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COUPLED INLINE-CROSS FLOW VIV HYDRODYNAMIC COEFFICIENTS DATABASE

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ABSTRACT

Vortex Induced Vibrations (VIV) cause major fatigue damage to long slender bodies and have been extensively studied in the past decades. While most of the past research focused on the cross flow direction, it was recently shown that the inline motion in the direction of the flow has a major impact on the fatigue life damage due to its higher frequency (second harmonic) and more importantly, its coupling with the crossflow motion, which triggers a third harmonic stress component in the cross flow direction. In this paper, the coupled inline-crossflow VIV problem is addressed from semiempirical modeling of fluid forces. Extensive fine grid forced inline-crossflow VIV experiments were designed and carried out in the MIT towing tank. An inline-crossflow VIV hydrodynamics coefficients database was newly constructed using the experimental results and it is expected to be useful for other semi empirical programs predicting coupled inlinecrossflow VIV in the field. Several key hydrodynamic coefficients in the database, including lift force coefficients, drag force coefficients and added mass coefficients, were systematically analyzed. The coefficients in the crossflow and the inline directions were found to have strong dependency on the phase between the inline and crossflow motions.

INTRODUCTION

Vortex-induced vibrations (VIV) result in material fatigue of long cylindrical structures such as risers and mooring lines. Semi-empirical software packages, such as Vortex-Induced Vibration Analysis (VIVA) [1], have been widely used in Jason M. Dahl University of Rhode Island Narragansett, RI, USA

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numerous academic and industrial applications to predict VIV. Although VIV has been an intensively studied field in the past 30 years [2][3], the significant influence of the inline motion and more importantly, its coupling with the crossflow motion, has long been ignored due to low observed inline amplitudes, until recently [4][5][6][7].

The free vibration of an elastically mounted rigid cylinder exhibits a response that can be divided into three regions [7][8]: (i) the inline motion dominant region at reduced velocity less than 4; (ii) the crossflow motion dominant region at reduced velocity larger than 8, and (iii) the inline-crossflow coupling region at reduced velocity between 4 and 8. Thus it is reasonable to use separate hydrodynamic databases to predict VIV motion depending on the reduced velocity, namely pure inline database, pure crossflow database, and inline-crossflow coupled database, corresponding to the regions discussed above.

The original pure crossflow database used in VIVA was developed in the MIT Towing Tank [9]. Aronsen studied pure inline rigid cylinder forced vibration experiments [10] and reported hydrodynamic coefficients at a Reynolds number 24,000. Zheng et al [7] reported hydrodynamic coefficients from pure inline rigid cylinder forced vibration experiments at a lower Reynolds number 7,600. An experimental database is necessary to extend the capabilities of VIV prediction in VIVA to allow prediction of coupled 2D inline-crossflow response.

HIGH RESOLUTION 2D FORCED VIV MOTION EXPERIMENT DESIGN

One challenge with extending the prediction to combined inline and crossflow motions is that the number of parameters increases, which results in a large number of experiments necessary to define the hydrodynamic coefficients governing the problem. The lift coefficients and the added mass coefficients in the pure crossflow and inline databases are functions of reduced velocity and amplitude of response in either inline or crossflow direction. However, theses hydrodynamic force coefficients in the coupled inline-crossflow database are functions of reduced velocity, amplitude of response in both inline and crossflow directions and phase difference between the inline and crossflow motions. Thus, the dimension of the database increases from 3 to 5.

The experiment described in [11] was an initial successful attempt to characterize the force coefficients. While this set of experiments provides useful information on the forces exerted on a rigid cylinder undergoing combined crossflow and inline motion, this series of experiments resulted in a very sparse representation of the hydrodynamic forces. In order to be able to use it as a hydrodynamic database in semi-empirical programs, it is necessary to increase the resolution of the experimental grid.

The crossflow and inline motions are defined as follows:

$$y = A_y sin(wt)$$

$$x = A_x sin(2wt + \theta)$$

where y is the crossflow motion, x is the inline motion, A_y is the amplitude in the crossflow direction, A_x is the amplitude in the inline direction, w is the circular frequency $(2\pi f)$, and θ is the phase difference between the inline and crossflow motions.

The reduced velocity U_r is defined as U/fD, thus it is inversely proportional to the response frequency f. The reduced velocity U_r , the response amplitude in the crossflow direction A_y , the response amplitude in the inline direction A_x , and the phase difference between the inline and crossflow motions θ are the four important parameters in the database. The reduced velocity was set from 4 to 8 since the inline and crossflow motions are both significant in this region observed from the free vibration experiments [8][12], with a minor extension compared with 2007 experiment in [11] (4.5 to 8).

The ratios of the inline to crossflow amplitude in the experiments are set to less than 1/3 in order to constraint the number of experiments necessary to expand the resolution of the experimental database without an explosion of experiment runs. This is based on the observations in Dahl et al [12] free vibration experiments. The 2007 and 2011 experiment matrices of inline and crossflow motion amplitudes are compared in Figure 1.



Figure 1: Experiment matrix of inline and crossflow amplitude. The x-axis is the inline motion amplitude nondimensioned by the diameter of the cylinder and the y-axis is the crossflow motion amplitude nondimensioned by the diameter of the cylinder. The 2011 experiment is marked as red star while the 2007 experiment is marked as blue circle.

One important new parameter in the 2D VIV hydrodynamic coefficients database is the phase θ between the inline and crossflow motions. The orbit shapes for various phases between inline and crossflow motions are plotted in Figure 2. Counter-clockwise motion is defined for the orbits shape with phases in [-90, 90], while clockwise motion is defined for the orbits shape with phases in [-180 -90] and [90 180] [11] [13]. The phases between the inline and crossflow motions play a significant role for the hydrodynamic force coefficients in the database.



Figure 2: Orbits shape for various phases btw inline and crossflow motion

It was observed by Jauvtis and Williamson [8] and Dahl et al [14] that for the free vibration of cylinders with two degrees of freedom, the phase between the inline and crossflow motion can vary greatly, from -180 to 180 degrees, especially if the nominal natural frequency ratio between inline and crossflow motions is variable (as may exist on a long riser), Since the entire range of phases is shown to exist for freely vibrating rigid cylinders, 18 phases are chosen from -180 to 180 degrees in increments of 15 degrees or 22.5 degrees to expand the phase resolution of the database, which previously only included data for 8 phases as shown in Figure 3.



Figure 3: Phase range of 2011 vs 2007 experiments. The 2011 experiment is marked as red cross while the 2007 experiment is marked as green circle.

In summary, a total of 3402 experimental runs were newly carried out covering 6 in-line amplitudes, from 0.05 to 0.3 in increments of 0.05; 5 transverse amplitudes, from 0.15 to 1. (0.15, 0.25, 0.5, 0.75, 1); 18 phases, from -180 to 180 degrees in increments of 15 degrees or 22.5 degrees, and 9 reduced velocities, from 4 to 8 in increments of 0.5. These data points are chosen in order to expand the existing database of values from [11], including some overlapping points in order to verify previous results.

'2DMIT' 2D VIV FORCE COEFFICIENTS DATABASE ANALYSIS

With hydrodynamic force coefficients extracted from the above forced vibration VIV experiments and combined with Dahl's 2007 [11] experiments, the "2DMIT" two degree of freedom (inline and crossflow) VIV hydrodynamics coefficients database was constructed at MIT. It is named after the research team under the supervision of Professor Triantafyllou at MIT towing tank.

Some of the key hydrodynamic force coefficients in the database are listed below:

- CLv Lift coefficients in phase with velocity
- CDv Fluctuating drag coefficients in phase with velocity
- C_{my} Added mass coefficients in the crossflow direction
- Cmx Added mass coefficients in the inline direction

Lift Coefficients in Phase with Velocity

As discussed in the previous section, the lift coefficients in phase with velocity C_{LV} is a function of four parameters: the reduced velocity U_r , the response amplitude in the crossflow direction A_y , the response amplitude in the inline direction A_x , and the phase difference between the inline and crossflow motions θ . To better illustrate the characteristics of the lift coefficients in phase with velocity C_{LV} , two parameters (the response amplitude in crossflow direction A_y and the response amplitude in inline direction A_x) are fixed at first. The inline motion amplitude is equal to 0.05 times the diameter of the cylinder and the crossflow motion amplitude is equal to 0.15 times the diameter of the cylinder. The lift coefficients in phase with velocity C_{LV} are subsequently plotted only as functions of the reduced velocity and the phase difference between inline and crossflow motion in Figure 4 and in Figure 5. It can be observed that the lift coefficients in phase with velocity C_{LV} are mostly positive for the counter-clockwise motion while mostly negative in clockwise motion. This also validated the numerical simulation work in [13].



Figure 4 Lift coefficients in phase with velocity CLv with inline motion amplitude 0.05 and crossflow motion amplitude 0.15.



Figure 5: Lift coefficients in phase with velocity C_{Lv} with inline motion amplitude 0.05 and crossflow motion amplitude 0.15.

Figure 6 shows C_{Lv} for all amplitudes of inline and crossflow motions in the hydrodynamic coefficients database, ranging from 0.05 times the diameter of the cylinder to 0.75 times the diameter of the cylinder in the inline direction (0.05, 0.1, 0.15, 0.2, 0.25, 0.3, 0.45, 0.6, 0.75) and ranging from 0.15

times the diameter of the cylinder to 1.5 times the diameter of the cylinder in the crossflow direction (0.15, 0.25, 0.5, 0.75, 1, 1.25, 1.5).



Figure 6: Lift coefficients in phase with velocity C_{Lv} for all amplitude of inline and crossflow motions. The x-axis is the nondimensional amplitude of inline motion 0.05, 0.1, 0.15, 0.2, 0.25, 0.3, 0.45, 0.6 and 0.75. The y-axis is the nondimensional amplitudes of crossflow motion: 0.15, 0.25, 0.5, 0.75, 1, 1.25 and 1.5.

From Figure 6, it can be observed that all lift coefficients C_{Lv} show the same trend as shown in Figure 4. The lift coefficients C_{Lv} are larger for counter-clockwise motion than that for clockwise motion for all combinations of inline and crossflow motion amplitudes.

The color map in Figure 6 is tailored to each individual subplot and thus the scale of lift coefficients C_{Lv} is different from subplot to subplot. If the color map is unified as shown in Figure 7, the absolute value of the lift coefficient C_{Lv} are more clearly shown and another important trend can be observed: as the inline or crossflow motion amplitude increases, the lift coefficient C_{Lv} quickly decreases below 0. When crossflow motion amplitude is larger than 1.25 times the diameter of the cylinder, all C_{Lv} values become negative. A complete set of lift coefficients in phase with velocity C_{Lv} with different combination of inline and crossflow motion amplitudes can be found in [15].



Figure 7: Lift coefficients in phase with velocity C_{Lv} for all amplitude of inline and crossflow motions with same colorbar. The x-axis is the nondimensional amplitude of inline motion 0.05, 0.1, 0.15, 0.2, 0.25, 0.3, 0.45, 0.6 and 0.75. The y-axis is the nondimensional amplitudes of crossflow motion: 0.15, 0.25, 0.5, 0.75, 1, 1.25 and 1.5.

Fluctuating Drag Coefficients in Phase with Velocity

Besides the lift coefficients in phase with velocity C_{Lv} , in the crossflow direction, there are also fluctuating drag coefficients in phase with velocity C_{Dv} in the inline direction in the new 2D VIV hydrodynamic coefficients database.

Fluctuating drag coefficients in phase with velocity C_{Dv} are first plotted with the inline motion amplitude equal to 0.05 times the diameter of the cylinder and the crossflow motion amplitude equal to 0.15 times the diameter of the cylinder. C_{Dv} are mostly positive in [-90, 180] (the whole counterclockwise motion region and half of Clock wise motion region), and mostly negative in [-180, -90](half of clockwise motion region) as shown in Figure 8 and Figure 9.



Figure 8: Fluctuating drag coefficient in phase with velocity C_{Dv} with inline motion amplitude 0.05 and crossflow motion amplitude 0.15.



Figure 9: Fluctuating drag coefficient in phase with velocity C_{Dv} with inline motion amplitude 0.05 and crossflow motion amplitude 0.15.

Figure 10 shows C_{Dv} for all amplitudes of inline and crossflow motions in the hydrodynamic coefficients database, ranging from 0.05 times the diameter of the cylinder to 0.75 times the diameter of the cylinder in the inline direction (0.05, 0.1, 0.15, 0.2, 0.25, 0.3, 0.45, 0.6, 0.75) and ranging from 0.15 times the diameter of the cylinder to 1.5 times the diameter of the cylinder in the crossflow direction (0.15, 0.25, 0.5, 0.75, 1, 1.25, 1.5). From Figure 10, it can be observed that the fluctuating drag coefficients in phase with velocity C_{Dv} show the same trend as shown in Figure 8. The fluctuating drag coefficients in phase with velocity reacting drag coefficients in counter-clockwise motion while mostly negative in clockwise motion at all combinations of inline and crossflow motion amplitudes.

The color map in Figure 10 is tailored to each individual subplot and thus the scale of fluctuating drag coefficients in phase with velocity C_{Dv} is different from subplot to subplot. If the color map is unified as shown in Figure 11, the absolute value of the fluctuating drag coefficients in phase with velocity C_{Dv} are more clearly shown and another important trend can be observed: as the inline motion amplitude increases, the fluctuating drag coefficients in phase with velocity C_{Dv} quickly decrease below 0. When inline motion amplitude is larger than 0.3 times the diameter of the cylinder, all C_{Dv} values become negative.

A complete set of fluctuating drag coefficients in phase with velocity C_{Dv} with different combinations of inline and crossflow motion amplitudes can be found in [15].



Figure 10: Fluctuating drag coefficient in phase with velocity C_{Dv} . The x-axis is the nondimensional amplitude of inline motion 0.05, 0.1, 0.15, 0.2, 0.25, 0.3, 0.45, 0.6 and 0.75. The y-axis is the nondimensional amplitudes of crossflow motion: 0.15, 0.25, 0.5, 0.75, 1, 1.25 and 1.5.



Figure 11: Fluctuating drag coefficient in phase with velocity C_{Dv} with same colorbar. The x-axis is the nondimensional amplitude of inline motion 0.05, 0.1, 0.15, 0.2, 0.25, 0.3, 0.45, 0.6 and 0.75. The y-axis is the nondimensional amplitudes of crossflow motion: 0.15, 0.25, 0.5, 0.75, 1, 1.25 and 1.5.

Added Mass Coefficients in the Crossflow Direction

The added mass coefficient in the crossflow direction C_{my} is a strong function of reduced velocity and is mostly larger for the counter-clockwise motion as shown in Figure 12 and Figure 13. C_{my} are plotted with the inline motion amplitude equal to 0.05 times the diameter of the cylinder and the crossflow motion amplitude equal to 0.15 times the diameter of the cylinder.



Figure 12: Added mass coefficient in the crossflow direction C_{my} with inline motion amplitude 0.05 and crossflow motion amplitude 0.15.



Figure 13: Added mass coefficient in the crossflow direction C_{my} with inline motion amplitude 0.05 and crossflow motion amplitude 0.15.

Figure 14 shows C_{my} for all amplitudes of inline and crossflow motions in the hydrodynamic coefficients database, ranging from 0.05 times the diameter of the cylinder to 0.75 times the diameter of the cylinder in the inline direction (0.05, 0.1, 0.15, 0.2, 0.25, 0.3, 0.45, 0.6, 0.75) and ranging from 0.15 times the diameter of the cylinder to 1.5 times the diameter of the cylinder in the crossflow direction (0.15, 0.25, 0.5, 0.75, 1, 1.25, 1.5).

From Figure 14, it can be observed that the added mass coefficients in the crossflow direction C_{my} show the same trend as shown in Figure 12. The added mass coefficient in the crossflow direction C_{my} is a strong function of reduced velocity and is generally larger for the counter-clockwise motion.



Figure 14: Added mass coefficient in the crossflow direction C_{my} . The x-axis is the nondimensional amplitude of inline motion 0.05, 0.1, 0.15, 0.2, 0.25, 0.3, 0.45, 0.6 and 0.75. The y-axis is the nondimensional amplitudes of crossflow motion: 0.15, 0.25, 0.5, 0.75, 1, 1.25 and 1.5.

The color map in Figure 14 is tailored to each individual subplot and thus the scale of lift coefficients C_{Lv} is different from subplot to subplot. If the color map is unified as shown in Figure 15, the absolute values of the lift coefficient C_{my} is more clearly shown and another important trend can be observed: as the inline motion amplitude increases, the added mass coefficient in the crossflow direction C_{my} increases while as the crossflow motion amplitude increases, the added mass coefficient in the crossflow direction C_{my} decreases.



Figure 15: Added mass coefficient in the crossflow direction C_{my} with same colorbar. The x-axis is the nondimensional amplitude of inline motion 0.05, 0.1, 0.15, 0.2, 0.25, 0.3, 0.45, 0.6 and 0.75. The y-axis is the nondimensional amplitudes of crossflow motion: 0.15, 0.25, 0.5, 0.75, 1, 1.25 and 1.5.

The inline-crossflow amplitude ratio appears to have significant influence on the added mass coefficients. The ratio of the inline motion amplitude to the crossflow motion amplitude is 1:3 in Figure 13 with 0.05 times the diameter of the cylinder in the inline direction and 0.15 times the diameter of the cylinder in the crossflow direction. Figure 16 has an inline-crossflow amplitude ratio of 1:10. Figure 17 has an inline-crossflow amplitude ratio of 1:20. Figure 18 has an inline-crossflow amplitude ratio of 1:30. From these four figures, it can be observed that as the inline-crossflow amplitude ratio decreases, the phase influence decreases and the range of $C_{\rm mv}$ decreases.



Figure 16: Added mass coefficient in the crossflow direction C_{my} with inline motion amplitude 0.05 and crossflow motion amplitude 0.5.



Figure 17: Added mass coefficient in the crossflow direction C_{my} with inline motion amplitude 0.05 and crossflow motion amplitude 1.



Figure 18: Added mass coefficient in the crossflow direction C_{my} with inline motion amplitude 0.05 and crossflow motion amplitude 1.5.

Meanwhile, if the inline-crossflow amplitude ratio is the same, then the phase influence will be similar. Figure 19 has 0.15 times the diameter of the cylinder in the inline direction and 0.15 times the diameter of the cylinder in the crossflow direction. Figure 20 has 0.25 times the diameter of the cylinder in the inline direction and 0.25 times the diameter of the cylinder in the crossflow direction. They both have an inline-crossflow motion amplitude ratio of 1:1 and the shape of the added mass curve is very close.



Figure 19: Added mass coefficient in the crossflow direction C_{my} with inline motion amplitude 0.15 and crossflow motion amplitude 0.15.



Figure 20: Added mass coefficient in the crossflow direction C_{my} with inline motion amplitude 0.25 and crossflow motion amplitude 0.25.

Figure 21 has 0.15 times the diameter of the cylinder in the inline direction and 0.75 times the diameter of the cylinder in the crossflow direction. Figure 22 has 0.25 times the diameter of the cylinder in the inline direction and 1.25 times the diameter of the cylinder in the crossflow direction. They both have an inline-crossflow amplitude ratio of 1:5 and the shape of the added mass curve is very close. On the other hand, their shapes are wider compared with those in Figure 19 and Figure 20, which have an inline-crossflow amplitude ratio of 1:1.



Figure 21: Added mass coefficient in the crossflow direction C_{my} with inline motion amplitude 0.15 and crossflow motion amplitude 0.75.



Figure 22: Added mass coefficient in the crossflow direction C_{my} with inline motion amplitude 0.25 and crossflow motion amplitude 1.25.

It can be summarized from the above figures that the shapes of the added mass coefficient in the crossflow direction C_{my} are consistent across different inline and crossflow motion amplitudes. A complete set of the added mass coefficients in the crossflow direction C_{my} with different combinations of inline and crossflow motion amplitudes can be found in [15].

Added Mass Coefficients in the Inline Direction

Besides the added mass coefficients in the crossflow direction C_{my} , there are also added mass coefficients in the inline direction C_{mx} in the new 2D VIV hydrodynamic coefficients database.

The added mass coefficient in the inline direction C_{mx} is a strong function of reduced velocity and is mostly smaller in counter-clockwise motion as shown in Figure 23 and Figure 24. C_{mx} are plotted with the inline motion amplitude equal to 0.05 times the diameter of the cylinder and the crossflow motion amplitude equal to 0.15 times the diameter of the cylinder.



Figure 23: Added mass coefficient in the inline direction C_{mx} with inline motion amplitude 0.05 and crossflow motion amplitude 0.15.



Figure 24: Added mass coefficient in the inline direction C_{mx} with inline motion amplitude 0.05 and crossflow motion amplitude 0.15.

Figure 25 shows C_{mx} for all amplitude of inline and crossflow motions in the hydrodynamic coefficients database, ranging from 0.05 times the diameter of the cylinder to 0.75 times the diameter of the cylinder in the inline direction (0.05, 0.1, 0.15, 0.2, 0.25, 0.3, 0.45, 0.6, 0.75) and ranging from 0.15 times the diameter of the cylinder to 1.5 times the diameter of the cylinder in the crossflow direction (0.15, 0.25, 0.5, 0.75, 1, 1.25, 1.5).

From Figure 25, it can be observed that the added mass coefficients in the inline direction C_{mx} show the same trend as shown in Figure 24. The added mass coefficient in the inline direction C_{mx} is a strong function of reduced velocity and is mostly smaller for counter-clockwise motion.



Figure 25: Added mass coefficient in the inline direction C_{mx} . The x-axis is the nondimensional amplitude of inline motion 0.05, 0.1, 0.15, 0.2, 0.25, 0.3, 0.45, 0.6 and 0.75. The y-axis is the nondimensional amplitudes of crossflow motion: 0.15, 0.25, 0.5, 0.75, 1, 1.25 and 1.5.

The color map in Figure 25 is tailored to each individual subplot and thus the scale of lift coefficients C_{Lv} is different from subplot to subplot. If the color map is unified as shown in Figure 26, the absolute value of the lift coefficient C_{mx} is more clearly shown and another important trend can be observed: as the inline motion amplitude increases, the added mass coefficient in the inline direction C_{mx} increases while as the crossflow motion amplitude decreases, the added mass coefficient in the inline direction C_{mx} increases.



Figure 26: Added mass coefficient in the inline direction C_{mx} with same colorbar. The x-axis is the nondimensional amplitude of inline motion 0.05, 0.1, 0.15, 0.2, 0.25, 0.3, 0.45, 0.6 and 0.75. The y-axis is the nondimensional amplitudes of crossflow motion: 0.15, 0.25, 0.5, 0.75, 1, 1.25 and 1.5.

A complete set of the added mass coefficients in the inline direction C_{mx} with different combinations of inline and crossflow motion amplitudes can be found in [15].

CONCLUSIONS

In this paper, we extend the hydrodynamic databases employed in semi-empirical software package from pure crossflow to combined inline and crossflow. We achieve this expansion of response prediction capabilities by conducting a series of fine-grid two-dimensional forced VIV experiments on a rigid cylinder. An inline-crossflow VIV hydrodynamics coefficients database '2DMIT' was newly constructed from the experimental results and it is expected to be useful for semi empirical programs predicting coupled inline-crossflow VIV in the field. Several key hydrodynamic coefficients in the database, including lift force coefficients, drag force coefficients and added mass coefficients, were systematically analyzed. The coefficients in the crossflow and inline directions were found to have strong dependency on the phase between inline and crossflow motion.

NOMENCLATURE

- A_v Amplitude in the crossflow direction
- A_x Amplitude in the inline direction
- C_{my} Added mass coefficient in the crossflow direction
- C_{mx} Added mass coefficient in the inline direction
- C_{Dv} Fluctuating drag coefficient in phase with velocity
- C_{Lv} Lift coefficient in phase with velocity
- D Cylinder diameter
- f Oscillation frequency
- U Flow velocity
- U_r Response reduced velocity U/fD
- x Inline motion
- y Crossflow motion
- θ Phase difference between inline and crossflow motion
- w Circular frequency, $2\pi f$

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