



Convegno sulle **Applicazioni della  
Computational Fluid Dynamics alla Progettazione Navale**

***UNA NUOVA TECNICA DI AZIONAMENTO  
PER IL CONTROLLO DELLA SCIA – E LA  
RIDUZIONE DELLA RESISTENZA AL MOTO –  
DIETRO UN CORPO TOZZO IMMERSO***

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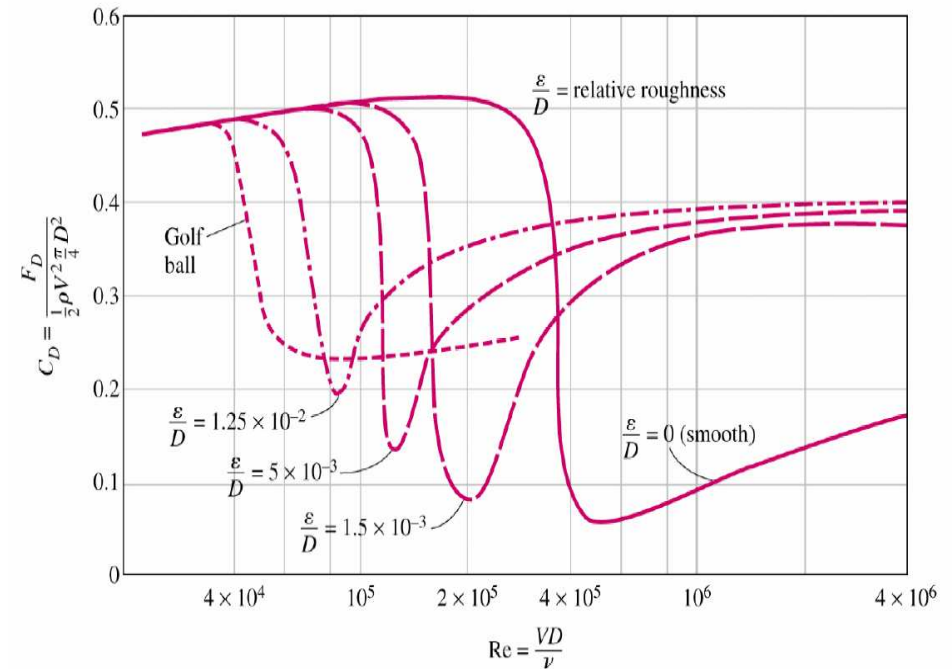
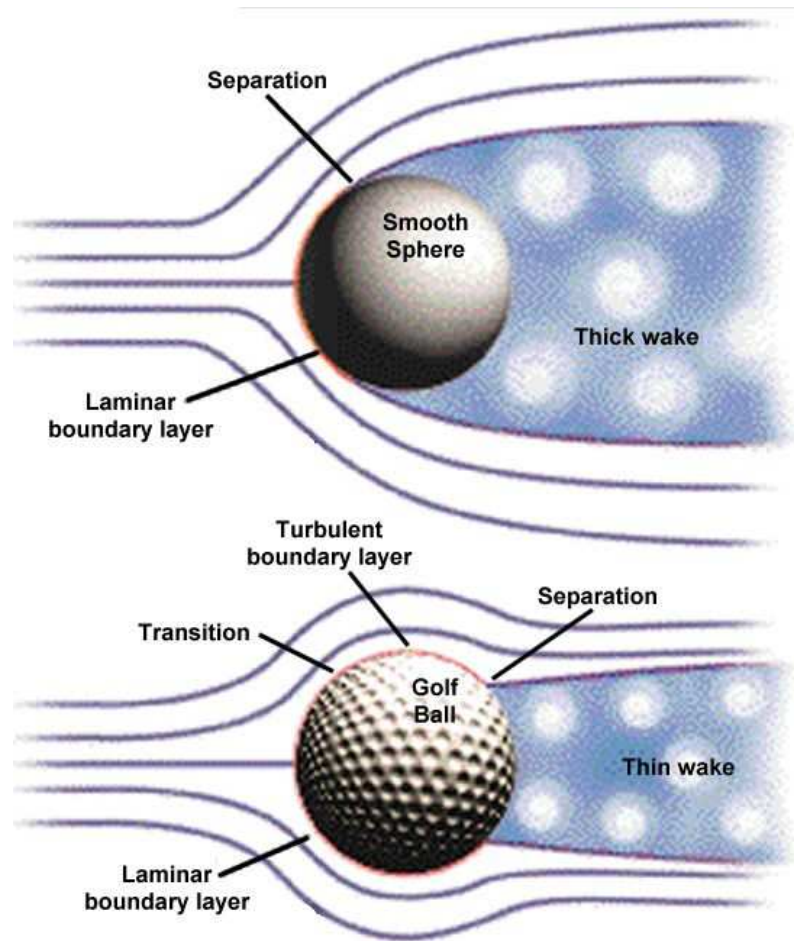
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The approach used here:

Passive hairy coating



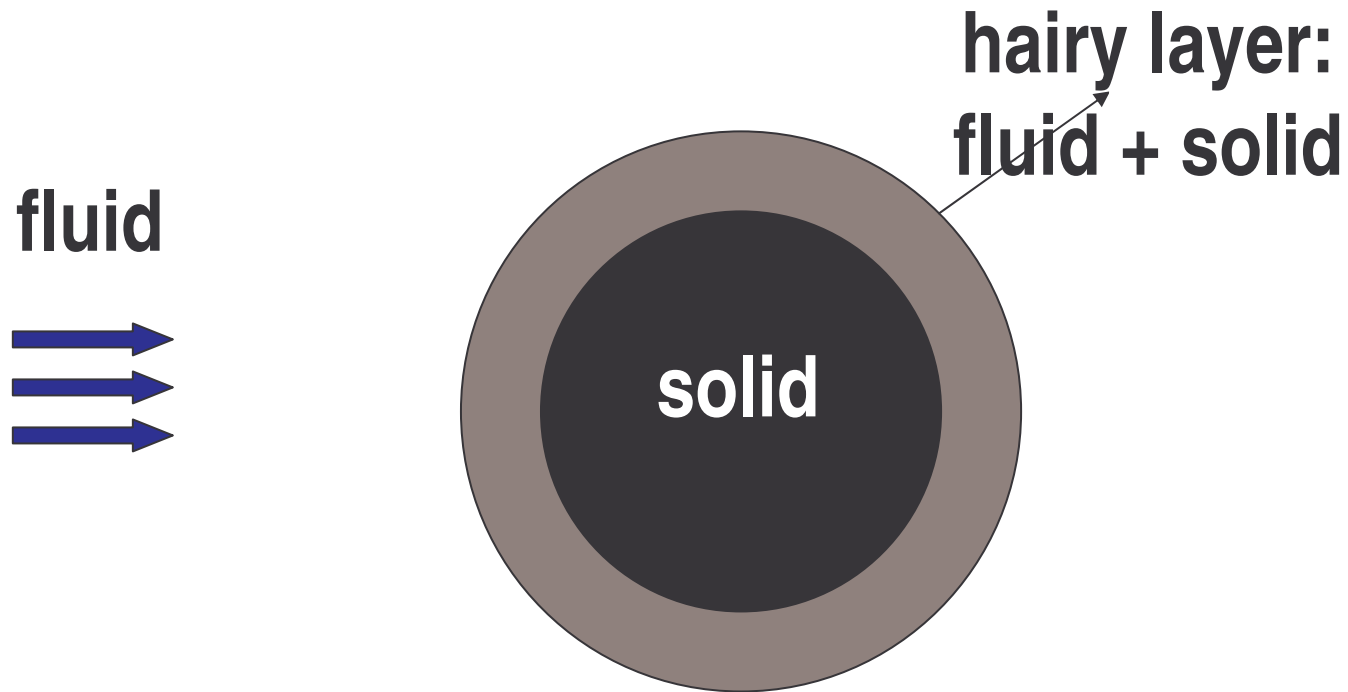
sea otter

## ***Scientific challenges to modeling a hairy surface***

- *Mechanical properties of the biological surfaces*
- *Large displacements and rotations of structures*
- *Multiple interactions between structures*
- *Coupling fluid and structure*

*We use a partitioned explicit approach. The fluid and the structures communicate via **volume forces**.*

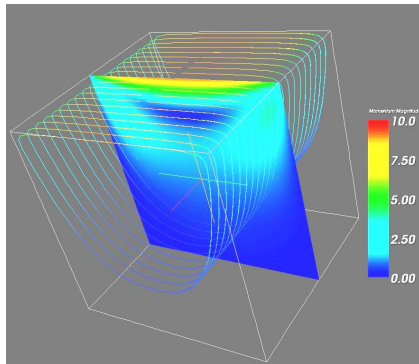
# *Flow configuration*



Circular cylinder at  $Re=200$   
Influence on the unsteady separated wake

**porous, anisotropic, compliant** coating

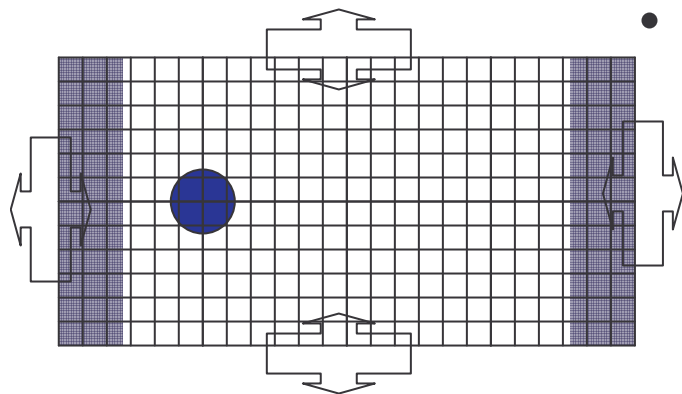
# Fluid model



- Navier Stokes solver for incompressible, unsteady laminar flows, with a volume force, 2nd order in space and time

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{u} = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{u}}{\partial t} + \nabla(\mathbf{u}\mathbf{u}) = -\nabla p + \nu \nabla^2 \mathbf{u} + \mathbf{f}$$



- 2D Mesh is regular, periodic Cartesian, staggered, (typically 800x400). Obstacles, sources and damping terms imposed by the **IMMERSED BOUNDARY METHOD**.

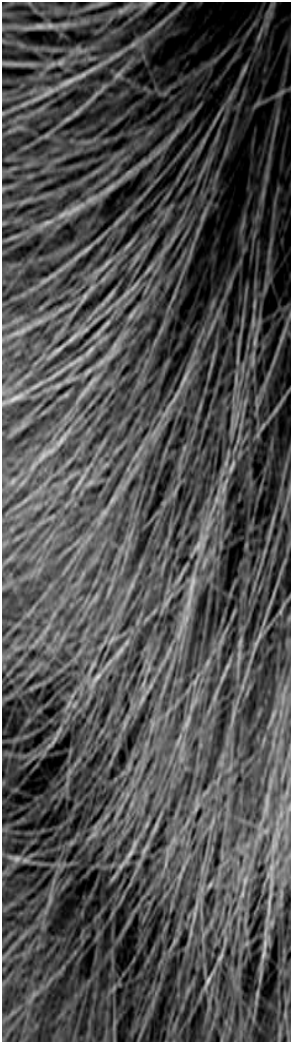
Chorin A.J. *Math. Computation* 1968

Peskin C.S. *Acta Numerica* 2002



# Interaction model: homogenized approach

Modeling every cilium is numerically impossible:  
→ reduction of the dimensions of the problem



- The volume of hair is considered as an homogenized anisotropic porous medium, with porosity varying in time and space.
- Locally, a drag force is applied on fluid (and its reaction on the structure)

-  $\eta$  local porosity

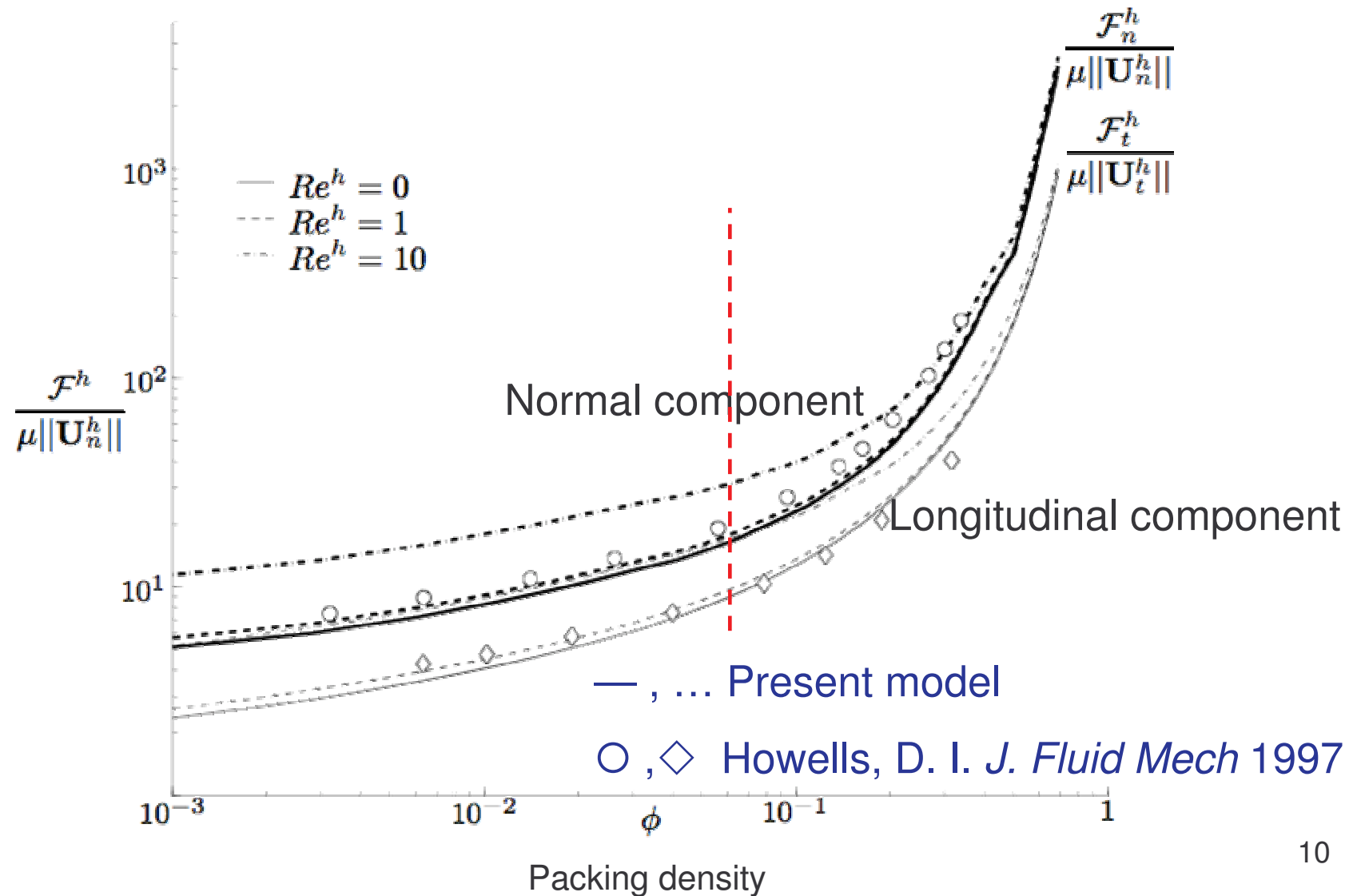
-  $\mathbf{d}$  hair direction

-  $\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{u}_{hair}$  relative velocity of fluid

$$\mathbf{F}_{drag} = \mathcal{F}(\eta, \mathbf{d}, \mathbf{u} - \mathbf{u}_{hair})$$

Howells, D. I. *J. Fluid Mech* 1997

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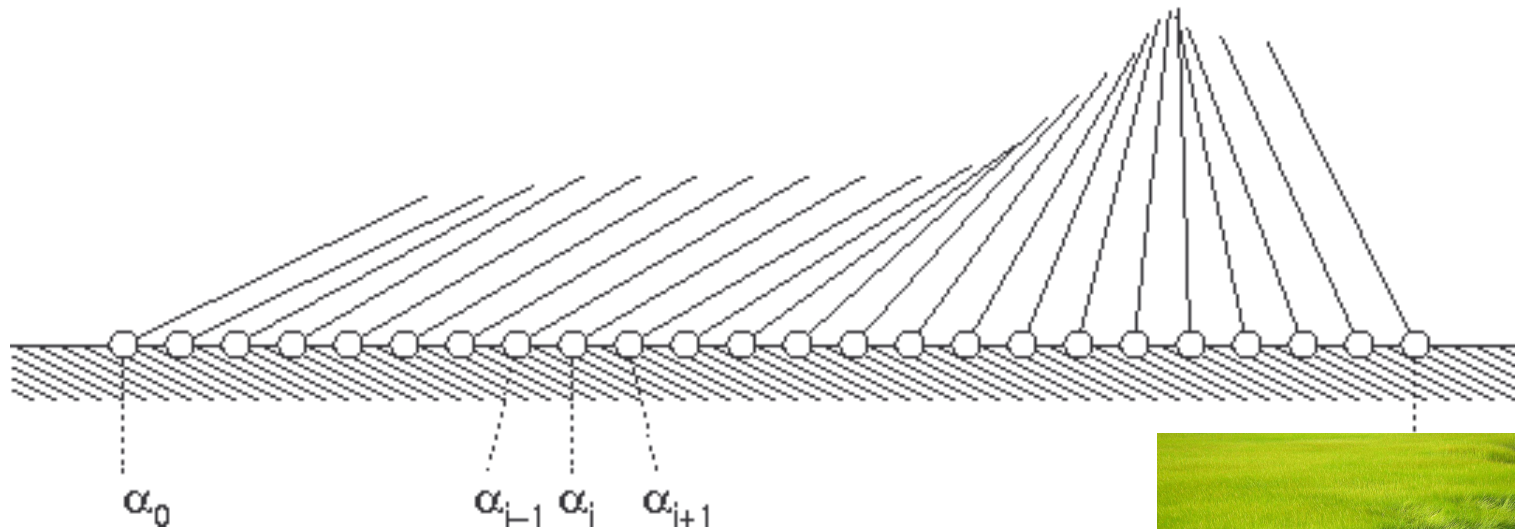


# Structure model

- Hair layer motion is modeled by a group of rods. Each rod represents a cluster of hairs

$$0 = M_{ext.}(\mathbf{x}_k) + M_{inter.}(\alpha_{k-1,k,k+1}) + M_{flex.}(\alpha_k) + M_{dissip.}(\dot{\alpha}_k) + M_{inertia}(\mathcal{I}\ddot{\alpha}_k)$$

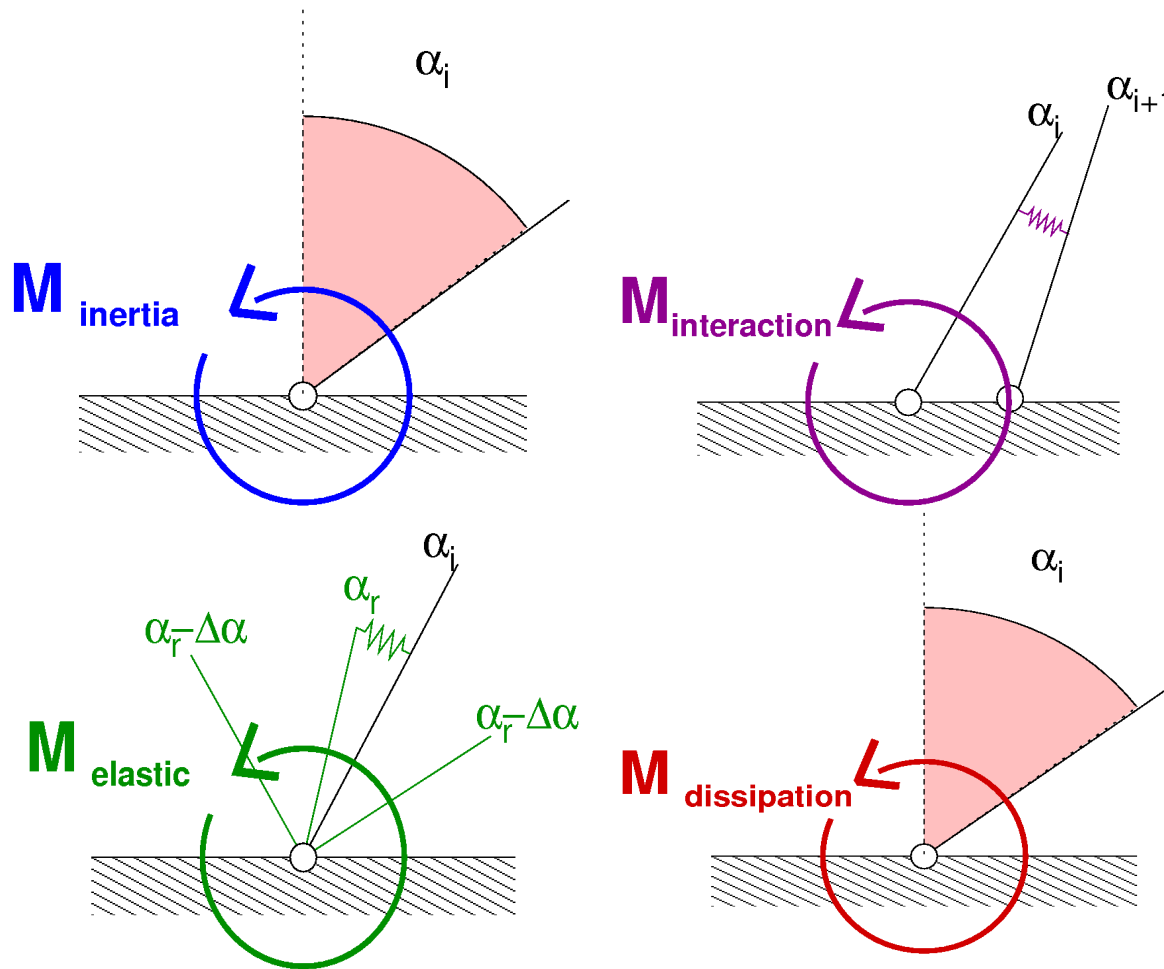
- Non linear system solved implicitly (NLGG) or explicitly (RK4)



De Langre E, *Ann. Rev. Fluid Mech.* 2008

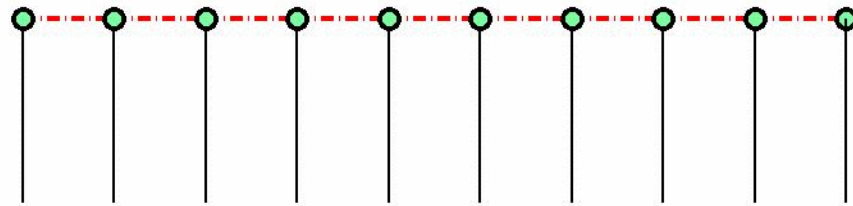


# Restoring forces in the structural model



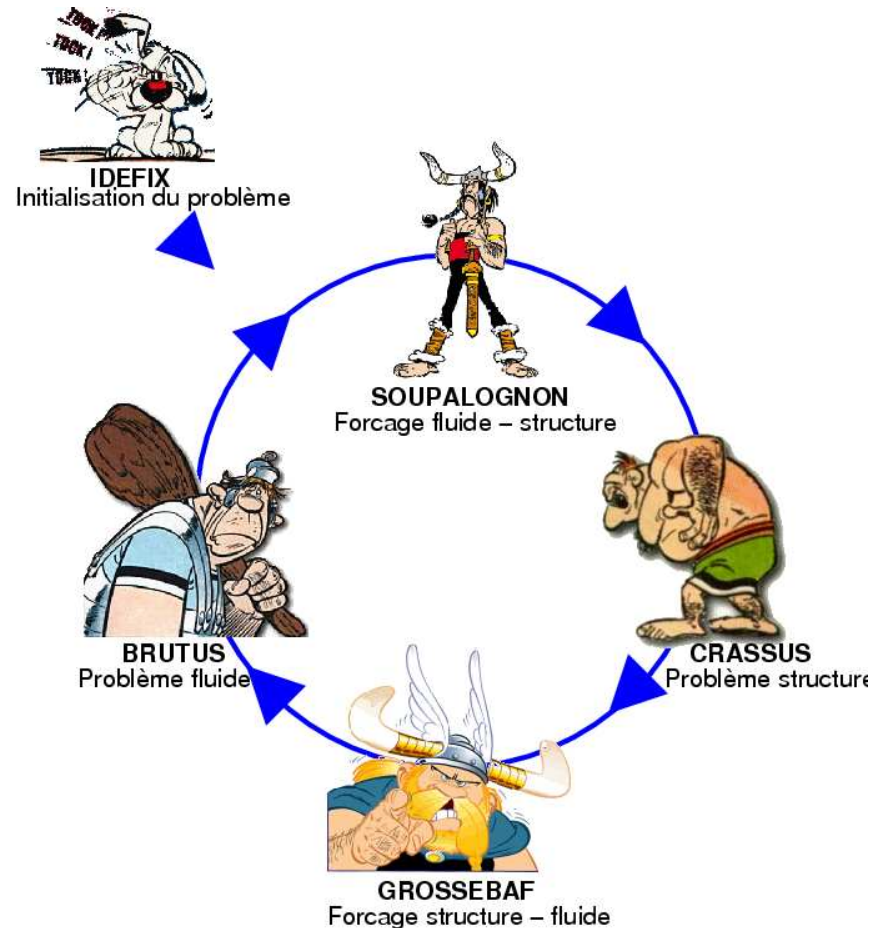
## ***Structure model: parameters***

- 1. Density** of hair, related to porosity (*0.006, modifies fluid flow without blocking*)
- 2. Flexibility** related to material elasticity
- 3. Interaction** between hair during a compression
- 4. Dissipation** by deformation and hair-to-hair contacts
- 5. Inertia** of the hair (*low*)



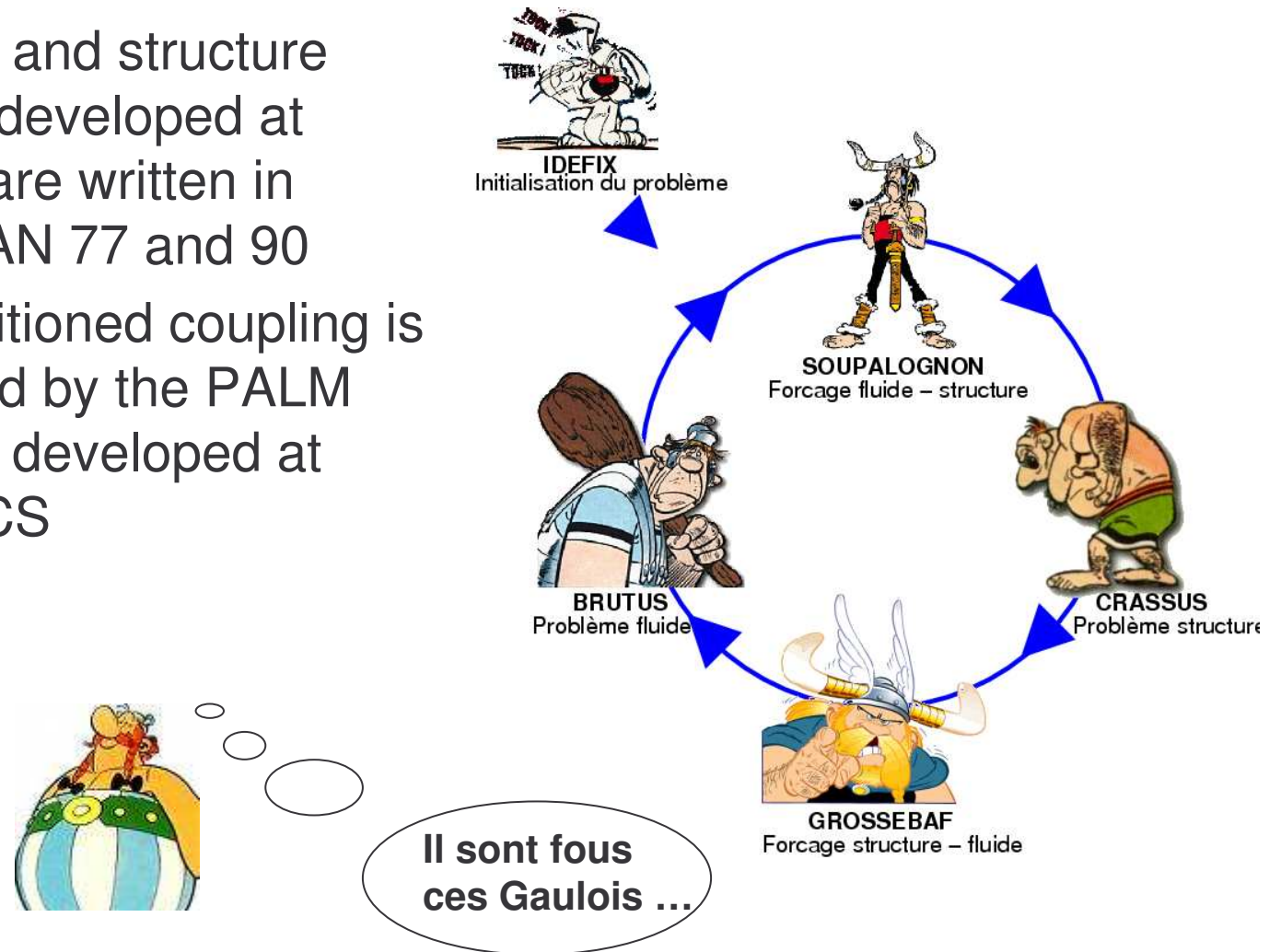
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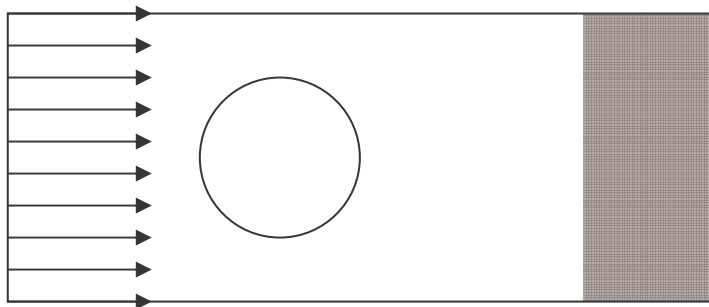
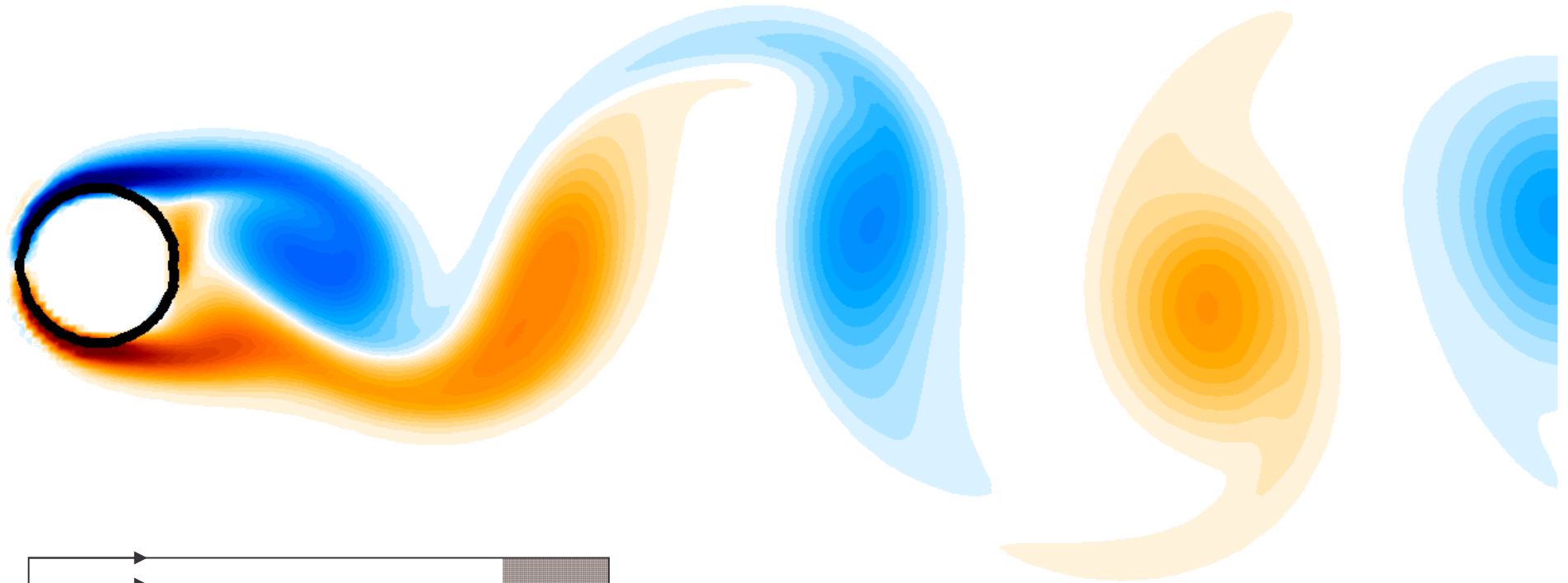
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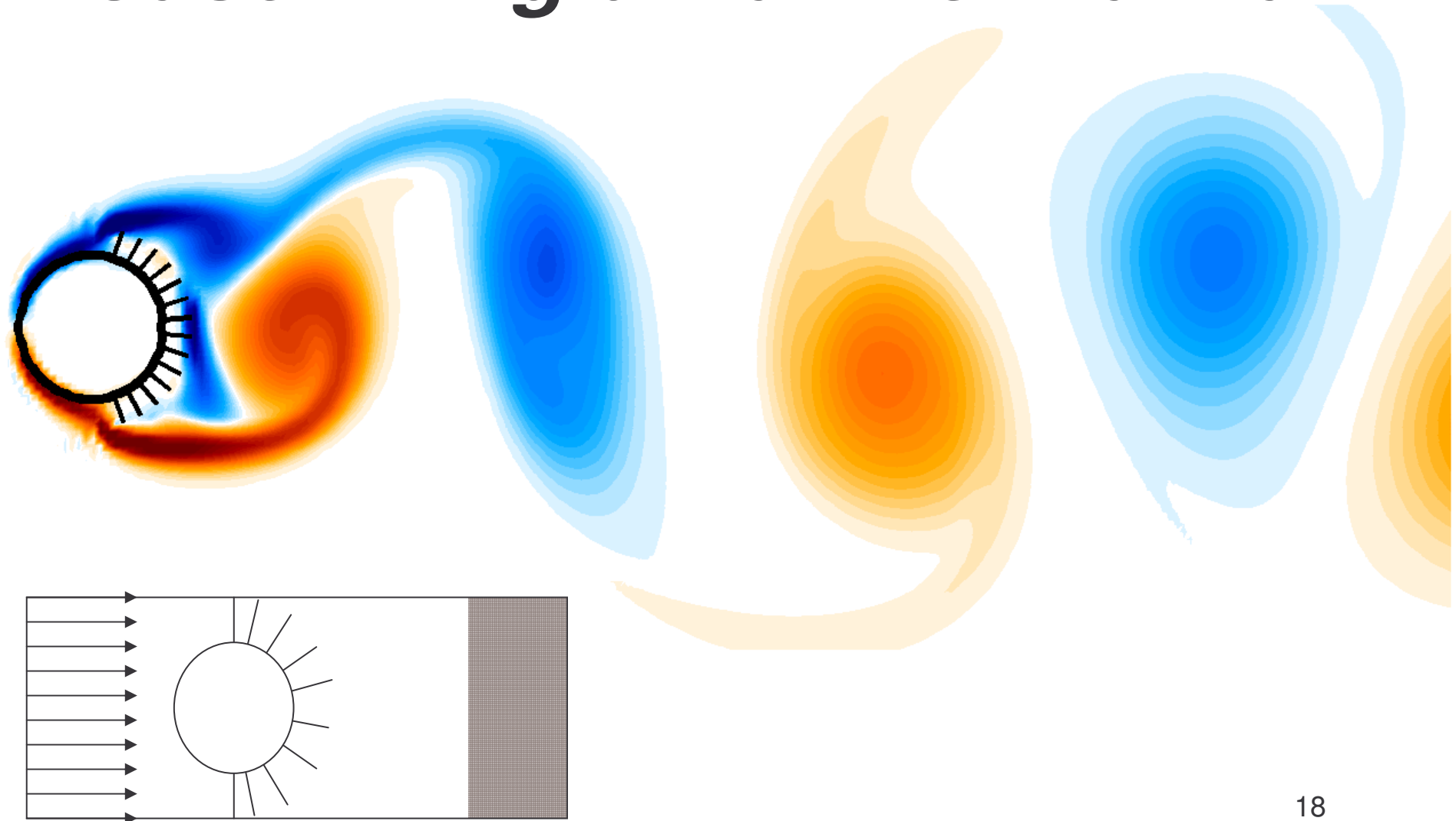




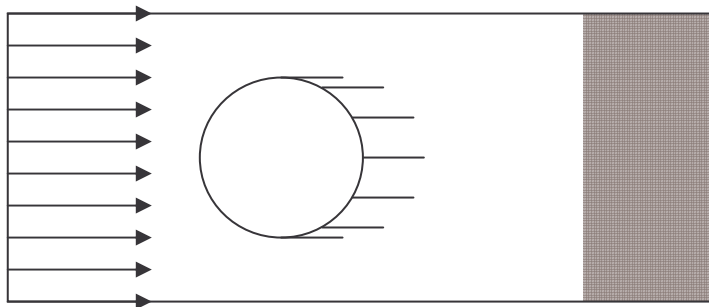
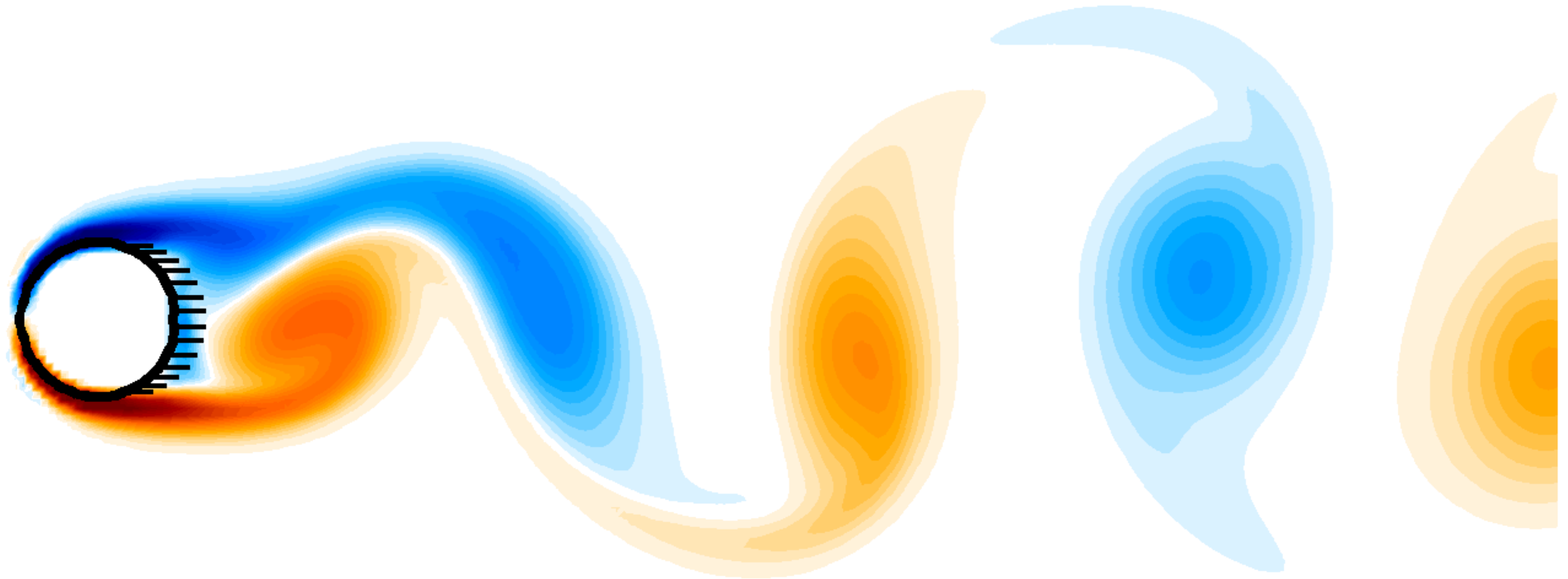
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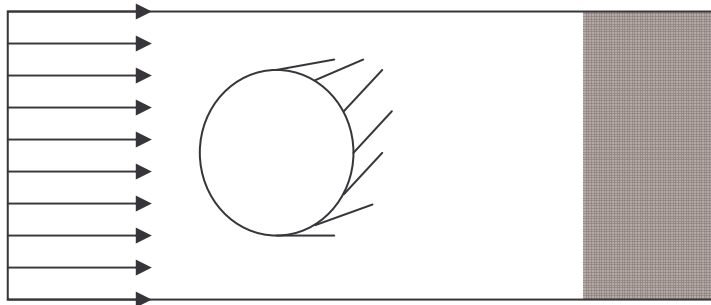
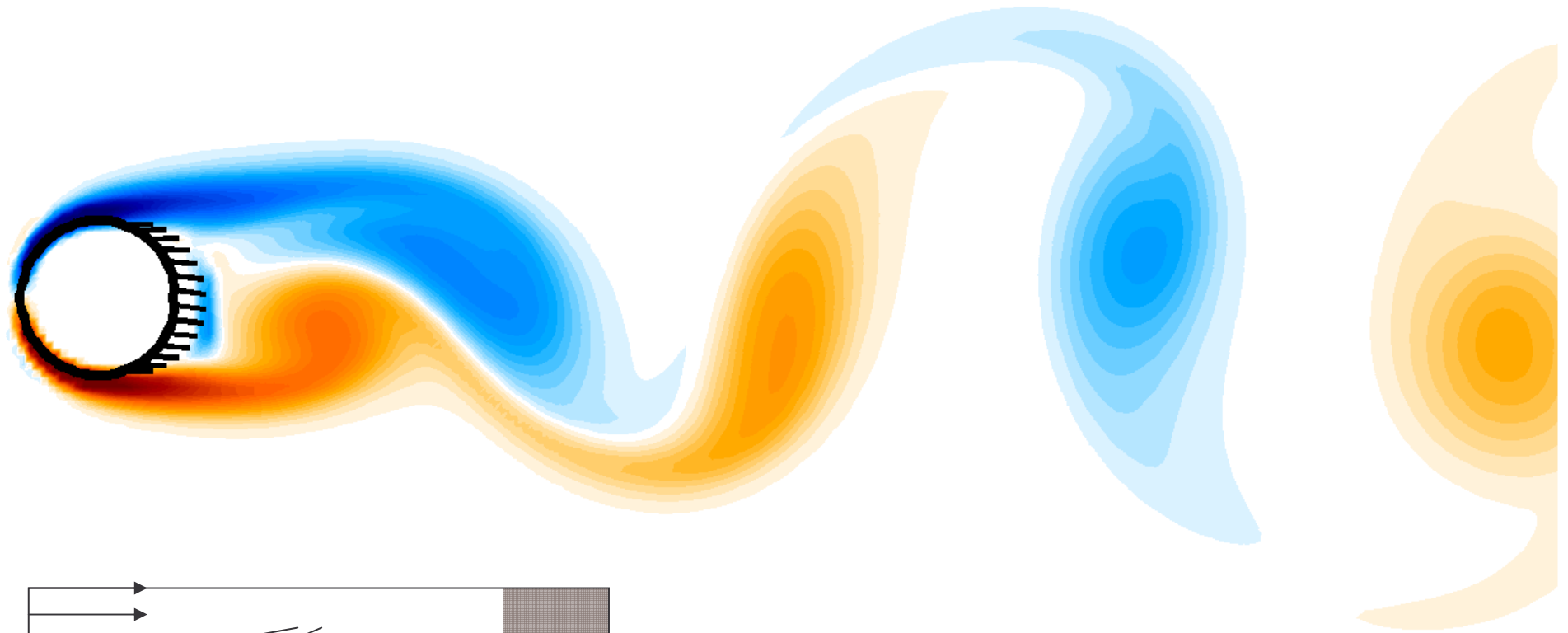
# ***Case 2 : rigid wall-normal hair***

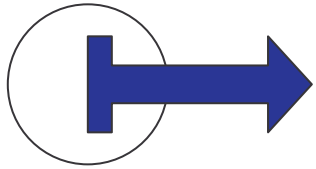


# ***Case 3 : rigid longitudinal hair***

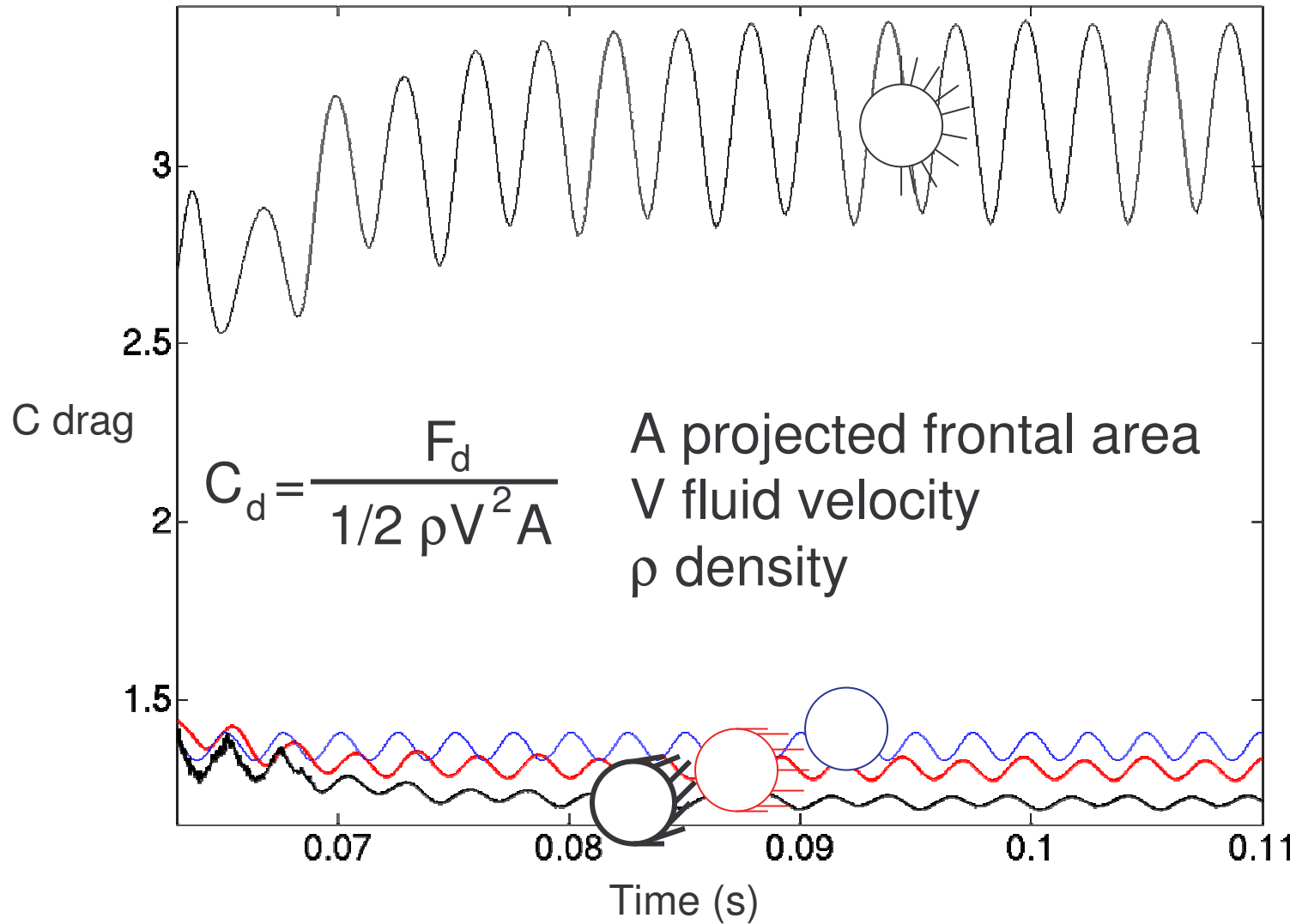


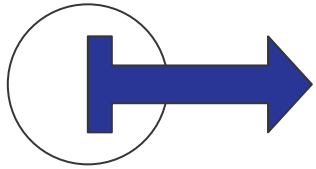
# *Case 4 : moving hair*



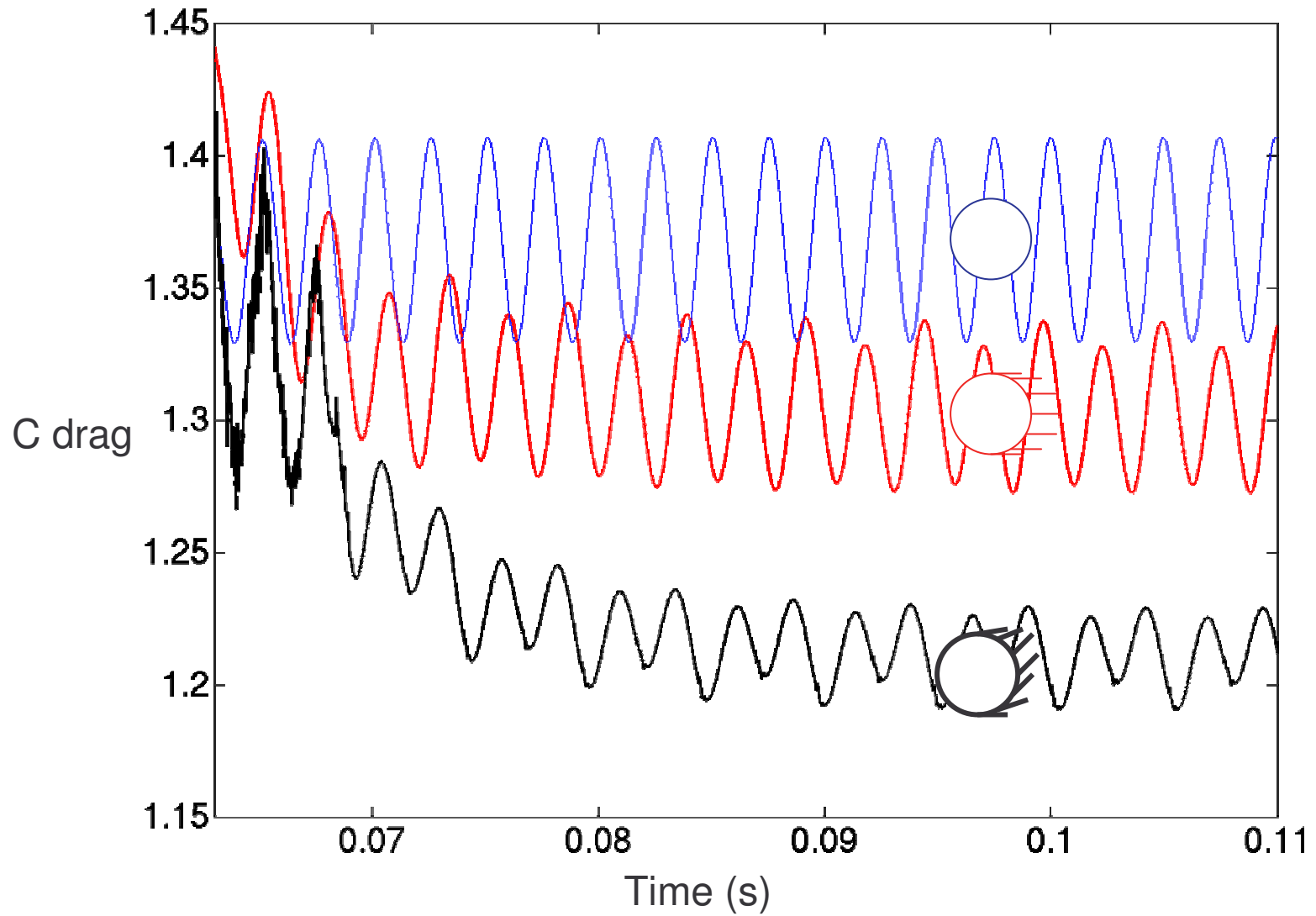


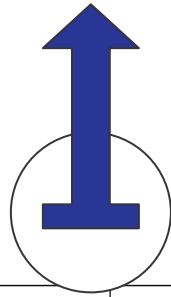
# Drag



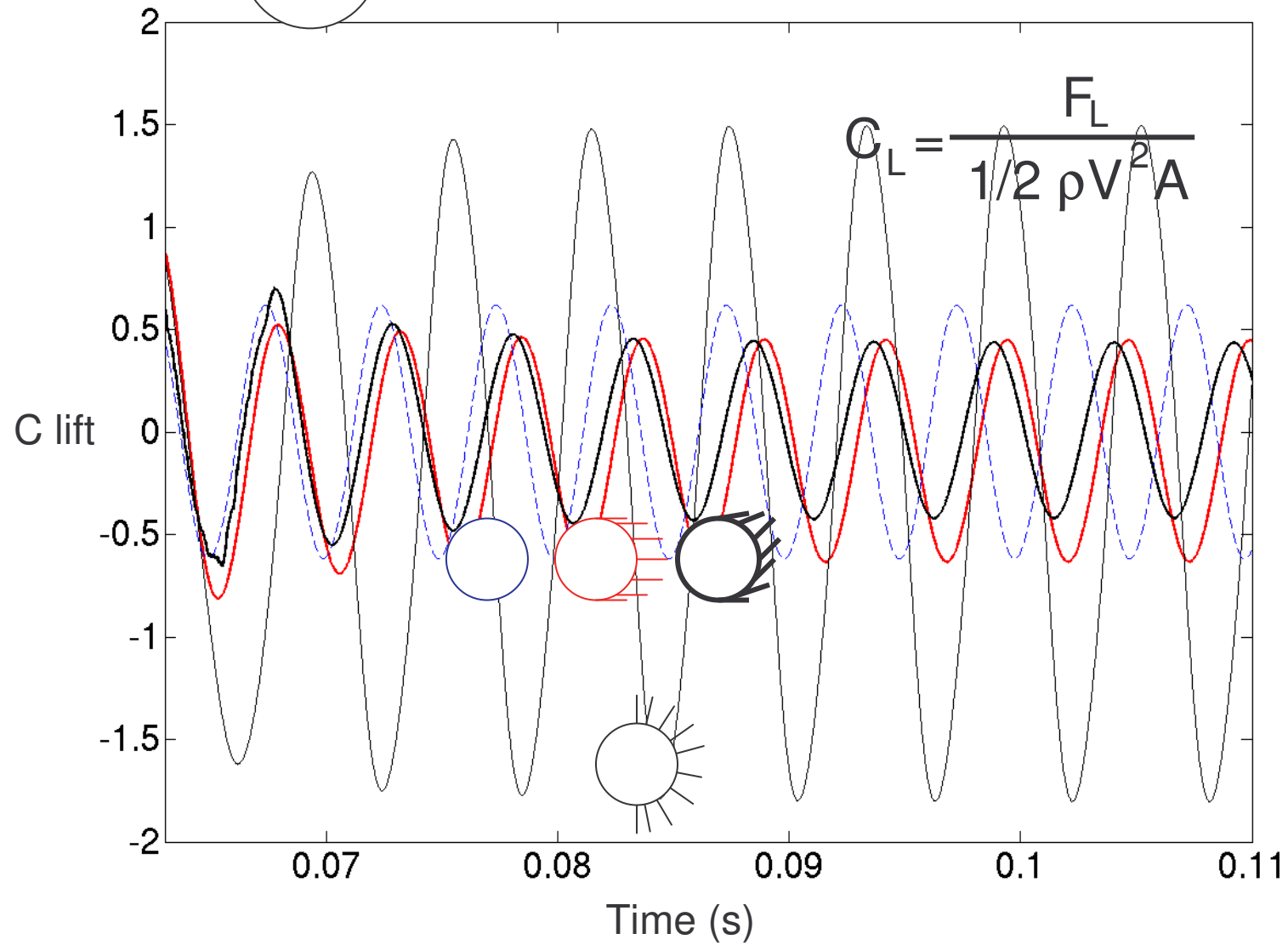


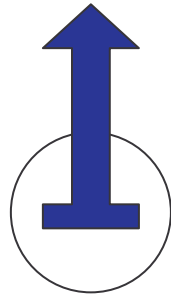
# *Drag (ctd.)*



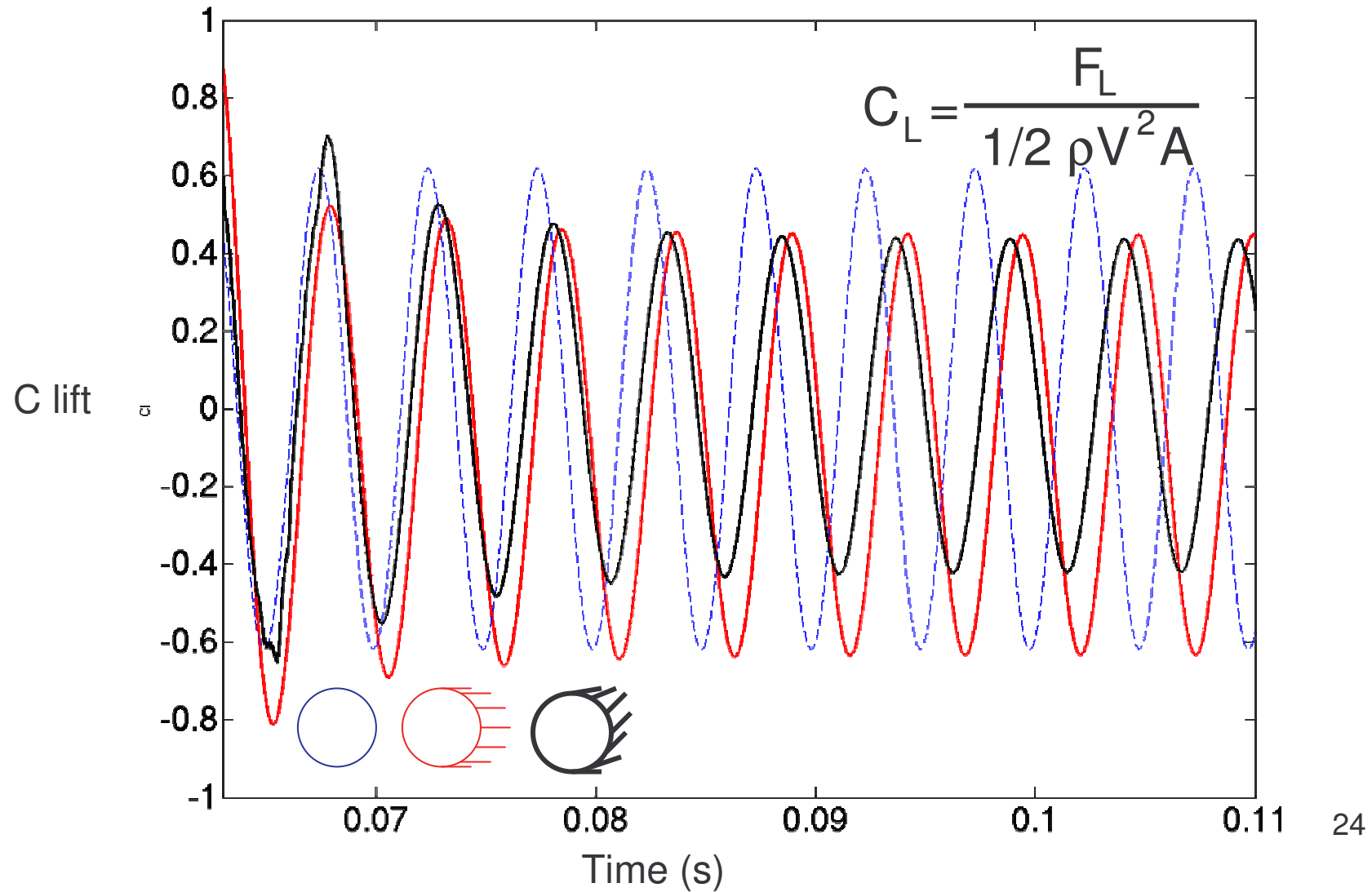


***Lift***



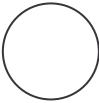
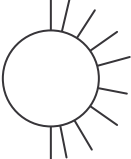




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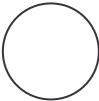
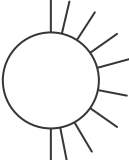
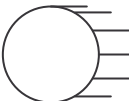



# *Aerodynamic performances*

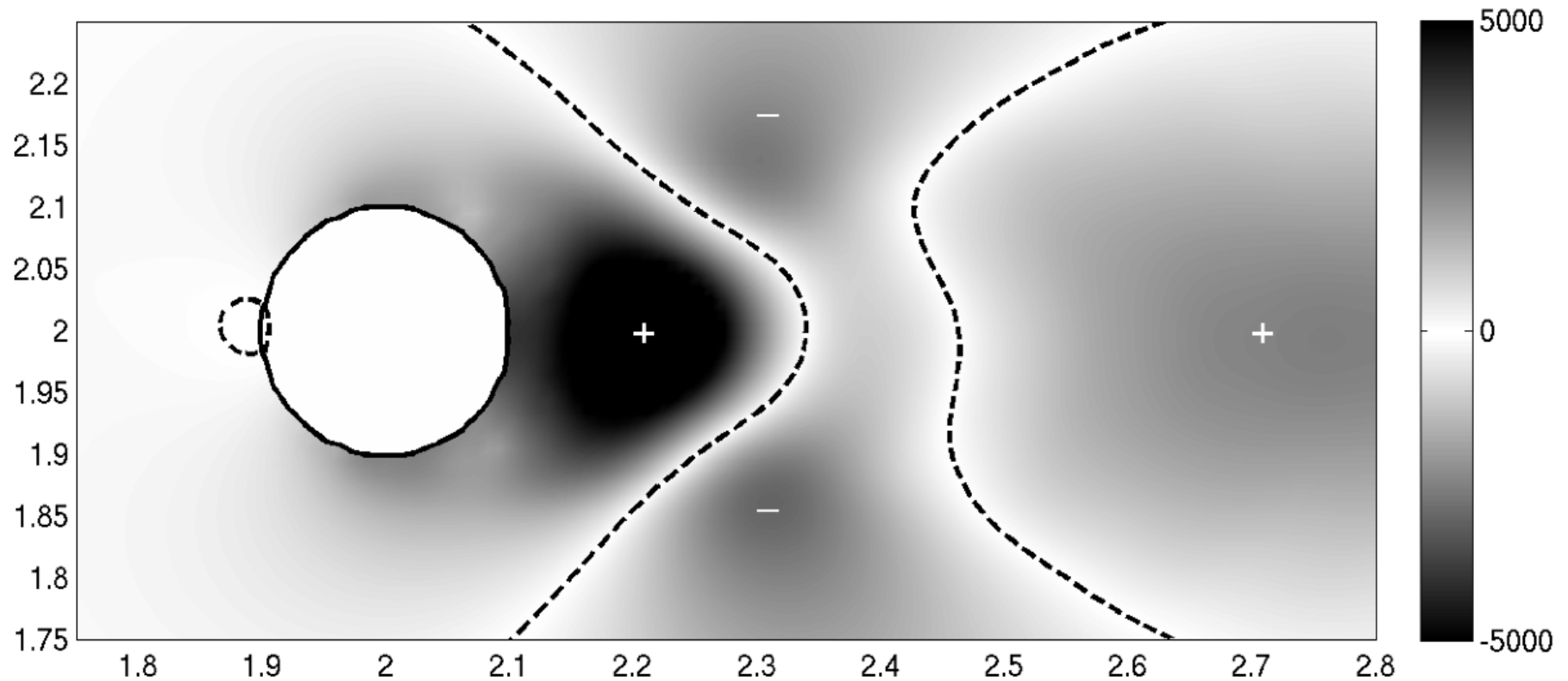
		Cd	Cd'	Cl'	St
Case 1		1.3689 (1.39;1.356)	0.0274	0.4381	0.199 (0.199;0.198)
Case 2		3.1464	0.1943	1.1376	0.1946
Case 3		1.3035	0.0207	0.3839	0.1916
Case 4		1.2109	0.012	0.3008	0.1661

(Bergmann et al. Phys. Fluids 2005 ; He et al J. Fluid Mech. 2000)

# ***Aerodynamic perf.(ctd.)***

		Cd	Cd'	Cl'	St
Case 1		ref	ref	ref	ref
Case 2		+130%	+608%	+160%	-2.21%
Case 3		-4.78%	-24.54%	-12.37%	-3.71%
Case 4		-11.54%	-56.09%	-31.34%	-16.53%

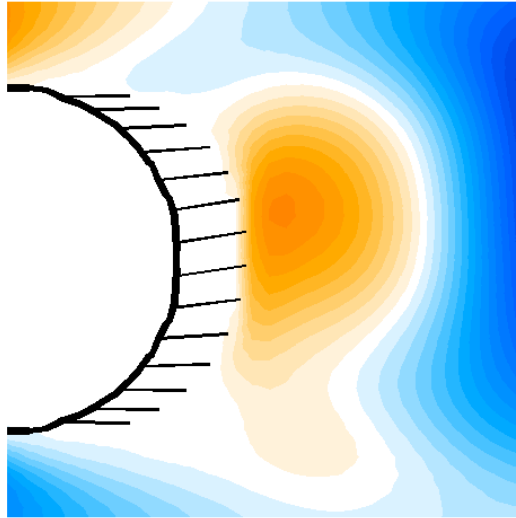
# *Physical mechanism*



Difference of time-averaged pressure field

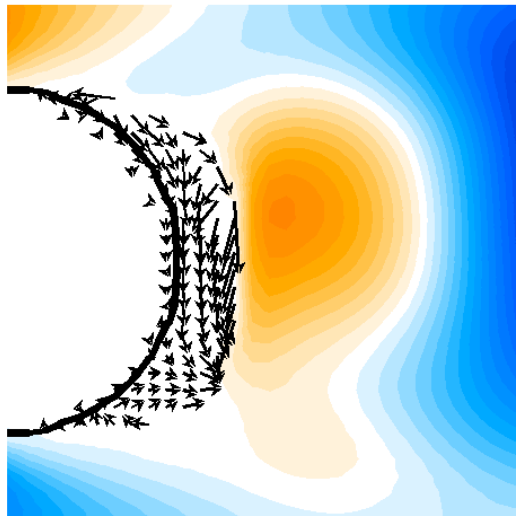
$$\langle P \text{ with hair} \rangle - \langle P \text{ ref} \rangle$$

# *Physical mechanism*



Contours of vertical velocity

Movements of *reference* cilia



Contours of vertical velocity

Force field

The hairy layer counteracts  
flow separation

# *Conclusions and perspectives*

- ✓ Simulations show a reduction of pressure drag on a cylinder for a unsteady laminar flow ( $Re=200$ ).
- ✓ The motion of the hairy structure can improve aerodynamic performances
- ✓ The passive control structural parameters have been optimised
- ✓ Direct perspectives concern flexible rods and turbulent configurations; possible applications to small underwater vehicles and to UAV/MAV (in the aeronautical field)
- ✓ Experimental investigations seem justified on this topic

Thank you for your attention

