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Abstract

Aeroheating and boundary layer transition characteristics for the X-43 (Hyper-X) configuration have been experimentally examined in the Langley 20-Inch Mach 6 Air Tunnel. Global surface heat transfer distributions, and surface streamline patterns were measured on a 0.333-scale model of the Hyper-X forebody. Parametric variations include angles-of-attack of 0-deg, 2-deg, and 4-deg; Reynolds numbers based on model length of 1.2 to 15.4 million; and inlet cowl door both open and closed. The effects of discrete roughness elements on the forebody boundary layer, which included variations in trip configuration and height, were investigated. This document is intended to serve as a release of preliminary data to the Hyper-X program; analysis is limited to observations of the experimental trends in order to expedite dissemination.

Introduction

NASA’s X-43 (Hyper-X) program will culminate in flight tests of an operational airframe-integrated scramjet propulsion system at hypersonic conditions, which includes two flights at Mach 7 and one at Mach 10. Details about the flight and wind tunnel test program can be found in Rausch, et al. (1997a, 1997b) and McClinton, et al. (1998). A simulated launch sequence is shown in Fig. 1, while Fig. 2 shows the sequence of events during the nominal Mach-7 flight trajectory. This program will provide the first opportunity to obtain flight data on a hypersonic airbreathing propulsion system that is fully integrated with the vehicle airframe, and will validate/calibrate the experimental, numerical, and analytical methods used in the design and for prediction of flight performance of these vehicles. In an effort to reduce the uncertainties associated with this cutting-edge technology maturation program prior to the first flight, a systematic and combined experimental and numerical approach has been utilized. This includes (but is not limited to) development of aerodynamic performance and aeroheating databases, verification of performance and operability of the propulsion-airframe integration, and establishment of a method for boundary layer control. For instance, in order to provide the most robust scramjet propulsion system, a turbulent boundary layer at the inlet interface is required. Ingestion of a turbulent boundary layer into the inlet enhances the performance and operability of the engine through improved fuel mixing and reduced susceptibility to (drag-enhancing) internal flow separations. Based on the current knowledge of boundary layer transition at hypersonic flight conditions, an estimation of the location of natural transition on the Hyper-X forebody suggests that boundary layer trip devices are necessary to ensure a turbulent boundary layer at the inlet for both Mach 7 and 10 flight conditions. Figure 3 shows a sketch of the full-scale flight vehicle having a forebody length of approximately 6-ft. An estimate (based on boundary-layer transition criteria developed during the National Aero-Space Plane program) of the distance required for natural transition to occur at these hypersonic slender-body conditions is, at best, over 50% beyond this forebody length. A wind tunnel test program has been initiated to develop potential boundary layer trip configurations for the Hyper-X flight vehicle, and has resulted in a selection of a baseline trip configuration. The testing sequence that has been completed to date is listed in Table 1.

This report presents the preliminary results of several wind tunnel tests conducted in the NASA Langley Research Center (LaRC) 20-Inch Mach 6 Air Tunnel. The primary purpose of these tests was to investigate the aeroheating characteristics of the Hyper-X forebody and to examine the effect of discrete roughness elements on the windward surface boundary layer. Based on preliminary trajectory information, the flight forebody length Reynolds number (Re_L), for a forebody length of 6-ft, is approximately 5.5 million at a freestream Mach number of 7. These conditions can be approximated in the LaRC 20-Inch Mach 6 Air Tunnel, which has a Re_L range of 1.2 to 18.4 million for a model length of 28-in (2.3-ft). Test techniques utilized during these tests include thermographic phosphors which provides global surface heating images, schlieren which provide detailed shock shapes, and oil-flow which provides surface streamline information. Parametrics included in these tests, on both inlet cowl door open and closed, were the effect of angle of attack (α of 0-deg, 2-deg, and 4-deg), unit Reynolds number (Re between 0.5 and 6.7 million per foot), and both
discrete and distributed roughness' (including configuration and height). The discrete roughness effects were included in these tests to provide information to develop an efficient trip device for the Hyper-X flight vehicle. Similar preliminary results from the LaRC 31-Inch Mach 10 Tunnel has been presented in Berry, et al. (2000).

Nomenclature

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<td>Re</td>
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Subscripts

- \(\infty\) freestream static conditions
- \(t1\) reservoir conditions
- \(t2\) stagnation conditions behind normal shock
- \(aw\) adiabatic wall
- \(e\) conditions at edge of the boundary layer
- \(w\) model surface
- \(\theta\) momentum thickness

Test Facility

The Hyper-X forebody model has been tested in both the 20-Inch Mach 6 Air and the 31-Inch Mach 10 Air Tunnels of the LaRC Aerothermodynamic Facilities Complex (see Fig. 4). Miller (1990) and Micol (1998) provide detailed descriptions of these facilities and related instrumentation. Both are blowdown facilities that utilize dried, heated, and filtered air as the test gas.

The present tests were conducted in the 20-Inch Mach 6 tunnel. Typical operating conditions for the 20-Inch Mach 6 Air tunnel are stagnation pressures ranging from 30 to 500 psia, stagnation temperatures from 410 to 500-degF, and free stream unit Reynolds numbers from 0.5 to 8 million per foot. A two-dimensional, contoured nozzle is used to provide freestream Mach numbers from 5.8 to 6.1. The test section is 20.5 by 20 inches. A bottom-mounted model injection system can insert models from a sheltered position to the tunnel centerline in less than 0.5-sec. Run times up to 15 minutes are possible with this facility, although for most heat transfer and flow visualization tests, run times are only a few seconds. Optical access to the model for both thermographic phosphors and oil-flow is viewed through a high-quality window on the top of the tunnel.
Test Techniques

Surface Heating

The rapid advances in image processing technology which have occurred in recent years have made digital optical measurement techniques practical in the wind tunnel. One such optical acquisition method is two-color relative-intensity phosphor thermography (a diagram is shown in Fig. 5), which is currently being applied to aeroheating tests in the hypersonic wind tunnels of NASA Langley Research Center. Buck (1989, 1991) and Merski (1998) provide details about the phosphor thermography technique and Horvath (1990), Berry, et al. (1997, 1998a, 1998b), and Thompson, et al. (1998) provide additional recent examples of the application of this technique. With this technique, ceramic wind tunnel models are fabricated and coated with phosphors that fluoresce in two regions of the visible spectrum when illuminated with ultraviolet light. The fluorescence intensity is dependent upon the amount of incident ultraviolet light and the local surface temperature of the phosphors. By acquiring fluorescence intensity images with a color video camera of an illuminated phosphor model exposed to flow in a wind tunnel, surface temperature mappings can be calculated on the portions of the model that are in the field of view of the camera. A temperature calibration of the system conducted prior to the study provides the look-up tables that are used to convert the ratio of the green and red intensity images to global temperature mappings. With temperature images acquired at different times in a wind tunnel run, global heat transfer images are computed assuming one-dimensional heat conduction. The primary advantage of this technique is the global resolution of the quantitative heat transfer data. Such data can be used to identify the heating footprint of complex, three-dimensional flow phenomena (e.g., transition fronts, turbulent wedges, boundary layer vortices, etc.) that are extremely difficult to resolve by discrete measurement techniques. Phosphor thermography is routinely used in Langley's hypersonic facilities because models can be fabricated more quickly and economically than other more “conventional” techniques and the method provides quantitative global information. Comparisons of heat transfer measurements obtained from phosphor thermography to conventional thin-film resistance gauges measurements (Micol 1995) and to CFD predictions (Thompson, et al. 1998, Berry, et al. 1998b, Loomis, et al. 1997, Hamilton, et al. 1998) have shown good agreement.

Flow Visualization

Flow visualization techniques, in the form of schlieren and oil-flow, were used to complement the surface heating tests. The LaRC 20-Inch Mach 6 Tunnel is equipped with a pulsed white-light, Z-pattern, single-pass schlieren system with a field of view encompassing the entire 20-in test core. Images were recorded with a high-resolution digital camera. Surface streamline patterns were obtained using the oil-flow technique. The model with metal inserts was spray-painted black to enhance contrast with the white pigmented oils used to trace streamline movement. A thin basecoat of clear silicon oil was first applied to the surface, and then a mist of small pigmented-oil droplets was applied to the surface. After the model surface was prepared, the model was injected into the airstream and the development of the surface streamlines was recorded with a conventional video camera. The model was retracted immediately following flow establishment and formation of streamline patterns, and post-run digital photographs were recorded with a high-resolution digital camera.

Model Description

A sketch of the 33% scale Hyper-X forebody model is shown in Fig. 6. This slender-body configuration is characterized by a thin leading edge and 3 flat ramps that provide discrete compression and processing of the flow prior to the scramjet inlet. Outboard of the flat ramps are the chines, which are designed to minimize three-dimensional effects and flow spillage. The chines of the forebody model were laterally truncated aft of the first ramp-corner, as shown in Fig. 6, in order to minimize tunnel blockage and to isolate the model within the tunnel test core. A numerically controlled milling machine was used to build the forebody model with a detachable stainless-steel leading edge and interchangeable measurement surface inserts as well as various stainless-steel trip and inlet configurations. Although a majority of the forebody (the strongback) was constructed from aluminum to save weight, the leading edge (detachable to allow replacement if damaged) was
machined from stainless steel with a nose radius of 0.010-in. In order to provide for adequate thickness for attachment to the strongback, the length of the detachable leading edge piece was selected to be 5-in. The location of the trips was placed another 2.418-in aft of the leading edge attachment point (for a total length from the model leading edge of 7.418-in). For the flight vehicle, this location represents a compromise between maximizing the running length behind the trips and minimizing the thermal environment around the trip. The interchangeable trip configurations were consequently designed and sized based on the local flow properties at this forebody station. The remaining flat ramp sections were designed to accommodate both a Macor and aluminum set of inserts. Macor is a machinable glass ceramic and is a registered trademark of Corning Incorporated. The engine inlet side-walls were made of stainless steel and were designed to accommodate both open and closed engine cowl door configurations. The open configuration represents the forebody at test point with the engine cowl door in the operating position, although for the model the cowl is removed to provide optical access to the internal flat ramp surface. The closed configuration represents the forebody prior to test point with the engine cowl door down in the blocked inlet position and was tested to investigate the heating effect of the trips on the closed cowl. Figure 7 is a photograph of the Hyper-X forebody model with the Macor inserts for the phosphor thermography testing in the open-cowl configuration. Figure 8 is a photograph of the Hyper-X forebody model with the aluminum inserts for flow visualization testing in the closed-cowl configuration.

In order to obtain accurate heat transfer data using the one-dimensional heat conduction equation, models need to be made of a material with low thermal diffusivity and well-defined, uniform, isotropic thermal properties. Also, the models must be durable for repeated use in the wind tunnel and not deform when thermally cycled. Normally a cast ceramic process, which can provide accurate replication of complex three-dimensional configurations, is used to build phosphor thermography models. In this case, cast models could not be utilized because of the need to interchange the various complex trip configurations. As the ramp sections behind the trip location were flat across most of the span, 0.25-in thick flat sheets of Macor were used for the phosphor substrate. The Macor substrates were then coated with a mixture of phosphors suspended in a silica-based colloidal binder. This coating consisted of a 5:1 mixture of lanthanum oxy sulfide (La2O2S) doped with trivalent europium and zinc cadmium sulfide (ZnCdS) doped with silver and nickel in a proprietary ratio. The coatings typically do not require refurbishment between runs in the wind tunnel and are approximately 0.001 inches thick. Typically, the final step in the fabrication process is to apply fiducial marks along the body to assist in determining spatial locations accurately. The fiducial marks used for the present study were the joints between the Macor inserts, which correspond to the location of the ramp angle changes shown in the sketch in Fig. 6 and listed in Table 2.

There were four trip configurations originally developed for this study, designated as Trips 1, 2a, 2b, and 3, and these are shown in Figs. 9 through 12. A fifth configuration, designated as Trip 2c (as it was a modification of Trip 2b), was added midway through testing and is shown in Fig. 13. These five configurations were sized based on flow conditions for the 31-Inch Mach 10 Tunnel with the trip height (k) as the primary variable. Trip 1 (Fig. 9), sometimes referred to as the diamond configuration, is based on prior experience (Berry, et al. 1998a) and is a row of squares rotated 45-deg to the flow with spacing roughly equal to the width of each trip. As shown in the sketch in Fig. 9a, this configuration was designed in two pieces with the trips protruding through holes in the base plate. Various thickness spacers between the parts provide the required variability in trip height. Figure 9b is a photograph of Trip 1 shown with the tallest height (\( k = 0.120\)-in) obtained by leaving out all of the spacers. This trip concept had been extensively tested during the NASP, Hyflite, and HySTP programs and was found to be a highly efficient vortex generator and trip. Unfortunately for the Hyper-X program, the diamond configuration has two potentially significant drawbacks. First, the diamond trips generate strong vortices that have a tendency to persist into the turbulent region thus providing a non-uniform flowfield for the inlet. The second is concern over whether this configuration, with sharp edges along the blunt face, could be structurally designed for Mach 7 and 10 flight conditions. The purpose of this experimental program, therefore, was to determine if Trip 1 could be redesigned to remedy these concerns. The remaining configurations, thus, were selected as modifications to this original trip design with the intent of providing a vortex-generating trip as efficient as Trip 1, but without the flow non-uniformity and structural concerns. Trip 2a (Fig. 10) and Trip 2b (Fig. 11) are similar in concept, both ramped tetrahedrons with the sharp apex pointing aft. For these configurations the number of vortices generated per trip was thought to be half that of Trip 1, thus the spacing between the trips was removed, which doubled the number of trips. The
Trip 2a design held the length and width of each trip constrained, so the ramp angle of the trips changed in order to provide the required variability in trip height. The Trip 2b design held the width and ramp angle of each trip constrained, so the length of the trips changed in order to provide the required variability in trip height. Trip 2c is identical to Trip 2b with the exception of a truncated base (Fig. 13), which is hoped to provide a local low-pressure region behind each trip that would enhance vortex generation. Trip 3 is also a ramped tetrahedron with the length and width constrained, but with a flared blunt base facing aft. Because of the blunt base, the spacing for Trip 3 was the same as Trip 1. A two piece tongue-in-groove construction was used for Trips 2a, 2b, 2c and 3 to provide 6 fixed-height trips for each configuration. Also, the tongue-in-groove construction required, for Trips 2a and 2b, an extra 0.010-in spacing between trips to accommodate the tool path. Consequently, in order to maintain the same number of vortices across the span of the model the spacing between trip centers for Trips 1 and 3 was increased to 0.260-in. At the time of the initial entry into the 20-In Mach 6 Tunnel, only the 4 smallest sizes (k = 0.015, 0.030, 0.045, and 0.060-in) of Trips 2a, 2b, 2c, and 3 were available for testing. Based on the expected boundary layer thickness at the trip location for Mach 6 flow, this range was adequate to provide a trip height to boundary-layer thickness (k/δ) up to one.

The model support hardware used for the present test is shown in Fig. 14. There were two previously constructed struts available for use, but only the longer strut allowed placement of the model near the centerline of the tunnel and therefore was used exclusively. An 8-inch I-beam spacer was required to locate the model 1-inch below the tunnel centerline and 5-inches behind the leading edge of the injection floor plate. This location allowed schlieren optical access to nearly the entire 1st ramp of the forebody model and phosphor optical access (from above) of the entire model.

Test Conditions

Nominal reservoir stagnation and corresponding freestream flow conditions for the present tests are presented in Table 3. Flow conditions for the 20-Inch Mach 6 Air Tunnel were based on measured reservoir pressures and temperatures and recent unpublished calibrations of the facility. The flow conditions shown are based on a statistical mean of all the runs at each condition and, for the conditions with a sufficient number of repeat runs, the run-to-run repeatability reflects a 95% uncertainty interval.

Data Reduction

Heating rates were calculated from the global surface temperature measurements using the one-dimensional semi-infinite solid heat-conduction equations, as discussed in detail in Buck (1991) and Merski (1998). Based on Merski (1998), phosphor system measurement error is typically quoted as ±8 to 10% for the 20-Inch Mach 6 Air Tunnel, with overall experimental uncertainty of ±15%. However, due to the relatively low surface temperature increase (as compared to the 31-Inch Mach 10 Tunnel) during a typical run, the actual phosphor system precision error may be slightly higher. The scatter in the heating images shown in the Appendices exemplify this increased precision error. Global heating images are presented in terms of the ratio of heat-transfer coefficients h/h_ref, where h_ref corresponds to the Fay and Ridell (1958) stagnation-point heating to a sphere with radius 4.0-in (a 1-ft radius sphere scaled to the model size). Repeatability of centerline heat transfer distributions (on the average) was generally found to be better than ±4%.

Results

Surface Heating

The phosphor thermography data was acquired in September of 1997, during Test 6755 and in August/September of 1999, during Tests 6791 and 6793. The earlier test compared the original 4 trip configurations, while the later tests investigated the proposed modification to Trip 2b and the effect of distributed roughness at the leading edge. The run logs, which lists the parametrics that were investigated during a total of 82 aerohating runs, are presented in Table 4 for Test 6755, Table 5 for Test 6791, and Table 6 for Test 6793, and the resulting global heating images are shown in chronological order by run number in
Appendices A, B, and C, respectively. The primary purpose of these wind tunnel entries was to acquire roughness transition data and to compare tripping efficiency. Therefore, most of the run matrix was set-up to investigate the effect of different trip configurations and height for a range of angles of attack and Reynolds numbers. A few baseline (no trip) cases were run and repeated to provide data that could be compared to each other and to predictions in order to check data quality. The trip effectiveness run matrix is shown in Table 7 and provides a handy cross-reference of the run numbers that provide trends and repeatability. General observations based on the baseline-heating images are provided and followed by a discussion of roughness trends. Note that the images shown in Appendices A, B, and C represent the heating on the three ramped Macor surfaces directly behind the trip strip location only, as shown in Fig. 15, and not the entire Hyper-X windward surface. The \( h/h_{ref} \) color-bar scale of 0 to 1.0 was selected for all the heating images as this scale provided the best sensitivity to observe the trip effectiveness. Based on this scale, for the sake of discussion in the following sections, the location of the onset of transition in the images of Appendices A, B, and C is qualitatively identified by the change in color from blue to green. Ideally the onset of transition would be identified by comparison of the heating profiles extracted from the images for a series of runs to computational predictions, which is beyond the scope of this data-release document. Also, please note that the heating images that are referred to by run number will be from Appendix A unless specifically identified otherwise.

The baseline (no trip) data includes the effect of Reynolds number, angle of attack, and engine cowl door open and closed. In the Mach 6 tunnel, as the unit Reynolds number is increased to 2.2 million per foot (to match the \( Re \) of 5.5 million for flight) the onset of transition is established just inside the inlet. This is illustrated by comparing Run 4 (\( Re = 0.5 \times 10^6/ft \)), Run 3 (\( Re = 1.1 \times 10^6/ft \)), and Run 2 (\( Re = 2.2 \times 10^6/ft \)). For the flight vehicle, the ideal location for the onset of transition would be just slightly ahead of the inlet. Thus, even in the noisy environment of a conventional-type hypersonic wind tunnel, enhancement to the location of transition by a tripping device would be required for \( \alpha = 2\) -deg to provide the desired level of inlet efficiency. Doubling the unit Reynolds number to \( Re = 4.4 \times 10^6/ft \) moves the onset of transition to the beginning of Ramp 3 (see Run 5). Tripling the unit Reynolds number to \( Re = 6.7 \times 10^6/ft \) moves the onset of transition to midway on Ramp 2 (see Run 61). Increasing the angle of attack also strongly affected the location of transition onset. For instance, for a freestream unit Reynolds number of 2.2 million per foot, Runs 37, 2, and 41 (\( \alpha = 0, 2, \) and 4-deg, respectively) show a steady forward movement of transition on the last ramp as the angle of attack is increased. Only a limited number of runs were completed with the inlet door in the closed position as the closed-cowl Macor piece had been previously cracked on one side during the Mach 10 entry. Also, the heating was still severe enough to exceed the temperature limit of the phosphor thermography system (the phosphor system temperature range is typically 50 to 380-degF) within the first couple of data frames. While the closed-cowl images show the heating to be above the selected scale of 0 to 1, quantitative data can still be extracted (for the most part) from these images.

For Trip 1 at the baseline condition (\( \alpha = 2\) -deg and \( Re = 2.2 \times 10^6/ft \)) the effect of varying the trip height (k) provides a steady forward movement of the onset of transition from just inside the inlet to the beginning of the Macor inserts. The first trip height that just begins to affect the location of transition, the so-called incipient trip height is \( k = 0.015\) -in. For example, compare Run 6 (\( k = 0.015\) -in) to Run 2 (no trip baseline). By \( k = 0.030\) -in, a significant forward movement of the transition front (the critical value) on ramp 3 is evident in the image of Run 7. Increasing the trip height further, the vortices begin to appear on Ramp 2 and by the largest trip height, \( k = 0.120\) -in (Run 1), transition onset is at the beginning of the Macor insert (an effective trip). Note in Runs 1, 9, and 10 the relative consistency of the vortices across the span of the Macor inserts. The streaks appear to persist through the turbulent regions of Ramps 2 and 3. For Trips 2a, 2b, 2c and 3, the effect of varying \( k \) provided similar results as with Trip 1 but with one important difference. All trips provided roughly the same incipient and critical values of \( k \) as Trip 1 (effective values were not identified due to the \( k = 0.060\) -in limitation), but Trips 2a, 2b, and 2c did so without evidence of strong vortices in either the laminar or turbulent regions. As the largest trip height is reached (\( k = 0.060\) -in),

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1 Note that the terminology used here is similar to the definitions of Bertin, et al. (1982). Incipient identifies the maximum roughness height that had no effect on the transition location. Critical identifies the roughness height that first begins to move transition rapidly towards the nose. Effective identifies the minimum roughness height that established transition just downstream of the roughness element.
the onset of transition for Trips 2a (Run 15), 2b (Run 20), and 2c (Run 5 of Appendix B) is qualitatively the same as the results shown for Trip 1 (Run 9 or Run 4 of Appendix B), but without the vortex streaks that persist into the turbulent region. The results from Trip 3 (Run 24) closely resembled Trip 1 in both effectiveness and strength of vortices. Based on the images alone, the Trip 2 series would appear to provide an adequate amount of transition enhancement, but without the persistent vortices that plagued Trip 1.

Test 6793 was initiated to determine if distributed roughness on or near the leading edge might cause premature transition on the X-43 leeward side. While the windward side is intended to be transitional or turbulent due to the trips, the lee-side has been assumed to be laminar. The as-built condition of the first flight vehicle was identified to have an inherent surface roughness on the leading edge equivalent to a non-polished machined finish, which was slightly rougher than specified. Concern over whether this roughness might initiate premature transition on the leeward side (that would provide more skin friction drag than expected) led to a short tunnel entry detailed in the run matrix shown in Table 6. As the windward side of the model is the only side that is instrumented, the lee-side was simulated by placing the angle of attack at -0.5-deg (the 2.5-deg windward wedge angle becomes 2-deg, which is the lee-side wedge angle when the vehicle is flying at \(\alpha = 2\)-deg). The distributed roughness, using both coarse and medium grain sizes, was applied to the first 1.33-in. (the entire 4-in Carbon-Carbon nose-tip at the model scale) of the stainless-steel leading edge and an overcoat of clear high-temperature Krylon paint was used to affix the grit to the surface. The two largest grain sizes (24 and 46 grit) had a noticeable effect on the downstream flow at the nominal Re of 2.2 \(\times 10^4/ft\) (compare Runs 2, 4, and 5 of Appendix C), but are much rougher than a non-polished machined surface. The smallest grain size (60 grit) is probably on the order of the full-scale surface finish, but on a 1/3-scale model is 3 times larger than would be flight, and barely had an effect on the downstream flow (compare Runs 2 and 8 of Appendix C). The final parametric that was examined was a 0.010-in forward-facing step (0.030-in on the full-scale vehicle) at the Carbon-Carbon/Tungsten-ballast interface. For nominal conditions the forward facing step had no effect (compare Runs 2, 3, 10, and 11 of Appendix C).

Flow Visualization

The schlieren data were acquired simultaneously with the phosphor data during Test 6755. However, the images from the first 15 runs were lost due to a malfunction of the digital camera prior to downloading and saving of the data. Appendix D shows the saved schlieren images in chronological order by run number. The primary result that is observable in the schlieren data is that even the smallest trip height \(k = 0.015\)-in), which based on the heating results had very little effect on the onset of transition, generates a noticeable shock.

The oil-flow data was acquired in April of 1998, during Test 6768. The run log, which lists the parametrics that were investigated during the 22 flow visualization runs of Test 6768, are presented in Table 8 and the resulting oil-flow images are shown in chronological order by run number in Appendix E. The digital images utilized in this report were all acquired post-test with the camera approximately perpendicular to the model windward surface. All the oil-flow images were acquired with the model at zero sideslip \((\beta = 0\)-deg). General observations that can be made based on the baseline oil-flow images are provided and followed by a discussion of results with trips. The oil-flow runs were completed using both the standard technique of a random pattern of small drops of white pigmented oil sprayed onto the black model surface and a relatively new approach of completely covering the model surface using a large paint brush to apply the white-pigmented oil. The standard technique of oil-dots was especially useful for tracing the surface streamline directions, but was not useful for visualizing the vortices that were being generated by the trips. This new approach of painted oil-flow is similar in concept to the sublimating chemical technique. The entire model is coated with, in this case, pigmented-oil and during the run the higher energy flow removes or scrubs away the oil to reveal the footprint of complex flow features. This second technique provided clear indications of the vortices, regions of separations, and lines of reattachments, and was used for the remainder of the tests. When viewing these images, note that oil accumulation lines identify both the lateral (vertical in the image) lines of separation at the end of the ramps and the axial (horizontal) lines between pairs of counter-rotating vortices. The paint brush marks (which tend to be small white lines running in a lateral direction) identify the regions of low shear or separated flow.

The oil-flow images of the runs without trips shows a complex three-dimensional flow pattern that is
dominated by the separated regions at the end of Ramp 1 and 2. These separated regions, which appear relatively two-dimensional over the width of the flat ramps, merge with a separated or low shear area, which run the length of the chines, to generate a chine vortex emanating from the compression ramp corners. The images of Runs 1 and 14 provide the best evidence of these chine vortices. The surface streamlines, as provided by Run 1, indicate flow spillage off the flat ramps. Perhaps as little as a third of the surface streamlines on the end of the first flat ramp appear to be captured by the inlet.

The addition of trips to the forebody provides the added complexity of streamwise vortices within the boundary layer that tend to diminish the separated regions at the end of the compression ramps. As the flow separations are removed, the surface streamlines indicate reduced spillage off the flat ramps (implying improved mass capture), as indicated by the image of Run 13. The previous observation regarding the inlet capture of only a third of the surface streamlines on the end of the first flat ramp without trips appears to be improved to about a half with trips. One must keep in mind that these streamlines only indicate the flow direction at the surface. The painted-oil images with trips clearly indicate that the inlet ingests all the vortices, with the exception of those generated by the two outboard trips (see Run 2). (Thus the surface streamlines as generated by the oil-flow method are not necessarily a good indication of the mass capture of the inlet.) The effect of trip height on the forward extent of separation at the compression ramp corners is in agreement with the heating results.

Conclusions

An experimental investigation of the boundary layer trip effectiveness and the effect of the trips on the aeroheating characteristics for a 33% scale Hyper-X forebody model has been conducted in the LaRC 20-Inch Mach 6 Air Tunnel. Phosphor thermography was used to provide global heating images of a portion of the windward surface for a range of angles-of-attack and Reynolds numbers. Additionally, the effect of discrete roughness elements was investigated, which included trip configuration and height parametrics. The aeroheating results were complemented with oil-flow images that provided surface streamline information and schlieren that provided shock wave details. As this report was intended to be a data-release of the experimental results for review by the Hyper-X program, the discussion of results was limited to observations of experimental trends.

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References


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Figure 1a. Hyper-X vehicle mated to Pegasus booster awaiting drop from B-52.

Figure 1b. Hyper-X vehicle lofted to test-point by Pegasus booster.
Figure 1c. Hyper-X vehicle flying at test-point.

Figure 2. Preliminary Hyper-X trajectory
Estimated length to natural transition onset based on $Re_0/M_e = 305$: over 9-ft for Mach 7 and 25-ft for Mach 10

Figure 3. Hyper-X vehicle dimensions.

Figure 4. NASA Langley facilities utilized for Hyper-X transition tests.
Figure 5. Schematic of phosphor thermography system.

Figure 6. Hyper-X forebody model dimensions.
Figure 7. Photograph of 0.333-scale Hyper-X forebody model in the open-cowl configuration with Macor inserts for phosphor thermography testing.

Figure 8. Photograph of 0.333-scale Hyper-X forebody model in the closed-cowl configuration with metal inserts for flow visualization testing.
Figure 9a. Detail sketch of Trip Configuration 1.

Figure 9b. Photograph of Trip Configuration 1.
Figure 10a. Detailed sketch of Trip Configuration 2a.

Figure 10b. Photograph of Trip Configuration 2a.
Figure 11a. Detailed sketch of Trip Configuration 2b.

Figure 11b. Photograph of Trip Configuration 2b.
Figure 12a. Detailed sketch of Trip Configuration 3.

Figure 12b. Photograph of Trip Configuration 3.
Table 13a. Dimensions of Trip Configuration 2c.

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![Trip 2c Assembly](image)

**Figure 13a.** Detailed sketch of Trip Configuration 2c.

![Photograph of Trip Configuration 3](image)

**Figure 13b.** Photograph of Trip Configuration 3.
Figure 14. Detailed sketch of model support hardware in the injected position with the long strut and the Hyper-X forebody model at $\alpha = 0$-deg.

Figure 15. Comparison of phosphor image to model scale.
Appendix A

Test 6755 Run 1
\( \alpha = 2\text{-deg} \)
Re = 2.17 \( \times 10^6/\text{ft} \)
Trip # 1
k = 0.120-in.
Open Cowl

Test 6755 Run 2
\( \alpha = 2\text{-deg} \)
Re = 2.17 \( \times 10^6/\text{ft} \)
No Trip
Model Baseline
Open Cowl

Test 6755 Run 3
\( \alpha = 2\text{-deg} \)
Re = 1.01 \( \times 10^6/\text{ft} \)
No Trip
Model Baseline
Open Cowl

Test 6755 Run 4
\( \alpha = 2\text{-deg} \)
Re = 0.47 \( \times 10^6/\text{ft} \)
No Trip
Model Baseline
Open Cowl

Test 6755 Run 5
\( \alpha = 2\text{-deg} \)
Re = 4.40 \( \times 10^6/\text{ft} \)
No Trip
Model Baseline
Open Cowl

Test 6755 Run 6
\( \alpha = 2\text{-deg} \)
Re = 2.17 \( \times 10^6/\text{ft} \)
Trip # 1
k = 0.015-in.
Open Cowl
Appendix A

Test 6755 Run 7
\( \alpha = 2 \text{-deg} \)
\( \text{Re} = 2.21 \times 10^6/\text{ft} \)
Trip # 1
\( k = 0.030 \text{-in.} \)
Open Cowl

Test 6755 Run 8
\( \alpha = 2 \text{-deg} \)
\( \text{Re} = 2.20 \times 10^6/\text{ft} \)
Trip # 1
\( k = 0.045 \text{-in.} \)
Open Cowl

Test 6755 Run 9
\( \alpha = 2 \text{-deg} \)
\( \text{Re} = 2.21 \times 10^6/\text{ft} \)
Trip # 1
\( k = 0.060 \text{-in.} \)
Open Cowl

Test 6755 Run 10
\( \alpha = 2 \text{-deg} \)
\( \text{Re} = 2.21 \times 10^6/\text{ft} \)
Trip # 1
\( k = 0.075 \text{-in.} \)
Open Cowl

Test 6755 Run 11
\( \alpha = 2 \text{-deg} \)
\( \text{Re} = 2.19 \times 10^6/\text{ft} \)
Trip # 1
\( k = 0.020 \text{-in.} \)
Open Cowl

Test 6755 Run 12
\( \alpha = 2 \text{-deg} \)
\( \text{Re} = 2.21 \times 10^6/\text{ft} \)
Trip # 2a
\( k = 0.015 \text{-in.} \)
Open Cowl
Appendix A

Test 6755 Run 14
\( \alpha = 2 \text{-deg} \)
Re = 2.19 \( \times 10^6/\text{ft} \)
Trip # 2a
k = 0.045-in.
Open Cowl

Test 6755 Run 15
\( \alpha = 2 \text{-deg} \)
Re = 2.20 \( \times 10^6/\text{ft} \)
Trip # 2a
k = 0.060-in.
Open Cowl

Test 6755 Run 16
\( \alpha = 2 \text{-deg} \)
Re = 2.20 \( \times 10^6/\text{ft} \)
Trip # 2a
k = 0.030-in.
Open Cowl

Test 6755 Run 17
\( \alpha = 2 \text{-deg} \)
Re = 2.18 \( \times 10^6/\text{ft} \)
Trip # 2b
k = 0.015-in.
Open Cowl

Test 6755 Run 18
\( \alpha = 2 \text{-deg} \)
Re = 2.21 \( \times 10^6/\text{ft} \)
Trip # 2b
k = 0.030-in.
Open Cowl

Test 6755 Run 19
\( \alpha = 2 \text{-deg} \)
Re = 2.18 \( \times 10^6/\text{ft} \)
Trip # 2b
k = 0.045-in.
Open Cowl

\( h/h_{\text{ref}} \)
Appendix A

Test 6755 Run 20
$\alpha = 2\text{-deg}$
$Re = 2.22 \times 10^6/ft$
Trip # 2b
$k = 0.060\text{-in.}$
Open Cowl

Test 6755 Run 21
$\alpha = 2\text{-deg}$
$Re = 2.18 \times 10^6/ft$
Trip # 3
$k = 0.015\text{-in.}$
Open Cowl

Test 6755 Run 22
$\alpha = 2\text{-deg}$
$Re = 2.21 \times 10^6/ft$
Trip # 3
$k = 0.030\text{-in.}$
Open Cowl

Test 6755 Run 23
$\alpha = 2\text{-deg}$
$Re = 2.18 \times 10^6/ft$
Trip # 3
$k = 0.045\text{-in.}$
Open Cowl

Test 6755 Run 24
$\alpha = 2\text{-deg}$
$Re = 2.23 \times 10^6/ft$
Trip # 3
$k = 0.060\text{-in.}$
Open Cowl

Test 6755 Run 25
$\alpha = 2\text{-deg}$
$Re = 1.06 \times 10^6/ft$
Trip # 1
$k = 0.020\text{-in.}$
Open Cowl

$\frac{h}{h_{\text{ref}}}$

0.00  0.25  0.50  0.75  1.00
Appendix A

Test 6755 Run 26
\( \alpha = 2 \text{-deg} \)
Re = 1.11 x 10^6/ft
Trip # 1
k = 0.030-in.
Open Cowl

Test 6755 Run 27
\( \alpha = 2 \text{-deg} \)
Re = 1.10 x 10^6/ft
Trip # 1
k = 0.045-in.
Open Cowl

Test 6755 Run 28
\( \alpha = 2 \text{-deg} \)
Re = 1.09 x 10^6/ft
Trip # 1
k = 0.060-in.
Open Cowl

Test 6755 Run 29
\( \alpha = 2 \text{-deg} \)
Re = 1.07 x 10^6/ft
Trip # 3
k = 0.045-in.
Open Cowl

Test 6755 Run 30
\( \alpha = 2 \text{-deg} \)
Re = 1.10 x 10^6/ft
Trip # 1
k = 0.090-in.
Open Cowl

Test 6755 Run 31
\( \alpha = 2 \text{-deg} \)
Re = 1.07 x 10^6/ft
Trip # 1
k = 0.120-in.
Open Cowl

\[ \frac{h}{h_{\text{ref}}} \]

0.00 0.25 0.50 0.75 1.00
Appendix A

Test 6755 Run 32
\( \alpha = 2\text{-deg} \)
\( Re = 1.11 \times 10^6/\text{ft} \)
Trip # 2a
\( k = 0.060\text{-in.} \)
Open Cowl

Test 6755 Run 33
\( \alpha = 2\text{-deg} \)
\( Re = 1.11 \times 10^6/\text{ft} \)
Trip # 2b
\( k = 0.060\text{-in.} \)
Open Cowl

Test 6755 Run 34
\( \alpha = 2\text{-deg} \)
\( Re = 1.08 \times 10^6/\text{ft} \)
Trip # 3
\( k = 0.060\text{-in.} \)
Open Cowl

Test 6755 Run 35
\( \alpha = 0\text{-deg} \)
\( Re = 1.11 \times 10^6/\text{ft} \)
No Trip
Model Baseline
Open Cowl

Test 6755 Run 36
\( \alpha = 0\text{-deg} \)
\( Re = 0.49 \times 10^6/\text{ft} \)
No Trip
Model Baseline
Open Cowl

Test 6755 Run 37
\( \alpha = 0\text{-deg} \)
\( Re = 2.24 \times 10^6/\text{ft} \)
No Trip
Model Baseline
Open Cowl
Appendix A

Test 6755 Run 38
$\alpha = 0$-deg
$Re = 4.44 \times 10^6/ft$
No Trip
Model Baseline
Open Cowl

Test 6755 Run 39
$\alpha = 4$-deg
$Re = 0.47 \times 10^6/ft$
No Trip
Model Baseline
Open Cowl

Test 6755 Run 40
$\alpha = 4$-deg
$Re = 1.04 \times 10^6/ft$
No Trip
Model Baseline
Open Cowl

Test 6755 Run 41
$\alpha = 4$-deg
$Re = 2.23 \times 10^6/ft$
No Trip
Model Baseline
Open Cowl

Test 6755 Run 42
$\alpha = 4$-deg
$Re = 4.41 \times 10^6/ft$
No Trip
Model Baseline
Open Cowl

Test 6755 Run 43
$\alpha = 4$-deg
$Re = 2.25 \times 10^6/ft$
Trip # 1
$k = 0.015$-in.
Open Cowl
Appendix A

Test 6755 Run 44
\(\alpha = 4\text{-deg}\)
Re = \(2.23 \times 10^6\)/ft
Trip # 1
k = 0.030-in.
Open Cowl

Test 6755 Run 45
\(\alpha = 4\text{-deg}\)
Re = \(2.23 \times 10^6\)/ft
Trip # 1
k = 0.045-in.
Open Cowl

Test 6755 Run 46
\(\alpha = 4\text{-deg}\)
Re = \(2.21 \times 10^6\)/ft
Trip # 1
k = 0.020-in.
Open Cowl

Test 6755 Run 47
\(\alpha = 4\text{-deg}\)
Re = \(2.23 \times 10^6\)/ft
Trip # 2a
k = 0.030-in.
Open Cowl

Test 6755 Run 48
\(\alpha = 4\text{-deg}\)
Re = \(2.18 \times 10^6\)/ft
Trip # 2b
k = 0.030-in.
Open Cowl

Test 6755 Run 49
\(\alpha = 4\text{-deg}\)
Re = \(2.23 \times 10^6\)/ft
Trip # 2b-backwards
k = 0.030-in.
Open Cowl
Appendix B

Test 6791 Run 1
$\alpha = 2$-deg
$Re = 1.12 \times 10^6/\text{ft}$
No Trip
Model Baseline
Open Cowl

Test 6791 Run 2
$\alpha = 2$-deg
$Re = 2.25 \times 10^6/\text{ft}$
No Trip
Model Baseline
Open Cowl

Test 6791 Run 3
$\alpha = 2$-deg
$Re = 4.39 \times 10^6/\text{ft}$
No Trip
Model Baseline
Open Cowl

Test 6791 Run 4
$\alpha = 2$-deg
$Re = 2.24 \times 10^6/\text{ft}$
Trip # 1
$k = 0.060$-in.
Open Cowl

Test 6791 Run 5
$\alpha = 2$-deg
$Re = 2.25 \times 10^6/\text{ft}$
Trip # 2c
$k = 0.060$-in.
Open Cowl

Test 6791 Run 6
$\alpha = 2$-deg
$Re = 2.22 \times 10^6/\text{ft}$
Trip # 2c
$k = 0.030$-in.
Open Cowl
Appendix B

Test 6791 Run 7
\( \alpha = 2\text{-deg} \)
Re = 2.2 x 10^6/ft
Trip # 2c
k = 0.015-in.
Open Cowl

Test 6791 Run 8
\( \alpha = 2\text{-deg} \)
Re = 2.2 x 10^6/ft
Trip # 2b
k = 0.030-in.
Open Cowl

Test 6791 Run 9
\( \alpha = 2\text{-deg} \)
Re = 2.2 x 10^6/ft
Trip # 1
k = 0.030-in.
Open Cowl

Test 6791 Run 10
\( \alpha = 2\text{-deg} \)
Re = 2.2 x 10^6/ft
Trip # 1
k = 0.045-in.
Open Cowl

\( h/h_{\text{ref}} \)

0.00 0.25 0.50 0.75 1.00

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Appendix C

Test 6793 Run 2
\[ \alpha = -0.5\text{-deg} \]
\[ Re = 2.2 \times 10^6/\text{ft} \]
No Trip
Model Baseline
Open Cowl

Test 6793 Run 3
\[ \alpha = -0.5\text{-deg} \]
\[ Re = 4.4 \times 10^6/\text{ft} \]
No Trip
Model Baseline
Open Cowl

Test 6793 Run 4
\[ \alpha = -0.5\text{-deg} \]
\[ Re = 2.2 \times 10^6/\text{ft} \]
#24 Grit
k = 0.038-in.
Open Cowl

Test 6793 Run 5
\[ \alpha = -0.5\text{-deg} \]
\[ Re = 2.2 \times 10^6/\text{ft} \]
#46 Grit
k = 0.024-in.
Open Cowl

Test 6793 Run 6
\[ \alpha = -0.5\text{-deg} \]
\[ Re = 4.4 \times 10^6/\text{ft} \]
#46 Grit
k = 0.024-in.
Open Cowl

Test 6793 Run 7
\[ \alpha = -0.5\text{-deg} \]
\[ Re = 4.4 \times 10^6/\text{ft} \]
#60 Grit
k = 0.017-in.
Open Cowl

\[\frac{h}{h_{\text{ref}}}\]

0.00 0.25 0.50 0.75 1.00
Appendix C

Test 6793 Run 8
$\alpha = -0.5\text{-deg}$
Re = $2.2 \times 10^6$/ft
#60 Grit
k = 0.017-in.
Open Cowl

Test 6793 Run 9
$\alpha = -0.5\text{-deg}$
Re = $6.0 \times 10^6$/ft
#60 Grit
k = 0.017-in.
Open Cowl

Test 6793 Run 10
$\alpha = -0.5\text{-deg}$
Re = $2.2 \times 10^6$/ft
2D Kapton strip
k = 0.010-in.
Open Cowl

Test 6793 Run 11
$\alpha = -0.5\text{-deg}$
Re = $4.4 \times 10^6$/ft
2D Kapton strip
k = 0.010-in.
Open Cowl
Appendix D

Run 15
\( \alpha = 2\text{-deg} \)
Re = 2.2 \( \times 10^6/\text{ft} \)
Trip # 2a
k = 0.060-in.

Run 16
\( \alpha = 2\text{-deg} \)
Re = 2.2 \( \times 10^6/\text{ft} \)
Trip # 2a
k = 0.030-in.

Run 17
\( \alpha = 2\text{-deg} \)
Re = 2.2 \( \times 10^6/\text{ft} \)
Trip # 2b
k = 0.015-in.

Run 20
\( \alpha = 2\text{-deg} \)
Re = 2.2 \( \times 10^6/\text{ft} \)
Trip # 2b
k = 0.060-in.
Appendix D

Run 21
$\alpha = 2$-deg
Re = $2.2 \times 10^6$/ft
Trip # 3
k = 0.015-in.

Run 22
$\alpha = 2$-deg
Re = $2.2 \times 10^6$/ft
Trip # 3
k = 0.030-in.

Run 23
$\alpha = 2$-deg
Re = $2.2 \times 10^6$/ft
Trip # 3
k = 0.045-in.

Run 24
$\alpha = 2$-deg
Re = $2.2 \times 10^6$/ft
Trip # 3
k = 0.060-in.
Appendix D

Run 25
\[ \alpha = 2\text{-deg} \]
\[ \text{Re} = 1.1 \times 10^6/\text{ft} \]
Trip #1
\[ k = 0.020\text{-in.} \]

Run 26
\[ \alpha = 2\text{-deg} \]
\[ \text{Re} = 1.1 \times 10^6/\text{ft} \]
Trip #1
\[ k = 0.030\text{-in.} \]

Run 27
\[ \alpha = 2\text{-deg} \]
\[ \text{Re} = 1.1 \times 10^6/\text{ft} \]
Trip #1
\[ k = 0.045\text{-in.} \]

Run 28
\[ \alpha = 2\text{-deg} \]
\[ \text{Re} = 1.1 \times 10^6/\text{ft} \]
Trip #1
\[ k = 0.060\text{-in.} \]
Appendix D

Run 29
\[ \alpha = 2\text{-deg} \]
\[ \text{Re} = 1.1 \times 10^6/\text{ft} \]
Trip # 1
\[ k = 0.075\text{-in.} \]

Run 30
\[ \alpha = 2\text{-deg} \]
\[ \text{Re} = 1.1 \times 10^6/\text{ft} \]
Trip # 1
\[ k = 0.090\text{-in.} \]

Run 32
\[ \alpha = 2\text{-deg} \]
\[ \text{Re} = 1.1 \times 10^6/\text{ft} \]
Trip # 2a
\[ k = 0.060\text{-in.} \]

Run 33
\[ \alpha = 2\text{-deg} \]
\[ \text{Re} = 1.1 \times 10^6/\text{ft} \]
Trip # 2b
\[ k = 0.060\text{-in.} \]
Appendix D

Run 34
\(\alpha = 2\text{-deg}\)
Re = \(1.1 \times 10^6/\text{ft}\)
Trip # 3
k = 0.060-in.

Run 35
\(\alpha = 0\text{-deg}\)
Re = \(1.1 \times 10^6/\text{ft}\)
No Trip Baseline

Run 36
\(\alpha = 0\text{-deg}\)
Re = \(0.5 \times 10^6/\text{ft}\)
No Trip Baseline

Run 37
\(\alpha = 0\text{-deg}\)
Re = \(2.2 \times 10^6/\text{ft}\)
No Trip Baseline
Appendix D

Run 38
\( \alpha = 0\text{-deg} \)
Re = 4.4 \( \times 10^6 \)/ft
No Trip Baseline

Run 39
\( \alpha = 4\text{-deg} \)
Re = 0.5 \( \times 10^6 \)/ft
No Trip Baseline

Run 40
\( \alpha = 4\text{-deg} \)
Re = 1.1 \( \times 10^6 \)/ft
No Trip Baseline

Run 41
\( \alpha = 4\text{-deg} \)
Re = 2.2 \( \times 10^6 \)/ft
No Trip Baseline
Run 42
\(\alpha = 4\text{-deg}\)
Re = \(4.4 \times 10^6/\text{ft}\)
No Trip Baseline

Run 43
\(\alpha = 4\text{-deg}\)
Re = \(2.2 \times 10^6/\text{ft}\)
Trip # 1
k = 0.015-in.

Run 44
\(\alpha = 4\text{-deg}\)
Re = \(2.2 \times 10^6/\text{ft}\)
Trip # 1
k = 0.030-in.

Run 45
\(\alpha = 4\text{-deg}\)
Re = \(2.2 \times 10^6/\text{ft}\)
Trip # 1
k = 0.045-in.
Appendix D

Run 46
\[ \alpha = 4\text{-deg} \]
Re = \(2.2 \times 10^6 \text{/ft}\)
Trip # 1
k = 0.020-in.

Run 47
\[ \alpha = 4\text{-deg} \]
Re = \(2.2 \times 10^6 \text{/ft}\)
Trip # 2a
k = 0.030-in.

Run 48
\[ \alpha = 4\text{-deg} \]
Re = \(2.2 \times 10^6 \text{/ft}\)
Trip # 2b
k = 0.030-in.

Run 49
\[ \alpha = 4\text{-deg} \]
Re = \(2.2 \times 10^6 \text{/ft}\)
Trip # 2b-backwaeds
k = 0.030-in.
Appendix D

Run 50
\( \alpha = 4\text{-deg} \)
Re = 2.2 \( \times 10^6/\text{ft} \)
Trip # 3
k = 0.030-in.

Run 51
\( \alpha = 4\text{-deg} \)
Re = 2.2 \( \times 10^6/\text{ft} \)
Trip # 2a
k = 0.030-in.

Run 52
\( \alpha = 2\text{-deg} \)
Re = 1.1 \( \times 10^6/\text{ft} \)
No Trip Baseline

Run 53
\( \alpha = 2\text{-deg} \)
Re = 2.2 \( \times 10^6/\text{ft} \)
No Trip Baseline
Run 54
\[ \alpha = 2\text{-deg} \]
\[ \text{Re} = 4.4 \times 10^6/\text{ft} \]
No Trip Baseline

Run 55
\[ \alpha = 2\text{-deg} \]
\[ \text{Re} = 2.2 \times 10^6/\text{ft} \]
Trip # 1
\[ k = 0.030\text{-in.} \]

Run 56
\[ \alpha = 2\text{-deg} \]
\[ \text{Re} = 2.2 \times 10^6/\text{ft} \]
Trip # 1
\[ k = 0.045\text{-in.} \]

Run 57
\[ \alpha = 2\text{-deg} \]
\[ \text{Re} = 2.2 \times 10^6/\text{ft} \]
Trip # 1
\[ k = 0.060\text{-in.} \]
Appendix D

Run 58
\[ \alpha = 2\text{-deg} \]
\[ \text{Re} = 2.2 \times 10^6/\text{ft} \]
Trip # 2a
\[ k = 0.060\text{-in.} \]

Run 59
\[ \alpha = 2\text{-deg} \]
\[ \text{Re} = 2.2 \times 10^6/\text{ft} \]
Trip # 2b
\[ k = 0.060\text{-in.} \]

Run 60
\[ \alpha = 2\text{-deg} \]
\[ \text{Re} = 2.2 \times 10^6/\text{ft} \]
Trip # 3
\[ k = 0.060\text{-in.} \]

Run 61
\[ \alpha = 2\text{-deg} \]
\[ \text{Re} = 6.7 \times 10^6/\text{ft} \]
No Trip Baseline
Appendix E

Test 6768 Run 1  $\alpha = 2$-deg  $Re = 2.2 \times 10^6/ft$  No Trip Baseline Open Cowl

Test 6768 Run 3  $\alpha = 2$-deg  $Re = 2.2 \times 10^6/ft$  No Trip Baseline Open Cowl

Test 6768 Run 4  $\alpha = 2$-deg  $Re = 2.2 \times 10^6/ft$  No Trip Baseline Open Cowl
Appendix E

Test 6768 Run 5 $\alpha = 2$-deg $Re = 2.2 \times 10^6/ft$ Trip 1 $k=0.060$-in Open Cowl

Test 6768 Run 6 $\alpha = 2$-deg $Re = 2.2 \times 10^6/ft$ Trip 2a $k=0.060$-in Open Cowl

Test 6768 Run 7 $\alpha = 2$-deg $Re = 2.2 \times 10^6/ft$ Trip 2b $k=0.060$-in Open Cowl
Appendix E

Test 6768 Run 9  $\alpha = 2$-deg  $Re = 2.2 \times 10^6/ft$  Trip 3  $k=0.060$-in  Open Cowl

Test 6768 Run 10  $\alpha = 2$-deg  $Re = 2.2 \times 10^6/ft$  Trip 3  $k=0.060$-in  Open Cowl

Test 6768 Run 11  $\alpha = 2$-deg  $Re = 2.2 \times 10^6/ft$  Trip 2b  $k=0.060$-in  Open Cowl
Appendix E

Test 6768 Run 12 $\alpha = 2$-deg $Re = 2.2 \times 10^6/ft$ Trip 2a $k=0.060$-in Open Cowl

Test 6768 Run 13 $\alpha = 2$-deg $Re = 2.2 \times 10^6/ft$ Trip 1 $k=0.060$-in Open Cowl

Test 6768 Run 14 $\alpha = 2$-deg $Re = 2.2 \times 10^6/ft$ No Trip Baseline Open Cowl
Appendix E

Test 6768 Run 15 $\alpha = 2$-deg $Re = 2.2 \times 10^6$/ft Trip 1 $k=0.030$-in Open Cowl

Test 6768 Run 16 $\alpha = 2$-deg $Re = 2.2 \times 10^6$/ft No Trip Baseline Closed Cowl

Test 6768 Run 17 $\alpha = 2$-deg $Re = 2.2 \times 10^6$/ft Trip 1 $k=0.030$-in Closed Cowl
Appendix E

Test 6768 Run 18 \( \alpha = 2\)-deg \( Re = 2.2 \times 10^6 \)/ft Trip 3 \( k = 0.060\)-in Closed Cowl

Test 6768 Run 19 \( \alpha = 2\)-deg \( Re = 2.2 \times 10^6 \)/ft Trip 2a \( k = 0.060\)-in Closed Cowl

Test 6768 Run 21 \( \alpha = 2\)-deg \( Re = 2.2 \times 10^6 \)/ft Trip 2b \( k = 0.060\)-in Closed Cowl
Appendix E

Test 6768 Run 22 $\alpha = 2$-deg $Re = 2.2 \times 10^6/\text{ft}$ Trip 1 $k=0.060$-in Closed Cowl
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