

Piezoelectric fluid energy harvesters by monolithic fluid-structure-piezoelectric coupling: a full-scale finite element model

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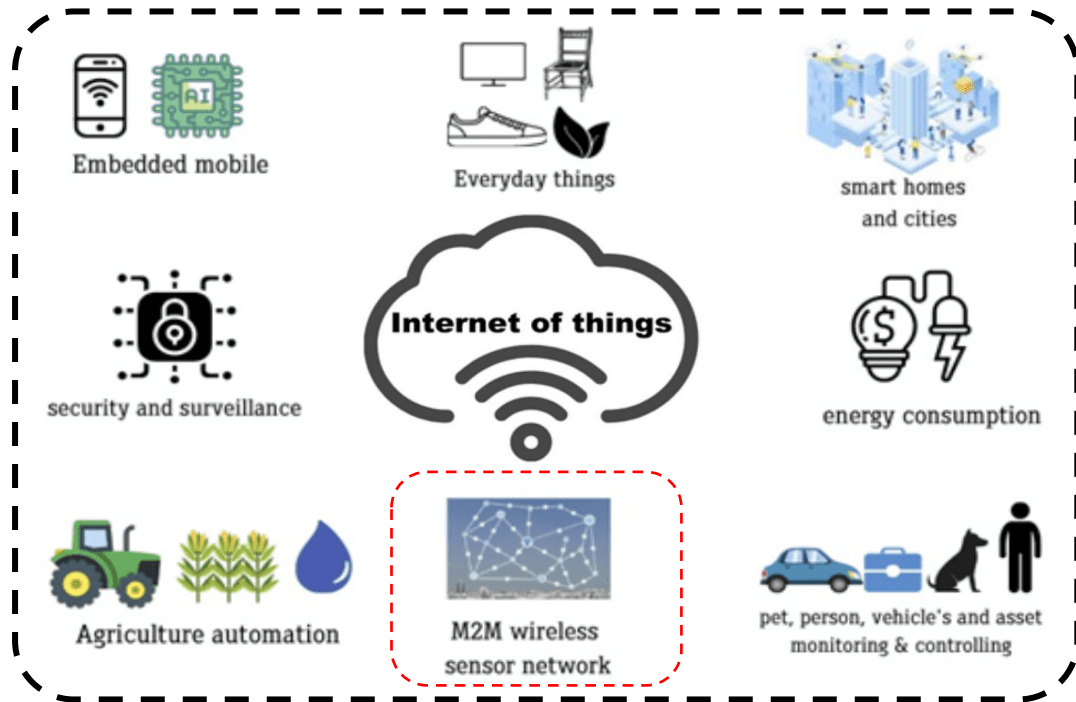
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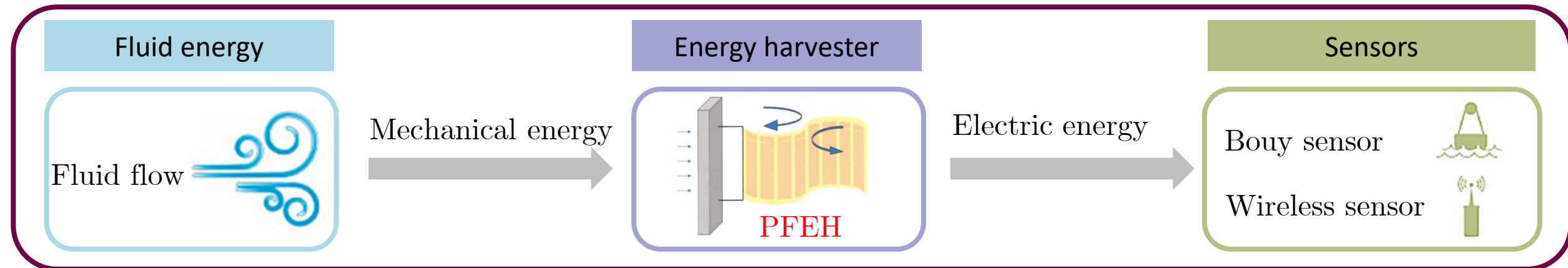
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1 Research background

Recent work review

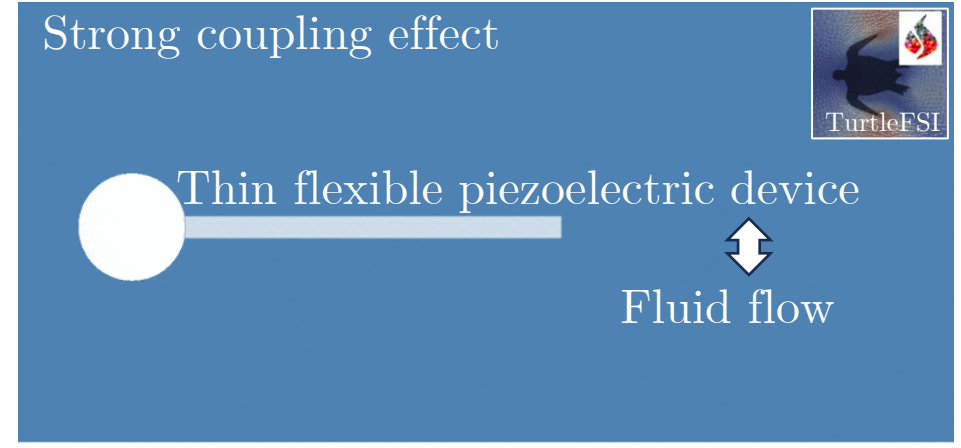
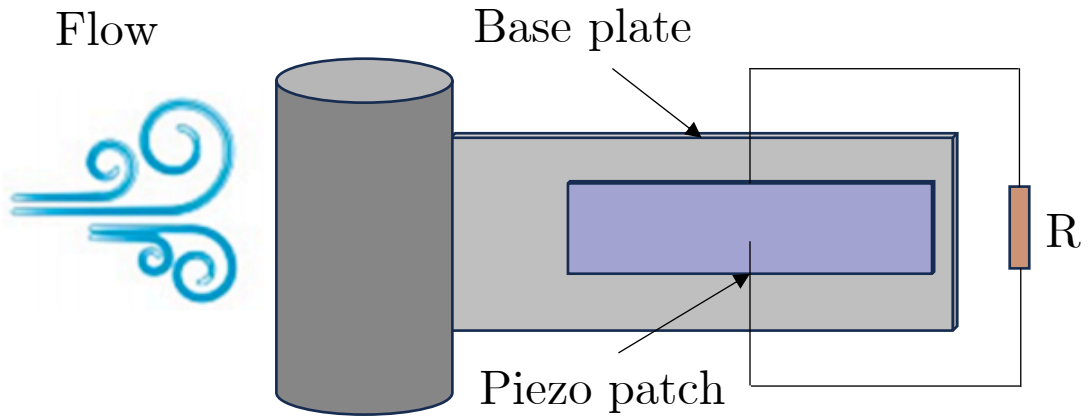


- ❑ The rise of the Internet of Things (IoT) has led to an increasing number of **micro-electronic devices**.
- ❑ These devices, including **wireless remote sensors**, are deployed in environments demanding extended lifespans and minimal maintenance.
- ❑ Consequently, there is a growing need to create reliable **self-powered systems** such as **Piezoelectric fluid energy harvesters (PFEH)** offering an alternative to traditional batteries.



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Recent research trend - complex PFEH designs

The choice for the structure model?

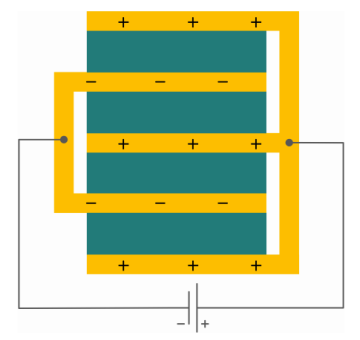
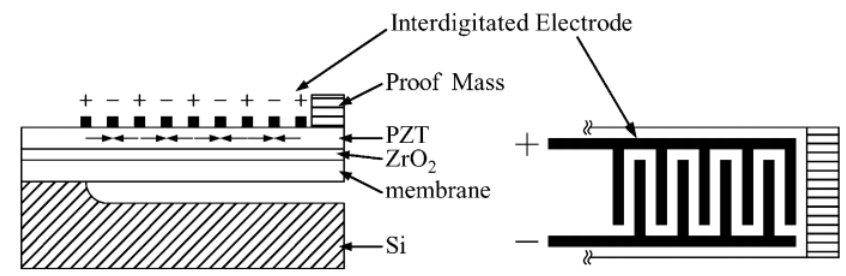
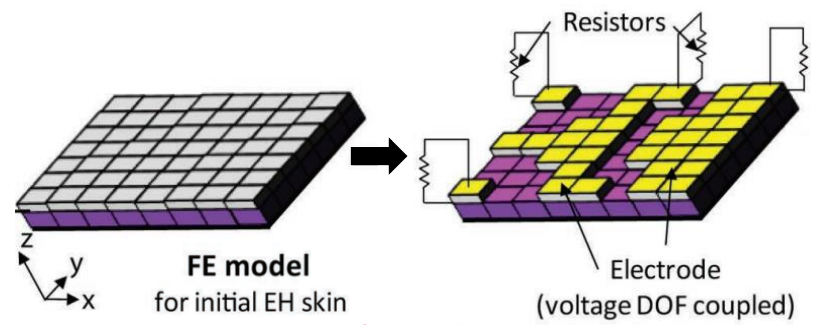


Fig. PEH topology optimization (Lee)

Fig. PEH electrode design (Jeon)

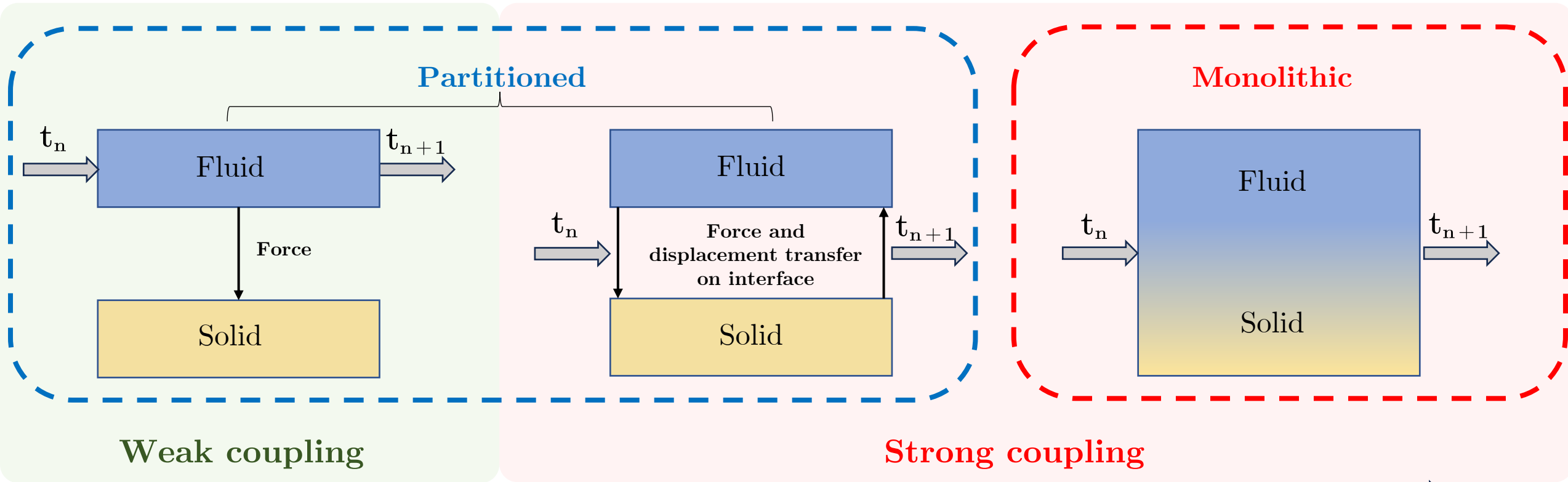
Fig. Stacked Configuration (Covaci)

- The **full-scale solid continuum** model outperforms **simplified beam/plate models** in complex PFEH designs.
- Especially in micro-structured transducers and non-uniform cantilevers, as well as the induced local FSI effects.

1 Research background

FSI coupling method

➤ Methods of solving coupled dynamic FSI problem are generally classified as **partitioned** and **monolithic** methods.



Stable & Robust & Less added mass instability

Flexible & Less Computational Cost

1 Research background

Research frame

A high-fidelity full-scale FEM model is built for monolithic FSI simulations of thin-walled PFEH

□ A solid continuum model with geometric nonlinearities is adopted.

Complete coupling system



Fluid

Flow induced vibration

Solid

Electro-mechanical coupling

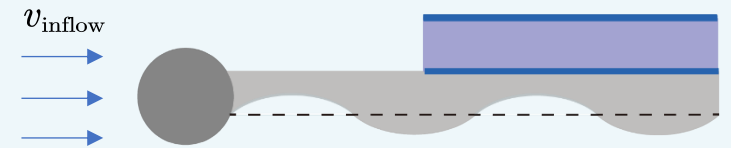
Piezoelectric material

External circuit

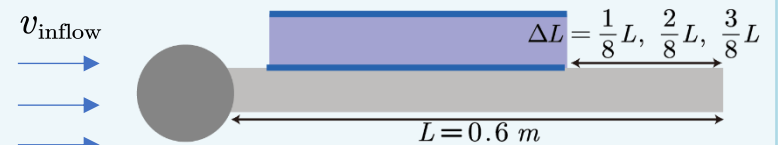
Electricity transformation

A set of numerical cases to demonstrate the solver's potential:

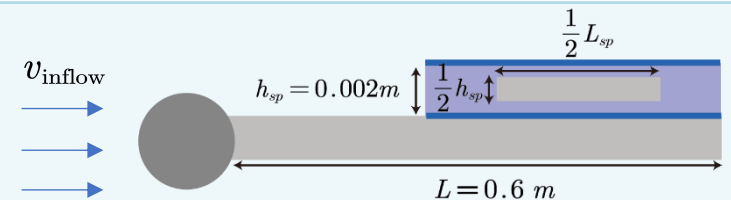
(1) Base plate cross-section shape



(2) Piezo patch location



(3) Piezo patch inclusion



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Governing equation

- 2.1 Strong form
- 2.2 Weak form
- 2.3 Time integration

2. Governing equation

2.1 Strong form

Elastic solid domain

$$\rho_{ss} \partial_t^2 \hat{\mathbf{u}}_{ss} - \hat{\nabla} \cdot \hat{\boldsymbol{\Pi}}_{ss} = 0, \quad \text{in } \hat{\Omega}_{ss} \quad \text{Newton's law}$$

$$\hat{\boldsymbol{\Pi}}_{ss} = \hat{\mathbf{F}}_{ss} \hat{\boldsymbol{\Sigma}}_{ss} = \hat{\mathbf{F}}_{ss} \mathbf{C}_{ss} : \hat{\mathbf{S}}_{ss}$$

$$\hat{\mathbf{S}}_{ss} = 0.5 (\hat{\mathbf{F}}_{ss}^T \hat{\mathbf{F}}_{ss} - \mathbf{I})$$

$$\hat{\mathbf{F}}_{ss} = \hat{\nabla} \hat{\mathbf{u}}_{ss} + \mathbf{I}$$

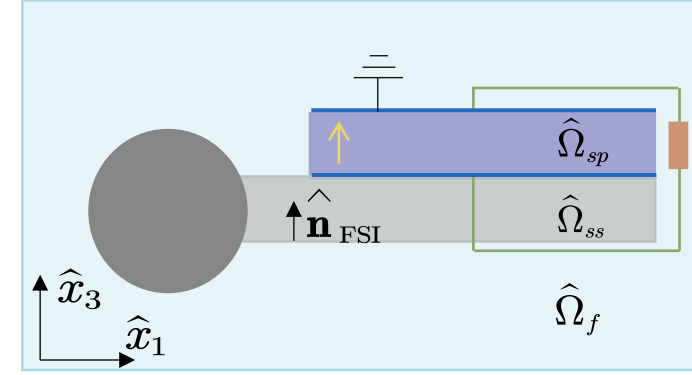


FSI Coupling Conditions

$$\hat{\mathbf{u}}_A = \hat{\mathbf{u}}_s$$

$$\hat{\mathbf{v}}_f = \hat{\mathbf{v}}_A = \partial_t \hat{\mathbf{u}}_s \quad \text{on } \hat{\Gamma}_{\text{FSI}}$$

$$(\hat{\mathbf{J}}_A \hat{\boldsymbol{\sigma}}_f \hat{\mathbf{F}}_A^{-T}) \cdot \hat{\mathbf{n}}_{\text{FSI}} = \hat{\boldsymbol{\Pi}}_s \cdot \hat{\mathbf{n}}_{\text{FSI}}$$



Piezoelectric solid domain

$$\begin{cases} \rho_{sp} \partial_t^2 \hat{\mathbf{u}}_{sp} - \hat{\nabla} \cdot \hat{\boldsymbol{\Pi}}_{sp} = 0 \\ \hat{\nabla} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{D}}_{sp} = 0 \end{cases}, \quad \text{in } \hat{\Omega}_{sp}$$

Gauss equation

$$\hat{\boldsymbol{\Pi}}_{sp} = \hat{\mathbf{F}}_{sp} \hat{\boldsymbol{\Sigma}}_{sp} = \hat{\mathbf{F}}_{sp} (\mathbf{C} : \hat{\mathbf{S}}_{sp} - \hat{\mathbf{e}}_{sp} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{E}}_{sp})$$

$$\hat{\mathbf{D}}_{sp} = \mathbf{e}_{sp} : \hat{\mathbf{S}}_{sp} + \boldsymbol{\epsilon}_{sp} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{E}}_{sp}$$

$$\hat{\mathbf{S}}_{sp} = 0.5 (\hat{\mathbf{F}}_{sp}^T \hat{\mathbf{F}}_{sp} - \mathbf{I})$$

$$\hat{\mathbf{F}}_{sp} = \hat{\nabla} \hat{\mathbf{u}}_{sp} + \mathbf{I}$$

$$\hat{\mathbf{E}}_{sp} = -\hat{\nabla} \hat{\varphi}_{sp}$$

Circuit

$$\hat{\varphi}_{sp} = RI$$

$$I = \partial_t Q$$

Fluid domain in ALE framework

$$\begin{cases} \rho_f \hat{\mathbf{J}}_A \partial_t \hat{\mathbf{v}}_f + \rho_f \hat{\mathbf{J}}_A \hat{\mathbf{F}}_A^{-1} (\hat{\mathbf{v}}_f - \partial_t \hat{\mathbf{u}}_A) \cdot \hat{\mathbf{v}}_f - \hat{\nabla} \cdot (\hat{\mathbf{J}}_A \hat{\boldsymbol{\sigma}}_f \hat{\mathbf{F}}_A^{-T}) = 0 \\ \hat{\nabla} \cdot (\hat{\mathbf{J}}_A \hat{\mathbf{F}}_A^{-1} \hat{\mathbf{v}}_f) = 0 \end{cases}, \quad \text{in } \hat{\Omega}_f$$

$$\hat{\boldsymbol{\sigma}}_f = -\hat{p} \mathbf{I} + 2\mu_f \hat{\boldsymbol{\epsilon}}_f$$

$$\hat{\boldsymbol{\epsilon}}_f = 0.5 \left((\hat{\nabla} \hat{\mathbf{v}}_f) \hat{\mathbf{F}}_A^{-1} + \hat{\mathbf{F}}_A^{-T} (\hat{\nabla} \hat{\mathbf{v}}_f)^T \right)$$

$$\hat{\mathbf{F}}_A = \hat{\nabla} \hat{\mathbf{u}}_A + \mathbf{I}$$

Biharmonic mesh model

$$\hat{\boldsymbol{\eta}}_A = -\alpha_u \hat{\Delta} \hat{\mathbf{u}}_A \quad \text{and} \quad -\alpha_u \hat{\Delta} \hat{\boldsymbol{\eta}}_A = 0, \quad \text{in } \hat{\Omega}_f \quad \alpha_u = 0.01$$

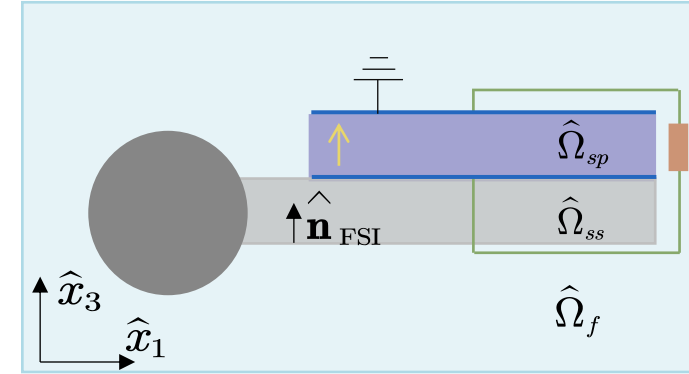
2. Governing equation

2.2 Weak form

Elastic solid domain

$$\int_{\hat{\Omega}_{ss}} (\rho_{ss} \partial_t \hat{\mathbf{v}}_{ss} \delta \hat{\mathbf{v}} + \hat{\boldsymbol{\Pi}}_{ss} \hat{\nabla} \delta \hat{\mathbf{v}}) d\hat{\Omega}_{ss} + \int_{\hat{\Gamma}_{FSI}} (\hat{\boldsymbol{\Pi}}_{ss} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{n}}_{FSI} \delta \hat{\mathbf{v}}) d\hat{\Omega}_{ss} = 0$$

Relate the displacement to velocity $\int_{\hat{\Omega}_{ss}} \rho_{ss} (\partial_t \hat{\mathbf{u}}_{ss} - \hat{\mathbf{v}}_{ss}) \delta \hat{\mathbf{u}} d\hat{\Omega}_{ss} = 0$



Piezoelectric solid domain

$$\int_{\hat{\Omega}_{sp}} (\rho_{sp} \partial_t \hat{\mathbf{v}}_{sp} \delta \hat{\mathbf{v}} + \hat{\boldsymbol{\Pi}}_{sp} \hat{\nabla} \delta \hat{\mathbf{v}}) d\hat{\Omega}_{sp} + \int_{\hat{\Gamma}_{FSI}} (\hat{\boldsymbol{\Pi}}_{sp} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{n}}_{FSI} \delta \hat{\mathbf{v}}) d\hat{\Omega}_{sp} = 0$$

$$-\int_{\hat{\Omega}_{sp}} \hat{\mathbf{D}}_{sp} [\hat{\mathbf{E}}_{sp} (\delta \hat{\phi})] d\hat{\Omega}_{sp} + \underbrace{\int_{\hat{\Gamma}_E} \left(-\frac{\Delta t}{RA} \hat{\varphi} + \frac{Q^{tn}}{A} \right) \delta \hat{\phi} d\hat{\Gamma}_E}_{\text{Output circuit}} + \underbrace{\int_{\hat{\Gamma}_E} 10^7 \hat{\mathbf{E}}_{sp x_1} [\hat{\mathbf{D}}_{sp x_1} (\delta \hat{\mathbf{v}}, \delta \hat{\phi})] d\hat{\Gamma}_E}_{\text{Electrode boundary}} = 0$$

Relate $\hat{\mathbf{u}}$ to $\hat{\mathbf{v}}$ and $\hat{\varphi}$ to $\hat{\phi}$

$$\int_{\hat{\Omega}_{sp}} \rho_{sp} (\partial_t \hat{\mathbf{u}}_{sp} - \hat{\mathbf{v}}_{sp}) \delta \hat{\mathbf{u}} d\hat{\Omega}_{sp} = 0$$

$$\int_{\hat{\Omega}_{sp}} (\partial_t \hat{\varphi} - \hat{\phi}) \delta \hat{\varphi} d\hat{\Omega}_{sp} = 0$$

Fluid domain in ALE framework

$$\int_{\hat{\Omega}_f} \rho_f \hat{\mathbf{J}}_A \partial_t \hat{\mathbf{v}}_f \delta \hat{\mathbf{v}} d\hat{\Omega}_f + \int_{\hat{\Omega}_f} \rho_f \hat{\mathbf{J}}_A \hat{\mathbf{F}}_A^{-1} (\hat{\mathbf{v}}_f - \partial_t \hat{\mathbf{u}}_A) \cdot \hat{\nabla} \hat{\mathbf{v}}_f \delta \hat{\mathbf{v}} d\hat{\Omega}_f + \int_{\hat{\Omega}_f} \hat{\nabla} \cdot (\hat{\mathbf{J}}_A \hat{\boldsymbol{\sigma}}_f \hat{\mathbf{F}}_A^{-T}) \delta \hat{\mathbf{v}} d\hat{\Omega}_f - \int_{\hat{\Gamma}_{FSI}} (\hat{\mathbf{J}}_A \hat{\boldsymbol{\sigma}}_f \hat{\mathbf{F}}_A^{-T}) \cdot \hat{\mathbf{n}}_{FSI} \delta \hat{\mathbf{v}} d\hat{\Gamma}_{FSI} = 0$$

$$\int_{\hat{\Omega}_f} \hat{\nabla} \cdot (\hat{\mathbf{J}}_A \hat{\mathbf{F}}_A^{-1} \hat{\mathbf{v}}_f) \delta \hat{p} d\hat{\Omega}_f$$

Biharmonic mesh model $\int_{\hat{\Omega}_f} (\hat{\boldsymbol{\eta}}_A - \alpha_u \hat{\nabla} \hat{\mathbf{u}}_A) \delta \hat{\boldsymbol{\eta}} d\hat{\Omega}_f$ and $\int_{\hat{\Omega}_f} \alpha_u \hat{\nabla} \hat{\boldsymbol{\eta}}_A \hat{\nabla} \delta \hat{\mathbf{u}} d\hat{\Omega}_f$

2. Governing equation

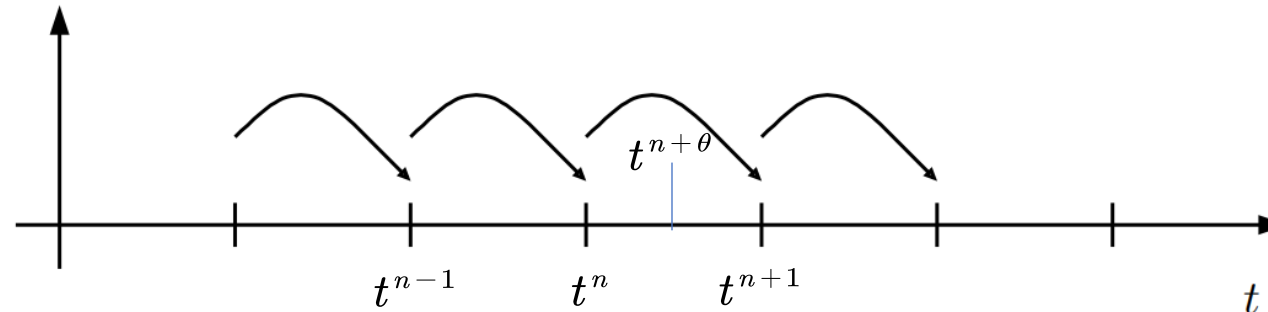
2.3 Time integration

One step θ method

The temporal discretization is achieved by using an **implicit one-step θ method**.

Considering a generic equation (\mathbf{a} : generic variable), the one-step θ method amounts to solving for the time-step $n + 1$

$$\left[\frac{\partial \mathbf{a}}{\partial t} + f(\mathbf{a}) \right]^{n+1} = 0 \quad \rightarrow \quad \frac{\mathbf{a}^{n+1} - \mathbf{a}^n}{\Delta t} + \theta [f(\mathbf{a})]^{n+1} + (1 - \theta) [f(\mathbf{a})]^n = 0$$



Different numerical stability and time accuracy for different ϑ

- $\theta = 1$ **Euler scheme**: unconditional stable in a stationary solver; first order time accuracy
- $\theta = 1/2$ **Crank – Nicholson scheme**: numerical instabilities in dynamic fsi; second order time accuracy
- $\theta = 1/2 + \Delta t$ **shifted Crank – Nicholson scheme**: stable in dynamic fsi; first order time accuracy

For better robustness, **shifted Crank Nicholson scheme** is adopted.

2. Governing equation

2.3 Time integration

One step θ method

Fluid part

Temporal derivative	$+ \int_{\hat{\Omega}_f} \theta_0 \rho_f [\hat{\mathbf{J}}_A(\hat{\mathbf{u}}_n)] \frac{(\hat{\mathbf{v}}_n - \hat{\mathbf{v}}_{n-1})}{\Delta t} \delta \hat{\mathbf{v}} \, d\hat{\Omega}_f + \int_{\hat{\Omega}_f} \theta_1 \rho_f [\hat{\mathbf{J}}_A(\hat{\mathbf{u}}_{n-1})] \frac{(\hat{\mathbf{v}}_n - \hat{\mathbf{v}}_{n-1})}{\Delta t} \delta \hat{\mathbf{v}} \, d\hat{\Omega}_f$	
Convection	$+ \int_{\hat{\Omega}_f} \theta_0 \rho_f [\hat{\mathbf{J}}_A(\hat{\mathbf{u}}_n)] [\hat{\mathbf{F}}_A(\hat{\mathbf{u}}_n)]^{-1} \hat{\mathbf{v}}_n \cdot [\hat{\nabla}(\hat{\mathbf{v}}_n)] \delta \hat{\mathbf{v}} \, d\hat{\Omega}_f + \int_{\hat{\Omega}_f} \theta_1 \rho_f [\hat{\mathbf{J}}_A(\hat{\mathbf{u}}_{n-1})] [\hat{\mathbf{F}}_A(\hat{\mathbf{u}}_{n-1})]^{-1} \hat{\mathbf{v}}_{n-1} \cdot [\hat{\nabla}(\hat{\mathbf{v}}_{n-1})] \delta \hat{\mathbf{v}} \, d\hat{\Omega}_f$	
ALE term	$- \int_{\hat{\Omega}_f} \rho_f [\hat{\mathbf{J}}_A(\hat{\mathbf{u}}_n)] [\hat{\mathbf{F}}_A(\hat{\mathbf{u}}_n)]^{-1} \frac{(\hat{\mathbf{u}}_n - \hat{\mathbf{u}}_{n-1})}{\Delta t} \cdot [\hat{\nabla}(\hat{\mathbf{v}}_n)] \delta \hat{\mathbf{v}} \, d\hat{\Omega}_f$	$\hat{\boldsymbol{\sigma}}_f = \hat{\boldsymbol{\sigma}}_{fp} + \hat{\boldsymbol{\sigma}}_{fu}$
Stress from pressure	$+ \int_{\hat{\Omega}_f} [\hat{\mathbf{J}}_A(\hat{\mathbf{u}}_n)] [\hat{\boldsymbol{\sigma}}_{fp}(\hat{p}_n)] [\hat{\mathbf{F}}_A(\hat{\mathbf{u}}_n)]^{-T} \hat{\nabla}(\delta \hat{\mathbf{v}}) \, d\hat{\Omega}_f$	$= -\hat{p} \mathbf{I} + 2\mu_f \hat{\boldsymbol{\epsilon}}_f$
Stress from velocity	$+ \int_{\hat{\Omega}_f} \theta_0 [\hat{\mathbf{J}}_A(\hat{\mathbf{u}}_n)] [\hat{\boldsymbol{\sigma}}_{fu}(\hat{\mathbf{v}}_n, \hat{\mathbf{u}}_n)] [\hat{\mathbf{F}}_A(\hat{\mathbf{u}}_n)]^{-T} \hat{\nabla}(\delta \hat{\mathbf{v}}) \, d\hat{\Omega}_f + \int_{\hat{\Omega}_f} \theta_1 [\hat{\mathbf{J}}_A(\hat{\mathbf{u}}_{n-1})] [\hat{\boldsymbol{\sigma}}_{fu}(\hat{\mathbf{v}}_{n-1}, \hat{\mathbf{u}}_{n-1})] [\hat{\mathbf{F}}_A(\hat{\mathbf{u}}_{n-1})]^{-T} \hat{\nabla}(\delta \hat{\mathbf{v}}) \, d\hat{\Omega}_f$	
Divergence free term	$+ \int_{\hat{\Omega}_f} \left\{ \nabla \cdot [\hat{\mathbf{J}}_A(\hat{\mathbf{u}}_n)] [\hat{\mathbf{F}}_A(\hat{\mathbf{u}}_n)]^{-1} \hat{\mathbf{v}}_n \right\} \delta \hat{p} \, d\hat{\Omega}_f$	
Biharmonic Mesh operator	$+ \int_{\hat{\Omega}_f} \alpha_u \hat{\boldsymbol{\eta}}_n \cdot \delta \hat{\boldsymbol{\eta}} \, d\hat{\Omega}_f - \int_{\hat{\Omega}_f} \alpha_u \hat{\nabla} \hat{\mathbf{u}}_n : \hat{\nabla} \delta \hat{\boldsymbol{\eta}} \, d\hat{\Omega}_f$	
Biharmonic Mesh operator	$+ \int_{\hat{\Omega}_f} \alpha_u \hat{\nabla} \hat{\boldsymbol{\eta}}_n : \hat{\nabla} \delta \hat{\mathbf{u}} \, d\hat{\Omega}_f = 0$	

2. Governing equation

2.3 Time integration

One step θ method

Elastic Solid part $\begin{cases} \theta_1 = 1 - \theta \\ \theta_0 = \theta \end{cases}$

Temporal term $+\int_{\hat{\Omega}_{ss}} \rho_{ss} \frac{(\hat{\mathbf{v}}_n - \hat{\mathbf{v}}_{n-1})}{\Delta t} \cdot \delta \hat{\mathbf{v}} \, d\hat{\Omega}_{ss}$

Stress $+\int_{\hat{\Omega}_{ss}} \theta_1 \hat{\boldsymbol{\Pi}}_{ss}(\hat{\mathbf{u}}_{n-1}) : \hat{\nabla}(\delta \hat{\mathbf{v}}) \, d\hat{\Omega}_{ss} + \int_{\hat{\Omega}_{ss}} \theta_0 \hat{\boldsymbol{\Pi}}_{ss}(\hat{\mathbf{u}}_n) : \hat{\nabla}(\delta \hat{\mathbf{v}}) \, d\hat{\Omega}_{ss}$

Convection term $+\int_{\hat{\Omega}_{ss}} \rho_{ss} \left[\frac{(\hat{\mathbf{u}}_n - \hat{\mathbf{u}}_{n-1})}{\Delta t} - (\theta_0 \hat{\mathbf{v}}_n + \theta_1 \hat{\mathbf{v}}_{n-1}) \right] \cdot \delta \hat{\mathbf{u}} \, d\hat{\Omega}_{ss} = 0$

Piezo Solid part

$+\int_{\hat{\Omega}_{sp}} \rho_{sp} \frac{(\hat{\mathbf{v}}_n - \hat{\mathbf{v}}_{n-1})}{\Delta t} \cdot \delta \hat{\mathbf{v}} \, d\hat{\Omega}_{sp}$

$+\int_{\hat{\Omega}_{sp}} \theta_1 \hat{\boldsymbol{\Pi}}_{sp}(\hat{\mathbf{u}}_{n-1}, \hat{\boldsymbol{\varphi}}_{n-1}) : \hat{\nabla}(\delta \hat{\mathbf{v}}) \, d\hat{\Omega}_{sp} + \int_{\hat{\Omega}_{sp}} \theta_0 \hat{\boldsymbol{\Pi}}_{sp}(\hat{\mathbf{u}}_n, \hat{\boldsymbol{\varphi}}_n) : \hat{\nabla}(\delta \hat{\mathbf{v}}) \, d\hat{\Omega}_{sp}$

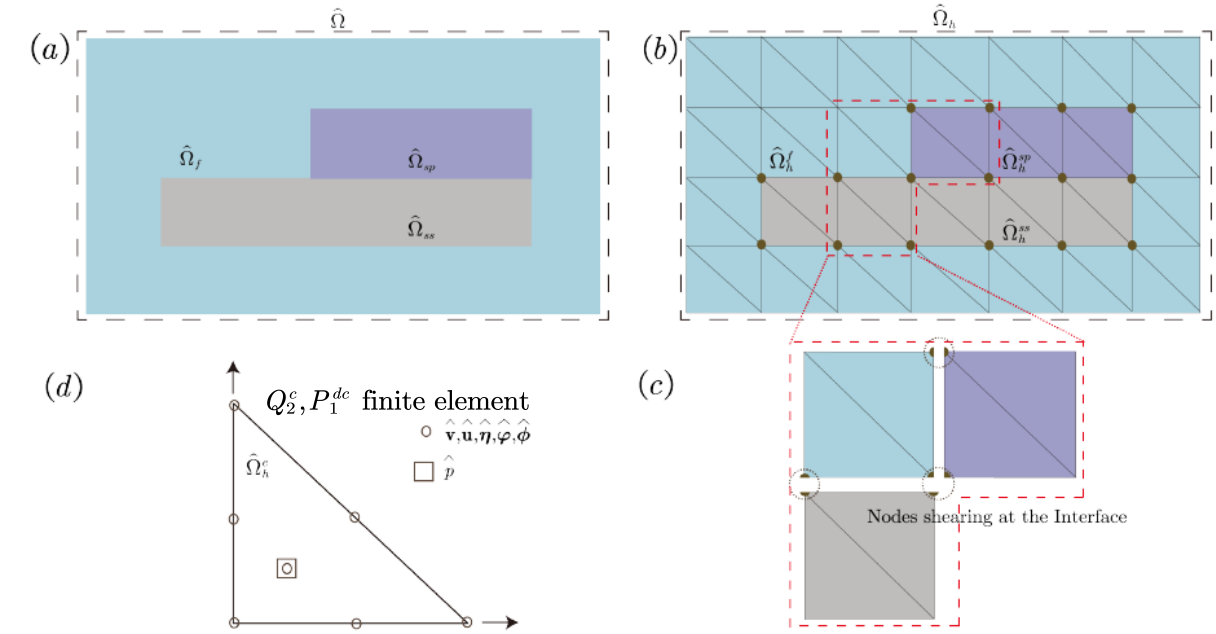
$-\int_{\hat{\Omega}_{sp}} \theta_1 \hat{\mathbf{D}}_{sp}(\hat{\mathbf{u}}_{n-1}, \boldsymbol{\varphi}_{n-1}) : \hat{\mathbf{E}}_{sp}(\delta \hat{\boldsymbol{\phi}}) \, d\hat{\Omega}_{sp} - \int_{\hat{\Omega}_{sp}} \theta_0 \hat{\mathbf{D}}_{sp}(\hat{\mathbf{u}}_n, \boldsymbol{\varphi}_n) : \hat{\mathbf{E}}_{sp}(\delta \hat{\boldsymbol{\phi}}) \, d\hat{\Omega}_{sp}$

$+10^7 \int_{\hat{\Gamma}_E} [\theta_1 \hat{\mathbf{E}}_{sp x_1}(\hat{\boldsymbol{\varphi}}_{n-1}) \hat{\mathbf{D}}_{sp x_1}(\delta \hat{\mathbf{v}}, \delta \hat{\boldsymbol{\phi}}) + \theta_0 \hat{\mathbf{E}}_{sp x_1}(\hat{\boldsymbol{\varphi}}_n) \hat{\mathbf{D}}_{sp x_1}(\delta \hat{\mathbf{v}}, \delta \hat{\boldsymbol{\phi}})] d\hat{\Gamma}_E$ Electrode term

$+\int_{\hat{\Gamma}_E} \left(-\frac{\Delta t}{RA} \hat{\boldsymbol{\varphi}}_n + \frac{Q^{t_{n-1}}}{A} \right) \delta \hat{\boldsymbol{\phi}} d\hat{\Gamma}_E$ Circuit term

$+\int_{\hat{\Omega}_{sp}} \rho_{sp} \left[\frac{(\hat{\mathbf{u}}_n - \hat{\mathbf{u}}_{n-1})}{\Delta t} - (\theta_0 \hat{\mathbf{v}}_n + \theta_1 \hat{\mathbf{v}}_{n-1}) \right] \cdot \delta \hat{\mathbf{u}} \, d\hat{\Omega}_{sp}$

$+\int_{\hat{\Omega}_{sp}} \left[\frac{(\hat{\boldsymbol{\varphi}}_n - \hat{\boldsymbol{\varphi}}_{n-1})}{\Delta t} - (\theta_0 \hat{\boldsymbol{\phi}}_n + \theta_1 \hat{\boldsymbol{\phi}}_{n-1}) \right] \cdot \delta \hat{\boldsymbol{\varphi}} \, d\hat{\Omega}_{sp} = 0$

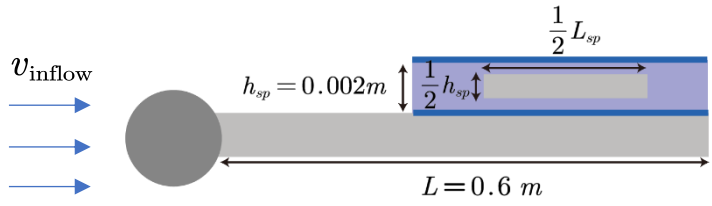
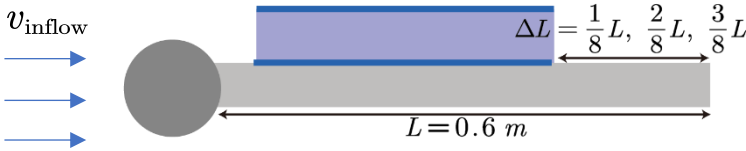
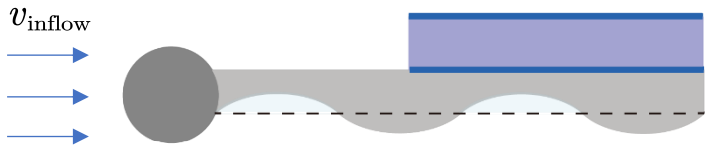


Monolithic computational mesh

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Simulation results

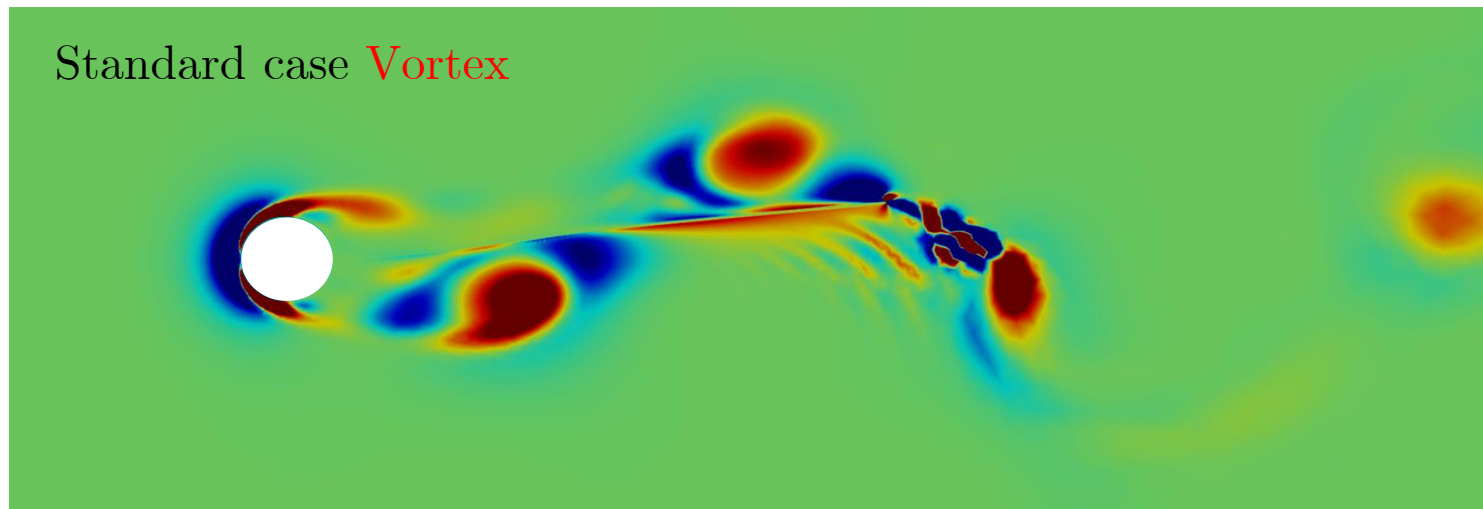
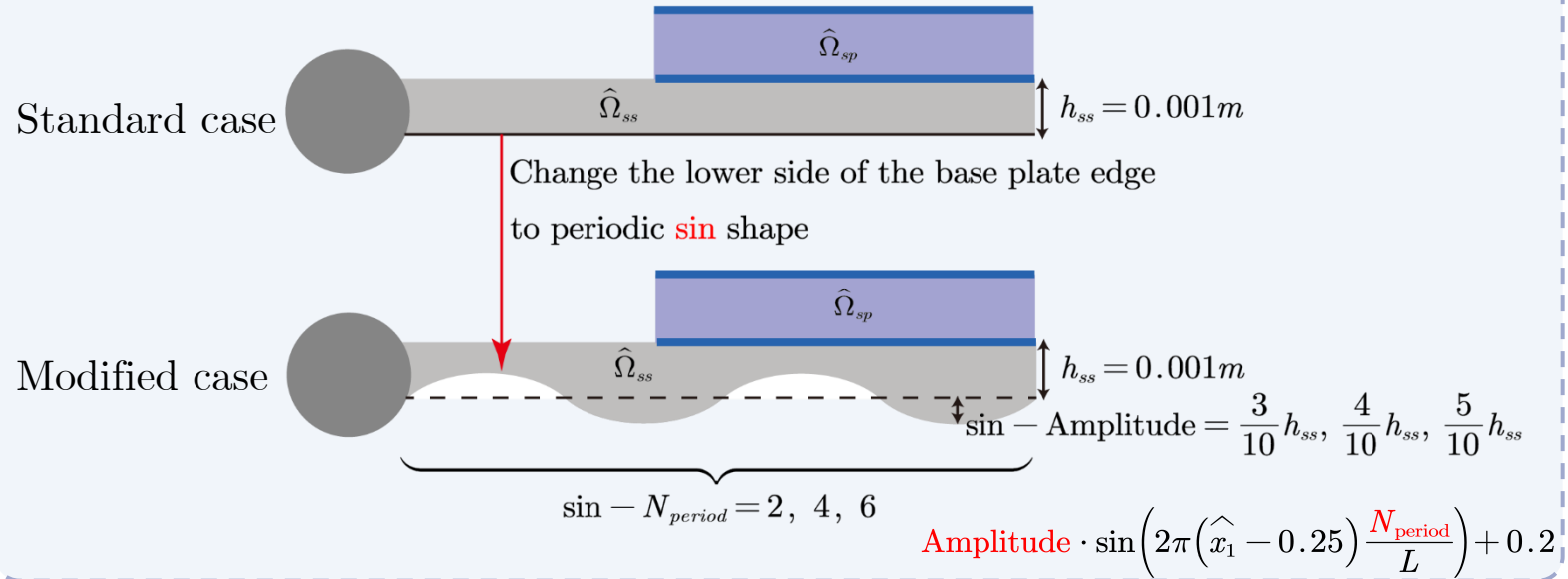
Fluid-structure-piezoelectric coupling system with output circuit



Three configurations

3. Simulation results

3.2 Cases changing Base plate shape



Cases settings

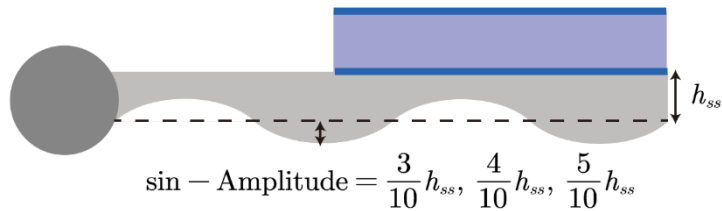
Case name	sin-Amplitude	sin- N_{period}
FSEI-(1)	/	/
FSEI-(2)	$3/10h_{ss}$	6
FSEI-(3)	$4/10h_{ss}$	6
FSEI-(4)	$5/10h_{ss}$	2
FSEI-(5)	$5/10h_{ss}$	4
FSEI-(6)	$5/10h_{ss}$	6

sin-Amplitude { FSEI-(1)
FSEI-(2)
FSEI-(3)
FSEI-(6)

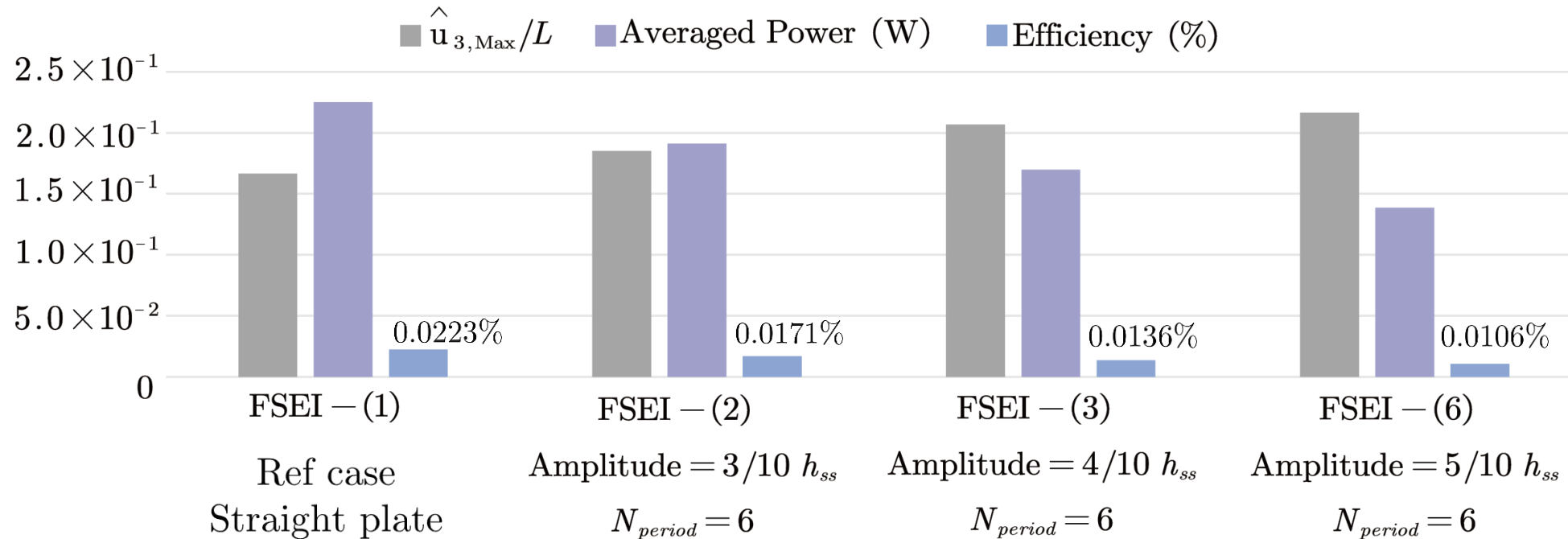
sin- N_{period} { FSEI-(1)
FSEI-(4)
FSEI-(5)
FSEI-(6)

3. Simulation results

3.2 Cases changing Base plate shape: sin-Amplitude



$$\text{Efficiency} = \frac{\text{Averaged Power}}{0.5 \rho v^3 (2 \hat{u}_{3,\max})}$$

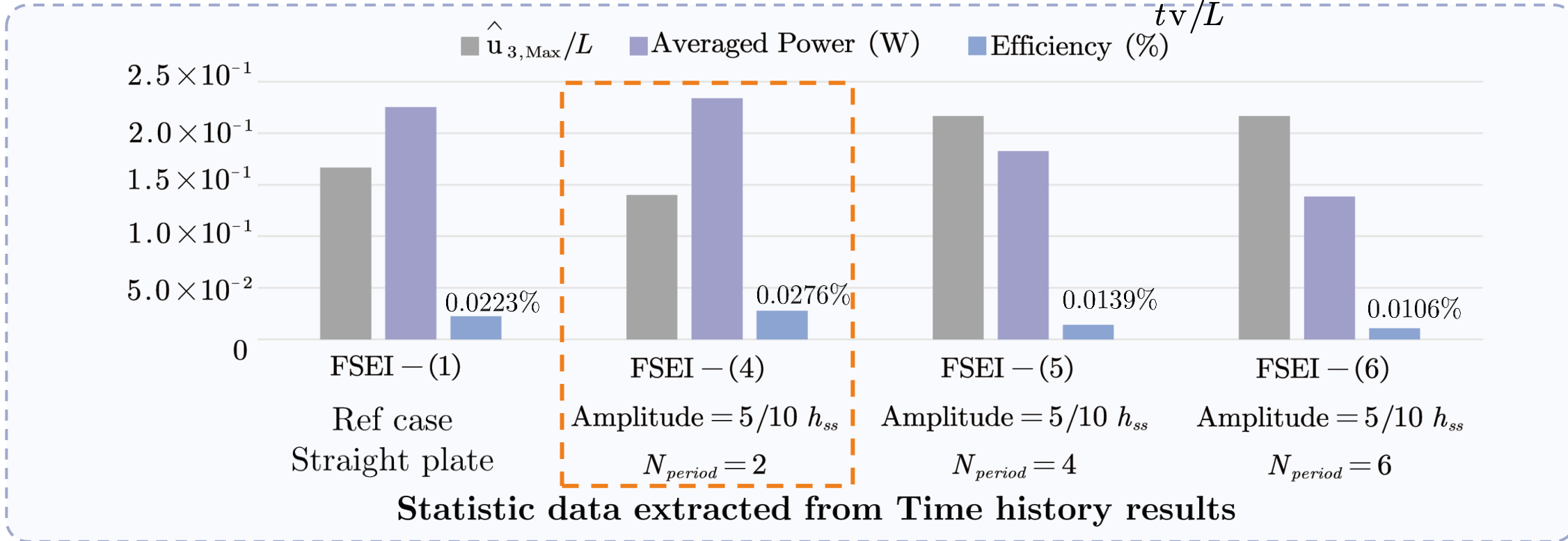
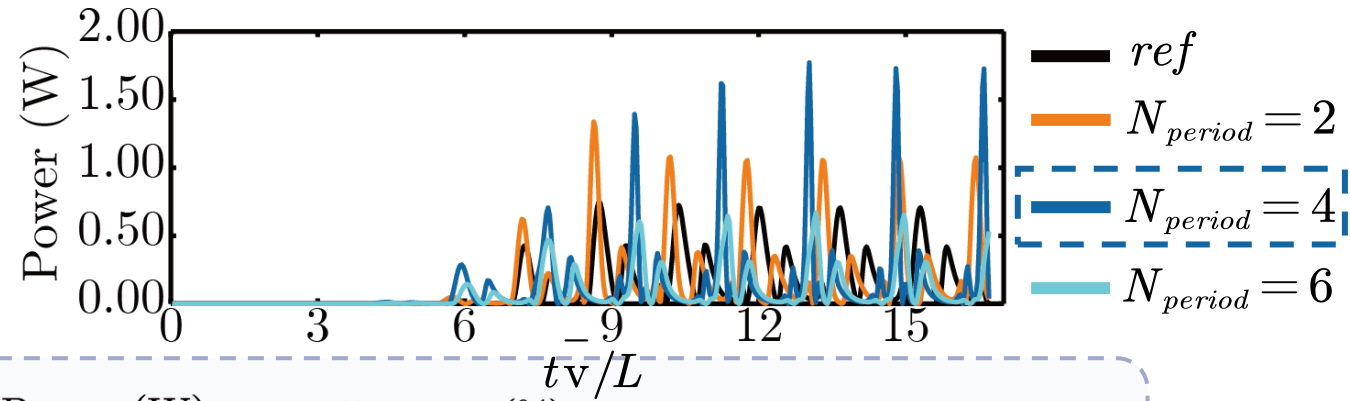
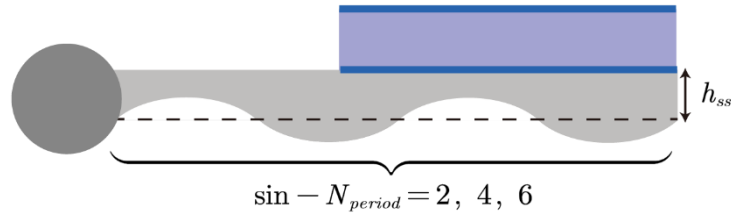


Statistic data extracted from Time history results

- The increase of sin-Amplitude will enlarge the free end displacement and decrease the output averaged power, then the corresponding energy harvesting efficiency will also decrease.

3. Simulation results

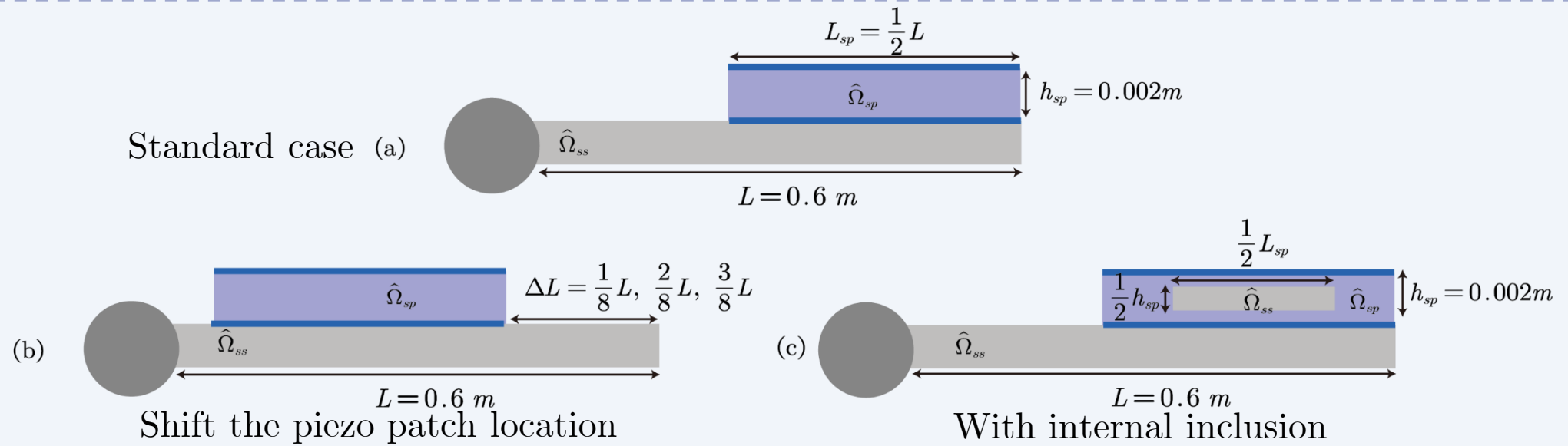
3.2 Cases changing Base plate shape: $\sin-N_{period}$



□ Although $N_{period}=4$ has largest peak power, $N_{period}=2$ reaches the highest efficiency because it has smallest free end displacement and highest averaged power

3. Simulation results

3.3 Cases changing piezoelectric patch



Cases settings

Case name	$\Delta L/L$	with inclusion in $\hat{\Omega}_{sp}$
FSEI-(1)	0	no
FSEI-(7)	1/8	no
FSEI-(8)	2/8	no
FSEI-(9)	3/8	no
FSEI-(10)	0	yes

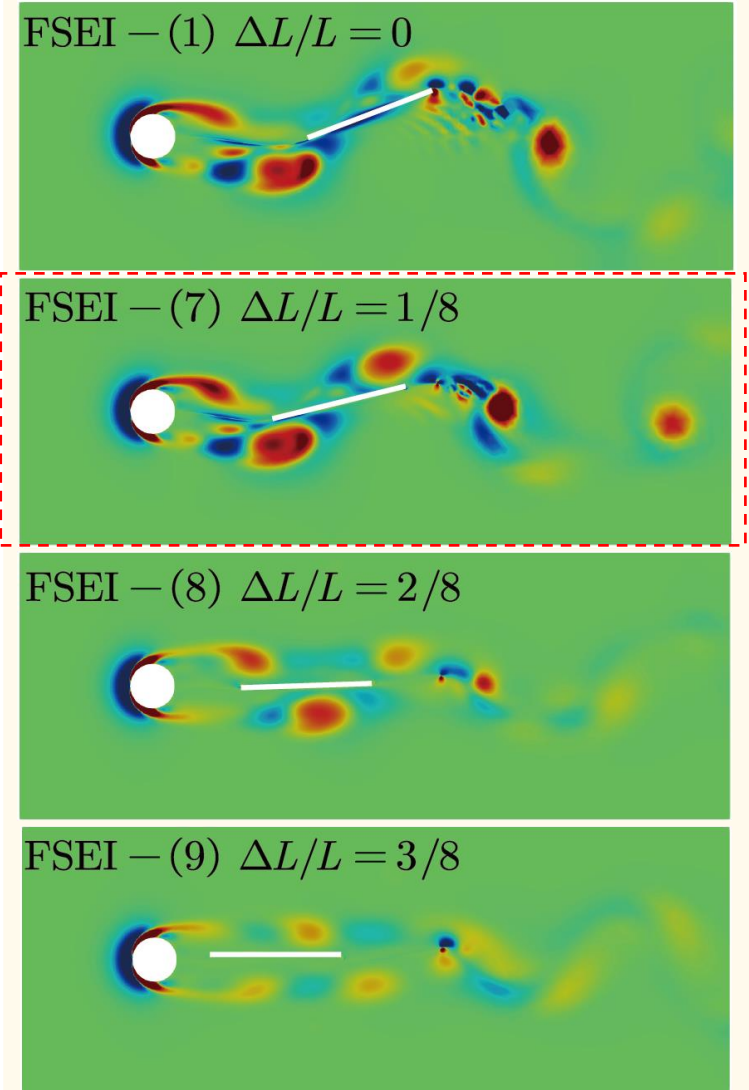
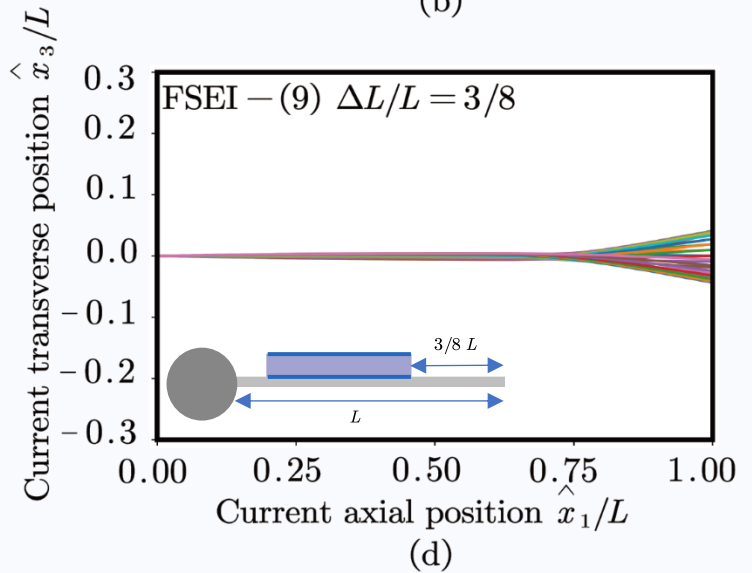
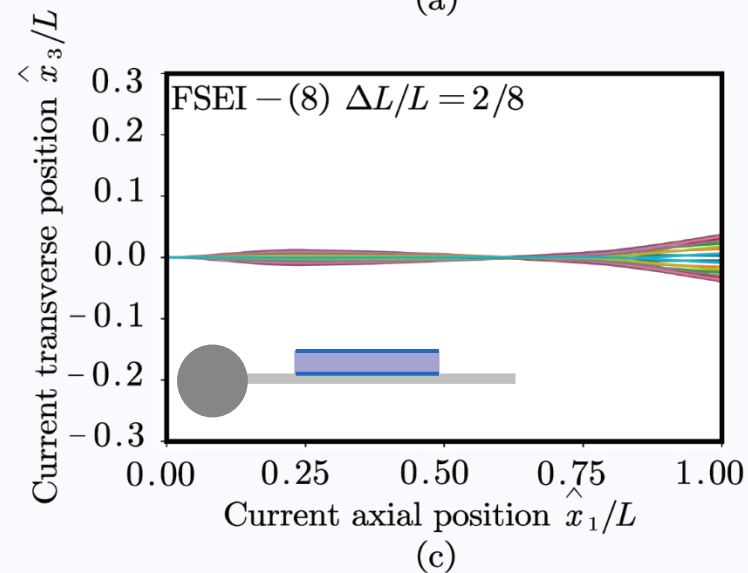
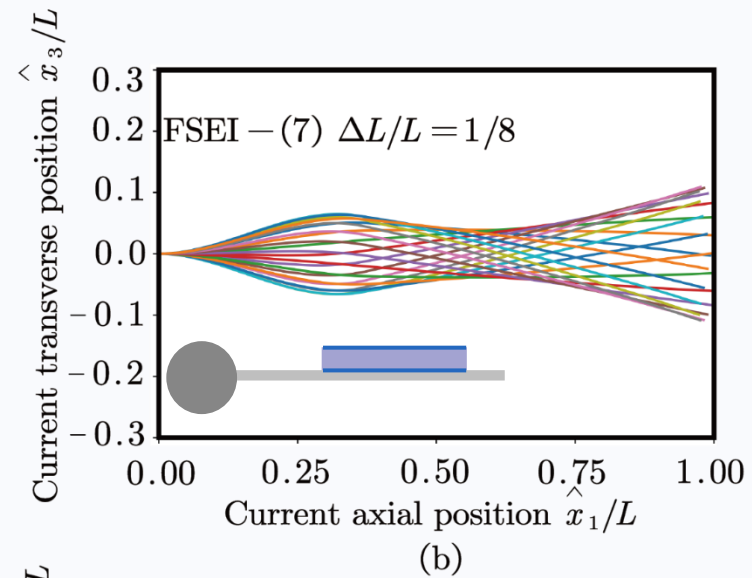
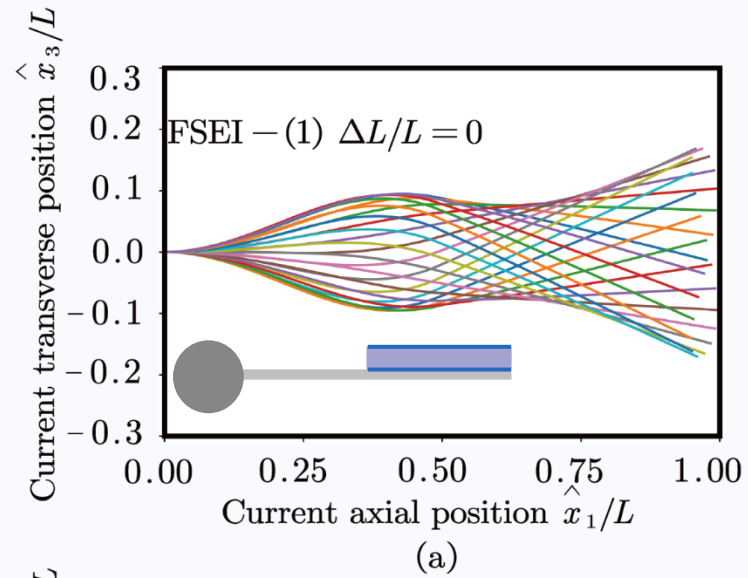
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FSEI-(9)

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3. Simulation results

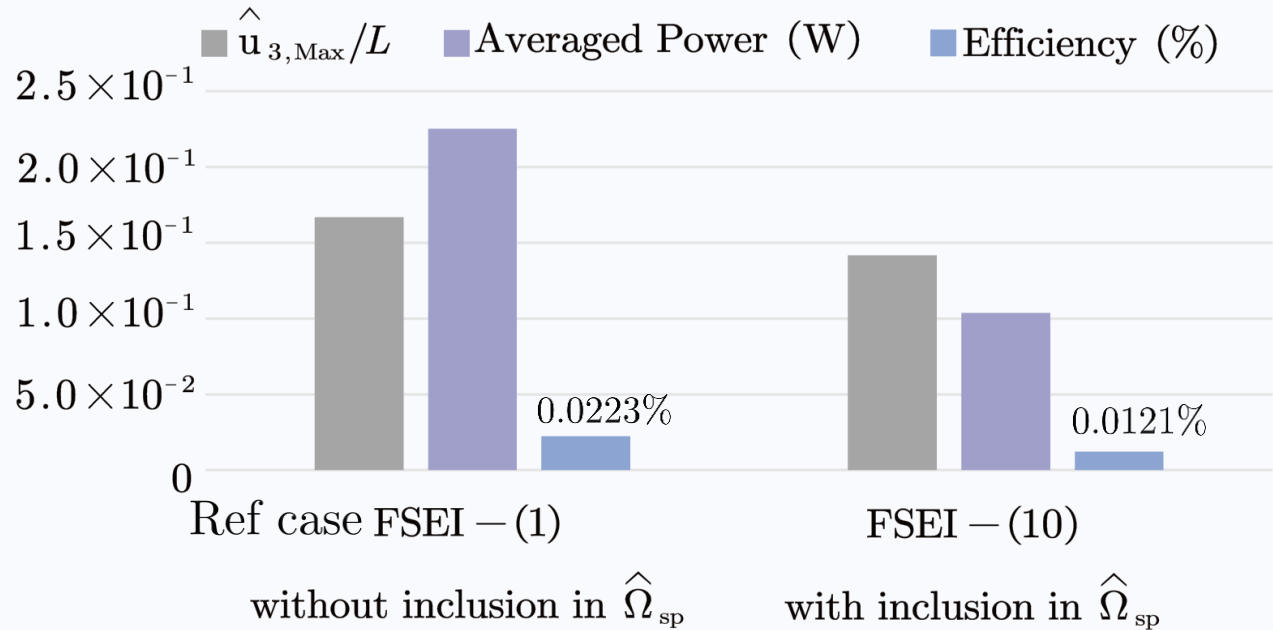
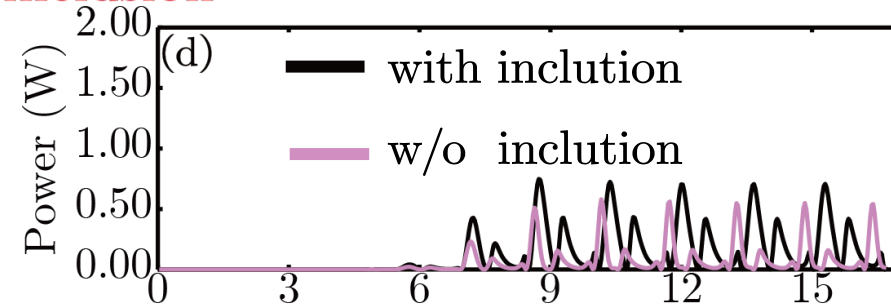
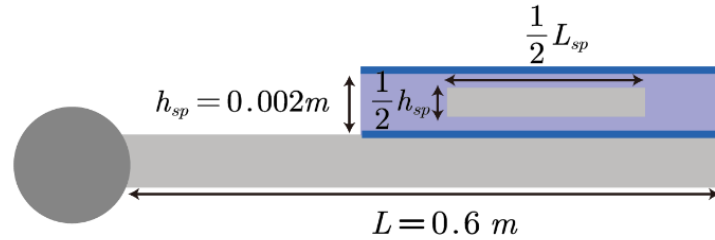
3.3 Cases changing piezoelectric patch - location

Full-body response of the base plate over a complete oscillation cycle Vortex contours at peak displacement



3. Simulation results

3.3 Cases changing piezoelectric patch – with internal inclusion



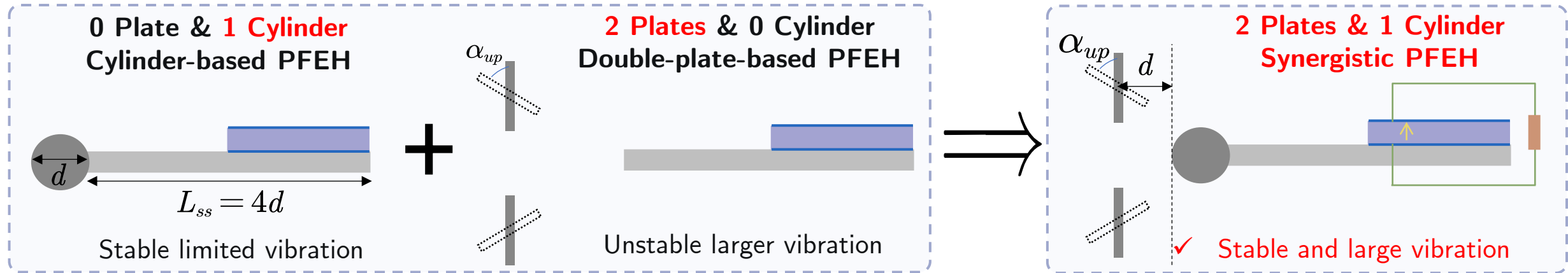
Statistic data extracted from Time history results

- The averaged power has decreased by nearly 53% compared to the standard case, because part of the piezo material is replaced.

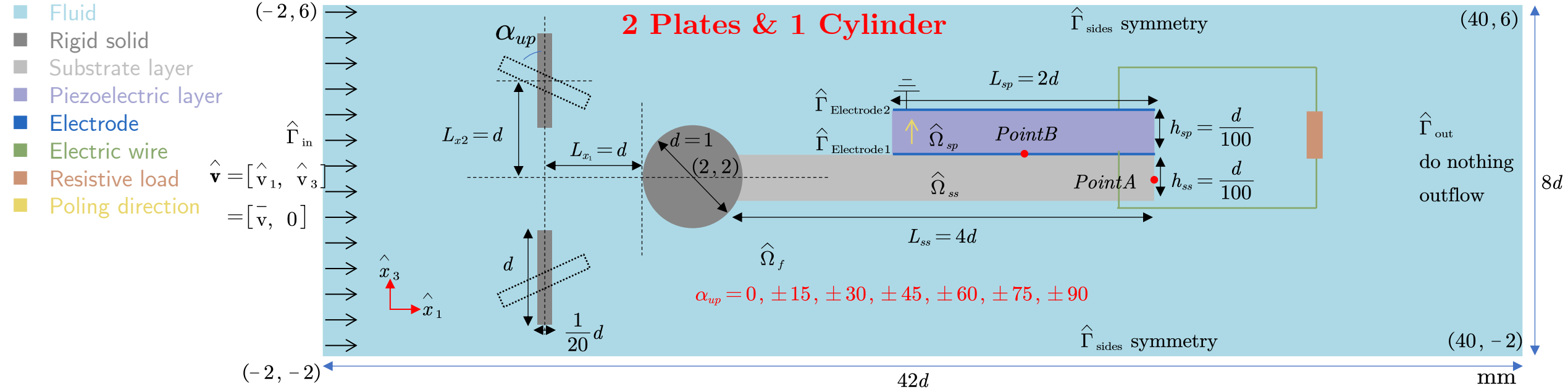
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Model application

A synergistic vortex generator for enhancing PFEH



4.1 Cases settings



Fluid parameters in $\hat{\Omega}_f$
(Water)

$$\rho_f = 1000 \text{ kg/m}^3$$

$$\mu_f = 0.001 \text{ kg/ms}$$

$$\bar{v}_{inlet} = 0.17 \text{ m/s}$$

$$\text{Re} = \rho_f \bar{v} d / \mu_f = 170$$

Mechanical parameters in $\hat{\Omega}_{ss}$
(Aluminum alloy)

$$\rho_{ss} = 2800 \text{ kg/m}^3$$

$$c_{11} = 112 \text{ GPa}$$

$$c_{12} = 60.5 \text{ GPa}$$

Mechanical and electrical parameters in $\hat{\Omega}_{sp}$
(PZT-5A)

$$\rho_{sp} = 7750 \text{ kg/m}^3$$

$$c_{11} = 120.35 \text{ GPa}$$

$$c_{13} = 75.09 \text{ GPa}$$

$$c_{33} = 110.9 \text{ GPa}$$

$$c_{44} = 21.05 \text{ GPa}$$

$$e_{15} = 12.29 \text{ C} \cdot \text{m}^{-2}$$

$$e_{31} = -5.35 \text{ C} \cdot \text{m}^{-2}$$

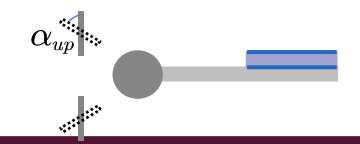
$$e_{33} = 15.78 \text{ C} \cdot \text{m}^{-2}$$

$$\epsilon_{11} = 8.14 \times 10^{-9} \text{ C} \cdot \text{V}^{-1}$$

$$\epsilon_{33} = 7.32 \times 10^{-9} \text{ C} \cdot \text{V}^{-1}$$

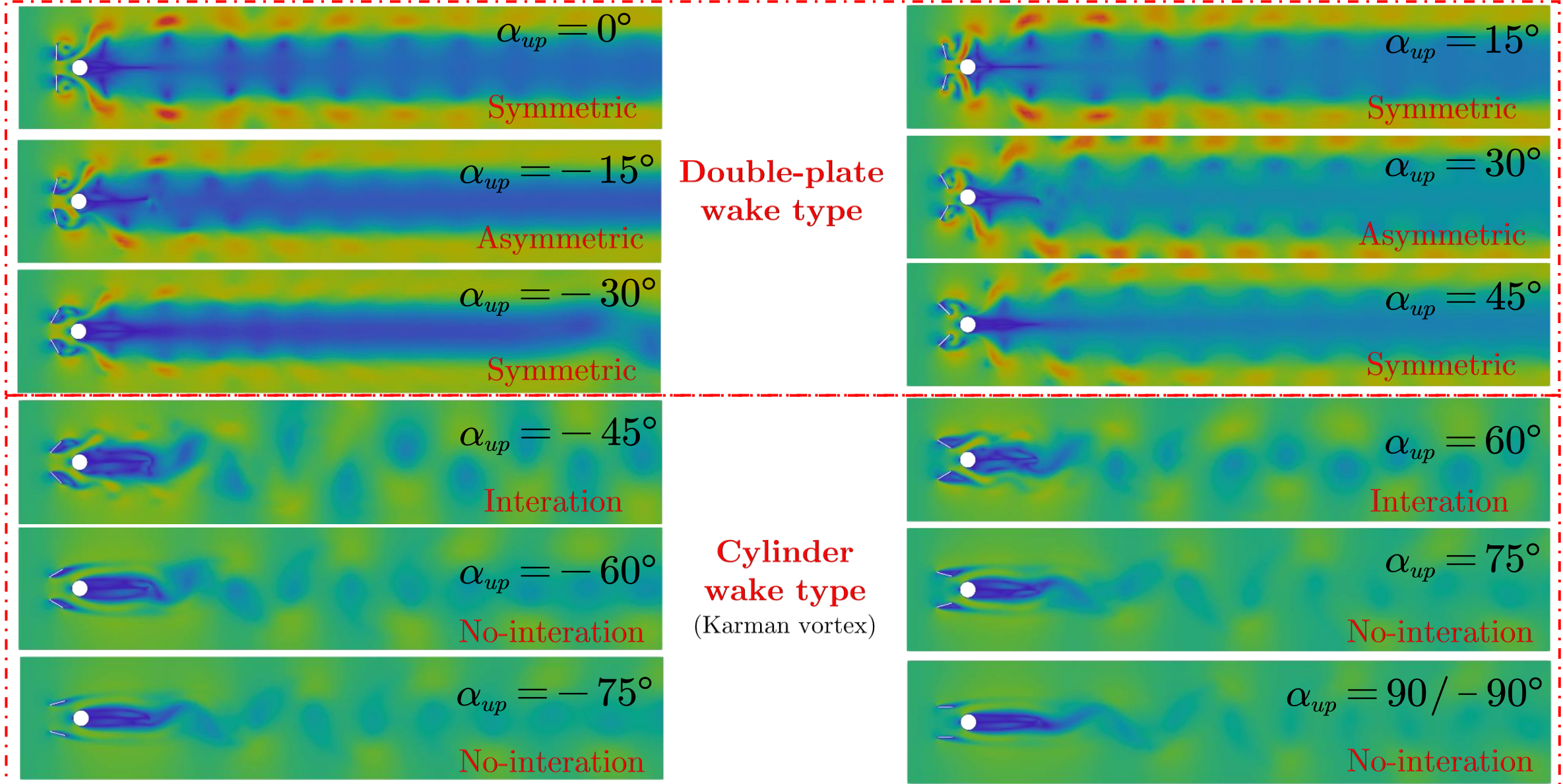
$$R = 5 \times 10^4 \Omega$$

4.2 Cases results - 2Plate & 1Cylinder

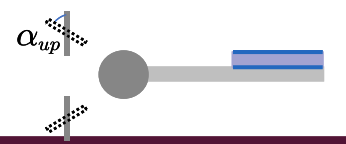


Velocity

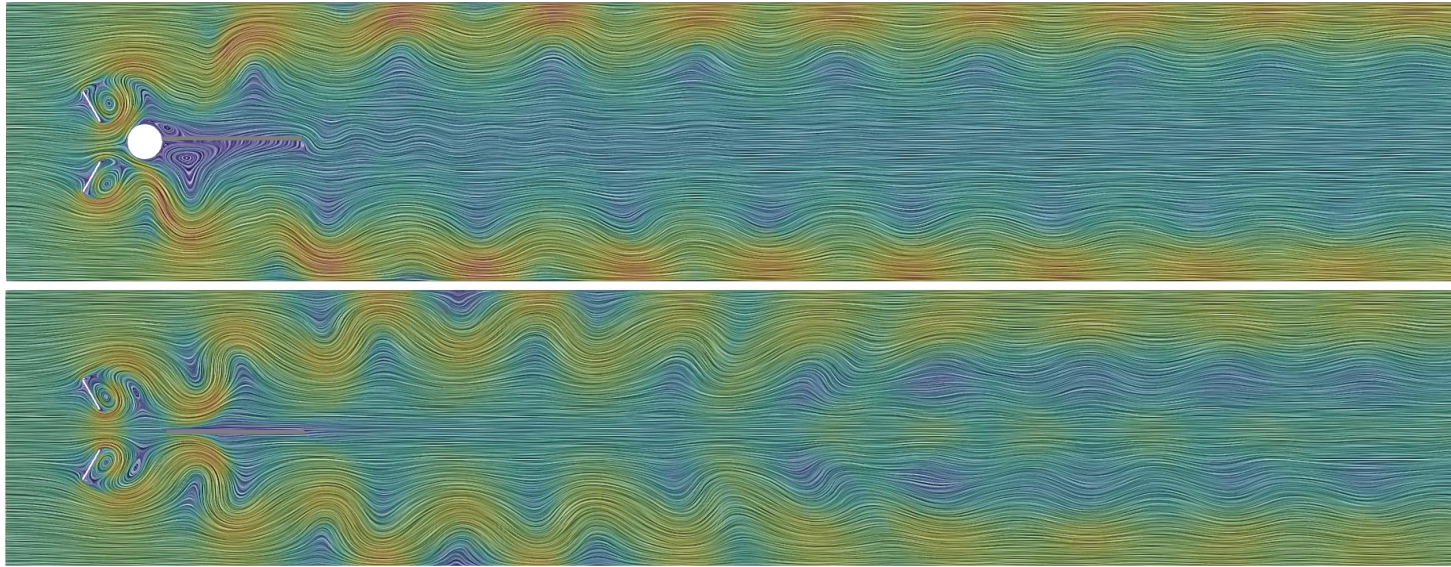
Wake forms can be divided into two types



4.2 Cases results - 2Plate & 1Cylinder

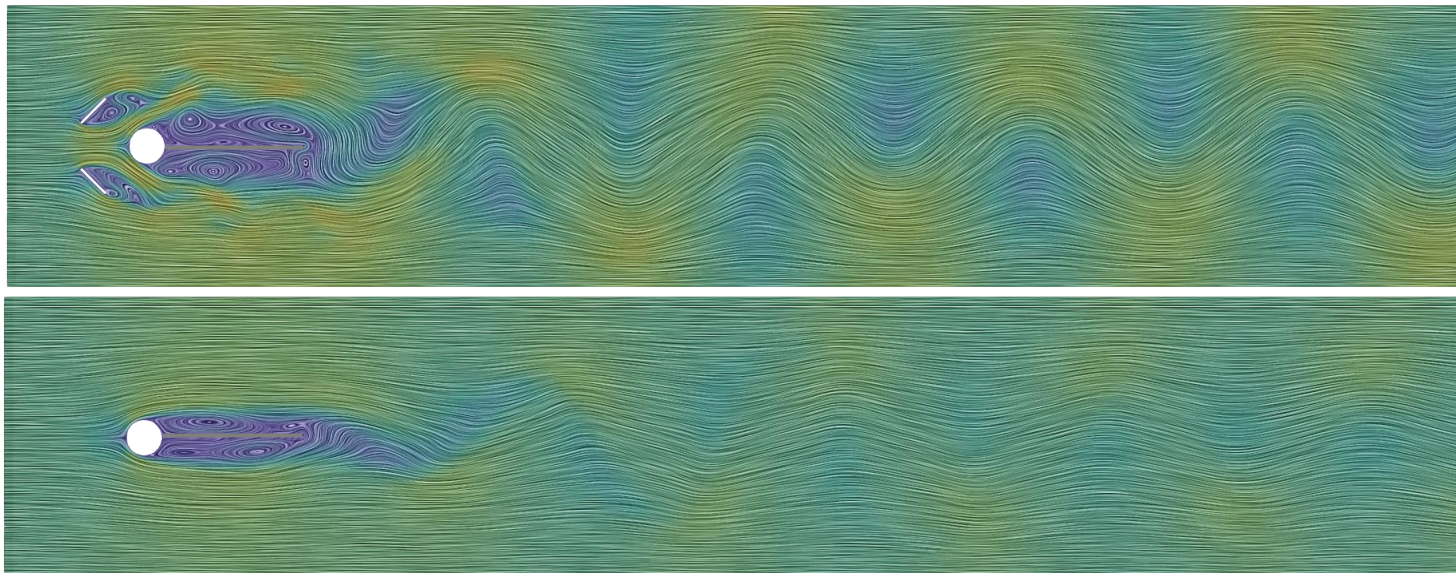


Small angles
 $-30^\circ \leq \alpha_{up} \leq 45^\circ$



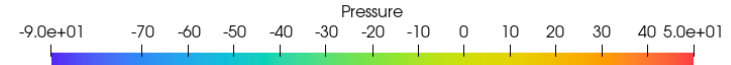
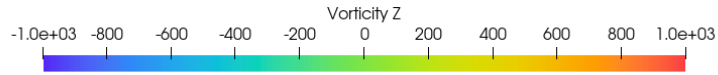
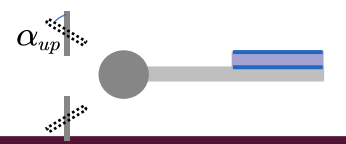
□ The Synergistic form will inherit the double-plate wake characteristic.

Large angles
 $\alpha_{up} \leq -45^\circ$
 $\alpha_{up} \geq 60^\circ$



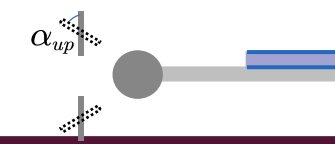
□ The Synergistic form will inherit the cylinder wake characteristic.

4.2 Cases results - 2Plate & 1Cylinder



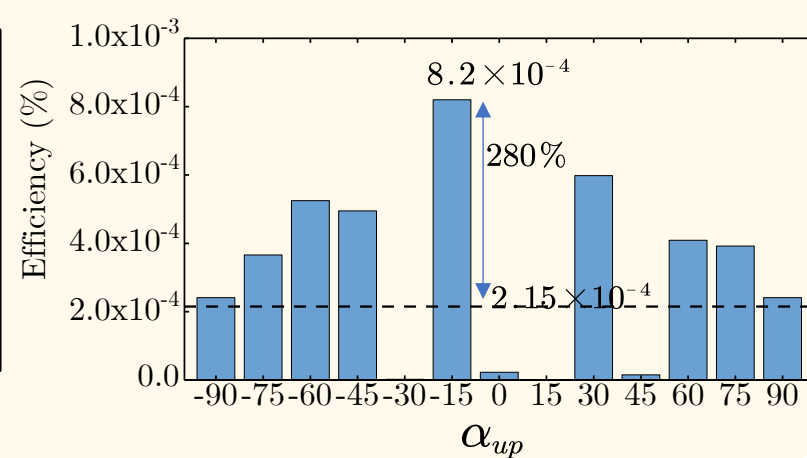
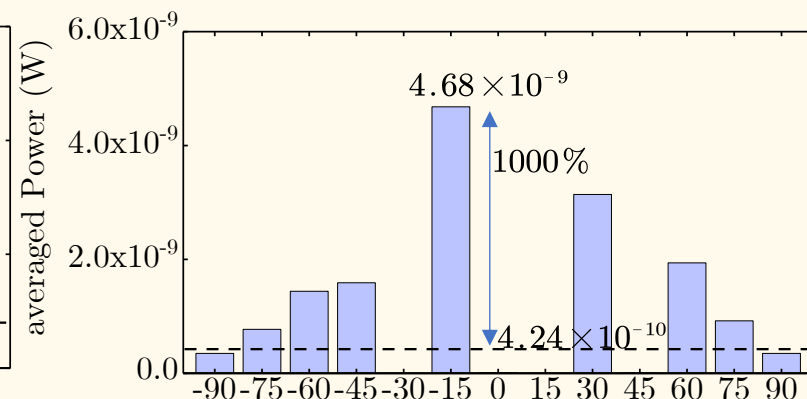
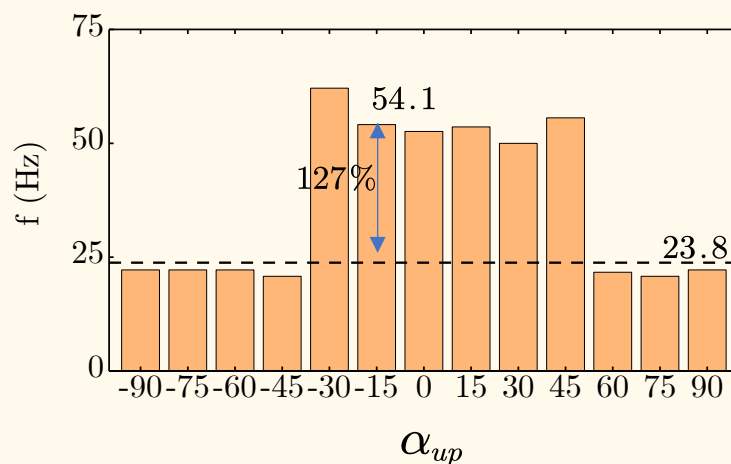
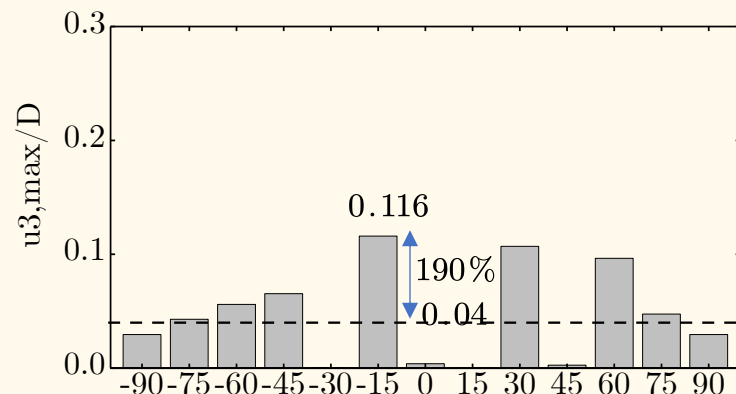
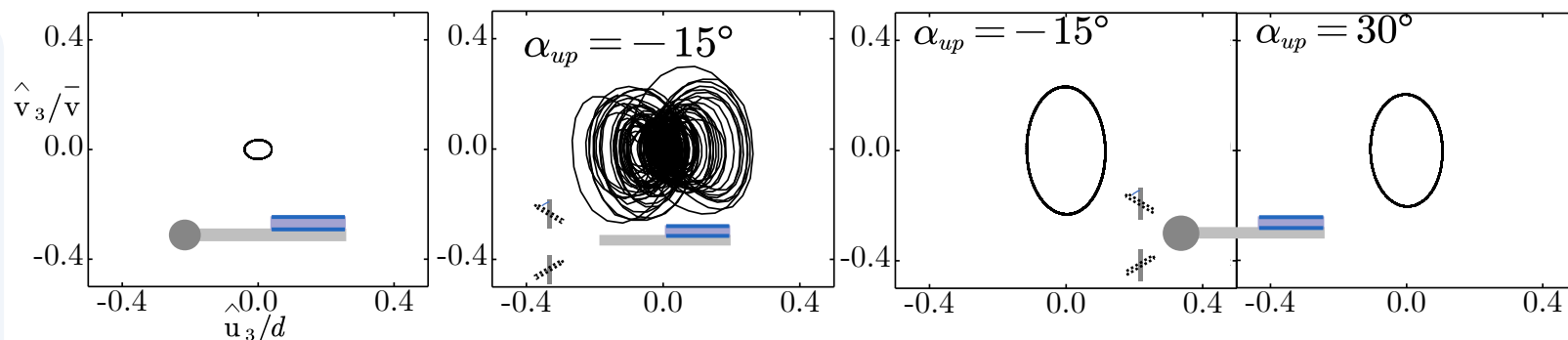
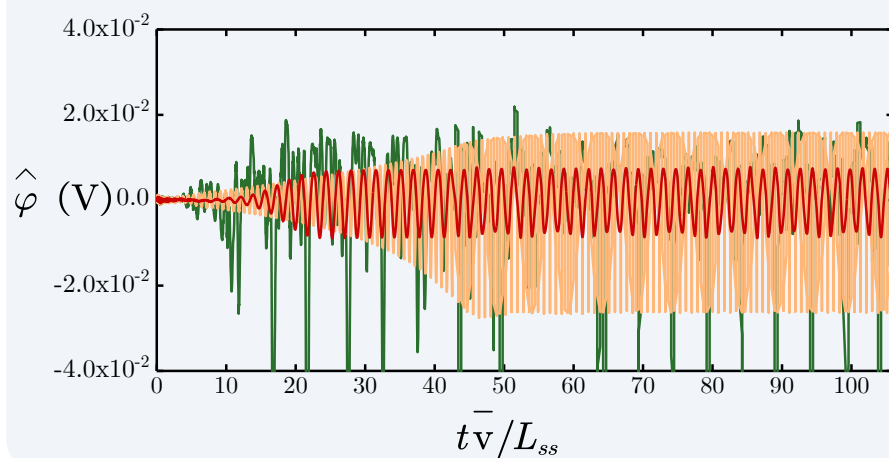
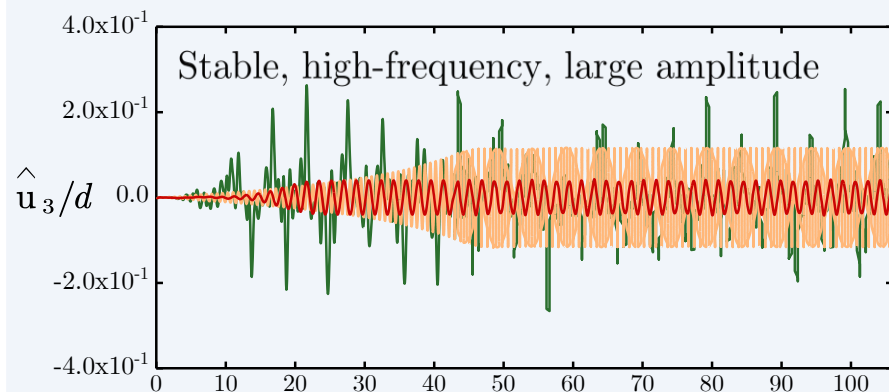
□ The asymmetric double-plate wake type is more preferable because it can generate larger pressure difference.

4.2 Cases results - 2Plate & 1Cylinder



Time history result

- 2 Plates & 0 Cylinder ($\alpha_{up} = -15^\circ$)
- 2 Plates & 1 Cylinder ($\alpha_{up} = -15^\circ$)
- 0 Plates & 1 Cylinder



05 Conclusion

5. Conclusion and Future works

Highlights

1. This study introduces a full-scale finite element model for monolithic FSI simulations of thin-walled piezoelectric fluid energy harvesters.
2. The designs of base plate and piezoelectric components have noticeable effects to the dynamic response and electricity outputs of energy harvesters.
3. A synergistic vortex generator is presented for significantly enhancing the PFEH

Future works

1. This model will be extended to 3-Dimensional problems for more detailed designs.
2. Turbulent models will be implemented for applications to high Reynold number conditions.

Thanks for your attention!

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