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# UNSTEADY PRESSURE MEASUREMENTS ON A BICONVEX AIRFOIL IN A TRANSONIC OSCILLATING CASCADE

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## ABSTRACT

Flush-mounted dynamic pressure transducers were installed on the center airfoil of a transonic oscillating cascade to measure the unsteady aerodynamic response as nine airfoils were simultaneously driven to provide  $1.2^\circ$  of pitching motion about the midchord. Initial tests were performed at an incidence angle of  $0.0^\circ$  and a Mach number of 0.65 in order to obtain results in a shock-free compressible flow field. Subsequent tests were performed at an angle of attack of  $7.0^\circ$  and a Mach number of 0.80 in order to observe the surface pressure response with an oscillating shock near the leading edge of the airfoil. Results are presented for interblade phase angles of  $90^\circ$  and  $-90^\circ$  and at blade oscillatory frequencies of 200 and 500 Hz (semi-chord reduced frequencies up to about 0.5 at a Mach number of 0.80). Results from the zero-incidence cascade are compared with a classical unsteady flat-plate analysis. Flow visualization results depicting the shock motion on the airfoils in the high-incidence cascade are discussed. The airfoil pressure data are tabulated.

## NOMENCLATURE

C chord  
 $C_M$  unsteady moment coefficient per unit amplitude  
 $C_{M_I}$  imaginary part of the unsteady moment coefficient per unit amplitude  
 $C_p$  unsteady pressure coefficient per unit amplitude  
 $\bar{C}_p$  amplitude of unsteady pressure coefficient  
 $\bar{C}_p$  time-averaged pressure coefficient,  $(P - P_1)/q_1$   
 $C_W$  unsteady work done on the system per cycle of oscillation  
f oscillatory frequency

i incidence angle  
Im() imaginary part of a complex number  
M Mach number  
N airfoil number  
p static pressure  
q dynamic head,  $(\gamma/2)\rho M^2$   
Re() real part of a complex number  
S airfoil spacing  
t time  
V velocity  
 $x_C$  coordinate in the chordwise direction  
X nondimensional chordwise direction,  $x_C/C$   
 $X_p$  nondimensional position of pitching axis  
 $\alpha$  angle of attack  
 $\bar{\alpha}$  amplitude of airfoil pitching motion  
 $\alpha_0$  mean angle of attack  
 $\alpha_R$  real part of unsteady pitching motion  
 $\beta$  flow angle  
 $\gamma$  stagger angle  
 $\kappa$  blade angle  
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The previously reported study (3) emphasized the use of flow visualization methods to examine the shock wave dynamics associated with transonic stall flutter. A simple flutter stability model was developed to assess the influence of the direct motion of the oscillating shock on cascade stability. The results in (3) revealed that the shock phase lag, which was measured over a range of reduced frequencies and interblade phase angles was insufficient to imply instability in the cascade based on the simple shock motion model. The present paper represents an extension of the previous work with emphasis on the measurement of the airfoil dynamic surface pressures and subsequent estimates of the cascade stability.

The transonic oscillating cascade used in this investigation was capable of producing realistic reduced frequencies associated with observed transonic stall flutter in turbomachinery while operating at inlet Mach numbers sufficient to provide transonic effects. Driven cascades of this type are usually more complex than classical steady-state cascades because, in addition to meeting the blade-to-blade periodicity requirements in steady-state flow, periodicity must be achieved as the airfoils are driven in a controlled manner (4). In general, the airfoils are oscillated by an external source to provide either a two-dimensional pitching or plunging motion to simulate a torsional or bending mode of flutter. By performing the experiments in this way, the aerodynamic aspects can be separated from the structural aspects of flutter. Various driven cascades are described in (4) to (6).

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## Airfoil Drive System

A special high-speed mechanical drive system was used to oscillate the airfoils. This system, which represents a modification of the drive mechanism design described in (7), consists of a series of nine barrel cams attached to a common 50-cm diameter shaft. Each cam contained a six-cycle, 1.27-cm-wide by 0.762-cm-deep sinusoidal groove machined in the surface. A close-coupled 7.62-cm long connecting arm and button follower transmitted six cycles of harmonic pitching motion for each revolution of the cam. The amplitude of the airfoil motion was  $1.2^\circ$  as dictated by the cam and follower geometry. Power from the motor drive system was transferred to the cam shaft by a 20.3-cm-wide endless belt consisting of layers of plastic-coated textile fabric, a polyester tension member, and a leather friction surface. The cams and followers were immersed in a multiviscosity 80W-140 high performance gear lubricant to minimize wear. With this system, each flutter test was arbitrarily limited to about 30 sec with 15 to 20 sec at the desired oscillatory frequency. In this operational mode, the cams and button followers incurred negligible wear.

## INSTRUMENTATION

### Steady-state

The instrumentation included 200 channels of pressures and temperatures from which the steady-state cascade performance was established and an additional 14 channels of high response data for the flutter tests. The steady-state data were recorded through a system of microprocessors coupled to a dedicated minicomputer. The majority of pressures including end wall and airfoil static pressures and boundary layer bleed passage pressures were connected to a scanivalve system containing three 48-channel units scanning in parallel at a rate of seven samples/second. The remainder of the pressures, used as reference values for the scanivalve system and for various traversing probes, were recorded with a system of signal conditioners and pressure transducers. CRT displays were used to expedite tuning of the cascade and provide on-line performance data. Off-line calculations of the detailed performance of the cascade were performed with an IBM 370 computer.

The temperatures in the cascade were essentially equal to the room temperature of 530 K. These temperatures were measured with chromel-alumel thermocouples.

### High Response

The high frequency response measurements included the displacement and frequency of the vibrating airfoils, strain gauge signals on the cam follower arms, and blade surface pressures. Airfoil displacement and oscillatory frequency were measured with an electro-optical displacement meter located outside the test section. This meter tracked a discontinuity of light reflected from the edge of the center airfoil and converted the optical image to an electron image. A servo loop controlled the position of the electron image in an aperture. The deflection current required to keep the image centered in the aperture was a measure of the airfoil angular displacement.

A network of two dual-strain gauges were attached to opposite sides of the arm connecting the airfoil trunnion to the cam. Signals from a conventional full bridge circuit were recorded in order to determine the dynamic phase differences between the oscillating airfoils and verify the interblade phase angle which was preset by manually rotating each of the cams on the cam shaft.

The center airfoil in the cascade contained six commercial high-response strain-isolated pressure transducers which were mounted with the sensing elements aligned flush with the airfoil surface as shown in Fig. 4. The leads from the transducers were routed through the large trunnion by means of slots machined in the opposite surface of the airfoil. The transducers were a modified commercial type having a silicon diaphragm. The selection of the transducer and mounting arrangement was based on the results described in (8) in conjunction with in-house studies of various installation configurations designed to minimize the effects of strain-induced apparent pressure response. The transducer was a 69 kPa cylindrical type which was modified by reducing the overall length and mounted as shown in (8), configuration "E". The signals were amplified in the test cell close to the source followed by a second stage of amplification in the adjacent control room to achieve the maximum dynamic range compatible with the recording system.

All high response measurements were recorded on a frequency modulated (FM) magnetic tape recorder with a frequency response of 10 kHz. The output from the taped signals were analyzed on a Fast Fourier Transform (FFT) analyzer.

Flow visualization was accomplished by means of a double-pass schlieren system shown in Fig. 5. The schlieren images were photographed with a 16-mm high speed motion picture camera operating at about 5000 frames/second (or about 10 frames/cycle of airfoil motion).

The periodicity in the cascade was determined by the uniformity of rows of upstream and downstream static pressures along the length of the cascade. The pressure taps were spaced 2.92 cm apart (1/2 of the blade spacing) and were one and two chord lengths upstream and downstream of the airfoils, respectively.

Flow angle probes were located at three tangential positions upstream of the airfoils for measuring the inlet flow angle and flow uniformity in the tangential direction. These measurements were obtained in the plane of the static pressure taps. The location of the upstream probes is shown schematically in Fig. 6.

## GEOMETRIC PARAMETERS

The coordinate system and geometric parameters for the cascade are shown in Fig. 6. All of the tests were performed at inlet flow angles,  $\alpha_1$ , of  $53^\circ$  and  $60^\circ$  which provided angles of attack,  $\alpha_0$ , of  $0.0^\circ$  and  $7.0^\circ$ , respectively. The blade stagger angle,  $\gamma$ , was fixed at  $53^\circ$ . The solidity or chord-to-spacing ratio,  $C/S$ , was 1.3. Since the biconvex airfoils were uncambered,  $i = \alpha_0$  and  $\gamma = \kappa_1 = \kappa_2$ .

## RESULTS

Details of the steady-state flow field have already been presented in (3) and, therefore, will not be repeated herein. The principal goal of this experiment was to measure and assess the airfoil unsteady surface pressures. Consequently, the pressure data will be discussed along with cascade stability results as determined from the integrated pressure distributions. The pressure data will be presented in tabular form in order to serve as a potential aid to the development of new computational methods for the prediction of flutter instability. Comparisons of the experimental results with predictions based on a flat-plate calculation method will be made as appropriate.

### Steady-state Airfoil Pressure Distributions

The chordwise distributions of time-averaged pressure coefficient,  $\bar{C}_p$ , on the center airfoil are shown in Fig. 7 for Mach numbers of 0.65 ( $\alpha_0 = 0.0^\circ$ ) and 0.80 ( $\alpha_0 = 7.0^\circ$ ) and are tabulated in Table I. The results for  $\alpha_0 = 0.0^\circ$  show an appreciable asymmetry in the distributions resulting from the influence of the staggered cascade. At a Mach number of 0.80 and corresponding angle of attack of  $7.0^\circ$ , the distributions reveal the presence of transonic flow (region above  $\bar{C}_p$ ) and the pronounced rise in pressure resulting from the formation of a lambda-type shock wave. This region of supersonic flow extends over a distance of about 10 percent of the chord as shown in Fig. 7.

### Tests with Oscillating Airfoils

The airfoils were oscillated in simple harmonic motion to provide information on the phase between the unsteady moment and airfoil motion. This motion can be described by the following equation:

$$\alpha(t) = \alpha_0 - \bar{\alpha} \cos \omega t \quad (1)$$

where the amplitude,  $\bar{\alpha}$ , was  $1.2^\circ$  and the mean angle of attack,  $\alpha_0$ , was either  $0.0^\circ$  or  $7.0^\circ$ . The airfoils were oscillated at 200 and 500 Hz which yielded reduced frequencies ranging from 0.18 to 0.46 at a Mach number of 0.80 where the reduced frequency is

$$\bar{\alpha} = \frac{\omega C}{2V_1} \quad (2)$$

The results were obtained for interblade phase angles of  $90^\circ$  and  $-90^\circ$ . Positive interblade phase angle is defined such that airfoil N leads airfoil N + 1, etc. (refer to Fig. 6). Positive interblade phase angles would correspond to a wave moving in the direction of rotor rotation.

In order to measure the pressures on the suction and pressure surfaces, it was necessary to rotate the center airfoil  $180^\circ$  and perform the tests in two steps. The symmetry of the biconvex airfoil permitted this type of data acquisition at the expense of doubling the number of tests relative to an experiment in which both surfaces of the airfoil are instrumented with pressure transducers (or two airfoils are instrumented to acquire the measurements in a single blade passage). The pressure data was reduced by the procedure given in the Appendix to yield local values of the moment coefficient. Subsequent integration of the chordwise distribution of moment coefficient yielded the aerodynamic damping,  $\Xi$ , where

$$\Xi = -C_{M_I} \quad (3)$$

Therefore for negative values of the imaginary part of the moment coefficient, the aerodynamic damping is positive, i.e., the cascade is stable.

### Unsteady Aerodynamic Response

Chordwise distributions of aerodynamic phase angle,  $\phi_{\Delta p}$ , and pressure difference coefficient,  $\Delta \bar{C}_p$ , are presented in Fig. 8 for a Mach Number of 0.65 and an angle of attack of  $0.0^\circ$ . The phase angle is relatively constant over the first 60 percent of the chord for both of the interblade phase angles and frequencies as shown in Fig. 8(a). The level of the phase angle distribution for the 500 Hz run at an interblade phase angle of  $90^\circ$  is noticeably lower than the levels for the other three test conditions. In this case the

pressure lagged the motion by nearly  $150^\circ$  over much of the airfoil whereas in the other cases it lead the motion by a few degrees.

The pressure distributions shown in Fig. 8(b) are generally well-behaved with the exception of the 500 Hz results at an interblade phase angle of  $90^\circ$ , which as noted above, exhibited much higher values of aerodynamic phase lag than observed at the other conditions. Here the pressure difference coefficient increased appreciably over the first 25 percent of the airfoil and then attained a level over the midchord region that was similar to the 500 Hz data with an interblade phase angle of  $-90^\circ$ .

The unsteady response data for each surface of the airfoil from which the results in Fig. 8 were derived are tabulated in Tables II(a) to II(d).

The response data for a Mach number of 0.80 and an angle of attack of  $7.0^\circ$  are presented in Fig. 9. The data exhibit a nearly constant level of aerodynamic phase angle over most of the chord (Fig. 9(a)). The phase angles were generally positive and less than  $90^\circ$ , i.e., the pressure response generally leads the blade motion by less than  $90^\circ$ .

The distributions of unsteady pressure difference coefficients are presented in Fig. 9(b). The results are well organized and similar to the results in Fig. 8 which were obtained at a Mach number of 0.65 and at an angle of attack of  $0.0^\circ$ . The presence of the shock wave near the leading edge of the suction surface did not manifest itself in an obvious way through differences in the local values of  $\Delta \bar{C}_p$ .

The unsteady response data for each surface of the airfoil from which the results in Fig. 9 were derived are tabulated in Tables II(e) to II(h).

### Cascade Stability

The stability of the cascade was determined by computing the imaginary part of the moment coefficient  $C_{M_I}$  (Eq. (3)) from the pressure difference distributions shown in Figs. 8 and 9. The distributions were closed at the leading and trailing edges of the airfoil by assuming a constant level of  $\Delta \bar{C}_p$  as in (5).

The results for  $M_1 = 0.65$  and  $\alpha_0 = 0.0^\circ$  are shown in Fig. 10. Instability occurred at one of the four experimental conditions; namely, at an interblade phase angle of  $90^\circ$  and a frequency of 200 Hz ( $\bar{\alpha} = 0.221$ ). These results are consistent with predictions based on a flat-plate analysis (9) although the observed levels of  $C_{M_I}$  are somewhat higher than flat-plate theory.

The results for  $M_1 = 0.80$  and  $\alpha_0 = 7.0^\circ$  are shown in Fig. 11. As in the previous case, instability was observed at an interblade phase angle of  $90^\circ$  and at a frequency of 200 Hz ( $\bar{\alpha} = 0.185$ ). All of the other experimental cases exhibited stability.

### Flow Visualization

Individual frames from the high speed movies of schlieren images of the flow were reproduced in a 35 mm format and are shown in Fig. 12. These pictures represent one state of the flow during a cycle of oscillation at a Mach number of 0.80. The most pronounced feature is a total separation of the flow downstream of the shock as the blade pitches upward towards the maximum angle of attack of  $8.2^\circ$ . This separation was not evident while operating at steady-state conditions and was not evident in the previous study (3) at the same conditions. It is believed that this total separation became apparent in these latest tests because of an improved optical system which permitted a better cut-off at the knife edge in the schlieren system (Fig. 5). The separation was repeatable from blade to blade

within the visible flow field which encompassed approximately the three central airfoils.

#### DISCUSSION

Results of unsteady aerodynamic response have been presented for two cascade conditions; namely, a 0° angle of attack cascade operating at an inlet Mach number of 0.65 and the same cascade operating at an angle of attack of 7.0° and a corresponding inlet Mach number of 0.80. In the latter case, a lambda-type shock wave was present near the leading edge of the suction surface of the airfoils. The tests were performed at interblade phase angles of ±90° in order to explore conditions which might yield high levels of stability and instability. These conditions were selected on the basis of results from a flat-plate analysis. The unsteady aerodynamic data were obtained from six high-response pressure transducers mounted flush with the surface of the center airfoil.

It was anticipated that the cascade stability results at the zero angle of attack condition and a Mach number of 0.65 would be in reasonable agreement with flat-plate theory since the surface pressure gradients on the biconvex airfoils were low. The stability results indeed corroborated this hypothesis. However it was somewhat surprising to discover that the results for the more ambitious case in which the angle of attack was 7.0° and the inlet Mach number was 0.80 were quite similar to the flat-plate results. It is recognized that the uncertainty in the stability results for the transonic flow experiment is greater than for the subsonic flow experiment because of a limitation in the number of transducers used to acquire the pressure data. The six chordwise transducers, which were considered to be the maximum allowable number for structural reasons, would not be expected to present problems at the zero angle of attack flow condition but could be marginal at an angle of attack of 7.0° where the local pressure gradient would be large due to the presence of a shock wave near the leading edge. This factor should be considered in interpreting the stability results for the high Mach number cascade flow. Because of the limitations in chordwise resolution of the unsteady pressures, especially at the high Mach number condition, the pressure data are presented in tabular form. Consequently, comparisons of theory with experiment can be made on the basis of both the individual pressures and the calculated stability.

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#### APPENDIX - CALCULATION OF CASCADE STABILITY FROM UNSTEADY SURFACE PRESSURE MEASUREMENTS

Signals from the high response pressure transducers on the center airfoil were tape recorded and analyzed on a Fast-Fourier Transform analyzer to provide the amplitude of the first harmonic component of pressure and its phase relative to the blade motion signal. The pressure signals were converted to coefficient form as in (4) such that

$$C_p(x, t) = \frac{p(x, t)}{q_1 \bar{a}} = \bar{c}_p(x) e^{i(\omega t + \phi_p)} \quad (A1)$$

where  $\phi_p$  is the phase by which the pressure leads the airfoil motion and  $x = x_c/c$ .

The airfoil motion can be expressed as

$$\alpha(t) = \alpha_0 + \bar{a} e^{i\omega t} \quad (A2)$$

where  $\alpha_0$  is either 0.0° or 7.0° and  $\bar{a}$  is 1.2°. The pressure difference across the airfoil is defined in coefficient form as

$$\Delta C_p(x, t) = C_{pL}(x, t) - C_{pU}(x, t) = \Delta \bar{c}_p(x) e^{i(\omega t + \phi_{\Delta p})} \quad (A3)$$

The unsteady moment is

$$C_M(t) = \int_0^1 (x_p - x) \Delta C_p(x, t) dx = \bar{c}_M e^{i(\omega t + \phi_M)} \quad (A4)$$

where  $x_p$  is the nondimensional position of the pitching axis from the leading edge of the airfoil. The value of  $x_p$  in this study was 0.5.

The unsteady work per cycle is defined as

$$C_W = \oint \text{Re} \left\{ \bar{a} C_M(t) \right\} d\alpha_R \quad (A5)$$

Upon substituting from Eqs. (A2) and (A4) and integrating Eq. (A5), the unsteady work per cycle can be expressed as

$$C_W = \pi \bar{a}^2 \bar{c}_M \sin \phi_M = \pi \bar{a}^2 C_{M1} \quad (A6)$$

A positive value of  $C_W$  implies the airstream is doing work on the airfoil, i.e., negative damping takes place and the airfoil is unstable. The aerodynamic damping is given by

$$\xi = -\frac{C_W}{\pi\alpha^2} = -C_{M_I} \quad (A7)$$

The stability results in the present paper are presented in terms of  $C_{M_I}$ ; therefore positive values of  $C_{M_I}$  imply negative damping or instability.

TABLE I. - TIME  
AVERAGED SURFACE  
PRESSURES ON  
CENTER AIRFOIL

(a)  $M_1 = 0.65$ ,  $\alpha_0 = 0^\circ$ ,  
 $P_1 = 75.54$  kPa,  
 $q_1 = 22.04$  kPa

$x_c/c$	$\bar{C}_{p_L}$	$\bar{C}_{p_U}$
0.016	-0.026	-0.100
.033	-.064	-.044
.050	-.099	-.052
.067	-.139	-.073
.083	-.168	-.075
.100	-.178	-.064
.117	-.193	-.064
.183	-.270	-.069
.333	-.374	-.099
.500	-.389	-----
.667	-.249	-.229
.817	-.219	-.215
.983	-.066	-.063

(b)  $M_1 = 0.80$ ,  $\alpha_0 = 7^\circ$ ,  
 $P_1 = 64.09$  kPa,  
 $q_1 = 28.72$  kPa

0.016	0.761	-1.156
.033	.617	-1.233
.050	.522	-1.029
.067	.437	-.781
.083	.369	-.413
.100	.321	-.230
.177	.277	-.230
.183	.168	-.163
.333	.055	-.015
.500	.023	-----
.667	.109	.097
.817	.105	.165
.983	.289	.260

TABLE 11. - UNSTEADY SURFACE PRESSURES  
ON CENTER AIRFOIL

(a)  $M_1 = 0.65$ ,  $\alpha_0 = 0^\circ$ ,  $f = 200$  Hz,  $\sigma = 90^\circ$ ,  
 $p = 73.91$  kPa

$x_c / C$	Suction surface				Pressure surface	
	$C_p$	$ReC_p$	$ImC_p$	$C_p$	$ReC_p$	$ImC_p$
0.12	5.566	-5.565	-0.097	4.115	2.088	3.546
.25	3.730	-3.725	-.182	3.898	.292	3.887
.40	2.451	-2.276	.910	3.872	1.830	3.412
.60	3.698	-2.432	2.788	2.267	.640	2.175
.75	2.427	.212	2.418	.472	.247	.402
.88	2.984	-.073	2.983	3.934	-2.427	3.096

(b)  $M_1 = 0.65$ ,  $\alpha_0 = 0^\circ$ ,  $f = 500$  Hz,  $\sigma = 90^\circ$ ,  
 $p = 74.19$  kPa

0.12	6.935	1.073	6.851	8.144	0.046	8.132
.25	5.220	3.842	3.533	8.977	-6.264	-6.430
.40	3.902	2.091	3.294	11.473	-2.111	11.277
.60	4.377	3.692	2.352	9.429	-.740	9.399
.75	7.298	4.652	5.623	3.270	-3.125	.962
.88	6.358	5.484	3.218	10.195	-7.876	6.423

(c)  $M_1 = 0.65$ ,  $\alpha_0 = 0^\circ$ ,  $f = 200$  Hz,  $\sigma = -90^\circ$ ,  
 $p = 74.19$  kPa

0.12	4.929	-4.478	2.060	3.611	2.758	-2.331
.25	3.762	-3.753	-2.690	1.761	1.878	-.655
.40	3.447	-3.187	-1.316	3.176	2.842	-1.417
.60	5.601	-4.946	-2.630	1.031	1.181	-5.760
.75	5.532	-2.989	-4.655	.428	.290	-.314
.88	3.448	-.776	-3.360	1.828	.204	1.816

(d)  $M_1 = 0.65$ ,  $\alpha_0 = 0^\circ$ ,  $f = 500$  Hz,  $\sigma = -90^\circ$ ,  
 $p = 74.17$  kPa

0.12	4.731	-2.847	3.778	7.186	7.974	-3.458
.25	5.253	-5.248	.220	5.432	5.429	.190
.40	1.611	-1.111	-1.167	5.961	6.868	-1.137
.60	7.355	-6.258	-3.865	2.977	2.687	1.282
.75	-----	-----	-----	2.224	2.220	-.136
.88	4.341	-1.463	-4.086	2.867	2.662	1.065

(e)  $M_1 = 0.80$ ,  $\alpha_0 = 7^\circ$ ,  $f = 200$  Hz,  $\sigma = 90^\circ$ ,  
 $p = 64.29$  kPa

0.12	5.003	-4.888	1.066	5.824	4.906	3.138
.25	3.684	-3.449	1.296	4.445	2.904	3.365
.40	2.675	-2.053	1.716	3.450	1.588	3.063
.60	3.050	-1.998	2.306	2.418	.642	2.331
.75	3.368	-2.398	2.365	.571	.223	.526
.88	2.581	-1.853	1.796	3.326	1.326	3.050

(f)  $M_1 = 0.80$ ,  $\alpha_0 = 7^\circ$ ,  $f = 500$  Hz,  $\sigma = 90^\circ$ ,  
 $p = 64.38$  kPa

0.12	6.473	-1.013	6.393	10.338	10.311	-.739
.25	4.847	-1.057	4.731	3.232	1.863	-2.641
.40	5.781	.914	5.708	1.062	9.439	4.872
.60	4.999	-2.704	4.992	8.030	5.456	5.892
.75	9.315	-.698	9.289	2.603	2.155	1.459
.88	5.597	-.283	5.590	3.300	-1.003	3.144

(g)  $M_1 = 0.80$ ,  $\alpha_0 = 7^\circ$ ,  $f = 200$  Hz,  $\sigma = -90^\circ$ ,  
 $p = 64.56$  kPa

0.12	4.368	-3.356	2.796	5.744	4.173	-3.946
.25	3.835	-3.658	1.153	3.480	2.434	-2.486
.40	3.450	-3.432	-3.486	2.089	1.762	-1.122
.60	4.161	-4.050	-.957	.645	.556	-.329
.75	3.851	-3.694	-1.087	.237	.219	-.090
.88	2.247	-1.231	-1.881	3.626	2.287	-2.814

(h)  $M_1 = 0.80$ ,  $\alpha_0 = 7^\circ$ ,  $f = 500$  Hz,  $\sigma = -90^\circ$ ,  
 $p = 64.61$  kPa

0.12	5.461	-4.666	2.837	8.853	5.583	-6.870
.25	5.869	-5.805	-.868	2.806	1.613	-2.296
.40	3.023	-2.369	-1.878	4.583	4.449	-1.101
.60	5.816	-4.436	-3.762	1.141	1.619	1.149
.75	5.753	-3.454	-4.600	1.385	1.385	-4.836
.88	3.123	.286	-3.160	4.716	-1.101	-4.585

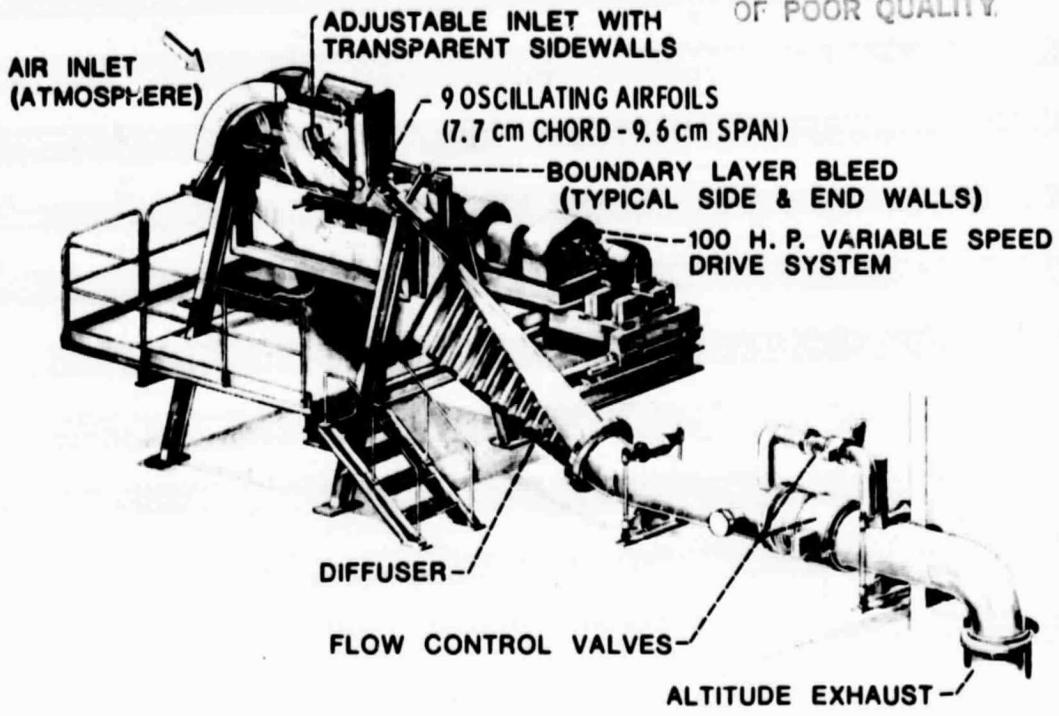


Figure 1. - Transonic oscillating cascade.

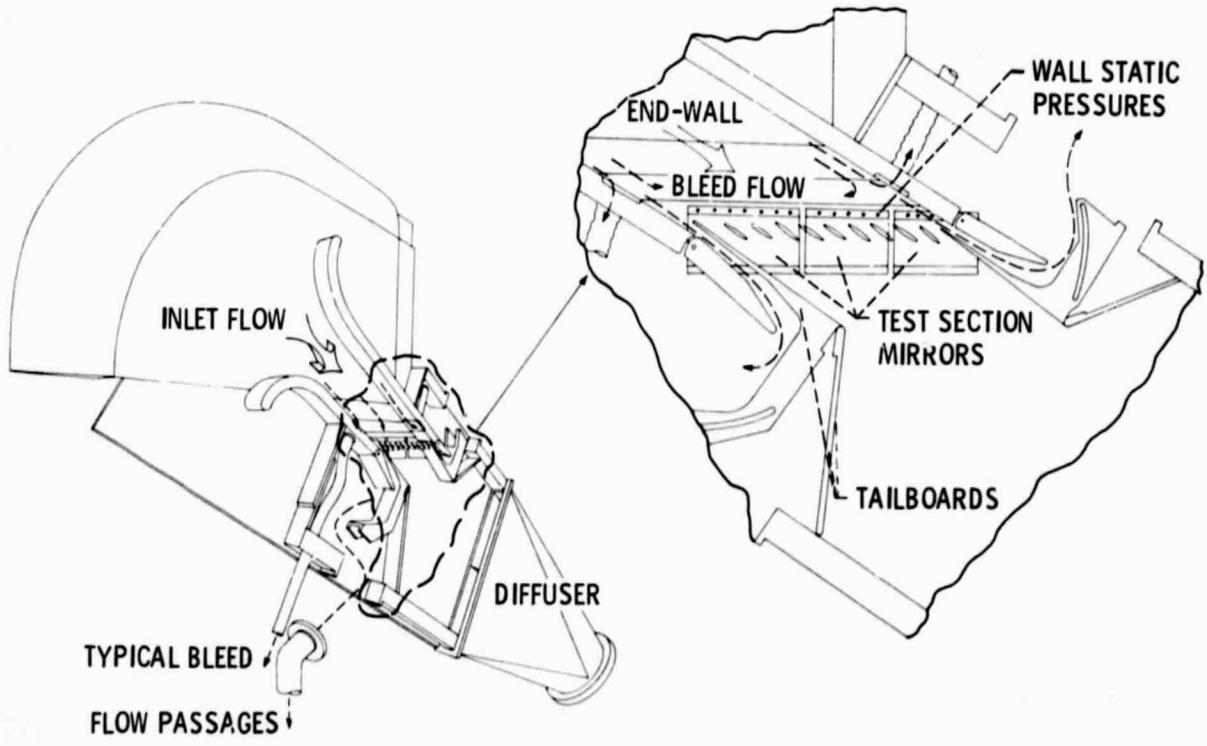


Figure 2. - Test section.

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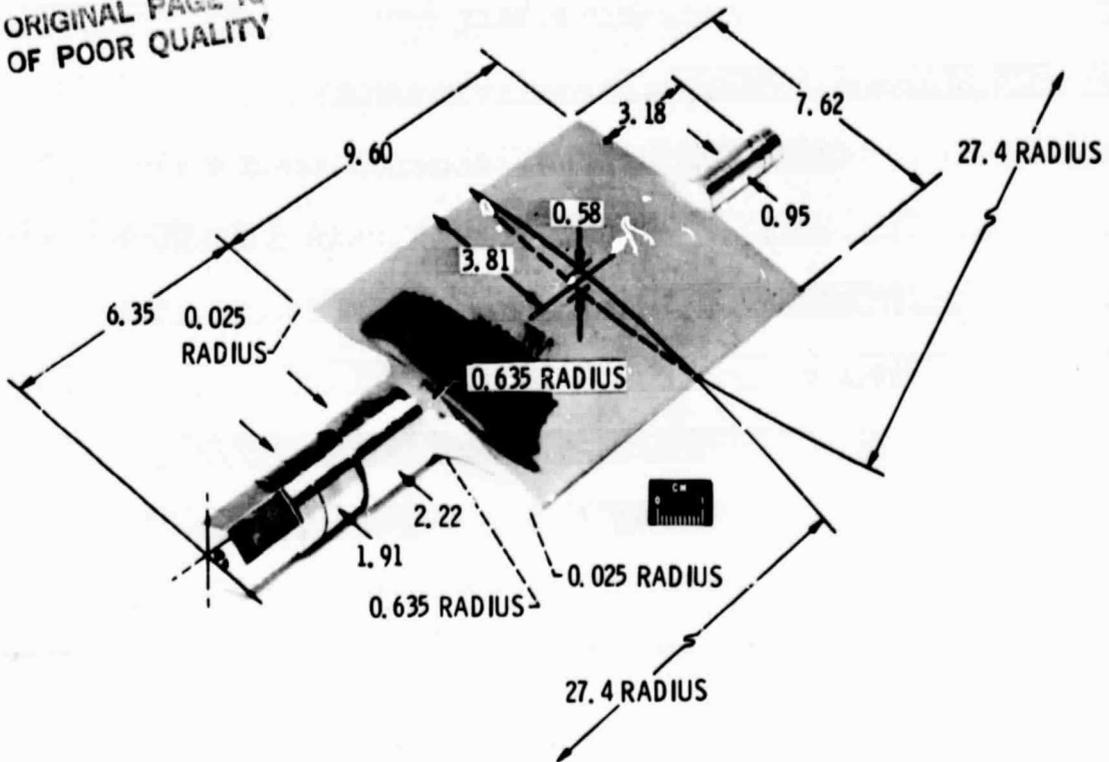


Figure 3. - Biconvex airfoil (all dimensions in centimeters).

SENSOR NUMBER		$\frac{x_c}{C}$
ss	ps	
1	6	0.12
2	5	.25
3	4	.40
4	3	.60
5	2	.75
6	1	.88

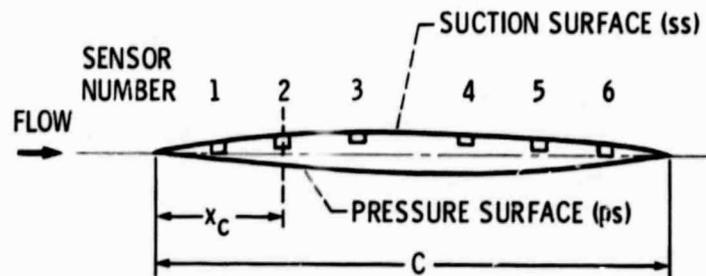


Figure 4. - Location of high-response pressure transducers,  $C = 7.62$  cm.

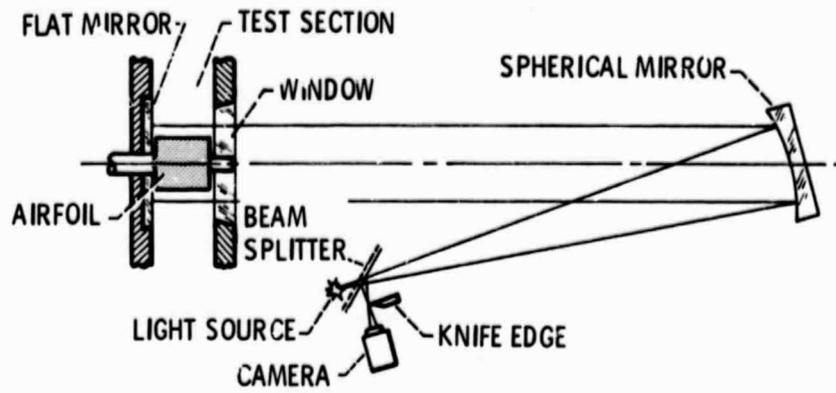


Figure 5. - Double-pass Schlieren system.

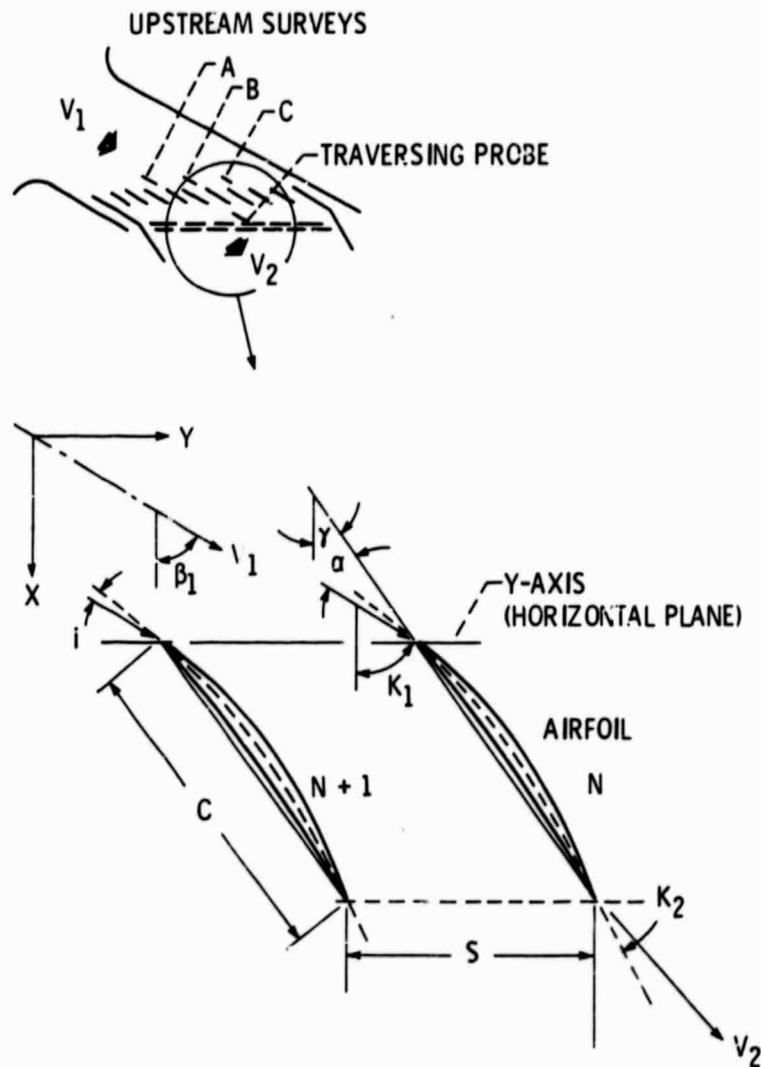


Figure 6. - Coordinate system and geometric parameters.

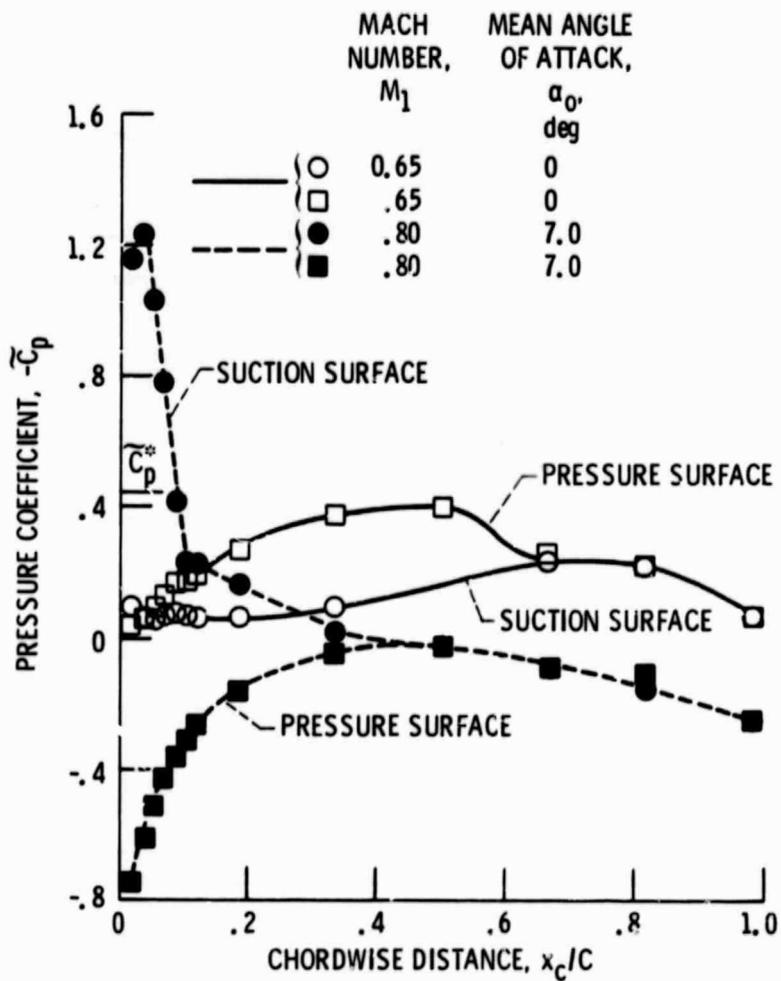


Figure 7. - Steady-state surface pressure distribution on center airfoil.

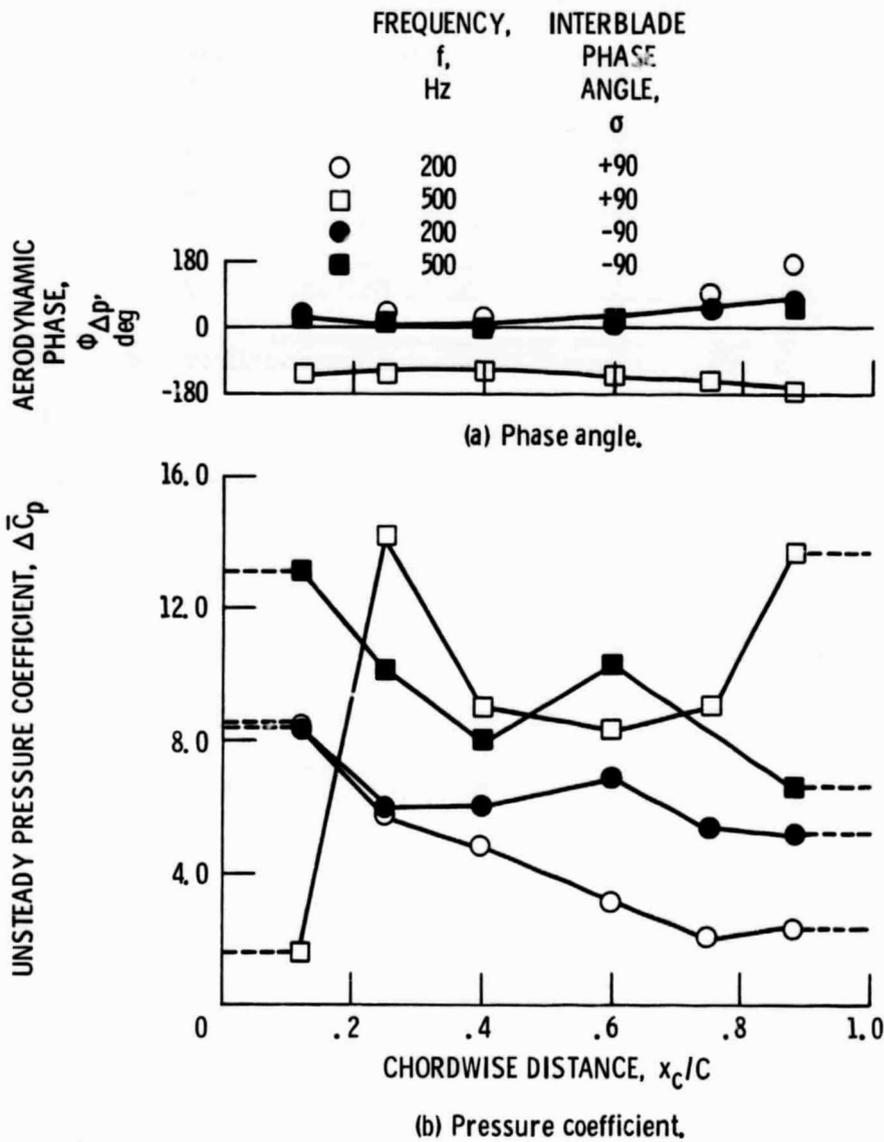
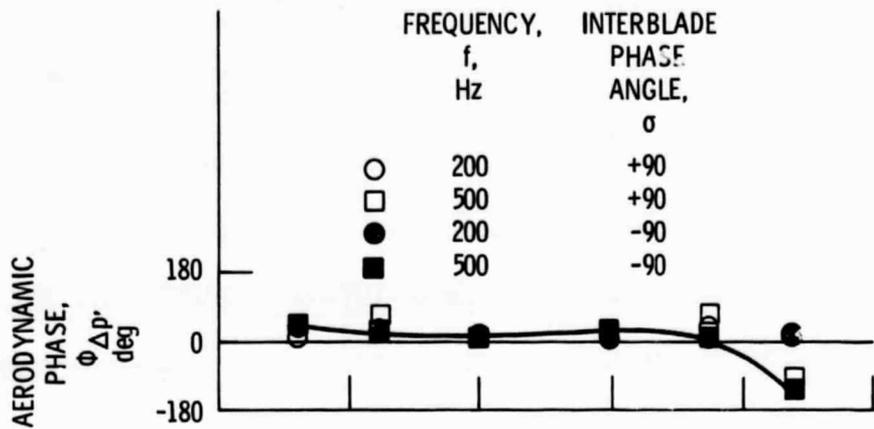
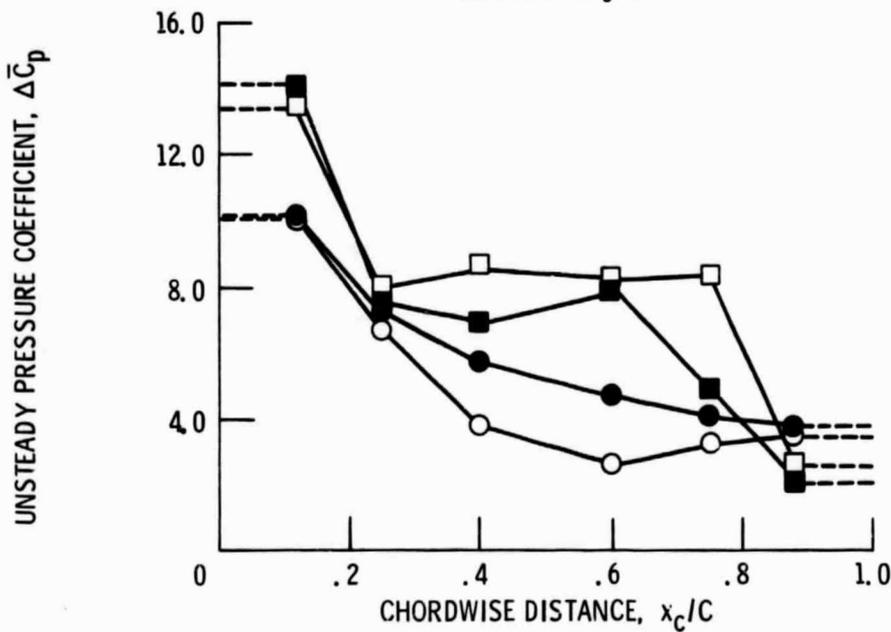


Figure 8. - Distribution of unsteady aerodynamic phase angle and pressure coefficient showing assumed distribution for moment calculation;  $M_1 = 0.65$ ,  $\alpha_0 = 0^\circ$ .



(a) Phase angle.



(b) Pressure coefficient.

Figure 9. - Distribution of unsteady aerodynamic phase angle and pressure coefficient showing assumed distribution for moment calculation;  $M_1 = 0.80$ ,  $\alpha_0 = 7^\circ$ .

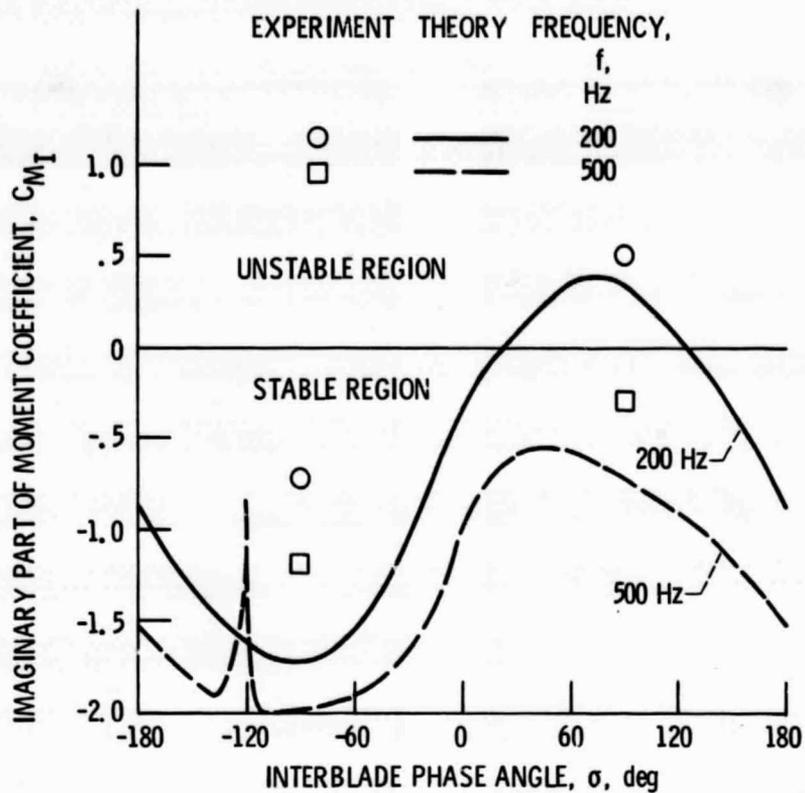


Figure 10. - Comparison of cascade stability results with flat-plate code (9);  $M_1 = 0.65$ ,  $\alpha_0 = 0^\circ$ .

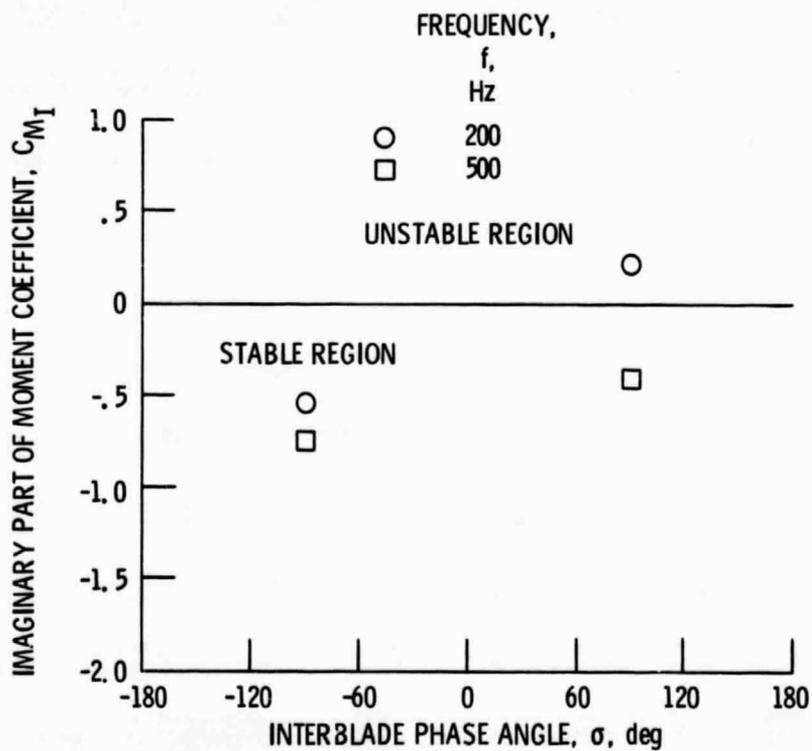
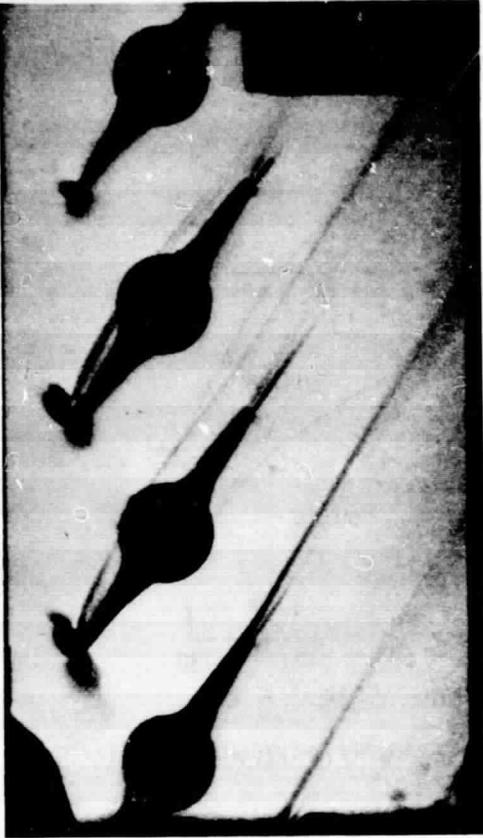
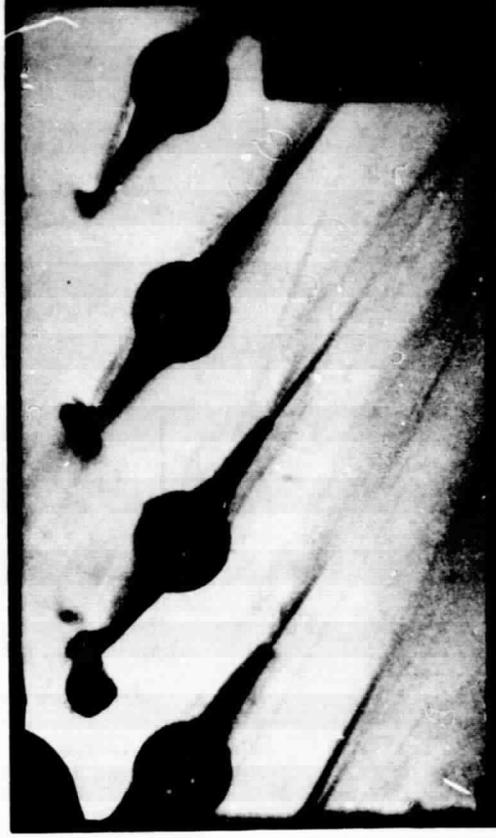


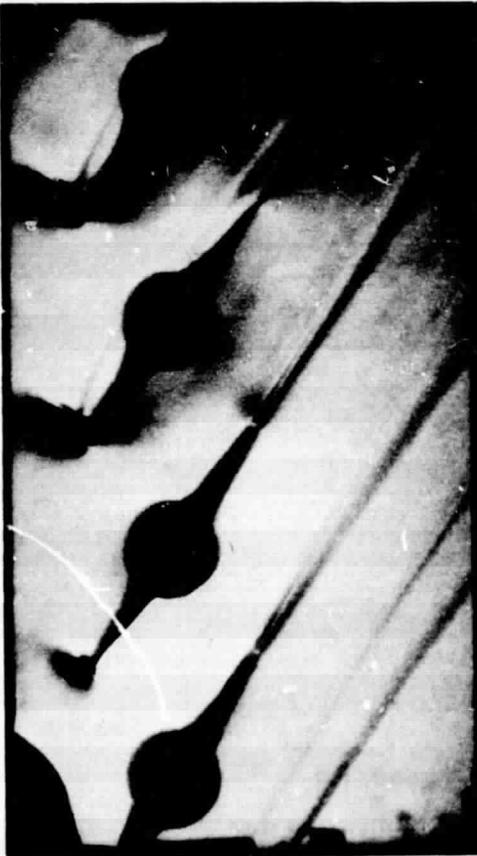
Figure 11. - Experimental stability results;  $M_1 = 0.80$ ,  $\alpha_0 = 7^\circ$ .



(b)  $f = 200$  Hz,  $\sigma = -90$  deg.



(d)  $f = 500$  Hz,  $\sigma = -90$  deg.



(a)  $f = 200$  Hz,  $\sigma = +90$  deg.



(c)  $f = 500$  Hz,  $\sigma = +90$  deg.

Figure 12. - Schlieren images of oscillating airfoils at two interblade phase angles and two oscillatory frequencies  $M_1 = 0.80$ ,  $\alpha_0 = 7$  deg.