

# Calibration of A V-Cone for Low Mass Flows For Small Core Compressor Research

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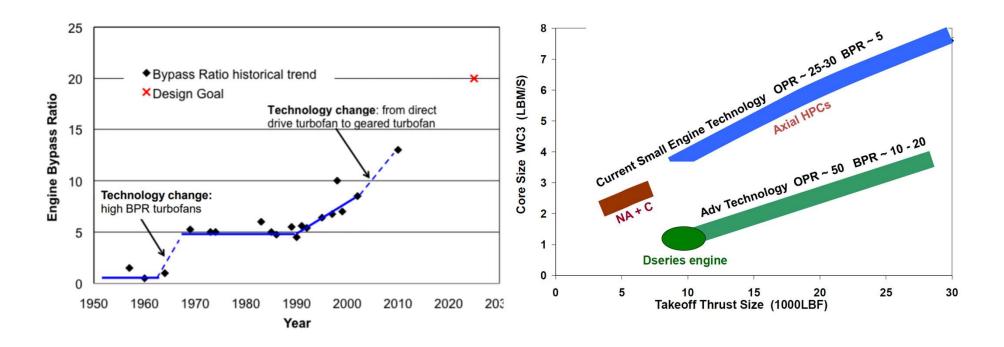
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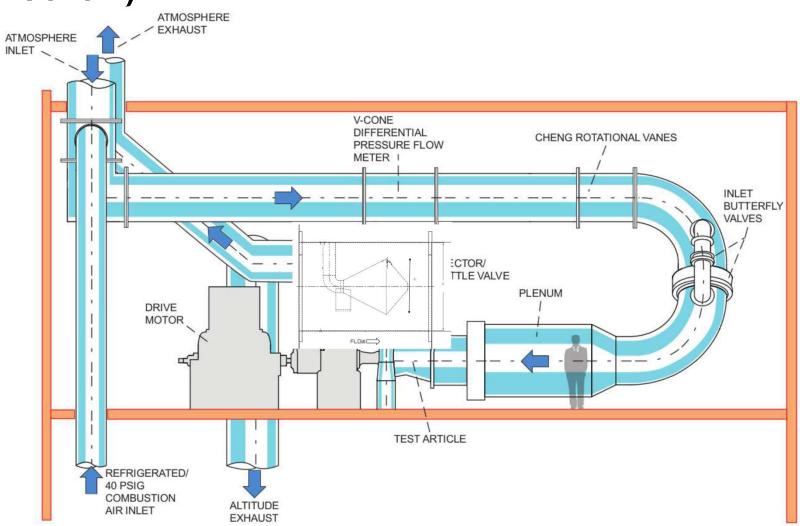
#### **Motivation**



- Charts from NASA CR2010-216794/Vol1, 2010
- Ballal, D.R. and Zelina, J., "Progress in Aeroengine Technology (1939 2003)" Journal of Aircraft, 41(1), 2004

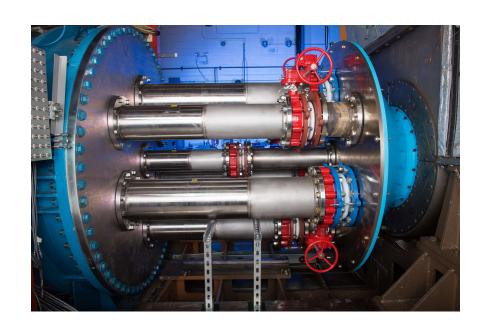
## Multistage Axial Compressor Facility

("W-7")





## Sonic Nozzles

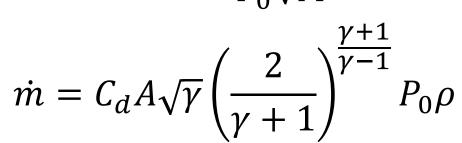


$$C_d = 0.9959 - 2.720Re^{-1/2}$$

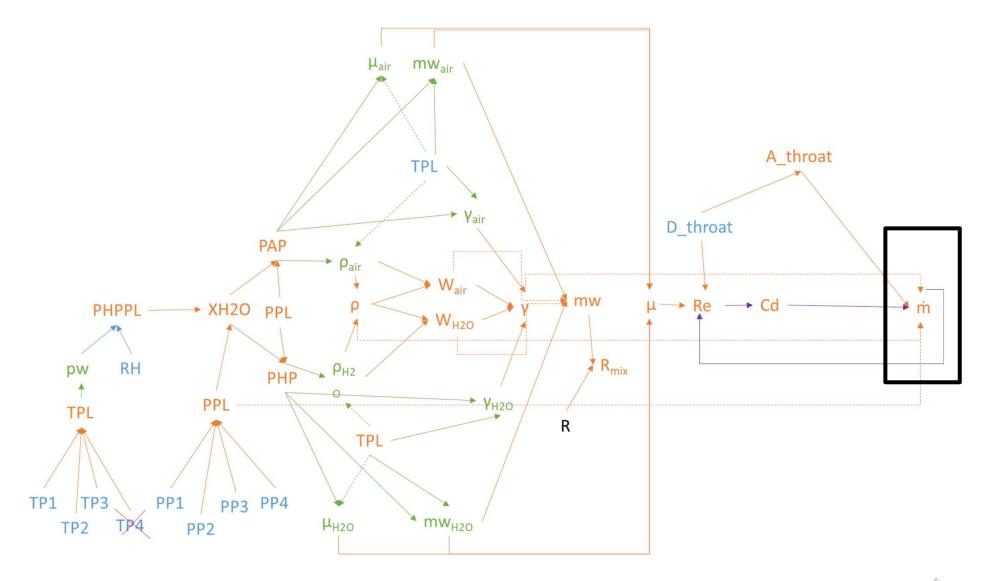
$$Re = \frac{4\dot{m}}{\pi\mu D}$$

$$C_R = \frac{\rho c\sqrt{RT_0}}{P_0\sqrt{M}}$$

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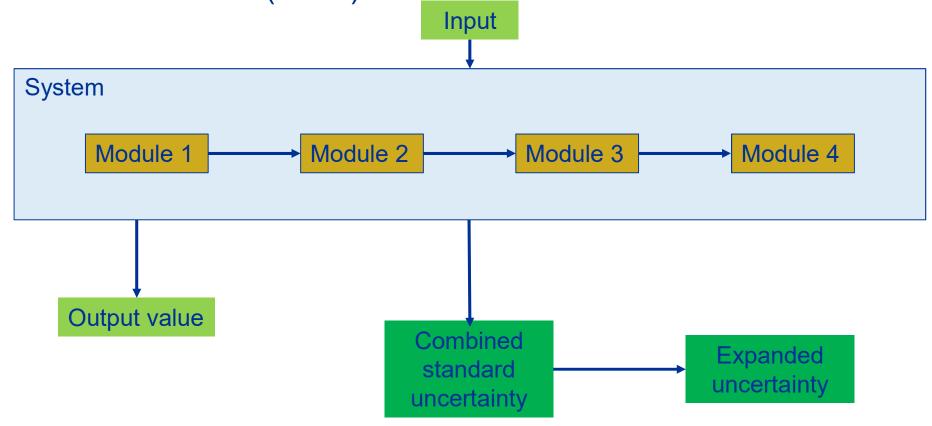






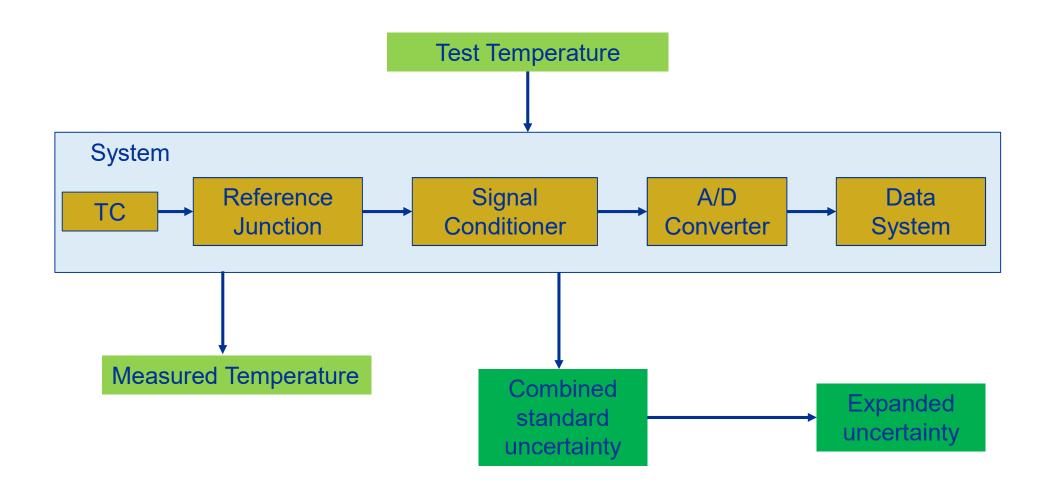
#### **MANTUS**

- Spreadsheet based
- ISO Guide to the Expression of Uncertainty in Measurement (GUM)\*



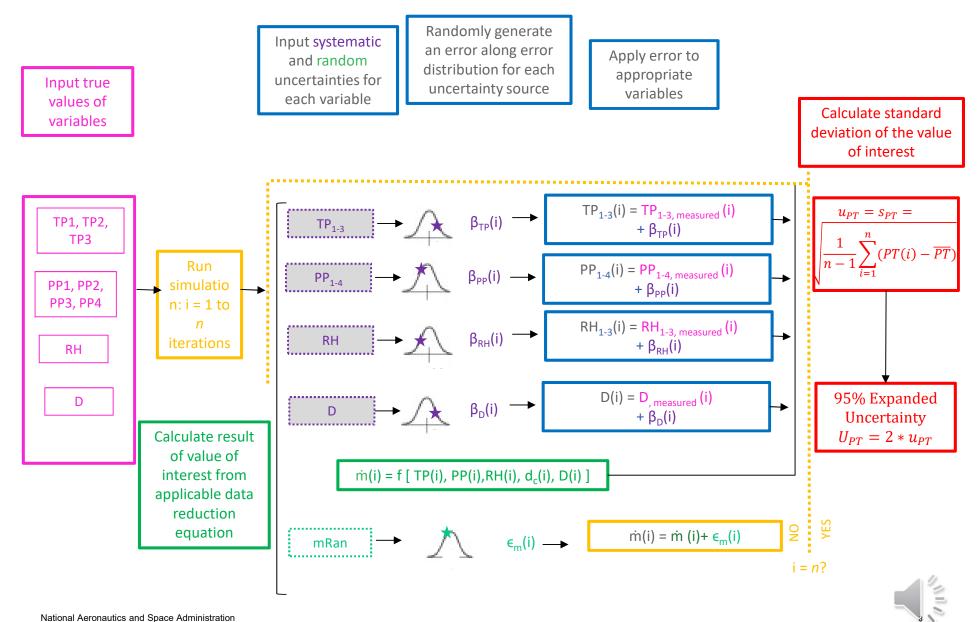
\*JCGM 100:2008 Evaluation of Measurement Data – Guide to the Expression of Uncertainty in Measurement

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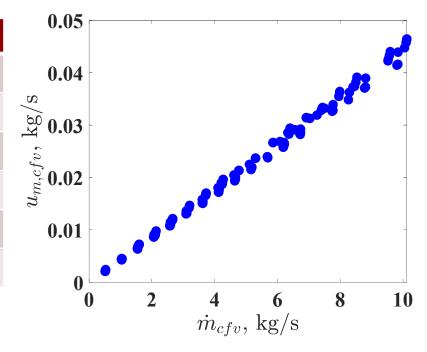
## Monte Carlo Analysis



\* Coleman, Steele: Experimentation, Validation, and Uncertainty Analysis For Engineers; above chart based on Figure 3.4, pg.72.

# Uncertainty in $\dot{m}_{cfv}$

Measured Variable	Uncertainty
$P_0$	0.023%
$T_0$	0.23 - 0.3%
RH	1%
D	0.024-0.048%
$C_d$	0.03%
Repeatability	0.0003 - 0.016%





## V-Cone

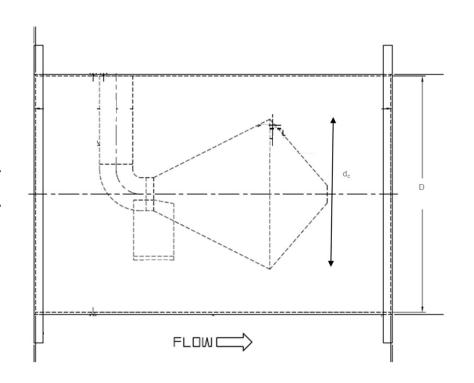
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$$\beta = \sqrt{1 - \frac{d_c^2}{D}}$$

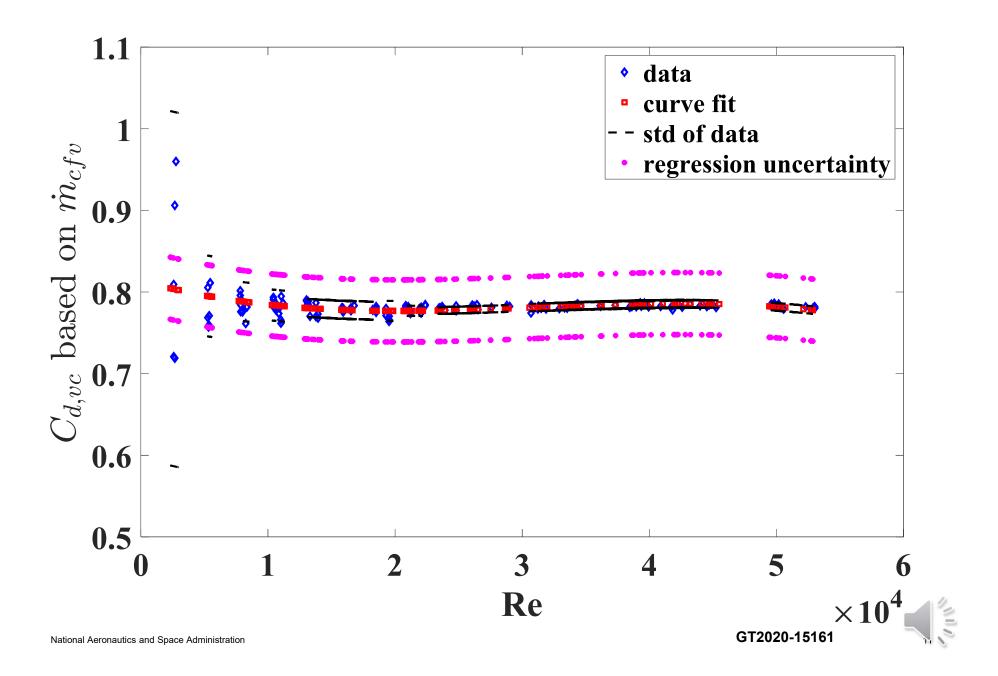
• 
$$y = 1 - (0.649 + 0.696\beta^4) \frac{\Delta P}{\gamma P_0}$$

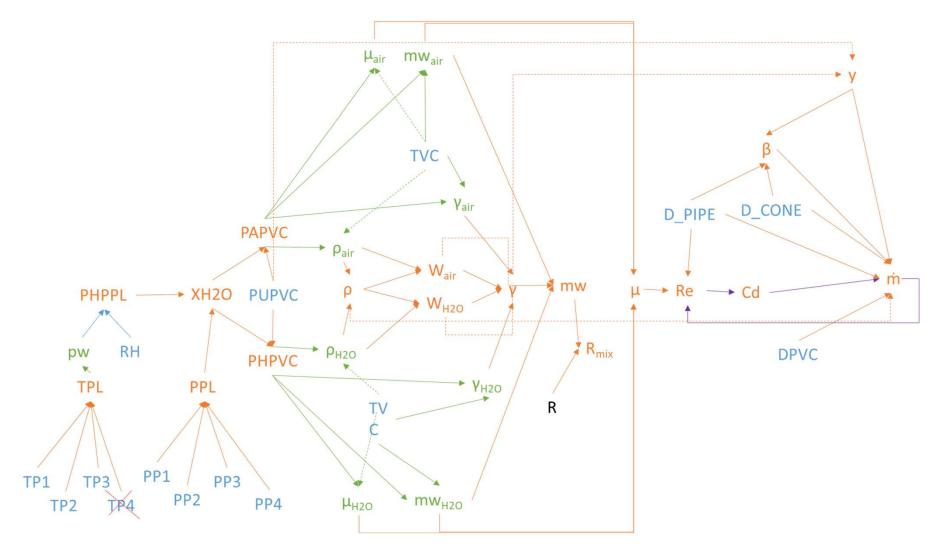
• 
$$\dot{m} = C_d \left( \frac{\pi}{48} (D^2 - d_c^2) \right) y \sqrt{\frac{2g_c \Delta P \rho}{1 - \beta^4}}$$

$$C_d = \frac{\dot{m}}{\left(\frac{\pi}{48}(D^2 - d_c^2)\right)y\sqrt{\frac{2g_c\Delta P\rho}{1 - \beta^4}}}$$

$$C_d = aRe^3 + bRe^2 + cRe + d$$



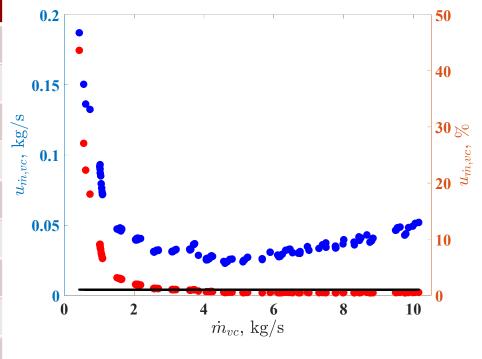






## Uncertainty in $\dot{m}_{vc}$

Measured Variable	Uncertainty
$P_{0,RH}$	0.023%
$T_{0,RH}$	0.23 - 0.3%
RH	1%
D	0.011%
$d_c$	0.013%
$P_0$	0.007%
$T_0$	0.25 - 0.39%
DP	0.0015 in H <sub>2</sub> O
$C_d$	varies





#### Conclusion

- As compressor cores continue to become smaller, better accuracy of low mass flow measurements is necessary
- Using a set of Critical Flow Venturis, the W7 high speed compressor facility V-Cone was calibrated to under 1% uncertainty for mass flows between 3.6 and 10 kg/s
- Below 3.6 kg/s, the uncertainty is dominated by the differential pressure transducer



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