# Existence and uniqueness result for a fluid-structure-interaction evolution problem in an unbounded 2D channel

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#### Motivation







#### Dynamic response:

- one degree and two degrees of freedom instability
- buffeting
- vortex shedding

## Main goal

#### Stationary case:

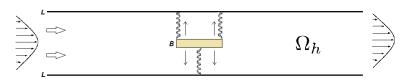


Bonheure, D. and Galdi, G.P and Gazzola, F. Equilibrium configuration of a rectangular obstacle immersed in a channel flow CRAS Paris, 2020.

We study the following two-dimensional fluid-structure-interaction evolution problem

$$\begin{cases} u_t = \mu \, \Delta u - (u \cdot \nabla)u - \nabla p, & \text{div } u = 0 \quad \text{in } \Omega_h \times (0, T) \\ u = 0 \quad \text{on } \Gamma = \mathbb{R} \times \{-L, L\}, \quad u = h' \, \hat{e}_2 \quad \text{on } \partial B \\ \lim_{|x_1| \to \infty} u(x_1, x_2) = q := \lambda (L^2 - x_2^2) \, \hat{e}_1 \end{cases}$$
 (F)

$$h'' + f(h) = -\hat{e}_2 \cdot \int_S \mathcal{T}(u, p) \cdot \hat{n} \qquad \text{in } (0, T)$$
 (S)



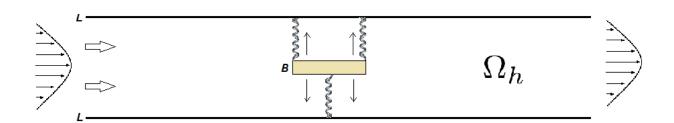
$$B_h = B + h\hat{e}_2 \quad \forall |h| < L - \delta$$
  
$$\Omega_h = \mathbb{R} \times (-L, L) \setminus B_h = A \setminus B_h.$$

Question: Is (F)-(S) well-posed?



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#### Main result



## Theorem 1 (Main theorem)

Let q be a Poiseuille flow to which it is associated a prescribed flow rate magnitude  $\Phi$ . Assume that  $|h_0| < L - \delta$  and that  $u_0$  satisfying

$$u_0(x) = \bar{u}_0(x) + \zeta(x_1) \lambda(L^2 - x_2^2)\hat{e}_1, \quad \text{with} \quad \bar{u}_0(x) \in L^2(\Omega_h),$$

is such that  $u_0|_{B_{h_0}} = h_1\hat{e}_2$ . Then, problem (F)-(S) admits a unique weak solution (u,h), defined in a suitable sense, for any  $T < \infty$ . Moreover the energy of (u,h) is bounded.

#### Appendix: Steps of the proof

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  - 1 Reformulation into an equivalent problem
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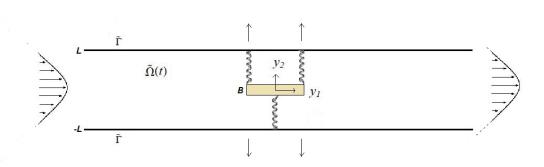
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• Proof of the main result. Uniqueness



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Reformulation into an equivalent problem

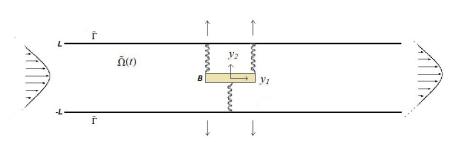


$$(F)$$
- $(S)$  becomes  $(F')$ - $(S')$ 

$$\begin{cases} v_t = \mu \, \Delta v - (v \cdot \nabla) \, v - \nabla \mathfrak{p} + (h' \hat{e}_2 \cdot \nabla) \, v & \text{div } v = 0 \\ v = 0 & \text{on } \tilde{\Gamma}(t), \quad v = h' \hat{e}_2 & \text{on } \partial B = S \\ \lim_{|y_1| \to \infty} v(y) = \tilde{q}(y) = \tilde{q}_h(y) := \lambda (L^2 - (y_2 + h(t))^2) \, \hat{e}_1 \end{cases}$$

$$h'' + f(h) = -\hat{e}_2 \cdot \int_S \mathcal{T}(v, \mathfrak{p}) \cdot \hat{n} \qquad \text{in } (0, T).$$
 (S')

Reformulation into an equivalent problem



We look for solutions to the problem (F')-(S') of the form

$$v = \hat{v} + a,$$

where a is a function such that:

$$\nabla \cdot a = 0 \quad \text{in } \Omega_h, \qquad a = \tilde{q}_h \quad \text{in } \Omega_{h,i}. \tag{1}$$

The function  $\hat{v}$  solves the following problem:

$$\begin{cases} \hat{v}_t - \mu \, \Delta \hat{v} + (\hat{v} \cdot \nabla) \, \hat{v} + \nabla \mathfrak{p} - (h' \hat{e}_2 \cdot \nabla) \, \hat{v} - (h' \hat{e}_2 \cdot \nabla) \, a + (\hat{v} \cdot \nabla) \, a + (a \cdot \nabla) \, \hat{v} = \hat{g} \\ \operatorname{div} \hat{v} = 0 & \text{in } \tilde{\Omega}(t) \times (0, T) \\ \hat{v} = 0 & \text{on } \tilde{\Gamma}(t), \quad \hat{v} = h' \hat{e}_2 & \text{on } S, \quad \lim_{|y_1| \to \infty} \hat{v} = 0 \end{cases}$$

$$(F'')$$

where

$$\hat{g} := \mu \, \Delta a - (a \cdot \nabla) \, a.$$

$$h'' + f(h) = -\hat{e}_2 \cdot \int_S \mathcal{T}(\hat{v} + a, \mathfrak{p}) \cdot \hat{n} \quad \text{in } (0, T). \tag{S''}$$

# Steps of the proof

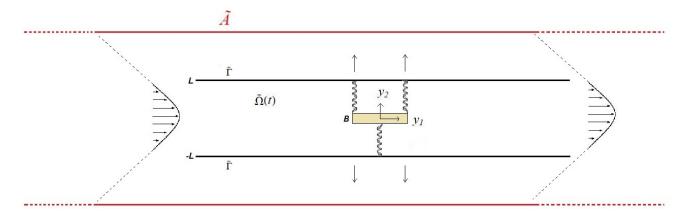
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Definition of weak solution

Fujita, H. and Sauer, N. On existence of weak solutions of the Navier-Stokes equations in regions with moving boundaries. Journal of the Faculty of Science. Section I A., 1970. The crucial idea of the method implies introducing an auxiliary fixed, infinite domain A given by:

$$\tilde{A} = A - A = \{x - y \mid x \in A, y \in A\},\$$

such that  $\tilde{\Omega}(t) \subset A_{h(t)} \subset \tilde{A}$ . Thus, we choose  $\tilde{A} = \mathbb{R} \times (-2L + \delta, 2L - \delta)$ .



**Question:** Definition of weak solutions to (F')-(S')?

Definition of weak solution

#### Classical functional spaces:

$$\begin{split} \mathcal{V}(\tilde{A}) &= \{v \in \mathcal{D}(\tilde{A}) \, | \, \text{div} \, v = 0 \}, \\ H(\tilde{A}) &= \text{closure of} \, \mathcal{V} \, \text{w.r.t. the norm} \, \| \cdot \|_{L^2(\tilde{A})}, \\ V(\tilde{A}) &= \text{closure of} \, \mathcal{V} \, \text{w.r.t. the norm} \, \| \nabla \cdot \|_{L^2(\tilde{A})}. \end{split}$$

#### Non-standard functional spaces:

$$\mathcal{W}(\tilde{A}) = \{(v, l) \in \mathcal{V}(\tilde{A}) \times \mathbb{R} \,|\, v|_B = l\,\hat{e}_2\},$$

$$\mathbb{H}(\tilde{A}) = \text{closure of } \mathcal{W} \text{ in } L^2(\tilde{A}) \times \mathbb{R}, \qquad \mathbb{V}(\tilde{A}) = \text{closure of } \mathcal{W} \text{ in } H^1_0(\tilde{A}) \times \mathbb{R}$$

to which we associate the scalar products

$$\langle (v_1, l_1), (v_2, l_2) \rangle_{\mathbb{H}(\tilde{A})} = \int_{\tilde{A} \setminus B} v_1 \cdot v_2 \, dy + l_1 l_2, \quad \langle (v_1, l_1), (v_2, l_2) \rangle_{\mathbb{V}(\tilde{A})} = \int_{\tilde{A} \setminus B} \nabla v_1 \cdot \nabla v_2 \, dy + l_1 l_2.$$

#### Functional spaces for the weak formulation of problem (F')-(S')

$$\mathcal{W}_h = \{(v,l) \in \mathcal{W}(\tilde{A}) \mid \text{supp} \, v \in A_h\},$$

$$\mathbb{H}_h = \text{closure of} \, \mathcal{W}_h \text{ in } L^2(\tilde{A}) \times \mathbb{R}, \qquad \mathbb{V}_h = \text{closure of} \, \mathcal{W}_h \text{ in } H^1_0(\tilde{A}) \times \mathbb{R}.$$

Definition of weak solution

#### Proposition

If a couple (v, h) is a classical solution to (F')-(S'), then, given the extension a, the function  $\hat{v} = v - a$  satisfies

$$-\int_{0}^{T} \{(\hat{v}, \phi_{t})_{L^{2}(\tilde{\Omega}(t))} + h' l' - f(h) l\} + \mu \int_{0}^{T} (\nabla \hat{v}, \nabla \phi)_{L^{2}(\tilde{\Omega}(t))} + \int_{0}^{T} \{\psi(\hat{v}, \hat{v}, \phi) + \psi(\hat{v}, a, \phi) + \psi(a, \hat{v}, \phi) - \psi(h'\hat{e}_{2}, a, \phi) - \psi(h'\hat{e}_{2}, \hat{v}, \phi)\} = \int_{0}^{T} \langle \hat{g}, \phi \rangle + h_{1} l(0) + (\hat{v}_{0}, \phi(0))_{L^{2}(\tilde{\Omega}(0))}$$

for every 
$$(\phi, l) \in C^1([0, T]; \mathbb{V}_h)$$
 such that  $\phi(\cdot, T) = l(T) = 0$ .

#### Definition

A couple (v, h) is called a weak solution of (F')-(S') if, given  $\hat{v} = v - a$ , where a is the solenoidal extension of the Poiseuille flow:

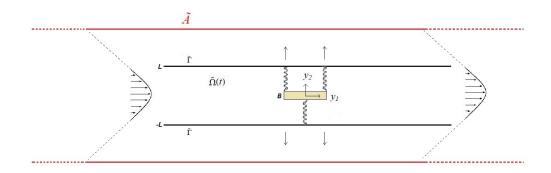
$$h \in W^{1,\infty}(0,T;\mathbb{R}),$$

$$(\hat{v}, h') \in L^2(0, T; \mathbb{V}_h) \cap L^\infty(0, T; \mathbb{H}_h),$$

 $(\hat{v}, h)$  satisfies (W) for every  $(\phi, l) \in C^1([0, T]; \mathbb{V}_h)$  such that  $\phi(\cdot, T) = l(T) = 0$ .

(W)

## A penalized problem



#### PP:

Let  $n \geq 1$  be fixed. Find  $(\hat{v}, h') \in L^2(0, T; \mathbb{V}(\tilde{A})) \cap L^{\infty}(0, T; \mathbb{H}(\tilde{A})), h \in W^{1,\infty}(0, T; \mathbb{R})$  satisfying

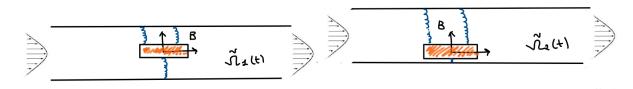
$$\begin{split} &-\int_0^T \{(\hat{v},\phi_t)_{L^2(\tilde{A}\backslash B)} + h'\,l' - f(h)\,l\} + \mu\!\!\int_0^T (\nabla\hat{v},\nabla\phi)_{L^2(\tilde{A}\backslash B)} + \!\!\int_0^T \!\!\{\psi(\hat{v},\hat{v},\phi) + \psi(\hat{v},a,\phi) + \\ & \psi(a,\hat{v},\phi) - \psi(h'\hat{e}_2,a,\phi) - \psi(h'\hat{e}_2,\hat{v},\phi)\} + n\int_0^T \!\!(\chi_{E_h}\hat{v},\phi)_{L^2(\tilde{A})} = \\ & \int_0^T \langle \hat{g},\phi\rangle + h_1\,l(0) + (\hat{v}_0,\phi(0))_{L^2(\tilde{A}\backslash B)} \quad \forall\,(\phi,l) \in C^1([0,T],\mathbb{V}(\tilde{A})) \text{ s. t. } \phi(\cdot,T) = l(T) = 0. \end{split}$$

How do we exploit the penalized problem PP?

- Prove existence of solutions to PP
- 2 Prove an energy estimate
- $\bullet \quad \text{Let } n \to \infty$

# Proof of the main result. Uniqueness

**Difficulty?** Let us consider two weak solutions of problem (F')-(S'),  $(v_1, h_1)$  and  $(v_2, h_2)$ .



We introduce

$$\hat{v}_1 = v_1 - a_{h_1}, \qquad \hat{v}_2 = v_2 - a_{h_2}$$



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Idea? To build

$$\psi_t : \tilde{\Omega}_2(t) \to \tilde{\Omega}_1(t), \qquad \varphi_t = \psi_t^{-1} : \tilde{\Omega}_1(t) \to \tilde{\Omega}_2(t)$$

and to define the pullback of  $\hat{v}_2, a_{h_2}$  by such map,  $\hat{\mathfrak{v}}_2, \mathfrak{a}_2$ . For any given  $y = (y_1, y_2) \in \tilde{\Omega}_1(t)$ :

$$\hat{\mathfrak{v}}_2 = \nabla \psi_t(y) \cdot \hat{v}_2(t, \varphi_t(y))$$

$$\mathfrak{a}_2 = \nabla \psi_t(y) \cdot a_{h_2}(\varphi_t(y)).$$

Then, one can define

$$w := \hat{v}_1 - \hat{v}_2, \qquad \hat{h} := h_1 - h_2.$$

