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Supersonic Laminar Viscous Flow Past a Cone at Angle of Attack in Spinning and Coning Motion

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Computational results obtained with a parabolic Navier-Stokes marching code are presented for supersonic viscous flow past a pointed cone at angle of attack undergoing a combined spinning and coning motion. The code takes into account the asymmetries in the flowfield resulting from the motion and computes the asymmetric shock shape, crossflow and streamwise shear, heat transfer, crossflow separation and vortex structure. The side force and moment are also computed. Reasonably good agreement is obtained with the side force measurements of Schiff and Tobak. Comparison is also made with the only available numerical inviscid analysis. It is found that the asymmetric pressure loads due to coning motion are much larger than all other viscous forces due to spin and coning, making viscous forces negligible in the combined motion.

Nomenclature

c.g. = center of gravity
 c_p = specific heat at constant pressure divided by the freestream value
 C_m = normal moment (about c.g.) coefficient
 C_{m_α} = $\partial C_m / \partial \alpha$
 $C_{m_{\dot{\alpha}}}$ = $\partial C_m / \partial (\dot{\alpha} L / V_\infty)$
 C_{m_q} = $\partial C_m / \partial (q L / V_\infty)$
 C_n = side moment (about c.g.) coefficient
 $C_{n\dot{\phi}}$ = $\partial C_n / \partial \dot{\phi}$
 C_N = normal force coefficient
 C_{N_α} = $\partial C_N / \partial \alpha$
 $C_{N_{\dot{\alpha}}}$ = $\partial C_N / \partial (\dot{\alpha} L / V_\infty)$
 C_{N_q} = $\partial C_N / \partial (q L / V_\infty)$
 C_Y = side force coefficient
 $C_{Y\dot{\phi}}$ = $\partial C_Y / \partial \dot{\phi}$
 F_n = total normal force

$$F_{p_w} = \frac{\sin 2\theta_c}{2} \int_0^x \int_0^{2\pi} x \sin \phi p_w(x, \phi) d\phi dx$$

 F_s = total side force

$$F_{\tau_x} = \sin^2 \theta_c \int_0^x \int_0^{2\pi} x \sin \phi \tau_x(x, \phi) d\phi dx$$

$$F_{\tau_\phi} = \sin \theta_c \int_0^x \int_0^{2\pi} x \cos \phi \tau_\phi(x, \phi) d\phi dx$$

 h = static enthalpy divided by freestream value
 ℓ = ℓ_c / L
 ℓ_c = distance of the center of gravity from the tip of the cone
 L = reference length
 M_∞ = freestream Mach number
 p = pressure divided by twice the freestream dynamic pressure
 Pr = freestream Prandtl number
 p_w = wall pressure
 q = pitch rate

r = metric for the ϕ coordinate; $x \sin \theta + y \cos \theta$
 Re_∞ = freestream Reynolds number
 S = Sutherland's constant
 S_f = heat transfer coefficient
 T_0 = freestream stagnation temperature in °R
 T_w = wall temperature in °R
 u = velocity in the x direction divided by freestream velocity
 v = velocity in the y direction divided by freestream velocity
 V_f = freestream velocity in rotating coordinate system
 V_∞ = freestream velocity
 w = velocity in the ϕ direction divided by freestream velocity
 x = coordinate along the rays of the cone surface divided by L
 y = coordinate normal to the surface divided by L
 α = angle of attack
 $\dot{\alpha}$ = time derivative of α
 γ = ratio of specific heats
 η = transformed normal coordinate
 θ_c = cone half angle
 μ = viscosity divided by freestream viscosity
 ξ = bow-shock standoff distance divided by L
 ρ = density divided by freestream density
 τ_x = primary flow wall shear stress
 τ_ϕ = crossflow wall shear stress
 ϕ = circumferential coordinate
 $\dot{\phi}$ = coning rate parameter = $(2\pi/60)(\Omega_c L / V_\infty)$
 Ω_s = spin angular velocity, rev/min
 Ω_c = coning angular velocity, rev/min

I. Introduction

SUPERSONIC viscous flow past a projectile undergoing spinning and coning motion has been a problem of considerable interest in ballistics. Due to gyroscopic moments, a spinning projectile flying at an angle of attack undergoes a coning motion, wherein the nose of the body describes a circle around the flight velocity vector. At low angles of attack, coning motion has particular significance because the steady moment acting on a body of revolution in coning motion can be used to determine the damping-in-pitch derivatives that would be predicted by the linear theory of dynamic stability.

It appears that there have been only two previous theoretical investigations of the problem. Kuhn et al.¹ em-

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$$+ \frac{\mu}{r^2} \left(\frac{\partial v}{\partial \phi} \right)^2 + \mu \left(\frac{\partial w}{\partial y} \right)^2 + \frac{4\mu}{3r^2} \left(\frac{\partial w}{\partial \phi} \right)^2 - \frac{4\mu}{3r} \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} \frac{\partial w}{\partial \phi} + \frac{2\mu}{r} \frac{\partial v}{\partial \phi} \frac{\partial w}{\partial y} \Big]$$

Equation of state (perfect gas):

$$\rho = \gamma M_\infty^2 (p/h)$$

Viscosity law (Sutherland's):

$$\mu = \frac{\sqrt{h}(I+S)}{I+S/h}$$

Here $(\Omega_x, \Omega_y, \Omega_\phi)$ are angular velocity components of the coning motion, given as:

$$\Omega_x = \dot{\Phi}(-\cos\theta_c \cos\alpha + \sin\theta_c \sin\alpha \cos\phi)$$

$$\Omega_y = \dot{\Phi}(\sin\theta_c \cos\alpha + \cos\theta_c \sin\alpha \cos\phi)$$

$$\Omega_\phi = -\dot{\Phi} \sin\alpha \sin\phi$$

where

$$\dot{\Phi} = \text{coning rate} = \frac{2\pi}{60} \frac{\Omega_c L}{V_\infty}$$

Prandtl number and specific heat are assumed constant.

Boundary Conditions

The following boundary conditions at the cone surface are used:

$$u = v = 0; \quad w = w_w = \frac{2\pi}{60} \frac{\Omega_c L}{V_\infty} x \sin\theta_c$$

$$h_w = c_p T_w = \text{specified constant}$$

$$\left(\frac{\partial p}{\partial y} \right)_w = \frac{I}{Re_\infty} \left(\frac{4\mu}{3} \frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\mu}{3r} \frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial y \partial \phi} \right) + \frac{\rho w^2 \cos\theta_c}{r} + \rho [2\Omega_x w + (\Omega_\phi^2 + \Omega_x^2) \ell \sin\theta_c - \Omega_x \Omega_y (x - \ell \cos\theta_c)]$$

To obtain the outer boundary conditions, Rankine-Hugoniot conditions are utilized at the shocks.

The density, static pressure, and static enthalpy in the freestream remain constant with respect to the body-fixed rotating coordinate system. However, the components of freestream velocity vary and are given as:

$$u_f(x, \phi) = \cos\theta_c \cos\alpha - \sin\theta_c \sin\alpha \cos\phi + \Omega_\phi (\xi + \ell \sin\theta_c)$$

$$v_f(x, \phi) = -\sin\theta_c \cos\alpha - \cos\theta_c \sin\alpha \cos\phi - \Omega_\phi (x - \ell \cos\theta_c)$$

$$w_f(x, \phi) = \sin\phi \sin\alpha - \Omega_x (\xi + \ell \sin\theta_c) + \Omega_y (x - \ell \cos\theta_c)$$

where $\xi = \xi(x, \phi)$.

The Rankine-Hugoniot jump conditions then can be written as follows.

Conservation of mass:

$$(u_f - \rho_k u_k) \frac{\partial \xi}{\partial x} - (v_f - \rho_k v_k) + (w_f - \rho_k w_k) \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial \xi}{\partial \phi} = 0$$

Conservation of normal momentum:

$$\frac{\left(u_f \frac{\partial \xi}{\partial x} - v_f + \frac{w_f}{r} \frac{\partial \xi}{\partial \phi} \right)^2}{\left(\frac{\partial \xi}{\partial x} \right)^2 + I + \left(\frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial \xi}{\partial \phi} \right)^2} + p_f = \frac{\left(u_k \frac{\partial \xi}{\partial x} - v_k + \frac{w_k}{r} \frac{\partial \xi}{\partial \phi} \right)^2}{\left(\frac{\partial \xi}{\partial x} \right)^2 + I + \left(\frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial \xi}{\partial \phi} \right)^2} + p_k$$

Conservation of tangential momentum:

$$(u_f - u_k) \left[\frac{1}{r^2} \left(\frac{\partial \xi}{\partial \phi} \right)^2 + I \right] + (v_f - v_k) \frac{\partial \xi}{\partial x} - \frac{(w_f - w_k)}{r} \frac{\partial \xi}{\partial \phi} \frac{\partial \xi}{\partial x} = 0$$

$$(v_f - v_k) \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial \xi}{\partial \phi} + (w_f - w_k) = 0$$

Conservation of energy:

$$I + \frac{(\gamma - I)}{2} M_\infty^2 V_f^2 = h_k + \frac{(\gamma - I)}{2} M_\infty^2 (u_k^2 + v_k^2 + w_k^2)$$

The subscript k denotes the value of the variable just inside the shock. To uniquely determine the six unknowns $\xi, u_k, v_k, w_k, p_k, h_k$, the above five equations must be augmented with another equation which matches the shock to the state of the downstream flow. A one-sided differencing of the continuity equation provides the sixth equation.

Since the windward and leeward surfaces are not symmetry planes for the cone in spinning and coning motion, a periodicity condition for the flow profiles in the windward plane is specified.

In a rectangular $y-\phi$ grid, the shock may not fall on a mesh point, so that the mesh points would have to be moved or added to accommodate the shock. Thus, the transformation $\eta = y/\xi(x, \phi)$ is made. The resulting equations are then solved for $0 \leq \eta \leq 1$, $0 \leq \phi \leq 2\pi$, where $\eta = 0$ corresponds to the cone and $\eta = 1$ corresponds to the shock. The shock distance ξ appears in all the equations. To keep the matrix of coefficients obtained from the difference form of the equations in the block tridiagonal form, a sixth equation, $\partial \xi / \partial \eta = 0$, is differenced. Thus, the problem to be solved consists of six differential equations, six boundary conditions at each of the positions $\eta = 0$ and $\eta = 1$, and a periodicity condition for the flow profiles at $\phi = 0$ or 2π . With the specification of initial conditions, a marching scheme in x can be used to solve the equations.

III. Method of Solution

Numerical Scheme

Details of the numerical differencing scheme, together with analysis of convergence and stability criteria, are given by Lubard and Helliwell.⁴ The differencing scheme used can be termed as implicit-iterative. The normal derivatives are differenced completely implicitly, that is, at the new x station and new iterate. The circumferential derivatives are differenced at the new x station while only the central and backward term is taken at the new iterate. Newton's method of iteration is then used to solve the nonlinear algebraic equations which result from the differencing. It is known that this iteration procedure converges if the initial guess is close enough to the solution, and linearly extrapolating the solution at the previous two x stations seems to give a satisfactory initial guess. This numerical scheme of Lubard and Helliwell⁴ imposes lower as well as upper bound restrictions on the step size Δx in the marching direction: there is an upper bound restriction on Δx for convergence and a lower bound restriction to avoid departure solutions. A careful selection of $\Delta x, \Delta y$, and $\Delta \phi$ is necessary to obtain a solution.

Generation of Initial Conditions

The code requires as input the flow profiles and shock standoff distance at some initial station. For a sharp cone an approximate starting solution is obtained by constructing a suitable analytical shock shape from the shock angles due to the flow past a locally tangent wedge. The inviscid flowfield between the cone and the bow shock is obtained by using Rankine-Hugoniot jump relations across the bow shock. Then an approximate Blasius type boundary-layer solution is constructed between the body and the bow shock, taking into account the spin on the body. Experience has shown that a fairly good starting solution is thus obtained, even at very high angles of attack.

IV. Results and Discussion

The results are presented in two parts for two sets of flow conditions. In part A, the flow conditions are those of the experiment by Schiff and Tobak⁵ and used by Schiff² in his inviscid computations. The cone is undergoing only the coning motion about the center of gravity. Comparisons are made with the inviscid solution of Schiff² and the force and moment measurements of Schiff and Tobak.⁵ In part B, the flow conditions are those used by Sanders and Dwyer⁶ as well as Agarwal and Rakich³ in their computations of the flowfield of a spinning cone. For this set of flow conditions, the cone performs the combined spinning and coning motion. Comparisons of the magnitudes of the side force and moment in the combined motion are made with the Magnus force and moment (due to spin alone) to ascertain the relative importance of viscous shear stresses and pressure forces for the Magnus problem and the coning problem.

A. Flow Conditions: Coning Motion

$$M_\infty = 2, \quad Re_\infty = 2.79 \times 10^6, \quad Pr = 0.72, \quad T_w/T_0 = 0.9527$$

$$L = 56.74218 \text{ cm (1.86162 ft)}, \quad \ell = 0.60073, \quad \Omega_c = 1077 \text{ rpm}$$

$$\theta_c = 10 \text{ deg}, \quad \alpha = (2.5, 5, \text{ and } 7.5 \text{ deg})$$

Figures 2 and 3 show the variation of the normal force and moment coefficients, respectively, with angle of attack. Agreement with the experimental measurements of Schiff and Tobak⁵ is reasonably good, and with the inviscid computations of Schiff,² it is excellent. For the range of the angles of attack considered, the normal force and moment coefficients due to coning are also in good agreement with the predictions of the perturbation theory (Ref. 7). Side force and moment derivatives due to coning $C_{y\dot{\phi}}$ and $C_{n\dot{\phi}}$ agree well with the damping in pitch derivatives $\alpha(C_{Nq} + C_{N\dot{\alpha}})$ and $\alpha(C_{mq} + C_{m\dot{\alpha}})$, respectively, predicted by the perturbation theory of Brong.⁸ The equivalence of $C_{y\dot{\phi}}$ and $C_{n\dot{\phi}}$ with $\alpha(C_{Nq} + C_{N\dot{\alpha}})$ and $\alpha(C_{mq} + C_{m\dot{\alpha}})$, respectively, is discussed in Ref. 2. In Table 1, the numerical values of normal, side force, and moment coefficients are compared with the inviscid computations of Schiff² to demonstrate once again the excellent agreement of inviscid and viscous computations. This suggests that the viscous forces do not significantly affect the aerodynamic coefficients and this, indeed, is borne out in the present computations.

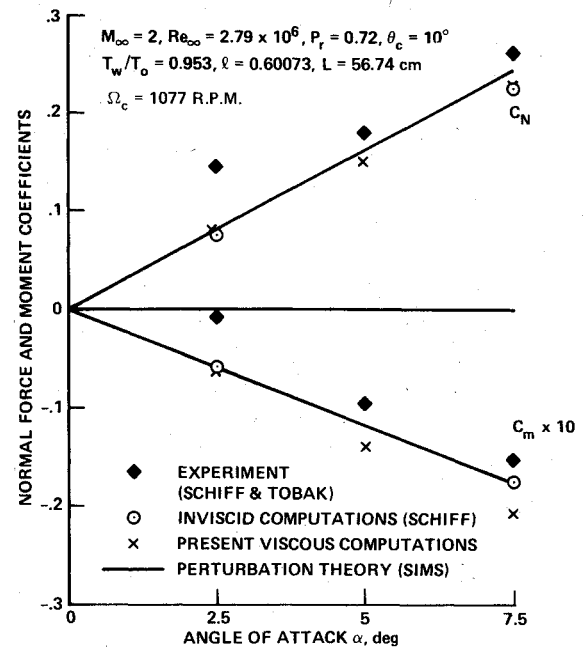


Fig. 2 Variation of normal force (C_N) and moment (C_m) coefficients with angle of attack for a cone in coning motion.

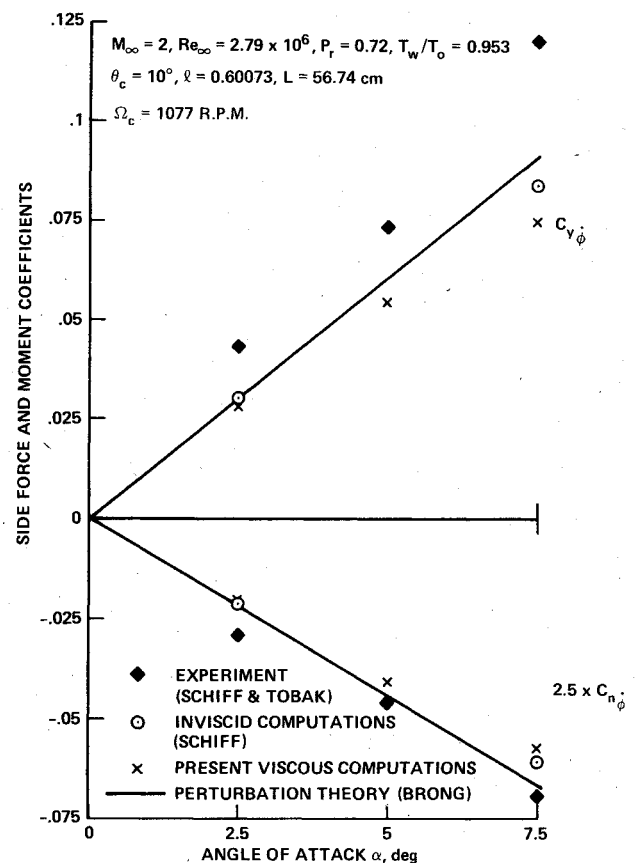


Fig. 3 Variation of side force ($C_{y\dot{\phi}}$) and moment ($C_{n\dot{\phi}}$) coefficients with angle of attack for a cone in coning motion.

Table 1 Comparison of normal and side force and moment coefficients from inviscid and viscous computations

α , deg	C_N		C_m		$C_{y\dot{\phi}}$		$C_{n\dot{\phi}}$	
	Schiff ²	Present	Schiff ²	Present	Schiff ²	Present	Schiff ²	Present
2.5	0.07562	0.07896	-0.005864	-0.006403	0.029744	0.02861	-0.008303	-0.00838
5	...	0.15095	...	-0.014035	...	0.05417	...	-0.01620
7.5	0.22640	0.22907	-0.017553	-0.020734	0.08386	0.07394	-0.024715	-0.02361

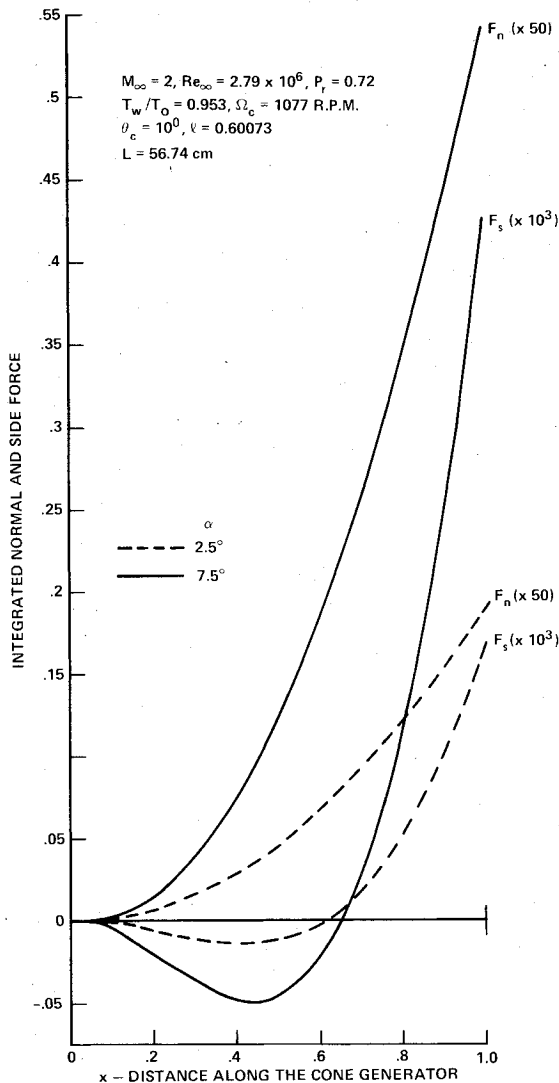


Fig. 4 Variation of normal and side force with distance along the cone-generator for a cone in coning motion.

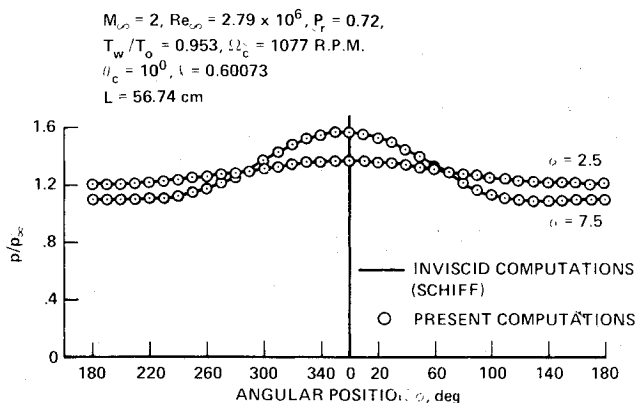


Fig. 5 Variation of surface pressure around the circumference of the cone in coning motion at $x = 1$.

In Fig. 4, the variation of the normal and side force along the cone generator is shown for two angles of attack. It is interesting to note that the integrated side force changes sign close to the center of gravity because of the coning motion. Normal force, however, varies monotonically with distance along the cone generator. Normal forces are two orders-of-magnitude higher than the side forces.

In Fig. 5, pressure around the circumference of the cone is compared with the inviscid results of Schiff² at two angles of

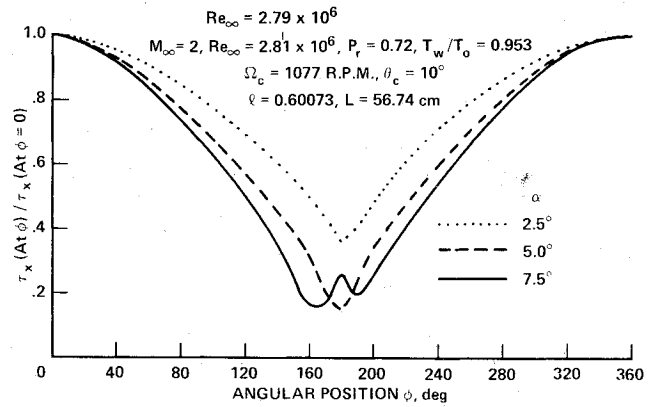


Fig. 6 Variation of primary flow wall shear relative to windside around the circumference of a cone in coning motion at $x = 1$.

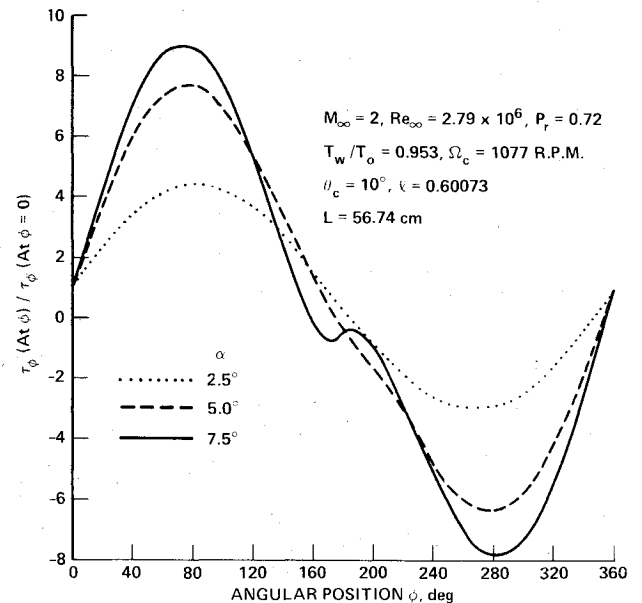


Fig. 7 Variation of crossflow wall shear relative to windside around the circumference of a cone in coning motion at $x = 1$.

attack and again the agreement is excellent. Figures 6, 7, and 8 show the variation of streamwise shear, crossflow shear, and Stanton number, respectively, relative to the windside around the circumference of the cone at various angles of attack. In Figs. 9 and 10, crossflow velocity profiles in the shock layer are plotted at various circumferential locations around the cone.

B. Flow Conditions: Combined Spinning and Coning Motion

$$M_\infty = 4, \quad Re_\infty = (2.81 \times 10^5 \text{ and } 2.81 \times 10^6)$$

$$Pr = 1, \quad T_w/T_0 = 0.24, \quad L = 30.48 \text{ cm (1 ft)}, \quad \ell = 0.61$$

$$\theta_c = 10 \text{ deg}, \quad \alpha = (2, 4, 6, \text{ and } 10 \text{ deg})$$

$$\Omega_c = 4468 \text{ rpm}, \quad \Omega_s = 30,000 \text{ rpm}$$

Figure 11 shows the variation of the normal force and moment coefficient with angle of attack for a stationary cone, a spinning cone, and a cone in combined spinning and coning motion. Coning or spinning motion has little effect on normal force and moment. Figure 12 shows the variation of the side force and moment coefficient with angle of attack for a cone in the combined spinning and coning motion. In Fig. 13, the variation in the side force (a result of asymmetric pressure distribution around the circumference of the cone) along the cone generator due to combined spinning and coning motion

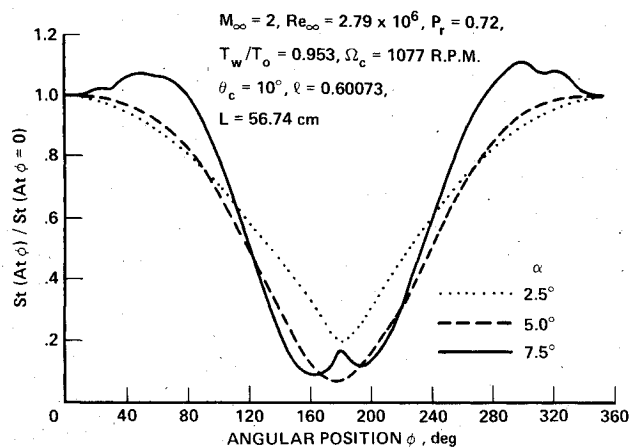


Fig. 8 Variation of heat-transfer coefficient relative to windside around the circumference of a cone in coning motion at $x = 1$.

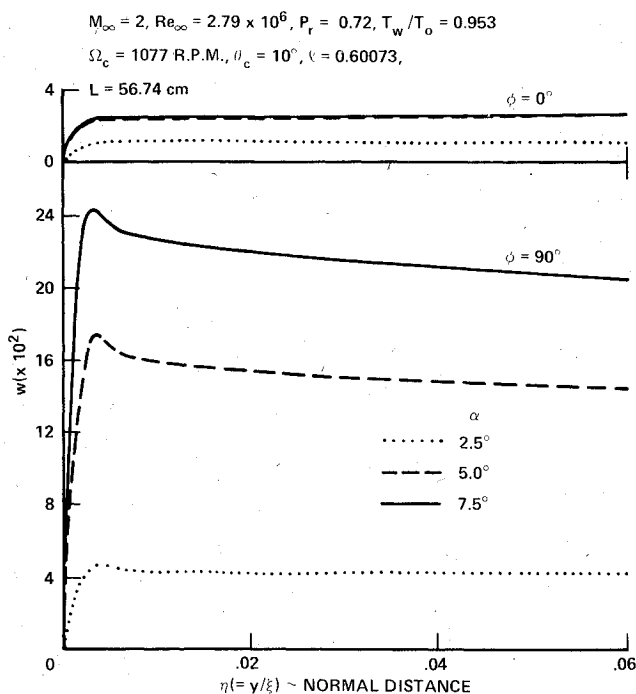


Fig. 9 Crossflow velocity profiles in the shock layer at $x = 1$ for a cone in coning motion.

is shown for a cone at 4 deg angle of attack at two Reynolds numbers and is compared with the variation in the Magnus force with x at the corresponding Reynolds numbers. In the combined motion, the change in the Reynolds number does not significantly affect the magnitude of the side force. Magnus force, however, changes depending on the Reynolds number.³ Since the Magnus force is nearly an order-of-magnitude smaller than the side force due to coning, the Magnus contribution to the combined motion becomes relatively small. Thus in the combined motion at moderate coning rates, the effect of spinning on the aerodynamic coefficients can be considered negligible.

Figure 14 shows the variation in side force (due to shear stresses τ_x and τ_ϕ) along the cone generator at two Reynolds numbers in the combined motion and its comparison with the corresponding Magnus components. It is clear that the shear stresses in the combined motion are not significantly different from those in the spinning motion alone. Considering the magnitude of the contribution to side force due to τ_x and τ_ϕ as compared to that due to p_w , it is clear that in the combined motion, the contribution to side force due to τ_x and τ_ϕ is

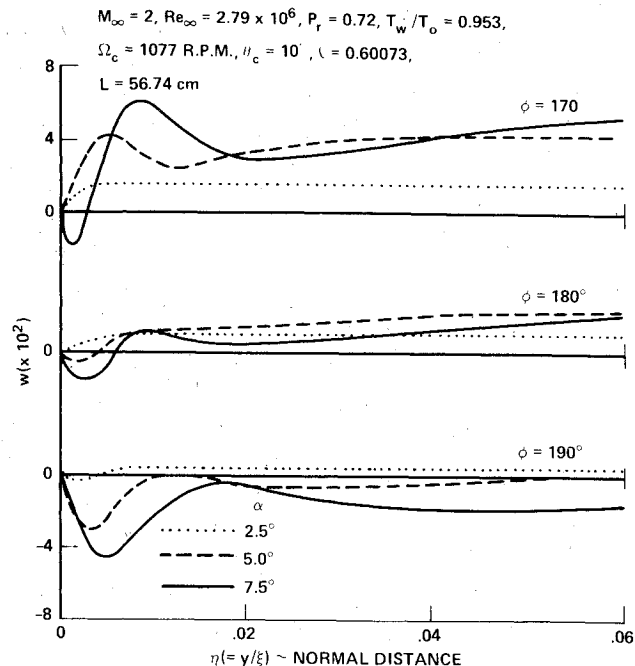


Fig. 10 Crossflow velocity profiles in the shock layer at $x = 1$ for a cone in coning motion.

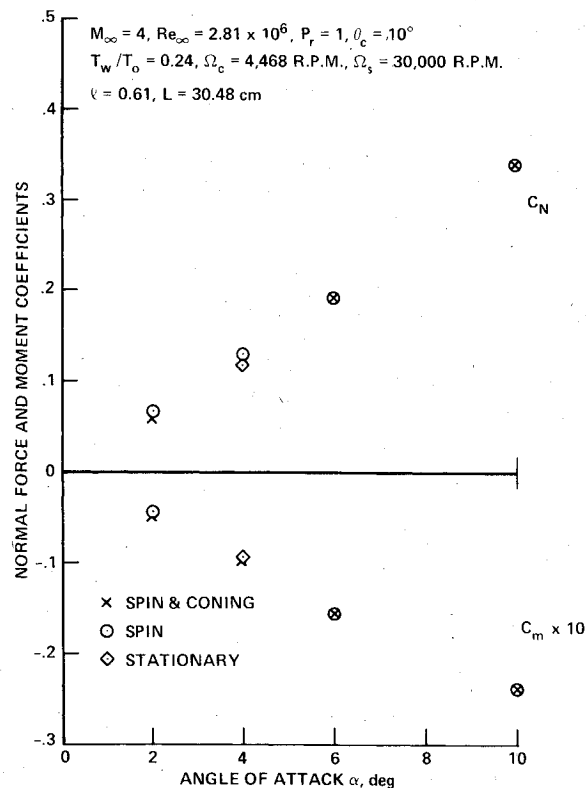


Fig. 11 Variation of normal force (C_N) and moment (C_m) coefficients with angle of attack for a cone in spinning and coning motion.

relatively small compared to that due to p_w . In spinning motion, however, the contribution to Magnus force due to τ_ϕ is of the same order-of-magnitude as that of p_w .

In Fig. 15 the variation of heat-transfer coefficient, relative to the windside value around the circumference, is plotted for a stationary cone, a cone in spinning motion, and in combined spinning and coning motion. Again, coning does not change the laminar heat-transfer characteristics significantly.

$$M_\infty = 4, Re_\infty = 2.81 \times 10^6, P_r = 1, T_w/T_o = 0.24$$

$$\theta_c = 10^\circ, \Omega_s = 30,000 \text{ R.P.M.}, \Omega_c = 4,468 \text{ R.P.M.}$$

$$\ell = 0.61, L = 30.48 \text{ cm}$$

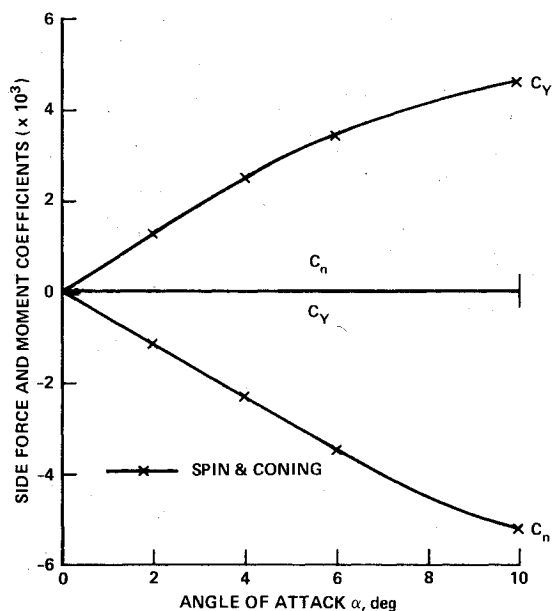


Fig. 12 Variation of side force (C_Y) and moment (C_n) coefficients with angle of attack for a cone in spinning and coning motion.

$$M_\infty = 4, P_r = 1, T_w/T_o = 0.24,$$

$$\theta_c = 10^\circ, \alpha = 4^\circ, \Omega_s = 30,000 \text{ R.P.M.}, \Omega_c = 4,468 \text{ R.P.M.}$$

$$\ell = 0.61, L = 30.48 \text{ cm}$$

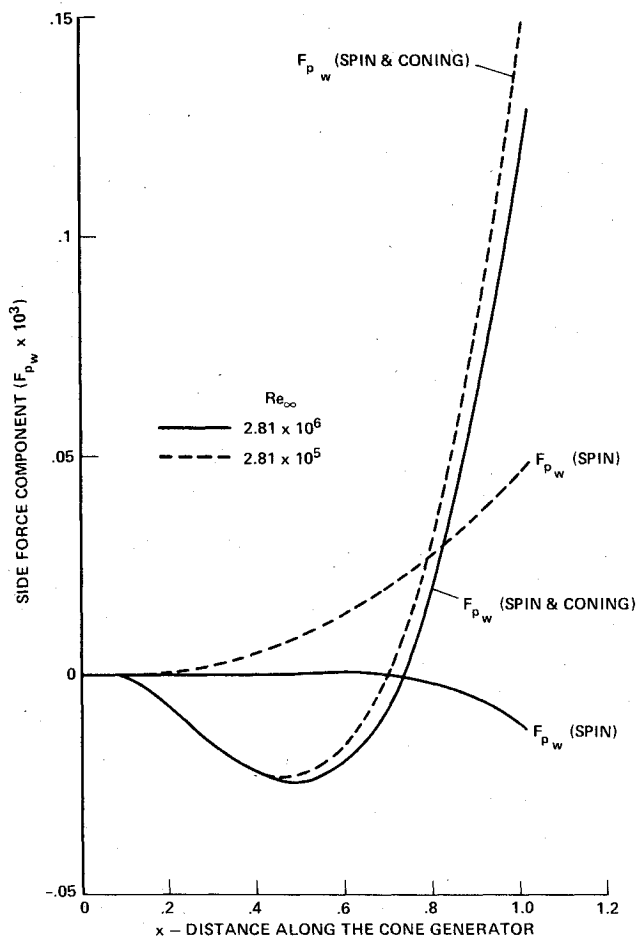


Fig. 13 Variation of side force component F_{pw} with distance along the cone generator for a cone in coning and spinning motion.

$$M_\infty = 4, P_r = 1, T_w/T_o = 0.24,$$

$$\theta_c = 10^\circ, \alpha = 4^\circ, \Omega_s = 30,000 \text{ R.P.M.}$$

$$\Omega_c = 4,468 \text{ R.P.M.}, \ell = 0.61,$$

$$L = 30.48 \text{ cm}$$

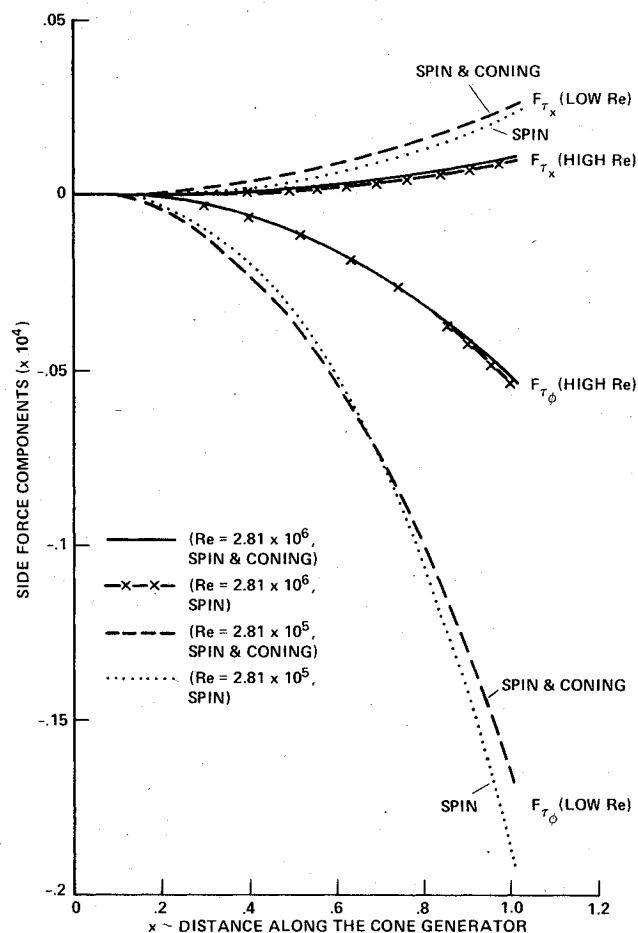


Fig. 14 Variation of side force components F_{Tx} and $F_{T\phi}$ with distance along the cone generator for a cone in spinning and coning motion.

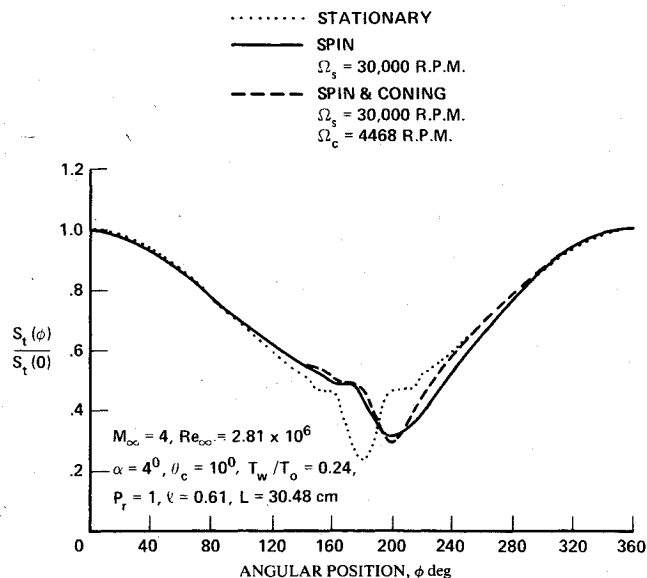


Fig. 15 Variation of heat-transfer coefficient relative to windside around the circumference of a cone in spinning and coning motion at $x=0.8$.

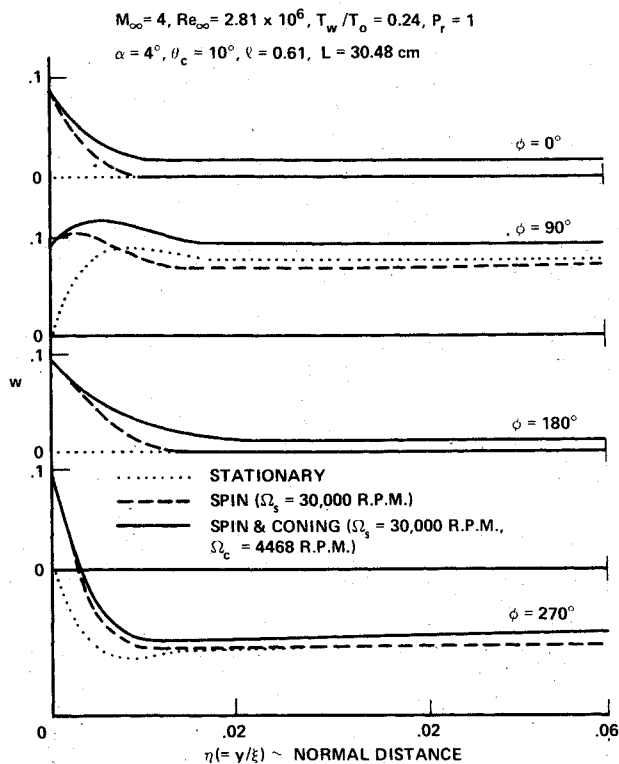


Fig. 16 Crossflow velocity profiles in the shock layer at $x=0.8$ for a cone in spinning and coning motion.

$M_\infty = 4$, $Re = 2.81 \times 10^6$, $\alpha = 4^\circ$, $\theta_c = 10^\circ$, $T_w/T_o = 0.24$, $P_r = 1$, $L = 30.48$ cm

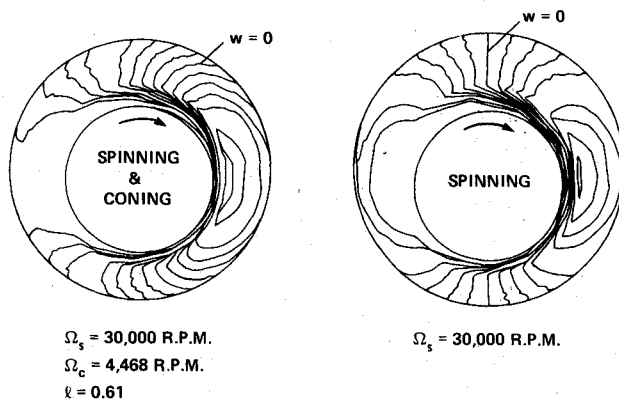


Fig. 17 Crossflow velocity contours at $x=0.8$ (location past c.g.) for a cone in spinning and coning motion. Coning direction \odot .

In Fig. 16, a comparison of the crossflow velocity profiles at various circumferential locations around the cone is presented for a stationary cone, a spinning cone, and a cone in combined spinning and coning motion. Finally, in Fig. 17, crossflow velocity contours are shown for a cone in spinning and in combined spinning and coning motion. Coning further accentuates the asymmetry in the flowfield.

V. Summary

For the first time, the viscous flowfield of a pointed cone undergoing spinning as well as coning motion at an angle of attack has been calculated using the parabolized Navier-Stokes and energy equation approximation. The main result of the present work can be summarized as follows:

1) While the viscous shear stresses as well as the pressure forces are important in the computation of Magnus force and moment, as has been pointed out in Agarwal and Rakich,³ only the pressure forces are important in the computation of side force due to coning motion, at the angles of attack, coning and spinning rates considered in this paper. The contribution to side force due to asymmetry in the inviscid pressure resulting from coning motion is so large that the contribution due to all other viscous forces can be assumed negligible.

2) Coning or spinning motion has negligibly small effect on normal force and moment.

3) At small angles of attack, the side force and moment derivatives ($C_{y\dot{\phi}}$ and $C_{n\dot{\phi}}$) due to coning in the present computations are in good agreement with the perturbation theory of Brong.⁸ At high angles of attack, nonlinear effects become important.

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