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FOREWORD

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ABSTRACT

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NOMENCLATURE

M_∞	Free-stream Mach number
p_o	Tunnel stilling chamber pressure, psia
p'_o	Total pressure downstream of a normal shock in free-stream flow, psia

p_t	Probe pressure, psia
$Re_{\infty, \ell}$	Free-stream Reynolds number based on model length (7.00 in.)
T_0	Tunnel stilling chamber temperature, °R
x	Model surface distance measured downstream from model nose, in.
y	Vertical distance measured upward from model surface (see Fig. 2), in.
z	Lateral distance measured from the model centerline (see Fig. 2), in.
α	Model angle of attack (positive-instrumented surface leeward), deg
δ	Angle between normal to model surface and plane of probe tip movement (see Fig. 2), deg

SECTION I INTRODUCTION

The objective of the tests was to obtain impact pressure surveys of the expansion side flow field of a 75-deg sharp leading-edge delta wing. The data were obtained for ARL to supplement an investigation of the delta wing expansion side flow field. Results of previous surface pressure and flow field survey tests (Ref. 1) showed the need for additional surveys to define more precisely a region of abrupt pressure change in the flow field between the model centerline and leading edge. This change was most apparent when the flow field was surveyed laterally with the probe at a fixed height from the model surface.

Tests were conducted in the von Kármán Gas Dynamics Facility (VKF) 50-in. hypersonic tunnel (Gas Dynamic Wind Tunnel, Hypersonic (C)) at a Mach number of 10.13, Reynolds number (based on model length) of 0.43×10^6 , angles of attack of 15 and 19 deg, and zero side-slip angle.

SECTION II APPARATUS

2.1 MODEL

A photograph and details of the model furnished by ARL are shown in Figs. 1 and 2, respectively. For previous surface pressure tests, the model was instrumented with twenty 0.062-in. -diam pressure orifices and had four thermocouples embedded in the upper surface to monitor model temperature. For the present tests, the pressure orifices were sealed. The leading-edge thickness was approximately 0.001 in.

2.2 WIND TUNNEL

Tunnel C is a continuous, closed-circuit, variable density wind tunnel with an axisymmetric contoured nozzle and a 50-in. -diam test section. The tunnel operates at a nominal Mach number of 10 or 12 at stagnation conditions from 200 to 2000 psia at 1900°R and 600 to 2000 psia at 2400°R, respectively. The model may be injected into the tunnel for a test run and then retracted for model cooling or model changes without interrupting the tunnel flow. A description of the tunnel may be found in Ref. 2.

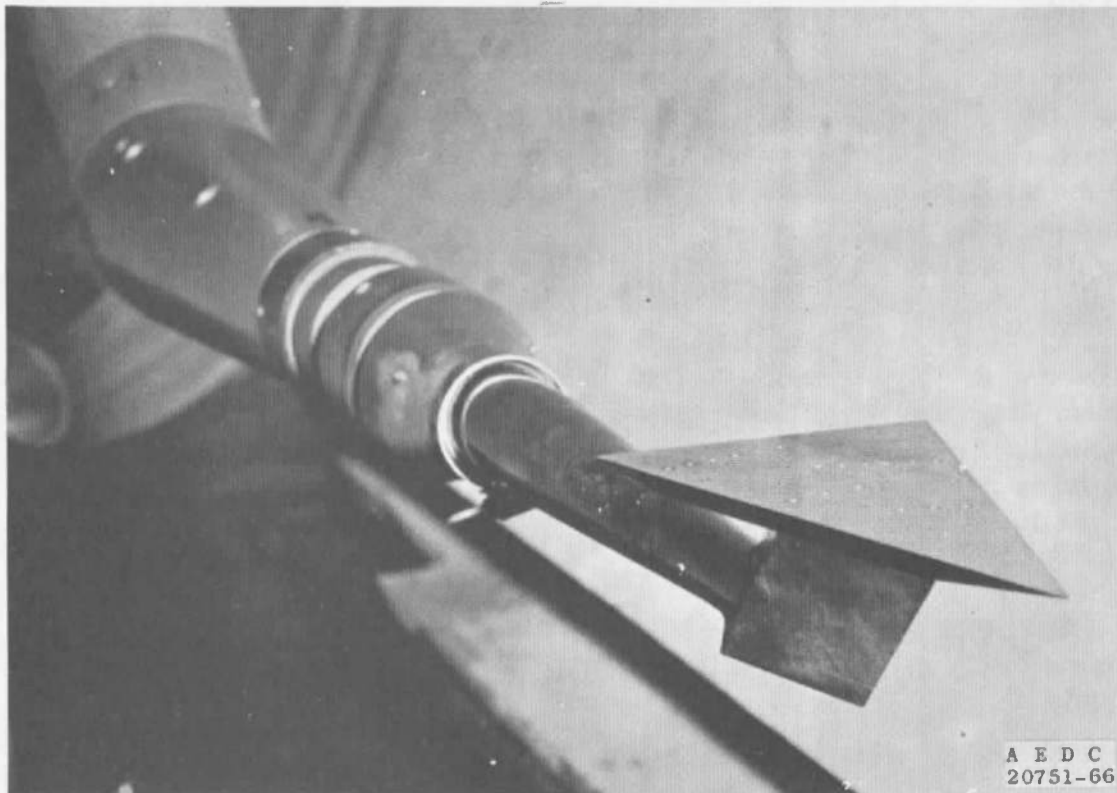


Fig. 1 Model Photograph

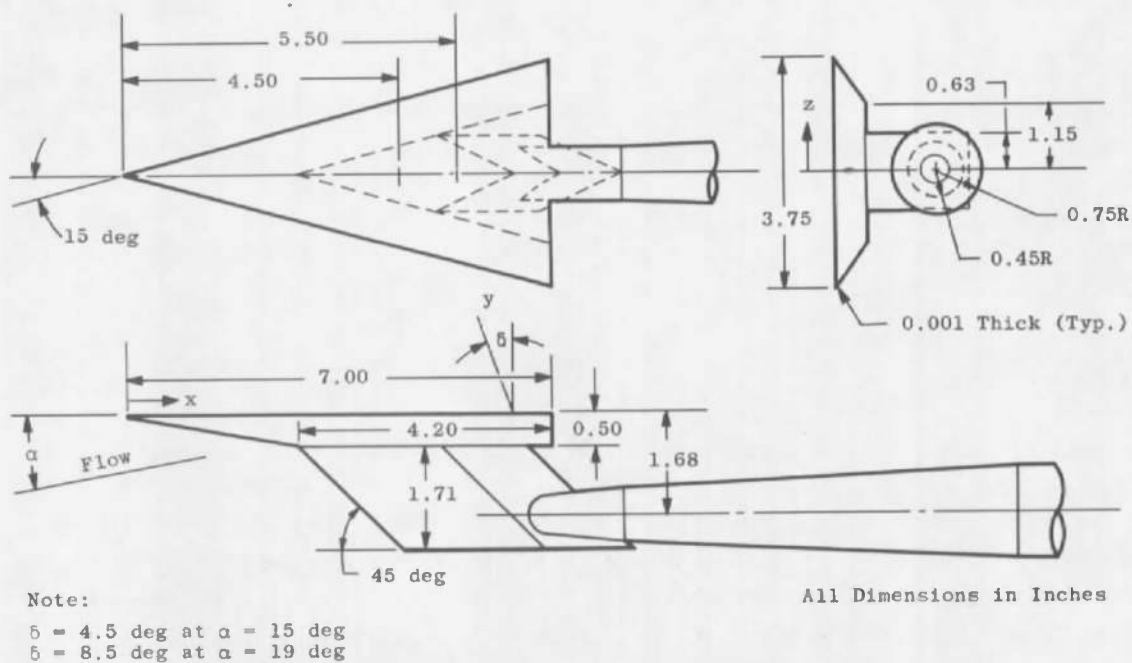


Fig. 2 Model Details

2.3 INSTRUMENTATION

Probe pressures were measured with a 15-psid transducer referenced to a near vacuum and recorded with an analog plotter in the form of a continuous trace of pressure versus probe lateral position (z). The probe was constructed from a 0.040-in. -O.D., 0.005-in. -thick wall tube and was flattened at the forward end to 0.029 in. wide and 0.042 in. high to improve the definition of the lateral pressure gradients.

Probe pressure and lateral position linearity checks were made before and after the tests to ensure the integrity of the recording equipment. Known pressures were applied with a deadweight tester and probe lateral position (z) was monitored with a dial indicator attached to the lateral drive. Based on the linearity checks and repeat data, the precision of the plotter trace was estimated to be ± 0.01 psia and ± 0.013 in.

Schlieren and vapor screen photographs were obtained at selected angles of attack. A typical schlieren photograph is shown in Fig. 3 to illustrate the relationship of the probe to the model.

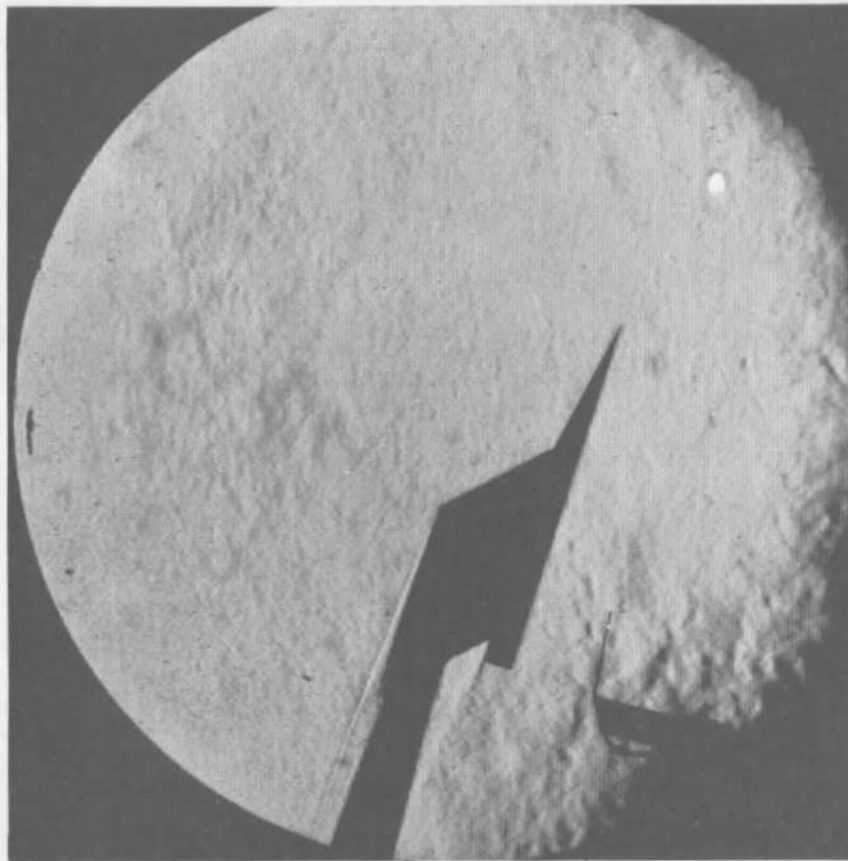


Fig. 3 Schlieren Photograph, $M_\infty = 10.13$, $Re_{\infty, \ell} = 0.43 \times 10^6$, $\alpha = 15^\circ$

SECTION III PROCEDURE

A test summary is presented below.

**TABLE I
TEST SUMMARY**

Data	α , deg	x, in.	y, in.	M_∞	$p_{O'}$, psia	$T_{O'}$, °R	Re_{ϕ} , $l \times 10^{-6}$	$p_{O'}$, psia
Impact Pressure	15	4.50	A*	10.13	600	1835	0.43	1.66
	15	5.50	B*	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓
	19	5.50	C*	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓
Vapor Screen Photographs	5	3, 5, 7		10	600	760		
	10	3, 5, 7		↓	↓	↓		
	15	1, 3, 5, 7		↓	↓	↓		

*A lateral survey was obtained for each y listed below from $z = 0$ to free stream.

A: 0.125, 0.250, 0.500, 0.625, 0.750, 1.000, 1.125, 1.250, 1.312, 1.375, 1.562, 1.625, 1.687, 1.750, 1.812, 1.875

B: 0.250, 0.500, 0.625, 0.750, 0.875, 1.000, 1.250, 1.500, 1.562, 1.625, 1.687, 1.750, 1.812, 1.875, 1.937, 2.000, 2.125, 2.250, 2.312

C: 0.125, 0.250, 0.375, 0.500, 0.625, 0.750, 0.875, 1.000, 1.125, 1.250, 1.500, 1.750, 2.000, 2.250, 2.500, 2.750

A remotely controlled probe drive system was used to position the impact pressure probe in the x, y, and z directions. Because of limitations in the probe drive system and to eliminate the necessity of stopping the wind tunnel to make probe support geometry changes, the following compromises in probe positioning were made. The probe tip was inclined 15 deg to the free-stream flow and was therefore parallel to the model surface at $\alpha = 15$ deg and inclined 4 deg into the model surface at $\alpha = 19$ deg. Probe movement in the y-direction was in a plane inclined 79.5 deg to the horizon resulting in traverse angles (δ) (see Fig. 2) relative to a normal to the model surface.

Probe surveys were made by setting the x and y positions and then traversing in the z-direction from the model centerline plane ($z = 0$) to the free-stream flow. Surveys were made in both directions (i. e., centerline out and from free stream in) with no measurable differences caused by probe interference with the flow field.

SECTION IV

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

A composite plot of probe pressure versus lateral position at several y -distances above the model surface for $\alpha = 15$ deg and $x = 5.50$ in. is presented in Fig. 4. This is a reduced copy of the analog plotter traces with portions of the curves omitted for clarity. Of particular interest is that part of the curves near $z \approx 0.5$ in. which shows an abrupt pressure change. The bow shock location is indicated by the sharp peaks.

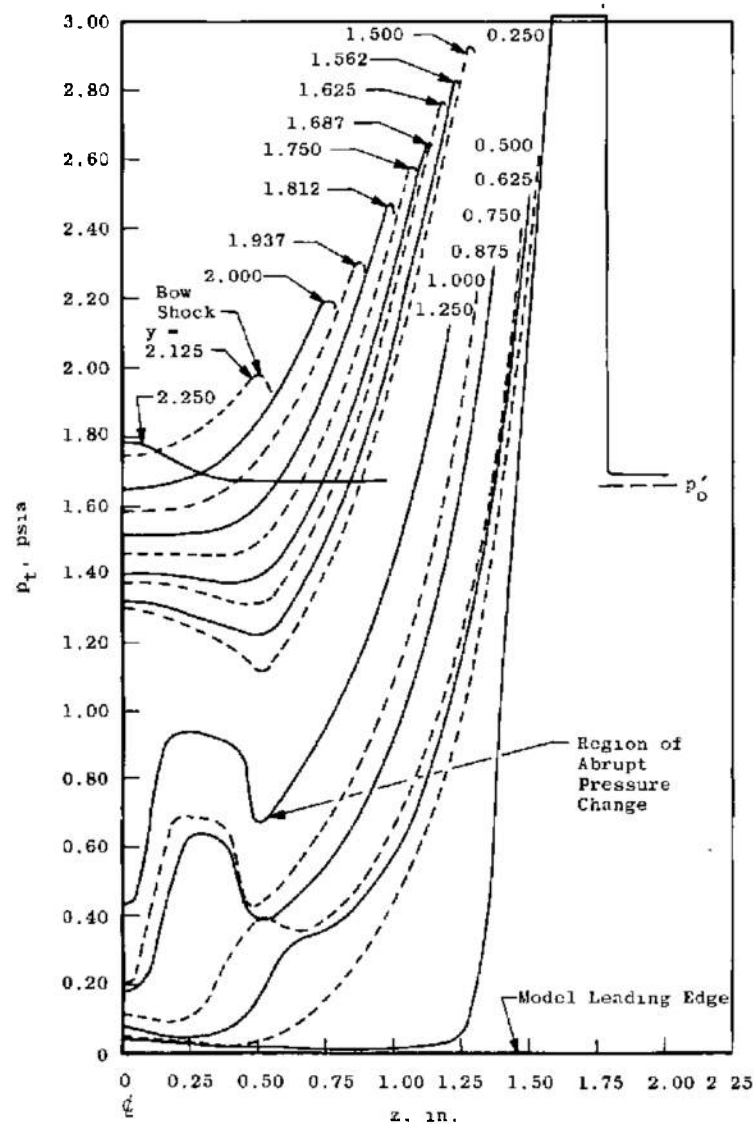


Fig. 4 Impact Probe Pressure Surveys, $\alpha = 15$ deg, $x = 5.50$ in.

Figure 5 was made by plotting selected points from Fig. 4 to show a cross section of the flow field for $\alpha = 15$ deg and $x = 5.50$ in. The region of abrupt pressure change is shown as a straight line extending from $y \approx 0.8$ in. to $y \approx 1.6$ in. at $z \approx 0.5$ in. The curve representing the bow shock is incomplete for y less than 1.5 in. because the peaks of the pressure traces in Fig. 4 were off scale and could not be extrapolated accurately.

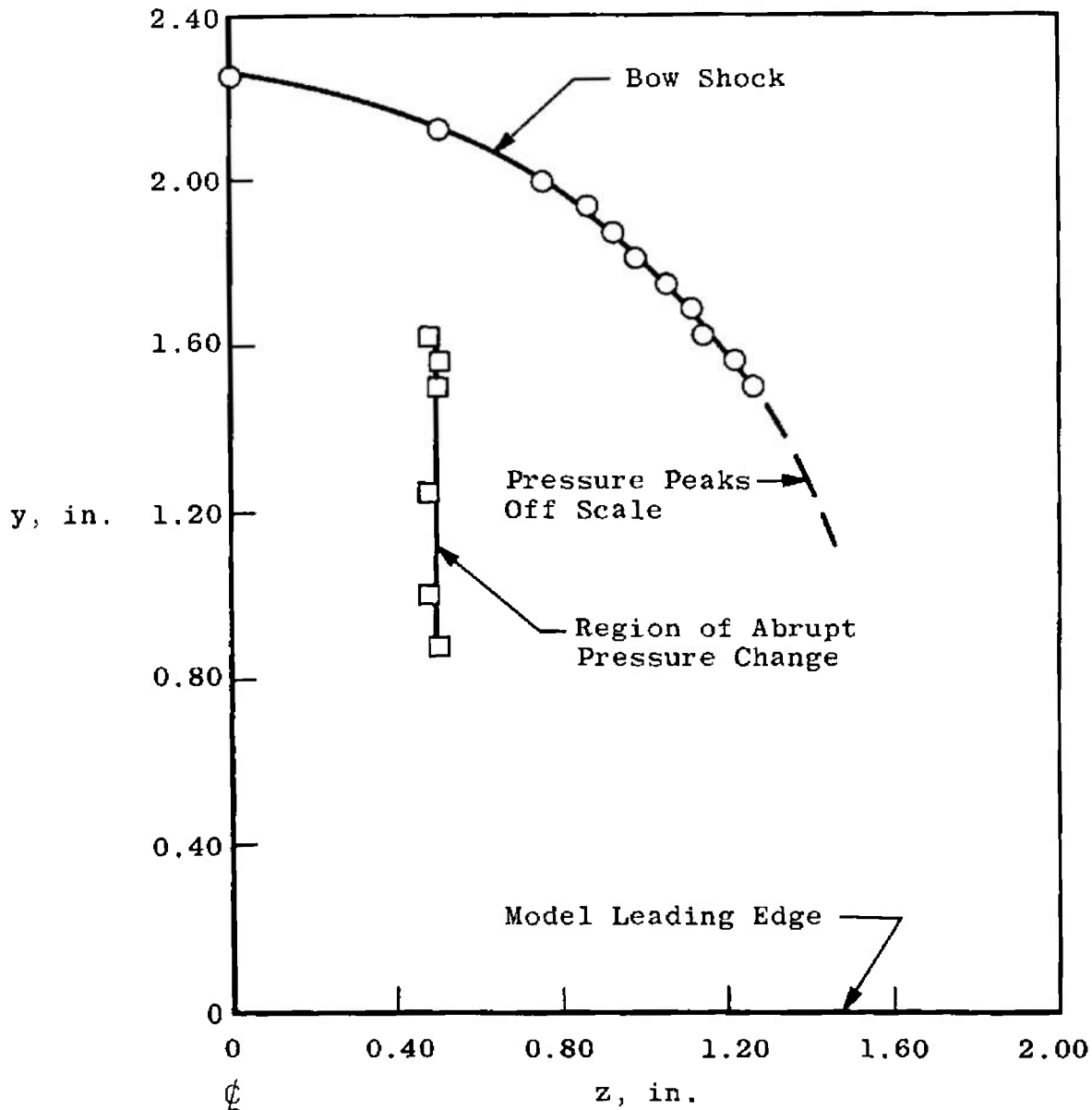


Fig. 5 Profile of Abrupt Pressure Change Region and Bow Shock,
 $\alpha = 15$ deg, $x = 5.50$ in.

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