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Abstract— *When a vehicle flies at supersonic speeds, streamlined forces become a fundamental issue. When the drag force is high, the fuel consumption must be structured keenly to give a satisfactory air gracefully to engines. This paper presents the design methodology for a mixed compression intake type using CFD investigations. The engine was structured at Mach 3 and three ramp angles at high altitude and utilized to give air to solid fuel ramjet. Inlet backpressure affects the overall recovery of pressure, and the degree of flow distortion was characterized. Additionally, using the critical backpressure ratio and the viscous unsteady flow method, we simulate the "unstart'' instability in the air intake. The results showed that when the inlet backpressure is varied, the terminal shock is not in one location that must affect the performance. Unstart stability's results demonstrate a good agreement with those in literature.*

Keywords— Ramjet inlet, Mixed -compression, Total pressure recovery and CFD simulation**.**

1. INTRODUCTION

The engine inlet is of prime significance for all air-breathing impetus framework. Its significant capacity is to gather the atmospheric air at free-stream Mach number, back it of (most likely including an altar of course) thus back productively [1]. The inlet is playing out a fundamental piece of the motorcycle. Its proficiency is straightforwardly reflected in the motor execution. Likewise, the inlet presents the downstream part at reasonable speeds and with adequate speed and weight consistency under flight conditions.

Finally, the pay needs to accomplish this with the least outer drag and least unsettling influence on aero plane's outside stream. The supersonic pay comprises a spike (center body or fore-body) and an incorporated duct, where the spike is completing underlying pressure. The standard of organizing a supersonic pressure to decrease absolute inlet weight is considered the Mach number sideway shock number that excepted to a spare all-out weight is expanding.

Figure 1 shows the presence of the complex flow field in the intake. At design Mach number, the compression shock is expected to get reflected from the cowl tip, which will interact with the existing boundary layer on the ramp surface and might lead to a separation zone formation.

The strength of the reflected shock and the boundary layer's condition would be a deciding factor in the degree of separation. Numerous researchers have done studies to understand the complex flow field inside supersonic air intakes, particularly in the flow interaction area. Various methods implemented to avoid the unstart, e.g. variable geometry, spillage through wall preformation, bleeding at different locations, and over speeding [2]. In this paper, we design and analyzing to find high total pressure recovery (TPR), and find another performance parameter like flow distortion. In a sideway, we are using unsteady flow to study change pressure at various times.

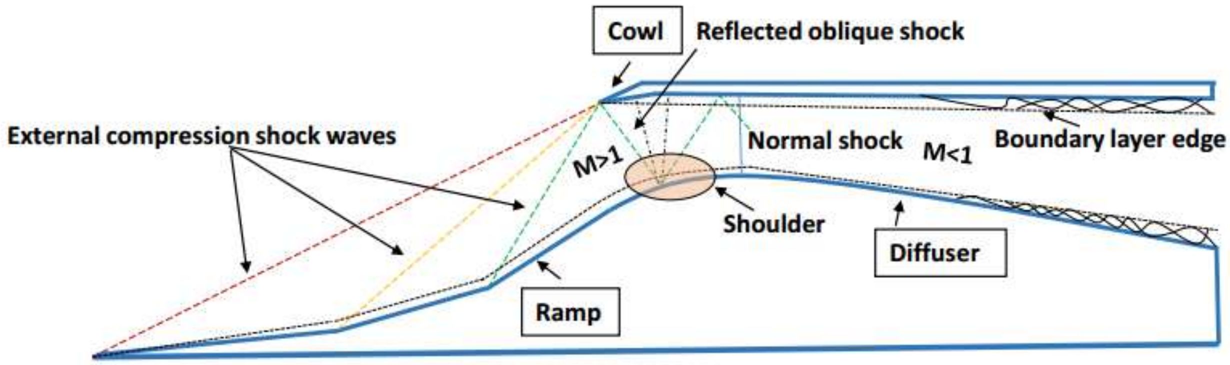

Figure 1 *Characteristics of the flow field across the mixed compression intake.*

2. GOVERNING EQUATION

The governing equations of flow motion are 2D, steady-state, compressible, and inviscid or turbulent in the fully conservative form with nobody forces, which given as follows:

$$\frac{\partial Q}{\partial t}+\frac{\partial F}{\partial x}+\frac{\partial G}{\partial y}+\alpha H=0 \qquad (1)$$

Where Q, F, G, H are:

$$Q=\begin{vmatrix}\rho u\\ \rho v\\ \rho w\\ \rho e_t\end{vmatrix} \qquad (2) \qquad\qquad F=\begin{vmatrix}\rho u\\ \rho u^2+p\\ \rho uv\\ \rho uh_\circ\end{vmatrix} \qquad (3)$$

$$G=\begin{vmatrix}\rho u\\ \rho uv\\ \rho v^2+p\\ \rho vh_\circ\end{vmatrix} \qquad (4) \qquad\qquad H=\frac{1}{r}\begin{vmatrix}\rho v\\ \rho uv\\ \rho v^2\\ \rho vh_\circ\end{vmatrix} \qquad (5)$$

The 2D analysis then, α =0

By using the ideal gas formula:

$$p=\rho RT \qquad (6)$$

3. GEOMETRY AND BOUNDARY CONDITION

3.1 Geometry:

This admission depends on at least one sideways shock wave made by a projection a leader of the bay, this shockwave at that point cross with the admission lip where open an ordinary shock wave is the created. The external pressure must depend on one sideways shock wave at any rate as the full-weight recuperation increment with the quantity of shock generated.

For the two-dimensional sideways shock of point β, the misfortune relates to the part Mach number typical to the shock. The diminishing pace of complete weight misfortune with expanding slanted stun numbers makes it conceivable to instruct frameworks concerning supersonic pressure by stages, yielding high weight recuperation generally speaking. The numbers and sort of stages utilized rely on freestream Mach numbers and some different components. Comparing to Oswatitsch Rule for two measurement frameworks, the most significant stun pressure recuperation is gotten when the angled shock is of equivalent strength [3].

$$M1 \sin \beta 1 = M2 \; sin \; \beta 2 = \ldots = Mn - 1 sin\beta n - 1 \qquad (7)$$

By using the above equation, and substituting the Angle of shock, the Mach number aftershock we get a new Mach number. The summary of the design listed in Table1.

Table 1: Summary of Cone design

Ramp angle	Oblique shock angle	Mach number
5°	**23.13°**	**2.74**
5°	**25.06°**	**2.52**
5°	**27.19°**	**2.31**

Using the data above, we can draw the ramp angle and shock angle generated by using CAD. When drawing the ramp, make sure that the shocks meet right at the cowl's tip because we design the intake in critical condition. Below in Figure.2 is the initial geometry in 2D.

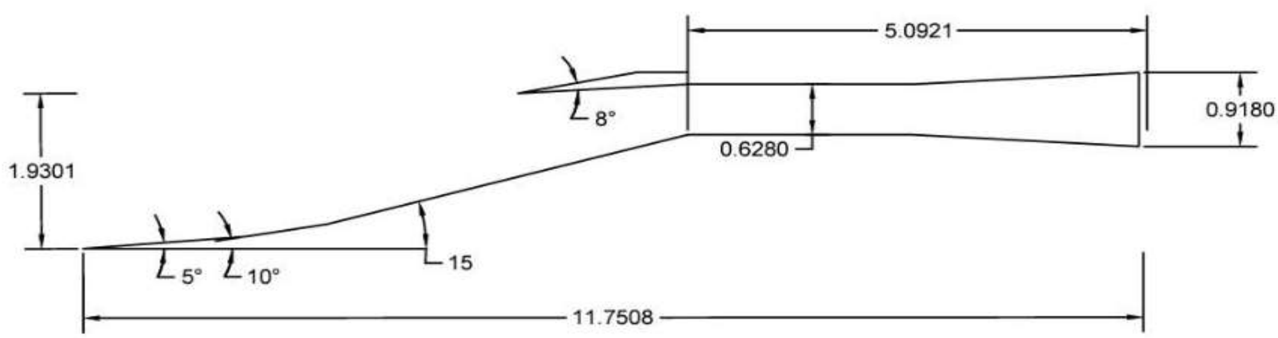

Figure 2 Initial of geometry in 2D

3.2 Boundary condition:

The computational domain has been presented in Figure. 3. The boundary conditions used in the air intake flow simulation are supersonic inflow, total friction, total temperature than symmetry, radial velocity, and radial derivatives of all-flow variables are set to zero on the symmetry axis by using free-stream conditions: no-slip wall, no heat addition. Backpressure defined at the flow exit as an outlet for subsonic flow.

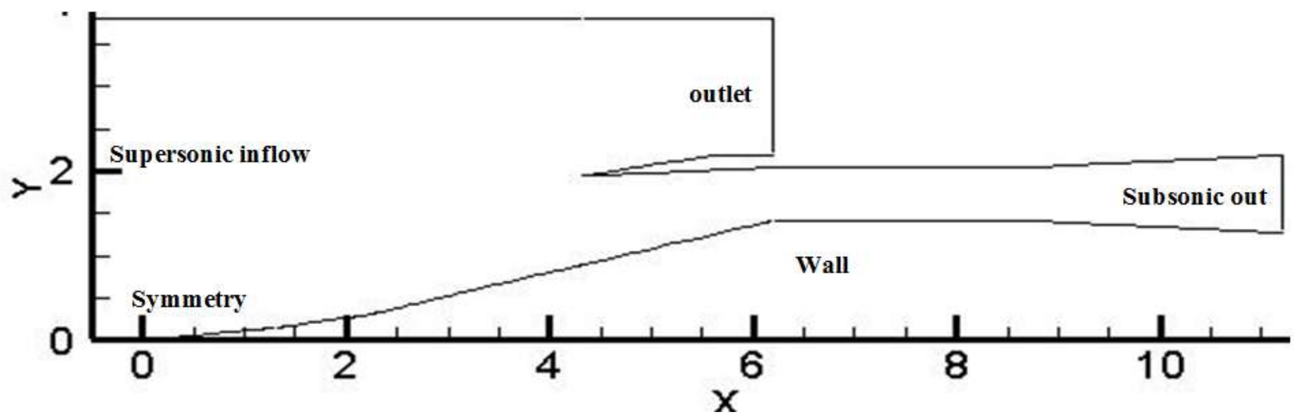

Figure 3 Boundray condition and domain

Table 2: Boundary condition

Mach Number	Inflow static pressure (Pa)	Inflow static temp.(K)	Static backpressure (Pa)
3	**20600**	**216.5**	**-**

4. Mesh Generated

The finite volume mesh consists of a combination of structured and unstructured parts. Close to the definite boundaries, a structured mesh is generated. Which will help control the size of elements within the boundary layer when attempting viscous computation at last. A typical mesh used for computation has been shown in Figure 4.A convergence analysis has been conducted to establish the adequacy of the finite element mesh. To complete the solution for geometry with P/Pinf=12 with four different meshes. Mesh M1 (32500) cells, Mesh M2 (42600) cells, Mesh M3(53900) cells, Mesh M4 (66400) cells, additional the first row is

0.1 thickness, and Y Plus must be not more than 30. The results obtained with meshes M2and M4 virtually adequate to capture all the details associated with this flow accurately. All the following observations were computed using mesh M2. Figures 5 and 6 have demonstrated the effects of the mesh grids used on the ramp's static pressure distribution and cowl wall's surface.

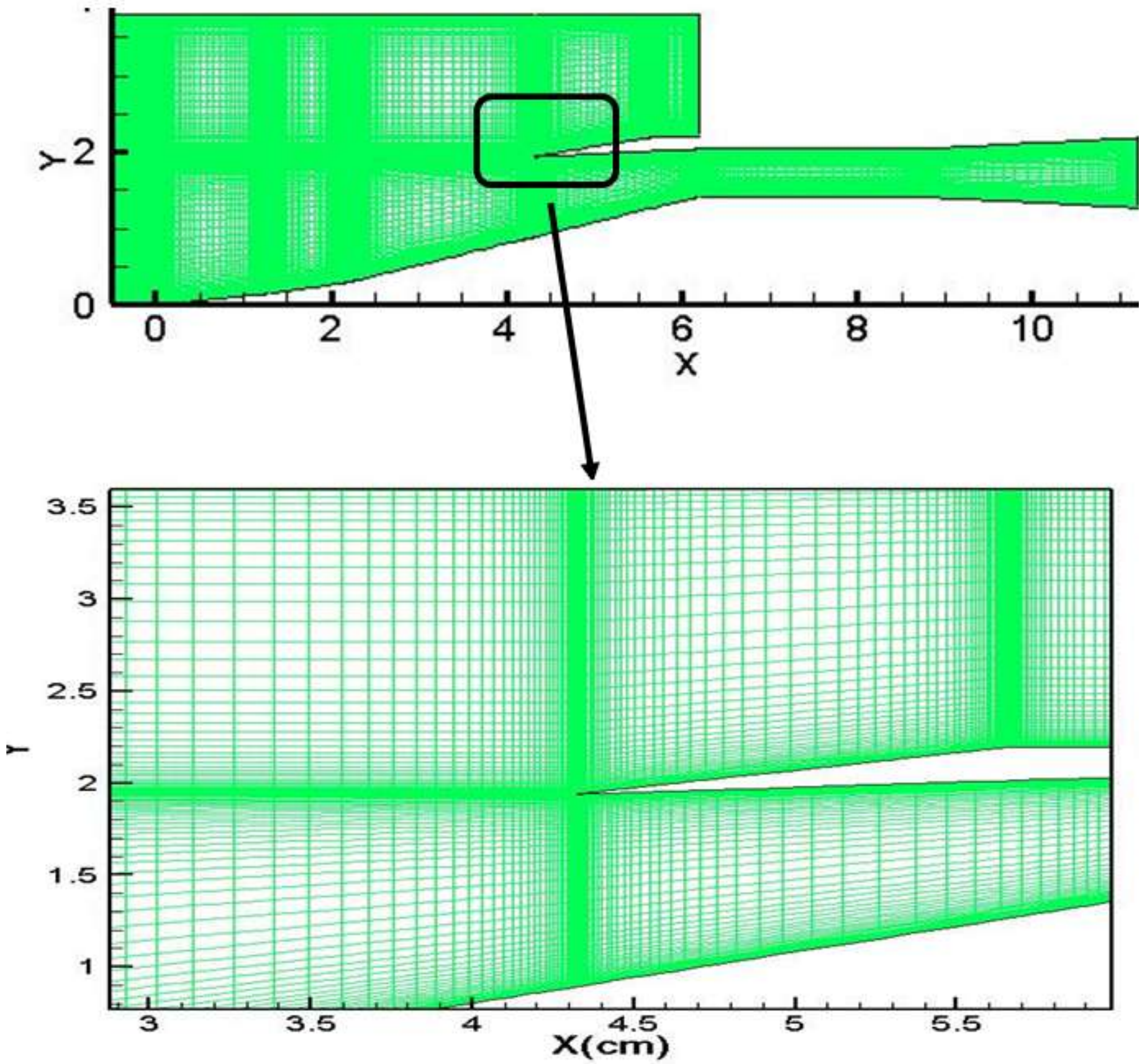

Figure 4 Computation grid for all inlet(top) cowl part (bottom).

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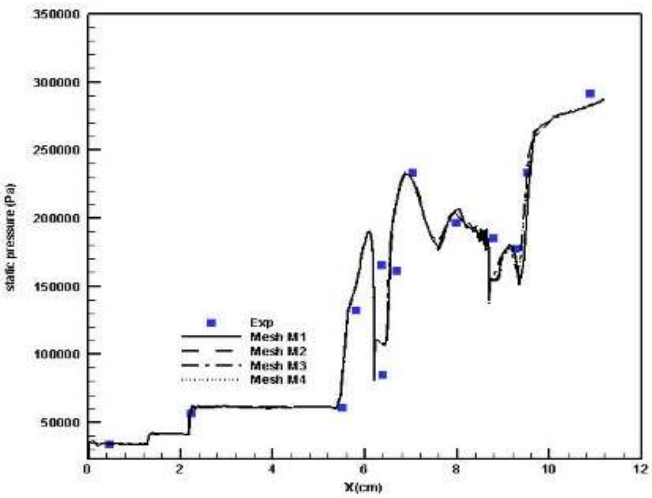

Figure 6 Static pressure distribution Ramp surface

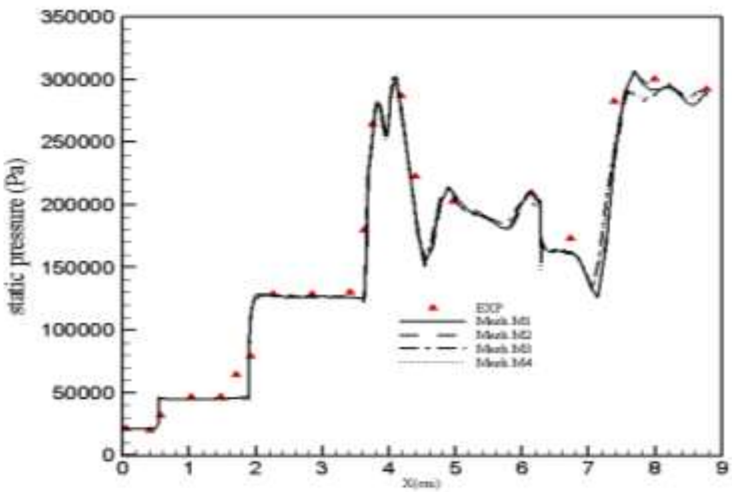

Figure 5 Static pressure distribution Cowl wall surface

5. Computational Methodology

The essential type of two-dimensional compressible stream administering condition was understood in every cell of the computational domain discussed in the past segment by utilizing the finite volume method solver Fluent 17. The fluid in the energy equation was considered to be an ideal gas to ensure the presence of continuity and momentum.

Furthermore, K-w turbulent model with standard wall function was implemented to model the turbulence. For inviscid flux estimation, Advection Up-Stream Splitting Method (AUSM) at the upwind schemes was used and has provided the best trade-off between dissipation and high-speed flow simulation accuracy [5]. On the other hand, Green Gauss cell-based gradients have been utilized to calculate viscous flux terms. Higher-order spatial precision includes the prediction of dynamic supersonic flow characteristics. Second-order reconstruction has also been used for wall property estimation. For the sake of stability, a CFL number of 0.5 or less was picked. Scaled residual mass, momentum, energy, and turbulent parameters were considered stable during the current simulations when the residual density dropped below 106. It is a general observation that convergence of continuity would ensure convergence of all other residuals for compressible flow simulation. While the convergence of all residuals below 106 was expected, in some of the current simulations, the uncertainties involved in the flow field made the residuals stall between 104 and 106. However, when residual stalling was found, time marching was maintained for a sustained time to ensure that there was no further stalling. With modifications in the area and surface parameters, the observations are then addressed in steady-state, although the last results are turbulent flow.

6. Result and Dissuasion

6.1 Effect of back pressure:

The calculation is done for different backpressure conditions at the exit of air intake. Figures. 7,8,9,10 show the shapes Mach number and static pressure of various values of backpressure. This outcome in a supersonic stream at the surge. On forcing backpressure, an ordinary stun shows up in a unique part of the admission and the stream at the exit gets subsonic (Me=0.45). The shock moves upstream towards the throat as the backpressure is expanded. For P/Pinf =17, the ordinary stun arrives at the geometric throat. The Mach number and pressure impacts along the slopped surface for different back weight estimation have appeared in Figures. 11,12.

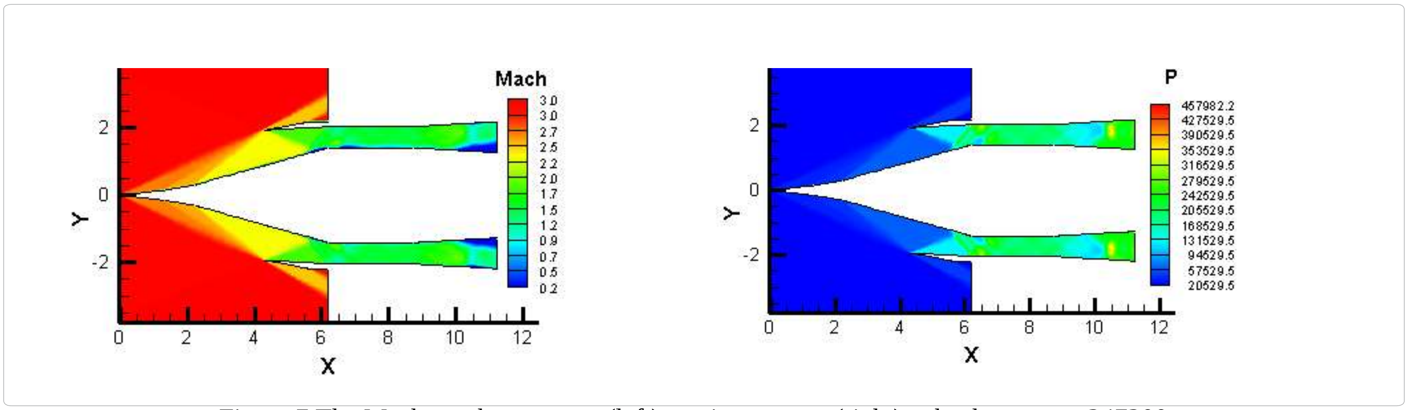

Figure 7 The Mach number contour (left), static-pressure (right) at back pressure 247200 pa

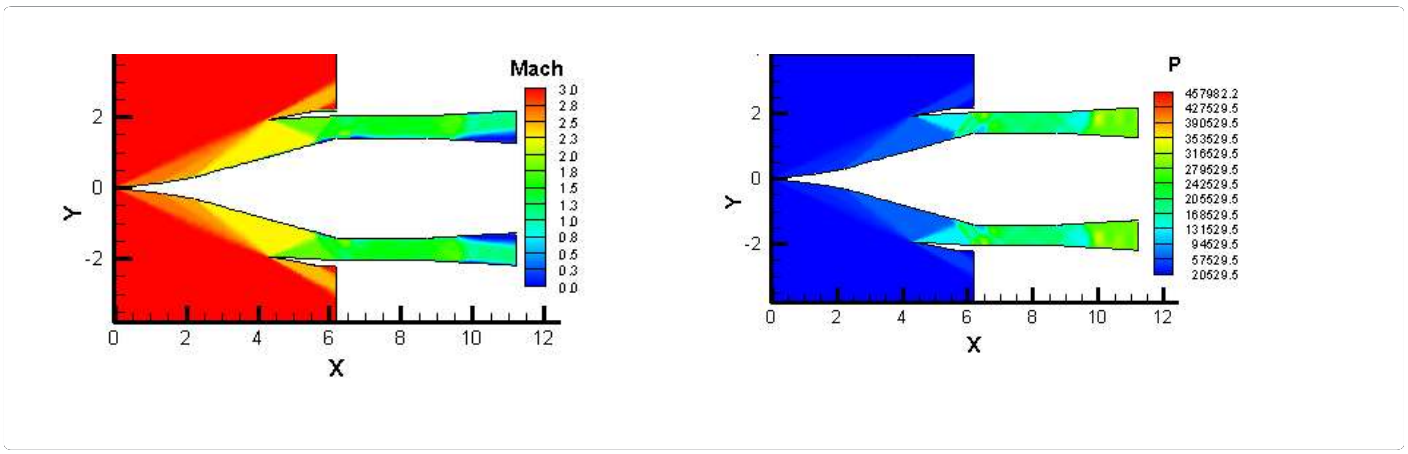

Figure 8 The contour of Mach number(left), static pressure (right)at back pressure 288400 pa

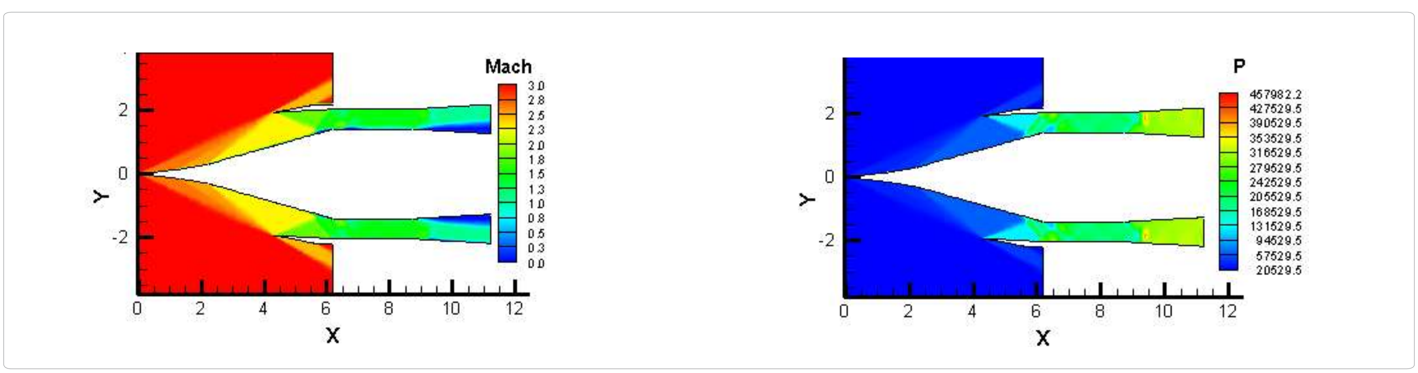

Figure 9 The contour of Mach number (left), static pressure (right) at back pressure 350200 pa

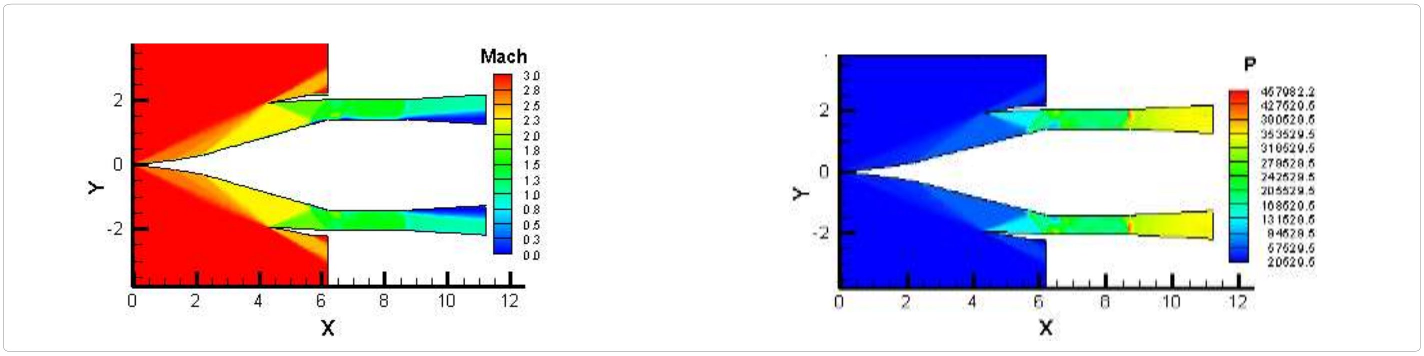

Figure 10 The contour of Mach number (left), static pressure (right) at back pressure 319300 pa

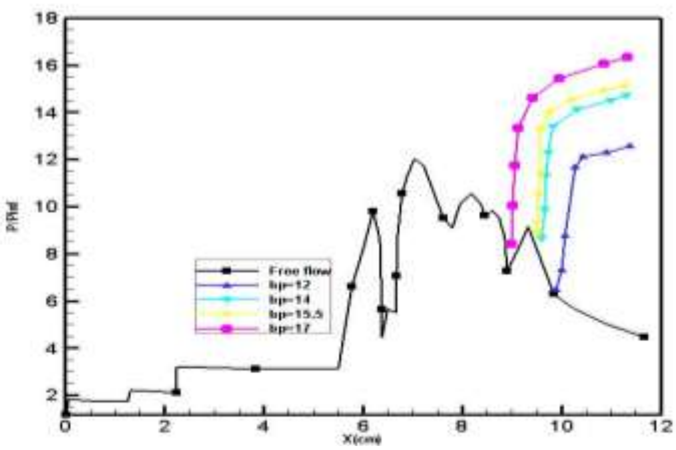

Figure 10.Pressure on Ramp distribution for different values of Back pressure ratio

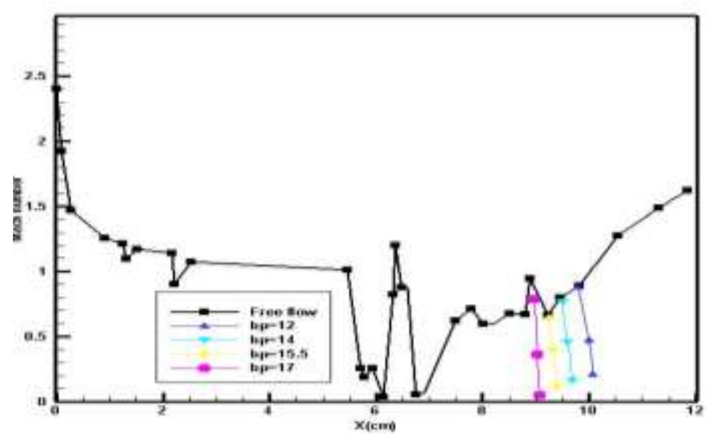

Figure 12 Mach number on Ramp distribution for different values of Back pressure ratio

6.2 Unsteady flow:

On expanding P/Pinf to 19.4 and utilizing the unsteady flow method at 0.01 time step the ordinary stun moves to the joined part, in front of the throat, and the inlet unstarts. The Mach number appropriation at different time moments has appeared in figure 13. It is fascinating to see the development of the standard shock and its cooperation with different shocks as it is ousted out. The slipstream produced when an ordinary stun converges a slanted shock is unmistakably seen in these pictures. As the normal stun moves the cowl-lip, the outside stream over the cowl is moreover upset and its spillage is apparent. In the long run, the standard shock hits the upstream limit so, all the calculations are separated.

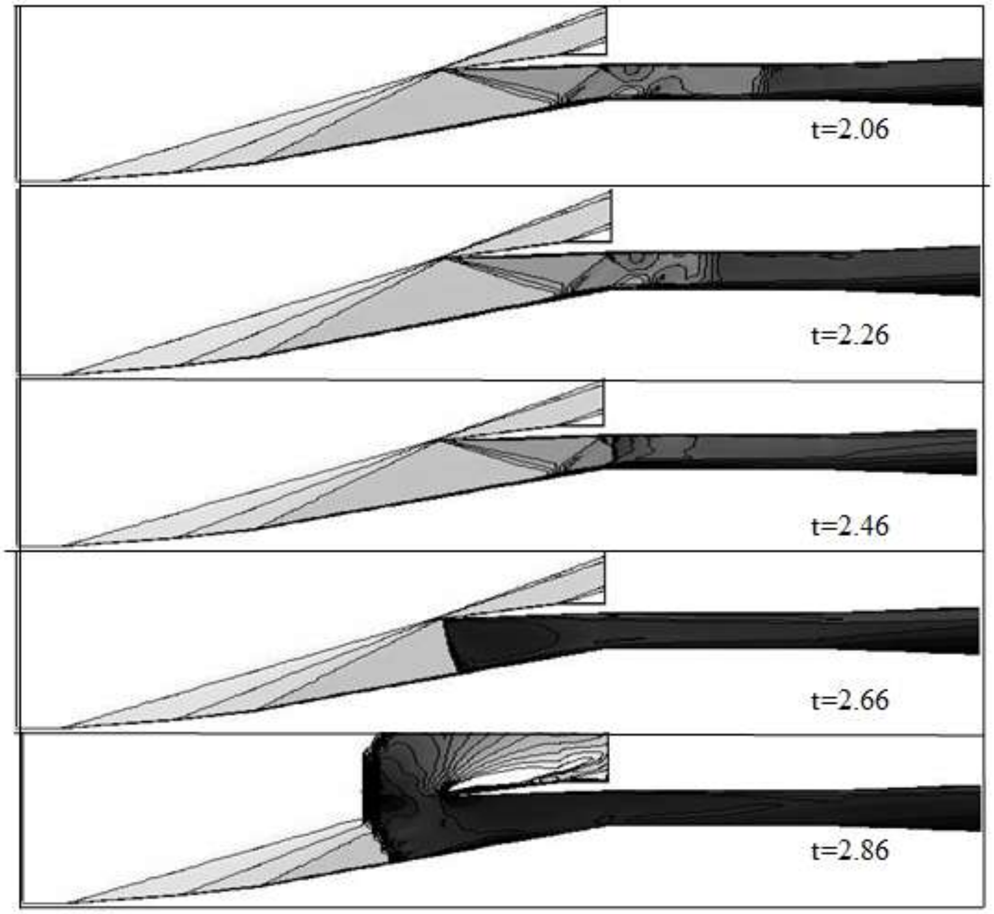

Figure 13 .Mach =3,P/Pinf=19.4:Mach number distribution at various time instant

7. Performance parameters

The main performance parameters of supersonic inlets are total pressure recovery, flow distortion Figure. 14. Total pressure recovery (TPR) of the inlet is another influential characteristic in determining the inlet performance since it directly affects the engine thrust force. Total pressure recovery is defining as the ratio of the total pressure of engine face Pin to the total pressure of free stream (Po) flow, shown as follows:

$$TPR = Pin/Po \qquad (8)$$

Inlets are usually exposed to an adverse pressure gradient, which results in flow separation. Flow separation causes total pressure loss and no uniformity of total pressure distribution in each Section. This phenomenon is called Flow Distortion (FD), and it is quantified in Eq.9 as follows:

$$FD = \left(\frac{Pin}{Po\ max}\right) - \left(\frac{Pin}{Po\ min}\right) / \left(\frac{Pin}{Po\ avg}\right) \qquad (9)$$

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Since engine inflow's uniformity is of the most significant importance, the flow distortion of the engine face is usually evaluated [6].

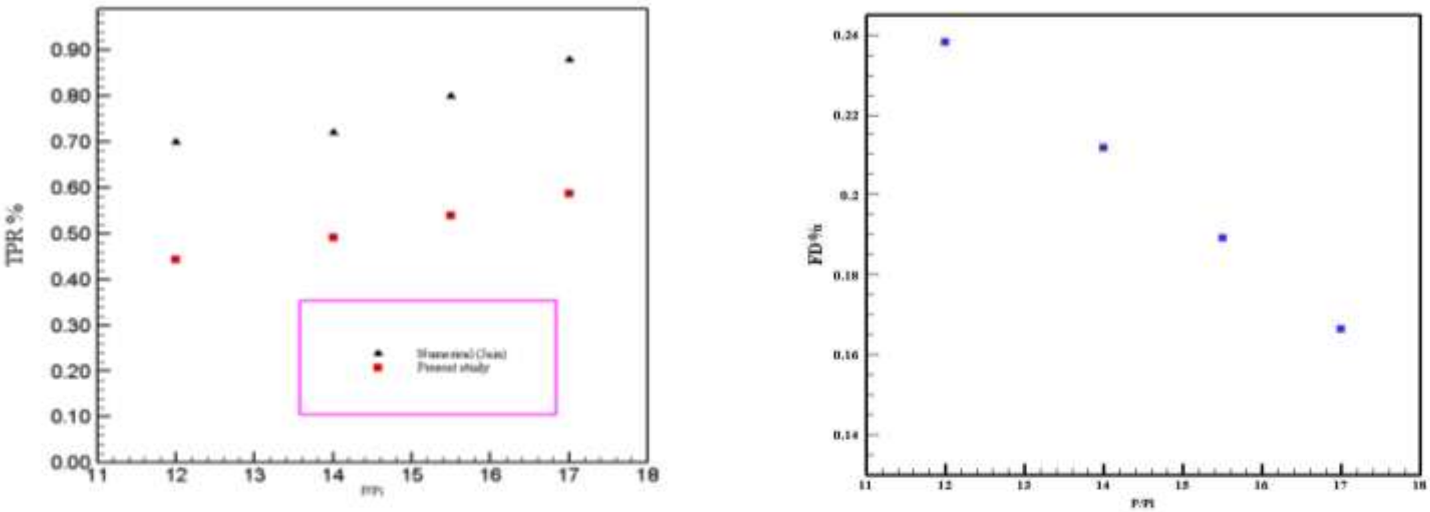

Figure 11 Total pressure recovery (left)Flow distortion index for various value of back pressure ratio(right)

8. Conclusion

- The design system has been made furthermore, demonstrated to be substantial. From the CFD investigation, we can finish up the shocks produced is like the anticipated shocks. The scientific arrangement is exact enough, aside from the total pressure.
- The static pressure variety at the backpressure indicates that the terminal shock is not generally in one spot.
- Design of the subsonic diffuser stances, various issues in examined cases nevertheless because it is incredibly reliant on the engine establishment circumstance, no speculation has endeavored.

9. List of symbols:

β	Oblique shock angle
h_o	Total enthalpy
U,v,w	Velocity components
e_t	Total energy
α	H vector multiplier
TPR	Total pressure recovery
Me	Mach number at the exit of the subsonic diffuser
P	Static pressure
P_{inf}	Static pressure at inlet free stream
Pb	Static back pressure (at the end of inlet)
Po	Total pressure
CFD	Computation Fluid Dynamic
FD	Flow distortion

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