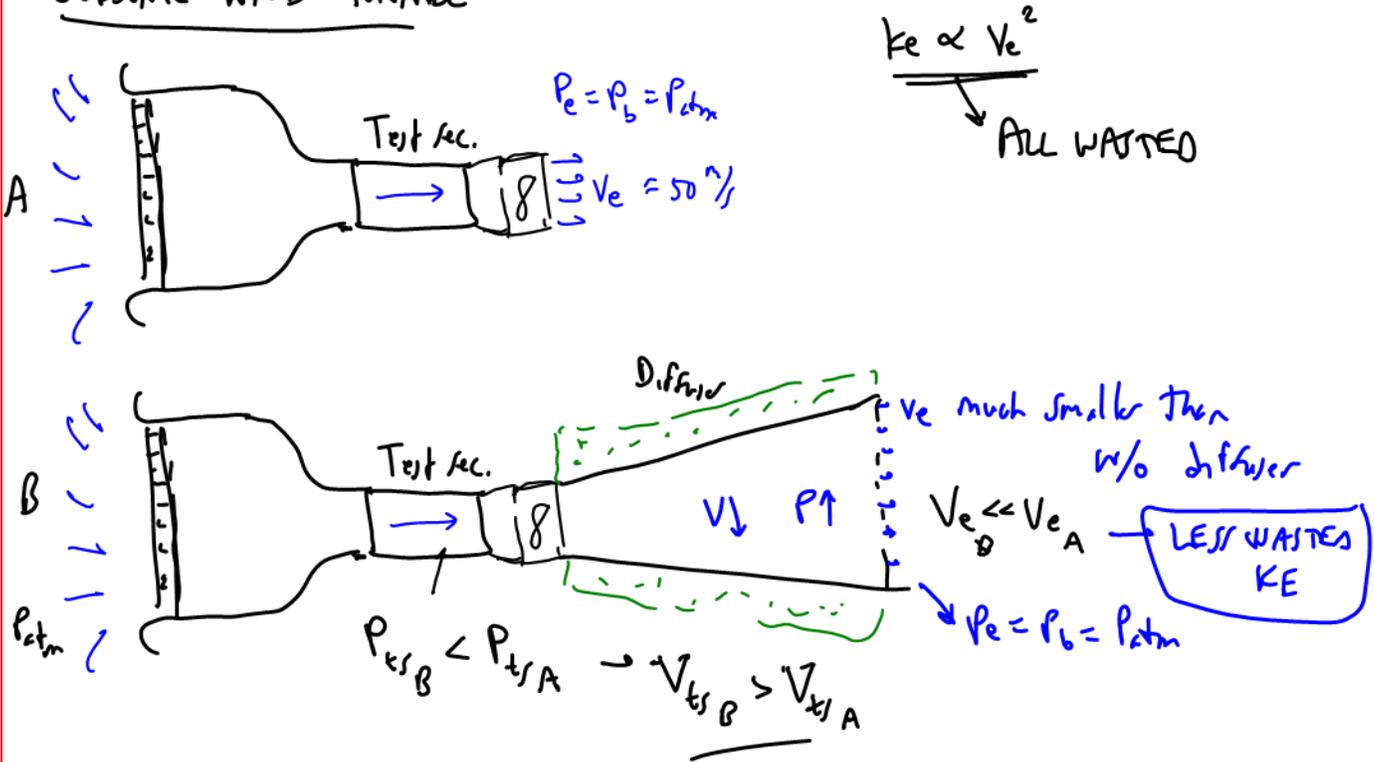


Today, we will:

- Discuss subsonic versus supersonic wind tunnels and the effects of second throats and supersonic diffusers
- Do Candy Questions for Candy Friday

★ SUPERSONIC WIND TUNNELS

SUBSONIC WIND TUNNEL

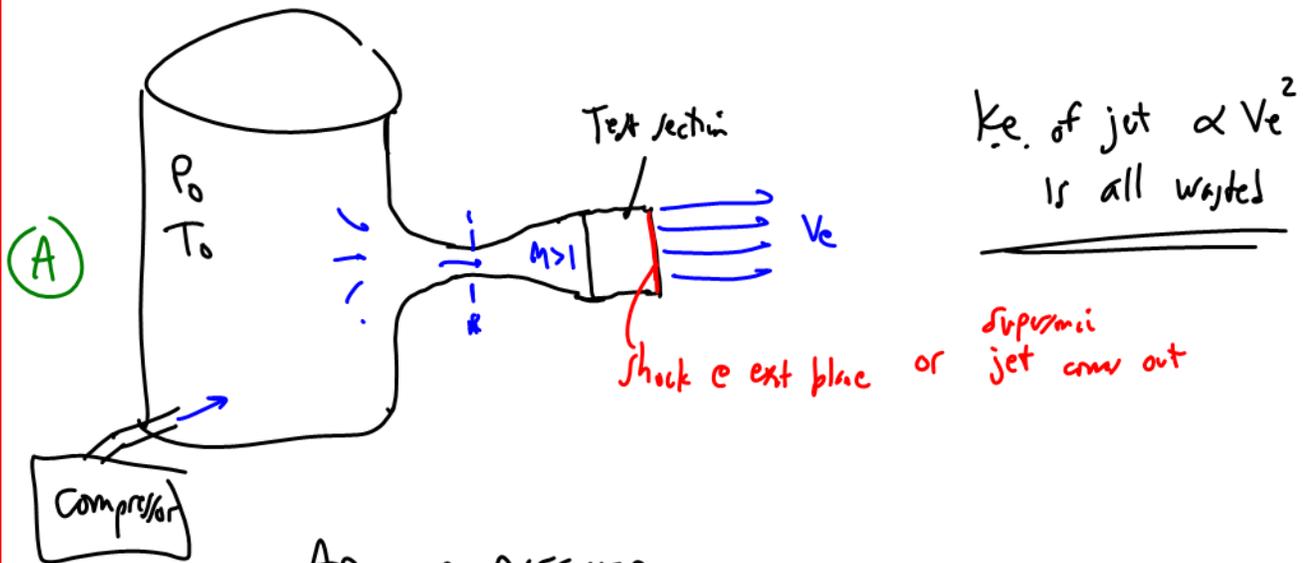


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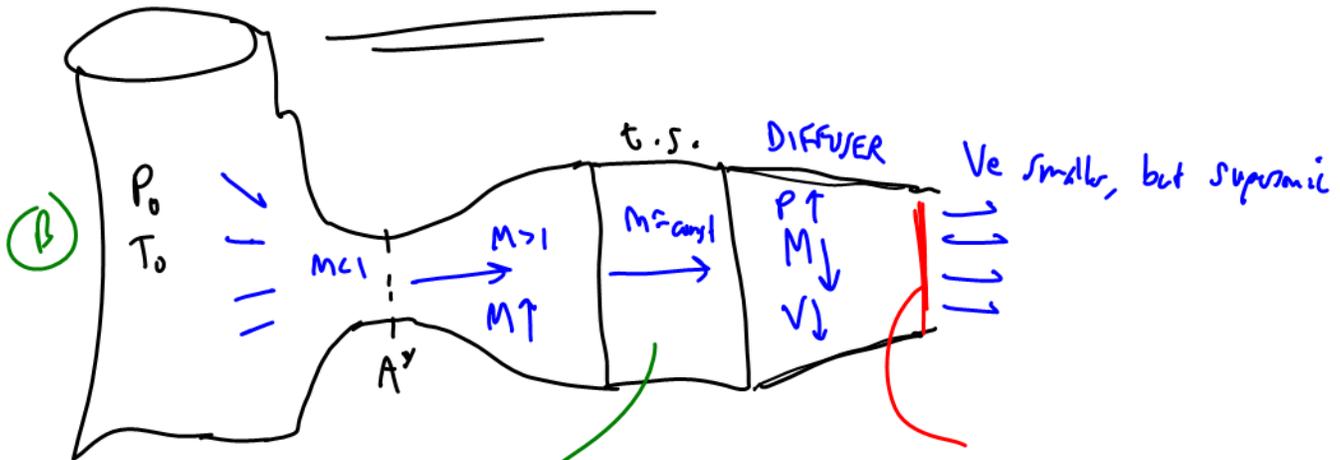
- 1) Faster flow in test section
- or 2) Lower power requirement for the same flow speed

CAN WE DO SIMILAR FOR SUPERSONIC?

# SUPERSONIC WIND TUNNEL - "Blow Down" type



ADD A DIFFUSER



OR, can have a shock - then  $M_e < 1$

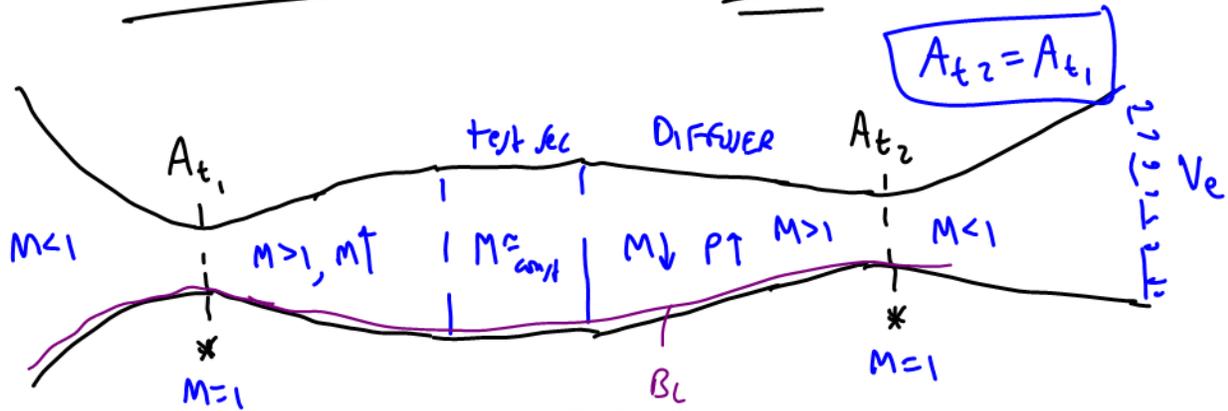
THIS  $P_{t,s,B} < P_{t,s,A} \rightarrow \therefore P_{0,B} < P_{0,A}$  to achieve some  $M_{t,s}$ .

Smaller  $P_0 \rightarrow$  less \$

CAN IMPROVE EVEN MORE

# ADD A Second throat

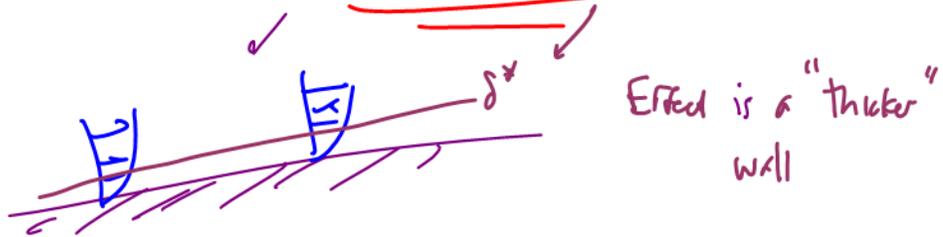
## IDEAL CASE



## REAL LIFE

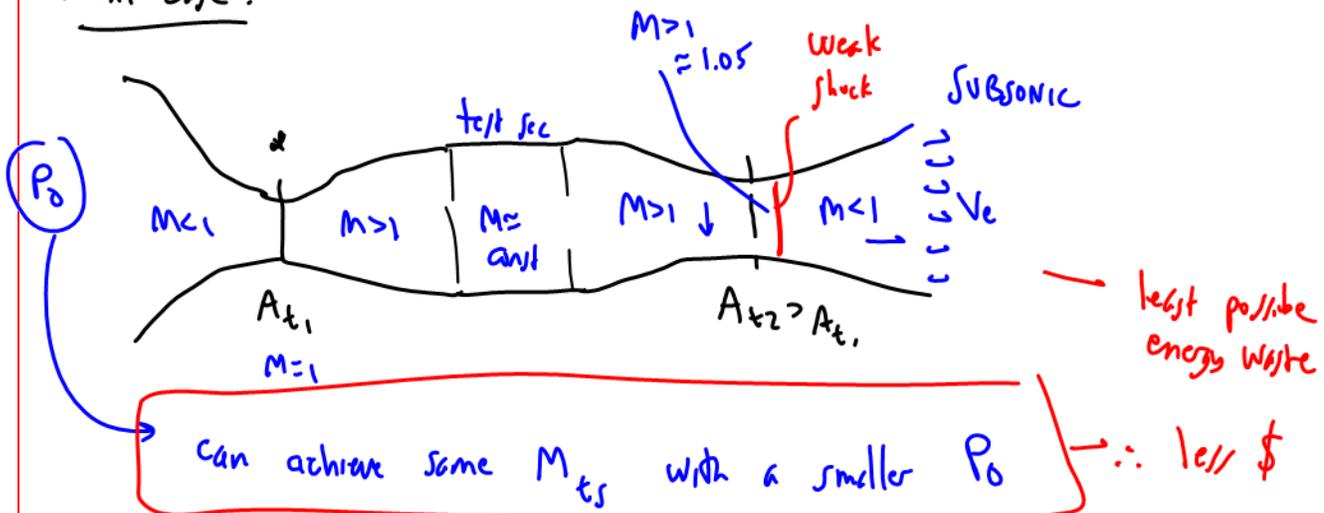
$A_{t2}$  must be  $> A_{t1}$  to achieve this

We have BLs along walls  $\rightarrow$  DISPLACEMENT THICKNESS



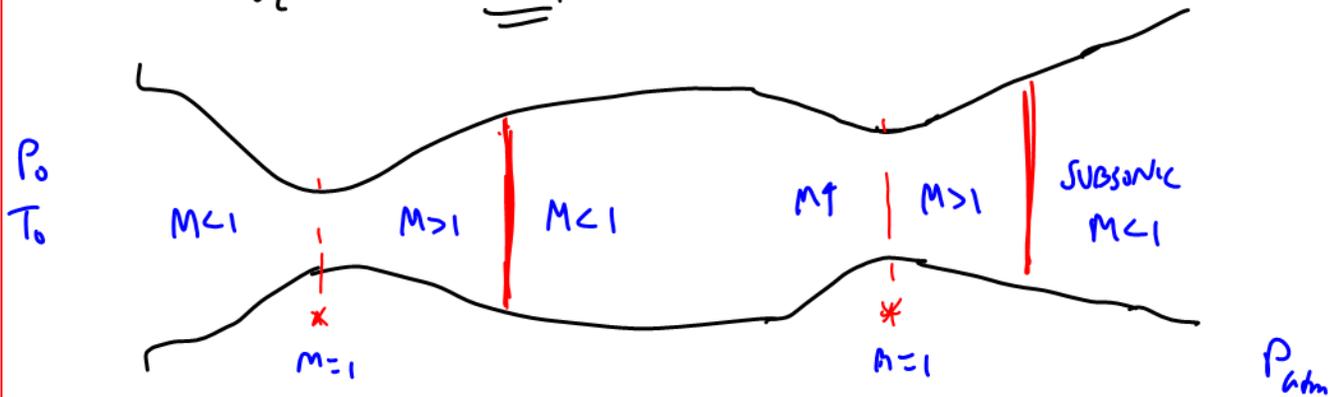
For same effective throat area,  $A_{t2}$  must be  $> A_{t1}$  to account for displacement thickness

## Real case:



can achieve same  $M_{ts}$  with a smaller  $P_0$   $\therefore$  less \$

IF  $A_{t_2}$  is too small



THIS IS CALLED BLOCKED

BAD

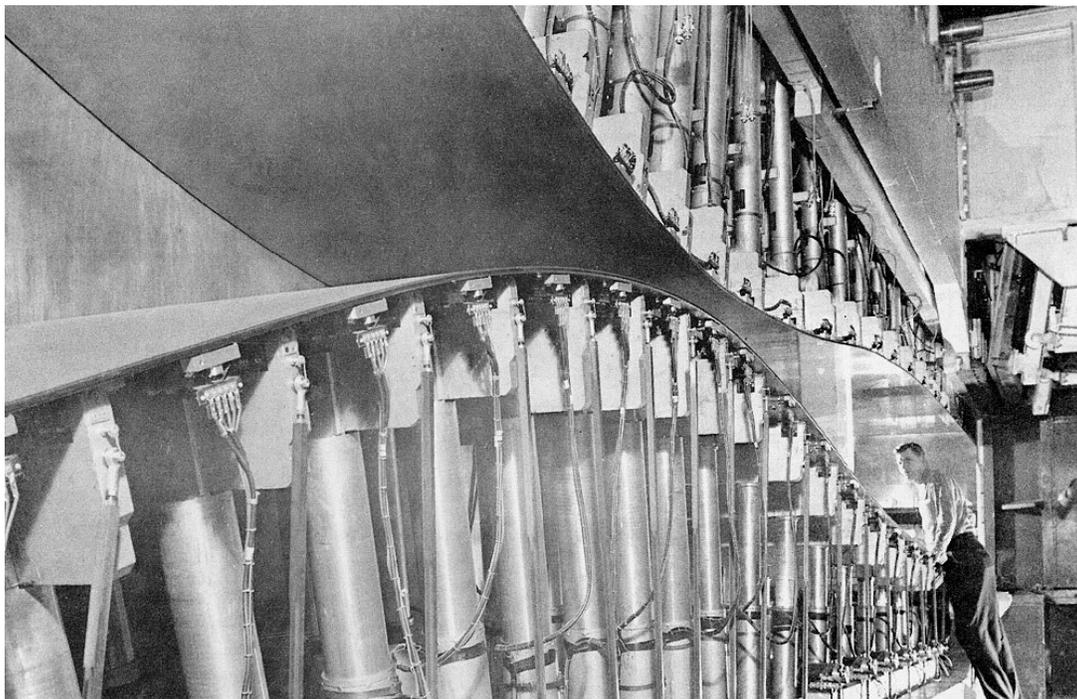
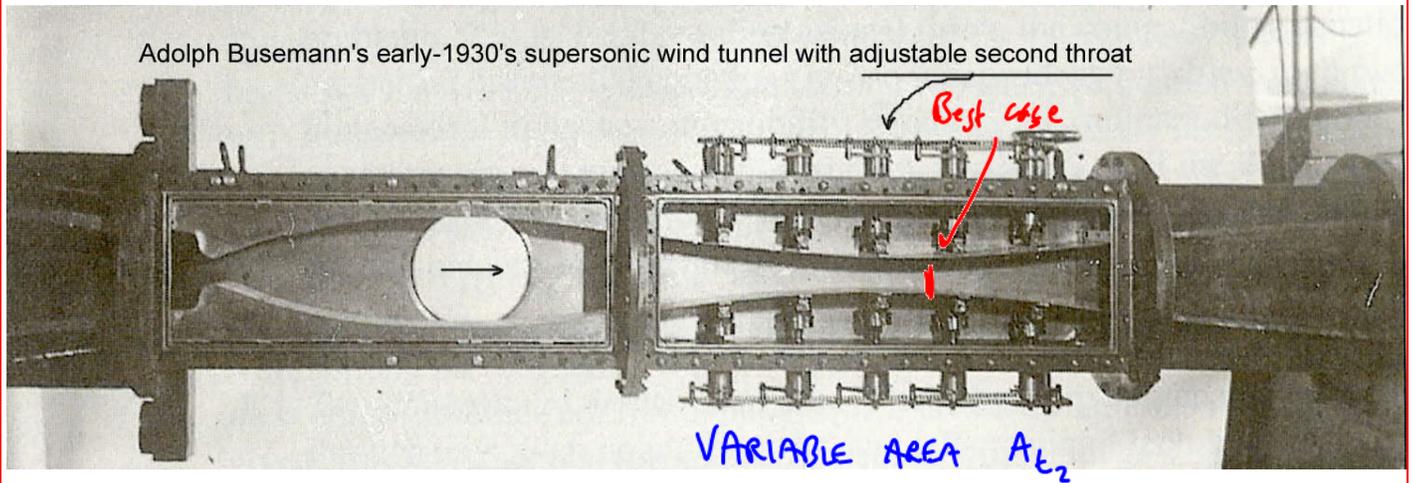
TO AVOID THIS, MUST MAKE  $A_{t_2}$  slightly bigger

upstream shock will suddenly move out  $\rightarrow$

have  $M > 1$

in test section

## Some pictures and diagrams of supersonic wind tunnels:

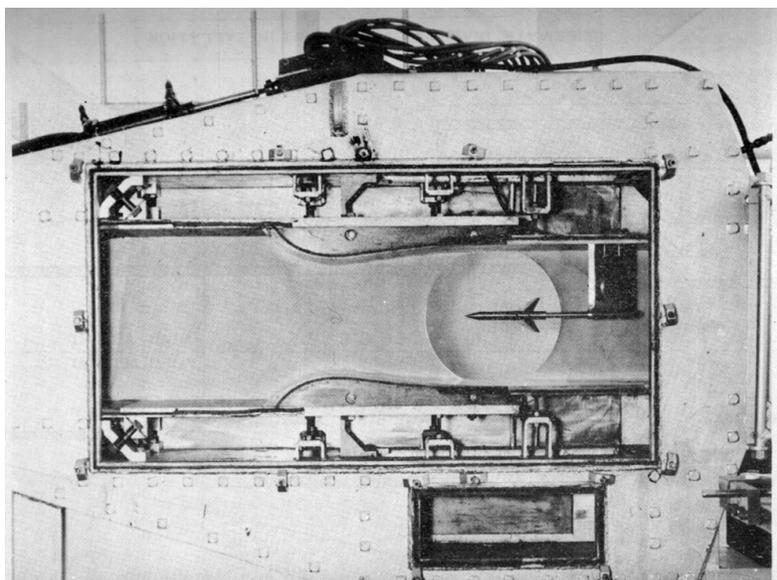


Variable-area-ratio nozzle via flexible hydraulic-actuated ceiling and floor plates (USAF AEDC Tunnel A)

MIN  $A_t$   
↓  
xlll  
/ / / / /  
/ / / / /  
/ / / / /  
/ / / / /  
Bigger  
 $A_t$   
SLIDING  
Block

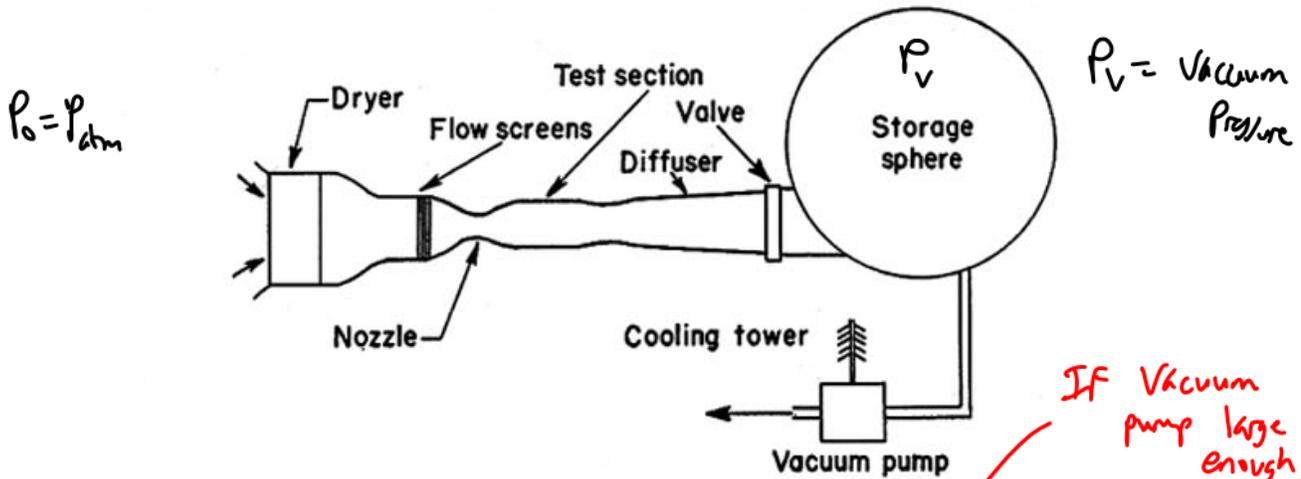


Jakob Ackeret's supersonic wind tunnel in Germany.



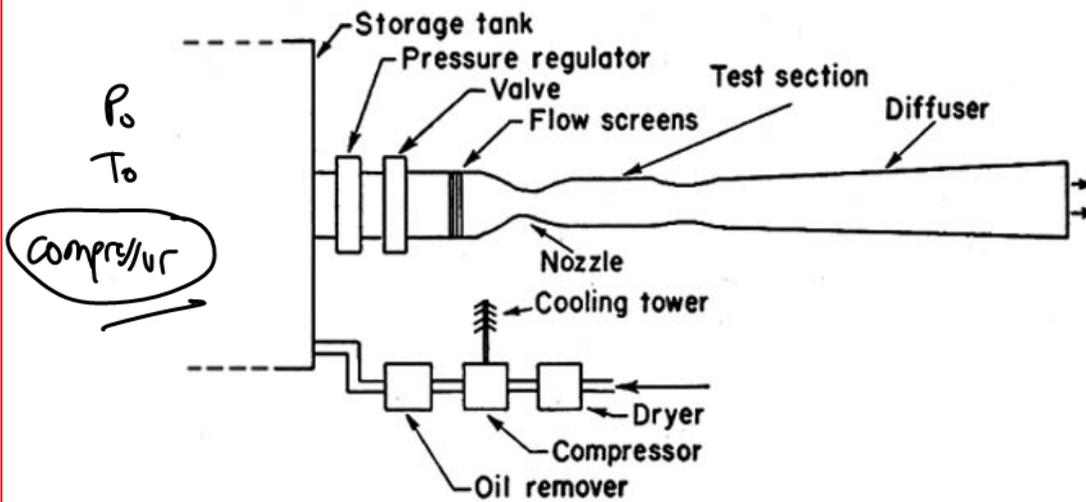
Fixed nozzle blocks for  $M = 1.5$  (UTIAS Rpt. 15, 1953)

### Three main types of supersonic wind tunnel:



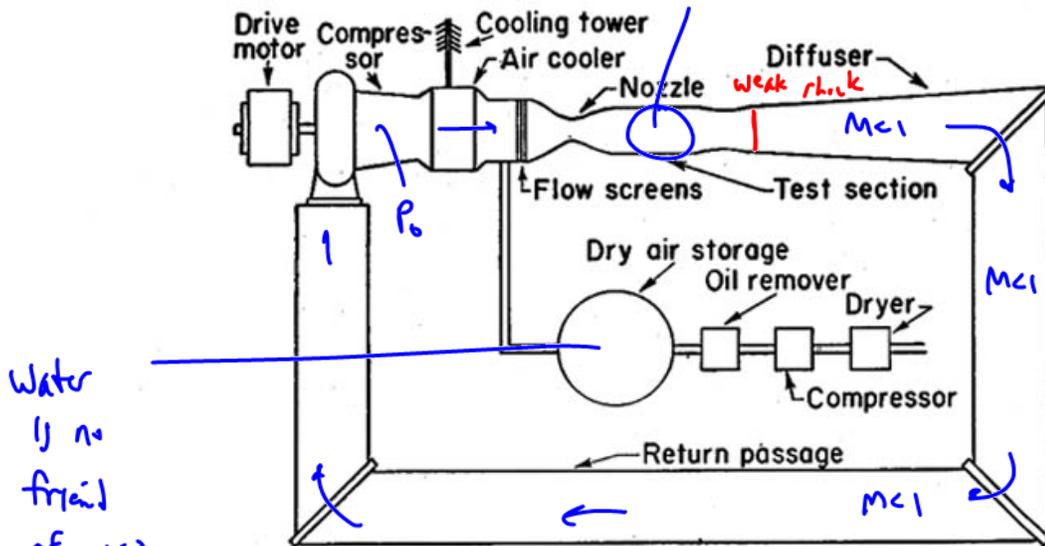
Diagrammatic layout of intermittent indraft wind tunnel.

If vacuum pump large enough, can be steady state



Diagrammatic layout of intermittent blow-down wind tunnel.

TEST SECTION  $M \approx \text{const}$ ,  $M_{t_1} > 1$

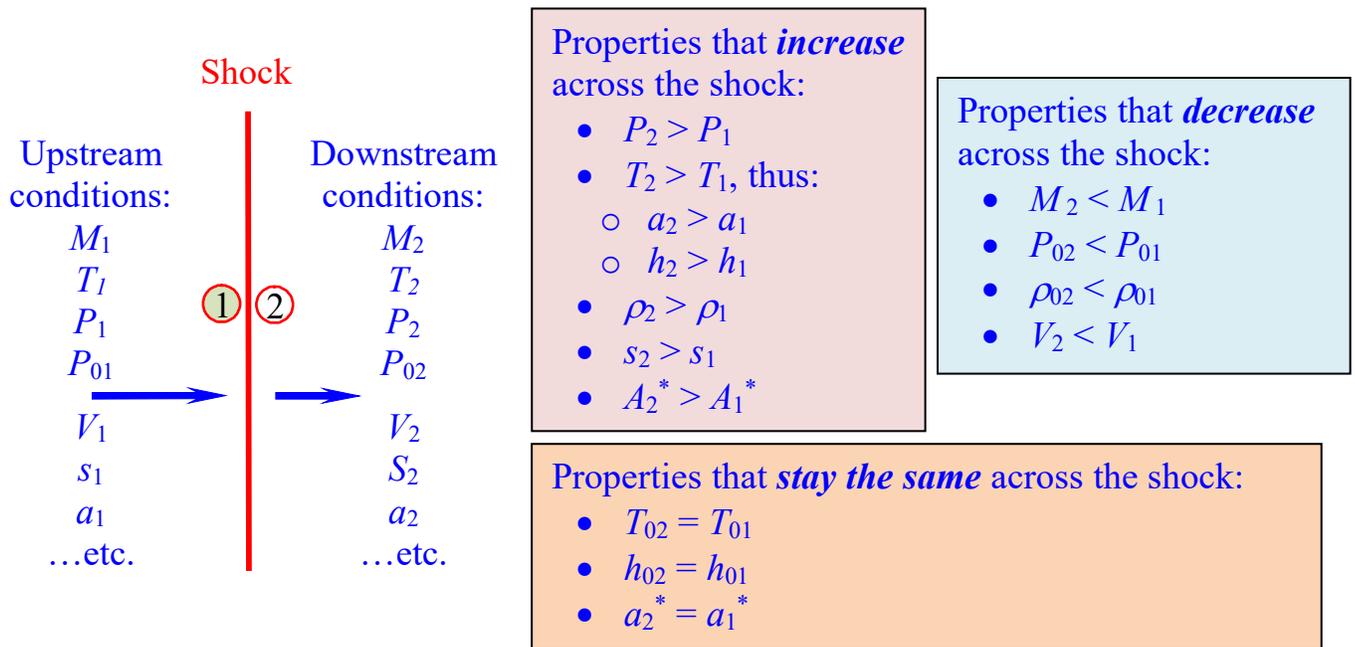


Water is no friend of wind tunnels

Diagrammatic layout of closed-circuit supersonic wind tunnel.

Next up: *Quantitative* analysis of normal shocks (Derive equations for ideal gases).

For now, though, know *qualitatively* how properties change across a stationary normal shock.



**END OF EXAM 1 MATERIAL**