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TWO DIMENSIONAL TESTS OF A 23015 AIRFOIL WITH A JET SPOILER AND VARIOUS FLAPS

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List of Symbols (See Fig. 6)

\( C_0 \): Two dimensional lift coefficient, spoiler off.

\( C_{m0} \): Two dimensional coefficient of moment about the aero-dynamic center, spoiler off.

\( \Delta C_l \): Lift coefficient increment due to aero-dynamic effects of the spoiler.

\( \Delta C_m \): Moment coefficient increment due to the aero-dynamic effects of the spoiler.

\( \Delta C_{lm} \): Lift coefficient increment due to the momentum contribution of the spoiler.

\( \Delta C_{mm} \): Moment coefficient increment due to the momentum contribution of the spoiler.

\( x \): Distance along the profile chord line from the leading edge to the center of the spoiler slot expressed as a fraction of the total chord.

\( V_j \): Flow velocity in the spoiler slot, ft./sec.

\( \theta \): Angle of the spoiler slot with respect to the profile chord line, in degrees.

\( \delta_f \): Flap angle in degrees.

\( \delta \): Angle of attack in degrees.

\( S \): Section area in square feet.

\( C_p \): Static pressure/ft.

\( c \): Profile chord in feet.

\( C_f \): Flap chord, measured along its chord line, in feet.

\( V, V_e \): Free stream velocity in ft./sec.

\( q_t \): Test section dynamic pressure in lbs./ft.²

\( q_s \): Slot dynamic pressure in lbs./ft.²

\( \rho \): Flow density in slugs/ft.³

\( \mu \): Viscosity coefficient in lb.-sec./ft.²

\( T_e \): Test section temperature in °F.

\( T_{km} \): Model chamber temperature in °F.

\( T_c \): Outlet plate temperature in °F.
Reynolds' number. \( R_n = \frac{\rho V_\infty c}{\mu} \)

\( \omega \) Weight flow through the slot, in lb/sec.

\( g \) Acceleration of gravity in ft/sec^2.

\( \alpha \) Two dimensional slope of lift curve, per degree.

\( C_q \) Quantity flow coefficient through slot. \( C_q = \frac{\omega}{\rho g V_\infty S} \)

\( C_\mu \) Momentum flow coefficient through slot. \( C_\mu = \frac{\omega V_\infty g S}{\rho} \)

\( E \) Spoiler efficiency \( E = \frac{-\Delta C_L}{C_\mu} \)

Subscripts:

\( j \) Jet conditions

\( m \) Model conditions

\( t \) Test section conditions
Two dimensional model tests of an NACA 23015 airfoil equipped with a jet spoiler and various flaps were conducted in the 2" x 36" smoke tunnel (smoke line studies), and in the 1" x 1" throat of the instructional tunnel (pressure distribution studies). These tests precede three dimensional force tests, flight tests of an L-21 airplane, and design studies. In anticipation of this work, the data herein was compiled to establish the most effective jet spoiler configuration for the light liaison plane, but it is felt that this control has possible application to heavy, high speed aircraft.

Specifically, the influence of various parameters on the lift reduction only were studied. The major variables in the problem were isolated in turn, and it was found that the major ones are $C_l$, $\theta$, $\alpha$, and $\alpha$. For the NACA 23015 equipped with a .25c single slotted flap, a configuration which approximates that found on most liaison airplanes, optimum effectiveness for an angle of attack range of 0 to 15° was achieved for $\theta = 60^\circ$, $\alpha = .65$. The spoiler was tested over a variety of flaps, and it was found that performance over single slotted, double slotted, and plain types is promising, lift coefficient reductions of .8 being reached at a $C_l$ of .1.

Effectiveness of the control over a plain wing was found to be slightly greater than this, a $\Delta C_l$ of -.9 reached at the same blowing quantity.

Using this data, preliminary calculations for the L-21 airplane show that a $\frac{P_b}{\alpha V}$ of .07 can be developed using a blowing system capable of reaching a $C_l$ of .06. Since this figure is small compared to the blowing quantities for most high lift blowing systems, it is possible that the jet spoiler can be incorporated practically into circulation or boundary layer control airplane.
A brief check proved the pitching moment to change little with blowing. It was found that jet reaction accounted for roughly 10% of the lift reduction. Sufficient data is presented to predict accurately lift reductions due to the jet spoiler over a wide range of practical installations with particular emphasis on a .25c slotted flap.
I. INTRODUCTION

Current interest in STOL and VTOL machines stems from the versatility of liaison, transport, and reconnaissance aircraft capable of operating from small, rough fields, yet able to reach high cruising speeds. Unfortunately, the simple aileron as a solution to the lateral control problem finds practical application in only a small part of this enlarged speed range. At lower speeds, ailerons occupy valuable space at the trailing edge of the wing, yet have very little control power. At high flight velocities, aerodynamic flutter and control reversal due to wing twist become severe problems, while the high control forces demand heavy power systems. The desirability of powerful, responsive lateral control near the minimum speed of aircraft having "full span high-lift devices, together with the high speed considerations, necessitates investigation of entirely new forms of control.

PROPOSED METHODS OF ACHIEVING LATERAL CONTROL ON HIGH LIFT AIRPLANES

FIG. 1
Figure A displays several lateral control systems now under consideration for high lift airplanes. Although the increasing interest in the ducted fan suggests methods utilizing vanes in the slipstream and variable propeller rpm, the designs pictured represent the most obvious solutions for conventional one or two engine light liaison aircraft.

Conventional ailerons can be retained, yet full span flaps realized, in a system employing some MAC to reattach the flow to the wing. This arrangement (1) uses ailerons acting differentially from a drooped position at low speeds, with blowing over the full length of the flaps and ailerons. Since the control derives most of its power from the flow over the flap, loss of the high blowing quantity required produces almost total loss of control, and constitutes a definite hazard at low altitudes.

The mechanical spoiler has found considerable application to high speed aircraft due to favorable aero-elastic effects on the wing, low hinge moments, favorable yawing action, and adequate control power. However, response is often sluggish, control effectiveness generally falls off near the stall, and satisfactory overall performance is usually achieved at the expense of mechanical complexity and weight sacrifices. Finally, for a low flying plane, lateral control at the expense of a net loss in lift constitutes a possible flying hazard.

If high lift at low speeds is achieved by means of deflection of the propeller slipstream, differential movement of flaps immersed in the flow is an attractive means of lateral control (3). The response of such a system remains to be tested, however, and there would most certainly be large adverse yawing moments. The latter problem can be overcome by differentially varying the thrust of the propellers in a two engine machine, but once again response is doubtful, and weight penalties must be expected.
A final system (h) resorts entirely to jet reaction for control moment, a system which might have some merit for aircraft having a low polar moment of inertia about the longitudinal axis, especially if hovering flight is achieved. Obviously the flow quantities required would be large, and for a small craft designed to STOL requirements, it appears that such a system would not only be too heavy but also overlooks the control power made available by fluid flow over the wing.

In addition to these devices, numerous combinations have been advanced, most of them attempting to solve each of the several important problems involved in slow flight control with a modification of one of these basic types. These fundamental considerations can be summarized as follows:

1. Control should be retained up to the minimum speed achieved with any high lift devices employed.
2. Control should be available in the event of power failure of any blowing systems used.
3. Control should be adequate over full span flaps, as well as over a plain wing in cruising flight.
4. The weight and mechanical complexity of the system must be held to a minimum.
5. For low level aircraft, a net loss in lift for purposes of control is highly undesirable.
6. The system must be capable of high rolling moments at low flight velocity. $\frac{Pb}{2V}$ is not the true measure of lateral control response at low $V$.

The jet spoiler has been suggested as a means overcoming a great many control problems at the extremes of the flight spectrum of current operational aircraft. At high supersonic speeds, advocates feel that high wave drag due
to control can be minimized, and the wing need not be weakened by the
existence of vortices on the trailing edge. At very low speeds, moreover,
the induced separation magnifies the momentum effect of the jet. Because
of the low power required for the system, emergency operation on ram air alone
can be foreseen. (Ref. (18) describes such an emergency system). Use of the
spoiler with RLC blowing on the wing or jet circulation control could, if
designed carefully, result in a highly powerful system capable of controlling
without a net loss of lift. This combined system would most certainly be
lighter and less complicated that the RLC unit plus a control device
operating on a fundamentally different principal. It is with these
possibilities in mind that this study of the two-dimensional characteristics
of the jet spoiler was undertaken.
II. PREVIOUS JET SPOILER INVESTIGATIONS

On the basis of References 21 and 22, it can be stated that the jet spoiler is not a completely new device, however, it is only with the advent of circulation control systems using high velocity blowing that serious consideration has been given to the device for a completely integrated control system. Several investigators have recognized the advantages of an air jet as a means of both decreasing lift and increasing drag, but on the basis of the information available to the authors, the experimentation on the subject to date has been of an exploratory nature only.

Recent studies conducted at the David Taylor Model Basin (Ref. 19) were quite promising, a high velocity jet being applied to an NACA 64A010 section. Three dimensional tests by Lowry and Turner (Ref. 18) confirm the possibility of utilizing ram air for emergency operation of the spoiler.

Work in the field first began at Forrestal Research Center in 1954, when studies of a jet spoiler on an USAF 358 airfoil were initiated. After the major parameters were investigated, work was begun to equip an L-21 airplane with a blowing slot in the vicinity of the aileron on the right wing panel. Preliminary rolling tests (Ref. 16) and pressure distribution studies (Ref. 17) established the unique and promising aspects of the device, though the power of the system was not sufficient to equal the performance of fully deflected ailerons.

On the basis of these investigations, a more general study was felt necessary before the full capabilities of the jet spoiler could be realized on aircraft, beginning with a complete study of the two dimensional characteristics.

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III. APPLAID TESTS

Initial tests were performed in the 2\textquotesingle\texttimes 36\textquotedbl slae tunnel at Forrestal Research Center (Figs. 1 and 8). A variety of flap configurations on the NACA 23015 airfoil were tested, an effort was made to determine the optimum slot position and blowing angle, and the influence of angle of attack, flap angle, and flap chord on the lift fall off, $-\Delta C_L$. Lift coefficients were measured by the slipstream deflection method (Ref. 13) and comparison of this data with that of succeeding tests indicates that the method gives reasonably accurate results. The momentum coefficients were determined from an orifice plate flow meter assuming incompressible flow. It is estimated that a maximum error of 5% is introduced into the $C_m$ calculations by this assumption. These tests were run at a Reynolds' number of approximately $2.5 \times 10^5$.

In the second phase of testing, pressure distributions over an NACA 23015 airfoil with a 0.25c slotted flap were measured for several slot angles and positions, the test facility being the two dimensional throat of the instructional tunnel at Forrestal Research Center (Fig. 9). The pressure distribution was indicated by a multiple manometer and photographed. $C_p$ was measured by an orifice plate flow meter together with total head and static pressure taps at the slot. Since these pressures were also recorded on film, all readings were taken at the same instant. The pressures were plotted and integrated graphically, the flap pressures being plotted on the horizontal reference line. This necessitated that a correction factor for flap deflection be applied to the flap contribution to lift. For the pressure distribution tests, the normal force was used in determining the lift coefficient. Temperatures recorded for density calculation were measured by thermocouples and a Thermozone Bridge. The complete test will be published.
These tests were performed at a Reynolds Number of $1.08 \times 10^6$. A final phase of tests were run at a RN of $5.1 \times 10^6$ in order to increase the values of $C_M$'s measured. This phase was performed with the same rig as was used for the preceding wind tunnel tests. For all tests blowing air was supplied by compressors; in phase III, two blowers were staged in order to boost the $C_M$'s.
Models for the two dimensional smoke tunnel were constructed of wood and plastic, the rear center portion being hollowed to act as a settling chamber for the jet. Base sections were made for each of the jet angles tested (30, 45, 60, and 90°), and in each one slots were milled at locations from .20 to .70c. The slots not in use were taped with electrical tape. The various flaps were attached to these base sections, each flap adjustable from 0 to 50 degrees. Air was introduced through the 1/3\textsuperscript{rd} brass tube which also acted as a support and axis of rotation (Fig. 1).

The pressure distribution model was fitted with 48 pressure taps on the upper and lower surfaces, and space was provided for spoiler locations at .50c and .65c (Fig. 7). The slot angle was varied by screwing removable brass plates into the model into which the proper angle slot was milled. The blowing air was introduced through a flexible hose to the center of the model as is shown in (Fig. 1)
The parameters considered, $C_{\mu}$, $-\Delta C_L$, $\alpha$, $\delta$, $\Theta$, $C_T$, flap type, and $\xi$ were investigated in turn until the effect of each on overall spoiler effectiveness could be ascertained. A base plot of $-\Delta C_L$ vs. $C_{\mu}$ was chosen, primarily because both the wingtip helix angle and rolling moment coefficient of an airplane are linear with $\Delta C_L$, and $C_{\mu}$ is believed to be a reasonable indication of blowing quantity for any device which contributes momentum effects. It follows that spoiler efficiency (or effectiveness) can be defined by

$$E = \frac{-\Delta C_L}{C_{\mu}}$$

In general, angle of attack was varied in increments of $1^\circ$, other parameters held constant. At each $\alpha$, lift reductions were measured for various amounts of blowing. In the wind tunnel testing, pictures of the manometer board were taken for no blowing and approximately five settings of blowing quantity, and the $C_{\mu}$ was determined during data reduction. In the smoke tunnel, increments in lift were determined using the slipstream deflection method described in (Ref. 13). The $C_L$ vs. $\alpha$ curve was established by setting the angle of zero lift as the point where the stagnation streamline remained horizontal up to the stagnation point, a transit used to establish the horizontal reference.

The errors involved in measuring $C_L$ are of course completely different for smoke tunnel and wind tunnel methods. Remembering the small angle approximations, as well as the accuracy of these techniques in previous testing, it is suggested that the following tolerances were met in the measurement of

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Because of the scale of testing, $C_p$ is the most difficult parameter to measure for any blowing device. Boundary layer effects in the slot make the jet velocity and slot area difficult to measure, thereby making mass flow difficult to evaluate at each model. The procedure used most often in this laboratory and was followed in these tests is based upon an orifice plate flow meter which can be calibrated to yield mass flow vs. pressure drop ($\frac{W}{q}$ vs. $\Delta P$). Several sets of $C_p$'s were calculated directly, and a calibration curve of $q_i$ vs. $C_p$ established. The following equations are relevant to this procedure.

$$C_p = \frac{W v_i}{q q_i S} = \frac{2 A_j q_i}{q S q_t}$$

Now if $A_j$ is assumed constant, and since $S$ and $q_t$ can be evaluated independently from blowing conditions,

$$C_p = k \frac{q_i}{q_t}$$

Comparisons of this line with the more exact computations indicated a maximum error of 2%. Even greater accuracy was obtained by correcting for change in the effective slot area with $q_j$. The largest experimental error expected occurs in the measurement of $q_j$. In the wind tunnel model a static pressure tap in the slot and a stagnation pressure tube in the model chamber were assumed sufficient, although a static pressure survey along the slot is advised for more precision. Finally, a maximum error of 4% is introduced by the assumption of incompressible flow. The error expected in the measurement of $C_p$, with these sources of error in mind, is ± 6%.

The remaining parameters were measured with sufficient accuracy to be neglected here. Some question as to the meaning of spoiler angle has been raised by other writers (See Ref. [4]), since momentum effects in the absence of wind stream velocity often yield slightly different effective jet angles.
Since these effects are small, (on the order of 2-3 degrees) and because the slot angle is not critical for small changes, the orientation is defined on the basis of angle of the slot walls with respect to the chord line of the airfoil.
VI. RESULTS

The data displayed in Figures 10 to 37 covers the three phases of testing, which can be broken down as follows:

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The smoke tunnel pictures (Figs. 3 to 5) are offered as representative of the flow picture with spoiler in operation. In particular, the path of the jet and the well defined separation point are shown. No drag information is presented, though (Ref. 20) indicates that the jet spoiler effects considerable drag increases ($\Delta C_d$ on the order of 0.1). From a jet control viewpoint, this behavior produces favorable yawing moments and is highly desirable. It is possible that symmetrical spoiling will prove a practical means of controlling drag. Application of such a system to dive braking and landing roll braking should be considered.

Limited pitching moment data is contained, though it appears that for blowing in the vicinity of the mid chord point pitching moment effects are quite low. Intuitively, pitching moment due to the action of the jet becomes rapidly nose down as the spoiler is moved farther to the rear of this point. Fig. 29 indicates slight nose down pitching moment increases with the spoiler at $\phi=0$.

Typical pressure distributions in phase II are given in Figs. 35 and 36. In particular, the pressure drop off of the spoiler should be noted, as well as the overall decrease in circulation as the blowing is applied.
VII. DISCUSSION

1. General

A spoiler is generally thought of as some device which, when projected from the upper or lower surface of a wing, changes the aerodynamic forces applied to it. The resulting breakdown of continuous flow is referred to as separation, and can be associated with changes in circulation and pressure distribution about the surface. The existence of the separated region precludes the use of the normal tools of theoretical analysis (see appendix), and it is hoped that the data herein presented will be of value in the development of semi-empirical approaches to the problem. During the compilation of this data several characteristics of spoiler flow, i.e. forced separation, were found to act simultaneously toward reduction in wing lift, these are:

1) Modification of the pressure distribution within the separated region.

In Phase II of testing, pressure drops were observed aft of the spoiler slot. This phenomena tends to reduce the "response" of the spoiler control.

2) Direct effect on the circulation of the wing. Since the jet supports a well defined boundary (in effect a stagnation streamline), the effective thickness and camber of the profile are severely modified. (Admittedly, use at the term "circulation" should be limited to steady, attached flow; but the effect of forced separation, is similar to that of other circulation control devices)

3) Effect on induced flow through flap slots within the separated region.

This becomes critical only for low values of $C_p$.

4) Direct reaction of the jet at the profile. By definition, the moment reaction expressed non-dimensionally is equal to $C_{Lp}$. 

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These effects are functions in one form or another of the various parameters studied, and cannot be considered as completely isolated phenomena.

2. Effect of Angle of Attack

As can be seen in Fig. 16 blowing efficiency, defined as $-\Delta C_{\mu}/C_{\mu}$ is greatest for high $C_{\mu}$'s at low $\alpha$, and low $C_{\mu}$'s at high $\alpha$. This is a good indication of the ease with which the circulation about the profile can be altered at various angles of attack. The figure referred to is for a spoiler location $X$ of .65. It is important to realize that these curves can reverse themselves for another spoiler location. As will be discussed in the next section, the optimum position for the spoiler is intimately affected by the angle of attack.

Figs. 10 and 11 give the effect of $E/W$ and $C_{\mu}$ on the basic lift curve. It is significant, we feel, that the effective slope of the lift curve is affected by blowing, for in certain cases where symmetrical spoilers might be used to increase the airplane drag, such behavior would have an important effect upon the stability. Once again, spoiler location will influence the relative importance of this parameter.

Figs. 12 to 15 give a good indication of the influence of angle of attack on the spoiler effectiveness. At high angles of attack, most data displayed a fall off in the efficiency of high blowing due to the stalling of the profile. For constant $C_{\mu}$, a fall off in $C_{l}$ of from 0 to .3 was observed while varying $\alpha$ from 0 to 12°.

It is obvious that if a jet spoiler type control is to be designed, the range of angle of attack through which operation is desired will influence the choice of configuration. The problem is not so much what a given spoiler can achieve at one angle of attack, but how its efficiency varies throughout this range.
In phase II of testing, small increases in lift were noticed at low $C_{y}'s$, and 0 angle of attack. This effect has been mentioned by other investigators, and can be traced to a greater lift increase due to the pressure drop aft of the spoiler than lift reduction due to decay of circulation. It was found that this disturbing condition could be alleviated by sealing off the gap of the slotted flap. (See Fig. 23). It is believed, therefore, that a good portion of the pressure drop is due to the induced flow through the flap slot caused by the spoiler jet. It should be mentioned here that the pressure aft of the slot at all times had a low gradient, obviously due to turbulent mixing.

A second critical region of operation occurs at low angles of attack, with the spoiler blowing at $0 - 30^\circ$, $V$ less than $1.5$. Early smoke tunnel studies revealed that for low $C_{y}'s$, the flow would separate at the spoiler slot, but reattach before it reached the trailing edge. The stream of high energy air then reenergized the boundary layer and effected slight lift increases. This effect was never noticed for the spoiler configuration finally selected for extensive study.

3. Effect of $\bar{X}$

As has been mentioned, the spoiler chordwise position is of great importance in determining the overall operation of the jet spoiler. Figs. 17, 18, and 19 indicate its effect. Although the optimum position moves forward with angle of attack, a location in the region of $0.60$ to $0.70$ offers the highest efficiency throughout the angle of attack range studied. The optimum position for any $\alpha$ is a function of the stability of the boundary layer along the chord, an observation that points up an important limitation of these studies. If a lift augmentation system in the form of vectored upstream or circulation control is employed on the wing, the changes which take place in the boundary layer will no doubt allow location of the spoiler.
slot closer to the trailing edge. Such a system would be extremely responsive to high angles of attack, and since lateral control is definitely critical in the VTOL and STOL craft now under study, further investigation into the use of the spoiler in a high lift blowing system should be considered.

A second limitation upon these two dimensional test lies in the application of the results to thin wings. It is probable that the chordwise location will be critically dependent upon the flow at high angles of attack, and it is possible that a more forward location will be necessary to satisfy control requirements during takeoff and landing.

4. Effect of $\theta$

As has been mentioned, early smoke tunnel studies showed that for $\theta = 30^\circ$, a small bubble appeared aft of the blowing slot for low $C_{\mu}$'s, indicating a reattachment of the jet and a corresponding reenergizing of the boundary layer. As $C_{\mu}$ was increased, the "bubble" elongated until the wing stalled abruptly.

It was decided to limit investigation of $\theta$ to the range of 45 to 90 degrees. Intuitively, blowing at a $\theta$ greater than 90$^\circ$ will approach a condition of tangential blowing on the upper surface, a means of increasing lift, and is only of importance if the spoiler jet is to be rotated to a position where lift increases are desired, as might be the case in a differential control system.

Subsequent smoke tunnel studies proved that the angle of the jet can vary from 45 to 60 degrees with good results. An angle of 60$^\circ$ was decided upon as offering the highest relative efficiency throughout the range of testing. Although the blowing effectiveness is somewhat lower than that of $\theta = 45^\circ$ at very low $C_{\mu}$'s, above a value of 60$^\circ$ effectiveness is somewhat higher. (See Figs. 20 to 22).
5. Effect of Flap Deflection

Compared to the other parameters studied, $C_f$ is of secondary importance. Reference to Figs. 21 and 25 shows that the effects are erratic, and often negligible. In most cases there was a slight fall off in effectiveness as the flap angle is increased, though the effect at low $C_{m}$'s can be different from that at high $C_{m}$'s. There is no doubt that the condition of the boundary layer on the upper wing surface is affected by flap deflection, and it can be expected that some shift in the optimum spoiler location along the chord will be experienced in going from a clean wing to full flap. This effect will be magnified by any circulation control system employed during landing. Within the limits of this report, however, the flap, operating within a separated region at moderate $C_{m}$'s, can be deflected through considerable angles without seriously impairing the spoiler effectiveness.

6. Effect of Flap Configuration

On the basis of the data represented by Fig. 26, there is no reason to limit the applicability of the spoiler to specific flap types. For slotted, double slotted, and split types there is no large difference in efficiency. This is fortunate in that other specifications on the landing performance of the aircraft will no doubt dictate the type of flap used.

Due to the high $C_{f}/C$ of some of the new vectored slipstream designs, some effort was directed toward determination of the influence of flap chord to wing chord on spoiler efficiency. As can be seen in Fig. 27, there is a rapid fall off in performance as the flap chord is increased, and it is desirable from the standpoint of jet spoiler control to limit the $C_{f}/C$ to .3.
7. Momentum Contribution of the Spoiler

As previously stated, the force contribution to the profile due to the isolated jet is by definition equal to $C_{\mu}$. Therefore,

$$\Delta C_{\mu} = C_{\mu} \cos \theta$$

The momentum contribution to pitching moment is then

$$\Delta C_{\mu} = \frac{x}{C_{\mu}} \sin \theta$$

where $x$ is the distance from the slot to the a.c. of the section. The values for these coefficients are given in Fig. 28.

8. Pitching Moment

Although only limited studies were made (by determining the centroid of the pressure distribution) it appears that for spoiler at $.65c$, there is only a slight nose down (negative) moment about the a.c. with $C_{\mu}$. (See Fig. 29). It is felt, however, that the problem becomes more acute as the spoiler is moved farther aft, and recent work on the jet flap indicates excessive moments for trailing edge blowing (Ref. 14). Since for a spoiler these moments are positive, there is some position between $.65c$ and the trailing edge where moment increments will be minimized.

On the basis of the wind and smoke tunnel tests, the prediction curves (Figs. 30 to 33) were prepared for prediction of spoiler effects on an NACA 23015 airfoil. The critical region of these curves can be seen to be in the $C_{\mu}$ range from 0 to .025. (It should be remembered that this data is for unsealed slotted flap, hence the slightly positive lift increments in this $C_{\mu}$ range). For the highest Reynolds Number tested, $(1.08 \times 10^6)$, considerably greater lift reductions were experienced than in the other two series of tests. The results have been verified several times, and it appears that a critical RM might have been reached where the spoiler exercises greater control over separation of the flow. It should be remembered that the RM of
the flights tests mentioned in the next section varies from $3.2 \times 10^6$ to $4.4 \times 10^6$. The effect of the large $R_{\infty}$ on spoiler effectiveness has not yet been ascertained in the wind tunnel.

VIII. Extension of Data to Three Dimensional Flow

Under the present contract a model is now under construction which will enable force tests to be run on a scale half panel of the L-21 wing. Attention will be directed primarily to the optimum spanwise location, and the attempt will be made to correlate 2-D smoke tunnel data, 3-D force data, and flight test data in an effort to reach general conclusions as to the possibility of predicting the effectiveness of jet spoiler control on arbitrary plan forms, as well as to establish the value of the system on light liaison type aircraft.

In an effort to check the value of these two dimensional tests, a rough calculation was made for the rolling moment due to spoiling of the flow on an L-21 wing. In (Ref. 16) T. E. Sweeney gives preliminary results for a blowing system which directed air at a $\phi$ of $45^\circ$, an $\alpha$ of $.7\mu$, and this data plotted in Fig. (3h). Despite the differences between the two airfoils, agreement is satisfactory. At the present time a modified blowing system is under consideration which will enable higher $C_{\mu}$'s to be reached on the airplane. It is interesting that Sweeney's data establishes the feasibility of using ram air power for emergency operation, for he found control to quite adequate under that condition.
IV. Conclusions and Recommendations

Two dimensional tests indicate that the jet spoiler has possible application for a variety of wing flap combinations as a form of lateral control. No critical ranges of operation were observed which could not, with careful design, be eliminated. Some investigation into the effect of Reynolds number, as well as the interaction between lift augmentation and jet spoiler systems, is recommended.

The most important parameters from the standpoint of designing a jet spoiler control for a particular wing are $x$ and $\theta$. These parameters interact, and their optimum values are directly dependent upon the angle of attack range through which the spoiler is to be operated. The jet spoiler, by magnifying aerodynamically a purely momentum effect, can be a powerful means of altering lift on a wing utilizing a relatively low power blowing system.
The Analytical Problem

Fluid generation has long been a phenomenon incapable of being analyzed theoretically with any accuracy. This can be attributed to the many variables attached to any viscous flow over an airfoil. Some thought has been given, however, to the possibility of extending small perturbation airfoil theory to two dimensional airfoils from which is directed an infinitely thin sheet of high velocity air.

Malavard (in Ref. 12) has had good agreement between test data for a trailing-edge "jet flap" and a theoretical analysis based upon a linearized potential theory. This configuration is identically an inverted jet spoiler placed at the trailing edge.

\[ \Delta C_l = \left[ f(C_\mu) + C_\mu \right] \cos \theta \]

Such a solution follows intuitively from the nature of the flow picture about the airfoil. Since the assumption is made that the jet is concentrated to a thin sheet, it is in effect a solid extension of the profile, and the aerodynamic effect of the spoiler on the circulation of the section can be separated from the momentum transfer within this sheet. The latter becomes, in effect, merely a line of velocity discontinuities.

Solving the potential harmonic function by an electrical analogy, Malavard finds

\[ f(C_\mu) = \frac{4 V_{TE}}{V_0 C} \]

corresponding to the potential of the flow at the trailing edge. Comparing his prediction to test data, one finds that the curve can be approximated by

\[ \frac{1}{2} \frac{V_{TE}^2}{C_\mu} \]

the value

\[ \frac{1}{2} \frac{V_{TE}^2}{C_\mu} \]
for the constant $B$ in the case cited being 3.9. Although this result is restricted to small angles of attack and particularly to a trailing edge jet, it is interesting to note Fig. 13 where $\Delta C_l$ is linear with $\sqrt{C_{\mu}}$ for a plain airfoil. On the basis of this data, it is felt that an equation of the form

$$\Delta C_l = \left[ B_1 + B_2 \alpha^2 \right] \sqrt{C_{\mu}}$$

represents these curves for spoiler locations aft of the mid-chord point.

The major difficulty with this generalization appears at low $C_{\mu}$'s, for the linearization does not hold in this region. The alternative is to adjust the equation to the point of intersection with the $x$ axis. Then,

$$\Delta C_l = \left[ B_1 + B_2 \alpha^2 \right] \sqrt{C_{\mu}} + \Delta C_{L_0}$$

where $\Delta C_{L_0}$ is a function of $\alpha$ and represent this intersection (valid only for $C_{\mu} > 0$). This equation is helpful only from the standpoint of indicating a possible form of the solution, based entirely on experimental work.

As might be expected, the prediction of jet spoiler effectiveness at stations forward of the trailing edge is much more complicated than the case treated by Salavard, due to the existence of a region of separation. The only approach which appears at this time to have merit considers the flow near the jet to act as a free streamline on the upper surface of a region of 'dead air' at free stream static pressure. The lower boundary is also a free streamline from the trailing edge.
Knowing that the curvature of the jet is determined by the pressure differential across it, and linearizing the flow by limiting it to small perturbations, one is able to connect the potential along the upper surface of the jet to its derivative.

\[ \phi = \phi_y \frac{C_y}{2} + \phi(y) \quad \phi \text{ constant} \]

This establishes only a portion of the boundary of the flow. Although the detailed calculations have not been carried out at this time, it appears that it might be possible to establish sufficient boundary conditions for an electrical analogy. The major approximation, that of the existence of free stream static pressure within the area bounded by free streamlines, is considerably in error as actually this pressure is much lower. This fact, together with other assumptions, would probably limit the use of the results of such a calculation, and it is felt that experimental verification would still remain necessary before adoption of the jet spoiler to a particular lifting surface could be considered.
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Note: Though not presently available to the authors, References 21 and 22 were listed by Attinello in Reference 20 as reports of early experimentation in the jet spoiler.
(a) 2"X36" TWO-DIMENSIONAL SMOKE TUNNEL

(b) TEST APPARATUS
12"X48" TWO-DIMENSIONAL WIND TUNNEL
(a) 2-D WIND TUNNEL MODEL
(a) PLAIN FLAP \( \alpha = 0^\circ \quad \delta = 0^\circ \)
\[ C_{\mu} = 0 \]

(b) PLAIN FLAP \( \alpha = 0^\circ \quad \delta = 0^\circ \)
\[ C_{\mu} = 0.038 \]
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(a) SLOTTED FLAP $\alpha = 10^\circ$ $\beta = 20^\circ$
$C_\mu = 0$

(b) SLOTTED FLAP $\alpha = 10^\circ$ $\beta = 20^\circ$
$C_\mu = .073$
FIG. 5

(a) $C_m = 0.073 \quad \alpha = 0^\circ \quad \beta = 40^\circ$

(b) $C_m = 1.33 \quad \alpha = 5^\circ \quad \beta = 40^\circ$
TWO DIMENSIONAL SMOKE TUNNEL MODELS
NACA 23015

SPOILER LOCATION

Typical location of the spoiler on the models.

\[ \theta \]

\[ \nu \]

Dimensions and specifications for the models are included in the text above the diagrams.
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NACA 23015 WITH .25c SLOTTED FLAP

$C_L$ vs $\alpha$
FOR SEVERAL $R_N$

**FIG. 10**

**LEGEND**
- $\bigcirc$ $R_N = 2.5 \times 10^7$
- $\square$ $R_N = 5.4 \times 10^5$
- $\triangle$ $R_N = 1.07 \times 10^6$

$\delta = 40^\circ$
$\delta = 20^\circ$
NACA 23015 with jet spoiler, 1.25\% slotted flap
Reynolds number = 10^6 \times 10^4
\theta_f = 40^\circ \quad \theta = 60^\circ \quad C_2 vs. \alpha^\circ
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PLAIN WING WITH JET SPOILER
NACA 23015
& D Smoke Tunnel Data
Rn = 2.16 X 10^6

\[ \theta = 60\degree \]
\[ x = 0.5 \]

FIG. 12

LEGEND

- o 0.0
- V 1.0
- \( \theta \) 2.0
- \( \theta \) 3.0
NACA 23015 MODIFIED WITH JET SPOILER

\( \Delta C_L v.s. C_M \)

\[ \delta_k = 20^\circ \]

\[ \delta_k = 40^\circ \]

LEGENDA

\( 2^\circ \)

\( 4^\circ \)

\( 6^\circ \)

\( 8^\circ \)

\( 10^\circ \)

\( 12^\circ \)

\( 14^\circ \)

\( 16^\circ \)

\( 18^\circ \)

\( 20^\circ \)

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\( 82^\circ \)

\( 84^\circ \)

\( 86^\circ \)

\( 88^\circ \)

\( 90^\circ \)
NACA 23015 MODIFIED WITH JET SPOILER
R:N = 2.5 x 10^6
DOUBLE SLOTTED FLAP
\( \alpha = 20^\circ \) \( \theta = 60^\circ \)

\( \Delta C_L \) vs \( C_m \)

\( \alpha = 0^\circ \)
\( C_1 = 0.99 \)

LEGEND

LOCATION

\( \alpha = 8^\circ \)
\( C_1 = 1.34 \)

\( A \)
\( 40c \)

\( B \)
\( 50c \)

\( C \)
\( 65c \)
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NACA 23015 MODIFIED WITH A JET SPOILER
\[ \eta = 60^\circ \]
\[ \theta = 20^\circ \]
\[ \Delta C_2 vs. C_\mu \]

LEGEND

\[ \alpha = 12^\circ \]
\[ C_\mu = 1.51 \]

LOCATION

\[ .20 \]
\[ .40 \]
\[ .60 \]
\[ .80 \]
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NACA 23015 WITH JET SPOILER
.25c SLOTTED FLAP

$\alpha = 2.5 \times 10^5$
$\alpha = .65$
$\Delta C$ vs $C_{p}$

$\theta$ = LEGEND

Fig 20
NACA 230.5 WITH JET SPOILER

\[ C_{D} \text{ (SLOTTED)} \]

\[ V = 30 \text{ in.} \]

\[ \theta = 0^\circ, 4^\circ, 8^\circ, 16^\circ, 34^\circ, 60^\circ \]

\[ \delta_r = 20^\circ \]

\[ \delta_r = 40^\circ \]
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NACA 23015 MODIFIED WITH JET SPOILER 44° C PLAIN FLAP
RN = 2.48 x 10^5  C = 0.65
-ΔC_l vs. C_p

LEGEND

Δ  θ

θ = 45°

θ = 60°

θ = 45°

θ = 60°

δ_i = 20°

δ_i = 40°
EFFECT OF $\delta_f$ AT HIGH BLOWING

- $\Delta C_l$ vs. $C_l$

$Re = 5.7 \times 10^6$

NACA 23015, 126C SUCTION PLATE

Pressure Distribution Data

$\delta_f = 0^\circ$

$\alpha = \delta_f = 20^\circ, C_f = 1.50$

$\phi = \delta_f = 40^\circ, C_f = 1.93$
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NACA 23015 MODIFIED WITH JET SPOILER

R.N.F. = 2.5 x 10^6

DOUBLE SLOTTED FLAP

$\Delta C_L$ vs $C_m$ FOR VARIOUS $S/r$, $\theta = 60^\circ$

LEGEND

- $S/r$, $r$, $C_m$
- ○ $50^\circ$, $0^\circ$, 1.28
- ● $50^\circ$, $12^\circ$, 2.16
- □ $20^\circ$, $0^\circ$, 0.49
- ■ $20^\circ$, $12^\circ$, 1.51
NACA 23015 MODIFIED WITH JET SPOILERS
VARIOUS FLAPS AS $C_L$ vs $C_D$

$R_{N} = 2.48 \times 10^5$
$
\beta = 20^\circ$

LEGEND

(1) $\Delta$ PLAIN WING $\alpha = 60^\circ$ $C_{L_{o}} = 2.57$

(2) D.25 c D.S. FLAP $\alpha = 65^\circ$ $C_{L_{o}} = 3.54$

(3) D.25 c SLOTTED FLAP $\alpha = 65^\circ$ $C_{L_{o}} = 1.54$

(4) $\triangle$ SAME AS (3) WITH GAP SEALED

(5) $\Delta$ 0.20 c SPLIT FLAP $\alpha = 60^\circ$ $C_{L_{o}} = 3.26$
COMPARISON OF FLIGHT TEST WITH EMPIRICAL PREDICTION

FLIGHT TEST POINTS
\( \theta = 45^\circ \) - AIR FORCE 350-3-104
\( \alpha = 74^\circ \)
Airspeeds 30 mph to 60 mph, 6 \( \leq \) \( \alpha \leq 16^\circ \)

PREDICTION CURVES BASED ON 2-D SPOKE TUNNEL DATA
NACA 23015 AIRFOIL
\( \theta = 30^\circ \)
\( \alpha = 60^\circ \)

* POWER EFFECTS NEGLECTED FOR PREDICTION CURVES
NO CORRECTION FOR AIRFOIL
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