

Transition features in transonic flow around a NACA0012 airfoil by Navier-Stokes and low-order modelling

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Introduction

Prediction of unsteady compressible wall flows at high Reynolds number in complex geometries in the context of multidisciplinary iterative processes :

- Multi-physic coupling : fluid/structure interaction,...
- Feedback control
- Optimal shape design

Mean : *local but faithful approximation* of the complex physical model
→ numerical complexity reduction

In the present study : **Galerkin projection** of the compressible Navier-Stokes system onto a basis issued from a **Proper Orthogonal Decomposition** of the state variables

- Compressible Navier-Stokes system
 - Direct simulation
 - Statistical approach - URANS
 - Spatial filtering - LES
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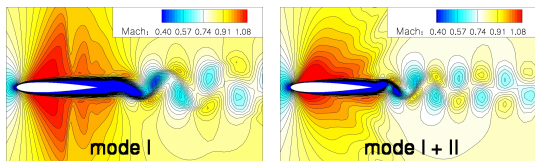
- 2D compressible Navier-Stokes governing equations
- Laminar/transitional flow past an airfoil → instabilities and unsteady phenomena induced by compressibility effects
- High transonic regime

- 1 High transonic flow physics
 - Transitional flows in transonic regimes
 - Navier-Stokes simulation - “high-fidelity” model
- 2 POD-Galerkin reduced-order model
 - Optimal basis extraction by POD
 - Low-dimensional modelling
 - Validation for short time integrations
 - Stabilisation procedures
 - Low-order model robustness with respect to Reynolds number variation
 - Investigation of buffet phenomenon
- 3 Conclusions

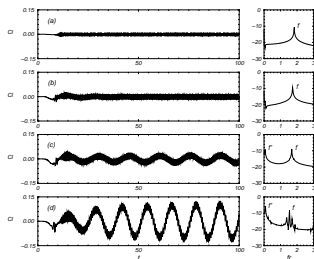
Transitional flows in transonic regimes

Flow past a NACA0012 airfoil at zero angle of attack : unsteady in transonic regimes at moderate Reynolds numbers ($0.5 - 1 \times 10^4$, Bouhadji-Braza COMP&FLUIDS2003)

- from Mach number > 0.3 : oscillations in the wake
- from Mach number 0.5 to 0.7 : von Kármán instability, **mode I**
- from Mach number 0.75 : secondary phenomenon of lower frequency, **mode II** (buffet)
- at Mach number 0.85 : mode II has disappeared and mode I remains until approximately Mach number 0.95



$Re = 5000$ and $M = 0.85$: Mode I (left). $Re = 10000$ and $M = 0.8$: Mode I and Mode II (right)



Lift coefficient : $Re = 10000$, (a) $M = 0.5$, (b) $M = 0.7$, (c) $M = 0.75$, (d) $M = 0.8$

The “high-order” physical model

- 2D compressible Navier-Stokes system (conservative variables) :

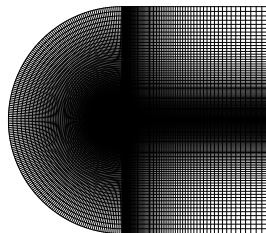
$$U_{,t} + F_{\alpha,\alpha} = F_{\alpha,\alpha}^{\text{vis}}$$

with

$$U = \begin{bmatrix} \rho \\ \rho u_1 \\ \rho u_2 \\ \rho e \end{bmatrix}, \quad F_i = \begin{bmatrix} \rho u_i \\ \rho u_i u_1 + p \delta_{1i} \\ \rho u_i u_2 + p \delta_{2i} \\ \rho u_i e + p u_i \end{bmatrix}, \quad F_i^{\text{vis}} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \tau_{1i} \\ \tau_{2i} \\ \tau_{i\alpha} u_\alpha - q_i \end{bmatrix},$$

- Steady boundary conditions : no-slip on the airfoil, Dirichlet inlet, Neumann outlet (farfield : $10 \times$ chordlengths)
- Finite volume solver : *ICARE/IMFT compressible* :

- Convective term : second order Roe scheme
- Diffusive term : second order central scheme
- Time integration : fourth order Runge-Kutta scheme
- C type mesh ($N_x = 369 \times 89$) validated for the present configurations (Bouhadji-Braza COMP&FLUIDS2003)



Proper Orthogonal Decomposition

Snapshots method (Sirovitch, 1987)

$$\mathbf{u}^k, k = 1, N \text{ from } N \text{ time steps} \Rightarrow U_{ij} = \frac{1}{N}(\mathbf{u}^i, \mathbf{u}^j) \Rightarrow \mathbf{U}\mathbf{c} = \lambda\mathbf{c}$$

$$\text{Modes : } \Phi = \sum_{k=1}^{k=N} c_k \mathbf{u} \quad + \text{ orthonormalisation.}$$

Galerkin approximation for :

$$\mathbf{u}_{,t} = \mathbf{F}(\mathbf{u}), \quad \mathbf{u} = \mathbf{u}(\mathbf{x}, t), \quad t \geq 0, \quad \mathbf{x} \in \Omega$$

$$\text{Find } \mathbf{u}(x, t) = \sum_{k=1}^{k=N_{\text{pod}}} y_k(t) \Phi_k \text{ solution of } \sum_{j=1}^{j=N_{\text{pod}}} y_{j,t}(\Phi_j, \Phi_k) = y_{k,t} = (\mathbf{F}\mathbf{u}, \Phi_k)$$

- POD applied to state variable fluctuations \rightarrow homogeneous boundary conditions.
- Inner product (\cdot, \cdot) to be specified.

Proper Orthogonal Decomposition

$L^2(\Omega)^d$ inner product definition in case of vectorial quantities ($d > 1$)

- Classical choice (cf. incompressible case) : global dynamics but inconsistency

$$(s_1, s_2) = \sum_{i=1}^4 \int_{\Omega} v_1^i v_2^i dx \rightarrow v^i(x, t) \approx \sum_{j=1}^{N_{\text{pod}}} y_j(t) \Phi_j^i(x) \quad (4 \times N_x \rightarrow N_{\text{pod}})$$

- Proper dynamic for each variable : consistency but higher cost

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- Local definition :

$$\sigma_i^2(x) = \frac{1}{T} \int_{t_0}^{t_0+T} \left(v^i(x, t) - \overline{v^i(x)} \right)^2 dt \rightarrow (s_1, s_2) = \sum_{i=1}^4 \int_{\Omega} \frac{v_1^i v_2^i}{\sigma_i^2(x) + \epsilon} dx$$

- Global definition :

$$\sigma_i^2 = \frac{1}{T} \int_{\Omega} \int_{t_0}^{t_0+T} \left(v^i(x, t) - \overline{v^i(x)} \right)^2 dt dx > 0 \quad \text{no indeterminacy}$$

Navier-Stokes projection onto POD basis

- Quadratic fluxes owing to variable change (Vigo, INRIA RR, 2000)

$$U = \begin{bmatrix} \rho \\ \rho u_1 \\ \rho u_2 \\ \rho e \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \hat{U} = \begin{bmatrix} 1/\rho \\ u_1 \\ u_2 \\ p \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \hat{U}_{,t} + \hat{A}_\alpha \hat{U}_{,\alpha} = \hat{F}_{\alpha,\alpha}^{vis} - \hat{G}_\alpha^{vis}$$

- POD expansion and Galerkin projection, for $i = 1, \dots, N_{POD}$

$$\left(\hat{U}_{,t} + \hat{A}_\alpha \hat{U}_{,\alpha}, \Phi_i \right) = \left(\hat{F}_{\alpha,\alpha}^{vis} - \hat{G}_\alpha^{vis}, \Phi_i \right)$$

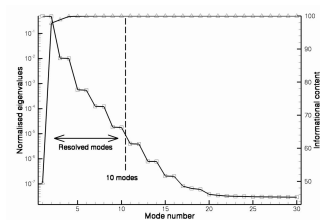
lead to

$$\begin{cases} \dot{y}_i = C_i + \sum_{j=1}^{N_{pod}} L_{ij} y_j + \sum_{j,k=1}^{N_{pod}} Q_{ijk} y_j y_k \\ y_i(t_0) = \left(\hat{U}(\cdot, t_0) - \hat{U}, \Phi_i \right) \end{cases}$$

Reduced order model : quadratic polynomial ODE system

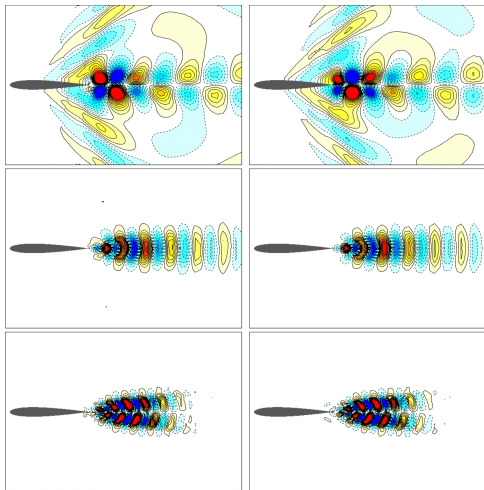
Von Kármán instability $M = 0.85$: POD basis extraction

Database : 100 successive snapshots ($N_t = 100$) over one von Kármán period via Navier-Stokes simulation ($Re = 5000$ and $M = 0.85$)



10 POD modes are considered

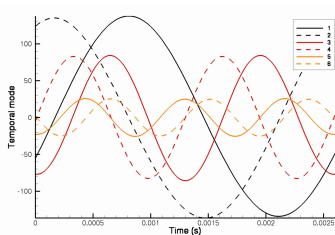
$$I_{N_{pod}} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{N_{pod}} \lambda_i}{\sum_{i=1}^{N_t} \lambda_i} \times 100 \approx 99.9\% \text{ if } N_{pod} = 10$$



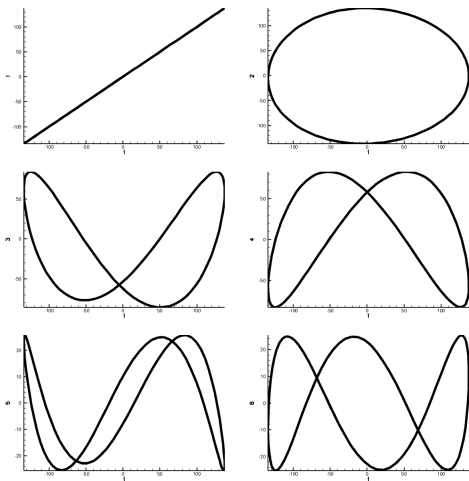
First six modes $\Phi_i^p(x)$

Von Kármán instability $M = 0.85$: temporal POD modes

First six modes $y_i(t)$

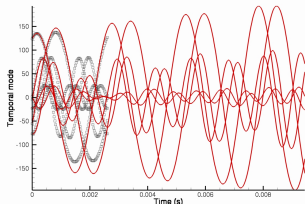


Reference temporal dynamics



Von Kármán instability $M = 0.85$: low-order model

First six modes $y_i(t)$:
prediction by ROM

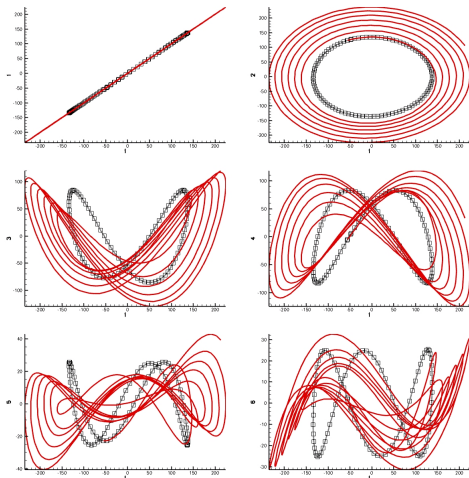


Reference temporal dynamics (black) and prediction by
POD-Galerkin ROM (red)

Amplitude growth and phase-lag :
inherent instability

Noack *et al.* JFM2003

but relevant predictions for
short-time integrations



Time integration : fourth-order-accurate Runge-Kutta scheme

Inherent instability of POD

What ?

The POD model is a dynamic model.

It has been observed that most mode coefficients are subject to module increasing.

Simplified examples (Noack *al.* JFM 2005) show the instability is inherent to model.

Consequence is accuracy only on a very short time.

What cure ?

Add viscosity (Podvin *et al.* JFM 1998)

Change scalar product (H^1 , Iollo *et al.* TCFD 2000)

Add dissipation, to be calibrated.

Stabilisation strategy - calibration procedure

Calibrated dissipation in ROM :

$$\dot{y}_i^{\text{rom}} = (C_i + C_i^s) + \sum_{j=1}^{N_{\text{pod}}} (L_{ij} + L_{ij}^s) y_j^{\text{rom}} + \sum_{j,k=1}^{N_{\text{pod}}} Q_{ijk} y_j y_k = f_i(C^s, L^s, y^{\text{rom}})$$

Least square approach (Couplet-Basdevant-Sagaut JCP2005)

- Prediction error with respect to reference dynamic derivatives :

$$J(C^s, L^s) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^{N_{\text{pod}}} \sum_{j=1}^{N_t} (\dot{y}_i(t_j) - f_i(C^s, L^s, y^{\text{rom}}(t_j)))^2$$

where y^{rom} are predicted dynamics, "Poincaré calibration"

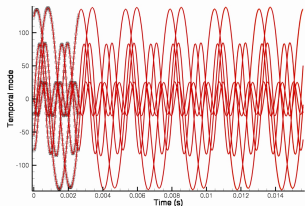
- Prediction error with respect to reference dynamics : "Floquet calibration"

$$J(C^s, L^s) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^{N_{\text{pod}}} \sum_{j=1}^{N_t} \left(y_i(t_j) - y_i(t_0) - \int_{t_0}^{t_j} f_i(C^s, L^s, y^{\text{rom}}(t)) dt \right)^2$$

- In practice : y^{rom} replaced by reference dynamics \Rightarrow **linear system**

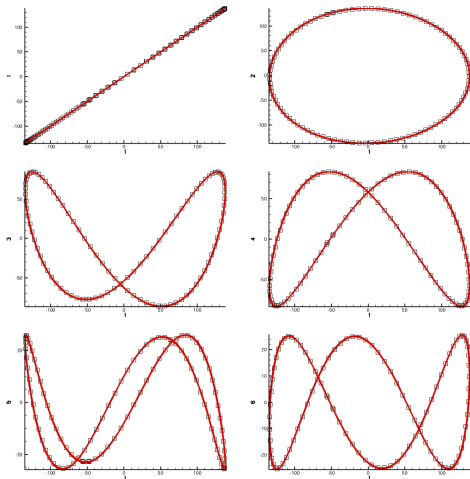
Back to *von Kármán* instability : calibrated ROM

First six modes $y_i(t)$:
prediction by ROM

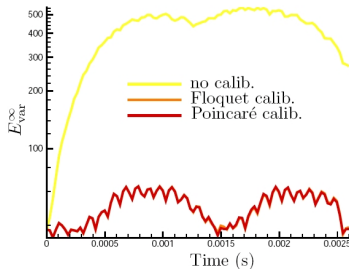
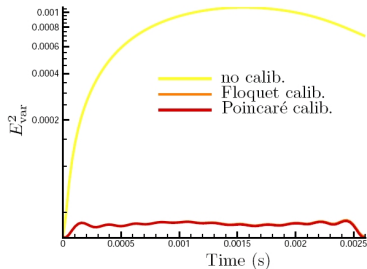


Reference temporal dynamics (black) and prediction by
POD-Galerkin calibrated ROM by means of J
minimisation (red, here Poincaré calibration)

Stability
No phase-lag



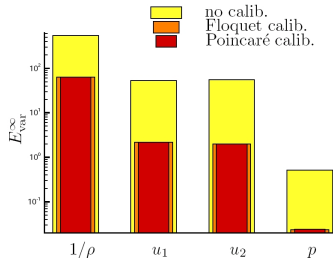
Von Kármán instability $M = 0.85$: state variable prediction



$$E_{\text{var}}^2(t) = \frac{\|v - v^{\text{rom}}\|_{\Omega}}{\|v\|_{\Omega}}, \quad E_{\text{var}}^{\infty}(t) = \max_i \max_{x \in \Omega} |v_i - v_i^{\text{rom}}|$$

Similar results reached by both stabilised ROMs

→ faithful prediction of state variable unsteadiness

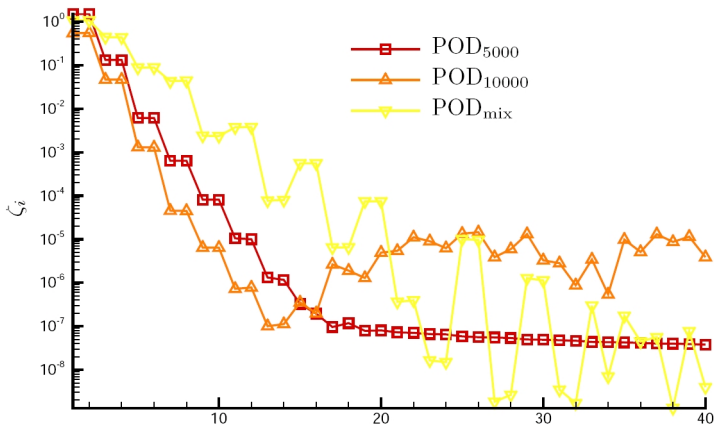


Von Kármán instability $M = 0.85$: R_e number variation

From $R_e = 5000$ to $R_e = 10000$: unique composite POD basis

$$Z_{mix} = \left\{ (v_{5000})_1 - \overline{v_{5000}}, \dots, (v_{5000})_{N_t} - \overline{v_{5000}}, (v_{10000})_1 - \overline{v_{10000}}, \dots, (v_{10000})_{N_t} - \overline{v_{10000}} \right\}$$

$$y_i(t) = \frac{(\hat{U}(\cdot, t) - \overline{\hat{U}}, \Phi_i)}{\zeta_i} \\ \zeta_i = \frac{1}{T_s} \int_{t_0}^{t_0+T_s} y_i^2 dt$$



Informational content conveyed by three different POD basis at $R_e = 5000$ and $M_a = 0.85$

Von Kármán instability $M = 0.85$: R_e number variation

Three strategies are compared for modifying R_e number in the ROM

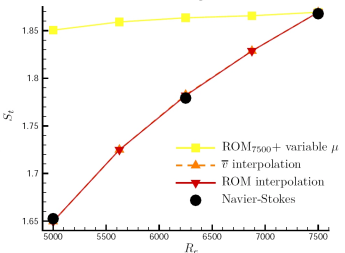
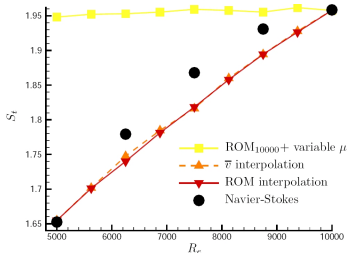
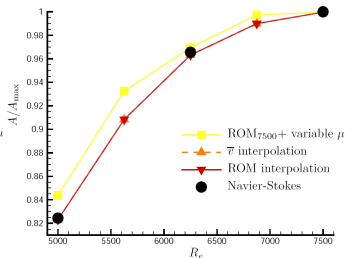
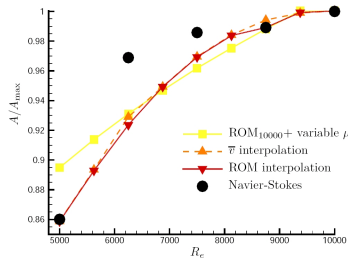
Reynolds number can be changed by changing viscosity or inflow velocity.

- From ROM₁₀₀₀₀, varying **viscosity**, same mean flow
- Interpolation (linear or quadratic) of mean flows, control function (**forcing**) → state variable prediction
- Interpolation of all **ODE coefficients**

Comparisons :

- Three ROMs based on two Navier-Stokes simulations
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- Intermediate reference Navier-Stokes simulations

Von Kármán instability $M = 0.85$: R_e number variation



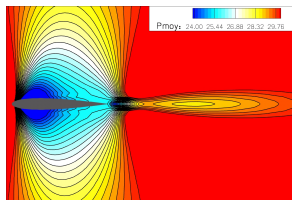
- Varying μ allows an efficient capture of amplitude variation but not Strouhal number evolution
- Interpolation approaches (even linear) lead to faithful non-linear behaviours, and exact predictions of resolved configurations
- Refinement of course improves ROM predictive capacities

Variation of the normalised maximum amplitude and Strouhal number of the first POD dynamic as a function of R_e number for $5000 \leq R_e \leq 10000$ (left) and $5000 \leq R_e \leq 7500$ (right)

POD analysis of buffet phenomenon

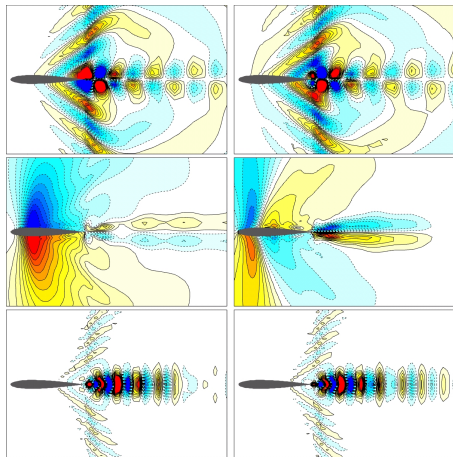
Flow past a NACA0012 airfoil at zero angle of incidence, $R_e = 10000$ and $M = 0.80$:
interaction between von Kármán mode I and mode II (buffet)

First six modes $\Phi_i^P(x)$



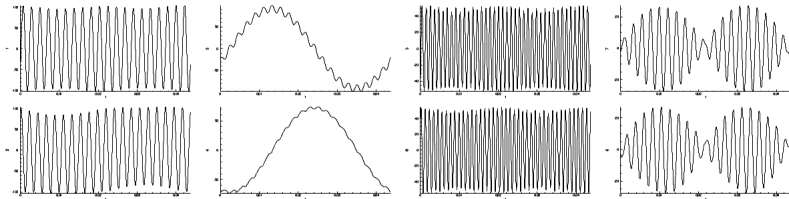
Averaged pressure

3rd and 4th POD modes :
“buffet modes”



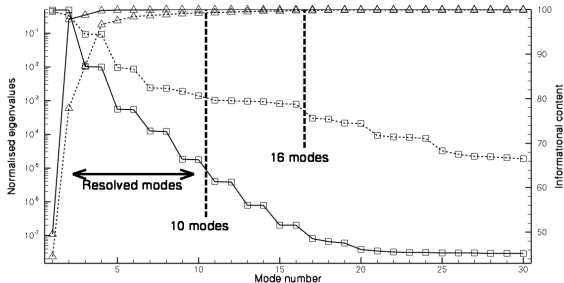
Buffet configuration $M = 0.80$: temporal modes

First eight modes $y_i(t)$

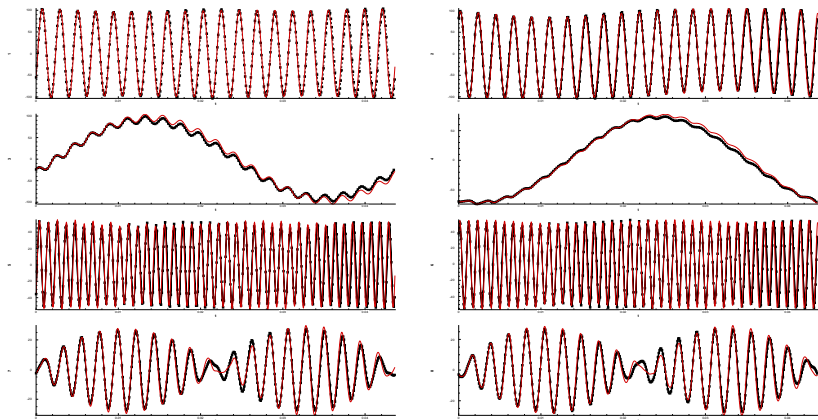


2200 snapshots over one buffet period (≈ 20 von Kármán periods)

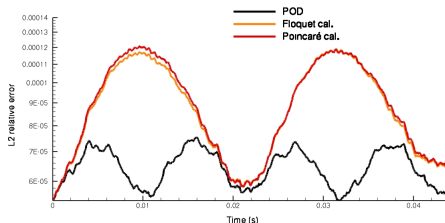
$$N_{pod} = 16$$
$$\rightarrow I_{N_{pod}} \approx 99.9\%$$



First eight predicted modes $y_i(t)$



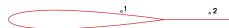
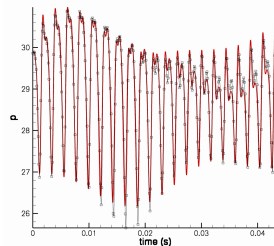
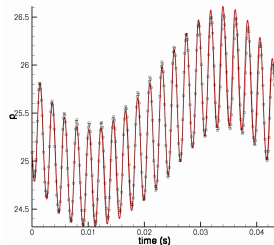
Prediction of the state variables Pressure



Reconstruction errors over one buffet period : POD filtering (black) and calibrated ROMs prediction error (orange and red)

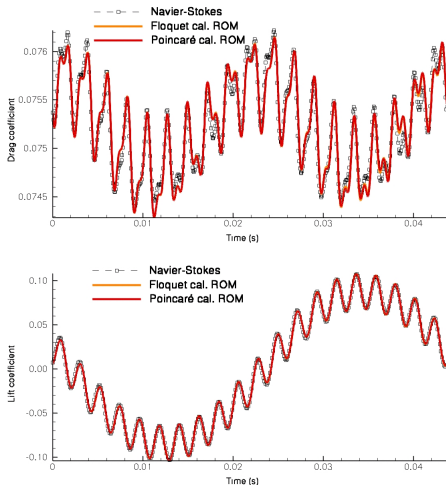
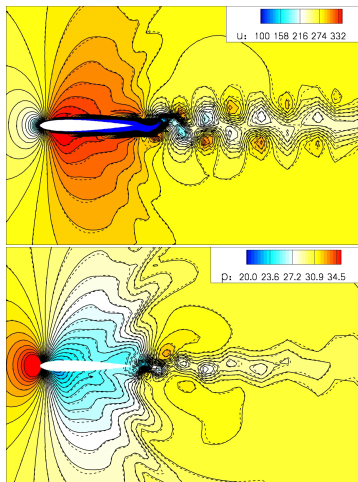
$$E_{\text{var}}^2(t) = \frac{\|v - v^{\text{rom}}\|_{\Omega}}{\|v\|_{\Omega}}$$

Reliable prediction over snapshot
temporal horizon



Buffet configuration $M = 0.80$: state variable prediction

Velocity and pressure fields after one buffet period (- - : ROM)



Prediction of the unsteady aerodynamic coefficients over NS temporal horizon

- **Compressible POD-Galerkin model** relying on quadratic-flux variables and involving coherent scalar product.
- The model enables a *faithfull prediction* of the complex instability mode interaction in the high-transonic regime while *numerical complexity is highly reduced*
- Calibrated ROM : stability, respect of the phase → useful tool for stability analysis
- Physical investigation of **high-transonic regime physics** : von Kármán and buffet modes, on the basis of Navier-Stokes simulation and low-order modelling
- ROM robustness to prediction of intermediate Reynolds.