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- II. Continuous Velocity Measurements by the Hot Wire Method

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ABSTRACT

## Part I

The thermal flux has been measured across an air stream flowing in a uniform, two-dimensional manner between horizontal parallel plates at different temperatures. Reynolds numbers ranged from 9,800 to 56,500. A macroscopic correlation shows the effect of turbulence on the thermal transfer.

A revised correlation of total conductivity as a function of position is subsequently obtained by correcting previously determined values of total conductivity. A similar correlation of the total viscosity with position is revised to allow for variation in the pressure gradient with plate separation. The correlations fall off with increasing Reynolds number. The turbulent Prandtl numbers for two tests by an earlier investigator are compared with those predicted from the ratio of the revised point correlations.

## Part II

Two hot-wire methods are described for determining continuously the mean velocity as a function of position in a turbulently-flowing air stream. In the constant-resistance method the mean wire temperature is automatically controlled. In the constant-current method no control is necessary. In exploratory measurements the total viscosities bridge the discontinuous gap which arises from the use of von Kármán's expression at the boundary between the buffer layer and the turbulent core. Thermal flux corresponding to a Nusselt number of 40 has no noticeable effect on the velocity profile.

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Part I

Introduction:

In 1874 Osborne Reynolds (1) suggested the proportionality between velocity and temperature profiles in a turbulently flowing fluid near a heat-exchanging surface, thereby laying groundwork for the boundary layer theories of L. Prandtl (2) and G. I. Taylor (3). The modified boundary layer theory of von Kármán (4) includes the concept of a turbulent core surrounded by a buffer zone, which is enclosed by a laminar layer at the wall. The presence of velocity and temperature gradients indicates the transfer of momentum and thermal energy. The transfer in the core takes place as the result of macroscopic eddy motion. In the laminar layer the transfer occurs by the interaction of molecules. The buffer layer is a transition between the core and the laminar layer.

One of the objectives of the transfer research program of the Chemical Engineering Department of the California Institute of Technology has been to explore the relationship between the transfer of heat and the transfer of momentum. The role of the eddy quantities is of immediate interest. For the case of two-dimensional uniform flow these quantities may be defined as follows:

$$\epsilon_m = \underline{\epsilon}_m - \nu = \frac{T}{\rho} \frac{1}{\frac{\partial \mu}{\partial y}} - \nu \quad (1)$$

$$\epsilon_c = \underline{\epsilon}_c - K = \frac{\dot{Q}}{C_p \sigma} \frac{1}{\frac{\partial t}{\partial y}} - K \quad (2)$$

where  $\epsilon_m$  is the portion of total viscosity attributed to turbulence,  $\nu$  is the portion of total viscosity attributed to molecular agitation,  $\tau$  is the shear,  $\rho$  is the density, and  $\frac{du}{dy}$  is the velocity gradient normal to the flow of the stream. In the second equation  $\epsilon_c$  is the portion of total conductivity attributed to turbulence,  $K$  is the portion attributed to molecular agitation,  $\dot{Q}$  is the heat flux across the stream,  $C_p$  is the specific heat,  $\sigma$  is the specific weight, and  $\frac{dt}{dy}$  is the temperature gradient across the stream.  $\epsilon_m$  and  $\epsilon_c$  are the total viscosity (5) and the total conductivity, respectively.  $\nu$  and  $K$  are the common molecular properties of viscosity,  $\eta$ , and conductivity,  $h$ , reduced to common dimensional units by the following equations:

$$\nu = \frac{\eta}{\rho} \quad (3)$$

$$K = \frac{h}{C_p \sigma} \quad (4)$$

For flow between parallel plates  $\tau$  is obtained from the relationship:

$$\tau = \left( \frac{y_0}{2} - y_d \right) \frac{dP}{dx} \quad (5)$$

where  $\frac{dP}{dx}$  is the pressure gradient,  $\frac{y_0}{2}$  is the distance from the wall to the point of maximum velocity, and  $y_d$  is the distance from the wall to the point in question.

In Equation (2) the relationship between the eddy quantity and the gradient is somewhat different from that of Equation (1).

$\dot{Q}$  is constant across the stream, whereas  $\tau$  varies linearly with position. From the standpoint of the boundary layer theory, however, the eddy viscosity,  $\epsilon_m$ , and the eddy conductivity,  $\epsilon_c$ , are zero at any point in the laminar layer. They increase gradually in the buffer region and make a sudden jump as the point moves into the turbulent core. If it is assumed that momentum and heat are transferred by the same physical process a simple analysis (6) shows that:

$$\epsilon_m = \epsilon_c \quad (6)$$

For fluids in which  $\frac{\nu}{K}$ , the Prandtl number, equals 1:

$$\nu = K \quad (7)$$

Therefore:

$$\begin{aligned} \epsilon_m - \nu &= \epsilon_c - K \\ \text{or} \quad \epsilon_m &= \epsilon_c \end{aligned} \quad (8)$$

The common gases have Prandtl numbers which are approximately unity.\*

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\* For diatomic gases at one atmosphere and 212° F.,  $\frac{\nu}{K} = 0.74$  (7)

If the total viscosity and the total conductivity are equal, then:

$$\underline{\epsilon}_c = \underline{\epsilon}_m = \underline{\epsilon} = \frac{\tau}{\rho} \frac{1}{\frac{\partial u}{\partial y}} \quad (9)$$

Because  $\tau$  and  $\frac{\partial u}{\partial y}$  both go to zero at the point of maximum velocity, the relationship appears indeterminate. If the von Kármán universal velocity distribution were applicable, then:

$$\begin{aligned} u+ &= \frac{u}{u^*} = 5.5 + 5.75 \log y+ \quad (y+ > 30) \\ &= 5.5 + 5.75 \log \frac{y_d u^*}{\nu} \end{aligned} \quad (10)$$

where  $u$  is the mean point velocity in the direction of flow and  $u^*$  is defined by the equation:

$$u^* = \sqrt{\frac{\tau_0}{\rho}} \quad (11)$$

$\tau_0$  being the shear at the wall. From Equation (10)  $\frac{\partial u}{\partial y}$  is always finite. Hence  $\underline{\epsilon}$  should go to zero at the center. Recent experimental work, however, indicates that the total eddy quantities are not equal and do not approach zero at the center (8). These results indicate that the Reynolds analogy is not exact, and it is an accepted fact that the von Kármán distribution law diverges from universality at the center. It is therefore a matter of interest to measure the eddy quantities independently and thereby examine the extent to which the Reynolds analogy holds.

The material reported in this thesis is an extension of the work carried on by S. D. Cavers, who succeeded in showing a limited correlation between the total viscosity, the total conductivity, and position in the stream (6). Such a correlation differs from the overall relationships commonly used in transfer problems in that it establishes a path through the transfer medium. The film concept, widely used in chemical engineering calculations, deliberately avoids consideration of this path.

From the known macroscopic correlations between Reynolds number, Prandtl number, and Nusselt number (9) the possibility is suggested that similar correlations may exist at a geographical point in a flowing stream. Various dimensionless functions have been suggested as representing the degree of turbulence at a point, or the local Reynolds number. One of these, already used in Equation (10), is the friction-distance parameter  $y^+$  (10)\*:

$$y^+ = \frac{y_d \mu^*}{\nu} \quad (12)$$

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 \* Another parameter, the stability factor  $\chi$ , is mentioned by Rouse (11), where:

$$\chi = y_d^2 \frac{d\mu}{dy} \frac{1}{\nu}$$

By the appropriate substitutions for the case of symmetrical flow it may be shown that this is identical with the expression:

$$\chi = y^+{}^2 \left( \frac{1 - \frac{2y_d}{y_0}}{\frac{\epsilon_m}{\nu}} \right) = \frac{y^+{}^2}{\theta}$$

For the von Kármán velocity distribution:

$$\theta = \frac{y^+}{2.5}$$

in the turbulent core. Hence:

$$\chi = 2.5 y^+$$

and the two quantities  $\chi$  and  $y^+$  are proportional in the core.

The local turbulent Prandtl number at a point may be defined as:

$$\frac{\underline{\epsilon}_m}{\underline{\epsilon}_c} = Pr' \quad (13)$$

The local Nusselt number loses significance\*:

$$\lim \frac{\dot{Q}}{\Delta x} \frac{\Delta y}{\underline{\epsilon}_c} = \frac{\dot{Q}}{\underline{\epsilon}_c} \frac{1}{\frac{\partial x}{\partial y}} = Nu' = 1 \quad (14)$$

Thus the following relationship is suggested:

$$Nu' = f_1 (Re')(Pr') \quad (15)$$

which can be reduced to:

$$\frac{\underline{\epsilon}_c}{\underline{\epsilon}_m} = f_2 (y+) \quad (16)$$

An expression similar to Equation (16) may be arrived at in connection with flow between parallel plates. Starting with the von Kármán universal velocity distribution equation:

$$u^+ = f_3 (y+) \quad (17)$$

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\* The interpretation of Nusselt number here is open to debate. Martinelli (7) shows that the macroscopic Nusselt number is merely the ratio of the temperature gradient at the boundary to the average temperature gradient across the conduit. von Kármán describes the local Nusselt number as  $\frac{\underline{\epsilon}_c}{\underline{\epsilon}_m}$ , or the multiple of conduction transferred by convection. In Equation (14) conduction is implicitly redefined to include convection. Hence the ratio is unity.

and assuming that maximum velocity occurs half way between the plates, Cavers showed that:

$$\frac{\underline{\epsilon}_m}{\underline{\nu}} \left( \frac{1}{1 - \frac{2y_d}{y_0}} \right) = \frac{1}{f_3'(y^+)} = f_4(y^+) \quad (18)$$

where  $y_0$  is the plate separation. The equation for total conductivity from the standpoint of the Reynolds analogy would be:

$$\frac{\underline{\epsilon}_c}{K} \left( \frac{1}{1 - \frac{2y_d}{y_0}} \right) = f_5(y^+) \quad (19)$$

Dividing (19) by (18):

$$\frac{\underline{\epsilon}_c}{\underline{\epsilon}_m} \frac{\underline{\nu}}{K} = \frac{f_5(y^+)}{f_4(y^+)} = f_6(y^+) \quad (20)$$

Equation (20) differs from Equation (16) by a factor of  $\frac{\underline{\nu}}{K}$ , the molecular Prandtl number. This variable was not considered in the steps leading up to Equation (13). As the ratio of molecular momentum transfer to molecular heat transfer, however, the Prandtl number may be readily envisaged as a variable affecting both boundary and point conditions.

Description of the Equipment:

The apparatus used to study the Reynolds analogy has been described by Billman (12) and Corcoran (13) and is discussed here briefly for convenience. Two  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch by 12 inch by  $13\frac{1}{2}$  foot long copper plates are mounted horizontally with a separation of 0.7 inch. Air is made to flow longitudinally in the space between the plates,

which are sealed off by blocks at the sides to form a closed tunnel (Figures 1, 2, and 3). Because of the large aspect ratio\* of the resulting channel the conditions approach those of ideal two-dimensional flow between parallel plates. The plates are held at different controlled temperatures by means of circulating oil baths, and the air is supplied by a variable-speed centrifugal blower.

A traversing gear with probe, Figure 4, permits the measurement of point temperatures and velocities by the thermomanometer method (12). Shear quantities may be calculated from pressure gradients measured by piezometer bars in the upper plate and by static taps in the side blocks.

The two calorimeters are those described by Cavers (6), being vacuum-jacketed, shielded blocks flush with the lower side of the upper plate, (Figure 5). Each is independently supplied with electrical energy so as to be at the same temperature as the surrounding plate. The thermal flux is obtained by measuring the rate of addition of electrical energy. The calorimeters are located  $6\frac{1}{2}$  feet and 11 feet downstream from the air entrance.

The air enters the channel at a temperature half way between the plate temperatures. In passing down the channel it is brought to a state where its static, kinetic, and thermodynamic properties do not appreciably change along the flow axis. Thus at the working section there is no component of energy transferred from the plates in the axial direction. Such conditions are desirable for a study of the Reynolds analogy inasmuch as the transfer of momentum also takes place normal to the direction of flow.

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\* Defined as the ratio of width to depth

Experimental Methods:

A complete set of calorimetric measurements was made in the same general manner described by Cavers (6). The Reynolds numbers varied from 9,800 to 56,500. In all tests the upper plate was maintained at the higher temperature so that gravitational convective effects could be neglected, and cooling fluid was not required for the calorimeters. The effects of jacket-vacuum, room temperature, and plate losses were also estimated as before. To minimize the losses further the circulating oil to each calorimeter jacket was heated to maintain it at the upper plate temperature, and the upper extremities of the wire leads from the calorimeters were heated to the nominal upper plate temperature.

Conduction losses to the upper plate and losses to the room were carefully measured at several different temperatures. The resulting curve was used to calibrate the calorimeter. Losses to the plate were found to be 0.00053 Btu/sec. °F. for the upstream calorimeter and 0.00023 Btu/sec. °F. for the downstream calorimeter. These values are about twice those reported by Cavers.

A series of three flux measurements was taken for each run, extending over an approximate period of two hours. During this time the plate-block differential\* was not allowed to vary more than 0.02° F. Moreover, no electrical energy input adjustments were permitted during the run; thus the calorimeters had to reach a steady state before data were recorded. This requirement is believed to account largely for the precision obtained. The average plate-block differential during the

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\* The average of the difference between the calorimeter block temperature and the plate temperature at four intervals spaced 90° about the block (Figure 7, N).

run was used to correct for the losses to the plate, which were generally less than 2 per cent of the net flux.

The vertical gradient along the inner wall of the calorimeters was carefully kept less than  $0.3^{\circ}$  F. per foot during the calibrations and measurements. Unavoidable exceptions to this were encountered during three runs at high flux with the upstream calorimeter wherein a high gradient indicated excessive heat flow into the calorimeter from the upper oil bath. In these cases an appropriate correction was applied by measuring the change in plate-block differential with jacket gradient while maintaining a constant electrical energy input to the calorimeter. In the worst case the resultant correction was only 0.5 per cent of the net flux.

Prior to each flux measurement a run was made with air and plates at the temperature of the upper plate for the subsequent flux run. Appreciable losses after corrections were found to exist during these isothermal runs and are attributed mainly to energy being transferred in more than one direction. The bulk of this loss is probably out to the sides of the channel. Accordingly, the flux during the isothermal run is subtracted from the gross flux to obtain the net experimental value. These corrections were 3.6 per cent of the thermal flux in the worst case. Of all the corrections applied, the "isothermal" correction is the most difficult to interpret. It is believed that the losses out the sides are greater during the flux measurements than during the isothermal runs, in which case the correction is only a step in the right direction.

Experimental Results:

The tests made and the conditions imposed are listed in Table I, along with the gross and net fluxes and corrections. No temperature or velocity traverses were taken, the emphasis having been placed on the calorimetric work.

From the values for the net fluxes the Nusselt number was calculated for both calorimeters during each run:

$$Nu = \frac{4 \dot{Q} y_0}{\Delta t h} \quad (21)$$

The value of  $y_0$  here is the actual plate separation ( $\pm 0.3$  per cent) at the calorimeters as determined from the channel geometry and precise measurements of the plate profiles.  $\Delta t$  is the difference between the upper and lower plate temperatures measured with a pair of thermocouples imbedded in the copper plates directly upstream of each calorimeter.

The Reynolds number was obtained from the expression:

$$Re = \frac{2 y_0 \rho U}{\eta} = \frac{2 y_0 \rho f_7(\mu_m)}{\eta} \quad (22)$$

where  $y_0$  is the plate separation just ahead of the calorimeter, and  $U$  is the bulk velocity. Since no velocity traverses were made,  $U$  was obtained from a known experimental correlation between  $U$  and  $\mu_m$ , the peak velocity measured by a pitot tube. The correlation has been prepared from past integrations across the channel, and can be applied with  $\pm 0.5$  per cent accuracy. Figure 6 shows the curve used, along with the test points. It is, of course, not a universal

relationship, but is applicable specifically to the equipment used. The density,  $\rho$ , was calculated from the actual channel pressure.

$Nu$  is shown as a function of  $Re$  on a log-log scale in Figure 7. The curves recommended by Prandtl (14) and McAdams (9) were derived for flow of heat in both normal and axial directions. Their values of  $Nu$  are accordingly high, but the slopes are similar. A maximum deviation of 2.5 per cent is indicated. At the lowest  $Re$  the value of  $u_m$  is known only to  $\pm 2$  per cent, the accuracy of the pitot tube determination at 15 feet per second.

It is noteworthy that the Nusselt numbers for the downstream calorimeter are consistently higher than those for the upstream calorimeter. At the latter the block and plate were flush, but at the former the block was recessed from 0.2 to 0.7 per cent of the total plate separation. A transient increase in turbulence may therefore explain the higher transfer rate for the downstream calorimeter.

The equation of the curve for  $Re > 10,000$  is:

$$Nu = 0.0328 Re^{0.728} \quad (23)$$

Since the fluid used here is air, Equation (23) is the final form of the experimental relationship. If it were assumed that the Nusselt number varied with the 0.4 power of the Prandtl number (7), then Equation (23) might be rewritten:

$$N_{\mu} = 0.0377 R_e^{0.728} P_r^{0.4} \quad (24)$$

However, Equation (24) remains to be proved by experiments with fluids having different Prandtl numbers.

As is explained by Cavers, the calorimetric measurements until now have fallen into three groups, each of which represents an improvement in design and technique over the previous group.

These are:

Group I - With original calorimeter design - tests with 60° F. plate differential

Group II - With reduced plate separation to cut down air leakage - tests with 10° F. and 30° F. differential

Group III - With reduced block thickness - single test with 30° F. differential

The tests described herein should be classified under the new heading:

Group III-A - Same as Group III, but with improvement of steady state operation - tests with 30° F. and 60° F. differential

The calorimetric results for the first three groups are shown in Figure 8. For purposes of comparison Group III-A is shown as the solid curve obtained from Figure 7. It is clear that the major improvement in the calorimetric measurements resulted from reducing the plate separation. Losses from non-uniform flow (air leakage) appear to

have been excessive in the Group I measurements. Despite the reduced plate separation such losses may still be occurring to a lesser extent. Past experience may thus provide a clue as to the nature of the losses incurred during the isothermal runs described above.

From the point distributions for all groups it appears that the curvature at the lowest Reynolds numbers is pronounced. A Reynolds number of 10,000 roughly marks the beginning of the transition region between turbulent and laminar flow for this particular equipment, and the curve begins to lose accuracy below that value.

Figure 9 shows the Fanning friction factor  $f$  as a function of Reynolds number for the heat transfer equipment. The friction factor for this figure was calculated indirectly from several values of  $u_m$ , the peak velocity, using the expression:

$$f = \frac{y_0 \left( -\frac{dP}{dx} \right)}{\rho U^2} \quad (25)$$

$\frac{dP}{dx}$ , as well as  $U$ , was obtained from a graphical correlation with  $u_m$ . The  $\frac{dP}{dx}$  correlation is shown in Figure 10, which was drawn up for a standard  $y_0$  value of 0.700 inches. A standard value had to be chosen because of the unavoidable bowing of the copper plates. For a given mass rate of flow  $\frac{dP}{dx}$  varies inversely with the third power of  $y_0$ , whereas  $u_m$  varies inversely with the first power. To use the chart, therefore,  $u_m$  must be converted from the average to the standard plate spacing, and the corresponding value of  $\frac{dP}{dx}$  from the chart then corrected back to the average plate spacing.  $\rho$  is the average air density for the tests used to obtain

the  $U$  and  $\frac{dP}{dx}$  correlations.

The Reynolds number was calculated for the same values of from Equation (22), which is repeated here for convenience:

$$Re = \frac{2y_0 \rho f_1(u_m)}{\eta} \quad (26)$$

The curve of Figure 9 is not quite a straight line, but it does increase in curvature at the lower Reynolds numbers, as does Figure 7. The copper plates were oil-and-dust-free, and were polished to a smoothness,  $\epsilon$ , of 25 microinches (13), or a relative roughness,  $\frac{\epsilon}{y_0}$ , equal to 0.000035.

Application of Results:

On the basis of the Nusselt correlation established by the Group III-A thermal flux measurements, Cavers' symmetrical and smoothed values of total conductivity for Tests 40, 41, 45, 46 (Group II) and 60 (Group III) have been corrected. Test 44 has also been corrected and included. The validity of the eddy quantities obtained during the latter test are questioned by Page (8) but the results are indicated here because they are the only Group II measurements available at a nominal velocity of 90 feet per second. The friction-distance parameter  $y_+$  has been corrected for revised pressure gradients arising from the variation in plate separation (15). The relationship expressed by Equation (19) is explored by plotting the function  $\frac{\epsilon_c}{K} \left( \frac{1}{1 - \frac{2y_d}{y_0}} \right)$  versus  $y_+$  in Figure 11. The equation of the straight portion of the curve is:

$$\frac{\epsilon_c}{K} \left( \frac{1}{1 - \frac{2y_d}{y_0}} \right) = 0.353(y_+) - 2.9 \quad (27)$$

the slope of which is slightly less than that found by Cavers:

$$\frac{\epsilon_c}{K} \left( \frac{1}{1 - \frac{2y_d}{y_0}} \right) = 0.372(y+) - 2.9 \quad (28)$$

The smoothed symmetrical total viscosities have also been corrected on the basis of the improved  $\frac{dP}{dx}$  values.  $\frac{\epsilon_m}{V} \left( \frac{1}{1 - \frac{2y_d}{y_0}} \right)$  is plotted against  $y+$  in Figure 12. The equation of the straight portion of the curve in the turbulent core is:

$$\frac{\epsilon_m}{V} \left( \frac{1}{1 - \frac{2y_d}{y_0}} \right) = 0.396(y+) - 2.9 \quad (29)$$

which differs slightly from the von Kármán expression:

$$\frac{\epsilon_m}{V} \left( \frac{1}{1 - \frac{2y_d}{y_0}} \right) = 0.40(y+) \quad (30)$$

It is worthy of note that the ordinate intercepts for Equations (27) and (29) are equal.

The plot of  $\frac{\epsilon_m}{V} \left( \frac{1}{1 - \frac{2y_d}{y_0}} \right)$  versus  $y+$  by Cavers included isothermal runs as well. Figure 12, however, was limited to the runs with thermal flux so that the degree of scattering could be compared with that in Figure 11. Nikuradse's data for flow of water in pipes are also shown for comparison (16). Figures 11 and 12 are repeated in Figures 13 and 14, the  $y+$  scale being magnified to show the nature of the scattering at low values. In the region of the laminar layer,  $0 < y+ < 5$ , the curves have been drawn through the theoretical value of unity. In the buffer layer,

$5 < y+ < 30$ , the curve for  $\frac{\epsilon_m}{V} \left( \frac{1}{1 - \frac{2y_d}{y_0}} \right)$  has been drawn to

correspond with that determined in Tests 110 and 111. (See Part II of this thesis.) The continuous velocity determinations made during these tests are believed to provide unusually accurate values of  $\epsilon_m$ .

Neither Figure 11 nor Figure 12 shows complete correlation, but the pattern of deviation at higher values of  $y^+$  is noticeably similar for the two cases. As a matter of engineering interest it is convenient to define a prediction factor as the fraction of the distance from wall to midstream,  $y^+_m$ , over which Equations (27) and (29) may be applied. Choice of the point of incipient deviation,

$y^+_c$ , is arbitrary. If the allowable deviation of the  $\epsilon$  function is arbitrarily set at 2 units, a plot of the prediction factor

$\frac{y^+_c1}{y^+_m}$  ( $= \alpha$ ) versus the Reynolds number results in the curve of Figure 15. If the allowable deviation is 20 per cent the

prediction factor  $\frac{y^+_c2}{y^+_m}$  ( $= \beta$ ) is higher, as in Figure 16.

The usefulness of these charts therefore depends on the accuracy of prediction required. They should not be used indiscriminately, but they do show that the correlation falls off with increasing Reynolds number.

Figure 16 shows the function obtained by combining the relationships of Figures 13 and 14 by means of Equation (20). The curves shown for Tests 46 and 60 were corrected for revised pressure gradient and thermal flux values, and represent experimental results based on the relationship:

$$\frac{\epsilon_c}{\epsilon_m} \cdot \frac{V}{K} = \frac{\dot{Q}}{\tau C_p g} \frac{1}{\frac{\partial t}{\partial u}} \quad (31)$$

The values of  $\frac{\partial t}{\partial u}$  used in Equation (31) were obtained by Cavers in his original work, and have not been corrected for impact temperature

rise. However, this effect is small ( $\Delta t = 0.014^\circ \text{ F.}$ ) at 15 feet per second and  $30^\circ \text{ F.}$  plate differential (17), the nominal conditions at which both tests were carried out.

Comparison of these curves with those obtained by Cavers shows an improvement in agreement of the experimental work with the predicted values. This improvement supports the validity of the intermediate steps leading to the relationship of Equation (20). The predicted curve has less curvature and one less point of inflection than that initially proposed by Cavers. The universality of Equation (20) in the turbulent zone also appears to be limited to that which would be predicted from Figure 15 at  $Re = 9800$ . The greatest error shows up in the region  $0 < y+ < 30$ , the region of the laminar and buffer layers. The wide deviation there is believed to result from the limited accuracy of velocity measurements during Tests 45 and 46.

#### Conclusion:

By a series of painstaking measurements a Nusselt-Reynolds macroscopic correlation of high precision has been found for the case of heat transfer across a turbulently flowing air stream. This should supplement earlier correlations by Prandtl and others, which applied to situations of non-uniform flow. Below Reynolds numbers of 10,000 the reliability of the correlation falls off.

If velocities, temperatures, and plate separation are measured with the apparatus, it should now be possible to determine accurately the eddy properties at any point in the stream without the need of additional measurements. In the buffer layer the Reynolds

analogy is the least certain. A study in this region will be of considerable value in establishing the certainty of the correlations above.

Part II

Introduction:

In Part I of this thesis values were found for the total viscosity and total conductivity during earlier experimental work on the heat transfer equipment. These values depended upon accurate measurements of shear, thermal flux, velocity gradient, and temperature gradient. Corrections were made to past values of shear and thermal flux, using graphical correlations established by a series of runs. The former temperature gradients were also corrected for impact temperature rise, which becomes significant at the higher velocities (17). No attempt was made, however, to improve the values originally used for the velocity gradients, which were based upon hours of painstaking laboratory work.

Part II of this thesis deals with two methods which may be of use in the accurate determination of mean velocity gradients. The von Kármán velocity distribution law has proved useful in predicting velocities. When used to predict velocity gradients and eddy values, however, it results in a discontinuity at the boundary between the turbulent core and the buffer layer. In the actual case one might expect the eddy values to vary continuously.

The earlier measurements of velocity were carried out by measuring the energy dissipated from a wire in accordance with King's Equation (18):

$$a + b u^{1/2} = \frac{I^2 R_{hw}}{R_{hw} - R_a} = \Phi \quad (32)$$

where  $\mu$  is the mean air speed past the wire,  $I$  is the current,  $R_{hw}$  is the wire resistance,  $R_2$  is the wire resistance with no current flowing, and  $a$  and  $b$  are constants. The wire is mounted on support needles as shown in Figure 4 and may be brought within a few diameters of a parallel surface. The suitability of the hot-wire method for determining velocities has been thoroughly investigated (19,20,21,22). Corrsin (23) in particular has dealt with the theoretical behavior of the hot wire in the presence of temperature gradients.

According to Equation (32) a plot of  $\frac{I}{I_0}$  versus  $\mu^{1/2}$  should be a straight line. In actual practice this is not quite so, and the relationship must be explored by a pitot tube calibration at several different velocities. The experimentally determined relationship is then valid anywhere in the channel if the turbulence level is small or constant across the channel. The effect of varying turbulence level has been investigated by Laufer (22), who made an intensive study of velocity distribution in a 5 inch by 60 inch by 23 foot long channel.

Velocity measurements are likely to show a scattering of points near the wall where the gradient is steepest. This scattering is caused by the change in calibration of the hot-wire with time and by the uncertainty in determining channel position. Several factors, including the deposition of dust on the wire, may bring about a change in calibration. The rate of change is unsteady, and may be constant for many operating hours before changing suddenly. To minimize the effect of this unsteadiness a series of rapid measurements would be desirable. The error in channel position could be minimized by taking these measurements continuously.

Two approaches are generally made to hot-wire anemometry, (1) the constant-resistance method, in which the wire temperature is kept constant, and (2) the constant-current method in which the current through the wire is held constant and the temperature changes with the heat dissipation (19). Both methods are adaptable to continuous velocity recording.

The Constant-Resistance Continuous Recording Anemometer:

The constant-resistance anemometer now used in the heat transfer channel has been described by Page (8), and is a 0.0005-inch diameter 5/16 inch long platinum wire mounted on a probe as in Figure 4. In the circuit of Figure 18 it acts as one arm of a Wheatstone bridge. Current through the bridge is supplied by an external power source, such as a storage battery. A variable resistor controls the current through the bridge circuit, and a Leeds and Northrup galvanometer indicates when the bridge is balanced, i.e., when the wire is at the desired temperature. The hot-wire voltage  $E_{hw}$  is directly measured by a potentiometer. The current is determined by measuring the voltage  $E_s$  across a standard resistor in series with the hot wire. The ratio  $\frac{E_{hw}}{I}$  is equal to the hot-wire resistance  $R_{hw}$ .  $R_2$  is obtained by measuring the wire resistance at the air temperature with a Mueller bridge. As described by Page, the determination of the Wheatstone bridge balance point is a matter of statistical judgment, since the instantaneous velocity is continually fluctuating.

The main feature of the continuous method (25) makes use of the galvanometer to control current input to the bridge by reflecting light onto a photoelectric cell. The cell drives a power

amplifier whose output lies partly in series with the battery source. As a control mechanism the system is stabilized by an inductive coupling made from an ordinary output transformer. The primary is inserted in series with a bias resistor in the amplifier circuit, the secondary being in series with the galvanometer itself. Any fluctuation in the galvanometer position is thereby strongly opposed by the coupling without loss of sensitivity to the galvanometer.

For continuous recording, the probe is driven across the channel at a desired speed (from 0.01 to 0.1 inches per minute) by an electrical motor with adjustable reduction gears, Figure 19. The potential across the standard resistor  $R_s$  is measured by means of two potentiometers in series. A Leeds and Northrup K-2 potentiometer provides most of the opposing voltage, while a Leeds and Northrup White potentiometer provides the residual voltage. A recording galvanometer indicates the difference between the voltage across the standard resistor and the combined voltage across the potentiometers. This galvanometer is mounted in a Miller camera, Figure 20, which records the galvanometer deflection on a 7-inch spool of sensitized paper. Three other galvanometers are also used, one for the reference or base line, and two others for synchronizing signals from the traversing gear and temperature bench. The deflection of all four galvanometers may be simultaneously observed on the ground glass screen of the camera during the actual recordings. The camera is located near the potentiometers for convenience. The initial wire position with respect to the wall is determined by sighting diagonally into the channel with a cathetometer and measuring the object-image

separation. The wire position during the run may be followed through a Lucite window with a small telescope located directly opposite the probe outside the channel. A synchronizing button is depressed manually by the traversing gear observer at the instant of reading. As the voltage across the standard resistor changes, the White potentiometer setting is changed by the observer at the temperature bench so as to keep the Miller galvanometer within range.

The recording galvanometer is calibrated before each traverse. Use of the compensated stepwise White potentiometer means a constant galvanometer sensitivity over the measured range, and the calibration is therefore applicable as long as the K-2 setting is not changed appreciably. The Wheatstone bridge is balanced manually, and the recording galvanometer is brought to its natural rest point with the K-2 potentiometer. The White potentiometer is then reset to cause a deflection, which provides the necessary calibration.

To take the continuous measurement the Wheatstone bridge is put on automatic control, i.e., the power amplifier and inductive coupling are inserted into the circuit. The camera and traversing gear are started. As the wire moves across the channel, its position is checked by telescope every two thousandths of an inch. The wire observer records the position and sends a simultaneous synchronizing signal to the camera. When the recording galvanometer light reaches the extremity of the sensitized paper, the temperature bench observer changes the White potentiometer setting and records the new value. At the end of the run, the paper is developed and cut into pieces corresponding to each change of setting. The pieces are mounted on

coordinate paper at intervals determined from the calibration, as in Figure 21. This figure shows the residual voltage as a function of channel position. With a change of scale it becomes a residual current plot.

The circuit used tends to become unstable when large currents are furnished by the amplifier. For that reason the rheostat is periodically adjusted to keep the control current low. The control range for the photocell is sufficiently small that the difference between zero and full load from the amplifier calls for the Wheatstone bridge to be off balance by 1 microvolt.

Figure 22 shows the difference in the hot-wire fluctuations with the controller furnishing large and small average input currents,  $I_f$ . The subscript  $f$  denotes the fact that the input current is filtered pulsating d. c. current\*. The filtering was inadequate, and for this reason a 120-cycle signal is superimposed on the tracks of Figure 22. The true amplitude of the 120-cycle signal does not show up on the tracks because the galvanometer is overdamped at frequencies higher than 10 cycles per second. The wave pattern of the control current was examined with a cathode ray oscilloscope, however, and the amplitude of the ripple current was found to be of the same order of magnitude as the d. c. component. If the control current is not constant during the run, some error may be introduced

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\* Expedience led to the use of an available thyatron control circuit instead of a direct-current power amplifier. An improvised filter circuit was used to reduce the jagged wave pattern characteristic of a thyatron pulsating discharge (25).

in the calibration of the hot wire by the use of King's equation\*. Because of the instability mentioned in the preceding paragraph, however, the control current is purposely kept small. The error due to fluctuations is therefore negligible. The chief significance of Figure 22 is the exaggerated fluctuation pattern obtained when the controller is "working hard". It would therefore not be suitable for a study of deviating velocities, even though the recording galvanometer were capable of responding at higher frequencies.

To measure temperatures the same wire used for determining velocities becomes a resistance thermometer. The circuit is of conventional four-lead design (24), and makes use of a Leeds and Northrup Mueller bridge. By throwing a six-pole switch (Figure 18), one can change readily from the velocity circuit to the temperature circuit. Current through the wire from the Mueller bridge with the maximum sensitivity button depressed is 3.0 milliamperes, enough to raise its temperature appreciably. Indicated temperatures should therefore be corrected for this effect as well as for the temperature rise due to the impact of the air on the wire (17). The velocity measurements may be carried out with the wire at high enough a temperature so that the corrections to  $R_2$  will be small as compared with the value of  $(R_{hw} - R_2)$  used in Equation (32). The measured

\* For a sinusoidal wave pattern the average current,  $I_2$ , and the amplitude of the superimposed alternating current,  $I_b$ , determine the true power dissipation, which is:

$$\frac{1}{\Delta\theta} \int I^2 R_{hw} d\theta = \frac{R_{hw}}{\theta} \int (I_2 + I_b \sin \omega\theta)^2 d\theta = (I_2^2 + \frac{I_b^2}{2}) R_{hw}$$

where  $\theta$  is the unit of time. The average current is:

$$\frac{1}{\Delta\theta} \int I d\theta = \frac{1}{\Delta\theta} \int (I_2 + I_b \sin \omega\theta) d\theta = I_2$$

Hence the apparent dissipation is:

$$I_2^2 R_{hw}$$

velocities are therefore not affected by neglecting these corrections. With a high gradient across the stream  $R_a$  may vary by several per cent of  $(R_{hw} - R_a)$ . In such a case a temperature traverse must be taken with the velocity traverse. Two measurements are needed to obtain  $R_a$  with a Mueller bridge, one with leads normal, the other with leads reversed (24). Consequently two separate temperature traverses are required if continuous values of  $R_a$  are to be obtained.

The Mueller bridge operates at a much lower current than the Wheatstone bridge, so that the energy dissipated from the wire is far less. A galvanometer of higher sensitivity is thus required to detect off-balance, the recording galvanometer being inadequate for the purpose. During the temperature traverse the bench observer therefore follows the deflection of the highly sensitive Mueller bridge galvanometer\*, records the instant of its rest point with his synchronizing button, and writes down the value of the bridge setting. His synchronous signals are later compared with the signals recorded by the wire observer to obtain the resistance as a function of position in the channel. Figure 23 is such a record. With a wire which has been calibrated at several temperatures smooth values of the air temperature may be obtained.

The Constant-Current Continuous Recording Anemometer:

When the current is held at a fixed high value, the temperature of the hot wire varies with position in stream. The circuit for this type of anemometer is shown in Figure 24. The total resistance

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\* Sensitivity of this galvanometer when critically damped is 5 mm. per microvolt at a distance of one meter.

of the circuit must be large compared with the change in  $R_{hw}$  so that the current will not fluctuate. The hot-wire voltage is recorded continuously, just as the voltage across the standard resistor was recorded for the constant-resistance anemometer. The recorded track may be read at the natural rest point of the recording galvanometer. Consequently the calibration of the galvanometer may be dispensed with, and the K-2 potentiometer may be used alone. When the galvanometer reaches the extremity of the sensitized paper, the potentiometer setting is changed by the observer at the temperature bench. Since this change is not stepwise, as was the case with the White potentiometer, a portion of the track is invalid. The synchronizing button is therefore depressed during the adjustment so as to void the reading during that interval. The fluctuating track is averaged by a smooth line. The natural rest point track of the galvanometer is known, although imaginary, and it intersects the smoothed curve at a point on the record which may be identified with channel position. A constant current run is shown in Figure 25, cut into three strips laid side by side for convenience in illustrating.

The temperature traverses may be taken in the manner previously described, or the run may be repeated twice with successively lower currents. In the latter case the hot-wire resistance may be extrapolated to zero current, where  $R_{hw}$  equals  $R_a$ . The latter method was used here for exploratory reasons, but possesses no special advantages unless a study of the hot-wire fluctuations is desired. As the current is successively decreased, the device becomes less of an anemometer, and more of a resistance thermometer. The application of King's equation in such a case becomes highly involved (23).

Experimental Results:

Partial velocity traverses were made at 30 feet per second, both with and without a 30° F. differential across the plates. Table II lists the operating conditions for all tests. Owing to the presence of a 0.5 inch sphere five feet upstream in the channel (26) no attempt was made to obtain complete traverses. The wire was calibrated against a pitot tube at four different velocities during each run. It was found that the complete calibration took several times as long as the combined set of three traverses. The latter required about half an hour.

In Tests 110 and 111 the calibration was made twice, once before and once after the actual traverses. No significant change in calibration was found for these tests. The values of  $\Phi$  and  $u^{1/2}$  measured during the calibrations are listed in Table III.

Tests 109 and 110 were constant-current runs at three different currents. The current setting used to calibrate the wire was inadvertently 10 per cent below the highest value used during the three traverses. The error thus introduced may be effectively corrected in two ways, either (a) by comparing  $\Phi$  as a function of  $I$  for a constant channel position during the run, or (b) by calibrating at different currents and applying the slope  $\frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial I}$  to obtain  $\Phi$  at the desired current. Both methods give results within the accuracy of the calibration. The correction applied can be expressed by the following empirical modification of King's equation:

$$\frac{I^2 R_{hw}}{(R_{hw} - R_2)^{1.04}} = a + b u^{1/2} \quad (33)$$

Wave patterns for two constant current runs at 10 milliamps are shown in Figure 26, and indicate the residual fluctuating voltage across the hot wire. 26 (a) and 26 (c) are taken from Test 109, where a flux existed across the channel. 26 (b) and 26 (d) are from Test 110, and isothermal run. In the isothermal runs the deviating voltage is small. In the runs with flux, however, the deviating voltage is appreciable, and must be attributed almost entirely to temperature fluctuations. In other words the current is so low that the wire has ceased to be an anemometer and behaves as a thermometer.

The temperature fluctuation level  $\nu$  may be defined (23) as the r.m.s. deviating temperature divided by the difference between the average point temperature and the average temperature at the center of the stream.  $\nu$  plays an important part in the statistical study of the heat transfer mechanism. It is analogous to the turbulence level, defined as the r.m.s. deviating velocity divided by the mean directional velocity. A rough integration of Figure 26 (a) and 26 (c) indicates temperature fluctuation levels for Test 109 of 0.3 per cent at  $\frac{y}{y_0} = 0.991$  and 1.0 per cent at  $\frac{y}{y_0} = 0.916$ .

The velocity values are shown in Figure 27. Tests 123 and 124 were preliminary runs at the same nominal channel conditions as the remaining tests but without knowledge of the wall position. The latter has therefore been estimated from the velocity profile shape alone. For Tests 109, 110, and 111, in which the wall position was accurately known, appropriate values of  $\mu^+$  and  $y^+$  were calculated and plotted in Figure 28. Of these Test 111, a constant-resistance run, falls closest to the von Kármán curve. More significant, perhaps,

is the fact that the constant current runs indicate slightly lower generalized velocities  $u^+$  than does the constant resistance run. Interpretation of the data is dependent upon accurate shear as well as velocity values. A few more tests would therefore be advisable before coming to any conclusion about the relative merits of the results obtained by the two methods.

By combining Equations (1), (3), and (5) the following expression is obtained:

$$\frac{\epsilon_m}{V} \left( \frac{1}{1 - \frac{2y_d}{y_0}} \right) = \frac{\tau_0}{\eta} \left( \frac{1}{\frac{\partial u}{\partial y}} \right) \quad (34)$$

The right hand side of Equation (34) is plotted in Figure 29 as a function of  $y^+$  for Tests 110 and 111. The discontinuity of the von Kármán expression is seen to be neatly bridged at the half-way point.

#### Discussion:

The fact that King's equation is not a universal function has been realized by other investigators (19,21,22,25). Because the wire is sensitive to total speed, rather than velocity, it may respond somewhat differently near the wall where the turbulence level is higher (22). Betchov and Welling (21) point out that  $\bar{\Phi}$  increases with temperature because of the variation in convective losses with temperature along the wire axis (the "non-linearity" effect). They have also examined the theoretical effect of conduction to the extremities of the wire but find that it is secondary.

In addition to the foregoing side losses there will be varying losses by radiation when the constant-current method is used.

Figure 30 shows the calculated effect of wire temperature on radiation losses from a 0.0005-inch diameter, 5/16-inch long wire to infinite parallel plates at 115° and 85° F., the emissivity factor being unity (27). In Figure 31 the variation in hot-wire energy dissipation with  $y_d$  is shown for constant-current Test 110 and constant-resistance Test 111. The variation in wire temperature with  $y_d$  during a constant-current run is indicated in Figure 32. In the absence of an experimental calibration the temperature coefficient for the wire was assumed equal to the known value for a platinum resistance thermometer.

By making use of the equation for potential flow from a line source to an infinite plane (28), the losses to the plate by molecular conduction have been calculated for constant-resistance Test 111, in which the wire temperature was approximately 255° F. Figure 33 shows these losses as a function of  $y_d$ .

Because the side losses are numerous, their analysis is a complex problem. The calibration and the run should therefore always be made at one constant resistance or one constant temperature. In this way the losses not covered by the elementary form of King's equation will cancel out. Equation (33) is an approximation, applicable only to the specific experimental case undertaken. It should not be used for precision work.

In Figure 21 an abrupt change in slope of the track is noted close to the wall. This characteristic was observed in both the constant-resistance and the constant-current runs, and appears to be the result of added loss from the wire by conduction to the

wall. For the constant-resistance runs this change occurred at  $y_d = 0.0075$  inch, or 15 wire diameters. For the constant-current runs the change occurred at  $y_d = 0.0085$  inch, or 17 wire diameters. These values may be roughly compared with the theoretical conduction losses for still air shown in Figure 33. Despite the rise of temperature near the wall in Figure 32 the effect of conduction during the constant-current runs becomes significant only 2 wire diameters further away from the wall than is the case with the constant-resistance method.

Laufer (22) noted an apparent decrease in velocity close to the wall of a 5-inch channel at  $Re = 12,300$ . He ascribed this effect to a large rise in the turbulence level at a  $\frac{y}{y_0}$  value of 0.995. In the 0.7-inch channel the phenomenon was not observed, and would be obscured by the conduction effect at  $y_d < 17$  diameters.

#### Conclusion:

The hot-wire methods described herein yield smooth velocity profiles which are reproducible within  $\pm 1$  per cent in the buffer layer, regardless of which method is used. The wall position is believed known within two wire diameters, and the velocities may be readily extrapolated to zero at the wall. The thermal flux appears to have no effect on the velocity profile within the range of accuracy.

The total viscosity values obtained in exploratory Tests 110 and 111 evenly bridge the gap left by the von Kármán buffer-layer theory, but are about 10 per cent higher than those of earlier tests carried out in a conventional stepwise manner. When they are

used with total conductivities to predict the Reynolds analogy, as in Part I, Figure 17, of this thesis, a plot with less curvature and one less point of inflection is obtained. A series of continuous temperature and velocity measurements in the buffer layer with the sphere removed from the channel upstream may show that the one remaining inflection is unwarranted.

It appears that the constant-resistance and constant-current methods are equally applicable in studies of mean velocity distribution, although the second method is somewhat more direct. Neither method as described herein is applicable to the study of deviating velocities, but the constant-current method may be of value in measuring deviating temperatures.

Continuous traverses should be especially useful in the study of non-uniform flow past heated shapes, such work having been the subject of recent experimental investigation in this laboratory (29).

NOMENCLATURE

- $a$  intercept of King's equation
- $b$  slope of King's equation
- $C_p$  specific heat at constant pressure, Btu/lb.<sup>o</sup>F.
- $E_{hw}$  electrical potential across hot wire, volts
- $E_s$  electrical potential across standard resistor, volts
- $f$  Fanning friction factor
- $f_m( )$  a function of, the subscript  $m$  being used to distinguish one function from another
- $f'_m( )$  the derivative of a function with respect to its argument
- $g$  gravitational acceleration, ft./sec.<sup>2</sup>
- $I$  current through hot wire, amperes
- $I_{dc}$  current through wire from battery, amperes
- $I_f$  r.m.s. current through wire from controller (partially filtered) amperes
- $I_a$  time average of current in hot wire, amperes
- $I_b$  amplitude of ripple current in hot wire, amperes
- $k$  thermal conductivity, Btu.ft./sec.ft.<sup>2o</sup>F.
- $l$  length of hot wire, ft.
- $Nu$  Nusselt number, defined by Equation (21)
- $Nu'$  local (point) Nusselt number, defined herein as  $\lim \frac{\dot{Q}}{\Delta t} \frac{\Delta y}{\epsilon_c}$
- $P$  pressure, lb./ft.<sup>2</sup>
- $Pr$  molecular Prandtl number, equal to  $\frac{\nu}{\kappa}$  (For this paper a constant = 0.709 to within 0.2%)
- $Pr'$  local (point) turbulent Prandtl number, defined herein as  $\frac{\epsilon_m}{\epsilon_c}$
- $\dot{Q}$  rate of heat transfer per unit area, Btu./ft.<sup>2</sup>sec.
- $Re$  Reynolds number
- $Re'$  local (point) Reynolds number, defined herein as
- $R_{hw}$  resistance of hot wire, ohms

- $r_w$  radius of hot wire  
 $R_a$  resistance of hot wire with no current flowing, ohms  
 $R_x$  variable resistance in anemometer circuit, ohms  
 $R_{24}$  code number on C.I.T. Chem. Eng. dwg. 25824  
 $T_6$  ditto  
 $T_{13}$  ditto  
 $T_{14}$  ditto  
 $\bar{t}$  mean (time average) temperature at a point, °F.  
 $t_{hw}$  temperature of hot wire, °F.  
 $t_p$  temperature of a plate, °F.  
 $u$  mean (time average) velocity at a point, ft./sec.  
 $u^*$  friction velocity, ft./sec., defined as  $\sqrt{\frac{\tau_0}{\rho}}$   
 $u^+$  dimensionless velocity parameter, defined as  $\frac{u}{u^*}$   
 $U$  bulk velocity, ft./sec., defined as  $\int_0^1 u d(\frac{y}{y_0})$   
 $u_{m}$  maximum mean velocity, ft./sec.  
 $u_{mc}$  maximum mean velocity, corrected to standard  $y_0$  of 0.0583 ft. ( = 0.700 in.)  
 $x$  distance in the direction of flow, ft.  
 $y$  distance above lower plate, ft.  
 $y_d$  distance below upper plate, ft.  
 $y_0$  height of channel, ft.  
 $y^+$  dimensionless distance parameter, defined as  $\frac{y_d u^*}{\nu}$   
 $y^+_c$  point of incipient deviation from Equations (27) and (29)  
 $y^+_{c1}$  point where deviation exceeds 2 units on  $\frac{\epsilon_m}{\nu} \left( \frac{1}{1 - 2\frac{y_d}{y_0}} \right)$  or  $\frac{\epsilon_c}{K} \left( \frac{1}{1 - 2\frac{y_d}{y_0}} \right)$  scale  
 $y^+_{c2}$  point where deviation exceeds 20 per cent on  $\frac{\epsilon_m}{\nu} \left( \frac{1}{1 - 2\frac{y_d}{y_0}} \right)$  or  $\frac{\epsilon_c}{K} \left( \frac{1}{1 - 2\frac{y_d}{y_0}} \right)$  scale

- $\alpha$  prediction factor
- $\beta$  prediction factor
- $\underline{\epsilon}$  exchange quantity, ft.<sup>2</sup>/sec.
- $\epsilon_m$  eddy viscosity, ft.<sup>2</sup>/sec.
- $\underline{\epsilon}_m$  total viscosity, ft.<sup>2</sup>/sec.
- $\epsilon_c$  eddy conductivity, ft.<sup>2</sup>/sec.
- $\underline{\epsilon}_c$  total conductivity, ft.<sup>2</sup>/sec.
- $\eta$  absolute viscosity, lb.sec./ft.<sup>2</sup>
- $K$  thermometric conductivity, ft.<sup>2</sup>/sec.
- $\nu$  kinematic viscosity, ft.<sup>2</sup>/sec.
- $\rho$  density, lb.sec.<sup>2</sup>/ft.<sup>4</sup>
- $\vartheta$  temperature fluctuation level defined as the r.m.s. deviating temperature divided by
- $\tau$  shear, lb./ft.<sup>2</sup>
- $\tau_0$  shear at a wall, lb./ft.<sup>2</sup>
- $\Theta$  the expression  $\frac{\epsilon_m}{\nu} \left( \frac{1}{1 - \frac{2y_d}{y_0}} \right)$
- $\theta$  time, seconds
- $\omega$  angular velocity, defined here as  $2\pi$  x frequency
- $\chi$  dimensionless stability parameter, defined as  $y_d^2 \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \frac{1}{\nu}$
- $\Phi$  the dependent variable in King's equation, defined as  $\frac{I^2 R_{hw}}{R_{hw} - R_2}$

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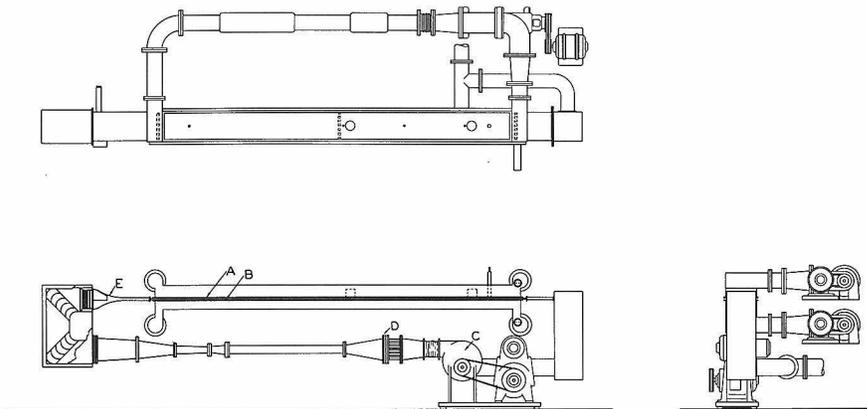


Figure 1. Essential Features of the Apparatus

- Legend:
- A. Upper Copper Plate
  - B. Lower Copper Plate
  - C. Blower
  - D. Air Heater
  - E. Air Entrance

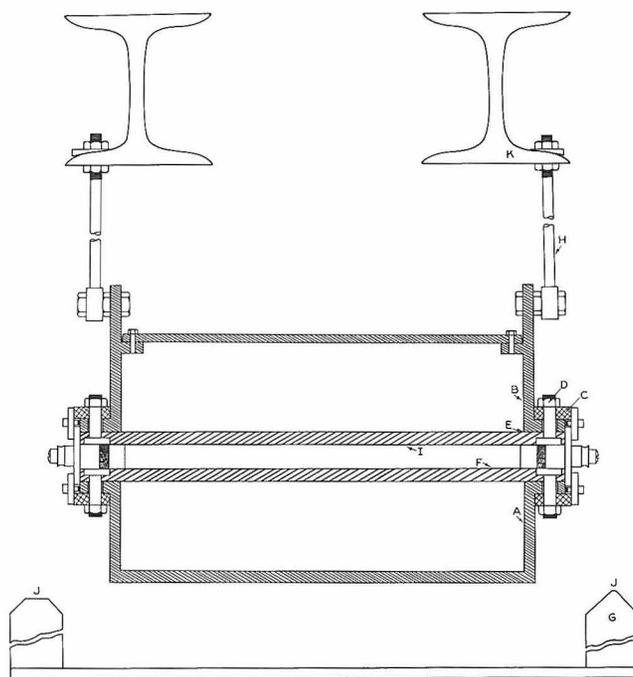


Figure 2. Sectional Drawing of Channel

- Legend: A B Oil Baths  
C,D,E Oil Bath Seal and Channel Closure  
H,K Supports for Upper Bath and Plate  
J,G Ways for Traversing Gear

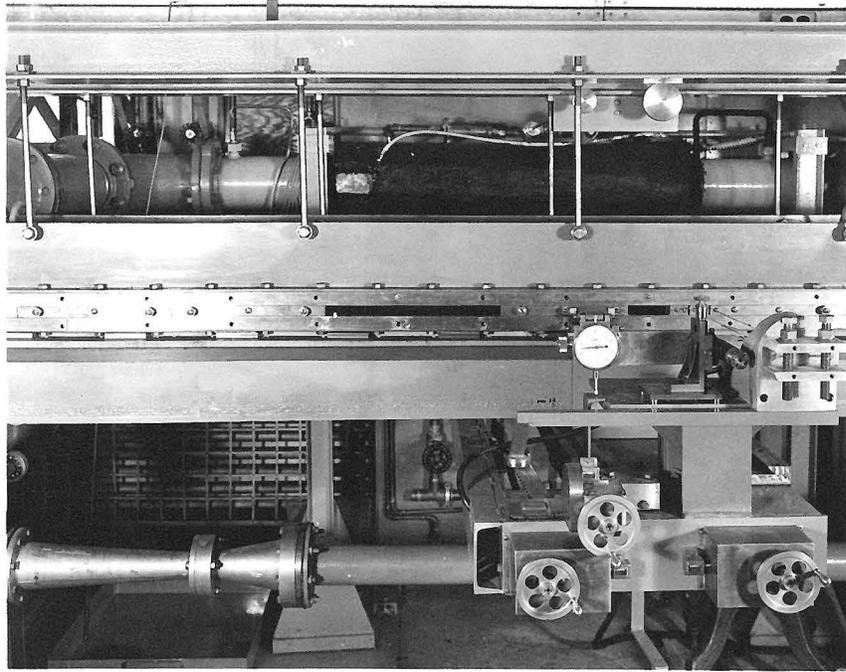


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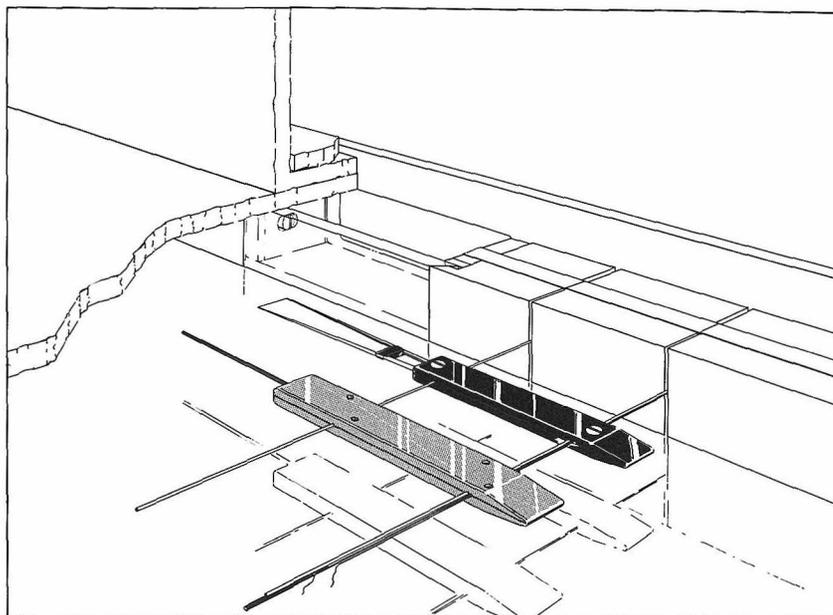


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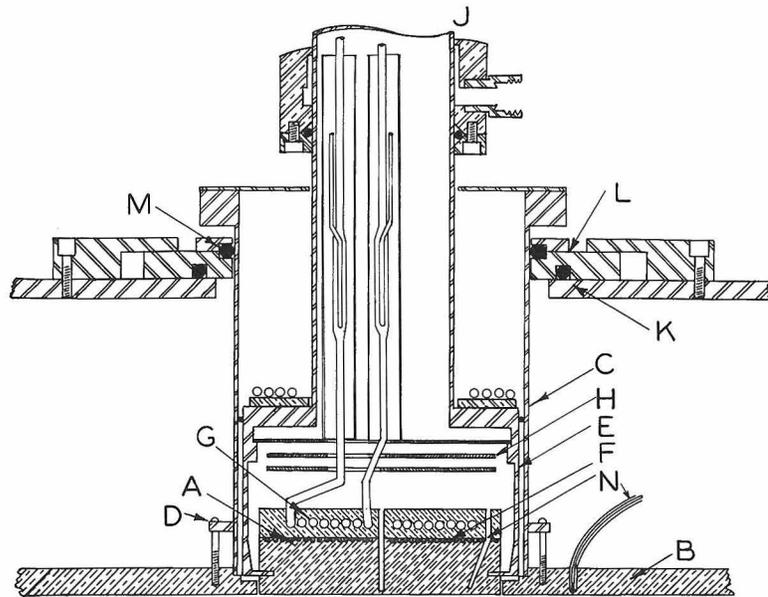


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- Legend: A. Copper Block  
B. Copper Plate (Upper)  
C. Outer Jacket  
D. Fastening Screws  
E. Inner Jacket  
F. Manganin Heater  
G. Cooling Coils (not required)  
H. Radiation Shields  
J. Upper Jacket  
K, L, M. Oil Seal  
N. Plate-Block Thermowells

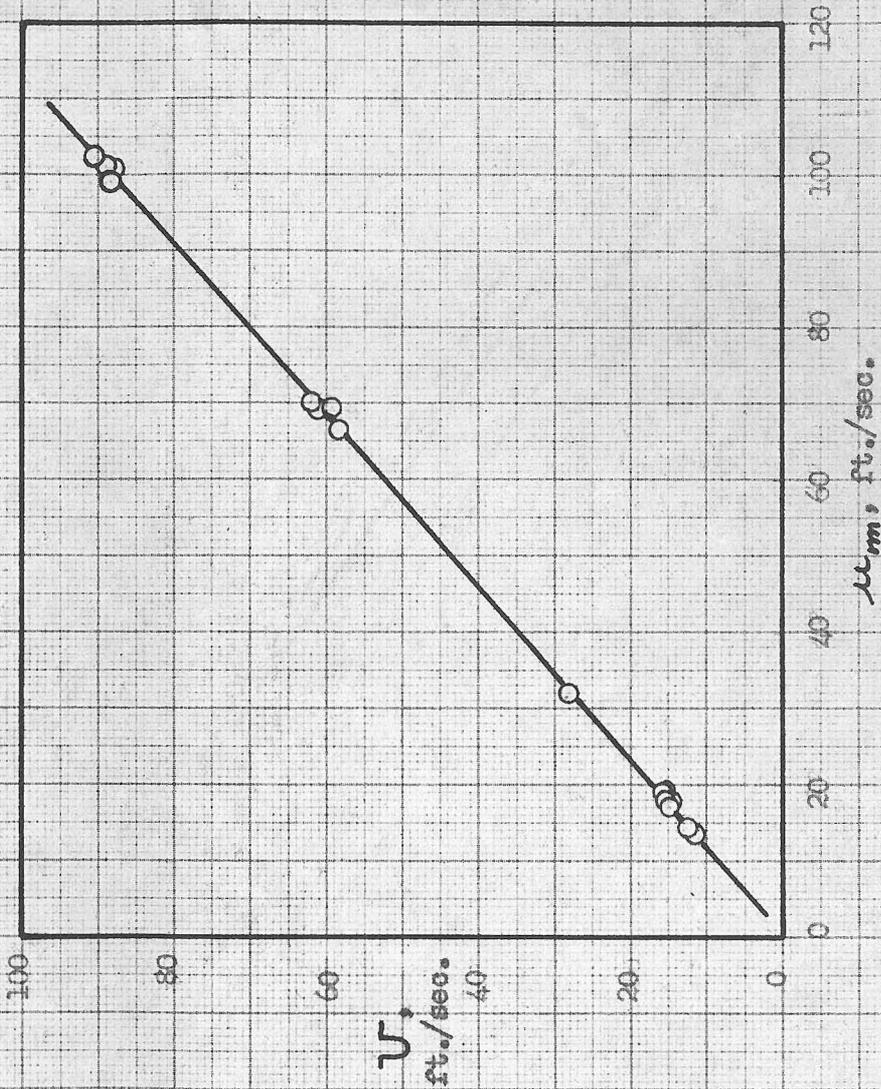


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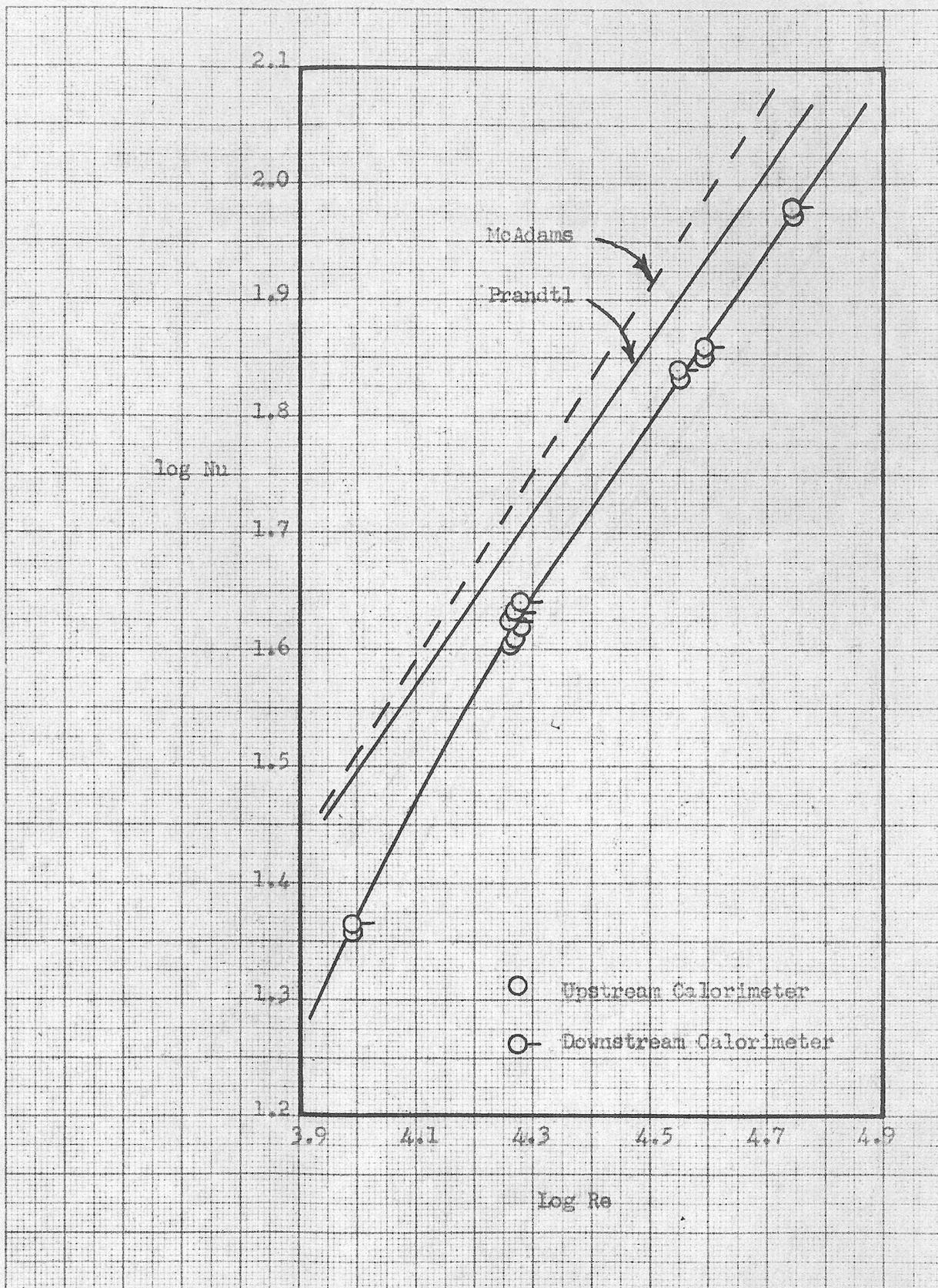


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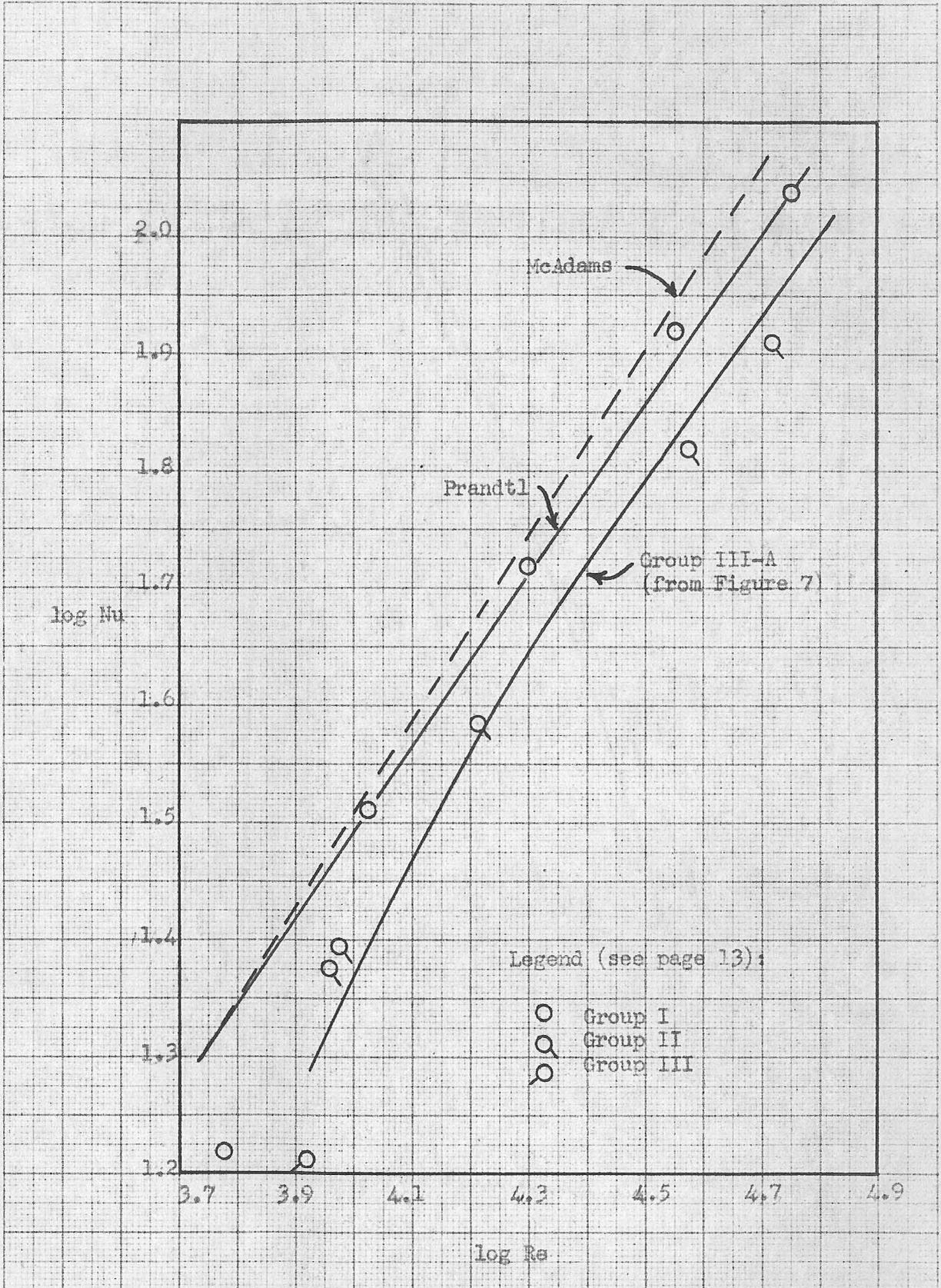


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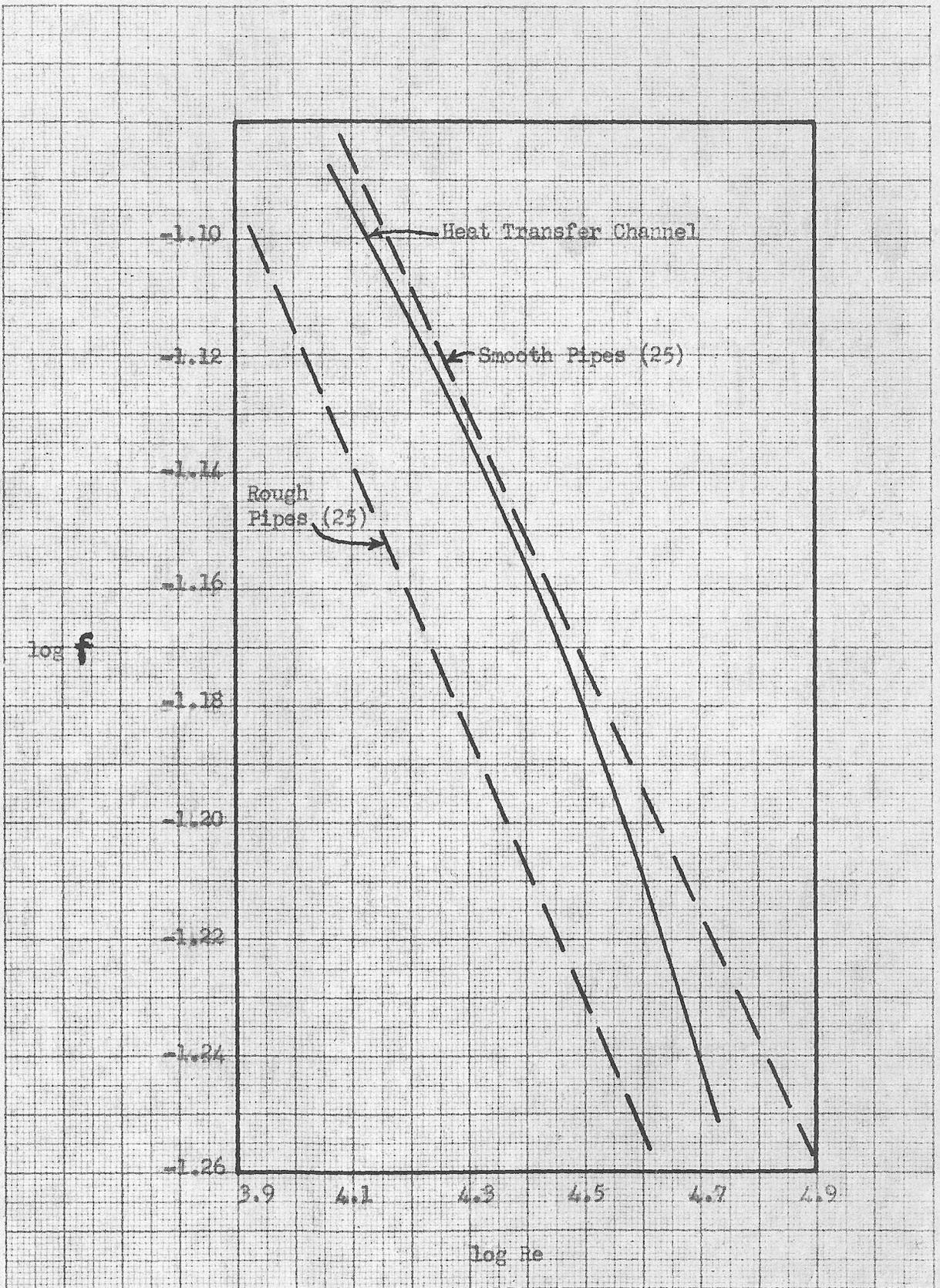


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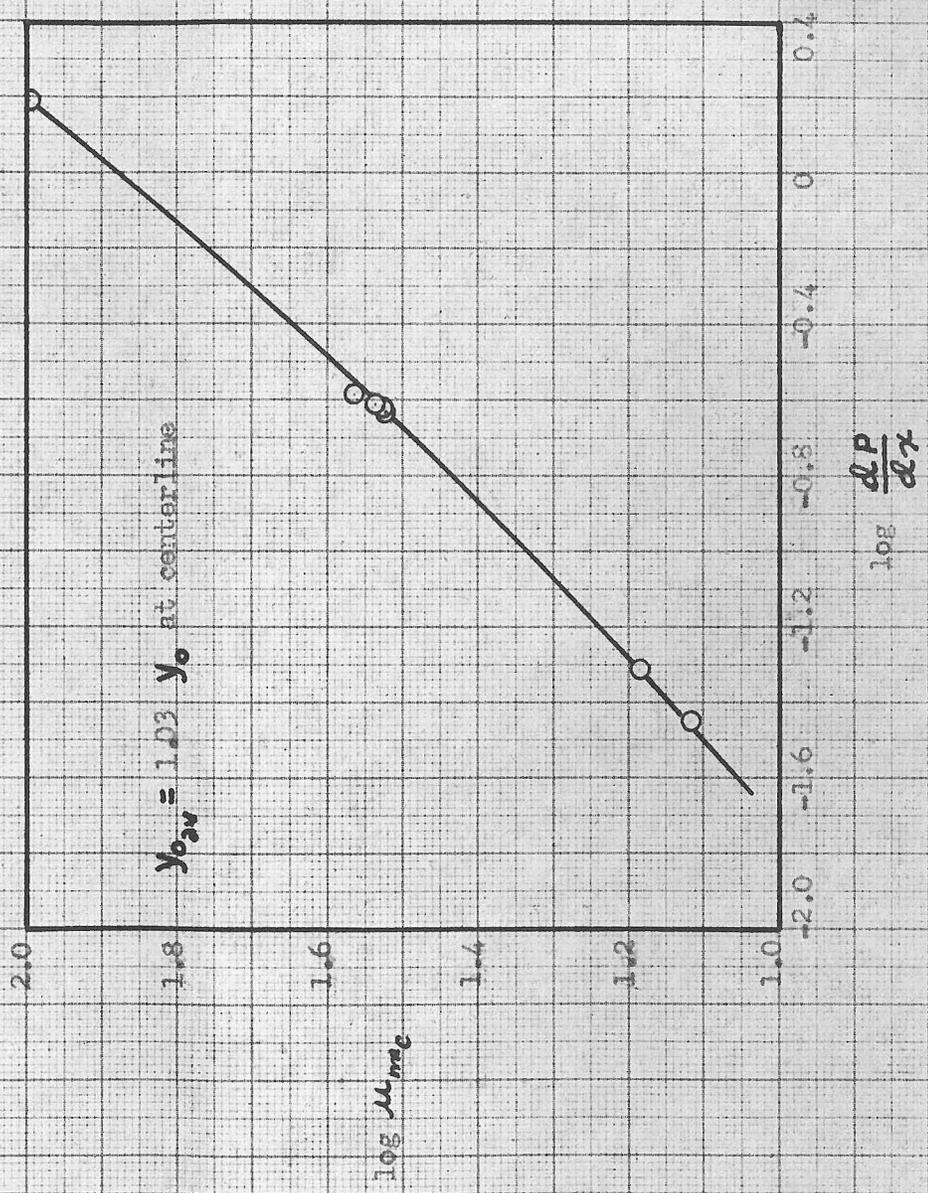


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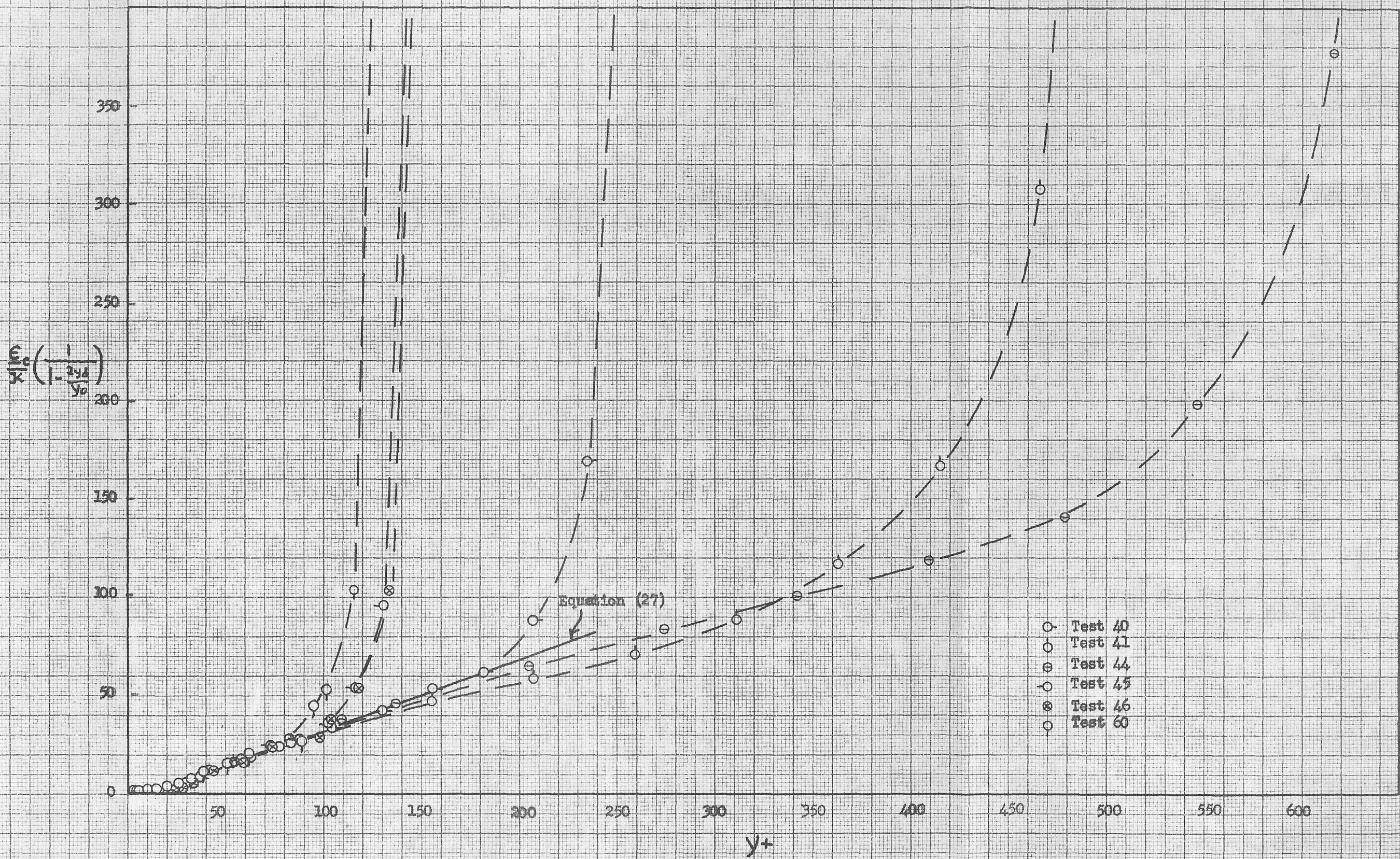


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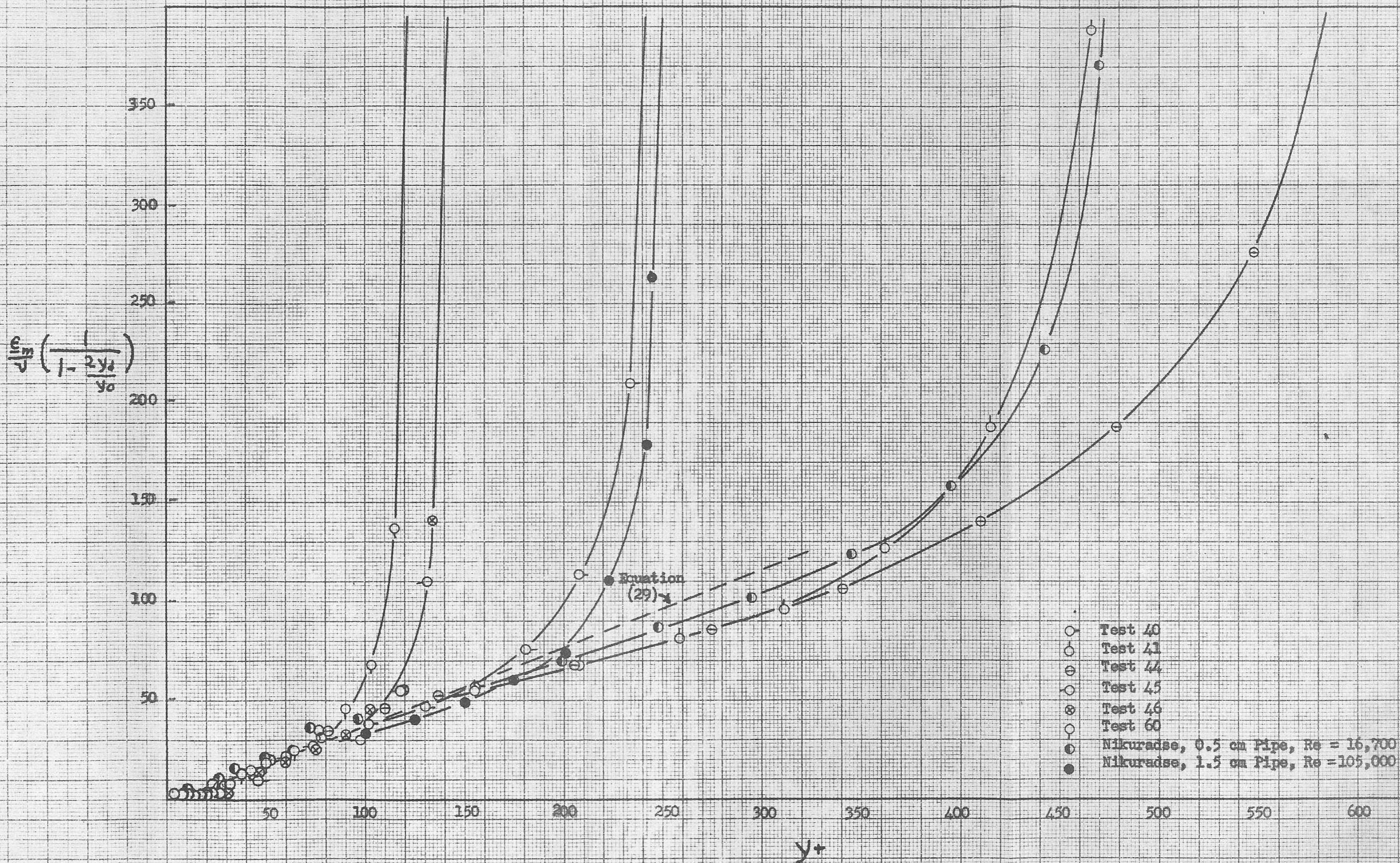


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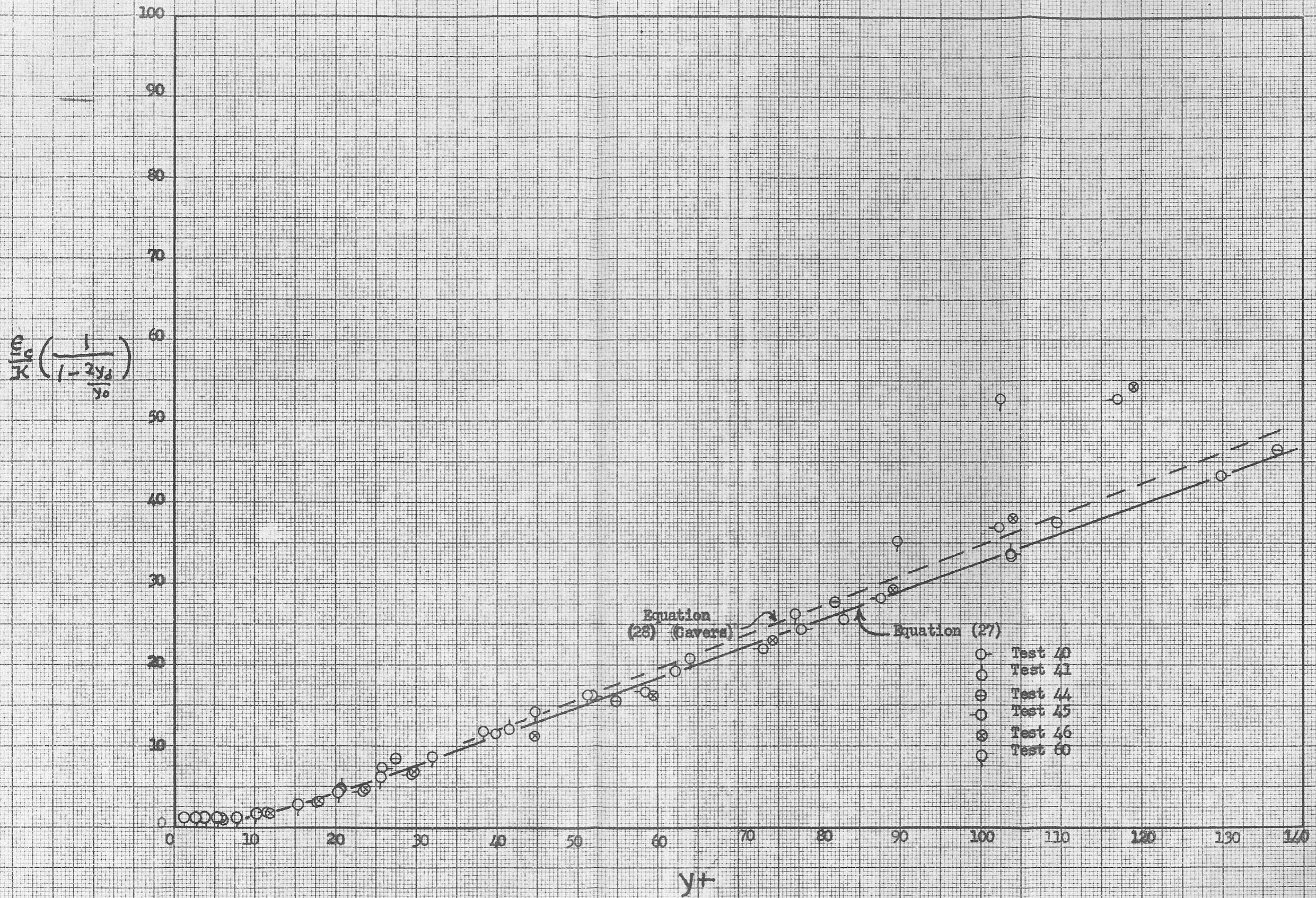


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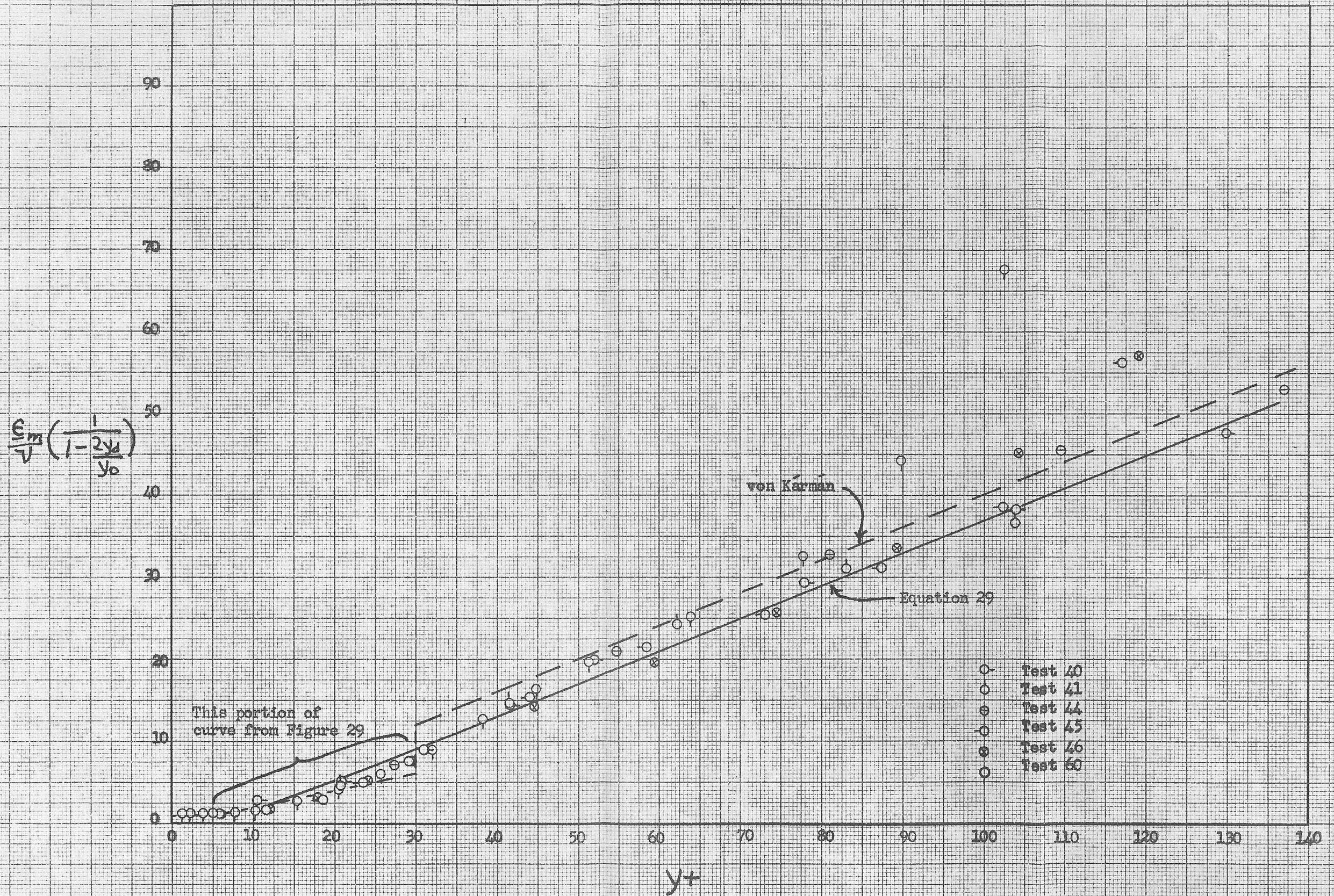


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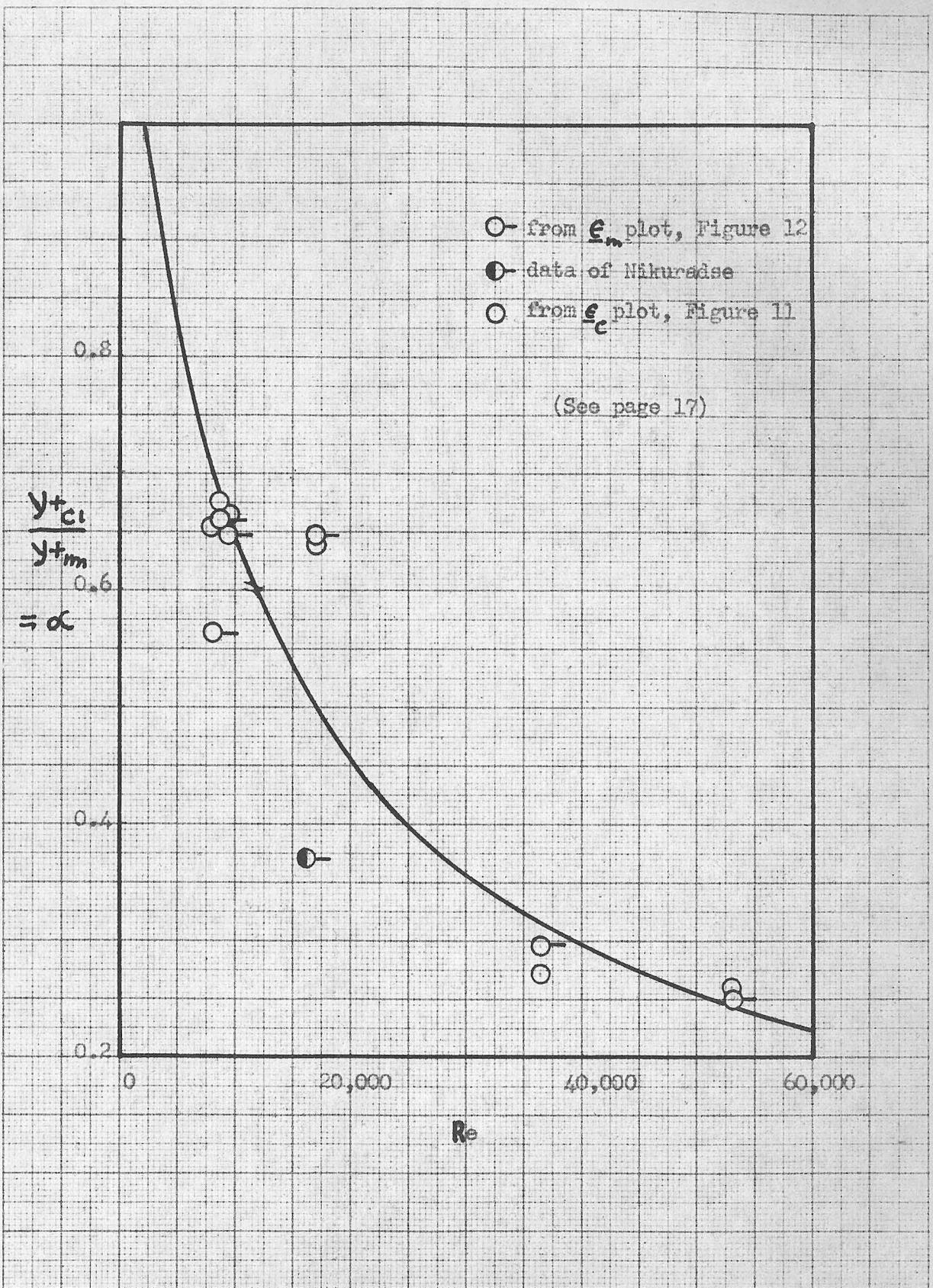


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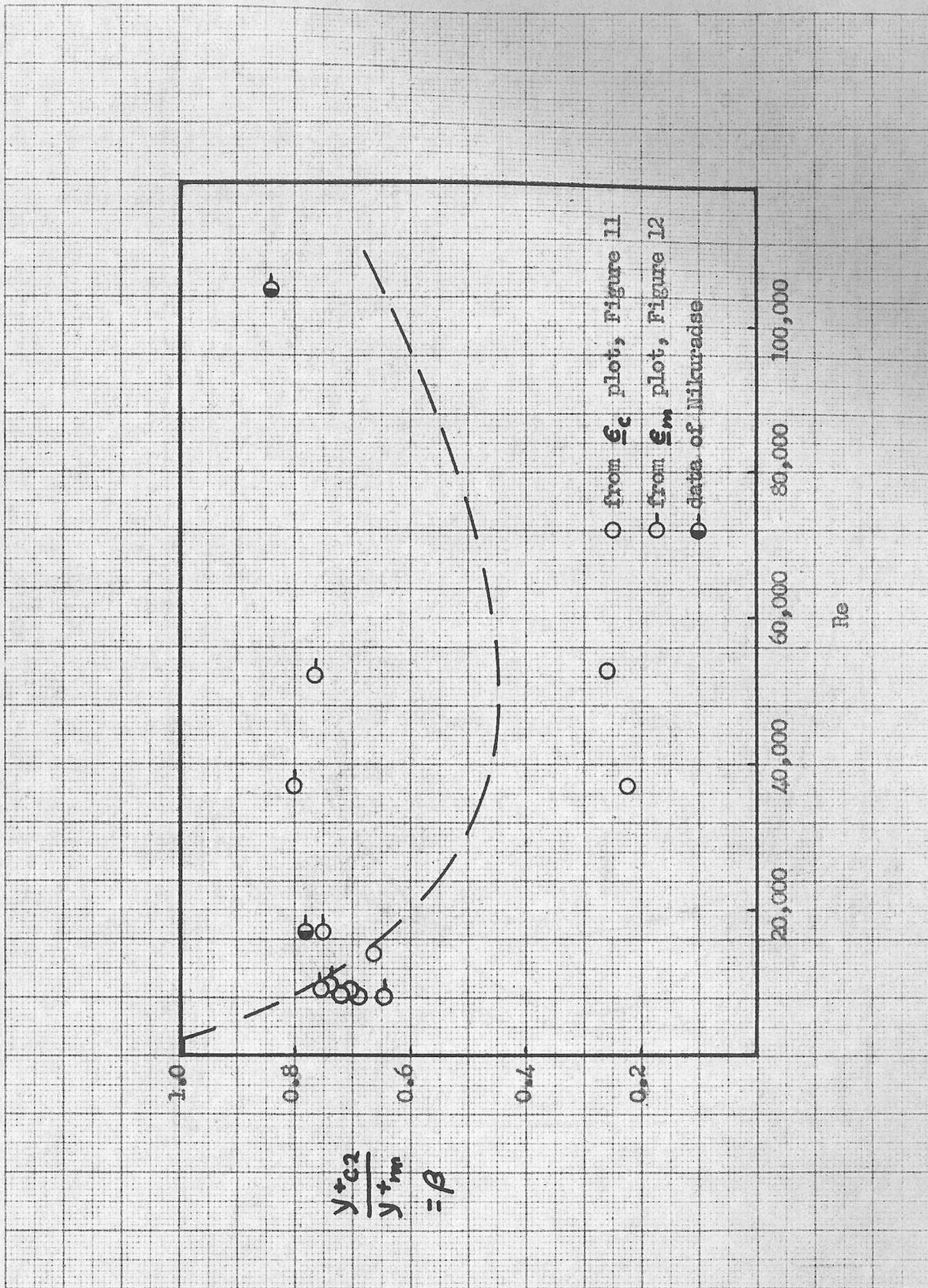


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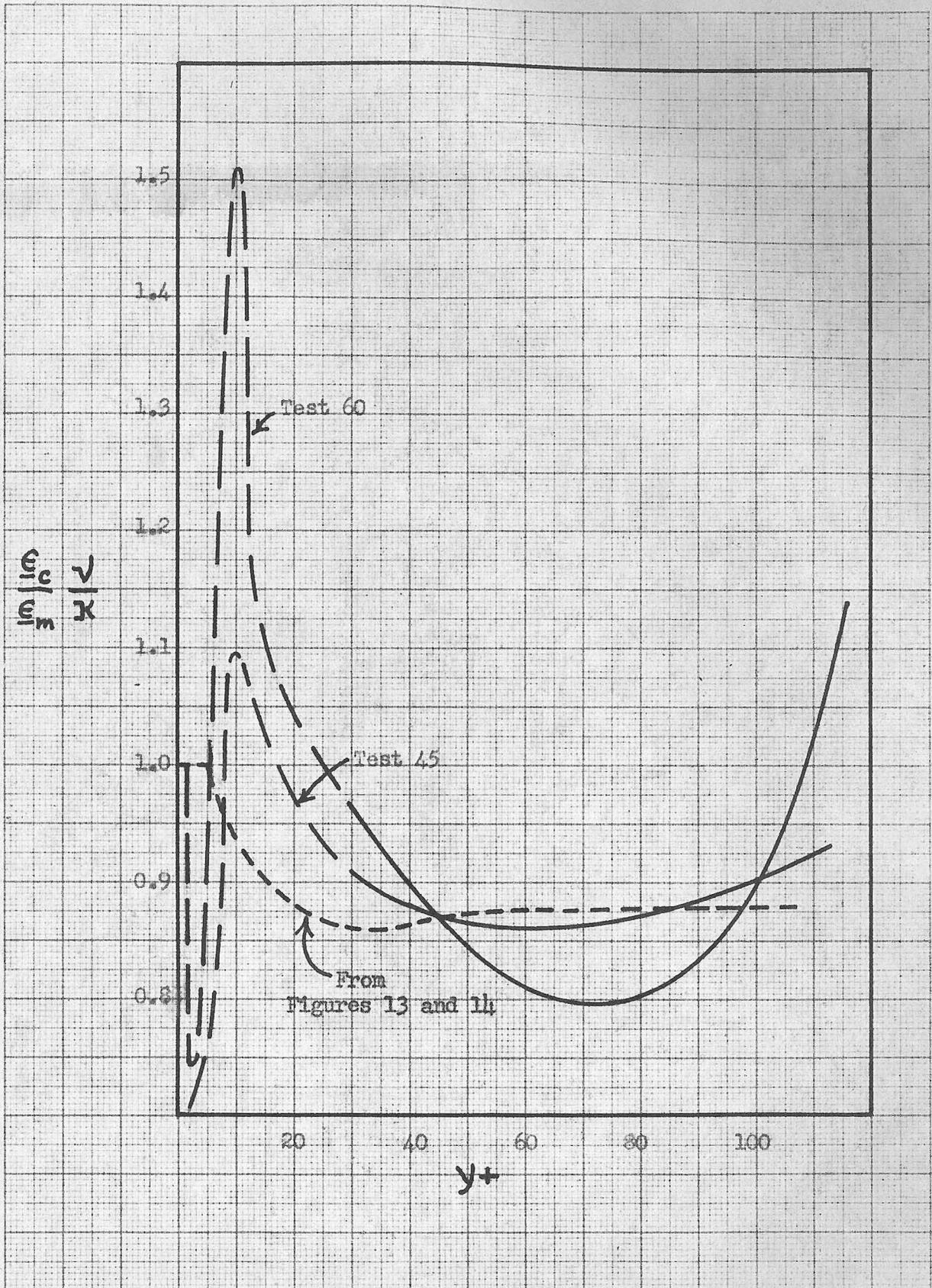


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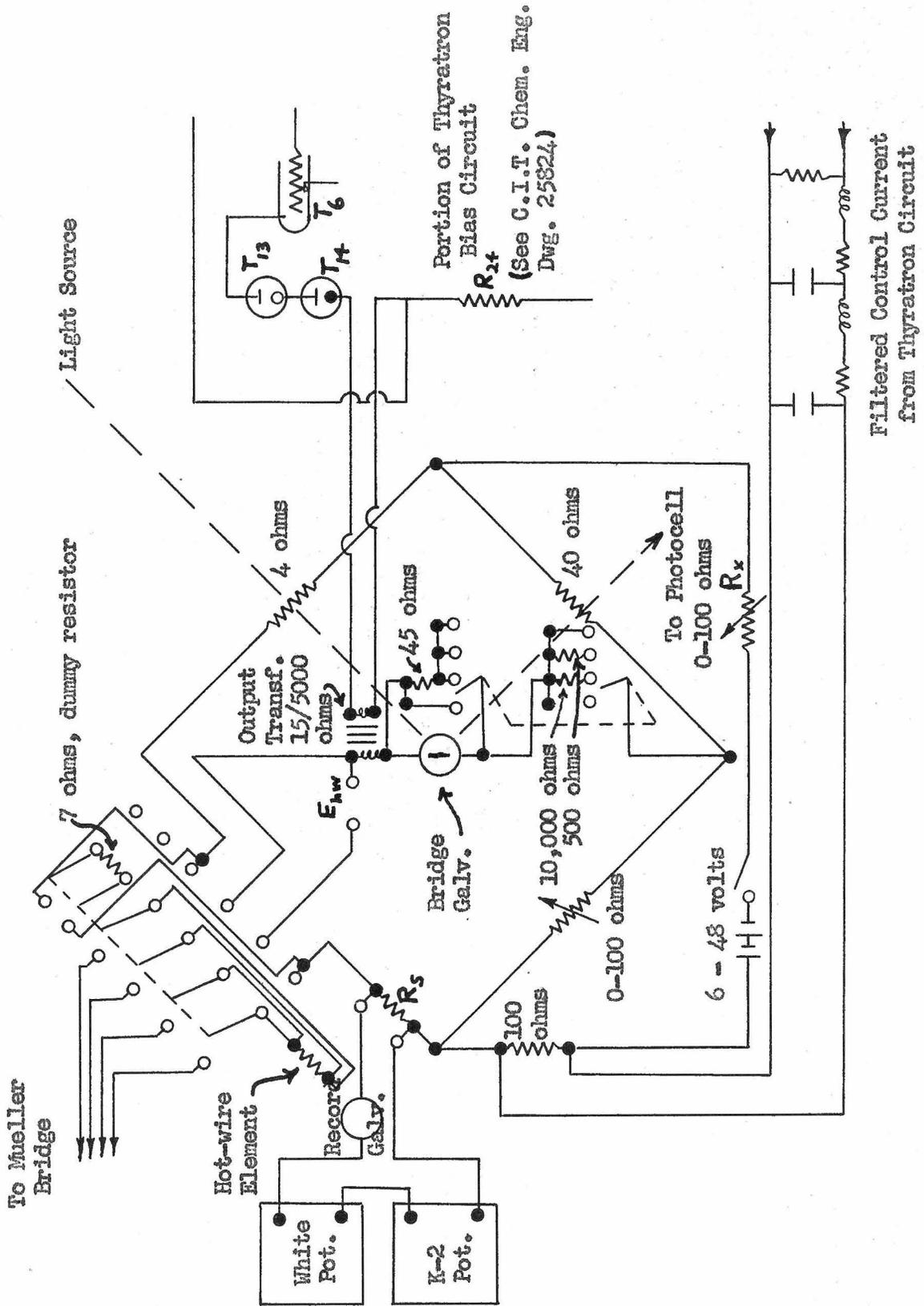


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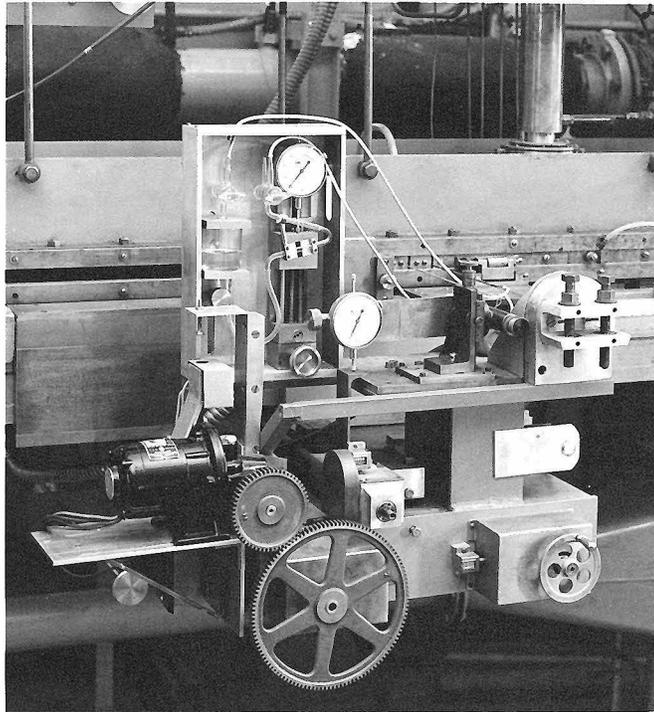


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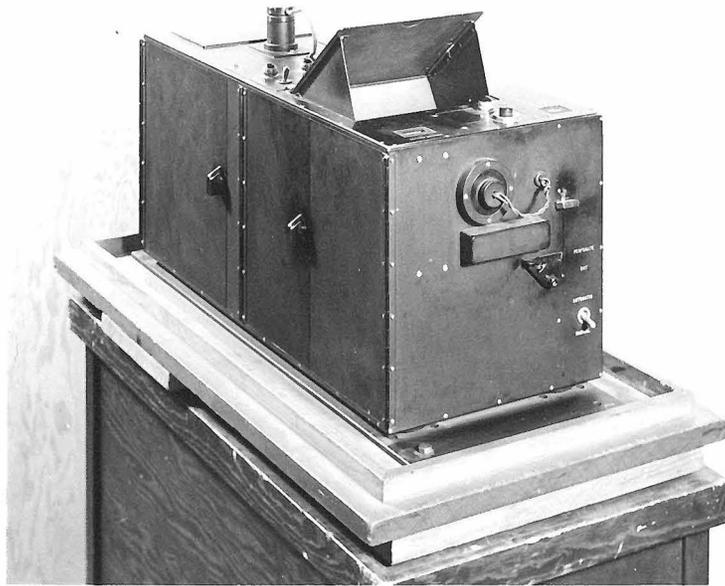


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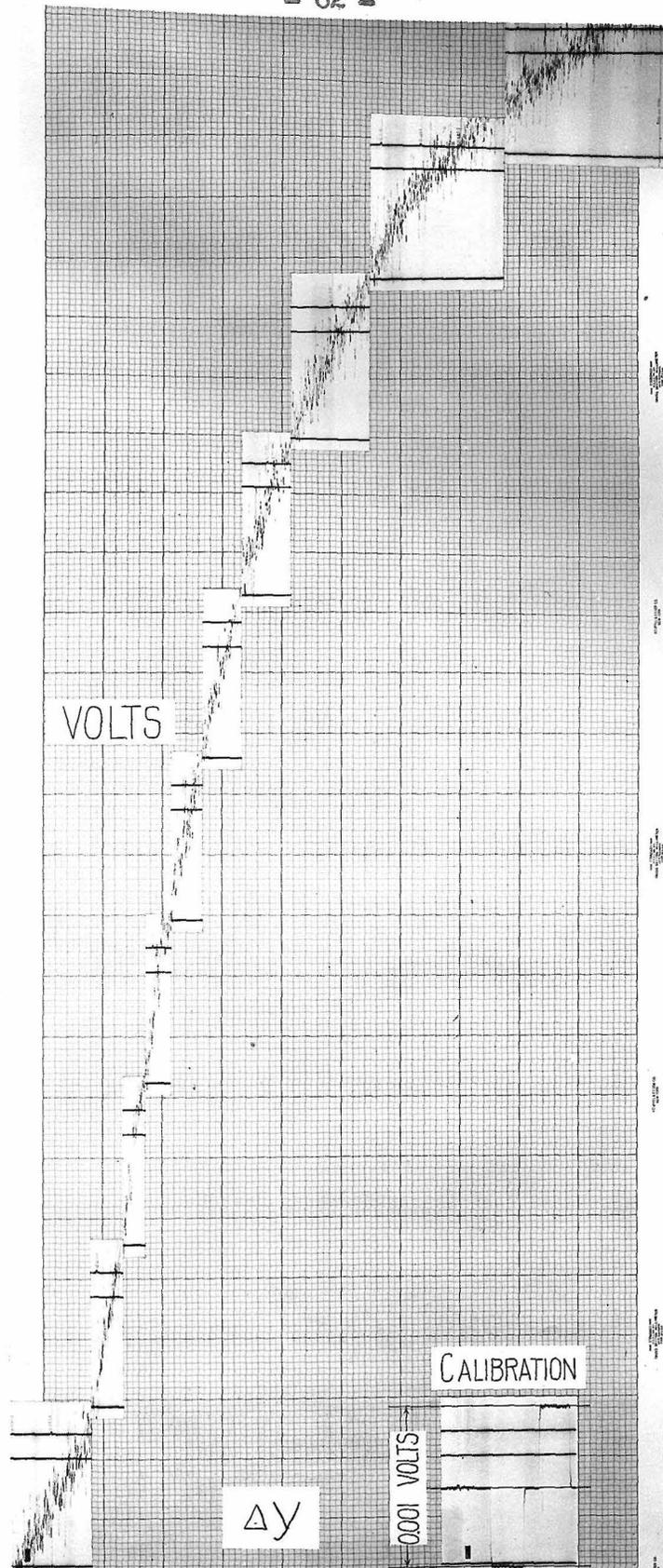
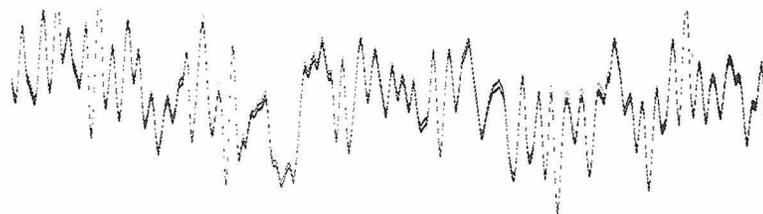


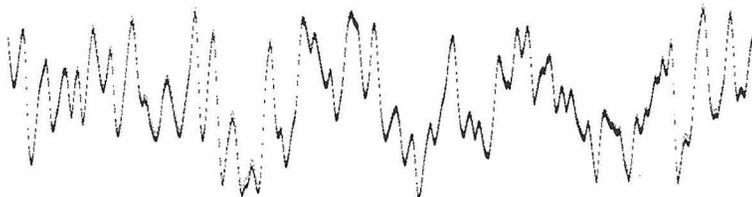
Figure 21. Constant-Resistance Track,  $y/y_0 = 0.992$  to  $y/y_0 = 0.930$



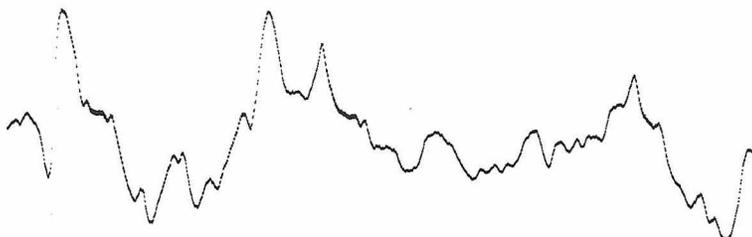
(a)  $y/y_0 = 0.92$   $I_{dc} = 90$  ma.  $I_f = 20$  ma.



(b)  $y/y_0 = 0.92$   $I_{dc} = 105$  ma.  $I_f = 5$  ma.



(c)  $y/y_0 = 0.93$   $I_{dc} = 80$  ma.  $I_f = 15$  ma.



(d)  $y/y_0 = 0.98$   $I_{dc} = 92$  ma.  $I_f = 3$  ma.

Figure 22. Residual Hot-Wire Current Tracks at Fixed Positions in Channel. Paper Speed = 6 ft./min. ( $\frac{1}{2}$  scale)

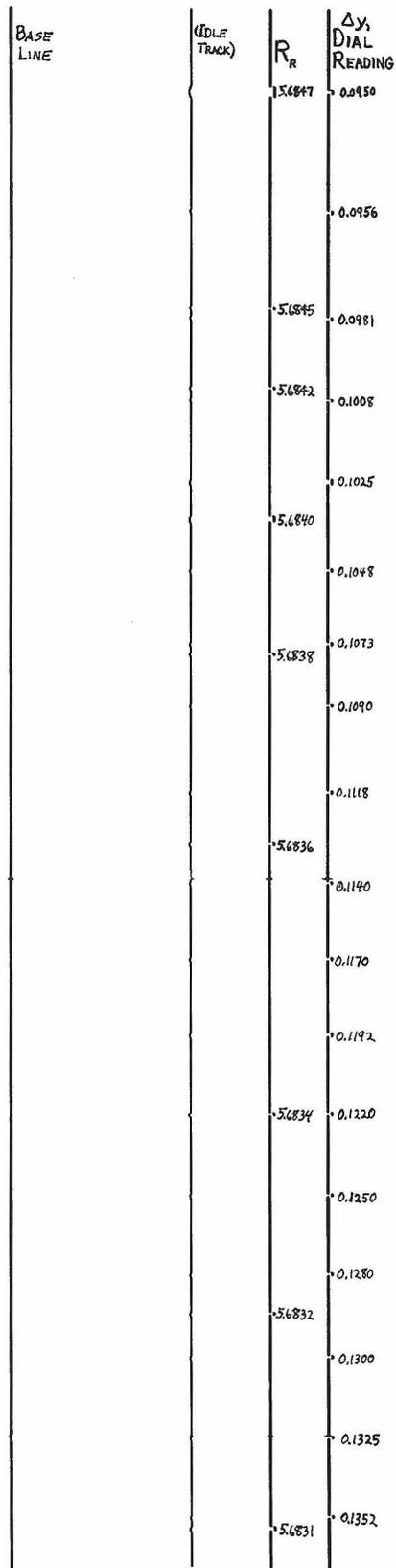


Figure 23. Typical Temperature Track. Paper Speed @ 3 in./min. (approx.  $\frac{1}{2}$  scale)

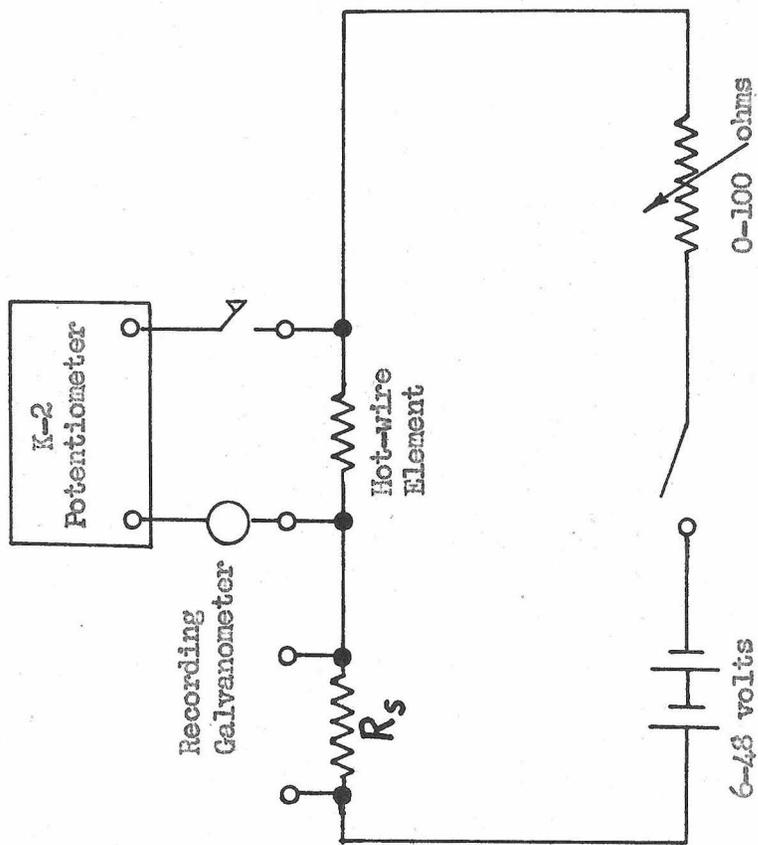


Figure 24. Circuit for Constant-Current Continuous Recording Anemometer

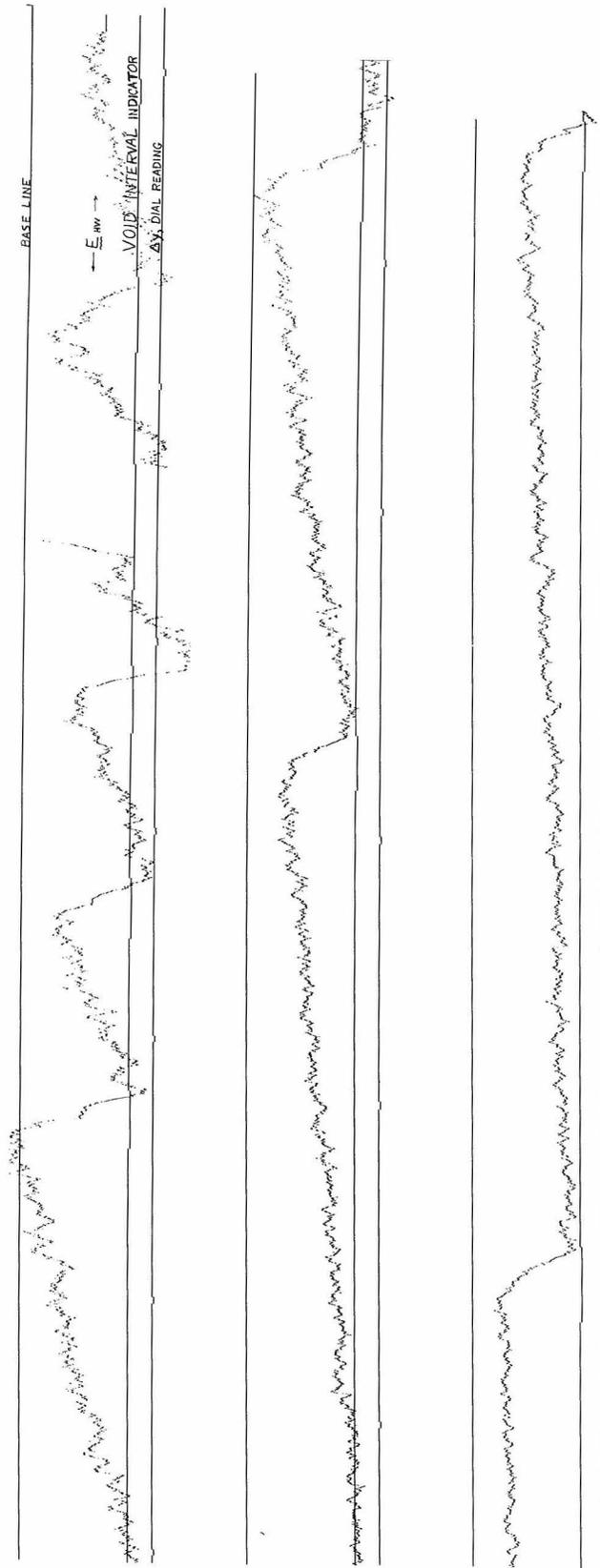


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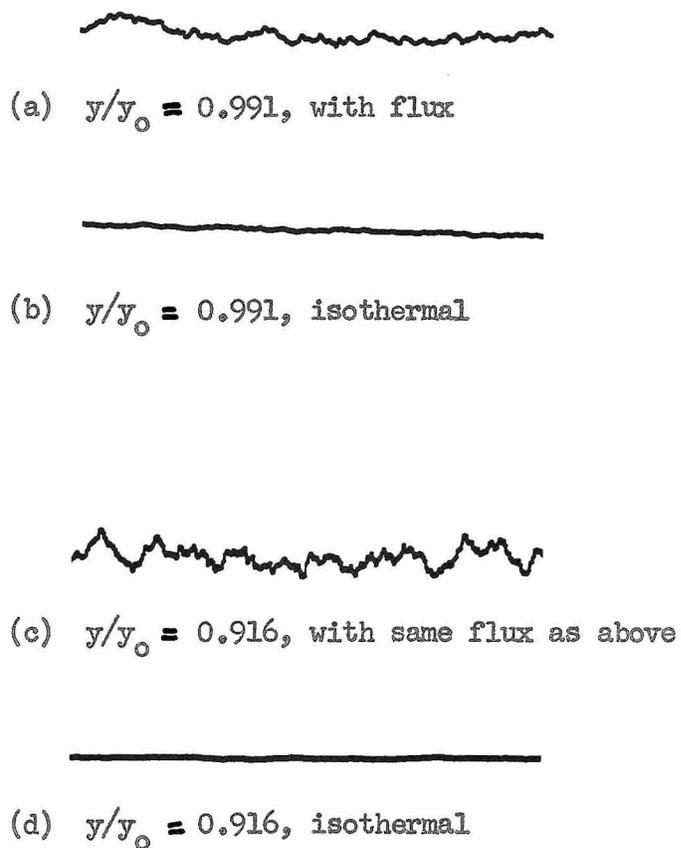
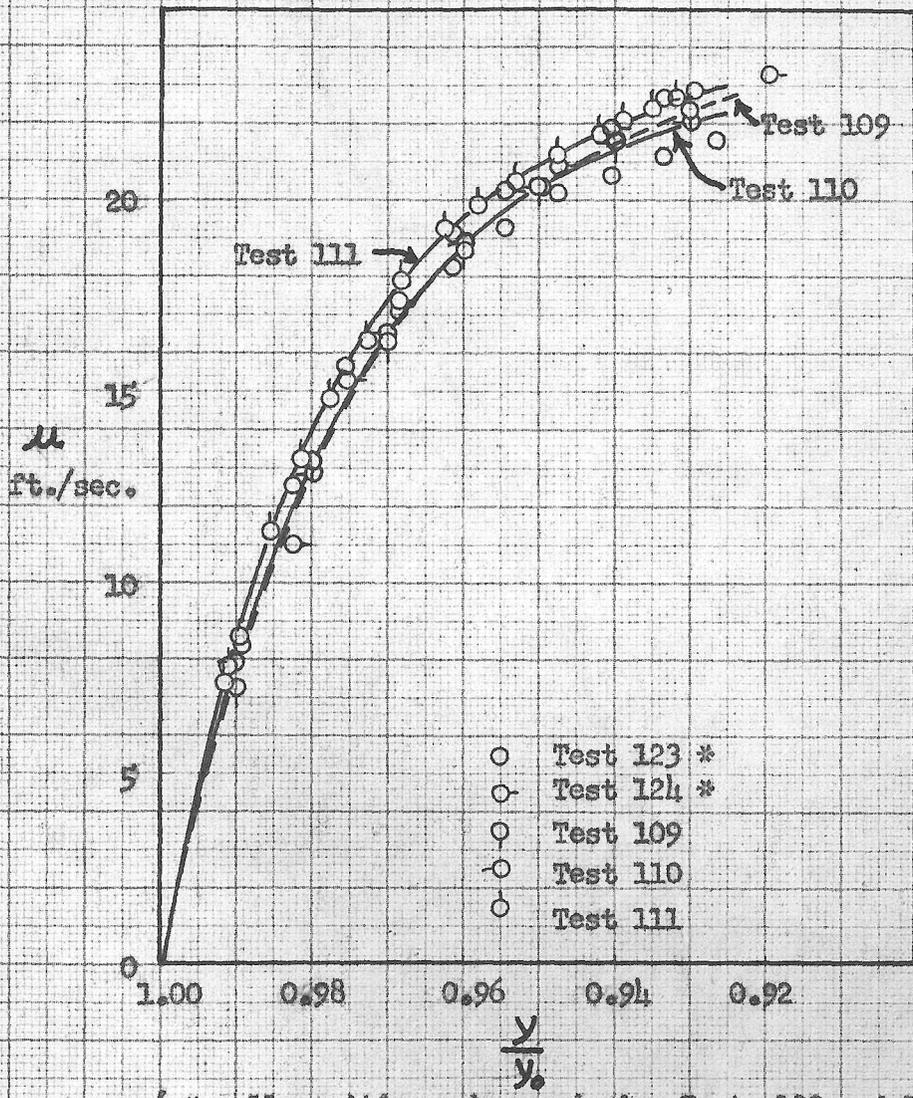


Figure 26. Deviating Hot-Wire Voltage at Low Current (10 milliamperes)



(\* wall position unknown during Tests 123 and 124)

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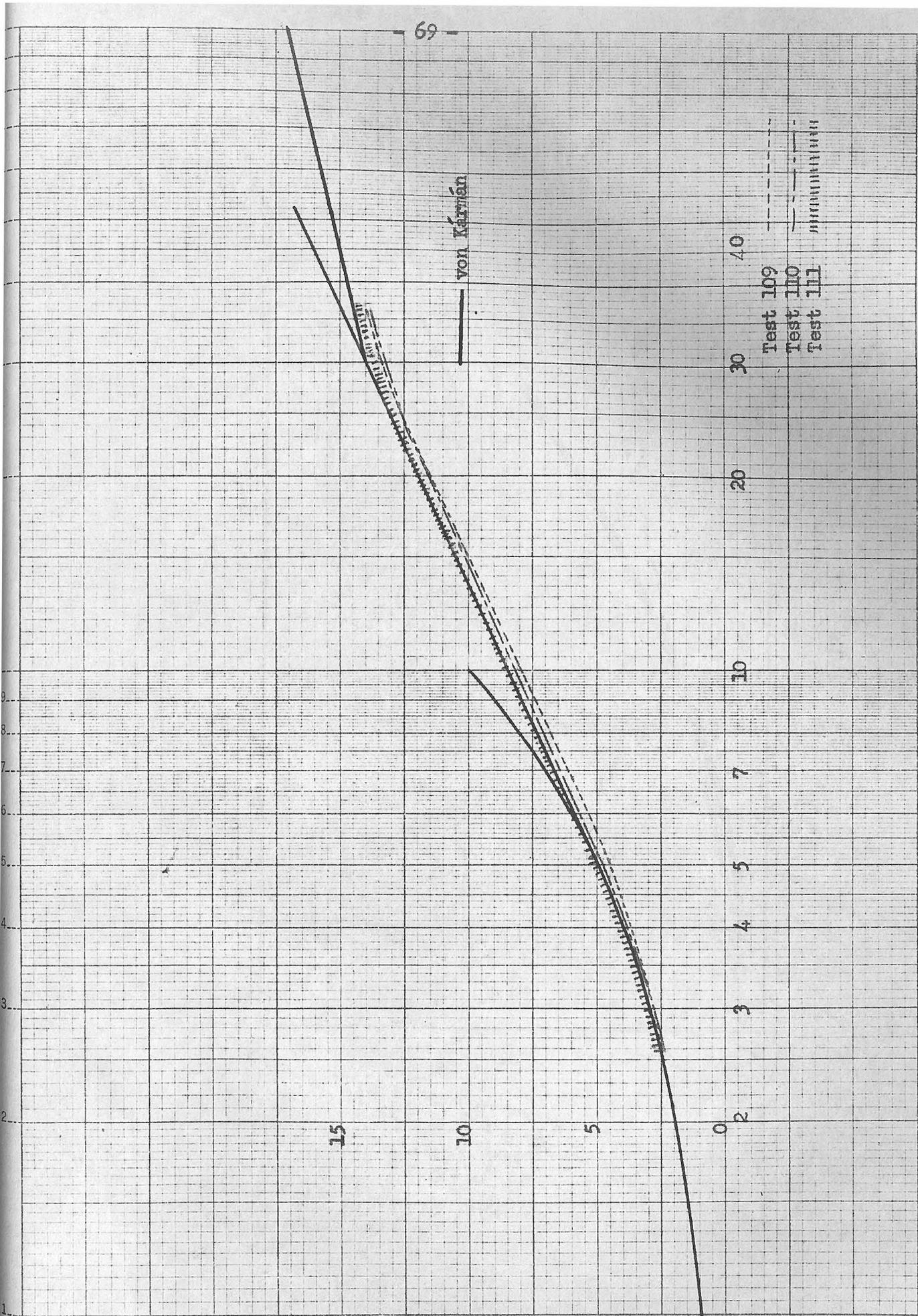


Figure 28.  $u_t$  as a function of  $\log y_t$

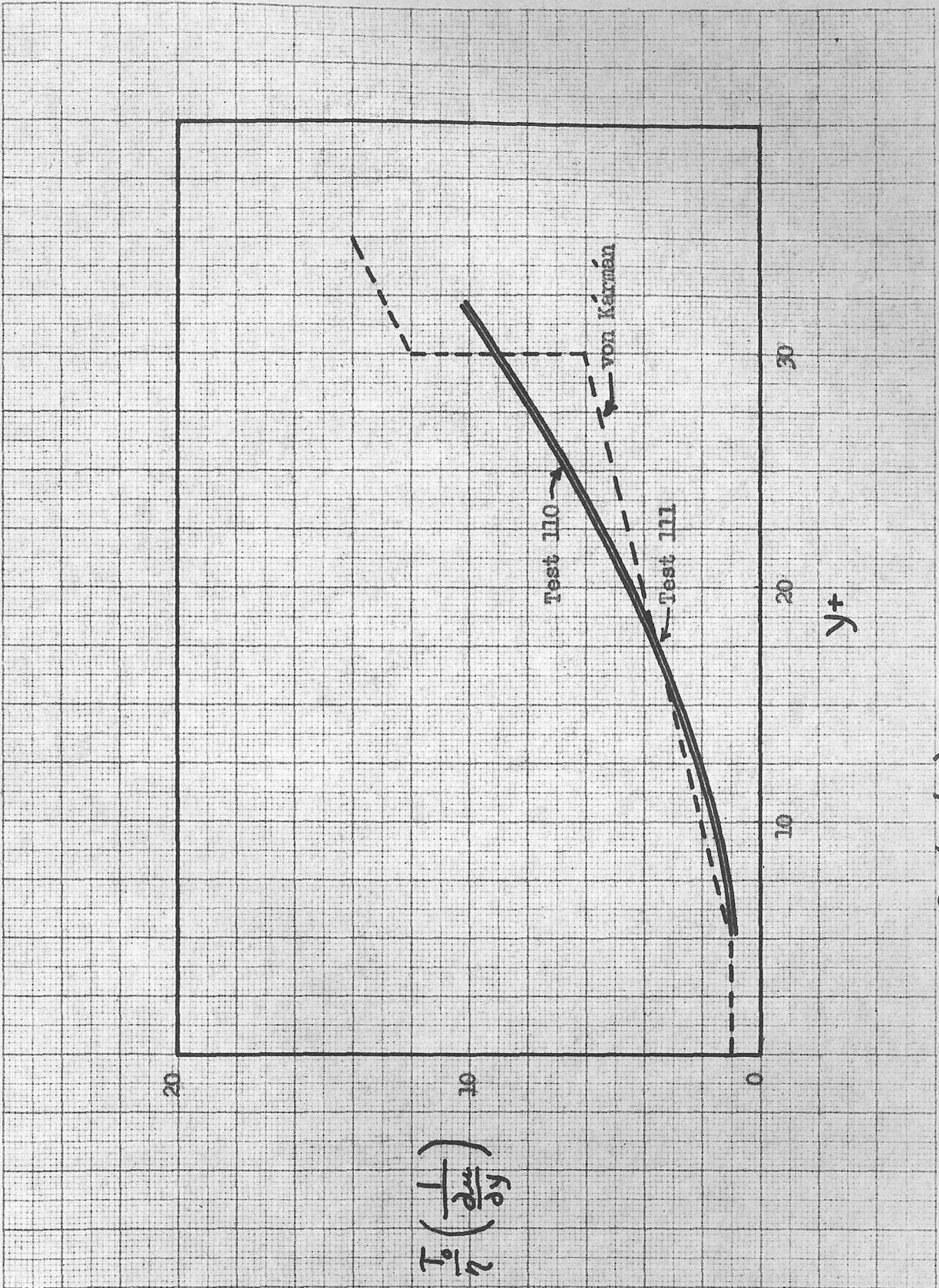


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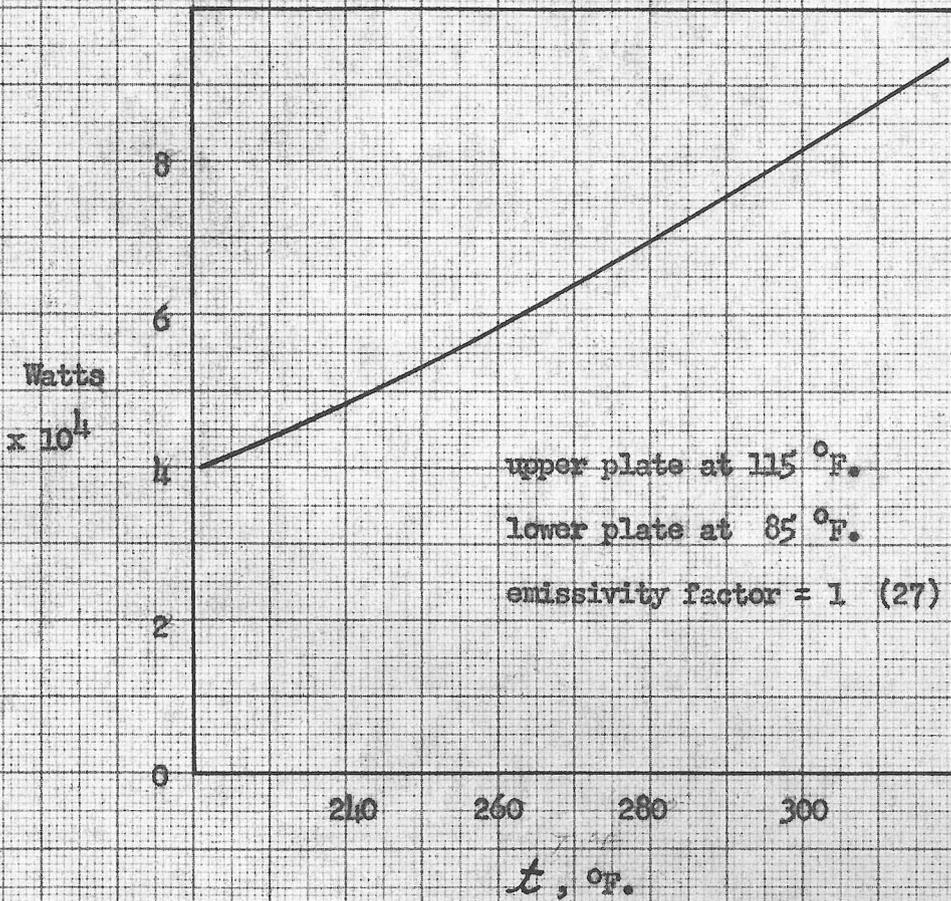


Figure 30. Black Body Radiation Losses from Hot Wire to Infinite Parallel Plates

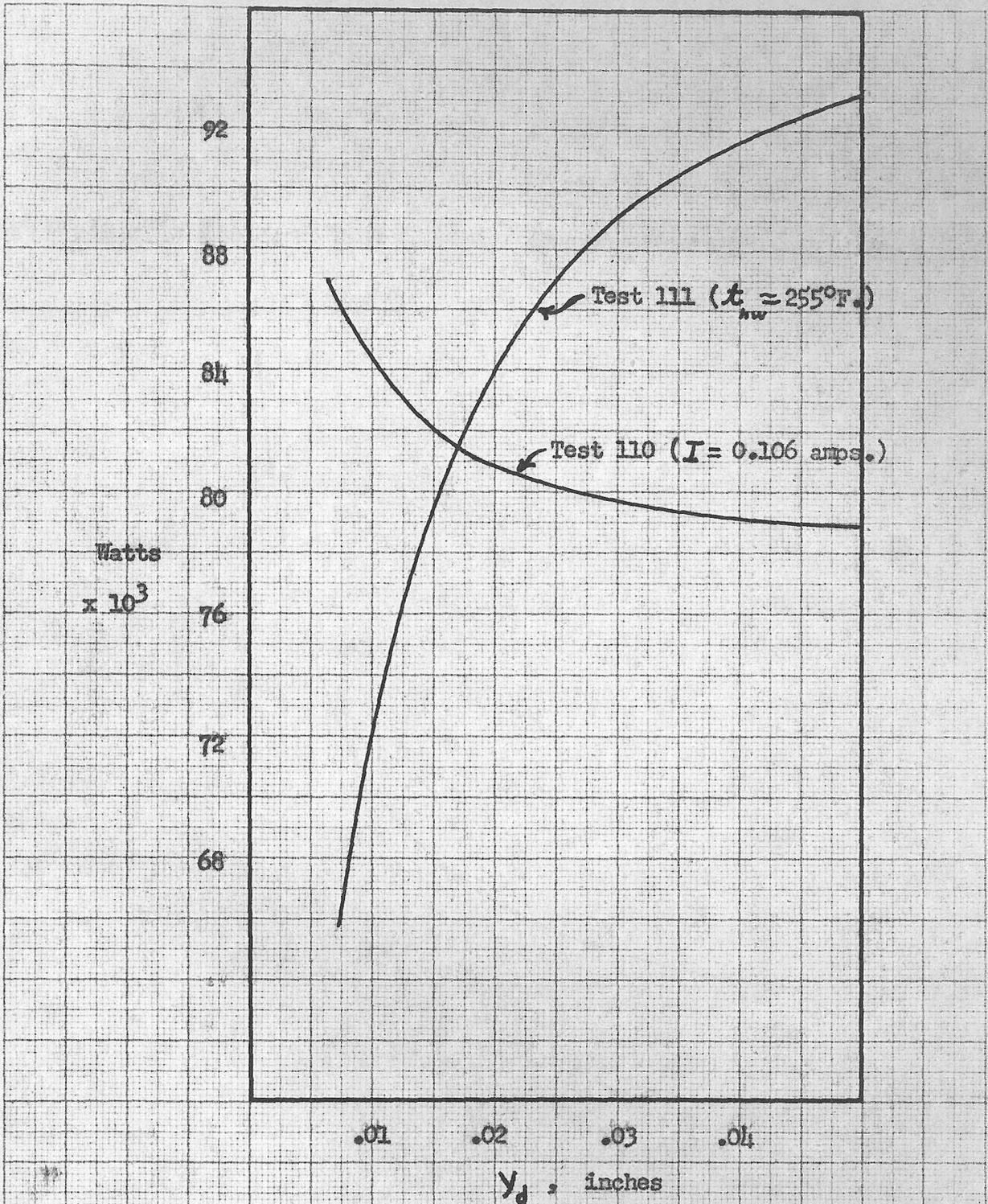


Figure 31. Comparison of Energy Dissipation during Constant-Resistance and Constant-Current Traverses

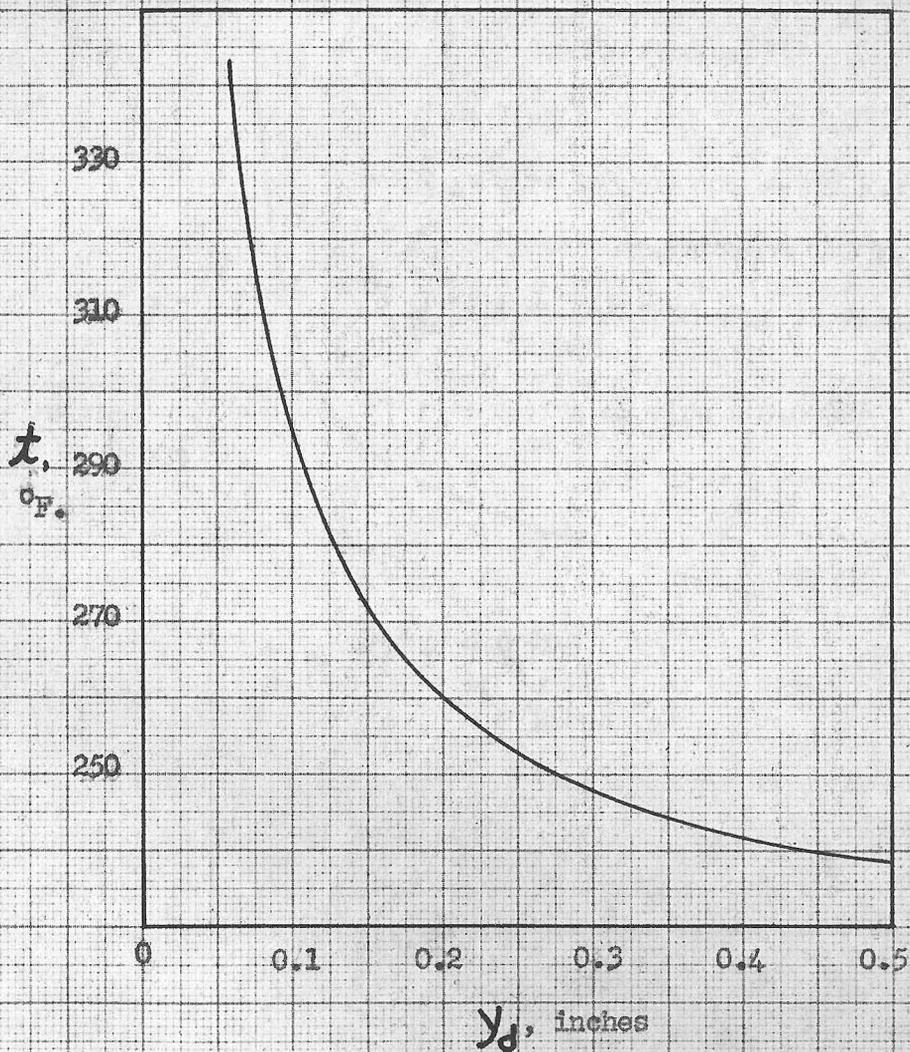


Figure 32. Approximate Wire Temperature during Constant-Current Test 109

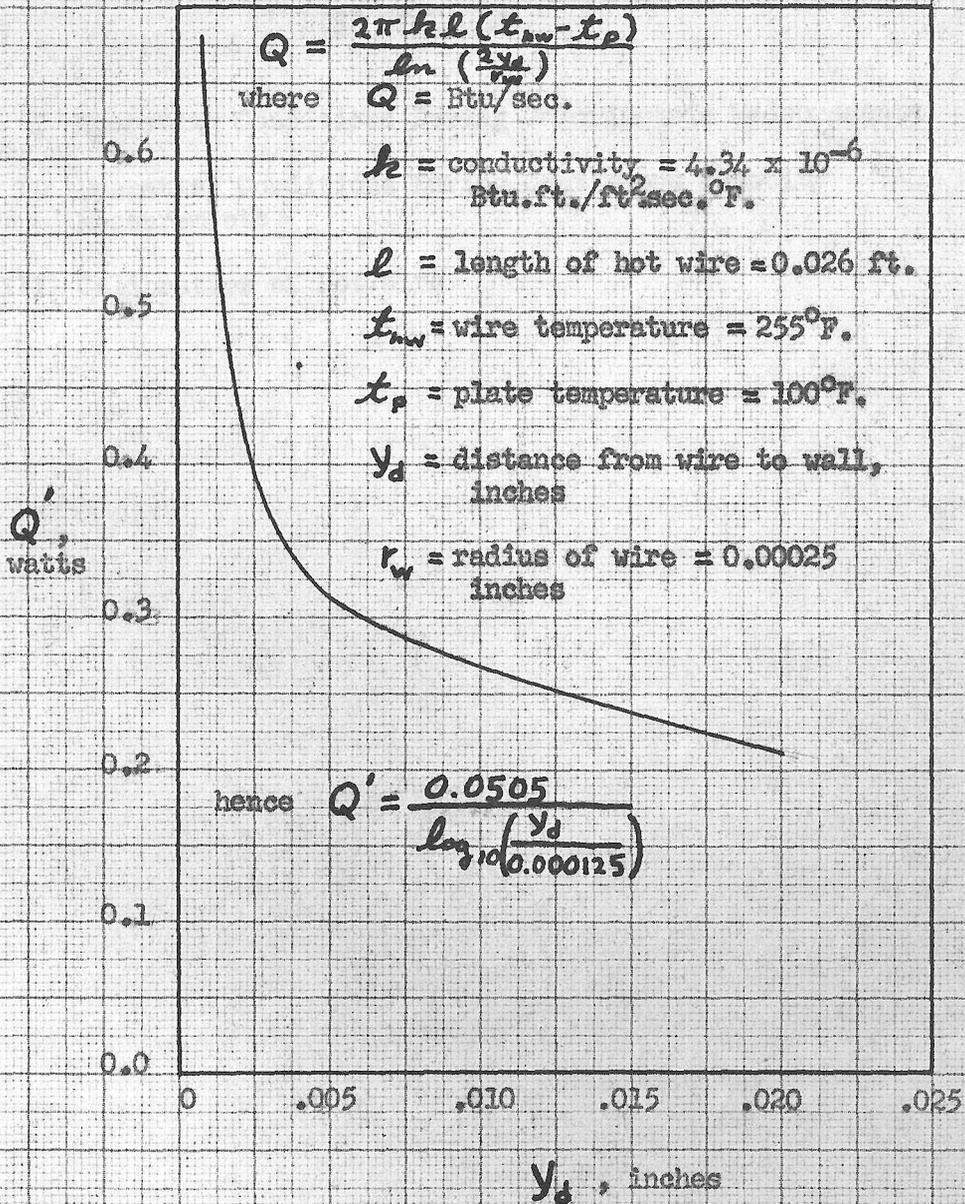


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OPERATING CONDITIONS DURING CALORIMETRIC MEASUREMENTS

Test No.	75		79		81		87	
Calorimeter	1	2	1	2	1	2	1	2
Distance between plates, ft.	0.0575	0.0601	0.0574	0.0599	0.0574	0.0598	0.0576	0.0599
Incoming Air temp., ° F.	85.02		100.02		99.96		99.96	
Upper plate temp., ° F.	100.06	100.08	114.59	114.60	129.16	129.21	130.14	130.16
Lower plate temp., ° F.	71.02	70.82	85.53	85.30	71.10	70.60	70.23	69.48
Reynolds number, $\times 10^{-4}$	1.890		1.852		1.836		3.60	
Composition (wt. fract. H <sub>2</sub> O)	0.011		0.011		0.011		0.009	
Channel pressure*, lbs/in <sup>2</sup>	14.311		14.348		14.356		14.438	
Barom. pressure, lbs/in <sup>2</sup>	14.303		14.339		14.347		14.421	
Gross flux, Btu/ft <sup>2</sup> sec, $\times 10^4$	226.6	228.3	230.9	231.9	462.2	454.8	785.6	772.3
Room loss corr., Btu/ft <sup>2</sup> sec, $\times 10^4$	-3.7	-1.7	-8.6	-3.8	-13.6	-6.1	-14.4	-6.4
Plate-Block diff. corr., Btu/ft <sup>2</sup> sec, $\times 10^4$	0.4	0.5	0.9	0	-2.7	0.7	0	0.2
Isothermal run corr., Btu/ft <sup>2</sup> sec, $\times 10^4$	-2.3	-2.2	-2.4	-2.6	-5.6	-4.8	-6.7	-7.5
Jacket gradient corr., Btu/ft <sup>2</sup> sec, $\times 10^4$							1.2	
Net flux, Btu/ft <sup>2</sup> sec, $\times 10^4$	221.0	224.9	220.8	225.5	440.3	444.6	765.7	758.6
Nusselt number	41.28	43.56	40.21	42.50	40.13	41.83	67.74	69.04

TABLE I (Cont.)

Test No.	89		91		94	
	1	2	1	2	1	2
Calorimeter						
Distance between plates, ft.	0.0576	0.0599	0.0576	0.0599	0.0576	0.0599
Incoming Air temp., ° F.	100.03		99.95		99.98	
Upper plate temp., ° F.	129.99	130.03	129.96	129.99	115.01	115.02
Lower plate temp., ° F.	70.42	69.54	70.23	69.76	85.11	84.87
Reynolds number, $\times 10^{-4}$	5.58		0.975		3.88	
Composition (wt. fract. H <sub>2</sub> O)	0.012		0.009		0.008	
Channel pressure*, lbs/in <sup>2</sup>	14.261		14.278		14.389	
Barom. pressure, lbs/in <sup>2</sup>	14.231		14.276		14.372	
Gross flux, Btu/ft <sup>2</sup> sec, $\times 10^4$	1087.2	1067.5	280.7	266.2	414.8	406.6
Room loss corr., Btu/ft <sup>2</sup> sec, $\times 10^4$	-14.6	-6.5	-14.6	-6.6	-9.4	-4.2
Plate-Block diff. corr., Btu/ft <sup>2</sup> sec, $\times 10^4$	-2.9	0	-0.9	0	0	-0.7
Isothermal run corr., Btu/ft <sup>2</sup> sec, $\times 10^4$	-21.2	-19.3	-9.0	-7.3	-6.3	-7.0
Jacket gradient corr., Btu/ft <sup>2</sup> sec, $\times 10^4$	5.5				0.8	
Net flux, Btu/ft <sup>2</sup> sec, $\times 10^4$	1054.0	1041.7	256.3	252.3	399.9	394.7
Nusselt number	93.90	94.97	22.77	23.10	70.88	72.29

\* Measured 3 inches downstream from the center of the downstream calorimeter (#2)

TABLE II

## OPERATING CONDITIONS DURING CONTINUOUS VELOCITY MEASUREMENTS

Test No.	123	124	109	110	111
Method	Const. Res.	Const. Res.	Const. Curr.	Const. Curr.	Const. Res.
Distance between plates at center of channel, ft.	.060	.060	.060	.0600	.0603
Incoming Air Temp., °F.	100	100	100.17	100.07	100.21
Upper Plate Temp., °F.	114	114	114.44	100.01	100.18
Lower Plate Temp., °F.	86	86	85.79	100.07	100.00
Max. velocity, ft./sec.	29.29	30.54	30.53	30.47	30.45
Reynolds Number, $\times 10^{-4}$ *	1.70	1.70	1.692	1.697	1.702

\* From Figure 6

TABLE III  
CALIBRATION OF HOT WIRE

Test	123	124	109	110 before	110 after	111 before	111 after
$R_{hw}$	7.259	7.269	-	-	-	7.264	7.273
I	-	-	0.0954	0.0955	0.0955	-	-
$\mu_1$	5.41	5.53	5.53	5.52	5.52	5.52	5.51
$\Phi_1$	0.0584	0.0634	0.0610	0.0606	0.0604	0.0639	0.0639
$\mu_2$	-	4.26	4.22	4.28	4.25	4.26	4.27
$\Phi_2$	-	0.0530	0.0520	0.0517	0.0516	0.0533	0.0532
$\mu_3$	3.44	3.47	3.40	3.51	3.49	3.44	3.44
$\Phi_3$	0.0440	0.0467	0.0449	0.0459	0.0459	0.0459	0.0458
$\mu_4$	2.36	2.57	2.77	2.81	2.85	2.77	2.77
$\Phi_4$	0.0360	0.0378	0.0406	0.0404	0.0389	0.0397	0.0396