# HEAT TRANSFER TO THE TRANSPIRED TURBULENT BOUNDARY LAYER

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Abstract—This paper contains a summarization of five years work on an investigation on heat transfer to the transpired turbulent boundary layer. Experimental results are presented for friction coefficient and Stanton number over a wide range of blowing and suction for the case of constant free-stream velocity, holding certain blowing parameters constant. The problem of the accelerated turbulent boundary layer with transpiration is considered, experimental data are presented and discussed, and theoretical models for solution of the momentum equation under these conditions are presented. Data on turbulent Prandtl number are presented so that solutions to the energy equation may be obtained. Some examples of boundary layer heat transfer and friction coefficient predictions are presented using one of the models discussed, employing a finite difference solution method.

#### **NOMENCLATURE**

- $A^+$ , constant in the Van Driest hypothesis, equations (19) and (21);
- $A_0^+$ , value of  $A^+$  for the case of no transpiration and no pressure gradient;
- $B^+$ , constant in the Evans hypothesis, equation (23);
- $B_0^+$ , value of  $B^+$  for the case of no transpiration and no pressure gradient:
- $B_f$ , a friction blowing parameter,

 $(v_0/U_{\infty})/(C_f/2)$ ;

 $b_f$ , a friction blowing parameter,

 $(v_{\rm o}/U_{\infty})/(C_{f_{\rm o}}/2);$ 

 $B_h$ , a heat transfer blowing parameter,

 $(v_0/U_\infty)/St$ ;

 $b_h$ , a heat transfer blowing parameter,

 $(v_0/U_\infty)/St_0$ ;

 $C_r$ , friction coefficient;

- $C_{f_0}$ , friction coefficient for the case of no transpiration, at the same value of  $Re_M$ ;
- $c_p$ , specific heat at constant pressure;
- $\hat{C}$ , lag constant in equation (25);
- D, mixing-length damping function;
- F, blowing or suction fraction,  $v_0/U_\infty$ ,  $m''/G_\infty$ ;
- $G_{\infty}$ , free-stream mass velocity,  $\rho U_{\infty}$ ;

- $g_c$ , proportionality factor in Newton's 2nd Law;
- H, boundary layer shape factor,  $\delta_1/\delta_2$ ;
- h, convection heat transfer coefficient;
- K, acceleration parameter,

 $(v/U_{\infty}^2)(\mathrm{d}U_{\infty}/\mathrm{d}x);$ 

- k, mixing-length constant for the inner region;
- l, mixing-length;
- $l_t$ , turbulence length scale;
- m'', mass transfer rate at fluid-surface interface;
- $\overline{P}$ , time-averaged pressure;
- $P^+$ , pressure gradient parameter,

 $-K^{\frac{3}{2}}(C_1/2)^{\frac{3}{2}};$ 

- Pr, Prandtl number,  $\mu c_p/\gamma$ ;
- $Pr_t$ , turbulent Prandtl number,  $\varepsilon_M/\varepsilon_H$ ;
- $\dot{q}''$ , heat flux at fluid-surface interface;
- $Re_H$ , enthalpy thickness Reynolds number,  $\Delta_2 G_{\infty}/\mu$ ;
- $Re_{\rm M}$ , momentum thickness Reynolds number,  $\delta_2 G_{\infty}/\mu$ ;
- $Re_t$ , local turbulence Reynolds number,  $l_t \sqrt{(\overline{u'v'})}/v$ ;
- $Re_x$ , x-Reynolds number,  $xG_{\infty}/\mu$ ;
- St, Stanton number,  $h/(G_{\infty}c_p)$ ;
- $St_0$ , Stanton number for F = 0 at same  $Re_H$ ;

 $\tilde{t}$ , time averaged value of temperature;

t<sub>0</sub>, temperature at fluid-surface interface;

 $t_{\infty}$ , free-stream temperature;

t', fluctuating part of temperature;

 $\overline{t'v'}$ , turbulent heat flux;

u', fluctuating part of x-component of velocity;

*u*, time averaged value of x-component of velocity;

 $U_{\infty}$ , free-stream velocity;

 $\overline{u'v'}$ , turbulent shear stress;

 $u^+, \quad \overline{u}/\sqrt{(g_c\tau_0)/\rho}$ 

v', fluctuating part of y-component of velocity;

v, time averaged value of y-component of velocity;

v<sub>0</sub>, normal direction velocity at fluidsurface interface;

 $v_0^+$ , a blowing parameter,  $v_0/\sqrt{(g_c\tau_0)/\rho}$ ;

x, distance measured along surface in direction of flow;

 $x^+, \quad x\sqrt{(g_c\tau_0)/\rho}/\nu;$ 

y, distance measured normal to surface;

 $y^+, \quad y\sqrt{(g_c\tau_0)/\rho/\nu};$ 

 $y_{\text{crit}}^+$ , value of  $y^+$  at edge of viscous sublayer, two-layer model.

## Greek symbols

 $\alpha$ , thermal diffusivity,  $r/(\rho c_p)$ ;

γ, thermal conductivity;

 $\delta$ , momentum boundary layer thickness;  $\delta_{0.99}$ , 99 per cent thickness of momentum boundary layer;

 $\delta_1$ , displacement thickness,

$$\int_{0}^{\infty} (1 - \overline{u}/U_{\infty}) \, \mathrm{d}y;$$

 $\delta_2$ , momentum thickness,

$$\int_{0}^{\infty} (1 - \overline{u}/U_{\infty}) (\overline{u}/U_{\infty}) dy;$$

Δ, thermal boundary layer thickness;

 $\Delta_2$ , enthalpy thickness of thermal boundary layer,

$$\int_{0}^{\infty} \left\{ (\overline{u}/U_{\infty}) (t - t_{\infty}) / (t_{0} - t_{\infty}) \right\} dy;$$

 $\varepsilon_H$ , eddy diffusivity for heat;

 $\varepsilon_{M}$ , eddy diffusivity for momentum;

λ, a mixing-length constant for the outer region;

 $\mu$ , dynamic viscosity;

v, kinematic viscosity,  $\mu/\rho$ ;

 $\rho$ , density;

 $\tau$ , total shear stress;

 $\tau_0$ , shear stress at wall surface;

τ<sub>t</sub>, turbulent component of total shear stress;

 $\tau^+, \quad \tau/\tau_0$ .

## INTRODUCTION

INTEREST in the behavior of the transpired furbulent boundary layer extends back at least to the early 1950's when transpiration was first being investigated as a means of cooling aerodynamic surfaces under high velocity flight conditions. This interest is reflected in some of the pioneer papers and reports of Rubesin [1], and Dorrance and Dore [2]. While these contributions were on the theoretical side, experimental work began to take place, notably in the Chemical Engineering Department at M.I.T., and is reflected in the papers of Mickley et al. [3, 4]. The early 1960's saw interest spreading with significant contributions from Great Britain, in particular those of Stevenson [5], McQuaid [6], Black and Sarnecki [7], and contributions from the Soviet Union, for example Romanenko and Karchenko [8], and Kutateladse and Leont'ev [9]. During the past five years the number of contributions has grown into dozens. A complete bibliography, especially since 1960, is outside of the scope and purposes of the present paper, and the above citations are simply noted to provide some idea of interest intensity as a function of time.

Transpiration from a solid surface over which a fluid is flowing, and on which a boundary layer is developing, is of interest in a number of quite different types of applications. In the typical transpiration cooling application, the solid surface is constructed from some kind of porous solid material. Cooling fluid, chemically the same as the free-stream, is then forced through the surface with the objective of protecting the surface from a hot free-stream. This is a boundary layer problem for which the normal component of velocity at the solidfluid interface is non-zero, but otherwise the same momentum and energy boundary layer differential equations must be solved as for the nontranspired boundary layer. A variation on this problem occurs when the cooling fluid is a chemically different specie than the free-stream fluid. For example, helium might be injected as a coolant to protect a surface from a high temperature air free-stream. In this case the mass-diffusion equation of the boundary layer must be solved in addition to the momentum and energy equations. There are obviously similarities between these two types of problems, but also fundamental differences. Both are "mass transfer" problems in the sense that mass is transferred across the fluid-solid interface. but the latter is also a mass diffusion problem, while the former is not.

Another transpiration problem arises when there is evaporation or sublimation from an interface into a boundary layer, or condensation onto the interface. A further variation on the problem arises when there is chemical reaction either within the boundary layer or at the surface.

In any of the cases cited, the direction of the flow normal to the surface at the interface could be into the surface, or it could be out of the surface. The terms "blowing" and "suction" are frequently used to denote the direction of flow at the interface, while the word "transpiration" generally is taken to embrace both cases. Suction is sometimes used as a scheme for aerodynamic boundary layer control because it is possible to inhibit or prevent boundary layer separation by suction.

These various types of applications suggest why chemical, mechanical and aeronautical engineers have all made significant contributions to the theory, and the terminology to a certain extent reflects these various origins of interest.

In 1965, the author and his colleagues embarked on a comprehensive experimental investigation of heat transfer to the transpired turbulent boundary layer with the objectives of resolving some of the contradictions in the earlier data, filling obvious holes, and ultimately of obtaining necessary information for a more fundamental theory so that adequate boundary layer predictions can be made over a wide variety of operating conditions. To date, this work has been entirely concerned with the single chemical component problem (i.e. no mass diffusion) using air as the working medium, and employing small temperature differences for the heat transfer work, so that it is effectively the constant property boundary layer that is considered.

The objective of this paper is to present a summary of some of the more significant results and conclusions that have resulted from this program.

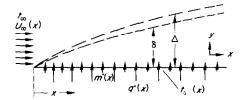


Fig. 1. Diagram of the boundary layer system considered.

The general problem considered is illustrated by reference to Fig. 1. Air flows at a steady rate along a flat surface which is porous, and through which air can be forced into the boundary layer or withdrawn from the boundary layer (blowing or suction). Reynolds number is sufficiently high so that the boundary layer is turbulent. It is presumed that the surface is aerodynamically smooth, which means that the transpiration holes are small relative to the thickness of the laminar sublayer of the boundary layer, and that the hole spacing is small relative to the thickness of the laminar sublayer. It is presumed that the solid surface is a heat conductor, and that heat can be con-

ducted to or from the surface. It is further presumed that the surface construction is such that the transpired fluid is in thermal equilibrium with the solid surface at the interface. In general, we would like to consider the case where the mass transfer rate  $\dot{m}''$  (i.e. the transpiration rate) is any arbitrary function of distance x along the surface, where the convection heat transfer q'' is any arbitrary function of distance x along the surface, and/or the surface temperature  $t_0$  is any arbitrary function of x. We would like to consider the case where the free-stream velocity  $U_{\infty}$  may vary in any arbitrary manner with x, but we will restrict the free-stream temperature  $t_{\infty}$  to a constant. The boundary layer is two-dimensional, with the coordinate y being used to measure the distance normal to the surface. Under these conditions, we are interested in the development of a momentum boundary layer, characterized by a thickness  $\delta$ , and a thermal boundary layer characterized by a thickness  $\Delta$ .

# THE CASE OF CONSTANT FREE-STREAM VELOCITY

It is first instructive to examine the momentum integral equation of the boundary layer, particularized to the case of constant properties and constant free-stream velocity.

$$\frac{\mathrm{d}\delta_2}{\mathrm{d}x} = C_f/2 + v_0/U_\infty. \tag{1}$$

An alternative form is obtained if the friction coefficient is factored from the right-hand side, and if the resulting term containing the transpiration velocity  $v_0$  is defined as a "blowing parameter",  $B_f$ .

$$\frac{d\delta_2}{dx} = (C_f/2) \left[ 1 + \frac{v_0/U_\infty}{C_f/2} \right]$$
 (2)

or

$$\frac{dRe_{M}}{dRe_{*}} = (C_{f}/2)(1 + B_{f}). \tag{3}$$

In laminar boundary layer theory, similarity

solutions to the momentum equation are obtained when  $B_f$  is maintained constant along the surface. Since for a laminar boundary layer  $C_f/2$  varies as  $Re_x^{-\frac{1}{2}}$ , similar velocity profiles are obtained if the rate of blowing (or suction) decreases along the surface as the square root of distance x. For a turbulent boundary layer, an analogous situation obtains.  $B_f$  can be interpreted physically as the ratio of the transpired momentum rate to the shear force. If this ratio is maintained constant along the surface, similar profiles are obtained for a laminar boundary layer, and for a turbulent boundary layer a so-called "equilibrium" boundary layer is obtained, one that possesses outer region similarity of velocity profiles. However, in the case of the turbulent boundary layer,  $C_f/2$  tends to vary with distance x approximately as  $x^{-0.2}$ , so constant  $B_f$  corresponds to a blowing rate,  $v_0/U_\infty$ , which decreases in the direction of flow as  $x^{-0.2}$ .

The constant  $B_f$  boundary layer thus appears to be a fundamental case, and was a case studied by Simpson et al. [10]. Simpson also did extensive testing holding  $v_0/U_\infty$  constant rather than  $B_f$ . (Hereafter  $v_0/U_\infty$  will be referred to as F, the blowing fraction.)

One of the conclusions from Simpson's work is that  $C_f/2$  can be expressed as a function of the momentum thickness Reynolds number,  $Re_M$ , and that virtually the same function or relationship is obtained for experiments at constant F as for experiments at constant  $B_f$ . In fact, this function seems to be remarkably independent of how F varies along the surface, and it is only for step changes in F that any appreciable difference can be noted.

A further point of interest that can be seen in the momentum integral equation, equation (1), is that when  $v_0/U_\infty=F$  is negative, the possibility exists that the right-hand side of the equation will go to zero, leading to a situation where the momentum thickness of the boundary layer does not grow with x. As a matter of fact, this is a situation that will always be approached where F is maintained constant and negative.

 $C_f/2$  has a decreasing tendency with increasing momentum thickness, starting indefinitely high at the beginning of the plate, and so regardless of the value of F this point of equilibrium will ultimately be reached. This is commonly called the "asymptotic suction layer". Note that for this condition  $B_f$  is equal to -1, and thus -1 represents a lower limit on  $B_f$ .

Simpson's experiments can be correlated within the limits of the experimental uncertainty of the data by the following equation.

$$C_f/2 = 0.0130 Re_M^{-0.25} [\ln (1 + B_f)/B_f]^{0.77}$$
. (4)

A plot of equation (4) is shown on Fig. 2. Since  $C_f/2$  is contained within  $B_f$ , equation (4) is a little awkward to use. In Fig. 2, F is employed as a parameter as well as  $B_f$ , taking advantage of the experimental fact that the same functional relationship seems to be obtained for constant F experiments as for constant  $B_f$  experiments.

An alternative way of presenting these results is shown in Fig. 3 where the ratio of  $C_f$  to the value of  $C_f$  at the same momentum thickness Reynolds number for the case of no transpiration, is plotted as a function of another blowing parameter,  $b_f$ .  $b_f$  differs from  $B_f$  in that F is divided by the value of  $C_f/2$  for no transpira-

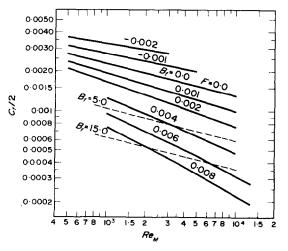


FIG. 2. Friction coefficients for the case of constant freestream velocity with various values of constant blowing fraction F, and constant blowing parameter B.

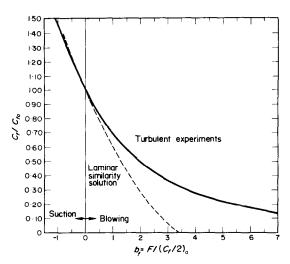


Fig. 3. Ratio of friction coefficient to friction coefficient without transpiration but at the same momentum thickness Reynolds number, plotted as a function of a modified blowing parameter  $b_f$ . Comparison of turbulent experiments with the exact laminar similarity solution results.

tion, but at the same momentum thickness Reynolds number, rather than with respect to local value of  $C_f/2$ .  $b_f$  is thus a more convenient parameter to use in presenting data on  $C_f$  because it does not contain the value of  $C_f$  sought.

Also superimposed on the diagram are the results of the laminar similarity solutions mentioned earlier. The behavior is quite analogous, especially on the suction side, but it should be noted that the laminar similarity solution does lead to a zero value of  $C_f$  at  $b_f = 3.47$ . This point is generally referred to as the "blowoff" point, and it is the value at which the boundary layer is literally blown off the wall. There is no reason to suppose that blow-off is not just as real a phenomena for the turbulent boundary layer as for a laminar boundary layer, but it is extremely difficult to detect experimentally because the uncertainty in measuring  $C_f$  becomes indefinitely large as  $C_f$  approaches zero.

The shape factor of the boundary layer, H, is often of interest, and the following equation is an empirical representation of Simpson's

measurements for constant free-stream velocity.

$$H = 1.0/\{1.0 - 3.1 \sqrt{(C_f/2) \left[ (1 + B_f)^{\frac{1}{2}} + (1 + 0.635B_f)^{\frac{1}{2}} \right] \}}.$$
 (5)

A plot of equation (5) is shown on Fig. 4. The significant point is that blowing leads to high values of H.

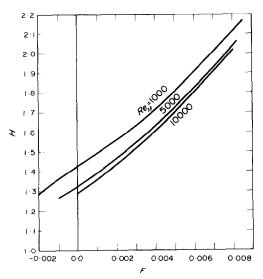


FIG. 4. Shape factor plotted as a function of blowing fraction for various values of momentum thickness Reynolds number, free-stream velocity constant.

It is only fair to remark that the friction coefficient data of Simpson, upon which this discussion is based, while unquestionably the most extensive data available, has been the subject of some controversy. The case against it has been very well put by Squire [11], who feels that Simpson's friction coefficients are too high. There is ample room for argument because of the very considerable difficulty in measuring friction coefficients, and the different ways in which experimental data can be interpreted.

Turning now to the case of heat transfer with transpiration, but with free-stream velocity constant and surface temperature constant, consider first the energy integral equation of the boundary layer, particularized to the case of constant properties, constant free-stream velocity, and constant surface temperature.

$$\frac{\mathrm{d}\Delta_2}{\mathrm{d}x} = St + v_0/U_\infty. \tag{6}$$

A heat transfer blowing parameter,  $B_h$ , is defined in a manner completely analogous to the definition of the friction blowing parameter.

$$\frac{\mathrm{d}\Delta_2}{\mathrm{d}x} = St \left[ 1 + \frac{v_0/U_\infty}{St} \right] \tag{7}$$

$$\frac{\mathrm{d}Re_h}{\mathrm{d}Re_x} = St(1 + B_h). \tag{8}$$

The blowing parameter  $B_h$  can be interpreted physically as the ratio of the transpired thermal energy to the conducted thermal energy. Again, it is not surprising that holding this parameter constant along a surface leads to similarity of temperature profiles in the laminar boundary layer case, and apparently leads to outer region temperature profile similarity in the turbulent boundary layer case.

Note further that a constant negative value of F must lead to an asymptotic suction layer for the same reasons as were discussed for the momentum boundary layer. In other words, under conditions of constant suction, Stanton number approaches a minimum, equal to the negative of F.

To experiments of Moffat and Kays [12], and of Whitten  $et\ al.$  [13], indicate that although constant  $B_h$  probably represents the more fundamental case, constant F yields to all intents and purposes the same value of Stanton number for a given value of enthalpy-thickness Reynolds number,  $Re_H$ , and F. In fact, Whitten's results indicate that F can vary rather considerably along the surface with negligible effect upon this relationship. The very extensive data of Moffat, and of Whitten, for uniform surface temperature, can be represented quite adequately by the following empirical equation.

$$St = 0.0128 Pr^{-0.5} \left[ \ln(1 + B_h)/B_h \right]^{1.25} \times \left[ 1 + B_t \right]^{0.25}.$$
 (9)

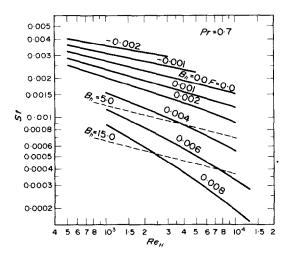


FIG. 5. Stanton number plotted as a function of enthalpy thickness Reynolds number for various constant values of blowing fraction, and various constant values of blowing parameter for a fluid with Pr = 0.7 and constant free-stream velocity.

Equation (9) is plotted on Fig. 5 where both  $B_h$  and the more convenient F are used as parameters. It should be emphasized that strictly speaking these data apply only for cases where the virtual origins of both the thermal and momentum boundary layers are the same, which means that the thermal boundary layer thickness is of the same order magnitude as the momentum boundary layer thickness (actually about 10 per cent greater for Pr = 0.7and F = 0). If the thermal boundary layer thickness is substantially different from the momentum boundary layer thickness, and this can occur when the surface temperature varies or when the virtual origin of the thermal boundary layer differs from that of the momentum boundary layer, somewhat different results will be obtained, although the effects are not large.

An alternative method of presentation of these results is shown on Fig. 6. Here everything is quite analogous to the very similar results for friction coefficient on Fig. 3. A more convenient blowing parameter,  $b_h = F/St_0$ , is introduced, and the laminar similarity solution results are

superimposed. In addition, the following equation proposed by Kutateladze and Leont'ev [9], based on analytic considerations, is included.

$$St/St_{00} = (1 - b_b/4)^2.$$
 (10)

Figure 6 illustrates very graphically how blowing decreases the heat transfer coefficient, and this, of course, is the primary reason for the interest in transpiration as a method of protecting surfaces against high temperature fluids.

The Kutateladze and Leont'ev solution predicts blow-off at  $b_h = 4\cdot 0$ . The experiments of Moffat, and of Whitten, include extensive data for  $b_h$  equal to 4 and greater and for which St is measurably above zero. It thus appears that the Kutateladze and Leont'ev solution predicts blow-off at a too low value of  $b_h$ .

It has been noted previously that both the friction coefficient and the Stanton number tend to be rather strong functions of local conditions along the surface rather than the history of the

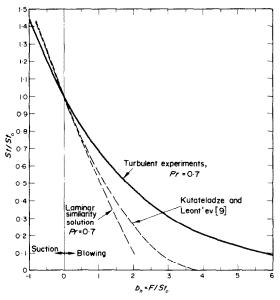


Fig. 6. The ratio of Stanton number to Stanton number for no Blowing at the same value of enthalpy thickness Reynolds number plotted as a function of modified blowing parameter. Comparison of the experimental results with the exact laminar similarity solutions, and the equation proposed by Kutateladze and Leont'ev.

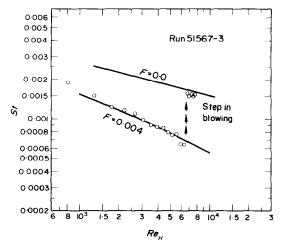


Fig. 7. The effect of a step-down in blowing on the Stanton number, constant free-stream velocity.

boundary layer up to the point in question. Figures 7 and 8, which show some of the experimental data of Whitten  $et\ al.$  [13] illustrate this point very well. Both a step down and a step up in F are shown. Although there is in both cases a detectable recovery region. most of the adjustment to the new boundary condition occurs very rapidly. These figures represent extreme cases, so it is not surprising that when there are continuous variations of F the recovery is virtually undetectable.

The friction coefficient behavior is substantially the same, although it is much more difficult to accurately measure friction coefficients just following a step in blowing.

The experimental facts that  $C_f/2$  is primarily a function only of  $Re_M$  and F, and St is a function primarily only of  $Re_{\mu}$  and F, lead to a relatively simple approximate procedure for calculating C, and St along a surface where F varies in some arbitrary manner. One need only substitute equation (4) into equation (3) and equation (9) into equation (8), and there results simple differential equations for  $Re_M$  and  $Re_H$  which may be integrated, at least numerically, to enthalpy-thickness yield momentum and Reynolds numbers as functions of x. Then equations (4) and (9) are used to determine  $C_f/2$  and St at each local point. This procedure works remarkably well, although it is, of course, restricted to the constant property boundary layer with constant free-stream velocity, and in the case of the energy equation, we have so far restricted consideration to the constant surface temperature problem.

Whitten [13] also presents data for step changes in surface temperature with transpiration, and includes step changes in transpiration rates. With these results it is possible to use the method of superposition to build up solutions to the energy equation for cases where both Fand surface temperature vary in any arbitrary manner along the surface, and indeed Whitten has done just this [14]. However, at some point one must question whether it is not more fruitful to attempt to devise a more fundamental model of the turbulent transport processes so that all manner of variations in boundary conditions, and including varying fluid properties and viscous dissipation, can be handled with a single consistent theory based on the differential equations of the boundary layer rather than the integral equations. The constant property, constant free-stream velocity problem with arbitrarily varying F, and arbitrarily varying  $t_0$ , probably represents about the limit

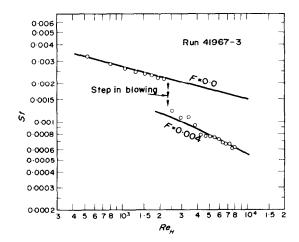


Fig. 8. The effect of a step-up in blowing on the Stanton number, constant free-stream velocity.

of integral methods, at least where reasonable precision is desired, although integral methods can be pushed considerably farther where low precision is adequate (see for example, Kays [15]).

# THE CASE OF VARYING FREE-STREAM VELOCITY

The momentum and energy integral equations, for constant properties and constant surface temperature, but now including a variable free-stream velocity, may be written in the following form:

$$\frac{dRe_{M}}{dRe_{x}} = C_{f}/2 + F - K(1 + H)Re_{M}$$
 (11)

$$\frac{\mathrm{d}Re_H}{\mathrm{d}Re_x} = St + F \tag{12}$$

where

$$dRe_x = U_{\infty}dx/v; \quad K = (v/U_{\infty}^2) (dU_{\infty}/dx)$$
  
$$dRe_M = d(U_{\infty}\delta_2)/v; \quad dRe_H = d(U_{\infty}A_2)/v.$$

One thing that is immediately apparent from these equations is that the pressure gradient, which is incorporated implicitly in the acceleration parameter K, has a direct influence on the development of the momentum equation, but any influence on the energy equation must be an indirect one coming in through the turbulent transport properties and the velocity profile. An important simplifying feature of the previously discussed constant free-stream velocity, constant surface temperature problem is that the momentum and thermal boundary layers tend to grow together, and this is one reason why relations such as equation (9) hold up remarkably well in the face of arbitrarily varying F along the surface. It should be apparent from equations (11) and (12) that such will not be the case when free-stream velocity varies.

Before examining the kind of heat transfer behavior that is obtained when free-stream velocity varies, it is worthwhile to look at some more of the implications of equations (11) and

(12). A particularly interesting case arises when the acceleration parameter K is a positive number and constant. This is a case of an accelerated flow, and in fact it is the accelerated flow that is obtained when the fluid is confined between two straight but converging planes. The possibility exists, according to equation (11), that an equilibrium will be reached such that  $Re_{M}$  remains constant, and indeed such flows are observed experimentally. There are obvious experimental advantages in being able to hold such an important parameter as Re<sub>M</sub> constant, and so the constant-K boundary layer has been extensively studied. Most of the experimental data obtained by the author and his colleagues for varying free-stream velocity have been for constant-K accelerating boundary layers. According to equation (12), however, the thermal boundary layer will continue to grow even though the momentum boundary layer has reached the equilibrium, or asymptotic condition.

It has been observed experimentally that strong acceleration, i.e. large K, will lead to a "retransition" of the turbulent boundary layer to a laminar boundary layer. One might predict that this would occur simply from examination of equation (11) alone. A large positive value of K will cause  $Re_M$  to decrease, and if K is sufficiently large  $Re_M$  will be forced down into the region of stable laminar boundary layers. This is not to say the  $Re_{M}$  is necessarily the sole criterion for "retransition", but it certainly must be an important one. Assuming for the moment that some critical value of  $Re_{M}$  (say, 200-400) is the dominant criterion, equation (11) immediately suggests that positive values of F will tend to inhibit "retransition", while negative values will aid it. For F = 0 "retransition" or "laminarization" will occur whenever K exceeds about  $3 \times 10^{-6}$  for an extended distance along a surface. For F positive (blowing) a turbulent boundary layer can be maintained at considerably higher values of K without "laminarization". For F negative (suction), both "laminarization" and the asymptotic suction

layer are approached at values of K lower than  $3 \times 10^{-6}$ , and it is very difficult to tell which comes first when examining experimental data.

It is experimentally observed for the case of no transpiration, F = 0, that laminarization causes a very substantial reduction in Stanton number, but that this phenomena is a continuous function of K rather than an abrupt change at some critical value of K. In other words, at any positive value of K there will be some reduction in Stanton number (relative to what the Stanton number would have been at the same value of  $Re_H$  for K = 0). On the basis of these facts, one might be led to conclude that blowing, under accelerating free-stream conditions, would lessen the decreasing Stanton number tendency, while suction would enhance it.

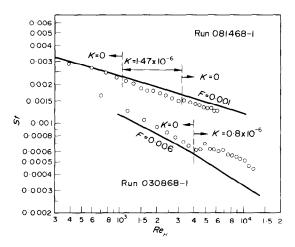


Fig. 9. The effects of a combination of blowing and acceleration on Stanton number.

On Fig. 9, the results of two test-runs reported by Thielbahr et al. [16] are plotted. In the upper part of the diagram, there is a case of mild blowing, F = 0.001, starting with constant free-stream velocity, followed by a relatively strong acceleration,  $K = 1.47 \times 10^{-6}$ , and finally reverting to constant free-stream velocity. The acceleration does appear to cause a small reduction in Stanton number, but this is nothing like the reduction in Stanton number that has

been observed for the same acceleration but with no transpiration [16]. At the end of the acceleration there appears to be a start of a recovery back toward the line for K=0, but it is only a partial recovery. A reason for the failure of recovery would be found if one examined the values of  $Re_M$  and  $Re_H$  in the recovery region.  $Re_H$  is very much greater than  $Re_M$ , and  $Re_M$  catches up only very slowly, a fact that an examination of equations (11) and (12) would make apparent.

The second set of data on Fig. 9 shows a case of a rather strongly blown boundary layer, F = 0.006, that develops at constant free-stream velocity, and then is subjected to a relatively mild acceleration,  $K = 0.8 \times 10^{-6}$ . Surprisingly, the effect of acceleration is precisely the reverse of the previous case. Stanton number tends to increase above the value for no acceleration.

Attention has been drawn to these examples merely to illustrate the fact that the combination of transpiration and varying free-stream velocity results in complex interactions that are not going to be understood unless the basic turbulent transport mechanisms are studied in more detail. It does not appear practicable or fruitful to attempt to describe the kind of behavior shown on Fig. 9 by use of the integral equations and integral correlations.

# SOME MODELS FOR SOLUTION OF THE MOMENTUM DIFFERENTIAL EQUATION OF THE BOUNDARY LAYER

The digital computer has, in a period of no more than five or six years, revolutionized turbulent boundary layer theory and turbulent boundary layer prediction methods. Stable, accurate finite-difference solutions to the momentum, energy, and mass diffusion equations of the boundary layer have become practicable. It is not the present intention to extoll the virtues of any particular procedure; actually there are several very good ones in common use. However the accuracy of any of the calculation

procedures depends upon the basic physics introduced into it, and this is our present concern.

The time-averaged momentum equation of the boundary layer, particularized for the moment to constant fluid properties, and neglecting normal turbulent stresses, may be written as follows:

$$\bar{u}\frac{\partial \bar{u}}{\partial x} + \bar{v}\frac{\partial \bar{u}}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left[ v \frac{\partial \bar{u}}{\partial y} - \bar{v'v'} \right] + \frac{g_c}{\rho} \frac{d\bar{P}}{dx} = 0.$$
(13)

If the turbulent shear stress  $\overline{u'v'}$  were known at all points in the boundary layer, the momentum problem simply becomes one of solution of equation (13) for any desired boundary conditions, including transpiration.

Although progress continues to be made in turbulent transport theory in general, and turbulent boundary layer theory in particular, it is still fair to say that there is as yet no truly fundamental turbulence theory that may be used as a universal starting point for solution of turbulence problems. Turbulent boundary layer theory has gone through, and continues to go through, a series of stages involving successively higher orders of sophistication. Each step in this process involves the correlation of experimental data at a more fundamental level, opening up the possibility of solving successively broader ranges of problems with a single consistent set of empirical constants. The information and calculating procedures to be presented here do not represent any very bold steps toward a more general theory. Higher order models are presently being investigated by numerous researchers, and hopefully will lead to theories that embrace still broader classes of applications, although probably at the price of complexity and computation cost. It will be demonstrated here that a relatively simple model can be used to adequately predict the behavior of the transpired boundary layer over a sufficiently wide range of conditions to make it a very practicable tool for engineering design.

We will first introduce the concept of eddy diffusivity for momentum,  $\varepsilon_M$ , as a convenient way of expressing the turbulent shear stress.

$$\overline{u'v'} = -\varepsilon_M \frac{\partial \bar{u}}{\partial y}.$$
 (14)

Already, we are in the realm of theoretical controversy, but the eddy diffusivity concept has the computational virtue of allowing one to use the same computation program for both laminar and turbulent boundary layer. Since most real turbulent boundary layers grow out of laminar boundary layers, the advantage is obvious.

It is convenient to visualize the turbulent boundary layer as consisting of an inner walldominated region, and an outer region which physically occupies most of the thickness of the boundary layer. However, for most applications the inner region turns out to be by far the more important one, and it is to this region that we will now focus primary attention.

The inner region may be further subdivided into a region immediately adjacent to the wall in which viscous forces predominate (u'v') approaches zero), and a region farther out in which momentum transfer is almost entirely by turbulent transport processes, but in which the scale and intensity of the turbulence is still strongly dependent upon the proximity of the wall.

The Prandtl mixing-length theory, despite much criticism for many years, still provides a remarkably adequate basis for describing the turbulent momentum transport process in the inner region. The mixing-length, l, is defined such that it is related to the eddy diffusivity for momentum and the mean velocity gradient by the following equation:

$$\varepsilon_{\mathbf{M}} = l^2 \left| \frac{\partial \bar{u}}{\partial y} \right|. \tag{15}$$

Outside of the viscous-dominated region immediately adjacent to the wall, the mixinglength in the inner part of the boundary layer

seems to be proportional to distance y from the wall, with a proportionality factor, k, which can be assumed to be independent of either transpiration rate or pressure gradient. Whether or not k is a truly universal constant is not highly important, because another constant to be described shortly can be used to absorb any dependence on transpiration or pressure gradient; the experimental data are not sufficiently accurate to justify finer discrimination. Thus we will model the region outside of the viscous near-wall region (which we will now term the viscous sublayer), but inside of the outer, or "wake", region, by:

$$l = ky. (16)$$

The viscous sublayer immediately adjacent to the wall can be modelled in a simple way by introducing a damping function that forces the mixing-length l to zero at the wall. Designating the damping function as D, the mixing-length over the entire inner region may then be expressed as:

$$l = k \nu D. \tag{17}$$

The damping function D can be any function that is equal to zero at the wall and equal to unity at large values of y, but obviously some functions will model the actual experimental data better than others. The simplest possible damping function idealizes the sublayer as a finite, purely viscous region as follows:

$$D = 0.0; \quad y^{+} \leq y_{\text{crit}}^{+}$$
  
 $D = 1.0; \quad y^{+} > y_{\text{crit}}^{+}$  (18)

 $y^+$  is the non-dimensional distance from the wall expressed in "wall" coordinates.  $y^+_{\rm crit}$  is then the effective viscous sublayer thickness. For the flat-plate case with no pressure gradient and no transpiration,  $y^+_{\rm crit}$  is found to be approximately 11·0. For accelerating flows,  $y^+_{\rm crit}$  increases, for transpiration  $y^+_{\rm crit}$  decreases, and for suction  $y^+_{\rm crit}$  increases. A reasonably adequate scheme can be developed using this very simple damping function, its main deficiency being that it does

not model the velocity profile very well in the  $v^+$  range 5-30.

Another scheme which is very popular today was first suggested by Van Driest [17]. The Van Driest damping function is exponential, so that the influence of the viscous region decays smoothly from the wall and is still felt as far out as  $y^+ = 50-100$ . The simplest version of the Van Driest damping function is that given in the following equation:

$$D = 1.0 - \exp(-y^{+}/A^{+}). \tag{19}$$

In this case  $A^+$  becomes an effective viscous sublayer thickness. For the flat-plate case,  $A^+ = 26.0$  is approximately what is obtained. However, the precise value of  $A^+$  depends to a certain extent upon the value of the mixing-length constant k chosen. Figure 10 shows the values of  $A^+$  that are obtained for differing values of k to yield identical values of  $u^+$  at an arbitrary  $y^+ = 80.0$ . There is some evidence that at low  $Re_M$ , i.e. below 6000, k tends to increase (see Simpson [18]), but the data upon

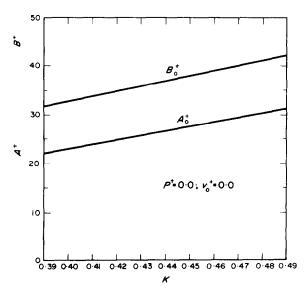


Fig. 10. Values of effective sublayer thicknesses  $A^+$  and  $B^+$  for the case of no transpiration and no pressure gradient plotted as a function of mixing-length constant, k. The indicated combinations of  $A^+$  or  $B^+$  and k will predict identical values of  $u^+$  at  $y^+ = 80$ .

which this paper is based are not conclusive in this regard, and k = 0.44 is used for all of the illustrative calculations to follow. Those preferring other values of k can use Fig. 10 as a basis for changing all of the functions, as will be seen later.

Like  $y_{crit}^+$ ,  $A^+$  is found to be a function of both a pressure gradient parameter and a transpiration parameter (and perhaps other things yet to be investigated).

The non-dimensional distance from the wall  $y^+$  contains within it the wall shear stress  $\tau_0$ .  $A^+$  is simply the value of  $y^+$  at an effective outer edge of the sublayer, and thus is also normalized with respect to  $\tau_0$ . It can be argued that in the region under consideration, a local Reynolds number of turbulence can be defined as

$$Re_t = l_t \sqrt{\overline{u'v'}}/v = l_t \sqrt{g_c \tau_t/\rho}/v.$$
 (20)

 $l_r$ , the turbulence length scale, is effectively equal to the mixing-length l = ky. Thus,

$$Re_t = ky\sqrt{g_c \tau_t/\rho}/v.$$
 (20a)

For the case of no pressure gradient, and no transpiration, the shear stress  $\tau$  is essentially equal to  $\tau_0$  out to a distance well beyond the viscous sublayer, so that  $\tau_t = \tau_0$ , and  $Re_t$  is then equal to  $ky^+$ . Thus  $A^+$  can be interpreted as a number proportional to a critical value of a local Reynolds number of turbulence, and which determines the viscous sublayer thickness.

If this idea has any merit, however, account should be taken of the fact that for flows with pressure gradients in the flow direction, or for transpired boundary layers, the local shear stress can vary markedly with y in the region near the wall, in which case the *local* shear stress ought to be used in the damping function rather than the wall shear stress. This notion has led to the following alternative form for the Van Driest damping function

$$D = 1.0 - \exp(-y^{+}\sqrt{\tau^{+}}/A^{+})$$
 (21)  
where  $\tau^{+} = \tau/\tau_{0}$ .

Equation (21) is appealing because it immedi-

ately suggests that for strongly accelerating flows, where  $\tau^+$  decreases very sharply with increasing y<sup>+</sup>, it would be possible to have a sufficiently strong pressure gradient so that D would remain a very small number throughout the boundary layer. This, of course, would correspond to the observed phenomena of laminarization. In other words, this would be a situation where Re, never exceeds a critical value of the Reynolds number of turbulence,  $A^+$ , and the entire boundary layer remains laminar. Similarly, the thinning of the laminar sublayer that is observed for blowing is correctly modelled, as well as the opposite trend for suction. These features have led some analysts to prefer equation (21) over equation (19) as a basis for defining  $A^+$ . It is important to recognize this difference (and there are still other schemes) because otherwise it is difficult to compare the results of different workers.

Despite the fact that equation (21) with  $A^+=26\cdot0$  yields the *trends* that are observed experimentally, the observed effects are considerably greater. Thus for transpiration and/or pressure gradient it still becomes necessary to express  $A^+$  as a function of a transpiration parameter and a pressure gradient parameter. Using wall coordinates, these are respectively  $v_0^+$  and  $P^+$  (defined in the Nomenclature). All that is accomplished by using equation (21) in preference to equation (19) is to somewhat lessen the dependence of  $A^+$  upon these parameters.

Values of  $A^+$  as defined by equation (21) have been determined from a wide range of experimental velocity profiles for blowing, suction, acceleration, and combinations of acceleration and transpiration, from the work of Simpson et al. [10], Julien et al. [19] and Loyd et al. [20]. The following equation is an empirical correlation of these results and fits them all within a tolerance of about  $\pm 10$  per cent.

$$A^{+} = \frac{A_0^{+}}{5.15 \left[ v_0^{+} \frac{5.86 P^{+}}{(1 + 5.0 v_0^{+})} \right] + 1.0}$$
 (22)

where  $A_0^+$  is the value of  $A^+$  for no transpiration and no pressure gradient, as taken from Fig. 10. Equation (22) is plotted on Fig. 11 for the case of k=0.44. Here the effects of a favorable pressure gradient, and the effects of transpiration are clearly seen. Although the equation itself extends to positive values of  $P^+$ , and may well be valid there, the experimental data upon which equation (22) is based are all for the case of accelerating flows (negative  $P^+$ ).

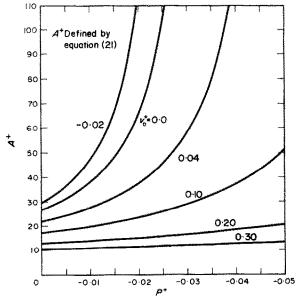


Fig. 11. The effect of pressure gradient and transpiration on  $A^+$ , curves generated from an empirical fit to available data.

Another damping function, proposed by Evans et al. [21], utilizes a linear function as follows.

$$D = y^{+}/B^{+}; \quad y^{+} \leq B^{+}$$
  
= 1.00:  $y^{+} > B^{+}$  (23)

In this case  $B^+$  becomes an effective viscous sublayer thickness. This function involves a discontinuity, but only in D, not in either mixing-length or the resulting velocity profile. The Evans damping function seems to give velocity

profiles that are a little closer to the experimental data at values of  $y^+ < 100$ , and therefore is especially attractive for low Reynolds number work

Like  $A^+$ , the value of  $B^+$  depends to a certain extent upon the value of mixing-length constant k used. Figure 10 shows this dependence.

Values of  $B^+$  have been determined from the experimental data cited above, and these results are correlated within about  $\pm 10$  per cent by the following equation.

$$B^{+} = \frac{B_{0}^{+}}{\left[9.0 \, v_{0}^{+} + \frac{3.35 \, P^{+}}{\left(1.0 + 4.0 \, v_{0}^{+}\right)} + 1.0\right]} \tag{24}$$

Again,  $B_0^+$  is taken from Fig. 10. Equation (24) is plotted on Fig. 12 for the case of k=0.44. The behavior is very similar to that of  $A^+$ ; there is a somewhat stronger effect of  $v_0^+$  and  $P^+$ , but this is due to the fact that equation (21) contains the shear stress ratio  $\tau^+$ . Had the comparison been made with  $A^+$  defined as in equation (19), it would be found that  $B^+$  differs from  $A^+$  by almost a constant factor.

Figures 13 and 14 show some examples of inner region velocity profiles predicted by integration of equation (13) using the  $B^+$  scheme,

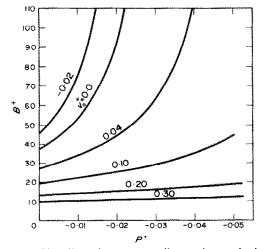


Fig. 12. The effect of pressure gradient and transpiration on  $B^+$ , using the same basic data as for Fig. 11.

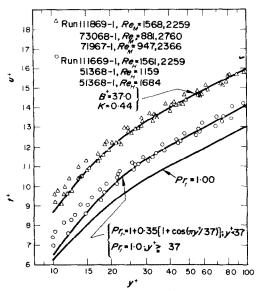


Fig. 13. Examples of the use of the  $B^+$  scheme and a proposed turbulent Prandtl number function to predict the velocity and temperature laws-of-the-wall.

and a comparison with experimental data, in the  $y^+$  range 10–100 (the temperature profile on Fig. 13 will be discussed later). The data on Fig. 13 are from several test runs for  $v_0^+ = 0.0$  and  $P^+ = 0.0$ ; they correspond closely to the data that are generally found in the literature for this basic case. Figure 14 shows two cases of blowing alone, and one case of a combination of blowing and acceleration. As can be seen, the prediction is excellent; the  $A^+$  scheme is also quite adequate, but slightly underpredicts  $u^+$  in the  $y^+$  range 10–50.

A word should now be said about the reasons for the observed dependence of  $A^+$  or  $B^+$  upon  $P^+$  and  $v_0^+$ . It was suggested earlier that the outer edge of the viscous sublayer might be characterized by some critical value of the local Reynolds number of turbulence, equation (20), and indeed this hypothesis does yield the correct trends with  $v_0^+$  and  $P^+$  This scheme applied to  $A^+$  yields somewhat better results than if applied to  $y_{\rm crit}^+$ . If applied to  $B^+$ , it works better still. Since each of these three schemes employs an effective sublayer thickness that is greater than the previous one, it appears possible that the

value of y+ at which fully developed selfsustaining turbulence obtains, and therefore at which the Reynolds number of turbulence has exceeded some critical value, is at a value of  $v^+$ greater than the effective sublayer thickness used in these models. An investigation by Andersen [22] based on the experimental data cited above, has revealed the interesting fact that if  $y^+$  equal to about 2 times  $B^+$  is chosen as the critical point, the local Reynolds number of turbulence is very close to the same number for all of the data examined. These data include some 37 test runs covering a wide range of transpiration, acceleration, and combinations of transpiration and acceleration. To be more precise, at  $y^+ = 2B^+$ , the Reynolds number of turbulence, Re,, is equal to about 33.0 over the entire range of tests. In other words, with this fact alone it is possible to calculate  $B^+$  as a function of  $P^+$  and  $v_0^+$  and to obtain results that correspond remarkably closely to those represented by equation (24), or Fig. 12. Thus the concept that the effectiveness thickness of the viscous sublayer is determined by a critical

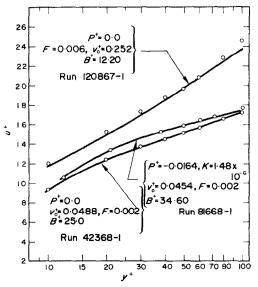


Fig. 14. Comparison of predictions and experiment for the velocity law-of-the-wall for two cases of transpiration and one-case of both transpiration and pressure gradient.

Reynolds number of turbulence seems at the present time to be an attractive one.

 $A^+$  and  $B^+$  as represented by equation (22) and (23), were obtained under what might best be described as equilibrium conditions, i.e. conditions under which  $v_0^+$  and/or  $P^+$  are invariant or at worst are varying only slowly along the surface. Under non-equilibrium conditions where these parameters are changing rapidly or abruptly, it has been observed that the sublayer does not change abruptly to its new equilibrium condition, i.e.  $B^+$  does not immediately assume its new equilibrium value. It can be hoped that some of the higher order models of turbulence will predict this effect, but in the meantime, a reasonably satisfactory expedient is to use a rate equation of a type suggested by Launder [23]:

$$\frac{\mathrm{d}B_{\mathrm{eff}}^{+}}{\mathrm{d}x^{+}} = (B_{\mathrm{eff}}^{+} - B_{\mathrm{eq}}^{+})/C \qquad (25)$$
(or  $A_{\mathrm{eff}}^{+}$  and  $A_{\mathrm{eq}}^{+}$ ).

 $B_{\rm eff}^+$  is the effective value of  $B^+$ , while  $B_{\rm eq}^+$  is the equilibrium value obtained from equation (24). A value of C of about 4.0 has been found to be reasonable.

All of the discussion up to now has been concerned with the inner region of the boundary layer. The outer region, comprising the greater part of the boundary layer thickness, is of considerably less importance in predicting performance, and thus can be handled successfully using more gross approximations. This statement may not be valid for very non-equilibrium boundary layers under adverse pressure gradient conditions, but how valid it actually is for accelerating flows and for transpired boundary layers with and without acceleration, will be demonstrated later. In any case, for equilibrium or near equilibrium boundary layers, either the assumption of a constant value of eddy diffusivity over the entire outer region, or the assumption of a constant value of mixing-length over the entire outer region yields approximately the same result. If constant eddy diffusivity is used, an empirical correlation of eddy diffusivity as a function of either displacement or momentum thickness Reynolds number can be obtained. However, if mixing-length is used in the inner regions, it is probably computationally simpler to use the mixing-length concept for the entire boundary layer. A satisfactory scheme is to express the outer region mixinglength as a fraction,  $\lambda$ , of the total boundary layer thickness, as suggested by Spalding [27]. Based on the 99 per cent boundary layer thickness,  $\lambda = 0.080-0.085$  works remarkably well for the entire range of test data on which this paper is based. One simply evaluates I from equation (16) until the value obtained exceeds  $l = \lambda \delta_{0.99}$ , and then uses the latter value for the remainder of the boundary layer.

## A MODEL FOR SOLUTION OF THE ENERGY DIFFERENTIAL EQUATION OF THE BOUNDARY LAYER

The time-averaged energy equation of the boundary layer, particularized to constant fluid properties and negligible viscous dissipation, and neglecting turbulent conduction in the stream direction, may be written as follows:

$$\overline{u}\frac{\partial \overline{t}}{\partial x} + \overline{v}\frac{\partial \overline{t}}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left[ \alpha \frac{\partial \overline{t}}{\partial y} - \overline{t'v'} \right] = 0. \quad (26)$$

This equation can be solved for any desired boundary conditions providing that the velocity field has been established first by solution of the momentum equation, and providing that we have information on  $\overline{t'v'}$ . For convenience we introduce the concept of eddy diffusivity for heat,  $\varepsilon_H$ .

$$\overline{t'v'} = -\varepsilon_H \frac{\partial \overline{t}}{\partial y}.$$
 (27)

Although it might be fruitful to attempt to evaluate  $\overline{t'v'}$  or  $\varepsilon_H$  on the basis of assumptions that are independent of the turbulent shear stress, it seems apparent that there is some kind of relationship between  $\overline{t'v'}$  and  $\overline{u'v'}$ , or  $\varepsilon_H$  and  $\varepsilon_M$ . Therefore most analysts have found it

convenient to introduce the concept of turbulent Prandtl number,  $Pr_v$ , defined as follows:

$$Pr_{t} = \frac{\varepsilon_{M}}{\varepsilon_{H}}.$$
 (28)

Introducing equations (27) and (28) into equation (26) we obtain:

$$\bar{u}\frac{\partial \bar{t}}{\partial x} + \bar{v}\frac{\partial \bar{t}}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial}{\partial y}\left[(\alpha + \varepsilon_{M}/Pr_{i})\frac{\partial \bar{t}}{\partial y}\right] = 0. \quad (29)$$

If  $Pr_t$  were known, equation (29) could be solved for any desired boundary conditions so long as the momentum equation must be solved anyway. Evaluation of turbulent Prandtl number is then one of the central problems of turbulent heat transfer.

A very simple physical model of the turbulent momentum and energy transfer process leads to the conclusion that  $\varepsilon_H = \varepsilon_M$ , i.e.  $Pr_t = 1.00$  (the "Reynolds Analogy"). Slightly more sophisticated models suggest that  $Pr_t > 1.00$  for Pr < 1.00, and still other models suggest that  $Pr_t$  equals 0.7 or 0.5 in turbulent wakes. The experimental data are not abundant, but Figs. 15 and 16 show the measurements, respectively, of Simpson, Whitten and Moffat [24], and of Kearney, Moffat and Kays [25], with air as a working substance. These were all evaluated from measurements of the slopes of

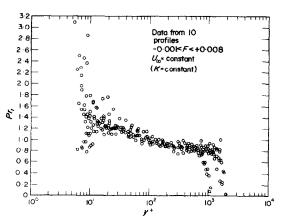


Fig. 15. Turbulent Prandtl number as determined from velocity and temperature profiles for various blowing and suction fractions, constant free-stream velocity.

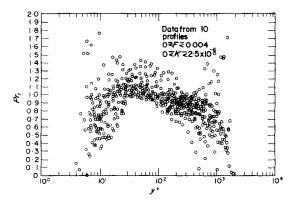


Fig. 16. Turbulent Prandtl numbers determined from velocity and temperature profiles for a wide range of strong accelerations with various values of blowing.

mean velocity and temperature profiles, together with estimates of shear stress and heat flux distributions, and the experimental uncertainty is high. The data on Fig. 15 are all for constant free-stream velocity, but cover a wide range of blowing and suction conditions. The data on Fig. 16 are for accelerated boundary layers with a considerable range of blowing and suction.

Despite the very considerable scatter of data, two conclusions seem definitely warranted. First, the turbulent Prandtl number, at least for air, has an order of magnitude of unity. The second conclusion is that  $Pr_t$  is evidently less than 1.00 in the wake or outer region, while it is greater than 1.00 near the wall. Very near the wall the experimental uncertainty becomes excessive, so that it is not possible to establish any limiting value in this rather critical region.

Another way of evaluating turbulent Prandtl number from experimental temperature profiles is to determine by computer experiments the turbulent Prandtl number function that must be used in order to predict given experimental temperature profiles using equation (29) and any one of the models for  $\varepsilon_M$  previously discussed. In effect the experimental velocity profile is removed from consideration, but different results for  $Pr_t$  will be obtained depending upon how well the model for  $\varepsilon_M$  reproduces true velocity profiles.

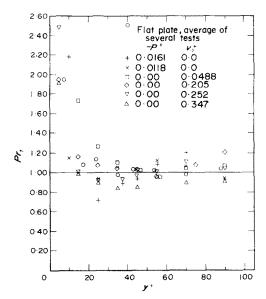


Fig. 17. Turbulent Prandtl numbers determined from experimental temperature profiles, together with predicted velocity profiles using the  $B^+$  scheme.

Using this scheme, the results on Fig. 17 for the inner region were obtained using the  $B^+$ damping function, equation (23), and experimental data for several cases of blowing and acceleration, as well as some data based on the average of several non-transpired, non-accelerated runs.  $B^+$  for each run was evaluated from the corresponding velocity profile by a computer experiment that forced the computed and measured velocity profiles to match at an arbitrary  $v^+ = 80$ . The results are thus independent of velocity measurements at the very small values of y+ where velocity measurement uncertainty is highest. For  $y^+ > 30$  there seems no question that the most probable value of Pr, is simply 1.00, i.e. the Reynolds Analogy, regardless of transpiration or acceleration. On the other hand there is a definite indication of much higher Pr, for lower  $y^+$ . Note of course that since only  $y^+ < 100$  is being considered, the lower Pr, that seems characteristic of the outer region is not seen.

The absolute necessity for a high  $Pr_t$  at very low values of  $y^+$  is well illustrated by the data and calculations for temperature profile

shown on Fig. 13 for the case of no transpiration and no pressure gradient. For  $y^+$  greater than 30 two parallel lines describe the velocity and temperature profiles very well, and this can be interpreted as meaning that  $Pr_t = 1.00$  in this region. However, if an attempt is made to predict the temperature profile with  $Pr_t = 1.00$  throughout, the result is as shown; a high Pr, is needed for  $v^+ < 30$  to avoid badly underpredicting  $t^+$  in the  $y^+$  range 30–100. Closer examination reveals that it makes little difference how high Pr, is for  $y^+ < 10$ , and yet at  $y^+ = 15$  it is already too late to introduce the correction. Apparently for  $y^+ < 15$  turbulent velocity fluctuations result in a considerably greater rate of transport of momentum than of heat for reasons that are not yet fully understood, although the heat conduction model of Jenkins [25] would predict this trend.

At the present time an empirical correlation of this effect seems the most practicable expedient if heat transfer rates are to be calculated. The assumption of a constant value of  $Pr_t = 0.9$  throughout the boundary layer will yield overall heat transfer rates that are quite satisfactory, but temperature profiles will not correspond well with experiment. Temperature profiles can be more accurately predicted if a variation of  $Pr_t$  with  $y^+$  is introduced. The following correlations have been used successfully by the writer for air:

If  $A^+$  is used as the damping function, equation (20),

$$Pr_{t} = (1.43 - 0.17 \, y^{+\frac{1}{2}}) (1 + v_{0}^{+}).$$
If  $Pr_{s} < 0.86$ ;  $Pr_{s} = 0.86$ . (30)

(The dependence upon  $v_0^+$  in equation (30) is not based on the raw  $Pr_t$  data in Figs. 15 and 16, but rather upon computer experiments using the  $A^+$  scheme for evaluation of  $\varepsilon_M$ .)

If  $B^+$  is used as the damping function:

$$Pr_t = 1 + 0.35[1 + \cos(\pi y^+/37)]; \quad y^+ < 37$$
  
 $Pr_t = 1.00; \quad y^+ > 37$  (31)  
 $Pr_t = 0.60; \quad y > (\lambda \delta_{0.99}/k).$ 

Figure 13 shows an example of an inner region temperature profile prediction using the  $B^+$  damping function, and equation (31).

# SOME EXAMPLES OF PREDICTIONS OF DIFFICULT CASES

This paper will be concluded with some demonstrations of the quality of turbulent boundary layer predictions which can be made with a finite difference program using some of the material presented in the preceding sections. Two rather difficult cases have been chosen. A modification of the Spalding/Patankar [27] program was used, although any good finite difference procedure should yield similar results.

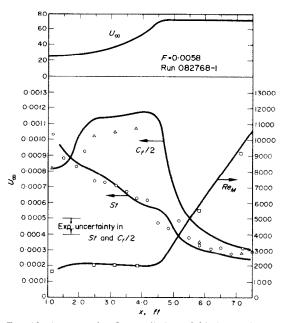


FIG. 18. An example of a prediction of friction and heat transfer for a case of very strong blowing and moderately strong acceleration, followed by constant free-stream velocity.

The first of these is illustrated on Fig. 18. Here is a case of rather strong blowing, F=0.0058, subjected to a moderately strongly accelerated free-stream along about half the length of the test section, with constant free-stream velocity thereafter. The variation of  $U_{\infty}$  is shown at the

top of the diagram. This figure then shows a comparison between measured and predicted values of  $Re_M$ ,  $C_f/2$  and St, plotted as functions of distance x along the test surface. (The fluid used was room temperature air with small temperature differences, as was the case for all of the data considered in this paper.) Note that  $Re_{M}$  is almost constant throughout the accelerated boundary layer, as discussed earlier. Following acceleration  $Re_{M}$  then increases rapidly. The comparison between experiment and prediction must be considered excellent, especially when experimental uncertainty is taken into consideration. This prediction was made using the  $A^+$  damping function, but the  $B^+$  scheme will do equally as well.

Figures 19 and 20 are in some ways more impressive, for they show two velocity profiles and two temperature profiles from the same test run, in real dimensional coordinates, and a comparison between experiment and predictions. In each case the profile at x = 45.6 in. is one taken in the accelerated region, while the other profile at x = 69.7 in. is taken in the recovery region farther downstream.

Another difficult case is shown on Fig. 21. In this run, the flow starts at constant free-

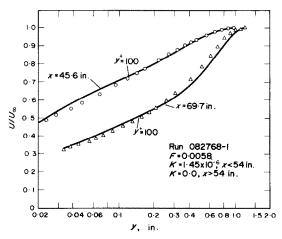


Fig. 19. Comparison of experimental and predicted velocity profiles for the same case as considered in Fig. 18, one profile near the end of the accelerated region, and one profile in the downstream recovery region.

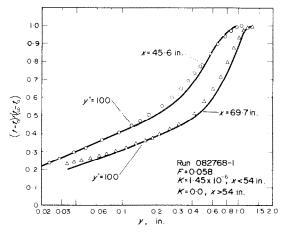


Fig. 20. Comparison of predicted and experimental temperature profiles under the same conditions as described under Fig. 19.

stream velocity but with moderately strong blowing, F = 0.004. This flow is then subjected to a very strong acceleration starting at x = 2 ft. In approximately the middle of the accelerated region the blowing is removed entirely. Then at about x = 3.4 ft the acceleration is removed, and for the remainder of the test section there is no blowing and no acceleration. The Stanton

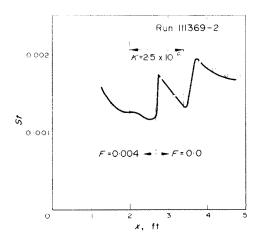


Fig. 21. Comparison of predicted and experimental Stanton numbers for a flow starting with constant free-stream velocity and constant blowing, followed by very strong acceleration. In the middle of the accelerated region the blowing is shut off abruptly. Finally the acceleration is shut off so that the last section is at zero blowing and constant free-stream velocity.

number prediction shown here was obtained using the  $A^+$  scheme, although the outer region of the boundary layer was calculated using a higher order turbulence model than the simple mixing-length model described here. The turbulent kinetic energy equation was solved, and  $\varepsilon_M$  was determined from an assumed relationship between  $\varepsilon_M$  and the kinetic energy of turbulence. However, it has been found that in flows of this type, use of a turbulent kinetic energy model in the outer part of the boundary layer contributes very little, and virtually identical results will be obtained with the simple mixing-length model.

An important thing to note here is that the model responds remarkably to the abrupt changes in boundary conditions, and predicts the resulting non-equilibrium boundary layer very well indeed. Of particular significance is the abrupt rise in Stanton number following the removal of blowing. The ability of the prediction to follow the data at this point is heavily dependent upon the use of the rate equation and lag constant, equation (25).

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### TRANSFERT THERMIQUE À LA COUCHE LIMITE TURBULENTE AVEC TRANSPIRATION

Résumé—Cet article contient un résumé de cinq années de travail sur l'étude du transfert thermique à une couche limite turbulente avec transpiration. On présente des résultats expérimentaux pour le coefficient de frottement et le nombre de Stanton dans un large domaine de soufflage et de succion avec une vitesse potentielle constante et en gardant certains paramètres de soufflage constants. On considère le problème de la couche limite turbulente accélérée avec transpiration; des résultats expérimentaux sont présentés, discutés et on présente des modèles théoriques de solution de l'équation de quantité de mouvement. Quelques exemples de calcul de coefficients de frottement et de transfert thermique sont présentés en utilisant l'un des modèles discutés et une méthode de résolution aux différences finies.

## WÄRMEÜBERGANG AN EINE TURBULENTE GRENZSCHICHT MIT DURCHLÄSSIGER WAND

Zusammenfassung—Dieser Bericht enthält die Zusammenfassung einer fünfjährigen Arbeit zur Untersuchung des Wärmeübergangs an eine turbulente Grenzschicht mit durchlässiger Wand. Es werden experimentelle Ergebnisse für den Reibungsbeiwert und die Stanton-Zahl über einen weiten Bereich der Ausblasung und Absaugung für den Fall konstanter Freistromgeschwindigkeit wiedergegeben, wobei gewisse Ausblas- bzw. Absaug-Parameter konstant gehalten sind. Das Problem der beschleunigten Grenzschicht mit durchlässiger Wand wird betrachtet, experimentelle Daten werden dargestellt und erörtert. Theoretische Modelle zur Lösung der Impulsgleichung unter diesen Bedingungen werden gegeben. Daten für die turbulente Prandtl-Zahl werden gebracht, so dass Lösungen der Energiegleichung erhalten werden konnen. Einige Beispiele zur Berechnung des Grenzschichtwärmeübergangs und Reibungsbeiwertes werden für eines der erörterten Modelle dargestellt, wobei zur Lösung eine Differenzenmethode verwendet wird.

# ПЕРЕНОС ТЕПЛА К ТУРБУЛЕНТНОМУ ПОГРАНИЧНОМУ СЛОЮ НА ПРОНИЦАЕМОЙ ПОВЕРХНОСТИ

Аннотация—В статье суммированы результаты пятилетнего исследования переноса тепла к турбулентному пограничному слою на проницаемой поверхности. Представлены экспериментальные значения козффициента трения и числа Стантона в широком диапазоне изменения параметров вдува и отсоса при постоянной скорости свободного потока. Рассмотрена задача ускоренного турбулентного пограничного слоя на проницаемой поверхности; для рассматриваемых условий представлены и обсуждаются экспериментальные результаты и теоретические модели уравнения количества движения. Приводятся данные по турбулентному числу Праидтля, используя которые можно решить уравнения энергии.

Приведено несколько примеров теоретических расчётов переноса тепла в пограничном слое и коэффициента трения методом конечных разностей с помощью одной из рассмотренных моделей.