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Abstract

Boundary-layer bleed in supersonic inlets is typically used to avoid separation from adverse shockwave/boundary-layer interactions and subsequent total pressure losses in the subsonic diffuser and to improve normal shock stability. Methodologies used to determine bleed requirements are reviewed. Empirical sonic flow coefficients are currently used to determine the bleed hole pattern. These coefficients depend on local Mach number, pressure ratio, hole geometry, etc. A new analytical bleed method is presented to compute sonic flow coefficients for holes and narrow slots and predictions are compared with published data to illustrate the accuracy of the model. The model can be used by inlet designers and as a bleed boundary condition for computational fluid dynamic studies.

Nomenclature

\[ A \] Area
\[ A^*/A \] Area ratio
\[ A_p \] Porous Area
\[ C_b \] Coefficient in Abrahamson's bleed model
\[ C_d \] Discharge coefficient
\[ CFD \] Computational Fluid Dynamics
\[ \Delta C_D \] Discharge coefficient change
\[ D \] Bleed hole diameter or hydraulic diameter
\[ \hat{e}_N \] Unit vector normal to surface
\[ \hat{e}_t \] Unit vector tangential to surface
\[ H_t \] Incompressible boundary layer shape factor, \( \delta_t/\theta \)
\[ L \] Bleed hole plate thickness
\[ M \] Mach Number
\[ p \] Pressure
\[ P_o \] Pascal
\[ P_{t_o} \] Local total pressure at boundary layer edge
\[ Q \] Sonic mass flow coefficient; ratio of actual mass flow to theoretical maximum mass flow at local total conditions
\[ q \] Dynamic pressure
\[ X_m \] \( P_o/P_e \)
\[ X_P(M_o, \theta) \] See local static pressure model
\[ R \] Gas constant
\[ Re \] Reynolds number
\[ V_b \] Bleed velocity normal to a wall
\[ \gamma \] Ratio of specific heats \( = 1.4 \)
\[ \delta^* \] Boundary layer displacement thickness
\[ \theta \] Boundary Layer momentum thickness, or bleed hole angle relative to local surface
\[ \rho \] Density
\[ \phi \] Porosity

Subscripts

\( a, o \) Freestream, ambient
1 Behind a normal shock
2 Bleed duct exit
bl Bleed
\( b \) Boundary layer edge
pl Bleed plenum
\( s \) Static condition
t Total condition
\( th \) Theoretical
w Wall

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Introduction

Boundary-layer bleed in supersonic inlets is typically used to avoid boundary layer flow separation from adverse shock-wave/boundary-layer interactions and subsequent total pressure loss in the subsonic diffuser and to stabilize the normal shock. Currently bleed flow rates are determined from empirical sonic flow coefficients which are measured in wind tunnels for specified Mach numbers and boundary-layer profiles. These coefficients depend on local Mach number, pressure ratio, hole or slot geometry, length-to-diameter ratio, etc. Because of scale effects relative to $L/D$ and $D/\delta^*$, these data may not readily scale to full scale. It is the purpose of this paper to review current boundary-layer bleed removal design practice and to present a new analytical model for bleed hole and narrow slot sonic flow coefficients. Model predictions are compared with published test data to illustrate the accuracy of the model.

Inlet Bleed Considerations

Syberg and Hickcox\(^1\) presented a methodology to determine bleed band locations and bleed flow rates for supersonic inlets. They examined an inlet with a design Mach number of 3.5 with a centerbody translation schedule which maintained the throat Mach number at 1.25 in the mixed-compression operation range. Boundary-layer profiles were determined and values of boundary-layer incompressible shape factor, $H_i$, were computed. Values of 1.3 correspond to fully developed profiles and values between 1.8 and 2.0 correspond to profiles which are typically bled to avoid boundary-layer flow separation in regions of shock waves or diffused flow. Several bleed regions of two to five rows were used and the plenums for each bleed region were partitioned to prevent reverse flow in regions of shock impingement. The bleed bands were positioned to remove low momentum boundary layer flow near the wall in order to obtain acceptable incompressible shape factors over the mixed-compression operating range. To minimize bleed drag, 20 deg holes, relative to local surface, were used on the centerbody and forward cowl bleed regions. In the throat region, 90 deg holes were used for normal shock stability. The diameter was sized such that $D/\delta^* = 1.0$. They noted that the boundary layer growth rate increased in the bleed region due to surface roughness and mixing of high and low energy air in the boundary layer.

Actual inlet bleed rates are typically 25% (Syberg and Hickcox\(^1\)) higher than theoretical bleed flow rates (computed to reduce $H_i$ to acceptable levels) in order to compensate for these roughness and mixing effects which are difficult to model correctly. Recently Paynter et al.\(^2\) addressed these issues with an increased roughness near wall length scale, in the algebraic turbulence model of Cebeci-Chang\(^3\), correlated with bleed mass flow. The roughness length scale decreased to zero when the bleed holes were choked.

Tjonneland\(^4\) indicated that required inlet bleed decreases with increasing inlet scale because smaller inlet models tend to have larger $D/\delta^*$ bleed holes. This larger $D/\delta^*$ increases the boundary layer growth rate across bleed regions and this was attributed to vortex shedding from the bleed holes. Values of $D/\delta^*$ of 0.5 in the forward cowl region and 1.0 in the throat region were typical of full scale. Values of $D/\delta^*$ of 2 on small scale inlet models required higher bleed rates. Sonic flow coefficients, $Q_s$, were presented for 1/4 scale and full scale supersonic transport inlets for a design Mach number of 2.7. The $L/D$ of the bleed holes was 4.8 to 5.6 for the 1/4 scale model and 2.2 to 2.9 for the full scale inlet. Thus scaling parameters of $L/D$ and $D/\delta^*$ were identified. At cruise the predicted total inlet bleed drag for the four inlets (total bleed rate 13.6% of capture flow) represented a loss in range of 6%.

Bowditch\(^5\) developed a linear correlation of the boundary-layer bleed/capture flow vs wetted area/throat area for several 2D and axisymmetric inlets for $Ma$ of 2.5 to 3.5. Bleed rates as high as 14% of capture flow are reported at 40% wetted area/throat area. A typical inlet boundary layer bleed schedule vs Mach number is specific by Hewitt and Johnston\(^6\), and indicates that the bleed flow removal increases with Mach number. For example, at Mach 2.5 about 2.5% of capture flow is removed and at Mach 7 about 14% is removed. These references provide only guidance; the location and amount of bleed required for a given inlet is determined empirically in a wind tunnel. For example, during a recent Mach 5 inlet test, Weir\(^7\) indicated that about 40% of the wind tunnel time was de-
voted to bleed optimization studies.

Wong\textsuperscript{8} reported successful suppression of shock induced boundary-layer separation with a bleed rate of up to 3% of capture flow for a normal shock of $M_s = 1.9$. The bleed system was compartmentalized, had 30% porosity, and normal holes of diameter $\delta$. Continuous bleed upstream and through the shock-wave boundary-layer interaction region was needed. He proposed a bleed criteria whereby the local boundary layer total pressure minus normal shock total pressure loss has to be greater than the downstream static pressure to avoid boundary-layer flow separation. Boundary layer flow with total pressure less than this "critical" value should be removed. From $M_s$ of 1.37 to 3.0 the $M_{critical}$ vs $M_s$ relationship is linear. For example, at $M_s$ of 3.0 the critical Mach number is 2.71 and at 1.37 the critical Mach number is 1.09. For the latter case, all boundary layer flow below Mach 1.09 would be removed to satisfy this bleed criteria. Thus this method provides another criteria to select the amount of bleed needed to prevent boundary-layer flow separation at shock wave impingement locations.

Prior Modeling Work

Several modeling approaches have been used in the past to model the bleed flow in supersonic inlets. These approaches include using nozzle equations, Darcy’s law for porous plates, and specifying the local sonic flow coefficient, $Q$, as a constant or by a table look up procedure. In CFD codes, the mass flux at the wall is usually required as a bleed boundary condition which can either be specified as a constant within a bleed band or allowed to vary with local flow conditions.

Abrahamson\textsuperscript{9} modeled the bleed velocity, $V_b$, across the plate using a nozzle equation. For unchoked flow, $P_{pl}/P_{tw} > 0.528$

$$V_b = \frac{C_b \cdot P_{pl} \cdot A_p}{\rho_t \cdot \sqrt{T_{tw}}} \sqrt{\frac{P_{tw}}{P_{pl}}} \left[ \left( \frac{P_{tw}}{P_{pl}} \right)^{\frac{7+1}{7}} - 1 \right] \frac{27}{R(\gamma - 1)}$$

(1)

for choked flow, $P_{pl}/P_{tw} \leq 0.528$

$$V_b = \frac{C_b \cdot P_{tw} \cdot A_p}{\rho_t \cdot \sqrt{T_{tw}}} \sqrt{\frac{\gamma + 1}{\gamma}} \left( \frac{27}{R(\gamma - 1)} \right)^{\frac{7+1}{7(\gamma - 1)}}$$

(2)

where $A_p$ is the porous area and $C_b$ was assumed to be 0.2. The tangential velocity was assumed to be zero. This model ignores the aerodynamic controlling area or vena contracta affect on the flow velocity. It is a hypothesis of the present paper that flow through bleed holes is better modeled as orifice flow.

Benhachmi\textsuperscript{10} experimentally determined that, for a porous surface, the flow correlation developed for low velocity normal flow also applied for parallel flow at Mach numbers of 2.5 and 3.0. The pressure drop through the porous material was modeled as a function of velocity squared, e.g.

$$\frac{\Delta p}{\rho V^2} = 212.70 + \frac{7588.0}{Re}$$

(3)

where $Re$ is based on the thickness of the porous material.

Chokani and Squire\textsuperscript{11} used a linear Darcy law equation to compute bleed velocity through a plate with holes. The equation was developed in a calibration rig, and used to compute flow through a bleed plate at transonic Mach numbers. The equation is:

$$\frac{V_b}{U_o} = 0.4 \sqrt{\frac{\Delta p}{\rho U_o^2}}$$

(4)

The calibration rig data was linear over the $\Delta p$ range of the experiment from 700 $P_o$ to 4000 $P_o$. In the development of this equation for transonic flow application, the effects of boundary layer displacement thickness, local Mach number and compressibility effects have been ignored.

Rallo\textsuperscript{12} also used Darcy’s law to model flow through 4 different porous plates at $M_o = 6$. The equation is:

$$\frac{V_b}{U_o} = \frac{\sigma}{\rho_o U_o^2} (\Delta p)$$

(5)

where $\sigma$ was varied from 0.1 to 0.3. Porosity varied from 22 to 28%.

Mayer and Paynter\textsuperscript{13} recently modeled the bleed boundary condition by computing the wall normal mass flow based on local flow properties, total bleed hole area, and empirical sonic flow coefficients. The study used empirical sonic flow coefficient data for 90 and 20 deg holes from Syberg and Hickcox\textsuperscript{1} and McLafferty\textsuperscript{14} respectively. These coefficients are obtained by a table look up procedure at each boundary grid point in the bleed region. This procedure is limited by the range of the empirical data in the table.
Chyu et al.\textsuperscript{16} investigated nine different bleed boundary conditions for CFD simulations of supercritical flow through an axisymmetric inlet at $M_a = 2.65$. Three boundary conditions were used successfully to stabilize the terminal shock downstream of the inlet throat. Two of these did not utilize experimental pressure data. For choked bleed, the preferred boundary condition used:

$$V_N = C_d \sqrt{\frac{2P}{\rho}}$$

where the two models assumed either $C_D = 0.07$ or $C_D = 0.025 + 0.065\varepsilon_N \cdot \varepsilon_d$.

\textbf{New Bleed Model; Hole or Narrow Slot}

A new bleed modeling approach is presented which is based on conservation of mass, momentum and energy for flow through a single hole or slot and empirical relations. The approach permits the local sonic flow coefficient to vary with local flow conditions, hole or slot geometry, and orientation.

The bleed duct is modeled like a pitot inlet with a detached normal shock when the boundary layer edge Mach number is supersonic. For low $L/D$ orifices, $L/D \leq 3$, the minimum aerodynamic area is downstream of the orifice and is called a vena contracta. Figure 1 presents schematics of flow through low, intermediate, and high $L/D$ orifices where there is no external flow. Sonic flow first occurs within the vena contracta; decreasing the downstream pressure will move the vena contracta toward the low $L/D$ orifice, see Fig. 1a. When the Mach 1 surface reaches the orifice the flow is only influenced by the upstream flow conditions. As shown in Fig. 1b for intermediate length orifices, $1 \leq L/D \leq 3$, the streamline patterns are similar to that of the low $L/D$ orifice. For high $L/D$ orifices, $L/D > 6$, the vena contracta is within the orifice and the flow chokes without an appreciable increase in the vena contracta area. Thus the low $L/D$ orifices can increase the flow after reaching Mach one flow, whereas the longer orifices do not appreciably increase the flow after reaching Mach one. Friction losses are associated with finite length holes or slots. These losses have been modeled using Fanno friction losses, but for simplicity the losses are accounted for by a decrease in $C_D$ for $L/D > 3$. Effects of $M_o$, and $p_3/p_o$, $L/D$, and $\theta$ are modeled empirically.

The flow through a low $L/D$ orifice, of angle $\theta$, is shown schematically in Fig. 2, with supersonic local flow. Boundary layer flow separation is indicated on both sides of the orifice and a "spillage" normal shock is detached. The internal and external flow field communicate through the separated boundary layer until the vena contracta moves into the orifice. Stations used in the model are identified in Fig. 2. CFD studies by Chyu et al.\textsuperscript{16} have illustrated a similar shock structure as indicated in Fig. 2, for a 90 deg hole and indicated that boundary layer flow separation is present for 90 deg holes and not for 30 deg holes. Boundary layer separation inside a 90 deg bleed slot has been reported by Hahn and Shih\textsuperscript{17} and Davis et al.\textsuperscript{18}.

\textbf{Sonic Flow Coefficient Bleed Model}

The freestream total to static pressure is:

\[ \left( \frac{P_t}{P_s} \right) _0 = \left[ 1 + 0.2M_o^2 \right]^{3.5} \]  \hspace{1cm} (6)

If $M_o \cos \theta > 1$ and $\theta > 50$ deg, the normal shock pressure jump is:

\[ \frac{p_1}{p_o} = \frac{7(M_o \cos \theta)^2 - 1}{6} \] \hspace{1cm} (7)

The exit static to local static pressure is:

\[ \frac{p_2}{p_o} = \frac{p_3}{p_o} \left( \frac{P_t}{P_s} \right) _0 \] \hspace{1cm} (8)

where $p_o/p_o$ accounts for a reduction in static pressure from station 0 to station a, see Fig. 2 and the Local Static Pressure station below. For $\theta > 50$ deg $p_o/p_o = 1.0$.

The bleed hole exit Mach number,

\[ M_2 = \sqrt{5 \left( \frac{p_2}{p_o} \right)^{-2/7} - 5} \] \hspace{1cm} (9)

where $p_o$ is assumed to be the effective local total pressure at station 2. If friction losses are computed, then $p_3$ would be computed. The $A^*/A$ ratio at the bleed hole exit is:

\[ A^* = \frac{216}{125} M_2 \left[ 1 + 0.2M_2^2 \right]^{-3} \] \hspace{1cm} (10)

The sonic exit area is:

\[ A^*_s = A_n \left( \frac{A^*}{A} \right)_2 \] \hspace{1cm} (11)

The exit mass flow is:
\[ w_2 = 0.532 A^*_o p_o / \sqrt{T_o} \]  \hspace{1cm} (12)

for hole angles other than 90 deg there is a ram effect described in the Ram Effect section below.

The sonic flow rate is:

\[ w^* = 0.532 A^*_o p_o / \sqrt{T_o} \]  \hspace{1cm} (13)

The theoretical sonic flow coefficient, \( Q_{TH} \) is:

\[ Q_{TH} = \frac{w_2 C_D}{w^*} \]  \hspace{1cm} (14)

where \( C_D = C_D (C_{D,*}, p_2/p_o, \theta, M_o, L/D, ... \) and \( w^* \) is the sonic flow rate at local total pressure and total temperature. The Bragg\(^{19} \) model is used to determine the discharge coefficient pressure ratio dependence.

**Compressible Discharge Coefficient**

**Vena Contracta Effect**

Studies by Jobson\(^{20} \) provide an analytical framework for the modeling of the vena contracta area ratio variation with pressure ratio, \( p_2/p_o \). He assumed that the velocity profile upstream and parallel to the orifice centerline was independent of flow rate and this is also assumed here for \( M_o = 0.0 \). Bragg\(^{19} \) extended Jobson's analysis procedure to account for compressibility effects, and the Bragg analysis is used to determine a baseline discharge coefficient of the orifice. The discharge coefficient is equal to the vena contracta area divided by the orifice area. The details can be found in Bragg\(^{19} \). This \( C_D \) is then modified empirically to account for \( M_o, L/D, \) and \( \theta \) effects. The details of the \( C_D \) buildup are given below and summarized in Table I.

The pressure ratio across the orifice is increased by the normal shock pressure jump (at freestream Mach number) where \( \theta \leq 50 \) deg. When \( \theta > 50 \) deg the normal shock is absent.

If \( M_o = 0, C_D = C_{D,*} \) where \( C_{D,*} = 0.82 \) for holes and 0.74 for narrow slots. The constant \( C_{D,*} \) at \( M_o = 0 \) assumes that the velocity profile into the orifice is independent of pressure ratio. For \( 0 < M_o \leq 0.6 \) the orifice discharge coefficient is an average of \( C_{D,*} \) and \( C_D \) computed by the model.

**Flow Separation**

The sonic discharge coefficient decreases with increasing freestream, or boundary layer edge, Mach number as shown in Figure 3. The relationship is approximated over three zones. For subsonic flow, \( 0.0 < M_o \leq 0.6 \), a gradual reduction in \( C_D^* \) is observed probably due to convection effects on the inlet velocity profiles. The sharper reduction in \( C_D^* \) from \( 0.6 < M_o \leq 1.6 \), is thought to be due to boundary-layer flow separation outside and/or inside the bleed hole (slot). Above \( M_o = 1.6 \) the separation pattern is apparently self similar. These relationships are empirically determined using the mathematical model to determine differences in sonic \( C_D^* \) with \( M_o \) and experimental data. The relationships of \( \Delta C_D^* \) vs \( M_o \) are listed in Table 1.

**Pressure Ratio Effect**

The discharge coefficient is reduced to account for internal flow separation. For bleed hole angles greater than 50 deg, pressure ratio, \( p_2/p_o \geq 0.5 \), and local Mach number greater than 0.84,

\[ \Delta C_D^* = -0.46 \left( \frac{p_2}{p_o} - 0.5 \right) \]  \hspace{1cm} (15)

**Hole Angle Effect**

The reduction in \( C_D \) is assumed to be zero for \( \theta \leq 50 \) deg holes (or narrow slots) and linear for larger angles. The equation follows:

\[ \text{slope}_\theta = \left( \frac{1 - 0}{90^\circ - 50^\circ} \right) = 0.025 \]  \hspace{1cm} (16)

\[ \Delta C_D^* \left( \frac{p_2}{p_o}, \theta \right) = \Delta C_D^* (0.025) (\theta - 50^\circ); \quad 50^\circ \leq \theta \leq 90^\circ \]  \hspace{1cm} (17)

\[ \Delta C_D^* \left( \frac{p_2}{p_o}, \theta \right) = 0 \quad ; \quad \theta \leq 50^\circ \]  \hspace{1cm} (18)

It is hypothesized that, for \( M_o \cos \theta > 1 \) and \( \theta \geq 50 \) deg, internal and external boundary-layer flow separation are coupled aerodynamically until the flow is choked. This phenomena may be responsible for the increase in turbulence previously ascribed to "roughness".

**Ram Effect**

For 90 deg bleed holes, the bleed entrance total pressure is local freestream static pressure. For hole angles less than 90 deg the total pressure at the
bleed hole entrance is assumed to be proportional to the dynamic pressure directed into the bleed hole (or slot) and any normal shock total pressure loss, i.e.

\[
\frac{q}{p_o} = \frac{\gamma}{2} \text{const}(\theta)(M_o \cos(\theta))^2 \left( \frac{P_{11}}{P_{10}} \right)
\]

where the loss in total pressure due to a normal shock for \( M_o > 1 \) is:

\[
\frac{P_{11}}{P_{10}} = \left( \frac{6M_o^2}{M_o^2 + 5} \right)^{3.5} \left( \frac{6}{7M_o^2 - 1} \right)^{2.5}
\]

The upstream Mach number is assumed to be \( M_o \).

\[ w_2 = 0.532A_{20}p_o \left( 1 + \frac{q}{p_o} \right) / \sqrt{T_2} \]

The const (\( \theta \)) is given below

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A curvefit of const(\( \theta \)) vs \( \theta \) can be used to determine values of const(\( \theta \)) for other values of \( \theta \).

Local Static Pressure

The bleed entrance static pressure is assumed to decrease with increasing \( M_o \) for low bleed hole (or slot) angles, \( \theta \), as the flow accelerates through the turn. The pressure reduction begins at \( M_o = 0.2 \) and continues until \( M_o = 1.2 \), and is constant above \( M_o = 1.2 \). The equation used is:

\[
X_M = \frac{P_a}{p_o} = 1.0; \quad 0 < M_o \leq 0.2
\]

\[
X_M = 1.0 + \left( \frac{XP(M_o, \theta) - 1.0}{1.2 - 2} \right) (M_o - 0.2) ; \quad 0.2 < M_o < 1.2
\]

\[
X_M = XP(M_o, \theta) ; \quad M_o \geq 1.2
\]

where \( XP(M_o, \theta) \) is given below:

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Interpolation is required for other hole (or slot) angles.

L/D Effect

For \( L/D \) of 3 or greater the \( C_D \) is reduced by 0.08 to account for a higher friction loss in the larger passage configuration. Also, for narrow slots with low \( L/D \), the \( C_D \) is lowered by 0.08 to account for added separation losses over the hole configuration. Alternatively, friction effects have been modeled as a Fanno friction loss which reduce the exit total pressure and mass flow. In the interest of simplicity the \( L/D \) losses are, for the present time, modeled as a constant decrease in \( C_D \).

Comparison with test data

The single 90 degree bleed hole data with diameter = \( \frac{1}{4} \) in., of Davis et al.\(^{21}\) were modeled. Figures 4 and 5 cover subsonic and supersonic flow with Mach number ranges 0.0 to 0.6 and 1.4 to 2.0 respectively. As the local edge Mach number increases, the sonic flow coefficient, \( Q \), decreases. The predicted bleed rates are in good agreement with the test data for both subsonic and supersonic Mach numbers. The data can be collapsed onto subsonic and supersonic curves by normalizing the flow coefficient by \( p_i/p_o \) and \( p_i/p_{10} \) and plotting \( Q \) vs \( (p_o - p_2)/p_o \), see Fig. 6. Smith\(^{22}\) first suggested plotting \( Q p_i/p_o \) vs. \( p_o - p_2 \).

Experimental and analytical 20 deg single hole bleed data of Davis et al.\(^{21}\) are shown in Fig. 7 over the Mach number range from 0.0 to 2.0. The analytical model predicts the data reasonably well.

Similar bleed flow rate data for multi-hole bleed plate tests for Mach 0.8 to 2.2, from Syberg and Koncsek\(^{23}\), are illustrated in Figs. 8, 9, and 10 for \( 90^\circ \), \( 40^\circ \), and \( 20^\circ \) holes respectively. The data in Fig. 8 are originally from Dennard\(^{24}\) and McLafferty\(^{14}\). The model predictions compare reasonably well with the test data, with the supersonic data modeled more accurately than the transonic data. Additional multi-hole data by Willis, Davis and Hingst\(^{25}\) are compared with model prediction in Fig. 11 and the data are accurately predicted at \( M_o = 1.58, 1.97 \) and 2.46. The data at \( M_o = 1.27 \) are not well predicted and this is under investigation. Slot data at the same Mach numbers, from Willis, Davis, and Hingst\(^{25}\) show similar good agreement at the three higher Mach numbers as illustrated in Fig. 12. The slot is 1 cm wide and
1 cm deep. Figure 13 compares model predictions with experimental data, Davis et al.\textsuperscript{21}, for a single hole bleed over a Mach number range from 0 to 2.5 for \(L/D\) of 1. The agreement is good except at the nominal Mach 1.3 condition. Possible reasons for the discrepancies from \(M_o\) 1.27 to 1.37 include: model \(\Delta C_p(M_o)\) is not correct (see Fig. 3 and equation in Table 1), wind tunnel \(M_o\) not accurate, etc. The data scatter present in Fig. 3 is worse from \(M_o\) 1.25 to 2.0. More research is needed to understand the data scatter.

The test data of McLafferty\textsuperscript{14} are compared with model predictions for 90, 40, and 20 deg multi-holes in Figs. 14, 15, and 16 respectively. The plates used had two rows of holes. This data is for \(L/D\) of 6.0 and the discharge coefficient was lowered by 0.08 as discussed previously. The agreement with the model results is encouraging. Additional subsonic single hole 20 deg data from Davis et al.\textsuperscript{21} are compared with model predictions in Fig. 17. The subsonic exit Mach number portion of the vertical curves differ from the model predictions. Comparing the 20 deg test data for multi holes, Fig. 16, and single hole data, Fig. 17, indicates a multi hole interaction, or a possible viscous effect.

A significant contribution of the analytical bleed model is that the original premise, that a single hole model can be used to model multiple holes, has been validated. This suggests that smaller more economical wind tunnels can be utilized to generate flow coefficient data. More aerodynamically efficient hole shapes are good candidates for single hole testing.

Conclusions

An analytical model for boundary layer bleed holes and slots has been developed. The basis for the model is a compressible flow through a single duct with a model for the vena contracta which controls the aerodynamic area downstream of the duct in the plenum for short \(L/D\) holes or slots. Empirical adjustments were made to account for \(L/D\), \(M_o\), and bleed hole or slot angle effects. The new model predictions compare favorably with most of the known existing test data for both holes and narrow slots at 90 deg, and holes at 40, and 20 deg. The model should be useful to inlet designers and as a bleed boundary condition in CFD codes where bleed has to be computed from local flow conditions, plenum pressure, and the hole or slot geometry.

Several insights were gained from the bleed model. For the 90 deg holes and narrow slots the \(\Delta C_p\) gradually decreases from Mach number 0.0 to 0.6 where \(\Delta C_p\) decreases further with increasing Mach number. Above \(M = 1.6\), \(\Delta C_p\) does not decrease further. This is interpreted as follows: at low subsonic Mach numbers convection effects decrease the sonic flow coefficient. Boundary-layer flow separation in the holes or narrow slot begins at \(M_o = 0.6\) and increasingly grows until the edge Mach number reaches 1.6. At higher Mach numbers the boundary-layer flow separation patterns does not change. For holes and slots at angles less than 50 deg, three flow effects were modeled: (1) a ram effect was added to the inflow pressure, (2) the static pressure acting at the hole entrance was reduced, and (3) the decrease in \(\Delta C_p(M_o)\) was set to zero since there is no flow separation model needed inside the holes or slots. Due to the perceived boundary-layer flow separation present in bleed passages for \(\theta > 50\) deg, there is an apparent opportunity to increase \(Q\) by providing more aerodynamic efficient flow passages. Flow coefficients are higher for holes than narrow slots probably due to more severe boundary-layer flow separation in slots.

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Table 1 - Model for Discharge Coefficient $C_D$ and Buildup $\Delta C_D$

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<tr>
<th>Design Space</th>
<th>$C_D = C_D(p_2/p_o, \theta) + \Delta C_D^P + \Delta C_D^B + \Delta C_D^{L/D}$</th>
<th>Effect Modeled</th>
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<tr>
<td>Baseline</td>
<td>$C_D = C_D(p_2/p_o, \theta)$</td>
<td>Bragg model</td>
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<td>$M_o = 0, 90 \text{ deg hole}$</td>
<td>$C_D = 0.82$</td>
<td>geometry dependent</td>
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<td>$M_o &gt; 0.84, \quad \theta &gt; 50 \text{ deg}$</td>
<td>$\Delta C_D^P = -0.46 \left( \frac{p_2}{p_o} - 0.5 \right)$</td>
<td>internal flow separation</td>
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<td>otherwise</td>
<td>$\Delta C_D^P = 0.0$</td>
<td>no separation</td>
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<td>$0 &lt; M_o \leq 0.6$</td>
<td>$\Delta C_D^B(M_o) = -0.1 M_o$</td>
<td>Flow Separation, $\theta = 90^\circ$</td>
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<td>$0.6 &lt; M_o \leq 1.0$</td>
<td>$\Delta C_D^B(M_o) = -0.06 - 0.4(M_o - 0.6)$</td>
<td>sonic $C_D$ correction</td>
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<td>$1.0 &lt; M_o \leq 1.6$</td>
<td>$\Delta C_D^B(M_o) = -0.22 - 0.217(M_o - 1.0)$</td>
<td>convection effects</td>
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<td>$M_o &gt; 1.6$</td>
<td>$\Delta C_D^B(M_o) = -0.35$</td>
<td>separation starting</td>
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<td>$\theta &gt; 50 \text{ deg}$</td>
<td>$\Delta C_D^* = \Delta C_D^* \frac{\partial C_D}{\partial \theta} \Delta \theta$</td>
<td>Flow Separation profile</td>
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<td>$\theta &lt; 50 \text{ deg}$</td>
<td>$\frac{\partial C_D}{\partial \theta} = \frac{1}{90^\circ - 50^\circ} = 0.025$</td>
<td>self similar</td>
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<td>hole $L/D &lt; 3$</td>
<td>$\Delta C_D^{L/D} = 0.08$</td>
<td>$L/D$, hole or slot</td>
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<td>hole $L/D \geq 3$</td>
<td>$\Delta C_D^{L/D} = 0.00$</td>
<td>hole is baseline</td>
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<td>slot $L/D &lt; 3$</td>
<td>$\Delta C_D^{L/D} = 0$</td>
<td>internal friction loss</td>
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<tr>
<td>slot $L/D \geq 3$</td>
<td>$\Delta C_D^{L/D} = -0.08$</td>
<td>slot has more boundary layer separation</td>
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<td>$M_o = 0$</td>
<td>$C_D = C_D = 0.82 + \Delta C_D^{L/D}$</td>
<td>internal friction loss</td>
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<td>$0 &lt; M_o &lt; 0.6$</td>
<td>$C_D = \frac{(C_D + \Delta C_D^{L/D})}{2}$</td>
<td>no convection effect</td>
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Note: $p_2$ and $p_o$ are the static pressures at downstream and upstream, respectively. $\theta$ is the bleed hole angle. $L/D$ is the length to diameter ratio.
Vena contracta moves toward orifice as back pressure decreases and/or the mass flow increases.

Fig. 1 – Schematic of vena contracta for orifice flow, no external flow: 3 mass flow levels.
Fig. 2 Schematic of flow through angled bleed hole, centerline, $\theta > 50$ deg.

Fig. 3 Sonic discharge coefficient decrease vs Mach number, $\theta = 90$ deg.
Fig. 4 Sonic flow coefficient, single 90 deg hole L/D = 2 (Davis et al.21 test data).

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Fig. 7 Sonic flow coefficient, single 20 deg hole L/D = 2 (Davis et al.21 test data).
Fig. 8 Sonic flow coefficient, 90 deg plate, L/D = 3 (Syberg and Koncsek\textsuperscript{23}; Dennard\textsuperscript{24} and McLafferty\textsuperscript{14} test data).

Fig. 10 Sonic flow coefficient, 20 deg plate, L/D = 3 (Syberg and Koncsek\textsuperscript{23} test data).

Fig. 9 Sonic flow coefficient, 40 deg plate, L/D = 3 (Syberg and Koncsek\textsuperscript{23} test data).

Fig. 11 Sonic flow coefficient, 90 deg plate, L/D = 1 (Willis et al.\textsuperscript{25} test data).
Fig. 12 Sonic flow coefficient, 90 deg slot L/D = 2.54 (Willis et al.\textsuperscript{25} test data).

Fig. 14 Sonic flow coefficient, 90 deg plate L/D = 6 (McLafferty\textsuperscript{14} test data).

Fig. 13 Sonic flow coefficient, single 90 deg hole, L/D = 1 (Davis et al.\textsuperscript{21} test data).

Fig. 15 Sonic flow coefficient, 40 deg plate L/D = 6 (McLafferty\textsuperscript{14} test data).
Fig. 16 Sonic flow coefficient, 20 deg plate, 
$L/D = 6$ (McLafferty$^{14}$ test data).

Fig. 17 Sonic flow coefficient, single 
20 deg hole, $L/D = 2.92$ (Davis et al.$^{21}$ test data).
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**Abstract:**
Boundary-layer bleed in supersonic inlets is typically used to avoid separation from adverse shock-wave/boundary-layer interactions and subsequent total pressure losses in the subsonic diffuser and to improve normal shock stability. Methodologies used to determine bleed requirements are reviewed. Empirical sonic flow coefficients are currently used to determine the bleed hole pattern. These coefficients depend on local Mach number, pressure ratio, hole geometry, etc. A new analytical bleed method is presented to compute sonic flow coefficients for holes and narrow slots and predictions are compared with published data to illustrate the accuracy of the model. The model can be used by inlet designers and as a bleed boundary condition for computational fluid dynamic studies.