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Summary.—This Report summarises the available knowledge of the component losses in a combustion chamber. The information given in this Report should enable the pressure drops through swirlers, primary baffles, cooling systems, etc., to be calculated. Most of the data were abstracted and collected from the various reports listed in the bibliography. In certain cases (*e.g.*, mixing losses) the information is incomplete and in these circumstances the limited experimental results available are supplemented by hypotheses which require proof. A specimen calculation of the pressure drop and airflow distribution of a typical chamber is given in Appendix II. The calculated and measured values of pressure drop (cold) agreed within 4 per cent.

1. *Introduction.*—Effective combustion chamber design and development requires a knowledge of the airflow distribution throughout the chamber. Since the air flows through the chamber in two or three principal paths, arranged in parallel, the loss of total pressure in each path must be the same. Thus the division of air between the various paths will be determined by their relative resistances. This resistance to flow in each path is the summation of the individual component losses. For example, the primary circuit resistance comprises the swirler loss, diffusion loss, combustion loss, etc. Hence to obtain the air distribution in a given chamber the component losses must be calculable from design dimensions, and a method of combining the circuit resistances available. Such a method was developed by Probert and Kielland¹ and subsequently simplified² by dispensing with the 'step-by-step' system of calculation. However, no comprehensive report on component losses has yet appeared although a note for discussion was published³. The present Report supplies the hitherto missing data much of which was obtained from unpublished work at the National Gas Turbine Establishment. In cases where the information is incomplete the available data are supplemented by hypotheses which require proof.

In the Report each component is considered in detail and the method of obtaining the overall loss and air distribution added for completeness. Appendix II gives a specimen calculation for a conventional chamber.

2. *Swirlers.*—Flow conditions at outlet from a swirler vary along the blade span to satisfy radial equilibrium as shown in Appendix III. Thus, free vortex blading gives a constant axial velocity component while the whirl velocity varies inversely as the radius. Other forms of blading each have their own particular characteristics. Although true mean values of the

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velocity components should be used for pressure loss calculations, negligible error is involved and the tedium of obtaining these values obviated, by using values occurring at the weighted mean radius (r_m).

$$r_m = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (R^2 + r_0^2)^{1/2} \quad \dots \quad \dots \quad \dots \quad \dots \quad \dots \quad (1)$$

where the symbols have the significance given in Appendix I.

It is possible to study theoretically the efficiency of swirlers in turning the air through a given angle by considering the two-dimensional flow of a perfect fluid through a lattice of plates. This problem has been studied⁴ and the results applied⁵ to connect the angle of deviation α with the pitch/chord ratio σ for various angles of stagger β . In Fig. 1 angle of deviation is plotted against pitch/chord ratio. The curves show that for quite practical pitch/chord ratios, *i.e.*, $0.5 < \sigma < 1.0$ the deviation angle is almost identical with the stagger. Experimental results agree with this finding and it is now usual to employ pitch/chord ratios of about 0.7 for all swirlers required to give a tight swirl (*i.e.*, high values of α and β). Thus for theoretical calculations on swirler pressure losses it is both convenient and justifiable to assume that the air is deviated through the entire stagger angle β .

2.1. Pressure Drop Due to a Swirler.—By considering in some detail the flow through the swirler and the resultant motion of the air, an expression for the pressure drop can be derived.

Consideration is now given to the outlet flow from the swirler at the mean radius as defined by equation (1).

2.1.1. Whirl velocity component dissipated and constant static pressure.—Dissipation of the whirl velocity head is the most obvious assumption regarding swirler pressure drops. But an assumption must then be made about the static pressure relationship at the swirler outlet (1) and at a plane (2) situated downstream in the flame tube. A likely assumption is that the mean static pressure difference is negligible.

A mere statement of the total pressure loss is obtained by applying Bernoulli's equation, thus

$$P_1 = P_2 + \text{loss} \quad \dots \quad \dots \quad \dots \quad \dots \quad \dots \quad (2)$$

with the further assumption of constant static pressure this reduces to

$$\text{loss} = P_1 - P_2 = \frac{1}{2}\rho(V_1^2 - V_2^2) \quad \dots \quad \dots \quad \dots \quad \dots \quad (3)$$

and since

$$V_1 = V_a \sec \alpha$$

$$V_2 = V_a \frac{A_s}{A_F} \text{ (whirl component lost)}$$

$$\text{loss} = \frac{1}{2}\rho V_a^2 \left\{ \sec^2 \alpha - \left(\frac{A_s}{A_F} \right)^2 \right\} \quad \dots \quad \dots \quad \dots \quad \dots \quad (4)$$

Therefore

$$\Phi_F = \left\{ \left(\frac{A_F}{A_s} \right)^2 \sec^2 \alpha - 1 \right\} \quad \dots \quad \dots \quad \dots \quad \dots \quad (5)$$

2.1.2. Whirl velocity component dissipated and axial momentum conserved.—A more logical assumption than constant static pressure is conservation of axial momentum. Even this must have certain limitations since the axial momentum is unevenly distributed across the flame tube diameter and is negative along the axis due to flow reversal.

The momentum equation is

$$p_1 A_s - p_2 A_F + \left(\frac{p_1 + p_2}{2} \right) (A_F - A_s) = \rho A_s V_a^2 \left\{ \frac{A_s}{A_F} - 1 \right\} \quad (6)$$

Thus

$$p_1 - p_2 = 2 \left(\frac{A_s}{A_F} \right) \left(\frac{A_s - A_F}{A_s + A_F} \right) \rho V_a^2$$

and

$$\Phi_F = \left(\frac{A_F}{A_s} \right)^2 \sec^2 \alpha - 1 + 4 \left(\frac{A_F}{A_s} \right) \left(\frac{A_s - A_F}{A_s + A_F} \right) \quad (7)$$

2.1.3. *Consideration of most reliable assumption.*—Of these two views the former has proved to be the more reliable. Although there is the possibility of some slight pressure recovery by virtue of the area change it is undoubtedly local and is dissipated by the friction in the ensuing recirculation and general combustion turbulence. The comparison is good between measured losses given in Ref. 5 and by calculation using equation (12) which is equation (5) plus the blade loss. For typical values of A_F , A_s and α the difference in loss factor Φ_F by using equations (5) and (7) rarely exceeds 5 per cent, the former giving better agreement with experimental results. Conservation of axial and angular momentum considerably increases the difference between calculated and experimental results.

2.1.4. *Blade losses.*—In the foregoing analysis the losses are assumed to originate from the resultant flow conditions of the air after leaving the swirler and no mention was made of the losses in the swirler itself. These are due to profile and secondary losses in the blades. The former are losses attributable to skin friction and separation, the latter due to three-dimensional effects. These losses are approximately of the same magnitude and in the case of swirlers where the incidence is zero, the principal factors affecting the overall blade loss are outlet angle, pitch/chord ratio and blade passage area. However, since the blade loss represents a very small proportion of the total swirler loss, an average figure of 15 per cent of the swirler outlet velocity head is taken⁶ for the blade loss for values of α in the range $65 \text{ deg} < \alpha < 85 \text{ deg}$. This figure was experimentally determined (*see* Ref. 6) and is independent of blade form.

For smaller values of α and for increased accuracy where such variables as blade height and thickness are taken into account, the following method abstracted from Ref. 7 is used.

This method is used for determining the losses in turbine nozzle guide vanes and there are obvious limitations when it is applied to swirlers. Errors are most likely to be associated with the secondary loss coefficient. Hub ratios (d/D) for turbines are of the order 0.8 whereas for swirlers they are about 0.2. Reducing the hub ratio undoubtedly increases the secondary loss for turbines and will presumably affect swirlers similarly, although to a greater degree. However, the deflection angles and flow accelerations are higher in swirlers and the latter at least will tend to reduce the loss. These various effects are allowed for (*see* section (b) below), but the overall impression is that the method of Ref. 8 when applied to swirlers tends to underestimate the secondary loss. Unfortunately there are not sufficient swirler tests for an independent estimate of the secondary loss to be made.

Conditions are considered at the reference radius r_m .

Details required (*see* Appendix I and Fig. 2).

(i) Blade chord, c at reference radius

(ii) Blade pitch, s at reference radius

Blade thickness $\sim t$ at reference radius

Free swirler area $\sim A_s = \pi(R^2 - r_0^2)$

(a) *Profile loss coefficient.*—From Fig. 3 knowing α and the pitch/chord ratio σ the profile loss coefficient Y_p is obtained.

Hence loss coefficient for swirler with flat plates is given by

$$\Phi_F = 1.3 \left(\frac{A_F}{A_s} \right)^2 \sec^2 \alpha - 1 \quad \dots \quad \dots \quad \dots \quad \dots \quad \dots \quad (14)$$

Obviously, the more accurate calculation of Y_t is impossible in this instance since the blades are permanently stalled due to the very high incidence.

2.1.10. *Varying Blade Angle—Curved Blades.*—In view of the manufacturing difficulties and the small increase in performance over the constant blade angle type, this type of swirler is now rarely used. The blades are usually of free vortex form giving maximum whirl velocity and hence low pressure at the centre. To apply the loss coefficient formula it is necessary to ascribe a value to $\sec \alpha$. As mentioned in section 2 negligible error is involved by applying values occurring at the mean radius r_m . As shown in Appendix III if the blades are of free vortex form V_a is constant and

$$\sec^2 \alpha = 1 + \frac{2r_0^2}{R^2 + r_0^2} \tan^2 \alpha_0$$

and
$$\Phi_F = \left[\left(\frac{A_F}{A_s} \right)^2 \left(1 + \frac{2r_0^2}{R^2 + r_0^2} \tan^2 \alpha_0 \right) (1 + Y_t) \right] - 1 \quad \dots \quad \dots \quad (15)$$

For forced vortex blades (rarely used)

$$\sec^2 \alpha = 1 + \frac{R^2 + r_0^2}{2(r_0^2 \operatorname{cosec}^2 \alpha_0 - R^2)}$$

and
$$\Phi_F = \left[\left(\frac{A_F}{A_s} \right)^2 \left(1 + \frac{R^2 + r_0^2}{2(r_0^2 \operatorname{cosec}^2 \alpha_0 - R^2)} \right) (1 + Y_t) \right] - 1 \quad \dots \quad \dots \quad (16)$$

2.1.11. *Ported swirler* (Fig. 7).—The development of a combustion chamber having low wall temperatures resulted in a stabilising baffle embodying this type of swirler. Assuming that the whirl and radial components of velocity are irrecoverable;

from the velocity triangle of Fig. 7

$$\text{loss} = \frac{1}{2} \rho (V_w^2 + V_a^2 \cot^2 \theta)$$

$$V_w = V_1 \cos \alpha$$

$$V_a = V_a' \sin \theta = V_1 \sin \alpha \sin \theta$$

Therefore
$$\text{loss} = \frac{1}{2} \rho V_1^2 (\cos^2 \alpha + \sin^2 \alpha \cos^2 \theta)$$

but
$$V_1 A_s \cos \alpha = V_2 A_F$$

therefore
$$\Phi_F = \left(\frac{A_F}{A_s} \right)^2 (1 + \tan^2 \alpha \cos^2 \theta) \dots \quad \dots \quad \dots \quad \dots \quad \dots \quad (17)$$

From equation (17), as the semi-angle of the cone and the air angle through the ports relative to the tangent at the ports increase, the loss decreases. This is to be expected. There are no known experimental results from which an allowance for blade loss, *i.e.*, air friction at the ports, can be made.

2.1.12. *Tangential port swirler*.—This type of swirler was last used on the early types of chamber for the W2B, W2/500 and W2/700 engines, and may not be used in the same form again. For the purpose of determining the loss it is reasonable to assume that the velocity head through the ports is lost,

$$i.e., \quad \Phi_F = \left(\frac{A_F}{A_s}\right)^2 \quad \dots \quad \dots \quad \dots \quad \dots \quad \dots \quad \dots \quad \dots \quad (18)$$

2.1.13. *Vortex-type swirler* (Fig. 8).—This type of swirler is basically a small vortex chamber followed by a throat and is a comparatively new type. Its ability to 'run full' gives it an advantage over the conventional swirler. With reference to Fig. 8, the pressure loss comprises two principal components. Firstly, that due to producing the whirl velocity at the throat and secondly, the production of the axial velocity component.

The pressure drop between the tangential entry and the throat is mainly a friction drop and, assuming the vortex decay law

$$V_w r^n = C,$$

total pressure drop ΔP can be shown to be

$$\Delta P = \frac{\rho C^2}{2} \left\{ \left(\frac{1}{r_2}\right)^{2n} - \left(\frac{1}{r_1}\right)^{2n} \right\} \left\{ \frac{1}{n} - 1 \right\} \quad \dots \quad \dots \quad \dots \quad \dots \quad (19)$$

by integrating the equation for static pressure drop in vortex flow:

$$\frac{dp}{dr} = \rho \frac{V_w^2}{r}$$

between r_1 and r_2 and since the swirl energy at the throat is irrecoverable

$$\Delta P = \frac{\rho C^2}{2} \left\{ \left(\frac{1}{r_2}\right)^{2n} - \left(\frac{1}{r_1}\right)^{2n} \right\} \left\{ \frac{1}{n} - 1 \right\} + \frac{1}{2} \rho V_w^2$$

and also the axial outlet velocity must be produced.

Hence total pressure drop

$$\Delta P = \frac{\rho C^2}{2} \left\{ \left(\frac{1}{r_2}\right)^{2n} - \left(\frac{1}{r_1}\right)^{2n} \right\} \left\{ \frac{1}{n} - 1 \right\} + \frac{1}{2} \rho V_w^2 + \frac{1}{2} \rho V_a^2 \left\{ 1 - \left(\frac{A_t}{A_F}\right)^2 \right\}$$

also by continuity

$$V_{w1} A_s = A_t V_a = A_F V_F \quad \dots \quad \dots \quad \dots \quad \dots \quad \dots \quad \dots \quad \dots \quad (20)$$

Therefore

$$\Delta P = \frac{\rho V_{w1}^2}{2} \left[\left(\frac{r_1}{r_2}\right)^{2n} \frac{1}{n} - \left(\frac{1}{n} - 1\right) + \left(\frac{A_s}{A_t}\right)^2 \left\{ 1 - \left(\frac{A_t}{A_F}\right)^2 \right\} \right], \quad \dots \quad (21)$$

thus

$$\Phi_F = \left(\frac{A_F}{A_s}\right)^2 \left[\left(\frac{r_1}{r_2}\right)^{2n} \frac{1}{n} - \left(\frac{1}{n} - 1\right) + \left(\frac{A_s}{A_t}\right)^2 \left\{ 1 - \left(\frac{A_t}{A_F}\right)^2 \right\} \right]. \quad \dots \quad (22)$$

For a free vortex $n = 1$, but tests on a model cyclone of approximately 18-in. maximum diameter and 6-in. wide have shown $n = 0.95$, and that n decreases further as the width is reduced. Since for a practical size of swirler the effective Reynolds number is lower and the wetted area/flow area ratio is greater, n will probably be of the order 0.8. No experimental results are available for confirmation of this value. The angle of swirl at the throat ω is given by

$$\omega = \tan^{-1} \frac{V_w}{V_a},$$

$$i.e., \quad \tan \omega = \left(\frac{r_1}{r_2}\right)^n \frac{A_t}{A_s} \quad \dots \quad \dots \quad \dots \quad \dots \quad \dots \quad \dots \quad \dots \quad (23)$$

Thus a wide latitude is allowed in designing a vortex swirler for a given value of swirl angle.

2.2. *Swirler Followed by a Throat.*—The combination of a swirler followed by a throat occurs frequently in chambers containing ceramic liners. This problem was studied⁹ and predicted values for the pressure loss were closely substantiated by experimental results. The problem is complicated by the fact that heat addition occurs at the reference planes downstream from the swirler exit. With reference to the notational diagram Fig. 9:

$$\text{Axial velocity from swirler outlet} = \frac{A_F \rho'}{A_s \rho} V_F, \quad \dots \dots \dots \dots \dots \dots (24)$$

$$\text{Whirl velocity from swirler outlet} = \frac{A_F \rho'}{A_s \rho} V_F \tan \alpha. \quad \dots \dots \dots \dots \dots \dots (25)$$

The kinetic energy changes between the plane of the swirler outlet and the ceramic liner throat are based on the assumptions that the axial velocity component increases in the ratio of the areas and the whirl velocity in the square root of this ratio, making it a type of free vortex. This latter assumption implies that the moment of momentum is constant on a stream surface and is described in Ref. 5.

$$\text{Axial velocity at throat} = \frac{A_F}{A_t} V_F \frac{\rho'}{\rho''} \quad \dots \dots \dots \dots \dots \dots (26)$$

$$\text{Whirl velocity at throat} = \frac{A_F}{A_s} \sqrt{\left(\frac{A_s}{A_t}\right) \frac{\rho'}{\rho''}} V_F \tan \alpha. \quad \dots \dots \dots \dots \dots \dots (27)$$

Thus assuming no pressure recovery and the static pressure difference to be negligible between the throat and the flame tube downstream

$$\begin{aligned} \text{loss} &= \frac{1}{2} \rho'' V_t^2 - \frac{1}{2} \rho' V_F^2 \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \rho'' \left\{ \left(\frac{\rho'}{\rho''}\right)^2 \left(\frac{A_F}{A_s}\right)^2 \frac{A_s}{A_t} \cdot V_F^2 \tan^2 \alpha + \left(\frac{A_F}{A_t}\right)^2 V_F^2 \left(\frac{\rho'}{\rho''}\right)^2 \right\} - \frac{1}{2} \rho' V_F^2 \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \rho' V_F^2 \left[\frac{\rho'}{\rho''} \left\{ \left(\frac{A_F^2}{A_s A_t}\right) \tan^2 \alpha + \left(\frac{A_F}{A_t}\right)^2 \right\} - 1 \right]. \quad \dots \dots \dots \dots \dots \dots (28) \end{aligned}$$

The blade loss in the swirler is

$$Y_t \left\{ \frac{1}{2} \rho \left(\frac{A_F \rho'}{A_s \rho} V_F \sec \alpha\right)^2 \right\}. \quad \dots \dots \dots \dots \dots \dots (29)$$

Overall loss factor obtained by combining equations (28) and (29) and simplifying

$$\Phi_F = \left[\left(\frac{\rho'}{\rho''}\right) \left(\frac{A_F}{A_t}\right)^2 \left\{ \frac{A_t}{A_s} \tan^2 \alpha + 1 \right\} + Y_t \left(\frac{\rho'}{\rho}\right) \left(\frac{A_F}{A_s}\right)^2 \sec^2 \alpha \right] - 1 \dots \dots \dots (30)$$

In equation (30) Y_t is determined by the methods given in sections 2.1.4, 2.1.5 and 2.1.9.

In the design or project stage, it is difficult to ascribe values to ρ'' i.e., the density at the throat. However, the density relationship throughout the primary zone may be written:

$$\left(\frac{1}{\rho''} - \frac{1}{\rho}\right) = G \left(\frac{1}{\rho'} - \frac{1}{\rho}\right) \quad \dots \dots \dots \dots \dots \dots (31)$$

which is based on a temperature relationship assuming constant static pressure. G is a factor ($0 < G < 1$) depending upon the amount of heat release between the exit of the swirler and the throat. The value of $\rho/\rho' = x$ say, can usually be fixed with a reasonable accuracy, and equation (31) reduces to

$$\frac{\rho''}{\rho} = \frac{1}{G(x-1) + 1}. \quad \dots \dots \dots \dots \dots \dots (32)$$

a small number of large holes has a 2 per cent higher pressure loss. It should be appreciated that the experimental error is of this order and also variation in the diameter of the holes has to be extremely small to account for this difference.

3.2.4. *Effect of hole shape.*—The shape of the hole for a given free area does affect the pressure loss by variation in the discharge coefficient. Circular holes have the lowest discharge coefficient for a given free area. Square orifices have slightly higher values of C_d and rectangular and elliptical orifices with high values of major/minor axis ratio higher values still. Typical minimum values, *i.e.*, corresponding to infinite area ratio, are given in Table 1 below.

TABLE 1

Type	Circular	Square	Rectangular	Elliptical	Elliptical
Axis ratio	—	1	3 : 1	2 : 1	4 : 1
C_d	0.60	0.62	0.63	0.62	0.63
Hydraulic mean depth ..	$0.282\sqrt{A}$	$0.25\sqrt{A}$	$0.214\sqrt{A}$	$0.26\sqrt{A}$	$0.204\sqrt{A}$

The vena-contracta is formed by the inward radial flows on the upstream face of the baffle acting on the jet periphery. For a hole in the centre of the baffle these contracting forces are strongest when acting normal to the jet surface. For a circular hole the forces act normal to the surface over the entire periphery and produce the greatest contraction. Thus contraction coefficient (C_c) increases as the hole shapes become 'less circular', *i.e.*, elliptical (2 : 1), square, rectangular, etc.

C_v , velocity coefficient, represents the ratio of actual to theoretical velocity through the hole and is due to viscosity and boundary friction. Hence increasing the periphery of a hole for a given cross-sectional area results in a decrease of C_v . For holes in thin plates C_v tends to unity and as periphery variations (as shown in Table 1 where hydraulic mean depth = $\frac{\text{cross-sectional area}}{\text{periphery}}$) are small, changes in C_v are negligible. Since discharge coefficient = $C_d = C_c C_v$ changes in C_c will be the predominating factor. Thus for maximum discharge through a given area the hole shape should be rectangular with, for example, an axis ratio of 4 : 1. However, practical disadvantages such as corner stress concentrations and manufacturing difficulties may outweigh the advantage of the small increase in (C_d).

For an annulus around a hemispherical baffle mean values of 0.9 for the discharge coefficient were obtained.

'Thumbnail' scoops have a discharge coefficient closely approaching unity.

3.2.5. *Effect of hole arrangement.*—No general conclusions may be drawn from the disposition of holes in a baffle. Various arrangements of holes, for a constant area ratio, lead to negligible changes in the overall loss factor.

3.2.6. *Effect of hole inclination.*—To determine the effect of inclination of the plane of the hole to the air stream a series of cones were tested in which the cone angle was varied but the area ratio and hole arrangement remained the same. When the holes were placed normal to the air-stream minimum loss was obtained. As the angle between the axes of the holes and the air stream θ increased the loss increased approximately as $\cos^2 \theta$ as shown in Fig. 12. This is to be expected since the projected area of the holes on a plane normal to the airflow is directly proportional to $\cos \theta$ and loss is proportional to the square of the area ratio. Fig. 13 shows relative loss defined as $\frac{\text{loss factor at inclination } \theta}{\text{loss factor at } \theta = 0 \text{ (i.e., minimum loss)}}$ plotted against θ . Placing the cone apex upstream or downstream had no measurable effect on the loss.

3.2.7. *Effect of turbulence.*—Ref. 14 gives details of experiments carried out on a series of flat plates which illustrate the effect of turbulence on drag. Fig. 14 shows the variation of pressure drop coefficient (static-pressure difference/free-stream velocity head) with percentage turbulence. The percentage turbulence is defined as

$$\frac{\text{root mean square of speed fluctuation}}{\text{average speed}} \times 100$$

The turbulence level was varied by placing large-wire-diameter, large-mesh gauzes upstream of the test section. Considering practical applications, the change of percentage turbulence is usually small in a given test set-up, but this feature of drag increase with percentage turbulence is important when comparing pressure loss measurements made on an identical component on two dissimilar rigs. However, reference to Fig. 14 shows that percentage turbulence changes will only account for small differences in pressure loss.

3.3. *Gutter Stabilisers.*—The loss due to gutters is mainly an expansion loss arising from the fuel injector situated in the high-velocity throat and also the diffusion loss up to the chamber cross-section from the downstream end of the gutter. For incompressible flow the loss is $(\lambda - 1)^2$ and includes a discharge coefficient for the gutter. For included gutter angles up to 15 deg the value of C_d is about unity. For higher angles the C_d decreases fairly rapidly, probably following a cosine law, but this is merely a hypothesis which, although qualitatively correct, should be confirmed experimentally before being used indiscriminately. If the throat velocity is greater than 200 ft/sec the curves of Ref. 11 should be used to allow for compressibility in determining the pressure loss.

For hot running the fundamental pressure loss due to heat addition (*see* section 6) is added to the cold loss. The result obtained may be high compared with the experimental value. This is due to the aerodynamic flow pattern around the gutter being significantly altered by combustion. The principal effects of combustion are to reduce the strength of the reverse flow (and hence the pressure loss) and to increase the length and breadth of the wake. A further contribution to the loss factor is the dissipation of the upstream component of the fuel momentum when injected in the throat. If the inlet air and fuel temperatures are substantially the same, increase in fuel flow results in an increase in pressure loss (of the order 3 to 5 per cent), but if the air temperature is high compared with the fuel the pressure loss tends to decrease. This latter phenomenon is due to the reduction in air temperature due to fuel vaporisation. The presence of the fuel increases the effective blockage at the throat, and since the throat velocity and permanent blockage are both high, exerts a measurable effect on the loss. If the throat section is long friction effects must be taken into account by the modified 'Fanning equation'

$$\frac{d(\Delta P)}{dl} = 4 \frac{f}{D} \cdot \frac{1}{2} \rho V^2 \quad \dots \quad (34)$$

for rectangular or annular cross-sectional areas the equivalent diameter (d_e) is used. f will vary between 0.002 and 0.008 depending on the Reynolds number as shown in Fig. 15.

The effect on pressure loss of using skirted gutters (*see* Figs. 16a and 16b) as opposed to the conventional type is negligible, although an improvement in flame stability may result. The use of 'finger' type flame spreaders attached to the downstream end of the gutter gives rise to a small increase in the loss which is accounted for approximately by the loss due to flow through the projected free area of the fingers in the plane of the gutter base as shown in Fig. 16c. This loss will probably be a little higher than the more gradual loss occurring along the fingers, but does give a basis for analytical determination. Diffusion losses can be treated by the method given in section 7.1.

From the preceding paragraph it is obvious that the pressure loss picture is far from complete, but correlation of the results of many experiments now in progress will improve the position.

5. *Mixing Losses.*—Up to this section most of the information is complete and valid for all types of combustion chamber but an incomplete knowledge of the mixing process restricts the application to low-speed chambers.

The pressure loss due to mixing is probably the most difficult loss to determine analytically without some experimental assistance, since it affects both the primary and secondary streams. The part of the mixing loss attributable to the secondary circuit is almost entirely due to expansion through the mixing holes. The loss associated with the primary circuit is made up of the flow through the effective blockage due to the radial 'spokes' of cold air and the subsequent macro-turbulence.

5.1. *Secondary Mixing Losses.*—As stated in the previous section the secondary mixing loss is given approximately by the velocity head through the holes. This requires a knowledge of the discharge coefficient, which is subject to a wide variation depending on hole area, outer duct area and the percentage flow from the outer duct through the hole. Fig. 17 is a curve of C_d versus a factor F/B where F is the percentage flow from the outer duct and B is the ratio of hole area/outer duct area. This curve was taken from Ref. 16 and is the result of water model tests with hole sizes ranging from 0.6 to 1.9 in. diameter. It is satisfactory to determine the percentage flow through the hole on an area basis.

Darling¹⁷ has also studied this problem using air as the flow medium and presents his values of discharge coefficient as a function of the 'Approach velocity factor', *i.e.*, V_1/V_2 where V_1 is the mean velocity in the approach channel, and V_2 is the mean velocity through the hole. The number of experimental points taken are less than in Ref. 17 and only one size of hole was used. Darling's results have been plotted on the same abscissa as the Lucas results in Fig. 17. The curves are of similar shape although the curve for air is some 7 per cent higher. For equal conditions of flow the discharge coefficient for air would be higher due to compressibility although by a very small amount. The real difference appears to be due to the positioning of the static taps on the two separate rigs. For the water model they are situated in the annulus some $2\frac{3}{4}$ -in. upstream of the injection hole axis whereas for the air tests the tap was situated on the outer annulus wall directly above the centre of the hole. The maximum value of C_d obtained in Ref. 17 is higher than anticipated for this type of discharge. The true values for air are probably a little higher than the water results although negligible error will result in applying these directly to air calculations*.

The secondary pressure loss due to mixing will then be given by

$$\Delta P = \frac{1}{2}\rho \left(\frac{V_h}{C_d}\right)^2, \quad \dots \quad (41)$$

C_d being obtained from Fig. 17.

For holes inclined to the direction of flow the discharge coefficient obtained from Fig. 17 should be increased by the root of the relative loss factor since $C_d \propto 1/\Phi$. For example, if the mixer has a semi-angle of 15 deg then with reference to Fig. 13, $\theta = 75$ deg, and C_d obtained from Fig. 17 is multiplied by $\sqrt{(1.482/1.452)}$.

The preceding statements assume that the hot-stream effects are negligible. This is probably true for low-speed industrial-type chambers but evidence from experiments now in progress suggests that the hot-stream momentum substantially affects the result and reduces the value of the pressure drop as given by equation (41).

5.2. *Primary Mixing Losses.*—Losses in the hot stream from the injection plane to the 'mixed' plane are approximately half the velocity head at the plane of injection and are thus very small. For very large or industrial-type chambers it can be regarded as negligible. This part of the work will be in a much more exact form when the results of mixing experiments now in progress are available.

* This statement is confirmed by an American Report 'Can burner hole discharge coefficient investigation', Consolidated Vultee Aircraft Corporation No. 6149, just received.

6. *Heat Addition Losses.*—If, as is usual, the combustion occurs in a parallel duct immediately downstream of the primary baffle the ‘fundamental’ loss of pressure is given by

$$\Delta P = \frac{1}{2}\rho_1 V_1^2 \left(\frac{\rho_1}{\rho_2} - 1 \right) \quad \dots \quad \dots \quad \dots \quad \dots \quad \dots \quad (42)$$

and if the static pressure difference is small

$$\Delta P = \frac{1}{2}\rho_1 V_1^2 \left(\frac{T_2}{T_1} - 1 \right) \quad \dots \quad \dots \quad \dots \quad \dots \quad \dots \quad (42a)$$

In the case of a varying cross-sectional area in the flame tube, it is best to consider in detail the relative proportions of heat release as in section 2.2.

7. *Miscellaneous Losses.*—7.1. *Diffusion Losses.*—For various reasons the reduction of velocity in the compressor diffuser is often limited and the inlet velocity to the combustion chamber is frequently greater than 300 ft/sec, the exact value depending to a large extent on the type of compressor. Typical values for the velocity in the secondary annulus are of the order of 150 ft/sec and it is necessary to reduce the inlet air velocity to that existing in the secondary annulus as efficiently as possible. The efficiency of a diffuser may be defined by a factor e which gives the efficiency of conversion of velocity head to static pressure.

Thus
$$p_2 - p_1 = e \frac{\rho}{2g} (v_1^2 - v_2^2) \quad \dots \quad \dots \quad \dots \quad \dots \quad \dots \quad (43)$$

Therefore

$$\text{total pressure loss } P_1 - P_2 = (1 - e) \frac{\rho}{2g} (v_1^2 - v_2^2) \quad \dots \quad \dots \quad \dots \quad \dots \quad \dots \quad (44)$$

$$\text{loss factor } \Phi = (1 - e) \left\{ 1 - \left(\frac{A_1}{A_2} \right)^2 \right\} \quad \dots \quad \dots \quad \dots \quad \dots \quad \dots \quad (45)$$

Values of e have been taken from Ref. 18 which agree with experimental results given in Ref. 19 and are plotted in Fig. 18 against total diffuser angle θ . A recent report²⁰ has shown that asymmetry of the inlet velocity distribution has a marked effect on diffuser efficiency especially for large diffuser angles. A low velocity region near the wall is equally undesirable.

7.2. *Losses Due to Bends.*—Although not explicitly a component of the combustion chamber, bend entries and exits for combustion chambers are relatively common and their loss is frequently included in the overall chamber loss figure. Accurate data for the losses in bends is given in Ref. 21, but in general terms it can be stated that, for a bend without diffusion and with a directional change not exceeding 90 deg, and having a mean radius not less than 1.5 times the duct diameter or passage width, the pressure loss will not exceed half the velocity head. The loss round a sharp bend can be reduced by imparting an acceleration to the air.

Cascade bends are now universally employed in gas turbine systems by virtue of their efficiency both in terms of pressure drop and their ability to turn the air through a desired angle. Ref. 22 gives the design details and procedure for constructing a bend in which the blades are spaced in an arithmetic progression from the inside radius. The pressure loss associated with such a bend is affected by size and manufacturing variations (especially internal finish) but a loss figure of 25 per cent of the velocity head through the bend is sufficiently accurate for most purposes.

7.3. *Losses Due to Corrugated Spacers.*—This form of construction is now used frequently as a mechanical spacer for skin cooling of combustion chamber walls. The discharge coefficient of this spacer was investigated²³ on a water model and found to be 0.8 when based on the drawing dimensions and 0.9 in terms of the actual measured areas. The variation in drawing and measured dimensions is due to manufacturing difficulties principally in the welding operation. For design purposes the estimated area of the section is used for which C_d equals 0.8.

But $q \propto W^2$ since ρ is assumed constant at the reference area for all flows.

Therefore
$$W_1\sqrt{\phi_1} = W_2\sqrt{\phi_2} = W_3\sqrt{\phi_3}, \text{ etc.}, \quad \dots \quad \dots \quad \dots \quad \dots \quad (49)$$

and the overall loss factor is given by

$$\Phi = \phi_1 \left(\frac{W_1}{W}\right)^2 = \phi_2 \left(\frac{W_2}{W}\right)^2, \text{ etc.} \quad \dots \quad \dots \quad \dots \quad \dots \quad (50)$$

Also since the sum of the percentage flows through each circuit must equal the total flow

$$W = 100 = W_1 + W_2 + W_3, \text{ etc.} \quad \dots \quad \dots \quad \dots \quad \dots \quad (51)$$

Thus any required circuit flow say W_1 is given by :

$$\begin{aligned} W_1 &= 100 - W_2 - W_3 \\ &= 100 - W_1 \left(\frac{\phi_1}{\phi_2}\right)^{1/2} - W_1 \left(\frac{\phi_1}{\phi_3}\right)^{1/2} \\ W_1 &= \frac{100}{1 + \left(\frac{\phi_1}{\phi_2}\right)^{1/2} + \left(\frac{\phi_1}{\phi_3}\right)^{1/2}}. \quad \dots \quad \dots \quad \dots \quad \dots \quad (52) \end{aligned}$$

Also

$$\Phi = \frac{\phi_1}{\left[1 + \left(\frac{\phi_1}{\phi_2}\right)^{1/2} + \left(\frac{\phi_1}{\phi_3}\right)^{1/2}\right]^2},$$

assuming there is a total of three circuits.

9. *Conclusions.*—By means of the analysis of component pressure losses in this Report it should be possible to make a reasonably accurate theoretical calculation of the cold airflow distribution and overall loss factor of a combustion chamber. Certain limitations in our knowledge of compressible flow characteristics, especially mixing of gas streams, imposes a restriction on the accuracy for high velocity chambers. This contingency will be obviated by experimental work now in hand. The comparison between calculated and measured pressure drop for a typical combustion chamber as shown in Appendix II is good. The percentage difference may be fortuitous but the prospects of calculating the cold pressure drop of a chamber from the design drawing with an accuracy of ± 5 per cent seems favourable. Assuming the mixing experiments improve the 'hot' pressure loss calculations, the method can probably be further refined by comparing calculated and measured results from a variety of chambers.

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APPENDIX I

List of Symbols

<i>A</i>	Cross-sectional area (ft ²)
<i>B</i>	Ratio $\frac{\text{hole area}}{\text{outer duct area}}$ (<i>see</i> Fig. 17) (dimensionless)
<i>C</i>	Constant for vortex decay law
<i>c</i>	Blade chord
<i>C_a</i>	Discharge coefficient (dimensionless)
<i>C_L</i>	Lift coefficient (<i>see</i> equations 9 and 10) (dimensionless)
<i>D</i>	Outer diameter (ft)
<i>d</i>	Inner diameter (ft)
<i>d_e</i>	Equivalent diameter = $4 \times \frac{\text{cross-sectional area}}{\text{perimeter}}$ (ft)
<i>e</i>	Diffuser efficiency (dimensionless)
<i>F</i>	Percentage flow from outer duct (<i>see</i> Fig. 17) (dimensionless)
<i>f</i>	Friction factor (<i>see</i> equation 34) (dimensionless)
<i>G</i>	Heat release factor (<i>see</i> equation 31) (dimensionless)
<i>H</i>	Total energy per unit mass (ft ² sec ⁻²)
<i>K</i>	Secondary loss factor (<i>see</i> equation 10) (dimensionless)
<i>L, l</i>	Length (ft)
<i>M</i>	Mach number (dimensionless)
<i>M_v</i>	Mach number at vena-contracta (dimensionless)
<i>m</i>	Area ratio = d^2/D^2 (dimensionless)
<i>n</i>	Index in vortex decay law (dimensionless)
<i>P</i>	Total pressure (lb/ft ²)
<i>p</i>	Static pressure (lb/ft ²)
<i>ΔP</i>	Total pressure loss (lb/ft ²)
<i>Δp</i>	Static pressure loss (lb/ft ²)
<i>Q</i>	Mass flow per unit cooled surface area (slugs sec ⁻¹ ft ⁻²)
<i>R, r</i>	Radii (ft)
<i>R_e</i>	Reynolds number (dimensionless)
<i>S</i>	Perimeter (ft)
<i>s</i>	Pitch (ft)
<i>t</i>	Blade thickness (ft)

List of Symbols—contd.

V	Absolute velocity (ft/sec)
V_a	Axial velocity (ft/sec)
V_h	Velocity through hole (ft/sec)
V_w	Whirl velocity (ft/sec)
W	Weight flow (lb/sec)
x	Area (ft ²)
Y_p	Profile-loss coefficient (dimensionless)
Y_s	Secondary-loss coefficient (dimensionless)
Y_t	Total-loss coefficient (dimensionless)
y	Area (ft ²)
Z	Coefficient of permeability (<i>see</i> equation (36)) (in ²)
α	Outlet air angle (dimensionless)
β	Blade outlet angle (dimensionless)
γ	Ratio of specific heats (dimensionless)
θ	Baffle semi-cone angle (dimensionless)
λ	Effective area ratio (dimensionless)
μ	Viscosity (slugs ft ⁻¹ sec ⁻¹)
ρ	Density (slugs ft ⁻³)
ρ'	Flame tube density (<i>see</i> Fig. 9) (slugs ft ⁻³)
ρ''	Throat density (<i>see</i> Fig. 9) (slugs ft ⁻³)
σ	Pitch/chord ratio = s/c (dimensionless)
Φ, ϕ	Loss coefficient = $(P_1 - P_2)/\frac{1}{2}\rho_1 V_1^2$ (dimensionless)
ω	Swirl angle for vortex swirler (<i>see</i> section 2.1.13) (dimensionless)

Suffices

0	Known condition, usually inner radius
1	Entry or initial condition
2	Outlet or final condition
F	Pertaining to flame tube
m	Pertaining to mean radius
s	Pertaining to swirler or secondary
t	Throat condition

APPENDIX II

Airflow Distribution and Overall Loss Factor for a Conventional Chamber (Rolls Royce R.M.60 Model)

As can be seen from Fig. 19 the airflow is divided into eight separate flow circuits. Each individual loss factor will be expressed in terms of the velocity head pertaining to the overall chamber cross-sectional area.

To determine the 'hot' distribution at a given temperature ratio, the cold distribution is used to calculate the primary combustion zone temperature. Strictly, a method of successive approximation should be used to allow for small redistributions of airflow but the magnitude of the errors involved and the general accuracy of the method as a whole do not warrant it.

Calculation of Individual Loss Factors

(1) Expansion ratio through primary orifice

$$= \frac{2.91}{0.84} = 3.47, \text{ i.e., } m = 0.312.$$

From Fig. 11

$$C_d = 0.6 \times 1.058 = 0.635.$$

The effect of the shoulder will certainly reduce the discharge and a C_d of 0.6 is used.

$$\text{Loss through orifice} = (\lambda - 1)^2 = \left(\frac{3.47}{0.6} - 1\right)^2 = 22.8.$$

In terms of reference area

$$\phi = 22.8 \times \left(\frac{38.5}{2.91}\right)^2 = 3,990.$$

Considering the swirler

$$\alpha = 54 \text{ deg} \quad A_F = 21.3 \text{ in.}^2 \quad A_s = 2.6 \text{ in.}^2$$

By equation (12)

$$\Phi_F = 1.15 \left(\frac{21.3}{2.6}\right)^2 \frac{1}{(0.5878)^2} - 1$$

In terms of reference area

$$\begin{aligned} \phi &= 222 \times \left(\frac{38.5}{21.3}\right)^2 \\ &= 725. \end{aligned}$$

The overall loss for the two resistances in series is the algebraic sum of the loss factors (when expressed in terms of the same area).

$$\underline{\text{Loss through No. 1 Circuit} = \phi_1 = 4,715.}$$

(2) Loss through corrugated spacer:

$$\text{Free area} = 1.07 \text{ in.}^2$$

$$\text{Expanded area} = 2.43 \text{ in.}^2$$

from section 7.3

$$C_d = 0.8.$$

$$\text{Loss in terms of reference area} = \left(\frac{2.43}{1.07 \times 0.8} - 1\right)^2 \left(\frac{38.5}{2.43}\right)^2 = 850.$$

'Expansion' loss after spacer in terms of reference area

$$= \left\{\left(\frac{21.3}{2.43}\right) - 1\right\}^2 \left(\frac{38.5}{21.3}\right)^2 = 197$$

Loss through No. 2 Circuit = $\phi_2 = 1,047$.

(3) Loss through primary holes:

Firstly, the C_a of the holes must be estimated by the method outlined in section 5.1 and Fig. 17.

F is determined on an area basis only

$$F = \frac{100 \times 1.39}{1.39 + 0.48 + 0.55 + 3.49 + 1.99 + 3.49}$$

$$= \frac{139}{11.39} = 12.2 \text{ per cent .}$$

$$B = \frac{1.39}{16.6} = 0.0837$$

$$\frac{F}{B} = \frac{12.2}{0.0837} = 146 .$$

From Fig. 17

$$C_a = 0.582 .$$

$$\text{Loss in terms of reference area} = \left(\frac{21.3}{1.39 \times 0.582} - 1 \right)^2 \left(\frac{38.5}{21.3} \right)^2$$

$$\phi_3 = 2,090 .$$

(4) Loss through first row of cooling holes:

$$F = \frac{100 \times 0.48}{10.0} = 4.80 \text{ per cent}$$

$$B = \frac{0.48}{16.6} = 0.0289$$

$$\frac{F}{B} = \frac{4.80}{0.0289} = 166 .$$

From Fig. 17

$$C_a = 0.595 .$$

Since these holes are inclined at an angle of 17 deg the discharge coefficient is increased (see section 5.1 and Fig. 13).

$$C_a = 0.595 \times \sqrt{\left(\frac{1.482}{1.442} \right)} = 0.603 .$$

It is assumed that the air entering these holes forms an annular sheath which does not substantially increase in thickness as it flows downstream.

$$\text{Loss factor } \phi_4 = \left(\frac{23.8 - 21.3}{0.603 \times 0.48} - 1 \right)^2 \left(\frac{38.5}{2.5} \right)^2 = 13,800$$

$$\phi_4 = 13,800 .$$

(5) Loss through second set of cooling holes:

$$F = \frac{100 \times 0.55}{9.52} = 5.78 \text{ per cent}$$

$$B = \frac{0.55}{14.1} = 0.039$$

$$\frac{F}{B} = \frac{5.78}{0.039} = 148 .$$

From Fig. 17

$$C_a = 0.585 .$$

Since holes are inclined at 20 deg, from Fig. 13, C_d is increased.

$$C_d = 0.585 \times \sqrt{\frac{1.482}{1.426}} = 0.596$$

assuming the air forms an annular sheath as before

$$\phi_5 = \left(\frac{26.6 - 23.8}{0.596 \times 0.55} - 1 \right)^2 \left(\frac{38.5}{2.8} \right)^2 = 10,700.$$

$$\phi_5 = 10,700.$$

(6) Loss through first row of mixing holes :

$$F = \frac{100 \times 3.49}{8.975} = 38.9 \text{ per cent}$$

$$B = \frac{3.49}{11.3} = 0.309$$

$$\frac{F}{B} = \frac{38.9}{0.309} = 126.$$

From Fig. 17

$$C_d = 0.564.$$

$$\text{Mixing loss} = \frac{1}{2} \rho \left(\frac{V_h}{C_d} \right)^2.$$

Therefore

$$\phi_6 = \left(\frac{1}{0.564} \right)^2 \left(\frac{38.5}{3.49} \right)^2 = 383$$

$$\phi_6 = 383.$$

(7) Loss through third set of cooling holes :

$$F = \frac{100 \times 1.99}{1.99 + 3.49} = \frac{199}{5.48} = 36.3 \text{ per cent}$$

$$B = \frac{1.99}{11.3} = 0.176$$

$$\frac{F}{B} = \frac{36.3}{0.176} = 206$$

$$C_d = 0.608.$$

Since inclination is 20 deg C_d is further increased. From Fig. 13

$$C_d = 0.608 \times \sqrt{\frac{1.482}{1.426}} = 0.62.$$

By equation (41) the loss factor in terms of the hole

$$\text{area} = \left(\frac{1}{0.62} \right)^2 = 2.6$$

$$\phi_7 = 2.6 \left(\frac{38.5}{1.99} \right)^2 = 974$$

$$\phi_7 = 974.$$

Equation (41) was used as it is very difficult to decide to which effective area the injected air eventually 'expands'.

(8) Loss through final mixing holes :

$$F = 100 \text{ per cent}$$

$$B = \frac{3.49}{8.3} = 0.42$$

$$\frac{F}{B} = \frac{100}{0.42} = 238.$$

Therefore

$$C_d = 0.61.$$

$$\phi_s = \left(\frac{1}{0.61} \right)^2 \left(\frac{38.5}{3.49} \right)^2 = 327$$

$$\underline{\phi_s = 327.}$$

Cold air distribution :

$$\phi_1 = 4,715 \qquad \sqrt{\phi_1} = 68.7$$

$$\phi_2 = 1,047 \qquad \sqrt{\phi_2} = 32.4$$

$$\phi_3 = 2,090 \qquad \sqrt{\phi_3} = 45.7$$

$$\phi_4 = 13,800 \qquad \sqrt{\phi_4} = 117.6$$

$$\phi_5 = 10,700 \qquad \sqrt{\phi_5} = 107.0$$

$$\phi_6 = 383 \qquad \sqrt{\phi_6} = 19.6$$

$$\phi_7 = 974 \qquad \sqrt{\phi_7} = 31.2$$

$$\phi_8 = 327 \qquad \sqrt{\phi_8} = 18.1.$$

By equation (51)

$$W_1 = \frac{100}{1 + \frac{68.7}{32.4} + \frac{68.7}{45.7} + \frac{68.7}{117.6} + \frac{68.7}{107.0} + \frac{68.7}{19.6} + \frac{68.7}{31.2} + \frac{68.7}{18.1}}$$

$$= \frac{100}{1 + 2.12 + 1.50 + 0.58 + 0.64 + 3.51 + 2.20 + 3.80} = \frac{100}{15.35}$$

$W_1 = 6.5$ per cent.

$$W_2 = \frac{100}{\frac{32.4}{68.7} + 1 + \frac{32.4}{45.7} + \frac{32.4}{117.6} + \frac{32.4}{107.0} + \frac{32.4}{19.6} + \frac{32.4}{31.2} + \frac{32.4}{18.1}}$$

$$= \frac{100}{0.47 + 1 + 0.71 + 0.27 + 0.30 + 1.65 + 1.04 + 1.79} = \frac{100}{7.23}$$

$W_2 = 13.8$ per cent.

$$W_3 = \frac{100}{\frac{45.7}{68.7} + \frac{45.7}{32.4} + 1 + \frac{45.7}{117.6} + \frac{45.7}{107.0} + \frac{45.7}{19.6} + \frac{45.7}{31.2} + \frac{45.7}{18.1}}$$

$$= \frac{100}{0.66 + 1.42 + 1 + 0.39 + 0.43 + 2.34 + 1.47 + 2.53} = \frac{100}{10.24}$$

$W_3 = 9.8$ per cent.

$$W_4 = \frac{100}{\frac{117.6}{68.7} + \frac{117.6}{32.4} + \frac{117.6}{45.7} + 1 + \frac{117.6}{107} + \frac{117.6}{19.6} + \frac{117.6}{31.2} + \frac{117.6}{18.1}}$$

$$= \frac{100}{1.71 + 3.63 + 2.57 + 1 + 1.10 + 6.00 + 3.77 + 6.50} = \frac{100}{26.28}$$

$W_4 = 3.8$ per cent.

$$W_5 = \frac{100}{\frac{107}{68.7} + \frac{107}{32.4} + \frac{107}{45.7} + \frac{107}{117.6} + 1 + \frac{107}{19.6} + \frac{107}{31.2} + \frac{107}{18.1}}$$

$$= \frac{100}{1.56 + 3.30 + 2.34 + 0.91 + 1 + 5.42 + 3.43 + 5.90} = \frac{100}{23.86}$$

$W_5 = 4.2$ per cent.

$$W_6 = \frac{100}{\frac{19.6}{68.7} + \frac{19.6}{32.4} + \frac{19.6}{45.7} + \frac{19.6}{117.6} + \frac{19.6}{107} + 1 + \frac{19.6}{31.2} + \frac{19.6}{18.1}}$$

$$= \frac{100}{0.28 + 0.60 + 0.43 + 0.17 + 0.18 + 1 + 0.63 + 1.08} = \frac{100}{4.37}$$

$W_6 = 22.8$ per cent.

$$W_7 = \frac{100}{\frac{31.2}{68.7} + \frac{31.2}{32.4} + \frac{31.2}{45.7} + \frac{31.2}{117.6} + \frac{31.2}{107.0} + \frac{31.2}{19.6} + 1 + \frac{31.2}{18.1}}$$

$$= \frac{100}{0.45 + 0.96 + 0.68 + 0.26 + 0.29 + 1.59 + 1 + 1.72} = \frac{100}{6.95}$$

$W_7 = 14.4$ per cent.

$$W_8 = \frac{100}{\frac{18.1}{68.7} + \frac{18.1}{32.4} + \frac{18.1}{45.7} + \frac{18.1}{117.6} + \frac{18.1}{107.0} + \frac{18.1}{19.6} + \frac{18.1}{31.2} + 1}$$

$$= \frac{100}{0.26 + 0.56 + 0.40 + 0.15 + 0.17 + 0.92 + 0.58 + 1} = \frac{100}{4.04}$$

$W_8 = 24.7$ per cent.

Check: $6.5 + 13.8 + 9.8 + 3.8 + 4.2 + 22.8 + 14.4 + 24.7 = 100$ per cent.

Overall cold loss factor by Equation (50)

$$\Phi = \phi_1 \left(\frac{W_1}{W} \right)^2 = 4,715 \left(\frac{6.5}{100} \right)^2 = 19.9$$

= 19.9 in terms of reference velocity heads.

Check: $\Phi = \phi_2 \left(\frac{W_2}{W} \right)^2 = 1,047 \left(\frac{13.8}{100} \right)^2 = 19.9$.

The measured value of the cold pressure loss factor was 20.7 an error of about 4 per cent.

Hot pressure loss

To determine the effect of heat addition it is necessary to arrive at a value for the primary temperature.

Using the previously determined air flow distribution and assuming circuits 1, 2 and 3 constitute the primary air flow.

$$\text{Percentage primary air} = 6.5 + 13.8 + 9.8 = 30.1 \text{ per cent.}$$

Neglecting specific heat variation and assuming :—

$$\text{Inlet temperature} = 200 \text{ deg C.}$$

$$\text{Outlet temperature} = 700 \text{ deg C.}$$

If T_1 is the primary absolute temperature
then $30.1T_1 + 69.9 \times 473 = 100 \times 973$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{therefore } T_1 &= \frac{97,300 - 33,000}{30.1} = \frac{64,300}{30.1} \\ &= 2,130 \text{ deg K.} \end{aligned}$$

By equation (42a)

$$\text{Heat addition loss factor} = \left(\frac{2,130}{473} - 1 \right)$$

and in terms of reference area

$$= \left(\frac{1,657}{473} \right) \left(\frac{38.5}{21.3} \right)^2 = 11.4.$$

Overall primary loss factor excluding combustion loss is by equation (50)

$$\phi_p = \Phi \left(\frac{W}{W_1 + W_2 + W_3} \right)^2 = 19.9 \left(\frac{100}{30.1} \right)^2 = \frac{19.9}{0.301^2} = 220.$$

New primary loss factor including combustion loss will be $220 + 11.4 = 231.4$.

Assuming the secondary loss factor remains constant

$$\phi_s = \frac{19.9}{(0.699)^2} = 40.8.$$

Therefore the new distribution is

$$Q_p \sqrt{(231.4)} = Q_s \sqrt{(40.8)}.$$

Thus percentage through primary

$$= \frac{100}{1 + \sqrt{\left(\frac{231.4}{40.8} \right)}} = 29.5 \text{ per cent.}$$

Thus heat addition has reduced the primary total flow by $30.1 - 29.5 = 0.6$ per cent.

$$\text{The new hot loss factor} = 231.4(0.295)^2 = 20.2$$

The measured hot loss factor for the assumed temperature rise was 25, an error of about 20 per cent.

APPENDIX III

Derivation of Theoretical Whirl and Axial Velocity Distributions

The equation for radial equilibrium in vortex flow is

$$\frac{1}{\rho} \frac{d\phi}{dr} = \frac{V_w^2}{r} \quad \dots \quad \dots \quad \dots \quad \dots \quad \dots \quad \dots \quad \dots \quad (1)$$

The total energy/unit mass at any radius r is given by Bernoulli's equation for a compressible fluid

$$H = \frac{V_a^2}{2} + \frac{V_w^2}{2} + \frac{\gamma}{\gamma - 1} \frac{\phi}{\rho} \quad \dots \quad \dots \quad \dots \quad \dots \quad (2)$$

Assuming the expansion to be

$$\frac{\phi}{\rho^\gamma} = \text{constant} \quad \dots \quad \dots \quad \dots \quad \dots \quad \dots \quad \dots \quad \dots \quad (3)$$

and that H is constant, we have by differentiating (2) and (3) that

$$V_a \frac{dV_a}{dr} + V_w \frac{dV_w}{dr} + \frac{1}{\rho} \frac{d\phi}{dr} = 0$$

and using (1)

$$V_a \frac{dV_a}{dr} + V_w \frac{dV_w}{dr} + \frac{V_w^2}{r} = 0 \quad \dots \quad \dots \quad \dots \quad \dots \quad \dots \quad \dots \quad \dots \quad (4)$$

The general vortex law is

$$V_w r^n = C \quad \dots \quad \dots \quad \dots \quad \dots \quad \dots \quad \dots \quad \dots \quad (5)$$

and also

$$\tan \alpha = \frac{V_w}{V_a} \quad \dots \quad \dots \quad \dots \quad \dots \quad \dots \quad \dots \quad \dots \quad (6)$$

and (5) and (6)

$$V_a \tan \alpha \cdot r^n = C \quad \dots \quad \dots \quad \dots \quad \dots \quad \dots \quad \dots \quad \dots \quad (7)$$

By differentiation

$$\tan \alpha \cdot r^n \frac{dV_a}{dr} + V_a \tan \alpha \cdot n r^{n-1} + V_a r^n \sec^2 \alpha \frac{d\alpha}{dr} = 0$$

whence

$$\frac{d\alpha}{dr} = -\frac{1}{2} \sin 2\alpha \left(\frac{1}{V_a} \frac{dV_a}{dr} + \frac{n}{r} \right) \quad \dots \quad \dots \quad \dots \quad \dots \quad (8)$$

Differentiating (6)

$$\frac{dV_w}{dr} = \frac{dV_a}{dr} \tan \alpha + V_a \sec^2 \alpha \frac{d\alpha}{dr}$$

Therefore

$$V_w \frac{dV_w}{dr} = V_a \frac{dV_a}{dr} \tan^2 \alpha + V_a^2 \sec^2 \alpha \tan \alpha \frac{d\alpha}{dr} \quad \dots \quad \dots \quad (9)$$

Substituting for $d\alpha/dr$ in (9) and then substituting for $V_w \cdot dV_w/dr$ and V_w^2/r in (4) finally gives

$$V_a \frac{dV_a}{dr} + (1 - n) C^2 r^{-(2n+1)} = 0$$

Integrating, using subscript 0 to refer to conditions at the inner radius for convenience

$$V_a^2 = V_{a0}^2 + C^2 \frac{(1 - n)}{n} \left[\frac{1}{r^{2n}} - \frac{1}{r_0^{2n}} \right] \quad \dots \quad \dots \quad \dots \quad (10)$$

Free vortex blading

For free vortex flow $n = 1$.

Therefore from equation (10) $V_a = V_{a0} = \text{constant}$

and by equation (7)

$$\tan \alpha = \frac{J}{r} \text{ where } J = \text{constant} = \frac{C}{V_{a0}}.$$

Now
$$\sec^2 \alpha_m = 1 + \frac{C^2}{r_m^2 V_a^2}$$

and the weighted mean radius
$$= r_m = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (R^2 + r_0^2)^{1/2}.$$

Therefore
$$\sec^2 \alpha_m = 1 + \frac{2r_0^2 \tan^2 \alpha_0}{R^2 + r_0^2} \dots \dots \dots (11)$$

Forced vortex blading

For forced vortex flow $n = -1$.

Therefore from equation (10) $V_a^2 = V_{a0}^2 - 2C^2(r^2 - r_0^2)$

and
$$\tan \alpha = \frac{C_r}{\sqrt{\{V_{a0}^2 - 2C^2(r^2 - r_0^2)\}}}$$

Therefore
$$\tan \alpha_m = \frac{r_m}{\sqrt{\left\{ \frac{r_0^2}{\tan^2 \alpha_0} - 2(r_m^2 - r_0^2) \right\}}}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \sec^2 \alpha_m &= 1 + \left[\frac{(R^2 + r_0^2)}{2 \left\{ \frac{r_0^2}{\tan^2 \alpha_0} - (R^2 - r_0^2) \right\}} \right] \\ &= 1 + \frac{(R^2 + r_0^2) \tan^2 \alpha_0}{2 \{ r_0^2 \sec^2 \alpha_0 - R^2 \tan^2 \alpha_0 \}} \\ &= 1 + \left\{ \frac{(R^2 + r_0^2)}{2(r_0^2 \operatorname{cosec}^2 \alpha_0 - R^2)} \right\} \dots \dots \dots (12) \end{aligned}$$

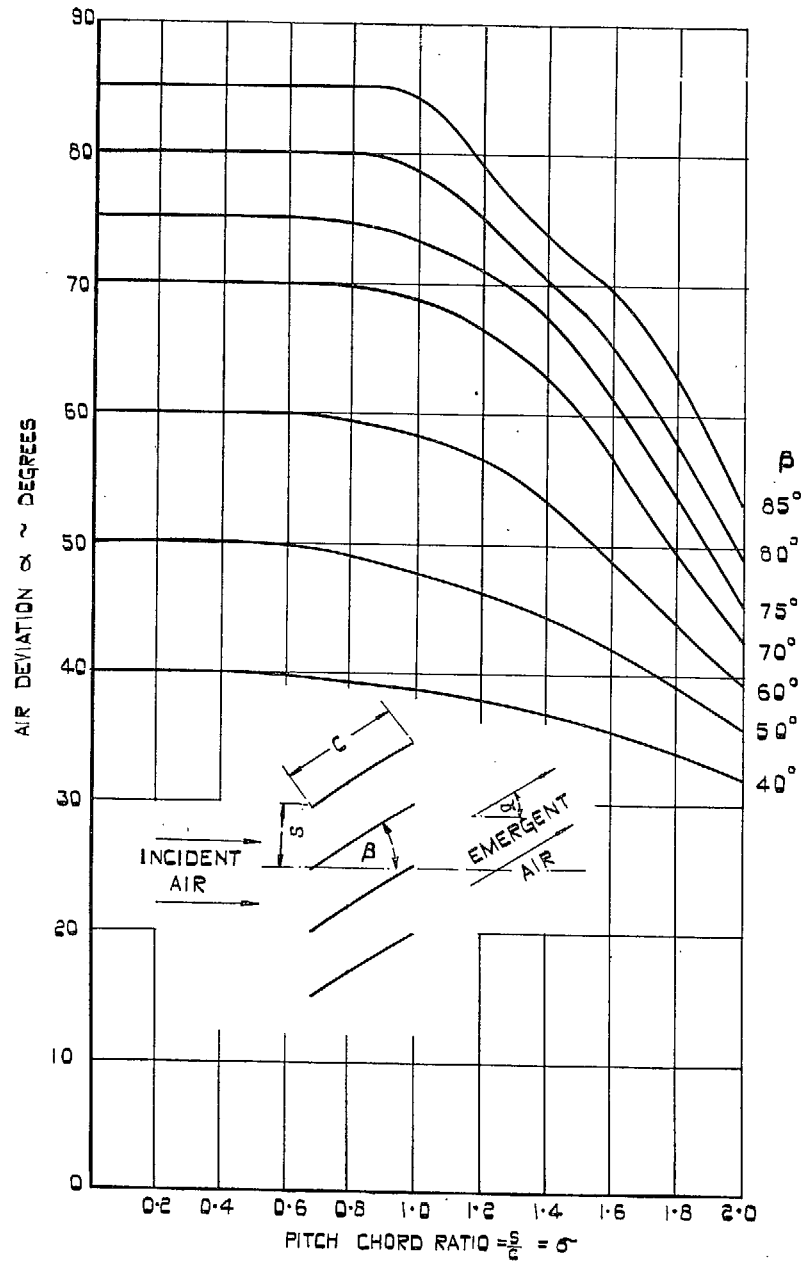


FIG. 1. Variation of air outlet angle for flat plate cascades.

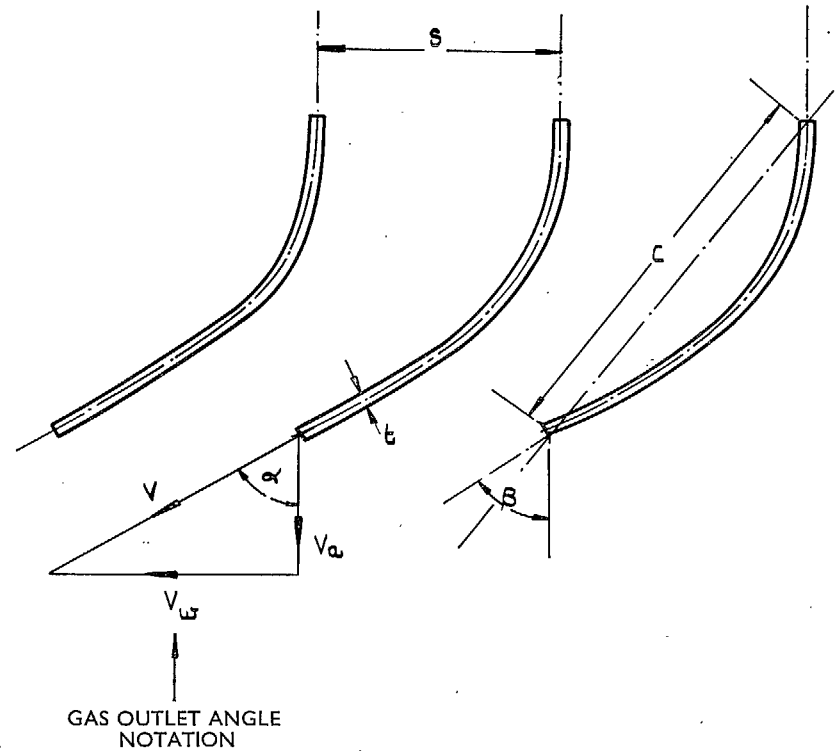


FIG. 2. Swirler blade nomenclature.

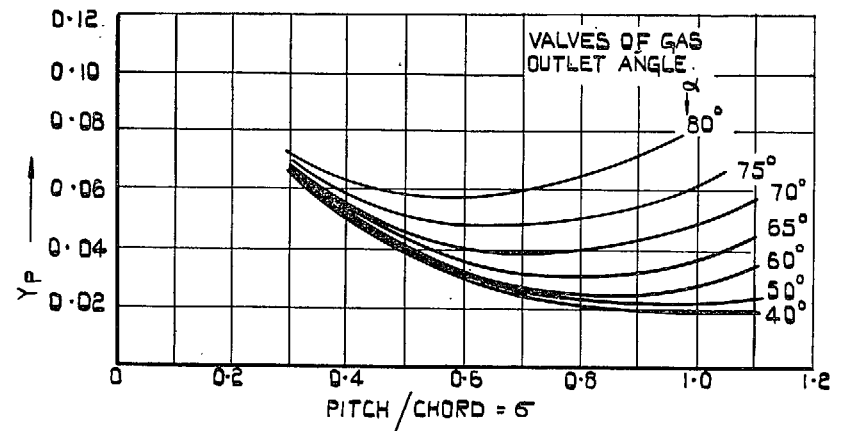


FIG. 3. Profile loss coefficients for zero incidence. ($t/c = 20$ per cent. $R_e = 2 \times 10^5$. $M < 0.6$.)

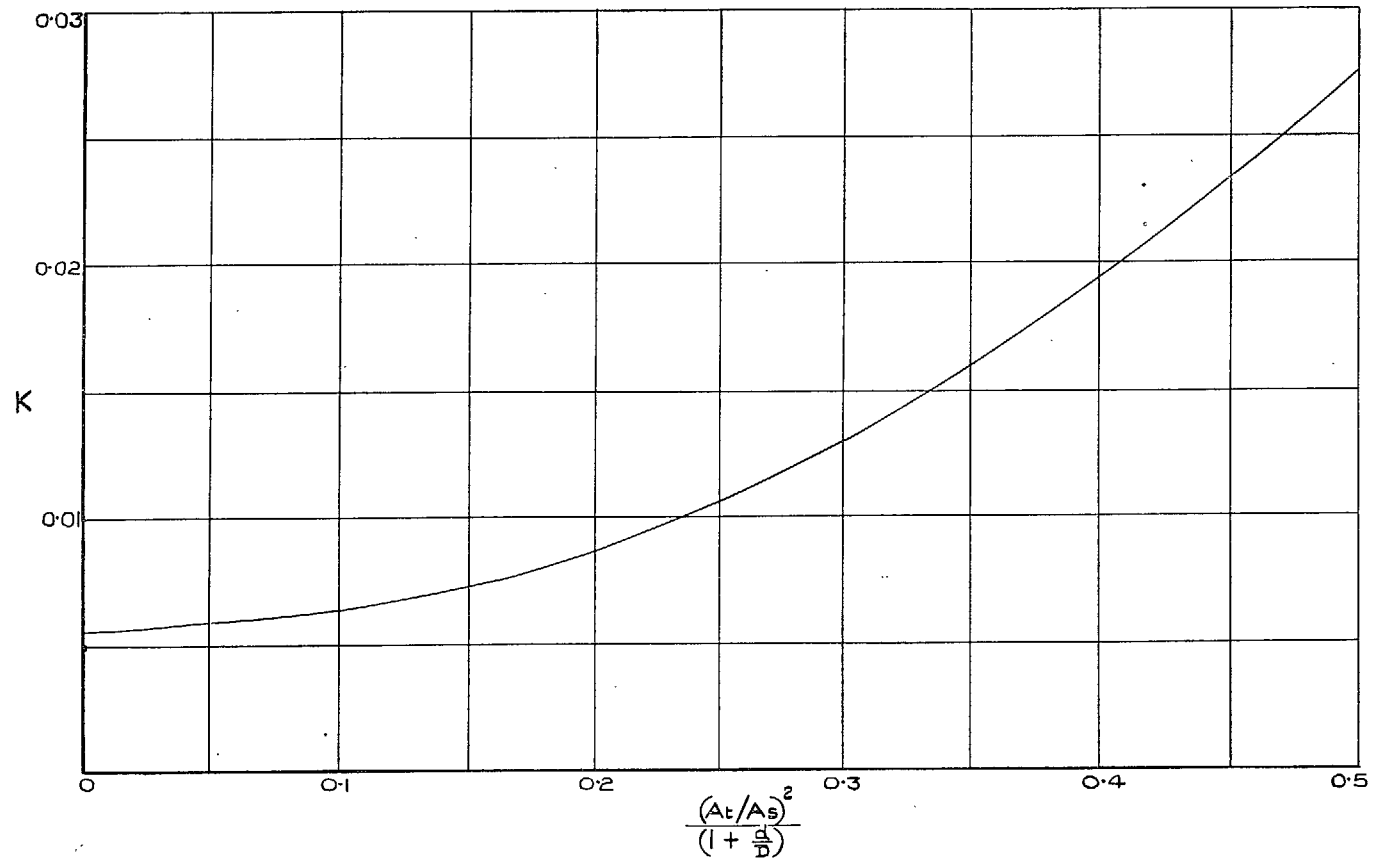


FIG. 4. Secondary losses in blades.

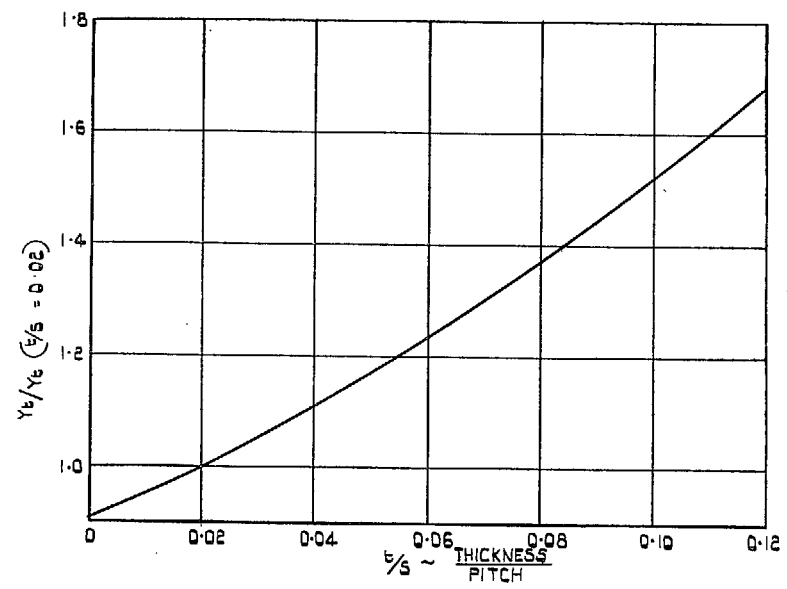


FIG. 5. Effect of trailing-edge thickness on blade loss coefficient.

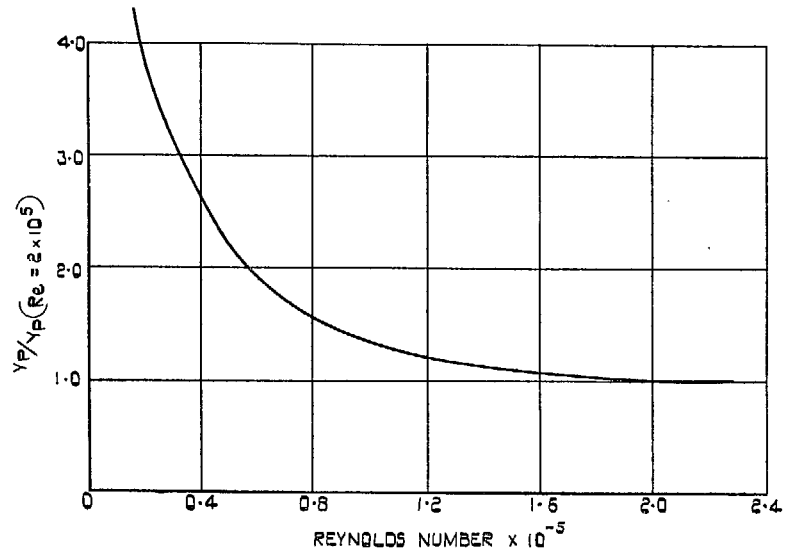


FIG. 6. Variation of profile loss with Reynolds number.

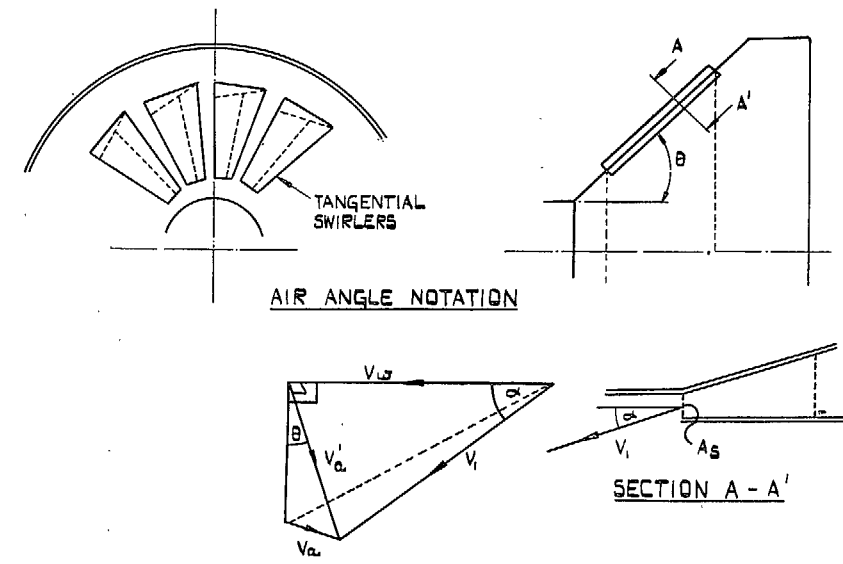


FIG. 7. Ported swirler.

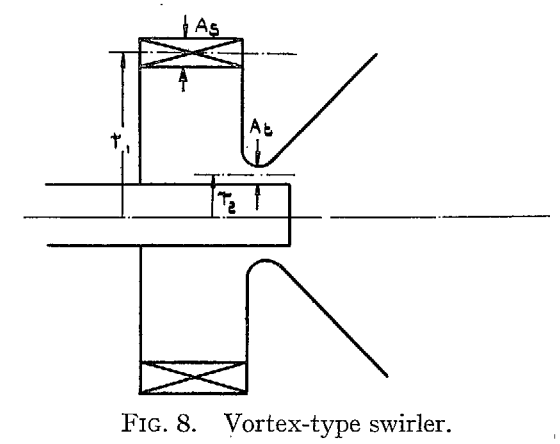


FIG. 8. Vortex-type swirler.

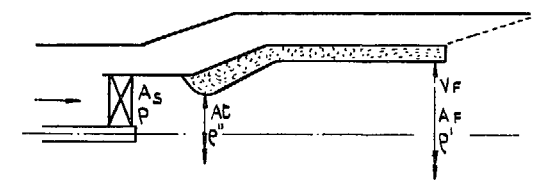


FIG. 9. Notational diagram (see section 2.3).

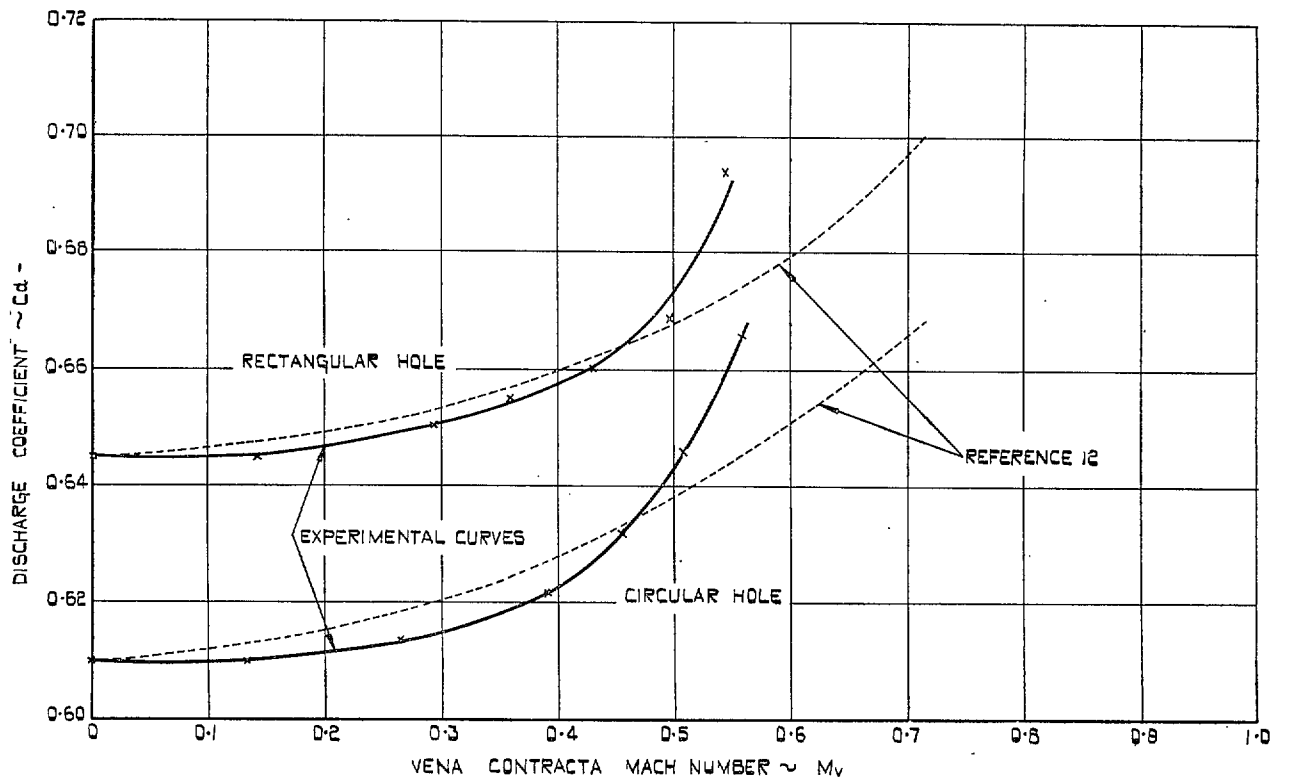


FIG. 10. Variation of discharge coefficient with vena-contracta Mach number.

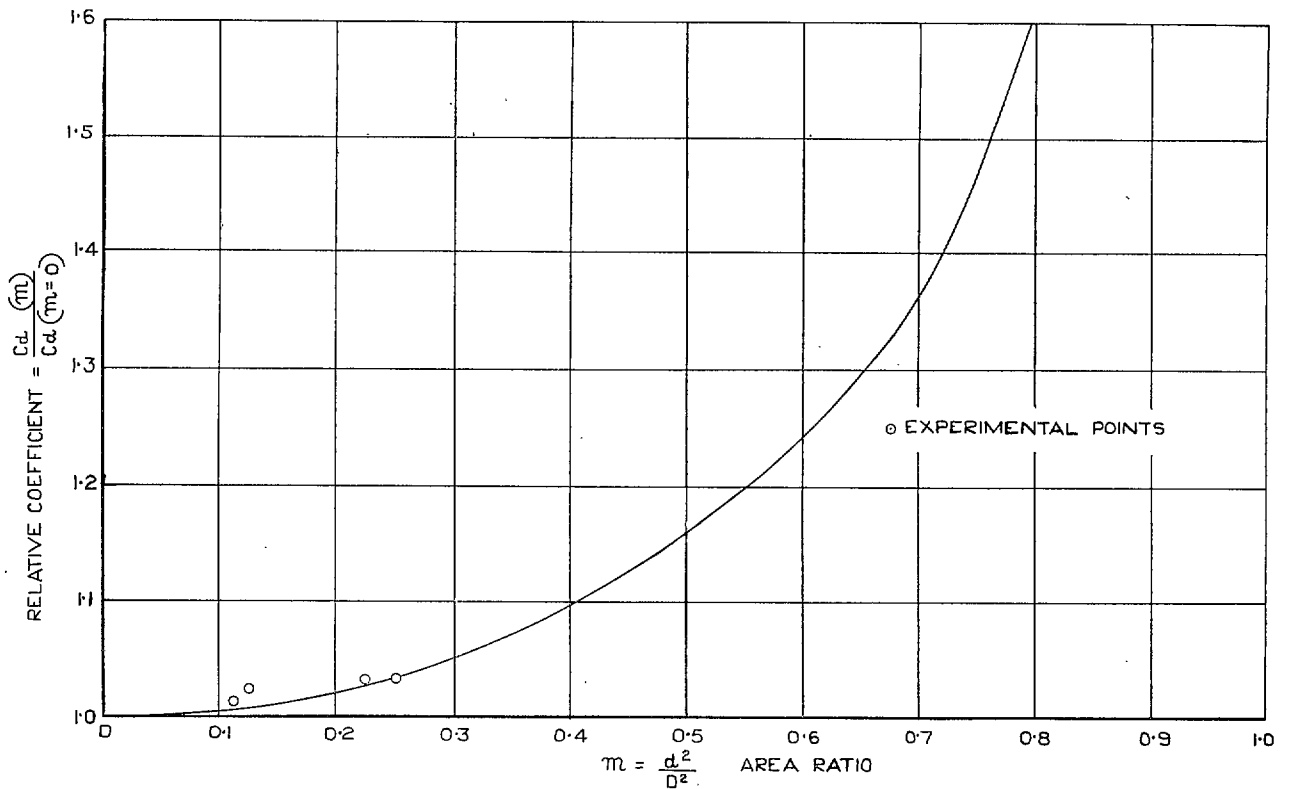


FIG. 11. Relative discharge coefficient vs. area ratio.

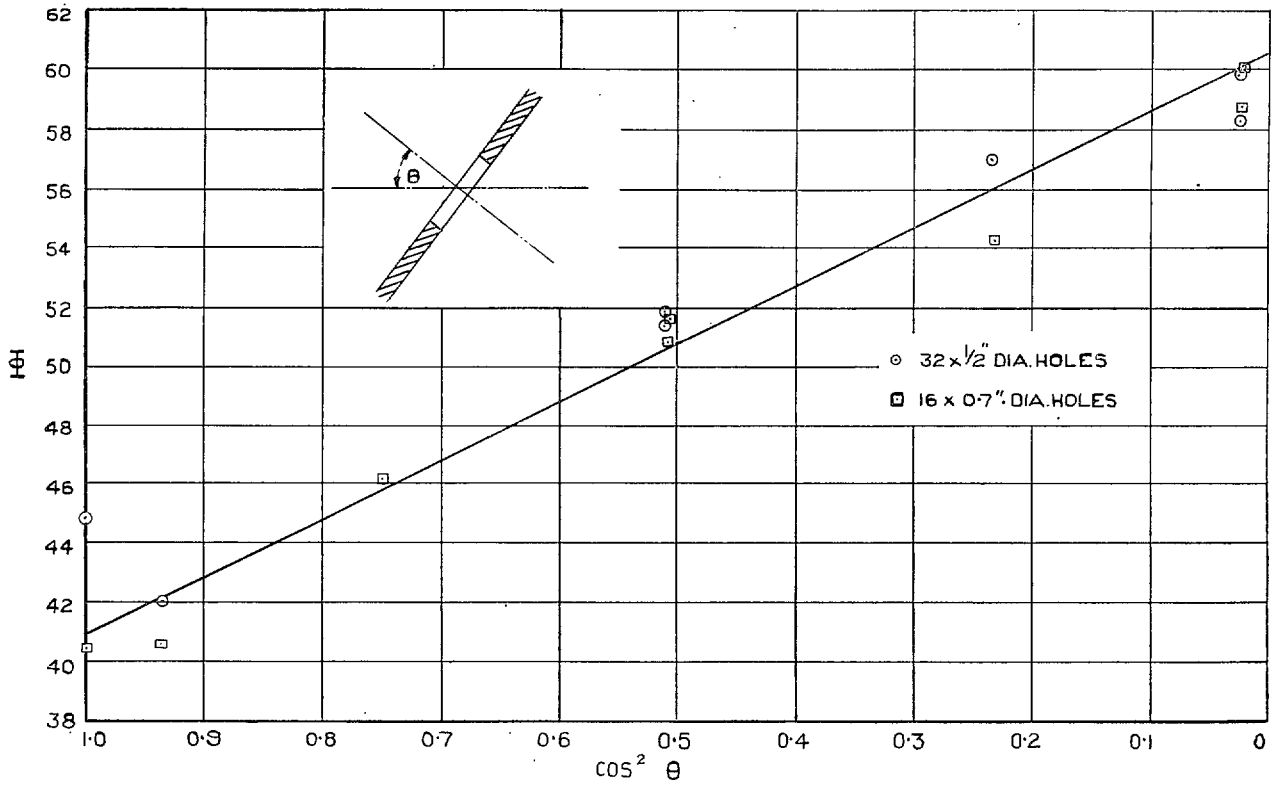


FIG. 12. Variation of loss coefficient with hole inclination.

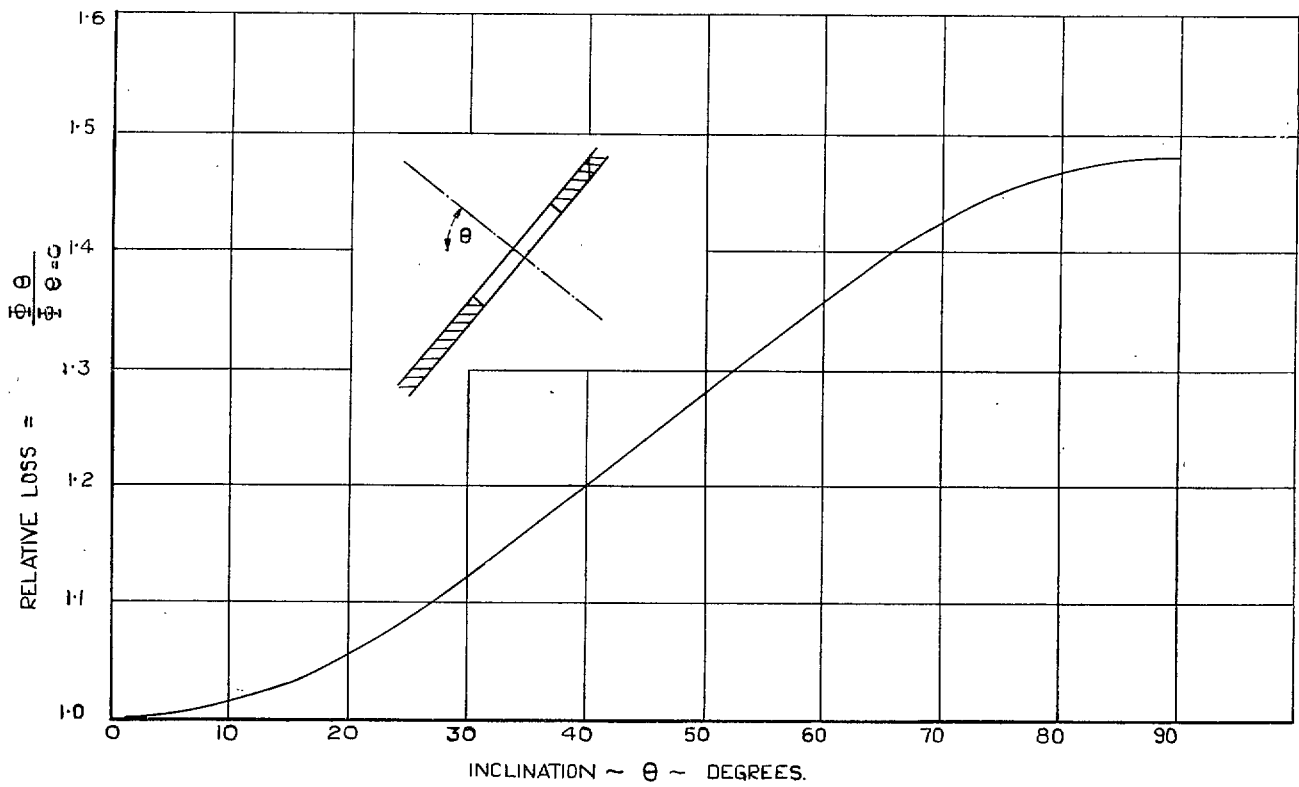


FIG. 13. Relative loss vs. hole inclination.

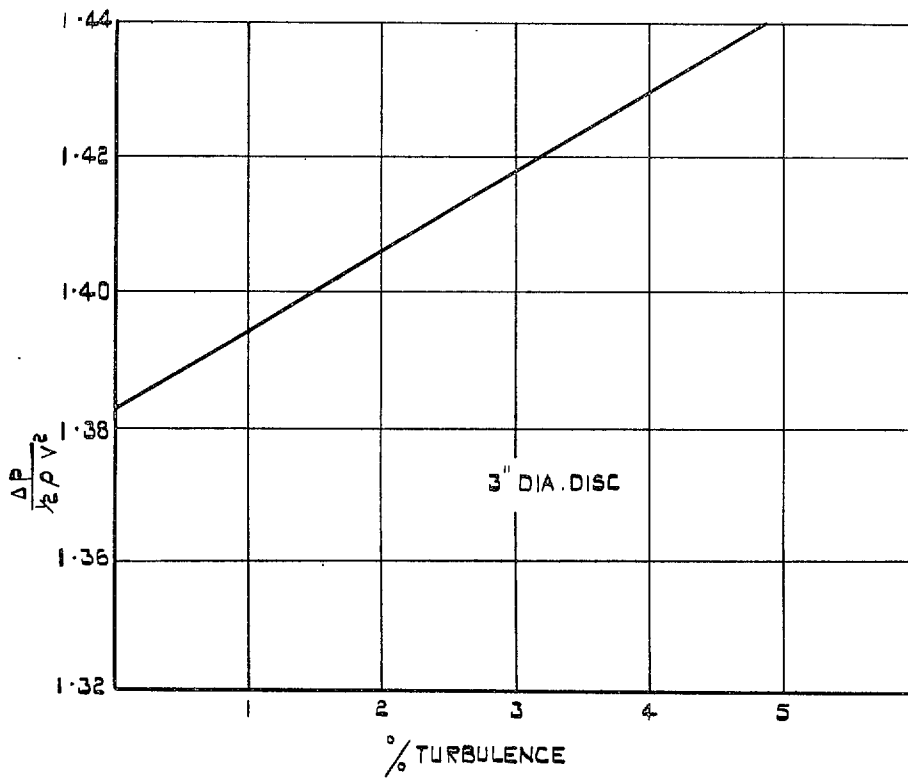


FIG. 14. Variation of static pressure drop coefficient with percentage turbulence. (From Ref. 14.)

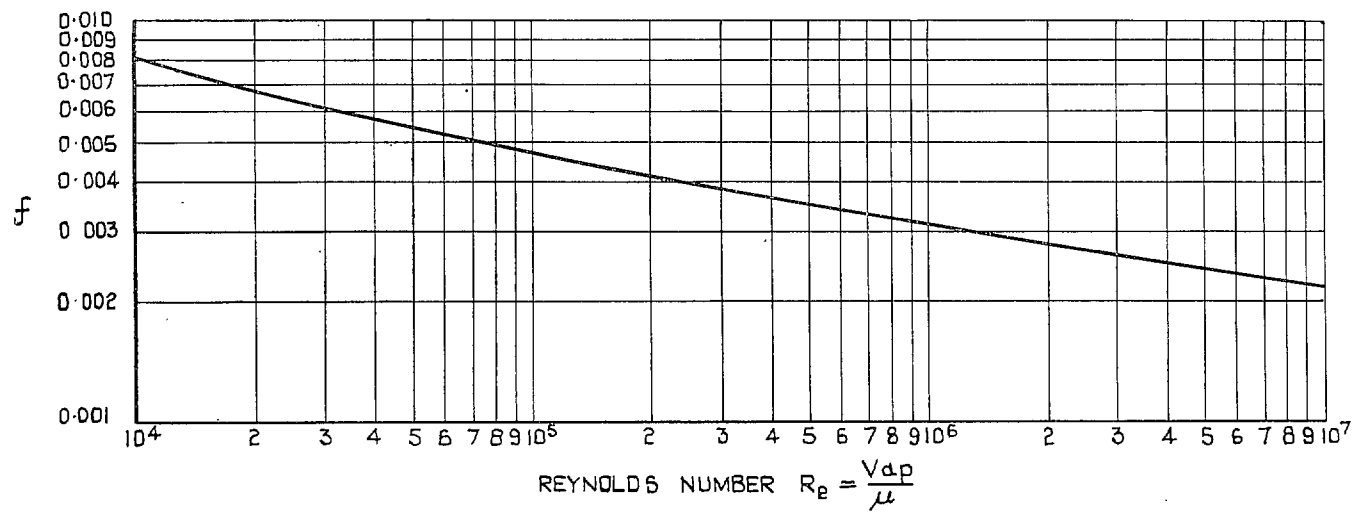


FIG. 15. Friction factor f for sheet metal surfaces vs. Reynolds number.

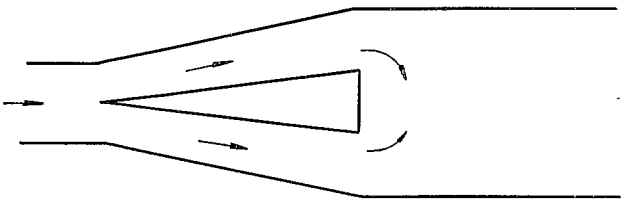


FIG. 16a. Conventional or 'plain' gutter.

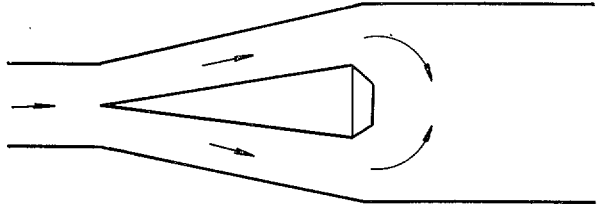
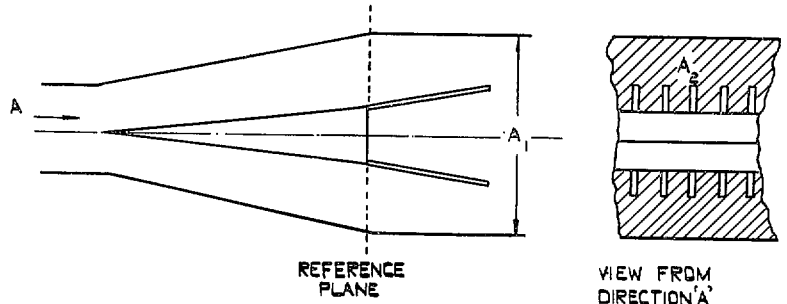


FIG. 16b. 'Skirted' gutter.



FREE AREA AT REFERENCE PLANE = A_2
 AREA RATIO = $\lambda = \frac{A_1}{A_2}$

FIG. 16c. Notation for 'finger' flame spreaders.

FIG. 16. Gutter notation.

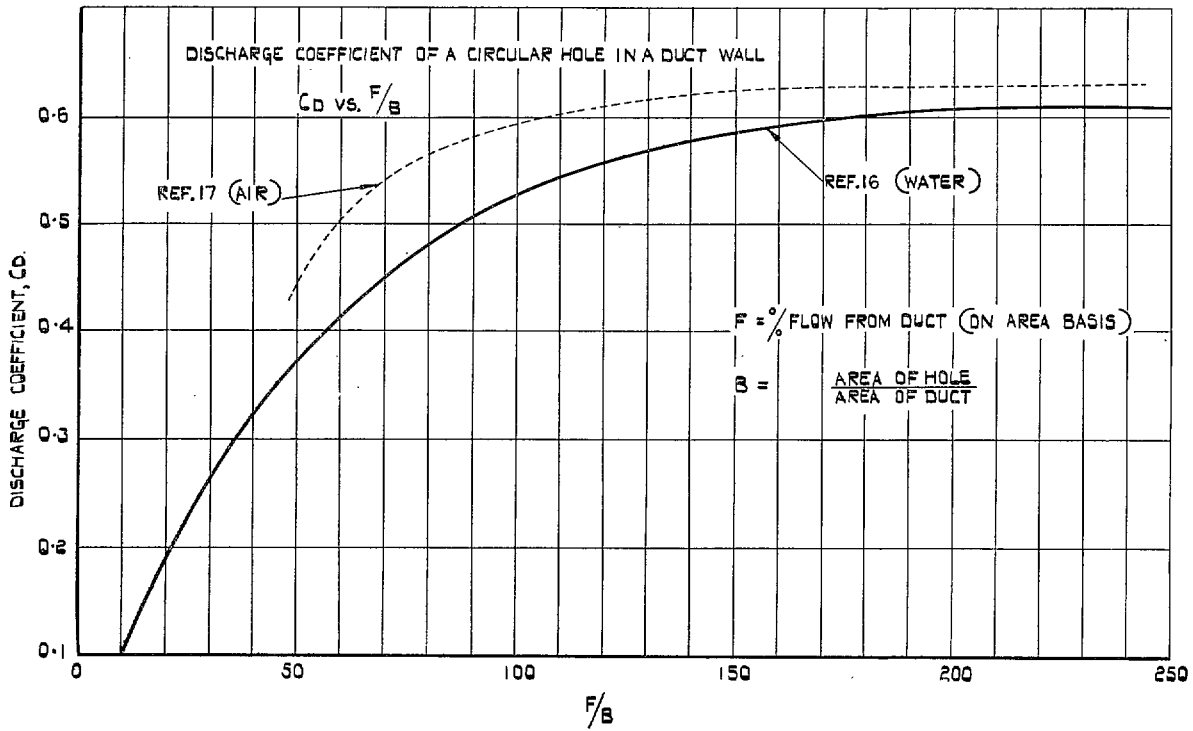


FIG. 17. C_d for hole in wall of duct.

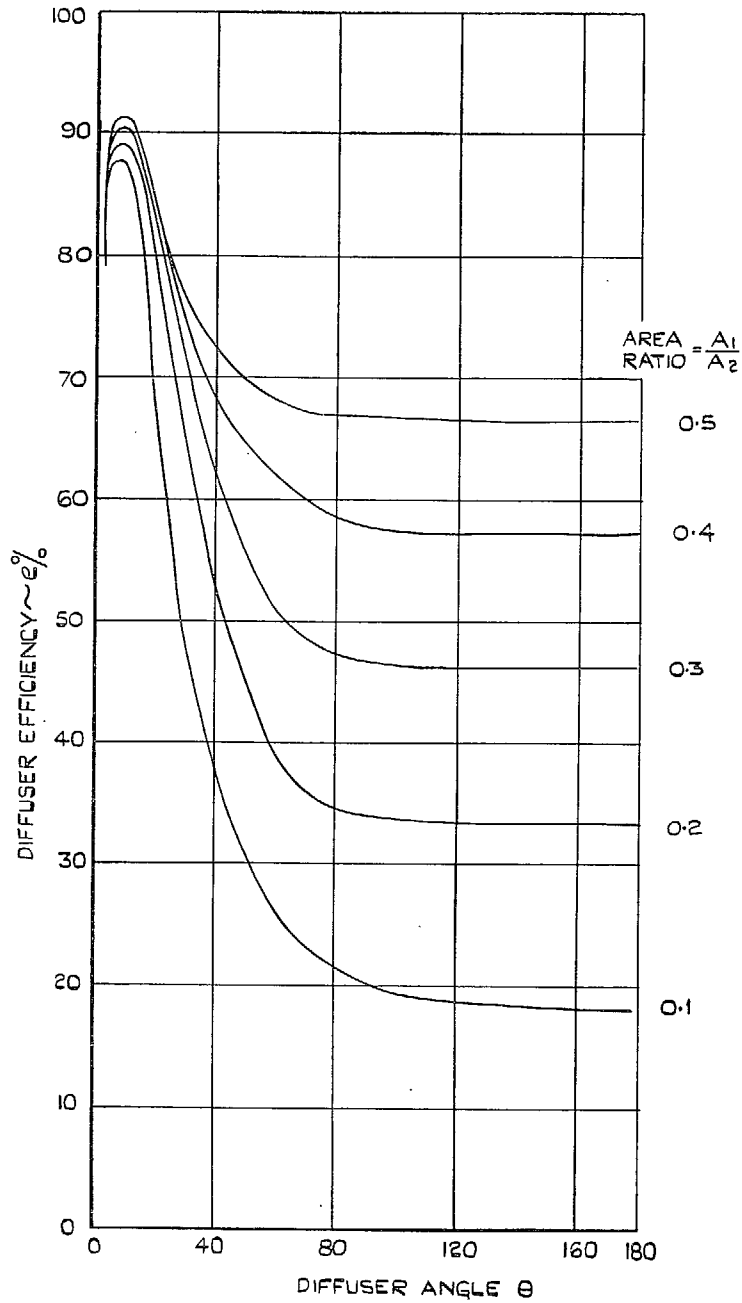


FIG. 18. Diffuser efficiency e vs. diffuser angle θ .

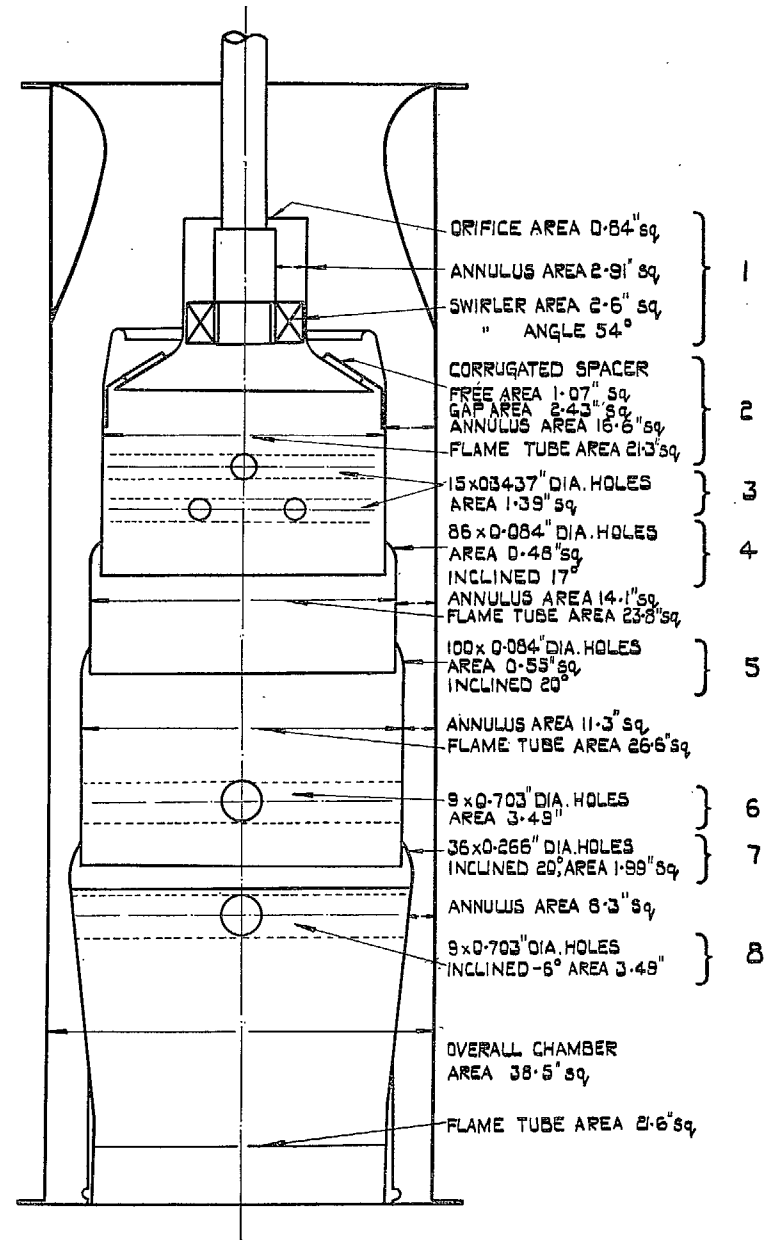


FIG. 19. Diagram of conventional combustion chamber.

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