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INTRODUCTION

This publication, containing 206 entries, supersedes an earlier bibliography, NASA TM-80225 (April 1980). Citations for 18 documents have been added in this updated version.

The purpose of this selected bibliography is to list available publications that might be helpful to persons interested in magnetic suspension and balance systems for use in wind tunnels. Some historical material has been included, and the arrangement is generally chronological by date of publication. However, papers presented at conferences or meetings are placed under dates of presentation. Therefore, the collection also serves as a “history” of the development of this type of equipment.

The numbers assigned to many of the citations have been changed from those used in the previous bibliography. This has been done in order to allow outdated citations to be removed and some recently discovered older works to be included in their proper chronological order.

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Note by compilers: The a.c. levitation discussed in this paper has no direct application to the magnetic suspension of models in wind tunnels. The paper is included in this bibliography, however, for its historic interest as an example of the early work on a.c. levitation which, through misinterpretation, led many to believe that all schemes of levitation by magnetic fields would result in melted models.


This paper describes a magnetic support for high-speed rotors which has been under development at the University of Virginia for more than a decade and a half and which has proven to be an almost ideal support bearing for a wide variety of high speed rotors. A high-speed rotor, surrounded by a vacuum, is held in alignment by an electronically controlled solenoid to give a frictionless bearing that permits speeds up to 50,000,000 rpm, measured by comparing phototube output with WWV signals.

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Levitation of a body is here defined as a state of either stable or indifferent equilibrium relative to the earth in which material contact between the body and its environment is not essential. The possibilities and limitations of levitation by auxiliary gravitational forces, by reaction forces and by forces in electromagnetic fields are investigated. Levitation by gravitational forces or by radiation pressure is not feasible in practice, whilst levitation by forces in electrostatic fields is theoretically impossible. Under certain conditions levitation may be achieved by reaction forces and by forces in magnetostatic, stationary and quasi-stationary electromagnetic fields. Published applications comprise balances, centrifuges, and a method for melting metals in vacuo without a crucible.

6 *Tournier, Marcel; and *Laurenceau, P.: Suspension Magnétique d'une Maquette en Soufflerie. (Magnetic Suspension of a Model in a Wind Tunnel.) La Recherche Aeronautique, no. 59, July-Aug. 1957, pp. 21–27.

N80-71571 (In English)

A new method of suspending models has been worked out and has been subjected to varying conditions of speed of flow in tests demonstrating the future use for which it was conceived. This paper provides a rapid review of methods utilized up to now to "support" the body in wind-tunnel tests which shows that no real material supports possess all the qualities which are required of them. These considerations led the O.N.E.R.A. (National Office of Aeronautical Studies and Research) to seek a means of supporting a model in a position determined by immaterial bonds in order that the fluid flow around the body be disturbed by neither the sides of the test cell (the consequences of whose perturbation creates the object of particular studies) nor by the supports. Several solutions have
been imagined: the first consists of suspending a permanent magnet intended to support the model and to balance the resultant aerodynamical forces. The others utilize one or more iron electromagnets acting astride a bar of soft iron which constitutes the body of the model.

*ONERA, 92320, Châtillon, France


This report describes measurements of aerodynamic noise, drag torque, and temperature effects produced at the surface of a magnetically suspended cylindrical rotor spinning in air at high speed. The primary objective of this investigation has been the measurement of aerodynamic noise. This has led to the development of apparatus and instrumentation for controlled measurement, within the laboratory, of the noise, drag, and thermal effects encountered in high speed flight in the atmosphere. The results of this study indicate that with certain improvements recommended in this report, this apparatus can be developed as a fruitful method for the investigation of boundary layer phenomena.

*Columbia Univ., New York, N.Y., Contract No. AF 33461(61)2331


This paper gives some possible applications of the free electromagnetic support developed by the Univ. of Virginia. Described are methods for measuring rotating cylinder drag, measurement of molecular reflection parameters and use as a wind tunnel balance for measurement of Magnus forces and aerodynamics of various body shapes.

*Univ. of Virginia, Director, Ordnance Res. Lab., Charlottesville, Va. 22901


N80-71561# (In English)

Electromagnets are situated outside the flow, avoiding disturbances in the flow and heat losses due to support materials. It is being used with success for the measurement of drag of tapered bodies. A brief description of the existing installations is given. Some results are presented which were obtained in small wind tunnels with speeds up to M of 3.75 and 5.4 and RN from 130,000 to 500,000.

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With a view to determining the effects of supports on models with a flat base, two cases are examined in a supersonic flow with a turbulent boundary layer. The first concerns the effect of various obstacles situated upstream of the two-dimensional base, at Mach 2. The second relates to a body of revolution passing through the throat of the jet from upstream to downstream. The interference of obstacles simulating supporting masts is examined for the base, both bare and with a sting, at Mach 1.94. Without any support, the drag of a conical-cylindrical body of revolution was measured by means of the ONERA magnetic suspension. The interference of various stings was studied at Mach 2.4, with a laminar boundary layer and with a separated turbulent boundary layer. The mechanism of the interference of a sting, progressively approached axially to the base, was determined.

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The original electromagnetic support developed in the late 1930’s is a one-dimensional system. Servoed control is obtained in one direction and only inherent stability due to the field shape is obtained in the lateral directions. In this paper the more general problem of a three-dimensionally controlled support is treated theoretically. By virtue of making certain assumptions which seem reasonably close to practical feasibility, two basic three-dimensional support schemes have been devised in which ideally the three mutually perpendicular forces are uncoupled. The two arrangements are described and the theory is applied to predict support performance and to predict the amount of coupling to be expected due to deviations from the ideal system.

*Ordnance Research Lab., Univ. of Va., Charlottesville, Va. 22901

Contract No. NONR-474(04)


The first gradient coil configuration described in Part I of this paper has been constructed. In this system the axis of one pair of gradient coils is parallel to the magnetizing field. The details of the mechanical, magnetic, optical, and electronic aspects of this implementation are presented and discussed.

The design approach and analysis of an automatic control system for a wind-tunnel magnetic suspension system is presented. The interpretation of the physical situation and its mathematical expression is discussed. The analytical design of the control system is developed in a step by step procedure, as is the physical realization of the analytical parameters involved. An attempt is made to give a physical explanation leading to the form of the control system, as well as for many of the analytical and graphical techniques involved in linear system design.

*ONERA, 92320 Châtillon, France


The use of magnetic force to support aerodynamic models in a wind tunnel is within the realm of practical possibilities. The techniques to accomplish this are all known in the present state of the art. The models to be tested using this support will be relatively inexpensive since they can be fabricated from solid bars of low carbon iron. The use of this system is particularly well suited to relatively long, slender shapes. Data obtained will include drag forces, normal forces and pitching moments. In view of the loads on the supporting coils, it appears desirable to introduce angles of attack in the horizontal direction. This will provide greater accuracy in measuring pitching (yaw) moments.

*General Electric Company, U.S.A.

15 *Tilton, Lee; and *Schwertz, Stuart: Static Tests on the Magnetic Suspension System. MIT, Naval Supersonic Lab. AR Memo 399, July 20, 1959, 18 pp. N80-71556#

As a thesis project by Chrisinger, a magnetic suspension system for the NSL Hypersonic Wind Tunnel was designed and fabricated. The three magnet units (suspension and lateral units, drag solenoid) have now been statically tested and the results are presented in this memo. The units were tested independently, no attempt has yet been made to study the interactions caused by the three units in simultaneous operation. The model used in the tests was a cylindrical Alnico permanent magnet six inches in length and one half inch in diameter.

*M.I.T., Naval Supersonic Lab., Cambridge, Mass. 02139


A discussion of the basic methods of controlling a model in magnetic suspension is presented. A detailed discussion is given on the analysis and design of an integral control system for the longitudinal degree of freedom of the model. Construction of the system is carried out and the results of the experimental verification of the system’s performance are given.

*M.I.T., graduate student


The present paper is concerned with a method for measuring the base pressure of an axially symmetrical body. This method avoids material supports through the use of the O.N.E.R.A. magnetic suspension for keeping the model on the axis of the stream at the test section. Thus, the base pressure is measured, with no interactions, by means of an optical manometer located inside the model. At the same time, the flow can be visualized by a schlieren system. This paper specifies the conditions required for the applicability of the method, analyzes the precision of the measurements, discusses the results obtained with and without sting, and compares them to those previously obtained at lower Mach numbers.

*ONERA, 92320 Châtillon, France

18 *Dubois, George; and *Rougé, Charles: Sur une Méthode de Mesure de la Pression de Culot-Mesure et Visualisation sur une Maquette Cylindro-Conique Suspends Magneticuement à \( M_0 \approx 7.6 \). La Recherche Aéronautique, No. 79, pp. 35–44, Nov.–Dec. 1960. (In French.) N80-71567# (In French)

English translation by **R. N. Zapata, On a Method for Measuring the Base Pressure: Measurement and Visualization on a Cone Cylinder Magnetically Suspended at \( M_0 \approx 7.6 \). Rep. AFOSR-1020; AST-4443-102-61 U, May 1961, 38 pp. N80-71541# (In English)

This brief note discusses the use of high frequency telemetry in recording pressures on a model magnetically suspended in a wind tunnel.

*O.N.E.R.A., 92320 Châtillon, France


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The material is grouped under five headings: (1) MAGNETIC SYSTEMS (INCLUDING EDDY CURRENT AND CRYOGENICS), pp. 3–17; (2) TOPICS RELATED TO MAGNETIC SYSTEMS, pp. 18–46; (3) ELECTROSTATIC SYSTEMS, p. 47; (4) TOPICS RELATED TO ELECTROSTATIC SYSTEMS, pp. 48–55; and (5) SUBJECTS RELATED TO OTHER ASPECTS OF THE ENTIRE PROGRAM, pp. 56–67.

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Contract No. AF 33(616)-7864

This paper is concerned with the experimental determination of minimum drag of ogives at supersonic and hypersonic speeds using the ONERA magnetic suspension. Two families of models are tested, (1) ogives with a profile No.1, and (2) AGARD B, of which the ogives were blunted according to a given law. The results obtained with the first family were comparable to those calculated by the approximation of Cole and Newton; also to the tests done by Kubota. The work was done at ONERA in a small hypersonic wind tunnel. The magnetic suspension allowed precise drag measurements of the bodies of revolution. Magnetic suspension permits such measurements of \( C_x \) at these Mach numbers (M = 3.75 and 6.3) with a greater range of Reynolds numbers; and simultaneous measurement of base pressure by telemetry, an indispensable measurement for a complete analysis of the tests.

*ONERA, Chief Engineer of the Research Group, 92320 Châtillon, France

The design concepts are presented for a free electromagnetic suspension system functioning as force balance yielding simultaneous and independent measurements of force in three mutually perpendicular directions. The system is adapted to function as a wind tunnel balance which requires no physical attachment to the model under study. The concepts have been reduced to practice in a first-generation balance which is to be applied to the study of low-density sphere drags as first demonstration of the unique capabilities of this balance system. The first model also is intended to serve as a test device to provide design information for a second-generation balance for the study of dynamic stability. The apparatus is described in detail and calibration procedures and future applications are discussed.

*Univ. of Virginia, Charlottesville, Va. 22901
Contract No. AF 49(638)-1022.

A study was made of model configurations, calibration, and testing of a magnetic suspension system for a M = 4.8 wind tunnel. Some tests were conducted and the results compared to theoretical results. Various afterbody shapes were tested.

*MIT, graduate student

During a set of aerodynamic tests in a Mach number 2.4 wind tunnel, it was proven feasible to telemeter stagnation pressure measurements from within a magnetically suspended, ferromagnetic model. State-of-the-art, f-m radio telemetry, developed for hypervelocity range use, was employed. Although data at the outset of each of three trials reflect errors of less than three percent, inordinate frequency vs temperature interactions introduced intolerable shifts in telemeter center frequency as testing progressed. Several methods may be used to reduce these interactions. Magnetogasdynamic effects arising from the use of the magnetic model suspension technique are discussed in an appendix, and are shown to be negligible in most wind tunnel testing. (Tests made in the ONERA tunnel).

*von Karman Gas Dynamics Facility, ARQ, Inc., Arnold Air Force Station, Tenn. 37389
Contract No. AF 40(600)-1000

The problem of roll stability in a five-degree-of-freedom magnetic suspension system in a hypersonic wind tunnel is investigated. A finned model provides torsional stiffness and eddy-current damping. Calibration and prediction of wind tunnel performance are included.

*MIT, graduate student

The design, construction and proof tests of a magnetic model suspension system capable of use in a M = 4.8 wind
tunnel is described. The results indicate that the model can be suspended magnetically during the wind tunnel starting conditions, that the model can be angulated and lift and drag forces measured with the model at angle of attack.

*MIT, Cambridge, Mass. 02139
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An investigation of the possibilities of using a wind tunnel magnetic balance system to measure longitudinal dynamic stability derivatives is presented. A discussion is given on the design and setup of measuring equipment. The results from a wind tunnel experiment are given and the data which was obtained is analyzed.

*MIT, graduate student


This is a selective bibliography of the literature on the magnetic suspension of wind tunnel models including a chronological arrangement of titles and abstracts under four main headings: Magnetic Suspension for Aerodynamic Testing, Non-Aerodynamic Applications of Magnetic Suspension, Magnetic Circuits and Their Electronic Controls, Telemetry from Magnetically Supported Aerodynamic Models. An introduction presents a resume of the state-of-the-art of magnetic model suspension technology.

*von Karman Gas Dynamics Facility, ARO, Inc., Arnold Air Force Station, Tenn. 37389,
Contract No. AF 40(000)-1000


In this article a magnetic suspension and balance system suitable for wind tunnel application is discussed. General considerations are presented that illustrate the nature of the problems to be solved as well as one solution of these problems. Finally some initial wind tunnel data are presented.

*MIT, Cambridge, Mass. 02139


This report presents a discussion of the studies related to the development of a magnetic model suspension system. It includes a description of an initial calibration procedure and a procedure for controlling the roll degree of freedom of the model. Particular attention is given to the discussion of low density, high temperature limits of the system. A discussion of schlieren optical systems is also presented.

*MIT, Cambridge, Mass. 02139
Contract No. AF 33(616)-7023

For Part II of this series, see no. 33 of this bibliography, Part III, no. 42, and Part IV, no. 67.


The application of a magnetic suspension and balance system to static and dynamic wind tunnel testing is discussed. The equipment and experiments are described and an analysis of the performance of the system is given.

*MIT, Cambridge, Mass. 02139
Contract No. AF 33(616)-7023


A preliminary model of a 3-D wind tunnel balance, which has been constructed and operated in low speed continuum flow for the purpose of demonstrating the feasibility of the approach, is described in this report.

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Grant No. AFOSR 62-92


This report presents a discussion of the recent development work on a magnetic model suspension and balance system. System equipment additions and modifications are described. A summary of calibration procedures and wind tunnel tests is given. Studies on methods of roll control, magnetic field distribution, and a new digital model position indicator are discussed.

*MIT, Cambridge, Mass. 02139
Contract No. AF 33(616)-7023

For Part I of this series see no. 30 in this bibliography, Part III, no. 42, and Part IV, no. 67.

These pages consist of a discussion of basic principles, measurements, and limitations of magnetic suspension and balance systems.

* ABO, Inc., Arnold Air Force Station, Tenn. 37389

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A technique is developed to describe the dynamic behavior of a flight vehicle. The forces experienced by a body are characterized by general nonlinear functions of the kinematics of the body, referred to wind tunnel axes. A statistical method for measuring the parameters in these nonlinear functions, using a wind tunnel magnetic balance system, is developed. The experimental procedure using a particular magnetic balance system is described and data is analyzed.

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The design and operation of an electromagnetic balance for suspending spherical models in a hypersonic wind tunnel is described. An orthogonal force system, together with compensated optical sensors in three stabilizing automatic feedback loops, provides inherently uncoupled control in three degrees of freedom. The major parts of the report contain the designs of the electromagnetic coil configuration and of the feedback loops.

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In a multidegree-of-freedom suspension system coupling effects are undesirable because they make the calibration difficult and they can cause deterioration of the dynamic stability of the system. This paper presents an analysis of the coupling problem leading to the design of a particular system configuration. The support of spherical models by means of a three-degree-of-freedom magnetic suspension system is analyzed in terms of the forces acting on a magnetized point. It is shown that long axisymmetrical bodies can also be supported by the same system. This is made possible by decoupling the angular and the translational degrees of freedom. The magnetic suspension system capable of supporting models in M = 16 flow is described.

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This survey, carried out by the British Scientific Instrument Research Association, reviews methods of suspending and levitating solid members (such as rotors) and molten metals in magnetic and electric fields. An attempt was made to assemble all relevant material published in periodicals, books, and reports which is likely to be of use to designers and constructors of instruments and precision apparatus, but systematic searches for patents in the subject have only been undertaken selectively.


AIAA Paper 65-51

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or

A66-14802 #

A detailed investigation of the flow field behind spheres magnetically suspended in a Mach 16 helium stream has been initiated. Pitot pressure and constant-current hot-wire measurements have been employed to investigate a region from 1 to 50 body diameters downstream of two sphere diameters, 0.75 and 0.375 in., and several body Reynolds numbers from 45,400 to 109,000. Previous data reported in the literature indicated that transition to turbulence should occur within the region of investigation, but hot-wire voltage measurements lead to the conclusion that the wake is probably laminar. Detailed radial and axial pitot pressure distributions are presented and compared with two-dimensional cylinder data at the same Mach number, ballistic-range data, and two theories. The measured rms hot-wire fluctuation voltage was constant at a very low value along the wake axis but showed peaks at the wake edge.

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This report discusses the design of the magnetic portion or core of a model for use in a magnetic suspension system for wind tunnels. The calculation of the forces obtainable with a given suspension system and model, and the optimization of model core geometry and material are
An experimental investigation of the damping torque in a roll of a three-finned missile configuration (Iroquois sounding rocket) as a function of angle of attack using a magnetic wind tunnel model suspension system is presented. Damping data was obtained at three angles of attack, 0°, 2.45°, and 4.88°.

A summary of work done on dynamic stability with the use of the magnetic balance. These data show an improvement in accuracy that has resulted from further experience with this kind of balance system. The tests were conducted in the 4-in. continuous flow wind tunnel of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) Naval Supersonic Facility.

For Part I of this series see no. 30 in this bibliography, Part II, no. 33, and Part IV, no. 67.

The design, construction, and initial calibration of a prototype magnetic suspension system capable of supporting models in a wind tunnel are described. Magnetically supported models allow measurements free from the interferences produced by mechanical model supports. The described system is of the "V"-type configuration and is compared to other types of configurations. Initial force calibration data are given, and it is concluded that quantitative force data would be difficult to obtain from the prototype suspension system because of the many interactions involved. This system was, for the most part, designed in 1959 and does not represent the state-of-the-art insofar as magnetic suspension systems are concerned. Recommendations for future magnetic suspension system designs are included as well as a discussion of the types of aerodynamic testing where the use of such a system might be beneficial.
Magnetic suspension and balance systems can be used in the measurement of dynamic stability parameters when there is rigid control over the position of the model, and the two extremes of sinusoidal motion and random motion have been found to be very useful in accomplishing this control. Three techniques have been tried for handling the resultant data: forced oscillation, random excitation, and damping in roll. By applying a forced motion to the model, damping can be measured by a phase change in motion. A technique based upon the ideas of system identification has been applied to determining aerodynamic characteristics of several different shapes, and can be used with both linear and nonlinear systems. Damping in roll is accomplished by forcing the model to roll at a known rate, and, after turning off the roll forcing function, recording the roll velocity as function of time.

*M.I.T., Cambridge, Mass. 02139
Contract No. NAS1-4421

The basic design principles of a relatively interaction-free five-component magnetic suspension and balance system are described. The performance of the various subsystems is described in detail. Several recent innovations in subsystem design are outlined. The results of the study are applied to a proposed design of a complete magnetic suspension and balance system to be compatible with the NASA-Langley fifteen-inch (Mach 10) hypersonic flow apparatus.


In order to control the rolling motions of magnetically suspended wind tunnel models, shaped magnetic cores were used within the model to generate rolling moments under the action of the magnetic fields generated by the controlled electromagnets comprising the suspension system. The theoretical moment generating performance of some shaped cores is given. The effect of the design of the cross section of the core is discussed, and an optimum cross sectional shape is proposed.

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A magnetic suspension system for aerodynamic wind tunnel models is described. The system is designed to hold axisymmetrical models in a Mach 8 airstream. The models, which may be flown at small degrees of incidence, are controlled in five degrees of freedom, and aerodynamic forces may be measured under conditions more nearly approaching those of free flight.

*Royal Aircraft Establishment, Farnborough, England


A series of basic magnetic field calculations have been made and design charts have been prepared which enable designs of tan $^{-1}\sqrt{2}$ and tan $^{-1}\sqrt{3}$ magnetic balances as well as drag augmented tan $^{-1}\sqrt{3}$ systems. While the coil cross sections are optimized in a certain sense and as a result may not be suitable for actual coil shapes, they are considered to be close enough to practical shapes for design purposes. The basic geometries have been worked out and while at first sight the geometrical relationships seem to be complicated, experience has shown that one is able to visualize them quite quickly.

*Univ. of Virginia, Charlottesville, Va. 22901
Grant No. NGR-47-005-029


Thirteen papers were presented at this symposium which has been called the “First International Conference on Electromagnetic Suspension.” The last section of the volume consists of discussion which followed the presentation of the papers. Citations for eleven of the papers follow in this bibliography.

*Fluid Dynamics Research Lab., Aerospace Research Laboratories, WPAFB, Ohio 45433.
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A three-degree-of-freedom electromagnetic suspension system which is being used to support models in a hypersonic wind tunnel for the primary purpose of studying wake characteristics is described. A high degree of decoupling between the three force axes has been achieved by making appropriate use of the symmetry of the problem. Although the system was originally designed for spherical models, it can be used to support aerodynamically stable axisymmetric bodies under certain conditions. Examples of suspension of spheres and cones in a Mach number 16 helium stream are
shown. Also force calibration procedure and results are presented and discussed.

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Contract No. Nonr-1858(37)


A magnetic suspension system for aerodynamic wind tunnel models is described. The system is designed to hold axisymmetrical models in a Mach 8 airstream. The models, which may be flown at small degrees of incidence, are controlled in five degrees of freedom. Aerodynamic forces on a model may be measured under conditions more nearly approaching those of free flight. The system is being engineered into the Royal Aircraft Establishment 18 cm hypersonic wind tunnel, and has been used to measure drag forces on a conical model. No great difficulties have been encountered in launching or recovering the model.

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The general arrangement of a six-component magnetic suspension and balance system has been defined. The design of the model-position-measuring system, the suspension feedback control system, and the force and moment readout system are in the process of development and refinement. Efforts have also been directed toward the design of the magnet system and the requirements of a completely integrated six-component suspension. The design of a relatively interaction-free six-component suspension depends to a large degree upon the magnet system arrangement. Symmetrical magnet systems have been devised which allow relatively independent control of the force and moment components. Such arrangements generally provide uniform and independent magnetization fields and field gradients at the center of the test section. Symmetrical arrangements provide the additional advantages of linear current-force relations and relatively efficient use of controlled power. Two stages in the evolution of the design of a six-component magnetic suspension employing a symmetrical magnet array have been accomplished, and the design of a compact and flexible magnet system, compatible with the operations of a wind tunnel, appears to be feasible.

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Technical aspects in the development of an air-core, dual-wound single-coil, magnetic-suspension system with one-dimensional control are reviewed. Overall electrical system design features and techniques are discussed in addition to the problems of control and stability. Special treatment is given to the operation of a dual-wound, high-current support coil which provides the bias field and a superimposed modulated field. Other design features include a six-phase, solid-state power stage for modulation of the relatively large magnitude control current, and an associated six-phase trigger circuit.

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The theory of the magnetic balance is developed from first principles through design charts for particular configurations. The general areas of types of application and problems encountered are discussed and the manner in which balance weight, power required, and force capacity scales with size is summarized. Current prospects for the practical application of the balance to the study of the dynamic stability of aerodynamic configurations are emphasized.

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The utilization of a four-component magnetic suspension system as a drag balance for models at zero incidence is discussed. The balance utilizes the lift and lateral electro-magnets only of an I type suspension system, with a wind tunnel having a horizontal working section. Two possible drag measuring techniques are proposed, and one of these has been chosen for experimental investigation. This technique is suitable for use in circumstances where the drag of the model is less than about 10% of its weight. The drag force calibration is given and factors affecting its repeatability are discussed. Some drag measurements on a blunt-based body of revolution illustrate the quality of results obtainable. At a drag force level of 0.012 lb., it is claimed that the force can be measured to an accuracy of ±2%. The same four-component balance has been used for the measurement of a roll derivative for a model fitted with thin cropped delta wings. The technique adopted was to spin the model about the roll axis and to monitor the free-body rate of decay of the rolling motion. The roll angular velocity measuring equipment is described, the accuracy assessed, and the suitability of the technique for measurements at high tunnel air speeds discussed.

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Initial research on magnetic suspension systems is reviewed. The present state of these systems is described and some of the difficulties found in the course of their development and adaptation of hypersonic wind tunnels are revealed as well as their solutions. Some results are presented and the future of such systems is discussed.

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Measurements of sphere drag at high Mach number and in the range of about 0.4 to 5.0 for Knudsen number have been made with a magnetic balance of a special design which is described. Drag results are presented and compared with other available data. At low Knudsen numbers, the drag coefficient agrees with existing data. An apparent lack of agreement with free molecule calculations is discussed and an outline of future work is presented.

*Univ. of Virginia, Charlottesville, Va. 22901


The reduced frequency and amplitude of motions obtainable in a magnetic suspension system are functions of the mass and moments of inertia of the test model, the demagnetizing factors of the test model, the field and field gradient obtainable, the dynamics of the field producing system (magnets and power supplies), and the aerodynamics of the test model. The limitations on both reduced frequency and amplitude for several typical test models as functions of the above parameters are presented and discussed with regard to the testing methods which might be employed. The expected accuracy of measurements of dynamic stability characteristics for several typical cases is discussed.

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Two fundamentally different roll control systems have been developed for the magnetic wind tunnel balance at Southampton University. Each provides positive stiffness and near critical damping and, within a roll angle range of ±10° about the mean, allows the selection of the roll attitude of the model. The first roll control system, making use of a magnetic "shaped core" within the model, was demonstrated and installed in a low speed wind tunnel, controlling the roll attitude of a winged model. The theoretical moment and force producing capability of such shaped cores is discussed, and the experimental performance presented. The second roll control system consists of battery energized coils mounted in suitable locations on the model, which are actuated upon by magnetic fields generated by electromagnets around the wind tunnel. Two modes of operation are proposed, and experimental data are presented. The more promising mode is further developed and its roll oscillation damping performance is demonstrated. Details of the rolling motion optical and stabilization systems are given and possible lines of further development are discussed.

*Southampton Univ., Southampton, SO95NH, England


Some general characteristics, difficulties and limitations of dynamic testing with magnetically suspended models are discussed together with possible improvements. Parallels are drawn between mechanical and magnetic support test techniques and the problem of large acceleration loads emphasized. It is suggested that great reductions of power requirements are possible if the model is constructed so that its outside inflexible shape is spring connected with an inner magnetic mass. The mass-spring-mass system can be tuned for a desired natural frequency. The effect on the overall feedback characteristics and some practical considerations are discussed.

*Southampton Univ., Southampton, SO95NH, England


This paper briefly describes the initial tests made in the 7"x7" hypersonic wind tunnel using the newly installed magnetic model suspension and balance system. Drag measurements were made at zero degrees incidence on a 20° cone model at a Mach number of 8.57. A mechanical method of launching the model at the start of the test and recapturing it at the end proved satisfactory.

*Royal Aircraft Establishment, Farnborough, England


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This is a report on a series of experiments originally begun to find the effects of changes of base-design on the zero incidence drag of a blunt-based body of revolution. The investigations were to cover drag measurements of a long body of revolution with a simple blunt base, a skirted base
with and without slits, and a blunt base with aft mounted disc, the measurements being made with both laminar and turbulent boundary layers over a magnetically suspended model. However, some interesting transition wire effects were found, and the scope of the tests was broadened to include a more comprehensive study of the effects of this wire, and to include some measurements of base pressure.

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Preliminary results of pitot pressure measurements behind 7 degree half angle cones are presented. The cones are at recovery temperature. Pitot pressure data is presented for three Reynolds numbers, and an accurate map of the near wake is obtained. In particular the bounds of the recirculation region, the rapid corner expansion, and the lip shock locations are clearly evident. The length of the recirculation region (about 3 base diameters) is consistent with schlieren observations of the suspended model, and also with ballistic range photographs for similar test conditions. At the lowest Reynolds number the wake bifurcates. This cause is not understood at present.

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The results of continued studies on several aspects of magnetic balance systems are presented. The aspects studied include: (1) detailed studies of several classes of optical model position sensors; (2) development and proof testing of an automatic model injection and retrieval system, and (3) detailed study of methods of producing roll torque including compatibility with existing and future magnetic balance systems and experimental verification of the design on bench tests. It is concluded that two of the classes of optical position sensing systems can meet the desired sensitivity but that these systems are somewhat geometry dependent. A recommendation for a system that seems to overcome these difficulties is made.

*M.I.T., Cambridge, Mass. 02139
Contract No. AF 41(638)-1470
For Part I of this series see No. 30 in this bibliography; Part II, No. 33; and Part II, No. 42.


A three component, wind tunnel balance capable of magnetically suspending a test model in the center of a 25 cm diameter, high velocity, low density gas stream without the use of mechanical supports has been developed. Reaction forces experienced by the model are resolved into three mutually orthogonal components with one of these components being aligned with the axis of the tunnel. A complete description of the magnetic and electrical components of the balance is presented.

*Univ. of Virginia, Charlottesville, Va. 22901
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Wind tunnel data on roll damping moment and roll moment due to fin cant at a Mach number of 4.25 is presented for the Basic Finner configuration for angles of attack from zero to ten degrees and for the Iroquois sounding rocket from zero to seven and one-half degrees. Roll "lock-in" was observed in the wind tunnel and data taken on this phenomenon is presented. Modifications made to the Aerophysics Laboratory magnetic suspension system in order to complete these tests are discussed.

*M.I.T., Cambridge, Mass. 02139
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The various methods which are available for controlling the rolling motions of a model suspended in an electromagnet system are discussed. Data on the moment capability and damping achieved with some of the possible control techniques are presented, together with details of the roll control system adopted for the six-component magnetic balance which has been developed at Southampton University for an 8 x 6 in, supersonic wind tunnel.

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This summarizes the work already accomplished and provides a base on which the decisions relative to the prototype cold balance were to be made. The four sections of the report are: (1) Coil Configuration Design, (2) Control System, (3) Low Temperature Magnets, and (4) Stability Analysis Application.

*Univ. of Virginia, Charlottesville, Va. 22901
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A method has been developed for the rapid estimation of the effect of tunnel scale on the power and voltage requirements of magnetic suspension systems. It is used in conjunction with values obtained from existing equipment. The method covers such loads as weight, inertia, steady and unsteady aerodynamic forces and moments but does not give an optimum design.

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Continuous pitot pressure is described behind a 7° half-angle cone at zero angle of attack and at recovery temperature. The pitot pressure surveys extend from the base to a distance of about 6 diameters downstream and are sufficiently detailed to accurately indicate the complete geometry of the near wake region including the corner expansion, lip shock, free shear layer, and wake recompression. Reynolds number dependence of the near wake characteristics and on body size effects is considered. These data are supported by Schlieren photographs of the near wake, although the photographs are of poorer quality than those usually obtained in ballistic ranges. Similar results are presented for the 7° cone at small angles of attack, which forcefully illustrate the sensitivity of the wake flow to this variable. The magnetic suspension system and the data acquisition techniques are described.

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This thesis presents the background and design of a six component calibration system to be used to calibrate a six degree of freedom magnetic balance and suspension system. The development and use of a three component modified calibration system is discussed. In particular drag, lift, and pitching moment coefficients are measured for the Iroquois and Basic Finner test models at Mach 4.28, and are presented as functions of angle of attack. Recommendations are made towards the eventual automation of the calibration system. Both models are cone-cylinder configurations with flat bases and a symmetrical arrangement of fins. A study to determine the feasibility of basing the calibration system on a pneumatic balance is presented in the appendix.

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Reviews progress made during the ten years since feasibility of wind tunnel model magnetic suspension was first demonstrated in 1957 by the French organization, ONERA.

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This report consists of brief summaries of the status of the various pertinent items involved in the project: (1) Philosophy, (2) Cryogenic and Coil Systems, (3) Model Motion Degrees of Freedom, (4) Aerodynamic Data Systems.
The complete system is described: which includes the aerodynamic facility, coils, cryogenic system, power amplifier, controls, aerodynamics and models, aerodynamic data acquisition, and scaling considerations. An appendix is entitled "General Design Requirements for Three Channel Power-Amplifier."

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A one-component, magnetic support-and-balance system was designed and built as part of a wind-tunnel investigation of sphere drag at subsonic Mach numbers and Reynolds numbers in the range from about 25 to several thousand. This experimental approach has two important advantages: (1) the tests are free of the effects of model support interference, and (2) the balance sensitivity increases as the model size is decreased to obtain lower Reynolds numbers. The magnetic system was used with a vertical wind tunnel, permitting the alignment of the drag and gravity force and the use of a true one-component support. The magnetic configuration included two separate coil pairs-a water-cooled Helmholtz pair providing a steady, uniform magnetic field to magnetize the ferromagnetic spheres and a small coil pair producing enough field gradient to support the magnetized model. Vertical control of the model position was provided by a feedback control system using an optical model position detector. Radial position stability was provided automatically by the basic model/magnet configuration. The use of the system proved to be simple and effective under those flow conditions--i.e., low free-stream turbulence and Re < 300--for which negligible lateral aerodynamic forces exist. With 1/16-in.-diam. spheres, drag measurements were made at values of Re down to about 25; the corresponding drag force was about 4 mg. Under flow conditions where substantial unsteady, lateral forces exist, the radial magnetic restraint was insufficient to prevent significant lateral motion of the model. In spite of this motion, it was possible to obtain good drag data at Reynolds numbers up to about 4000.

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The purpose of the work described was to investigate practically the feasibility of magnetic suspension for dynamic tests and to develop suitable measuring techniques. Existing magnetic suspension systems incorporated control of model position in five rigid body degrees of freedom, leaving roll motions free. For measurements on non-axisymmetric models, it is necessary to control all six degrees of freedom. A satisfactory low speed roll control system was developed...
for models having wings and fins. The suspension system may be used directly as a force and moment balance. The drag forces produced by bodies of revolution were measured at subsonic Mach numbers. Dynamic tests included roll damping and pitch stability derivative measurements on delta planform models. Difficulties involved in the separation of unsteady aerodynamic loads from relatively large inertia forces led to the concept of a tuned model in which, at the resonant frequency, inertia forces are balanced by internal spring forces. Aerodynamic damping forces then dominate and can be measured accurately. The tuned model was difficult to suspend with adequate stability margin until special feedback control characteristics were incorporated. It has been demonstrated that steady load measurements can be made to an accuracy of 2% and dynamic loads to 10%. The system has been proved for subsonic operation; it is anticipated that problems associated with supersonic speeds can be overcome.

*Southampton Univ., Southampton SO95NH, England


The lift, drag, pitching moment, and rolling moment due to roll velocity have been measured at M = 4.28 for two slender finned missile models by means of a magnetic suspension and balance system. Comparisons of the results with data measured by conventional balances show substantial agreement. The trend for damping in roll (due to roll velocity) to increase gradually with increasing angle of attack is more clearly shown than in earlier data because the scatter in the data is reduced by a factor of 1/2.

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Extensive and accurate measurements of sphere drag have been made in hypersonic transition and near-free molecule flow. Small spheres were electromagnetically supported in a free-jet flow field. The results are in general agreement with those of other experimenters where comparable, and also in reasonable agreement with the theoretical predictions of Willis using a modified Krook solution. The free-molecule limit based on diffuse reflection is approached smoothly throughout the transition regime.

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Wind tunnel data on damping in roll, damping in pitch, as well as lift, drag and pitching moment coefficients at a Mach number of 4.25 are presented for the 2.75 wrap-around fin configuration for angles of attack from zero to nine degrees. Force and moment data were obtained using a pneumatic calibration technique developed for magnetic suspension systems. Recommendations for future dynamic stability testing using magnetic suspension systems are discussed.
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The results of mean flow measurements in the near wake of a 7° half-angle cone at Mach number 4.3 are presented. The cone was supported by a five-degree-of-freedom magnetic suspension system in a continuous-flow supersonic wind tunnel. Hot-wire fluctuation measurements established that transition to turbulence occurred downstream of the region of measurement. Measurements were made of pitot pressure, static pressure (using both cone and cone-cylinder static pressure probes), and recovery temperature (using a hot-film anemometer). An important finding was the establishment of the rear stagnation point to be about 2.5 diameters downstream of the base.


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The design of a six-component magnetic suspension and balance system for use in wind tunnels is summarized. The general features of the magnet system, model-position sensing system, compensation system, and power amplifiers are described. The auxiliary equipment required for magnet cooling and safe operation of the balance is outlined.

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The magnetic wind-tunnel-model suspension and balance system is a unique aerodynamic testing tool which affords a method for obtaining test data which is absolutely free of model support interference effects. The suspension system is comprised of multiple pairs of electromagnets which surround the test section and provide the magnetic forces required for balancing the aerodynamic and gravitational loads acting on the model. Control of the magnets is accomplished through feedback control loops which receive signals from a set of model position sensors which may employ either optical or electromagnetic principles. The magnetic forces generated are proportional to the coil currents required; a measure of these currents provides an indication of the model forces. By inserting artificial position sensor signals into the control feedback loops, the magnetic fields may be controlled to hold the model to various motions and oscillatory modes such as pitching, plunging, or rolling. Thus, the magnetic balance system is adaptable to dynamic, as well as static, testing situations. No longer merely a laboratory curiosity, the magnetic suspension and balance system has been born as a useful aerodynamic wind tunnel test instrument.

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Sphere drag at subsonic Mach numbers and Reynolds numbers from about 25 to 4000 was measured by the instrumentation. The system was used with a vertical wind tunnel and incorporated a simple error-rate type of feedback control system to hold the model vertically. The natural radial stability of the system was used to hold the model on or near the axes of the solenoids and the wind tunnel. The system performed well, especially at Reynolds numbers where unsteady lateral aerodynamic forces were absent or very small.

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Calculations have been made of the magnetic performance characteristics of air-cored solenoids applied to a one-component magnetic support-and-balance system. These characteristics include field strength, field gradients, static stability derivatives for a ferromagnetic body in the solenoid field, and the solenoid power required to produce given field strengths and to levitate a magnetic body. These characteristics were calculated only in the vicinity of the solenoid axis and are shown to be related simply to four fundamental, shape dependent, dimensionless parameters (and to several ratios of these parameters).

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The design and principles of operation of a magnetic suspension system are outlined together with the features and problems associated with its use as a dynamic balance. A
technique developed to improve resolution of measurement is described. Results are presented for delta wing models chosen because of the availability (for comparison) of other theoretical and experimental data.

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A three degrees of freedom electromagnetic, using stabilized superconductor coil systems, is discussed. The major potential of the system is considered to be the investigation, with reasonable and improved accuracy, of the dynamic stability characteristics of a model.

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The drag of spheres, at subsonic Mach numbers and Reynolds numbers from 25 to 4000, was studied in a continuous wind tunnel using a one-component, magnetic support-and-balance system. The low turbulence incompressible results verified this experimental approach, especially at Reynolds numbers below 300 where the spherical models were not disturbed by unsteady lateral forces. Measurements were also made to evaluate the effects of compressibility, slip flow (Knudsen numbers up to 0.04), sphere surface roughness, and free-stream turbulence (intensities up to 8%).

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An experiment has been conducted to investigate the fluid mechanical structure of a laminar hypersonic wake behind a sharp, circular cone. The flowfield was surveyed from zero to fifteen diameters downstream of a 10° half-angle cone at zero angle of attack and at the adiabatic wall temperature. The model was magnetically suspended in the freestream of a M = 16 helium wind tunnel. Pitot pressure and static pressure probes were the principle diagnostic tools. Axial and radial profiles of density, velocity, Mach number, and pressure were obtained from the measurements. Some important findings include: 1) the measurement of a maximum axial static pressure in the near wake significantly greater than \( P_{\infty} \), 2) a base pressure equal to 1.58 \( P_{\infty} \), which correlates with published data, 3) a velocity defect of about 20% in the laminar viscous far wake, 4) a density defect greater than an order of magnitude in the viscous far wake, and 5) verification of the validity of the boundary-layer assumptions to treat the far wake.

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The basic design principles of a relatively interaction-free six component magnetic suspension and balance system are presented. The construction of a particular magnet configuration is described. The performance of the magnet configuration is evaluated. The evaluation is based upon parameters measured on the assembled and operating system. The evaluation is extended to a range of system sizes, by use of scaling laws. Design and construction of the required feedback compensation electronics system is described. Design of a five-component model position remote transducer is discussed. Magnet power supplies and control amplifiers are described, and the performance requirements are related to system size, model configuration, and test conditions.

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A wind tunnel magnetic suspension system has been developed at Southampton University. The equipment is used for the suspension of models in a wind tunnel, free from support interference, and to measure dynamic stability derivatives of wing-body combinations. For this purpose electro-magnets suspend the model and provide position control in six degrees of freedom, including roll. Roll control was necessary in order to orientate the model properly with respect to suspension electro-magnets, and to counteract any aerodynamic rolling moment. The original roll control system utilized the capacity of a specially shaped magnetic core in the model to generate rolling moments under the action of the suspension electro-magnets. The roll control system has proved adequate for the suspension and control of models at low dynamic head, but available evidence suggested that the moment capacity would be inadequate for control at projected increased values of dynamic head. This report describes the evaluation of a novel technique for generating a rolling moment using magnetic fields. The technique should enable models to be constructed having up to five times the moment capacity that previously could be incorporated.

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N80-71536#

The mean flow and stability of the near wake of a cone at Mach number 4.3 were studied experimentally. The cone was supported by a five-degree-of-freedom magnetic model suspension system. Free stream Reynolds numbers varied from 40,600 to 94,300. The cone had a 7° half angle, a sharp nose, and a wall temperature very close to recovery temperature. Mean measurements were made of pitot
pressure, static pressure (using both cone and cone-cylinder static pressure probes) and recovery temperature of a hot-film probe. The entire near wake flow field, except for reverse flow regions, was mapped for the fully laminar Reynolds number of 40,600 and the Reynolds number 94,300 case where the flow downstream of the recirculation region is in transition to turbulence. Important differences between the measured supersonic wake and other investigators' measurements in hypersonic cone wakes are found. The recirculation region was shown to be two or three times longer at the lower Mach numbers, and the pressure overshoot peculiar to the hypersonic cone wake was not found in the present measurements. In the instability investigation, hot-wire fluctuation measurements were made for a range of Reynolds numbers. These measurements indicated a completely stable near wake at $Re_{\infty} = 51,600$ and large amplifications of small disturbances at $Re_{\infty} = 61,900$. The amplified waves were highly concentrated with respect to frequency, with a number of pronounced harmonics being present. Amplitude and phase measurements of the spectral components indicated that the instability process fits within the framework of linear stability theory as formulated by Gold, with each mode having a wavefront shaped like a circular helix. It appears that each succeeding mode has an additional thread in the helical wavefront. The instability waves are characterized by long wavelengths and high growth rates. In addition, weak nonlinear interactions were observed, which grow stronger with downstream position.

*MIT, Cambridge, Mass. 02139
Contract No. F44620-69-C-0013

AD-707858  N70-40056#

The preliminary investigation and design of a prototype pneumatic calibration rig for use with a magnetic suspension system is described. Results and performance of the pneumatic calibration rig are shown. Previous calibration techniques and advantages of this new technique are discussed.

*M.I.T., Cambridge, Mass. 02139
Contract No. AF 33(615)-1470

N71-20848#

Transverse and axial probes and wires in the wake produce two types of interference with the wake. With transverse probes and wires the effect is to narrow the wake shock diameter and move its source downstream. With axial probes and wires there is an opposite effect. The former is apparent when the probe is within three base diameters of the model, and the latter is apparent when the edge of the viscous core is approached from within. The Schlieren method of flow visualization was used.

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AD-709197  N70-41721#

Tests were conducted at the M.I.T. Aerophysics Laboratory to obtain the pitch plane static force and moment coefficients on conical models at subsonic speeds using a prototype magnetic suspension system. Similar tests were also conducted on a 10° half angle cone at Mach 4.25. The static data obtained is presented and comparison of the supersonic data with results obtained elsewhere is shown. Tests were conducted to obtain the damping in pitch coefficients at both subsonic and supersonic speeds. Although the results of these tests were inconclusive, a discussion of the technique used and recommendations for future testing are presented.

*M.I.T., Cambridge, Mass. 02139
Contract No. AF 33(615)-1470

AD-712741  N71-14891#

Drag measurements on spheres in high speed transition regime flow are presented. The spheres are suspended electromagnetically in the low density flow field from a jet expanding freely from a small sonic nozzle into a vacuum. This arrangement provides sting-free measurements under hypersonic conditions. The current in the control coil of the electromagnetic balance is proportional to the applied force and provides a sensitive determination of the small forces encountered. Data were taken using nitrogen and argon gases. A number of nozzle and sphere sizes were employed covering a Knudsen number range of 0.05 to 5. The results exhibit a smooth increase in the transition regime drag coefficient toward the free molecular limit for diffuse reflection and complete thermal accommodation. Comparison is made with the available experimental results of other techniques. Improved repeatability and an extension of range of flow parameters is obtained with the present methods. The data are compared with current near-free molecular flow theories and the modified Krook solution of Willis is found to give the best agreement with the experimental results.

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AD-889,634  X70-17092#

* ARO, Inc., Arnold Air Force Station, Tenn. 37389
Contract No. F40600-69-C-0001

The equations relating the forces and moments exerted on a body by the magnetic fields produced by the MIT NASA prototype magnetic balance are presented. A computer program which will derive the aerodynamic coefficients for a body using these relations is listed along with a sample output. A preliminary procedure for aligning the axis of the magnetic suspension system with a reference axis is detailed. A procedure for determining dynamic-stability derivatives is outlined.

*M.I.T., Cambridge, Mass. 02139
Contract No. NAS1-8668

N70-31869#

The drag of spheres, at Mach numbers from 0.10 to 0.57, Reynolds numbers ranging from 40 to 5000, Knudsen numbers as high as 0.060, and turbulence intensities up to 13% were measured in a continuous wind tunnel utilizing a magnetic suspension system. Stainless steel ball bearings having diameters of from 1 mm to 1/4 in. were used as models. The effects of free-stream turbulence, compressibility, and gas rarefaction were observed and compared with existing data wherever possible.

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N75-70783#

The design of an electromagnetic balance using superconducting coils is reported. Both dc and ac coils are used to support aerodynamic models in a supersonic (Mach 3) wind tunnel and to simultaneously measure the forces acting on them along 3 orthogonal axes. Major design characteristics include: adoption of symmetrical coil arrangement to provide maximum space for the wind tunnel; 3 gradient-coil pairs capable of being driven between 0 and 350 A at a frequency of 30 Hz by specially designed power supplies; a vertical wind tunnel with a 6-in. test section located in the axial room-temperature access of a 250-liter liquid-helium Dewar. Results on ac losses for prototype gradient coils wound of three different superconducting materials are reported.

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**NASA, Langley Research Center, Hampton, Va. 23665
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A71-20152#

An isolated, isochoric Dewar and superconducting ring, operable up to 130 000 ampere turns, has been installed in the Princeton Spherator, and plasma physics experiments have been performed with the ring levitated and stabilized by means of a system similar to that discussed previously. The evolution of this device has progressed through three stages. Initially the poloidal field coil was a conventional copper conductor ring within a vacuum jacket supported within the reaction chamber from top and bottom by four thin bars. In its second stage of development, the conventional coil was replaced by a superconducting coil and Dewar, supported by thin wire-like hangars. The present mode eliminates the need for mechanical supports of any sort.

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AEC supported research

N80-71558#

A summary of the construction and initial operation of a transonic wind tunnel facility for use with magnetic suspension and balance system is presented. Initial tests indicate a tunnel operating range from low subsonic to Mach 1.42. The tunnel is 4”x4” and is located at the M.I.T. Aerophysics Laboratory.

*M.I.T., Cambridge, Mass. 02139
Contract No. N00123-67-C-1598

N71-29775#

Wind tunnel investigations of the static aerodynamic characteristics of three sharp-edged, slender wings were conducted at subsonic speeds using a magnetic suspension and balance system. Measurements of lift, drag, and pitching moment coefficients were made at angles of attack from 2° to 30° at a Reynolds number of the order of 1 x 10^5 and a Mach number of approximately 0.05. The results were expected to be relatively free from Reynolds number effects due to the sharp leading and trailing edges of these wing planforms, and therefore in agreement with larger scale data. Comparison of the present results is made with previously published experimental data, as well as with a theoretical model using the leading-edge suction analogy. The agreement of the present results with data obtained at test Reynolds numbers an order of magnitude larger is considered good, thereby validating the small scale tests.

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Contract No. NAS1-8668

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The development of the magnetic suspension system was one of the key achievements of the early part of the program. Major work on the balance was completed in 1965 and only small modifications were made after that. The magnetic suspension system very satisfactorily supported spheres of 3/8 and 3/4 inch diameter and 10° cones of 3/4 inch to 1 1/2 inch diameter. The suspension system was of a rather unique geometry. By mounting the tunnel vertically, the suspension system was made symmetric. The magnetic geometry chosen uncoupled the magnetic forces of the drag components from the stabilization forces. Studies of the wakes of spheres, the first body tested using the magnetic suspension system, were carried out to the point where full analysis of the results showed that the wake results could not be obtained and since the purpose of the program was to study both near and far wakes, the work on spheres was discontinued and the primary emphasis was then placed on conical bodies. Studies of the wake of a sharp 10° cone were completed. The subsequent study of the effect of bluntness on the same cone varying the configuration from a sharp cone to one with a nose radius 20% of the base radius also was completed. A hemispherical base was used to evaluate base geometry effects. One cone had a fluted surface. Most of the experiments were carried out at \( M = 16 \) and \( \text{Re} \gtrsim 120,000/\text{in.} \)

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Results of subsonic and supersonic wind-tunnel tests with a magnetic balance and suspension system on a family of bulbous based cone configurations are presented. At subsonic speeds the base flow and separation characteristics of these configurations are shown to have a pronounced effect on the static data. Results obtained with the presence of a dummy sting are compared with support interference free data. Support interference is shown to have a substantial effect on the measured aerodynamic coefficient.

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Contract No. NAS1-8686


AIAA Paper 71-133.

Highly accurate and precise cone drag measurements in the transition regime of low density hypersonic flow have been made using a method that combines the experimental advantages of a free jet and a wind tunnel electromagnetic balance. After the effects of the free jet axial flow gradients are deleted from the data by means of an empirical correction technique, direct comparison with experimental results obtained by more conventional methods is afforded. In all experiments reported in this paper the following conditions are fixed: zero angle-of-attack, 9° cone semi-vertex angle, \( T_W/T_0 = 1 \), nitrogen test gas, steady state measurements. Single parameter studies on the effects of bluntness ratio and Mach number were conducted over a wide range of rarefaction parameters including the region where blunt cones produce less drag than sharp cones. First results of a quantitative study of the sting interference effects of conventional mechanical wind tunnel balances are included. A comparison of experimental results for a sharp cone with predictions of transition and near free-molecule theories yields satisfactory agreement.

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N72-11014#

Schlieren pictures of the near wake of a 20 deg cone and drag measured by magnetic balance both show effects of air condensation at temperatures below that predicted. Above this level, supersaturated air may be used by hypersonic testing with complete absence of effects due to air condensation.

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A71-22091#

This paper presents results of an experimental study of the mean flow of the near wake of a sharp, 7 deg half-angle, adiabatic cone at Mach number 4.3 and freestream Reynolds numbers of 40,600 and 94,300. The cone was supported by a five-degree-of-freedom magnetic model suspension system. Measurements were made of pitot pressure, static pressure (using both cone and cone-cylinder static pressure probes), and recovery temperature of a hot-film probe in the near-wake region between the model and six model diameters downstream. This enabled the flow regions to be mapped and a complete determination to be made of the flowfield properties at the measurement stations excluding the interior region of the recirculation bubble. The near wake was fully laminar at a Reynolds number of 40,600, and at the higher Reynolds number of 94,300 the flow downstream of the recirculation region underwent transition to turbulence. When compared with hypersonic cone wake measurements, it was shown that the recirculation region was two or three times longer at the lower Mach number, and the pressure overshoot peculiar to the hypersonic cone wake was not found in the present measurements.

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This paper presents the results of an investigation of the instability occurring in the wake of a 7 deg half-angle, sharp cone suspended magnetically. Hot-wire fluctuation measurements were made in the wake for a range of Reynolds numbers and at a Mach number of 4.3. These measurements indicated a completely stable near wake at a freestream Reynolds number of 51,600 and large amplification of small disturbances at a freestream Reynolds number of 61,900. The amplified waves were highly concentrated with respect to frequency, with a number of pronounced harmonics being present. Amplitude and phase measurements of the spectral components indicated that the instability process fits within the framework of linear stability theory as formulated by Gold, with each mode having a wavefront shaped like a circular helix. It appears that each succeeding mode has an additional thread in the helical wavefront. However, the measured fundamental oscillation has a larger amplification rate and a much lower frequency than predicted by Gold's theory. In addition, weak nonlinear interactions were observed, which grow stronger with downstream position.


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Contract No. AF (620)-C-0013

The ring was successfully levitated in the stable, unstable mode in the FM-1 Machine: The magnet, wound of 4221 turns of 90 mil RCA NB5Sn ribbon, has a current capacity of 375,000 amperes. The coil is charged inductively or by external power supply, and is housed in a seven-inch minor-diameter toroidal Dewar with external connections for filling, venting, and charging under high vacuum. Test results of quench temperature vs. current for an inductive current to 10.7 K at 25 atmospheres. This corresponds to 10.7 K at 25 atmospheres.


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The drag coefficient for a family of axially symmetric ellipses of fineness ratio 4, 5, and 6 was measured using magnetically suspended models. The Reynolds number ranged up to 10⁶. Thus, only the blockage interference is present, which may be partially allowed for by classical wind tunnel procedures. It is expected that the drag values presented here are accurate to 1%.

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Measurements were made in hypersonic flow from a freejet using a magnetic suspension system to obtain sting-free data. The results obtained, which are assumed as representative of a warm wall condition, indicate no tendency of sphere drag to overshoot the free molecular limit, at least for Reynolds number of order of unity.

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Topics discussed during the symposium include the use of superconductivity in magnetic suspension design, losses in superconducting magnets, an automatic suspension using tuned LCR circuits, an electromagnetic model position sensing system for wind tunnels, electro-optical detectors for magnetic suspension, an optical scanning detection system for low-density drag measurements, data acquisition and reduction for a superconducting magnet suspension and balance facility, a dc power supply for a magnetic suspension system, wind-tunnel tests of conical and winged model configurations using a magnetic suspension and balance system, the use of an electromagnetic balance in rarefied gas research, an electromagnetic position sensor for a magnetically supported model, and the simulation of gravity in wind tunnels with the aid of magnetic fields.

**C. R. Environnement, 53, 1971, 11-17

This introductory paper by Professor Beams was read at the Symposium by Professor H. M. Parker. The paper discusses the part that the University of Virginia had in the early development of magnetic suspension.

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**Development of a Superconducting Electromagnetic Suspension and Balance Facility.**

This paper describes a prototype facility comprising a superconducting magnetic suspension and balance and a supersonic wind tunnel. This facility was developed with the objectives of establishing the feasibility of applying the three-component magnetic balance concept to dynamic stability studies, and investigating design concepts and parameters that are critical for extrapolation to large-scale systems. Many important design and operational aspects, as well as safety considerations, are dictated by the cryogenic nature of the advanced-technology facility. Results of initial tests demonstrate that superconductors can be utilized safely and efficiently for wind-tunnel magnetic suspensions. At the present stage of development of this facility, controlled one-dimensional support of a spherical model has been achieved.

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This machine is being built to study the stability and confinement of a hot plasma trapped in the magnetic field around a levitated superconducting ring carrying half a million ampere-turns. Superconducting coils up to 1.2 metres mean diameter and using the latest techniques are incorporated in the vacuum system to provide the vertical field. A brief description of this equipment, concentrating on the superconducting aspects, is presented together with performance data for the coils.

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126 *Moss, F. E.: The Use of Superconductivity in Magnetic Balance Design. 2nd Int. Symp. on Electro-Magnetic Suspension, July 12–14, 1971, Proceedings, pp. C.1–C.15. (This paper is also contained in "Development of a Superconducting Electromagnetic Suspension and Balance System for Dynamic Stability Studies").

This paper contains a summary of the magnetic field and field gradient requirements for magnetic suspension in a Mach 3, 6-in. diam. wind tunnel, along with the power requirements for gradient coil pairs wound of copper operating at room temperature or of aluminium cooled to 209 K. The power dissipated is large enough so that the use of superconductivity in the coil design becomes an attractive alternative. The problems of stability and ac losses are outlined along with the properties of stabilized superconductors. A brief review of a simplified version of Bean’s (1964) critical state model is presented, and the problems involved in calculations of the ac losses in superconducting coils are outlined. A summary of ac loss data taken at Brookhaven National Laboratories (BNL) on pancake coils wound of commercially available Nb3Sn partially stabilized tape is presented and shown as leading to the University of Virginia gradient coil design. The actual coil performance is compared with predictions based on the BNL results. Finally, some remarks are presented concerning scaling of the ac losses to larger magnetic suspension systems as well as prospects for improved performance using newer multifilament superconductors.

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This paper describes a versatile electromagnetic model position sensing system which is capable of accommodating a wide range of model geometry with minor adjustment. This system is based upon differential transformer action, and initially was designed to measure the components of model displacement relative to the wind tunnel axes. By minor modification to the system electronics and model core, independent sensitivity to roll attitude has been provided.

*M.I.T., Cambridge, Mass. 02139


This paper describes the development of a remote position sensor based on scanning analysis of optical contrasts directly applied to a model magnetically suspended in a wind tunnel. Following a brief enumeration of its requirements and a general definition, the design, operation, and expected performance of the position-sensing system are described. It is felt that the main advantage of this system as applied to magnetic suspension is that it leaves the inner space of the coil assembly entirely clear, thus permitting a reduction to be made both in the inner diameter and in the power requirement without loss of performance.

*ONERA, Châtillon-sous-Bagneux, Hauts-de-Seine, France


This paper contains a summary of the optical system developed and tested for low density sphere drag measurements. The position sensor is capable of accommodating a wide range of sphere diameters with minor adjustment. This system is based upon the combined use of two optical detection methods, a broad field-of-view sensor, and a high-repeatability, low-velocity sensor. The results obtained in a supersonic wind tunnel are described.
This paper describes an optical model position detecting system that uses the television principle of scanning an image with a raster of lines. The system has been developed for use in a low-density wind tunnel for the purpose of measuring the aerodynamic drag on small spheres. The instantaneous position signals that are available call for a sampled data control system to stabilize the model position. The resulting algorithm for the digital controller requires a combination of present, previous, and twice previous signals. An outline is given of the electronic system used to provide the control signal.


A72-24765#

The aerodynamic forces and moments experienced by a model in a wind tunnel may be deduced from the magnetic forces and moments exerted on a body by the magnetic fields produced by the M.I.T.-N.A.S.A. Prototype Magnetic Balance is presented. In addition, a procedure for determining the parameter in the equations for a particular model is outlined.

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A72-24766#

N73-10276#

or

N73-24274#

The problems associated with data acquisition and reduction in the University of Virginia superconducting magnetic suspension and balance facility are similar to those in free-flight ranges (or tunnels). The model undergoes a "quasi-six-degree-of-freedom" motion which must be monitored both in position and angular orientation from which the aerodynamics must be inferred. The data acquisition problem is made more difficult because geometric constraints prevent direct visual access to the model in the Mach 3 wind tunnel. The methods, accuracies and problems associated with the acquisition of data are discussed.

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A72-24767#

This paper describes a special dc power supply which has practically no time delay and by means of which a high rate of change of current can be achieved at relatively low working voltages. This power supply consists mainly of an input rectifier, whose output is maintained at a constant voltage, and a dc power amplifier. The choice of the dc voltage is a function of the magnet inductance and the desired rate of change of current. The load thyristors of the power amplifier can be fired or turned off with forced commutation without delay, so as to maintain a load current which does not deviate more than plus or minus 5% from its mean value of 175 A. To achieve this, the current feedback is used to actuate two chains of logic circuits which cause the firing or turning off of either one or both the load thyristors, depending on the amplitude and polarity of the error signal. Three modes of current flow result. The switching frequency of the thyristors is limited by means of certain timing interlocks in the logic circuit which keep the losses low. These interlocks are also necessary to avoid short circuits. During operation at maximum switching frequency the run time of power supply is limited to about 15 min followed by a rest period of 30 min.

*Brown, Boveri et Cie. AG, Zurich, Switzerland


A72-24768#

This paper describes some of the design features of wind tunnel model position sensing and controlling systems. Means are reviewed for reducing drift in model position when the magnetic suspension system is used as a force and moment balance. The physical properties are examined of two permanent magnet materials (platinum-cobalt and samarium-cobalt alloys) whose insertion into model wings helps generate rolling moments about the X–X axis of the model.

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A72-24769#

Results of subsonic and supersonic wind tunnel tests with a magnetic balance and suspension system on a family of bulbous-based cone models are presented. At subsonic speeds the base flow and separation characteristic of these models is shown to produce anomalous behavior of the static force and moment coefficients with angle of attack. Comparison of data obtained with a dummy sting is made with support interference free results. The static aerodynamic characteristics of three sharp-edged, slender wings at subsonic speeds is presented. Comparison of the present results with tests at Reynolds numbers an order of magnitude higher is considered good, thereby validating the small scale tests.

*M.I.T., Cambridge, Mass. 02139

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A72-24770#

A brief description of the Southampton magnetic balance is presented first with particular emphasis on the methods for extracting steady and unsteady wind tunnel data. New acquisition and analysis methods are then described. Steady lift, drag and pitching moment measurements have been made on a body of revolution and on wing-body combinations of delta and AGARD G wing planform. Roll-damping for the wing-body combination is also presented.

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A72-24771#

Aerodynamic forces on spheres and slender cones in hypersonic, low-density flows have been measured with a 3-component magnetic balance of improved capabilities. Improvements in the experimental techniques permitting measurements of increased accuracy, precision, and resolution have made possible interesting studies of slender-cone aerodynamics. Preliminary results of an investigation of sting effects are reported. Current and future research plans are discussed from the point of view of facility development.

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A72-24772#

Drag coefficient data on spheres in laminar flow taken from the early study by Wieselsberger done in Germany from 1920 to 1926 are compared with those from recent experimental studies performed by Roos and Will (1971), Bailey and Hyatt (1971), and Covert and Vlajinac at MIT (1971). In the latter study, one sphere had two small flat spots that were observed not to matter as long as the surface irregularity they caused was less than the boundary layer thickness.

*M.I.T., Cambridge, Mass. 02139

A72-24773#

This paper describes the design, principle of operation, and performance characteristics and problems of an electromagnetic position sensor for a magnetically supported model in a wind tunnel. The sensor is based upon the principle of a differential transformer, and it is hoped that the problems encountered in its operation will be solved eventually.

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A72-24774 or N73-24277#

Various forms of failure are discussed that any designer or builder of a superconducting magnetic suspension system should thoroughly consider in order to make sure that the system is safe. The major protective devices and techniques used to this end are reviewed. For additional progress under NGR-47-005-112 which is directly relevant to the main questions left unanswered in this paper see the final section of N73-24271 which is citation no. 149 in this bibliography.

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Grant No. NGR-47-005-112

140 *Parker, H. M.; and *Janczaitis, J. R.: The Use of Iron and Extended Applications of the University of Virginia Cold Balance Wind Tunnel System. 2nd Int. Symp. on Electro-Magnetic Suspension, Proceedings, July 12–14, 1971, pp. S.1–S.10. (This paper is also included in "Development of a Superconducting Electromagnetic Suspension and Balance System for Dynamic Stability Studies")
A72-24776# or N73-24278#

The prototype design of the University of Virginia Cold Magnetic Balance Wind Tunnel System, primarily for assured performance, is based on the use of ferrites for the magnetic support element and for the case of spinning missile configurations in supersonic flow. The extension of applicability to noncontinuously spinning airplane configurations and to subsonic flow regimes would be highly desirable. The problems involved in these extensions are discussed. The possible use of iron for the magnetic support element, or some material reasonably equivalent, is found to be crucial. The existing theoretical evidence that iron may be used without penalty is summarized.

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A71-40861
This paper presents the results of an experimental study concerning the momentum transfer between the gas and condensed phase in metalized solid propellant rocket motors. Noncontinuum and turbulence effects on sphere drag have been measured in a small, vertical, subsonic wind tunnel incorporating a magnetic suspension system. Drag data have been obtained at Reynolds numbers (Re) ranging from 40 to 5000. Mach numbers (M) from 0.10 to 0.57, Knudsen numbers (Kn) as high as 0.060, and turbulence intensities up to 13%. Sphere drag measurements taken with moderate (0.4 to 3.3%) levels of turbulence show that turbulence of these levels produces significant drag increases for Reynolds numbers between 200 and 800. The data indicate that, for a given turbulence level, the percentage drag rise due to turbulence decreases with decreasing Re; the drag coefficient increase approaches zero for Re less than or equal to 100. For sphere drag data obtained at turbulence levels from 3 to 13% and Reynolds numbers from 600 to 5000, a very pronounced effect of sphere diameter is evident. At a given Re, the drag coefficient increases monotonically with inverse sphere diameter. Present data for Re ranging from 40 to 200 and M ranging from 0.17 to 0.57 exhibit pronounced noncontinuum and compressibility effects. These data are compared with empirical relations and other experimental data found in the literature.

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The effort of this report period was devoted to two items: A. Measurement of Subsonic Sphere Drag and B. Development of a Roll Attitude Sensor. An aerodynamic investigation was conducted to determine the laminar flow drag coefficient of spheres of various sizes in a subsonic wind tunnel. The tests were conducted using the M.I.T.-NASA prototype magnetic-balance system. The absence of model support interference in these tests implies the effect of tunnel wall interference on the measurement of drag of different sized spheres can be deduced. The present results indicate that the conventional wind tunnel correction does not completely account for the effects of model size and wall interference. That is, the corrected drag coefficient data for the different sphere sizes differ somewhat in the region of Reynolds number overlap. An analysis of the estimated error in the present data indicates the primary source to be measurement of the wind tunnel parameters rather than errors resulting from the balance system.

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AIAA paper 72-164

A functional description of a prototype six component magnetic balance system for wind tunnel application is presented. The relationship of forces and moments on a ferromagnetic body to applied magnetic fields and gradients is shown. The method of producing the required fields in the prototype balance, its magnet arrangement and its performance are discussed. Aerodynamic data obtained with this balance on several model geometries are presented and compared with wind tunnel and ballistic range results.

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NASA-USAF-supported research


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In an attempt to deduce wind tunnel wall interference effects, a series of tests were performed using geometrically similar 6 degree half angle cones with bulbous bases. The lift and drag coefficients versus Reynolds number for a variety of positions in the wind tunnel were determined. The effects of model size and model position with respect to the tunnel centerline on the lift and drag coefficients are shown. A magnetic balance and suspension system was used.

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An aerodynamic investigation was conducted to determine the laminar-flow drag coefficient of spheres of various sizes in a subsonic wind tunnel. The tests were conducted using the MIT-NASA prototype magnetic-balance system. By measuring the drag of different sized spheres without model support interference the tunnel wall effect can be deduced. The present results indicate that the classical wind tunnel correction does not completely account for the effects of model size and wall interference. That is, the corrected drag coefficient data for the different sphere sizes differ among themselves in the region of Reynolds number overlap. An analysis of the estimated error in the present data indicates the primary source to be measurement of the wind tunnel parameters rather than errors resulting from the balance system.

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The dynamic testing of a model in the University of Virginia cold magnetic balance wind-tunnel facility is expected to consist of measurements of the balance forces and moments, and the observation of the essentially six degree of freedom motion of the model. The aerodynamic derivatives of the model are to be evaluated from these observations. The basic feasibility of extracting aerodynamic information from the observation of a model which is executing transient, complex, multidegree-of-freedom motion is demonstrated. It is considered significant that, though the problem treated here involves only linear aerodynamics, the methods used are capable of handling a very large class of aerodynamic nonlinearities. The basic considerations include the effect of noise in the data on the accuracy of the
extracted information. Relationships between noise level and the accuracy of the evaluated aerodynamic derivatives are presented.

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Progress is reported on an experimental program to determine the Magnus forces on the center of gravity and the rotational startup response of a self-spinning rotor in a subsonic air stream. Development of a new type of model for the magnetic balance system was required in order to provide rotational freedom about all three axes. The design, construction and initial testing of this model at low subsonic speeds are discussed. The results indicate that models with three degrees of rotational freedom can be suspended with the magnetic balance system and tested in a subsonic air stream. Because of the force limits of the present balance system, the maximum operating dynamic pressure for this model is low.

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Axial and normal force coefficients for slender cones in the transitional regime of low-density, hypersonic flow have been measured. The flow fields are freely expanding jets emerging from sharp-edged orifices. Models are supported in a three-dimensional electromagnetic suspension system in which the aerodynamic forces are measured by monitoring the currents in various electromagnetic coils. In the experiments, the following conditions are fixed: models of 90° semivertex angle, free-stream Mach number 8.2 at model mid-chord point, nitrogen test gas, ratio of model wall temperature to gas stagnation temperature unity. For all tests, care is taken to avoid the identifiable extraneous influences of a) finite static pressure outside the free-jet Mach bottle and b) variation of free-stream properties over the extent of the submerged model. Angle of attack is varied from 0 to 180°. Model Reynolds number, based on free-stream density, free-stream velocity, model length, and viscosity at the model wall temperature, varies from 4 to 60. Comparisons to theoretical predictions at low and high Reynolds numbers and to available experimental data are discussed.

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Measurements of the Pitot pressure and the recovery temperature of a cylindrical hot-film probe in the laminar near-wake of sharp and spherically-blunted, 70° half-angle, adiabatic-wall cones, at $M_{\infty} = 6.3$ and free-stream Reynolds numbers from 88,000/in., to 117,000/in., are presented. The extent of the region of measurements was from the model base to five base diameters downstream. The cones were supported with a 5-degree-of-freedom magnetic model suspension system. The present study establishes several important effects of hypersonic Mach number on the structure of the axisymmetric cone near wake when compared with the results of a previous laminar supersonic ($M_{\infty} = 4.3$) near-wake investigation of the same model geometry at identical Reynolds numbers. An important finding, among others, is a confirmation of the phenomenon of decreasing length of the recirculation region with increasing Mach number. Dramatic changes in the wake structure are most pronounced in the orientation and development of the lip and wake compression shock waves. At $M_{\infty} = 6.32$ the viscous region was found to extend beyond the wake shock wave whereas at the supersonic Mach number, as far back as six base diameters, there was only a gradual, compressive turning of the outer inviscid flow, with the fully developed wake shock appearing further...
downstream. The axial static pressure overshoot was not observed in the present investigation. (This report contains the same information as in the author’s SCD thesis.)

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A magnetic suspension system was developed for measuring sphere drag in the transition and near-free molecular regimes when used with a low density hypersonic wind tunnel. The restrictions that the tunnel placed upon the suspension system design are discussed, together with the methods used to accommodate them. The overall design is compared with that of other systems. The advantages and disadvantages of both linear and scanned optical detection methods are discussed, and their relevant control system theories are developed. The realization of these systems together with the method of controlling the electromagnets and measuring the forces on a suspended body are described.

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An experimental investigation of the effect of wall temperature on the drag of a sphere in the transition from continuum to free molecular flow was conducted. An electromagnetic suspension system was used both to suspend the model and to measure the drag force exerted by the flow. The experiments were conducted in a low density wind tunnel in a flow produced by a freely expanding jet of air. Measurements were obtained for various wall to stagnation temperature ratios, ranging from 0.25 to 1. A stagnation chamber heater was used to heat the gas. The models were cooled by liquid nitrogen in a cooling box before they were introduced to the flow. The free stream Mach number was varied from 6 to 12. The Reynolds number based on conditions behind the normal shock was between 0.195 < Re < 81.73 (16.36 > R<sub>∞</sub> > 0.036). The measurements showed a reduction in the drag coefficient as the value of Tw/To was reduced. It was also found that the drag coefficient was independent of the body temperature and free stream Mach number. It depended only on the wall to stagnation temperature ratio. No overshooting of the free molecular limit of the drag coefficient was observed. A theoretical prediction of the drag coefficient for various wall to stagnation temperature ratios is presented.

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This paper describes the principles of operation and design features of magnetic balance and suspension systems.
used to provide interference-free support of models in wind-tunnel tests. The term balance is applied to cases where the suspension is used for direct measurement, e.g., unknown aerodynamic forces and torques applied to a model by the relative velocity of the wind are balanced by (1) known gravitational and inertial forces and torques and (2) magnetic forces and torques given in terms of electric currents. Attention is given to elementary magnetic concepts, generation of forces and torques, system analysis procedures, magnetic field configurations, materials employed, power supplies, cooling techniques, control systems, and scaling laws.

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156 *Birnwall, Edwin P.; Magnus Forces and Sting Interference on Magnetically-Suspended Ogive Cylinders. MIT, M.S. Thesis, May 1974, 94 pp. (Available from MIT). N80-71560# Subsonic Magnus testing was conducted on a spinning ogive nosed cylinder suspended with a magnetic suspension and balance system. At low angles of attack and Reynolds numbers, an unanticipated reversal in Magnus coefficient was observed. Further testing was done to determine the influence of sting interference and transition to turbulence on this effect. The results showed that a considerable dependence exists on the sting and transition and suggested a possible explanation for the reversal effect. M.I.T., Graduate student, Cambridge, Mass., 02130 U.S.A. DDAA-05-72-C-0181

157 *Haldeman, Charles W.; *Coffin, James B.; *Birnwall, Edwin P.; and *Vlajinac, Milan: Magnus Measurements With the Magnetic Balance System. Final Tech. Rep., 6 Mar. 1972–30 Dec. 1973. Ballistics Research Labs. Rep. BRL-CR-153, May 1974, 57 pp. AD-782753 N75-13236# Recent wind tunnel tests in the Magnetic Balance System at the M.I.T. Aerophysics Laboratory are described. Improvement in the balance, which holds wind tunnel models magnetically without physical supports, was required in order to obtain measurements of the aerodynamic Magnus side force on spinning bodies of revolution at angles of attack up to 10 degrees and spinning ring airfoils at angles of attack up to 3.50. Improvements described include a laser position system with an angular holding capability of .02 degrees, a data acquisition system, and model construction techniques using copper-iron composite structures. Typical aerodynamic data is presented for a 5.1 ogive cylinder at $M = .27$ ($Re = 7.7 \times 10^5$) to $.43$ ($Re = 1.3 \times 10^6$). Magnetically obtained Magnus side force data is presented which exhibits a scatter of less than 0.005 in side force coefficient. Data is also presented, which shows that in this Reynolds number range the effect of a sting can be large. *M.I.T., Cambridge, Mass. 02139 Contract No. DAA005-72-C-0181


160 *Bisplinghoff, R. L.; *Coffin, J. B.; *Covert, E. E.; *Finn, D. M.; *Haldeman, C. W.: The Measurement of Aerodynamic Forces on a Short Body at High Angles of Attack With the Magnetic Balance System. Final Rep. 31 Mar. –31 Dec. 1974. MIT-TR-190; PA-TR-4806. Dec. 1974, 68 pp. AD-A102701 N76-16048# Aerodynamic lift coefficient, drag coefficient and pitching moment coefficient are reported for a short finned body at angles of attack from -20 to +20 degrees as measured with the magnetic balance system at $M = .18$ and .37. Re sub d = 100,000 and 200,000. Also reported are modifications made to the magnetic balance system in order to extend the angle of attack range. A new controllable D.C. power supply was constructed using 300 amperes, 30 volt D.C. aircraft
generators. The steady state and transient response characteristics of this power supply are reported.

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The unique design and operational characteristics of a prototype magnetic suspension and balance facility which utilizes superconductor technology are described and discussed from the point of view of scalability to large sizes. The successful experimental demonstration of the feasibility of this new magnetic suspension concept of the University of Virginia, together with the success of the cryogenic wind-tunnel concept developed at Langley Research Center, appear to have finally opened the way to clean-tunnel, high-Re aerodynamic testing. Results of calculations corresponding to a two-step design extrapolation from the observed performance of the prototype magnetic suspension system to a system compatible with the projected cryogenic transonic research tunnel are presented to give an order-of-magnitude estimate of expected performance characteristics. Research areas where progress should lead to improved design and performance of large facilities are discussed.

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The magnetic suspension system makes an ideal facility for the measurement of the aerodynamic Magnus force acting on a wind tunnel model which is spinning about an axis inclined at an angle to the air flow. The Southampton University system was modified to allow the suspended model freedom to spin whilst retaining control of the other rigid body degrees of freedom. Force and moment readout was obtained from calibration of the suspension electromagnet currents. The model was spun up using air jets and the mechanism retracted leaving the model rotating and free from flow interference. The Magnus force signals were recorded on magnetic tape during the gradual decay of spin rate for subsequent digital analysis. Typical test data is presented showing a strong influence of tail region geometry on Magnus force. This indicates that a mechanical support at the tail should be avoided and illustrates the usefulness of magnetic suspension in aerodynamic testing.

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An experimental investigation was made of the effects of cold wall conditions on the structure of the laminar near wake of a 7 degree half-angle right circular cone with a sharp nose at zero pitch and yaw. Free stream Mach number and Reynolds number were M = 6.3 and Re = 112,500 per inch. The cone was supported by a five-degree-of-freedom magnetic model suspension system. Measurements of pitot pressure and the recovery temperature of a cylindrical hot film were made in the region extending from the model base to five base diameters downstream. A time-dependent method was used in which the data were taken while an initially cold model slowly warmed up to adiabatic condition.

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Measurements of the Pitot pressure and the recovery temperature of a cylindrical hot-film probe in the laminar near-wake of sharp, 7° half-angle, adiabatic-wall cones, at M∞ = 6.32 and freestream Reynolds numbers based on model base diameter from 62,000 to 86,000 are presented. The extent of the region of measurements was from the model base to five base diameters downstream. The cones were supported with a five-degree-of-freedom magnetic model suspension system. The present study establishes several important effects of hypersonic Mach number on the structure of the axisymmetric cone near-wake when compared with the results of a previous laminar supersonic (M∞ = 4.3) near-wake investigation of the same model geometry at similar Reynolds numbers. An important finding, among others, is a confirmation of the phenomenon of decreasing length of the recirculation region with increasing Mach number. Dramatic changes in the wake structure are most pronounced in the orientation and development of lip and wake recompression shock waves. At M∞ = 6.32 the viscous region was found to extend beyond the wake shock wave, whereas at the supersonic Mach number, as far back as six base diameters, there was only a gradual compressive turning of the outer inviscid flow, with the fully developed wake shock appearing farther downstream. The axial static pressure overshoot characteristics of hypersonic cone wakes were not observed in this investigation.

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A brief report is given on the research during this period which was carried out through five major activities: (1) participation in the 1976 AGARD symposium on Windtunnel Design and Testing Techniques, (2) phasing out of work with the prototype facility, (3) analysis of a new electromagnetic position sensor concept, (4) ac losses measurements in state-of-the-art superconductors, and (5) design of support coils for the transonic pilot tunnel facility.


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The potential utility of magnetic suspension techniques is discussed in the context of current efforts towards realistic aerodynamic simulation in wind tunnels. Design parameters are defined and problems of constructing large size facilities identified. A three stage strategy towards realizing a truly large scale magnetic suspension and balance with full research capability is outlined. Stage one, consisting of building and testing a prototype superconductor coil system to establish the feasibility of the concept has been completed successfully and its principal results are briefly described. This proven feasibility of using superconductors for magnetic suspensions, together with the successful demonstration of the cryogenic wind tunnel concept, appear to have opened the way to clean tunnel, high-Re aerodynamic testing. Results of a comparative analysis of scaling of several coil technologies for a specific magnetic suspension configuration, from the prototype size to a size compatible with the projected high Reynolds number cryogenic wind tunnel facility, are discussed in some detail.


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Improved techniques and data reduction methods for aerodynamic force measurements were proposed and tested using the magnetic suspension and balance of Southampton Univ. Quasi-static and dynamic forces and moments were measured at low speed. A simple relationship between the maximum ramp rate, the aerodynamic flow response time and the required data smoothing was obtained and verified experimentally. Aerodynamic forces on several slender models were measured and the effect of ramp rate on various aerodynamic characteristics was studied using the AGARD-G model. Results compared well with published work. Drag force was found to exhibit very slow response and needed correction even at the lowest ramp rate. Ramp testing shows finer details than conventional point-by-point method. Data points for a single test are very consistent and have the potential for reducing costs. A method of digital covariance zero crossing for accurate determination of the frequency response of linear dynamic systems is proposed which is very useful for low frequency sinusoidal signals distorted by heavy superimposed noise. A relationship between the signal-to-noise ratios, minimum record length and required accuracy is obtained. The method has been applied to, or considered for: (1) measurement of roll damping derivative at constant incidence, (2) measurement of roll damping derivative with ramped incidence, and (3) multi-degree of freedom systems for measurement of combined pitch and heave derivatives.


This Advisory Report reviews and evaluates the Fluid Dynamics Panel Symposium and establishes recommendations for future research activities. It is observed that recent advanced design concepts, technologies, techniques and instrumentation have emerged which offer great potential for the development of highly sophisticated transonic wind tunnel systems as well as upgrading of existing facilities. Future advanced transonic wind tunnel systems will be able to incorporate such concepts and technologies as: cryogenic condition of the wind tunnel gas; adjustable walls or adjustable crossflow through partially opened walls; magnetic suspension and force-and-moment measuring systems; and remote measuring and scanning systems. Additional research is required to realize the full potential of each technology area, however, sufficient knowledge is available today to initiate construction of advanced technology wind tunnels with designs that will accommodate the future expected advances in test section wall technology, mounting systems, instrumentation, etc.
An empirical relation is presented which allows simple computation of volume averaged winding fields from central fields for coils of small rectangular cross sections. This relation suggests that, in certain applications, ac loss minimization can be accomplished by use of low winding densities, provided that hysteresis losses are independent of winding density. AC loss measurements on coils wound of twisted filamentary composite superconductor show no significant dependence of ac losses on winding density, thus permitting the use of winding density as an independent design parameter in loss minimization.

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Aerodynamic forces are measured on a magnetically-suspended ring airfoil at a Mach number of 0.22. Lift, drag, pitching moment, side force, and yawing moment are reported at spin rates PD/V = 0 to .45, at M = .22 and Re = 2.6 x 10^5 and angles of attack from -30 to +50°. Drag coefficient is also reported as a function of Reynolds number for a non-spinning model at zero angle of attack and is found to depend strongly on Reynolds number dropping from 0.2 at Re = 1.5 x 10^5 to 0.06 at Re = 2 x 10^5. The effect of artificial roughness on the drag-Reynolds number dependence is also reported at Re = .7 x 10^5 to 3 x 10^5. A brief study of the characteristic sound emitted by the model is also reported. Maximum sound intensity was observed at a Strouhal number f(2V)/l = .36 based on wind velocity, sound frequency, and ring radial thickness.

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The practicality of measuring aerodynamic stability derivatives using models suspended in a water-cooled electromagnetic suspension facility is examined. Two non-spinning models are tested in pitch and heave oscillation in a subsonic flow and both static and dynamic aerodynamic derivatives are determined from the measurements. The two models are 7 caliber and 5 caliber cone cylinders. Important factors in aerodynamic derivative measurements such as magnetic damping, position sensing, and position-control stability are discussed and a comprehensive description of the apparatus is presented.

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In an initial feasibility study, the stability derivatives, CR, CD, CZa, CZb, and CZc for 5- and 7-caliber cone-cylinder models have been measured at M = 0.071 and Re = 1.3 x 10^4 by suspending each model electromagnetically in a small subsonic wind tunnel, forcing it in periodic, combined pitching/heaving motion at frequencies near pitch resonance, and comparing its frequency response with flow to that without flow. Drag coefficients are measured as well. The apparatus and techniques employed are described, the analytical model used to extract the derivatives from the response data is outlined, typical response data are shown, comparisons are made with conventionally obtained, similar data from other facilities, and a general assessment of the technique is made.

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The Magnus side force and yawing moment on a spinning 5-caliber ogive cylinder have been measured using the magnetic suspension and balance system at the MIT Aerophysics Laboratory. Data are reported at \( M = 0.27 \) to \( 1.2 \times 10^5 \) at non-dimensional spin rate, \( PD/2V \) between 0 and 0.4. The Magnus side force is found to undergo reversal from its classical direction at angles of attack below \( 9^\circ \) and \( Re = 0.77 \times 10^5 \). Above \( 7^\circ \) angle of attack the side force is in the classical direction and in agreement with the data in the literature. The reverse Magnus force is a maximum at \( \alpha = 2^\circ \). The peak value is reduced by increase in Reynolds number, by artificially induced boundary layer transition and by the presence of a support sting. At angles of \( 70^\circ \) and \( 90^\circ \) both artificial roughness and a support sting increase the size of the classical Magnus force. Results are compared with other reported data.

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176 *Finn, Douglas M.; *Haldeman, Charles W.; and

Total pressure measurements were performed in the wake of a magnetically-suspended ogive nosed cylinder immersed in a subsonic flow. Profile drag was computed by the momentum defect method and compared to magnetic balance measurements. Impact pressure wake profiles were then recorded to investigate the effects of varying Reynolds number, angle of attack, spin rate, and transition wake characteristics. Fully turbulent boundary layer conditions served to attenuate this reverse Magnus force and promote a linear relationship between the induced sidewash angle and spin rate. Interpretation of the pressure surveys enabled a qualitative assessment of flow conditions about the body to be made, leading to suggestions as to a possible source of the observed phenomena. (The bulk of this material was part of the MS thesis by D. M. Finn dated Feb. 1976.)

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177 *Covert, Eugene E.; *Haldeman, Charles W.; and

The construction and testing of new motor generator power supplies and filter inductors for use with the magnetic balance system were described. Motor generator output is plus or minus 380 volts with a current limit of plus or minus 300 amps and a power limit of 60 hp. Connected to the lift and drag circuits the supplies were tested up to 144 amperes in drag and 244 amperes in lift. Calculations of the performance of the 200 ampere 1.6 m.h. inductors as coupling networks were also presented as well as Q = \( (\omega L/R) \) vs frequency measured for the coils. Measured Q at 20 KC was 660.

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The feasibility of using a digital computer for performing the automatic control functions for a magnetic suspension and balance system (MSBS) for use with wind tunnel models was investigated. Modeling was done using both a prototype MSBS and a one-dimensional magnetic balance. A microcomputer using the Intel 8080 microprocessor is described and results are given using this microprocessor to control the one-dimensional balance. Hybrid simulations for one degree of freedom of the MSBS were also performed and are reported. It is concluded that use of a digital computer to control the MSBS is eminently feasible and should extend both the accuracy and utility of the system. (This is a version of Luh's M.S. thesis.)

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179 *Birtwell, E. P.; *Coffin, J. B.; *Covert, E. E.; and
*Haldeman, C. W.: Reverse Magnus Force on a Magnetically Suspended Ogive Cylinder at Subsonic Speeds. AIAA Journal, vol. 16, Feb. 1978, pp. 111–116. (This is a condensed and corrected version by the same authors, no. 175 in this bibliography.)

The construction and testing of new motor generator power supplies and filter inductors for use with the magnetic balance system were described. Motor generator output is plus or minus 380 volts with a current limit of plus or minus 300 amps and a power limit of 60 hp. Connected to the lift and drag circuits the supplies were tested up to 144 amperes in drag and 244 amperes in lift. Calculations of the performance of the 200 ampere 1.6 m.h. inductors as coupling networks were also presented as well as Q = \( (\omega L/R) \) vs frequency measured for the coils. Measured Q at 20 KC was 660.

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In order to carry out a comprehensive experimental survey of aerodynamic force on slender axisymmetric bodies in rarefied hypersonic flow, an electromagnetic jig and balance was built for use with the Oxford University low density tunnel. The design of this apparatus was based on the magnetic jig for spheres built in the same laboratory. The drag force measurements on sharp cones are given for freestream Reynolds numbers, based on cone diameter of 120 to 1200 at free stream Mach numbers between 5 and 9. These data were obtained by using a contoured nozzle and free jets. The results from the two types of flow devices overlapped and afforded direct comparisons between them. Comparisons are made with other experimental results and the general correlation of all relevant data is discussed.

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Research extending magnetic balance techniques to produce simultaneous spinning and coning motion of a magnetically-suspended wind tunnel model is reported. Initial measurements of the time varying normal force and side force on a model spinning at 100 rps while coning at 2 Hz are reported for coning angles up to 7 degrees and velocities up to 300 ft/sec. Analysis of initial data indicates that improvements in model position sensor stability, balance servo compensation, and data channel filtering will be required to produce data of desired quality.

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A fully developed magnetic suspension and balance system may in the future offer a test facility capable of rapid and accurate measurements of the overall aerodynamic characteristics, particularly the aerodynamic derivatives, of aircraft models. It has been shown that high Reynolds Number capabilities are essential for much aerodynamic work, particularly at transonic speeds and where local or large scale flow separation occurs. It is shown in this report that for highest economy in balance system coil size and ampere turn and power requirements, high Reynolds Numbers are best achieved by cryogenic operation. Nitrogen, neon, and helium are identified as the most attractive test gases. Other advantages and the fundamental difficulties of the use of a cryotunnel with a magnetic suspension and balance system are identified. Suitable modifications, including construction of a new test section leg, allowed the installation of the Southampton University 0.1 m low speed cryogenic tunnel in the University’s 6-component magnetic suspension and balance system. Tunnel temperatures in the range +62.8 C to -181.6 C have been achieved with a model in steady suspension. Drag coefficient measurements of a 7-calibre Ah spinner model, over a very wide range of Reynolds Number are presented. Operational difficulties, so far encountered, can be overcome by suitable detail modifications.

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Accurate experimental results, obtained with a new magnetic suspension and balance, present data on the drag of very slender cones in comparable free jet and uniform flow fields in low density hypersonic flow. Cones of semi-apex angles of 3, 5, 10, and 15 deg were tested at Mach numbers between 5.1 and 9 and base-diameter free-stream Reynolds numbers between 110 and 1200. The less slender cones were tested in free jets as well as in uniform flow, and a simple correction for flow gradient correlated the results so that the experiments were self-consistent. The very slender cone results display amplifications of rarefied viscous flow effects. The results agree with existing magnetic suspension data. Most available experimental data on sharp cone drag have been assembled and their correlation is discussed.

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Superconducting theory and application, as obtained from the current literature, is analyzed and tested to determine that superconducting coil technology can be applied to magnetic suspension systems. It is determined from theory and proven by experiment that multifilament copper matrix composite superconductors cannot be used in coils for dynamic suspension of wind tunnel models. Single core copper composites are shown to be more efficient than the multifilament composite conductors for this application. A scheme for calculating the overall loss of an isolated superconducting coil subjected to an A.C. current is devised and shown to be accurate within twenty percent of measured losses.

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185 *Haldeman, Charles W.; **Kraemer, Richard A.; and *Way, Peter: Developments at M.I.T. Related to Magnetic Model Suspension and Balance Systems for Large Scale

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Magnetic model suspension and balance systems for wind tunnel use have been designed, tested and used at M.I.T.'s Aerophysics Laboratory for over eighteen years. Despite this experience, which demonstrates the utility and durability of the magnetic model suspension and balance systems, no large-scale system has yet been constructed for use anywhere in the world. This appears to be principally due to the large capital cost of such a facility. This paper presents several attributes of magnetic balance systems which make them attractive for use in large-scale cryogenic facilities and reports on recent developments in model roll control and superconducting coil construction, which enhance system versatility and reduce the electrical power requirements.

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Scaling laws relating design parameters of magnetic suspension and balance systems to wind tunnel test conditions are identified. Reduction of test temperature is found to be the most attractive and powerful technique of reducing the cost of a magnetic suspension facility for specific test Reynolds number and Mach number requirements. Details of the adoption of a small, low-speed, fan-driven cryogenic wind tunnel for use with a magnetic suspension and balance system are given. Aerodynamic data has been acquired from a model suspended in the new facility over a wide range of tunnel conditions. Temperature is shown to have a small effect on the magnetization of the model magnetic cores. Studies of the effect have begun.

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This project is concerned with the study of the behavior of a particular stochastic system, the magnetic suspension system, under the application of the Sensitivity Adaptive Feedback with Estimation Adaptive Feedback with Estimation Redistribution (SAFER) Control Algorithm. Matrix factorization techniques are used in the controller and estimator design for the system. Simulation results indicate that the magnetic suspension system can operate satisfactorily under the SAFER control method: and factorization techniques indeed enhance the numerical stability of computations. However, due to the complex structure of the SAFER control method, real-time application of the algorithm may require faster computing device or simplified mathematical model. Its application will be most pertinent to systems with slow time constants.

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A system for controlling the roll degree of freedom in a magnetic wind tunnel balance is designed, constructed, and evaluated. The capabilities of the electromagnetic position sensor in use with the five degree of freedom system are extended to include roll position sensing. An analog drive circuit is devised to apply magnetic rolling moments to the model with a single phase transient A.C. field. General improvements for the existing compensation and position sensing systems are discussed. Torque versus field and position sensor data for a prototype roll model are given.

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The original objectives of this project were to completely map the reentrant pyramid near wake with pitot pressure and recovery temperature probes in order to study the axial development of the wake's azimuthal asymmetry. Although only a modest amount of data has been collected, compared to our original goal, sufficient information is available to identify most features of the pyramid's wake and to make a comparison to the axisymmetric cone wake.

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The cryogenic wind tunnel was born as a result of research into the magnetic suspension of wind tunnel models, and as the University had a cryogenic tunnel and a 6-component balance it seemed appropriate to link them. Modification of the tunnel has continued to refine the test technique. The refinements include the addition of automatic data acquisition equipment with on-line reduction and real time reduced data displays for the operators. An outline of the circuit is given showing the locations of the magnet system and some of the key features of the tunnel. The test procedure comprises launching the model by hand at room temperature using the hatch, closing up the tunnel, acquiring a good set of wind-off tunnel and balance data, then running the tunnel while cooling down. Wind-on data is acquired, reduced and displayed continuously, but data taken during speed or temperature changes is rejected. Typical data is shown which was taken in the temperature band 100 K to 360 K. With more experience we would expect to reduce the scatter, but the work has already served to show that the combination of magnetic suspension with cryogenic wind
tunnel does not raise insuperable technological problems. Further, this is one force balance which is relatively immune to the cryogenic environment.

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Theory of type II superconductivity is discussed as it applies to magnetic suspension systems. A scheme to predict losses in pairs of adjacent coils is developed and the results compared with data obtained by experiment. Problems to be faced in future work are discussed.

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In recent years the magnetic balance and suspension system has been developed as a useful laboratory tool for conducting wind tunnel tests of high accuracy without model support interference. In addition to removing support interference the magnetic balance offers the capability of producing complex model motion. This paper describes techniques which have been recently developed to produce combined spinning and coning motion of a magnetically-suspended ogive cylinder. These techniques include use of a multichannel system for forcing all degrees of freedom to produce the desired motion, development of an analogue compensator to reduce gyroscopic model responses, and new methods of data acquisition from the moving model.

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The technology which is required to allow the principles of magnetic suspension and balance systems (MSBS) to be applied to the high Reynolds number transonic testing of aircraft models is examined. A test facility is presented as comprising a pressurized transonic cryogenic wind tunnel, with the MSBS providing full six degree of freedom control. The electro-magnets which are superconducting and fed from quiet, bipolar power supplies are examined. A model control system having some self-adaptive characteristics is discussed.

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Using a computer program a partly optimized configuration for a superconducting version of side and lift coil system of NASA-MIT prototype is presented. Cable size for the mentioned coils and also for superconducting drag and magnetizing coils regarding the overall computed field was determined.

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Application of superconducting coils to a general purpose magnetic balance is studied. Under the conditions of operation with fields of 1 or 2 teslas and frequencies of 20-40 Hz as well as D.C., the most suitable currently available superconducting cable for coils appears to be a bundle of many fine wires which are transposed and are mechanically confined. Sample coils were constructed and tested using such a cable of 220 strands of varnish-insulated, 0.064 mm O.D., copper-stabilized Nb-Ti superconductor and cables of the same superconducting area, but fifty-five 0.122 mm diameter strands. Sample coils were tested at central A.C. fields up to 0.5 tesla, slewing rates up to 53 tesla/sec and frequencies up to 30 Hz. A.C. losses were measured from helium boil-off and were approximately 20 percent higher than those calculated. Losses were dominated by hysteresis and a model for loss calculation which appears suitable for design purposes is presented along with the computer listings. Combinations of two coils were also tested and interaction losses are reported. Again, the proposed loss models appear adequate at high currents for which design calculations would be carried out. Two feasible geometries are presented for a version of the NASA-MIT prototype magnetic balance using superconductors.

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Further research on adapting the magnetic balance system for dynamic testing is reported. System improvements are discussed and initial data on a magnetically-suspended ogive cylinder plunging at 2 Hz are reported. Results of a simplified theoretical model for the Magnus force on a spinning body of revolution are also reported.

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Development of a powerful method of magnetic roll torque generation is essential before construction of a Large Magnetic Suspension and Balance System (LMSBS) can be undertaken. Some preliminary computed data is presented concerning a relatively new D.C. scheme, referred to as the Spanwise Iron Magnet scheme. Computations have been made using the finite element computer program 'GFUN' and indicate that adequate torque is available for at least a first generation LMSBS. Torque capability appears limited principally by current electromagnet technology.

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This report presents the final results of a study of the application of superconducting magnets for suspension and balance of wind tunnel models. Conceptual designs are presented for Magnetic Suspension and Balance System (MSBS) configurations compatible with three high Reynolds number cases representing specified combinations of test section conditions and model sizes. Concepts, in general, met initially specified performance requirements such as duty cycle, force and moment levels, model angular displacement and positioning accuracy with nominal design requirements for support subsystems. Other performance requirements, such as forced model sinusoidal oscillations, and control force magnitude and frequency, were modified to alleviate the magnitude of magnet, power, and cryogenic design requirements.

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Wind tunnel magnetic suspension and balance systems (MSBSs) have so far failed to find application at the large physical scales necessary for the majority of aerodynamic testing. Three areas of new technology relevant to such application are investigated. Two variants of the new Spanwise Magnet roll torque generation scheme are studied. Spanwise Permanent Magnets are shown to be practical and are experimentally demonstrated using the Southampton University MSBS. Extensive computations of the performance of the Spanwise Iron Magnet scheme indicate powerful capability, limited principally by electromagnet technology. Aerodynamic testing at extreme attitudes is shown to be practical in relatively conventional MSBSs. Preliminary operation of the Southampton MSBS over a wide range of angles of attack is demonstrated. The impact of a requirement for highly reliable operation on the overall...
architecture of Large MSBSs is studied and it is concluded that system cost and complexity need not be seriously increased.

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Note: This report consists of a Master of Science Thesis by Y. Y. Wu dated December 1981 with appendix by **Dr. R. G. Scurock dated March 24, 1982.

The design of a horizontal liquid helium cryostat for refrigerating a flying superconducting magnet in a wind tunnel is presented. The basic principles of magnetic suspension theory are described and theoretical calculations of the superconducting magnet are provided. The experimental results of the boil-off of liquid nitrogen and liquid helium in the cryostat are reported.

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This research was undertaken with the goal of demonstrating closed loop control of the roll degree of freedom on the NASA prototype magnetic suspension and balance system at the MIT Aerophysics Laboratory, thus, showing feasibility for a roll control system for any large magnetic balance system which might be built in the future. During the research under this grant, study was directed toward the several areas of torque generation, position sensing, model construction and control system design. These effects were then integrated to produce successful closed loop operation of the analogue roll control system. This experience indicated the desirability of microprocessor control for the angular degrees of freedom.

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These results show a direct determination of the magnitude of AC losses from a superconducting coil of a size required for operation of larger magnetic suspension systems, and the design of such a suspension facility should now be carried out with a much greater confidence. This test of a 50 cm diameter superconducting coil strongly indicates that the predicted scaling laws are valid. Evidently, the stainless steel bands around the test coil were the source of additional helium boil-off due to a transformer action and, hence, caused erroneously high AC loss measurements in the first run. However, removal of these bands for the second run produced data which are consistent with previous results on small-scale multifilamentary superconducting coils.

An Appendix consists of a paper by *T. V. Pierce, Jr. and *R. N. Zapata entitled Superconductor Coil Geometry and AC Losses, and which was published in the Journal of Applied Physics, vol. 47, no. 8, August 1976, pp. 3745-3746.

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An experimental study has been made of wall temperature effects on hypersonic zero-incidence cone drag in the near-continuum to transition regimes using a magnetic suspension and balance. Cone wall-to-stagnation temperature ratios (T_w/T_o) were systematically reduced for models with semi-vertex angles (θ_v) of 3, 6, 10 and 15 degrees. The resulting data indicate a consistent reduction in drag as the ratio T_w/T_o is decreased from 1.0 to 0.18. For the present range of flow conditions, the effect of wall temperature increases with a reduction in cone angle.

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