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Experimental investigation of flow-induced vibration of a sinusoidally rotating circular cylinder

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The present experimental investigation characterises the dynamic response and wake structure of a sinusoidally rotating circular cylinder with a low mass ratio (defined as the ratio of the total oscillating mass to the displaced fluid mass) undergoing cross-stream flow-induced vibration (FIV). The study covers a wide parameter space spanning the forcing rotary oscillation frequency ratio $0 \leq f_r^* \leq 4.5$ and the forcing rotation speed ratio $0 \leq \alpha_r^* \leq 2.0$, at reduced velocities associated with the vortex-induced vibration (VIV) upper and lower amplitude response branches. Here, $f_r^* = f_r/f_{nw}$ and $\alpha_r^* = \Omega_o D/(2U)$, where f_r is the forcing rotary oscillation frequency, f_{nw} is the natural frequency of the system in quiescent fluid (water), Ω_o is the peak angular rotation speed, D is the cylinder diameter and U is the free-stream velocity; the reduced velocity is defined by $U^* = U/(f_{nw}D)$. The fluid–structure system was modelled using a low-friction air-bearing system in conjunction with a free-surface recirculating water channel, with axial rotary motion provided by a microstepping motor. The cylinder was allowed to vibrate with only one degree of freedom transverse

to the oncoming free-stream flow. It was found that in specific ranges of f_r^* , the body vibration frequency may deviate from that seen in the non-rotating case and lock onto the forcing rotary oscillation frequency or its one-third subharmonic. The former is referred to as the ‘rotary lock-on’ (RLO) region and the latter as the ‘tertiary lock-on’ (TLO) region. Significant increases in the vibration amplitude and suppression of VIV could both be observed in different parts of the RLO and TLO regions. The peak amplitude response in the case of $U^* = 5.5$ (upper branch) was observed to be $1.2D$, an increase of approximately 50 % over the non-rotating case, while in the case of $U^* = 8.0$ (lower branch), the peak amplitude response was $2.2D$, a remarkable increase of 270 % over the non-rotating case. Notably, the results showed that the amplitude responses at moderate Reynolds numbers ($Re = UD/\nu = 2060$ and 2940 , where ν is the kinematic viscosity of the fluid) in the present study showed significant differences from those of a previous low-Reynolds-number ($Re = 350$) numerical study at similar reduced velocities by Du & Sun (*Phys. Fluids*, vol. 14 (8), 2015, pp. 2767–2777). Remarkably, in an additional study examining the cylinder vibration as a function of U^* while the fixed forcing rotary oscillation parameters

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were kept constant at $(f_r^*, \alpha_r^*) = (1.0, 1.0)$, the cylinder experienced substantially larger oscillations than in the non-rotating case, and a rotation-induced galloping response was observed for $U^* > 12$, where the amplitude increased monotonically to reach approximately $3.0D$ at the highest reduced velocity ($U^* = 20$) tested. Furthermore, new wake modes were identified in the RLO and TLO regions using particle image velocimetry measurements at selected points in the $f_r^* - \alpha_r^*$ parameter space.

Key words: flow–structure interactions, vortex streets, wakes

1. Introduction

Flow-induced vibration (FIV) of elastically mounted bluff bodies is observed in phenomena as diverse as the vibration of cooling arrays in nuclear power plants, the oscillations of a flagpole in the wind and the vibration of offshore oil risers in tidal currents. These vibrations can compromise the integrity of engineering structures and even cause catastrophic failures. Design methods used to avert such effects require a thorough understanding and prediction of their occurrence and characteristics. This has motivated numerous studies that have aimed to characterise the fluid–structure system and better understand the vibration mechanisms. Surveys of the field are covered in reviews by Griffin, Skop & Koopmann (1973), Bearman (1984), Carberry, Sheridan & Rockwell (2001), Sarpkaya (2004), Williamson & Govardhan (2004) and Gabbai & Benaroya (2005), and books by Blevins (1990), Naudascher & Rockwell (2005) and Païdoussis, Price & De Langre (2010), among others. Flow-induced vibration, on the other hand, could also find applications in vibration control, and energy harvesting where significant body oscillations can be utilised. Comprehensive reviews on this topic are given by Xiao & Zhu (2014) and Young, Lai & Platzer (2014).

There are two typical FIV body oscillator phenomena: vortex-induced vibration (VIV) and galloping (see Naudascher & Rockwell 2005). Vortex-induced vibration is caused by vortices shed from a body, which in turn exert fluctuating forces on the body and, if it is elastic or elastically mounted, then cause structural vibration under resonant conditions. Since the pioneering experimental study by Brooks (1960), VIV has been extensively investigated using the canonical model of an elastically mounted rigid circular cylinder that is free or forced to oscillate transversely in a free stream (Bishop & Hassan 1964; Feng 1968; Bearman 1984; Williamson & Roshko 1988; Govardhan & Williamson 2000; Carberry *et al.* 2001; Morse & Williamson 2009; Zhao *et al.* 2014a).

A phenomenon fundamental to VIV is the synchronisation between the structural vibration and the vortex shedding (also known as ‘lock-in’ or wake–body synchronisation), where the vortex shedding frequency (f_{sh}) deviates from the Strouhal frequency (f_{St}) of a stationary cylinder and matches the body oscillation frequency (f_y). While there exist differences in the definition of lock-in in the literature, the definition used in the present study follows that given by Sarpkaya (1995), that the body vibration frequency matches that of the fluctuating transverse lift force. When lock-in occurs, in general, significantly large body oscillations are encountered. Thus, researchers are interested in how the cylinder will respond when f_{sh} is forced to deviate from both f_{St} and f_y . The present study promotes this frequency deviation by imposing sinusoidal rotary oscillations on an elastically mounted circular cylinder. Similar mechanical configurations could have practical applications in offshore

engineering, where rotary oscillations of drill shafts could be utilised to decrease or even suppress VIV. On the other hand, energy harvesting could utilise rotary oscillations of long slender structures to promote VIV and enhance body oscillations for power production. Such applications require better understanding and prediction of the structural vibration response under different conditions of the flow and the imposed rotary oscillation.

A number of active VIV control methods have been proposed and studied over the past four decades. However, some of these methods are sensitive to the flow orientation and may lose their effectiveness as the flow direction is changed. An active control method that is insensitive to the flow orientation is sinusoidally driven rotary oscillations of a circular cylinder. The angular speed of the sinusoidal rotary oscillation imposed on the cylinder is governed by

$$\Omega = \Omega_o \sin(2\pi f_r t), \quad (1.1)$$

where Ω_o is the peak angular velocity and f_r is the forcing rotary oscillation frequency.

For a rigidly mounted cylinder undergoing sinusoidally driven rotary oscillations, synchronisation between the vortex shedding and the forcing rotary oscillations is a phenomenon of significant interest. Such synchronisation was observed numerically and experimentally over a wide Reynolds-number (defined by $Re = UD/\nu$, with U the free-stream velocity, D the cylinder diameter and ν the kinematic viscosity of the fluid) range of $40 < Re < 6100$ by Okajima, Takata & Asanuma (1975), who found that the vortex shedding frequency deviated from the Strouhal frequency and locked onto the forcing frequency. This phenomenon has commonly been referred to as ‘lock-on’ since. Here, it should be noted that lock-on should not be confused with lock-in, which is a term commonly used to refer to the wake–body synchronisation in FIV. Later, Taneda (1978) reported that at $Re = 30\text{--}300$, rotary oscillations at high f_r could almost eliminate vortex shedding and the recirculation region in the near wake of the cylinder.

More recent studies have further investigated the fluid forces and their phases with respect to the body rotary oscillations and the wake structure over wider parameter space. Tokumaru & Dimotakis (1991) reported a sixfold reduction in drag compared with the non-rotating case at some optimal forcing parameters at $Re = 15\,000$. However, this was not observed in other studies. Choi, Choi & Kang (2002) suggested that the discrepancy might result from large differences in Re . More recent numerical work by Cheng (2001), Cheng, Liu & Lam (2001) and Choi *et al.* (2002) has shown that there is no significant reduction in the lift with sinusoidally driven rotary oscillations over most forcing parameters. In fact, within the lock-on regime, the lift can be enhanced significantly by rotary oscillations. Moreover, Cheng (2001), Cheng *et al.* (2001) and Choi *et al.* (2002) demonstrated that lock-on could occur over a wide parameter space of the maximum rotary speed rate, $\alpha_r^* = \Omega_o D / (2U)$, and the normalised forcing rotary oscillation frequency (equivalent Strouhal number), $St_r = f_r D / U$. Baek & Sung (1998), Cheng (2001), Cheng *et al.* (2001) and Choi *et al.* (2002) have documented the presence of frequency modulation in the fluid forces. However, the conditions at which this occurs are disputed. Choi *et al.* (2002) elaborated that the presence of frequency modulation is the result of discrepancies between f_r and f_{sh} of a non-rotating cylinder, and it exists at varying levels of influence when the fluid–structure system is not under lock-on.

Nevertheless, Cheng *et al.* (2001) and Choi *et al.* (2002) reported that the frequency modulation has a significant influence on the wake structure. A number of wake

modes associated with rotationally oscillating cylinders, such as modes I and II, were reported in Okajima *et al.* (1975), Tokumaru & Dimotakis (1991), Chou (1997), Cheng (2001), Cheng *et al.* (2001) and Choi *et al.* (2002). An interesting wake mode was reported in Chou (1997), Cheng (2001) and Cheng *et al.* (2001), which consisted of a counter-rotating tandem vortex pair shed per half shedding cycle. In this wake mode, each vortex pair is composed of a larger primary vortex followed by the shedding of a smaller secondary vortex; the secondary vortex orbits around the primary vortex as the pair moves downstream. This is not unexpected, as the rotary oscillation forces the shedding of high-strength compact primary vortices, which draw across opposite-signed vorticity from the opposite side of the cylinder to form orbiting secondary vortices.

More recently, Du & Sun (2015) appear to have been the first to investigate FIV of an elastically mounted circular cylinder undergoing sinusoidally driven rotary oscillations in two-dimensional flow. Their study was conducted numerically at a low Reynolds number $Re = 350$ over the reduced velocity range $U^* = 4.0\text{--}5.5$. It should be noted that the reduced velocity is defined by $U^* = U/(f_n D)$, where f_n is the natural frequency of the system. Due to the addition of free transverse body vibration, Du & Sun (2015) redefined the forcing rotary frequency in a non-dimensional form by $f_r^* = f_r/f_n$, a definition also adopted in the present work. They found that lock-on occurred even at the early stage when the structure started to oscillate transversely to the free-stream flow, and that its occurrence was dependent on α_r^* and f_r^* . When the system was under lock-on, a significant reduction in the transverse oscillation amplitude could be achieved. However, there was an exception that large-amplitude oscillations were encountered with a forcing rotary frequency at $f_r^* \approx 1$. Furthermore, they reported that at $f_r^* = 1.3$ and $U^* = 5.0$, the effectiveness of forcing rotary oscillations increased with α_r^* , and at $\alpha_r^* \gtrsim 1.3$ to attenuate the body vibration amplitude to less than $0.05D$. Interestingly, Du & Sun (2015) also observed tandem vortex pairs; however, the detailed behaviour was not described and in particular whether the same orbiting structure was observed.

In summary, the previous study by Du & Sun (2015) has numerically investigated the vibration responses and wake modes, but only for limited cases in the forcing parameter space and at a relatively low Reynolds number. Their study focused on reduced velocities associated with the transition between the initial and upper branches of VIV of a non-rotating cylinder. The present work is an attempt to experimentally study this problem over a higher Reynolds-number range, where the VIV response is likely to be less sensitive to Reynolds-number variations. Thus, the findings are likely to be more applicable to typical physical/industrial applications, where Reynolds numbers are generally higher. This investigation also aims to study the vibration response and wake structure over a wider parameter space of α_r^* and f_r^* at two reduced velocities associated with the upper and lower branches in the lock-in regime of VIV of a non-rotating cylinder. Additionally, the present study appears to be the first to investigate the structural vibration response with fixed forcing rotary oscillation parameters at $(f_r^*, \alpha_r^*) = (1, 1)$ over a wide range of reduced velocity.

The structure of the remainder of the paper is as follows. The experimental methodology, including experimental details and a validation study, is presented in § 2. The results and discussion are presented in § 3. Finally, conclusions are drawn in § 4.

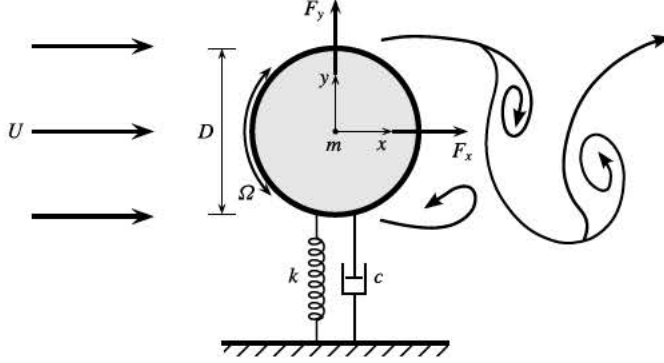


FIGURE 1. Definition sketch for the transverse flow-induced vibration of a rotary oscillating cylinder. The hydro-elastic system is simplified as a one-degree-of-freedom system constrained to move in the cross-flow direction. The axis of rotation is transverse to both the flow direction (x -axis) and the oscillation axis (y -axis). Here, U is the free-stream velocity, k is the spring constant, D is the cylinder diameter, m is the oscillating mass and c is the structural damping. The angular speed of the cylinder rotary oscillation is $\Omega = \Omega_o \sin(2\pi f_r t)$, with Ω_o the peak angular velocity and f_r the forcing rotary frequency.

2. Experimental methodology

2.1. Fluid–structure system modelling

A schematic of the fluid–structure system is illustrated in figure 1. The elastically mounted cylinder is free to oscillate in only the direction transverse to the oncoming free stream. The governing equation of motion can be mathematically expressed as

$$m\ddot{y} + c\dot{y} + ky = F_y, \quad (2.1)$$

where F_y represents the transverse fluid force, m is the total oscillating mass of the system, c is the structural damping of the system, k is the spring constant and y is the displacement in the transverse direction.

In the present experiments, the hydro-elastic system was modelled based on a low-friction air-bearing system in conjunction with the recirculating free-surface water channel of the Fluids Laboratory for Aeronautical and Industrial Research (FLAIR), Monash University. The test section of the water channel has dimensions of 600 mm in width, 800 mm in depth and 4000 mm in length. The free-stream velocity in the present experiments could be varied continuously in the range $50 \leq U \leq 450 \text{ mm s}^{-1}$. The free-stream turbulence level in the test section was less than 1%. Schematics with two different views of the experimental set-up are presented in figure 2(a,b), while figure 2(c) shows a photograph of the experimental rig to clarify details. The air-bearing system positioned above the water channel provided low structural damping and constrained the cylinder motion to the transverse (cross-flow) direction. The structural stiffness of the oscillating system was controlled by precision stainless-steel extension springs attached to both sides of the support carriage and the base of the air-bearing system. More details on this hydro-elastic system can be found in Nemes *et al.* (2012), Zhao *et al.* (2014a,b), Wong *et al.* (2017), Sareen *et al.* (2018) and Zhao *et al.* (2018).

The cylinder model had a diameter of $D = 30 \pm 0.01 \text{ mm}$ and an immersed length of $L = 614 \text{ mm}$, giving an aspect ratio of $L/D \simeq 20.5$. To promote parallel vortex

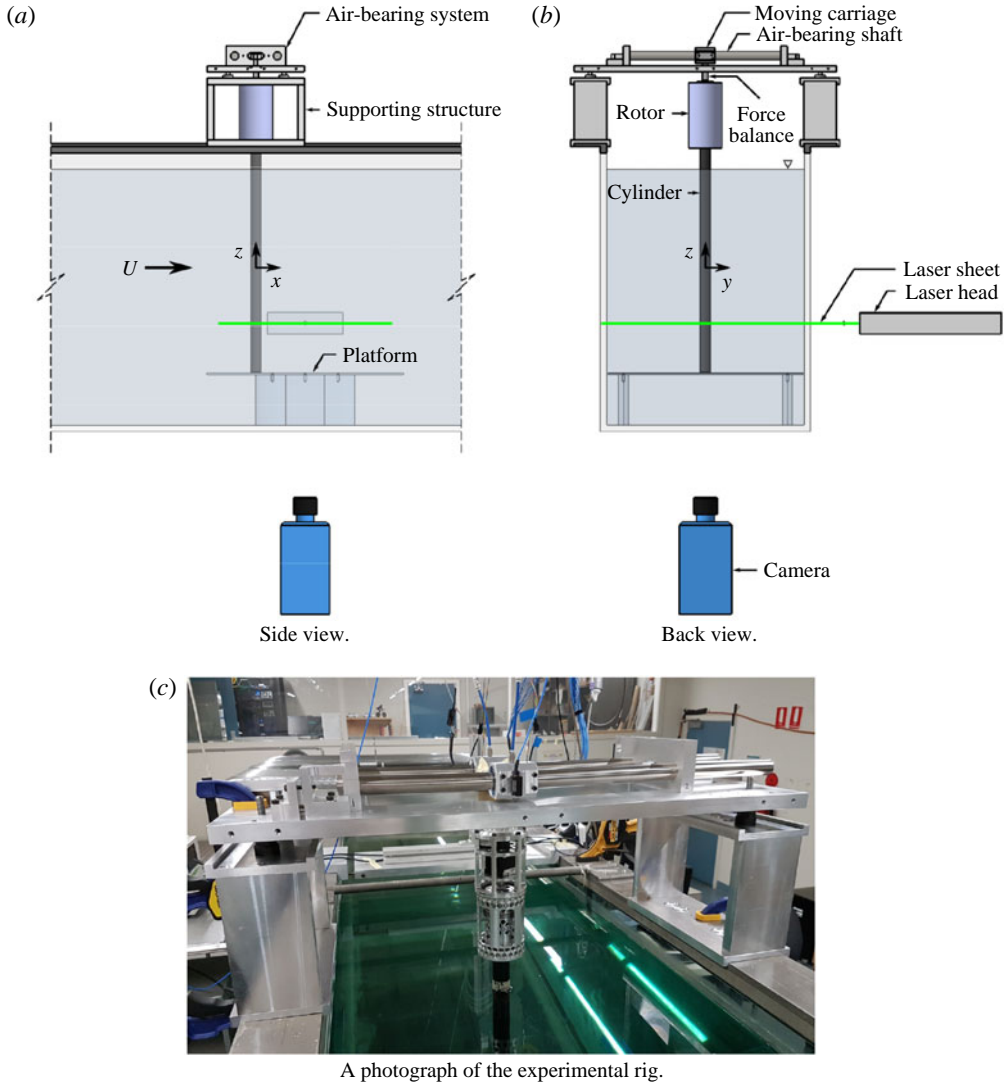


FIGURE 2. (Colour online) Schematics of the present experimental set-up in two different views in (a,b), with a photograph of the system in (c).

shedding and to reduce end effects of the cylinder, a conditioning platform was placed under the cylinder, and a gap between the cylinder end and the platform surface was set to approximately 1 mm ($0.03D$) (see Khalak & Williamson 1997, 1999; Zhao *et al.* 2014a,b; Wong *et al.* 2017; Zhao *et al.* 2018).

The sinusoidal rotary motion of the cylinder was controlled using a motion control system consisting of a controller (model 6K2; Parker Hannifin, USA), a motor drive (model E-DC) and a miniature low-voltage microstepping motor (model LV172) with a resolution of 25 000 steps per revolution (see Wong *et al.* 2017; Zhao *et al.* 2018).

The total oscillating mass, including the cylinder, motor assembly and moving components of the air-bearing system, was $m = 2479$ g and the mass of the displaced fluid was $m_d = \rho\pi D^2 L/4 = 433$ g, where ρ is the water density, resulting in a mass

ratio of $m^* = m/m_d = 5.73$. The natural frequencies of the system and the structural damping in both air and water were determined through free-decay tests conducted individually in air and in quiescent water. The natural frequency was found to be $f_{na} = 0.468$ Hz in air and $f_{nw} = 0.429$ Hz in quiescent water. The structural damping ratio with consideration of the added mass was $\zeta = c/(2\sqrt{k(m+m_A)}) \simeq 2.44 \times 10^{-3}$, where m_A is the added mass, determined by $m_A = ((f_{na}/f_{nw})^2 - 1)m$.

2.2. Data acquisition and processing methods

The data acquisition (DAQ) and the control of the free-stream velocity and the rotary motion of the cylinder in the $U^*-\alpha_r^*-f_r^*$ parameter space were automated using customised LabVIEW (National Instruments, USA) programs (see Wong *et al.* 2017). Two fixed reduced velocities, $U^* = 5.5$ and 8.0, selected from the upper and lower branches in the non-rotating VIV case respectively, were tested in the present study. The corresponding Reynolds numbers for these two cases were 2060 and 2940 respectively. While the experiments were undertaken, the temperature fluctuations were less than $\pm 0.5^\circ\text{C}$; therefore, fluctuations in the kinematic viscosity with temperature were considered to be minimal. The velocity ratio was varied over the range $0 \leq \alpha_r^* \leq 3.5$ in increments ranging from 0.05 to 0.2 and the rotary frequency ratio was varied over the range $0 \leq f_r^* \leq 4.5$ in increments ranging from 0.05 to 0.1.

The cylinder displacement was measured using a non-contact digital optical linear encoder with a resolution of $1 \mu\text{m}$ (model RGH24; Renishaw, UK). The body oscillation amplitude and frequency, the fluid forces and corresponding phases were calculated based on the highly accurate displacement measurements (see Zhao *et al.* 2018). The rotary motion of the cylinder was measured using a digital optical rotary encoder with a resolution of 4000 counts per revolution (model E5-1000; US Digital, USA). For each point in the $U^*-\alpha_r^*-f_r^*$ parameter space, the DAQ measurements were sampled at 100 Hz for 300 s (for at least 100 oscillation cycles). Sufficient transition time (240 s) was given between changing either α_r^* or f_r^* to allow the FIV response to fully develop before recording the signal sequences. The measurement signals were filtered using a fourth-order low-pass Butterworth filter with a cutoff frequency of 10 Hz to remove high-frequency noise. Fast Fourier transforms (FFTs) were used for frequency analysis. The relative phases between the exciting fluid forces and the body motion were calculated using the Hilbert transform.

To capture the vortex structures in the near wake of the cylinder, the particle image velocimetry (PIV) technique was employed. The flow was seeded with hollow microspheres (model Spherical 110P8; Potters Industries Inc.), which had a normal diameter of $13 \mu\text{m}$ and a specific weight of 1.1 g m^{-3} . The particles were illuminated by a 3 mm thick horizontal planar laser sheet from two miniature Ng:YAG pulse lasers (model Continuum Minilite II; USA). Imaging was performed using a high-speed camera (model Dimax S4; PCO AG, Germany) with a resolution of $2016 \times 2016 \text{ pixel}^2$. This camera was equipped with a 50 mm lens (Nikon Corporation, Japan), giving a magnification factor of 11.95 pixels per mm for the field of view of interest. For each PIV imaging location in the $U^*-\alpha_r^*-f_r^*$ parameter space, 3100 image pairs were recorded for quantitative analysis. The PIV image pairs were captured at 11 Hz using a TTL pulse generator. The TTL signals were sampled simultaneously with the cylinder displacement at 1000 Hz. This allowed the instantaneous cylinder position to be accurately located for phase-averaging of the PIV images. To provide fine resolution of the evolving wake structures, which could be perturbed quickly by

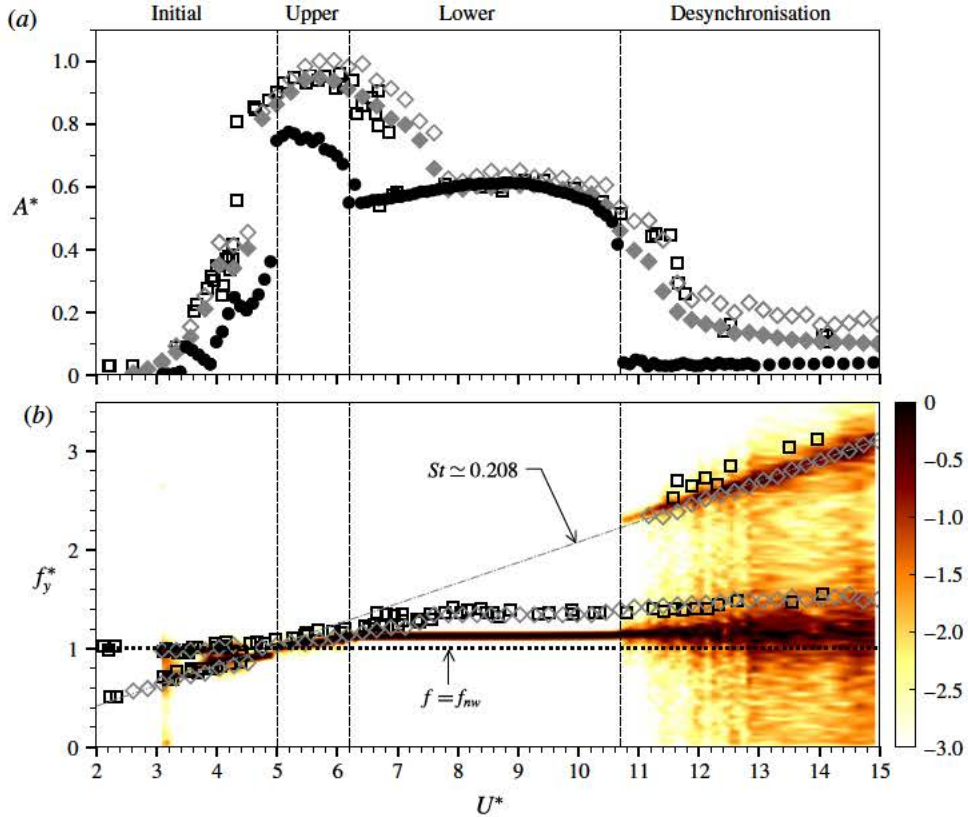


FIGURE 3. (Colour online) Structural vibration of non-rotating cylinders undergoing VIV (Zhao *et al.* 2018). (a) The normalised amplitude response as a function of the reduced velocity. The solid circles (●) represent the mean of the highest 10% of the amplitudes (A_{10}^*) at each U^* in the present study with $m^* = 5.73$ and $\zeta = 2.44 \times 10^{-3}$; the open diamonds (◇) and solid diamonds (◆) represent the A_{max}^* and A_{10}^* values respectively in Zhao *et al.* (2014b) with $m^* = 2.40$ and $\zeta = 2.43 \times 10^{-3}$; the open squares (□) represent the A_{max}^* values in Khalak & Williamson (1997) with $m^* = 2.4$ and $\zeta = 4.5 \times 10^{-3}$. (b) The corresponding frequency responses of the previous studies overlapped on the logarithmic-scale PSD contour of the present study. It should be noted that the PSD is normalised by the maximum value at each U^* . The dot-dashed line represents the variation of the normalised Strouhal frequency for the case of a stationary cylinder.

the cylinder rotation, images of each set were binned into 48 phases based on the cylinder displacement and velocity, yielding at least 60 image pairs for each phase bin (see Zhao *et al.* 2018). The PIV processing was conducted using validated in-house software developed by Fouras, Lo Jacono & Hourigan (2008), with 32×32 pixel² interrogation windows in a grid layout with 50% window overlap.

2.3. Validation

The experimental rig used in the present study was the same as that used in Zhao *et al.* (2018), focusing on in-line FIV of a rotating cylinder. Since a fuller validation of the experimental methodology has been presented in that paper, confirmation of the techniques and results for transverse VIV of a non-rotating cylinder is only briefly summarised through figure 3. This validation was made by comparing the

amplitude and frequency responses as a function of the reduced velocity of the present hydro-elastic system with a minimum achievable mass ratio of $m^* = 5.73$ against the previous studies with $m^* = 2.4$ of Khalak & Williamson (1997) and Zhao *et al.* (2014b). Clearly, the present results exhibit three amplitude response branches and a desynchronisation region typical of transverse VIV with low $m^*\zeta$, in excellent agreement with the previous studies. It is important to note that the differences are mainly due to the effect of the mass ratio, which is necessarily higher here than for some of the comparison studies because of the added weight arising from the motor assembly. For the present results, the initial branch exists for $U^* < 4.8$, the upper branch covers the range $4.8 \lesssim U^* \lesssim 6.3$, the lower response branch lies within the range $6.3 < U^* \lesssim 11.4$ and the desynchronised region occurs for $U^* > 11.4$. The peak amplitude response was observed to reach $A_{10}^* \simeq 0.8$ in the present experiments, compared with $A_{max}^* \simeq 0.95$ in Khalak & Williamson (1997) and $A_{max}^* \simeq 1.0$ and $A_{10}^* \simeq 0.95$ in Zhao *et al.* (2014b), noting that A_{max}^* represents the maximum amplitude, while A_{10}^* represents the mean of the highest 10% of amplitudes, at each U^* . Figure 3(b) shows a power spectral density (PSD) contour plot of the normalised frequency response, $f_y^* = f_y/f_{nw}$. Consistent with the previous studies, the frequency response remains synchronised throughout the upper and lower branches. In the lower branch, it locks onto a constant value of $f_y^* \simeq 1.12$, lower than that ($f_y^* \simeq 1.34$) in the previous studies due to the mass-damping effects (see Govardhan & Williamson 2006). In the desynchronisation region, the frequency response is split into two broad bands, with one close to the lock-in frequency and the other returning to follow the trend of f_{sr} . This comparison shows that the current air-bearing system reproduces VIV responses consistent with the previous studies.

3. Results and discussion

3.1. ‘Lock-on’ regions and dynamic response

Previous studies of the case of a rigidly mounted cylinder undergoing rotary oscillation have shown that it has a significant effect on the vortex shedding, resulting in locking of the vortex shedding frequency onto the forcing rotary frequency. For an elastically mounted cylinder allowed to vibrate transversely to the oncoming free stream, Du & Sun (2015) demonstrated in low- Re simulations that, under certain conditions, the vortex frequency could also lock onto the forcing frequency, which generally resulted in significant attenuation of the structural vibration. However, the impact of the forcing rotary oscillation frequency on the transverse body vibration still remains unclear in the $f_r^*-\alpha_r^*$ parameter space. Thus, the ‘lock-on’ phenomenon and the structural dynamic response observed in the present experiments are investigated in detail in this section.

Figure 4 shows the amplitude response (A_{10}^*) contours over the $f_r^*-\alpha_r^*$ parameter space for the two selected reduced velocities $U^* = 5.5$ and 8.0 in (a) and (b) respectively. It should be noted that a secondary axis of $f_{r,VIV}^* = f_r/f_{VIV}$ is also given for reference, in which f_{VIV} is the dominant frequency of the body vibration undergoing VIV for the non-rotating case. As can be seen in each case, there are two observed ‘lock-on’ regimes: rotary lock-on (RLO) and tertiary lock-on (TLO). Here, to avoid confusion with conventional lock-on which refers to $f_{sh} \cong f_r$, RLO is referred to as the locking of the body vibration frequency to the forcing rotary oscillation frequency, $f_y \cong f_r$, while TLO is referred to as the locking of the body vibration frequency to the one-third subharmonic of the forcing oscillation frequency, $f_y \cong f_r/3$. These regimes are determined by examining the body vibration frequency response as a function of

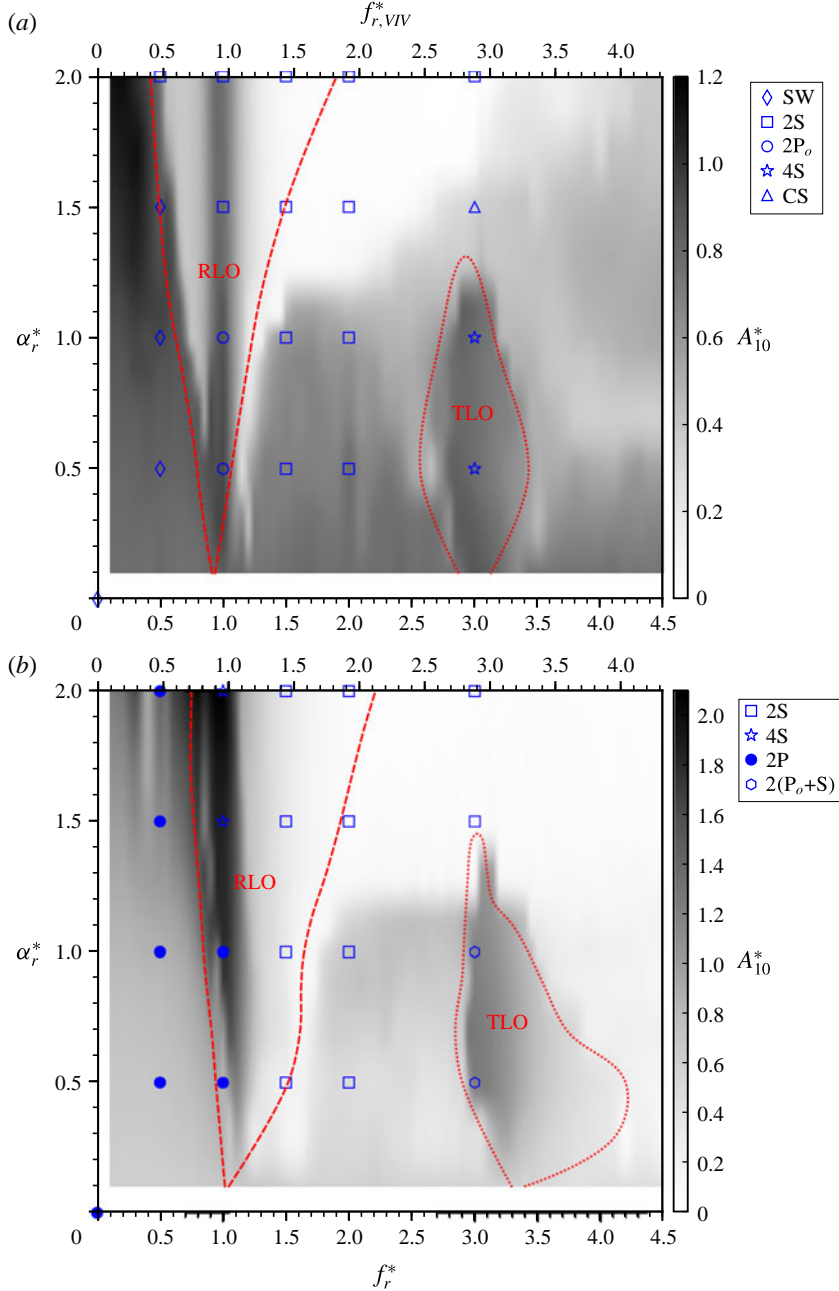


FIGURE 4. (Colour online) The amplitude response (A_{10}^*) contours in the $f_r^* - \alpha_r^*$ parameter space for the two reduced velocities $U^* = 5.5$ and 8.0 in (a) and (b) respectively. The boundaries of the RLO and TLO regions are designated by the dashed and dotted lines respectively. The points identified by different symbols represent different wake modes observed through PIV measurements; these modes will be presented in § 3.3.

f_r^* for each fixed α_r^* , as illustrated in figure 5 and discussed in § 3.1.1. Apparently, RLO is similar to the conventional lock-on that has been observed in cases of rigidly and elastically mounted cylinders undergoing rotary oscillations. However, while

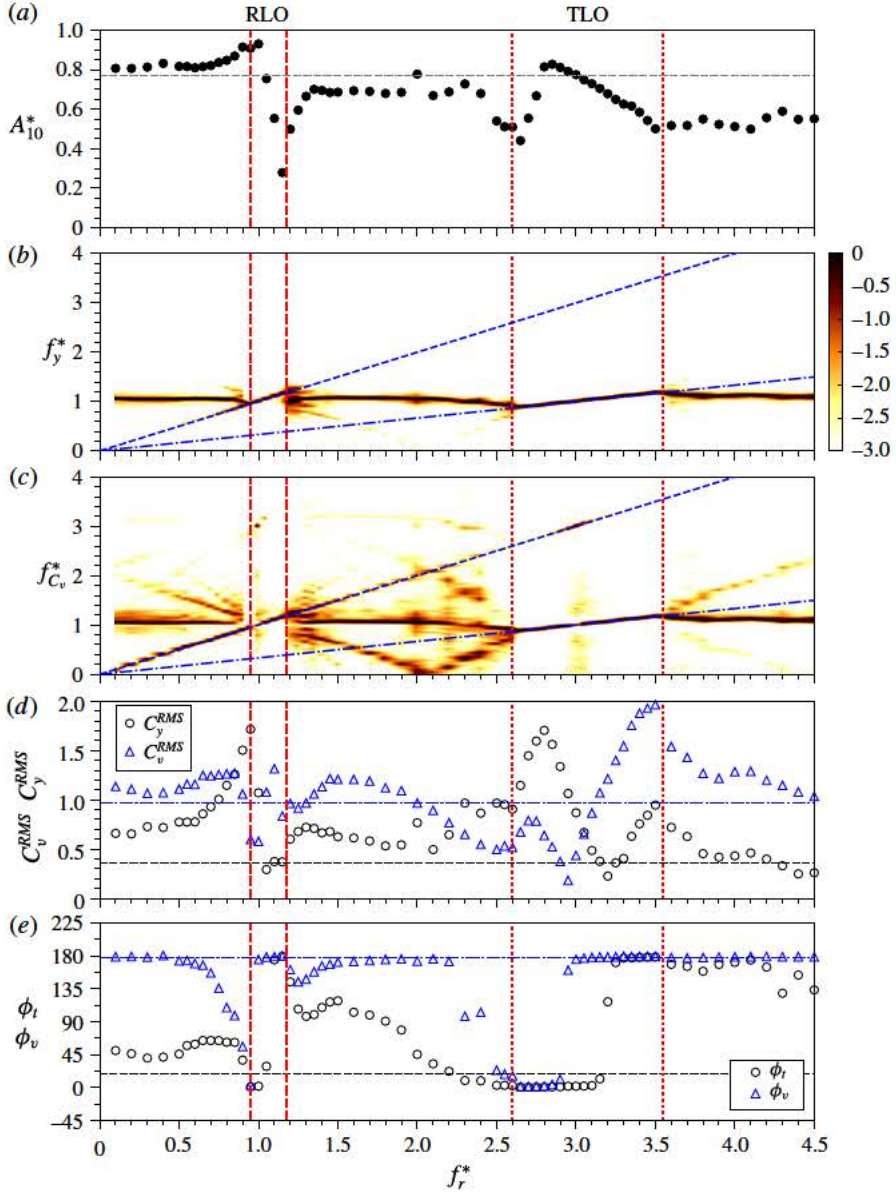


FIGURE 5. (Colour online) The response quantities for an elastically mounted cylinder undergoing rotary oscillations as a function of the forcing frequency ratio (f_r^*) at a fixed forcing velocity ratio of $\alpha_r^* = 0.5$ and at $U^* = 5.5$. The RLO and TLO region boundaries are designated by the vertical dashed and dotted lines respectively. (a) Plot of the A_{10}^* response. It should be noted that the horizontal black dashed line represents the A_{10}^* value of the non-rotating cylinder case. (b,c) The PSD contours of the transverse body vibration and the vortex force (coefficient) respectively. The PSD is normalised by the peak power at each f_r^* value. The blue dotted line illustrates the slope $f_y^* = f_r^*$ while the blue dot-dashed line illustrates $f_y^* = f_r^*/3$. (d) The RMS coefficients of the total force and the vortex force (C_y^{RMS} and C_v^{RMS}). (e) The corresponding mean phases (ϕ_t and ϕ_v , in degrees). In (d,e), the black dotted and blue dot-dashed lines represent the total and vortex component values of the non-rotating cylinder case respectively.

locking of the vortex shedding frequency to the one-third subharmonic of the forcing frequency ($f_{sh} \cong f_r/3$) has been reported in previous studies of a rigidly mounted cylinder (see Choi *et al.* 2002; Thiria, Goujon-Durand & Westfreid 2006), TLO does not yet seem to have been reported for a transversely oscillating cylinder.

Clearly, these lock-on regions are dependent on both of the forcing parameters, f_r^* and α_r^* . For the case of $U^* = 5.5$, the RLO region occurs in a narrow band around $f_y^* = 1$ for $\alpha_r^* < 1$, and it becomes rapidly wider, with the lower boundary decreasing towards $f_y^* \approx 0.5$ and the upper boundary increasing towards $f_y^* \approx 3.0$ at $\alpha_r^* = 2.0$. The TLO region, on the other hand, occurs within the range of $3.0 \lesssim f_r^* < 3.4$ at $\alpha_r^* = 0.1$, and the range becomes wider gradually for α_r^* up to 0.5, prior to shrinking again, resulting in a triangular shaped region terminating at $\alpha_r^* \simeq 1.6$ (also see figure 11). For the case of $U^* = 8.0$, the occurrence of RLO is observed at $f_{r,VIV}^* \simeq 1$, which is slightly higher than $f_r^* = 1$, for $\alpha_r^* = 0.1$. Then, the RLO region expands gradually with increasing α_r^* , to cover the range of $0.75 < f_r^* < 2.75$ at $\alpha_r^* = 2.0$. Unlike the situation for $U^* = 5.5$, TLO at this U^* is observed to occur at a considerably higher rotary frequency ratio $f_r^* \approx 3.4$ (or $f_{r,VIV}^* \approx 3.25$), covering a very narrow f_r^* range, at $\alpha_r^* = 0.1$. This is expected due to mass-damping effects, which can also cause the body vibration frequency f_y to deviate from f_{nw} in the VIV lower branch for a non-rotating cylinder. For $0.1 < \alpha_r^* \leq 0.5$, the TLO range expands rapidly, with the lower limit reaching $f_r^* \approx 3.0$ but the upper limit beyond the maximum rotary frequency ratio ($f_r^* = 4.5$) tested in the present study. However, similarly to the case of $U^* = 5.5$, the RLO range shrinks to show a triangular shaped region in $f_r^* - \alpha_r$ parameter space, as α_r^* is further increased, and terminates at $\alpha_r^* \simeq 1.5$ and $f_r^* \simeq 3.1$ ($f_{r,VIV}^* \simeq 3.0$).

The dynamic response for these two U^* cases will be further investigated in §§ 3.1.1 and 3.1.2. Furthermore, the wake patterns identified using PIV measurements marked by symbols in figure 4 will be presented in § 3.3.

3.1.1. Dynamic response at various fixed α_r^* values for $U^* = 5.5$

To provide further insight into RLO and TLO, the dynamic response, including the amplitude response, the frequency PSD contours of the body vibration and the vortex force, the coefficients of the transverse total lift and the vortex forces, and the corresponding phases with respect to the body displacement, is examined as a function of f_r^* for different fixed rotary velocity ratios of $\alpha_r^* = 0.5, 1.0$ and 2.0 , as shown in figures 5–7 respectively.

At $\alpha_r^* = 0.5$, as shown in figure 5, the amplitude response remains consistent at $A_{10}^* \approx 0.8$ for $f_r^* < 0.75$, slightly higher than $A_{10}^* \simeq 0.77$ measured for the non-rotating case (as illustrated by the horizontal dashed line in figure 5a). When f_r^* is increased to around 0.9, the body vibration frequency starts to lock onto the forcing frequency (figure 5b), which is indicative of the occurrence of RLO. Interestingly, on the other hand, the vortex force frequency also switches to a clear lock-on state from that exhibiting frequency components matching f_{nw} and f_r at lower f_r^* values (see figure 5c). Further increase of f_r^* sees an increasing trend of the vibration amplitude to reach a local peak value of $A_{10}^* \simeq 0.93$ at $f_r^* = 1$. Interestingly, at this point, the dominant frequency of the vortex force jumps suddenly to $3f_{nw}$, indicating that the vortex shedding is not synchronised with the forcing motion and the body vibration at $f_r^* = 1$. This will be demonstrated further in figure 10. After this local peak, the amplitude response decreases sharply to $A_{10}^* \simeq 0.3$ at $f_r^* \approx 1.2$, while both f_y and f_{c_v} resume locking on to f_r . Correspondingly, the root-mean-square (RMS) transverse lift coefficient follows a variation similar to that of A_{10}^* , rising to reach a peak of $C_y^{RMS} \approx 1.8$ at $f_r^* = 1$, prior to an abrupt drop to ~ 0.35 at $f_r^* \approx 1.2$, while the

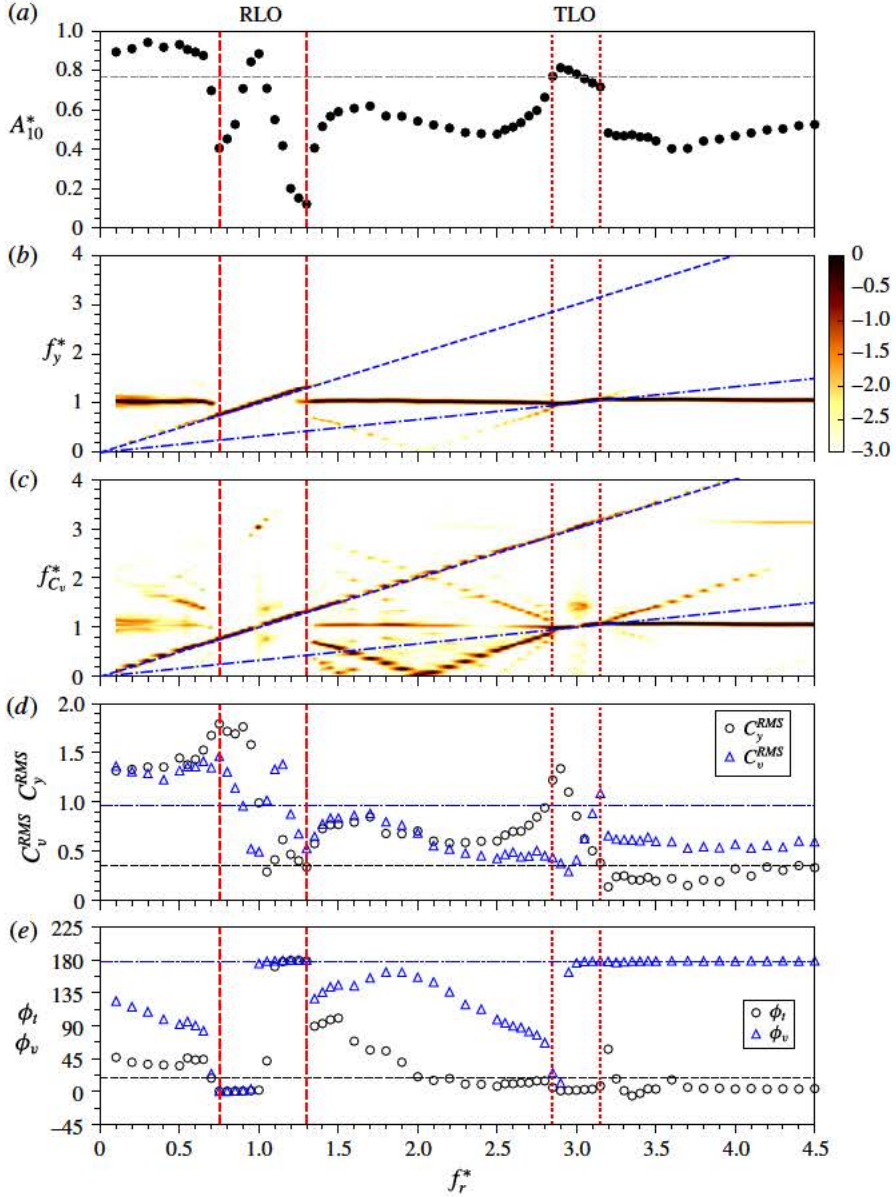


FIGURE 6. (Colour online) The response quantities of an elastically mounted cylinder undergoing rotary oscillations as a function of the forcing frequency ratio (f_r^*) at a fixed forcing velocity ratio of $\alpha_r^* = 1.0$ and a reduced velocity of $U^* = 5.5$. For more details, refer to the caption of figure 5.

RMS vortex force coefficient fluctuates rapidly, dropping sharply to a local minimum $C_v^{RMS} \approx 0.55$ at $f_r^* = 1$ and rising to a local peak ≈ 1.3 at $f_r^* = 1.1$, prior to decreasing to ≈ 0.95 , comparable to the value of the non-rotating case, at $f_r^* = 1.2$. It should be noted that $C_v = F_v / ((1/2)\rho U^2 DL)$, where F_v is the vortex force, computed based on $F_v = F_y - F_p$, with F_p the potential force given by $F_p = -C_A m_d \ddot{y}(t)$, and C_A the added mass coefficient ($C_A = 1$ for a circular cylinder) (see Govardhan & Williamson 2000;

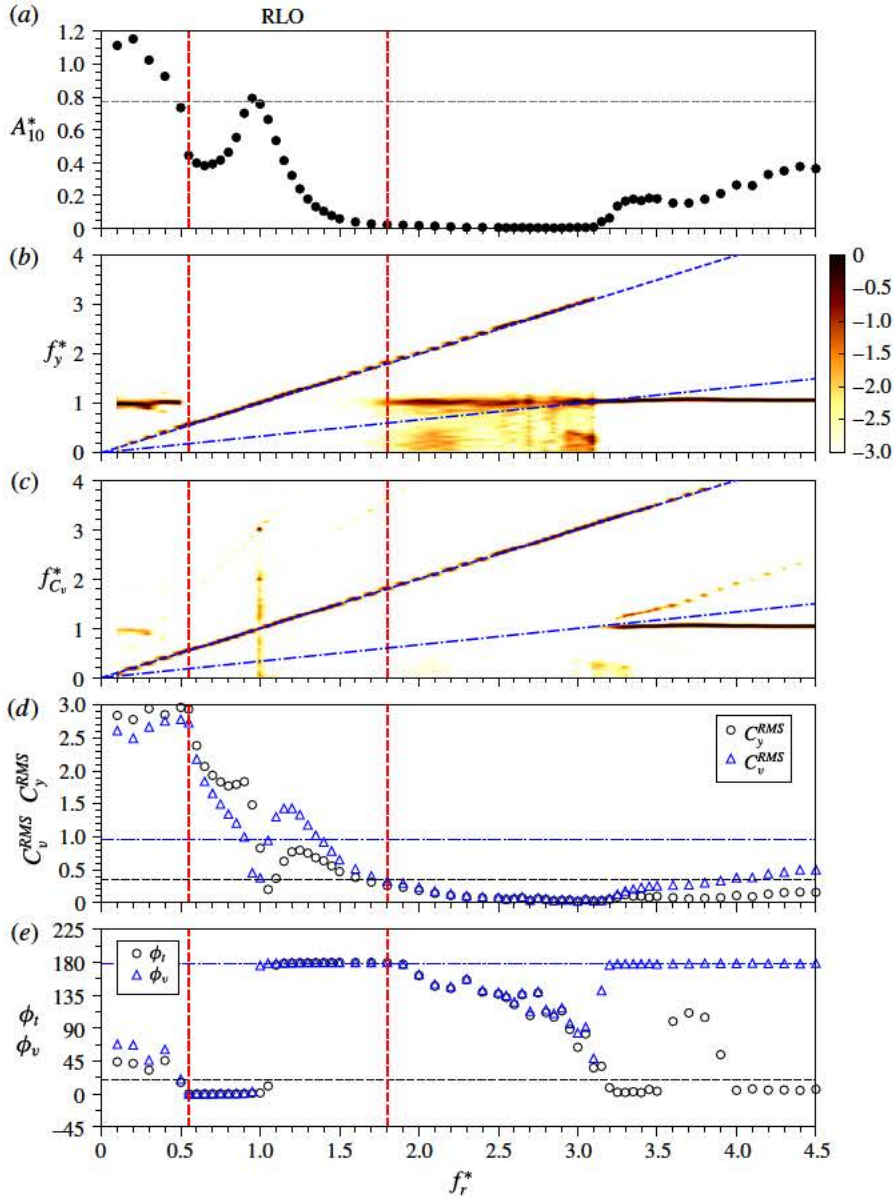


FIGURE 7. (Colour online) The response quantities of an elastically mounted cylinder undergoing rotary oscillations as a function of the forcing frequency ratio (f_r^*) at a fixed forcing velocity ratio of $\alpha_r^* = 2.0$ and a reduced velocity of $U^* = 5.5$. For more details, refer to the caption of figure 5.

Zhao *et al.* 2014b). As A_{10}^* approaches its local peak, the total phase (the relative phase angle of the transverse lift with respect to the body displacement, denoted by ϕ_t) increases marginally to $\phi_t \approx 60^\circ$, and, on the other hand, the vortex phase (the relative phase angle of the vortex force with respect to the body displacement, denoted by ϕ_v) decreases from $\phi_v \approx 180^\circ$ to 0° . However, further increase of f_r^*

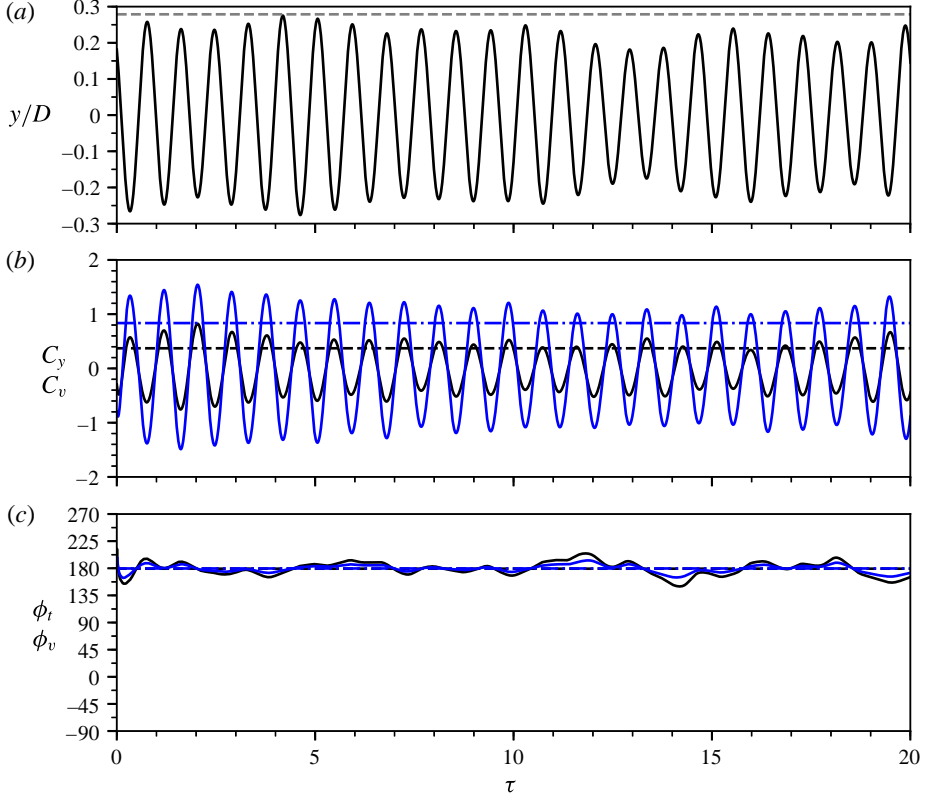


FIGURE 8. (Colour online) Sample time traces of the normalised body displacement (a), the fluid forces (b) and the phases (c) at $(f_r^*, \alpha_r^*) = (1.15, 0.5)$ from the RLO region of the case $U^* = 5.5$. In (b,c), the black lines represent the components associated with the transverse lift while the blue lines represent the components associated with the vortex force. It should be noted that $\tau = t \times f_{nw}$ is the normalised time. For more details, refer to the caption of figure 5.

causes the A_{10}^* response and C_y^{RMS} to drop sharply to their local minima ($A_{10}^* \approx 0.3$ and $C_y^{RMS} \approx 0.3$, close to the magnitude of the non-rotating case) at $f_r^* = 1.3$.

Compared with VIV of a non-rotating cylinder, the body oscillations in the RLO region appear to be less periodic. To illustrate this, figure 8 shows sample time traces of the normalised cylinder displacement, the fluid force coefficients and the phases at $f_r^* = 1.15$. As can be seen, although the body oscillation frequency exhibits a clear dominant component matching the forcing frequency (figure 5b), the amplitudes of the cylinder displacement and the fluid forces vary over time; however, the corresponding phases are relatively stable at 180° .

After the RLO region, the frequency response returns to the VIV lock-in state, and A_{10}^* increases rapidly with f_r^* . For the higher range $1.3 < f_r^* < 2.4$, the A_{10}^* values remain fairly stable around 0.7, except for a small rise up to ~ 0.8 at the second harmonic of the forcing frequency $f_r^* = 2$. Increase of f_r^* in the range $2.4 < f_r^* < 2.6$ results in a gradual decrease in A_{10}^* to 0.45, and also a slow decrease in f_y^* towards the third harmonic of the forcing frequency ($f_y \cong f_r$).

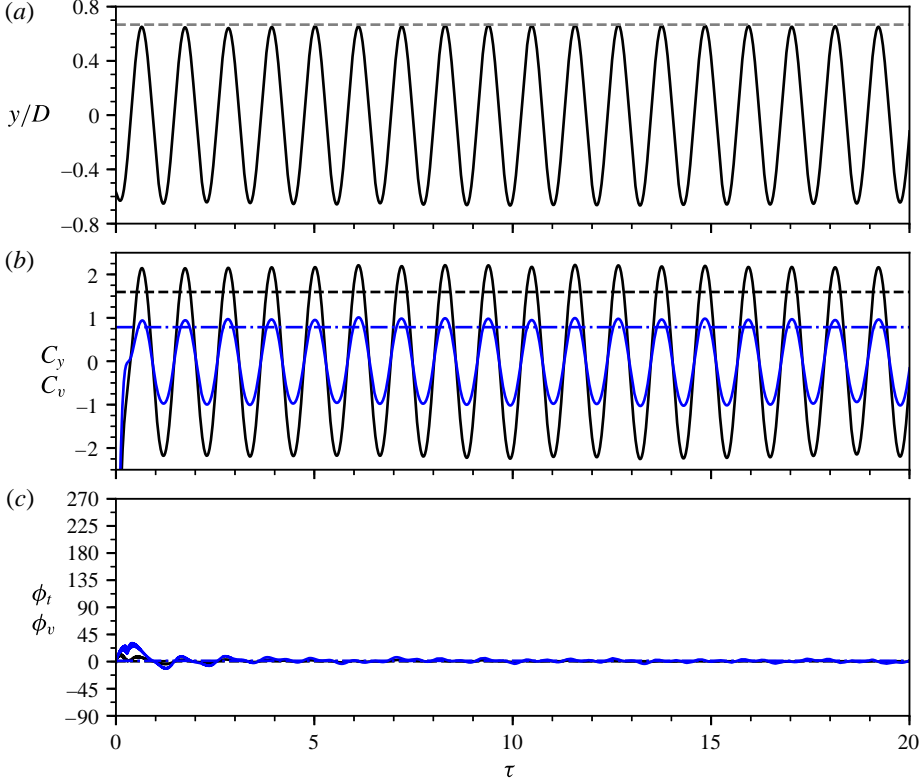


FIGURE 9. (Colour online) Sample time traces of the body displacement (a), the fluid forces (b) and the phases (c) at $(f_r^*, \alpha_r^*) = (2.75, 0.5)$ from the TLO region of the case $U^* = 5.5$. For more details on the symbols and lines in the plots, refer to the captions of figures 5 and 8.

As the cylinder initially undergoes TLO, there is a sharp increasing trend in both A_{10}^* and C_y^{RMS} to reach their local peak values ($A_{10}^* \simeq 0.82$ and $C_y^{RMS} \simeq 1.8$) as f_y approaches f_{VIV} at $f_r^* \simeq 2.8$. With further increase of f_r^* , A_{10}^* decreases gradually to 0.5 at the end of the TLO region ($f_r^* = 3.5$). Meanwhile, C_y^{RMS} decreases rapidly to a minimum value of 0.4 at $f_r^* = 3.3$, prior to a rapid increase to 0.95 at $f_r^* = 3.5$. Corresponding to this inflection change, ϕ_t undergoes a sharp jump from 0° to 180° . On the other hand, C_v^{RMS} increases gradually from 0.6 at $f_r^* \simeq 2.6$ to 0.8 at $f_r^* \simeq 2.8$ and then decreases to a minimum of 0.3 at $f_r^* \simeq 3$, prior to a rapid increase to a peak value of ~ 2 at the end of the TLO region. Associated with the inflection point of C_v^{RMS} at $f_r^* \simeq 3$, ϕ_v also undergoes a sharp jump from 0° to 180° . Of further interest, the vortex shedding frequency exhibits components at $f_r/3$ and f_r in the TLO region.

Unlike the RLO region, the body oscillations and the fluid forcing coefficients are highly periodic in the TLO region. As illustrated in figure 9, the cylinder displacement and fluid forcing components are highly periodic, with stable amplitudes over time; correspondingly, both ϕ_t and ϕ_v remain very stable around 0° .

For higher f_r^* values beyond the TLO region, A_{10}^* fluctuates slightly about 0.5, while the frequency responses indicate a locked-in VIV state. Moreover, both C_y^{RMS} and C_v^{RMS} tend to decrease from their local peaks to the magnitude of the non-rotating case. On the other hand, however, while ϕ_v remains consistently at 180° , ϕ_t fluctuates around

160°, distinctly different from the in-phase state of the non-rotating case. Apparently, the vibration response exhibits some features similar to those of the lower branch of the non-rotating case, e.g. the magnitudes of A_{10}^* , f_y^* , ϕ_t and ϕ_v .

For the higher velocity rate $\alpha_r^* = 1.0$ shown in figure 6, while most of the trends previously described for $\alpha_r^* = 0.5$ persist, there are some noticeable changes in the vibration response, associated with an increase in α_r^* . Compared with the case of $\alpha_r^* = 0.5$, RLO occurs over a slightly wider range, $0.75 \lesssim f_r^* \lesssim 1.3$, with more distinct boundaries present in the A_{10}^* response. On the other hand, the TLO region lies in a much narrower range of $2.8 \lesssim f_r^* \lesssim 3.2$, with an abrupt drop in the A_{10}^* response at the end of the TLO region. In both the RLO and TLO regions, the local peaks of A_{10}^* do not seem to be affected by the increase of α_r^* . Outside these regions, despite a slight increase at low f_r^* values, the A_{10}^* response is generally attenuated, e.g. the A_{10}^* values are reduced to less than 0.6 for most of the f_r^* range between the RLO and TLO regions, and to less than 0.5 for most of the f_r^* range investigated beyond the TLO region. In particular, the locking to the second harmonic of f_r disappears. Moreover, it should be noted that, while the general trends of ϕ_t and ϕ_v are similar to the case of $\alpha_r^* = 0.5$, ϕ_t jumps down to approximately 0° for f_r^* values beyond the TLO region.

When the rotation rate is increased to the highest value ($\alpha_r^* = 2.0$) tested in this $f_r^* - \alpha_r^*$ parameter space study, the RLO region becomes strikingly wider to extend over the forcing frequency range $0.5 \leq f_r^* \leq 1.8$, as shown in figure 7. At the onset of RLO at $f_r^* \simeq 0.5$, the amplitude response drops abruptly from $A_{10}^* \approx 0.77$ (slightly lower than that of the non-rotating case) to ~ 0.45 and then increases rapidly with f_r^* , to reach a local peak of 0.8 at $f_r^* = 1$. Meanwhile, both C_y^{RMS} and C_v^{RMS} tend to drop from their peaks ($C_y^{RMS} \approx 3$ and $C_v^{RMS} \approx 2.75$) to minima ($C_y^{RMS} \approx 0.25$ and $C_v^{RMS} \approx 0.3$). Further increase of the forcing frequency sees a rapid decrease in the amplitude response to $A_{10}^* < 0.05$ at $f_r^* = 1.8$. Meanwhile, both ϕ_t and ϕ_v jump abruptly from 0° initially to 180°. Moreover, both C_y^{RMS} and C_v^{RMS} first increase gradually to reach their local peaks ($C_y^{RMS} \approx 0.6$ and $C_v^{RMS} \approx 1.6$) at $f_r^* \approx 1.2$ and then decrease gradually to a similar magnitude of 0.25 at $f_r^* = 1.8$, which is expected from the extremely low oscillation amplitudes. As the forcing frequency is further increased in the range $1.8 < f_r^* < 3.1$, the amplitude response and the force coefficients are further attenuated. It should also be noted that, while the dominant body oscillation frequency matches the forcing frequency, the f_{VIV} component becomes stronger gradually; on the other hand, the vortex shedding frequency remains locked on to the forcing rotary oscillation frequency in this f_r^* range. As a result, both ϕ_t and ϕ_v tend to decrease gradually from 180° to 90°. For the remaining range $3.1 < f_r^* \leq 4.5$, the body vibration returns to the state of non-rotating VIV lock-in, resulting in increasing trends of A_{10}^* to 0.4, C_y^{RMS} to 0.2 and C_v^{RMS} to 0.5. On the other hand, ϕ_v , as expected, remains consistently at 180°, and ϕ_t is observed to remain around 0° for both ends of this f_r^* range, with an abrupt narrow plateau at approximately 120° for the range $3.6 \leq f_r^* \leq 3.8$. Furthermore, it is of particular interest that the TLO region is fully suppressed. Compared with the previous lower- α_r^* cases, despite an increase in A_{10}^* for low forcing frequency rates ($f_r^* < 0.5$), the body oscillations are significantly attenuated for most of the f_r^* range tested, and suppressed within the RLO region.

To better show the effect of α_r^* on the vibration response, a secondary study was conducted over a larger range of $0 \leq \alpha_r^* \leq 3.5$ with fine increments at two different fixed f_r^* values. This was motivated by a desire to better understand whether the RLO region persists and to see whether the TLO region reappears at higher α_r^* . Figure 10 presents the vibration response as a function of α_r^* at a fixed frequency ratio of

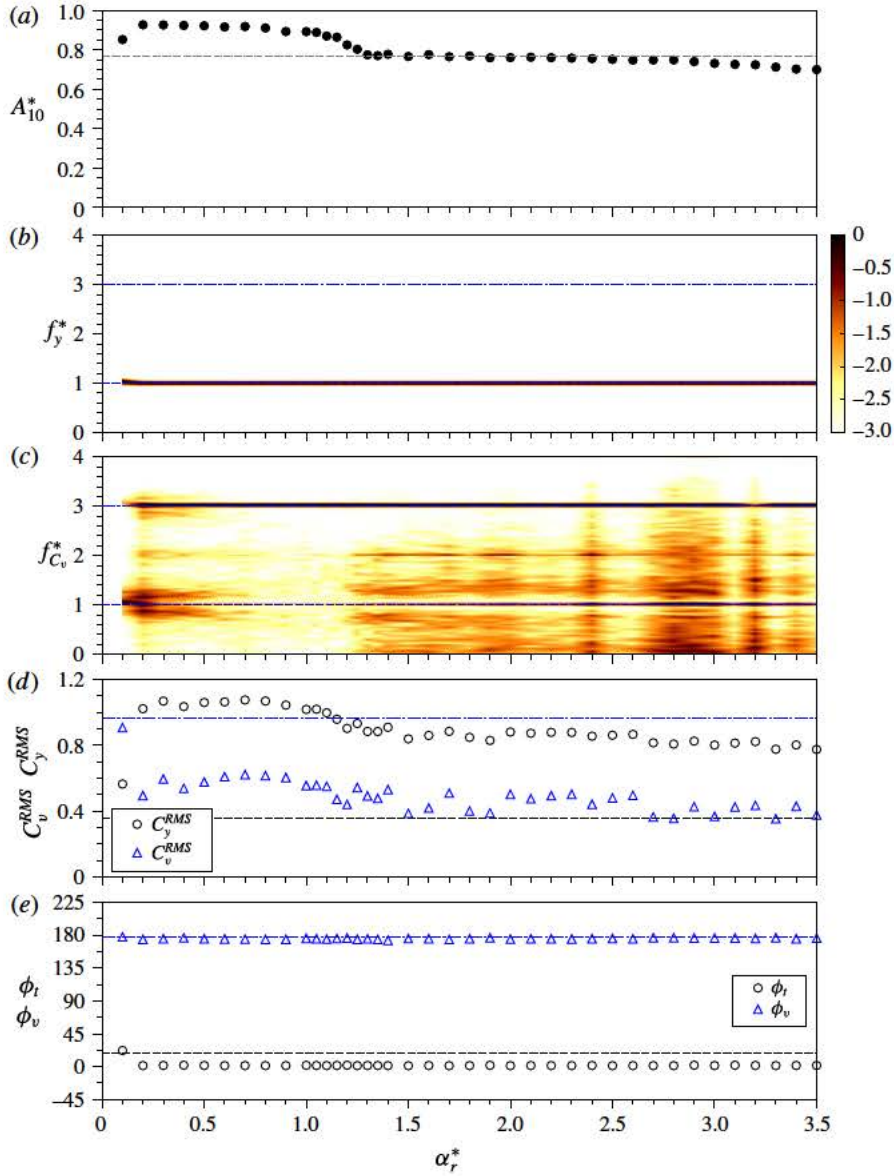


FIGURE 10. (Colour online) Vibration response quantities as a function of the forcing velocity ratio (α_r^*) at a fixed forcing frequency ratio of $f_r^* = 1.0$ and at $U^* = 5.5$. For further details on the symbols and lines in the plots, refer to the caption of figure 5.

$f_r^* = 1.0$, at which the A_{10}^* peak occurs in the RLO region, while figure 11 shows the vibration response at $f_r^* = 3.0$, which is located near the middle of the TLO region.

From figure 10(b), it is evident that the RLO phenomenon persists up to the highest velocity ratio tested ($\alpha_r^* = 3.5$). Moreover, as can be seen in figure 10(c), the dominant frequency of the vortex shedding remains at $3f_r^* = 3f_{rw}^*$ throughout the entire α_r^* range, consistent with the results shown in figures 5–7. For the low velocity ratios $\alpha_r^* \leq 0.3$, the amplitude response increases rapidly to $A_{10}^* \approx 0.92$ and then decreases very slightly

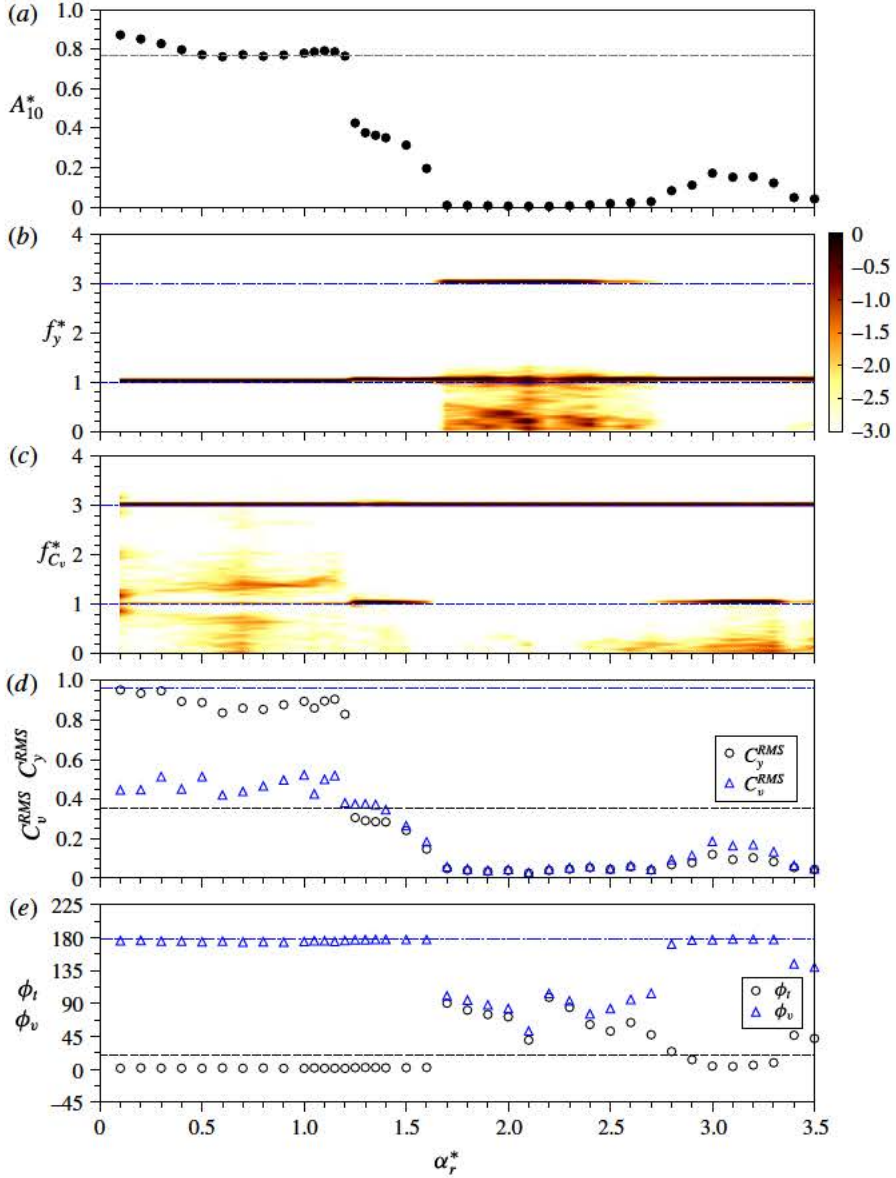


FIGURE 11. (Colour online) Vibration response quantities as a function of the forcing velocity ratio (α_r^*) at a fixed forcing frequency ratio of $f_r^* = 3.0$ and at $U^* = 5.5$. For further details on the symbols and lines in the plots, refer to the caption of figure 5.

to $A_{10}^* \approx 0.9$ as α_r^* is increased to 1.0. As α_r^* is further increased to 1.3, the amplitude response decreases sharply to the magnitude of the non-rotating case ($A_{10}^* \approx 0.77$). Still further increase of α_r^* sees a very minor decrease in A_{10}^* to 0.75 at $\alpha_r^* = 2.9$, prior to a relatively rapid decreasing trend to 0.70 at $\alpha_r^* = 3.5$. Meanwhile, C_y^{RMS} shows a similar trend: it increases rapidly to a plateau of ~ 1.05 over the range $0.3 \leq \alpha_r^* \leq 1.3$ and then tends to decrease gradually to ~ 0.7 at $\alpha_r^* = 3.5$. It should be noted that, throughout the α_r^* range, the C_y^{RMS} values are substantially greater than those of the non-rotating case

($C_y^{RMS} \approx 0.3$). On the other hand, C_v^{RMS} drops sharply to ~ 0.5 as α_r^* is increased to 0.3, and then it follows a trend similar to that of C_y^{RMS} , remaining at ~ 0.6 for α_r^* up to 1.3, prior to decreasing to ~ 0.4 at $\alpha_r^* = 3.5$. Unlike C_y^{RMS} , the C_v^{RMS} values are considerable lower than those of the non-rotating case throughout the α_r^* range. Furthermore, the phases ϕ_t and ϕ_v remain very stable at 0° and 180° respectively across the α_r^* range.

For the fixed forcing frequency ratio at $f_r^* = 3.0$, the TLO phenomenon is observed to occur over the range of $0 < \alpha_r^* \leq 1.6$, as evidenced by the dominant frequency component of f_y^* locking on to $3f_r^*$ ($f_y^* \cong 3f_r^* \approx 1$ shown in figure 11b). As shown in figure 11(a), despite a slight increase at the onset of TLO, the A_{10}^* response remains very stable at the magnitude of the non-rotating case for α_r^* up to 1.3, prior to a sudden drop to 0.45. As α_r^* is further increased in the rest of the TLO region, the amplitude response decreases gradually to $A_{10}^* \approx 0.2$ at $f_r^* = 1.6$. In this range ($1.3 < \alpha_r^* < 1.6$), the vortex shedding frequency exhibits a very strong component at f_{nw} , while its dominant component appears to be at $3f_{nw}$ across the α_r^* range tested. Interestingly, after this TLO region, the body oscillation frequency becomes dominated by its third harmonic component ($\simeq 3f_{nw}$), while the first harmonic component still remains strong. Associated with this behaviour, the body oscillation is fully suppressed for α_r^* up to 2.7. Unexpectedly, a further increase of α_r^* sees a secondary TLO region for the rest of the α_r^* values, resulting in a small bump in the α_r^* response with a peak of ~ 0.2 at $\alpha_r^* \approx 3.1$. Again, the vortex shedding frequency exhibits a very strong secondary component at f_{nw} in this ‘bump’ region. On the other hand, both C_y^{RMS} and C_v^{RMS} follow a reverse-bell-shape trend similar to that seen for A_{10}^* . They decrease rapidly from plateaus of $C_y^{RMS} \approx 0.8$ and $C_v^{RMS} \approx 0.5$ to their minima when the TLO is lost at $f_r^* \approx 1.6$. In the secondary TLO region, they also see small bumps centred at $\alpha_r^* \approx 3.1$. Furthermore, while both ϕ_t and ϕ_v are found to fluctuate around 90° when the cylinder vibration is suppressed over the range $1.6 < \alpha_r^* \leq 2.7$, they remain stable at 0° and 180° respectively in the two TLO regions.

3.1.2. Dynamic response at various fixed α_r^* values for $U^* = 8.0$

Previous studies have shown that the body oscillations of a non-rotating cylinder in the lower branch are highly periodic and can be represented by a sinusoidal function (see Morse & Williamson 2009; Zhao *et al.* 2014a). Thus, it is of interest to investigate the effect of forcing rotary oscillations on the transverse body vibration in the lower branch. In this subsection, the vibration response as a function of f_r^* is examined for $U^* = 8.0$ as a representative location in the lower branch of the non-rotating case, again with the same three fixed forcing velocity ratios of $\alpha_r^* = 0.5, 1.0$ and 2.0 , as shown in figures 12–14 respectively.

For the case of $\alpha_r^* = 0.5$ in figure 12, the vibration response quantities exhibit general trends similar to those of the previous case with the same fixed α_r^* at $U^* = 5.5$. In the present case, the A_{10}^* values appear to be stable at 0.7, slightly larger than that of the non-rotating case for the low forcing frequency ratios $0 < f_r^* \lesssim 0.7$. Within this f_r^* range, the body vibration frequency is moderated by the interaction of f_{VIV} (as the dominant component) and f_r , resulting in beating-like behaviour in the body oscillation. To illustrate this, figure 15 shows sample time traces of the cylinder displacement along with the fluid forces and phases at $(f_r^*, \alpha_r^*) = (0.65, 0.5)$. As can be seen in figure 15(a), the cylinder vibrates with varying amplitude from cycle to cycle. However, the time series of the fluid forces and the phases in figure 15(b,c) indicate that the dynamic response is strongly periodic. In fact, such beating-like behaviour was also observed with similar forcing parameters at $U^* = 5.5$ (not shown here),

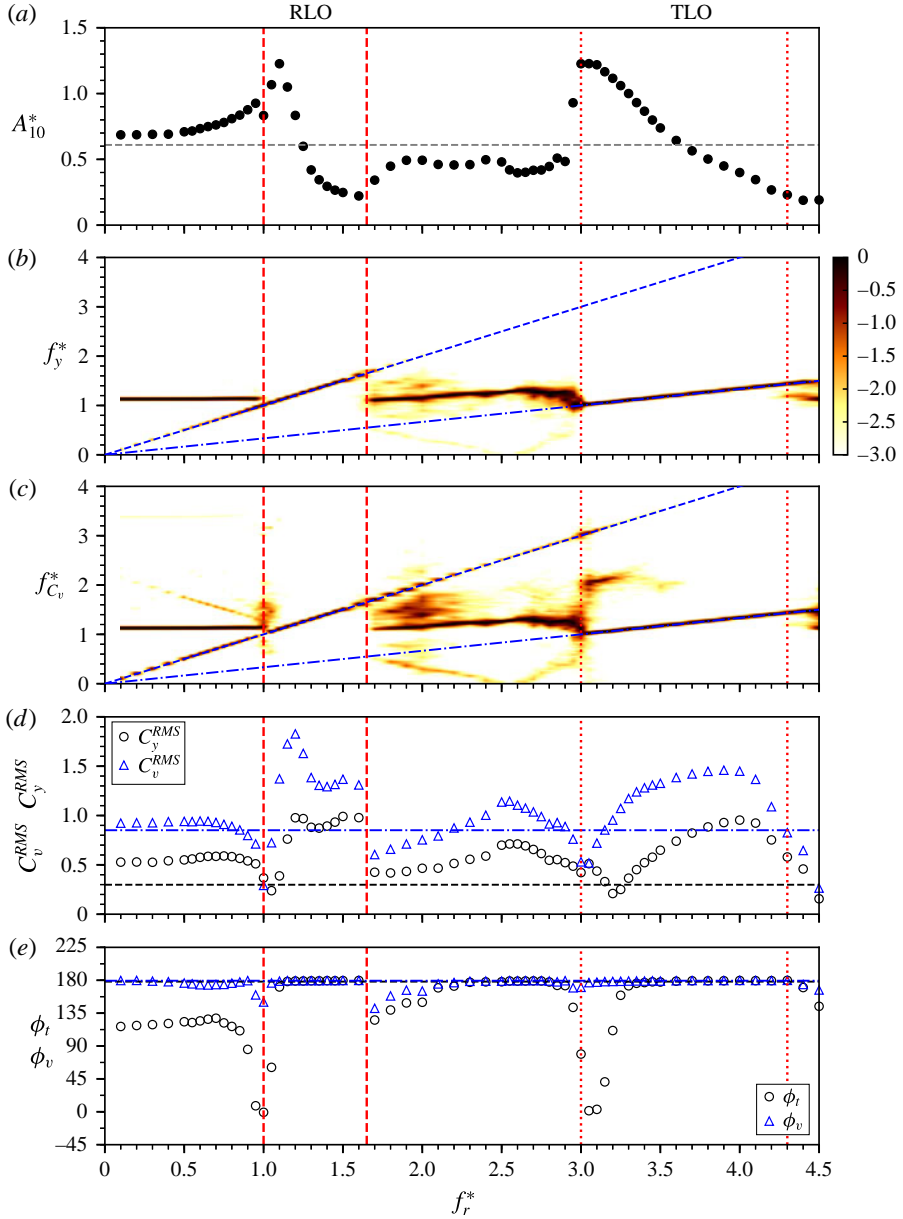


FIGURE 12. (Colour online) Vibration response quantities as a function of f_r^* at a fixed forcing velocity ratio of $\alpha_r^* = 0.5$ for the non-rotating VIV lower-branch case $U^* = 8.0$. For further details, refer to the caption of figure 5.

which results in the behaviour of ‘sliding’ through 360° in ϕ_t . As f_r^* is increased to 0.95, while the frequency component matching f_r becomes much stronger, the body oscillation amplitude increases gradually to $A_{10}^* \approx 0.9$, similar to that with the same forcing parameters at $U^* = 5.5$. However, there are also some significant differences in the evolution of the vibration response with increasing f_r^* . When RLO occurs at $f_r^* = 1.0$, the A_{10}^* response experiences a noticeable drop to 0.8 and then

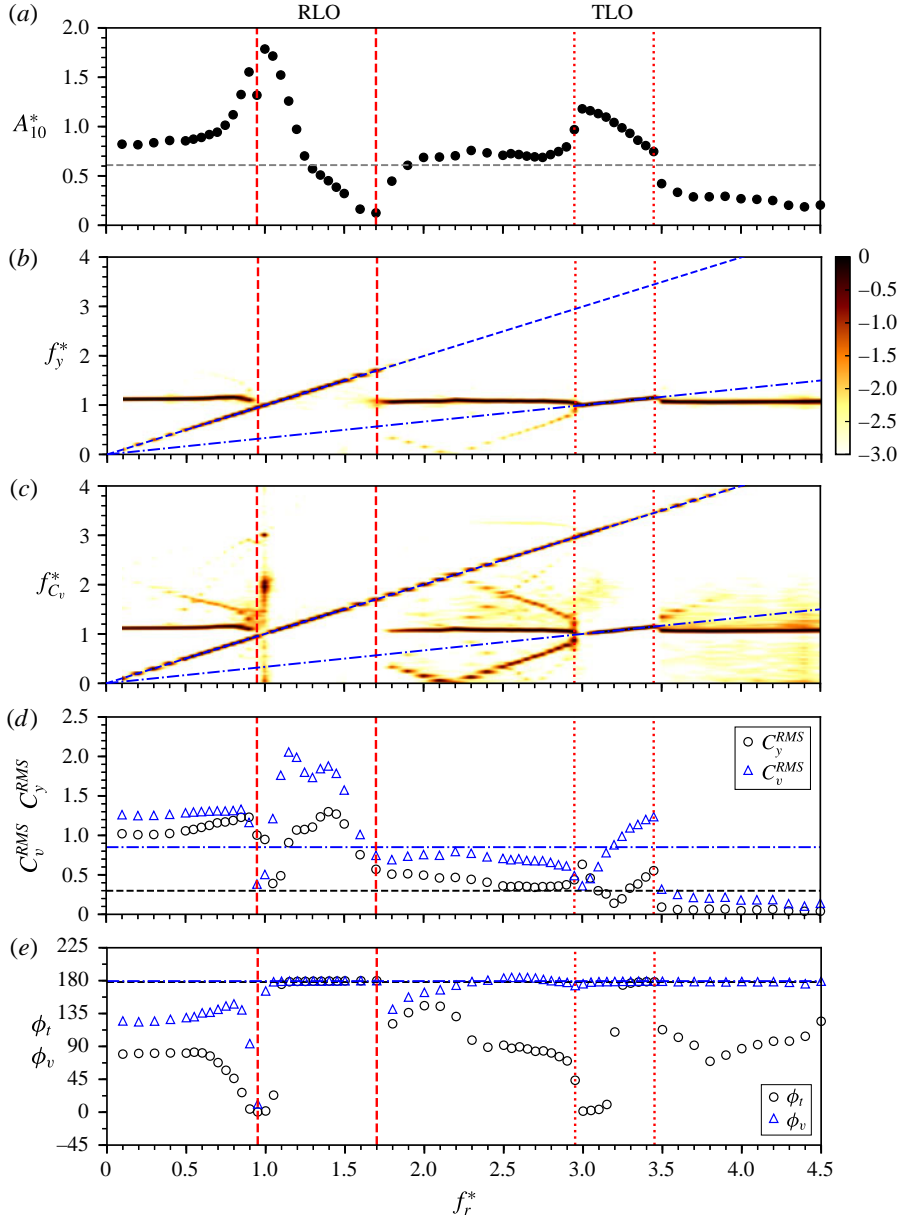


FIGURE 13. (Colour online) Vibration response quantities as a function of f_r^* at a fixed forcing velocity ratio of $\alpha_r^* = 1.0$ for the non-rotating VIV lower-branch case $U^* = 8.0$. For further details, refer to the caption of figure 5.

increases sharply to reach a peak of 1.3 at $f_r = 1.1$. This peak value is approximately 40% greater than that of the same α_r^* case at $U^* = 5.5$. The occurrence of the A_{10}^* peak is also associated with a jump in ϕ_t from 0° to 180° . Further, the present RLO region extends to a much higher forcing frequency ratio of $f_r^* = 1.6$. Over this region ($1.1 < f_r^* \leq 1.6$), the cylinder vibration is highly periodic, with both ϕ_t and ϕ_v remaining consistently stable at 180° , similar to the low-branch VIV response of

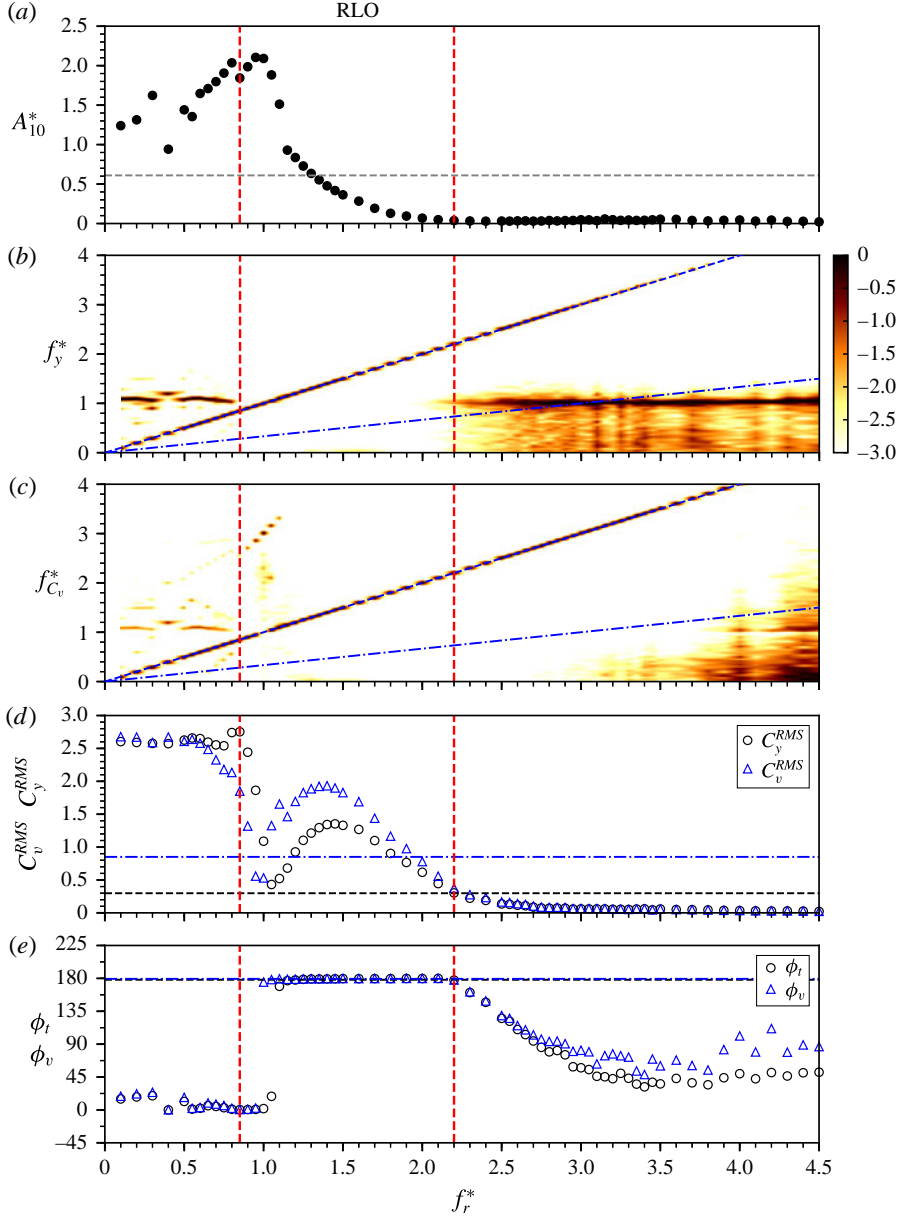


FIGURE 14. (Colour online) Vibration response quantities as a function of the forcing f_r^* at a fixed forcing velocity ratio of $\alpha_r^* = 2.0$ for the non-rotating VIV lower-branch case $U^* = 8.0$. For further details, refer to the caption of figure 5.

a non-rotating cylinder. To illustrate this, figure 16 shows sample measurements at $(f_r^*, \alpha_r^*) = (1.15, 0.5)$. In the higher- f_r^* range between the RLO and TLO regions, the body vibration is generally attenuated by the rotary oscillation for both U^* cases; however, lock-on at $f_r^* = 2.0$ is not observed for the current case. Furthermore, the present TLO region occurs over a much wider range of $2.9 \lesssim f_r^* \lesssim 4.4$. Remarkably, the amplitude peak in the TLO region is observed to be $A_{10}^* \simeq 1.3$ occurring at

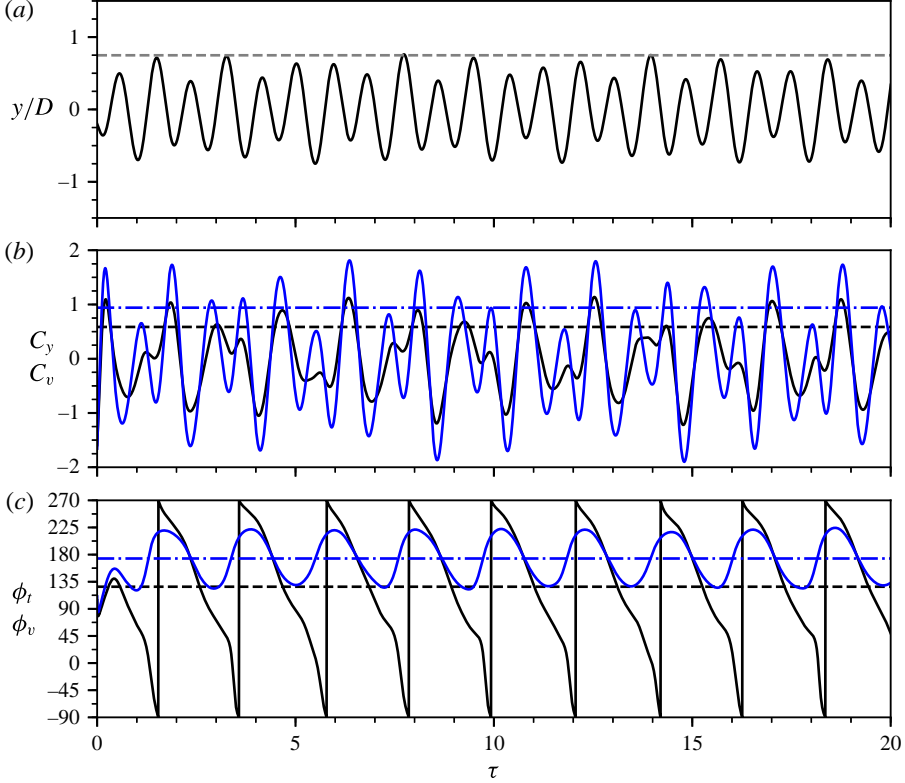


FIGURE 15. (Colour online) Sample time traces of the body displacement (a), the fluid forces (b) and the phases (c) at $(f_r^*, \alpha_r^*) = (0.65, 0.5)$ from the TLO region of the case $U^* = 8.0$. For more details on the symbols and lines in the plots, refer to the captions of figures 5 and 8.

$f_r^* = 3.0$, which is of the same magnitude as that in the RLO region, an increase of approximately 120% over the non-rotating case, and almost two times that observed in the TLO region at the same fixed α_r^* at $U^* = 5.5$.

At the fixed forcing velocity ratio of $\alpha_r^* = 1.0$ shown in figure 13, despite some small changes, the general trends of the vibration response remain very similar to the case of $\alpha_r^* = 0.5$ at the same U^* . Clearly, the RLO region becomes wider over the range $0.95 \leq f_r^* \leq 1.7$, while the TLO region shrinks to the range $3.0 \leq f_r^* \leq 3.4$. Interestingly, unlike the case of U^* that sees a decreasing trend of the A_{10}^* peak in the RLO region with increasing α_r^* (figure 10a), the A_{10}^* peak is observed to be 1.8, an increase of 12.5% over that of the previous case $\alpha_r^* = 0.5$. On the other hand, the peak amplitude response in the present TLO region is found to be $A_{10}^* \simeq 1.2$, which is indicative of a decreasing trend in the A_{10}^* peak with increasing α_r^* in the TLO region. This decreasing trend is similar to that seen at $U^* = 5.5$.

As the velocity ratio is increased to $\alpha_r^* = 2.0$ in figure 14, while the TLO region disappears, the RLO region is further widened to encompass the range $0.95 \leq f_r^* \leq 2.2$, in which the A_{10}^* peak is also found to increase to 2.2, an increase of approximately 270% over the non-rotating case. The increasing trend in the A_{10}^* peak value with α_r^* in the RLO region is consistent with the A_{10}^* contour map in figure 4(a). Beyond its peak, the A_{10}^* response decreases rapidly as f_r^* is increased, and it is attenuated to

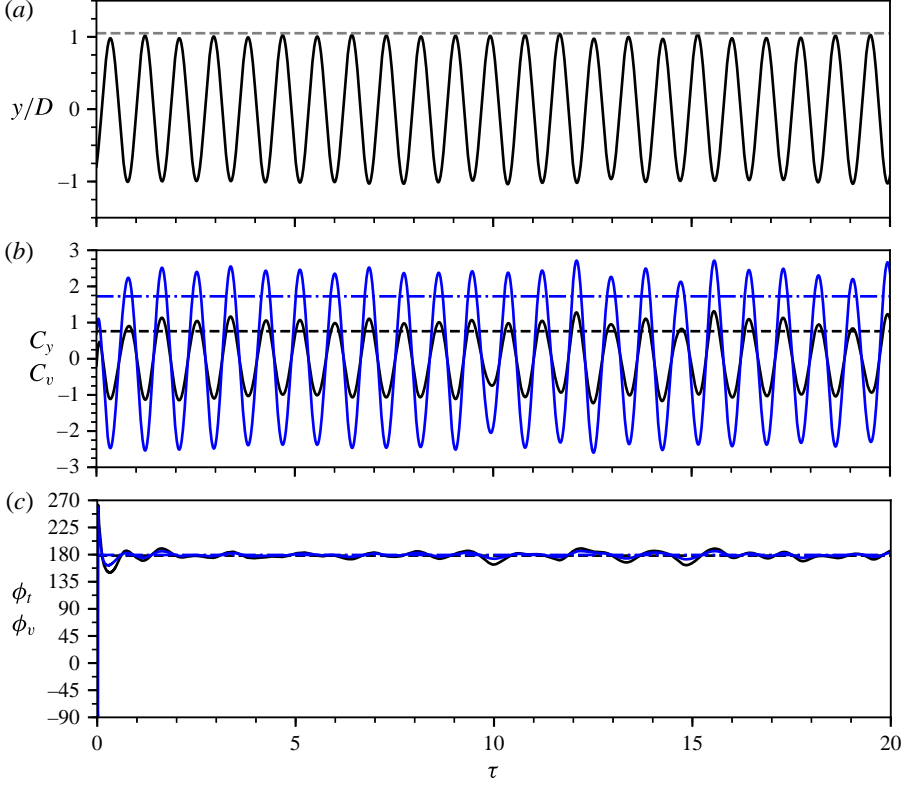


FIGURE 16. (Colour online) Sample time traces of the body displacement (a), the fluid forces (b) and the phases (c) at $(f_r^*, \alpha_r^*) = (1.15, 0.5)$ from the RLO region of the case $U^* = 8.0$. For more details on the symbols and lines in the plots, refer to the captions of figures 5 and 8.

lower values than for the non-rotating case at $f_r^* = 1.3$. Further, the cylinder vibration is fully suppressed for $f_r^* > 2.2$. In this region, the vibration frequency is split into two main components, with one matching f_{nw} and the other matching f_r . On the other hand, the vortex shedding frequency continues to lock on to f_r for f_r^* up to ~ 4 , but exhibits low-frequency broadband noise for higher f_r^* values, which suggests that vortex shedding is suppressed. Consequently, decreasing trends are seen in both ϕ_r and ϕ_v from 180° to $\phi_r \approx 45^\circ$ and $\phi_v \approx 60^\circ$ at high f_r^* values, similar to those found in the desynchronisation region of the non-rotating case. On the other hand, for low f_r^* values, the vibration response behaves similarly to the previous cases of $\alpha_r^* = 0.5$ and 1.0, where the A_{10}^* response tends to increase with f_r^* prior to the onset of RLO.

From the above results, it is evident that (varying) rotary oscillation can result in similar RLO and TLO regions at the reduced velocities associated with the upper and lower branches of the non-rotating case. However, it is also clear, but not surprising, that the cylinder vibration response depends on not only the forcing rotary motion parameters but also the initial VIV response branch in the absence of rotary oscillation.

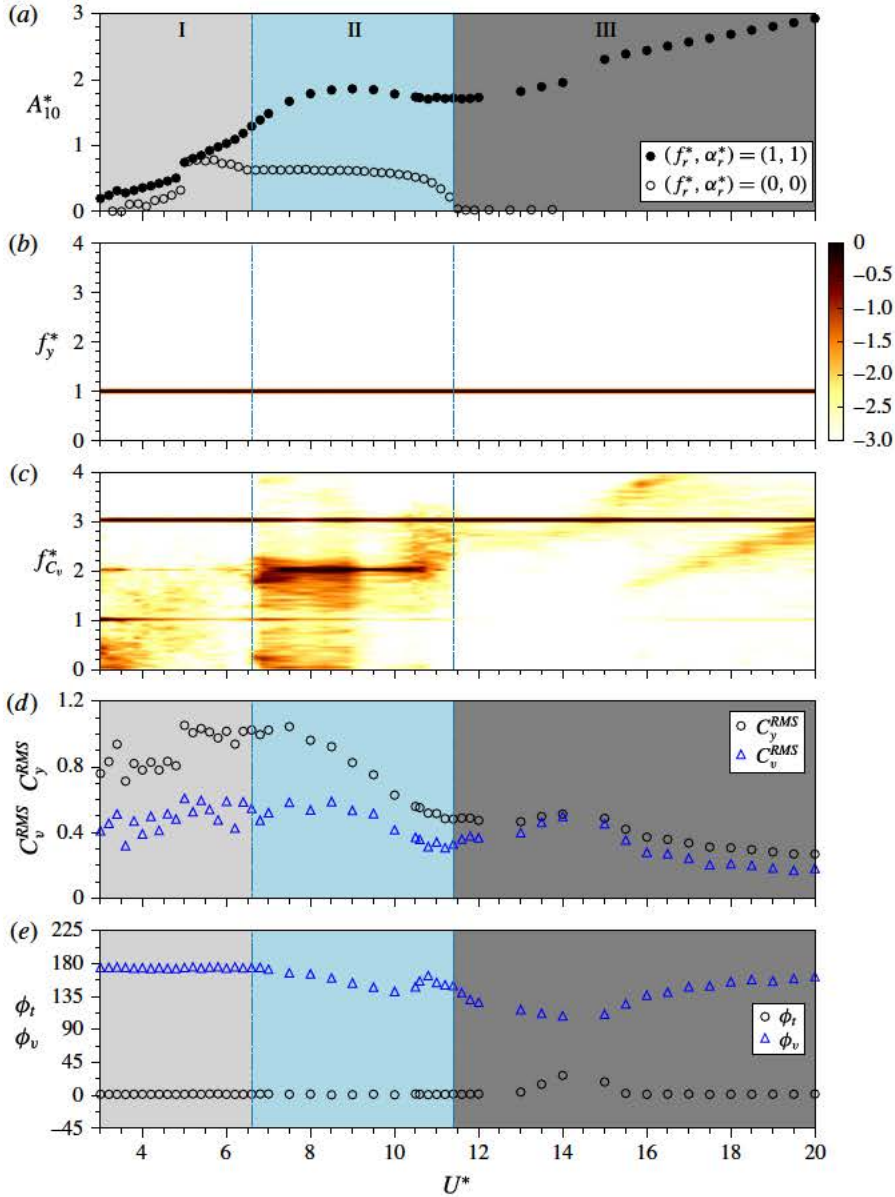


FIGURE 17. (Colour online) The vibration response as a function of U^* of an elastically mounted cylinder undergoing rotary oscillations with $(f_r^*, \alpha_r^*) = (1, 1)$. It should be noted that the amplitude response of the non-rotating case (with $(f_r^*, \alpha_r^*) = (0, 0)$) is also given for reference. Three response regimes are shaded in different colours. For more details, refer to the caption of figure 5.

3.2. Dynamic response over a range of reduced velocity

The results in §§3.1.1 and 3.1.2 indicate that the A_{10}^* peak occurring at $f_r^* \simeq 1.0$ in the RLO region is dependent not only on α_r^* but also on U^* . In order to better understand how the large-amplitude body vibration in the RLO region evolves with U^* ,

this subsection further investigates the cylinder vibration response with fixed forcing parameters $(f_r^*, \alpha_r^*) = (1.0, 1.0)$ over a wide reduced velocity range of $3 \leq U^* \leq 20$.

Figure 17 presents the vibration response as a function of U^* of a cylinder undergoing forced rotary oscillation with $(f_r^*, \alpha_r^*) = (1.0, 1.0)$. Strikingly, the given forced rotary oscillation results in a distinctly different vibration response with substantially larger amplitudes compared with the non-rotating case, as shown in figure 17(a). As revealed by the frequency responses in figure 17(b,c), the cylinder vibrates with a frequency clearly locking onto the forcing rotary frequency ($f_y^* = f_r^* = 1$) through the entire U^* range tested; on the other hand, however, the vortex force frequency response indicates that there exist three regimes: regime I for $U^* < 6.6$, regime II for $6.6 < U^* < 11.4$ and regime III for higher U^* values.

Regime I, which covers the U^* range corresponding to that covering the initial and upper branches of the non-rotating case, is characterised by the vortex force frequency exhibiting its dominant component at $f_{C_v}^* = 3$ and also two harmonics at $f_{C_v}^* = 1$ and 2. With the dominant frequency of the vortex shedding three times that of the body vibration, the cylinder appears to be subject to galloping response in this regime, where the oscillation amplitude is enhanced substantially over the non-rotating case and increases rapidly with U^* . Interestingly, a noticeable jump in the A_{10}^* response is observed at $U^* = 5.0$, which is similar to the jump from the initial to the upper branch of the non-rotating case. While both C_y^{RMS} and C_v^{RMS} appear to be fluctuating, the phases ϕ_t and ϕ_v remain consistently stable at 0° and 180° respectively.

In regime II, the dominant frequency of the vortex shedding switches to the harmonic at $2f_{mv}$, while still showing considerable $3f_{mv}$ content. As a result of the interaction between these harmonics, the vibration amplitude growth tends to become slower with increasing U^* , leading to a plateau of $A_{10}^* \approx 1.75$ over the range $8 \lesssim U^* \lesssim 11.4$. Nevertheless, the vibration amplitude is enhanced to approximately three times that in the lower branch of the non-rotating case, which occurs over a similar U^* range.

Further, in regime III, the vortex shedding exhibits a single frequency at $3f_{mv}$. This is clearly indicative of a galloping response. Correspondingly, the vibration amplitude resumes increasing rapidly with U^* . On the other hand, both C_y^{RMS} and C_v^{RMS} are found to decrease to their minimum values ($C_y^{RMS} \approx 0.29$ and $C_v^{RMS} \approx 0.19$) as A_{10}^* increases to reach its peak of ≈ 3 at the highest U^* value tested. The total phase is found to remain close to 0° , in favour of the galloping response. Interestingly, these results show that the dynamical state in the desynchronisation region of a non-rotating cylinder can be significantly changed by rotary oscillations.

In summary, it has been shown that forced rotation with $(f_r^*, \alpha_r^*) = (1, 1)$ can in general cause the cylinder to gallop with substantially larger oscillation amplitudes than those of the non-rotating case undergoing VIV. This is in spite of a plateau region occurring due to strong interaction between the harmonics of the vortex shedding frequency over the range $8 \lesssim U^* \lesssim 11.4$. The present galloping response appears to be quite similar to that of a constantly rotating cylinder undergoing in-line FIV in Zhao *et al.* (2018), where, while the geometric centreline symmetry is kept, the rotary motion breaks the instantaneous flow symmetry to give rise to an asymmetric excitation force that is phase with, and thus enhances, the body vibration. As noted in Zhao *et al.* (2018), this type of galloping is termed as rotation-induced galloping. This is different from conventional transverse galloping, which is seen typically with cylindrical bluff bodies of aerodynamically unstable geometries (e.g. square sections in Nemes *et al.* (2012) and Zhao *et al.* (2014b)) and wake-induced galloping, which is caused by unsteady oncoming flow (e.g. two interfering circular cylinders in Bokaian & Geoola (1984)).

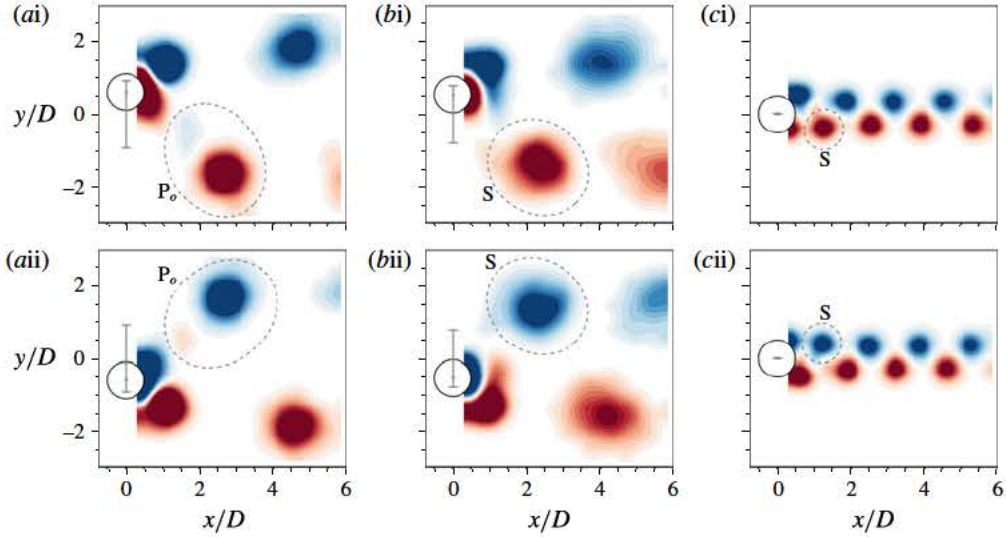


FIGURE 18. (Colour online) Phase-averaged vorticity contours showing the $2P_o$ pattern at $(f_r^*, \alpha_r^*) = (1.0, 1.0)$ in column (a) and the $2S$ patterns at $(f_r^*, \alpha_r^*) = (1.0, 2.0)$ and $(3.0, 2.0)$ in columns (b) and (c) respectively for the case of $U^* = 5.5$. The normalised vorticity range shown here is $\omega^* \in [-8, 8]$. In each plot, the vertical line between two horizontal bars in grey represents the peak-to-peak vibration amplitude. See supplementary movies 1–3 (available at <https://doi.org/10.1017/jfm.2018.379>) for the full oscillation cycles.

3.3. Wake structures

The wake structure is of interest because it is intrinsically coupled with the vibration response of an elastically mounted structure. Previous studies (e.g. Tokumaru & Dimotakis 1991; Cheng 2001; Cheng *et al.* 2001; Choi *et al.* 2002) have shown that, depending on the forcing parameters, a rigidly mounted cylinder undergoing rotary oscillations can exhibit a variety of wake patterns. To better understand the fluid–structure mechanisms in the present study, the wake structure captured using spot PIV measurements located in the $f_r^* - \alpha_r^*$ parameter space shown in figure 4 are examined in this subsection.

At $U^* = 5.5$ in figure 4(a), there are mainly five wake modes identified in the $f_r^* - \alpha_r^*$ space. In the non-lock-on region below the RLO region, the wake mode is found to switch between $2S$ and $2P_o$ patterns. It should be noted that, as named by Williamson & Roshko (1988), a $2S$ mode consists of two opposite-signed single (S) vortices shed per vibration cycle, while a $2P$ mode comprises two pairs (P) of opposite-signed vortices shed per cycle. It should be noted that a $2P_o$ pattern is referred to as a weak $2P$ pattern, in which one vortex appears to be relatively weaker than the other in the pair (see Morse & Williamson 2009; Zhao *et al.* 2014a). Thus, this wake mode is named the SW mode after its switching behaviour between the wake patterns. This switching behaviour is perhaps not surprising, because the upper-branch VIV response of a non-rotating cylinder is chaotic in nature, which could result in switching behaviour of wake patterns (see Zhao *et al.* 2014a), and the cylinder vibration is moderated by complicated interaction of f_{nw} , f_{sh} and f_r in this non-lock-on region. When the cylinder undergoes highly periodic vibrations with large amplitudes at $f_r^* = 1$ in the RLO region, $2P_o$ patterns are observed at the low rotary velocity ratios of $\alpha_r^* = 0.5$ and 1.0 . As illustrated in figure 18(a), a P_o pair of

vortices consisting of a strong counterclockwise (CCW) vortex (in red) and a much weaker clockwise (CW) one (in blue) is shed in the first half-cycle in (ai), and a second P_o pair is shed in the second half-cycle in (aii); however, the weak vortices shed close to the wake centreline dissipate rapidly downstream by $x/D \approx 2$ while the vortices shed from the outer side remain very strong, travelling downstream at a slight angle to the wake centreline. For most of the spot PIV locations at higher α_r^* and f_r^* values outside the TLO region, the vortex shedding exhibits a well-defined 2S mode. As can be seen from the phase-averaged vorticity contours at $(f_r^*, \alpha_r^*) = (1.0, 2.0)$ in figure 18(b), while large vibration amplitudes are still encountered, two single opposite-signed vortices of equal strength are alternatively shed, forming two parallel rows in the wake. On the other hand, at the highest spot location $(f_r^*, \alpha_r^*) = (3.0, 2.0)$, where the cylinder vibration is suppressed, the vortex shedding still exhibits a 2S mode, but with vortices shed into two narrowly spaced rows due to the vibration suppression. This pattern appears to be very similar to the mode I in the case of a rigidly mounted cylinder with different (f_r^*, α_r^*) values documented by Choi *et al.* (2002). However, at a lower location $(f_r^*, \alpha_r^*) = (3.0, 1.5)$ in a transition region to the suppression of cylinder vibration above the TLO region, the vortex shedding is observed to be in a CS mode (not shown here) comprising a coalescence (C) of small (S) vortices being shed simultaneously from both sides of the cylinder (see Williamson & Roshko 1988).

Of further interest is a new wake mode observed in the TLO region. To demonstrate the downstream evolution of this wake mode, figure 19 shows the normalised vorticity contours selected from eight representative phases (out of 48 phases in total). As the cylinder is moving upwards from its neutral position (figure 19ai,aii), two CCW vortices (labelled I and II) are being shed off from the bottom shear layer, and meanwhile a CW vortex (labelled III) is being formed. When the cylinder reaches its highest position (figure 19aiii), the CW vortex III is shed. Interestingly, the two CCW vortices interact with each other to merge further downstream at $x/D \approx 2$. Similarly, when the cylinder moves backwards to its neutral position, another CW vortex (labelled IV) is formed (figure 19bi), and then is shed to merge with the previous CW vortex as the cylinder moves further towards its lowest position. Clearly, four vortices are shed per vibration cycle, and thus this wake mode is named 4S. In this case, the two like-signed vortices are not of similar strength and merge quickly downstream; however, at higher U^* discussed subsequently, the two like-signed vortices are of similar strength and maintain a separate existence as they advect downstream. Such a wake mode with two same-signed vortices shed per half-cycle does not seem to have been previously observed in VIV of a non-rotating cylinder; however, it is not surprising here since the combined effect of the rotary oscillation and the cylinder vibration can rapidly alter the vorticity flux into the separating shear layers, resulting in two vortices being shed from the same shear layer in each half vibration cycle. Thus, having been shed at different cylinder transverse and angular positions, the twin-like vortices travel with different speeds, leading to merging downstream.

Furthermore, in the case of $U^* = 8.0$, while some of the wake modes observed in the case of 5.5 are present in the $f_r^* - \alpha_r^*$ map in figure 4(b), an interesting new mode is also identified in the TLO region. As can be seen, in the non-lock-on region below the RLO region, the vortex shedding exhibits a 2P mode (not shown here) (see Govardhan & Williamson 2000; Morse & Williamson 2009; Zhao *et al.* 2014a, for details about this wake mode), despite the cylinder vibration being modulated by rotary oscillation. The 2P mode continues to exist in part of the RLO region encountered with large body vibration for $\alpha_r^* \leq 1$. As the cylinder vibration is enhanced at higher rotary velocity

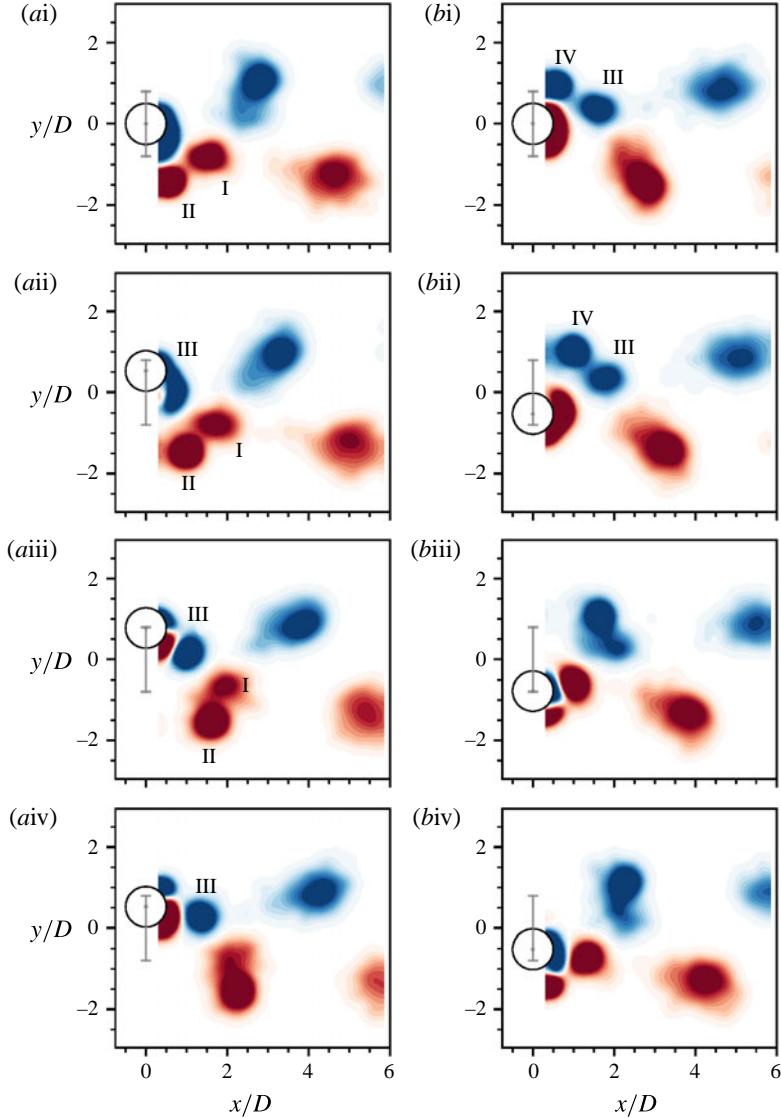


FIGURE 19. (Colour online) Phase-averaged vorticity contours showing the evolution of the 4S wake mode at $(f_r^*, \alpha_r^*) = (3.0, 1.0)$ in the TLO region of the $U^* = 5.5$ case. See supplementary movie 4 for the full oscillation cycle. For more details, refer to the caption of figure 18.

ratios (i.e. $(f_r^*, \alpha_r^*) = (1.0, 1.5)$ and $(1.0, 2.0)$), the wake mode is observed to be the 4S mode. Figure 20 shows the evolution of the phase-averaged wake structure over one cycle. Similarly to the case seen in the TLO region at $U^* = 5.5$, two same-signed vortices are shed every half-cycle; however, twin-like vortices appear to have similar offsets to the wake centreline and also similar travelling speeds, and thus they merge much further downstream. Moreover, similarly to that found for $U^* = 5.5$, the 2S mode is persistently observed over a wide region across the RLO region encountered with low-amplitude vibration response and the non-lock-on region at higher f_r^* values.

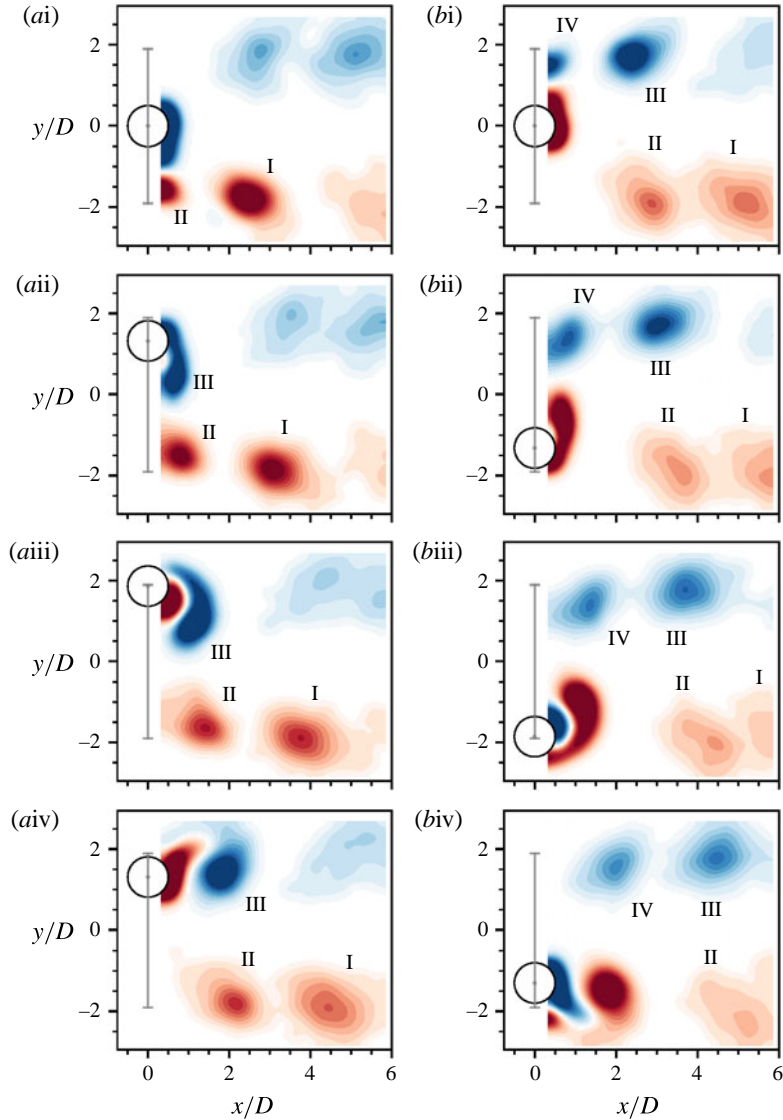


FIGURE 20. (Colour online) Phase-averaged vorticity contours showing the evolution of the 4S wake mode at $(f_r^*, \alpha_r^*) = (1.0, 1.5)$ in the RLO region of the $U^* = 8.0$ case. See supplementary movie 5 for the full oscillation cycle. For more details, refer to the caption of figure 18.

In the TLO region, a new wake mode named $2(P_o + S)$ is observed, which consists of a P_o pair of vortices and a single one shed per half-cycle. Figure 21 illustrates the evolution of this wake mode at $(f_r^*, \alpha_r^*) = (3.0, 1.0)$. From figure 21(ai, aii), it is clear that a P_o pair of vortices is being shed as the cylinder moves upwards, and meanwhile a single CW vortex is being formed. When the cylinder reaches its highest position, the CW vortex is cut off by the shear layer rolling up from the bottom of the body, forming a $P_o + S$ pattern, as shown in figure 21(aiii). This shedding configuration is symmetric as the cylinder moves towards its lowest position to shed

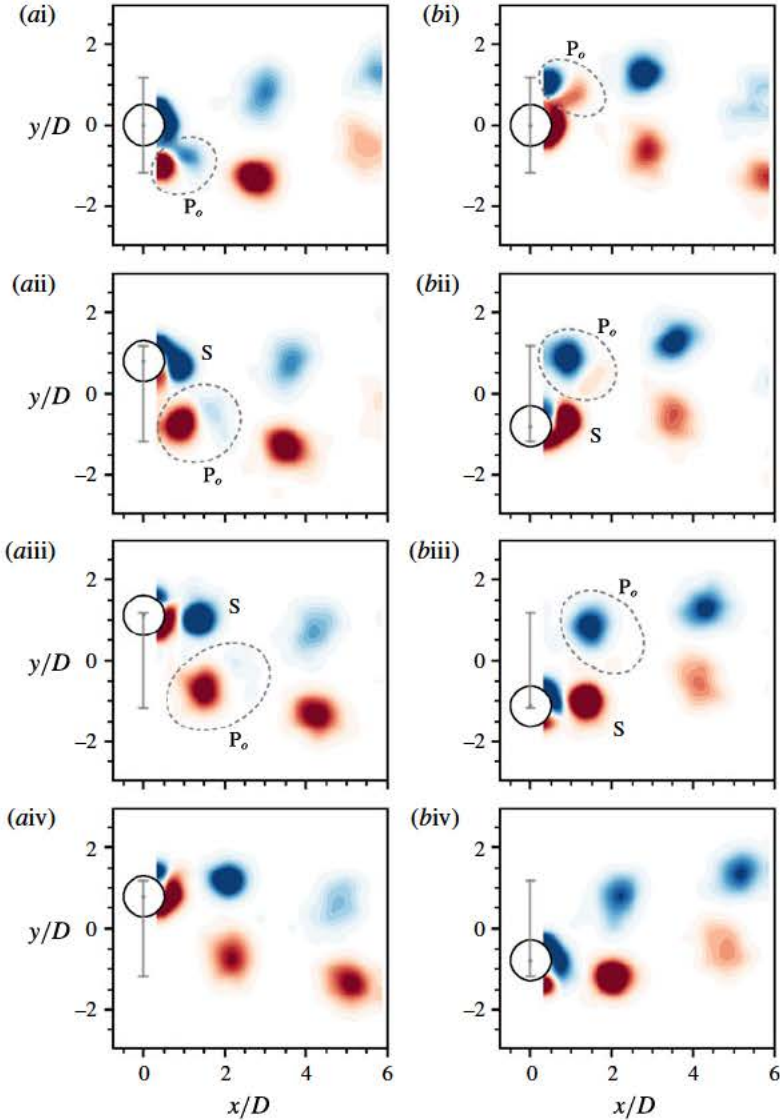


FIGURE 21. (Colour online) Phase-averaged vorticity contours showing the evolution of the $2(P_o + S)$ wake mode at $(f_r^*, \alpha_r^*) = (3.0, 1.0)$ in the TLO region of the $U^* = 8.0$ case. See supplementary movie 6 for the full oscillation cycle. For more details, refer to the caption of figure 18.

another $P_o + S$ pattern, with the signs of the vortices opposite to those of the previous $P_o + S$ pattern.

The PIV results presented, albeit taken at relatively coarse resolution of the control variables α_r^* and f_r^* , show how each observed wake mode correlates with the lock-on states and vibration responses of the cylinder. It is acknowledged that the PIV results presented do not provide a complete picture of all possible wake mode transitions. However, the work presented is sufficient to show the correlation between several dominant wake structures and the vibration responses associated with them. Furthermore, the present results show the presence of frequency modulation and its

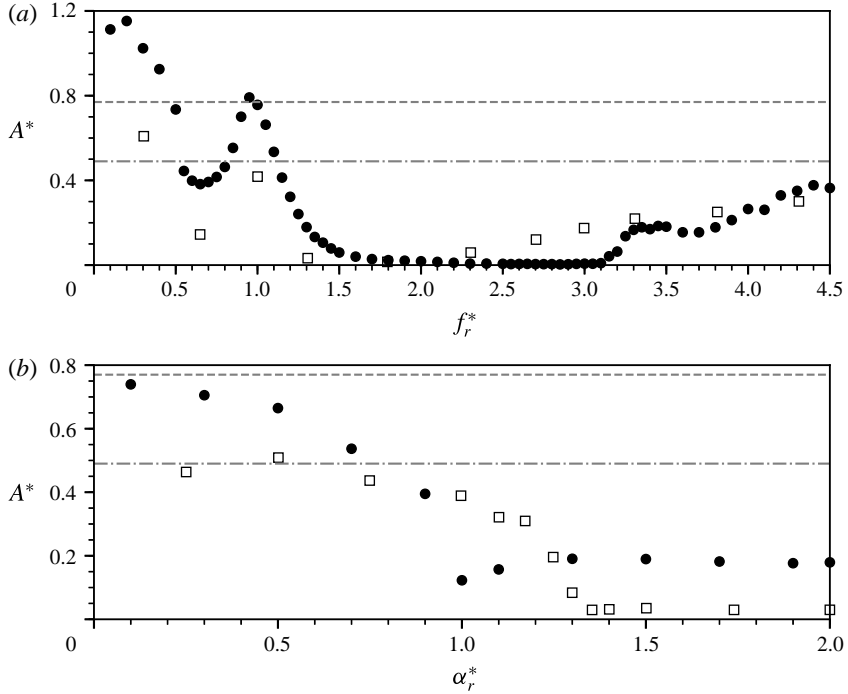


FIGURE 22. The amplitude response of the present experiments with $m^* = 5.73$ at $U^* = 5.5$ (●) compared with the numerical simulations with $m^* = 10$ at $U^* = 5.0$ by Du & Sun (2015) (□). (a) The amplitude response as a function of f_r^* with a fixed forcing velocity ratio $\alpha_r^* = 2.0$. (b) The amplitude response as a function of α_r^* with a fixed forcing frequency ratio $f_r^* = 1.3$. The dashed lines represent the amplitude response of the non-rotating case of the present study while the dash-dotted lines represent that of Du & Sun (2015).

impact on the wake structure when the cylinder is elastically mounted and immersed in a flow at moderate Reynolds number.

3.4. A comparison with numerical simulations

Figure 22 presents a comparison of the vibration amplitude response as a function of f_r^* (with fixed $\alpha_r^* = 2.0$) and α_r^* (with fixed $f_r^* = 1.3$) in (a) and (b) respectively between the present experiments at $U^* = 5.5$ ($Re = 2060$) and previous low-Reynolds-number numerical simulations at $U^* = 5.0$ ($Re = 350$) by Du & Sun (2015).

As can be seen in figure 22(a), in general, both the experimental and the numerical studies exhibit similar trends in the amplitude response as a function of the forcing rotary frequency. At low f_r^* values ($f_r^* < 0.5$), the vibration amplitude responses in both studies appear to be considerably larger than their non-rotating cases. Similarly, they decrease to a local minimum at $f_r^* \simeq 0.7$ and then rise to reach a local peak at $f_r^* \simeq 1.0$, prior to a sharp decreasing trend leading to suppression of VIV. At high f_r^* values ($f_r^* > 2.3$ in Du & Sun (2015) and $f_r^* > 3.2$ in the present study), both studies see an increasing trend in the amplitude response to a similar magnitude ($A^* \approx 0.3$ at $f_r^* = 4.5$). Furthermore, as shown in figure 22(b), similar trends can also be seen in the amplitude response as a function of the forcing rotary velocity ratio in the two

studies. As α_r^* is increased in both studies, the amplitude response tends to decrease gradually from the magnitude of the non-rotating case to relatively constant minimum values. These values are $A^* \approx 0.2$ for $\alpha_r^* \gtrsim 1.0$ for the present study and $A^* \approx 0.02$ for $\alpha_r^* \gtrsim 1.3$ in the study of Du & Sun (2015).

In summary, despite differences existing in the magnitude of the amplitude response and suppression region of VIV, which are most likely due to the effects of U^* , Re and m^* ($m^* = 5.73$ in the present study and $m^* = 10$ in Du & Sun (2015)), both studies show similar effects of the forcing parameters f_r^* and α_r^* individually on the cylinder vibration amplitude response.

4. Conclusions

The present work has investigated experimentally the transverse flow-induced vibration of an elastically mounted circular cylinder undergoing sinusoidally driven rotary oscillations in a moderate-Reynolds-number free-stream flow. Characteristics of the fluid–structure system, including the vibration amplitude and frequency responses, the fluid forces and phases, and the wake structures, were studied through an extensive experimental programme covering a wide parameter space spanning the forcing rotary oscillation frequency ratio range $0 \leq f_r^* \leq 4.5$ and the forcing rotary velocity ratio range $0 \leq \alpha_r^* \leq 2.0$ at two reduced velocities $U^* = 5.5$ and 8.0 . These reduced velocities were selected to provide representative states from the VIV upper and lower branches of the non-rotating case respectively. Additionally, the structural vibration response was also examined with the fixed forcing rotary oscillation parameters $(f_r^*, \alpha_r^*) = (1, 1)$ over a wide range of the reduced velocity $3 \leq U^* \leq 20$.

The results showed that there exist similar RLO and TLO regions in the $f_r^* - \alpha_r^*$ parameter space at the two representative reduced velocities. Similarly to conventional lock-on which is referred to as the vortex shedding frequency locking onto the forcing frequency, the cylinder vibration frequency in the RLO region is found to lock onto the forcing frequency. For both the U^* cases, RLO is observed to occur in the vicinity of $f_r^* = 1$ (or $f_r = f_{nw}$), and the RLO region widens as the forcing velocity ratio α_r^* is increased. On the other hand, the TLO phenomenon is observed to occur in the vicinity of $f_r^* = 3$ (or $f_r = 3f_{nw}$) for α_r^* up to ~ 1.6 , where the cylinder vibration frequency locks onto the one-third subharmonic of the forcing frequency (i.e. $f_y \cong f_r/3$). Although the locking of vortex shedding frequency to the one-third subharmonic frequency of the forcing frequency ($f_{sh} \cong f_r/3$) has been reported in previous studies of a rigidly mounted cylinder, TLO seems to have been first observed for the case of an elastically mounted cylinder in the present study.

Moreover, the results showed that the forcing rotary oscillation has profound effects on the cylinder vibration response in the two U^* cases. In general, in the non-lock-on region below the RLO lower boundary, the amplitude response is observed to be considerably larger than that of the non-rotating case. As f_r^* is further increased, the amplitude response experiences a noticeable drop at the onset of RLO and then increases rapidly to reach a local peak at $f_r^* \simeq 1.0$, prior to a sharp decreasing trend over the rest of the RLO region. The peak amplitude response in the RLO region is observed to be $A_{10}^* \simeq 1.2$ (an increase of $\sim 50\%$ over the non-rotating case) in the case of $U^* = 5.5$, and $A_{10}^* \simeq 2.2$ (an increase of $\sim 270\%$ over the non-rotating case) in the case $U^* = 8.0$. Interestingly, the local A_{10}^* peak occurring at $f_r^* \simeq 1.0$ in the RLO region tends to decrease with increasing α_r^* in the case $U^* = 5.5$, while it is observed to increase with α_r^* in the case of $U^* = 8.0$. However, for $f_r^* \gtrsim 1.3$ in the RLO region at $U^* = 8.0$, the A_{10}^* response is attenuated to be lower than that of the

non-rotating case, and it can even be suppressed for $\alpha_r^* \gtrsim 1.3$. On the other hand, the cylinder vibration can also be significantly enhanced, attenuated and suppressed in the TLO region. The A_{10}^* peak in the TLO region is observed to be 0.82 in the case of $U^* = 5.5$, and 2.2 in the case of $U^* = 8.0$. This suggests that the rotary oscillation has a stronger effect in the TLO region deriving from the VIV lower branch. Although the TLO region is observed to be suppressed for $1.6 \lesssim \alpha_r^* \leq 2.0$ in both U^* cases, a secondary TLO region with low vibration amplitudes is observed to occur around $\alpha_r^* = 3.1$ at $U^* = 5.5$.

In addition, the study examining the cylinder vibration response as a function of U^* for the fixed rotary oscillation parameters of $(f_r^*, \alpha_r^*) = (1.0, 1.0)$ shows that the cylinder experiences substantially larger oscillations than those for the non-rotating case, and a rotation-reduced galloping response is observed for $U^* > 12$, where the amplitude response increases monotonically to reach $A_{10}^* \approx 3$ at the highest reduced velocity ($U^* = 20$) tested. This clearly demonstrates a limitation of using sinusoidal rotary oscillations naively as a method for suppression of VIV, as specific combinations of the rotary oscillation parameters and flow conditions are required for suppression. Similarly, the use of sinusoidal rotary oscillations for energy harvesting applications will also require the cylinder to oscillate with large amplitudes for efficient power production dictated by specific parameter combinations.

Furthermore, the wake structure was examined via spot PIV measurements sampling the $f_r^* - \alpha_r^*$ parameter space. For $U^* = 5.5$, it was shown that the switching behaviour between 2S and $2P_o$ modes observed in the upper branch for the non-rotating case was still present in the non-lock-on region below the RLO region; however, when large cylinder vibration was encountered in the RLO region, the vortex shedding exhibited a $2P_o$ mode for $\alpha_r^* \leq 1.0$ and a 2S mode for $\alpha_r^* \geq 1.5$. In the TLO region, an interesting new 4S mode comprising two same-signed vortices shed per half-cycle was observed. On the other hand, for $U^* = 8.0$, the 2P mode was found to be present in the non-lock-on region at low f_r^* values, but when large cylinder vibration was encountered in the RLO region (i.e. at $f_r^* = 1.0$), the wake exhibited a 2P mode for $\alpha_r^* \leq 1.0$ and a 4S mode for $\alpha_r^* \geq 1.5$. Similarly to the case of $U^* = 5.5$, 2S was observed when the cylinder vibration was suppressed at higher f_r^* and α_r^* values. In addition, an interesting new wake mode, a $2(P_o + S)$ mode, was identified in the TLO region.

From the results presented and a previous numerical study, it is evident that the effect of sinusoidal rotary oscillation on the FIV of elastically mounted cylinders is robust and appears not to be very sensitive to the Reynolds number. However, further research is still required to thoroughly understand the varying fluid–structure mechanisms under extended ranges of flow and the rotary oscillation conditions. Some interesting questions have arisen from the present investigation. One question, in particular, is whether lock-on and body vibration can be observed when the cylinder is oscillating at a higher odd ratio of f_r^* , such as $f_r^* = 5$. If TLO can occur due to the body oscillation frequency locking onto the one-third subharmonic of the rotary forcing frequency and lead to substantial oscillation amplitudes, can the same also occur when the body locks to the one-fifth subharmonic of the rotary forcing frequency? Further investigation of the galloping behaviour at higher U^* values is also warranted.

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