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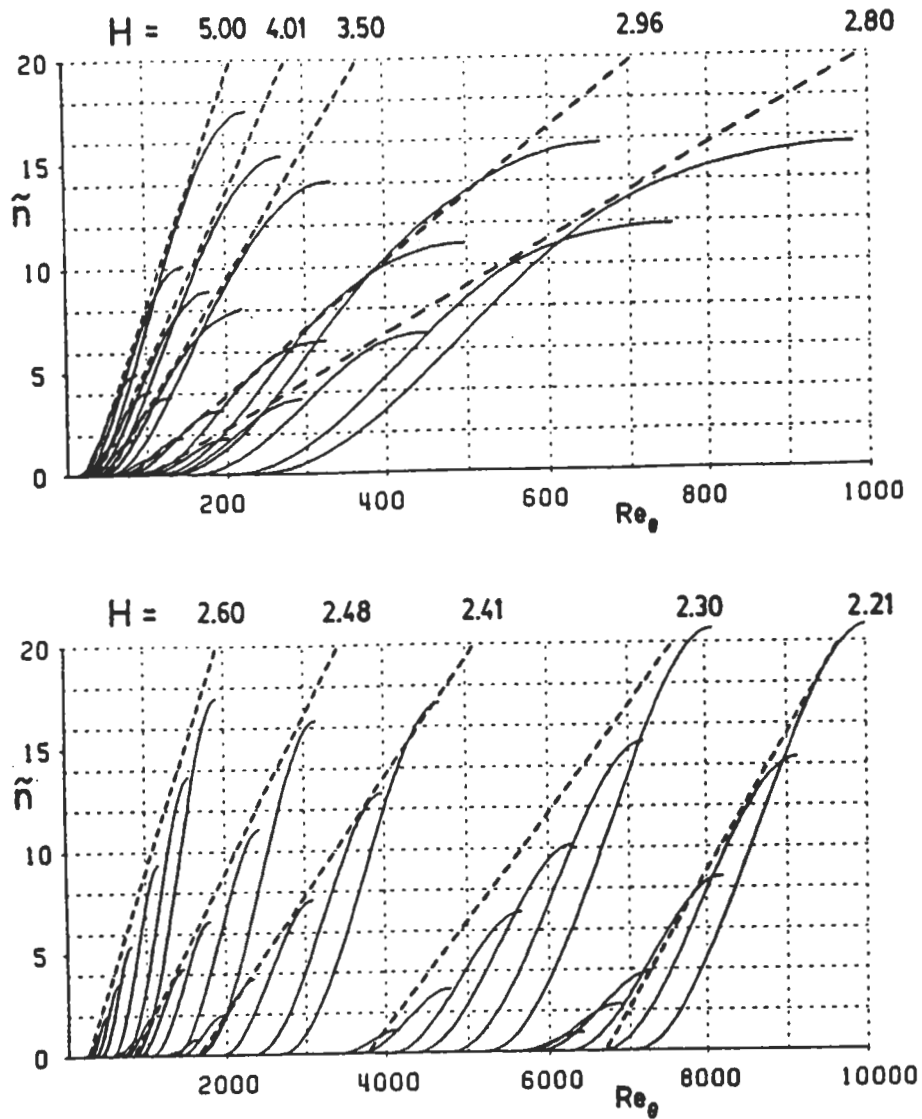


Figure 6.7 Orr-Sommerfeld spatial amplification curves

$$\ln(A/A_0) \equiv \tilde{n} = \frac{d\tilde{n}}{dRe_\theta}(H) \{Re_\theta - Re_{\theta_0}(H)\} \quad (6.41)$$

where the slope  $d\tilde{n}/dRe_\theta$  and the critical Reynolds number  $Re_{\theta_0}$  are given by

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$$\frac{d\tilde{n}}{d\xi} = \frac{d\tilde{n}}{dRe_\theta} \frac{dRe_\theta}{d\xi} = \frac{d\tilde{n}}{dRe_\theta} \frac{1}{2} \left( \xi \frac{du_e}{u_e d\xi} + 1 \right) \frac{\rho_e u_e \theta^2}{\mu_e \xi} \frac{1}{\theta} \quad (6.44)$$

Using the empirical relations

$$\frac{\rho_e u_e \theta^2}{\mu_e \xi} \equiv \ell(H) = (6.54H - 14.07)/H^2 \quad (6.45)$$

$$\text{and } \xi \frac{du_e}{u_e d\xi} \equiv m(H) = \left( 0.058 \frac{(H-4)^2}{H-1} - 0.068 \right) \frac{1}{\ell(H)} \quad (6.46)$$

the spatial amplification rate is expressed as a function of H and  $\theta$ .

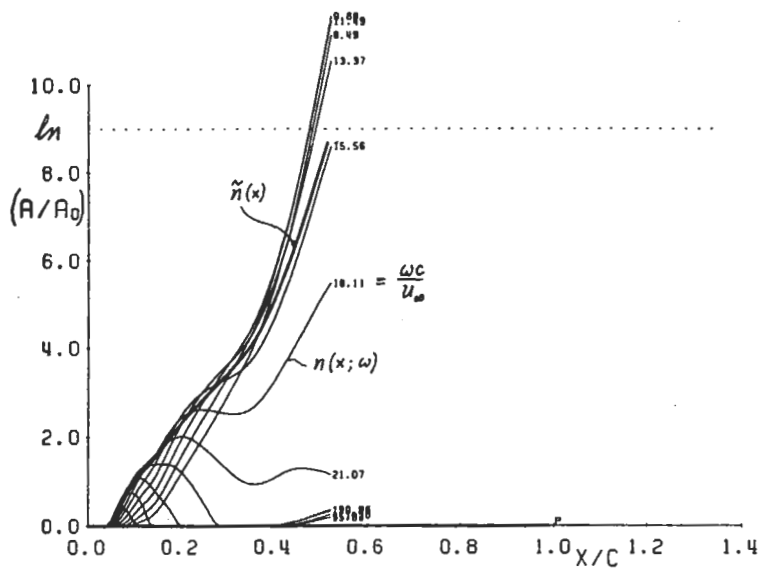
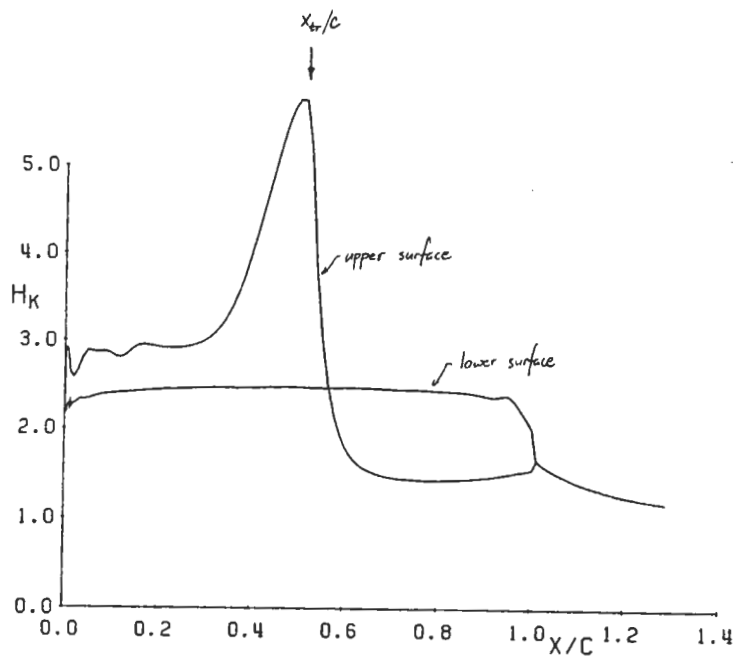
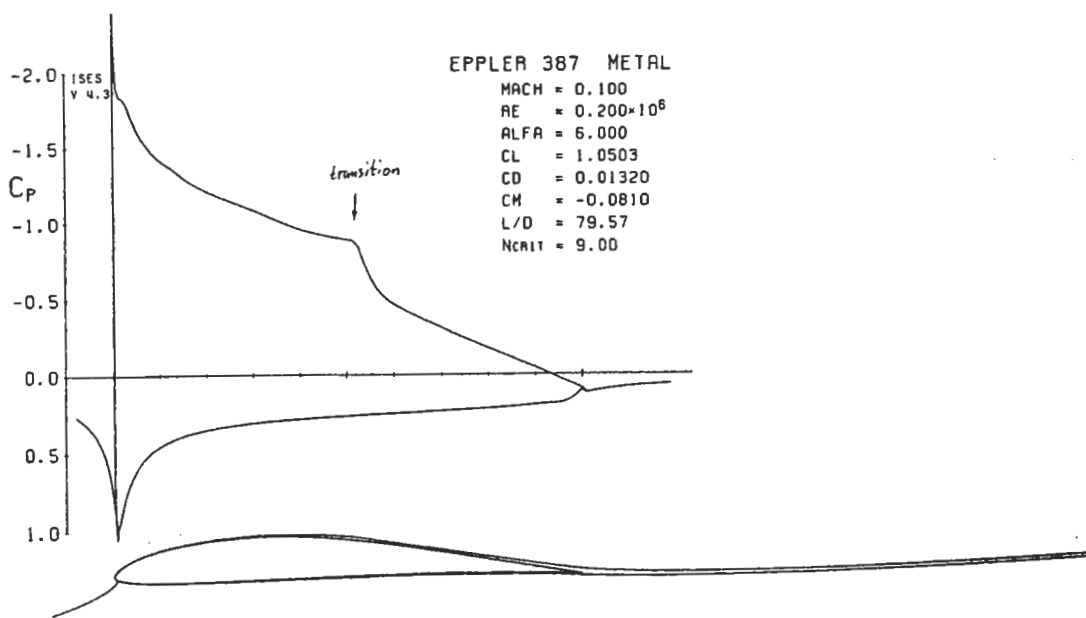
$$\frac{d\tilde{n}}{d\xi}(H, \theta) = \frac{d\tilde{n}}{dRe_\theta}(H) \frac{m(H) + 1}{2} \ell(H) \frac{1}{\theta} \quad (6.47)$$

This amplification rate can then be integrated downstream from the instability point  $\xi_{cr}$  (where  $Re_\theta = Re_{\theta_0}$ ).

$$\tilde{n}(\xi) = \int_{\xi_{cr}}^{\xi} \frac{d\tilde{n}}{d\xi} d\xi \quad (6.48)$$

Again, the onset of transition occurs at the point where  $\tilde{n} = 9$ .

In the actual implementation of the present transition criterion, equation (6.48) is not used directly. Instead, the differential amplification equation (6.47) is discretized and solved as part of the global Newton system. The transition onset location can thus be properly linearized. This is a much more robust procedure than if the integral equation (6.48) was used to explicitly set the transition onset location every iteration.



TS wave envelope amplification rate

