

## Oscillation and Dynamic Instability of Ships Fin Stabilizer

**Fatima Rasim<sup>a</sup> and Kadhim Karim<sup>b</sup>**

<sup>a,b</sup>Mechanical Engineering Department, Collage of Engineering , University of Thi-Qar , Iraq.  
Corresponding author email.

---

### Abstract

Ships are considered one of the most important means of transportation in the world, especially at the present time, These ships are exposed to harsh climatic conditions, and The loss of people and cargo, as well as the loss of ships, are all repercussions of these situations. In this research, the fin with the flap was studied practically, and the aim of it is to study several angles of the flap to achieve the best balance for ships at several speeds. Where the fin was made according to the international standard NACA 0015, with a length of 30 (cm) and a width of 13 (cm) of aluminum alloy with a flap length of 4( cm) and a width of 14 (cm) of aluminum alloy as well. Where it was installed in a wind tunnel device with the fluid pressure applied to it and changing the angle of the flap to 9 angles, also using 5 speeds for each angle and calculating the vibration of the flap using the Vibration Meter device at each angle and for each speed It was found that the least vibration occurred at the angle of 15°, so it is preferable to adopt this angle when designing the wing in order to balance the ship.

**Keywords:** ship,fin stabilizer ,motion,angle, vibration

---

### 1. Introduction

Ships are still a major form of transportation in the global economy and an important part of national security in the twenty-first century. Naval architecture has evolved into a branch of engineering that incorporates mechanics, Some researchers have studied the ship's balance in several ways, for example, by the shape of the ship or by the weight of the cargo, the number of passengers, determining its center of gravity and the use of buoys. Others studied the ship's balance theoretically by making a control net on the fin materials, oceanography, and optimization [1]. **Urmila Ghia et al.** [2] have studied the stream across an boat that oscillates used in a Typical ship stabilization system with active fins is simulated using computational fluid dynamics. To create significant lift forces, the boats oscillate across huge angles of twist much exceeding angle of static stall. On the hydrofoil, forces of lifting are estimated with the use of a basic sinusoidal movement of the average frequency at which fins vibrate. **Tristan Perez et al.** [3] studied the effect of a result of nonlinear effects, emerging from unstable hydrodynamic properties at the fins, the efficiency of ship fin stabilizers can dramatically decrease in moderate to high sea states: dynamic stall. When the fins' impacts angle of twist surpasses a particular angle of the threshold, these impacts are nonlinear assume the hysteresis shape and become highly substantial. Depends on how much the fins exceeds the angle of the threshold, A dynamic stall might result in complete control action loss. , **Reza Ghaemi et al.** [4] analyzed Ship fin stabilizers working in wave fields have restricted roll control. The method is based on a robust control technique for linear discrete-time systems with limited additive disturbances

and input-state restrictions. Fin stabilizers are controlled using the suggested technique. **Clayton Rodrigo Marqui et al.** [5] have presented an alternative current study to determine the stability of aerodynamic elasticity across a wide range of variables. The analysis is performed in the time domain and is solved using convex optimization methods. To demonstrate this technique, theory is introduced and simulations run on a modular system. **Weilin Luo et al.** [6] have introduced a powerful fin monitor according to L2 to gain access to the design. For the purpose of limiting the rolling motion of ships on the surface, the ship's roll dynamics and fin actuator form the factory. The cascading rolling system takes into account uncertainties, such as modeling errors and environmental disturbances caused by waves. To compensate for modeling errors and the derivative of the intended fin angle, the control is based on case observations. The L2 gain design suppresses turbulence. **Melek Ertogan et al.** [7] considered hydraulic systems for ship rudders and fin stabilizers to be first or second order linear equations in order to simply obtain and bypass system delay for control reasons. This method presupposes that the hydraulic order has been well-thought-out and free of flaws. It's a simple and quick technique to concentrate on the control issue. yet, this method does not allow for a thorough examination of hydraulic component limitations and capabilities. It is possible to design costly, over-engineered, or insufficient hydraulic systems as a result of this weakness. **Carlos Renan Dos Santos et al.** [8] have studied that erodynamic and/or structural dynamics can cause nonlinear aero elastic behavior, which can lead to instabilities, limit cycle oscillations, bifurcations, and chaotic behavior, among other issues. The goal of this research is to study and determine the dynamic response of

a common aero elastic with simultaneous structural hardening and free-play nonlinearities. **M.Selcuk Arslan [9]** has studied the aim of the optimal controller to manage unwanted ship rotation caused by sea waves using active fin stabilizers. The nonlinear model with one degree of freedom describes the spinning dynamics. The dynamic system also includes engine dynamics. The wave height that creates disturbing moments in the vessel is described using sine and random wave models. **Yuan jia et al. [10]** included fin stabilizers to ship designs with the primary aim of providing roll-canceling moments during normal operation. Ship turning motion is an important aspect of ship maneuverability and is directly tied to a ship's safety when at sea. During turning, ships endure some rolling and heeling. The rolling and heeling generated by turning and wave can be severe enough to impair a ship's ability to accomplish its purpose. Currently **Neha Sunil Patil et al. [11]** have controlled the ship's roll motion, and this work focuses on designing a control unit to stabilize rolling motion based on a coastal research vessel (CRV) fin. The ship's hydrodynamic parameters, such as the fin's lift capacity, are estimated based on the geometry of a set of engine fins placed in the center of the ship.

**2.Mathematical Modeling**

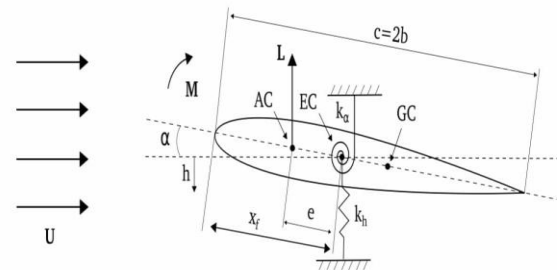
Fin was installed in the wind tunnel device in a length of 30 (cm) and a width of 13 (cm) with a flap length of 4 (cm) and a width of 14 (cm) with the center of fin determined with the lower part of the device, where it was placed in a horizontal line and the fluid's pressure applied on it ,where five pressures were used from which the velocity is extracted by Bernoulli's law , the flap is changed in nine angles which are: 45,35,25,15,0,-15,-25,-35 and -45 for each angle, 5 velocity are projected .Vibration is extracted by measuring the displacement caused by the velocity for each specific angle by installing the sensor of the vibration meter device on wind tunnel device . Where it was installed on the shaft of the fin and extracting from it, see(fig,1).



**Fig.1** The fin

Motion equations describe the behavior of the system, such as the movement of the body to be studied under the influence of a certain force, for example, differential equations that the system achieves, such as the Langrage

equation that we will study now. Figure (2) depicts the system under discussion, A Lagrangian shape is expressed the altitude's development  $h$  and the twist of angle  $\alpha$ .



**Fig.2**Fin design as a body that is stiff in a consistent flowU

Kinetic energy reads

$$T = \frac{1}{2} m \dot{h}^2 + \frac{1}{2} I \dot{\alpha}^2 + S a h \dot{\alpha} \quad \dots \dots \dots (1)$$

and the potential energy reads

$$V = \frac{1}{2} k \alpha \alpha^2 + \frac{1}{2} k h h^2 \quad \dots \dots \dots (2)$$

The system's potential energy is

$$V = \frac{1}{2} k \alpha \alpha^2 + \frac{1}{2} k \beta \beta^2 + \frac{1}{2} k h h^2 \quad \dots \dots \dots (3)$$

The kinetic energy is expressed in regards of velocities  $v_i$ ,  $i = (4', 6)$  of center of mass in point( 4, 6) and rotation of an angular (  $\alpha$  ,  $\beta$ ) is

$$T = \frac{1}{2} I \alpha \dot{\alpha}^2 + \frac{1}{2} I_f (\dot{\alpha} + \dot{\beta})^2 + \frac{1}{2} m a v_{4'} \cdot v_{4'} + \frac{1}{2} m_f v_6 \cdot v_6 \quad \dots \dots \dots (4)$$

$\alpha$ = Pitch angle (Positive counterclockwise)

$h$  = Plunging displacement (Positive downwards)

$\beta$ = Flap angle (Positive counterclockwise)

$M\alpha$ = Moment

$m$ = fin mass per unit length

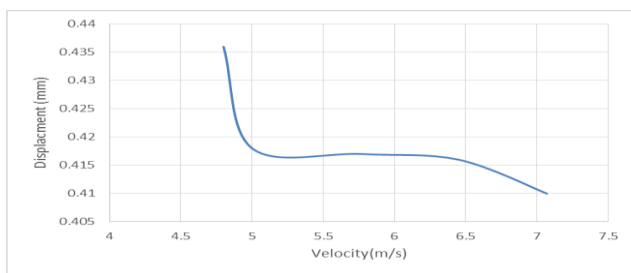
$K_i$ = Elastic constraint stiffness,  $i = \{\alpha, F, h\}$

$I_i$ = Moments of inertia,  $i = \{\alpha \text{ (fin)}, F \text{ (flap)}\}$

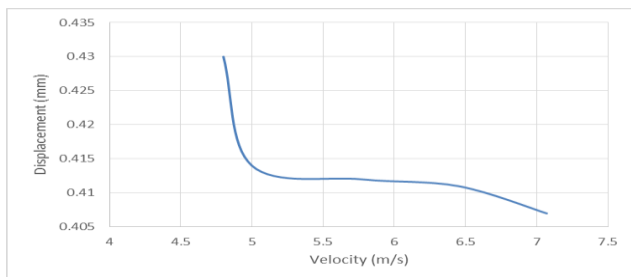
**3. Results and Discussion**

In this section, the results obtained in this research are discussed where the relationship between velocity on the

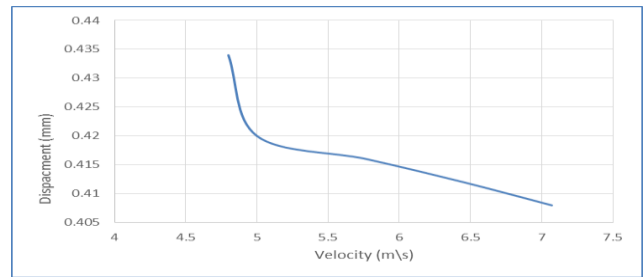
x-axis and the highest displacement for each velocity on the y-axis is plotted for figures from (3 to 11) , in figure (3) the highest value of displacement was (0.436 mm) in velocity(4.8m/s) and less value of displacement (0.410 mm) in velocity (7.07m/s) for angle 0°, figure (4) the highest value of displacement was(0.430 mm) and less value of displacement(0.407 mm) at same velocity for angle 15°,figure (5) the highest value of displacement was(0.434 mm) and less value of displacement(0.408 mm)for angle -15°, figure (6) the highest value of displacement was(0.442 mm) and less value of displacement(0.422 mm)for angle 25°while in figure (7) the highest value of displacement was(0.437 mm) and less value of displacement(0.417 mm)for angle -25°,in figure (8) the highest value of displacement was(0.446 mm) and less value of displacement(0.424 mm)for angle 35°, figure (9) the highest value of displacement was(0.449 mm) and less value of displacement(0.430 mm)for angle -35, figure (10) the highest value of displacement was(0.460 mm) and less value of displacement(0.432 mm)for angle 45° and in figure (11) the highest value of displacement was(0.456 mm) and less value of displacement(0.436mm) for angle -45°.



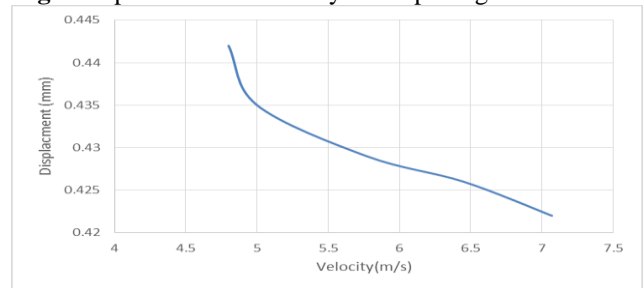
**Fig.3** Displacement – Velocity for flap's angle 0°.



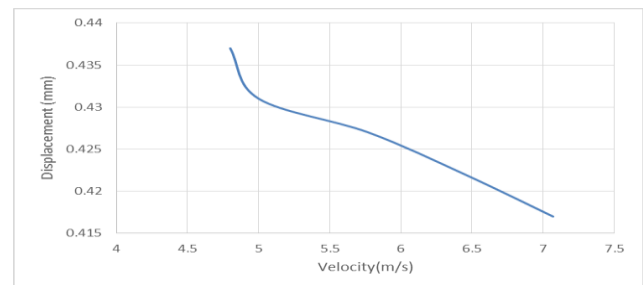
**Fig.4** Displacement – Velocity for flap's angle 15.



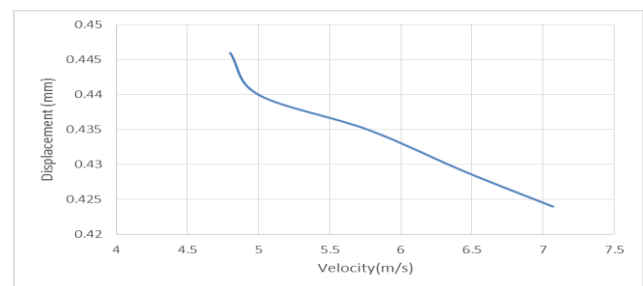
**Fig.5** Displacement – Velocity for flap's angle -15°.



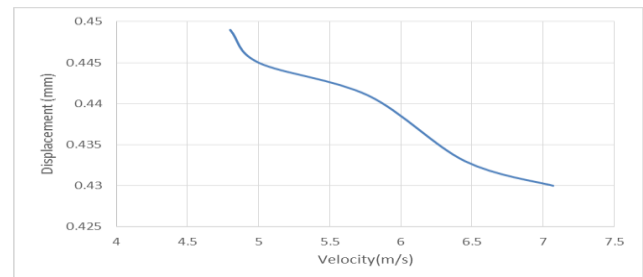
**Fig.6** Displacement – Velocity for flap's angle 25°.



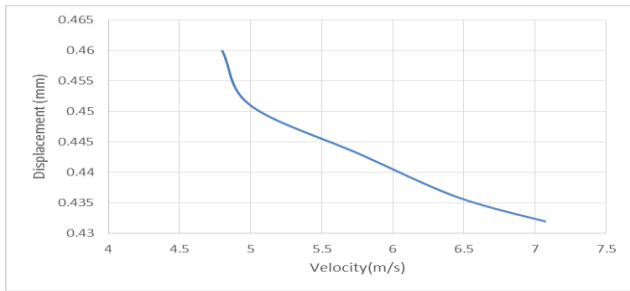
**Fig.7** Displacement – Velocity for flap's angle -25°.



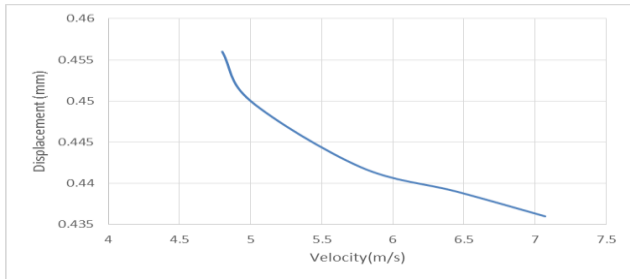
**Fig.8** Displacement – Velocity for flap's angle 35° .



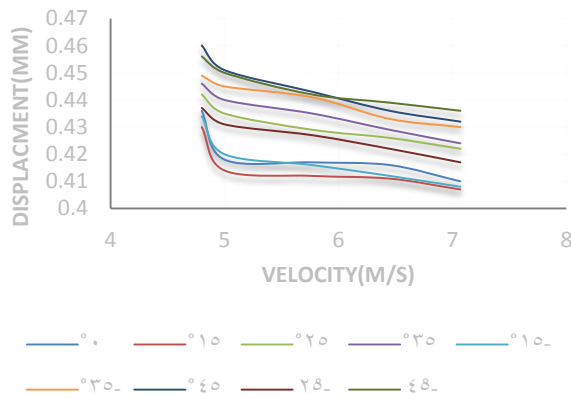
**Fig.9** Displacement – Velocity for flap's angle -35.



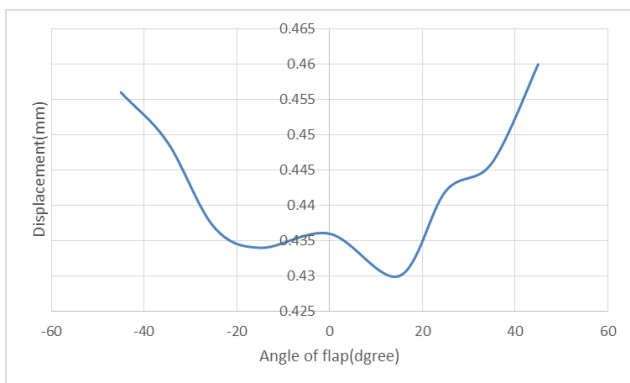
**Fig.10** Displacement – Velocity for flap's angle 45°.



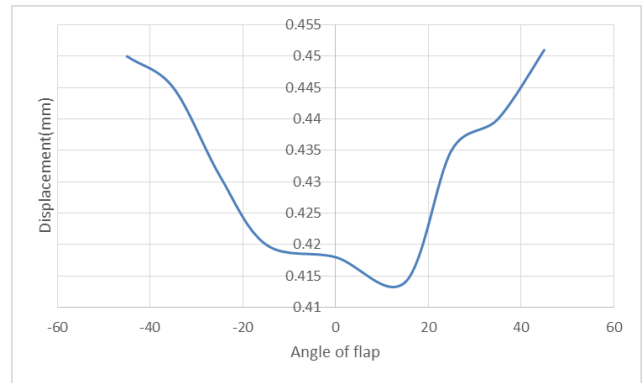
**Fig.11** Displacement – Velocity for flap's angle -45°



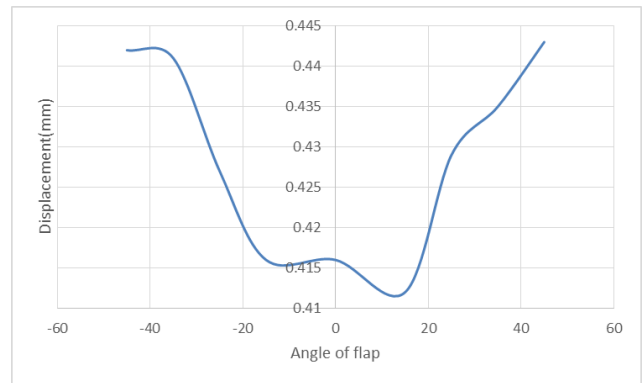
**Fig.12** Displacement – Velocity for all flap's angle



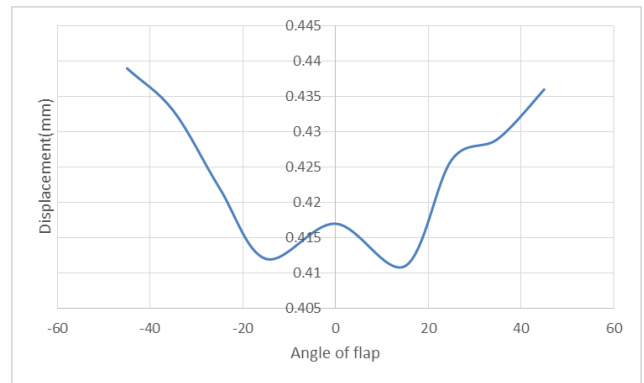
**Fig.13** Displacement-Angle for velocity(4.8 m/s).



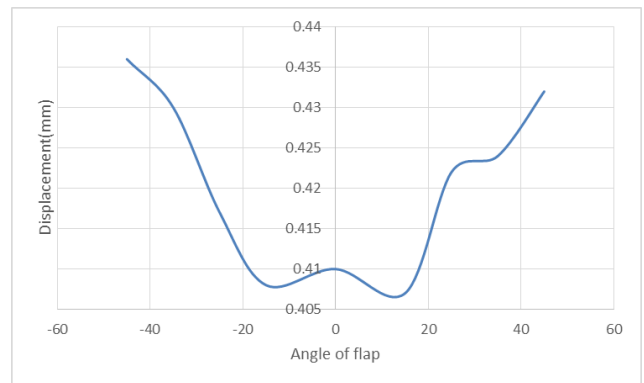
**Fig.14** Displacement-Angle for velocity(5 m/s).



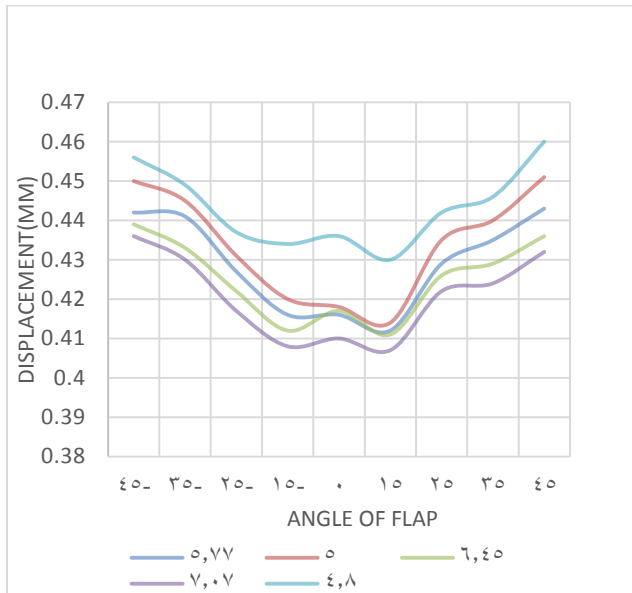
**Fig.15** Displacement-Angle for velocity(5.77 m/s).



**Fig.16** Displacement-Angle for velocity(6.04 m/s).



**Fig.17** Displacement-Angle for velocity(7.07 m/s)



**Fig.18** Displacement-Angle for all velocity

**4. Conclusions**

Through these results obtained , it was found that the least displacement was obtained at the angle of 15 °, which is considered the best result because it is the least vibration that occurs in the flap and achieves the highest balance in the ship . And the angle at which highest displacement occurs is the angle minus 45 ° and therefore the vibration occurs that affects the flap and thus affects the stability of the ship.

**References**

[1] Christopher C .Bassler, "Analysis and Modeling of Hydrodynamic Components for Ship Roll Motion in Heavy Weather", dissertation submitted to the Faculty of Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University Black sburg ,Virginia, USA,May 2013.

[2] Edward V. Lewis "Principles of Naval Architecture", Society of Naval Architects and Marine Engineers in Sname, 1989.

[3] Anish I , "understanding ship fin stabilizer and it's operation",archives-ouvertes,January2021, <https://marineinsight.com>.

[4] Nikolaos I. Themelis ," Probabilistic Assessment of Ship Dynamic Stability in Waves ", Doctoral Thesis, National Technical University of Athens School of Naval

Architecture and Marine Engenering , October 2008. .

[5] Kartikeya M and Urmila G " Application of CFD to stud performance of hydrofo-based ship- stapilisation system", Presented in Partial Fulfillment of the Requirements for the Degree Doctor of Philosophy in the Graduate School of The Ohio State University, January 2006.

[6] Tristan P and Graham C. Goodwin , " Constrained predictive control of ship fin stabilizers to prevent dynamic stall", Research Gate, April 2008,

[7] Reza G, Jing S and Ilya V. Kolmanovsky ," Robust control of ship fin stabilizers subject to disturbances and constraints" American Control Conference, 2009.

[8] Douglas D. Bueno, Clayton R . Marqui, Luiz C. Go´es and Paulo J.Goncalvez,"Aeroelastic Stability Analysis Using Linear Matrix Inequalities",34, 2 , 530,2011 .

[9] Hinostroza MA, Weilin L, Guedes C. Soares ," Robust fin control for ship roll stabilization based on L2-gain design" ,Ocean Engineering, 2015,

[10] Alper Z, Melek E, Tansel G.Tayyar, Safak C . Karakas, and Seniz E," Modelling , Simulation and Controller Design for Hydraulically Actuated Ship Fin Stabilizer Systems", MATEC Web of Conferences, 2016.

[11] Daniel A. Pereira, Carlos R . Dos Santos and Flávio D. Marqu Structural nonlinearities effect on aeroelastic bi- furcation phenomena in airfoils", Conference: International Symposium on Dynamic Problems of Mechanics – DINAME .at São Sebastião, Brazil. 2017