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## INTERCYCLE ICE EFFECTS ON TURBOPROPS EQUIPPED WITH DE-ICING BOOTS



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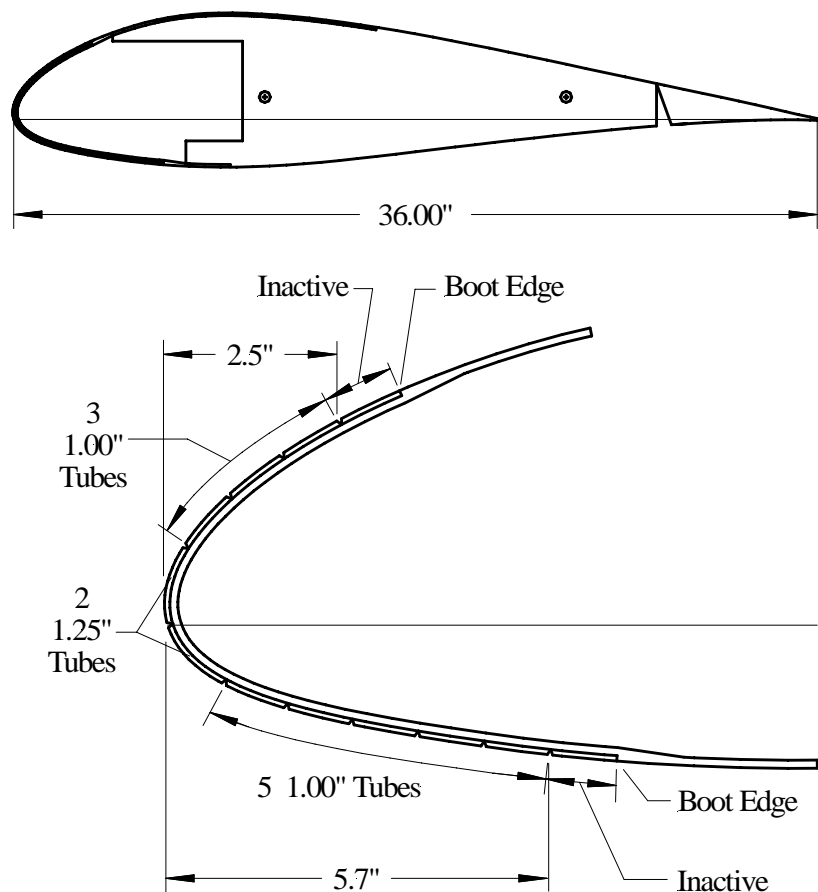
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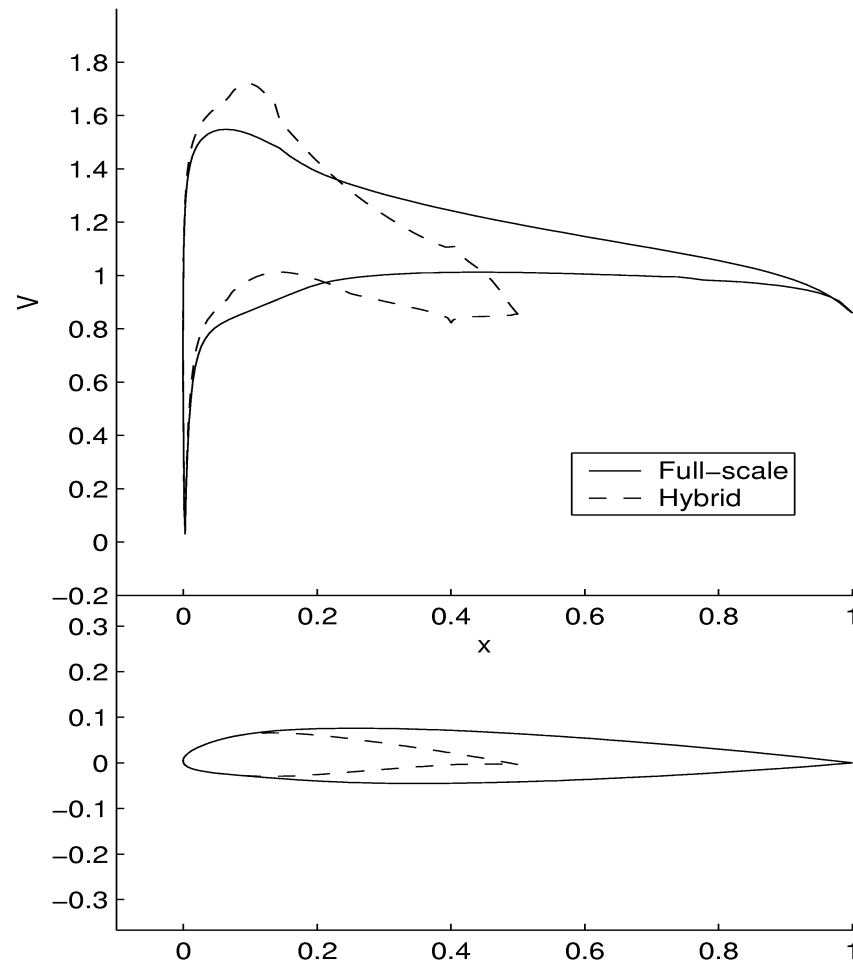
- **Following the Flight 3272 loss of January 9, 1997 near Monroe, Michigan, the FAA initiated research into the thin layers of rough ice and similar icing that may accumulate between de-ice boot cycles (Intercycle ice) and their effects on aircraft performance.**
- **After several discussions, Embraer agreed to a collaborative icing research program with the FAA.**
- **Icing Tunnel tests were performed with a Hybrid model to obtain Intercycle Ice Shapes.**
- **Simulated Ice Shapes were produced and installed on an EMB-120 prototype airplane and their effects on aircraft performance were measured.**

- The Icing Tunnel Tests were performed at the BF Goodrich Icing Tunnel located in Uniontown, OH, USA
- A “Hybrid” 2D wing tip NACA 23012 airfoil was produced using the same leading edge boots as the full scale aircraft.
- Several Appendix C icing envelope corner points were simulated with boot cycles of 1 and 3 minutes actuation timer.
- The most critical ice shape was selected (run 5/6 or 4/1) which represented a 3 minute boot cycle in the **continuous maximum icing cloud**

# Icing Tunnel Tests



Hybrid Airfoil Construction



Full-scale and hybrid airfoil velocity distributions at 4° angle-of-attack, 2° flap setting, and  $12.8 \times 10^6$  Reynolds number.

# Icing Tunnel Tests



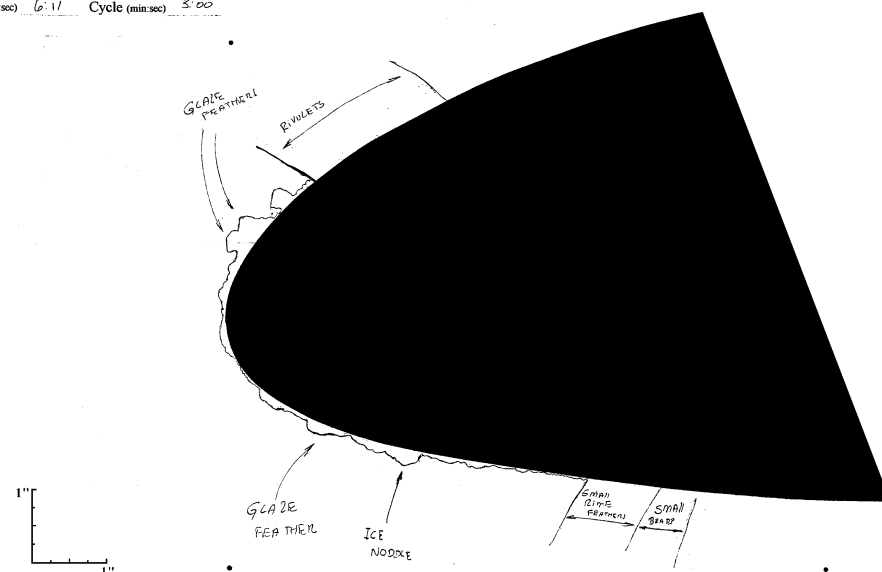
**HYBRID MODEL INSTALLED IN THE BF GOODRICH TUNNEL**

# Icing Tunnel Tests

Runs 5/6 and 4/1 were equivalent. There was no trace for run 5/6, only mold



FAA/BFG/NASA Residual and Intercycle Ice Test  
Date 3/9/2000 Run 4/1 Loc Center  
Tstat (°F) 21 V (mph) 195  
MVD (µm) 20 LWC (g/m³) 0.51  
Spray (min:sec) 6:11 Cycle (min:sec) 3:00



Run 5/6 picture: Tstat = 21 F  
MVD = 20; LWC = 0.51  
3 min. cycle; AOA = 4 deg

Run 4/1 Trace: Tstat = 21 F  
MVD = 20; LWC = 0.51  
3 min. cycle; AOA = 4 deg

# Ice Shapes Determination



**SIMULATED ICE SHAPE (Left side of pictures) VS FAA MOLDS  
(Run 5/6 - UPPER SURFACE)**

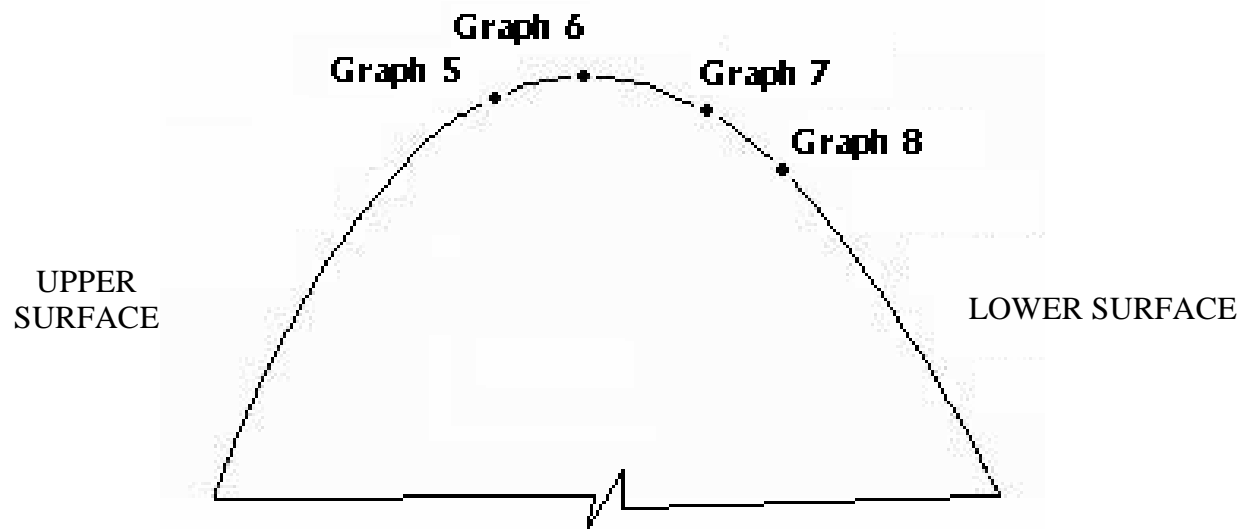
# Ice Shapes Determination



**SIMULATED ICE SHAPE (Left side of pictures) VS FAA MOLDS  
(Run 5/6 - LOWER SURFACE)**

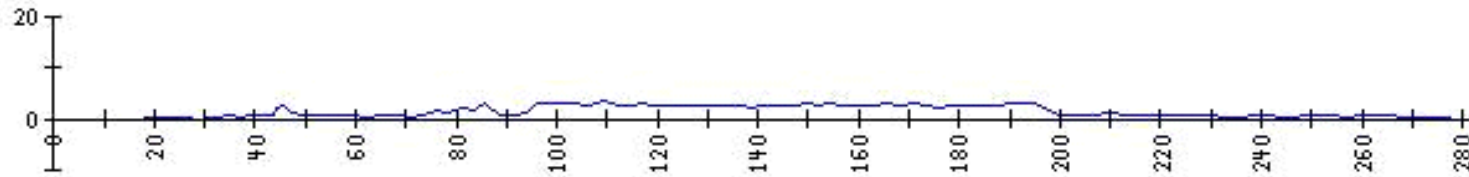
# Ice Shapes Determination

- EMBRAER PRODUCED 3 MODELS TO VERIFY SIMULATED ICE SHAPE ROUGHNESS.
- THE ROUGHNESS OF THE SIMULATED ICE WAS DEFINED THROUGH THE COMPARISON OF ROUGHNESS MEASUREMENTS OF THE FAA/BFG/NASA INTERCYCLE AND RESIDUAL ICE TESTS (RUN 5/6) USING MOLD, AND ROUGHNESS MEASUREMENTS OF THE EMBRAER MANUFACTURED SIMULATED ICE SHAPES.
- THE GRAPHS OF THE ROUGHNESS WERE THE RESULTS OF SPANWISE MEASUREMENTS AT THE POINTS DEFINED IN THE FIGURE BELOW.

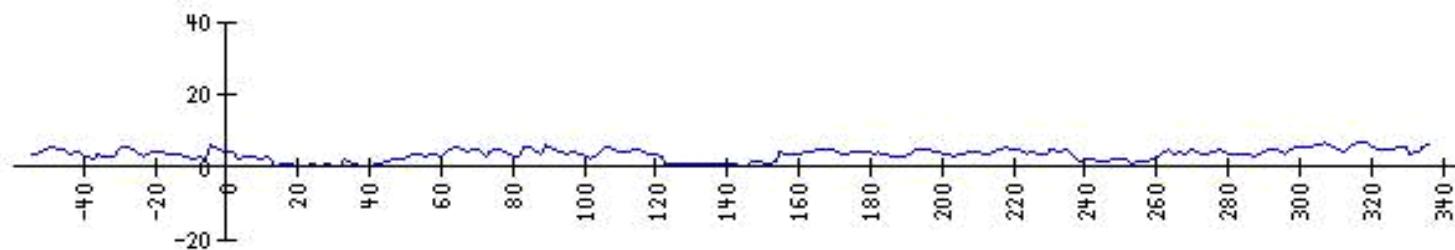


# Ice Shapes Determination

## ➤ ROUGHNESS COMPARISON RESULTS (Example)

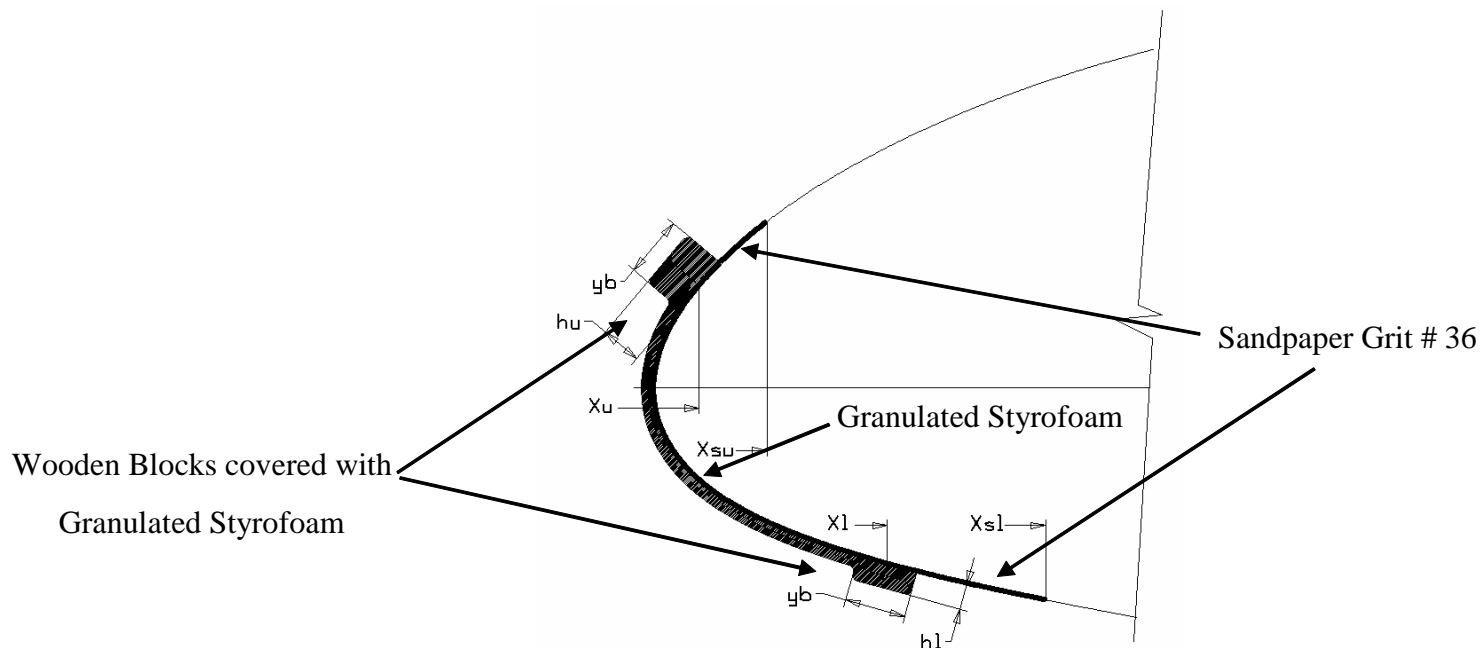


➤ GRAPH 7 – FAA MOLD



➤ GRAPH 7 – EMBRAER MOLD

# Ice Shapes Determination



EMB-120 SIMULATED ICE SHAPES KEY DIMENSIONS

- THE ICE IMPINGEMENT LIMITS AND BETA ON THE WING REFERENCE 5 FEET CHORD SECTION WERE DEFINED BY MEANS OF THE ONERA ICING CODE
- FOR OTHER WING SECTIONS THE ONERA ICING CODE WAS USED TO DEFINE THE ICE IMPINGEMENT LIMITS AND BETA FOR EACH SECTION, BY EXTRAPOLATING THE ICE SHAPES

# Ice Shapes Determination



- **Simulated Intercycle ice shapes on the EMB-120**



- A baseline flight (without ice shapes) generated the reference data.
- Several slow downs were performed up to the shaker and pusher in all flaps and gear configurations.
- Slow downs with the auto pilot connected in altitude hold up to the shaker activation and A/P automatic disconnection.
- In turn (30 deg of bank) slow downs were also performed up to the shaker and pusher with A/P on and off.
- Level flight stabilizations in different airspeeds were performed in order to obtain the drag increment due to ice

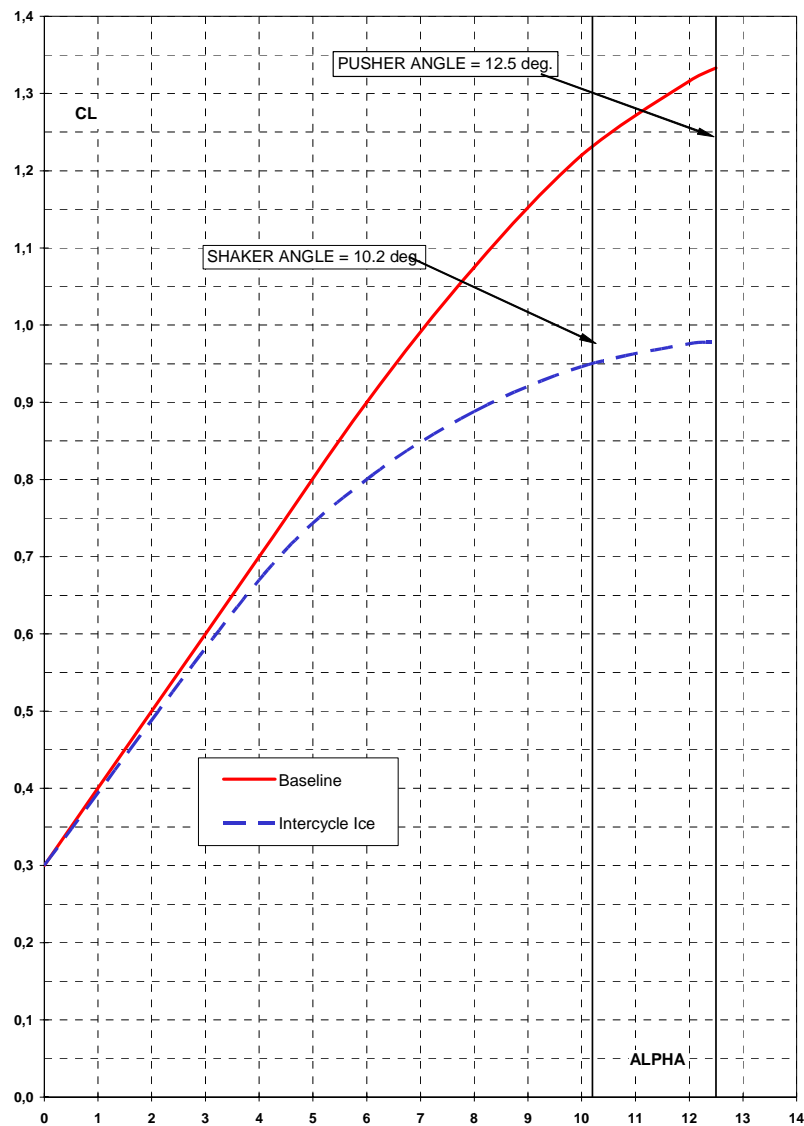
# Flight Tests Results: General Assessment

- The stall handling characteristics of the airplane were not modified with the intercycle ice shapes.
- An increase in shaker and stall speeds were observed.
- The airspeed margin between shaker and pusher activation was reduced below the 7% minimum required by certification.
- The Stall Warning Computer shaker AOA firing angles had to be reduced in order to recover the required margin.
- Shaker Autopilot deactivation during slow downs in Altitude Hold Mode did not cause any disturbance in pitch or roll.

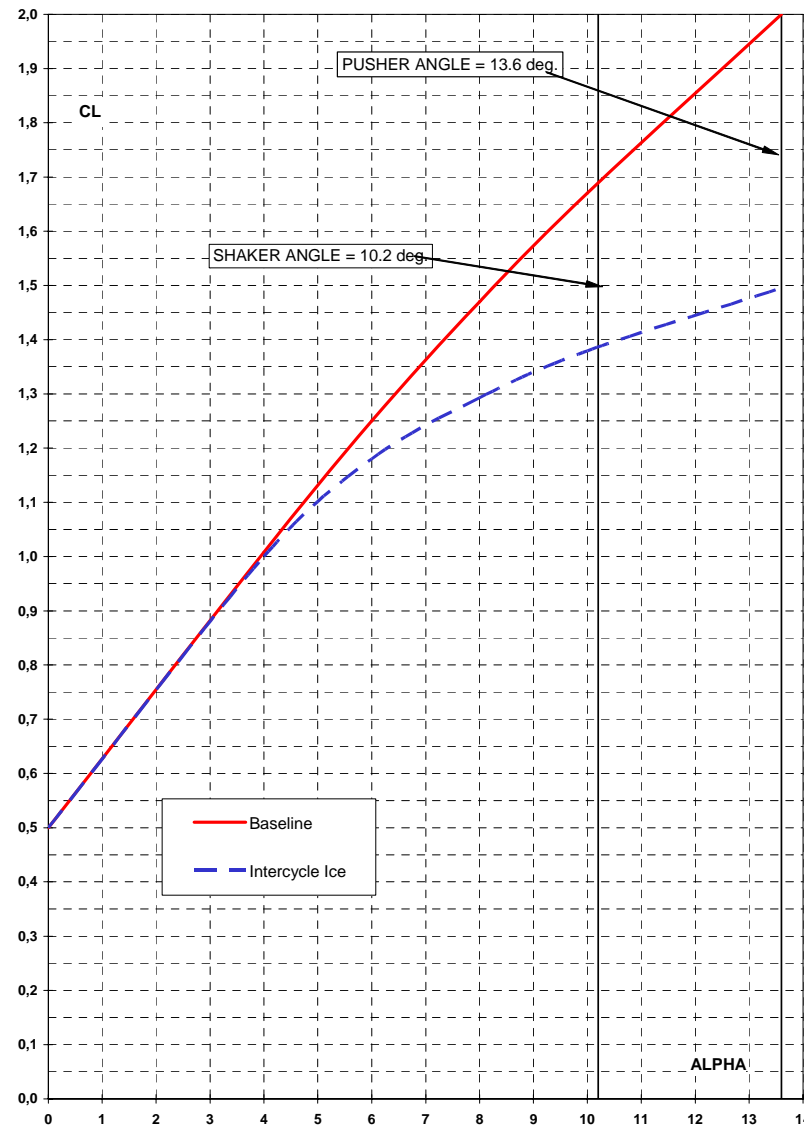
# Flight Tests Results: LIFT



EMB-120 CL x ALPHA (FLAP 0)  
(CL Corrected for Normal Acceleration)

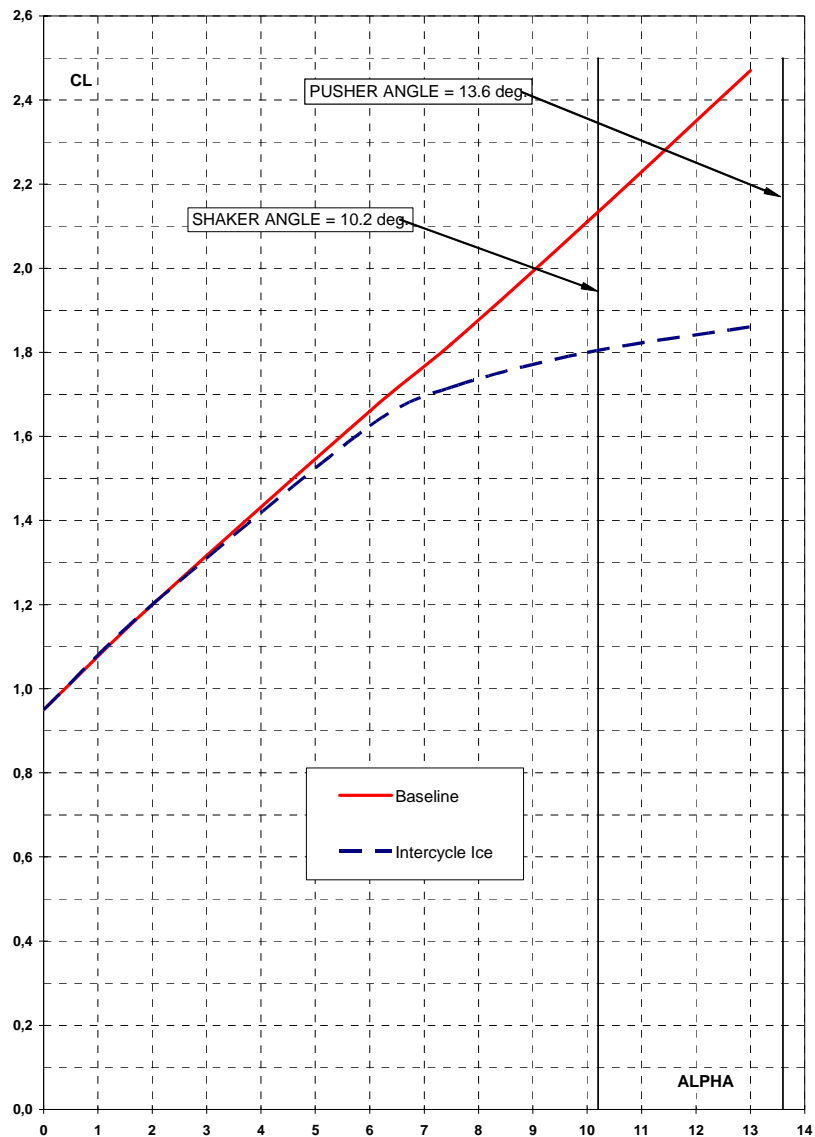


EMB-120 CL x ALPHA (FLAP 15 - Gear UP)  
(CL Corrected for Normal Acceleration)



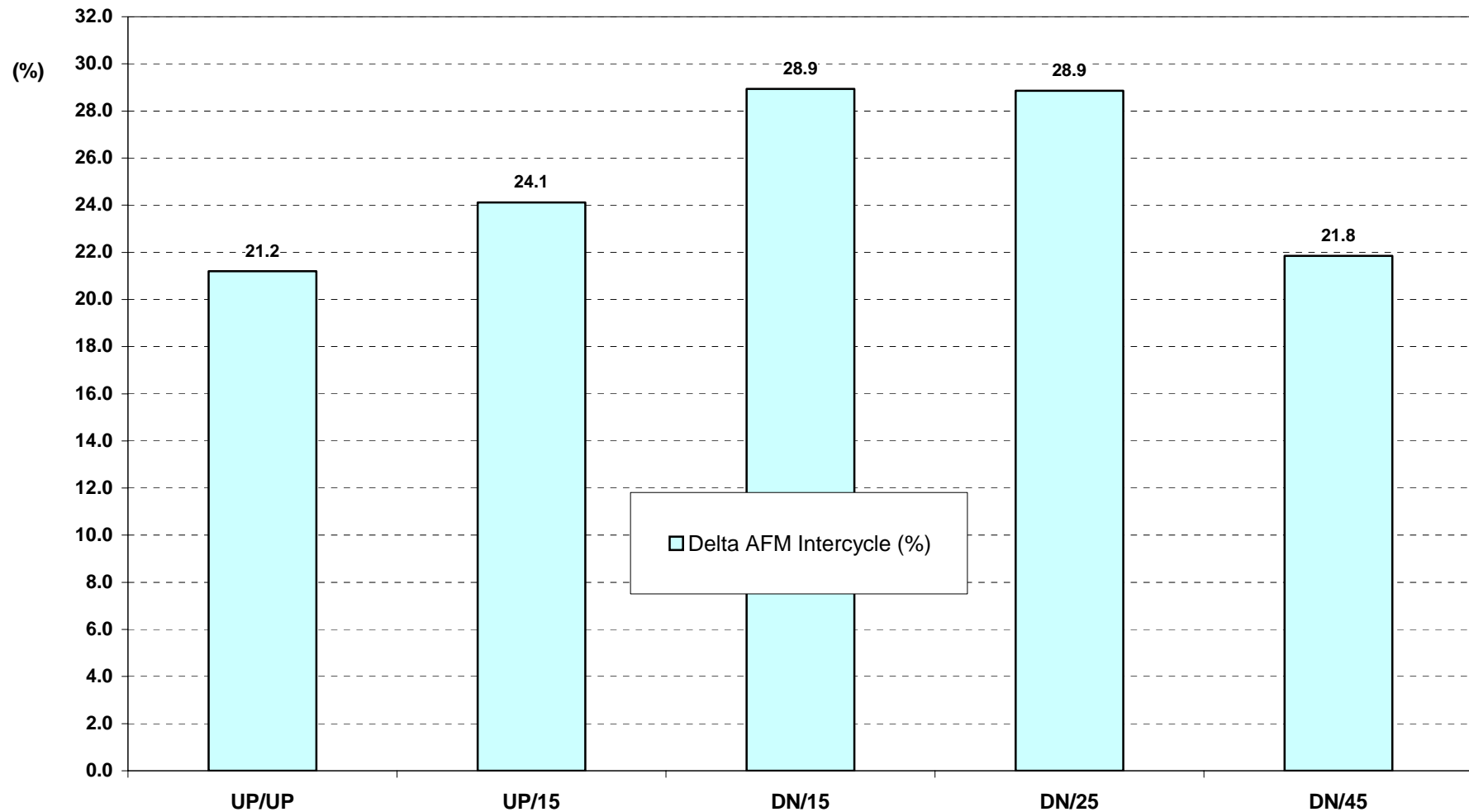
# Flight Tests Results: LIFT

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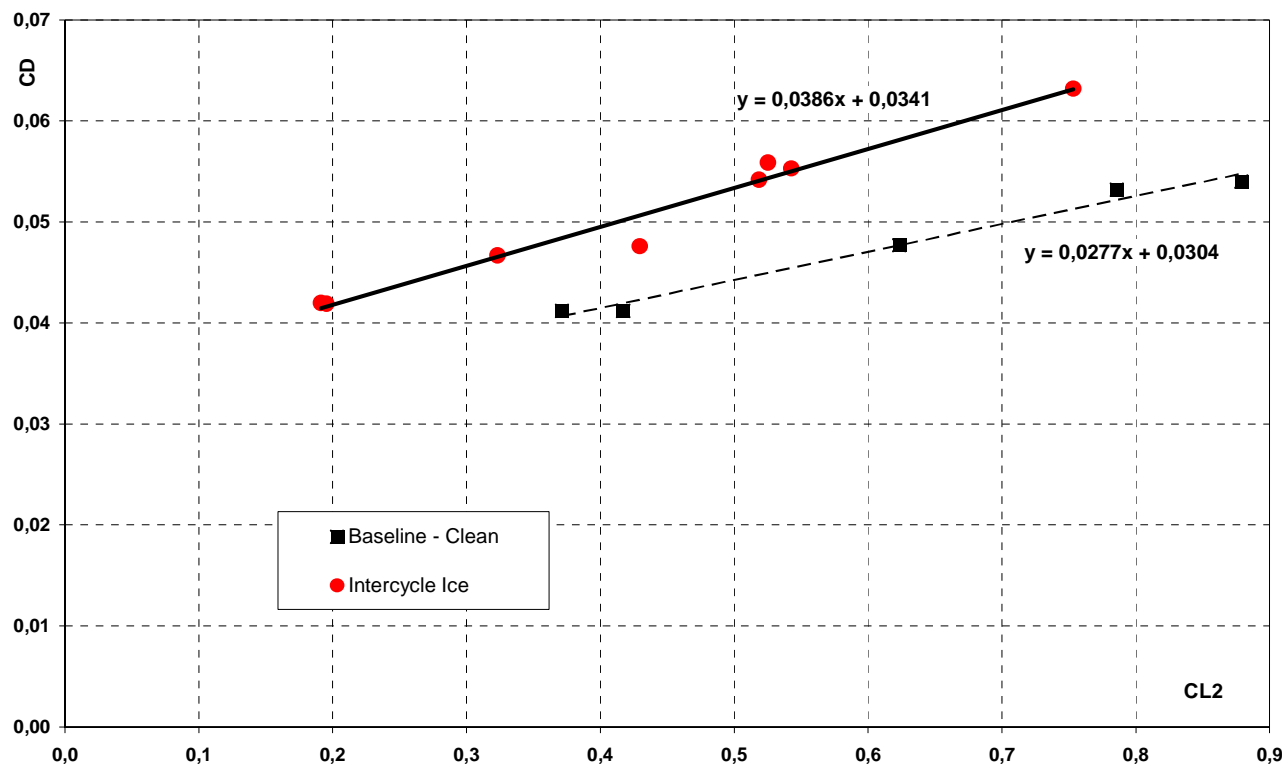
# Flight Tests Results: LIFT

EMB-120 Intercycle Research  
CLMAX degradation due to Ice (%)



# Flight Tests Results: DRAG

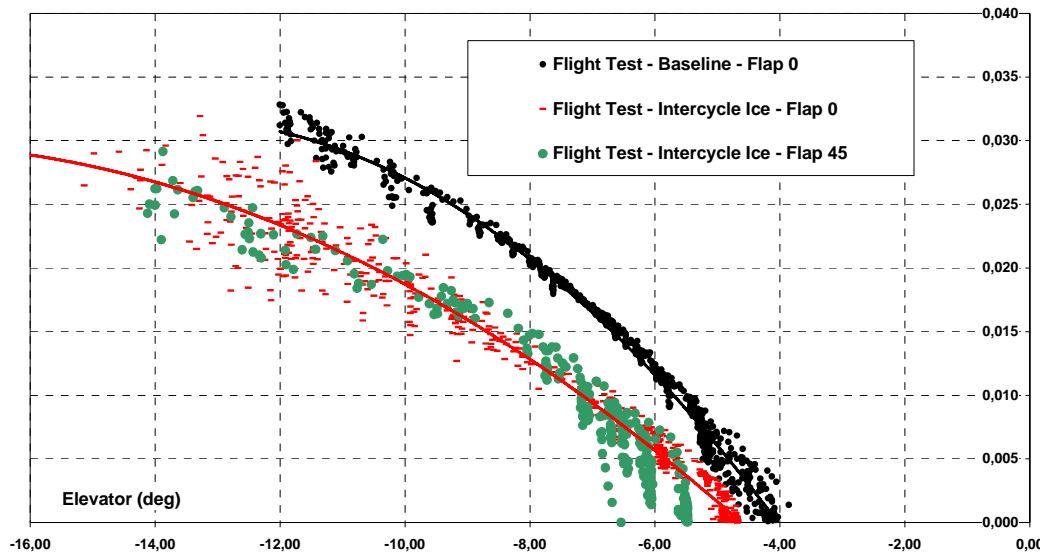
EMB-120 Intercycle Ice Delta Drag - Flap 0 - Gear UP



- Drag increment due to Intercycle Ice for Flap 0 = 89 Drag Counts

# Flight Tests Results: Elevator

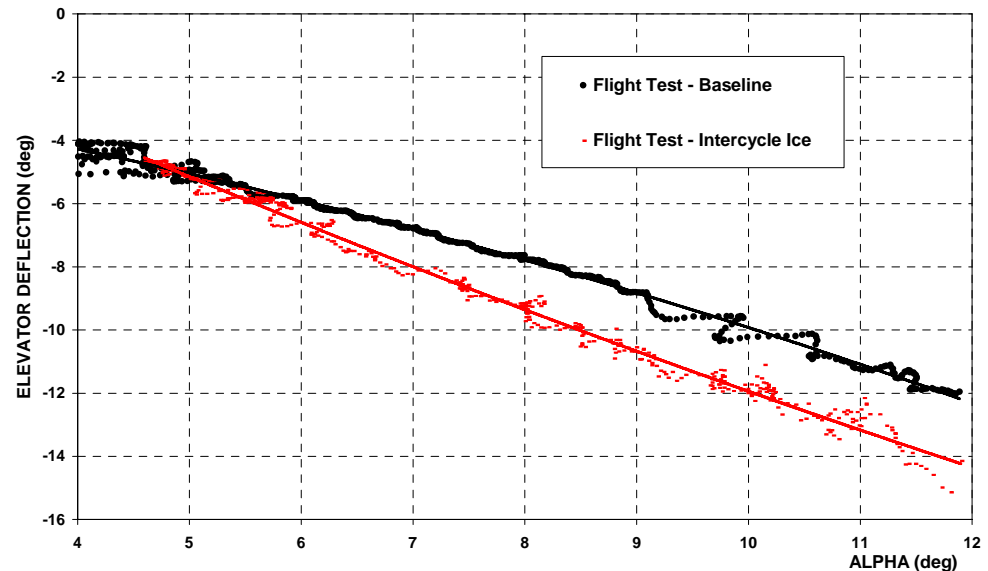
EMB-120 Elevator Hinge Moment Coefficient



• A reduction of elevator hinge moment was observed



EMB-120 - Elevator Deflection vs. Alpha  
FLAP 0 - Gear UP



• More elevator was required to trim the airplane



# Impacts on the AFM



- **Shaker and stall speeds for icing conditions were increased for each flap position according to a table introduced on the respective charts.**
- **Reference speeds were increased for icing conditions (+ 15 KIAS for flap 25 and + 10 KIAS for flap 45).**
- **New charts for icing conditions were added:**
  - **Approach Climb and Landing Climb Gradients**
  - **Maximum Landing Weight – Approach Climb and Landing Climb Limited**
  - **Landing Field Lengths**
  - **Maximum Landing Weights – Brake Energy Limited**
- **The new charts must be used “In case of ice accretion or ice remaining on the wing leading edges after boot actuations”.**
- **The above limitations applied to a typical high altitude airport in icing conditions and at typical landing weights, reduce the maximum landing capacity of the airplane by 2 PAX**

- **A methodology was created to perform the icing tunnel tests, generate the simulated ice shapes, install it on the airplane, perform the flight tests and obtain the necessary results to assess Aircraft Flight Manual and Operational Procedures for the intercycle icing conditions.**
- **The results demonstrated that the stall characteristics of the airplane were not modified by intercycle ice, but an increase in the shaker and stall speeds and a reduction of the shaker to pusher margins were observed.**

**THANK YOU**