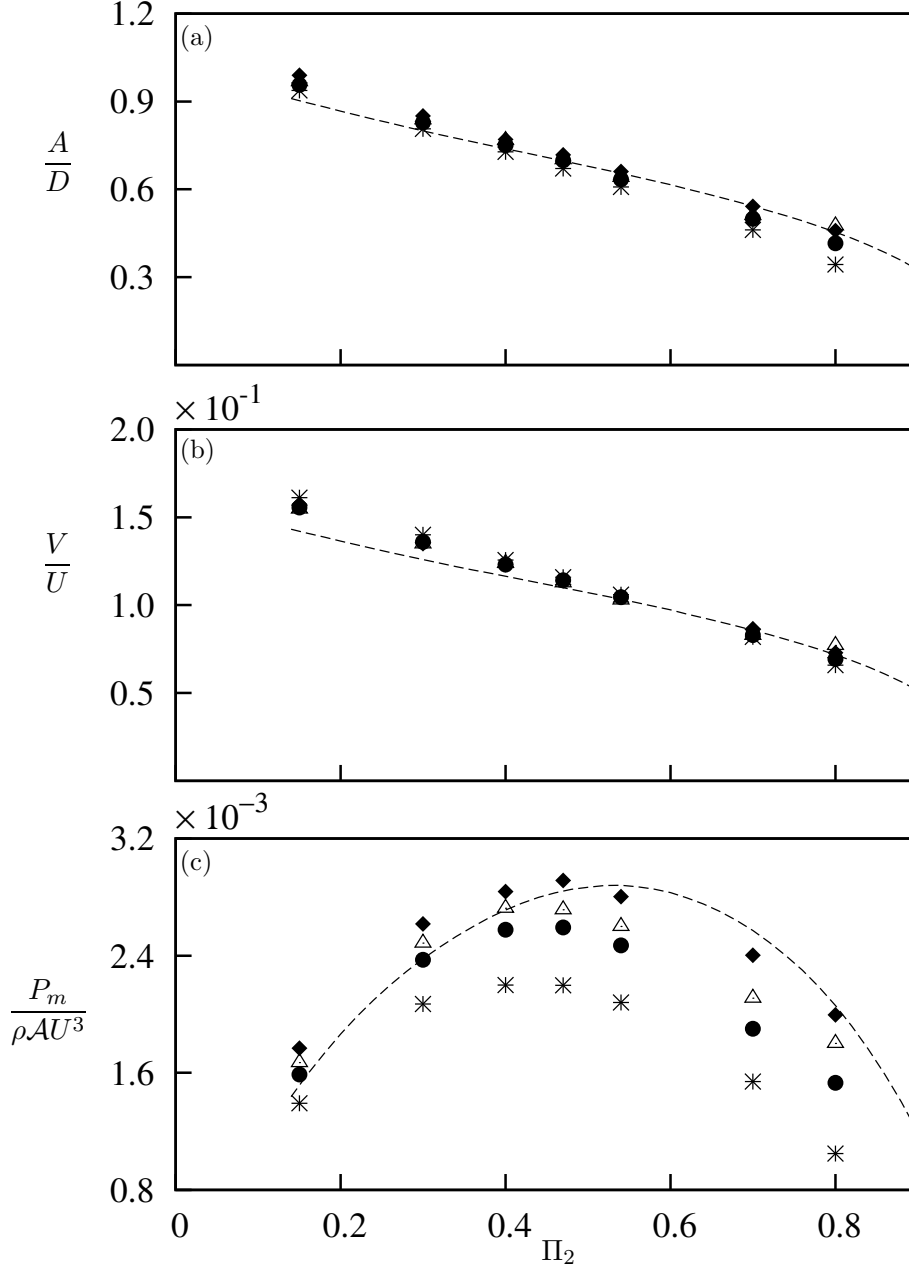


Figure 2.7: Comparison of data generated using the quasi-static model and full DNS simulations at (a) Displacement amplitude, (b) velocity amplitude and (c) dimensionless mean power as functions of Π_2 . Data were obtained at $Re = 200$ at four values $\Pi_1 = 10$ ($m^* = 20.13$) (*), $\Pi_1 = 60$ ($m^* = 49.31$) (●), $\Pi_1 = 250$ ($m^* = 100.7$) (△) and $\Pi_1 = 1000$ ($m^* = 201.3$) (◆). The QSS data at $\Pi_1 = 10$ (---).

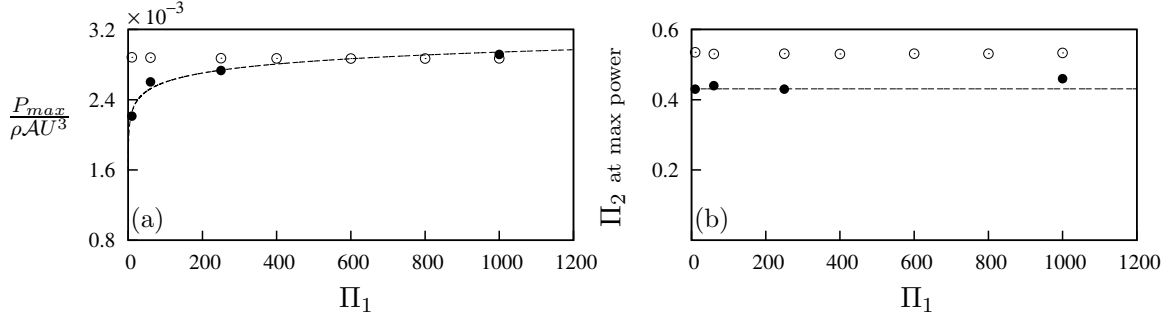


Figure 2.8: (a) Maximum power and (b) the value of Π_2 at maximum power of QSS data (○) and DNS data (●), as functions of Π_1 . For the DNS data, the maximum power asymptotes to an upper value with increasing Π_1 , while the value of Π_2 where maximum power occurs is relatively insensitive to Π_1 . The maximum power of the QSS data remains relatively constant, as does the value of Π_2 where maximum power occurs. The dash curve (---) of (a) follows the logarithmic fit of the maximum power which is $P_{max}/\rho AU^3 = 1.48 \times 10^{-4} \log(\Pi_1) + 1.9 \times 10^{-3}$. The dashed curve in (b) shows the value $\Pi_2 \simeq 0.43$.

QSS model as Π_1 increases.

Figure 2.8(b) shows the value of Π_2 at which the turning point, and therefore the maximum power output, occurs. The open symbols show the value predicted by the QSS model, the closed symbols show the value predicted by the DNS. The two are not the same, with a value around 0.41 predicted by the DNS (shown with a dashed line) and a value above 0.5 predicted by the QSS model. However, both models show that while the power extracted is a reasonably strong function of Π_1 , the value of Π_2 at which this maximum power occurs is relatively unaffected.

In an effort to further quantify the performance of the QSS model, the percentage between the QSS and DNS extracted power data as a function of Π_1 was calculated using the equation

$$\% \text{ error} = \left| \frac{P_{m(QSS)} - P_{m(DNS)}}{P_{m(DNS)}} \right| \times 100. \quad (2.9)$$

The results of this calculation are plotted in figure 2.9, along with a power-law best fit $138.697\Pi_1^{-0.6}$. The figure clearly shows that as Π_1 increases, the error between the QSS and DNS models quickly decreases. However, at low values of Π_1 , the discrepancy between the two can be quite large, around 30%.

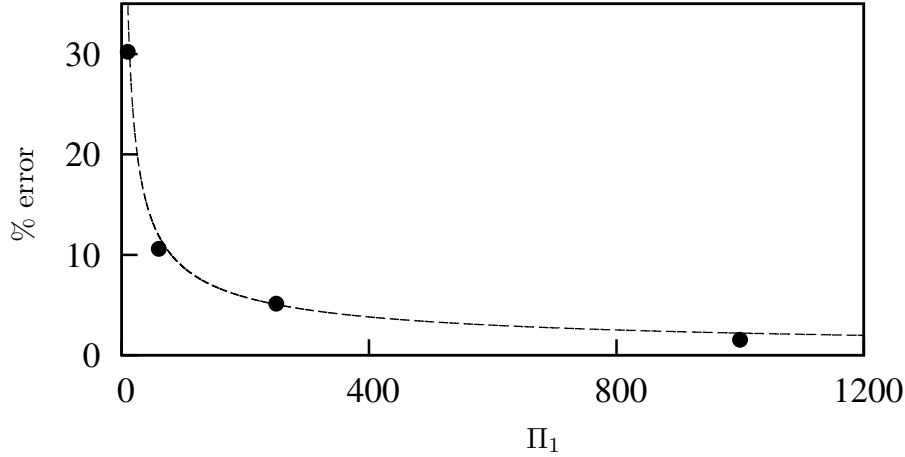


Figure 2.9: The percentage error between the maximum power obtained using DNS data and predicted by QSS model as a function of Π_1 . The deviation between them is large for low values of Π_1 . The dash curve (---) follows the power law fit of the percentage error which is $\%error = 138.697\Pi_1^{-0.6}$.

A likely reason for this discrepancy at low Π_1 is the influence of the vortex shedding, which is not accounted for in the QSS model. To investigate this further, frequency spectra for the body velocity from DNS cases at varying values of Π_1 , at a value of $\Pi_2 = 0.47$ (close to the value at which the mean extracted power is a maximum), have been produced. They are presented, along with the original time histories in figure 2.10.

This figure shows the velocity signals at $\Pi_1 = 0.8$ and $\Pi_2 = 10, 60, 250$ and 1000 and the corresponding spectrum. The spectral data shows a significant frequency component around $fd/U = 0.156$ which can be identified as the vortex shedding frequency. The magnitude of the frequency component at the vortex shedding frequency clearly reduces as Π_1 is increased. This indicates that the influence of vortex shedding is much more prominent at low Π_1 , therefore resulting in larger deviations from quasi-steady state results. This builds on the work of Joly et al. (2012), which was conducted at zero damping, that implied that mean extracted power would be influenced by vortex shedding at low mass.

This influence is explicitly shown here. Figure 2.11 plots the relative intensity of the component at the vortex shedding frequency to the component at the galloping or oscillation frequency in the spectra of figure 2.10.

Similar to the discrepancy between the QSS and DNS mean extracted power shown in

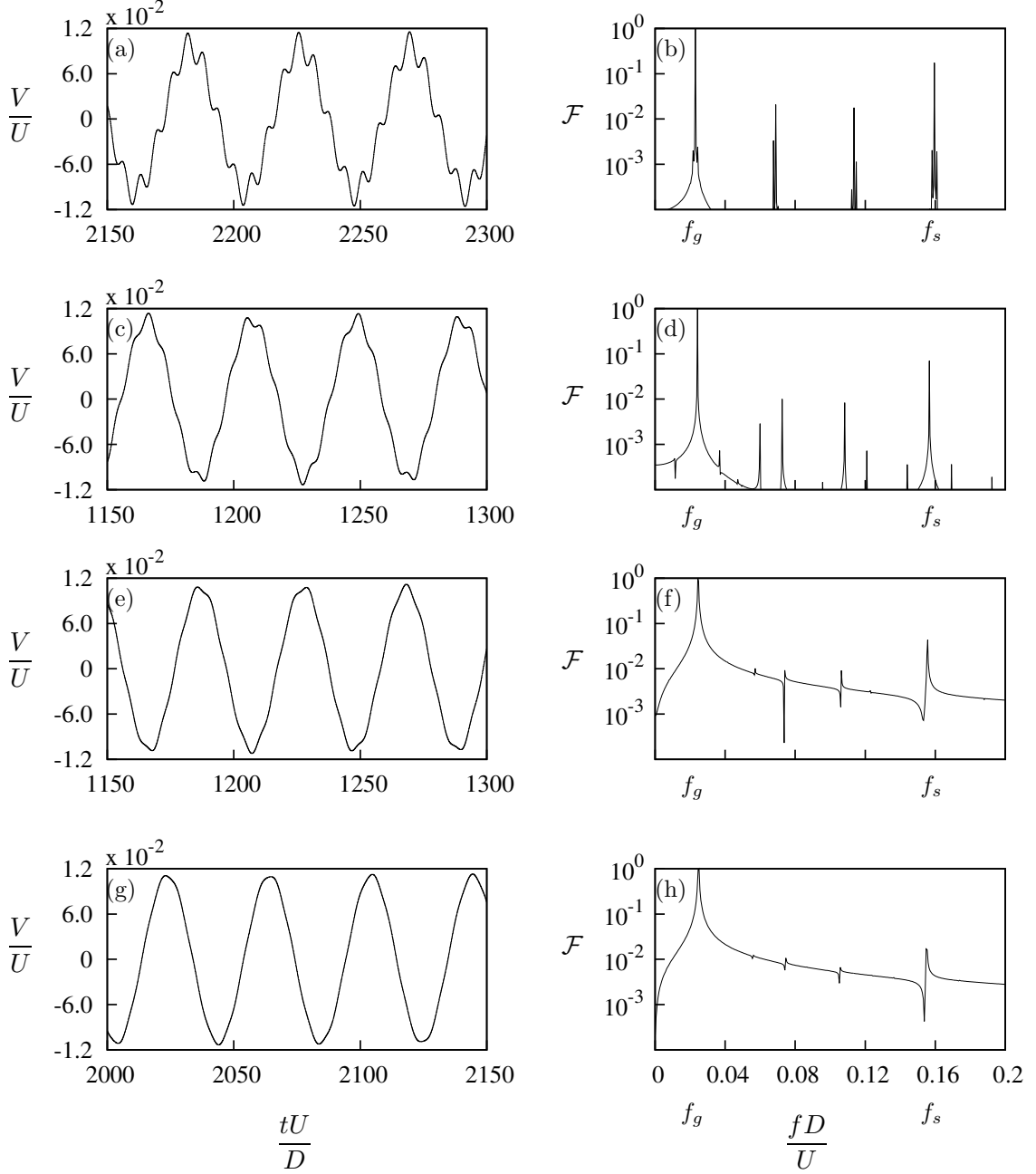


Figure 2.10: Velocity signal (right) and the corresponding power spectrum (left) of the DNS data at four values of Π_1 at $\Pi_2 = 0.47$. (a) and (b) $\Pi_1 = 10$, (c) and (d) $\Pi_1 = 60$, (e) and (f) $\Pi_1 = 250$, (g) and (h) $\Pi_1 = 1000$. f_g and f_s represents galloping and vortex shedding frequencies respectively. U^* is kept at 40 therefore the mass ratio increases as Π_1 increases. It is evident that the influence of vortex shedding reduces as the inertia of the system increases.

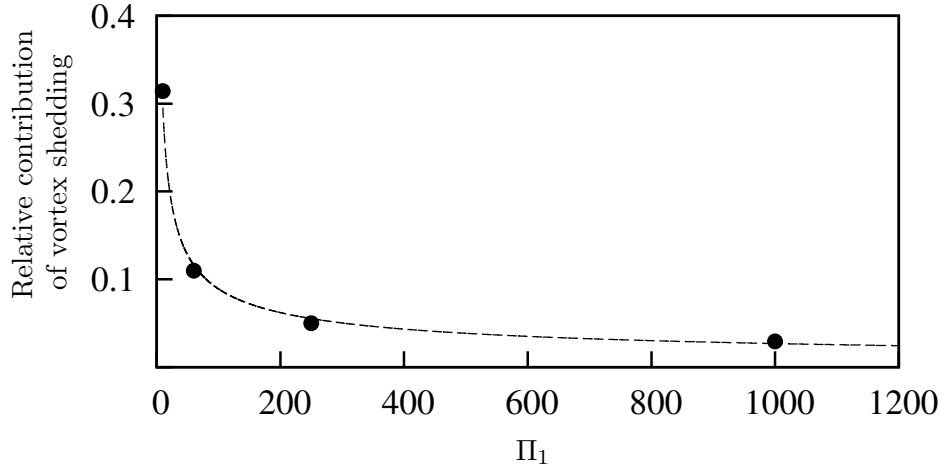


Figure 2.11: The relative power of the vortex shedding as a function of Π_1 . The relative power of the vortex shedding decreases as Π_1 increases. The dash curve (---) follows the power law fit of the percentage error which is $\text{Relative power} = 0.977\Pi_1^{-0.52}$.

figure 2.9, the relative strength of the vortex shedding is seen to be large at small values of Π_1 , and quickly decreases as Π_1 is increased. The figure shows that the relative power of the vortex shedding frequency to the galloping frequency varies like $0.977\Pi_1^{-0.52}$.

The difference between the power predicted by the QSS and DNS models scales with $\Pi_1^{-0.6}$; the relative power at the vortex shedding frequency scales with $\Pi_1^{-0.52}$. These scalings are quite similar, and both are close to $1/\sqrt{\Pi_1}$. While not unequivocal, this correlation strongly indicates this discrepancy is due to the influence of the vortex shedding, even though the vortex shedding and galloping frequencies remain separated by around the same amount for all values of Π_1 presented in figure 2.10. The data presented in figure 2.11 also give some indication of the strength of any vortex shedding correction term that might be added to the QSS model in an effort to decrease the discrepancy between it and the DNS simulations.

Further information can be gained by observing the flow field. Non-dimensionalised flow field data at values of Π_2 close to where maximum power is produced at different Π_1 are presented in figure 2.12. The figure shows a clear wavelength of the wake as Π_1 is increased. Qualitatively, this can be interpreted as showing that at high Π_1 , the vortex shedding is simply superimposed over the path of motion of the cylinder. It shows a decrease in amplitude of the path of the body at low Π_1 , which may be due to the higher levels

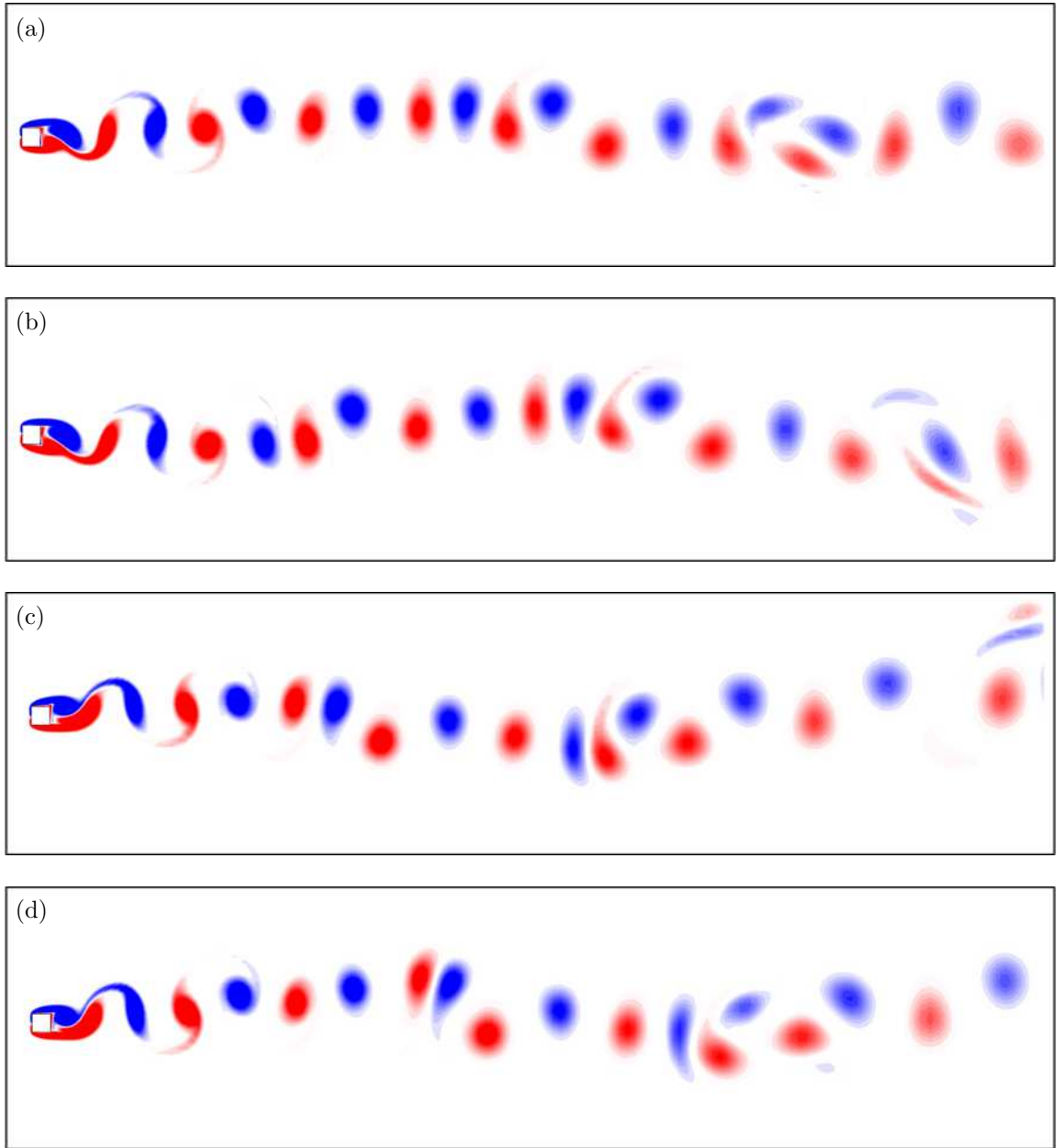


Figure 2.12: Vorticity plots of the flow at arbitrary instants at $\Pi_2 = 0.47$. (a) $\Pi_1 = 10$, (b) $\Pi_1 = 60$ (c) $\Pi_1 = 250$ and (d) $\Pi_1 = 1000$ at $Re = 200$. Contours show vorticity at levels between ± 1 .

of non-linear interaction between the vortex shedding and galloping. Such an argument is consistent with the data of figure 2.11 that show the increasing influence of vortex shedding on the velocity of the body as Π_1 decreases. Taken together, this also goes some way to

explaining the discrepancy between the output power predicted by the QSS and DNS models at low Π_1 , highlighted in figure 2.9.

2.1 Summary of the governing parameters of fluid-elastic galloping

A need arose after the literature survey to obtain suitable scaling parameters for galloping. These parameters Π_1 and Π_2 , were formulated through the natural time-scales of the linearised Quasi-steady state model.

The power transfer of a square body under fluid-elastic galloping was analysed by solving the quasi-steady state oscillator model equation using numerical integration. Power data were analysed for both traditional VIV and the newly formulated scaling parameters. A good collapse for predicted output of power could be obtained using the newly formulated dimensionless groups (Π_1 , Π_2) in comparison with the classical VIV parameters ,i.e., ζ and U^* . The collapsed data using the dimensionless groups strengthens the argument that the velocity amplitude and the power transfer of the system does not depend on the natural frequency of the system over a large range of natural frequencies.

Even though m^* is an independent parameter as shown in equation 2.8, the results showed that the system is essentially a function of Π_1 and Π_2 only. This seems to be explained by inspection of equation 2.8, which shows that m^* only has an impact on the forcing terms which are non-linear in relation to the body velocity. For these terms to be appreciable, the velocity of the body (and therefore the induced angle of attack) needs to be very high, which appears not to be the case for the range of parameters tested here.

In comparison with the direct numerical simulation data, it could be concluded that the QSS model provides a good estimate of the power output of the system when Π_1 is relatively high. However, at low values of Π_1 , the prediction is not close due to the fact that the QSS model does not account for the influence of vortex shedding which is shown to increase as Π_1 is decreased. However, the QSS model does provide a reasonable prediction of the value of Π_2 at which maximum power is produced. Both the error in predicted maximum power between the QSS and the DNS models, and the relative power of the vortex shedding, have been quantified and scale similarly to $1/\sqrt{\Pi_1}$.

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