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NOTATION

C_F	Frictional drag coefficient
C_P	Pressure coefficient, $\Delta p / (1/2 \rho U_0^2)$
C_R	Residual drag coefficient
C_T	Total drag coefficient
C_{PE}	Prismatic coefficient of forebody
D	Maximum diameter of model
D_F	Flat-faced diameter or friction drag
D_R	Residual drag
D_T	Total drag
k	Turbulence-stimulator height
$\tilde{k}_0$	Nondimensional rate of change of curvature on forebody at juncture of flat face with transition curve
$\tilde{k}_1$	Nondimensional rate of change of curvature on forebody at juncture with parallel middle body
L	Length of model or prototype
L_E	Length of forebody
L_R	Length of afterbody
R	Reynolds number*
R_θ	Reynolds number, $R_\theta = U\theta/\nu$
r	Nondimensional radius of curvature at forward point of body
S	Surface area of model
S_E	Surface area of forebody
S_{L-x_0}	Surface area between $x = x_0$ and $x = L$
S_R	Surface area of afterbody
S_{x_0}	Surface area between $x = 0$ and $x = x_0$

*Unless otherwise defined all Reynolds numbers are based on the freestream velocity U_0 and a length denoted by the subscript.

$S_{x_\ell - x_o}$	Surface area between $x = x_o$ and $x = x_\ell$
s	Arc length along a meridian
s_L	Arc length of model along a meridian
T	Forebody slenderness parameter $T = (L_E/D)/C_{PE}$
U	Potential flow velocity on the model
U_o	Speed of model or prototype
u_k	Laminar boundary layer velocity at trip height k
x	Axial distance from model forepoint
x_ℓ	Length of laminar flow on model forebody
y	Forebody radius
α	Tangent angle of model profile
ΔC_D	Stimulator drag coefficient, $\Delta D_T / (1/2 \rho u_k^2 2\pi y_k k)$
ΔC_T	Stimulator drag coefficient, $\Delta D_T / (1/2 \rho U_o^2 S)$
ΔD_T	Stimulator drag
Δp	Pressure change on model from potential flow
δ^*	Boundary layer displacement thickness
η	Nondimensional forebody radius
θ	Boundary layer momentum thickness
θ_{x_ℓ}	Boundary layer momentum thickness at $x = x_\ell$
$\theta_{x_\ell - x_o}$	θ at $x = x_\ell$ from turbulent flow originating at $x = x_o$
λ	Pressure gradient parameter, $\frac{\theta^2}{\nu} \frac{dU}{ds}$
ν	Kinematic viscosity of fluid
ξ	Nondimensional axial distance from forward point
ρ	Fluid density

Subscripts

k	Location of stimulator
ℓ	Laminar flow
o	Location of virtual origin
t	Turbulent flow

ABSTRACT

Resistance has been measured of nine bodies of revolution, having equal volume but varying forebody shapes. Forebody shapes ranged from extremely blunt to extremely fine and included two that were flat faced. The forebodies were altered by changing their length-to-diameter ratios (L/D 's) and prismatic coefficients. Drag results indicate that when the prismatic coefficient is fixed and the L/D is decreased, the residual resistance will increase modestly. Increasing the prismatic coefficient at small L/D 's increases residual resistance; however, at moderate L/D 's it does not. The results suggest that a flat-faced shape in itself does not increase resistance.

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INTRODUCTION

Experiments have been conducted on nine bodies of revolution having different forebody shapes. The primary purpose of the experiments was to determine what effect changing forebody shape would have on resistance. As a means to this end, the roles of transition, laminar separation, and turbulence stimulation in the analysis of model data have also been investigated. These phenomena have been examined using hot film probes, located in the model surfaces - resulting in a new method for analyzing model drag data as reported by McCarthy, Power, and Huang.¹ Results of both the resistance and hot film measurements are presented in this report.

The experiments have been made in two series. In the first, the effect of forebody length-to-diameter ratio (L/D) was investigated by measuring the resistance and transition locations of four models with forebodies having different bow entrance L/D 's and a fixed bow prismatic coefficient of 0.667. The data obtained in this series were also used in developing the new method of analysis given in Reference 1. For completeness, most of the results from the Series 1 experiments, reported in Reference 1, are repeated.

In Series 2, the effect of very large values of bow prismatic coefficient on resistance was investigated. Properly shaped blunt forebodies could create strong favorable pressure gradients in the forward regions of the forebodies where transition could be expected to take place at full-scale Reynolds numbers. These pressure gradients would extend laminar flow further aft when compared with flow on more conventional forebodies, possibly producing a more favorable operating environment for sensors, in the bow region. In Series 2, five blunt forebodies were investigated, including two that were flat faced.

MODELS

To conduct the resistance experiments, nine models were constructed, all bodies of revolution. Each model consisted of a forebody, parallel middle body, and fixed afterbody: see Figure 1. Seven of the models had rounded forebodies, and two had flat faces. The volume and the maximum diameter of all models were kept constant. In this section, the method used to generate forebody shapes, the selection of the forebodies, and the construction of the models will be discussed.

GENERATION OF FOREBODIES

Rounded Forebodies

Six of the rounded forebody shapes were developed using the Granville family of quadratic polynomials²; the seventh "rounded" forebody was hemispherical in shape. The nondimensional offsets of the polynomials and the hemispherical shape are given by the following two equations

¹McCarthy, J.H. et al., "*The Roles of Transition, Laminar Separation, and Turbulence Stimulation in the Analysis of Axisymmetric Body Drag*," Eleventh Symposium on Naval Hydrodynamics, London (1976).

²Granville, P.S., "*Geometrical Characteristics of Noses and Tails for Parallel Middle Bodies*," NSRDC Report 3763 (Dec 1972).

Polynomials

$$\eta = r R(\xi) + \tilde{k}_1 \tilde{K}_1(\xi) + Q(\xi) \quad (1)$$

where

$$R(\xi) = 2\xi(\xi - 1)^4$$

$$\tilde{K}_1(\xi) = \frac{1}{3}\xi^2(\xi - 1)^3$$

$$Q(\xi) = 1 - (\xi - 1)^4(4\xi + 1)$$

Hemisphere

$$\eta = (2\xi - \xi^2)^{1/2} \quad (2)$$

where

- $\xi = x/L_E$ and $\eta = 2y/D$
- D is forebody maximum diameter
- L_E is forebody length
- x is axial distance from forward point
- y is forebody radius
- r is radius of curvature at $\xi = 0$
- $\tilde{k}_1$ is rate of change of curvature at $\xi = 1$

where

$$r = \frac{1}{\left(\frac{d^2\xi}{d\eta^2}\right)_{\xi=0}} = \frac{4L_E}{D^2} \frac{1}{\left(\frac{d^2x}{dy^2}\right)_{x=0}} ; \quad \tilde{k}_1 = \left(\frac{d^3\eta}{d\xi^3}\right)_{\xi=1} = \frac{2L_E^3}{D} \left(\frac{d^3y}{dx^3}\right)_{x=L_E}$$

By selecting proper values of r and k_1 , various parent shapes can be derived. The values of L_E and D then determine the shape of the particular forebody. Once values of r and k_1 have been selected, the prismatic coefficient C_{PE} is uniquely determined and is given by

$$C_{PE} = \frac{r}{15} - \frac{\tilde{k}_1}{180} + \frac{2}{3} \quad (3)$$

At $x = L_E$, the slope $\left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right)_{x=L_E}$ and the curvature $\left(\frac{d^2y}{dx^2}\right)_{x=L_E}$ are set at zero, matching

their corresponding values on the parallel middle body. The hemispherical shape is fixed with $L_E = D/2$. At $x = L_E$ the slope matches that of the parallel middle body; however, the curvature does not.

Flat-Faced Forebodies

The curves connecting the flat face to the parallel middle body of the two flat-faced shapes were developed, using both an elliptical contour and a contour derived from the Granville two-parameter cubic polynomial.³ The nondimensional elliptical contour offsets are given by Equation (2), and the Granville cubic polynomial offsets are given by

$$\eta^3 = \frac{1}{\tilde{k}_0} \tilde{K}_0(\xi) + \tilde{k}_1 \tilde{K}_1(\xi) + Q(\xi) \quad (4)$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{K}_0(\xi) &= 6\xi(\xi - 1)^4 \\ \tilde{K}_1(\xi) &= \frac{1}{2}\xi^2(\xi - 1)^3 \\ Q(\xi) &= 1 - (\xi - 1)^4(4\xi + 1) \end{aligned}$$

where now $\xi = x/L_E$ and $\eta = \frac{2y - D_F}{D - D_F}$

$$\tilde{k}_0 = \left(\frac{d^3 \xi}{d\eta^3} \right)_{\xi=0, \eta=0} = \frac{(D - D_F)^3}{8 L_E} \left(\frac{d^3 x}{dy^3} \right)_{x=0, y=D_F/2}$$

$$\tilde{k}_1 = \left(\frac{d^3 \eta}{d\xi^3} \right)_{\xi=1} = \frac{2 L_E^3}{D - D_F} \left(\frac{d^3 y}{dx^3} \right)_{x=L_E}$$

where D_F is the diameter of the flat face.

For the Granville shape, the slope and curvature of the connecting curve match the slope and curvature of the flat face and parallel middle body where the curves join, and the shape of a parent body is determined by values assigned to $\tilde{k}_0$ and $\tilde{k}_1$. The values of L_E and $(D - D_F)/2$ then determine the contour of the particular forebody. The elliptical transition curve (non-dimensional) is fixed, and variation in model forebody shape is a function of only L_E and $(D - D_F)/2$. The slopes match at the flat face and parallel middle body; however, the curvatures do not.

³Granville, P.S., "Geometrical Characteristics of Flat-Faced Bodies of Revolution," NSRDC Report 3710 (Nov 1971).

SELECTION OF SHAPES

For the first series of experiments, four models were selected. Since the purpose of this series was to investigate the effects of L_E/D , only this parameter was varied. All the models had rounded forebodies with prismatic coefficients equal to 0.667. The first forebody model selected (4620-3) is designated as the parent model, $L_E/D = 1.82$; the resistance of this model is then used as a baseline to assess the merits of the other forebodies. The remaining three forebodies have L_E/D ratios of 0.5, 1.0, and 3.0. The $L_E/D = 0.5$ forebody has a hemispherical shape. The other three have Granville shapes and were derived from a common parent, i.e., $r = 0.8333$ and $\tilde{k}_1 = 10.0$. Figure 2 shows the contours of the four forebody shapes.

Of the five forebodies selected for experiment in Series 2, three had rounded shapes. They were selected during a parametric investigation of forebody shape, using calculated pressure distributions and transition locations for guidance. Pressures were computed for several model shapes, using the Hess-Smith, potential-flow-computer program.⁴ Boundary-layer stability calculations were made for a few selected shapes at typical full-scale Reynolds numbers, using the Smith-Gamberoni method.^{5,6} Results were then compared with similar calculations for the parent forebody shape, Model 4620-3. Shapes selected were chosen for their persistence of laminar flow in the full-scale Reynolds number range. They were derived from a common parent – $r = 3.167$, $C_{PE} = 0.850$, $\tilde{k}_1 = 5.0$ – having L_E/D ratios of 0.50, 1.00, and 1.82.

The first flat-faced forebody selected has a relatively small prismatic coefficient, 0.823, and a forebody L_E/D of 1.216. The connecting curve between the flat face and the parallel middle body on this model has an elliptical contour. In contrast, the second flat-faced forebody is extremely blunt with a prismatic coefficient equal to 0.933. A Granville two-parameter cubic polynomial ($\tilde{k}_0 = 1.0$, $\tilde{k}_1 = 3.0$) was used for the transition curve on this model. The contours of the five forebodies of the second series are shown in Figure 3, and the particulars of the nine models selected are given in Table 1.

Incipient cavitation speeds have been calculated for the nine forebody model shapes; all are listed in Table 2. The model with the earliest predicted cavitation inception is 4620-7.

⁴Hess, J.L. and A.M.O. Smith, "Calculation of Potential Flow about Arbitrary Bodies," Progress in Aeronautical Sciences, Vol. 8, Pergamon Press, Inc., New York (1966).

⁵Smith, A.M.O. and N. Gamberoni, "Transition Pressure Gradient and Stability Theory," Douglas Aircraft Company Report ES-26388 (Aug 1956).

⁶Wazzan, A.R. et al., "Spatial and Temporal Stability Charts for the Flakner-Skan Boundary-Layer Profiles," Douglas Aircraft Company, Report DAC-67086 (Sep 1968).

TABLE 1 – MODEL PARTICULARS

Model	C_{P_E}	$\frac{L_E}{D}$	$\frac{D_F}{D}$	$\frac{L}{D}$	$\frac{S}{D^2}$	$\frac{S_E}{D^2}$
SERIES 1						
4620-1	0.667	0.500	0	10.73	29.54	1.57
4620-2	0.667	1.000	0	10.90	29.60	2.67
4620-3	0.667	1.820	0	11.17	29.81	4.61
4620-4	0.667	3.000	0	11.57	30.19	7.46
SERIES 2						
4620-5	0.850	1.000	0	10.72	29.47	3.21
4620-6	0.850	1.820	0	10.84	29.53	5.46
4620-7	0.850	0.500	0	10.64	29.48	1.90
4620-8	0.823	1.216	0.540	10.78	29.63	3.81
4620-9	0.933	1.000	0.500	10.63	29.43	3.35
D = 0.624 m; $L_R/D = 4.400$; $S_R/D^2 = 40.21$; Volume/ $D^3 = 6.786$.						

TABLE 2 – COMPUTED INCIPIENT CAVITATION SPEEDS OF NINE FOREBODIES

Model	$C_{P_{min}}$	Incipient Cavitation Speeds in Meters per Second for Water Depths of –				
		15 m	30 m	60 m	90 m	150 m
1	-0.771	25	32	50	50	64
2	-0.402	35	44	58	70	89
3	-0.185	51	65	86	103	130
4	-0.094	72	91	121	144	183
5	-0.778	25	32	42	50	63
6	-0.428	34	43	57	67	85
7	-1.402	19	24	31	38	47
8	-0.610	28	36	47	57	72
9	-0.988	22	28	37	44	56
Note: It is assumed that forebodies have negligible roughness.						

At a depth of 15 m this shape had an inception speed of 18.5 m/s. The cavitation calculations were based on the computed, potential flow, pressure distributions for smooth forebodies. Rough forebodies would have lower inception speeds. The pressure distributions on the models of the first series are given in Figure 4 and of the second series in Figure 5. Minimum values of the pressure distributions are listed in Table 2.

CONSTRUCTION

The models were constructed of molded Fiberglas and consisted of three sections. The second and third sections were common to all models and consisted of part of the parallel middle body and the afterbody, respectively. The first section included the forebody and the remainder of the parallel middle body. For each of the first sections, the length of the included parallel middle body was adjusted to insure constant volume for all models. The third section was obtained from an existing model of the research submarine ALBACORE (AGSS-569) by cutting the model in two parts at the position of maximum diameter.

Special care was taken in the construction of the forebodies of the models. Profile tolerances were held to ± 0.4 mm; all imperfections were removed and meridians were faired. The Fiberglas was polished to a 0.64-micron, root-mean-square, surface finish. This insured roughness Reynolds numbers two orders of magnitude lower than the number considered necessary to trip turbulence prematurely.

EXPERIMENTS

GENERAL

The model drag experiments were conducted in the David W. Taylor Model Basin, using Carriage 2. This towing basin is 846 m long, 15.5 m wide, and 6.7 m deep. Drag and speed data were collected for each model in the speed range between 0.51 and 5.15 m/s at intervals of approximately 1/4 m/s. A waiting time of 5 min between runs was selected because no effects of residual turbulence from preceding runs could be detected after this time. Flush-mounted hot films were inserted in the model surface at selected locations to determine the extent of laminar and transitional flow and the location of laminar separation when it occurred. Water temperatures were monitored throughout the test period to obtain water densities and kinematic viscosities.

RESISTANCE MEASUREMENTS

Total drag has been measured using the standard DTNSRDC block-gage-type dynamometer, mounted internally, on each model and connected to the carriage with a single streamlined strut. This dynamometer has an accuracy of approximately 1 percent at its maximum load capability of 55 k. The model centerline-submergence depth was fixed at 2.74 m below the water surface for all runs. The models were ballasted for a slight amount of negative buoyancy with zero moment at the towing strut. Previous work has shown that the towing-strut model, interference-drag coefficient is less than $0.01 \cdot 10^{-3}$ for the size of models investigated. Since this interference drag is within the experimental accuracy of model drag data reported here, no corrections have been made for it.

TRANSITION MEASUREMENTS

Table 3 gives the locations of the hot films in the various models. Selection of the hot film locations was assisted by inspection of pressure distributions, experience from previous tests, and some trial and error. When laminar separation was predicted, a hot film was inserted immediately fore and aft of the predicted location. The Curle and Skan modified Thwaites criterion⁷ of $\lambda = -0.09$ was used to predict the location of laminar separation where λ is a pressure gradient parameter given by

$$\lambda = \frac{\theta^2}{\nu} \frac{dU}{ds} \quad (5)$$

where θ is boundary layer momentum thickness
 ν is kinematic viscosity
 U is potential flow velocity on the body
 s is arc length along a meridian.

The values of θ were computed using the Granville integral method for bodies of revolution.⁸ The computed positions of laminar separation are listed in Table 4.

⁷Curle, N. and S.W. Skan, "Approximate Methods for Predicting Separation Properties of Laminar Boundary Layers," Aeronautical Quarterly, Vol. 8 (1957).

⁸Granville, P.S., "The Calculation of the Viscous Drag of Bodies of Revolution," David Taylor Model Basin Report 849 (1953).

TABLE 3 – LOCATIONS OF HOT FILM GAGES

Location	Nondimensional Axial Distance from Model Forepoint to Hot Film Gages - x/D								
	4620-1	4620-2	4620-3	4620-4	4620-5	4620-6	4620-7	4620-8	4620-9
1	0.16	0.29	0.29	0.29	0.30	0.41	0.13	0.05	0.06
2	0.37	0.45	0.45	0.47	0.42	0.52	0.21	0.17	0.14
3	0.49	0.61	0.61	0.65	0.54	0.62	0.34	0.29	0.27
4	0.57	0.86	0.81	1.26	0.75	0.72	0.54	0.46	0.39
5	0.81	0.98	1.02	1.59		0.82		0.66	0.59
6	1.22	1.42	1.59	1.91		1.02			
7	1.63	2.04	1.71	2.24		1.23			
8	2.78	2.94	1.87	3.64					
9			2.04						

The hot film probes were made by Lingtronics Laboratory. The active elements (platinum) were approximately 1.6 mm long, fixed to one end of a Pyrex cylinder 12.7 mm in length and 2.4 mm in diameter. The cylinders were carefully mounted in predrilled holes in the model surfaces and were held in place with rubber cement. Any ridge between the model surface and the probes was held to less than 0.025 mm, and the holes in the model were drilled perpendicular to the surface ± 0.50 deg. As a further precaution, each probe was located along a different meridian streamline, to avoid possible spurious signals which might result from tripping of turbulence by probes, located at successively further forward positions.

Five channels of instrumentation were available and interchangeable between hot films, allowing the five most significant probes to be activated during a given run. Each channel consisted of an anemometer, linearizer, oscilloscope, and attenuator. For each speed, 20-s samples of hot film output were recorded on tape. The output of each channel was kept close to but less than the 1.4-V overload capacity of the recorder by adjusting the overheat ratios of the films, the linearizer amplifiers, and the attenuators. Overheat ratios were kept between 1.035 and 1.050 for most of the tests; however, for some of the low-speed runs, slightly higher ratios were needed. Since these adjustments had to be made quickly as the carriage moved down the basin, no record of amplifications or overheat ratios could be kept. Thus, the information obtained from the hot films was primarily qualitative and was used to determine the nature of the flow at the hot film locations. Figure 6 shows one channel of the instrumentation.

**TABLE 4 – LOCATIONS OF WIRE STIMULATORS AND TRANSITION
OR LAMINAR SEPARATION WITHOUT STIMULATORS**

Model	Wire Diameter mm	Wire Locations x_k/D	Locations of Laminar Separation (LS) or Transition (T)
4620-1	0.61	0.107 0.322	LS: $x/D = 0.472$
4620-2	0.61	0.218 0.382 0.545	LS: $x/D = 0.894$
4620-3	0.25 0.61 1.02	0.223 0.559 0.223 0.390 0.559 0.223 0.559	T: $1.56 \leq x/D \leq 2.13,$ $33.6 \geq R_D \cdot 10^{-5} \geq 3.1.$
4620-4	0.61	0.231, 0.405, 0.579 0.405, 0.579 0.579	T: $1.26 \leq x/D \leq 3.39,$ $33.6 \geq R_D \cdot x/D \cdot 10^{-5} \geq 3.1.$
4620-5	0.61	0.311	LS: $x/D = 0.371$
4620-6	0.61	0.542	T: $0.57 \leq x/D \leq 1.04,$ $30.6 \geq R_D \cdot 10^{-5} \geq 3.1.$
4620-7	0.61	0.160	LS: $x/D = 0.184$
4620-8	0.61	0.078	T: $0.07 \leq x/D \leq 0.70,$ $30.6 \geq R_D \cdot 10^{-5} \geq 3.1$ LS: $x/D = 1.25$
4620-9	0.61	0.181	LS: $x/D = 0.202$

As shown in Figure 7, analysis of the hot film, output signals revealed that four different types of boundary-layer flow could be distinguished:

1. Laminar flow, when hot film signals were of steady amplitude.
2. A smooth wavelike disturbance that had identifiable frequency content, superimposed on a laminar flow, and no doubt associated with Tollmien-Schlichting waves.⁹ (An early (Type 2a) and advanced stage (Type 2b) of wavelike flow is illustrated in Figure 7.)
3. An intermittent turbulent bursting flow, reported by Schubauer and Klebanoff,¹⁰ preceded and followed in time by periods of Type (2) flow.
4. A fully turbulent flow of random nature.

Under fixed test conditions, probe outputs indicated that Types (2) or (3) and Types (3) or (4) could alternately occur on repeat-run, tape-recorded, time samples of the signal at a given probe location. For a given location of a hot film probe on a forebody, the speed at which a particular type of flow occurred could be determined to within 1/4 m/s.

TURBULENCE STIMULATORS

Resistance of each model was measured both with and without turbulence stimulators. In the Series 1 experiments, Model 4620-3 was used to evaluate stimulators of the following types: sand strips, wires, and studs. The results of these experiments have been reported in Reference 1 and will not be discussed here. The 0.61-mm wire was chosen for all of the remaining resistance tests because it proved to be an effective trip in the present experimental arrangement, having a precisely defined geometry consistent from test to test and being easy to install and remove. More parasitic drag data were also available for the wire than for the other types of trips.

Table 4 gives the wire sizes used and the locations at which the wires were installed on the nine models. With the exception of Model 4620-3, only 0.61-mm diameter wires were used. Whenever possible, experiments were conducted with wires installed at $x/L = 0.05$, the traditional location used at the Center for trip wires, where L is the model length. Exceptions occurred when laminar separation, which acts as a natural trip, or transition took place forward of this location. When laminar separation occurred forward of $x/L = 0.05$, a trip was placed a short distance ahead of the separation location.

⁹Schlichting, H., "Boundary Layer Theory," McGraw-Hill, Inc., New York, Chapters 12, 16, and 17 (1955).

¹⁰Schubauer, G.B. and P.S. Klebanoff, "Contributions on the Mechanics of Boundary Layer Transition," National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics TN 3849 (1955).

REDUCTION OF RESISTANCE DATA

The value of the residual drag coefficient $C_R = D_R / 1/2 \rho U_o^2 S$ is used to determine the relative merits of different models, where D_R is the residual drag; ρ , the density of the fluid; U_o , the speed of the model; S , the model surface area. In the present experiments, values of C_R have been determined, using a method developed in Reference 1. In contrast to traditional methods, the new method takes into account the location of transition on the model in the analysis. This is important when, as in the present case, the object is to evaluate competing models with vastly different forebody shapes and C_R values with relatively small differences. The extent of laminar flow can vary greatly on such models as the forebodies vary from blunt to fine. This influences the measured model resistance and if not recognized will significantly alter the relative body drags. An outline of the method is given as follows.

In the analysis it is assumed that two types of flow regimes exist on a model hull: laminar ℓ and turbulent t . When a significant length of transitional flow occurs, the longitudinal extent x_ℓ of the laminar flow regime, having a wetted area S_{x_ℓ} , will be assumed to terminate where intermittent turbulent bursting first occurs; see Type 3 of Figure 7. When the wire stimulator is installed, it is assumed that x_ℓ will coincide with the wire location. When laminar separation occurs, it is assumed that x_ℓ coincides with the computed separation location. The latter two assumptions are in accord with available experimental data.¹

The value of C_R can be expressed as

$$C_R = C_T - C_F - \Delta C_T \quad (6)$$

where C_T is the total drag coefficient $D_T / 1/2 \rho U_o^2 S$
 C_F is the frictional drag coefficient $D_F / 1/2 \rho U_o^2 S$
 C_T is the wire drag coefficient $\Delta D_T / 1/2 \rho U_o^2 S$
 and D_T is the total drag
 D_F is the frictional drag
 ΔD_T is the stimulator drag
 S is the model surface area

The value of C_T is obtained by measurement; however, the value of C_F and ΔC_T must be obtained from empirical relations.

Following Reference 1, the drag coefficient ΔC_D of the wire has been taken as 0.75 for all experimental conditions where ΔC_D is defined as

$$\Delta C_D = \Delta D_T / \left(\frac{1}{2} \rho u_k^2 2\pi y_k k \right) \quad (7)$$

where k is the wire diameter
 u_k is the velocity in the laminar boundary layer at height k
 y_k is the radius of the model at the wire location

The relationship between ΔC_D and ΔC_T is

$$\Delta C_T = \Delta C_D \left(\frac{u_k}{U_o} \right)^2 \frac{2\pi y_k k}{S} \cos \alpha_k \quad (8)$$

where α_k is the tangent angle of the model profile at the wire location. Values of u_k were determined from the Pohlhausen one-parameter family of velocity profiles, using laminar boundary-layer parameters, calculated by the method given in Reference 8.

To calculate C_F , a virtual origin $x_o < x_\ell$ is defined so that the frictional drag of a turbulent flow over the wetted-surface area of the model between $x = x_o$ and $x = L$ is equal to the total frictional drag on the model (laminar and turbulent) plus the drag of a stimulator, if present. This situation is illustrated in Figure 8 and can be expressed by

$$D_F + \Delta D_T = D_{F_t}(S_L - x_o) \quad (9)$$

Equation (6) can now be written as

$$C_R = C_T - C_{F_t}(S_L - x_o) \frac{S_L - x_o}{S} \quad (10)$$

where

$$C_{F_t} = D_{F_t} / \left(\frac{1}{2} \rho U_o^2 S_L - x_o \right)$$

By analogy with Equation (9) and by converting to coefficient form, we can also write

$$C_{F_t}(S_{x_\ell} - x_o) \frac{S_{x_\ell} - x_o}{S} = C_{F_\ell}(S_{x_\ell}) \frac{S_{x_\ell}}{S} + \Delta C_T \quad (11)$$

This expression provides a means to evaluate x_o .

The frictional drag arising from the turbulent flow region $S_L - x_o$ on the model is now considered to be the drag due to the flow over an equivalent flat plate of constant width - $2\pi y = S_L - x_o / (L - x_o)$. With this assumption, frictional drag becomes a function of Reynolds number alone, and Equations (10) and (11) reduce to

$$C_R = C_T - C_{F_t} (R_L - x_o) \frac{S_L - x_o}{S} \quad (12)$$

and

$$C_{F_t} (R_{x\ell} - x_o) \frac{R_{x\ell} - x_o}{R_L} = \beta \left[C_{F_\ell} (S_{x\ell}) \frac{S_{x\ell}}{S} + \Delta C_T \right] \quad (13)$$

where $\beta = (R_{x\ell} - x_o/R_L)/(S_{x\ell} - x_o/S)$. Also, using flat-plate theory, we can write for the flow over the area $S_{x\ell} - x_o$

$$\left(R_{\theta_{x\ell} - x_o} \right)_t = \frac{1}{2} R_{x\ell} - x_o C_{F_t} (R_{x\ell} - x_o) \quad (14)$$

combining Equations (13) and (14) we get

$$\left(R_{\theta_{x\ell} - x_o} \right)_t = \frac{\beta}{2} R_L \left[C_{F_\ell} (S_{x\ell}) \frac{S_{x\ell}}{S} + \Delta C_T \right] \quad (15)$$

The empirical relation used to evaluate the turbulent frictional drag is the Schoenherr flat-plate formulation¹¹

$$\sqrt{C_F} \log_{10} (R_x C_F) = 0.242 \quad (16)$$

where R_x is a Reynolds number based on the length of the plate. Using Equations (16) and (14) and changing to the present notation, we can write

$$\sqrt{C_{F_t} (R_{x\ell} - x_o)} \log_{10} \left[2 \left(R_{\theta_{x\ell} - x_o} \right)_t \right] = 0.242 \quad (17)$$

Substitution for C_{F_t} in Equation (14) yields

$$R_{x_o} = R_{x\ell} - 34.151 \left(R_{\theta_{x\ell} - x_o} \right)_t \left\{ \log_{10} \left[2 \left(R_{\theta_{x\ell} - x_o} \right)_t \right] \right\}^2 \quad (18)$$

To obtain x_o , Equation (15) is solved iteratively, after initially setting $\beta = 1.0$ to obtain $R_{\theta_{x\ell} - x_o}$. Then x_o can be obtained directly from Equation (18). The value of $C_{F_\ell} (S_{x\ell})$ in Equation (15) is obtained using laminar boundary-layer theory for axisymmetric bodies.

¹¹Schoenherr, K.E., "Resistance of Flat Plates Moving through a Fluid," Transactions of Society of Naval Architects and Marine Engineers, Vol. 40 (1932).

The expression is

$$C_{F\ell}(S_{x\ell}) = \frac{4\pi}{S_{x\ell}} \left\{ y \left(\frac{U}{U_o} \right)^2 \theta \cos \alpha \Big|_0^{x\ell} - \int_0^{x\ell} y \left[\theta \left(\frac{U}{U_o} \right)^2 \frac{d}{dx} (\cos \alpha) - \frac{\delta^*}{2} \frac{d}{dx} \left(\frac{U}{U_o} \right)^2 \cos \alpha \right] dx \right\} \quad (19)$$

Once the value of x_o is determined, $C_{Ft}(S_L - x_o)$ and C_R can be obtained, using Equations (16) and (10). The value of C_R obtained should be the same for both tripped and untripped ($\Delta C_T = 0$) models.

When trips are located near the leading edge, and/or the trip has a high parasitic drag, the computed value of x_o can become negative. When this occurs, the following approximation is made when computing C_R from Equation (12)

$$\frac{S_L - x_o}{S} \cong \frac{L - x_o}{L}$$

The results obtained in Series 1 experiments were computed using the previously described equations. However, in Series 2 experiments, whenever x was directly involved in the calculations, it was replaced by the arc length along the meridian s . Thus the virtual origin was located at a position s_o from the leading edge of the plate of width $2\pi y = S_L - x_o / (s_L - s_o)$, operating at a Reynolds number $R_{s_L - s_o} = U_o (s_L - s_o) / \nu$, where s_L is the total arc length of the model. This change was necessary to obtain results on the two flat-faced models. To compare results, C_R values were computed, using both s and x for Models 5 through 7. There was a difference of approximately 1 percent in the values of C_R .

RESULTS

TRANSITION LOCATIONS

On Models 1, 2, 5, 7, and 9, laminar separation was predicted to occur on the forebody sections of the models at the locations given in Table 4. For the Reynolds number range used in these experiments, hot films located immediately before the predicted locations indicated laminar flow. Hot film gages, located immediately aft of the predicted locations, indicated a disturbed or turbulent flow. It was concluded from these measurements that transition was occurring between these two gages and that separation was tripping turbulent flow, thus justifying the use of the predicted laminar separation location as the transition location.

Models 3, 4, 6, and 8 exhibited no laminar separation. The flow regimes, measured by the hot film gages, are given in Figures 9 through 12. Experimental data have been compared with predicted spatial amplification ratios of disturbance as calculated by linear stability theory. These ratios were calculated using a computer program developed at the Center, DABL (disturbance amplification in boundary layers).^{*12} In Figures 9 through 12, predictions corresponding to spatial amplification ratios of e^3 , e^5 , e^7 , e^9 , e^{11} , and e^{13} are compared with flow regimes. The results given in these Figures fail to show a single relationship between the measured flow properties in the transition regions of the four models and the corresponding computed spatial amplification ratios. Correlations of amplification factors with flow regimes vary both with forebody shape and Reynolds number. Table 5 gives the principal results obtained for each model.

It has been assumed in this report that flow transition originates with the start of turbulent bursting (Type 3 flow of Figure 7). The critical amplification factor correlating with this flow transition condition varies considerably from model to model and to a lesser extent, on individual models, with changes in Reynolds number. On Model 3 this variation is estimated to change from e^{12} at low values of R_D to e^8 at the highest values of R_D . The corresponding values on Model 4 are from e^{11} to e^9 ; on Model 6, from e^{12} to e^{10} . The data available for Model 8 indicate a nearly constant value of e^7 . However, due to the failure of a hot film probe, data at the critical location at the higher values of R_D are lacking for this model.

RESISTANCE RESULTS

The C_R 's obtained for each model are plotted in Figures 13a through 13i as functions of Reynolds number R_L . The dotted line in each figure represents the faired mean values of C_R obtained from all of the experiments with a given model, both with and without turbulence stimulators installed. The solid lines roughly define zones of scatter at Reynolds numbers greater than $R_L = 10^7$. The scatter ranges as much as $\pm 0.050 \cdot 10^{-3}$ about the mean value for some of the models.

^{*}Stability results from this program for Models 3 and 4 (Figures 9 and 10) differ from stability results given in Reference 1 for the same two models (Figures 6 and 7 of that Reference). Results given in Reference 1 were obtained by hand calculations, using charts from Reference 6. The discrepancy no doubt results from approximations involved in using interpolations required in determining the amplification factor, using hand calculations.

¹²von Kerczek, C. and N.C. Groves, "Disturbance Amplification in Boundary Layers," paper in preparation.

**TABLE 5 – CORRELATION BETWEEN AMPLIFICATION
FACTORS AND MEASURED TRANSITION DATA**

Amplification Factor	Model 3	Model 4	Model 6	Model 8
e^{13}	$22 < R_D \cdot 10^{-5} < 35$, fully turbulent $5 < R_D \cdot 10^{-5} < 22$, nearly fully turbulent	$20 < R_D \cdot 10^{-5} < 35$, fully turbulent Probably fully turbulent at all values of R_D tested	$18 < R_D \cdot 10^{-5} < 32$, between turbulent and intermittent $5 < R_D \cdot 10^{-5} < 18$, intermittent	$5 < R_D \cdot 10^{-5} < 32$, fully turbulent
e^{11}	$27 < R_D \cdot 10^{-5} < 35$, fully turbulent $13 < R_D \cdot 10^{-5} < 27$, intermittent $5 < R_D \cdot 10^{-5} < 13$, wavelike	$20 < R_D \cdot 10^{-5} < 35$, fully turbulent	$9 < R_D \cdot 10^{-5} < 32$, intermittent $5 < R_D \cdot 10^{-5} < 9$, wavelike	$5 < R_D \cdot 10^{-5} < 32$, fully turbulent
e^9	$20 < R_D \cdot 10^{-5} < 22$, intermittent $5 < R_D \cdot 10^{-5} < 20$, wavelike	$26 < R_D \cdot 10^{-5} < 35$, fully turbulent $18 < R_D \cdot 10^{-5} < 26$, intermittent	$24 < R_D \cdot 10^{-5} < 32$, between intermittent and wavelike $5 < R_D \cdot 10^{-5} < 24$, wavelike	$5 < R_D \cdot 10^{-5} < 32$, fully turbulent Close to intermittent at $R_D = 12$
e^7	$10 < R_D \cdot 10^{-5} < 20$, wavelike $5 < R_D \cdot 10^{-5} < 10$, laminar	$30 < R_D \cdot 10^{-5} < 35$, intermittent $15 < R_D \cdot 10^{-5} < 30$, wavelike $5 < R_D \cdot 10^{-5} < 15$, laminar	$5 < R_D \cdot 10^{-5} < 32$, wavelike	$5 < R_D \cdot 10^{-5} < 32$, intermittent
e^5	$R_D \cdot 10^{-5} = 10$, wavelike $5 < R_D \cdot 10^{-5} < 10$, laminar Probably wavelike in range given by $10 < R_D \cdot 10^{-5} < 35$	$10 < R_D \cdot 10^{-5} < 23$, laminar Probably laminar at all values of R_D tested	$23 < R_D \cdot 10^{-5} < 32$, probably wavelike $5 < R_D \cdot 10^{-5} < 23$, laminar	$5 < R_D \cdot 10^{-5} < 11$, wavelike
e^3	Probably laminar at all values of R_D tested	$6 < R_D \cdot 10^{-5} < 16$, laminar Probably laminar at all values of R_D tested	$5 < R_D \cdot 10^{-5} < 12$, laminar Probably laminar at all values of R_D tested	$5 < R_D \cdot 10^{-5} < 8$, laminar Probably laminar at all values of R_D tested

At Reynolds numbers less than $1.0 \cdot 10^7$, the spread of the data becomes much larger. This results primarily from the greater inaccuracy involved in measuring low drags in the low-speed range. Figures 14a through 14j give the values of the measured C_T , both with and without a turbulence stimulator installed for the nine models.

As stated previously, the analysis method described in Reference 1 was used to compute the values of C_R . Ideally, C_R 's obtained from experiments with both tripped and untripped models should be equal when this method is used. However, an inspection of Figure 13 shows that a small difference of as much as $0.03 \cdot 10^{-3}$ between the tripped and untripped values of C_R can be discerned for roughly one-third to one-half of the model data.

When a discrepancy is evident, the bare-hull data give lower values of C_R than do the tripped data. On Models 4, 6, 7, and 9 for $R_L > 0.6 \cdot 10^7$ and on Models 3, 5, and 8 for $R_L > 2 \cdot 10^7$, no separate trends could be discerned between the two sets of C_R data. While existence of differences may indicate some defects in the analysis method, it is felt that they are small enough to be ignored when selecting the average values of C_R .

Average values of C_R for each model in the absence of significant wavemaking are listed in Table 6. Included are values of C_R as defined previously, based on model surface area, and values of C_R , based on volume to the two-thirds power, $C_{R_{VOL}} = D_R / 1/2 \rho U_o^2 (\text{Volume})^{2/3}$. Each value was based on the faired curve - dotted line in Figure 13 - obtained from all the data on the appropriate model within the R_L range $10^7 \leq R_L \leq 2 \cdot 10^7$. For Reynolds numbers less than $R_L = 10^7$, the experimental scatter is too large for the data to be useful. For $R_L > 2 \cdot 10^7$, wavemaking resistance becomes significant.

TABLE 6 - VALUES OF RESIDUAL RESISTANCE COEFFICIENTS

Model	L_E/D	C_{PE}	T	$C_R \cdot 10^{-3}$ $10^7 \leq R_L \leq 2 \cdot 10^7$	
				S	Vol
4620-1	0.500	0.667	0.750	0.25	2.1
4620-2	1.000	0.667	1.500	0.24	2.0
4620-3	1.820	0.667	2.730	0.20	1.7
4620-4	3.000	0.667	4.500	0.20	1.7
4620-5	1.000	0.850	1.176	0.23	1.9
4620-6	1.820	0.850	2.141	0.20	1.6
4620-7	0.500	0.850	0.588	0.28	2.3
4620-8	1.216	0.823	1.478	0.21	1.7
4620-9	1.000	0.933	1.072	0.26	2.2

Table 6 shows that the measured values of C_R , based on S, for all forebodies ranged between 0.00020 and 0.00028. Models 3, 4, and 6 had the minimum C_R values of 0.00020, indicating no gain or loss in C_R when increasing L_E/D from 1.82 to 3.00. For parent Model 3 ($L_E/D = 1.82$), increasing C_{PE} from 0.667 to 0.850 did not change the value of C_R . Model 8 is a flat-faced body with a smaller L_E/D (1.216) and a larger C_{PE} than Model 3, these changes caused only a slight increase in the value C_R from 0.00020 to 0.00021.

Decreasing the value of L_E/D to 1.00 had the effect of increasing C_R . The three forebodies tested with this L_E/D (Models 2, 5, and 9) had C_{P_E} values of 0.667, 0.850, and 0.933. Model 9 with the largest C_{P_E} value has the largest value of C_R (0.00026). Model 2 ($C_{P_E} = 0.667$) had a C_R value of 0.00024 and Model 4620-5 ($C_{P_E} = 0.850$) had a C_R value of 0.00023. Decreasing the value of L_E/D to 0.50 further increased the values of C_R . Two models, 1 and 7, had L_E/D 's of 0.50 and C_{P_E} values of 0.667 and 0.850, respectively. The measured values of C_R were 0.00025 for Model 4620-1 and 0.00028 for Model 4620-5.

The values of C_R are given in Figure 15 as a function of a forebody slenderness parameter $T = (L_E/D)/C_{P_E}$. For values of T greater than 2.0 C_R assumes a constant minimum value of 0.00020. As T becomes lower than 2.0 the values of C_R rise steadily. Values of T for each model are given in Table 6.

The values of C_R based on model volume to the two-thirds power are also given in Table 6. The volume C_R 's change the relative merits of the models somewhat but not enough to be significant.

To further illustrate the significance of C_R results, prototype values of $C_{T_P} = (D_R + D_F(R_L))/(1/2 \rho U_0^2 S)$, and the effective horsepower ehp for nine unappended shapes, which are geometrically similar to the models, have been calculated.

where D_R is residual drag
 D_F is friction drag, at Reynolds number R_L
 R_L is Reynolds number, $U_0 L/\nu$
 L is prototype length
 U_0 is prototype speed
 S is prototype surface area.

Figure 16 gives the values of C_{T_P} as a function of R_L . The ehp values are given in Table 7 for six representative speeds. Also given in Table 7 are ehp ratios when ehp of Model 3 has been used as the base. Strictly speaking, this ratio is a function of R_L . However, the variation is not discernable in the three significant figures given. These computations were made using the Schoenherr friction line, and no roughness allowance was used. The usual assumption was made of setting C_R equal for both the model and prototype scales. A linear ratio of prototype-to-model of 15.79 was used, resulting in a full-scale length of 110 m for shape 3. Results indicate a maximum variation in ehp of 4 percent for the nine shapes investigated.

**TABLE 7 – EFFECTIVE HORSEPOWER REQUIRED
FOR THE NINE SHAPES**

$\begin{matrix} U_o \text{ m/sec} \\ \text{Shape} \end{matrix}$	5.15	7.72	10.30	12.87	15.44	18.02	$\frac{\text{EHP}}{(\text{EHP})_3}$
	$\text{EHP} \cdot 10^{-2}$	$\text{EHP} \cdot 10^{-3}$	$\text{EHP} \cdot 10^{-3}$	$\text{EHP} \cdot 10^{-3}$	$\text{EHP} \cdot 10^{-4}$	$\text{EHP} \cdot 10^{-4}$	
1	5.44	1.76	4.04	7.70	1.31	2.04	1.02
2	5.42	1.75	4.02	7.66	1.30	2.03	1.02
3	5.33	1.72	3.94	7.52	1.27	2.00	1.00
4	5.37	1.73	3.98	7.58	1.28	2.01	1.01
5	5.38	1.74	3.99	7.60	1.29	2.01	1.01
6	5.29	1.70	3.91	7.46	1.26	1.97	0.99
7	5.53	1.78	4.10	7.83	1.34	2.07	1.04
8	5.34	1.72	3.96	7.54	1.28	2.00	1.00
9	5.46	1.76	4.05	7.73	1.31	2.03	1.03
Note: Linear ratio = 15.79.							

CONCLUSIONS

The following conclusions have been drawn from the results obtained.

1. For the range of conditions covered in these experiments, the occurrence and location of laminar separation is accurately predicted by the Curle-Skan modified Thwaites criterion. Separation insures the onset of turbulent flow a short distance after the separation position.

2. On the four models that did not exhibit laminar separation, the results did not show a single unique relation between the measured flow properties in the transition regions and the corresponding computed spatial amplification ratios obtained by linear stability theory. On Model 3, the range of amplification factors that correlates with the onset of transition lies between e^8 and e^{12} . The corresponding range for Model 4 is from e^9 to e^{11} and on Model 6 from e^{10} to e^{12} . The data taken for Model 8 indicate that a nearly constant value of e^7 correlates well with data at the onset of transition.

3. The residual resistance coefficient of the nine models correlates reasonably well with the forebody slenderness parameter ($T \equiv (L_E/D)/(C_{PE})$). The results indicate that for a given stern and constant total volume, an increase in forebody fullness results in a small increase in residual resistance coefficient, once the slenderness parameter drops lower than about 2.0.

The maximum spread in values of effective horsepower is about 4 percent. Models 3, 4, 6, and 8 showed the best resistance characteristics, while Model 7 had the most unfavorable.

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Figure 15 – Variation of C_R with Forebody Slenderness Parameter

Figure 16 – Prototype Total Drag Coefficient of Nine Shapes

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