

ME6303 Presentation:

Experimental investigation on compressible flow over a circular cylinder at $1000 \leq Re \leq 5000$

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Basic Information

Title: Experimental investigation on compressible flow over a circular cylinder at Reynolds number of between 1000 and 5000.

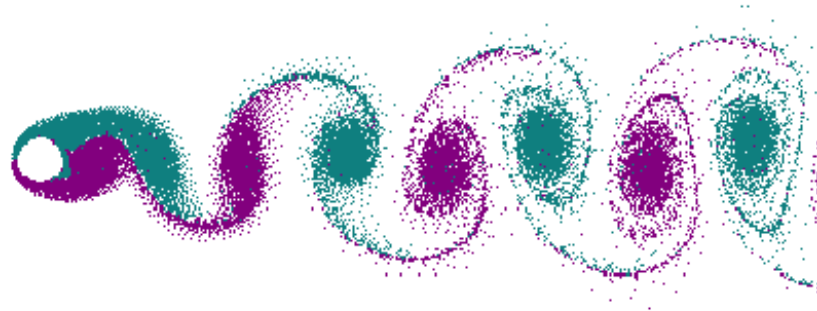
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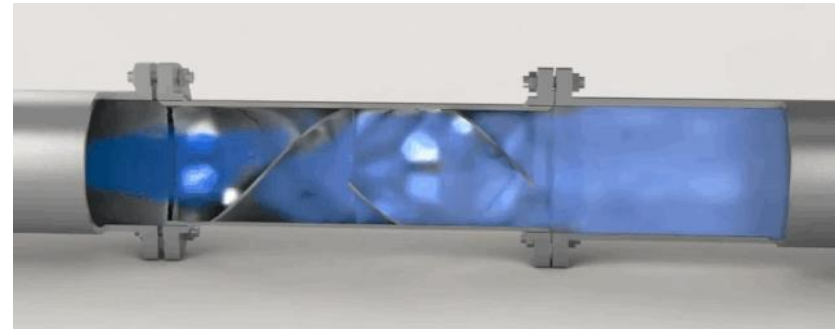
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Research Background: *Objectives*

Flow over a circular cylinder is a classic and significant problem in fluid mechanics. The features of the Karman vortices and the Strouhal number of vortex shedding (St) are always be noticed.



Compressible flow is defined as a type of fluid flow in which the fluid's density changes significantly as it moves. The study of compressible flow is vital in many engineering applications.



Research Background: *Related Works*

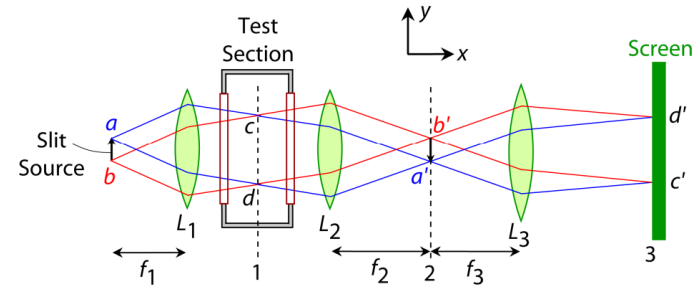
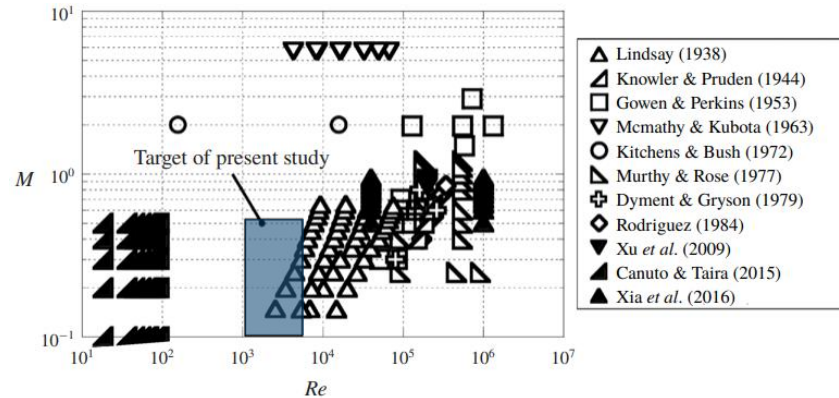


FIG: Map of the conditions investigated in the previous studies. Lindsey (1938): exp., drag measurement; Knowler & Pruden (1944): exp., drag and pressure measurement; Gowen & Perkins (1953): exp., drag and pressure measurement, [shadowgraph](#); McCarthy & Kubota (1964): exp., pitot-pressure, static pressure and total temperature measurements, schlieren; Kitchens & Bush (1972): exp., hot-wire measurement, [shadowgraph](#); Murthy & Rose (1977): exp., pressure and skin friction measurement; Dymont & Gryson (1979): exp., [shadowgraph and schlieren](#); Rodriguez (1984): exp., [shadowgraph](#) and unsteady pressure measurement; Xu *et al.* (2009): num., DES; Canuto & Taira (2015): num., DNS; Xia *et al.* (2016): num., CLES.

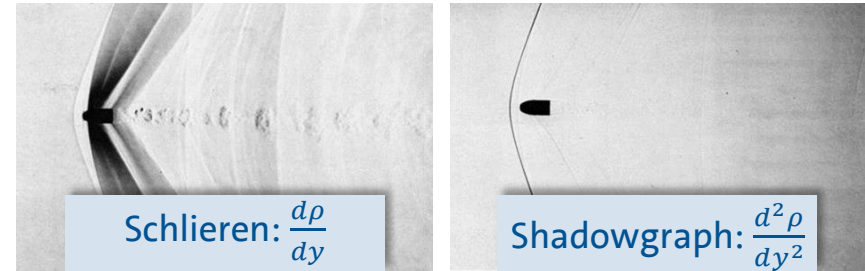


FIG: Bullet at $M=1.1$, from Van Dyke (1982).

Research Contents (Overview)

Conditions. subsonic (0.1-0.5 Mach), compressible, turbulence (relative low Re 1000-5000), two-dimensional, focus on steady (mainly time-averaged), small scaled, low pressure (P_0 1-50 kPa), temperature unknown, experimental methods (not CFD).

Problem. flow (air) over a circular cylinder.

Tools. low-density wind tunnel (main), schlieren, pressure-sensitive paint PSP (incl. auto spectrum for PSD and cross spectrum for phase), WT balance system.

Focus. features of karman vortices (i.e., wake structure, incl. PSD, phase, shape of wake, St.), Re and Mach vs St, C_p and C_d (magnitude and phase changes).

Experimental Setups

Mars Wind Tunnel, Tohoku-University (野々村・永田・佐々木研究室). [LINK](#)

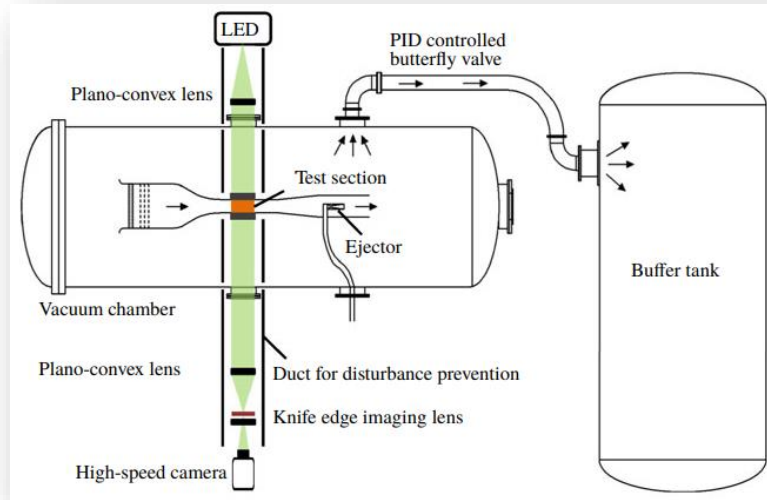


FIG: Schematic of the mars wind tunnel of Tohoku University.

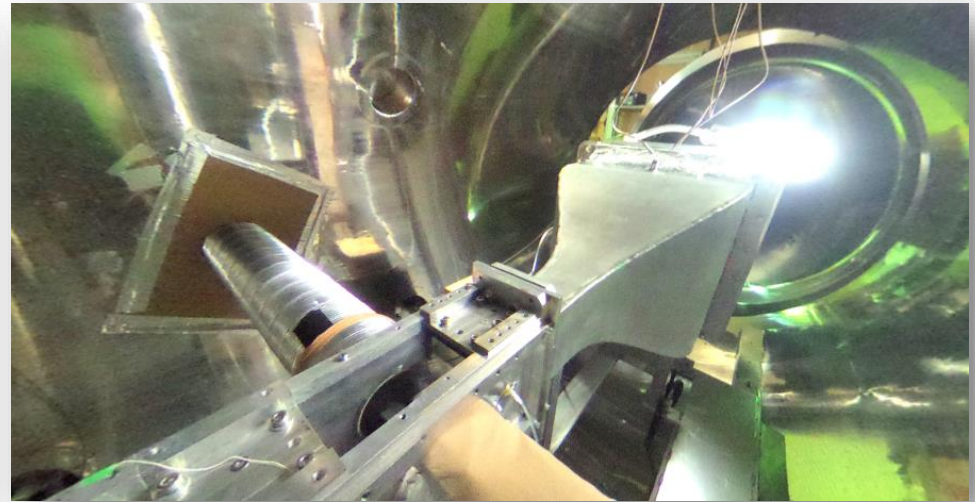


FIG: internal photo of the mars wind tunnel of Tohoku University.

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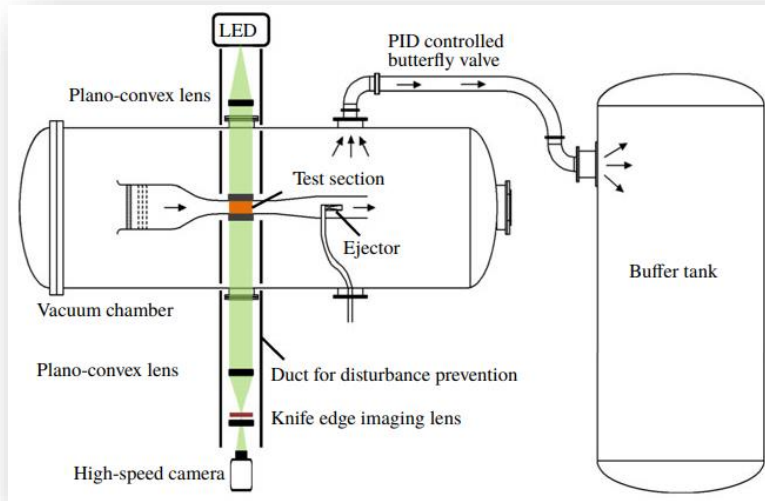


FIG: Schematic of the mars wind tunnel of Tohoku University.

Type: suction wind tunnel, subsonic, high speed
(compressible low Reynolds number flow).

Test section: 150 × 100 × 600 mm rectangular section.

Mach: 0.1-0.74 mach.

Applications: simulating the flow around an aircraft flying in the Martian atmosphere and **for fundamental study on compressible low-Reynolds-number flow.**

Owner: Experimental Aerodynamics Laboratory, TohokuU.

Experimental Setups

Measuring tools in this case.

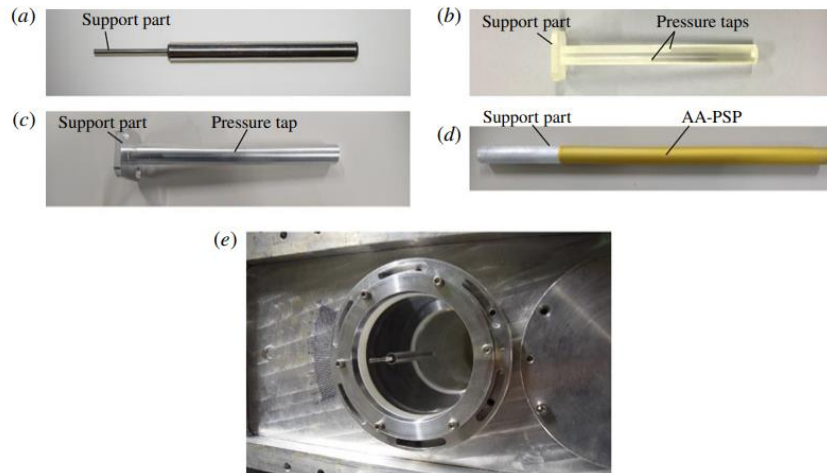


FIG: Test modes: (a) for schlieren visualization; (b) for steady pressure measurement; (c) for unsteady pressure measurement; (d) for PSP measurement (e) mounted model on the optical window (schlieren set-up).

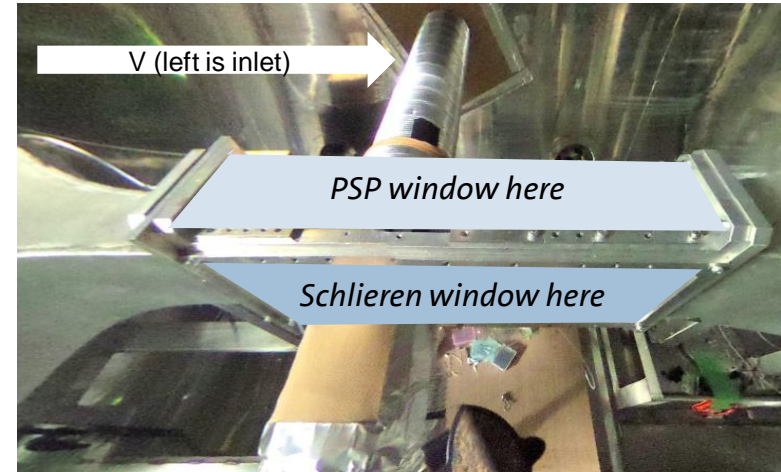


FIG: Test section of Mars wind tunnel, Tohoku University (left and right reversed).

Results and Discussion: *Instantaneous flow field*

Flow structure

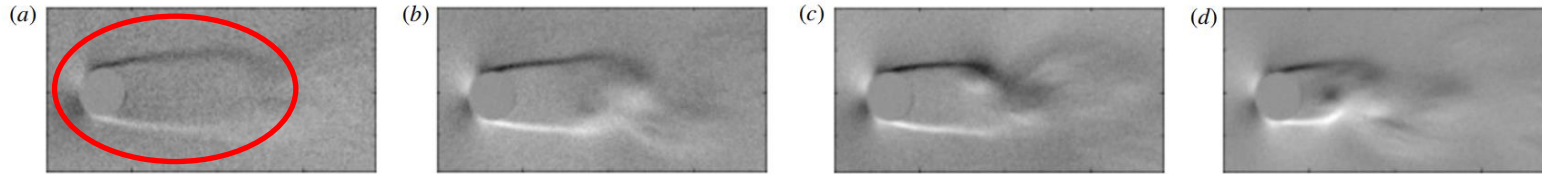


FIG: Effect of Re on the instantaneous flow field at $M=0.5$. (a) $Re=1000$; (b) $Re=2000$; (c) $Re=3000$; (d) $Re=4000$.

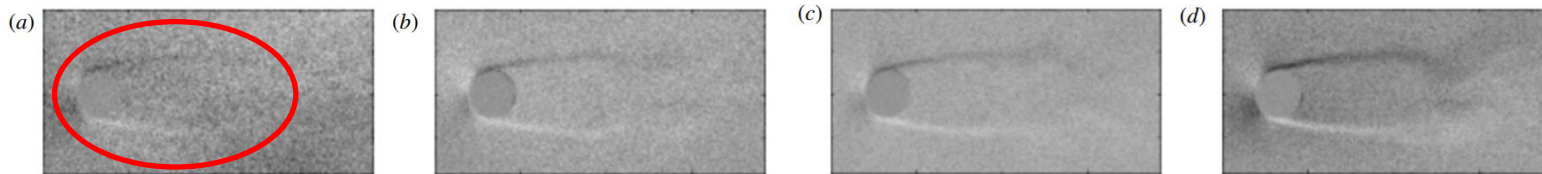
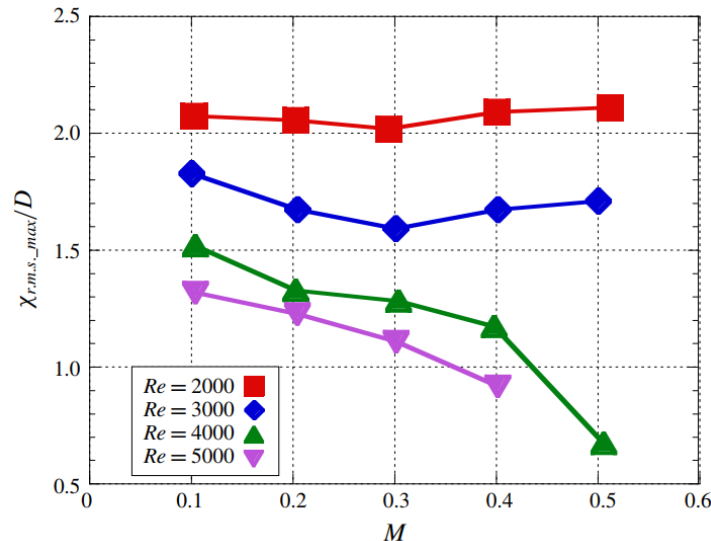


FIG: Effect of M on the instantaneous flow field at $Re=1000$. (a) $M=0.2$; (b) $M=0.3$; (c) $M=0.4$; (d) $M=0.5$.

- The shear layer length decreases as Re increases or M decreases.
- The images are unclear at low- Re and low- M . ⇒ Small density fluctuation ⇒ Root-mean-square (rms) density

Results and Discussion: *Instantaneous flow field*

Flow structure



- The maximum r.m.s. position is related to the length of the recirculation region.
- The M dependence on the maximum r.m.s. point is different between $Re \leq 3000$ and $Re \geq 4000$ while $M > 0.3$.



Kelvin–Helmholtz instability and oblique instability

FIG: Effect of M on the position of the maximum r.m.s. of intensity of the schlieren image.

Results and Discussion: *Instantaneous flow field*

Flow structure

□ Kelvin–Helmholtz instability



- It occurs when there is velocity shear in a single continuous fluid or a velocity difference across the interface between two fluids.
- It can be suppressed by compressibility.

□ Oblique instability



- It should be differed from the oblique shock wave.
- As Re increases, the vortex shedding becomes oblique, where the vortices are parallel to each other but inclined with respect to the cylinder axis.

Results and Discussion: *Instantaneous flow field*

Flow structure

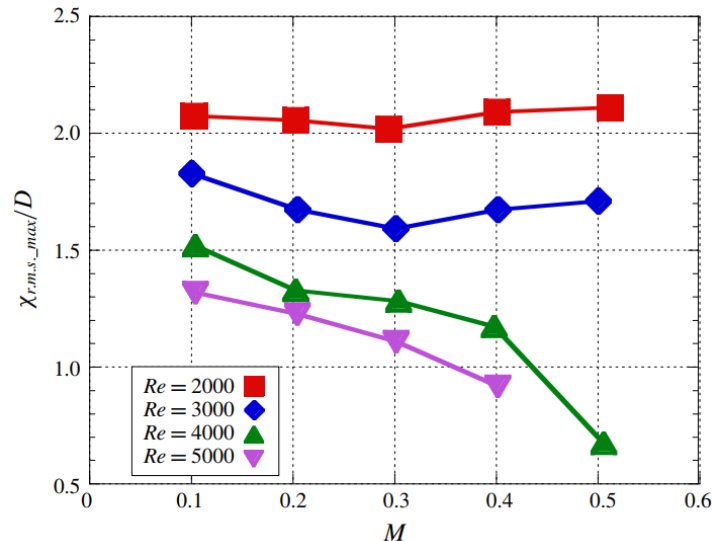


FIG: Effect of M on the position of the maximum r.m.s. of intensity of the schlieren image.

- For $Re \leq 3000$
 The Kelvin–Helmholtz instability is suppressed by compressibility.
 As M increases, the recirculation region is more stable, so **the length would increase**.
- For $Re \geq 4000$
 The oblique instability is dominant and surpasses the decreasing Kelvin–Helmholtz instability.
 As M increases, the recirculation region is less stable, so **the length would decrease**.

Results and Discussion: *Instantaneous flow field*

Planar distribution of pressure fluctuation

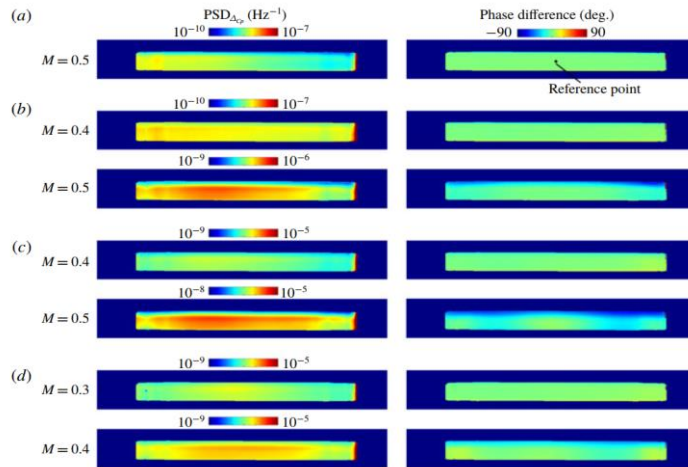


FIG: Distributions of PSD and phase difference of ΔC_p . (a) $Re=2000$; (b) $Re=3000$; (c) $Re=4000$; (d) $Re=5000$.

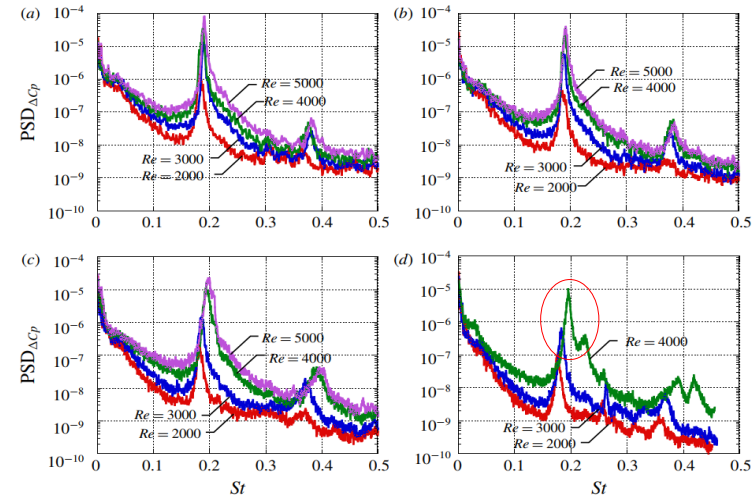


FIG: Frequency spectra of PSD. (a) $M=0.2$; (b) $M=0.3$; (c) $M=0.4$; (d) $M=0.5$.

- The pressure fluctuation and the phase difference becomes stronger at higher- Re and - M conditions.
- The competing frequency appears at $Re=4000$ and $M=0.5$.

Results and Discussion: *Instantaneous flow field*

Strouhal number of vortex shedding

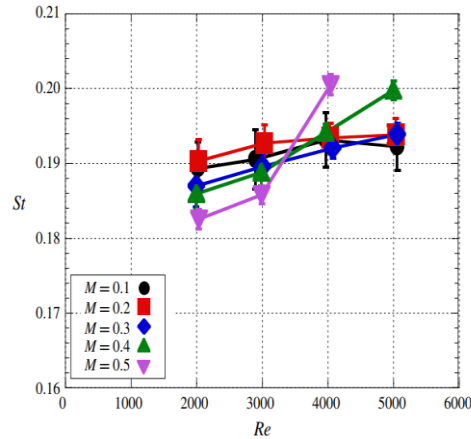


FIG: Effect of Re on St of vortex shedding.

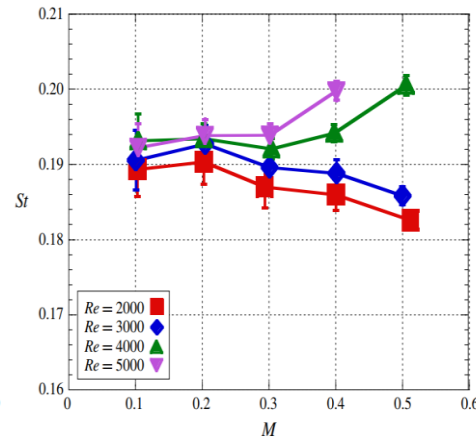


FIG: Effect of M on St of vortex shedding.

- St of vortex shedding increases as Re increases.
- For $M \leq 0.3$, St of vortex shedding is not related to M.
- For $M > 0.3$, the M dependence on St of vortex shedding is different in $Re \leq 3000$ and $Re \geq 4000$.

Similar to the case of the flow structure



Oblique instability

Possibility of mode transition? [LINK](#)

Results and Discussion: *Time-averaged flow field*

Mean-flow field

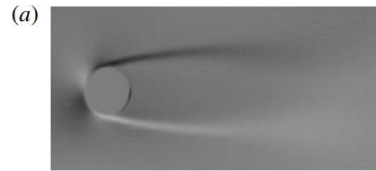


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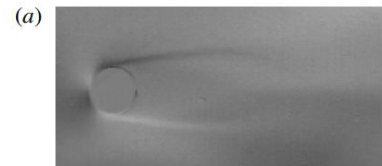


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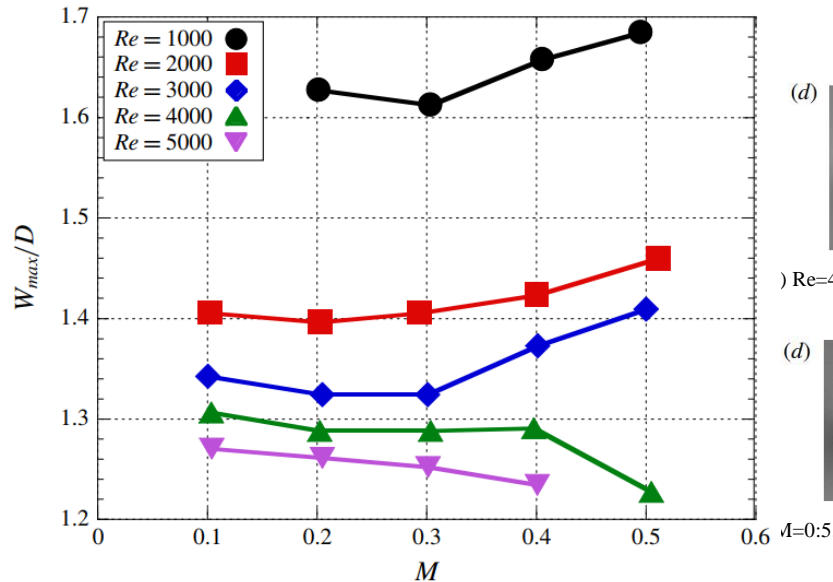
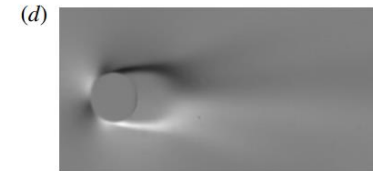
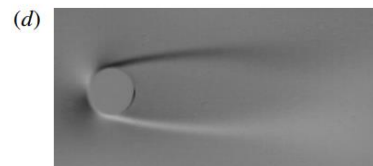


FIG: Effect of M on the maximum width of the separated shear layer.



) Re=4000.



M=0.5.

Similar to the results of the instantaneous flow field

Results and Discussion: *Time-averaged flow field*

Distribution of pressure coefficient

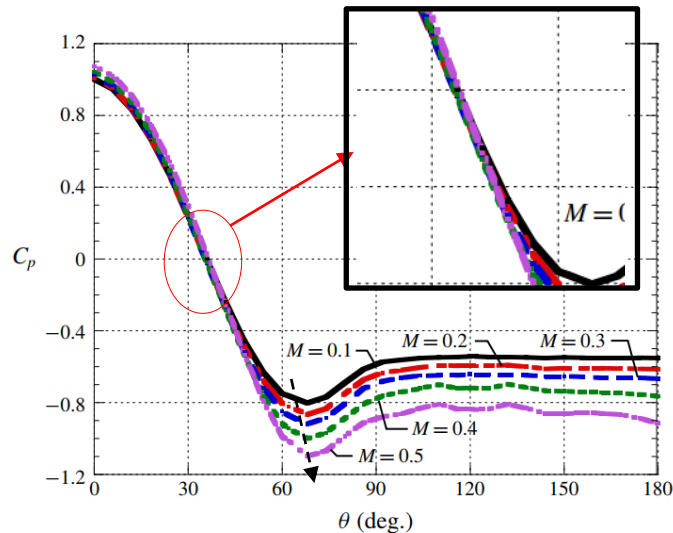


FIG: Time-averaged pressure coefficient distribution for different M ($Re=4000$).

- The trend of the M effect on the time-averaged pressure coefficient reverses around $\theta=45^\circ$.



Prandtl–Glauert transformation

A mathematical technique for solving compressible flow problems by incompressible flow calculations, **which increases the absolute value of C_p as M increases.**

- The position of the minimum C_p (the separation point) appears to move downstream as M increases.



The M effect on the viscous drag coefficient

Results and Discussion: *Time-averaged flow field*

Drag coefficient

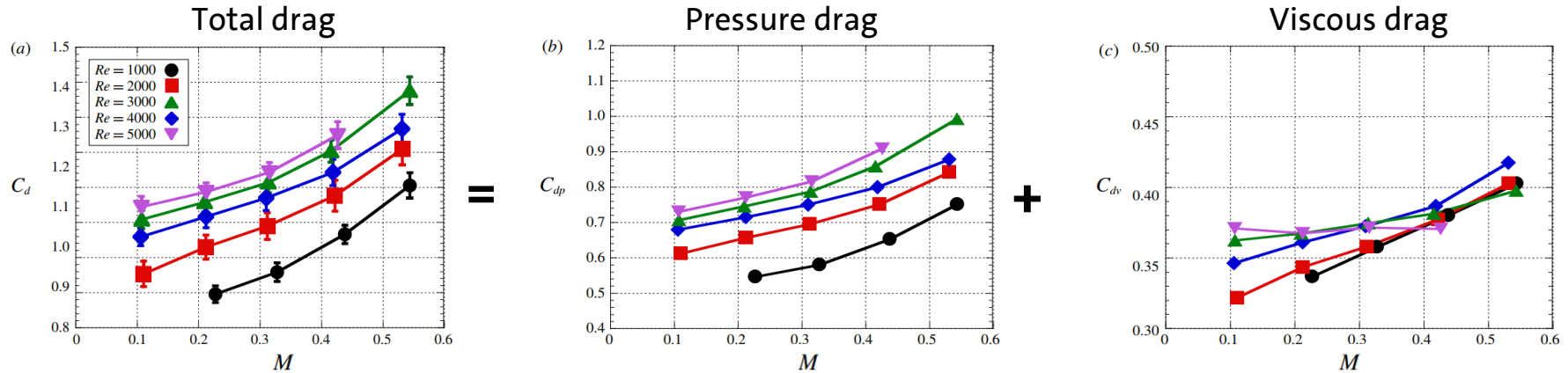


FIG: Effect M on the drag coefficient. (a) Total; (b) pressure component; (c) viscous component.

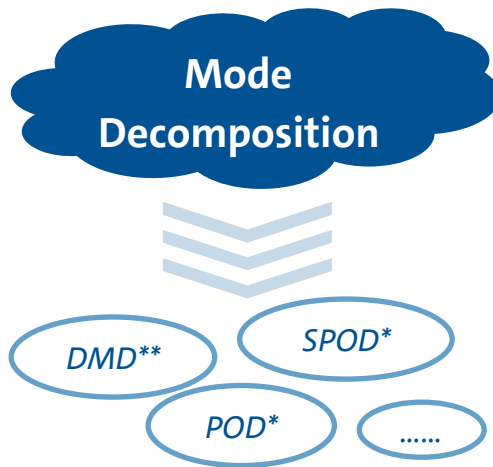
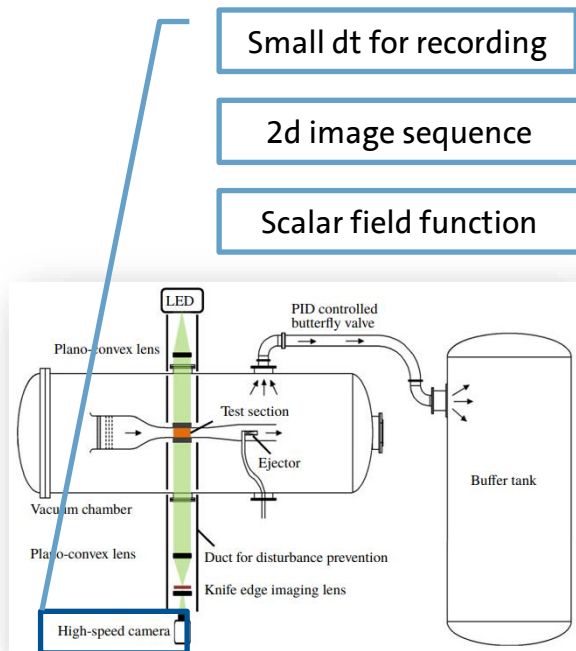
- The increment of the total drag coefficient is almost due to the increment of the pressure component, because of **the Prandtl–Glauert transformation**.
- The viscous component of the drag coefficient increases as M increases but the increment is quite small.

Conclusions

The properties of the compressible low-Re flow over a circular cylinder were experimentally investigated using the low-density wind tunnel with time-resolved schlieren visualizations and pressure and force measurements. Effects of M between 0.1 and 0.5 on the flow characteristics are clarified for Re between 1000 and 5000.

- The trend of M effect on the flow field, that are the release location of the Kármán vortices, the Strouhal number of vortex shedding and the maximum width of the recirculation, is changed at approximately $Re=3000$.
- The observed spanwise phase difference is considered to the oblique instability wave on the separated shear layer caused by the compressibility effects.
- The Strouhal number of the vortex shedding is influenced by M and Re , and those effects are nonlinear.

Additionally Insights

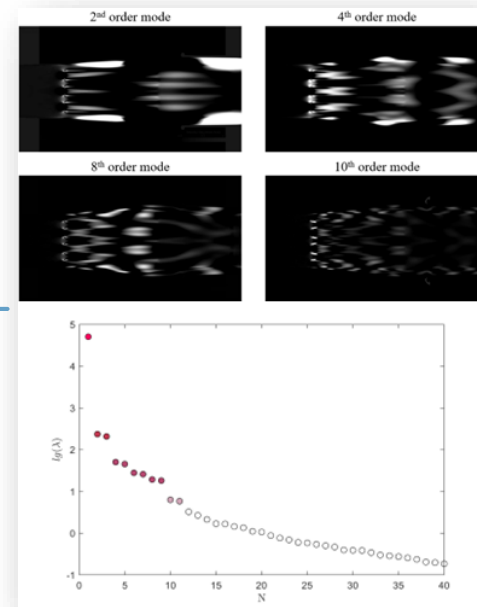


$$A = U \Sigma V^T \simeq \sum_{i=1}^k u_i \sigma_i v_i, \quad k \leq r = \text{rank}(A)$$

$$D = \Phi \Sigma C^T \simeq \sum_{i=1}^k \phi_i \sigma_i c_i, \quad k \leq r = \text{rank}(D)$$

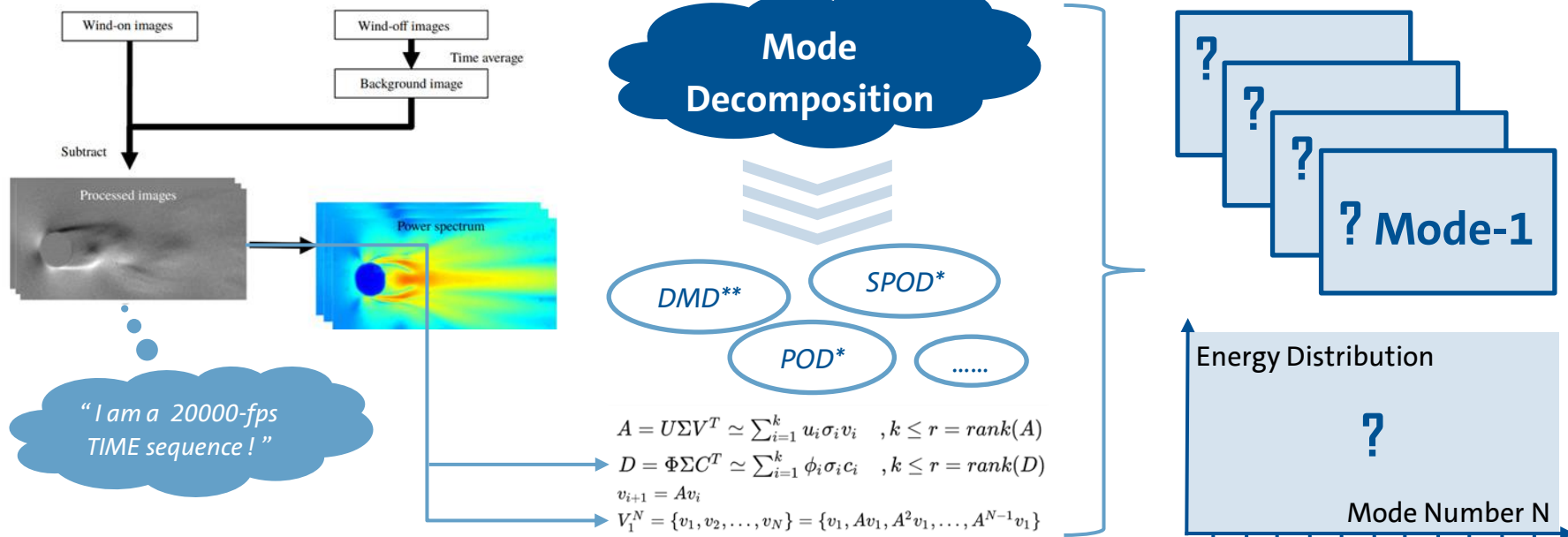
$$v_{i+1} = A v_i$$

$$V_1^N = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_N\} = \{v_1, A v_1, A^2 v_1, \dots, A^{N-1} v_1\}$$



*(S)POD: (Spectral) Proper orthogonal decomposition. **DMD: Dynamic mode decomposition.

Additionally Insights



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Schlieren, shadowgraph, PSP

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Questions?

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