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## Correlation of Laminar Heating to Cones in High-Speed Flight at Zero Angle of Attack

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Laminar heating to pointed cones in high-speed flight at zero angle of attack is correlated by a simple expression involving only freestream density, velocity, and cone angle. Comparison of the theory with experiments and a flat-plate laminar heating correlation is very satisfactory. It is found that the ratio of (dimensionless) wall enthalpy gradient parameters  $(\partial g/\partial \eta)_w$  for cones and axisymmetric stagnation points is very nearly equal to unity.

### Nomenclature

$g$	= enthalpy ratio, $H/H_e$
$g'$	= wall enthalpy gradient, $\partial g/\partial \eta$
$H$	= total enthalpy
$h$	= static enthalpy
$p$	= static pressure
$Pr$	= Prandtl number
$q$	= heating rate, Btu-sec <sup>-1</sup> -ft <sup>-2</sup>
$Q$	= integrated heating rate, Btu-sec <sup>-1</sup>
$r$	= distance from axis normal to $U_\infty$ , ft
$R$	= blunt-body nose radius, ft
$T$	= temperature
$U$	= velocity, ft-sec <sup>-1</sup>
$x$	= axial distance, ft
$x'$	= distance along body surface, ft
$\delta$	= cone half-angle
$\mu$	= absolute viscosity, slugs-(ft-sec) <sup>-1</sup>
$\xi$	= transformation variable, slugs <sup>2</sup> -ft <sup>-2</sup>
$\rho$	= density, slugs-ft <sup>-3</sup>

### Subscripts

$c$	= cone; external to cone boundary layer
$e$	= external to boundary layer
$s$	= blunt-body stagnation point
$sl$	= sea level
$w$	= wall
$\infty$	= freestream

CERTAIN aspects of re-entry analysis require knowledge of aerodynamic heating, and so it is desirable to have a means of determining this quantity in a simple, accurate manner for various body shapes. Stagnation heating to axisymmetric bodies already has been correlated satisfactorily as<sup>1</sup>

$$q_s R^{1/2} = 867 (\rho_\infty / \rho_{sl})^{1/2} (U_\infty / 10^4)^{3.15} \times \left[ \frac{(H_e - h_w)}{(H_e - h_{w300^\circ K})} \right] \quad (1)$$

which agrees with detailed calculations (and experiments<sup>1</sup>)

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to within  $\pm 10\%$  for all altitudes up to 250 kft and velocities between 7 and 25 kft/sec. It is the purpose herein to present a similar relation for laminar heating to cones in hypersonic flight at zero angle of attack.

In light of the existence of Eq. (1), heating to cones is known if the ratio of cone to stagnation point heating can be evaluated. To this end, consider the case of Lewis number equal to 1, whereby laminar heating is given as<sup>2</sup>

$$q = (r \rho \mu g')_w U_e H_e / Pr (2\xi)^{1/2} \quad (2)$$

Assuming constant wall properties, the independent variable  $\xi$  is<sup>2</sup>

$$\xi_s = (\rho_w \mu_w)_s (x')^4 (dU_e/dx')_s / 4 \quad (3)$$

in the stagnation point region of blunt axisymmetric bodies, and

$$\xi_c = (\rho_w \mu_w U x^3)_c \tan^2 \delta / 3 \cos \delta \quad (4)$$

for cones. If  $H_e$  and  $T_w$  are the same in both cases, and  $\mu = \mu(T)$ , then the ratio of cone to axisymmetric stagnation heating follows from Eqs. (2-4) as

$$\frac{q_c}{q_s} = \frac{3^{1/2}}{2} G \left[ \frac{\cos \delta}{x_c} \left( \frac{\rho_c}{\rho_s} \right)_w \frac{U_c}{(dU_e/dx')_s} \right]^{1/2} \quad (5)$$

where  $G$  is the ratio of wall enthalpy gradient parameters  $(g'_c/g'_s)_w$ .

The density ratio  $(\rho_c/\rho_s)_w$  is equal to the pressure ratio  $p_c/p_s$ , since wall temperatures are the same. In accordance with the Newtonian flow approximation,

$$p/p_\infty = 1 + \gamma_\infty (M_\infty \sin \delta)^2$$

where  $\delta = \pi/2$  for a stagnation point. Therefore,

$$(\rho_c/\rho_s)_w = (p_c/p_\infty)/(p_s/p_\infty) \simeq 1/\gamma_\infty M_\infty^2 + \sin^2 \delta \simeq \sin^2 \delta \quad (6)$$

for  $M_\infty \simeq 20$  and  $\delta > 5^\circ$ .

The velocity external to the cone boundary layer  $U_c$  is given by the hypersonic approximation

$$U_c = U_\infty \cos \delta \quad (7)$$

Combining Eqs. (5-7) and using the velocity derivative  $(dU_e/dx')_s$  corresponding to Newtonian flow in the stagnation region,<sup>3</sup> one obtains

$$q_c x_c^{1/2} / q_s R^{1/2} = 0.364 G \sin 2\delta (\rho_s/\rho_\infty)^{1/4} \quad (8)$$

as the cone-stagnation point heating ratio.

The stagnation density ratio  $\rho_s/\rho_\infty$  is given by Feldman<sup>4</sup> over the velocity range  $8 \leq U_\infty \leq 24$  kft/sec for altitudes up to 250 kft. His data are correlated by

$$\rho_s/\rho_\infty = 8.4 (U_\infty / 10^4)^{0.8} \quad (9)$$

the one-fourth power of which is accurate to within 6% for all velocities within this range and altitudes greater than 50 kft.

Therefore, inserting Eq. (9) into (8) and using (1), heating to cones in high-speed flight at zero angle of attack is given as (leaving out the wall enthalpy correction)

$$q_c x_c^{1/2} = 535 G \sin 2\delta (\rho_\infty/\rho_{sl})^{1/2} (U_\infty / 10^4)^{3.35} \quad (10)$$

The total heat input  $Q$  follows by integrating Eq. (10) over the body surface (exclusive of the base):

$$Q = 4500 G L^{3/2} \sin \delta \tan \delta (\rho_\infty/\rho_{sl})^{1/2} (U_\infty / 10^4)^{3.35} \quad (11)$$

To complete the correlation, Eq. (10), it remains to specify the ratio of wall enthalpy gradient parameters  $G$ .

A result of the calculations of Kemp et al.<sup>5</sup> was that the wall enthalpy gradient parameter  $g'_w/(1 - g_w)$  is practically unaffected by the level of the dissipation parameter  $U_e^2/H_e$  for a given value of pressure gradient parameter  $\beta$ . This means that the difference between  $g'_{wc}$  and  $g'_{ws}$  arises primarily because  $\beta = 0$  for a cone and  $\frac{1}{2}$  for a (spherical) stag-

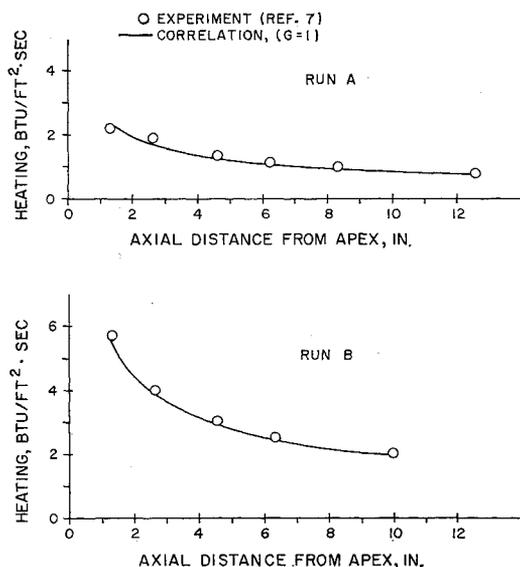


Fig. 1.

nation point and is essentially independent of the value of  $\rho_e \mu_e / \rho_w \mu_w$  for the two bodies. In light of this result, then, one obtains  $G$  from the correlation given in Fig. 1 of Ref. 3:

$$(g_e'/g_s')_w = G = [1 + 0.096(\frac{1}{2})^{1/2}]^{-1} = 0.936 \quad (12)$$

However, upon closer examination, Fig. 1 of Ref. 3 shows that the fluid property plus dissipation term modifications move the points lying on the  $\beta = 0$  curve sufficiently upward and to the right such that, in comparing the stagnation ( $U_e^2/H_e = 0$ ) to the cone ( $U_e^2/H_e \rightarrow 2$ ) solutions, one is quite justified in taking  $G$  equal to 1. In fact, it will be seen that the few experimental data available imply a value for  $G$  slightly greater than one.

Recently, Hanley<sup>5</sup> published a correlation of Cohen's numerical results<sup>6</sup> for laminar heating to flat plates at high speed in the form

$$q = 1.17(10^4) \left( \frac{1}{x} \frac{U_e}{U_\infty} \frac{p_e}{p_\infty} \rho_\infty \right)^{1/2} \left( \frac{T_w}{900} \right)^{-0.051} \times \left( \frac{U_\infty}{10^4} \right)^{3.21} \left( 1 - 1.205 \frac{h_w}{H_e} \right) \quad (13)$$

Since heating to cones is greater by a factor  $3^{1/2}$  than that to flat plates, a correlation in Hanley's form can be obtained immediately from Eqs. (1, 5, and 9) as

$$\frac{q_c}{3^{1/2}} = 1.272(10^4) G \left( \frac{1}{x_c'} \frac{U_c}{U_\infty} \frac{p_c}{p_\infty} \rho_\infty \right)^{1/2} \left( \frac{U_\infty}{10^4} \right)^{3.35} \quad (14)$$

Besides a small difference in velocity dependence of 3.21 instead of 3.35, Hanley's constant implies a value for  $G$  of 0.92, which is close to that from Kemp et al. [cf., Eq. (12)]. One concludes that the calculations of Cohen and Kemp et al. are in very good agreement if one assumes <sup>4</sup> that  $g_w'/(1 - g_w)$  is independent of  $\rho_e \mu_e / \rho_w \mu_w$ .

The scarcity of heating data for cones in hypersonic flight at zero angle of attack allows only tentative confirmation of the theory. Figure 1, using the data of Ref. 7, shows two runs made at the conditions shown in Table 1.

The data are seen to be correlated very well by Eq. (10) with  $G = 1$ , although the consistently lower heating predicted by this relation indicates that a value of  $G$  slightly greater than 1 perhaps may be even better. However, no definite conclusions can be drawn until more data are available, and

Table 1 Test conditions

Run	$M_\infty$	$H_\infty$ , ft <sup>2</sup> /sec <sup>2</sup>	$\rho_\infty U_\infty^2/2$ , psi	$\rho_\infty/\rho_{sl}$	$\delta$
A	15.89	27.3(10 <sup>6</sup> )	0.094	2.09(10 <sup>-4</sup> )	8.3°
B	16.77	28.7(10 <sup>6</sup> )	0.435	9.2(10 <sup>-4</sup> )	8.3°

so using  $G = 1$  should give accurate predictions of laminar heating to cones.

The variable  $\xi_e$  [cf., Eq. (4)] was determined under the assumption of a pointed cone, whereas in reality re-entering cones will become blunted to some extent. Lees<sup>8</sup> has shown, however, that blunting has a minor effect on the conical heating when the length is measured from the virtual apex of the blunted cone. This follows from the assumption of local similarity, which neglects flow history up to any point, and from the fact that the pressure on the conical portion is the same (within the accuracy of the Newtonian approximation) whether a cone is blunted or not. Hence, Eq. (10) (along with the wall enthalpy correction) can be used over any laminar portion of a trajectory with  $G = 1$ .

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## Approximate Analysis of Propellant Stratification

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### Introduction

STRATIFICATION refers to the development of temperature gradients in a fluid container subjected to external heating. A free-convection boundary layer carries the heated fluid at the walls to the top of the tank, forming a growing layer of "stratified" liquid which is at a higher temperature than the bulk. Thus, ullage pressure rise of a saturated fluid in a closed container is greater than the pressure rise that would occur if the fluid were mixed at a uniform temperature.

The system analyzed is a closed cylindrical tank accelerating along its longitudinal axis and filled to some height  $H$  with liquid, which is subjected to a uniform side wall heat flux  $\dot{q}$ . The ullage is assumed to be at the saturation pressure corresponding to the liquid surface temperature. Wall heat flux to the ullage is considered to be negligible. At time zero, a steady turbulent wall boundary layer is formed instantaneously in the liquid, which is at a constant bulk temperature  $T_b$ . The unknowns of the problem are the surface temperature  $T_s$ , the ullage pressure  $P_u$ , and the stratified layer thickness  $\Delta$ .

An approximate solution is obtained by assuming a di-

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