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The Effect of Yaw Angle on a Compressible Rectangular Cavity Flow

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Experiments are performed to determine the characteristics of a compressible flow over yawed rectangular cavities for Mach numbers of 0.64, 0.70, and 0.83. The cavity's length-to-depth ratio varies from 4.43 to 21.50 and the length-to-width ratio is unity. The yaw angle is $0^{\circ}-45^{\circ}$. The upstream compression and downstream expansion near the front and rear corners of a cavity decrease when the value of the yaw angle increases. The amplitude of the fluctuating pressure is a maximum for an open cavity with a yaw angle of 15° . An increase in the yaw angle results in a reduction in the pressure fluctuations for both open and transitional cavities. In the span-wise direction, variations in the mean and fluctuating pressure are less significant than those in the chord-wise direction. The oscillating frequency of resonance varies slightly with the yaw angle, but the amplitudes for the power spectral density are significantly reduced when the yaw angle is larger than 30° . For lower Mach numbers, the lower mode plays an important role in self-sustained oscillations for an open cavity when there is an increase in the yaw angle.

1. Introduction

The presence of a cavity changes the mean and fluctuating pressure distributions inside and near a cavity [1, 2]. For compressible flow in a rectangular cavity (M=0.2–0.95), the mean and fluctuation pressure distributions normal to the direction of the flow depend principally on the length-to-depth ratio, L/H [3–5]. When L/H>13 (a closed cavity), the flow expands from the leading edge, attaches to the floor, and separates ahead of the rear face of the cavity. This results in a significant variation in the mean surface pressure in the stream-wise direction. The shear layer for an open cavity (L/H<6–8) spans the cavity and impinges near the rear corner. Discrete acoustic tones are associated with a feedback loop between vortex shedding and acoustic disturbance, which is known as Rossiter resonance [6, 7].

For flow in a yawed rectangular cavity, the yaw angle, β , is defined as the angle between the freestream and the chordwise direction of the cavity. An asymmetric flow pattern inside the cavity can be expected. Savory et al. $(U_{\infty} = 7 \text{ m/s})$ [8] measured the drag of flow in a yawed cavity for

L/H=1.428-10.0 and $\beta=0^\circ-90^\circ$, in which the maximum drag occurs for L/H=2-2.5 and for $\beta=45-60$ deg. They also noted that the drag for a square cavity (width-to-length, W/L=1) is greater than that for a rectangular cavity with the same plan-form area. Czech et al. ($U_\infty=16~\text{m/s}$) [9] demonstrated a critical value of β of 45°, based on the measurements of mean and fluctuating pressure in a wide cavity (W/L=4.85), and showed that asymmetry is more apparent for a deep cavity (L/H=1-3). The oil flow visualization and drag measurements by Gai et al. ($U_\infty=15~\text{m/s}$) [10] showed that the most asymmetric flow pattern inside a cavity and the lowest drag occur at $\beta=45^\circ$ for L/H=6-16.

In terms of self-sustained oscillations, Bari and Chambers $(U_{\infty} = 20-44 \text{ m/s})$ [11] showed that the yaw angle for a cavity need not significantly affect the resonant frequencies. However, there may be a switch in the dominant mode and the effective stream-wise length, $L/\cos(\beta)$, of a cavity at yaw is probably not a suitable characteristic length. A study by Lee et al. $(L/H = 5.0, \beta = 0^{\circ}-20^{\circ})$ [12] showed that the resonance switches from 2nd mode to 3rd mode at $\beta = 15^{\circ}$ for transonic and low supersonic flows (M = 0.84 and 1.10). The strength of

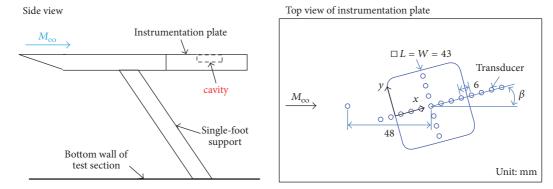


FIGURE 1: Test configuration.

the resonance is also significantly affected by the value of β . The overall fluctuation is increased at a critical yaw angle for a subsonic flow ($U_{\infty} = 25 \text{ m/s}$) [13] and significantly reduced for a supersonic flow (M = 2.0) [14].

Since less work has been done for a compressible turbulent flow past rectangular cavities at yaw in the past, this experimental study aims to characterize the flow in detail. The chord-wise and span-wise distributions of the mean and fluctuating pressure are determined. The distribution of the power spectral density near the rear face is used to characterize self-sustained oscillations for both open and transitional cavity flows. The resonant frequencies are calculated and the corresponding Strouhal numbers were compared with those predicted using Rossiter's semiempirical formula, in which the empirical parameters are determined using a gradient-based searching method.

2. Experimental Techniques

2.1. The Transonic Wind Tunnel and Instrumentation. The transonic wind tunnel at the Aerospace Science and Technology Research Center in National Cheng Kung University is a blow-down type. The test section for this study had solid side walls and perforated top and bottom walls. It was 600 mm square and 1500 mm in length. Chung et al. [15] showed that perforated walls induce strong acoustic waves, for which the characteristic frequency is 4.2–4.8 kHz for M = 0.64-0.83. The stagnation pressure was controlled using a rotary perforated sleeve valve and, for subsonic flow, the test Mach number, M, was monitored using two choked flaps. The stagnation pressure and temperature were, respectively, $172 \pm 1 \text{ kPa} (25.0 \pm 0.15 \text{ psia})$ and room temperature, for M = 0.64, 0.70, and 0.83 ± 0.01 .

A National Instruments (NI-SCXI) system recorded the output signals from the dynamic pressure transducers (Kulite XCS-093-25A, B screen). The natural frequency of the transducers is 200 kHz, as quoted by the manufacturer. The transducers were powered by a DC power supply of 10.0 V (GW Instek PSS-3203) and Ectron amplifiers (753A), which had a roll-off frequency of approximately 140 kHz at a gain of

20, were used to improve the signal-to-noise ratio. The sample time was 5 μ s and each sample record contained 131,072 data points. Each sample record was then divided into 32 subsets of 4096 data points for data analysis. The experimental results for the flat plate case show that the respective uncertainty in the values for the static pressure coefficient, C_p , and the surface fluctuating pressure coefficient, C_{σ_p} , is 2.4% and 0.4%. Each sample record was then divided into 31 segments with a 50% overlap and the corresponding frequency resolution was 24.4 Hz for each segment of 8192 data points. The power spectral density (PSD) was evaluated using a Hann window and a fast Fourier transform. Each spectrum was then generated by averaging 31 spectra for each test case. A factor of 8/3 for each spectrum was used to compensate for the loss that results from the Hann window [16].

2.2. Models and Test Conditions. The test model consisted of a flat plate (150 mm \times 450 mm) that naturally develops a turbulent boundary layer and an instrumentation plate (150 mm square) with a yawed rectangular cavity, as shown in Figure 1. The pressure transducers were flush-mounted along the centerline of each cavity in the chord-wise (y/L =0) and span-wise (x/L = 0.5) directions. The distance between the leading edges of the flat plate and the cavity's leading edge was approximately 480 mm. The origin of the Cartesian coordinates was set at the center of the leading edge of the cavity. The positive direction of the x-axis is in the chordwise direction towards the trailing edge. The boundary layer thickness was approximately 7 mm, upstream of the cavity's leading edge [4]. The unit Reynolds numbers were $12.9-17.2 \times$ 10^6 per meter for M = 0.64 - 0.83. The geometry of the cavities is summarized in Table 1, where 23 instrumentation plates were fabricated. For a fixed length (L = 43 mm) with different depths (H = 2.0-9.7 mm), the value for L/H ranges from 4.43 to 21.50 and $\beta = 5^{\circ}$, 10° , 15° , 30° , and 45° . The data for a rectangular cavity that is normal to the flow direction ($\beta = 0^{\circ}$) that was gathered by Chung [17] is also included for comparison. Notably, the self-sustained oscillation corresponds to open and transitional-open cavities, for which the value of L/H =4.43-8.60 (H = 5.0-9.7 mm) [4].

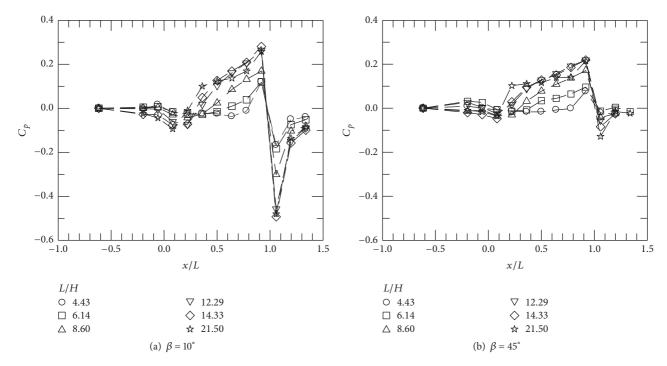


FIGURE 2: The chord-wise distributions of the mean surface pressure at M = 0.83: (a) $\beta = 10^{\circ}$ and (b) $\beta = 45^{\circ}$.

H, mm β , deg. 2.0 3.0 3.5 4.0 5.0 7.0 9.7 5 10 V V V V ٧ V 15 30 45 V

TABLE 1: The geometry of the yawed rectangular cavities.

2.3. Empirical Constants in Rossiter's Formula. A semiempirical formula for a rectangular cavity flow was derived by Rossiter [6] as follows:

$$St_n = \frac{f_n L}{U_\infty} = \frac{n - \alpha}{M + 1/k_c}.$$
 (1)

The nth-mode Strouhal number, ${\rm St}_n$, is calculated using the oscillation frequency, f_n , and the freestream velocity, U_∞ . M is the freestream Mach number. The empirical parameter, α , corresponds to the lag time between the passage of a vortex and the emission of an acoustic pulse and k_c is the ratio of the convection velocity for the vortices to U_∞ . Using a best fit to the measured data, Rossiter proposed values of $\alpha=0.25$ and $k_c=0.57$ for rectangular cavities. However, Ünalmis et al. [18] showed that the empirical parameters depend on flow conditions and the value of L/H. For a cavity at yaw, the optimal values of the empirical parameters are evaluated by minimizing the difference between the experimental and the predicted Strouhal numbers. The steepest descent

optimization algorithm is used [19] in this study and the details are given in [20].

3. Results and Discussion

3.1. Surface Mean Pressure Distributions. Examples of the C_p distributions for M=0.83 are shown in Figure 2. For L/H=12.29, 14.33, and 21.50 and $\beta=10^\circ$ (Figure 2(a)), the flow expands near the leading edge and compresses towards the rear face. A reduction in the value of C_p is observed downstream of the rear face, following a recovery process. This corresponds to a transitional-closed cavity or a closed cavity [3, 18]. For L/H=8.60, the expansion near the leading edge of the cavity abates. This is termed as transitional-open cavity. For open cavities (L/H=4.43 and 6.14), a uniform C_p distribution inside the cavity is observed for values of x/L up to 0.5–0.7, following the formation of an adverse pressure gradient near the rear face. When the value of β increases (= 45°, Figure 2(b)), the C_p distribution exhibits a similar pattern for a given value of L/H. However, there is less significant

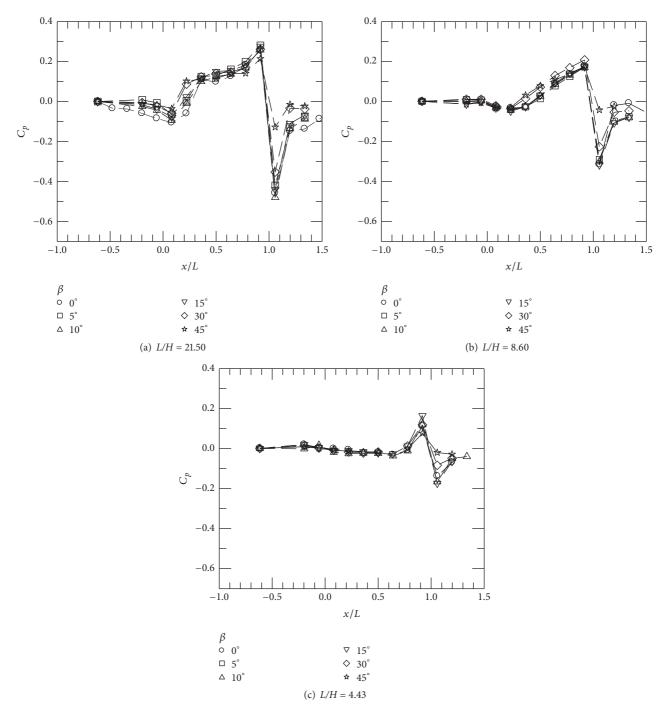


FIGURE 3: Chord-wise distributions of the surface mean pressure for M = 0.83: (a) L/H = 21.50, (b) L/H = 8.60, and (c) L/H = 4.43.

leading-edge expansion, compression on the cavity floor, and expansion near the rear face. The C_p distributions show that the boundaries for the flow type depend more on the value of L/H than on the value of β .

The effect of the value of β on a rectangular cavity flow is shown in Figure 3, where M=0.83 and L/H=4.43, 8.60, and 21.50. For a given value of L/H, the C_p distributions show that there is less expansion near the rear face when the value

of β is increased. For M=0.64 and 0.70, the C_p distributions show a similar feature. The mean surface pressure near the front and rear face of a cavity is also used to characterize the upstream and downstream influence. For x/L=-0.058, the value of C_p upstream of the cavities is shown in Figure 4. For a given value of M, the value of β has a minor effect on the amplitude of C_p . The Mach number effect is also not significant. Figure 5 shows the variation in C_p with the value

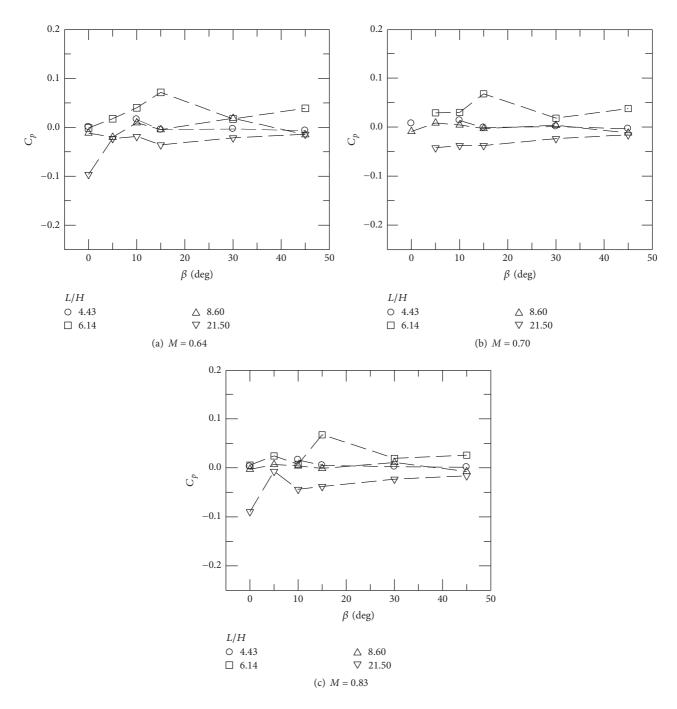


FIGURE 4: The pressure coefficient upstream of the cavity (x/L = -0.058): (a) M = 0.64, (b) M = 0.70, and (c) M = 0.83.

of β near the rear face (x/L=0.919 and 1.058, which are, resp., labeled as hollow and solid symbols). The amplitude of C_p at x/L=0.919 for a closed cavity (L/H=21.5) is greater than that for a transitional-open (L/H=8.60) or an open cavity (L/H=4.43 and 6.14). The value of β has a more significant effect on the amplitude of C_p for a value of x/L=1.058 than for a value of x/L=0.919. There is a minor variation in the amplitude of C_p for values of β up to 15°, following an increasing C_p as the value of β increases. For a closed cavity, there is also an

increase in the pressure difference for x/L = 0.919 and 1.058 (greater expansion strength) near the rear face.

3.2. Surface Fluctuating Pressure Distributions. The C_{σ_p} distributions for M=0.83 are shown in Figure 6. At a value of $\beta=10^\circ$, the shear layer for an open cavity (L/H=4.43 and 6.14) separates from the leading edge of a cavity and impinges near the rear face. The amplitude of C_{σ_p} increases gradually and reaches a peak value near the rear face. This corresponds to

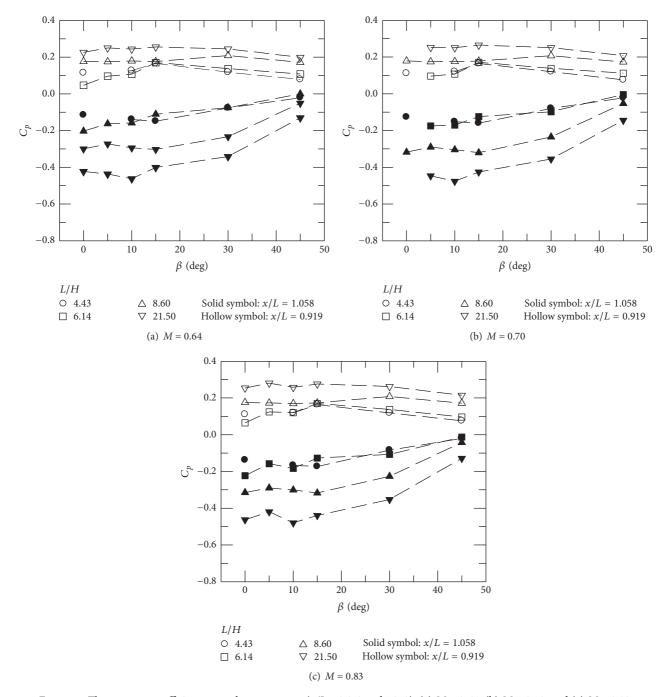


FIGURE 5: The pressure coefficients near the rear corner (x/L = 0.919 and 1.058): (a) M = 0.64, (b) M = 0.70, and (c) M = 0.83.

self-sustained oscillation [6]. For a transitional cavity (L/H = 8.60–14.33), there is an increase in the fluctuating pressure near the central region of the cavity ($x/L \approx 0.3$ –0.7). For transitional-closed cavity and closed cavities, minor peak pressure fluctuations are observed for a value of $x/L \approx 0.36$, because of the deflection or the reattachment of shear layer. For an open cavity, the amplitude of C_{σ_p} increases ahead of the rear corner (x/L = 0.919) or when there is a decrease in the value of L/H. Downstream of the rear face (x/L = 1.058), Heller and Bliss [21] showed that the pressure fluctuations

are associated with the balance between the energy that is supplied by the external flow and the energy that is dissipated by viscous losses and acoustic radiation. The peak pressure fluctuations, $C_{\sigma_{p,\max}}$, correspond to the unsteady process for the addition and removal of mass for open and transitional cavities (L/H=4.43–14.33). For a value of $\beta=45^\circ$, the C_{σ_p} distributions are similar to those for a value of $\beta=10^\circ$. However, for a transitional cavity, the amplitude of C_{σ_p} at x/L=0.919 is greater than that for an open cavity. Minor

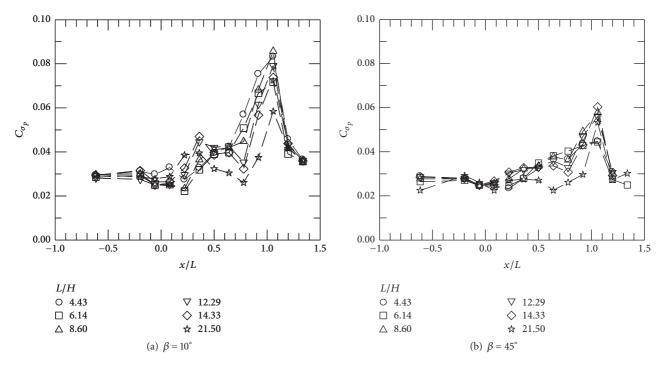


FIGURE 6: Chord-wise distributions of surface fluctuating pressure for M = 0.83: (a) $\beta = 10^{\circ}$ and (b) $\beta = 45^{\circ}$.

peak pressure fluctuations are observed at x/L = 0.64. The amplitude of $C_{\sigma_{p,\max}}$ at x/L = 1.058 also decreases significantly when there is an increase in the value of β .

The effect of the value of β on the C_{σ_p} distributions for M = 0.83 is shown in Figure 7. For a closed cavity (L/H =21.50), the minor peak pressure fluctuations for $x/L \approx 0.36$ decrease as the value of β increases, as do the peak pressure fluctuations for x/L = 1.058. For a transitional cavity (L/H =8.60), the effect of the yaw angle effect is minimal, except when there is a significant reduction in the amplitude of C_{σ_n} downstream of the rear face for $\beta = 45^{\circ}$. For an open cavity (L/H = 4.43), the yaw angle has an evident effect on the amplitude of C_{σ_p} near the rear face. For M = 0.64 and 0.70, the distributions of C_{σ_p} are similar to those for M = 0.83. The effect of M and β on $C_{\sigma_{p,\max}}$ are shown in Figure 8. For a given value of M, the amplitude of $C_{\sigma_{p,\max}}$ at $\beta = 0^{\circ}$ is the greatest for a transitional cavity and the least for a closed cavity. For a closed cavity (L/H = 21.50), there is a small variation in the amplitude of $C_{\sigma_{p,\max}}$ as the value of β varies and there is a reduction at β = 45° for a transitional cavity (L/H = 8.60). For L/H = 4.43, an increase in the amplitude of $C_{\sigma_{n,\text{max}}}$ is observed up to $\beta = 15^{\circ}$, following a decrease as the value of β increases. However, the opposite trend is true for L/H = 4.43 when $\beta =$ 0°-15°. It is also seen that, for an open cavity, the amplitude of $C_{\sigma_{p,\text{max}}}$ at $\beta = 45^{\circ}$ is less than that for a closed cavity. This demonstrates that the peak pressure fluctuations at $\beta = 45^{\circ}$ mainly correspond to the unsteady process for the addition and removal of mass near the rear face and the self-sustained oscillation for an open cavity is attenuated.

3.3. Span-Wise Mean and Fluctuating Pressure Distributions. The mean and fluctuating pressure distributions in the span-wise direction are of interest. Figure 9 shows the C_p distributions for M = 0.83 at $\beta = 10^{\circ}$ and 45° . For x/L = 0.5and $\beta = 10^{\circ}$, the C_p distributions for closed and transitionalclosed cavities (L/H = 21.50-12.29) show small variations and transitional-open and open cavities (L/H = 8.60-4.43) show a slight increase from y/L = -0.42 to 0.42. For a value of $\beta = 45^{\circ}$, the C_p distributions are asymmetric. This asymmetric feature is more significant for a transitional cavity (L/H = 8.60-14.33) and is less evident for closed and open cavities. The amplitude of C_p for open and transitional cavities increases when the value of β increases, which agrees with results that are shown in Figure 2(b) for x/L = 0.5. The span-wise fluctuating pressure distributions for M = 0.83 are shown in Figure 10, which shows a similar feature to that in Figure 6 for x/L= 0.5. The amplitude of C_{σ_p} is the least for a closed cavity (L/H = 21.50). There are small variations at $\beta = 10^{\circ}$ and a gradual decrease from y/L = -0.42 to 0.42 at $\beta = 45^{\circ}$. Notably, for a given value of L/H, the effect of the yaw angle on the amplitude of C_p and C_{σ_p} is more evident near the sidewalls of the cavity ($y/L = \pm 0.42$), particularly for the values of $\beta = 30^{\circ}$ and 45°.

3.4. Power Spectra. Self-sustained oscillation in a cavity is a consequence of periodic vortex shedding and acoustic disturbance. The power spectral density (PSD) for M = 0.83 at x/L = 0.919 is shown in Figure 11. The plots are presented in terms of sound pressure level (SPL = $20 \log_{10}(p/p_s)$, $p_s = 2 \times 10^{-5}$ Pa) and are consecutively offset by 10 dB for clarity. The

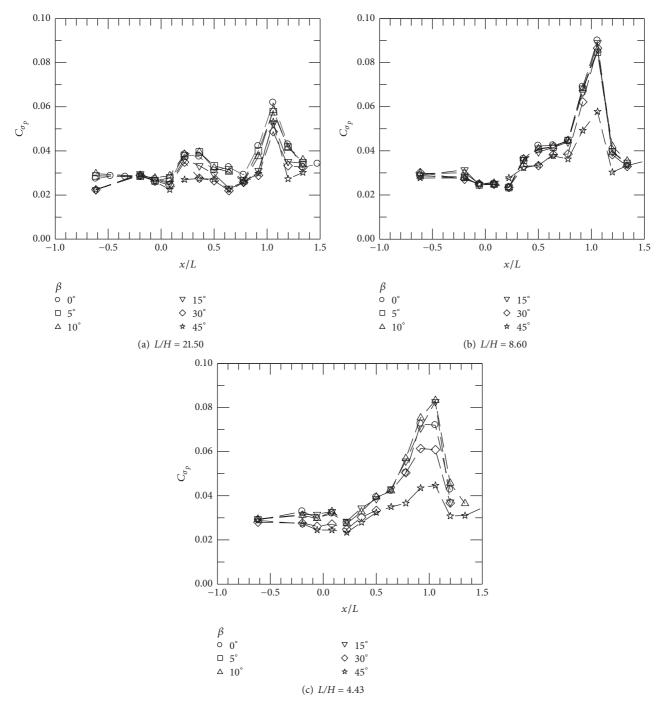


FIGURE 7: Chord-wise distributions of the surface fluctuating pressure for M = 0.83: (a) L/H = 21.50, (b) L/H = 8.60, and (c) L/H = 4.43.

uppermost plot has its original values. The PSD for a flat plate (FP) flow without the presence of a cavity is also shown, for reference. The peak frequency for this flow is approximately 4600 Hz and is induced by the perforated wall of the wind tunnel. For open cavities (L/H=4.43 and 6.14) at $\beta=0^\circ$, discrete acoustic tones are observed at $f_1\approx 1800$, $f_2\approx 4100$, and $f_3\approx 6300$ Hz. The values for the SPL for L/H=4.43 are larger than those for L/H=6.14. The 1st mode is not observed for a transitional-open cavity (L/H=8.60) and the

2nd mode is less apparent. Taking the effect of the yaw angle into account, the frequency of the 1st mode for L/H=4.43 and for $\beta=10^\circ$ and 15°, as shown in Figure 11(a), is slightly greater than that for $\beta=0^\circ$ and the values for the SPL decrease as the value of β increases. For the 2nd and 3rd modes, an increase in the value of β results in a reduction in their frequencies and their amplitudes. Only the 1st mode is evident for $\beta=30^\circ$ and self-sustained oscillations are only just evident for $\beta=45^\circ$. Figure 11(b) shows that, for L/H=6.14, there are

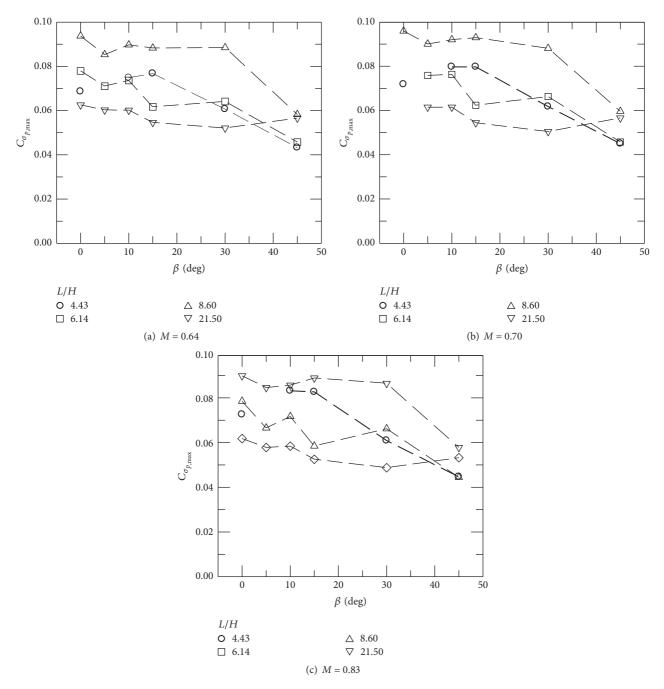


FIGURE 8: Peak pressure fluctuations: (a) M = 0.64, (b) M = 0.70, and (c) M = 0.83.

weaker oscillations than for L/H=4.43. The 1st mode almost disappears at $\beta=15^\circ$ and no modes are visible for $\beta=30^\circ$ or 45°. For a transitional-open cavity (L/H=8.60), Figure 11(c) shows that only the 2nd mode is evident for $\beta=5^\circ-15^\circ$. In summary, the 2nd mode dominates self-sustained oscillations for a cavity at yaw.

3.5. Self-Sustained Oscillations for a Cavity at Yaw. Previous studies have shown that, for rectangular cavity flow, self-sustained oscillations can be predicted using the semiempirical Rossiter's formula [22]. Figure 12 shows the amplitudes of

the resonance for rectangular cavities at yaw, including open (L/H=4.43 and 6.14) and transitional-open cavities (L/H=8.60). In general, there is a decrease in the value of SPL as the value of β increases and the 2nd mode dominates. These values for the SPL are greater than those for the 1st and 3rd modes. However, for M=0.64, the value for the SPL for the 1st mode is greater than that for the 2nd mode for L/H=4.43 and 6.14, at $\beta=15^\circ$ and 30°, and for M=0.70 and 0.83 (L/H=4.43) at $\beta=30^\circ$. This shows that the dominant mode changes for different values of M and β . For M=0.83 and L/H=8.60, all three modes disappear at $\beta=30^\circ$. It is also noted that an

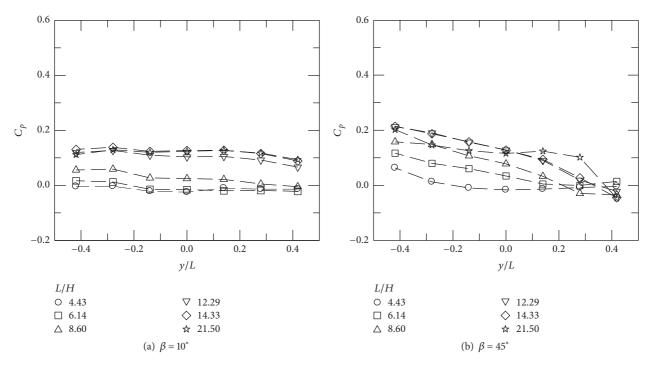


FIGURE 9: Span-wise mean surface pressure distributions for M = 0.83: (a) $\beta = 10^{\circ}$ and (b) $\beta = 45^{\circ}$.

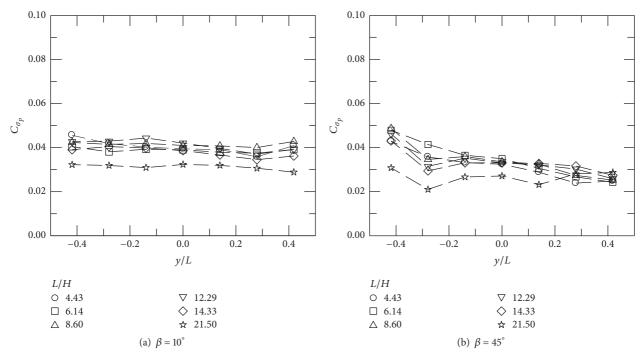


FIGURE 10: Span-wise fluctuating pressure distributions for M = 0.83: (a) $\beta = 10^{\circ}$ and (b) $\beta = 45^{\circ}$.

increase in the value of M results in an increase in the value of the SPL.

The variation in St_n with M for L/H = 4.43 and 6.14 is shown in Figure 13. There is also a prediction using the semiempirical Rossiter's formula ($\alpha = 0.25$ and $k_c = 0.57$ for

a rectangular cavity). The uncertainty in St_n is estimated to be ± 0.007 , which is principally due to the resolution of the PSD. It is seen that $St_1 = 0.26-0.35$, $St_2 = 0.60-0.68$, and $St_3 = 0.97-1.10$. For a given value of M, there is a slight decrease in St_2 and St_3 as β increases but not in St_1 . The empirical

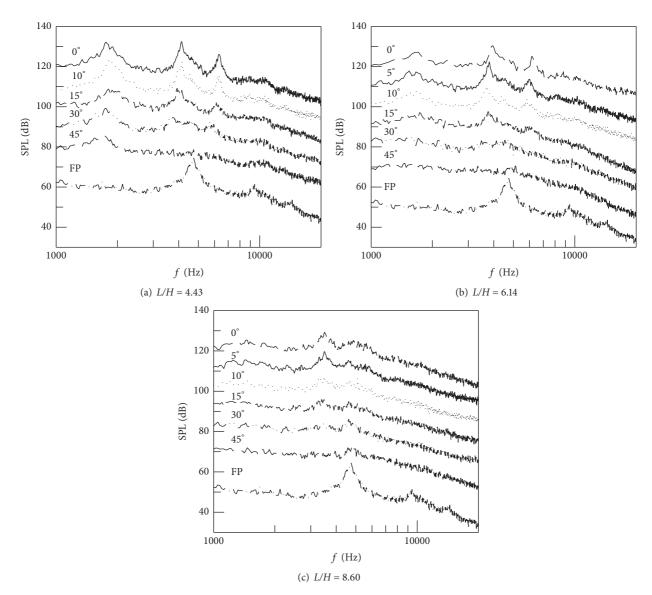


FIGURE 11: Distributions of the power spectral density for M = 0.83 and x/L = 0.919. (Each plot is offset by 10 dB along the amplitude axis to give greater clarity. The uppermost plot has its original values.)

constants for cavities at yaw are evaluated using the steepest descent method. The optimized values for α and k_c are 0.15 and 0.48, respectively. This demonstrates that a cavity at yaw has a smaller phase lag and a lesser convection velocity.

4. Conclusions

This experimental study determines the characteristics of a compressible, yawed rectangular cavity flow. The boundaries for the flow type correspond to L/H and the effect of the value of β is smaller. The mean surface pressure gradient in the chord-wise direction at the rear face decreases as the value of β increases. The peak amplitude of the fluctuating pressure is significantly less for a large value of β for open and transitional cavities. In the span-wise direction, there are asymmetric distributions for C_p and C_{σ_p} . These variations

are relatively small, compared to those in the chord-wise direction. The resonant frequencies for an open cavity vary slightly with the value of β and there is a decrease in the amplitude of the PSD as β increases. The resonant modes disappear and the dominant mode changes for large values of β . Compared to the prediction using Rossiter's semiempirical formula, a cavity at yaw has less lag time and a smaller convection velocity.

Nomenclature

 C_p : Static surface pressure coefficient,

 $(p_w - q_\infty)/q_\infty$

 $C_{\sigma p}$: Fluctuating pressure coefficient,

 $(\sigma_p - \sigma_{p\infty})/q_{\infty}$

F: Objective function

 f_n : Resonant frequency at mode n, Hz

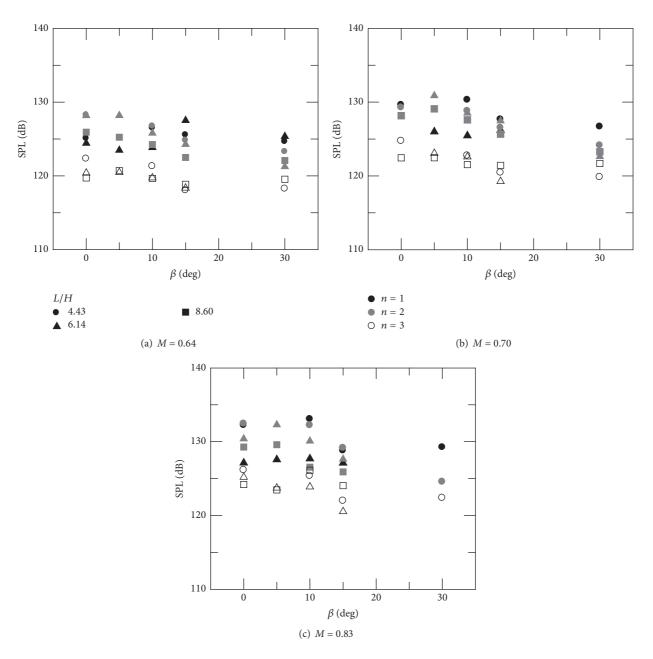


FIGURE 12: Amplitude of the resonant modes: (a) M = 0.64, (b) M = 0.70, and (c) M = 0.83.

- k_c : Ratio of the convection velocity of vortices to freestream velocity
- H: Cavity depth
- L: Cavity length
- M: Freestream Mach number
- *N*: Number of test cases
- *n*: Mode number
- PSD: Power spectral density
- p_w : Static surface pressure
- q_{∞} : Freestream dynamic pressure
- SPL: Sound pressure level, dB
- St_n : Strouhal number at mode n, f_nL/U_∞

- U_{∞} : Freestream velocity, m/s
- W: Cavity width
- *x*: Chord-wise distance
- y: Span-wise distance
- α: Lag time
- β : Yaw angle, degree
- δ : Boundary thickness
- σ_p : Standard deviation for the surface pressure signal.

Conflicts of Interest

The authors declare that they have no conflicts of interest.

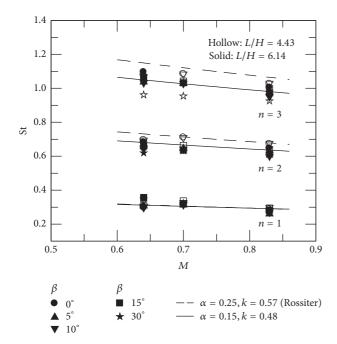


FIGURE 13: The effect of Mach number on the Strouhal number.

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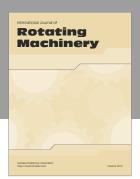
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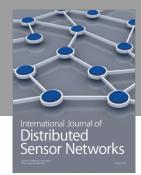
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